

Probing heavy Majorana neutrinos and the Weinberg operator through $pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm jj$ at CMS

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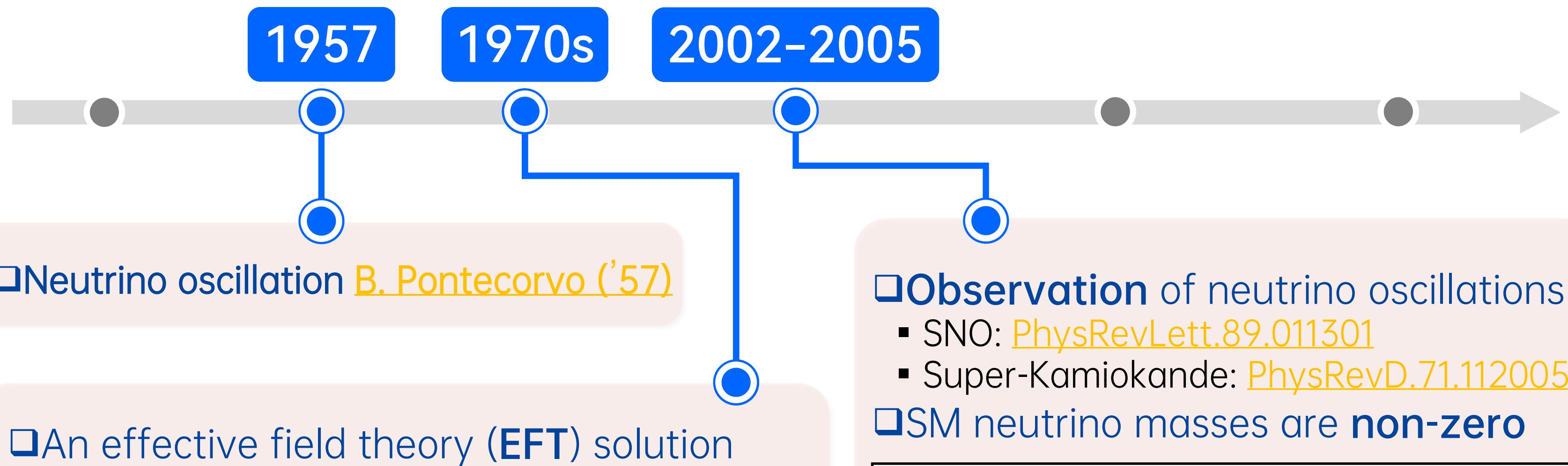


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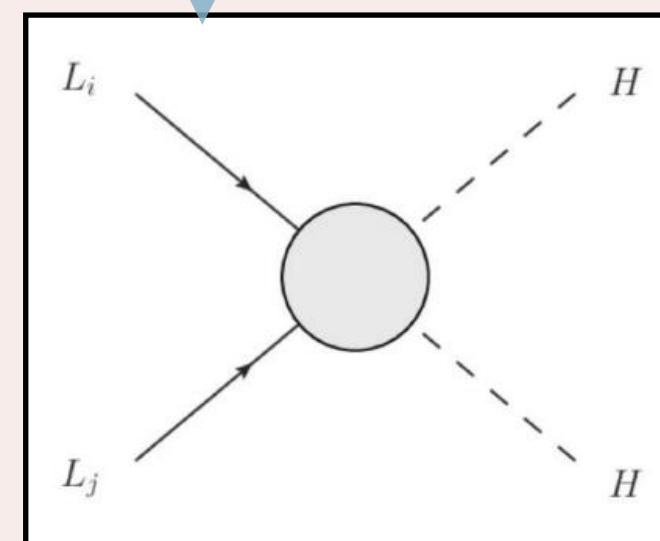


The dim-5 Weinberg operator



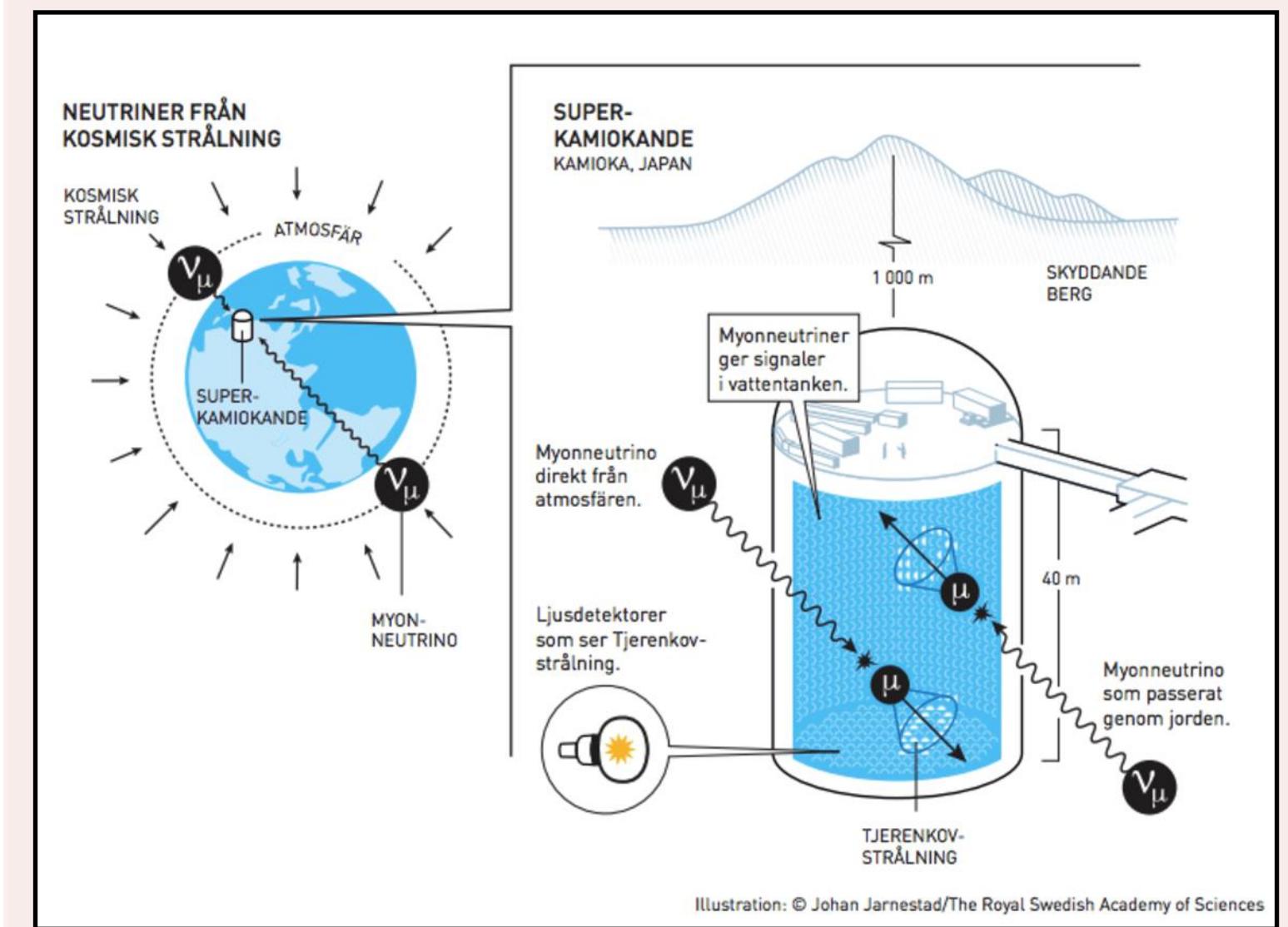
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The only gauge-invariant operator at dim-5
Weinberg Operator [Weinberg \('79\)](#)

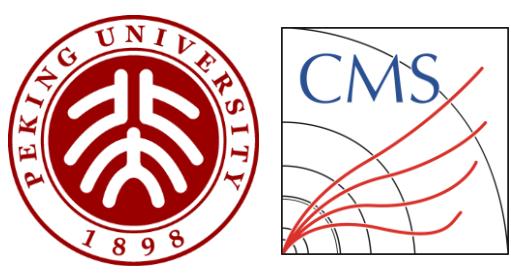


- Adding this operator will give SM neutrinos **Majorana masses**
- EFT doesn't describe the new physics in detail. Need UV complete models.

- Observation of neutrino oscillations
 - SNO: [PhysRevLett.89.011301](#)
 - Super-Kamiokande: [PhysRevD.71.112005](#)
- SM neutrino masses are **non-zero**

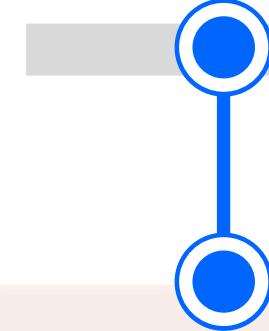


Seesaw models



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1970s

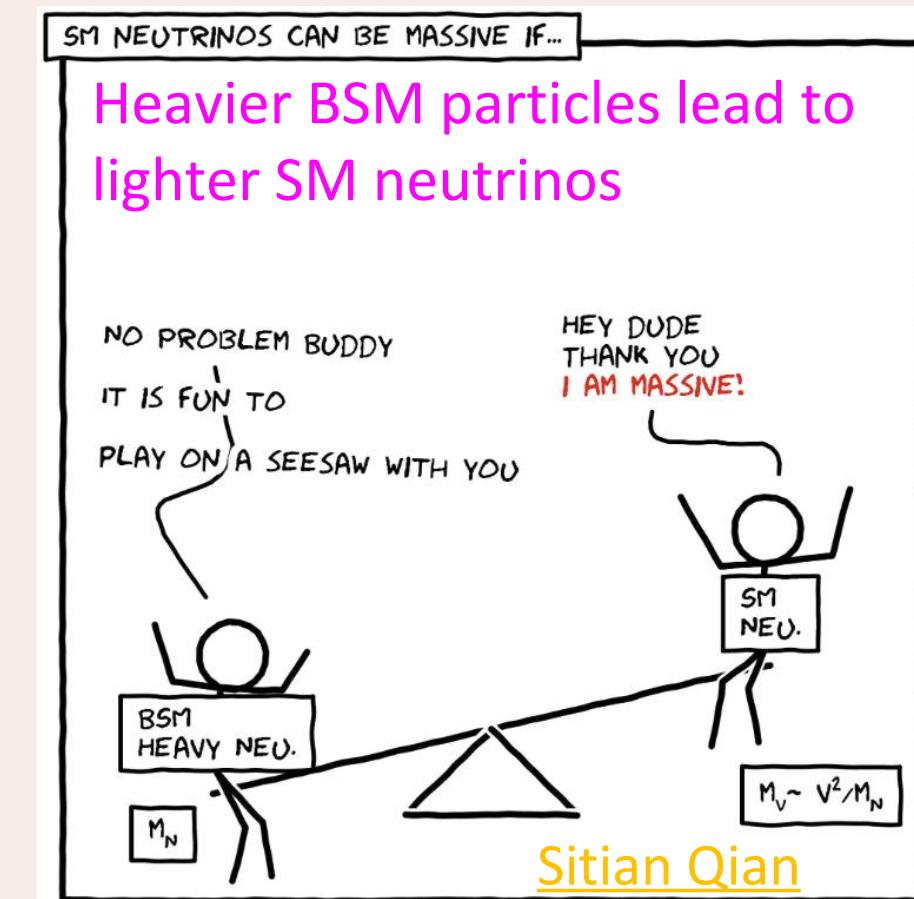
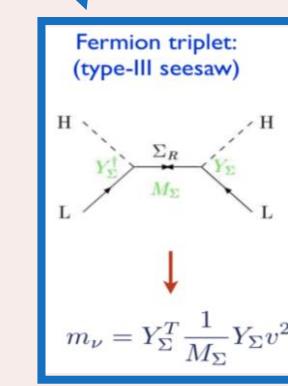
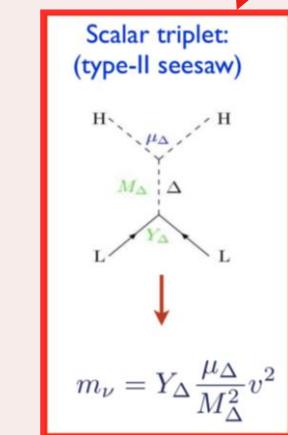
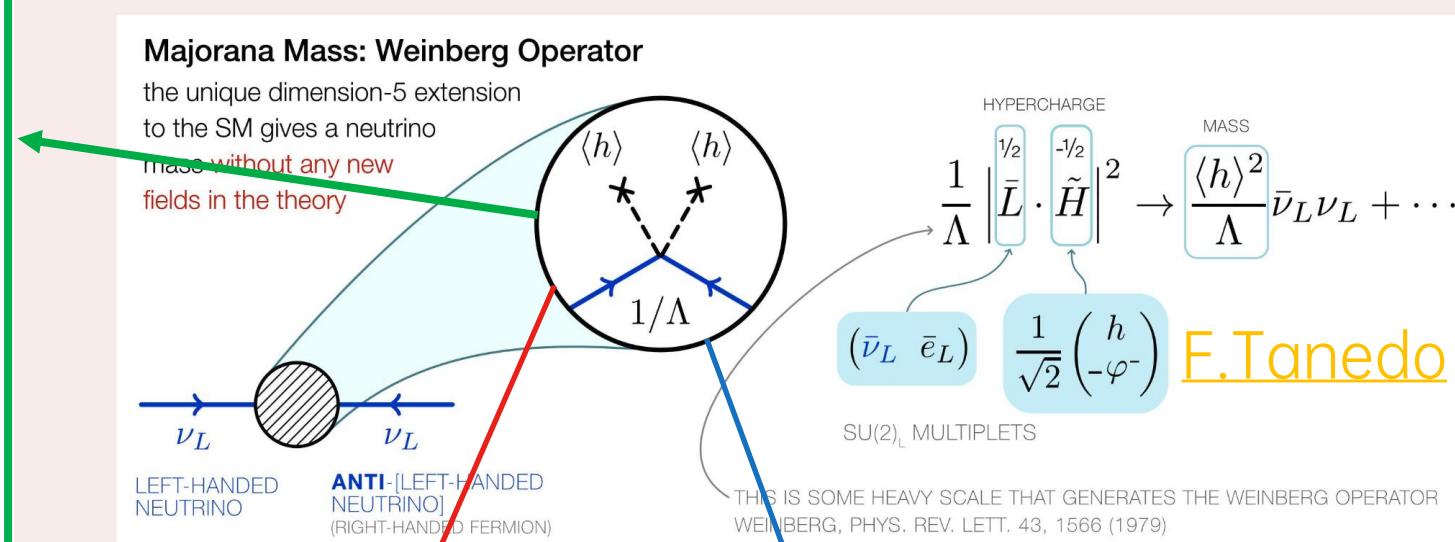
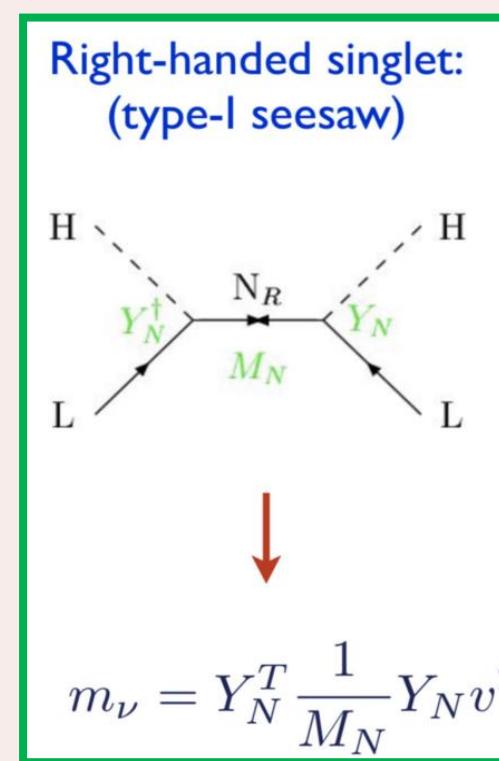


□ Majorana fermion E. Majorana ('37)

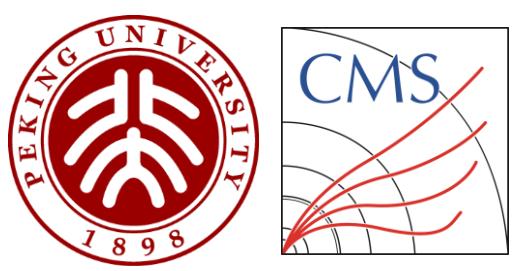
- A fermion that is its own antiparticle

□ Seesaw mechanism

- Opening the black box of Weinberg operator requires a "seesaw"
- Only three different kinds of realization at Born-level are allowed



Analyses of the Type-I Seesaw Model



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Right-handed singlet: (type-I seesaw)

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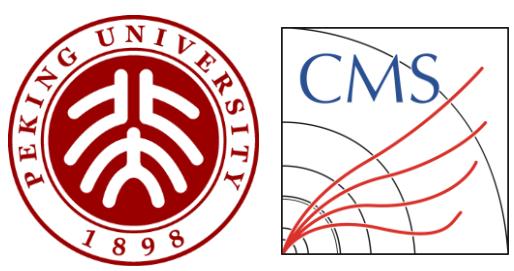
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$\frac{1}{\Lambda} |\bar{L} \cdot \tilde{H}|^2 \rightarrow \frac{\langle h \rangle^2}{\Lambda} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L + \dots$

$(\bar{\nu}_L \bar{e}_L) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ -\varphi^- \end{pmatrix}$

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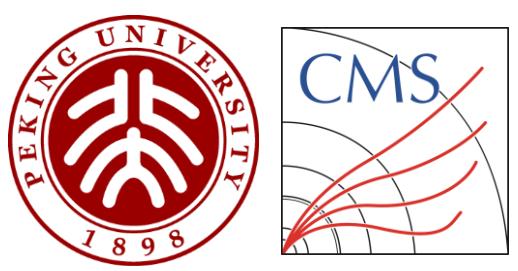
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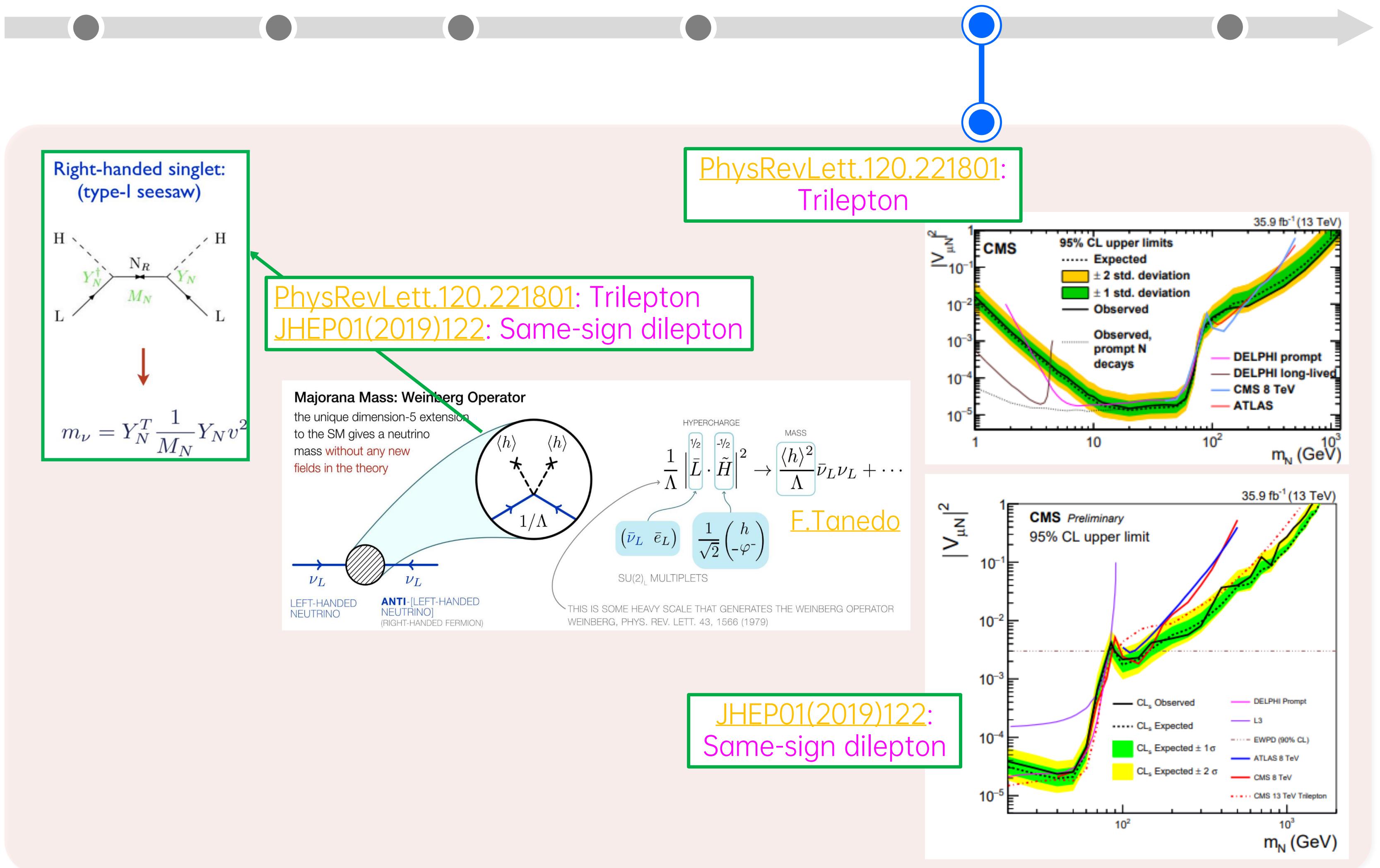
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$\sigma(pp \rightarrow N \ell^\pm + X)$
 $\equiv |V_{\ell N}|^2 \times \sigma_0(pp \rightarrow N \ell^\pm + X)$

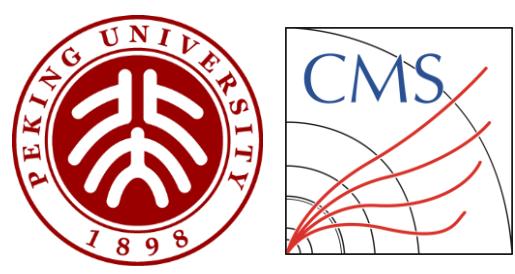
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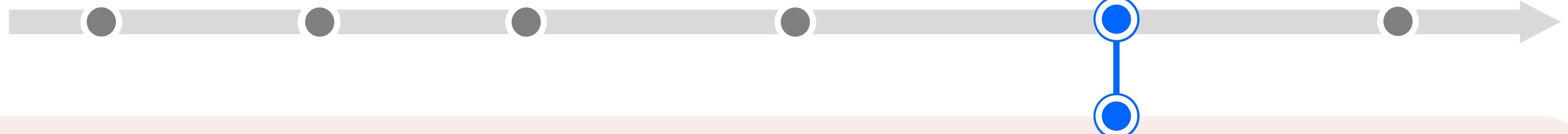
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Introduction on same-sign WW scattering

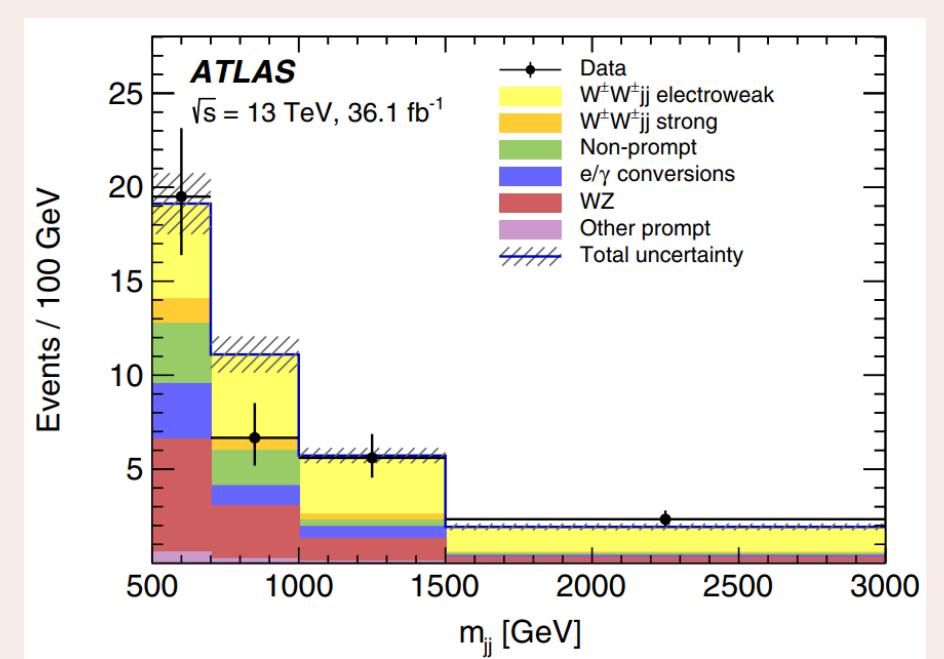
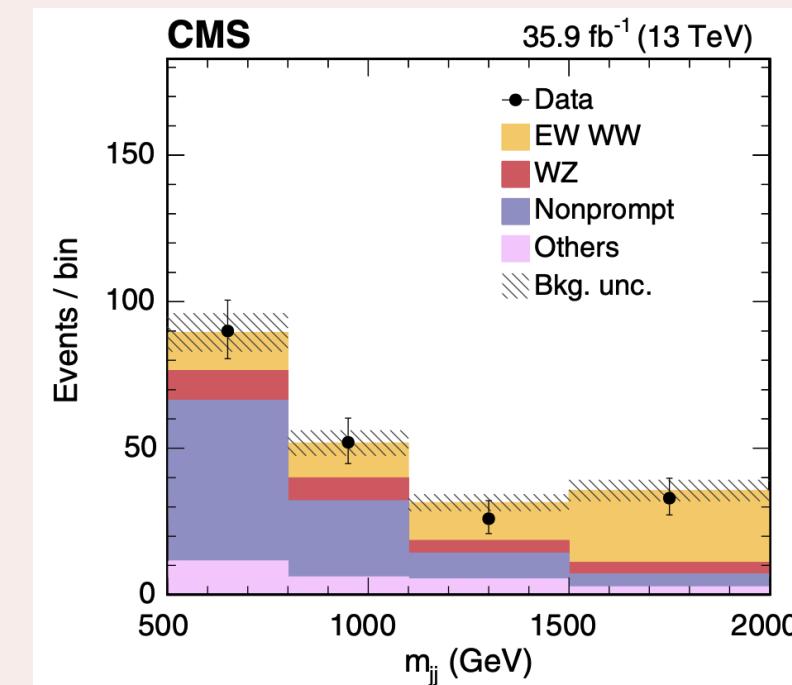
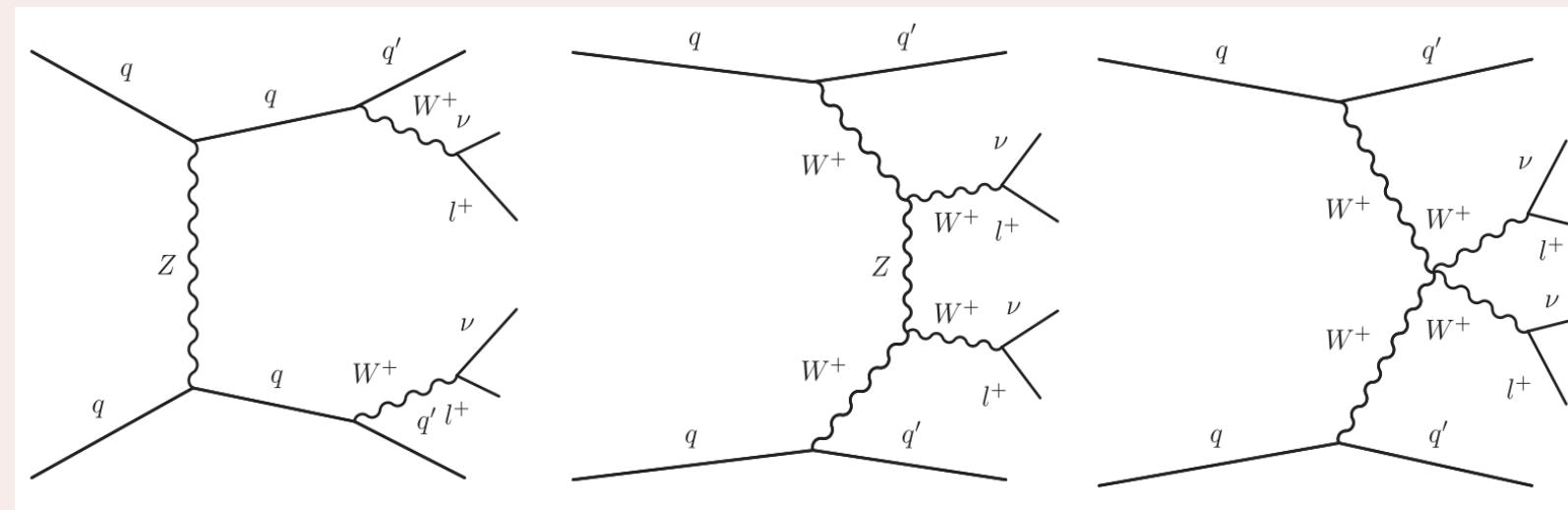


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□ Large Boson Collider

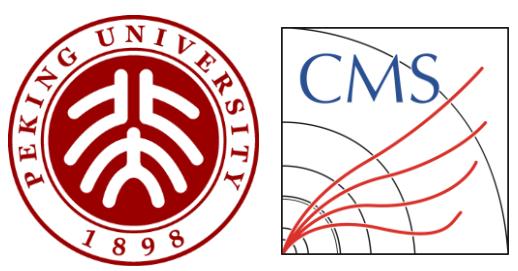
- EW production of $W^\pm W^\pm jj$: Through Vector Boson Scattering (VBS)
 - VBS processes are the key to reveal the nature of Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB)
- EW production of $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ has its own advantages:
 - Dominant EW production over QCD
 - Clear event topology: two same-sign leptons + back-to-back VBS dijet



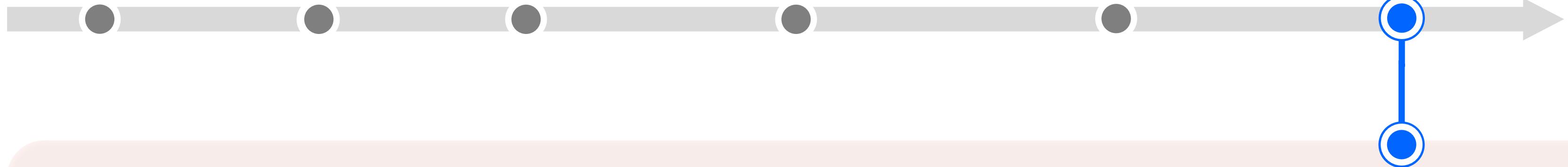
□ The first observed VBS process: same-sign WW scattering

- CMS: [PhysRevLett.120.081801](#)
- ATLAS: [PhysRevLett.123.161801](#)

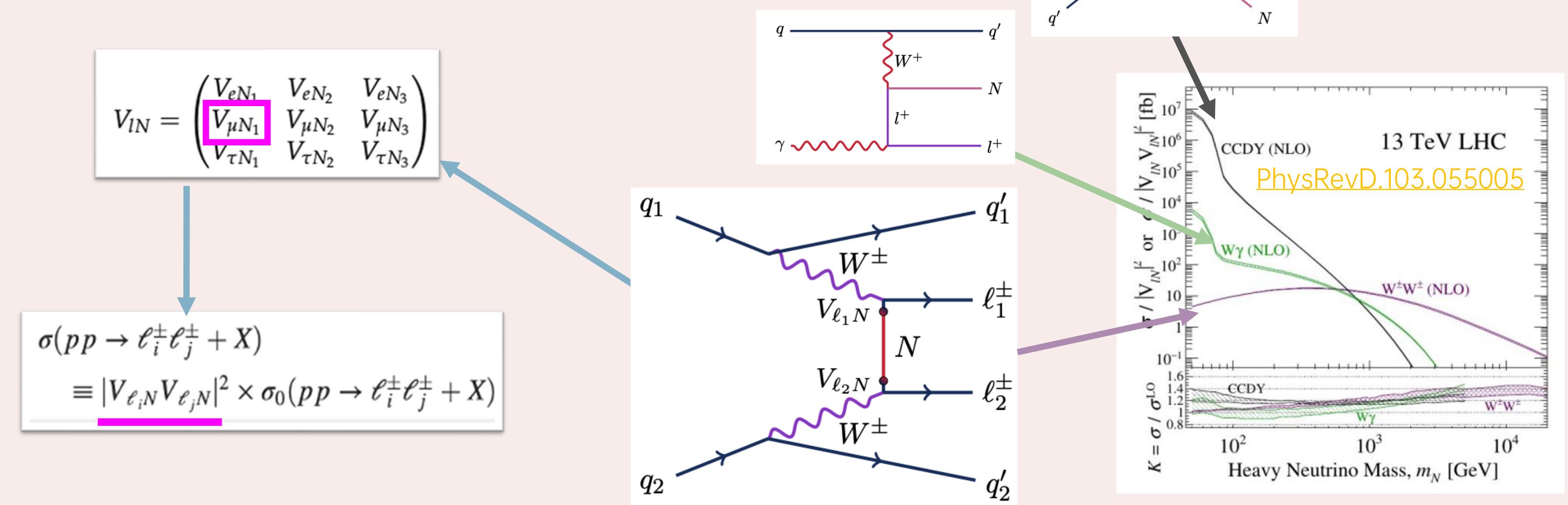
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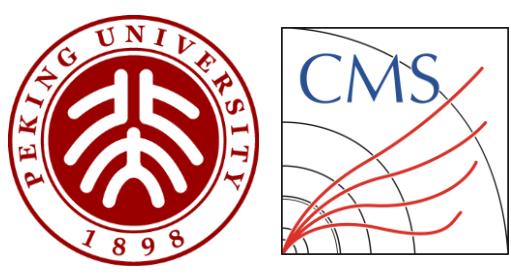


- T-channel exchange of a heavy Majorana neutrino [PhysRevD.103.055005](#)
- The "neutrinoless double- β decay" version of the LHC
- Consider the dimuon channel

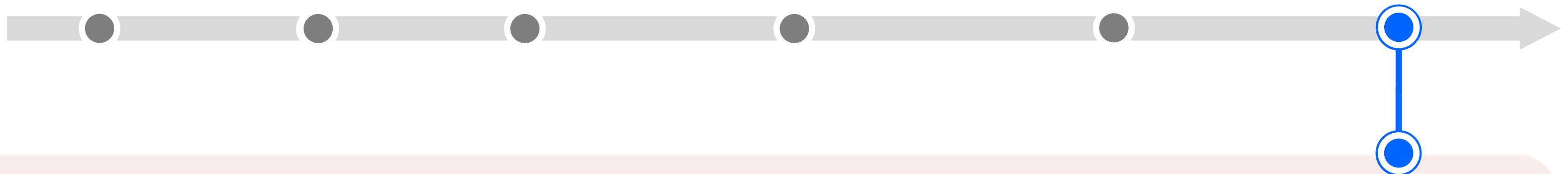


- T-channel process extends the probing mass range to ~ 20 TeV

Weinberg operator in $pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm jj$



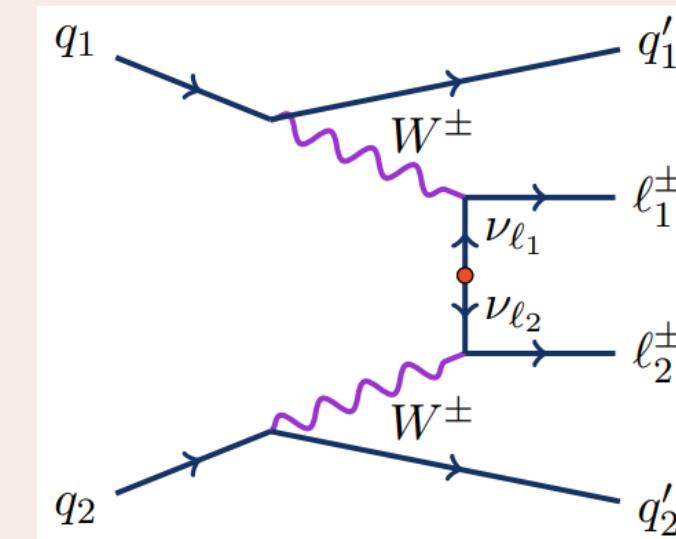
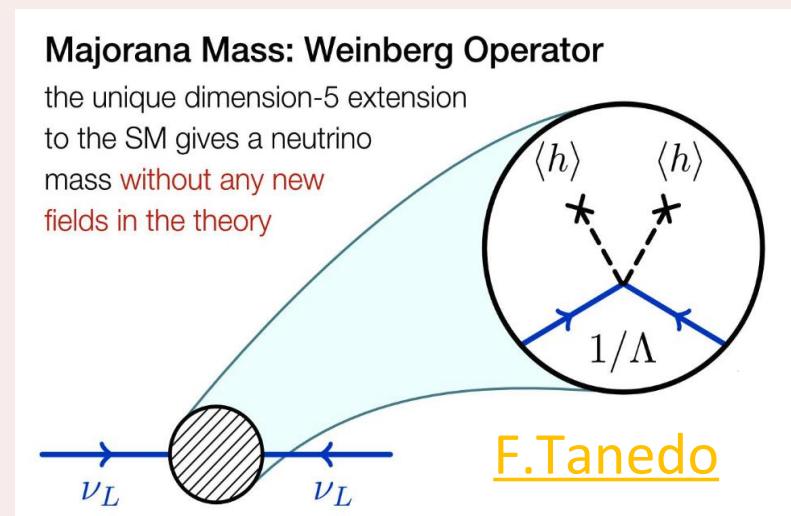
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EFT Scale

$$v = \sqrt{2}\langle\Phi\rangle \approx 246 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{Higgs vev}$$

Effective Majorana Mass

$$m_{\ell\ell'} = C_5^{\ell\ell'} v^2 / \Lambda$$

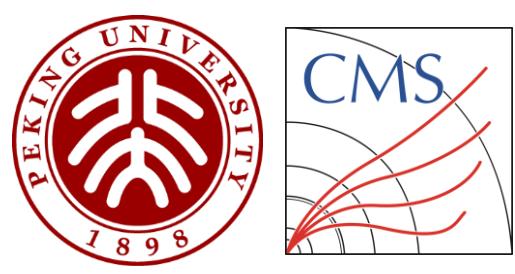
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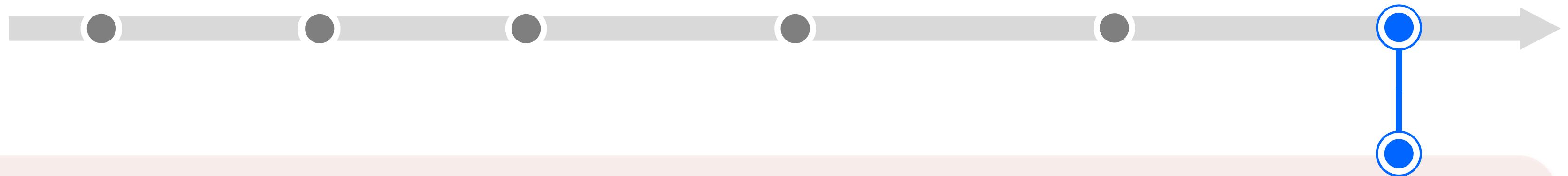
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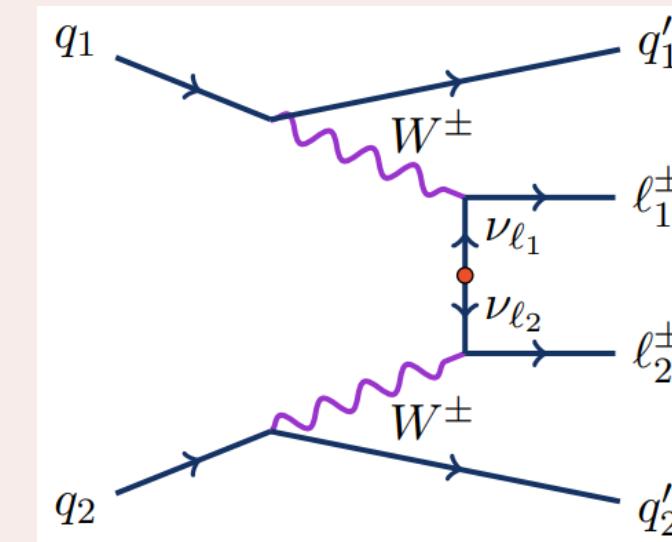
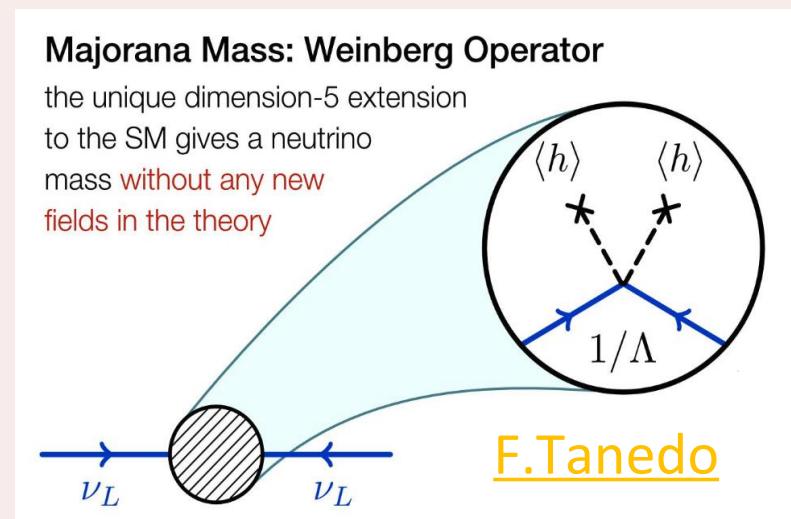
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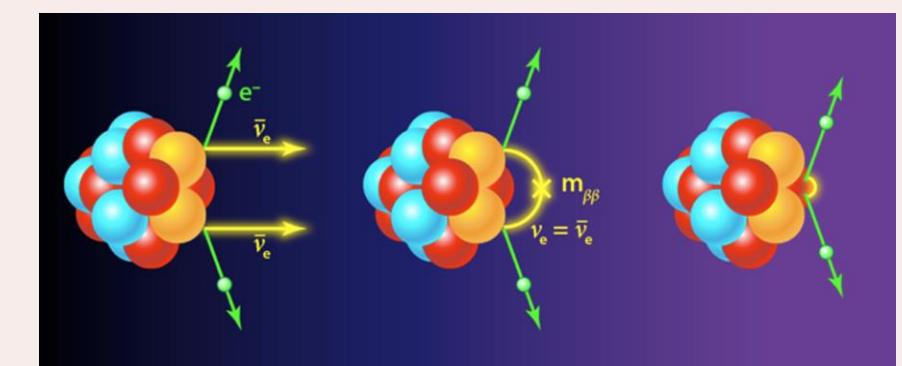
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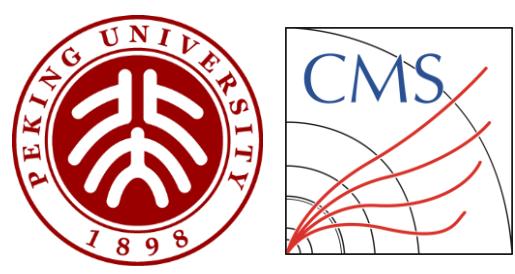
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0νββ @ [GERDA \[2009.06079\]](#)
 $|m_{ee}| < 79 - 180 \text{ meV}$ at 90% C.L.

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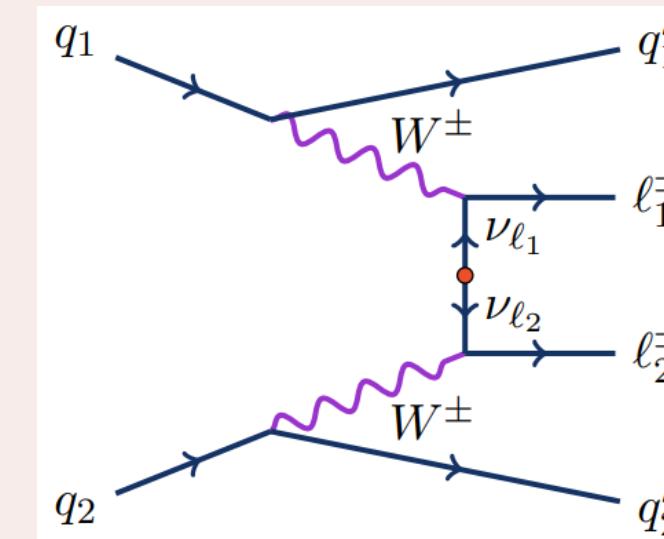
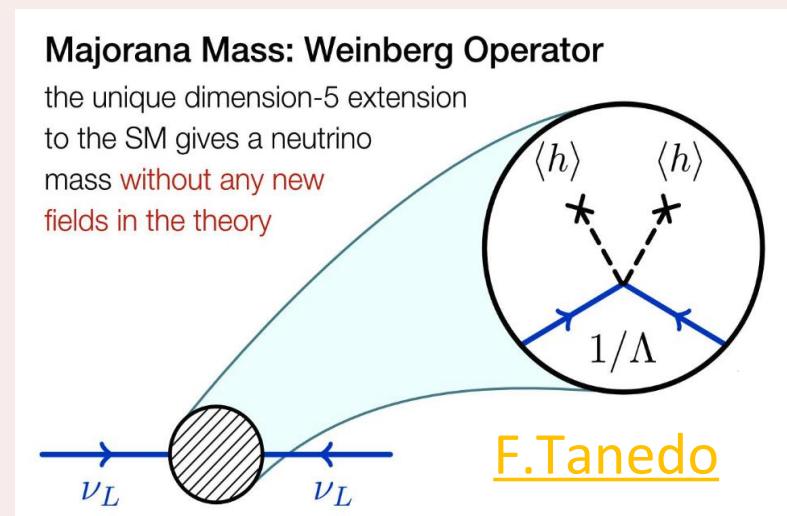
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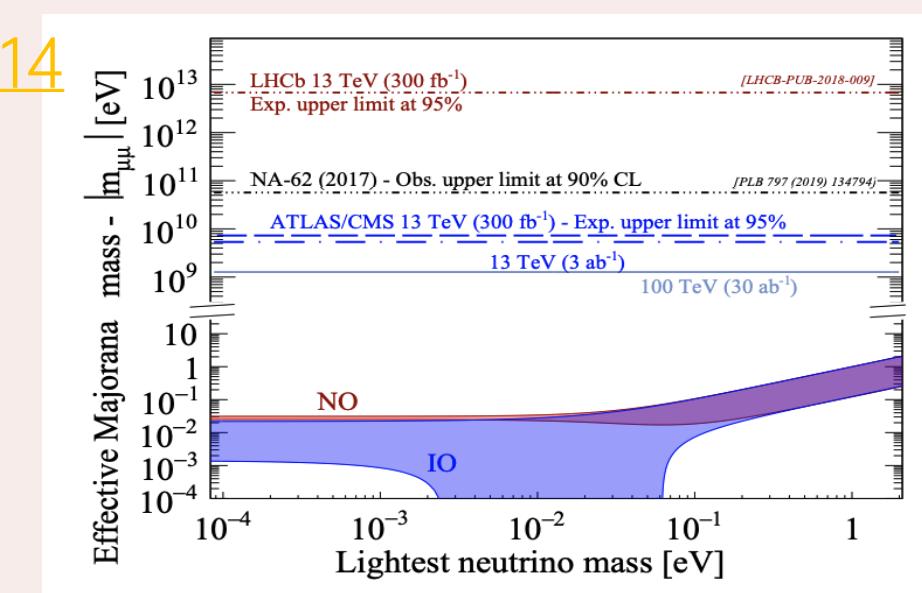
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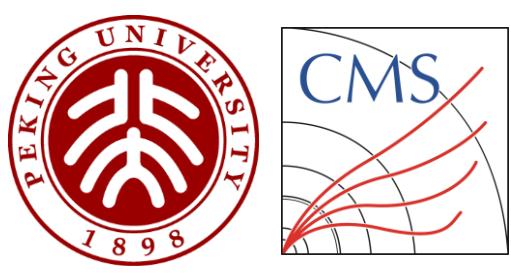
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Signal simulation



- Generator: [Madgraph5_aMC@NLO](#)
- Focus on same-sign dimuon channel: $pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm jj$
- Heavy Majorana neutrino process
 - UFO model: [SM_HeavyN_NLO](#)

```
import model SM_HeavyN_NLO
define p = g u c d s u~ c~ d~ s~
define j = p
generate p p > mu+ mu+ j j QED=4 QCD=0 $$ w+ w- / n2 n3 [QCD]
add process p p > mu- mu- j j QED=4 QCD=0 $$ w+ w- / n2 n3 [QCD]
```

- HMN: Parameters refer to [PhysRevD.103.055005](#)
 - Only consider lightest HMN N1
 - Additional heavy mass eigenstates are decoupled $m_{N2}=m_{N3}=10^{10}$ GeV
 - Only mixing element $|V_{\mu N1}|^2=1$

$$V_{IN} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{eN_1} & V_{eN_2} & V_{eN_3} \\ V_{\mu N_1} & V_{\mu N_2} & V_{\mu N_3} \\ V_{\tau N_1} & V_{\tau N_2} & V_{\tau N_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

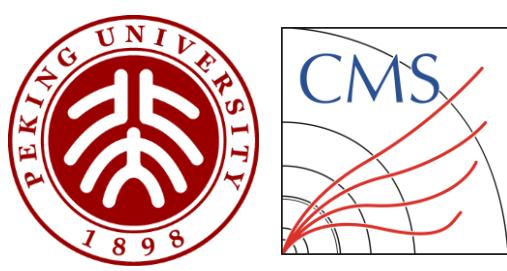
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- Weinberg op. : Parameters refer to [PhysRevD.103.115014](#)
 - Focus on $c_{\mu\mu}^5 = 1$ and $\Lambda = 200$ TeV

- Generator Cuts $p_T^j > 20$ GeV and $|\eta^j| < 5.5$

Background estimation



□ Main backgrounds

- Non-prompt muon
- SM $W^\pm W^\pm jj$

□ Non-prompt muon

- Heavy flavor decayed leptons, misidentified charge pions, etc.
- A data-driven approach based on matrix method

Category	Estimation
$W^\pm W^\pm$ EW	From MC simulation
$W^\pm W^\pm$ QCD	
WW DPS	
WZ/γ^* QCD	
WZ EW	
Tribosons & ttV	
ZZ	
Non-prompt muon	From data-driven

m_{XY}
X: # real leptons
Y: # fake leptons

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{20} \\ m_{11} \\ m_{02} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{-(p_1 - p_2)^3} \begin{pmatrix} p_2^2 & -p_2(1-p_2) & (1-p_2)^2 \\ -2p_2p_1 & p_1(1-p_2) + p_2(1-p_1) & -2(1-p)(1-p_2) \\ p^2 & -p_1(1-p_1) & (1-p_1)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_{20} \\ n_{11} \\ n_{02} \end{pmatrix}$$

n_{XY}
X: # tight leptons
Y: # loose-but-not-tight leptons

p_1 : probability for a real lepton passes the loose selection to also pass the tight selection

p_2 = Numerator/Denominator

Dijet control region

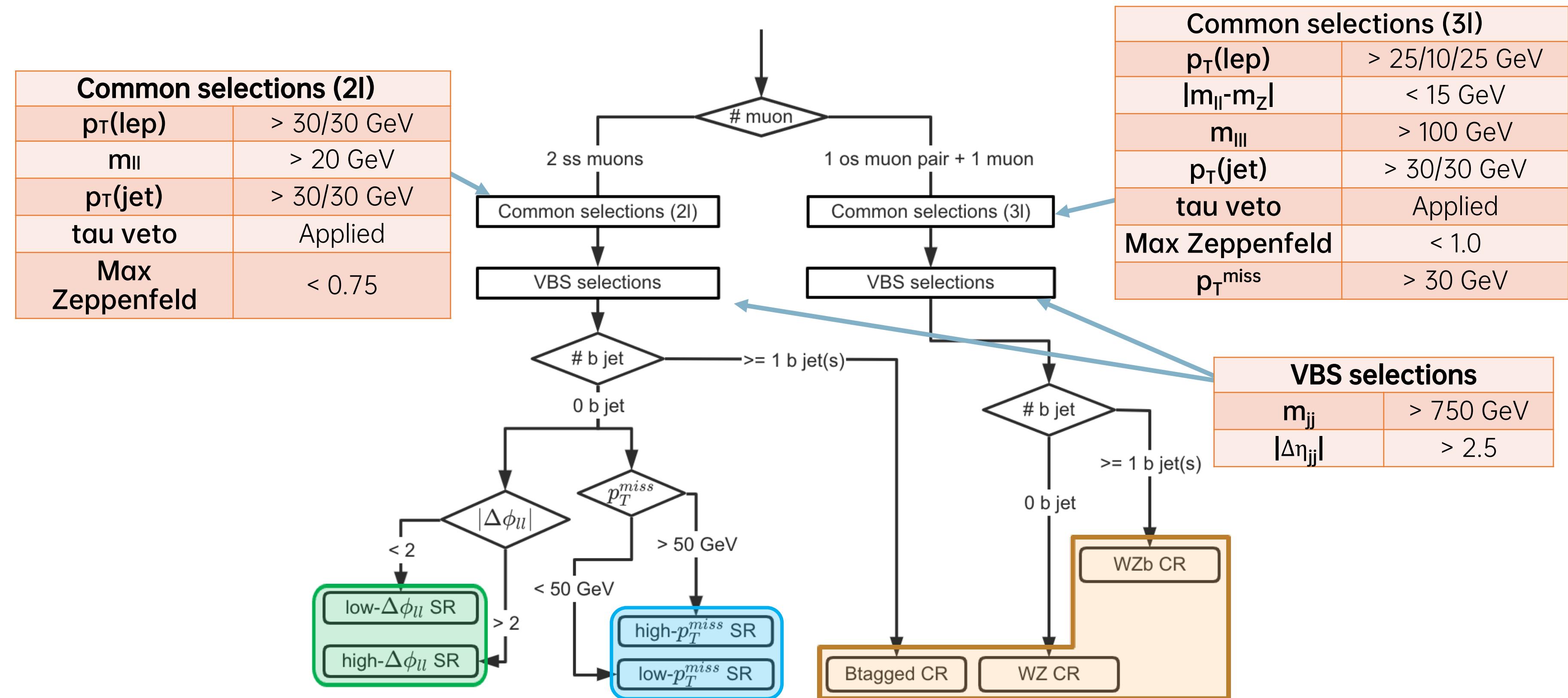
Denominator Events
with loose muon

Numerator With tight muon

- n_{20}, n_{11}, n_{02} are observed yields measured in control regions
- p_1, p_2 are probabilities of interest measured in Z mass and QCD enriched dijet control regions respectively
- m_{20}, m_{11}, m_{02} are thus calculated based on measured n_{20}, n_{11}, n_{02} and p_1, p_2

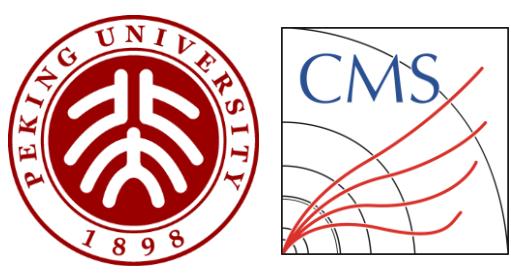
Event selection

- Signal regions and background enriched control region selections are defined



- Low- $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ SR and high- $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ SR are used for heavy Majorana neutrino processes
- High- p_T^{miss} SR and inverted low- p_T^{miss} SR are used for Weinberg op. process

Fit Strategy



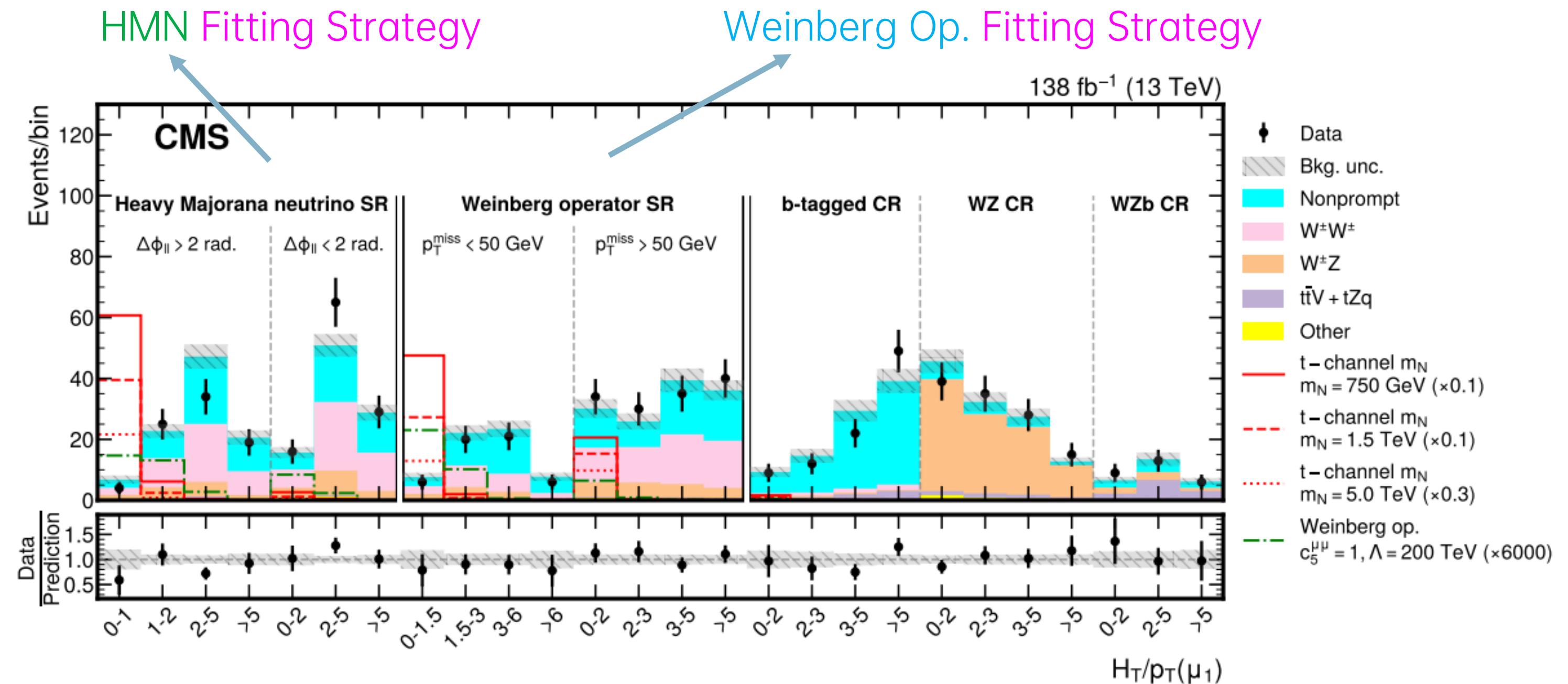
□ Via a simultaneous fit of signal regions and control regions

- Sub signal regions ($\Delta\phi_{ll}/p_T^{miss}$) are considered
- The fitted distribution is $H_T/p_{\mu 1}$ where $H_T = \sum p_T^i(jet), (i \in p_T(jet) > 30\text{GeV})$

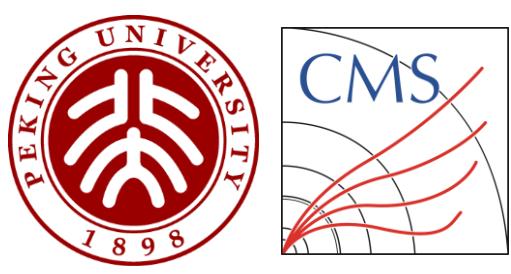
Region	Variable	variable binning
high $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ bin in $W^\pm W^\pm$ SR	$H_T/p_T^{\ell 1}$	[0, 1, 2, 5, ∞]
low $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ bin in $W^\pm W^\pm$ SR	$H_T/p_T^{\ell 1}$	[0, 2, 5, ∞]
b-tagged CR	$H_T/p_T^{\ell 1}$	[0, 2, 3, 5, ∞]
WZ CR	$H_T/p_T^{\ell 1}$	[0, 2, 3, 5, ∞]
WZb CR	$H_T/p_T^{\ell 1}$	[0, 2, 5, ∞]

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- Inverted signal regions
- Control non-prompt
- Control WZ
- Control tZq



Result on Upper limits: Heavy Majorana Neutrinos



□ Interpretations of limits

- Parameter of interest (POI) in fit: signal strength $\hat{\mu}$
 - Can be converted to upper limits on cross section:

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma_{\text{benchmark}} \times \hat{\mu}$$

For HMN:
Unit mixing only for muon:
 $|V_{\mu N}|^2 = 1$,
 $|V_{e N}|^2 = |V_{\tau N}|^2 = 0$

□ For VBF production of HMN

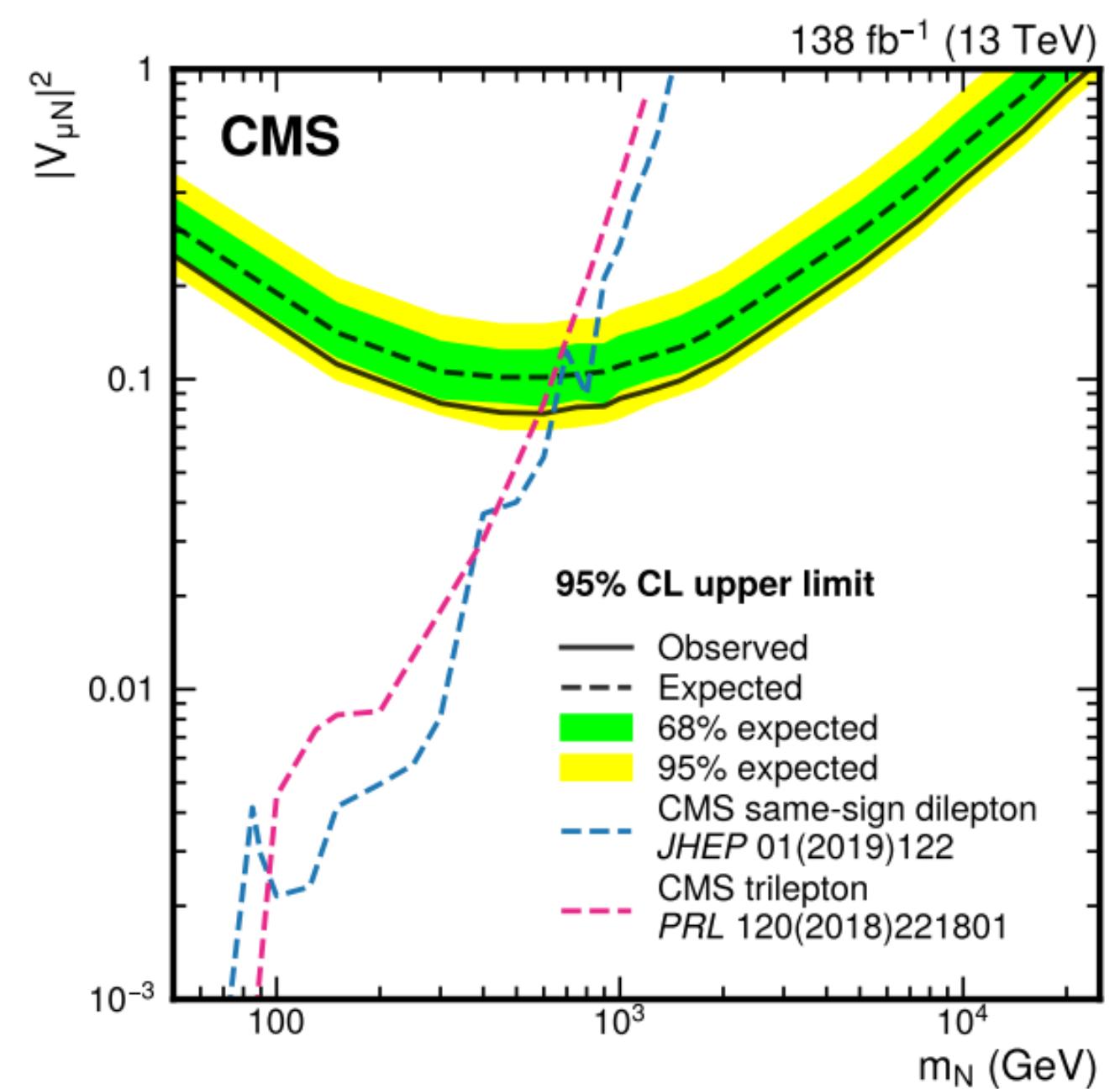
- The cross section dependence reads:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm + X) \equiv |V_{\ell_i N} V_{\ell_j N}|^2 \times \sigma_0(pp \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm + X)$$

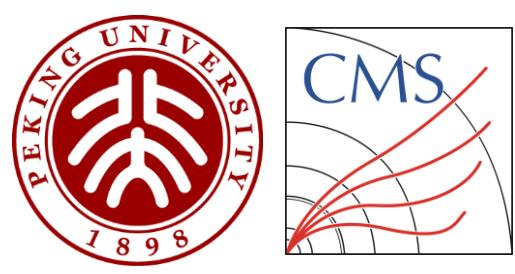
- Upper limits on signal strength can be translated to the squared mixing element $|V_{\mu N}|^2 = \sqrt{\hat{\mu}}$

□ Better constraints on $|V_{\mu N}|^2$ for $m_N \gtrsim 650$ GeV

□ m_N up to around 23 TeV is excluded



Result on Upper limits: Weinberg operator



□ Interpretations of limits

- POI in fit: signal strength $\hat{\mu}$
- Can be converted to upper limits on cross section:

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma_{\text{benchmark}} \times \hat{\mu}$$

For Weinberg op.:

Unit Wilson Coefficient only for dimuon:

$$|C_5^{\mu\mu}|^2 = 1, \text{ others} = 0$$

And EFT Scale $\Lambda = 200$ GeV

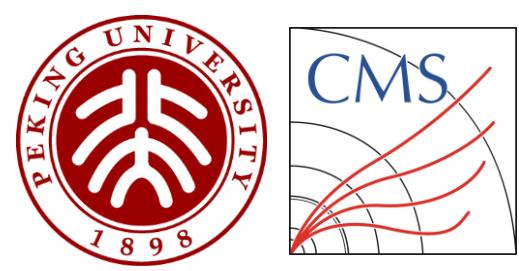
□ For Weinberg op. processes

- The cross-section dependence reads:
$$\hat{\sigma}(W^+W^+ \rightarrow \ell^+\ell'^+) = \frac{(2 - \delta_{\ell\ell'})}{2\pi 3^2} \left| \frac{C_5^{\ell\ell'}}{\Lambda} \right|^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_W^2}{M_{WW}^2}\right)$$
- Effective Majorana Mass is given by:
$$m_{\ell\ell'} = C_5^{\ell\ell'} v^2 / \Lambda$$
- Interpretation: translate to EFT scale limit with Wilson coefficient fixed to unit, thus $\hat{\Lambda} = 200 \times \hat{\mu}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ GeV, and translate to effective Majorana mass limit $m_{\mu\mu} = v^2 |C_5^{\mu\mu}| / \hat{\Lambda}$

□ Results

- Observed (expected) lower bound on EFT scales Λ : 5.6 (4.7) TeV (assuming $C_5^{\mu\mu} = 1$)
- Observed (expected) upper limit of effective Majorana mass $|m_{\mu\mu}|$: 10.8 (12.8) GeV

Summary



- Performed analysis on VBF production of **same-sign muon pairs** associated with two jets
 - Heavy Majorana neutrino from Type-I Seesaw Model
 - Upper limits on $|V_{\mu N}|^2$ for m_N up to around 23 TeV
 - Better constraints on $|V_{\mu N}|^2$ for $m_N \gtrsim 650$ GeV
 - First search at collider on dimension-5 **Weinberg operator**
 - Upper limit of effective Majorana mass $|m_{\mu\mu}|$, observed (expected): 10.8 (12.8) GeV
- [arXiv: 2206.08956](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.08956) submitted to PRL and will be accepted soon

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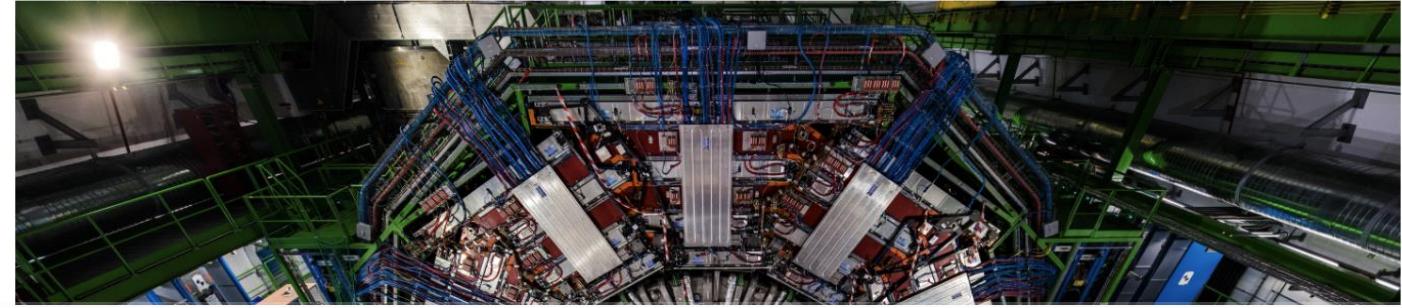
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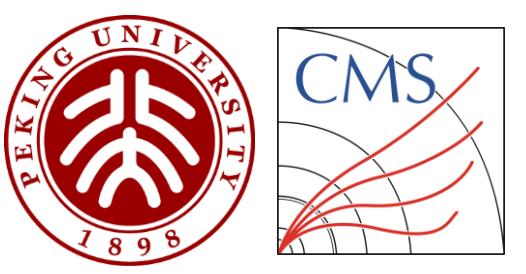
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CMS tries out the seesaw

The collaboration has put the seesaw model of neutrino mass to a new test

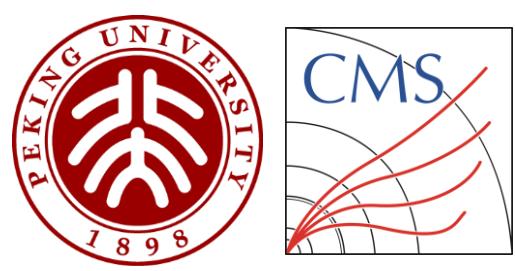
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Backup

Enormous efforts in $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ study

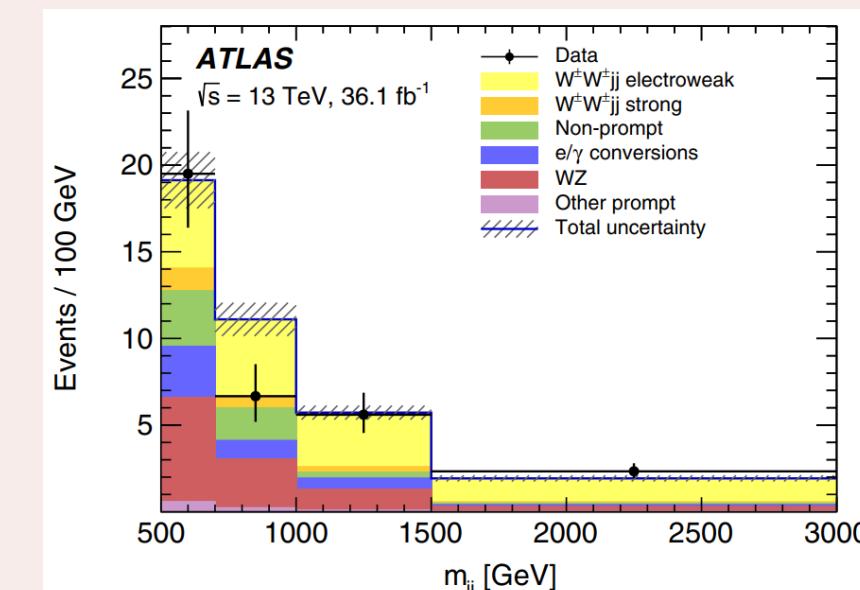
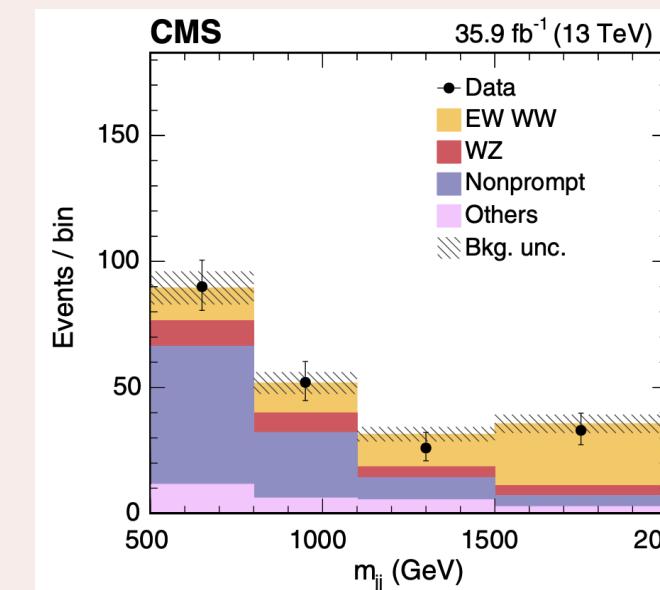
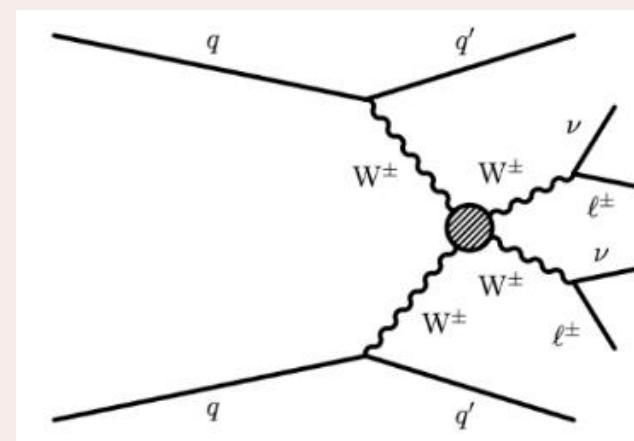


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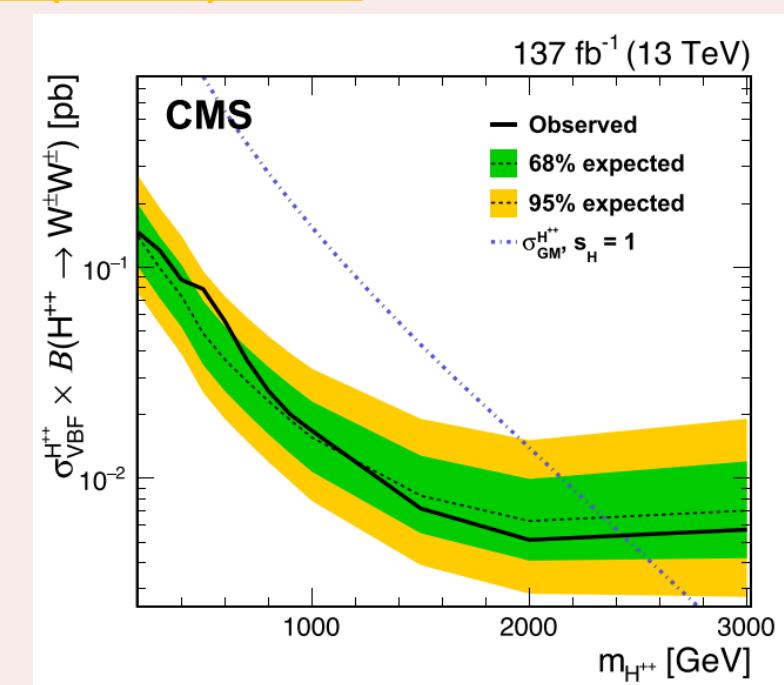
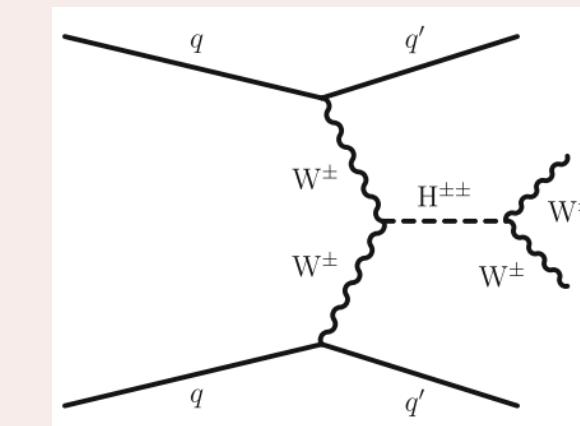
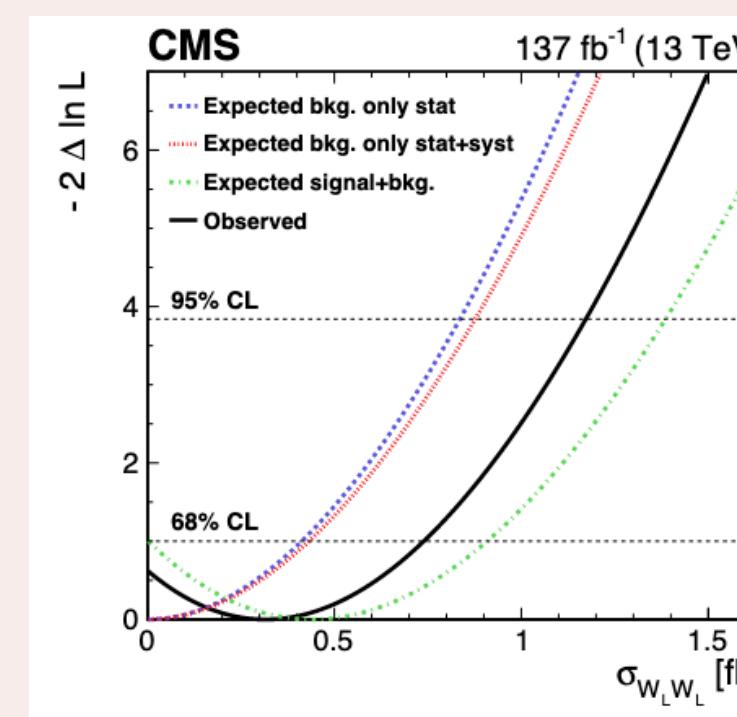
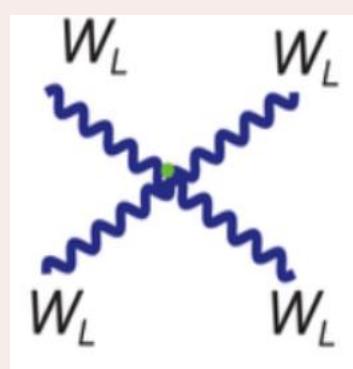
□ The first observed VBS process: same-sign WW scattering

- CMS: (2016 data) [PhysRevLett.120.081801](#) (full Run-2) [Phys. Lett. B 809 \(2020\) 135710](#)
- ATLAS: [PhysRevLett.123.161801](#)

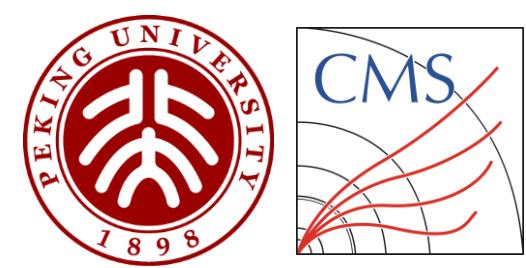


□ Measurements of Polarized $W^\pm W^\pm jj$

- [Phys. Lett. B 812 \(2020\) 136018](#)



Cross sections of signal samples



□ Cross sections of HMN processes

- Cross sections from around 0.1 to 18 fb

m_N (GeV)	50	150	300	450	600	750	900	1000	1250
XS(fb)	4.606	13.57	17.99	18.20	16.91	15.47	13.86	12.84	10.67
m_N (GeV)	1500	1750	2000	2500	5000	7500	10000	15000	20000
XS (fb)	8.918	7.612	6.425	4.811	1.598	0.7736	0.4480	0.2052	0.1165

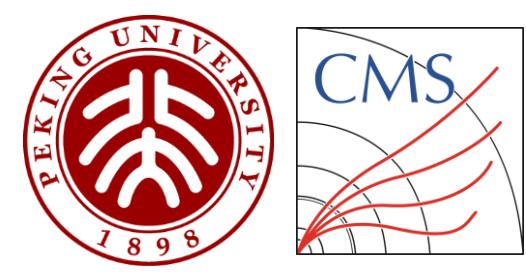
□ Cross sections of Weinberg op. processes

- Focus with benchmark inputs: $c_{\mu\mu}^5 = 1$ and $\Lambda = 200$ TeV

$$\sigma \sim |m_{\ell\ell'}|^2 \propto |C_5^{\ell\ell'}/\Lambda|^2$$

EFT scale Λ (TeV)	10	100	200	400
Effective Majorana mass (GeV)	6	0.6	0.3	0.15
Cross Section (pb)	1.33×10^{-4}	1.50×10^{-4}	3.74×10^{-7}	9.35×10^{-8}

Systematics Uncertainties



□ Theoretical uncertainties:

- QCD scale uncertainties and PDF uncertainties considered for signal processes (**HMN** & **WO**) and $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ process
 - Renormalization and factorization QCD scale uncertainties
 - PDF uncertainties: standard deviation of PDF variations in sample production
- NLO corrections are considered for $W^\pm W^\pm jj$ and $W^\pm Z jj$ process

□ Data-Driven non-prompt muon background

- Two major sources of uncertainty:
 - Statistical uncertainty for non-prompt rate measurement: by most 5%
 - Flavor composition discrepancies of faking lepton jets between measurement region and signal region: estimated from varying p_T of "away-side" jets, by most 7%
- The estimation approaches are however conservative, thus a 30% total uncertainty for non-prompt muon modeling is applied in addition.

□ Common experimental uncertainties

- Integrated luminosity
- Jet Energy Scale
- ...

□ Sample statistical uncertainties

- Barlow-Beeston-lite method