



Charged lepton flavour violation: (nearly) theory overview

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(I) The Standard Model and beyond

A new lepton sector & further SM problems

EFT approach to NP (and the probing power of flavours...)

(II) Lepton observables: BSM arena

Going beyond minimal New Physics

Lepton observables - cLFV muon transitions, cLFV tau decays

(Brief EFT parenthesis)

cLFV at higher energies - meson decays to collider searches

Toolboxes

(III) New Physics paths to cLFV

General NP models & peculiar patterns

Models of neutrino mass generation - vanilla seesaws, low-scale seesaws

The singlet seesaw

The SUSY type I seesaw (and RPV example)

(IV) The power of cLFV - hints on models of New Physics

The SM and its lepton sector



Lepton sector: charged and neutral fermions

► In the SM, three families of quarks and leptons

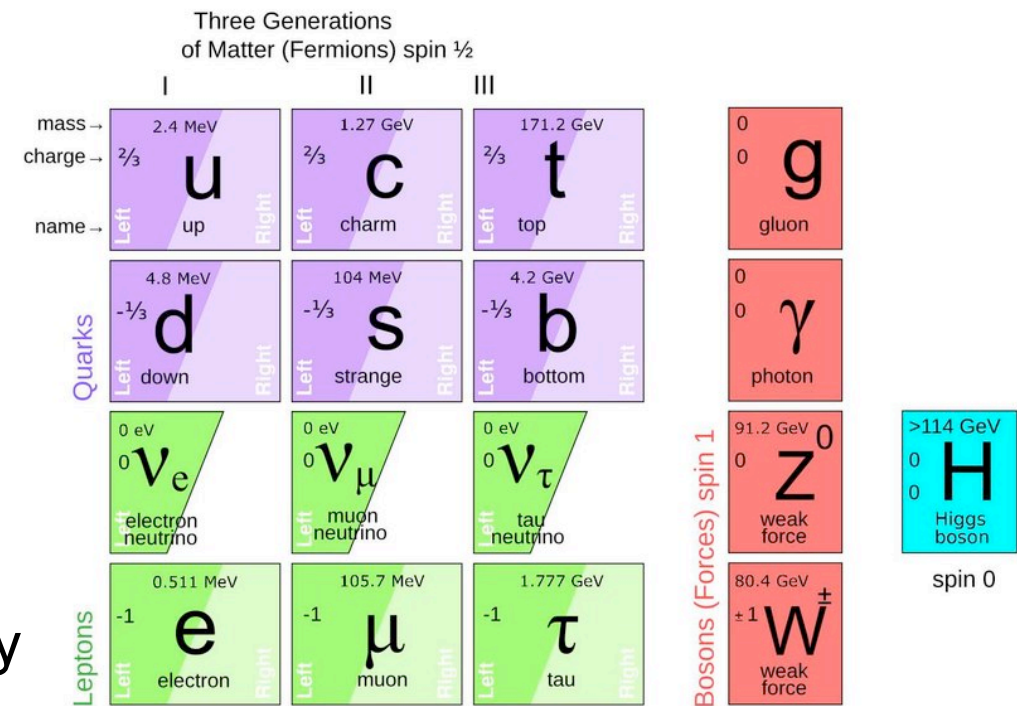
Lepton sector: colourless states, "charged" under $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)$

⇒ 3 massive ℓ^\pm ($m_\ell \propto vY^\ell$)

⇒ massless ν \rightsquigarrow no leptonic mixing...

Minimalistic description based on available data at the birth of the SM

However: massless neutrino hypothesis challenged by solar and atmospheric neutrino data!



Explanation of the "solar ν " and "atmospheric ν " problems ⇒ **neutrino oscillations!**

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j=1}^3 U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

$$\nu_\alpha = U_{\alpha i}^{\text{PMNS}} \nu_i$$

$$\Delta m_{kj}^2 = m_{\nu_j}^2 - m_{\nu_k}^2$$

Neutrino oscillations ⇒ massive neutrinos and non-trivial leptonic mixing!

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- ▶ **Matter dominated Universe:** explaining **the baryon asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)**
 - (i) **initial asymmetric composition** ✗ (incompatible with inflation)
 - (ii) **statistical fluctuations during evolution** ✗ (negligible effects)
 - (iii) **large scale spatial separation** ✗ (incompatible with evolution of primordial Universe)
 - ... **Dynamical generation! "Baryon-genesis"** ✓

Sakharov's conditions for a (successful) BAU

a priori, all are present in the SM! (**electroweak baryogenesis**)

- If originally symmetric Universe, **baryon number violation**

Sphaleron production \Rightarrow ***B & L number violation***

- Differentiate matter from antimatter, **CP violation**

CPV from CKM mechanism highly suppressed...

- Suppress inverse processes, **out of (thermal) equilibrium**

Strong 1st order EW phase transition ? soft crossover for a "heavy Higgs" (125 GeV)

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"ordinary (SM) matter" - a tiny fraction of mass-energy density $\Omega_{\text{b}} = 0.049 \pm 0.001$

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- ▶ And a number of **"theoretical caveats & puzzles"**:
 - Unification of interactions, desert of **fundamental scales**...
 - Hierarchy problem, metastability of vacuum...
 - Strong CP** problem, **flavour puzzle**, ...
 - Accidental symmetries**, and many "just-so" constructions...

Beyond the SM



- ▶ **New Physics is indeed needed** - but which new physics model?

New **interactions**? Additional **states**? At which **scale**?

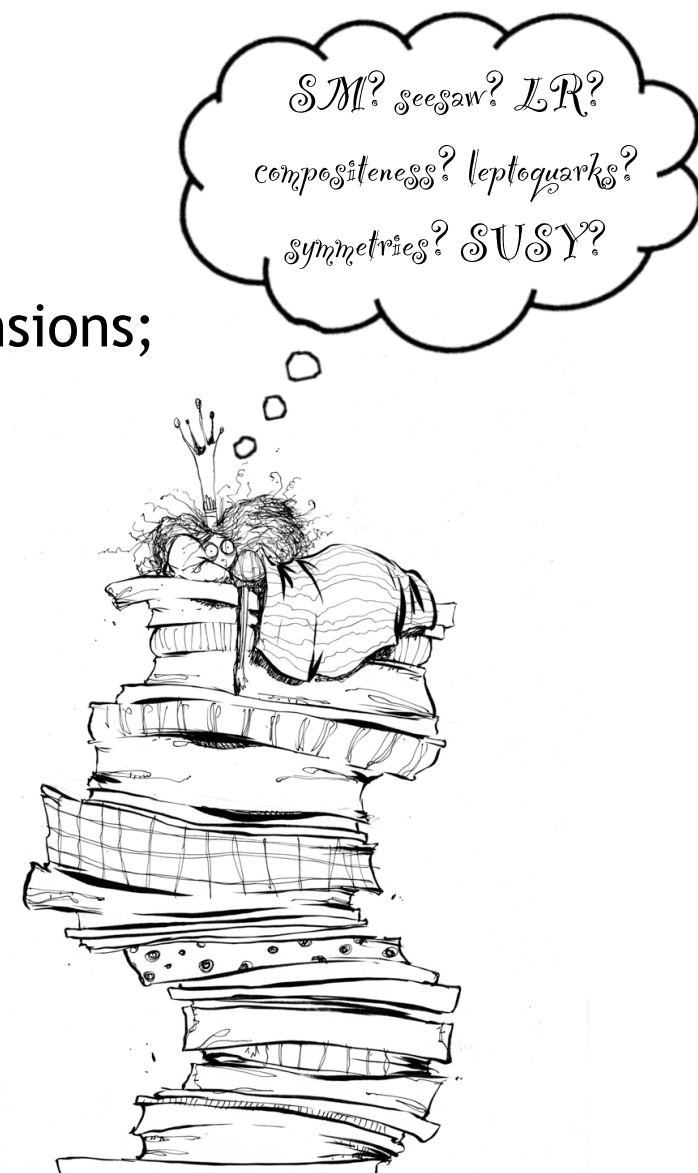
- ▶ **"Golden rule"** - extensions of the SM should ideally:

- address (at least one) its **observational problems** & tensions;
- ease/render less severe its **theoretical caveats**;
- be falsifiable**;
- avoid creating further issues and/or tensions!

- ▶ **Extensive ensemble of models...**

From **minimal extensions**

(additional states, in general to address *one* problem),
to **comprehensive constructions...**



In all cases, **SM** interpreted as a **low-energy limit** of a (complete, yet unknown) **NP model**

Two approaches to identify the model (necessarily) at work

- ⇒ Study **various classes** of well-motivated models
- ⇒ **Model-independent, effective approach (EFT)**

EFT approach to New Physics

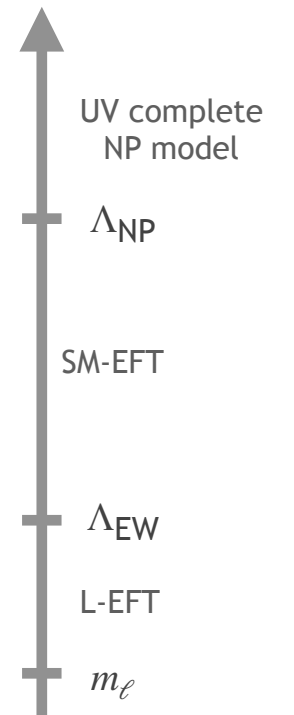
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(unknown) NP scale
effective coefficients
effective operators



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



Derive the new "effective" interactions (vertices, ...), and compute **contributions to observables**
 Agnostic approach, allowing to generically parametrise **NP effects**
 on observables **forbidden** in SM and/or observables **suggesting deviations** from SM

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{A} \left(\frac{\mathcal{C}^6}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \right) + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{A}^{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{A} \left(\frac{\mathcal{C}^6}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \right) + \dots$$

\Rightarrow master SM prediction!

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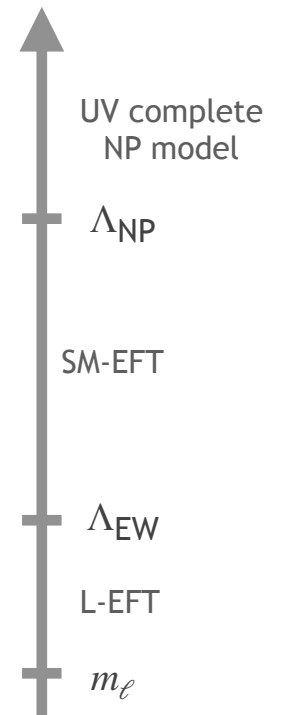
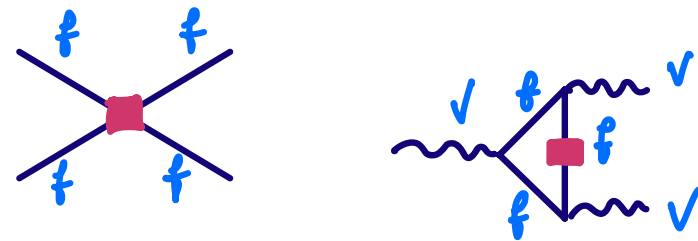
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Cast **current data** (limits, ...) in terms of \mathcal{C}_{ij}^6 and Λ_{NP}^2

and attempt at **inferring info** on the **dominant operator**, and **scale of NP**

\Rightarrow Beyond $(V - A)$ structure? New vector/axial, (pseudo)scalar or tensor currents?
 Flavour violation beyond SM flavour paradigm?

\Rightarrow But **many unknowns**: minimal assumptions must be made, e.g.

"natural" $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \rightarrow$ constrain \mathcal{C}_{ij}^6

"natural" $\mathcal{C}_{ij}^6 \approx 1 \rightarrow$ hint on Λ_{NP}

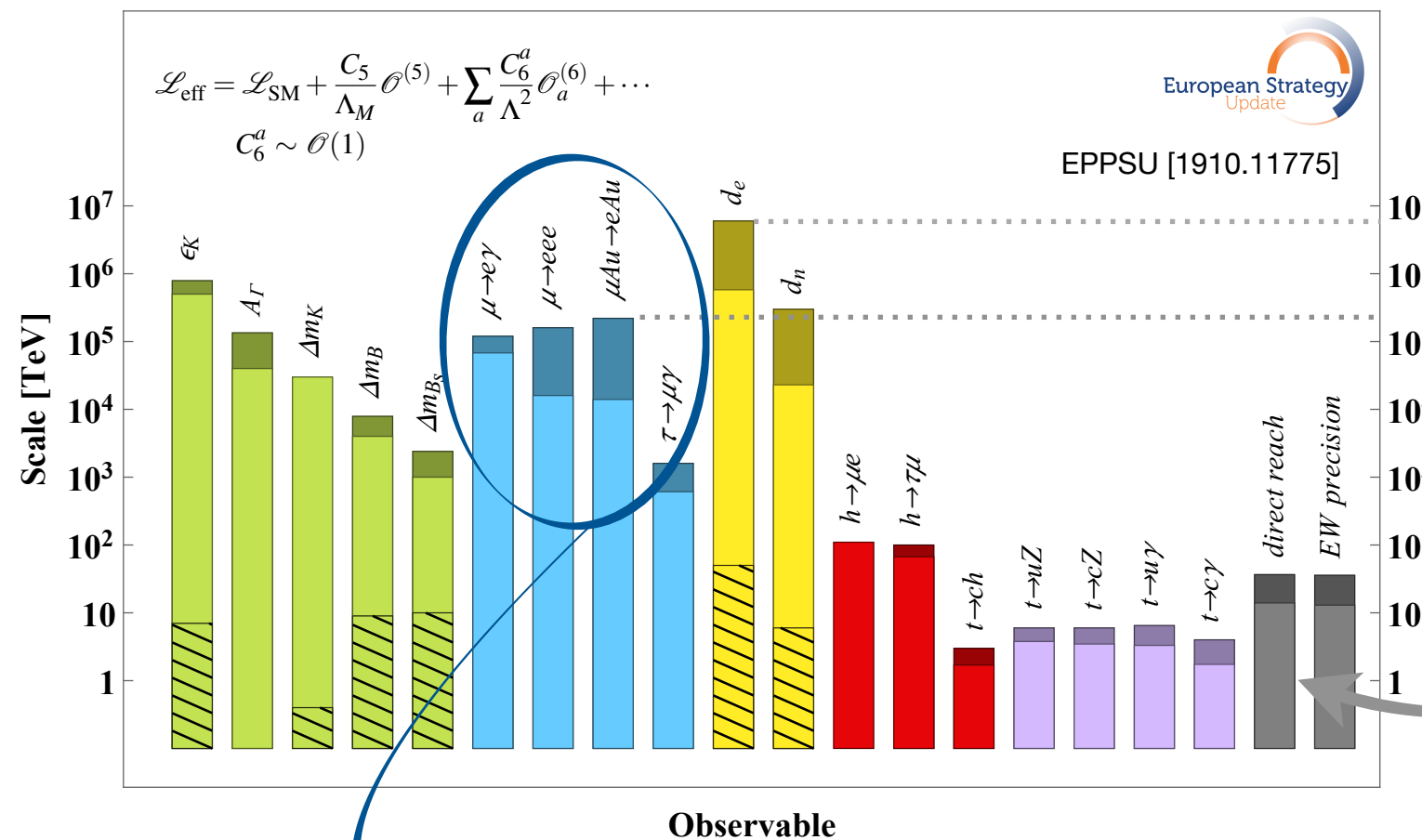
The probing power of flavour & CPV

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Flavour observables:
probes sensitive to very high NP scales

$$\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^5 \text{ TeV})$$

well beyond collider's reach!

charged lepton flavour violating observables!

Lepton observables: BSM arena



Lepton flavours: from ν oscillations...

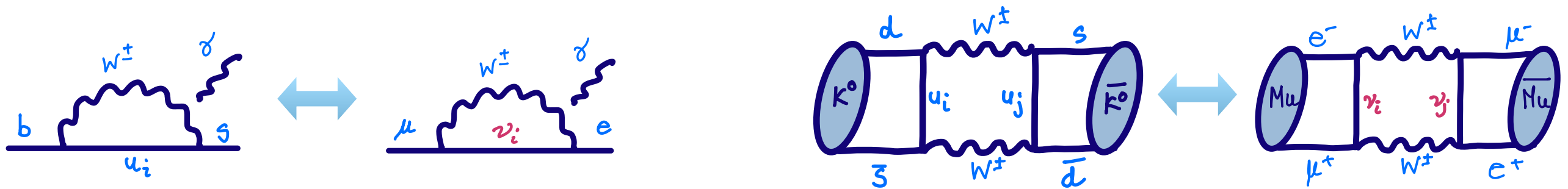
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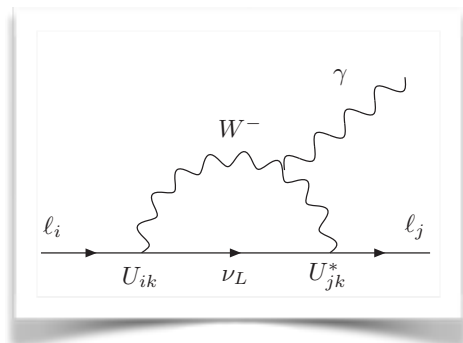
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[SM_{m_ν} = “ad-hoc” m_ν (Dirac), U_{PMNS}]



$$\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{m_\mu^5}{16\pi} (|A_L|^2 + |A_R|^2)$$

$$\sum_i \frac{U_{ei}^* U_{\mu i}}{(k^2 - m_i^2)} = \sum_i \frac{U_{ei}^* U_{\mu i}}{k^2} + \sum_i \frac{U_{ei}^* U_{\mu i}}{k^2} \left(\frac{m_i^2}{k^2} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{m_i^4}{k^4} \right) \quad \& \quad \sum_i U_{ei}^* U_{\mu i} \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} = U_{e2}^* U_{e2} \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{M_W^2} + U_{e3}^* U_{e3} \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{M_W^2}$$

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha_e}{32\pi} \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^* U_{\mu i} \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 \Rightarrow \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \approx 10^{-54 \div -55}$$

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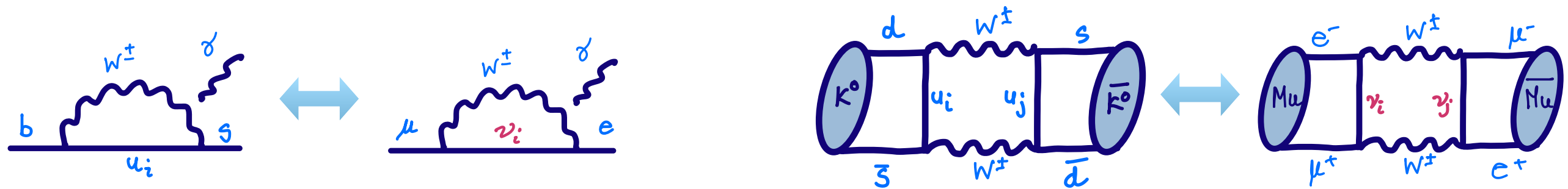
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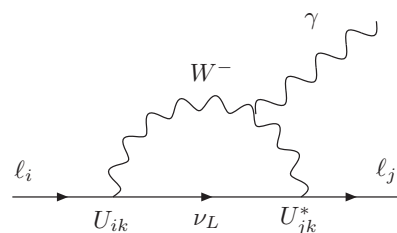
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total lepton number still conserved (LNC)

lepton EDMs still beyond observation (2-loop contributions from δ_{CP})

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



cLFV, LNV, lepton EDMs, ...: observation of SM-forbidden leptonic modes

\Rightarrow **Discovery of New Physics!** (possibly before direct signal @ LHC)

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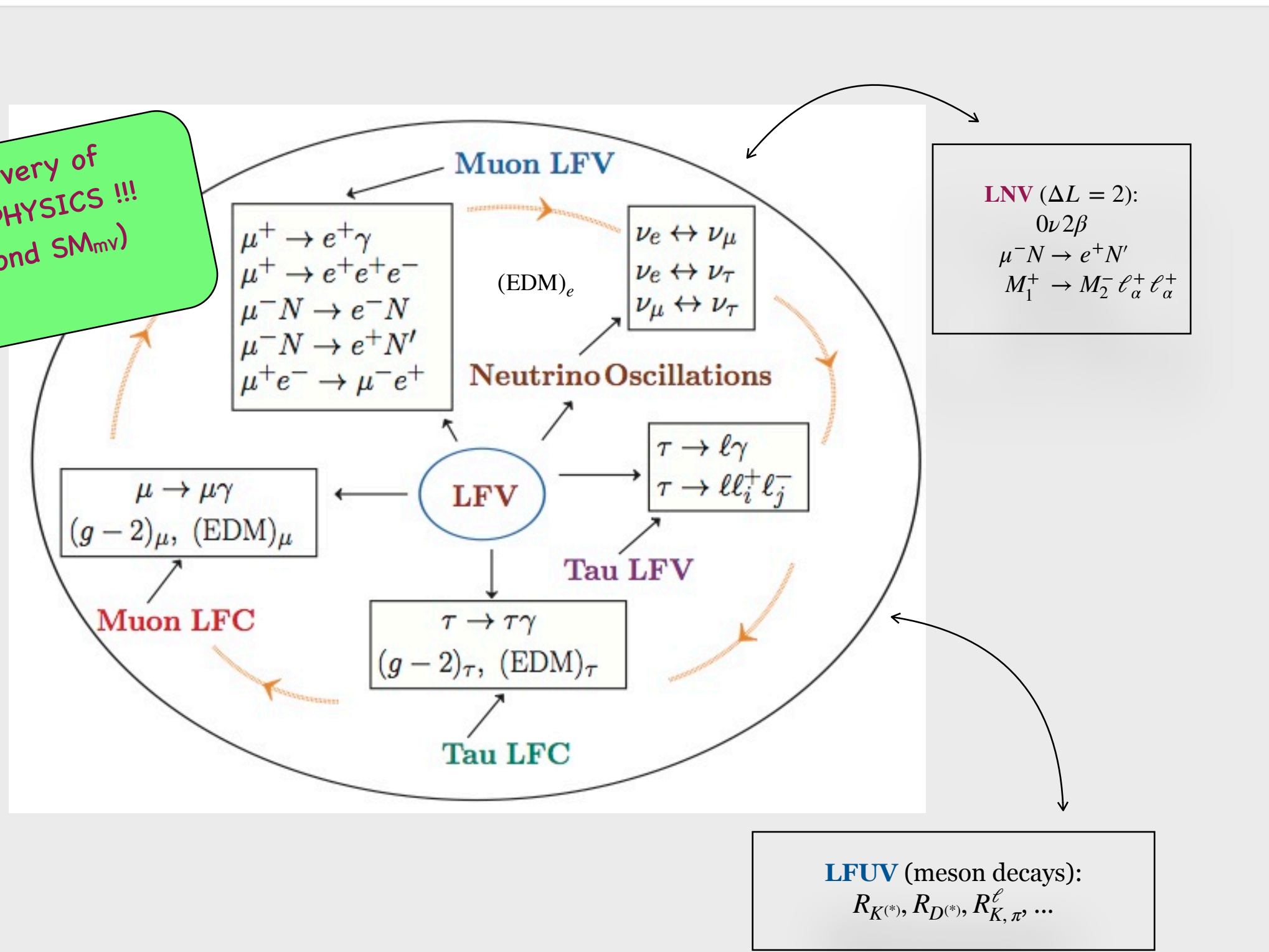
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How



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LFUV (meson decays):
 $R_{K^{(*)}}, R_{D^{(*)}}, R_{K, \pi}^{\ell}, \dots$

Lepton observables - a very vast array

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Majorana ν masses

Kinetic corrections, ...

EW precision, top physics, ...

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► General description: **processes** (sector by sector approach)

experimental setup; current sensitivity & future prospects

phenomenological implications (**EFT** approach)

Lepton observables: cLFV muon processes



Muons - ideal **probe for NP**: from lepton flavour universality tests,
to anomalous magnetic moments, ... to **cLFV!**

Muon cLFV - extensive opportunities, numerous observables, relying on **very intense beams**

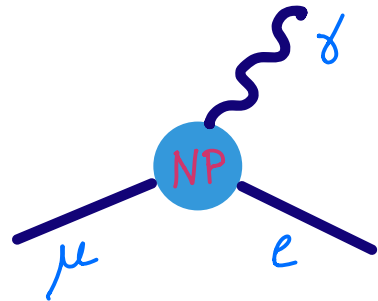
► **Leptonic decays**: radiative $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and three-body $\mu \rightarrow 3e$
muonic atoms $\mu^-(A, Z) \rightarrow e^-(A, Z)$ & LNV $\mu^-(A, Z) \rightarrow e^+(A, Z - 2)^*$
nuclear assisted Coulomb decays $\mu^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$
Muonium oscillations $Mu(\mu^+e^-) - \bar{Mu}(\mu^-e^+)$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

► And further! **Semi-leptonic decays**: $M \rightarrow (M')\mu\ell$
And 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!**



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

cLFV muon channels: radiative decays



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

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

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

► Backgrounds \Rightarrow prompt physics & accidental

Prompt: radiative μ decays ($\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$, very low E_ν)

[$\propto R_\mu$]

Accidental: coincidence of γ with positron from Michel decays $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$:

photon from $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \gamma$; γ from in-flight e^+e^- annihilation

[$\propto R_\mu^2$]

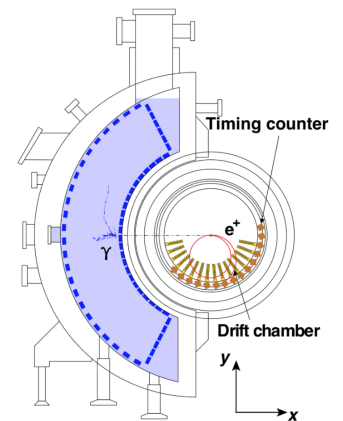
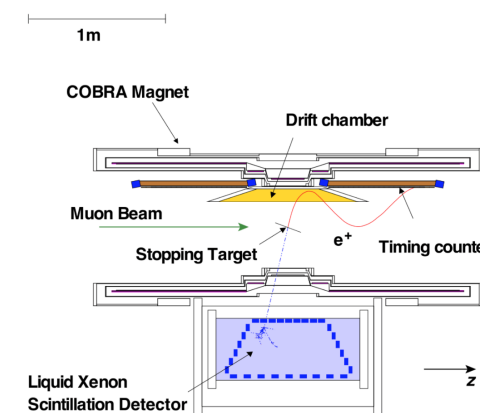
► Experimental status:

First searches (!) in 1940's

[MEG Coll., 1605.05081]

Advent of intense muon beams in 2000's MEG @ PSI

$BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) \leq 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ (90% CL)



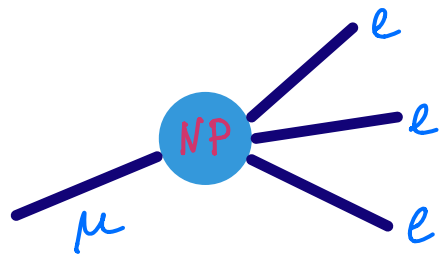
► Future prospects:

[MEG II Coll., 2201.008200]

MEG II (@ PSI): $BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) \leq 6 \times 10^{-14}$

very hard to go beyond 10^{-15} without conceptually different approach

cLFV muon channels: 3-body decays



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

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

common vertex; Time coincidence

► Backgrounds \Rightarrow physics & accidental

Physics: multi-body μ decays ($\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu e^+ e^-$, very low E_ν)

Accidental: Bhabha scattering of Michel e^+ from $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$ decays with atomic $e^+ e^-$

Michel positrons with $e^+ e^-$ from γ conversion

► Experimental status:

SINDRUM @ PSI

[SINDRUM Coll., '88]

$$BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+) \leq 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \quad (90\% \text{ CL})$$

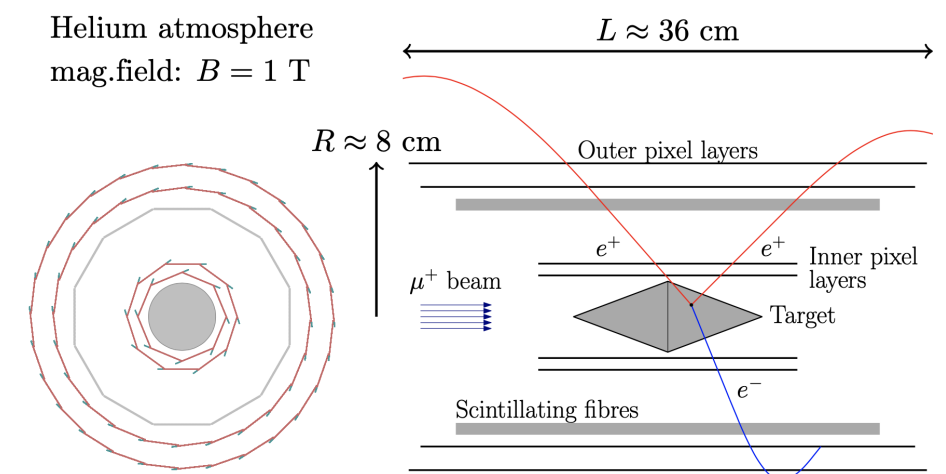
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[Mu3e Coll., 2009.11690]

Mu3e (@ PSI): expected sensitivity $\mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$ for Phase I

with HIMB, $\mathcal{O}(10^{-16})$ for Phase II

[Aiba et al, 2111.05788]



cLFV in muonic atoms: $\mu - e$ conversion

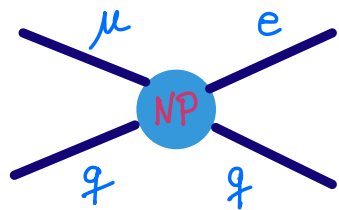
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► In the presence of New Physics - **cLFV neutrinoless $\mu^- - e^-$ conversion**

$$\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$$



► **Event signature:** single mono-energetic electron

$$E_{\mu e} = m_\mu - E_B(A, Z) - E_R(A, Z)$$

For Aluminium, Lead, Titanium $\sim E_{\mu e} \approx \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$

Which target?*** For coherent conversion, maximal rates for $30 \leq Z \leq 60$

► **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow **Only physics!** μ decay in orbit, beam purity, cosmic rays, ...

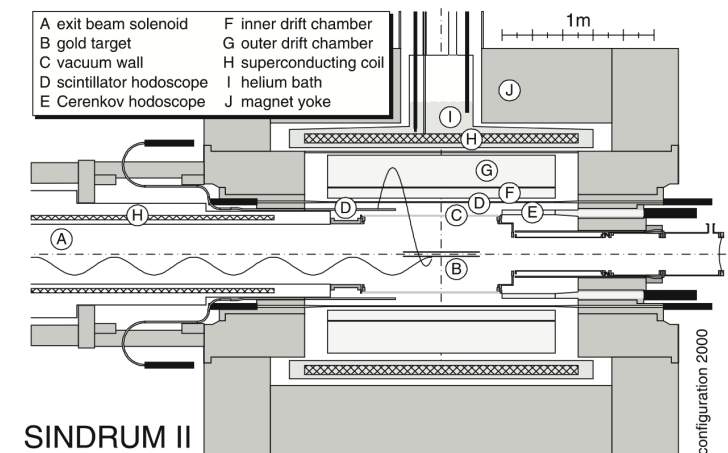
► **Experimental status:** [SINDRUM II Coll., '06]

$$\text{SINDRUM @ PSI: } CR(\mu^- - e^-, \text{Au}) \leq 7.1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

► **Future prospects:**

$$\text{Mu2e (@ FNAL) - } \mathcal{O}(10^{-17}), \text{ [Bartoszek et al, 1501.05241]}$$

$$\text{[Abramishvili et al, '20] COMET (@ JPARC) - } \mathcal{O}(10^{-15} - 10^{-17}), \dots$$



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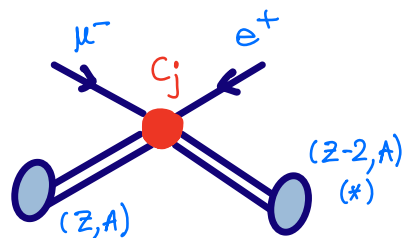
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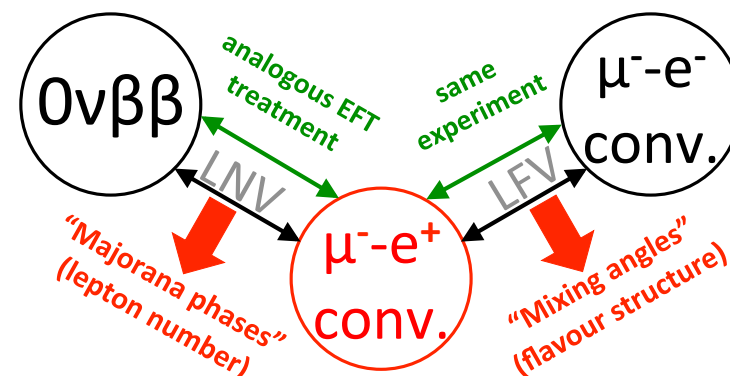
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$\mu^- - e^-$ conversion: coherent process, single nucleon, nuclear ground states

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



LNV-Alternatives:
 $\mu^- - \mu^+$ conversion
 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$

LFV-Alternatives:
 $\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma$
 $\mu \rightarrow 3e$

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

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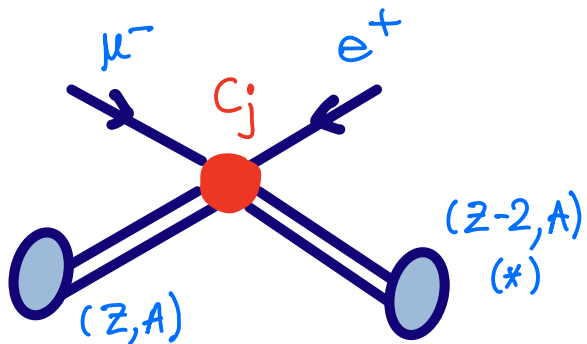
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► **Event signature:** single positron - but complex energy spectrum

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

For Aluminium (giant dipole resonance) $\sim E_{\mu-e^+}^{\text{Al, GDR}} \approx \mathcal{O}(83.9 \text{ MeV})$

► **Experimental status:**

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

► **Future prospects:**

Best sensitivity expected for Ca, S and Ti targets (possibly $\sim \mathcal{O}(\text{few} \times 10^{-15})$)

[Yeo et al, '17]

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▶ In the presence of **New Physics** - **cLFV muonic atom decay** $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

Initial μ^-, e^- : 1s states bound in **Coulomb field** of muonic atom's nucleus

Coulomb interaction increases wave function overlap

rate strongly enhanced in **large Z** atoms, $\Gamma \gtrsim (Z - 1)^3$

Larger phase space (compared with $\mu \rightarrow 3e$)

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

▶ **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow similar to neutrinoless conversion

▶ **Experimental status** - **new** observable!

possibly included in future physics runs (e.g. COMET)

► **Muonium: $\mu^+ e^-$**

Hydrogen-like Coulomb bound state, free of hadronic interactions!
Powerful laboratory for **EW** tests and **cLFV**

► In the presence of New Physics - **Muonium oscillations** and **Muonium decays**

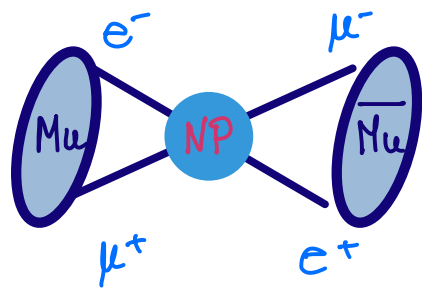
► **Mu- $\bar{\text{Mu}}$ oscillation**

Spontaneous conversion $\mu^+ e^- \leftrightarrow \mu^- e^+$

Reflects a double (individual) lepton number violation $|\Delta L_e| = |\Delta L_\mu| = 2$

Rate (typically) suppressed by external magnetic fields

Detection: reconstruct Michel electron from μ^- decays and shell positron



Experimental status: MACS - $P(\text{Mu} - \bar{\text{Mu}}) < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$ [Willmann et al, 1999]

Future prospects: MACE, AMF (@FNAL)

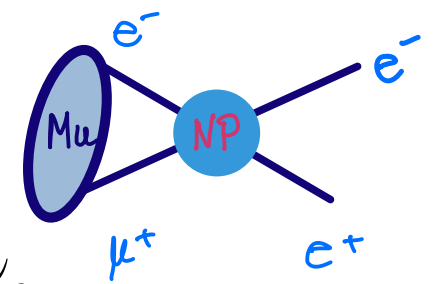
[Bai et al, 2203.11406]

► **Mu decays**

$$\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

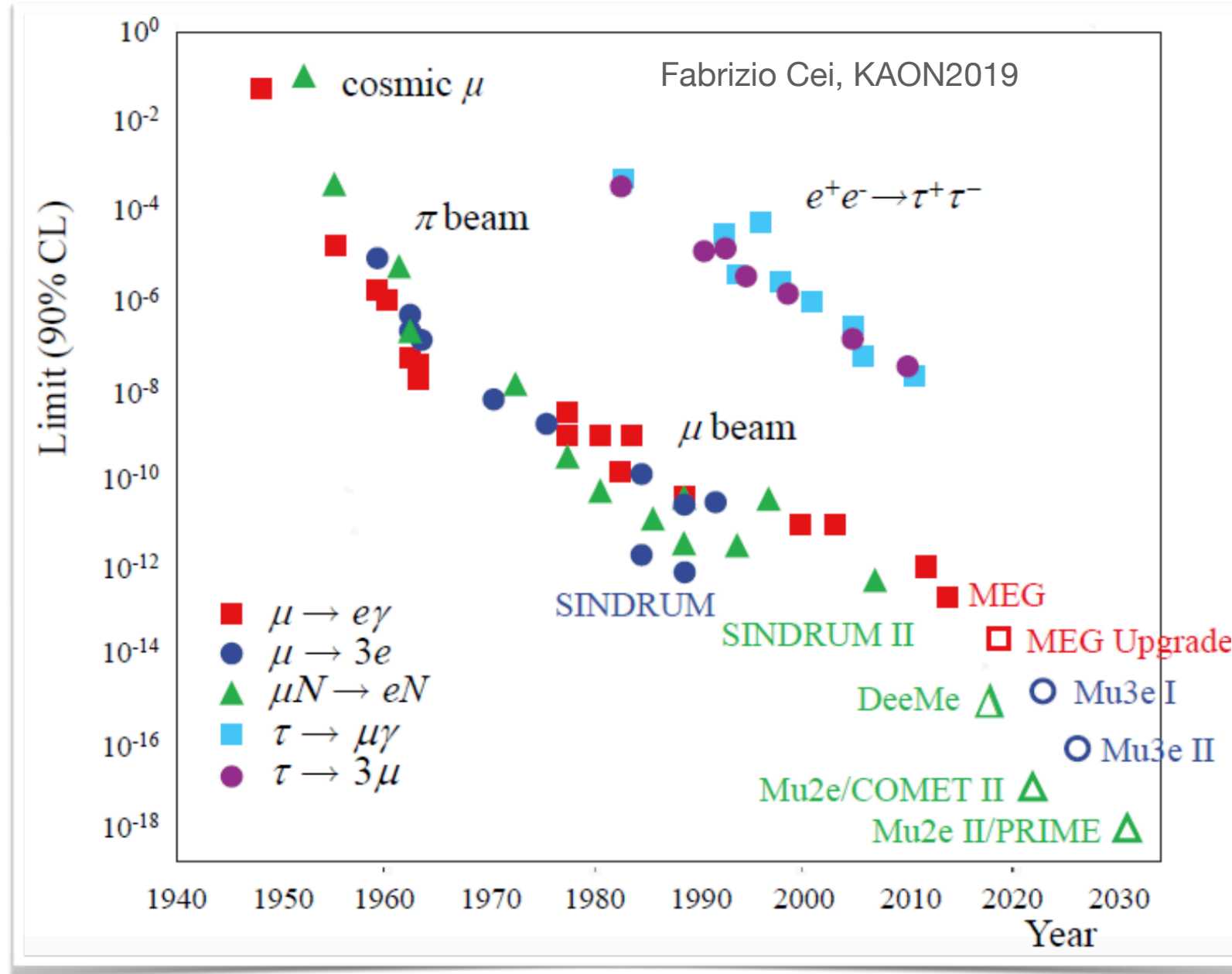
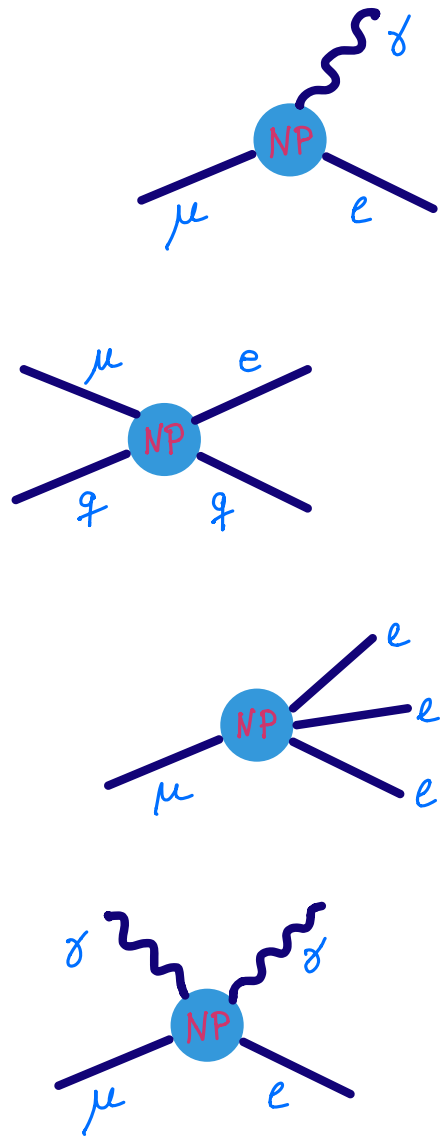
Clear signal compared to SM-allowed muonium decay, $\text{Mu} \rightarrow e^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$

No available bounds, no clear roadmap...



cLFV muon observables: experimental status

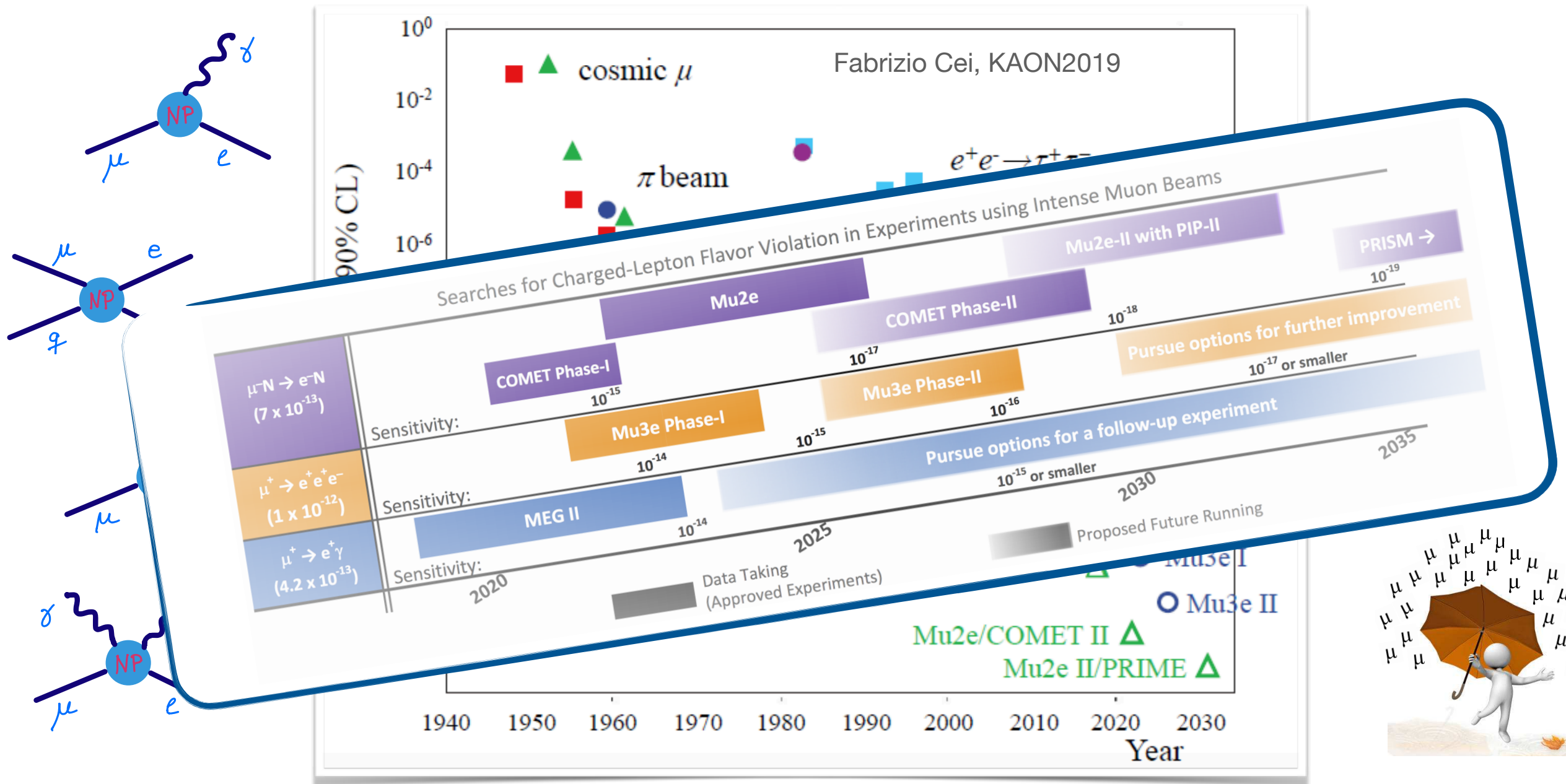
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Lepton observables: cLFV tau processes



cLFV tau decays: leptonic and more

Tau leptons - heaviest of all charged leptons! *Cannot have "intense tau beams"* 😊

Copious production at B-factories (BaBar, Belle, LHCb, Belle II, ...)

Production and decay: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ signal "hemisphere"
tagging "hemisphere" (e.g. $\tau^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau \nu_e e^+$)

► cLFV tau decays: abundant modes! Pure leptonic, semileptonic (2- and 3-body), ...

► Radiative decay: $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \gamma$

► **Event signature:** $E_{\text{final}} - \sqrt{s}/2 = \Delta E \sim 0$; $M_{\text{final}} = M_{\ell\gamma} \sim m_\tau$

► **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow coincidence of isolated leptons with γ (ISR, FSR); mistagging

► 3-body leptonic decay: $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\mp \ell_k^\pm$

► **Event signature:** $E_{3\ell} - \sqrt{s}/2 \sim 0$; $M_{3\ell} \sim m_\tau$

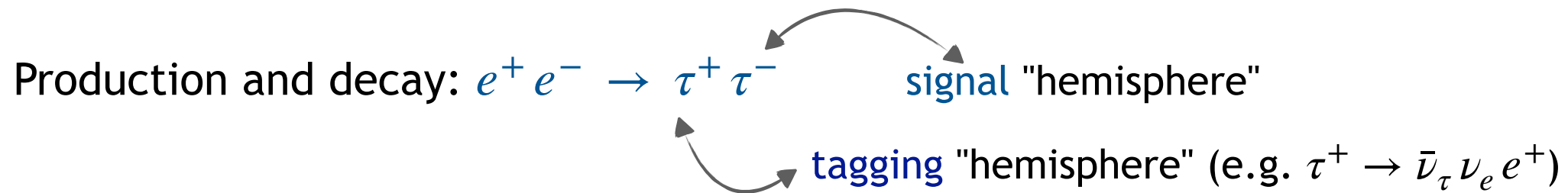
► **Backgrounds** \Rightarrow No irreducible backgrounds!

Small background from $q\bar{q}$ and Bhabha pairs, ...

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► Semi-leptonic cLFV tau decays

2-body final state: $\tau \rightarrow \ell h^0$ (pseudoscalar, scalar or vector neutral meson)

3-body final state: $\tau \rightarrow \ell h_i h_j$ ($h \leftrightarrow \pi^\pm, K^\pm, K_s^0$)

► cLFV exotic modes (also lepton & baryon number violating)

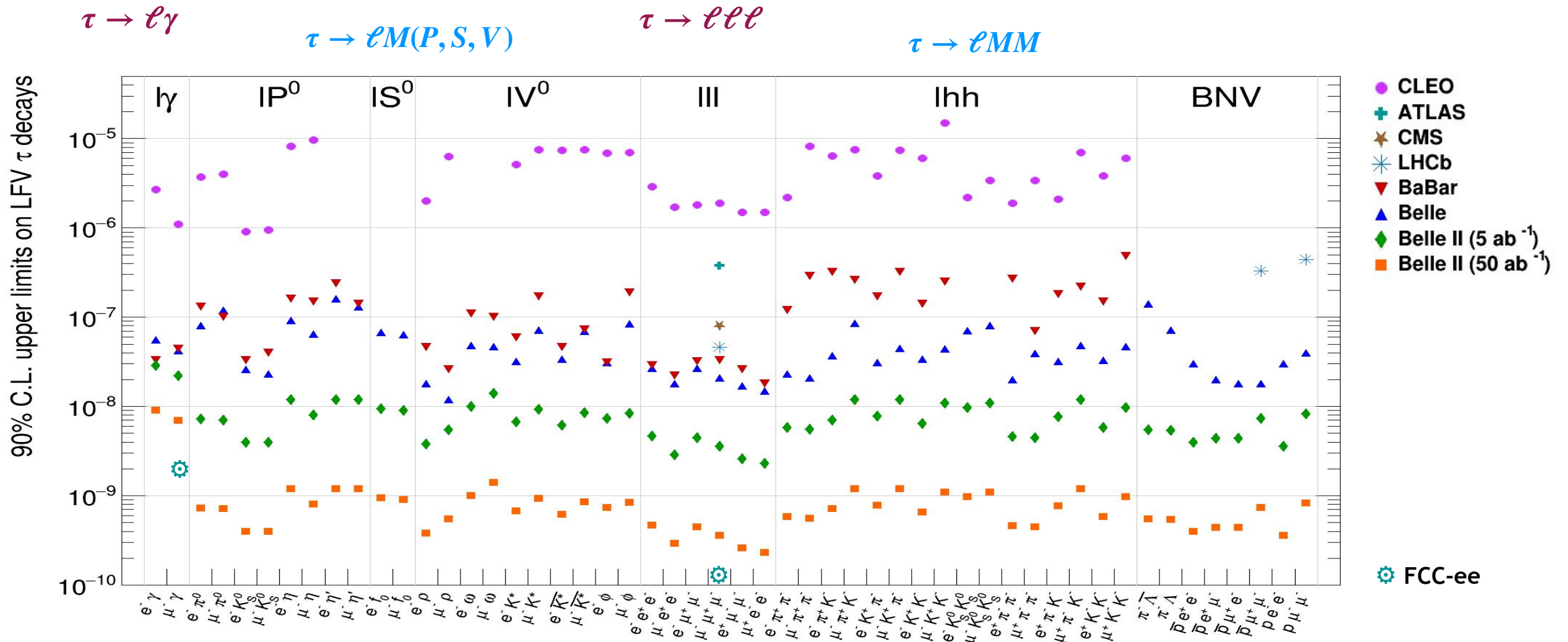
$\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^+ h_i^\pm h_j^\pm$ ($h \leftrightarrow \pi^\pm, K^\pm$) \Rightarrow LNV

$\tau^- \rightarrow \Lambda h^-$ ($h \leftrightarrow \pi^\pm, K^\pm$) \Rightarrow LNV & BLV

$\tau \rightarrow p \ell_i \ell_j$ \Rightarrow LNV & BLV

cLFV tau decays: experimental status

Tau cLFV - extensive array of modes!



⇒ **Tau cLFV**: increasingly good prospects!
At **B-factories** (LHCb, Belle II)
and also at **FCC-ee** ⚙️

Decay	Present bound	FCC-ee sensitivity ⚙️
$Z \rightarrow \mu e$	0.75×10^{-6}	$10^{-10} - 10^{-8}$
$Z \rightarrow \tau \mu$	12×10^{-6}	10^{-9}
$Z \rightarrow \tau e$	9.8×10^{-6}	10^{-9}
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	4.4×10^{-8}	2×10^{-9}
$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	2.1×10^{-8}	10^{-10}

cLFV lepton observables: (effective approach)



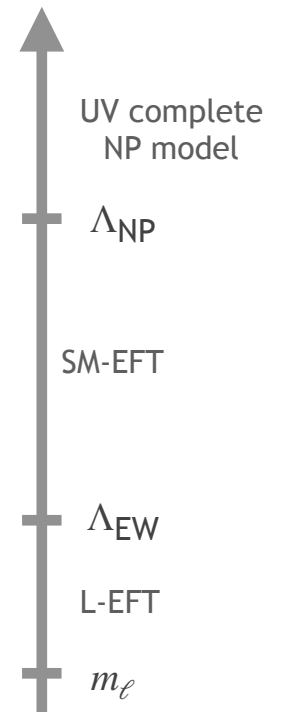
cLFV: EFT approach to New Physics (*again*)

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_ν)
 $\mathcal{O}^6 \rightsquigarrow$ flavoured contributions
 (among many others!)



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

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{SM}} + \frac{\mathcal{C}_5 \mathcal{O}^5}{\Lambda_{\text{LNV}}} (m_\nu) + \boxed{\frac{\mathcal{C}_6 \mathcal{O}^6}{\Lambda_{\text{CLFV}}^2} (\ell_\alpha \leftrightarrow \ell_\beta)} + \dots + \frac{\mathcal{C}_7 \mathcal{O}^7}{\Lambda_{\text{LNV}}^3} (0\nu 2\beta) + \dots$$

\Rightarrow cLFV data to constrain \mathcal{C}_{ij} and/or infer sensitivity of process to large sets of \mathcal{C}_{ij}

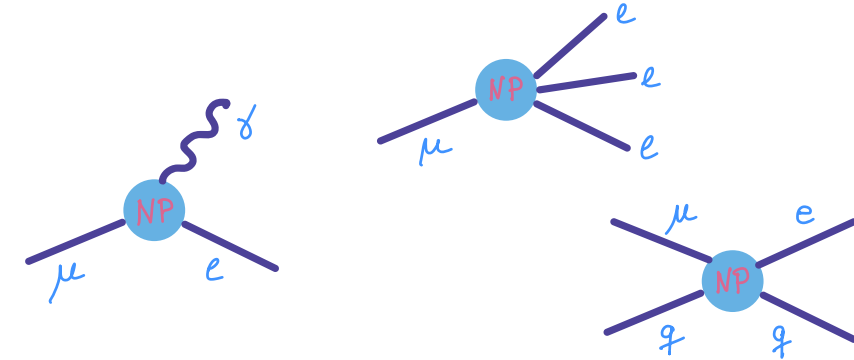
\Rightarrow Hints on Λ_{NP} (and on properties of new states & nature of couplings)

Deceptively simple task... different new physics scales, numerous operators!
 Technically very involved, even if no "SM background"...

Muon cLFV: EFT approach to New Physics

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

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



► **QED & QCD & NP effective Lagrangian**, many involved operators!

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{\text{eff}} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \\ & + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left\{ C_L^D O_L^D + \sum_{f=q,\ell} (C_{ff}^{V LL} O_{ff}^{V LL} + C_{ff}^{V LR} O_{ff}^{V LR} + C_{ff}^{S LL} O_{ff}^{S LL}) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{h=q,\tau} (C_{hh}^{T LL} O_{hh}^{T LL} + C_{hh}^{S LR} O_{hh}^{S LR}) + C_{gg}^L O_{gg}^L + L \leftrightarrow R \right\} + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned}$$

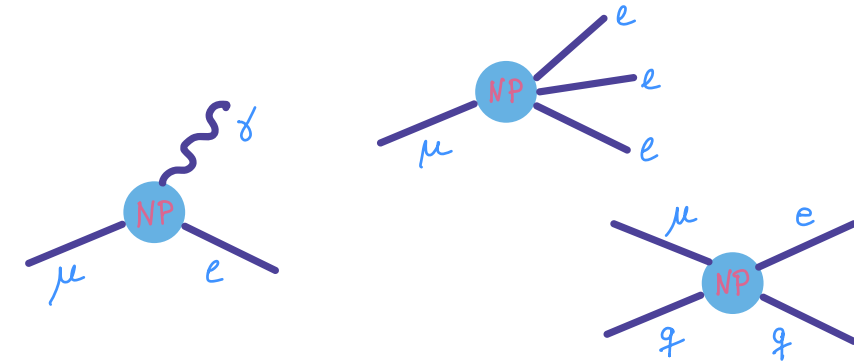
$$\begin{aligned} O_{ff}^{S LL} &= (\bar{e} P_L \mu) (\bar{f} P_L f), \\ O_{hh}^{S LR} &= (\bar{e} P_L \mu) (\bar{h} P_R h), \\ O_{hh}^{T LL} &= (\bar{e} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \mu) (\bar{h} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L h), \\ O_{gg}^L &= \alpha_s m_\mu G_F (\bar{e} P_L \mu) G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

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... and further "mixing" effects, from RGE running (including loop effects) ...

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

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

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

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

$$\approx \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\text{cap}}} \frac{m_\mu^5}{\Lambda^4} \left[\left| eC_L^D D_N + 4 \left(G_F m_\mu m_p \tilde{C}_{(p)}^{SL} S_N^{(p)} + \tilde{C}_{(p)}^{VR} V_N^{(p)} + p \rightarrow n \right) \right|^2 + (L \leftrightarrow R) \right]$$

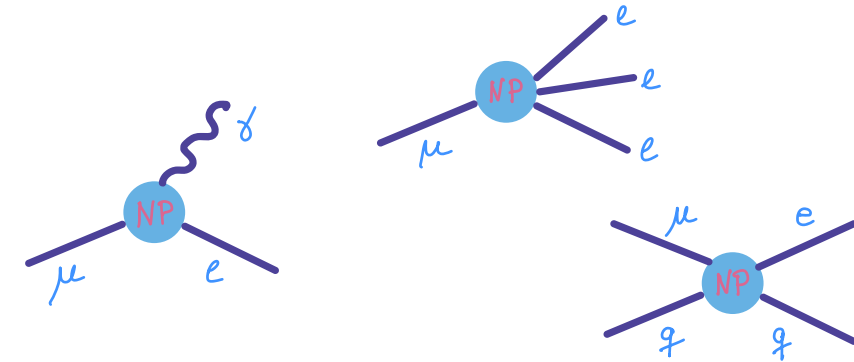
$D_N, S_N^{(p/n)}, V_N^{(p/n)}$: nuclear "overlap integrals" between lepton wave functions and nucleon densities (*target-dependent*)

► **What can we learn?** Use **data** to constrain (combinations) \mathcal{C}_6 and hint on Λ_{CLFV} ...

Muon cLFV: EFT approach to New Physics

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Simple **"one-at-a-time"** limits:

	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	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$
$C_{ee}^{S LL}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$8.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$C_{\mu\mu}^{S LL}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$7.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$C_{\tau\tau}^{S LL}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$
$C_{\tau\tau}^{T LL}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$9.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$5.9 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$8.5 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$C_{bb}^{S LL}$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$8.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$9.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
$C_{bb}^{T LL}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$
$C_{ee}^{V RR}$	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$9.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$
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C_{bb}^{RA}	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$
C_{bb}^{RV}	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$

\Rightarrow BR($\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$) depends on dipole C_D
(but mixing effects from RGE running and loop contributions render it also sensitive to scalar/tensor/vector contributions, even for $q\bar{q}$ operators)

Unexpected findings!

► Include as many **observables & operators as possible!**

(e.g. $\mu e \gamma \gamma$ contact interactions, angular observables in polarised $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ decays, ...)

[Davidson et al, 2007.09612]

[Bolton, Petcov, 2204.03468]

Results of a recent EFT approach to muon transitions:

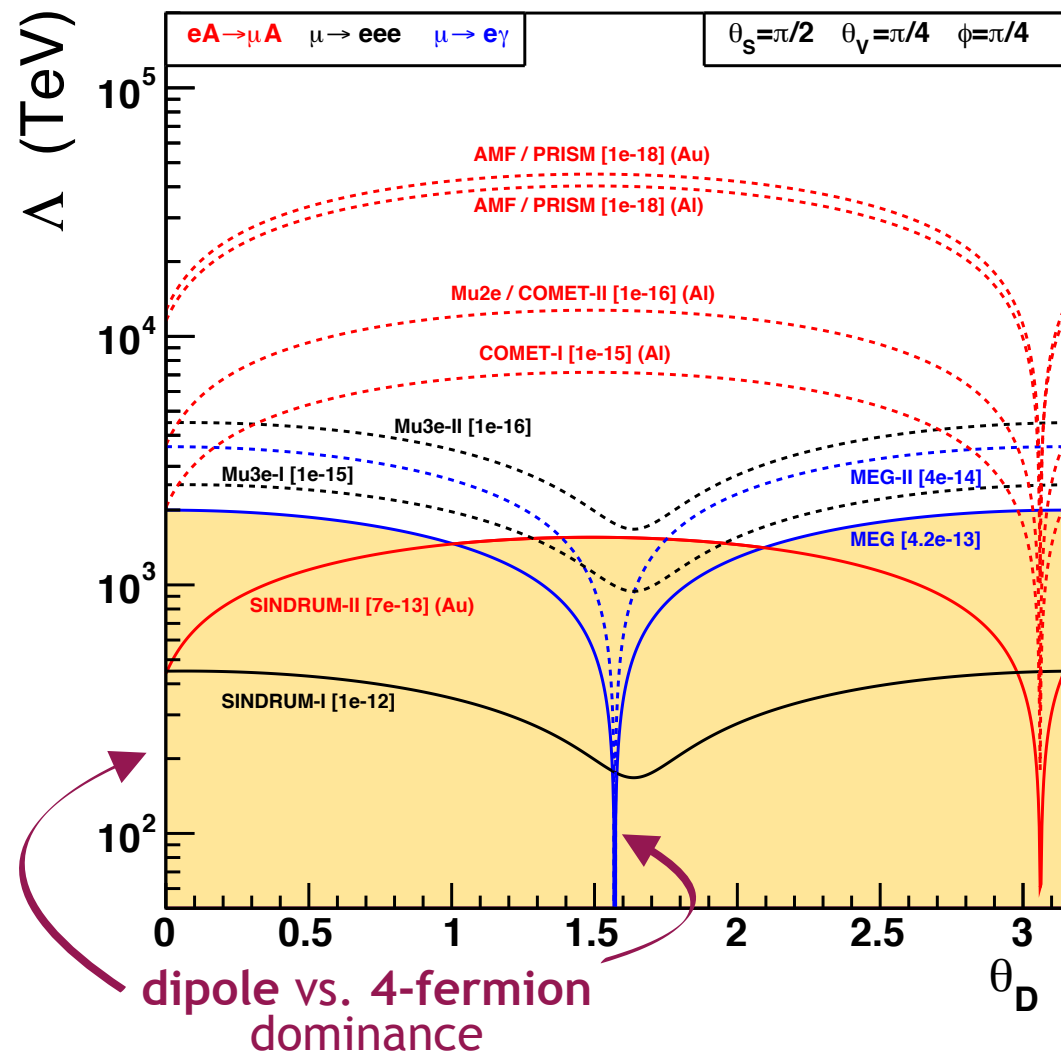
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP, cLFV}}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left[C_D (\bar{e} \sigma^{\nu\rho} P_R \mu) F_{\nu\rho} + C_S (\bar{e} P_R \mu) (\bar{e} P_R e) + C_{VR} (\bar{e} \gamma^\nu P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\nu P_R e) + C_{VL} (\bar{e} \gamma^\nu P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\nu P_L e) + C_{\text{N-light}}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

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

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

and likewise for other observables

$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$, $\text{CR}(\mu - e, N)$, Muonium oscillations...



$$2\sqrt{2} C_D \approx \frac{\cos \theta_D}{\Lambda^2}$$

Sensitivity to NP scales (current & future):

MEG ($\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) $\leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{cLFV}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3 \text{ TeV})$ [dipole]
steadily improved by Mu3e $\sim \mathcal{O}(5 \times 10^3 \text{ TeV})$

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

Mu2e/COMET II ($\mu - e$, Al) $\leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{cLFV}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^4 \text{ TeV})$
[either dipole or 4f]

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► Fully exploring the potential of atomic (elastic) **muon-electron conversion**, $CR(\mu - e, N)$:

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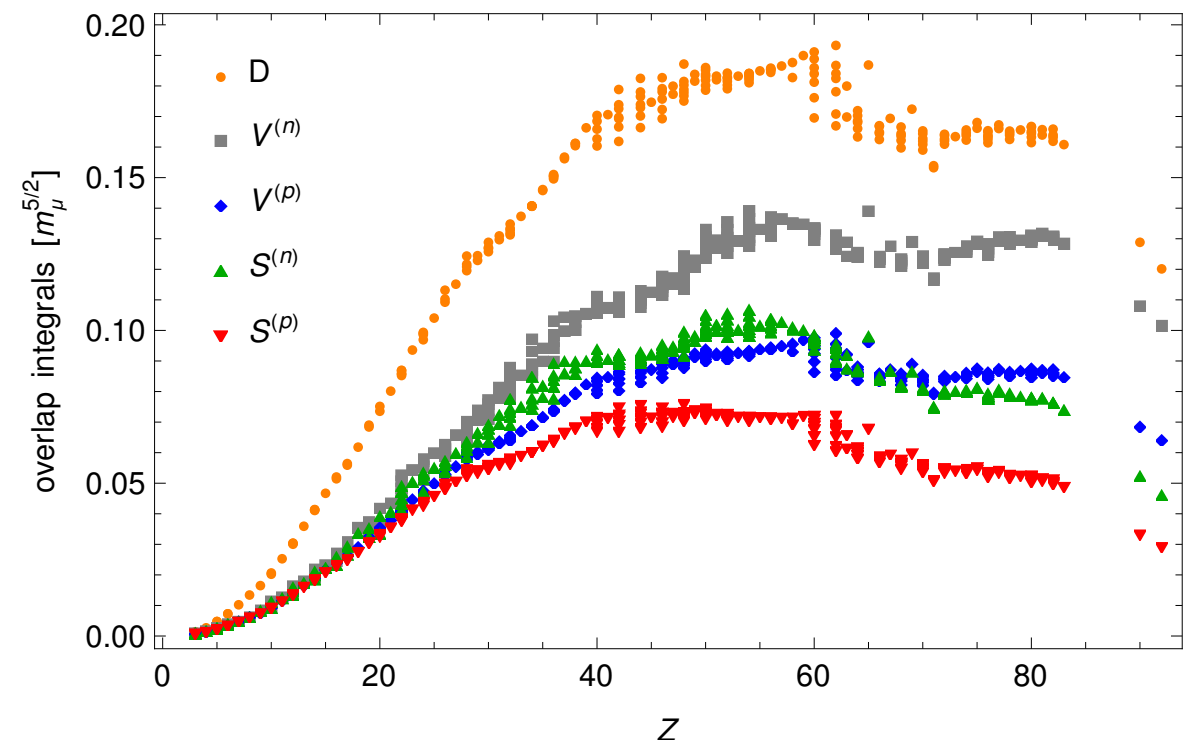
Which offer the **largest complementarity** with respect to Al?

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

Overlap integrals:

more distinguishable at **large Z** !

Better disentangle dominant NP contributions...



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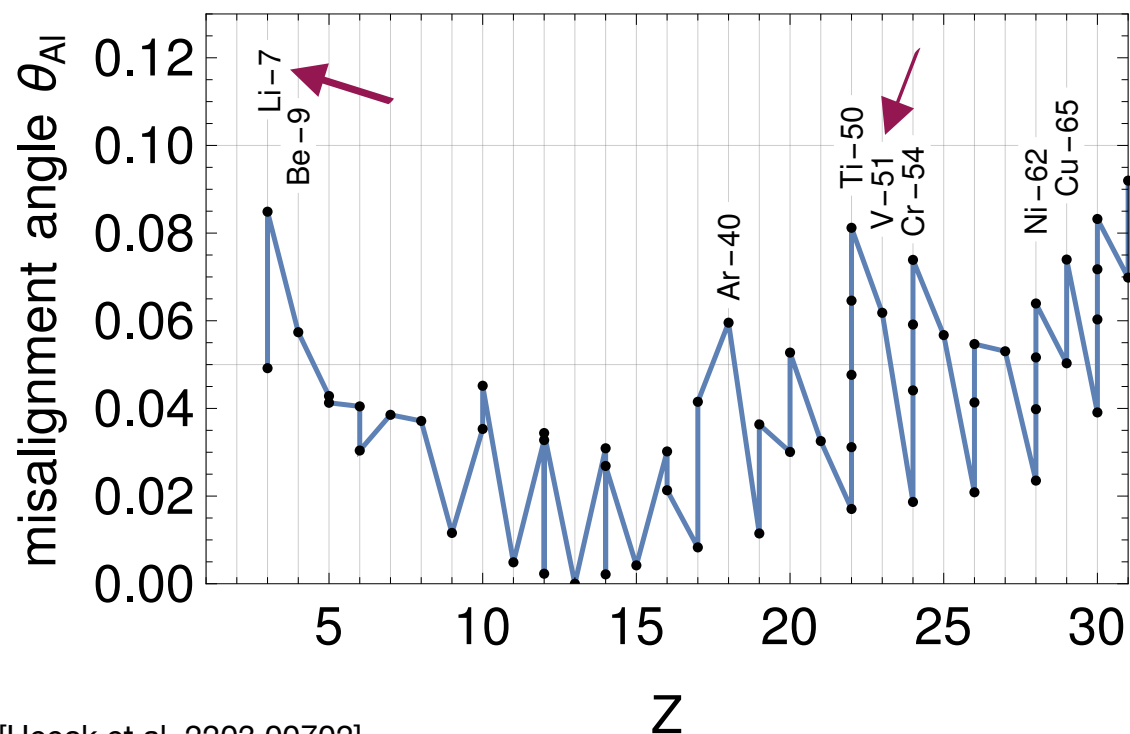
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- **Heavier nuclei** (Au, Pb)! ... not feasible... (pulsed beams)
- Among **experimental-friendly $Z \leq 25$ targets** several (theoretically good) candidates
Li-7, Ti-50, Ti-49, Cr-54, .., V-51

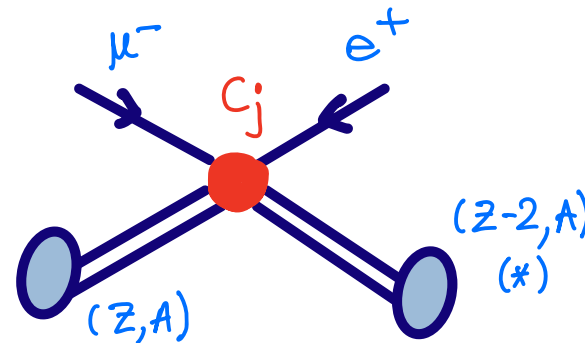
⇒ **Li-7 and/or V-51** : preferable "second" targets post $CR(\mu - e, Al)$ observation

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► Fully exploring the potential of atomic (elastic) muon-electron conversion, $CR(\mu - e, N)$:

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}^{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]

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

Tau cLFV: (semi-) leptonic modes

Flavour violating tau decays: large number of modes

Leptonic (radiative, three-body) as well as semi-leptonic (light mesons, 2- and 3-body)

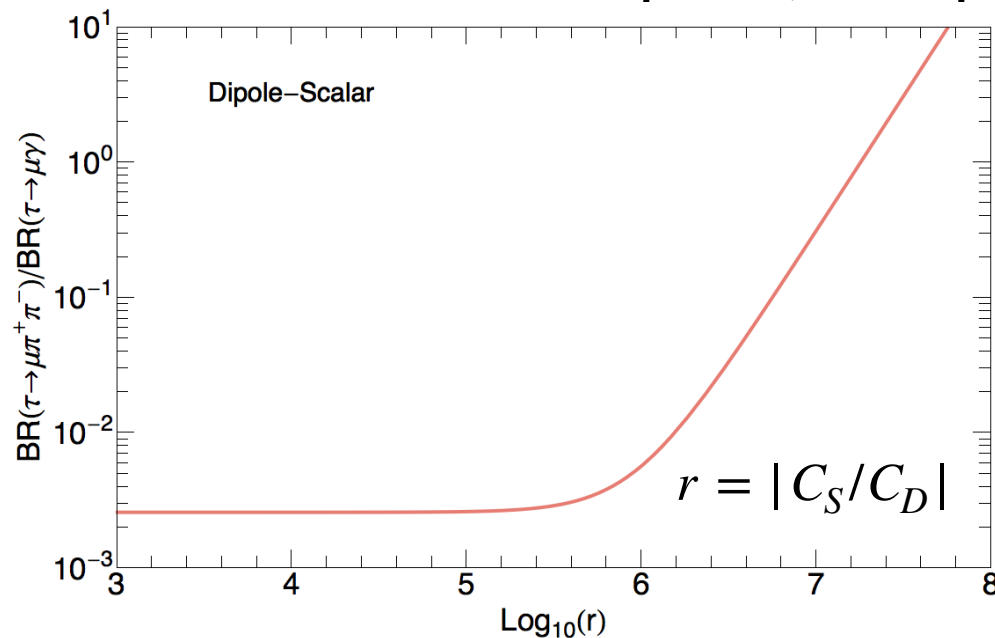
⇒ theoretically much more involved (scales, hadronisation, ...)

⇒ larger set of (tree-level) contributing operators (e.g. numerous $qq\ell\ell$, gluon, ...)!

	$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi^+\pi^-$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu K\bar{K}$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\pi$	$\tau \rightarrow \mu\eta^{(\prime)}$
$O_{S,V}^{4\ell}$	✓	—	—	—	—	—
O_D	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—
O_V^q	—	—	✓	✓	—	—
O_S^q	—	—	✓	✓	—	—
O_{GG}	—	—	✓	✓	—	—
O_A^q	—	—	—	—	✓	✓
O_P^q	—	—	—	—	✓	✓
$O_{G\tilde{G}}$	—	—	—	—	—	✓

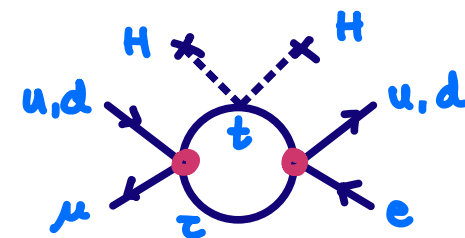
More challenging to disentangle
operator dominance... (even @ tree level!)

[Celis et al, 1403.5781]



Example: for only $C_D, C_S \neq 0$
study ratios of cLFV observables
Less trivial interpretation

τ -FV can also lead to muon cLFV:
 $(\mu \rightarrow \tau) \times (\tau \rightarrow e)$
complementary sensitivity to $C_{\tau\ell Qq}$



[Ardu et al, 2202.09246]

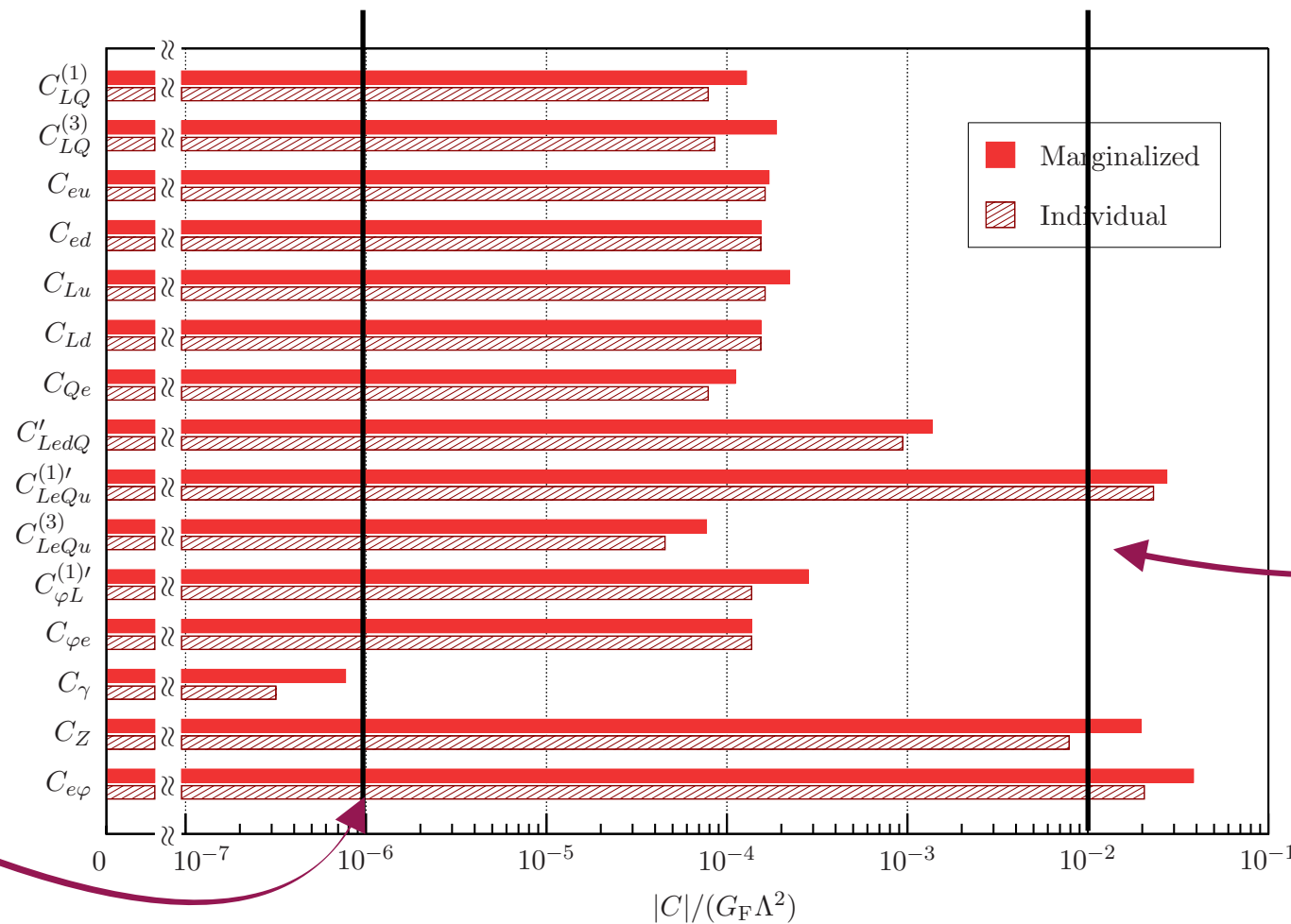
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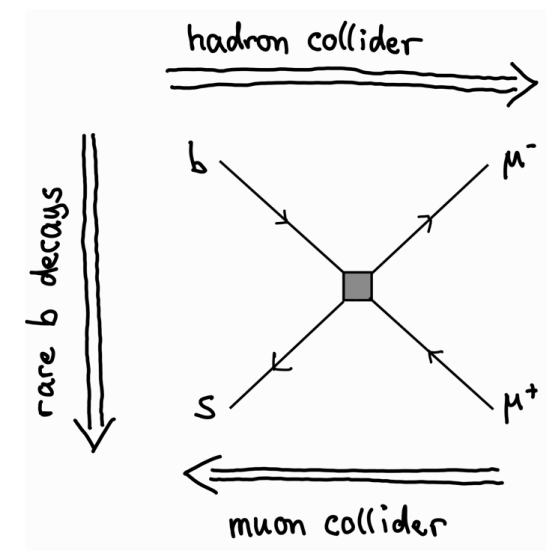
For $C \approx 1$,
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[Banerjee et al, 2203.14919]

Overview of Belle II limits on relevant coefficients (and NP scales) for cLFV tau decays

cLFV at higher energies: from meson decays to colliders (EFT studies...)



[From Altmannshofer, 2023]



Meson decays: LFUV, cLFV and more



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⇒ deviations from SM (lepton flavour universality violation, angular distributions, ...)

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"Old" experimental results (around 2018)

But *insight into plethora of modes*

Comparative illustration of sensitivity

in different systems: **muons, taus, mesons...**

Although heavy meson cLFV decays offer

less powerful probes,

impressive bounds from **rare kaon decays!**

$$\text{BR}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu e) < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$$

Reaction	Present limit	C.L.	Experiment	Year
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$	90%	MEG at PSI	2016
$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	90%	SINDRUM	1988
$\mu^- \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^- \text{Ti}^{(a)}$	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$	90%	SINDRUM II	1998
$\mu^- \text{Pb} \rightarrow e^- \text{Pb}^{(a)}$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-11}$	90%	SINDRUM II	1996
$\mu^- \text{Au} \rightarrow e^- \text{Au}^{(a)}$	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$	90%	SINDRUM II	2006
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$\tau \rightarrow e \gamma$	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$	90%	BaBar	2010
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$	90%	BaBar	2010
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$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu e$	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	90%	BESIII	2013
$J/\psi \rightarrow \tau e$	$< 8.3 \times 10^{-6}$	90%	BESII	2004
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$B \rightarrow K^* \mu e^{(b)}$	$< 5.1 \times 10^{-7}$	90%	BaBar	2006
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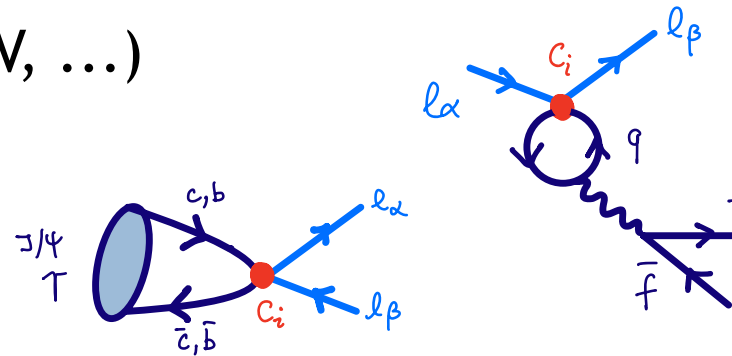
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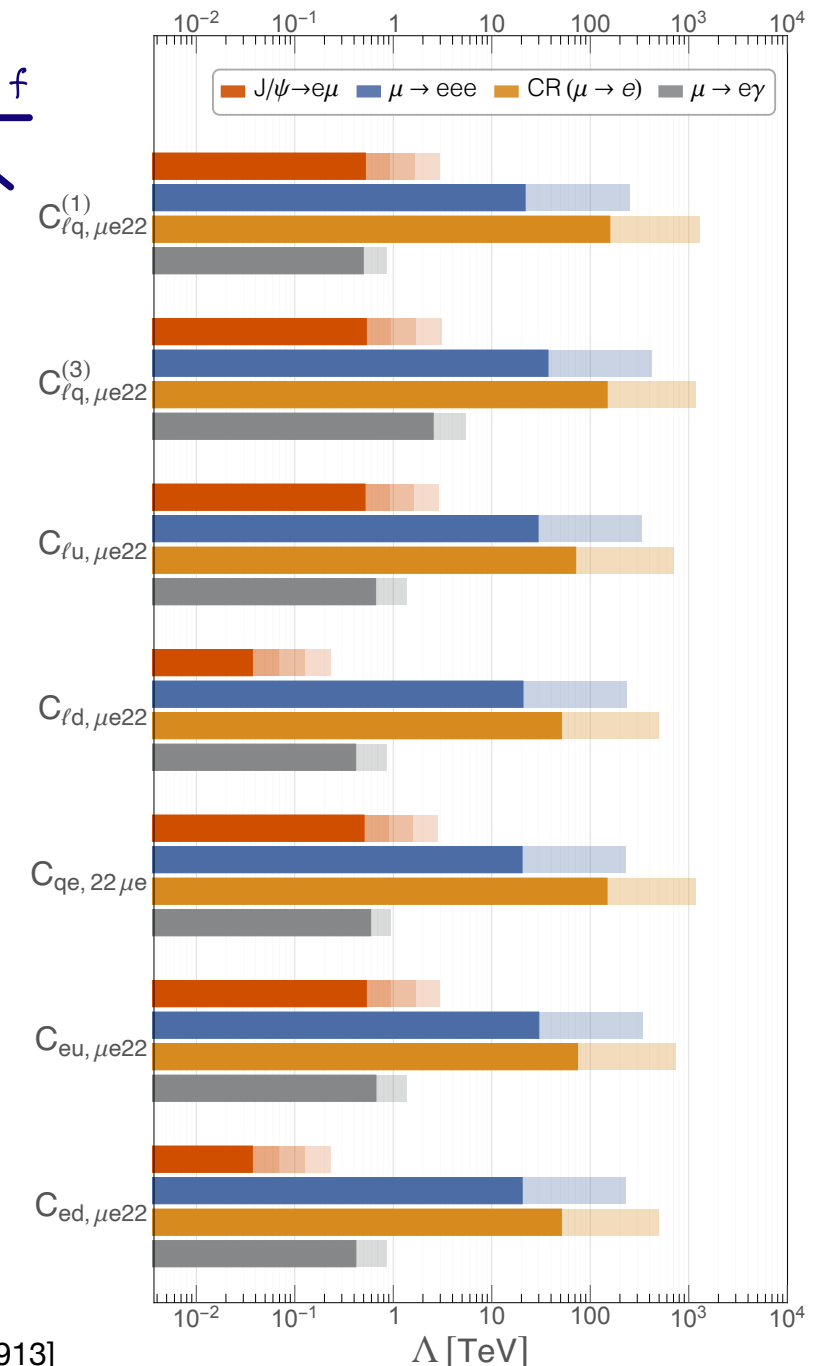
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Comparative study of the **probing power of quarkonium** (charmonium) **$\mu - e$ cLFV decays** for relevant $\mathcal{C}_{\mu e} = 1$

[recent study - Calibbi et al, 2207.10913]

cLFV collider searches: "heavy" decays



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► SM "heavy" states - Higgs, Z-bosons, top quarks, all abundantly produced at the LHC!

cLFV top-quark decays @ LHC: $BR(t \rightarrow ue\mu) \lesssim 10^{-7}$; $BR(t \rightarrow ce\mu) \lesssim 10^{-6}$

cLFV Z^0 decays \Rightarrow extensively searched for at LEP & LHC

excellent prospects for FCC-ee in its Z-pole runs!

Decay	Present bound	FCC-ee sensitivity
$Z \rightarrow \mu e$	0.75×10^{-6}	$10^{-10} - 10^{-8}$
$Z \rightarrow \tau \mu$	12×10^{-6}	10^{-9}
$Z \rightarrow \tau e$	9.8×10^{-6}	10^{-9}

cLFV Higgs decays \Rightarrow profit from a Higgs factory (LHC)!

$$BR(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) \lesssim 2.8 \times 10^{-3}, \quad BR(H \rightarrow \tau e) \lesssim 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{ATLAS})$$

$$BR(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) \lesssim 1.5 \times 10^{-3}, \quad BR(H \rightarrow \tau e) \lesssim 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{CMS})$$

In the future, lepton colliders (circular or linear) offer striking advances (even $e\mu$):

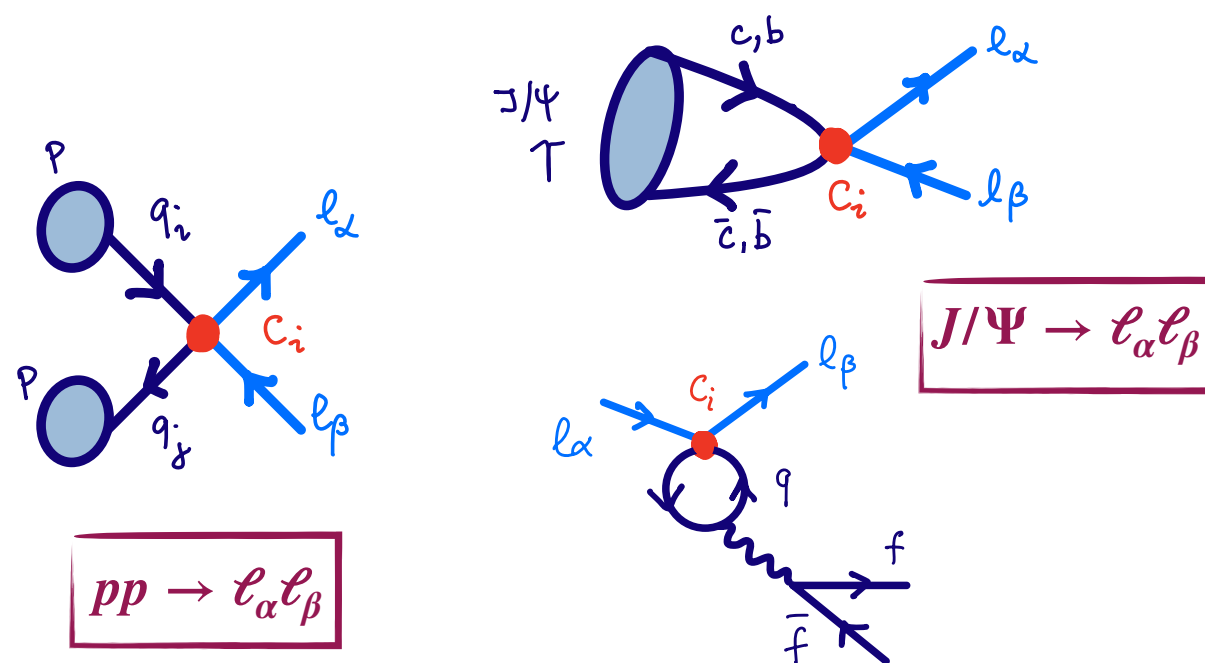
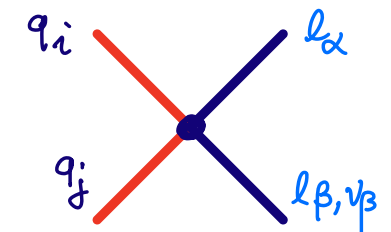
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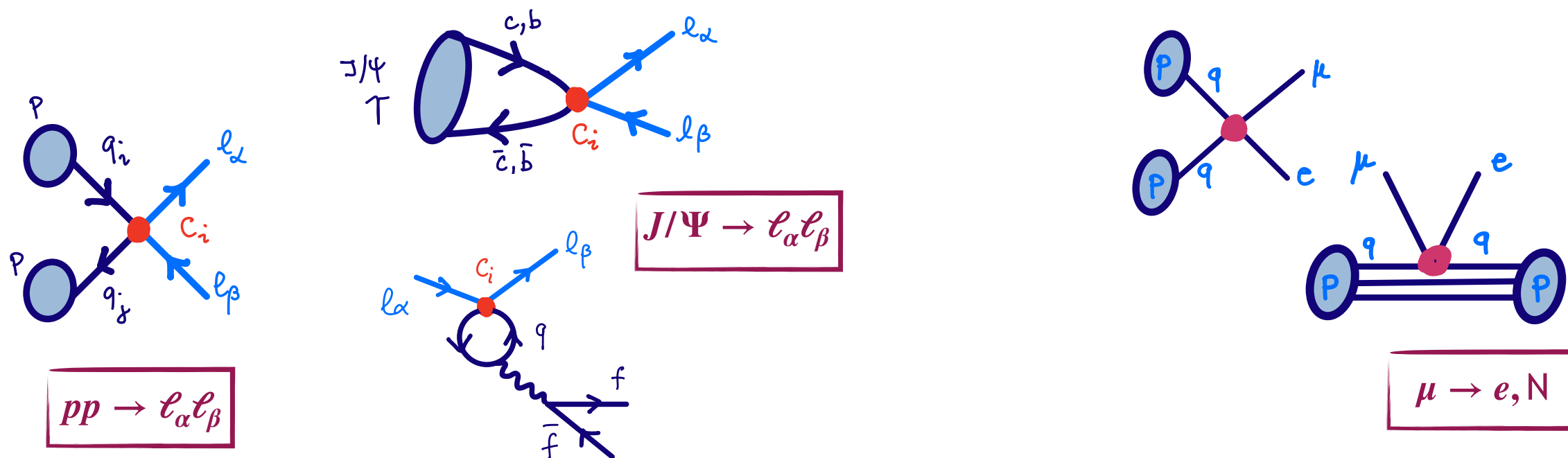
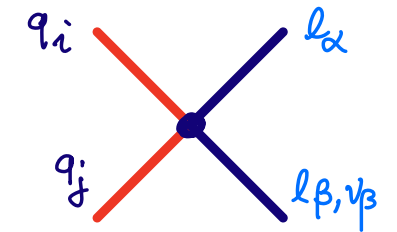
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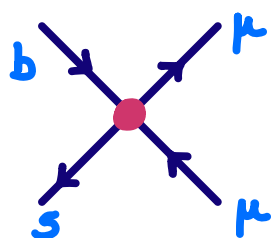
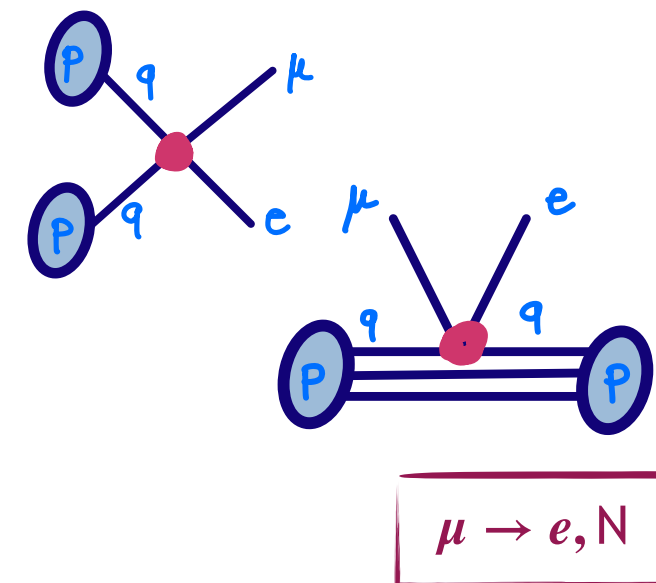
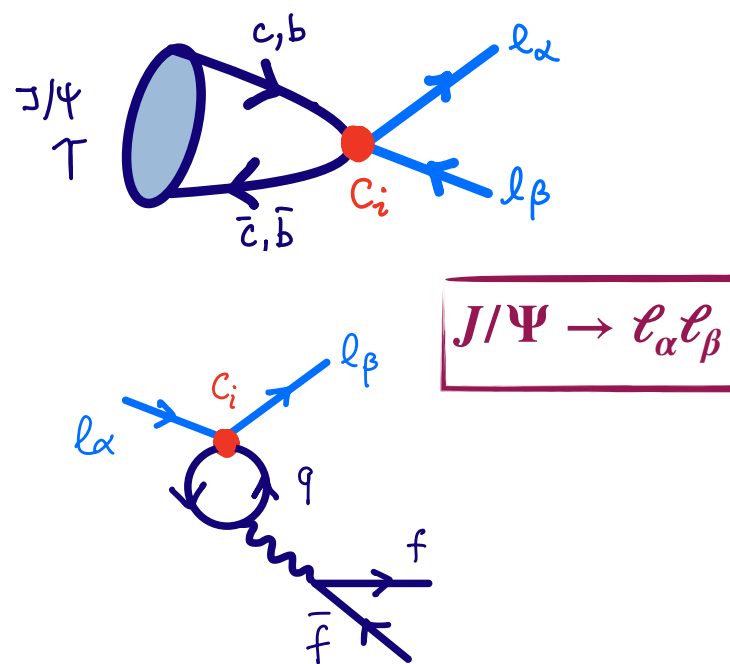
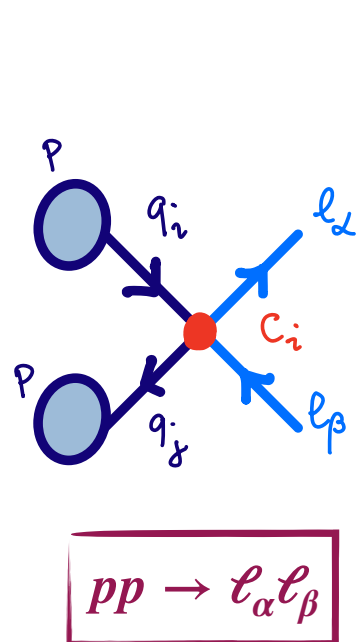
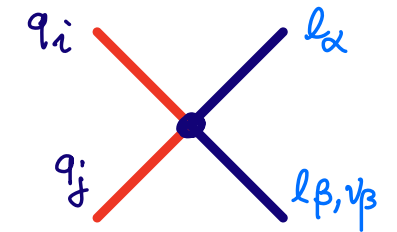
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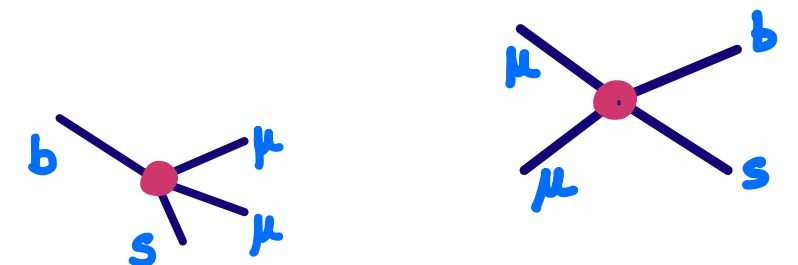
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$\Rightarrow b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ at a $\mu^+ \mu^-$ collider

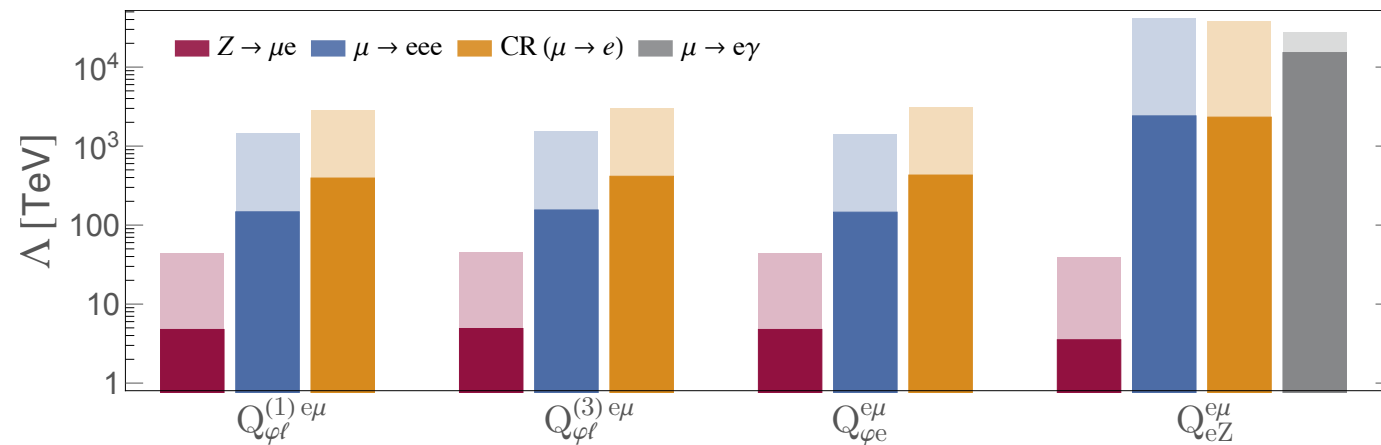
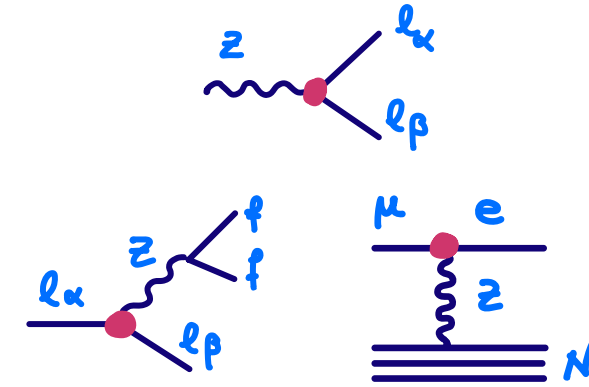


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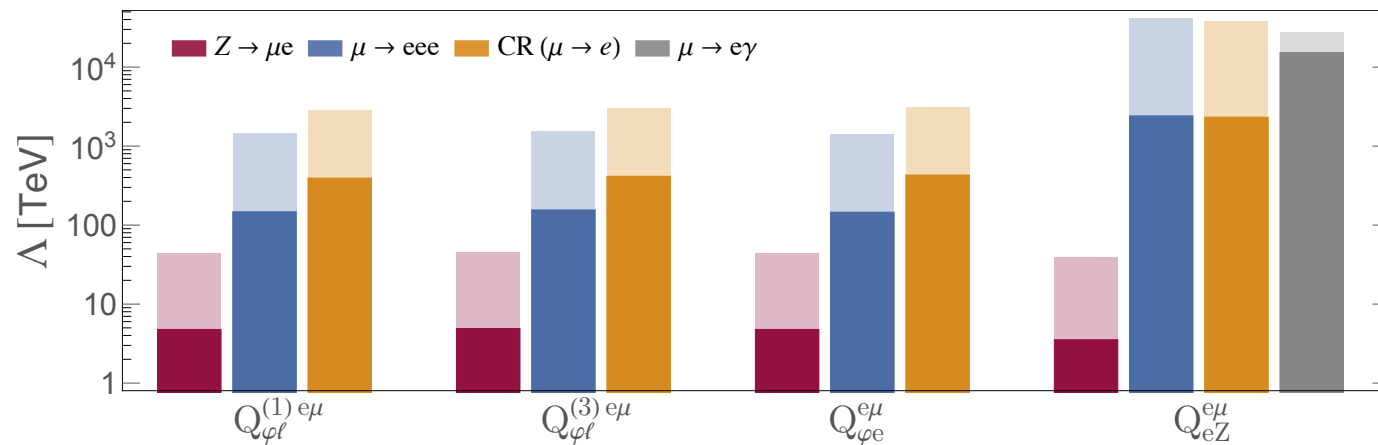
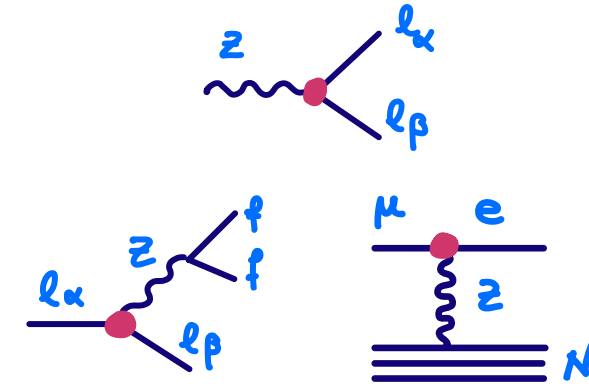
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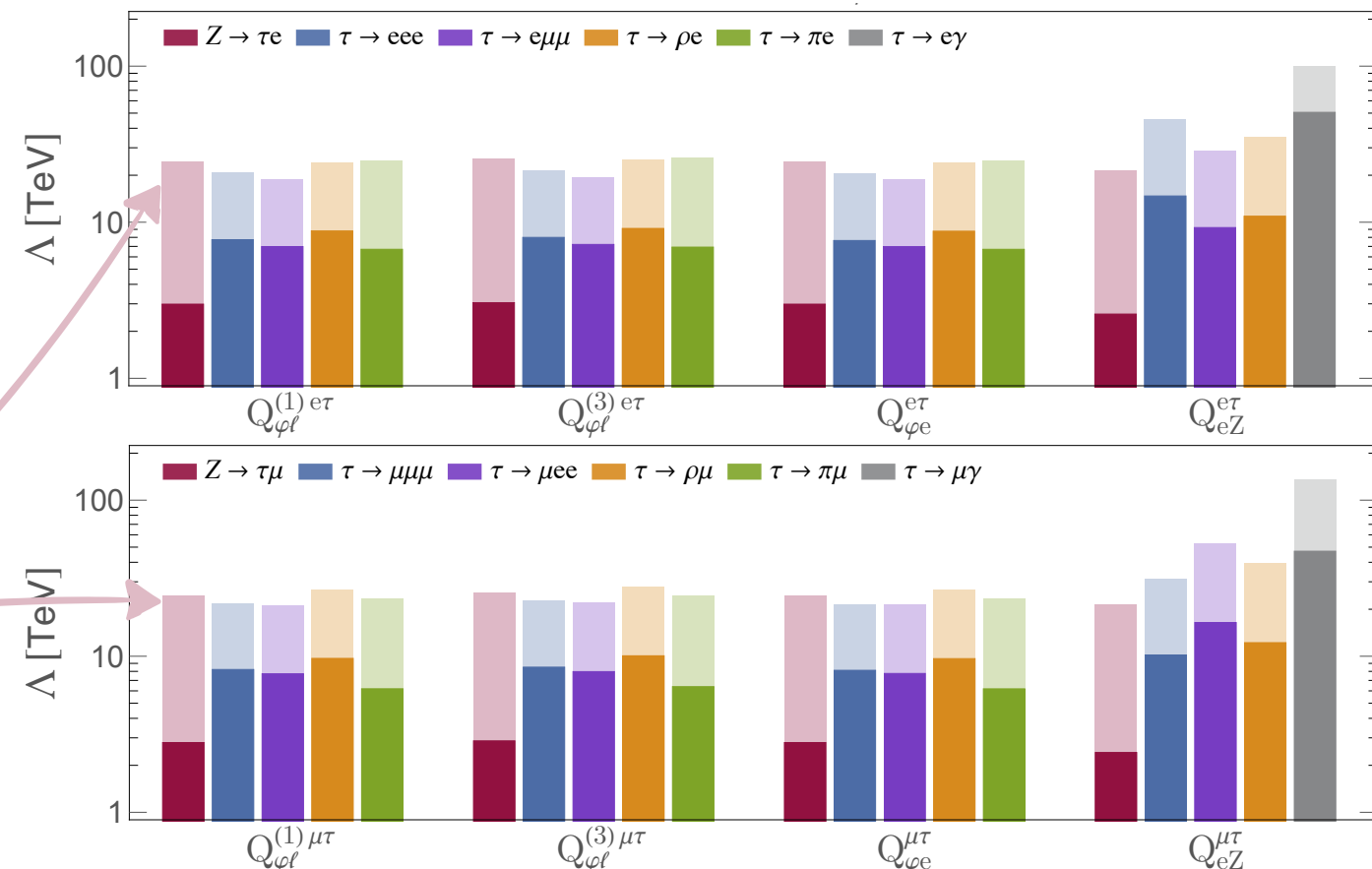


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Promising potential of TeraZ factory to probe NP at the origin of $Z \rightarrow \tau \ell$ decays (competitive with low-energy cLFV)



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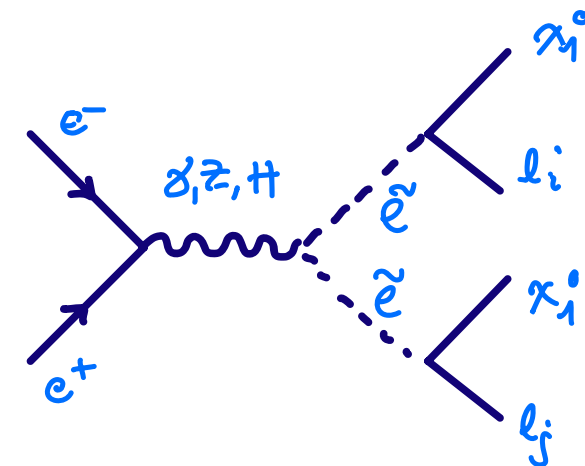
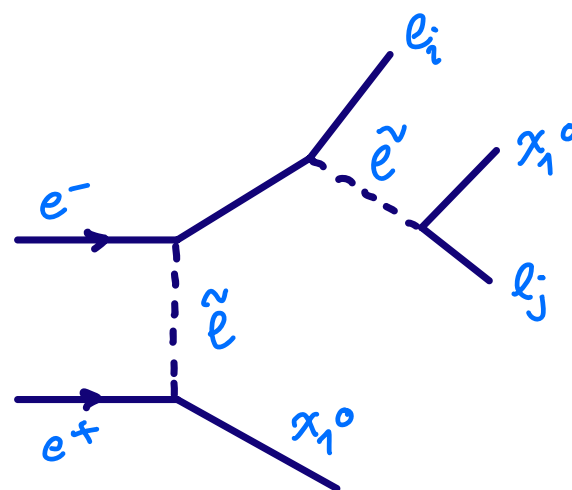
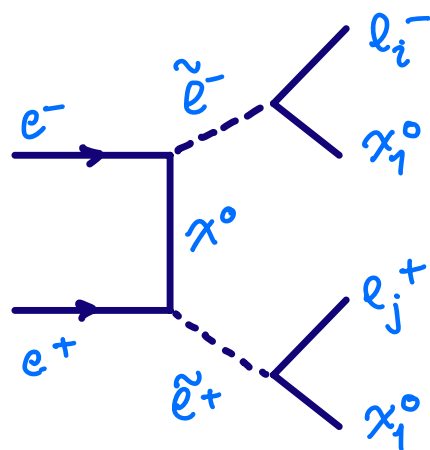
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► Example: SUSY cLFV interactions (in neutral current interactions) $\chi^0 \tilde{\ell}_\alpha \ell_\beta$

$$pp \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \chi_2^0 \rightarrow \ell_\alpha^\pm \ell_\beta^\mp + E_{\text{miss}}^T \quad (\text{LHC})$$

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ e^- + E_{\text{miss}} \quad (\text{FCC-ee, LC, ...})$$



@ FCC-ee: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j + E_{\text{miss}}$

Toolboxes: neutrinos, lepton flavours and more



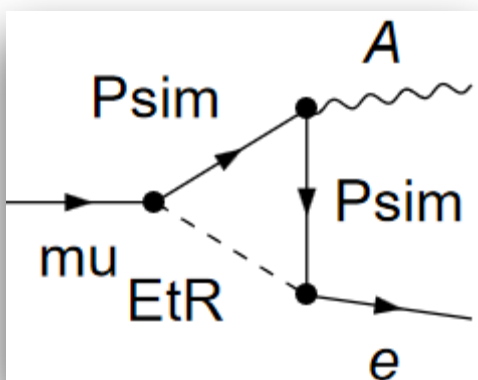
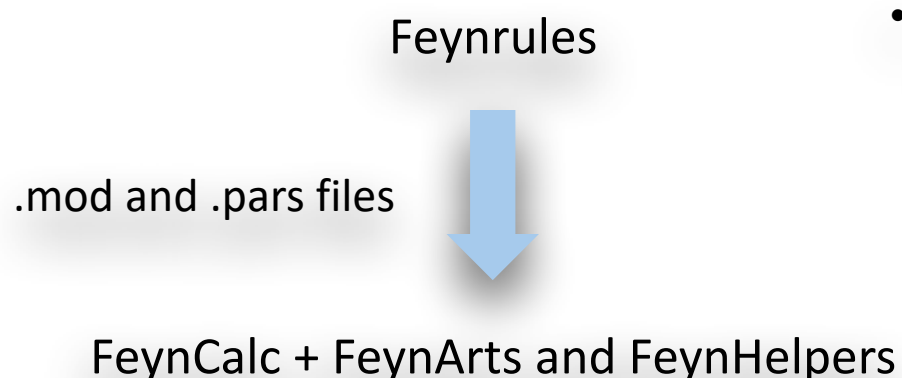
And now?



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- ▶ SM lepton flavours are strictly conserved...
 - ⇒ but neutrino oscillations imply that neutrinos are massive and that there is flavour mixing in the neutral lepton sector
 - ⇒ a neutrino mass generation mechanism must be included!
- ▶ *If lepton flavours are not conserved, if neutrinos are massive - New Physics is there*
- ▶ Many cLFV observables (and not only!) at low- and high-energies, searched for in a world-wide effort
- ▶ How does NP generate contributions to cLFV? Are all contributions "observable"?
- ▶ What can we expect from (well-motivated) models of neutrino mass generation?
- ▶ Can cLFV observables hint at the NP model? Or contribute to falsify it?
- ▶ And... How does one compute all this???

Semi-Automatic Amplitude calculation



- Tool used to implement Lagrangians to be read by a vast landscape of cutting edge analysis tools (Madgraph, Omega, FeynArts...).

- FeynArts to draw topologies and extract the corresponding bare Amplitude.
- FeynCalc to do reduce said Amplitudes (D-dimensionnal Integration, Dirac, Lorentz and Spinor algebra...).
- FeynHelpers (especially the PackageX commands) to analyse Loop functions (UV divergences, PaVe function analytic expressions...)

Thanks to Adrian Darricau (LPC)!

Useful links: FeynCalc: <https://feyncalc.github.io/> , FeynArts: <https://feynarts.de/> , FeynRules: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.1921> , FeynHelpers: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.06793>

► Many **dedicated tools**: *SARAH*, *SPheno*, *Flavio*, ...

Compute observables and confront with available bounds

<https://sarah.hepforge.org/>
<https://spheno.hepforge.org/>
<https://flav-io.github.io/>

► **Develop your own code!** (from experience gathered in analysing a given set of models...)

New Physics paths to cLFV: models of neutrino mass generation



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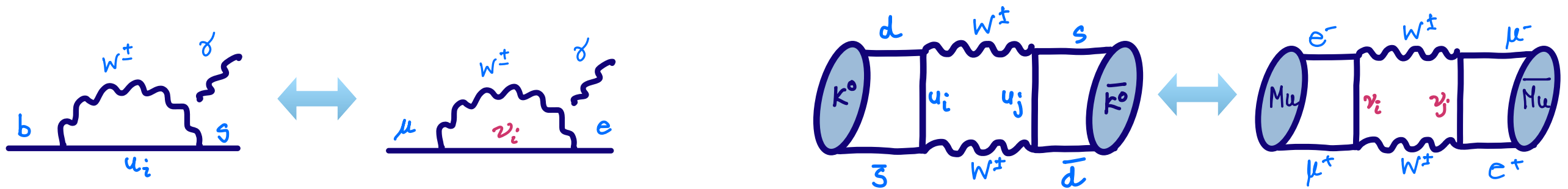
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- Several paths to charged lepton flavour violation (and other New Physics effects):

For Dirac neutrinos, analogous to rare quark transitions and decays

("CKM-sourced" \rightarrow "PMNS-sourced") \leadsto tiny contributions to cLFV observables...

More generically, in association to lepton mixing "PMNS-sourced" and

to new heavy mediators present in mechanisms of neutrino mass generation

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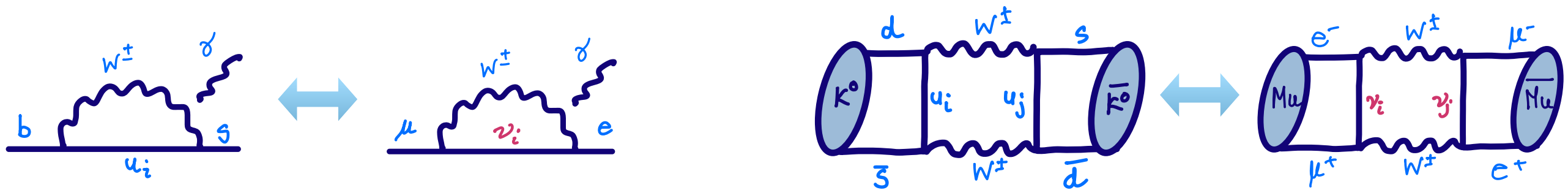
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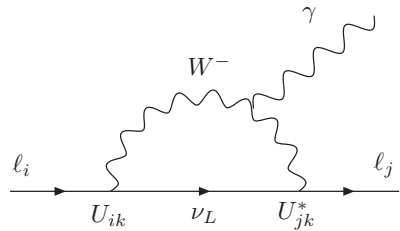
An overview of contributions to cLFV transitions in the charged lepton sector (CKM-sourced) and to cLFV observables...
distinct realisations of the **Seesaw mechanism of neutrino mass generation**
neutrino mass generation!

New Physics and (Majorana) m_ν : cLFV

Neutrino masses (brief "how to"...)

Most minimal possibility: SM extended by **Dirac RH neutrinos** (impose **L conservation**)

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{m_\nu} \sim -Y^\nu L \tilde{H} \nu_R \text{ but tiny Yukawa couplings, } \mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$$



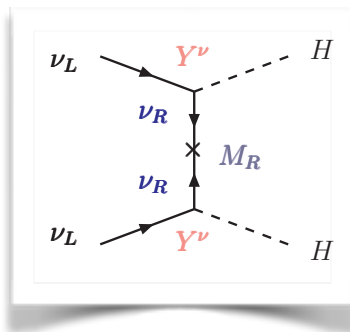
No impact for **cLFV**; **GIM-like suppression** due to smallness of m_{ν_i}

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-54} \text{ and similarly for other observables...}$$

Allow for **L violation**: realisations of Weinberg operator!

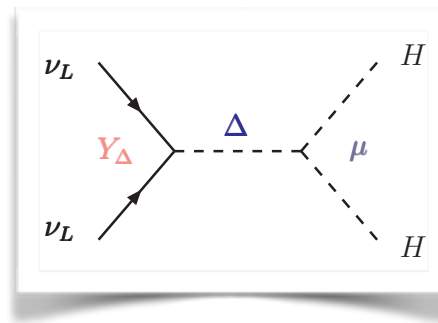
$$\mathcal{L}_{m_\nu}^5 \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}^5}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}} (\bar{L}^c H H L)$$

Tree-level seesaw realisations



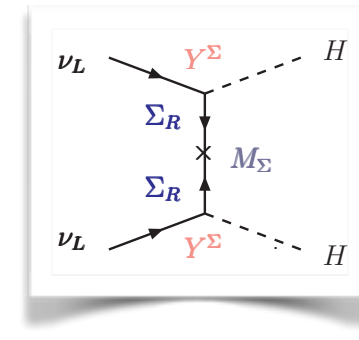
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$$m_\nu \sim (Y^\nu \nu)^T \frac{1}{M_R} (Y^\nu \nu)$$



Type II (scalar triplet)

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Type III (fermion triplet)

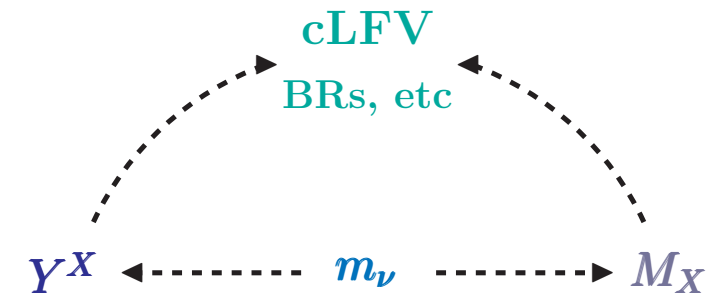
$$m_\nu \sim (Y_\Sigma \nu)^T \frac{1}{M_\Sigma} (Y_\Sigma \nu)$$

All successfully **accounting for oscillation data...** so far, *no hint from experimental searches!*

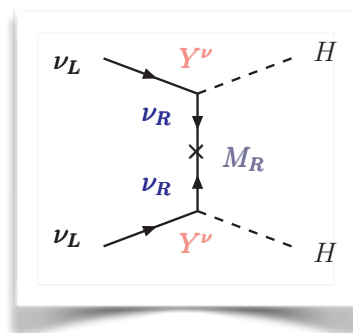
cLFV from "standard" Seesaws

- ▶ Mechanisms for neutrino mass generation: delicate **"balance"** between **sources of flavour violation** (new couplings, e.g. Y^ν) and **masses of new propagators**

⇒ account for **oscillation data** (observation!)



- ▶ **Type I Seesaw:** extend the SM via **(Majorana) right-handed sterile fermions**



~> an enlarged spectrum

~> extended mixings

If light neutrino masses generated by

"natural" new physics ⇒ very **high energy NP scale**

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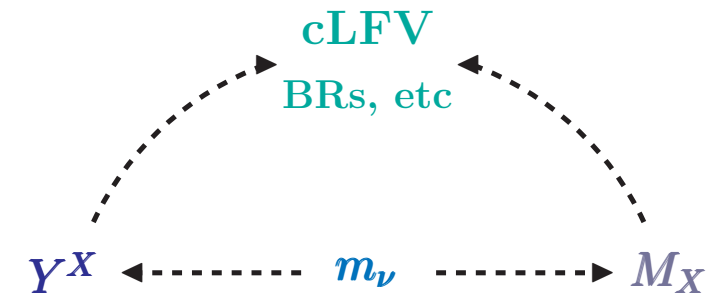
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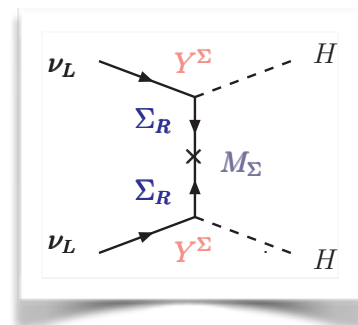
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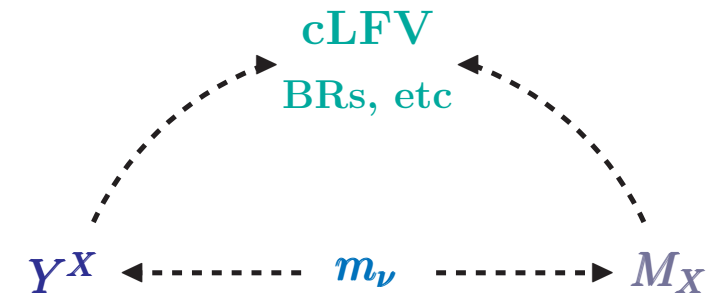
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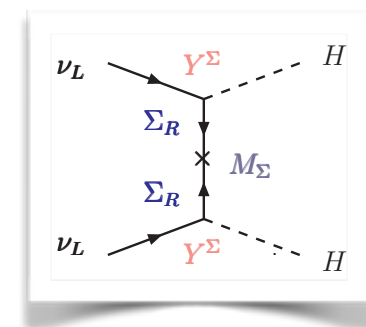
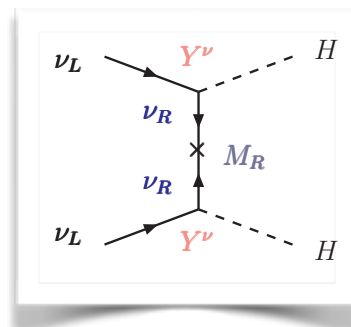
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- **Type I & III Seesaw**: a quick **EFT detour** - *integrate out the heavy mediators* (N_R, Σ)



Dimension 5

(Weinberg operator)

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$$m_\nu \sim (Y^\nu \nu)^T \frac{1}{M_R} (Y^\nu \nu)$$

[see Broncano et al, 0210271]

Dimension 6

$$Y_\nu^\dagger M_R^{-2} Y_\nu (\bar{L}_L \tilde{\phi}^*) \partial (\tilde{\phi}^\dagger L_L)$$

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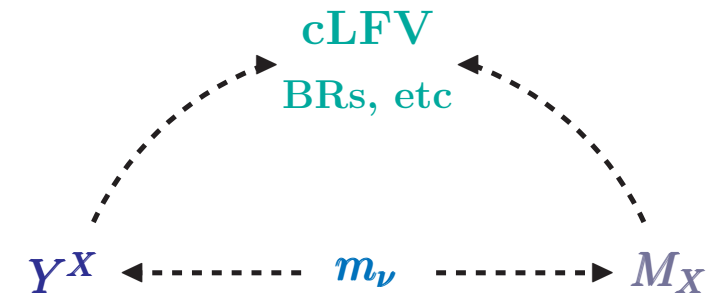
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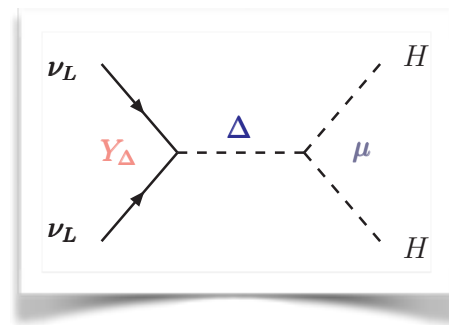
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A different scenario: additional ingredient!

"natural" new physics \Rightarrow very **high energy NP scale**

Smallness of m_ν **also** from (tiny) μ coupling
for "natural" Y_Δ and not "too heavy" M_Δ

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{Y_\Delta \mu}{2} \frac{v^2}{M_\Delta^2}$$

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Dimension 5 $4 Y_\Delta \mu M_\Delta^{-2} (\bar{L}_L^c \tilde{\phi}^*) (\tilde{\phi}^\dagger L_L)$

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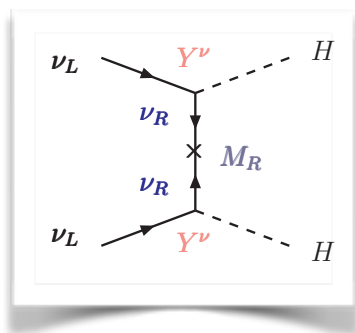
⇒ suppression of **"light neutrino masses"**
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- **Light neutrino masses** generated by **"natural" new physics** at a very **high energy scale** ("vanilla" or standard high-scale seesaw)
 - If $Y \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \Rightarrow M_{\text{NP}} \sim 10^{14-16} \text{ GeV} \rightsquigarrow$ hierarchy problem (if $M_R \geq 10^7 \text{ GeV}$)
 - \Rightarrow **Decoupled new physics!** No contributions at high energy, or high intensity...
 - \Rightarrow Only **hypothesise a viable BAU** from "vanilla" thermal leptogenesis ($M_R \geq 10^9 \dots$)
- **Light neutrino masses** generated via **tiny couplings** of (very) **light sector**
 - M_R even **below the MeV!** Also "natural" since $M_R \rightarrow 0$ restores L conservation
 - \Rightarrow **Contributions** to phenomena **suppressed** by very light fermion masses
 - \Rightarrow Potential **conflict with active neutrino data** (extremely large mixings θ_{as})
- Accept a certain **tuning** between **couplings** and **scale**, sacrificing "naturalness" of couplings
 - \Rightarrow Explore regimes of comparatively lower M_{NP}
- **Rely on symmetry-protection!** Smallness of neutrino masses from approximate symmetry conservation (e.g. lepton number conservation)



"Low-scale seesaw realisations"

- Addition of 3 "heavy" Majorana right-handed neutrinos ν_R to the SM
but explore considerably lighter range for M_R $\text{MeV} \leq M_R \leq 10^{\text{few}} \text{TeV}$



Type I (fermion singlet)

$$m_\nu \sim (Y^\nu v)^T \frac{1}{M_R} (Y^\nu v)$$

After EW symmetry breaking, 6 states in the neutral lepton spectrum

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu^{6 \times 6} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y^\nu v \\ (Y^\nu)^T v & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

3 light neutrinos $m_\nu \approx -v^2 Y_\nu^T M_R^{-1} Y_\nu$

3 heavy states $m_N \approx M_R$

Enlarged 6×6 mixing matrix $U^T \mathcal{M}_\nu^{6 \times 6} U = \text{diag}(m_{\nu_i})$

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Non-unitary leptonic mixing \tilde{U}_{PMNS}

Low-scale realisations of the **Type I seesaw** open door to a **very rich phenomenology** from cLFV signals, to collider searches

Similar implications for low-scale **Type III**

(but important direct/indirect constraints due to the *non-singlet nature of new states...*)

Low-scale models for m_ν : Inverse Seesaw

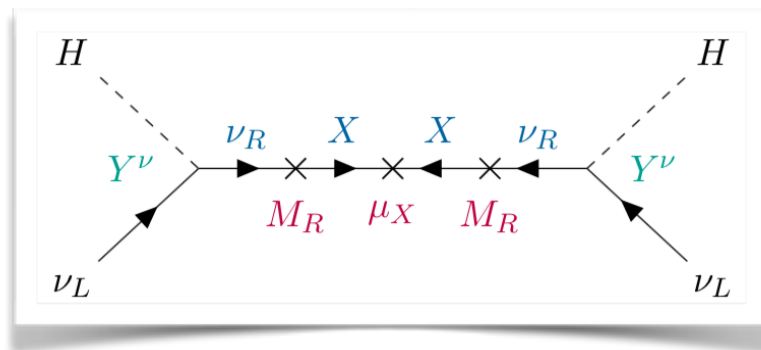
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Comparatively **"light" heavy spectrum** ($\Lambda_{EW} \leftrightarrow \text{TeV}$) for

small values of μ_X (around eV - keV)

Natural ('t Hooft criterium) since **B-L conservation restored** when $\mu_X \rightarrow 0$!

Symmetry protected "smallness" of m_ν - approximate LNC

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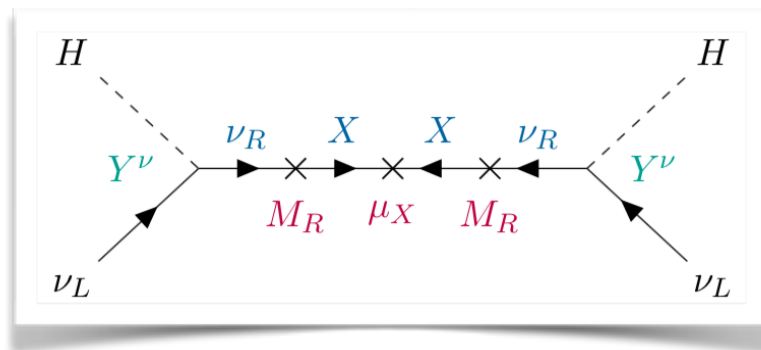
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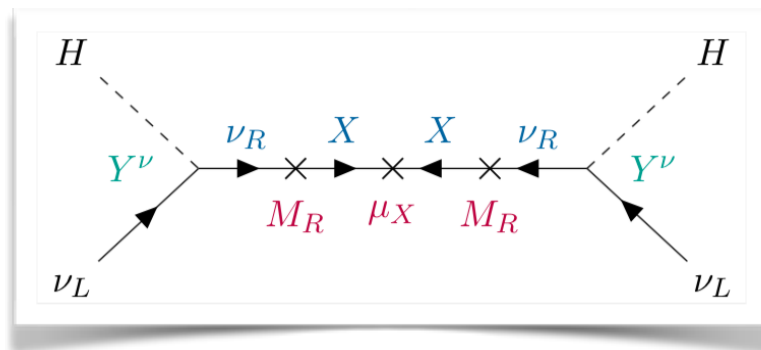
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sizeable mixings ($\theta \propto m_D^\dagger M_N^{-1}$) even for vanishing m_ν

[Branco et al, '88; Kersten and Smirnov, 0705.3221]

- ▶ **New Physics states** at a comparatively **low scale**;

non-negligible mixings between new states and SM leptons...

How does this actually lead to abundant **phenomenological implications**?

- ▶ Presence of **non-negligible mixings** between **active neutrinos and NP states** has **non-negligible consequences** for the leptonic mixing matrix, i.e. U_{PMNS}

Recall (for Type I and variants): $U^T \mathcal{M}_\nu^{(3+n) \times (3+n)} U = \text{diag}(m_{\nu_i})$

$U(3+n, 3+n)$:
unitary matrix

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leptonic mixing $\approx U_{\text{PMNS}} (3 \times 3)$

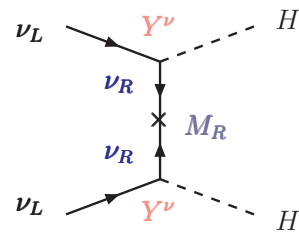
active-sterile mixings: $U_{\nu N} = U_{\nu N}(\theta)$
($\theta \propto m_D^\dagger M_R^{-1}$)

For **non-negligible** active-sterile mixings, $U_{\nu N} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ **non-unitary** \tilde{U}_{PMNS}

Modified leptonic currents!

Extensive implications for **EW precision observables**, **flavour conserving transitions**, and **cLFV!**

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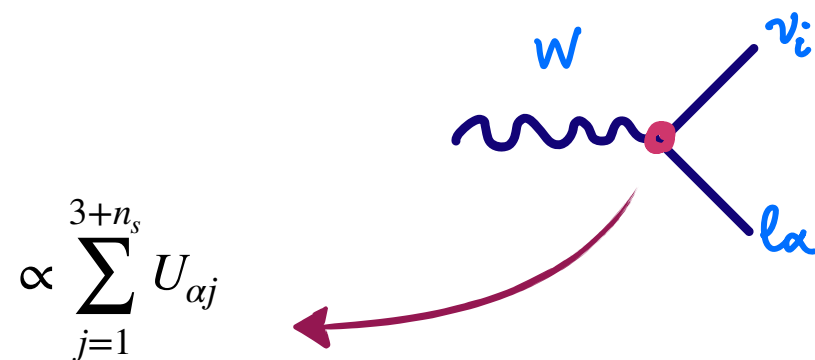
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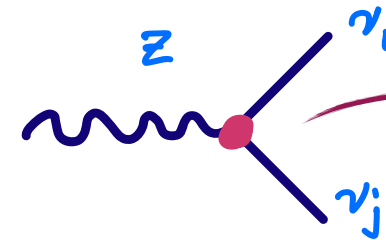
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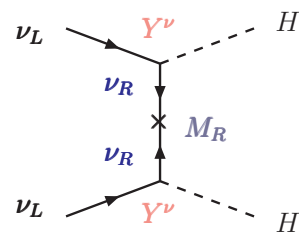
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Deviations from unitarity: $\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}} = (1 - \eta) U_{\text{PMNS}} ; \eta = \frac{1}{2} \theta \theta^\dagger$

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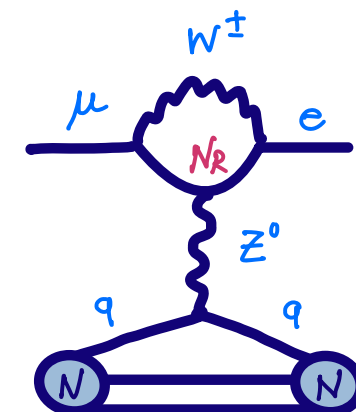
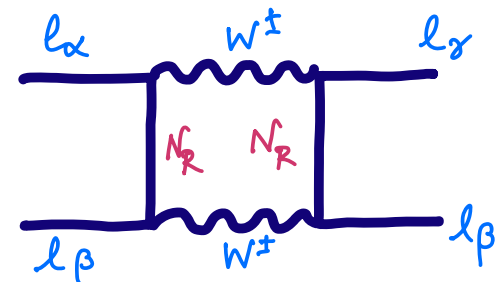
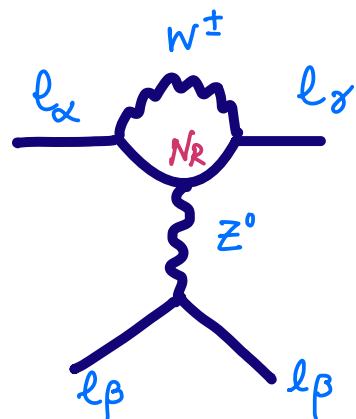
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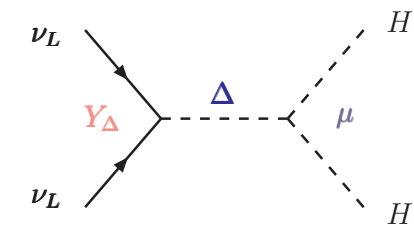


All @ loop-level...

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SM + triplet Δ $\Delta = \Delta^0, \Delta^+, \Delta^{++}$

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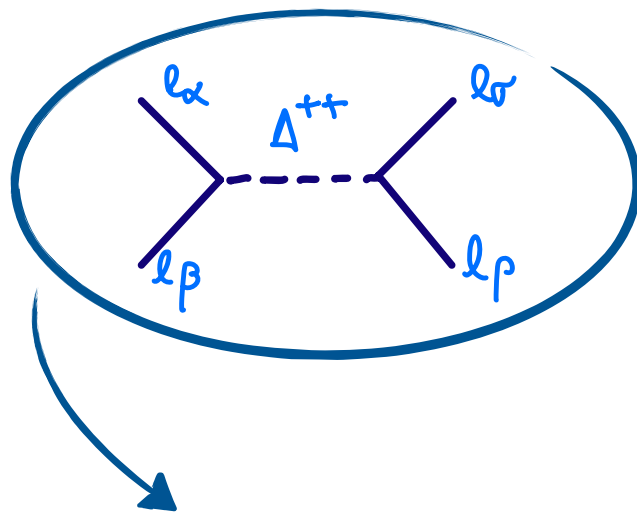


Type II (scalar triplet)

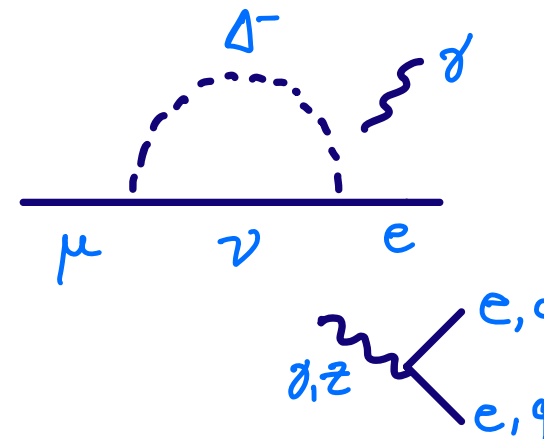
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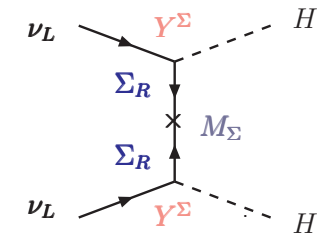


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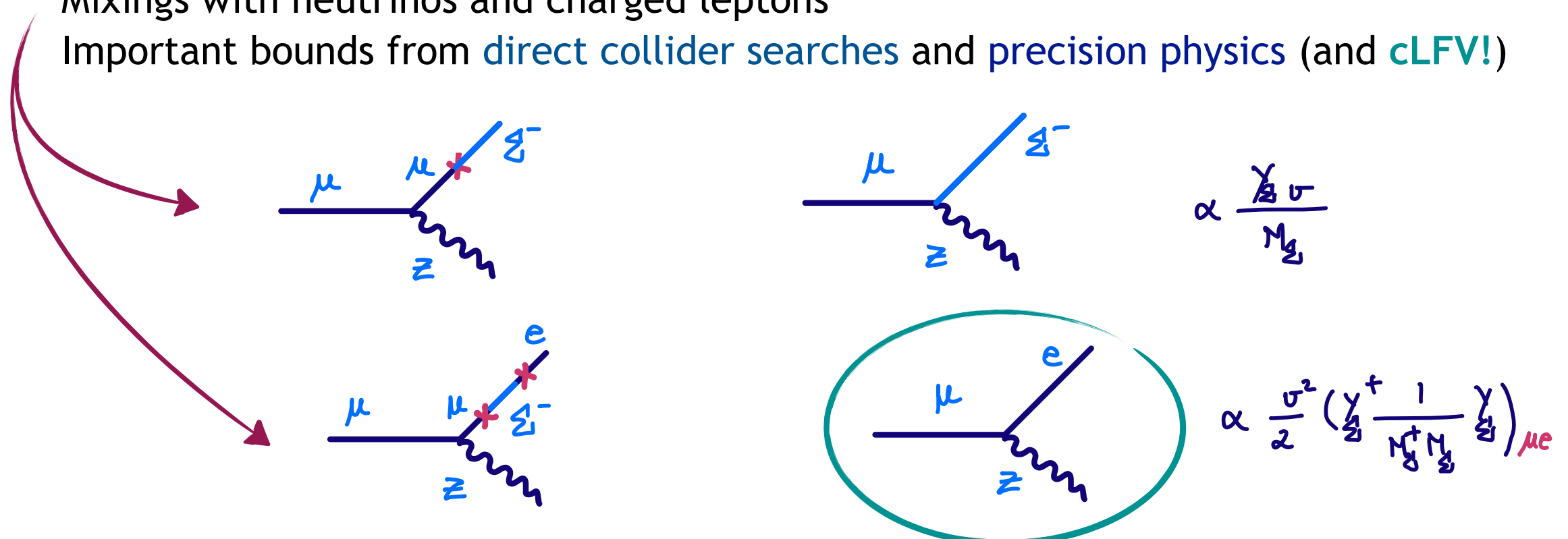
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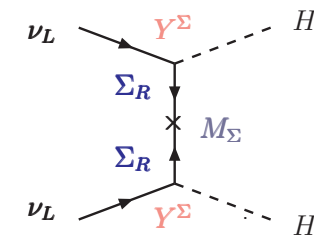


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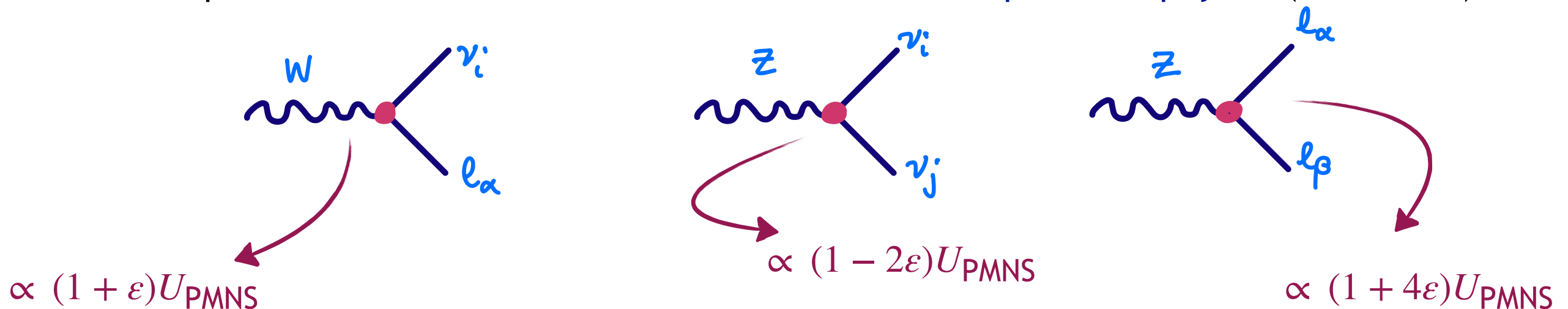
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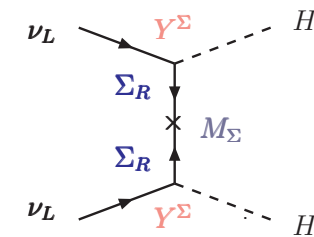
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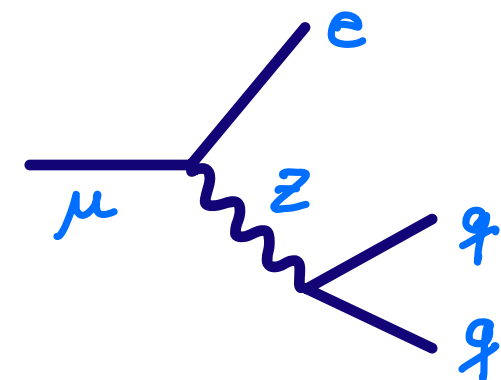
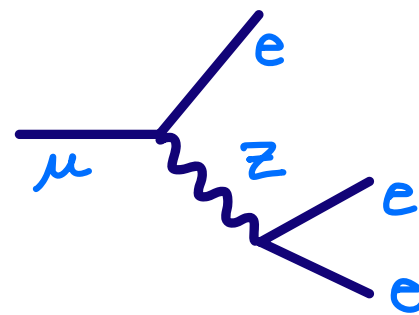
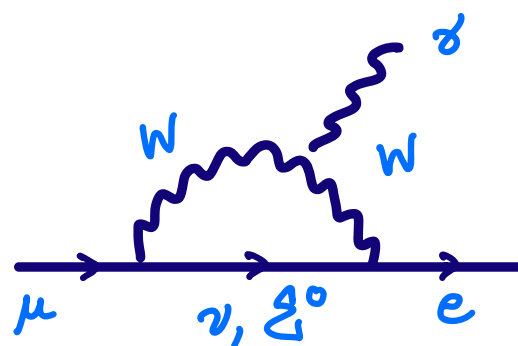
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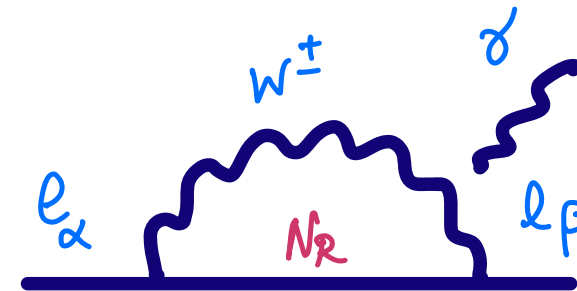
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due to the modified $Z\ell_{\alpha}\ell_{\beta}$ vertex!*

cLFV - the singlet seesaw case



cLFV in low-scale seesaw (type I and variants)

- ▶ Consider a **low-scale realisation** of a **type I seesaw** and variants: $SM + \nu_R + \dots$ leading to non-negligible mixing between **active** (3) and **sterile states** (n_s)
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(all transitions at loop-level!)



$$\text{BR}(\ell_\beta \rightarrow \ell_\alpha \gamma) = \frac{\alpha_w^3 s_w^2}{256 \pi^2} \frac{m_\beta^4}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\beta}{\Gamma_\beta} |G_\gamma^{\beta\alpha}|^2$$

$$G_\gamma^{\beta\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{3+n_s} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* G_\gamma(x_i)$$

Form factor

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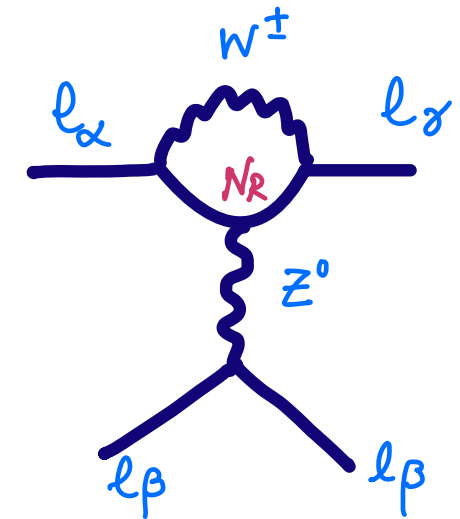
$$G_\gamma(x) \xrightarrow{x \gg 1} \frac{1}{2},$$

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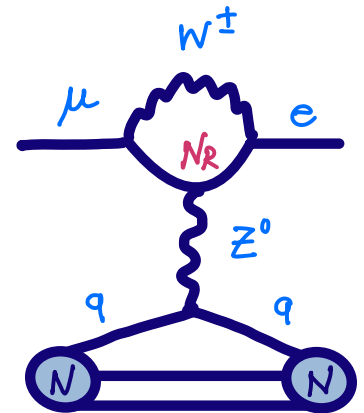
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cLFV in low-scale seesaw (type I and variants)

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$$CR(\mu - e, N) = \frac{2G_F^2 \alpha_w^2 m_\mu^5}{(4\pi)^2 \Gamma_{\text{capt.}}} \left| 4V^{(p)} \left(2\tilde{F}_u^{\mu e} + \tilde{F}_d^{\mu e} \right) + 4V^{(n)} \left(\tilde{F}_u^{\mu e} + 2\tilde{F}_d^{\mu e} \right) + s_w^2 \frac{G_\gamma^{\mu e} D}{2e} \right|^2$$



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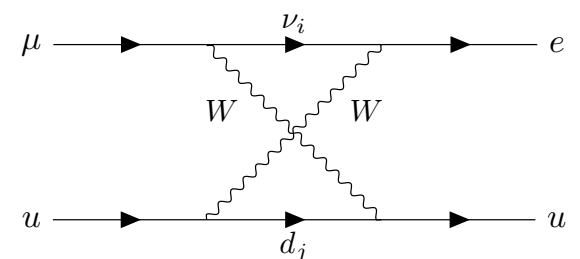
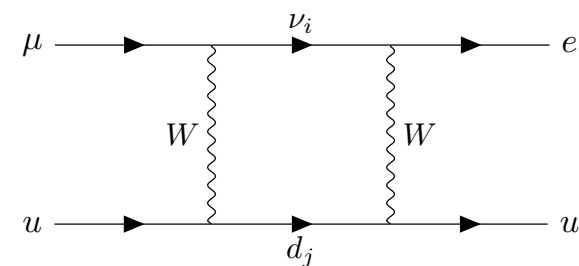
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Nuclear form factors
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$$D, V^{(p)} \text{ and } V^{(n)}$$

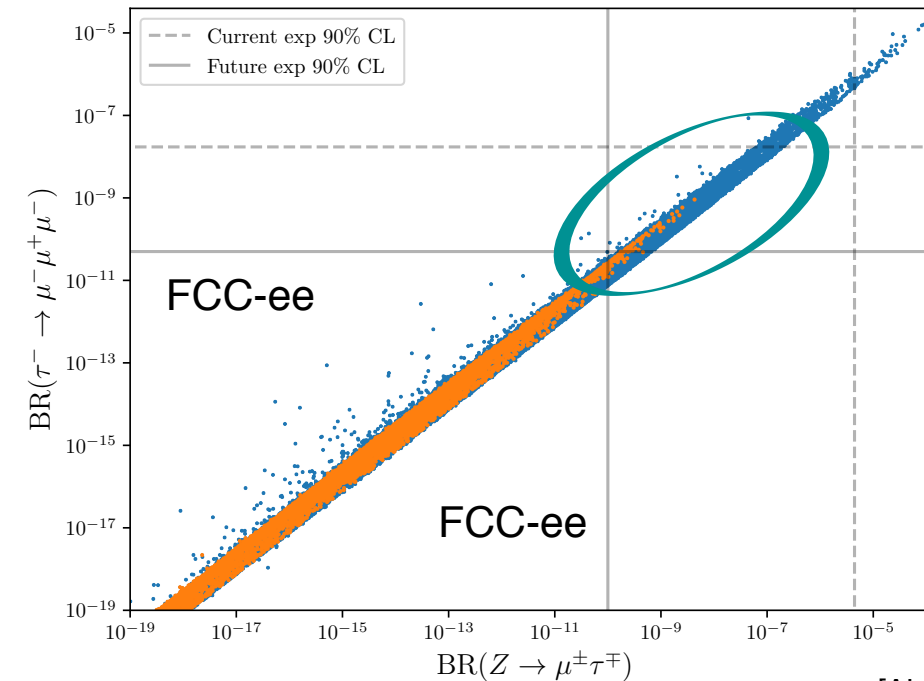
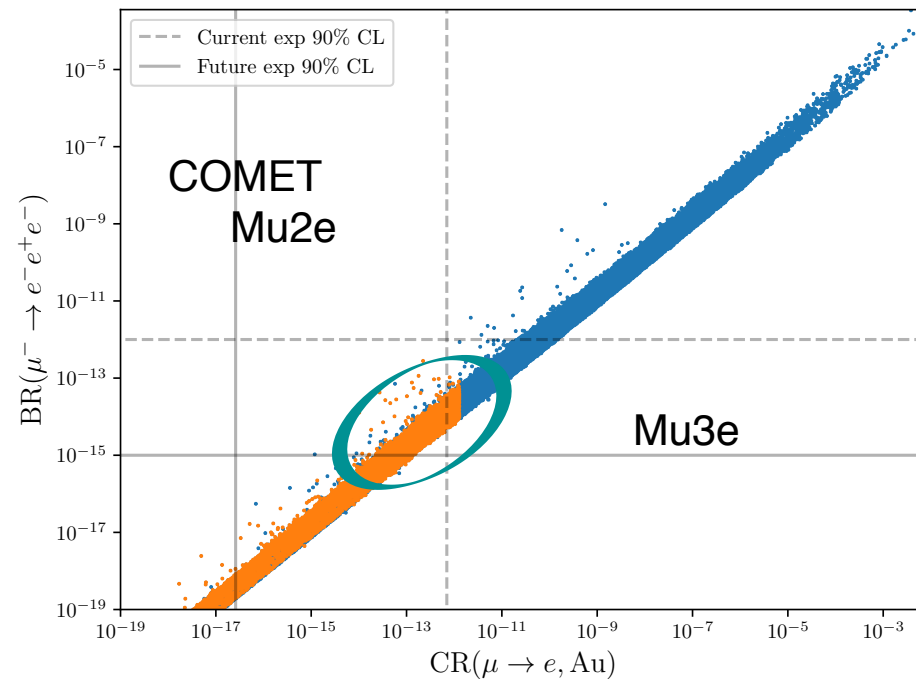


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(rich phenomenology \Rightarrow *testability!*)



[Abada, Kriewald, Pinsard, Rosauero, AMT, '23]

\Rightarrow Abundant **"flavour" signals: cLFV** transitions (at low and high energies)

Regimes *already disfavoured* from current bounds!

cLFV actively **constrains parameter space of ISS**

\Rightarrow Opportunities to **observe cLFV** in (near-)future facilities:

$\mu - e$ sector @ Mu3e, COMET & Mu2e

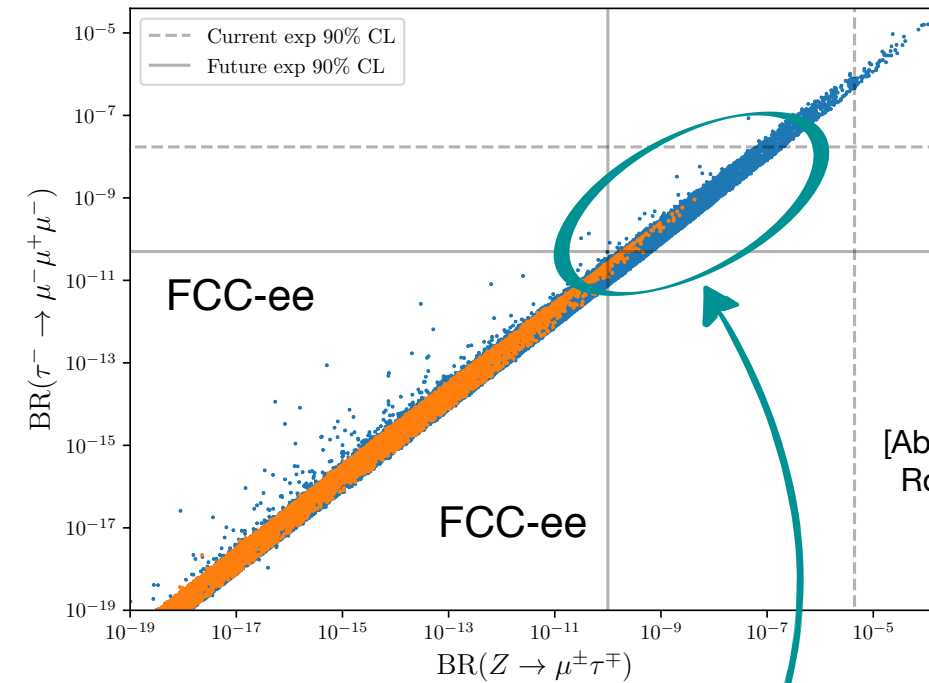
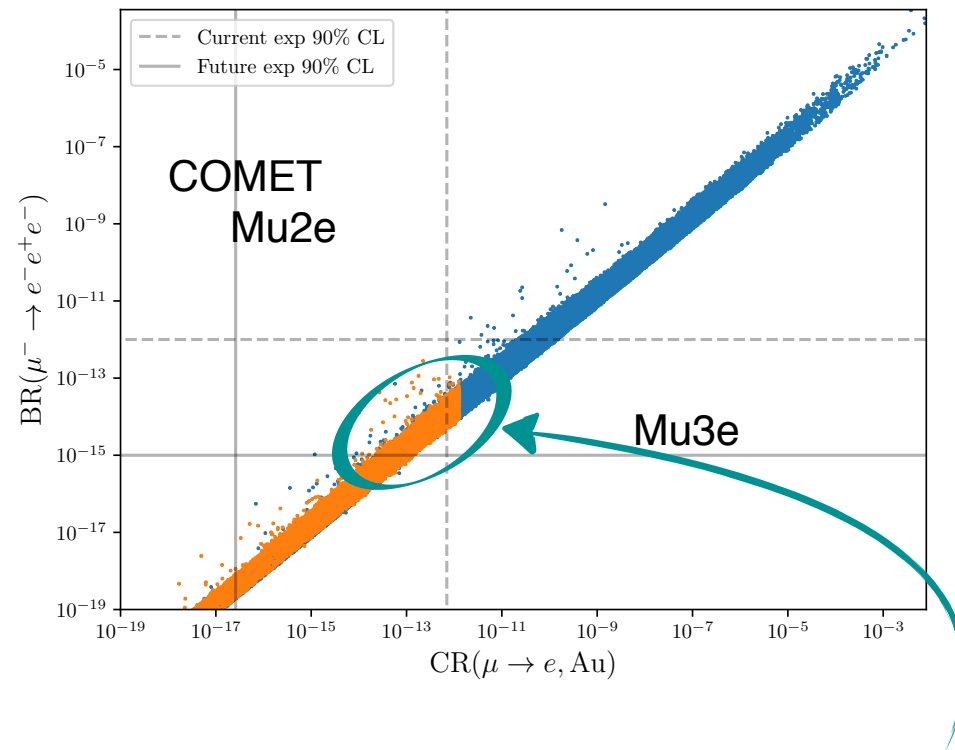
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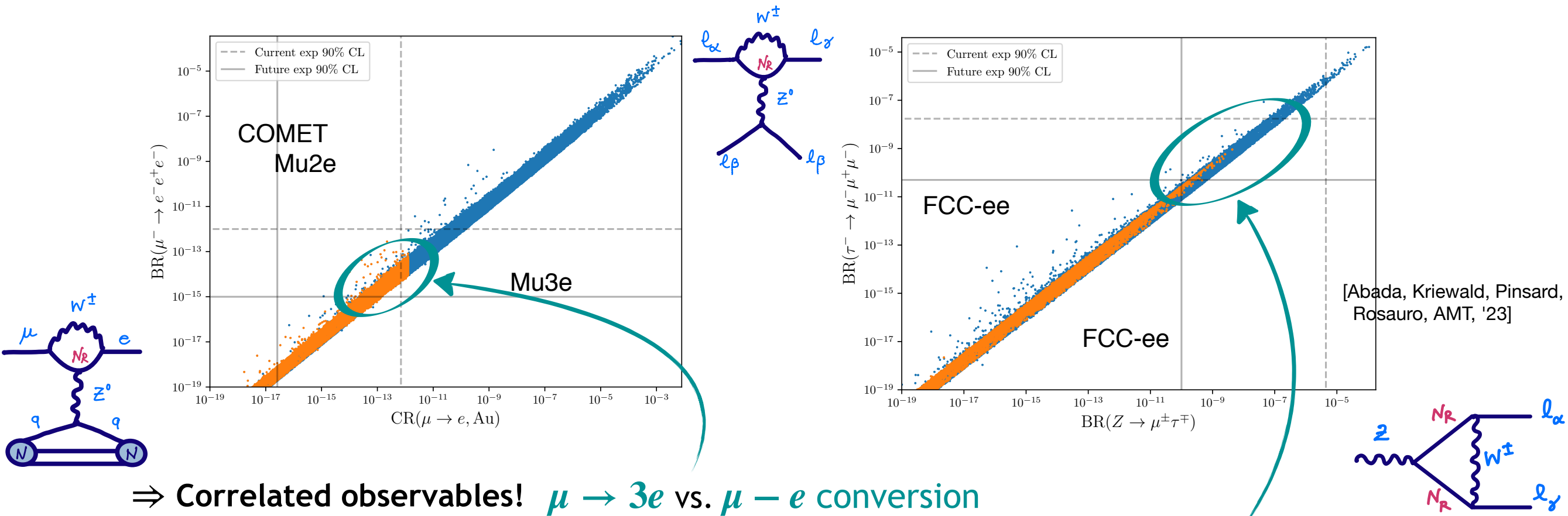
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A consequence of the **dominant contribution of Z-penguins** in the 3-body decays and in neutrinoless conversion in nuclei (for the most "observable" regimes...)

Observation of $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ \Rightarrow observation of $\mu - e$ conversion
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testability!?

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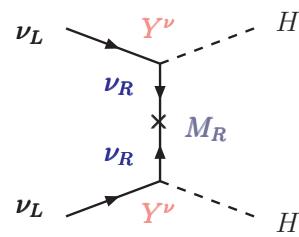


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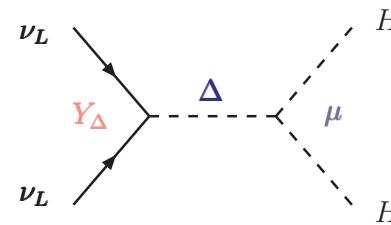
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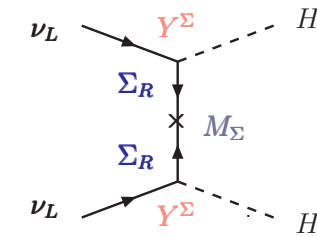
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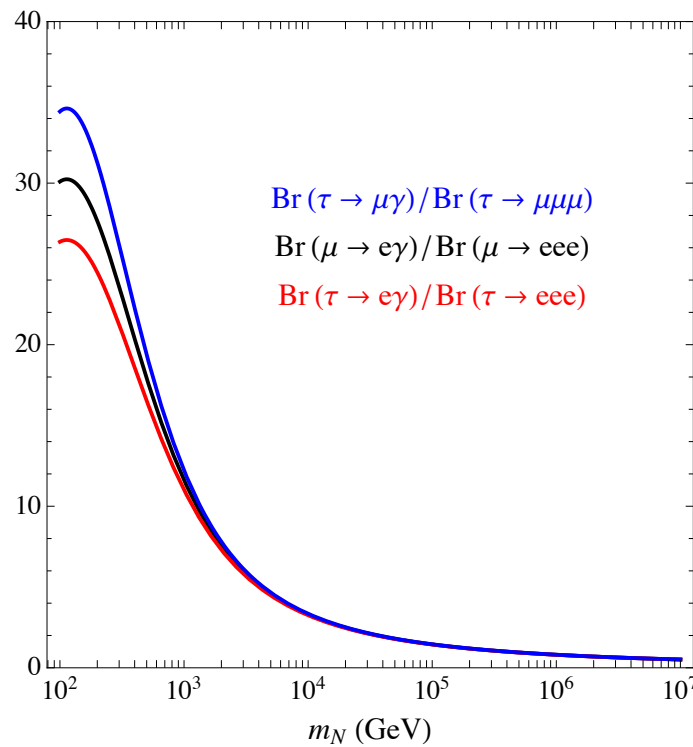
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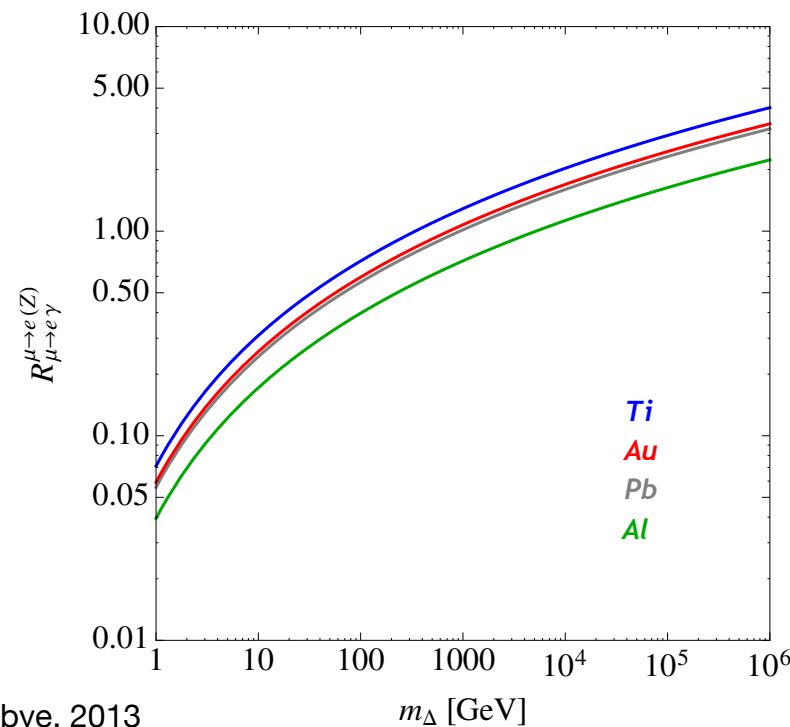
Type II (scalar triplet)



Type III (fermion triplet)



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$$\frac{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)} = 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

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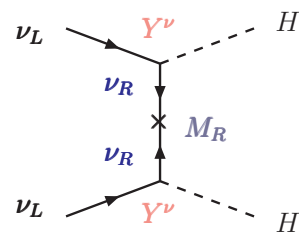
$$\frac{\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}{\text{CR}(e-\mu, \text{Ti})} = 3.1 \times 10^{-4}$$

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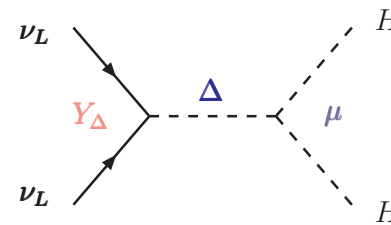
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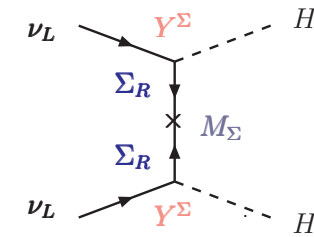
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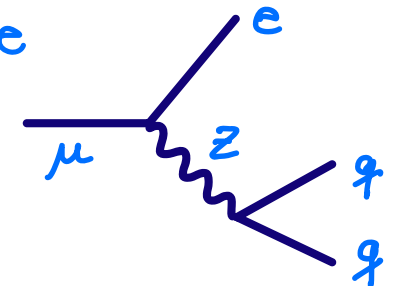
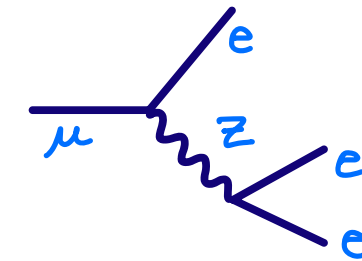
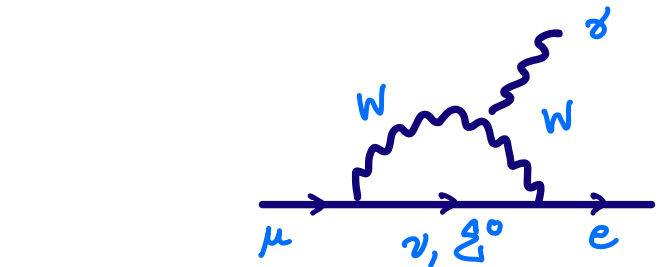
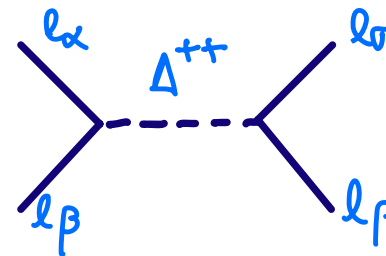
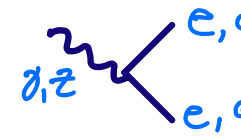
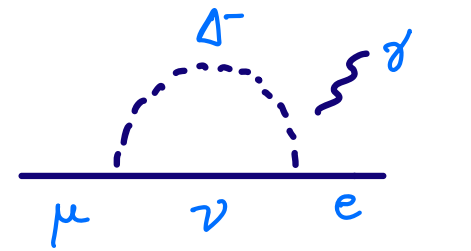
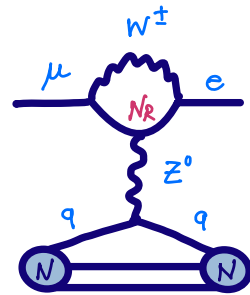
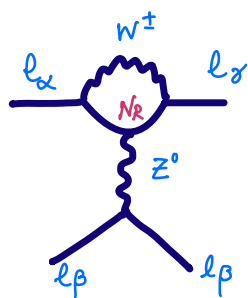
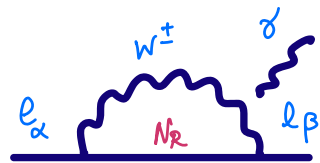
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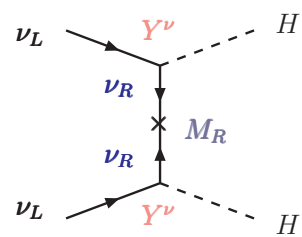
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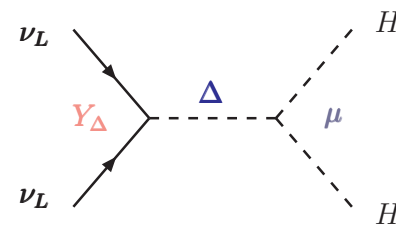
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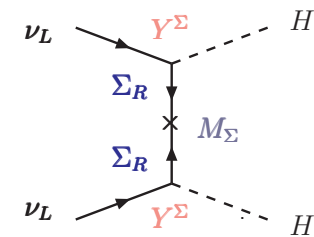
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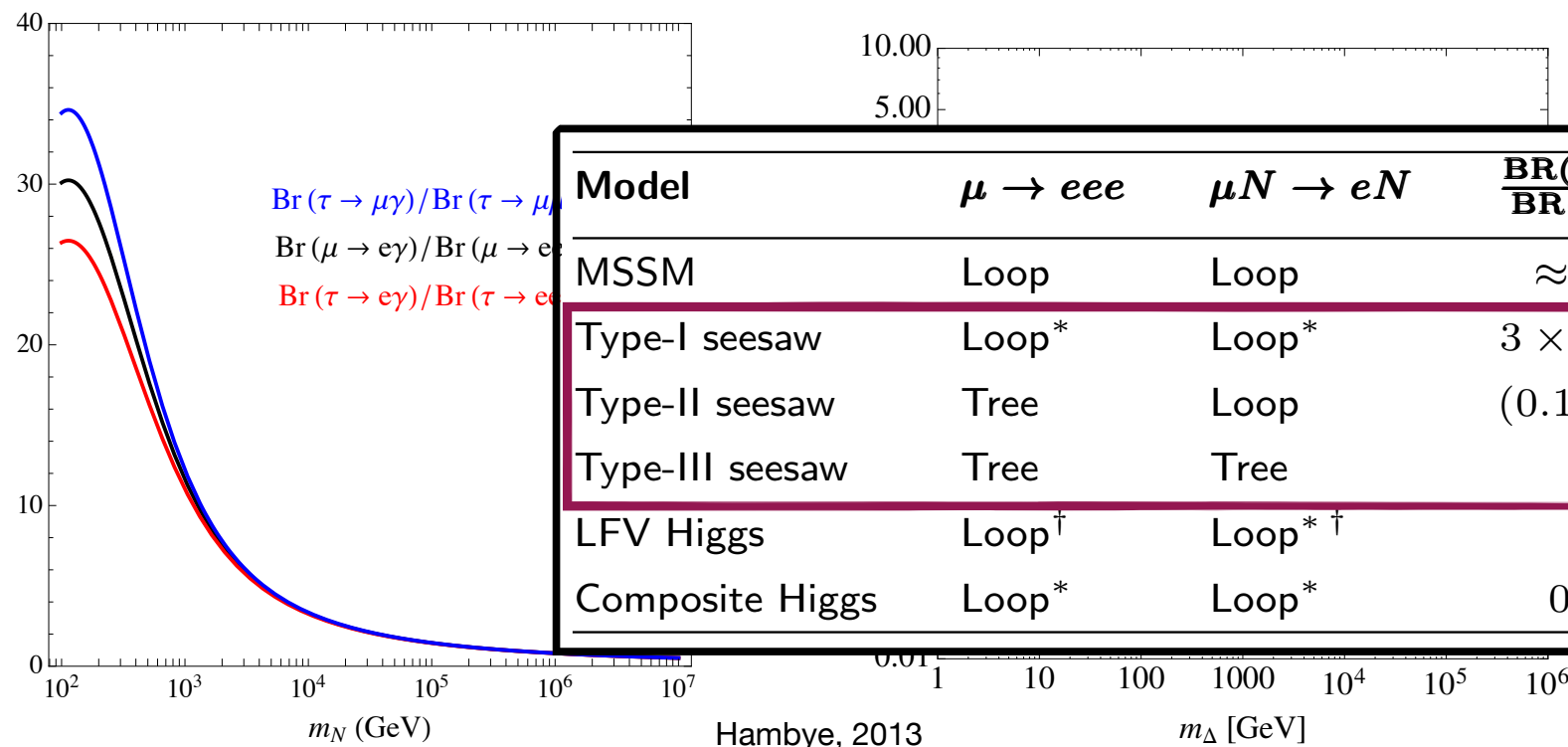
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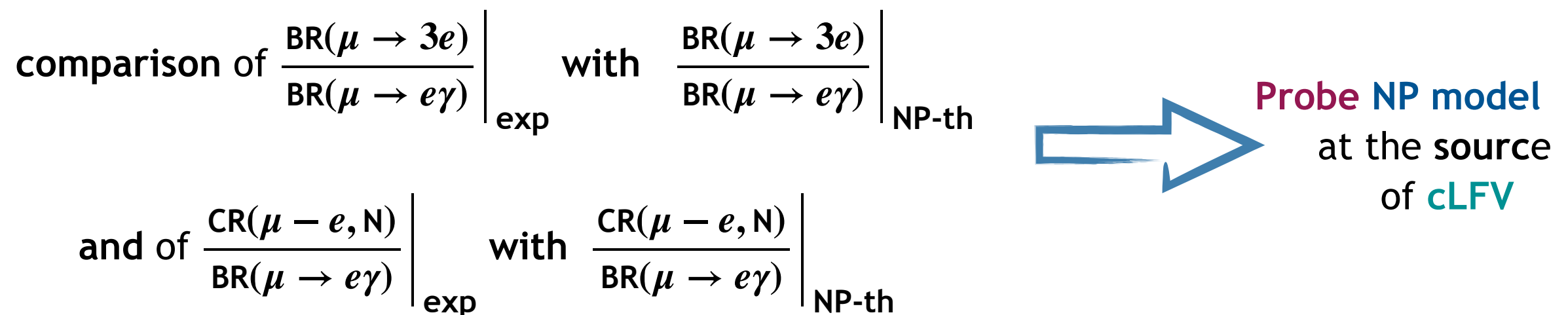
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MSSM	Loop	Loop	$\approx 6 \times 10^{-3}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$
Type-I seesaw	Loop*	Loop*	$3 \times 10^{-3} - 0.3$	0.1–10
Type-II seesaw	Tree	Loop	$(0.1 - 3) \times 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
Type-III seesaw	Tree	Tree	$\approx 10^3$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$
LFV Higgs	Loop [†]	Loop* [†]	$\approx 10^{-2}$	$\mathcal{O}(0.1)$
Composite Higgs	Loop*	Loop*	0.05 – 0.5	2 – 20

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Upon **experimental determination** of rates for **cLFV transitions**:



cLFV from neutrino masses in extended frameworks: the SUSY seesaw



- ▶ **Minimal SUSY** constructions do not include a **mechanism for ν mass generation**

R-parity conserved, no ν_R , no Higgs triplets, ...

- ▶ Embed a seesaw (type I, II or III) in the context of (otherwise) flavour conserving **SUSY Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model - cMSSM**

universal soft breaking terms at GUT scale: $M_{L,R}^{\tilde{f}} = M_0, A_{\tilde{f}} = A_0$

- ▶ Example: **cMSSM + type I seesaw**

$$W = \hat{N}^c Y_\nu \hat{L} \hat{H}_2 + \hat{E}^c Y_\ell \hat{L} \hat{H}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{N}^c M_R \hat{N}^c$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} : (m_{\tilde{L}}^2)_{ij} = (m_{\tilde{E}}^2)_{ij} = (m_{\tilde{N}}^2)_{ij} = (M_{\tilde{L}}^2)_{ij} = M_0^2 \delta_{ij}; (A_\ell)_{ij} = A_0 (Y_\ell)_{ij}, (A_\nu)_{ij} = A_0 (Y_\nu)_{ij}$$

"Standard high-scale" seesaw: $M_R \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{10-16} \text{ GeV}), Y^\nu \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

$$m_\nu \sim (Y^\nu \nu)^T \frac{1}{M_R} (Y^\nu \nu)$$

- ▶ Origin of contributions to lepton flavour violating processes?

How to **generate sizeable** $\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{LL} = \frac{(m_{\tilde{L}}^2)_{\alpha\beta}}{\bar{m}_{\tilde{L}}^2}, \delta_{\alpha\beta}^{LR}, \delta_{\alpha\beta}^{RR}, \dots$? **Flavour-blind soft-breaking terms!**

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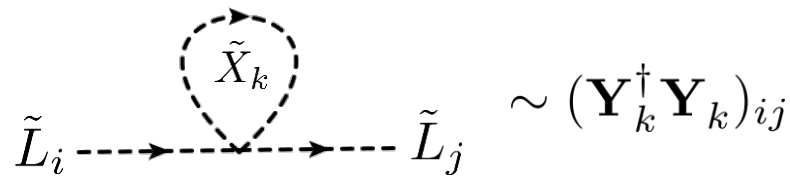
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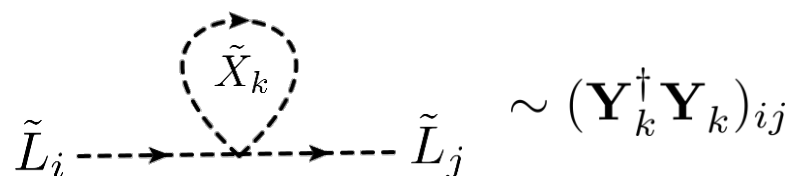
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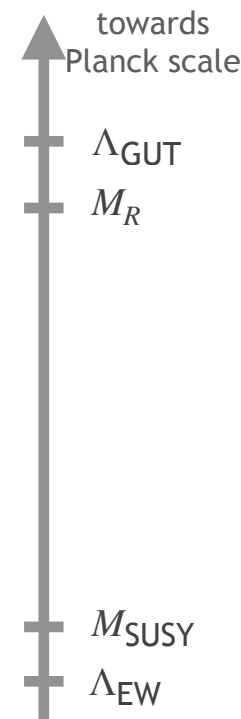
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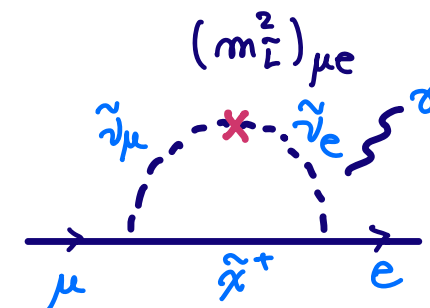


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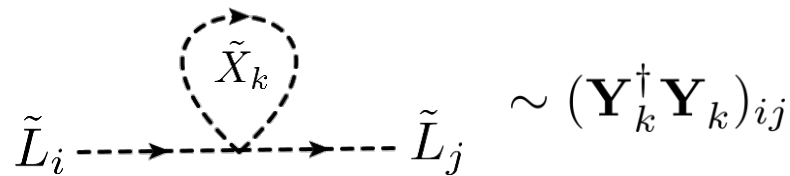
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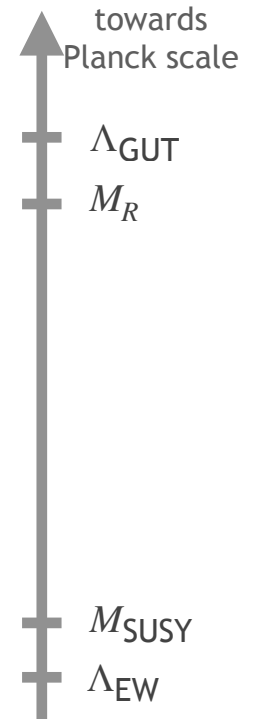
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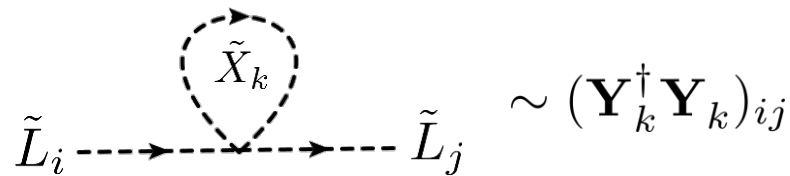
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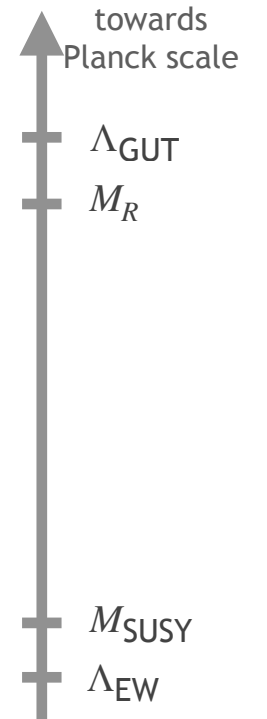
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► **RGE-induced lepton flavour mixing** from **non-trivial structure of Y^ν**

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta m_{\tilde{L}}^2)_{ij} &= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} (3M_0^2 + A_0^2) (Y_\nu^\dagger L Y_\nu)_{ij}, \\
 (\Delta A_l)_{ij} &= -\frac{3}{16\pi^2} A_0 Y_{l_i} (Y_\nu^\dagger L Y_\nu)_{ij}, \\
 (\Delta m_{\tilde{E}}^2)_{ij} &= 0; \quad L_{kl} \equiv \log\left(\frac{M_X}{m_{M_k}}\right) \delta_{kl},
 \end{aligned}$$



Soft-masses scale (almost trivially) with Y^ν (*Leading Log approximation*)

Approximately, one has
$$\text{BR}(\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_{\beta\gamma}) \approx \frac{\alpha^3 \tan^2 \beta}{G_F^2 \bar{m}_{\text{SUSY}}^4} (\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{LL})^2 \text{BR}(\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_{\beta\nu_\alpha\bar{\nu}_\beta})$$

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(Type I) SUSY seesaw: leptonic cLFV

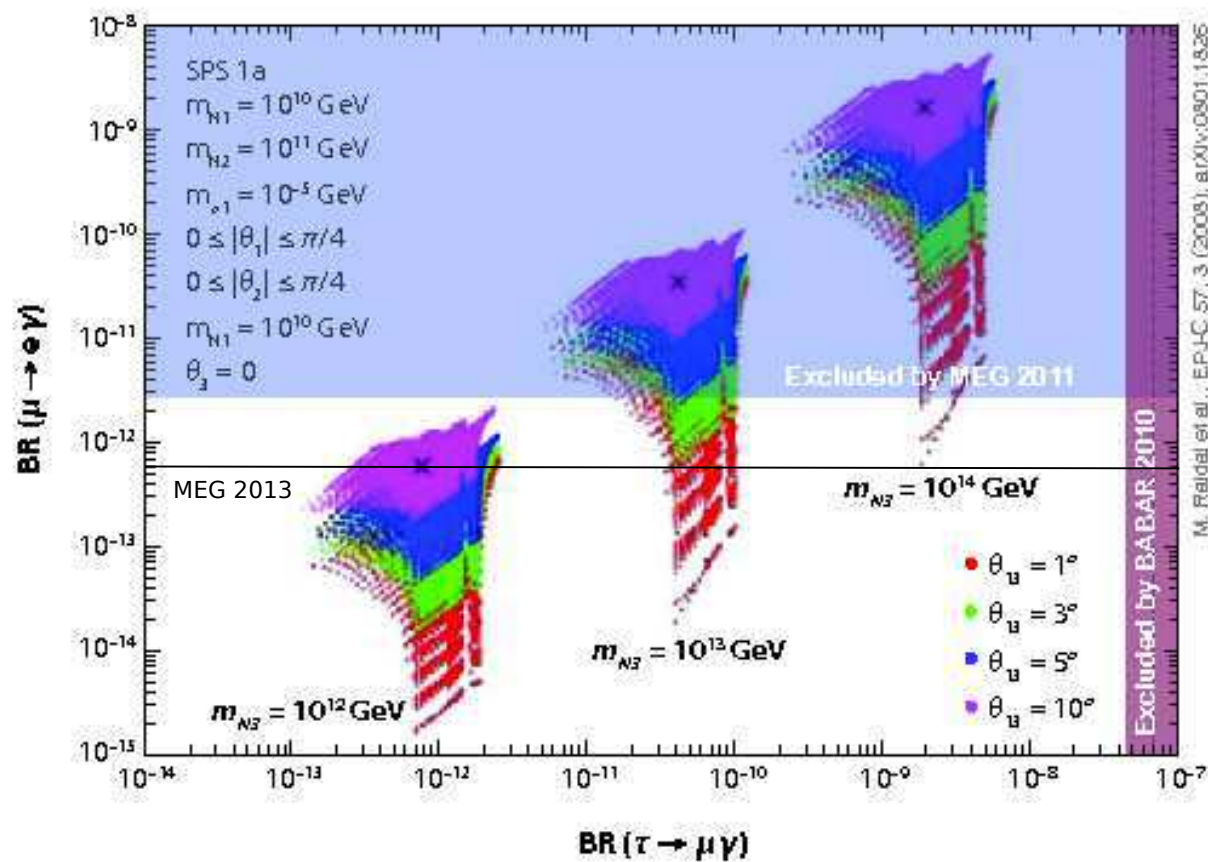
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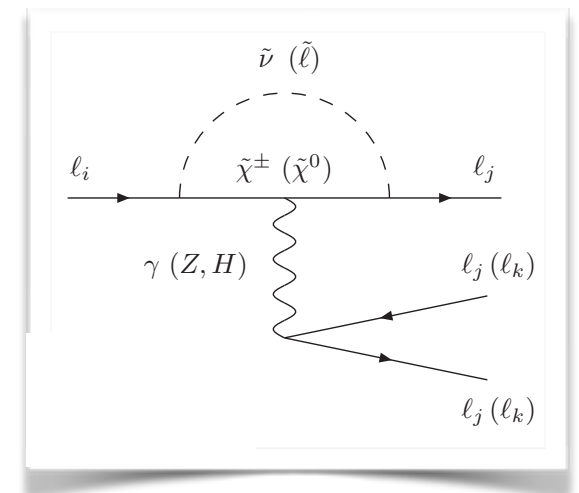
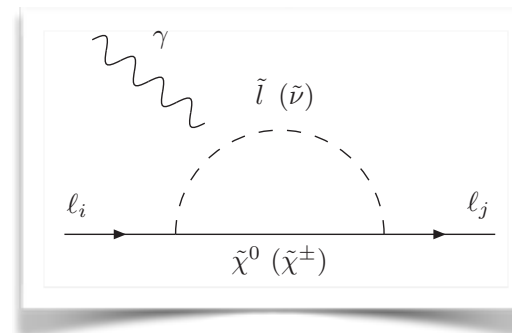
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⇒ cLFV transitions driven by exchange of **virtual SUSY states** (masses around TeV scale)



[Antusch, Arganda, Herrero, AMT, '06-'08]



Unique source of cLFV (Y^ν)

⇒ all **observables strongly related**

Synergy of **low-energy cLFV observables**

⇒ hints on the seesaw scale M_R

(Type I) SUSY seesaw: cLFV @ LHC

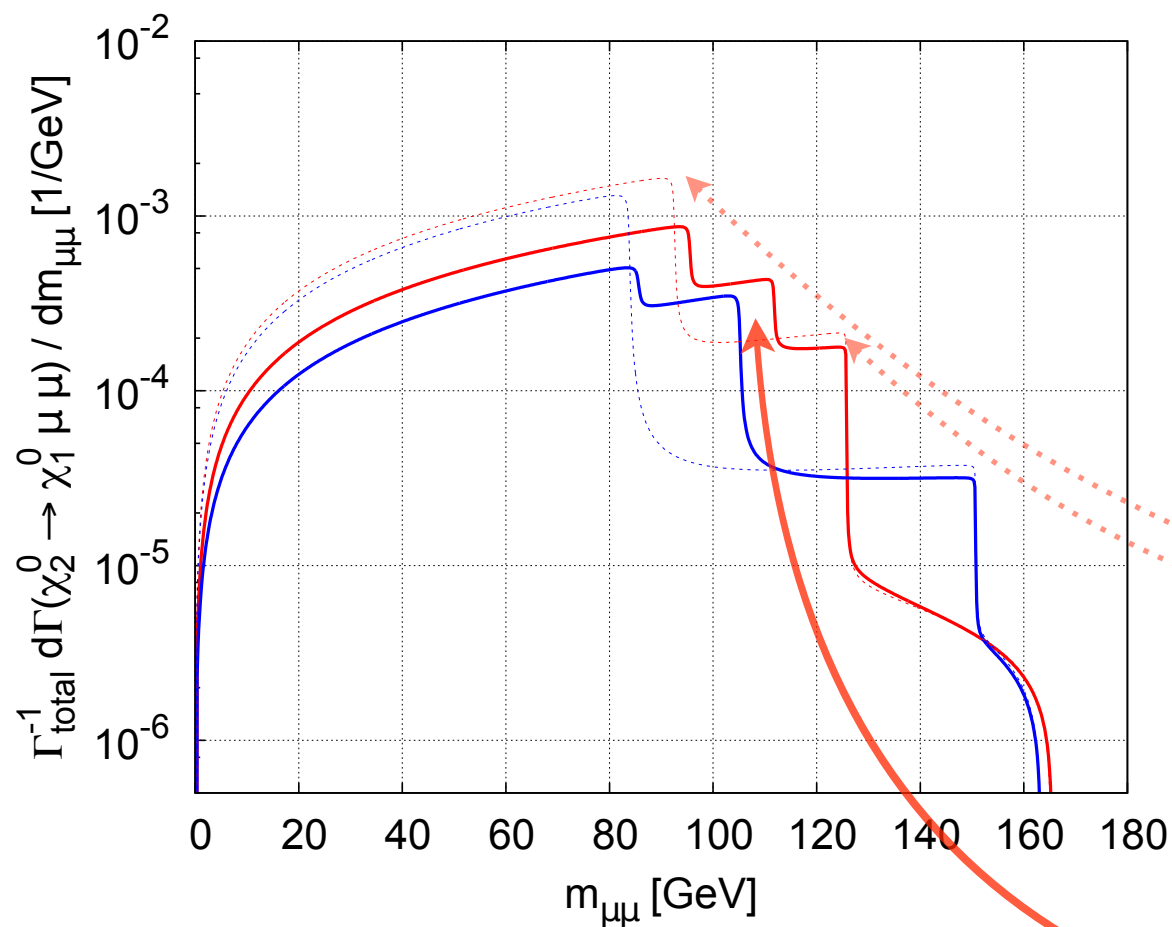
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LHC: cLFV in **neutral current** interactions $\chi^0 \tilde{\ell}_i \ell_j$

$$\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\mp + E_{miss}^T$$

⇒ **new edges** in dilepton mass distributions

Flavour conserving case: double triangular $m_{\mu\mu}$

$$\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\mu}_{L,R} \mu \rightarrow \chi_1^0 \mu \mu$$

cLFV from type I SUSY seesaw:

new edge in $m_{\mu\mu}$ from intermediate light $\tilde{\tau}$

$$\chi_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} \mu \rightarrow \chi_1^0 \mu \mu$$

cLFV @ LHC!

[Abada, Figueiredo, Romao, AMT, '10]

Rp-violating supersymmetry

▶ The **MSSM** (and variants, constrained cases) \leadsto **not the most generic SUSY realisation!**

▶ **Discrete symmetry** (i.e. **R-parity**) assumed: $(-1)^R \equiv (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$

\Rightarrow **SM** particles are **R-even**; **SUSY** partners are **R-odd**

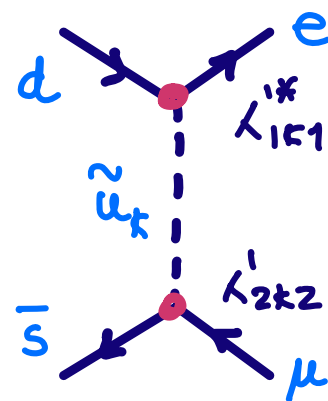
\Rightarrow **sparticles** are **pair-produced**; **LSP** is **stable** (DM candidate!)

▶ **Most general case**, $W_{RpV} = \frac{\lambda_{ijk}}{2} L_i L_j \bar{E}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{D}_k + \lambda''_{ijk} \bar{U}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k + \mu_i L_i H_u$

cLFV transitions
(even @ tree level!)

baryon number violating
 \Rightarrow **proton decay...**

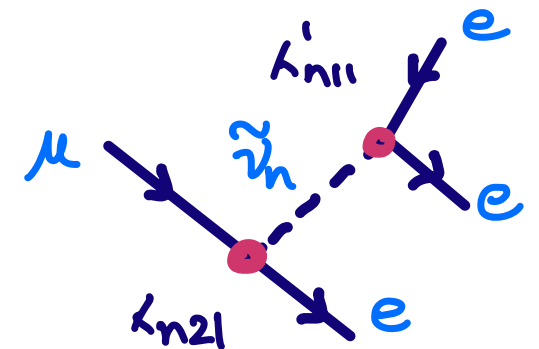
▶ **Strong constraints** on $\lambda_{ijk}^{(\prime)}$ from **cLFV** leptonic and (semi) leptonic **decays!**



$$\text{BR}(K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu e) < 4.7 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_{1k1}^* \lambda_{2k2}^*| \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ (for } M_{\text{SUSY}} \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV}) \text{)}$$

RpV SUSY - leptoquarks!



$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 10^{-12}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_{n21} \lambda_{n11}^*| \lesssim 7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (} n \neq 1 \text{)}$$

$\lambda \lambda'$: **tree-level** contributions to $\mu - e$ conversion ; $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ @ 1-loop from $\lambda \lambda, \lambda' \lambda'$

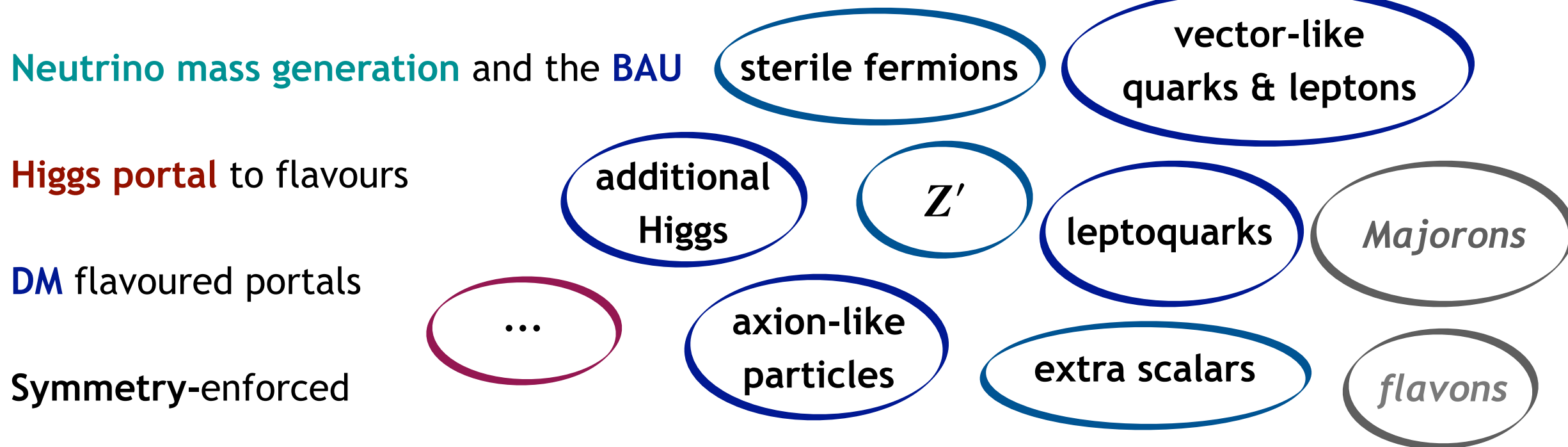
The power of cLFV: hints on models of New Physics



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UV-complete models: GUTs, Supersymmetry, extra dimensions, ...

Ultimately addressing all (several) SM problems, and testable (via flavours?!) ??

Can lepton flavours help us disentangle the NP model at work?

Or falsify candidates?

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ϵ_K	★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★	★★★★
$S_{\psi\phi}$	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★	★	★★★★	★★★★
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- AC: RH currents & U(1) flavour sym
- RVV2: SU(3)-flavoured MSSM
- AKM: RH currents & SU(3) family sym
- δ LL: CKM-like currents
- FBMSSM: flavour-blind MSSM
- LHT: Little Higgs (T-parity)
- RS: Warped extra dimensions

Expected impact for observables:

- ★★★★ large effects
- ★★ small, but visible
- ★ unobservable

[Altmannshofer et al, '10]

Densely populated sector!

cLFV transitions amongst the most sensitive observables to numerous NP models!

cLFV in extended frameworks: illustrative examples



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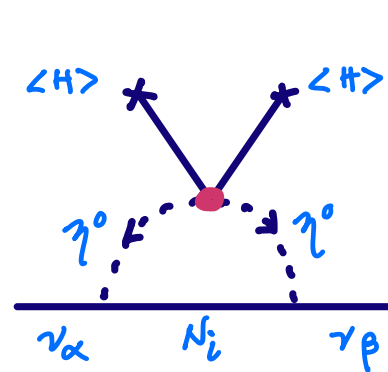
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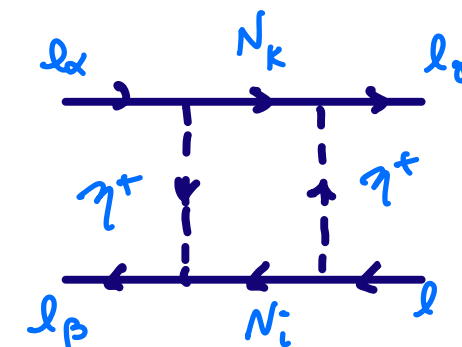
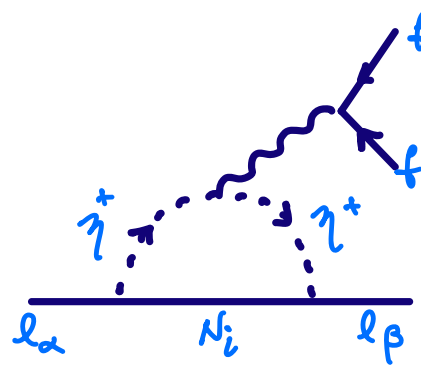
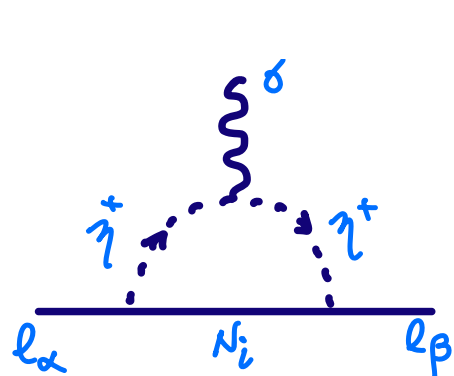
$\propto \lambda_5$

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij}^\nu \simeq \frac{\lambda_5}{16\pi^2} \frac{2 Y_{ik}^\eta Y_{jk}^\eta v^2}{M_{N_i}^2} \left[\frac{M_{N_k}^2}{m_0^2 - M_{N_k}^2} + \frac{M_{N_k}^4}{(m_0^2 - M_{N_k}^2)^2} \log \left(\frac{M_{N_k}^2}{m_0^2} \right) \right]$$

(for $\lambda_5 \ll 1$, with $m_0 = m_{\eta_R} \sim m_{\eta_1}$)

Suppression of neutrino masses:
smallness of λ_5 and **loop factors!**

cLFV observables: numerous contributions from η and/or N_R



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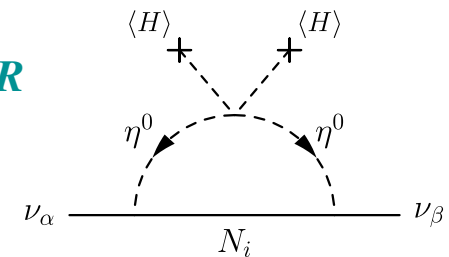
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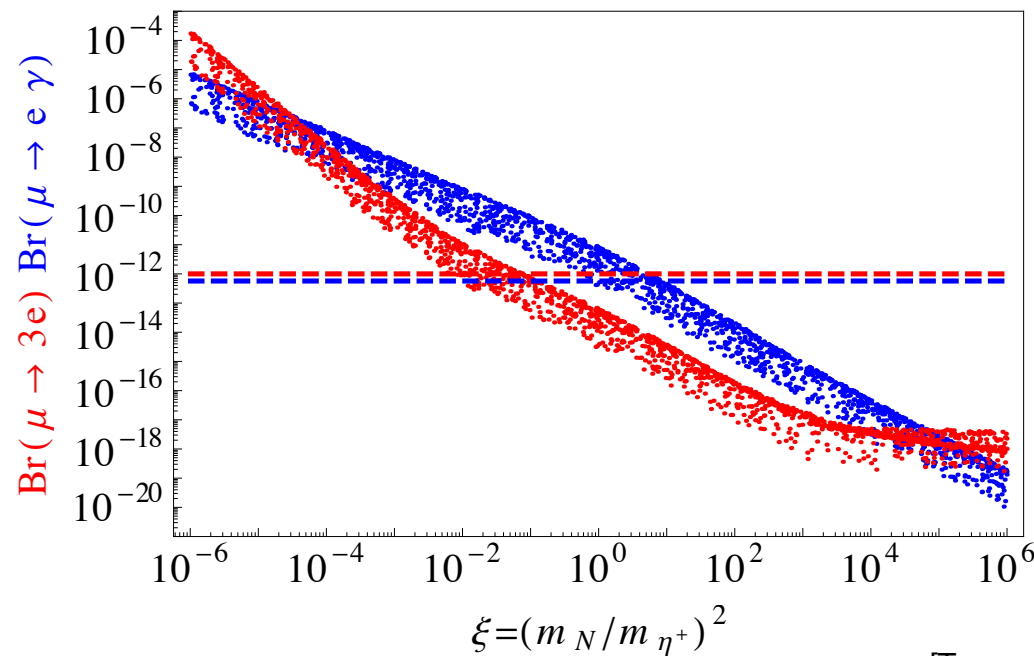
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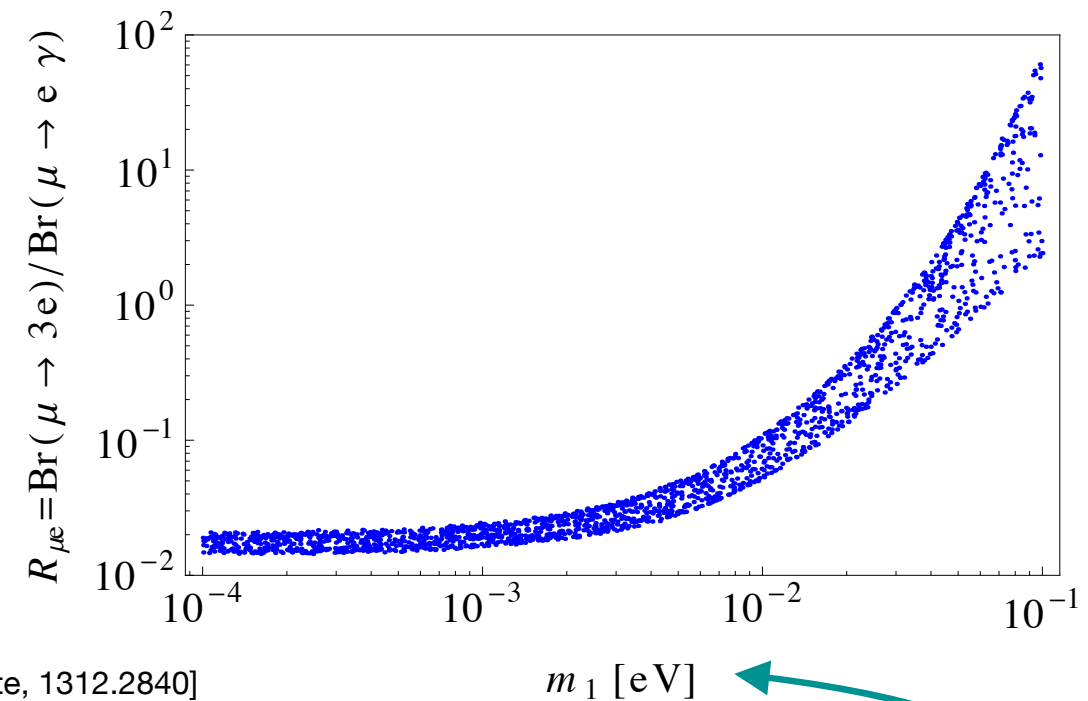
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cLFV observables: hints on the **nature of the DM candidate** (η or N_R) and ν **mass scale**



[Toma and Vicente, 1312.2840]



Determination of $R_{\mu e} = \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) / \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \Rightarrow$ hints on **lightest neutrino mass** m_{ν_1}

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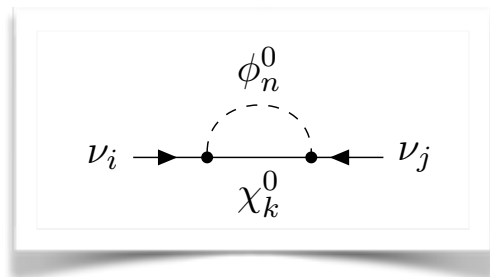
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Recent example: SM extended by $SU(2)_L$ **Weyl fermions**, **Majorana fermion singlets & scalars**

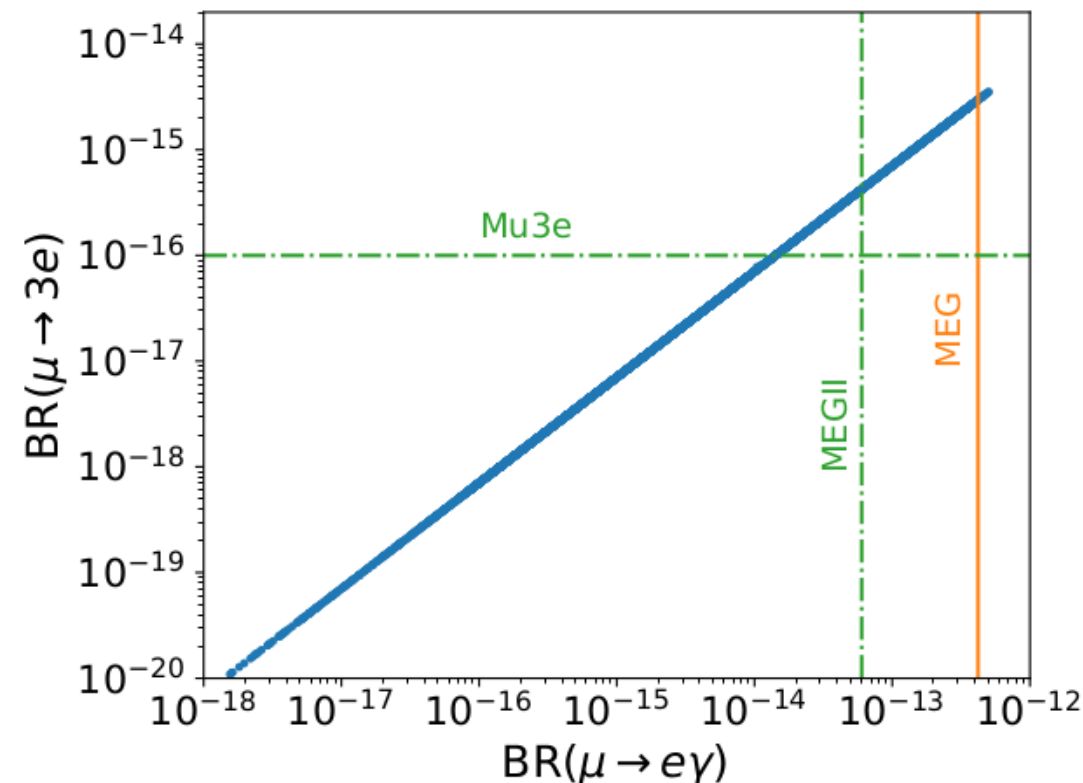
\Rightarrow ν **mass generation**, **DM candidates**, $(g-2)_\mu$ and **BAU** via leptogenesis

cLFV observables: strict correlation between $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$, $BR(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$ [dipole dominated]

muon cLFV decays \Rightarrow falsify model @ MEG II and Mu3e !



[Alvarez et al, 2301.08485]



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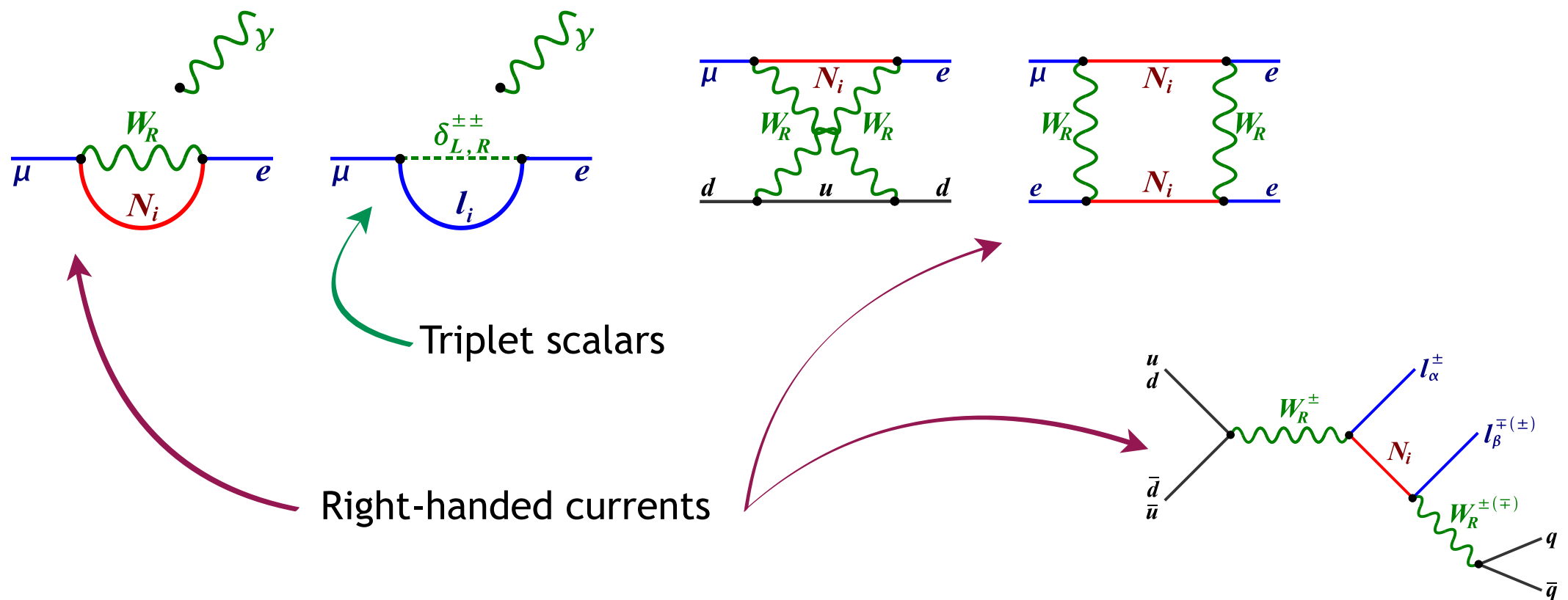
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Abundant contributions to **cLFV observables at low and high-energies** (colliders)!



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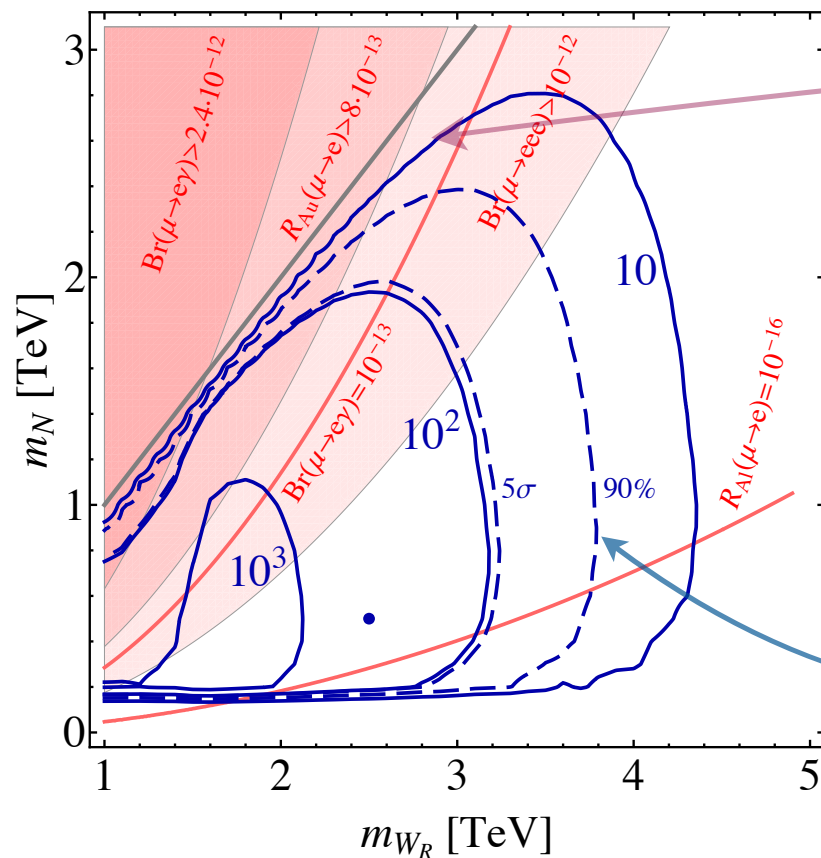
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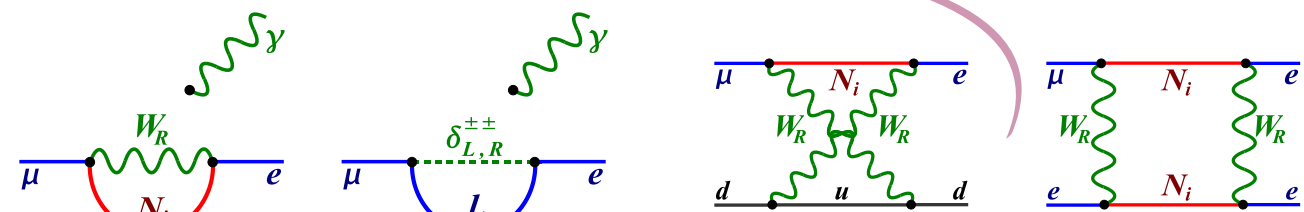
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[Das et al, 1206.0656]

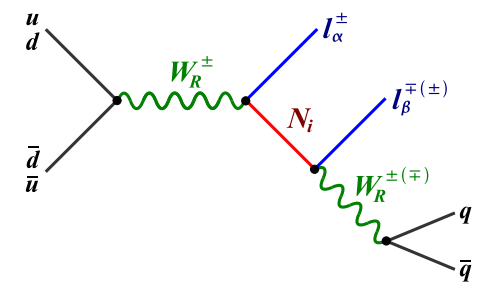


If LHC \sqrt{s} above threshold for ν_R production:
dilepton cLFV signatures

$$pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp + 2 \text{ jets}$$

Complementary studies of Left-Right cLFV

⇒ LHC signatures and low-energy rare decays



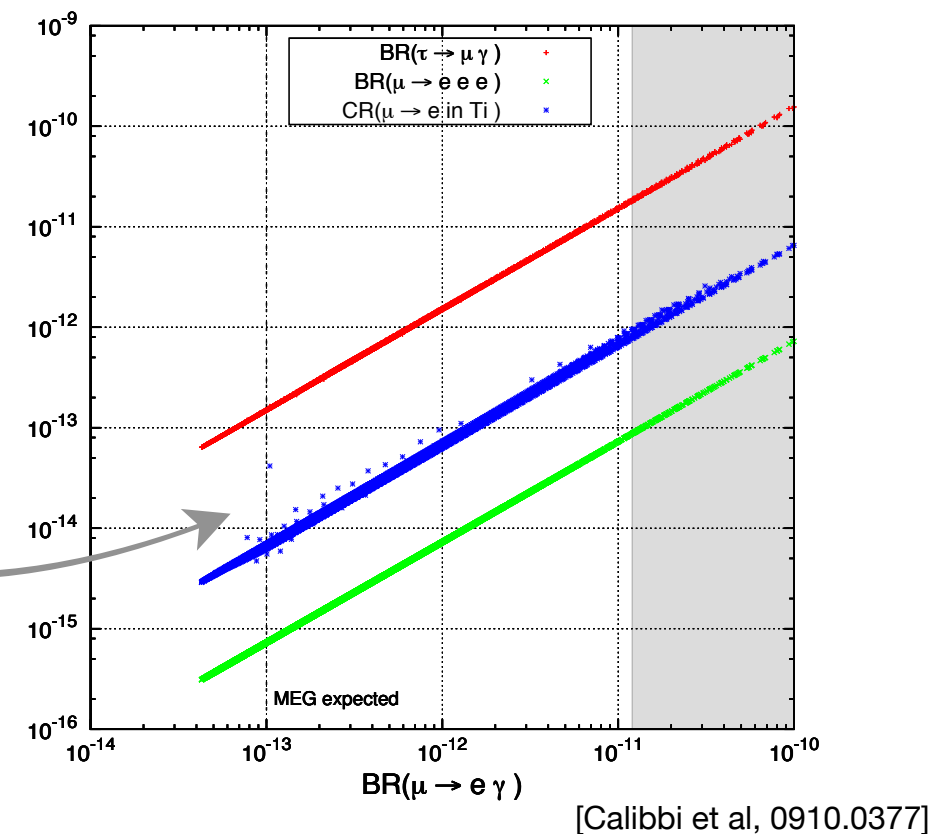
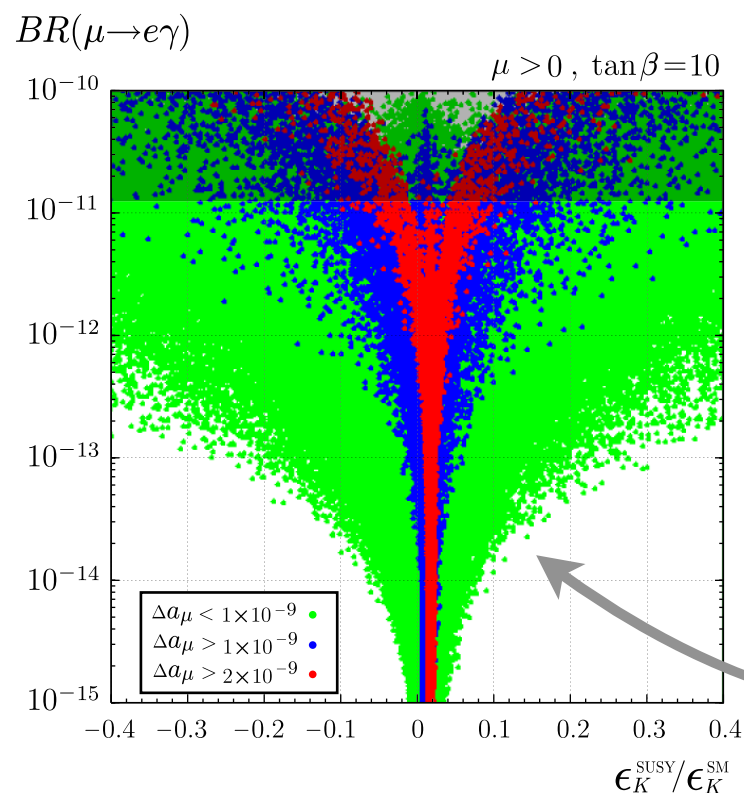
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Illustrative example: **SUSY GUTs**

- $SO(10)$ type II SUSY seesaw** (leptogenesis motivated)
- reduce arbitrariness of Y^ν [CKM- and PMNS inspired textures]
- ⇒ **highly correlated cLFV observables! Falsifiable!**



$SU(5)$ SUSY GUT (& RH neutrinos)
strong dependency of **CPV** and **flavour observables**
in **lepton & quark sectors!**

[Buras et al, 1011.4853]

cLFV in general NP models



- ▶ **Two Higgs Doublet:** an additional scalar doublet (H_2) - motivated by larger frameworks
 In general cases (e.g. non-SUSY), *doublets coupling to all species* lead to significant **flavour-changing-neutral currents** \Rightarrow conflict with data!

Impose symmetries to avoid tree-level FCNC!

Type I: SM fermions couple **only to one Higgs**

Type II: up quarks couple to H_2 ; down quarks and charged leptons to H_1 (SUSY-like)

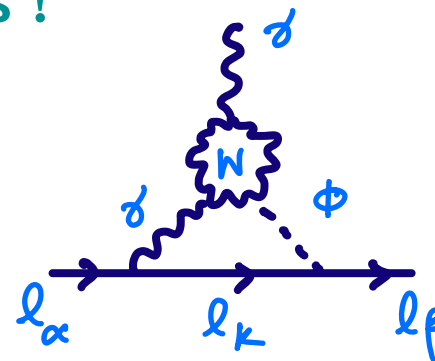
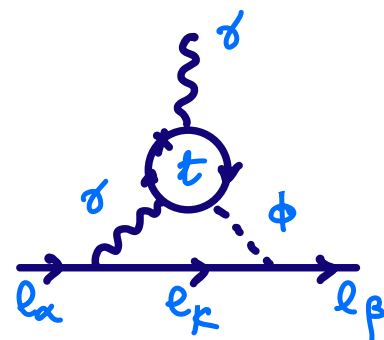
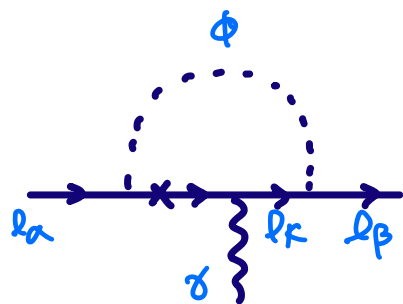
Generic Lagrangian:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{2\text{HDM}} = Y_{ij}^\ell \bar{\ell}_i H_1 e_j + Y_{ij}^u \bar{q}_i \tilde{H}_1 u_j + Y_{ij}^d \bar{q}_i H_1 d_j + K_{ij}^\ell \bar{\ell}_i H_2 e_j + K_{ij}^u \bar{q}_i \tilde{H}_2 u_j + K_{ij}^d \bar{q}_i H_2 d_j + \text{H.c.} + V(H_1, H_2)$$

"standard" Yukawas

"exotic" Yukawas

Leading to abundant **cLFV transitions** !

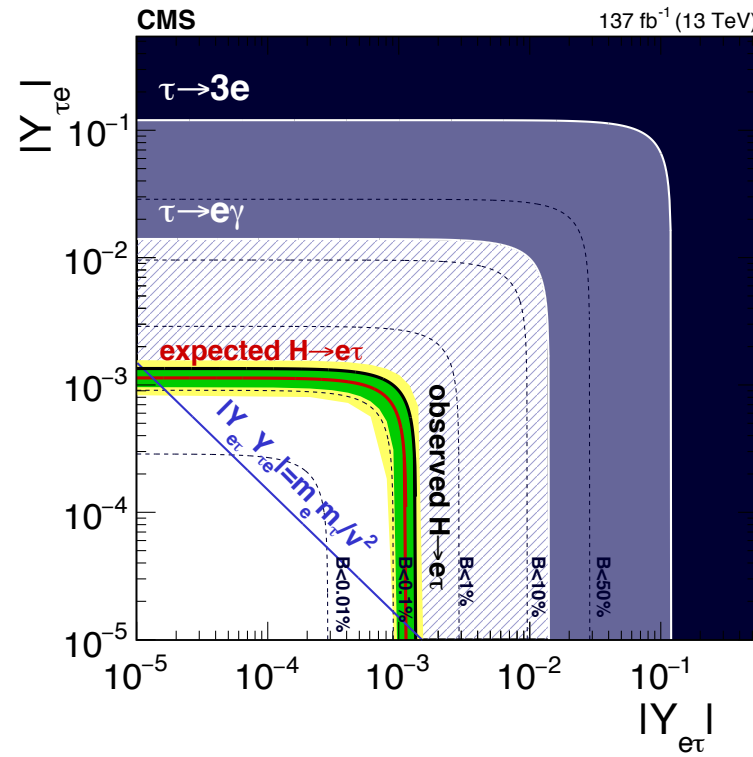
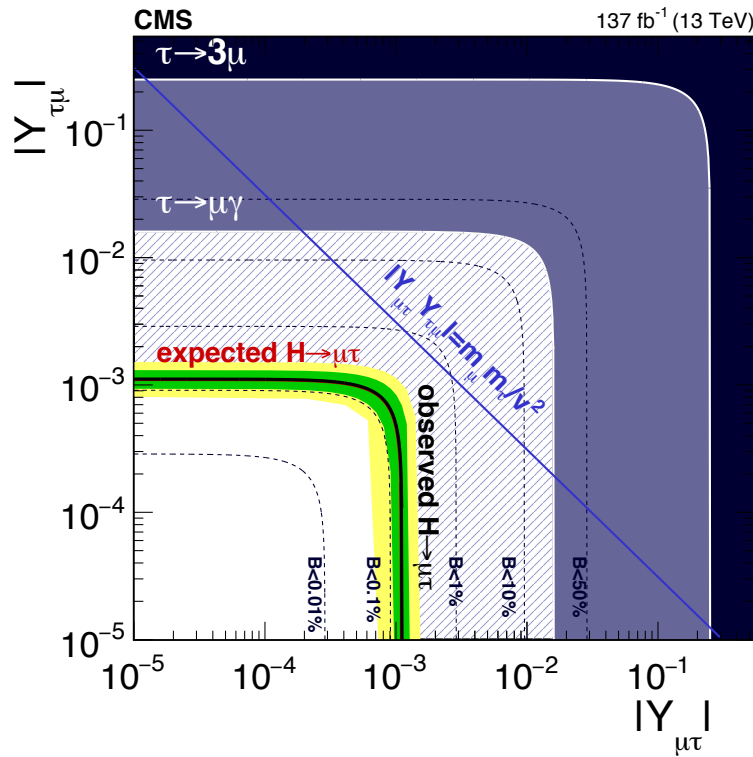


And to **cLFV Higgs decays**:

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j) \propto m_h \frac{|K^\ell|_{ij}^2 + |K^\ell|_{ji}^2}{16\pi}$$

Flavour violating Higgs: cLFV

► Limits on "effective" Yukawa couplings (@ LHC)



cLFV Higgs decays

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) \lesssim 2.8 \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau e) \lesssim 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{ATLAS})$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) \lesssim 1.5 \times 10^{-3},$$

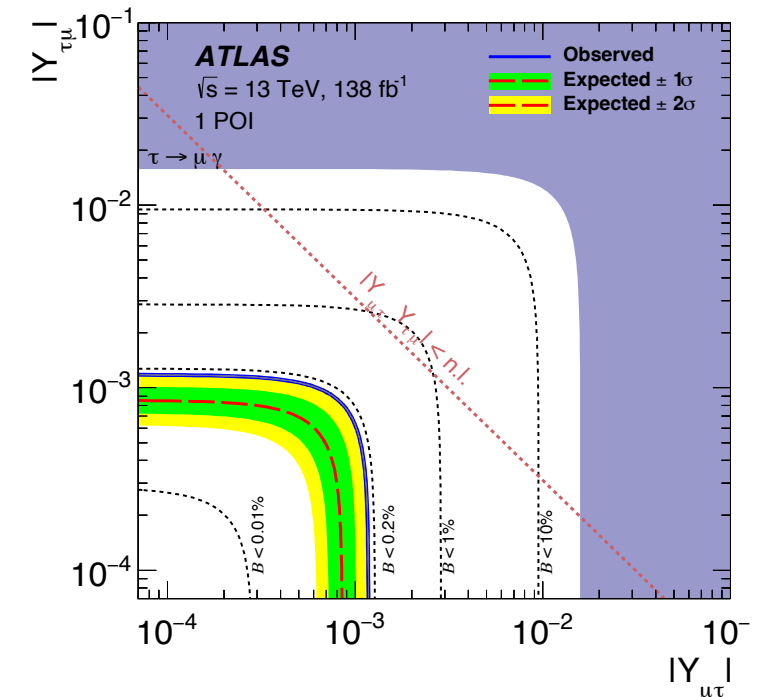
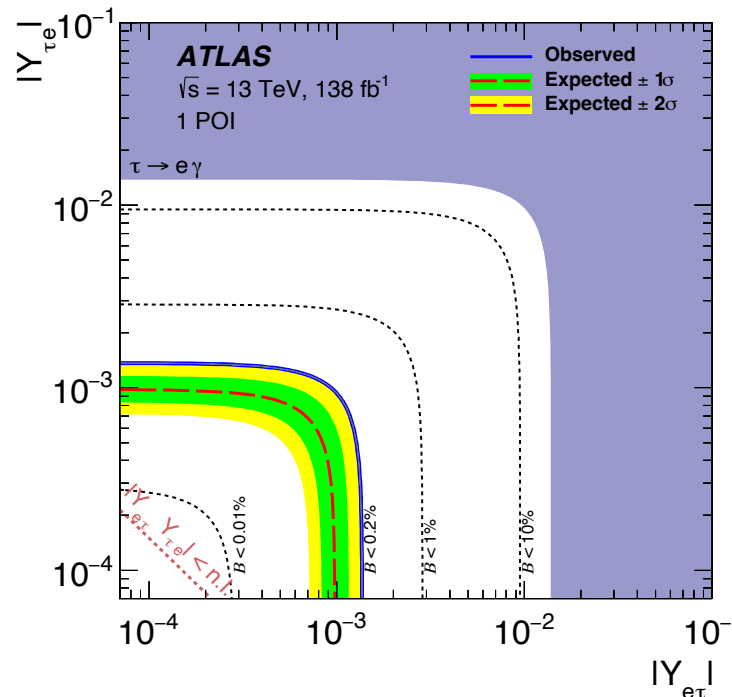
$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau e) \lesssim 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{CMS})$$

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

[CMS Coll, 2105.03007]

$$|Y_{\ell\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau\ell}|^2 = \frac{8\pi}{m_H} \frac{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau)}{1 - \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau)} \Gamma_H(\text{SM})$$

[ATLAS Coll, 2302.05225]



Vector-like fermions: impact for cLFV

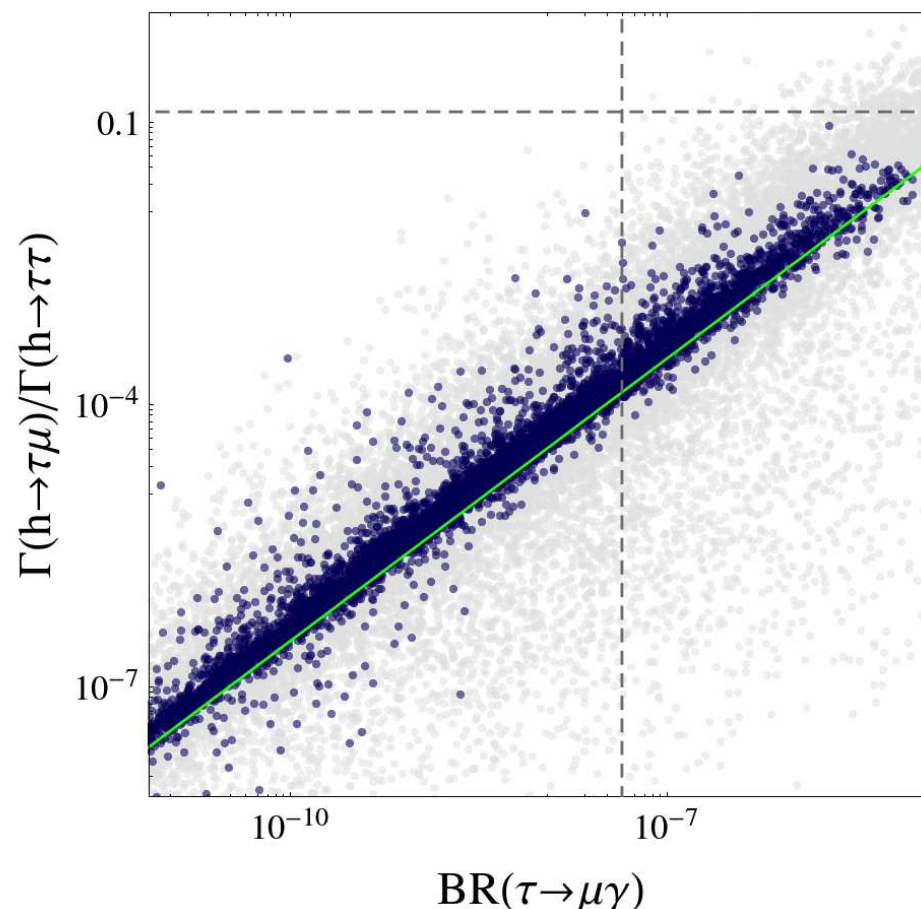
- **Massive vector-like fermions** (leptons) present in well-motivated SM extensions:
composite Higgs models, warped extra dimensions, ad-hoc extensions, ...

Offer new possibilities for neutrino mass generation:

dynamical Majorana mass generation, higher order contributions, ...

Illustrative view: generic set-up (composite Higgs inspired), SM + 3 generations of L_i^V and E_i^V
Neutrino masses from ν_R and interactions with vector-like partners

cLFV observables: contributions from reduced set of couplings \Rightarrow **correlated rates!**



[Falkowski et al, '14]

An example:

$$\frac{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j)}{\text{BR}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma)} \approx \frac{4\pi}{3\alpha} \frac{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j)|_{\text{SM}}}{\text{BR}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \nu_i \bar{\nu}_j)}$$

\Rightarrow **Synergy** between **cLFV Higgs**
and **cLFV radiative decays!**

► Embed **4dim space-time** into **5dim AdS space** (extra dim compactified on orbifold)

Two branes (UV, IR) and bulk between them

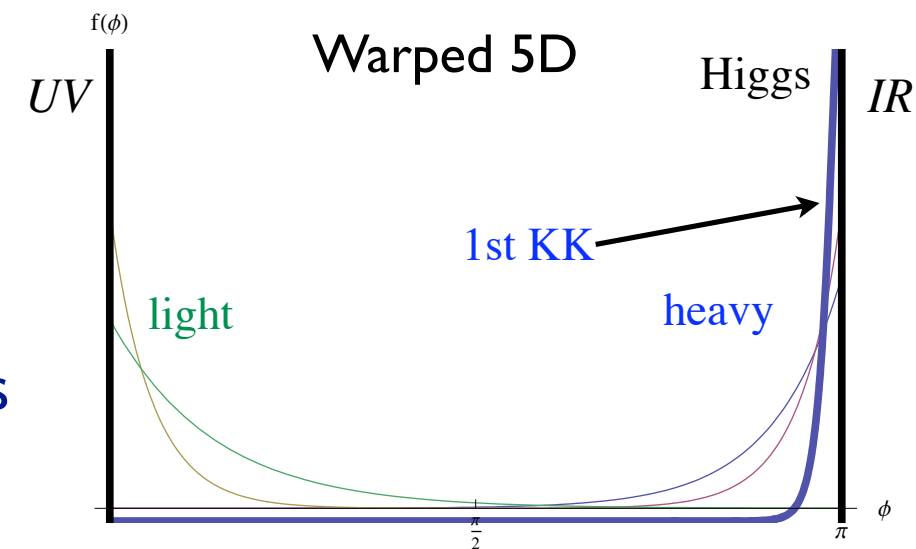
Localise fields: **Higgs** close to *IR brane*

SM fermions & **gauge bosons** on *bulk*

KK excitations close to *IR brane*

Interactions \leftrightarrow **overlap of wave functions**

(L)FV from **couplings** of light fermions to **KK excitations**



$$M_{\text{TeV}} \simeq M_{\text{Planck}} e^{-\pi k L_5}$$

Geometrical distribution of **fermions in bulk**:

reproduce hierarchy in **4dim Yukawas** from "**anarchic**" $\mathcal{O}(1)$ **dim5 couplings!**

Non-negligible phenomenological issues:

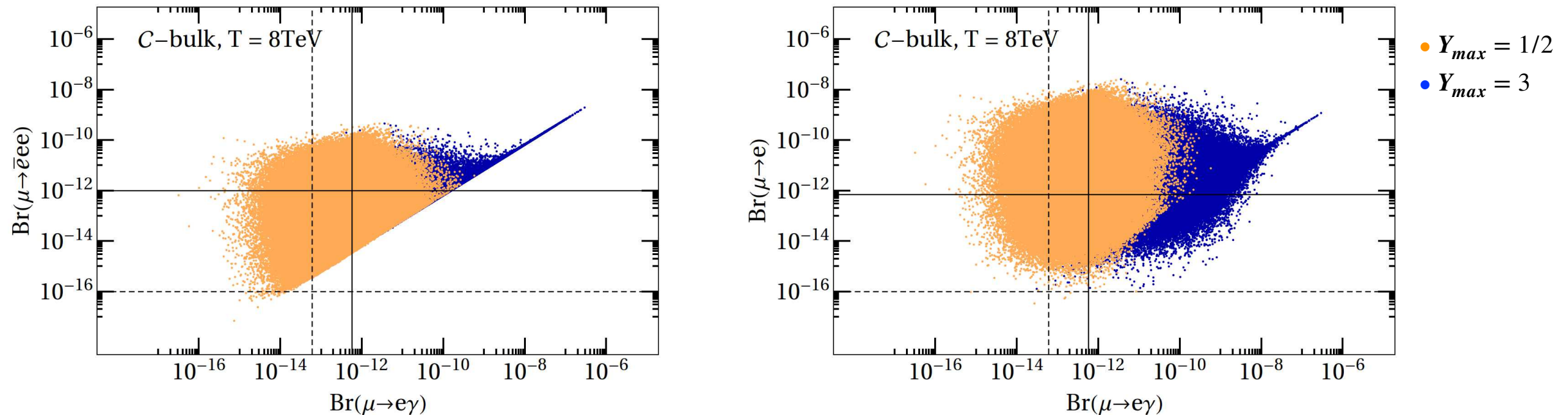
enlarge bulk symmetry to prevent violation of custodial SU(2) symmetry

additional "rescue" strategies to avoid excessive FCNCs,

to protect EW precision observables, ..., among other issues

[Burdman, '02; Agashe et al, '04; Csaki et al, '08; Blanke et al & Buras et al, '08-'09;
Bauer et al, '10; Vempati et al, '12; Beneke et al, '12-'15; and many others...]

- ▶ **Example: custodially protected** model, full inclusion of **all dim-6 cLFV** operators
generical anarchic Yukawa couplings
new gauge fields & KK-excitations of lepton fields \Rightarrow **cLFV transitions**



[Beneke et al, 1508.01705]

Most stringent constraints from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\mu - e$ conversion

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Current $\mu - e$ cLFV bounds constrain NP scale to be very heavy, **beyond LHC reach**

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Future $\mu - e$ sensitivities: exclude anarchic RS models (without additional symmetries)

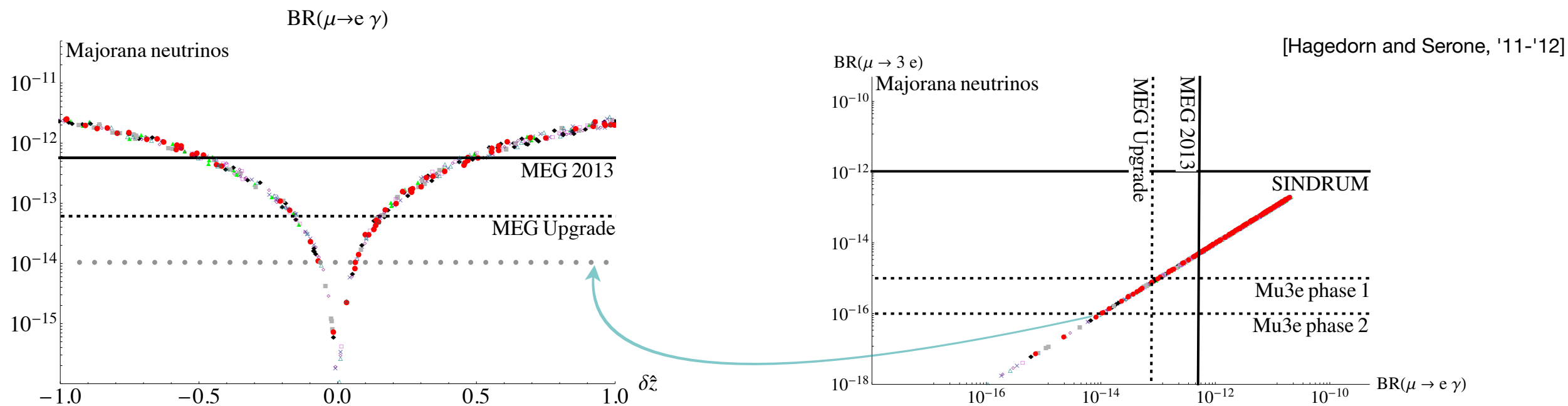
up to **8 TeV** (corresponding to KK gluon masses around 20 TeV)

► **Holographic composite Higgs** model based on enlarged symmetry, $\mathcal{G}_{SM} \times G_f$

$$G_f = X \times Z_N, \text{ with } X = S_4, A_4, \Delta(96,384)$$

(Discrete) symmetries - predict the **lepton mixing pattern** (masses unconstrained)

Applied to **5dim** model in warped space; both cases of **Dirac and Majorana** neutrinos



cLFV observables (as well as **EDMs**) typically below experimental bounds ($m_{KK}^1 \sim 3 - 4$ TeV)

MEG (I & II) bounds on $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ \rightsquigarrow constrain the **size of boundary kinetic terms!**

Important role played in the future by **Mu3e data**

\Rightarrow **cLFV** allows to infer relevant **information on fundamental parameters**

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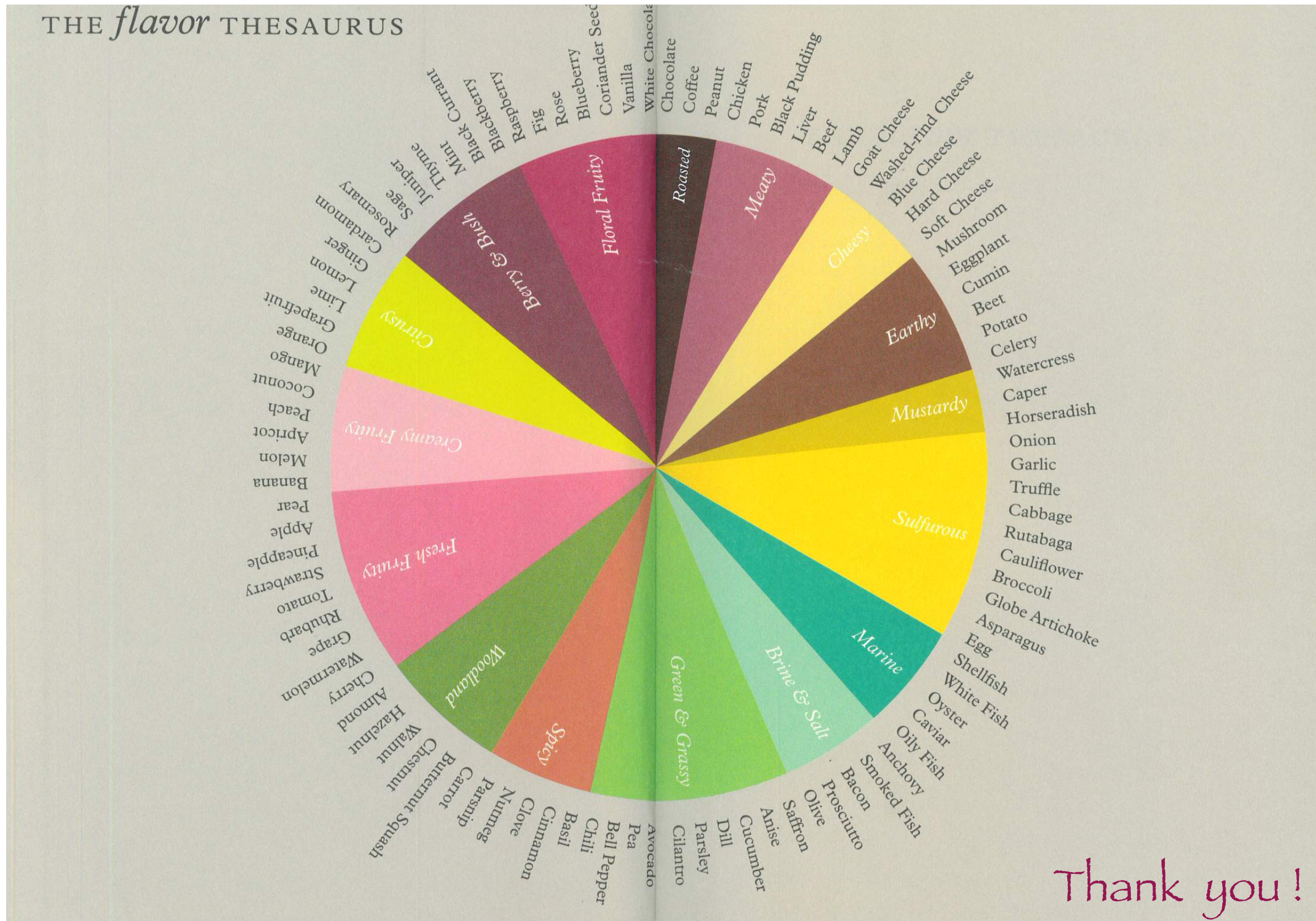
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Happy flavours :)



Thank you!