



# Charged lepton flavour violation in muons: theory overview

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# Flavour and CP violation: SM

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**SM quark sector:** 6 massive states

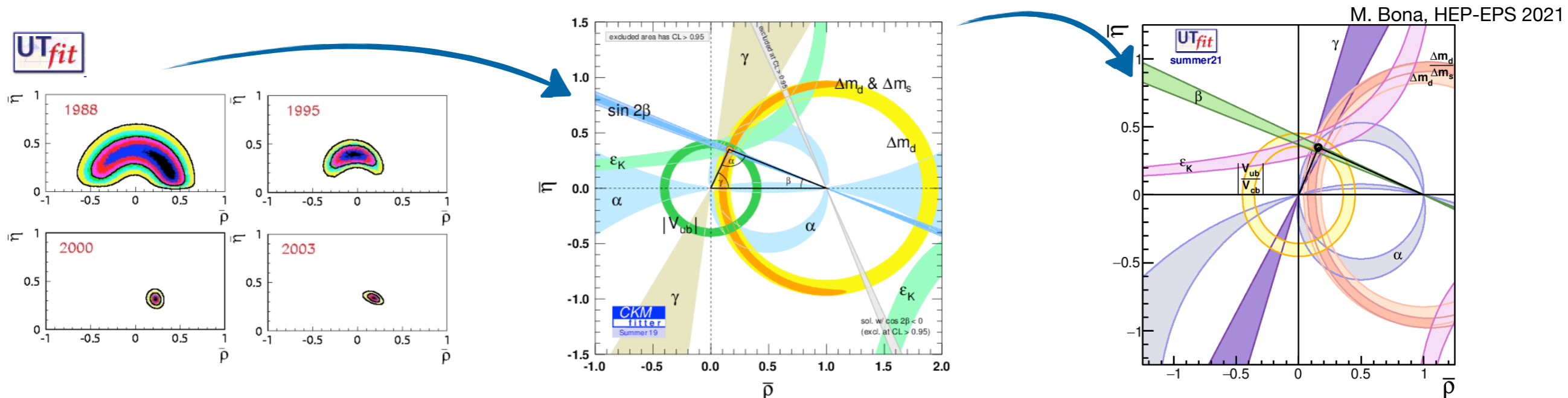
flavour violated in charged current interactions  $V_{CKM}^{ij} W^\pm \bar{q}_i q_j'$

conservation of total **baryon number** in SM interactions

CP violation sources:  $\delta_{CKM}$  and  $\theta_{QCD}$    
(strongly constrained by tiny neutron EDM)

not enough to explain observed **BAU** from baryogenesis

Extensive probes of the “**CKM paradigm**”: meson oscillation and decays, CP violation...



M. Bona, HEP-EPS 2021

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**SM lepton sector**: (strictly) massless neutrinos

conservation of total lepton number and lepton flavours

lepton flavour universality preserved (only broken by Yukawas)

no intrinsic CPV sources - tiny leptonic EDMs (4-loop...  $d_e^{\text{CKM}} \leq 10^{-38} e \text{ cm}$ )

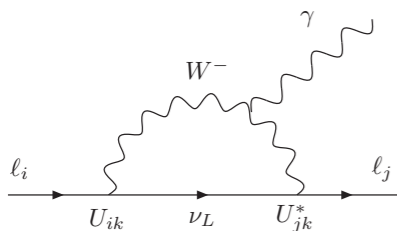
Extend the SM to accommodate  $\nu_\alpha \leftrightarrow \nu_\beta$ : assume most minimal extension  $SM_{m_\nu}$

[ $SM_{m_\nu}$  = “ad-hoc”  $m_\nu$  (Dirac),  $U_{\text{PMNS}}$ ]

In  $SM_{m_\nu}$ : flavour-universal lepton couplings, total lepton number conserved (LNC)

cLFV possible... but not observable!!  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-54}$

lepton EDMs still beyond observation...



► **cLFV, LNV, EDMs, ...**: observation of **SM-forbidden leptonic modes** and/or **tensions** with data  
⇒ **Discovery of New Physics!** (Possibly before direct signal @ LHC!)

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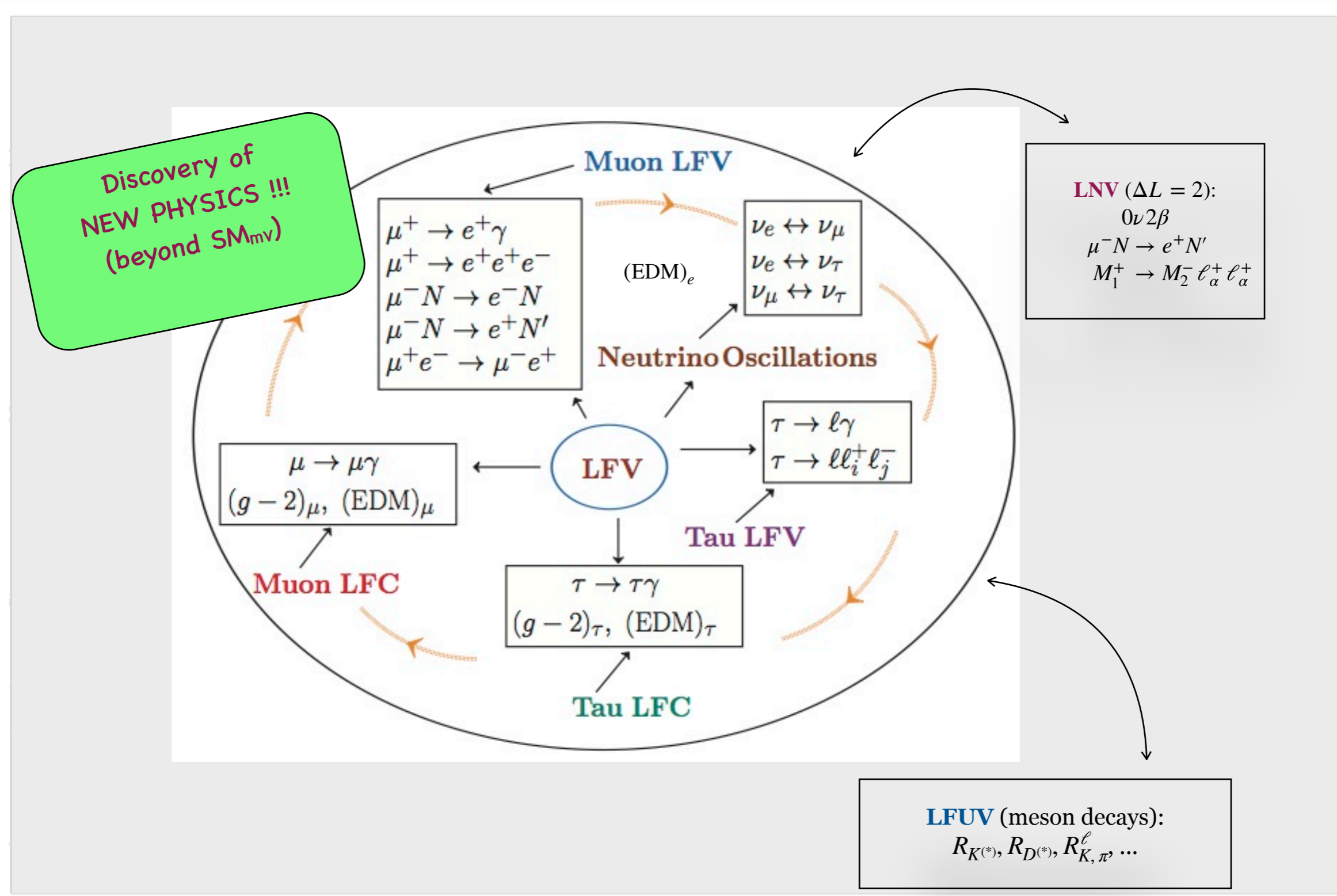
SM level

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In SM

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## Strong arguments in favour of New Physics!

A number of theoretical caveats... and observations unaccounted for in the SM:  
baryon asymmetry of the Universe, viable dark matter candidate, neutrino oscillations

### ► Neutrino oscillations: 1<sup>st</sup> laboratory ("flavoured") evidence of NP

⇒ massive neutrinos and leptonic mixings  $U_{PMNS}^{\alpha i}$

⇒ New (Majorana) fields? New sources of CP violation?  
 $\Delta L \neq 0$  and leptogenesis... (?)

### ► Tensions (?) between SM and observation: rooted in flavours!

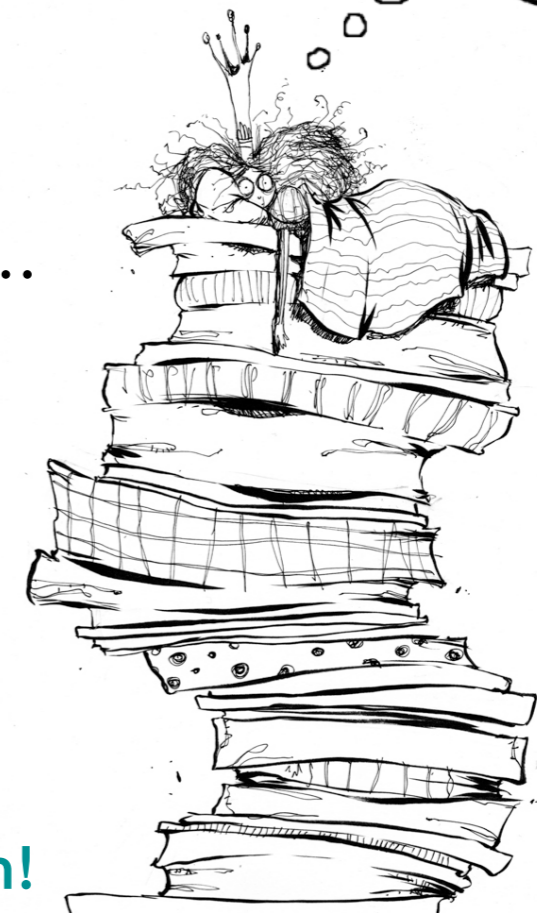
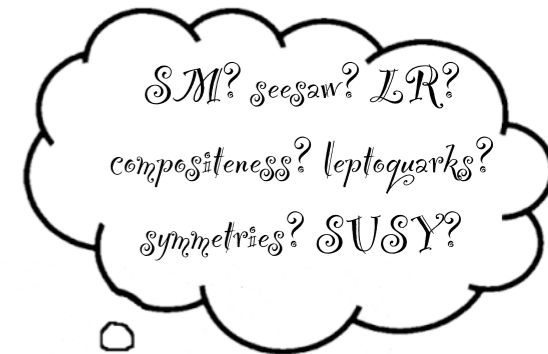
$(g - 2)_\mu$ ,  $(g - 2)_e$ , anomalies in atomic decays, (meson decays)...

⇒ in close relation with the lepton sector  
(and often involving muons!)

Many hints and a clear necessity of New Physics...

Which NP model? Realised at which scale  $\Lambda_{NP}$ ?

⇒ Unique opportunities to search for NP in the lepton sector  
exploring connections to mechanism of  $\nu$  mass generation!



Muon flavours to lead the way!

# New Physics quests with muon cLFV



# Why muon flavours?

A SM muon ID: lepton, spin 1/2, charge -1

First discovered in 1936 (cosmic radiation)

Mass  $m_\mu = 105$  MeV; lifetime  $\tau_\mu = 2.1969811 \pm 0.0000022 \mu\text{s}$

Michel decay  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu} \nu$  (BR  $\approx 100\%$ )  $\leadsto$  determination of  $G_F$

Couplings to EW gauge bosons:  $g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau \propto g$  (universal? or not!)

Electric dipole moment (from  $\delta_{CKM}$ ):  $|d_\mu| \approx 10^{-36}$  e.cm (new CPV?)

Magnetic dipole moment  $(g - 2)_\mu$ : an exciting adventure!

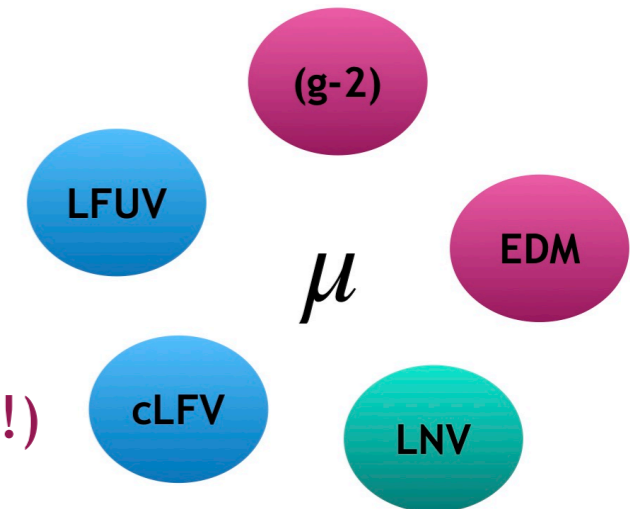
4.2 $\sigma$  tension with SM? (new physics expected to show up elsewhere? in cLFV?)

or in fair agreement with SM? (LQCD vs. data driven... impact for EW fit?)

and in comparison with  $(g - 2)_e$ ? (LFU violating new physics?)

"Bound states": Muonium ( $\mu^+ e^-$ )  $\leadsto$  QED (and gravity!) tests;  ${}^\mu\text{H}$   $\leadsto$  proton radius

Muonic atoms (1s bound state)  $\leadsto$  P violation, cLFV, and more!



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**Muon cLFV** - extensive opportunities, numerous observables, at low- and high-energies

- ▶ **Leptonic decays**: radiative  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  and three-body  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$   
muonic atoms  $\mu^-(A, Z) \rightarrow e^-(A, Z)$  & LNV  $\mu^-(A, Z) \rightarrow e^+(A, Z - 2)^*$   
nuclear assisted Coulomb decays  $\mu^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$   
Muonium oscillations  $Mu(\mu^+e^-) - \bar{Mu}(\mu^-e^+)$  and decays  $Mu(\mu^+e^-) \rightarrow e^+e^-$   
Light "invisible" searches (e.g.  $\mu \rightarrow e\phi, \dots$ )

See talk by S. Renner

- ▶ **Semi-leptonic decays**:  $\tau \rightarrow M\mu, M \rightarrow (M')\mu\ell$

- ▶ **At colliders**:  $Z \rightarrow \mu\tau, H \rightarrow \mu\tau$  (e.g. FCC-ee, CEPC, ...);  
high  $p_T$  dilepton tails in  $pp \rightarrow \mu\ell \dots$

Numerous channels at a **future muon collider!**

See talk by N. Craig

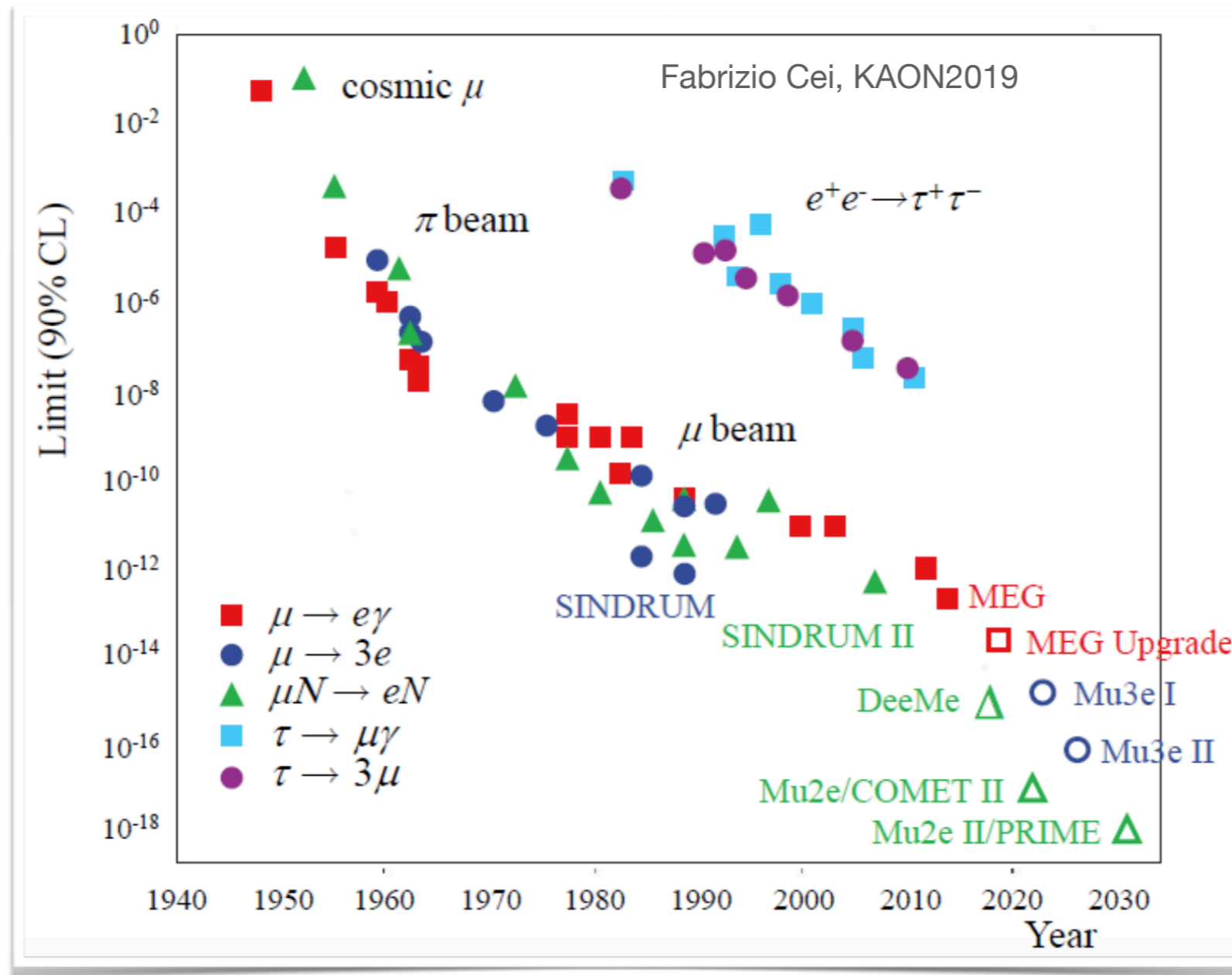


**Muons**: lightest "unstabiles" - clean objects, ideal & versatile probes for new physics searches  
At the centre of a world-wide comprehensive programme - **experiments and theory**



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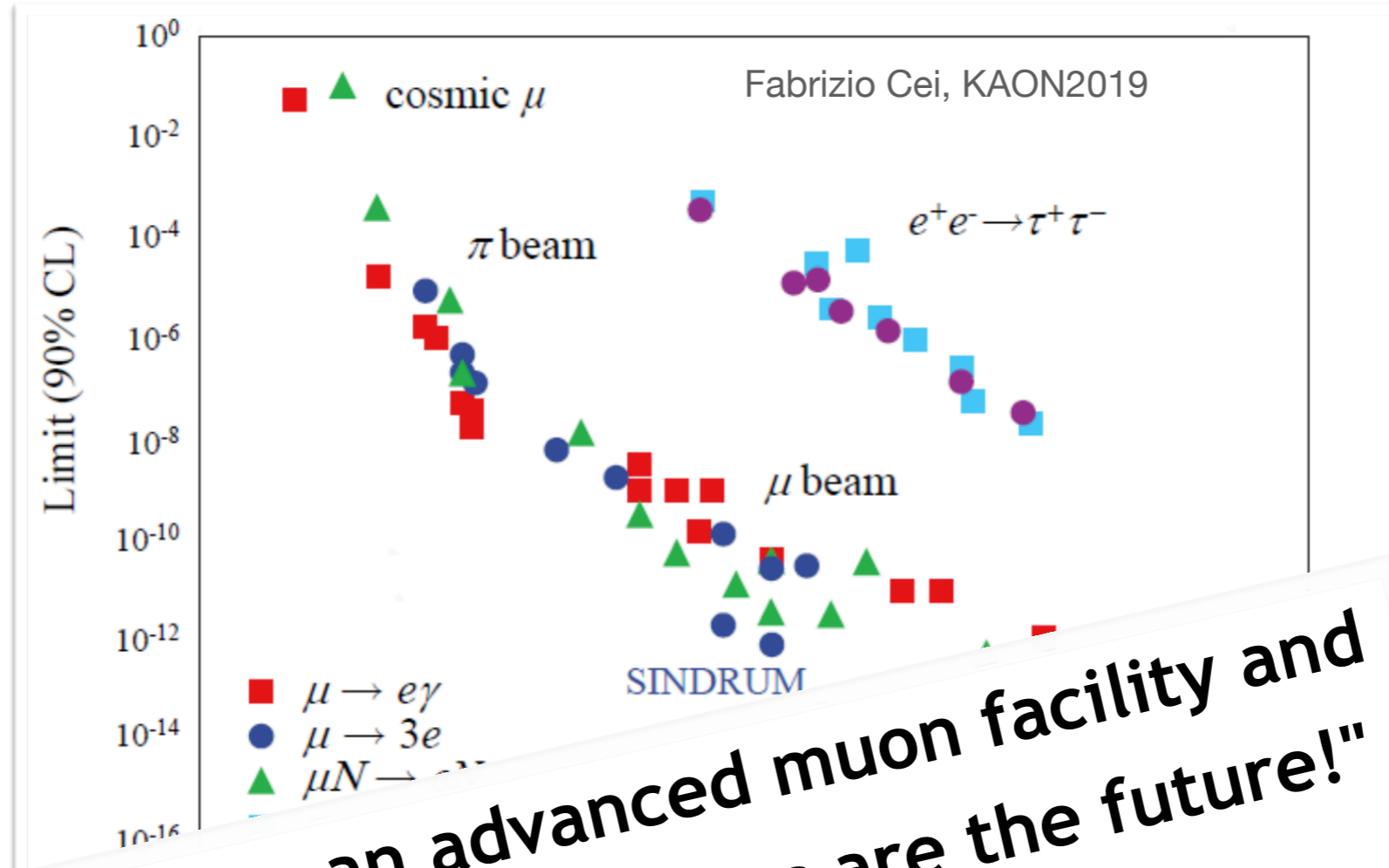


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**"Between an advanced muon facility and a muon collider, muons are the future!"**  
Robert Bernstein, Venice 2023



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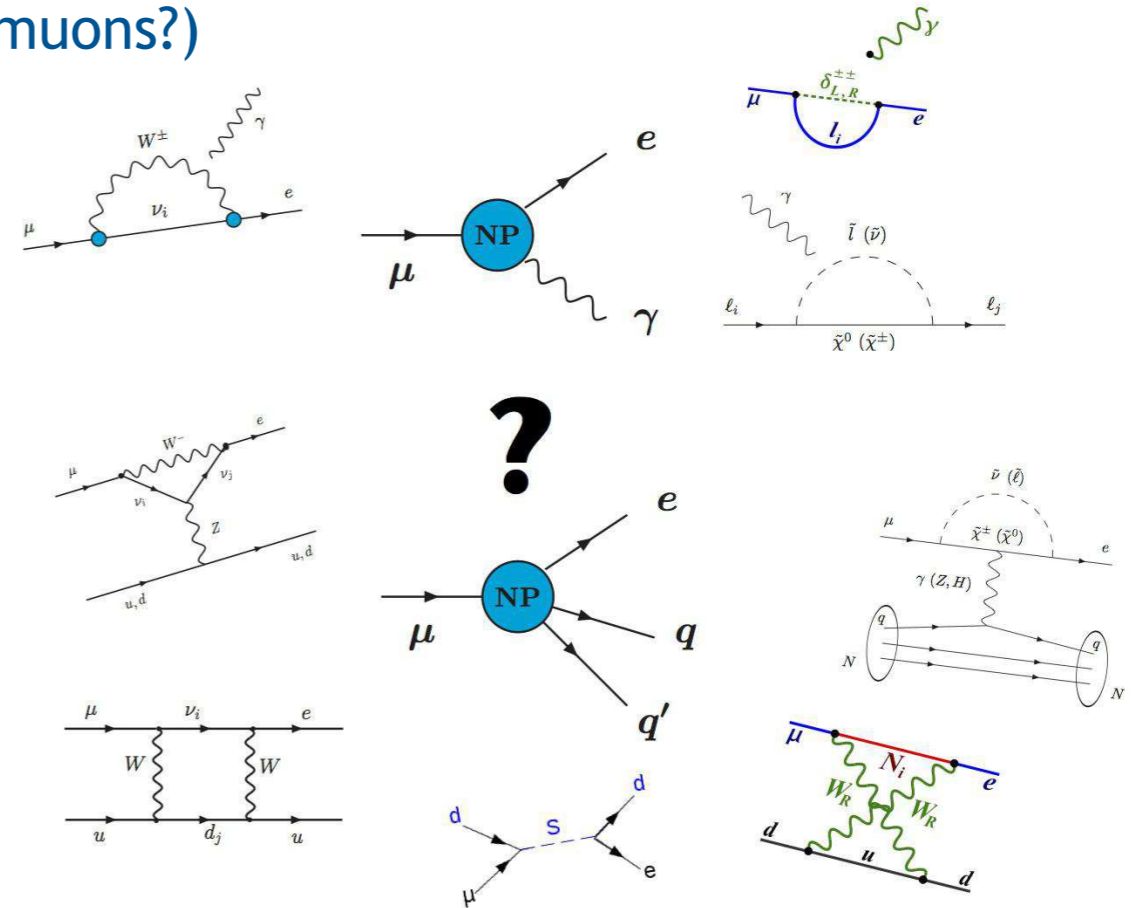


# Muon cLFV: learning about New Physics

**Amazing prospects** - so many experimental avenues, so many channels to study!

Near future: first hints of **New Physics** from  $\mu$ -cLFV, or tighter constraints ... *but on which NP?*

In "theory", what are the methods to interpret the data - measurements or new bounds?  
(What can we learn from all these muons?)



Towards the **full UV** complete **NP model**:  
 $m_\nu$ , BAU, DM, **flavour & CP**,  
gauge unification, hierarchy, ...

**Minimal NP models:**  
simple BSM

Constraining classes of  
SM extensions: **EFT**  
(model-independent)

**Experimental data:** ★  
... muon cLFV ...

⇒ Two phenomenological approaches or  
**flavoured paths to New Physics:**  
**Effective approach** (model independent)  
**Model-specific** (implications for a given BSM)

# Learning about New Physics from muon cLFV: effective approach (EFT)

*A brief survey of recent developments & ideas...*



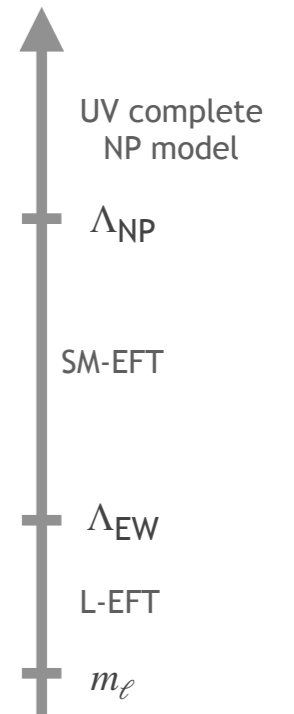
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SM interpreted as a **low-energy limit** of a (complete, yet unknown) NP model  
 $\Rightarrow$  model-independent, **effective approach (EFT)**

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n \geq 5} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{C}^n(g, Y, \dots) \mathcal{O}^n(\ell, q, H, \gamma, \dots)$$

(unknown) NP scale
effective coefficients
effective operators

$\mathcal{O}^5 \rightsquigarrow$  Weinberg operator ( $m_\nu$ )  
 $\mathcal{O}^6 \rightsquigarrow$  flavoured contributions  
 (among many others!)



Cast observables in terms of  $\mathcal{C}_{ij}$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$ ; Apply **current data** (limits, ...)

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$\Rightarrow$  Constrain  $\mathcal{C}_{ij}$  and/or infer sensitivity of process to large sets of  $\mathcal{C}_{ij}$

$\Rightarrow$  Hints on  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$  (and on properties of new states & nature of couplings)

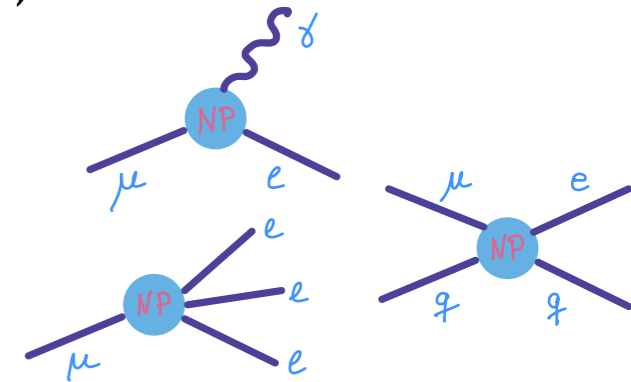
*Deceptively simple task...* different new physics scales, numerous operators!

**Technically very involved! Many contributions in recent years (at all levels!)**

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Cast **current data** (limits, ...) in terms of  $\mathcal{C}_{ij}$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{NP}}$ : cLFV operators ( $\mathcal{O}^6$ )

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► **Simple examples:** at leading order one has

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \simeq 384\pi^2 \frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} (|C_{D,L}|^2 + |C_{D,R}|^2)$$

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) \simeq \frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} \left[ \frac{1}{8} |C_{S,LL}|^2 + 2 |C_{V,RR} + 4eC_{D,L}|^2 + (64 \ln \frac{m_\mu}{m_e} - 136) e |C_{D,L}|^2 + |C_{V,RL} + 4eC_{D,L}|^2 \right] + (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

CR( $\mu - e, N$ ): *far more involved* (nuclear target effects, spin (in)-dependent contributions, ...)

Simple **"one-at-a-time"** limits: cLFV rates in terms of *one*  $C_{D,S,\dots}$ :

	Br( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+\gamma$ )		Br( $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+e^-e^+$ )		Br $_{\mu \rightarrow e}^{\text{Au/Al}}$	
	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-16}$
$C_L^D$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$
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⇒ BR( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ) depends on dipole  $C_D$   
(but also sensitive to scalar/tensor/vector contributions - RGE mixing, loops, ...)

*Unexpected findings!*

► Include as many **observables & operators as possible!** (e.g.  $\mu e \gamma \gamma$  contact interactions, [Davidson et al, 2007.09612] angular observables in polarised  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  decays

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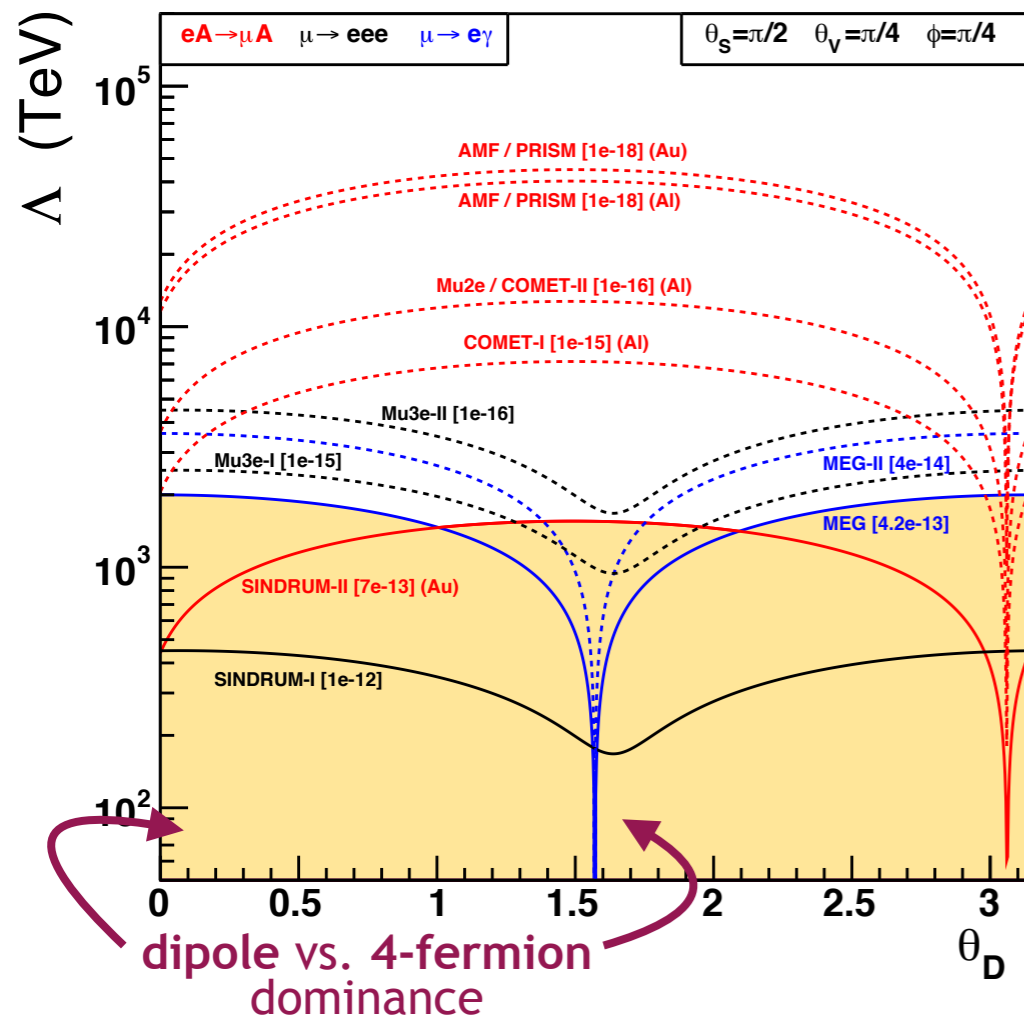
► And results of a recent approach:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP, cLFV}}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left[ C_D (\bar{e} \sigma^{\nu\rho} P_R \mu) F_{\nu\rho} + C_S (\bar{e} P_R \mu) (\bar{e} P_R e) + C_{VR} (\bar{e} \gamma^\nu P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\nu P_R e) + C_{VL} (\bar{e} \gamma^\nu P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\nu P_L e) + C_{\text{N-light}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{N-light}} + C_{\text{N-heavy}\perp} \mathcal{O}_{\text{N-heavy}\perp} \right]$$

$$\vec{C} = \{C_D, C_S, C_{VR}, C_{VR}, C_{VL}, C_{\text{N-light}}, C_{\text{N-heavy}\perp}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \simeq 384\pi^2 \frac{v^4}{\Lambda^4} |\vec{C} \cdot \hat{e}_{DR}|^2 \rightsquigarrow \leq \text{BR}^{\text{exp}}(\text{future})$$

and likewise for other observables...



**Sensitivity to NP scales (current & future):**

MEG ( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{CLFV}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3)$  TeV (dipole)

SINDRUM II ( $\mu - e$ , Au)  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{CLFV}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3)$  TeV (4f)

Mu2e/COMET II ( $\mu - e$ , Al)  $\Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{CLFV}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^4)$  TeV  
(both dipole and 4f)

[Davidson & Echenard, 2204.00564]



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*Comparatively more involved theoretical approach!*

**Important nuclear effects** ("new" non-relativistic ET treatment: inclusion of intrinsic nucleon and muon velocities, lepton wave functions, full nuclear response - factored from cLFV physics ...)

[see Cirigliano et al, 2203.09547; Hoferichter et al, 2204.06005 & Haxton et al, 2208.07945; among others ...]

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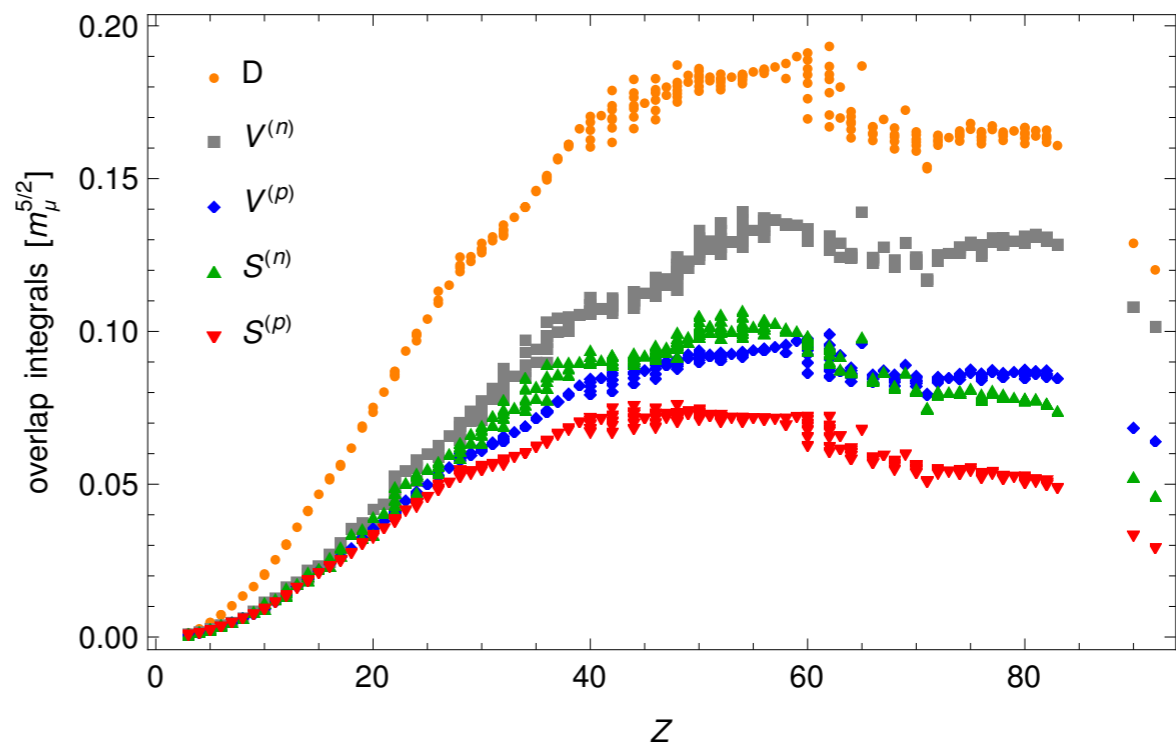
[extensive contributions since Kitano et al, 0203110! see Davidson et al, 1810.01884; Heeck et al, 2203.00702, ...]

Choice of future targets offering the **largest complementarity** with respect to Aluminium (Mu2e, COMET)

$$\text{BR}_{\text{SI}}(\mu A \rightarrow e A) = \frac{32G_F^2}{\Gamma_{\text{capture}}} \left[ \left| C_{V,R}^{pp} V^{(p)} + C_{S,L}^{pp'} S^{(p)} + C_{V,R}^{nn} V^{(n)} + C_{S,L}^{nn'} S^{(n)} + C_{D,L} \frac{D}{4} \right|^2 + \{L \leftrightarrow R\} \right]$$

Overlap integrals:  
**more distinguishable** at **large Z** !

[Heeck et al, 2203.00702]



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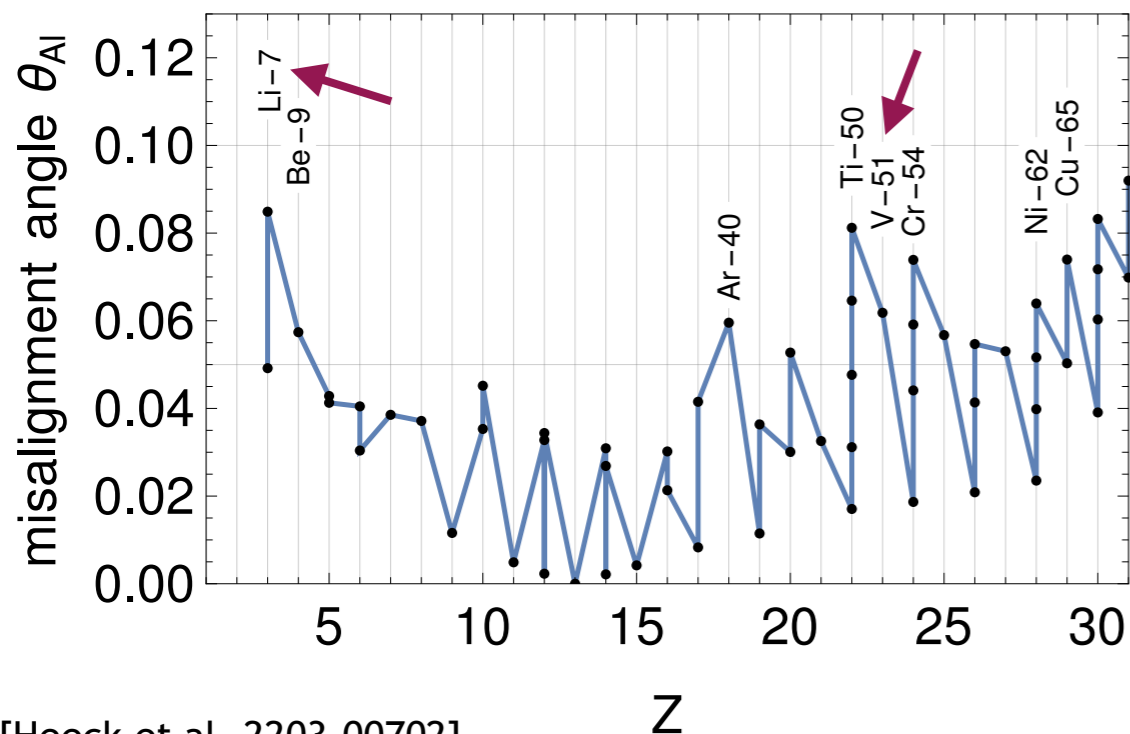
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- Heavier nuclei (Au, Pb)! ... not feasible... (AMF?)
- Among **experimental-friendly**  $Z \leq 25$  targets several (theoretically good) candidates  
Li-7, Ti-50, Ti-49, Cr-54, .., V-51

⇒ **Li-7 and/or V-51** : preferable "second" targets  
post  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, \text{Al})$  observation

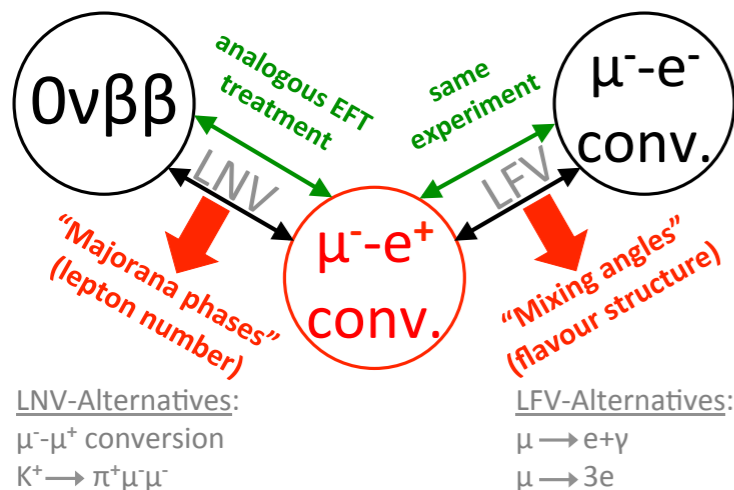
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And of its lepton number violating counterpart,  $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (A, Z - 2)^{(*)}$

A unique connection between **LNV** (in association with **Majorana** nature and possibly, neutrino mass generation) and **cLFV**



From a theoretical point of view, not straightforward!

- Higher-dimension operators in  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}}$  (dim 6, 10, 14...)
- Nuclear matrix elements extremely hard to compute!

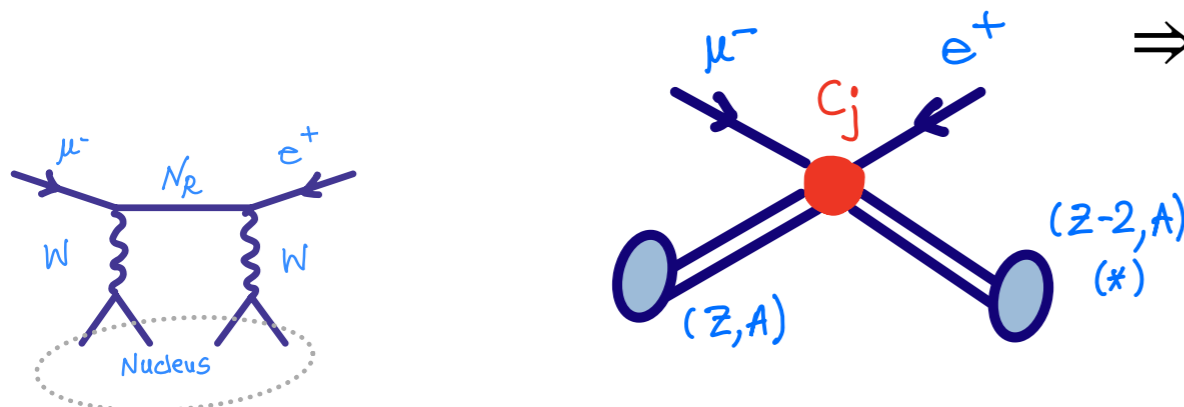
$$\Gamma_{\mu e}^{\text{LNV}} \approx \frac{G_F^4 g_A^4}{32\pi^2} |\epsilon_{C_j}^2| \frac{m_e^2 m_\mu^2}{R^2} |F(Z-2, E_e)| \langle \phi_\mu \rangle^2 |\mathcal{M}^{(\mu^-, e^+)}|^2$$

(only two  $\mathcal{M}^{(\mu^-, e^+)}$  known, for Ti-48...)

[Domin et al, 0409033; Simkovic et al, 0103029]

[see e.g. Geib et al, 1609.09088]

⇒ Very hard to draw implications... **Must tackle NME!**



**Best sensitivity: Ca, S and Ti (!?)**

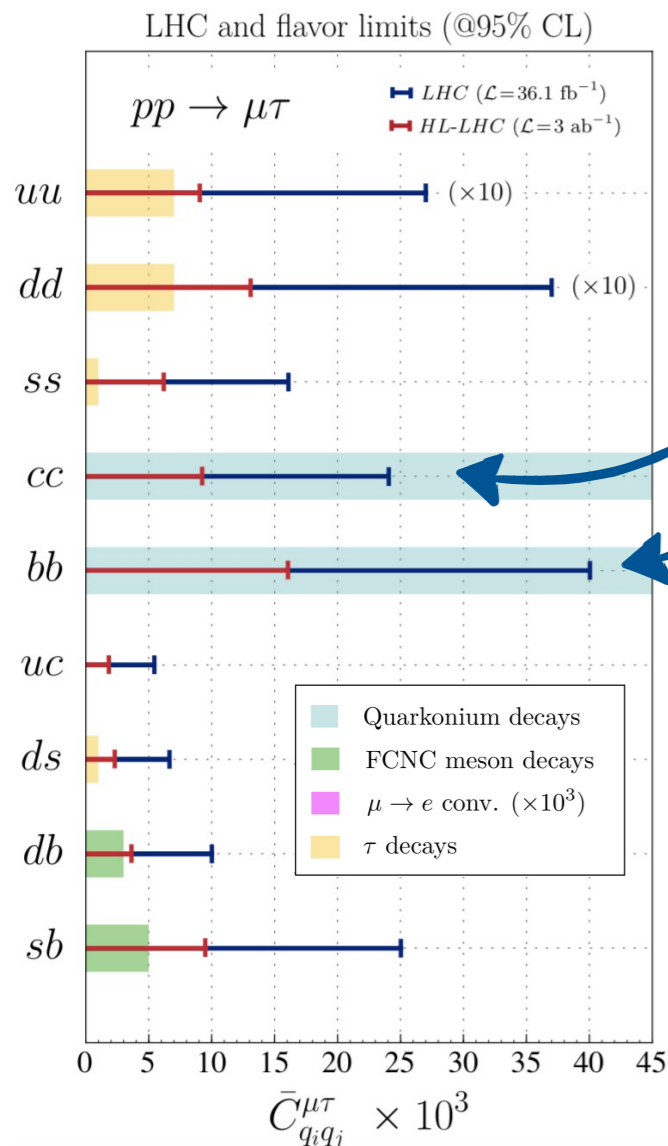
$$\text{CR}(\mu^- - e^+, \text{Ti}) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-15}) \text{ [Yeo et al, 1705.07464]}$$

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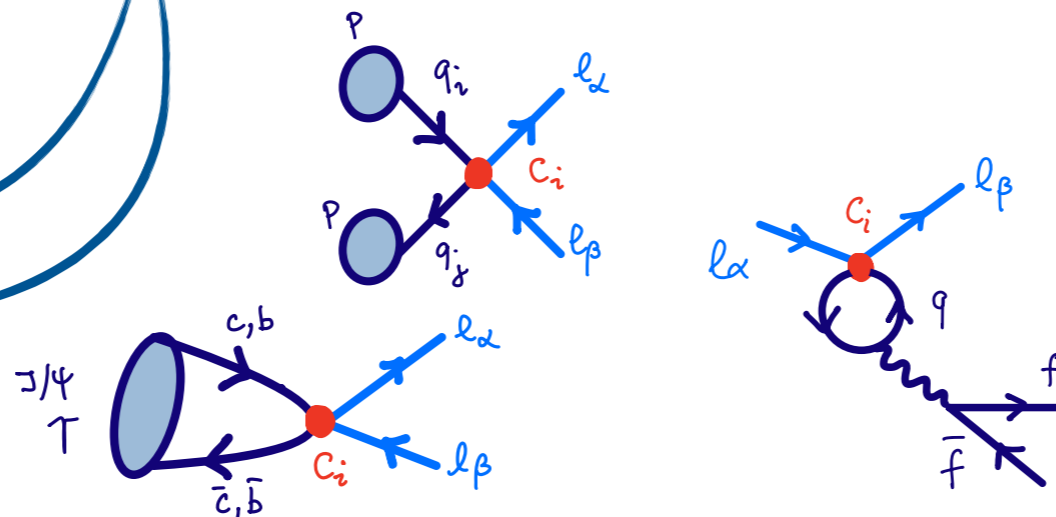
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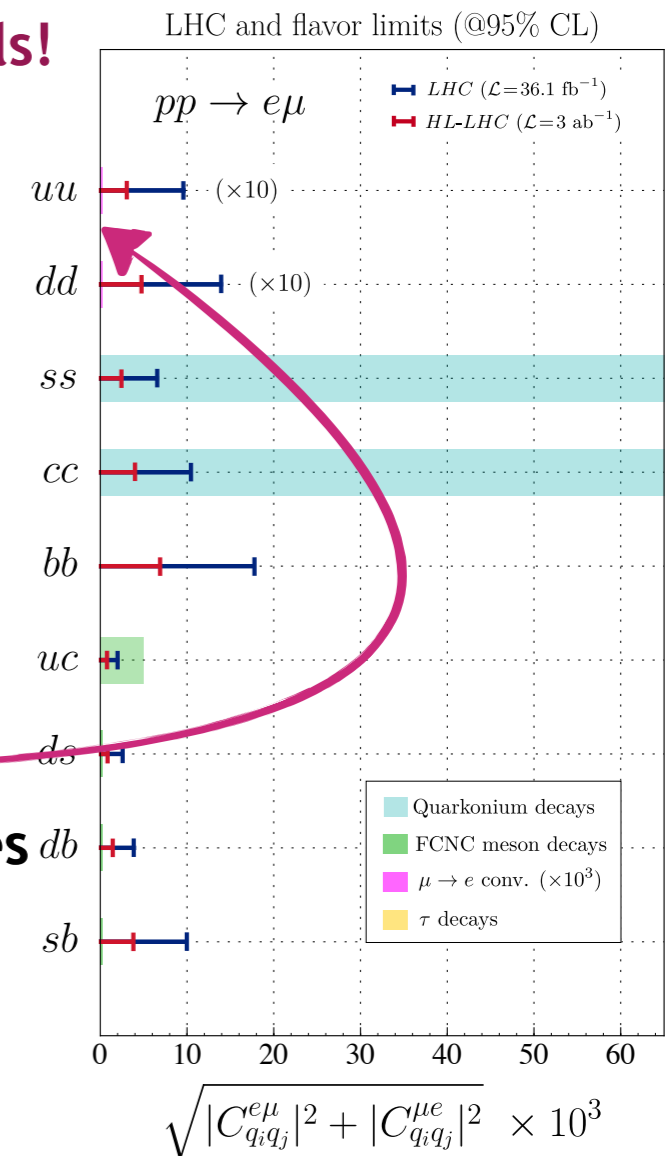


⇒ **High  $p_T$  di-lepton tails: flavour probes!**  
**LHC limits very competitive for  $\mu\tau$  tails!**  
 Better than **quarkonium-decays**



⇒ **Impossible for  $\mu e$  tails**  
**to out-perform cLFV searches**  
**( $\mu - e, N$ ) conversion bounds**

[Angelescu et al, 2002.05684]



[Further constraints from quarkonia decays, see e.g. Calibbi et al, 2207.10913]

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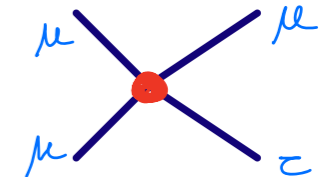
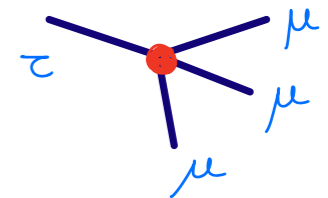
See talk by N. Craig

**Extraordinary potential to probe NP** at the source of **cLFV leptonic decays**

⇒ **Case of  $\mu^+ \mu^+$  collider**:

$$\text{Recall } \text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) = \frac{\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\nu\bar{\nu})}{4G_F^2} [ |C_{LL}|^2 + |C_{RR}|^2 + 1/2(|C_{LR}|^2 + |C_{RL}|^2) ]$$

$$\sigma(\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \tau^+) = \frac{s}{4\pi} [ |C_{LL}|^2 + |C_{RR}|^2 + 1/6(|C_{LR}|^2 + |C_{RL}|^2) ]$$



Process	Current BR limit	$N(\mu^+ \mu^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \tau^+)$
$\mu \rightarrow 3e$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	$< 6.7 \times 10^{-2}$
$\tau \rightarrow 3e$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 1.0 \times 10^4$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^-$	$< 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 1.0 \times 10^4$
$\tau \rightarrow e^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 6.4 \times 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^-$	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 6.8 \times 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu^+ e^- e^-$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 5.7 \times 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 7.9 \times 10^3$

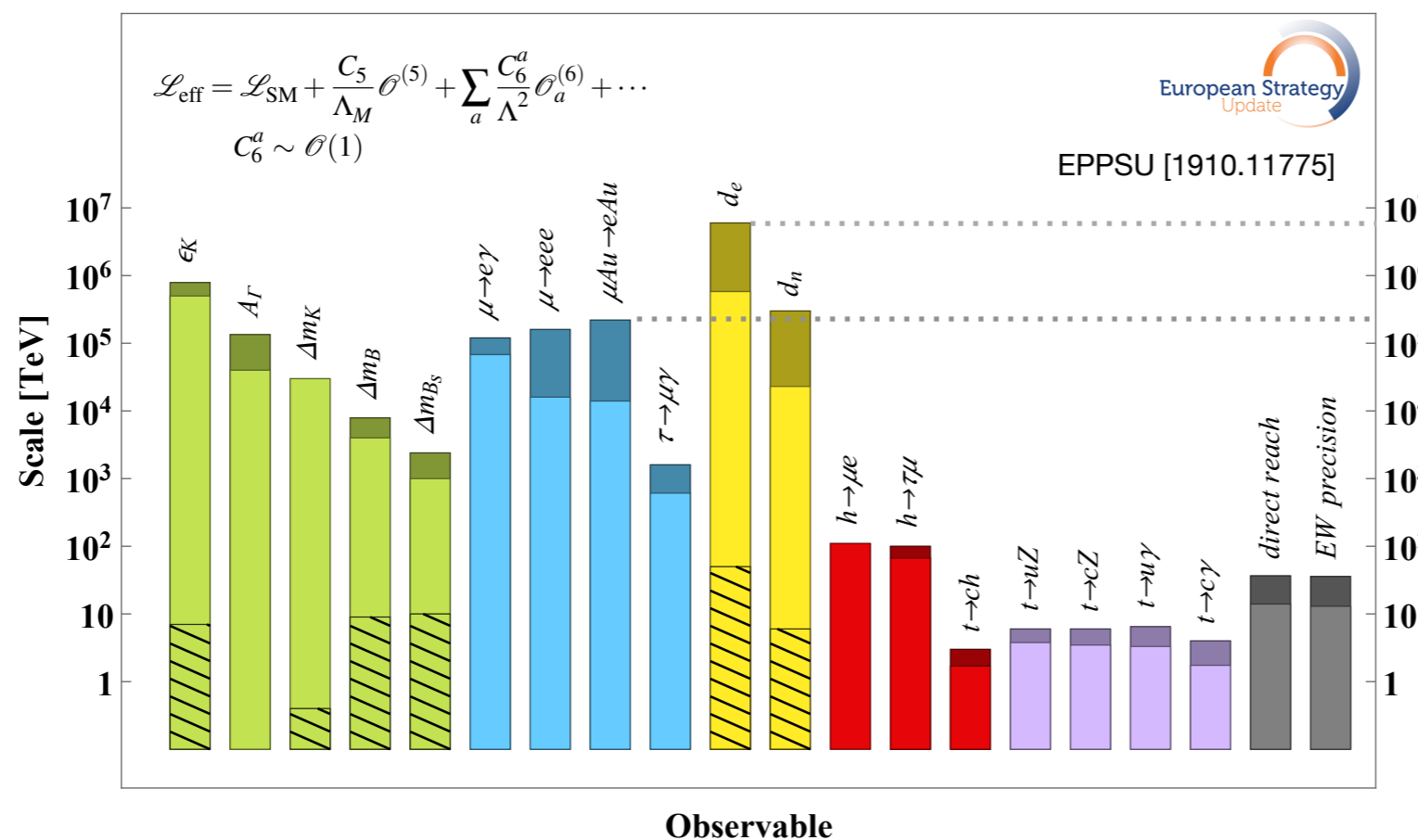
**Number of events** for a **muon collider** at  $\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$   
(allowed from **cLFV search limits**)

**cLFV transitions "observable"**, even under the strong **cLFV current bounds!**

*And also for future sensitivities*

[Fridell et al, 2304.14020]

# The probing power of flavour muons



**$\mu$ -Flavour observables:**  
 probes sensitive to  
**NP scales**  
 $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^5 \text{ TeV})$   
 beyond collider's reach!



# Learning about New Physics from muon cLFV: SM extensions

Extremely active research field! A few examples of the constraining & probing power of muons amidst a vast array of well motivated constructions...





# Muon cLFV: hinting towards the NP model

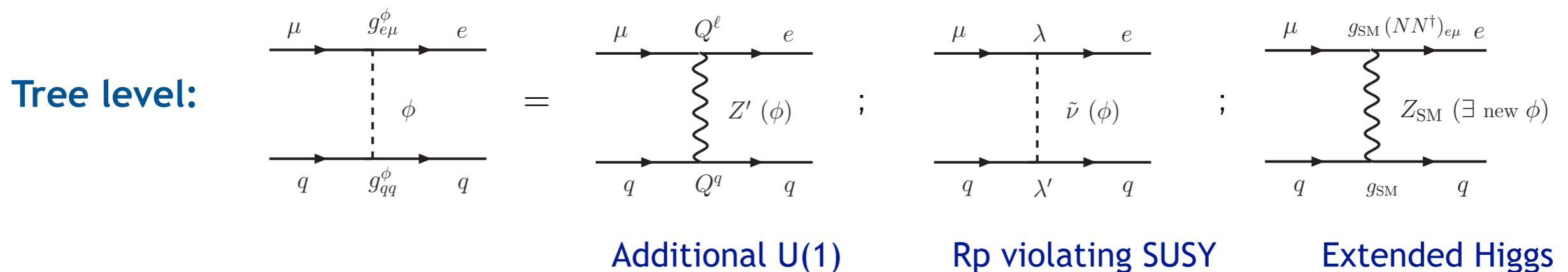
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$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = g_{\ell\ell'}^\phi \bar{\ell}' \ell \phi + g_{qq'}^\phi \bar{q}' q \phi + \tilde{g}_{ff'}^\phi \bar{f}' f V_{SM}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow g_{e\mu}^\phi \bar{\mu} e \phi + g_{qq}^\phi \bar{q}' q \phi + \tilde{g}_{e\mu}^\phi \bar{\mu} e Z_{SM}$$

- ▶ (A): an example - New contributions to  $\mu - e$  conversion



**Higher order:** many additional contributions! Boxes, penguins, ...

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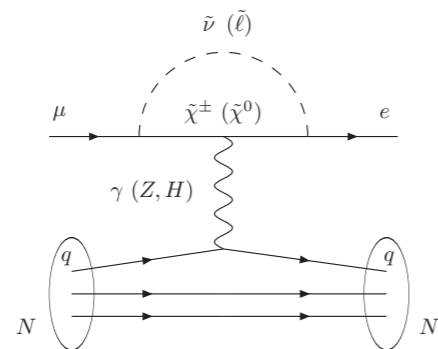
- ▶ **(B) cLFV couplings**  $\leftrightarrow$  **new fermions & new scalar fields** [ $\psi, \phi$  carry lepton flavour & number]

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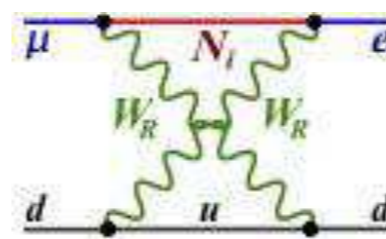
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- ▶ **(B): further new contributions to  $\mu - e$  conversion**

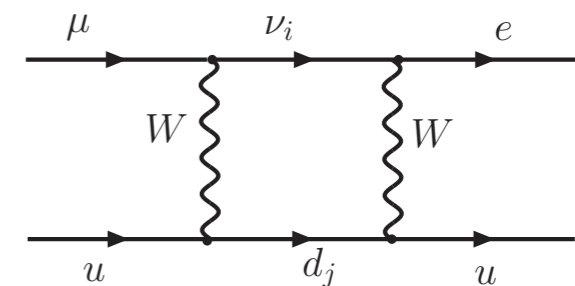
Typically loop:



SUSY seesaw



Left-Right models

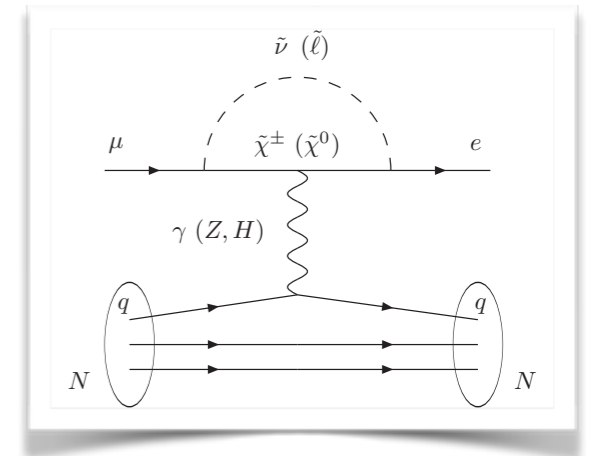
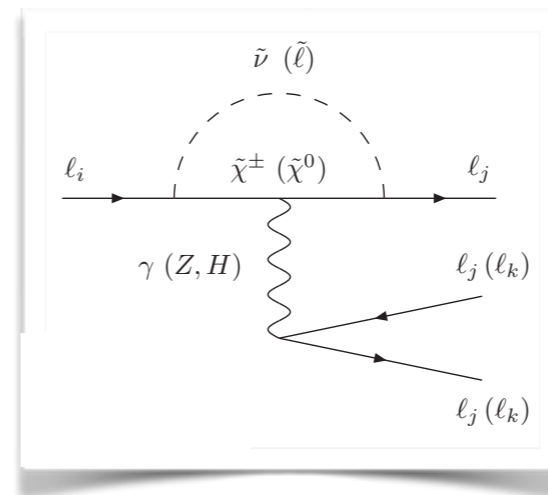
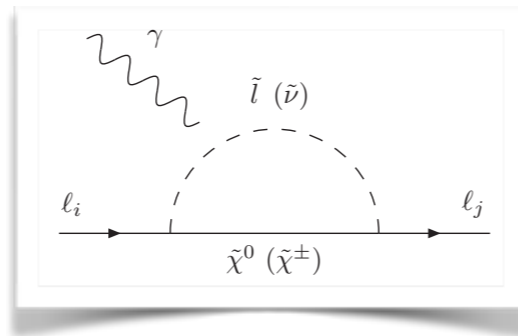


SM + sterile  $\nu_s$

...

► What can we then learn about **New Physics** from **cLFV observables**?

⇒ Let us consider a "user-friendly" canvas: the **type I SUSY seesaw**



**Supersymmetry (SUSY):**

fermions + scalar fermions  $[(\ell, \nu) \leftrightarrow (\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\nu})]$

gauge/Higgs + fermionic "inos"  $[(Z, W, H) \leftrightarrow (\tilde{\chi}^0, \tilde{\chi}^\pm)]$

cLFV  $\Rightarrow$  contributions @ loop level

While  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  is a "dipole-dominated" transition,  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  and  $\mu - e$  conversion receive contributions from **anapole** (long-distance),  $\gamma$ ,  $Z$  & Higgs penguins, boxes, ...

**If dominant contribution to  $\mu - e$  conversion from:**

(i) **Photon penguin**  $\Rightarrow$  **correlation** between  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ ,  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$  and  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, N)$

$$\text{CR}(\mu - e, N) \approx 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) ; \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) \approx 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$$

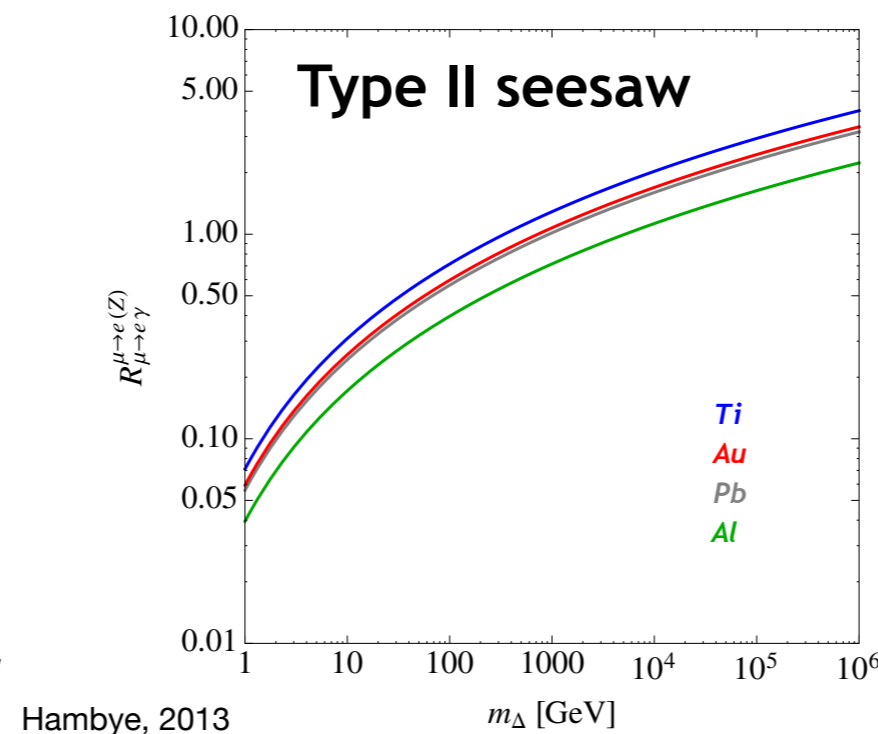
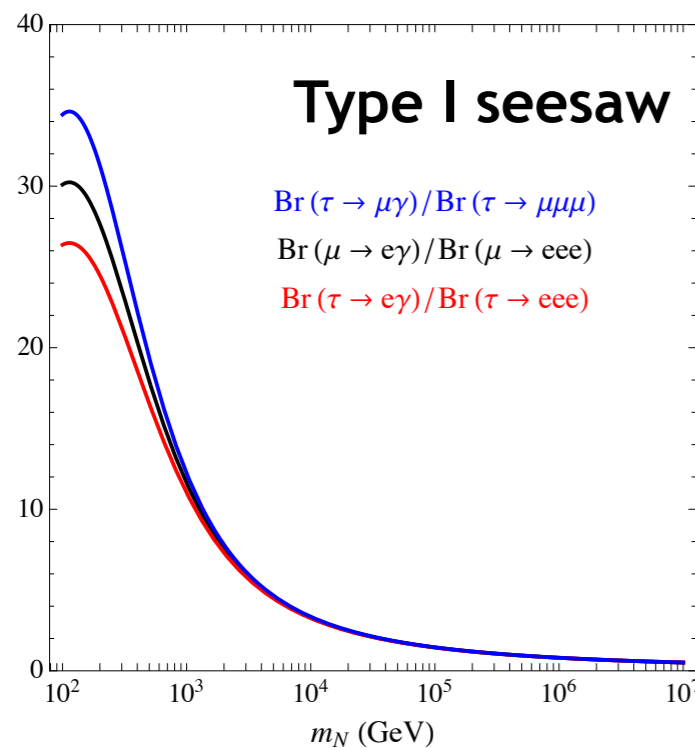
(ii) **Z penguin**  $\Rightarrow$  **correlation** between  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$  and  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, N)$  [and  $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow e\mu)$ ]

(iii) **Higgs penguin**  $\Rightarrow$  **unusual patterns!** E.g.  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, N) \approx 0.08 - 0.15 \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$

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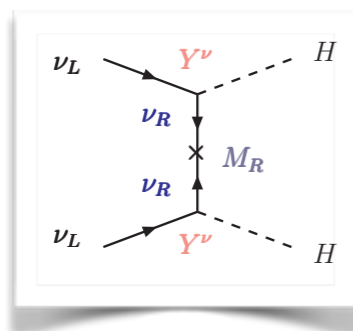


**Type III seesaw**

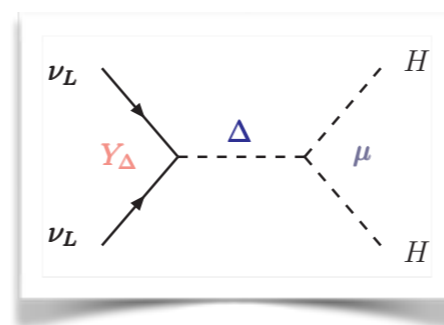
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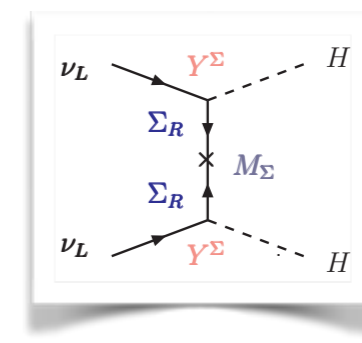
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**Type I** (fermion singlet)



**Type II** (scalar triplet)



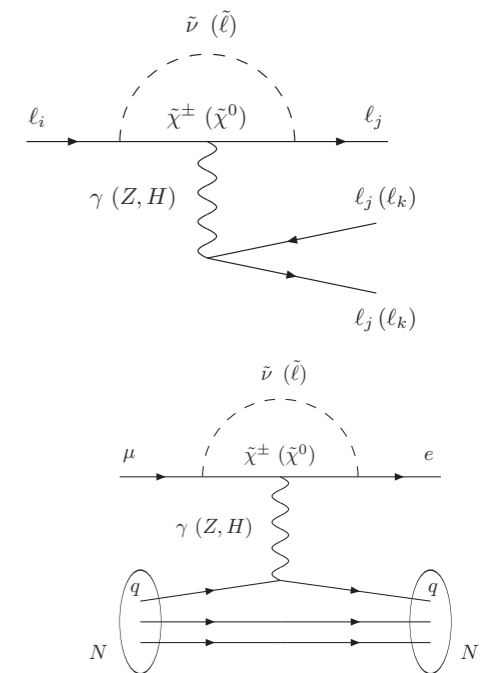
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Type-III seesaw	Tree	Tree	$\approx 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$
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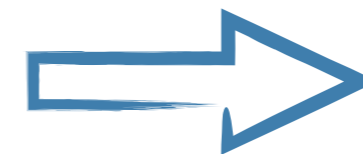
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Upon experimental determination of rates for cLFV transitions:

comparison of  $\left. \frac{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)}{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} \right|_{\text{exp}}$  with  $\left. \frac{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)}{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)} \right|_{\text{NP-th}}$

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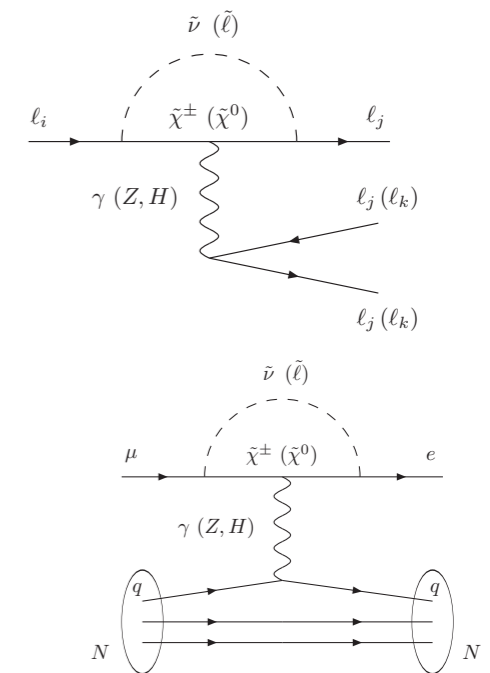


Probe NP model  
at the source  
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In the absence of a direct discovery of the new states

⇒ correlations of observables might help disentangling models of cLFV

⇒ hint towards some models, falsify certain realisations

In all cases provide complementary information to direct searches!

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Not all models of NP necessarily lead to "experimentally observable" cLFV...

(e.g. very heavy new states, symmetry-protection, ...)

One can trivially compute contributions to cLFV observables, and thus exclude (or not) regimes of a given model... Or do much more!

► *A few illustrative examples of **muon-cLFV** in **well-motivated BSM realisations**:  
from minimal SM extensions to UV-complete constructions,  
aiming at addressing **SM observational problems** and further "tensions" (anomalies)*

**Addressing anomalies:** extensions of SM's gauge sector and  $(g - 2)_\ell$   
cLFV from LFUV (B-meson anomalies ...)

**Mechanisms of neutrino mass generation** (LFV in neutral sector!)

GUT inspired, higher-order (scotogenic), ...

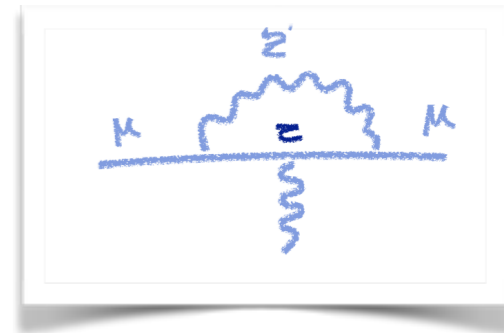
Back to **seesaw** cLFV "signatures" - and how **CP violating phases** impacts them

(Recall  $m_\nu \Rightarrow$  LFV; LFV does not require  $m_\nu \neq 0$  !!)

- ▶ Extensive studies of SM extensions capable of addressing "anomalous" behaviours (i.e. tensions with SM expectation):  $(g - 2)_e$ , and LFUV in B-meson decays
- Minimal, testable models (first step towards complete constructions)

$$\text{cLFV} \leftrightarrow \text{LFUV} (?)$$

- ▶ Minimal SM extension via **light vector  $Z'$**  (leptophilic cLFV couplings): explain both  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\Delta a_e$



$$\mathcal{L}_{Z'}^{\text{int}} = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} Z'_\mu \left[ \bar{\ell}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (g_L^{\alpha\beta} P_L + g_R^{\alpha\beta} P_R) \ell_\beta + \bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (g_L^{\alpha\beta} P_L) \nu_\beta \right] + \text{H.c.}$$

⇒ **Saturate  $\Delta a_\mu$**  ( $\Delta a_e$  and  $\Delta a_\tau$  strictly SM-like)

Very stringent constraints from

**LFU tests** ( $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ ) and

**cLFV** ( $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\bar{e}\mu$  and  $Mu - \bar{M}u$  !)

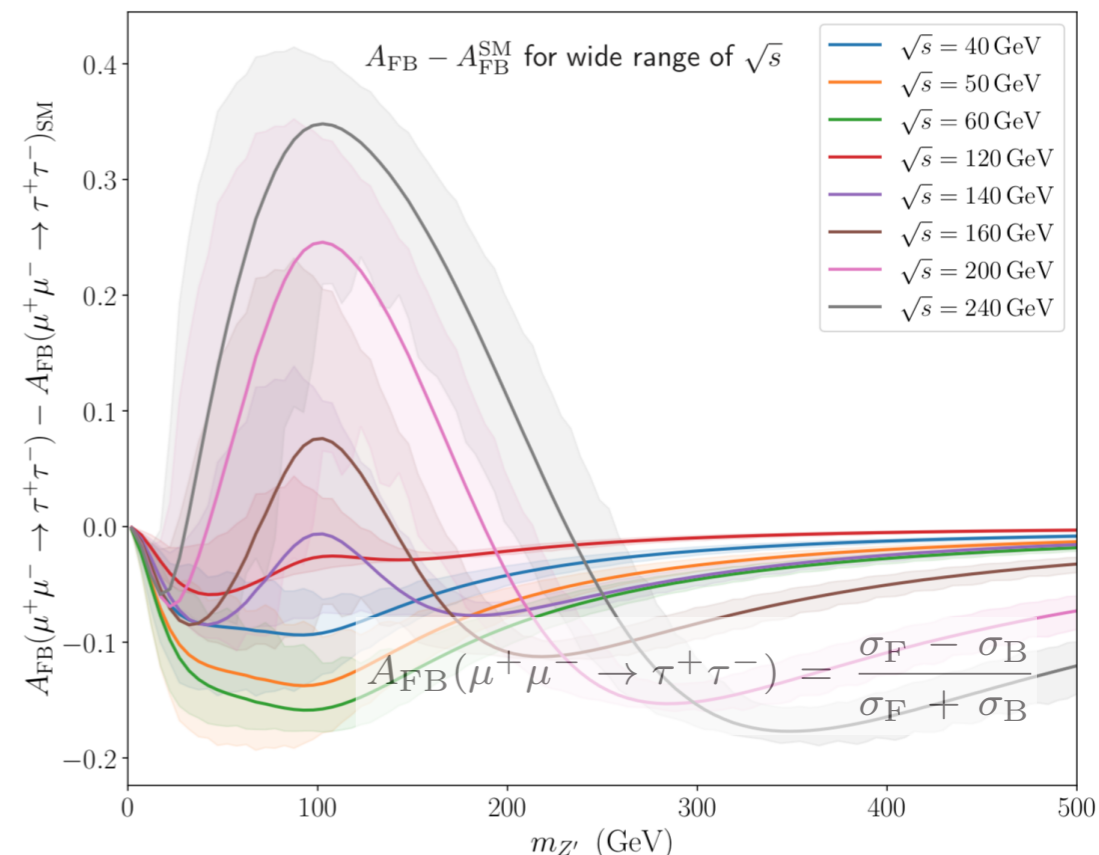
Excellent prospects for future **muon collider**

$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  (SM s-channel  $\gamma, Z$ ,  $Z'$  t-channel)

⇒ **Cross section** very sensitive to presence of  $Z'$

⇒ Clear departure from SM in **forward-backward asymmetry!**

[Kriewald, Orloff, Pinsard, AMT, 2204.13134]





# Scotogenic models: neutrinos, DM and cLFV

► **Scotogenic models:** a link between **neutrino mass** generation and **dark matter!**

[Ma, 2006]

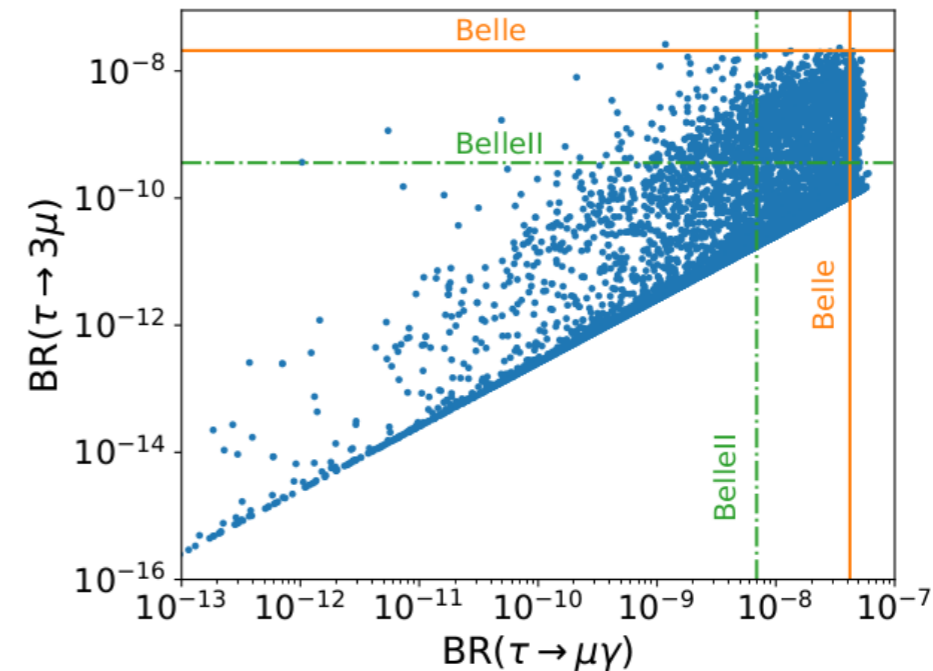
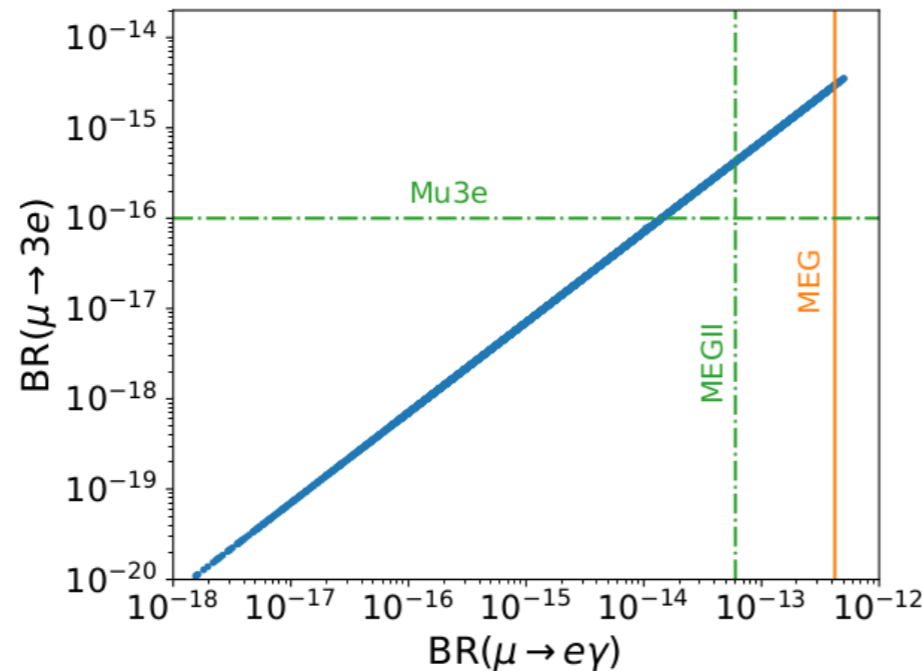
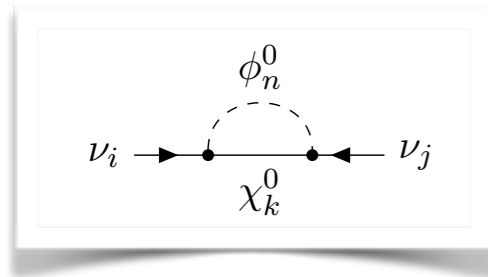
Additional  $Z_2$  symmetry: stabilises dark matter candidate ... but  
 $\Rightarrow$  **neutrino masses @ 1-loop**

Recent example: SM extended by  $SU(2)_L$  Weyl fermions,  
 Majorana fermion singlets & scalars

$\Rightarrow$   $\nu$  mass generation, DM candidates,  
 $(g-2)_\mu$  and **BAU** via leptogenesis!

	$\Psi_1$	$\Psi_2$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$\eta$	$S$
$SU(2)_L$	2	2	1	1	2	1
$U(1)_Y$	-1	1	0	0	1	0

[Alvarez et al, 2301.08485]

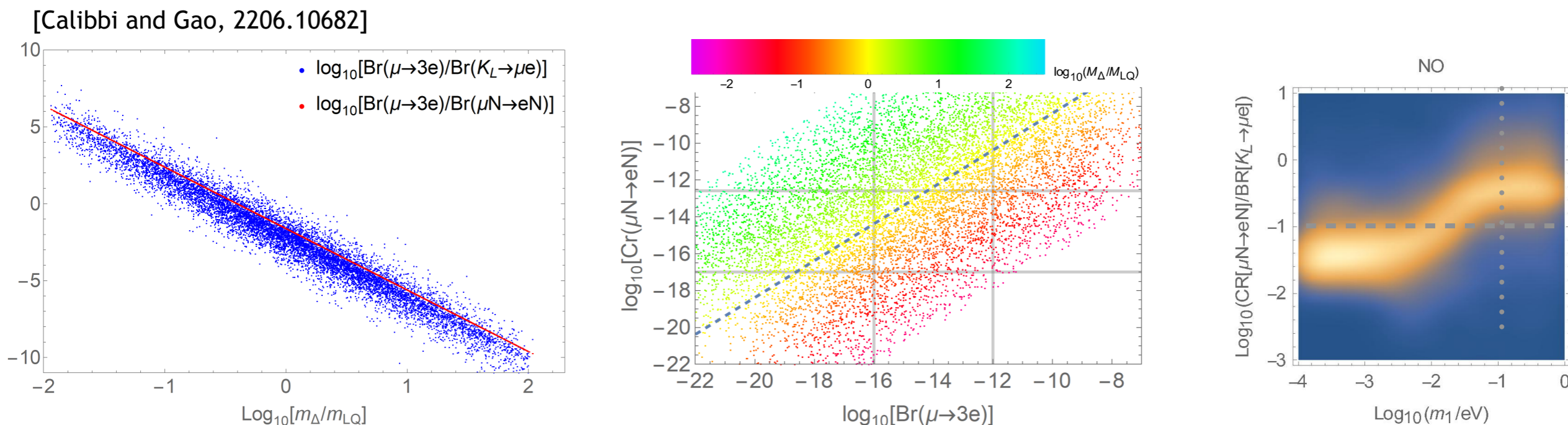


► **cLFV observables:** strict correlation between  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ ,  $BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$  [dipole dominated]  
 less manifest for  $\tau$  decays [non-negligible box contributions]  
**muon cLFV decays  $\Rightarrow$  falsify model @ MEG II and Mu3e !**

# GUT models: type II seesaw (and cLFV)

- **Grand unified models:** several possibilities explored, from (SUSY)  $SU(5)$  to  $SO(10)$ , ...  
 Many realisations include mechanisms of  $\nu$  mass generation, and open the door to **flavour violation** (at all levels)  
 Realised at very high scales ( $M_{\text{GUT}}$ ) - **how to probe and test them?**

*Illustrative example: non-susy  $SU(5)$  GUT & type II seesaw* [scalar triplet  $\Delta$ ,  $SU(5)$  (LQ) partners in 15]  
 (variations to avoid "wrong"  $m_f$  relations)



- **cLFV observables:** evident **correlation** between  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$ ,  $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e)$  and  $\text{CR}(e - \mu, N)$ ,  
 ratio dictated by **masses of mediators** (triplet  $\Delta$  and  $SU(5)$  leptoquark)  
 future **observation muon cLFV decays**  $\Rightarrow$  hint on  $m_{\Delta}/m_{LQ}$   
 If  $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) \geq 10 \times \text{CR}(e - \mu, N) \Rightarrow$  **disfavour IO**,  $m_1^{\nu} \lesssim 10^{-2}$  eV

# Flavoured probes of neutrino masses: SM & sterile neutrinos (... and CPV phases!)

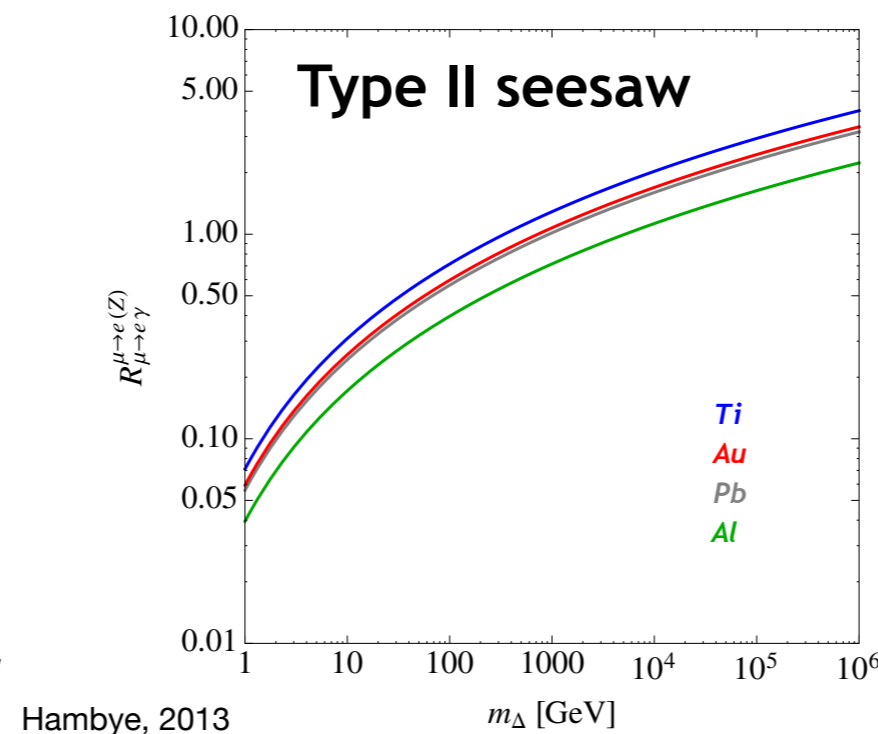
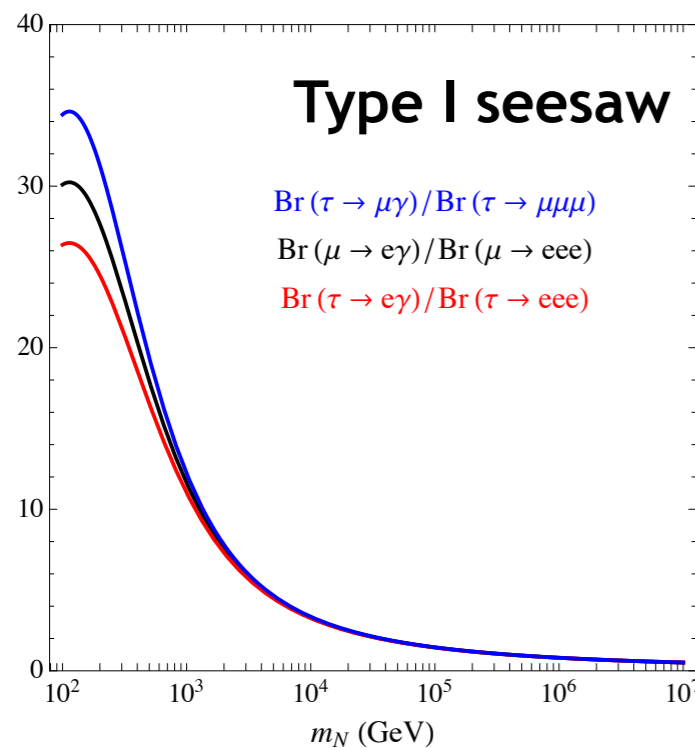
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**But!** In general, such studies assume CP conserving couplings...

CP likely violated (PMNS, and other Dirac & Majorana NP phases  $\Rightarrow$  leptogenesis!)

Can leptonic CP violating phases impact our naive expectations for cLFV patterns?

# Toy models of massive Majorana neutrinos

Simplified "seesaw models" for phenomenology: SM + 2 heavy neutral leptons

► Ad-hoc (low-energy) constructions: SM extended via  $n_s$  Majorana massive states (HNLs)

No assumption on mechanism of mass generation

Well-defined interactions in physical basis

*Phenomenological low-energy limit of complete constructions (type I seesaw, ISS, ...)*

Hypotheses: 3 active neutrinos + 2 heavy neutral leptons  $n_L = (\nu_{Le}, \nu_{L\mu}, \nu_{L\tau}, \nu_s^c, \nu_{s'}^c)^T$

interaction basis  $\leftrightarrow$  physical basis

$$|n_L\rangle = \mathcal{U}_{5 \times 5} |\nu_i\rangle$$

$$n_s = 2$$

Left-handed lepton mixing  $\tilde{U}_{PMNS}$

$3 \times 3$  sub-block, non-unitary!

Active-sterile mixing  $U_{\alpha i}$

$3 \times 5$  rectangular matrix

$$\mathcal{U}_{5 \times 5} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & U_{e5} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} & U_{\mu5} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} & U_{\tau5} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} & U_{s5} \\ U_{s'1} & U_{s'2} & U_{s'3} & U_{s'4} & U_{s'5} \end{pmatrix}$$

► Non-unitary lepton mixing matrix: source of cLFV in SM extensions via heavy sterile  $\nu$

► Interference effects (CPV) between heavier states can be present!

⇒ Constructive & destructive interference effects in cLFV decays (leptonic and boson)

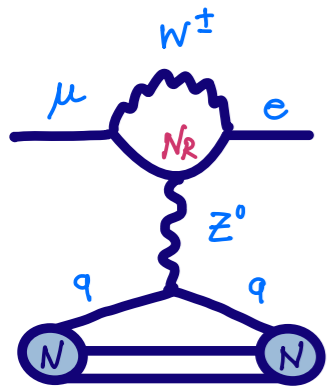
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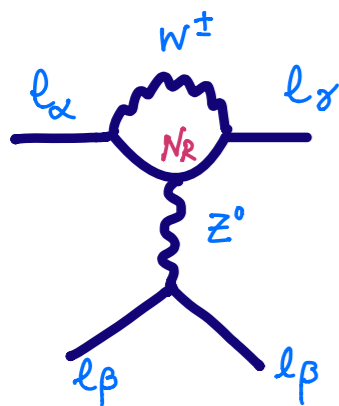


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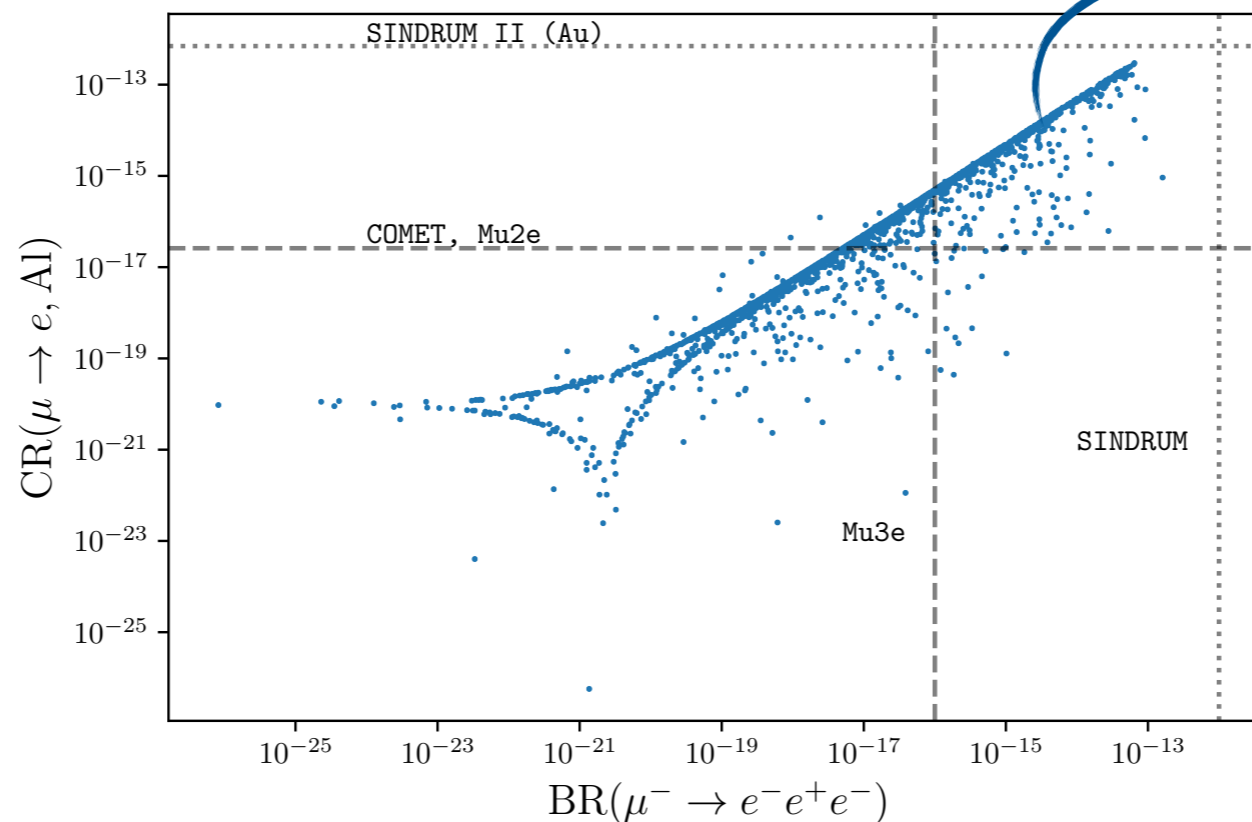
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[Abada, Kriewald, AMT, 2107.06313]



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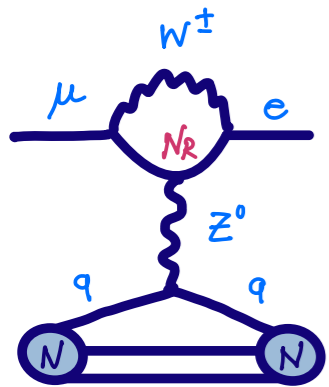
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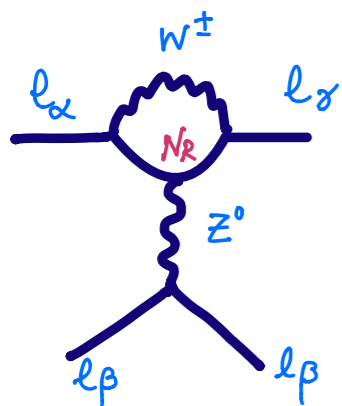


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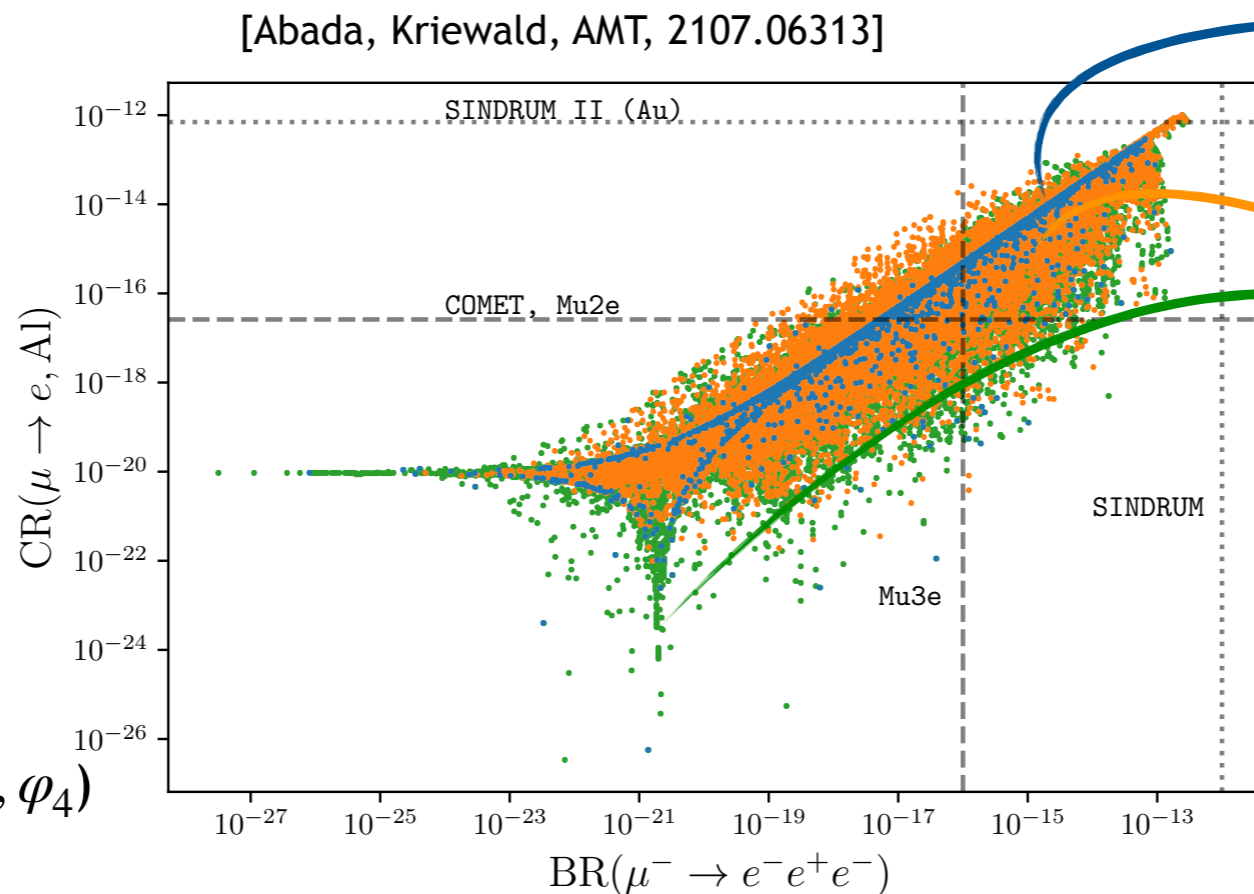
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$P_2$	$2 \times 10^{-23}$ ○	$2 \times 10^{-20}$ ○	$2 \times 10^{-19}$ ○	$1 \times 10^{-10}$ ✓	$3 \times 10^{-9}$ ✓
$P'_2$	$6 \times 10^{-14}$ ✓	$4 \times 10^{-14}$ ✓	$9 \times 10^{-14}$ ✓	$8 \times 10^{-11}$ ✓	$1 \times 10^{-9}$ ✓
$P_3$	$2 \times 10^{-11}$ ✗	$3 \times 10^{-10}$ ✗	$3 \times 10^{-9}$ ✗	$2 \times 10^{-8}$ ✓	$8 \times 10^{-7}$ ✓
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[Abada, Kriewald, AMT, 2107.06313]

$P_2$ : only cLFV  $\tau$  decays within future reach; cLFV  $\mu$  decays beyond sensitivity...

What if one observes  $\mu - e$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ ? Disfavour cLFV from HNL? or CPV...

$P'_2$ : all considered cLFV transitions within reach!

(Non)-observation of cLFV observable(s)  $\Rightarrow$  not necessarily disfavour HNL extension!



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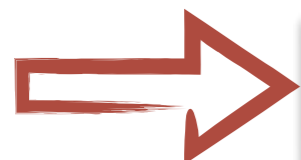
$P_3$ : associated with large active-sterile mixings

[Abada, Kriewald, AMT, 2107.06313]

CP conserving case excluded due conflict with bounds from cLFV  $\mu$  decays

$P'_3$ : suppression of rates from CPV phases (Dirac & Majorana)

reconcile large mixing regimes with observation!



CPV phases must be included to thoroughly assess viability of HNL regimes!

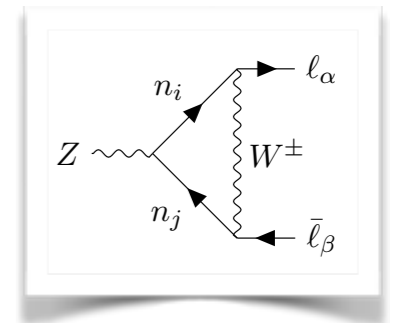
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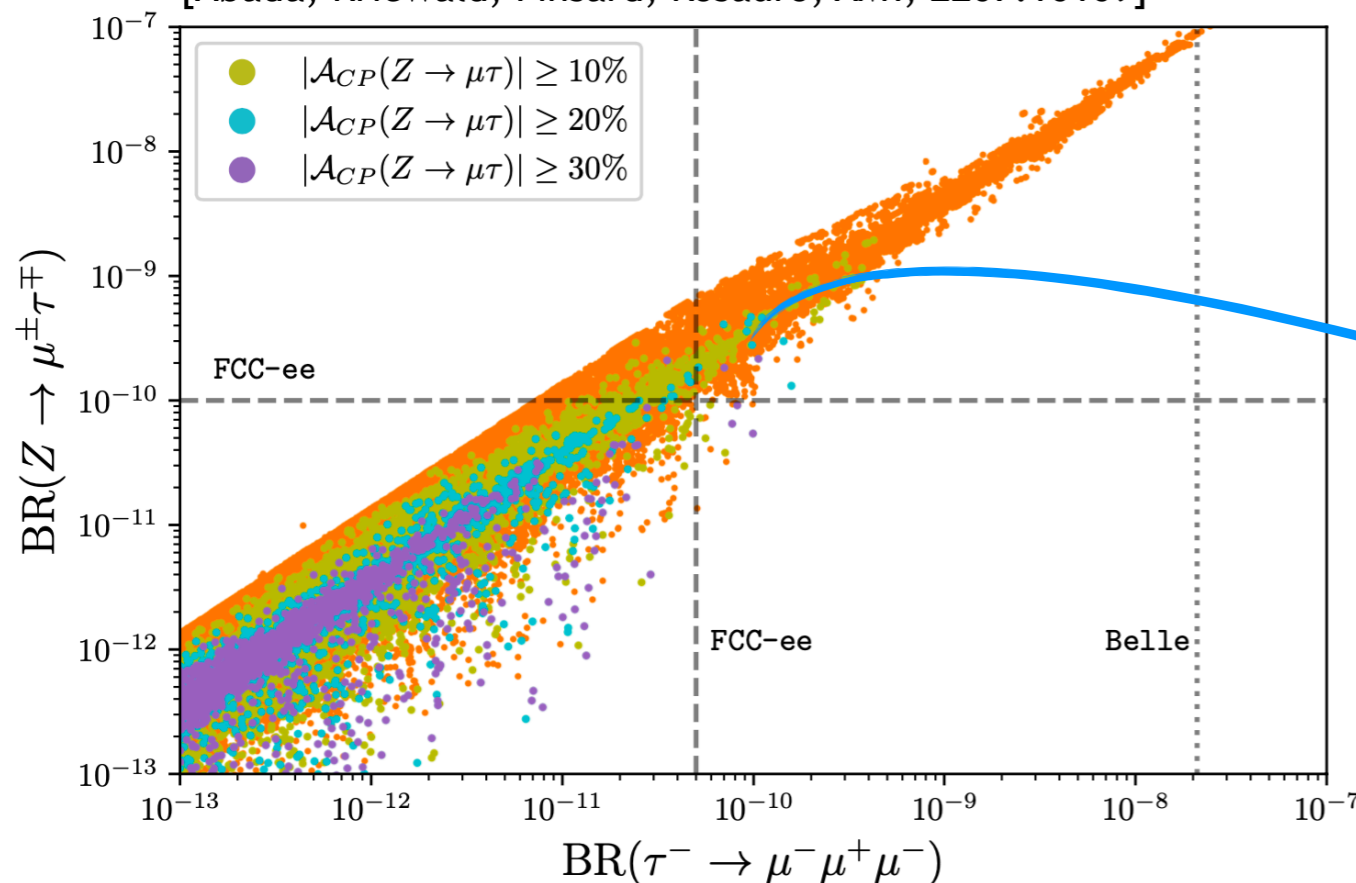
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How to look for the presence of new sources of leptonic CP violation, in association with cLFV?  
Consider further observables: **cLFV Z boson decays** and associated **CP asymmetries!**

$$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha \ell_\beta) = \frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^- \ell_\beta^+) - \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^+ \ell_\beta^-)}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^- \ell_\beta^+) + \Gamma(Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^+ \ell_\beta^-)}$$



[Abada, Kriewald, Pinsard, Rosauero, AMT, 2207.10109]



⇒ For regimes with

$BR(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau)$  and  $BR(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu)$

both within future sensitivity

$\mathcal{A}_{CP}(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau)$  as large as **20%**!

⇒ Joint observation highly suggestive of

SM extended by *at least 2* heavy sterile  $\nu$

**cLFV & CPV at work!**

# Outlook & conclusions



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running between scales, operator mixing effects, ...  
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# $\mu$ cLFV: overview



IN2P3  
Les deux infinis

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  - ✱ **Exclude** regimes and regions in **BSM parameter space**
  - ✱ **Falsify a model** (directly, or through correlations - cLFV patterns)  
and/or **reduce "ambiguities"** on other sectors...  
(and remember - **CPV phases matter in flavours!**)
  - ✱ **Probe otherwise unreachable scales!**



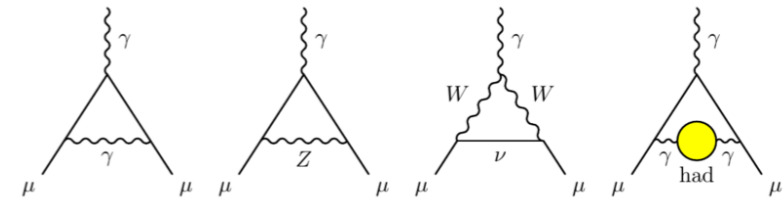
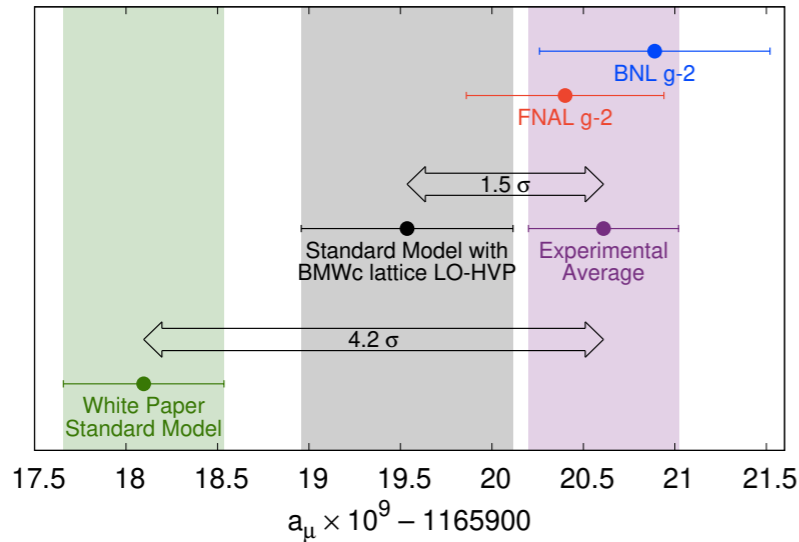
"Leave no (flavoured) stone unturned" -  
leave no **single grain of sand unobserved**,  
or **muon-flavour unte(a)sted!** 😊

# Additional material



► Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon @ 2021:

$$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = ?$$

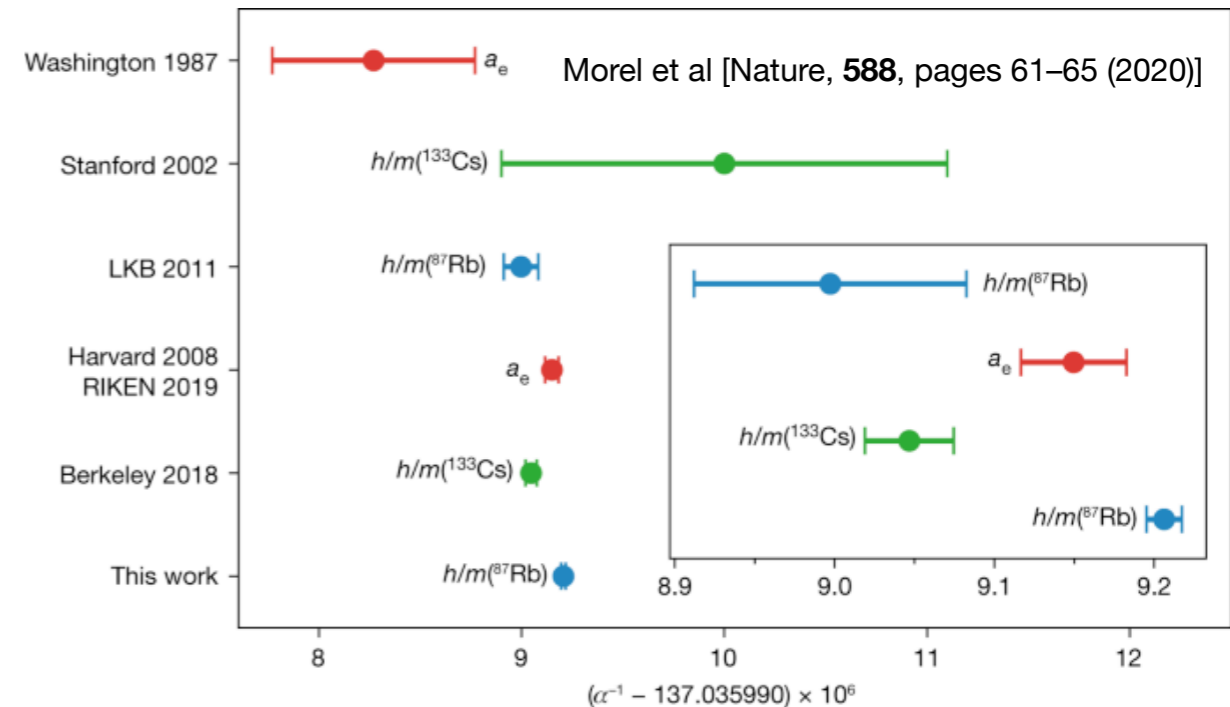


New Physics: badly needed? or not?

► Anomalous magnetic moment of the electron

$$(2018) \Delta a_e^{\text{Cs}} = -0.88(36) \times 10^{-12} \quad \rightsquigarrow -2.3\sigma$$

$$(2020) \Delta a_e^{\text{Rb}} = 0.48(30) \times 10^{-12} \quad \rightsquigarrow +1.7\sigma$$



Difference of **5.4σ** in determination of **α** ?!  
(SM input parameter!)

► Two anomalies in  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\Delta a_e^{\text{Cs}}$  ?

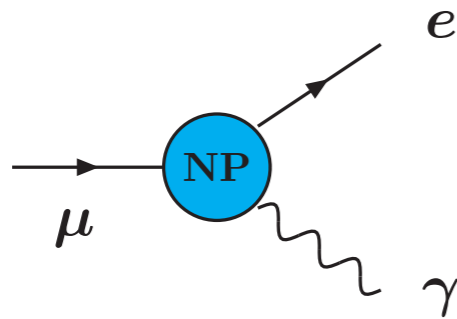
Possible hint of lepton flavour universality violation?

Lepton universality (MFV) naïvely suggests  $\Delta a_e / \Delta a_\mu \approx m_e^2 / m_\mu^2 \sim +2.4 \times 10^{-5}$

but  $\Delta a_e^{\text{Cs}} / \Delta a_\mu \sim -3.3 \times 10^{-4} \dots$

# cLFV: modes & experimental prospects

## ► Radiative and 3-body muon decay channels



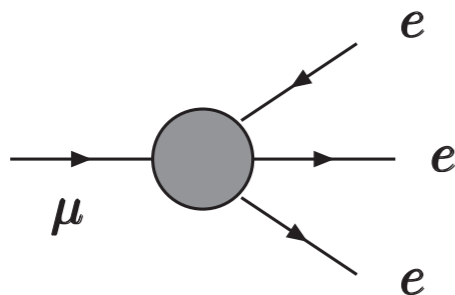
► **cLFV decay:**  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$

► **Event signature:**  $E_e = E_\gamma = m_\mu/2$  ( $\sim 52.8$  MeV)

Back-to-back  $e^+ - \gamma$  ( $\theta \sim 180^\circ$ ); Time coincidence

► **Current status:**  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$  [MEG, '16]

► **Future prospects:** MEG II @ PSI  $\rightsquigarrow$  sensitivity  $4 \times 10^{-14}$



► **cLFV decay:**  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$

► **Event signature:**  $\sum E_e = m_\mu; \sum \vec{P}_e = \vec{0}$

common vertex; Time coincidence

► **Current status:**  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) \lesssim 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  [SINDRUM, '88]

► **Future prospects:** Mu3e @ PSI

**Phase I:**  $10^{-15}$  ( $\pi$ E5  $\mu$  source)  $\Rightarrow$  **Phase II:**  $10^{-16}$  (H.I.  $\mu$ -beam)



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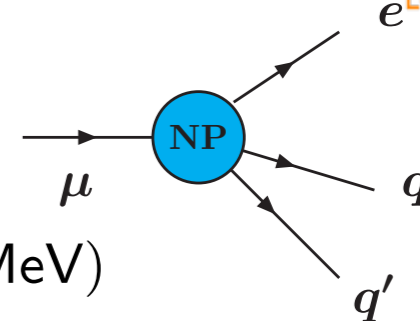
## ► Nuclear assisted cLFV and Muonium channels

► **cLFV  $\mu^- - e^-$  conversion:**  $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$

► **Event signature:** single mono-energetic electron,  $E_{\mu e}^{\text{Al, Pb, Ti}} \approx \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$

► **Current status:**  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, \text{Au}) \lesssim 7 \times 10^{-13}$  [SINDRUM, '06]

► **Future prospects (Al):** Mu2e @ FNAL I (II)  $\sim 6 \times 10^{-17}$  (**few**  $\times 10^{-18}$ );  
COMET @ J-PARC I (II)  $\sim 10^{-15}$  ( $10^{-18}$ )

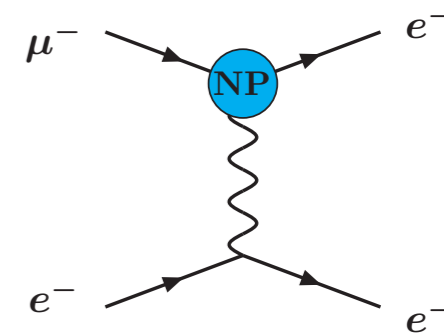


► **Coulomb enhanced muonic atom decay:**  $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

$$\Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-, N) \propto \sigma_{\mu e \rightarrow ee} v_{\text{rel}} [(Z-1)\alpha m_e]^3 / \pi$$

⇒ Consider large  $Z$  targets! Pb, U!?

► **Clean experimental signature:** back-to-back electrons,  $E_{e^-} \approx m_\mu/2$

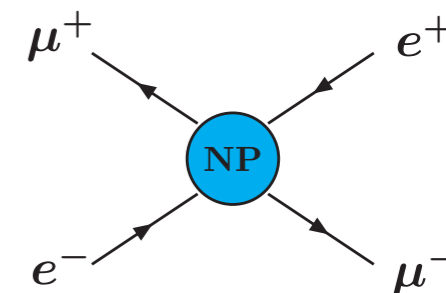


► **Experimental status:** New observable!

► **cLFV  $\text{Mu} - \overline{\text{Mu}}$  conversion** ⇒ Oscillation between  $(e^- \mu^+) \leftrightarrow (e^+ \mu^-)$

► **Current status:**  $\text{P}(\text{Mu} - \overline{\text{Mu}}) < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$  [Willmann et al, 1999]

► **Future prospects:** MUSE (J-PARC)? FNAL?



## ► LNV atomic conversion

- **LNV ( $\Delta L = 2$ )  $\mu^- - e^+$  conversion:**  $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (A, Z - 2)^*$

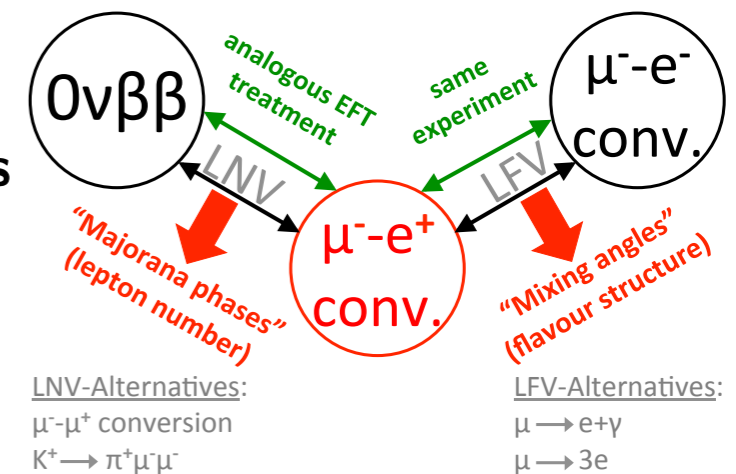
$\mu^- - e^-$ : coherent, single nucleon, nuclear ground state

$\mu^- - e^+$ : 2 nucleons ( $\Delta Q = 2$ ), possibly **excited final states**

- **Event signature:** single positron - but *complex*  $E$ -spectrum

$$E_{\mu^- e^+}^{N^*} = m_\mu - E_B(A, Z) - E_R(A, Z) - \Delta_{Z-2}^{(*)}$$

$$E_{\mu^- e^+}^{AI, GDR} \approx \mathcal{O}(83.9 \text{ MeV}) \quad [\langle GDR_{AI} \rangle \sim 21.1 \text{ MeV (6.7 MeV)}]$$



[Geib et al, '16]

- **Experimental status - present bounds:**

Collaboration	year	Process	Bound
PSI/SINDRUM	1998	$\mu^- + \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^+ + \text{Ca}^*$	$3.6 \times 10^{-11}$
PSI/SINDRUM	1998	$\mu^- + \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^+ + \text{Ca}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-12}$

- **Experimental status - future prospects:**

Recent studies: **best sensitivity** associated with **Calcium**, **Sulphur** and **Titanium** targets

$$CR(\mu^- - e^+) < \mathcal{O}(\text{few} \times 10^{-15}) \text{ for } {}^{48}\text{Ti} \quad (\text{both LNC and LNV searches}) \quad [\text{Yeo et al, '17}]$$

For Aluminium targets improvement of current sensitivity maybe very hard (even factor 10)...

## ► Muon cLFV searches and axion-like particles

★ **Axion-like particles:** very light, “invisible” (neutral or feebly coupled) states

⇒ present in numerous well motivated NP models; role in astrophysics & cosmology

► If **ALPs** have **flavour violating couplings to leptons**, dedicated **cLFV searches**

$\mu \rightarrow ea$   $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma a$ , among many others (including  $\tau$  modes)

► **Current limits:**  $\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ a) < 2.6 \times 10^{-6}$  [TRIUMF, '86]

$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow ea) < 5.8 \times 10^{-5}$  [TWIST, '14]

$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow ea\gamma) < 1.1 \times 10^{-9}$  [Crystal Box, '88]

► **Future reach (?):**  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow ea) < 10^{-8}$  @ **Mu3e** [Perrevoort, '18]

$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow ea) < 2 \times 10^{-6}$  @ **COMET/Mu2e** [Garcia i Tomo et al, '11]

Possibly at **MEG...**  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow ea) < 3 \times 10^{-7}$  (?)

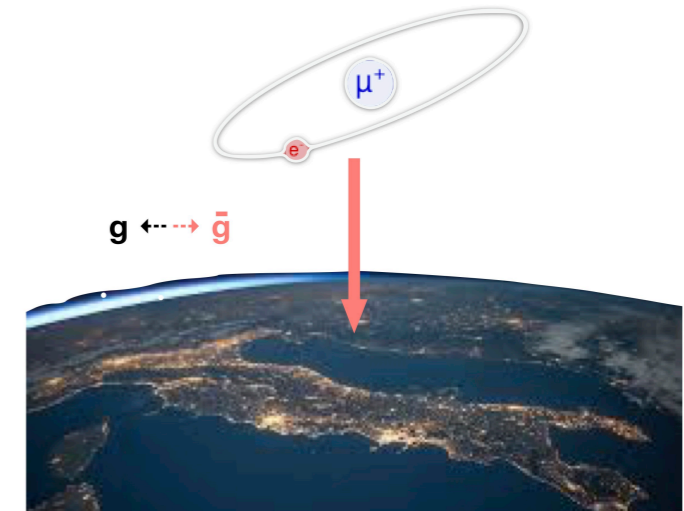
► **Interesting synergy** between **rare muon decays** and **ALP searches!**

## ► Further muonic probes of New Physics

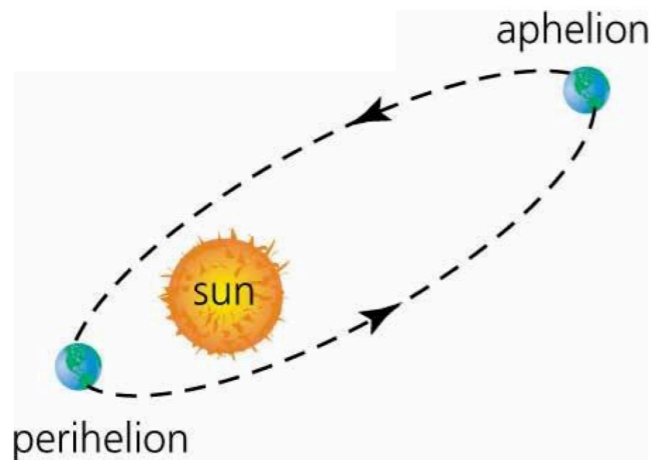
### ★ Testing antimatter gravity with Muonium

► No direct test of **gravity for antimatter** (“heavy  $\mu^+$ ”)

No test of **weak equivalence principle** (equivalence of gravitational and inertial masses) for **antimatter**

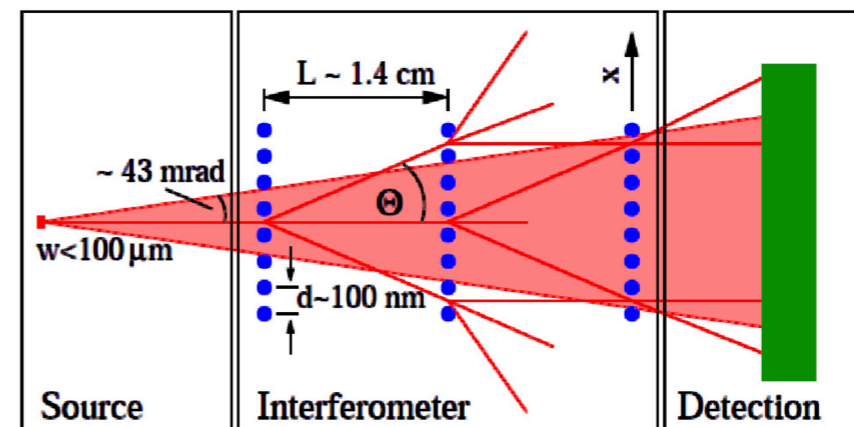


► **Methods:** Annual modulation of Muonium 1s-2s transition frequency



[Kirch, '07-'19]

### Mach Zehnder atom interferometer



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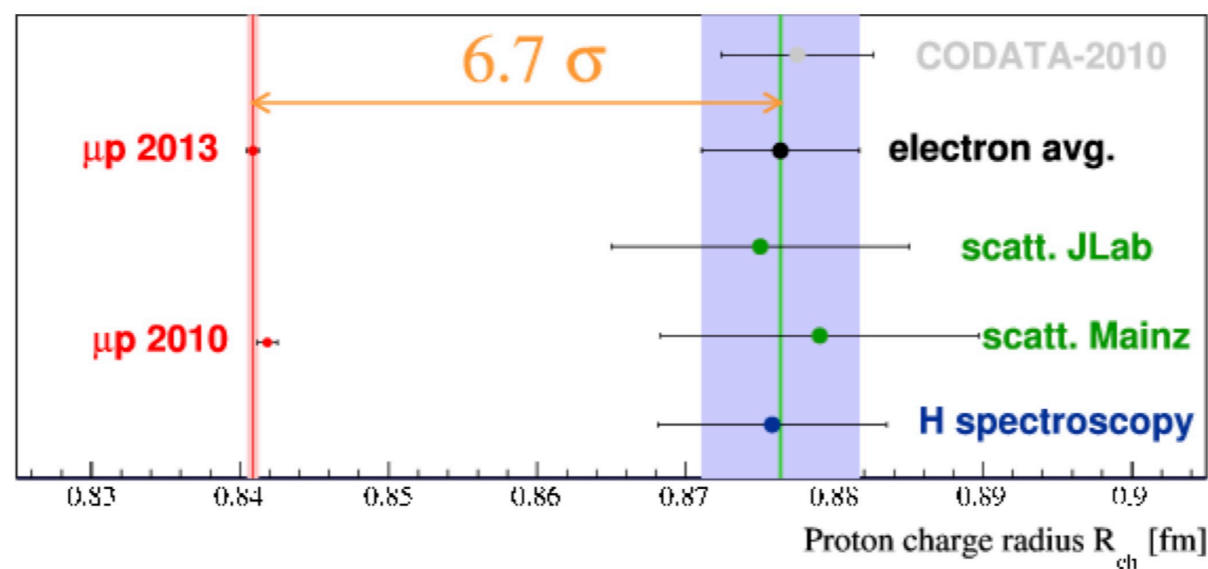
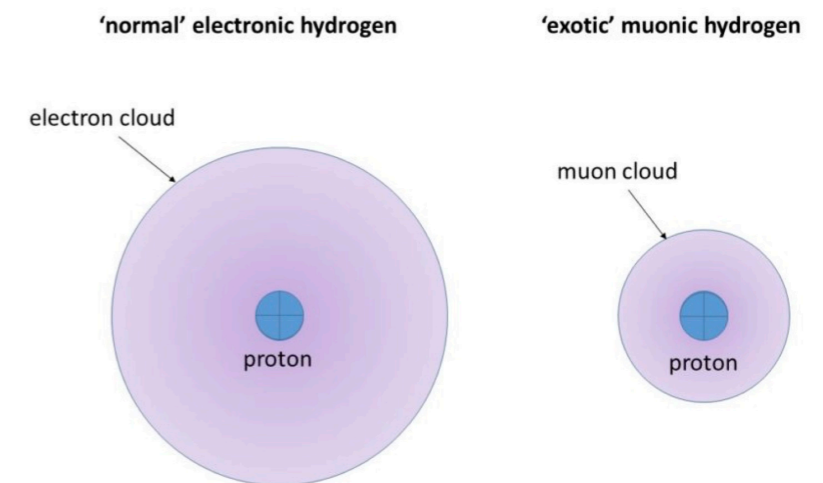
★ The proton radius: experiments with muonic Hydrogen

► Measurement of **proton radius** relies on **Lamb Shift**

(sensitive to  $r_p$ )

► **Proton radius determined** with great accuracy

for **muonic Hydrogen,  $\mu\text{H}$**



[1506.00873]

► An excess of **6  $\sigma$  deviations** between  $r_p^\mu$  and  $r_p^e$ ! **New Physics?**

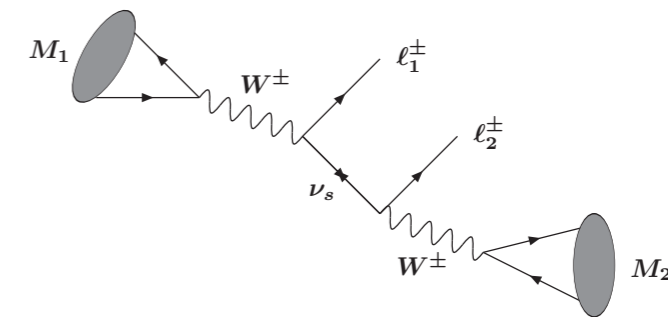
## ► Rare Lepton Number Violating ( $\Delta L = 2$ ) decays

★ **LNV** suggests the presence of **Majorana states**; opens the door for leptogenesis...

► **Neutrinoless double beta decays:**  $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$

**Current status:**  $m_{\beta\beta} < (61 - 165) \text{ meV}$  [Kamland-Zen, '16]

► **LNV in semileptonic tau and/or meson decays**



LNV decay	Current Bound	
	$\ell = e, \ell' = e$	$\ell = \mu, \ell' = \mu$
$K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \ell'^- \pi^+$	$6.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$
$D^- \rightarrow \ell^- \ell'^- \pi^+$	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-8}$
$D^- \rightarrow \ell^- \ell'^- K^+$	$9.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$B^- \rightarrow \ell^- \ell'^- \pi^+$	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-9}$
$B^- \rightarrow \ell^- \ell'^- K^+$	$3.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-8}$

◀ ▼ **Experimental status: BaBar, Belle**

LNV decay	Current Bound	
	$\ell = e$	$\ell = \mu$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	$2.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-8}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^+ \pi^- K^-$	$3.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-8}$
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► **Future prospects:** LHCb (Upgrade I & II), Belle II (upgrade),

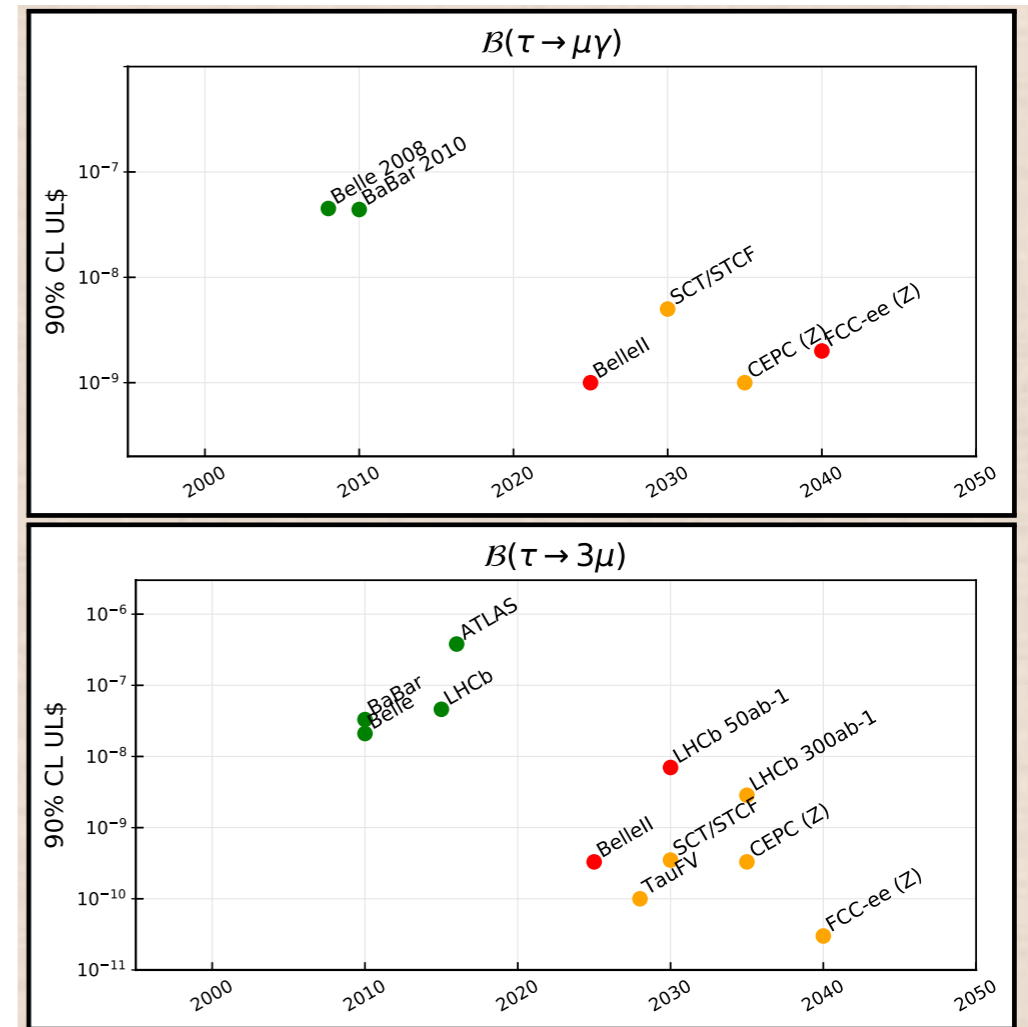
**TauFV, Super Charm-Tau factory... NA62, KOTO, KLEVER, ...**

# cLFV: modes & experimental prospects

## ► Rare lepton processes: cLFV tau decays

- **Radiative decay:**  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \gamma$
- **Event signature:**  $E_{\text{final}} - \sqrt{s}/2 = \Delta E \sim 0$ ;  
 $M_{\text{final}} = M_{\ell\gamma} \sim m_\tau$
- **Current status:**  $\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) \lesssim 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ ;  
 $\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) \lesssim 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$  [BaBar, '10]
- **3-body decays:**  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\mp \ell_k^\pm$
- **Event signature:**  $E_{3\ell} - \sqrt{s}/2 \sim 0$ ;  
 $M_{3\ell} \sim m_\tau$
- **Current status:**  $\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow 3\ell) \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$
- **Future experimental prospects:**

[Lusiani, EPPSU'19]



Belle II, LHCb Upgrades, ..., TauFV, (Super) Tau-Charm factories, FCC/CEPC

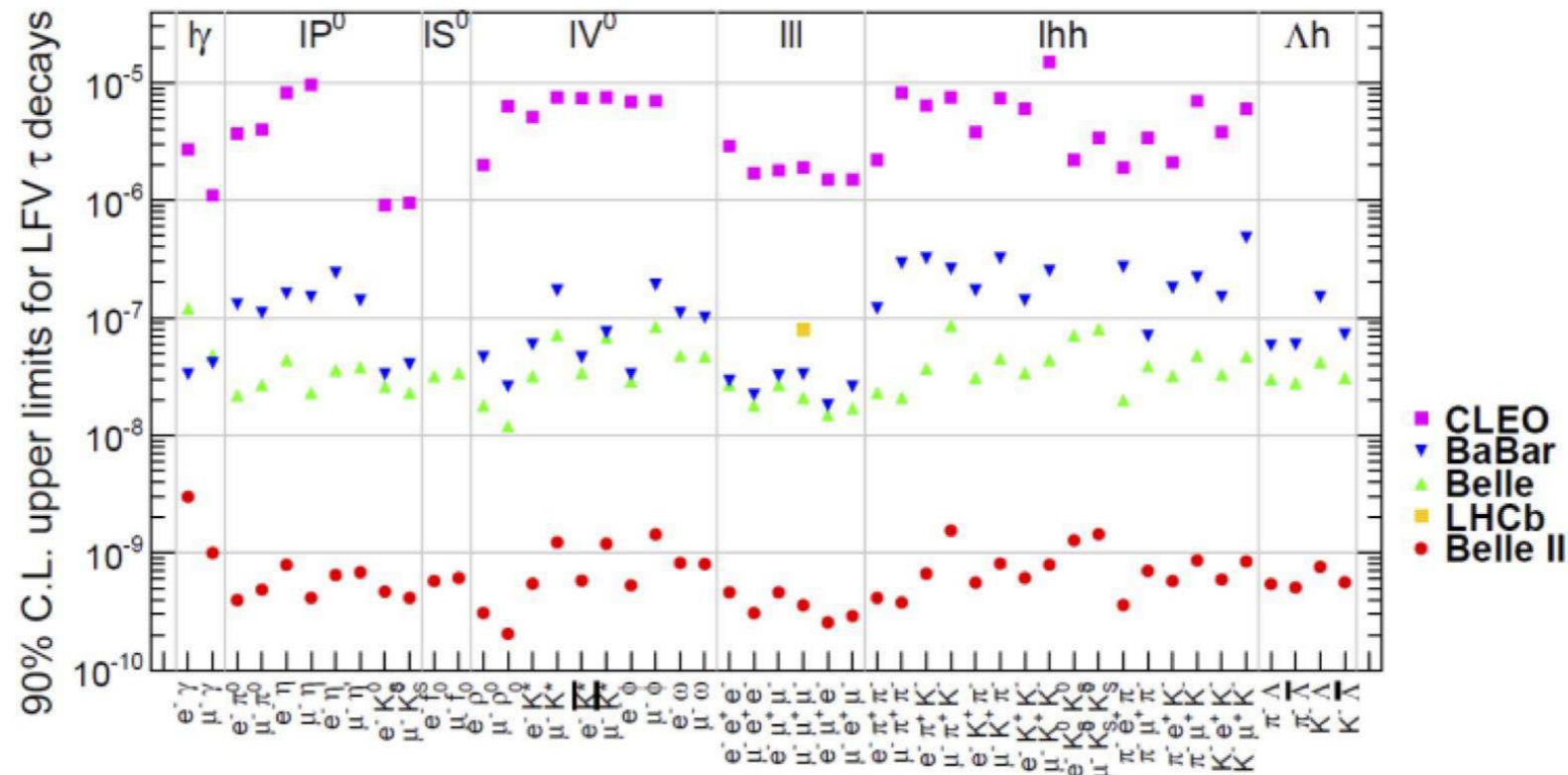
$$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \ell\gamma) \leq 1 - 3 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow 3\ell) \leq 1 - 2 \times 10^{-10}$$

# cLFV: modes & experimental prospects

## ► cLFV semi-leptonic decays: tau leptons

- Meson(s) & charged lepton:  $\tau \rightarrow \ell h^0$ ;  $\tau \rightarrow \ell h_i h_j$



From Belle II physics book  
arXiv:1808.10567

**Meson decays:** excellent testing grounds for lepton flavour dynamics - **cLFV**

- *K*, *D* and *B* meson decays: abundant data [LHCb, BNL, KTeV, BaBar, Cleo, Belle, ...]

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}; \quad \text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{BR}(D^0 \rightarrow \mu e) < 1.5 \times 10^{-8}; \quad \text{BR}(B \rightarrow \mu e) < 2.8 \times 10^{-9}, \dots$$

- **Future prospects:**  $\text{BR}(B_{(s)} \rightarrow \mu e) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$  LHCb'II,  $\text{BR}(B \rightarrow X \tau e(\mu)) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$  Belle II, ..

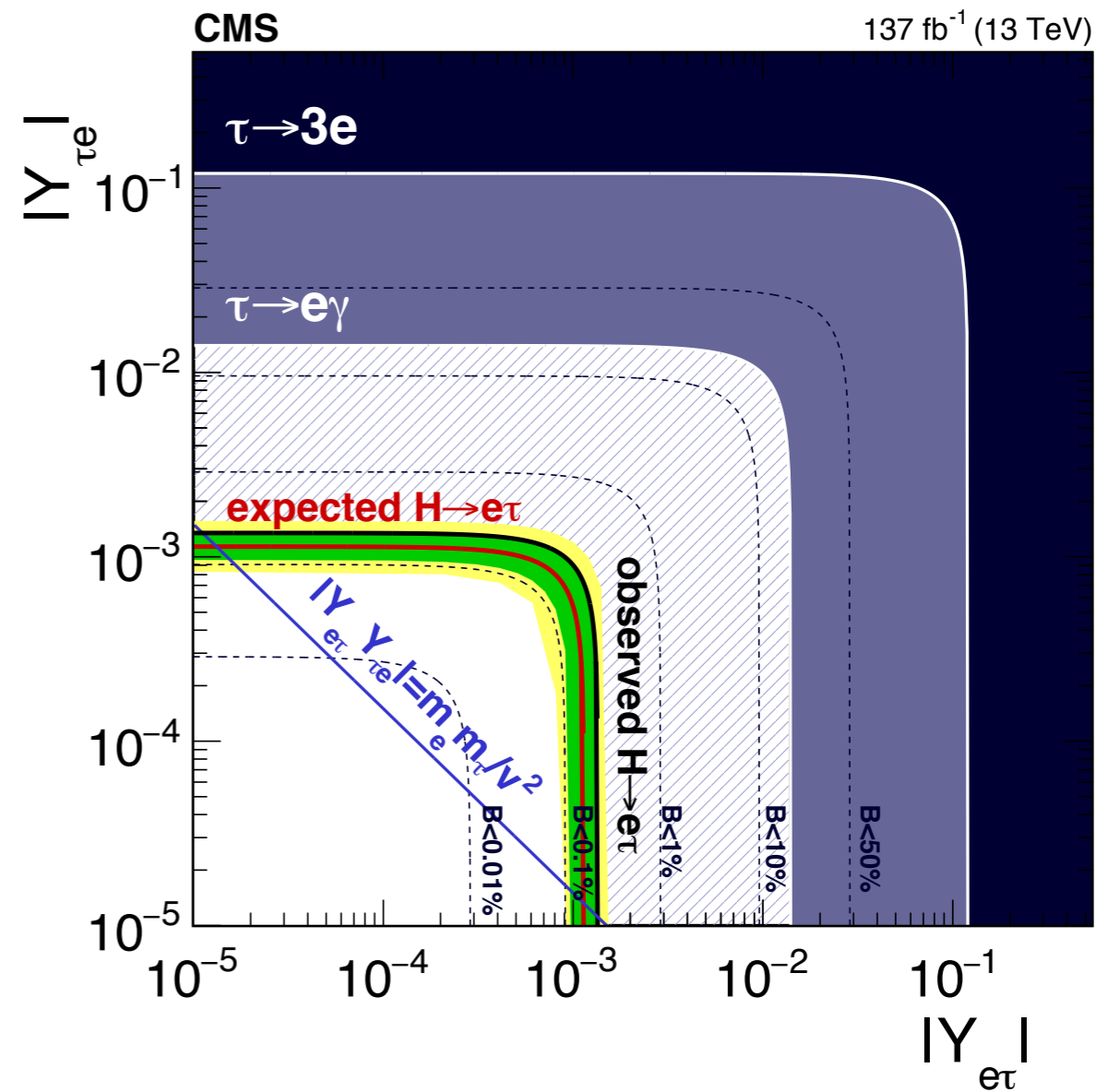
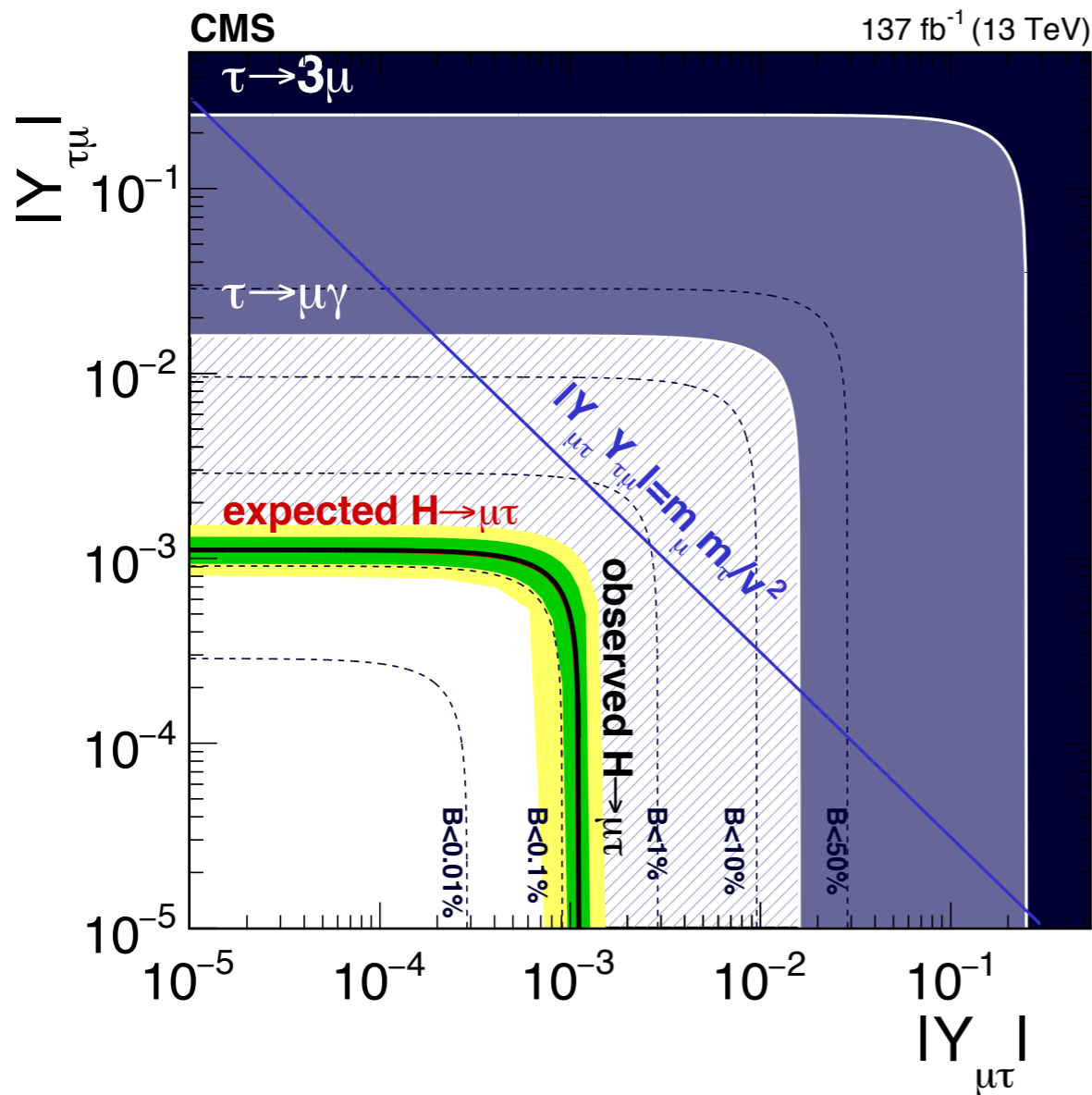


## ► cLFV decays at colliders

- ▶ **Z boson decays:**  $Z \rightarrow l_i l_j$   $\rightsquigarrow$  **Z**s abundantly produced at **LEP** and at the **LHC**
- ▶ **Current bounds:**  $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow e\mu) < 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$  [ATLAS, 2014]  
 $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ ;  $\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow e\tau) < 9.8 \times 10^{-6}$  [OPAL & DELPHI]
- ▶ **Higgs boson decays:**  $H \rightarrow l_i l_j$   $\rightsquigarrow$  “Higgs-factory” at LHC - study rare processes...
- ▶ **Current data:**  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \lesssim 0.0025$  [CMS];  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow e\tau) \lesssim 0.0061$  [CMS]
- ▶ **Production of “on-shell” NP states**  $\Rightarrow$  new interactions induce **cLFV** decays  
Multiplicity, composition,  $E_{\text{miss}}$ , ...: properties of final state **strongly model-dependent...**
- ▶ **Future experimental prospects:** **LHC Run 2 !!**  
... and a **Higgs factory** (linear/circular) ... and **FCC-ee** (at the  $Z$  pole)

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## ► Limits on "effective" Yukawa couplings:

[CMS Coll, 2105.03007]

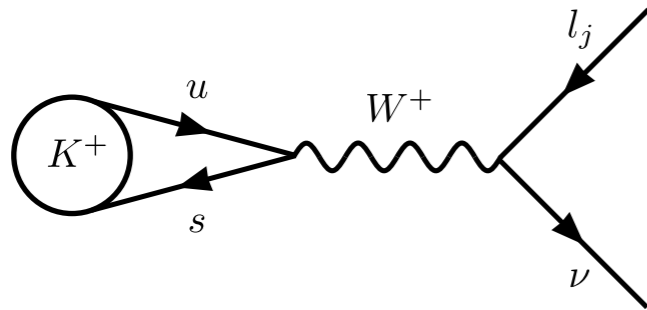
$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \ell^\alpha \ell^\beta) = \frac{m_H}{8\pi} (|Y_{\ell^\alpha \ell^\beta}|^2 + |Y_{\ell^\beta \ell^\alpha}|^2)$$

## ► LFUV in kaon and pion leptonic decays

★ In the SM, charged leptons have **universal** couplings to EW gauge bosons

$g_e = g_\mu = g_\tau = g \Rightarrow$  Studied and tested for  $\pi$ , Kaons and B-mesons

► **Kaon sector:**  $R_K^\ell = \frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow e \bar{\nu})}{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu})} = \left(\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_K^2 - m_e^2}{m_K^2 - m_\mu^2}\right)^2 (1 + \delta R_{\text{QED}})$



$$R_K^{\text{SM}} = (2.477 \pm 0.001) \times 10^{-5} \quad [\text{Cirigliano et al, '07}]$$

$$R_K^{\text{exp}} = (2.488 \pm 0.009) \times 10^{-5} \quad [\text{NA62}]$$

In the future, **NA62 & TREK**:  $\mathcal{O}(0.2\%)$  precision!

► **Pion sector:**  $R_{e/\mu}^\pi = \frac{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e \bar{\nu} (\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu} (\gamma))}$

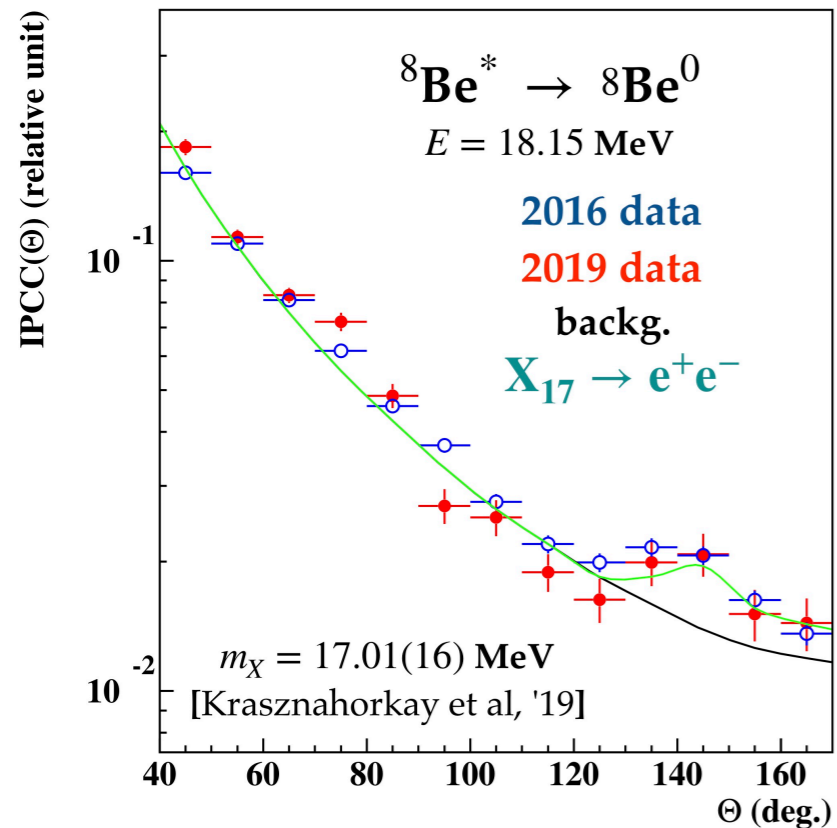
$$R_{\text{SM}}^\pi = (1.2352 \pm 0.0002) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 0.16 \text{ pp mille})$$

$$R_{\text{exp}}^\pi = (1.2344 \pm 0.00030) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\pm 2.4 \text{ pp mille})$$

In the future, **PEN and PIENU** (final results): beyond  $\mathcal{O}(0.02\%)$  precision!

# Anomalous magnetic moments & more

A simultaneous explanation to  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\Delta a_e^{Cs}$  and to  ${}^8Be$  atomic decay "anomaly"?



⇒ Angular correlation of  $e^+e^-$  internal pair creation

$${}^8Be^*(j^\pi = 1^+, T = 0) \rightarrow {}^8Be^0(j^\pi = 0^+, T = 0)$$

@  $5\sigma - 6\sigma$

⇒ Similar deviations in  ${}^4He$   $e^+e^-$  angular correlation

$${}^4He(0^- \rightarrow 0^+, E = 21.01 \text{ MeV})$$

@  $7.2\sigma$

⇒ Production and decay of (hypothetical) light vector boson

$$m_X \sim 17 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma_X/\Gamma_\gamma \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$$

Feng et al [2006.01151]

Minimal framework:  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightsquigarrow Z'$

extra RH neutrinos, heavy vector-like leptons, scalar  $h_X$

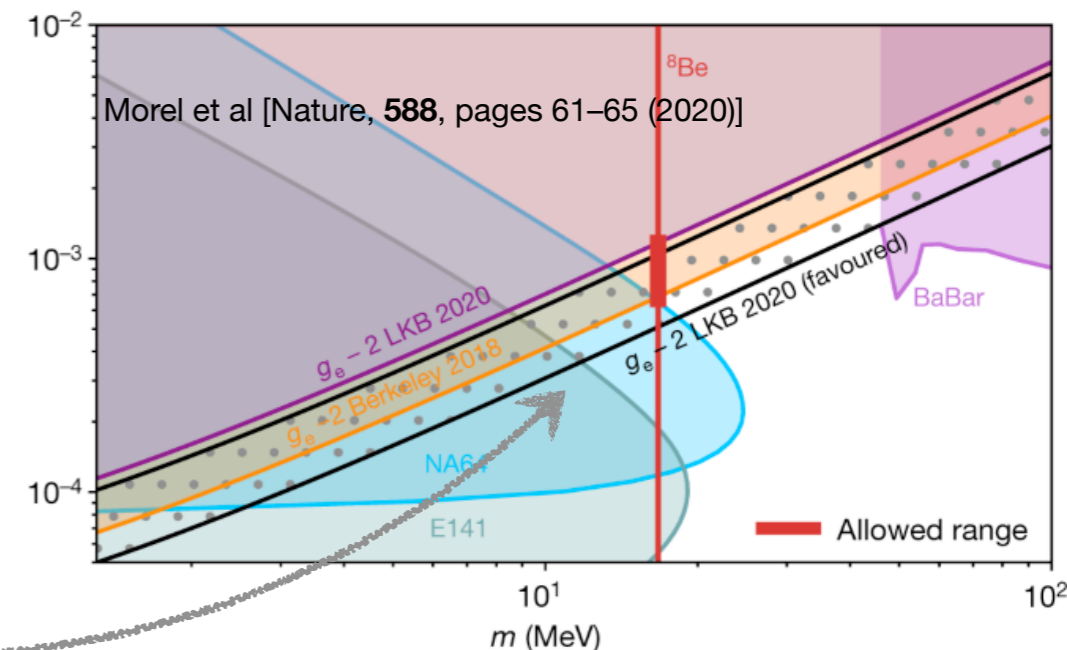
$m_\nu$  from mixings with  $N_R$  and  $L^0$ ; dynamical  $m_M = v_X y_M$

New neutral currents ( $Z'$  and  $h_X$ )

Cancellation of NP contributions: saturate  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\Delta a_e^{Cs}$

Constrained parameter space!  ${}^8Be$  and  $\Delta a_\mu \Rightarrow \Delta a_e!$

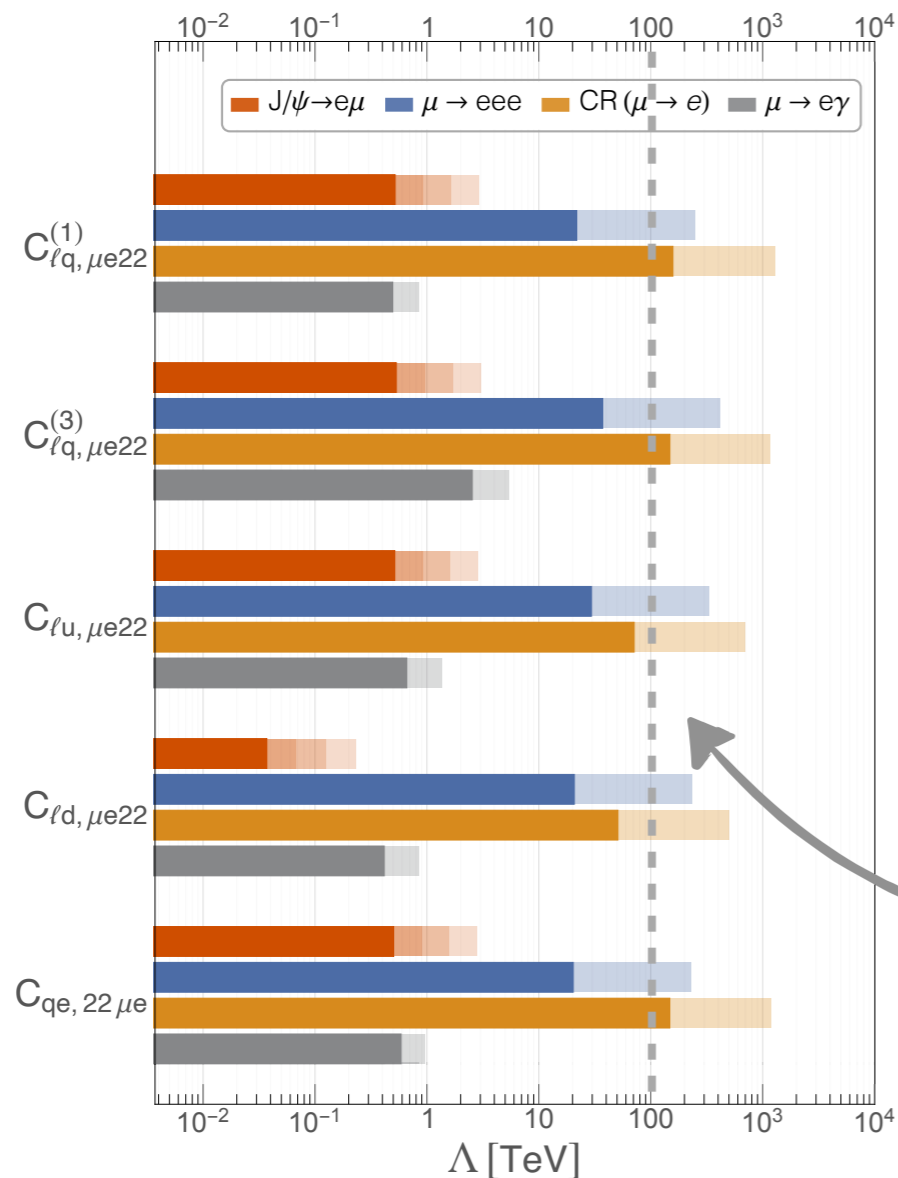
(Far more challenging with  $\Delta a_e^{Rb}$  ...)



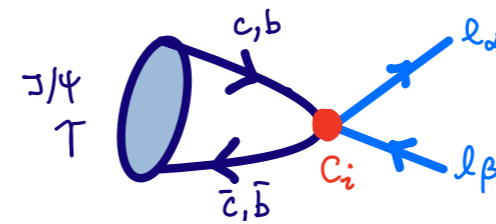
$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \frac{\mathcal{C}_5 \mathcal{O}^5}{\Lambda_{\text{LNV}}} (m_\nu) + \frac{\mathcal{C}_6 \mathcal{O}^6}{\Lambda_{\text{CLFV}}^2} (\ell_\alpha \leftrightarrow \ell_\beta) + \dots$$

⇒ **cLFV** data to constrain  $\mathcal{C}_6$  (and infer sensitivity of a process to a given operator  $\mathcal{O}^6$ )

► **Comparative probing power** (simplified overview): **leptonic and (light) meson decays**



[Calibbi et al, 2207.10913]



- **Single**  $\mathcal{O}_{2q2\ell}^6$  at a time (perturbative  $\mathcal{C}_6$ )

- Most stringent constraints:  $\mu - e$  and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$

- **If NP** is such that

$$\frac{\mathcal{C}_6^{2q2\ell}}{\Lambda^2} \gtrsim \frac{1}{(10^3 \text{ TeV})^2} - \frac{1}{(10^2 \text{ TeV})^2}$$

⇒ **cannot observe**  $J/\psi \rightarrow e\mu$  (or  $\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow e\mu$ )

**nor**  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

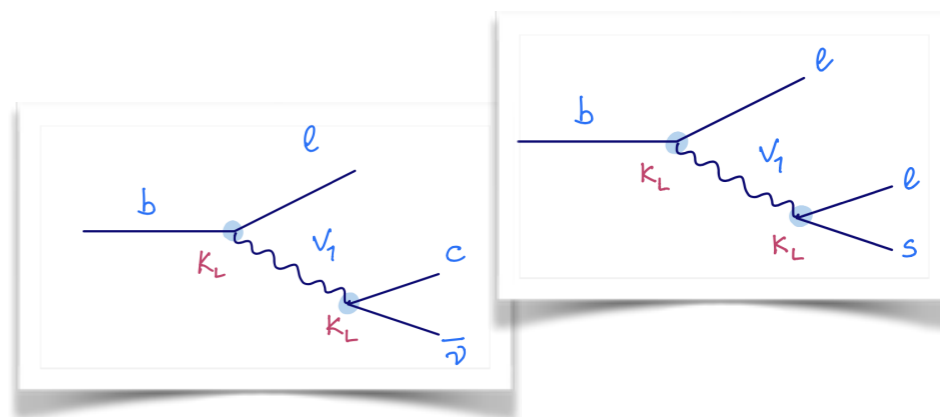
(unless **exotic NP** at work!)

- Extensive studies of SM extensions capable of addressing "anomalous" behaviours (i.e. tensions with SM expectation):  $(g - 2)_e$ , and LFUV in B-meson decays
- Minimal, testable models (first step towards complete constructions)

$$cLFV \leftrightarrow LFUV$$

- Minimal SM extension via single vector LQ ( $V_1^\mu$ ) explain both  $R_{K^{(*)}}$  and  $R_{D^{(*)}}$  at tree-level

$$\mathcal{L} \supset V_1^\mu \left( \bar{d}_L^i \gamma_\mu K_L^{ik} \ell_L^k + \bar{u}_L^j V_{ji}^\dagger \gamma_\mu K_L^{ik} U_{kj}^P \nu_L^j \right)$$



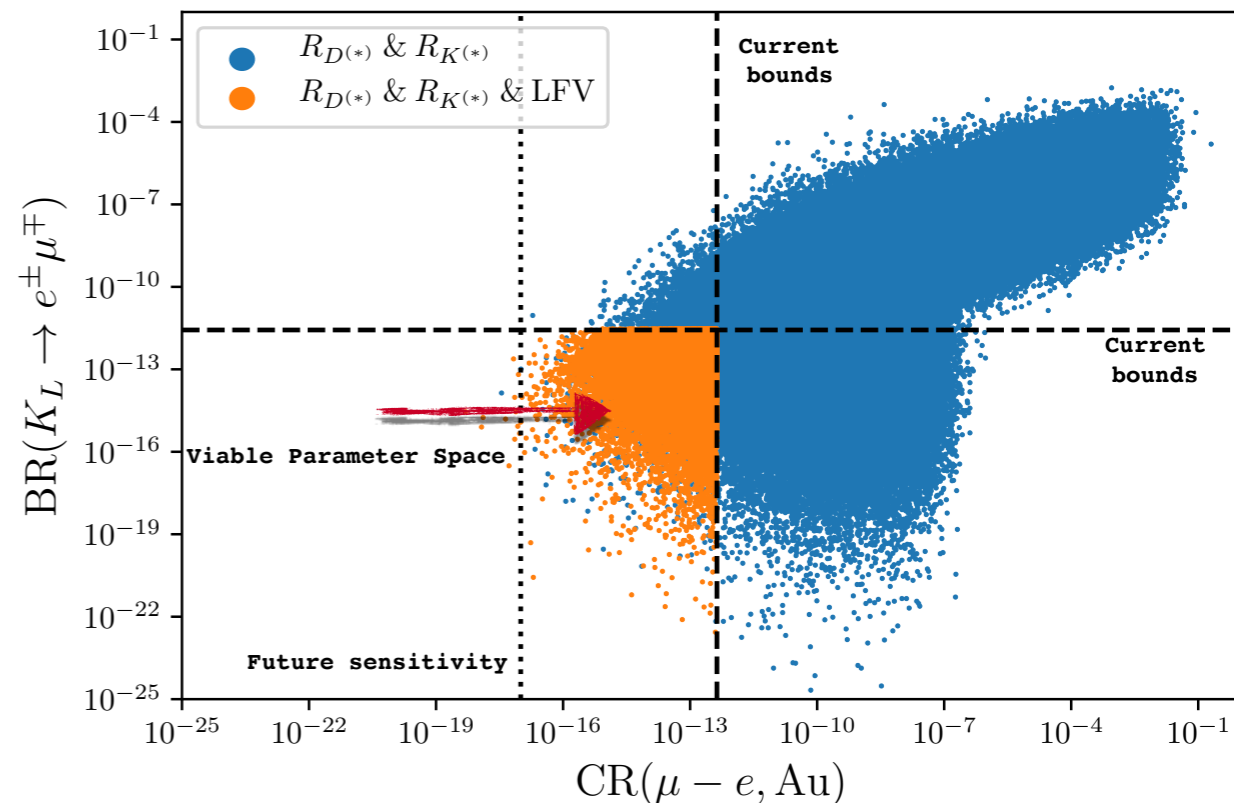
[Hati, Kriewald, Orloff, AMT, 1907.05511]

⇒ Effective  $V_1 q \ell$  couplings from mixings of SM leptons with heavy vector-like lepton ( $SU(2)_L$  doublets to avoid  $Z \rightarrow \ell \ell'$  decays)

Most constraining observables:

$K_L \rightarrow e \mu$  and  $\mu - e$  conversion in nuclei

⇒ viable regimes within sensitivity of Mu2e and COMET



# Low-scale models of $m_\nu$ generation: type I seesaw

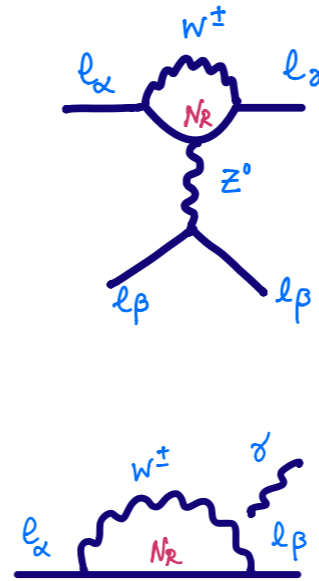
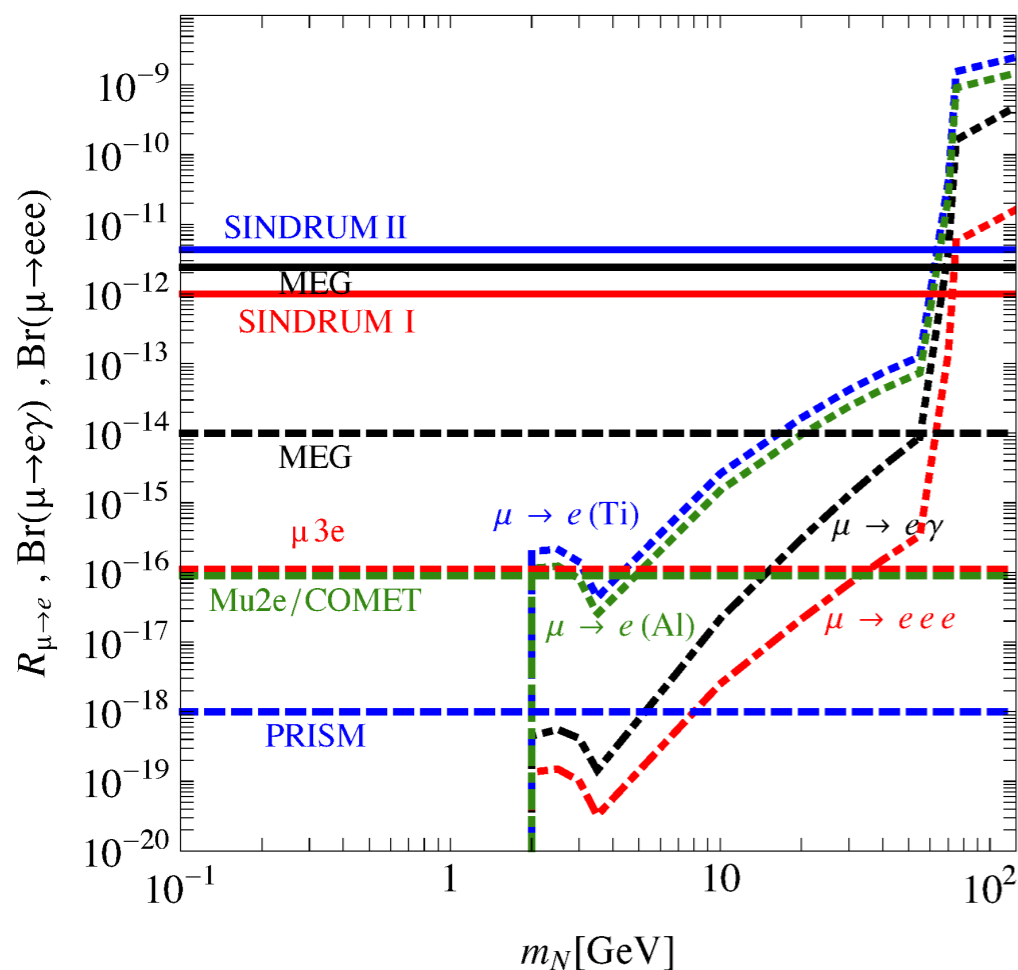
► Addition of 3 "heavy" Majorana RH neutrinos to the SM:  $\text{MeV} \lesssim m_{N_i} \lesssim 10^{\text{few}} \text{TeV}$

Spectrum & mixings:  $m_\nu \approx -v^2 Y_\nu^T M_N^{-1} Y_\nu \quad U^T \mathcal{M}_\nu^{6 \times 6} U = \text{diag}(m_i)$

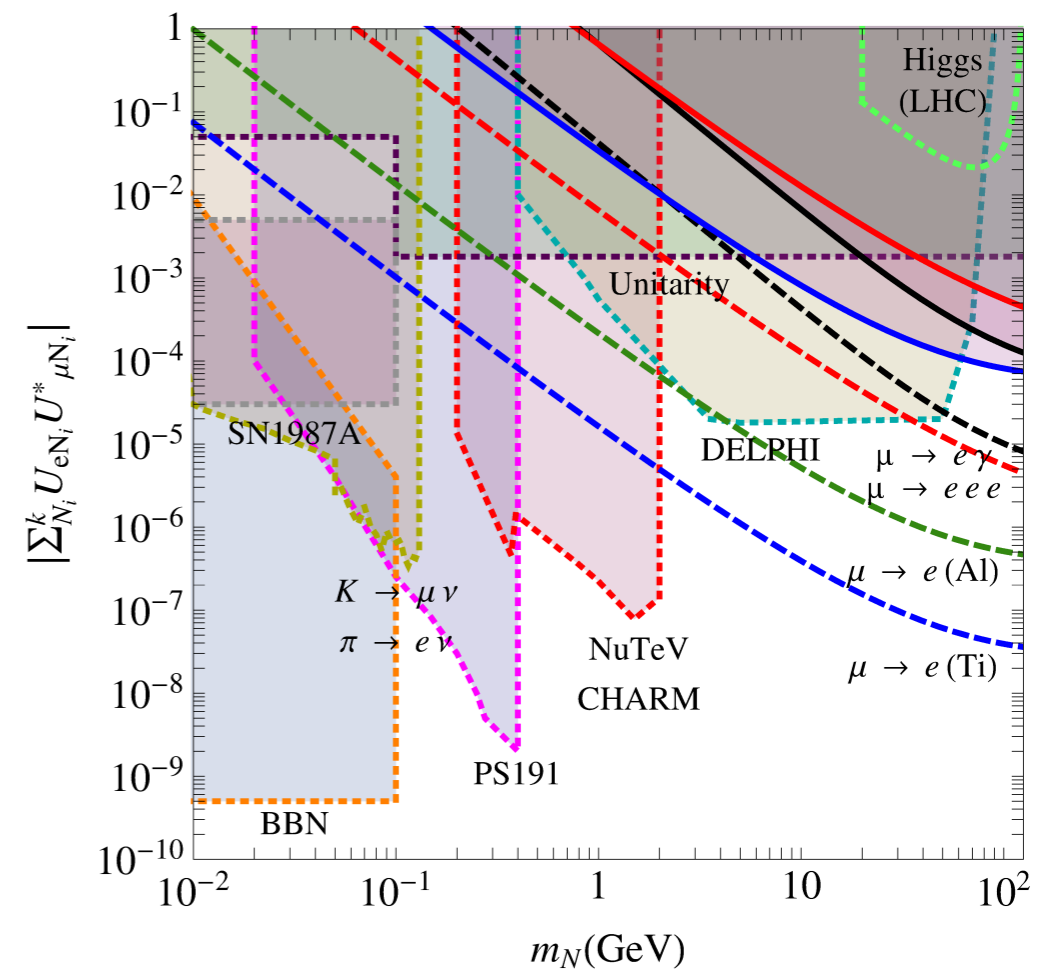
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\nu\nu} & U_{\nu N} \\ U_{N\nu} & U_{NN} \end{pmatrix} \quad U_{\nu\nu} \approx (1 - \varepsilon) U_{\text{PMNS}}$$

Heavy states do not decouple  $\Rightarrow$  modified neutral and charged leptonic currents

Rich phenomenology at high intensities and at colliders



Alonso, Dehn, Gavela, Hambye [1209.2679]



## cLFV processes mediated by sterile states at loop-level

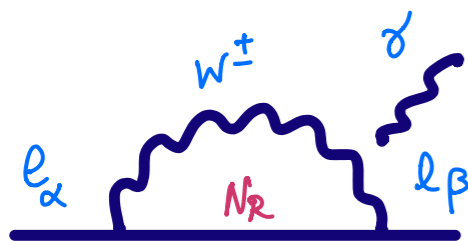
Consider "3+2" toy model (addition of **2 heavy sterile** states; leptonic mixing  $\mathcal{U}_{5 \times 5}$ , **CPV phases**)

► Sizeable contributions to extensive leptonic cLFV observables

► **Interference effects (CPV)** between heavier states can be present!

⇒ **Constructive & destructive** interference effects in cLFV decays (leptonic and boson)

⇒ Impact to any interpretation of experimental data



► **Radiative decays:**  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \propto |G_\gamma^{\mu e}|^2$

$$G_\gamma^{\mu e} = \sum_{i=4,5} \mathcal{U}_{ei} \mathcal{U}_{\mu i}^* G_\gamma \left( \frac{m_{N_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right)$$

$$|\mathcal{U}_{\alpha i}(\theta_{\alpha i}, \delta_{\alpha i}^D, \varphi_i^M)|$$

**Assume** (for *simplicity & illustrative purposes*):  $m_4 \approx m_5$  and  $\sin \theta_{\alpha 4} \approx \sin \theta_{\alpha 5} \ll 1$

$$|G_\gamma^{\mu e}|^2 \approx 4 \sin^2 \theta_{e4} \sin^2 \theta_{\mu 4} \cos^2 \left( \frac{\delta_{14} + \delta_{25} - \delta_{15} - \delta_{24}}{2} \right) G_\gamma \left( \frac{m_{N_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right)$$

⇒ **Radiative decays:** rate depends **only on Dirac phases**; full cancellation for  $\Sigma \delta = \pi$

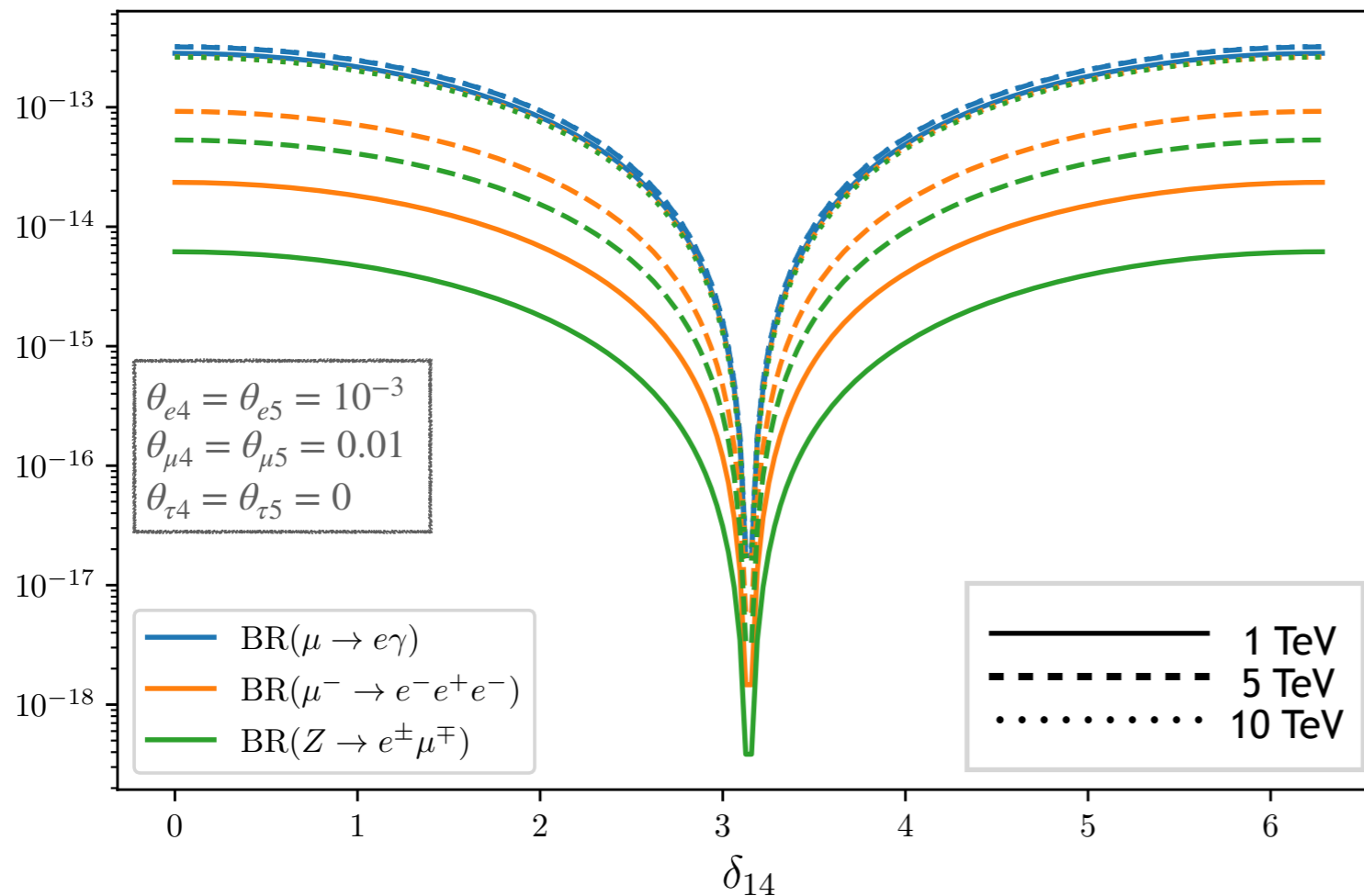
(Other form factors - more involved expressions, depend also on **Majorana phases**  $\varphi_{4,5}$ )



## cLFV processes: $\mu - e$ flavour transitions & Dirac phases

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Simplified approach:  $\sin \theta_{\alpha 4} = \sin \theta_{\alpha 5}$ ;  $m_4 = m_5 = (1, 5, 10)$  TeV

Abada, Kriewald, AMT [2107.06313]



► Dirac: only  $\delta_{14} \neq 0$

all other phases (Majorana & remaining Dirac) set to 0

⇒ Strong cancellation for

$$\delta_{14} = \pi$$

in all observables

(similar results for other Dirac phases)

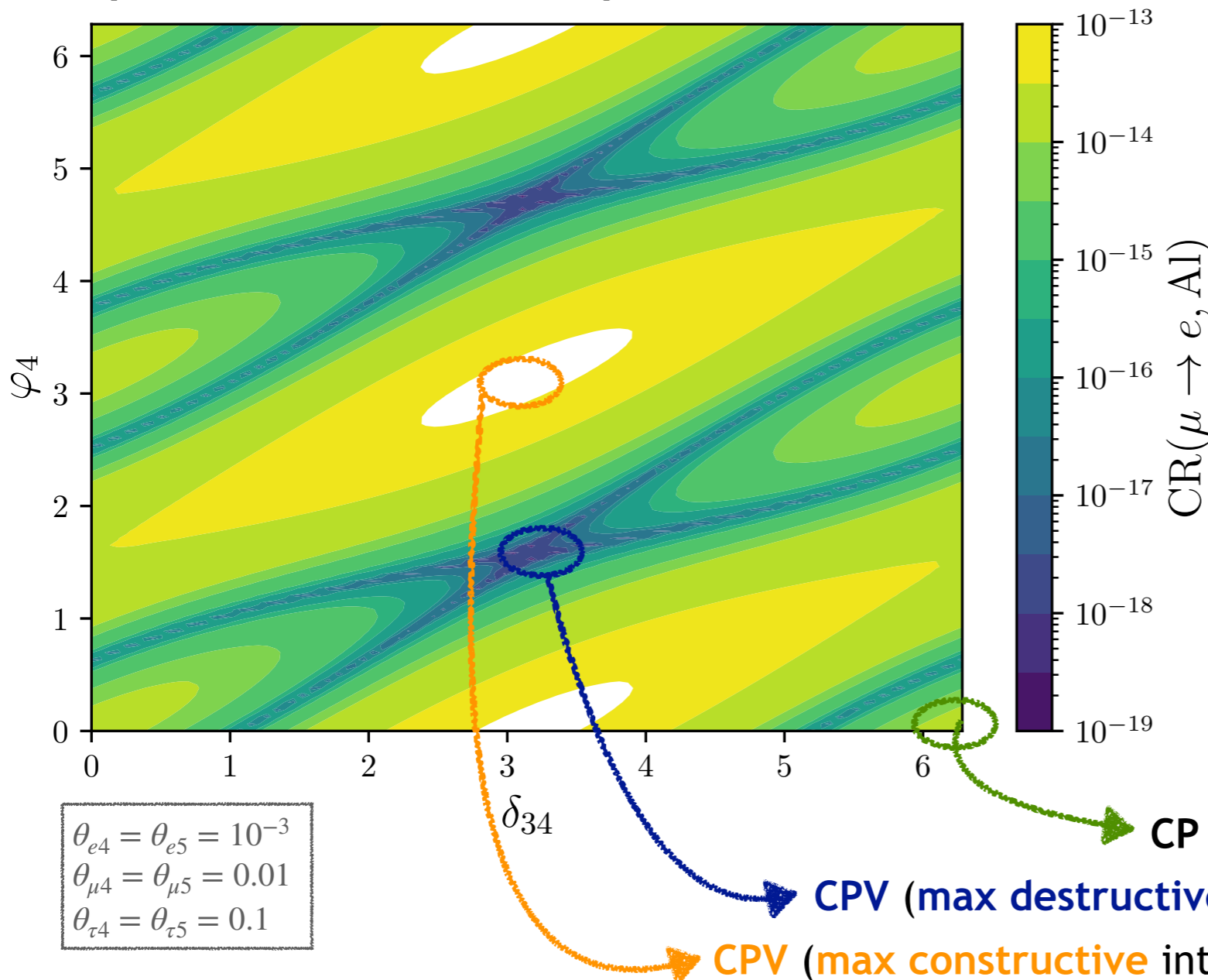
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[Abada, Kriewald, AMT, 2107.06313]



### Interference effects

Both **destructive** AND **constructive**!

Joint effect of **Dirac** ( $\delta_{34}$ ) and **Majorana** ( $\varphi_4$ ) CPV phases  
(all other dof's fixed)

⇒ From **beyond experimental sensitivity...**  
to **within near future reach...**  
and even **already excluded!**

CP conserving

CPV (max destructive interference)

CPV (max constructive interference)

## CP violating phases do matter in cLFV observables!

► Consider "3+2" toy model (SM + 2 heavy sterile states; leptonic mixing  $\mathcal{U}_{5\times 5}$ , CPV phases)

► **Phenomenological analysis:** experimental constraints on TeV-scale HNL extensions

- lepton flavour universality,
- lepton number violation,
- electroweak precision,
- **cLFV!**, ...

and further limits (e.g.  $\eta$ , perturbative unitarity, ...)

conducting a **thorough survey of parameter space**

→ random scans of mixings and phases, grid based, ...

⇒ Impact for **phenomenological studies (predictions) of cLFV observables**

⇒ Impact for **falsifiable scenarios**

⇒ More words of warning for **interpreting future data**

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**cLFV signatures:** ratios of **observables** to **identify mediators** & constrain their masses!

But - **CP phases** (Dirac and/or Majorana) generically present in most **models of  $\nu$  masses...**

*And impact naïve expectations...*

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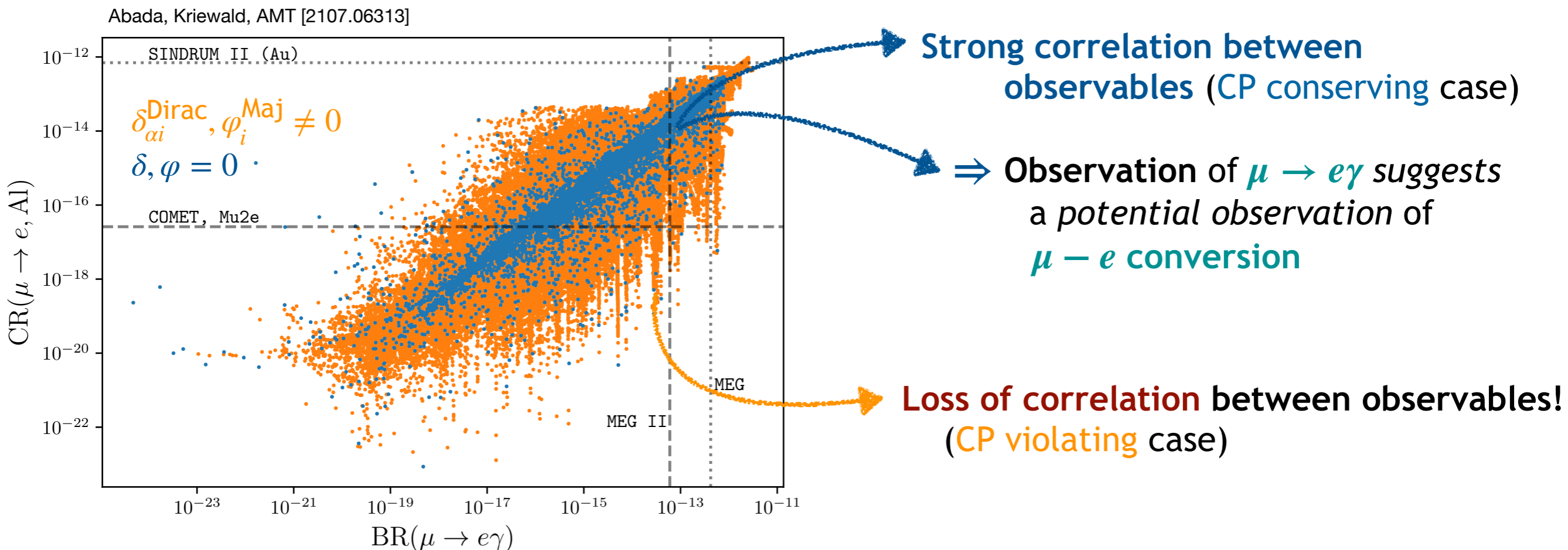
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Non-degenerate heavy states (mass around TeV scale)



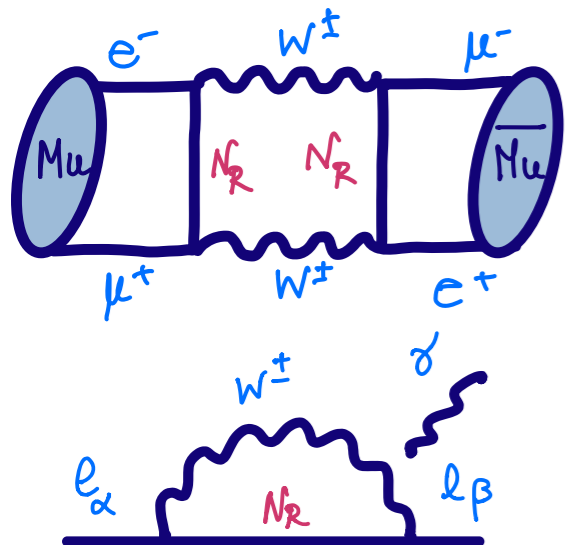
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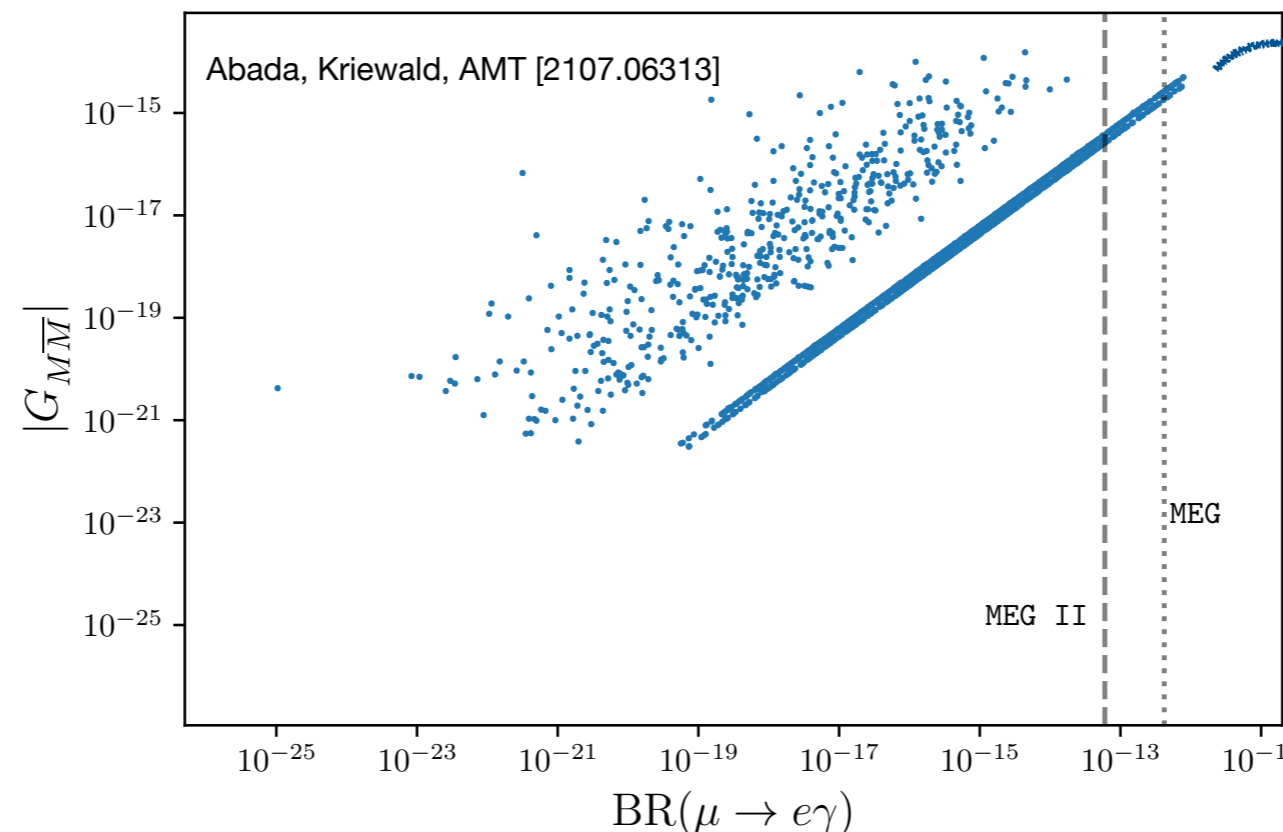
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} only depend on  $\theta_{14(5)}$  and  $\theta_{24(5)}$

$m_4 = m_5 = 1 \text{ TeV}$

- CP conserving



**Strong correlation for  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  and Muonium oscillations!**

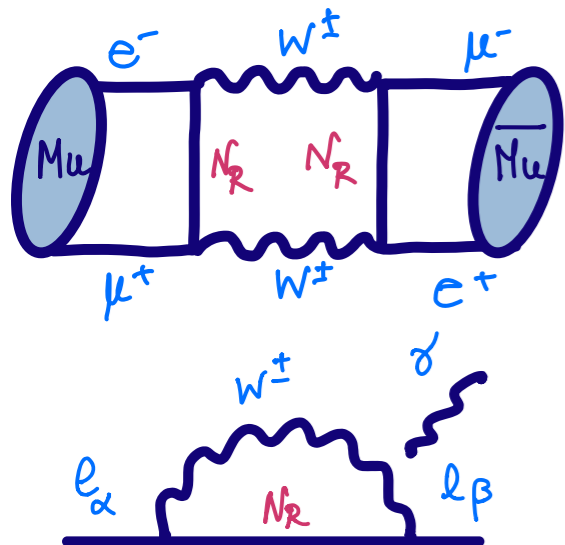
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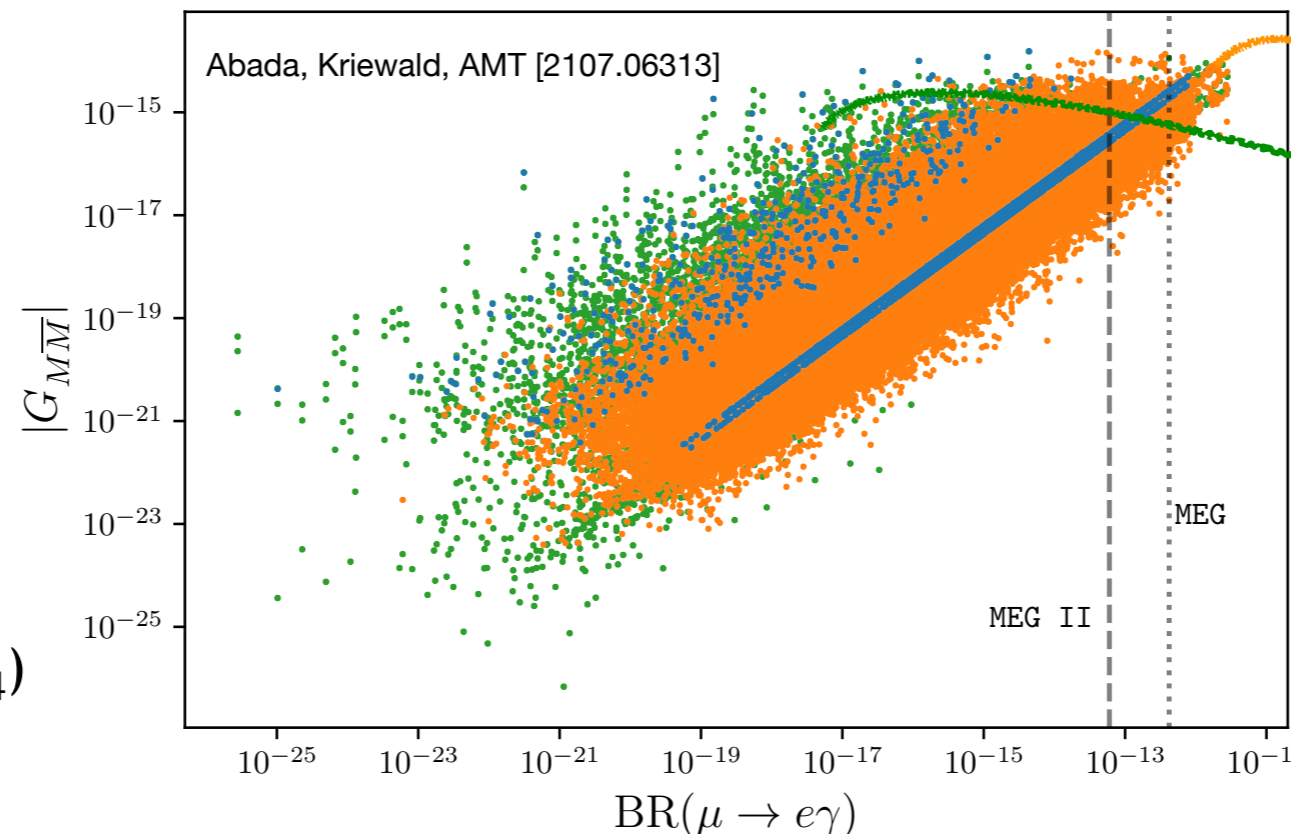
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- CPV phases (random  $\delta_{\alpha 4}, \varphi_4$ )
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**Loss of correlation**  
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Muonium oscillations!

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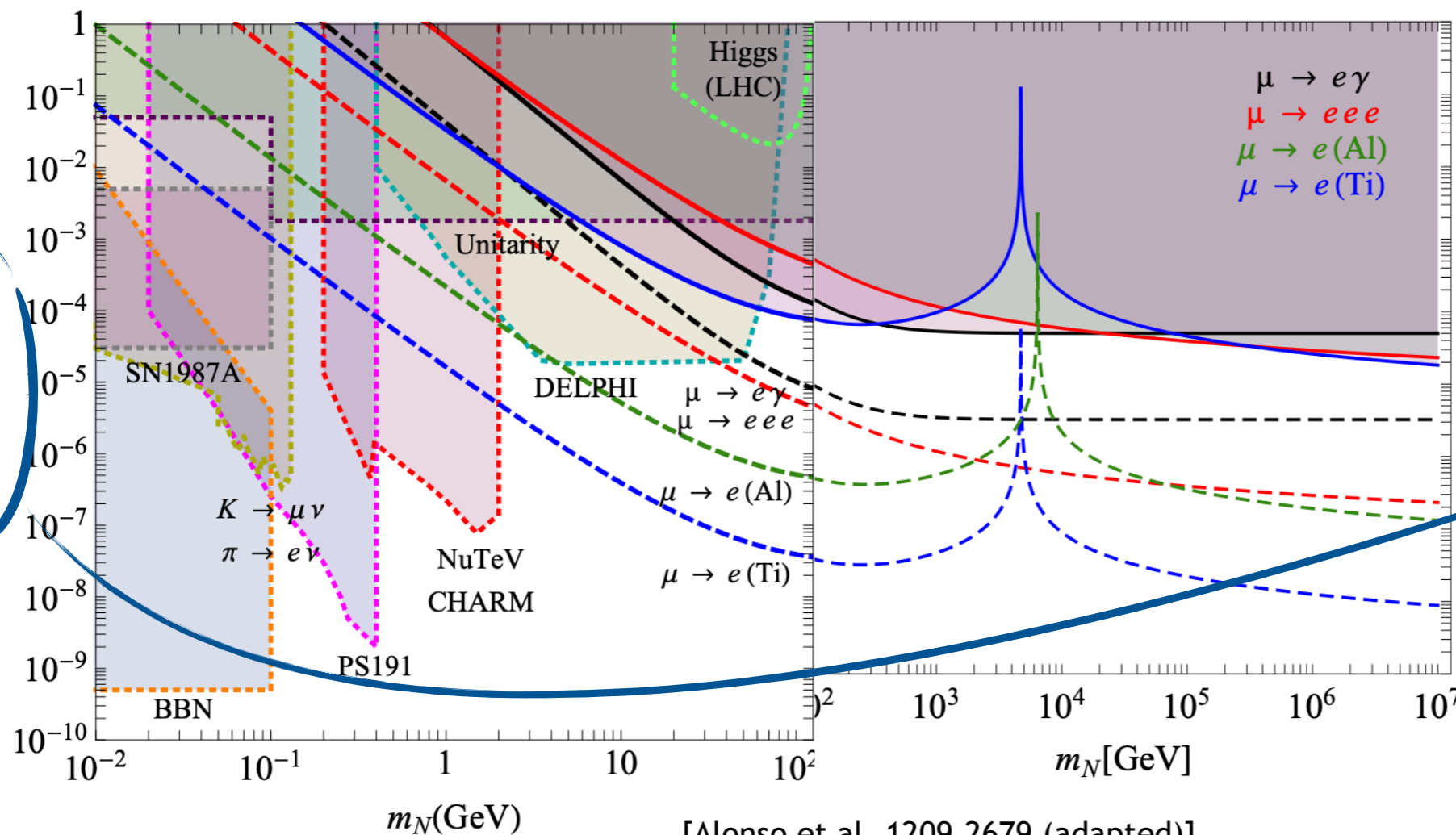
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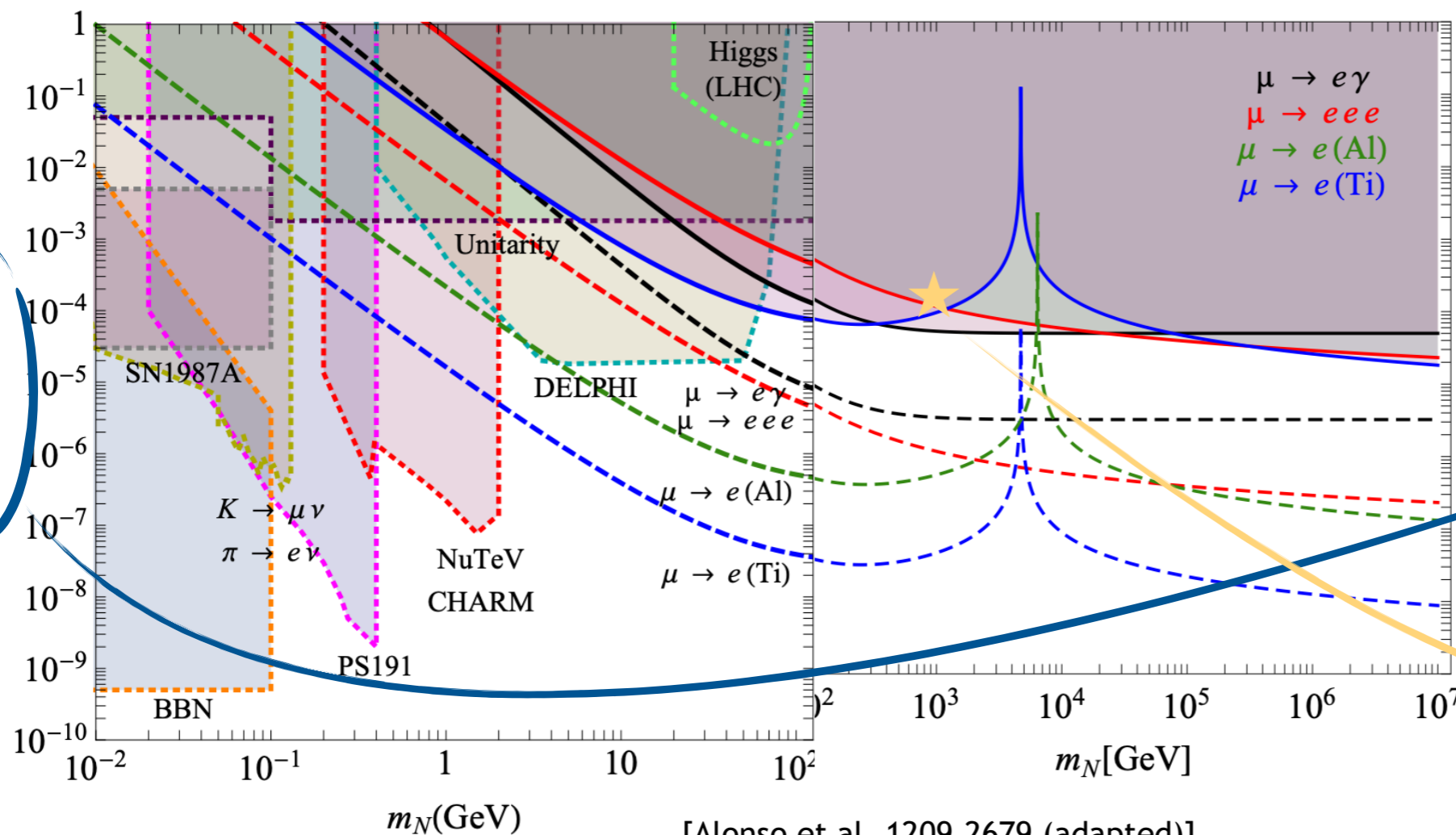
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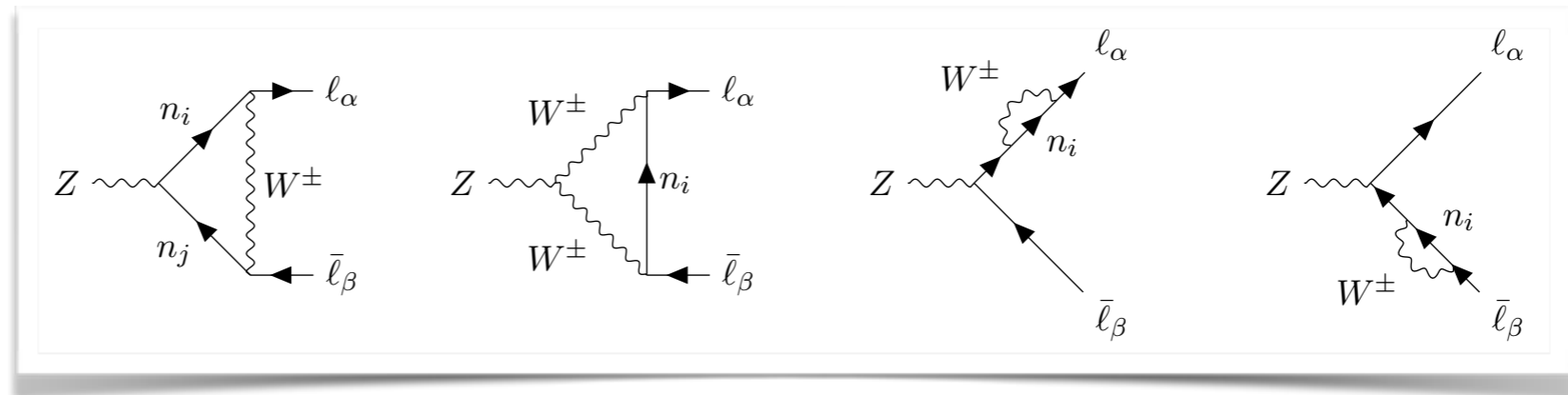
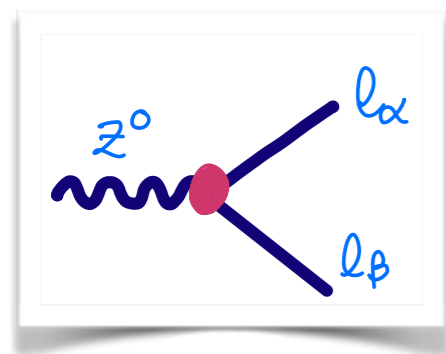
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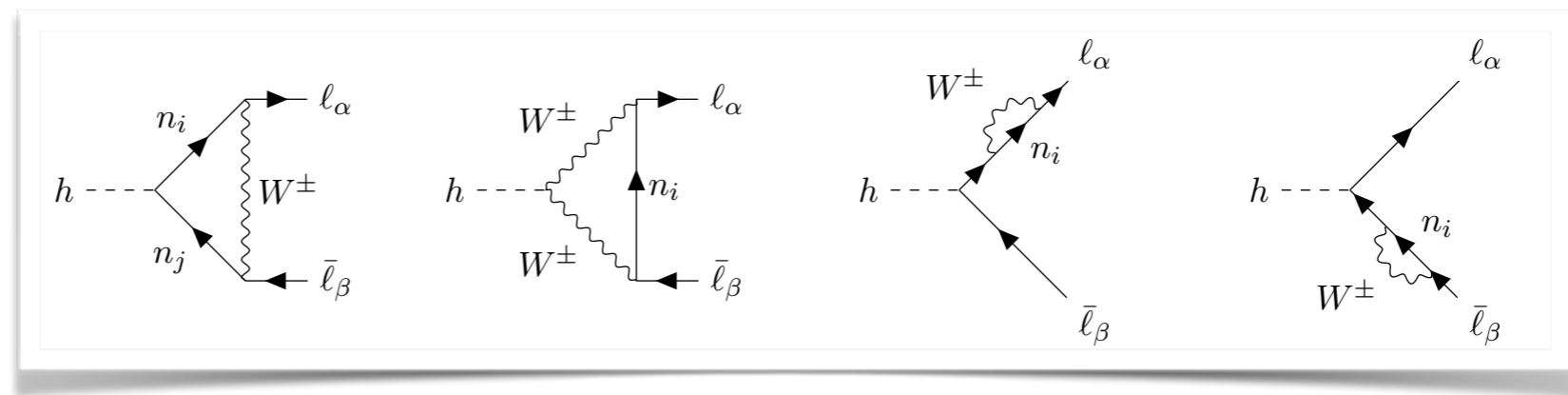
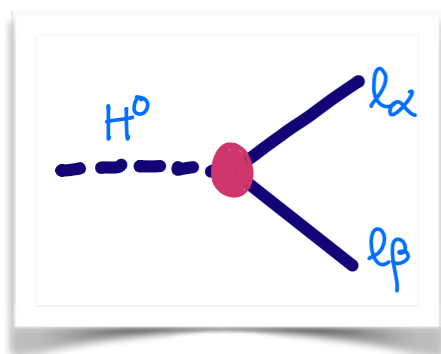
Scalar and vector boson **cLFV decays** sensitive to additional heavy sterile states

See also extensive contributions by several groups: for instance

[9403398], ..., [1405.4300], [1412.6322], [1503.04159], [1607.05257], [1612.0929], [1703.00896], [1710.02510], [1807.01698], [1912.13327], [2005.11234], ... among many others!



[Abada, Kriewald, Pinsard, Rosauero, AMT, 2207.10109]



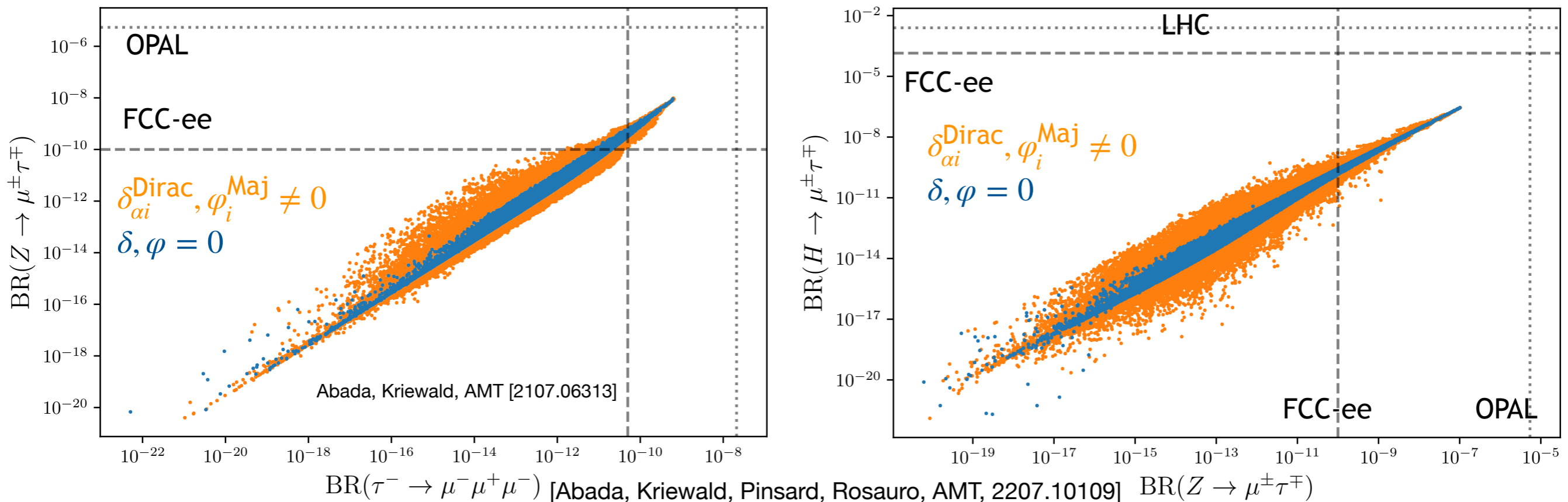
Full computation (no approximation) of cLFV widths;  
both unitary & Feynman gauges for complete models with HNL (type I seesaw, ISS, ...)

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All angles & CPV phases randomly (independently) varied; non-degenerate heavy states (TeV)



⇒ Important contributions of sterile fermions to cLFV Higgs and Z decays!

( $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$  most promising, but still beyond "observation", even FCC-ee...)

⇒ Clear effect of Majorana and Dirac phases on decay rates:

*Constructive and destructive interferences*

*Milder loss of correlation* with respect to CP conserving case than cLFV leptonic decays