

# (Future) collider probes of neutrino magnetic moments

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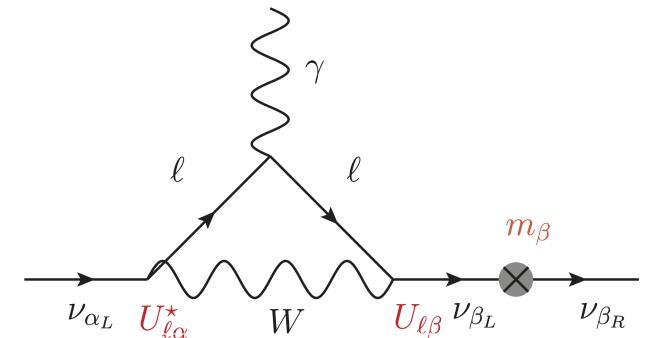
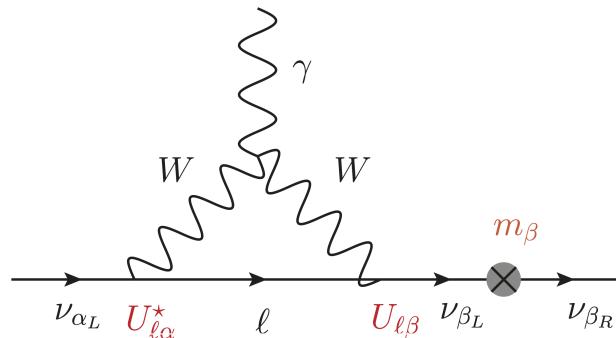
## Dirac neutrinos

Fujikawa, Shrock, PRL 45 (1980) 963; Pal, Wolfenstein, PRD 25 (1982) 766; Shrock, NPB 206 (1982) 359; Dvornikov, Studenikin, PRD 69 (2004) 073001, JETP 99 (2004) 254

In the simplest extension of the SM with three right-handed neutrinos:

$$N_{R_\beta} = \nu_{R_\beta}$$

$$\Delta L = 0$$



$$\mu_{\alpha\alpha}^D \simeq \frac{3eG_F m_\alpha}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \simeq 3.2 \cdot 10^{-19} \mu_B \left( \frac{m_\alpha}{\text{eV}} \right)$$

neutrino mass suppression

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^D \simeq -3.9 \cdot 10^{-23} \mu_B \left( \frac{m_\alpha \pm m_\beta}{\text{eV}} \right) \sum_\ell U_{\ell\alpha}^* U_{\ell\beta} \left( \frac{m_\ell}{m_\tau} \right)^2$$

Transition Magnetic Moments are further GIM-suppressed

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## Majorana neutrinos

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$[\mu]_{\alpha\beta} = - [\mu]_{\beta\alpha} \rightarrow$  There exist only GIM-suppressed **Transition Magnetic Moments** (TMMs)

$$\mu_{\alpha\beta}^M \simeq -7.8 \cdot 10^{-23} \mu_B i (m_\alpha + m_\beta) \sum_\ell \text{Im} [U_{\ell\alpha}^\star U_{\ell\beta}] \left( \frac{m_\ell}{m_W} \right)^2$$

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However large enhancements to TMMs are possible  
Beyond the Standard Model

# NMM Beyond the Standard Framework

Extra particles from the BSM sector (for example a  $W_R$ ), contribute to enhance NMMs. However, in general, they will also contribute to neutrino masses (same diagrams without the photon)

For Majorana neutrinos, the BSM (symmetric) neutrino mass contribution is typically smaller than the (antisymmetric) TMM, because of Yukawa coupling suppression

While **TMMs** are allowed to be **naturally large** for  
**Majorana** neutrinos

N. F. Bell, M. Gorchein, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf,  
P. Vogel and P. Wang, Phys. Lett. B 642, 377-  
383 (2006); S. Davidson, M. Gorbahn and A.  
Santamaria, Phys. Lett. B 626, 151-160 (2005)

**Dirac** NMMs exceeding about  $10^{-15} \mu_B$  would not be natural, as  
they would **induce unacceptably large neutrino masses**

N. F. Bell, V. Cirigliano, M. J.  
Ramsey-Musolf, P. Vogel and M. B.  
Wise, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 151802  
(2005)

Compelling BSM scenarios predict **electron-muon TMMs** for  
**Majorana** neutrinos of the order of  $10^{-12} \mu_B$  which **become**  
**accessible experimentally**

For example:  
M. Lindner, B. Radovcic and J.  
Welter, JHEP 07, 139 (2017)

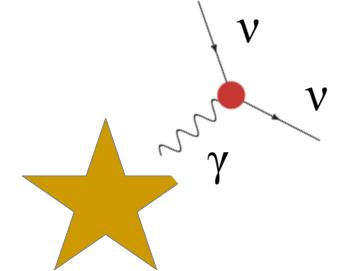
# Probes of Neutrino Magnetic Moments

- Astrophysical and cosmological observations

Astrophysical bounds from stellar energy loss measurements

$$\mu_\nu \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

From the red giant branch of modular clusters  
[Capozzi, Raffelt, PRD 102 (2020) 8, 083007]



Bounds from CMB and BBN measurements of the effective neutrino number

$$\mu_\nu \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

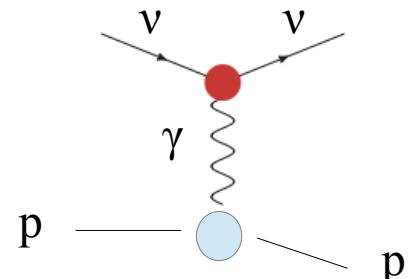
[Li, Xu, JHEP 02 (2023) 085]

- Low energy (solar) neutrino scattering experiments

$$\mu_\nu \lesssim 6.3 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

XENONnT

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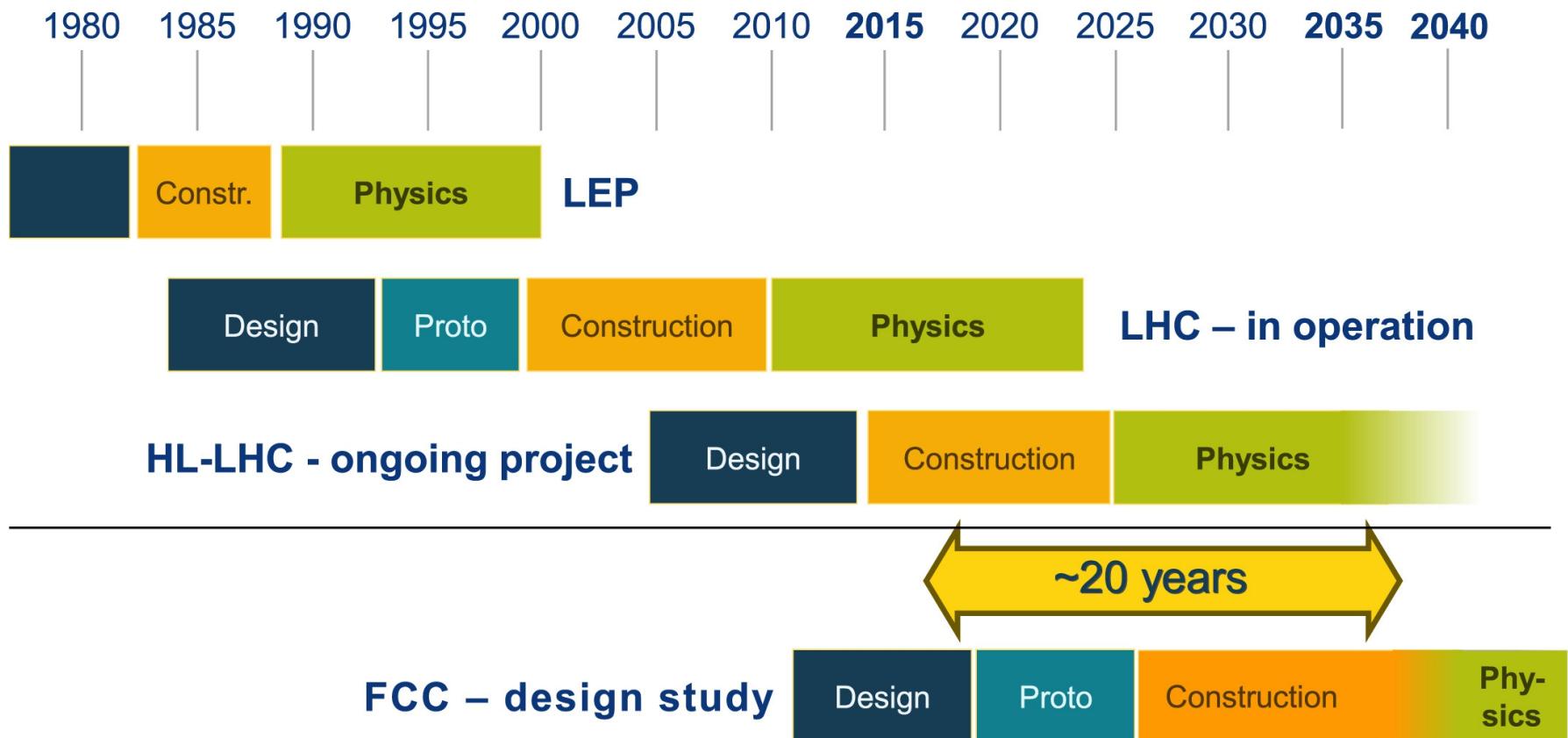
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LUX-ZEPLIN

Phys.Rev.Lett. 131 (2023) 4, 041002

# (Future) Collider Probes

F. Zimmermann, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 909, 33-37 (2018)



# (Future) Collider Probes: theoretical framework

$$\mathcal{L}_{BSM} = C_{\alpha\beta}^B (O_B)_{\alpha\beta} + C_{\alpha\beta}^W (O_W)_{\alpha\beta} + \text{H.c.}$$

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After SSB

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$$(O_B)_{\alpha\beta}|_v = -\frac{g' v^2}{2} (\overline{\nu}_\alpha^c \sigma^{\mu\nu} \nu_\beta) (c_w A_{\mu\nu} - s_w Z_{\mu\nu})$$


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# (Future) Collider Probes: Hadron Colliders

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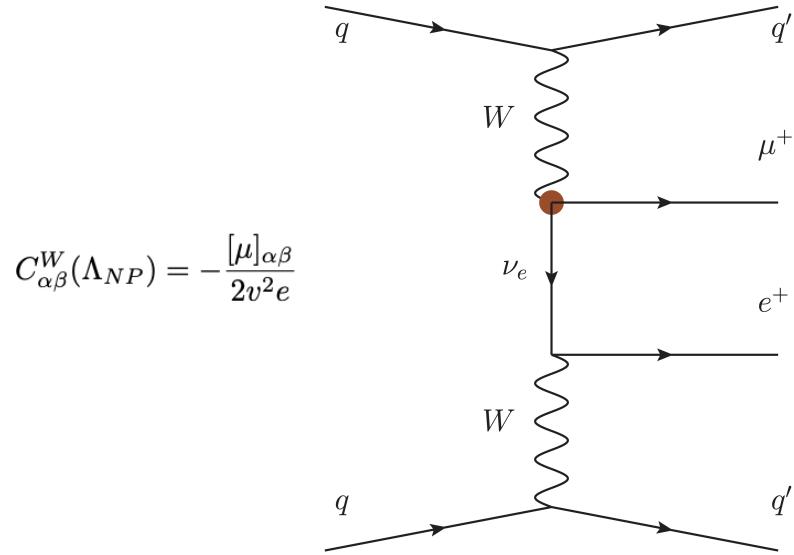

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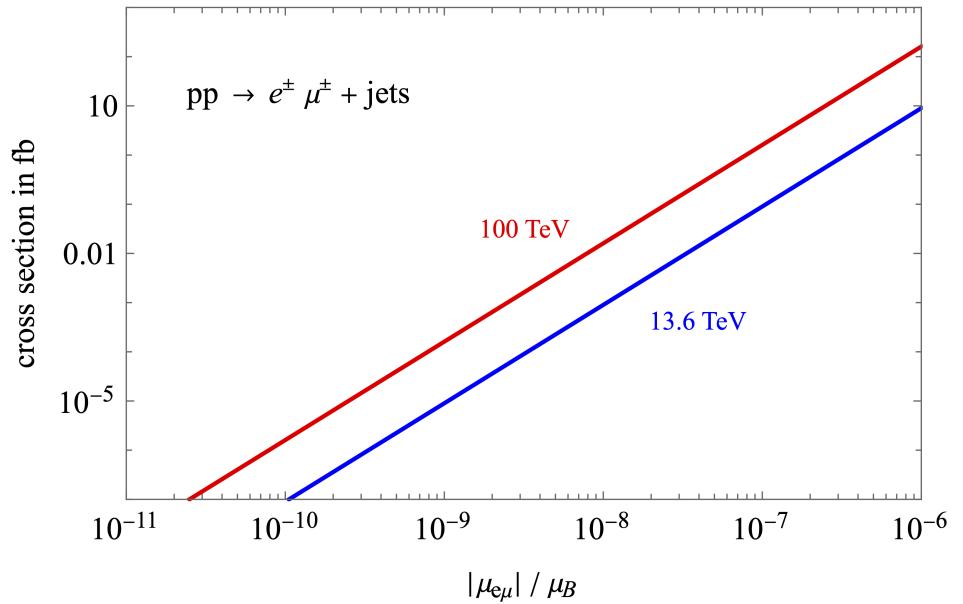

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$$-\frac{gv^2}{\sqrt{2}} (\overline{\nu}_\alpha^c \sigma^{\mu\nu} \ell_\beta + \overline{\ell}_\alpha^c \sigma^{\mu\nu} \nu_\beta) [W_{\mu\nu}^+ + igW_\mu^+(s_w A_\nu + c_w Z_\nu) - igW_\nu^+(s_w A_\mu + c_w Z_\mu)]$$

# (Future) Collider Probes: Hadron Colliders



$$C_{\alpha\beta}^W(\Lambda_{NP}) = -\frac{[\mu]_{\alpha\beta}}{2v^2e}$$



Background evaluated from a recast of the ATLAS search [arXiv:2403.15016 [hep-ex]].

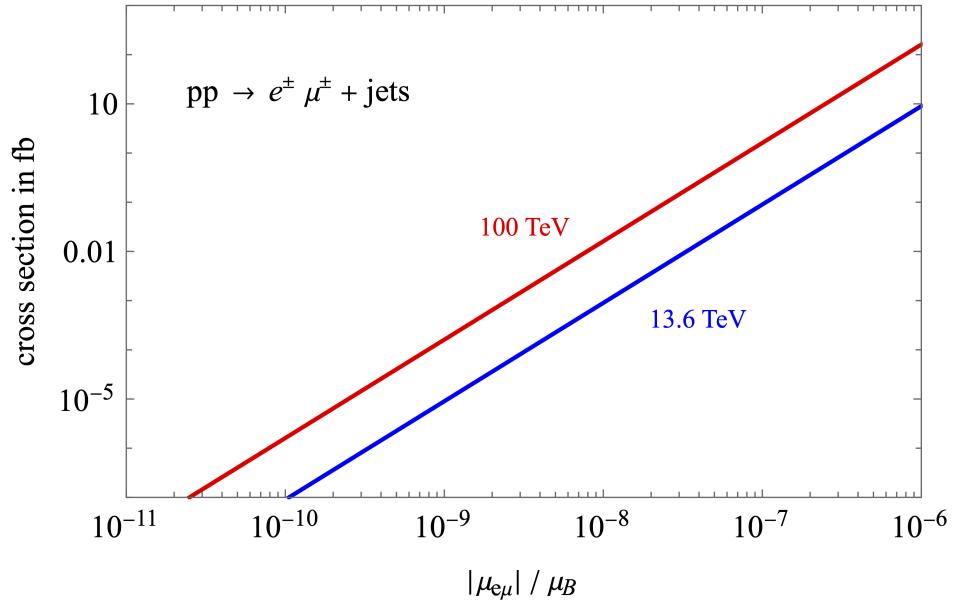
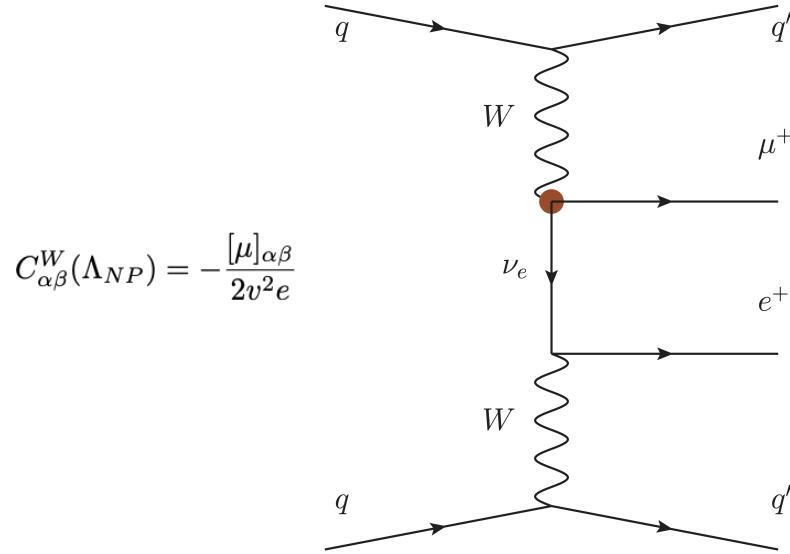
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**2 $\sigma$  excl. sensitivity**

HL-LHC	$ \mu_{e\mu}  < 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7} \mu_B$	$\{300 \text{ fb}^{-1}\},$	$ \mu_{e\mu}  < 1.1 \cdot 10^{-7} \mu_B$	$\{3 \text{ ab}^{-1}\}$
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FCC-hh	$ \mu_{e\mu}  < 3.4 \cdot 10^{-8} \mu_B$	$\{3 \text{ ab}^{-1}\},$	$ \mu_{e\mu}  < 1.9 \cdot 10^{-8} \mu_B$	$\{30 \text{ ab}^{-1}\}$	10
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In the most optimistic case of a **negligible background**

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# A Future Muon Collider

key point of the strategic plans for the development of particle physics both in Europe (ESPP '20) and in the USA (P5 recommendations '23)

D. Stratakis et al. (Muon Collider), A Muon Collider Facility for Physics Discovery, (2022), arXiv:2203.08033, K. M. Black et al., Muon Collider Forum Report, (2022), arXiv:2209.01318 [hep-ex]; C. Accettura et al., Towards a Muon Collider, (2023), arXiv:2303.08533 [physics.acc-ph].

$\mu^+ \mu^-$  in a circular collider with a ring of the size of the LHC, 27 Km (possibly using the LHC ring)

Energy and Luminosity design targets:

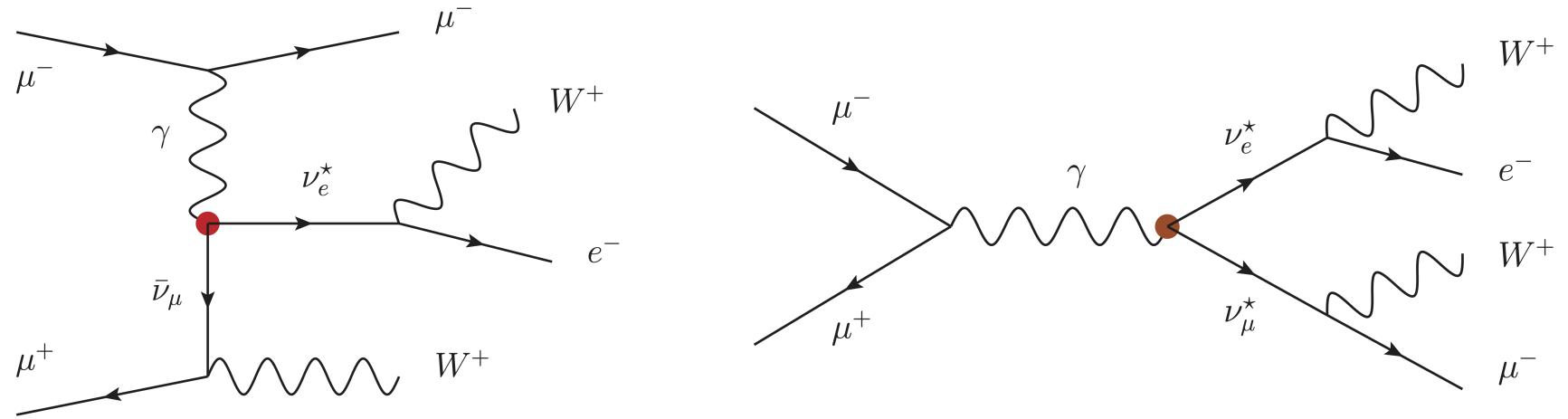
$$\sqrt{s} = 1, 3, 10, 20, 30, 50 \text{ TeV} \quad L = 0.1, 0.9, 10, 40, 90, 250 \text{ ab}^{-1} \quad L = 10 \left( \frac{\sqrt{s}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

## Advantages:

- typically higher effective collision energies (hadron colliders pay for PDFs,  $e^+e^-$  for synchrotron radiation effects)
- lower background (compared to hadron colliders)

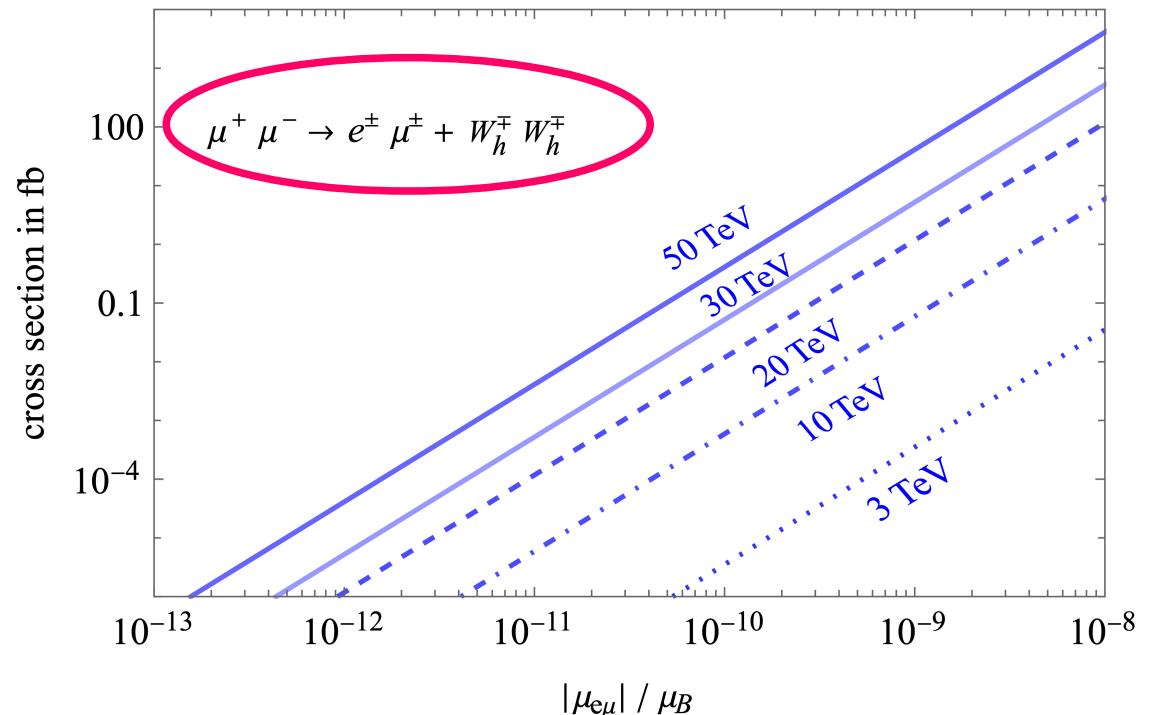
Main challenge: short life-time of muons

# Neutrino TMM at a Muon Collider

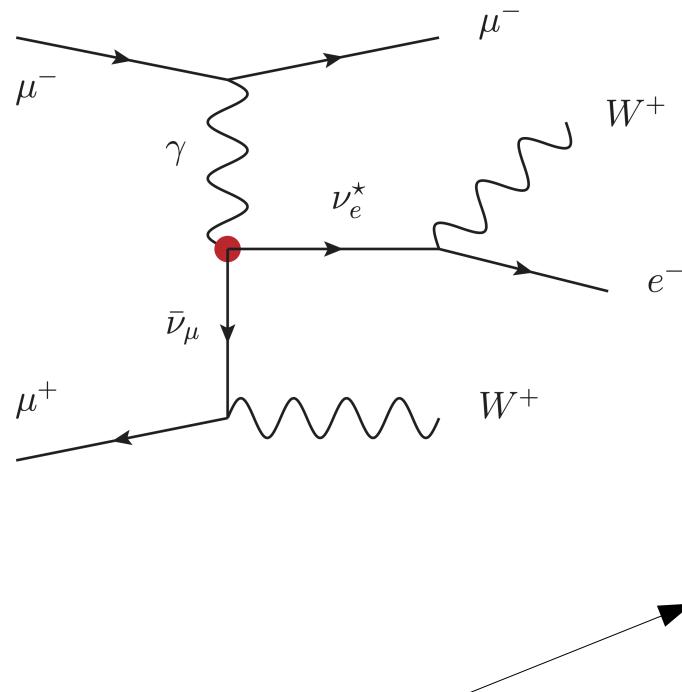


Peculiar LNV process

Background at a very low level: few ab  
 (mainly from  $llW_hW_h$  events with misidentified lepton charges and flavours, and from  $W_{\text{lep}}W_{\text{lep}}W_hW_h$ )



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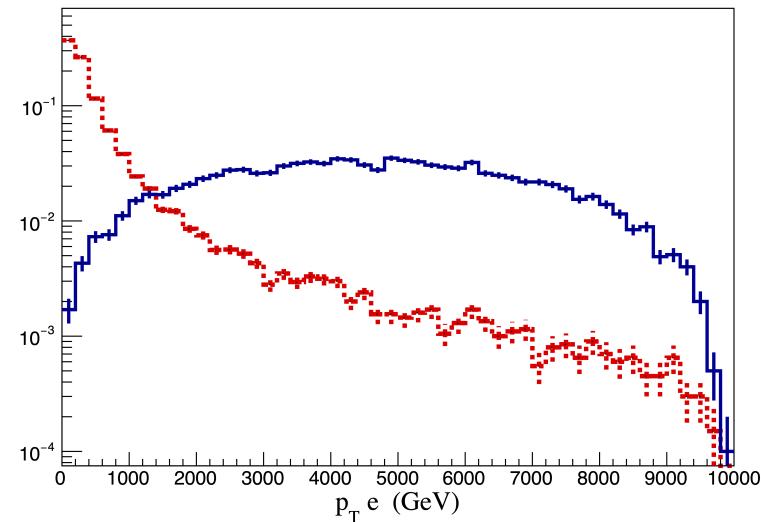
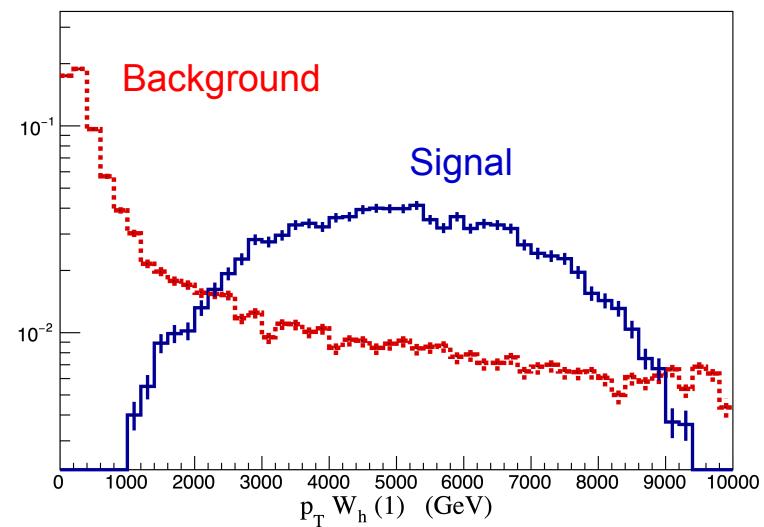


Peculiar LNV process

Background at a very low level: few ab

Can be further reduced to an almost negligible level

Peculiar kinematics for the signal



# Neutrino TMM at a Muon Collider

2 $\sigma$  sensitivities

$$L = 10 \left( \frac{\sqrt{s}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

$\sqrt{s} =$	3 TeV	10 TeV	20 TeV	30 TeV	50 TeV
$\frac{ \mu_{e\mu} }{\mu_B}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$7.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$

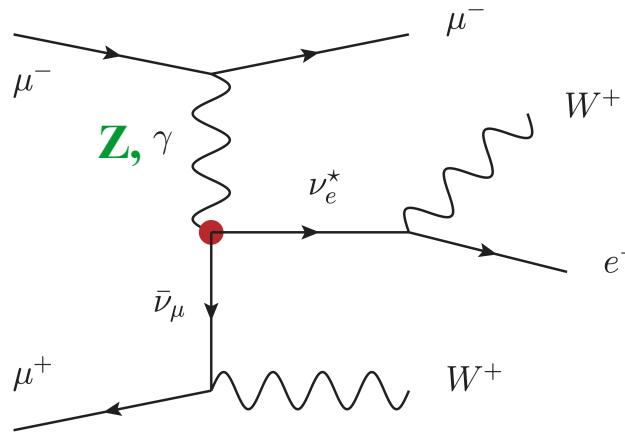
A 3 TeV Muon Collider already more than one order of magnitude more sensitive than the FCC-hh

**~20-30 TeV Muon Collider competitive with laboratory experiments,**  
which give “flavor-independent” bounds:

$$2\mu_\nu \lesssim 6 \cdot 10^{-12} \mu_B$$

+30 TeV Muon collider at the level of (or even better) than latest astrophysical and laboratory sensitivities

# Neutrino TMM at a Muon Collider at the 7-dim operator level



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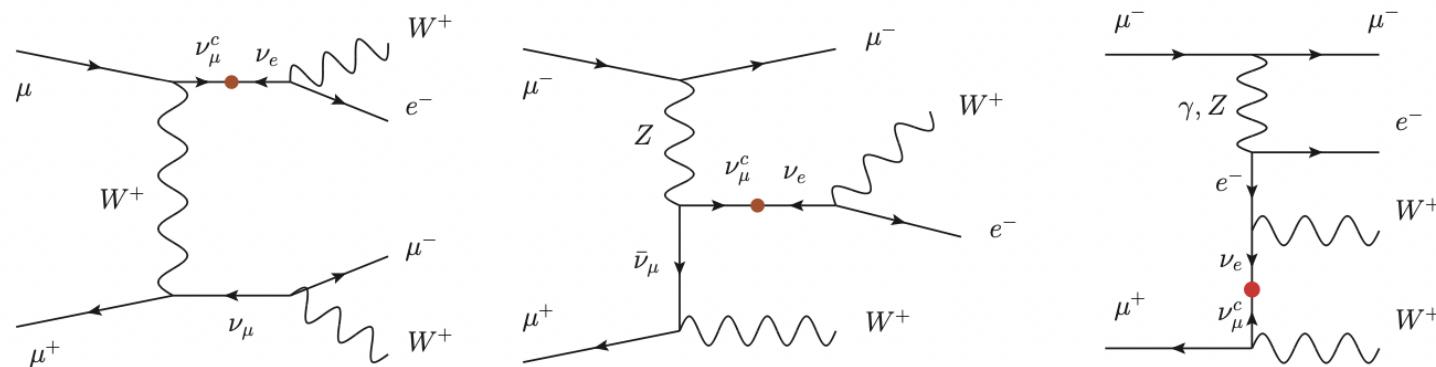
$\sqrt{s} =$	3 TeV	10 TeV	20 TeV	30 TeV	50 TeV
$\frac{ \mu_{e\mu} }{\mu_B}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$8.6 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$9.4 \cdot 10^{-13}$

# LNV test at a muon collider: The Weinberg operator

Hadron collider sensitivities have been recently estimated in  
B. Fuks, J. Neundorf, K. Peters, R. Ruiz and M. Saimpert,  
Phys. Rev. D 103, no.11, 115014 (2021)

LNV process  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm + W_h^\mp W_h^\mp$

also sensitive to the Weinberg operator (Majorana neutrino masses)



$2\sigma$  sensitivities:

$\sqrt{s} =$	3 TeV	10 TeV	20 TeV	30 TeV	50 TeV
$ m_{e\mu} $	110 MeV	3.2 MeV	0.50 MeV	140 KeV	36 KeV
$ m_{\mu\mu} $	300 MeV	10 MeV	1.5 MeV	420 KeV	84 KeV

improvement of up to three orders of magnitude for a ~20 TeV muon collider on the estimated sensitivities of the FCC-hh

# Conclusions

- Neutrino dipole moments can provide evidence of new physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM). Large electron-muon transition moments of the order of  $10^{-12} \mu_B$  for Majorana neutrinos can appear in BSM scenarios, which become accessible experimentally
- The current most stringent limits are set by astrophysical observations and by low-energy neutrino scattering experiments (XENONnT, LUX-ZEPLIN), with bounds of the order of few  $\bullet 10^{-12} \mu_B$
- We estimate for the first time the collider sensitivity to electron-muon neutrino TMMs:

A LNV signature  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\pm + W_h^\mp W_h^\mp$

at a future muon collider would provide an important complementary probe for TMMs. A muon collider with a collision energy of  $\sim 20\text{-}30$  TeV would be competitive with the latest astrophysical observation and laboratory experiments. Contrary to these latter, the muon collider would be sensitive to the flavor (and LNV) of the TMMs, providing important additional information on the neutrino properties in the event of a (near) future observation at low-energy experiments.