

# *bottom-up EFT for $\mu \leftrightarrow e$*

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1. this is a talk about BSM chez les leptons (puzzling  $m_\nu$ /flav. diag. anomalies...)

**LFV** = flavour-changing contact interactions of charged leptons (FCNC for charged leptons)

2. LFV should occur : no symmetries forbid it, if add  $m_\nu$  to SM.  
... but we have not seen it (not know rates)



3.  $\nu$  expts and LFV give complementary info about leptonic NP  
...so...by measuring LFV rates, what can one learn about leptonic NP?  
Ideally: reconstruct the NP Lagrangian. But how close can we really get?

## What we know/what we can learn

some processes	current constraints on BR	future sensitivities
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$	$6 \times 10^{-14}$ (MEG)
$\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ (SINDRUM)	$10^{-16}$ (202x, Mu3e)
$\mu A \rightarrow eA$	$< 7 \times 10^{-13}$ Au, (SINDRUMII)	$10^{-(16 \rightarrow ?)}$ (Mu2e, COMET) $10^{-(18 \rightarrow ?)}$ (PRISM/PRIME/ENIGMA)
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\mu}e$	$< 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$ (E865)	$10^{-12}$ (NA62)
...		
$B^+ \rightarrow \bar{\mu}\nu$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ (Belle)	$\sim 10^{-7}$ (BelleII)
$\tau \rightarrow \ell\gamma$	$< 3.3, 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{few} \times 10^{-9}$ (Belle-II)
$\tau \rightarrow 3\ell$	$< 1.5 - 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{few} \times 10^{-9}$ (Belle-II, LHCb?)
$\tau \rightarrow \ell\{\pi, \rho, \phi, K, \dots\}$	$\lesssim \text{few} \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{few} \times 10^{-9}$ (Belle-II)
$\tau \rightarrow \dots$		
$h \rightarrow \tau^\pm \ell^\mp$	$< 1.5, 2.2 \times 10^{-3}$ (ATLAS/CMS)	
$h \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp$	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-5}$ (ATLAS/CMS)	
$Z \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$	$< 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$ (ATLAS)	

$\mu A \rightarrow eA \equiv \mu$  in  $1s$  state of nucleus  $A$  converts to  $e$

## highlights of that table<sub>(for this talk)</sub>

1. restrictive bounds on three  $\mu \rightarrow e$  processes, with

$$\frac{\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow 3e)}{\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}\nu)} \lesssim 10^{-12} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 10^3 \langle v \rangle \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$$

upcoming expts aim for  $\text{BR} \sim 10^{-16} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim \text{PeV}.$   
*promising for discovery of LFV?*

2. bounds on a multitude of  $\tau \rightarrow \{e, \mu\}$  processes

$$\frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow 3e)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}\nu)} \times .2 \lesssim \text{few} \times 10^{-8} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{NP}} \gtrsim 55 \langle v \rangle \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

BelleII will improve sensitivities to  $\sim 10^{-9}.$   
*promising for identification of LFV NP: complementary observables allow to constrain most/all SMEFT coefficients. Provided NP not too heavy.*

3. (bds on lepton and quark FC interactions: independent info)

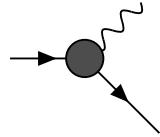
4. (heavy particle LFV decays: independent info)

## Outline

1. 3 processes at low energy ( $\sim m_\mu$ ):  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  and  $\mu A \rightarrow eA$
2. parametrise in EFT  $\Rightarrow$  2 questions:
  - (a) will we see  $\mu \rightarrow e$  flavour change if its there?  
(3 processes  $\approx 12$  constraints vs  $\sim 90$   $\mu \rightarrow e$  operators with  $\leq 4$  legs below  $m_W$ )
  - (b) what can we learn if we see it?
3. (assume NP heavy) use EFT to include SM loops between  $\Lambda_{expt} \rightarrow \Lambda_{NP}$
4. find that:
  - (a) (almost) all the 90 coefficients contribute to at least one of the processes, suppressed at most by  $10^{-3}$ .
  - (b) a recipe to study this: use observable-motivated basis for the constrainable subspace ( $\perp$  to “flat directions”)

## parametrising $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$

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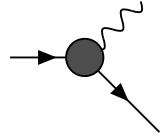


$$\begin{aligned}
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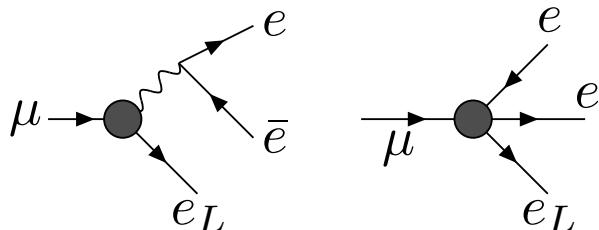
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$\mu \rightarrow e_L \bar{e}e$  : add  $2\sqrt{2}G_F \left[ C_{V,LL} (\bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu)(\bar{e}\gamma_\alpha P_L e) + C_{V,LR} (\bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu)(\bar{e}\gamma_\alpha P_R e) + C_{S,RR} (\bar{e}P_R \mu)(\bar{e}P_R e) \right]$   
 $(e$  relativistic  $\approx$  chiral, neglect interference between  $e_L, e_R$ )



$$\begin{aligned}BR &= \frac{|C_{S,RR}|^2}{8} + (64 \ln \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} - 136) |eC_{D,R}|^2 \\ &+ 2|C_{V,LL} + 4eC_{D,R}|^2 + |C_{V,LR} + 4eC_{D,R}|^2 + \{L \leftrightarrow R\} \\ \leq 10^{-12} \Rightarrow C_{SXX}, C_{VXY} &\lesssim 10^{-6}\end{aligned}$$

SINDRUM, PSI

$\Rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e\gamma + \mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  give 8 constraints  
distinguish operators via angular correlations in final state

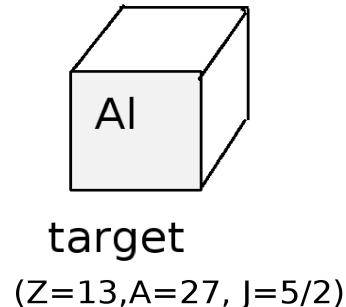
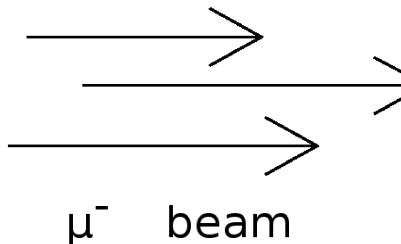
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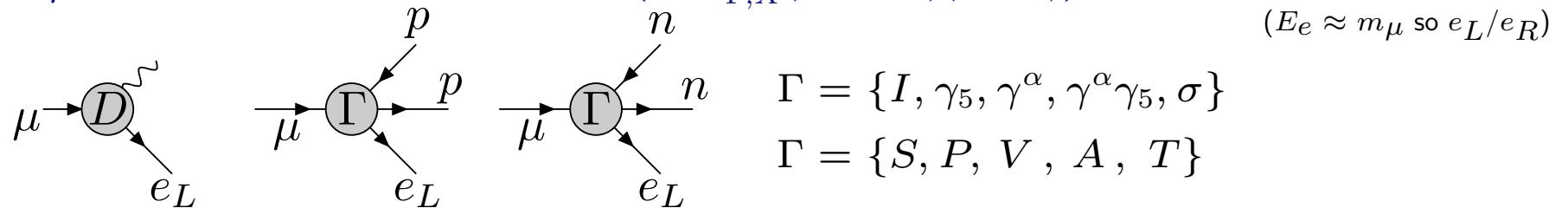


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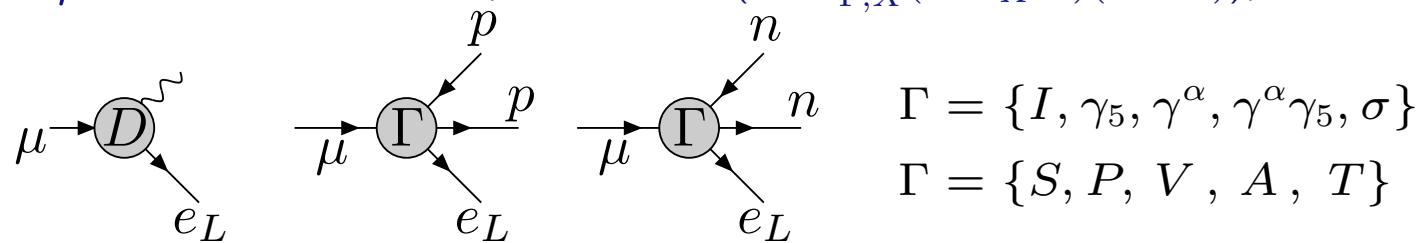
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≈ WIMP scattering on nuclei

1) “Spin Independent” rate  $\propto A^2$  (amplitude  $\propto \sum_N \propto A$ )

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$$BR_{SI} \sim Z^2 |V_A^p \tilde{C}_V^p + S_A^p \tilde{C}_S^p + V_A^n \tilde{C}_V^n + S_A^n \tilde{C}_S^n + D_A C_D|^2$$

$S_A^N, V_A^N$  = integral over nucleus A of  $N$  distribution  $\times$  lepton wavefns...

2) “Spin Dependent” rate  $\sim \Gamma_{SI}/A^2$  (sum over nucleons  $\propto$  spin of only unpaired nucleon)

$$BR_{SD} \sim ... |\tilde{C}_A^N + 2\tilde{C}_T^N|^2$$

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Four 2l2-nucleon operators can contribute to SpinIndep  $\mu A \rightarrow e A$ :

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{SI} = 2\sqrt{2}G_F \left[ \tilde{C}_{SR}^p \bar{e}P_R \mu \bar{p}p + \tilde{C}_{SR}^n \bar{e}P_R \mu \bar{n}n + \tilde{C}_{VL}^p \bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu \bar{p}\gamma_\alpha p + \tilde{C}_{VL}^n \bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu \bar{n}\gamma_\alpha n \right]$$

but a target is sensitive to a linear combo. ( $\approx$ direction in coeff space), determined by “overlap integrals”, eg

$$\mathcal{O}_{Al} \equiv \frac{1}{4}(\bar{e}P_R \mu \bar{p}p + \bar{e}P_R \mu \bar{n}n + \bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu \bar{p}\gamma_\alpha p + \bar{e}\gamma^\alpha P_L \mu \bar{n}\gamma_\alpha n)$$

$\mathcal{O}_{Au\perp}$  = combo of ops probed by Au, not Al.

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$$\begin{aligned} C_{D,X}(m_\mu) &= C_{D,X}(m_W) \left( 1 - 16 \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \ln \frac{m_W}{m_\mu} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi e} \ln \frac{m_W}{m_\mu} \left( -8 \frac{m_\tau}{m_\mu} C_{T,XX}^{\tau\tau} + C_{S,XX}^{\mu\mu} + C_{2loop} \right) \\ &\quad + 16 \frac{\alpha_e^2}{2e(4\pi)^2} \ln^2 \frac{m_W}{m_\mu} \left( \frac{m_\tau}{m_\mu} C_{S,XX}^{\tau\tau} \right) \\ &\quad - 8\lambda^{a_T} \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi e} \ln \frac{m_W}{2 \text{ GeV}} \left( -\frac{m_s}{m_\mu} C_{T,XX}^{ss} + 2 \frac{m_c}{m_\mu} C_{T,XX}^{cc} - \frac{m_b}{m_\mu} C_{T,XX}^{bb} \right) f_{TD} \\ &\quad + 16 \frac{\alpha_e^2}{3e(4\pi)^2} \ln^2 \frac{m_W}{2 \text{ GeV}} \left( \sum_{u,c} 4 \frac{m_q}{m_\mu} C_{S,XX}^{qq} + \sum_{d,s,b} \frac{m_q}{m_\mu} C_{S,XX}^{qq} \right) \end{aligned}$$

all coeffs on right side  $C(m_W)$  (basis vectors rotate and change length with scale)

$\lambda = \alpha_s(m_W)/\alpha_s(2\text{GeV}) \simeq 0.44$ ,  $f_{TS} \simeq 1.45$ ,  $a_S = 12/23$ ,  $a_T = -4/23$ .

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2. for  $\mu \rightarrow e_L \bar{e}_L e_L$ , define

$$C_{V,LL}(m_\mu) = \vec{C}(\Lambda) \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow 3e_L}(m_\mu, \Lambda)$$

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e) = 2|\vec{C}(\Lambda) \cdot (\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow 3e_L} + 4e\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow e\gamma})|^2 + \dots$$

etc for  $\mu \rightarrow e_L \bar{e}_R e_R$ , and  $\mu \rightarrow e_L \bar{e}_R e_L$ .

3. for, eg,  $\mu Al \rightarrow eAl$ , define  $\vec{v}_{\mu Al \rightarrow eAl}(\Lambda)$  to pick out correct quark operators:

$$BR(\mu Al \rightarrow eAl) = \#|\vec{C}(\Lambda) \cdot (\#\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow e\gamma} + \#\vec{v}_{\mu Al \rightarrow eAl})|^2$$

and a different  $\vec{v}_{\mu Au \rightarrow e_L Au}(\Lambda)$  for Gold, etc.

obtain a scale-dependent basis for the experimentally constrainable subspace;  
the “flat directions” (experimentally inaccessible) are orthogonal, and therefore irrelevant.

Should be the finite-eigenvalue subspace of the correlation matrix.

**what to do with this basis?**

## check a few things

1. Do the basis vectors stay orthogonal? =Do  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  and  $\mu A \rightarrow eA$  give complementary information about NP models?

(a) Yes, to  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  in running  $2 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow m_W$

(b) But changing EFTs can give overlaps (diff. low-E operators can match to same high-E operator  $\leftrightarrow$  measure same thing)

ex1: at  $m_W$ , all low-E vector 4f operators match to penguins  $C_{HE}^{e\mu}$ ,  $C_{HL}^{e\mu}$ .

ex2: in matching at 2 GeV:

$$\langle p | \bar{u}u | p \rangle = \langle n | \bar{d}d | n \rangle \quad (\text{isospin ?})$$

$$\text{but also: } \langle p | \bar{d}d | p \rangle \simeq \langle p | \bar{u}u | p \rangle \simeq \langle n | \bar{d}d | n \rangle \simeq \langle n | \bar{u}u | n \rangle$$

2. the basis vectors change length...by  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  factors, so ok

eg importance of dipole for  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  grows with scale

**Wanted to use EFT to take exptal info to models... so:**

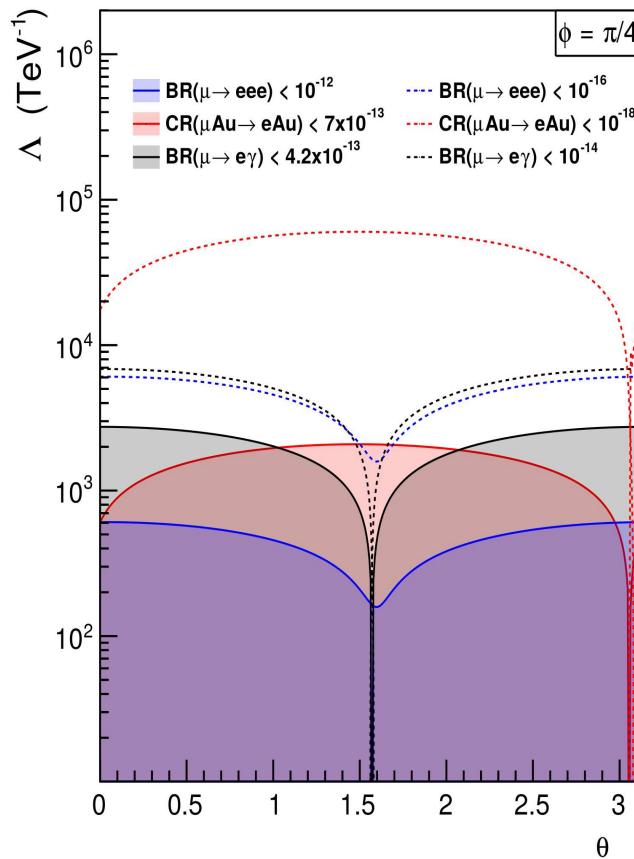
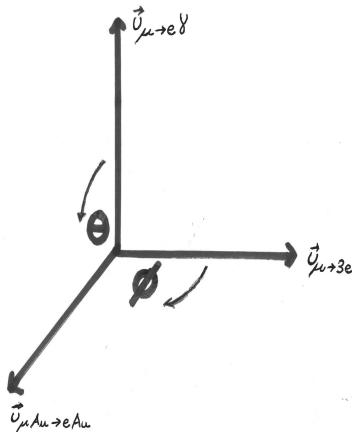
1. *match to models, and explore what we can learn*  
(not need to run RGEs at each point in model space)  
are some regions of 6-d space inaccessible to some models?
2. make plots of the excluded region in 6-d space ?  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  illustrate the reach and complementarity of experiments
3. ... ?( why don't people already do this?)

## Plotting complementarity and reach of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ , $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$ and $\mu A \rightarrow eA$

Restrict to 3-d space of coefficients of  $\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow e_L \gamma}$ ,  $\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow 3e_L}$ ,  $\vec{v}_{\mu A u \rightarrow e_L A u}$  ( $= z, x, y$ ). Current *allowed* region an ellipse around origin... write instead:

$$\vec{C} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow e_L \gamma} \equiv |\vec{v}_{\mu \rightarrow e_L \gamma}| \frac{v^2 \cos \theta}{\Lambda_{NP}^2}$$

$\Rightarrow \Lambda_{NP} \rightarrow \infty$  allowed



see 2204.00564

## Summary

$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  and  $\mu A \rightarrow eA$  have experimental sensitivity to only a few operators at low energy, so:

1. worth to include RGEs at leading order, because allow to mix almost every coefficient (in chiral basis) into the testable ones  
⇒ almost every  $\mu \rightarrow e$  interaction below  $m_W$  (otherwise flav. diag.,  $\leq 4$  legs) contributes at  $\gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  to  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and/or  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  and/or  $\mu A \rightarrow eA$   
(possible exceptions:  $\bar{e}\mu G\tilde{G}$ ,  $\bar{e}\mu F\tilde{F}$ ,  $\bar{e}\gamma\mu F\partial F\dots$ )
2. most directions in coefficient space are untestable (“flat”)  
*(not an EFT-problem, its a consequence of searching for NP under the lamppost, affects model studies in same way.)*
3. no physics in a basis choice; one should choose a convenient basis for the calculation: a convenient basis for comparing models to  $\mu \rightarrow e$  flavour-changing observables can be constructed from the observables. (It should span the same subspace as the eigenvectors of the correlation matrix with finite non-zero eigenvalues.)

*BackUp*

## Operator basis $m_\tau \rightarrow m_W$ : $\sim 90$ operators

Add QCD×QED-invar operators, representing all 3,4 point interactions of  $\mu$  with  $e$  and *flavour-diagonal* combination of  $\gamma, g, u, d, s, c, b$ .  $Y \in L, R$ .

$$m_\mu (\bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_Y \mu) F_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{dim 5}$$

$$(\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_Y \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_Y e) \quad (\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_Y \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_X e)$$

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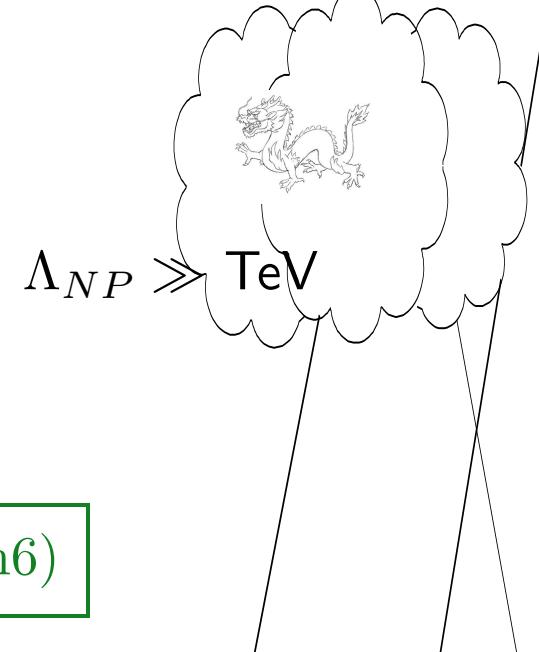
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$$\frac{1}{m_t} (\bar{e} P_Y \mu) G_{\alpha\beta} G^{\alpha\beta} \quad \frac{1}{m_t} (\bar{e} P_Y \mu) G_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{G}^{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{dim 7}$$

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$(P_X, P_Y = (1 \pm \gamma_5)/2)$ , all operators with coeff  $-2\sqrt{2}G_F C$ .

# EFT for Heavy LFV Physics...



$\{Z, W, \gamma, g, h, t, f\}$

$\mathcal{L}_{SM}$

+  $\mathcal{L}$ (SM invar. operators, dim6)

$m_W \sim m_h \sim m_t$

$\{\gamma, g, f\}$

$\mathcal{L}_{QED \times QCD}$

+  $\mathcal{L}$ (3 → 4 legged QCDxQED invar. ops)

~ 90 of them!

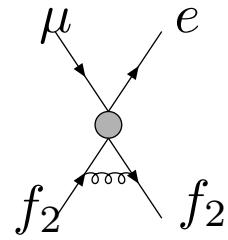
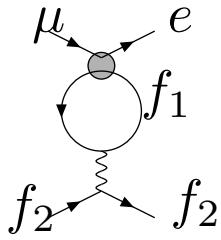
2 GeV  $\sim m_c, m_b, m_\tau$

$\mathcal{L}(n, p, \pi, \gamma, e, \mu)$

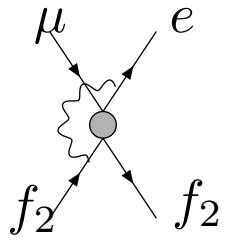
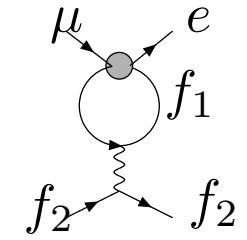
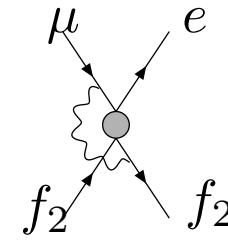
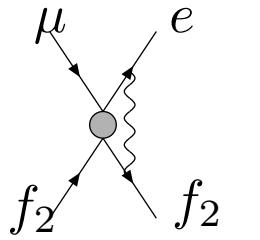
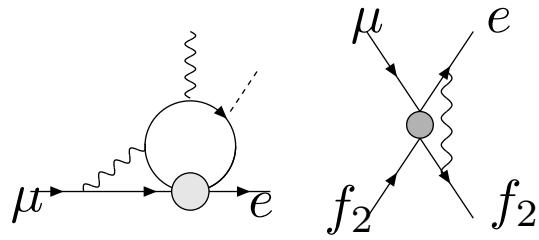
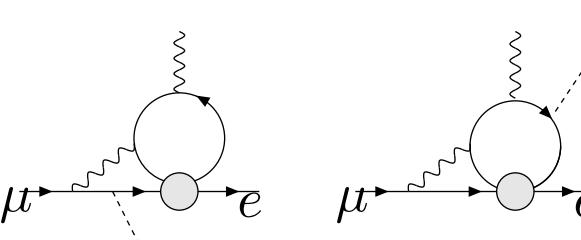
+  $\mathcal{L}$ (3 or 4 legged QED invar. ops)

data ( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e, \mu A \rightarrow eA$ )





**Including RGEs**  
**eg below  $m_W$ : 1-loop QED + QCD (+2-loop QED  $\nu \rightarrow D$ )**



$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \vec{C} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \vec{C} \mathbf{\Gamma}^s + \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} \vec{C} \mathbf{\Gamma}$$

**QCD:** not mix ops, should resum  $\Rightarrow$  multiplicative renorm S,T ops: diagonal **D**

**QED:** does mix ops, but  $\alpha_{em} \ll 1$ , solve perturbatively

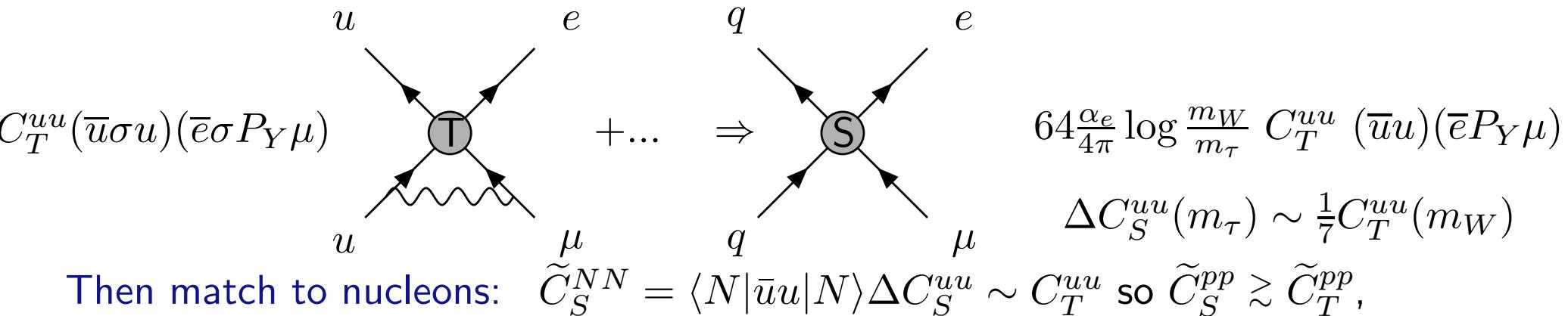
$$\vec{C}(m_\mu) = \vec{C}(m_W) \mathbf{G} \quad , \quad \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{D} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_e}{4\pi} \mathbf{\Gamma} + \frac{\alpha_e^2}{32\pi^2} \mathbf{\Gamma} \mathbf{\Gamma} + \dots \right)$$

And models may *not* generate at tree level operators expts probe...

ex:  $\mu A \rightarrow eA$  in a model giving tensor  $C_T^{uu}(\bar{e}\sigma P_R\mu)(\bar{u}\sigma u)$  at weak scale

**1: forget RGEs** Match to nucleons  $N \in \{n, p\}$  as  $\tilde{C}_T^{NN} \simeq \langle N|\bar{u}\sigma u|N\rangle C_T^{uu} \lesssim \frac{3}{4}C_T^{uu}$   
 $\Rightarrow BR(\mu A \rightarrow eA) \approx BR_{SD} \approx \frac{1}{2}|C_T^{uu}|^2$  nuclear matrix elements:  
 EngelRTO, KlosMGS

**2: include RGEs**



$$BR(\mu A \rightarrow eA) \approx BR_{SI} \sim Z^2 |2C_T^{uu}|^2 \sim 10^3 BR_{SD}$$

loops can change Lorentz structure/external legs  $\Rightarrow$  different operator whose coefficient better constrained

## Quantifying which targets give independent information (on nucleons)

1. neglect Dipole (better sensitivity of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  (MEGII) and  $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{e}e$  (Mu3e).  
remain to determine:  $\vec{C} \equiv (\tilde{C}_{VR}^{pp}, \tilde{C}_{SL}^{pp}, \tilde{C}_{VR}^{nn}, \tilde{C}_{SL}^{nn})$

2. recall that

$$BR_{SI}(A\mu \rightarrow Ae) \propto |\vec{C} \cdot \vec{v}_A|^2$$

where target vector for nucleus  $A$

$$\vec{v}_A \equiv (V_A^{(p)}, S_A^{(p)}, V_A^{(n)}, S_A^{(n)})$$

3. So first experimental search (eg on Aluminium) probes projection of  $\vec{C}$  of  $\vec{v}_{Al}$   
... next target needs to have component  $\perp$  to Aluminium!  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  plot misalignment angle  $\theta$  between target vectors

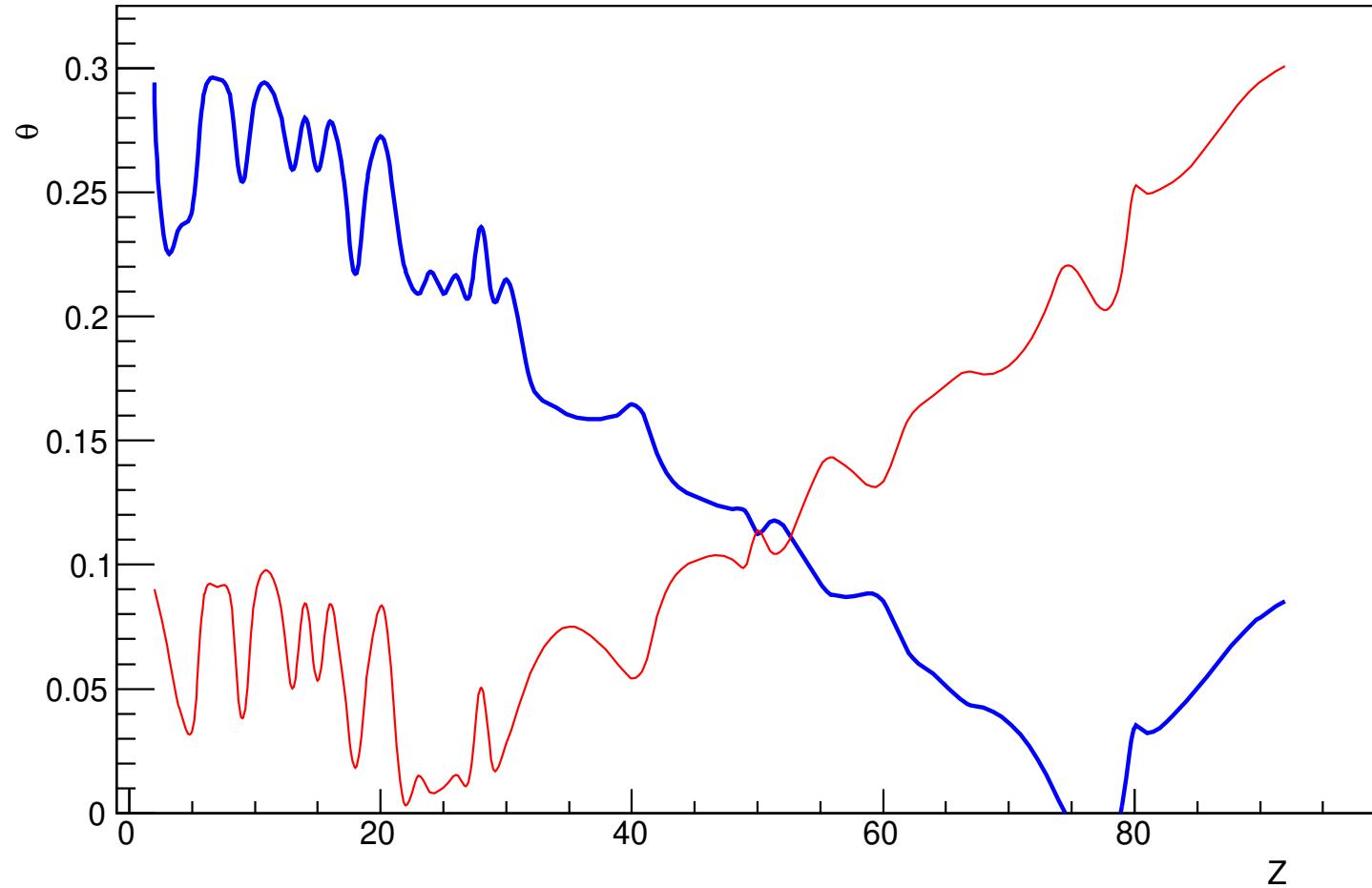
4. how big does  $\theta$  need to be?

overlap integrals have theory uncertainty:  $\Delta\theta \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{nuclear} & \sim 5\% (\text{KKO}) \\ NLO \chi\text{PT} & \sim 10\% (?) \end{array} \right.$

Both vectors uncertain by  $\Delta\theta$ ; need misaligned by  $2\Delta\theta \approx 10 \rightarrow 20\%$

**Current data+ theory uncertainty  $\sim 10\%$ : two targets give  $\Delta\theta > 0.2$**

$$BR(\mu Au \rightarrow e Au) \leq 7 \times 10^{-13} \quad (Au : Z = 79)$$

$$BR(\mu Ti \rightarrow e Ti) \leq 4.3 \times 10^{-12} \quad (Ti : Z = 22)$$


$\vec{v}_A = (V_A^{(p)}, S_A^{(p)}, V_A^{(n)}, S_A^{(n)}),$  and  $BR \propto |\vec{v}_A \cdot \vec{C}|^2$   
 $\vec{v}_{Au} \cdot \vec{v}_Z \equiv |\vec{v}_{Au}| |\vec{v}_Z| \cos \theta$  ...plot  $\theta$  on vertical axis

## In the future...with a 5% theory uncertainty:

First target of Mu2e, COMET: Aluminium ( $Z=13$ ,  $A=27$ )

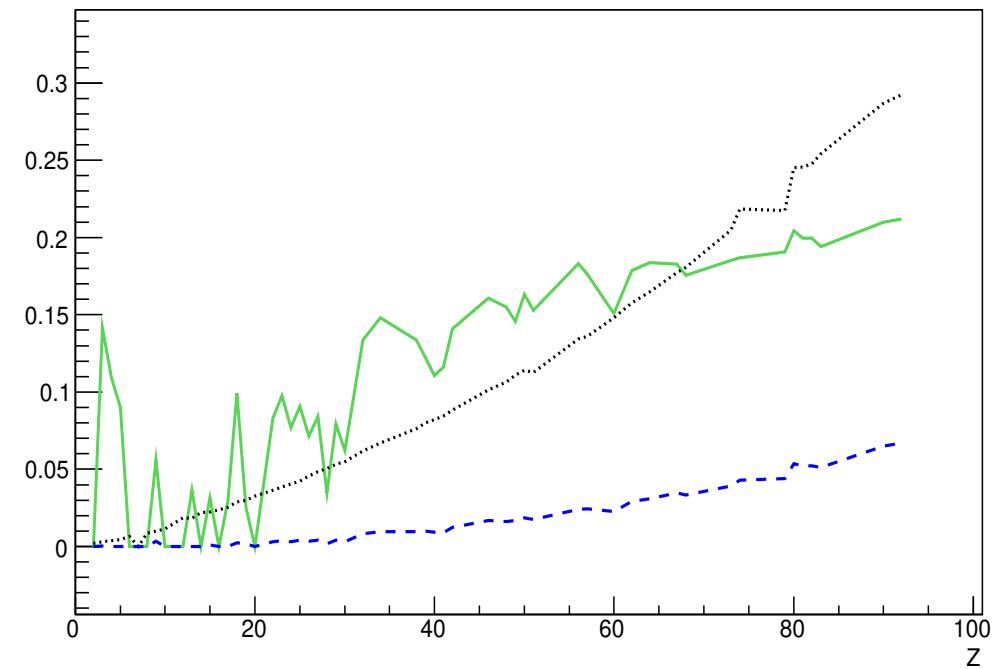
$$\hat{v}_{Al} \approx \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 1, 1) \quad (\text{recall } \tilde{C}_V^{pp}, \tilde{C}_S^{pp}, \tilde{C}_V^{nn}, \tilde{C}_S^{nn})$$

basis of three other “directions”:

$$\hat{v}_{np} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(-1, -1, 1, 1)$$

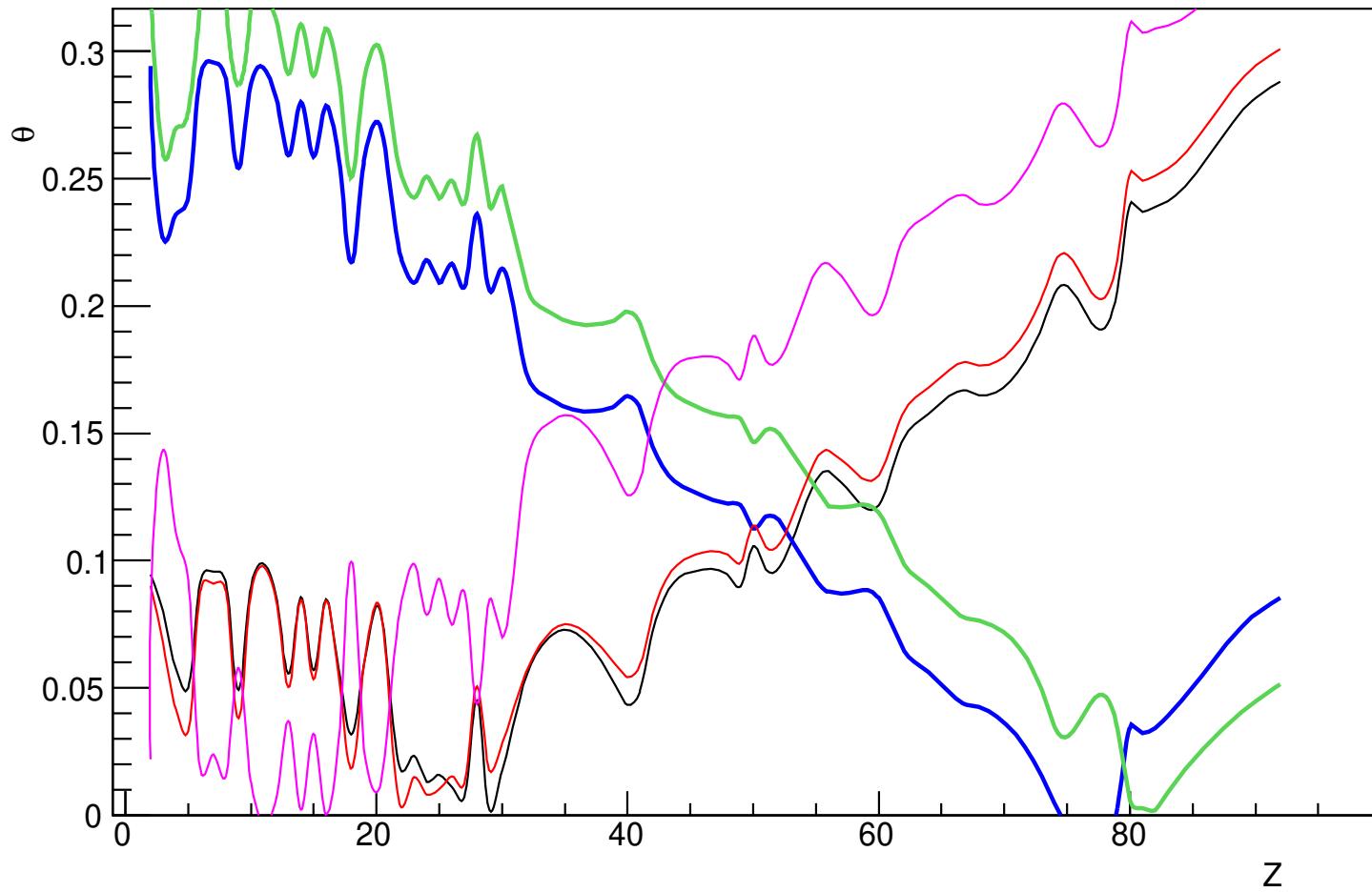
$$\hat{v}_{VS} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(1, -1, 1, -1)$$

$$\hat{v}_{IsoSV} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(-1, 1, 1, -1)$$



**probe 3 combinations of SI coeffs**

All current data...  $BR(\mu Au \rightarrow e Au) \leq 7 \times 10^{-13}$  ( $Au : Z = 79$ )  
 $BR(\mu Ti \rightarrow e Ti) \leq 4.3 \times 10^{-12}$  ( $Ti : Z = 22$ )



$BR(\mu Pb \rightarrow e Pb) \leq 4.6 \times 10^{-11}$

$BR(\mu S \rightarrow e S) \leq 7 \times 10^{-11}$  S = Sulpher, Z = 16

$BR(\mu Cu \rightarrow e Cu) \leq 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$  Cu = Copper, Z = 29

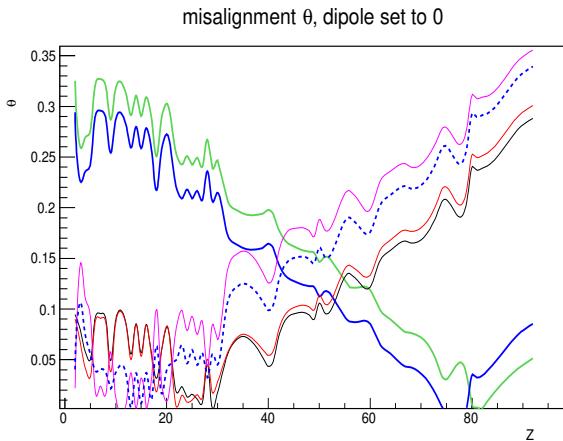
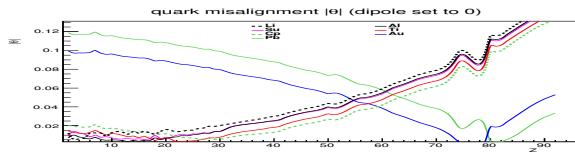
## But what happens when match nucleons to quarks?

By measuring  $\mu A \rightarrow e A$  on different targets, could determine coefficients of LFV ops with vector and scalar currents of  $n$  or  $p$ .

Match to quarks: ( $\Gamma_O \in \{I, \gamma_5, \gamma^\alpha, \gamma^\beta \gamma_5, \sigma^{\alpha\beta}\}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N(P_f) | \bar{q}(x) \Gamma_O q(x) | N(P_i) \rangle &= G_O^{N,q} \langle N | \bar{N}(x) \Gamma_O N(x) | N \rangle \\ &= G_O^{N,q} \bar{u}_N(P_f) \Gamma_O u_N(P_i) e^{-i(P_f - P_i)x} \end{aligned}$$

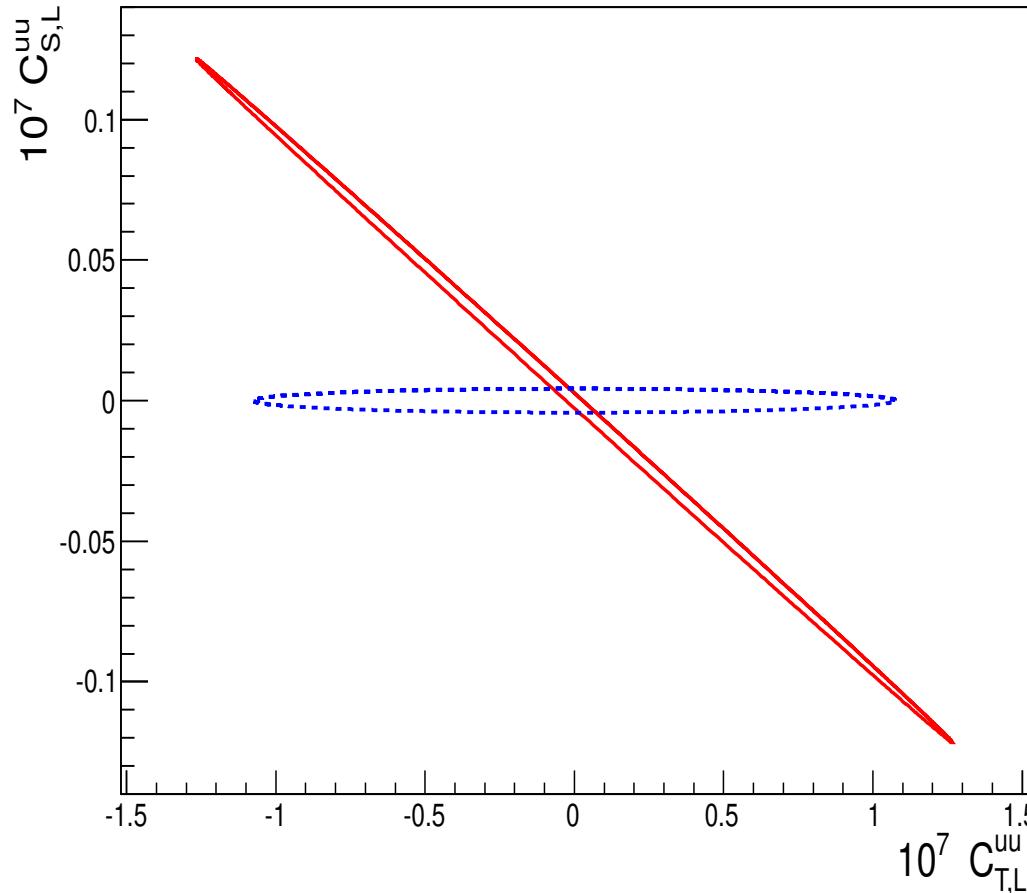
But for scalar ops,  $G_S^{p,u} = G_S^{n,d} \simeq G_S^{p,d} \simeq G_S^{n,u}$   
 so need great precision to differentiate LFV ops with scalar currents of  $u$  or  $d$  :



## sensitivity *vs* constraint

Suppose that  $BR(\mu Al \rightarrow eAl) \lesssim 10^{-14}$ , and :

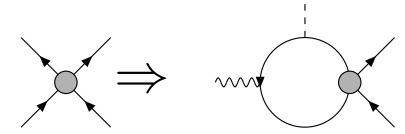
$$\delta\mathcal{L}(m_W) = C_T^{uu}(\bar{e}\sigma P_Y \mu)(\bar{u}\sigma u) + C_S^{uu}(\bar{e}P_Y \mu)(\bar{u}u)$$



$C_T^{uu}, C_S^{uu}$  constrained to live inside blue (red) ellipse at exptal scale (at  $m_W$ ):  
 sensitivity to  $C_S^{uu}$  = cut ellipse @  $C_T^{uu} = 0$ ; constraint = live in projection of ellipse onto  $C_S^{uu}$  axis.

## “Accidental cancellations” and “naturalness” in EFT

( “accidental” cancellations occur; in 1-loop RGEs give, for coeff.s at  $\sim m_W$  of  
 $\mathcal{O}_{D,L} = m_\mu (\bar{e}\sigma \cdot F P_L \mu)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{T,LL}^{\tau\tau} = (\bar{e}\sigma P_L \mu)(\bar{\tau}\sigma P_L \tau)$ :  
 $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \approx |0.938C_{D,L} + 0.981C_{T,LL}^{\tau\tau} + \dots|^2$  )



If imagine that NP knows about all the SM parameters, but not about the scale at which you do expts, could argue that RG-stable cancellations in EFT can be “natural”.

(caveat: NP does know about all the mass scales in the theory, which often determine the scales in the logs...)

So if resum RGs, cancellations among coeff.s with same anom dim are ok?  
If not resum, can allow cancellations among all coeff.s who multiply same log?

Interest of this argument, is that forbidding “unnatural” cancellations transforms a single exptal bound into many bounds...but unnatural cancellations occur, see green parenthesis: dipole is tree, tensor is log-enhanced loop.

