

#### THE MU2E EXPERIMENT: A CHARGED LEPTON FLAVOR VIOLATION (CLFV) SEARCH



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# **CHARGED LEPTON FLAVOR VIOLATION (CLFV)**

- What symmetries do new physics beyond the Standard Model (SM) have?
- Noether's theorem links continuous symmetries of local Lagrangian to conservation laws, e.g.:
  - Charge conservation
    - ⇔ QED gauge symmetry
  - Lepton family number conservation
    - ⇔ Accidental symmetry in (vanilla) SM;
    - Family number not conserved in the quark sector,
    - Neutrino oscillation (Neutral LFV) tells us lepton flavor is not a fundamental symmetry
- Charged lepton flavor violation: transition involving e, μ, and τ that does not conserve lepton family number
  - A wide range of CLFV processes, none has been observed so far
  - Discovery of any CLFV process means new physics





# CLFV IN (EXTENDED) SM

- NLFV leads directly to CLFV, but it is never observed
  - Occur through loop diagrams
  - Rates proportional to  $\left(\Delta m_{ij}^2/M_W^2\right)^2$
  - Severely suppressed in SM
- SM Branching ratios of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ are both <  $10^{-50}$ 
  - Not measurable
- But thinking on the bright side, CLFV searches are very "clean" and have effectively no SM backgrounds!





# **CLFV BEYOND SM**

- Many Beyond Standard Model (BSM) theories predict contributions to CLFV processes at rates much higher than SM
- Any CLFV observed means discovery of new physics!
- Rare decay searches are typical intensity frontier efforts:
  - Model independent: don't know exactly what's happening, need to infer from multiple experiments, can constrain parameter spaces for multiple theories, have great vetoing power
  - Probing into high effective mass scales
- Great way to point the direction



Some example Feynman diagrams of BSM processes that contributes to  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ 

Figure adapted from W. J. Marciano; Marciano, Mori, and Roney, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 58 (2008); M. Raidal et al, Eur.Phys.J.C57:13-182, (2008)





# **CLFV RARE DECAY SEARCHES**



- There is a long history of CLFV rare decay searches
- B-meson decays not shown in plot; current PDG values of 90% CL:  $BR(B^+ \rightarrow K^+e^-\mu^+) < 6.4 \times 10^{-9}$  $BR(B^0 \rightarrow e\mu) < 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$
- Among the several methods of detecting CLFV, muon rare decay experiments provide smallest branching ratio limits
  - Relatively easy to produce
  - Relatively long-lived
  - Cleanest process, no irreducible backgrounds
  - Need to cross-check with other channels to sort out the underlying physics



#### **MUON RARE DECAY SEARCHES**

Process	Current upper limit of BR (90% CL)	Sensitivity of current efforts		
$\mu  ightarrow e \gamma$	$< 3.1 \times 10^{-13}$ (MEG, MEG II 2021)	10 <sup>-14</sup> (MEG II)		
$\mu \rightarrow e \bar{e} e$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ (SINDRUM)	10 <sup>-16</sup> (Mu3e)		
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$	$< 7 \times 10^{-13}$ (SINDRUM II on Au)	10 <sup>-17</sup> (COMET, Mu2e)		

R.L. Workman et al. (Particle Data Group), Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2022, 083C01 (2022) and 2023 update; K. Afanaciev et al., arXiv:2310.12614; B. Echenard, CLFV-2023.

- New experiments in the next decade aim to improve the current limit by up to 10<sup>4</sup>
- Relative rates among different muon rare decay channels can provide insights to underlying models:
  - For a simple demonstration, the following page discusses a less-general, incomplete effective CLFV toy Lagrangian that emits "lepton-only" 4-fermion operators.
  - More general and "proper" EFT for CLFV using more complex parametrization, see arXiv:1801.04709 or arXiv: 2204.00564.





## **EFFECTIVE CLFV LAGRANGIAN**

Model-independent effective CLFV toy Lagrangian:



- Relative rates dependent on the underlying physics, and different decay channels are complementary to each other to probe across the parameter space
- Can reach high effective mass scale!

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Parameter Space Coverage

All Limits are at 90% CL

 $10^{-2}$ 

 $10^{-1}$ 



### THE MU2E EXPERIMENT AT FERMILAB

- Searches for neutrinoless muon-to-electron conversion in the presence of nucleus  $\mu N \rightarrow e N$
- Aims at a 4-order-of-magnitude improvement in  $R_{\mu e}$  compared to SINDRUM-II, expected limit of  $R_{\mu e} < 8 \times 10^{-17}$  @ 90% CL
- Mu2e uses the 8 GeV pulsed proton beam:
  - Re-bunched in the recycler ring
  - Transported to the delivery ring
  - Extracted through resonant extraction (a.k.a., slow extraction)







# **MU2E EXPERIMENT CONCEPT**

- Produce a muon beam using a proton beam:
  - Proton beam hitting a production target produces pions
  - Pions decay to muons  $(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_{\mu})$
- Low momentum muons captured in a stopping target
  - Instantaneously (~  $10^{-13}$  s) cascade to 1s state
  - Muonic X-ray emission spectrum gives estimation of number of muons captured
- Muons in muonic atom decay after a certain lifetime:
  - Muon nuclear capture (~61% in Al):  $\mu N \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} N'^*$
  - Muon decay-in-orbit (DIO, ~39% in AI):  $\mu N \rightarrow e N \nu_{\mu} \bar{\nu}_{e}$
  - $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  conversion: signature of a single monoenergetic electron of ~105 MeV
- Measure ratio of conversions to muon nuclear capture

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



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# $\mu N \rightarrow e N$ **SEARCH BACKGROUNDS**

Anything producing 105 MeV electrons can be background

- Muon decay-in-orbit (DIO):
  - Free muon decay has maximum energy of
    - $E_{max} = (m_{\mu}^2 + m_e^2)/2m_{\mu} \approx 52.8 \text{ MeV}$
  - Presence of nucleus distorts the DIO spectrum shape Reconstruction uncertainties and detector energy loss smears out the monoenergetic peak
- Primary beam related backgrounds: Leading background in SINDRUM-II
  - Radiative pion capture (RPC,  $\pi^- N \rightarrow \gamma N'$ ,  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ ;  $\pi^- N \rightarrow e^+ e^- N$ ), pion/muon decay-in-flight, delayed beam electrons, etc.
- Cosmic rays interacting with detector materials
- Antiproton induced backgrounds
  - Annihilation, various interactions with detector materials
- Accidental reconstruction errors from conventional processes



# **BACKGROUND MITIGATION IN MU2E**



#### **PULSED PROTON BEAM**

- Mu2e uses a pulsed proton beam to mitigate backgrounds associated with the primary beam
  - Each pulse: 1695 ns (~2  $\tau_{\mu}^{Al}$ ), 3.9 × 10<sup>7</sup> protons (±50%)
  - 900 ns live window starting from 700 ns
  - Inter-bunch extinction ratio (fraction out of bunch) <  $10^{-10}$





# **MU2E EXPERIMENT SETUP**

- Production solenoid (PS)
  - Contains tungsten production target
  - Gradient magnetic field sweeps pions/muons to transport solenoid
- Transport solenoid (TS)
  - S-shaped; collimator in the middle selects sign and momentum
  - Absorbers to remove antiprotons

- Detector solenoid (DS)
  - Al muon stopping target
  - Proton absorber to reduce accidental events
  - Straw tube tracker provides momentum measurement, electromagnetic calorimeter differentiates particles through energy deposition
- Searching for 105 MeV electrons, with a 180 keV/c momentum resolution



A schematic view of the Mu2e experiment (not including the Cosmic Ray Veto)





# **STRAW TUBE TRACKER**

- Gas drift tube ("straw tube") as detecting element
  - Gaseous ionization detector in proportional mode
  - Low mass budget to minimize particle scattering, thus lowering track reconstruction uncertainties: 15 µm-thick metallized mylar wall, thinnest straw wall in a straw tube tracker to date
  - 5 mm diameter with Ø 25 µm gold-plated tungsten wire at center
  - 80%/20% Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>, 1 atm within the gas volume, vacuum outside
  - High voltage ~1450 V
  - Read out from both ends
- A panel consists of 96 straws of various lengths arranged in two staggered layers



A tracker panel





Spatial arrangement of straw tubes





# **STRAW TUBE TRACKER**

- Full Tracker made of 216 tracker panels
   Ø 1.7 m, 3.2m long
- Straws only in active region of 380 mm < r < 700 mm</li>
- Central part purposefully not instrumented
- Annular detectors specifically designed to reduce backgrounds
  - Blind to muon beam and associated activity
  - Blind to all but ~100k of the lower energy Michel electrons, significantly reduce muon DIO background





## CALORIMETER

- 2 annular disks separated by 70 cm (half "wavelength" of helix) to maximize detection probability
- 674 undoped CsI crystals per disk:
  - $-34 \times 34 \times 200 \text{ mm}^3$
  - Read out using arrays of 12 SiPMs per crystal
  - Works in vacuum and 1T magnetic field
  - Radiation hard up to 100 krad,  $10^{12} \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{yr}$
  - Resolution: 0.5 ns in time, 10% in energy, 1 cm in position
- Multiple functions:
  - Distinguish between conversion electron and cosmic muon with same momentum
  - Seed for track pattern recognition
  - Provide triggers independent of the Tracker



CAD view of Mu2e calorimeter instrumented with electronics



Calorimeter crystals (left) and SiPMs with Front End Electronics (right)





# **COSMIC RAY VETO (CRV)**

- Vetoes cosmic ray muons that produce conversion-like backgrounds (~once/day)
- Covers entire Detector Solenoid (DS) and half of the Transport Solenoid (TS)
- 4 overlapping layers of extruded polystyrene scintillator bars, separated by ~ 10 mm absorber
  - 2 wavelength shifting (WLS) fibers per bar
  - Silicon photomultiplier (SiPM) readout, most modules on both ends
  - 125 ns veto when 3/4 layers hit (localized in space and time)
- High efficiency (>99.99%) veto, help to reduce total background over the entire experiment to <0.5 event (about half is cosmic background, still the main background of Mu2e)

Simulated cosmic event that produces 105 MeV electron when interacting with the stopping target.









- Almost all Mu2e detector components have finished production and arrived at Fermilab
- Experiment is moving towards installation and commissioning
- DAQ under active development and test





Production target and robot









**CRV** Installation Test

Stopping target





A Stack of production CRV modules used for cosmic studies





- Upstream and downstream transport solenoids were moved into the detector hall respectively in Dec. and in Feb.
- Production solenoid arriving in the next few months





TSu en route to MC-2

TSu lowered to pit

Mechanical interconnect between TSu and TSd being worked on and welded





#### Other recent and near future milestones

Beam slow extraction demonstrated	Jul. 23'	
First LHe delivered	Aug. 23'	LHe production inherited from g-2
Calorimeter delivery	Aug. 24'	
Tracker delivery	Oct. 24'	
Detector solenoid delivery	Early 25'	

Expect about a year-long cosmic ray run, starting in 2025, that should be enough to completely
determine initial calibrations for all systems and get everything production ready





# **MU2E SCHEDULE**

- Physics Run I: expected to start in Jan. 2027 and continue until the beginning of the PIP-II/LBNF Long Shutdown at Fermilab
  - ~10<sup>3</sup> improvement over SINDRUM-II
- Full data set by mid-2030s, expected  $R_{\mu e} < 8 \times 10^{-17}$  @ 90% CL, 4 orders of magnitude improvement to the current limit
- 2023 P5 Report recommended continued support for Mu2e in the next decade





# WHAT'S NEXT: MU2E-II EXPERIMENT

- Mu2e-II is current being contemplated as a continuation of Mu2e (Snowmass LOI arXiv:2203.07569)
- Plan to use the PIP-II beam line at Fermilab
- Want to squeeze for another 10x SES
- Depending on what we see ...
  - If we do see any signal with Mu2e: We will switch to a stopping target made of some different material (e.g., Ti) and try to understand the nature of the underlying physics
  - If we do not see any signal with Mu2e:
     We continue the search, excluding a larger region in the parameter space
- High beam intensity requires upgrades to production target, most of the detectors, and DAQ. The 2023 P5 report endorsed funding R&D efforts into these extremely challenging problems under all budget scenarios.

based on R. Kitano et al Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 096002 V. Cirigliano et al., Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 013002.

#### Z dependence $\mu \rightarrow e$ of conversion rates



Example Mu2e-II R&D for CRV. Scintillator with triangular cross sections can help improve veto efficiency as most cosmic ray muons fall almost vertically



# SUMMARY

- Charged Lepton Flavor Violation provides a powerful and model independent tool of finding new physics.
- Muon CLFV decay experiments, due to their lack of SM backgrounds, provide the best limits of CLFV searches to date.
- The Mu2e experiments aims to measure  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  with an expected limit of  $R_{\mu e} < 8 \times 10^{-17}$  @ 90% CL, improving the previous limit by 4 orders of magnitude.
- Detector production is concluding, installation and commissioning efforts are ramping up. We are expecting a one-year run starting in Jan. 2027 for first 10% of data

#### This is an exciting time to work on Mu2e!





# **THANK YOU!**





# **BACKUP SLIDES**





#### THEORY DIFFERENTIATING POWER OF CLFV PROCESSES W. Altmannshofer et al, Nucl.Phys B.830:17-94, (2010)

	AC	RVV2	AKM	$\delta LL$	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \overline{D}^0$	***	*	*	*	*	***	?
$\epsilon_K$	*	***	***	*	*	**	***
$S_{\psi\phi}$	***	***	***	*	*	***	***
$S_{\phi K_S}$	***	**	*	***	***	*	?
$A_{\rm CP} \left( B \to X_s \gamma \right)$	*	*	*	***	***	*	?
$A_{7,8}(B\rightarrow K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	*	*	*	***	***	**	?
$A_9(B\to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	*	*	*	*	*	*	?
$B\to K^{(*)}\nu\bar\nu$	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
$B_s  ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	***	***	***	***	***	*	*
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	***
$K_L  ightarrow \pi^0  u ar{ u}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	***
$\mu \to e \gamma$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
$\tau \to \mu \gamma$	***	***	*	***	***	***	***
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
$d_n$	***	***	***	**	***	*	***
$d_e$	***	***	**	*	***	*	***
$(g-2)_{\mu}$	***	***	**	***	***	*	?

Table 8: "DNA" of flavour physics effects for the most interesting observables in a selection of SUSY and non-SUSY models  $\star \star \star$  signals large effects,  $\star \star$  visible but small effects and  $\star$  implies that the given model does not predict sizable effects in that observable.





#### **CLFV IN COLLIDER EXPERIMENTS**

# $\begin{array}{ll} h \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} & < 6.1 \times 10^{-5} \, \, {\rm Atlas} \\ h \to e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp} & < 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \, \, {\rm CMS} \\ h \to \tau^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} & < 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \, \, {\rm CMS} \\ Z \to e^{\pm} \mu^{\mp} & < 7.5 \times 10^{-7} \, \, {\rm Atlas} \\ Z \to I^{\pm} \tau^{\mp} & < 10^{-7} \, \, {\rm Atlas} \end{array}$

- Additional Higgs doublets / neutral gauge bosons
- Probing of off-diagonal Yukawa coupling term  $Y_{l_1 l_2}$
- Muon experiments much better sensitivity in  $e\mu$  mode, but energy too low for  $\tau$ ; complimentary to collider experiments



Harnik, Kopp, and Zupan, J. High Energ. Phys. (03) 2013: 26



M. Ardu, CLFV2023



#### MU2E BEAM STRUCTURE IN ACCELERATOR SUPER-CYCLE









#### **MU2E DAQ SYSTEM**







## **STOPPING TARGET MONITOR**

Muonic X-ray emission spectrum measured by LaBr3+HPGe detectors to estimate number of muons captured.

- 10% uncertainty in number of stopped muons over the entire experiment; timing to few x 10 ns
- AlCap experiment (COMET-Mu2e collaboration) measured photon spectra from muons stopping on Al, at low rates.
- ELBE experiment tested HPGe performance in pulsed brem beam, closely replicating Mu2e conditions



Stopping target monitors



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#### **EXTINCTION MONITOR**

Trigger scintillators: Provide a between-bunch trigger signal for the pixels and highresolution arrival times for inter-bunch tracks **Dipole Magnet** Mini spectrometer based on ATLAS pixel chips **Extinction Monitor** collimator Pixel Tracker: Detect and Production solenoid reconstruct tracks during and between beam pulses. Provides the basic ExtMon Filter measurement Primary proton Permanent Dipole: Eliminates electrons from muon decays beam and also provides a rough momentum measurement Beam dump Target Filter: Selects a "beam" of ~4 GeV/c (too small to see) protons/pions scattered off the target 33 IERGY U.S. Department of Energy laboratory managed by UChicago Argonne, LLC Argonne

**Trigger Counters** 

**Pixel Planes** 

#### **MU2E BACKGROUNDS SUMMARY**

\* Simulation results for 3.6×10<sup>20</sup> POT

Process	Expected event yield			
Cosmic rays	$0.209 \pm 0.022(\text{stat}) \pm 0.055(\text{syst})$			
DIO	$0.144 \pm 0.028(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$			
Antiprotons	$0.040 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.020(\text{syst})$			
Pion capture	$0.021 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$			
Muon DIF	< 0.003			
Pion DIF	$0.001 \pm < 0.001$			
Beam electrons	$(2.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-4}$			
RMC	$0.000\substack{+0.004\\-0.000}$			
Total	$0.41 \pm 0.13(\text{stat+syst})$			



## **PIP-II FOR MU2E-II**

The Proton Improvement Plan-II (PIP-II) is an enhancement plan for Fermilab's accelerator complex

- Under construction until ~2028
- Contains a Linac to deliver 800 MeV  $H^-$  beam
  - Lower than anti-proton production threshold
- Up to ~2 mA; peak current up to 10 mA for less than a few microseconds
- Chopper system to create arbitrary pattern of filled / empty buckets at 162.5 MHz
- Can deliver beam to multiple users within a 20 Hz cycle
- Mu2e-II can use this higher intensity proton beam
  - 10 filled buckets (62 ns long) followed by 265 empty buckets form 1.693 µs Mu2e-II spill
  - Estimates  $5.5 \times 10^{19}$  stopped muons over 5 years for Mu2e-II





PIP-II linac with transport lines to Booster (brown) and Mu2e-II (green) indicated.

#### 0.6 ms. 2ma for Booster



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# **MU2E-II UPGRADES**

High beam intensity requires upgrades to production target, most of the detectors, and DAQ. There are many ongoing R&D efforts. Some example below.

- Overall electronics upgrade to deal with higher level of radiation
- Production target upgrades to survive beam intensity
  - Rotating? Granular? Conveyor?
- In case Mu2e sees something, potentially change stopping target materials (e.g. Ti) to provide model differentiating power.
- Improving straw tracker momentum resolution
  - Mitigates ~10x intrinsic muon DIO background
  - Reduce straw thickness:
    - 15  $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  8  $\mu$ m, 140 keV  $\rightarrow$  100 keV
    - But challenges with gas tightness and stability
  - Alternative detectors (all wires, light gas vessels, etc.) also under investigation



# **MU2E-II UPGRADES**

- Replacing CsI scintillators in the calorimeter
  - Csl cannot withstand the radiation dose
  - Possible candidate BaF<sub>2</sub>
  - Fast component < 0.6 ns decay time in UV</li>
  - Require suppression of slow scintillation component
     (~300 nm) through doping or photosensor optimization
- Optimization of CRV design with triangular-shaped plastic scintillator counters
  - Smaller chance of cosmic ray muons falling through gaps, thus higher detection efficiency
  - Better (~1 mm) positional resolution can reduce accidental events, lower dead time
  - Light yield can be further enhanced through optimizing wavelength shifting fiber size, fiber potting method, and SiPM efficiency
  - Studies conducted on a prototype showing promising results

Light yield of BaF<sub>2</sub> with different levels of yttrium doping



Most cosmic ray muons fall almost vertically



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## FUTURE MUON CLFV CONCEPTS: NEXT GENERATION MUON FACILITY

- Phase Rotated Intense Slow Muon Source (PRISM)
   @ J-PARC
- Fixed Field Alternating Gradient synchrotron (FFAG) capable of handling large-size muon beam
  - Large transverse and longitudinal acceptance
- Phase rotation in the FFAG means decelerating particles with high energy and accelerating particle with low energy by high-field RF
  - Trading between energy resolution and time resolution
- Produces monochromatic muon bunches, can be directly used in muon CLFV searches



A. Sato, TAU 06:

#### FUTURE MUON CLFV CONCEPTS: NEXT GENERATION MUON FACILITY

- Advanced Muon Facility (AMF) at Fermilab adapts the concept of PRISM
- Using Fermilab PIP-II beam as primary proton beam
- A racetrack geometry to separate injection and extraction systems
- Central momentum of 20-40 MeV/c, ideal for muon CLFV searches in all channels
- Expected to push current limits by 2 orders of magnitude
- Recent increase of interest in the community. Snowmass LOI arXiv:2203.08278



AMF schematic based on PRISM concept

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## $\mu N \rightarrow e N$ SEARCH STOPPING TARGET MATERIALS



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background using pulsed

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proton beam