

# Evaluation of expected performance of positron spectrometer and achievable sensitivity of MEG II experiment

MEG II実験陽電子スペクトロメータに期待される性能と  
到達可能な探索感度の評価

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Core-to-Core Program



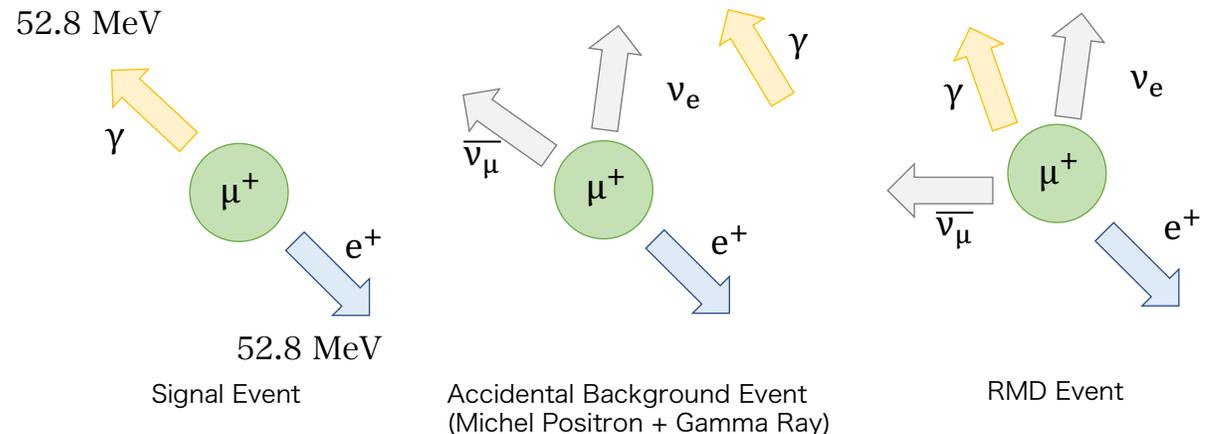
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# MEG II Experiment

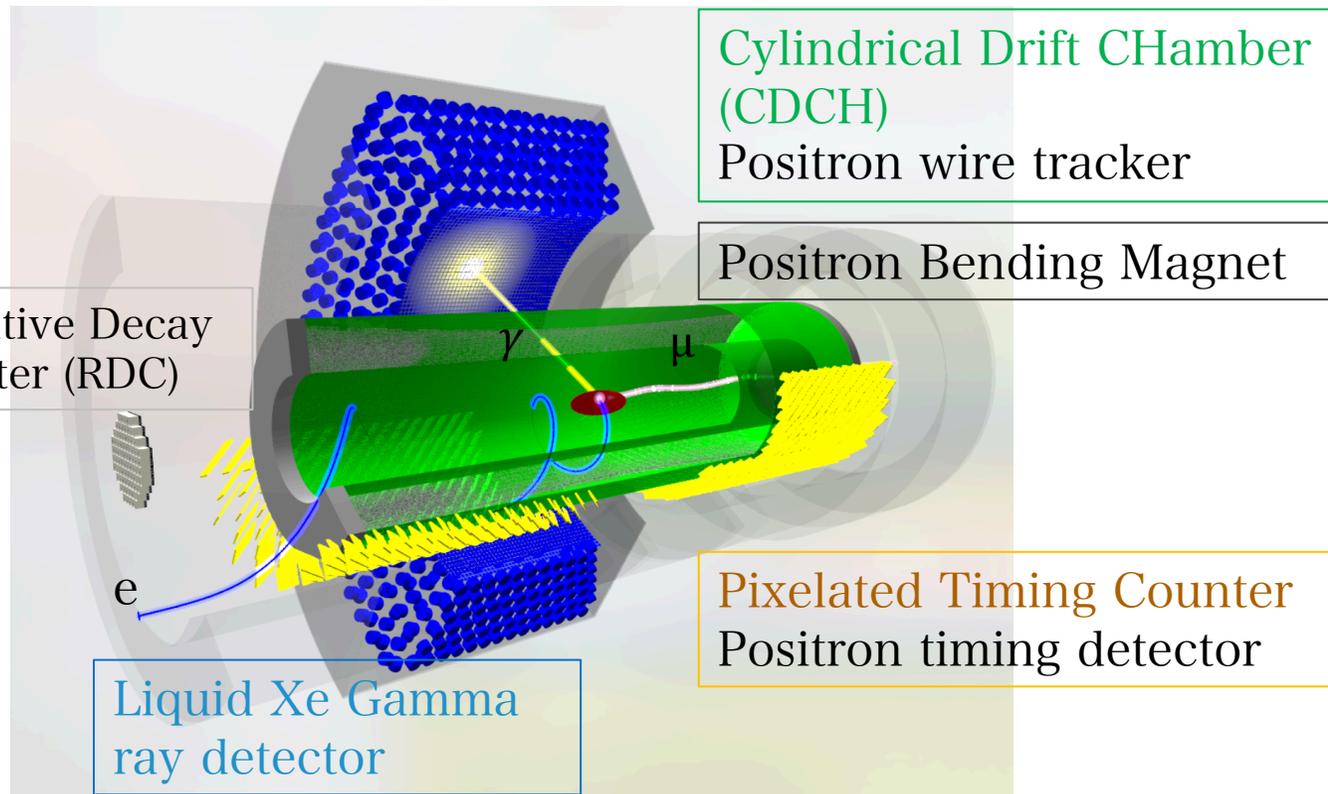
- Search for **muon decay**:  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ 
  - With the branching ratio sensitivity  $Br \sim 6 \times 10^{-14}$
  - cLFV: charged Lepton Flavor Violation
    - Prohibited in the standard model, predicted in the new models
  - To find the  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  means to find the new physics !

## Signal Kinematics

180° (back-to-back) at the same timing from the same position  
 -> **Timing, Position, Momentum** is the key parameters



# Detector Overview



The most intense DC muon beam in the world available at PSI  
**MEG:  $3 \times 10^7 \mu^+ / s$  → MEG II  $7 \times 10^7 \mu^+ / s$**

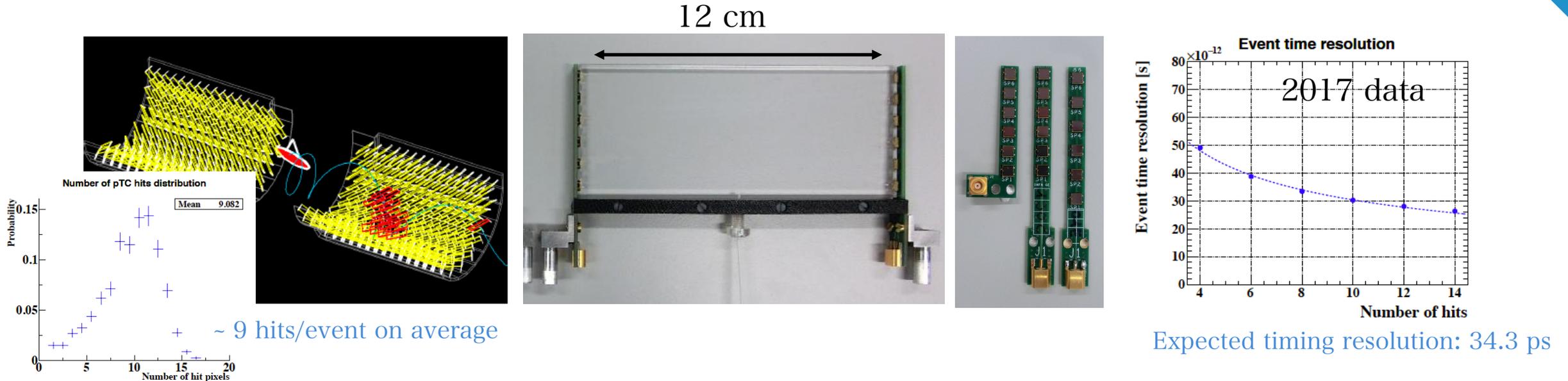
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**New Positron Spectrometer**  
 Measure positron vertex position, momentum, and timing

Positron Resolution / Efficiency	MEG	MEG II Design (CDCH 10 layer)
Theta (mrad)	9.4	5.3
Phi (mrad)	8.7	3.7
Momentum (keV)	380	130
Vertex Z (mm)	2.4	1.6
Vertex Y (mm)	1.2	0.7
Time (ps)	108	37
Efficiency (%)	30	70

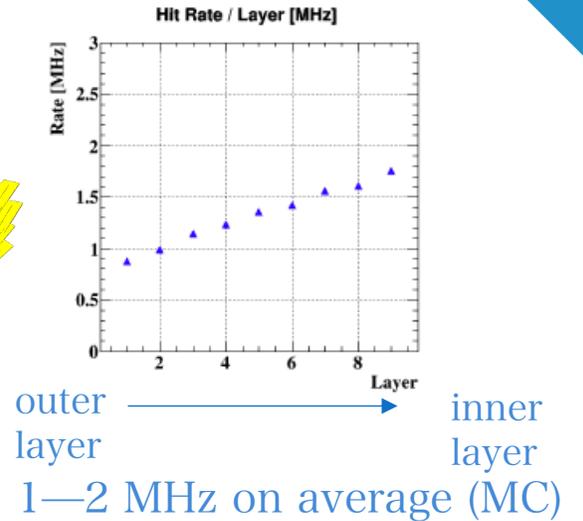
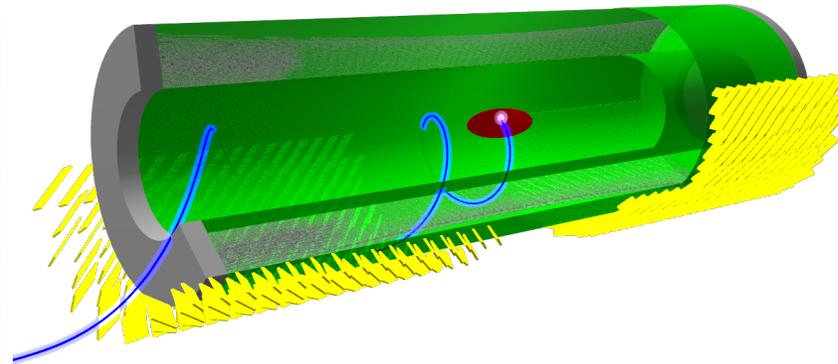
- Upgraded experiment from MEG,  $\sim \times 10$  sensitivity
  - 3-year DAQ period (20 week / year)
  - $\times 2$  beam intensity, detector resolution, efficiency with **new positron spectrometer**

# Pixelated Timing Counter (pTC)



- Composed of 512 scintillation counters with series connected **SiPMs** readout from both sides
  - 12 cm × 4 or 5 cm × 0.5 cm scintillator + 6 × 2 SiPMs (from AdvanSiD)
- Measure the positron crossing timing **O(30 ps)** from multiple hits
  - Single counter resolution is ~70 – 90 ps
  - Performance of 34.3 ps was demonstrated in 2017 commissioning

# Cylindrical Drift Chamber (CDCH)



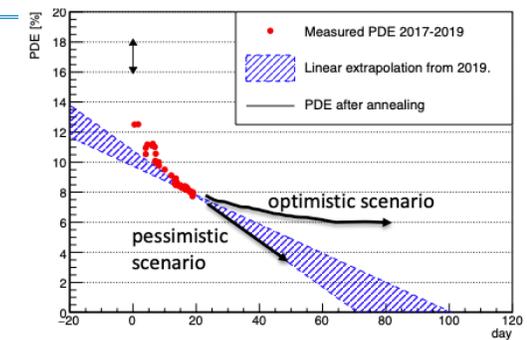
- Ultra-low mass cylindrical stereo wire chamber to reconstruct the positron track
  - 90% helium-based mixture and 10% isobutane
  - 192 drift cell (7-9mm square shape) x 9 layers
  - Positrons with enough momentum turns inside the CDCH region, and after several turns they go into pTC region
- Detector instability was reported during 2018-2019, stable detector operation under muon beam was achieved in 2020
  - With small fraction of additive gases of O<sub>2</sub> and propanol
  - Readout electronics strictly limited: impossible for track reconstruction

- MEG II Experiment
- Sensitivity Estimation of MEG II Experiment
  - Expected Performance of MEG II Positron Spectrometer
  - Sensitivity Estimation

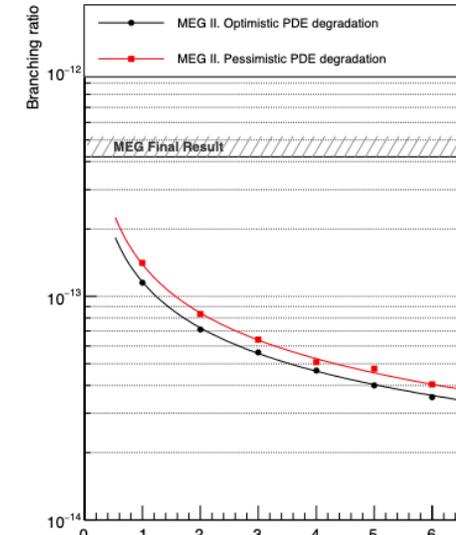
# Sensitivity Estimation

- The upper limit sensitivity is estimated with **maximum likelihood analysis**
  - Number of signal event ( $N_{sig}$ ) is estimated by likelihood fit with **probability density functions (PDFs)**
    - The upper limit of  $N_{sig}$  at 90% confidence level is calculated with generated toy-experiment, take median of O(1000) results
- Update:
  - Gamma-measurement
    - JPS Autumn 2020 by S. Ogawa (right plot)
    - Suggestion of **half-rate DAQ scenario due to radiation damage**
      - **$6.6e-14$**  is expected with half-rate scenario w/o positron update
  - RDC-measurement
    - JPS Autumn 2020 by R. Onda
  - **Positron spectrometer performance update**
    - This talk!

VUV PDE of MPPC  
vs. accumulated MEG II beam time



MEG II sensitivity vs. DAQ year  
with measured LXe detector performance  
& PDE degradation

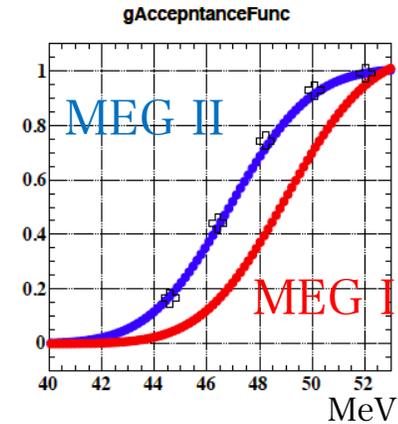


JPS Autumn 2020 by S. Ogawa  
 **$5.6-6.6e-14$  expected  
by 3-year DAQ**

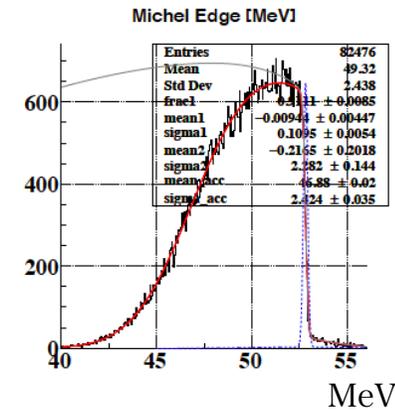
# Expected Performance (MC)

Variable	Design	$7 \times 10^7$	$3.5 \times 10^7$ (Half rate scenario)	0.5% O <sub>2</sub> addition to $7 \times 10^7$
$\theta$ [mrad]	5.3	6.5	6.2	6.7
$\phi$ [mrad]	3.7	4.9	4.7	4.6
$P$ [keV]	130	91	82	95
$z$ [mm]	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
$y$ [mm]	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
$t$ [ps]	37	39.6	37	39.6
Efficiency [%]	70	65.2	74.0	62.4

Acceptance Function



Observed Michel Spectrum



Michel edge fitting (right) to obtain the acceptance function (left)

MC is updated based on 2018 – 2020 commissioning (JPS Autumn 2020 by M. Usami)

- The latest performance estimation summarized above
  - ~30% improvement of the momentum resolution
  - ~20 – 30 % deterioration of the angular resolution
  - ~5 - 8 % drop of the efficiency
    - The difference comes from the simulation settings and the improvement of fitting algorithms
  - The acceptance region was extended to the low-energy region
    - No significant effect on physics sensitivity, since likelihood fit region is 52.2 – 53.5 MeV for positron

# Update

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- Case 0: Design
- Case 1: Momentum (p) + Acceptance Update
- Case 2: Timing (t) Update with Maximum Radiation Damage
- Case 3: Angle ( $\theta / \phi$ ) Update
- Case 4: Conclusion with Normal Scenario
- Case 5: Efficiency Improvement Scenario (Optional)
- Case 6: Half Rate Scenario (Optional)
- Case 7: Additive Gas Scenario (Optional)

# Update Scenarios

- ※ XEC update is already included in all cases with PDE 6% scenario
- ※ DS-RDC PDF included
- ※ Error from statistics of median calculation

**Case 0: Design**

$$(5.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-14}$$

Resolution Update

**Case 1: p**

$$(5.37 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-14}$$

**Case 2 (Worst): t**

$$< (6.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-14}$$

**Case 3:  $\theta / \phi$**

$$(6.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-14}$$

Efficiency Update

**Case 7: O2 impact**

$$(6.07 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-14}$$

**Case 4: Conclusion**

$$(5.97 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-14}$$

**Case 5: 65->80% Eff.**

$$(5.2 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-14}$$

**Case 6: Half Rate**

$$(5.99 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-14}$$

Rate

Half-Rate: Though total statistics were reduced, the significance  $\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{BG}}}}$  was improved

# Summary and Prospect

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- The expected positron spectrometer performance was obtained with updated MC after the commissioning in 2018 -- 2020
- The expected sensitivity of MEG II experiment was calculated with several scenarios:
  - Normal Scenario:  $(5.97 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-14}$ 
    - Additive gas impact (0.5% O<sub>2</sub> in 2020):  $(6.07 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-14}$
    - Efficiency improvement impact (e.g. CDCH II):  $(5.2 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-14}$
  - Half-Rate Scenario:  $(5.99 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-14}$ 
    - The efficiency recovered from 65% to 74%
    - Additional merit for hardware operation
      - less radiation damage on pTC, wire aging etc ...
- Final decision of DAQ scenario after 2021 engineering run, and the physics data accumulation soon

# Back up

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