

The Mu2e Experiment at Fermilab

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Presentation outline

- Where, Why Mu2e
- How: the experimental technique
- Accelerator complex
- Detectors layout, indulging on the Calorimeter
- Status of Mu2e construction
- Conclusions

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Intro

- We've known for a long time that quarks mix via W→ (Quark) Flavor Violation
 - Mixing strengths parameterized by Cabbibo-Kobayashi-Maskawa -CKM matrix
- In last 15 years we've come to know that neutrinos mix → Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV)
 - Mixing strengths parameterized by Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata - PMNS matrix
- Why not charged leptons?
 - Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV)



Why Search for $\mu^- N \to e^- N$?

- Mu2e searches for muon-to-electron conversion in the coulomb field of a nucleus
- CLFV processes are strongly suppressed in the Standard Model
 - it is not forbidden due to neutrino oscillations
 - In practice BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) ~ $\Delta m_v^2 / M_w^2 < 10^{-54}$ thus not observable



- New Physics could enhance CLFV rates to observable values
- Muon-to-electron conversion is similar but complementary to other CLFV processes as $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow 3e$.
- A detected signal would be evidence of physics beyond the SM (BSM) -Susy, Compositeness, Leptoquark, Heavy neutrinos, Second Higgs Doublet, Heavy Z'



Some CLFV Processes

Process	Current Limit	Next Generation exp
τ → μη	BR < 6.5 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	BR < 6.8 E-8	10 ⁻⁹ - 10 ⁻¹⁰ (Belle II)
$\tau ightarrow \mu \mu \mu$	BR < 3.2 E-8	
$\tau \rightarrow eee$	BR < 3.6 E-8	
$K_L \not \to e \mu$	BR < 4.7 E-12	
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \mu^+$	BR < 1.3 E-11	
$B^0 \rightarrow e\mu$	BR < 7.8 E-8	
B⁺ → K⁺eµ	BR < 9.1 E-8	
$\mu^{+} \rightarrow e^{+}\gamma$	BR < 4.2 E-13	10 ⁻¹⁴ (MEG)
μ⁺ → e⁺e⁺e⁻	BR < 1.0 E-12	10 ⁻¹⁶ (PSI)
µN → eN	R _{μe} < 7.0 E-13	10 ⁻¹⁷ (Mu2e, COMET)

- There is a global interest in CLFV
- Most promising CLFV measurements use μ

μ ->e is a signature of BSM models



Contect terms

γ,Ζ,Ζ'

q

-oop terms

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α

and leptons, better

accessed by

 $\mu N \rightarrow e N$

LQ



Mu2e Sensitivity best in all scenarios

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What is Mu2e

This is what we start with.

- Will search the conversion of a muon into an electron after stopping it

This is the process we are looking for.

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

- Will use current the intense proton beam of the Fermilab accelerator complex to reach a single event sensitivity of ~3 x10⁻¹⁷sensitivity 10⁴ better than current world's best
- Will have *discovery* sensitivity over broad swath of New Physics parameter space
- Mu2e will detect and count the electrons coming from the conversion decay of a muon with respect to standard muon capture

$$R_{\mu e} = rac{\Gamma(\mu^- + (A,Z)
ightarrow e^- + (A,Z))}{\Gamma(\mu^- + (A,Z)
ightarrow
u_{\mu} + (A,Z-1))}$$

As low probability as this!



CLFV searches history



Mu2e operating principle

- Generate a intense beam (10¹⁰/s) of low momentum (p_T <100 MeV/c) negative µ's
- p + nucleus $\rightarrow \pi^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{-} \nu_{\mu}$
- Every 1 second Mu2e will
 - Send 7,000,000,000 protons to the Production Solenoid
 - Send 26,000,000,000 μs through the Transport Solenoid
 - Stop 13,000,000,000, μ s in the Detector Solenoid
- <u>Stop the muons in Al target</u>
 - Sensitivity goal requires ~10¹⁸ stopped muons
 - 10^{20} protons on target (2 year run $2x10^7$ s)
- The stopped muons are trapped in orbit 1S around the nucleus
 - In aluminum: $\tau_{\mu}^{AI} = 864 \text{ ns}$
 - Large $\tau_{\mu}{}^{N}$ important for discriminating background
- Look for events consistent with $\mu N \rightarrow eN$

Some Perspective



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

Mu2e Concept in a sketch



From the cartoons To real tough life

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 Derived from MELC concept originated by Lobashev and Djilkibaevain 1989



Production Solenoid:

8 GeV protons interact with a tungsten target to produce μ - (from π - decay)



Captures π - and subsequent μ -; momentum and sign-selects beam



Detector Solenoid:

Upstream – Al. stopping target, Downstream – tracker, calorimeter (not shown – cosmic ray veto system, extinction monitor, target monitor)



Graded fields important to suppress backgrounds, to increase muon yield, and to improve geometric acceptance for signal electrons

Muonic Al atom

- Low momentum μ⁻ is captured in atomic orbit

 Quickly (~fs) cascades to 1s state emitting X-rays
- Bohr radius ~20 fm (for aluminum)
 Significant overlap of μ⁻ and Nucleus wave functions
- Once in 1s state, 3 main process (might) take place
 - Conversion : $\mu^{-}N_{(A,Z)} \rightarrow e^{-}N_{(A,Z)}$ (signal)
 - Capture : $\mu^-N_{(A,Z)} \rightarrow \nu N^*_{(A,Z-1)}$ (61%) (normalization)
 - Decay : $\mu^-N(A,Z) \rightarrow e^-\nu\nu N(A,Z)$ (39%) (main bkg)

Mu2e Measurement factors

$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^{-} + (A,Z) \to e^{-} + (A,Z))}{\Gamma(\mu^{-} + (A,Z) \to \nu_{\mu} + (A,Z-1))}$$

• Muon is trapped on Aluminum



and...

The numerator, i.e. the signal

...neutrinoless converts to a monoenergetic electron.



<u>or..</u>

The denominator, i.e. the normalization

...interacts with the Aluminum nucleus to form Magnesium. We know the X-ray spectrum, we count how many muonic Al atoms we formed

$$\mu^{-} + Al \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + Mg^{*} + X \text{-rays}$$

Mu2e intrinsic backgrounds

unfortunately muons can also:

Weak Decay in orbit (DIO): $[\mu^- + A(N,Z)]^{1S}_{bound} \rightarrow A(N,Z) + e^- + \overline{\nu_e} + \nu_{\mu}$

- For Al, DIO fraction is 39%
- The Michel spectrum is distorted by the presence of the nucleus
- If the neutrinos are at rest the e⁻ can have exactly the conversion energy E_{CE}=104.97 MeV, contaminating the signal region
- Electron spectrum has tail out to 104.96 MeV
- Accounts for ~55% of total background



Decay in orbit

Decay In Orbit (DIO) ~ 39%



Mu2e Intrinsic Background

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Backgrounds to deal with



- Pions/muons decay in flight
- Antiprotons produce pions when they annihilate in the target: are negative and they can be slow
- Electrons from beam
- Cosmic rays

prompt vs late arriving bkg

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	$0.021 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$ < 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)
<u>Total</u>		0.41 ± 0.13(stat + syst)

Prompt background, like radiative pion capture, decreases rapidly (~10¹¹ reduction after 700 ns). RPC was limiting Sindrum II current limit. Mu2e scheme is capable to keep it under control.

Accelerator & proton extinction

- Mu2e will repurpose much of the Tevatron antiproton complex to instead produce muons.
- Booster: 21 batches of 4×10¹² of 8 GeV protons every 1/15th second
- Booster "batch" is injected into the Recycler ring and re-bunched into 4 smaller bunches
- These are extracted one at a time to the Delivery ring
- As a bunch circulates, protons are extracted to produce the desired beam structure → pulses of ~3x10⁷ protons each, separated by 1.7 µs
- Proton Extinction between bunches $(N_p \text{ out of bunch})/(N_p \text{ in bunch})$
 - Internal: momentum scraping and bunch formation
 - External: oscillating AC dipole

Accelerator models show that this combination

ensures ~ 10^{-12}





Pulsed beam structure



- Use the fact that muonic atomic lifetime >> prompt background Need a pulsed beam to wait for prompt background to reach acceptable levels
 Fermilab accelerator complex provides ideal pulse spacing
- Out of time protons are also a problem->prompt bkg arriving late To keep background low we need proton extinction extintion<10⁻¹⁰
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The Mu2e beamline

- Mu2e Solenoid System
 - Superconducting
 - Requires a cryogenic system
 - Inner bore evacuated to 10⁻⁴ Torr to limit background due to interactions of the charged particles with air



The Mu2e beamline

Production Solenoid

- Pulsed proton beam coming from Debuncher hits the target
 - 8 GeV protons
 - every 1695 ns / 200 ns width
- Production target
 - tungsten rod, 16 cm long with a 3 mm radius
 - produces pions that then decay to muons
- Solenoid
 - a graded magnetic field between 4.6 T (at end) and 2.5 T (towards the transport solenoid) traps the charged particles and accelerates them toward the transport solenoid

off-center central TS collimator and 90° bends passes low momentum negative muons and suppresses positive particle and high momentum negative particles.





Pulsed beam of incident protons

• Transport Solenoid

- Graded magnetic from 2.5 T (at the entrance) to 2.0 T (at the exit)
 - Allows muons to travel on a helical path from the production solenoid to the detector solenoid
 - S-shaped to remove the detector solenoid out of the line of sight from the production solenoid
 - No neutral particles produced in the production solenoid enter the detector solenoid, photons, neutrons

The Mu2e Beamline

- The Detector Solenoid houses the Al target and the two main detectors: the tracker and the calorimeter
 - 17 Aluminum disks, 0.2 mm thick, radius between 83 mm (upstream) and 63 mm (downstream)





- Surrounded by graded magnetic field from 2.0 T (entrance) to 1.0 T (exit)
 - Conversion electrons will travel on a helical path toward the tracker and then hit the calorimeter
 - Electrons produced in the opposite direction from the tracker experience an increased magnetic field which reflects them back toward the tracker

Negative muons

The Mu2e Tracker

Detector requirements:

- 1. Small amount of budget material, maximizing X₀
- 2. σ_p < 180 keV @ 105 MeV
- 3. Good rate capability:
 - 20 kHz/cm² in live window
 - Beam flash of 3 MHz/cm²
- 4. dE/dx capability to distinguish $e^{-/p}$
- 5. Operate in B = 1 T, 10^{-4} Torr vacuum
- 6. Maximize/minimize acceptance for CE/DIO

•Self-supporting "panel" consists of 100 straws

•6 panels assembled to make a "plane"

•2 planes assembled to make a "station" -> 18 stations

•Rotation of panels and planes improves stered

•>20k straws total



- dual ended TDC/ADC readout
- •5 mm diameter straw
- Spiral wound
- Walls: 12 μ m Mylar + 3 μ m epoxy
- + 200 Å Au + 500 Å Al
- $\bullet\,25~\mu m$ Au-plated W sense wire
- 33 117 cm in length
- 80/20 Ar/CO₂ with HV < 1500 V



The Mu2e Tracker



- Inner 38 cm is purposefully un-instrumented
 - Blind to beam flash
 - Blind to >99% of DIO spectrum

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The Mu2e tracker

- ✗ First pre-production prototype, with final design, recently built and being tested
- **X** Orders placed for final production
- **X** FEE prototypes tested successfully
- X Vertical slice test to be performed on fully instrumented panels with entire FEE chain





Mu2e Tracker Performance



 Performance well within physics requirements 115 keV/c momentum resolution

Signal extraction and sensitivity



X Design goal: single-event-sensitivity of 3×10^{-17}

1018 stopped muonsRequires1020 protons on target
high background suppression (Nbckg<0.5)</td>

- **X** Expected limit: $R_{\mu e} < 6.1 \times 10^{-17} @ 90\%$ CL
 - Factor 10⁴ improvement
- **X** Discovery reach (5s): $R_{\mu e} > 1.9 \times 10^{-16}$
 - Covers broad range of new physics theories

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The Mu2e calorimeter

The calorimeter has to:

- Provide high e- reconstruction efficiency for μ rejection of 200
- Provide cluster-based additional seeding for track finding
- Provide online software trigger capability
- Stand the radiation environment of Mu2e
- Operate for 1 year w.o. interruption in DS w/o reducing performance

the calorimeter needs to fulfill the following

- → Provide energy resolution $\sigma_{\rm E}$ /E of O(6 %)
- \rightarrow Provide timing resolution $\sigma(t) < 200 \text{ ps}$
- \rightarrow Provide position resolution < 1 cm
- → Provide almost full acceptance for CE signal @ 100 MeV
- \rightarrow Redundancy in FEE and photo-sensors

A crystal based disk calorimeter

The Mu2e Calorimeter

- High granularity crystal based homogeneous calorimeter with:
- 2 Disks (Annuli) geometry to optimize acceptance for spiraling electrons
- Crystals with high Light Yield for timing/energy resolution
 → LY(photosensors) > 30 pe/MeV
- 2 photo-sensors/preamps/crystal for redundancy and reduce MTTF requirement → now set to 1 million hours/SIPM



- Fast signal for Pileup and Timing resolution
 → τ of emission < 40 ns + Fast
 preamps

- Fast WFD to disentangle signals in pileup
- Crystal dimension optimized to stay inside DS envelope
 → reduce number of photo-sensor, FEE, WFD (cost and bandwidth) while keeping pileup under control and position resolution < 1 cm.
- Crystals and sensors should work in 1 T B-field and in vacuum of 10⁻⁴ Torr and:

 \rightarrow Crystals survive TID of 90 krad and a neutron fluency of $3x10^{12}$ n/cm²

 \rightarrow Photo-sensors survive 45 krad and a neutron fluency of 1.2×10¹² n/cm²

The Mu2e Calorimeter

The Calorimeter consists of two disks containing 674 34x34x200 mm³ un-doped CsI crystals each

- → $R_{inner} = 374 \text{ mm}, R_{outer} = 660 \text{ mm}, depth = 10 X_0 (200 \text{ mm})$
- \rightarrow Disks separated by 75 cm, half helix length
- → Each crystal is readout by two array UV extended SIPM's (14x20 mm²) maximizing light collection.
 PDE=30% @ Csl emission peak =315 nm.
 GAIN ~10⁶
- \rightarrow TYVEK wrapping
- → Analog FEE is onboard to the SiPM (amplification and shaping) and digital electronics located in electronics crates (200 MhZ sampling)
- ightarrow Cooling system SiPM cooling, Electronic dissipation
- → Radioactive source and laser system provide absolute calibration and monitoring capability





Mu2e Pattern Recognition



□ Search for tracking hits with time and azimuthal angle compatible with the calorimeter clusters (|ΔT| < 50 ns) → simplification of pattern recognition
 □ Add search of an Helix passing through cluster and selected hits + use calorimeter time to calculate tracking Hit drift times

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Mu2e Pattern Recognition



A signal electron, together with all the other interactions



CsI+SiPM tests

- A small crystal prototype has been built and tested in Frascati in April 2015
- 3x3 matrix of 3x3x20 cm³ un-doped Csl crystal coupled with UV-extended SiPM.





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• Test with e- between 80 and 120 MeV



- @100 MeV: Good energy (6-7%) and timing (110 ps) resolution
- Leakage dominated F. Happacher - LASNPA - La Habana

Module 0 and test beam - 2017

Large EMC prototype: 51 crystals, 102 SiPMs, 102 FEE boards



Cosmic equalization provide energy res at the level of 5 %

• $\Delta T = t_{SiPM1} - t_{SiPM2} \sigma_T \sim 192/2 \text{ ps} \sim 96 \pm 2 \text{ ps}$ @E_{beam}= 100 MeV

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The Calorimeter engineering









The Cosmic ray Veto

Cosmic μ can generate background events via decay, scattering, or material interactions. Veto system covers entire DS and half TS



- 5,504 counters
- 11,008 fibers
- 19,840 SiPMs
- 310 Front-end Boards





- Will use 4 overlapping layers of extruded plastic scintillator
 - Each bar is $5 \times 2 \times 450 \text{ cm}^3$
 - 2 (1,4 mm ∅) WLS fibers / bar
 - Read-out both ends of each fiber with 2 x2 mm² SiPM
 - Have achieved e > 99.4% (per layer) in test beam

$\Gamma(\mu Al \rightarrow eAl)$ Normalization, R = $\Gamma_{capture}(\mu Al)$



magnet

target **Design of Stopping Target monitor**

- High purity Germanium (HPGe) detector
 - Determines the muon capture rate on Al to about 10% level
 - Measures X and γ rays from Muonic Al Target 347 keV 2p-1s X-ray (80% of μ stops) 844 keV γ-ray (4%) 1809 keV eV γ-ray (30%)
- Downstream to the Detector Solenoid
- Line-of-sight view of Muon Stopping
 - Sweeper magnet
 - Reduces charged bkg

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Apr 18, 2015: Mu2e groundbreaking



Mu2e Detector Hall



Graphic of proposed Mu2e Detector Hall

Construction completed warmed it up in the fall of 2016



Summary

The Mu2e experiment:

- Improves sensitivity by a factor of 10⁴
- Provides discovery capability over a wide range of New Physics models
- is complementary to LHC, heavy-flavor, and neutrino experiments

Mu2e has completed the CD-3 review

- \rightarrow civil construction completed
- \rightarrow Detector construction started in 2017.
- ➔ installation end of 2020 then commissioning and data taking in 2021



spares

PID calorimeter-tracker – basic idea

$$\beta = \frac{p}{E} \sim 0.7, \ E_{kin} = E - m \sim 40 \ \text{MeV}$$

Compare the reconstructed track and calorimeter information:

- $E_{cluster}/p_{track}$ & $\Delta t = t_{track} t_{cluster}$,
- Build a likelihood for e- and mu- using distribution on E/p and Δt



Mu2e Intrinsic Backgrounds

Once trapped in orbit, muons will:

- 2) Capture on the nucleus:
 - For Al. capture fraction is 61%
 - Ordinary μ Capture
 - $\mu^{-}N_{z} \rightarrow \nu N_{z-1}^{*}$
 - Used for normalization
 - Radiative μ capture
 - $\mu^{-}N_{Z} \rightarrow \nu N_{Z-1}^{*} + \gamma$
 - (# Radiative / # Ordinary) ~ 1 / 100,000
 - E_γ kinematic end-point ~102 MeV
 - Asymmetric γ -->e⁺e⁻ pair production can yield a background electron

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Module 0 prototyping





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