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The conversion probability depends on the effective Lagrangian couplings, $G_S^{(q,p/n)}$ and the overlap integrals: D, S/V^(p,n), which depend on the μ/e wf, $\rho^{(p/n)}$ (which determine E in the nucleus, that is also needed) and A&Z. For instance, $w_{conv}/(2G_F^2) = |...+g_{LS}^{(p)}S^{(p)}+...|^2+|L<->R|^2$.

D integrates the nucleus E, while S&V $\rho^{(p/n)}$ times wfs weighted by Z (A-Z).

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Uncertainties are relatively small for Ti (Z=22), but not for Au (Z=79) or Pb (Z=82).

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Until a ratio between the conversion and capture rates of ~10⁻¹⁵ is reached (~100 times larger at NA62), these processes are not competitive with the bounds coming from BaBar/Belle (which are/will be superseded by Belle-II).

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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

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EFFECTIVE LAGRANGIAN FOR μ ->e CONVERSION IN NUCLEI

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{4G_{\text{F}}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(m_{\mu}A_{R}\bar{\mu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_{L}eF_{\mu\nu} + m_{\mu}A_{L}\bar{\mu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_{R}eF_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.} \right) - \frac{G_{\text{F}}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \left[\left(g_{LS(q)}\bar{e}P_{R}\mu + g_{RS(q)}\bar{e}P_{L}\mu \right) \bar{q}q + \left(g_{LP(q)}\bar{e}P_{R}\mu + g_{RP(q)}\bar{e}P_{L}\mu \right) \bar{q}\gamma_{5}q + \left(g_{LV(q)}\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}P_{L}\mu + g_{RV(q)}\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}P_{R}\mu \right) \bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q + \left(g_{LA(q)}\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}P_{L}\mu + g_{RA(q)}\bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}P_{R}\mu \right) \bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}q + \frac{1}{2} \left(g_{LT(q)}\bar{e}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_{R}\mu + g_{RT(q)}\bar{e}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_{L}\mu \right) \bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

AMPLITUDE FOR μ ->e CONVERSION IN NUCLEI

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Couplings redefinition:

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