The Mu3e experiment: Status and short-term plans

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Opens "box of Pandora" for physicists					
$\mu^+ ightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$	(Mu3e @ PSI)				
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$.	(MEG @ PSI)				
$\mu^{-} + N \rightarrow e^{-} + N$	(Mu2e @ Fermilab, COMET @ JParc)				
$ au^+ ightarrow$ e+/ μ^+ γ	(Belle 2 @ KEK)				
$ au^+ ightarrow \mu^+ \ \mu^+ \ \mu^-$	(LHC @ CERN)				

Further infos: A. El-Khadra Talk

Physics of Mu3e: $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$

Mu3e aims to look for the Charged Lepton Flavour Violation decay: $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$

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- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$... Technically allowed in the ν SM but highly supressed (O⁵⁰)
- Any sign of µ⁺ → e⁺e⁺e⁻ would imply physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) as decay is strongly supressed in SM.







Previous attempts to measure $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$

- Processes like :
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 - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$ BR < 1 x 10⁻¹² (SINDRUM, 1988)
 - $\mu^- Au \rightarrow e^- Au$
 - BR < 7 x 10⁻¹³ (SINDRUM II, 2006)
 - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ BR < 3.1 x 10⁻¹³ (MEG II, 2024)



Callibbi and Signorelli, Riv. Nuovo Cimento, Vol. 41 (2018) 71 (updated by MDG)

See latest results from MEG 2 here

Current and future CLFV searches

Process	Current Sensitivity	Future
μ→eγ	< 4.2 10 ⁻¹³ (MEG)	~ 10 ⁻¹⁴
µ→eee	<1.0 10 ⁻¹² (SINDRUM)	~ 10 ⁻¹⁶ (Mu3e)
µ A→ e A	< 7 10 ⁻¹³ (SINDRUM II)	~ 10 ⁻¹⁶ (COMET, Mu2e)
$\tau \rightarrow l \gamma$	3.3 10 ⁻⁸ (Babar)	10 ⁻⁹ (Belle 2)

Limits reached by beam rate capabilities and high rates of irreducible background!

Challenge lies in plenty of operators (90 + with EFT).

- *Eur.Phys.J.C82(2022)9,836* describes the three muon processes through 6 terms only...
- Each term contributes to the three channels through certain physics.

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{LFV}^2} \Big[C_D(m_\mu \bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_R \mu) F_{\alpha\beta} + C_S(\bar{e} P_R \mu) (\bar{e} P_R e) + C_{VR}(\bar{e} \gamma^{\alpha} P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_{\alpha} P_R e) \\ + C_{VL}(\bar{e} \gamma^{\alpha} P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_{\alpha} P_L e) + C_{Alight} \mathcal{O}_{Alight} + C_{Aheavy\perp} \mathcal{O}_{Aheavy\perp} \Big]$$

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Dipole term:

- Mediates $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$
- Contributes to $\mu \rightarrow eee$ and $\mu A \rightarrow e A$





See Eur. Phys. J. C82(2022)9,836 for further details on theory. Feynman diagram credits [S. Middleton Talk, NuFact 2024]

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Quark contact term Leading order contribution to $\mu A \rightarrow e A$ Heavily suppressed for $\mu \rightarrow eee$.







https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.00001

Wilson coefficients: C_{ee}^{VRR} , C_{ee}^{SLL} , C_{L}^{D} V vector type, S scalar type interaction C_{L}^{D} dypole interaction contributes to all

All channels are sensitive to several new physics models.

Rates are going to be model dependent, therefore experiments can rule out certain physics models.

Mode	$\mu^+ ightarrow e^+ \ e^+ \ e^-$	$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	$BR(\mu^+ \to e^+ \ e^+ \ e^-)$	$BR(\mu^-N \to e^-N)$
			$BR(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma)$	$BR(\mu^+ ightarrow e^+ \gamma)$
MSSM	Loop	Loop	~ 6 x 10 ⁻³	10 ⁻³ -10 ⁻²
Type I Seesaw	Loop	Loop	3 x 10 ⁻³ - 0.3	0.1-10
Type II Seesaw	Tree	Loop	(0.1 – 3) x 10 ³	10-2
Type III Seesaw	Tree	Tree	~103	10 ³
LFV Higgs	Loop	Loop	10 ⁻²	0.1
Composite Higgs	Loop	Loop	0.05-0.5	2-20







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Mu3e physics

Potential physics directions with Mu3e.

Prerequisites for a $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^-$ experiment

Physics goals of Mu3e:

- Phase 1 goal: $B(\mu \rightarrow eee \sim 10^{-15})$
- Phase 2 goal: B(µ → eee < 10⁻¹⁶)

Need ~ 10^{16} muon decays for phase 1.

Only one option:

- World's highest intensity continuous muon beam (π E5 @ PSI)
 - Phase 1: ~10⁸ muon stops/sec
 - Phase 2: >10⁹ muon stops /sec
- Muons stopped on hollow target where they decay.



muon rates of 1.4 \times 108 μ / s achieved in the past

The π E5 beam at PSI

The High Intensity Proton Accelerator Complex (HIPA):

- 1.4 MW power
- Continuous beam (i.e. lower instantaneous rate)

 π E5 muon beam:

- Compact design
- Average muon momentum: 28 MeV/c
- Placed right in front of the Mu3e magnet.





Signal and Backgrounds



- Common vertex ٠
- $\sum \mathbf{p}_i = 0$
- ∑E_i= m_µ
- $\sum t_{eee} = 0$ (in time)

The signal of interest



- ∑p_i≠ 0
- ∑E_i< m_µ
- $\sum t_{eee} = 0$ (in time)

Need good momentum resolution

No common vertex

- ∑p_i≠ 0
- $\sum E_i \neq m_\mu$
- $\sum t_{eee} \neq 0$ (out of time)

Need very good timing, vertex and momentum resolution

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Detection thresholds for Mu3e

- Acceptance defined as the fraction of μ → eee decays where all decay product have momentum higher than p_t
- Highest energy decay product for different models.









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Mu3e – General Detector Requirements

General technical requirements:

- Many muon decays needed (Phase 1+2): 10¹⁷
- Timing resolution: Better than 500 ps
- Momentum resolution: < 0.5 MeV/c
- Spatial resolution: $\sim \mu m$
- Fast data acquisition: 10⁸ Hz rates
- Low material budget





~ 1.5 m length

~0.15 m diameter

Mu3e – Particle Detection Principle

Particle's direction through detector:

- Muons decay at rest in target
- Electrons and positrons start propagating in magnetic field
- Place fine grained detector (pixel) for tracking and scintillation detectors for timing.



How to make a low momentum resolution detector?



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Make a compact detector, long enough to cath the particles after half a turn.



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The target of the Mu3e detector



Mu3e – Subdetector roles - Pixel

Detectors:

- **Pixel** detectors for tracking: vertex, outer-central, and recurl
- Thin Scintillating Fibers for timing: central
- Scintillating Tiles for timing: recurl



Silicon pixel detector HV-MAPS

Pixel tracker – High Voltage Monolitic Active Pixel Sensors (HV-MAPS) - MuPix

- Hits matched between two inner layers and two outer layers
- Cooled with helium gas
- Acceptance increased with recurl stations
- 50 µm thickness (vertex), 70 µm (recurl)
- Active area 20 x 20 mm² (23 mm including readout area)
- Operated with up to 70 V





Helium cooling

MuPix dissipates 215 mW/cm² \rightarrow Needs cooling

- Liquid cooling \rightarrow High material budget
- Gas cooling
 - Air \rightarrow High material budget: 1 m of air ~ 0.33 % X₀.
 - Helium 1 m ~ 0.018 % X₀





Pixel tracker - Status

11 year R&D period over...

Inner pixels installation in progress

- Helium gas cooling installed
- ${\sim}23\,\mu m$ spatial resolution, efficiency 99%*, < 20 ns time resolution

Two layer vertex detector to be installed by November

$50 \ \mu m$ thick silicon wafer









easily achievable with 70 μ s, a bit more challenging with 50 μ s

Mu3e – Subdetector roles - SciFi

Detectors:

- Pixel detectors for tracking: vertex, outer, and recurl
- Thin Scintillating Fibers (SciFi) for timing: central
- Scintillating Tiles for timing: recurl



Timing at centre: Scintillating Fil

- SciFi basics:
 - 3 layers of 250 μm staggered fibres
 - 12 long fibre ribbons covering 4 π
 - 1 ribbon = 720 µm thick, 0.2 % radiation length
 - 300 ps time resolution
 - Liquid cooling (SilOil, -20°) through the Cooling Ring (CR).







Particles produce photons which propagate towards the ends

- Each ribbon has SiPM arrays at its ends
- 256 channels per ribbon, 3072 for SciFi.

Timing at centre: Scintillating Fibre (SciFi) detector

Performance of the SciFi detector





NOL (1.1 ns) – shorter decay time than SCSF-78 (2.8 ns)
 Not a great impact on the time resolution
 → Photon number is the dominant contribution.

3 layer SCSF-78 scintillator radiation length $X/X_0 \sim 0.2\%$ \rightarrow Final design





trol methods for mass production

Time (ns)

Beam test results – SciFi qualification with MuTRiG ASICs



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Time difference between coincidences at two ribbons (ns)

Excellent Mean Time resolution maintained for two ribbon coincidences: ~ 381 ps.



Preliminary plot: Correlation between final version of both pixel detectors and SciFi.

SciFi detector - Status

- 6 modules produced
- To be installed by November
- Liquid cooling system installed



cc Niklaus Berger – Flickr Mu3e



Mu3e – Subdetector roles - SciTile

Detectors:

- Pixel detectors for tracking: vertex, outer, and recurl
- Thin Scintillating Fibers for timing: central
- Scintillating Tiles (SciTi) for timing: recurl



Mu3e – Subdetector roles - SciTile

No tight material limitation on Detector volume → "Thick" detector Highly segmented in ~6k tiles Very compact design

•Tiles from fast Ej-228 plastic scintillator (6 x 6 x 5 mm³)
•Individually wrapped in ESR foil - Minimize crosstalk
•Coupled to Hamamatsu SiPMs read out by Mutrig ASIC (S13360-3050VE @ -10°C, Silicon oil cooling)
•Efficiency > 99%, single-channel time resolution ~ 40 ps
•Performance validated in Demonstrator Modules



•First final modules produced









Mu3e – Data Acquisition

- Trigger-less conitnuous readout: 100 GB/s data rate
- Hits collected by FPGAs (inside the magnet)
- Optical transmission to switching boards
- Decays reconstructed ulletand interesting events are stored.

FPGA



More info in M. Koeppel's talk

Mu3e – Plans for 2024 and further

Achievements so far:

- DAQ operational with different detector types
- Cooling for detectors
- Pixel, SciFi, SciTile \rightarrow First modules installed

Aims for rest of the year:

- Cosmic run
- Complete experimental chain
 - Detector installation
 - Data taking









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Physics reach with current design

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X$
- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \text{Long lived particles}$
- The search for e+e- resonances in $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^- \nu_e \setminus bar\{\nu_\mu\}$
- Precision muon decay measurement and improvements on the weak interactions.

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$



Expected vertex mass based on full offline selection

Expected sensitivity with running time. Current limits will be exceeded within days.

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X$

Mu3e can also look for decays of the type $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X$, where X is a neutral light particle.

- Limits set by TRIUMF in 1986 (Highly polarized muon beam <u>–</u> details <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>)
- Mass of X is imposed by detectors acceptance.
- For minimum 10 MeV for positron energy, max Mx ~ 95 MeV
- One track does not pass selection conditions \rightarrow need way around it.



Dark photon e⁺e⁻ resonances in $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-\nu_e \overline{\nu_{\mu}}$

Mu3e can look for dark photons using the standard three track data set. Dark photons can decay into e⁺e⁻ pairs. Masses probed up to 80 MeV.



Invariant e+e- mass from background and for signal. Both high and low energy positrons are considered.

Back to Earth: Precise measurement of SM

Michel decay of muon: $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \overline{\nu_{\mu}}$

Standard model decay process described by four parameters (link to <u>PDG</u>)

- ρ and η measured with limited statistics by Twist (link to <u>publication</u>)
- Twist constraints: pz > 14 MeV/c, pt > 10 MeV/c



$$F_{\rm IS}(x) = x \left(1 - x\right) + \frac{2}{9} \rho \left(4x^2 - 3x - x_0^2\right) + \eta \cdot x_0 \left(1 - x\right)$$

The contribution to η becomes imporatnt at lower energies (x).

Mu3e will be able to access lower momentum ranges and also will have much better statistics.

One limitation: DAQ optimized for three track processes.

Is this the end?

Three track topology of muon decay is very appealing for theorists... See for example this <u>study</u> on "New Physics in multi electron muon decays".



Mu5e, Mu7e, Mu(Nx2-1)e??? Let's not get greedy!

https://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.15631

Thank you!









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Backups

Lagrangian proposed by Kuno and Okada

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mu \to eee} &= -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[m_{\mu} A_R \ \overline{\mu_R} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L F_{\mu\nu} + m_{\mu} A_L \ \overline{\mu_L} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R F_{\mu\nu} \\ &+ g_1 \ (\overline{\mu_R} e_L) \ (\overline{e_R} e_L) + g_2 \ (\overline{\mu_L} e_R) \ (\overline{e_L} e_R) \\ &+ g_3 \ (\overline{\mu_R} \gamma^{\mu} e_R) \ (\overline{e_R} \gamma_{\mu} e_R) + g_4 \ (\overline{\mu_L} \gamma^{\mu} e_L) \ (\overline{e_L} \gamma_{\mu} e_L) \\ &+ g_5 \ (\overline{\mu_R} \gamma^{\mu} e_R) \ (\overline{e_L} \gamma_{\mu} e_L) + g_6 \ (\overline{\mu_L} \gamma^{\mu} e_L) \ (\overline{e_R} \gamma_{\mu} e_R) + H.c. \ \Big] \end{aligned}$$

g1,2 describing scalar-type and g3–6 vector-type interactions.

Wilson coefficients C_{ee}^{VRR} (equivalent to g_3 in eq. 2.1), C_{ee}^{SLL} (equivalent to g_1 in eq. 2.1), and C_L^D (equivalent to A_R in eq. 2.1).