

Low-energy lepton number violating processes: GeV-scale Majorana neutrinos and short-range mechanisms



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- N. Quintero, *Constraints on lepton number violating short-range interactions from $|\Delta L| = 2$ processes*, Phys. Lett. B **764** (2017) 60-65 [arXiv:1606.03477].

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Standard Model of Elementary Particles

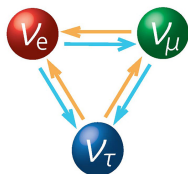
[Erlar, Moreno & Avila talk's (1st ComHEP)]

mass →	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge →	$2/3$	$2/3$	$2/3$	0	0
spin →	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	0
	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H Higgs boson
QUARKS	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	0	
	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
LEPTONS	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	0	0	0	± 1	
	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	
					GAUGE BOSONS

Dirac or Majorana

Neutrino oscillations → massive neutrinos

[Kajita & McDonald -
Nobel 2015]



Neutrino oscillations have been firmly established by several experiments: **Solar, Atmospheric, Reactors and Accelerators**

- Neutrinos are massive particles
- Neutrinos are mixed

$$\nu_\ell(x) = \sum_{j=1,2,3} U_{\ell j}^{\text{PMNS}} \nu_j(x) \quad (\ell = e, \mu, \tau)$$

Oscillation parameters: $(\delta m^2, |\Delta m^2|, \sin^2 \theta_{12}, \sin^2 \theta_{23}, \sin^2 \theta_{13}, \delta)$

[Arrieta, de Gouvêa, & Oyama talk's (1st ComHEP)]

Why Study Lepton Number Violating (LNV) Processes ?

- Establish nature of the neutrinos

¿ **Dirac** ($\nu \neq \nu^c$) o **Majorana** ($\nu = \nu^c$) ?

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \underbrace{\bar{L}_L Y_\nu \tilde{H} N_R}_{\text{Dirac Term}} + \underbrace{\bar{N}_R^c M_R N_R / 2}_{\text{Majorana Term}} + h.c.$$

- Mechanism of neutrino masses generation
- Leptogenesis (Explain baryonic asymmetry of the Universe)

Fukugita & Yanagida, PLB **174**, 45 (1986)

Davidson, Nardi, & Nir, Phys. Rept. **466**, 105 (2008)

It is important to study all possible channels that may be sensitive to the effects of **LNV ($\Delta L = 2$) Processes**

Seesaw Tipe-I

Seesaw formula

$$m_\nu \sim 10^{-1} \text{ eV} \left(\frac{v}{246 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{Y_\nu}{\mathcal{O}(1)} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{14} \text{ GeV}}{M_R} \right)$$

Natural explanation to the small neutrino masses

[Minkowski, PLB 67 (1977); Yanagida (1979); Gell-Mann, Ramond & Slansky (1979); Mohapatra & Senjanovic, PRL 44, 912 (1980)]

- $M_R \gg v \rightarrow$ Such a large mass scales can not be tested experimentally !
- Seesaw formula **do not set** Y_ν or M_R
- $10^{-12} \lesssim Y_\nu \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$
- $1 \text{ eV} \lesssim M_R \lesssim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ “Seesaw scale” (Experimentally accessible)

[de Gouvêa, arXiv:0706.1732; Drewes, arXiv:1303.6912]

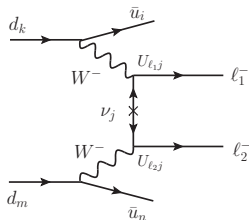
Ranges of sterile neutrino mass

	N mass	ν masses	eV ν anomalies	BAU	DM	M_H stability	direct search	experiment
GUT see-saw	10^{10-16} GeV	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	-
EWSB	10^{2-3} GeV	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	LHC
ν MSM	keV – GeV	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	a'la CHARM
ν scale	eV	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	a'la LSND

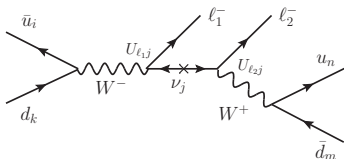
[Drewes, arXiv:1303.6912]

Different mass scales are technically possible and worth exploring !

[de Gouvêa, arXiv:0706.1732]

$\Delta L = 2$ processes

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- Light Majorana neutrinos

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle_{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \sum_j U_{\ell_1 j} U_{\ell_2 j} m_{\nu_j}$$

- Heavy Majorana neutrinos

$$\langle m_N^{-1} \rangle_{\ell_1 \ell_2} = \sum_k V_{\ell_1 k} V_{\ell_2 k} / m_{N_k}$$

- **Intermediate Majorana neutrinos (on-shell)**

$$\sim \sum_k V_{\ell_1 k} V_{\ell_2 k} m_{N_k} / \Gamma_{N_k}$$

Searches of $\Delta L = 2$ processes

- Neutrinoless double- β ($0\nu\beta\beta$): ${}^A_Z X \rightarrow {}^A_{Z+2} Y + 2e^-$

Isotope	Experiments	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > [\text{years}]$	$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle < [\text{eV}]$
${}^{76}\text{Ge}$	Heidelberg-Moscow (HdM)	1.9×10^{25}	0.32
	IGEX	1.57×10^{25}	(0.25 - 0.63)
	GERDA	2.1×10^{25}	
	GERDA + HdM + IGEX	3.0×10^{25}	(0.2 - 0.4)
${}^{136}\text{Xe}$	EXO-200	1.6×10^{25}	(0.14 - 0.38)
	KamLAND-Zen (KLZ)	1.9×10^{25}	
	KLZ + EXO-200	3.4×10^{25}	(0.12 - 0.25)

- Nuclear conversion processes: $e^- \rightarrow \mu^+$, $\mu^- \rightarrow e^+$ and $\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+$

Geib, Merle & Zuber, PLB 764, 157 (2017)

Berryman, de Gouvêa, Kelly & Kobach, arXiv:1611.00032 [hep-ph]

Simkovic, Faessler, Kovalenko, & Schmidt, PRD 66, 033005 (2002)

Búsqueda de Procesos $\Delta L = 2$

- Hyperons decays: $\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Sigma^+ e^- e^-$, $\Xi^- \rightarrow p \mu^- \mu^- (e^- \mu^-)$

Littenberg & Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **46**, R892 (1992)

Barbero, López Castro, & Mariano, Phys. Lett. B **566**, 98 (2003)

- LHC: di-lepton signals $pp \rightarrow \ell_1^\pm \ell_2^\pm X$

Cannoni *et al*, Phys. Rev. D **65**, 035005 (2002)

Han & Zhang, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 171804 (2006)

Atre, Han, Pascoli, & Zhang, JHEP **0905**, 030 (2009)

del Aguila & Aguilar-Saavedra, Nucl. Phys. **B813**, 22 (2009)

- LNV 3-body decays: $\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^+ M_1^- M_2^-$ and $(K^-, D_{(s)}^-, B^-) \rightarrow M^+ \ell_1^- \ell_2^-$

Atre, Han, Pascoli, & Zhang, JHEP **05**, 030 (2009)

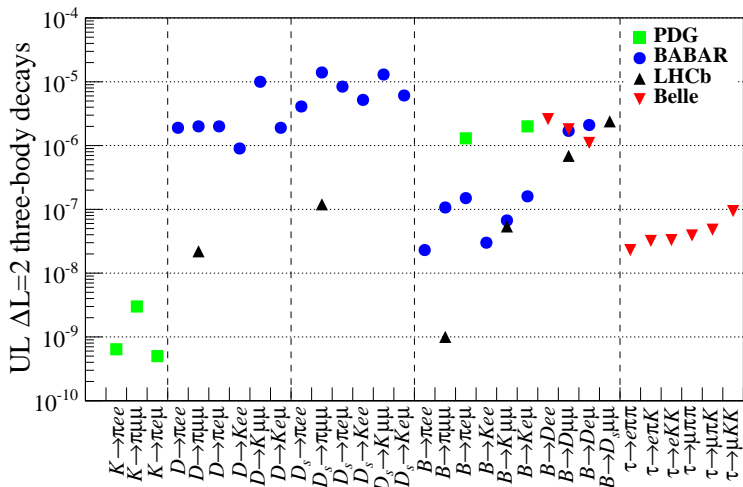
Cvetic, *et al*, PRD **82**, 053010 (2010)

Helo, Kovalenko, & Schmidt, NPB**853**, 80 (2011)

Zhang & Wang, EPJC **71**, 1715 (2011)

Gribanov, Kovalenko & Schmidt, NPB**607**, 355 (2001).

Experimental Limits on $\Delta L = 2$ 3-body decays

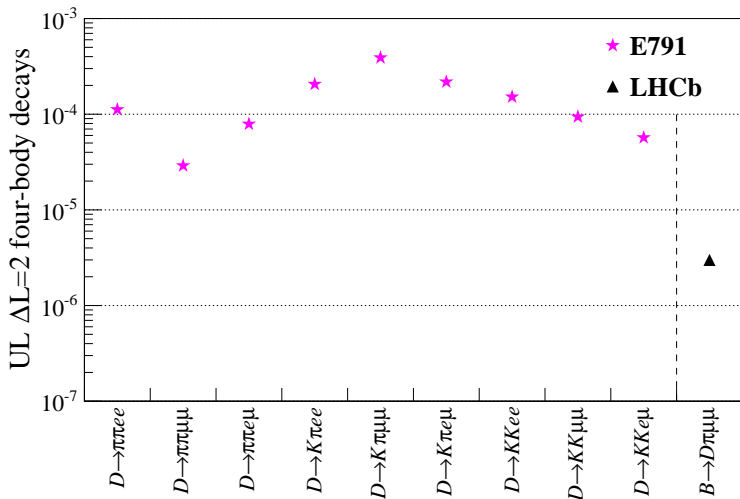


BABAR: PRD **84**, 072006 (2011), PRD **85**, 071103(R) (2012)

LHCb: PRL **108**, 101601 (2012), PRD **85**, 112004 (2012), PLB **719**, 346 (2013)

Belle: PLB **719**, 346 (2013), PRD **84**, 071106(R) (2011)

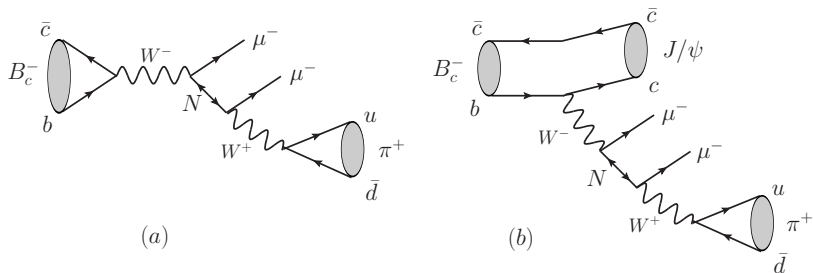
Límites Experimentales Limits on $\Delta L = 2$ 4-body decays



LHCb: PRD **85**, 112004 (2012), E791: PRL **86**, 3696 (2001)

GeV-scale Majorana neutrinos in B_c decays

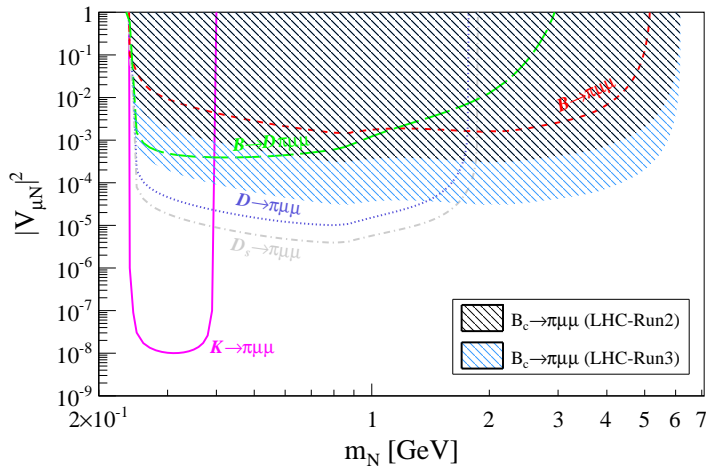
Milanés, Quintero & Vera, Phys. Rev. D **93**, 094026 (2016)

$\Delta L = 2$ decays of B_c meson

- Not very much suppressed by CKM factors
- Can be explored at the LHCb in the same-sign di-muon channel (relatively high muon reconstruction system).

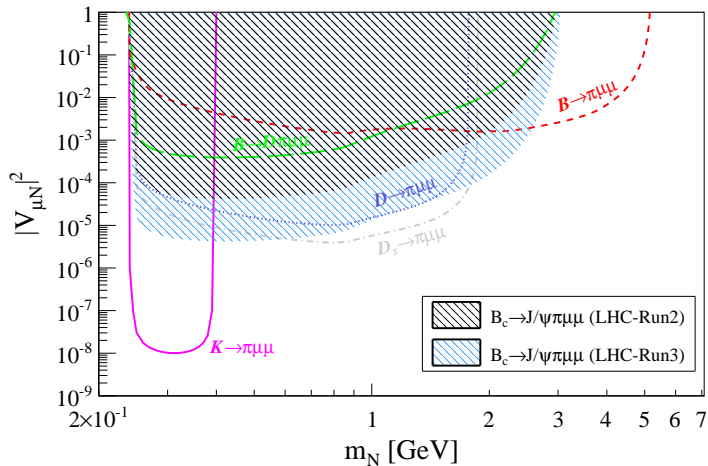
$$B_c^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$$

Constraints on $(m_N, |V_{\mu N}|^2)$



$$B_c^- \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$$

Constraints on $(m_N, |V_{\mu N}|^2)$



Short-range mechanisms

Quintero, Phys. Lett. B **764** (2017) 60–65

Short-range mechanisms

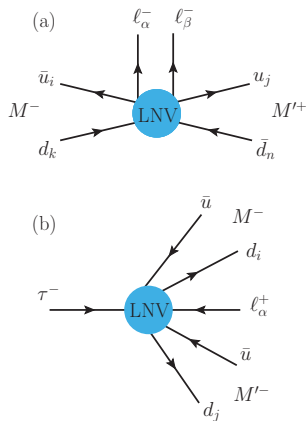
The short-range mechanisms refer to the effective interactions covering all processes mediated by heavy particles, in which no light neutrinos are exchanged.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta L=2} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\Lambda} \sum_{i,XY} [C_i^{XY}]_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{O}_i^{XY}$$

$[C_i^{XY}]_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow$ LNV couplings

$\mathcal{O}_i^{XY} \rightarrow$ LNV operators (dimension-9)

$\Lambda \rightarrow$ mass scale dominant to the process



Päs, Hirsch, Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, & Kovalenko, PLB **498**, 35 (2001)

González, Kovalenko, & Hirsch, PRD **93**, 013017 (2016)

Bonnet, Hirsch, Ota, & Winter, JHEP **03** (2013) 055

Constraints on short-range couplings $|C_i|_{ee}$

Channel	Exp. UL	$ C_1 _{ee}$	$ C_3 _{ee}$	$ C_5 _{ee}$
$K^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- e^-$	6.4×10^{-10}	3.3×10^1	2.3×10^3	2.9×10^3
$D^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- e^-$	1.9×10^{-6}	4.3×10^4	3.2×10^5	1.2×10^5
$D^- \rightarrow K^+ e^- e^-$	0.9×10^{-6}	1.8×10^5	8.9×10^5	3.8×10^5
$D_s^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- e^-$	4.1×10^{-6}	1.7×10^4	1.2×10^5	4.5×10^4
$D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ e^- e^-$	5.2×10^{-6}	1.1×10^5	5.3×10^5	2.3×10^5
$B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- e^-$	2.3×10^{-8}	6.0×10^4	1.4×10^5	6.2×10^4
$B^- \rightarrow K^+ e^- e^-$	3.0×10^{-8}	3.0×10^5	6.0×10^5	2.6×10^5
$B^- \rightarrow D^+ e^- e^-$	2.6×10^{-6}	3.6×10^6	5.2×10^6	2.8×10^6

In the case of the ee couplings, the experimental limits on $0\nu\beta\beta$ searches in ^{76}Ge and ^{136}Xe provide stronger bounds, typically of the order

$$(|C_1|_{ee}, |C_3|_{ee}, |C_5|_{ee}) \sim (10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-7})$$

Constraints on short-range couplings $|C_i|_{\mu\mu,e\mu}$

Channel	Exp. UL	$ C_1 _{\mu\mu}$	$ C_3 _{\mu\mu}$	$ C_5 _{\mu\mu}$
$K^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	8.6×10^{-11}	3.4×10^0	2.7×10^2	2.5×10^2
$D^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	2.2×10^{-8}	4.7×10^3	3.5×10^4	1.3×10^4
$D^- \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	1.0×10^{-5}	6.0×10^5	3.1×10^6	1.3×10^6
$D_s^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	1.2×10^{-7}	2.9×10^3	2.0×10^4	7.7×10^3
$D_s^- \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	1.3×10^{-5}	1.7×10^5	8.6×10^5	3.6×10^5
$B^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	1.3×10^{-8}	4.5×10^4	1.1×10^5	4.8×10^4
$B^- \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \mu^-$	5.4×10^{-8}	4.0×10^5	8.0×10^5	3.6×10^5
Channel	Exp. UL	$ C_1 _{e\mu}$	$ C_3 _{e\mu}$	$ C_5 _{e\mu}$
$K^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \mu^-$	5.5×10^{-10}	2.8×10^1	2.0×10^4	2.1×10^3
$D^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \mu^-$	2.0×10^{-6}	3.2×10^4	2.3×10^5	8.8×10^4
$D^- \rightarrow K^+ e^- \mu^-$	1.9×10^{-6}	1.8×10^5	9.3×10^5	3.9×10^5
$D_s^- \rightarrow \pi^+ e^- \mu^-$	8.4×10^{-6}	1.7×10^4	1.2×10^5	4.6×10^4
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$|C_i|_{\mu\mu,e\mu} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10^1) \rightarrow$ too weak compared with those get from $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

Constraints on short-range couplings $|C_i|_{e\tau, \mu\tau}$

Channel	Exp. UL	$ C_1 _{e\tau}$	$ C_3 _{e\tau}$	$ C_5 _{e\tau}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- \pi^-$	2.0×10^{-8}	3.4×10^3	5.0×10^4	8.8×10^3
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- K^-$	3.2×10^{-8}	1.6×10^4	2.0×10^5	3.3×10^4
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$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ K^- K^-$	4.7×10^{-8}	1.7×10^5	1.8×10^6	4.5×10^5

$|C_i|_{e\tau, \mu\tau} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3) \rightarrow$ too weak compared with those get from $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

Concluding remarks

- **¿ Dirac o Majorana ?** → Observation of $\Delta L = 2$ decays will establish the Majorana nature of neutrinos.
- GeV-scale Majorana neutrinos in $\Delta L = 2$ decays of B_c meson

$$B_c^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-,$$

$$B_c^- \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-,$$

Can be searched at LHCb (Run-2 and Run-3).

- Complementary and strong constraints on parameters ($m_N, |V_{\mu N}|^2$)
- Constraints on short-range couplings $|C_i|_{\mu\mu, e\mu} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10^1)$, not accesible to $0\nu\beta\beta$.

THANKS !

BACK UP

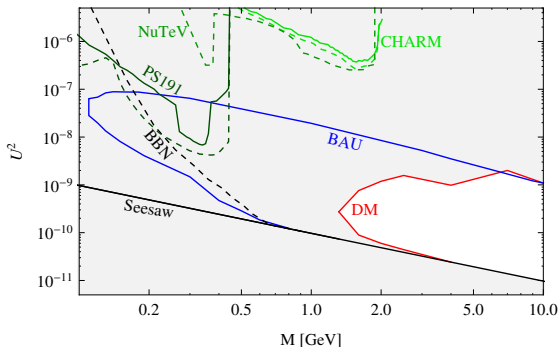
Intermediate massive neutrinos

Neutrino Minimal Standard Model (ν MSM): ME + $(N_1, N_2, N_3)_R$ (estériles)

$$\nu_\ell = \sum_{j=1}^3 V_{\ell j}^{\text{PMNS}} \nu_j + \sum_{k=1}^3 U_{\ell k} N_k$$

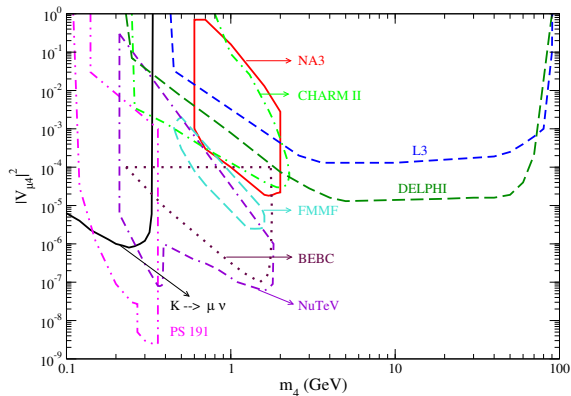
$$M_{N_1} \sim (10 - 100) \text{ keV (Dark matter)}$$

$$M_{N_{2,3}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV (BAU)})$$



Canetti, Drewes, & Shaposhnikov PRL **110**, 061801 (2013) Canetti, Drewes, Frossard, & Shaposhnikov PRD **87**, 093006 (2013) Asaka, Blanchet, & Shaposhnikov PLB **631**, 151 (2005)

Searches of Heavy Sterile Neutrino



- Peak searches: $K \rightarrow \mu N$
- Beam Dump Experiments
PS191, BEBC, CHARM,
NuTeV
- L3, DELPHI