

# Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions

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# Introduction: NSI

Generic new physics affecting  $\nu$  oscillations can be parameterized as 4-fermion **Non-Standard Interactions**:

Production or detection of a  $\nu_\beta$  associated to a  $l_\alpha$

$$2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} (\bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L l_\alpha) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} f')$$

So that  $|\nu_\alpha^s\rangle = |\nu_\alpha\rangle + \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} |\nu_\beta\rangle$

$$\pi \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\beta \quad n + \nu_\beta \rightarrow p + l_\alpha$$

# Direct bounds on prod/det NSI

$$2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ud} \left( \bar{l}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha \right) \left( \bar{u} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} d \right) \quad 2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu e} \left( \bar{\mu} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta \right) \left( \bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L e \right)$$

$$|\varepsilon^{ud}| < \begin{pmatrix} 0.041 & 0.025 & 0.041 \\ 0.026 & 0.078 & 0.013 \\ 0.12 & 0.013 & 0.13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\varepsilon^{\mu e}| < \begin{pmatrix} 0.025 & 0.03 & 0.03 \\ 0.025 & 0.03 & 0.03 \\ 0.025 & 0.03 & 0.03 \end{pmatrix}$$

bounds order  $\sim 10^{-2}$  from comparisons of measurements of  $G_F$ :  
 $\mu, \tau, \pi$  decays, CKM universality,  $M_W + M_Z \dots$

# Introduction: NSI

Non-Standard  $\nu$  scattering off matter can also be parameterized as 4-fermion **Non-Standard Interactions**:

$$2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m (\bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} f)$$

so that  $\tilde{V}_{\text{MSW}} = a_{\text{CC}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon_{ee}^m & \varepsilon_{e\mu}^m & \varepsilon_{e\tau}^m \\ \varepsilon_{e\mu}^{m*} & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^m & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^m \\ \varepsilon_{e\tau}^{m*} & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{m*} & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^m \end{pmatrix}$

$$\nu_\alpha \longrightarrow \nu_\beta \text{ in matter } f = e, u, d$$

# Direct bounds on matter NSI

If matter NSI are uncorrelated to production and detection direct bounds are mainly from  $\nu$  scattering off  $e$  and nuclei

$$2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m (\bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} f)$$

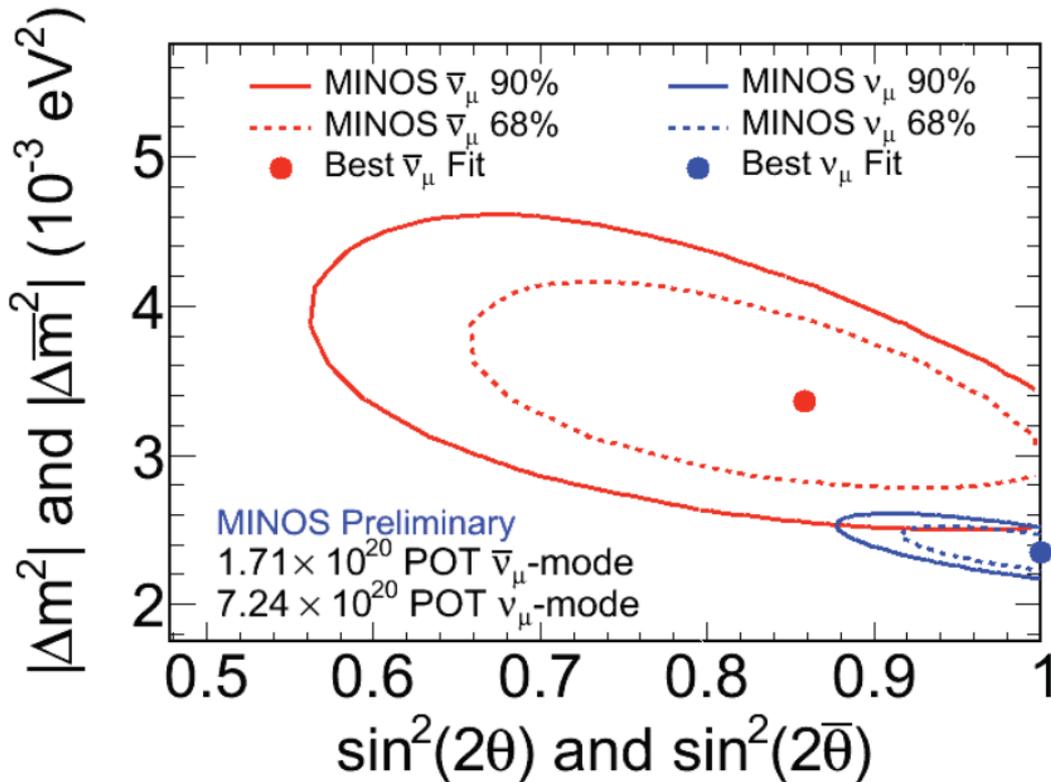
$$|\varepsilon_m^e| < \begin{pmatrix} 0.14 & 0.1 & 0.44 \\ 0.1 & 0.03 & 0.1 \\ 0.44 & 0.1 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\varepsilon_m^u| < \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.05 & 0.5 \\ 0.05 & 0.008 & 0.05 \\ 0.5 & 0.05 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\varepsilon_m^d| < \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 0.05 & 0.5 \\ 0.05 & 0.015 & 0.05 \\ 0.5 & 0.05 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rather weak bounds...

...can they be saturated avoiding additional constraints?

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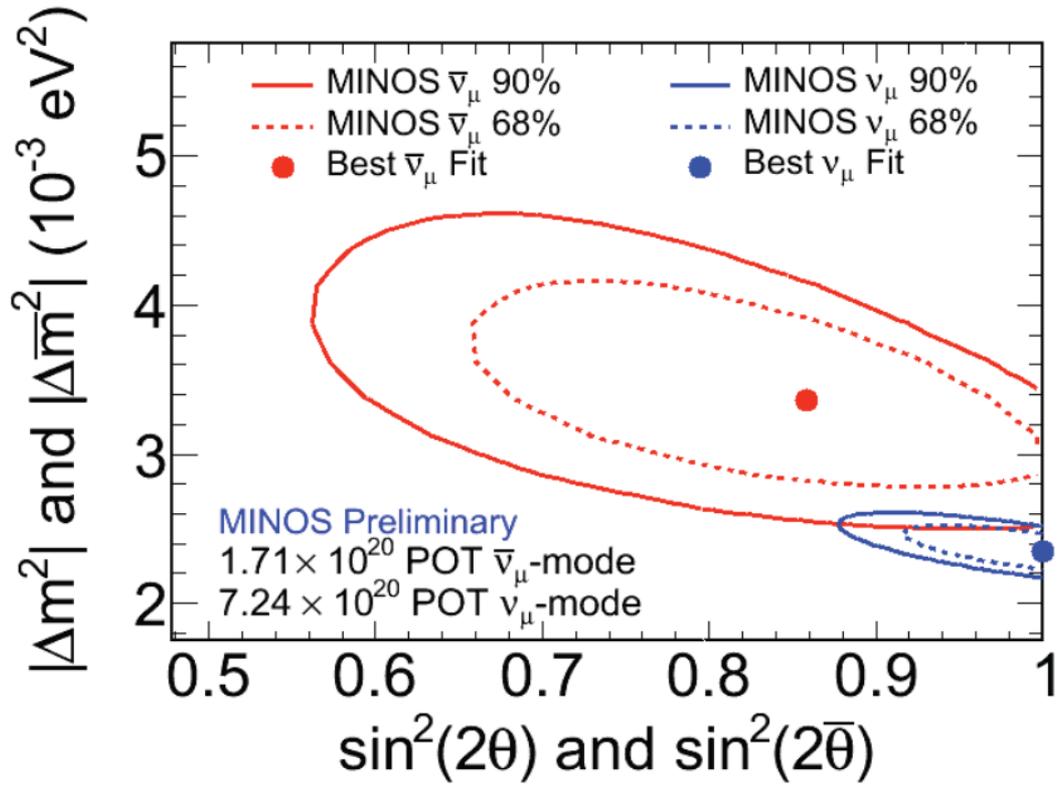
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Tension between MINOS  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  data

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Can be accommodated with **matter NSI**

$$\epsilon_{\mu\tau} \sim 0.4$$

or **detection NSI**

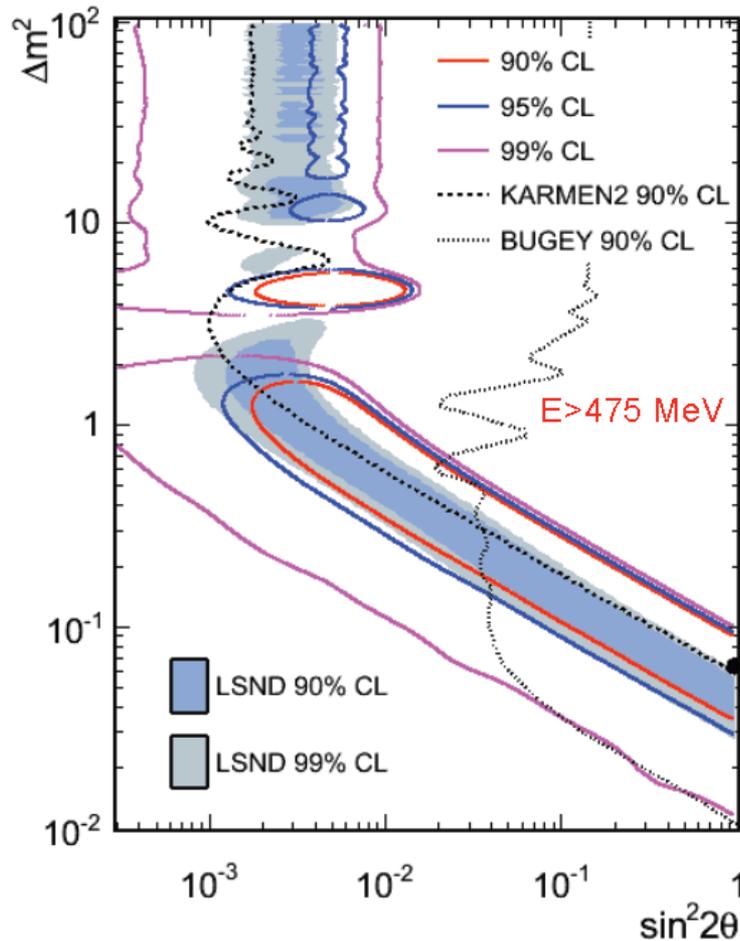
$$\epsilon_{\mu\tau} \sim 0.1$$

W. A. Mann et al 1006.5720  
 J. Kopp et al 1009.0014

Tension between **MINOS nu** and **antineu** data

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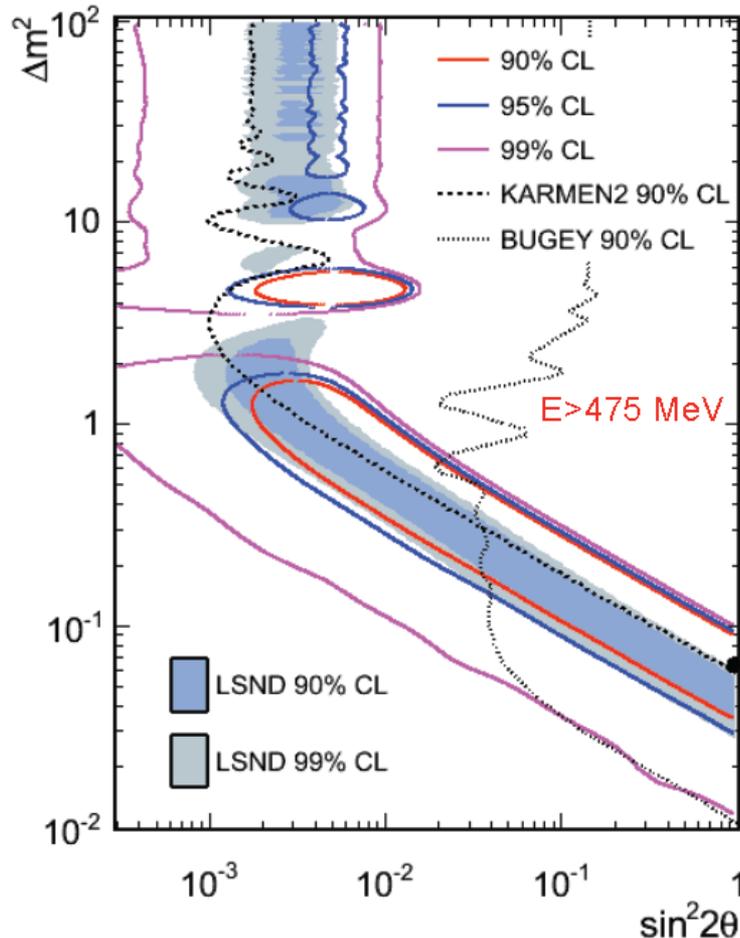
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# MINOS and LSND/MiniBooNE via NSI



Can be accommodated with  
production/detection NSI +  
sterile neutrinos

$$\epsilon_{e\mu} \sim 0.01$$

E. Akhmedov and T. Schwetz 1007.4171

Agreement between MiniBooNE and LSND antineutrino data

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# Gauge invariance

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However  $2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m \left( \bar{\nu}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha \right) \left( \bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} f \right)$

is related to  $2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m \left( \bar{l}_\beta \gamma^\mu P_L l_\alpha \right) \left( \bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_{L,R} f \right)$

by gauge invariance and very strong bounds exist

$$\varepsilon_{e\mu}^m < \sim 10^{-6}$$

$$\varepsilon_{e\tau}^m < \sim 10^{-4}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^m < \sim 10^{-4}$$

$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

$\mu \rightarrow e$  in nuclei

$\tau$  decays

S. Bergmann et al. hep-ph/0004049

Z. Berezhiani and A. Rossi hep-ph/0111147

S. Antusch, M. Blennow, EFM and T. Ota, 1005.0756

# Large NSI?

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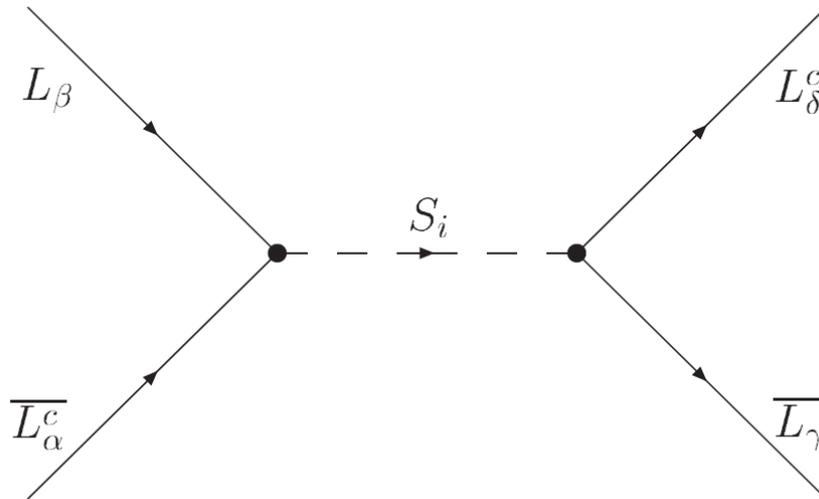
We search for gauge invariant **SM** extensions satisfying:

- Matter **NSI** are generated at tree level
- **4-charged fermion** ops not generated at the same level
- No cancellations between diagrams with **different** messenger particles to avoid constraints
- The Higgs Mechanism is responsible for **EWSB**

S. Antusch, J. Baumann and EFM 0807.1003  
B. Gavela, D. Hernández, T. Ota and W. Winter 0809.3451

# Large NSI?

At  $d=6$  only one direct possibility: charged scalar singlet



Present in Zee model or  
R-parity violating SUSY

$$\mathcal{L}_{int}^S = -\lambda_{\alpha\beta}^i \bar{L}_\alpha^c i\sigma_2 L_\beta S_i + \text{H.c.} = \lambda_{\alpha\beta}^i S_i (\bar{\ell}_\alpha^c P_L \nu_\beta - \bar{\ell}_\beta^c P_L \nu_\alpha) + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI}^{d=6,as} = c_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{d=6,as} (\bar{L}_\alpha^c i\sigma_2 L_\beta) (\bar{L}_\gamma i\sigma_2 L_\delta^c) \quad \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{m,eL} = \sum_i \frac{\lambda_{e\beta}^i \lambda_{e\alpha}^{i*}}{\sqrt{2} G_F m_{S_i}^2}$$

M. Bilenky and A. Santamaria hep-ph/9310302

# Large NSI?

Since  $\lambda_{\alpha\beta} = -\lambda_{\beta\alpha}$  only  $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}$  and  $\varepsilon_{\tau\tau} \neq 0$

Very constrained:

$$|\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{m,e_L}| < 8.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$|\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^{m,e_L}| < 8.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$|\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{m,e_L}| < 1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

$\mu$  decays

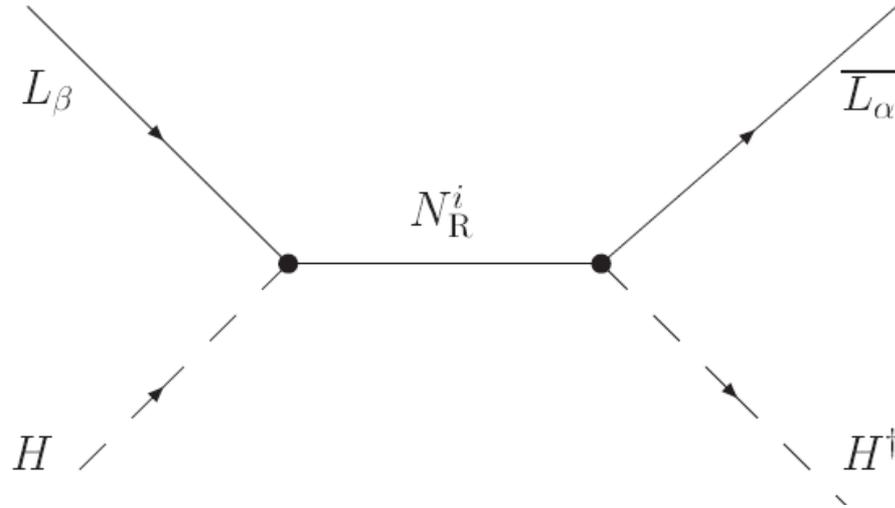
$\tau$  decays

CKM unitarity

F. Cuypers and S. Davidson hep-ph/9310302  
S. Antusch, J. Baumann and EFM 0807.1003

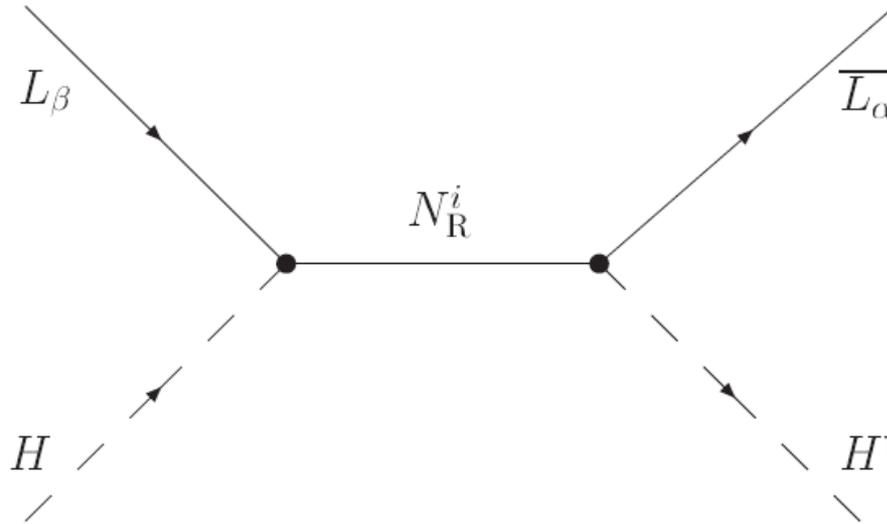
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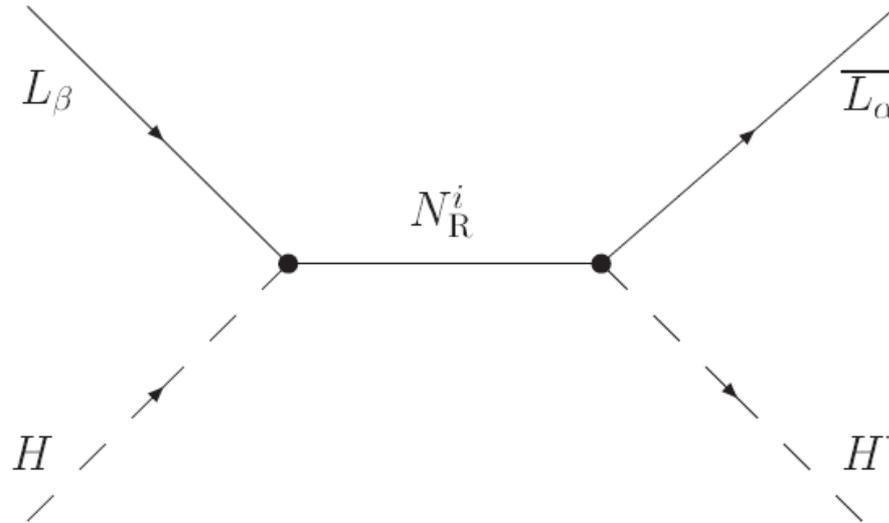
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$$Y_N^T \frac{1}{M_N} Y_N \left( \bar{L}_\beta^c i \sigma_2 H \right) \left( H^\dagger i \sigma_2 L_\alpha \right) \xrightarrow[\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}]{\text{SSB}} m_\nu = Y_N^T \frac{1}{M_N} Y_N \frac{v^2}{2}$$

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$$Y_N^\dagger \frac{1}{|M_N|^2} Y_N \left( \bar{L}_\beta i\sigma_2 H^* \right) i\partial \left( H^\dagger i\sigma_2 L_\alpha \right) \xrightarrow[\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}]{\text{SSB}} i\bar{\nu}_\alpha \partial K_{\alpha\beta} \nu_\beta$$

# Effective Lagrangian

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$$L = i\bar{\nu}_\alpha \partial K_{\alpha\beta} \nu_\beta + \bar{\nu}_\alpha M_{\alpha\beta} \nu_\beta - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^+ \bar{l}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha + h.c.) - \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} (Z_\mu \bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\alpha + h.c.) + \dots$$

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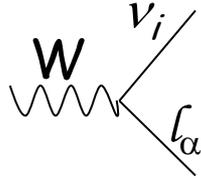
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$$\langle \nu_i | \nu_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

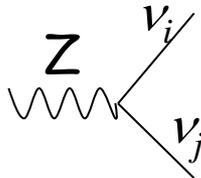
# $(NN^\dagger)$ from decays

- W decays



$$\rightarrow \frac{(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\alpha}}{\sqrt{(NN^\dagger)_{ee}} \sqrt{(NN^\dagger)_{\mu\mu}}}$$

- Invisible Z

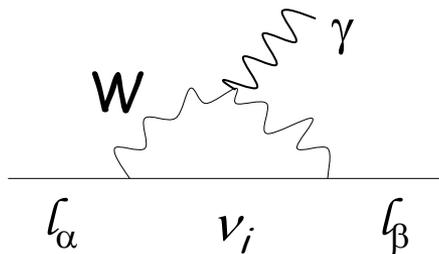


$$\rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\alpha\beta} (NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{(NN^\dagger)_{ee}} \sqrt{(NN^\dagger)_{\mu\mu}}}$$

- Universality tests

$$\rightarrow \frac{(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\alpha}}{(NN^\dagger)_{\beta\beta}}$$

- Rare leptons decays



Info on  $(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\beta}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{|(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\beta}|^2}{(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\alpha} (NN^\dagger)_{\beta\beta}}$$

Info on  $(NN^\dagger)_{\alpha\alpha}$

After integrating out W and Z neutrino NSI induced

# $(NN^\dagger)$ from decays

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$$|\varepsilon| = 2|\delta - NN^\dagger| < \begin{pmatrix} 2.0 \cdot 10^{-3} & 5.9 \cdot 10^{-5} & 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ 5.9 \cdot 10^{-5} & 8.2 \cdot 10^{-4} & 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \\ 1.6 \cdot 10^{-3} & 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3} & 2.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Experimentally}$$

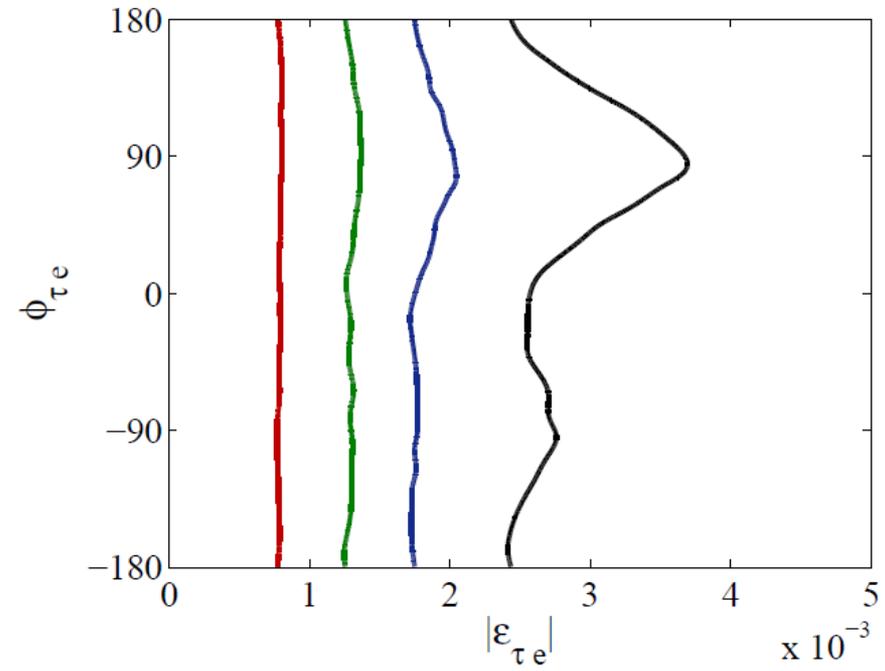
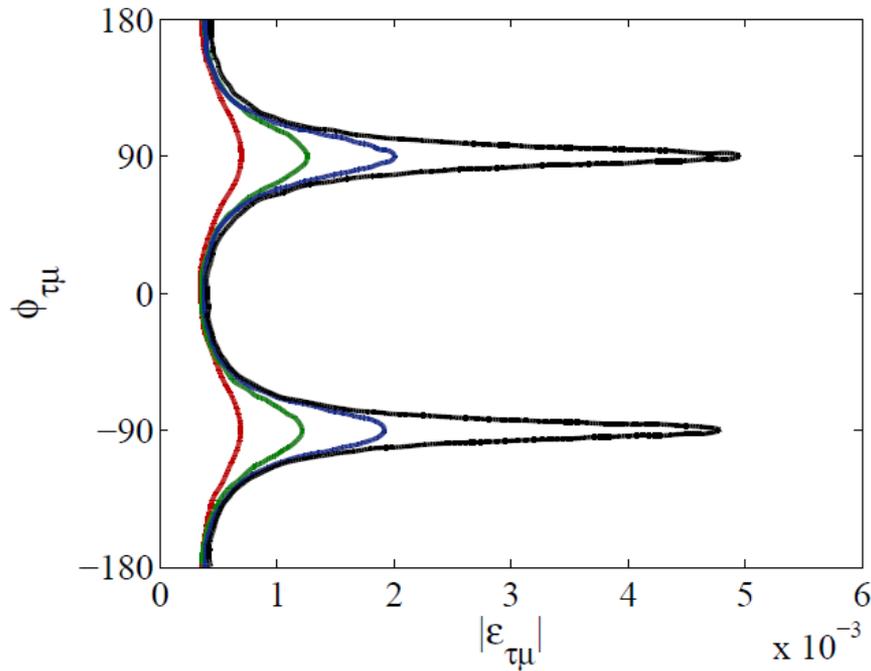
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D. Tommasini, G. Barenboim, J. Bernabeu and C. Jarlskog hep-ph/9503228

S. Antusch, C. Biggio, EFM, B. Gavela and J. López Pavón hep-ph/0607020

S. Antusch, J. Baumann and EFM 0807.1003

# Non-Unitarity at a $\nu$ Factory



Golden channel at  $\nu$ Factory is sensitive to  $\epsilon_{\tau e}$   
 $\nu_\mu$  disappearance channel linearly sensitive to  $\epsilon_{\tau\mu}$  through matter effects  
Near  $\tau$  detectors can improve the bounds on  $\epsilon_{\tau e}$  and  $\epsilon_{\tau\mu}$   
Combination of near and far detectors sensitive to the new CP phases

S. Antusch, M. Blennow, EFM and J. López-pavón 0903.3986  
See also EFM, B. Gavela, J. López Pavón and O. Yasuda hep-ph/0703098;  
S. Goswami and T. Ota 0802.1434; G. Altarelli and D. Meloni 0809.1041,....

# Large NSI?

Without avoiding 4-charged fermion ops at the same level there is no direct way at  $d=6$  to induce quark NSI

Constraints from gauge invariance at  $d=6$  on flavour changing NSI very strong:

Operator	$(C_{LQ}^1)_\alpha^\tau$	$(C_{LQ}^3)_\alpha^\tau$	$(C_{ED})_\alpha^\tau$	$(C_{EU})_\alpha^\tau$	$(C_{ED}^\dagger)_\alpha^\tau$	$(C_{EU}^\dagger)_\alpha^\tau$
$\alpha = \mu$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\alpha = e$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$

But pseudoscalar operators have chiral enhancement in pion decay  $\rightarrow$  production NSI  $\sim 0.01$  in pion decay

# Chiral “enhancement” of NSI

Production NSI from meson decay can have be enhanced with respect to SM for pseudoscalar ops.

$$2\sqrt{2}G_F(\bar{\nu}_\alpha\gamma^\mu P_L l_\alpha)(\bar{d}\gamma_\mu P_{L,R}u) \quad 2\sqrt{2}G_F\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(\bar{\nu}_\beta P_L l_\alpha)(\bar{d}P_{L,R}u)$$

$\pi$  or  $K$  decay requires chirality in SM

$$\langle 0|\bar{u}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5d|\pi^-\rangle = if_\pi P_\mu \quad \langle 0|\bar{u}\gamma_5d|\pi^-\rangle = -if_\pi \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_u + m_d}$$

$$\frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\mu(m_u + m_d)} \approx 20$$

# MINSIS

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## Main Injector Non Standard Interactions Search

OPERA-like detector at MINOS near detector site to search for  $\nu_\tau$  appearance in the NuMI beam at 1 km baseline

Could reach sensitivities  $\sim 10^{-6}$  → test production/detection NSI mixing the  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  sectors down to  $10^{-3}$

# Conclusions

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- Models leading “naturally” to NSI imply:
  - $O(10^{-3})$  bounds on the NSI
  - Relations between matter and production/detection NSI
- Probing  $O(10^{-3})$  NSI at future facilities very challenging but not impossible, near detectors good probes
- Saturating the mild model-independent bounds on matter NSI is hard: chiral enhancement on  $\pi$  decay or flavour conserving NSI

# Sterile Neutrinos

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- Similar to **NSI** if new  $\Delta m^2$  is large oscillations will happen at short baselines:
  - **Appearance** searches limited by **background**
  - **Disappearance** searches limited by **systematics**
- If **E** is small, oscillation **length** can be **few m** oscillations **inside** the detector!
- Expectation better than for **NSI**, favoured region for  $O(10^{-2})$ -  $O(10^{-3})$  probabilities