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Searching CLFV and LNV processes with the Mu2e experiment at Fermilab

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The Mu2e Collaboration





Over 200 Scientists from 40 Institutions (six countries)

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What is the µ⁻-e⁻ process ?



- μ converts into an electron in the presence of a nucleus $\mu^- N
ightarrow e^- N$



- µ-e process is an example of Charged Lepton Flavor Violating (CLFV) process.
- CLFV processes are forbidden in the Standard Model!
 - Assuming neutrino oscillation they are allowed **BUT negligible with BR ~ 10⁻⁵⁰**
- Many SM extensions enhance the rates to observable values
- Any observation of a signal will be a clear evidence of New Physics







Process	Upper limit
$\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$
$\mu^+ \to e^+ e^+ e^-$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$
$\mu^- Ti \rightarrow e^- Ti$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$
$\mu^-Au \to e^-Au$	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$
$\mu^+ e^- \to \mu^- e^+$	$< 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$
$\tau \to e\gamma$	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to \mu \gamma$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to \mu^- \mu + \mu^-$	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to \mu^- e^+ e^-$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to e^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \to \mu^+ e^- e^-$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$
$\pi^0 \to \mu e$	$< 3.6 \times 10^{-10}$
$K_L^0 o \mu e$	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$
$K_L^0 \to \pi^0 \mu^+ e^-$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-10}$
$Z^0 \to \mu e$	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$
$Z^0 \to \tau e$	$< 9.8 \times 10^{-6}$
$Z^0 \to \tau \mu$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$

- Several searches involving different kind of particles
- CLFV in µ sector represents the most sensitive probes:
 - Clean topologies and large rate
 - No SM background
- Other muon processes complementary to μ -e conversion: – $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ – $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$







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Current best limits: $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13} MEG-2016$ $BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1 \times 10^{-12} SINDRUM-1988$ R_{µe} < 6.1 x 10⁻¹³ SINDRUM-II 2006 *R_{µe}* < 8 x 10⁻¹⁷ *Mu*2e goal

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COMET and DeeMee at JPARC(Japan)

Mu2e Upgrade (MU2E-II)

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"Effective" lagrangian



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Peculiarity of µ-e conversion



- µ-e conversion has a broad sensitivity across several alternative models:
 - Sensitivity to the same physics of MEG/Mu3e;
 - Sensitivity to physics that MEG/Mu3e are not;
 - If MEG/Mu3e observe a signal, Mu2e/COMET will see it also
 - If MEG/Mu3e do not observe a signal, Mu2e/COMET have still a reach to do so.











• Mu2e measures the rate of
$$\mu$$
-e conversion normalized to the μ captures in nuclei:

$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + N(A, Z) \to e^- + N(A, Z))}{\Gamma(\mu^- + N(A, Z) \to \nu_\mu + N(A, Z - 1))} \le 8 \times 10^{-17} (@ 90\% \text{CL})$$

How to search for a μ -e conversion?

• Lots of μ 's needed to reach the expected sensitivity (10¹⁸)

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- High intensity $\,\mu$ beam in the target (10^{10}\,\mu/s)
- Single line signal at ~105 MeV



Experimental technique



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- Stopped $\,\mu\,$ is trapped in the atomic orbit and quickly cascade in the 1s state
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- High intensity proton beam to produce pions → muons
- High efficiency in transporting muons from production to muon stopping target
 - Soft pions confined with a solenoidal B field
 - Strong gradient to increase the yield through magnetic reflection



Lobashev and Djilkibaev Sov.J.Nucl.Phys. 49, 384 (1989)

Excellent detector for 100 MeV electrons



Proton beam



- 8 GeV protons from the Booster
 - 4×10^{12} protons every 1/15th s
- collect data simultaneously with NOvA
- bunches of ~3x10⁷ protons each, separated by 1.7 μs (delivery ring period) and then sent to the Mu2e Production Target



Mu2e cannot run together with Muon g-2







DETECTOR SOLENOID

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Mu2e design



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• Intrinsic

- Decay In Orbit (DIO)

Late arriving from prompt processes

- Radiative Pion capture
- μ/π decay in flight
- Cosmic Rays
- Antiproton annihilation







$$\mu^- N \to e^- \nu_\mu \overline{\nu_e} N$$

- Irreducible background
- Michel spectrum of electron from μ decay gets significantly modified by interaction with the nucleus
- Presence of a recoil tail with a fast falling slope close to the μ -e conversion endpoint.
- To separate DIO endpoint from the CE line we need a high Resolution Spectrometer







DIO background





Czarnecki et al., Phys. Rev. D 84, 013006 (2011) arXiv:1106.4756v2







 $\pi^- N \rightarrow \gamma N$

- Non-decayed pions reach the stopping target and are radiatively captured;
- γ can convert (Dalitz or in material)
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- The process is prompt:
 - → Beam has to be "pulsed"
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RPC background



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Beam structure





- Beam flash decays within 600 ns
- Live gate begins after prompt signal is gone
- τ(μ⁻) in Al = 864 ns >> prompt background duration
- Out-of-time backgrounds reduced by 10⁻¹⁰ extinction factor

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 - producing e via delta rays;
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Cosmic Rays



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Muon campus







Detector Hall Building

- o Ground Breaking (April 2015)
- Building Acceptance (March 2017)

Infrastructure installation (on going)

- o LCW pipes, Bus bar, Cable Trays
- o Interlocks, Networking, DAQ
- Cryo Distribution box ...













Tracker requirements

- Provide a momentum resolution with core σ < 200 keV/c for a 105 MeV/c electron
- Small amout of X_0 to reduce M.S.
- Good rate capability:
 - 20 kHz/cm² in live window
 - Beam flash of 3 MHz/cm^2
- dE/dx capability to distinguish e⁻/p



- Maximize/minimize acceptance for CE/DIO
- Work in 1 T field and 10⁻⁴ Torr vacuum



Tracker design



- 36 planes equally spaced with straw tubes oriented transversally to the beam
- Straw tubes : 5 mm diameter, 12 µm Mylar walls, 25 µm Au-plated W sense wire
- 80:20 Ar:CO₂ with HV ~ 1500 V
- Inner 38 cm un-instrumented
 - blind to beam flash
 - blind to **low** pT particles, only $\sim 10^5$ DIO remain

Straw-tube









momentum resolution at start of tracker (simulation)

8-channels prototype test with comic rays:



- Robust against increases in rate
- Inefficiency dominated by geometric acceptance

(MeV/c

Calorimeter Requirements

- PID to distinguish e/µ
- Seed for track pattern recognition
- Independent trigger
- Work in 1 T field and 10⁻⁴ Torr vacuum
- Withstand a very harsh radiation environment
 Up to100 krad, 10¹² n/cm²/year
- High acceptance for CE signal
- $\sigma_{\rm E}/{\rm E} = O(10\%)$ for CE
- $\sigma_T < 500$ ps for CE
- $\sigma_{X,Y} \leq 1 \text{ cm}$







Calorimeter design

- 2 annular disks filled with 674 pure CsI crystals (34x34x200 mm³) each;
- Each crystal readout by 2 custom array of SiPMs
- $R_{IN} = 35.1 \text{ cm } R_{OUT} = 66 \text{ cm}$
- Depth = $10 X_0$ (200 mm), Disk separation ~ 75 cm
- 1 FEE / SiPM , Digital readout on crates
- Radioactive source and laser system provide absolute calibration and monitoring capability















- 5.4 % (7.3%) energy resolution @ 100 MeV for 0° (50°) impact angles. Excellent data-MC agreement
- Timing resolution < 150 ps with one sensor

Good agreement with the Mu2e requirements







- Limit the conversion-electron background due to Cosmic Rays to less than 0.2 events (at 90% CL) over the duration of the data taking run;
- produce less than 10% dead time
- use less than 20% of the DAQ bandwidth
- Veto inefficiency < 10⁻⁴



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Cosmic Ray Veto design



- 4 layers of scintillator counters
 - each bar is 50×20 mm² extruded scintillator counters of lengths ranging from 1m to 6.9 m.
 - 2 WLS fibers/bar
 - read out at both ends with SiPMs





Outside / Front



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Production target



- Lots of work performed in the optimization of the Tungsten target
- 26th version is the final one: Hayman 2
 - circular rings at the end and core finned \rightarrow better heat dispersion and temperature control



Solenoids: status and construction

	Production	Transport	Detector
Length (m)	4	13	11
Diameter (m)	1.7	0.4	1.9
Field @ start (T)	4.6	2.5	2.0
Field @ end (T)	2.5	2.0	1.0
Number of coils	3	52	11
Conductor (km)	14	44	17
Operating current (kA)	10	3	6
Stored energy (MJ)	80	20	30
Cold mass (tons)	11	26	8

- PS, DS built by **General Atomics** (USA)
- TS built by **ASG** (Italy)
- Superconducting cable procured and tested
- PS/DS winding in progress at GA (Tupelo)





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- Series of wedge-shaped coil modules
- All 52 TS coils wound at cold mass vendor.
- 9 of 14 TS units completed, 5 remaining, all in fabrication
 - Significant improvement in vendor throughput
 - Vendor quality issues addressed by onsite presence and careful review of QC documents









- Straw Procurement completed (30k straws)
 - Straw production well progressed.
 - Complete fixtures in May 2020

Panels

- Design Complete
- Production assembly fixtures fabricated
- UMN Panel Factory & QC Station set up
 Now working on the 16th panel

Plane

• Plane assembly tooling fixture design nearly complete

Electronics

• Incorporation of rad hard FPGA in progress



Panel w/Front-End Electronics





Three panels installed in plane

Test beam under organization for the beginning of the next year



Calorimeter status

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- 1100/1450 crystals produced and tested
- 4000/4000 SiPMs produced and tested
- Radiation hardness test of FEE and DIRAC done
- Vertical slice test done
- Mechanics under construction in Italy













Al Disk Full Size proto

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- CRV module and electronics design completed.
- Modules
 - Extrusion fabrication completed
 - Di-counter fabrication at UVA @ 50%
 - 6% of Module fabrication
- Electronics
 - Pre-production FEE Boards completed



Progress







Reconstructing the momentum





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Track reconstruction workflow:

- pattern recognition: search for a group of hits correlated in time and forming a helicoidal trajectory
- global 3D track fit: uses B-field map and computes a unique chi2
- Kalman based fit: takes into account Energy loss and Multiple Scattering





Mock Data Challenge



- Simulated data ensemble mimicking a real dataset from the experiment
 - 1 week of data taking (<1% POT)

Triggered reconstructed tracks with cut on track quality

• $R\mu e = 8 \times 10^{-14}$ simulated (10 times better than Sindrum-II)



Triggered reconstructed tracks with cuts on track quality, geometry, PID, CRV, timing



Additional searches?

• An additional channel that Mu2e can investigate is the μ^- -e⁺ conversion

 $\mu^{-} + Al(27, 13) \rightarrow e^{+} + Na(27, 11)$

• This is an example both of Lepton number violation and CLFV



- A recent study demonstrates that, while $0\nu\beta\beta$ has the greatest sensitivity to new ultraviolet energy scales, its rate might be suppressed by the new physics relationship to lepton flavor

T. Geib, A. Merle, and K. Zuber. Phys. Lett. B 764,157 (2017).



µ⁻-e⁺ conversion

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- Need to occur at 2 nucleons ($\Delta Q = 2$)
- Conversion can undergo through Ground State Transition (40%**) and through Giant Dipole Resonance (60%)
 - $E_{e^+}^{GDR} = 83.9 MeV \dots$ completely dominated by backgrounds
 - $E_{e^+}^{GS} = 92.32 \, MeV$

$$\begin{split} B^{GS}_{\mu^-e^+} &< 1.7 \times 10^{-12} (90\% C.L) \\ B^{GDR}_{\mu^-e^+} &< 3.6 \times 10^{-11} (90\% C.L) \end{split}$$

**Phys Rev C 70, 065501 (2004)



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• e⁺ energy evaluated from the energy conservation of the process

$$E_{e^+} = m_{\mu} - B_{\mu} - E_{\text{recoil}} - \Delta_{Z-2} = 92.32 \text{ MeV}$$

μ⁻-e⁺ conversion in ²⁷Al (Signal)

• Account of radiative correction in the full MC simulation











Main background: RMC

$$\mu + N(A, Z) \rightarrow \gamma + \nu_{\mu} + N(A, Z - 1)$$

- \bullet Asymmetric conversion of the γ
 - e⁺ coming from pair production enter the signal region
- Measurements on light nuclei dominated by background DIO
- It is a rare process
 - $E_{\gamma} > 57 \text{ MeV} \sim 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$
 - Tails not well known
- Measured end point for ²⁷Al:
 - $k_{max} = (90.1 \pm 2) \text{ MeV}$



Triumf collaboration. Physical Review C 46.3 (1992): 1094



First attempt to extract the RMC positron background from the RMC photon distribution





µ⁻-e⁺ conversion .. First look

- Evaluation of the sensitivity for $\,\mu^-e^+$ conversion undergoing
- For the moment only RMC (k_{max} = 90.1 MeV) and cosmic rays background considered
 - ➔ Sensitivity improvement w.r.t. Sindrum-II of almost 4 orders of magnitude
 - → Sensitivity strongly depends on k_{max} It can worsen up to a factor of 20 changing the k_{max} value of few MeV



- Know exactly the endpoint of the RMC distribution
 - calorimeter plays a central role!

 $\frac{\mathcal{R}_{RMC}}{\mu B} = \frac{N_{POT}}{\mu B} \times \frac{N_{\mu}^{stop}}{POT} \times F_{capt} \times P(RMC) \times \mathcal{R}(T_{gate})$

- Calorimeter able to reconstruct k_{max} within few 100 keV
- After one week already possible to meausure the RMC distribution endpoint!









Conclusions

The Mu2e experiment:

- Improves sensitivity on conversion experiment by a factor of 10⁴
- Could largely improve sensitivity also for (LFV/CLFV) μ^--e^+ (still in progress)
- Provides discovery capability over wide range of New Physics models
 - Is complementary to LHC, heavy-flavor, dark matter, and neutrino experiments
- Will begin commissioning the detectors in 2021
- schedule dominated by the magnets delivery
- Will start physics data taking in 2023





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- Installation of beam magnets well along:
 - vacuum system
 - instrumentation upstream of the diagnostic absorber in progress



What if...





A next-generation Mu2e experiment makes sense in all scenarios:

- Push sensitivity or
- Study underlying new physics
- Will need more protons upgrade accelerator
- Snowmass white paper, arXiv:1802.02599





Muon CLFV





Probe mass scales $\lambda 2000 \sim 10000$ TeV significantly above the direct reach of LHC



Background estimate



assuming ~ 10 GHz muon stops, 6x10¹⁷ stopped muons in 6x10⁷ s of beam time

Category	Background Process	Estimated Yield
Intrinsic	Decay In Orbit (DIO) Muon Capture (RMC)	0.144 ± 0.028(stat) ± 0.11(syst) 0
Late Arriving	Pion Capture (RPC) Muon Decay in Flight Pion Decay in Flight Beam Electrons	$0.021 \pm 0.001(stat) \pm 0.002(syst)$ < 0.003 $0.001 \pm < 0.001$ (2.1 ± 1.0) x 10 ⁻⁴
Miscellaneous	Cosmic Ray Induced Antiproton Induced	0.209 ± 0.022(stat) ± 0.055(syst) 0.040 ± 0.001(stat) ± 0.020(syst)
Total		0.41 ± 0.13(stat + syst)

Stopping target monitor



The STM will measure a variety of well understood gamma ray lines ... under a high-rate brehmstrahlung background

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COMET vs Muqe



□ Similar capabilities in physics reach

□ COMET designed to operate at 56 kW, Mu2e 8 kW

- \rightarrow COMET will use all JPARC beam
- → <u>Mu2e runs simultaneously with neutrino beam</u>
- □ Final bend after COMET stopping target efficiently transmits
- conversion e- and provides rate suppression in detector.
- □ It does not transmit positrons (no $\mu N \rightarrow e^+ N$)
- COMET solenoids ~ 10 m longer than Mu2e
- Higher beam \rightarrow higher cost (solenoid shielding, neutron shielding)
- Longer solenoids carry "additional-cost" in operation
- Phase-1 could be useful \rightarrow if successful to study background rate
- Phase-2 schedule \rightarrow not yet approved
- Mu2e \rightarrow looking forward to Mu2e-II
- □ Great competition/collaboration → ALCAP @ PSI



DeeMee















 Accidental coincidence of e⁺ and γ:

Proportional to I^2_{μ} (while signal proportional to I_{μ})

- Compromise between high intensity and low background

- Radiative muon decay background
 - Proportional to I_{μ}
 - Note: e⁺ and γ simultaneous as for signal

