Development, construction and qualification tests of the mechanical structures of the electromagnetic calorimeter of the Mu2e experiment at Fermilab

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1. The Mu2e Experiment: Search for $\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$

The **Mu2e Experiment** will search for the neutrino-less coherent conversion of a muon into an electron in the field of an aluminum nucleus. Such **Charged Lepton Flavor Violating process allows to probe energy scales up to thousands TeV**, far above the reach of direct searches at the energy frontier colliders. If no conversion events are observed in three years of data taking, Mu2e will set the limit on the ratio between the muon conversion rate and the capture rate $R_{\mu e,}$ **<3 x 10^{-17} (@ 90% C.L.).**

Production Solenoid (PS)

An **8 GeV proton beam** hits a tungsten target
A graded magnetic field reflects muons to the TS

Cosmic Ray Veto (CRV)

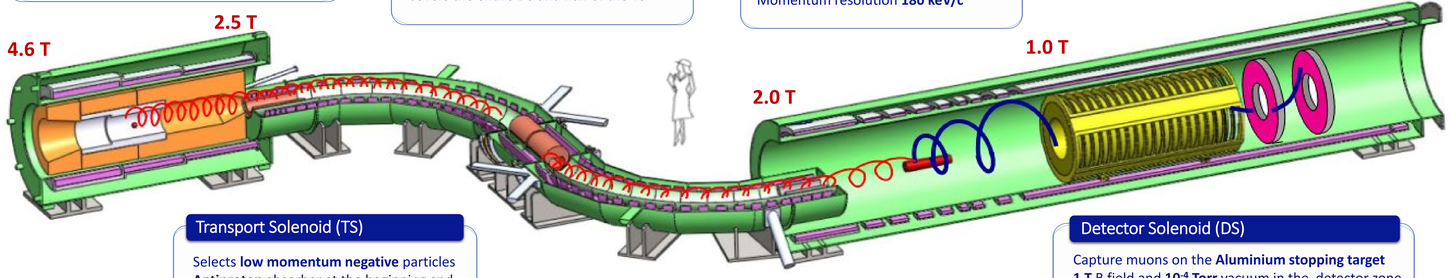
4 layers of plastic scintillator bars
Covers the entire DS and half of the TS

Straw Tracker (TRK)

20000 low mass straw drift tubes
Momentum resolution **180 keV/c**

Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)

Two annular disks
Energy, Time and Position measurements



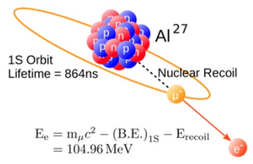
Schematic view of the Mu2e beamline

Transport Solenoid (TS)

Selects **low momentum negative** particles
Antiproton absorber at the beginning and in the mid-section

Detector Solenoid (DS)

Capture muons on the **Aluminium stopping target**
1 T B field and **10^{-4} Torr** vacuum in the detector zone

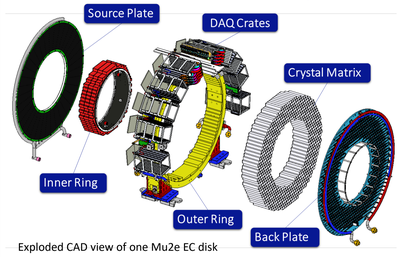


Experimental Technique

Stop muons in Aluminium
Muons quickly get to 1S orbit
Lifetime of muonic atom is 864 ns
Search for the 105 MeV conversion electron

2. Electromagnetic Calorimeter

The EM calorimeter is composed of a pair of twin annular matrices (disks) of 674 undoped CsI crystals placed downstream of the straw-tracker at a relative distance that maximizes the conversion electrons detection efficiency.



Exploded CAD view of one Mu2e EC disk

The crystal matrix is supported by the aluminum Outer Ring from outside and by the carbon fiber Inner Ring from inside. Ad hoc alignment tools embedded in the Outer/Inner Rings allow to fine tune the crystals positions.
The scintillation light is readout by large area UV-extended SiPMs (two 14x20 mm² SiPMs/crystal to improve operational reliability). The gigantic SiPM + FE Boards matrix is embedded in the Back Plate that also integrates a network of cooling lines to control SiPM and FE electronics temperature. DAQ boards are hosted in a battery of 10 crates/disk placed on the disk lateral surface.
A liquid radioactive source (Fluorinert) is fluxed through a network of pipes housed in the frontal Source Plate to provide an absolute energy scale and the response equalization among the crystals.

Calorimeter Requirements:

- Particle identification μ/e
- Seed for track pattern recognition
- Independent trigger

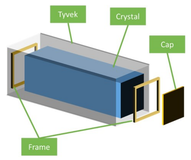
Calorimeter Performance:

- $\Delta E/E < 10\%$ and $\Delta t < 500$ ps
- Position resolution of O(1 cm)

Operational conditions:

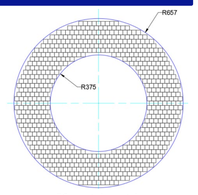
- 1 T B-field
- 10^{-4} torr
- 90 krad, 10^{12} n cm^{-2} year^{-1}
- 25°C

3. The matrix of Cesium Iodide Crystals

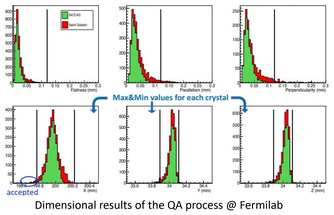


Schematic view of a crystal module

The 674 CsI crystals (34x34x200 mm³) are arranged in a "donut"-shaped matrix (internal/external diameter of 650 mm/1314 mm).
Crystals are wrapped in Tyvek foils (150 um thick) to improve internal light reflection and separated with Tedlar foils (50 µm thick) to minimize cross-talk.
Thorough QA of production crystals was performed: they all satisfy a linear dimensional tolerance below 0.1 (short side)/0.2 (long side) mm and a /perpendicularity below 0.1.



EC crystals matrix

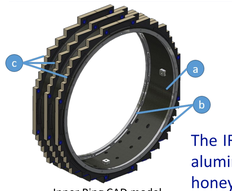


Dimensional results of the QA process @ Fermilab

We performed a series of vertical/horizontal crystals stacking tests to develop a model and predict crystal positions in the donut-shaped matrix (where will crystal(i,j) be located in the real detector?).
For maximum flexibility, Inner/Outer Rings embed tools for a residual fine-tuning of the crystal positions and alignment with the SiPMs matrix.

Crystal vertical piling up measurement test

4. Composite Materials: the Source Plate and the Inner Ring

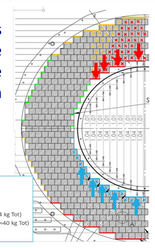


Inner Ring CAD model

a) **One cylinder**: ID of 712 mm, 4.2 mm thick, F-.220/193/50 CF fabric (0/90) with cyanate ester resin
b) **Two rings**: ID of 672 mm, OD of 712 mm, 13 mm thick, 5083 H111 Al alloy
c) **Three ribs**: Sandwich with 1.4 mm CF skins (same as a)) and a core of aluminum honeycomb (series 3003) 22mm thick, 3/8" cell size, and 0.003" wall thickness

The materials choice/budget of the mechanical structures traversed by the particles have been optimized to minimize the particles energy loss. The Source Plate and Inner Ring are made of carbon fiber planes strengthened by light aluminum structures when necessary.

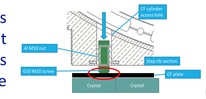
The IR is made of a carbon fiber cylinder stiffened by two aluminum rings and three supporting ribs with honeycomb structure. The IR is supported by the Back Plate and Source Plate and provides the internal vertical/horizontal reference of the crystals matrix: mobile feet allow to adjust the IR position.



Vertical load scheme for the IR

CF+Al honeycomb sandwich sample

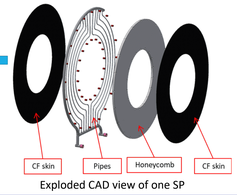
Compression tests suggested to implement also protection measures to prevent crystal surface damages.



IR adjusting mechanism

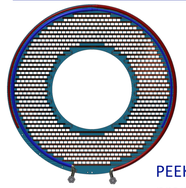
SP thin wall pipes

The SP is made of a carbon fiber honeycomb sandwich with an embedded aluminum pipe to flow the radioactive CF-770 calibration source. The SP will also support a frontal enclosure for crystals protection.



Exploded CAD view of one SP

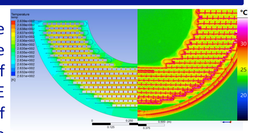
5. The Back Plate



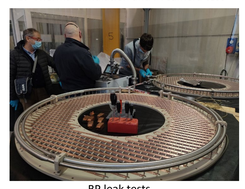
BP CAD Model

- $\overline{\Delta T} < 1°C$ between inlet and outlet
- Head loss <0.6 bar
- $h_c \geq 2000\ W/m^2K$

The Back Plate provides the mechanical support to the SiPM + FE electronics along with a reference system for the crystal matrix alignment. It integrates also a network of cooling lines which allows to refrigerate the SiPM and FE electronics. SiPM can be thermalized down to -10°C (if necessary) to minimize dark current and have a stable signal over the three years of data taking.
PEEK was chosen for its good thermal insulation and outgassing properties. Two stainless steel (AISI 316L) I/O manifolds placed on the external border distribute The cooling fluid (3M Novec 649) among the network of 38 parallel copper cooling lines embedded in the PEEK. The two Back Planes had been completely manufactured by Cinel and delivered to INFN. Geometrical, thermal and integration surveys will be performed before shipping to Fermilab.



BP Thermal simulation and IR camera test

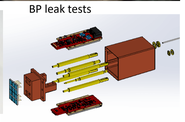


BP leak tests

FEE Modules mounted on the BP

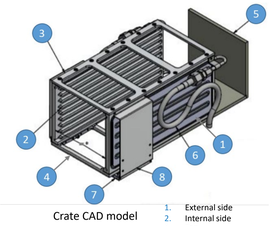
The (674) SiPM+FEE modules are mainly composed of 2 SiPMs glued on a copper holder, 2 FE boards and a copper protective cage. The modules are fastened directly on the Back Plate Cooling lines to optimize thermal conductivity.

FEE holders with glued SiPMs



FEE Module exploded view

6. The DAQ Boards and Crates

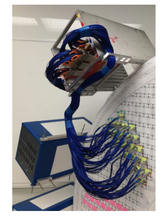


Crate CAD model

1. External side
2. Internal side
3. Top
4. Bottom
5. Tungsten shield
6. Inlet/Outlet pipe
7. Cable holder
8. Cable containment wall

10 crates placed on the lateral surface of the disk host 80 DAQ boards which digitise and transmit the data received from the FEE through optical fibers out of the cryostat to the central DAQ system. Each crate integrates a network of cooling lines to remove the 320 W dissipated by the set of 8 DAQ boards. To reduce envelopes and optimize the system performance, the cooling lines are directly carved in the crate sides.

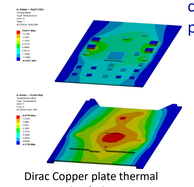
Crate sides during leak test



FEE cable mock-up

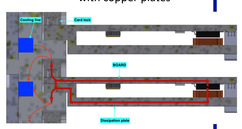
Optimal thermal contact between the electronic components and the heat sink is achieved through a machined copper plate positioned on top of the DAQ board and placed in thermal contact with the components with vacuum proof thermal grease (Apiezon).
The DAQ crate structure is completed by a set of tungsten plates which protect the electronic components from the high level of radiation present in experimental area at run time.

MB and Dirac coupled with copper plates



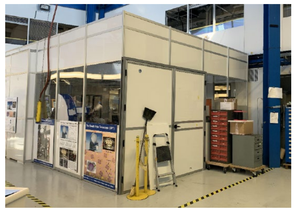
Dirac Copper plate thermal simulation

Thorough thermal simulations and tests have been performed in air as well as in vacuum to crosscheck the cooling system performance. DAQ crates production is now progressing rapidly.



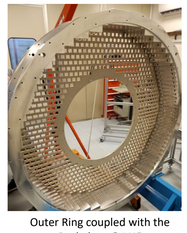
Board heat flux path schematic

7. Plans for Detector Assembly



Calorimeter assembling cleanroom @ SiDet Lab

- The calorimeter will be assembled in a 10000-class cleanroom built in the SiDet Laboratory at Fermilab.
- Two assembly stations will be available to test the first assembled disk while building the second one.



Outer Ring coupled with the Backplate @ LNF

Outer Ring mounted on assembling stand @ SiDet Lab

- Outgassing test of the components will be performed before assembly in dedicated vessels (the most critical components are crystals and cables).
- The alignment of the crystals matrix will be continuously monitored during detector assembly.
- Tests of the cooling system and electronic components will be continuous during and after detector assembly.

8. Conclusions

- Mu2e EM calorimeter mechanical design finalized
- It took many years of prototyping and engineering to be here today!
- Most calorimeter mechanical structures already built and tested
- Some parts still being built, but they are not far in time
- Crystals, SiPMs production completed, FEE, cables and DAQ boards under production
- **Looking forward to start assembly in fall!**

Mu2e experimental site in construction @ Fermilab

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