Detector technologies in searches for charged lepton flavour violation at PSI

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Muons: Three "Golden Channels"



Adapted from HiggsTan

Searches for cLFV in Muons*





Signals

- Muon decays at rest
- Positrons (electrons) $p \leq \frac{m_{\mu}}{2} \approx 53 \text{ MeV}$
- (Photons, $E = \frac{m_{\mu}}{2}$)
- $\Sigma E = m_{\mu}c^2$
- $\Sigma \vec{p} = 0$
- $\Delta t = 0$
- Coplanar (Mu3e) or back-to-back (MEG II)



Irreducible backgrounds

- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \overline{\nu} \nu \gamma (\gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$
- $E < m_{\mu}c^2$
- $\sum \vec{p} \neq 0$
- $\Delta t = 0$
- Not coplanar/back-to-back
- Same vertex

\Rightarrow Need excellent energy and momentum resolution



Accidental backgrounds

- Particles from unrelated processes
- $E \neq m_{\mu}c^2$
- $\Sigma \vec{p} \neq 0$, therefore Not coplanar/back-to-back
- $\Delta t \neq 0$
- No common vertex
- Rate dependent

\Rightarrow Time and vertex resolution

Spectrometer or calorimeter?

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2_{\text{MS}} + \left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2_{\text{defl}}$$



In muon decays: dominated by multiple scattering Downside for photon detectors: energy loss in converter Generally perform worse at μ decay energies

Generally not straight-forward, e.g. MEGA used photon pair spectrometer, also considered for future $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ experiment, PIONEER will use positron calorimeter

The MEG II Experiment

- Search for $\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma$
- Kinematic variables: $(E_e, E_{\gamma}, \Delta t_{e\gamma}, \theta_{e\gamma})$
- $\mathcal{O}(10^8) \, \mu^+$ per second
- Detectors optimized for $E_{\gamma,e} = \frac{m_{\mu}}{2} \approx 53 \text{ MeV}$



The Mu3e experiment



Illustrations: Mu3e collaboration

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- Detectors optimized for $E_{\rm e} < \frac{m_{\mu}}{2}$
- Aimed to be background free



Scintillating tile detector

Give me a brief list of detector technologies of current and planned experiments searching for charged lepton flavour violation at PSI.

As of my last training data in January 2022, the Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI) has been involved in experiments searching for charged lepton flavor violation (cLFV). The primary experiments in this realm are the Mu3e and MEG II. Here's a brief list of the detector technologies for these experiments:

Mu3e (searching for the decay $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$):

- Silicon pixel detectors: For precise vertex reconstruction and momentum measurement. ~
- Scintillating fiber detectors: Used for triggering and timing purposes.
- Thin scintillator tiles: For additional precise timing measurements.

MEG II (an upgrade of the MEG experiment, searching for $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$):

- Liquid xenon photon calorimeter: To detect the high-energy photons from the decay.
- Cylindrical drift chamber: Used for tracking the charged particles. -
- Timing counters: To measure the timing of the detected particles.

+ Radiative Decay Counter

HV-MAPS Spectrometer

Liquid noble gas Calorimeter

Gas detector Spectrometer

Plastic scintillators

Cristal scintillators

Orientation











Scintillating Fibre Detector

- Minimal multiple scattering ($X/X_0 < 0.2$ %)
- Hamamatsu S13552 SiPM array (128 channels)
- 3 layers of Kuraray SCSF-78MJ
- $\sigma_t \approx 250 \text{ ps}$
- Readout with custom ASIC (MuTRiG)







Per channel: 4 × 26 pixels of (57.5 × 62.5) μ m²

Scintillating Tile Detector

- 6272 ~(5mm)³ tiles
- Eljen Technology EJ-228
- Hamamatsu S13360-3050VE
- $\sigma_t \approx 70 \text{ ps}$ (down to 45 ps in beam tests)
- Read out with MuTRiG











Pixelated Timing Counter

- 512 Saint-Gobain BC-422 tiles
- 2×6 SiPMs in each tile (ASD-NUV3S-P-High-Gain)
 - Upgrade planned: (3×3)mm² → (4×4)mm²
- $\mathcal{O}(40 \text{ ps})$ time resolution
- See also poster by T. Yonemoto



https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2022.167751



Time & energy measurement

Radiative Decay Counter



- Plastic Scintillator + LYSO
- BC-418 + S13360-3050PE
- LYSO + S12572-025P
- σ_t < 90 ps
- $\sigma_{\rm E}/{\rm E} = (7.5 \pm 0.3) \%$
- Used in analysis, not as veto counter



Liquid Xenon Calorimeter

- 900l of LXe (VUV-emitting scintillator)
- 668 PMTs, 4092 MPPCs
- Several great posters outside
- $\sigma_E/E \approx 2\%$
- First large-scale liquid xenon detector, now very popular for dark matter searches



Calorimeter calibration methods

- Radiative muon decays (background)
- 9 MeV photons from neutron capture in nickel
- Upstream proton accelerator for $Li(p, \gamma)Be: 17.6$ MeV photons
- Liquid hydrogen target + π^- beam for charge exchange
 - 55/83 MeV photons from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ back-to-back
 - Timing (see poster by A. Matsushita outside)
- LEDs
- Alpha-emitters inside the xenon
- Cosmics



VUV-sensitive MPPCs

- MEG \rightarrow MEG II upgrade
- Hamamatsu S10943-4372
- PDE up to 21%
- Improved position and time resolution, pileup rejection
 - Posters by A. Matsushita and K. Yamamoto



`Ceramic base Bectrode pin





MPPC degradation



PDE degradation during operation Cause being investigated, see poster by R. Umakoshi

2022 annealing result, [arXiv:2310.11902]

Cylindrical Drift Chamber



- $X/X_0 \approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ keV})$ momentum resolution
- Details:

Detectors used at CHRISP and SINQ - insights into different technologies	Malte Hildebrandt
Auditorium, WHGA/001	17:00 - 17:30



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HV-MAPS

- High Voltage Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor
 - Fast charge collection via drift
 - Combined sensor and readout
- High particle rates
- Thinner than hybrid sensors
- Radiation hard







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MuPix 11

- HV-MAPS chip developed for Mu3e
- 180 nm HV-CMOS process (TSI Semiconductors)

Pixel size [µm²] 80 x 80 Pixel matrix 256 x 250 Active area [mm²] 20.48 x 20.0 Sensor size [mm²] 20.66 x 23.18
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Sensor size [mm ²] 20.66 x 23.18
Thickness [µm] 50, 70
Radiation length [x/X ₀] ~ 0.5‰, ~ 0.7‰
Resistivity [Ωcm] 80, 370
ToA + ToT [bits] 11 + 5
TS binning [ns] 8 (option for 1.6)
Data links 3 + 1 (mux)
Link speed [Gbit/s] 1.25



Support and HDI







SP-TAB bonding: No additional material

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Ladder Assembly





Cooling with gaseous helium: [arXiv:2301.13813], [arXiv:2307.14803]



B field and detector size are tuned to minimize multiple scattering

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Summary

- Multiple scattering is dominant at low energies
- Timing is crucial for high rates
- MEG II:
 - Stable operation
 - Performance preprint submitted yesterday [arXiv:2310.11902]



- Mu3e:
 - Construction phase
 - Comissioning and physics run from 2024

Thank you for your attention

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Backup

MuPix 11 performance



Figure 3. First performance results of a 100 μ m thick MuPix11 with a substrate resistivity of 370 Ω cm at different bias voltages and a beam particle momentum of 350 MeV/c. Left: Hit detection efficiency as a function of the comparator threshold. Right: Uncorrected time difference between the track timestamp and its associated hit cluster timestamps for the lowest threshold data point. Indicated is the standard deviation of each corresponding distribution, respectively.