

Searches of CLFV: the EIC vs. low-energy experiments

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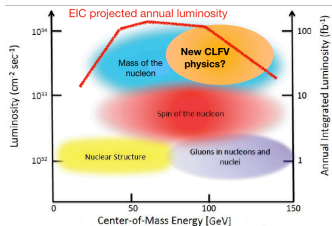
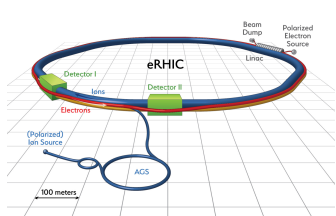
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The Electron-Ion Collider: an intensity frontier machine?



from A. Deshpande, hacked by C. Lee

Finding BSM:

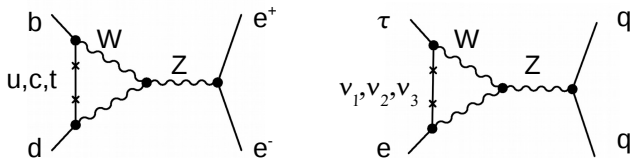
1. directly produce new particles (LHC)
2. search for processes with no/very precise SM background

Where does the EIC fit in?

- EIC will deliver a lot of data! $1000 \times$ HERA
- with additional unique possibility to polarize e and proton beams

look for rare/BSM processes? competitive with LHC/low energy?

Charged lepton flavor violation



- mismatch between quark weak and mass eigenstates
⇒ quark family number is not conserved
- same mismatch for charged leptons, but suppressed by neutrino masses!

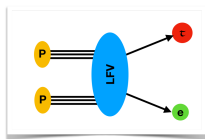
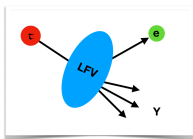
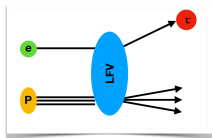
$$\text{BR} \sim \left(\frac{m_\nu}{m_W} \right)^4 \sim 10^{-44}$$

S. Petcov, '77; W. Marciano and A. Sanda, '77

- ... however, models that explain m_ν usually introduce new CLFV
e.g. type I, II and III see-saw A. Abada, C. Biggio, F. Bonnet, M. B. Gavela, T. Hambye, '08

CLFV experiments crucial to falsify TeV origin of m_ν

CLFV at low- and high-energy



- $\mu \leftrightarrow e$ transitions well constrained at low-energy (hopeless?)
- $\mu \leftrightarrow \tau$ interesting, but not for EIC

$\tau \leftrightarrow e$ transitions

1. τ and meson decays
2. pp collisions
3. & the upcoming EIC

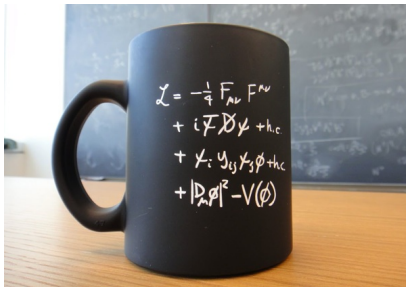
$$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma, \tau \rightarrow e\pi\pi, \tau \rightarrow eK\pi, B \rightarrow \pi\tau e, \dots$$

$$pp \rightarrow e\tau, h \rightarrow \tau e, t \rightarrow q\tau e \dots$$

M. Gonderinger and M. Ramsey-Musolf; V. Cirigliano *et al.*; J. Zhang, S. Mantry, *et al.*;

and two Snowmass white papers [2203.13199](#), [2203.14919](#)

The Standard Model Effective Field Theory

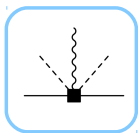


- SMEFT convenient framework to compare different probes

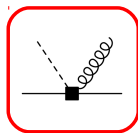
... with some caveats ...

- SM fields, no new light degrees of freedom (e.g. no ν_R)
- local $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ invariance
- organize them in a power counting based on canonical dimension

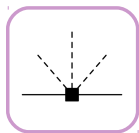
1. no CLFV at dim. 4
2. GIM suppression at dim. 5, BR $\sim (m_\nu/m_W)^4$



vector/axial currents



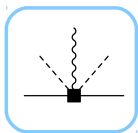
dipole



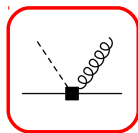
Yukawa

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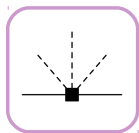
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g}{2c_w} Z_\mu \left[\left(c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} + c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} \right)_{\tau e} \bar{\tau}_L \gamma^\mu e_L + c_{e\varphi} \bar{\tau}_R \gamma^\mu e_R \right] - \frac{e}{2\nu} [\Gamma_\gamma^e]_{\tau e} \bar{\tau}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R F_{\mu\nu} \\ - [Y_e']_{\tau e} h \bar{\tau}_L e_R + \text{h.c.} \quad C = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\nu^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$



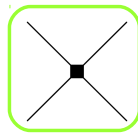
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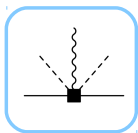


four-fermion

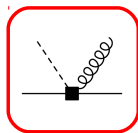
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2. leptonic and semileptonic interactions

7 Vector/Axial: $C_{L,Q}^{(1,3)}$, C_{eu} , C_{ed} , C_{Lu} , C_{Ld} , C_{Qe}

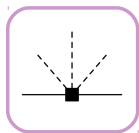
3 Scalar/Tensor: C_{LedQ} , $C_{LeQu}^{(1,3)}$



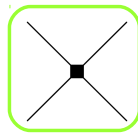
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four-fermion

1. LFV Z couplings, & γ , Z dipole and Yukawa couplings
2. leptonic and semileptonic interactions
 - assume generic quark flavor structures

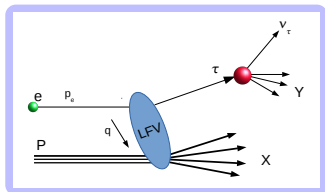
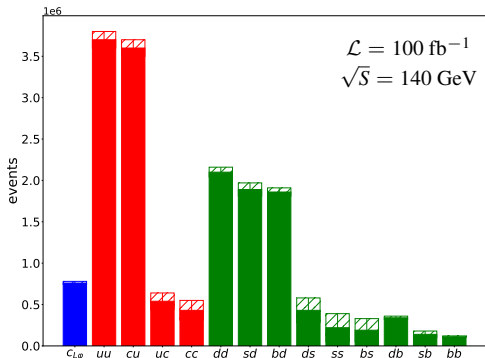
$$[C_{Ld}]_{\tau e} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_{Ld}]_{dd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ds} & [C_{Ld}]_{db} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{sd} & [C_{Ld}]_{ss} & [C_{Ld}]_{sb} \\ [C_{Ld}]_{bd} & [C_{Ld}]_{bs} & [C_{Ld}]_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

- and integrate out the top quark

run (strongly) onto dipoles, Z couplings, and match onto $\bar{\tau}eG_{\alpha\beta}G^{\alpha\beta}$ ops.

CLFV Deep Inelastic Scattering & EIC sensitivity

CLFV Deep Inelastic Scattering



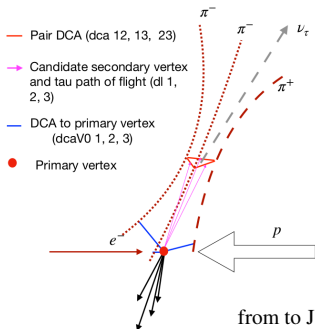
Left handed τ_L, e_L

Left handed u_L, d_L

NNPDF31_lo_as_0118

- most cross sections in the 1-10 pb range, for $\Lambda = \nu$,
- heavy flavors c, b suppressed by factor ten
- large PDF uncertainties for heavy-flavor-initiated processes

need NLO QCD corrections



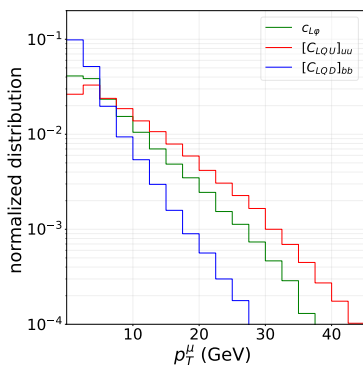
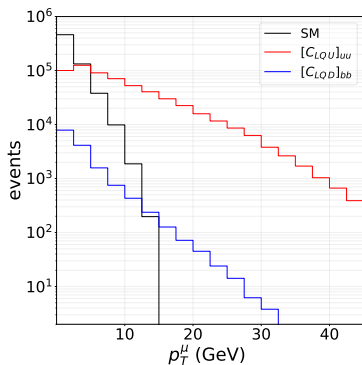
1. $ep \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow e + \mathbf{E} + X$
2. $ep \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow \mu + \mathbf{E} + X$
3. $ep \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow X_h + \mathbf{E} + X$

(substantial) background from standard NC and CC DIS

- simulate 10^9 SM & 10^6 SMEFT events with Pythia8 + Delphes for EIC

thanks to Miguel Arratia!

Muon channel



- too much background in e channel, μ channel much more promising!
- in SM, μ come from hadron decays, typically at small p_T

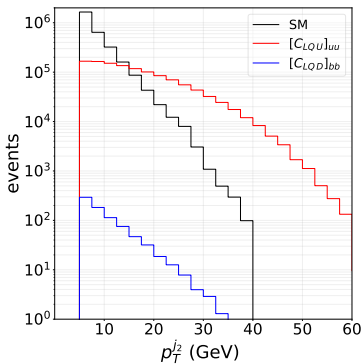
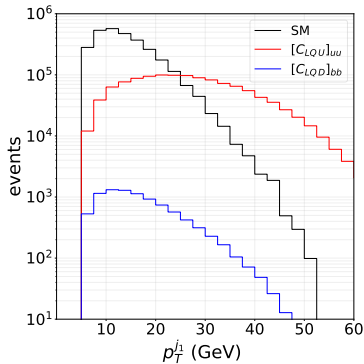
$$p_T^\mu > 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad E_T > 15 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^j > 20 \text{ GeV}$$

eliminates all SM background

- smaller signal efficiency for Z couplings, heavy quarks

need muon detector?

Hadronic channel



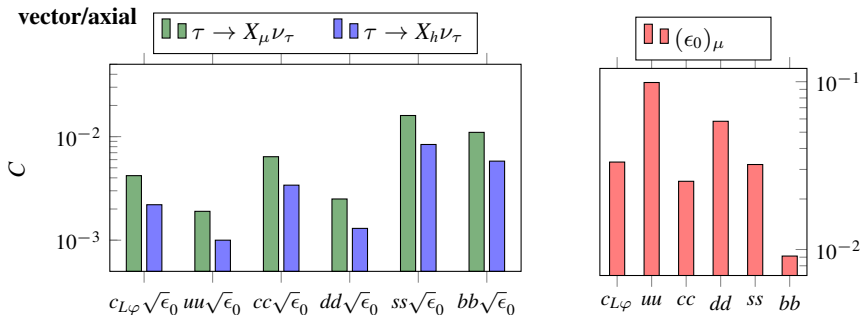
- one “ τ -tagged” jet, with 1 or 3 charged tracks, and close in ϕ to \mathbf{E}_T
- recoils against a second jet, no charged leptons in final state

$$p_T^1 > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^2 > 15 \text{ GeV}, \quad \mathbf{E}_T > 15 \text{ GeV} \implies \epsilon_{SM} = 10^{-5}$$

does not quite kill all SM background

- cuts severely suppress heavy quark signals

EIC sensitivity to CLFV



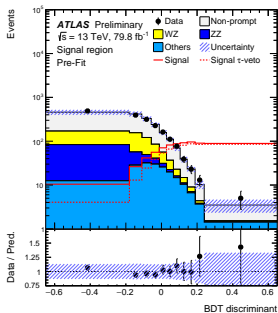
- ϵ_{n_b} : signal efficiency for the cuts to reduce the SM background to n_b events

At EIC with $\mathcal{L} = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $\sqrt{S} = 140 \text{ GeV}$, $n_{\text{obs}} = n_b$

- EIC can probe couplings at the $10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$ level in μ channel
can improve with “smarter” hadronic channel analysis
- no suppression for off-diagonal, e.g. $C_{cu} \sim C_{uu}$

Complementary probes: the LHC

Z, Higgs and Top decays



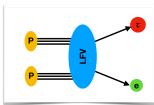
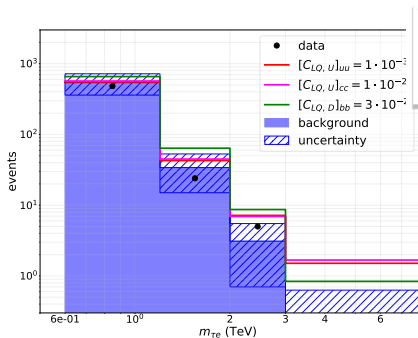
ATLAS-CONF-2018-044

1. $Z \rightarrow \tau e$: studied at LEP and LHC, % level constraints on $c_{L\varphi}, c_{e\varphi}$
2. $H \rightarrow \tau e$: strong constraints ATLAS and CMS

$$|Y'_{e\tau, \tau e}| < 2.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

3. search for $t \rightarrow q\ell\ell'$ at ATLAS, mostly sensitive to $t \rightarrow q\mu e$
 - worked with C. A. Gottardo extract $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow qe\tau) < 2.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
 - phase space suppression implies weak $\sim 10\%$ bounds

CLFV in high-invariant mass Drell-Yan



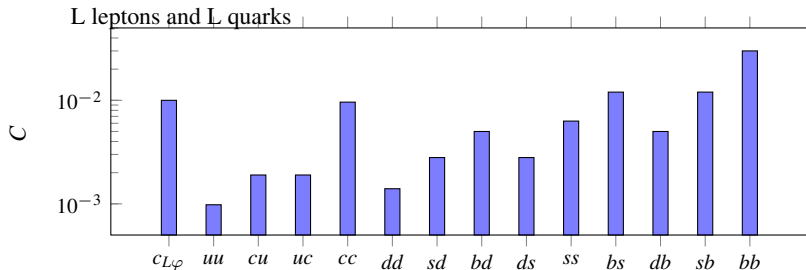
$$\mathcal{L} = 36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

ATLAS $pp \rightarrow \tau e, \tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

arXiv:1807.06573

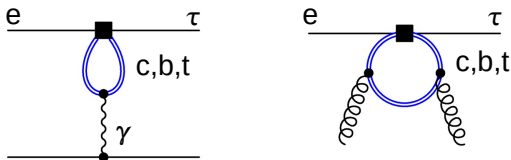
- if $\Lambda \gtrsim 3 - 4 \text{ TeV}$, use same SMEFT operators as EIC
- simulate SMEFT operators at NLO in QCD (POWHEG + Pythia8 + Delphes)
- signal from four-fermion enhanced at large $m_{\tau e}$, indep. of Lorentz structure

CLFV at the LHC



- LHC probes SMEFT coefficients at a similar level as EIC
 - a. bounds from tail of $m_{e\tau}$ distribution, sensitive to SMEFT assumption!
weaker by ~ 2 if BSM particles in t -channel with $M \sim 1 - 2$ TeV
 - b. DY sensitive to sum of flavors
tagging heavy flavors at EIC unique way to identify BSM mechanism

CLFV at low energy



Match & run operators from EIC to scales relevant to τ/B decays

- Z couplings, γ dipole, 4-fermion operators with light quark match at tree level, running not important
- vector/axial operators with heavy quarks run onto light-quark at one loop
 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} suppression, but only vector contribute
- tensor operators run onto dipole, proportional to m_q
- scalar match onto dim-7 GG operators, further suppressed by Λ_{QCD}/m_q

B and τ CLFV decays

Decay mode	V				A				S				P				T	
	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	u	c	
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$																	✓	✓
$\tau \rightarrow e\ell^+\ell^-$					✓✓													
$\tau \rightarrow e\pi^0$							✓						✓					
$\tau \rightarrow e\eta, \eta'$						✓			✓				✓		✓✓			
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$\tau \rightarrow eK^+K^-$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓✓			✓	
	ds	db	sb	cu	ds	db	sb	cu	ds	db	sb	cu	ds	db	sb	cu	cu	
$\tau \rightarrow eK_S^0$						✓									✓			
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^-K\pi$	✓										✓							
$B^0 \rightarrow e\tau$							✓								✓			
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+e\tau$		✓										✓						
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e\tau$				✓									✓					

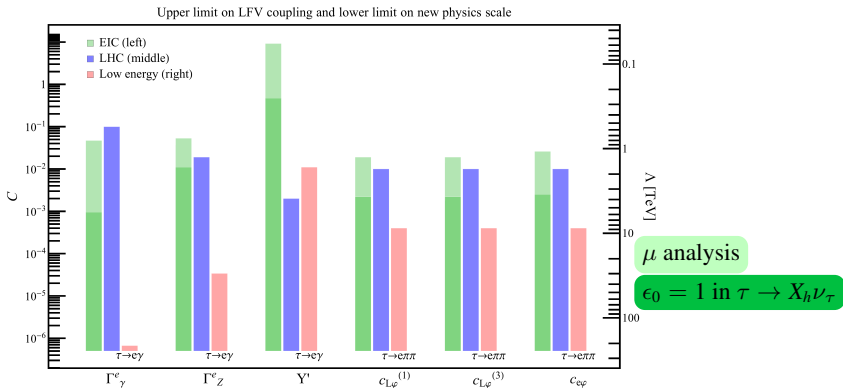
✓ = tree ✓ = loop

- τ branching ratios in the $\sim 10^{-7}$ - 10^{-8} range
- non-perturbative input mostly under control (some model dep. in K^+K^-)
 - A. Celis, V. Cirigliano, E. Passemar, '14, V. Cirigliano, A. Crivellin, M. Hoferichter, '18
 - E. Passemar *private comm.*, K. Beloborodov, V. Druzhinin, S. Serednyakov, '19
- B branching ratios $\sim 10^{-5}$, decay constants and form factors from LQCD

Belle II will improve τ BR by $\sim 10 - 100$

see [2203.14919](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.14919)

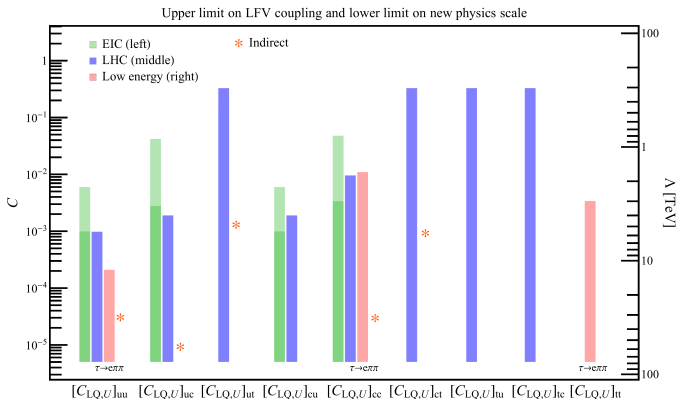
High-energy vs low-energy: dipole, Yukawa and Z



V. Cirigliano, K. Fuyuto, C. Lee, EM, B. Yan, '21

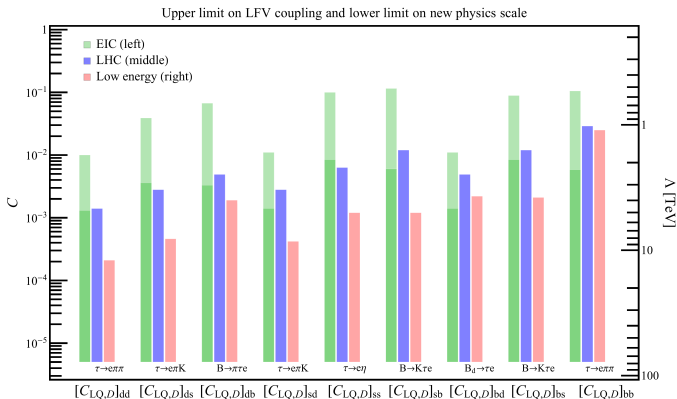
- no competition on γ and Z dipole operators
- strong direct LHC bound on Y'
- $\tau \rightarrow e\pi\pi$ dominates Z couplings

High-energy vs low-energy: four-fermion



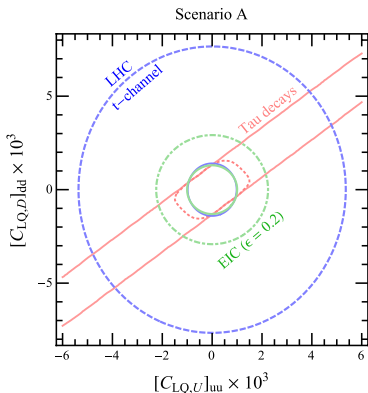
- uu** $\tau \rightarrow e\pi\pi$ stronger by ~ 5 ,
EIC and LHC competitive with $\tau \rightarrow e\pi$
- cc** low-energy loop suppressed, EIC can do better than LHC
- tt** surprisingly strong constraints from τ decays
- EIC & LHC crucial for off-diagonal

High-energy vs low-energy: four-fermion



- EIC very competitive on bb component
- and with B decays
- similar conclusions for scalar/tensor operators

Towards a global fit



$$C_{LQU} = \text{diag}([C_{LQU}]_{uu}, 0, 0)$$

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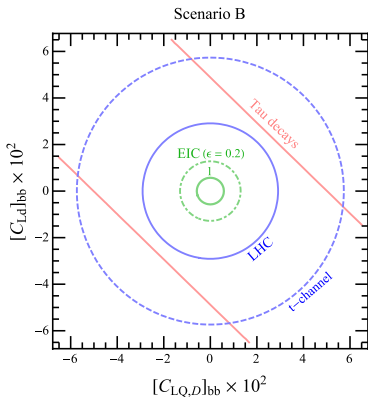
$$C_{L\varphi}$$

- $\pi\pi$ mode dominates, can weaken the limits with multiple couplings
- turn on all V/A couplings to L leptons & light quarks
- isoscalar, vector couplings not well constrained,

$$[C_{LQU}]_{uu} + [C_{LQD}]_{dd} + [C_{Lu}]_{dd} + [C_{Ld}]_{dd}$$

- no cancellation at colliders

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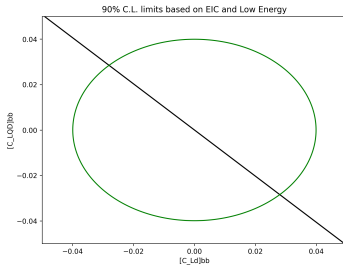
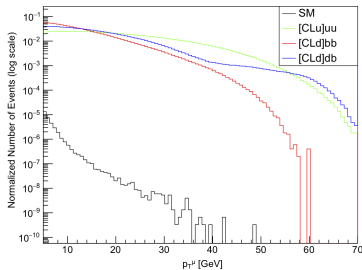
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- turn on all V/A couplings to L leptons & d -type quarks
- contributions to hadronic τ decays cancel for $[C_{Ld}]_{bb} \sim -[C_{LQD}]_{bb}$
- $\tau \rightarrow e\ell^+\ell^-$ weaker than current LHC and project EIC

low energy not sufficient to constrain full parameter space
need complementary info from EIC!

$e \rightarrow \mu$ conversion



thanks to F. Delzanno

- similar (simpler) analysis for $e \rightarrow \mu$ operators
assuming μ reconstruction as good as electron
- very strong constraints from $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in nuclei
also on heavy flavor operators
- but there are unconstrained directions, e.g. b axial couplings

$$\bar{\mu}_{L,R} \gamma^\mu e_{L,R} \bar{b} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 b$$

Future directions

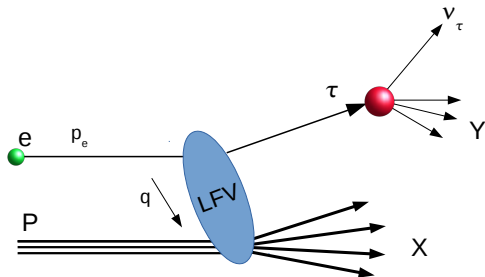
- CLFV can unveil/constrain mechanism for neutrino mass generation
 - EIC competitive and complementary to LHC and B factories
1. Z couplings
 2. four-fermion with heavy quarks and quark-flavor-changing ops.

To do:

1. extend the calculation to NLO in QCD, especially for heavy quarks
2. detailed study of the hadronic channel $\tau \rightarrow X_h \nu_\tau$
3. detailed study of heavy quark channels
improve ϵ with b tagging, ...
4. work towards a global fit
5. ...

Back up

CLFV Deep Inelastic Scattering



$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$$

$$y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot p_e} = \frac{Q^2}{Sx}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{\alpha_{em}^2 \pi Sx}{Q^4}$$

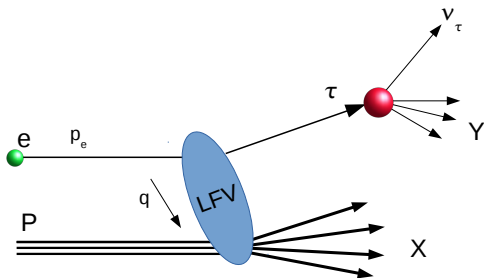
- at tree level

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dx dy} = \sum_i [(1 - \lambda_e) (\hat{\sigma}_{LL} + \hat{\sigma}_{LR}) + (1 + \lambda_e) (\hat{\sigma}_{RL} + \hat{\sigma}_{RR})] f_i(x, Q^2)$$

λ_e : electron polarization

- all operator info in partonic $\hat{\sigma}_{LL}, \hat{\sigma}_{LR}, \hat{\sigma}_{RL}, \hat{\sigma}_{RR}$

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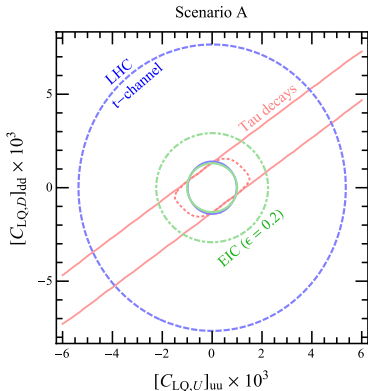
e.g. LL vector like operators

$$\hat{\sigma}_{LL}^{u_i} = F_Z \left\{ \left| \left[c_{L\varphi}^{(1)} + c_{L\varphi}^{(3)} \right]_{\tau e} z_{uL} + \frac{Q^2 + m_Z^2}{m_Z^2} \left[C_{LQ, U} \right]_{\tau e u_i u_i} \right|^2 + \sum_{j \neq i} \left| \frac{Q^2 + m_Z^2}{m_Z^2} \left[C_{LQ, U} \right]_{\tau e u_j u_i} \right|^2 \right\}$$

$$F_Z = \frac{1}{4c_w^4 s_w^4} \frac{Q^4}{(Q^2 + m_Z^2)^2}$$

analogous to Z-exchange DIS

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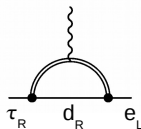
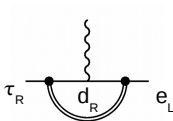
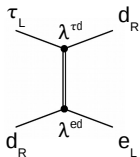
$$c_{L\varphi}$$

- $\pi\pi$ mode dominates, can weaken the limits with multiple couplings
- turn on all V/A couplings to L leptons & light quarks
- isoscalar, vector couplings not well constrained,

$$[C_{LQU}]_{uu} + [C_{LQD}]_{dd} + [C_{Lu}]_{dd} + [C_{Ld}]_{dd}$$

- no cancellation at colliders

CLFV and leptoquarks



- leptoquarks are good candidate for BSM (ν masses, B anomalies, ...)

$$\mathcal{L} = \tilde{\lambda}^{\alpha a} \bar{d}_R^\alpha \ell_L^a \tilde{S}_{1/2}^\dagger + \text{h.c.}$$

can explain ν masses if we add ν_R which interact with LQ

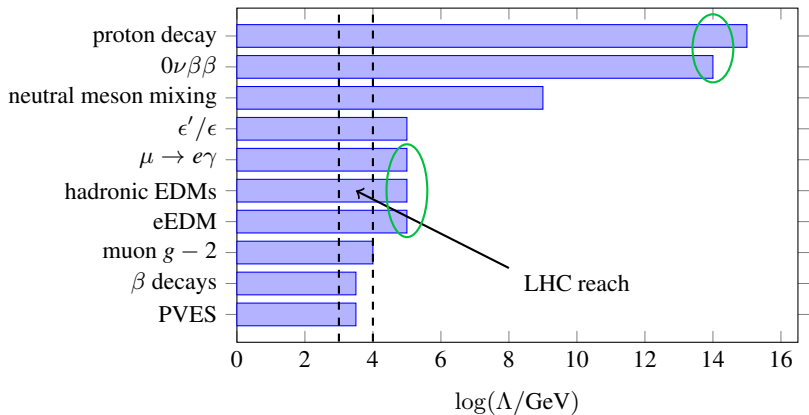
- match onto L -lepton, R d quark operator

$$[C_{Ld}]_{\tau e d_j} = \left(\frac{v}{2M_{LQ}} \right)^2 (\tilde{\lambda}^*)^{e d_j} (\tilde{\lambda})^{\tau d_j}$$

- LQ charges are such that dipole vanishes

$$[\Gamma_\gamma^e]_{\tau e} = [\Gamma_\gamma^e]_{e\tau} = 0$$

Finding BSM: the precision frontier



- competitive and complementary to the energy frontier
especially when probing violation of SM symmetries

B and τ CLFV decays

Decay mode	V				A				S				P				T						
	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	$q^{(0)}$	$q^{(1)}$	s	c	b	u	c	
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$																						✓	✓
$\tau \rightarrow e\ell^+\ell^-$																							
$\tau \rightarrow e\pi^0$																							
$\tau \rightarrow e\eta, \eta'$																							
$\tau \rightarrow e\pi^+\pi^-$																							
$\tau \rightarrow eK^+K^-$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	ds	db	sb	cu		ds	db	sb	cu		ds	db	sb	cu		ds	db	sb	cu		cu		
$\tau \rightarrow eK_S^0$																							
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^-K\pi$	✓						✓										✓						
$B^0 \rightarrow e\tau$																							
$B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+e\tau$																							
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+e\tau$																							

- uu, dd, ss well constrained by multiple channels for all Dirac structures
 - V isoscalar $uu + dd$ gives small and uncertain contrib. to $\tau \rightarrow eKK$
- bb, cc vectors run into light quark V via penguins; S, P match onto GG ops.
 - no constraints on axial cc or bb components

