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## A Review of Lepton Flavor Violating Processes

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Extremely clean probe of "BvSM" physics

dim-4 Dirac or dim5 Majorana

 $\mathcal{L}_{\nu SM} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\nu - mas}$ 

### LFV: big picture



Each scenario generates specific pattern of weak-scale and low-energy operators, controlling v mass (dim5) and LFV processes (dim6). We can probe the underlying physics up to very high scales by a combination of low-energy and collider searches

### LFV: probes

 Low energy: rare decays of μ and τ, strongest probes (sensitive to scales beyond LHC reach)

$$\begin{split} \mu &\to e\gamma, \quad \mu \to e\bar{e}e, \quad \mu\left(A,Z\right) \to e\left(A,Z\right) \\ \tau &\to \ell\gamma, \quad \tau \to \ell_{\alpha}\bar{\ell}_{\beta}\ell_{\beta}, \ \tau \to \ell \, Y \qquad Y = P, S, V, P\bar{P}, \dots \end{split}$$

• High Energy: can compete in  $\tau \leftrightarrow \mu$  and  $\tau \leftrightarrow e$  sector

LHC 
$$\begin{pmatrix} p p \rightarrow R \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \bar{\ell}_{\beta} + X & R = Z', h, \tilde{\nu}, ... \\ p p \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \bar{\ell}_{\beta} + X & \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\mathsf{EIC}(?) \quad e p \rightarrow \ell + X$ 

### Discovering and Diagnosing

- Redundancy of searches is very important at this stage, as various probes serve as:
- Discovery tools (observation  $\Rightarrow$  BSM physics)
- Diagnosing tools: reconstruct the underlying dynamics
  - What type of mediator? (operator structure) LHC vs  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  vs  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  vs  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion (and similarly for tau decays)
  - What sources of flavor breaking? (pattern of LFV rates)  $\mu \rightarrow e$  vs  $\tau \rightarrow \mu$  vs  $\tau \rightarrow e$

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### Outline

# Low energy probes

### Experiment: status and prospects



• Muon processes :

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• Tau decays:

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10-9 sensitivities at Belle-II (KEK), LHCb

### Low energy phenomenology: EFT

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At low energy, BSM dynamics described by local operators

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} O^{(5)} + \sum_{i} \frac{C_{i}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^{2}} O_{i}^{(6)} + \dots$$
$$\Lambda \leftrightarrow M_{\text{BSM}} \qquad \qquad C_{i} \left[g_{\text{BSM}}, \ M_{a}/M_{b}\right]$$

LFV processes sensitive to scale and flavor structure of couplings

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### What can we extract from data

- Ask questions on LFV dynamics without choosing a specific model (answers will help discriminating among models)
  - What is the sensitivity to the effective scale Λ?
     What is the relative sensitivity of various processes?
  - What is relative the strength of various operators ( $\alpha_D vs \alpha_S \dots$ )?  $\rightarrow$  Mediators
  - What is the flavor structure of the couplings  $([\alpha_D]^{e\mu} vs \ [\alpha_D]^{\tau\mu}...)? \rightarrow Sources of flavor breaking$

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**Discovery** 

potential

### Sensitivity to NP scale

• What combination of scale  $\Lambda$  + couplings produces observable rates?

$$\mathsf{BR}_{\alpha\to\beta} \thicksim \big( \mathsf{v}_{\mathsf{EW}} / \Lambda \big)^4 \ast \big( \alpha_n \big)_{\alpha\beta}^2$$

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 even after taking into account loop factors

New physics at TeV scale already quite constrained

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• What about other processes? Relative sensitivity depends on the model: each process probes a different combination of operators

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• A simple example with two operators

De Gouvea, Vogel 1303.4097

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} &= \frac{m_{\mu}}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + h.c. \\ &\frac{\kappa}{(1+\kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_{\mu} e_L \left(\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu} e\right) + h.c. \,. \end{aligned}$$

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 $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  vs  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion

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### Sensitivity to operators

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion: powerful diagnostic tool
- By measuring  $B(\mu \rightarrow e, Z)/B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  and  $B(\mu \rightarrow e, Z_1)/B(\mu \rightarrow e, Z_2)$ , we can infer the relative strength of effective operators

![](_page_19_Figure_3.jpeg)

• Similarly, one can use Dalitz plot analysis of  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow 3l$ 

#### VC-Kitano-Okada-Tuzon '09

 µ → eγ vs µ → e conversion: probe non-dipole operators

$$B_{\mu \to e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + (Z, A) \to e^- + (Z, A))}{\Gamma(\mu^- + (Z, A) \to \nu_\mu + (Z - 1, A))}$$

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 Conversion amplitude has non-trivial dependence on target, that distinguishes D,S,V underlying operators

> - Discrimination: need 5% measure of Ti/AI or 20% measure of Pb/AI

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• Explicit realization in a SUSY scenario

 Dipole vs scalar operator (mediated by Higgs exchange) in SUSY see-saw models

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Kitano-Koike-Komine-Okada 2003

![](_page_22_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### • Explicit realization: see-saw models

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- Observable CLFV if see-saw scale low (with protection of LN)
- Each model leads to specific CLFV pattern

 CLFV in Type I seesaw: loop-induced D,V operators, coefficients controlled by N<sub>i</sub> masses

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$$\begin{split} \Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma) &= \sum_{N_i} \frac{|Y_{N_{ie}}Y_{N_{i\mu}}^{\dagger}|^2}{m_{N_i}^4} \cdot [c + c'\log(m_{N_i}^2/m_W^2)]^2 \\ \Gamma(\mu \to eee) &= \sum_{N_i} \frac{|Y_{N_{ie}}Y_{N_{i\mu}}^{\dagger}|^2}{m_{N_i}^4} \cdot [d + d'\log(m_{N_i}^2/m_W^2)]^2 \\ R_{\mu \to e}^N &= \sum_{N_i} \frac{|Y_{N_{ie}}Y_{N_{i\mu}}^{\dagger}|^2}{m_{N_i}^4} \cdot [b^N + b'^N\log(m_{N_i}^2/m_W^2)]^2 \end{split}$$

 For ~degenerate N<sub>i</sub> masses (suppressed LNV), ratio of 2 rates with same flavor transition depends only on seesaw scale

Alonso-Dhen-Gavela-Hambye '13

 CLFV in Type I seesaw: loop-induced D,V operators, coefficients controlled by N<sub>i</sub> masses

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- With three rate measurements (2 ratios):
  - determine seesaw scale or
  - rule out scenario

- CLFV in Type II seesaw: tree-level 4L operator (D,V at loop)  $\rightarrow$ 4-lepton processes most sensitive
- CLFV in Type III seesaw: tree-level LFV couplings of  $Z \Rightarrow$

 $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  and  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion at tree level,  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  at loop

![](_page_26_Figure_3.jpeg)

Abada-Biggio-Bonnet-Gavela-Hambye '07, '08

 Ratios of 2 processes with same flavor transition are fixed

 $\begin{array}{lll} Br(\mu \to e\gamma) &=& 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\mu \to eee) = 3.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R_{Ti}^{\mu \to e} \\ Br(\tau \to \mu\gamma) &=& 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau \to \mu\mu\mu) \\ Br(\tau \to e\gamma) &=& 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau \to eee) \end{array}$ 

### Sensitivity to flavor structures

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Minimal Lepton Flavor Violation tries to remedy this issue. No unique realization

VC-Grinstein-Isidori-Wise '05 Davidson-Palorini '06 Gavela-Hambye-Hernandez-Hernandez '09 Alonso-Isidore-Merlo-Munoz-Nardi '11

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• No general statement, but CLFV provides non-trivial tests of any given model ansatz for the nature and structure of  $Y_i^{FB}$ . Cleanest test-ground:  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  vs  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  ( $\tau \rightarrow e \gamma$ ) Example: Type II seesaw model (scalar triplet)
 Explicit realization of Minimal Lepton Flavor Violation

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

- A different example: SU(5) GUT models (with ~ degenerate  $N_i$ )
- Two competing structures:

$$\frac{v}{\Lambda^2} \ \bar{e}_R^i \left( \lambda_e \lambda_\nu^{\dagger} \lambda_\nu \right)^{ij} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L^j \ F_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow PMNS \text{ mixing pattern} \qquad M_\nu > 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$$

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$$[~ Barbieri-Hall-Strumia '95] \qquad M_\nu < 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$$

• CKM  $\Rightarrow$  more hierarchical pattern of BRs:  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  is within reach of (super-)B factories

$$B(\tau \to \mu\gamma) : B(\tau \to e\gamma) : B(\mu \to e\gamma)$$

$$\lambda_{\rm C} = V_{\rm us}$$

$$Min \begin{bmatrix} s_{13}^{-2} , \frac{\Delta m_{\rm atm}^2}{\Delta m_{\rm sol}^2} \end{bmatrix} : 1 : 1$$

$$\lambda_{\rm C}^{-6} : \lambda_{\rm C}^{-4} : 1$$

High energy probes

### High scale LFV mediators

- If  $\Lambda_{FV} >>$  TeV, EFT description is still appropriate at colliders
- 4-fermion operators mediate  $p_{p}^{(-)} \rightarrow \ell_{\alpha} \bar{\ell}_{\beta} + X$
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Han-Lewis-Sher 2010

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$\Lambda_{ m NP}~({ m TeV})$	$2\sigma$ sensitivity			$5\sigma$ discovery		
Coupling	$^{1,\gamma_5}$	$\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}$	$\sigma_{\mu u}$	$1, \gamma_5$	$\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}$	$\sigma_{\mu u}$
$uar{u}$	18	19	21	14	15	17
d ar d	16	17	19	12	13	15
$s\bar{s}$	9.0*	9.6*	11	7.1*	7.6**	8.6
$dar{s}$	13	14	16	10	11*	13
$d\bar{b}$	12	13	14	9.7	10	11
$s\bar{b}$	8.7	9.2	10	6.8	7.3	8.2
$uar{c}$	15	16	18	12	13	14
$c\bar{c}$	7.2	7.6	8.6	5.7	6.0	6.8
$b\overline{b}$	5.8	6.2	7.0	4.6	4.9	5.5

 $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$  L = 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>

### Direct searches at the LHC

- If  $\Lambda_{FV} \sim \text{TeV}$ , then can study LFV couplings of the mediator at the LHC and at low-energy
- LFV decays of new resonances. Vast literature. Examples:
  - $Z' \to \ell_a \bar{\ell}_b$
  - $\tilde{\nu} \rightarrow \ell_a \bar{\ell}_b$  (and related channels motivated by RPV SUSY)
  - Higgs

• Here discuss LFV couplings of the Higgs

### Higgs LFV couplings

- Non-standard (LFV) couplings of the Higgs arise in several models
- Conveniently parameterized by effective interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -m_i \bar{f}_L^i f_R^i - Y_{ij} (\bar{f}_L^i f_R^j) h + h.c. + \cdots$$

Harnik-Kopp-Zupan '12 Blankenburg-Ellis-Isidori 12 McKeen-Pospelov-Ritz '12

Goudelis-Lebedev-Park '11 Davidson-Grenier '10

*L*<sub>Y</sub> mediates LFV Higgs decays & generates at lowenergy scalar 4f operators (tree), dipole (loops).

 $\Delta \mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{\lambda'_{ij}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{f}^i_L f^j_R) H(H^{\dagger} H) + h.c.$ 

![](_page_36_Figure_6.jpeg)

- Constraints: Higgs decays vs low-energy LFV and LFC observables
- µe sector: low-energy constraints very powerful

![](_page_37_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Figure_3.jpeg)

Plot from Harnik-Kopp-Zupan '12

- Constraints: Higgs decays vs low-energy LFV and LFC observables
- μT and eT sectors: large LFV BRs possible (strongest constraints from Higgs decay)

![](_page_38_Figure_2.jpeg)

This strongly motivates a dedicated search at the LHC

### Conclusions

- Charged LFV: deep probes of physics BSM
- "Discovery" tools: clean, high scale reach
- "Model-discriminating" tools (with and without the LHC)
  - Operator structure  $\rightarrow$  mediators
  - $\mu e vs \tau \mu vs \tau e \rightarrow sources of flavor breaking$

Exciting prospects in the next 5-10 years:

- $\star$  3-4 orders of magnitude improvement in  $\mu$  processes
- **\star** I-2 orders of magnitude improvement in T processes
- ★ LHC can play a significant role!

## Backup Slides

### Omissions / discussion topics?

- Connection to flavor models (other talks)
- Neutrino "NSI" (Non Standard Interactions) and CLFV
- Hadronic tau decays ( $\tau \rightarrow \mu \pi \pi$ , etc.)

•  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  vs  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion: probe existence non-dipole operators

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

 µ→e conversion amplitude has non-trivial dependence on target, that distinguishes D,S,V underlying operators

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Essentially free of theory uncertainty (largely cancels in ratios)
- Discrimination: need ~5% measure of Ti/AI or ~20% measure of Pb/AI
- Ideal world: use AI and a large Z-target (D,V,S have largest separation)

### Target dependence of mu-to-e

• How does this work? Conversion amplitude has non-trivial dependence on target nucleus, that distinguishes D,S,V underlying operators

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{fi} \sim \langle e^{-}; A, Z | \int d^{3}x \ \hat{O}_{\ell}(x) \ \hat{O}_{q}(x) \ |\mu^{-}; A, Z \rangle \\ \sim \int d^{3}x \ \bar{\psi}_{e} O_{\ell} \psi_{\mu} \ \langle A, Z | \hat{O}_{q} | A, Z \rangle$$

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Czarnecki-Marciano-Melnikov

Kitano-Koike-Okada

- Lepton wave-functions in EM field generated by nucleus

- Relativistic components of muon wavefunction give different contributions to D,S,V overlap integrals. For example:

$$\bar{\psi}_e \gamma_0 \psi_\mu = \bar{\psi}_e \,\psi_\mu + O(v_\mu/c)$$

- Expect largest discrimination for heavy target nuclei

- Sensitive to hadronic and nuclear properties

$$\langle A, Z | \bar{q} \Gamma q | A, Z \rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(f_{\Gamma N}^{(q)}) \langle A, Z | \bar{\psi}_N \Gamma \psi_N | A, Z \rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Z | \bar{\psi}_p(\gamma_0) \psi_p | A, Z \rangle = Z \rho^{(p)}$$

$$Z | \bar{\psi}_n(\gamma_0) \psi_n | A, Z \rangle = (A - Z) \rho^{(n)}$$

• Dominant sources of uncertainty:

• Scalar matrix elements 
$$\langle i | m_q q \bar{q} | i \rangle = \sigma_q^{(i)} \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i$$

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{m_u + m_d}{2} \langle p | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | p \rangle \rightarrow 53^{+21} \cdot 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$(45 \pm 15) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Lattice range 2012}_{(\text{Kronfeld 1203.1204})}$$

$$y = \frac{2 \langle p | \bar{s}s | p \rangle}{\langle p | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | p \rangle} \in [0, 0.4] \rightarrow [0, 0.05]$$

$$[0.04, 0.12]$$

#### • Neutron density (heavy nuclei)

#### \*\* Qualitative behavior of overlap integrals

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

Beyond single operator dominance: V and D

Relative sign: +

![](_page_47_Figure_3.jpeg)