



# DC Muon Physics

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# Charged lepton flavour violation search: Motivation





# Complementary to "Energy Frontier"



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#### cLFV: "Effective" lagrangian with the k-parameter



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# The world's most intense continuous muon beam

- τ ideal probe for NP
   w. r. t. μ
  - Smaller GIM suppression
  - Stronger coupling
  - Many decays
- µ most sensitive probe
  - Huge statistics

- PSI delivers the most intense continuous low momentum muon beam in the world (**Intensity Frontiers**)
- MEG/MEG II/Mu3e beam requirements:
  - Intensity O(10<sup>8</sup> muon/s), low momentum p = 29 MeV/c
  - Small straggling and good identification of the decay



590 MeV proton ring cyclotron **1.4 MW** 

#### **PSI landscape**



## The world's most intense continuous muon beam

• PSI High Intensity Proton Accelerator experimental areas



## The MEGII (and Mu3e) beam lines

- MEGII and Mu3e (phase I) similar beam requirements:
  - Intensity O(10<sup>8</sup> muon/s), low momentum p = 28 MeV/c
  - Small straggling and good identification of the decay region
- A dedicated compact muon beam line (CMBL) will serve Mu3e
- Proof-of-Principle: Delivered 8 x 10<sup>7</sup> muon/s during 2016 test beam

#### The Mu3e CMBL







# The High intensity Muon Beam (HiMB) project at PSI

- Aim: O(10<sup>10</sup> muon/s); Surface (positive) muon beam (p = 28 MeV/c); DC beam
- Strategy:
  - Target optimization
  - Beam line optimization
- Time schedule: O(2025)

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- Back to standard target to exploit possible improvements towards high intensity beams:
  - Target geometry and alternate materials
    - Search for high pion yield materials -> higher muon yield

relative  $\mu^+$  yield  $\propto \pi^+$  stop density  $\cdot \mu^+$  Range  $\cdot$  length

$$\propto n \cdot \sigma_{\pi^+} \cdot SP_{\pi^+} \cdot \frac{1}{SP_{\mu^+}} \cdot \frac{\rho_C (6/12)_C}{\rho_X (Z/A)_X}$$

$$\propto Z^{1/3} \cdot Z \cdot \frac{1}{Z} \cdot$$



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- proton beam energy is only 100 MeV above pion production threshold ( $\sim 2m_{\pi}$ )
- muon source with low proton power (1.1 uA ~0.4kW, 5 uA in future)

Multi-purpose facility. Beam line commissioning



# The muCool project at PSI



Aim: low energy high-brightness muon beam

for:

- Phase space reduction based on: dissipative energy loss in matter (He gas) and position dependent drift of muon swarm
- Increase in brightness by a factor **10<sup>10</sup>** with an efficiency of **10<sup>-3</sup>**



 $\tan\theta \propto f_{col}$ 

# Trajectories in E and B field + gas

• E and B field



• E and B field + gas



I. Belosevic et al.,

#### Working principle: 1st Stage



### The muCool project at PSI: Status

- Separately longitudinal and transverse compression: **PROVED**
- Very good agreement between data and simulations





500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 time [ns]

3500

### The muCool project at PSI: Status

- 1st stage + 2nd stage
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#### DC and Pulsed muon beams - present and future

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

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Laboratory	Beam Line	DC rate ( $\mu/\text{sec}$ )	Pulsed rate ( $\mu$ /sec)
PSI (CH) (590 MeV, 1.3 MW)	$\mu E4, \pi E5$ HiMB at EH	$2 \div 4 \times 10^8 \ (\mu^+) \\ \mathcal{O}(10^{10}) \ (\mu^+) \ (>2018)$	
J-PARC (Japan) (3 GeV, 210 kW) (8 GeV, 56 kW)	MUSE D-Line MUSE U-Line COMET		$\begin{array}{c} 3 \times 10^7 (\mu^+) \\ 6.4 \times 10^7 (\mu^+) \\ 1 \times 10^{11} (\mu^-) (2020) \end{array}$
FNAL (USA) (8 GeV, 25 kW)	Mu2e		$5 \times 10^{10} (\mu^{-}) (2020)$
TRIUMF (Canada) (500 MeV, 75 kW)	M13, M15, M20	$1.8 \div 2 \times 10^6 (\mu^+)$	
RAL-ISIS (UK) (800 MeV, 160 kW)	EC/RIKEN-RAL		$7 imes 10^4(\mu^-)\ 6 imes 10^5(\mu^+)$
KEK (Tsukuba, Japan) (500 MeV, 25 kW)	Dai Omega		$4 \times 10^5 (\mu^+)(2020)$
RCNP (Osaka, Japan) (400 MeV, 400 W)	MuSIC	$10^{4}(\mu^{-}) \div 10^{5}(\mu^{+}) 10^{7}(\mu^{-}) \div 10^{8}(\mu^{+})(>2018)$	
JINR (Dubna, Russia) (660 MeV, 1.6 kW)	Phasotron	$10^{5}(\mu^{+})$	
RISP (Korea) (600 MeV, 0.6 MW)	RAON	$2 \times 10^8 (\mu^+) (> 2020)$	
CSNS (China) (1.6 6eV, 4 kW)	HEPEA	$1 \times 10^8 (\mu^+) (> 2020)$	

# MEG: Signature, experimental setup and result

A. Baldini et al. (MEG Collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. C73 (2013) 2365

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- The MEG experiment aims to search for  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$  with a sensitivity of ~10<sup>-13</sup> (previous upper limit BR( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ )  $\leq 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$  @90 C.L. by MEGA experiment)
- Five observables (E<sub>g</sub>, E<sub>e</sub>, t<sub>eg</sub>,  $\vartheta_{eg}$ ,  $\varphi_{eg}$ ) to characterize  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  events

![](_page_33_Figure_5.jpeg)

A.M. Baldini et al. (MEGII collab.) Eur. Phys. J. 78 (2018) 380

# The MEGII experiment

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Where we will be

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)


# Where we are: Full engineering run in preparation



# Mu3e: The $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$ search

- The Mu3e experiment aims to search for µ<sup>+</sup> → e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup> with a sensitivity of ~10<sup>-15</sup> (Phase I) up to down ~10<sup>-16</sup> (Phase II). Previous upper limit BR(µ<sup>+</sup> → e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>+</sup> e<sup>-</sup>) ≤ 1 x 10<sup>-12</sup> @90 C.L. by SINDRUM experiment)
- Observables (E<sub>e</sub>, t<sub>e</sub>, vertex) to characterize  $\mu \rightarrow$  eee events



# The Mu3e experiment: Schematic 3D





### The Mu3e experiment: R&D completed. Prototyping phase



# The role of the low energy precision physics

- Two main strategies to unveil new physics
  - Indirect searches
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## Principle of the µp 2S-2P experiment



# The experimental setup

• A low energy muon beam line / laser system / target and detectors



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# The MUSE experiment: Ready for the physics run





# The MUSE experiment: Towards the physics run

• Beam line: piM1@PSI



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▶Mu - antiMu

Charged lepton number violation

▶ Mu gravity experiment?

▶test of weak equivalence principle on  $\mu^+$ :

- elementary antiparticle
- second generation lepton

### Needed: A 'cold' Mu source



 ▶ Large (thermal) energy spread
 ▶ Broad angular distribution (~cosθ)
 ▶ 3-30 % conversion efficiency at T=296 K

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Low emittance, narrow energy distribution, large Mu number



 cooling conventional samples: almost no Mu emission below
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# Cold Mu production

 Proposal: Mu production in superfluid helium (SFHe)



A. Soter's talk: This afternoon WG4 group

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# Outlooks

- Continuous and intense low energy muon beams (I~ 10<sup>8</sup> muon/s, 1.4 MW) plays a crucial role for particle, nuclear and atomic physics
  - via indirect searches and precision measurements
- While experiments hunger after even more muons the developments of next generation proton drivers with beam powers in excess of **few MW** still requires significant research and development
  - The attention has turned to the optimization of existing target stations and beam lines and the exploration of novel target ideas
    - i.e. HiMB at PSI aiming at (**I~ 10<sup>10</sup> muon/s**)
    - i.e. MuSIC at RCNP aiming at (I~ 10<sup>8</sup> muon/s 400W)
- New ideas about
  - High brightness low energy beam line (tertiary beam line): MuCool at PSI (D< 1mm, E</li>
     eV, phase space improvement: 10<sup>10</sup>, efficiency: 10<sup>-3</sup>)
  - Cold muonium production

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# Questions from conveners

#### Color code:

## Focus questions for WG4:

Q1: Neutrino/Muon Physics: (Overlaps with WG1 and WG5)

- What overlaps exist to non-standard model neutrino interactions?
- How would these manifest in both the near term muon/precision measurements sector & in the neutrino sector?

Q2: Beam/Machine/Detector Design: (Overlaps with WG3)

- Are the ultimate sensitivities really exploited with current facilities?
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Q3: Program Planning: (Overlaps with WG3)

- How do you support the physics needs for both DC and pulsed (high sculpted) beam structures in the planning (and cost) of new facilities?
- How can muon physics benefit from future neutrino facilities?
- Could new ideas from muon physics developments turn out to be useful for future neutrino facilities?

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# Back-up

# How the sensitivity can be pushed down?

More sensitive to the signal...

high resolutions



More effective on rejecting the background... 



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#### Mu gravity experiment?

- μ<sup>+</sup> : elementary antiparticle from the second generation
- complementary to the composite antimatter (antihydrogen) gravity experiments @ CERN
- unique possibility to compare gravity (test weak eq.princ.) in lepton generations

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• Three ways to measure the proton charge radius: electron proton scattering, laser spectroscopy of hydrogen, laser spectroscopy of muonic hydrogen ( $\mu$ p)

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## Impact of the muonic atoms



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# Future prospects: A first thought

•  $\mu$ + -> e+  $\gamma$  at the highest muon beam intensities: Calorimetry vs gamma conversion + tracking



- High detection efficiency (calorimetry) vs better energy resolution (conversion+tracking)
- For a given detector the optimum R is that corresponding to negligible (no more than few) background events over the running time
- At very high rate the low efficiency of the conversion can be compensated keeping the background under control thanks to the better resolutions

## Future prospects: A first thought



# $g_{\mu}$ -2: Motivation

- Dirac's relativistic theory predicted muon magnetic moment "g" = 2
- Experiment suggested that g-factor differs from the expected value of 2
- Standard Model prediction: a(SM) = a(QED) + a(Had) + a (Weak) + a (NP)
- BNL E821 result: 3.3σ deviation from SM prediction


#### $g_{\mu}$ -2 in numbers and experimental approaches

Anomalous magnetic moment (g-2)  $a_{\mu} = (g-2)/2 = 11\ 659\ 208.9\ (6.3) \times 10^{-10}\ (BNL\ E821\ exp)$  0.5 ppm 11\ 659\ 182.8\ (4.9) \times 10^{-10}\ (standard model)  $\Delta a_{\mu} = Exp - SM = 26.1\ (8.0) \times 10^{-10}$  3\sigma anomaly

In uniform magnetic field, muon spin rotates ahead of momentum due to g-2 = 0

$$\vec{\omega} = -\frac{e}{m} \left[ a_{\mu} \vec{B} - \left( a_{\mu} - \frac{1}{\gamma^{2} - 1} \right) \frac{\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}}{c} + \frac{\eta}{2} \left( \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B} + \frac{\vec{E}}{c} \right) \right]$$
BNL E821 approach  

$$\gamma = 30 \ (P = 3 \ GeV/c)$$

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Continuation at **FNAL** with **0.1ppm** precision Proposed at **J-PARC** with **0.1ppm** precision

# $g_{\mu}$ -2/EDM at J-PARC

- Put E = 0;
- Weak B field focusing: Need low emittance cold muon
- Uniform tracker detector throughout stored orbit

$$-rac{q}{m_{\mu}}\left[a_{\mu}ec{B}-\left(a_{\mu}-rac{1}{\gamma^{2}-1}
ight)^{rac{q}{\chi}E}
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#### The muCool project at PSI: Status

- 1st stage + 2nd stage
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## MEG: The key elements



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**Differential Branching Ratio** 



### MEG: The spectrometer





- Projected radius independent of the emission angle
- Very low material budget (~ 2 10<sup>-3</sup> X<sub>0</sub>)
- High momentum resolution ( $\sigma_p \sim 315 \text{ keV/}$ c), angular resolutions ( $\sigma_{\phi} \sim 7.5 \text{ mrad}$ ,  $\sigma_{\theta} \sim 10.6 \text{ mrad}$ ) and timing resolution ( $\sigma_t \sim 100 \text{ ps}$ ) never reached up to now with a single detector at 52.8 MeV!



a) Constant projected bending radius for positrons with equal momentum.



b) Quick sweep-out of particles with  $\cos \theta_{e^+} \approx 0$ .

## MEG: The LXe calorimeter

- High detection efficiency (High Z/ Low X<sub>0</sub>)
- High energy, timing and position resolutions (High LY, Fast time constants, High density, High photosensor coverage)
- Purity < 1 ppm and stable conditions over the time
- Particle ID
- Energy ( $\sigma_E$  /E <2.5%) and timing resolutions( $\sigma_t$  < 70 ps) never reached up to now with a single detector at 52.8 MeV!





# MEG: The Data Acquisition (DAQ)

- Flexible and efficient trigger system, to select the candidate events, using fast detectors only
  - FADC digitization at 100 MHz
  - online selection algorithms implemented into FPGAs
- Domino Ring Sampler (DRS) chip for excellent pile-up rejection and timing resolutions with a full waveform digitization (> 100 MHz)
  - all 1000 PMTs signals (LXe and TC) digitize at 1.6 GSample/s
  - all 3000 DC channels (anodes and cathodes) digitize at 800 MSample/s



# MEG: The calibration methods

• Multiple calibration and monitoring methods: detector resolution and stability are the key points in the search for rare events over the background

Process		Energy (MeV)	Frequency
CEX reaction	$p(\pi^-,\pi^0)n,\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$	55, 83	annually
C-W accelerator	$^{7}\mathrm{Li}(p,\gamma_{17.6})^{8}\mathrm{Be}$	17.6	weekly
	$^{11}B(p,\gamma_{11.6})^{12}C$	4.4&11.6	weekly
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### cLFV search landscape



#### cLFV best upper limits

Process	Upper limit	Reference	Comment
μ+ -> e+ γ	4.2 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	arXiV:1605.05081	MEG
µ+ -> e+ e+ e-	1.0 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	Nucl. Phy. B299 (1988) 1	SINDRUM
µ⁻ N -> e⁻ N	7.0 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	Eur. Phy. J. c 47 (2006) 337	SINDRUM II
τ -> e γ	3.3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	PRL 104 (2010) 021802	Babar
τ -> μ γ	4.4 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	PRL 104 (2010) 021802	Babar
T⁻ -> e⁻ e+ e-	2.7 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Phy. Let. B 687 (2010) 139	Belle
τ> μ- μ+ μ-	2.1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Phy. Let. B 687 (2010) 139	Belle
τ> μ+ e- e-	1.5 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	Phy. Let. B 687 (2010) 139	Belle
Z -> µ e	7.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	Phy. Rev. D 90 (2014) 072010	Atlas
Z->µe	7.3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	CMS PAS EXO-13-005	CMS
Η -> τ μ	1.85 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	JHEP 11 (2015) 211	Atlas (*)
Η -> τ μ	1.51 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>	Phy. Let. B 749 (2015) 337	CMS
K <sub>L</sub> -> μ e	4.7 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	PRL 81 (1998) 5734	BNL





 Commissioning phase started (with reduced number of electronics channels)



iquid xenon photon detector.

(LXe)

- Low material budget detector: < 0.0016 X<sub>0</sub>
- In construction (Assembly: 70%, wiring: 80%)
- Mock-up installed in Cobra
- Gas system: commissioning phase

Pixelated timing counter (pTC)

Cylindrical drift chamber (CDCH) Single volume He:iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>







Updated and new Calibration methods Quasi monochromatic positron beam

- MC BCF12 250 x 250 um<sup>2</sup> scintillating fibers + MPPC S13360-3050C
- Commissioning: pre-engineering run 2016
- Movable configuration: in preparation

# $\mu$ - N $\rightarrow$ e- N experiments

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

- Signal of mu-e conversion is single mono-energetic electron
- Backgrounds:
  - Beam related, Muon Decay in orbit, Cosmic rays
- Stop a lot of muons! O(1018)
- Use timing to reject beam backgrounds (extinction factor 10-10)
  - Pulsed proton beam 1.7 µs between pulses
  - Pions decay with 26 ns lifetime
  - Muons capture on Aluminum target with 864 ns lifetime
- Good energy resolution and Particle ID to defeat muon decay in orbit
- Veto Counters to tag Cosmic Rays





### The Mu2e experiment

- Three superconducting solenoids: Production, Transport and Detector solenoids
- Muons stop in thin aluminum foils
- High precision straw tracker for momentum measurement
- Electromagnetic calorimeter for PID
- Scintillators for the Veto



# The COMET experiment

• Stage phase approach: ultimate sensitivity with phase II [Data taking in: 2021/2022]

