





Charged lepton flavour violation: theory overview

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Flavour and CP violation: SM



Flavour in the Standard Model: interactions between *fermion* families (and the Higgs)

 Y_{ij}^{u}, Y_{ij}^{d} and $Y_{ij}^{\ell} \sim encode$ flavour dynamics (masses, mixings & CP violation) flavour-universal gauge interactions

SM quark sector: 6 massive states flavour violated in charged current interactions $V_{CKM}^{ij} W^{\pm} \bar{q}_i q'_j$ conservation of total baryon number in SM interactions CP violation sources: δ_{CKM} and θ_{QCD} (strongly constrained by tiny neutron EDM) not enough to explain observed BAU from baryogenesis

Extensive probes of the "CKM paradigm": meson oscillation and decays, CP violation...

... and a roller-coaster ride for hints of New Physics in recent years!

SM lepton sector: (strictly) massless neutrinos

conservation of total lepton number and lepton flavours tiny leptonic EDMs (4-loop... $d_e^{\text{CKM}} \leq 10^{-38} e \text{ cm}$)

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$$SM_{m_{\nu}}$$
 [$SM_{m_{\nu}}$ = "ad-hoc" m_{ν} (Dirac), U_{PMNS}]

$$\Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma) = \frac{m_{\mu}^{5}}{16\pi} (|A_{L}|^{2} + |A_{R}|^{2})$$

$$\sum_{i} \frac{U_{ei}^{*}U_{\mu i}}{(k^{2} - m_{i}^{2})} = \sum_{i} \frac{U_{ei}^{*}U_{\mu i}}{k^{2}} + \sum_{i} \frac{U_{ei}^{*}U_{\mu i}}{k^{2}} \left(\frac{m_{i}^{2}}{k^{2}}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{i}^{4}}{k^{4}}\right)$$
 & $\sum_{i} U_{ei}^{*}U_{\mu i} \frac{m_{i}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}} = U_{e2}^{*}U_{e2}^{*}\frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}} + U_{e3}^{*}U_{e3}^{*}\frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}}$

$$BR(\mu \to e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha_{e}}{32\pi} \left|\sum_{i} U_{ei}^{*}U_{\mu i} \frac{m_{i}^{2}}{M_{W}^{2}}\right|^{2} \Rightarrow BR(\mu \to e\gamma) \approx 10^{-54 \div -55}$$

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cLFV, LNV, lepton EDMs, ...: observation of SM-forbidden leptonic modes ⇒ Discovery of New Physics! (possibly before direct signal @ LHC)

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Strong arguments in favour of New Physics!

Neutrino oscillations: 1st laboratory ("flavoured") evidence of NP

- \Rightarrow massive neutrinos and leptonic mixings $U_{\text{PMNS}}^{\alpha i}$
- ⇒ New (Majorana) fields? New sources of CP violation? $\Delta L \neq 0$ and leptogenesis... (?)
- \Rightarrow Open door for cLFV transitions and decays!

Observations unaccounted for in the SM:

baryon asymmetry of the Universe, viable dark matter candidate, neutrino oscillations (and some "tensions"...)

And a number of theoretical caveats...

Many hints and a clear necessity of New Physics... Which NP model? Realised at which scale $\Lambda_{\rm NP}$?

⇒ Unique opportunities to search for NP in the lepton sector via cLFV first characterisation of New Physics (scale, interactions) - EFT approach; exploring connections to v mass generation! (among many other possible BSM!)

New Physics EFT quests with (muon) cLFV

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EFT approach to New Physics

Derive the new "effective" interactions (vertices, ...), and compute contributions to observables Agnostic approach, allowing to generically parametrise NP effects on observables forbidden in SM and/or observables suggesting deviations from SM

EFT approach to New Physics

Cast current data (limits, ...) in terms of \mathscr{C}_{ij}^6 and Λ_{NP}^2 and attempt at inferring info on the dominant operator, and scale of NP \Rightarrow Beyond (V - A) structure? New vector/axial, (pseudo)scalar or tensor currents? Flavour violation beyond SM flavour paradigm?

 \Rightarrow But many unknowns: minimal assumptions must be made, e.g.

"natural"
$$\Lambda_{\rm NP} \rightarrow {\rm constrain} \ \mathscr{C}^6_{ij}$$

"natural" $\mathscr{C}^6_{ij} \approx 1 \rightarrow {\rm hint} {\rm on} \Lambda_{\rm NP}$

The probing power of flavour & CPV

SM interpreted as a low-energy limit of a (complete, yet unknown) NP model \Rightarrow Model-independent, effective approach (EFT)

$$\mathscr{L}^{\text{eff}} = \mathscr{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n \ge 5} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathscr{C}^n(g, Y, \dots) \mathscr{O}^n(\ell, q, H, \gamma, \dots)$$

Cast current data in terms of \mathscr{C}_{ij}^6 and Λ_{NP} : $\mathscr{C}_{ij}^6 \approx 1 \Rightarrow$ bounds on Λ_{NP}

EFT approach to New Physics: lepton flavours

Generic New Physics observables in the lepton sector:

CNTS IN2P3

 \Rightarrow cLFV data to constrain \mathscr{C}_{ij} and/or infer sensitivity of process to large sets of \mathscr{C}_{ij}

 \Rightarrow Hints on Λ_{NP} (and on properties of new states & nature of couplings)

Deceptively simple task... different new physics scales, numerous operators! Technically very involved, even if no "SM background"...

Muon cLFV: EFT approach to New Physics

Cast current data (limits, ...) in terms of \mathscr{C}_{ij} and Λ_{NP} : cLFV operators (\mathscr{O}^6)

 $\mathscr{L}^{\mathsf{eff}} = \mathscr{L}^{\mathsf{SM}} + \frac{\mathscr{C}_5 \mathscr{O}^5}{\Lambda_{\mathsf{LNV}}} (m_{\nu}) + \frac{\mathscr{C}_6 \mathscr{O}^6}{\Lambda_{\mathsf{cLFV}}^2} (\mathscr{\ell}_{\alpha} \leftrightarrow \mathscr{\ell}_{\beta}) + \dots$

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	$\ \text{Br} \left(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma \right)$		$Br\left(\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+\right)$		$\mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{Au/Al}}_{\mu ightarrow e}$	
	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$4.0\cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.0\cdot 10^{-12}$	$5.0\cdot 10^{-15}$	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.0\cdot 10^{-16}$
C_L^D	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.9\cdot 10^{-9}$
$C_{ee}^{S \ LL}$.	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.5\cdot 10^{-5}$	$8.1\cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.8\cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.4\cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.1\cdot 10^{-5}$
$C^{S \ LL}_{\mu\mu}$	$2.3\cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.2\cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.6\cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.1\cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0\cdot 10^{-7}$
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$C_{\tau\tau}^{T\ LL}$	$2.9\cdot 10^{-9}$	$9.0\cdot10^{-10}$	$5.7\cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.1\cdot 10^{-9}$	$5.9\cdot 10^{-8}$	$8.5\cdot 10^{-10}$
$C_{bb}^{S\;LL}$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$8.6\cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.4\cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.8\cdot 10^{-6}$	$9.0\cdot10^{-7}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
C_{bb}^{I}	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.4\cdot10^{-10}$	$4.1\cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.9\cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$6.0\cdot10^{-10}$
C_{ee}^{VRR}	$3.0\cdot10^{-5}$	$9.4\cdot10^{-6}$	$2.1\cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.1\cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.5\cdot 10^{-8}$
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C_{bb}^{RV}	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6.4\cdot10^{-4}$	$6.7\cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.7\cdot 10^{-6}$	$6.0\cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Simple "one-at-a-time" limits:

\Rightarrow BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) depends on dipole C_D

(but mixing effects from RGE running and loop contributions render it **also sensitive** to scalar/tensor/vector contributions,

even for $q\bar{q}$ operators)

Unexpected findings!

[Crivellin et al, 2017 (courtesy of M. Pruna)]

Include as many observables & operators as possible!

(e.g. $\mu e \gamma \gamma$ contact interactions, angular observables in polarised $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ decays, ...)

[Davidson et al, 2007.09612]

[Bolton, Petcov, 2204.03468]

Muon cLFV: EFT approach to New Physics

Recent (novel) EFT approach to muon transitions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{NP, cLFV}}^{\mathsf{eff}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \Big[C_D(\bar{e}\sigma^{\nu\rho}P_R\mu)F_{\nu\rho} + C_S(\bar{e}P_R\mu)(\bar{e}P_Re) + C_{VR}(\bar{e}\gamma^{\nu}P_L\mu)(\bar{e}\gamma_{\nu}P_Re) + C_{VL}(\bar{e}\gamma^{\nu}P_L\mu)(\bar{e}\gamma_{\nu}P_Le) + \\ + C_{\mathsf{N-light}}\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{N-light}} + C_{\mathsf{N-heavy}\perp}\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{N-heavy}\perp} \Big] \end{aligned}$$

Muon cLFV: EFT approach & conversion in nuclei cms

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Fully exploring the potential of atomic (elastic) muon-electron conversion, $CR(\mu - e, N)$: Comparatively more involved theoretical approach!

Explore target-nucleus dependence to distinguish dominant operator (hint on NP model!)

[extensive contributions since Kitano et al, 0203110! see Davidson et al, 1810.01884; Heeck et al, 2203.00702, ...; Haxton et al, 2406.12818]

$$BR_{SI}(\mu A \to eA) = \frac{32G_F^2}{\Gamma_{capture}} \left[\left| C_{V,R}^{pp} V^{(p)} + C_{S,L}^{pp'} S^{(p)} + C_{V,R}^{nn'} V^{(n)} + C_{S,L}^{nn'} S^{(n)} + C_{D,L} \frac{D}{4} \right|^2 + \{L \leftrightarrow R\} \right].$$

Overlap integrals: more distinguishable at large Z !

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In the advent of an observation (@ Mu2e, COMET \sim using Aluminium targets) prepare choice of future targets! Largest complementarity with respect to Al? θ_{Al}

- Heavier nuclei (Au, Pb)! ... not feasible... (pulsed beams)
- Among experimental-friendly $Z \le 25$ targets

several (theoretically good) candidates Li-7, Ti-50, Ti-49, Cr-54, ..., V-51

⇒ Li-7 and/or V-51 : preferable "second" targets post CR($\mu - e$,Al) observation

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Fully exploring the potential of atomic (elastic) muon-electron conversion, $CR(\mu - e, N)$: And of its lepton number violating counterpart, $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (A, Z - 2)^{(*)}$ A unique connection between LNV (in association with Majorana nature and possibly, neutrino mass generation) and cLFV

 $\mu^- - e^-$ conversion: coherent process, single nucleon, nuclear ground states $\mu^- - e^+$ conversion: 2 nucleons ($\Delta Q = 2$), possibly excited final state

From a theoretical point of view, not straightforward!

- Higher-dimension operators in \mathscr{L}^{eff} (dim 6, 10, 14...)
- Nuclear matrix elements extremely hard to compute!

$$\Gamma_{\mu e}^{\mathsf{LNV}} \approx \frac{G_F^4 \, g_A^4}{32\pi^2} \, |\, \epsilon_{C_j}^2 \, |\, \frac{m_e^2 m_\mu^2}{R^2} \, |\, F(Z-2,E_e) \, | \, <\phi_\mu >^2 \, |\, \mathcal{M}^{(\mu^-,e^+)} \, |^2$$

(only two $\mathcal{M}^{(\mu^-,e^+)}$ known, for Ti-48...)

[Domin et al, 0409033; Simkovic et al, 0103029]

 \Rightarrow Very hard to draw implications... Must tackle NME!

Tau cLFV: (semi-) leptonic modes

Flavour violating tau decays: comparatively large number of modes

- Leptonic (radiative, three-body) as well as semi-leptonic (light mesons, 2- and 3-body)
- \Rightarrow theoretically much more involved (scales, hadronisation, ...)
- \Rightarrow larger set of (tree-level) contributing operators (e.g. numerous $qq\ell\ell$, gluon, ...)!
- ⇒ more challenging to **disentangle** operator dominance... (even @ tree level!)

Overview of Belle II limits on relevant coefficients (and NP scales) for cLFV tau decays

cLFV at higher-energies: spinning operators

Albeit leading to formally different transitions, the same leptonic and semi-leptonic^{Les deux inf} operators can be at the origin of flavour violating transitions in very distinct contexts

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 $pp \to \ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}$

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[recent review, see Fernandez-Martinez et al, 2403.09772]

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Meson decays: cLFV and more

[recent study - Calibbi et al, 2207.10913]

Lepton flavours @ high Tera-Z

For $Z \rightarrow \mu e$ better sensitivity of dedicated (low-energy) cLFV searches

 $\mu \rightarrow eee, \mu - e$ conversion

Lepton flavours @ high Tera-Z

And at electron-ion colliders (EIC)

Electron-Ion colliders also offer opportunities to study cLFV!

In general, less ambitious probing power (compared to LHC, and especially to dedicated low-energy experiments)

[Cirigliano et al, 2102.106176]

After EFT - New Physics models of cLFV!

Effective approach: first characterisation (mostly constraints & hints) on scale of NP and nature of new interactions (couplings and currents)

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Although oscillation data (massive neutrinos) do imply cLFV (direct consequence), cLFV can be independent of mechanism of neutrino mass generation

Supersymmetry: unconstrained models (beyond cMSSM, pMSSM), new sources of LFV Rp-violating SUSY

Leptoquark models (extended field content); Extra-dimensions; extended Higgs sectors, ...

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Here: focus on **SM extensions** aiming at addressing **neutrino mass generation!**

Not always trivial to establish connection between \mathscr{C}_5 , \mathscr{C}_6 (and \mathscr{C}_7)

cLFV : powerful means to test/falsify models of NP (m_{ν}) (examples ahead!)

New Physics paths to cLFV: seesaw models of neutrino mass generation

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New Physics and m_{ν} : cLFV

Neutrino masses (brief "how to"...)

Most minimal possibility: SM extended by Dirac RH neutrinos (impose L conservation)

 $\Rightarrow \mathscr{L}_{m_{\nu}} \sim -Y^{\nu} L \tilde{H} \nu_{R}$ but tiny Yukawa couplings, $\mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$

No impact for cLFV; GIM-like suppression due to smallness of m_{ν_i} BR($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) ~ 10⁻⁵⁴ and similarly for other observables...

New Physics and (Majorana) m_{ν} : cLFV

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Type I (fermion singlet)

 $m_{\nu} \sim (Y^{\nu} v)^T \frac{1}{M_{P}} (Y^{\nu} v)$

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Tree-level seesaw realisations

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Allow for L violation: realisations of Weinberg operator!

 $\mathscr{L}_{m_{\nu}}^{5} \sim \frac{\mathscr{C}^{5}}{\Lambda_{\mathsf{NP}}} (\bar{L}^{c} H H L)$

Type II (scalar triplet) $Y = \mu v^2$

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Type III (fermion triplet)

Type I seesaw and cLFV

 \Rightarrow account for oscillation data (observation!)

Mechanisms for neutrino mass generation: delicate "balance" between

sources of flavour violation and masses of new propagators

► Type I Seesaw: extend the SM via (Majorana) sterile fermions $V^{X} \leftarrow m_{\nu}$ $V^{X} \leftarrow m_{\nu}$ $T_{X} \leftarrow m_{\mu}$ $T_{X} \leftarrow m_{$

cLFV

BRs. etc

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 $\propto \sum_{j=1}^{3+n_s} U_{\alpha j}$ $\propto (1-\eta)U_{\text{PMNS}}$ $\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}} = (1-\eta)U_{\text{PMNS}}; \eta = \frac{1}{2}\theta\theta^{\dagger}$

BRs. etc

 $V^X \blacktriangleleft \dots \dots \land m_{\nu} \dots \land M_X$

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 $Y^{\nu} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ $M_R \sim 10^{14-16} \, \text{GeV}$ leptonic mixing $\approx U_{PMNS}$ $U^{T} \mathcal{M}_{\nu}^{6 \times 6} U = \operatorname{diag}(m_{\nu_{i}}) \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\nu\nu} & U_{\nu N} \\ U_{N\nu} & U_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$

"natural" new physics \Rightarrow very high energy NP scale

If light neutrino masses generated by

(**unitary** to very good approximation)

negligible active-sterile mixings ($\theta \propto m_D^{\dagger} M_R^{-1}$)

 \Rightarrow Decoupled new physics! No contributions for cLFV observables, no resonance within collider reach...

Type III seesaw and cLFV

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Type III Seesaw: extend the SM via SU(2) triplet fermions

→ an enlarged spectrum
 → extended mixings

 $\Sigma = \Sigma^{+}, \Sigma^{0}, \Sigma^{-}$ $\mathscr{L}_{\text{Type III}} \supset v Y_{\Sigma} \Sigma^{+} \mathscr{C}^{-} + v Y_{\Sigma} \Sigma^{0} \nu + M_{\Sigma} \overline{\Sigma} \Sigma$ Fermion-triplet mixings: $\Sigma^{0} - \nu$ and $\Sigma^{+c} - \mathscr{C}^{-}$ $\Rightarrow \theta \approx \mathcal{O}(vY_{\Sigma}M_{\Sigma}^{-1})$

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 $(Y_{\Sigma}v)$

 $* M_{\Sigma}$

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----- $m_{
u}$ -----



 $M\mathbf{x}$

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 \sim extended mixings

If light neutrino masses generated by "natural" new physics \Rightarrow very high energy NP scale $Y_{\Sigma} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ $M_{\Sigma} \sim 10^{14-16} \text{ GeV}$

negligible mixings between active neutrinos

and NP states ($\theta \propto m_{\Sigma}^{\dagger} M_{\Sigma}^{-1}$)

 \Rightarrow Decoupled new physics! Little contributions for cLFV observables, no resonance within collider reach...



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Fermionic seesaws and cLFV



Type II seesaw and cLFV

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 ν_R

 ν_R



 Σ_R M_{Σ} \sim extended mixings





 \sim an enlarged spectrum

Interactions with gauge bosons; direct cLFV couplings





 $M\mathbf{x}$

cLF \

BRs. etc

 $V^X \blacktriangleleft \dots \dots \bigstar$

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Dimension 6

Scalar seesaw and cLFV

 \Rightarrow account for oscillation data (observation!)

Mechanisms for neutrino mass generation: delicate "balance" between

sources of flavour violation and masses of new propagators

 $Y_{\Delta} Y_{\Delta}^{\dagger} M_{\Delta}^{-2} \left(\overline{L_L} \gamma_{\mu} L_L \right) \left(\overline{L_L} \gamma^{\mu} L_L \right)$

----- *m_v* ---Type II Seesaw: extend the SM via SU(2) triplet scalars \sim an enlarged spectrum Σ_R Σ_R M_Σ \sim extended mixings A different scenario: additional ingredient! "natural" new physics \Rightarrow very high energy NP scale $m_{\nu} \sim \frac{Y_{\Delta} \mu}{2} \frac{v^2}{M_{\Lambda}^2}$ Smallness of m_{ν} also from (tiny) μ coupling for "natural" Y_{Λ} and not "too heavy" M_{Λ} [see Abada et al, 0707.4058] $4 Y_{\Lambda} \mu M_{\Lambda}^{-2} (\overline{L_{I}^{c}} \tilde{\phi}^{*}) (\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger} L_{I})$ **Dimension 5** \Rightarrow suppression of "light neutrino masses"

decorrelated from contribution to NP effects!



3Rs. e



Seesaw realisations: distinctive expectations for numerous cLFV observables If observable/measurable cLFV - what can we learn?

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 \Rightarrow ratios of observables to identify seesaw mediators & constrain masses...

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Model	$\mu \rightarrow eee$	$\mu N ightarrow eN$	$rac{\mathrm{BR}(\mu ightarrow eee)}{\mathrm{BR}(\mu ightarrow e \gamma)}$	$rac{\mathrm{CR}(\mu N ightarrow e N)}{\mathrm{BR}(\mu ightarrow e \gamma)}$
MSSM	Loop	Loop	$\approx 6 \times 10^{-3}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$
Type-I seesaw	$Loop^*$	Loop*	$3 \times 10^{-3} - 0.3$	0.1-10
Type-II seesaw	Tree	Loop	$(0.1 - 3) \times 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
Type-III seesaw	Tree	Tree	$\approx 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$
LFV Higgs	$Loop^\dagger$	Loop ^{*†}	$\approx 10^{-2}$	$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$
Composite Higgs	Loop*	Loop*	0.05 - 0.5	2 - 20

[adapted from Calibbi et al, 1709.00294]

Upon experimental determination of rates for cLFV transitions:

comparison of
$$\frac{BR(\mu \to 3e)}{BR(\mu \to e\gamma)}\Big|_{exp}$$
 with $\frac{BR(\mu \to 3e)}{BR(\mu \to e\gamma)}\Big|_{NP-th}$
and of $\frac{CR(\mu - e, N)}{BR(\mu \to e\gamma)}\Big|_{exp}$ with $\frac{CR(\mu - e, N)}{BR(\mu \to e\gamma)}\Big|_{NP-th}$ Probe NP model
of cLFV



New Physics paths to cLFV: low-scale seesaws



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Low-scale models of m_{ν} generation: type I seesaw

Addition of 3 "heavy" Majorana right-handed neutrinos ν_R to the SM but explore considerably lighter range for M_R MeV $\leq M_R \leq 10^{\text{few}}$ TeV

After EW symmetry breaking, 6 states in the neutral lepton spectrum

$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu}^{6\times 6} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y^{\nu} v \\ (Y^{\nu})^{T} v & M_{R} \end{pmatrix}$$
3 light neutrinos $m_{\nu} \approx -v^{2} Y_{\nu}^{T} M_{R}^{-1} Y_{\nu}$
3 heavy states $m_{N} \approx M_{R}$

Enlarged 6×6 mixing matrix $U^T \mathscr{M}_{\nu}^{6 \times 6} U = \text{diag}(m_{\nu_i})$

 $\boldsymbol{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}\boldsymbol{\nu}} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}N} \\ \boldsymbol{U}_{N\boldsymbol{\nu}} & \boldsymbol{U}_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$ Non-negligible active-sterile mixings! $(\boldsymbol{\theta} \propto m_D^{\dagger} M_R^{-1})$ Non-unitary leptonic mixing $\tilde{\boldsymbol{U}}_{\text{PMNS}}$

Low-scale realisations of the Type I seesaw open door to a very rich phenomenology from cLFV signals, to collider searches

Similar implications for low-scale Type III

(but important direct/indirect constraints due to the *non-singlet nature of new states...*)



Type I (fermion singlet)

$m_{\nu} \sim (Y^{\nu} v)^T$	$\frac{1}{M_R}(Y^{\nu}v)$
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[Mohapatra and Valle, '86]



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Natural ('t Hooft criterium) since B-L conservation restored when $\mu_X \rightarrow 0$!

Symmetry protected "smallness" of m_{ν} - approximate LNC

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[epton number violating]

[Mohapatra and Valle, '86]



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$$\Rightarrow$$
 Despite small $m_{\nu} \sim \mu_X \frac{m_D^2}{M_R^2}$, a "low" NP scale $\sim M_R$, and sizeable mixings ($\theta \propto m_D^{\dagger} M_R^{-1}$)!



cLFV and EW precision in the ISS



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Inverse seesaw: well-motivated low-scale mechanism of neutrino mass generation

 $ISS(3,3) \Rightarrow SM + 3 \nu_R + 3 X$

(rich phenomenology \Rightarrow *testability*!)



⇒ Abundant "flavour" signals: cLFV transitions (at low and high energies) Regimes already disfavoured from current bounds! cLFV actively constrains parameter space of ISS

\Rightarrow **Opportunities** to **observe cLFV** in (near-)future facilities:

 $\mu - e$ sector @ Mu3e, COMET & Mu2e

 $\tau - \mu$ sector @ Belle II, FCC-ee, ...



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A consequence of the **dominant contribution of Z-penguins** in the 3-body decays and in neutrinoless conversion in nuclei (for the most "observable" regimes...)

Observation of $\mu \to 3e \Rightarrow$ observation of $\mu - e$ conversion $\tau \to 3\mu \Rightarrow$ observation of $Z \to \mu \tau$

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LFUV-sensitive:
$$R_Z^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\Gamma(Z \to \ell_\alpha^+ \ell_\alpha^-)}{\Gamma(Z \to \ell_\beta^+ \ell_\beta^-)}, \ R_Z^{\alpha\beta}\Big|_{SM} \simeq 1$$
 & $R_W^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\Gamma(W \to \ell_\alpha \nu)}{\Gamma(W \to \ell_\beta \nu)}, \ R_W^{\alpha\beta}\Big|_{SM} \simeq 1$

EWPO: $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow inv.)$, oblique parameters, ...

New parametrisation (beyond Casas-Ibarra) to access key-regimes of large LFUV (escaping cLFV constraints!) $\mu_X = M_R^T m_D^{(-1)} U_{\text{PMNS}}^* m_\nu^{\text{diag}} U_{\text{PMNS}}^{\dagger} (m_D^T)^{(-1)} M_R, \quad Y_D = y_i^d \mathscr{V} M_R^{\dagger}$ Massive (semi-)analytical computation of form-factors, renormalisation, ...

[Abada, Kriewald, Pinsard, Rosauro, AMT, 2307.02558]

Non-negligible NLO corrections to ISS vertices! $Z \ell \ell, Z \nu \nu$ and $W \ell \nu$



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$$R^{Z}_{\tau\mu} = \frac{\Gamma(Z \to \tau^{+}\tau^{-})}{\Gamma(Z \to \mu^{+}\mu^{-})}$$

Contributions around SM prediction (already in tension with measurement)

Large deviations for sizeable Yukawas (corresponding to masses ~ 5 TeV)

Significant NLO corrections to LFU in Z decays!

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[Abada, Kriewald, Pinsard, Rosauro, AMT, EPJC 84 (2024) 2]

Large deviations from SM prediction

Significant NLO corrections to invisible Z decays! $\Gamma_{\text{tree}}(Z \rightarrow \text{inv.}) - \Gamma_{\text{loop}}(Z \rightarrow \text{inv.})$ up to 5 MeV! (current exp. uncertainty 1.5 MeV...)

NLO corrections: master theory uncertainties, on par with experiment!

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EWPO vs. cLFV - complementary probes cLFV in $\mu - e$: usually **most stringent** constraints (e.g. $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$, $\mu - e$ conversion...)

Invisible Z decays @ FCC-ee ⇒ explore regimes beyond cLFV future reach ⇒ probe ISS(3,3) regimes with sizeable or negligible cLFV!



New Physics paths to cLFV: neutrino masses beyond "standard seesaw"



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Beyond "standard" seesaw realisations



Seesaw (and its variants) - one of the most appealing mechanisms for m_{ν} generation Further ways to account for tiny neutrino masses: higher order, higher dimension!



Several other interesting and theoretically well-motivated possibilities exist: Tree-level realisations via higher-dimension operators, dynamical "seesaws", ... Higher order realisations (Dirac/Majorana): from first Zee model, to R_pV SUSY, ... scotogenic models, to 3-loops and more!

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cLFV and EW precision in scotogenic models



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Scotogenic models: a link between neutrino mass generation and dark matter!

Additional Z_2 symmetry: stabilises dark matter candidate ... but

⇒ neutrino masses @ 1-loop

[Review on phenomenology of generalised scotogenic models: Hagedorn et al, 1804.04117]

A minimal realisation: extend SM by inert scalar doublet η and RH neutrinos N_R



 $\mathcal{M}_{ij}^{\nu} \simeq \underbrace{\lambda_{5}}_{16\pi^{2}} \frac{2 Y_{ik}^{\eta} Y_{jk}^{\eta} v^{2}}{M_{N_{i}}^{2}} \left[\frac{M_{N_{k}}^{2}}{m_{0}^{2} - M_{N_{k}}^{2}} + \frac{M_{N_{k}}^{4}}{(m_{0}^{2} - M_{N_{k}}^{2})^{2}} \log\left(\frac{M_{N_{k}}^{2}}{m_{0}^{2}}\right) \right]$ (for $\lambda_{5} \ll 1$, with $m_{0} = m_{\eta_{R}} \sim m_{\eta_{1}}$) Suppression of neutrino masses: smallness of λ_{5} and loop factors!

cLFV observables: numerous contributions from η and/or N_R



[Toma and Vicente, 1312.2840]

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[Ma, 2006]



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cLFV observables: hints on the nature of the DM candidate (η or N_R) and ν mass scale



Determination of $R_{\mu e} = BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e)/BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \Rightarrow$ hints on lightest neutrino mass m_{ν_1}



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"T1-2-A" variant: SM extended by $SU(2)_L$ Weyl fermions, Majorana singlets & extra scalars $\Rightarrow \nu$ mass generation, DM candidates, $(g - 2)_{\mu}$ and BAU via leptogenesis

[Alvarez et al, 2301.08485]



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Relax certain (driving) assumptions $\Rightarrow \nu$ masses, DM candidates (scalar and fermionic) \Rightarrow generic Δa_{μ} - from SM-like to NP (at ~5 σ); no BAU

Avoid theoretically disfavoured regimes (large hierarchical "Yukawas" & scalar couplings)?

Thorough exploration of flavoured and electroweak precision observables!

 $\Rightarrow \mathsf{cLFV} \text{ decays: leptonic, } Z \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \ell_{\beta}, H \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \ell_{\beta}$

 $\Rightarrow \text{EW observables: sensitive probes of new interactions (scalar, vector, fermion...)}$ $Z \rightarrow \text{inv, LFUV in } Z \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha} \text{ (in progress)}$ New contributions to $H \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \ell_{\alpha}$ [Darricau, Lee, Orloff, AMT to appear soon]

Full computation of NLO contributions to Z and Higgs interactions!

[see e.g. Grimus et al, 0802.4353]





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Scotogenic models: a link between neutrino mass generation and dark matter!

cLFV leptonic decays:

- ⇒ correlated muon-electron decays (dipole dominance)
- \Rightarrow sizeable **box**-contributions for **3-body tau decays**



[Darricau, Lee, Orloff, AMT, to appear soon]



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- cLFV in Z and Higgs decays (and Higgs)
 - \Rightarrow Constraints on certain regimes!
 - \Rightarrow Potentially **testable at FCC-e**e (especially $Z \rightarrow \mu \tau$)





cLFV beyond (minimal) neutrino masses...



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NP models of flavour: so many possibilities!





UV-complete models: GUTs, Supersymmetry, extra dimensions, ...

Ultimately addressing all (several) SM problems, and testable (via flavours?!) ??

Can lepton flavours help us disentangle the NP model at work? Or falsify candidates?

NP models of flavour: so many possibilities!



Extensive contributions in recent years - driven by NP hints (m_{ν} , AMMs, B-anomalies...)

⇒ exploring *flavoured signatures of BSM* realisations

	AC	RVV2	AKM	δLL	FBMSSM	LHT	RS
$D^0 - \overline{D}^0$	***	*	*	*	*	***	?
ϵ_K	\star	***	***	\star	\star	**	***
$S_{\psi\phi}$	***	***	***	\star	\star	***	***
$S_{\phi K_S}$	***	**	*	***	***	\star	?
$A_{\rm CP}(B\to X_s\gamma)$	\star	\star	\star	***	***	\star	?
$A_{7,8}(B\to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	\star	\star	\star	***	***	**	?
$A_9(B\to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)$	\star	\star	\star	\star	\star	\star	?
$B \to K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$	\star	\star	\star	\star	\star	\star	*
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	***	***	***	***	***	\star	*
$K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	\star	\star	\star	\star	\star	***	***
$K_L \to \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	*	*	*	*	*	***	***
$\mu ightarrow e \gamma$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
$ au ightarrow \mu \gamma$	***	***	\star	***	***	***	***
$\mu + N \rightarrow e + N$	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
d_n	***	***	***	**	***	*	***
d_e	$\star\star\star$	***	**	\star	***	\star	***
$(g-2)\mu$	***	***	**	***	***	*	?

[[]Altmannshofer et al, '10]

AC: RH currents & U(1) flavour sym RVV2: SU(3)-flavoured MSSM AKM: RH currents & SU(3) family sym δ LL: CKM-like currents FBMSSM: flavour-blind MSSM LHT: Little Higgs (T-parity) RS: Warped extra dimensions

Expected **impact** for **observables**:

- $\star \star \star$ large effects
- ★★ small, but visible
- ★ unobservable

Densely populated sector!

cLFV transitions amongst the most sensitive observables to numerous NP models!

Geometric flavour: RS warped extra dimensions cms



Geometrical distribution of fermions in bulk:

reproduce hierarchy in 4dim Yukawas from "anarchic" $\mathcal{O}(1)$ dim5 couplings!

Non-negligible phenomenological issues:

enlarge bulk symmetry to prevent violation of custodial SU(2) symmetry additional "rescue" strategies to avoid excessive FCNCs, to protect EW precision observables, ..., among other issues

> [Burdman, '02; Agashe et al, '04; Csaki et al, '08; Blanke et al & Buras et al, '08-'09; Bauer et at, '10; Vempati et al, '12; Beneke et al, '12-'15; and many others...]

Geometric cLFV: RS warped extra dimensions

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Example: custodially protected model, full inclusion of all dim-6 cLFV operators generical anarchic Yukawa couplings

new gauge fields & KK-excitations of lepton fields \Rightarrow cLFV transitions



Most stringent constraints from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu - e$ conversion

 τ decays comparatively less restrictive

Current $\mu - e$ cLFV bounds constrain NP scale to be very heavy, beyond LHC reach

 $T_{KK} \gtrsim 4 \text{ TeV}$ (corresponding to $m_{KK}^1 \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$)

Future $\mu - e$ sensitivities: exclude anarchic RS models (without additional symmetries)

up to **8 TeV** (corresponding to KK gluon masses around 20 TeV)

Composite Higgs and warped extra dimensions

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▶ Holographic composite Higgs model based on enlarged symmetry, $\mathscr{G}_{SM} \times G_f$

 $G_f = X \times Z_N$, with $X = S_4, A_4, \Delta(96, 384)$

(Discrete) symmetries - predict the lepton mixing pattern (masses unconstrained) Applied to 5dim model in warped space; both cases of Dirac and Majorana neutrinos



cLFV observables (as well as EDMs) typically below experimental bounds ($m_{KK}^1 \sim 3 - 4$ TeV) MEG (I & II) bounds on $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma \sim$ constrain the size of boundary kinetic terms! Important role played in the future by Mu3e data

⇒ cLFV allows to infer relevant information on fundamental parameters



Concluding remarks



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Outlook



Confirmed observations and several **"tensions"** suggest the need to go **beyond the SM** In the **lepton sector**, ν -masses provided the 1st laboratory evidence of NP Many experimental **"tensions"** nested in **lepton-related observables**

Lepton physics might offer valuable hints in constructing and probing NP models New Physics can be manifest via cLFV, LNV, ... even before any direct discovery! (Synergy of) lepton observables can provide information on the underlying NP model

New Physics is there! Lepton physics might be a perfect portal to address SM problems

- \Rightarrow First hints on **preferred paths** to NP from **EFT approach**
- \Rightarrow Attempt at **identifying the underlying model** capable of accounting for all SM problems (m_{ν} , DM and BAU) and further "tensions" with observation!
- cLFV emerges as extremely powerful probe to test and falsify NP in the lepton sector

Explore different paths, and profit from amazing experimental prospects in the near future!



Additional material



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cLFV observables



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cLFV muon channels: radiative decays





$$▷$$
 cLFV decay: $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

- **Event signature:** $E_e = E_{\gamma} = m_{\mu}/2$ (~ 52.8 MeV) Back-to-back $e^+ - \gamma$ ($\theta \sim 180^\circ$); Time coincidence
- **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow prompt physics & accidental Prompt: radiative μ decays ($\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$, very low E_ν) **Accidental:** coincidence of γ with positron from Michel decays $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$: photon from $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$; γ from in-flight e^+e^- annihilation $[\propto R_\mu^2]$



Future prospects: [MEG II Coll., 2201.008200]

MEG II (@ PSI): BR($\mu^+ \to e^+\gamma$) $\leq 6 \times 10^{-14}$

very hard to go beyond 10^{-15} without conceptually different approach

cLFV muon channels: 3-body decays





▶ cLFV decay:
$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$$

Event signature: $\Sigma E_e = m_\mu$; $\Sigma \overrightarrow{P}_e = \overrightarrow{0}$ common vertex; Time coincidence





cLFV in muonic atoms: $\mu - e$ conversion



Muonic atoms: 1s bound state formed when μ^- stopped in target SM allowed processes: decay in orbit (DIO) $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$ nuclear capture $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (A, Z - 1)$

ln the presence of New Physics - cLFV neutrinoless $\mu^- - e^-$ conversion

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



Event signature: single mono-energetic electron $E_{\mu e} = m_{\mu} - E_B(A, Z) - E_R(A, Z)$ For Aluminium, Lead, Titanium ~ $E_{\mu e} \approx \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$ Which target?** For coherent conversion, maximal rates for $30 \le Z \le 60$

Backgrounds \Rightarrow Only physics! μ decay in orbit, beam purity, cosmic rays, ...





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In the presence of New Physics - cLFV & LNV ($\Delta L = 2$) neutrinoless $\mu^- - e^+$ conversion $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (A, Z - 2)^*$

 $\mu^{-} - e^{-}$ conversion: coherent process, single nucleon, nuclear ground states $\mu^{-} - e^{+}$ conversion: 2 nucleons ($\Delta Q = 2$), possibly excited final state

A unique connection between LNV (in association with Majorana nature and possibly, neutrino mass generation) and cLFV



[see e.g. Geib et al, 1609.09088]

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▶ Event signature: single positron - but complex energy spectrum $E_{\mu e}^{\mathsf{N}^*} = m_{\mu} - E_B(A, Z) - E_R(A, Z) - \Delta_{Z-2^{(*)}}$ For Aluminium (giant dipole resonance) ~ $E_{\mu^-e^+}^{\mathsf{Al, GDR}} \approx \mathcal{O}(83.9 \text{ MeV})$

Experimental status:	ĺ
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Collaboration	year	Process	Bound
PSI/SINDRUM	1998	μ^- +Ti $ ightarrow e^+$ +Ca *	3.6×10^{-11}
PSI/SINDRUM	1998	$\mu^- + {\sf Ti} ightarrow e^+ + {\sf Ca}$	1.7×10^{-12}

Future prospects:

Best sensitivity expected for Ca, S and Ti targets (possibly ~ $O(\text{few} \times 10^{-15})$)

[Yeo et al,'17]

cLFV in muonic atoms: Coulomb enhanced decay

Muonic atoms: 1s bound state formed when μ^- stopped in target

In the presence of New Physics - cLFV muonic atom decay $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$ Initial μ^-, e^- : 1s states bound in Coulomb field of muonic atom's nucleus

Coulomb interaction increases wave function overlap rate strongly enhanced in large Z atoms, $\Gamma \gtrsim (Z - 1)^3$ Larger phase space (compared with $\mu \rightarrow 3e$)

Event signature: back-to-back electrons, $E_{e^-} \approx m_{\mu}/2$

Backgrounds \Rightarrow similar to neutrinoless conversion

Experimental status - new observable! possibly included in future physics runs (e.g. COMET)

cLFV muonium decays

Muonium: $\mu^+ e^-$

Hydrogen-like Coulomb bound state, free of hadronic interactions! Powerful laboratory for **EW** tests and **cLFV**

In the presence of New Physics - Muonium oscillations and Muonium decays

Mu-Mu oscillation

Spontaneous conversion $\mu^+ e^- \leftrightarrow \mu^- e^+$

Reflects a double (individual) lepton number violation $|\Delta L_e| = |\Delta L_{\mu}| = 2$ Rate (typically) suppressed by external magnetic fields **Detection:** reconstruct Michel electron from μ^- decays and shell positron

Experimental status: MACS - $P(Mu - Mu) < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$ [Willmann et al, 1999] Future prospects: MACE, AMF (@FNAL)

[Bai et al, 2203.11406]

Mu decays

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

Clear signal compared to SM-allowed muonium decay, Mu $\rightarrow e^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e^- \mu^*$ No available bounds, no clear roadmap...





cLFV tau decays: leptonic and more



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- **adjustive decay:** $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \gamma$
 - **Event signature:** $E_{\text{final}} \sqrt{s/2} = \Delta E \sim 0$; $M_{\text{final}} = M_{\ell\gamma} \sim m_{\tau}$
 - **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow coincidence of isolated leptons with γ (ISR, FSR); mistagging
- ▶ 3-body leptonic decay: $\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell_i^{\pm} \ell_j^{\mp} \ell_k^{\pm}$
 - **Event signature:** $E_{3\ell} \sqrt{s/2} \sim 0$; $M_{3\ell} \sim m_{\tau}$
 - **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow No irreducible backgrounds!

Small background from $q\bar{q}$ and Bhabha pairs, ...

cLFV tau decays: leptonic and more

Tau leptons - heaviest of all charged leptons! Cannot have "intense tau beams" :) Copious production at B-factories (BaBar, Belle, LHCb, Belle II, ...) Production and decay: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ signal "hemisphere" tagging "hemisphere" (e.g. $\tau^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\tau}\nu_e e^+$)

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Semi-leptonic cLFV tau decays

2-body final state: $\tau \to \ell h^0$ (pseudoscalar, scalar or vector neutral meson) **3-body** final state: $\tau \to \ell h_i h_j$ ($h \leftrightarrow \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, K_s^0$)

cLFV exotic modes (also lepton & baryon number violating)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{-} \to \ell^{+} h_{i}^{\pm} h_{j}^{\pm} & (h \iff \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{LNV} \\ \tau^{-} \to \Lambda h^{-} & (h \iff \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{LNV \& BLV} \\ \tau \to p \ell_{i} \ell_{j} & \Rightarrow \text{LNV \& BLV} \end{aligned}$$