



The **COMET** experiment:

Search for muon-to-electron conversion

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Charged Lepton Flavor Violation in Muon

3 Major Processes

• $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ • $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-$ • $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$ (µ-e conversion)





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Muon-to-electron conversion

Fate of muonic atom



Concept of modern µ-e conversion search

Muon Source

BG Rejection

Ancestor of COMET/Mu2e

Vladimir Lobashev 1934-2011



Vladimir Lobashev. (Image credit: INR.) CERN Courier 51, 8 (2011)



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Yad. Fiz. 49, 622 / Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 49, 384 (1989)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the search for the $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion process in a nucleus

- R. M. Dzhilkibaev and V. M. Lobashev
- Institute of Nuclear Research, USSR Academy of Sciences (Submitted 21 June 1988)
- Yad. Fiz. 49, 622-624 (February 1989)

Among the most important problems of elementaryparticle physics is the problem of searching for nonconservation of leptonic quantum numbers. In the $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion process in a nucleus the muon and electron numbers are not conserved, and therefore this process does not occur in the standard electroweak theory. At the same time in a number of extensions of the minimal model¹ nonconvervation of lepton numbers is a natural property of the theory. The signature of $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion is the appearance of a

MELC@INR, Moscow proposed (1992)

MECO@BNL cancelled



Transport





Muon source

Powerful muon source is mandatory !!



Vertical drift \rightarrow Momentum & charge selection

Curved Solenoid

Beam Transport

B(low)

 $\sim P_L$

Capture solenoid P_T

B(high)







Low momentum track



Beam collimator

gradient magnetic field mentum and cha $D_0 = \frac{1}{qB} \left(\frac{s}{R}\right) \frac{p_L^2 + \frac{1}{2}p_T^2}{p_L}, \qquad B_{\text{comp}} = \frac{1}{qR} \frac{p_0}{2} \left(\cos\theta_0 + \frac{1}{\cos\theta_0}\right)$

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Production target

Background rejection



Background rejection (1)

Decay-in-orbit

→ Detector resolution

Intrinsic physics background





A.Czarnecki, X.G.i Tormo, W.J.Marciano, PRD 84, 013006 (2011).



Required momentum resolution

Δp < 200 keV/c for BR~10⁻¹⁵ < 150 keV/c for BR~10⁻¹⁷

for 105 MeV/c electrons

Background rejection (2)

$(\mathbf{2})$ Beam-related prompt BG → Pulsed Beam

Muon beam is contaminated by pions, and the momentum is spreading in a wide range.

• Radiative pion capture, π - (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-1) γ , $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$

Cf.) $\tau_{\mu}(Al) = 0.9 \ \mu sec$

- Muon decay in flight, $p_{\mu} > 75 \text{ MeV/c}$
- Anti-proton induced, etc.

Main Proton

of Particles [a.u.]

F

F

100 ns

correlated with beam timing

✓ Long muon beam line

- reduce π contamination
- Pulsed beam
 - prompt vs. delayed
- **Delayed-timing measurement**

Lifetime of the muonic atom should be comparable to the pulse interval



Background rejection (2)

② Beam-related prompt BG → Pulsed Beam

Time [µsec]

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- Radiative pion capture, $\pi^{-}(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-1) \gamma, \gamma \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-}$
- Muon decay in flight, $p_{\mu} > 75 \text{ MeV/c}$

Prompt Background

Stopped Muon Decay

DAQ Window

Prompt BG.

• Anti-proton induced, etc.

Main Proton I

Leaked Proton

of Particles [a.u.]

100 ns

correlated with beam timing

- ✓ Long muon beam line
 - reduce π contamination
- Pulsed beam
 - prompt vs. delayed
- Delayed-timing measurement

✓ Extinction factor <10⁻¹⁰

 $R_{ext} = \frac{\# \text{ of protons in between pulses}}{\# \text{ of protons in pulses}}$

Leaked protons are dangerous to make the beam BG in the timing window.

Background rejection (3)

Cosmic-ray induced

3



→ Veto

- Cosmic rays may create 105-MeV electrons that come into a detector and make trigger.
- To avoid these CR induced BG, detector region have to be covered by veto counters.
- Required performance: **CRV inefficiency ~ 10**-4
- CR background \propto data taking time (\rightarrow shorter running time with higher beam intensity is better)



The COMET Experiment





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A

Accelerator







Cf.) Requirement $< 10^{-10}$



4.2: Kicker magnets excitation timing for the single bunch kicking (A) as compared to the – C injection kicking shown in (B).



- COMET dedicated operation
 - Energy: 8 GeV
 - Pulsed beam: 1.17-µsec interval
 - 3.2 kW for Phase-I
 - 56 kW for Phase-II
- Obtained Extinction
 - $= 10^{-12} \sim 10^{-11}$ @ FX abort
- the Good enough for COMET

Beam line

- New beam line & experimental hall were constructed.
- Bunched Slow Extraction (BSX)
 the eping bunch structure to realize the pulse
 MR
 A-line
 B-line
 B-line
 B-line
 B-line
 B-line







COMET Phase-I



- rightarrow Beam measurement ightarrow StrECAL
- to understand beam quality and background (PID, momentum, timing) M. Moritsu (KEK) — 26/09/2019, J-PARC2019

COMET Phase-II



Sensitivity



Fraction of muons to be captured by AI target = 0.61

| | Phase-I | Phase-II |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Proton Beam Power | 3.2 kW | 56 kW |
| DAQ time | 150 days ~ 1 year | |
| Total muons stop, N_{μ} | 1.5×10 ¹⁶ | 1.4×10 ^{18 #} |
| Detector Acceptance+Efficiency, A _{u-e} | 0.041 | 0.057 # |
| S.E.S. | 3.0×10 ⁻¹⁵ | 2.0×10 ⁻¹⁷ # |
| # of BG | 0.032 | < 1 |

Based on recent study, we are considering $O(10^{-18})$ sensitivity with optimized setup in Phase-II.



Recent Status

Technical Design Report, arXiv:1812.09018

Solenoid magnet status



Transport Solenoid **Detector Solenoid** 2019

- Capture solenoid:
 - Coil winding & cold mass assembly in progress. Cryostat design ongoing.
- Transport solenoid:
 - Installed and ready for cryogenic test
- Bridge & Detector solenoids:
 - DS & BS coils ready. DS vessel delivered.
- Cryogenic System:
 - Refrigerator test completed. Helium transfer tube in production.
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CyDet system

Detector for μ -e search in Phase-I

- **CDC** (Cylindrical Drift Chamber)
 - electron tracking in 1 T
 - $\Delta p = 200 \text{ keV/c}$ (for p=105 MeV/c)
 - Low-mass chamber
 - He:i-C₄H₁₀ (90:10)
 - 0.5-mm CFRP inner wall
 - Al field wire, $126\mu m$, 4986
 - Au-W sense wire, 25μm, 14562
 - Alternating all stereo layer
 - 20 layers, $\pm 64 \sim 75$ mrad
- **CTH** (Cylindrical Trigger Hodoscopes)
 - Scintillator & Acrylic Cherenkov
 - Finemesh PMT readout
 - 4-fold coincidence trigger

Stopping Target

- Al target consists of 17 discs
- 100-mm radius, 0.2-mm thickness, 50-mm spacing.
- M. Moritsu (KEK) 26/09/2019, J-PARC2019

For details, See Yuki Fujii's Talk PN-DDB, 25/Sep



StrECAL system

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Electron Calorimeter

- 1,920 LYSO crystals
 - $2 \times 2 \times 12$ cm (10.5 radiation length)
- $\Delta E/E = 5\%$ (for E=105 MeV)
- 40-ns decay time
- APD readout





Straw Tracker prototype

ECAL prototype



Extinction study



- Perfect Extinction (empty) filled (empty)
- But, small amount of residual protons were observed in K4 rear.
- Because of the tai of Injection K cker ex citation.
- By longer kicker timing shift, no leak proton is observed in K4 rear.
- Extinction $< 6 \times 10^{-11}$ is expected. \rightarrow Need confirmation at BSX.

Cf.) Requirement $< 10^{-10}$



Schedule and Summary

Schedule & Summary

Input to European Strategy for Particle Physics Upgrade arXiv:1812.06540

Searches for Charged-Lepton Flavor Violation in Experiments using Intense Muon Beams



Summary

- COMET aims to search for μ -e conversion with sensitivity of 3×10^{-15} / 2×10^{-17} at Phase-I / II.
- Detector & beam line preparation is intensively in progress for Phase-I.
- Phase-II study is also in progress. We are able to optimize the Phase-II parameters based on the coming Phase-I results.



Summary of COMET Phase-I / II

| | Phase-I | Phase-II # | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Proton Beam Power | 3.2 kW (8 GeV×0.4 μA) | 56 kW (8 GeV×7 μA) | |
| # of protons / acc. cycle | 6.2×10 ¹² / 2.48 sec | 4.4×10 ¹³ / 1.0 sec | |
| DAQ time | 1.26×10 ⁷ sec (146 days) | 2.0×10 ⁷ sec (231 days) | |
| Total protons on target | 3.2×10 ¹⁹ | 9.0×10 ²⁰ | |
| # of muons stop / proton | 4.7×10-4 | 1.6×10 ⁻³ | |
| Total muons stop | 1.5×10 ¹⁶ | 1.4×10 ¹⁸ | |
| Detector Acceptance+Efficiency | 0.041 | 0.057 | |
| S.E.S. | 3.0×10 ⁻¹⁵ 2.0×10 ⁻¹⁷ | | |
| # of BG | # of BG 0.032 < 1 | | |

Phase-II parameters are tentative, more improvement under study

Sensitivity



Background estimation

Background

| Signal and DIO (BR=3 × 10 ⁻¹⁵) | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 0.18 W 0.16 C 0.014 String 0.12 | | S | ianal | | |
| 0.12 | | | | | |
| 0.08 | | | | | |
| 0.04 | | | | | |
| 0.02 181.5 102 | 102.5 103 103 | 3.5 104 104. | 5 105 10 Momentur | 5.5 106 n [MeV/c] | |
| | 03.6 < p | o _e < [(|)6.0 M | 1eV/c | |

| | Physics | Muon decay in orbit | 0.01 | |
|----------|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Detector | | Radiative muon capture | 0.0019 | Momentum [MeV/c] |
| | | Neutron emission after muon capture | < 0.001 | 103.6 < _{Pe} < 106.0 MeV |
| | | Charged particle emission after muon of | capture < 0.001 | |
| | Prompt Beam | * Beam electrons | | A |
| | | * Muon decay in flight | | Assuming |
| | | * Pion decay in flight | | $R_{ext} = 3 \times 10^{-11}$ |
| | | * Other beam particles | | |
| Beam | | All $(*)$ Combined | ≤ 0.0038 | 700 < t _e < 1170 ns |
| | | Radiative pion capture | 0.0028 | |
| | | Neutrons | $\sim 10^{-9}$ | |
| | Delayed Beam | luBreenoelentoonsstopped inside targets | Fraction of µ-e conv | ersion t |
| | | Muon decay in flight | ~ 0 | @ Phase-I |
| | | Pion decay infight of muons to be capt | ured by AI target = 0.61 $^{\sim 0}$ | |
| | | Radiative pion capture | ~ 0 | |
| | | Anti-proton induced backgrounds | 0.0012 | |
| CR | Othermber of m | nuGasi stopped inside targets | Fraction of µ-e conversion to | the ground state $= 0.9$ |
| | Total | | 0.032 | |
| | | [†] This estimate is currently limited by computi Fraction of muons to be captured by A | ng resources. | |

Fraction of muons to be captured by Al target = 0.61

BG is small enough

OMET

Estimated events



Type

BG is still less than 1 by simulation

to be confirmed by Phase-I Beam Measurement

Related (byproduct) measurements

 $\mu^{-} + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^{+} + (A, Z - 2)$

B.Yeo, Kuno, MJ.Lee, Zuber, PRD96, 075027 (2017)

- Lepton Number Violation process.
- Target nucleus mass relation is required: M(A, Z 2) < M(A, Z 1),
 - to eliminate radiative muon capture BG
- 10,000× sensitivity improvement is possible.
- Promising isotopes: ⁴⁰Ca, ³²S

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

Koike, Kuno, J.Sato, Yamanaka, PRL105, 121601 (2010). Uesaka, Kuno, J.Sato, T.Sato, Yamanaka, PRD93, 076006 (2016), PRD97, 015017 (2018).

Feasible in Phase-I

- The Coulomb attraction from the nucleus in a heavy muonic atom leads to significant enhancement in its rate.
- Z dependence could be used to distinguish interaction types.

Target dependence to discriminate interactions



V. Cirigliano, R. Kitano, Y. Okada, and P. Tuzon, Phys. Rev. D 80, 013002 (2009).

PRISM

Letter of Intent, J-APRC P20 (2006). An Experimental Search for A μ^- – e⁻ Conversion at Sensitivity of the Order of 10⁻¹⁸ with a Highly Intense Muon Source: PRISM



0.05

⁺л ⁺ ⁺ ⁺

Effective Field Theory



A. Crivellin, S. Davidson, G.M. Pruna and A. Signer, JHEP 05, 117 (2017).

| $\mathcal{L}_{	ext{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{	ext{QED}} + \mathcal{L}_{	ext{QCD}}$ |
|---|
| $+ \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bigg\{ C_L^D O_L^D + \sum_{f=q,\ell} \big(C_{ff}^{V \ LL} O_{ff}^{V \ LL} + C_{ff}^{V \ LR} O_{ff}^{V \ LR} + C_{ff}^{S \ LL} O_{ff}^{S \ LL} \big)$ |
| $+\sum_{h=q,\tau} \left(C_{hh}^{T\ LL} O_{hh}^{T\ LL} + C_{hh}^{S\ LR} O_{hh}^{S\ LR} \right) + C_{gg}^{L} O_{gg}^{L} + L \leftrightarrow R \bigg\} + \text{h.c.},$ |

| | D (+ | | | | | D Au/Al | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| | | $\operatorname{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma)$ | | $\operatorname{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+)$ | | $\mathrm{Br}_{\mu \to e}^{\mathrm{Au/Al}}$ | |
| | $4.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$ | $4.0 \cdot 10^{-14}$ | $1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$ | $5.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$ | $7.0 \cdot 10^{-13}$ | $1.0 \cdot 10^{-16}$ | |
| C_L^D | $1.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$ | $3.1\cdot 10^{-9}$ | $2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $1.4\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $2.0\cdot 10^{-7}$ | $2.9\cdot 10^{-9}$ | |
| $C_{ee}^{S L}$ | L 4.8 · 10 ⁻⁵ | $1.5\cdot10^{-5}$ | $8.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $5.8\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $2.1\cdot 10^{-5}$ | |
| $C^{S L}_{\mu\mu}$ | | $7.2\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $4.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.3\cdot10^{-7}$ | $7.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $1.0\cdot 10^{-7}$ | |
| $C_{\tau\tau}^{\dot{S}L}$ | $L = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.7\cdot10^{-7}$ | $2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.7\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $3.5\cdot10^{-7}$ | |
| $C_{\tau\tau}^{TL}$ | | $9.0\cdot10^{-10}$ | $5.7 \cdot 10^{-8}$ | $4.1\cdot 10^{-9}$ | $5.9\cdot10^{-8}$ | $8.5\cdot10^{-10}$ | |
| $C_{\tau\tau}^{SL}$ | | $2.9\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $1.8\cdot 10^{-4}$ | $1.3\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.9\cdot 10^{-4}$ | $2.7\cdot 10^{-6}$ | |
| $C_{bb}^{S L}$ | $L = 2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $8.6\cdot 10^{-7}$ | $5.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $3.8\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $9.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $1.2\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| $C_{bb}^{T L}$ | $L = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$ | $6.4\cdot10^{-10}$ | $4.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$ | $2.9\cdot 10^{-9}$ | $4.2\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $6.0\cdot10^{-10}$ | |
| $C_{bb}^{\tilde{S}L}$ | | $5.1\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $2.3\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $9.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $1.2\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| $C_{cc}^{S L}$ | | $4.4\cdot 10^{-7}$ | $2.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.0\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $1.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $2.4\cdot 10^{-9}$ | |
| $C_{cc}^{T L}$ | | $1.1\cdot 10^{-9}$ | $6.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$ | $4.8\cdot 10^{-9}$ | $6.6\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $9.5\cdot10^{-10}$ | |
| C_{cc}^{SL} | | $3.6\cdot10^{-6}$ | $2.3\cdot10^{-4}$ | $1.6\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.8\cdot 10^{-7}$ | $2.4\cdot 10^{-9}$ | |
| $C_{ee}^{V R}$ | $R = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $9.4\cdot10^{-6}$ | $2.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $1.5\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $2.1\cdot10^{-6}$ | $3.5\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| C_{ee}^{VR} | L 6.7 · 10 ⁻⁵ | $2.1\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$ | $1.9\cdot 10^{-8}$ | $4.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $6.7\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| $C_{\mu\mu}^{VR}$ | $R = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $9.4\cdot10^{-6}$ | $1.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $2.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.5\cdot10^{-8}$ | |
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| C_{cc}^{VR} | $R \mid 8.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.5\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.3\cdot10^{-5}$ | $1.6\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $2.1\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.4\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| C_{cc}^{VR} | L 6.7 · 10 ⁻⁵ | $2.1\cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.7\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $2.1\cdot 10^{-6}$ | $3.5\cdot 10^{-8}$ | |
| C_{gg}^L | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | $6.2\cdot10^{-3}$ | $8.1\cdot 10^{-5}$ | |

Extinction at "Hadron" with Bunched-SX beam -2-



- Front buckets were filled with protons of COMET intensity (1.6×10¹² ppp) and Injection Kicker was shifted 600 nsec forward
- * **Perfect Extinction (= No Leak)** was realized for 3 Injection Batches (K1, K2 and K3)
- * But...

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* Small amount of residual protons are shown in K4 rear...

CyDet status



CDC cosmic-ray test is ongoing in KEK. Good performance was obtained.



High-level track trigger

- Software-level algorithm was already established.

12000 10000

> 8000 6000

> 4000

2000

can reduce background hits into 1/20 while retaining 99% of signals.

(a) Event Display

Preliminary

run203 track463

[mm]

σ_{res}~165 μm

1.5 residual (mm



All 120 CDC FE boards were fabricated, and QA was finished in IHEP.

Upstream Cerenkov radiato 156 mm Downstream 90 mm 300 mm 458 mm CTH structure prototype is under construction

StrEC



10mm and 5 mm straw tubes



Tube welding process

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ECA Perfe

ermal study of FE in gas manifold was carried out.

prototype; (Left) Partially completed without vacuum wall, (Right) Whole ull-scale prototype Straw station assembly is ongoing.

StrECAL Beam Test @ 2017 s momentum electron beam. The setup for the beam test is schemati-

s momentum electron beam. The setup for the beam test is schemati-11.34 (Left), and its photo is also shown in Figure 11.34 (Right). Here



a setup; (Left) Schematic view of the setup, (Fight) Photo of set up viewing





Cosmic-Ray Veto detector



Figure 12.20: One of the cosmic ray events which escapes the detection by the CRV and enters the BS region, creating an electron reaching the CDC. The same event shown for the whole detector region (left) and a zoomed view (right).



CRV inner shield



coupling mechanism of SiPM to WLS fibre



CRV strip layout



Trigger & DAQ





FC7



FCT



I/F board for FCT & RECBE

