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Some News on HNLs

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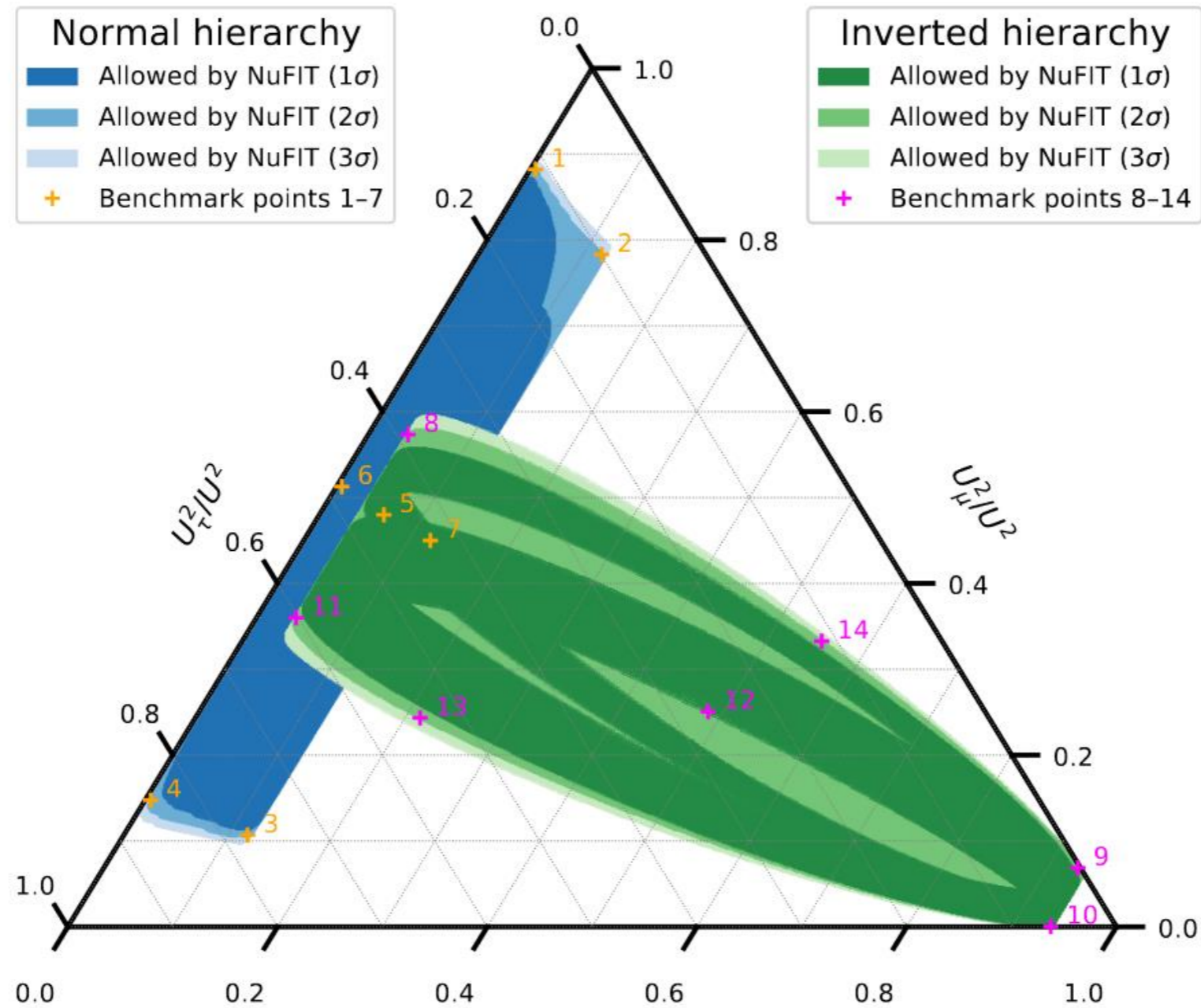
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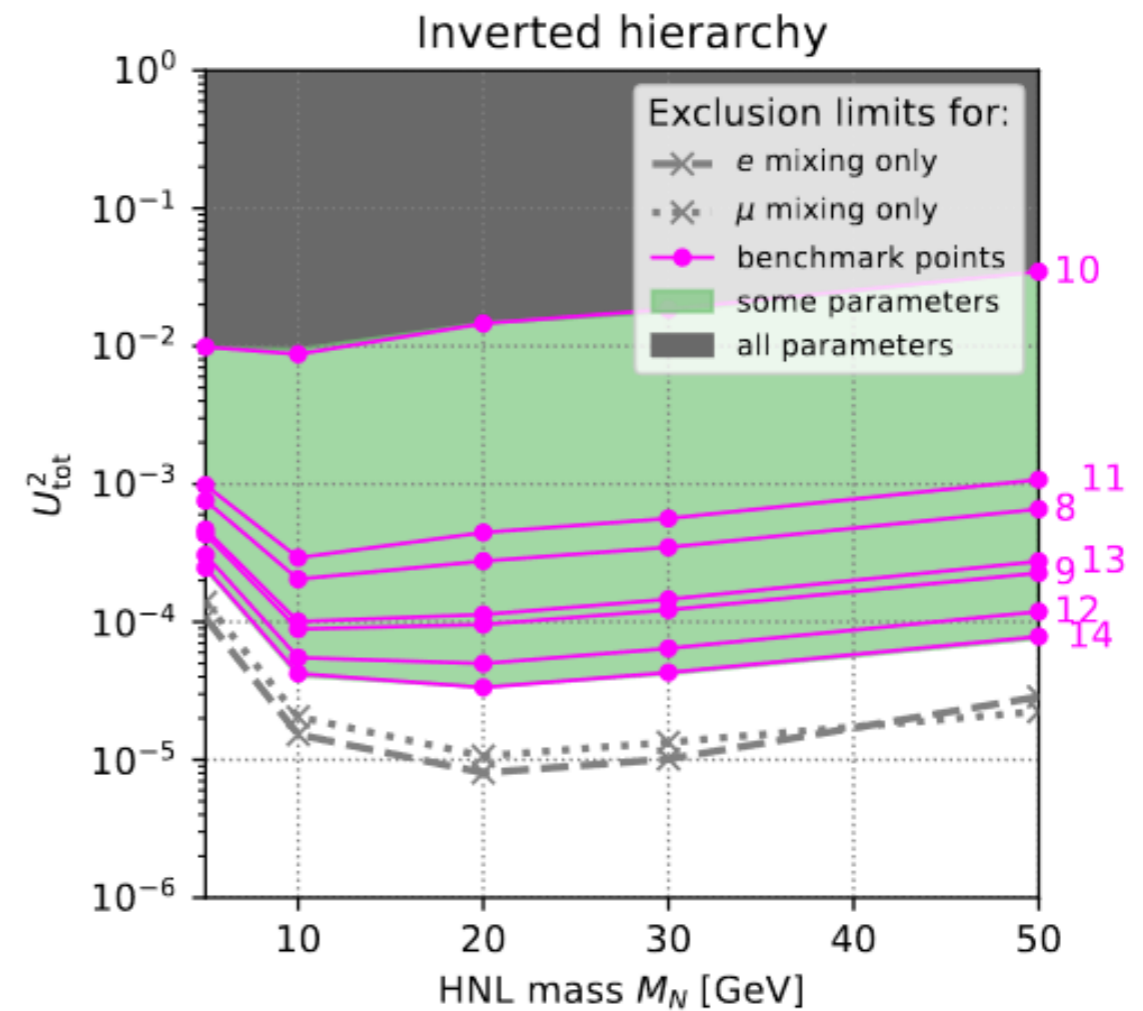
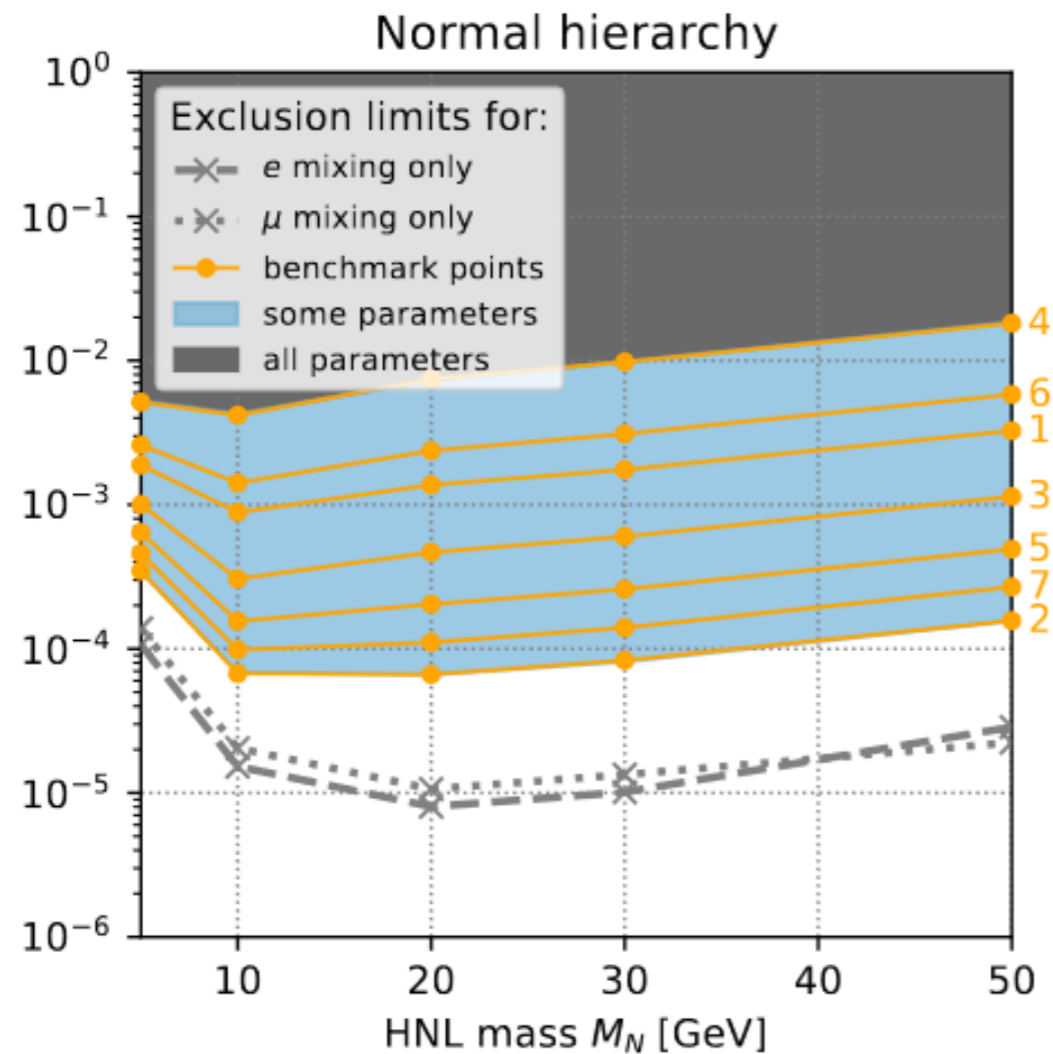
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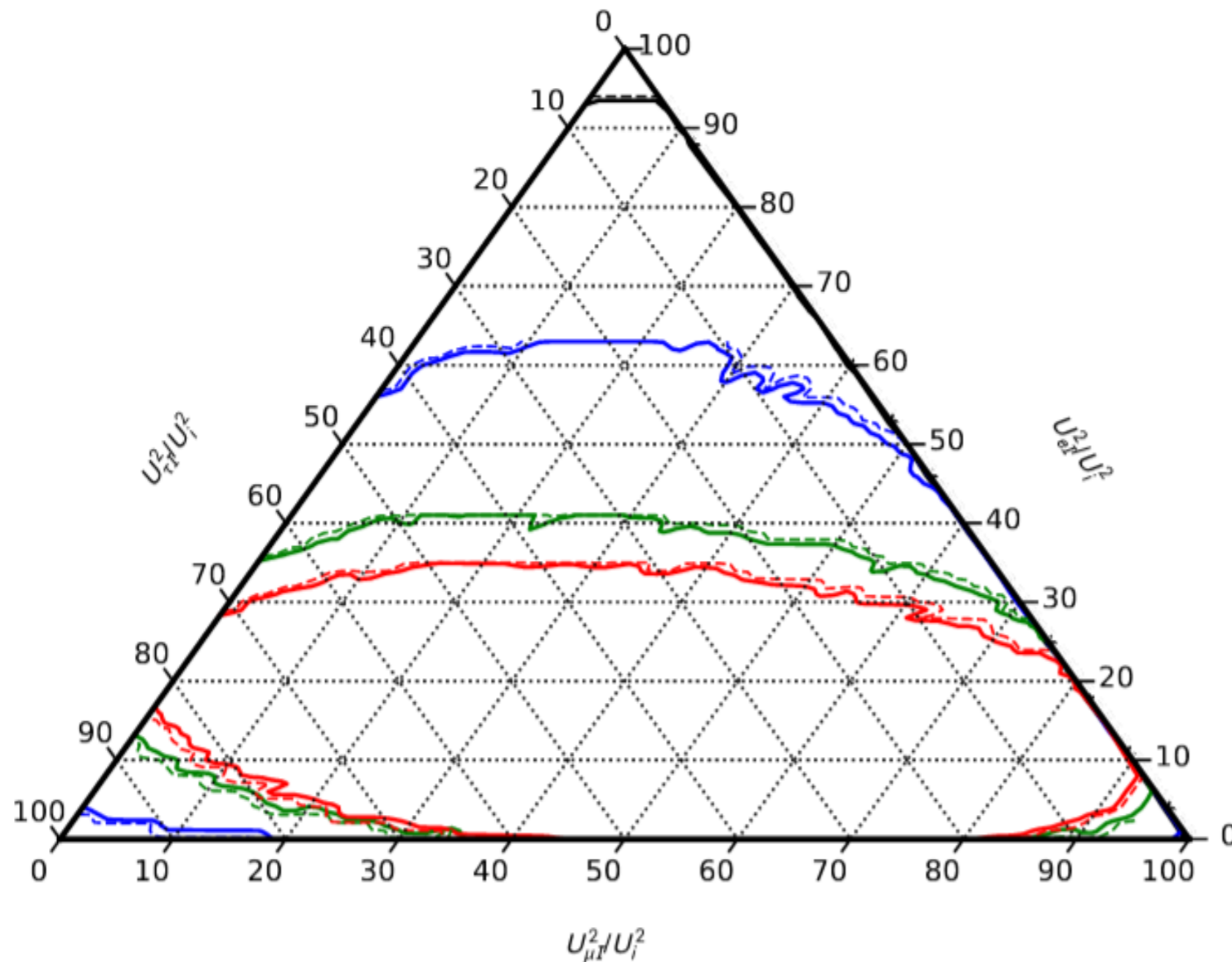


ATLAS Reinterpretation



Interpretation of ATLAS data (and others) depends on assumptions about “flavour mixing pattern”

Constraints from ν -Oscillation Data in Model with 3 Heavy Neutrinos



normal ordering

$m_{\text{lightest}} < 10 \text{ meV}$

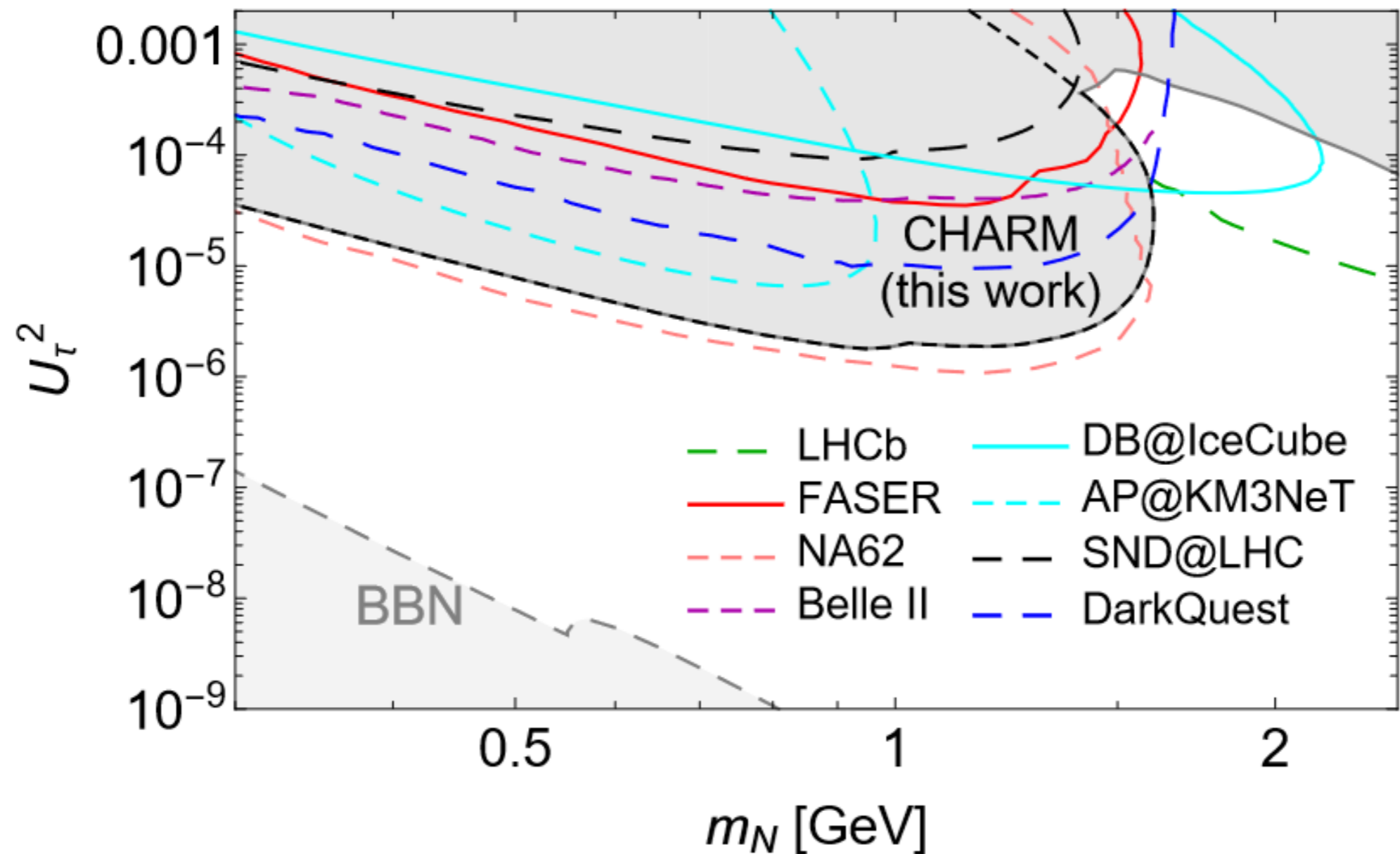
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$m_{\text{lightest}} < 0.1 \text{ meV}$

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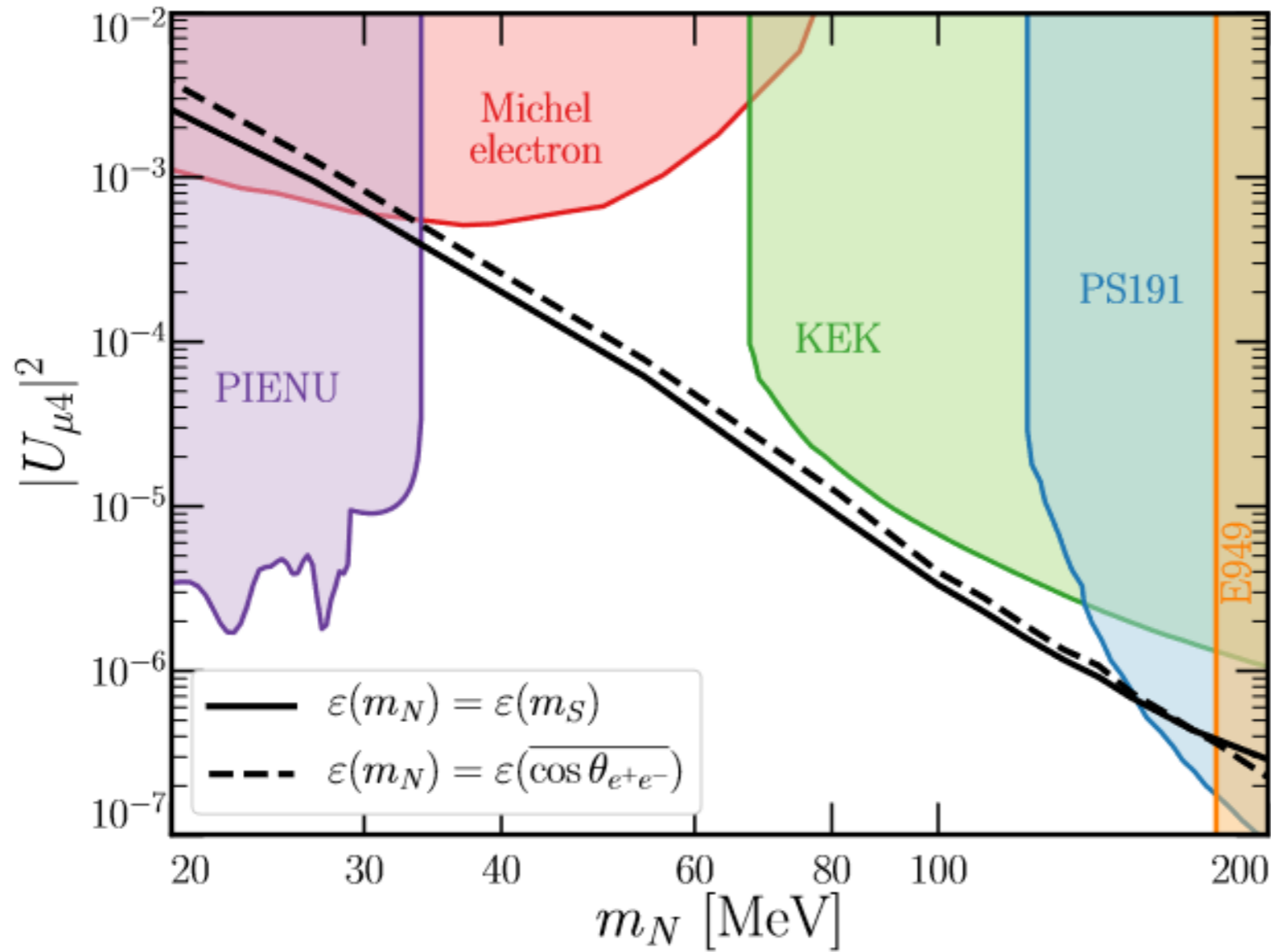
Chrzaszcz et al [1908.02302](#)

CHARM Reinterpretation



HNL decay through neutral current can produce electrons any muons even for pure τ mixing

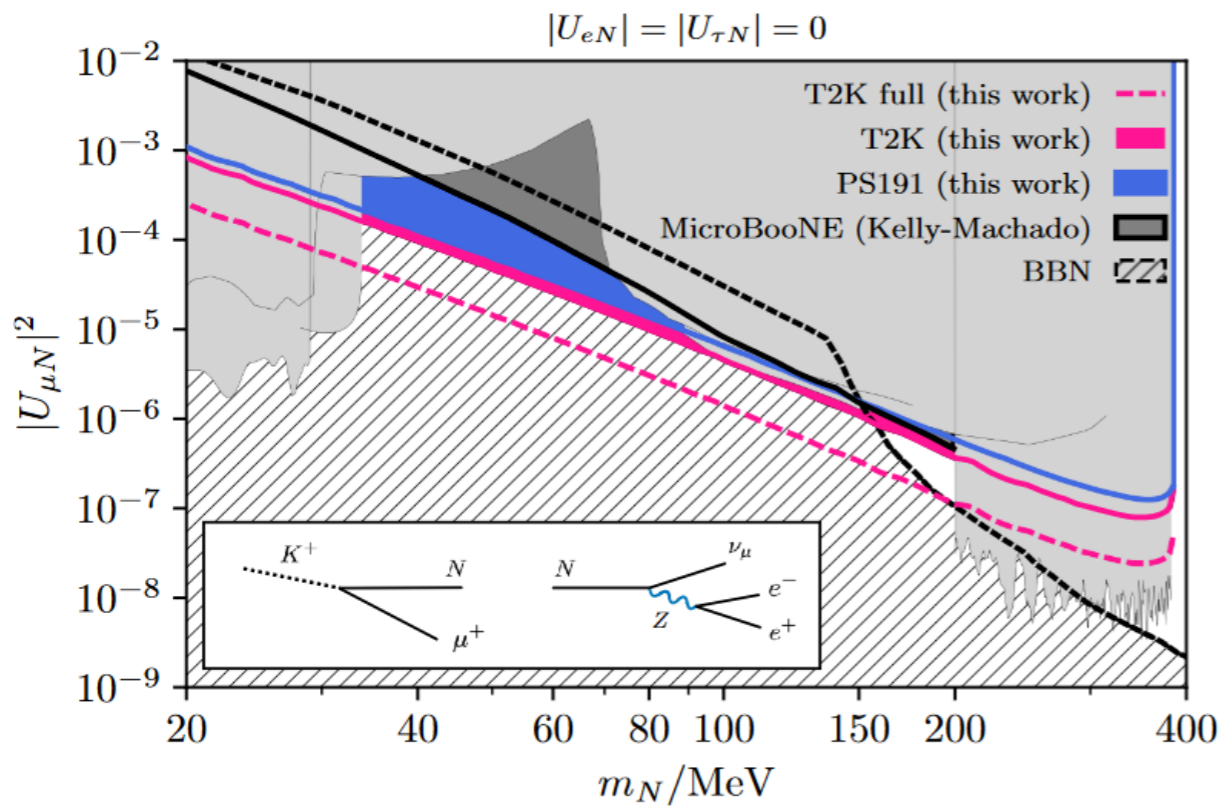
MicroBooNE Reinterpretation



Kelly/Machado [2106.06548](#)

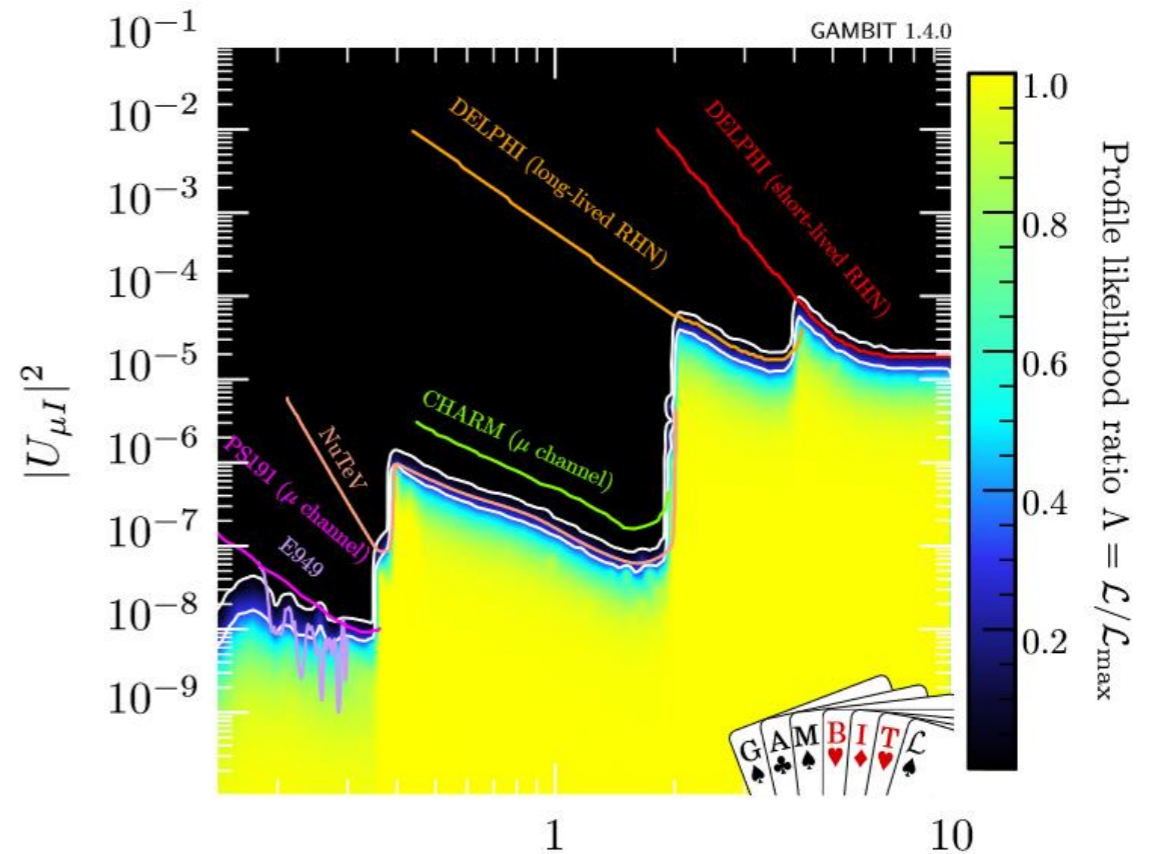
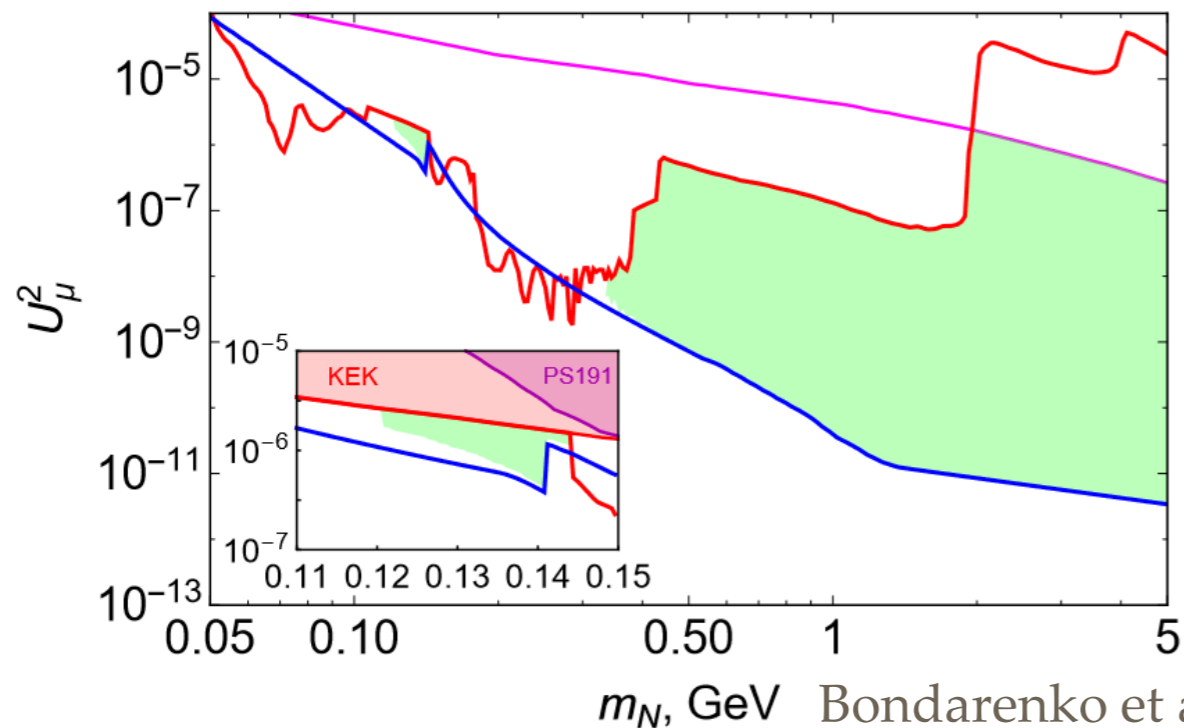
Authors re-interpret Higgs-portal scalar decay in terms of HNLs

T2K Reinterpretation



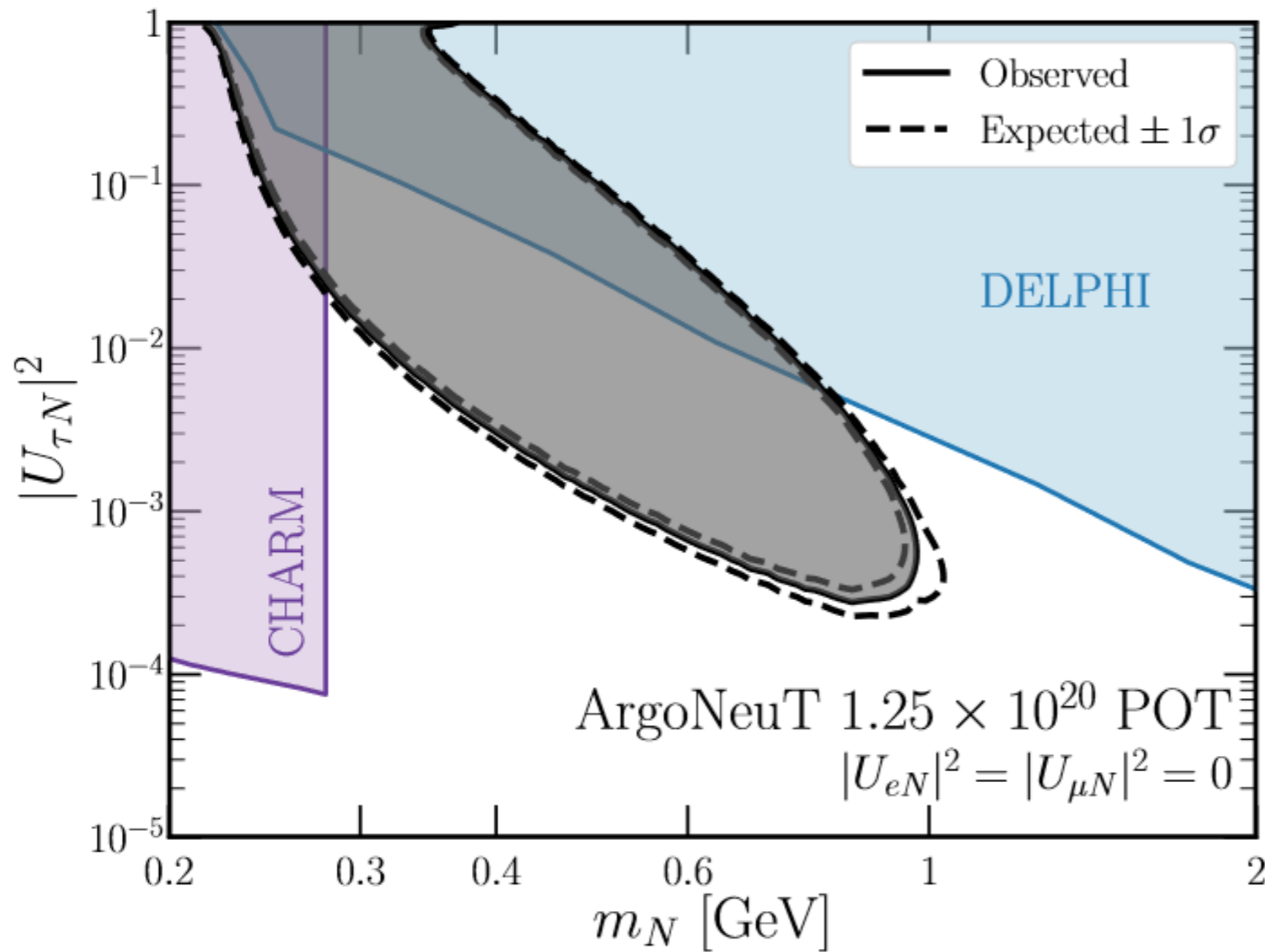
Arguelles et al [2109.03831](#)

- Authors claim to rule out HNLs below the kaon mass.
- **However:** Note that BBN bound depends on flavour mixing pattern!



$M_I [\text{GeV}]$ Chrzaszcz et al [1908.02302](#)

ArgoNeuT Reinterpretation



Acciarri et al [2106.13684](#)

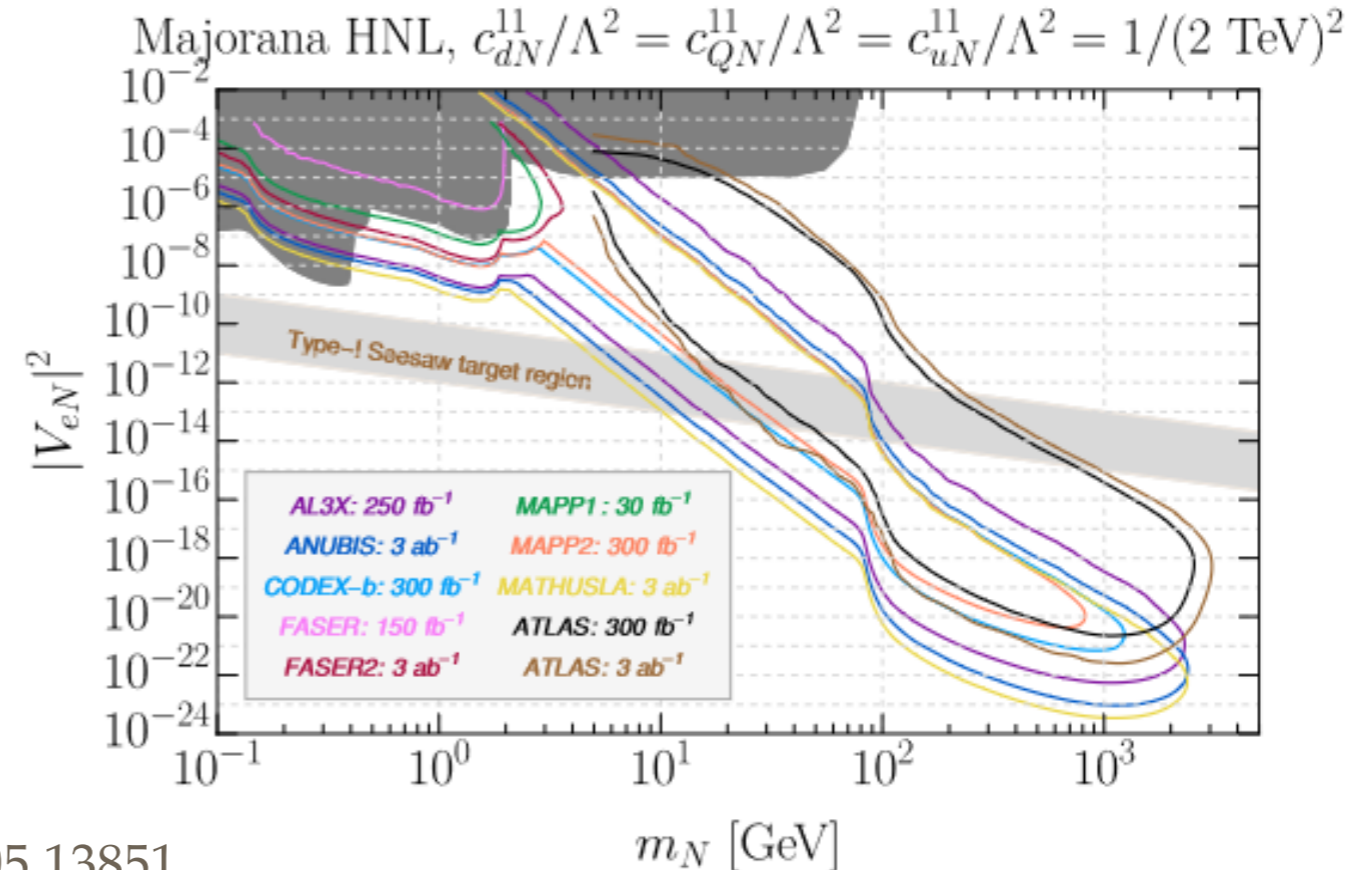
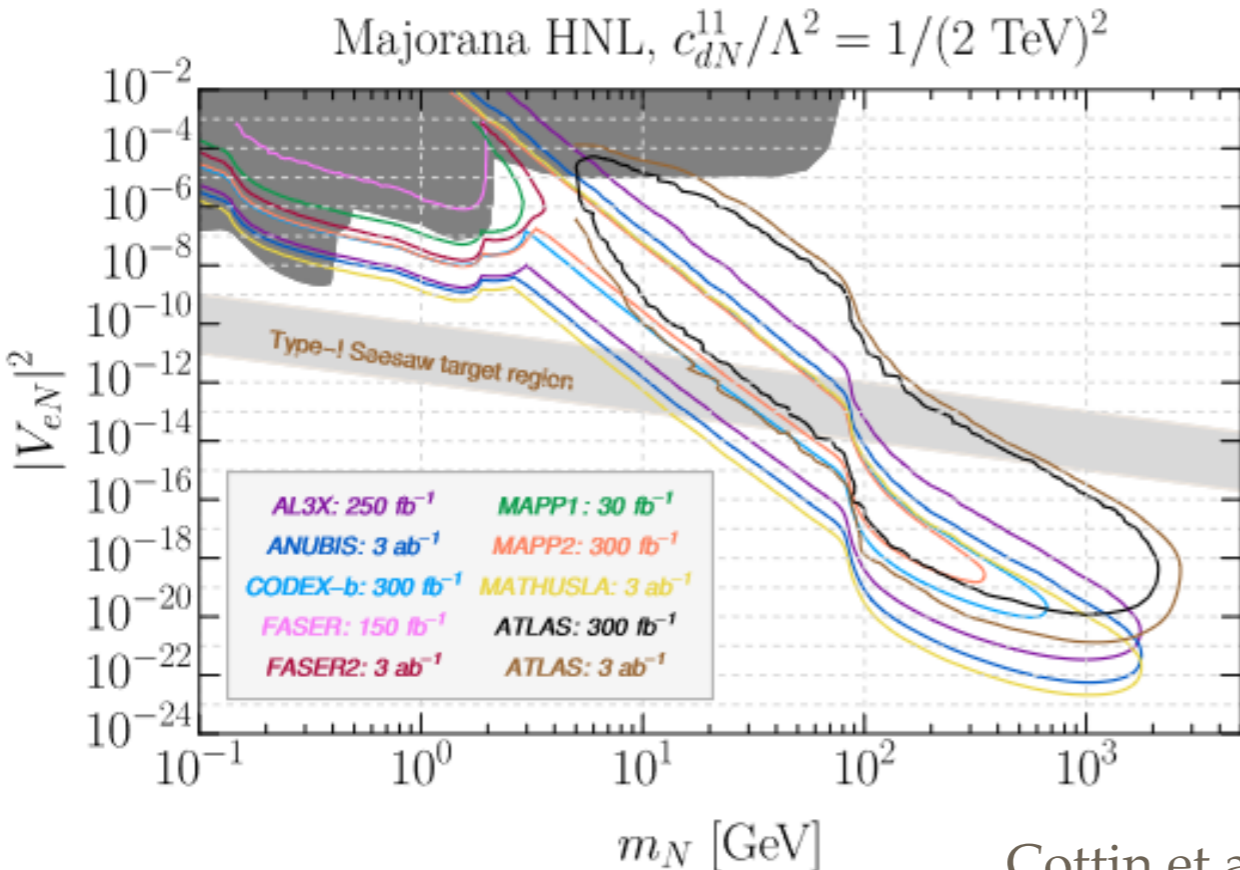
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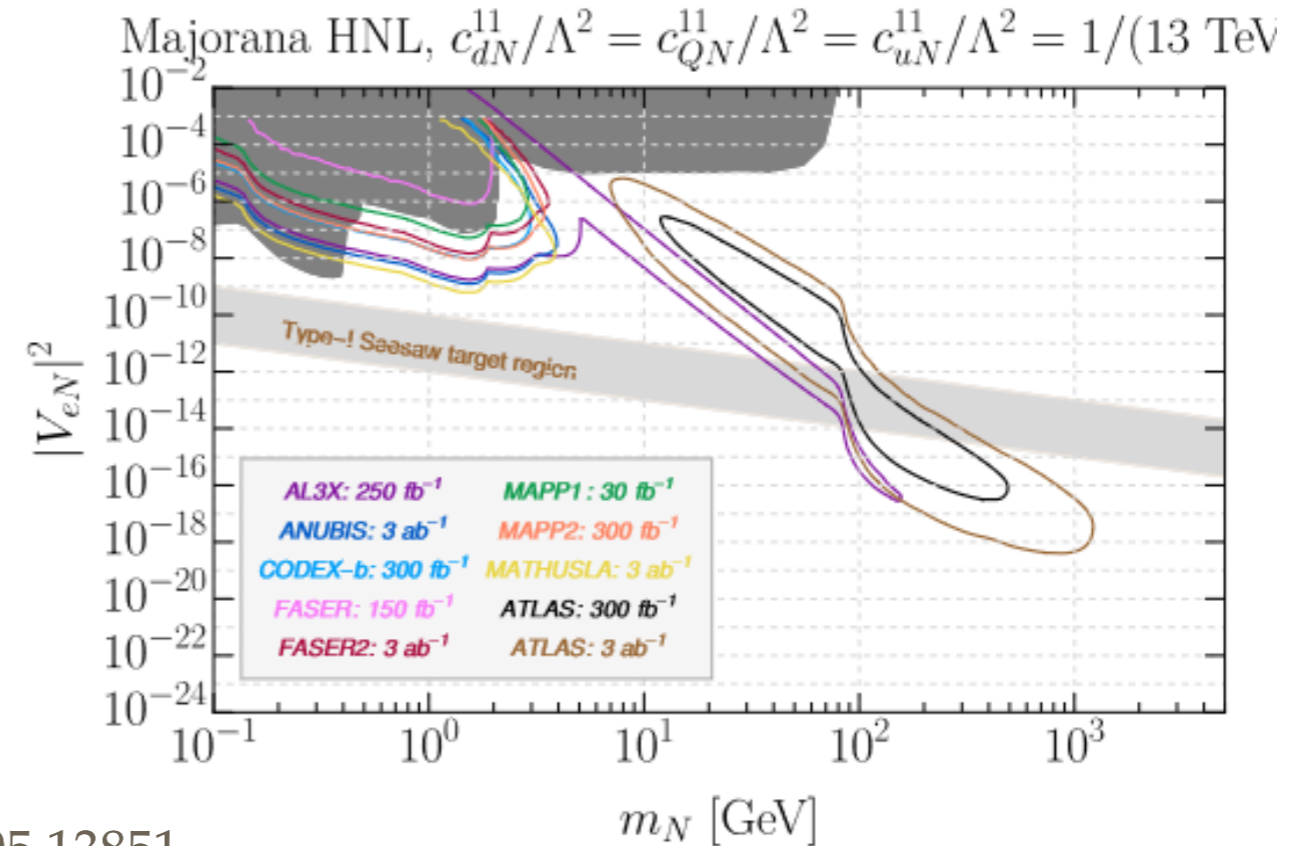
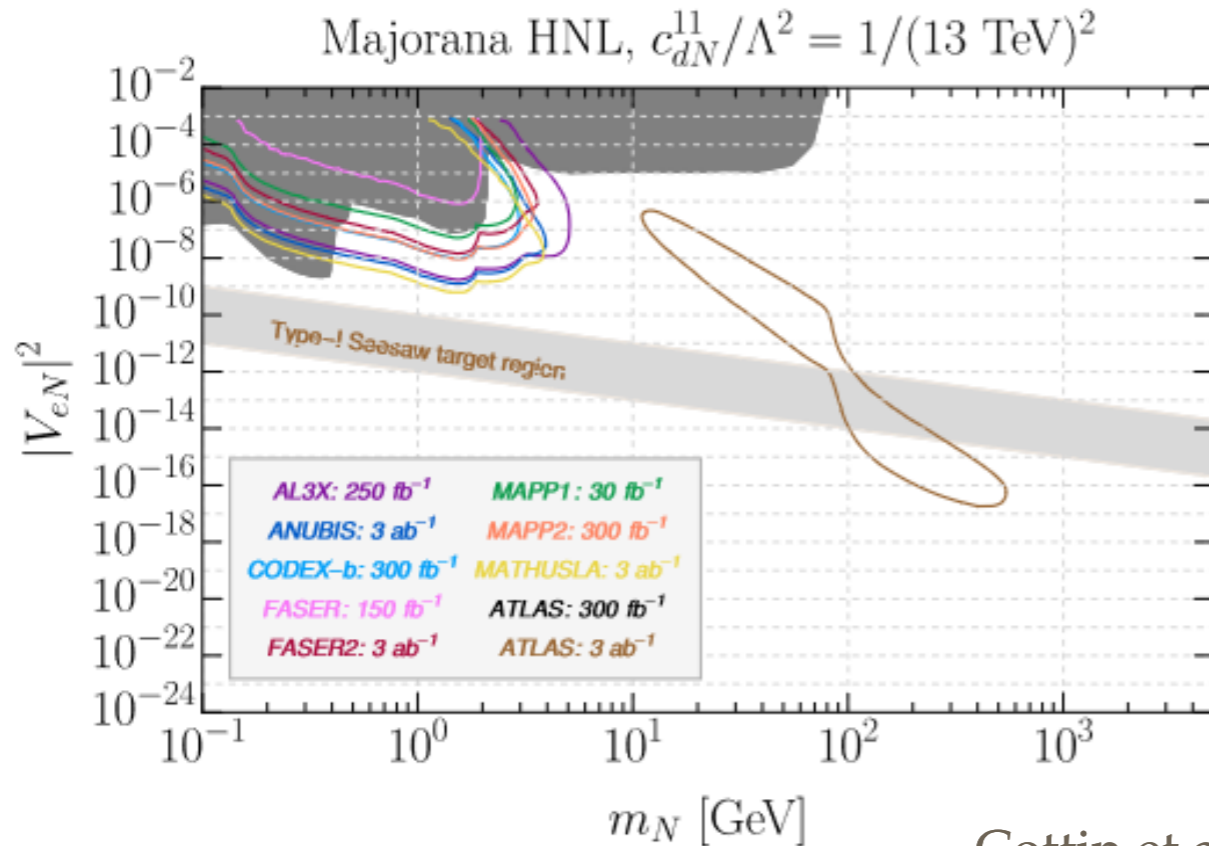
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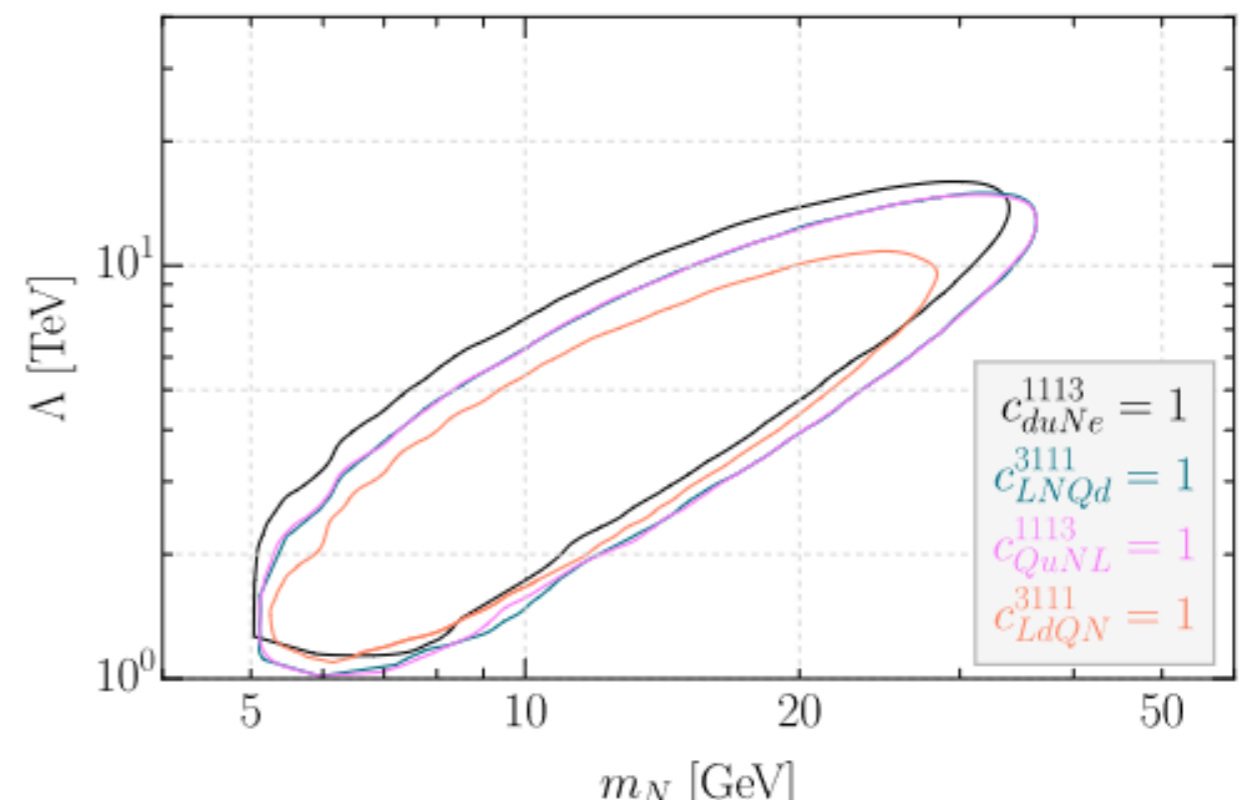
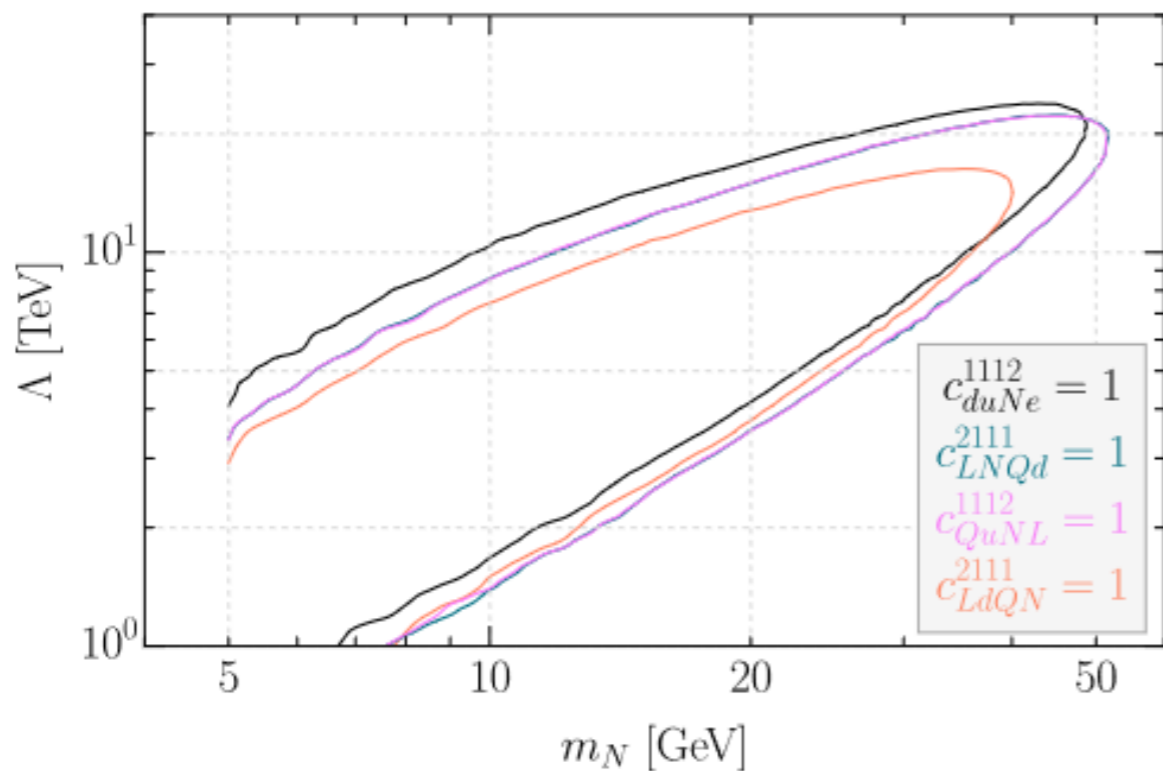
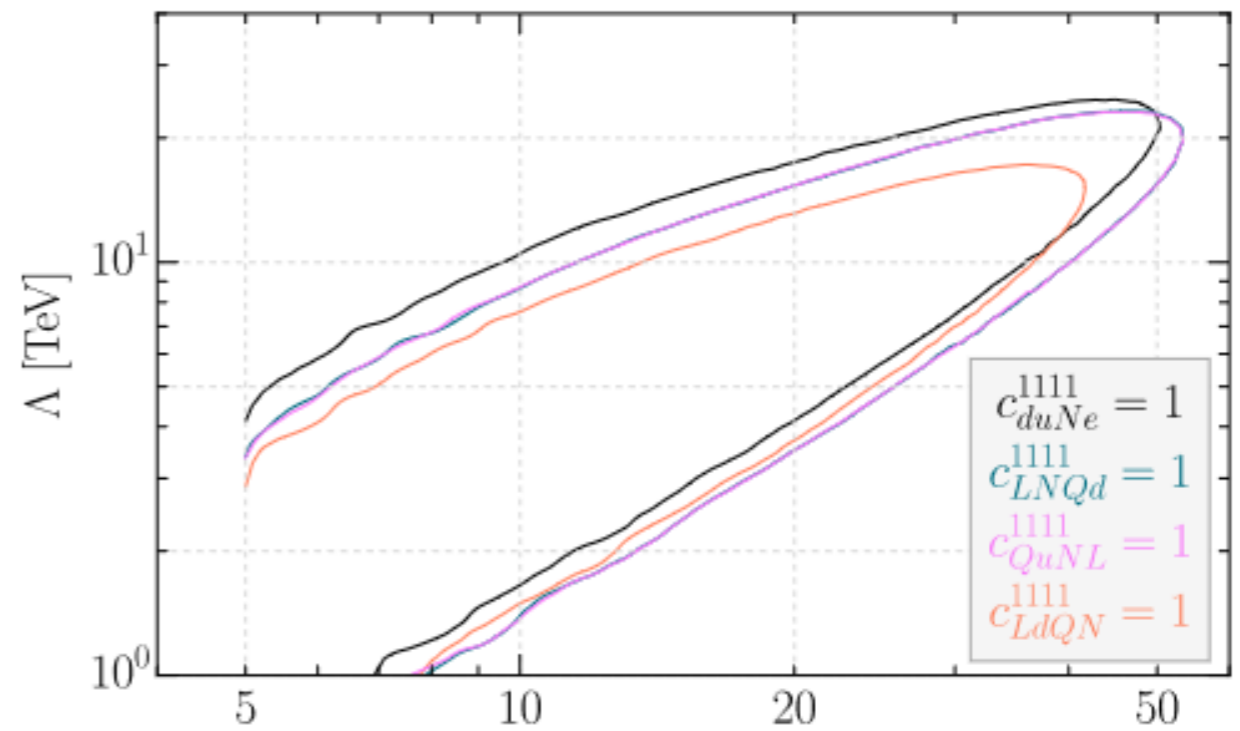
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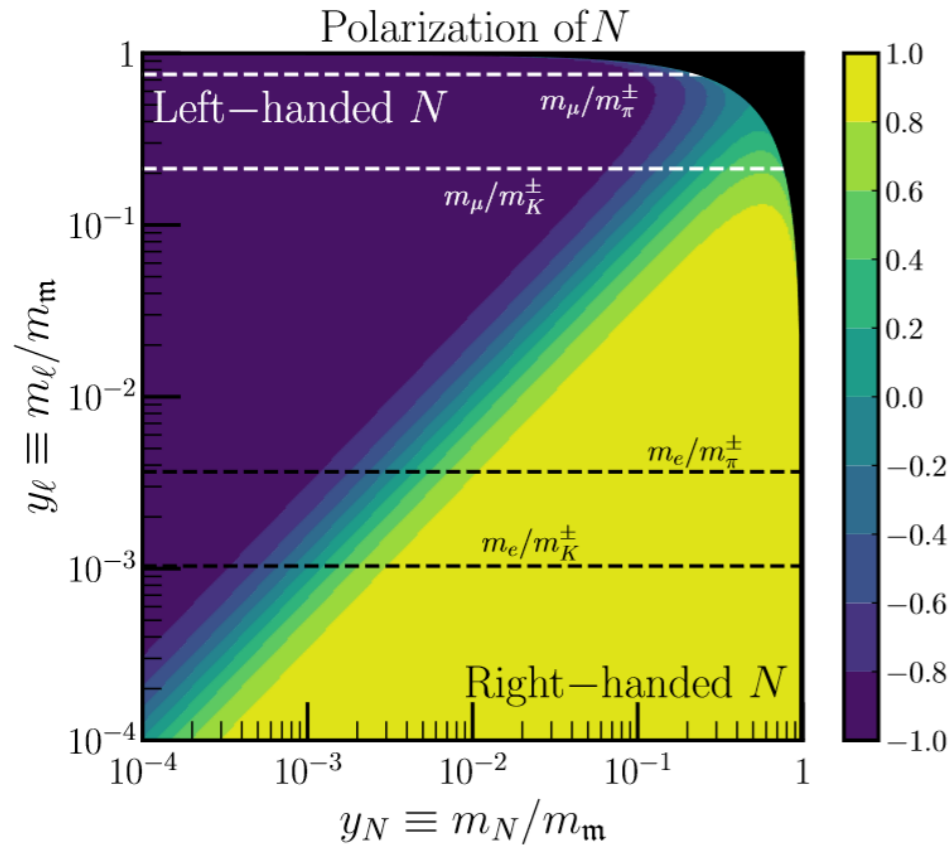
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Plots from Beltran et al [2110.15096](#)
 See also Julian Günther's talk and [2111.04403](#)

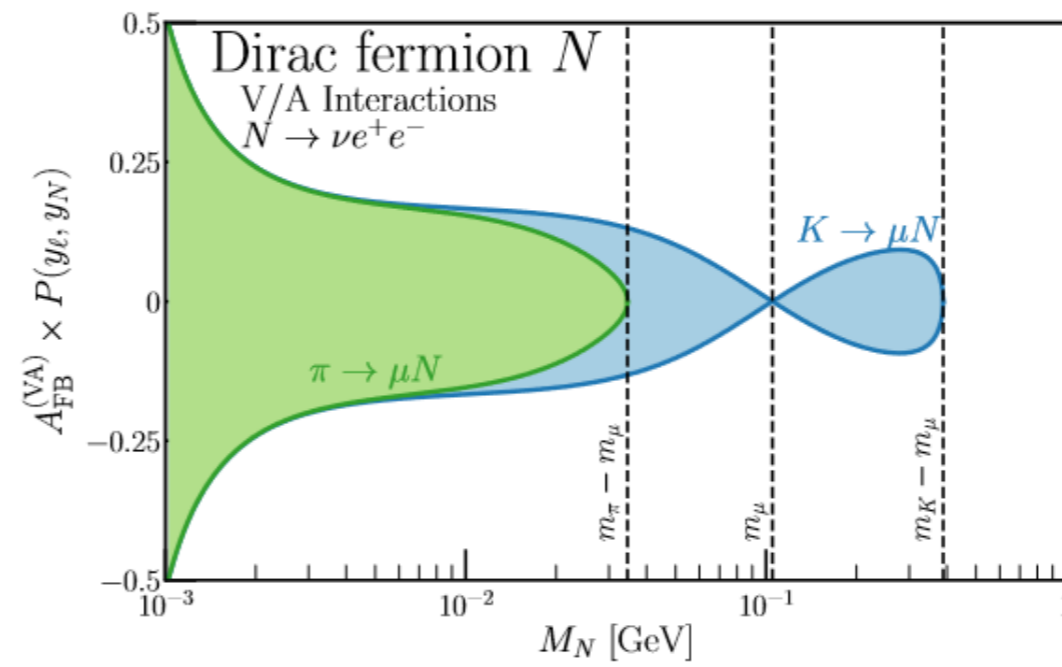
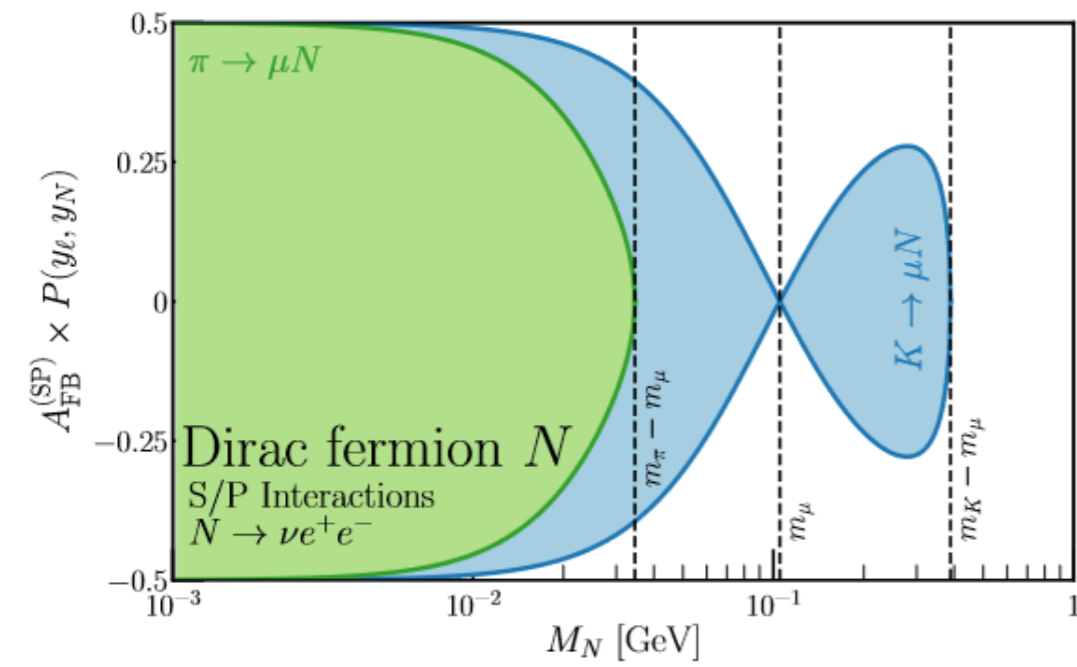


Dirac vs Majorana



- Polarisation of HNLs is related to their nature (Dirac/Majorana) and interactions
- This leads to forward-backward asymmetry in the decay

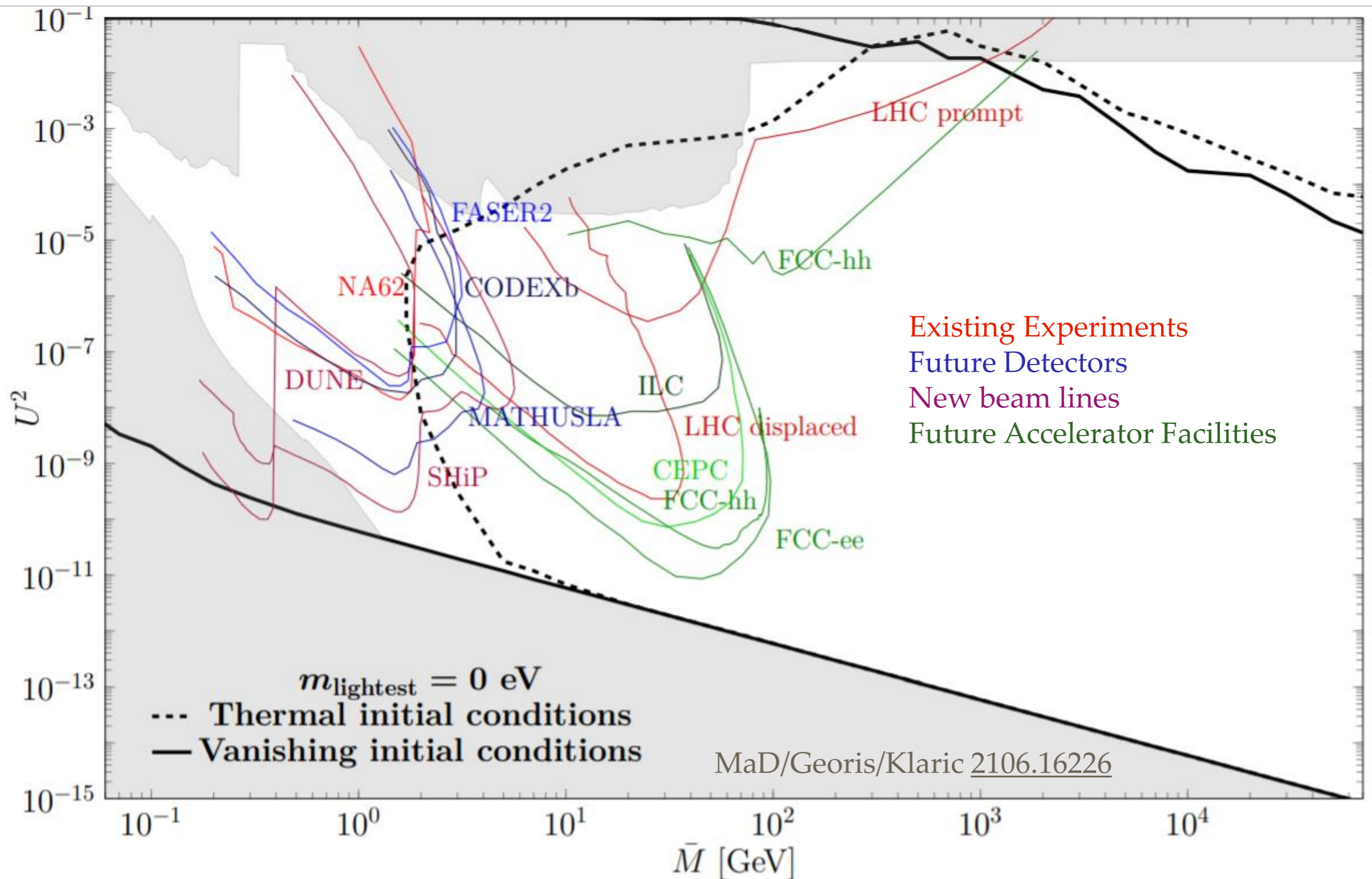
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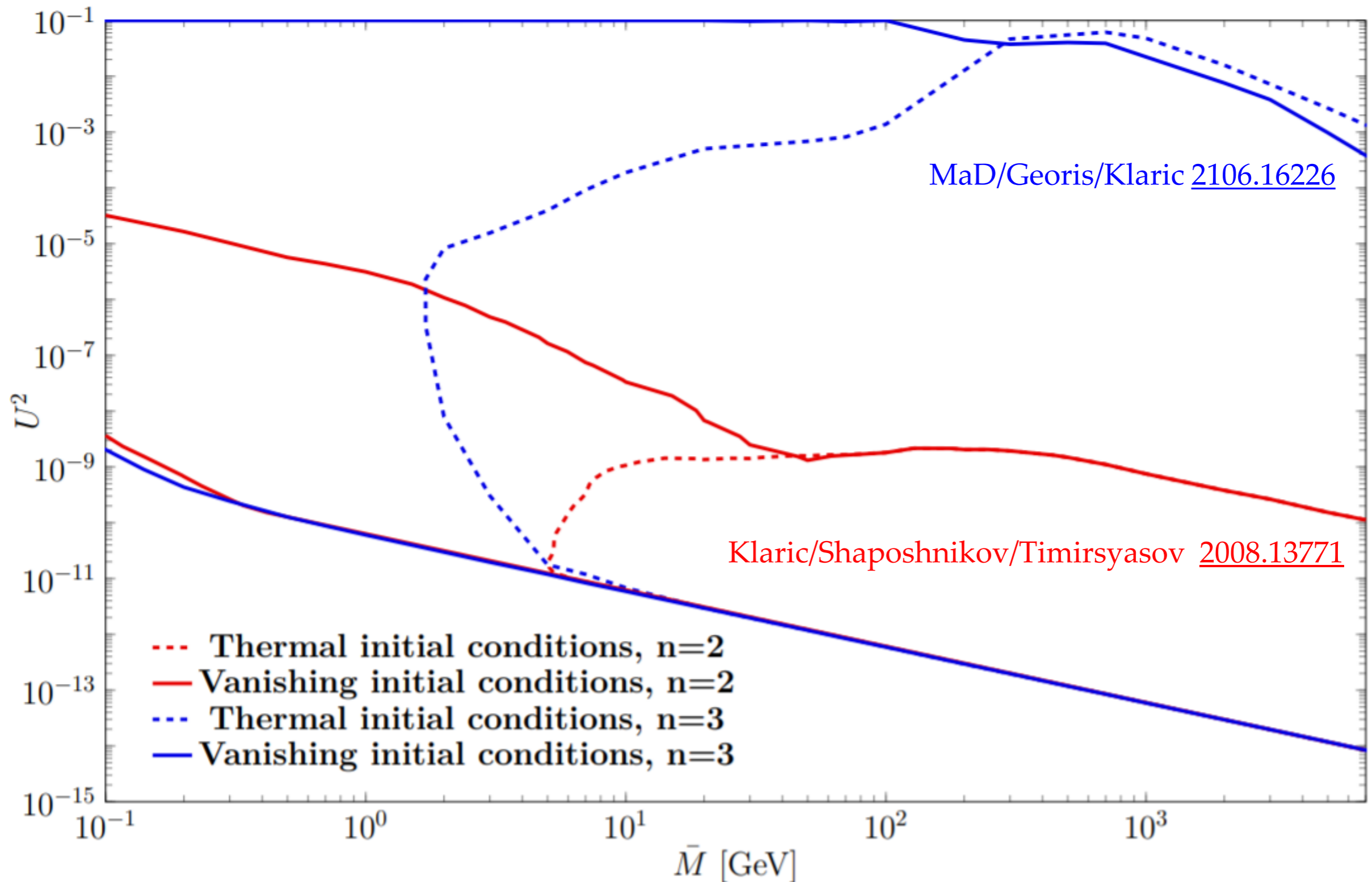
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Leptogenesis with 3 HNLs



Leptogenesis with 3 HNLs vs 2 HNLs



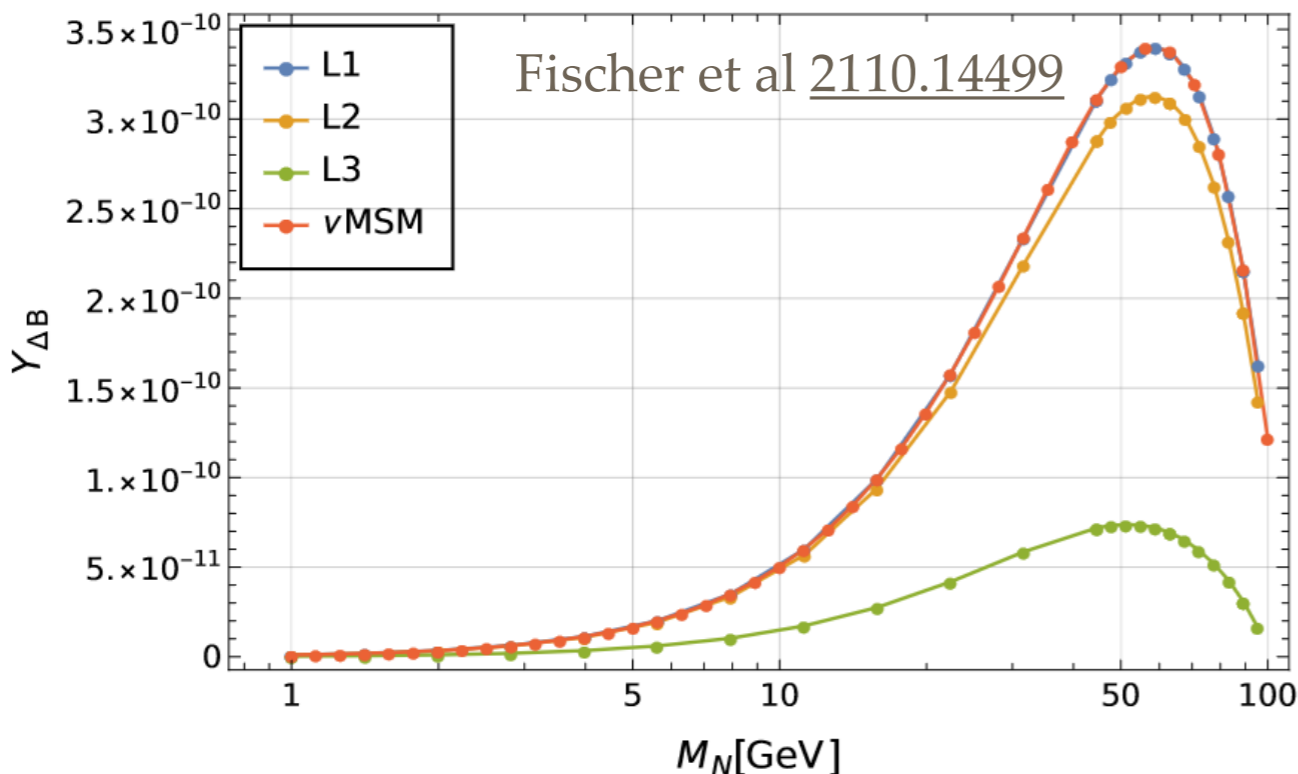
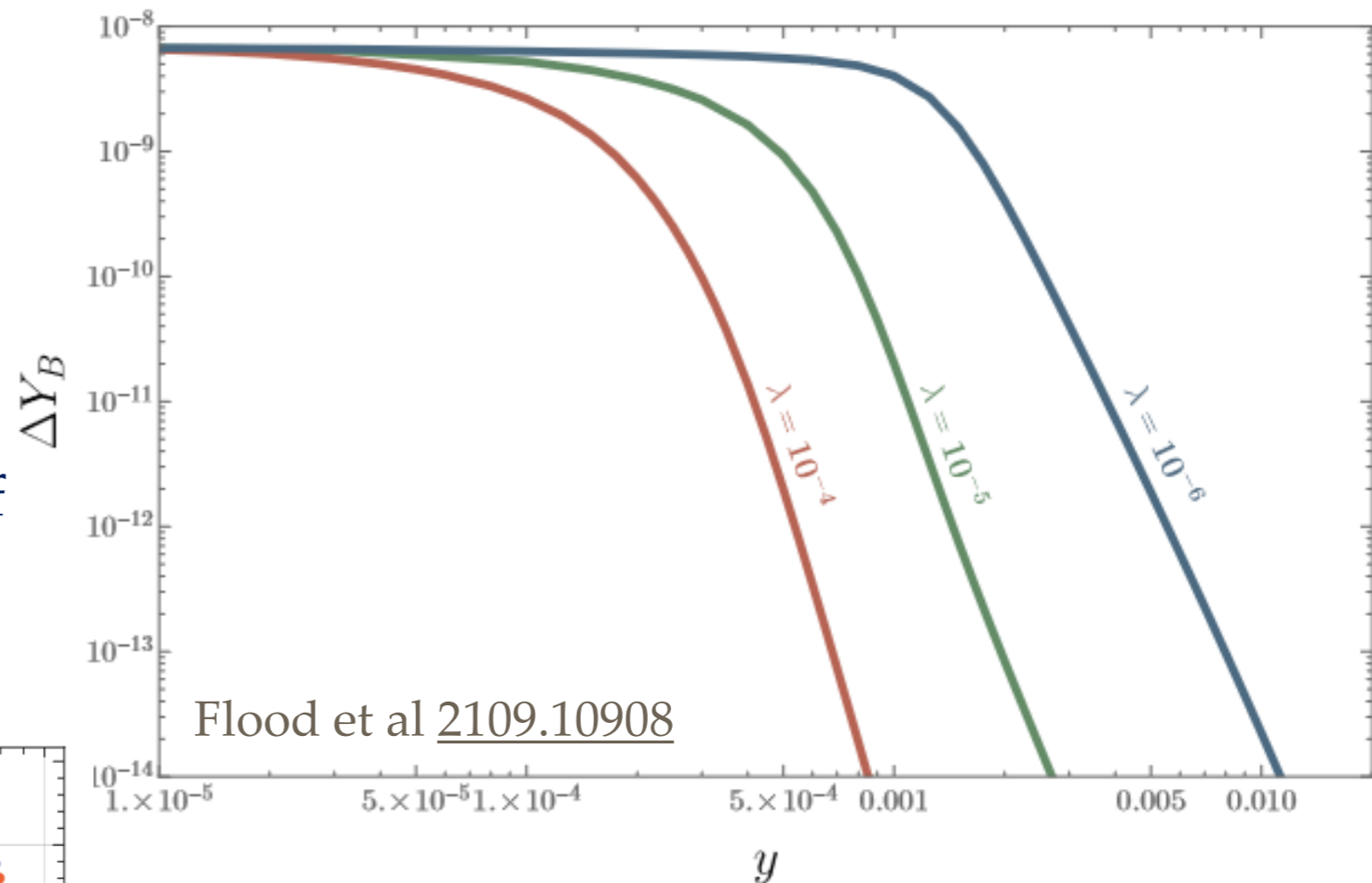
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ARS Leptogenesis with extra Scalar

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = -\frac{\lambda}{2}\phi^2|H|^2 - \frac{y_{IJ}}{2}\phi\bar{N}_I^c N_J - F_{\alpha I}\bar{L}_\alpha(\epsilon H^*)N_I + \text{h.c.}$$

- Equilibration of HNLs by new interactions suppresses efficiency of ARS mechanism (“freeze-in leptogenesis”)



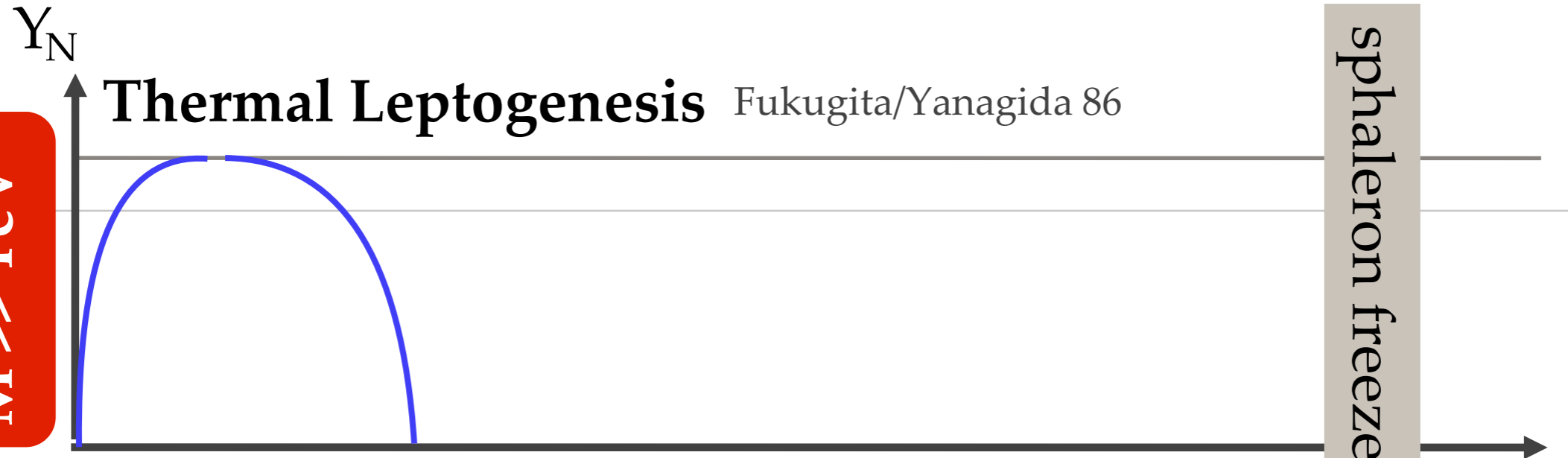
- But “freeze-out mechanism” works down to $M \sim 2$ GeV (see previous slide), making low scale leptogenesis feasible in presence of new interactions!

Take Home Messages

- **Many re-interpretations** are being done – exciting!!!
- However: re-interpretations, cosmological bounds **strongly depend on “flavour mixing pattern”**
(and therefore on ν -oscillation bounds, # HNL generations, lightest SM ν mass...)
- Exploration of **non-minimal models** is gaining momentum!
- **Leptogenesis from HNL freeze-out** works for masses down to few GeV and mixings accessible to LHC, making it **potentially testable** in both minimal and non-minimal models!

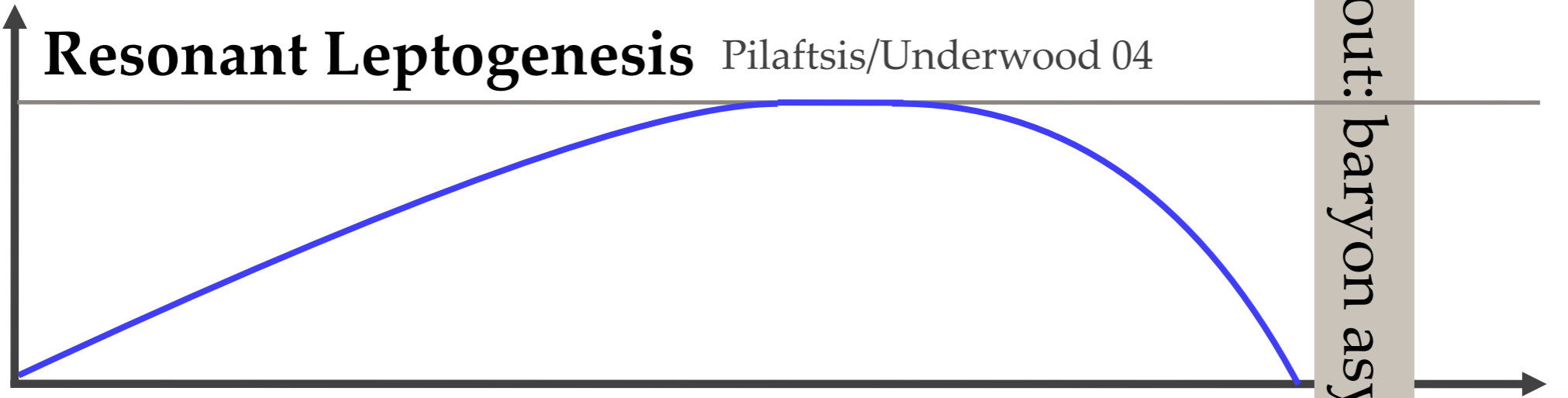
Backup Slides

high scale
 $M \gg \text{TeV}$

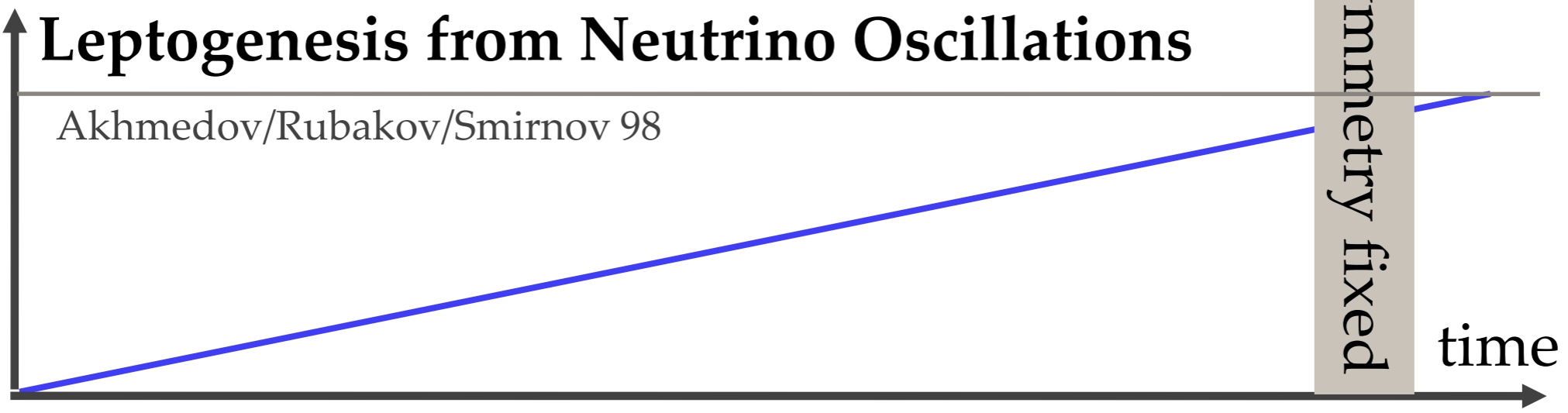


asymmetry generated in
freeze-out and decay

low scale
 $M < \text{TeV}$



asymmetry
generated in
freeze-in



"big bang"

$T = 130 \text{ GeV}$

B-L Symmetric Limit with 2 HNLs

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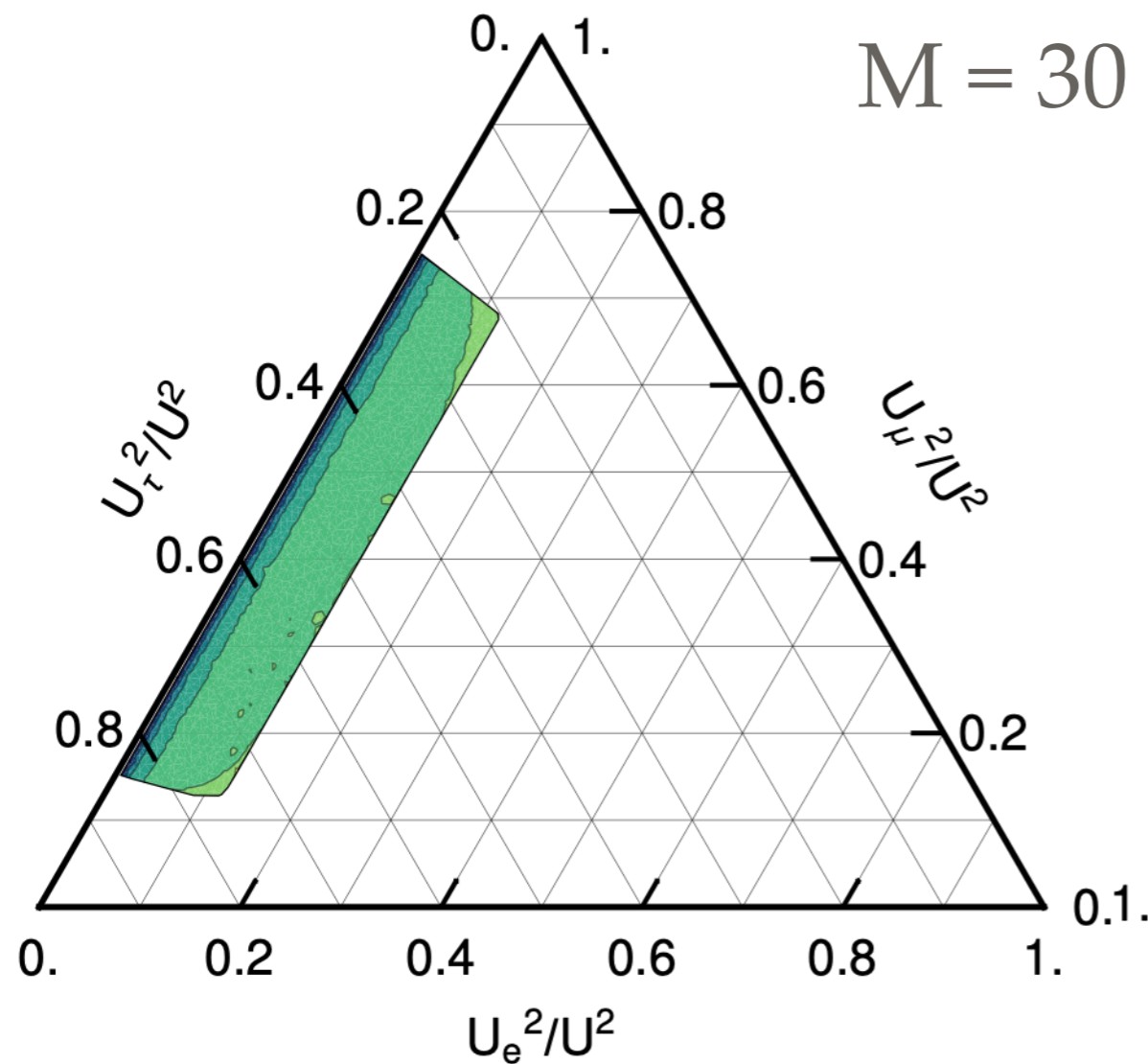
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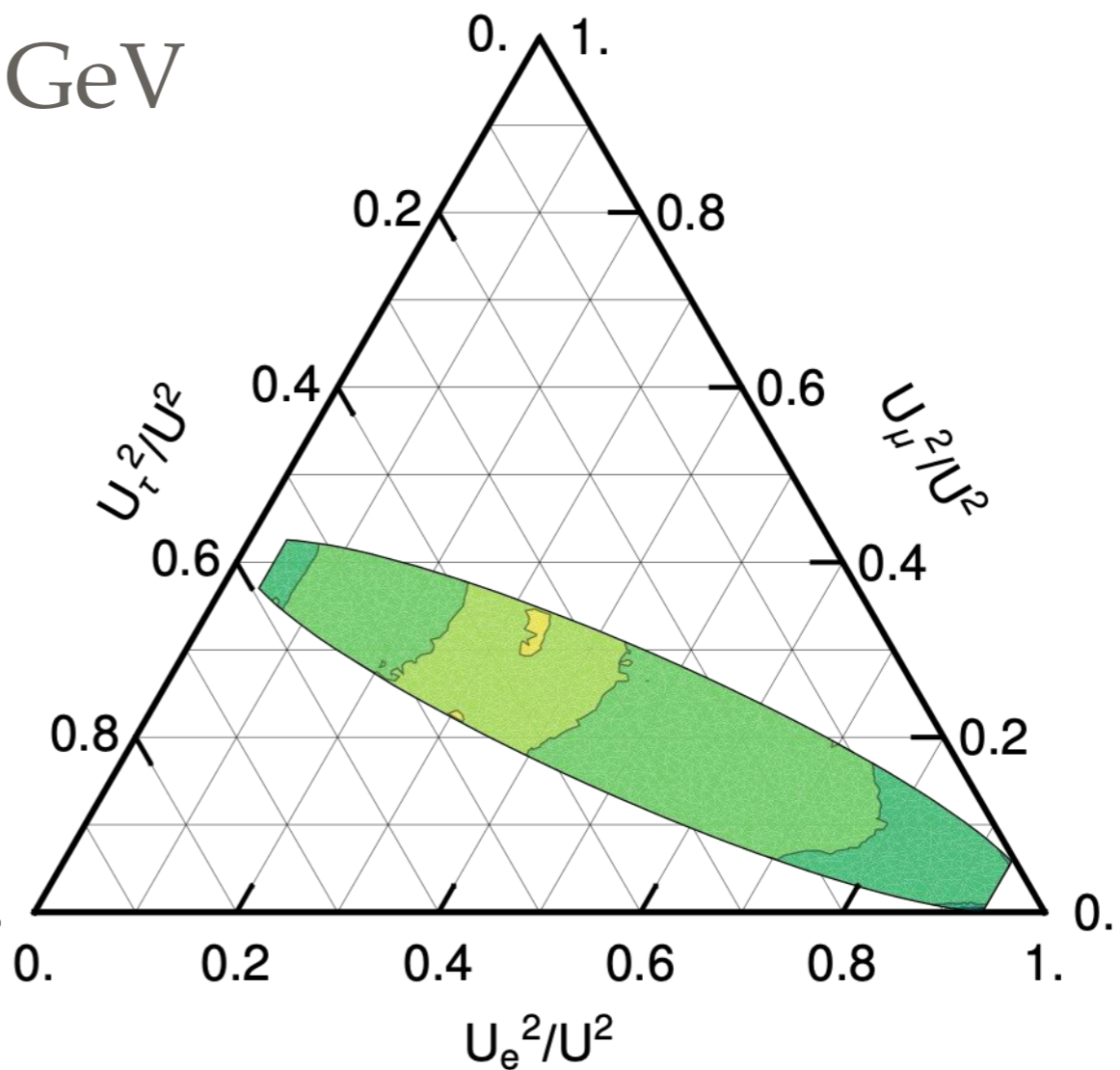
$B-L$ symmetry dictates structure in sterile flavours

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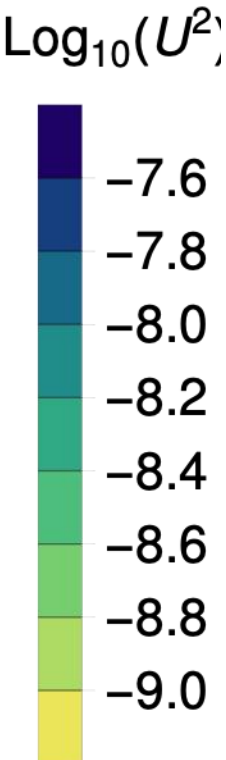
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normal neutrino mass ordering



inverted neutrino mass ordering



Large U^2 require strong hierarchies in couplings to SM generations

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Quantitative Description

- Need to track three SM chemical potentials
- Track coherences for heavy neutrinos (“density matrix equations”)

$$\begin{aligned}
 i \frac{dn_{\Delta_\alpha}}{dt} &= -2i \frac{\mu_\alpha}{T} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\Gamma_\alpha] f_N (1 - f_N) + i \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha (\delta\bar{\rho}_N - \delta\rho_N)], \\
 i \frac{d\delta\rho_N}{dt} &= -i \frac{d\rho_N^{eq}}{dt} + [H_N, \rho_N] - \frac{i}{2} \{\Gamma, \delta\rho_N\} - \frac{i}{2} \sum_\alpha \tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha \left[2 \frac{\mu_\alpha}{T} f_N (1 - f_N) \right], \\
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Heavy neutrino density matrix
 SM chemical potentials
 Heavy neutrino effective Hamiltonian
 LNC rate $\sim F^2 T$
 LNV rate $\sim (M/T)^2 F^2 T$

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- For large U^2 , ν_{Rs} comes into equilibrium quickly, deviation from equilibrium necessary for baryogenesis comes from ν_{Rw}
- For $T \sim M$ both states become “strongly” coupled (LNV rates)
- Only way to prevent washout: Have one SM flavour feebly coupled

Structure in sterile flavours enforces hierarchy in SM flavour!

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charge assignment in Lagrangian

spinor

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ν_{R3}

0

approximately conserved
charges in leptogenesis

spinors

\tilde{L} -charge

$$P_+ N_i, \quad \bar{N}_i P_+$$

+1

$$P_- N_i, \quad \bar{N}_i P_-$$

-1

$$\psi_N = (\nu_{Rs} + \nu_{Rw}^c)$$

B-L violating parameters

μ, ϵ, ϵ'

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \bar{\psi}_N (i\not{\partial} - \bar{M}) \psi_N + \bar{\nu}_{R3} i\not{\partial} \nu_{R3} - F_a^* \bar{\psi}_N \phi^T \epsilon^\dagger \ell_{La} - F_a \bar{\ell}_{La} \epsilon \phi^* \psi_N \\ & - \epsilon_a^* F_a^* \bar{\psi}_N^c \phi^T \epsilon^\dagger \ell_{La} - \epsilon_a F_a \bar{\ell}_{La} \epsilon \phi^* \psi_N^c - \epsilon_a' F_a \bar{\ell}_{La} \epsilon \phi^* \nu_{R3} - \epsilon_a'^* F_a^* \bar{\nu}_{R3} \phi^T \epsilon^\dagger \ell_{La} \\ & - \mu \bar{M} \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\psi}_N^c \psi_N + \bar{\psi}_N \psi_N^c) - \mu' \bar{M} \bar{\nu}_{R3}^c \nu_{R3}, \end{aligned}$$

Shaposhnikov 06
Kersten/Smirnov 07

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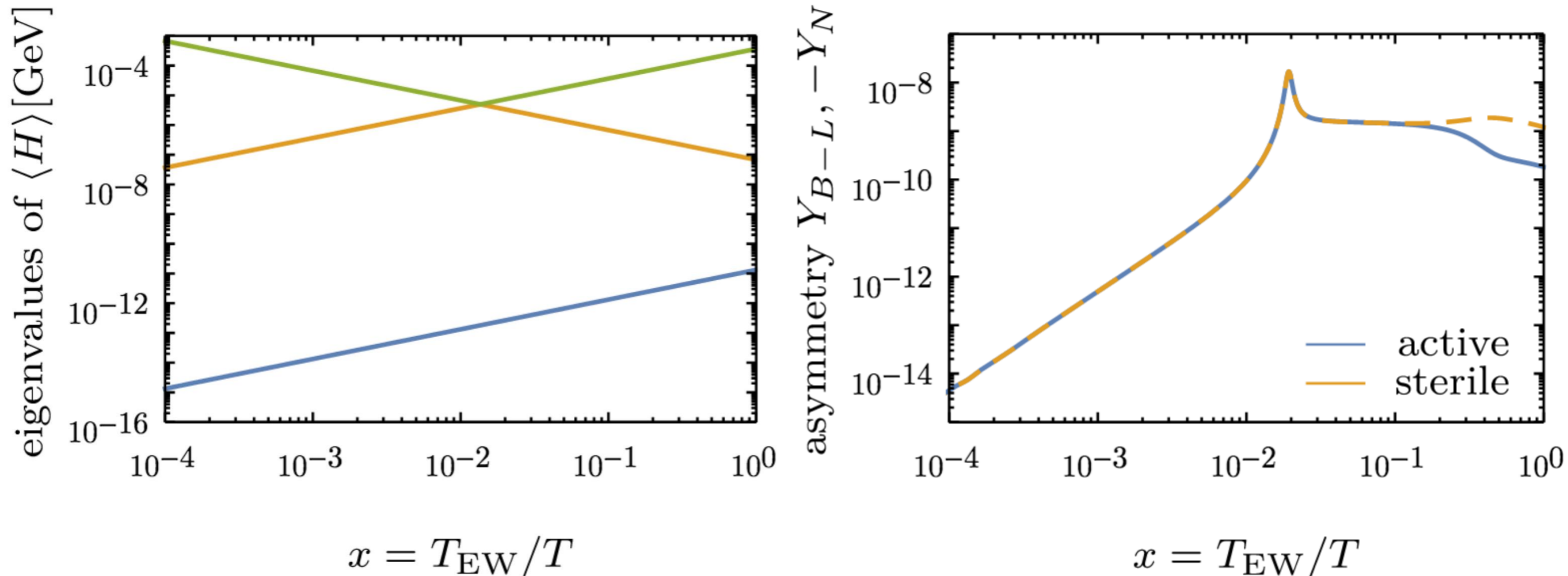
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$$M_M = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{M}(1 - \mu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{M}(1 + \mu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M' \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{B-L violating parameters} \\ \mu, \epsilon, \epsilon' \end{array}$$

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Dynamical Generation of Resonance



Abada et al [1810.12463](#)

- level crossing between the quasiparticle dispersion relations in the plasma (“thermal masses”) can dynamically generate a resonance
- Strong enhancement of the asymmetry with only moderate degeneracy in the vacuum masses

Maverick Heavy Neutrino

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- Third state ν_{R3} is free of the constraints that relates ν_{R3} and ν_{Rw}
- It can maintain deviation from equilibrium even when LNV rates come into equilibrium
- Can avoid washout even for large couplings of pseudo-Dirac pair
- No need for a hierarchy in SM flavour couplings to prevent washout!

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