

# Heavy Neutral Lepton Phenomenology

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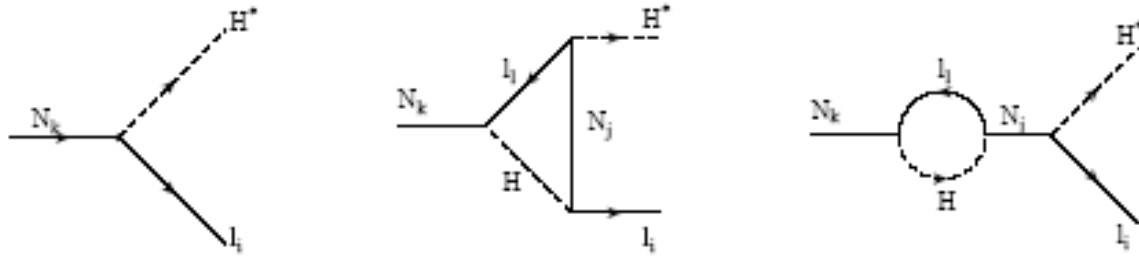


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If  $M_N \gg m_D$  then  $M_\pm \approx M_N$  and  $m \approx m_D^t M_N^{-1} m_D \rightarrow$  lightness of  $\nu$   
 small mixing  $\Theta \approx m_D^\dagger M_N^{-1}$

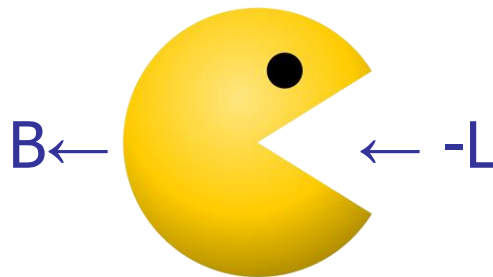
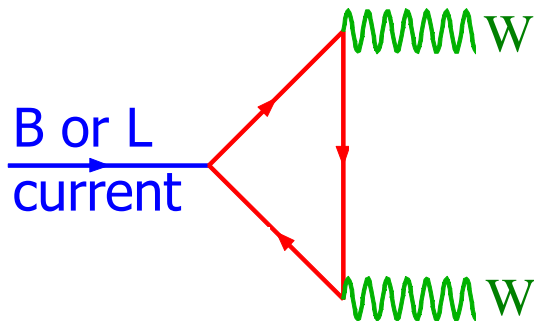
# Leptogenesis

This simplest **SM** extension may connect to other open problems:



M. Fukugita and T. Yanagida 1986

-L is produced in **CP-violating** and **out-of-equilibrium**  $N$  decays



and partially converted to **B** by the **SM sphalerons**



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G. C. Branco, W. Grimus,  
and L. Lavoura 1988

J. Kersten and

A. Y. Smirnov 0705.3221

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“inverse Seesaw”

R. Mohapatra and J. Valle 1986

Low  $M \approx M_N \pm \frac{\mu}{2}$  and large  $\Theta \approx m_D^\dagger M_N^{-1}$  even if small  $m_\nu \approx \mu \frac{m_D^2}{M_N^2}$

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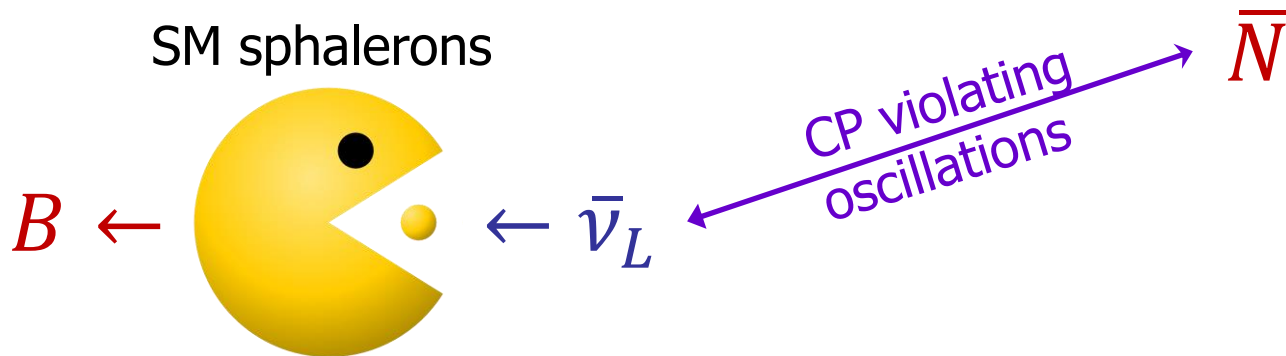
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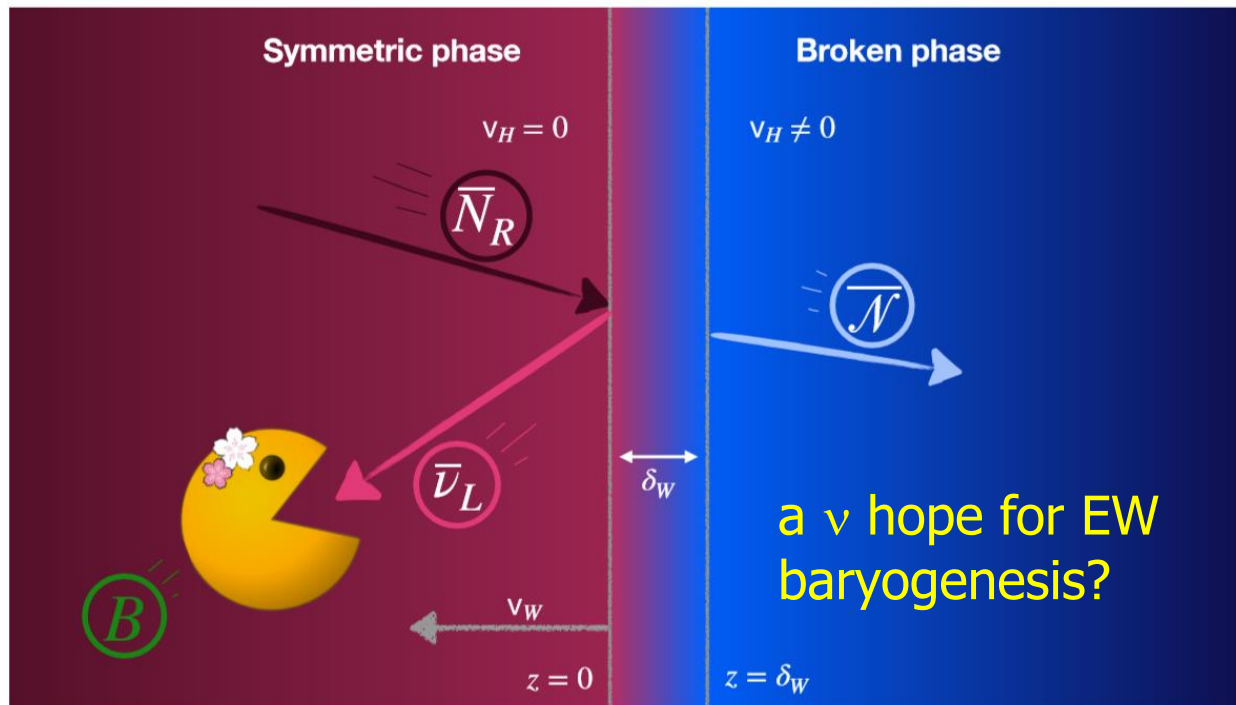
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But production could be sufficiently enhanced in presence of large L asymmetry (5-6 orders of magnitude larger than B).

Proof of concept via resonant leptogenesis with extremely degenerate ( $\Delta M \sim 10^{-7}$  eV for 2 GeV) neutrinos. Natural??

J. Ghiglieri, M. Laine 1905.08814, 2004.10766

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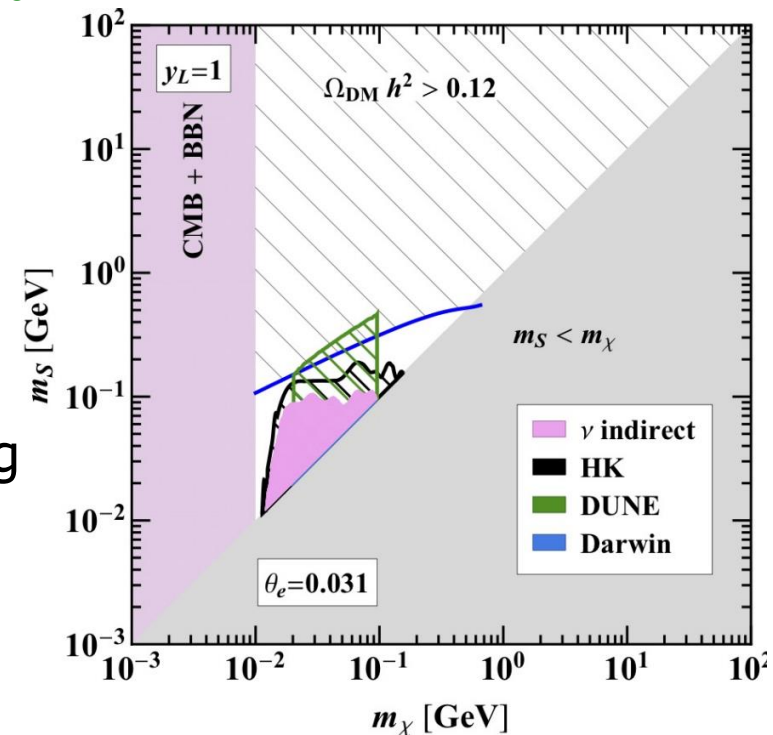
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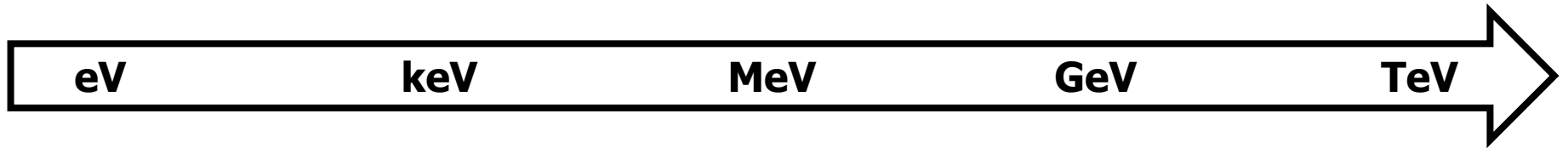


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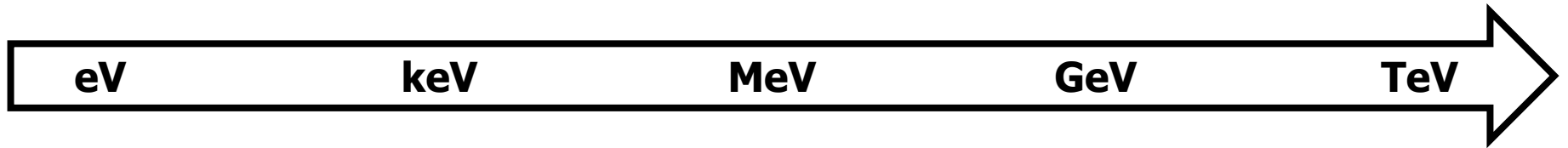
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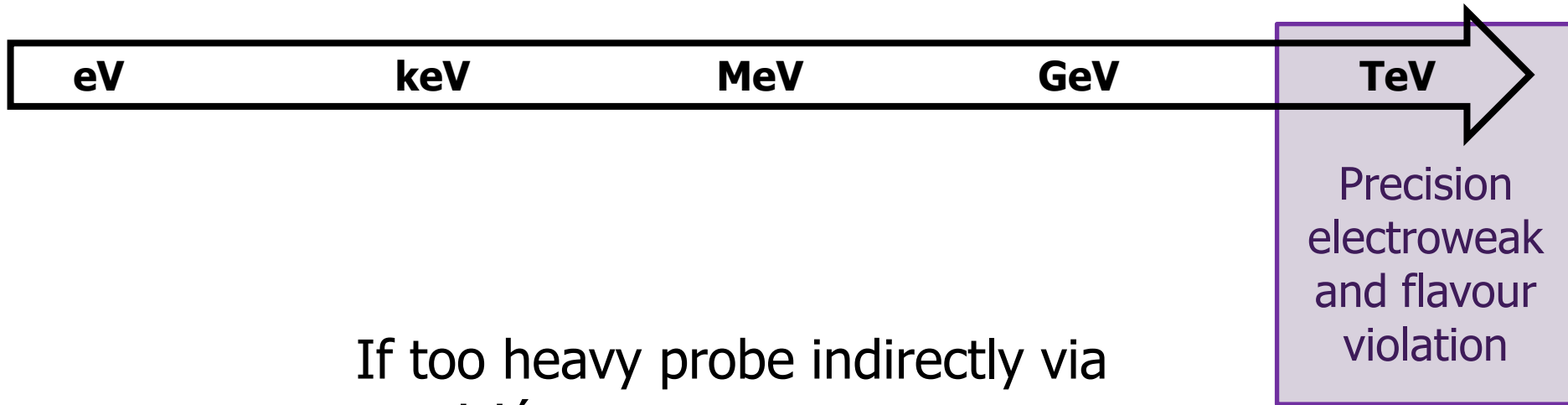
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Very different phenomenology at different scales



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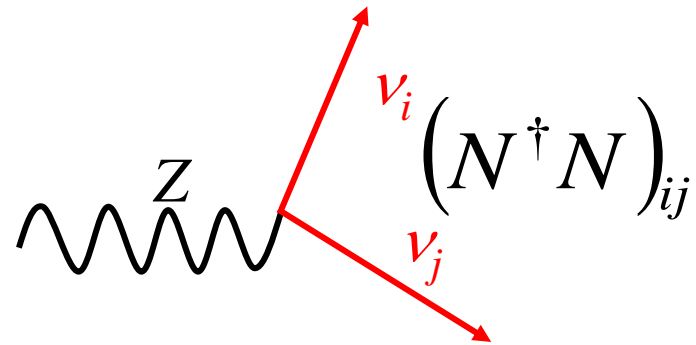
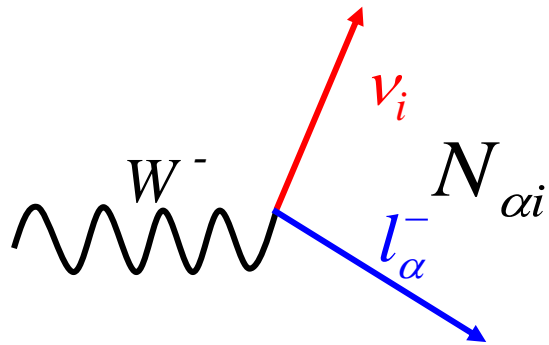


If too heavy probe indirectly via  
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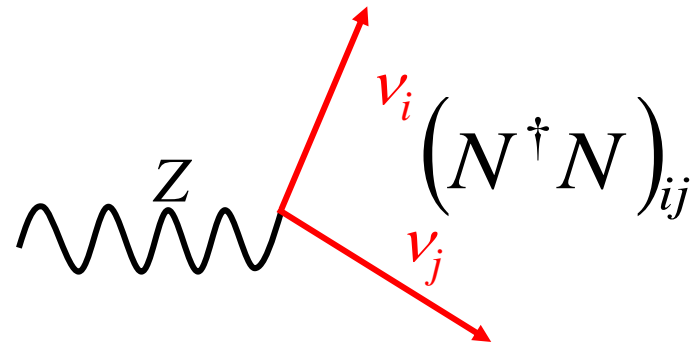
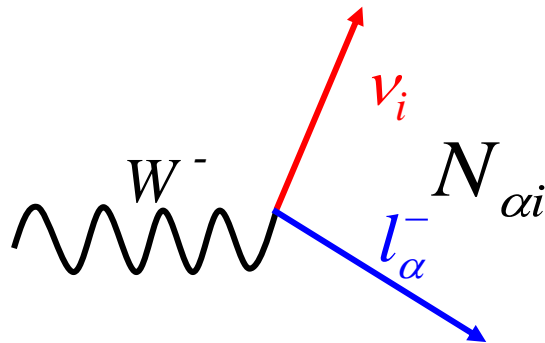


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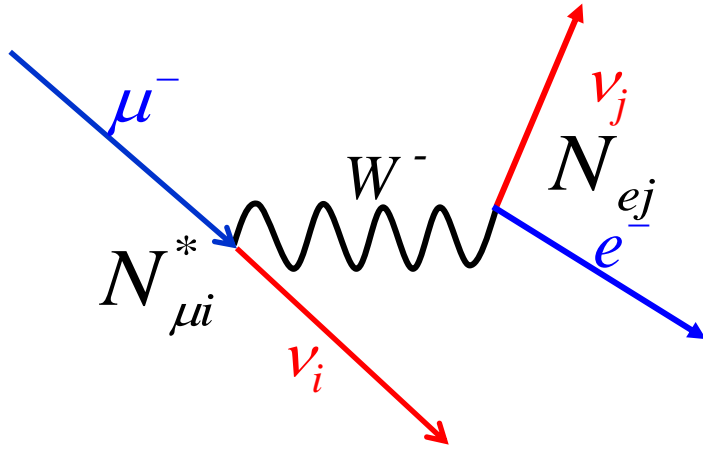
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When the **W** and **Z** are integrated out to obtain the Fermi theory **NSI** are recovered!

see e.g. M. Blennow, P.Coloma, EFM, J. Hernandez-Garcia and J. Lopez-Pavon arXiv:1609.08637 for the dictionary

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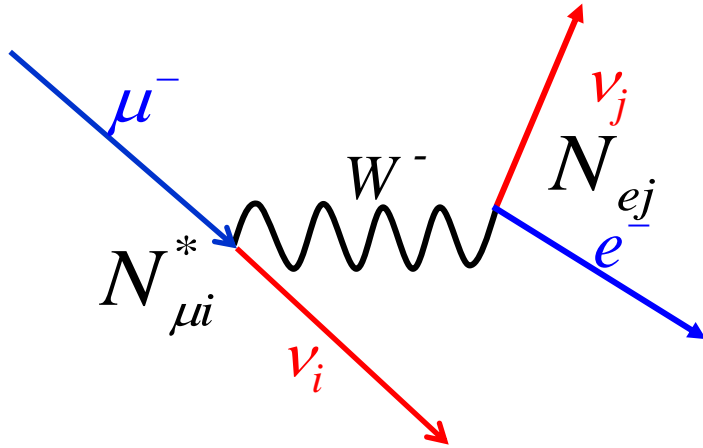
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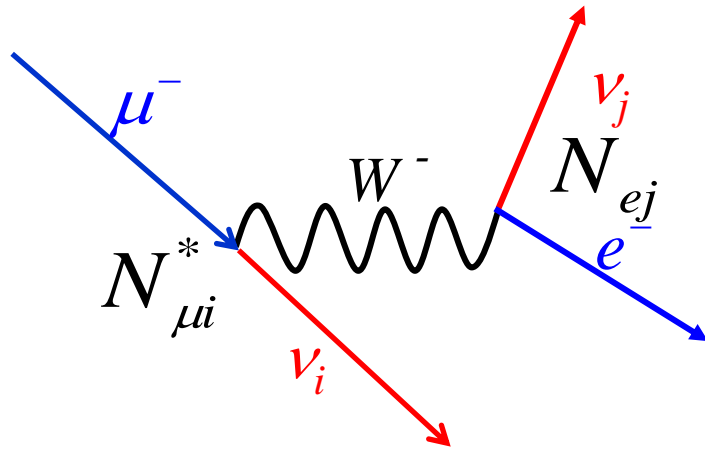


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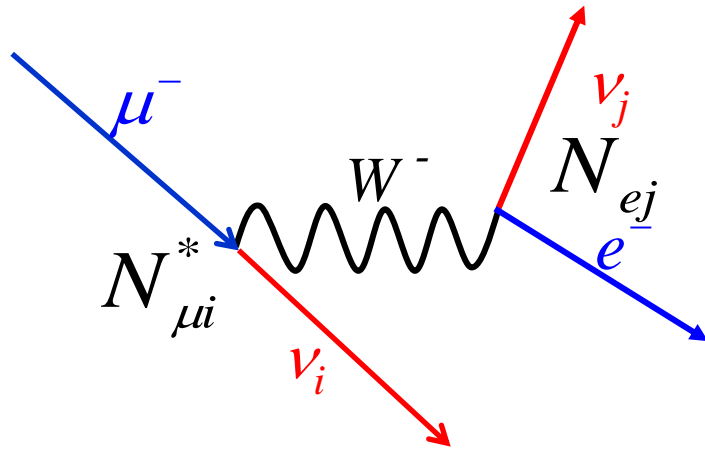
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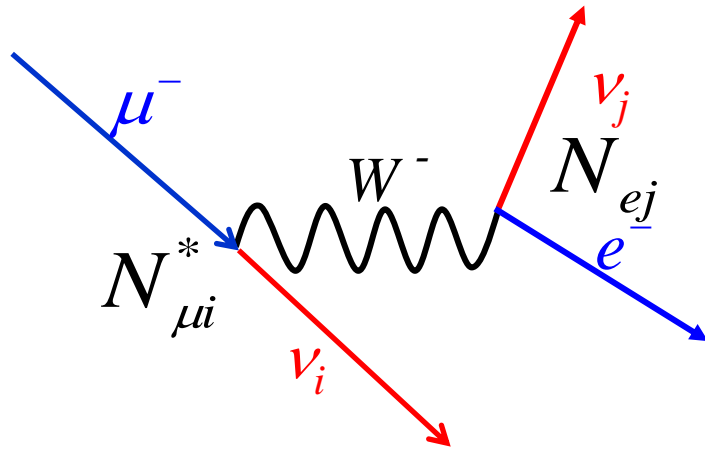
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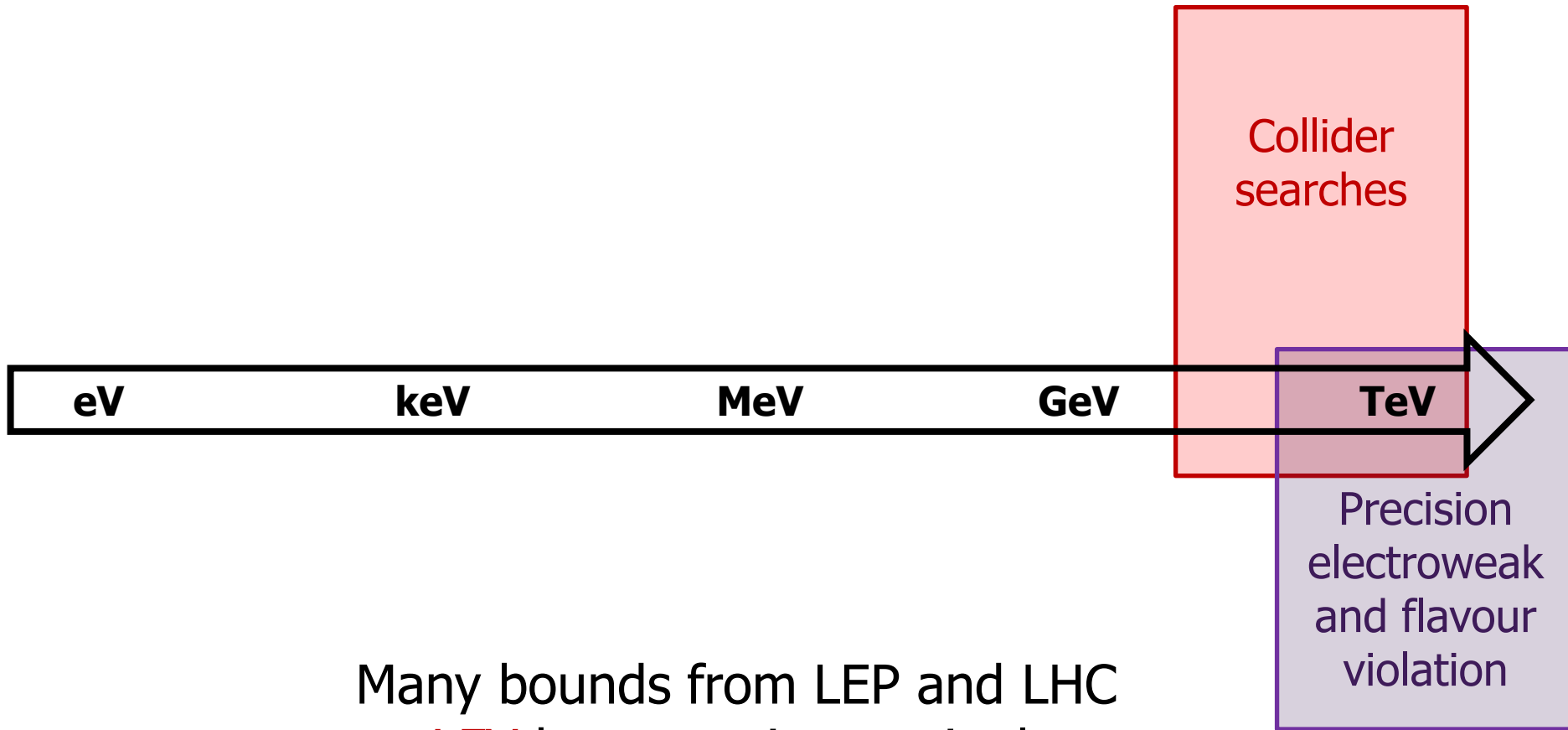
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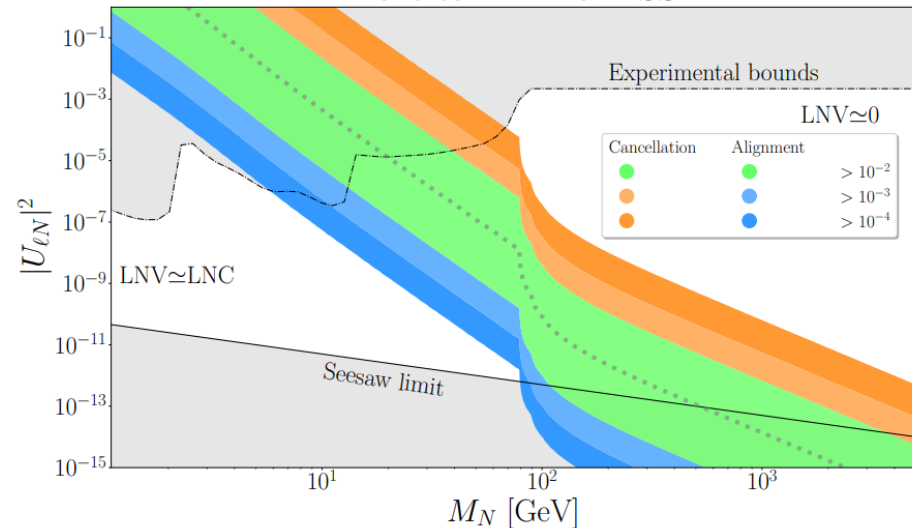
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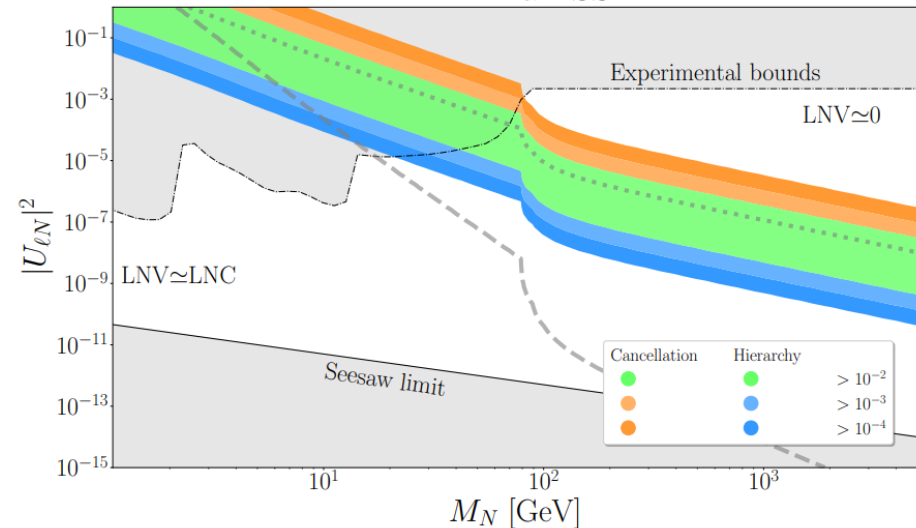
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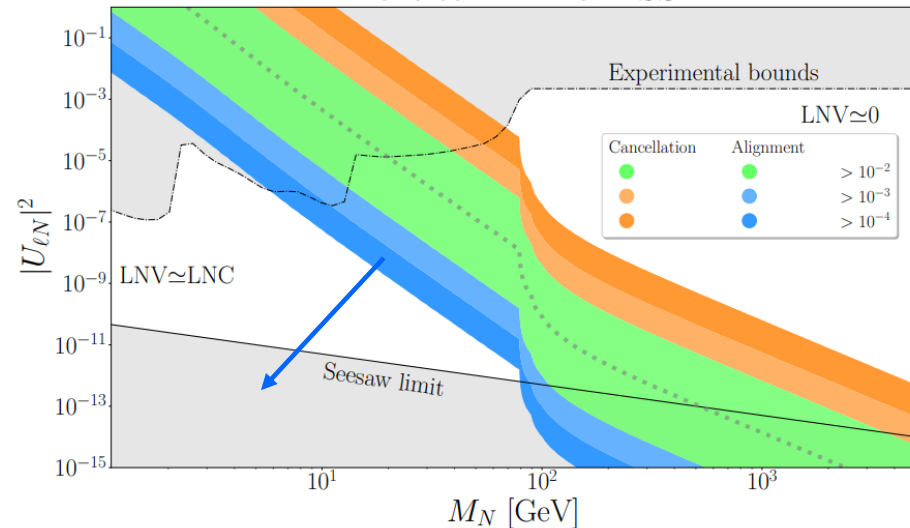
Could allow to distinguish between **low scale Seesaw models!**

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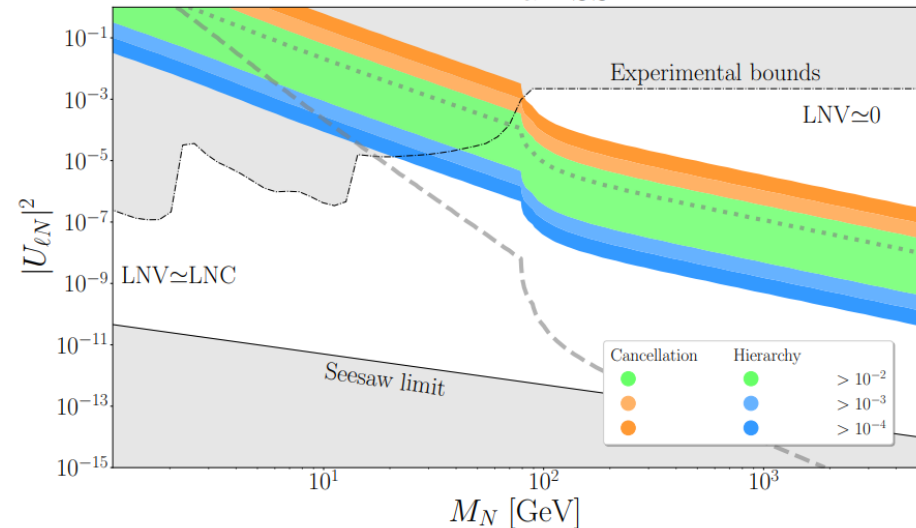
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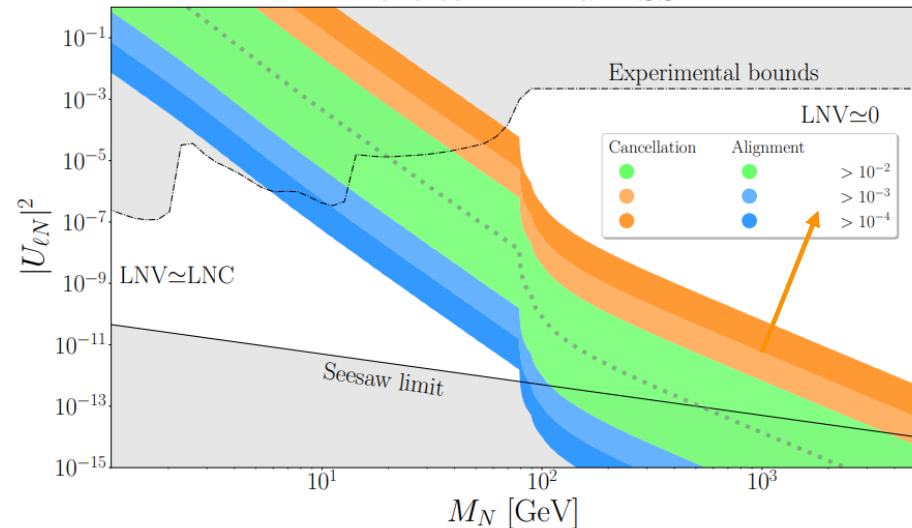
Maybe a symmetry can explain the  $\Delta M \sim 10^{-7} \text{eV}$  needed for **Shi-Fuller**?

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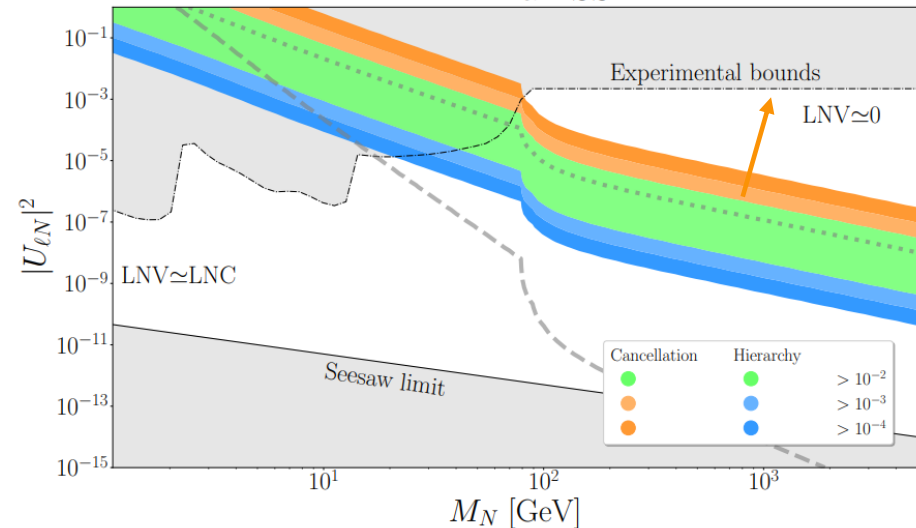
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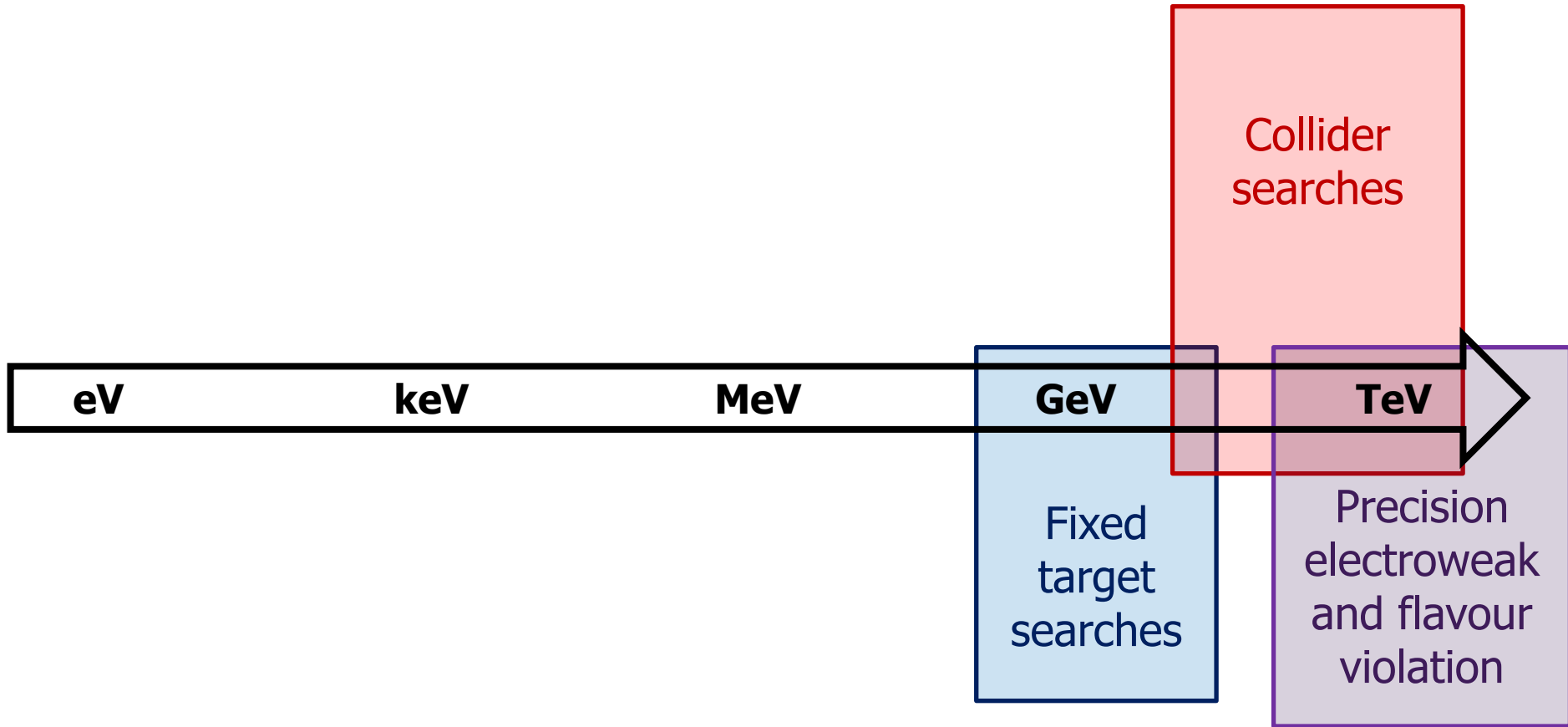


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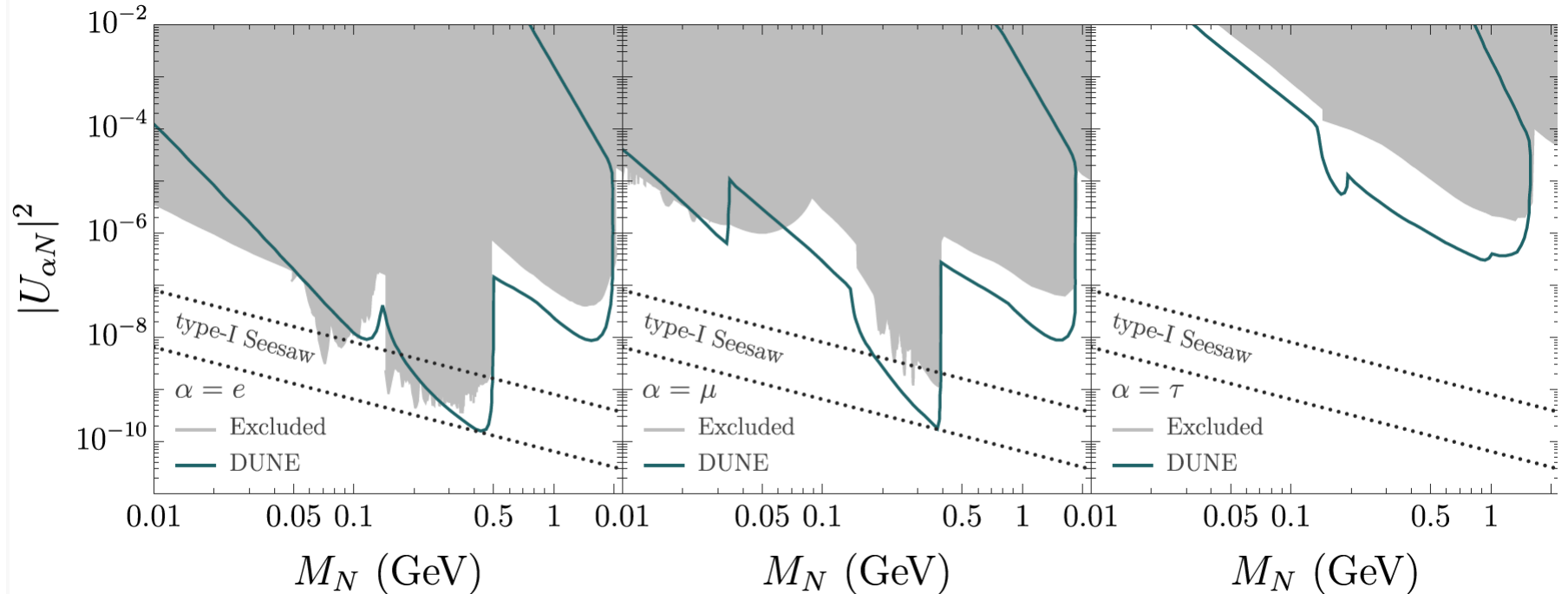
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# Looking for $N_R$ : Beam Dumps

## Sensitivity of DUNE ND to $N_D$



P. Coloma, EFM, M. González-López, J. Hernández-García arXiv:2007.03701

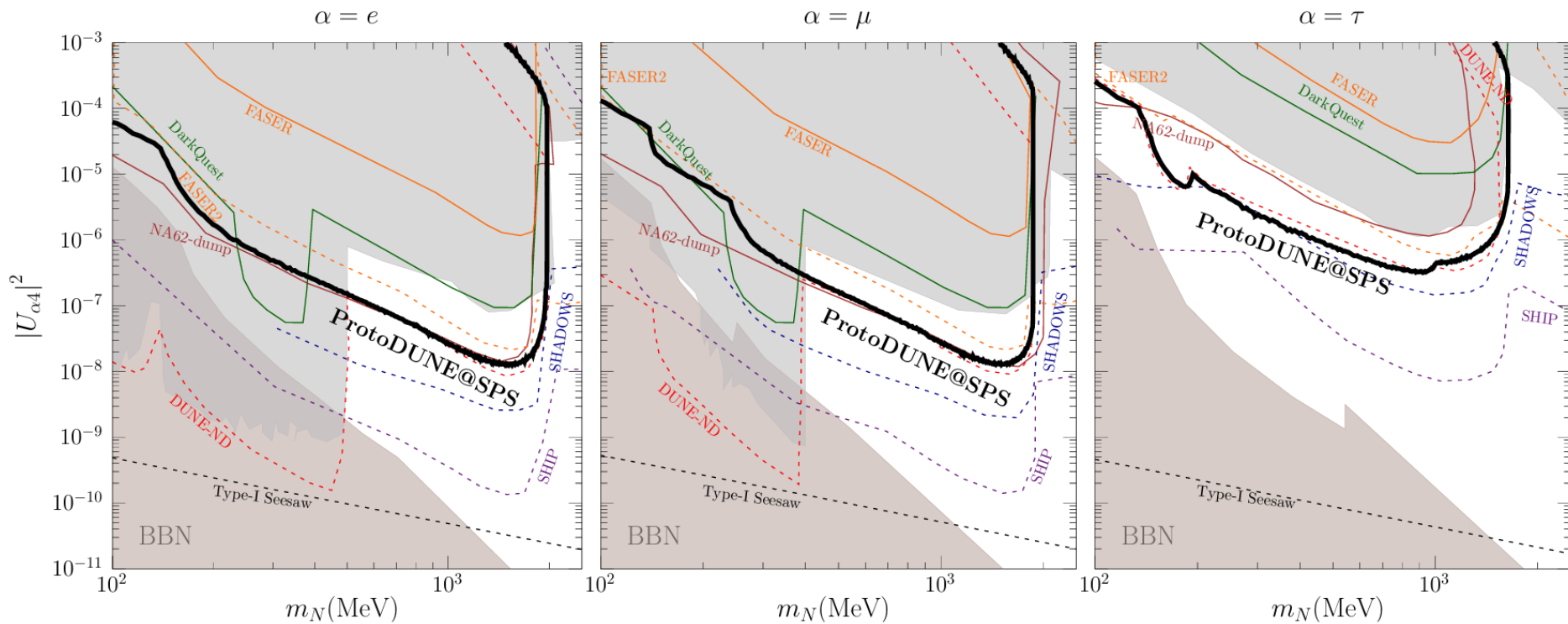
A FeynRules file with interactions between mesons and  $N_R$  (HNLs) is provided

See also: P. Ballett, T. Boschi, and S. Pascoli arXiv:1905.00284

J. M. Berryman, A. de Gouvea, P. J. Fox, B. J. Kayser, K. J. Kelly, and J. L. Raaf arXiv:1912.07622

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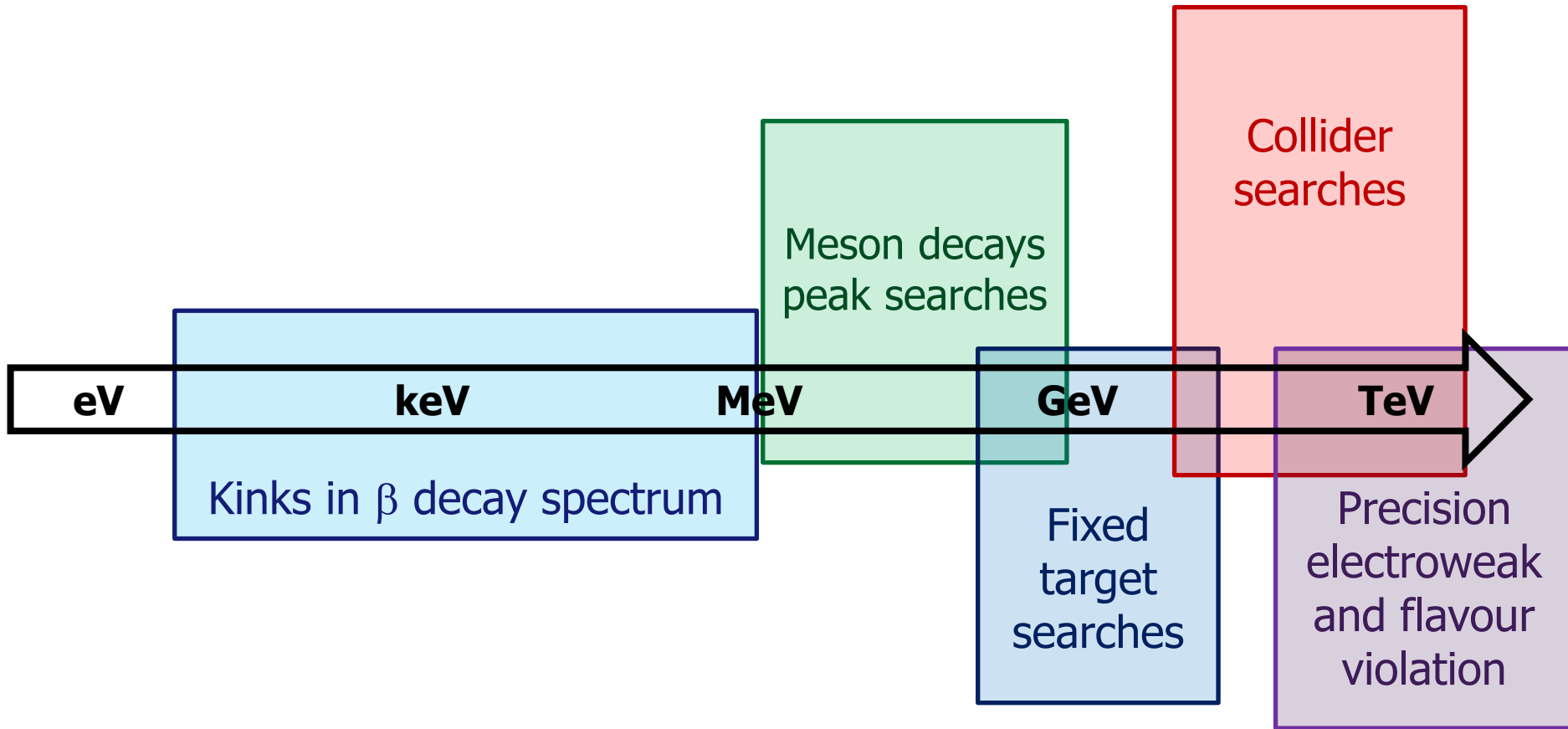
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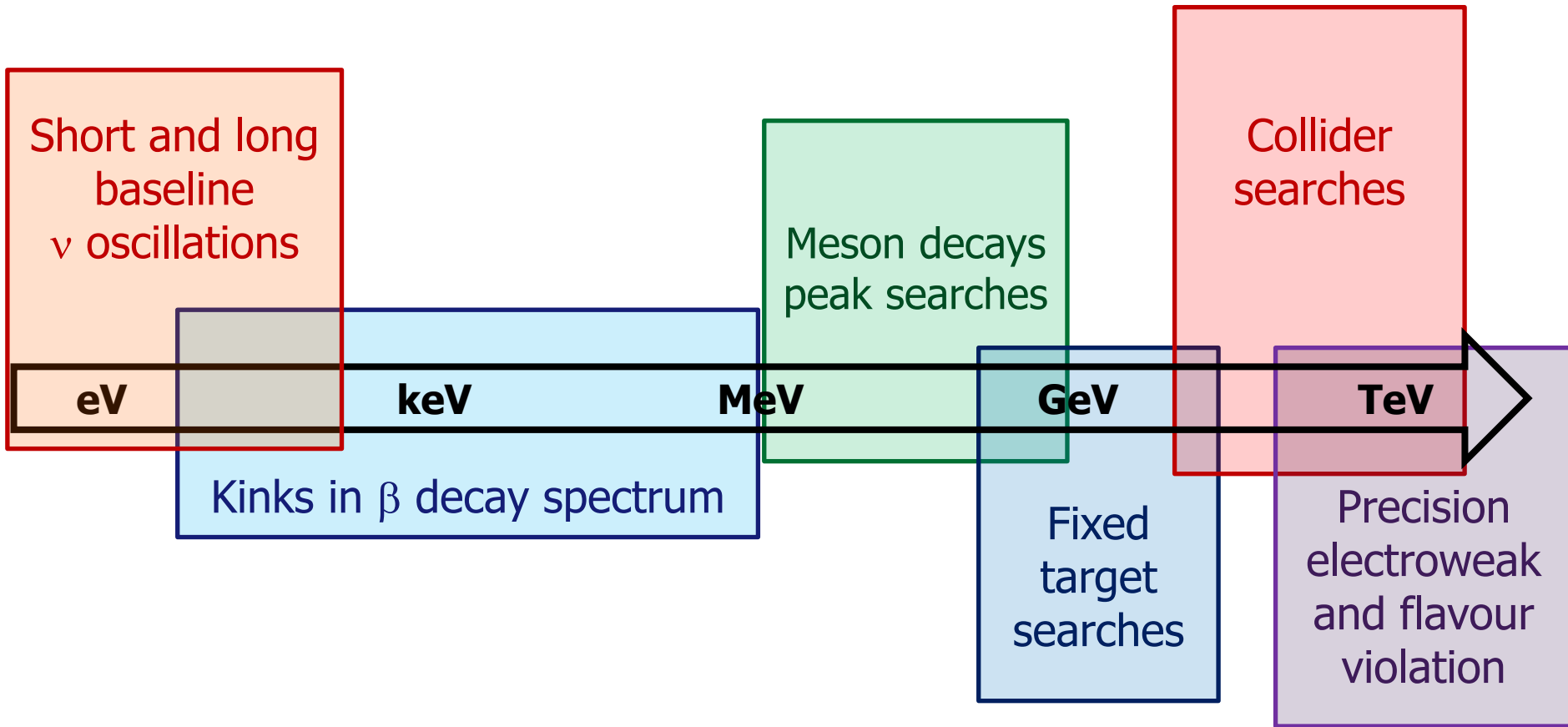
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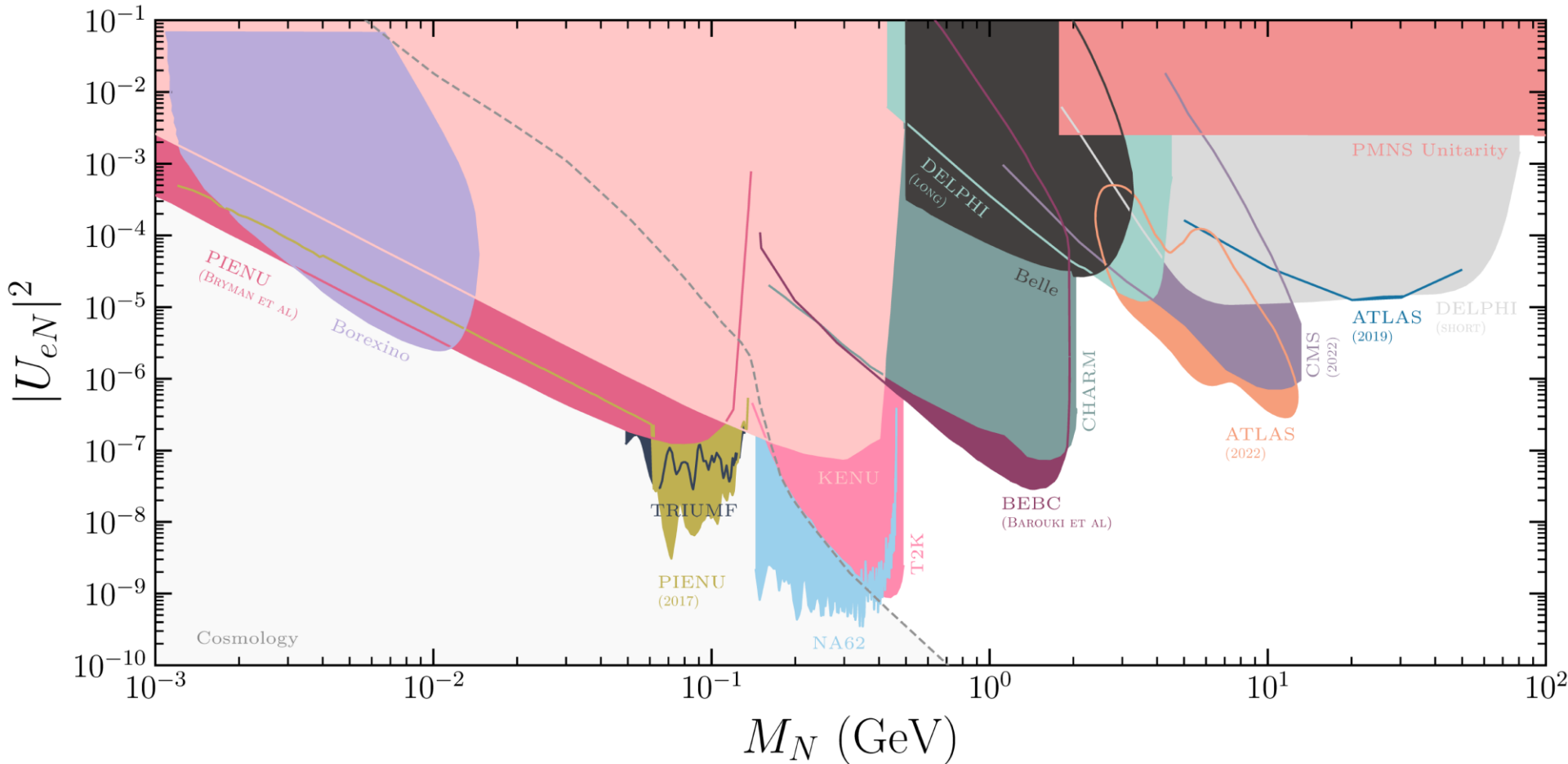
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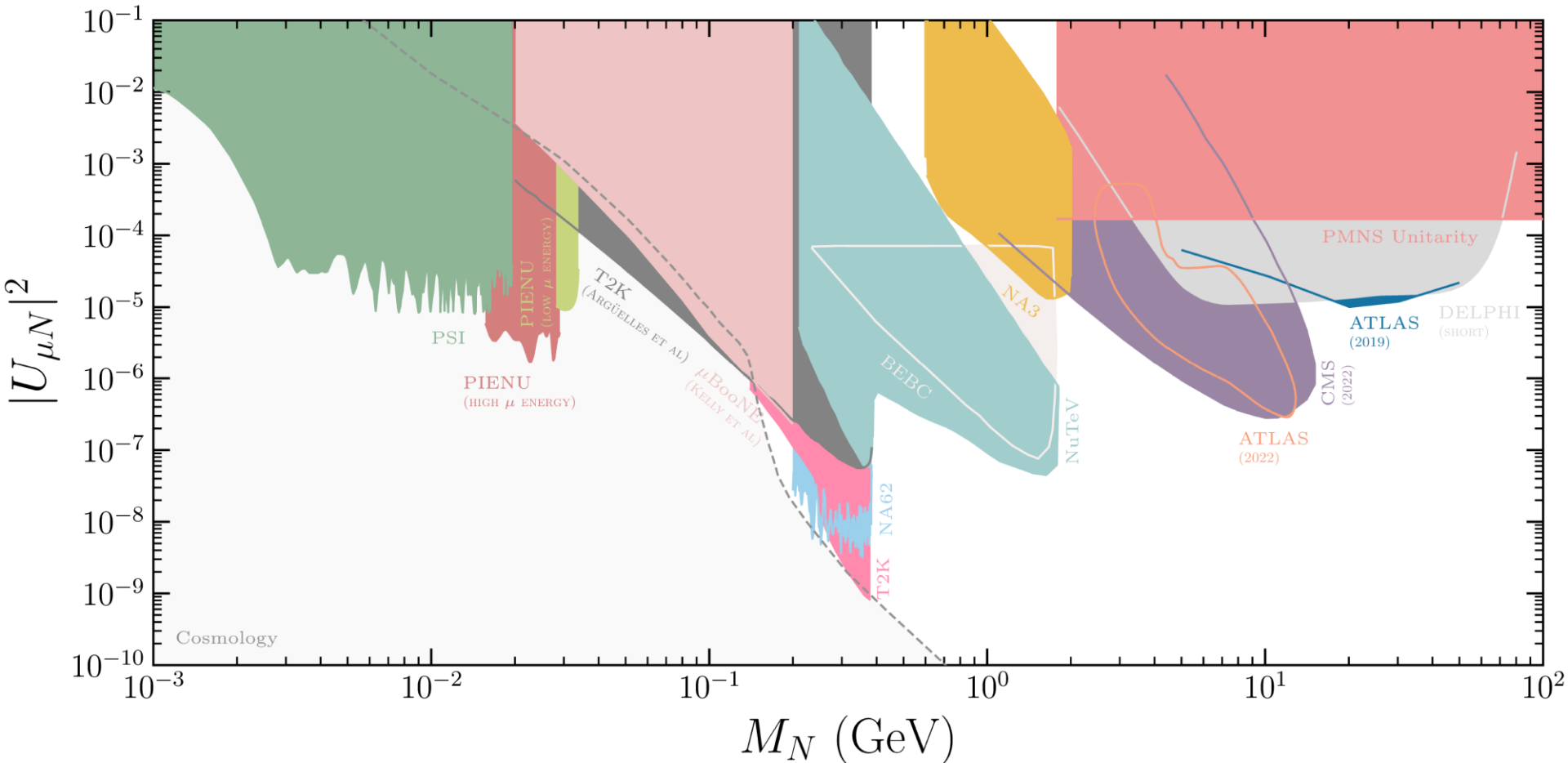


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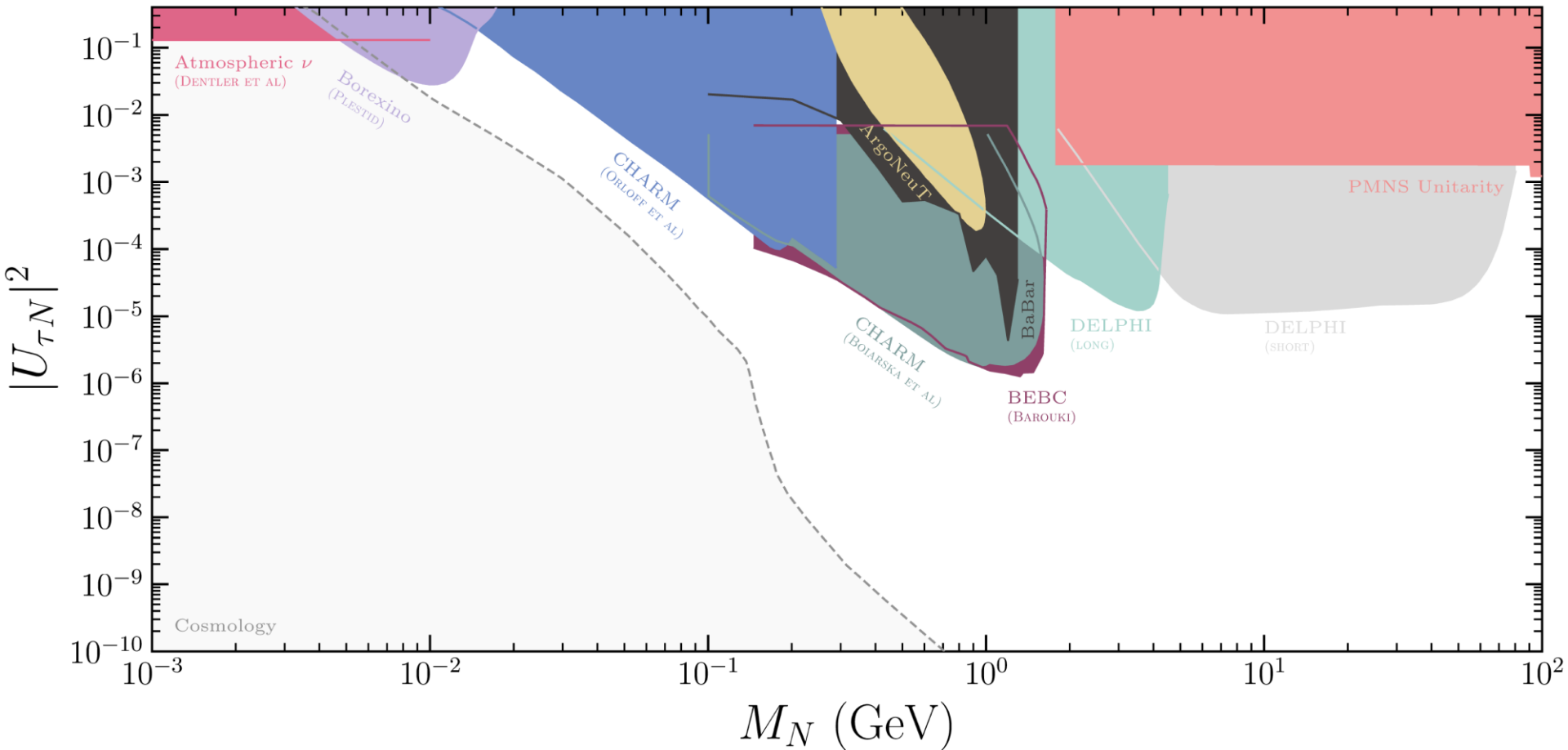


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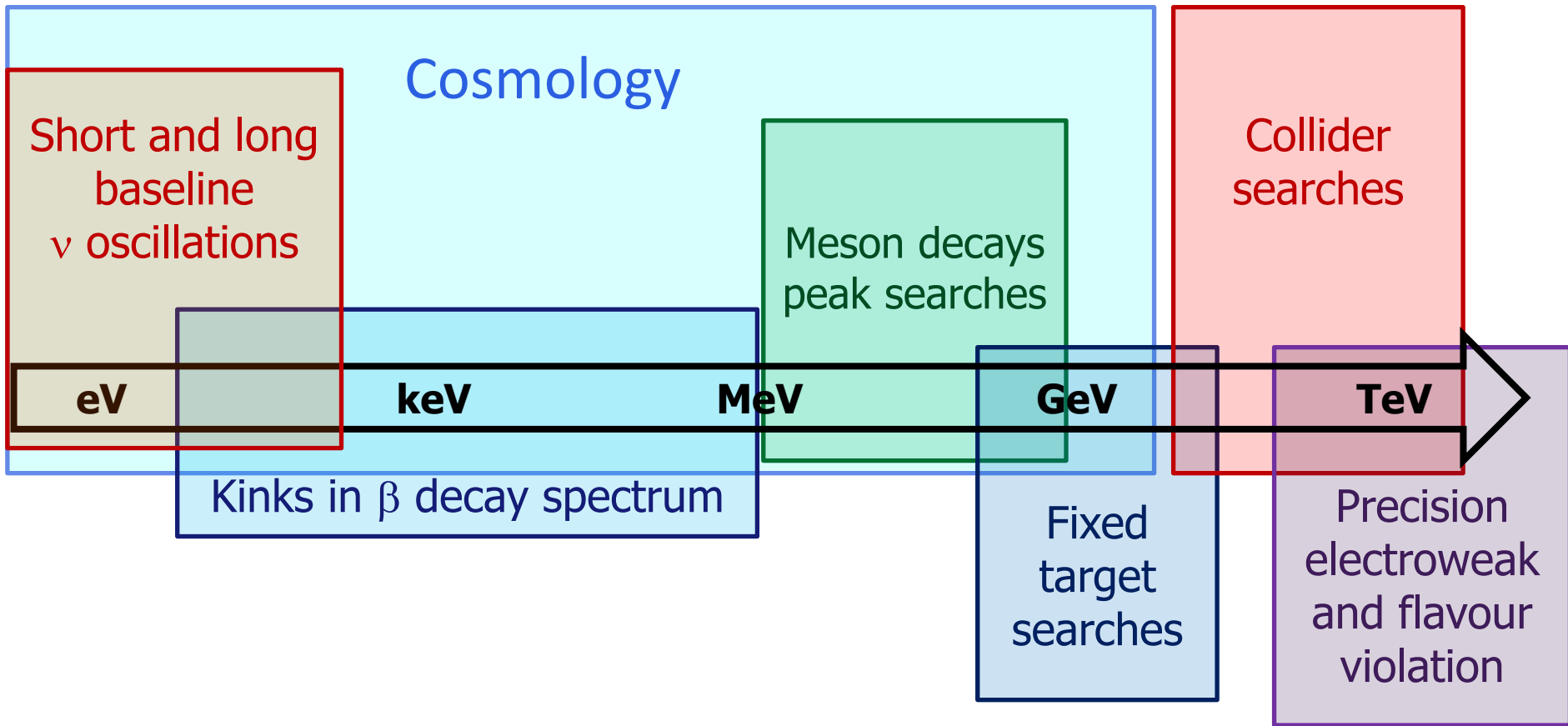


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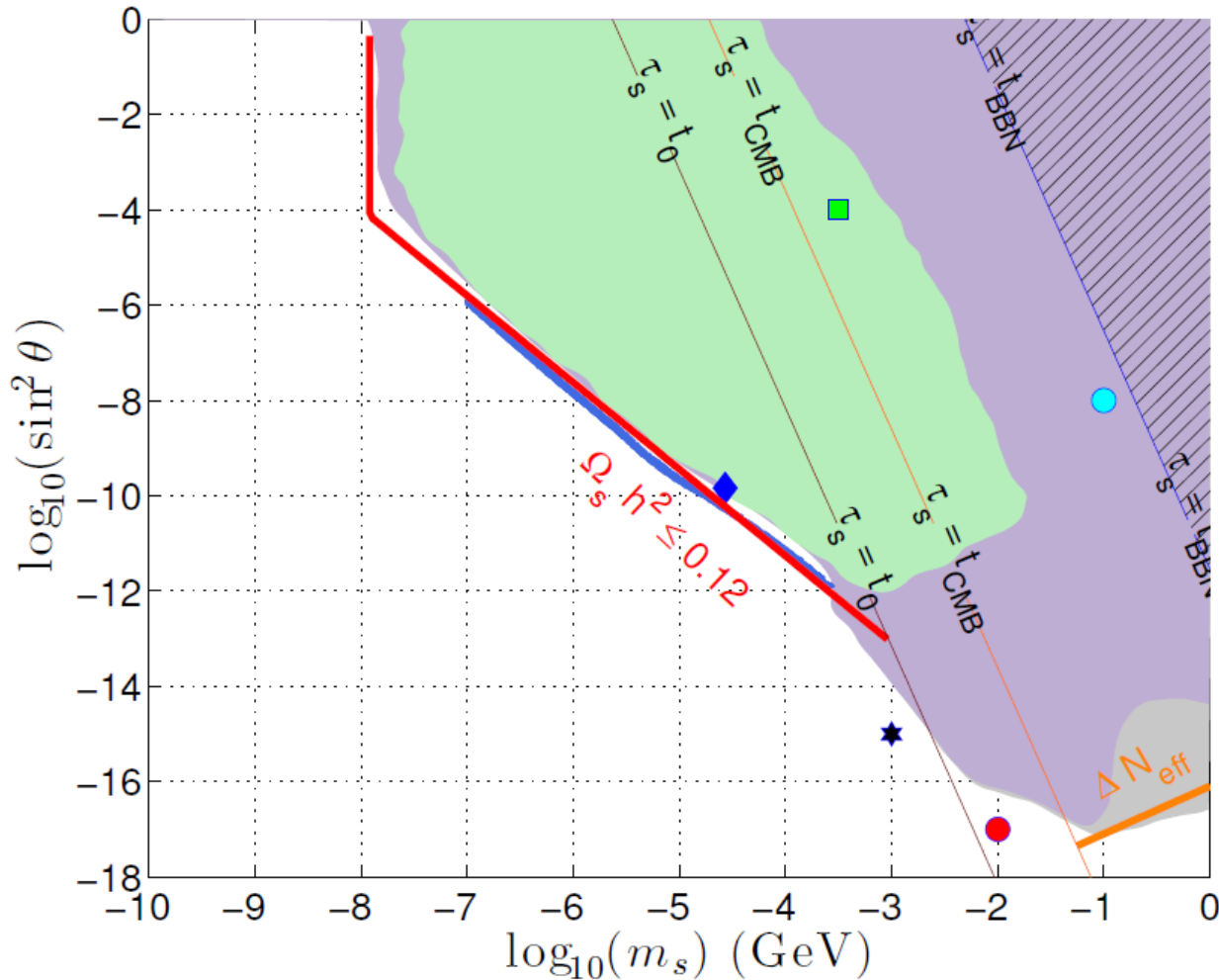
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	$\mathcal{O}_{\text{HN}\ell}^\alpha \quad \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \ell_\alpha (\tilde{H}^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	Decay-in-flight and peak searches for $e$ and $\mu$ . PMNS unitarity and peak searches for $\tau$ .	Fig. 4
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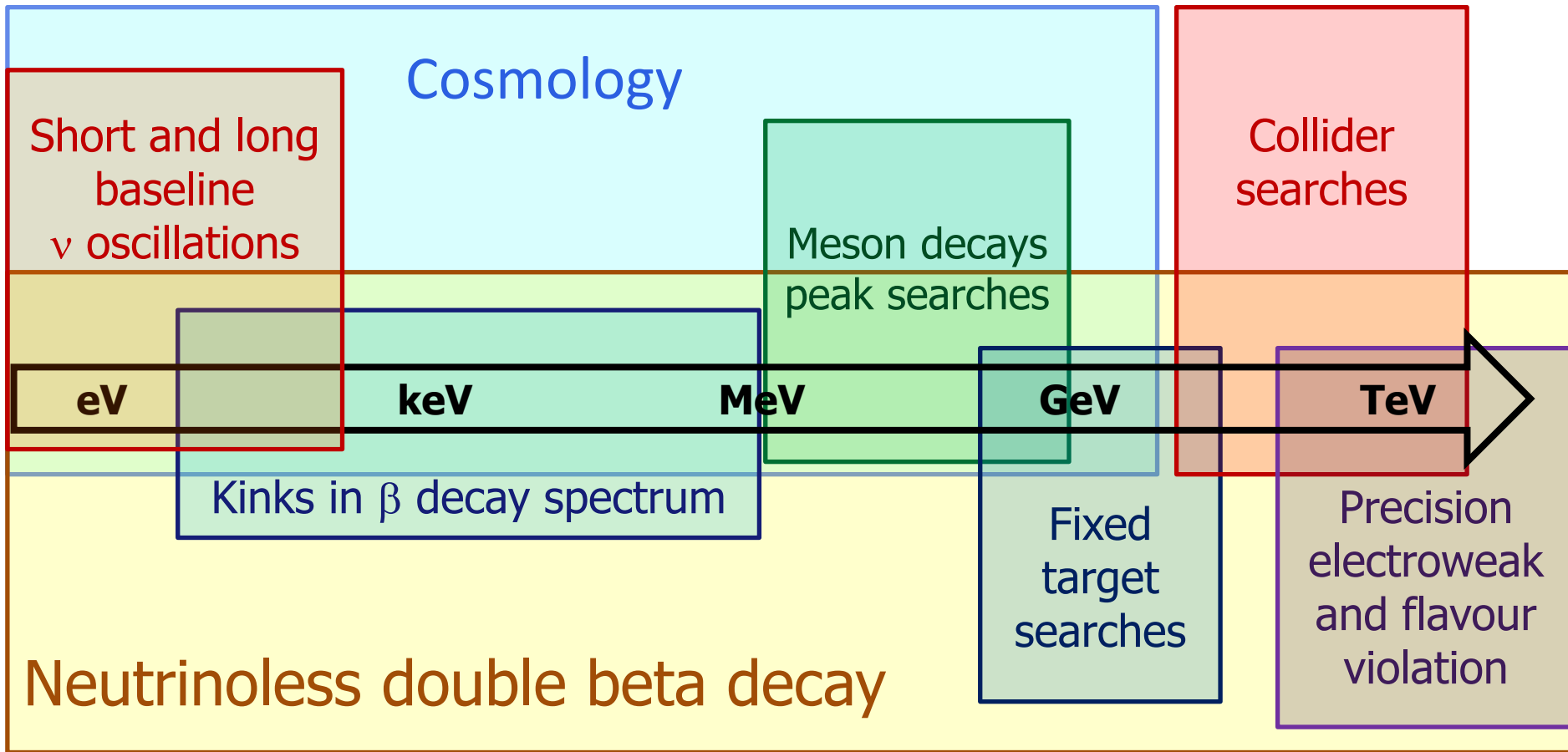


# Cosmology



A. C Vincent, EFM, P. Hernandez, M. Lattanzi and O. Mena arXiv:1408.1956  
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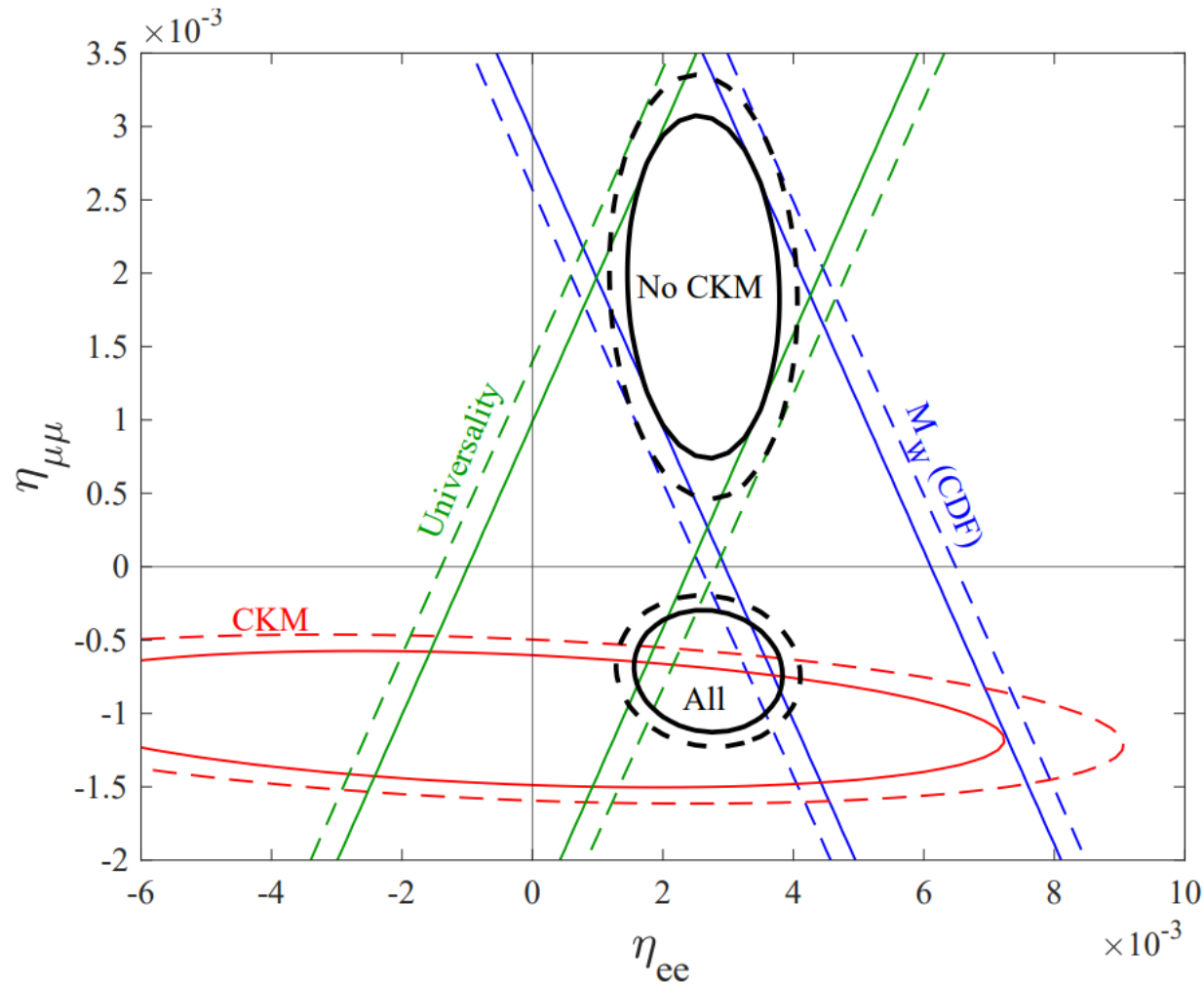


# Conclusions

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- The simplest extension, **right-handed neutrinos**, already imply a lot of new **phenomenology** to search for:
  - **Non-unitarity**, searches at colliders, beam dumps, **oscillations**, cosmology,  $0\nu\beta\beta$ ,...
- Also offers connections to other open problems of the **SM**
  - **Baryogenesis**, **Dark Matter**, **Flavour puzzle**...

# Non-unitarity and $M_W$ from CDF



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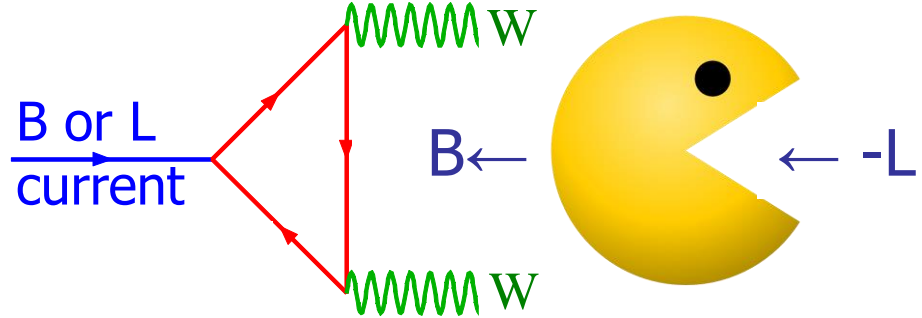
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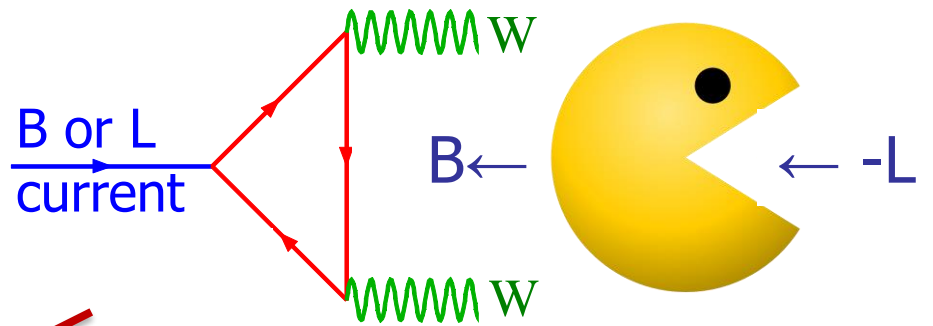
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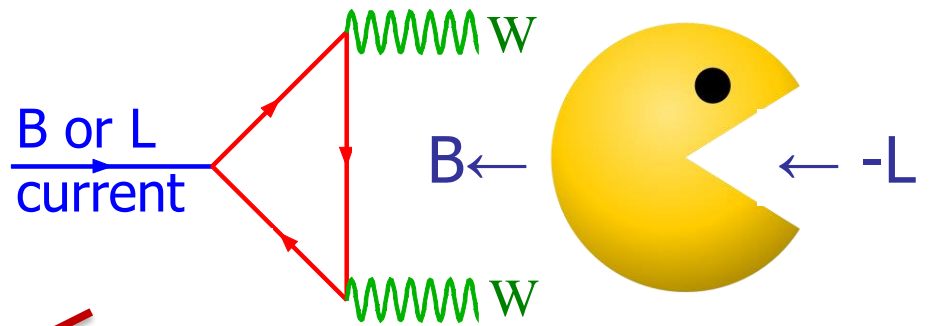
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Not a **1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition**, only **crossover**

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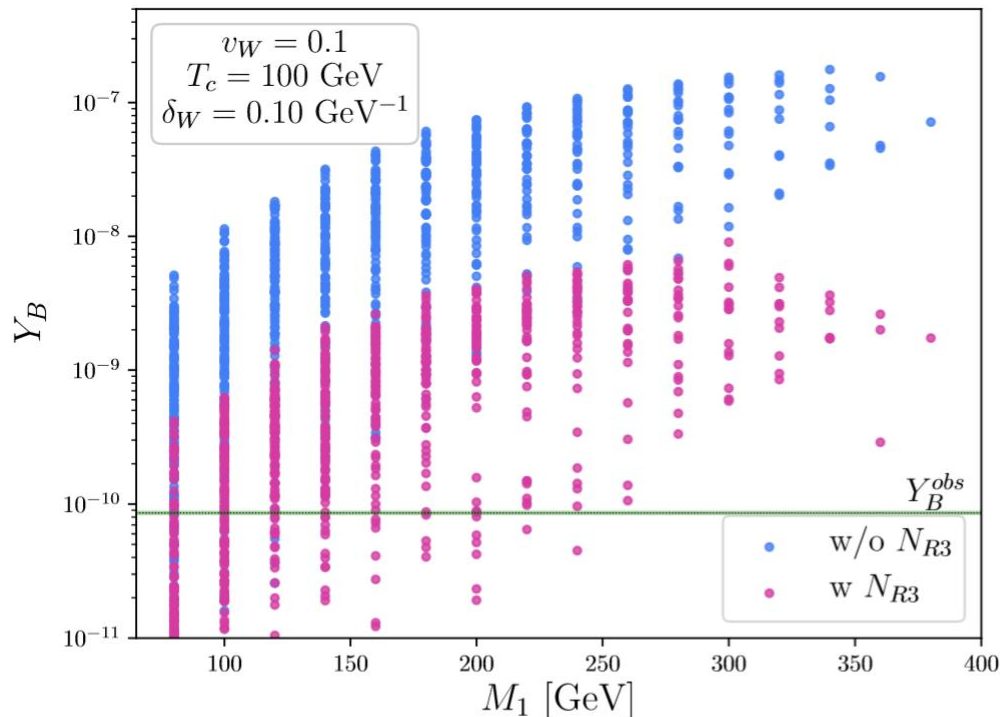
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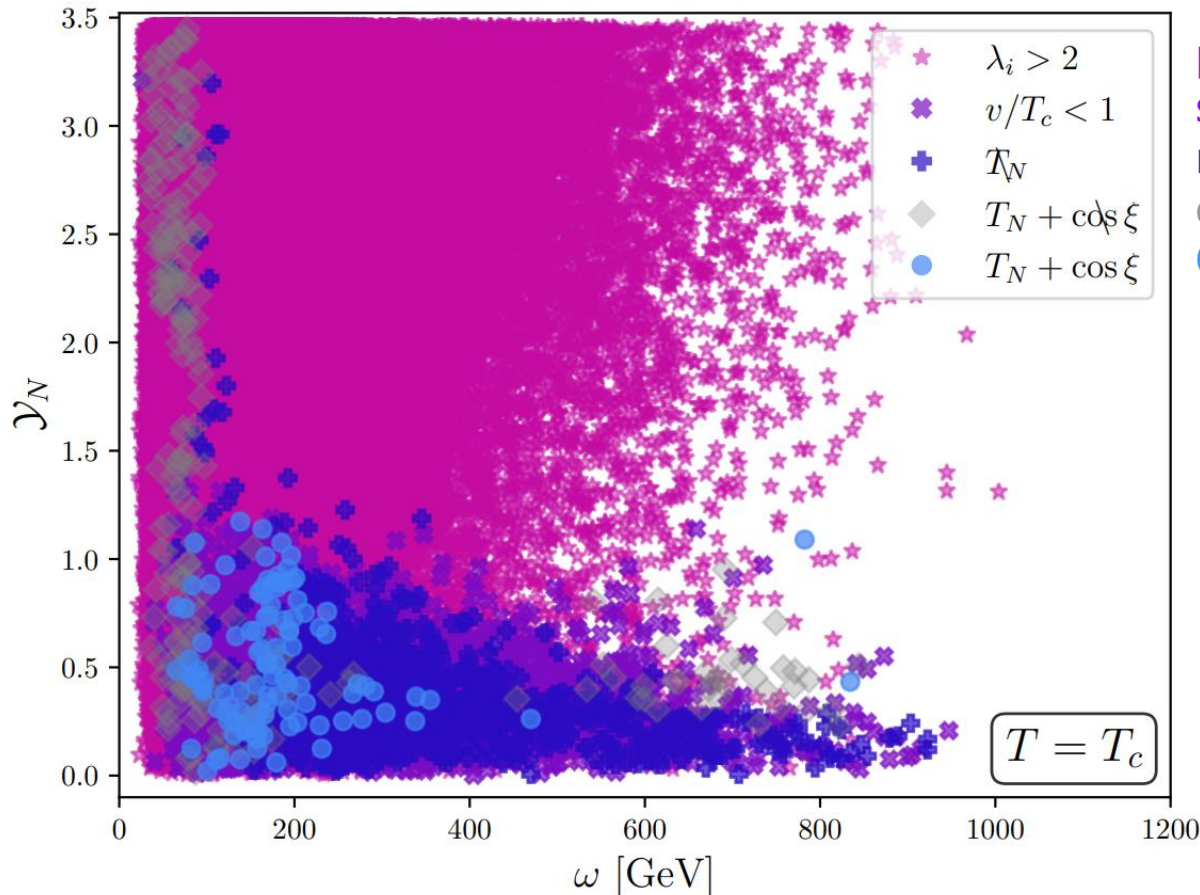
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perturbativity  
 strong EWPT (sphalerons decouple)  
 nucleation  
 collider searches  
 OK

Might be difficult to obtain the necessary vev profiles during the phase transition in agreement with scalar sector bounds.

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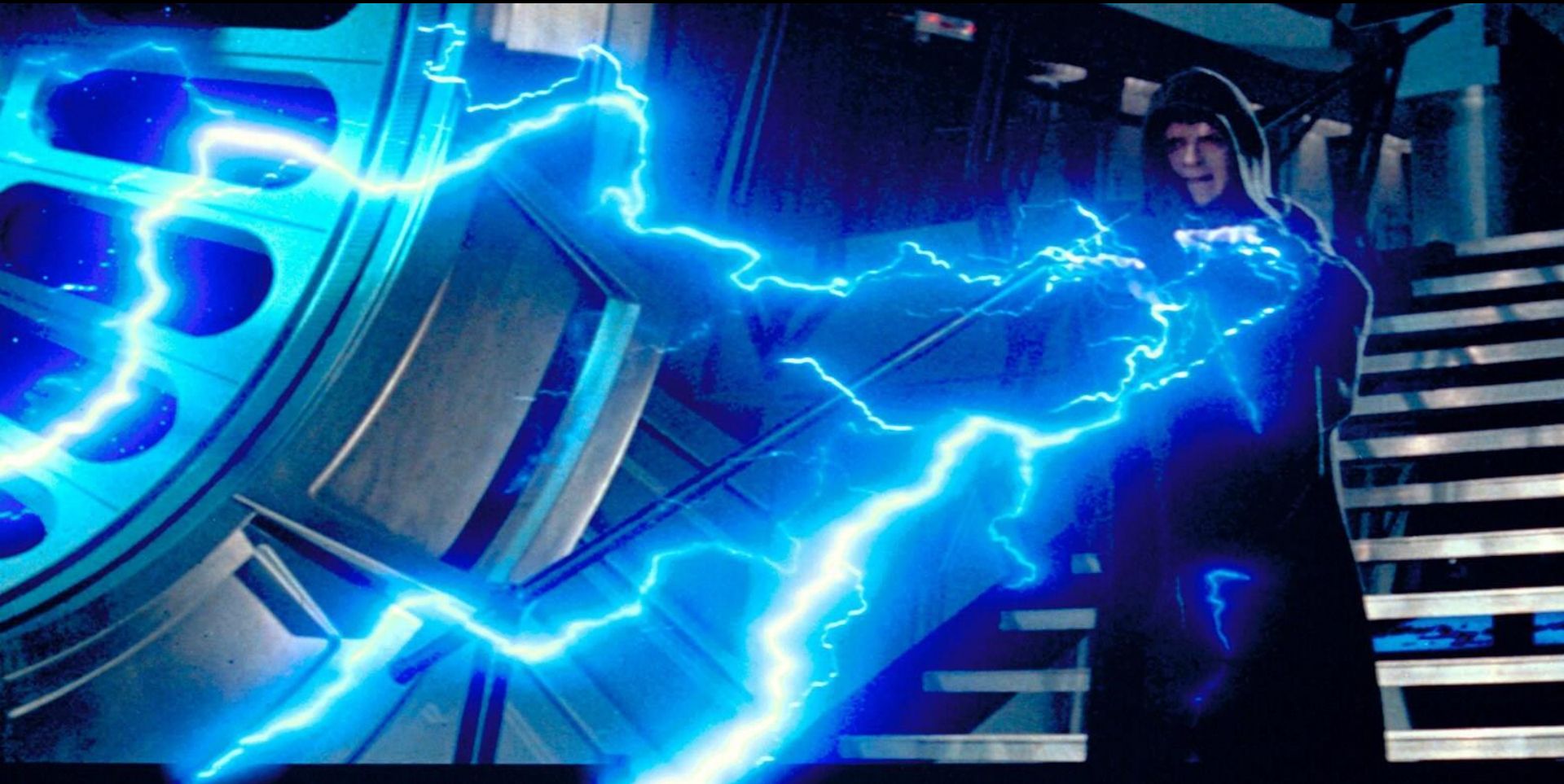
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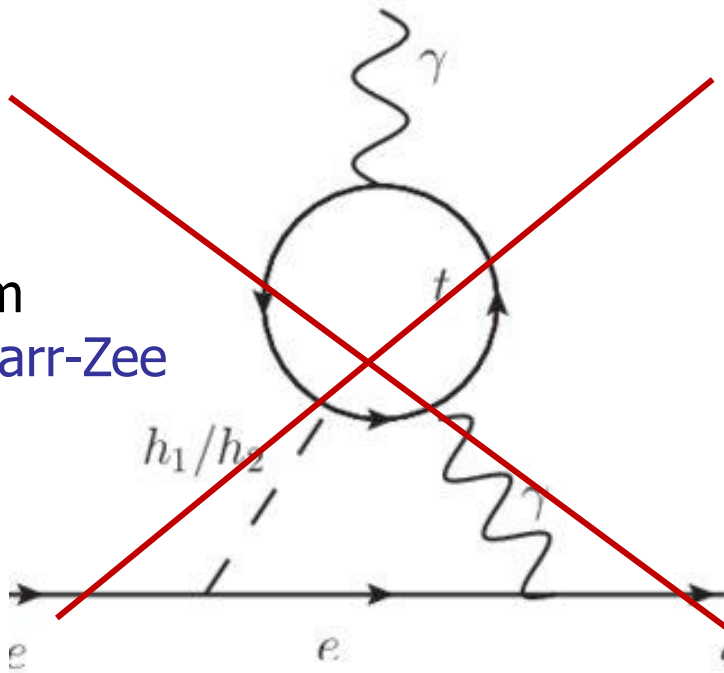
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Triangular structure more convenient for oscillations

Z.-z. Xing 0709.2220 and 1110.0083.

F. J. Escrihuela, D. V. Forero, O. G. Miranda, M. Tortola, and J. W. F. Valle 1503.08879.

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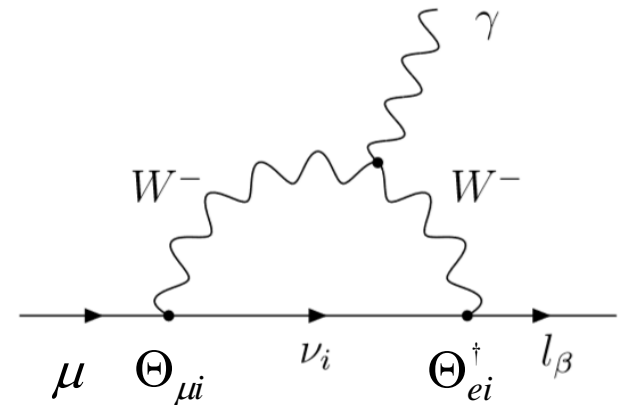
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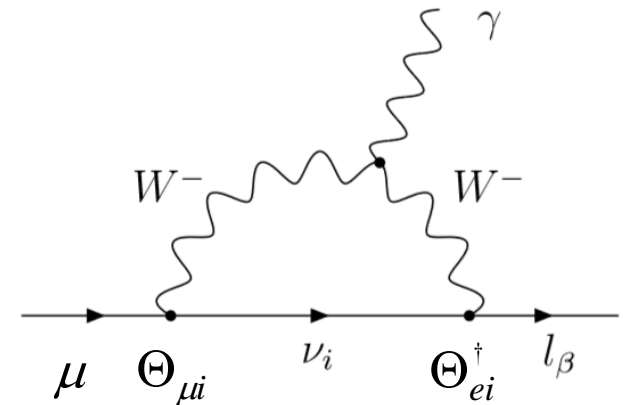


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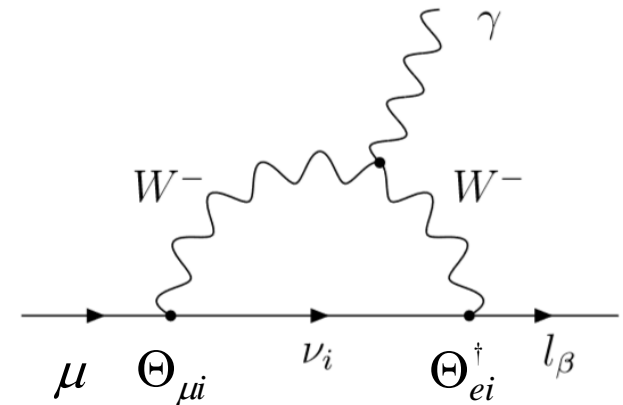
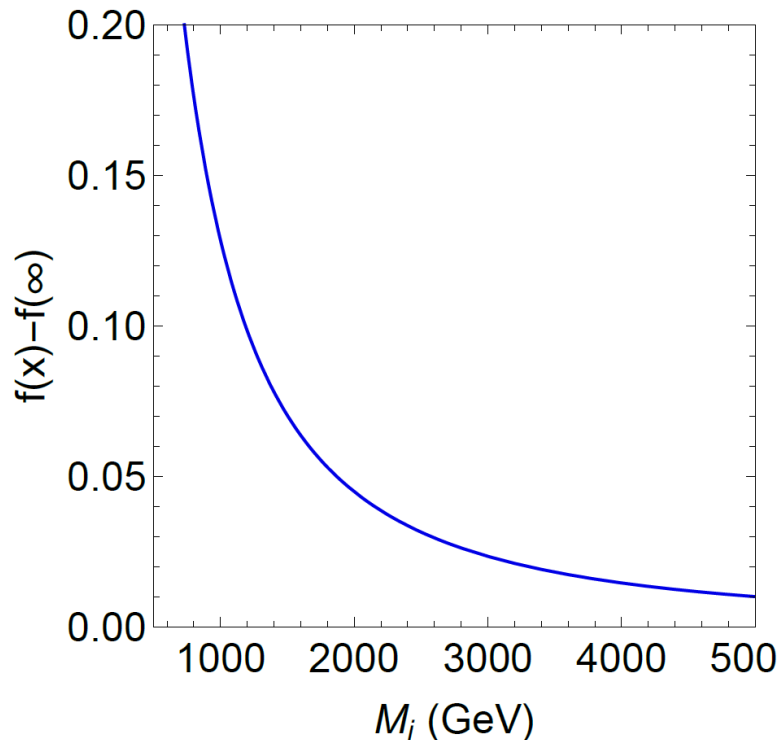
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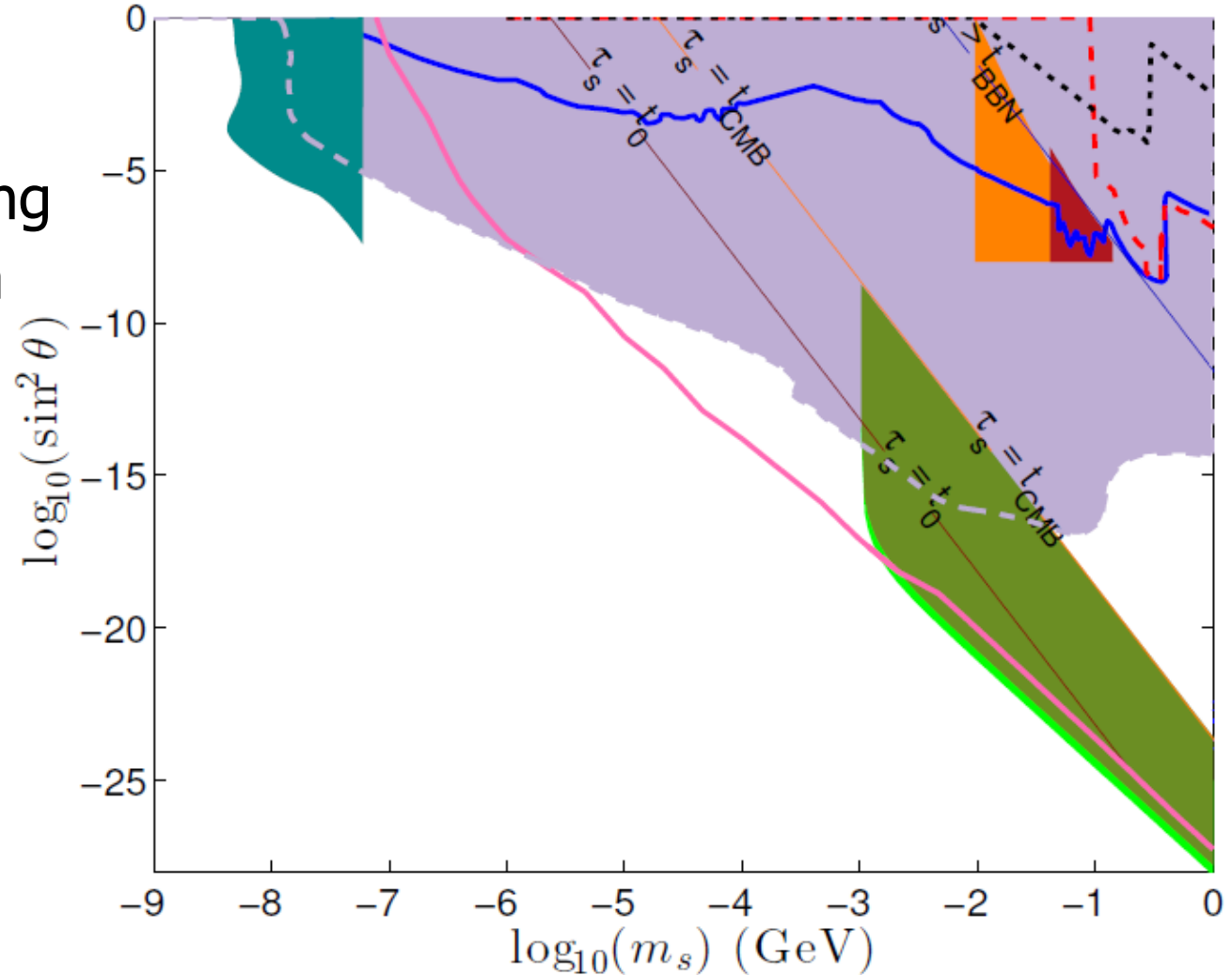
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# Cosmology and lab constraints

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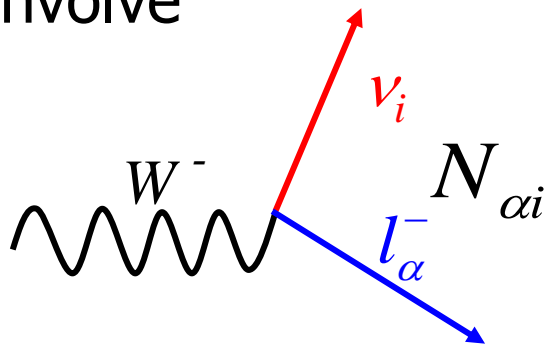
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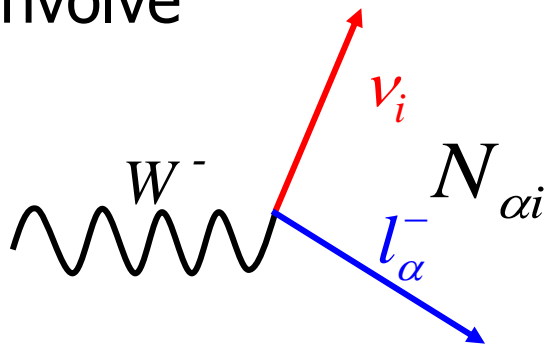
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it's where the sensitivity comes from...

So they are all equally “direct” and they all have a neutrino and a charged lepton...

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$G_F$  from  $\mu$  decay compared to from  $M_W$ , measurements of  $\sin\theta_w$  at different energies (Moller, colliders) and  $\beta$  and  $K$  decays. Very different physics!

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# A new physics scale

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Short and long  
baseline  
 $\nu$  oscillations

eV

keV

MeV

GeV

TeV

Precision  
electroweak  
and flavour  
violation

If light enough the **new sterile neutrinos** will be produced and participate in **oscillation processes**.

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At leading order “heavy” non-unitarity and **averaged-out** “light” steriles have the same impact in oscillations

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Bounds from a **global fit** to **flavour** and **Electroweak** precision data

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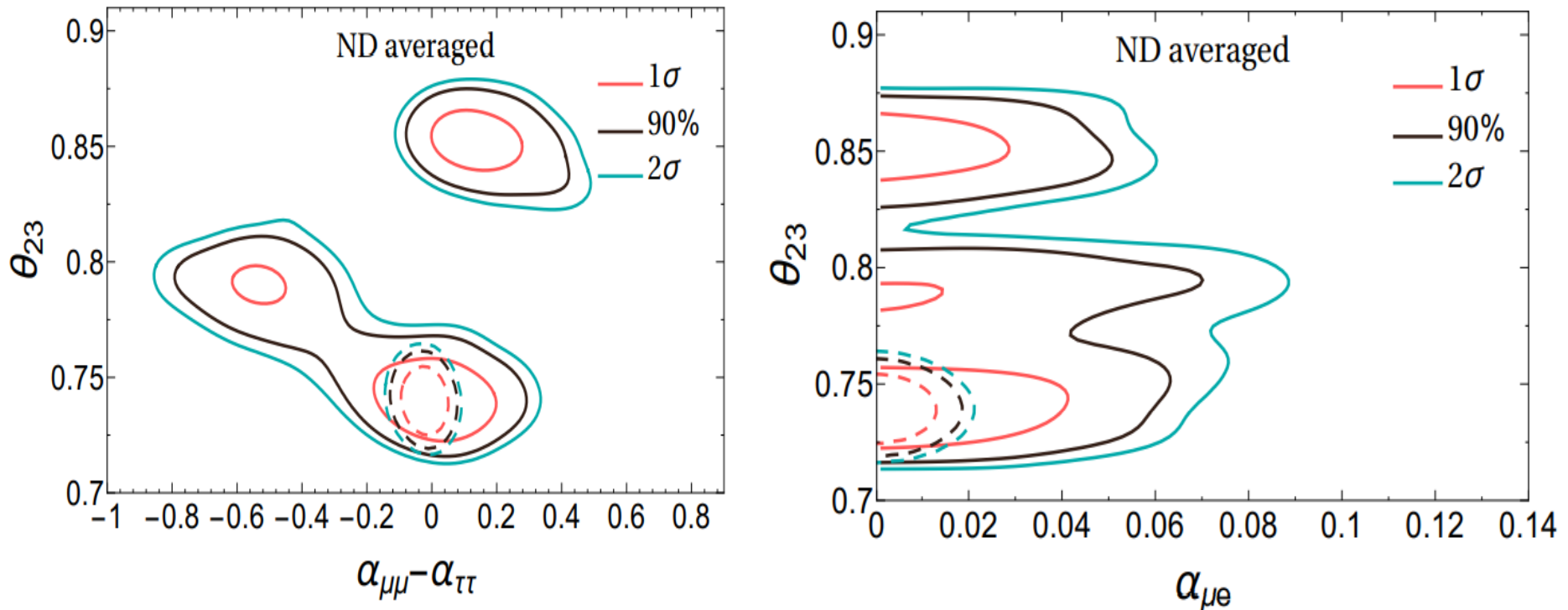
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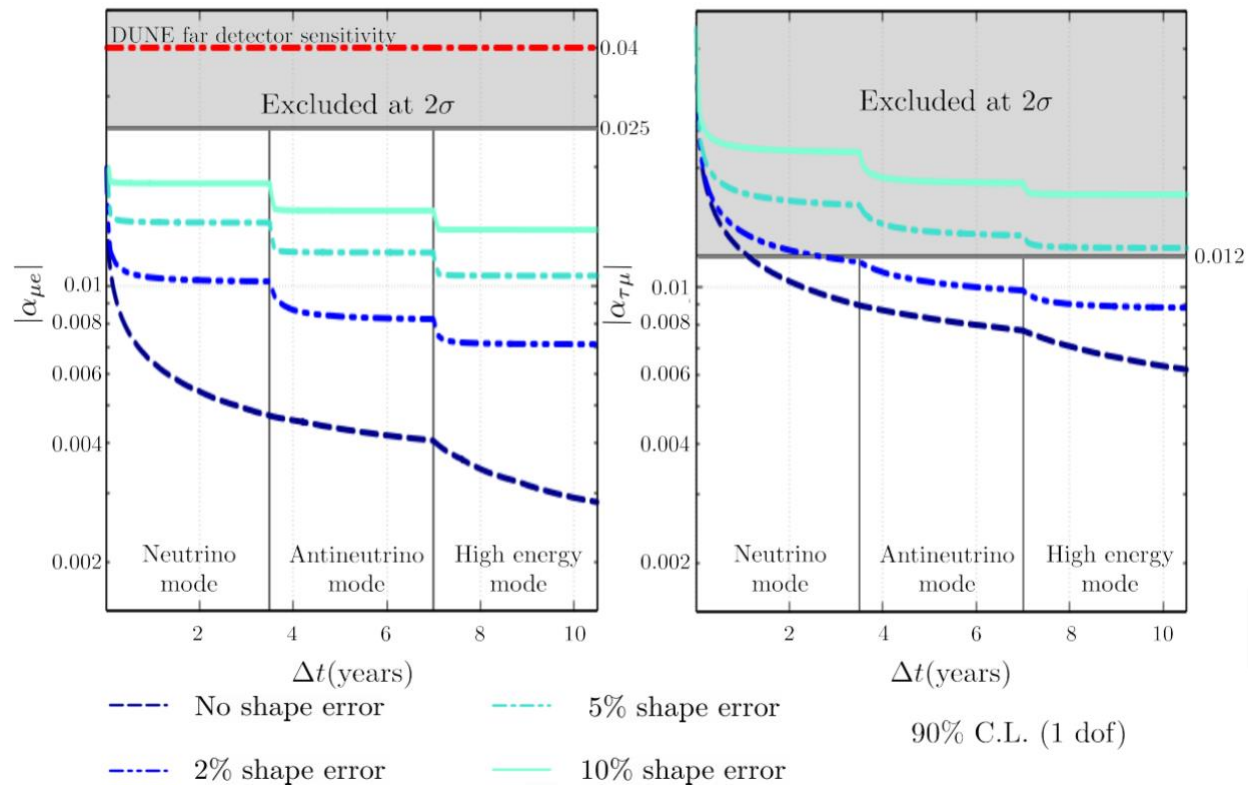
# Non-unitarity at DUNE



The **far detector** would suffer from degeneracies but they are lifted with present bounds

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The possible improvements by the **near detector** depend critically on the level of **systematic uncertainties**, particularly affecting the **shape of the spectra**

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