

# Charged Lepton Flavor Violation Experiments with Muons:



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# Topics

- What is Charged Lepton Flavor Violation (CLFV) and how does it relate to flavor physics in general?
- Why do CLFV experiments with muons?
- What are the experiments that will be done in muon beams, and what are their contributions?
- A few words about collider CLFV and 3rd generation

# Problem of Generations



- Why are there generations at all?
- three generations of quarks; three of leptons, three of neutrinos
- why more than one? why three?

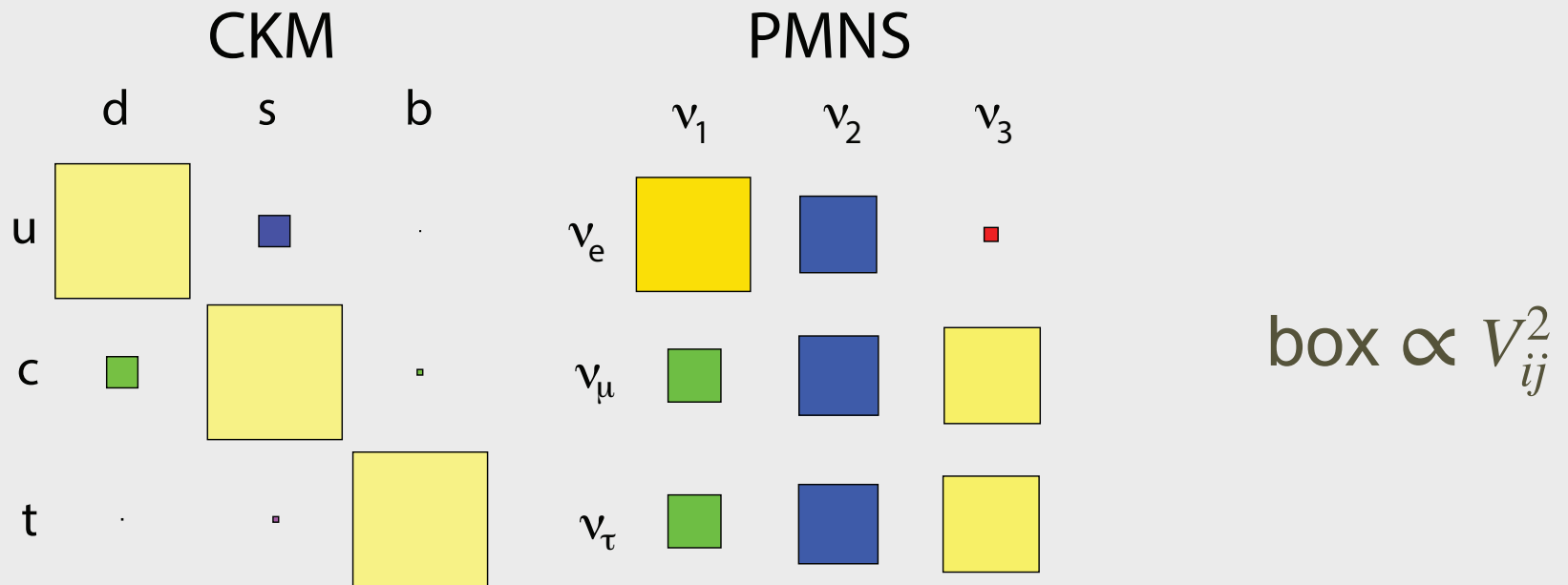
# Flavor Physics

- Flavor is the name we give to the physics that distinguishes the generations
  - are quark flavors related to lepton flavors?
  - is there flavor universality?
    - from  $B \rightarrow Kll$  ratios to  $\pi \rightarrow l\nu$
    - *what is flavor? why are there generations? we don't know.*
- One of our Snowmass conclusions was that flavor should have its own P5 “driver”



# Flavor Physics and Mixing

- Quarks and neutrinos (*aka* neutral leptons) change flavor
- PMNS and CKM matrices are very different

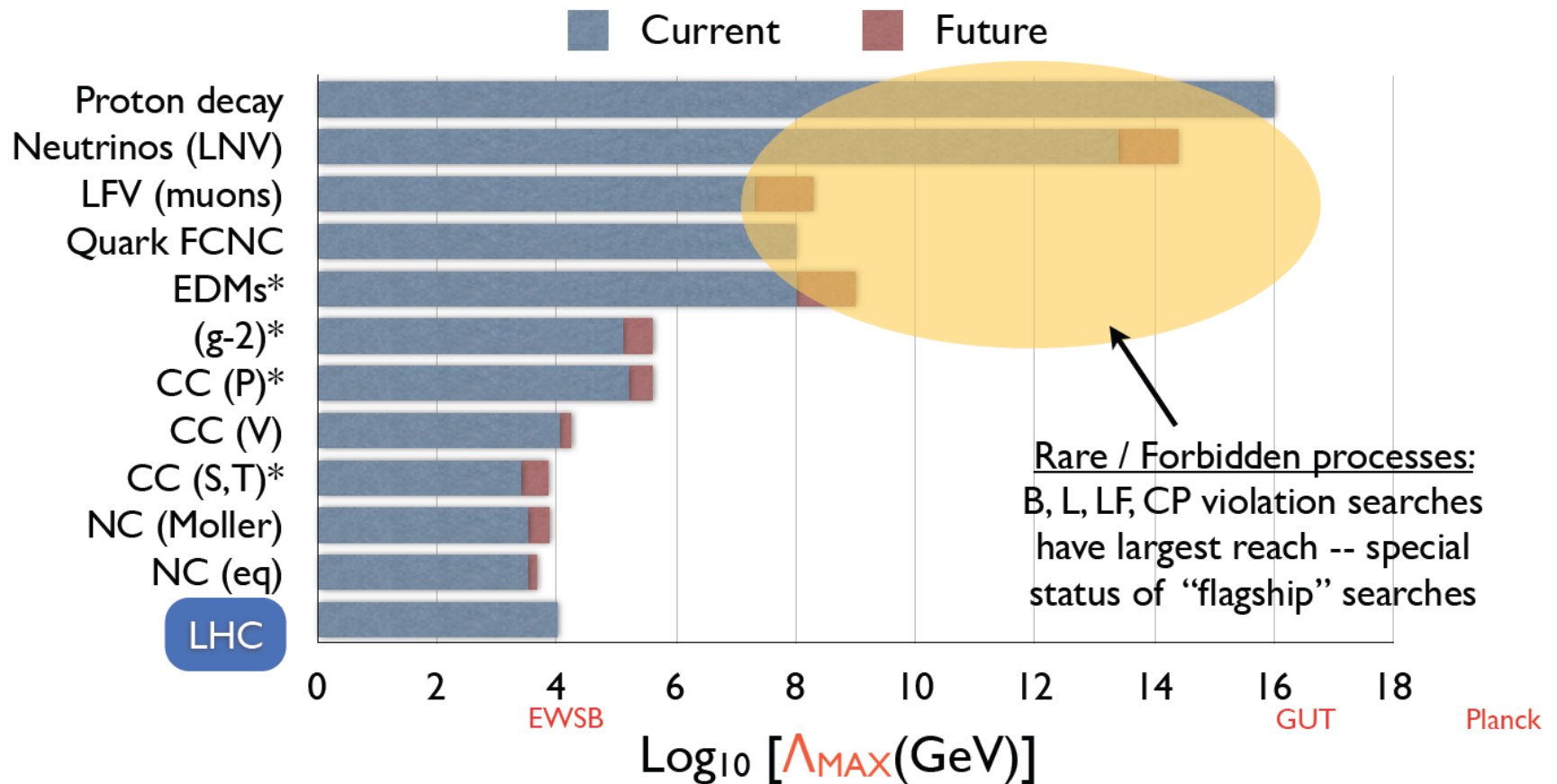


- why don't charged leptons change flavor?

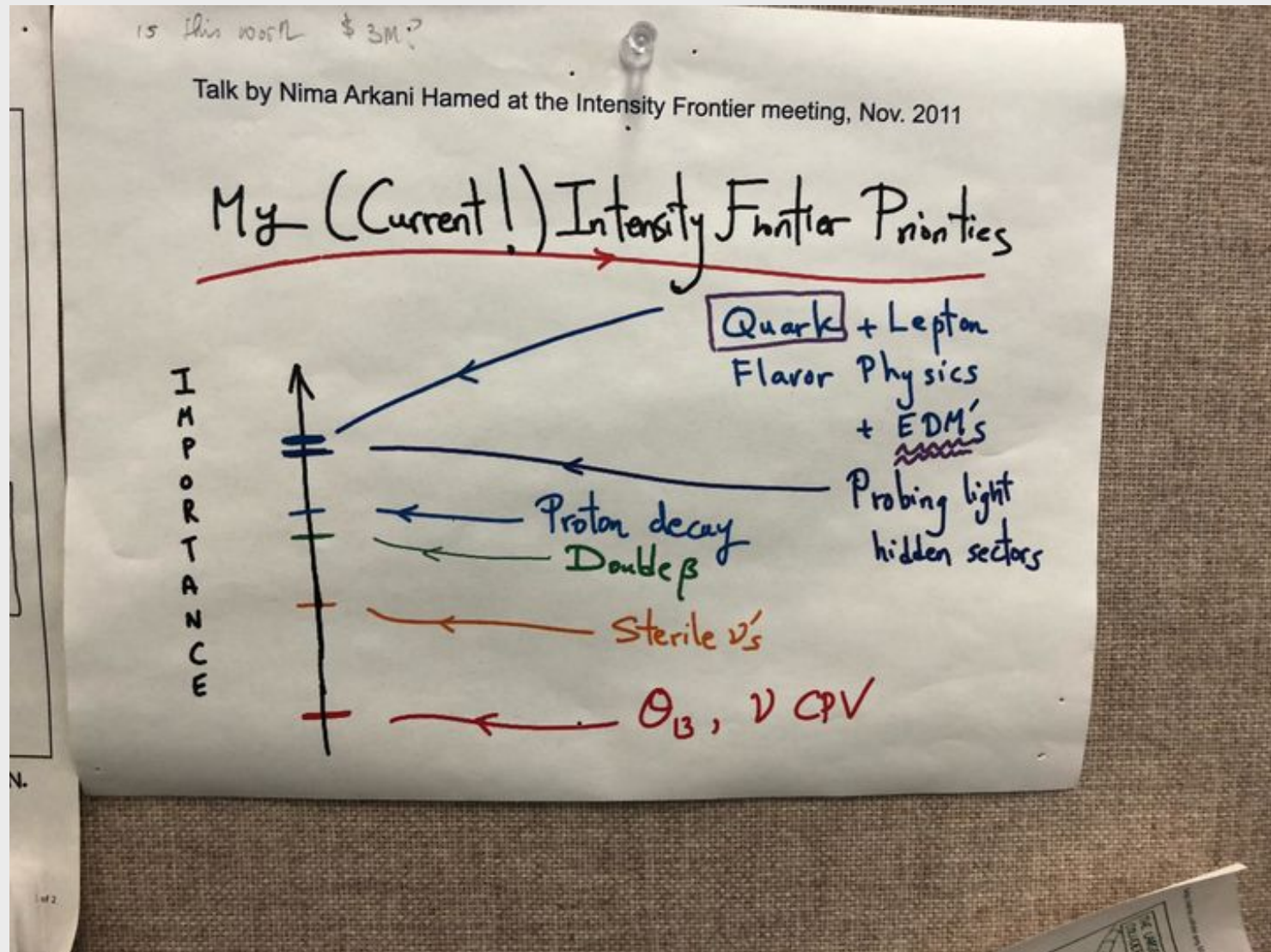
# Rare Processes and Precision Measurements

adapted from [V. Cirigliano and M.J. Ramsey-Musolf, 1304.0017](#)

## Physics reach -- at a glance

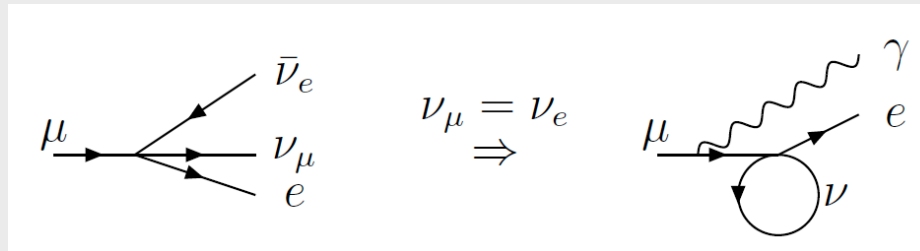


# So Flavor Physics is Interesting



# CLFV and Neutrinos

Feinberg, 1958

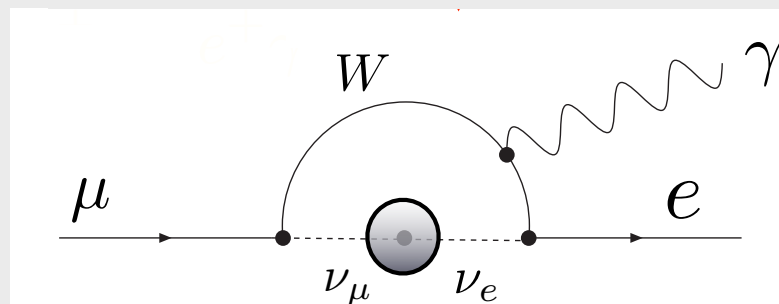


<sup>1</sup>Unless we are willing to give up the 2-component neutrino theory, we know that  $\mu \rightarrow e + \nu + \bar{\nu}$ .

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  “should” be around  $10^{-4}$
- observed suppression implied
  - the muon is not just an excited electron
  - at least two neutrinos

# Neutrino Background

- Neutrino Oscillations are the only Standard Model background, except neutrino oscillations are not in the Standard Model



$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{e i} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

- nobody understood why  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  wasn't  $10^{-4}$  until we hypothesized two neutrinos ( $\nu_\mu \neq \nu_e$ )!

# CLFV Muon Processes

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

- oldest studied, most powerful limits, and the best experiment so far: MEG at PSI

- $\mu N \rightarrow eN$

- muon to electron conversion: muon converts in field of nucleus, leaving nucleus unchanged

$$R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- + N(A,Z) \rightarrow e^- + N(A,Z))}{\Gamma(\mu^- + N(A,Z) \rightarrow \text{all muon captures})}$$

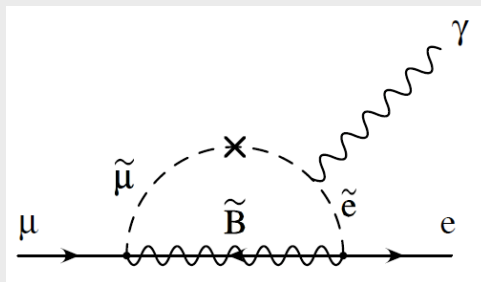
- two experiments upcoming at FNAL and JPARC

- $\mu \rightarrow eee$

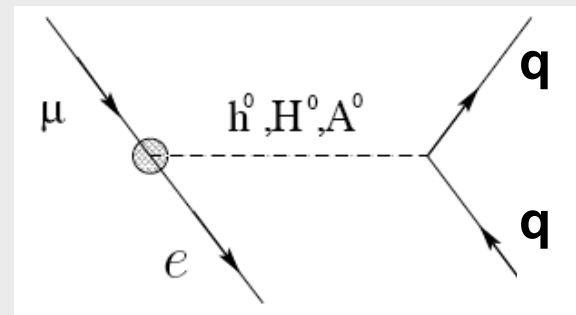
- ambitious and unique, excellent partner to other two (at PSI)

# What New Physics Can Muons See?

- Each of these diagrams has a different sensitivity in  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ , and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ , and  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$

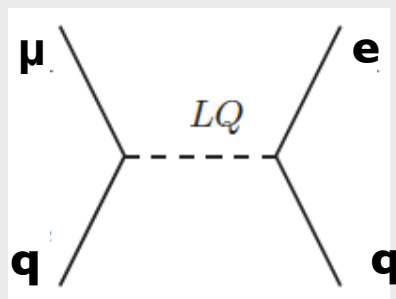


**Dipole:** SUSY-GUT and SUSY see-saw scenarios, ...

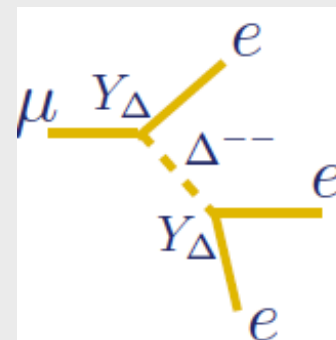


**Scalar:** RPV SUSY and RPC SUSY for large  $\tan(\beta)$  and low  $m_A$ , leptoquarks, ...

- All three in order to pin down a signal or increase constraints



**Vector** Type III seesaw, LRSM, leptoquarks, ...



**4-lepton:** Type II seesaw, RPV SUSY, LRSM, ...

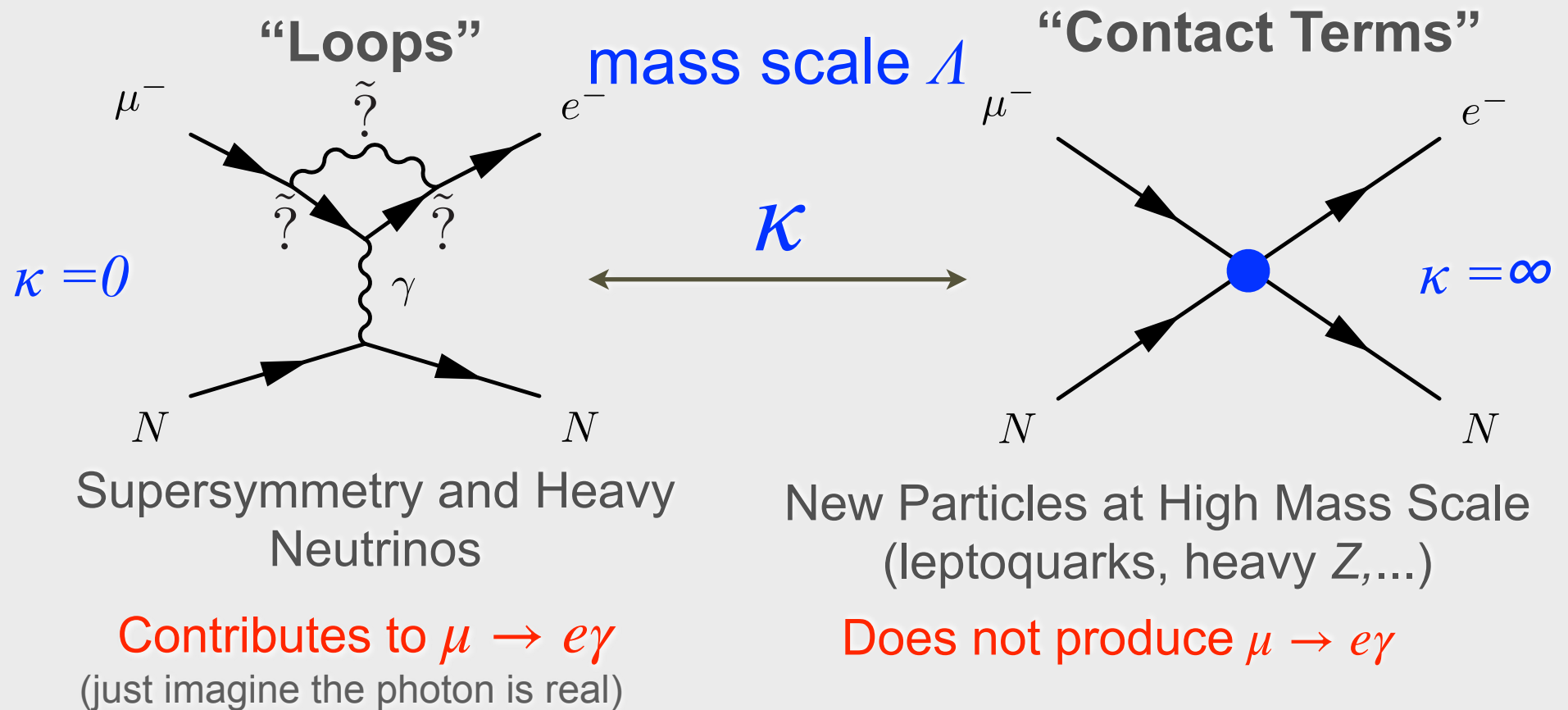
+ ...

V. Cirigliano



# Effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_\mu}{(\kappa + 1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(1 + \kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\mu e_L (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu u_L + \bar{d}_L \gamma_\mu d_L)$$





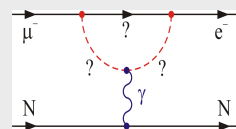
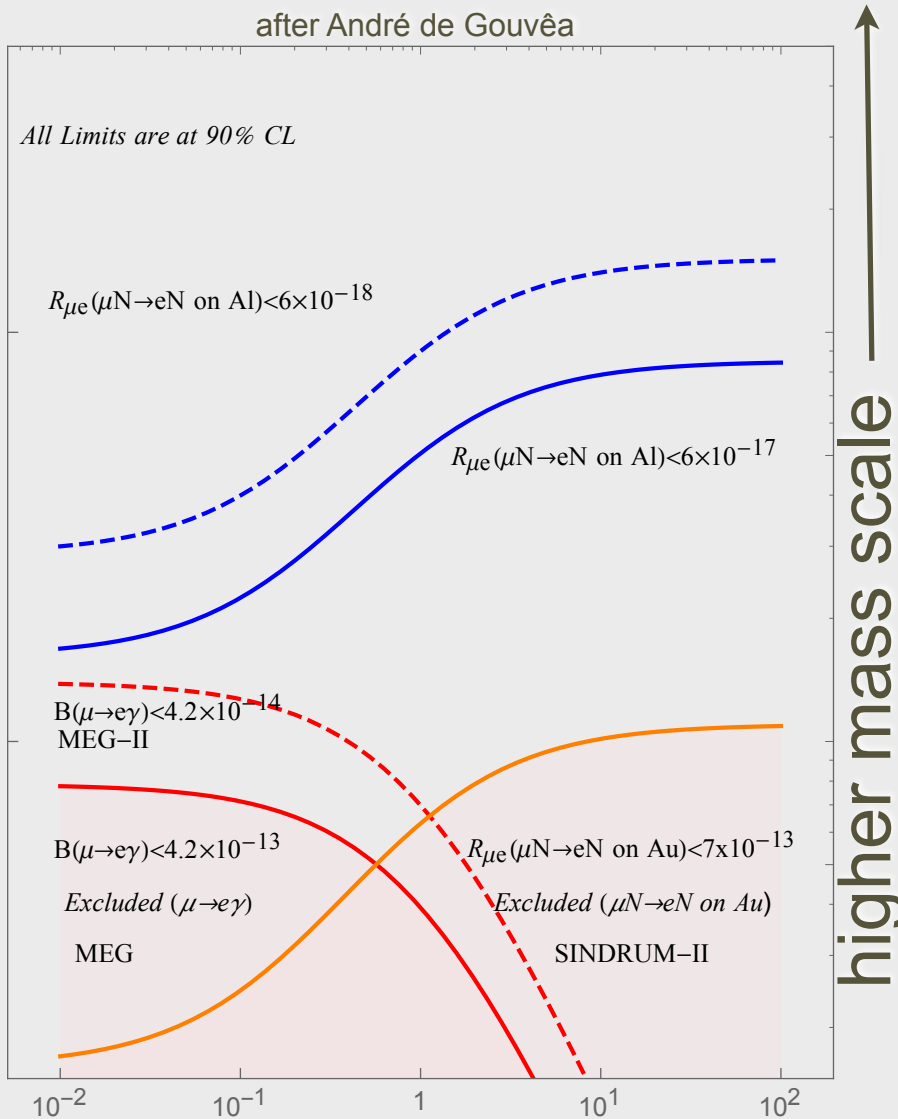
# $\mu e$ Conversion and $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

1) Mass Reach to  $\sim 10^4$  TeV for unit coupling, x10000 existing experiments

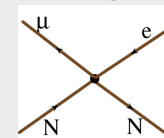
2) Mu2e/MEG upgrade complementary in loop-dominated physics.

3) These are discovery experiments

$\Lambda$   
(TeV)



$\mathcal{K}$



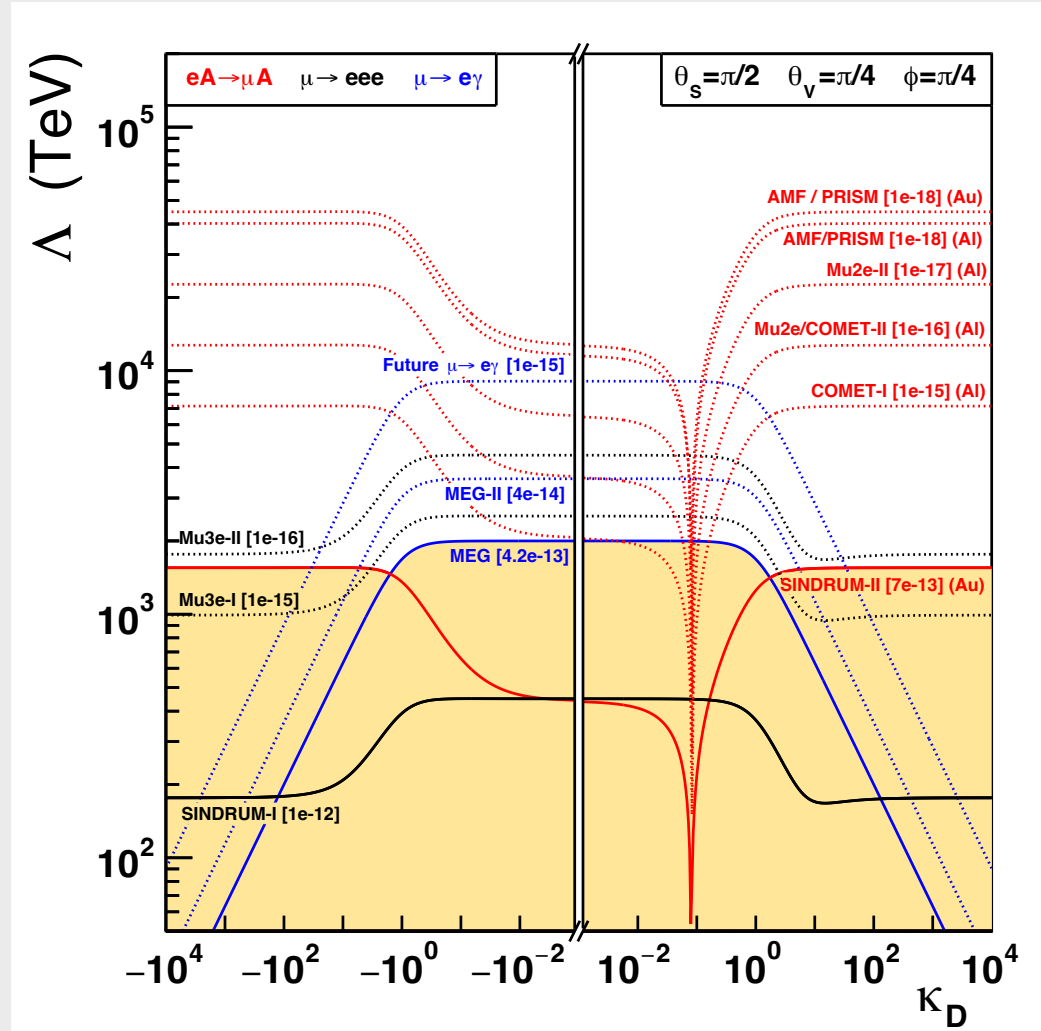
# EFT: beyond $\kappa$ and $\Lambda$

- Write EFT Lagrangian:
  - Dipole ( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ) +
  - Contact Scalar ( $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ )<sub>L</sub> +
  - Contact Vector ( $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ )<sub>R</sub> +
  - Contact  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  (light nuclei) +
  - Contact  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  (heavy nuclei)
- Parameterize coefficient space with spherical coordinates: *lets you express constraints on all three processes simultaneously*
- Will show you “slices” in the multi-dimensional space

# Mass Reach

Davidson-Echenard 2204.00564

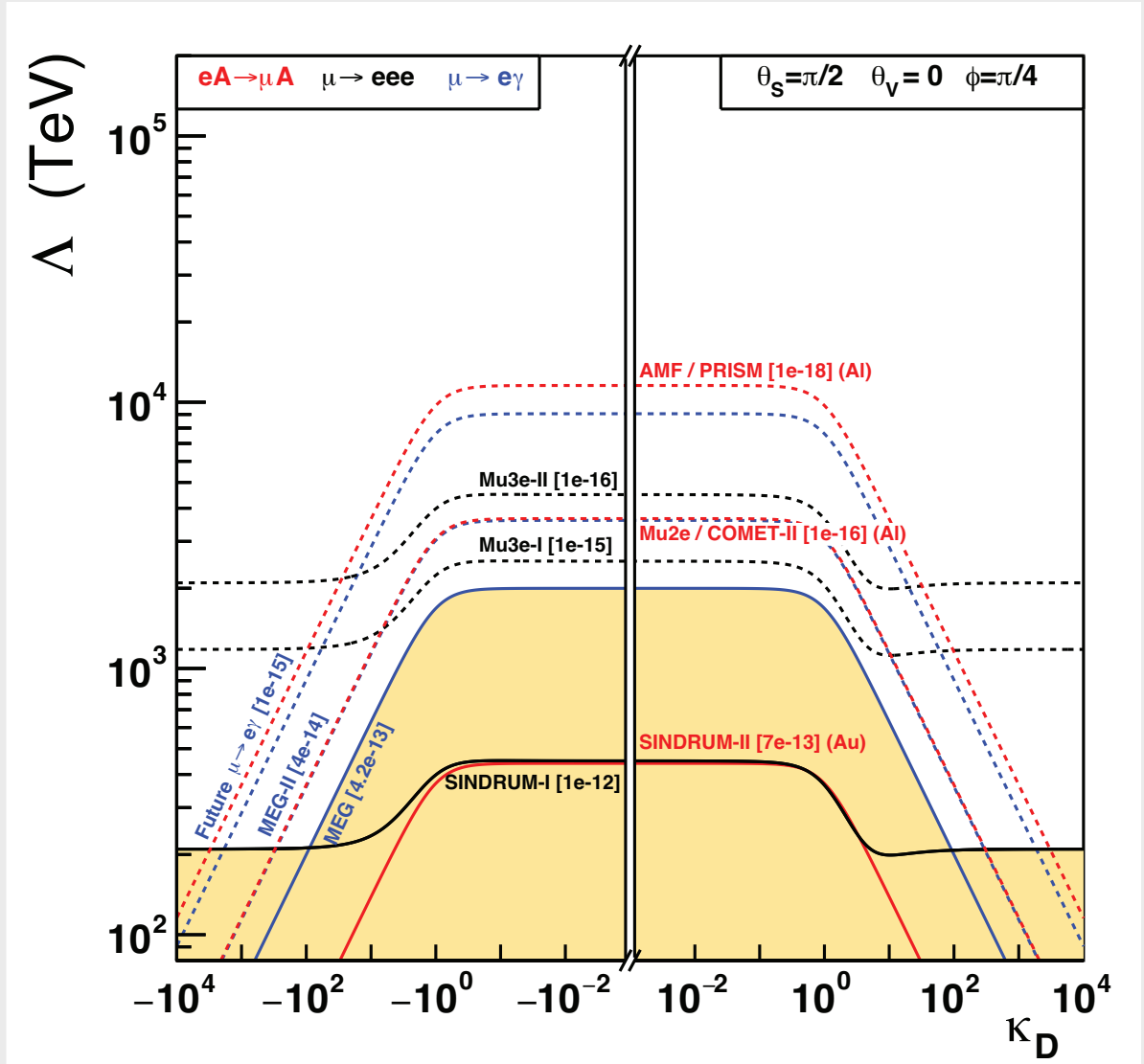
- Mass scales of  $10^3 - 10^5$  TeV
- “Best Probe” doesn’t exist; depends on model



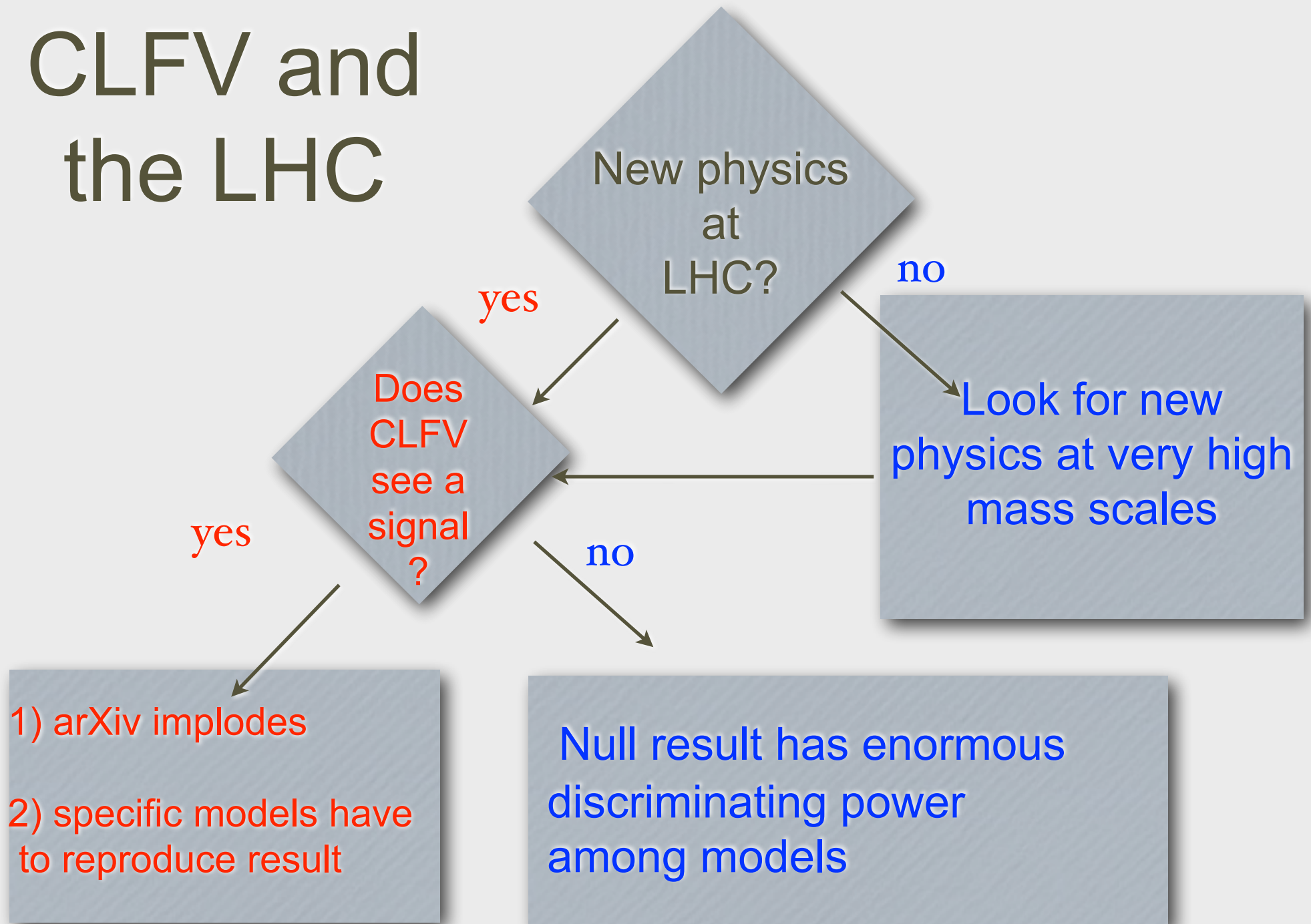
like  $\kappa$ ;  $|\kappa_D| \ll 1$  dipole dominant;  $|\kappa_D| \gg 1$  four-fermion dominant

# All Three Muon Experiments

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$  are a next-gen target



# CLFV and the LHC



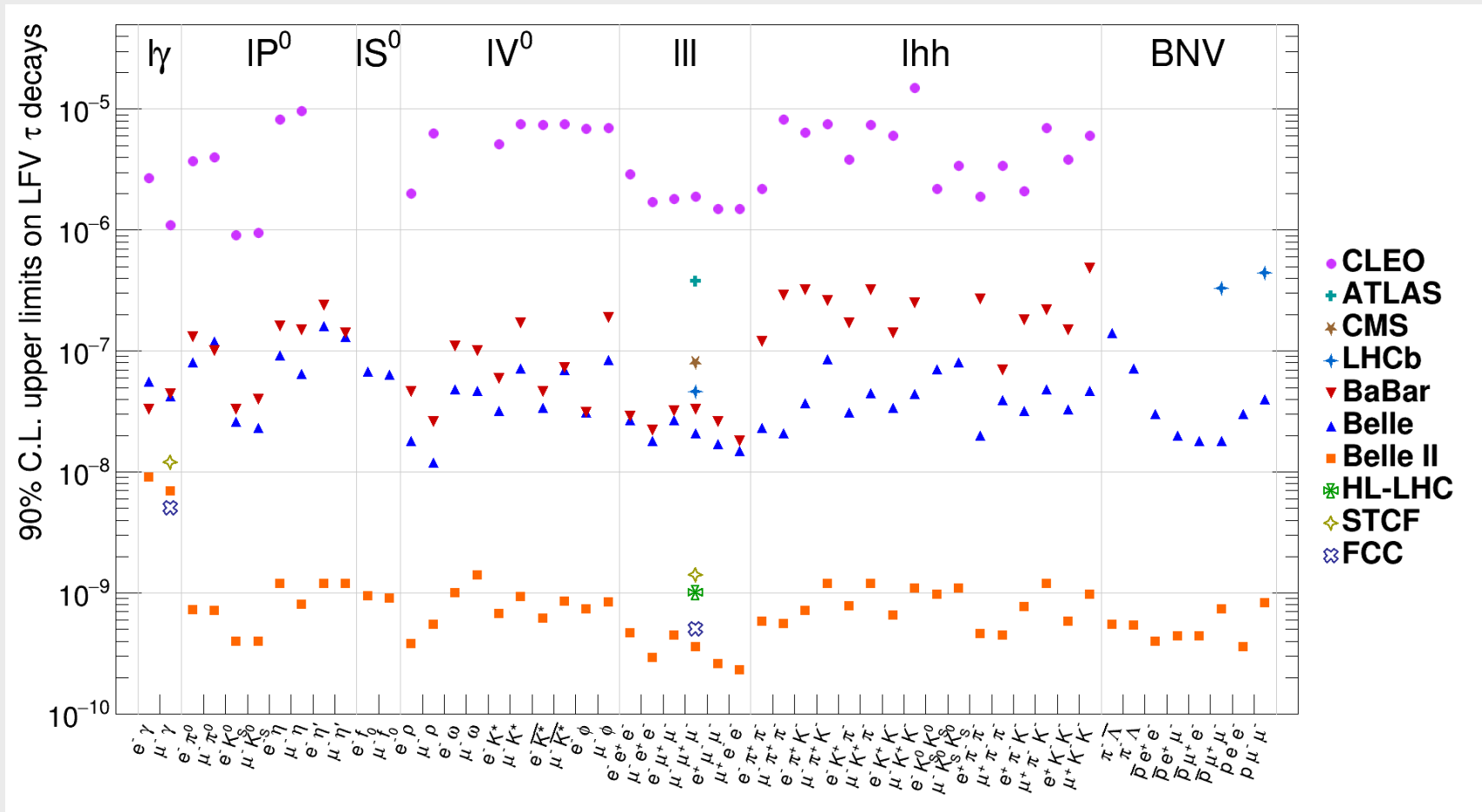
# Why Muons

Facility		Experiment	stopped $\mu$ /sec
PSI	$\mu^+$	MEG, Mu3e	$\text{few} \times 10^8$
PSI/HiMB	$\mu^+$	MEG, Mu3e	$\mathcal{O}(10^{10})$
J-PARC	$\mu^-$	COMET Phase I	$3 \times 10^{10}$
		COMET Phase-II	$7 \times 10^{10}$
FNAL	$\mu^-$	Mu2e	$3 \times 10^{10}$
FNAL/PIP-II	$\mu^-$	Mu2e-II	$3 \times 10^{11}$
FNAL-AMF	$\mu^\pm$	ENIGMA	$\mathcal{O}(10^{13})$

BR's  $10^{-13}$  to  $10^{-20}$  depending on mode

# Compare to $\tau$ 's

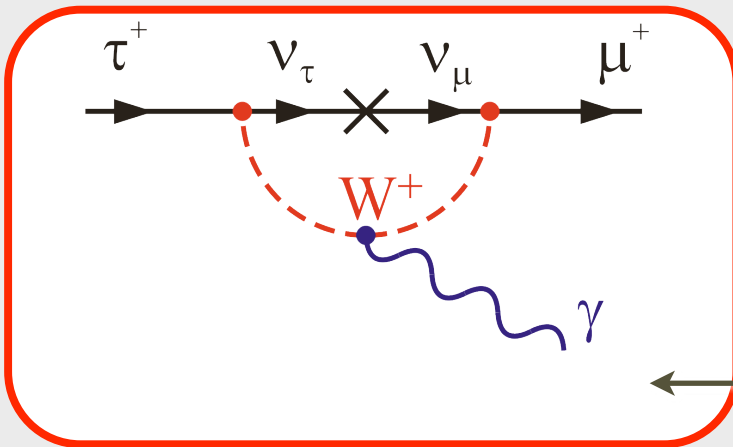
- Smaller samples



# CLFV and $\tau$ Decays

$\tau$  processes also suppressed in Standard Model but less:

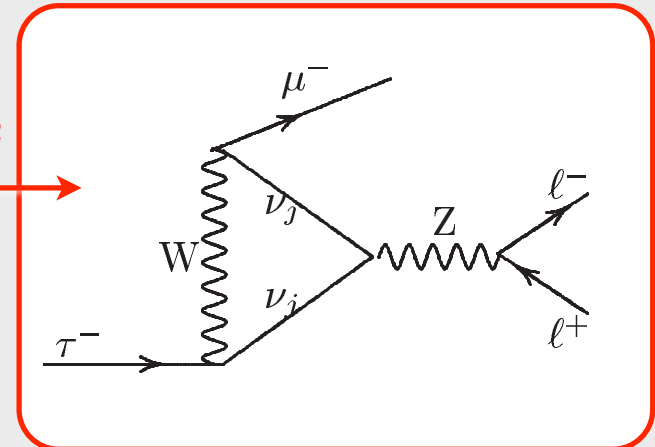
Lee, Shrock  
Phys.Rev.D16:1444,1977



SM  $\sim 10^{-49}$

$$\ln \left( \frac{m_3^2}{M_W^2} \right)^2$$

$$\left( \frac{\Delta m_{23}^2}{M_W^2} \right)^2$$



SM  $\sim 10^{-14}$  ?

Pham, hep-ph/9810484

## Good News:

Beyond SM rates can be orders of magnitude larger than in associated muon decays

$\tau$ 's help pin down models and sometimes biggest BR

## Bad News:

$\tau$ 's hard to produce:  
 $\sim 10^{10}$   $\tau$ /yr vs  $\sim 10^{11}$   $\mu$ /sec in upcoming muon experiments

Swagato Banerjee, this conf.



# Stopped vs. Capture

- Decay experiments:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$ ,  $\mu^+ \rightarrow 3e$ 
  - bring positive muons to rest in material and let them decay
  - best in the world with “stopped muon beam” at PSI
  - want a “DC” beam to minimize accidental coincidences from two events. PSI perfect.
- Capture experiments:  $\mu^-N \rightarrow e^-N$ 
  - bring negative muons to rest; fall into 1s state; interact with nucleus.
  - want a “pulsed” beam of order muon lifetime to eliminate  $\pi$ -induced background

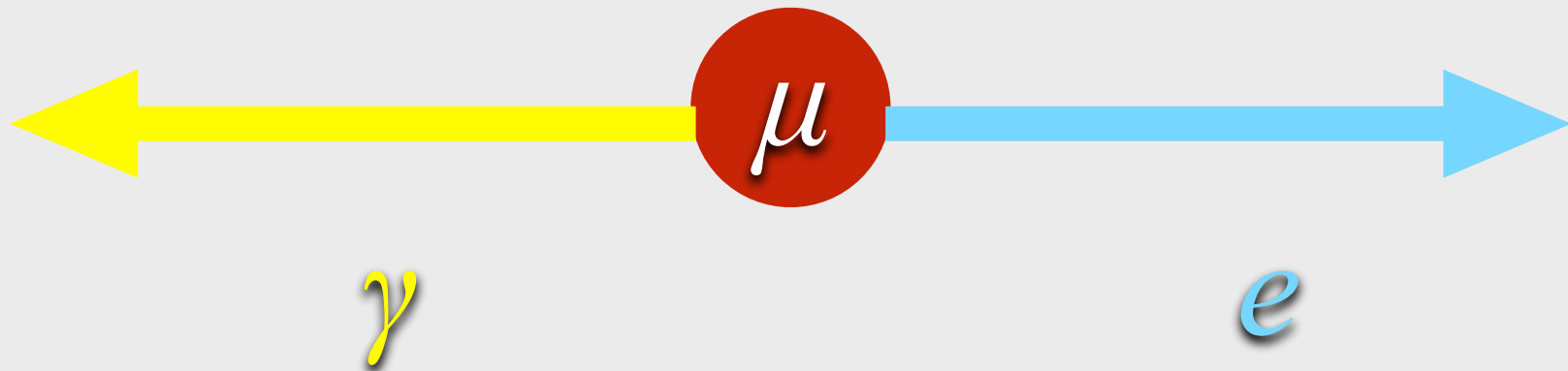
# MEG and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

- Kinematics simple:
  - back-to-back and  $\gamma$  and  $e$  in-time

$$\theta_{e\gamma} = 180^\circ$$

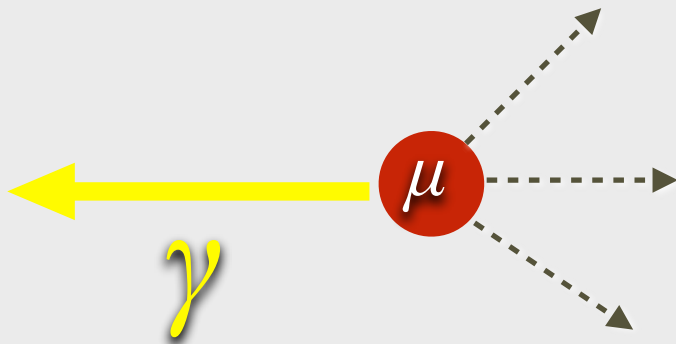
$$E_e = E_\gamma = 52.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_e = T_\gamma$$

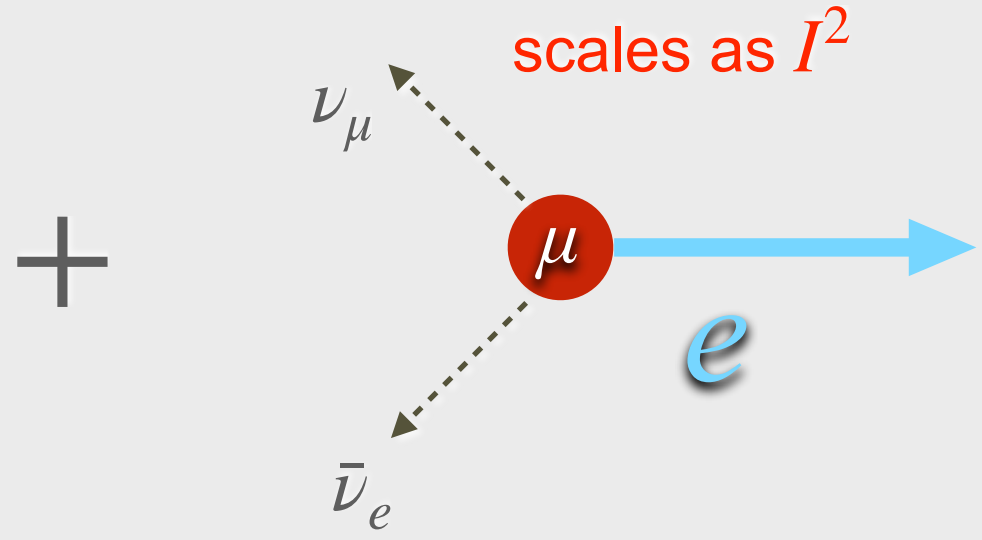


# Backgrounds

- Accidental: Dominant



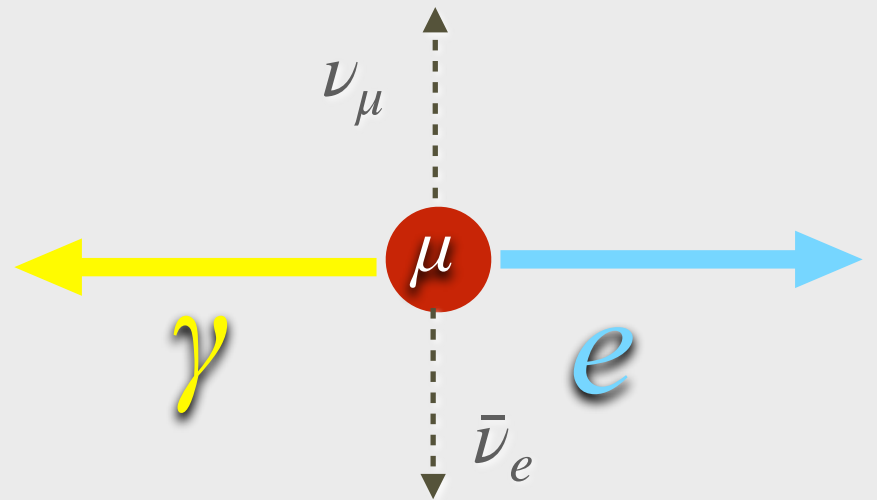
photon produced in muon stop



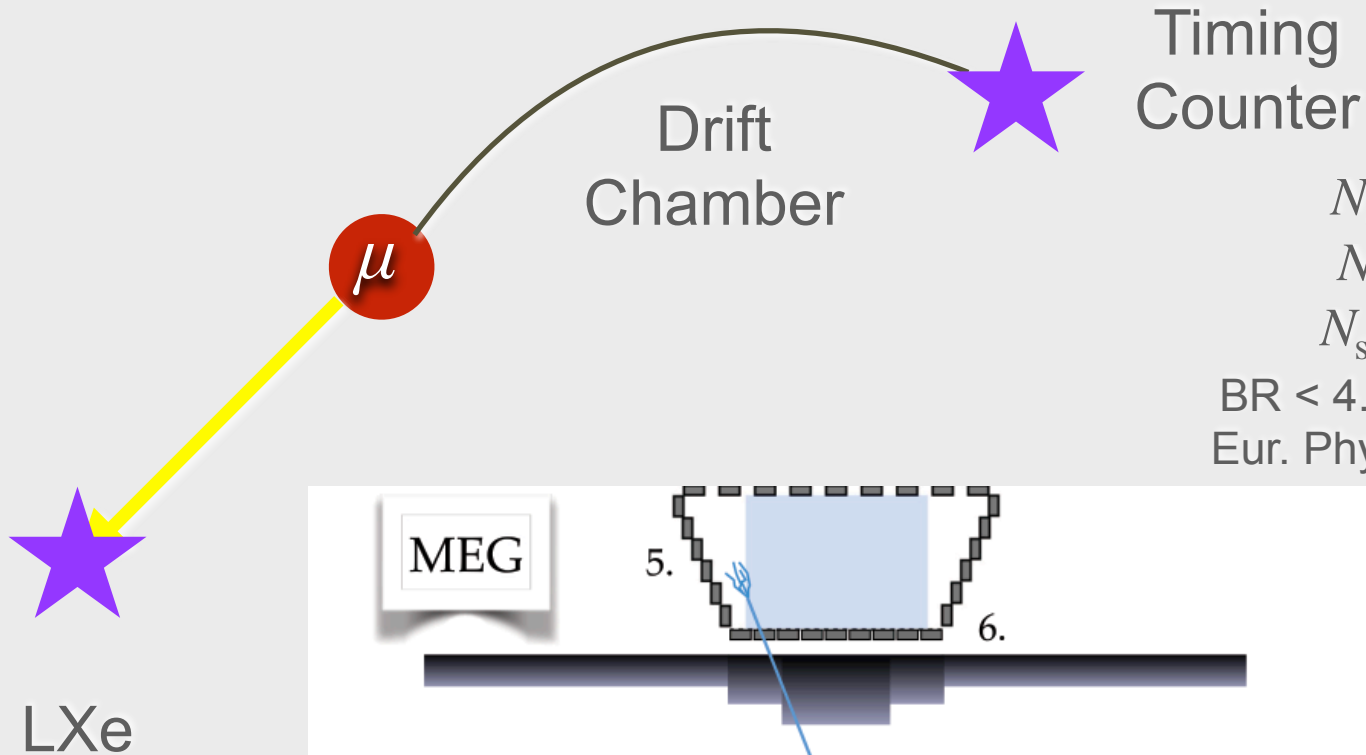
+ Standard Model weak decay

- Radiative Muon Decay

- neutrinos have small energy/momentum



# MEG Experiment

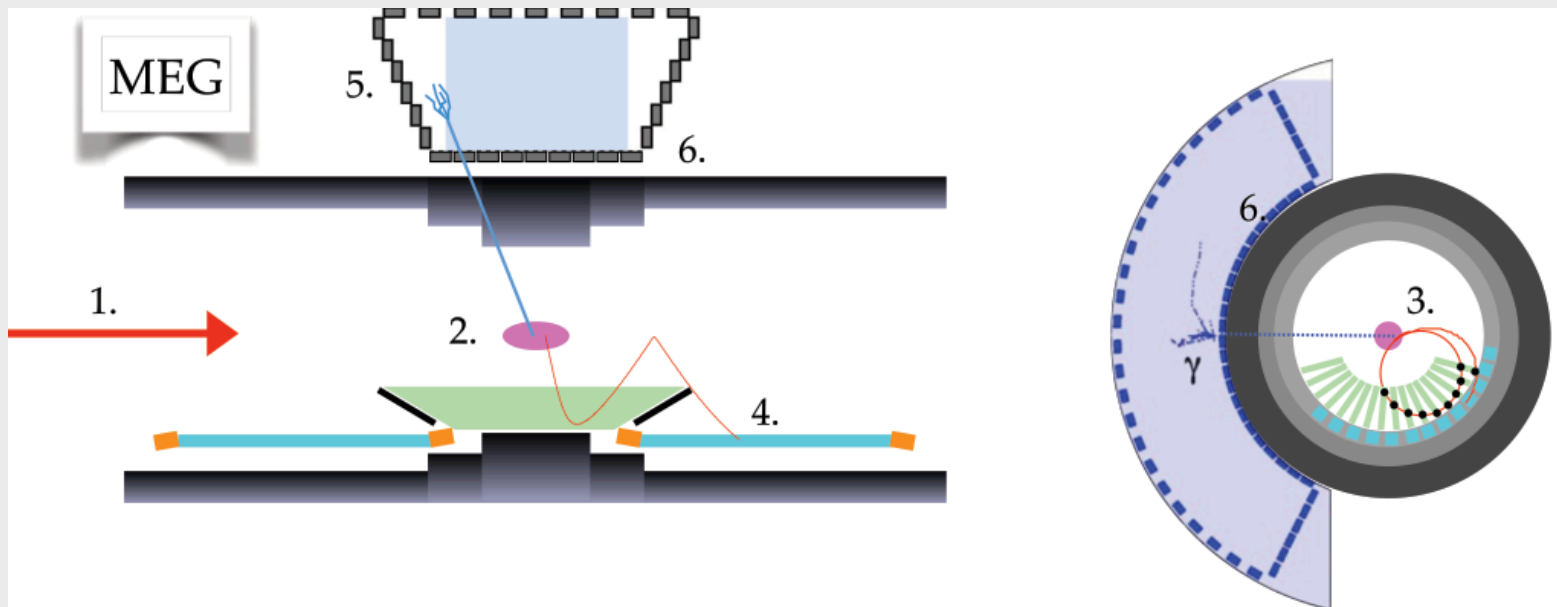


$$N_{\text{acc}} = 7684 \pm 103$$

$$N_{\text{RMD}} = 663 \pm 59$$

$$N_{\text{sig}}(\text{best fit}) = -2.2$$

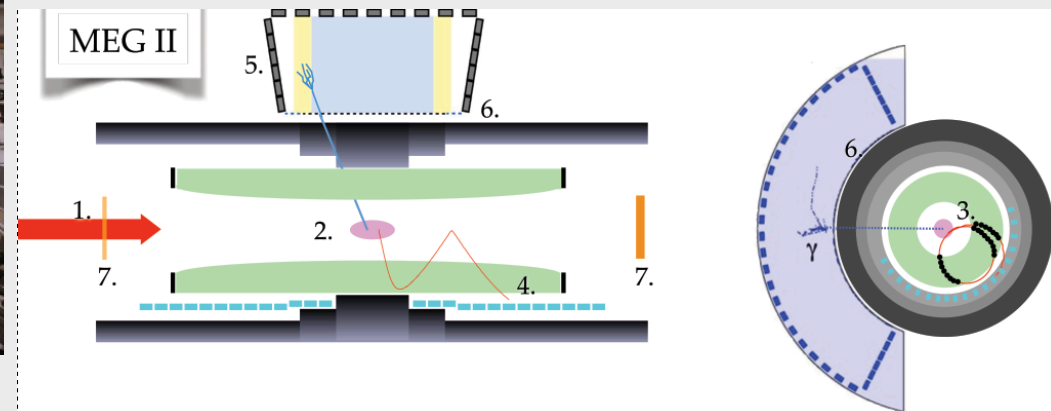
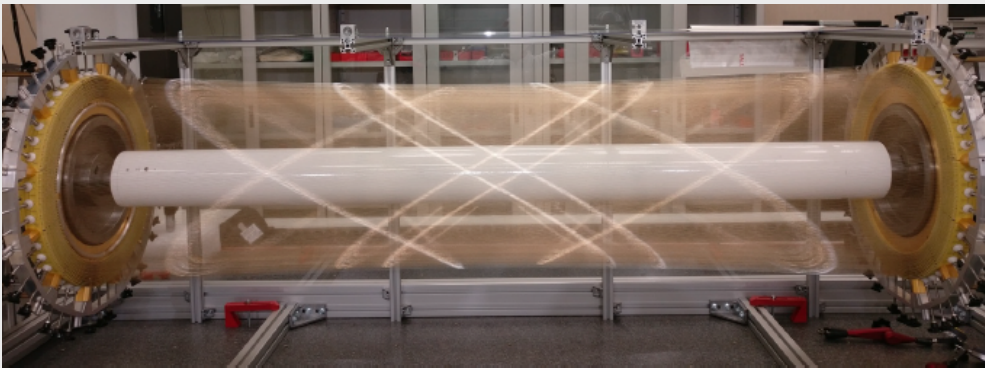
BR  $< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  @ 90% C.L.  
Eur. Phys. J. C76, 434 (2016)



# MEG-II Upgrade

Renga, [10.22323/1.405.0058](#)

- Improve Calorimeter, Timing, Drift Chamber, Trigger
- First physics run in 2021, analysis underway
- x10 improvement to  $4 \times 10^{-14}$  @ 90 % CL

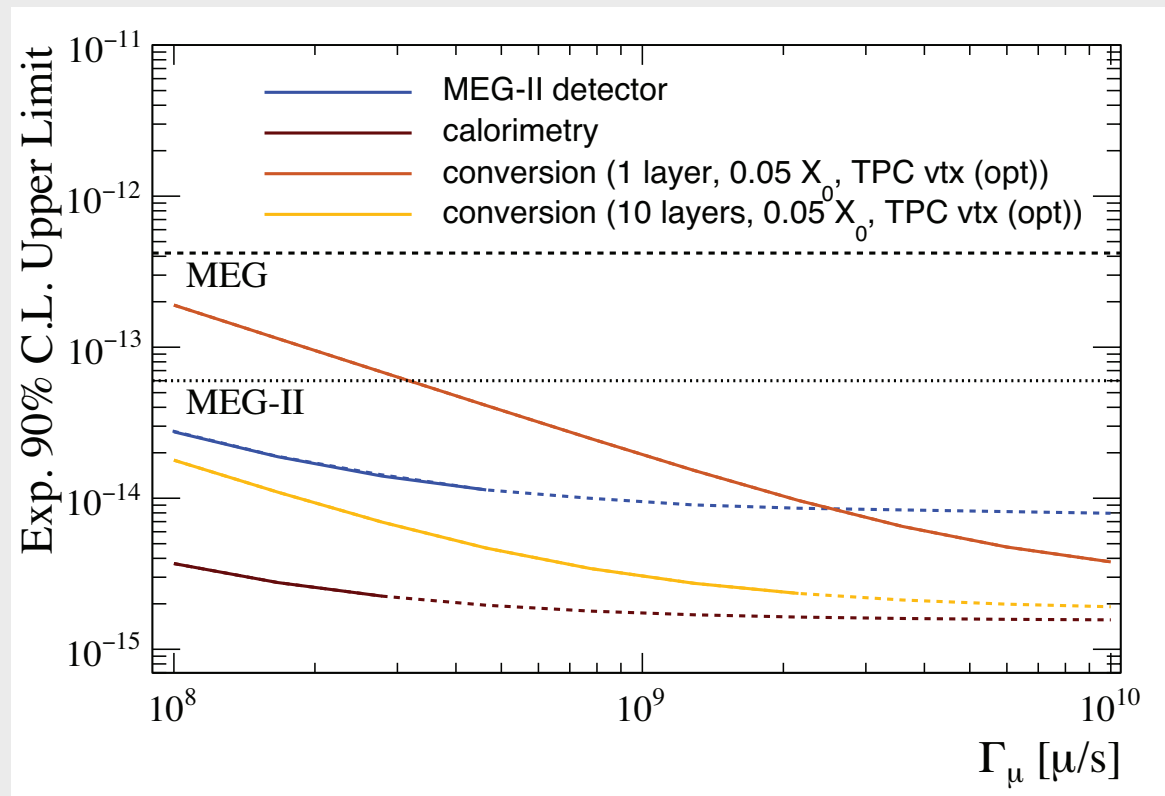


# What's Next?

- HiMB PSI upgrade will increase muon rate by x10 post 2028
- but at some point resolutions make experiment background-dominated
- converting photon would allow forming a vertex
  - right now don't know vertex since the calorimeter measures a space point far from decay point
- but conversion loses  $\sim x100$  in rate
  - need a thin converter or too much  $dE/dx$ , MS

# Limits on Experiment

- Methods level out after  $\mathcal{O}(10^9)\mu/\text{sec}$  with or without conversion



Renga et al., <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1707.01805.pdf>

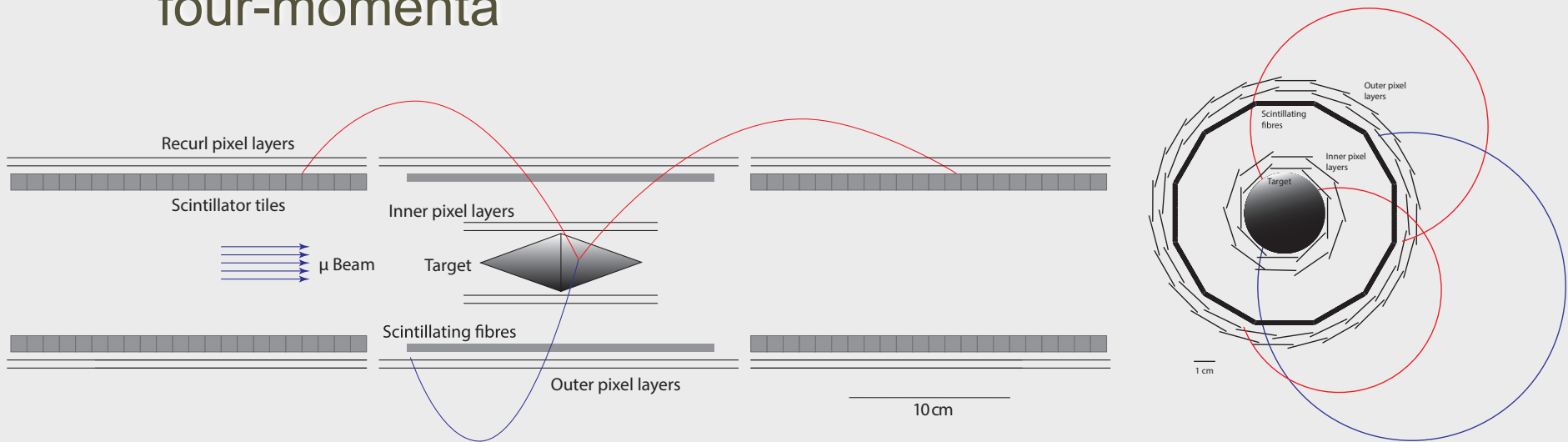
# MEG-III?

- New experimental concepts required for use of HiMB rate
  - decay ring?
  - Active target/better vertexing?
  - Under study
  - Can it use AMF at FNAL?



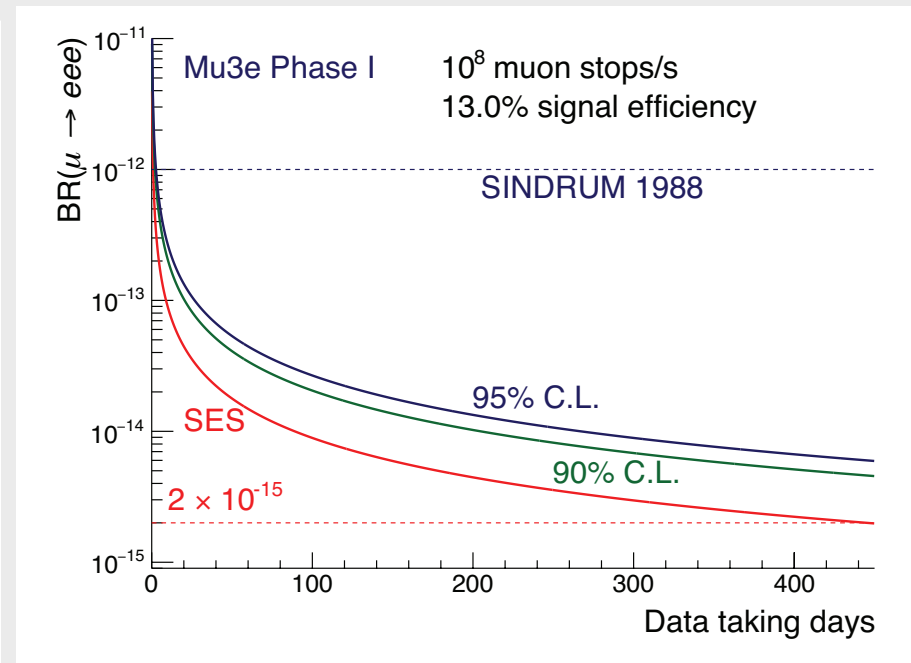
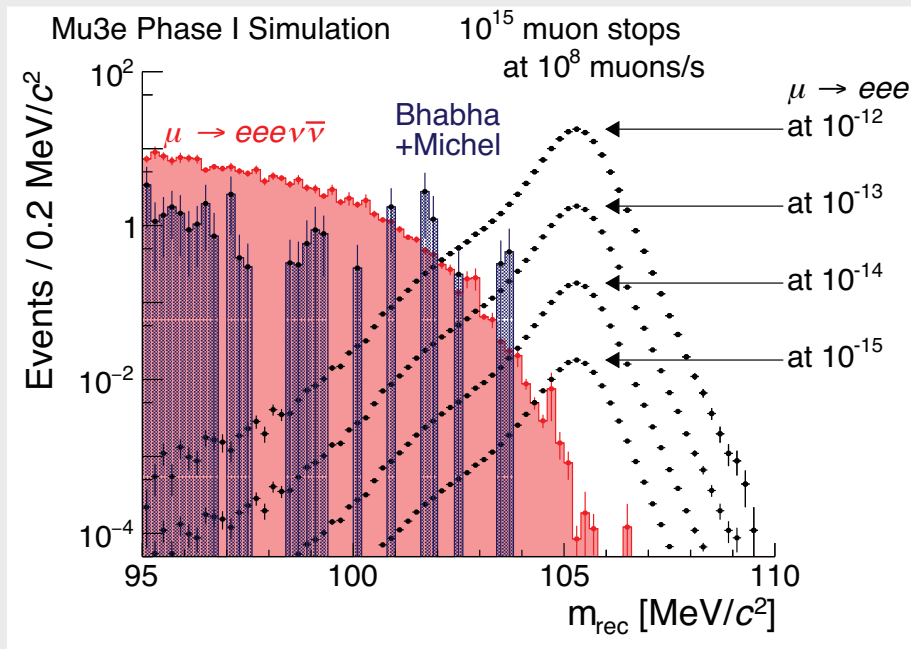
# Mu3e: $\mu \rightarrow 3e$

- We established this is different physics from  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$
- Get a vertex from three tracks, but lose back-to-back constraint of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$
- Background is  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+(e^+e^-)\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_e$  with small neutrino four-momenta



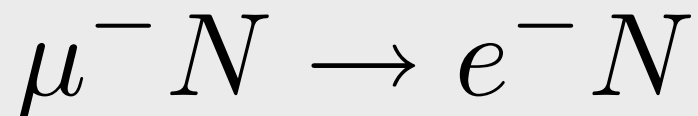
# Mu3e Outlook

- Phase-I 2024 is before HiMB at  $2 \times 10^{-15}$  @ 90 % CL
- Phase-II post 2028 at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-16})$

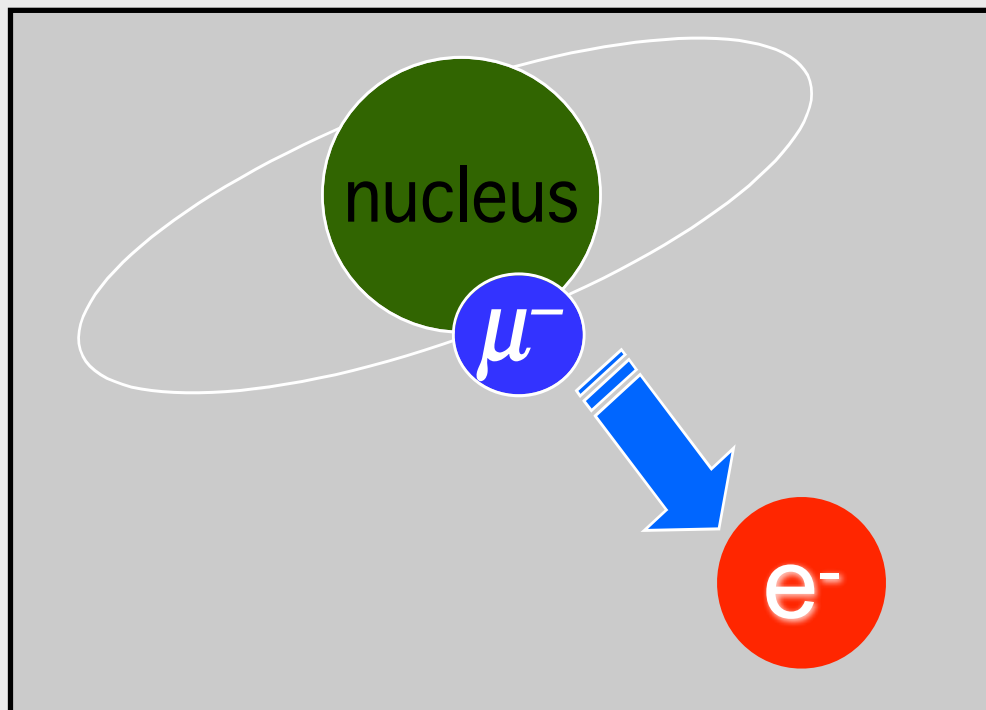


- also  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ X$  and into long-lived  $X \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

# What is Muon to Electron Conversion?



- Muon converts to an electron in the field of a nucleus
- Signal is mono-energetic electron  $\sim$  muon mass
- Mu2e or COMET  
 $90\% \text{ CL} \Rightarrow 8 \times 10^{-17}$  ;  
 $5\sigma \Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{-16}$



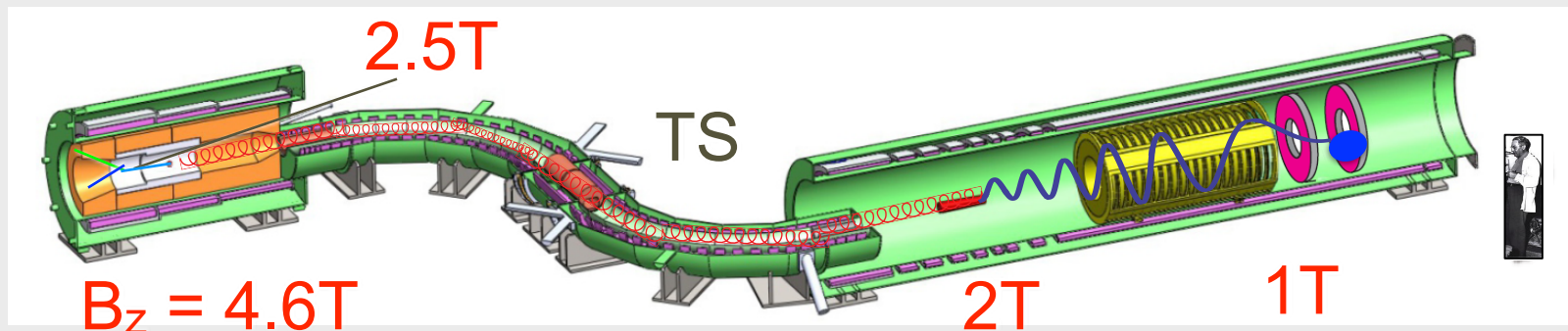
# Mu2e Method

with  
apologies to  
our COMET  
friends;  
experiments  
are similar but  
important  
differences;  
ask me

- Three solenoids
  - produce and capture muons (PS)
  - transport to Al stopping target (TS)
  - detect signal electrons (DS)

PS

DS

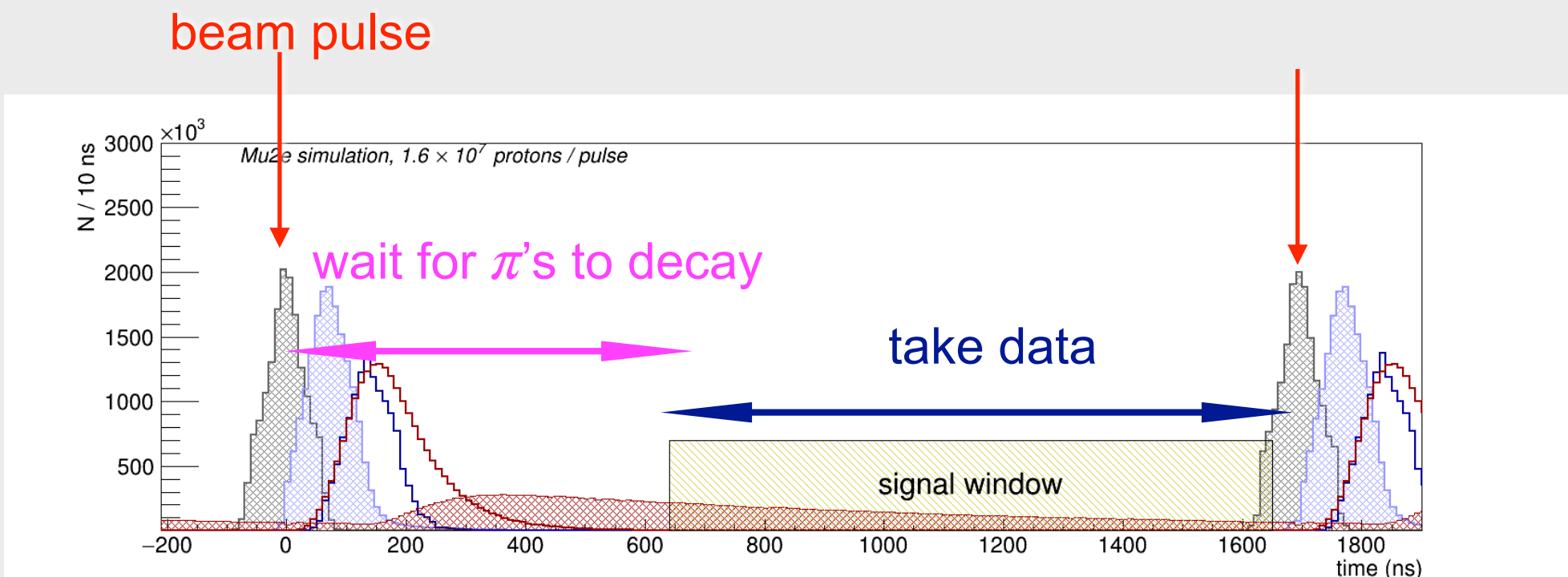


# Mu2e Time Structure

- We get  $\mu$ 's from  $pN$  in production target:  
 $p + \text{Target} \rightarrow \pi$ , then  $\pi \rightarrow \mu$
- sometimes  $\pi$ 's live long enough to make it to Al target
  - Radiative Pion Capture:  $\pi^- N \rightarrow \gamma N', \gamma \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
  - if we see only  $e^-$  and it is near muon mass, it is a background
- this limited PSI versions since their beam is “DC” and can't take advantage of short  $\pi$  lifetime relative to  $\mu$

# Pulsed Beam

- Beam pulses are 1695 ns apart, set by FNAL rings
  - fortunate coincidence when compared to  $2.2 \mu\text{s}$  lifetime!



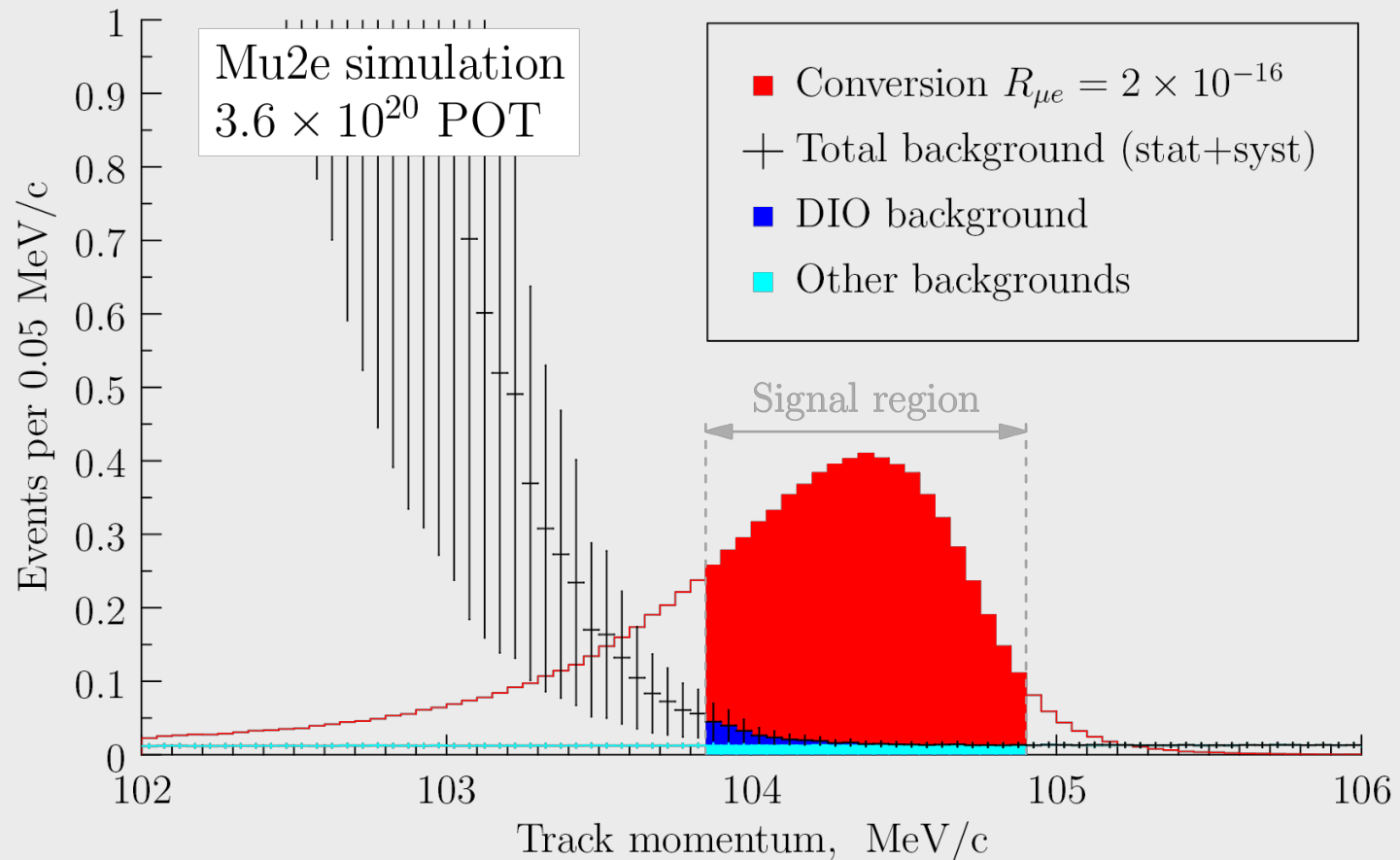
# Mu2e Reach

90% CL  $\sim 8 \times 10^{-17}$

$5\sigma \sim 2 \times 10^{-16}$

x10000 better than existing limit

Mu2e

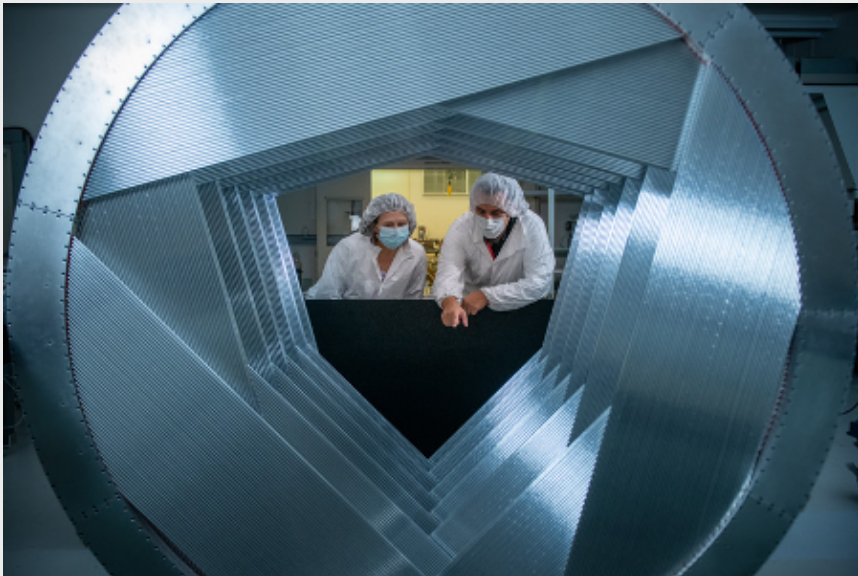
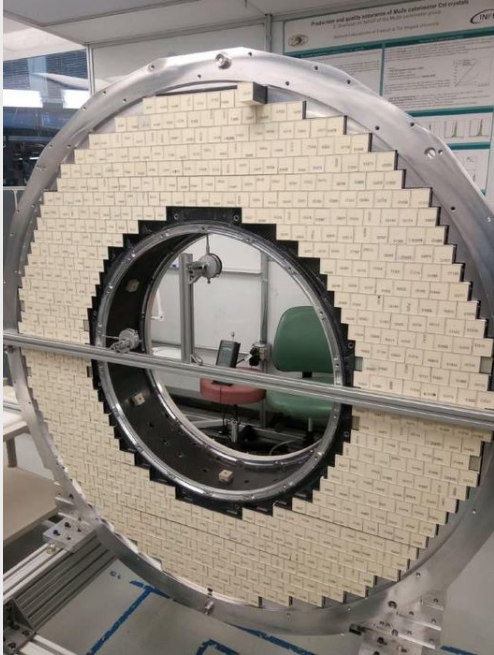


**typical SUSY at  $10^{-15}$ : 40 events vs 0.4 bkg**



# Mu2e Schedule

- x1000 existing experiments by 2025
  - in construction!
- x10000 by end-of-decade



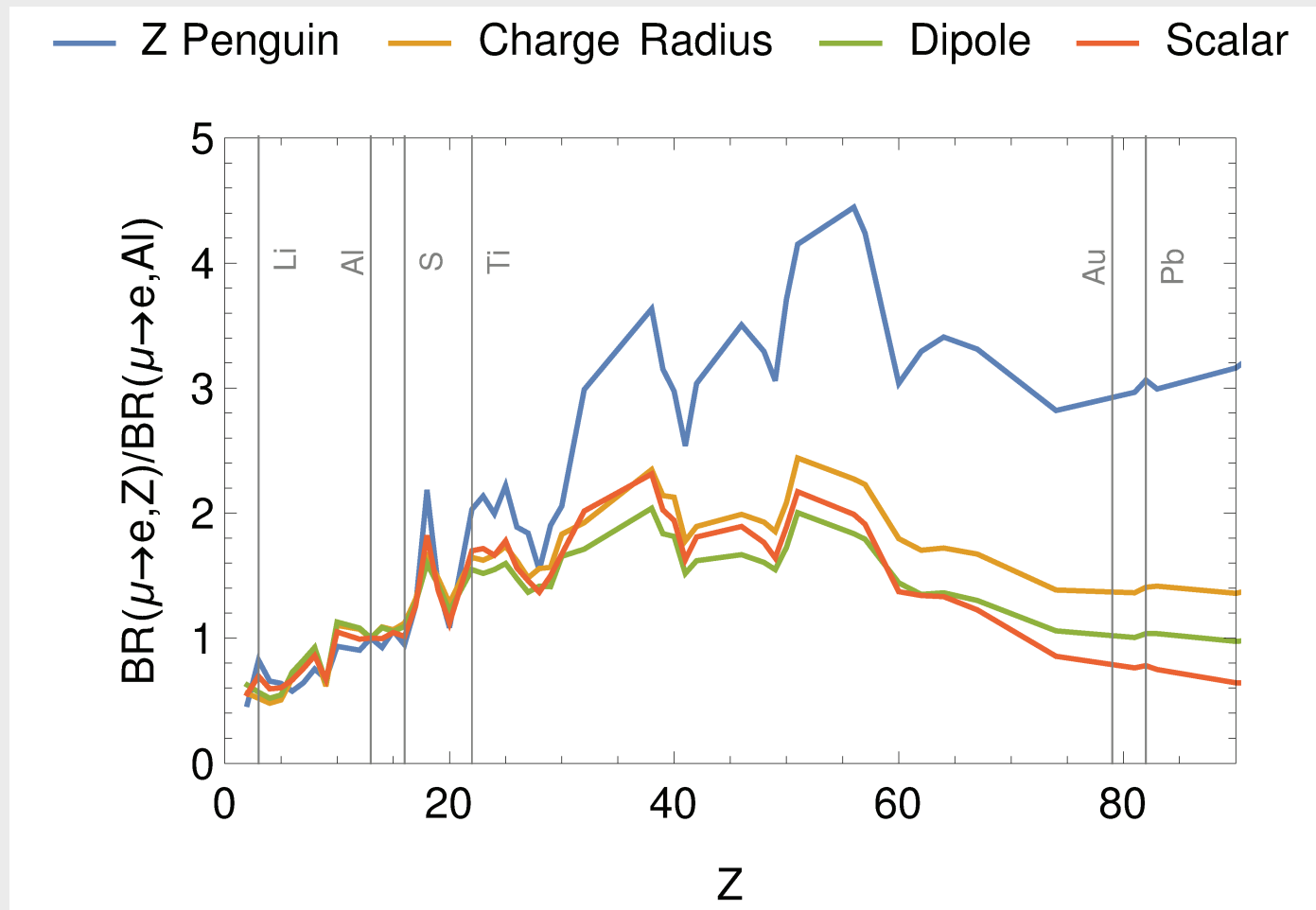


# What Next?

- Mu2e-II
  - x10 limits and move to Ti; about x2 higher rate
  - re-use Mu2e as much as possible
  - being designed, will run after Mu2e
- Mu2e and Mu2e-II can't probe high  $Z$

# Probing High Z

- different operators split at high Z, distinguishing among models

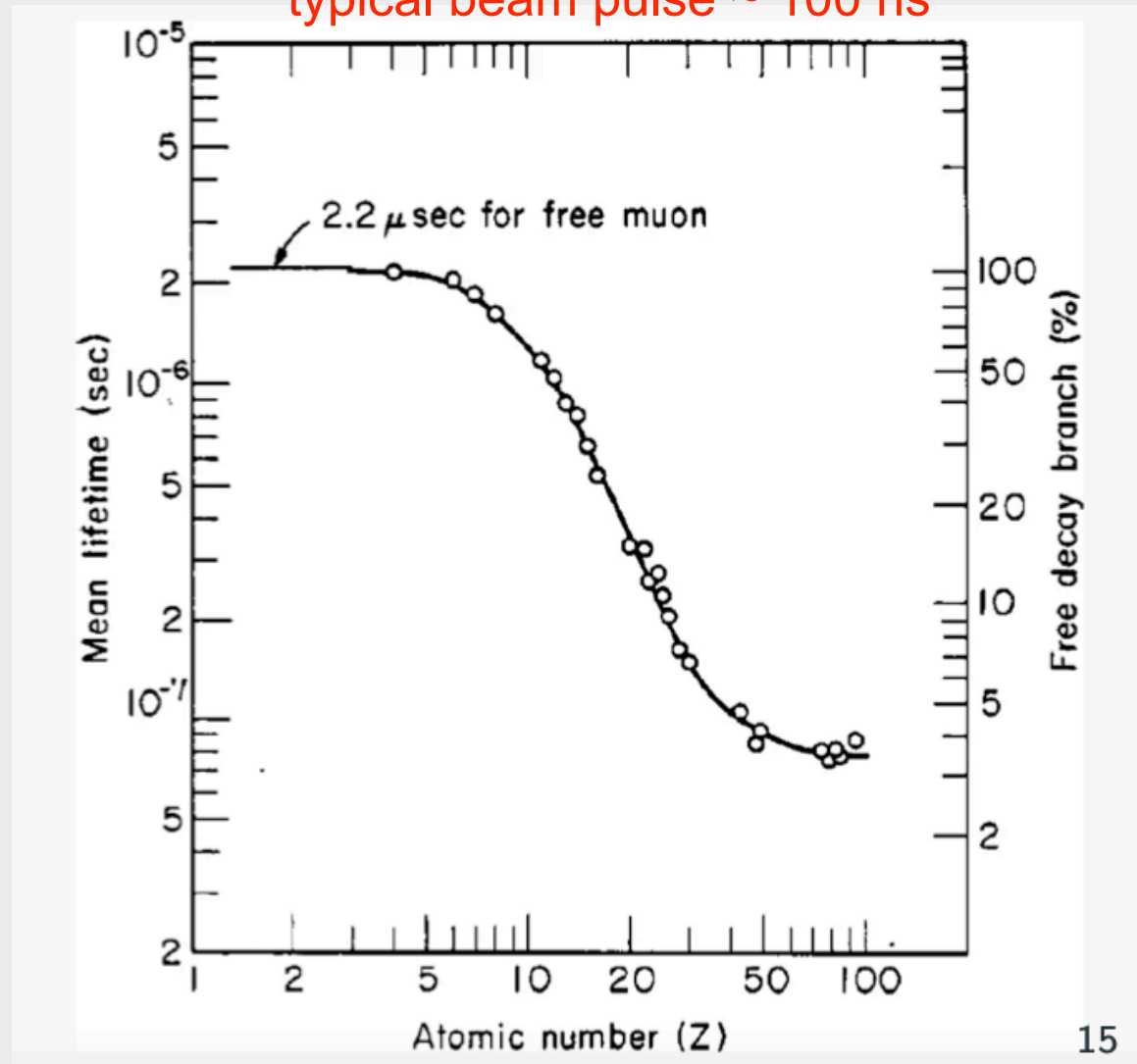


adapted from V. Cirigliano, B. Grinstein, G. Isidori, M. Wise **Nucl.Phys.B728:121-134,2005**

# Mu2e Method Limitation

typical beam pulse  $\sim 100$  ns

- Captured  $\mu$  lifetime depends on  $Z$
- Can't probe high  $Z$  at Mu2e, since lifetime is within beam pulse



# New Facility: AMF

hep-ex 2203.08278

- The “Advanced Muon Facility” would use PIP-II to enable
  - ***CLFV in all three muon modes: world-leading facility***
    - two new small rings for  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  at high  $Z$  and additional x100 in rate
      - with a possible DM experiment
    - x100-1000 more beam for  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  than are possible at PSI
  - Possible muonium-antimuonium and muon EDM

# Conclusions

- Muon-based Charged Lepton Flavor Violation provides powerful searches and constraints for BSM physics
- A new facility at FNAL could provide all three muon channels,  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ , and  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  with orders of magnitude more data and open new possibilities in  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$  at high  $Z$ 
  - plus a dark matter experiment and other muon measurements not discussed.
- We hope for P5 to recommend design of the program with submission to next P5