

# Rayleigh Operators

from muon conversion to shining dark matter



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# 1. Introduction: why is the sky blue?

- Why is the sky blue?

- stronger scattering of shorter wavelengths (blue) compared to longer wavelengths (red)

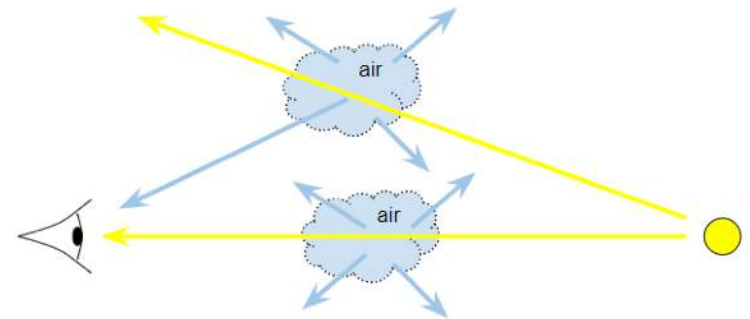
$$\sigma_R = \frac{2\pi^5}{3} \frac{d^6}{\lambda^4} \left( \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} \right)^2$$

where  $n$  is the refractive index,  
 $d$  is the scatterer size, and  
 $\lambda$  is the wavelength

- this is the so-called **Rayleigh scattering** cross section
- blue (430 nm) scatters about a factor of 6 more efficient than red (680 nm)!



Lake Michigan lighthouses





# Why is the sky blue (EFT version)?

- Let's construct EFT for low-energy elastic photon-atom scattering
  - photon energy  $E_\gamma$  is smaller than atom's excitation energy  $\Delta E$  and (inverse) atomic Bohr radius  $a^{-1}$

$$E_\gamma \ll \Delta E \ll a^{-1} \ll M_{\text{atom}}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  should respect Lorentz, gauge, etc. invariance; need:
  - two photons (from  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ ) with  $[A_\mu] = 1$
  - two atomic fields  $\phi_\nu$  with NR scaling  $[\phi] = 3/2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{c_1}{\Lambda^3} \phi_\nu^\dagger \phi_\nu F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_2}{\Lambda^3} \phi_\nu^\dagger \phi_\nu v^\alpha F_{\alpha\mu} v_\beta F^{\beta\mu} + \dots$$

where  $c_i$  are  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $\Lambda \sim a^{-1}$  (as low energy photons cannot feel inside the atom)

also,  $v_\mu v^\mu = 1$ ,  $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $\phi_\nu$  rest frame

# Why is the sky blue (EFT version)?

- Let's estimate the cross section ( $\sigma \sim \Lambda^{-6}$ )
  - in principle, we can match to QED to obtain  $c_i$
  - order-of-magnitude: as  $[\sigma] = -2$  and  $\Lambda \sim a^{-1}$  we expect

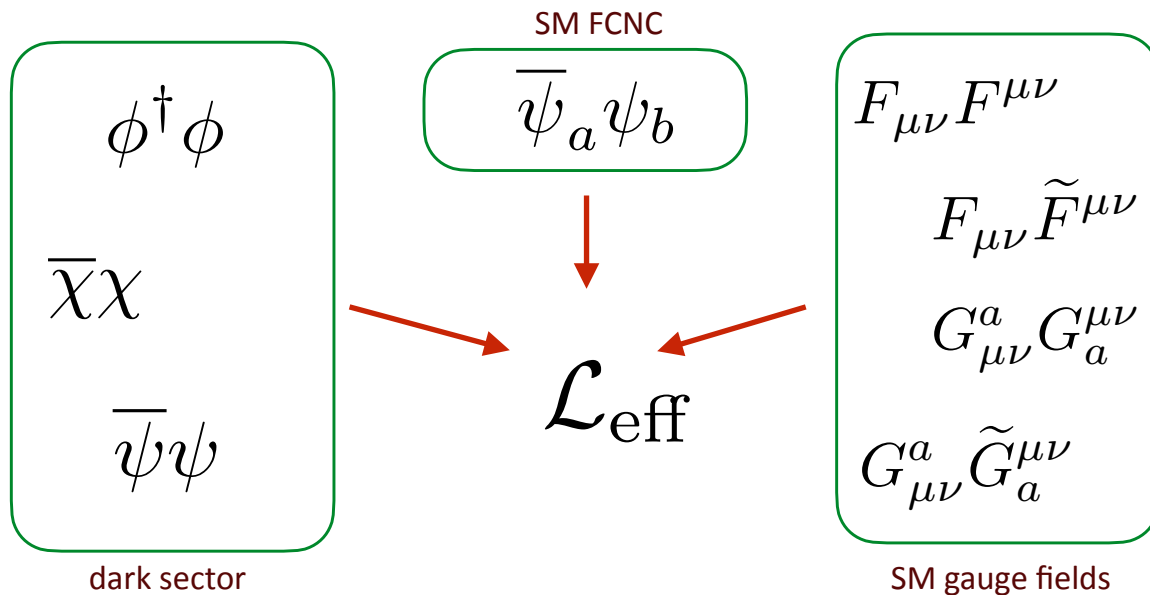
$$\sigma \sim E_\gamma^4 a^6 [1 + \mathcal{O}(E_\gamma/\Delta E)]$$

- this is Rayleigh scattering: higher energy blue light scatters more than the low energy red light
- expect corrections  $\mathcal{O}(E_\gamma/\Delta E)$
- results from **Rayleigh operators**
- Why is the sky red on Mars? Is it red?
- What about the night sky?



Mars Pathfinder picture

- Rayleigh operators are built out of singlets (SM gauge + others)
  - ideal for studies of portal-type of SM-NP interaction models



- also ideal for studies of FCNC effects in the SM
- can represent leading effect for NP interactions with SM gauge fields

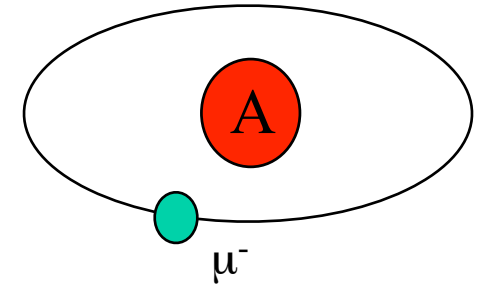
We will consider two such effects today: lepton FCNC/gluons and DM/photons interactions

## 2. Rayleigh operators and muon conversion

### ★ Basic idea for the muon conversion experiment

★ take low energy muons ( $\sim 30$  MeV) and stop them in a target  $A(Z, A-Z)$ : muons cascade to atomic 1s state

★ Binding energy and orbit radius for muonic hydrogen-like state



$$E_b = -\frac{Z^2 m e^4}{8n^2} \sim \frac{Z^2 m}{n^2}$$

$$r = \frac{n^2}{Z\pi m e^2} \sim \frac{n^2}{Zm}$$

muonic atom is 200x stronger bound  
radius is 200x smaller

★ Radial wave function for hydrogen-like system:  
overlap probability:

$$R_{nl} \sim r^\ell Z^{3/2}$$

$$p \sim r^{2\ell} Z^3$$

large overlap for an  
s-wave and high-Z  
nucleus

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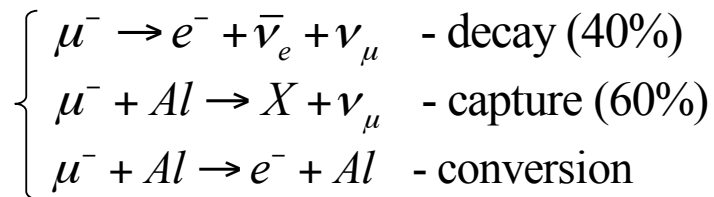
## ★ Examples of nuclei suitable for muon conversion experiments

Nucleus	$R_{\mu e}(Z) / R_{\mu e}(Al)$	Bound lifetime	Atomic Bind. Energy(1s)	Conversion Electron Energy	Prob decay >700 ns
Al(13,27)	1.0	.88 $\mu$ s	0.47 MeV	104.97 MeV	0.45
Ti(22,~48)	1.7	.328 $\mu$ s	1.36 MeV	104.18 MeV	0.16
Au(79,~197)	~0.8-1.5	.0726 $\mu$ s	10.08 MeV	95.56 MeV	negligible

J. Miller, 2006

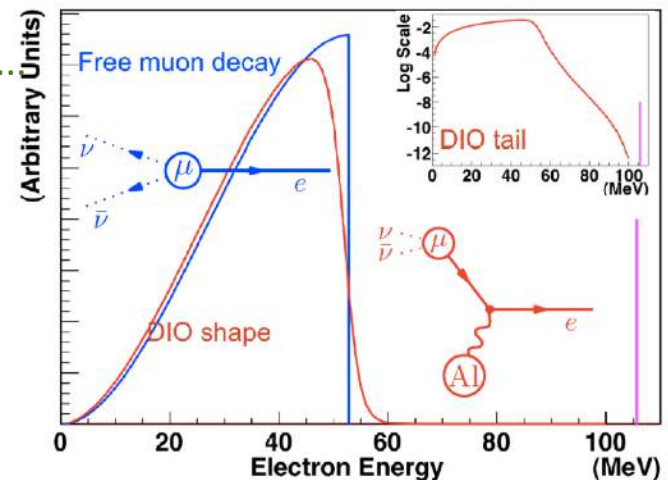
## ★ The experiment is tricky

- ✓ Muon conversion gives monoenergetic electrons..
- ✓ ... yet, there are other sources of electrons as well!



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M2e goal :  $R_{\mu e} < \text{a few} \times 10^{-17}$

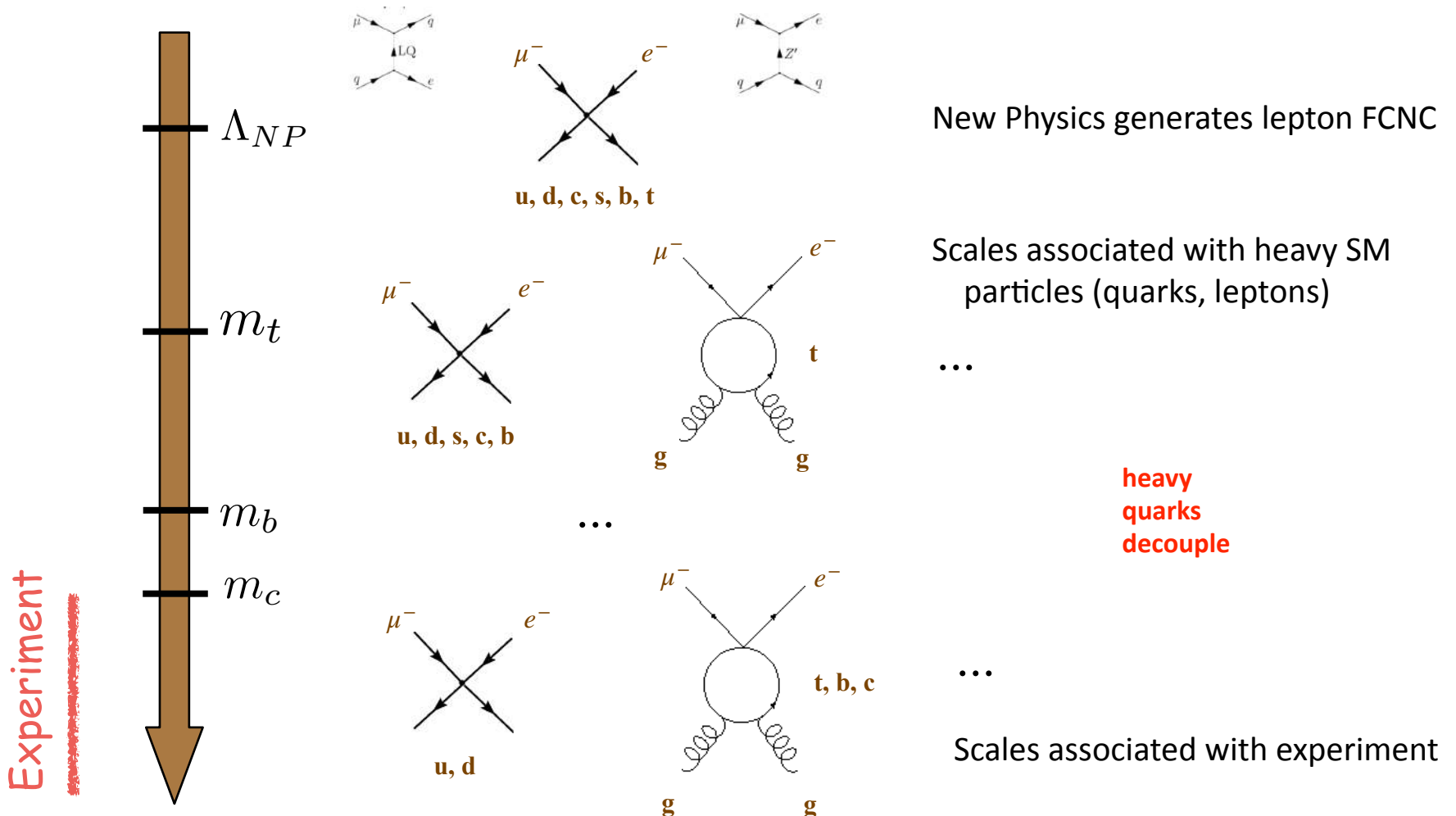


Czarnecki, Marciano, Tormo

# Muon conversion: EFT approach

★ Modern approach to flavor physics calculations: effective field theories

★ It is important to understand ALL relevant energy scales for the problem at hand





# Effective Lagrangian for muon conversion

★ Naive power counting: largest contribution from lowest dimensional operators

★ Can write the most general LFV Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{LFV} = \mathcal{L}_D + \mathcal{L}_{lq} + \mathcal{L}_G + \dots$

– dipole operators

$$\mathcal{L}_D = -\frac{m_2}{\Lambda^2} \left[ (C_{DR} \bar{\ell}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \ell_2 + C_{DR} \bar{\ell}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R \ell_2) F_{\mu\nu} + h.c. \right]$$

– four-fermion operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{lq} = & -\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_q \left[ \left( C_{VR}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \gamma^\mu P_R \ell_2 + C_{VL}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \gamma^\mu P_L \ell_2 \right) \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q \right. \\ & + \left( C_{AR}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \gamma^\mu P_R \ell_2 + C_{AL}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \gamma^\mu P_L \ell_2 \right) \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q \\ & + m_2 m_q G_F \left( C_{SR}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 + C_{SL}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 \right) \bar{q} q \\ & + m_2 m_q G_F \left( C_{PR}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 + C_{PL}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 \right) \bar{q} \gamma_5 q \\ & \left. + m_2 m_q G_F \left( C_{TR}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \ell_2 + C_{TL}^{q\ell_1\ell_2} \bar{\ell}_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R \ell_2 \right) \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q + h.c. \right]. \end{aligned}$$

– gluonic (Rayleigh) operators

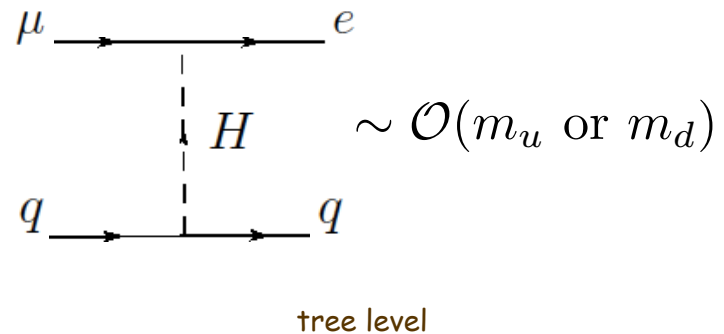
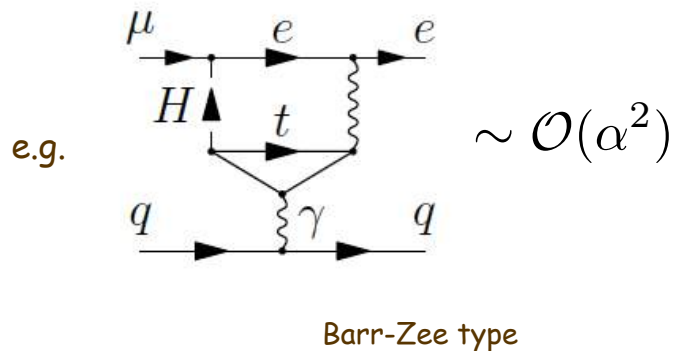
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_G = & -\frac{m_2 G_F}{\Lambda^2} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} \left[ \left( C_{GR} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 + C_{GL} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( C_{\bar{G}R} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 + C_{\bar{G}L} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + h.c. \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Effective Lagrangian for muon conversion

★ Wilson coefficients of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  for muon conversion and New Physics models

★ E.g. FCNC Higgs decays  $H \rightarrow \mu e, \tau e, \text{etc.}$ :  $Y_{ij} = \frac{m_i}{v} \delta_{ij} + \frac{v^2}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda^2} \hat{\lambda}_{ij}$  Harnik, Kopp,  
Zupan

★ FCNC Higgs model & muon conversion/quarkonium decays

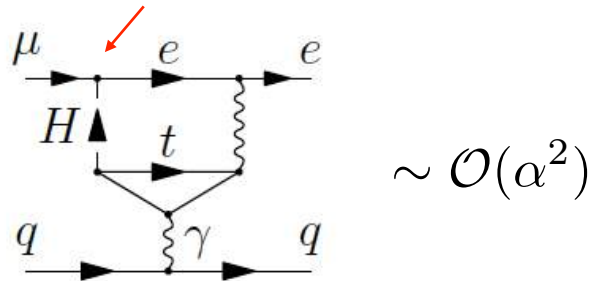


★ ... but note: here couplings of new physics to light quarks are suppressed  
can leptons interact with gluons instead?

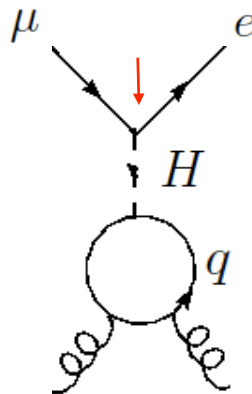
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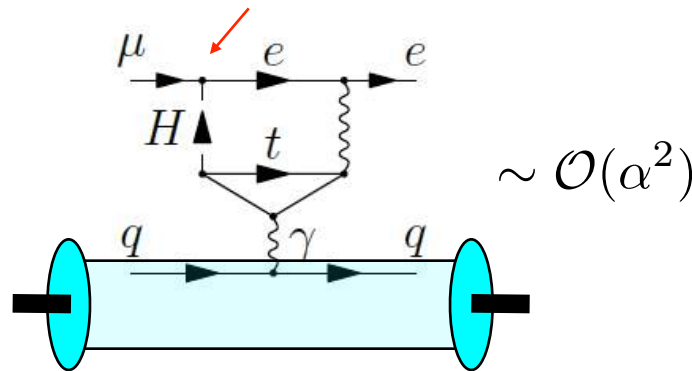
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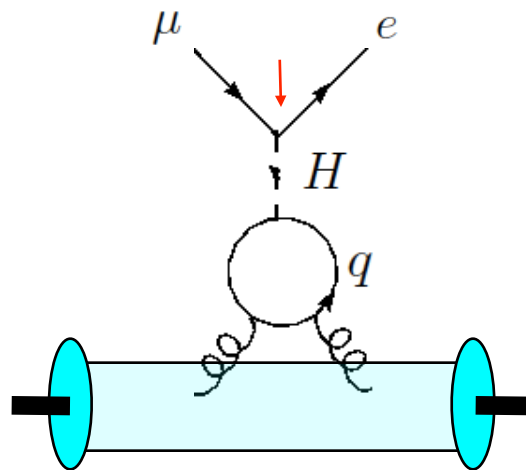
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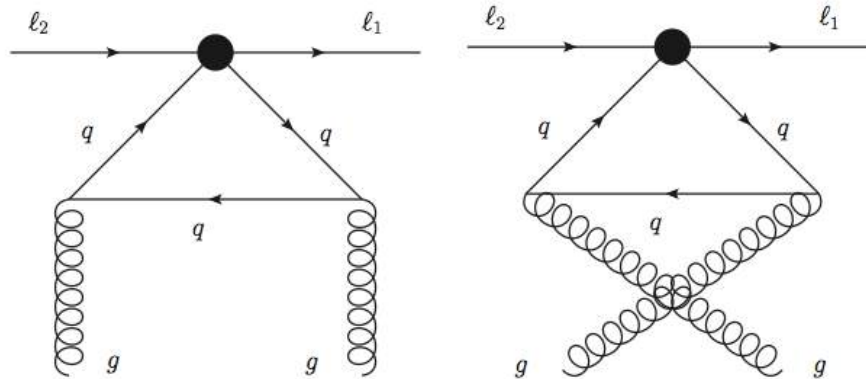
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# Rayleigh operators and muon conversion

★ Coefficients of gluonic operators depend on the number of active flavors



$$\mathcal{L}_G = -\frac{m_2 G_F}{\Lambda^2} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} \left[ \left( C_{GR} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 + C_{GL} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + \left( C_{\bar{G}R} \bar{\ell}_1 P_R \ell_2 + C_{\bar{G}L} \bar{\ell}_1 P_L \ell_2 \right) G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + h.c. \right]$$

- ★ we can calculate their contribution to muon conversion experiments
- ★ also relevant for meson or tau decay rates!
- ★  $c_i$  probe couplings of heavy quarks to New Physics

AAP and D. Zhuridov  
PRD89 (2014) 3, 033005

# Rayleigh operators and muon conversion

★ ... get an effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^{(7)} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i^{\ell_1 \ell_2} O_i^{\ell_1 \ell_2} + \text{H.c.},$$

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...where we defined operators

$$O_1^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \bar{\ell}_{1R} \ell_{2L} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu},$$

$$O_2^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \bar{\ell}_{1R} \ell_{2L} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu},$$

$$O_3^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \bar{\ell}_{1L} \ell_{2R} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu},$$

$$O_4^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \bar{\ell}_{1L} \ell_{2R} \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu},$$

...and Wilson coefficients

$$c_1^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = -\frac{2}{9} \sum_{q=c,b,t} \frac{I_1(m_q)}{m_q} (C_1^{q\ell_1 \ell_2} + C_2^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}),$$

$$c_2^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \frac{2i}{9} \sum_{q=c,b,t} \frac{I_2(m_q)}{m_q} (C_1^{q\ell_1 \ell_2} - C_2^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}),$$

$$c_3^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = -\frac{2}{9} \sum_{q=c,b,t} \frac{I_1(m_q)}{m_q} (C_3^{q\ell_1 \ell_2} + C_4^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}),$$

$$c_4^{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \frac{2i}{9} \sum_{q=c,b,t} \frac{I_2(m_q)}{m_q} (C_3^{q\ell_1 \ell_2} - C_4^{q\ell_1 \ell_2}),$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad I_2 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Need matrix elements to convert experimental results into constraints on  $c_i^{\ell_1 \ell_2}$

# Matrix elements: leptons

- ★ Calculation of muon conversion probability involves interesting interplay of particle and nuclear physics - and QED!

**Measure**  $R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma [\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)]}{\Gamma [\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (A, Z - 1)]}$  **to probe NP**

- ★ Lepton wave functions are taken as solutions of Dirac equation
  - with usual substitutions  $u_1(r) = r g(r)$  and  $u_2(r) = r f(r)$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\kappa/r & W - V + m_i \\ -(W - V - m_i) & \kappa/r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\psi = \psi_\kappa^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} g(r)\chi_\kappa^\mu(\theta, \phi) \\ if(r)\chi_{-\kappa}^\mu(\theta, \phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ★ ... with Dirac equation in a potential  $V(r) = -e \int_r^\infty E(r') dr'$

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M2e goal :

$$R_{\mu e} < \text{a few} \times 10^{-17}$$

$$E(r) = \frac{Ze}{r^2} \int_0^r r'^2 \rho^{(p)}(r') dr'$$

# Matrix elements: quarks

★ Calculation of muon conversion probability involves interesting interplay of particle and nuclear physics

★ Nuclear averages are often done as an approximation. For a general quark operator  $Q$

$$\langle N|Q|N\rangle = \int d^3r [Z\rho_p(r)\langle p|Q|p\rangle + (A-Z)\rho_n(r)\langle n|Q|n\rangle]$$

← p(n) densities →

$$\rho_{p(n)}(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp[(r-c)/z]}, \quad \int d^3r \rho_{p(n)}(r) = 1$$

★ Matrix elements of light quark currents are easily computed

- since  $(m_\mu - m_e) \ll m_N$  we can neglect space components of the quark current

$$\langle p|\bar{u}\gamma^0 u + c_d\bar{d}\gamma^0 d|p\rangle = 2 + c_d$$

$$\langle n|\bar{u}\gamma^0 u + c_d\bar{d}\gamma^0 d|n\rangle = 1 + 2c_d$$

↑ ↑  
count number of quarks

★ Gluonic contribution can be removed removed using anomaly equation or can be computed



# Matrix elements: gluons

★ Calculation of muon conversion probability involves interesting interplay of particle and nuclear physics

★ Nuclear averages are often done as an approximation. For a gluonic Rayleigh operator

$$\langle N | \frac{\beta_L}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} | N \rangle = -\frac{9}{2} \left[ Z G^{(g,p)} \rho^{(p)} + (A - Z) G^{(g,n)} \rho^{(n)} \right],$$

$$\text{where } G^{(g,\mathcal{N})} = \langle \mathcal{N} | \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} | \mathcal{N} \rangle \approx -189 \text{ MeV}$$

★ The (coherent) conversion rate is

$$\Gamma(\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)) = \frac{4a_N^2}{\Lambda^4} (|c_1|^2 + |c_3|^2)$$

$$\text{with } a_N = G^{(g,p)} S^{(p)} + G^{(g,n)} S^{(n)}$$

The overlap integrals  $S^{(p,n)}$  with muon and electron wave functions are

$$S^{(p)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_0^\infty dr r^2 Z \rho^{(p)} (g_e^- g_\mu^- - f_e^- f_\mu^-),$$

$$S^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_0^\infty dr r^2 (A - Z) \rho^{(n)} (g_e^- g_\mu^- - f_e^- f_\mu^-).$$

# Constraints on Wilson coefficients

## ★ Conversion probability

Measure  $R_{\mu e} = \frac{\Gamma [\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)]}{\Gamma [\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (A, Z - 1)]}$  to probe NP

Nucleus	$\Gamma_{\text{capt}}(\mu^- N), \text{s}^{-1}$	$\Gamma(\bar{\mu}e)(90\% \text{ C.L.})$	$E_b, \text{MeV}$
${}^{48}_{22}\text{Ti}$	$2.59 \times 10^6$	$4.3 \times 10^{-12}$ Ref. [28]	1.25 Ref. [29]
${}^{197}_{79}\text{Au}$	$13.07 \times 10^6$	$7 \times 10^{-13}$ Ref. [19]	10.08 Ref. [19]

## ★ ... results in constraints on scale/Wilson coefficient

Coefficient	Bound on $ c_i^{e\mu} /\Lambda^2, \text{GeV}^{-3}$	
	conversion on ${}^{48}_{22}\text{Ti}$	conversion on ${}^{197}_{79}\text{Au}$
$c_1$	$2.5 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
$c_2$	—	—
$c_3$	$2.5 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
$c_4$	—	—

## ★ Important: muon conversion can only probe parity-conserving operators

# 3. Shining dark matter

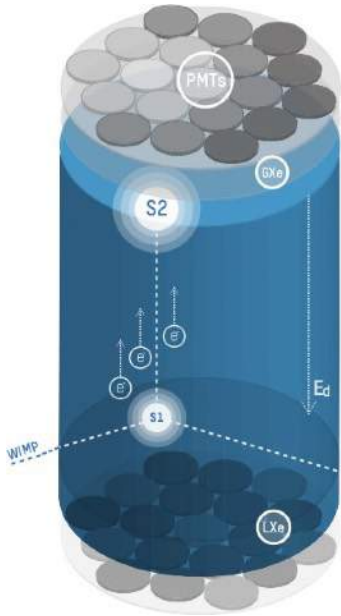
- Rayleigh operators might represent the leading interactions between dark sector and the Standard Model

Weiner, Yavin (2013);  
Kavanagh, Panci, Ziegler (2019)

- for scalar or Majorana fermion DM the lowest dimensional operators coupling DM and SM gauge fields are Rayleigh operators
- this talk: assume that DM is a real scalar  $\varphi$  which is  $Z_2$ -odd (thus stable); SM fields are  $Z_2$ -even

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\alpha}{12\pi} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \varphi^2 \left( C_\gamma F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{C}_\gamma F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right),$$

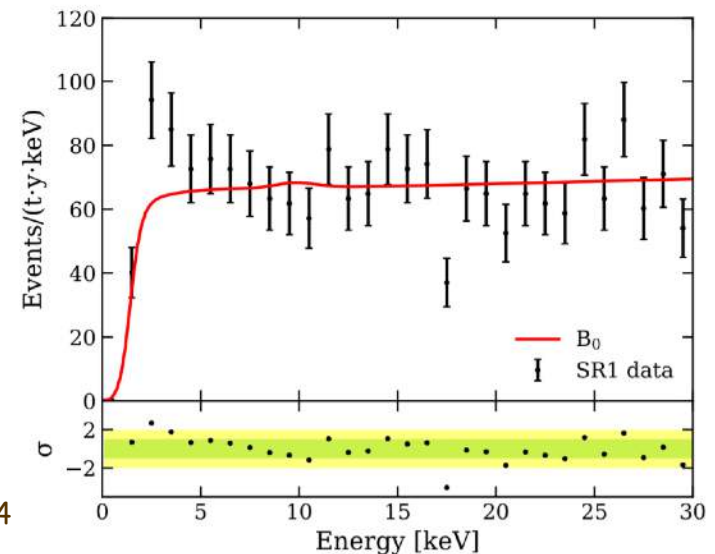
- note:  $C_\gamma, \tilde{C}_\gamma \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  are generated at one loop, if DM couples to heavier states of mass  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$  charged under the SM electroweak group



- The XENON1T experiment operates a time projection chamber (TPC), which utilizes a liquid xenon target (LXe) [3.2 tonnes with 2 tonnes of fiducial volume].
- Particle interactions in LXe produce scintillations and ionizations, which are detected by PMTs

- In June 2020, the XENON1T collaboration reported an excess of electron recoils: 285 events, 53 more than the expected 232
- Statistical significance of the excess is 3.5 sigma

XENON Collaboration  
E. Aprile et al. PRD 102 (2020) 7, 072004  
e-Print: 2006.09721





# Xenon1T anomaly: explanation?

- There are many possible explanations of the signal
    - tritium decays (background): need 3 tritium atoms per 1 kg of LXe
    - some NP interacting with electrons: solar axions, large magnetic moment of neutrinos, boson DM/ALP absorption on electrons, hidden photons, etc.
- See references to 2006.09721*
- Observation: XENON1T cannot discriminate between  $e^-$  and  $\gamma$ 
    - electromagnetic interactions of non-relativistic DM  $\mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$  with Xe **nuclei**

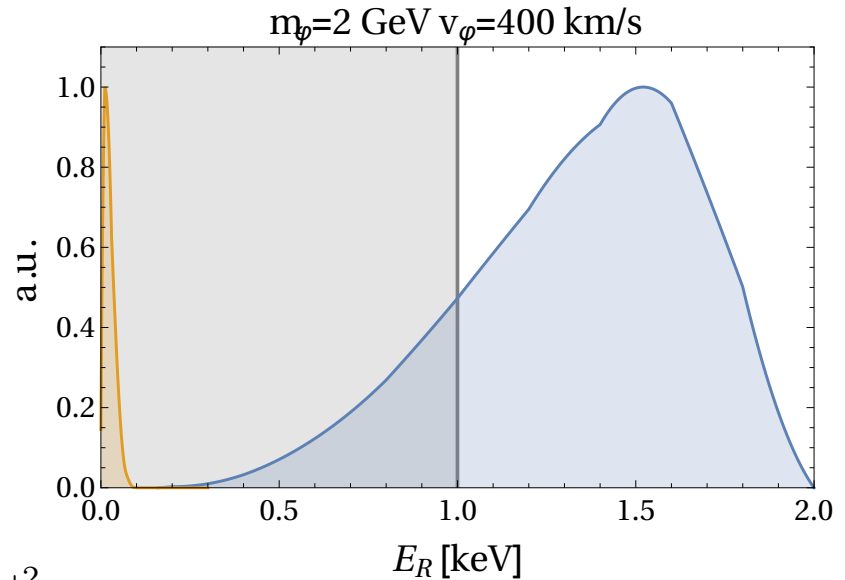
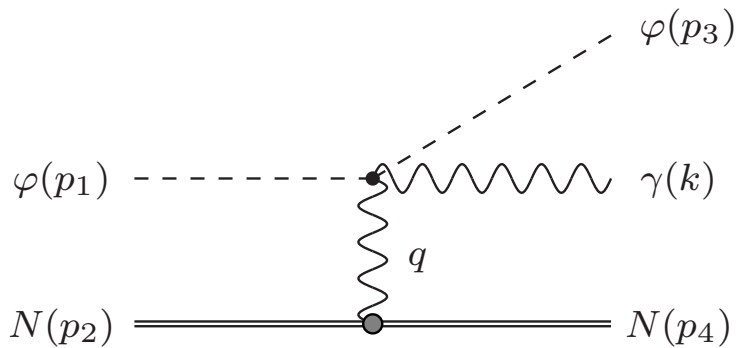
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- this can be realized by Rayleigh scattering of DM with possible signatures of  $\varphi N \rightarrow \varphi N \gamma$  and nuclear recoil  $\varphi N \rightarrow \varphi N$

Paz, AAP, Tammaro, Zupan  
arXiv:2006.12462

# Xenon1T anomaly: shining DM

- Experimental signature: Xenon1T sees photon instead of an electron



event simulated with FeynRules and MadGraph

Cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{\text{NR}}dE_\gamma} = \frac{1}{16} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{|\mathcal{M}|^2}{m_\varphi m_N v}$$

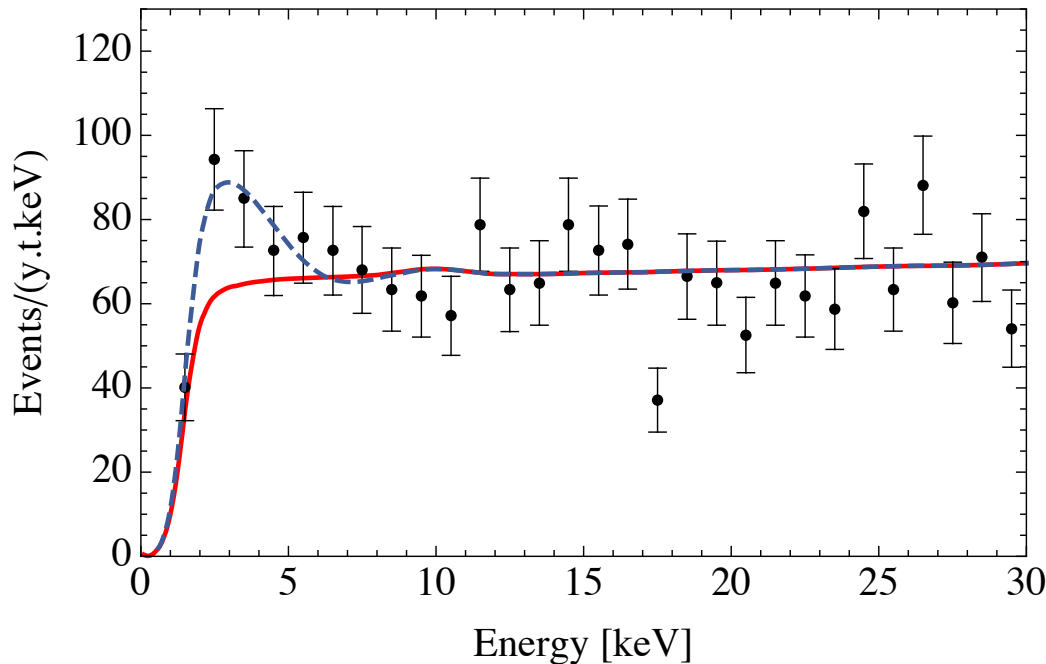
$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \left( \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\pi} \frac{\alpha Z e C_\gamma}{\Lambda^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{(Q^2)^2} \left[ Q^2 \times \right. \\ \left. \times ((k \cdot p_2)^2 + (k \cdot p_4)^2) - 2m_N^2 (k \cdot q)^2 \right], \quad (\text{set } \widetilde{C}_\gamma = 0 \text{ for simplicity})$$

# Xenon1T anomaly: shining DM

- The signal rate was computed with the standard model DM halo type velocity distribution  $f_{\odot}(v)$  [ $v_{\text{esc}} = 550$  km/s]

$$dR/dE_{\gamma} = \rho_0 \int_{v > v_{\min}} d^3v v f_{\odot}(\vec{v}) (d\sigma/dE_{\gamma}) / (m_{\varphi} m_N)$$

with  $v_{\min} \simeq \sqrt{2E_{\gamma}/m_{\varphi}}$



Best fit is obtained for:

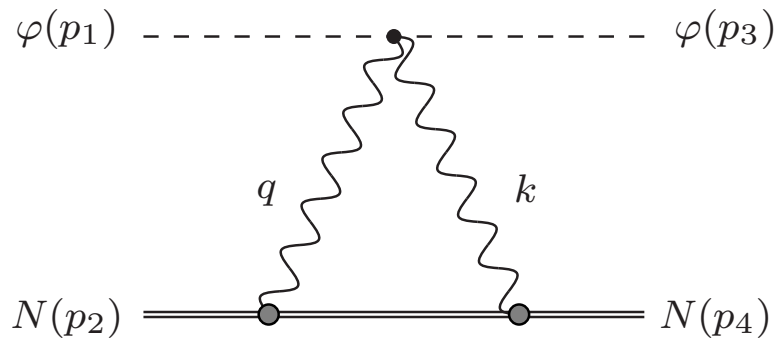
$$m_{\varphi} = 1.9 \text{ GeV}$$

$$C_{\gamma}/\Lambda^2 = 1/(f_{\varphi}(50 \text{ MeV})^2)$$

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# Shining DM: other effects

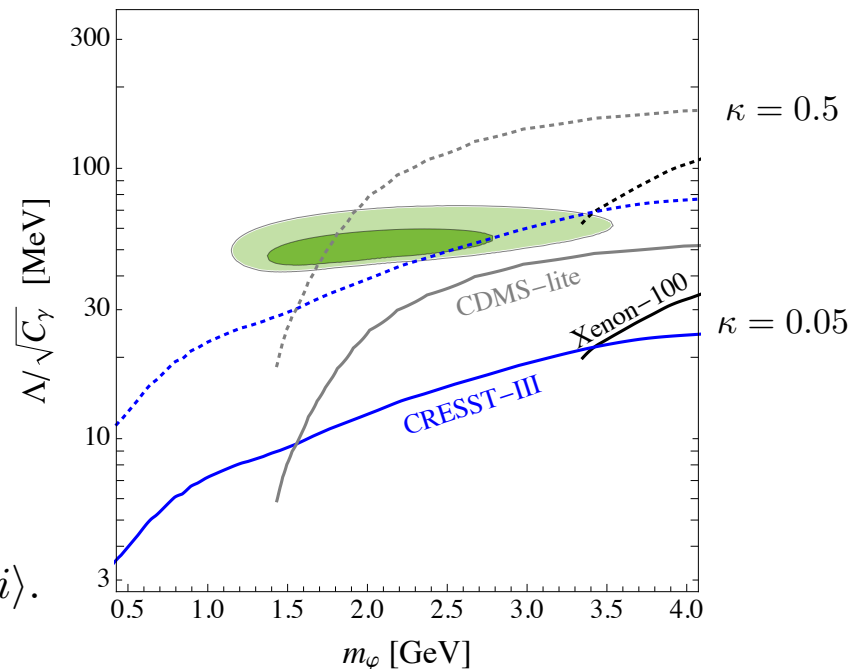
- Note that RO would also lead to spin-independent nuclear scattering  $\varphi N \rightarrow \varphi N$ : does it lead to visible effects?



This diagram depends on a NP matrix element

$$\langle f | (\varphi\varphi) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} | i \rangle = \frac{\alpha Z^2}{4\pi} \tilde{Q}_0 \langle f | (\varphi\varphi) \bar{u}_N u_N | i \rangle.$$

naively,  $\tilde{Q}_0 = \kappa / \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$



Cross section:  $\sigma_N = A^2 (\mu_{\varphi N}^2 / \mu_{\varphi n}^2) \sigma_n$  with  $\sigma_n = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\alpha C_\gamma}{12\pi \Lambda^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\alpha Z^2}{2\pi} \tilde{Q}_0 \right)^2 \frac{\mu_{\varphi n}^2}{\mu_{\varphi N}^2} \frac{1}{A^2},$

- Should we be concerned about low effective scale?
  - such situation arises in secluded models of DM (no direct interaction between visible matter and DM: a mediator)
  - imagine light (pseudo)scalar mediator  $m_a \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10 \text{ MeV})$

$$\mathcal{L}_a \supset \mu_\varphi \varphi^2 a + \frac{\alpha}{12\pi} \frac{a}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} (C_{a\gamma} FF + \tilde{C}_{a\gamma} F\tilde{F}),$$

- for momentum exchanges below  $m_a$  it can be integrated out resulting in the CP-even Rayleigh operator with

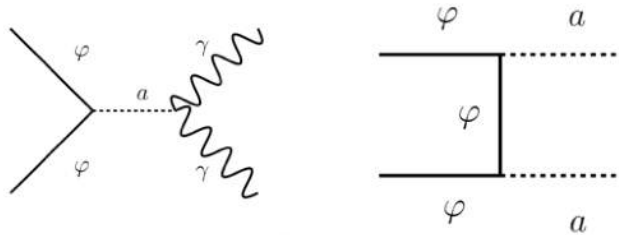
$$\frac{C_\gamma}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{C_{a\gamma}}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \frac{\mu_\varphi}{m_a^2},$$

- the best point is obtained for  $\frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{C_{a\gamma}} = 1 \text{ TeV} \left( \frac{f_\varphi}{0.2} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ MeV}}{m_a} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\mu_\varphi}{2 \text{ GeV}} \right),$

Note that large cross section for  $\varphi\varphi \rightarrow \varphi\varphi$  mediated by  $a$  is mitigated by small  $f_\varphi$

- Are there other constraints on the model?

- there are two important processes,  $\varphi\varphi \rightarrow aa$  and  $\varphi\varphi \rightarrow a^* \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- both processes constrain the model if  $a$  decays to  $\gamma\gamma$  appreciably

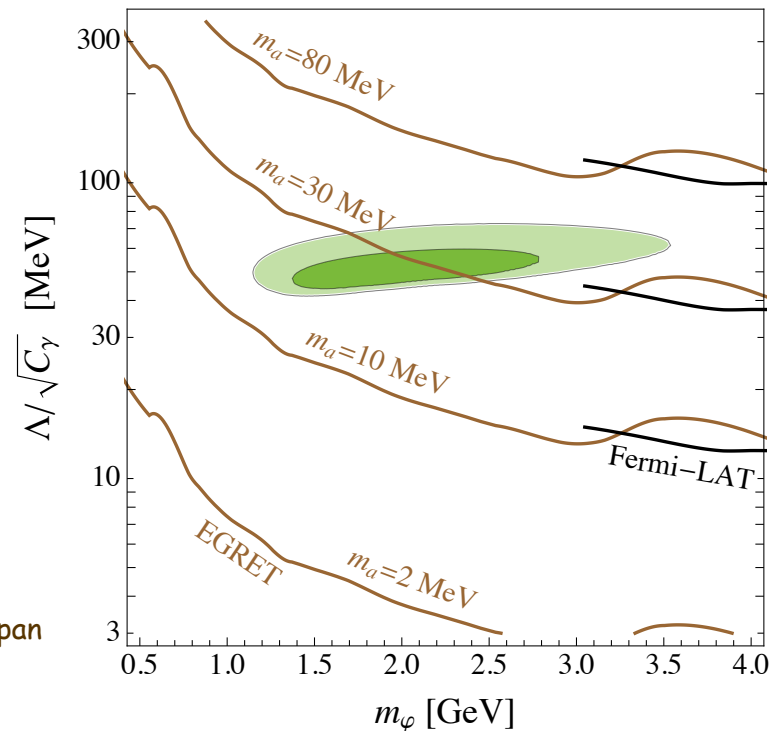


$$(\sigma v)_{\varphi\varphi \rightarrow 2\gamma} = [\mu_\varphi \alpha C_{a\gamma} / (12\pi \Lambda_{UV})]^2 / (4\pi m_\varphi^2)$$

$$(\sigma v)_{\varphi\varphi \rightarrow 2a} = \mu_\varphi^4 / (8\pi m_\varphi^6)$$

- to avoid constraints, assume that  $a$  mainly decays invisibly (neutrinos)

Paz, AAP, Tammaro, Zupan  
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## 4. Conclusions and takeaways

- **Rayleigh operators provide interesting tools for BSM studies**
  - they are known to be important for explaining SM phenomena
  - could be seen to give leading effects in BSM-SM couplings
- **Gluonic Rayleigh operators in muon conversion**
  - affect muon conversion experiment, important for some models
  - possible effects from  $gg \rightarrow \tau\mu$  due to large gluon luminosity of LHC
  - more data from ATLAS/CMS/(LHCb?) on  $pp \rightarrow \tau\mu + X$

Bhattacharya, Morgan, Osborne, AAP

- **Electromagnetic Rayleigh operators could explain puzzles in DM physics**
  - NR shiny DM can explain XENON1T excess (photon detection)
  - viable (secluded DM) models exist with light (pseudo)scalar mediators
  - models can be better constrained in direct detections experiments

... but need better estimates of nonperturbative matrix elements

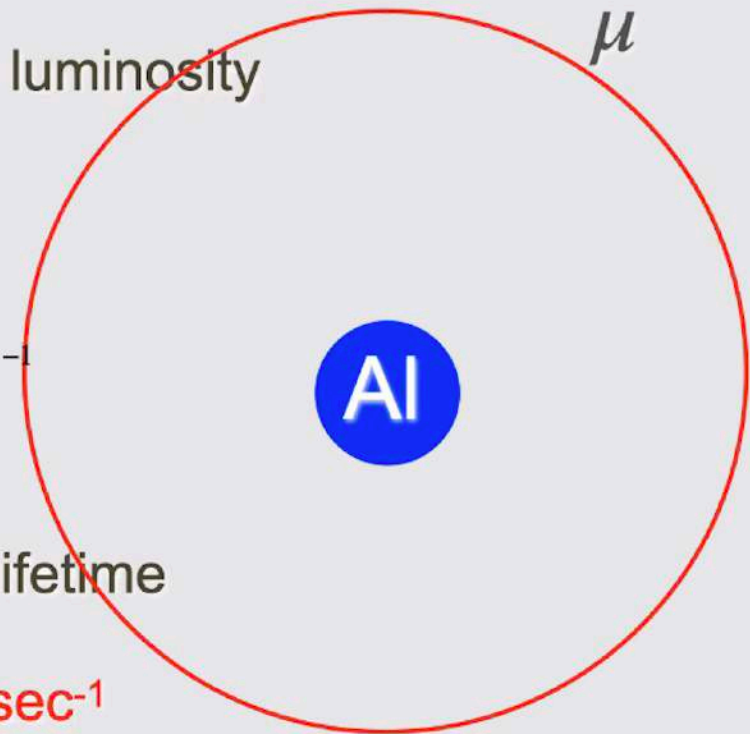


# Effective luminosity of Mu2E experiment

- The captured muon is in a 1s state and the wave function overlaps the nucleus (*picture ~ to scale*)
- We can turn this into an effective luminosity
- Luminosity = density x velocity

$$|\psi(0)|^2 \times \alpha Z = \frac{m_\mu^3 Z^4 \alpha^4}{\pi} = 8 \times 10^{43} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

- Times  $10^{10}$  muons/sec X 2  $\mu$ sec lifetime
- **Effective Luminosity of  $10^{48} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$**



# Matching: Wilson coefficients for leptoquarks

★ Consider example: leptoquark interactions

- scalar leptoquarks

$$\mathcal{L}_S = (\lambda_{LS_0} \bar{q}_L^c i\tau_2 \ell_L + \lambda_{RS_0} \bar{u}_R^c e_R) S_0^\dagger + \left( \lambda_{LS_{1/2}} \bar{u}_R \ell_L + \lambda_{RS_{1/2}} \bar{q}_L i\tau_2 e_R \right) S_{1/2}^\dagger + \text{H.c.},$$

- vector leptoquarks

$$\mathcal{L}_V = (\lambda_{LV_0} \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L + \lambda_{RV_0} \bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) V_0^{\mu\dagger} + \left( \lambda_{LV_{1/2}} \bar{d}_R^c \gamma_\mu \ell_L + \lambda_{RV_{1/2}} \bar{q}_L^c \gamma_\mu e_R \right) V_{1/2}^{\mu\dagger} + \text{H.c.},$$

Davidson, Bailey, Campbell

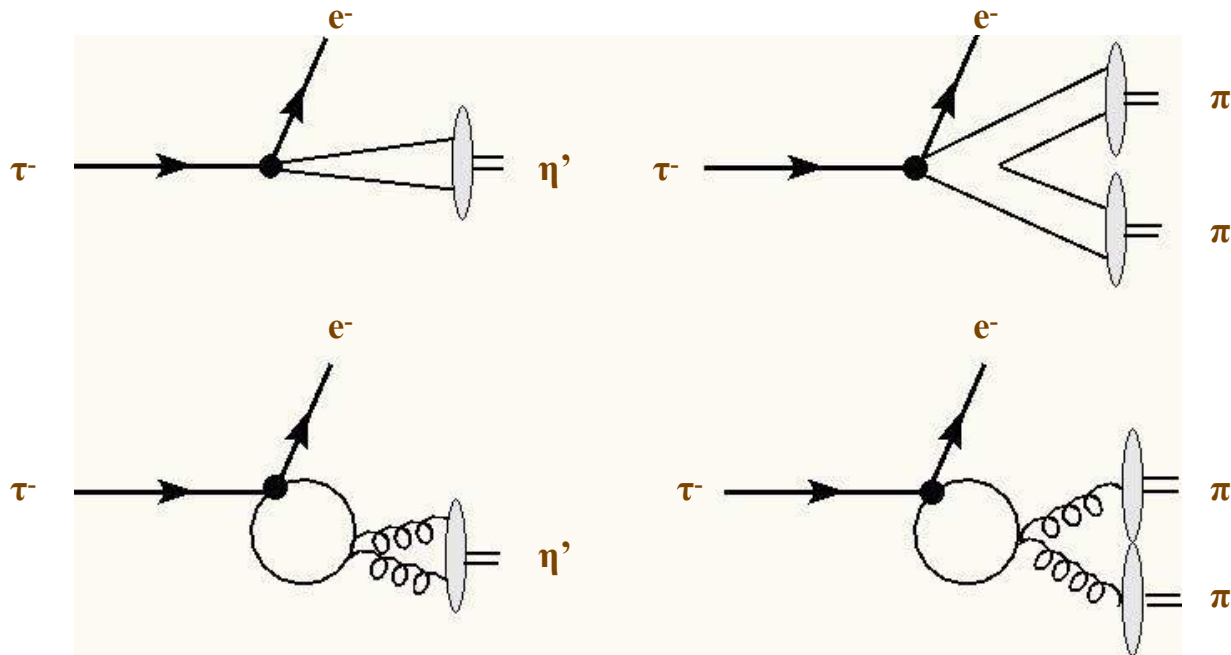
★ Matching to the general result above, get

$C_i^u / \Lambda^2$	Expression	$C_i^d / \Lambda^2$	Expression
$\frac{C_1^u}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda_{RS_{1/2}}^{\ell_1 u} \lambda_{LS_{1/2}}^{\ell_2 u}}{2M_{S_{1/2}}^2}$	$\frac{C_1^d}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda_{LV_{1/2}}^{\ell_2 b} \lambda_{RV_{1/2}}^{\ell_1 b}}{M_{V_{1/2}}^2}$
$\frac{C_2^u}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda_{RS_0}^{\ell_1 u} \lambda_{LS_0}^{\ell_2 u}}{2M_{S_0}^2}$	$\frac{C_2^d}{\Lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda_{LV_0}^{\ell_2 b} \lambda_{RV_0}^{\ell_1 b}}{M_{V_0}^2}$
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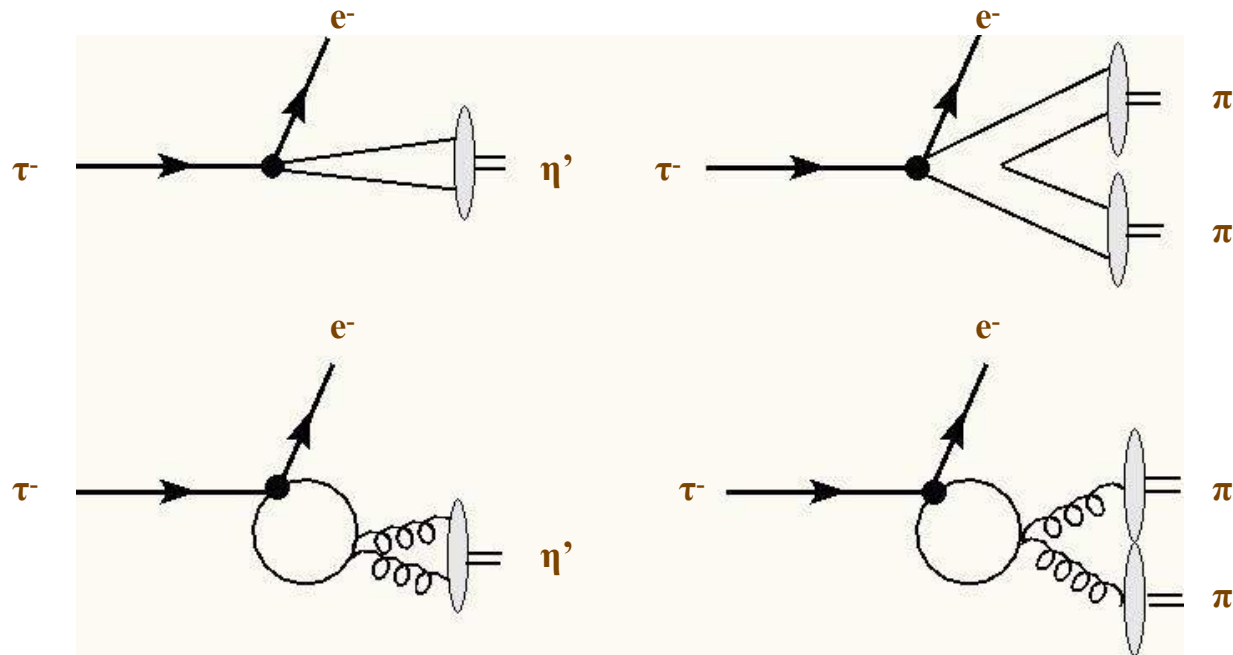
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Parity-violating  
operators

Parity-conserving  
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# Example: explicit secluded DM

- Explicit complete models can be constructed
  - natural models with large neutrino decay widths for the mediator  $a$  decays naturally appear if neutrino masses are generated due to inverse see-saw mechanics and  $a$  participates in this process

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = y_\nu \bar{L} \tilde{H}^\dagger N_R + \bar{N}_L M_N N_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}_R^c \mu_R N_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}_L (\mu_L + \lambda_L a) N_L^c + \text{h.c.},$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y \supset \frac{1}{2} s_\alpha^2 \lambda_L (\bar{\nu}^c \nu) a + \dots$$

Dev, Pilaftsis  
arXiv:1209.4051

