



Mu2e-II

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#### **Mu2e-II : next generation muon conversion experiment**

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Nuclear Recoil

1S Orbit Lifetime = 864ns

- Mu2e will search for a neutrino-less  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$  conversion on Al
- Improve the current limit on the conversion rate ( $R_{\mu e}$ ) by **four orders** of magnitude:

$$R_{\mu \to e} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\mu^{-} + N(Z, A) \to e^{-} + N(Z, A)\right)}{\Gamma\left(\mu^{-} + N(Z, A) \to \nu_{\mu} + N(Z - 1, A)\right)} < 6 \times 10^{-17} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

- Mu2e will produce and stop  $7 \times 10^{18}$  muons on aluminum foils
  - ➤ Searching for ~105 MeV electrons originating from the stopping target
  - , In SM,  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$  is *practically* forbidden ( $R_{\mu e} \sim 10^{-54}$ )











- What is Mu2e-II?
  - If approved, Mu2e-II will improve  $R_{\mu e}$  sensitivity by  $\times$  10 beyond Mu2e limits
  - Refurbish as much of Mu2e infrastructure as possible
  - Upgrade Mu2e components to handle higher beam intensity
- When?
  - Few years after the end of the Mu2e run
  - Expected 5 years of physics run
- Where?
  - Mu2e will utilize a 100kW proton beam from PIP-II at Fermilab



### **PIP-II** status



- PIP-II powers DUNE and experiments like Mu2e-II
  - Project completion this decade
- PIP-II delivers design proton power on the LBNF target
  - with >90% beam allocation for other users







- PIP-II designed to deliver  $800 \text{ MeV } H^-$  beam to the Booster
  - Chopper system can produce an arbitrary pattern of filled or empty 162.5 MHz buckets
  - The maximum current  $\sim 2mA$
- Mu2e-II will get a beam at upstream end of transfer line to Booster
  - Need to build a beamline to deliver beam to Muon Campus





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#### Beam structure for Mu2e-II (100 kW):

- Injection: intensity is limited to  $1.4 \times 10^8 \ H^-$  per bucket
- Booster requires  $\sim 3 ms$  out of every 50 ms. The rest to Muon Campus
- Mu2e-II needs a short spill followed by a gap to suppress prompt background
- Mu2e-II needs only 10 buckets in each spill
  - $\blacktriangleright$  beam pulse width is  $\sim 62~ns$  much narrower than at Mu2e
- Consider running Mu2e-II at even higher beam intensities







- Mu2e-II is a natural extension of Mu2e
- Feasibility studies started a decade ago at last Snowmass
  - Since then, we submitted several study papers and held multiple workshops
- We submitted 12 LOI on Mu2e-II subsystems for Snowmass 21







- Mu2e-II assumes 5 years of running and  $5.5 \times 10^{19}$  stopped muons
- Maintaining <1 event total background requires detector and beam enhancements
- Higher beam intensity and improved detectors at Mu2e-II yield an order of magnitude sensitivity improvement beyond Mu2e

Results	Mu2e	Mu2e-II $(5-year)$	Required improvement
Backgrounds			
Decay In Orbit	0.144	0.263	Improved tracker resolution
Cosmics	0.209	0.171	Improved veto and enhanced shielding
Radiative Pion Capture	0.025	0.033	Improved extinction $< 10^{-11}$
Radiative Muon Capture	< 0.004	< 0.02	
Antiprotons	0.040	0.000	Beam energy below $\overline{p}$ threshold
Others	< 0.004	< 0.017	
Total	0.41	0.47	
N(muon stops)	$6.7 \times 10^{18}$	$5.5  imes 10^{19}$	
SES	$3.01 \times 10^{-17}$	$3.25 \times 10^{-18}$	
$R_{\mu e}(90\% { m CL})$	$6.01 \times 10^{-17}$	$6.39 \times 10^{-18}$	
$R_{\mu e}(\text{discovery})$	$1.89 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.34\times10^{-17}$	





- Mu2e-II requires the ability to withstand ten times the current beam power
  - The existing Mu2e target and superconducting coils might not be capable of handling this increased power
- Exploring alternative designs, including tungsten Heat Radiation Shields to reduce damage to coils







- Fermilab's LDRD project explores production target concepts resilient to Mu2e-II beam intensities: rotating, granular, and conveyor
- Simulations cover muon yield, thermal stress, radiation damage, residual activation, and radiation loads







- Mu2e-II sensitivity studies considered carbon spheres for conveyor-type production target
  - We have produced an early prototype
- Alternative designs include
  - Fluidized tungsten powder
  - Liquid heavy metal









- Plot below: the number of stopped muons as a function of proton energy for a nominal 3 year run with 100 kW of beam power
  - ▶ The optimal energy is ~2.5 GeV
- The 2 GeV upgrade of PIP-II is of interest to Mu2e-II
  - No pbar background at either 800 MeV or 2 GeV







- Beam targeting differs between Mu2e-II (0.8 GeV) and Mu2e (8 GeV)
  - Affecting beam dump and extinction monitor positions
- To hit the target, Mu2e-II must optimize:
  - Vertical and horizontal angles,
  - Production target location
  - Production Solenoid magnetic field
- 2 GeV beam energy will significantly reduce the challenges above





# Tracker



- Mu2e reconstructs conversion electron momentum with the straw tracker
- Expected Decay In Orbit (DIO) background at Mu2e: 0.144 events
  - DIO background would increase 10x at Mu2e-II, proportional to stopped muons
- Plan: enhance momentum resolution by reducing straw thickness: 15  $\mu m \rightarrow 8 \mu m$ 
  - Additionally, we narrowed the momentum window  $1.05~MeV \rightarrow 0.85 MeV$  to further suppress DIO





# Tracker



- Thinner straws enhance momentum resolution:  $140 \rightarrow 100 \ keV$
- Fermilab's LDRD works on challenges in vacuum tightness, long-term stability, and large-scale production
- Radiation levels (3 Mrad) surpass safe limits for electronics
  - Explore application-specific integrated circuit electronics
- Investigate alternative detectors
  - Light gas vessel to alleviate straw leakage requirements
  - All-wire construction, eliminating straws
  - Wires separated by mylar walls





## Calorimeter



- Mu2e utilizes CsI calorimeter for PID, seed tracking, and fast trigger
- Requirements:  $\sigma_E/E < 10\%$  @ 100MeV and  $\sigma_t < 500 \ ps$  @ 100MeV
- CsI cannot withstand rad doses and occupancies at Mu2e-II: < Mrad,  $10^{13} n_{1MeV-eq}/cm^2$
- BaF<sub>2</sub> is a promising candidate with a rad hardness of < 100 Mrad and a fast UV component</li>
  - Challenge: slow scintillation component
  - Suppress the slow component through doping BaF<sub>2</sub> with (Y)ttrium, (La)nthanum and (Ce)rium
  - Develop solar-blind photosensor: SiPMs with an external filter or UV-sensitive photocathodes
- This R&D is currently unfunded







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- CRV identifies cosmic ray muons that produce conversion-like backgrounds
- Technology: Four layers of extruded polystyrene scintillator counters with embedded wavelength shifting fibers, read out with SiPM photodetectors
- Expected live-time and hence cosmic ray background is >3x higher at Mu2e-II
  - Use alternative CRV design to enhance the detection efficiency
- Higher (>x3) rad doses: higher DAQ rates, dead-time, rad damage
  - Promising results with enhanced shielding: tungsten PS and boron doped heavy concrete
- Cosmic ray background sources undetectable by CRV:
  - ▶ Cosmic ray neutrons is a significant (~0.6) source, if not addressed with enhanced shielding
  - Muons entering through un-instrumented CRV region is small (<0.1), but challenging to suppress contribution







- Enhanced CRV design using triangular-shaped counters
  - Improved efficiency due to reduced gaps
  - Better (1 mm) positional resolution reduces fake cosmic id, and hence dead-time
  - Lower DAQ rate from beam-induced detector noise
- CRV will be replaced due to aging
  - Enhance the light yield with thicker fiber, improved PDE SiPMs and potting fiber
- A prototype has been designed, fabricated and studies show promising results
- This R&D is currently unfunded





### Stopping target



- We have considered stopping target designs alternative to Mu2e
  - However, we found that the current design with 34 AI foils is close to optimal
- If the signal is observed, will change stopping target to probe underlying New Physics operator
  - Titanium (Vanadium) and even Lithium stopping targets will be investigated
- Will adjust the micro-bunch length period to accommodate the muon lifetime of 329 ns on Ti vs 864 ns on Al



FIG. 1: Z dependence of  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion rates for some example scenarios



### **CLFV** Schedule



- Preliminary Mu2e-II scenario based on Snowmass RPF summary:
  - CD-0 by 2028
  - Construction 2028-2032
  - Data 2033-2037





# Summary



- Mu2e-II will advance CLFV with the search in  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$  channel
  - Achieving an order of magnitude improvement in  $R_{\mu e}$
- The physics case for Mu2e-II is compelling, independent of the findings from Mu2e
  - If Mu2e observes a signal, Mu2e-II will conduct detailed studies of the underlying physics
  - In the absence of a signal in Mu2e, Mu2e-II will extend the sensitivity reach even further
- Mu2e-II has support from the muon physics community and Fermilab's PAC
- A comprehensive R&D program has been identified for Mu2e-II
  - We can achieve an improvement beyond x10 in sensitivity with additional R&D, higher beam energy, and a production target beyond 100 kW
- Pending approval, Mu2e-II is expected to commence data-taking in the 2030 decade
- Mu2e-II can act as a bridge to AMF
  - Synergistic R&D with Muon Collider on production target and solenoid





#### Backup slides