



The Mu3e experiment to search for Charged Lepton Flavour Violation in $\mu^+{\rightarrow}e^+e^-e^-$

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Charged Lepton Flavour Violation

We see flavour violations in the quark and neutrino sectors, but not for charge leptons

SM (with m_v) does allow for CLFV, but is heavily suppressed.

$$\operatorname{Br}(\mu \to e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

 W^+ v_{μ} v_{e} e^+

Any observation of CLFV is evidence of NP.

CLFV appears naturally in NP theories: E.g new interactions coupling to mixed lepton eigenstates, or new particles with lepton number and a mixing matrix.

Some hints NP may show up in the lepton sector: muon g-2, lepton universality.

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Muon decays

	μ^- DECAY MODES						
	μ^+ modes are cha	PDG 2018					
	Mode	Fraction (Γ _i /Γ)	Confidence level				
Γ1	$e^-\overline{\nu}_e\nu_\mu$	pprox 100%					
Г <u>2</u> Г2	$e^- \overline{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$ $e^- \overline{\nu}_e \nu_\mu e^+ e^-$	[a] $(6.0\pm0.5)\times10^{-8}$ [b] $(3.4\pm0.4)\times10^{-5}$					
	- е- <i>µ</i>						

If charged lepton flavour is not conserved we also expect neutrinoless decays:

Lepton Family number (LF) violating modes $\mu \rightarrow e_{\gamma}$ $e^- \nu_e \overline{\nu}_\mu$ ۲A LF [c] < 1.2% $\mu \rightarrow eee$ $\times 10^{-13}$ LF < 4.2 Γ_5 $e^{-\gamma}$ and $\times 10^{-12}$ $e^{-}e^{+}e^{-}$ < 1.0 LF $\times 10^{-11}$ LF < 7.2 **F**7 $e^{-}2\gamma$ $\mu N \rightarrow eN$

The long lifetime and the limited number of very clean SM decay modes make muon decays ideal to look for rare NP!

90%

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New experiment will push $\mu \rightarrow$ e sensitivity by up to <u>four orders of magnitude</u> over the next 5-10 years.



CLFV τ -decays





PDG 2019, "Tests of Conservation Laws"

Best τ limits from Belle and Babar, with improvements from Belle-II expected in coming years.

Compared to muons:

Shorter τ lifetime and higher BR limits means tau results are less sensitive to NP.

This is not compensated by higher tau mass unless NP has unexpected high power dependence on mass or is generation specific

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Other CLFV searches (PDG 2019):

 $Br(K_L^0 \to e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}) < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$ BNL E871 $Br(K^+ \to \pi^+\mu^+e^-) < 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$ BNL E865

$\operatorname{Br}(B^0 \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}) < 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	LH	Cb	
$Br(D^0 \rightarrow e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}) < 1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	-8	LHO	Ck

ATLAS

 $\mathrm{Br}(Z \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}) < 7.5 \times 10^{-7} \,, \qquad \mathrm{Br}(Z \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}) < 9.8 \times 10^{-6} \,, \qquad \mathrm{Br}(Z \to \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}) < 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \,.$

ATLAS + CMS

 $\operatorname{Br}(H^0 \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp}) < 6.1 \times 10^{-5}, \qquad \operatorname{Br}(H^0 \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}) < 0.47\%, \qquad \operatorname{Br}(H^0 \to \mu^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}) < 0.25\%,$

In general, again, the shorter lifetimes and higher BR limits compared to the muons means the results are less sensitive to (generic) NP.



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CLFV Muon decay channels

In all cases muons are stopped on a target and decay at rest.

 $E_{observed} = m_{\mu}$ (no neutrinos!)

$\mu^{+} \rightarrow e^{+}\gamma \mu^{+}$	e ⁺ e ⁺ e ⁺	$\mu^{-N} \rightarrow e^{-N}$
back-to-back electron and photon $E_{\gamma} = E_e = \frac{1}{2} m_{\mu}$	3 co-planar electrons $\Sigma P_e = 0, \Sigma E_e = m_{\mu}$	Muon decay from muonic atom. Monochromatic electron $E_e = m_{\mu} - E_{binding} - E_{recoil}$
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Physics reach

Highly model dependent. Different channels have varying sensitivity to different NP modes.

A comparison is possible with a generic Lagrangian model:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_{\mu}}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + h.c.$$
$$\frac{\kappa}{(1+\kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_{\mu} e_L \left(\bar{u}_L \gamma^{\mu} u_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma^{\mu} d_L \right) + h.c. .$$

CLFV experiments have sensitivity up to several PeV effective scale.

Update from de Gouvea & Vogel, Prog. in Part. and Nucl. Phys. 71 (2013).













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LIVERPOOL Muon production at PSI



Start from PSI proton cyclotron 590 MeV protons at up to 2.3 mA



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL Target-E and the π e5 / Compact Muon Beam Line



Protons hit fast spinning carbon target.

Muons from pion decays near surface peak around p = 29 MeV.

 π e5/combined muon beamline (CMBL) captures muons from target, delivering 10⁸ µ/s in a narrow momentum bite stopped on target. Effective removal e⁺ from Michel or π_0 decays near target.





The detector

Mu3e targets BR($\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-$) with a sensitivity of 10⁻¹⁶.

This requires:

- a fast detector with high bandwidth read-out to cope with up to record up to 2x10⁹ muon decays per second.
- excellent timing and tracking to separate the signal from background processes





Equivalent to searching for one grain of sand on all of the Germany's beaches.





The $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$ search: physics constraints





Michel decays with internal conversion:

 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^- vv$ μ^+ Irreducible background a part from missing E_T $E_{total} < m_{\mu}$



Accidental backgrounds:

Michel positron(s) & electron or e^+e^- pair from photon conversion or Bhabha scattering. Electrons not (all) from a common vertex













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UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL Irreducible background: $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-\nu\nu$

BR (3.4×10⁻⁵) is 11 orders of magnitude greater than targeted signal sensitivity for $\mu \rightarrow eee$,

but this drops steeply towards kinematic endpoint.

Need: $\sigma(E_{tot}) < 1 \text{ MeV}$

Very challenging to achieve for low energy electrons ($E_e < 53$ MeV) and up to 2×10⁹ muon decays per second.



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL The Mu3e detector (Phase 1) **Recurl pixel layers** Scintillator tiles Inner pixel layers 🗧 µ Beam Target Scintillating fibres Outer pixel layers DC beam $10^8 \mu$ /s (Phase-I), = 28 MeV

Muons are stopped in double-cone mylar target (75 µm front, 85 µm back)

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Low mass (0.1% X₀) HV-CMOS pixel tracker Critical for vertex position and momentum resolution. Inside 1 T solenoidal field

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UK contribution Phase 1 detector:

- Clock and reset distribution system (UCL)
- Outer and recurl pixel layers (Bristol, Liverpool, Oxford)



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Tracking concept

At $p_e < 53$ MeV multiple coulomb scattering dominates track errors. $\theta_{MS} \sim \sqrt{X/X_0}$ (reduce material, 0.1% X₀ per Silicon layer)

 $\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} \sim \frac{\theta_{MS}}{\Omega}$ (for small Ω)

But, for very large lever arm ($\Omega \sim \pi$) first order effects of θ_{MS} cancel out.







Layer radii are optimised for momentum resolution and acceptance. Joost Vossebeld µ3e Seminar PPD



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HV-MAPS sensors

Adaptation from CMOS-MAPS using high-voltage compliant CMOS processes.

- Specific is deep N-well that collects charge and includes analogue and digital circuits. (no parasitic collection)
- N-well is biased to > 80 200 V giving 10 $30 \mu m$ depletion in bulk.
- High signal and fast charge collection, combining compactness of CMOS with performance of hybrid planar silicon sensors.

Critical properties for Mu3e:

- Sensors can be thinned to 50 µm without signal loss.
- Sensors can operate in a high rate environment ($\sigma(t) < 15$ ns)

Mu3e is the first PP experiment to employ HV-MAPS in a tracker

Mu3e would not be possible without this new technology! (sensitivity ~ $(X/X_0)^3$

I. Peric, NIMA 650 pp. 158-162, 2011 Pixel i Pixel i P-Well HV deep n-well Depleted P-substrate Not depleted





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MuPix HV-MAPS

HV-MAPS development in AMS 360 nm and 180 nm HV-CMOS process, now moved to TSI 180 nm process.

MuPix8 (shared submission with ATLASPIX, different substrate resistivities)

First large area demonstrator: active area: 1×1.6cm²

- 80 x 80 µm²
- Amplifier in pixel,
- Comparator and digital logic in periphery.
- 3 (or 1) data outputs, 1.25 Gb/s each
- Power: ~250 mW/cm²

MuPix10 first full size chip for detector: active area: $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$

- Optimised pad layout for module construction
- Optimisation power distribution
- Some rerouting of signal lines to reduce cross talk
- Smaller periphery,
- $80 \rightarrow 200 \ \Omega \text{cm}$

Submitted Nov 2019, received March 2020 (just before lock down) MuPix11, if necessary, submission Q4 2020 Street tracker assembly in 2021









Eff. ~ 99.8% higher over larger range of thresholds with 200 Ω cm

100

120

140 160 180

threshold / mV

80

40

60

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efficiency

140

160

180

200

Threshold / mV

70V

80V

80

100

120





 σ (t) ~ 14 ns Tuning the threshold we think we can improve this to 6-7 ns





MuPix mechanics

In total for Phase-1 2808 HV-MAPS chips will be mounted to 170 high density interconnect flex circuits to produce the inner

and outer layers (1.1 m² of HV-MAPS sensors)

Material budget is critical

- 50 μm HV-MAPS (~0.05% X₀)
- Ultra thin interconnect flex ($\sim 0.05\% X_0$)
- 15 μm kapton v-fold strengthening spines (also He-channel) Resulting in approximately <u>0.1% X₀ per tracking layer</u>



Pixel Tracker Rendering of CAD study





UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL Gaseous Helium cooling



~4.5 kW power dissipation in very low mass structure. Must life with relatively high thermal gradient (0°C - 55°C)

Counter-flow cooling system with gaseous Helium flowing through v-channels and between pixel layers.

- High gas velocity Helium flow (up to 20 m/s).
- Multiple parallel flow paths.
- Detector structure does not tolerate substantial pressure differentials.
 Simulations and lab test confirm satisfactory cooling performance.
 Development cooling control system, advanced simulations
 and tests ongoing.







Timing

Accidental combinatorial backgrounds can be reduced by accurate timing resolution.

Scintillating Fibres ($\sigma(t) < 500 \text{ ps}$) and Tiles ($\sigma(t) \sim 100 \text{ ps}$) provide high resolution time stamp for tracks.

Note HV-MAPS are slower, so for track-finding still need longer window (spec: $\sigma(t) < 20$ ns)

Timing also critical in preventing charge mis-identification for tracks that circle back in to target.



50 ns time slice at $2 \times 10^9 \,\mu/s$







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Scintillating fibre detector

250 µm diameter scintillating fibres stacked in to 1 cm wide ribbons of 3 staggered layers, set in clear epoxy.

~0.3% X₀

2 x 64 channel Si PM arrays (Hamamatsu) MuTRig readout chip

Test beam results:

• time resolution ~370 ps







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- ~0.5x0.5x0.5 cm³ scintillating tiles, arranged in 4x4 arrays, wrapped in metal foil
- mounted on a cylinder for each re-curl station Readout: single channel SiPM, MuTrig ASIC

DESY test-beam: time resolution 40 ps (for high energy electrons) <100 ps for all energies











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Asynchronous readout of time-stamped data from ~180M channels.

- Sorting and event building done on FPGA boards. (event \equiv timeslice)
- Full event reconstruction and selection on online GPU farm. (only signal candidates can be kept).
- Full chain demonstrated in vertical slice test



Mu3e readout chain

Front-end (inside magnet)

6272 Tiles

14 Front-End Boards

2844 MuPix Chips 3072 Fibres up to 45 x 1,25 Gbit/s LVDS links 86 Front-End Boards 12 Front-End Boards 1 x 6 Gbit/s link each Switching Board Switching Board



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Excellent momentum resolution for long tracks ("recurlers")



Efficiency and geometric acceptance for long tracks

LIVERPOOL Physics performance

Step	Step efficiency	Total efficiency
Muon stops	100%	100%
Geometrical acceptance, short tracks	43.2%	43.2%
Geometrical acceptance, long tracks	60.6%	26.2%
Short track reconstruction	89.9%	38.8%
Long track reconstruction	80.4%	21.0%
Vertex fit	98.6%	20.8%
Vertex fit $\chi^2 < 30$	98.1%	20.4%
CMS momentum < 8 MeV/c	98.7%	20.1%
Timing	98.0%	19.7%

Signal reconstruction efficiency 19.7%: 3 long tracks from good vertex. Geometric acceptance dominates *Note this is somewhat model dependent!*



vertex z resolution 3 long tracks < 200 µm

m_{eee} resolution 3 long tracks σ(m_{eee}) ~ 0.6 MeV

LIVERPOOL Accidental backgrounds



P_T spectrum of electrons:

Dominant source are Bhabha electrons, ~7.8x10⁻⁵ per muon decay produced in the target region.

BG rejection vs signal, efficiency for timing cuts.

efficiency

Factor 100 reduction achievable without substantial efficiency loss Procedure to estimate accidental background Bhabha-Michel overlaps:

- Overlay Bhabha events with 5.25x10⁸ simulated frames (normal Michel decays).
- Scaled with Bhabha rate and rejection factor this corresponds to ~7x10¹⁴ muon decays.
- No events pass the selection cuts!
- This allows to set an <u>upper limit</u> of 3.2x10⁻¹⁵ Bhabha-Michel overlap events per stopped muon.

We know we can further cut Bhabha events with more strict timing and m_{ee} cuts.

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Physics sensitivity Phase-I



Challenges for Phase II.

- 2x10⁹ μ/s, accidental backgrounds increase faster than the signal
- Timing performance of all detectors is better than the specifications we set.
- Increased detector acceptance means more re-curling tracks (superior momentum resolution)



g-2

CLFV muon decay experiments have higher reach in terms of the effective mass scale.

Synergy with g-2



If BNL discrepancy is confirmed by new FNAL g-2 experiment, CLFV muon decay experiments can probe whether potential NP includes a lepton mixing angle or set very strong constraints on the eµ mixing angle associated with such NP.





Other physics with Mu3e

Unprecedented dataset of > 10^{16} fully reconstructed muon decays

Example: Search for dark photons

- Look for resonance in e^+e^- spectrum in $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^- \nu\nu$ events.
- Competitive with other experiments.

Note: This search needs to be performed online! We cannot store the expected $10^{11} \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^- \nu\nu$ events.

Other ways to look for NP:

- E.g. mono energetic e⁺ would indicate 2-body decay $\mu \rightarrow eX$, where X is unobserved.
- Precision measurements Michel parameters (based on ~10¹⁷ precisely measured muon decays)

These also need to be performed online! Joost Vossebeld µ3e Seminar PPD



Echenard, Essig, Zhong: arXiv:1411.1770v2



Beamline in place since 2015

Experimental area at PSI



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2T Superconducting Magnet, currently being wound. Arrival at PSI in August 2020.

First commissioning run (with final prototype sensors) planned in Dec 2020.

Services (power/cooling) ongoing.

> Services platforms installed.





$\frac{1}{D}$ Mu3 Phase II

HiMB programme at PSI develops increased intensity beams from muon experiments.

- optimization of target geometry
- capture solenoid and solenoid transport line
- Muon rate approaching 1x10¹⁰ may be feasible.

Mu3e adaptations for high rate:

- longer detector to increase acceptance
- faster silicon to reduce tracking ambiguities
- Larger beam emittance \rightarrow larger target/detector
- smaller segmentation timing detectors

Alternative option is a $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ run:

Mu3e solenoid ability to go to 2T field allows for eγ search using a conversion layer at larger radius Vossebeld μ3e Seminar PPD



protons

Slanted 40 mm TgE



Summary

- Mu3e experiment progressing towards start-up
 - Detector installation begins 2020
 - First prototype comissioing in expreirmental area, with beam December 2020
 - Completion detector cconstruction over 2021
 - Physics operation in 2022
- Start of programme to achieve 4 orders of magnitude improved sensitivity $BR(\mu \rightarrow eee)$ compared to with SINDRUM-I. Thanks to:
 - Intense muon beams at PSI
 - Tracking of low momentum particles with fast and thin HV-MAPS, low mass supports and gaseous Helium cooling.
 - Accurate timing in highly compact fibre and tile detectors using Si-PMs.
- In parallel MEG-II, COMET and Mu2e will achieve major improvements on BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) and BR($\mu N \rightarrow eN$).
- Many new results to look forward to over the next 5 to 10 years, with sensitivity to PeV-scale NP

MEG: μ→**e**γ (2009-2013)

Search for $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ PSI $\pi E5$ beam (3x10⁷ muons/s)



54

52

56

 E_{ν} (MeV)

58

Main backgrounds: Accidental:

e⁺ from Michel decay + γ photon from e⁺ annihilation or Bremsstrahlung or from radiative Michel decay .

Radiative Michel decays

Final result (2016) BR(μ →eγ) < 4.3x10⁻¹³ (90% C.L.)







MEG II μ→eγ (2017- ...)

Beamline improvements approaching $10^8 \mu/s$ \rightarrow Higher accidental BG (Intensity²) \rightarrow Need better timing and momentum resolution.



Performance targets: $\Delta E(e^+) \approx 130 \text{ keV}$, $\Delta t (e^+) \approx 35 \text{ ps}$, $\Delta E(\gamma) \approx 1\%$, $\Delta t (\gamma) \approx 60 \text{ ps}$ Detector upgrades:

Projected MEG-II Sensitivity: BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) < 4x10⁻¹⁴ (90% C.L.)

$\mu N \rightarrow eN$ conversion (COMET/mu2e)

Beam delivery systems optimised to achieve high intensity, very pure, muon beam on target.

Events/0.03 MeV/c କୁ

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10⁻²

- Stopped muons are trapped in orbit around the Al nucleus.
- Search for coherent decay $\mu N \rightarrow e N$
- mono-energetic electron (for aluminium: $E_e = 104.96 \text{ MeV}$)
- delayed w.r.t. prompt particles ($\tau_u = 864$ ns) \rightarrow
- **<u>Prompt backgrounds</u>** (radiative nuclear capture, muon
- decay in flight, pions, protons).
- Curved solenoid transport channel
- Pulsed beam with delayed time-window
- Strong extinction factor (less than 10⁻⁹)

•<u>Muon decay in orbit ($\mu N \rightarrow e_{\nu\nu}N$)</u>

precise momentum resolution



e⁻ Momentum (MeV