

The status of the MEGII experiment

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Since the observation of neutrino oscillations, lepton number conservation is known to be a non-exact symmetry of the Standard Model lagrangian: yet there is still no evidence of lepton flavour violating processes involving charged leptons (cLFV), such as $\rightarrow e$, $\rightarrow eee$ or $\rightarrow eN$: according to minimal extensions of the Standard Model including neutrino masses, these processes are too rare to be observed experimentally (e.g. $BR(\rightarrow) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-55})$). Nonetheless, after more than 70 years of research the effort to observe these phenomena continues because any experimental observation would be a clear evidence of Physics beyond the Standard Model and most New Physics scenarios awaits for a positive result just below the current sensitivity limits.

Between these new experiments shines MEGII @Paul Scherrer Institut, designed to overtake the current measurement of

$BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)$ 4.2×10^{-13} (MEG 2016), with a predicted sensitivity of 6×10^{-14} (three years of data taking). MEGII experiment works in the following way: μ^+ of 28 MeV/c are stopped on a thin plastic target at the center of a detector system designed to detect the products of the two-body $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ decay, i. e. a coincident signal from anti-parallel e^+ and γ with fixed energy ($\simeq 52.8$ MeV). To achieve a sensitivity of 6×10^{-14} , the experiment exploits the most intense muon beam in the world (up to $108 \mu^+/s$) as well as newly conceived particle detectors to reduce background contamination and to improve the resolution of the particles' kinematic properties: the photon detector is a 900 l liquid Xenon detector instrumented with more than 4000 SiPM and hundreds of phototubes; the spectrometer to track the positron is composed of a ultra-light (1.58×10^{-30}) and ultra-segmented (more than 1700 signal wires) cylindrical drift chamber, a highly segmented detector with scintillating tiles read by SiPM. These detectors are immersed in a non-solenoidal magnetic field.

Auxiliary detectors help to improve the background rejection.

A trigger and data acquisition system WaveDAQ allows to digitize the waveforms from each of the ~ 9000 detector channels for offline event reconstruction, while simultaneously rejecting most of the background events: the event rate is reduced from 10^7 Hz down to 10 Hz while keeping a 97 % selection efficiency.

Currently, MEGII has ended its second year of data acquisition.

In this presentation I will review MEGII's experimental concept and status.

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