# **Lepton Flavour Violation Experiments**

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Background

- Accidental background
- Radiative decay

**Kinematics** 

 $\mu^{-}N \rightarrow e^{-}N$ 

- Quasi 2-body decay
- Monoenergetic e<sup>-</sup>
- Single particle detected Background
  - Decay in orbit
  - Antiprotons, pions, cosmics
     Accidental background

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 $\mu^{+} \rightarrow$ 

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- Invariant mass constraint
- $\Sigma p_{i} = 0$ Background
  - Internal conversion decay



#### LFV Muon Decays: Experimental Situation



MEG (PSI)  $B(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma) < 4.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$ (2016) upgrading

SINDRUM II (PSI)  $B(\mu^{-}Au \rightarrow e^{-}Au) < 7 \cdot 10^{-13}$ (2006) relative to nuclear capture SINDRUM (PSI) B( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$ ) < 1.0  $\cdot$  10<sup>-12</sup> (1988)

# Why muons?





Easy to produce with intense proton beams: 10<sup>8</sup> μ/s available > 10<sup>10</sup> μ/s planned Polarized

### Muons from PSI

Paul Scherrer Institute in Villigen, Switzerland

World's most intensive proton beam 2.2 mA at 590 MeV: 1.3 MW of beam power

Continuous beam 10<sup>8</sup> µ/s available options for 10<sup>10</sup> µ/s under study



#### Muons from Fermilab ...



- Re-use part of the Tevatron infrastructure
- Proton pulses every 1700 ns
- >  $10^{10} \, \mu/s$

Project X

 (now Proton Improvement Plan-II)
 would give another
 2 orders of magnitude with a
 new powerful proton linac

#### ... and J-PARC



 $10^{11} \mu$ /s from 8 GeV/c protons, pulsed

S. Nagamiya, Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. (2012) 02B001

## Very high intensity muon beams

#### A. Gaponenko, cLFV 2016

#### Instead of this





#### Do this



Solenoidal *B* field confines soft pions. Collect their muons. Mu2e:  $> 10^{10} \mu^{-}$ /s from only 8 kW of protons!

#### Production target inside a solenoid



#### History of LFV experiments

(2008))



# Searching for $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ with MEG

# MEG Signal and background



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- Not exactly in time
- Not exactly same vertex
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#### The MEG Detector





J. Adam et al. EPJ C 73, 2365 (2013)

#### COBRA Magnet



Gradient field gives constant bending radius independent of

J. Adam et al. EPJ C 73, 2365 (2013)













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Calibration

**Table 1** The calibration tools of the MEG experiment.

Process		Energy	Main Purpose	Frequency
Cosmic rays	$\mu^{\pm}$ from atmospheric showers	Wide spectrum <i>O</i> (GeV)	LXe-DCH relative position	annually
			DCH alignment	
			TC energy and time offset calibration	
			LXe purity	on demand
Charge exchange	$\begin{array}{c} \pi^{-} \mathbf{p} \to \pi^{0} \mathbf{n} \\ \pi^{0} \to \gamma \gamma \end{array}$	55, 83, 129 MeV photons	LXe energy scale/resolution	annually
Radiative $\mu$ -decay	$\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma \nu \bar{\nu}$	photons $> 40$ MeV,	LXe-TC relative timing	continuously
		positrons > 45 MeV	Normalisation	
Normal µ−decay	$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	52.83 MeV end-point positrons	DCH energy scale/resolution	continuously
			DCH and target alignment	
			Normalisation	
Mott positrons	$e^+$ target $\rightarrow e^+$ target	$\approx 50 \text{ MeV}$ positrons	DCH energy scale/resolution	annually
			DCH alignment	
Proton accelerator	$^{7}\mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{p},\gamma)^{8}\mathrm{Be}$	14.8, 17.6 MeV photons	LXe uniformity/purity	weekly
	$^{11}$ B(p, $\gamma$ ) $^{12}$ C	4.4, 11.6, 16.1 MeV photons	TC interbar/ LXe-TC timing	weekly
Neutron generator	$^{58}$ Ni $(n, \gamma)^{59}$ Ni	9 MeV photons	LXe energy scale	weekly
Radioactive source	$^{241}\mathrm{Am}(\alpha,\gamma)^{237}\mathrm{Np}$	5.5 MeV $\alpha$ 's, 56 keV photons	LXe PMT calibration/purity	weekly
Radioactive source	${}^{9}\text{Be}(\alpha_{241}\text{Am}, n){}^{12}\text{C}^{\star}$ ${}^{12}\text{C}^{\star}(\gamma){}^{12}\text{C}$	4.4 MeV photons	LXe energy scale	on demand
LED			LXe PMT calibration	continuously

## Muon decay as calibration tool



- Sharp edge in positron spectrum
- Strong angle-energy correlations



#### Pions as a calibration tool



## Nuclear Reactions



- Separate proton accelerator
- .  $^{7}\text{Li}(p,\gamma)^{8}\text{Be gives 17.6 MeV photons}$
- <sup>11</sup>Be(p,γ<sub>1</sub>)<sup>12</sup>C\* and <sup>12</sup>C\* → <sup>12</sup>C γ<sub>2</sub>
   4.4 and 11.6 MeV photons
   for photon timing and photon separation

Results



## Guess the largest systematic...

# Target deformation



- Simple plastic piece
- Position important for photon positron angle



## MEG Results

- 2009-2013 data
- Blue: Signal PDF, given by detector resolution
- No signal seen
- Upper limit at 90% CL:

 $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ 

A. M. Baldini et al. arXiv:1605.05081 [hep-ex]







10<sup>-13</sup>

0

100

200

300

**Accumulated DAQ days** 

Ryu Sawada, SUSY 2014

#### **LXe Calorimeter**

Higher resolutions and efficiency with higher granularity.

**Target** Thinner target Active target option

> **Muon Beam** More than twice intense beam

#### Drift chamber

Higher tracking performance with long single tracking volume **Tin** 

#### **Timing Counter**

Higher time resolution with highly segmented detector

#### **Radiative Decay Counter**

Identify muon radiative-decays

# MEG Upgrade - Calorimeter

- ~4000 VUV sensitive SiliconPMs on entry face (new development with Hamamatsu)
- Better position and energy resolution
- Better efficiency





# MEG Upgrade - Drift Chamber







- New single volume drift chamber
- Lower Z gas mixture
- More space points per track
- Better rate capability
- Less material in front of timing counters

# MEG Upgrade - Timing Counter

- Many small scintillators
- Read-out by SiliconPMs
- On average eight counters hit by track
- 30 ps timing resolution per track

Support structure

Plastic scintillator plate

~12 cm

SiPM

PCB

Plastic scintillator

~5mm

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## MEG II sensitivity projection

## $5 \times 10^{-14}$ sensitivity in 3 years data taking

Starting 2017

#### Sensitivity prospect



Searching for  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion with DeeMee, Mu2e, COMET

## Conversion Signal and Background



• Single 105 MeV/c electron observed

# Backgrounds:

Anything that can produce a 105 MeV/c electron

- Primary proton beam
- Decay in Orbit (DIO)
- Nuclear capture
- Cosmics

# Beam induced background



- Proton beam produces pions, photons, (antiprotons) etc.
- Wait until things become better...

# Deacy-in-orbit background

- Nuclear recoil allows for electron energies above  $m_{\!\mu}^{}/2$
- Calculation by Czarnecki, Garcia i Tormo and Marciano, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011)
- Requires excellent momentum resolution





## Experimental concept - DeeMee at J-PARC



## Sensitivity - DeeMee

• Expect 2.1×10<sup>-14</sup> single event sensitivity for one year running



## Experimental layout - Mu2e at Fermilab



- Separate muon production and conversion target
- Not shown: cosmic ray veto and absorbers

## Charge selection



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## Mu2e Tracker





- Straw tubes in vacuum
- Outside of radius of Michel electrons

#### Mu2e CDR

# Mu2e Cosmic Ray Background

 A cosmic muon track can look like a 105 MeV/c electron track  A cosmic muon can decay, or knock out an electron from detector material



- 1 event per day without counter-measures
- Vetoing cosmic muons is crucial
- Aim for as much coverage as possible

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# Mu2e Cosmic Ray Veto



Intense radiation field

- proton target
- O(10<sup>10</sup>) muon
   captures per
   second: n, γ, ...
- false vetoes (dead time)

- Optimized counter and shielding design using massive G4 and MARS simulations
- Four layers of scintillator counters
- Aluminum absorbers
- Veto will be applied offline



## Experimental layout - COMET Phase I at J-PARC



Comet CDR

#### Curved solenoid

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Y. Kuno

#### Drift chamber

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## Experimental layout - COMET Phase II





Conversion: Expected sensitivities

• Comet Phase I aims for ~  $3 \times 10^{-15}$ start data taking 2018

Comet Phase II and Mu2e will start around 2020
 Sensitivities below 10<sup>-16</sup>



Other things to do...

## Muonium-antimuonium oscillations

- Lepton flavour changes by two units...
- Need a controlled muonium beam



## Cold muons from muonium

T. Mibe



## Muonium production in aerogel

#### T. Mibe



#### 1 Muonium in vacuum per 14 muon stops

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3 GeV proton beam
( 333 uA)
Graphite target
(20 mm)
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Surface muon beam (28 MeV/c, 4x10<sup>8</sup>/s)

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· Dold

Muonium Production (300 K ~ 25 meV⇒2.3 keV/c)

> Muon Linac (300 MeV/c)

#### Precision Magnet (3T, ~1 ppm local precision)

T. Mibe
# J-PARC g-2 magnet



Development ongoing

Potential to match or exceed Fermilab precision

#### N. Saito

# How to build a muonium oscillation experiment?

#### MACS at PSI





- Exciting times ahead in lepton flavour violation physics
- MEG aims for another order of magnitude for  $\mu{\rightarrow}e\gamma$
- Comet I aims for two orders on  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion
- Mu3e Phase I aims for two orders on  $\mu \rightarrow eee$
- Mu2e/Comet II aim for <  $10^{-16}$  for  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion and Mu3e Phase II for <  $10^{-16}$  for  $\mu \rightarrow eee$
- Ideas for  $10^{-18}$  are around

# Backup Material





#### History of LFV experiments

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# Lepton flavour violating T-decays



arXiv:1412.7515 [hep-ex], Y. Amhis et al., "Averages of b-hadron, c-hadron, and tau-lepton properties as of Summer 2014"

#### Belle II at Super KEKB



#### Expect 5 × 10<sup>10</sup> T pairs - branching fractions of 10<sup>-9</sup> observable

### A general effective Lagrangian for $\mu \rightarrow eee$





(Y. Kuno, Y. Okada, Rev.Mod.Phys. 73 (2001) 151)

#### Comparison between $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow eee$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{E}_{LFV} = \frac{\mathbf{m}_{\mu}}{(\mathbf{k}+1)\Lambda^{2}} \mathbf{A}_{R} \, \overline{\mathbf{\mu}}_{R} \, \sigma^{\mu\nu} \, \mathbf{e}_{L} \, \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\mathbf{K}}{(\mathbf{k}+1)\Lambda^{2}} (\overline{\mathbf{\mu}}_{L} \, \gamma^{\mu} \, \mathbf{e}_{L}) \, (\overline{\mathbf{e}}_{L} \, \gamma^{\mu} \, \mathbf{$$



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mass scale A (TeV)

 $10^{2}$ 10<sup>-2</sup>

10<sup>-1</sup>

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- One loop term and one contact term
- Ratio  $\kappa$  between them
- Common mass scale  $\Lambda$
- Allows for sensitivity comparisons between  $\mu \rightarrow eee and \mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
- In case of dominating dipole couplings ( $\kappa = 0$ ):

$$\frac{B(\mu \rightarrow eee)}{B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} = 0.006 \quad (essentially \alpha_{em})$$

# Simulated Performance - Mu3e Phase II



- 3D multiple scattering track fit
- Simulation results:
  280 keV single track momentum
  520 keV total mass resolution



#### Simulated Performance - Mu3e Phase II



#### Z-dependence



#### Detector Design





# Searching for $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$ with Mu3e

# The signal



- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$
- Two positrons, one electron
- From same vertex
- Same time
- $\Sigma p_e = m_{\mu}$
- Maximum momentum:  $\frac{1}{2} m_{\mu} = 53 \text{ MeV/c}$

# Accidental Background



- Combination of positrons from ordinary muon decay with electrons from:
  - photon conversion,
  - Bhabha scattering,
  - Mis-reconstruction

 Need very good timing, vertex and momentum resolution

# Internal conversion background



• Allowed radiative decay with internal conversion:

 $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \rightarrow e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} e^{\scriptscriptstyle -} e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \vee \overline{\nu}$ 

 Only distinguishing feature: Missing momentum carried by neutrinos



 Need excellent momentum resolution

# 2 Billion Muon Decays/s

50 ns, 1 Tesla field



# Detector Technology



- High granularity (occupancy)
- Close to target (vertex resolution)
- 3D space points (reconstruction)
- Minimum material (momenta below 53 MeV/c)

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• Conventional detectors cannot deal with rate or are too thick

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(I.Perić, P. Fischer et al., NIM A 582 (2007) 876 )



- High voltage monolithic active pixel sensors Ivan Perić
  - Use a high voltage commercial process (automotive industry)
  - Small active region, fast charge collection via drift

- Implement logic directly in N-well in the pixel - smart diode array
- Can be thinned down to < 50  $\mu$ m



#### Performance: efficiency

Mupix7, 735 mV threshold, HV = -85 V



#### Performance: efficiency and noise



#### Performance: time resolution



Trigger TimeStamp Difference Distribution for Single Events









- 50 µm silicon
- 25 µm Kapton<sup>™</sup> flexprint with aluminium traces
- 25 µm Kapton™ frame as support
- Less than 1‰ of a radiation length per layer





# Cooling

- Add no material: Cool with gaseous Helium (low scattering, high mobility)
- ~ 300 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> total >2 kW
- Simulations: Need ~ several m/s flow

- Full scale heatable prototype built
- 36 cm active length
- Vibrations under control (Michelson interferometer)



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## Momentum measurement



- 1 T magnetic field
- Resolution dominated by multiple scattering
- Momentum resolution to first order:

$$\sigma_{P/P} \sim \theta_{MS/\Omega}$$

• Precision requires large lever arm (large bending angle  $\Omega$ ) and low multiple scattering  $\theta_{MS}$ 































## Timing measurements



Pixels: O(50 ns)

Scintillating fibres O(1 ns); Scintillating tiles O(100 ps)

# Timing Detector: Scintillating Fibres



- 3 layers of 250  $\mu$ m scintillating fibres
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (STiC)
- Timing resolution O(1 ns) (measured with sodium source)



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# Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles



Back





- Test beam with tiles, SiPMs and readout ASIC
- Timing resolution ~ 80 ps

## Data Acquisition



# Online filter farm



#### Online software filter farm

- PCs with FPGAs and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)
- Online track and event reconstruction
- 10<sup>9</sup> 3D track fits/s achieved
- Data reduction by factor ~1000
- Data to tape < 100 Mbyte/s





