Searching for Lepton Flavor Violation

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August 22, 2024 PPP2024 We still don't know much about our Universe.



Need Physics Beyond the Standard Model

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*Beyond the minimal extension of the SM

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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{
u-\mathrm{mass}}$$

Dirac or Majorana

$$\operatorname{Br}\left(\mu \to e\gamma\right) = \frac{3\alpha_{\rm em}}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{m_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$
Extremely small!

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 $Br(\mu \to e\gamma) < 10^{-54} \ll Br(\mu \to e\gamma)_{BSM}$

The Observations of CLFV would point to new physics beyond vSM.

*Underlying mechanism of the neutrino mass.

Models that explain neutrino mass usually introduce new CLFV at tree or loop level.

e.g., A.Abada, et al, JHEP 12 (2007) 061





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 $\mathrm{BR}(\mu^- \operatorname{Al} \to e^- \operatorname{Al}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-17})$





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 $\sim 9 \times 10^{-9}$

 $\sim 5.8\times 10^{-10}$

Belle II Collaboration, Snowmass White Paper - Belle II physics reach and plans for the next decade and beyond, 2022.



LFV Leptoquark Searches at HERA

ZEUS collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 44 (2005) 463 H1 collaboration, Eur. Phys. J. C 52 (2007) 833

$$\sqrt{S} = 318 \text{ GeV}, \ \mathscr{L} = 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Another potential search for CLFV at Electron-Ion Collider



Map the structure of the proton and nuclei <u>https://www.bnl.gov/eic/</u>



EIC Detector Requirements and R&D Handbook EIC Yellow report, arXiv:2103.05419

 $\sqrt{S} = 20 \sim 140 \text{ GeV}$ $\mathscr{L} = 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

*Higher than HERA

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2026, with operations beginning in 2032

 Model-Independent Analysis of CLFV process at low- and high-energy EIC vs LHC vs Low-Energy CLFV searches



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$$\supset -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\substack{\ell = \tau, \mu \\ q = u, d}} [C_{Lq}]_{\ell eij} \, \bar{\ell}_L \gamma^{\mu} e_L \, \bar{q}_{Ri} \gamma_{\mu} q_{Rj}$$



Let's first see tau-electron case.

Low-Energy Tau and Meson Decay

Decay mode	Upper limit (90 % C.L.)			
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$\tau \to eK_S$	ds/ds	2.6×10^{-8}	Belle PLB692(2010)4	
$ au ightarrow e \pi^+ K^-$		3.7×10^{-8}	Belle PLB719(2013)346	
$\tau \to e \pi^- K^+$		3.1×10^{-8}	Belle PLB719(2013)346	
$B^0 o e^{\pm} \tau^{\mp}$		1.6×10^{-5}	Belle PRD104(2021)9	
$B^+ o \pi^+ e^+ \tau^-$	db/bd	7.4×10^{-5}	BaBar PRD86(2012)012004	
$B^+ \to \pi^+ e^- \tau^+$		2.0×10^{-5}	BaBar PRD86(2012)012004	
$B^+ \to K^+ e^+ \tau^-$	sb/bs	1.53×10^{-5}	Belle PRL130(2023)26 261802	
$B^+ \to K^+ e^- \tau^+$	30/03	1.5×10^{-5}	Belle PRL130(2023)26 261802	

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• Certain combinations of CLFV operators can be bounded.

Ex) BR
$$(\tau \to e\pi^+\pi^-) \simeq 0.5 \times |[C_{Lu}]_{uu} - [C_{Ld}]_{dd}|^2$$

A. Celis, V. Cirigliano, E. Passemar, PRD89(2014)095014

• Quark-flavor conserving processes are generated by light quarks operators

$$[C_{Lu}]_{\tau e} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_{Lu}]_{uu} & [C_{Lu}]_{uc} & [C_{Lu}]_{ut} \\ [C_{Lu}]_{cu} & [C_{Lu}]_{cc} & [C_{Lu}]_{ct} \\ [C_{Lu}]_{tu} & [C_{Lu}]_{tc} & [C_{Lu}]_{tt} \end{pmatrix} \qquad [C_{Ld}]_{\tau e} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_{Ld}]_{dd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ds} & [C_{Ld}]_{db} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{sd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ss} & [C_{Ld}]_{sb} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{bd} & [C_{Ld}]_{bs} & [C_{Ld}]_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$
 How?

Scale running effects



LHC search



• Bound on CLFV top decay by ATLAS with 79.8 fb⁻¹: BR $(t \rightarrow q \ell \ell') < 1.86 \times 10^{-5}$ (95 % CL.) ATLAS collaboration, ATLAS-CONF-2018-044

 ATLAS published pp → 1 l' bounds in high-mass final states using 36 fb⁻¹
 '22 ATLAS and '23 CMS results with 138 and 139 fb⁻¹ ATLAS JHEP 10 (2023) 082 CMS JHEP 05 (2023) 227

Existing bounds

* Single Operator Analysis



- Operators with d-type quarks sector well constrained by low-energy
- PDF and loop suppression in $[C_{Ld}]_{bb}$

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- Less constrained by low energy than d-type operators
- Strong bound on $[C_{Lu}]_{tt}$ from $\tau \to e\pi^+\pi^-$

EIC Analysis

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• Promising ID channel



* Eliminate all SM backgrounds

 $p_T^{\mu} > 10 \text{ GeV}, \ E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}, \ p_T^{j_1} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

EIC vs Current limits V. Cirigliano, KF, C. Lee, E. Mereghetti, B. Yan, JHEP03(2021)256 $\sqrt{S} = 141 \text{ GeV}, \ \mathscr{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1} \text{ @ EIC}$



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Multi-operator scenario

S. Banerjee, V. Cirigliano, et al, Snowmass White Papaer, 2203.14919



*Case with 8 nonzero CLFV operators

Z couplings + down-type 4F operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm LFV} \supset -\frac{g_2}{c_W} \left(c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} + c_{L\varphi}^{(3)} \right) \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu Z_\mu e_L$$
$$-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{a=d,s,b} [C_{Ld}]_{aa} \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu e_L \bar{d}_{Ra} \gamma_\mu d_{Ra}$$
$$-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{a=d,s,b} [C_{LQ,D}]_{aa} \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu e_L \bar{d}_{La} \gamma_\mu d_{La}$$

• Collider probes are necessary to close the free direction.

• Improvement with 3-prong decay

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• Other BSM searches at EIC



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EIC User Group consists of more than 1400 physicists from over 290 laboratories and universities from 38 countries, *including Japan*, around the world.

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EIC UG Climate Survey : Talk by W. Deconinck

https://www.int.washington.edu/sites/default/files/schedule_session_files/Deconinck_W.pdf

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* Photonic- and Non-photonic Interactions



 \checkmark Contributions from various CLFV interactions to the conversion process

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Mu2E Mu2e at Fermilab, USA

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Theoretical Analysis

Model-independent analysis has comprehensively been done.

Weinberg, Feinberg, PRL3(1959)111, Shanker, PRD20(1979)1608, Czarnecki, et al, AIP Conf. Proc. 435 (1998) Kitano, et al, PRD66(2002)096002, Cirigliano, et al, PRD80(2009)013002 Cirigliano, et al, PLB771(2017)242, Davidson, et al, EPJC78(2018)109



Spin-Independent (SI) Process : all nucleons participate in the process.

Ex)
$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e) \propto |C_{DY}Z|^2$$

*Rough Idea

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$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{LFV}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} C_{PY} \bar{e} P_Y \mu \ \bar{q} \gamma_5 q$$
 $\text{BR}(\mu \to e) \propto |C_{PY} W_{PY}|^2$
 $\mu \qquad e \qquad Pseudo-scalar$
*Nuclear structure calculation is necessary.

<u>Recent development</u> I) Nuclear-Level EFT for SI and SD process

W. Haxton, E. Rule, K. McElvain, M. Ramsey-Musolf, PRC107(2023)035504 Mathematica and Python : <u>https://github.com/Berkeley-Electroweak-Physics/Mu2e</u>

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm LFV}^N = c_1 \ \bar{e}\mu\bar{N}N + c_2 \ \bar{e}\mu\bar{N}i\gamma_5N + \cdots$$

*Nuclear response function by Shell Model

2) Extension to Weak Effective Theory operators

W. Haxton, K. McElvain, T. Menzo, E. Rule, J. Zupan, 2406.13818 MuonBridge : <u>https://github.com/Berkeley-Electroweak-Physics</u>

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Current	⁴⁷ Ti	7.44	5/2-	116.3	7.1×10^{-3}
	⁴⁹ Ti	5.41	7/2-		



The conversion process is dominated by pseudo-scalar interaction.

 m_a vs f_a

KF, E. Mereghetti, PRD109(2024)075014



The strongest limit is given by mu to e gamma search.

The future mu2e conversion searches have the great potential to probe LFV ALP scenarios.

Summary

- Searches for Lepton Flavor Violations are Powerful Probes of BSM Physics.

• Systematic Analysis based on SMEFT



- The RGEs allows to constrain CLFV heavy quark operators
- Complementarity in low- and high-energy searches

*Possibility of another search at EIC

• Stronger bound in electron-muon case especially from $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion

- 4-orders of magnitude improvements in BR
- SD process can dominate the process in LFV ALP model

Outlook/Discussion

- 3-prong decay
- b- and/or c-quark tagging
- Multi-Dimensional Analysis

Any ideas on BSM searches at EIC are welcome!