#### A New Charged Lepton Flavo Violation Experiment: Muon-Electron Conversion at Sensitivity < 10<sup>-16</sup>



for the Mu2e Collaboration

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# Experimental Signal $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$

- A Single Monoenergetic Electron
- If *N* = AI, E<sub>e</sub> = 105. MeV
  - electron energy depends on Z
- Nucleus coherently recoils off outgoing electron, no breakup





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<sup>1</sup>Unless we are willing to give up the 2-component neutrino theory, we know that  $\mu \rightarrow e + \nu + \overline{\nu}$ .

History of 
$$\mu \to e\gamma$$
,  $\mu N \to eN$ , and  $\mu \to 3e$ 





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#### How Rare is That?

• Pretty Rare: let us know if this happens to you!

Probability of	
rolling a 7 with two dice	1.67E-01
rolling a 12 with two dice	2.78E-02
getting 10 heads in a row flipping a coin	9.77E-04
drawing a royal flush (no wild cards)	1.54E-06
getting struck by lightning in one year in the US	2.00E-06
winning Pick-5	5.41E-08
winning MEGA-millions lottery (5 numbers+megaball)	3.86E-09
your house getting hit by a meteorite this year	2.28E-10
drawing two royal flushes in a row (fresh decks)	2.37E-12
your house getting hit by a meteorite today	6.24E-13
getting 53 heads in a row flipping a coin	1.11E-16
your house getting hit by a meteorite AND you being	
struck by lightning both within the next six months	1.14E-16
your house getting hit by a meteorite AND you being	
struck by lightning both within the next three months	2.85E-17

thanks to Eric Prebys

#### **CLFV Muon Processes**

#### • $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

- oldest studied, most powerful limits, and the best experiment so far: MEG at PSI
- $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ 
  - muon to electron conversion: muon converts in field of nucleus, leaving nucleus unchanged

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• two experiments upcoming at FNAL and JPARC

#### • $\mu \rightarrow eee$

ambitious and unique, excellent partner to other two (at PSI)
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#### Mass Scales of Muon CLFV Searches



operator coefficients =1, from Physics Briefing Book, 1910.11775



#### Measuring 10-17 in Collider Units

- The captured muon is in a 1s state and the wave function overlaps the nucleus (*picture ~ to scale*)
- We can turn this into an effective luminosity
- Luminosity = density x velocity

$$|\psi(0)|^2 \times \alpha Z = \frac{m_{\mu}^3 Z^4 \alpha^4}{\pi} = 8 \times 10^{43} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

- Times 10<sup>10</sup> muons/sec X 2  $\mu$ sec lifetime
- Effective Luminosity of 10<sup>48</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>sec<sup>-1</sup>

#### LFV, SUSY and the LHC *Access SUSY* Supersymmetry *through loops:*

signal of Terascale at LHC implies ~40 event signal / <0.5 bkg in this experiment

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rate ~ 10-15

 $\widetilde{\chi}_i^0$ 

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### Neutrino Oscillations and **Muon-Electron Conversion**

- v's have mass! individual lepton numbers are not conserved
- Therefore Lepton Flavor Violation occurs in Charged Leptons as well



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#### Outside of CLFV As Well



### Mu2e, g-2, and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$



- observation of CLFV in more than one channel, and/or
- evidence from LHC, g-2, or elsewhere

to allow discrimination among different models



 $\tau$ 's help pin down models and sometimes biggest BR

### Constraints on Higgs:

 Very strong limits on LFV Higgs decays for 1st-2nd generation





But not if τ involved:
 1st-3rd or 2nd-3rd



#### Contributions to $\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion

Supersymmetry

rate ~ 10<sup>-15</sup>

Compositeness

 $\Lambda_c \sim 3000 \text{ TeV}$ 







Leptoquark

 $M_{IQ} =$ 

Heavy Neutrinos

Second Higgs Doublet

 $|U_{\mu N}U_{e N}|^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-13}$ 



 $g(H_{\mu e}) \sim 10^{-4}g(H_{\mu \mu})$  $\mu^{-} - \frac{e^{-}}{4} e^{-}$ 

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 $M_{Z'} = 3000 \text{ TeV/c}^2$ 



also see Flavour physics of leptons and dipole moments, <u>arXiv:0801.1826</u>; Marciano, Mori, and Roney, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 58, doi:<u>10.1146/annurev.nucl.58.110707.171126</u>;

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### EFT: Beyond $\Lambda$ and $\kappa$

S. Davidson and B. Echenard, 2010.00317 [hep-ph]

- Write EFT Lagrangian:
  - Dipole  $(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  + Contact Scalar  $(\mu \rightarrow 3e)_{L}$  + Contact Vector  $(\mu \rightarrow 3e)_{R}$  + Contact  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  (light nuclei) + Contact  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  (heavy nuclei)
- Parameterize coefficient space with spherical coordinates: *lets you express constraints on all three processes simultaneously*
- Will show you "slices" in the multi-dimensional space

#### Complementarity

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• All three channels have strengths; we need the combination



•  $\mu \to e\gamma$  and  $\mu \to 3e$  at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$  are a next-gen target

#### Next Part

• An overview of experiment and walk you through the solenoids



- Describe what happens when muons reach the stopping target
- Explain detector, signal, and backgrounds

## Mu2e Overview

#### V. Lobashev, MELC 1992:



• Production: protons hit a target, making  $\pi$ 's, which decay into accepted  $\mu$ 's



• *Transport:* S-curve eliminates backgrounds and sign-selects  $\mu^-$  vs.  $\mu^+$ 

entire system in vacuum < 10<sup>-4</sup> torr

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 Detector:
 Stopping Target, Tracking and Calorimeter

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#### Beam's Eye View



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#### **Production Solenoid:**

#### Protons enter opposite to outgoing muons



# **Transport Solenoid**

- Curved solenoid eliminates line-of-sight transport of photons and neutrons
- Curvature drift and collimators sign and momentum select beam



13.1 m along axis × ~0.25 m

# Now Enter Detector Solenoid





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this electron can be background; let's see how





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 $u_{\mu}$ 

# DIO: usually not background

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### **Decay-in-Orbit Shape**

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# How Do We Suppress DIO?

- Best possible energy resolution: we do not want DIO events near the endpoint resolution smeared upwards and promoted into the signal region, so we are sensitive to both the "gaussian width" and especially to "high side tails"
- We use a solenoidal field and annular detectors
  - p=qBR; p for Michel edge at 52.8 MeV is about 1/2 of conversion energy of 105 MeV.

# **Annular Detectors**

#### Looking along detector axis

- This design gives us a few 10<sup>5</sup> muons to reconstruct instead of ~ 10<sup>18</sup> from the distorted DIO spectrum
- Making it possible to have a small DIO background

#### 105 MeV signal



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# **Prompt Backgrounds**

Particles produced by proton pulse which interact almost immediately when they enter the detector:  $\pi$ , neutrons, pbars

- Radiative pion capture,  $\pi$ -+A(N,Z)  $\rightarrow \gamma$  +X.
  - γ up to mπ, peak at 110 MeV; γ→ e+e-; if one electron ~ 100 MeV in the target, looks like signal: *limitation in best existing experiment, SINDRUM II?*

energy spectrum of  $\gamma$  measured on Mg J.A. Bistirlich, K.M. Crowe et al., Phys Rev C5, 1867 (1972)

also included internal conversion,  $\pi^- N \rightarrow e^+ e^- X$ 



#### **Previous Best Experiment**



originating in a thin Ti stopping target

# **SINDRUM-II Results**

- W. Bertl et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 47, 337-346 (2006) second 10 nsec Class 1 events: prompt forward removed e<sup>-</sup> measurement 10 <sup>3</sup> e<sup>+</sup> measurement **MIO** simulation 10<sup>2</sup> ue simulation events / channel 10 1 80 90 100 Class 2 events: prompt forward 10 1 first<sup>80</sup>10 nsec 90 100 momentum (MeV/c) Radiative Pion Capture higher right after pulse Mu<sub>2</sub>e 39
- Final Results on Au:

 $B_{\mu e}^{\rm Au} < 7 \times 10^{-13} @ 90\% {\rm CL}$ 

51 MHz (20 nsec) repetition rate, width of pulse ~0.3 nsec

not enough time separation between signal and prompt background: can't scale this method up 10<sup>4</sup> R. Bernstein, FNAL

## How Can We Do Better?

#### >10<sup>3</sup> increase in muon intensity from SINDRUM

#### Requiring

Pulsed Beam to Eliminate prompt backgrounds like radiative  $\pi$  capture and CR

wait for pions to decay after pulse

protons out of beam pulse/ protons in beam-pulse < 10<sup>-10</sup> and we must measure it

## Pulsed Beam Structure

- Tied to prompt rate and machine: FNAL "perfect"
- Want pulse duration <<  $\tau_{\mu}^{Al}$ , pulse separation  $\approx \tau_{\mu}^{Al}$ 
  - FNAL Ring has circumference 1.7µsec ,  $\sim \times 2\tau_{\mu}^{AI}$
- Extinction between pulses  $\leq 10^{-10}$  needed



 $\mu^{-}$  decay/capture time (  $\times$  400 ) 0.05 E 0.04 Extinction ~ 10<sup>-10</sup> 0.03 E 0.02E **Selection Window** 0.01 ₀**≜** 200 800 1600 0 400 600 1000 1200 1400 1800 Time (ns)

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# Prompt Background and Choice of Z

choose Z based on tradeoff between rate and lifetime: longer lived reduces prompt backgrounds



Nucleus	R <sub>µe</sub> (Z) / R <sub>µe</sub> (AI)	Bound Lifetime	Conversion Energy
AI(13,27)	1	864 nsec	104.96 MeV
Ti(22,~48)	1.7	328 nsec	104.18 MeV
Au(79,~197)	~0.8-1.5	72.6 nsec	95.56 MeV

# Signal and Background

• Full GEANT4 modeling and reconstruction without any truth input

5σ ~ 2 x 10<sup>-16</sup> 90% CL ~ 8 x 10<sup>-17</sup>



#### typical SUSY at 10-15: 40 events vs 0.4 bkg

# **Final Backgrounds**

• For  $R_{\mu e} = 10^{-15}$ ~40 events / 0.40 bkg ~4 events / 0.40 bkg

• For  $R_{\mu e} = 10^{-16}$ 

Process	Expected event yield
Cosmic ray muons DIO Antiprotons	$0.21 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.06(\text{syst})$ $0.14 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$ $0.040 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.020(\text{syst})$
Pion capture Muon DIF	$0.021 \pm 0.001(\text{stat}) \pm 0.002(\text{syst})$ < 0.003
Pion DIF	$0.001 \pm < 0.001$
Beam electrons	$(2.1 \pm 1.0)  imes 10^{-4}$
RMC	$0.000^{+0.004}_{-0.000}$
Total	$0.41 \pm 0.13$ (stat+syst)

# Outline

- The search for muon-electron conversion
- Experimental Technique
- Mu2e Upgrades
- Conclusions

# Mu2e Upgrades

• Next Step in cLFV Program:



## Conversion at Higher Atomic Number

- Model Discrimination and Possibly Larger Signal at high Z
- if Mu2e sees a signal, this is the obvious next step
- if not, we should try for another x10-100 better constraints



adapted from V. Cirigliano, B. Grinstein, G. Isidori, M. Wise Nucl.Phys.B728:121-134,2005

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# Upgrade Plans...



### Mu2e-II

- x10 upgrade of Mu2e, probably with Ti target
- Task Force formed
  - LOIs at Snowmass (13 on various aspects)
    - new calorimeter, tracker, upgraded CRV
- And LOIs for a muon program post Mu2e-II with PSI and FNAL experiments

https://www.snowmass21.org/docs/files/summaries/RF/SNOWMASS21-RF5\_RF0\_Frank\_Porter-106.pdf https://www.snowmass21.org/docs/files/summaries/RF/SNOWMASS21-RF5\_RF0-AF5\_AF0\_Robert\_Bernstein-027.pdf

### **Solenoid Status**

• Transport Solenoid: about ready to go in Hall



#### **Solenoid Status**

Production Solenoid



### **Detector Solenoid**

• Coils wound, in assembly (3 like this): tracker, calorimeter will fit inside this


#### Calorimeter

- Two disks, each 674 Csl crystals
- Fast energy measurement
  - for the trigger
  - combined with tracker momentum for PID
  - clusters can be used to seed track fit



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# Cosmic Ray Veto

Would expect
~1 background/
day from
cosmic muons;
CRV must be
99.99% efficient



finished and shipped to FNAL; debugging readout





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## Tracker

- High Resolution (180 keV FWHM) momentum measurement
  - minimize energy loss with low mass straws
  - dual-end readout for location along straw

5mm diameter, 15  $\mu$  thick





36 planes = 216 panels

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#### Schedule

- Data-taking 2025-6
- x100 existing in a few weeks of running
- x1000 in under a year before LBNF/PIP-II Shutdown
- 4-5 years of running for full data set

## Conclusions

- Mu2e will:
  - Reduce the limit for R<sub>μe</sub> by more than four orders of magnitude, x10 in mass reach (R<sub>μe</sub> < 8 x10<sup>-17</sup> @ 90% C.L.)
  - Discover unambiguous proof of new physics or
  - Set powerful constraints on a wide variety of models
- Mu2e will therefore both complement LHC results and independently probe up to 10<sup>4</sup> TeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- With upgrades, we could extend the limit by up to two additional orders of magnitude, study the details of new physics, and build a new rare muon process program



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