# The Mu3e Experiment: New Physics in Different Places?

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#### Overview

- 1. Charged lepton flavor violation
- 2. Signal and background
- 3. Detector concept
- 4. Technologies
- 5. Reconstruction
- 6. Summary

## Flavor in the Standard Model

Three Generations



#### Initially:

- · Quark transitions via weak interaction
- Lepton flavor conserved

#### Neutrino Mixing

- LFV in neutral sector
- Charged sector?

#### Anything else?

adapted from Wikipedia

## Charged lepton flavor violation?

 $W^{+} \gamma/Z e^{+}$   $\mu^{+} \overline{\nu_{\mu}} \overline{\nu_{e}} e^{+}$ Example:  $\mu^{+} \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-}e^{+}$ 

#### In the Standard Model

• Via neutrino mixing

• Suppressed by 
$$\sim \left( rac{\Delta m_v^2}{m_W^2} 
ight)^2$$

• Expected BR(
$$\mu \rightarrow eee$$
)  $\ll 10^{-50}$ 

#### Importance

- Observable rate only from new physics
- Sensitive new physics search

## Searches for charged lepton flavor violation



W. Marciano et al. (2008), with modifications

#### Beyond the Standard Model



- Supersymmetry
- Seesaw
- ...

#### Contact-like

- Extra dimensions
- New heavy bosons

• ...

## Effective theory



#### Sensitive up to O(1000 TeV)

Compare Kuno, Okada (2001) and de Gouvêa, Vogel (2013) Moritz Kiehn The Mu

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### Searches with muons



MEG upgrade

Comet/Mu2e

Mu3e: this talk

## **Current Limits**

| cLFV Process                       | BR @ 90 %CL             | Experiment                           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| $\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+$            | $<1 \times 10^{-12}$    | Sindrum Nucl.Phys. B299(1)           |
| $\mu^+  ightarrow { m e}^+ \gamma$ | $< 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$ | MEG arXiv:1303.0754                  |
| $\mu^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + Au$  | $< 7 \times 10^{-13}$   | Sindrum II Eur. Phys. J. C47 337-346 |

#### The Mu3e experiment



Search for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ Planned sensitivity:

- Phase I: 2 in 10<sup>15</sup> decays (existing beamline)
- Phase II: **1 in 10<sup>16</sup>** decays (future beamline)

4 orders of magnitude over previous experiment (SINDRUM 1988)

## The Mu3e collaboration



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Signal



- Common vertex
- Same time

• 
$$\left(\sum P_i\right)^2 = m_{\mu}^2$$

- $\sum \vec{p}_i = 0$  (muon at rest)
- *p* < 53 MeV

## Internal conversion background



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- $\left(\sum P_i\right)^2 < m_{\mu}^2$
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## Internal conversion background



Djilkibaev, Konoplich, Phys.Rev.D79, 2009

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## Combinatorial background



- from Michel decay, Bhabba scattering, photon conversion, ...
- No common vertex
- Not same time
- → Requires good vertex resolution
- → Requires good time resolution

## Multiple scattering



$$heta_{MS} \sim rac{1}{p} \sqrt{x/X_0}$$

Mu3e example

- p = 35 MeV/c
- 50 µm Si
- $\Omega R = 5 \text{ cm}$
- $\rightarrow \Delta y \approx$  320 µm
- → Scattering dominates

#### **Detector requirements**

#### Environment

- High rate: >10 $^{9} \mu^{+}$  Decays/s
- Low momentum: p <53 MeV
- Multiple scattering dominates

#### Detector

- Spatial resolution:  ${<}100\,\mu m$
- Time resolution: <1 ns
- Low mass:  $x/X_0 \sim 1 \%$
- Momentum resolution: 0.5 MeV



#### **Detector Layout**

⊗ß 50 MeV/c 25 MeV/c 12 MeV/c

Question: Acceptance vs. resolution

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# **Detector Layout** ØB 12 MeV/c 50 MeV/c 25 MeV/c

#### Question: Acceptance vs. resolution Answer: both

#### Recurling tracks



Momentum resolution dominated by multiple scattering

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} \sim \frac{\theta_{MS}}{\Omega}$$

with 
$$heta_{MS} \sim rac{1}{p} \sqrt{x/X_0}$$

Uncertainty vanishes at  $\Omega \sim \pi$  (first order)



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#### Proton accelerator

Proton accelerate

2.2 mA at 590 MeV Continuous beam Muon beams 10<sup>8</sup>  $\mu/s$  available Higher rates are under study

#### Experimental area and beamline



## Experimental area and beamline



 $\pi$ E5 beamline ~28 MeV surface muons Shared with MEG

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Target



Simulated stopping distribution

![](_page_30_Figure_3.jpeg)

Thin, hollow, double-cone geometry Optimized stopping power

## Ultra-lightweight mechanics

- 50 µm Silicon sensor
  - 75 µm Kapton flexprint
  - + 25  $\mu m$  Kapton support frame
  - $\rightarrow$  ~1‰ Radiation length

![](_page_31_Picture_9.jpeg)

## Ultra-lightweight mechanics

![](_page_32_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Outer layer module

![](_page_32_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### V-shaped groove for stability and cooling

**Outer** layers

## Mechanical prototype

## Silicon Pixel Sensors

#### Hybrid

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor

![](_page_34_Figure_4.jpeg)

- + HV  ${\sim}700\,V$
- + Sensor thickness  ${\sim}250\,\mu m$
- Extra material
- Complex, (expensive)

- + HV  ${\sim}80\,V$  (HV-MAPS)
- Thin active zone  ${<}20\,\mu\text{m}$
- Cheap, commercial process

## 50 µm silicon

### Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

I. Peric, P. Fischer et al. NIMA 582(2007)876

- HV  $\sim$ 80 V (HV-MAPS)
- Fast charge collection by drift
- Thin active zone <20 µm
- Fully integrated readout electronics

## MuPix7 sensor prototype

![](_page_37_Picture_1.jpeg)

- + 103  $\times$  80  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size
- $3.8 \times 4.1 \text{ mm}^2$  sensor size
- Zero-suppressed, binary hits
- Global threshold + per-pixel tune-dac
- Fully integrated trigger-less readout
- LVDS serial link 1.6 Gbit/s

Testbeam at DESY

External EUDET-type telescope

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Testbeam at PSI Custom MuPix-based telescope · JUN

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## Mupix7 performance

#### 0° incidence

![](_page_40_Figure_3.jpeg)

60° incidence

Measured at DESY

4 GeV electrons

-85 V sensor bias

## MuPix7 time resolution

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

- DESY test beam
- 4 GeV electrons
- Using external scintillator as reference

#### Next: MuPix8

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

- First full-size prototype
- $80 \times 80 \,\mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size
- Updated electronics
- 4x LVDS serial link 1.6 Gbit/s
- Joint submission with Atlas CMOS
- Submitted end of 2016, AMS 180 nm technology

## Occupancy and timing

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### $2 \times 10^9$ decays, 1 ns resolution

#### Fibre detector

Thin ribbons Square/round 250 µm scintillating fibres SiPM-based readout Custom readout chip STiC/MuTrig

## Fibre time resolution

![](_page_45_Figure_2.jpeg)

Square fibre

## Tile detector

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Tile detector prototype

![](_page_47_Picture_1.jpeg)

4x4 tile prototype Test beam measurements at DESY - TWC

 $\sigma = (70 \times \sqrt{2}) \text{ ps}$ 

400

200

No TWC

Cooling

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

Cooling with gaseous helium Global and local flow

#### Thermal prototype

![](_page_49_Picture_1.jpeg)

Heatable ladder  $400 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ Variable helium flow -

## Cooling tests

![](_page_50_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### FEM simuations

![](_page_50_Figure_3.jpeg)

## Full phase I detector

![](_page_51_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Readout architecture

![](_page_52_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Tracking with multiple scattering

Dominating position

![](_page_53_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### Reconstruction

- Kalman filter
- General Broken Lines
- Anything else?

#### Dominating scattering

![](_page_53_Figure_8.jpeg)

#### Mu3e is here

## Triplet(s) track fit

![](_page_54_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### Assumptions:

- No position error
- No energy loss
- Thin scatterer at middle hit

#### Minimize:

$$\chi_i^2(\mathbf{R}_{3D}) = \frac{\varphi_{\rm MS}(\mathbf{R}_{3D})^2}{\sigma_\varphi^2} + \frac{\theta_{\rm MS}(\mathbf{R}_{3D})^2}{\sigma_\theta^2}$$

**Problem:** highly non-linear Solution: linearize around circle

Berger et al., NIM A844 135-140

## Triplet(s) track fit

![](_page_55_Figure_2.jpeg)

1. Define overlapping triplets

$$\chi^2(\bar{R}_{3D}) = \sum \chi_i^2$$

2a. Minimize  $\chi^2$  globally 2b. Equivalent: minimize each triplet

$$\bar{R}_{3D} = \frac{\sum w_i R_{3D,i}}{\sum w_i}$$

## Simplified simulation

#### Track resolution

![](_page_56_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Layout and uncertainties

![](_page_56_Figure_5.jpeg)

# Uncertainties increased by factor 5

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## Phase I full simulation and reconstruction

p [MeV] و<sub>p</sub> [MeV/c] 3 52 0.5 p<sub>mc</sub> [MeV/c] λ [rad] p [MeV] [MeV/c] 0 <u>в</u> 0.3 0 0.1 0.1 0.0 0 1.5 50 20 pmc [MeV/c] λ [rad]

Momentum resolution Only central tracker 4 hits

49

With recurl stations 6 hits

Tracking efficiency

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## Phase I sensitivity

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Simulated signal and background

Different signal branching ratios. Expected background sources.

### Phase I sensitivity

![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

Simulated sensitivity

#### Summary

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- Search for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$
- Phase I sensitivity: 2 in 10<sup>15</sup> decays

#### Status

- Technical design report submitted (January 2017)
- Detector R&D
- First prototype in 2017/2018

![](_page_61_Picture_8.jpeg)