Lepton Flavor Violation of Charged Leptons

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#### Physics Motivation



#### Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV) of Charged Leptons





Very Small (10<sup>-52</sup>)

Sensitive to new Physics beyond the Standard Model

#### Various Models Predict Charged Lepton Mixing.



#### LFV in SUSY Models



#### Features

- The decay rate is not too small, because it is determined by the SUSY mass scale.
- But, it contains the information at 10<sup>16</sup> GeV through the slepton mixing.
- It is in contract to proton decays or double beta decays which need many particles.



Through quantum corrections, LFV could access ultra-heavy particles such as  $v_R$  (~10<sup>12</sup>-10<sup>14</sup> GeV/c<sup>2</sup>) and GUT that cannot be produced directly by any accelerators.

#### SUSY GUT and SUSY Seesaw



#### SUSY (mSUGRA) Predictions for Muon LFV



# Complementarity to LHC (mSUGRA)

- In mSUGRA, some of the parameter regions, where LHC does not have sensitivity to SUSY, can be explored by LFV.
- Bench mark points



 $m_{1/2}$ 



### Complementarity to High Energy Frontier (LHC)

#### If LHC finds SUSY

LFV search would become important, since the slepton mixing matrix should be studied.

- SUSY-GUT

- SUSY Seesaw models. And, slepton mixing is hard to study at the LHC and the ILC.

#### If LHC not find SUSY

LFV might be sensitive to multi-TeV SUSY if B<10<sup>-18</sup>



### Phenomenology



#### Searches in the Past

- A long history of the LFV search, which started from the experiment with cosmic rays by Pontecorvo et al. in 1947. They believed the muon is an excited state of the electron, and went to the ground state by emitting a photon.
- Since then, the upper limits have been improved by two orders of magnitude with muons that are created by accelerators.



#### Present Limits and Expectations in Future

process	present limit	near future	comments	
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	1.2 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	<b>1</b> 0 <sup>-13</sup>	MEG at PSI	
$\mu \rightarrow eee$	1.0 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	<b>10</b> <sup>-13</sup> - <b>10</b> <sup>-14</sup>	?	
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$ (in Tl)	4.3 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	<b>1</b> 0 <sup>-18</sup>	PRISM	
$\mu N \rightarrow eN$ (in Al)	none	<b>1</b> 0 <sup>-16</sup>	COMET and Mu2e	
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	1.1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup> - 10 <sup>-9</sup>	super B factory	
τ→eee	2.7 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup> - 10 <sup>-9</sup>	super B factory	
$\tau {\rightarrow} \mu \gamma$	6.8 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup> - 10 <sup>-9</sup>	super B factory	
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$	2 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup> - 10 <sup>-9</sup>	super B factory	

### What is $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ?

- Event Signature
  - $E_e = m_{\mu}/2$ ,  $E_{\gamma} = m_{\mu}/2$ (=52.8 MeV)
  - angle  $\theta_{\mu e}$ =180 degrees (back-to-back)
  - time coincidence



- Backgrounds
  - prompt physics backgrounds
    - radiative muon decay
       µ→evvγ when two
       neutrinos carry very
       small energies.
  - accidental backgrounds
    - positron in  $\mu \rightarrow e \nu \nu$
    - photon in µ→evvγ or photon from e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> annihilation in flight.

# What is Muon to Electron Conversion in a muonic atom ?



μ-e conversion = Neutrino-less muon nuclear capture

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

- Event Signature
  - single mono-energetic electron of 100 MeV/c

 $m_{\mu} - B_{\mu} \sim 105 MeV$ 

- coherent process
- Backgrounds
  - Muon decay in orbit
  - Radiative muon capture
  - Radiative pion capture
  - Muon decays in flight
  - Cosmic rays
  - and many others

#### µ-e Conversion : Target dependence (discriminating effective interaction)



#### P-Odd Angular Distribution of Polarized $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ Decay (after its observation)



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P-odd asymmetry reflects whether right or lefthanded slepton have flavor mixing,

Discriminate theoretical models

# Physics Comparison between $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and Muon to Electron Conversion

Photonic and non-photonic (SUSY) diagrams

	photonic	non-photonic
• μ→eγ	yes (on-shell)	no
<ul> <li>µ-e conversion</li> </ul>	yes (off-shell)	yes



# Experimental Comparison between $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu$ -e Conversion

	background	challenge	beam intensity
• μ→eγ	accidentals	detector resolution	limited
<ul> <li>µ-e conversion</li> </ul>	beam	beam background	no limitation

- µ→eγ: Accidental background is given by (rate)<sup>2</sup>. The detector resolutions have to be improved, but they (in particular, photon) would be hard to go beyond MEG from present technology. The ultimate sensitivity would be about 10<sup>-14</sup> (with about 10<sup>8</sup>/sec) unless the detector resolution is radically improved.
- µ-e conversion : Improvement of a muon beam can be possible, both in purity (no pions) and in intensity (thanks to muon collider R&D). A higher beam intensity can be taken because of no accidentals.

µ-e conversion might be a next step.



### Experiments

### MEG at PSI

- DC beam 10<sup>7</sup> muons/sec.
- Goal : B < 10<sup>-13</sup>
- COBRA : spectrometer for e<sup>+</sup> detection.
- Liquid Xenon detector for photon detection.
- running since 2007.







detector

#### Drift chamber

Timing counter



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### COMET (COherent Muon to Electron Transition) in J-PARC (Japan) $B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 10^{-16}$



#### PRISM=Phase Rotated Intense Slow Muon source







#### Conclusion and Outlook

- Physics motivation of charged lepton flavor violation (LFV) with muons is very strong and robust, even in the LHC era.
- LFV of charged leptons is sensitive to new physics beyond the Standard Model, in particular SUSY models (SUSY-GUT and SUSY-Seesaw), which are related to proton decay studies and neutrino physics respectively.
- For  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  decay, the MEG experiment at PSI is running.
- For μ-e conversion, the mu2e experiment at FNAL and the COMET experiment at J-PARC with sensitivity of B<10<sup>-16</sup> is under preparation.
- In the second stage of  $\mu$ -e conversion, experiments with B<10<sup>-18</sup> will be aimed.
- Collaborators are welcome !

#### Backups

## Roadmap of Particle Physics based on muons

Based on common technologies

