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Indirect searches for sterile neutrinos at a high-luminosity Z-factory

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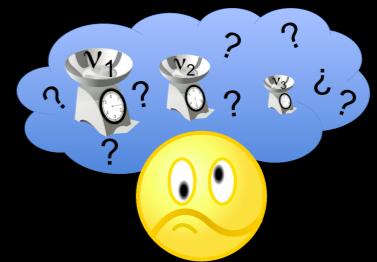


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Neutrino physics open questions

Among the missing ingredients there are:



- Absolute mass scale (Tritium β decays: $m_{\nu_e} < 2.05 \text{ eV}$, Cosmology: $\sum m_{\nu_i} < 0.66 \text{ eV}$ (CMB), $\sum m_{\nu_i} < 0.23 \text{ eV}$ (CMB+BAO+WMAP polarization data+high-resolution CMB experiments and flat Universe)) ([Troitsk and Mainz, Planck 2013](#))
- Majorana versus Dirac nature ($0\nu\beta\beta$ decay) ([KamLAND-Zen, EXO-200, Gerda](#))
- The mass ordering (normal or inverted "hierarchy") (matter effects in sun and long baseline oscillations, T2K, NOvA...)
- Is there CP violation in the lepton sector?
- Are there extra **sterile** states?
- What is the underlying mechanism responsible for the generation of their masses?

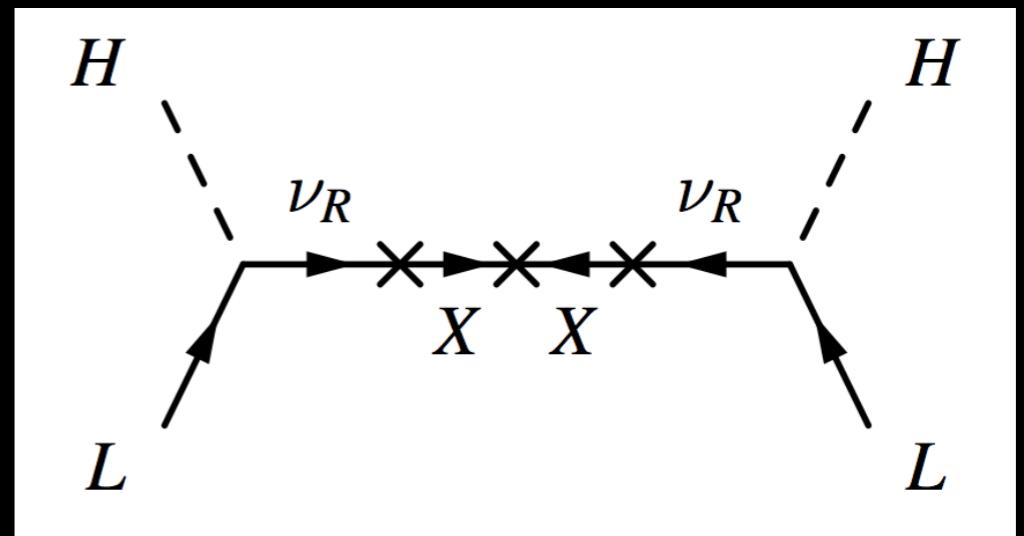
Inverse seesaw

(Mohapatra & Valle, 1986)

Add three generations of SM singlet pairs, ν_R and X (with $L=+1$)

Inverse seesaw basis (ν_L, ν_R, X)

$$M^\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D^T & 0 & M_R \\ 0 & M_R^T & \mu_X \end{pmatrix}$$



After EWSB the effective light neutrino masses are given by

$$m_\nu = m_D (M_R^T)^{-1} \mu_X (M_R)^{-1} m_D^T$$

$\nu \sim 0(1)$ and $M_R \sim 1\text{TeV}$ testable at the colliders and low energy experiments.

Large mixings (active-sterile) and light sterile neutrinos are possible

Active-sterile mixing

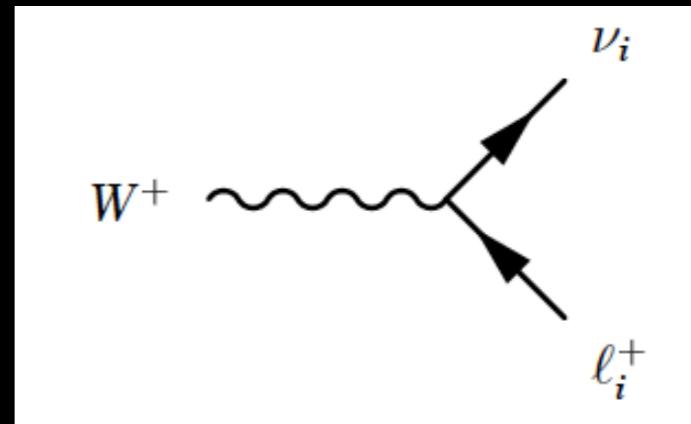
Leptonic charged currents can be modified due to the mixing with the steriles.

Standard case (3 flavors):

$$\nu_i = e, \mu, \tau$$

$$\nu_i = \text{flavor eigenstate} = \sum_{ai} U_{ai}^{\text{PMNS}} \nu_a$$

$$\nu_a = \text{mass eigenstates}, a = 1, 2, 3$$



Add sterile neutrinos:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{cc} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} U^{ji} \bar{l}_j \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_i W_\mu^- + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\nu_i = \sum_{ai} U_{ai} \nu_a, a = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots n_\nu \quad U = \text{extended matrix, } j=1 \dots 3, i=1 \dots n_\nu$$

If $n_\nu > 3, U \neq U_{\text{PMNS}}$ → the 3x3 sub matrix is not unitary

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} \rightarrow \tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}} = (\mathbb{1} - \eta) U_{\text{PMNS}}$$

(see also: Fernandez-Martinez et al. 2007, Gavela et al. 2009, Abada et al. 2014, Arganda et al. 2014)

Experimental constraints

The deviations from unitarity and the possibility of having steriles as final decay products, might induce departures from the SM expectations.

1. Neutrino oscillation parameters (seesaw approximation and PMNS)
2. Unitarity constraints
3. Electroweak precision data
4. LHC data (invisible decays)
5. Leptonic and semileptonic meson decays (B and D)
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(Ilakovac and Pilaftsis, 1995, Deppisch and Valle, 2005)

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 (EXO-200,KamLAND-Zen,GERDA,CUORICINO)
- (see also: Blennow et al. 2010, Lopez-Pavon et al. 2013, Abada et al. 2014)
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Large scale structure, Lyman- α , BBN, CMB, X-ray constraints
(from $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j \gamma$), SN1987a

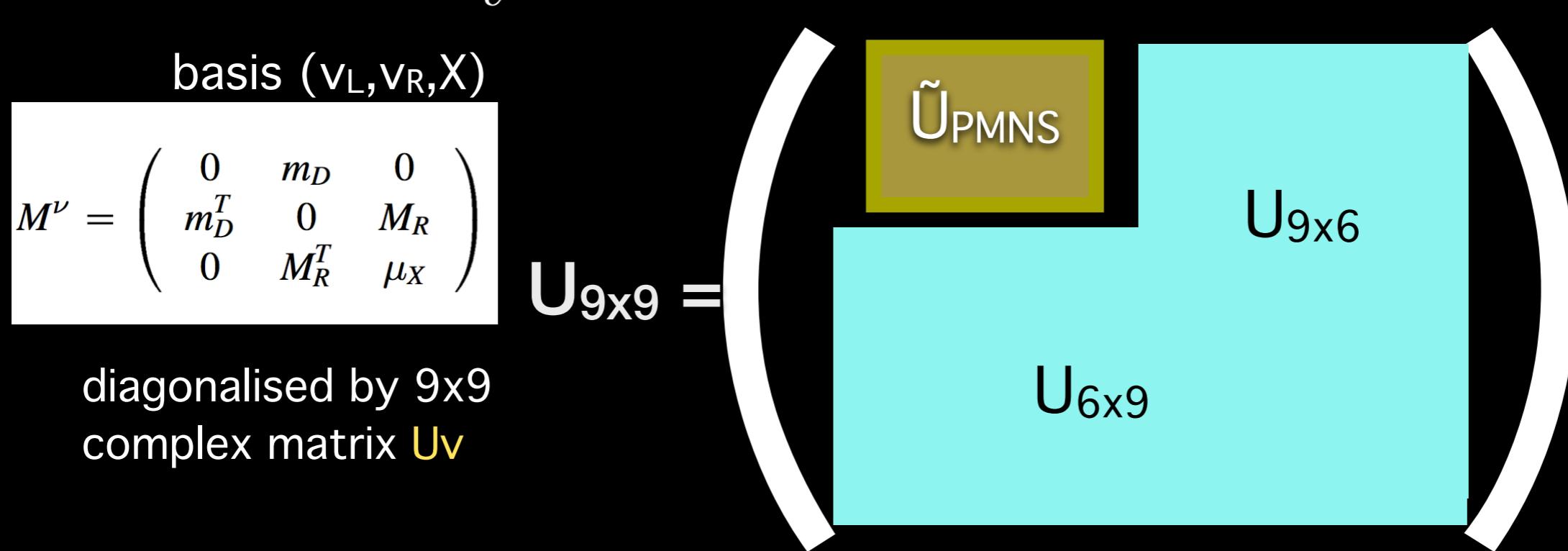
Numerical analysis: Inverse Seesaw and Effective “3+1” model

Inverse Seesaw

couplings Y_ν can be written using a modified Casas-Ibarra parametrization

$$Y_\nu = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} D^\dagger \text{diag}(\sqrt{M}) R \text{diag}(\sqrt{m_\nu}) U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger$$

$$M = M_R \frac{1}{\mu_X} M_R^T$$



Parameters:

- M_R (real, diagonal) $M_R = (0.1 \text{ MeV}, 10^6 \text{ GeV})$
- μ_X (complex, symmetric) $\mu_X = (0.01 \text{ eV}, 1 \text{ MeV})$
- R_{mat} (rotation, complex)
- 2 Majorana and 1 Dirac phases from U_{PMNS}
- Normal (NH) / Inverted (IH) hierarchy

Effective model: 3+1

Add a sterile state → 3 new mixing angles actives-sterile

$$U_{4 \times 4} = R_{34} \cdot R_{24} \cdot R_{14} \cdot R_{23} \cdot R_{13} \cdot R_{12} \boxed{U_{\text{PMNS}}}$$

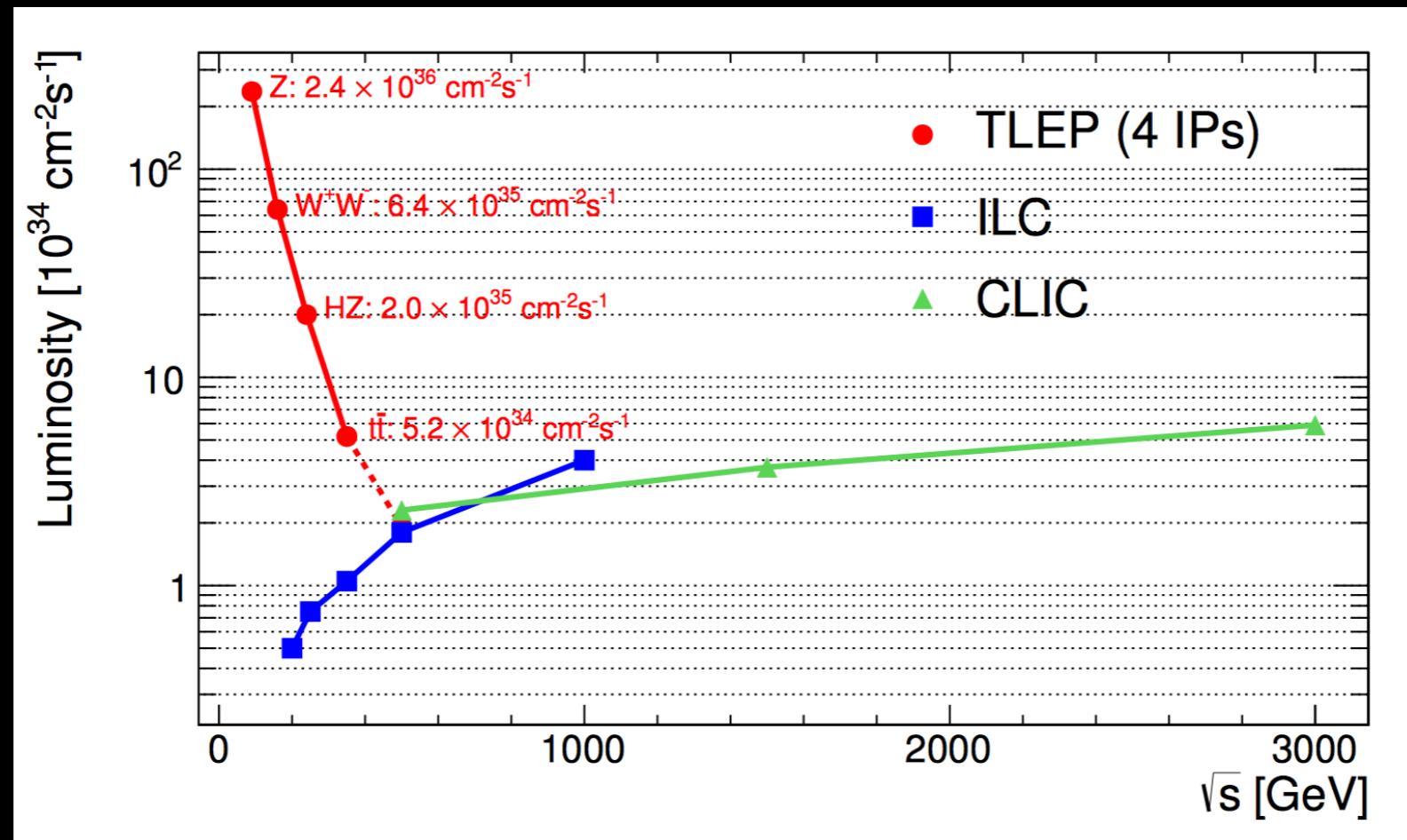
$$U_{4 \times 4} = \begin{pmatrix} & \tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}} & & \\ & & U_{eS} & \\ & & U_{\mu S} & \\ & U_{S\bar{e}} & U_{S\bar{\mu}} & U_{\tau S} \end{pmatrix}$$

Parameters:

- $\theta_{14}, \theta_{24}, \theta_{34}$
- 3 Majorana and 3 Dirac phases
- Normal (NH) / Inverted (IH) hierarchy

LFV Z decays at a high luminosity Z-factory

Future circular (and linear) colliders



Instantaneous luminosity expected at FCC-ee, in a configuration with four interaction points operating simultaneously, as a function of the centre-of-mass energy.

FCC-ee is designed to provide e^+e^- collisions in the beam energy range of 40 to 175 GeV.

What would we like see with $10^{12} Z$?

New physics effects in rare Z decays

In the SM with lepton mixing (U_{PMNS}) the theoretical predictions are:

$$BR(Z \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp) \sim BR(Z \rightarrow e^\pm \tau^\mp) \sim 10^{-54}$$

$$BR(Z \rightarrow \mu^\pm \tau^\mp) \sim 4 \times 10^{-60}$$

The detection of a rare decay as $Z \rightarrow l_i^\mp l_j^\pm$ ($i \neq j$) would serve as an indisputable evidence of new physics

Current limits:

$$BR(Z \rightarrow e^\mp \mu^\pm) < 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

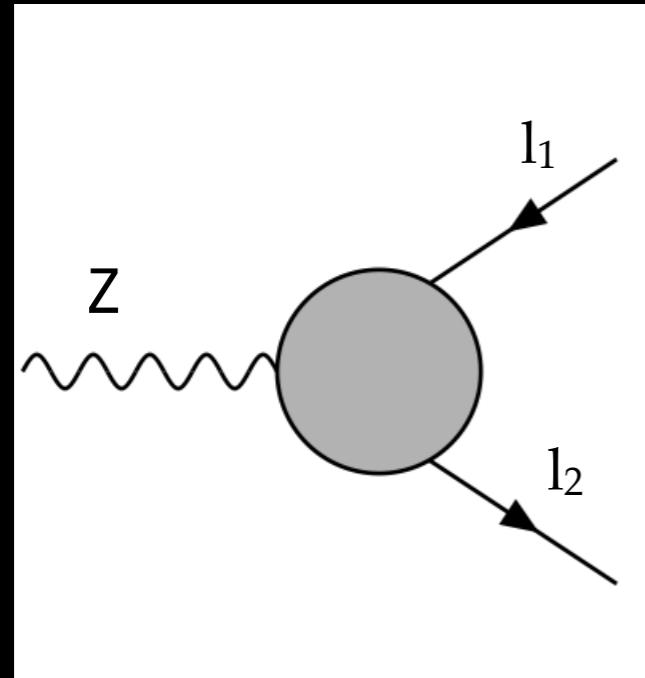
$$BR(Z \rightarrow e^\mp \tau^\pm) < 9.8 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$BR(Z \rightarrow \mu^\mp \tau^\pm) < 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

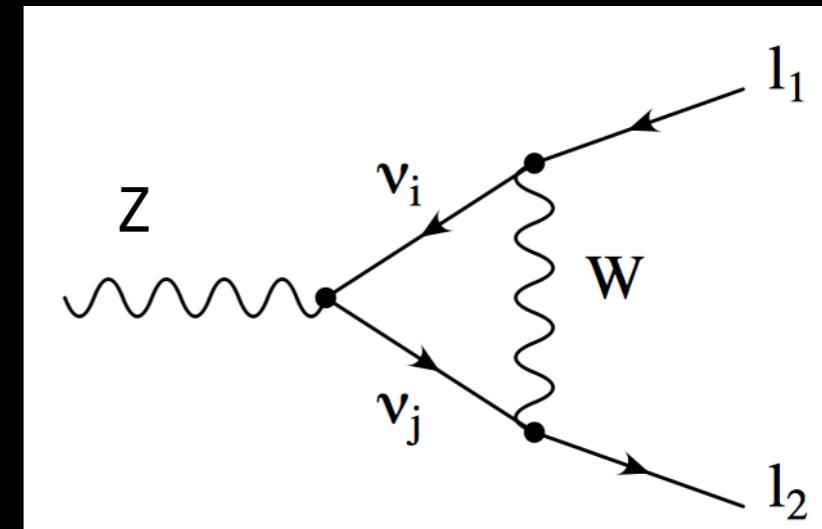


$$\text{Br}(Z \rightarrow e\mu) < 7.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

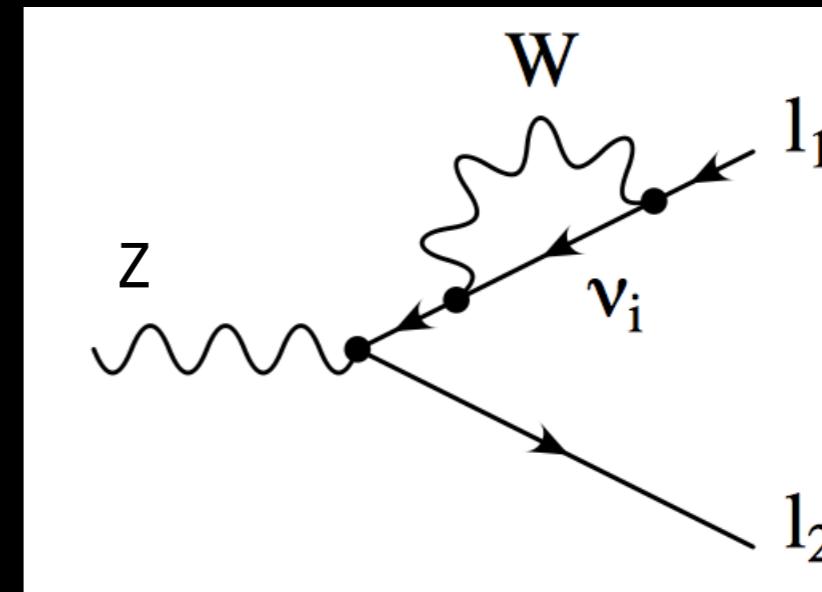
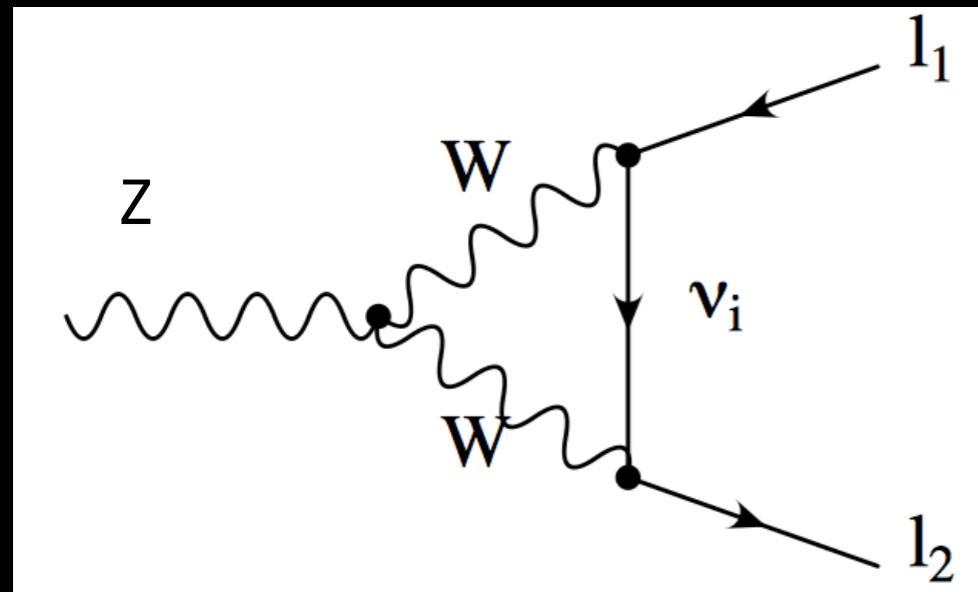
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ATLAS, CERN-PH-EP-2014-195 (2014)



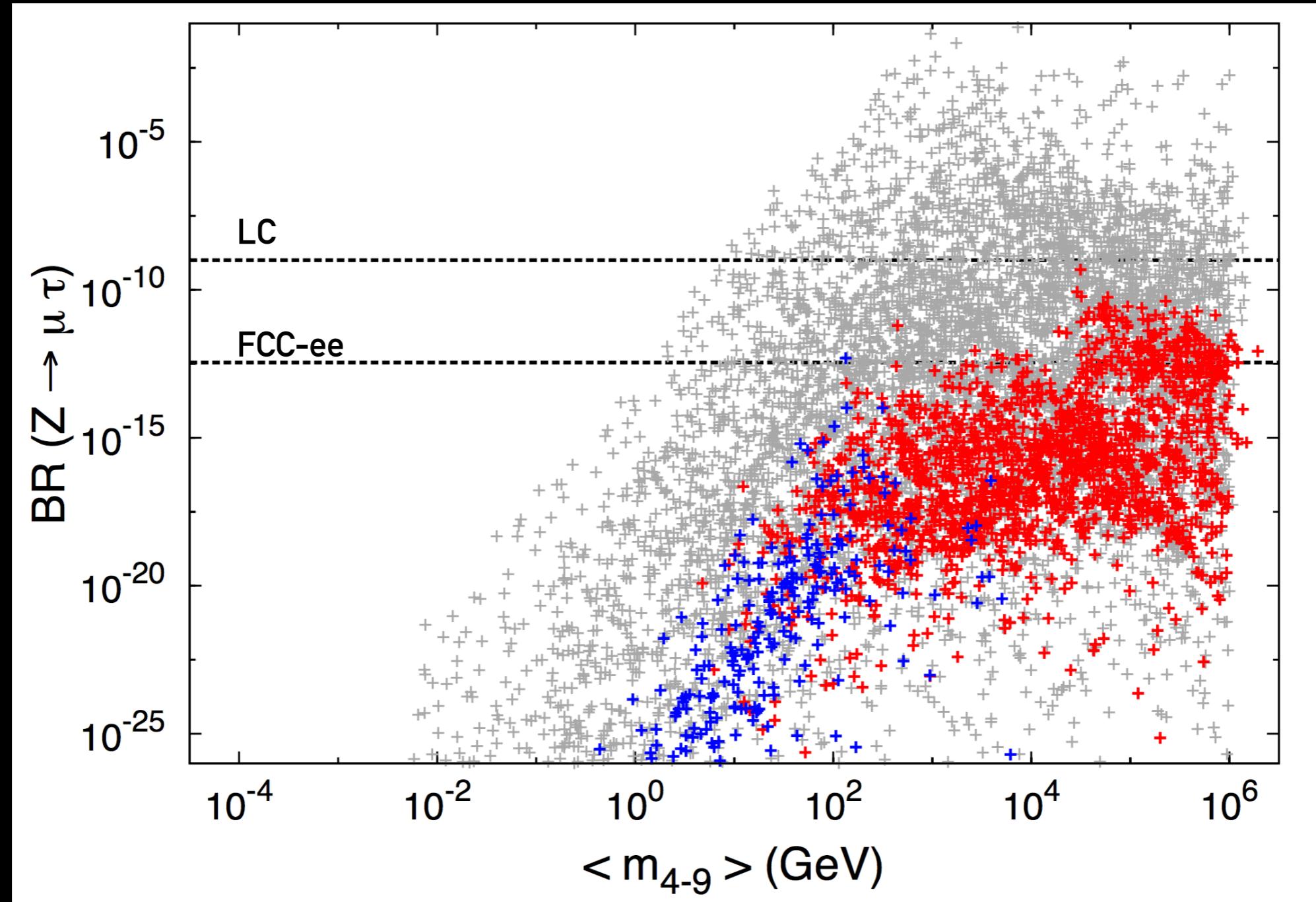
v_i are physical states, $i = 3+N$



N = extra Majorana states
($m \sim 10^{-10} - 10^3$ GeV)

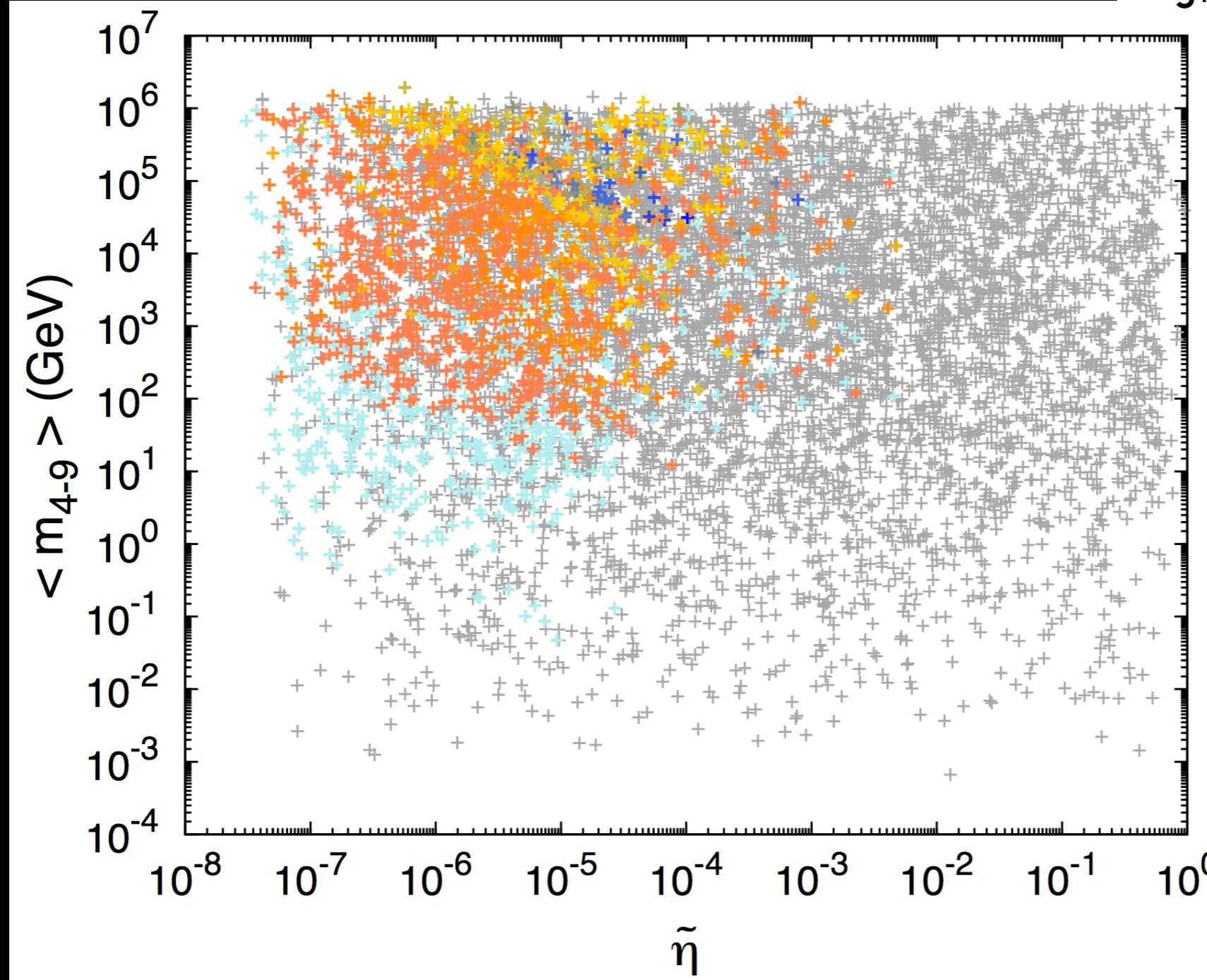


ISS: $Z \rightarrow \mu^\pm \tau^\mp$



ISS: summary plot

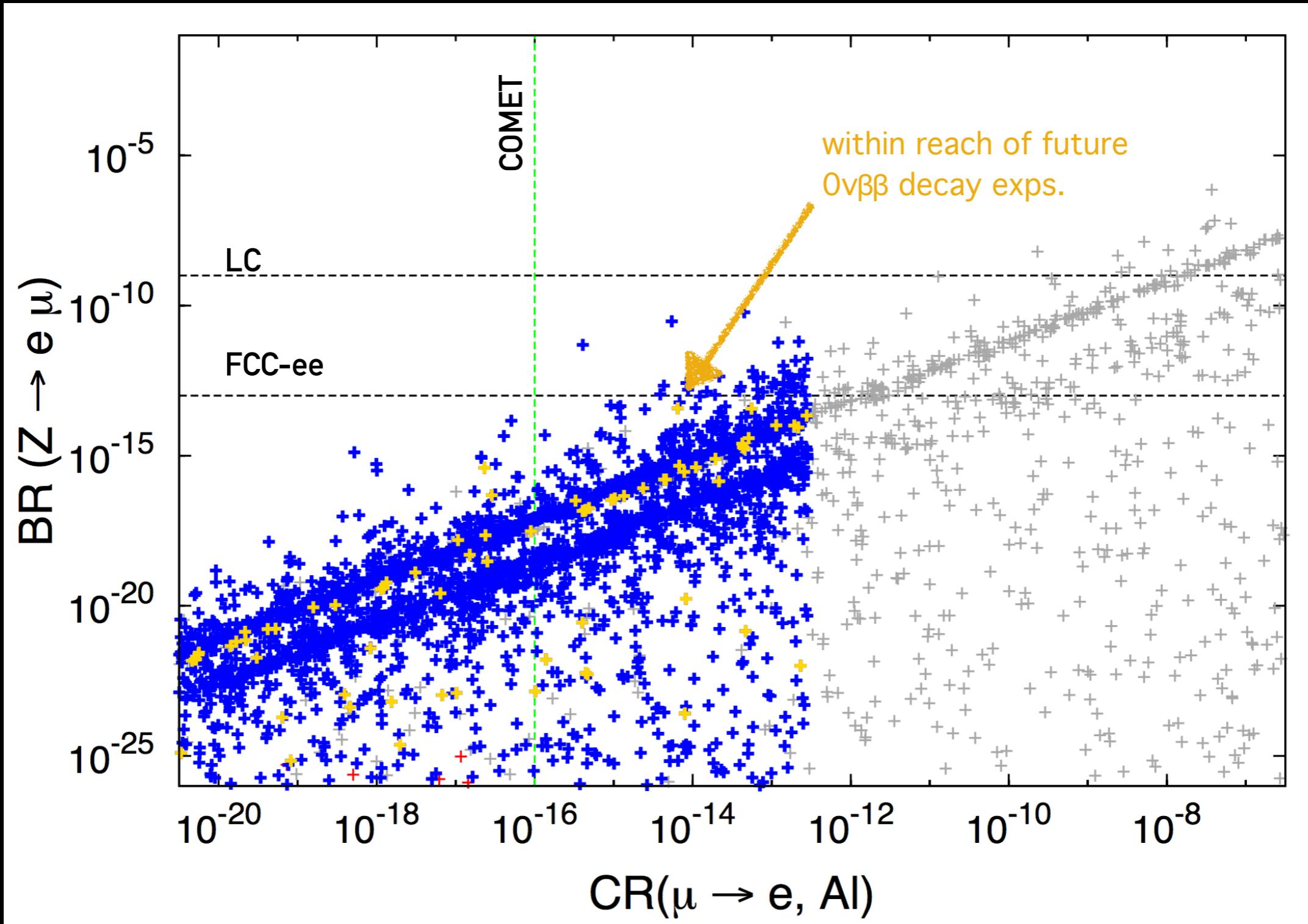
$\text{Log}_{10}(\text{BR} (\text{Z} \rightarrow l_1^\pm l_2^\mp))$



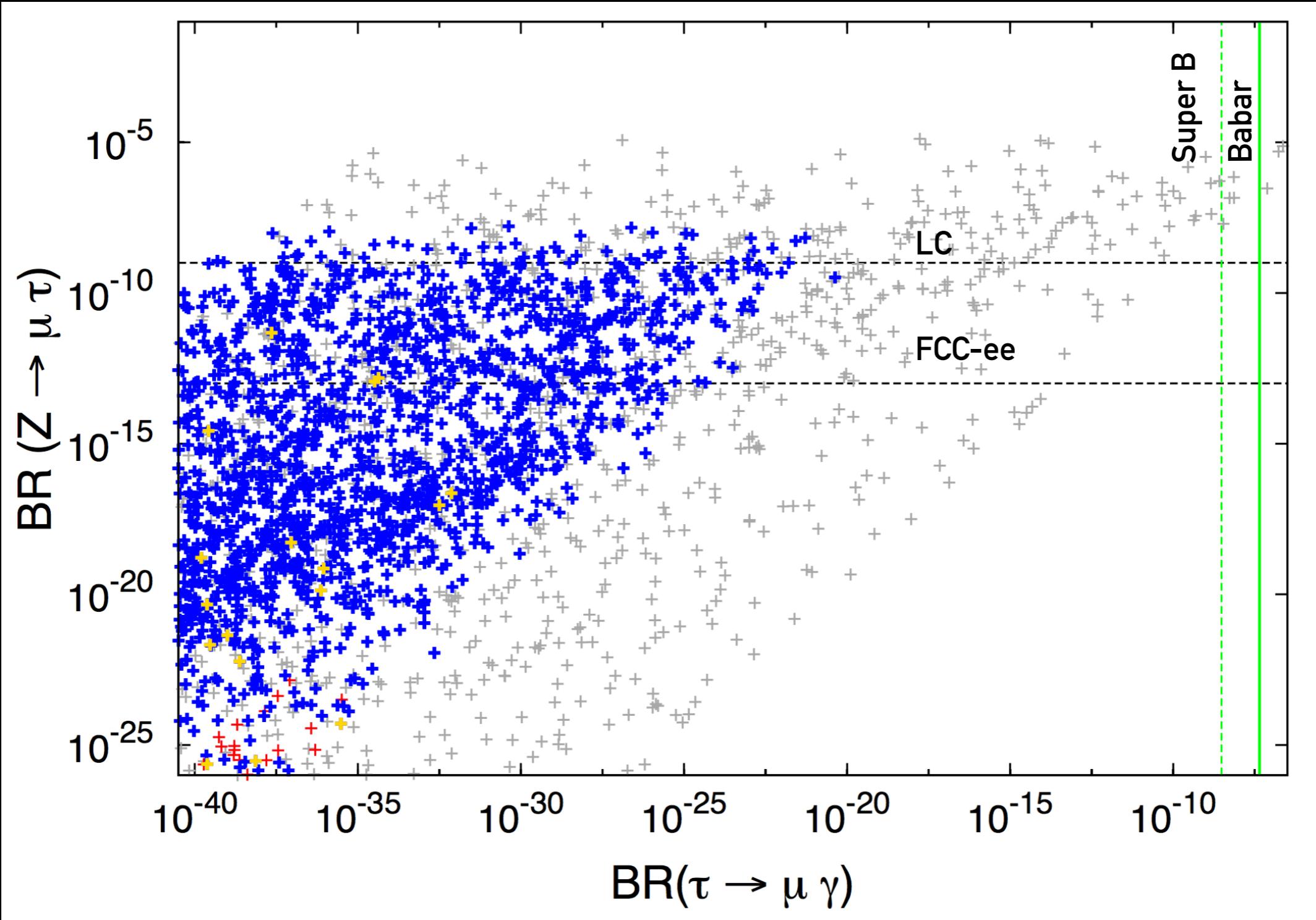
$$\tilde{\eta} = 1 - \det(\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}})$$

measures the deviation from unitarity.

Effective “3+1”: $Z \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp$ vs $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion in Al



Effective “3+1”: $Z \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$ vs $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$



Conclusions

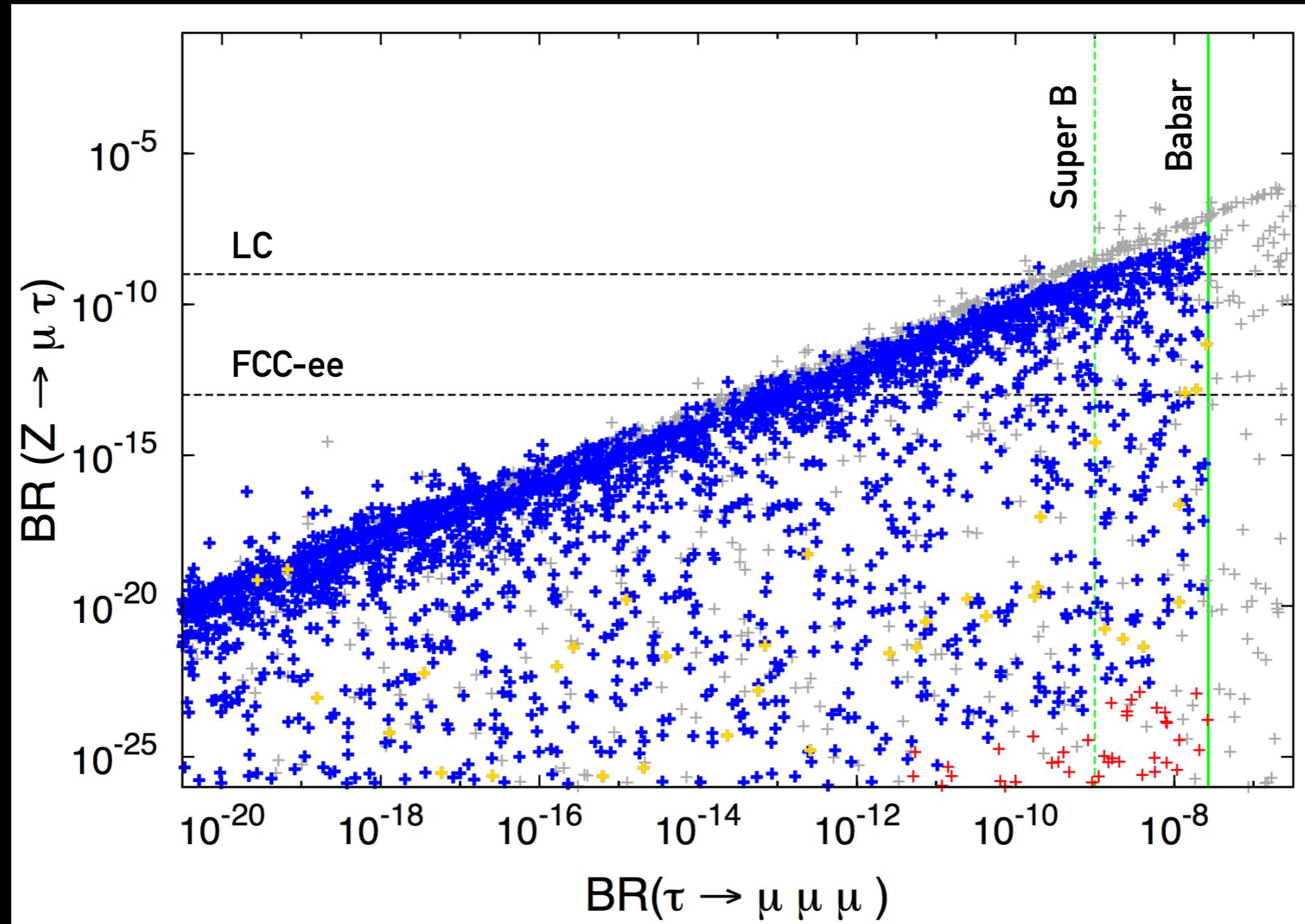
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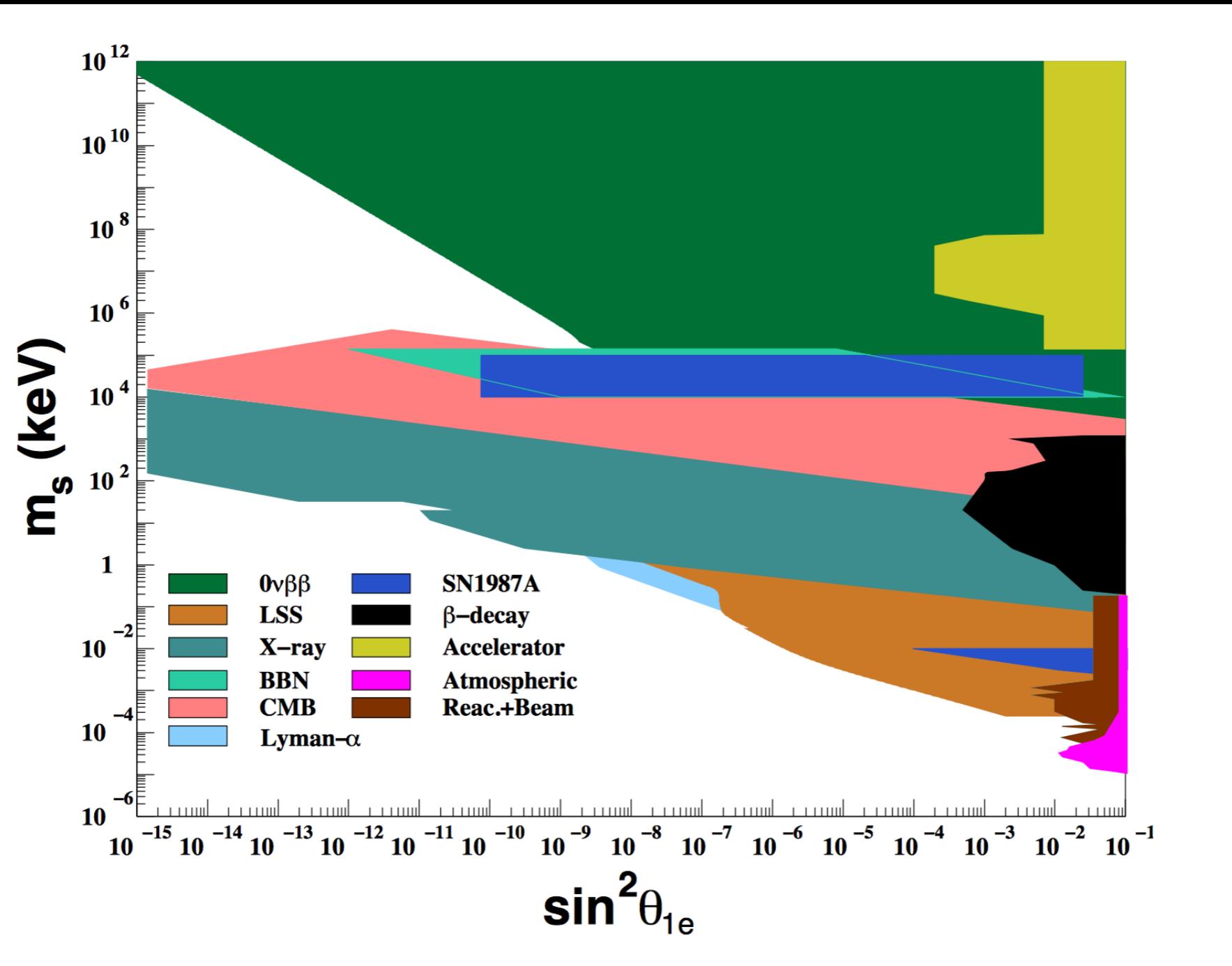
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BACKUP

Effective “3+1”: $Z \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp$ vs $\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu$



Cosmological bounds



(Kusenko 2009)

In the SM, neutrinos are strictly massless:

- absence of RH neutrino fields \rightarrow no Dirac mass term (no renormalizable mass term)
- nor Higgs triplet \rightarrow no Majorana mass term (would break the electroweak gauge symmetry, because it is not invariant under the weak isospin symmetry; does not conserve the lepton number L)

Massive neutrinos require BSM physics

Several models of neutrino mass generation:

- Seesaw mechanism: Type-I, Type-II, Type-III, low-scale seesaws (**Inverse seesaw**, Linear seesaw) etc ...
- Radiative models

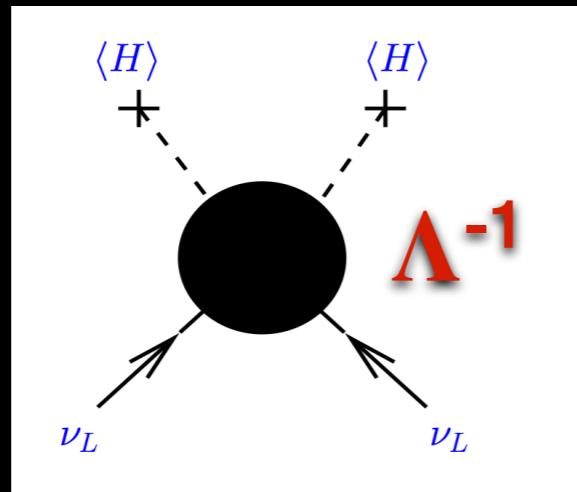
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(Minkowski 77, Gell-Mann Ramond Slansky 80, Glashow, Yanagida 79, Mohapatra Senjanovic 80, Lazarides Shafi Wetterich 81, Schechter-Valle, 80 & 82, Mohapatra Senjanovic 80, Lazarides 80, Foot 88, ...)

Majorana neutrinos

If Lepton Number is Violated:

The lowest order operator, which generates Majorana neutrino masses is the Weinberg's d=5 operator (WO)



$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{LLHH}{\Lambda}$$

S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43, 1566 (1979)

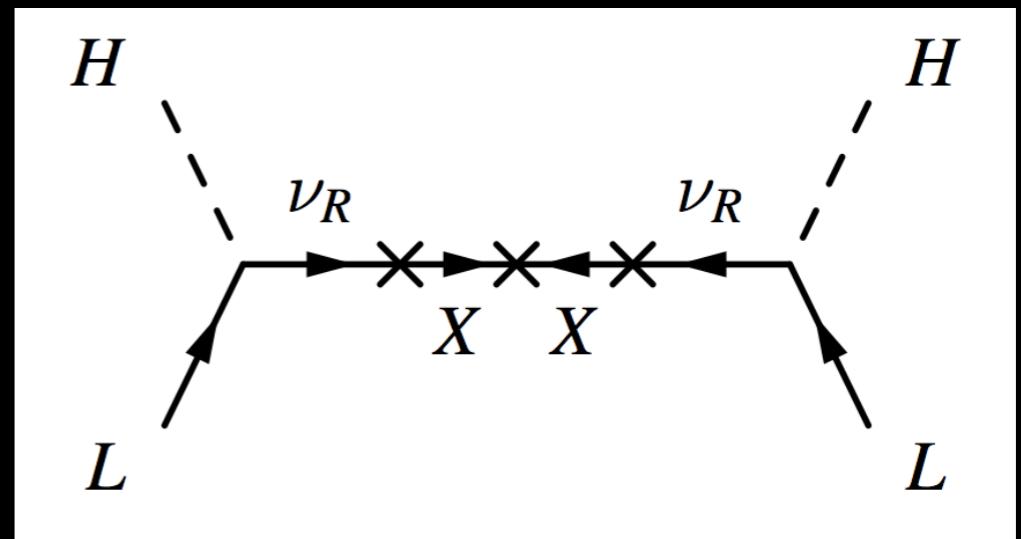
After EWSB takes place, through the nonzero vev v , Majorana neutrino masses are induced

$$m_\nu \sim Y^2 \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$$

small neutrino masses by making Λ very large and/or with Y small
The exchange of heavy messenger states provides a simple way to generate the WO.

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$$m_\nu = m_D (M_R^T)^{-1} \mu_X (M_R)^{-1} m_D^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_\nu &\approx \frac{m_D^2 \mu_X}{m_D^2 + M_R^2} \\ m_{1,2} &\approx \mp \sqrt{m_D^2 + M_R^2} + \frac{M_R^2 \mu_X}{2(m_D^2 + M_R^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Experimental constraints

1. Neutrino oscillation parameters (seesaw approximation and PMNS)
2. Unitarity constraints (Antusch et al., 2009)

Non-standard neutrino interactions with matter can be generated by NP BSM.

$$U_{3 \times 3} = (1 - \eta) U_{PMNS}$$

Strongly constrained if $m_N > \Lambda_{EW}$

When singlet fermions (RH neutrinos) with Y couplings and a (Majorana) mass matrix are introduced, this can in general lead to two effective operators at tree-level: the WO (LN violating) and the dim-6 operator which contributes to the kinetic energy of the neutrinos and induces non-unitarity of the leptonic mixing matrix.

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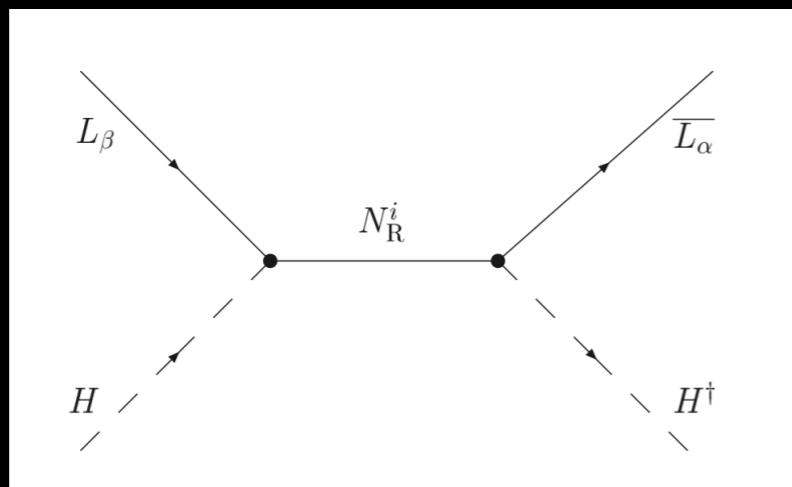
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$$\mathcal{L}_{kin}^{d=6} = -c_{\alpha\beta}^{d=6,kin} (\bar{L}_\alpha \cdot H^\dagger) i\not{\partial} (H \cdot L_\beta)$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{int}^Y = -Y_{\alpha i}^* (\bar{L}_\alpha \cdot H^\dagger) N_R^i + \text{H.c.}$$



- No new interactions of four charged fermions
- No cancellations between diagrams with different messenger particles
- Tree-level generation of the NSIs through dimension 6 and 8 operators
- Electroweak symmetry breaking is realised via the Higgs mechanism

Experimental constraints

1. Neutrino oscillation parameters (seesaw approximation and PMNS)
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3. Electroweak precision data (Del Aguila et al., 2008, Atre et al., 2009)

The presence of singlet neutrinos can affect the electroweak precision observables via tree-level as well as loop contributions, as a consequence of non-unitarity of the active neutrino mixing matrix. The couplings of the light neutrinos to the Z and W bosons are suppressed with respect to their SM values, reducing the tensions:

 - LEP measurement of the invisible Z-decay width is two sigma below the value expected in the SM;
 $\Gamma_{\text{SM}}(Z \rightarrow vv) = (501.69 \pm 0.06) \text{ MeV}$, $\Gamma_{\text{Exp}}(Z \rightarrow vv) = (499.0 \pm 1.5) \text{ MeV}$
 - The neutral-to-charged-current ratio in neutrino scattering experiments is three sigma below the value expected in the SM - NuTeV anomaly;
 - The input parameters of the ew fit and the experimentally observed value of the W boson mass (derived from other SM parameters)

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Apply to sterile neutrino masses $\gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

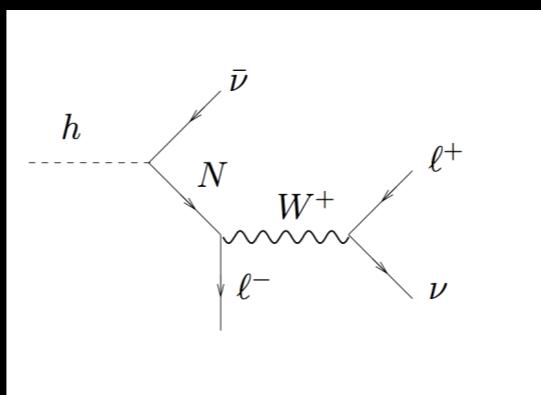
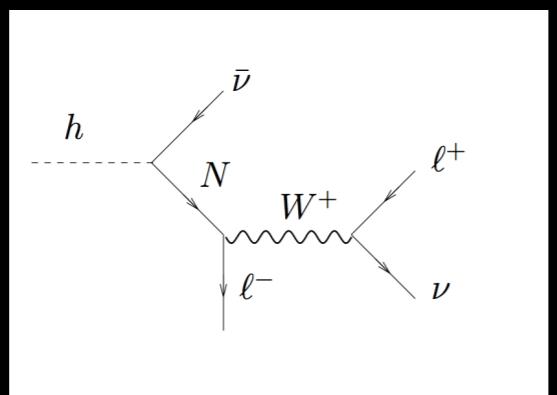
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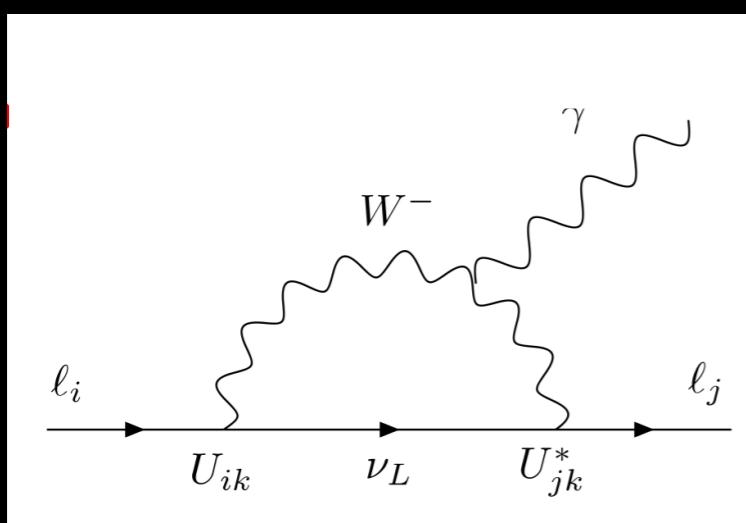
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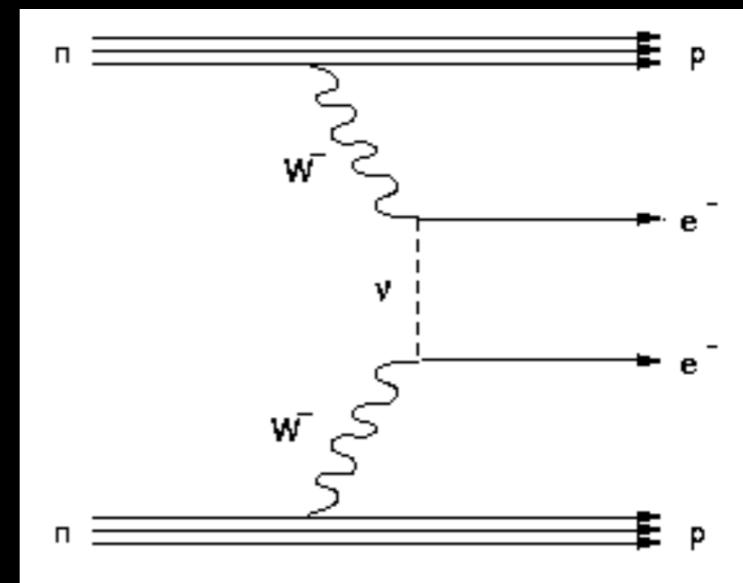
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Most well studied among $\Delta L = 2$ processes

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Non-standard neutrino interactions with matter can be generated by NP.

$$U_{3 \times 3} = (1 - \eta) U_{PMNS}$$

Strongly constrained if $m_S > \Lambda_{EW}$
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(Del Aguila et al., 2008, Atre et al., 2009)

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Current bounds on effective neutrino masses from total lepton number violating processes

Flavors	Exp. technique	Exp. bound	Mass bound (eV)
(e, e)	$\beta\beta0\nu$	$T_{1/2}({}^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow {}^{76}\text{Se} + 2e^-) > 1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$	$ m_{ee} < 3.6 \times 10^{-1}$
(e, μ)	$\mu^- \rightarrow e^+$ conversion	$\frac{\Gamma(\text{Ti} + \mu^- \rightarrow e^+ + \text{Ca}_{\text{gs}})}{\Gamma(\text{Ti} + \mu^- \text{ capture})} < 1.7 \times 10^{-12}$	$ m_{e\mu} < 1.7 \times 10^7$
(e, τ)	Rare τ decays	$\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 8.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$ m_{e\tau} < 2.6 \times 10^{12}$
(μ, μ)	Rare kaon decays	$\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^+)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$ m_{\mu\mu} < 2.9 \times 10^8$
(μ, τ)	Rare τ decays	$\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^- \pi^-)/\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 3.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$ m_{\mu\tau} < 2.1 \times 10^{12}$
(τ, τ)	none	none	none

(Gómez-Cadenas et al. 2012)

Neutrinoless double beta decay

Isotope	Experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}$ [yr]	$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$ [meV]
^{136}Xe	EXO-200	$>1.6 \cdot 10^{25}$	$<140\text{--}380$
^{136}Xe	KamLAND-Zen	$>1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$	$<120\text{--}250$
^{76}Ge	GERDA phase I	$>2.1 \cdot 10^{25}$	$<200\text{--}400$
^{130}Te	CUORICINO	$>2.8 \cdot 10^{24}$	$<300\text{--}700$

Future sensitivities

Isotope	Experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}$ sensitivity [yr]	$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$ sensitivity [meV]
^{136}Xe	EXO-200 (4 yr)	$5.5 \cdot 10^{25}$	75–200
^{136}Xe	nEXO (5 yr)	$3 \cdot 10^{27}$	12–29
^{136}Xe	nEXO (5 yr + 5 yr w/ Ba tagging)	$2.1 \cdot 10^{28}$	5–11
^{136}Xe	KamLAND-Zen (300 kg, 3 yr)	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	45–110
^{136}Xe	KamLAND2-Zen (1 ton, post 2016)	IH	IH
^{76}Ge	GERDA phase II	$2 \cdot 10^{26}$	90–290
^{130}Te	CUORE-0 (2 yr)	$5.9 \cdot 10^{24}$	204–533
^{130}Te	CUORE (5 yr)	$9.5 \cdot 10^{25}$	51–133
^{130}Te	SNO+	$4 \cdot 10^{25}$	70–140

(Tosi - EXO. 2014)