# $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in nuclei and nuclear charge distributions

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#### Workshop: Exploring BSM physics with muons

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Major experimental improvements expected [see: LFV session this morning]  $\rightarrow$  stringent bounds on LFV

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Cancellation easily lifted by RG corrections

[Crivellin et al., 2017; Cirigliano et al., 2017]

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#### Electron scattering and Coulomb corrections



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Carried out for <sup>27</sup>AI, <sup>40,48</sup>Ca, <sup>48,50</sup>Ti

#### Results available in python notebook [2406.06677]

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#### <u>Outlook:</u>

- Overlap integrals from ab-initio calculations
- Phase-shift model python package
- Subleading nuclear responses; two-body currents



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### Thank you for your attention!



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### **Backup-Slides**

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# Description of $\mu ightarrow e$ conversion



- $\circ \quad \text{EFT operators from Lagranian:} \quad \iota^{\Gamma} \in \{e_{\bar{Y}}\mu, e_{\bar{Y}}\gamma_{\mu}\mu, e_{\bar{Y}}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\mu\}, \quad (\Gamma = S, P, V, A, T, D, GG, G\bar{G}) \\ \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2}} \sum_{\Gamma} \quad C_{q}^{\Gamma} \left( \mathcal{L}^{\Gamma} \cdot Q^{\Gamma, q} \right) \quad Q^{\Gamma, q} \in \left\{ \bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma^{5}q, \bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}q, \bar{q}\gamma^{5}q, \bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}q, F^{\mu\nu}, G_{a\nu}^{a}G_{a\nu}^{\mu\nu}, G_{a\nu}^{a}G_{a\nu}^{\mu\nu}G_{a\nu}^{a}G_{a\nu}^{\mu\nu} \right\}$
- hadronic matrix elements:  $\langle N | Q^{\Gamma,q} | N \rangle \rightarrow \sim F_{q,N}^{\Gamma,i} \bar{u}_N \mathcal{O}_i u_N \xrightarrow{\text{non.rel.}} \sim \bar{u}_N^{\text{NR}} \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{NR}} u_N^{\text{NR}}$
- $\begin{array}{ll} \circ & \text{nuclear multipoles (shell-model):} \\ & \left\langle M \right| \mathcal{O}_{i}^{\text{NR}} \left| M \right\rangle \rightarrow \sim \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{S}_{N}} \end{array} \right. \\ & \left. \mathcal{S} \in \left\{ M, \Sigma^{(\prime\prime)}, \Phi^{(\prime\prime)}, \Omega^{(\prime\prime)}, \Gamma^{(\prime\prime)}, \Pi^{(\prime\prime)}, \Theta^{(\prime\prime)} \right\} \end{array}$
- bound state physics (numerical):  $\langle \tilde{e} | L^{\Gamma} | \mu(1s) \rangle \rightarrow \sim \overline{\Psi_e} \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma} \Psi_{\mu}$  with  $\Psi_e, \Psi_{\mu} \xleftarrow{\text{Dirac-eq.}} V(r) \leftarrow \rho_{ch}(r)$

#### Application: Indirect limits for $P \rightarrow \bar{\mu}e$ from $\mu \rightarrow e$

 $\circ$  Same operators probe SD  $\mu 
ightarrow e$  conversion and  $P 
ightarrow ar{\mu}e$ : [Gan et al., 2022]



# Master Formula: $P \rightarrow \bar{\mu}e$



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#### Master Formulae

# Master Formula: SD $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion



#### Outlook: Full Masterformula for $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion



• effective Lagrangian with all possible quark and gluon operators:

 $\Gamma \in S, P, V, A, T, D, GG, G\tilde{G}$ 

hadronic matrix elements (including higher order terms): F<sup>Γ,i</sup><sub>q,N</sub>
 nuclear multipoles (beyond SD and SI):

 $\mathcal{S} \in M, \Sigma^{(\prime\prime)}, \Phi^{(\prime\prime)}, \Delta^{(\prime\prime)}, \Omega^{(\prime\prime)}, \dots$ 

 $\circ\,$  full numerical solution of muon and electron wave functions

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}q}{(2\pi)^{3}} \sum_{\Gamma,q,i,N,\mathcal{S}} \mathcal{K}_{q,N}^{\Gamma,i,\mathcal{S}_{N}}(\vec{q}) \cdot \mathcal{C}_{q}^{\Gamma} \cdot \mathcal{F}_{q,N}^{\Gamma,i}(\vec{q}) \cdot \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{S}_{N}}(\vec{q}) \cdot \underbrace{\widetilde{\Psi_{e}}\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}\Psi_{\mu}}(\vec{q})$$
#### Deduced limits

# Deduced Limits (individual)

• Use limits on  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion to derive limits on  $P \rightarrow \bar{\mu}e$ 



 In general the operators do not appear in the same linear combinations If we consider one operator at a time, the transition is immediate: 0

$\mu  ightarrow e$ (exp.)	$P  ightarrow ar{\mu} e$ (derived)	current limit
$BR_{Ti} < 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$	$egin{array}{l} {\sf BR}_{\pi^0} &\lesssim 4  imes 10^{-17} \ {\sf BR}_{\eta} &\lesssim 5  imes 10^{-13} \ {\sf BR}_{\eta'} &\lesssim 7  imes 10^{-14} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} < 3.6 \times 10^{-10} \\ < 6.0 \times 10^{-6} \\ < 4.7 \times 10^{-4} \end{array}$

(scan over all "one operator at a time"-scenarios and choices for constants)

Derived limits are several orders of magnitude better!

#### Deduced limits

# Deduced Limits (rigorous)

For rigorous limits we need to scan over all Wilson coefficients:

• Maximise:  

$$\begin{array}{c} & \frac{\Gamma_{P \to \tilde{\mu}e}(C_P, C_A, C_{G\tilde{G}})}{\Sigma_{\mu \to e}(C_P, C_A, C_{G\tilde{G}})} \\ & \to \exists \text{ fine-tuned solution: } \Sigma_{\mu \to e} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \end{array}$$

• In this scenario  $\Gamma_{\pi^0 \to \bar{\mu} e}$  vanishes as well:

rigorous limit: 
$$\text{Br}_{\pi^0 
ightarrow ar{\mu} e} < 1.0 imes 10^{-13}$$
 (exp:  $< 3.6 \cdot 10^{-10}$ )

- $\circ~$  However,  $\Gamma_{\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \bar{u} e}$  can still be non-zero:  $\rightarrow Br_{n^{(\prime)}\rightarrow\bar{u}e}$  with sufficient fine-tuning in principle unbound
- easily spoilt by RG corrections
- $\circ$  contributing to SI  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion



## How to describe elastic electron scattering?



$$F(q,\theta) = ZF_0^{ch}(q) \stackrel{F.T.}{\longleftrightarrow} \rho_0(r)$$

- strongly dominating
- defines charge density

- $\circ$  become relevant where  $F_0^{ch}$ small (zeroes, high q, high  $\theta$ )
- subtract before extraction

Even for J = 0 insufficient  $\rightarrow$  Coulomb corrections

# Phase-shift model

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- Finite extend of the n 0 distorts wave function
- Employ numerical solu

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$$\xrightarrow{\text{phase-shift model}}$$
  
ase-shift model:  
$$Solve \text{ Dirac-eq.} \forall_{\ell} : \left[ \psi_{\ell} \sim \left( \frac{g_{\ell}(r)}{if_{\ell}(r)} \right) \rightarrow \delta_{\ell} = \delta_{\ell}^{C} + \overline{\delta}_{\ell} \right]$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim (1 + \tan^{2}(\frac{\theta}{2})) |f(\theta)|^{2} \quad \text{with} \quad f(\theta) \sim \sum_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos(\theta)) e^{2i\delta_{\ell}}$$

phase-shift model:

### Ab initio inputs





 $\circ$  Subtract and remove data points dominated by L > 0

• So far: No Coulomb corrections for L > 0 (requires DWBA)

#### Plots

# Charge density results



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ightarrow e$  conversion & charge distributions

#### Plots

# Radii

- Qualitative radii for the considered nuclei
- Statistical uncertainties
  - based on fit statistics and data uncertainties
- Systematical uncertainties
  - $\circ$  based on different R, N with two strategies

All parameterizations with uncertainties and correlations are made available in a complementary python notebook

Nucleus	$\sqrt{\langle r^2  angle}$ [fm]	Refs.
<sup>27</sup> AI	$2.996(11) {(43)[44]\atop {(+26)\atop -33}[35]}$	3.035(2)
	$3.063(3)^{\binom{(30)[31]}{\binom{+0}{-1}[3]}}$	3.0610(31)
<sup>40</sup> Ca	$3.452(3) {(8)[9] \atop (+1) = -9} [10]$	3.450(10)
	$3.4771(17)^{(17)}_{\substack{(+0)\\-5}}^{[24]}$	3.4776(19)
<sup>48</sup> Ca	$3.4499(29) {(31)[42]\atop (+42)=60}$	3.451(9)
	$3.475(2)^{\left(10\right)\left[10\right]}_{\left(\substack{+0\\-3\right)}\left[4\right]}$	3.4771(20)
<sup>48</sup> Ti	$3.62(3){(8)[8]\atop (+2)[4]}$	3.597(1)
	$3.596(3)^{\left(57\right)\left[57\right]}_{\left(\begin{smallmatrix}+1\\-1\end{smallmatrix}\right)\left[3\right]}$	3.5921(17)

### Shell model spectrum



#### Formulas

# Formulas I

$$\langle 0|\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}q|P(k)\rangle = ib_{q}f_{P}^{q}k^{\mu},$$

$$\langle 0|m_{q}\bar{q}i\gamma_{5}q|P(k)\rangle = \frac{b_{q}h_{P}^{q}}{2},$$

$$\langle 0|\frac{\alpha_{s}}{\epsilon}G_{\mu\nu}^{a}\tilde{G}_{a}^{\mu\nu}|P(k)\rangle = a_{P},$$

$$(1)$$

$$|0|\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}G^a_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}_a|P(k)\rangle = a_P,$$
(3)

$$\langle N|\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}q|N\rangle = g_{A}^{q,N}\langle N|\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}N|N\rangle, \qquad (4)$$

$$m_q \langle N | \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q | N \rangle = m_N g_5^{q,N} \langle N | \bar{N} i \gamma_5 N | N \rangle, \qquad (5)$$

$$\langle N|\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}q|N\rangle = f_{1,T}^{q,N} \langle N|\bar{N}\sigma^{\mu\nu}N|N\rangle, \qquad (6)$$

$$\langle N|\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}G^a_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}_a|N\rangle = \tilde{a}_N\langle N|\bar{N}i\gamma_5N|N\rangle, \qquad (7)$$

# Formulas II

$$\operatorname{Br}_{\mathsf{SI}}[\mu \to e] = \frac{4m_{\mu}^{5}}{\Gamma_{\mathsf{cap}}} \sum_{Y=L,R} \left| \sum_{\substack{N=p,n\\\mathcal{O}=S,V}} \bar{C}_{Y}^{\mathcal{O},N} \mathcal{O}^{(N)} \right|^{2},$$
(8)

$$\bar{C}_{Y}^{S,N} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2}} \sum_{q} C_{Y}^{S,q} \frac{m_{N}}{m_{q}} f_{q}^{N} + \frac{4\pi}{\Lambda^{3}} C_{Y}^{GG} a_{N},$$
(9)
$$\bar{C}_{Y}^{V,N} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2}} \sum_{q} C_{Y}^{V,q} f_{V_{q}}^{N},$$
(10)

$$S^{(N)} = V^{(N)} = \frac{(\alpha Z)^{3/2}}{4\pi} \left(\frac{Z_{\text{eff}}}{Z}\right)^2 \mathcal{F}_N^M(m_\mu^2),$$
(11)

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# Formulas III

$$\bar{C}^{0} = \frac{C^{p} + C^{n}}{2}, \qquad \bar{C}^{1} = \frac{C^{p} - C^{n}}{2}, \qquad (12)$$
$$g_{A}^{q,N} = g_{5}^{q,N} - \frac{\tilde{a}_{N}}{2m_{N}}, \qquad (13)$$

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$$\tilde{a}_N = -2m_N g_A^{\mu,0} = -0.39(12) \,\text{GeV},$$
 (14)

# Formulas IV

$$C_{Y}^{A,u} = C_{Y}^{A,d}, \qquad C_{Y}^{A,s} = -\frac{2C_{Y}^{A,u}g_{A}^{u,0}}{g_{A}^{s,N}}, \qquad (15)$$
$$\frac{C_{Y}^{P,u}}{m_{u}} = \frac{C_{Y}^{P,d}}{m_{d}}, \qquad \frac{C_{Y}^{P,s}}{m_{s}} = \frac{4\pi}{\Lambda}C_{Y}^{G\tilde{G}}\frac{2g_{A}^{u,0}}{g_{A}^{u,0} - g_{A}^{s,N}}. \qquad (16)$$

### Formulas V

$$S_{00}^{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{L} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{+}^{\Sigma_{L}'}(q^{2}) \right]^{2}, \qquad S_{00}^{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_{L} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{+}^{\Sigma_{L}''}(q^{2}) \right]^{2}, \qquad (17)$$

$$S_{11}^{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{L} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{-}^{\Sigma_{L}'}(q^{2}) \right]^{2}, \qquad S_{11}^{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_{L} \left[ \mathcal{F}_{-}^{\Sigma_{L}''}(q^{2}) \right]^{2}, \qquad (18)$$

$$S_{01}^{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{L} 2\mathcal{F}_{+}^{\Sigma_{L}'}(q^{2}) \mathcal{F}_{-}^{\Sigma_{L}'}(q^{2}), \qquad (19)$$

$$S_{01}^{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_{L} 2\mathcal{F}_{+}^{\Sigma_{L}''}(q^{2}) \mathcal{F}_{-}^{\Sigma_{L}''}(q^{2}), \qquad (20)$$

### Table

	$\pi^0$	η	$\eta'$
$C_Y^{A,3}$	$1.3 imes10^{-17}$	-	-
$C_{Y}^{A,8}$	_	$1.5 imes10^{-17}$	$4.0 imes10^{-20}$
$C_{Y}^{A,0}$	_	$2.9 imes10^{-19}$	$2.1 imes10^{-19}$
$C_{\rm v}^{\rm P,3}$	$4.1 imes10^{-17}$	_	_
$C_{Y}^{P,8}$	_	$1.6 imes10^{-12}$	$2.1 imes10^{-14}$
$C_{Y}^{P,0}$	_	$4.1 imes10^{-12}$	$5.4 imes10^{-13}$
$C_{Y}^{GG}$	_	$5.8\times10^{-15}$	$4.7 imes10^{-16}$