Who ordered that: what lepton flavor may tell us about the Universe

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~ Confucius

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(My sincere apologies if this offends your cultural sensitivities)



Outline

- Brief history of the muon
- Lepton Universality, Lepton Flavor, and Lepton Number
- Charged Lepton Flavor Violation
- Mu2e experiment
- Future Prospects

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No antimatter ?!



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What is the Dark Stuff ? What happened to anti-matter ?

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Indirect Searches for New Physics

- Precision measurements
 - Look for small deviations from the Standard Model \bigcirc Deviations go as $\sim \frac{\alpha_{NP}}{\alpha_{SM}} \left(\frac{M_{SM}}{M_{NP}}\right)^n$
 - ^{CP} Examples: muonic g-2, P and CP violation
- Processes suppressed in the Standard Model Symmetry violations, Rare decays, Forbidden transitions Small Standard Model background usually implies higher sensitivity ^C Examples: Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay, Electric Dipole Moments, Charged
 - Lepton Flavor Violation



Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

- Cosmic microwave background: trace of primordial annihilations
- We exist: not all matter has annihilated !
- How did this happen?
- Sakharov's recipe (1967): need antimatter to behave (slightly) differently from matter: CP symmetry violation
- Difference needed is about 1 part in 10 billion
- Leptons (neutrinos) may play an important role in producing matter in the early Universe.
- Rev Number of flavors and flavor structure important !

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ИЕ СР-ИНВАРИАНТНОСТИ: С-АСИММЕТРИЯ АРИОННАЯ АСИММЕТРИЯ ВСКЛЕННОЙ

A.J. Casapos

Bucana e pelacupan 1967. T. J. mm. I. C. 32 – 35)

Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa Mixing Matrix

• Defines mixing between weak and mass states of quarks:

weak
eigenstates
$$\begin{pmatrix}
d'\\
s'\\
b'
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
Vud & Vus & Vub\\
Vcd & Vcs & Vcb\\
Vtd & Vts & Vtb
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
d\\
s\\
b
\end{pmatrix}$$
mass
eigenstates

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm W} = -\sqrt{1/2} g \, u_{Li} \gamma^{\mu} \, V_{ij} \, d_{Lj} \, W^{+}{}_{\mu} + {\rm h.c.}$$



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Nobel Prizes in Physics



Yoichiro Nambu



Makoto Kobayashi



Toshihide Maskawa

2008: Kobayashi-Maskawa: "for the discovery of the origin of the broken symmetry which predicts the existence of at least three families of quarks in nature"

> Omitted but not forgotten: Nicola Cabibbo (1935-2010)





Fitch

James Cronin

1980: Cronin-Fitch "for the discovery of violations of fundamental symmetry principles in the decay of neutral Kmesons"



Solved Problem ?

- CKM mechanism has been an incredible success: explain all quark flavor phenomena to date
- But... calculation shows that CKM is not enough to explain matter abundance in the Universe
 - □ Turn to leptons ?



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What about charged leptons ?

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Long-Standing Question



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What can we tell about leptons?

- Weak interactions treat all leptons equally
 - "Lepton universality"
 - Muons and taus: "heavy cousins" of electrons
- Charged leptons are Dirac fermions: magnetic moment is related to spin as

$$\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m} \vec{S}$$



 \Im g \approx 2 up to small corrections

Lepton flavor is (approximately) conserved





Muons: Important Tool

- Muons are here, now ^C One hits your iris every minute
- Since their discovery in cosmic rays in 1937, muons have provided
 - The first evidence for fermion generations
 - Evidence for >1 neutrino: BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$)<10⁻⁴ (F
 - Decisive demonstration of time dilation
 - Best determination of the Fermi constant and indirect constraint on the W mass
 - Precision tests of V-A theory of weak interactions
 - Most precise measurement of the proton charge radius
 - Tantalizing hints for physics beyond the Standard Model

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Charged Lepton Puzzles

- Muon anomalous magnetic moment \Im 5 σ discrepancy vs the Standard Model (maybe)
- Proton radius measured with muons vs electrons Section Went away
- Possible lepton universality violations in semileptonic B decays into muons and taus
 - \Im 2-4 σ effects, e.g. in B \rightarrow D^(*) $\tau\nu$

Are studies of Lepton Flavor starting to show hints of New Physics?

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Muon g-2





Lepton Universality Violations



$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{Br(B \to D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{Br(B \to D^{(*)}\ell\nu)}$

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- Charged Lepton flavor: accidental symmetry in the Standard Model
 - Lepton flavor violation forbidden if

neutrinos are massless

Solution Very small SM effect due to finite neutrino

mass: $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-52}$

• CLFV: an unambiguous signature of new physics

Sensitivity to mass scales far beyond the reach of direct searches

^C Window into TeV physics and beyond, complementary to the LHC

^{SP}Next generation experiments will have sensitivity to directly test predictions of many BSM theories, e.g. SUSY



LFV Processes at a Collider

BABAR $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ simulation



Taus produced in pairs: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$, before taus decay. Use one side to tag the process, the other to look for LFV. Obvious signature: two leptons of different flavor in the final state.



Search Strategy

- Select a large clean sample of "tag" tau decays
 - Clean leptonic and hadronic tau decays: "1-prong" and "3-prong"
 [∞] τ→evv, τ→μvv, τ→πv, τ→ρv, τ→3πv
- Look for LFV decays of the "other" $\boldsymbol{\tau}$
- Take advantage of kinematics (known beam energy): define

$$\Delta E \equiv E_{rec}^{*} - E_{beam}^{*};$$

$$\Delta M_{ec} \equiv M_{rec} - m_{\tau} = \sqrt{\frac{E_{beam}^{*2}}{c^{4}} - \frac{|\vec{p}_{3l}|^{2}}{c^{2}}} - m_{\tau}$$





 τ LFV channels



	Physics models	$B(au o \mu \gamma)$	$B(au o \mu \mu \mu)$
	SM + v mixing	$10^{-49} \sim 10^{-52}$	$10^{-53} \sim 10^{-56}$
	SM+heavy Majorana v_R	10 ⁻⁹	10^{-10}
	Non-universal Z'	10^{-9}	10^{-8}
	SUSY SO(10)	10^{-8}	10^{-10}
	mSUGRA + seesaw	10^{-7}	10 ⁻⁹
Ref: <u>https://arxiv.org/</u> abs/hep-ph/0702136	SUSY Higgs	10^{-10}	10^{-7}

17th International Workshop on τ Lepton Physics: τ 2023 - Alberto Martini for Belle II - 5 December 2023, Louisville Kentucky USA

Ref: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1301.4652.pdf

An observation would be a clear signature of NP!

Summary of LFV in Tau Decays



Comprehensive search with 48 decay modes: leptonic and hadronic Several modes with nearly zero backgrounds LHCb sensitivity comparable to B-Factories for leptonic modes


Projected Sensitivities



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C. Cecci @ NuFact 2015

CLFV in Muon Decays

- Advantage: high-intensity muon sources are available Very large statistical samples
- (Potential) disadvantage: 2nd generation Typically need to reach significantly lower branching ratios for comparable sensitivity to tau decays
 - Be However, statistics is winning at this point
- Several channels of interest
 - © µ→eγ
 - \Im μ \rightarrow e conversion in nuclear field
 - $\Im \mu \rightarrow eee$

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Neutrinoless Muon-Electron Conversion







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Sensitivity to New Physics



 $\star \star$ Moderate, but visible effects



Large effects

GLOSSARY					
AC [10]	RH currents & U(1) flavor symmetry				
RVV2 [11]	SU(3)-flavored MSSM				
AKM [12]	RH currents & SU(3) family symmetry				
δ LL [13]	CKM-like currents				
FBMSSM [14]	Flavor-blind MSSSM				
LHT [15]	Little Higgs with T Parity				
RS [16]	Warped Extra Dimensions				

	AC	RVV2	AKM	δ LL	FBMSSM	LHT	
$D^0 - \bar{D}^0$	***	*	*	*	*	***	
ϵ_K	*	***	***	*	*	**	
$S_{\psi\phi}$	***	***	***	*	*	***	
$S_{\phi K_S}$	***	**	*	***	***	*	
$A_{\rm CP}\left(B\to X_s\gamma\right)$	*	*	*	***	***	*	
$A_{7,8}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	*	*	*	***	***	**	
$A_9(B o K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)$	*	*	*	*	*	*	
$B ightarrow K^{(*)} u ar{ u}$	*	*	*	*	*	*	
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	***	***	***	***	***	*	
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	
$K_L o \pi^0 u ar u$	*	*	*	*	*	***	
$\mu ightarrow e \gamma$	***	***	***	***	***	***	
$\tau ightarrow \mu \gamma$	***	***	*	***	***	***	
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	***	***	***	***	***	***	
d_n	***	***	***	**	***	*	
d_e	***	***	**	*	***	*	
$(g-2)_{\mu}$	***	***	**	***	***	*	

Altmannshofer, Buras, et al, Nucl. Phys. B830:17-94, 2010



Entering Interesting Regime



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Four Orders of Magnitude



Credit: Jason Bono, Nina Hazen

Thanks to Nina Hazen, NYC

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10⁴ increase in fidelity reveals rich structure Thanks to Nina Hazen, NYC

μ -N \rightarrow e-N' and μ + \rightarrow e+ γ Complementary



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Similarly, complementary information from μ and τ searches



MEG: Search for $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

MEG, MEG-II (PSI)



Eur. Phys. J. C (2013) 73:2365





$\mu \rightarrow$ eee: Mu3e Experiment

- Mu3e is a dedicated experiment searching for $\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+$
- aimed sensitivity $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 10^{-16}$
- stopped muons per second: 10⁹
- main background: $\mu \rightarrow eee\nu_e\nu_\mu$, with $\mathcal{B} = 3.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ and accidentals
 - Phase Ib: muon stopping $\sim 10^8 \ \mu^+/s$ (2017)
 - central module upgraded with 250 µm diameter scintillation fibres (three layers)
 - two additional recurl modules including pixel and scintillation tiles \Rightarrow better timing







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$\mu \rightarrow e$ Conversion Experiments



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Rare Processes

Probability of	
rolling a 7 with two dice	1.67E-01
rolling a 12 with two dice	2.78E-02
getting 10 heads in a row flipping a coin	9.77E-04
drawing a royal flush (no wild cards)	1.54E-06
getting struck by lightning in one year in the US	2.00E-06
winning Pick-5	5.41E-08
winning MEGA-millions lottery (5 numbers+megaball)	3.86E-09
your house getting hit by a meteorite this year	2.28E-10
drawing two royal flushes in a row (fresh decks)	2.37E-12
your house getting hit by a meteorite today	6.24E-13
getting 53 heads in a row flipping a coin	1.11E-16
your house getting hit by a meteorite AND you being	
struck by lightning both within the next six months	1.14E-16
your house getting hit by a meteorite AND you being	
struck by lightning both within the next three months	2.85E-17

E. Prebys, R. Bernstein

Previous Best Experiment





100 MeV/c e

<u>6</u>

0.6

0

0.4

Mu2e Background Goals

Discovery sensitivity accomplished by suppressing backgrounds to <1 event total $SES = (3.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-17}$

Category	Source	Ever
	μ Decay in Orbit	
Intrinsic	Radiative µ Capture	
	Radiative π Capture	
	Beam electrons	0.0
	μ Decay in Flight	
Late Arriving	π Decay in Flight	
	Antiproton induced	
	Cosmic Ray induced	
Miscellaneous	Pat. Recognition Errors	
Total Background		

nts

- 0.14 ± 0.10
 - < 0.01
- 0.025 ± 0.001
- 0025±0.0010
 - < 0.003
 - < 0.001
- 0.047 ± 0.005
- 0.247 ± 0.005
 - < 0.01

 0.46 ± 0.10

Mu₂e @ FNAL

- High-intensity pulsed beam of low momentum muons
- 8 GeV protons from Fermilab complex (10³ increase over SINDRUM)
- Stop the muons in orbit around a nucleus
- Aluminum stopping target ($\tau_{\mu}^{A1} = 864 \text{ ns}$)
- □ Time structure suppressed background
- Detect outgoing electrons consistent with the signal



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Mu2e @ FNAL

V. Lobashev, MELC 1992:







~25 meters end-to-end

Not shown: Cosmic Ray Veto, Extinction Monitor

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• *Production*: Magnetic bottle traps π 's, which decay into accepted μ 's





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Detector: Stopping Target, Tracking and Calorimeter

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Gradient Fields in Mu2e

- Play a vital role throughout the design
- Drives cost and schedule



- "push" muons out of PS into TS and into DS towards stopping target
- keep particles from spiraling around, arriving late
- conversions are isotropic in stopping target; the gradient over stopping target "reflects" backward going muons and nearly doubles the acceptance

Schematic of One Beam Cycle



- No real overlap between selection window and the second proton pulse!
 - Proton times: when protons arrive at production target
 - Selection window: measured tracks pass the mid-plane of the tracker
 - Suppress late-arriving backgrounds (e.g. radiative pion capture) by requiring \bullet high proton extinction, i.e. no protons between beam bunches

Tracking Detector

Transverse tracker surrounding central region: radius of helix proportional to momentum, p=qBR

low momentum particles and almost all DIO background passes down center

18 stations of 5 mm diameter straws (~20k total) 0.2% momentum resolution

10 m × 0.95 m Al foil stopping target muon beam stop Signal events pass through tracker

and produce hits, then stop in calorimeter



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Tracker sits in Vácuum

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Tracker: Straw Tubes in Vacuum



Tracker sits in Vácuum

Mu2e Cosmic Ray Veto

- Covers entire DS and half the TS
- 99.99% CR rejection efficiency required



Mu2e Progress



Transport solenoid





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Fracker





Calorimeter

Muon Complex




Mu2e Collaboration

Over 200 Scientists from 37 Institutions

Argonne National Laboratory, Boston University, University of California Berkeley, University of California Irvine, California Institute of Technology, City University of New York, Joint Institute of Nuclear Research Dubna, Duke University, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Laboratori Nazionale di Frascati, University of Houston, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, INFN Genova, Institute for High Energy Physics, Protvino, Kansas State University, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, INFN Lecce, University Marconi Rome, Lewis University, University of Liverpool, University College London, University of Louisville, University of Manchester, University of Minnesota, Muon Inc., Northwestern University, Institute for Nuclear Research Moscow, INFN Pisa, Northern Illinois University, Purdue University, Rice University, Sun Yat-Sen University, University of South Alabama, Novosibirsk State University/Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, University of Virginia, University of Washington, Yale University





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Mu2e is a Program

- + If we have a signal:
 - Study Z dependence: distinguish among theories
- If we have no signal:
 - Up to to 10 × Mu2e physics reach, $R_{\mu e}$ < a few × 10⁻¹⁸
 - Will require modest upgrades to detector (arXiv:1802.02599)
- Both could be done faster with more protons from PIP II
- ➡ Mu2e-II

599) PIP II

Figure 1.2. Depiction of the above-grade portion of the Mu2e facility.

Mu2e is integrated into Fermilab's overall science program that includes many experiments that use the same machines and facilities, though often in different ways. Because of the overlapping needs of several experimental programs, the scope of work described above will be accomplished through a variety of mechanisms. The NOvA and g-2 experiments both require upgrades to the Recycler Ring that will be used by Mu2e. Infrastructure required by both Mu2e and g-2 will be funded as common Accelerator Improvement Projects (AIPs) and General Plant Projects (GPPs). These common projects will be managed by Fermilab to ensure completion on a time scale consistent with the nucleus

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$\mu \rightarrow e^+$ Conversion: Complementarity



Complementarity between LFV and LNV measurements Complementarity between nuclear (DBD) and particle physics (Mu2e) measurements Complementarity between nuclear calculations (nuclear matrix elements)

Future of CLFV Searches





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Backup



MUSIC @ Osaka







PRISM

PRISM - Phase Rotated Intense Slow Muon beam

- •The PRISM/PRIME experiment based on FFAG ring was proposed (Y. Kuno, Y. Mori) for a next generation cLFV searches in order to:
- reduce the muon beam energy spread by phase rotation,
- purify the muon beam in the storage ring.
- PRISM requires a compressed proton bunch and high power proton beam
 - It needs a new proton driver!
- This will allow for a single event sensitivity of 3×10⁻¹⁹





COMET: Phase-I



Next-Generation: PRISM/PRIME



R_D Measurements



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R_K Measurement

$$\mathcal{R}_{K}^{SM} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \to K^{+} \mu^{-} \bar{\nu}_{\mu})}{\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \to K^{+} e^{-} \bar{\nu}_{e})} \approx 1$$

$\mathcal{R}_{K}^{\text{LHCb}} = 0.745 \pm_{0.074}^{0.090} \pm 0.036$

A 2.6 σ departure from unity

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Mu2e Track Reconstruction

- High backgrounds, single track, no t₀ Challenging pattern recognition problem! □ Time division: define 3d points along the tr
- Need high efficiency, < 2% momentum Low-energy Robust Helix Fit

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(requires Time Division)









Tracker Momentum Resolution



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Kalman Fit (requires Time Division) (import from BaBar)

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Tracker Momentum Resolution

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Caltorimeter





- Two disk geometry
- Hex BaF₂ crystals; APD or SiPM readout
- Provides precise timing, PID, background rejection, alternate track seed, and possible calibration trigger.







Cosmic Ray Backgrounds



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