How to build a high-rate precision particle physics experiment

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Overview

Why high rate experiments?

• Testing the standard model at the intensity frontier

From idea to experiment:

- The design process
- Challenge:
 - Tracking at high rates
- Case studies:
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Challenge:

High speed data acquisition

Case studies:

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- Gravity
- Dark matter
- Dark energy
- Matter-/antimatter asymmetry
- Neutrino masses
- Hierarchy problem (naturalness)
- Grand unification
- Strong CP problem

So there must be something else...

...but where?

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Produce at high energies?

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Observe in loops





Searching for very rare processes needs:

- High intensity
- Low background, high sensitivity

Example: Muons - how to get high intensity

Paul Scherrer Institute in Villigen, Switzerland



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World's most intensive proton beam 2.2 mA at 590 MeV: 1.3 MW of beam power



Example: Muons - how to get high intensity



- Rotating carbon wheel as target
- Hit with proton beam

Pion production







Muon beamlines



- Target serves many beamlines
- Usable intensity ~ $10^8 \,\mu/s$

How to get higher intensities?



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High intensity means many particles and lots of opportunities to do something beyond the standard model Long lifetime!

Stable particles - protons

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Weak decays



Study deviations from predicted decay distributions

or

search for suppressed/forbidden decays

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Only limited by number of muons and background suppression

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LFV Muon Decays: Experimental Situation



 $MEG(PSI) \\ B(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 5.7 \cdot 10^{-13} \\ (2013)$

SINDRUM II (PSI) $B(\mu^{-}Au \rightarrow e^{-}Au) < 7 \cdot 10^{-13}$ (2006) relative to nuclear capture SINDRUM (PSI) B($\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$) < 1.0 \cdot 10⁻¹² (1988) A new experiment:

The design process

What questions to ask?

Design process - Constraints

- Physics performance
- Detector capabilities
- Physical constraints: Supports, cables etc.

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• Cost!

Tools - Detector Simulation



Build the detector in your computer

- Simulate interactions of particles with matter using the Geant4 software package
- Develop reconstruction and analysis software
- Check detector performance against goals
- Iterate



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Find collaborators...

Find money...

Obtain beam time...

Case study:

Particle tracking in high rate environments

Why tracking?



Reconstructing paths of charged particles allows for:

- Particle counting
- Momentum measurement (with a magnetic field)
- Some timing measurements
- Reconstruction of a common point of origin (vertexing)

Tracking resolution

Usually physics goal requires a certain momentum resolution

Momentum resolution is determined by

- Single point resolution of detector
- Deflection of particle in detector (Multiple coulomb scattering)
- Number and arrangement of detectors

Two regimes: Resolution & Scattering



Resolution regime



- Add more layers
- Constrained by cost and space (inside a magnet)

Scattering regime



• Momentum resolution to first order:

$$\sigma_{P/P} \sim \theta_{MS/\Omega}$$

- Precision requires large lever arm (large bending angle Ω) and low multiple scattering θ_{MS}
- Constrained by space and material required for detection

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- Gas chemistry in near field aging

Tracking detectors and high rates

Deadtime



Granularity



Confusion



Stereo







Demands for detectors

- High resolution
- Low mass
- High granularity
- If possible 3D
- Good timing

Solid state detectors

- Reversely biased diode in semiconductor as detection element (typically few 100 V)
- Some amplifier
- Some digitization scheme

Silicon Strips



Silicon Strips





Silicon Pixels



Monolithic Pixel sensors



Fast and thin sensors: HV-MAPS



• (I.Perić, P. Fischer et al., NIM A 582 (2007) 876)









Mechanics



- 50 µm silicon
- 25 µm Kapton[™] flexprint with aluminium traces
- 25 µm Kapton™ frame as support
- Less than 1‰ of a radiation length per layer



"Classic" technology and incremental upgrade

Searching for $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ with MEG

MEG Signal and background



Kinematics

- 2-body decay
- Monoenergetic e^+ , γ
- Back-to-back

Rates and accidentals



- Muon lifetime 2.2 μs
- Single muon in target experiments limited to $<450^{\prime}000~\mu/s$
- Corresponds to few $10^{12}\,\mu$ decays a year

- New experiments operate at $10^7 + \mu/s$
- Many muons on target at any time
- Accidental background

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Radiative

Decay

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The MEG Detector





J. Adam et al. EPJ C 73, 2365 (2013)

COBRA Magnet



Gradient field gives constant bending radius independent of

J. Adam et al. EPJ C 73, 2365 (2013)













MEG Results

- 2009-2011 data
- Blue: Signal PDF, given by detector resolution
- No signal seen
- Upper limit at 90% CL:

 $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$

J. Adam et al. PRL 110, 201801 (2013)





MEG - Data



• Further improvements need detector improvements - upgrade ongoing

• 2012 & 2013 data are being analysed

Observed limits and sensitivity



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LXe Calorimeter

Higher resolutions and efficiency with higher granularity.

Target Thinner target Active target option

> Muon Beam More than twice intense beam

Drift chamber

Higher tracking performance with long single tracking volume **Tin**

Timing Counter

Higher time resolution with highly segmented detector

Radiative Decay Counter

Identify gammas from muon radiative-decays (optional)

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MEG Upgrade - Calorimeter

- ~4000 VUV sensitive SiliconPMs on entry face (new development with Hamamatsu)
- Better position and energy resolution
- Better efficiency





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MEG Upgrade - Drift Chamber







- New single volume drift chamber
- Lower Z gas mixture
- More space points per track
- Better rate capability
- Less material in front of timing counters

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MEG Upgrade - Drift Chamber Ageing







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FIG. 24: Gain drop in 1-year od DAQ time at $7 \times 10^7 \mu^+$ /sec.

MEG Upgrade - Timing Counter

- Many small scintillators
- Read-out by SiliconPMs
- On average eight counters hit by track
- 30 ps timing resolution per track

Support structure

Plastic scintillator plate

Plastic scintillator

~12 cm

SiPM

PCB

~5mm

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MEG II sensitivity projection

Statistics Branching ratio 5σ Discovery 90% C.L. MEG 2011 k factor = SES⁻¹ ($\times 10^{12}$) 3σ Discovery 50 90% C.L. Exclusion 10⁻¹² 37.5 25 12.5 10⁻¹³ 0 2010 2011 2009 2012+2013 2016 2018 2017 Upgraded MEG in 3 years 10⁻¹⁴ Upgrade Ryu Sawada, SUSY 2014 20 40 60 80 100 0 weeks 5×10^{-14} sensitivity in 3 years DAQ

Sensitivity prospect

Searching for $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion with Mu2e, DeeMee, COMET, PRISM

High rates without seeing high rates

Conversion Signal and Background



• Single 105 MeV/c electron observed

Backgrounds:

Anything that can produce a 105 MeV/c electron

- Primary proton beam
- Decay in Orbit (DIO)
- Nuclear capture (AlCap effort at PSI)
- Cosmics

Limitations of last experiment: SINDRUM II

- Beam induced background
- Muon rates



Beam induced background



- Proton beam produces pions, photons, (antiprotons) etc.
- Wait until things become better...

Z-dependence



Muons from Fermilab...



- Re-use part of the Tevatron infrastructure
- Proton pulses every 1700 ns
- > $10^{10} \, \mu/s$

 Project X would give another 2 orders of magnitude at an energy below the antiproton threshold

... and J-PARC



+ $10^{11} \,\mu$ /s from 8 GeV/c protons

Deacy-in-orbit background

μ Decay in Orbit Spectrum for ²⁷Al



- Calculation by Czarnecki, Garcia i Tormo and Marciano, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011)
- Requires excellent momentum resolution

Experimental concept - DeeMee



Yohei Nakatsugawa, NuFACT2014

Sensitivity - DeeMee

• Expect 2.1×10⁻¹⁴ single event sensitivity for one year running



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Production target inside a solenoid



Experimental layout - Mu2e



Mu2e Tracker





- Straw tubes in vacuum
- Outside of radius of Michel electrons

Mu2e CDR



Film tube

End plug

Wire

Crimp pin

Gas tube



Electric contact

Attachment band with electric ground

Fixation ring

Experimental layout - COMET Phase I



Experimental layout - COMET Phase II




Conversion: Expected sensitivities

- Comet Phase I and DeeMee might get to $\sim 10^{-14}$ as early as 2016
- Both Comet Phase II and Mu2e will start around 2020
- Should get single event sensitivities well below 10⁻¹⁶
- Prism/Prime and Mu2e with Project X explore paths to 10⁻¹⁸

Tracking it all:

Searching for $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$ with Mu3e

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The signal



- $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$
- Two positrons, one electron
- From same vertex
- Same time
- $\Sigma p_e = m_{\mu}$
- Maximum momentum: $\frac{1}{2} m_{\mu} = 53 \text{ MeV/c}$

Accidental Background



- Combination of positrons from ordinary muon decay with electrons from:
 - photon conversion,
 - Bhabha (electron-positron) scattering,
 - Mis-reconstruction

 Need very good timing, vertex and momentum resolution

Internal conversion background



 Allowed radiative decay with internal conversion:

 $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \rightarrow e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} e^{\scriptscriptstyle -} e^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \vee \overline{\nu}$

• Only distinguishing feature: Missing momentum carried by neutrinos



momentum resolution

2 Billion Muon Decays/s

50 ns, 1 Tesla field



Detector Technology



- High granularity (occupancy)
- Close to target (vertex resolution)
- 3D space points (reconstruction)
- Minimum material (momenta below 53 MeV/c)

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- Gas detectors do not work (space charge, aging, 3D)
- Silicon strips do not work (material budget, 3D)
- Hybrid pixels (as in LHC) do not work (material budget)



Momentum measurement



- 1 T magnetic field
- Resolution dominated by multiple scattering
- Momentum resolution to first order:

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• Precision requires large lever arm (large bending angle Ω) and low multiple scattering θ_{MS}































Detector Design



Timing measurements



Pixels: O(50 ns)

Scintillating fibres O(1 ns); Scintillating tiles O(100 ps)

Timing Detector: Scintillating Fibres



- 3 layers of 250 μ m scintillating fibres
- Read-out by silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and custom ASIC (STiC)
- Timing resolution O(1 ns) (measured with sodium source)



Timing Detector: Scintillating tiles



Back





- Test beam with tiles, SiPMs and readout ASIC
- Timing resolution ~ 80 ps







Challenge: High Speed Data Acquisition

Data acquisition



- Thousands to millions of detector channels
- Fast analog signals (ns down to ps)
- Want digitized time and/or amplitude

• Digitizing at 100 MHz and 8 bit 100 MByte/s - per channel

Buffers



- Buffer signal for a while
- Either analogue: cable, switched capacitor arrary
- Or digital: Memory in ring buffer configuration
- Only digitize/store when interesting
- Need to somehow generate a trigger signal

Triggers



• Use subset of channels

or

- Use sum of channels
- Compare with some threshold: Typical for energy or on/off measurements
- Can also do very complex things like particle tracking (more upon request...)

Getting data out



- No space, cooling, power in detector for buffer, digitalization, trigger electronics
- Get data out: The cabling challenge










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Switched Capacitor Arrays - the DRS Chips



"Time stretcher" GHz \rightarrow MHz



MAGIC Readout System

Old system:

- 2 GHz flash (multiplexed)
- 512 channels
- Total of five racks, ~20 kW



S. Ritt, PSI

New system:

- 2 GHz SCA (DRS4 based)
- 2000 channels
- 4 VME crates
- Channel density 10x higher



DRS USB Oscilloscope





Next Generation

- ≤ 32 fast sampling cells (10 GSPS)
- 100 ps sample time, 3.1 ns hold time
- Hold time long enough to transfer voltage to secondary sampling stage with moderately fast buffer (300 MHz)
- Shift register gets clocked by inverter chain from fast sampling stage



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Or use a completely different approach...

Streaming Readout

Getting data out



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• Really?

Getting data out



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 - digitalization,
 - trigger electronics

Use custom integrated circuits!





Digital electronics is tiny....



Fast links on thin cables



• Up to 1.6 GBit/s over one differential pair to an FPGA

 Multiplex data and send via optical link 10 GBit/s easy, more possible



Tront En ASIC Arz Digi MUX Detector FPGA MVX Optical Link Storage

Data Acquisition



- 280 Million pixels (+ fibres and tiles)
- No trigger
- ~ 1 Tbit/s
- FPGA-based switching network
- O(50) PCs with GPUs

Online filter farm



Online software filter farm

- PCs with FPGAs and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)
- Online track and event reconstruction
- 10⁹ 3D track fits/s achieved
- Data reduction by factor ~1000
- Data to tape < 100 Mbyte/s

Backup Material



A general effective Lagrangian





(Y. Kuno, Y. Okada, Rev.Mod.Phys. 73 (2001) 151)

Comparison with $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$

$$\sum_{\substack{k=1\\ k \neq k}} \sum_{k=1}^{k} \sum_{k=1}^{k$$





mass scale A (TeV)

- Ratio K between them
- Common mass scale Λ
- Allows for sensitivity comparisons between $\mu \rightarrow eee$ and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
- In case of dominating dipole couplings (K = 0):

$$\frac{B(\mu \rightarrow eee)}{B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} = 0.006 \quad (essentially \alpha_{em})$$

History of LFV experiments

(2008))



Lepton flavour violating T-decays



Belle II at Super KEKB



Expect 5×10^{10} T pairs - branching fractions of 10^{-9} achievable

Simulated Performance - Mu3e Phase II



- 3D multiple scattering track fit
- Simulation results:
 280 keV single track momentum
 520 keV total mass resolution



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

- 3-body decay
- Invariant mass constraint
- $\Sigma p_i = 0$



 $\mu^{-}N \rightarrow e^{-}N$



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Background

- Accidental background
- Radiative decay

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 Background
 - Decay in orbit
 - Antiprotons, pions, cosmics

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