# Status of Mu2e and COMET experiments



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#### Charge Lepton Flavour Violation 15 Orbit Lifetime = 864ns

CLFV processes strongly suppressed in Standard Model
 ✓ in principle, not forbidden due to neutrino oscillation

- ✓ in practice, negligible (rate ~  $\Delta M_v^4/M_W^4$ <10<sup>-50</sup>)
- Broad array of New Physics models predict rates observable at next generation CLFV experiments



#### any observation of CLFV would be unambiguous evidence of New Physics

	AC	RVV2	AKM	$\delta LL$	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \overline{D}^0$	***	*	*	*	*	***	?
$\epsilon_K$	*	***	***	*	*	**	***
$S_{\psi\phi}$	***	***	***	*	*	***	***
$S_{\phi K_S}$	***	**	*	***	***	*	?
$A_{\rm CP}\left(B\to X_s\gamma\right)$	*	*	*	***	***	*	?
$A_{7,8}(K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	*	*	*	***	***	**	?
$B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	***	***	***	***	***	*	*
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	***
$K_L \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	***
$\mu \to e \gamma$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
$ au  ightarrow \mu\gamma$	***	***	*	***	***	***	***
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
$d_n$	***	***	***	**	***	*	***
$d_e$	***	***	**	*	***	*	***
$(g-2)_{\mu}$	***	***	**	***	***	*	?
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Most promising CLFV measurements use muons:

- clean topologies
- large rates
- sensitive to many NP models

CLFV@Mu2e/COMET: coherent neutrinoless conversion of a muon to an electron in the field of a nucleus

★★ Large effects
 ★★ Visible but small

★ No sizeable effect

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#### **CLFV** with muons





#### Mu2e and COMET aim to improve by a factor 10<sup>4</sup> the present best limit

#### $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ : experimental technique

- **X** Beam of low momentum muons
- X Muons stopped in AI target
- X Muons trapped in orbit around the nucleus
- X Look for  $\mu$ <sup>−</sup>N(A,Z) → e<sup>−</sup>N(A,Z) events: mono-energetic e<sup>−</sup> with E ~ M<sub>µ</sub>, produced
- X Normalize to muon captures counting emitted muonic X-rays



1S Orbit Lifetime = 864r

 $\tau_{\mu}^{AI}$  = 864 ns

#### Muonic atom at rest can undergo to:

# Nuclear capture ~ 61% Decay In Orbit (DIO) ~ 39% Conversion < 10<sup>-12</sup> Image: Conversion factor Image: Conversion factor Image: Conversion factor

Slow neutrons and protons +  $\gamma$ 's from muon capture create a lot of random hits in the detector

# $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ : experimental conceptities and the second seco

Concept of the Mu2e/COMET experiments proposed by Lobashev and Djilkibaev in 1989 for the MELC experiment at INR, Russia [Sov.J.Nucl.Phys. 49, 384 (1989)]

#### Key ideas:

#### Very intense muon beam

- Soft pions confined with solenoidal B field
- Strong gradient to increase the yield through magnetic reflection



#### **Pulsed beam**

- Delayed live gate to suppress prompt backgrounds
- Narrow proton pulses
- >  $O(10^{10})$  out-of-time protons suppression



#### Muon decays in orbit

Signal



- Cosmic Ray muons can fake signal events or knock out an electron
- These events are proportional to the running time higher beam intensity is preferrable

#### **Detector region covered by Cosmic Ray Veto counters: 10<sup>-4</sup> inefficiency required**

- Nuclear modifications push DIO spectrum near conversion electron (CE)
- DIO and CLFV signal, overlap after energy loss and detector resolution
- $e^{-}$  detection with a momentum resolution  $\lesssim 0.2\%$  is required









### Mu2e and COMET

Two experiments are under construction to search for coherent muon conversion:

#### **COMET (J-PARC, KEK, JP)** Mu2e (Fermilab, US) **Medium-size collaborations:**

- > 200 members
- $\sim$  40 institutes

Goal: improvement by a factor of 10<sup>4</sup> on the measurement of

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#### **Some perspectives**



1,000,000,000,000,000,000 = number of stopped Mu2e muons = number of grains of sand on earth



### **The Mu2e Experiment**





### **The Mu2e Tracker**

Detector requirements:

- Small X<sub>0</sub>
- σ<sub>p</sub> < 180 keV @ 105 MeV</li>
- Good rate capability (20 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup> in live window, beam flash of 3 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- dE/dx capability to distinguish e<sup>-</sup>/p



- > 20,000 low-mass straw tubes, 5 mm Ø, 33 117 cm length
- 15  $\mu$ m Mylar wall, 25  $\mu$ m Au-plated W wire, 80:20 Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> @ 1 atm
- Dual-ended readout > position along wire
- Self-supporting panel consists of 2×48 straws, two staggered layers
- Rotation of panels (stereo reconstruction) arranged in planes on stations



Expected momentum resolution

from fully tuned simulation

### **The Mu2e Calorimeter**

- PID:  $e/\mu$  separation
- EMC seeded track finder
- Standalone trigger

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Requirements:

- $\sigma_{\rm E}/{\rm E} = \mathcal{O}(10\%)$  for CE
- $\sigma_T$  < 500 ps for CE
- $\sigma_{X,Y} \leq 1 \text{ cm}$
- High acceptance for CE

#### EMC Design:

- $\blacktriangleright$  Two annular disks, 10X<sub>0</sub> length, ~ 75 cm separation
- 2× 674 square x-sec pure Csl crystals, (34×34×200) mm<sup>3</sup>
- For each crystal, two custom array (2×3 of 6×6 mm<sup>2</sup>) large area UV-extended SiPMs
- Analog FEE directly mounted on SiPM
- Calibration/Monitoring: 6 MeV radioactive source + laser

σ<sub>T</sub> < 150 ps  $\sigma_{\rm F} < 10\%$ @ 100 MeV





- Redundancy in readout
- Radiation hard: 90 krad photons and 3×10<sup>12</sup> n/cm<sup>2</sup>

### The Mu2e Cosmic Ray Veto

 $\sim$  1 event/day from cosmic rays producing a fake signal event per day without a CRV

→ Passive shielding + PID trk/EMC + CRV



1S Orbit Lifetime = 864ns

Nuclear Recoil



- CRV covers the entire Detector Solenoid and half Transport Solenoid
- Four layers of extruded plastic scintillator (5×2×85÷690) cm<sup>3</sup> + absorber
- 2 WLS fibers (1.4 mm diameter) + (2×2) mm<sup>2</sup> SiPM readout
- 3/4 layers hit: 125 ns veto



### Mu2e construction: solenoids orbit etime = 864/s

- Production Solenoid (3 units):
  - PS coils completed and assembled
  - Cold Mass cryo assembly 75% complete
- Transport Solenoid (14 units):
  - TSu cryostat, TSd thermal shield in place
  - Successful TS testing campaign
- Detector Solenoid (11 units):
  - 8 coils completed, remaining 3 in fabrication
- Cryogenics and Quench protection:
  - PS/TSu cryo feedboxes installed, 8 transfer lines done
  - Quench protection system assembled or in process





### Mu2e construction: beam



- Resonant Extraction Magnets installed and tested with beam
  - Electrostatic Septum (ESS) prototype completed
- Beamline diagnostic absorber operational
  - w\ instrumentation, controls and safety system
  - 8 GeV proton beam transported to beamline diagnostic absorber on 14 April 2022, with 90% transmission
- Production Target assembled
  - Handling Remote System fabrication completed, ready to be installed into PS
- Stopping Target assembled





### **Mu2e construction: tracker**



#### Assembling

- 92% of panels and 20/36 planes produced
- Quality Assurance and Control follow closely
- Electronics
  - Pre-production performance validation completed
- Vertical Slice Test

**Tracker stations** 

- Low noise rate and high efficiency
- Successful track reconstruction w/ time and drift info
- Resolution and efficiency meet expectations



# Mu2e construction: calorimeter

**MIP charge distribution** 

Entries 000

250

SENSOR 0 Amplitude (ADC counts)

150

30000

25000

#### Assembling

- 1<sup>st</sup> calorimeter disk fully loaded with crystals
- Procurements well advanced for source/laser
- **Electronics**
- **Vertical Slice Test**



### **Mu2e construction: CR veto**

#### Assembling

- 69/83 successfully fabricated modules @ FNAL
- QC: visual inspection and checks for dead channels and light tightness
- CRV tests @ FNAL
  - Light yield monitoring, long-term stability
  - Single layer efficiency  $\rightarrow$  CRV module efficiency estimate
  - Practicing calibration algorithms



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120

120

### **Mu2e Sensitivity Estimate**

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Recent sensitivity estimate for  $3.8 \times 10^{19}$  POT (first running phase) using detailed simulation

- 5σ discovery R<sub>μe</sub> = 1.1 × 10<sup>-15</sup>
- 90% CL R<sub>ue</sub> < 5.9 × 10<sup>-16</sup>
- ×1000 better than SINDRUM-II limit
- Total background: 0.11 ± 0.03<sub>stat.+syst.</sub> events
  - Cosmics = 0.05 ± 0.01 events
  - DIO =  $0.04 \pm 0.02$  events



### **The COMET Experiment**





- 3.2 kW, 8 GeV p beam, graphite p target
- 1.2×10<sup>9</sup> stopped μ/s
- 5 months data taking
- CLFV search: SES = 3.1×10<sup>-15</sup>
- Direct measurement of the muon beam with prototypes of Phase-II detectors

- 56 kW, 8 GeV p beam, tungsten p target
- 2×10<sup>11</sup> stopped μ/s
- 1 year data taking
- Vertical B field to steer desired charge and momentum along beam centre
- CLFV search: SES = 2.7×10<sup>-17</sup>

Studies underway to further improve sensitivity

#### **COMET Phase-II**

1S Orbit Lifetime = 864ns

- Beam gradually disperses in C-shaped curved solenoids
- Vertical dipole field used to pull back the beam
- Example: steering of signal electrons (105 MeV/c)









### **COMET: the CyDet detector**

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Mean

Sigma

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1850/37

7047 ± 25.2

 $0.163 \pm 0.000$ 

1.5 residual[m

 $-0.0166 \pm 0.0005$ 

CyDet designed for Phase-I CLFV physics:

- Cylindrical Drift Chamber (CDC)
  - > All-stereo layers  $\rightarrow$  z information
  - He-based gas minimizing multiple scattering
  - ▶ Large inner bore: no beam flash and DIO  $e^-$



Preliminary CR results (all channels, full DAQ chain + monitoring):

- Good stability after > 2 years
- 170 μm spatial resolution
- 98% hit efficiency



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MC: high side momentum resolution ~ 200 keV/c

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6000

5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

-1.5 -1

-0.5 0 0.5

### **COMET: the CyDet detector**

CyDet designed for Phase-I CLFV physics:

- Cylindrical Trigger Hodoscope (CTH)
  - > 2x64 plastic scintillator rings for timing ( $\sigma_T \sim 0.8$  ns)
  - > Tilted support structure to optimize signal acceptance
  - 5-10 m optical fiber readout coupled to MPPCs (outside high radiation detector region)







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#### CTH prototype: 100 MeV e<sup>-</sup> test beam to evaluate photon yield, timing, resolution



MPPC cooling and irradiation test successfully carried out in May 2022

### **COMET: the CyDet detector**

CyDet designed for Phase-I CLFV physics:

#### Cosmic Ray Veto

- > CR background rejection with  $\varepsilon$  = 99.99%
- 4 layers of plastic scintillators with optical fibers and SiPM readout, triple coincidence
- First full-scale module completed



- Muon Stopping Target
  - Ongoing target optimization: Ndisks and thickness vs stability and background
  - Prototype currently underway, including holder



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Germanium detector

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- Measurement of muonic X-rays for muon stop normalization
- DAQ under development
- > MC studies for position and shielding

## COMET: the StrECAL detector of the street of

#### StrECAL designed for Phase-I beam measurements and Phase-II prototyping

#### **Electromagnetic calorimeter**

- 2×2 cm<sup>2</sup> LYSO crystals (~ 500)
- 1×1 cm<sup>2</sup> APD readout
- Design completed

#### Test of ECAL prototype

Results for 105 MeV electrons



- energy resolution < 4.5%</p>
- position resolution < 10 mm</p>
- timing resolution < 1 ns</p>



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#### Straw tube detector

- 20 µm thick, 9.75 mm diameter
- Production complete
- Vacuum and deformation tested
- Five stations of 2 staggered x planes and 2 staggered y planes
- First layer assembled
- Assembly of all five stations expected by March 2023

Test of prototype in vacuum, 100 MeV  $e^{-1}$ :

- Ar:Ethane = 50:50 & Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> = 70:30
- position resolution <200 µm for</p> 50:50 Argon/Ethane
- momentum resolution ~180-200 keV/c (straw track fitting based on Genfit2)





# **COMET construction: solenoids**

Transport Solenoid

- Pion Capture Solenoid (CS): cold masses into cryostat in 2022, delivery in 2023
- Transport Solenoid (TS): installed and ready for cryogenics tests
- Detector Solenoid (DS): coil and cryostat ready

Ready by 2023

DS coil delivered 2015 Coll



### **COMET sensitivity estimate**

- COMET Phase-I Target single event sensitivity : 3x10<sup>-15</sup>
  - 100 times improvement from SINDRUM-II
  - Phase-II : 2.5 × 10<sup>-17</sup> ~ 10<sup>-18</sup>
- Net acceptance = 4.1%
  - Geometric acceptance + track quality ~ 0.18
  - 103.6 MeV < p < 106MeV : 0.93
  - 700 ns < t < 1170 ns : 0.3
- Background = 0.032
  - DIO ~ 0.01 (dominant)
  - RPC ~ 0.003, Cosmic < 0.01



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### **COMET: phase-**α

- 8-GeV low-intensity (260 W) proton beam delivery to COMET
- 15-day run in April 2023
  - Proton beam line commissioning
  - Direct extinction measurements at the COMET area
  - Demonstration of the muon transport system
  - Estimation of backward pions/muons production yields
  - Measurement of yields of secondary particles, others

Graphite target Beam-loss monitor secondary secondar particles particles Proton beam Proton beam Transport Solenoid (TS) Beam pipes Transport Solenoid Status Available to use Phase-α target holder Muon Beam Monitor Under development Hodoscope (Backup) Beam-loss measuring stainless target Particles 2. Beam profile measurement Range Counter Straw Tube Tracker

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1. Beam loss

on target

#### **Run schedule**



#### COMET

- Phase-α planned for end of JFY2022
- Phase-I detector ready by end 2023
- Facility ready for Phase-I on April 2024
  - 10<sup>2</sup> improvement over SINDRUM-II
- No official Phase-II schedule from KEK

#### Mu2e

- Beam on target late 2024
- Run1: 2025-2026 (from half to full intensity)
  - $\blacktriangleright$  4.5×10<sup>9</sup>  $\rightarrow$  8.57×10<sup>9</sup> stopped µ/s
  - > 10<sup>3</sup> improvement over SINDRUM-II
- PIP-II/LBNF shutdown: end of 2026
- Run2: early 2029
  - 10<sup>4</sup> improvement over SINDRUM-II by the end of the decade

#### Current schedule for experiment's startup:

2023	2024	2025	2026	
COMET Phase- $\alpha$	COMET Phase-I	Mu2e Run1		
	SES 3×10-15		SES 3×10-1	

#### Conclusions

- 1S Orbit Lifetime = 864ns
- MU2E@FNAL and COMET@KEK will search for CLFV in muon-toelectron conversion
  - > discovery capability over a wide range of New Physics models
  - ➢ Final goal: 10<sup>4</sup> improvement w.r.t. current measurement (SES 10<sup>-17</sup>)
- Design phase completed
- Construction phase in full swing
- Installation, commissioning and data taking will follow

### **CLFV and New Physics**





If SUSY seen at LHC  $\rightarrow$  rate ~10^{-15}

Implies O(40) reconstructed signal events with negligible background in Mu2e for many SUSY models.

Mu2e keeps discovery sensitivity for all SUSY benchmark point for LHC Phase2

#### **Mu2e Diagnostic absorber**





# Mu2e Stopping Target Monitor This Al<sup>27</sup>

#### High-purity Germanium detector to determine overall muon-capture rate on AI to the level of 10%



- measure X- and  $\gamma$ -rays from muonic Aluminum
  - 347 keV 2p-1s X-ray (80% of muon stops)
  - 844 keV delayed  $\gamma$ -ray (5% of muon stops)
  - 1809 keV γ-ray (30% of muon stops)

- line-of-sight view of Muon Stopping Target
- sweeper magnet to reduce charged particle background and radiation damage to detector
- It was decided to accompany the HPGe detector with a LaBr<sub>3</sub> detector (worse energy resolution, but can take higher rates)

#### The Mu2e proton target





After several iterations, the final design was chosen, which preserves the number of muons per POT, while increasing the capability to radiate away the energy





### The COMET proton target



#### Proton target for Phase-I

- Graphite rod with radiation cooling
- Proton beam power 3.2 kW
- Radius 13 mm, length 700 mm
- Design of support underway
- Proton target for Phase-II
  - Tungsten rod with water/He cooling
  - Radius 5 mm, length 250 mm
  - Proton beam power, 56 kW
  - graphite rod with radiation cooling is another option (pion yield is lower)



### The COMET CDC

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- 20 concentric sense layers (including 2 guard layers)
- All stereo layers: ±70 mrad (alternate)
  - z information
- Helium based gas:
  - minimize multiple scattering
- Large inner bore: ~ 500 mm radius
  - avoid beam flash and DIO
  - momentum cut > 80 MeV/c

sense wire	25 µm, gold-plated tungsten			
field wire	126 µm, pure Aluminium			
inner wall	0.5 mm, CFRP			
outer wall	5.0 mm, CFRP			



- Signal tracks (~105 MeV/c) contained inside the CDC
  - better momentum resolution
- 60 % for single turn tracks and 40 % for multiple turn tracks (for triggered events)

#### **COMET: Phase-II R&D**



Successfully developed tubes with *12 micron-thick walls* 

- Diameter 5 mm (half of Phase-I)
- Overpressure of 1 bar:
   0.1 micron-level accuracy
- Tested at more than 4 bar overpressure





#### The COMET Cosmic Ray Veto S Orbit Nuclear Recoin

- Requirements:
  - Reject CR-backgrounds with efficiency of 99.99%
- Passive CRV
  - concrete, HDPE, and lead
- Active CRV
  - 4 layers of plastic scintillators with optical fibers and SiPM readout
    - triple coincidence
  - Glass resistive plate chambers (GRPC) in high neutron flux areas
    - under preparation
  - 5 walls, each wall composed of panels



scintillators (yellow) and GRPC (purple)

### **Beam for Muon Campus**





Recycler: fixed 8 GeV proton ring

Beams both to Muon Campus and neutrino experiments

Separate runs for g-2 and Mu2e

g-2: target before the delivery ring, 3.1 GeV  $\pi^+$  selected, clean, polarized  $\mu^+$  beam

Mu2e: 8 GeV protons to Mu2e hall

### A typical Mu2e signal event

Signal electron, together with all the other hits/tracks occurring simultaneously, integrated over 500-1695 ns window





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