

# Rare decays in the NSMEFT

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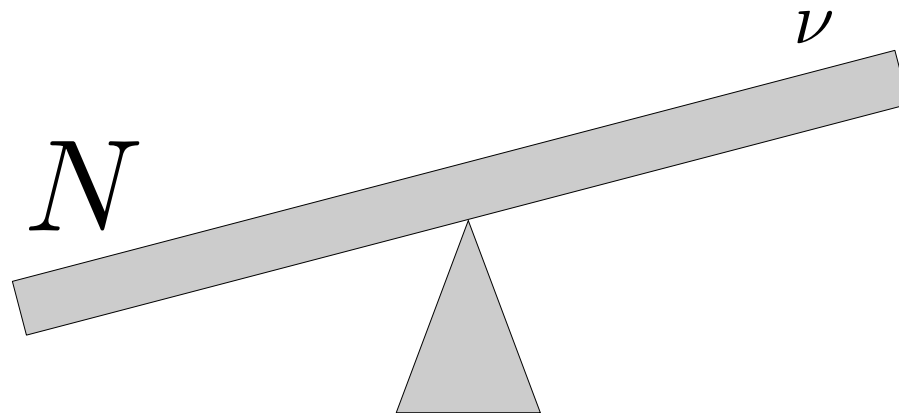
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See-saw type I is one of the most appealing explanations for neutrino masses

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{y^2 v^2}{m_N}$$



Variants (more realistic?) incarnations of this setup involve: (i)  $N$  at electroweak scale and/or (ii) further heavier particles

If both (i) and (ii), then NSMEFT:  $L = L_{\text{SM}+N} + \sum \frac{\mathcal{O}}{\Lambda} + \dots$

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In favor of **Majorana**: “natural” scale, GUTs, charge quantisation via anomaly cancellations...

In favor of **Dirac**: same as rest of SM?, swampland program [1706.05392], most likely if residual  $Z_n$  symmetry of LN [1711.06181], ...

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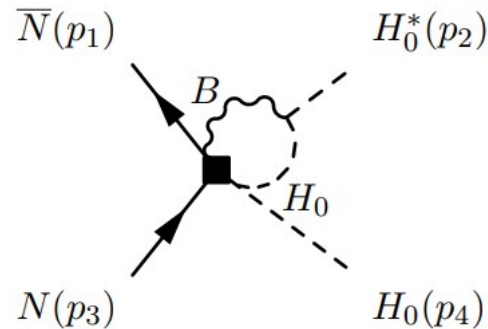
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SF	$(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)(H^\dagger i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$	$\mathcal{O}_{HN}$	$(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu e)(\tilde{H}^\dagger iD_\mu H)$	$\mathcal{O}_{HNe}$ (+h.c.)
	$(\bar{L}\sigma_{\mu\nu}N)\tilde{H}B^{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{NB}$ (+h.c.)	$(\bar{L}\sigma_{\mu\nu}N)\sigma_I\tilde{H}W^{I\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{NW}$ (+h.c.)
RRRR	$(\bar{N}\gamma_\mu N)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{NN}$		
	$(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{eN}$	$(\bar{u}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{uN}$
	$(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu d)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{dN}$	$(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu u)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu e)$	$\mathcal{O}_{duNe}$ (+h.c.)
LLRR	$(\bar{L}\gamma_\mu L)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{LN}$	$(\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu Q)(\bar{N}\gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{QN}$
LRRL	$(\bar{L}N)\epsilon(\bar{L}e)$	$\mathcal{O}_{LNLe}$ (+h.c.)	$(\bar{L}N)\epsilon(\bar{Q}d)$	$\mathcal{O}_{LNQd}$ (+h.c.)
	$(\bar{L}d)\epsilon(\bar{Q}N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{LdQN}$ (+h.c.)	$(\bar{Q}u)(\bar{N}L)$	$\mathcal{O}_{QuNL}$ (+h.c.)

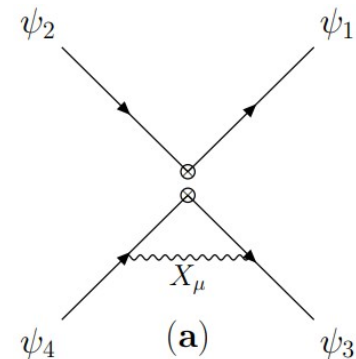
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The theory has been fully renormalised at one loop in 2006.14596 and 2010.12109

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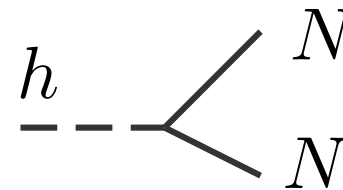
## Two remarks

- We most often use:  $\mathcal{O}_{NA}^i = c_W \mathcal{O}_{NB}^i + s_W \mathcal{O}_{NW}^i$   
 $\mathcal{O}_{NZ}^i = -s_W \mathcal{O}_{NB}^i + c_W \mathcal{O}_{NW}^i$

- Some other (LNV) operators ignored:

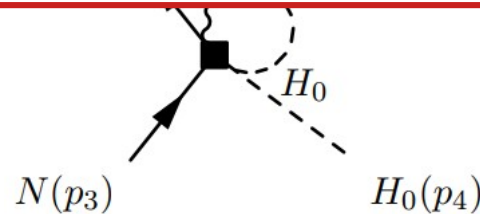
$$\mathcal{O}_{LH}^{ij} = \bar{L}_i^c \tilde{H}^* \tilde{H}^\dagger L_j$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{NNH} = \bar{N}^c N H^\dagger H$$

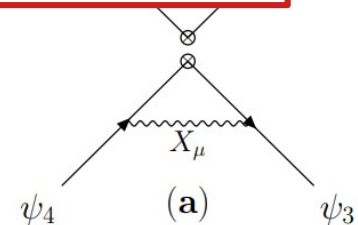


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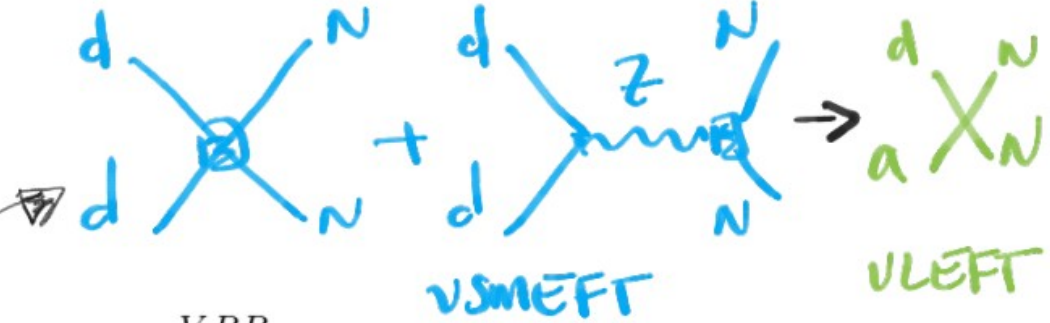
# Basis for the NLEFT

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Dipole	$\mathcal{O}_{N\gamma} = \bar{\nu}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} N A_{\mu\nu}$	
RRRR	$\mathcal{O}_{NN}^{V,RR} = (\bar{N} \gamma_\mu N)(\bar{N} \gamma^\mu N)$	
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LRLR	$\mathcal{O}_{uN}^{V,LR} = (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu u_L)(\bar{N} \gamma^\mu N)$	$\mathcal{O}_{dN}^{V,LR} = (\bar{d}_L \gamma_\mu d_L)(\bar{N} \gamma^\mu N)$
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# Tree level matching of vSMEFT onto vLEFT

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$$\frac{\alpha_{N\gamma}}{v} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda^2} (\alpha_{NBCW} + \alpha_{NWSW}), \quad (C.1)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{eN}^{V,RR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{eN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{eR} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.3)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{dN}^{V,RR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{dN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{dR} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.5)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{\nu N}^{V,LR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{LN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{\nu L} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.7)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{uN}^{V,LR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{QN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{uL} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.9)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{NN}^{V,RR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{NN}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad (C.2)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{uN}^{V,RR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{uN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{uR} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.4)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{duNe}^{V,RR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{duNe}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad (C.6)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{eN}^{V,LR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{LN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{eL} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.8)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_{dN}^{V,LR}}{v^2} = \frac{\alpha_{QN}}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{g_Z^2 Z_{dL} Z_N}{m_Z^2}, \quad (C.10)$$

## Decay modes for $N$

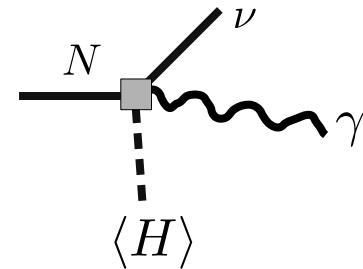
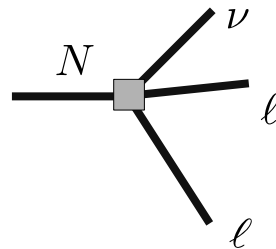
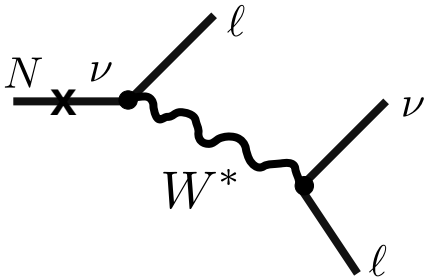
Under some mild assumptions (LNV, flavour, power counting...), we get that for  $m_N$  of about 1-100 GeV:

$$\Gamma_{\text{mix}} < \Gamma_{\text{tree}} < \Gamma_{\text{loop}}$$

For cutoff  
of 10 TeV

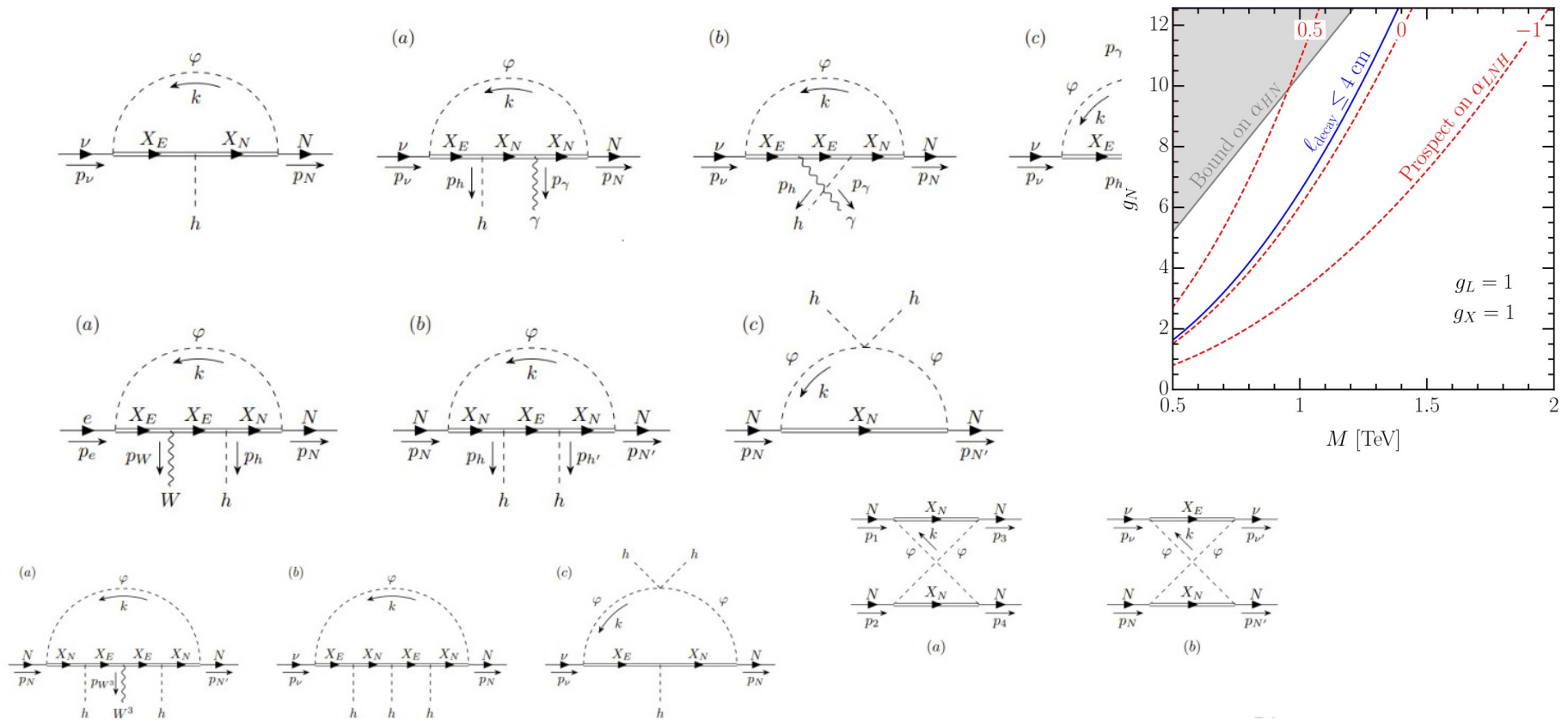
For too small  $m_N$ ,  $N$  stable at colliders (equivalent to Dirac limit)

$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{mix}}}{\text{GeV}} \approx 10^{-21} \left(\frac{m_N}{\text{GeV}}\right)^4, \quad \frac{\Gamma_{\text{tree}}}{\text{GeV}} \approx 10^{-20} \left(\frac{m_N}{\text{GeV}}\right)^5, \quad \frac{\Gamma_{\text{loop}}}{\text{GeV}} \approx 10^{-15} \left(\frac{m_N}{\text{GeV}}\right)^3$$



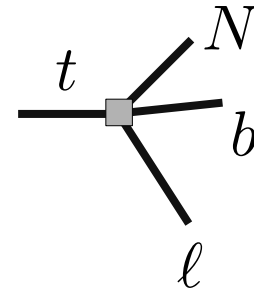


**Reasonable** UV completions of the NSMEFT can be built for very different IR scenarios, e.g. without four-fermions and with mostly  $N \rightarrow \nu\gamma$

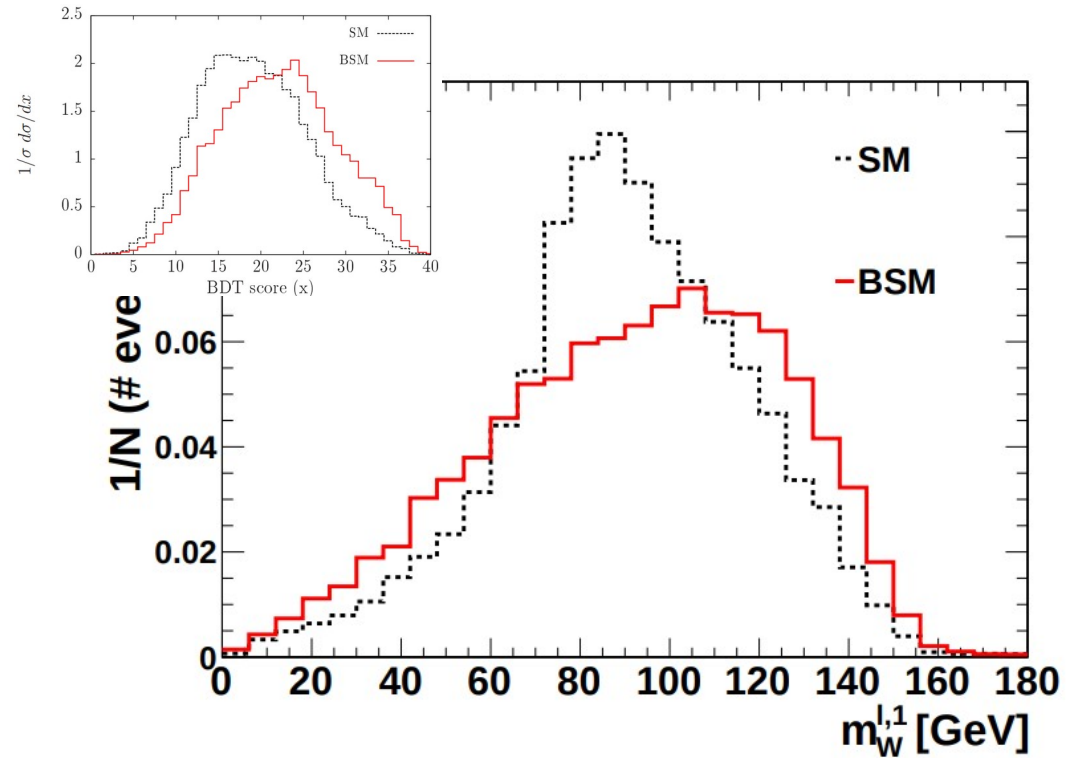
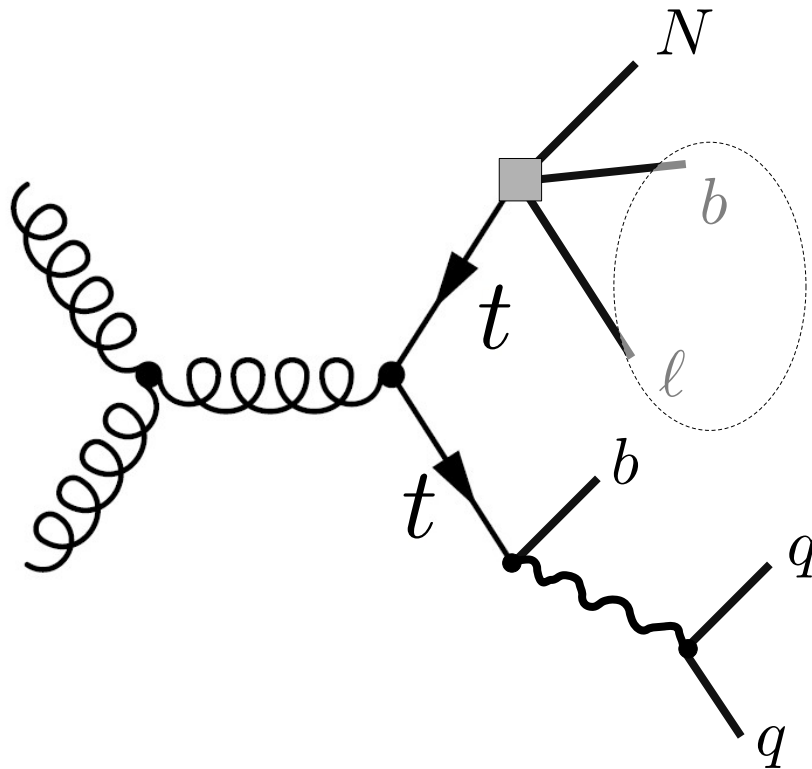


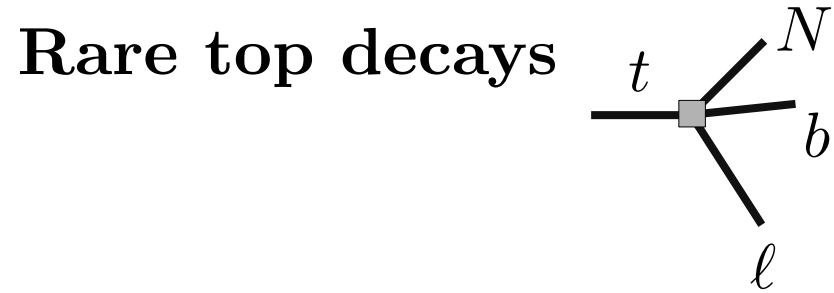
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# Rare top decays



Signal very similar to background. Use neural network based on  $m(l,b)$ , momenta and angular separation

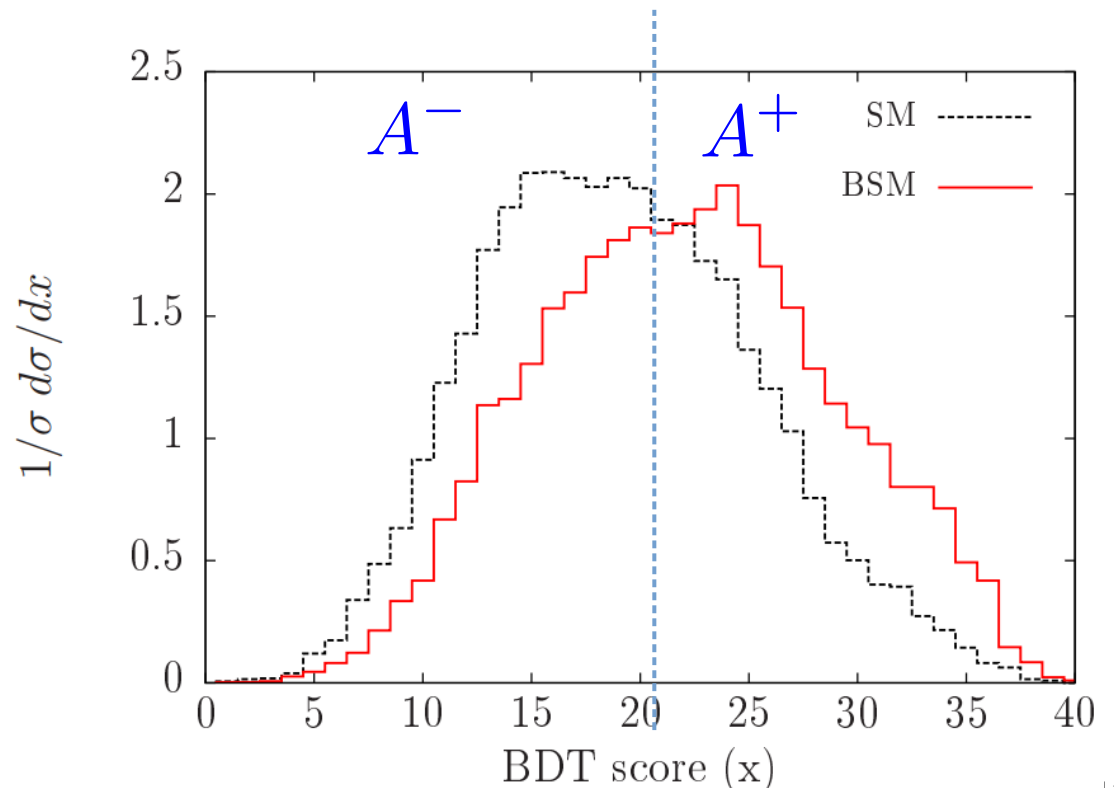




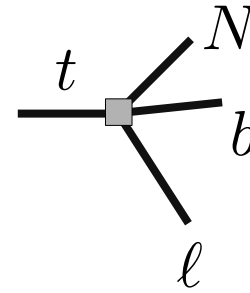
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$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{A^+ - A^-}{A^+ + A^-}$$

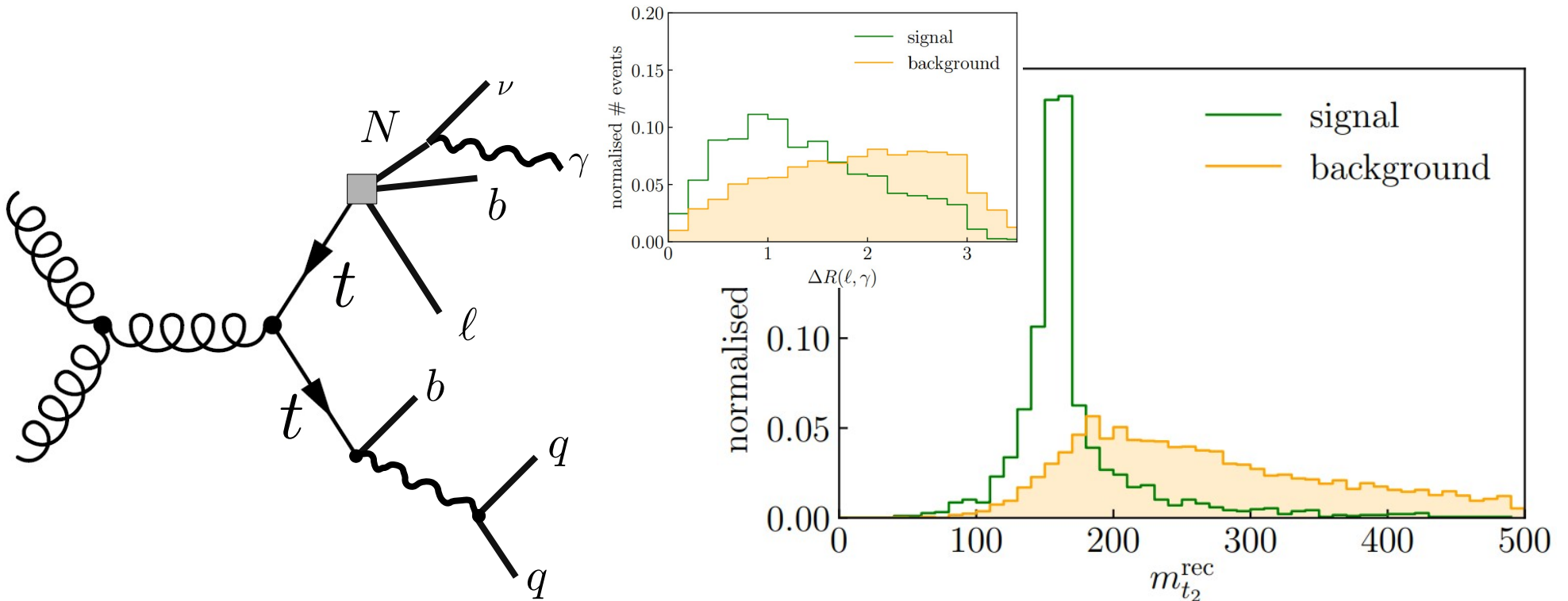
$$\Lambda \sim 2 \text{ TeV}$$



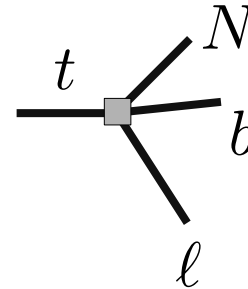
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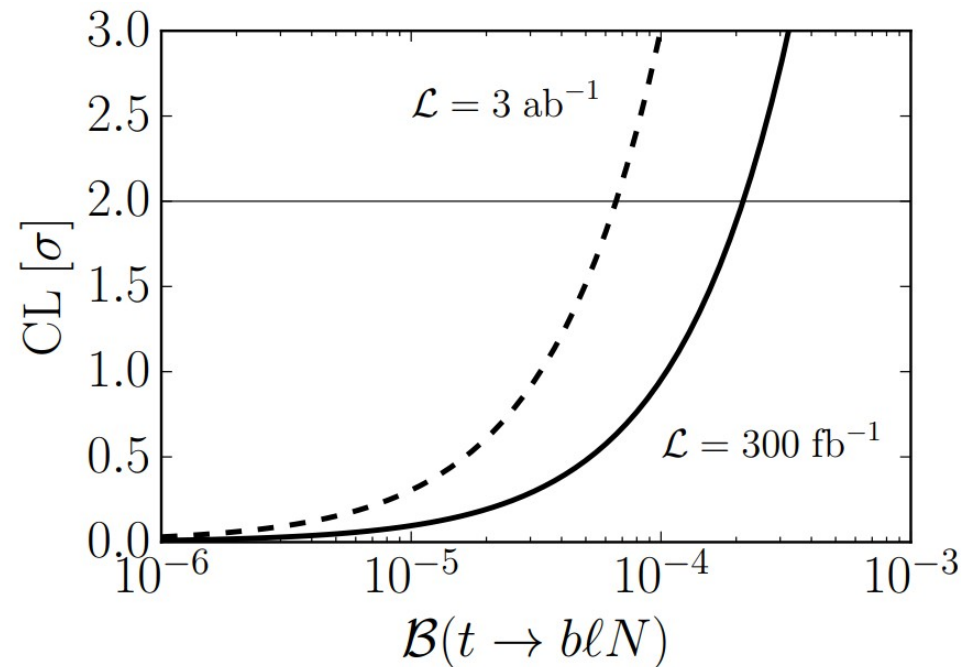
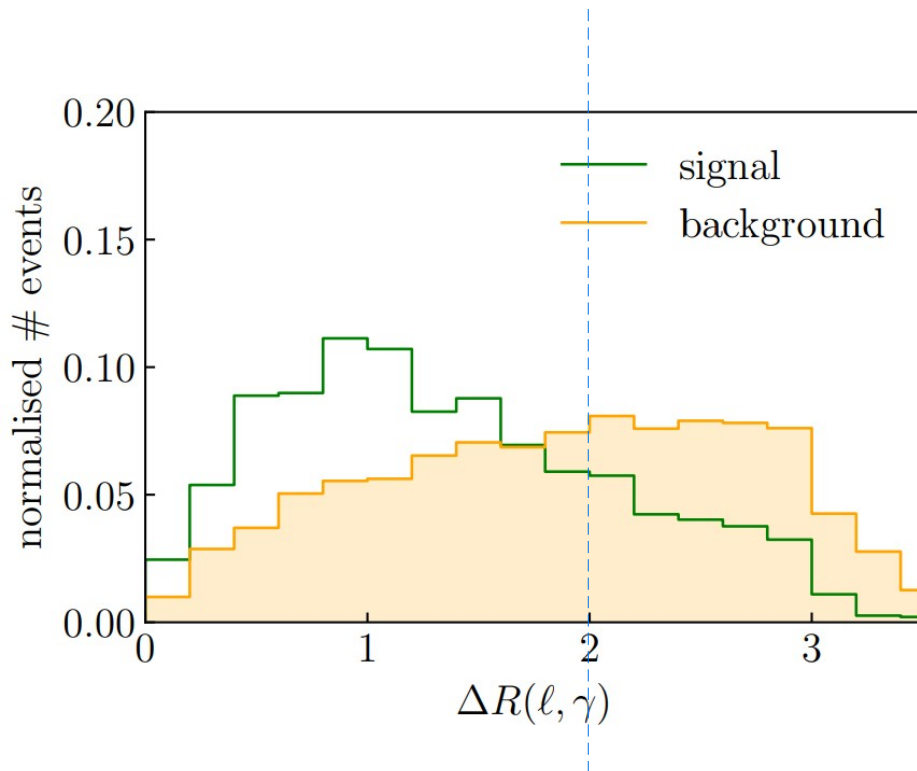
In this case,  $N$  is assumed to decay into a neutrino (which can be reconstructed fully in the collinear approx.) and a photon



# Rare top decays



$$A = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} = \frac{N(\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 2) - N(\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) < 2)}{N(\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) > 2) + N(\Delta R(\ell, \gamma) < 2)}$$



# Rare Higgs decays

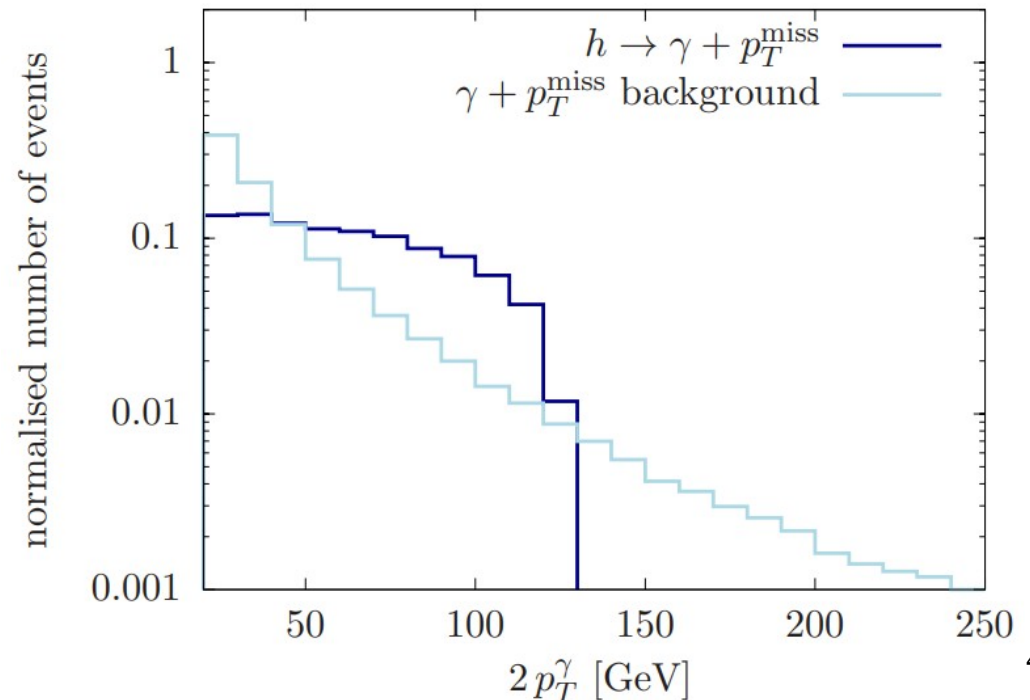
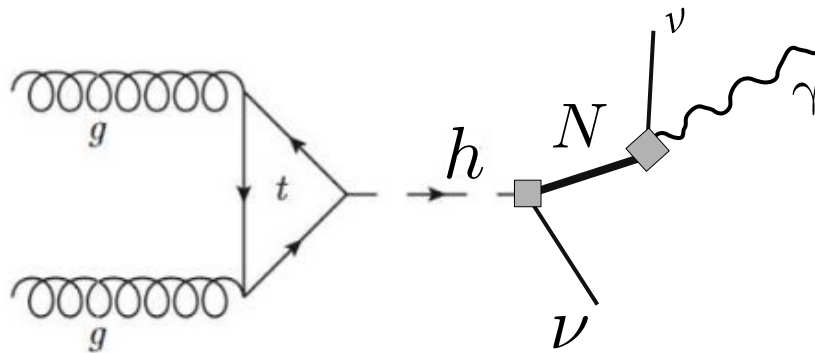


A Feynman diagram showing a Higgs boson  $h$  (represented by a dashed line) decaying into a heavy neutral lepton  $N$  and a neutrino  $\nu$ . The interaction vertex is marked with a grey square.

$$\mathcal{O}_{LNH}^i = \bar{L}_i N \tilde{H} H^\dagger H$$

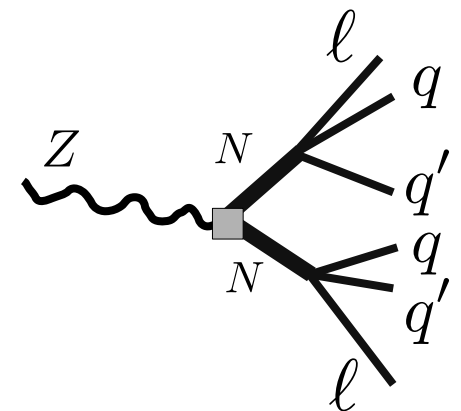
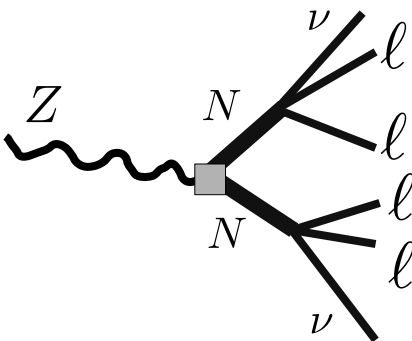
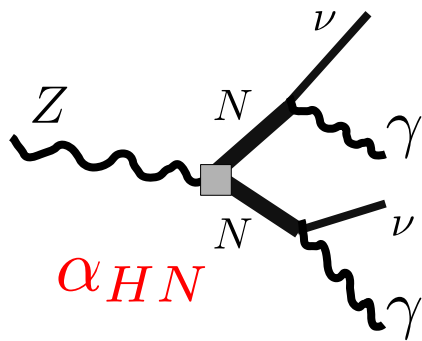
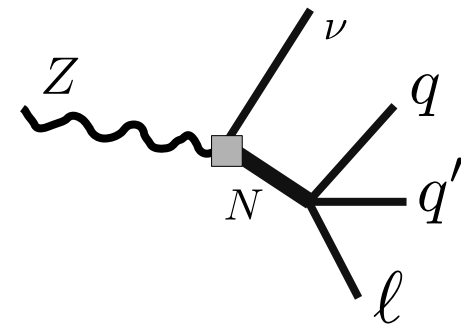
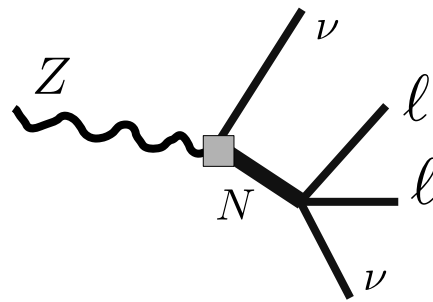
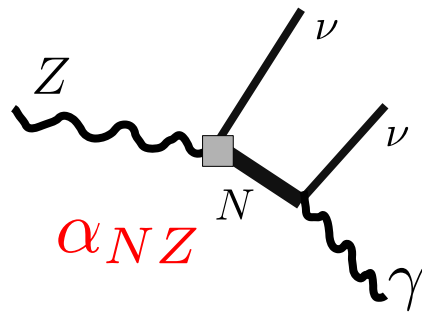
As for the top interactions, this channel is very poorly constrained (mostly by monophoton searches [[1810.00196](#)])

Sensitivity to BR of about  $10^{-3}$  at HL-LHC, which amounts to cutoff of about 20 TeV

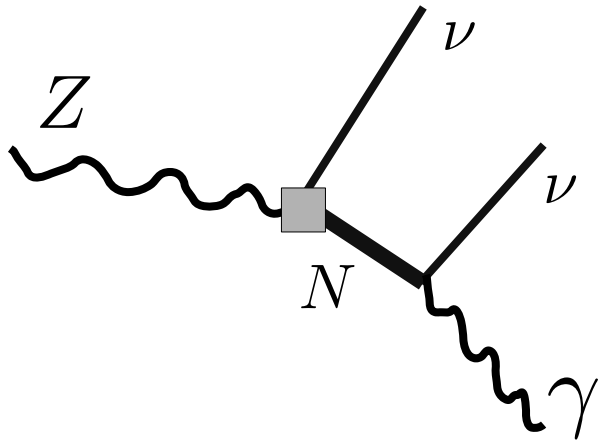


## A variety of Z boson decays

Some decays explicitly ignored, e.g. mixed channels or  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$  or pure invisible (see final slides)



$$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$$



$$\Gamma \sim \frac{m_Z^3 v^2}{\pi \Lambda^4} \alpha_{NZ}^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{the}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{exp}} < 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

[PLB 412 (1997) 201-209]

Theoretical estimates hold for  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV and  $O(1)$  couplings; I assume  $Z$  width is dominated by Standard Model

Naive estimate, based on  $5 \times 10^{12}$   $Z$  bosons, requiring about 10 observed events and efficiency or order 0.2:

(0.85 exp. ref.)

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{exp}} \sim 10^{-11} \quad (\Lambda \sim 100 \text{ TeV})$$



# Z → ννγ

Z

Γ <sub>58</sub>	e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup> γ	[f]	< 5.2	× 10 <sup>-4</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>59</sub>	μ <sup>+</sup> μ <sup>-</sup> γ	[f]	< 5.6	× 10 <sup>-4</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>60</sub>	τ <sup>+</sup> τ <sup>-</sup> γ	[f]	< 7.3	× 10 <sup>-4</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>61</sub>	ℓ <sup>+</sup> ℓ <sup>-</sup> γγ	[g]	< 6.8	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%

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Γ <sub>62</sub>	q $\bar{q}$ γγ	[g]	< 5.5	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>63</sub>	ν $\bar{\nu}$ γγ	[g]	< 3.1	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>64</sub>	e <sup>±</sup> μ <sup>∓</sup>	LF	[d] < 7.5	× 10 <sup>-7</sup>	CL=95%
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Γ <sub>66</sub>	μ <sup>±</sup> τ <sup>∓</sup>	LF	[d] < 6.5	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>67</sub>	pe	L,B	< 1.8	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%
Γ <sub>68</sub>	pμ	L,B	< 1.8	× 10 <sup>-6</sup>	CL=95%

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Naive est  
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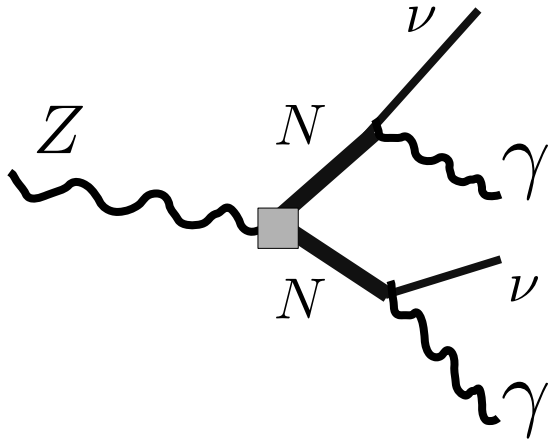
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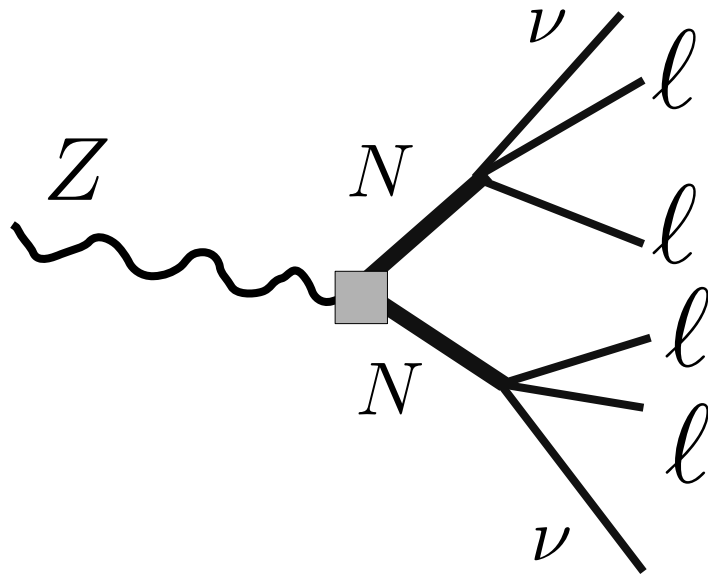
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$$\Gamma \sim \frac{m_Z^3 v^2}{\pi \Lambda^4} \alpha_{HN}^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{the}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{exp}} < 6 \times 10^{-7}$$

[PDG; 2103.01918,  
1902.05892, 1709.08601,  
1607.08834, 1403.5657]

I estimate the bound from the **error on the current measurement** of  $B(Z \rightarrow llll)$ !

$$(4.41 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{exp}]$$

$$(4.50 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6} \quad [\text{SM pred}]$$

Hard to extrapolate results from LHC, but I would expect negligible background and therefore similar to previous bounds 19

# Indirect sensitivity to other interactions (toy/out-of-fashioned example)

If neutrinos are Dirac particles, and they have a non-vanishing magnetic moment (like the one that explained the Xenon1T anomaly), then:

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{91}{12}g_1^2 - \frac{9}{4}g_2^2 - \frac{3}{2}Y_e^2 + \text{Tr}^2 & -\frac{9}{2}g_1g_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2}g_1g_2 & -\frac{3}{4}g_1^2 - \frac{11}{12}g_2^2 + \frac{5}{2}Y_e^2 + \text{Tr}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3g_1Y_e & -9g_2Y_e & \frac{1}{3}g_1^2 + 2\text{Tr}^2 & 2Y_e^2 & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ -3g_1Y_e & 9g_2Y_e & 0 & -3g_1^2 + Y_e^2 + 2\text{Tr}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3g_1(g_1^2 + g_2^2) & 3g_2(g_1^2 + 3g_2^2 + 4Y_e^2) & 0 & Y_e(3g_2^2 - 2\lambda_H - 2Y_e^2) & -\frac{9}{4}g_1^2 - \frac{27}{4}g_2^2 + 12\lambda_H - \frac{3}{2}Y_e^2 + 3\text{Tr}^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \alpha_{NB} \\ \alpha_{NW} \\ \alpha_{HN} \\ \alpha_{HNe} \\ \alpha_{LNH} \end{matrix}$$

$$\alpha_{NA} \sim 9 \times 10^{-6} \quad (9 \times 10^{-2}) \quad \text{for} \quad \Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV} \quad (100 \text{ TeV})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \text{inv}) \sim 2 \times 10^{-14} \quad (4 \times 10^{-13})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \text{inv}) \sim 5 \times 10^{-19} \quad (8 \times 10^{-18})$$

## Conclusions

The NSMEFT is a not-so-unreasonable description of the IR, with lot of different directions in parameter space **still to be explored**

**Huge experimental program in Z decays**, driven by the interplay between N production and decay modes

It might be worth exploring the topic first from simulation (with special attention to **reconstruction of N**). I might start this program myself :)

Although sensitivity to branching ratios is spectacular, it does not translate well to cutoff, because **width scales with  $1/\Lambda^4$**  (no interference with SM)

Thank you!