Flexprint Design Studies for the Mu3e Experiment

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The Mu3e Experiment - Detector Concept

- μ^+ are stopped
- decay at rest
 - ightarrow low momentum electrons $p_e \leq 53~MeV/c$
- 1 T magnetic field



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- low momentum electrons $p_e \leq 53 \ MeV/c$
- multiple Coulomb scattering dominates momentum resolution



$$\Theta_{rms} \propto \sqrt{rac{x}{X_0}}$$

tracking in scattering dominated regime

 \rightarrow consequence: minimize material budget

Flexprints for the Mu3e Detector

Challenge: minimize material budget **Solution:** thinned pixel chips and flexprints

- dielectric layers: polyimide film (Kapton)
- electric layers: copper or aluminium



thinned wafer



flexprint prototype

Flexprints for the Mu3e Detector

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|---------|
|---------|

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| pixel sensor | | |
| | | |
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Flexprints for the Mu3e Experiment

| Aluminium | vs. | Copper |
|-----------|-----|--------|
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| | conductivity | radiation length |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Cu | $59.6	imes10^6\mathrm{Sm^{-1}}$ | 1.436 cm |
| ΑΙ | $36.9	imes10^6\mathrm{Sm^{-1}}$ | 8.897 cm |



from wikipedia [6]



from wikipedia [7]

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| | conductivity | radiation length |
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| Cu | 1.5	imes higher | |
| ΑΙ | | 6 	imes longer |

 \Rightarrow Aluminium saves us a **factor of 4** in material!



from wikipedia [6]



from wikipedia [7]



 clock, reset, configuration signals

Flexprint Prototypes - First Steps

In-house production with laser platform



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Problem:

structures not small enough!



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First LTU Flexprint Prototype

- manufactured by LTU
- \bullet smallest structure sizes: 63 $\mu m \rightarrow$ sufficiently small
- 3 dummy chips glued on flexprint
- only mechanical test



Feasibility study (Bachelor Thesis by Lars Noehte, 2016 [8])

- 9 pixel chips over 18 cm
- min. number of signal traces
- power distribution critical



size: $1.8\times19.0\,\text{cm}^2$

\Rightarrow Next step: Design test structure with all critical characteristics

Design containing all crucial characteristics for final design



top layer



bottom layer

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Data Transmission Studies

eye diagram analysis



Eye diagram at 1.25 Gb/s

• bit error rate test \rightarrow transmit pseudo random bit stream

$$BER = rac{\# ext{ error bits}}{\# ext{ transmitted bits}}$$

Bit Error Rate Test

| data rate [Gb/s] | line | BER upper limit at 95% CL |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1.25 Gb/s | all | ${\leq}5.5	imes10^{-13}$ |
| 2.5 Gb/s | all | ${\leq}5.9	imes10^{-13}$ |
| 3.2 Gb/s | all short | \leq 4.1 $	imes$ 10 $^{-13}$ |
| | 18 cm | fail |
| 4.0 Gb/s | all | fail |



Power Planes



• manufacturer: Al thickness $\sim 14\,\mu\text{m}$

•
$$R = R_0 + \rho_{AI} \frac{1}{t} \frac{l}{w}$$

• thickness from resistance measurement:

$$t=12.3\pm0.3\,\mu\text{m}$$

 no significant deviations between flexprints



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Flexprint Prototypes - Summary and Next Steps

Summary

- Mu3e: search for cLFV
- ultra-low material detector
- flexprints for readout and power supply of pixel tracker
- very promissing
 - bit error rate tests and
 - opwer tests

Next Steps

- improve trace parameters
- operate one pixel chip on a flexprint
- operate **multiple** pixel chips on a flexprint



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Backup

The Mu3e Experiment - Motivation

- ullet search for lepton-flavour violating decay $\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+$
- sensitivity: 1 in 10¹⁶ decays
- ν SM branching ratio $\leq 10^{-54}$
- signal would be clear sign for BSM physics



The Mu3e Experiment - Signal and Backgrounds



\rightarrow Detector Requirements:

- very high vertex resolution
- excellent momentum reconstruction

The Mu3e Experiment - Signal and Background Topologies





combinatorial background internal conversion background

- commom vertex
- coincident (in time)
- $\Sigma \vec{p} = 0$
- $\Sigma E = m_{\mu}$

- no commom vertex
- not coincident (in time)
- $\Sigma \vec{p} = 0$ • $\Sigma E = m_{\mu}$

commom vertex

e

- coincident (in time)
- $\Sigma \vec{p} \neq 0$
- $\Sigma E \neq m_{\mu}$

History of LVF Experiments



Updated from W.J. Marciano et al., Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 58, 315 (2008)

E_{miss} Resolution Requirement for Mu3e



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