

# Progress of Muonium-to-Antimuonium Conversion Experiment (MACE)

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## Search for cLFV

- Search for charged lepton flavor violation (cLFV):
  - MEGII  $\rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
  - Mu3e  $\rightarrow$   $\mu \rightarrow eee$
  - COMET
  - Mu2e }
- $\mu N \rightarrow e N$
- cLFV = new physics beyond Standard Model (SM)
  - ✓ cLFV is forbidden in SM.
  - ✓ Many new physics model beyond SM predict cLFV.
  - ✓ Tiny contribution from neutrion oscillation (currently not detectable).
  - > A clear evidence of new physic if found!

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#### Muonium conversion: a cLFV process

- Muonium (M =  $\mu^+ e^-$ ): a leptonic isotope of hydrogen.
- **M-M mixing**: an phenomenological possibility leads to **M-to-M conversion**.

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi\rangle = \mathcal{M}|\psi\rangle \qquad |\psi\rangle = \alpha(t)|\mathbf{M}\rangle + \beta(t)|\overline{\mathbf{M}}\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} m - i\Gamma/2 & \Delta m/2 - i\Delta\Gamma/4 \\ \Delta m/2 - i\Delta\Gamma/4 & m - i\Gamma/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{-G_{i}(\mathcal{M})}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \overline{\mathbf{M}}|Q_{i}|\mathbf{M}\rangle$$

$$P_{\mathbf{M} \to \overline{\mathbf{M}}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} P_{\mathbf{M} \to \overline{\mathbf{M}}} \\ 2\tau & t^{2}e^{-t/\tau} \\ 2\tau & t^{2}e^{-t/\tau} \\ Current bound: \\ P_{\mathbf{M} \to \overline{\mathbf{M}}} < 8.3 \times 10^{-11} \\ (in 0.1T field, 90\% C.L.) \end{pmatrix}$$
L. Willmann et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 82 (1999), 49-52.

- $M \rightarrow \overline{M}$ : an  $\Delta L_{\mu} = -\Delta L_{e} = 2$  process.
  - ✓ Different EFT operators from  $\Delta L_{\mu} = -\Delta L_e = 1$  proc. ( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow eee$ ,  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ ).
  - $\checkmark \Delta L_{\mu} = -\Delta L_{e} = 2$  can be possible even if  $\Delta L_{\mu} = -\Delta L_{e} = 1$  is suppressed.
  - ✓ Complementary to  $\Delta L_{\mu} = -\Delta L_e = 1$  process searches.

T. Fukuyama, Y. Mimura, and Yuichi Uesaka, Phys. Rev. D 105, 015026 (2022). (arXiv: 2108.10736)



(in 0.1T field, 90% C.L.)

## How to detect M-to-M conversion?

- Two approaches in history:
  - 1. look for nucleus  $\mu^-$  capture gamma 2. look for final states (both a fast  $e^-$  and a slow  $e^+$ )

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Yoshioka's talk yesterday

(J-PARC g-2 muon cooling)

- ✓ Best limits was achieved by looking for antimuonium decay final states.
- Two approaches in the future:
  - 1. Ionize antimuonium and detect nucleus  $\mu^-$  (proposed in J-PARC)
  - 2. Look for decay final states with even higher precision (MACE)



N.Kawamura et al., JPS Conf. Proc. 33, 011120 (2021)





## Signal and background



## Suppression of background



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2. Final state scattering

M \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e e^-
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3. Accidental background

Scattering/conv. e-

Misreconstruction

Cosmic ray, etc.

• Challenge from IC decay background:

 $\bigcirc BR(\mu \rightarrow eeevv) = 3.4 \times 10^{-5}, \text{ High branching}$ 

fraction even at low  $e^+$  energy:

 $BR(\mu \to eeevv \mid E_k^{1e^+} < 100 \text{ eV}) = 3 \times 10^{-12}$  (LO prediction)

MACE needs

✓ Excellent vertex & time resolution to cut  $p_{xy}$  &  $p_z$ 





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 $E_{\nu}^{e^+}/\mathrm{eV}$ 

20

 $10^{-15}$ 

## Suppression of background

1. Internal conversion (IC) decay  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e$ 

2. Final state scattering  $\square M \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e e^-$ 

- 3. Accidental background
- Scattering/conv. e<sup>-</sup>
- □ Misreconstruction
- Cosmic ray, etc.

- Muonium final state scattering background:
  - Final state Bhabha scattering: fast  $e^+$  + slow  $e^- \rightarrow$  slow  $e^+$  + fast  $e^-$  (signal-like)
  - BR(M  $\rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e e^- | E_{e^-} > 10 \text{ MeV}) \approx 10^{-10}$ , estimated by semiclassical Michel spectrum -Bhabha cross section folding.
  - Expected considerably low BR when  $E_{e^+} \sim 0$ .
  - Detailed background study in progress.
- To reduce accidental background, MACE needs
  - ✓ Excellent vertex & time resolution
  - $\checkmark$  A plused muon beam
  - ✓ Cosmic ray background: cosmic ray veto (design in progress)

## **Design of MACE**



# Plan and beamline

	Conceptual design	Phase-I technical design	Phase-I installation & test run	Phase-I physical run	Phase-I analysis & Phase-II engineering	MACE Phase-II	
•	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2030+	7
	Phase-I: O(10 <sup>-11</sup> ) sensitivity for rare muonium decay (e.g. M→ee / M→γγ)			Phase-II: O(10 <sup>-14</sup> ) sensitivity for muonium conversion			
•	Data taking dura	ation: 1 year	<ul> <li>Data taking duration: 1 year</li> </ul>				
Beam condition:				Beam condition:			
	□ Surface muon, 10 <sup>5</sup> ~ 10 <sup>6</sup> µ <sup>+</sup> /s			□ Surface muon, 10 <sup>8</sup> µ <sup>+</sup> /s			
	Plused or CV	V beam		Plused beam, repetition rate 20 ~ 50 kHz			
	Momentum s	spreading: $\Delta p/p$	< 5%	<b>D</b> Momentum spreading: $\Delta p/p < 3\%$			
Beam spot radius ~10 mm				Beam spot radius < 10 mm			

## Why plused beam?

- Plused beam can reduce accidental background.
  - ✓ Beam-related backgrounds (e.g. e<sup>+</sup> in beam) follow a bunch arrival.
  - $\checkmark$  Scattering e<sup>-</sup> or photon conversions raise with muon decay.
  - ✓ Signal conversion events are late. CiADS? Hanjie Cai's talk yesterday

SHINE?

Takeuchi's talk

yesterday

- Prompt background ↔ delayed signal
  - Possible to suppress background by specific data taking duration.
- MACE prefer a repetition rate of 20 ~ 50 kHz.



## Design and simulation of muonium target

- Intensity of in-vacuum muonium source:  $I_{\rm M}^{\rm vac} = I_{\rm beam} Y_{\mu \to {\rm M}}$
- *Y*<sub>µ→M</sub> can be improved by utilizing porous materials, ideally perforated silica aerogel.
- An simulation method is developed to accurately simulate muonium production and diffusion.

Yoshioka's talk yesterday (J-PARC g-2 muonium target)

- The simulation is validated by muonium yield data measured in TRIUMF.
- Optimize  $Y_{\mu \to M}$  in perforated bulk target by scanning parameters, it can achieve
  - ✓ Max  $Y_{\mu \to M} = N_M^{\text{vac}} / N_{\mu}^{\text{total}} = 1.134\%$ , with 2mm hole depth,  $p_{\text{beam}} = 28 \text{ MeV}/c$  and

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_{\text{beam}}}}{p_{\text{beam}}} = 2.5\%.$$



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## Design and simulation of muonium target

- A novel multi-layer design is expected considerably increase muonium yields in a vacuum (Ce Zhang et al.).
- The simulation result achieves
  - $\checkmark Y_{\mu \to \mathrm{M}} = N_\mathrm{M}^\mathrm{vac}/N_\mu^\mathrm{total} = 4.08\%$
  - ✓ Nearly an order of magnitude improvement on  $N_{\rm M}^{\rm vac}/N_{\mu}^{\rm total}$ .
  - > Still room for further optimization.
- Multi-layer target + intensive muon beam → intensive invacuum muonium source:
  - ✓  $I_{\rm M}^{\rm vac} = I_{\rm beam} Y_{\mu \to \rm M} = 4 \times 10^6 / \text{s}$ , assuming  $I_{\rm beam} = 10^8 / \text{s}$
  - > For comparison, MACS 1990s:  $I_{\rm M}^{\rm vac} = 4 \times 10^4/{\rm s}$
  - Expected two orders of magnitude improvements in invacuum muonium source intensity!





#### **Electromagnetic field design**



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## **Electromagnetic field design**



- Transmission efficiency w/o collimator: >99%
- Excellent transmission precision:  $\sigma_{\Delta x} = 0.197 \text{ mm}, \sigma_{\Delta y} = 0.211 \text{ mm}$
- Magnetic leakage  $\rightarrow$  drift along x. Can be fixed by magnetic compensation.

### **Collimator design**

- Collimator selects  $p_{xy}$  of transported particles.
  - > Narrowly spaced copper sheets, parallel to z-axis.
  - Sheet thickness: 0.2 mm, optimize pitch accordingly.
- Background level is simulated by McMule LO μ → eeevv,
   MACE detector & simple signal region cut applied.
- Optimize pitch by maximize  $\varepsilon_s/(b + 1.5)$ .
- Optimization result:
  - ✓ Optimal pitch: 1.15 mm →  $p_{xy}^{max} = 14 \text{ keV}/c$
  - ✓ Signal e<sup>+</sup> efficiency: 68%
  - ✓ Reject 98% of  $\mu \rightarrow eeevv$  background



## **Timing counter design**

- Design goal:
  - ✓ High rate capability
  - ✓ Excellent time resolution (<100 ps)</p>
  - ✓ Good spatial resolution (10 cm)
- Specifications:
  - ✓ Two tile coincidence
  - ✓ Overall efficiency same for e<sup>+</sup> / e<sup>-</sup>
- Preliminary design:
  - Plastic scintillator array
  - ➤ 18 (\$\$) × 42 (z) = 756 tiles
  - Center radius: 480 mm
  - > Slant angle:  $\pm 15 \text{ deg}$



## **Design of calorimeter**

- Specification:
  - Excellent energy resolution for background discrimination
  - High signal efficiency
- Geometry:
  - Class I GP(4,0) Goldberg polyhedron
  - 154 inorganic scintillators with PMTs (preliminarily CsI:TI)
  - 97.5% solid angle coverage
  - Inner diameter: 30 cm
  - Crystal length: 15 cm
- Advantages:
  - Large solid angle coverage
  - Symmetry for precise reconstruction
  - Self-supporting structure





### **Design of calorimeter**

- Signal and Background
  - Energy resolution: 8.4% at 0.511 MeV, 6% at 1.022 MeV
  - 68.1% signal efficiency (3σ region)

# See Siyuan Chen's poster



#### Muon IC decay background full simulation



## MACE: Towards O(10<sup>-14</sup>) sensitivity

• During 1 year data taking duration, MACE will produce  $N_{\rm M} = 10^8 \mu^+/\text{s} \times 0.04 \text{M}/\mu^+ \times 365 \text{d} = 1.3 \times 10^{14}$  muonium atoms in vacuum.

		Detector / cut	Efficiency
Background	Counts / (10 <sup>8</sup> µ/s×365 d)	$\varepsilon_{ m Geom}$	0.61
$\mu^+$ IC decay	$0.287 \pm 0.020$		
-		$\varepsilon_{\rm CDC Recon.}$	~ 0.9
Beam e <sup>+</sup>	< 0.07	ε <sub>MCP</sub>	07
Cosmic ray (w/ yeto)	$\sim 0$		0.7
	0	$\mathcal{E}_{\rm FMC}$	0.72
Total	< 1	Lind	07
		$\mathcal{E}_{ ext{cut}}$	~ 0.7

✓ MACE is expected to achieve  $O(10^{-14})$  single event sensitivity:

$$SES = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{Geom} \varepsilon_{CDC Recon} \varepsilon_{MCP} \varepsilon_{EMC} \varepsilon_{cut} N_{M}} = 3 \times 10^{-14}$$

#### **More Physics with MACE detectors**

- Multi-electron muon decays:
  - Internal conversion:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^- \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e$
  - Neutrinoless decay:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$
- Muonium decays:
  - Annihilation:  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
  - Two-body decay:  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Suitable for MACE phase-I

- Exotic decay:  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$
- Invisible decay:  $\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e$
- Other interesting topics:
  - Search for X(17), dark matter physics
  - Dark photon

### **MACE Phase-I**

 $e^{-}(k)$ 

 $e^+(k')$ 

• We propose searching for  $M \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  or  $M \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in MACE Phase-I.



 $M_{\mu}(p)$ 

• Background and sensitivity:

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- Back-to-back crystal accidental coincidence.
- ➤ No SM intrinsic background → backgroundfree search is possible.
- Challenge: event pile up.



Sum of back-to-back energy (MeV)

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#### **MACE** Phase-I

- We propose searching for M → γγ or M → e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>
   in MACE Phase-I.
- Detector: EMC & inner tracker & cosmic ray veto & Target.
  - Scintillator
    - CsI(TI): excellent energy resolution, slow decay
    - LYSO: balance with good energy resolution and fast response
       Be

Inner tracker might be needed for PID

 Estimated to achieve O(10<sup>-11</sup>) SES in one year data taking duration.



## Summary and outlook

- cLFV, a neutrino-less lepton flavor violating process, is forbidden in SM. Precise (high-intensity) experiment searching for cLFV, is an sensitive probe of BSM.
- MACE is the first proposed muonium-to-antimuonium conversion experiment since 1999, with the development of high-intensity muon beam and detector technology, the sensitivity is expected to enhance by more than two orders of magnitude.
- Together with other flavor and collider searches, MACE will shed light on the mystery of the cLFV and new physics.

# Thanks!

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## **Collaboration welcome!**

# **Backup**

#### **MACE** dimensions



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## MACS

• Search for M-to- $\overline{M}$  conversion at PSI in 1990s:

 $ightarrow P_{M\to \overline{M}}$  < 8.3 × 10<sup>-11</sup> (in 0.1T field, 90% C.L.)

- Muonium source:
  - DC muon beam,  $8 \times 10^{6} \mu^{+}/s$ , p = 26 MeV/c,  $\Delta p/p = 5\%$
  - SiO<sub>2</sub> powder target: 0.5%  $\mu^+ \rightarrow M_{vac}$  rate
- During 1730 hr data taking:
  - $N_{\rm M} = 5.6 \times 10^{10}$







L. Willmann et al. New bounds from searching for muonium to antimuonium conversion, Phys.Rev.Lett. 82 (1999), 49-52.

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Shihan Zhao and Jian Tang, Optimization of muonium yield in perforated silica aerogel, Phys. Rev. D accepted. arXiv 2401.00222



(e) Perforated target, region 2

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(d) Perforated target, region 1

(f) Perforated target, region 3

## **Muonium yield simulation**



MC simulation for muonium transport has been developed under the  $\mu^+$ 

MACE offline software framework.

D Geant4 low-energy EM process.

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- Geant4 AtRest process, modeled phenomenologically.
- ③ Random walk approach to thermal muonium tracking.





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#### Collimator

Pass probability esimate by

$$r_{xy} = \frac{p_{xy}}{eB}$$
,  $d_{xy} = 2r_{xy}$ 

$$p_{\text{pass}} = \begin{cases} \frac{D - d - d_{xy}}{D} & 0 < d_{xy} < D - d\\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$





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## **Design of cylindrical drift chamber**

- Design goal:
  - ✓ Large acceptance
  - ✓ High rate capability
  - ✓ Excellent vertex resolution (O(1) mm)
  - ✓ Good momentum resolution (O(1) MeV in 0.1 T field)
- Specifications:
  - ✓ Near-square drift cell, minimum deformation
  - ✓ Alternated axial / stereo layer
- Preliminary design:
  - > 7 (super)  $\times$  3 (sense) = 21 layers
  - > 12 stereo layers, 9 axial layers
  - Cell width: 8 mm ~ 12 mm
  - Length: 1.2 m (inner) / 1.6 m (outer)
  - Radius: 150 mm (inner) / 417 mm (outer)
  - Acceptance: 89% ~ 97%
  - Stereo layer angle: 6 deg at minimum
  - ➢ Gas: He:C₄H₁₀ = 85:15





#### Design of cylindrical drift chamber



- We have developed an parameterized drift chamber geometry, allowing us to continue to optimize the geometry design of drift chamber.
- Figure: generated drift chamber preliminary design. Wires are scaled to be clearly visible (blue: field wire, red: sense wire).

#### Simulation of magnetic spectrometer



#### Signal simulation

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**40** 

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10 0 DCA [mm] 0 -10

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Signal distribution

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Entries Mean x 0.04749

Mean y 0.02169

- TOF<sub>F</sub> = 121.1 ns
- $\sigma_{\Delta TOF} = 0.58$  ns,  $\sigma_{DCA} = 2.2$  mm
- Elliptical 3o signal region: ٠

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{TOF} - \mathrm{TOF}_{\mathrm{E}}}{3\sigma_{\mathrm{TOF}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\mathrm{DCA}}{3\sigma_{\mathrm{DCA}}}\right)^{2} < 1$$



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DCA [mm]

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 $0.03507 \pm 0.01145$ 

1.897e+05 / 144

 $0.01073 \pm 0.00905$ 

0.07579 ± 0.05251

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2611±42.9

 $1.391 \pm 0.020$ 

 $751.4\pm46.0$ 

 $3.874\pm0.124$ 

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#### **More Physics with MACE detectors**

- More than  $\mu$ :
  - X17 anomaly in  $^{7}\text{Li}(p, e^{+}e^{-})^{8}\text{Be}$

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