



# Heavy neutral leptons ~ theory ~

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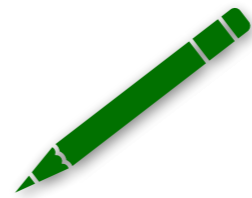
with many - Senjanović, Bajc, Nesti, Vissani, Maiezza, ...

WG1-SRCH topical meeting - Heavy neutral leptons

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# Mass origin

SM Higgs



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Solution: couple to Higgs  $\varphi = (2, 1)_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{h+v}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

Weinberg '67

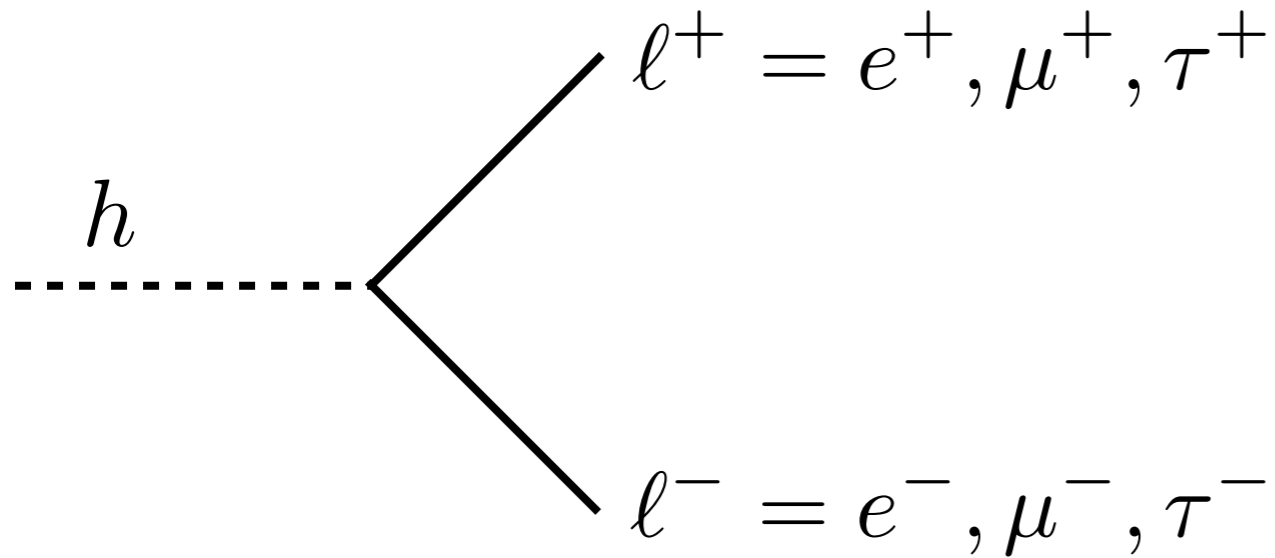
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_D &= y_\ell \bar{L}_L \varphi \ell_R + \text{h.c.} \\ &= \frac{y_\ell}{\sqrt{2}} (v + h) \bar{e}_L e_R + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$



Mass

Higgs coupling

# Testing the origin of **Dirac** masses in the SM

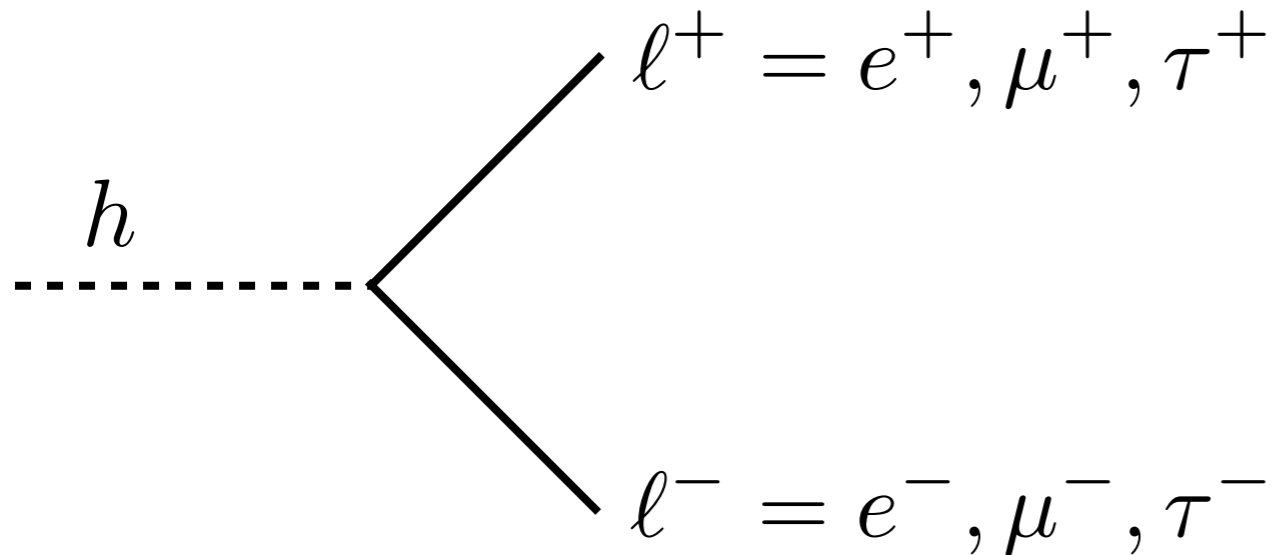


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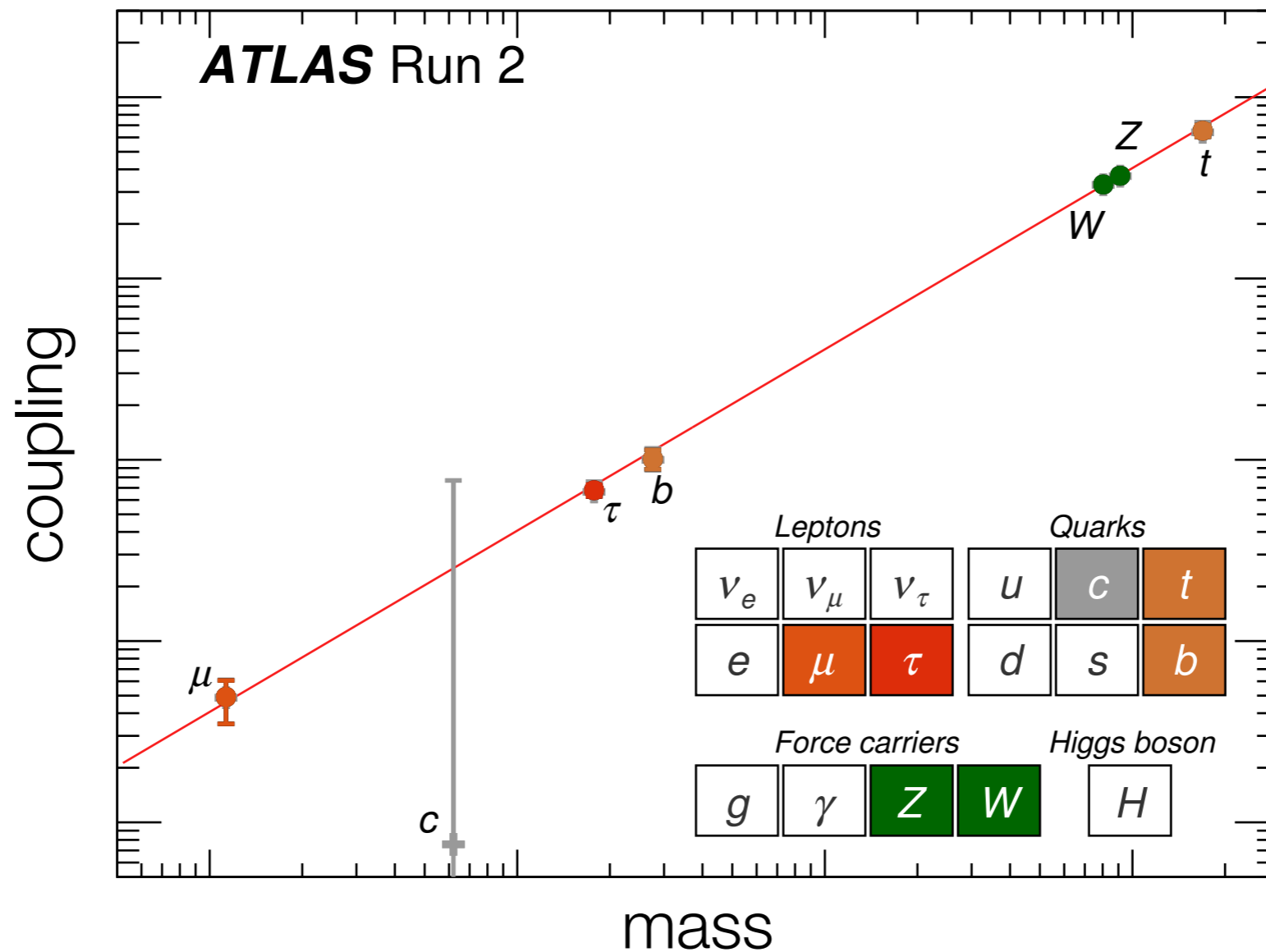
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ATLAS '22



Testing

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Effective theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(n+4)}}{\Lambda^n} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n+4)}$$

Weinberg '79  
Wilczek '79

Leading operator

$$\frac{c^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}^{(5)} = \frac{\tilde{y}}{\Lambda_\nu} (L\varphi) (L\varphi)$$

Gives neutrinos **Majorana mass** and breaks **lepton number**.

particle = anti-particle





# Neutrino mass origin

An EFT picture

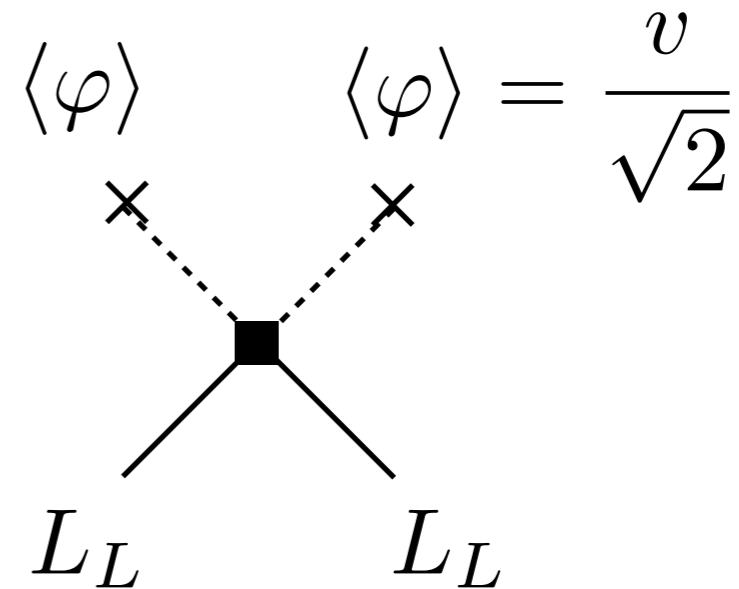
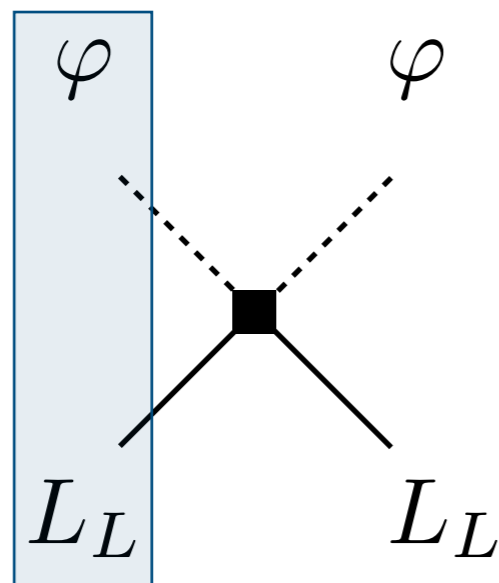
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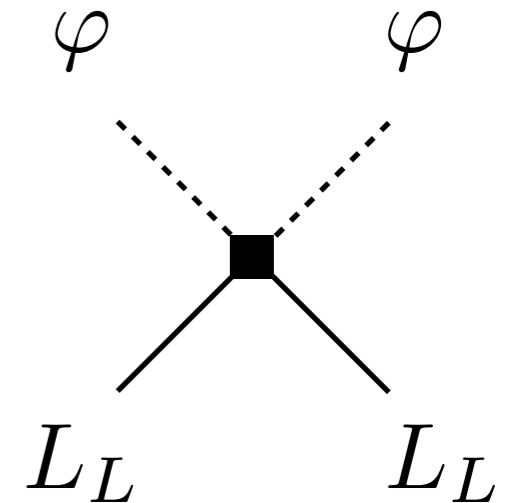
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$$L_L^T \mathcal{C} L_L \Rightarrow \nu_L^T \mathcal{C} \nu_L$$

$$L(L) = 1 = L(\ell) = L(\nu)$$



$$\nu_{L,R} \rightarrow e^{i\alpha L} \nu_{L,R}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_L \nu_R$$

Dirac

$$\Delta L = 0$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{L,R} \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha L} \bar{\nu}_{L,R}$$

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Majorana

$$\Delta L = 2$$

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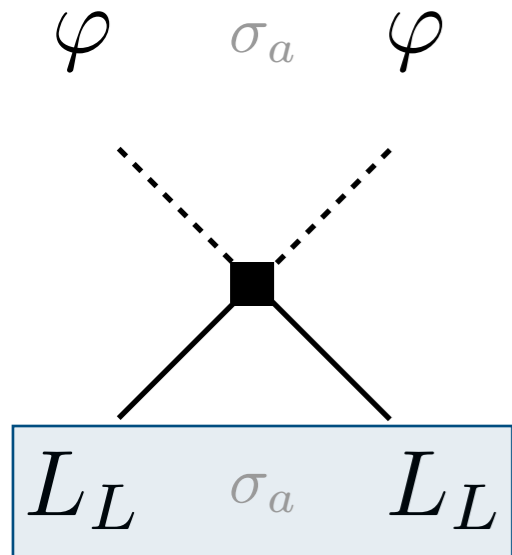
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bosonic triplet  $(3, 2)_B$

$\sigma_3$  gives zero

$\sigma_{1,2}$  charged leptons cancel, neutrinos sum up



~~$$\ell_L^T \mathcal{C} \ell_L$$~~ 

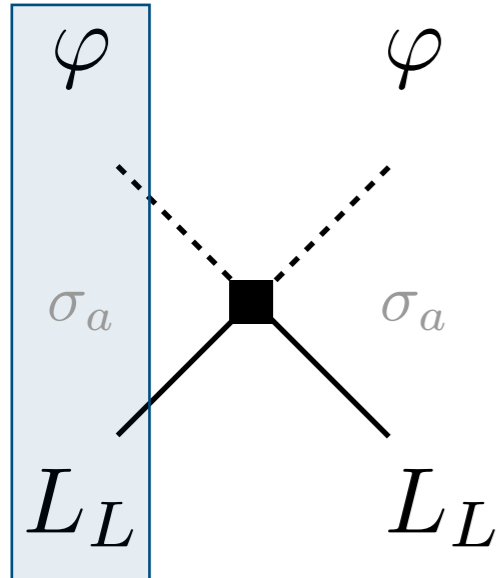
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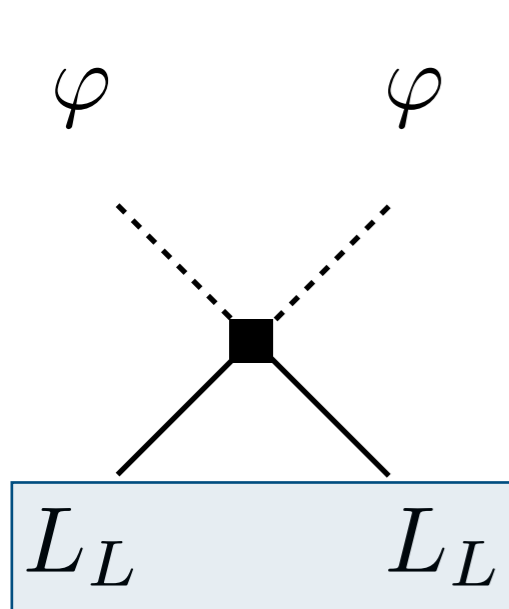
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### iv) No seesaw?



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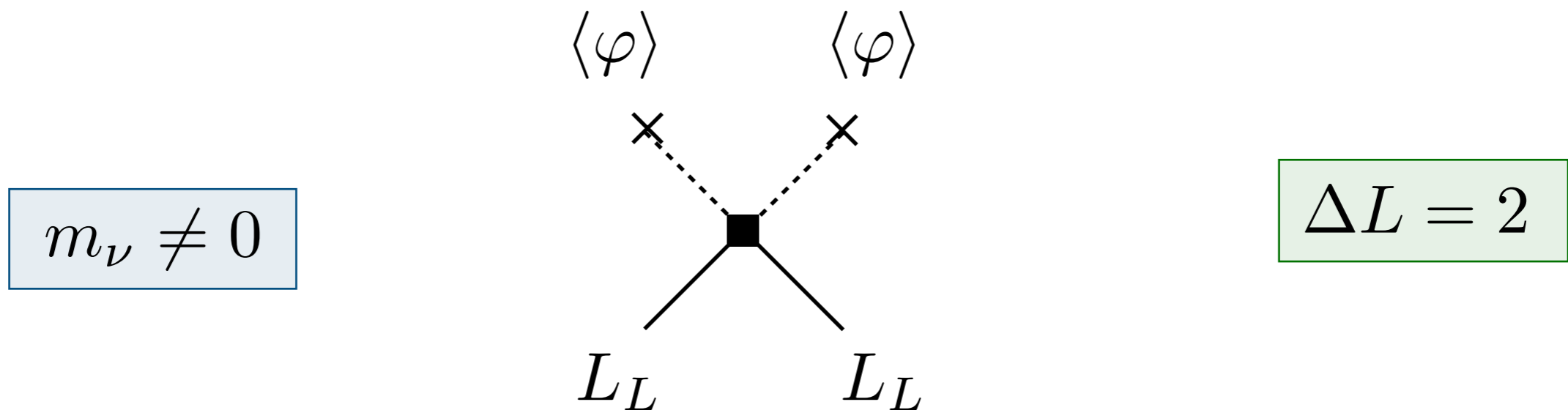
quantum numbers of a bosonic  $(\mathbf{1}, 2)_B$

$$M_\nu = 0$$

at tree level (loops nonzero)

# Summary

Viewing the BSM as an effective theory we have one operator that...



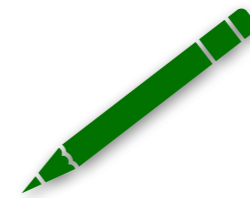
... gives neutrino mass and breaks lepton number in three ways at tree level.

What if the scale  $\Lambda_\nu$  is not too high and we produce the seesaw particles?



# Neutrino mass origin

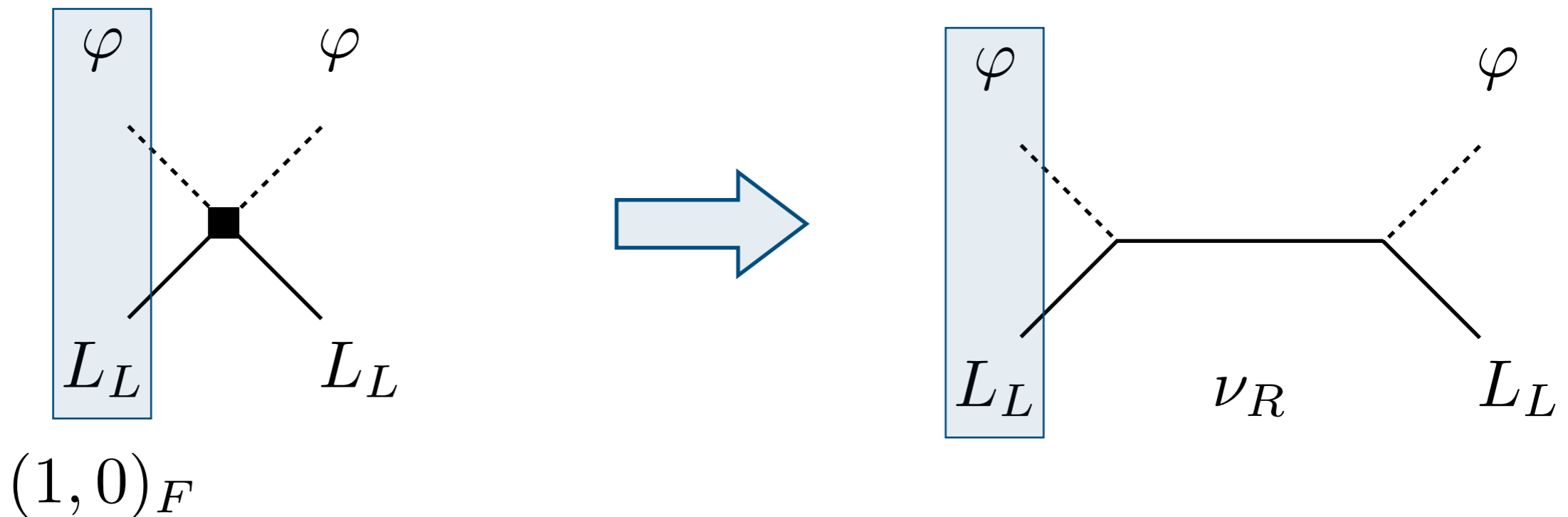
UV complete models



**Type I seesaw** bottom up approach, simplicity?

$$\mathcal{O}^{(5)} = (L\varphi)(L\varphi) = (L^T i\sigma_2 \varphi)\mathcal{C}(\varphi i\sigma_2 L)$$

Open up the effective operator and write down a UV complete theory



A fermion with no SM quantum numbers = sterile neutrino  $\nu_R = (1, 0)_F$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\nu_R}$$

New states, new interactions. How to relate to neutrino mass and exp.?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu_R} = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\nu}_R \not{\partial} \nu_R - y_D \bar{\nu}_R \varphi i \sigma_2 L - \frac{1}{2} m_{\nu_R} \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R$$

Kinetic

Dirac

Majorana

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = m_D \bar{\nu}_R \nu_L + \frac{1}{2} m_{\nu_R} \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R + \text{h.c.}$$

Seesaw

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_{\nu_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D = y_D \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{tr} M_\nu = m_\nu + m_N \simeq m_{\nu_R}$$

$$\det M_\nu = m_\nu m_{\nu_R}$$

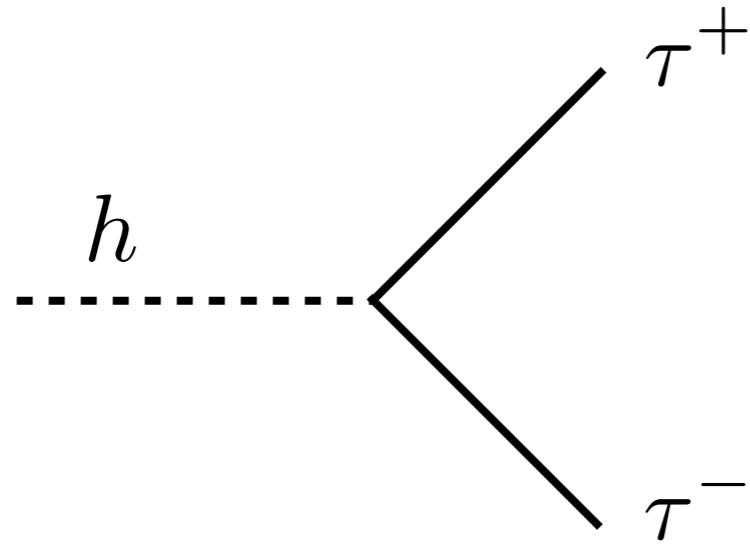
Masses

$$m_\nu = -\frac{m_D^2}{m_{\nu_R}}$$

Mixing

$$\theta_{\nu\nu_R} \simeq \frac{m_D}{m_{\nu_R}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{m_\nu}{m_{\nu_R}}}$$

# Testing seesaw or neutrino mass origin



$$\Gamma_{h \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-} = \frac{m_h g^2}{32\pi} \left( \frac{m_\tau}{M_W} \right)^2$$

Dirac fermions only have one source of mass  $m_\tau = y_\tau \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$

Seesaw

$$M_\nu = -M_D^T M_{\nu_R} M_D$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_\nu &\simeq -M_D^T M_{\nu_R} M_D && \xrightarrow{\quad} = OS, S^T = S, O^T O = 1 \\ &= -\left(m_s^{-1/2} M_D\right)^T \left(m_s^{-1/2} M_D\right) \\ &= -SO^T OS = -S^2 \end{aligned}$$

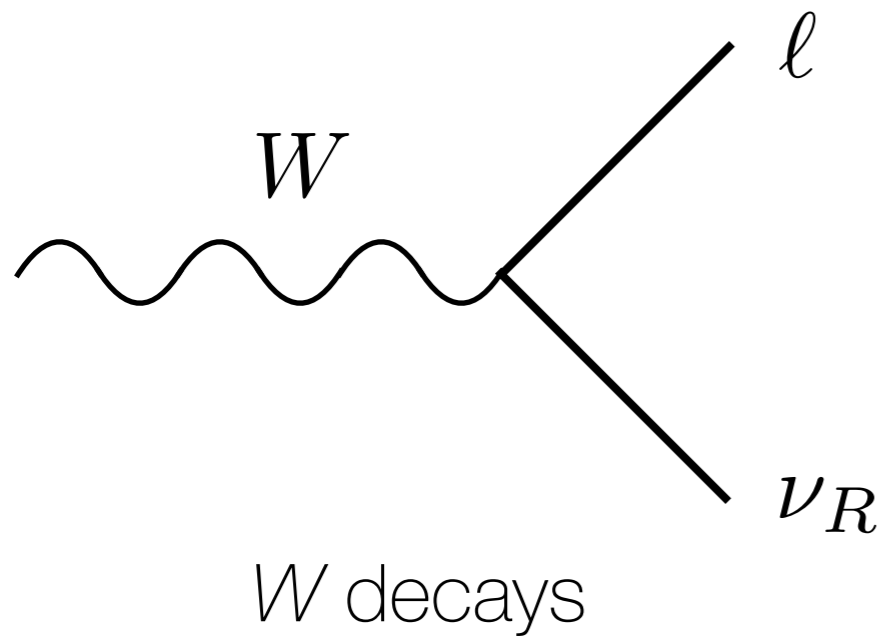
$$M_D = i\sqrt{m_S} O \sqrt{M_\nu}$$

$$S = i\sqrt{M_\nu}$$

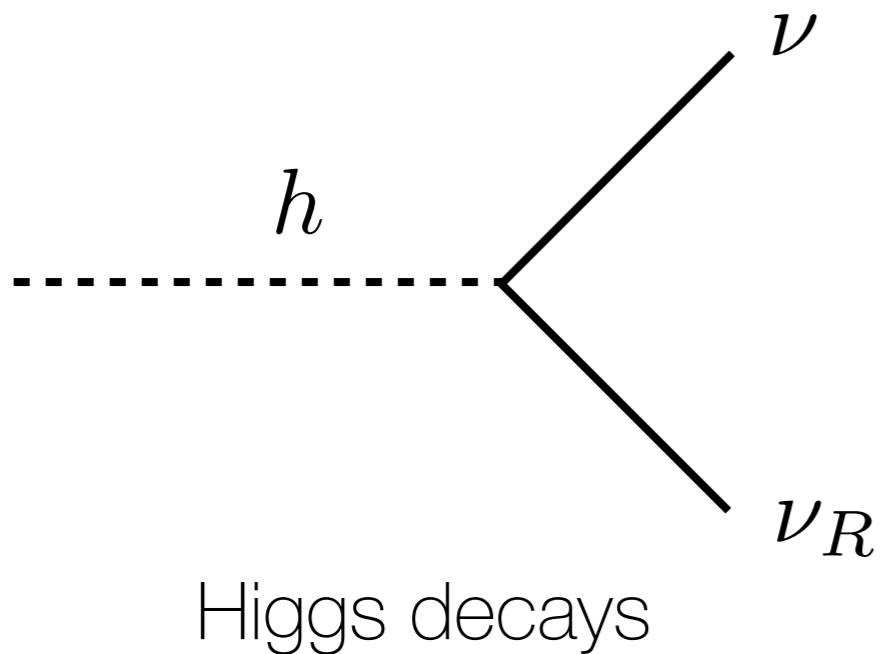
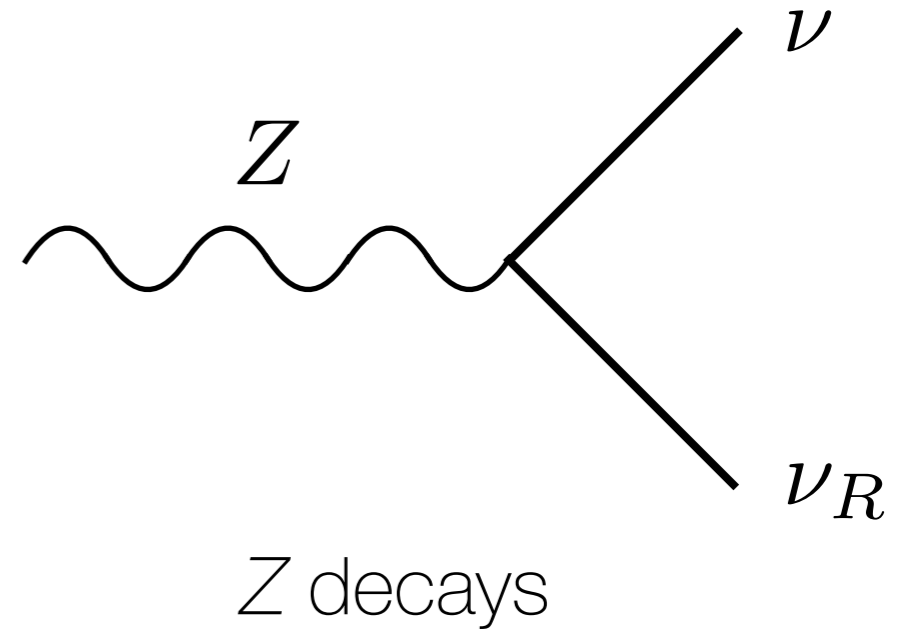
Seesaw ambiguity

# Testing type I seesaw

We can produce heavy sterile neutrinos in



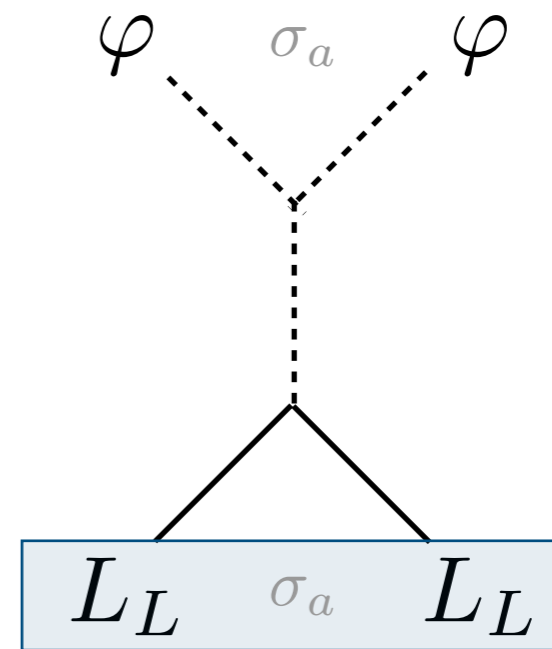
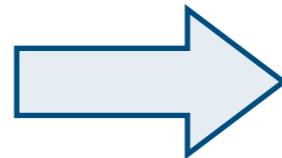
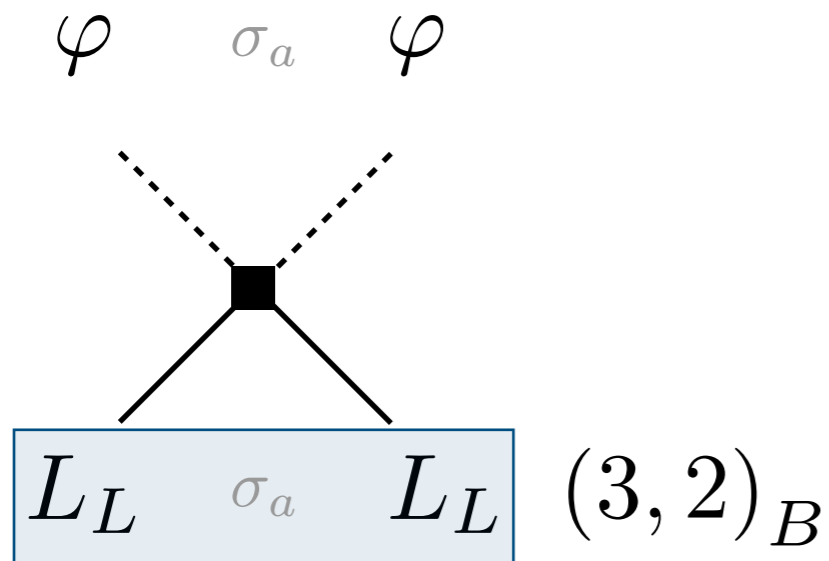
$$\propto U_{\nu_R \ell} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_\nu}{m_{\nu_R}}}$$



- Nuclear processes
- Meson decays
- LFV, EWPT

# Type II seesaw

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A bosonic triplet  $\Delta_L = (3, 2)_B$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\Delta_L}$$

New states, new interactions. How to relate to neutrino mass and exp.?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta_L} = \underbrace{|D_\mu \Delta_L|^2}_{\text{Kinetic}} - Y_\Delta \underbrace{(L^T i\sigma_2 \sigma_a \mathcal{C} L)}_{\text{Majorana}} \Delta_L^a - \underbrace{V(\Delta, \varphi)}_{\text{Potential}}$$

$$\Delta_L = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Delta^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^0 & -\frac{\Delta^+}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_a \Delta_L^a$$

New states = new seesaw particles

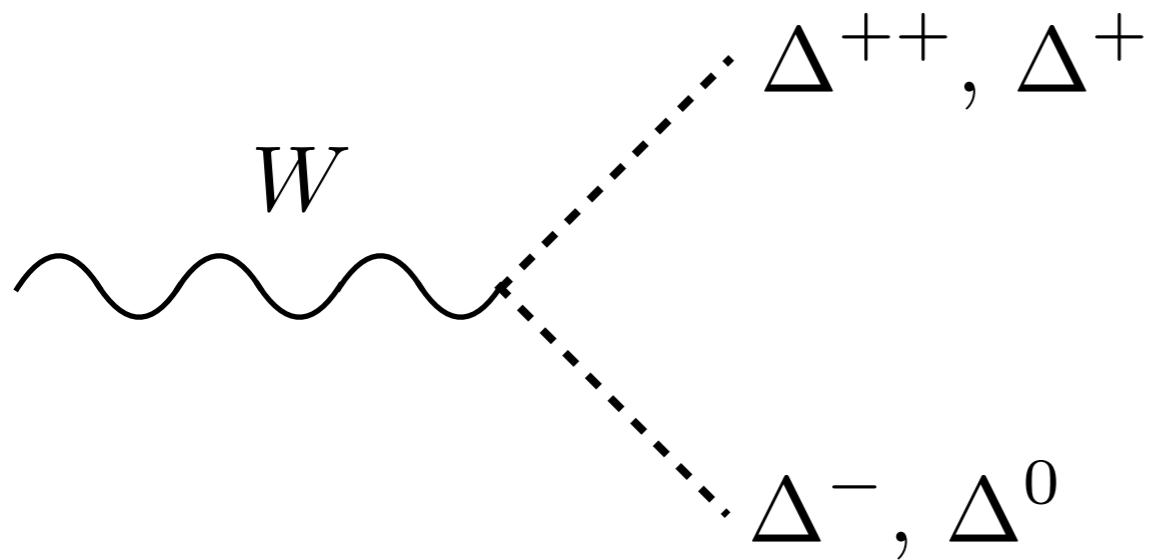
$$Y_\Delta \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^T & \ell_L^T \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{C} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{v_\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \ell_L \end{pmatrix} = \frac{Y_\Delta v_\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} \nu_L^T \mathcal{C} \nu_L$$

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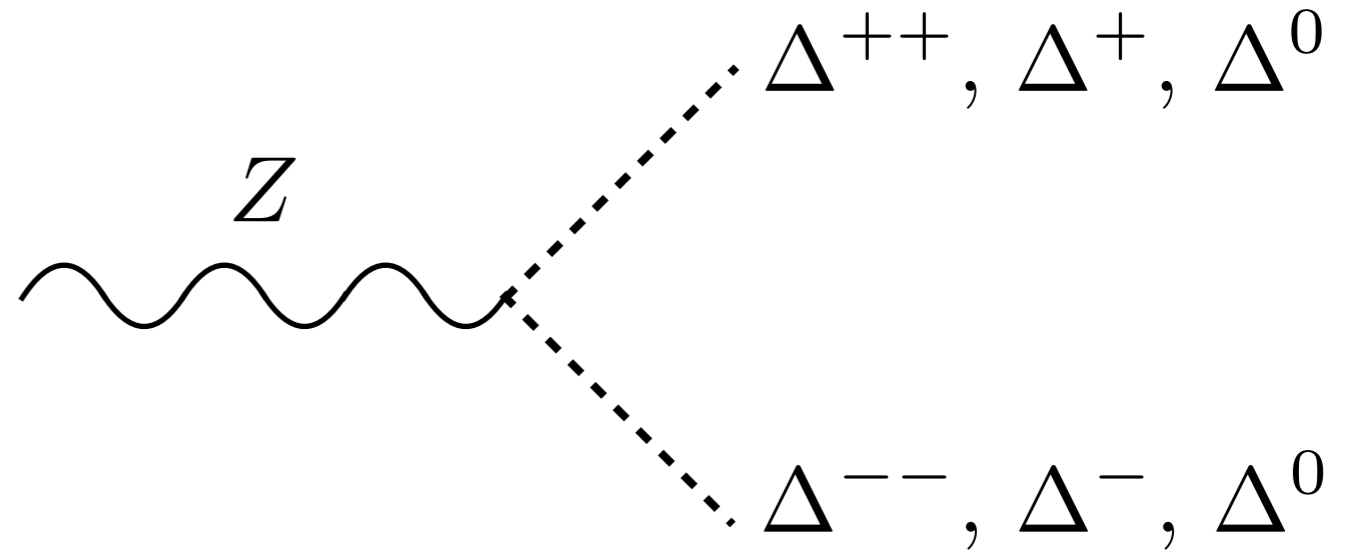
Unambiguous relation to neutrino oscillations

# Testing type II seesaw

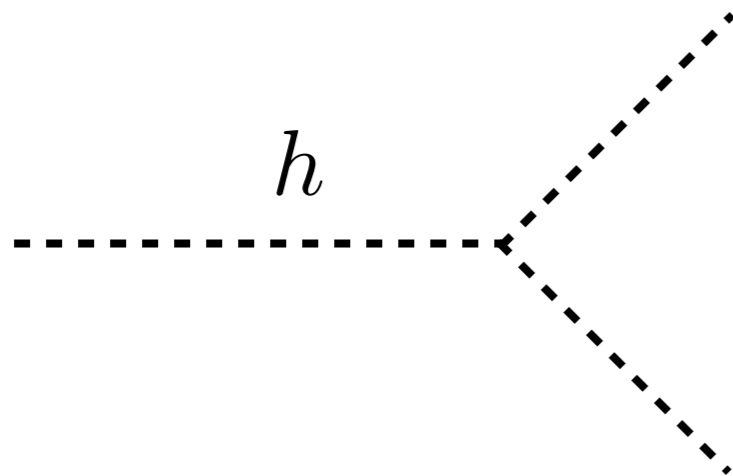
We can produce triplet components via gauge and Higgs



$W$  associated production



$Z$  pair-production



Higgs pair-production

Meson decays

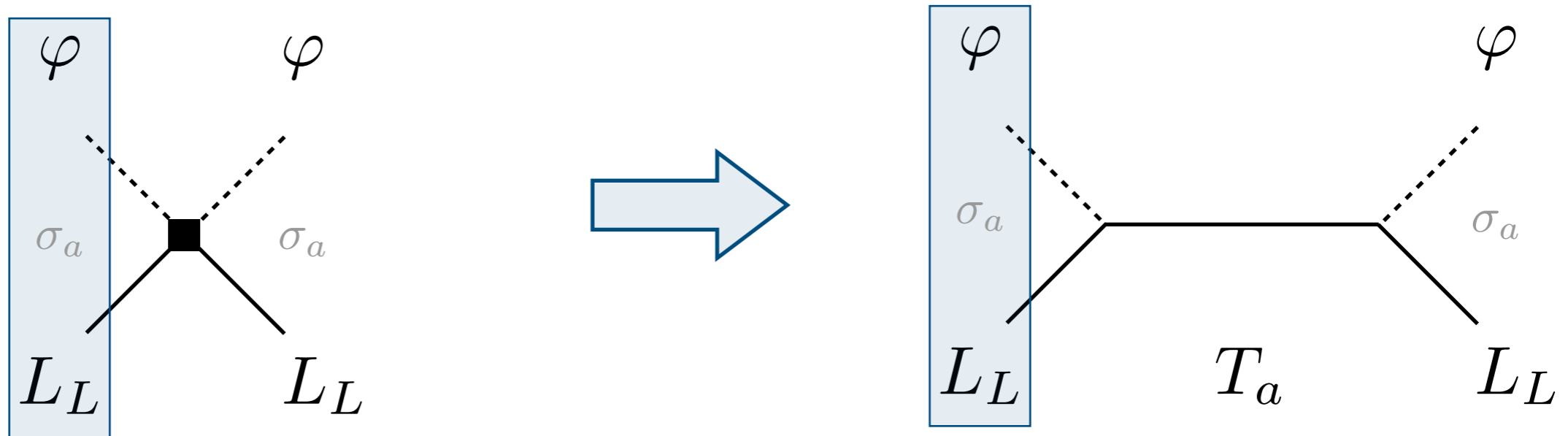
LFV, rare muon decays

EWPT,  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, Z\gamma$



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A fermionic triplet  $T = (3, 0)_F$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_T$$

Yukawa sector similar to type I; more states and gauge interactions.

$$\mathcal{L}_T = \bar{T} \not{D} T - y_T (L^T i \sigma_2 \sigma_a \varphi) T_a - \frac{m_T}{2} T_a^T \mathcal{C} T_a$$

Kinetic      Dirac      Majorana

$T \in (T^\pm, T^0)$     New states = new seesaw particles

## Connection to neutrino masses

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D = y_T \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Seesaw ambiguity

This is the same as for type I seesaw, what is new are gauge interactions.

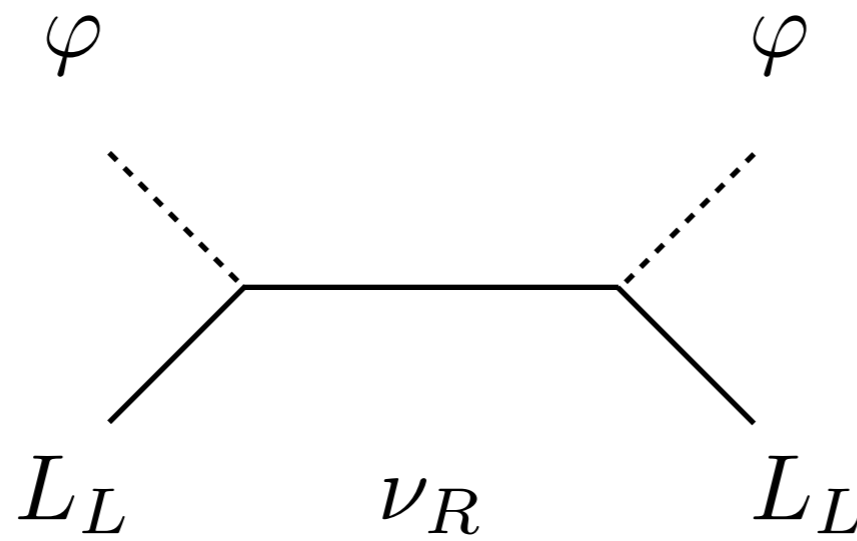
# Phenomenology



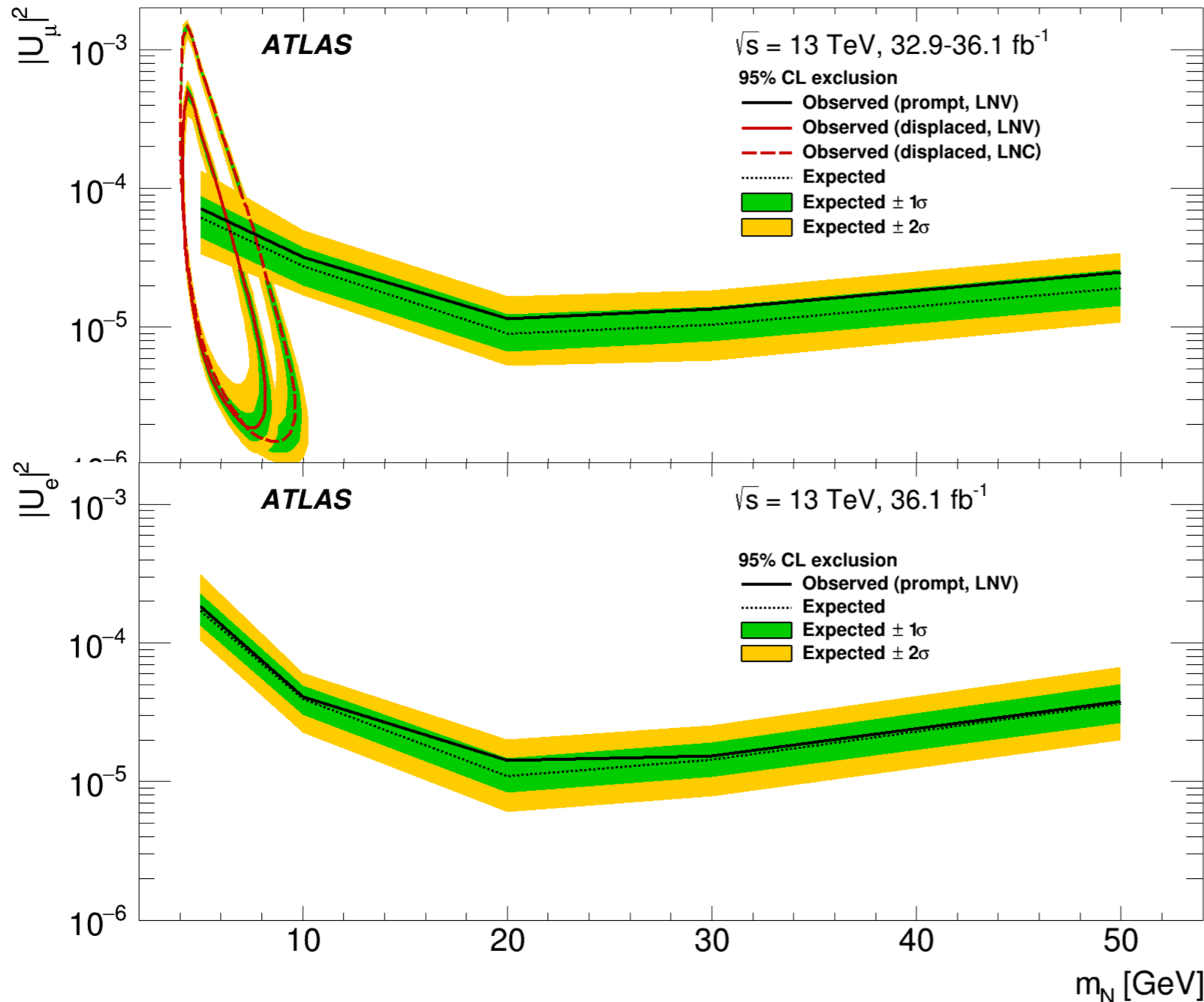
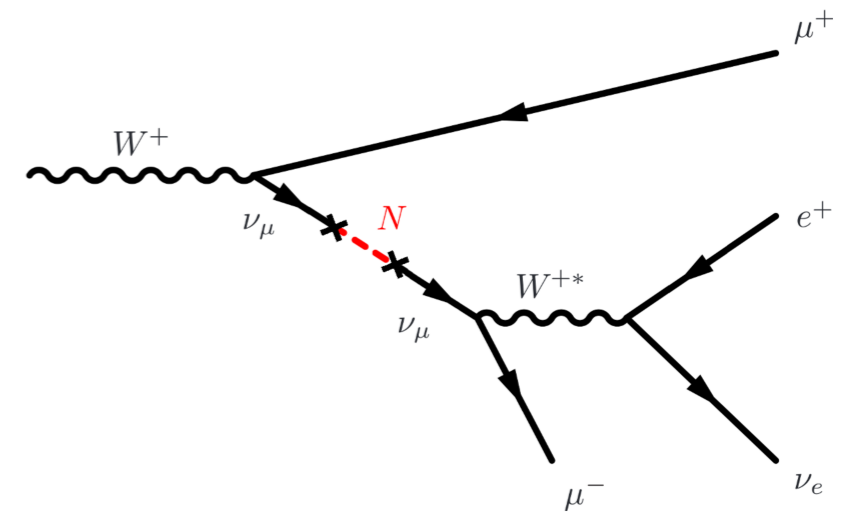


type I  
seesaw

# Type I seesaw



Leptonic final states

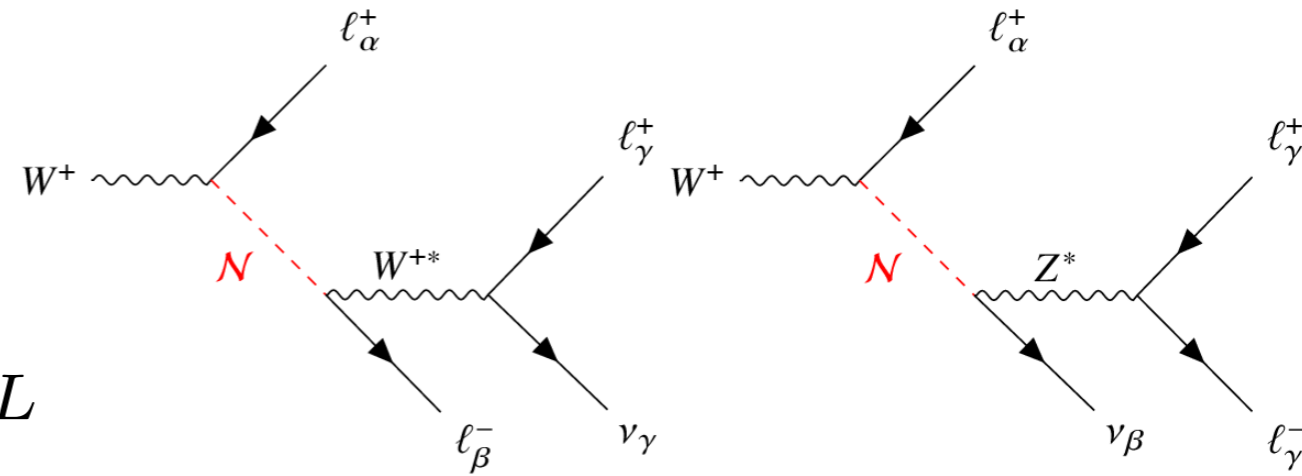
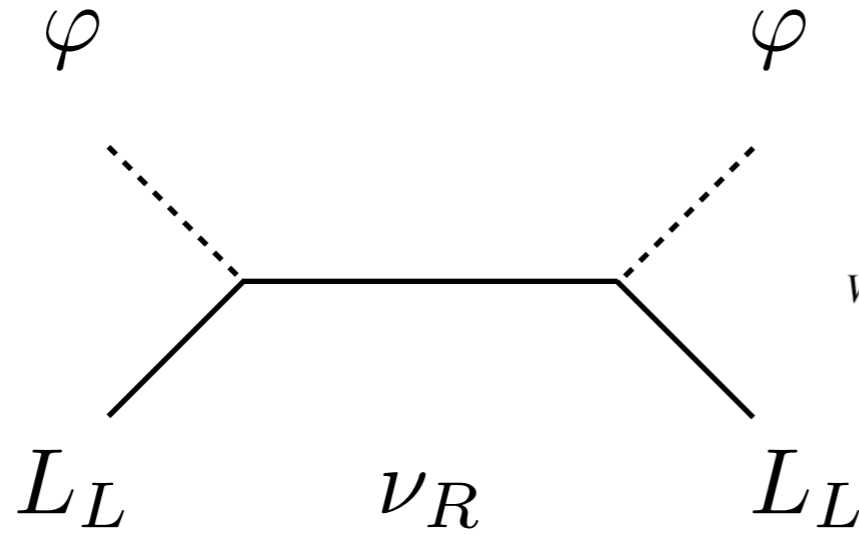


Missing energy

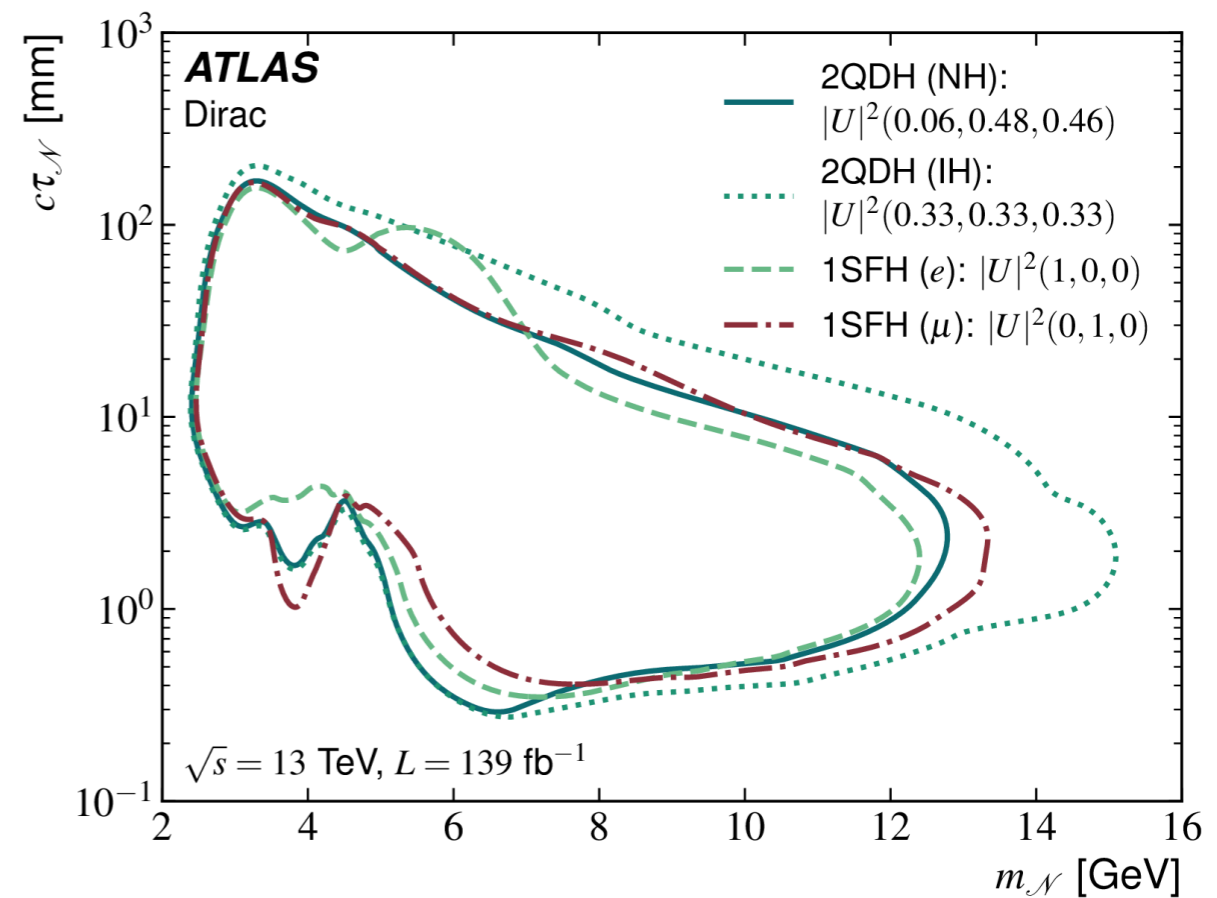
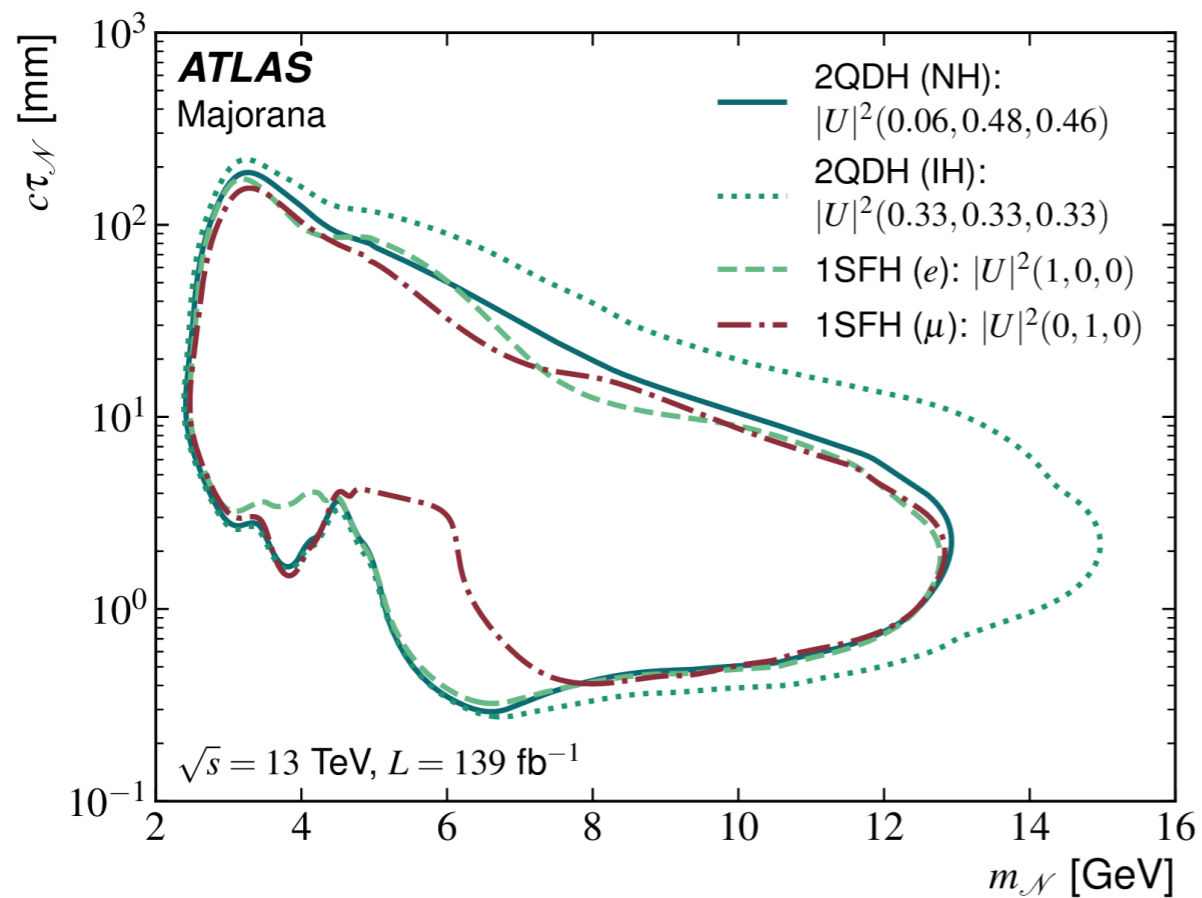
Approx. Mass reconstruction

Flavor of leptons gives info on Dirac couplings

## Type I seesaw

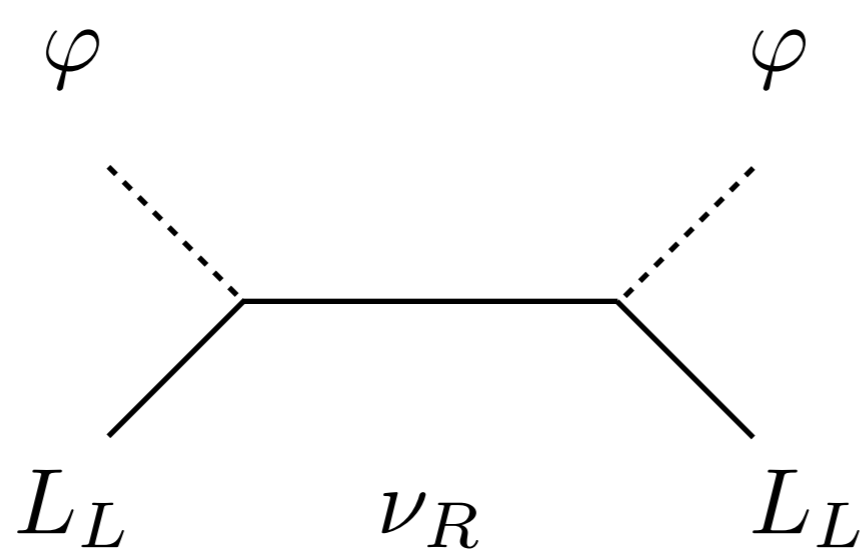


Weak mixing also leads to **displaced** signatures

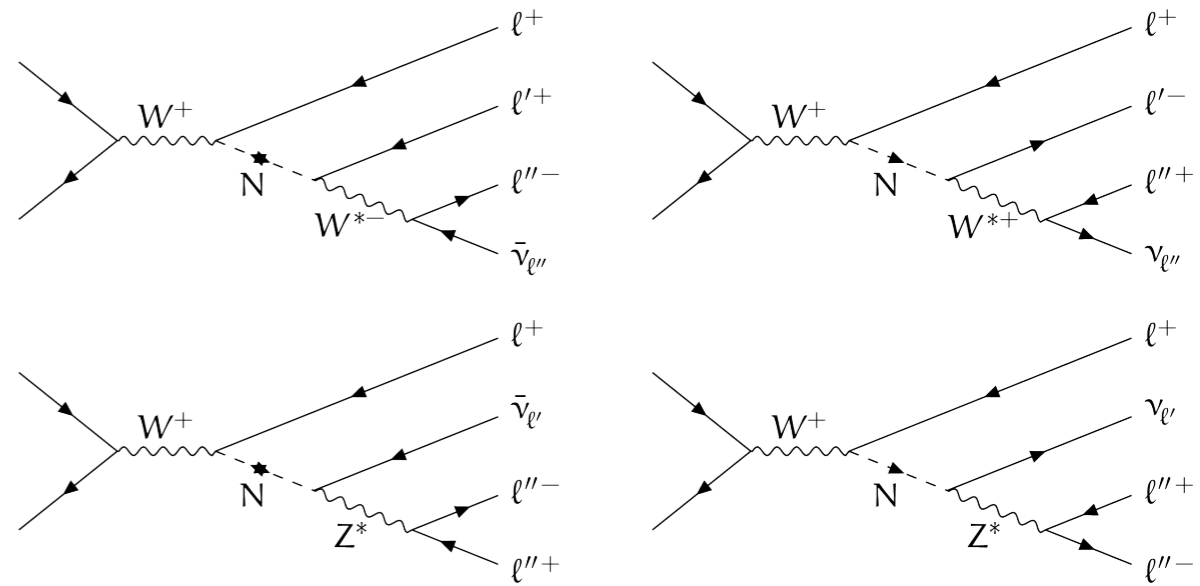


Backgrounds dibosons, jet fakes, secondary photoproduction

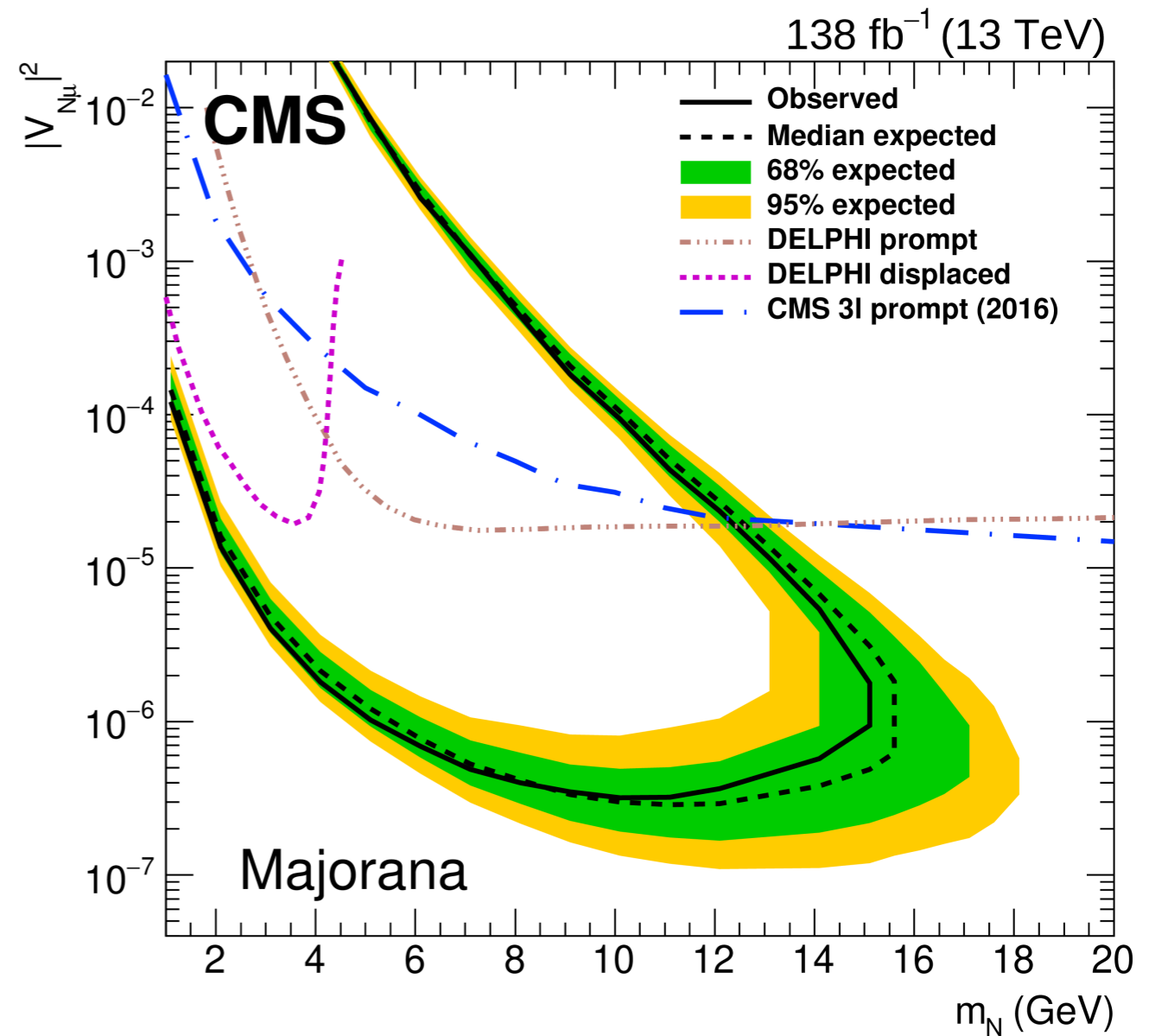
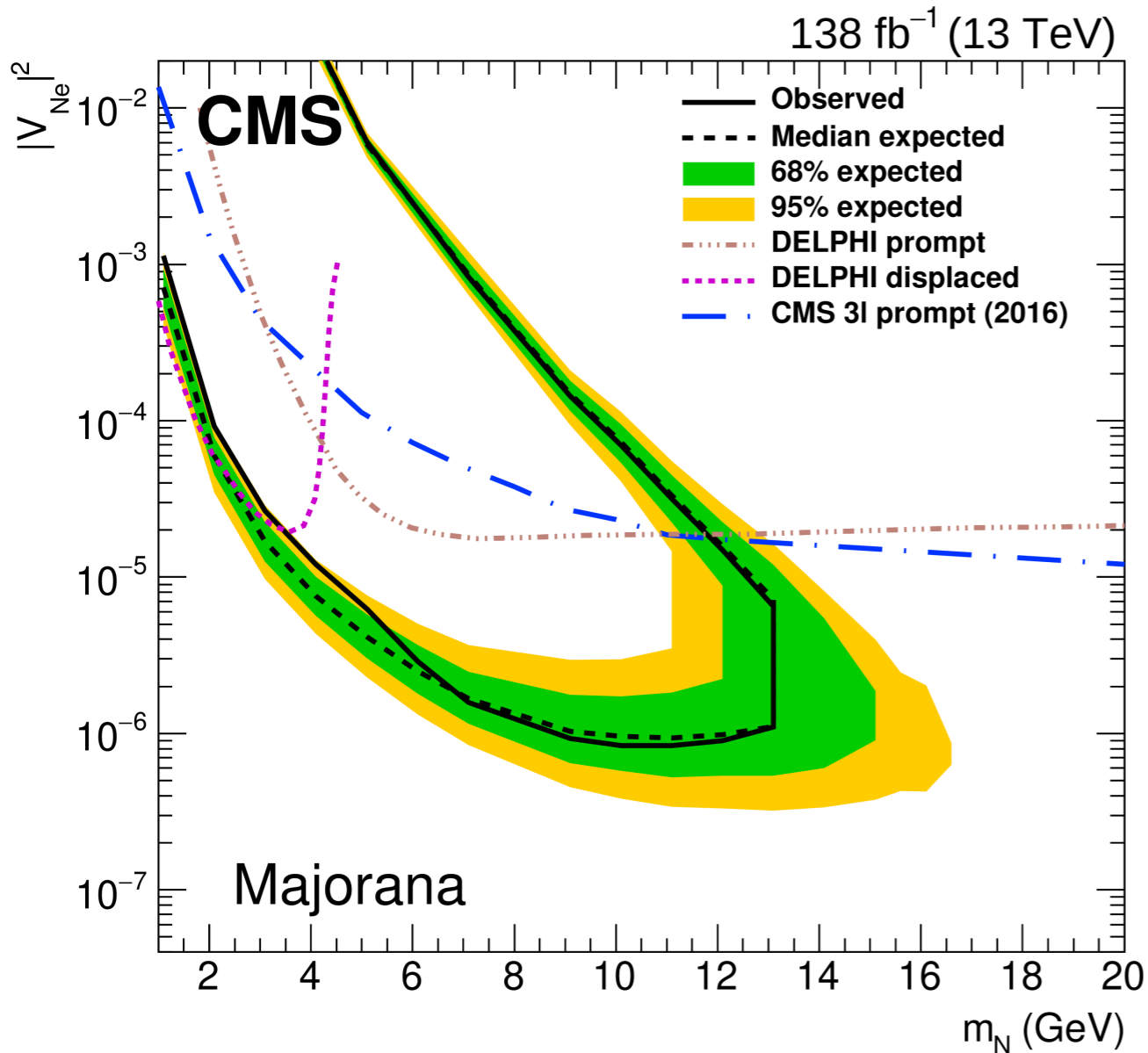
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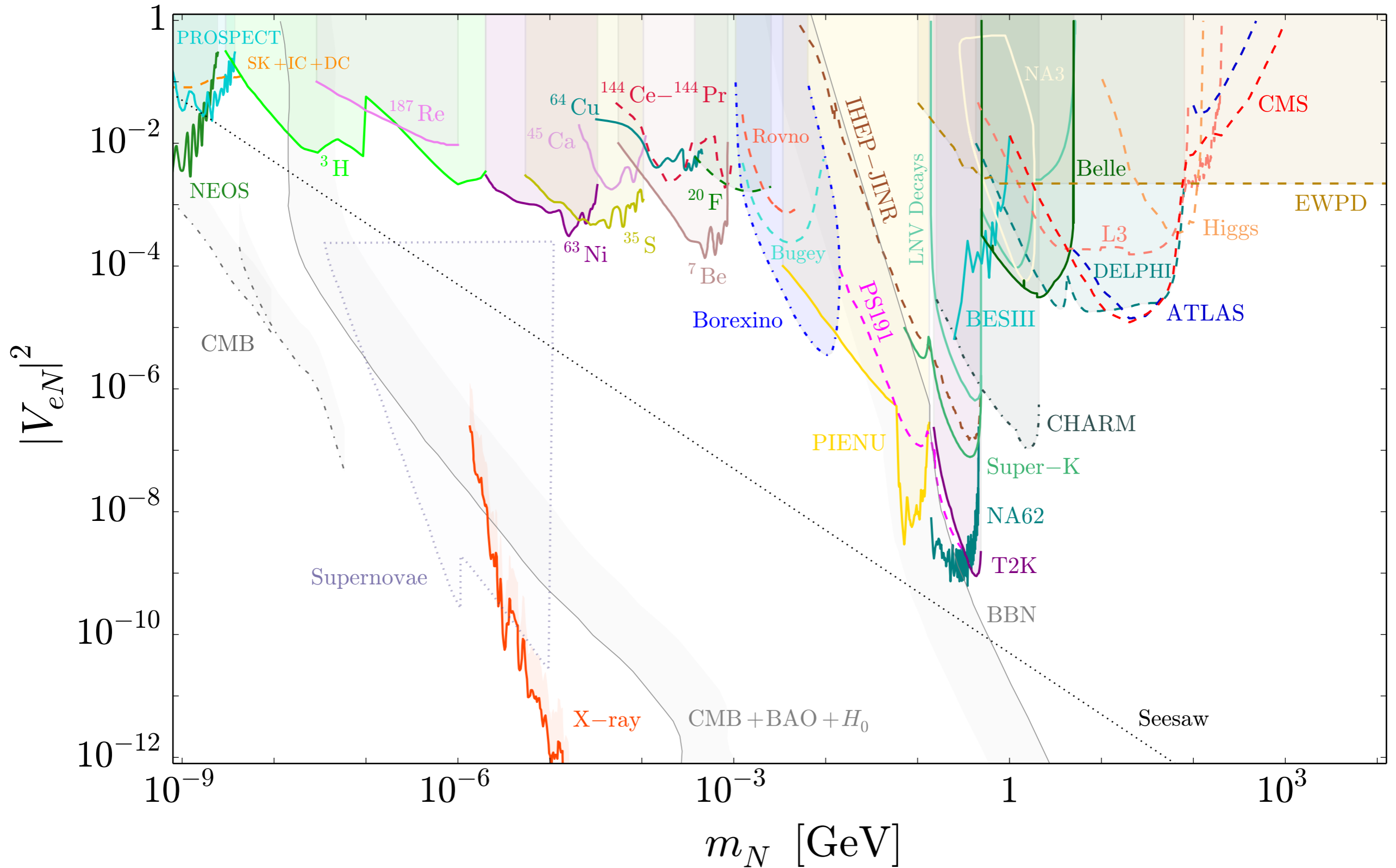


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Leptonic final states



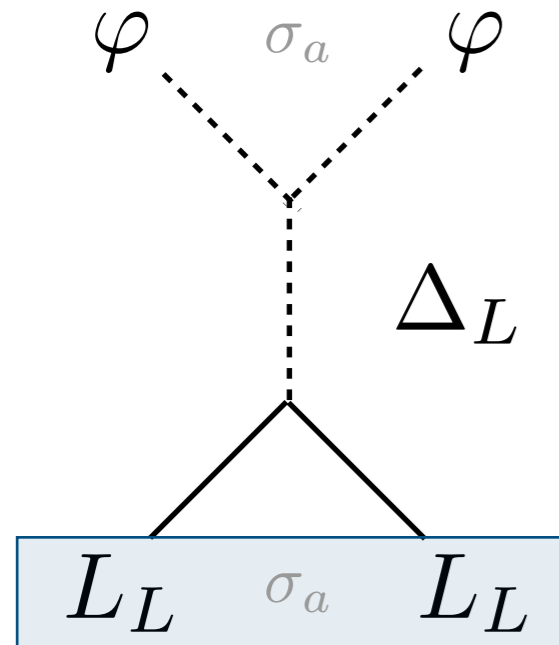






type II  
seesaw

# Type II seesaw



simple(st), one representation only

Cheng, Li '80  
Magg, Wetterich '80

possible remnant of

SO(10)

$126_H$

Lazarides, Shafi, Wetterich '81

SU(5)

$15_H$

Glashow '79, ...

Left-Right

$\Delta_L(3, 1, 2)$

Mohapatra, Senjanović '81

tests at the LHC

LHC searches still incomplete

open issues?

- mass splittings
- gauge boson final states

## Type II seesaw

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta_L} = |D_\mu \Delta_L|^2 - Y_\Delta (L^T i\sigma_2 \sigma_a \mathcal{C} L) \Delta_L^a - V(\Delta, \varphi)$$

gauge production

neutrino mass

mass spectrum

decays to g.b.s

decays to leptons

cascade decays

$$W, Z \rightarrow \Delta\Delta$$

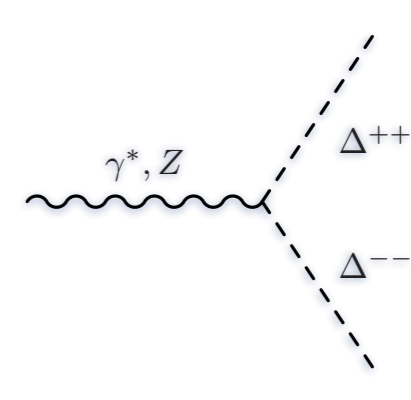
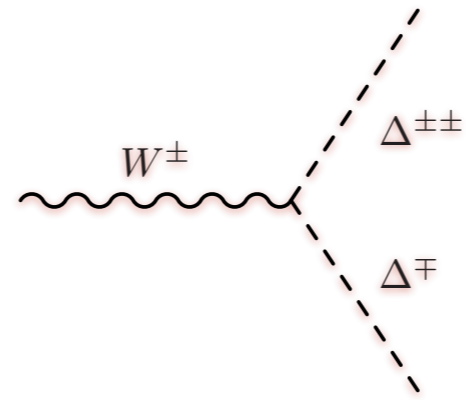
$$M_\nu = \sqrt{2} Y_\Delta v_\Delta = V_L^* m_\nu V_L^\dagger$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_+^2 - m_{++}^2 &\simeq \\ m_0^2 - m_+^2 &\simeq \beta v^2 / 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$v_\Delta < \mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$$

Need Yukawa and  $v_\Delta$  to break **LVN**

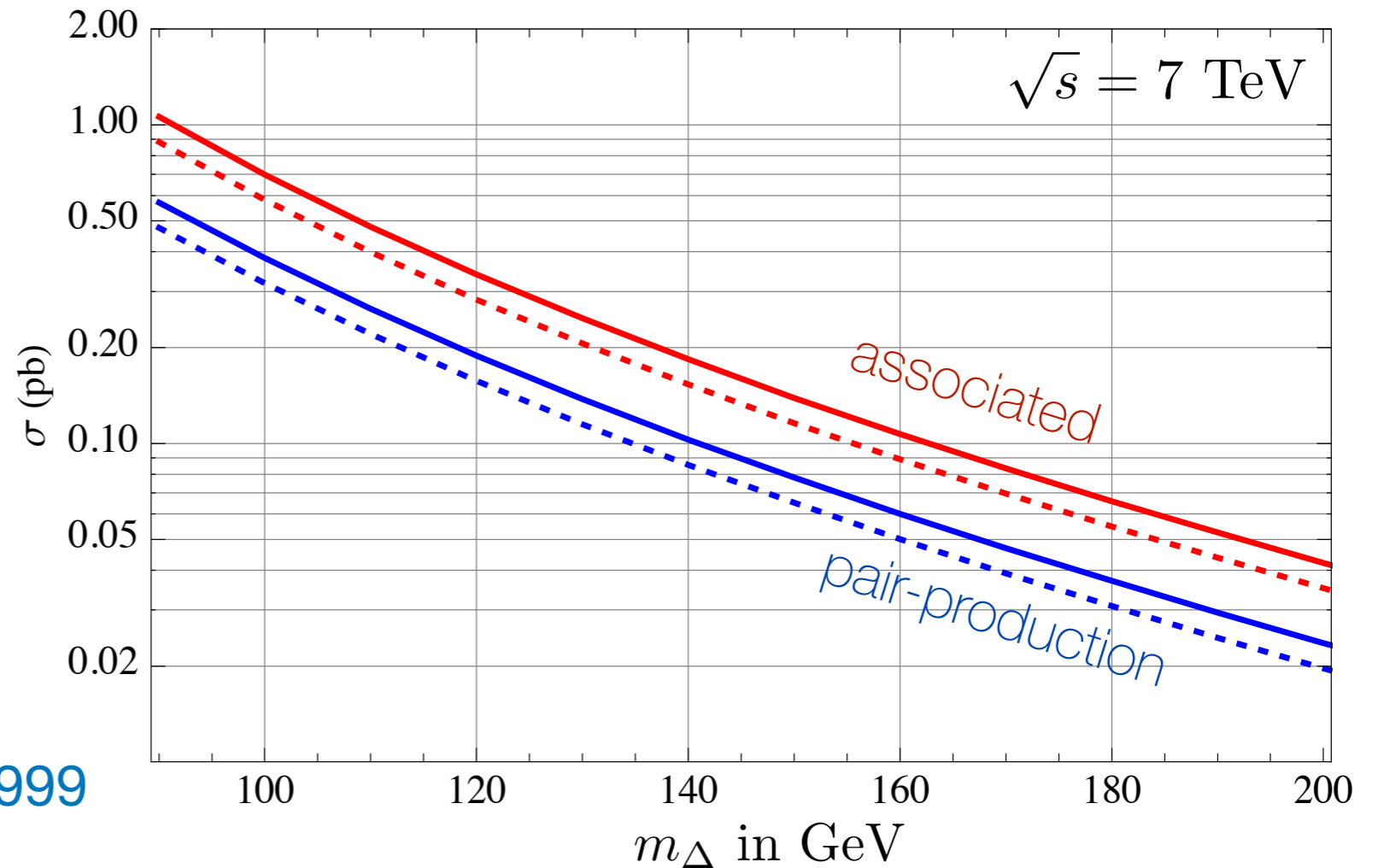
# Type II seesaw production



Azuelos et al. '05  
Akeroyd, Aoki '05

Single production small

Godfrey, Moats '10  
Bhambaniya et al. 1504.03999

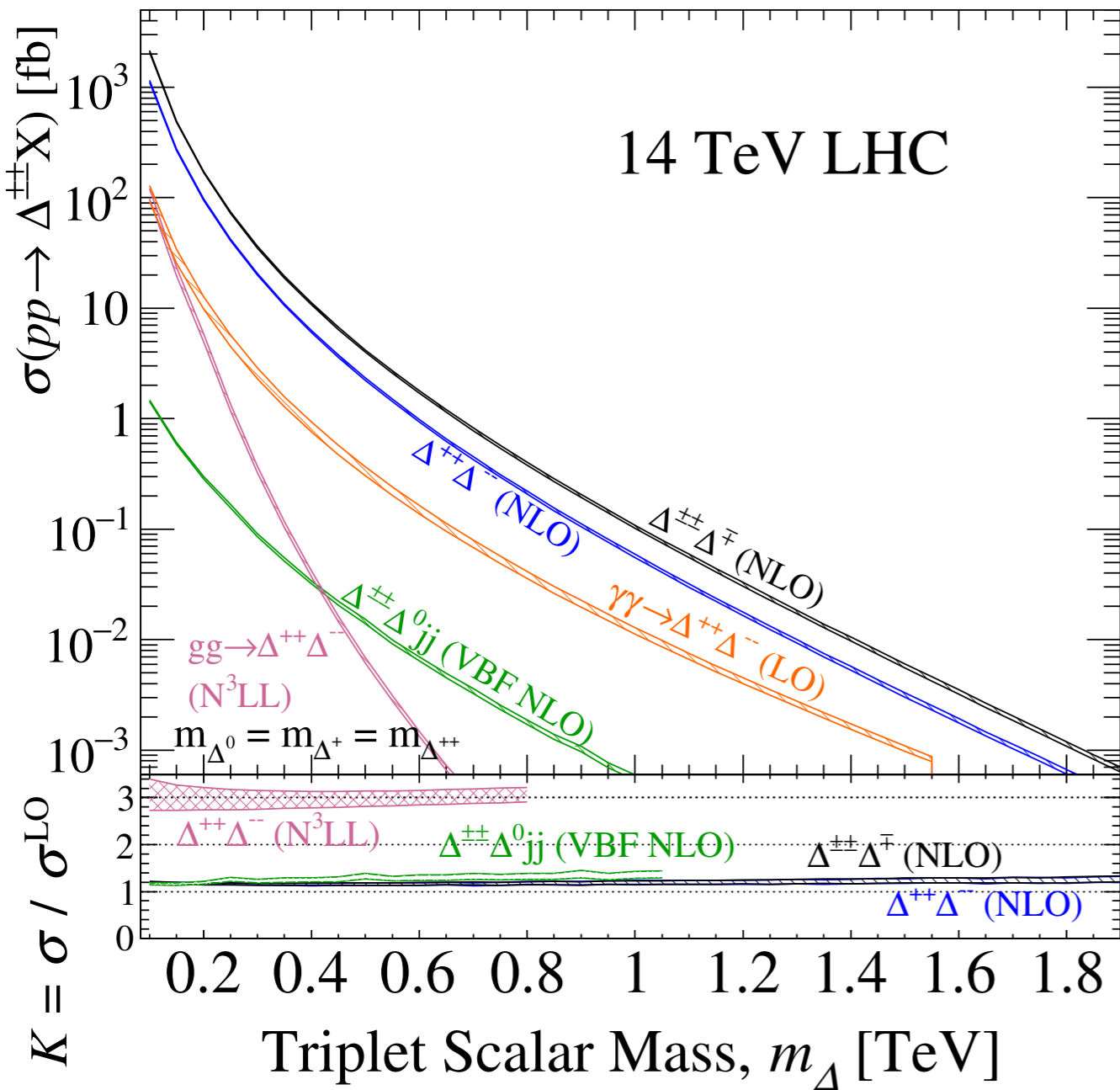


Production studies

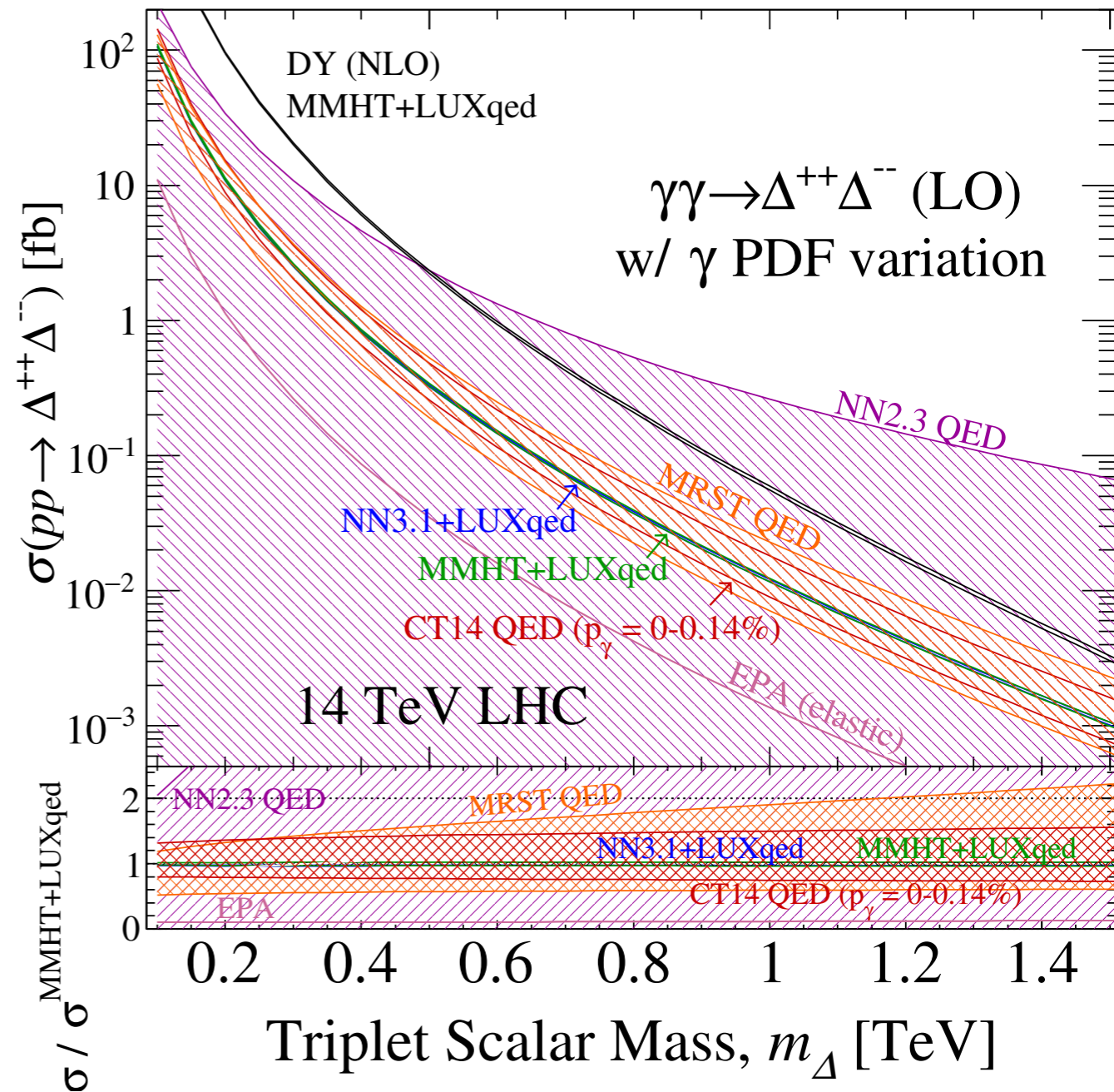
del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, Pittau '07, '08  
Han, Fileviez-Perez, Huang, Li, Wang '08

LHC reach @ 14 TeV

$$m_{\Delta} \lesssim 700 \text{ GeV} - 1 \text{ TeV}$$



One loop QCD corrections

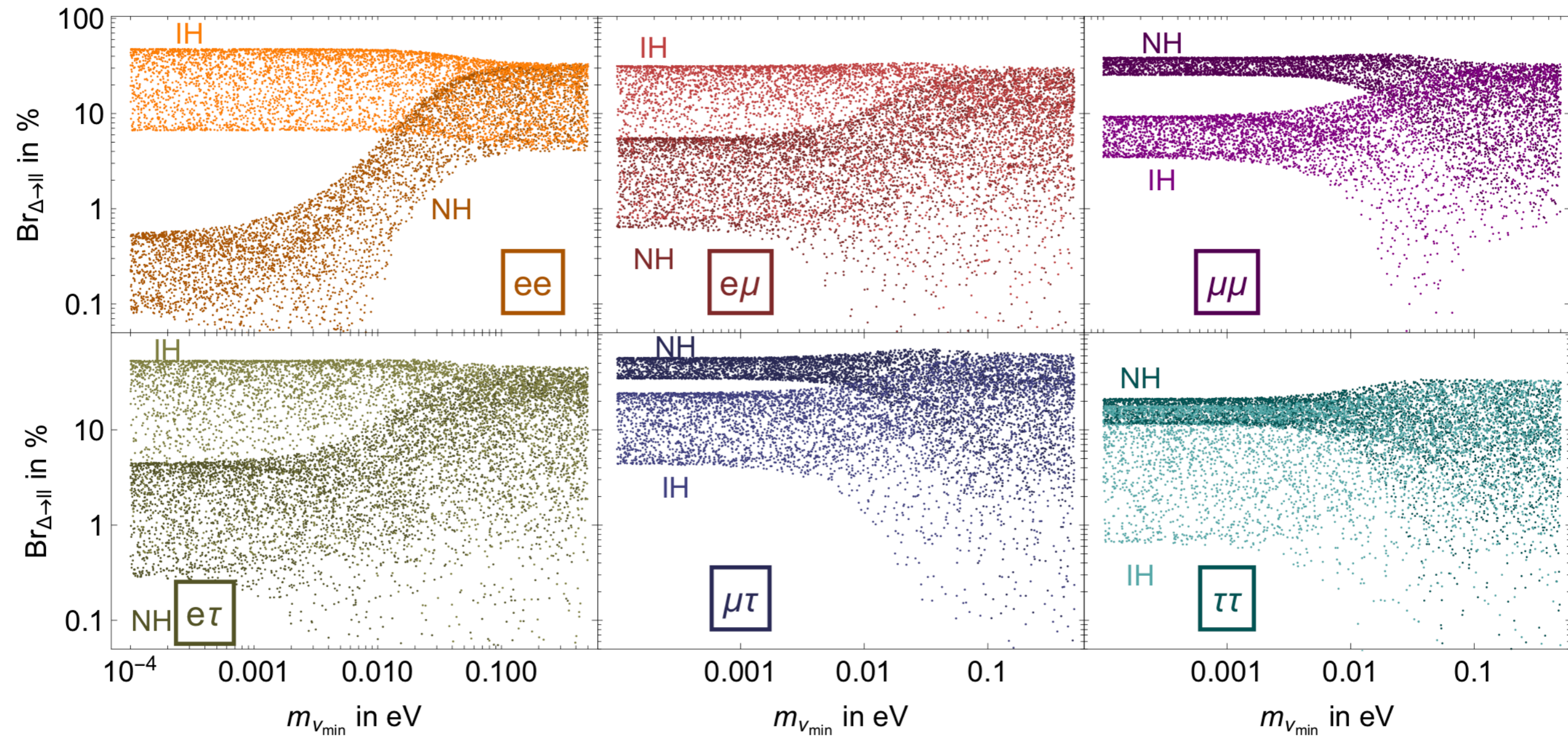


Photon induced production

# Type II seesaw: decays

Connection to flavor

Fuks, MN, Ruiz '19



Direct probe of neutrino mass hierarchy

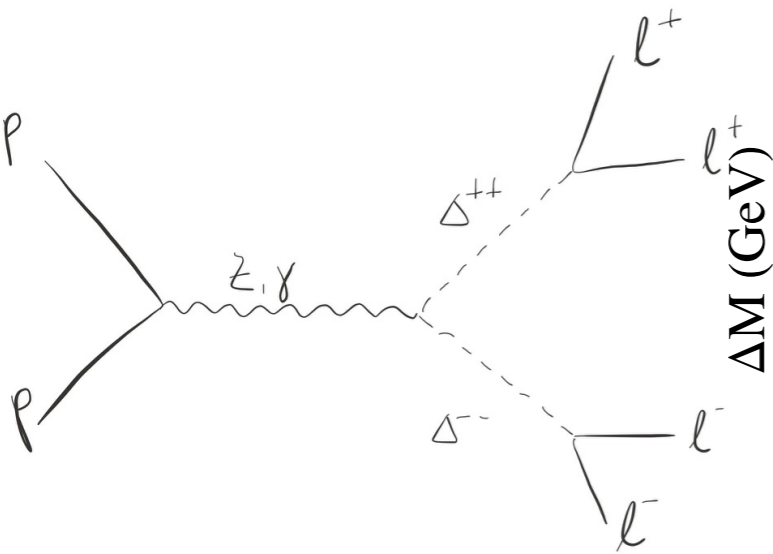
Sensitive to mixing angles and CP (Majorana) phases

# Type II seesaw: decays

$$\Delta m^2 = m_{+}^2 - m_{++}^2$$

$$\simeq m_0^2 - m_{+}^2 \simeq \beta v^2 / 4$$

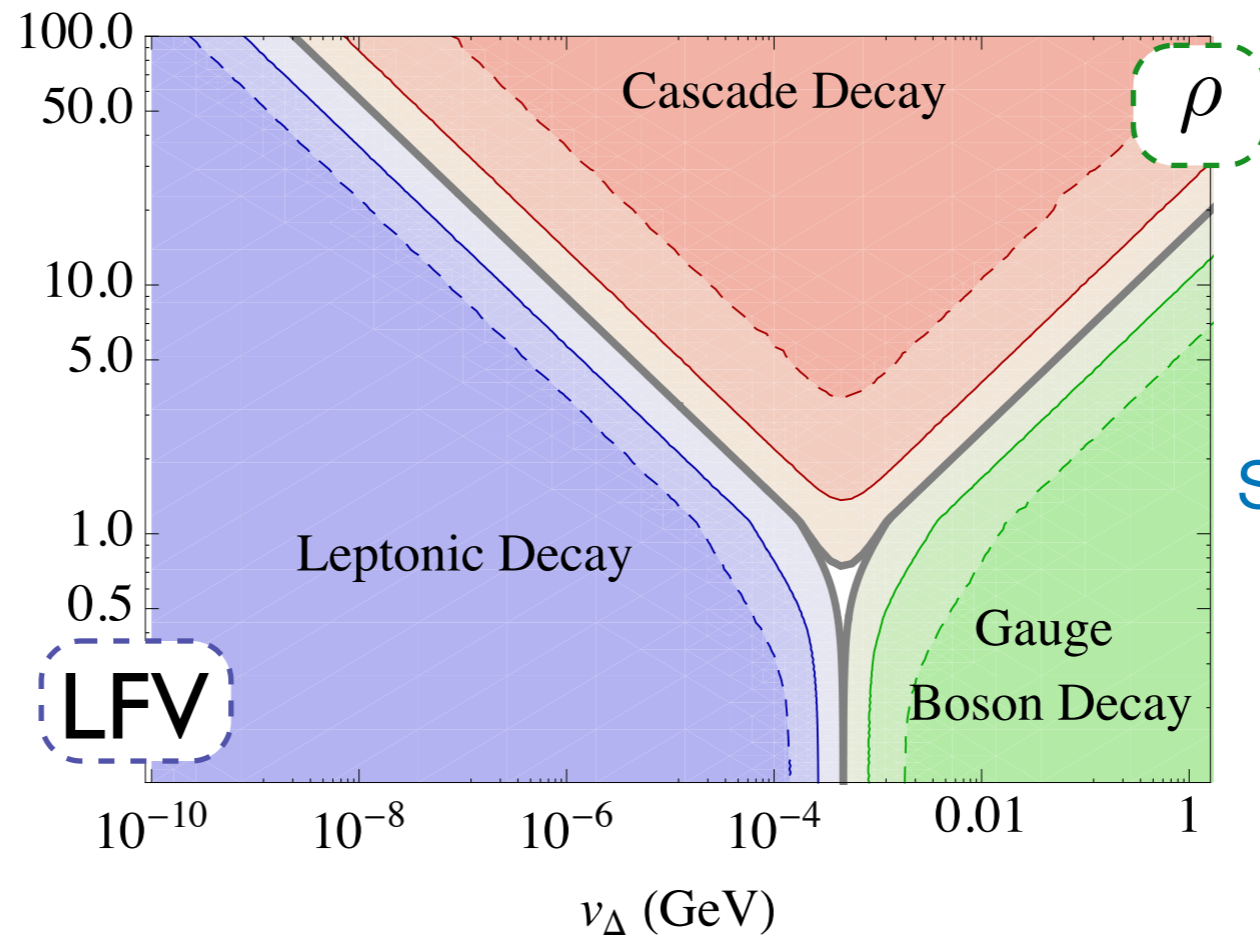
spectacular two same-sign di-leptons



all flavors - LFV

no  $\cancel{E}$  and no LNV

probes Majorana phases & hierarchy



Phase space

Melfo, MN, Nesti,  
Senjanović, Zhang '11

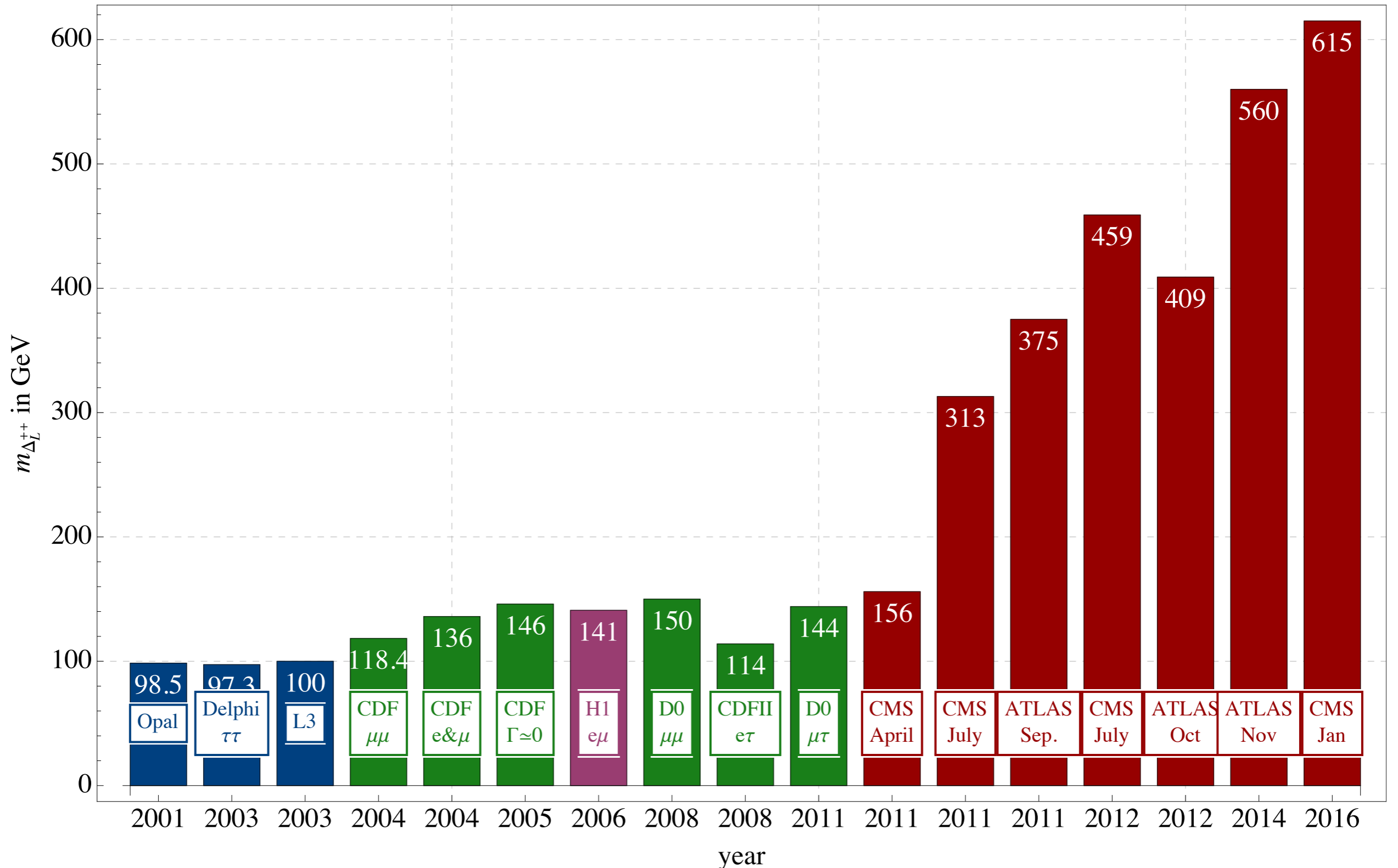
Chun, Lee, Park '03

Garayoa, Schwetz '07

Kadastik, Raidal, Rebane '07

$$\Gamma \propto |M_\nu|^2$$

# Type II seesaw: *history of searches* - assumes degeneracy, small $\nu_{\Delta}$



1207.2666 CMS (7 TeV / 4.9)  
 1201.1091 ATLAS (7 TeV / 1.6)

1412.0237 ATLAS (8 TeV / 20.3)  
 1210.5070 ATLAS (7 TeV / 4.8)

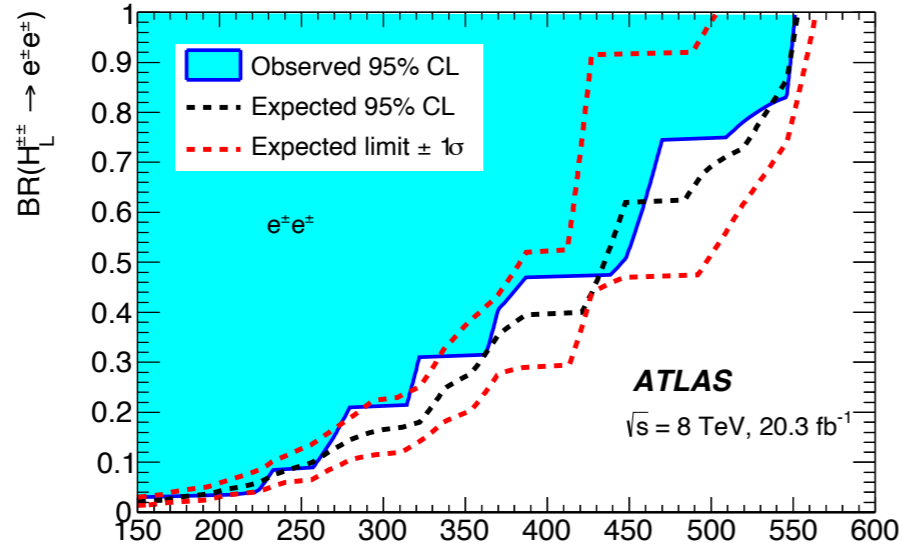
CMS-PAS-HIG-14-039 (8 TeV/19.7)



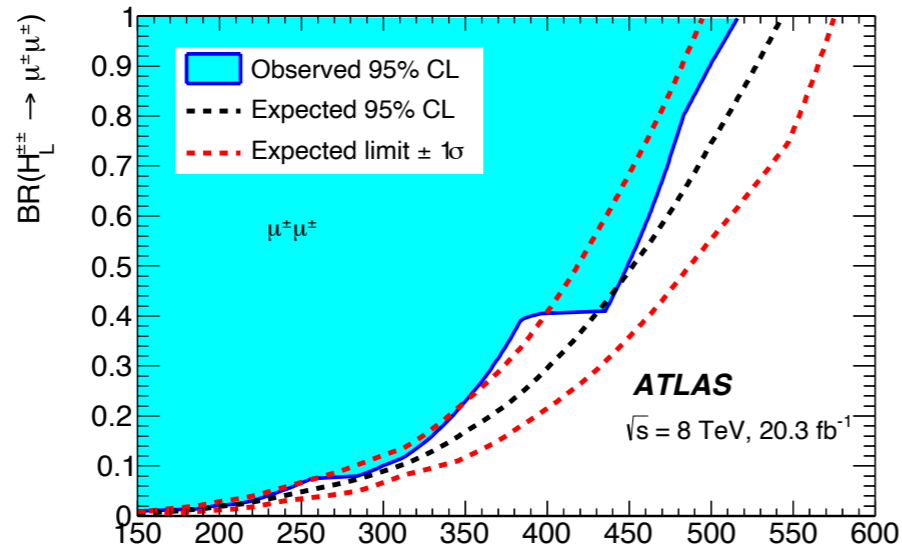
# Type II seesaw $\Delta_L^{++}$

1412.0237 ATLAS  
(8 TeV / 20.3)

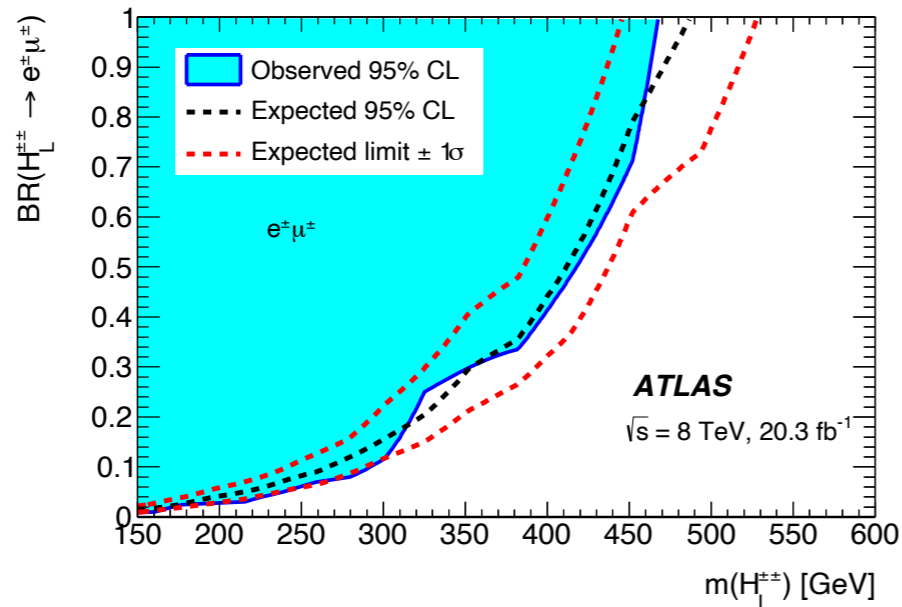
$ee$



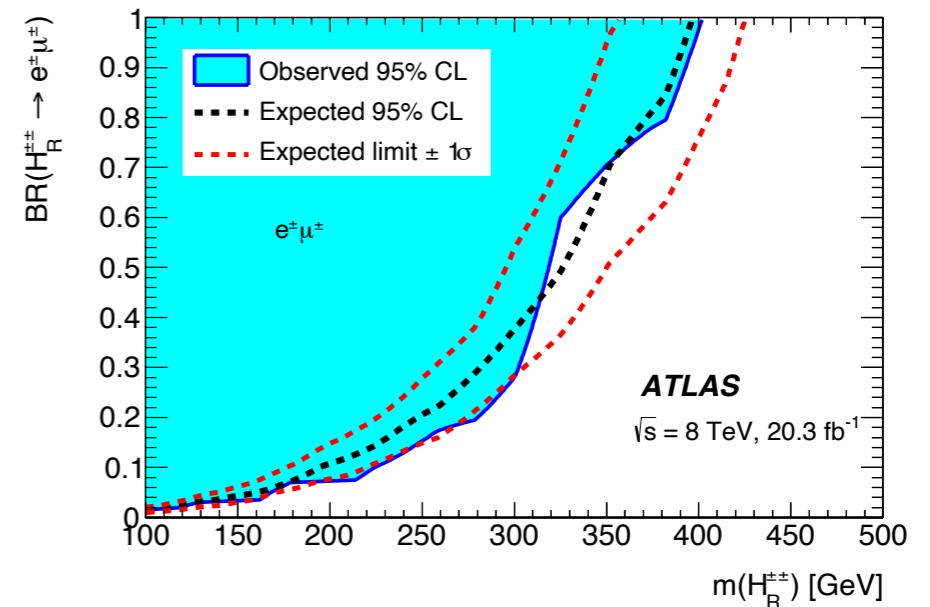
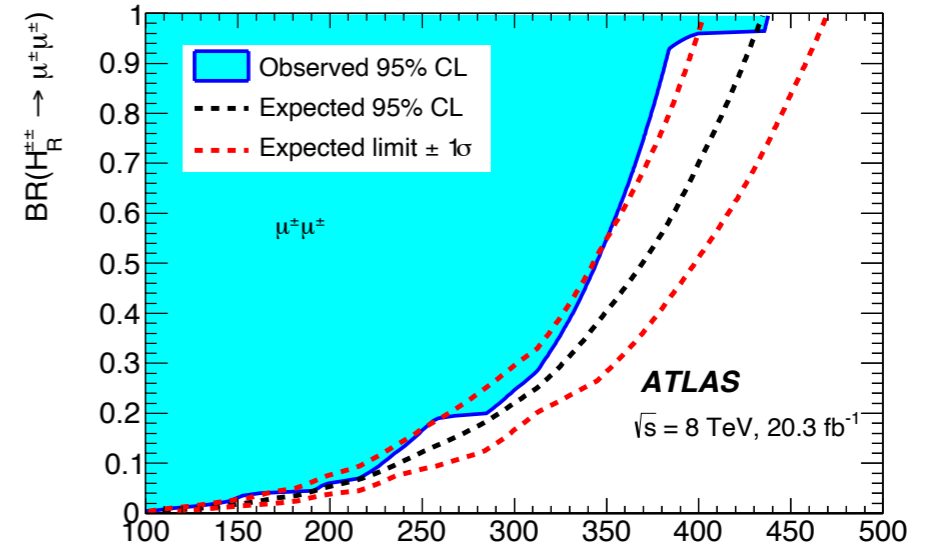
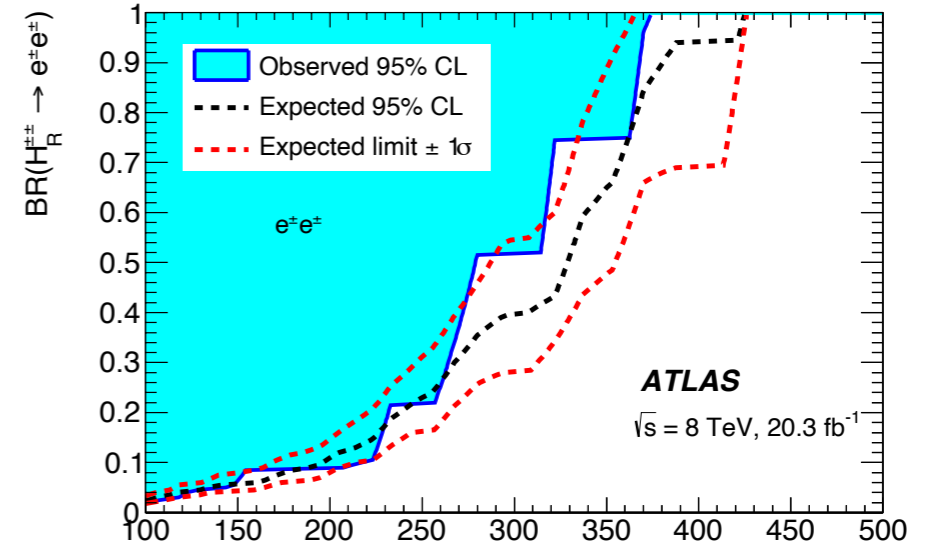
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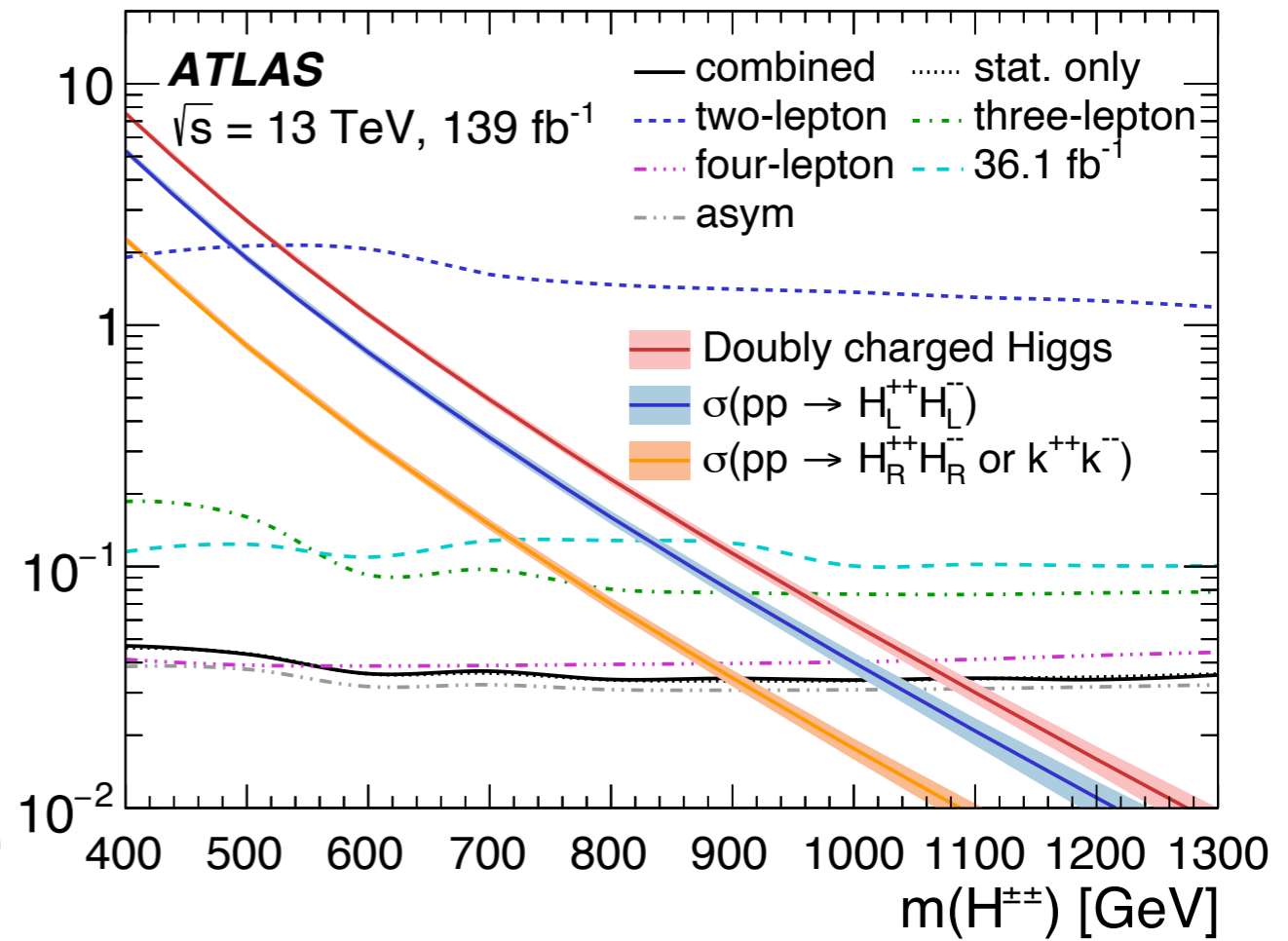
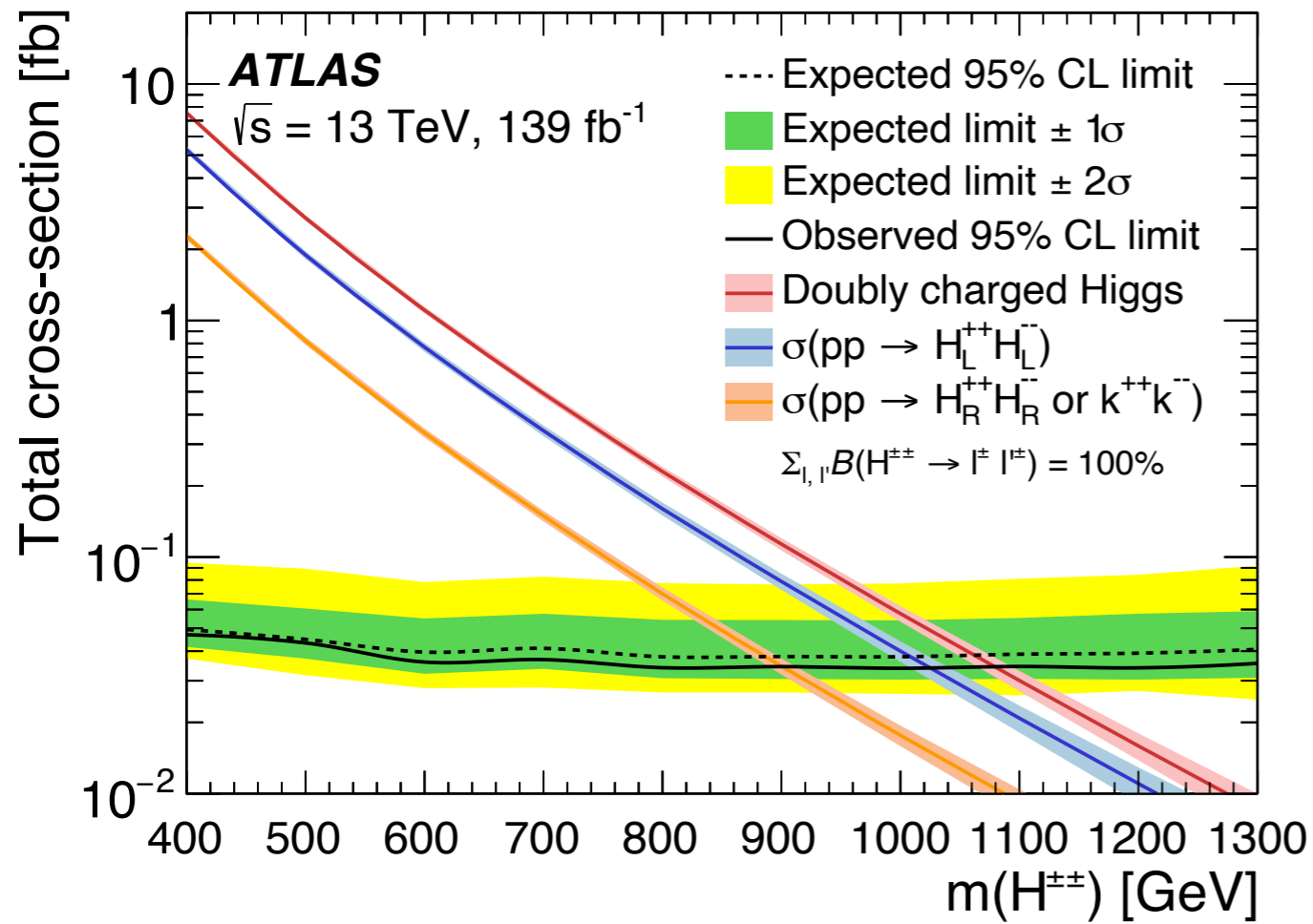


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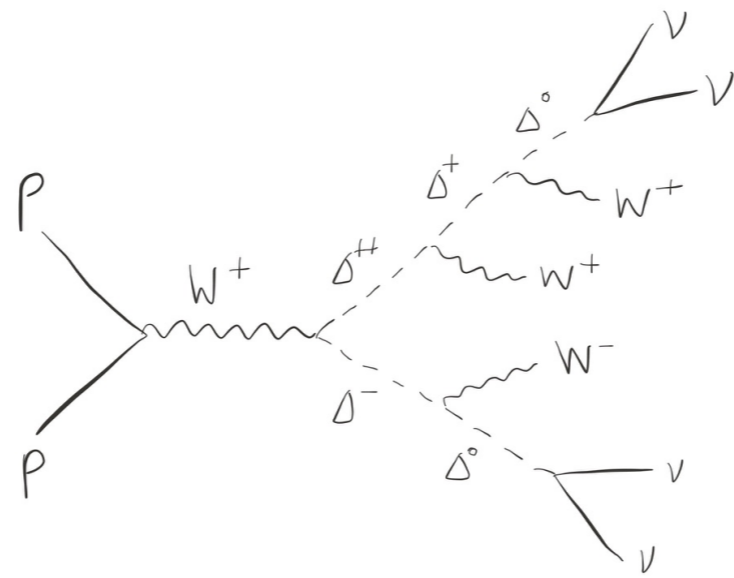
# Type II seesaw $\Delta_R^{++}$





Leptonic channel breaks the TeV barrier!

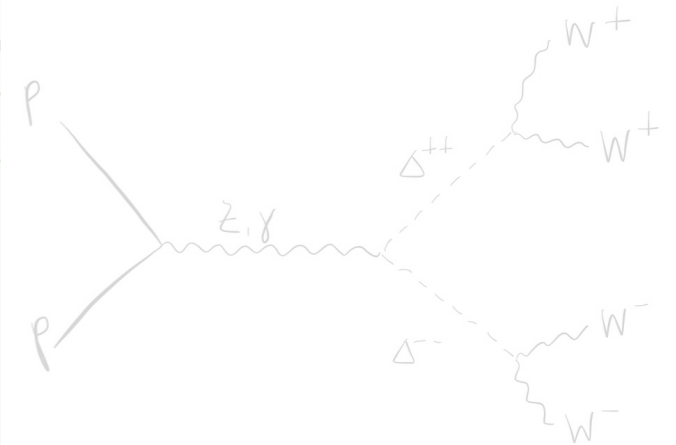
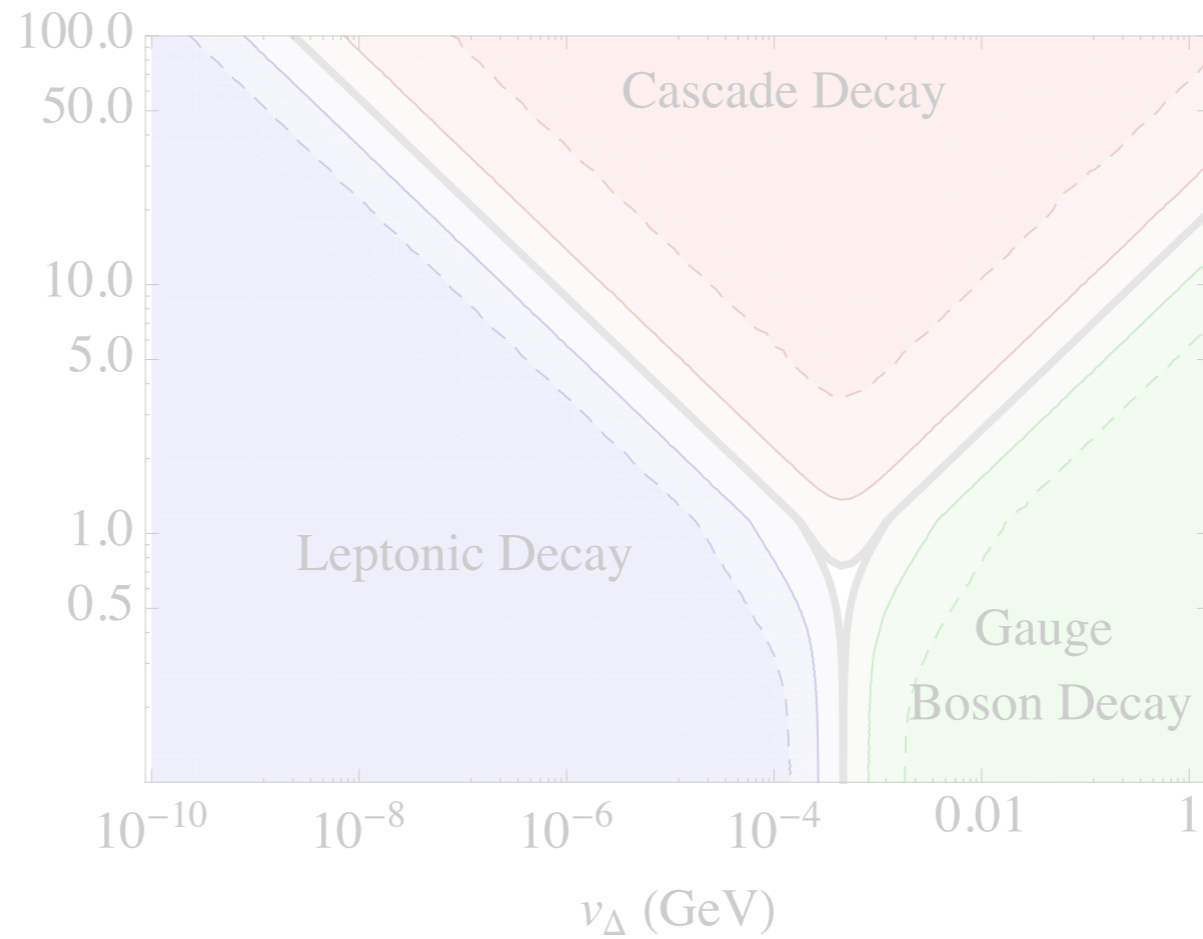
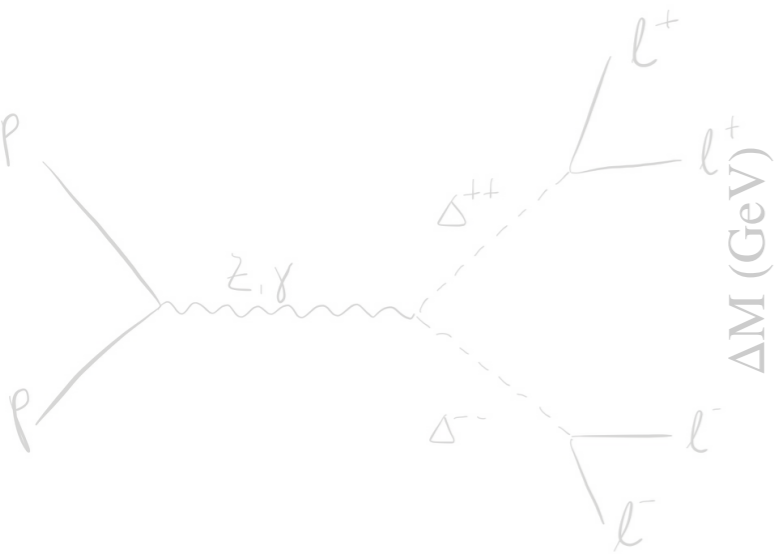
# Type II seesaw: decays



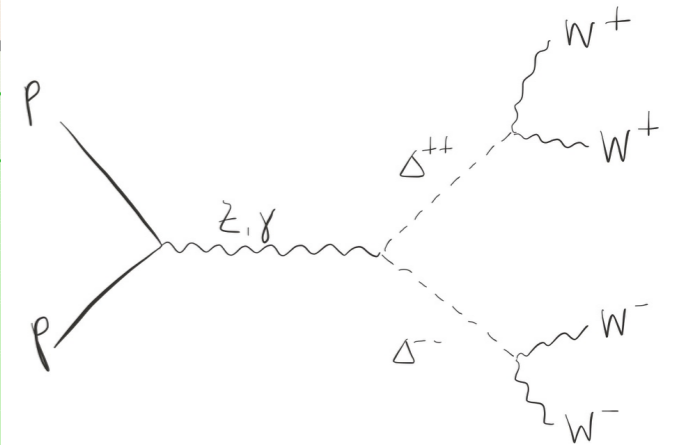
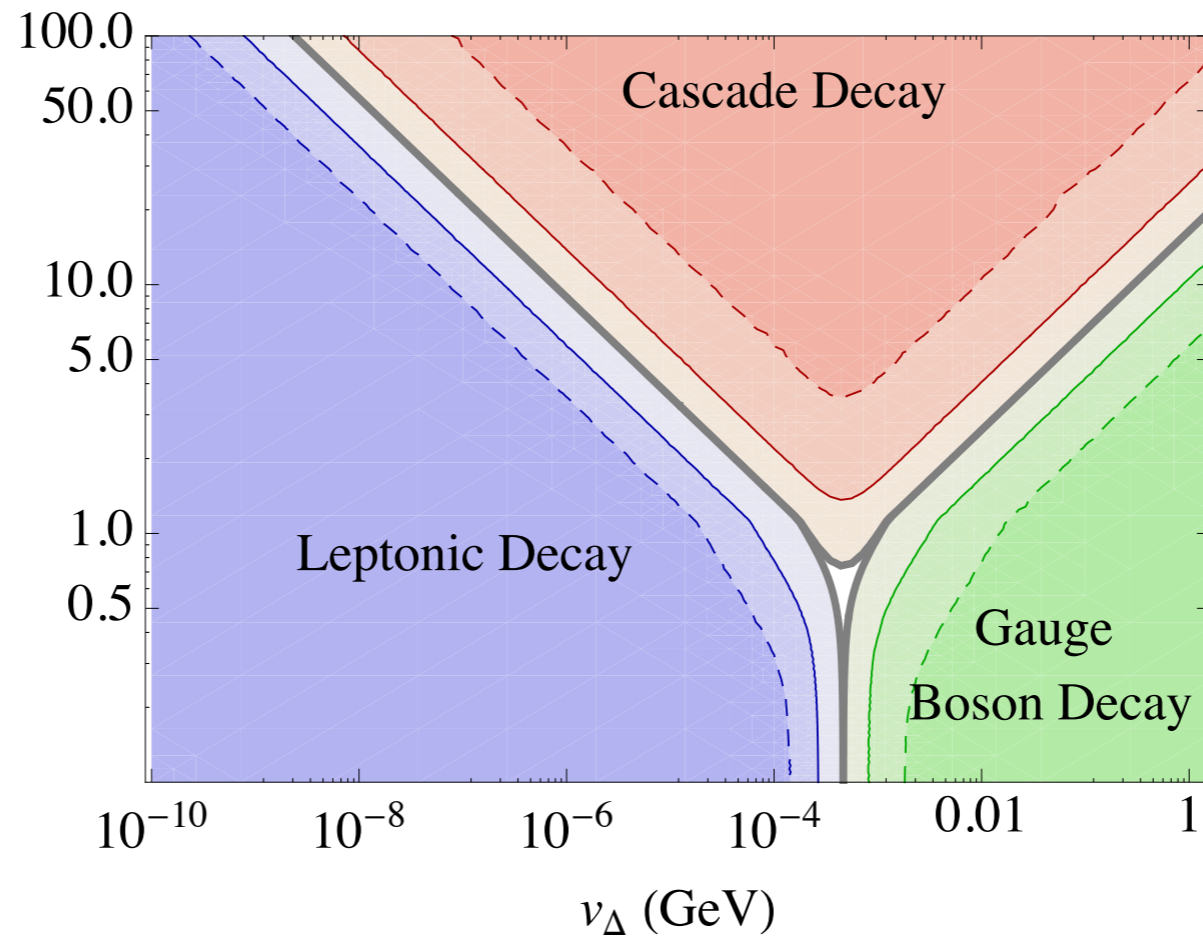
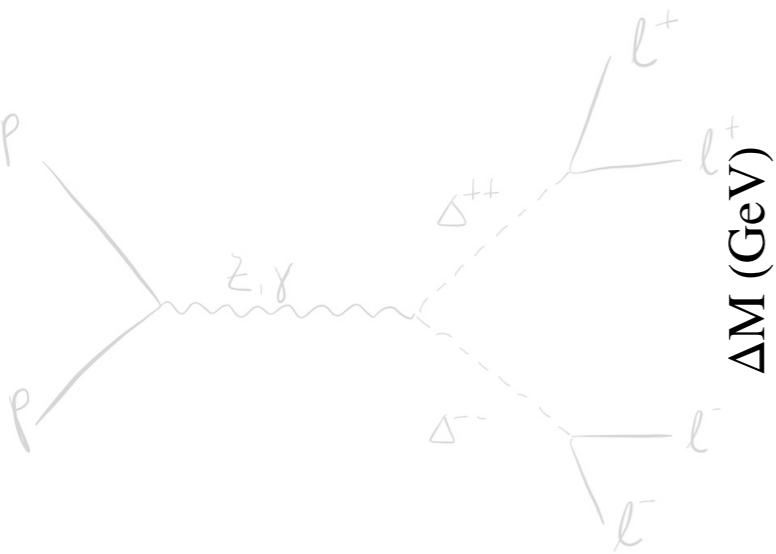
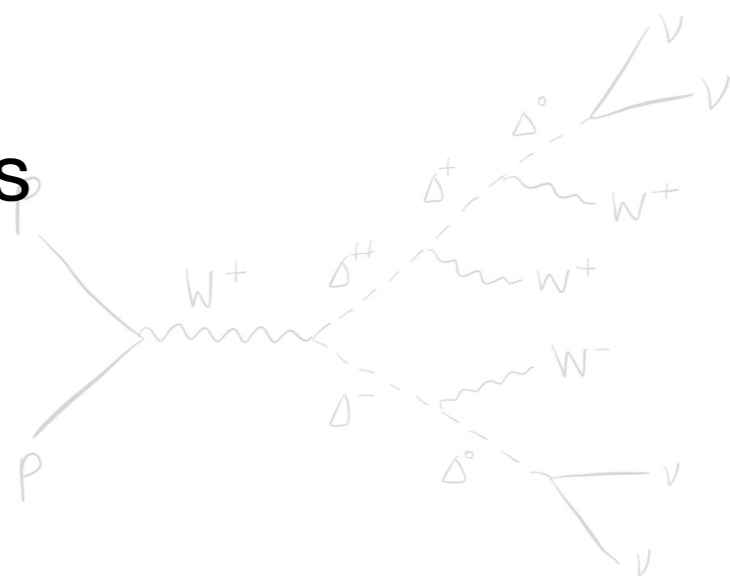
~soft jets/leptons

missing energy - large bckg

bounds strengthen/weaken



# Type II seesaw: decays



soft Ws, bckg

some sensitivity

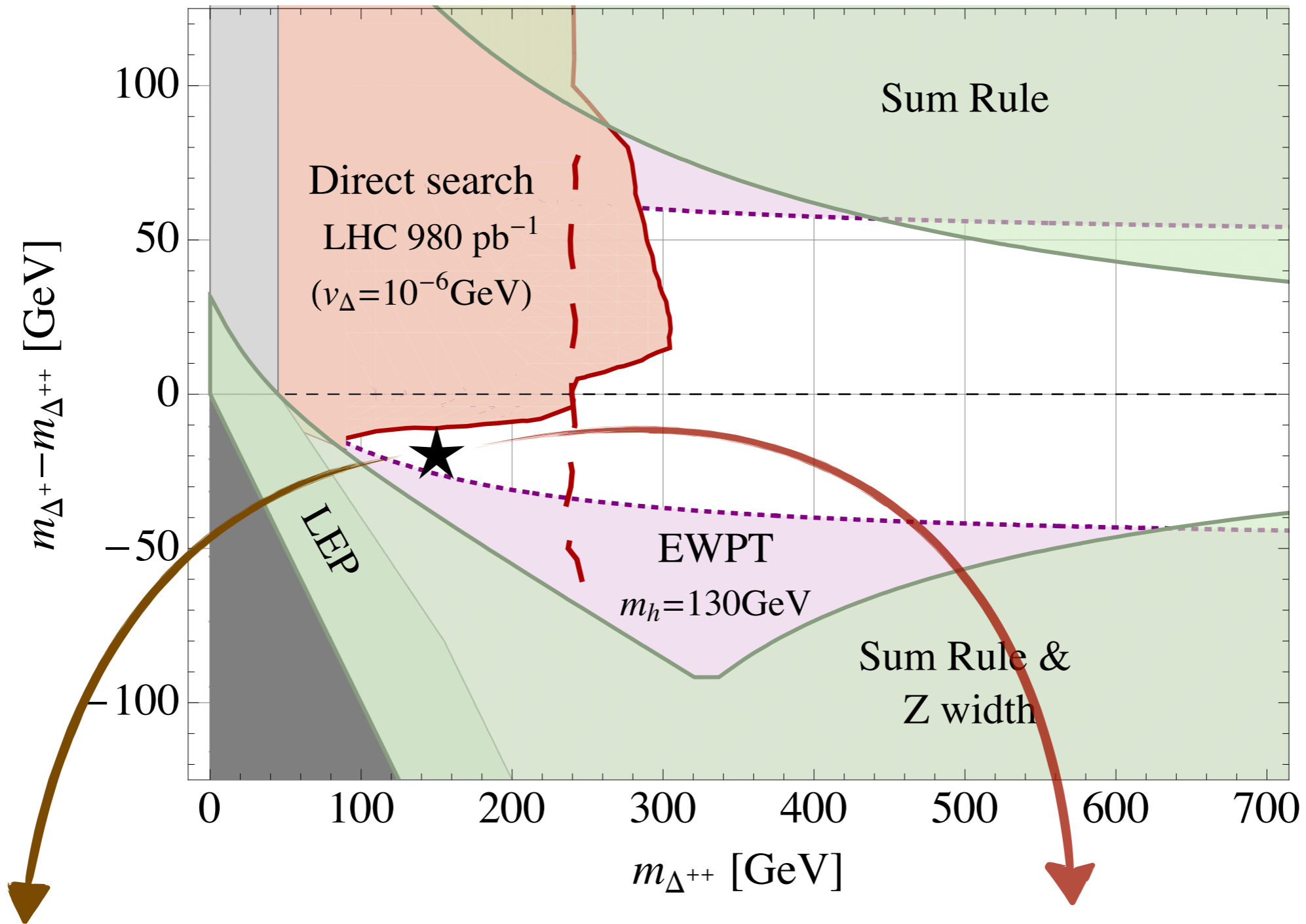
$$m_{\Delta} \lesssim 90 \text{ GeV}$$

Kanemura et al. 1407.6547

ATLAS 2101.11961  $m_{\Delta} \gtrsim 350(230) \text{ GeV}$

# Type II seesaw: LHC roadmap

Melfo, MN, Nesti, Senjanović, Zhang '11



limited sensitivity

enhanced  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

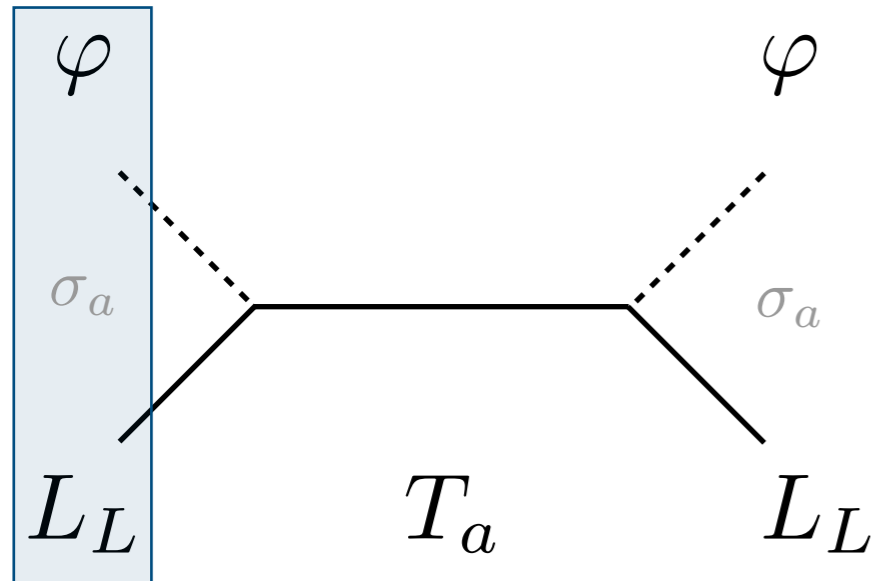
Han, Ding, Liao 1502.05242, 1506.08996

Melfo, MN, Nesti, Senjanović, Zhang '11  
..., Akeroyd, Moretti 1206.0535



type III  
seesaw

# Type III seesaw



same logic as type I, need two reps

Foot, Lew, Joshi '89

predicted light remnant of

$SU(5)$

$24_F$

Bajc, Senjanović '06  
Bajc, MN, Senjanović '07

$$\mathcal{L}_T = i\bar{T}\not{D}T - y_T (L^T i\sigma_2 \sigma_a \varphi) T_a - \frac{m_T}{2} T_a^T C T_a$$

gauge production

mass splitting & cascades

neutrino mass

need  $m_T$  and  $y_T$  for LNV

$$M_\nu = -v^2 y_T^T m_T^{-1} y_T$$

Tests at the LHC

LNV @ LHC ~automatic

# Type III seesaw: production

Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia '08  
 Arhrib, Bajc, Ghosh, Han, Huang, Puljak, Senjanović '09

gauge pairs

$$W, Z \rightarrow TT$$

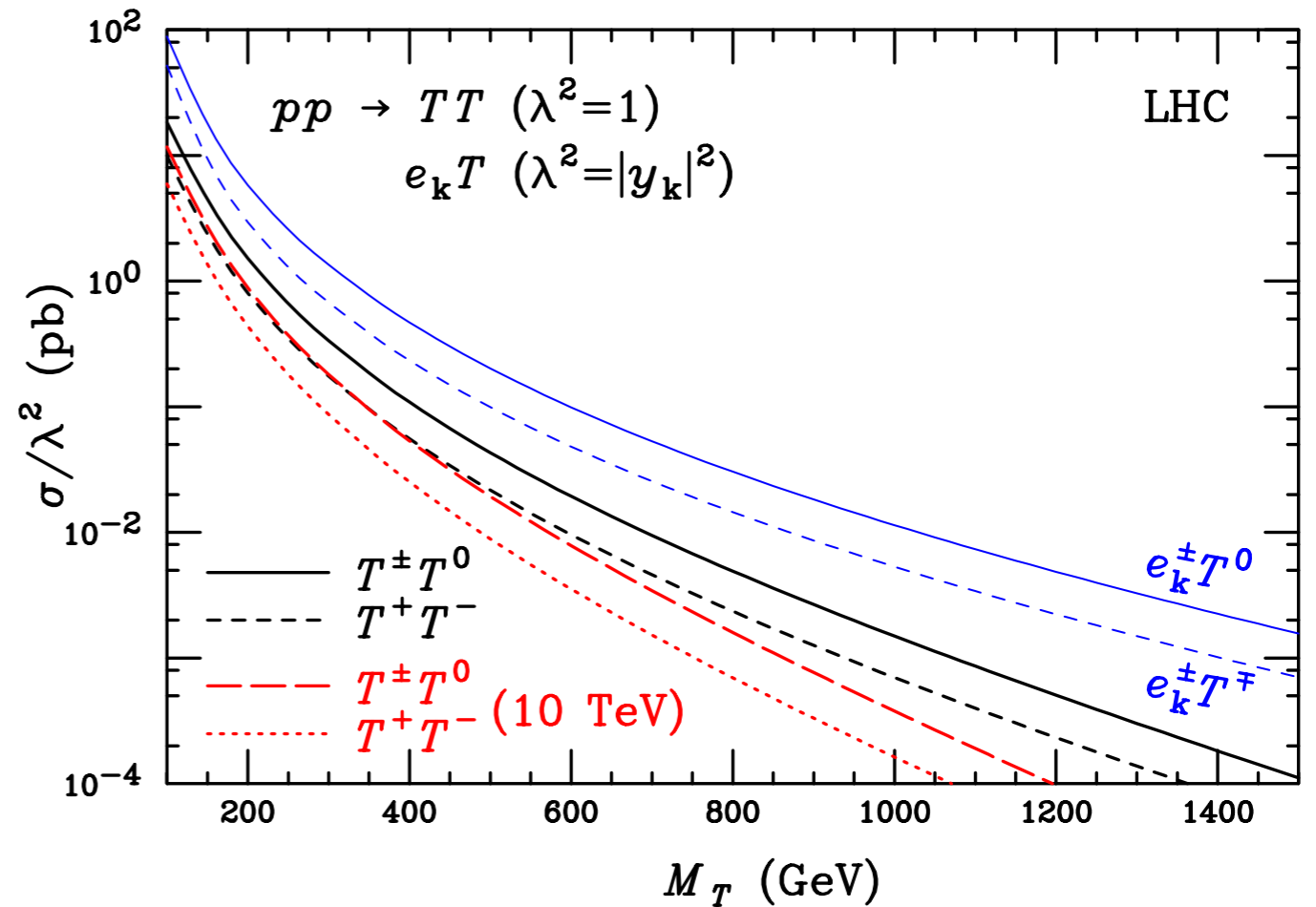
single production suppressed

$$W, Z \rightarrow \ell T \propto y^2$$

# Type III seesaw: mass spectrum

$m_T$  arbitrary, from minimal SU(5)  $\lesssim 10^{3.5}$  GeV

$T^\pm$  and  $T^0$  ~degenerate  $\Delta m_T \sim 160$  MeV





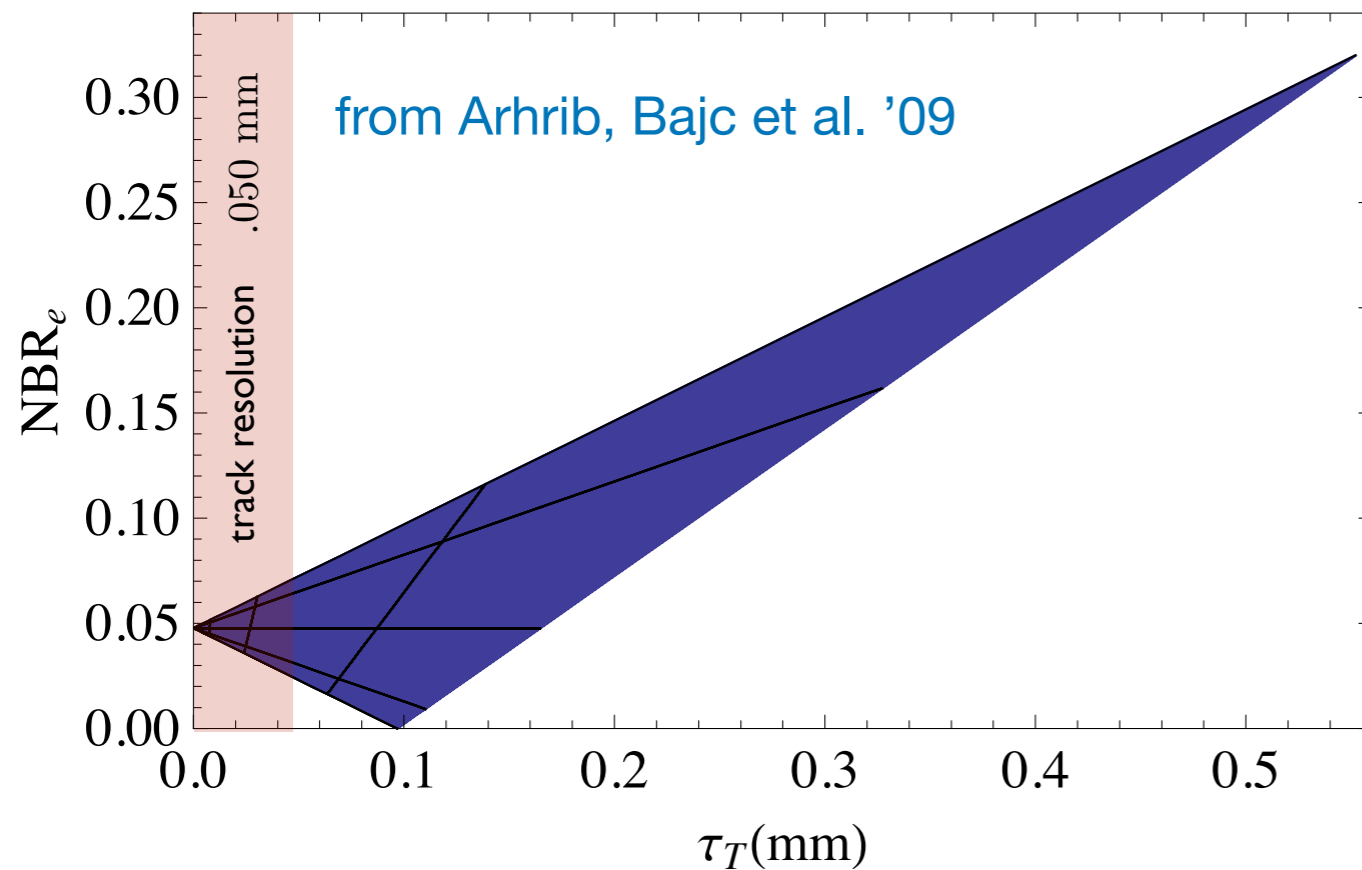
# Type III seesaw: decays

Bajc, MN, Senjanović '07

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma(T^- \rightarrow Z\ell^-) \sim \frac{1}{2}\Gamma(T^- \rightarrow W^-\nu) \\ \Gamma(T^0 \rightarrow W\ell) \sim 2\Gamma(T^0 \rightarrow Z\nu) \end{array} \right\} \propto |y_T|^2$$

ambiguous, sensitive to Majorana phases and the hierarchy

$V \rightarrow jj$  explicit LNV



$$y_T^i = \frac{\sqrt{m_T}}{v} \begin{cases} U_{i2} \sqrt{m_2^\nu} c \pm U_{i3} \sqrt{m_3^\nu} s \\ U_{i1} \sqrt{m_1^\nu} c \pm U_{i2} \sqrt{m_2^\nu} s \end{cases}$$

possibly displaced even in minimal I+III

cascades less important

$$\Gamma(T^\pm \rightarrow T^0 \pi^\pm) < \Gamma(T \rightarrow V\ell)$$

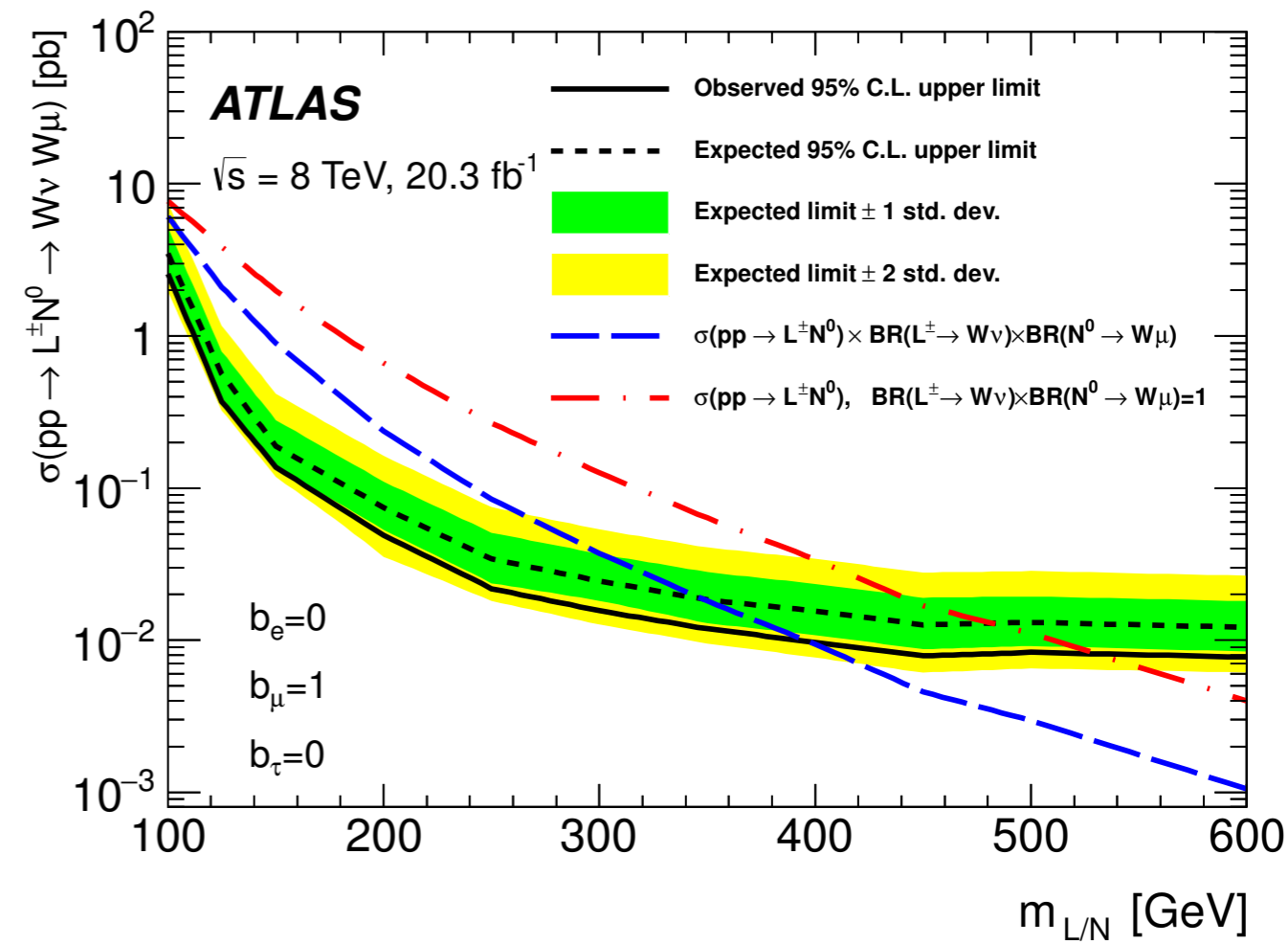
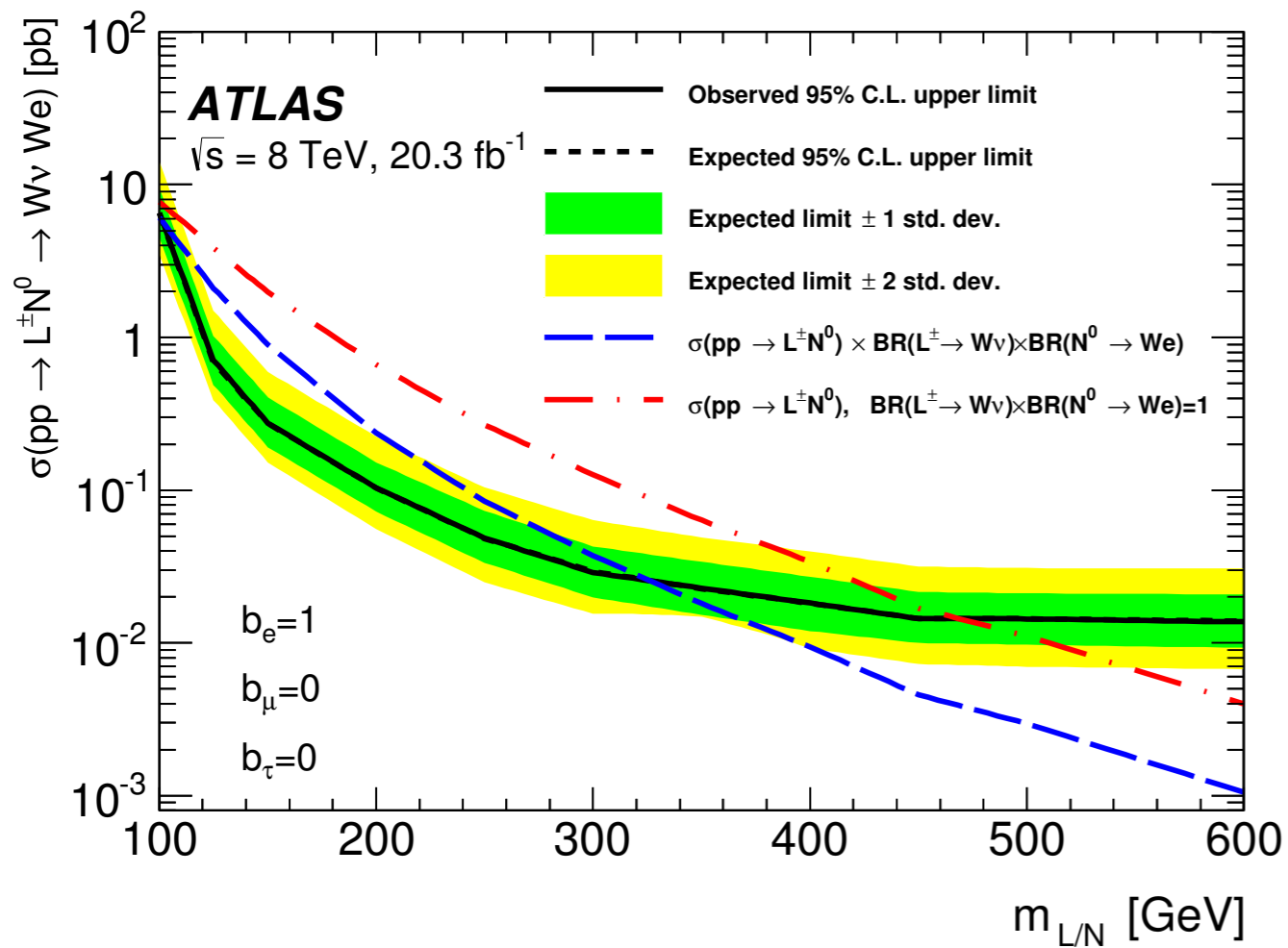
tri-leptons & seesaw comparisons

Del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra 0808.2468

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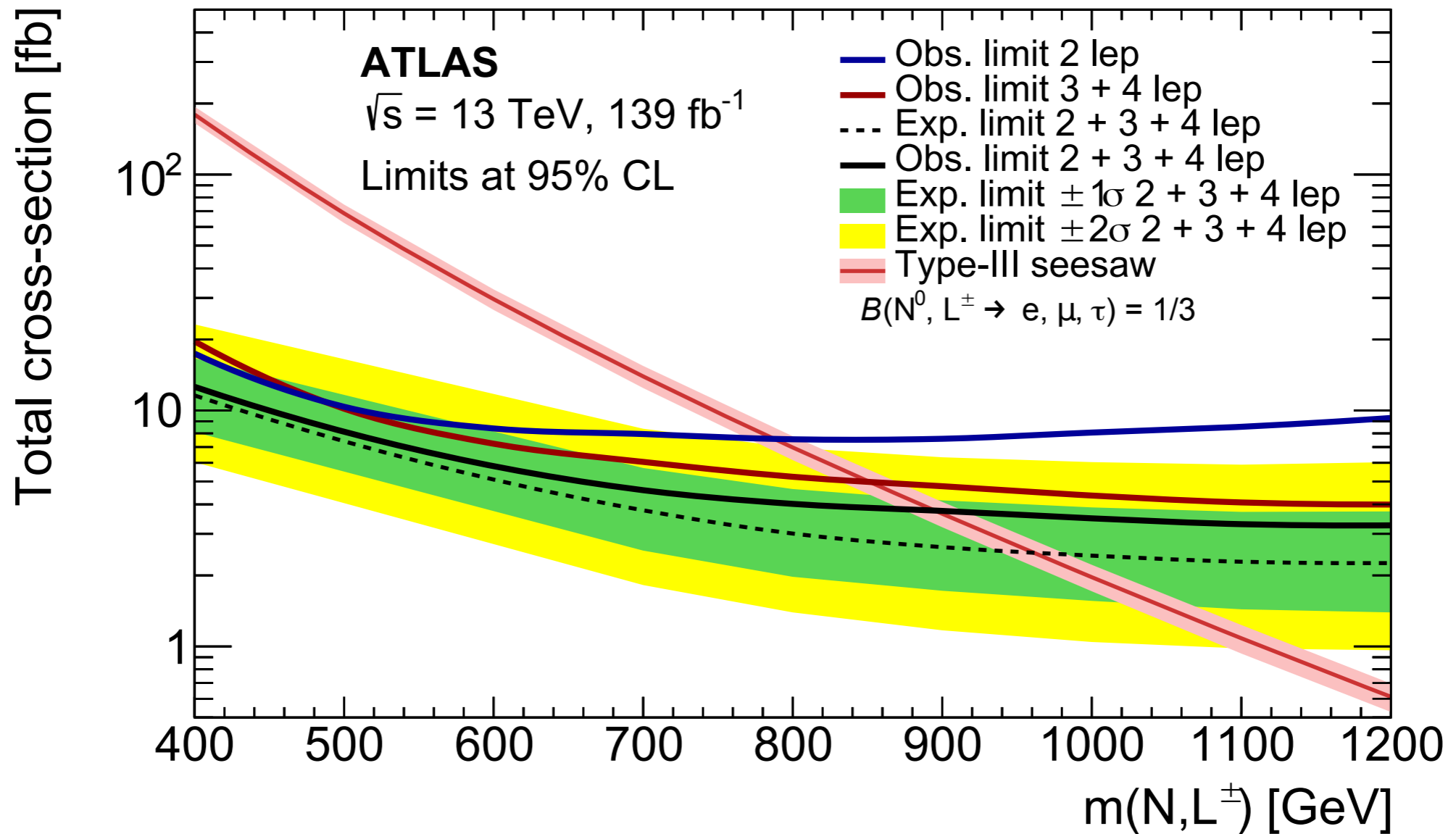
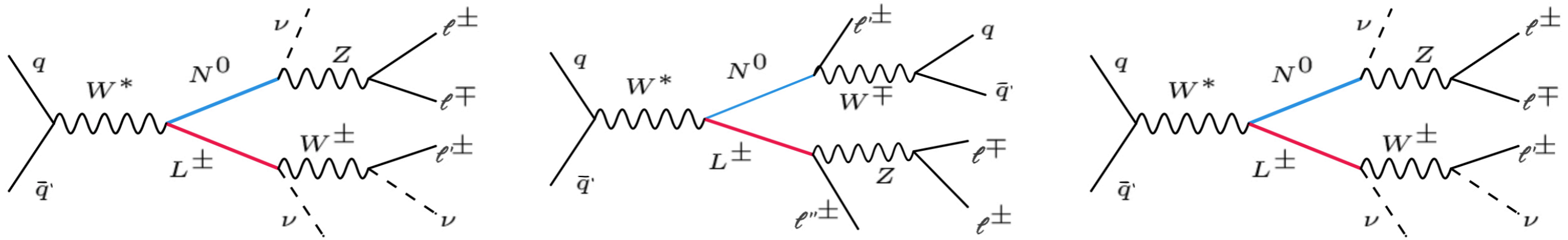
ATLAS 1506.01839



large Br, but  $\cancel{E} \neq 0$  and LNV not obvious

# Type III seesaw: trileptons and dileptons+jets

ATLAS 2202.02039



## Type II seesaw

direct flavor relation with neutrino mass

involved phase space, limited experimental searches

## Type III seesaw

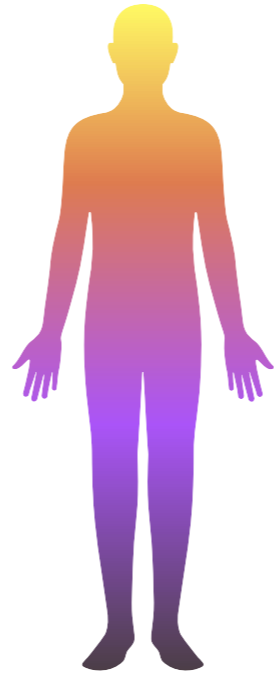
ambiguous relation to neutrino mass

simpler searches, bounds more robust

**LNV** ubiquitous, possibly displacement



**Left-Right**



weak force (a)symmetry

$$SU(4)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R$$

$$L_R = \begin{pmatrix} N \\ \ell_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_N \sim v_R$$

$$SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \otimes U(1)_{B-L}$$

K-decay  $K_L \rightarrow e\mu$

$$M_{PS} \gtrsim 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$

K & B oscillations

$$M_{W_R} \gtrsim 3 - 4 \text{ TeV}$$

# The minimal Left-Right symmetric model

Minkowski '77  
Mohapatra, Senjanović '80

$$\Delta_L(3, 1, 2), \Phi(2, 2, 0), \Delta_R(1, 3, 2) \quad \langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha} v_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tan \beta = v_2/v_1$$

Parity / Charge

$$\mathcal{P} : \begin{cases} \psi_L \rightarrow \psi_R \\ \Phi \rightarrow \Phi^\dagger \end{cases} \quad \mathcal{C} : \begin{cases} \psi_L \rightarrow \psi_R^c \\ \Phi \rightarrow \Phi^T \end{cases}$$

Maiezza, MN, Nesti, Senjanović '10

Yukawa sector

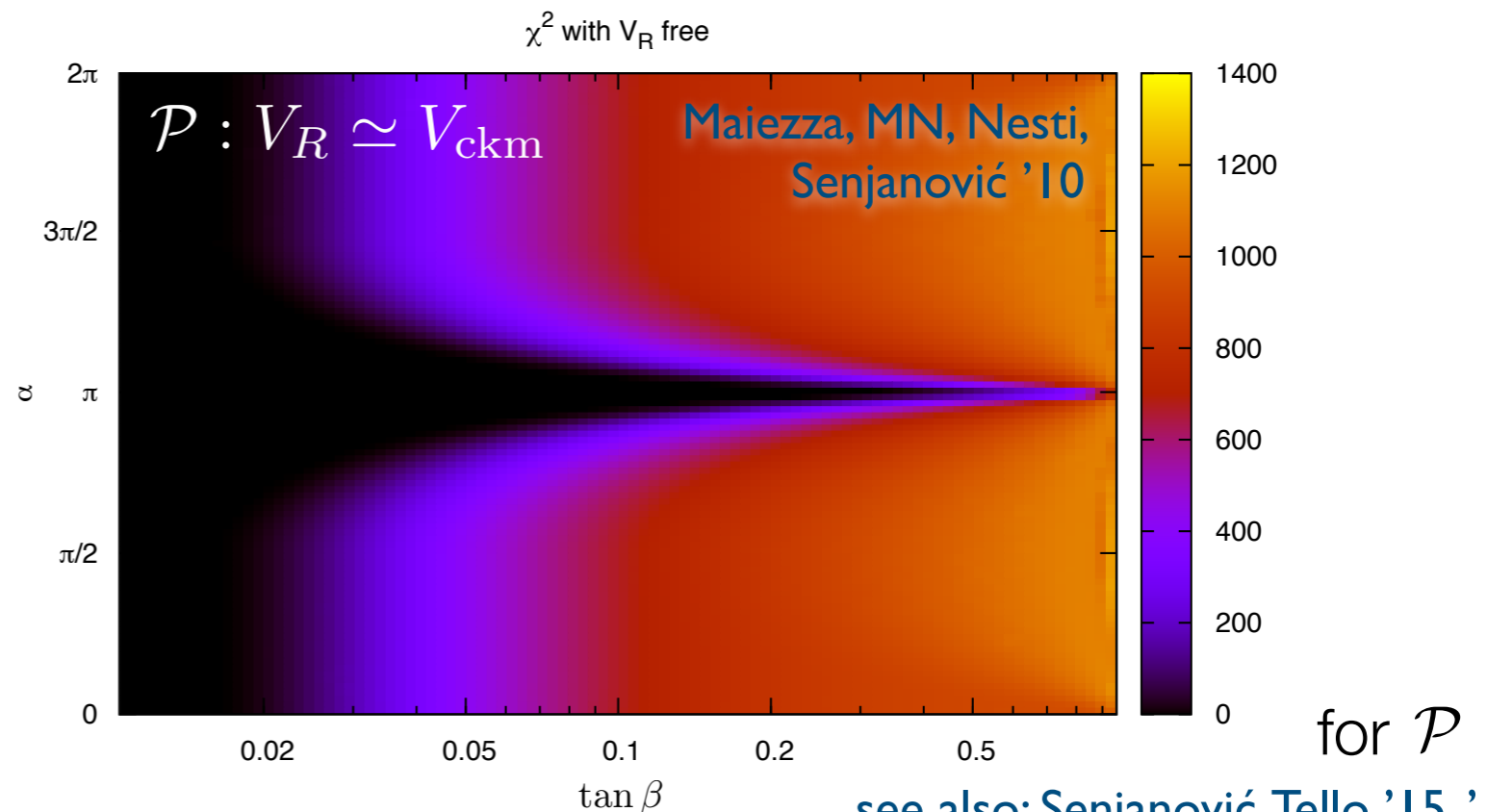
$$\mathcal{L}_Y \ni \bar{\psi}_L \left( Y \Phi + \tilde{Y} \tilde{\Phi} \right) \psi_R + \text{h.c.} \quad \mathcal{P} : Y = Y^\dagger, \quad \mathcal{C} : Y = Y^T$$

quarks

$$M_u = v \left( Y_c + \tilde{Y}_s e^{-i\alpha} \right)$$

$$M_d = v \left( Y_s e^{i\alpha} + \tilde{Y}_c \right)$$

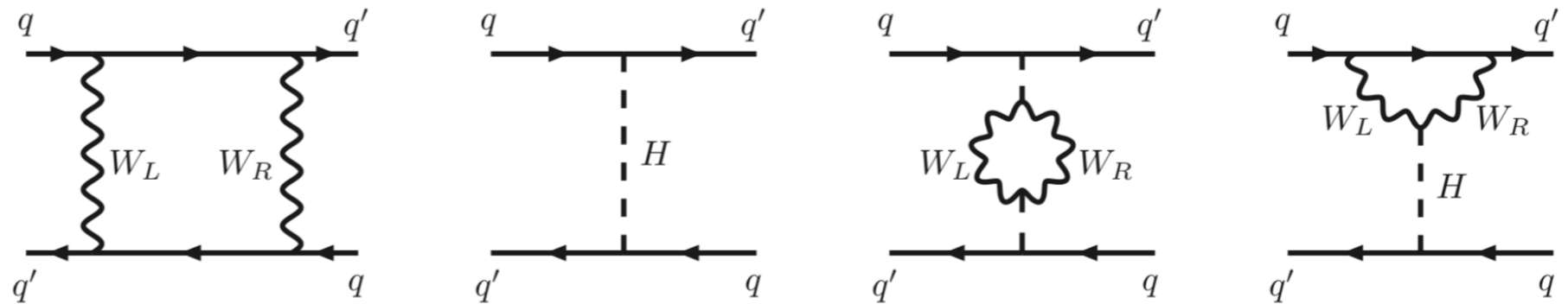
$$\mathcal{C} : V_R = K_u V_{\text{ckm}}^* K_d$$



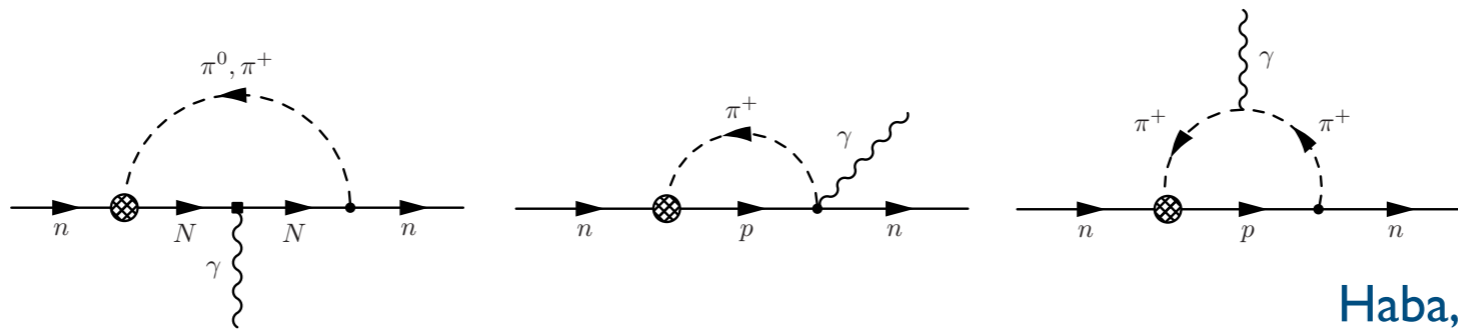
# Flavor limits

Maiezza, Nesti, Bertolini '14  
 Cirigliano, Dekens, de Vries, Mereghetti '16

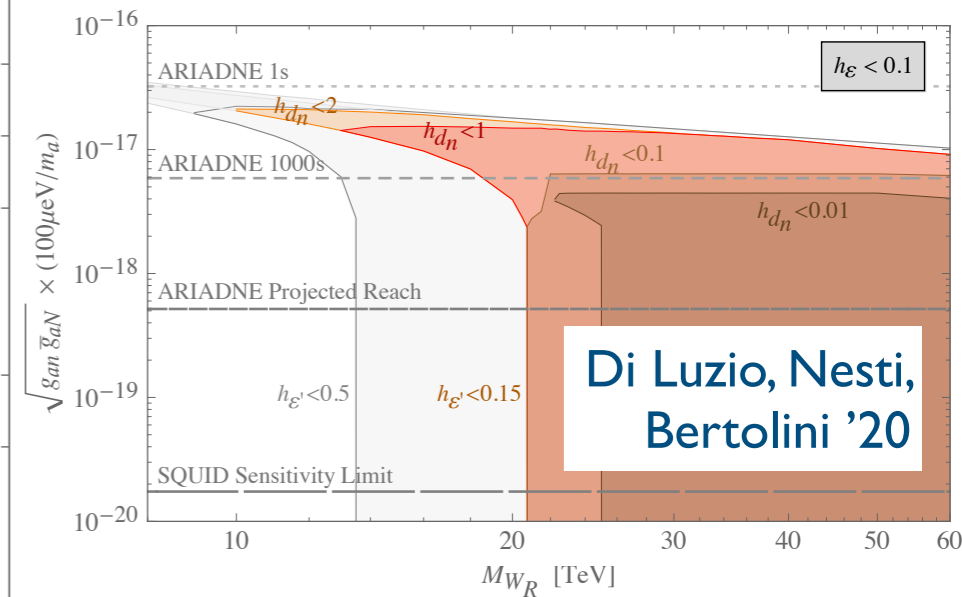
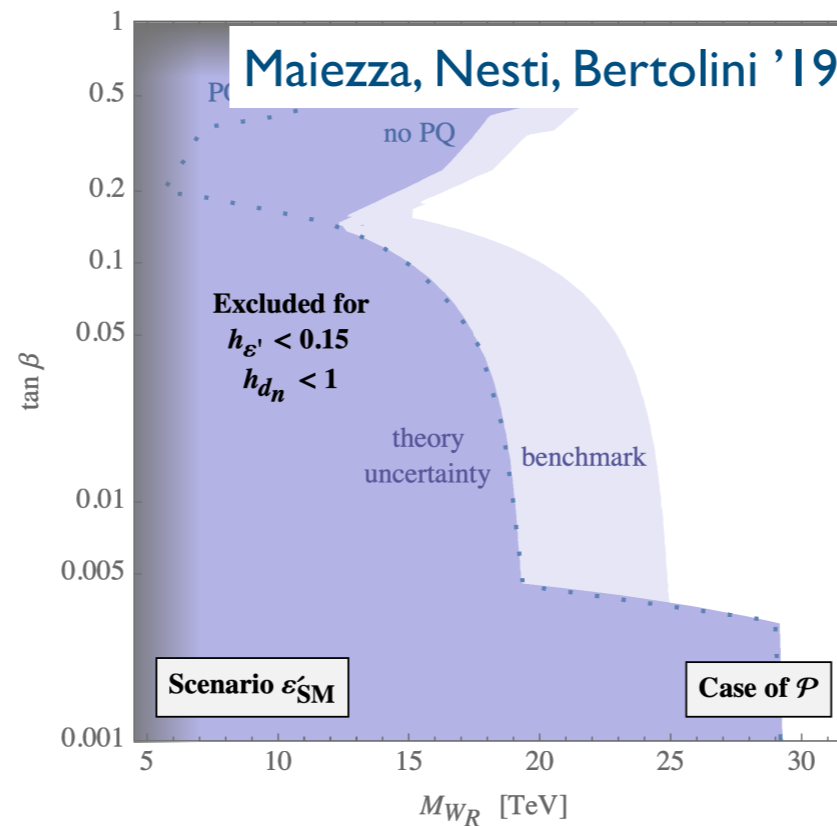
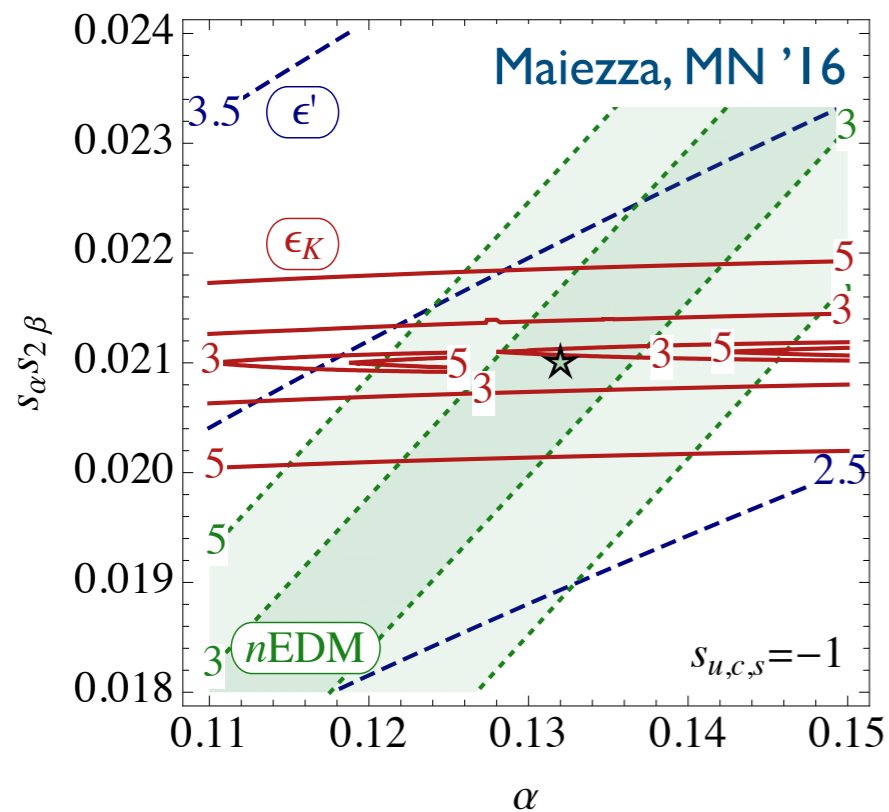
**CP-even**  $K$  and  $B$   
 meson mixing



**CP-odd**  $\epsilon, \epsilon'$   
 and nEDM



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 Haba, Umeeda, Yamada '17, '18, '18

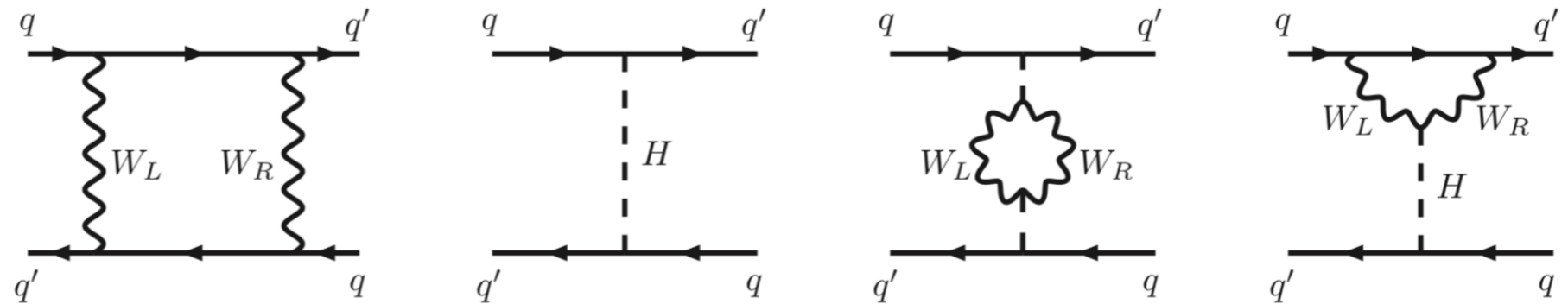




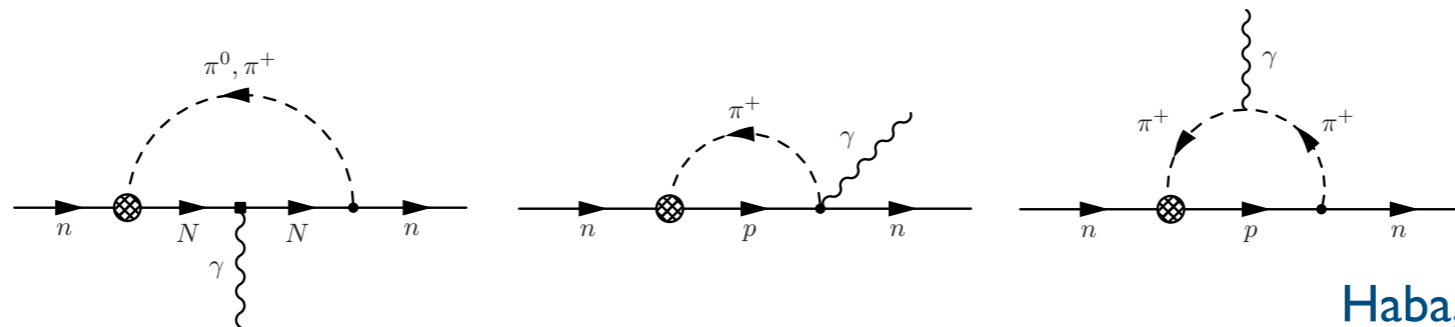
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$M_{W_R}$  limit in TeV

\*Di Luzio, Nesti, Bertolini '20

	Present	Future
$C$	3	8
$P$	12 (*16)	> 20
$P$ and PQ	6 (*14)	> 20

# Majorana meets Dirac

$$\langle \Delta_{L,R} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_{L,R} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_L \ll v_R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \ni \bar{L}_L \left( Y \Phi + \tilde{Y} \tilde{\Phi} \right) L_R + Y_L L_L^T C \Delta_L L_L + Y_R L_R^T C \Delta_R L_R + \text{h.c.}$$

Seesaw  $M_\nu = -M_D^T M_N^{-1} M_D + M_L$

$$\mathcal{C} : M_D^T = M_D, \quad M_L = \frac{v_L}{v_R} M_N \quad \text{MN, Tello, Senjanović '12}$$

$\mathcal{P} : \text{Tello, Senjanović '16, '18}$

$$M_\nu = -M_D M_N^{-1} M_D + \frac{v_L}{v_R} M_N$$

Colliders, wDM,  $0\nu 2b$

No ambiguity

Dirac mass large with extreme fine-tuning

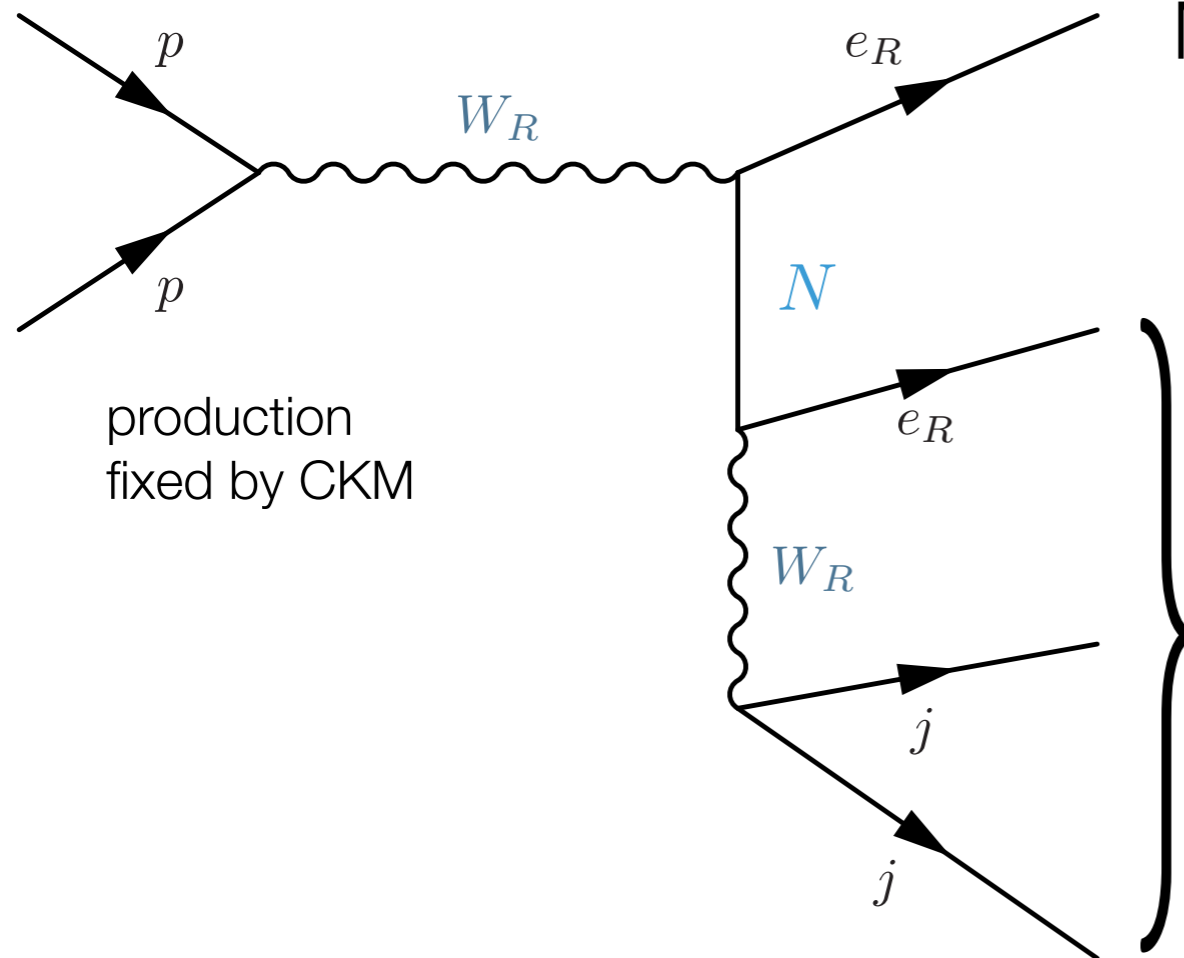
$$M_D = M_N \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{v_R} - M_N^{-1} M_\nu}$$

Colliders, eEDM,  $0\nu 2b$ , X-rays, ...

Oscillations, cosmology, KATRIN, CnuB, ...

# Collider probes

Keung, Senjanović '83



Main feature: **L**epton **N**umber **V**iolation

On-shell Majorana fermion

$N \rightarrow \ell^\pm jj$  50-50% same-opposite sign

$$m_{\ell jj} = m_N$$

narrow mass peaks for  $m_N < M_{W_R}$

flavor states measure  $V_R$  (free)  $M_N = V_R^* m_N V_R^\dagger$  ~no missing energy

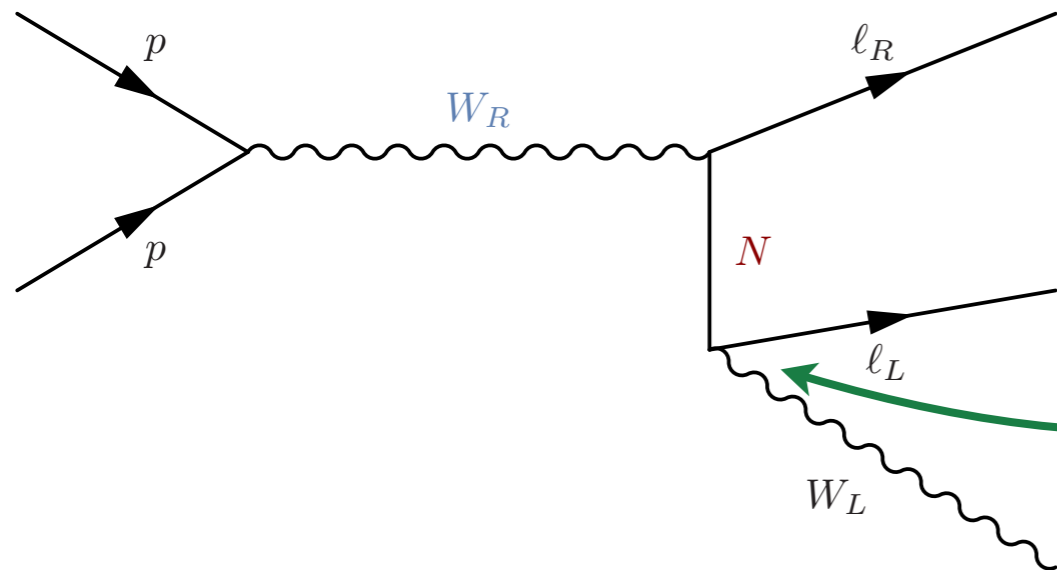
more on the Majorana nature

LNV vs. LNC states

Gluza, Jelinski '15 '16, Das, Dev, Mohapatra '17, Godbole et al. '20

# Collider signatures of Dirac masses

MN, Senjanović, Tello, '12



$$M_D = M_N \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{v_R} - M_N^{-1} M_\nu}$$

Sub-dominant decays, needs high luminosity

Helo, Li, Neill, Ramsey-Musolf, Vasquez '18

Six flavor channels for  $M_D$

Polarimetry

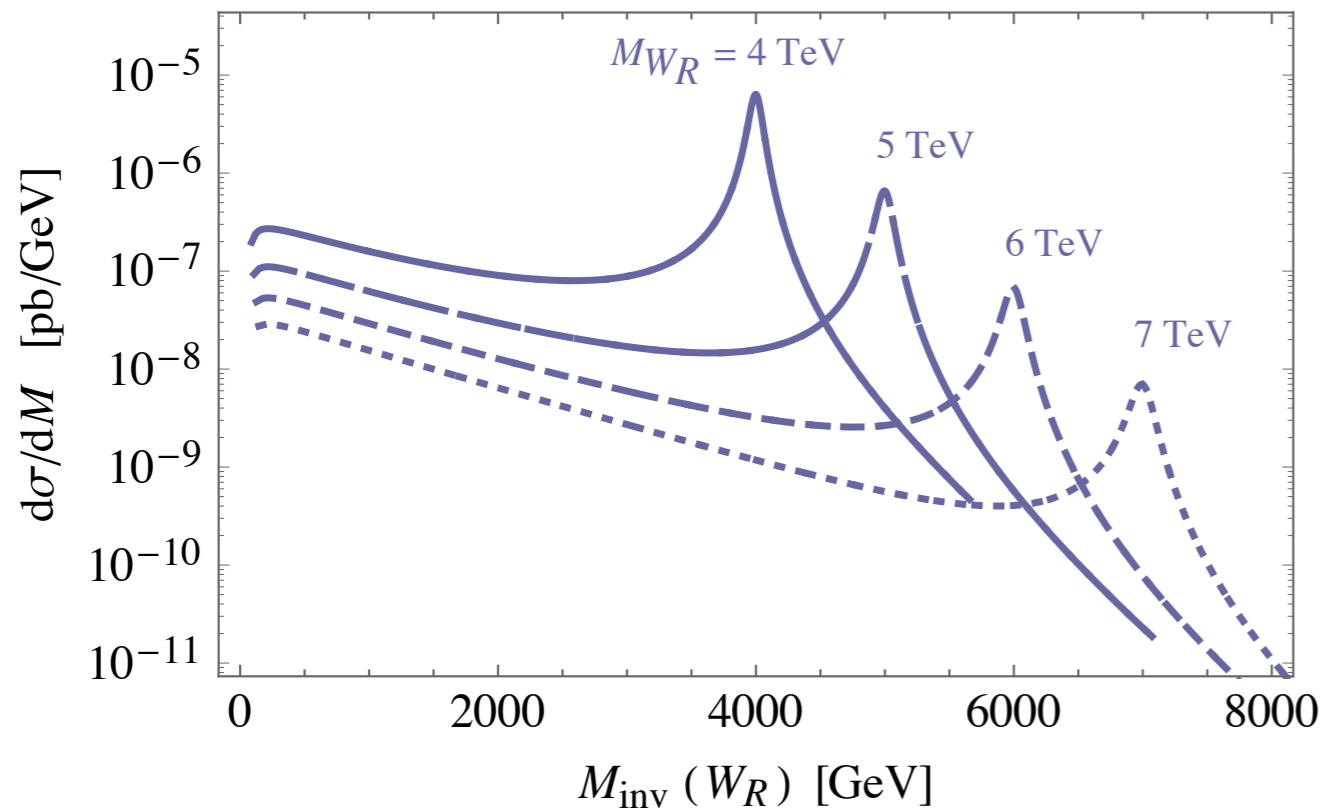
Han, Luiz, Ruiz, Si '12

# Golden channel: $pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow \ell_R N$

Keung, Senjanović '83

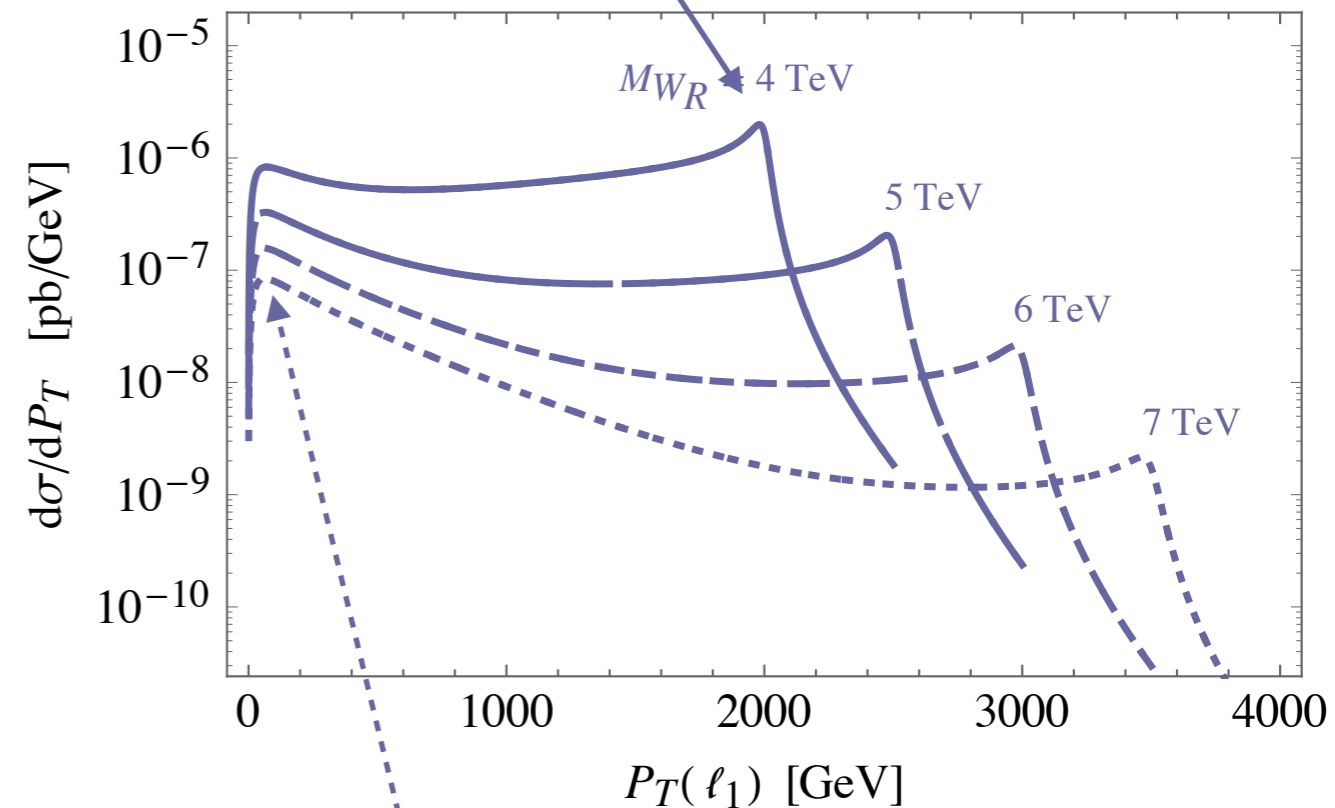
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\ell N}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_2^2 \pi}{72 \hat{s}^2} |V_{ij}^{\text{CKM}}|^2 \frac{(\hat{s} - m_N^2)^2 (2\hat{s} + m_N^2)}{(\hat{s} - M_{W_R}^2)^2 + M_{W_R}^2 \Gamma_{W_R}^2}$$

clear peaks



$m_{\text{inv}}$  disappears

mostly on-shell,  $N$  boosted

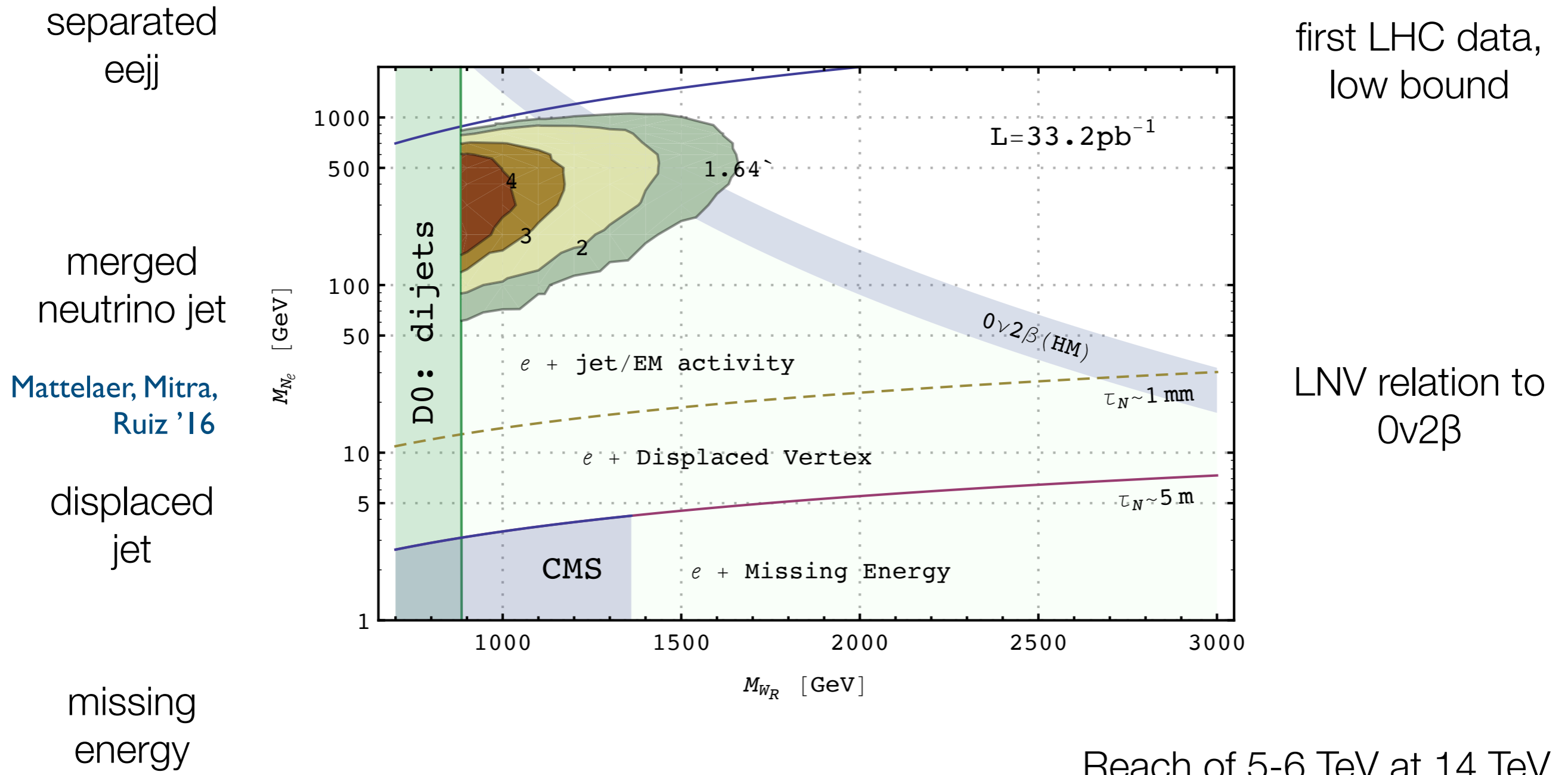


off-shell = soft lepton and  $N$

Ruiz '17

# Sketch of a search : $pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow \ell_R N$

MN, Nesti, Senjanović, Zhang '11



ATLAS: Ferrari et al. '00  
 CMS: Gninenko et al. '07

# Isolation and displacement $pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow \ell_R N$

MN, Nesti, Popara '18

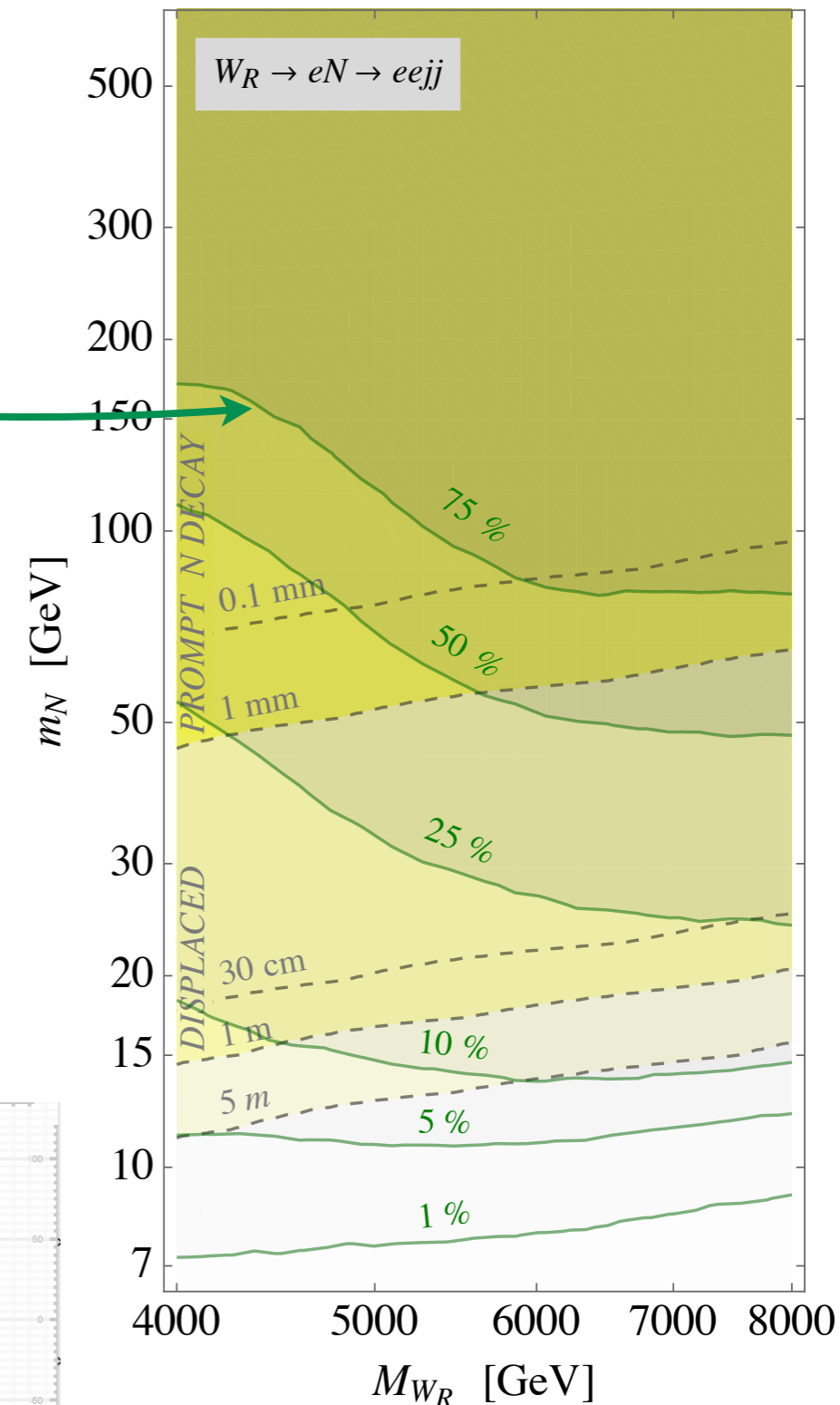
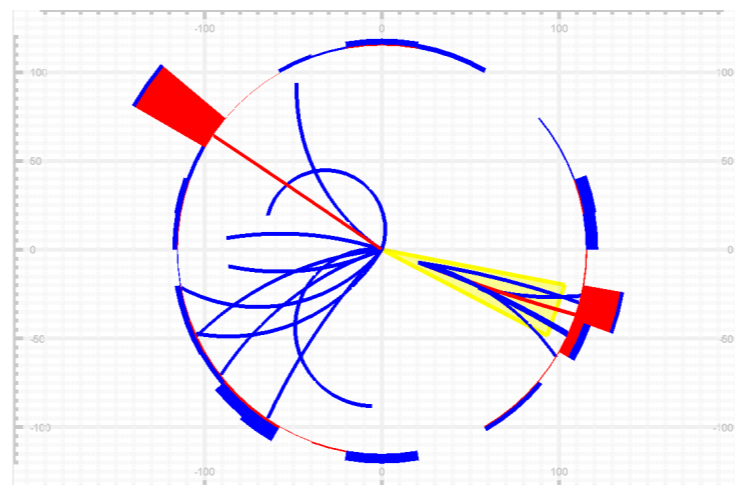
2<sup>nd</sup> lepton isolation depends on the boost of  $N$

$$\gamma_N \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{M_{W_R}}{2m_N}, & W_R \rightarrow \text{on-shell}, \\ \frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{m_N}, & W_R \rightarrow \text{off-shell} \end{cases}$$

Lab decay length very sensitive to  $m_N$

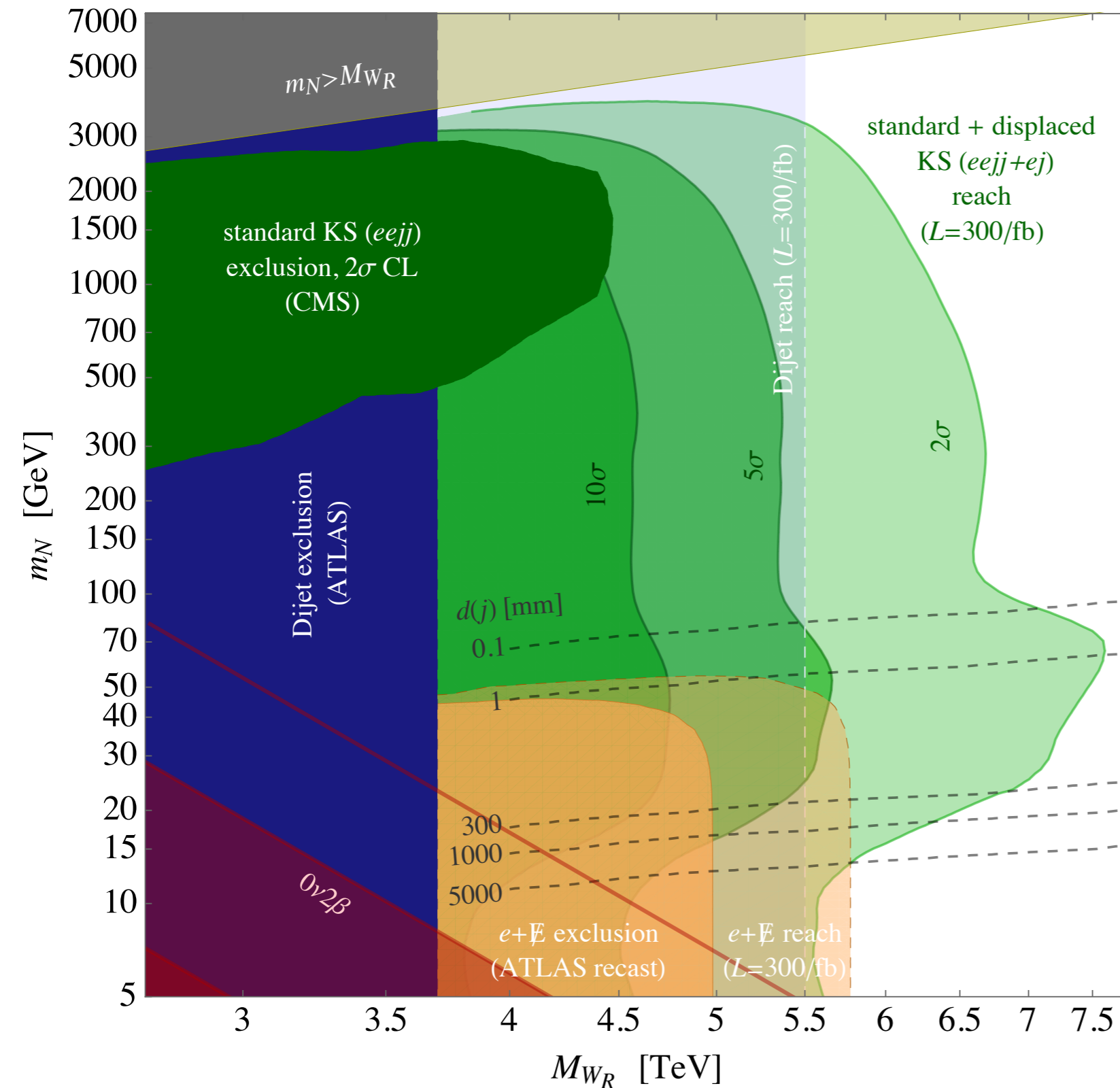
$$\Gamma_N^0 \simeq \frac{\alpha_2^2 m_N^5}{64\pi M_{W_R}^4} \simeq \frac{1}{2.5 \text{ mm}} \frac{(m_N/10 \text{ GeV})^5}{(M_{W_R}/3 \text{ TeV})^4}$$

Simultaneous transition from prompt isolated to displaced merged - look for displaced merged jets (tracks)



# Search overview $pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow \ell_R N$

MN, Nesti, Popara '18



standard prompt isolated mode

Ng et al. '15, Ruiz '17

merged neutrino jet  $\ell j_N$

Mitra, Ruiz, Spannowsky '16

displaced jet  $\ell j_N^d$

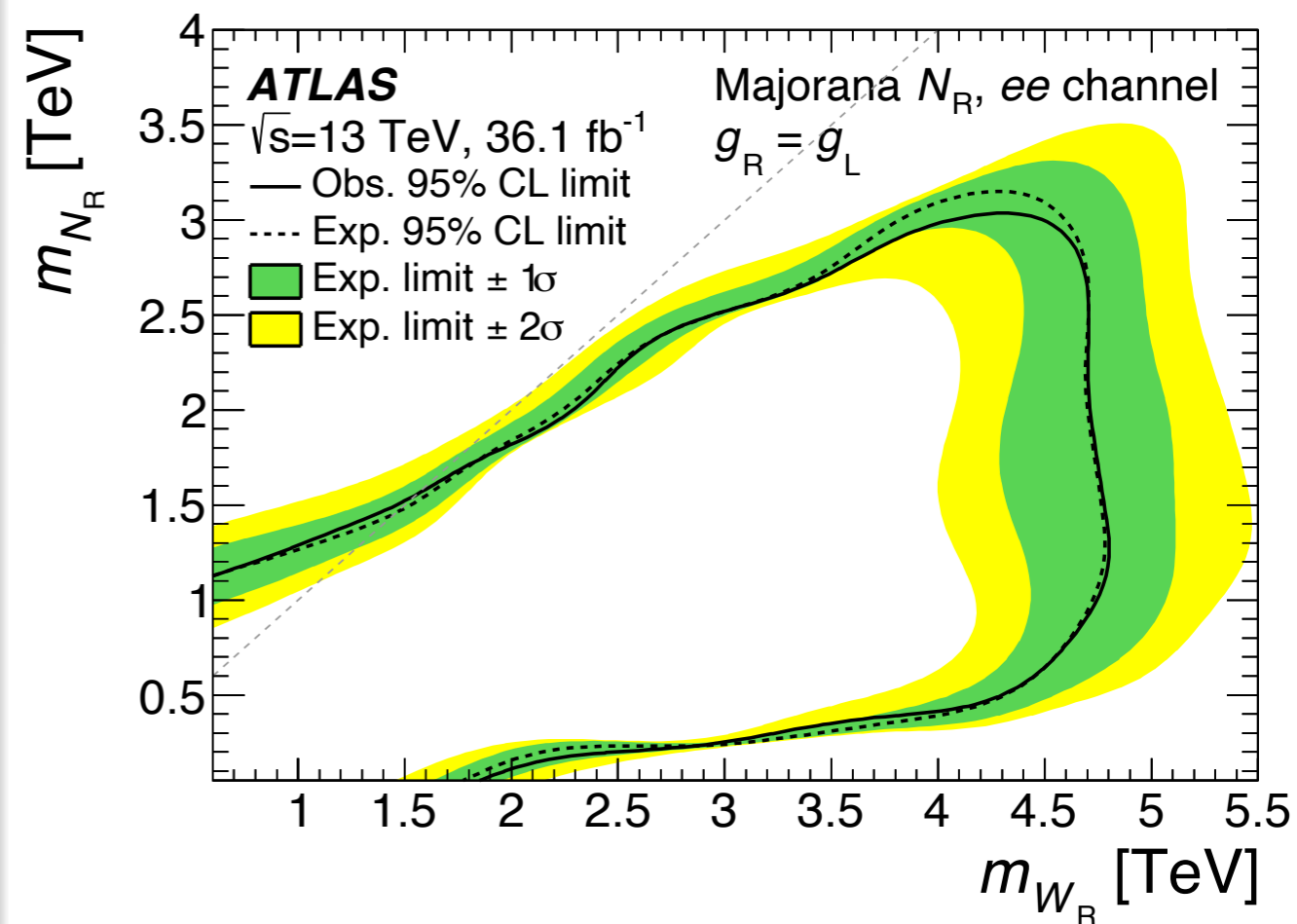
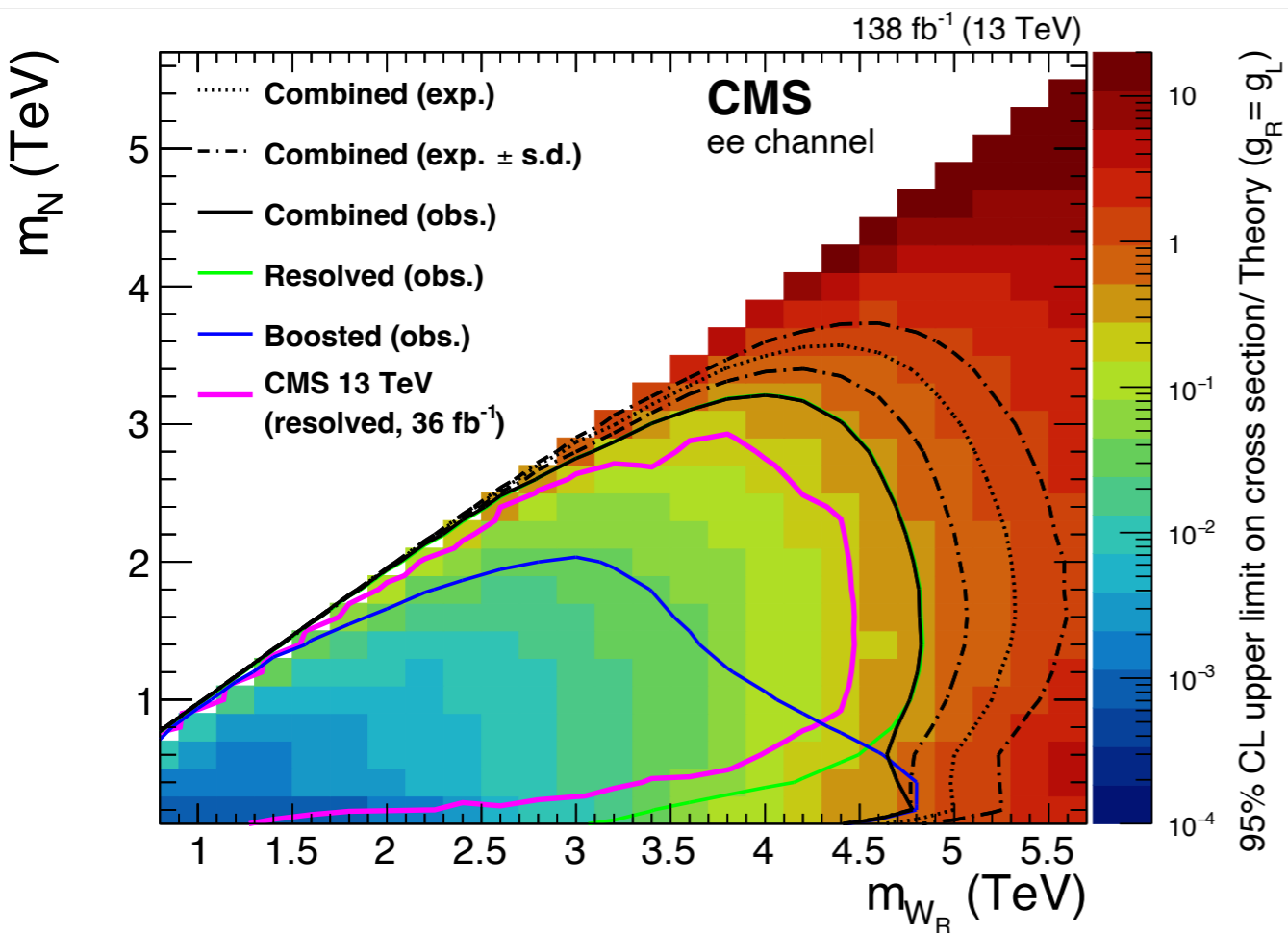
Cottin, Helo, Hirsch '18  
Cottin, Helo, Hirsch, Silva '19

invisible: prompt  $\ell + E_{miss}$

relevant for any light  $N$   
search (SHIP, FASER,  
MATHUSLA, etc.)



# Resolved leptons and jets: search status in 2023

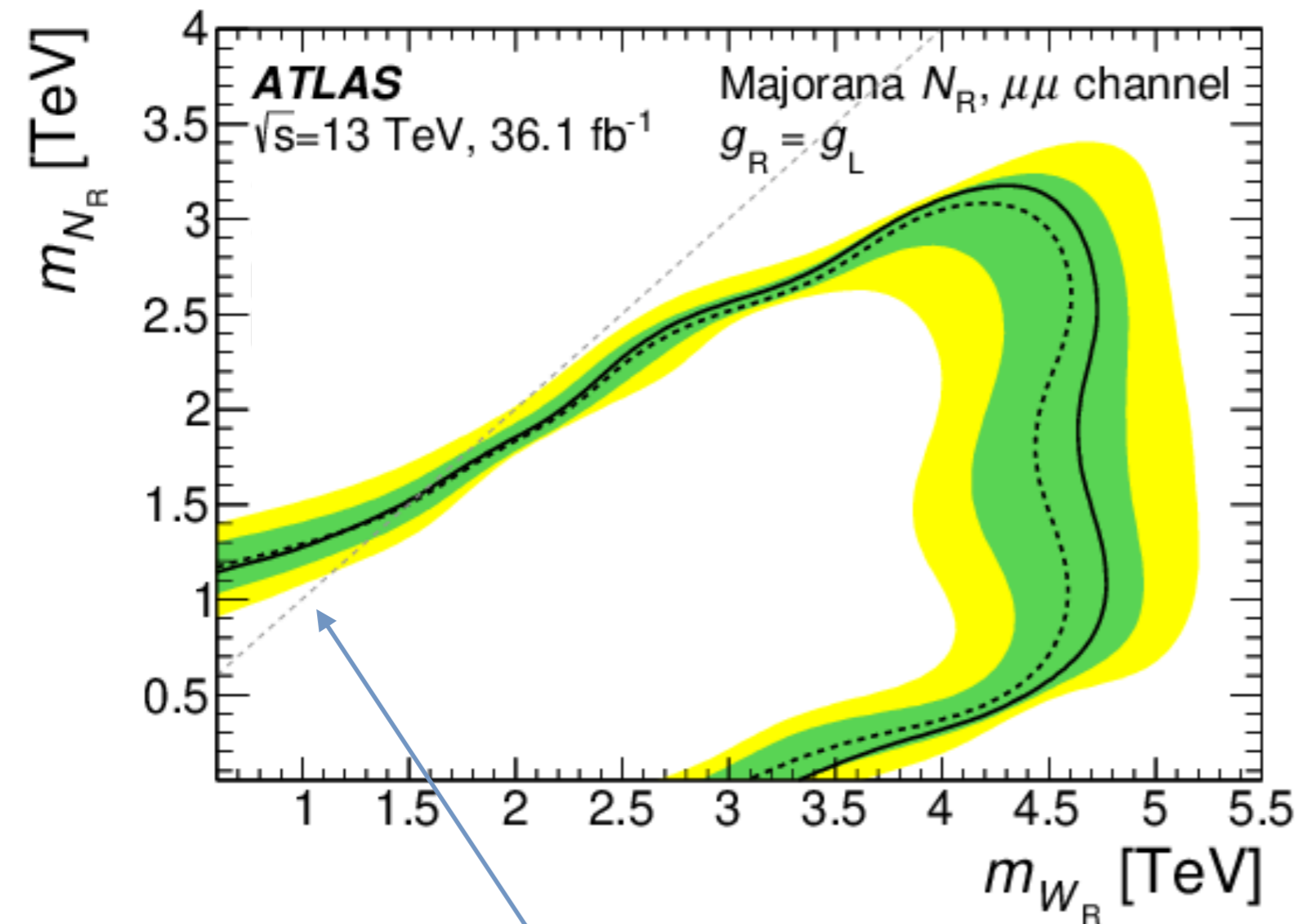


similar for muons

CMS 2112.03949

ATLAS 1809.11105

# Experimental limits review in 2023



probes the off-shell  $N$ , too

standard prompt isolated mode		
*e, mu	4.8 TeV	ATLAS 1809.11105
tau	3.5 TeV	CMS 2112.03949

lepton + missing energy		
*e, mu	$M_{W_R} \gtrsim 5.1(6)$ TeV	ATLAS 1906.05609
tau <sub>h</sub>	$M_{W_R} > 3.7$ TeV	ATLAS 1801.06992

\*interplay with  $0\nu 2\beta$

Mohapatra Senjanović '79  
 Tello, MN, Nesti, Senjanović, Vissani '10

dijets	
$M_{W_R} > 4$ TeV	ATLAS 1910.08447

tb	
$M_{W_R} > 3$ TeV	ATLAS 1801.07893

di-boson WZ mode $\propto \xi_{LR}$	
$\sim 4.8$ TeV	ATLAS 2007.05293 CMS PAS B2G-20-009

# LNV Higgses

$$\Delta_L(3, 1, 2), \Phi(2, 2, 0), \Delta_R(1, 3, 2)$$

Minkowski '77  
Mohapatra, Senjanović '79

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_R = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^+/\sqrt{2} & \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^0 & -\Delta^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}_R \quad \langle \Delta_R \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_R & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

SSB of parity

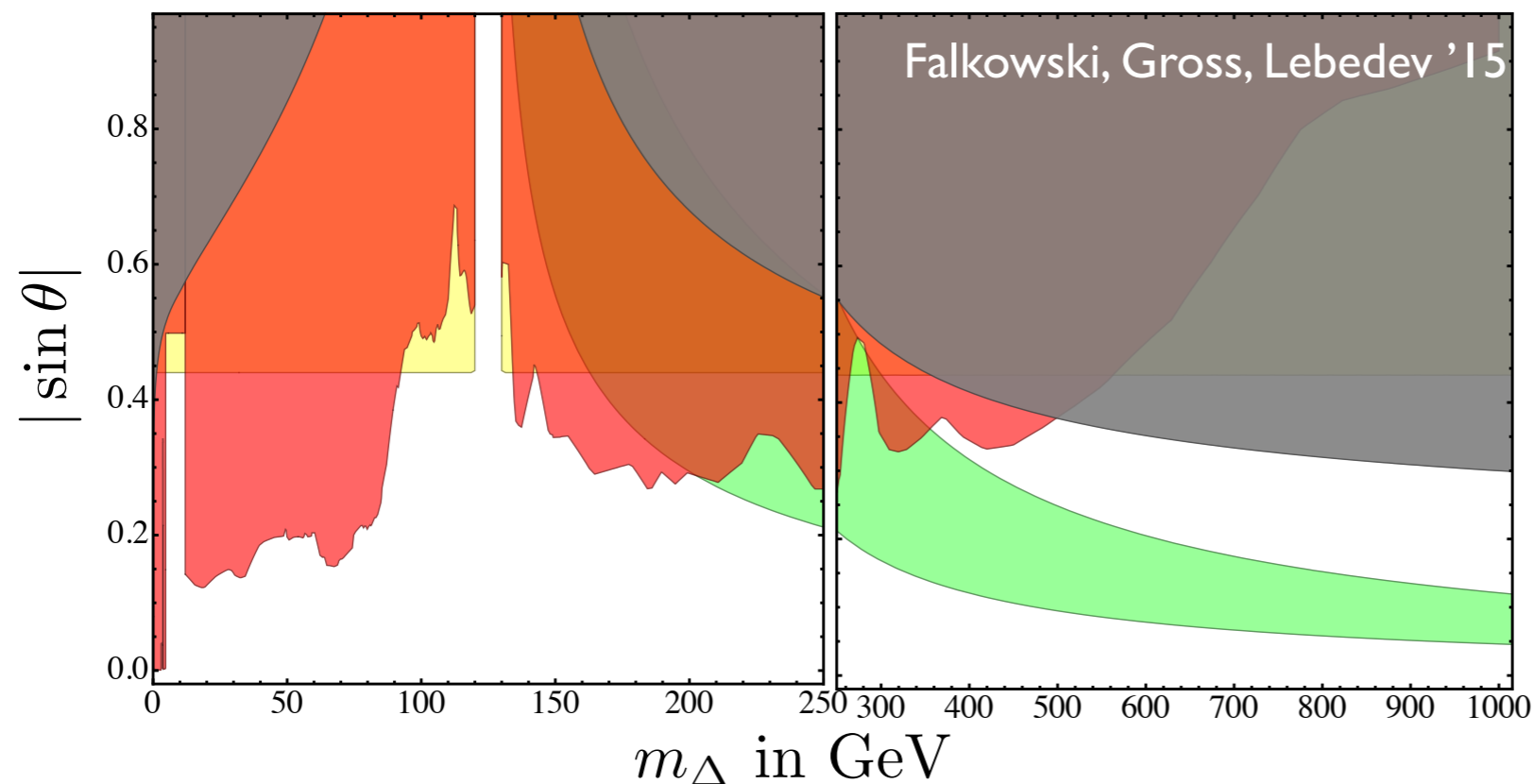
$$\mathcal{P} : \begin{cases} \Delta_L \leftrightarrow \Delta_R, \Phi \rightarrow \Phi^\dagger \\ Q_L \leftrightarrow Q_R, L_L \leftrightarrow L_R \end{cases}$$

Senjanović,  
Mohapatra '75

$$V \in \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \alpha (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) (\Delta_R^\dagger \Delta_R) + \rho (\Delta_R^\dagger \Delta_R)^2$$

same for  $\mathcal{C}$ -symmetry

$$h - \Delta \text{ mixing: } \theta \simeq \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\rho} \right) \left( \frac{v}{v_R} \right) \lesssim .44$$



Future collider  
outlook

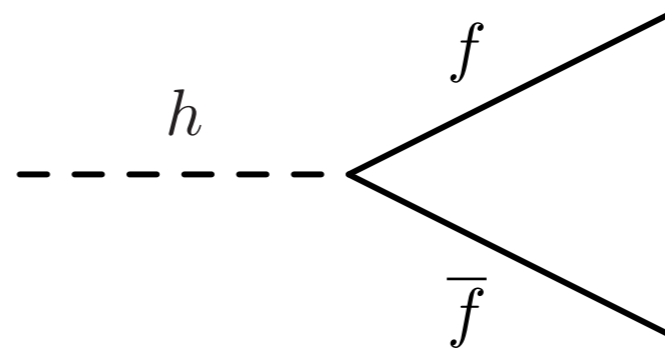
$$|\sin \theta| < .34$$

Buttazzo, Sala, Tesi '15

# SM Higgs and mass origin

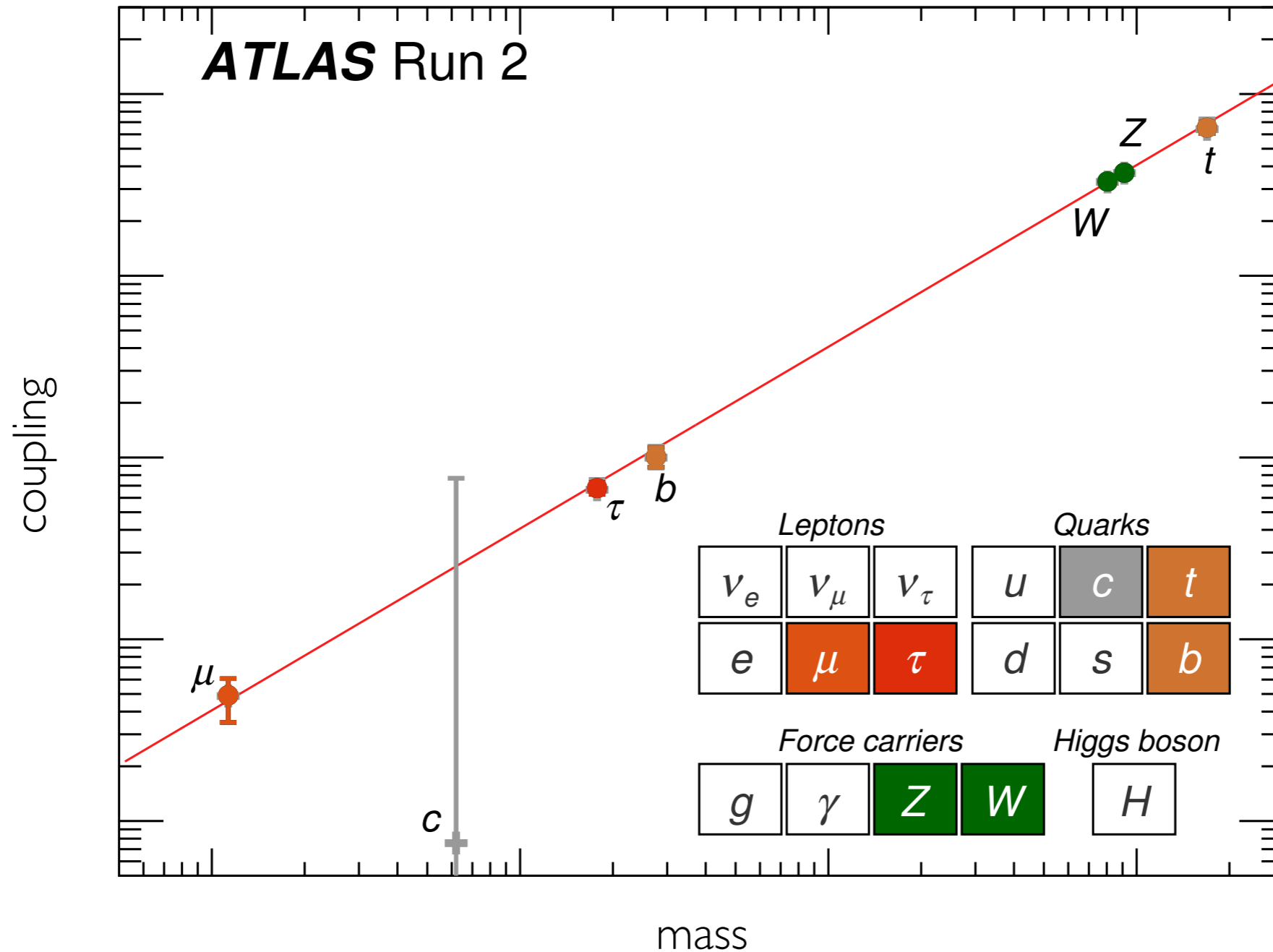
*h* decays

$$\Gamma_{h \rightarrow f \bar{f}} \propto c_\theta^2 m_f^2$$

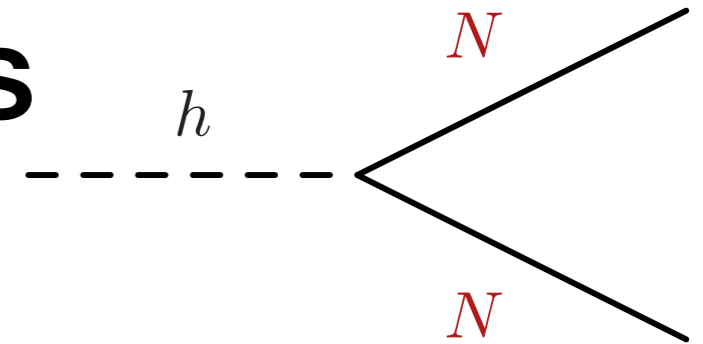


Weinberg '67

Dirac only



# 'Majorana' SM Higgs

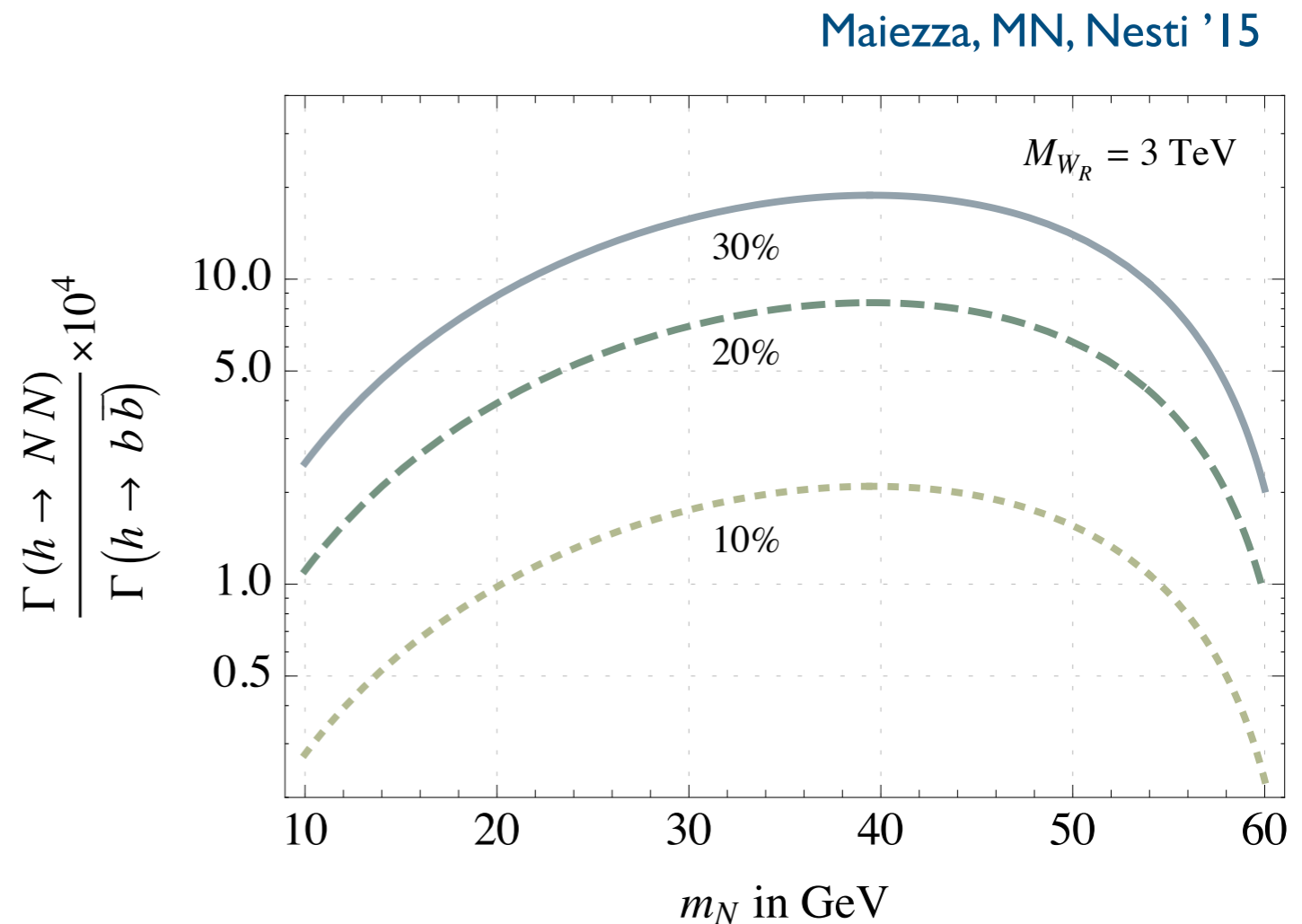
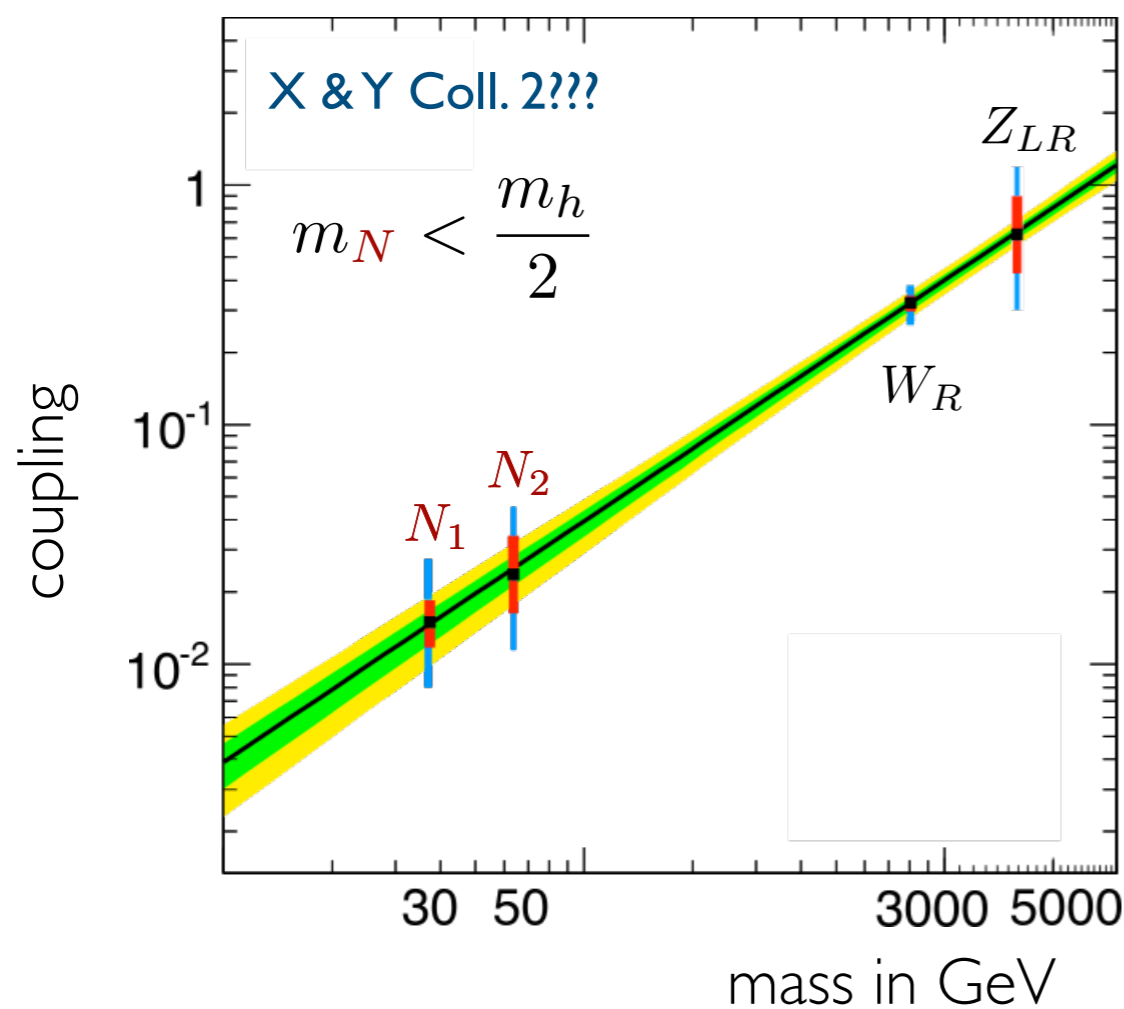


$h$  decays

$$\Gamma_{h \rightarrow NN} \propto s_\theta^2 m_N^2 \quad \frac{\Gamma_{h \rightarrow NN}}{\Gamma_{h \rightarrow b\bar{b}}} \simeq \frac{\theta^2}{3} \left( \frac{m_N}{m_b} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M_W}{M_{W_R}} \right)^2$$

Gunion et al. Snowmass '86

EFT SM+h+N Graesser '07

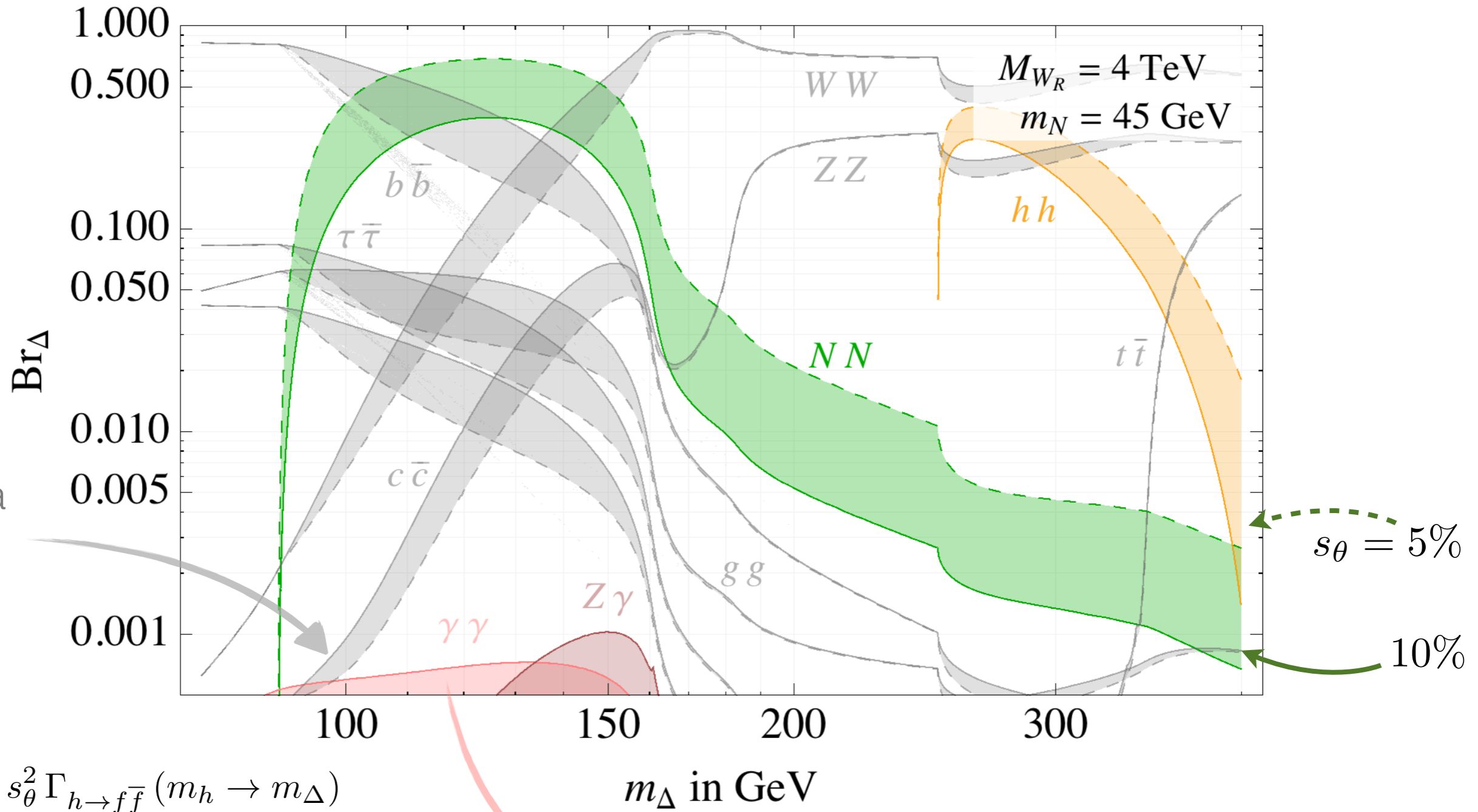


Maiezza, MN, Nesti '15

# 'Right-handed' Higgs

$\Delta_R^0$  decays

MN, Nesti, Vasquez '16



Displaced photons  
Dev, Mohapatra, Zhang '16

radiative loops  
(SM,  $W_R$ ,  $\Delta_{L,R}^{++}$ )

$$\Gamma_{\Delta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{m_\Delta^3}{64\pi} \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 |F_\Delta|^2$$

# 'Right-handed' Higgs

$\Delta$  decays

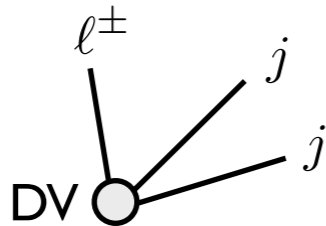
Region of interest for  $\Delta \rightarrow NN$

$$20 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_\Delta \lesssim 170 \text{ GeV}$$

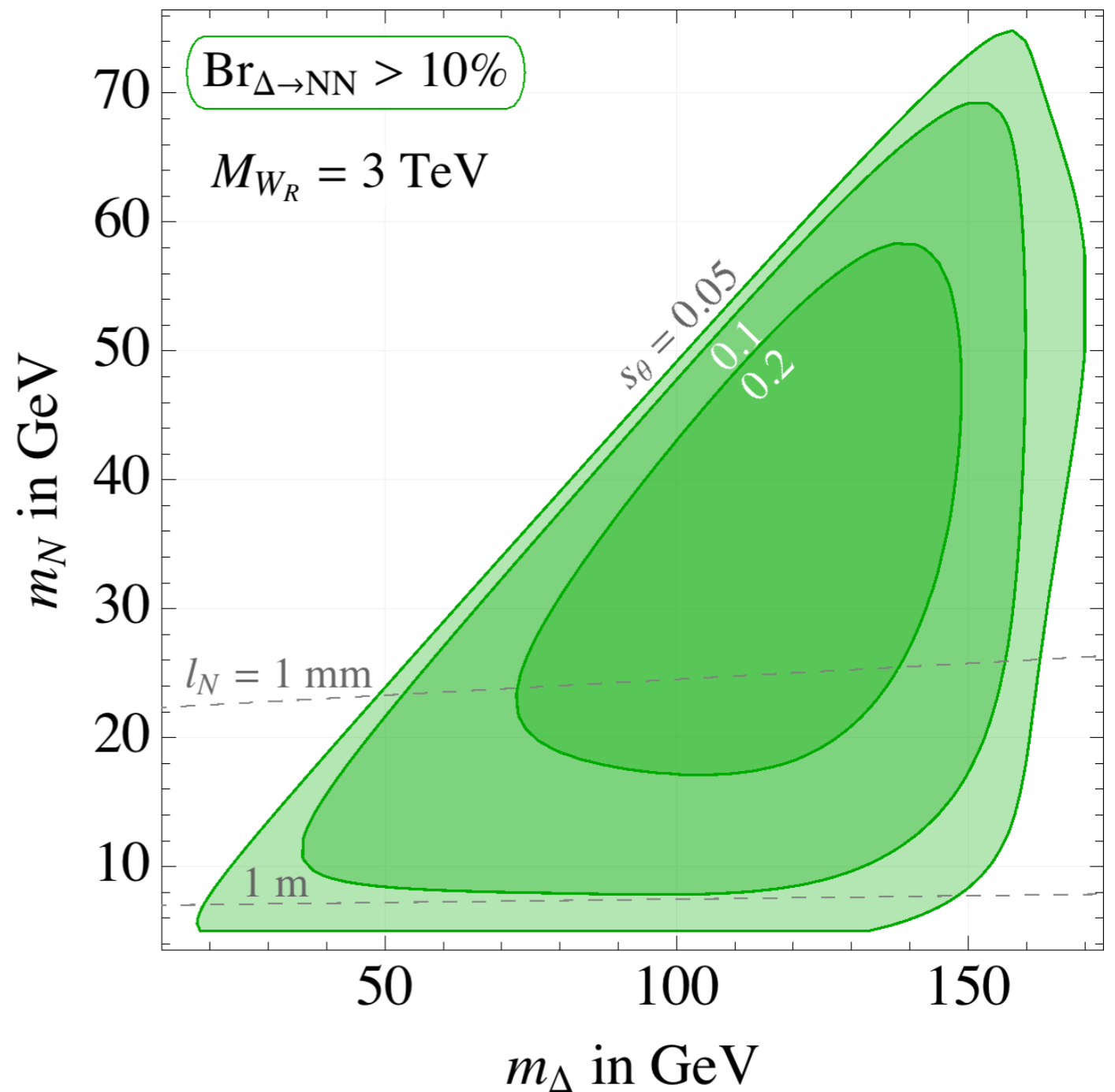
Decay length

$$c\tau_N^0 \simeq 0.1 \text{ mm} \left( \frac{40 \text{ GeV}}{m_N} \right)^5 \left( \frac{M_{W_R}}{5 \text{ TeV}} \right)^4$$

Leads to two DV with LNV



resol.  $\mathcal{O}(10) \mu m$



# 'Majorana' Higgses at LHC

ggF production

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow h} \simeq 45 \text{ pb}$$

N<sup>3</sup>LO

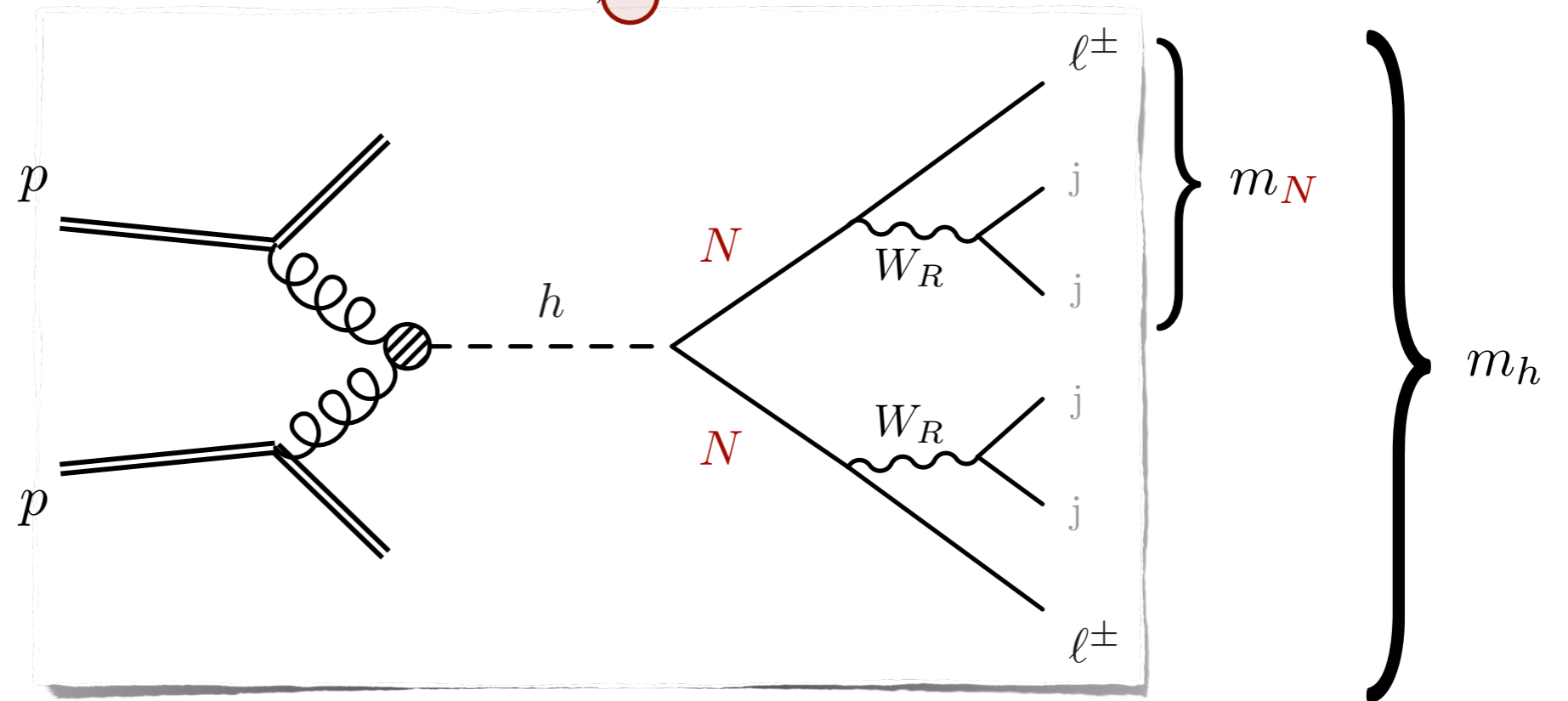
Anastasiou et al. '14

$$\Delta L = 0, \textcircled{2}$$

MN, Nesti, Vasquez '16

$$\Gamma_{h \rightarrow NN} \propto s_\theta^2 m_N^2$$

$$\text{Br}_{h \rightarrow NN} \simeq 10^{-3}$$



small couplings, no tuning

no missing energy

light jets only  $V_L^q = V_R^q$

soft products  $p_T \simeq m_h/6 \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$

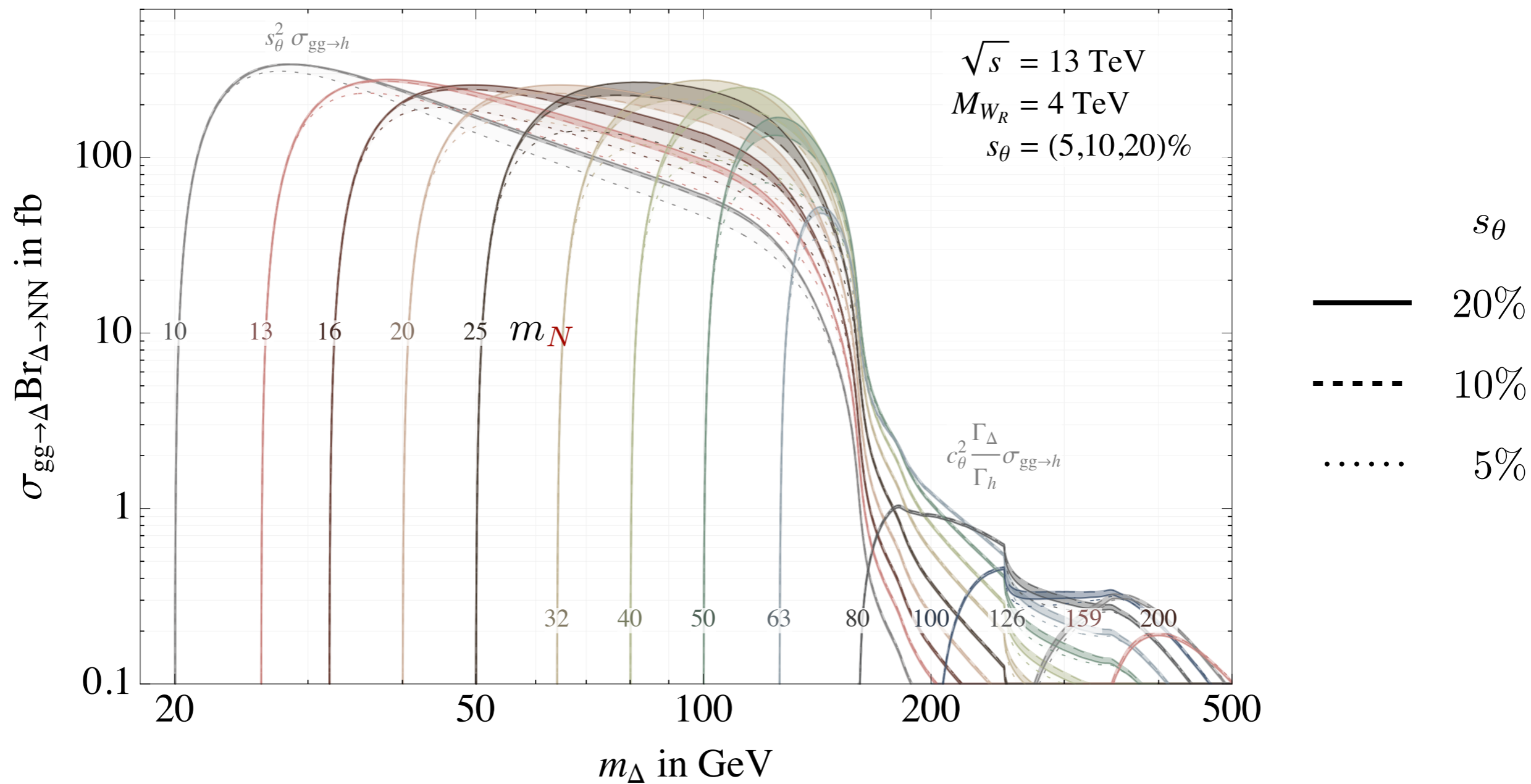
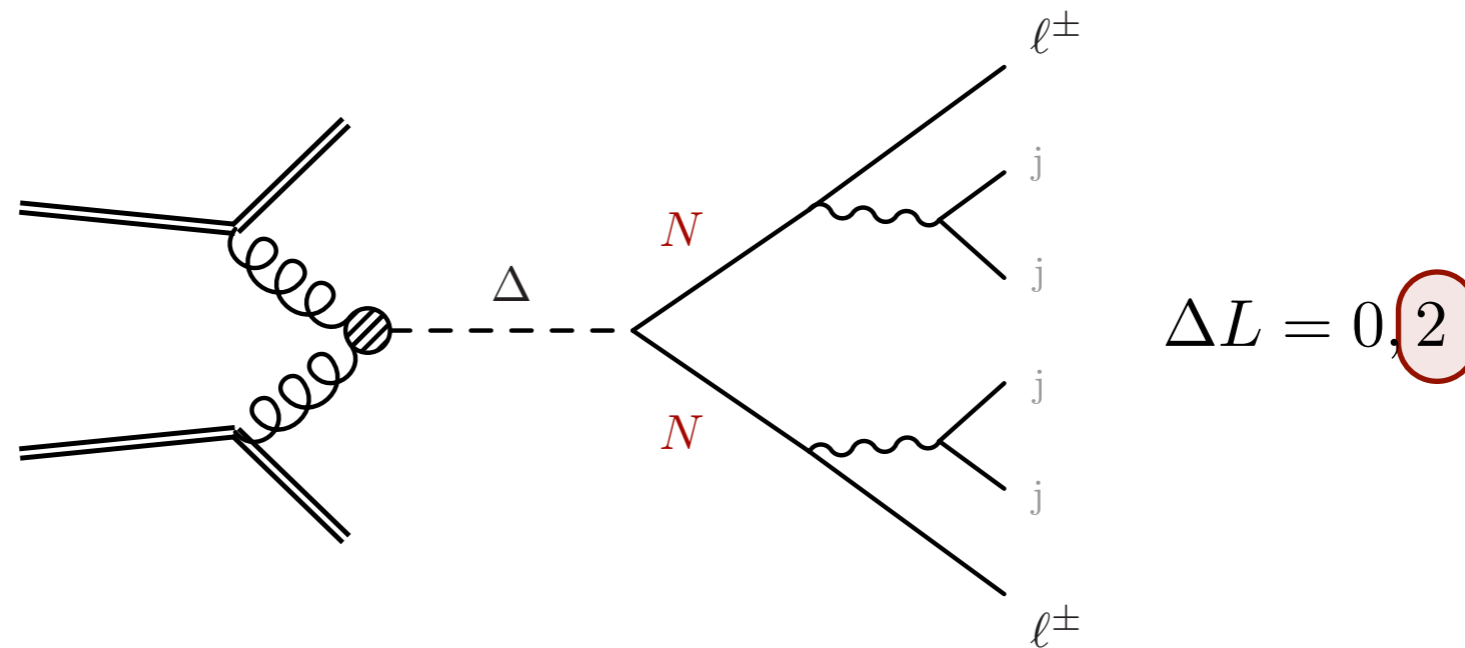
Kiers et al. '02, Zhang et al. '07  
Maiezza et al. '10, Senjanović, Tello '14

low background (LNV)



$\Delta$  signals

single



# Backgrounds

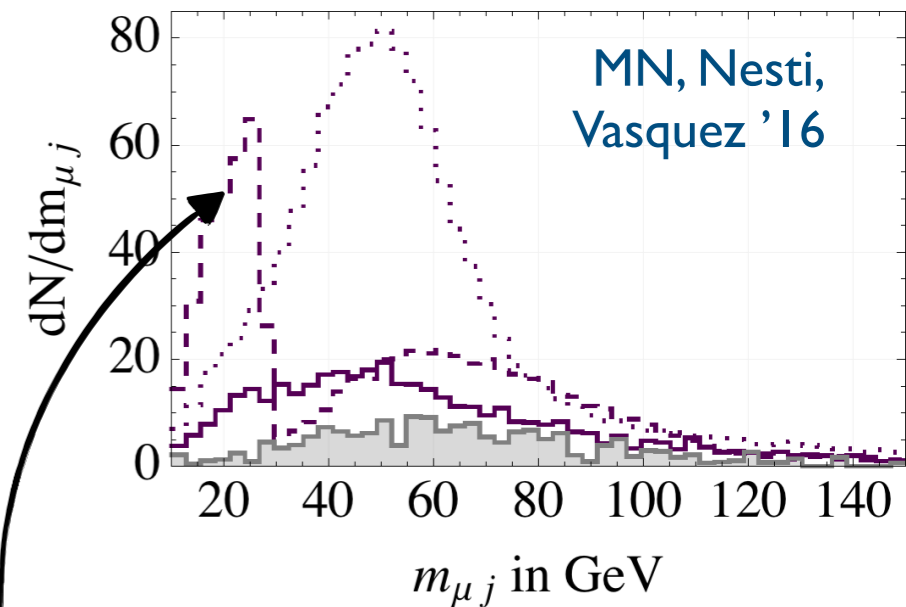
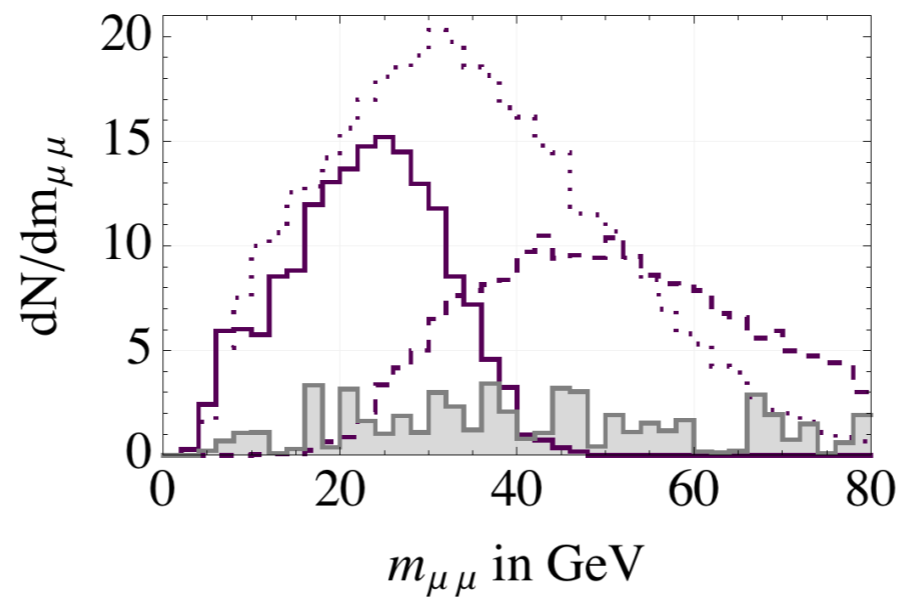
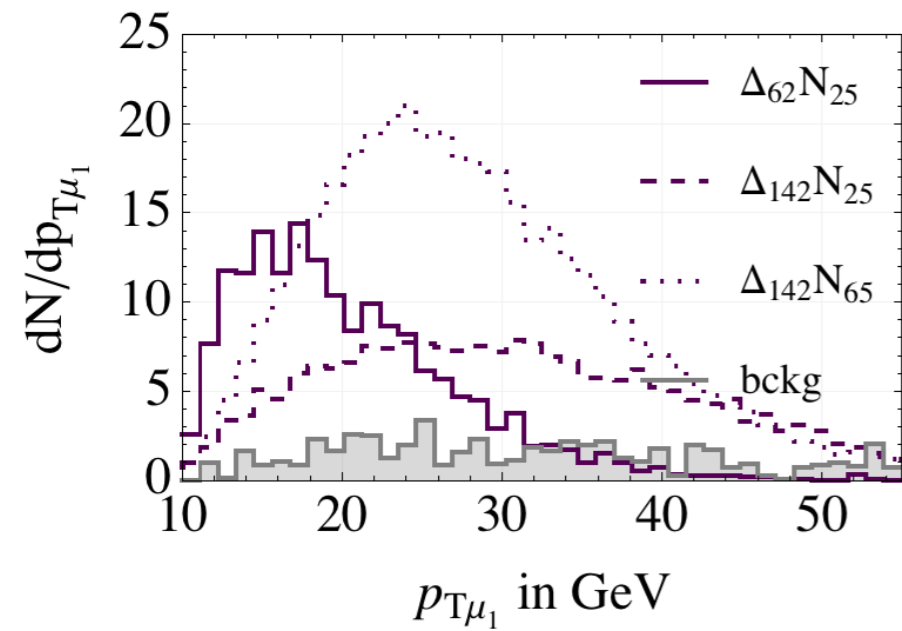
$$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm + n_j$$

	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}h$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}W$	$WZ$	$Wh$	$ZZ$	$Zh$	$WWjj$	fakes
select	806	4	5	26	1241	87	147	16	1.5	2651
$\cancel{E}_T$	313	0.5	0.7	3	400	21	129	7	0.2	782
$p_T$	112	0.2	0.1	0.7	174	8.4	63	4	0.05	284
$m_T$	60	0.1	0.04	0.3	80	4	56	2	0.03	106
$m^{\text{inv}}$	35	0.03	0.03	0.2	25	2	36	2	0	80
$l_{Te}$	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.1	0.9	0.05	0.001	2
	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}h$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}W$	$WZ$	$Wh$	$ZZ$	$Zh$	$WWjj$	fakes
select	670	4	6	32	750	133	68	16	2	1676
$\cancel{E}_T$	130	0.5	0.9	3.5	200	32	33	6	0.3	391
$p_T$	57	0.2	0.2	1	95	17	16	3	0.1	152
$m_T$	32	0.1	0.1	0.5	51	9	12	2	0.05	49
$m^{\text{inv}}$	17	0.04	0.04	0.2	23	5	8	1	0.01	40
$l_{T\mu}$	0	0	0	0	1.4	0.4	1	0.15	0.005	3

all contain missing energy

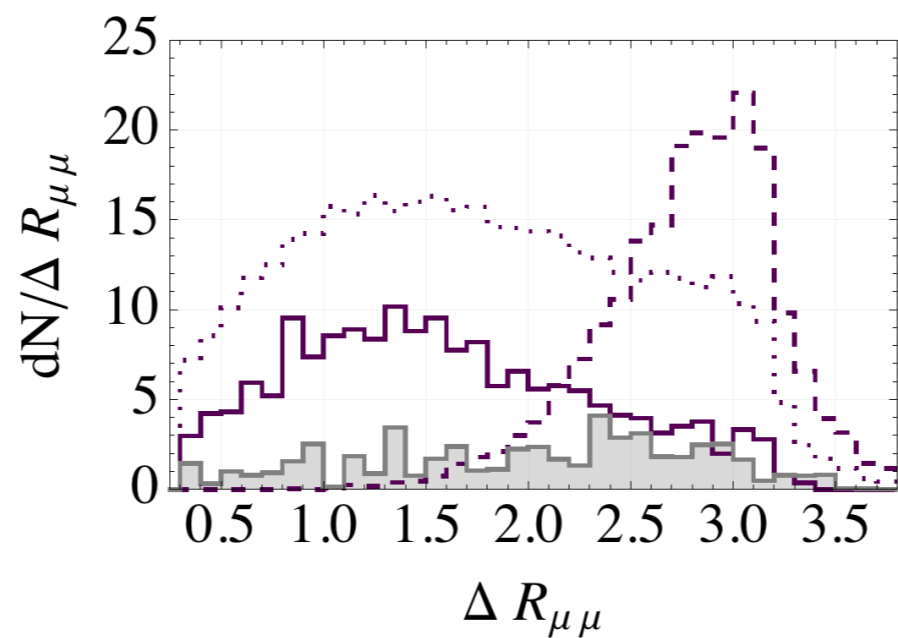
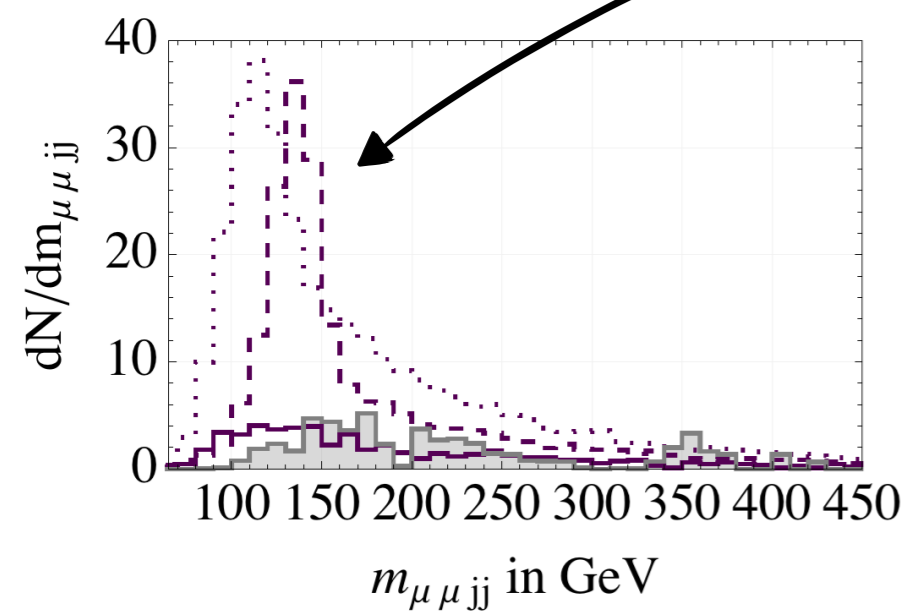
one prompt, one displaced lepton

# Kinematics

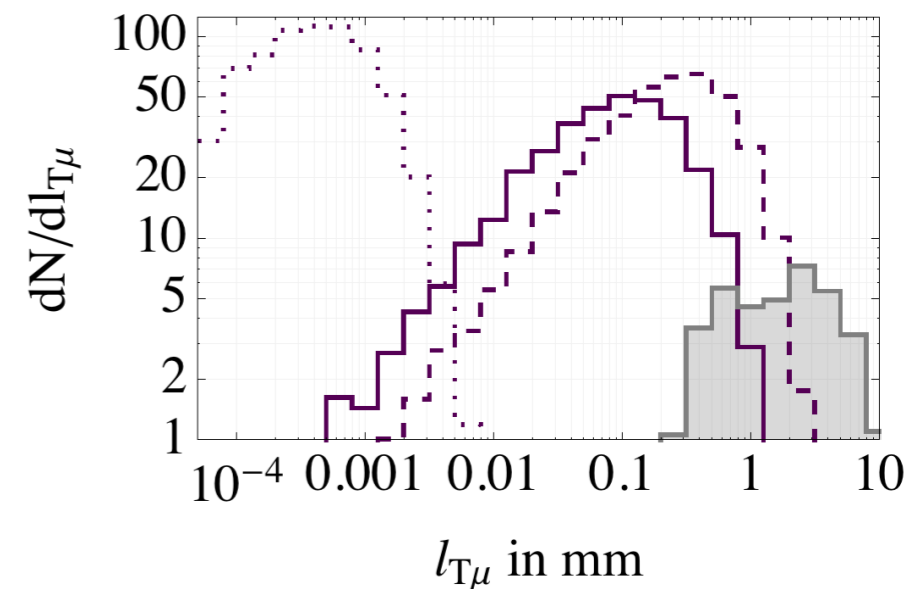


~soft leptons

characteristic mass peaks



angular separation

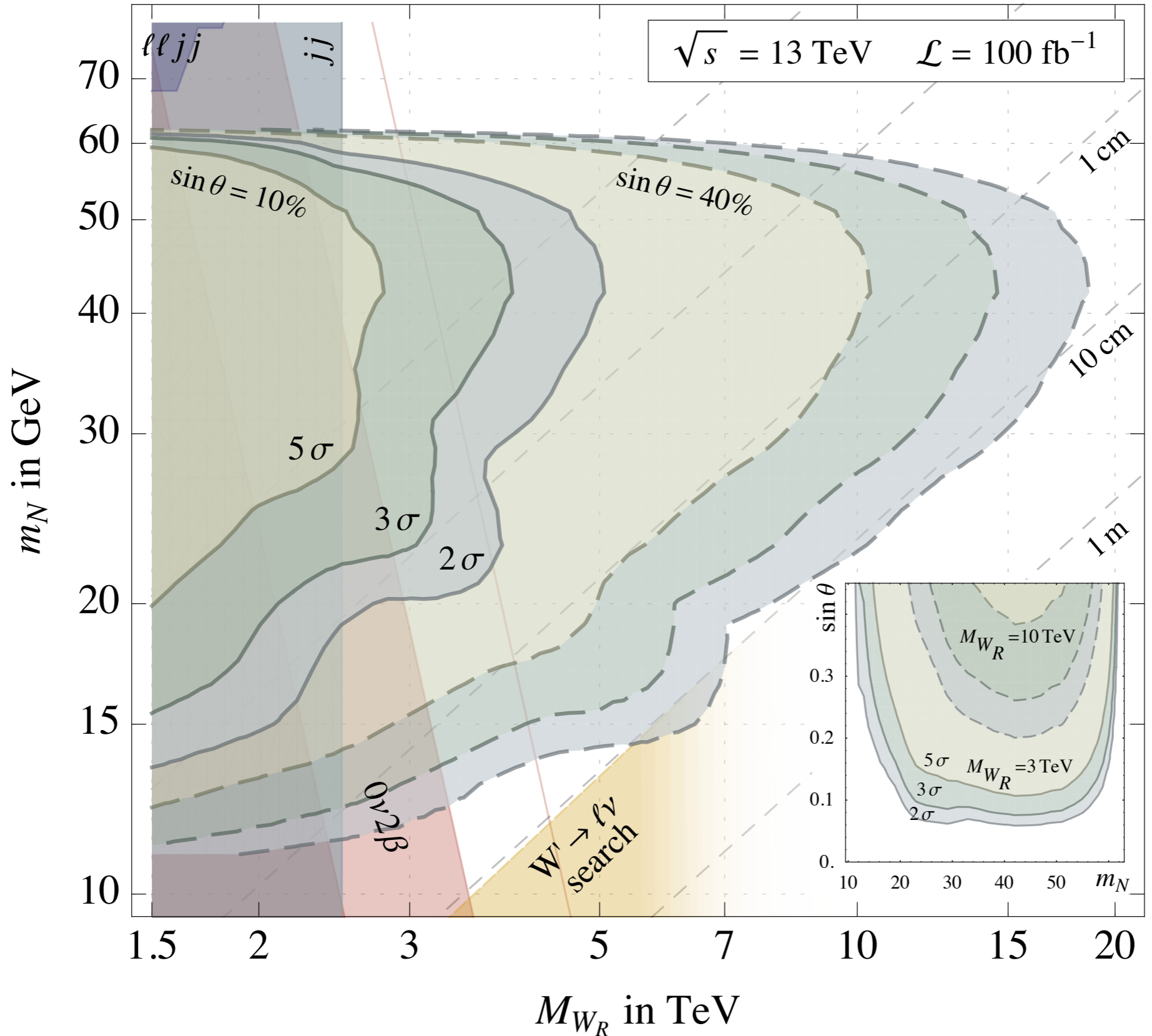


displacement

# Sensitivity

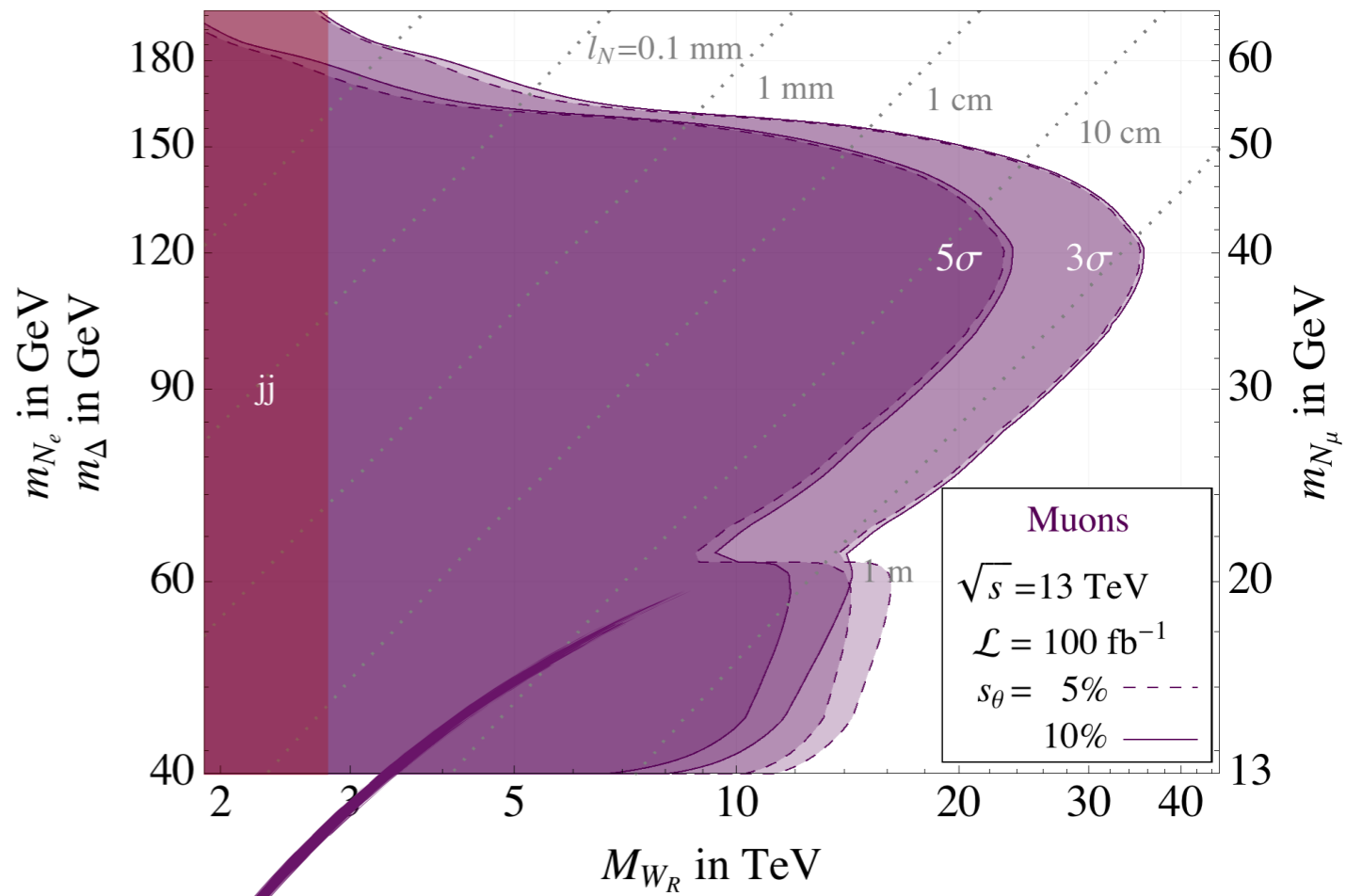
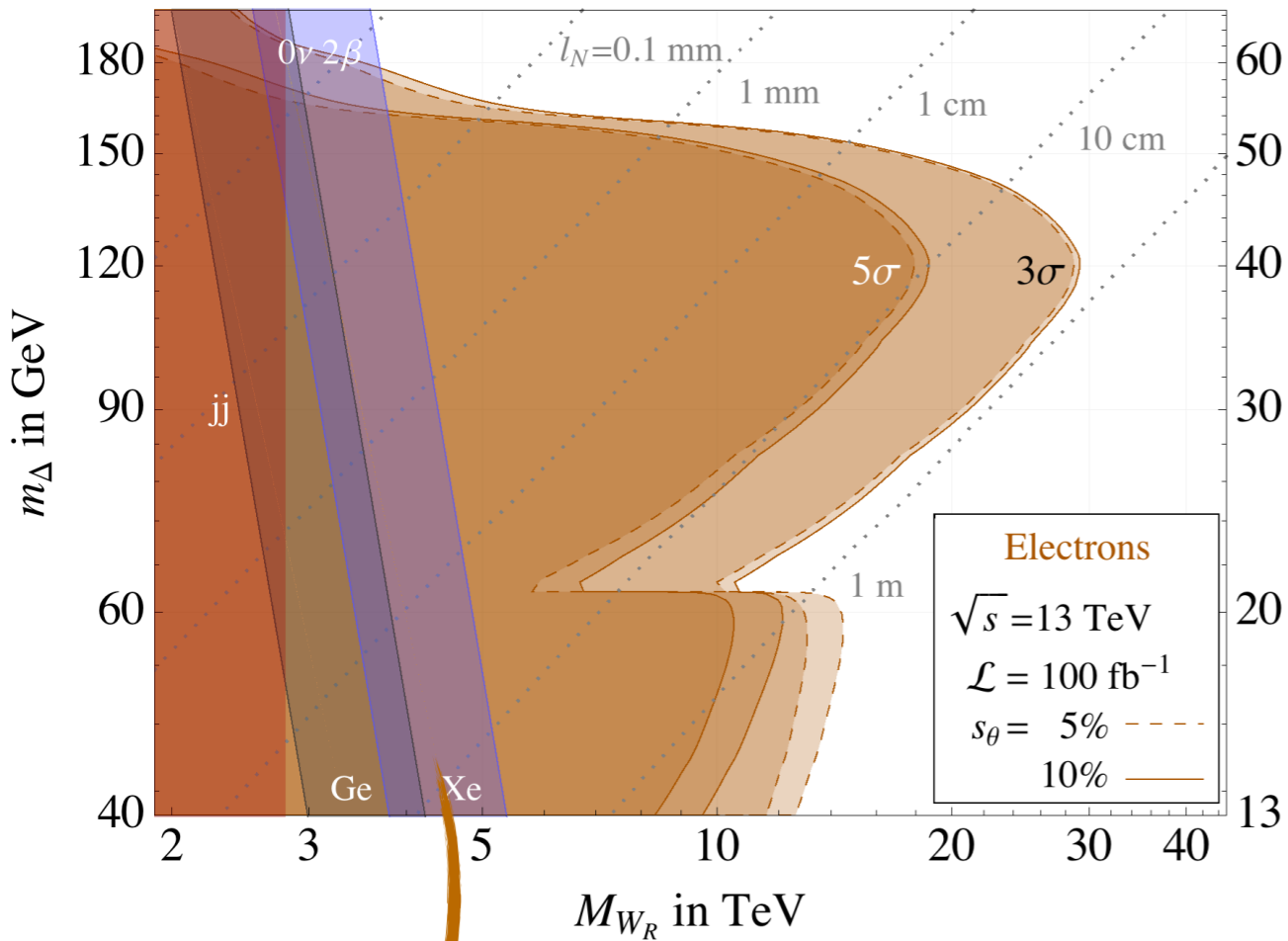
$h \rightarrow NN$

Maiezza, MN, Nesti '14



# Sensitivity

Combined  $h \rightarrow NN$   $\Delta \rightarrow NN$   $\Delta\Delta \rightarrow NNNN$



connection to  $0\nu 2\beta$

GERDA, Neutrino '16

KamLAND-Zen '16

$h \rightarrow \Delta\Delta \rightarrow NNNN$

displaced 0.01 mm - >1m

discovery reach beyond direct searches

# Summary

## Minimal LR model

viable framework for understanding parity restoration and neutrino mass origin

strongly constrained by flavor, CP-even and CP-odd observables

complete theory of neutrino mass, Dirac predicted from Majorana

## Majorana signatures

breaking of lepton number in nuclear processes and high energy colliders

Higgs sector under-explored, opportunity for displaced searches and future colliders

**Backup**

# Displaced jet discrimination

MN, Nesti, Popara '18

Event generation: custom generator KSEG, small width issues with MG5

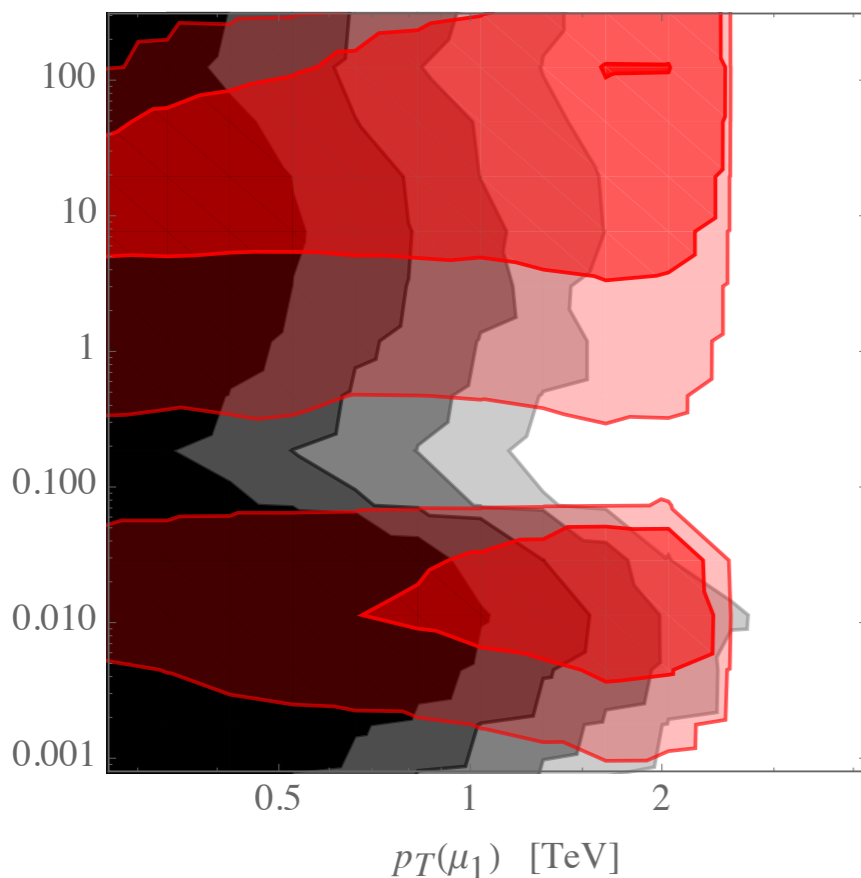
also Feynrules model file and Delphes,  
MadAnalysis displacement hack

[sites.google.com/site/leftrighthep](https://sites.google.com/site/leftrighthep)

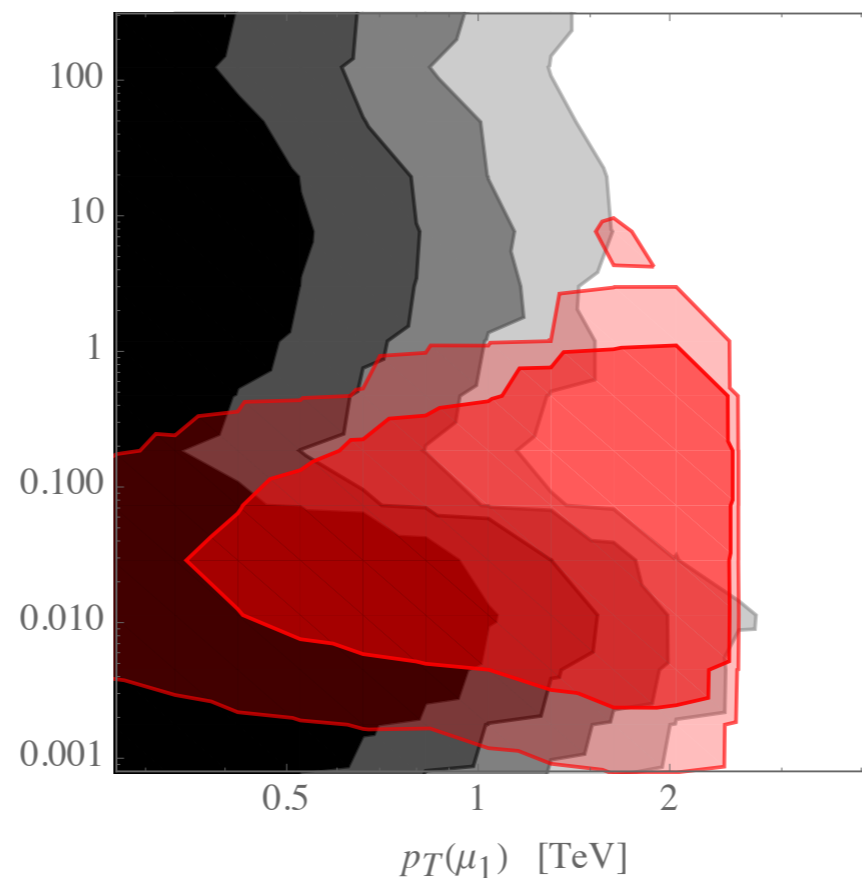
## Main bckgs

background	# generator	weight	# detector
$V + 012j$	22.46 M	0.021	9.93M
$VV + 012j$	10.55 M	0.0028	4.61M
$t\bar{t} + 012j$	10.47 M	0.024	4.38M

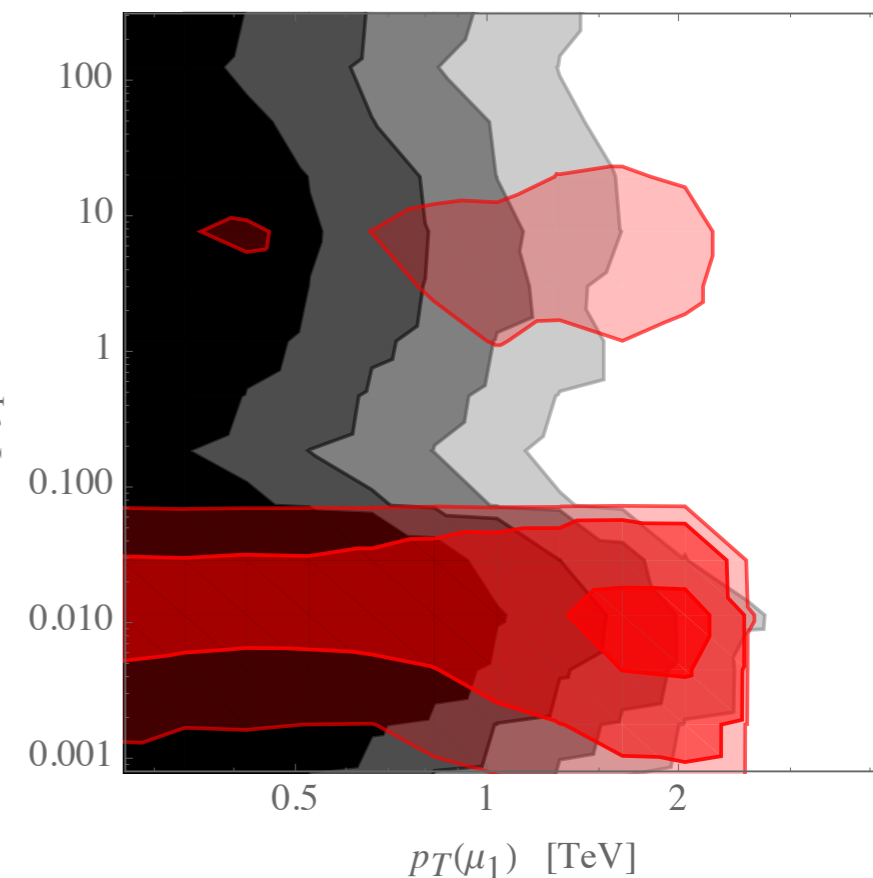
$M_{WR}=4$  TeV  $m_N=20$  GeV



$M_{WR}=4$  TeV  $m_N=60$  GeV



$M_{WR}=4$  TeV  $m_N=150$  GeV





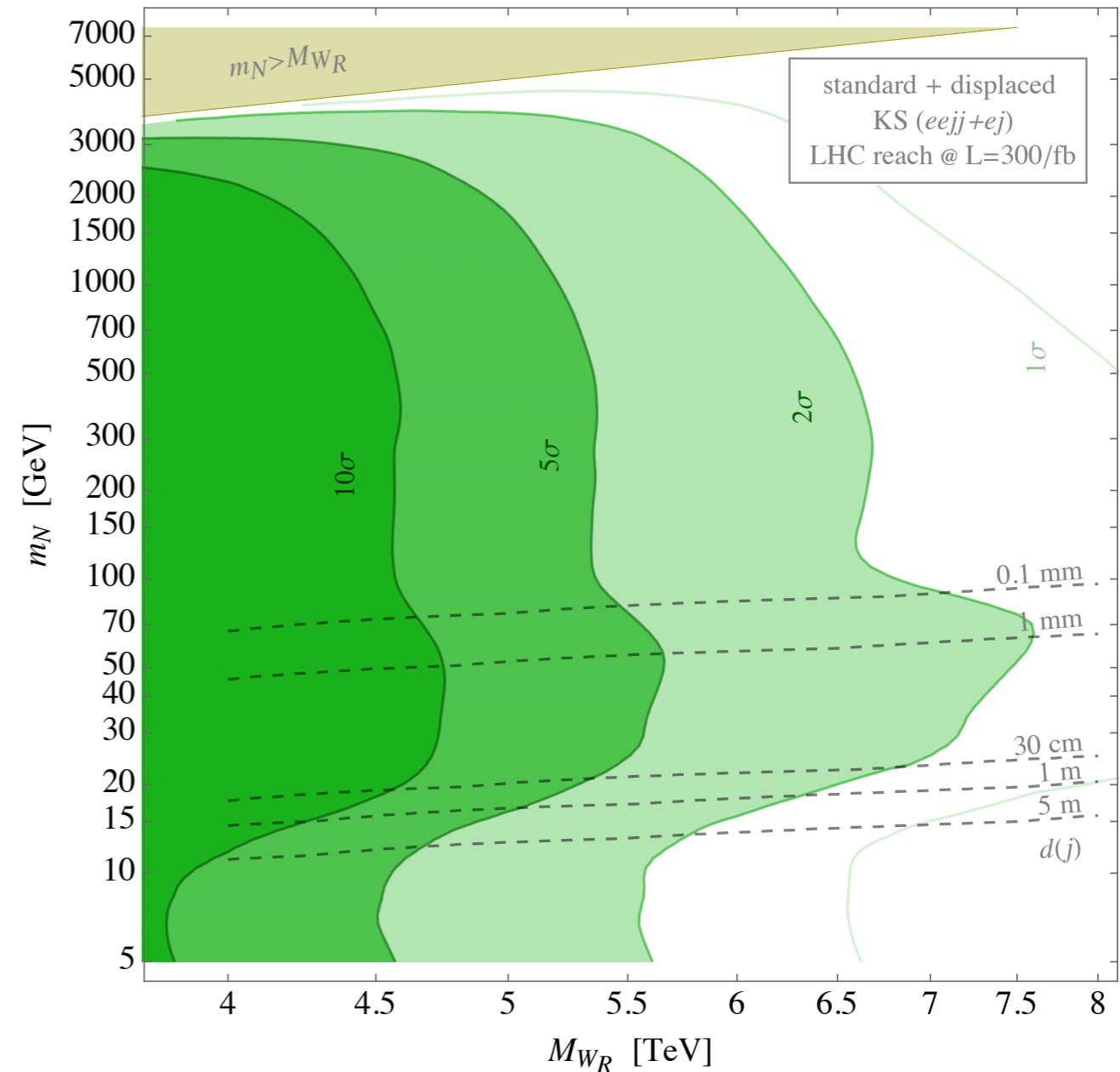
# Sensitivity estimate

MN, Nesti, Popara '18

rough pre-selection

bin over 6 variables below

reach to 6-7 TeV



## Sensitivities

Electron Channel		$\mathcal{L} = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$		$M_{W_R}$ :	4 TeV	4 TeV	4 TeV	6 TeV	6 TeV
variable	range	# bins		$m_N$ :	20 GeV	300 GeV	2 TeV	20 GeV	300 GeV
$p_T(\ell_1)$	{150, 4500} GeV	35			14.19	13.82	7.19	1.03	1.77
$d_T(j_1)$	{0.001, 300} mm	100			17.57	14.04	7.60	2.02	1.91
#(jets)	1, 2, 3, 4	4			17.88	14.20	7.94	2.24	2.04
#(leptons)	1, 2	2			17.97	14.90	9.08	2.30	2.23
#(same sign)	0, 1	2			18.00	15.71	9.85	2.32	2.61
$m_{\ell_1 j_1}^{\text{inv}}$	{200, 8500} GeV	20			18.82	17.24	10.91	2.81	3.03

# Recasting the $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$

MN, Nesti, Popara '18

motivated by WDM

MN, Senjanović, Zhang '12

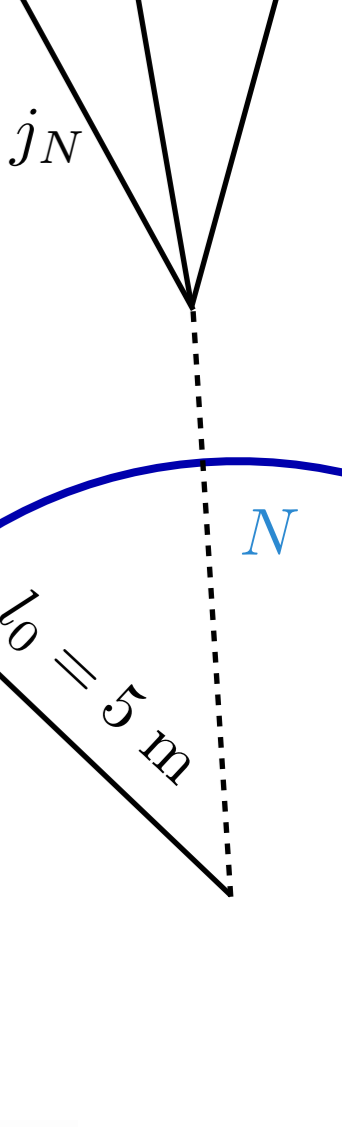
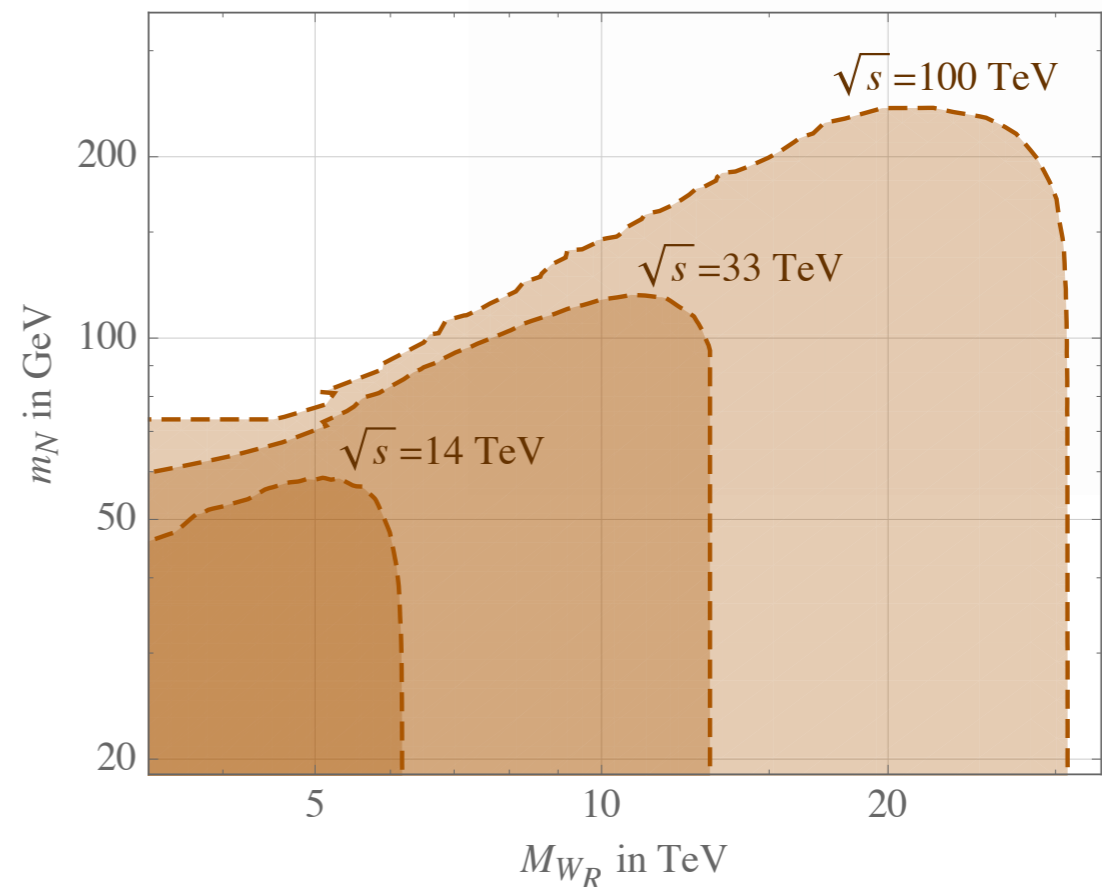
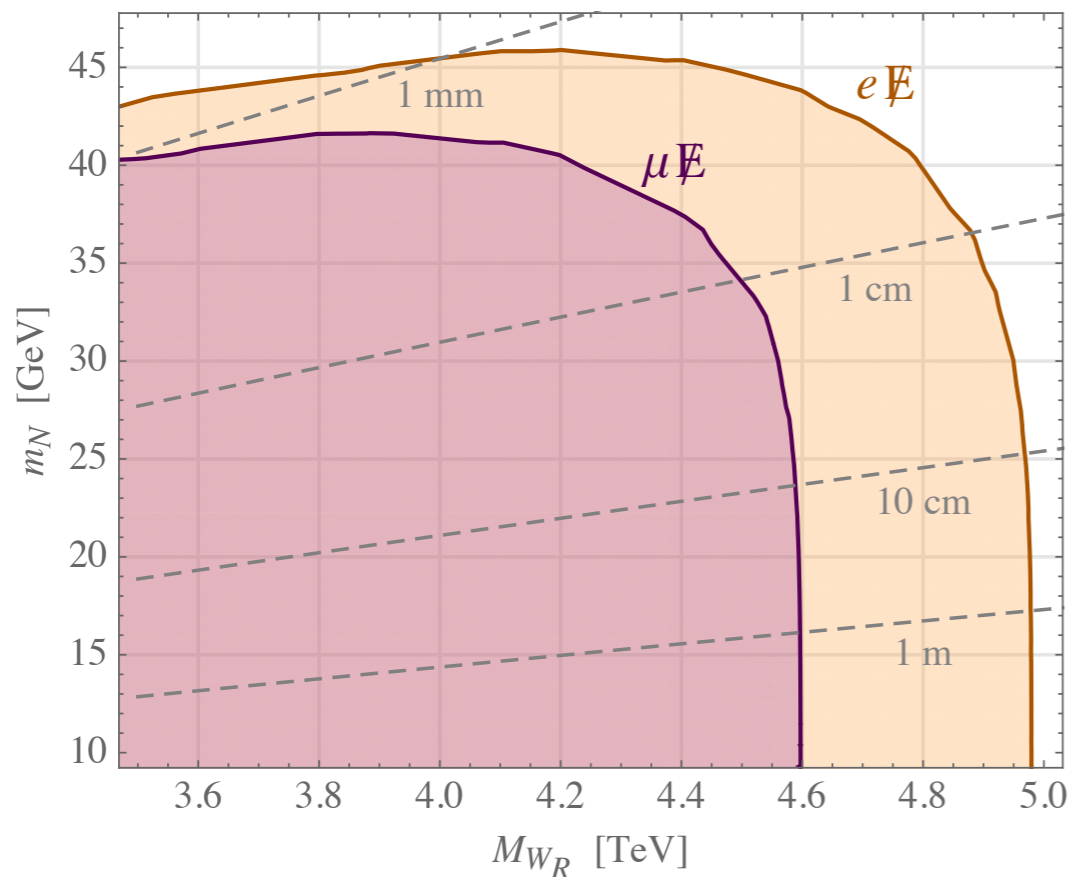
MN, Zhang '22

prompt hard leading lepton and significant missing energy

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_T} = \alpha_2^2 \frac{\pi}{24} p_T \int_{\tau_-}^1 \int_{\frac{\tau_-}{x_1}}^1 dx_{1,2} \frac{(\hat{s} - m_N^2 - 2p_T^2) \pm 1}{\sqrt{(\hat{s} - m_N^2)^2 - 4p_T^2 \hat{s}}}$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon_\ell^\pm(p_T, \eta_\ell)}{(\hat{s} - M^2)^2 + (\Gamma M)^2} |V_{ud}V_{\ell N}|^2 f_u(x_{1,2}) f_{\bar{d}}(x_{2,1}) e^{-l_0/L_\pm}$$

exponential distributions have tails



# 'Right-handed' Higgs

## $\Delta$ production

single  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow \Delta) = s_\theta^2 \sigma(gg \rightarrow h)$  N<sup>3</sup>LO Anastasiou et al.'16  
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow V\Delta) = s_\theta^2 \sigma(pp \rightarrow Vh)$

pair &  
associated

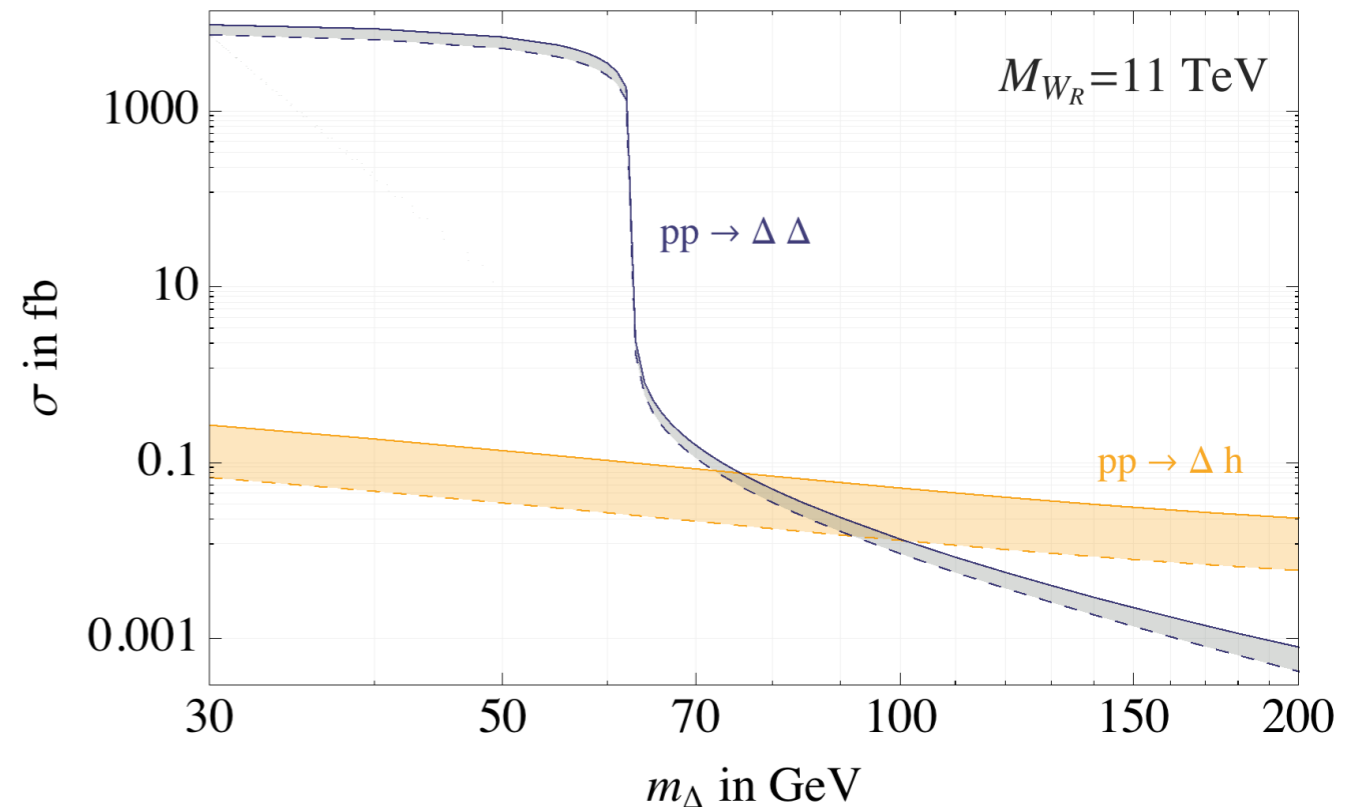
$$\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow \Delta S} \simeq \frac{c_\theta^2}{64\pi(1 + \delta_{\Delta S})} \hat{s} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{v_h^2 S_\Delta}{(\hat{s} - m_h^2)^2 + \hat{s}\Gamma_h^2} |F_b + F_t|^2 \sqrt{\beta_{\hat{s}\Delta S}}$$

large rate for  $m_\Delta < m_h/2$

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow \Delta\Delta} \simeq \sigma_{gg \rightarrow h} \text{Br}_{h \rightarrow \Delta\Delta}$$

not very significant

(accidental cancellation)



# Backgrounds

Selection criteria

	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}h$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}W$	$WZ$	$Wh$	$ZZ$	$Zh$	$WWjj$	fakes
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Selection

$$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm + n_j$$

$$\cancel{E}_T$$

$$\cancel{E}_T < 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$p_T$$

$$p_T(\ell_1) < 55 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_T$$

$$m_{\ell\cancel{p}_T}^T < 30 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\text{inv}}$$

$$m_{\ell\ell} < 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\ell\cancel{p}_T} < 60 \text{ GeV}$$

$$l_{T\ell}$$

$$l_{T\ell} > 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

all contain missing energy

one prompt, one displaced lepton

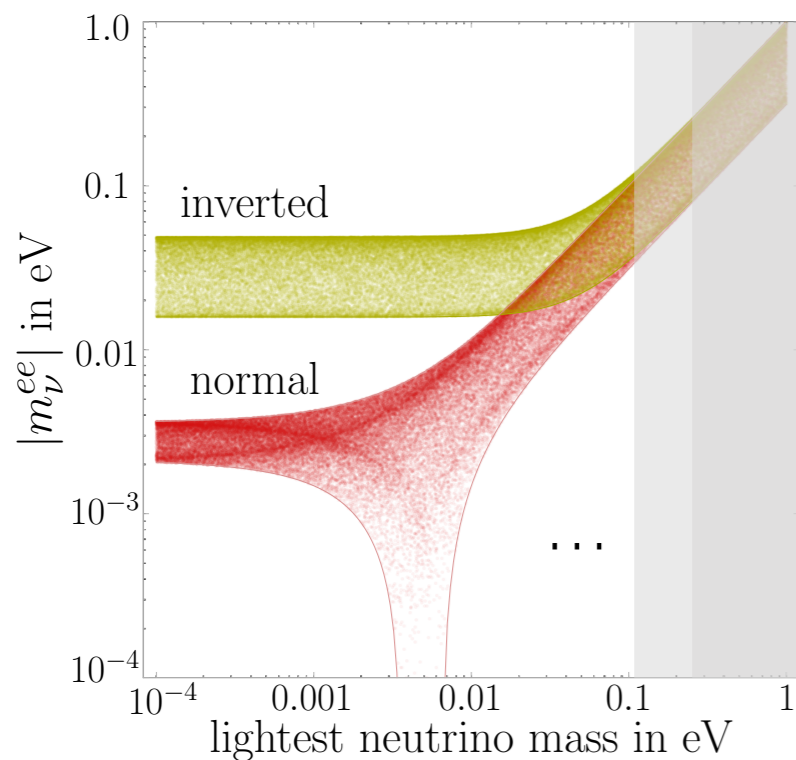
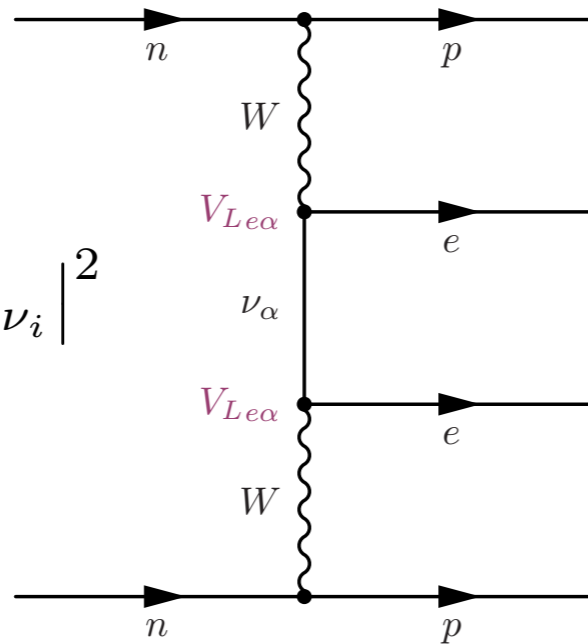
# LNV interplay

## Nuclear vs. collider physics

Immediate proposal after Majorana:  $0\nu 2\beta$  via light neutrino exchange

Furry '39

$$\Gamma \propto |m_{\nu}^{ee} = V_{ei}^2 m_{\nu_i}|^2$$



Cosmology,  
KATRIN, ...

Possible  
tension

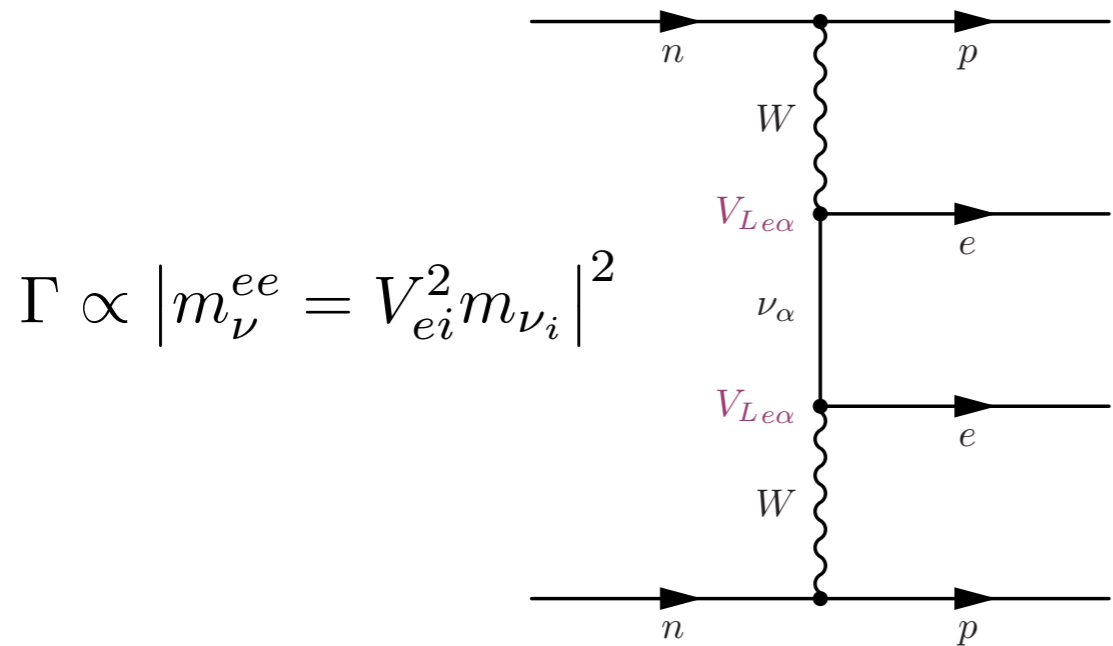
Vissani '02

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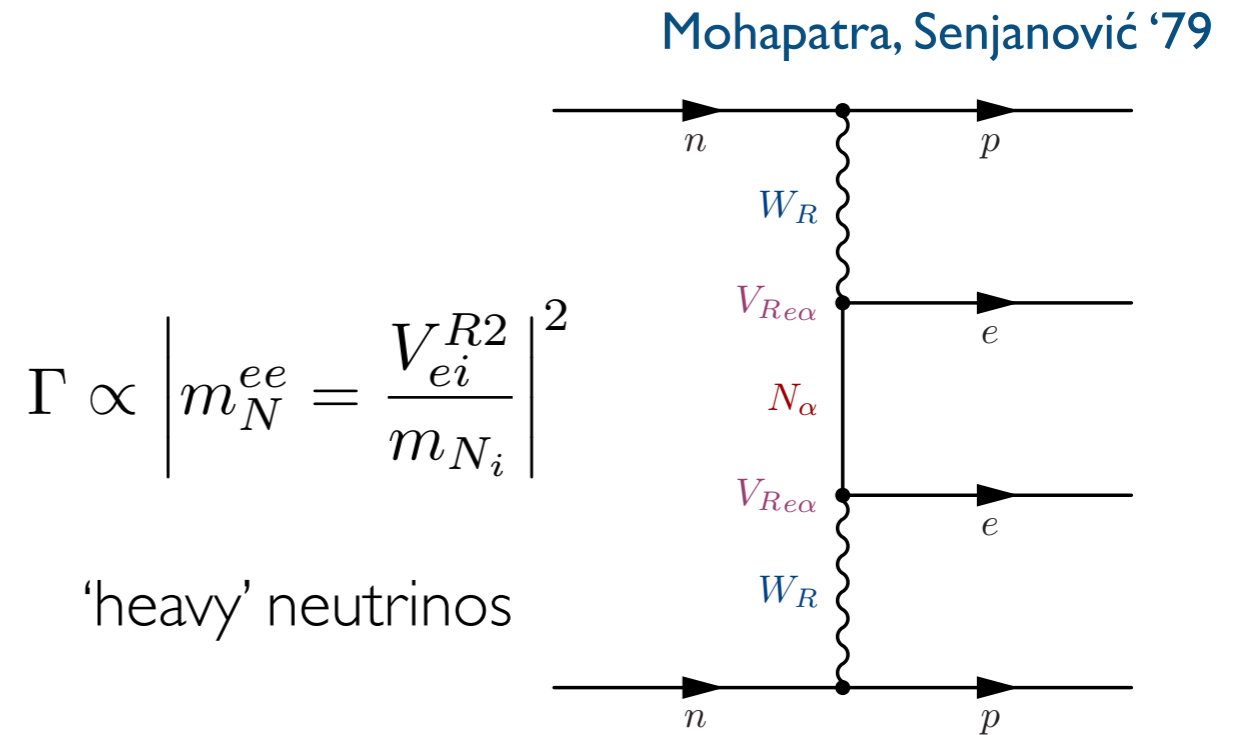
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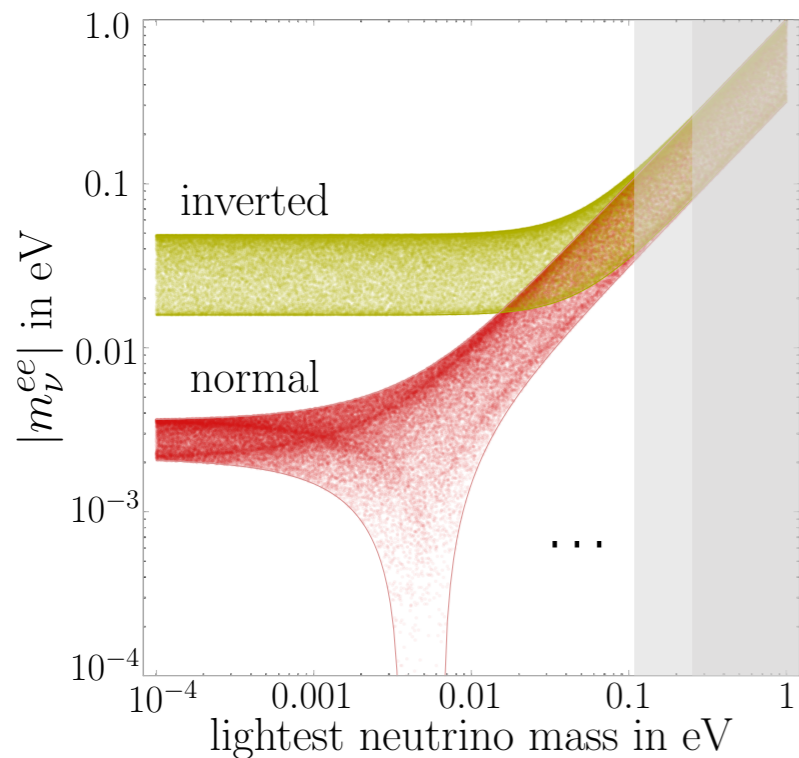
$$\Gamma \propto |m_\nu^{ee} = V_{ei}^2 m_{\nu_i}|^2$$



$$\Gamma \propto \left| m_N^{ee} = \frac{V_{ei}^{R2}}{m_{N_i}} \right|^2$$

'heavy' neutrinos

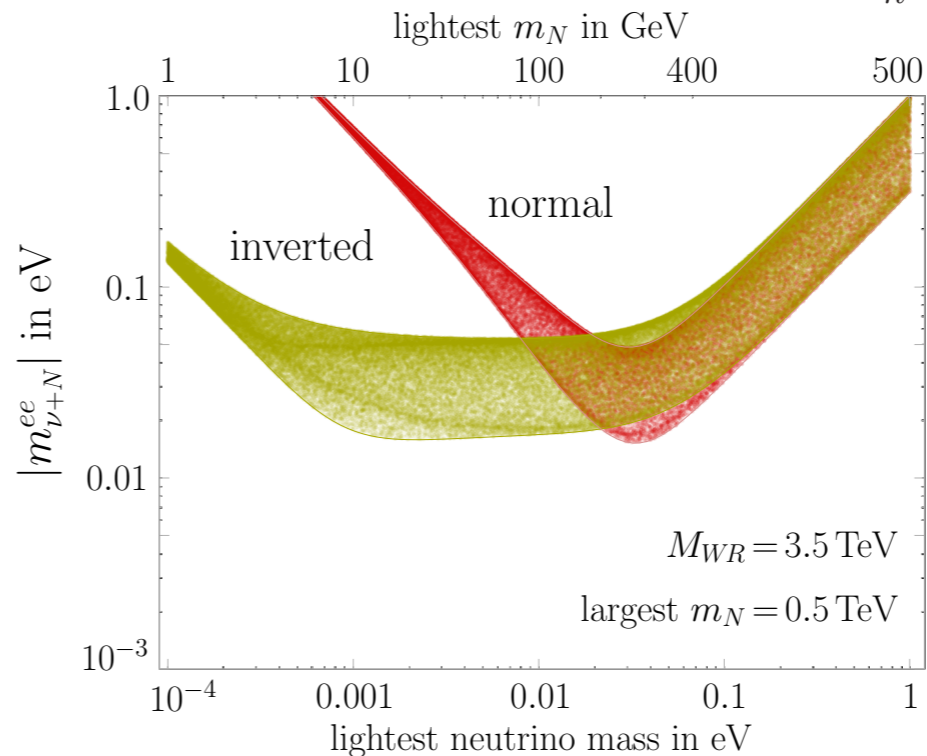
Mohapatra, Senjanović '79



Cosmology,  
KATRIN, ...

Possible  
tension

Vissani '02



Tello, MN, Nesti,  
Senjanović, Vissani '11

no tension in LR

$$V_R = V_{PMNS}$$

connection to LFV

# Fermions and Dirac

Relativistic equation

$$i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m_D \psi = 0$$

Dirac '28

What is  $\psi$ ? A representation of the Lorentz group, of course!

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Four component spinor made of two Weyl spinors  $\psi_L$  and  $\psi_R$ .

$$\gamma^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \sigma^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Chiral representation

$$\begin{aligned} i\sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_R &= m\psi_L \\ i\bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_L &= m\psi_R \end{aligned}$$

L and R mix

Weyl spinors  $\psi_L$  and  $\psi_R$  transform separately, reducibly

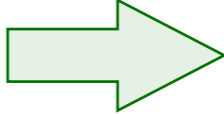
$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^5 = i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1_{2 \times 2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1_{2 \times 2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Transformations under the Lorentz group

- three rotations  $\theta_i$
- three boosts  $\varphi_i$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Lorentz  
  
 transform

$$\psi' = \begin{pmatrix} \chi'_L \\ \chi'_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{L,R} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \mp \gamma^5)$$

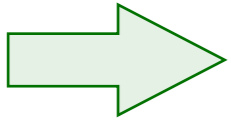
projectors

$$P_X^2 = 1, P_L P_R = 0$$

$$P_L \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_R \psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$



Lorentz



transform

$$\chi'_L = \exp \left( i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} (\theta_i + i\varphi_i) \right) \chi_L$$
$$\chi'_R = \exp \left( i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} (\theta_i - i\varphi_i) \right) \chi_R$$

Opposite boosts!

The Dirac fermion Lagrangian is Lorentz invariant

$$\mathcal{L}_D = i\chi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L + i\chi_R^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_R - m_D \left( \chi_L^\dagger \chi_R + \chi_R^\dagger \chi_L \right)$$

Dirac mass term  $\chi_L^\dagger \chi_R \rightarrow \chi_L^\dagger \exp \left( -i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} (\theta_i - i\varphi_i) \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\sigma^i}{2} (\theta_i - i\varphi_i) \right) \chi_R = \chi_L^\dagger \chi_R$

Four component  $\bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L^\dagger \\ \chi_R^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_R^\dagger \\ \chi_L^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$

$$m_D \left( \chi_L^\dagger \chi_R + \chi_R^\dagger \chi_L \right) = m_D \bar{\psi} \psi$$

□

Adding interactions - coupling to photons  $U(1)$   $\psi \rightarrow e^{iQ\alpha(x)}\psi$

$$\mathcal{L}_D = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi - m_D\bar{\psi}\psi$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \quad \not{D} = \gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu + ieA_\mu)$$

QED current  $j^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$

Four component spinor contains particles and anti-particles [Dirac '31](#)

$$\psi^c = C\bar{\psi}^T = i\gamma^2\psi^* \quad Q(\psi^c) = -Q(\psi) \quad m(e^+) = m(e^-)$$

Anti-matter prediction confirmed immediately

[Anderson '32](#)

Now confirmed for all charged particles

$$p^+, \mu^+, \tau^+, q, \dots$$

# Fermions and Majorana

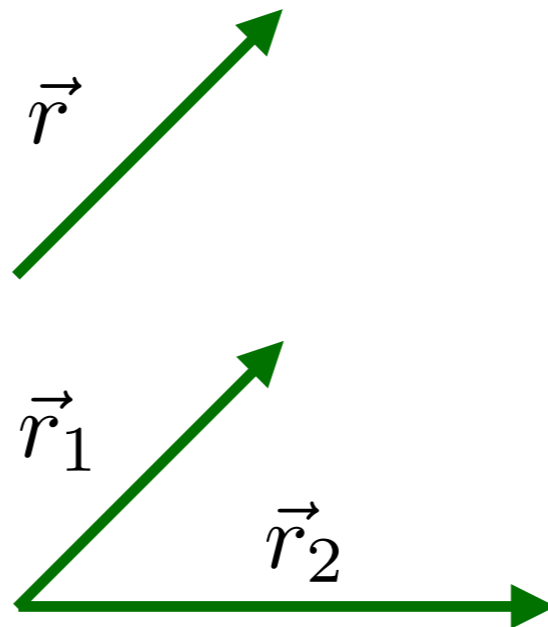
Q: Have we found all possible reps and invariants?

Indeed no, says Majorana.

Dirac '37

Hint from rotations  $SO(2)$

Scalar product



length is invariant

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} \sim r^T r$$

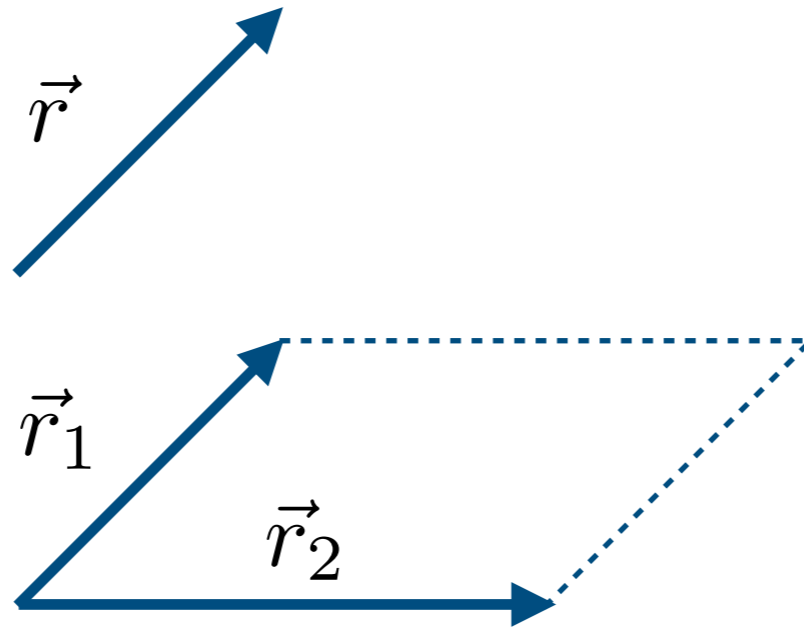
$$\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2$$

The Dirac mass term is analogous

$$\bar{\psi}\psi \sim \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}$$

Hint from  $SO(2)$

Vector product



zero for commuting objects

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{r}$$

area is invariant

$$\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2$$

Majorana mass term from  $\chi'_L = \exp\left(i\frac{\sigma^i}{2}(\theta_i + i\varphi_i)\right)\chi_L$

$$\chi_L^T (i\sigma_2) \chi_L = \chi_L^a \varepsilon^{ab} \chi_L^b \quad \text{antisymmetric, too}$$

Lorentz invariant! A new mass term with one component unlike Dirac.

$$\mathcal{L}_M = i\chi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L - \frac{1}{2}m_M \left( \chi_L^T (i\sigma_2) \chi_L + \chi_L^\dagger (i\sigma_2) \chi_L^* \right)$$

Majorana fermions in four components  $\psi_M = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2\chi_L^* \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} (i\bar{\psi}_M \not{\partial} \psi_M - m_M \bar{\psi}_M \psi_M)$$

Easy to derive propagators and Feynman rules

Neutral only!

Looks the same, but no  $U(1)$  charge  $\chi_L \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \chi_L$  b.c.  $\chi_L^T (i\sigma_2) \chi_L$

$$\psi^c = i\gamma^2 \psi^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma_2 \\ -i\sigma_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L^* \\ \chi_R^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma_2 \chi_R^* \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\psi_M = P_L \psi + P_R \psi^c = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix}$$

# Majorana fermions in four components

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} (i\bar{\psi}_M \not{\partial} \psi_M - m_M \bar{\psi}_M \psi_M)$$

**Kinetic**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}_M \not{\partial} \psi_M &= (\chi_L^\dagger, \chi_L^T (i\sigma_2)) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_\mu \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \partial_\mu \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \chi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L + \chi_L^T \sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2 \partial_\mu \chi_L^* \\ &= \chi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L - \left( \partial_\mu \chi_L^T \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_L^\dagger \right)^T \\ &= 2\chi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L \end{aligned}$$

**Mass**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}_M \psi_M &= (\chi_L^T i\sigma_2, \chi_L^\dagger) \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix} & \bar{\psi}_M \psi_M &= \psi_M^T \mathcal{C} \psi_M, \\ &= \chi_L^T i\sigma_2 \chi_L - \chi_L^\dagger i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* = \chi_L^T i\sigma_2 \chi_L + \text{cc} & \mathcal{C} &= i\gamma_2 \gamma_0 \end{aligned}$$

Mass insertions...

...break fermion number flow



$$\psi_M = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Majorana has no anti-particle...}$$

$$\boxed{\psi_M^c} = i\gamma^2 \psi_M^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\sigma_2 \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\psi_M}$$

... and  $U(1)$  currents vanish by construction

$$\boxed{\bar{\psi}_M \gamma^\mu \psi_M} = (\chi_L^T i\sigma_2, \chi_L^\dagger) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\sigma_2 \chi_L^* \end{pmatrix} \boxed{= 0}$$

Mass terms necessarily symmetric, unlike Dirac

$$\boxed{M_M = M_M^T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (M_M)_{ij} \bar{\psi}_{Mi} \psi_{Mj} &= M_{Mij} (\chi_{Li}^T i\sigma_2 \chi_{Lj} + \text{cc}) \\ &= M_{Mij} (-\chi_{Lj}^T i\sigma_2^T \chi_{Li} + \text{cc}) \\ &= M_{Mij} (\chi_{Lj}^T i\sigma_2 \chi_{Li} + \text{cc}) \\ &= M_{Mji} (\chi_{Li}^T i\sigma_2 \chi_{Lj} + \text{cc}) \end{aligned}$$

$$M_D \rightarrow U_L^\dagger m_D U_R$$

$$M_M \rightarrow U_L^T m_M U_L$$

additional CP phases