

# A new idea to search for charged lepton flavor violation using a muonic atom

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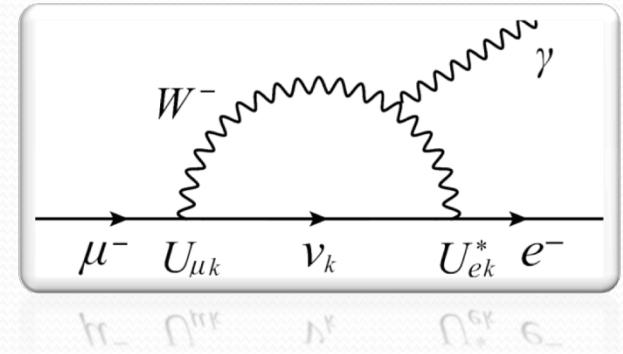


# Introduction

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### In Standard Model (SM)

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation  
(cLFV) via neutrino oscillation



But ...  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim \left( \frac{\delta m_\nu^2}{m_W^2} \right)^2 < 10^{-54}$



Forever  
invisible

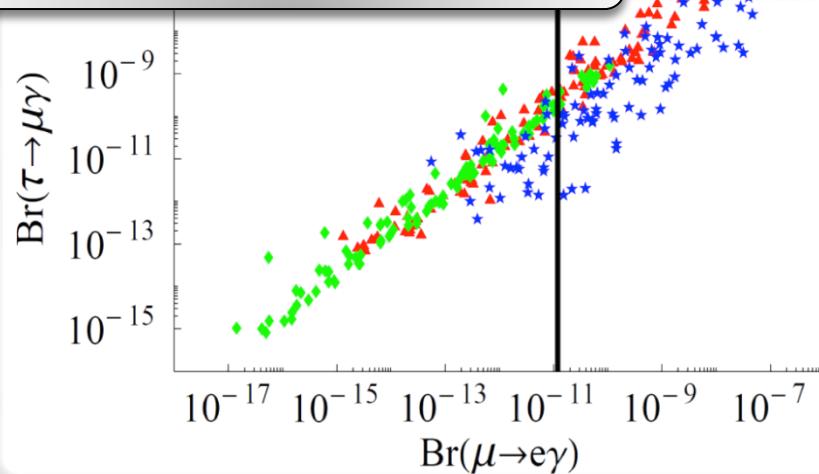
Discovery of the cLFV signal



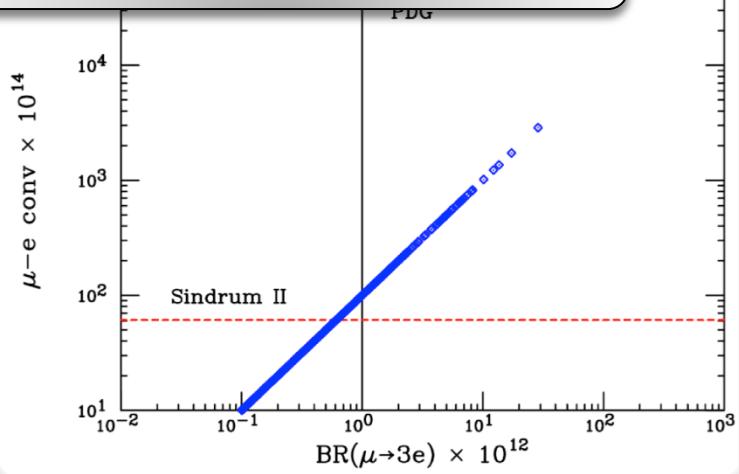
One of the evidence for beyond the SM

# Introduction

## Supersymmetric model



## Extra dimension model



[M.-Raidal et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 57 (2008)]

[K.-Agashe, et al., Phys. Rev. D 74 (2006)]

## Comparing LFV signals and their rates



Discrimination of new physics models



Prove for structure of new physics

Desire for many detectable cLFV processes

## Introduction

New idea for cLFV search

$$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^- \text{ in muonic atom}$$

- ⊗ What is target ?
  - Flavor violation between  $\mu$  and  $e$
- ⊗ What is advantage ?
  - ★ Sensitive to both photonic dipole cLFV operator and 4-Fermi contact cLFV operator
  - ★ Clean signal [ back-to-back dielectron ]





## Muonic atom

electron 1S orbit

muon 1S orbit



nucleus



muon



electron

$\mu^- e \rightarrow e^- e^-$

LFV vertex

$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$  in muonic atom

electron 1S orbit

muon 1S orbit

Interaction rate

$$\Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-; Z) = 2\sigma v_{\text{rel}} |\psi_{1S}^{(e)}(0; Z - 1)|^2$$

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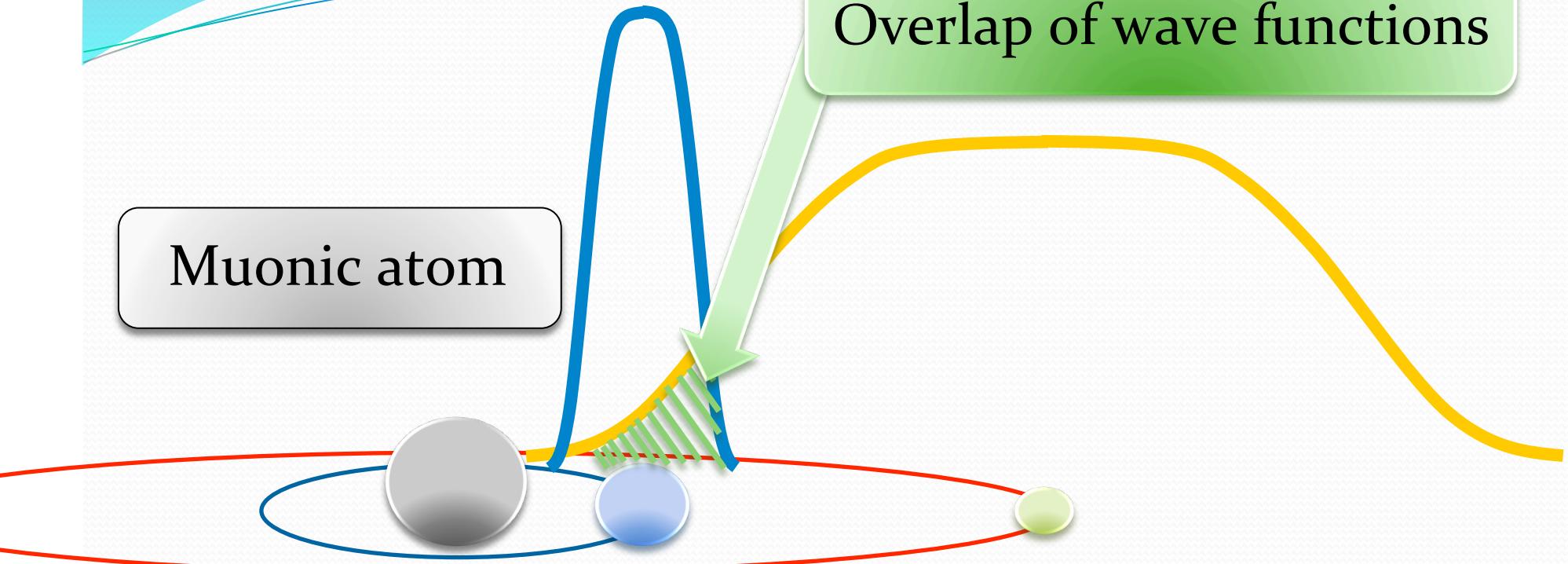
$$\Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-; Z) = 2\sigma v_{rel} |\psi_{1S}^{(e)}(0; Z - 1)|^2$$

Overlap of wave function of  $\mu^-$  and  $e^-$



Overlap of wave functions

Muonic atom



## Approximation

Muon localization at nucleus position  $\left[ \because m_e \ll m_\mu \right]$



Overlap = electron wave function at nucleus



Muonic atom

$$\psi_{1S}^{(e)}(r; Z) = \frac{(Z\alpha m_e)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-Z\alpha m_e r)$$

Electron wave function

$r$  : radial coordinate (distance from nucleus)

$Z$  : atomic number of nucleus in muonic atom

Overlap of wave functions

$$|\psi_{1S}^{(e)}(0; Z - 1)|^2$$

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Cross section for elemental interaction

$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

## Effective Lagrangian [ Y. Kuno and Y. Okada Rev. Mod. Phys. 73 (2001) ]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-} = & -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ m_\mu A_R \bar{\mu}_R \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_L F_{\mu\nu} + m_\mu A_L \bar{\mu}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R F_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ & + g_1 (\bar{\mu}_R e_L) (\bar{e}_R e_L) + g_2 (\bar{\mu}_L e_R) (\bar{e}_L e_R) \\ & + g_3 (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) + g_4 (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) (\bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L) \\ & \left. + g_5 (\bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\mu e_R) (\bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L) + g_6 (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma^\mu e_L) (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) + (\text{H.c.}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

cLFV effective coupling constant

$A_R$

$A_L$

$g_1$

$g_2$

$g_3$

$g_4$

$g_5$

$g_6$

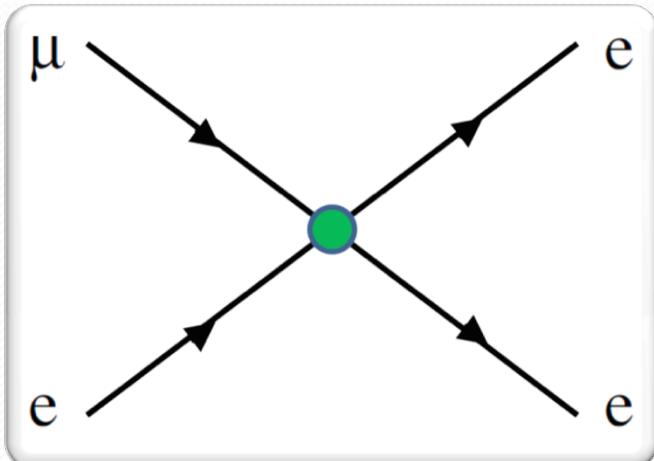


Sensitive to the structure of new physics

$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

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4-Fermi interaction type

$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

4-Fermi interaction dominant case

Branching ratio

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-) &\equiv \tilde{\tau}_\mu \Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-) \\ &= 24\pi(Z-1)^3 \alpha^3 \left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right)^3 \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu} G \\ &= (3.31 \times 10^{-12})(Z-1)^3 (\tilde{\tau}_\mu / \tau_\mu) G \end{aligned}$$

$\tau_\mu$

Lifetime of free muon ( $2.197 \times 10^{-6}$  s)

$\tilde{\tau}_\mu$

Lifetime of bound muon  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 2.19 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s} & \text{for } {}^1\text{H} \\ (7 - 8) \times 10^{-8} \text{ s} & \text{for } {}^{238}\text{U} \end{array} \right.$

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$$G \equiv G_{12} + 16G_{34} + 4G_{56} + 8G'_{14} + 8G'_{23} - 8G'_{56}$$

$$G_{ij} \equiv |g_i|^2 + |g_j|^2$$

$$G'_{ij} \equiv \text{Re}(g_i^* g_j)$$



4-Fermi interaction dominant case

Branching ratio  
( $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- e^- e^-$ )

$$\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-) = \frac{1}{8}(G_{12} + 16G_{34} + 8G_{56})$$

Comparison two BRs  $\rightarrow$  probe for CP violating

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Enhancement factor from overlap of wave functions

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore \text{ Positive charge attracts muon and electron} \\ \therefore \text{ toward the nucleus position.} \end{array} \right\}$

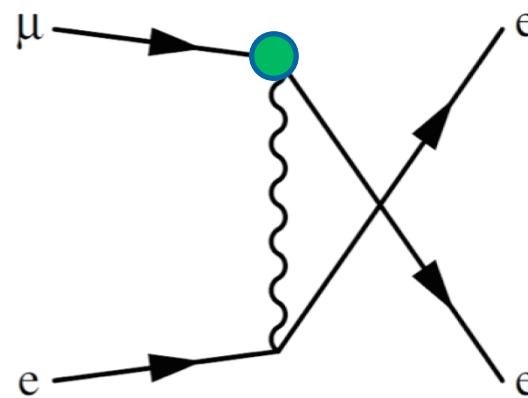
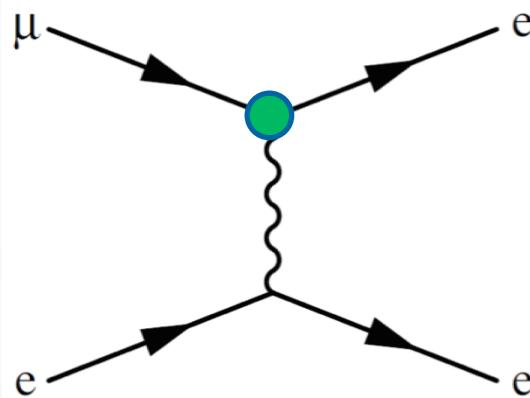


Notable advantage for heavy nuclei

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Photonic interaction type



Photonic interaction dominant case

Branching ratio

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-) &= 1536\pi^2(Z-1)^3\alpha^4(|A_R|^2 + |A_L|^2) \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu} \\ &= 2.08 \times 10^{-9}(Z-1)^3(|A_R|^2 + |A_L|^2)(\tilde{\tau}_\mu/\tau_\mu) \end{aligned}$$

Photon propagator  
in non-relativistic limit

$$\frac{1}{q^2} \simeq \frac{1}{m_\mu m_e}$$



Enhancement factor  
compared with 4-Fermi case

$$\frac{m_\mu^2}{m_e^2}$$



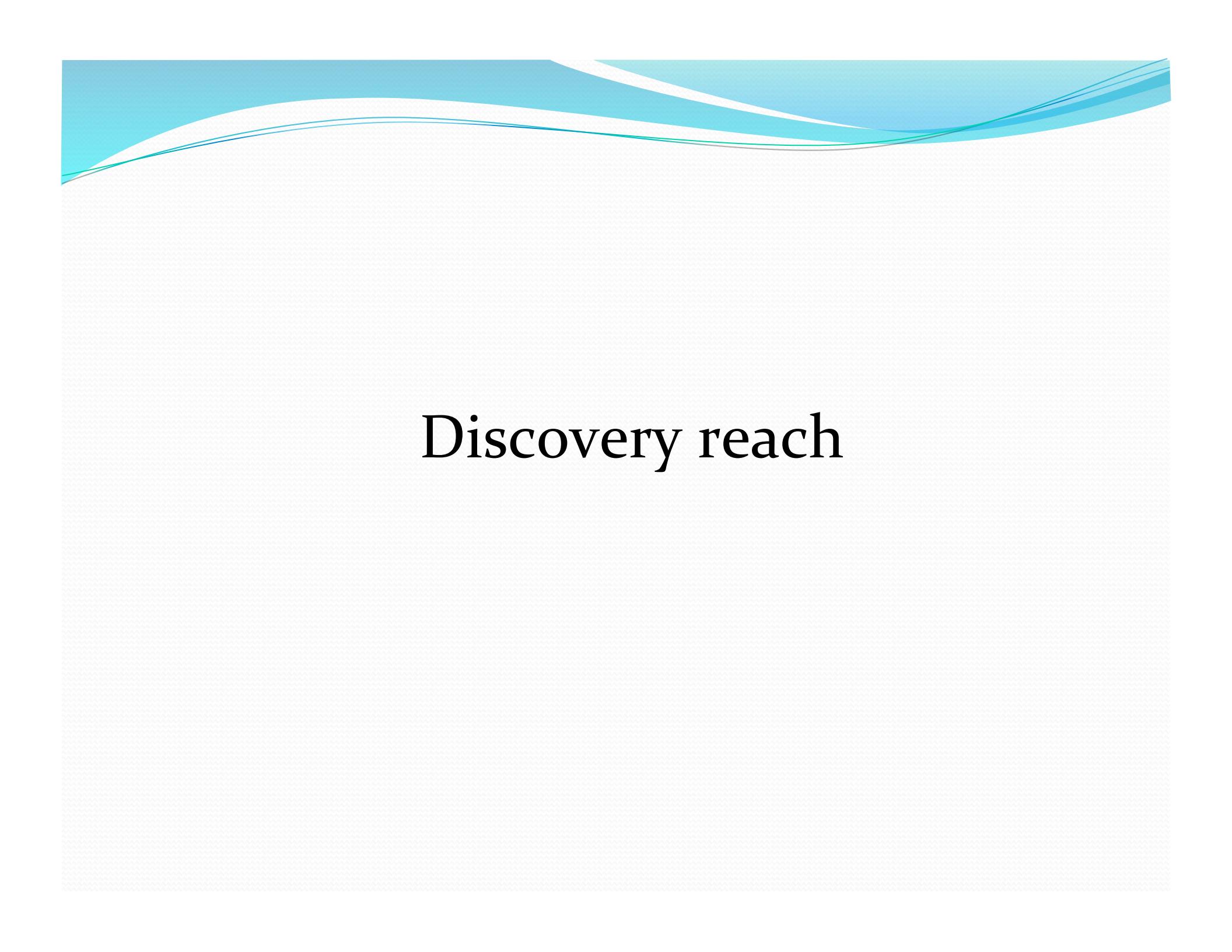
Case : same order cLFV coupling

$$A_{L(R)} \approx g_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots 6)$$

Ratio between photonic and 4-Fermi cross section

$$\sigma v_{\text{photonic}} \sim \alpha \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_e^2} \times \sigma v_{\text{4Fermi}} \sim 10^3 \times \sigma v_{\text{4Fermi}}$$

One of the distinct features for the process

The background features a light gray textured grid. Overlaid on the top portion is a graphic element consisting of several thin, curved lines in shades of cyan, blue, and white. These lines form a shape that is wider on the left and right sides and narrower in the center, resembling a stylized mountain range or a wave. The colors transition from dark cyan at the base to bright cyan and white at the peaks.

# Discovery reach

## Discovery reach

How to get upper limit for  $\text{BR}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$

→ Calculate ratio of the BR to other limited cLFV  
DD

4-Fermi interaction dominant case

$$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-)}$$

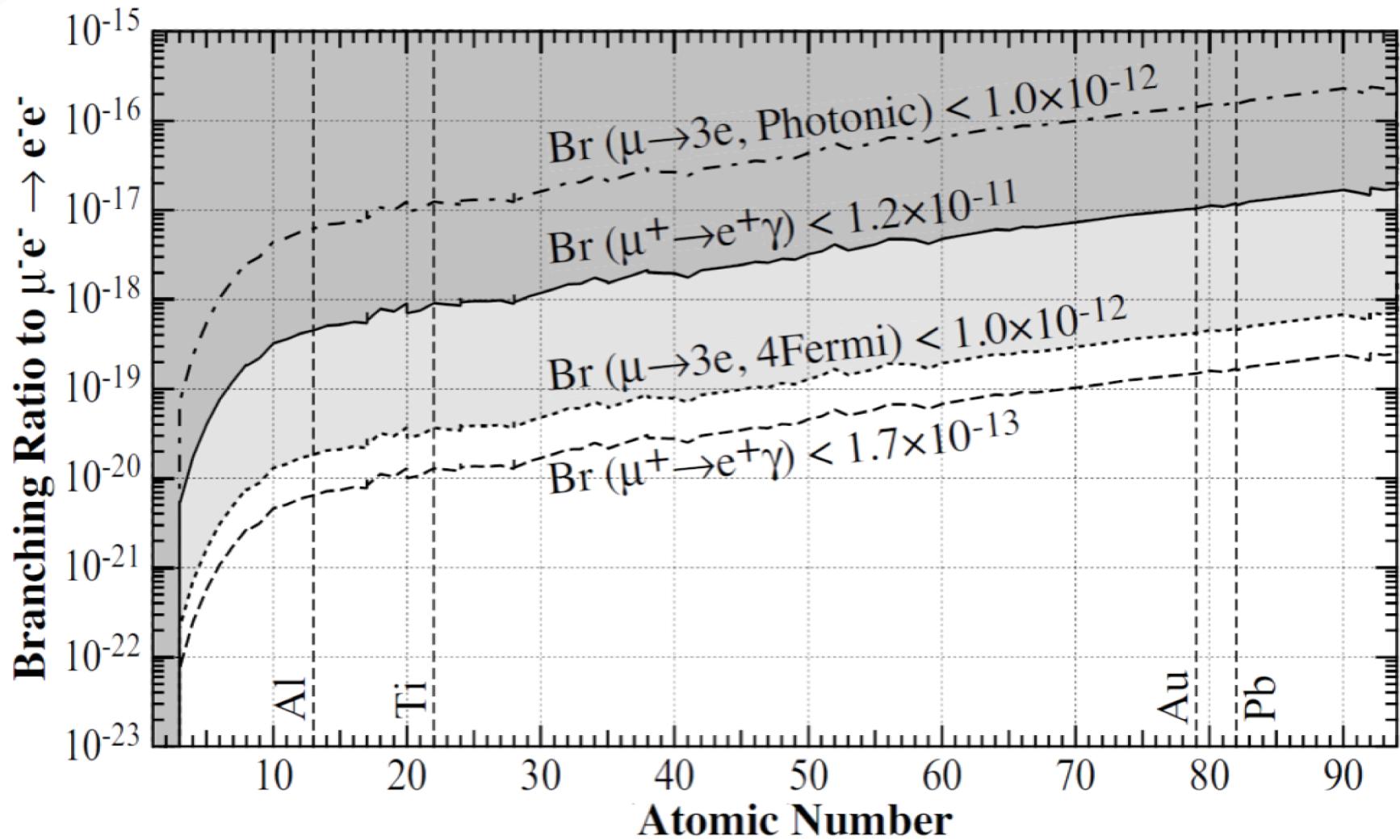
Photonic interaction dominant case

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[ These ratios are independent on cLFV effective coupling ]

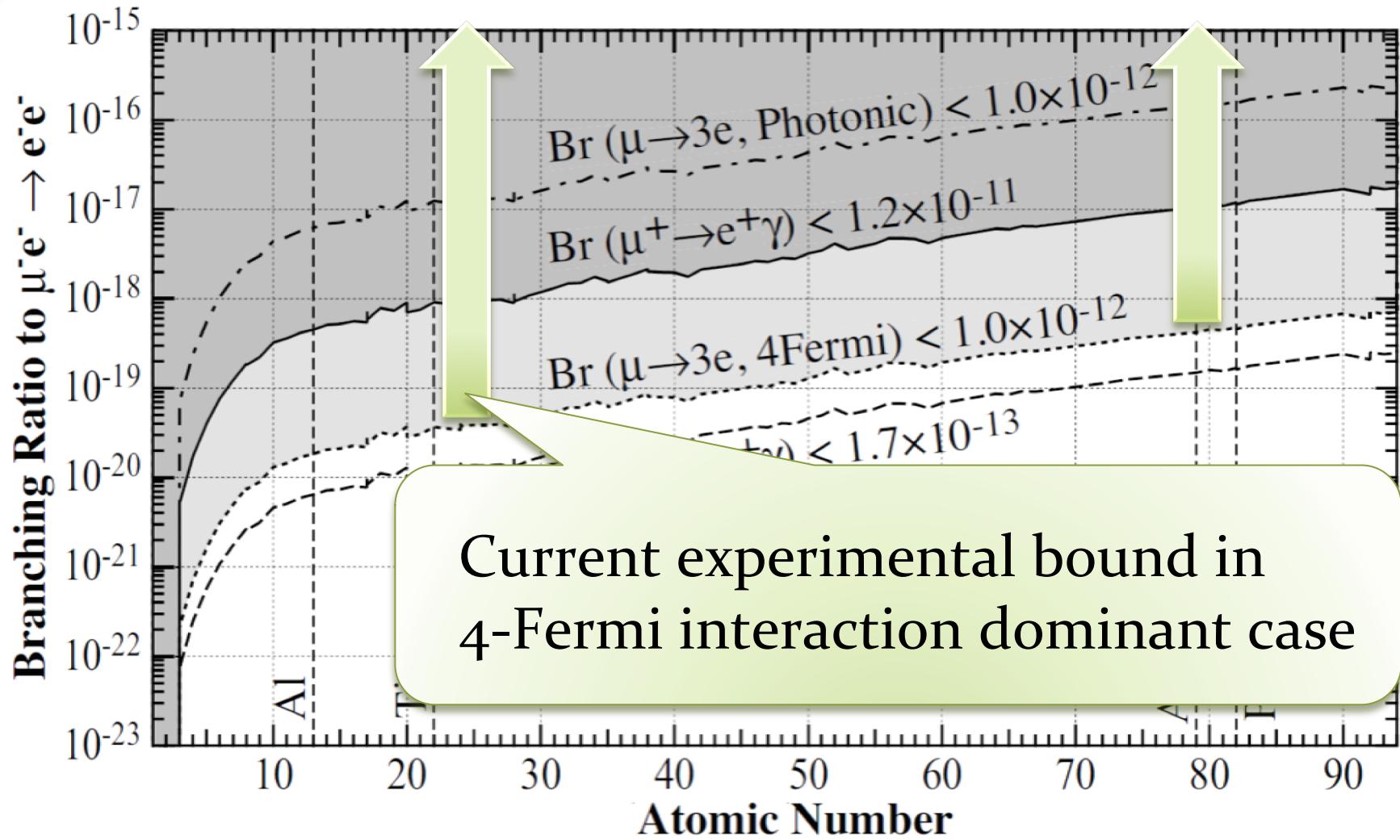
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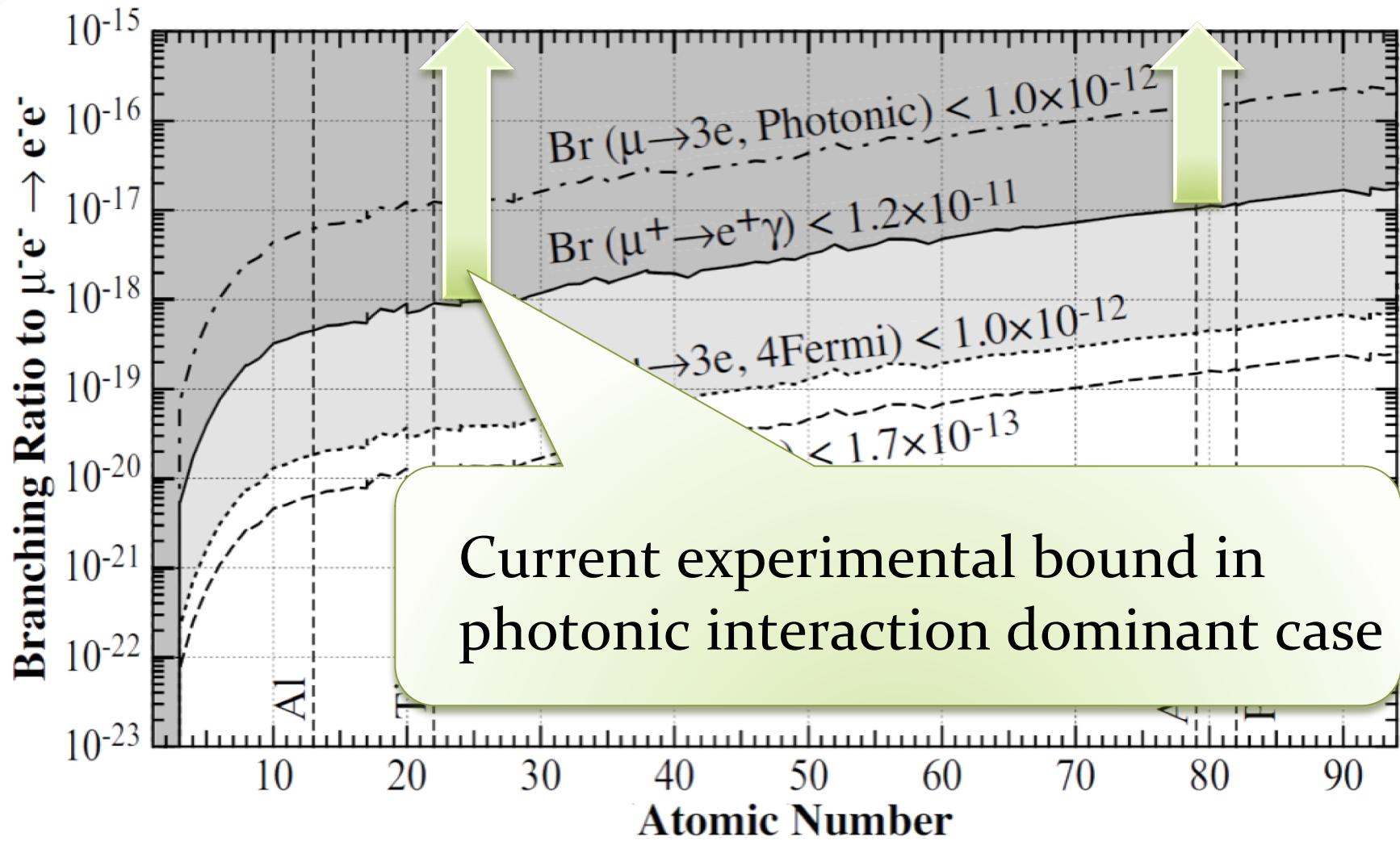
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$10^{-53}$

## Discovery reach



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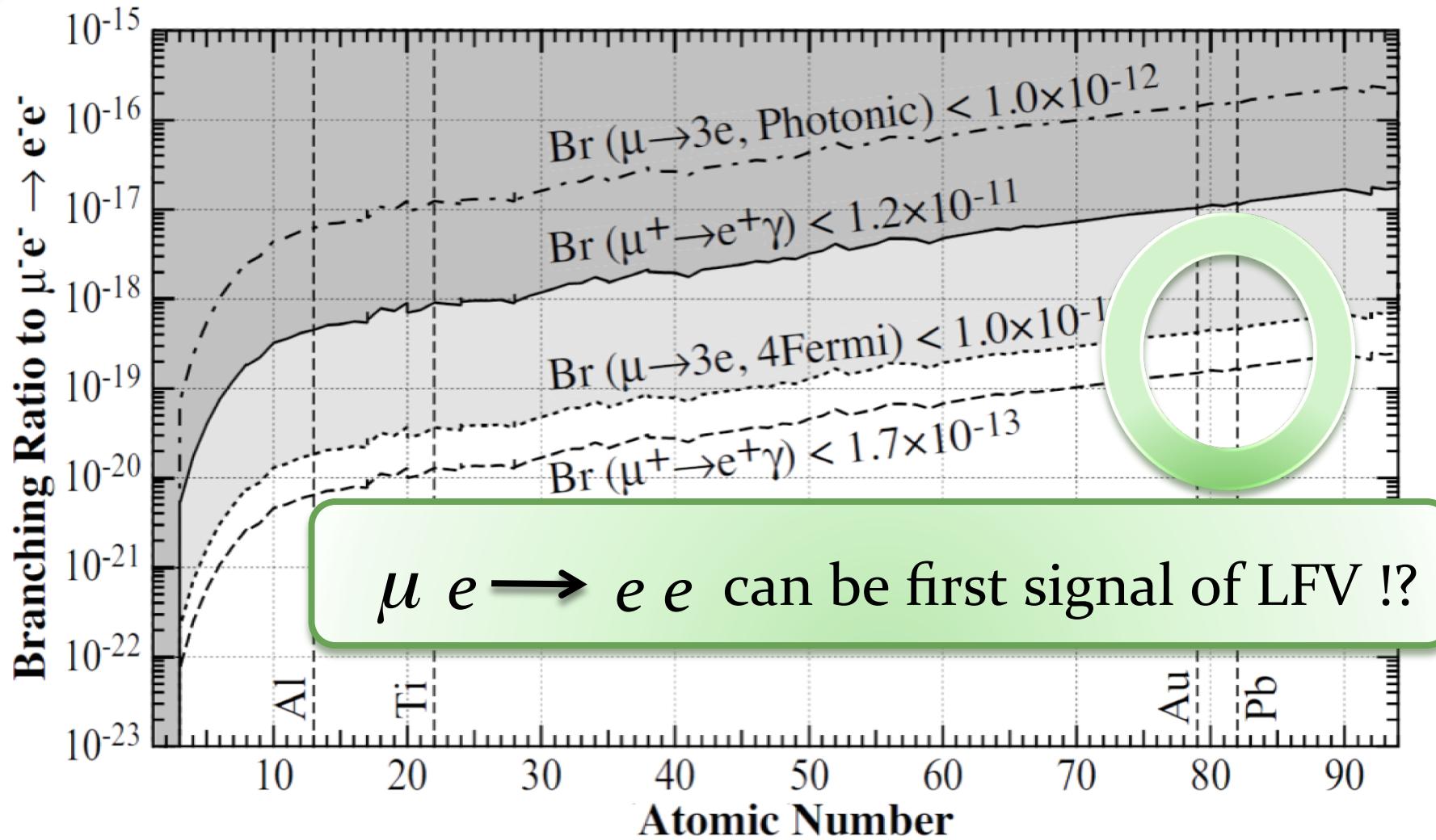
## Discovery reach

Collaboration	Searching for	Intensity
MEG	$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$10^{7.5} \mu/\text{s}$
MUSIC	$\mu \rightarrow 3e$	$10^8 \mu/\text{s}$
COMET	$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	$10^{11} \mu/\text{s}$
Mu2E (E973)	$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	$10^{11} \mu/\text{s}$
PRISM	$\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N$	$10^{12} \mu/\text{s}$

For run-time 1 year  $\sim 3 \times 10^7$  s

$10^{18} - 10^{19}$  muon at COMET experiment

## Discovery reach



10<sup>-53</sup> 10 50 40 20 80 70 60 50 40 20 80 90

## Discovery reach

Project	Intensity Reach
COMET / PRISM	$10^{18} - 10^{19}$ $\mu$ /year
$\nu$ factories	$10^{21}$ $\mu$ /year

With these number of muons the process will be seen !!

### 3 Towards a Precise Estimate

- ★ Out-going electron is also attracted
  - Enhancement of the rate
- ★ Bound electron is more concentrated for relativistic wave fn.
  - Enhancement of the rate
- Nuclei is not a point charge
  - Solve Dirac Eq. numerically

For trial, uniform charge density is assumed

$$\begin{aligned} V(r) &= -\frac{Z\alpha}{R} \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \quad \text{for } r < R \\ &= -\frac{Z\alpha}{r} \quad \text{for } r > R \end{aligned}$$

$$R = 1.2A^{1/3}\text{fm}$$

# Enhancement of the rate for contact interaction

Preliminary

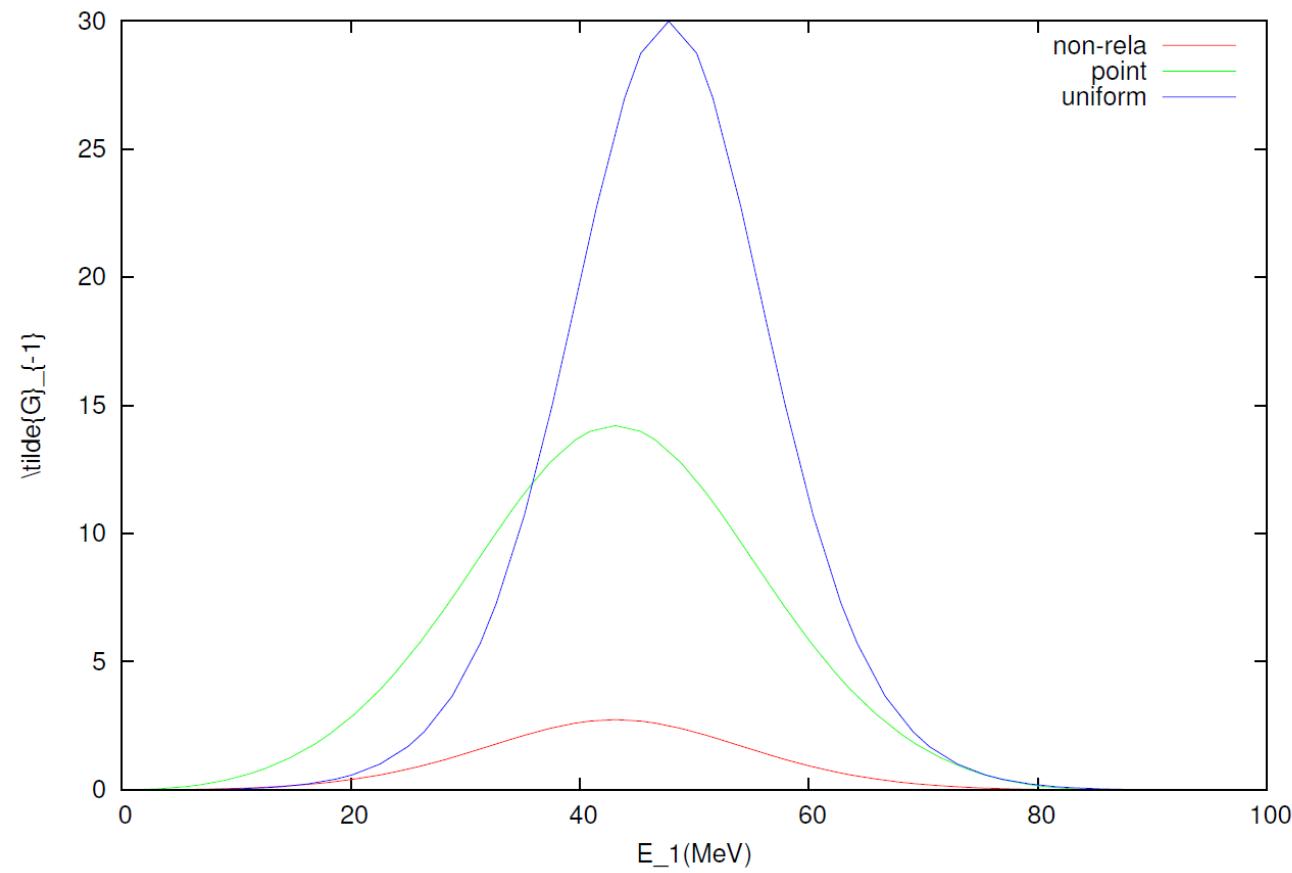
$Z, A = 2Z$	Point colomb	Uniform
40	1.86	1.70
80	16.1	6.62
90	39.1	10.5
100	118	17.4

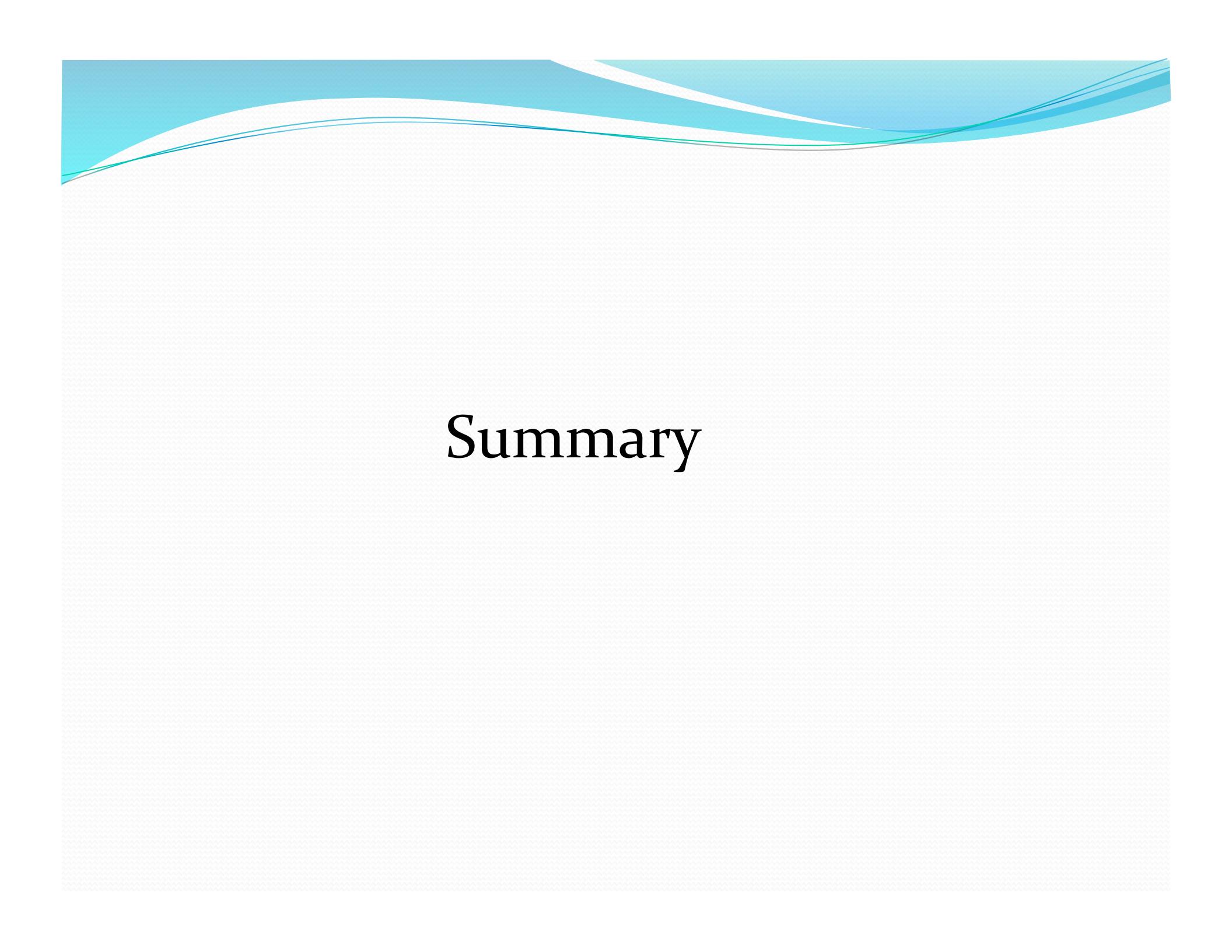
Coulomb force does not change chirality and  
hence same factorization for g's holds

Branching ratio can be  
 $10^{-17}$

# Energy distribution

dGamma/dE Z=80, plane wave scattering(PLW)

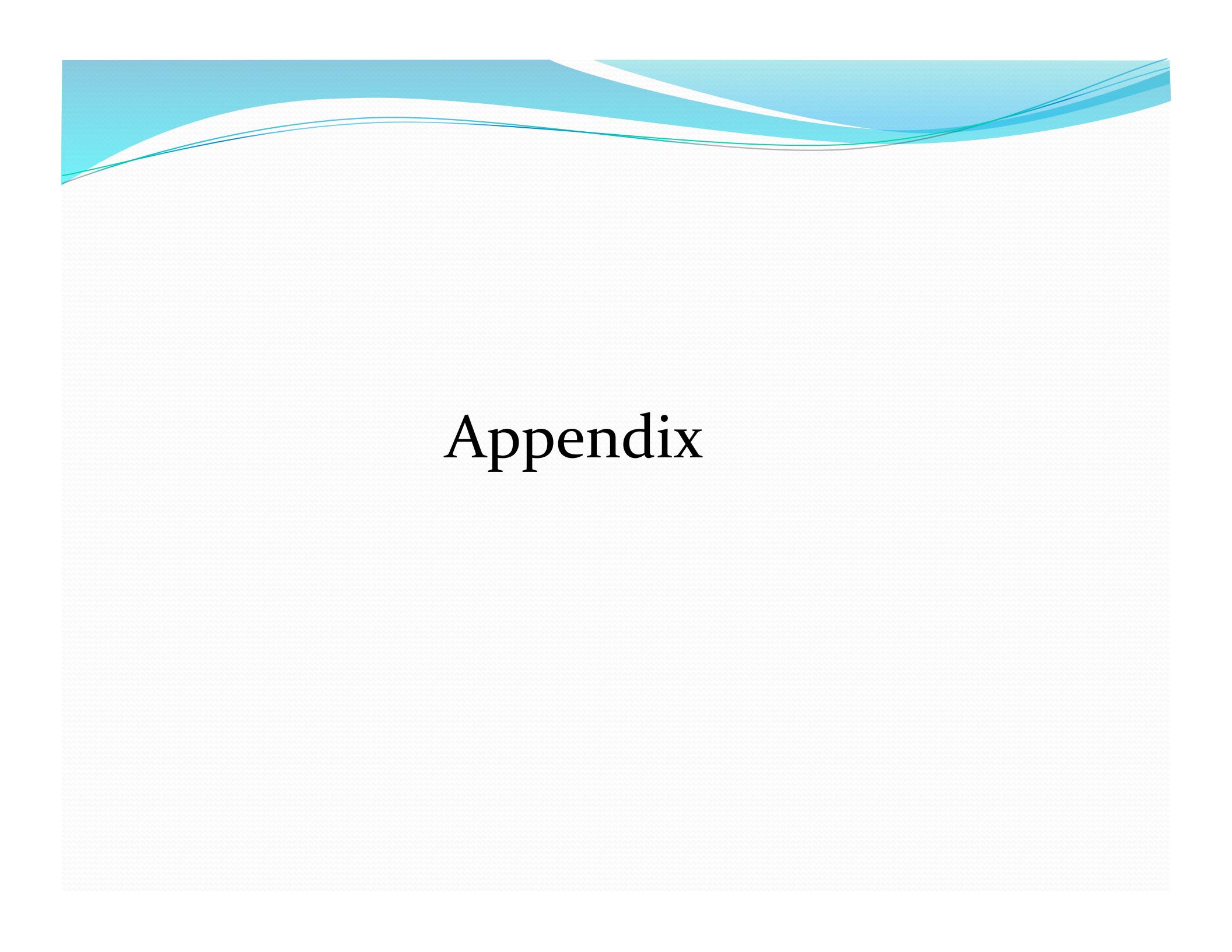




# Summary

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- ⊗ New LFV process       $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$  in muonic atom
  - ⊗ Clean signal (back to back electron with  $E_e \cong m_\mu / 2$ )
  - ⊗ Interaction rate       $\Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-; Z) \sim (Z - 1)^3$
- Advantage : Large nucleus
- ⊗ Detectable in on-going or future experiments
  - We wish to observe LFV in the process



# Appendix

## Discovery reach

Ratio between  $\text{BR}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$  and  $\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-)$

$$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-)} = 192\pi(Z-1)^3\alpha^3\left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right)^3 \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu}$$

## Discovery reach

⊗ Photonic interaction dominant case

Branching ratio (  $\mu \rightarrow e e e$  )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-) \\ = 128\pi\alpha(|A_R|^2 + |A_L|^2) \left[ \log\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_e}\right)^2 - \frac{11}{4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Ratio between  $\text{BR}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$  and  $\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-)} \\ = 12\pi(Z-1)^3\alpha^3 \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu} \left[ \log\left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_e}\right)^2 - \frac{11}{4} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

## Discovery reach

### ⊗ Photonic interaction dominant case

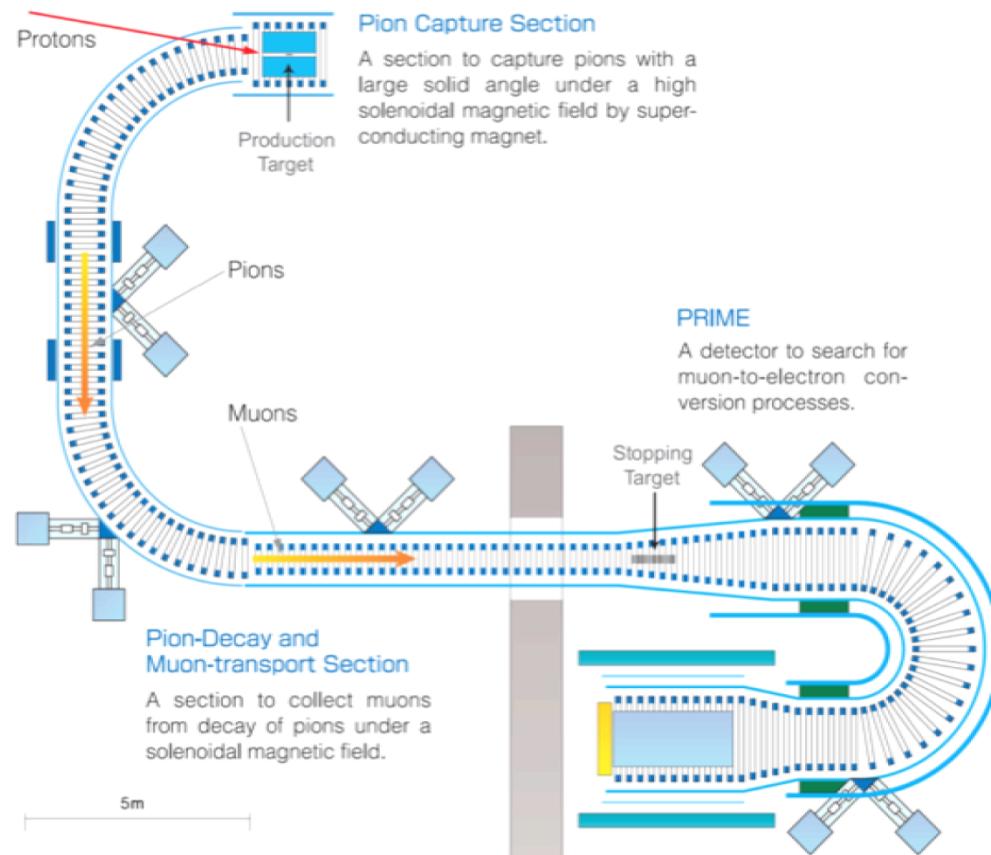
Branching ratio (  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) &= \frac{\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)}{\Gamma(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu; \text{Free})} \\ &= 384\pi^2(|A_R|^2 + |A_L|^2) \end{aligned}$$

Ratio between  $\text{BR}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$  and  $\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)} &= 4(Z-1)^3 \alpha^4 \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu} \\ &= 5.49 \times 10^{-11} (Z-1)^3 \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu}{\tau_\mu} \end{aligned}$$

# COMET (COherent Muon Electron Transition)



$$B(\mu^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 10^{-16}$$

$$B(h^- + Al \rightarrow e^- + Al) < 10^{-16}$$