Probing $\mu e \gamma \gamma$ contact interaction with $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion

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S. Davidson, Y. Kuno, Y. Uesaka, M.Y., PRD102 (2020)



$\mu - e$ conversion $\mu^- + N(A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + N(A, Z)$



Too small to access experimentally

S. Petcov, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. (1977) G. Hernandez-Tome, et al, EPJC (2019)

Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV): Clear evidence of new physics scenarios

One of the most promising LFV process: $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in nuclei

- **C**lean signal
- □ Versatile and sensitive probe
- □ Synergy with LHC/DIS experiments



Versatile and sensitive prove to LFV operators





also has the potential to identify the types of LFV operator

Unknown Z dependence

COMET/DeeMe/Mu2e experiments will search for $\mu \rightarrow e$ convesion <u>with</u> <u>different targets</u>

If : unknown Z dependence is observed

How to interpret the results?

Erroneous measurement? Miscalculation?? or something???





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L. Calibbi, D. Redigolo, R. Ziegler, J. Zupan, 2006.04795, J. Heeck and H. H. Patel, PRD100 (2019), etc.

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LFV process : $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma\gamma$

Experimental bound

 $BR(\mu \to e\gamma\gamma) \le 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$

Crystal Box Experiment, PRD38 (1988)

Bound on couplings

 $|C_{FF,L}|^2 + |C_{FF,R}|^2 \le 2.2 \times 10^{-2}$

J.D.Bowman, T.P.Cheng, L.F.Li, H.S.Matis, PRL41 (1978)



FIG. 2. A schematic cutaway diagram of the Crystal Box detector.

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SINDRUM-II, EPJC47 (2006)

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Aim of this work

\square How sensitive to $\bar{e}\mu FF$ is $\mu \rightarrow e$ conv.?

□ What is target dependence of conv. rate?

Subprocesses of $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion via $\overline{e}\mu FF$

Conversion in the classical electric field @ momentum transfer $\sim m_{\mu}$



Rate \propto (overlap of μ , e, and E^2) $\propto Z^2$

Conversion via the effective scalar ope. @ momentum transfer $\gtrsim m_p$



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$\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in the classical electric field

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Amplitude

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{v^3} \int d^3 r \, \bar{\psi}_e \left(C_{FF,L} P_L + C_{FF,R} P_R \right) \psi_\mu^{1s} \left\langle N \left| F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right| N \right\rangle \\ \propto -2 \left\{ E(r) \right\}^2 \propto Z$$

Conversion probability

$$\Gamma_{\rm conv} = 16G_F^2 m_{\mu}^5 |F_A|^2 \left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{v}\right)^2 \times \left(|C_{FF,L} + C_{FF,R}|^2 + |C_{FF,L} - C_{FF,R}|^2\right)$$

Overlap of wave functions and electric field



$\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in the classical electric field



Accidental cancellation between $\underline{E^2$ -boosted wave functions inside electron 1st node and wave functions outside the 1st node

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$\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion via the effective scalar operator

Off-shell photon@momentum transfer $\geq m_p$

Effective scalar operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,L(R)}^{pp} = C_{S,L(R)} \big(\bar{e} P_{L(R)} \mu \big) (\bar{\psi}_p P_{L(R)} \psi_p)$$

Effective coefficient in the RGE of QED

$$C_{S,L(R)}^{pp} = -\frac{6\alpha_{\rm em}m_p}{\pi v} \ln\left(\frac{2\,{\rm GeV}}{m_\mu}\right) C_{FF,L(R)}$$
$$= -2.26 \times 10^{-4} C_{FF,L(R)}$$



Total branching ratio for $\overline{e}\mu FF$ operator

BR for the $\bar{e}\mu FF$ operator

$$\frac{BR\left(\mu A \to eA\right)}{\left|C_{FF,L}\right|^{2} + \left|C_{FF,R}\right|^{2}} = \begin{cases} 6.6 \times 10^{-9} |+1| + 15 |^{2} & \text{for } ^{27}\text{Al} \\ 9.1 \times 10^{-8} |-1| + 3.8 |^{2} & \text{for } ^{197}\text{Au} \end{cases}$$

(Loop contribution) > (Tree contribution)???

Reason : (overlap with proton $S_A^{(p)}$) > (overlap with electric field F_A)

$$\left|\frac{F_A}{S_A^{(p)}}\right| \simeq \frac{2m_{\mu}^{-1} \left[Ze/(4\pi R^2)\right]^2}{Z \left(4\pi R^3/3\right)^{-1}} = \frac{2Z\alpha}{3m_{\mu}R} \simeq \begin{cases} 0.02 & \text{for } {}^{27}\text{Al} \\ 0.06 & \text{for } {}^{197}\text{Au} \end{cases}$$

ApproximationNuclear electric field $|\vec{E}(r)| \simeq \frac{Ze}{4\pi R^2}$ $\therefore E(r)$ is maximized at $r \sim R$ (R: nuclear radius)Proton density $\rho \simeq Z \left(\frac{4\pi R^3}{3}\right)^{-1}$ \therefore Assuming a uniform distribution

Coulomb Field

 $C_{S,L(R)}^{pp}$



Constraint on the $\overline{e}\mu FF$ interaction

Coefficient	Constraint	Process
$\frac{1}{ C_{FF,X} + im_{\mu}C_{VFF,Y}/(4v) }$	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$\mathrm{BR}(\mu \to e \gamma \gamma) < 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$
$ C_{F\tilde{F},X} + im_{\mu}C_{VF\tilde{F},Y}/(4v) $	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma\gamma) < 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$
$ +C_{FF,X} $	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$BR(\mu Au \rightarrow eAu) < 7 \times 10^{-13}$

Current constraint on $\bar{e}\mu FF$ coupling

• $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion set the most stringent constraint!

$$C_{FF,L(R)} \le 7.6 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{\text{BR}(\mu\text{Al} \to \text{eAl})}{10^{-16}}\right)^{1/2}$$

Sensitive to the LFV mediator which dominantly couples with heavy flavors, like Higgs

Summary

- $\square \mu \rightarrow e \text{ conversion}: Not only a discovery channel, also has the potential to identify the LFV operator$
- □ Complete all of types of LFV ope. to avoid the confusion from unknown *Z* dependence of $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion rate
- $\square \ \mu \rightarrow e \text{ conversion via } \overline{e}\mu\gamma\gamma \text{ operator}$
- $\square \ \mu \to e \text{ conversion set the most stringent}$ constraint on the $\bar{e}\mu\gamma\gamma$ operator
- Different Z dependence from other types of LFV operators

