



MEG II実験液体キセノン検出器のMPPCの アニーリングによる光子検出効率回復について

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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- In quark and neutrino (neutral lepton) sector, the flavor violates in SM



- Some theories BSM predict flavor violation in the charged lepton sector

- In the Standard Model, it is practically prohibited : $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)=10^{-54}$
- In BSM, $Br(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim O(10^{-14})$ is predicted : large enough to search
- Signal : Gamma-ray and positron with 52.8 MeV (= $m_{\mu}/2$)



MEG II experiment

- MEG II experiment aims to search for charged lepton flavor violation : $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$
 - with higher sensitivity by one order of magnitude compared to the MEG
- Consists of LXe detector for γ -ray, drift chamber & timing counter for e⁺
- Engineering run and physics run with full number of readout channels were conducted in 2021



Liquid xenon detector / PDE decrease

- Liquid xenon detector consists of 4092 VUV-sensitive MPPCs on the inner face and 668 VUV-PMTs on the other faces
 - Measuring the energy, position and timing of incoming gamma-rays
- Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE) decrease was observed in 2021 run (known problem since 2017)
 - Averaged PDE : 8.4% \rightarrow 5.6%
 - The cause of PDE decrease is under investigate (radiation damages?)



Example event display of liquid xenon detector (pile up event)



MPPC PDE vs Irradiation time



Previous works / Annealing by Joule heating

- Annealing (heating) of MPPCs will recover the PDE
- Annealing was conducted using Joule heating by passing currents to MPPCs
- Confirmed the recovery of PDE for annealed channel (8 MPPCs were annealed)
- It is difficult to anneal whole MPPCs because re-cabling of ~4000 channels to power supply (with high current) is required



Annealing with hot water circulation

- Circulating hot water through the cooling pile that surrounds the detector
 - Be able to heat up entire of the detector easily
 - The temperature of hot water is limited up to 45°C because of the temp. limitation of detector components





(by previous work)

- PDE recovery can be estimated from the PDE for blue LED (installed in the detector)
 - Correlation exists between PDE_{VUV} and PDE_{LED} : PDE_{LED} ~ 0.1 x PDE_{VUV}
- The expected value of charge increase is $1 \sim 5\%$ for one month annealing at $45^{\circ}C_{6}$

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Annealing with hot water circulation / MPPC charge

- LED data with various bias voltages are taken for monitoring the PDELED
- Breakdown voltages are estimated by extrapolating the gain curve with linear fit
- Example charge distributions and gain curve of an MPPC at the central region



Annealing with hot water circulation / MPPC charge

Charge of single channel

- An MPPC at the central region
- Charge at over voltage: 3.0 V
- Normalized by PMT charge
- Charge (∝ PDE_{LED}) increase cannot be seen
- Breakdown voltage fluctuates with ~0.3 V
- (corresponds to 6K fluctuation with 0.05 V/K)
- The algorithm to calculate V_{br} may have some problem
- Charge has correlation to the breakdown voltage
- → Estimation of charge by this algorithm may also have problem



Annealing with hot water circulation / MPPC charge

Charge at constant bias voltage (sum of 55.6, 56.0, 56.4, 56.8 V)

- sum charge of ~400 MPPCs
- NOT normalized by PMT charge

Slight charge increase can be seen

- ~1.2% after the temperature becomes constant
- Should be monitored carefully more





Summary

MEG II experiment searches for charged lepton flavor violation : $\mu + \rightarrow e + \gamma$

Full channel operation was conducted in 2021

PDE decrease of MPPCs (LXe detector) is an issue

Annealing with hot water circulation is ongoing to recover the PDE

- Temperature is well controlled in whole detector region
- LED data are taken (everyday) to monitor the MPPC charge
 - PDE recovery can be estimated from charge increase for visible LED
- Charge at constant **over** voltage does not increase
 - Algorithm to estimate the breakdown voltage seems to have some problem
- Charge at constant **bias** voltage increases slightly
 - ~1.2% with 20 days annealing at 45° C
 - will keep monitoring carefully to evaluate the PDE recovery

Back up

PDE decrease

Slide from T. Iwamoto (15aA562-4)

γ detector (LXe) Issue

- MPPC PDE decrease
 - observed in 2017 under muon beam
 - · The cause to be investigated
 - Based on 2021 operation, PDE will change from 16% to 2% in ~100 days MEG II intensity
 - Annealing recovers PDE fully
- Strategy for run 2022
 - LXe MPPC can sustain
 ~ 120 days with 5×10⁷ µ/s
 - Beam intensity optimization necessary
 - Annealing for all MPPCs during accelerator winter shutdown period



Temperature limitation

CFRP should not exceed 45°C

 \rightarrow the maximum temperature setting in hot water annealing must be 45°C



Gain (charge) dependence on bias voltage

- ch2000, at 45°C (pump setting)
- MPPC charge as a function of bias voltage : 54.0 \sim 57.9 V with 0.1 V stepping
- PMTs are off due to the HV problem
- Charge vs Bias voltage [V]



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