Study of Muon Capture for Muon to Electron Conversion - AlCap Experiment @ PSI -

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Outline

Overview of µ-e conversion searches:
Mu2e (FNAL) and COMET (J-PARC)
The AlCap Collaboration (jointly formed by Mu2e and COMET)

- Overview of the Work Packages
- Schedule
- Summary

µ-e Conversion Search

- Two experiments are going to start to search for the μ-e conversion process: COMET@J-PARC and Mu2e@FNAL.
- These are stopped muon experiments. When a μ^{-} in stopped in a material, ...



Beyond the SM

$$\mu^{-} + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^{-} + (A, Z) \xrightarrow{\mu^{-}e}$$

the lepton flavor is changed to μ-flavor to e-flavor. **Event signature :**

a single mono-energetic electron of 100MeV

in the SM + v masses

 μ -e conversion can be occur via v-mixing, but expected rate is well below the experimentally accessible range. Rate ~O(10⁻⁵⁴)

Discovery of the μ -e conversion is a clear evidence of new physics beyond the SM.

in the SM + new physics

A wide variety of proposed extensions to the SM predict observable μ -e conversion rate.

COMET @J-PARC

Mu2e @FNAL



- and the 1st half of solenoid magnets for COMET Phase-I. The PAC endorsed the laboratory plan.
- Mu2e : "should be strongly encouraged in all budget scenarios considered by the panel." (P5 report)
 - got the CD-1 approval in July 2012!
- These experiments are now optimizing their parameter to get the final design.



Schedule of COMET and Mu2e



AlCap Experiment

Three Work Packages

WP1: Charged Particle Emission after Muon Kammel (Washington) and Kuno (Osaka) Rate and spectrum with precision 5% down WP2: Gamma and X-ray Emission after Muor Lynn (PNNL) and Miller (Boston) X-ray and gamma-ray for normalization (by) muon decay (by a Nal detector) WP3: Neutron Emission after Muon Capture Hungerford (Houston) and Winter (ANL) rate and spectrum from 1 MeV up to 10 Me BG for calorimeters and cosmic-ray veto, da

scheduled in Dec. 2013

in 2014

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WP1: Charged Particle Emission after Muon Capture

WP1: Design issue with protons

A crucial component in optimizing the designs is the background from the products of the nuclear capture process. In particular, protons are a significant source of hits in the tracking detectors. Probability of proton emission would be 0.05~0.15 per muon.

Optimization of the target thickness and the absorber



Both COMET Phase-I and Mu2e need the rate and energy spectra of proton emission as a function of the target thickness

WP1 Current Exp. Data : Rate

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Capturing nucleus	(μ, vp) calculation	Experiment	$\Sigma(\mu, vp(xn))$ calculation	Experiment	Est.
²⁷ ₁₃ Al	9.7	(4.7)	40	$> 28 \pm 4$	(70)
²⁸ 14Si	32	$53\pm10^{\mathrm{a}}$	144 ^b	$150\pm 30^{\circ}$	
³¹ ₁₅ P	6.7	(6.3)	35	$> 61 \pm 6$	(91)
²⁹ ₁₉ K	19	$32\pm 6^{\mathrm{a}}$	67		
	5.1	(4.7)	30	$> 28 \pm 4$	(70)
	3.7	2.9 ± 0.4	25	$> 20 \pm 1.8$	(32)
⁵⁵ ₂₅ Mn	2.4	2.8 ± 0.4	16	$> 26 \pm 2.5$	(35)
⁵⁹ ₂₇ Co	3.3	1.9 ± 0.2	21	$> 37 \pm 3.4$	(50)
⁶⁰ ₂₈ Ni	8.9	$21.4 \pm 2.3^{\circ}$	49	$40 \pm 5^{\circ}$	
⁶³ ₂₉ Cu	4.0	2.9 ± 0.6	25	$> 17 \pm 3$	(36)
⁶⁵ ₂₉ Cu	1.2	(2.3)	11	$> 35 \pm 4.5$	(36)
⁷⁵ ₂₃ As	1.5	1.4 ± 0.2	14	$> 14 \pm 1.3$	(19)
⁷⁹ ₃₅ Br	2.7		22	[22] ^d	
¹⁰⁷ ₄₇ Ag	2.3		18	[11] ^d	
¹¹⁵ ₄₉ In	0.63	(0.77)	7.2	$> 11 \pm 1$	(12)
¹³³ ₅₅ Cs	0.75	0.48 ± 0.07	8.7	$> 4.9 \pm 0.5$	(6.7)
¹⁶⁵ ₆₇ Ho	0.26	0.30 ± 0.04	4.1	$> 3.4 \pm 0.3$	(4.6)
¹⁸¹ 73 Ta	0.15	0.26 ± 0.04	2.8	$> 0.7 \pm 0.1$	(3.0)
208 DL	0.14	0.13 ± 0.02	1.1	$> 30 \pm 0.8$	<u> </u>

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WP1 Current Exp. Data : E dist.



FIG. 2. Yield of charged particles following μ capture in aluminum target. The filled circles represent results of the present work, with representative error bars shown. The straight line is an exponential fit to the data with E > 40 MeV. The open squares represent results of Budyashov *et al.* (Ref. 12) for silicon. The open triangles represent results of Balandin *et al.* (Ref. 13) for magnesium.

Energy range is too high for our purpose.

- Beam quality was not enough to stop muons in a thin target.
 - thick target : 1.27mm
 - no low energy data
 - large background rate

WP1 Current Exp. Data : E dist.



WP1 Current Exp. Data : Summary

- There are no data, in the relevant energy range, on the products of muon nuclear capture from an AI target (and Ti).
 - ratio of p:d:α
 - the absolute proton rate
 - energy distribution
- Mu2e and COMET are presently using parameterization of the muon-capture data taken from Si in 1968.
- Uncertainties in the proton spectra have significant ramifications for the design of COMET Phase-I and Mu2e.
- We must measure them.

WP1: Experiment

Goal of the experiment

- to measure the rate and energy spectra of the charged particles (p, d, α) emitted after muon captured on some targets:
 - Al : the default stopping target for COMET and Mu2e
 - Ti : possible target for future μ -e conv. experiments.
 - Si (active) : for cross-check against the previous data and systematics studies
- A precision of 5% down to an energy of 2.5 MeV is required for both the rate and the energy spectra. (2.5 MeV~71 MeV/c for proton).

Essential points

- Thin targets and a low energy muon beam with a small Δp/p
 - to achieve a high and well determined rate of stopped muons
 - Due to ΔE of the charged particles in the target, we need to correct the energy spectra by a response function. To reduce the systematic uncertainty from the response function, the ΔE in the target must be small enough.









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This setup is an improved version of a test experiment performed by part of this collaboration at PSI in 2009.

Target

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The most of the equipments are already available.

Trigger plastic counter-1

Charged particle detectors Si (^t65µm) Si (^t1500µm) plastic scinti.



Particle Identification by dE/dx



WP1 Rates estimation

Target	Muon momentum	% Stopping	Event rate (Hz)	Event rate (Hz)
thickness (μm)	(MeV/c)	in target	All particles	Protons
50	26	22.2	34.8	4.6
100	27	32.9	48.5	5.4
150	28	38.5	54.5	4.8
200	28	51.2	47.7	4.5

 Event rates were estimated using Geant4 simulations. The total event rate is below 100 Hz for all the considered targets.

 the rates of protons are rather low (5 Hz) and as such approximately 1.5 days of data taking will be required to accumulate the necessary statistics (~0.5 M events) for a given target.

WP1 Systematic Uncertainties

Response Function

- Uncertainties can be minimized using
 - an optimal cloud muon beam at $\pi E1$ and
 - the use of the active Si target
 - where both the initial and final proton energies can be determined.

Absolute Rate

- The proton detection efficiency will be determined from detailed GEANT4 simulations of the Si detectors.
- The number of stopped muons will be determined independently from both
 - the Ge detector and
 - the electron telescope and
 - a cross-checked using data from the active silicon target.

WP1 Systematic Uncertainties

Particle Identification Efficiency

Particle identification will be made

 using dE/dx vs. E in the Si detectors, with the efficiency determined from the GEANT4 simulation.

Backgrounds

Electron background will be determined using
 using dE/dX vs. E and the veto counter.

 Muon scattering background will be eliminated by putting lead shields.

 A GEANT4-based evaluation of backgrounds from muons that stop in the lead shields.

WP1 Estimation of Running time

A precision of 5% for energy spectra (2.5 - 10MeV) is required for both the rate and the energy spectra. • 500 k proton events needed for each sample. • energy bin size = 0.1 MeV \rightarrow 75 bins average 6k events for each bin • proton rate $\sim 5 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow 100 \text{ k sec} \sim 30 \text{ hours for each}$ about 1.5 days for each sample. including a time for changing targets, pumping chamber, beam tuning Sample each for Al and Ti (6 in total), plus 2 Si active targets (8 samples in total) • total: about 12 days for proton measurement.

WP1: Readiness

Most of equipments are already available:

- chamber, pump, targets, lead shields, detector mounts
- Si and plastic scintillator detectors
- preamps, PMT, …
- A vacuum chamber has been tested at UW
- Si and plastic scintillators have been tested at UW and OU
- A custom DAQ based on "Midas" is being developed, and tested with the detectors (OU)
- A study of Monte Carlo simulation is being done to the optimize geometry (OU)

WP2: Gamma and X-ray Emission after Muon Capture

WP2 Present Knowledge

- When a negative muon is captured in an atomic orbit, it cascades down to the 1s level with 10⁻¹³ s by emitting X-rays and Auger electrons. The muonic X-ray from 2p to 1s transition occurs ~80% of the time.
- Muonic X-rays can be used to count a number of muons stopped in the target.
- Radiative muon decays (RMD) have been measured.





radiative muon decay (simulation)

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WP2 Relevance for µ-e conversion

- A method of proper normalization of a number of stopping muons has to be established.
 - (1) Measurement of muonic X-rays in a pulsed beam will be used as the primary method.
 - (2) As an alternative, delayed gamma-rays after muon capture can be measured in a spill-off time. For AI, 1.01 MeV and 843.76 MeV delayed gamma from excited state of AI, where ²⁷Mg lifetime is 9.5 min.
 - (3) As an another alternative, bound radiative muon decays can be used, in particular energy range of 55 MeV to 75-85 MeV (BR~10⁻⁵)
- Ge detectors are used for (1) and (2), whereas a Nal detector is used for (3).
- Osaka U. purchased a high-rate segmented Ge detector with fast amp.

Transition	Si (keV)	Al (keV)	Ti (keV)
$2p \rightarrow 1s$	400	347	1021
$3p \rightarrow 1s$	477	413	1210
$4p \rightarrow 1s$	504	436	1277
$3d \rightarrow 2p$	77	66	189

Table 6: Energies of muonic X-rays in selected target elements.

WP2 Experiment

- The AlCap collaboration propose to test several schemes to monitor the number of stopped muons in the muon-stopping target.
- High purity Germanium detector
 - We will install a high-purity germanium (HPG) detector at the port of the vacuum chamber for WP1 to measure muonic X-rays. A typical resolution of 2 keV for 1 MeV photon. The normalization method can be cross-checked with an active Si target run in WP1.
 - A high-speed 14-16 bit data acquisition system will be used to record high-resolution raw waveform data, in addition to online monitoring.
 - The measurements would include muonic X-rays and delayed gamma-rays.
 - The study of both immediate and long-term effects of neutrons on the HPG detector.
- Nal Detector
 - A Nal detector will be used to measure high energy photons from the muon stopping target, with the primary goal of evaluating alternative means of monitoring the stopped muon rate.
 - The Nal detector has 9 PMTs and their signals are digitized by waveform digitizers. The rate of photons, up to about 80-90 MeV, will be measured.

WP3: Neutron Emission after Muon Capture

WP3 Present Knowledge

- Neutron emission after muon capture is not well understood, and can be described by direct and evaporation processes (via giant dipole resonances).
- High energy neutrons (above 10 MeV) come from direct emission with an exponential decrease as a function of increasing energy.
- Low energy neutrons that may come from evaporation processes depend on nuclear structure and is less well defined.

$$\mu^{-} + A(N, p) \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + A(N+1, p-1)^{*}$$
$$A(N+1, p-1)^{*} \rightarrow xN + x'p + x''\gamma$$

two steps via evaporation

Average neutron multiplicity from measurements are shown in right



neutron energy spectra of low (left) and high (right).

			Multiplicity		
Target	Avg. Mult.	0	1	2	3
Al	1.262 ± 0.059	0.449 ± 0.027	0.464 ± 0.028	0.052 ± 0.0013	0.036 ± 0.007
Si	0.864 ± 0.072	0.611 ± 0.042	0.338 ± 0.042	0.045 ± 0.0018	0.000 ± 0.008
Ca	0.746 ± 0.032	0.633 ± 0.021	0.335 ± 0.022	0.025 ± 0.0009	0.004 ± 0.006
Fe	1.125 ± 0.041	0.495 ± 0.018	0.416 ± 0.019	0.074 ± 0.0011	0.014 ± 0.005

WP3 Relevance for µ-e conversion

- Neutrons emitted from muon capture at the muonstopping target (beam stop) at Mu2e and COMET would become a problem for single rates of the electron calorimeters and the cosmic-ray veto, although tracking chambers are not sensitive to neutrons.
 - Estimated calorimeter rates of neutrons and gammas are about 300 kHz and 85 kHz respectively.
 - Simulation shows those introduces pileup probability of 40% and 20% (with energy deposition of 0.5 MeV and 0.7 MeV) respectively.
- Fast neutrons will cause damages on the front-end electronics.
 - From the MARS simulation, a dose of 5x10⁴ n/s/cm² is obtained. For a IC ship of 1cm² area, 4x10⁷ second running time is allowed to get the tolerant level of about 10¹² neutrons.
- Therefore, it would be important to understand the rate and spectrum of neutrons emitted after muon capture.

Table 4: Neutron Background Sources on the Tracker as a	a function of Neutron Kinetic Energy, T
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		Neutrons/ cm^2 (×10 ¹⁰)	
Source	Thermal(T < 1 eV)	Epithermal $(1 \text{eV} < T < 1 \text{ MeV})$	Fast $(T > 1 \text{ eV})$
Stopping Target	16	77	100
Muon Beam Stop	0.2	2	0.8
Beam Flash	0.2	1	2
Production Solenoid	0.6	0.09	0



neutron energy spectrum from Al from the MARS simulation

WP3 Experiment

- Rate and spectrum of neutrons emitted from muon capture on AI target will be measured.
- Neutron counters from the MuSun experiment will be used. They are six cylindrical cells of 13cm diameter and 13cm depth, containing 1.2 liters of BC501A organic liquid scintillator. They are coupled to PMT.
- Instead of TOF, the neutron spectrum unfolding technique is considered with a detector response function.
- The 12-bit, 170 MHz waveform digitizers (from MuSun) will be used for readout. The digitization allows separation of neutrons from gammas by pulse shape discrimination (PSD).



Figure 15: The FLUKA simulated spectrum for proton(red), neutron(blue), and gamma(black) emission per μ stop after μ capture on Al



Figure 16: A FLUKA simulation of the energy correlation between neutron (vertical) and prompt gamma (horizontal) emission after μ capture on Al



Figure 17: a) Digitized signal from a BC501A neutron detector (x-axis in ns). b) Neutron-gamma separation via pulse shape discrimination. The slow integral corresponds to the sum of the bins 5 to 20 to the right of the peak of the digitized signal. The lower band contains γ s and the upper band the neutrons.

Beam Requirements and Beam Schedule

Beam Requirement

Experiment area: • $\pi E1$ beam line Required beam properties: • particle: µmomentum: 25-35 MeV/c momentum bite: < 2% FWHM</p> beam spot: <2 cm in diameter</p> intensity: 2x10⁴ s⁻¹ • beam purity: < 10 % electrons

Beam Time

- We will have 4 week PSI beam blocks in December, 2013, and the next one is in 2014.
- In December 2013, we like to carry out WP1 (proton emission) with WP2 (muonic X-ray emission).
 - week 1: setup. commission beam counters and detectors, a vacuum chamber.
 - week 2: beam optimization,
 - week 3: high statistics measurements with 3 targets of AI and Ti, 25-200µm.
 - week 4: high statistics measurements (continued). Last days dedicated neutron measurements.

In 2014, we like to carry out WP3 (neutron emission) with WP2 (muonic gamma-ray emission and RMD).

Summary

- Search for µ-e conversion would have a great potential to find an evidence of physics beyond the Standard Model.
- The two experiments in preparation, Mu2e at FNAL and COMET (Phase-I in particular) at J-PARC, need to finalize their detector design in one year. For design optimization, we need accurate data sets of particle emission from muon capture.
- The AlCap collaboration, formed jointly by Mu2e and COMET, proposes an experiment to measure the rate and energy of particle emissions after muon capture at the πE1 beam channel, in two 4-week blocks of the beam time in spring 2013 and early 2014.

Backup Slides

Silicon Detectors



Quantity	Design	Capacitance		
2	MSQ25-65 (65 microns)	4,000 pF total		
		1,000 pF per quadrant		
2	MSX25-140 (140 microns)	2,000 pF		
2	MSX25-1500 (1500 microns)	300 pF		
All detectors will be in PCB frames and are totally depleted.				







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