

# Sterile Neutrinos as a Window to New Physics

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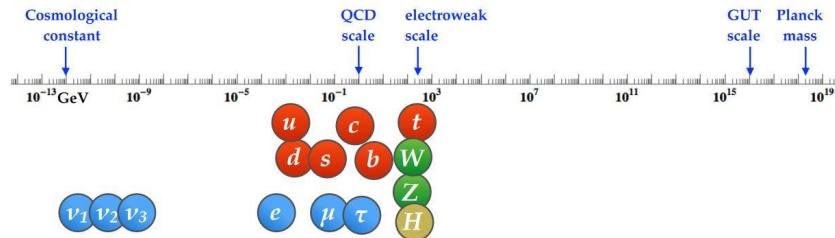
# Tail of new physics

- Massive neutrinos

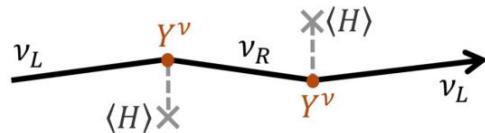


# Neutrino masses

- How do neutrinos get tiny masses?



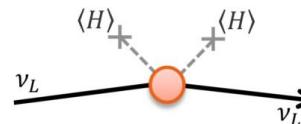
Dirac mass:



$$\mathcal{L}_D = -(Y^\nu \bar{L} H \nu_R + \text{h.c.})$$

very small coupling

Majorana mass:



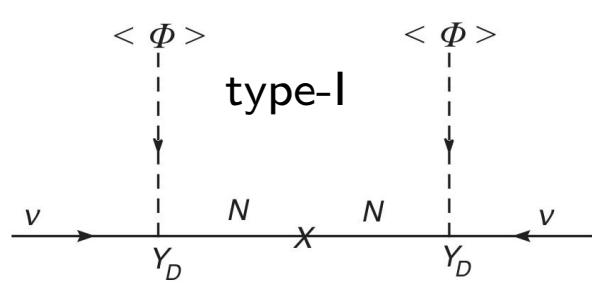
$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{C_5}{\Lambda} (\bar{L}^c \tilde{H}^*) (\tilde{H}^\dagger L) + \text{h.c.}$$

(very) large scale

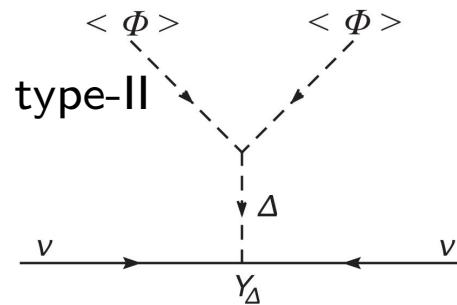
a la eg. type-I, II, III seesaw

# Neutrino masses

Seesaw mechanisms:



$$-M_D M_N^{-1} M_D^T$$



$$Y_\Delta \frac{\mu v^2}{M_\Delta^2}$$

- (1) How do right-handed neutrinos interact with the SM?
- (2) How do right-handed neutrinos get Majorana mass  $M_N$ ?

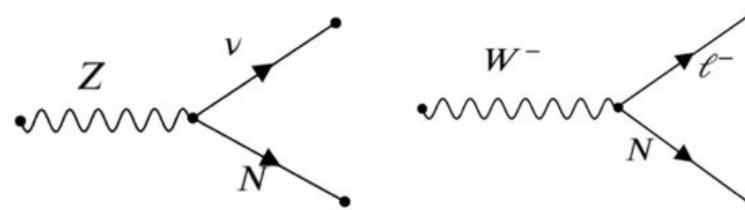
# Neutrino masses

(1) From flavor basis to mass basis, heavy neutrinos interact with the SM

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ N \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \Theta^\dagger \\ -\Theta & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ N \end{pmatrix}$$

active-**sterile** mixing:


$$\Theta = \frac{1}{M_N} M_D \ll 1$$

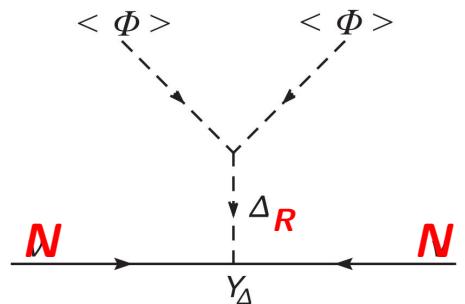


# Neutrino masses

## (2) Dynamical origin of right-handed neutrino mass

The Majorana mass of  $\nu_R$  may have non-trivial dynamical origin, for instance,  $M_R = h_\Delta \langle \Delta_R \rangle$ , where  $\Delta_R$  is the  $SU(2)_R$  Higgs triplet in the L-R symmetric models or  $M_R = h_\phi \langle \sigma \rangle$ , where  $\sigma$  is the gauge singlet. It can originate from condensate of new strongly interacting sector.

Alexei Yu. Smirnov, 2401.09999



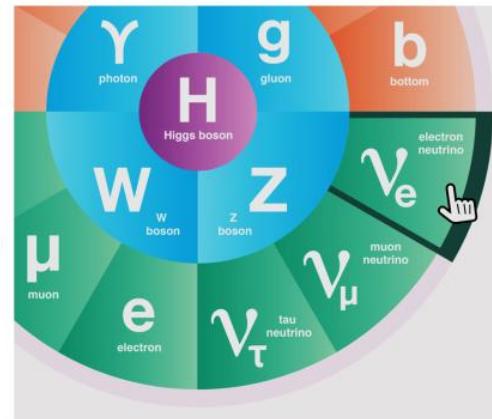
Spontaneous symmetry breaking above  
the electroweak scale:

$$M_N = Y_{\Delta_R} \langle \Delta_R \rangle$$

# Neutrino masses

Open questions in neutrino physics:

- Normal or Inverted (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ?)
- Leptonic CP Violation ( $\delta = ?$ )
- Octant of  $\theta_{23}$  ( $>$  or  $< 45^\circ$ ?)
- Absolute Neutrino Masses ( $m_{\text{lightest}} = 0?$ )
- Majorana or Dirac Nature ( $\nu = \nu^c ?$ )
- Majorana CP-Violating Phases (how?)



- Extra Neutrino Species
- Exotic Neutrino Interactions
- Various LNV & LFV Processes
- Leptonic Unitarity Violation
- Origin of Neutrino Masses
- Flavor Structure (Symmetry?)
- Quark-Lepton Connection
- Relations to DM and/or BAU

credit: Shun Zhou

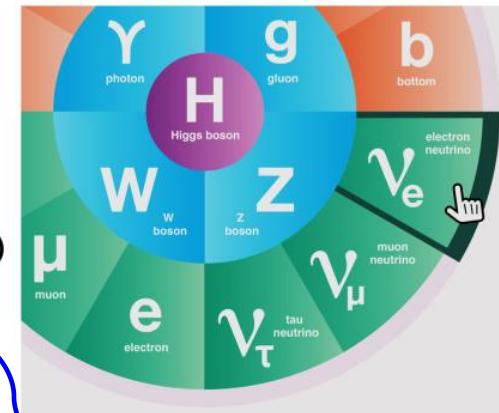
# Neutrino masses

At least three steps are necessary:

- Normal or Inverted (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ ?)
- Leptonic CP Violation ( $\delta = ?$ )
- Octant of  $\theta_{23}$  ( $>$  or  $< 45^\circ$ ?)
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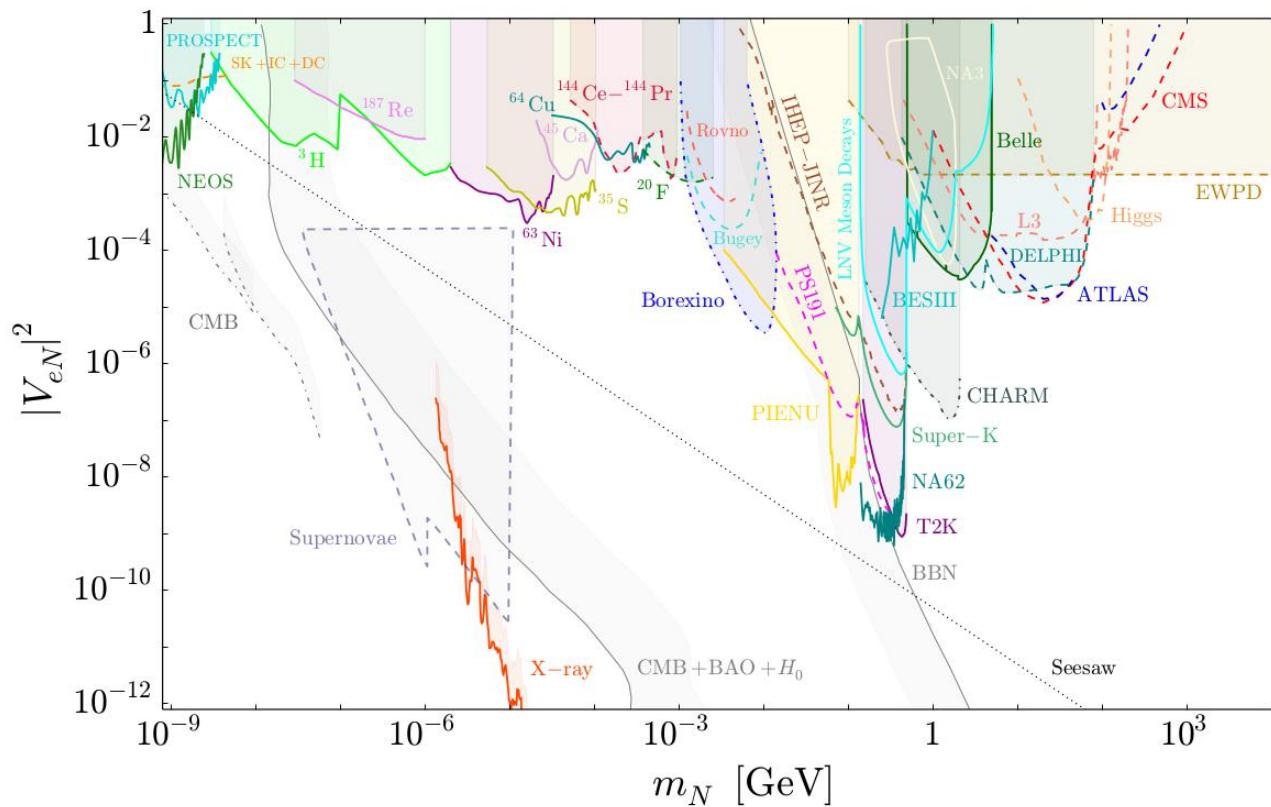
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# Sterile neutrino phase space

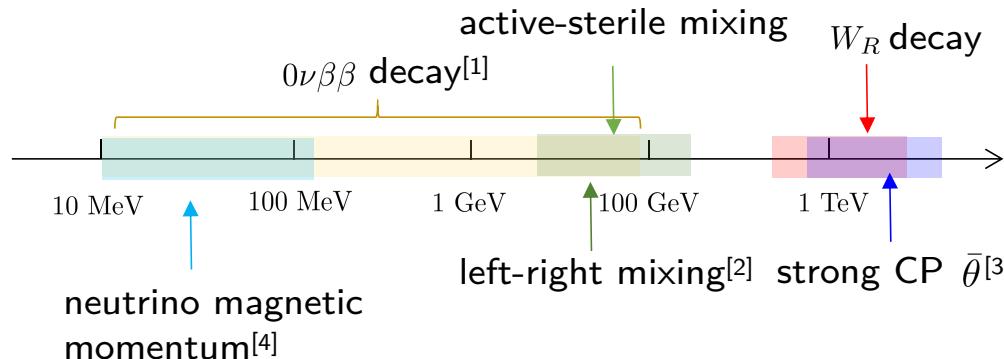
## Diverse searches



Bolton, Deppisch, Bhupal Dev, 1912.03058 (JHEP)

# Sterile neutrino phase space

Mass ranges from MeV to TeV



[1] [GL](#), M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, J. C. Vasquez, 2009.01257 (PRL);

de Vries, [GL](#), Ramsey-Musolf, Vasquez, 2209.03031 (JHEP)

[2] [GL](#), Ramsey-Musolf, Vasquez, 2202.01789 (PRD)

[3] [GL](#), Ding-Yi Luo, Xiang Zhao, 2404.16740

[4] work in progress

UV completion: left-right symmetric model, inverse/double seesaw

←  
this talk

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

The minimal LRSM:

Gauge group:  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$

Doublets:

$$q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L \quad q_R = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_R$$

$$L_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ l \end{pmatrix}_L \quad L_R = \begin{pmatrix} N \\ l \end{pmatrix}_R$$

**Mohapatra and Senjanovic,**  
**Phys.Rev.Lett. 44 (1980) 912,**  
**Phys.Rev.D 23 (1981) 165**

Bidoublet:

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 \\ 0 & v_2 e^{i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

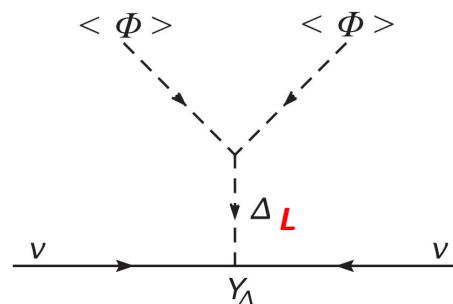
Triplets:

$$\Delta_{L,R} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{L,R}^+/\sqrt{2} & \delta_{L,R}^{++} \\ \delta_{L,R}^0 & -\delta_{L,R}^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

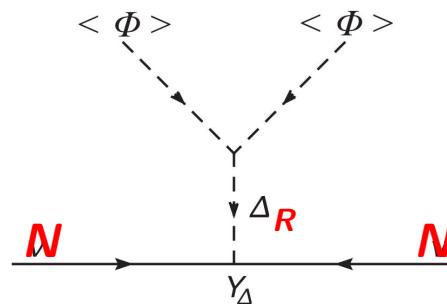
$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \langle \Delta_R \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_R & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \Delta_L \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_L e^{i\theta_L} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

Left-right symmetry



$$M_L = Y_{\Delta_L} \langle \Delta_L \rangle$$



$$M_N = Y_{\Delta_R} \langle \Delta_R \rangle$$

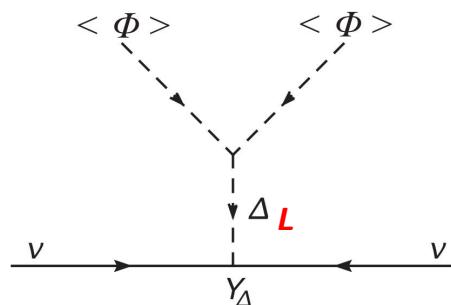
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$$\mathcal{P} : \begin{cases} Y_\Phi = Y_\Phi^\dagger, \\ Y_{\Delta_{L,R}} = Y_{\Delta_{R,L}}, \end{cases}$$

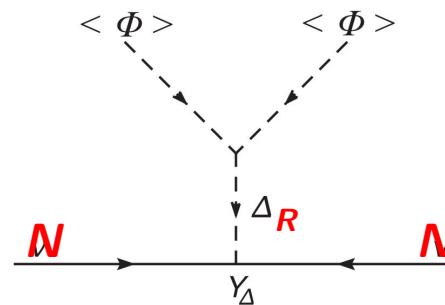
$$\mathcal{C} : \begin{cases} Y_\Phi = Y_\Phi^T, \\ Y_{\Delta_{L,R}} = Y_{\Delta_{R,L}}^*. \end{cases}$$

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

Left-right symmetry



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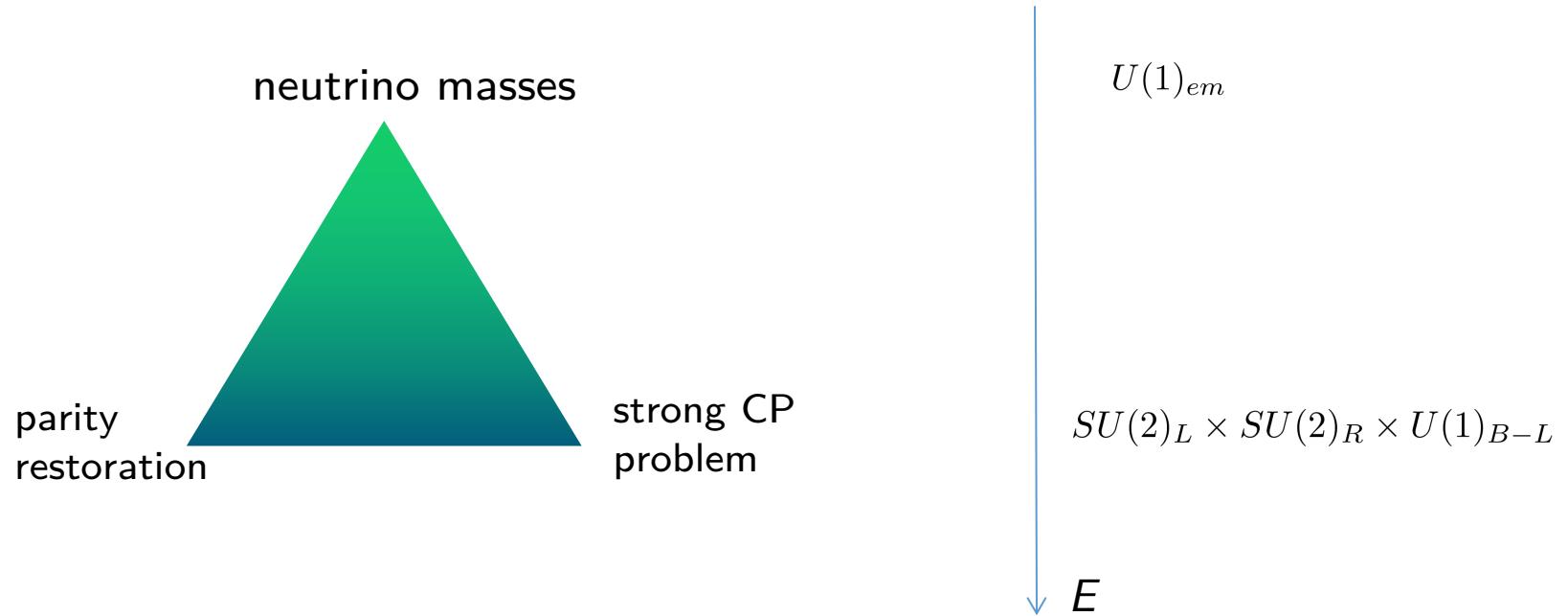
seesaw relation (type I+II):

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

↑  
type-II                    type-I

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

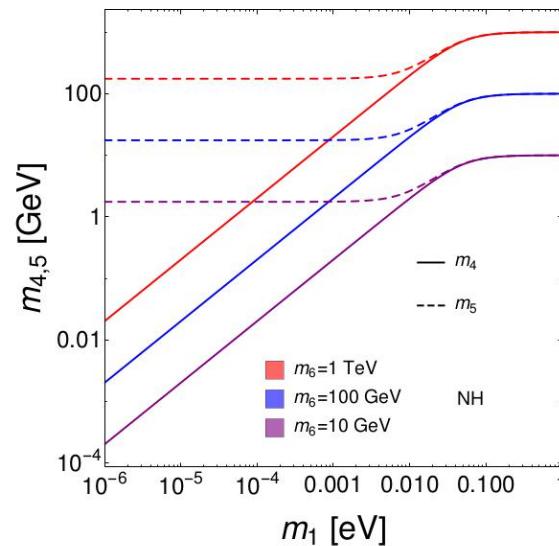
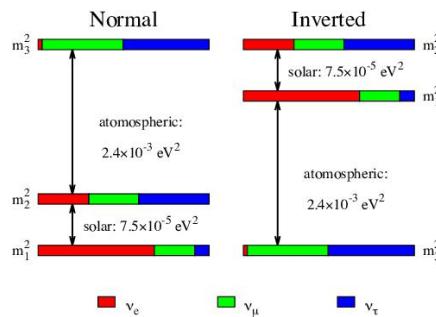
Key to the problems:



# Left-Right Symmetric Model

Mass correlation

$$M_\nu = M_L = \frac{v_L}{v_R} M_N \quad v_{L,R} \equiv \langle \Delta_{L,R} \rangle \quad \text{type-II seesaw}$$



de Vries, **GL**, Ramsey-Musolf,  
Vasquez, 2209.03031 (JHEP)

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

Physical parameters as input

- In type-I seesaw models:

$$M_D = i\sqrt{m_N} O \sqrt{m_\nu} V_L^\dagger \quad \text{Casas-Ibarra parameterization}$$

- In the minimal LRSM for the case of

charge conjugation:

$$M_D = V_L^* m_N \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{v_R} - \frac{m_\nu}{m_N}} V_L^\dagger \quad V_R = V_L^* \quad \text{Nemevsek, Senjanovic, Tello, 1211.2837 (PRL)}$$

parity:

$$M_D = V_L m_N \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{v_R} - \frac{m_\nu}{m_N}} V_L^\dagger \quad V_R = V_L \quad \text{Senjanovic, Tello, 1612.05503 (PRL)}$$

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

P not PQ: no QCD  $\theta$  term due to parity (axionless solution)

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}$$

Mohapatra, Senjanovic 1978  
Babu, Mohapatra 1989

Strong CP problem:  $\bar{\theta}^{\text{exp}} \lesssim 10^{-10}$

$$\bar{\theta} = \arg \det(M_u M_d)$$

$$\bar{\theta} \simeq s_\alpha t_{2\beta} m_t / (2m_b)$$

tree-level, from CP violation in quark sector

For quark Yukawa interaction  $\bar{Q}_L Y_Q \Phi Q_R$ ,

$$Q_L \leftrightarrow Q_R \quad \Phi \leftrightarrow \Phi^\dagger \quad Y_Q \leftrightarrow Y_Q^\dagger$$

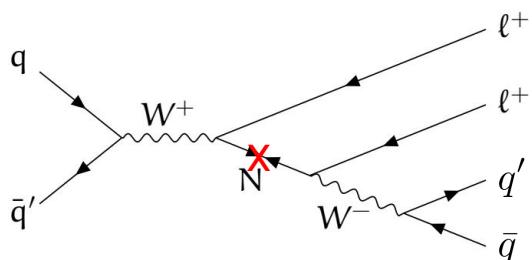
A. Maiezza and M. Nemevšek,  
[1407.3678 \(PRD\)](#)

Quark mass matrix  $M_Q = Y_Q \langle \Phi \rangle$  is generally complex

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = v \text{ diag} (c_\beta, -s_\beta e^{-i\alpha})$$

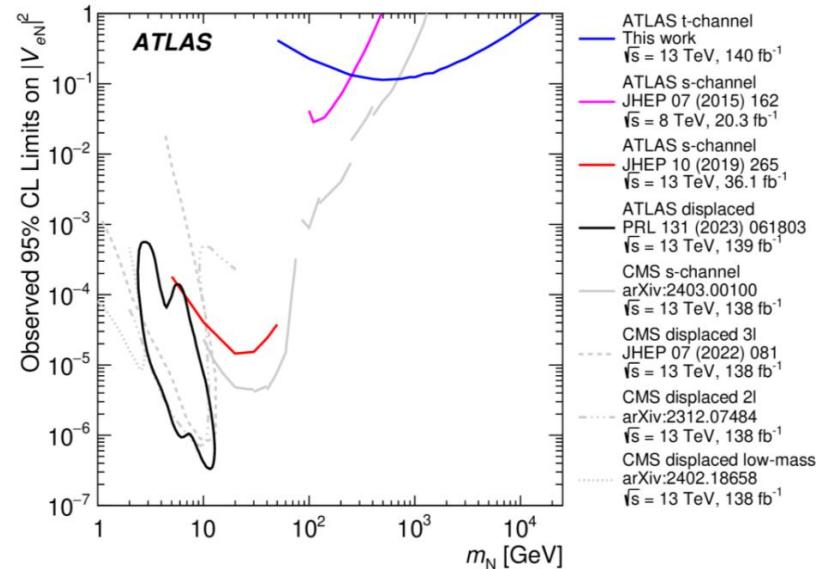
# Direct searches at the LHC

via active-sterile mixing



- active-sterile mixing  $\Theta$
- sensitive to light  $N$

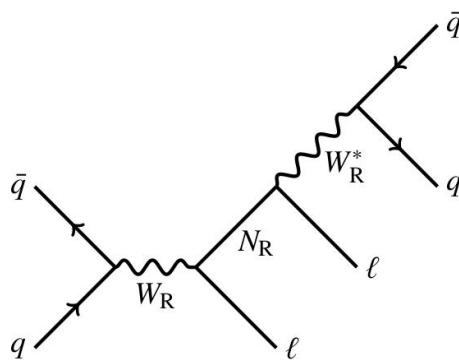
$$V_{eN} \sim \Theta$$



Holly Pacey @Moriond (2024)

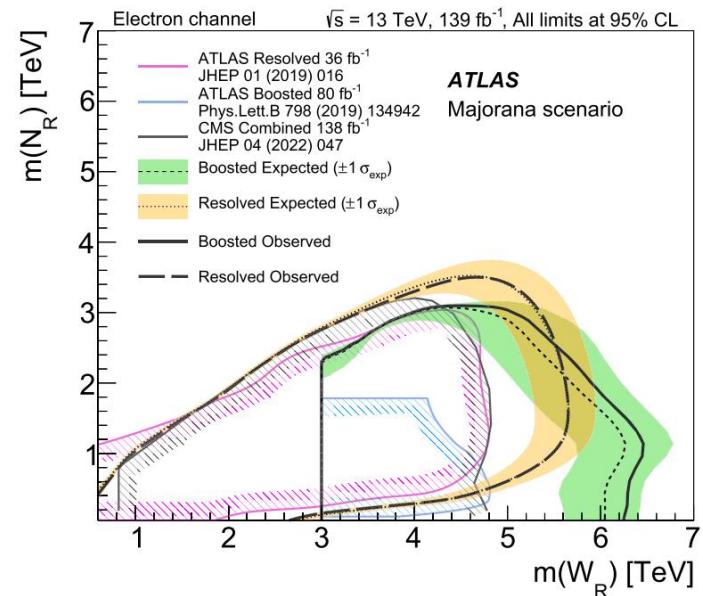
# Direct searches at the LHC

w/ right-handed charged current



Keung-Senjanovic process

- suppression by  $W_R$  mass
- sensitive to heavy  $N$

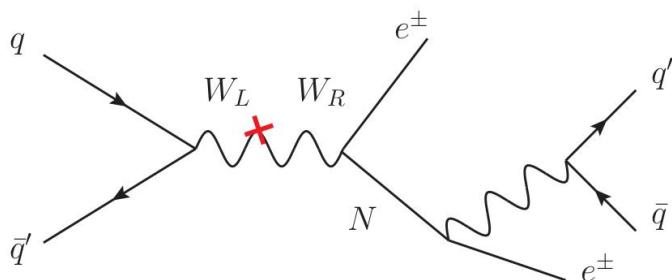


2304.09553 (EPJC)

# Direct searches at the LHC

via left-right mixing (proposal)

residual of left-right symmetry



$$\text{constraint: } \zeta = \frac{M_W^2}{M_{W_R}^2} \sin(2\beta) \lesssim 10^{-4}$$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = v \text{diag} (c_\beta, -s_\beta e^{-i\alpha})$$

$$\text{estimate: } |V_{eN}|^2 \rightarrow \zeta$$

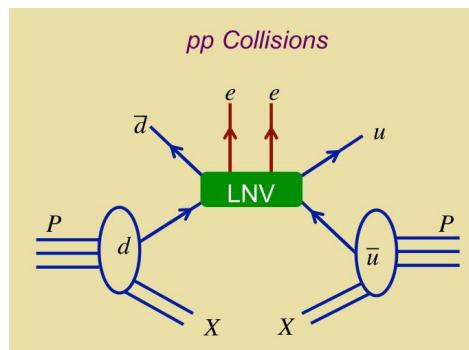
- left-right mixing  $\zeta$
- sensitive to light  $N$

Sensitivity comparable to Keung-Senjanovic process for  $|V_{eN}|^2 \sim \zeta \sim 10^{-4}$

GL, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, J. C. Vasquez, 2202.01789 (PRD)

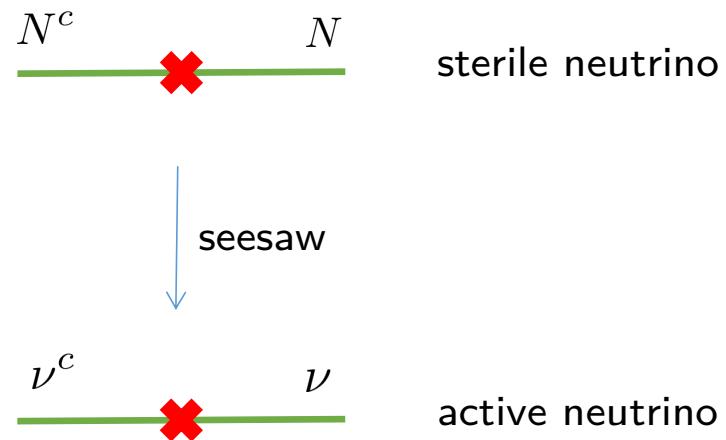
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In order to assess the Majorana nature of neutrinos, same-sign dilepton final state is selected



Lepton Number Violation

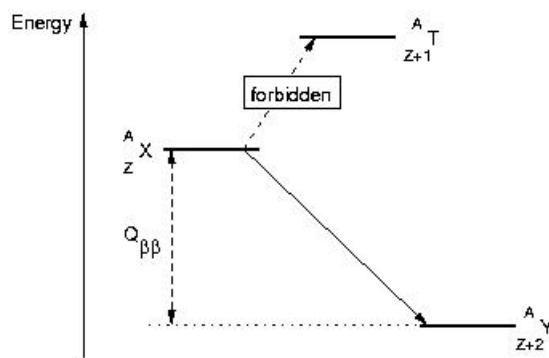
$$L_e : \quad 0 \rightarrow \pm 2$$



complementary to neutrinoless double beta decay

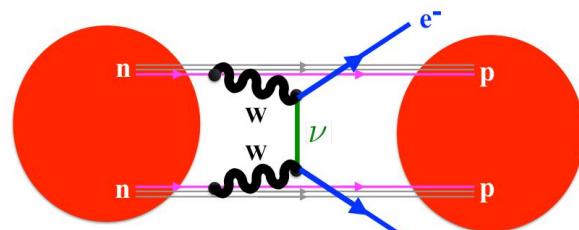
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An observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay undoubtedly implies the Majorana nature of neutrinos



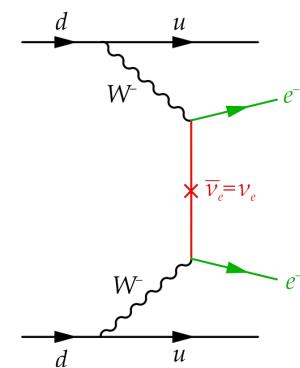
nuclear level:

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + e^- + e^-$$



nucleon level:

$$nn \rightarrow ppe^-e^-$$



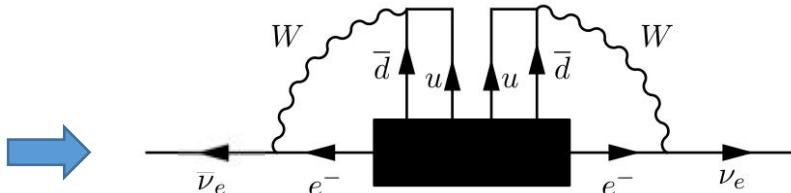
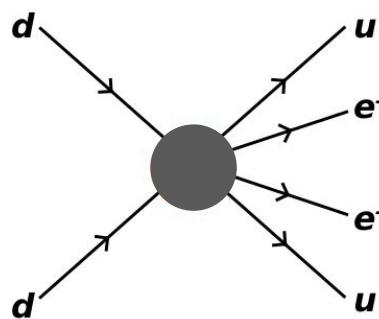
quark level:

$$dd \rightarrow uue^-e^-$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay is a low-energy process

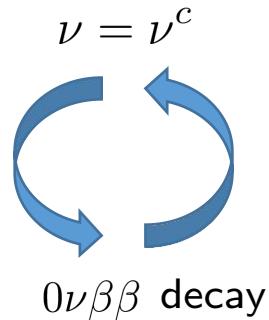
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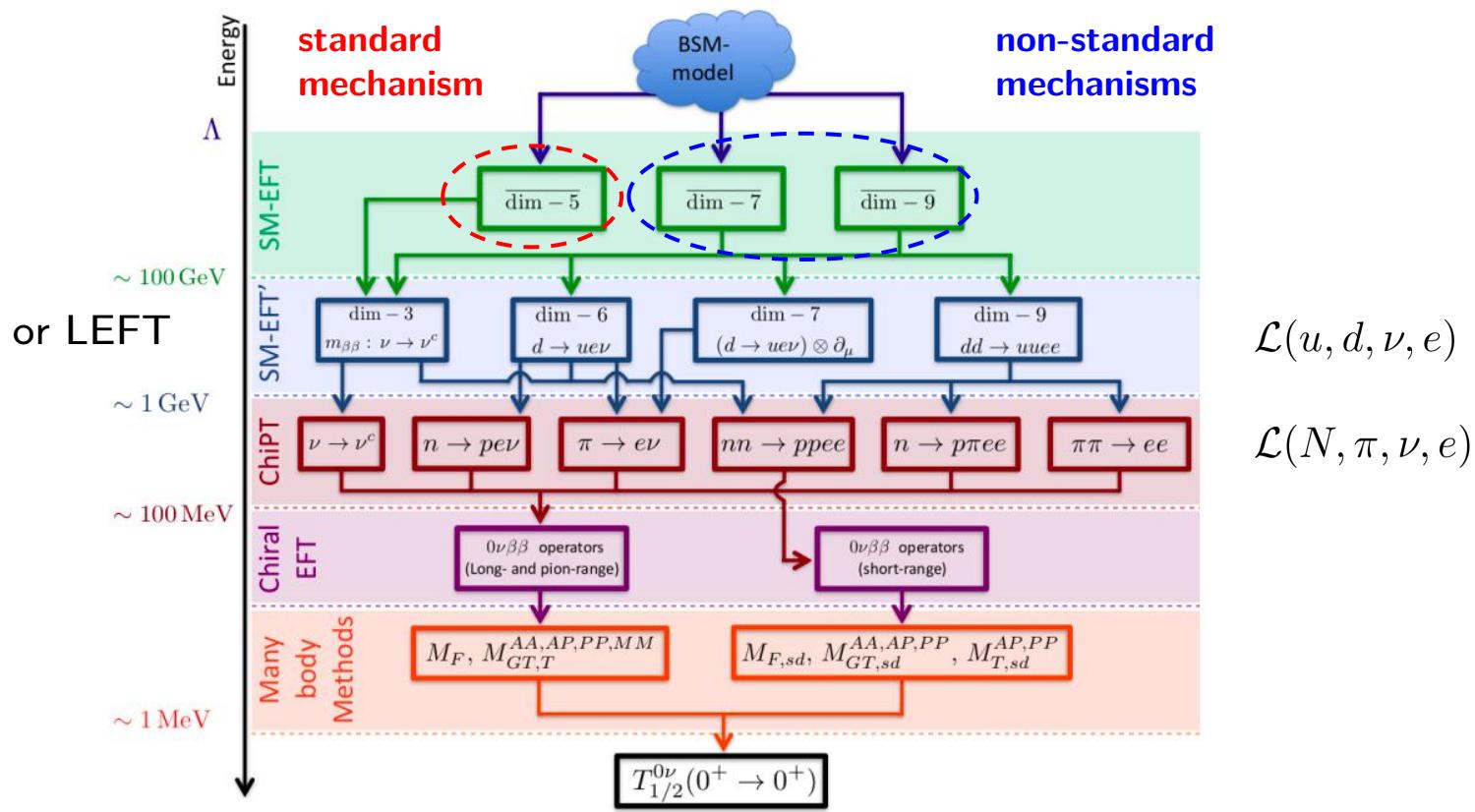
Schechter, Valle, Phys.Rev.  
D25 (1982) 774

various  $\Delta L = 2$   
LNV interactions



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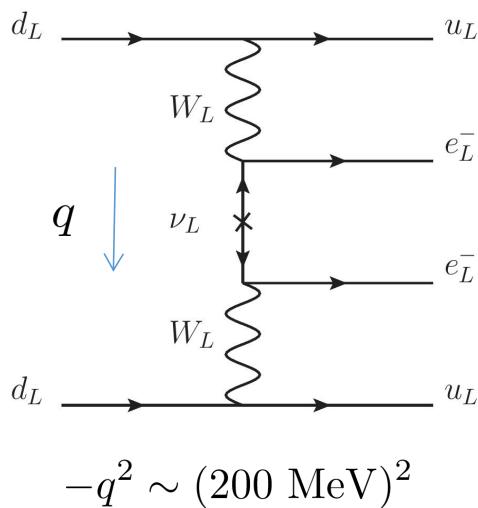
Effective field theory approach:



V. Cirigliano et al., 2203.12169, Snowmass 2021

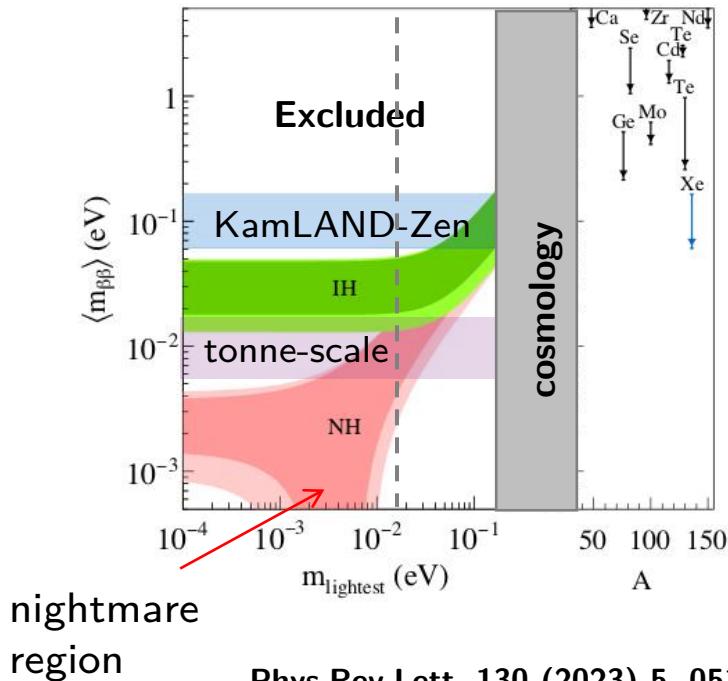
# Neutrinoless double beta decay

Standard mechanism:



$$P_L \frac{\not{q} + m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_L = P_L \frac{m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_L$$

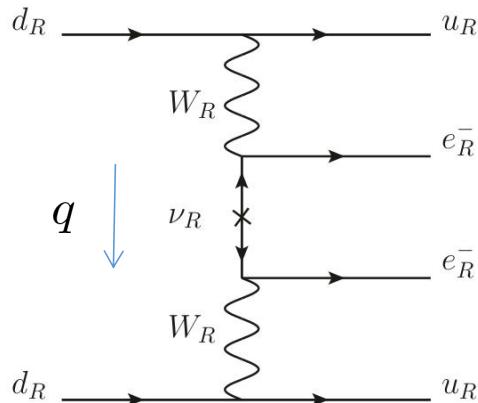
$$m_i^2 \ll -q^2 \longrightarrow P_L \frac{m_i}{q^2} P_L$$



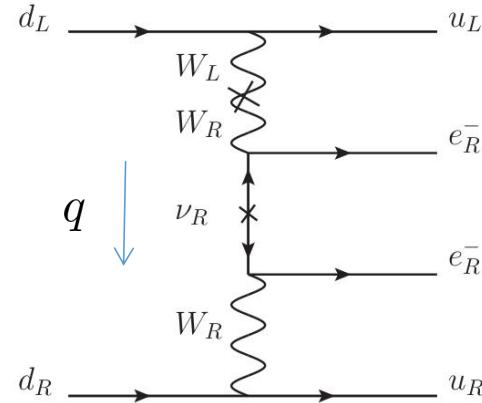
$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 \right|$$

# Neutrinoless double beta decay

Non-standard mechanisms:



$$-q^2 \sim (200 \text{ MeV})^2$$



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Mohapatra and Senjanovic, Phys.Rev.Lett. 44 (1980) 912, Phys.Rev.D 23 (1981) 165

Doi et al., Prog.Theor.Phys. 66 (1981) 1739

Tello et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 106 (2011) 151801; S.-F. Ge, M. Lindner, S. Patra, 1508.07286 (JHEP);

Bhupal Dev, Goswami, Mitra Phys.Rev.D 91 (2015) 113004

and many others

G. Prezeau, M. Ramsey-Musolf, P. Vogel, Phys.Rev.D 68 (2003)

V. Cirigliano, W. Dekens, J. de Vries, M. L. Graesser, E. Mereghetti 1806.02780 (JHEP)

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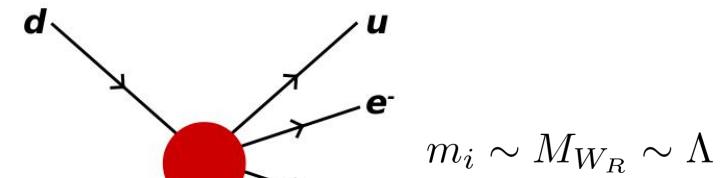
Non-standard mechanisms:

sterile neutrino mass dependence

$$P_R \frac{q + m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_R = P_R \frac{m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_R$$

$$\xrightarrow{m_i^2 \ll -q^2} P_R \frac{m_i}{q^2} P_R$$

$$\xrightarrow{m_i^2 \gg -q^2} -P_R \frac{1}{m_i} P_R$$



$$m_i \sim M_{W_R} \sim \Lambda$$

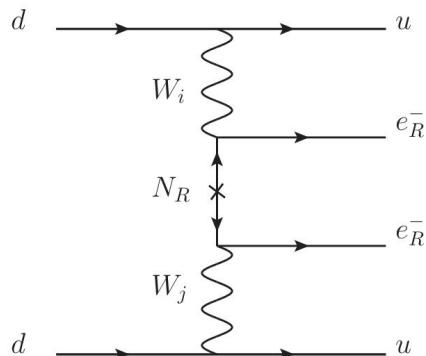
$$\sim c/\Lambda^5$$

$$\frac{c/\Lambda^5}{G_F^2 m_\nu^{ee}/p^2} = c \left( \frac{3.3 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^5 \frac{0.1 \text{ eV}}{m_\nu^{ee}}$$

# Neutrinoless double beta decay

Non-standard mechanisms:

left-right mixing and chiral enhancement



$$(i, j) = (R, R)$$

$$\bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu d_R \bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu d_R \bar{e}_R e_R^c \sim O'_1 \bar{e}_R e_R^c$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{0\nu\beta\beta} \sim \frac{1}{m_N} \left( \frac{M_W}{M_{W_R}} \right)^4 p^0$$

$$(i, j) = (1, 2)$$

$$\bar{u}_{\textcolor{red}{L}} \gamma_\mu d_{\textcolor{red}{L}} \bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu d_R \bar{e}_R e_R^c \sim O_4 \bar{e}_R e_R^c$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{0\nu\beta\beta} \sim \frac{1}{m_N} \sin 2\beta \left( \frac{M_W}{M_{W_R}} \right)^4 \textcolor{blue}{\Lambda}_\chi^2 p^{-2}$$

G. Prezeau, M. Ramsey-Musolf, P. Vogel,  
Phys.Rev.D 68 (2003)

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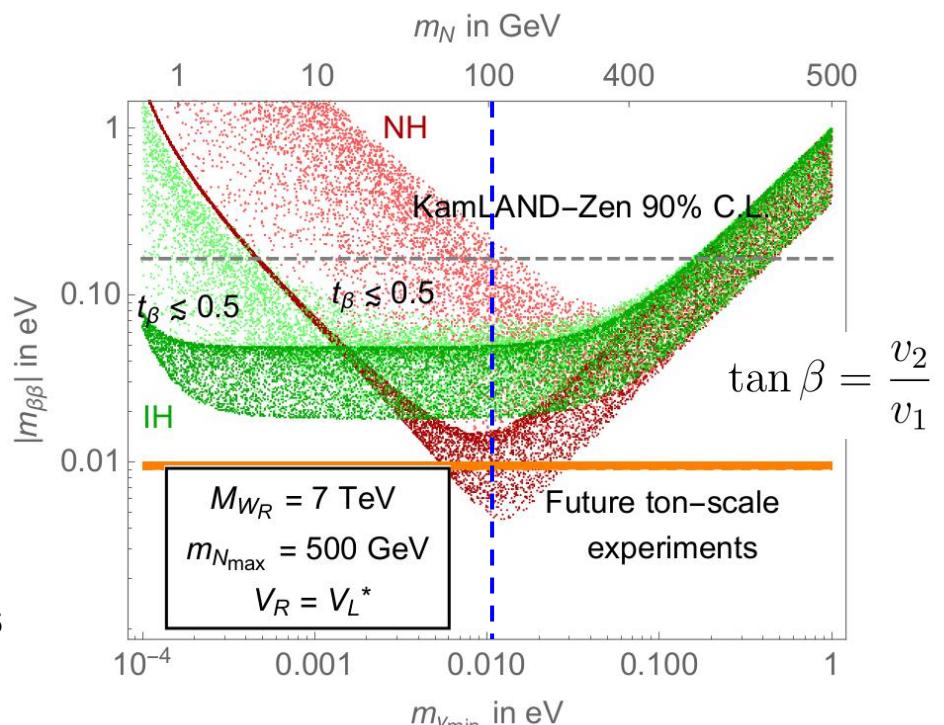
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$$m_i^2 \gg -q^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad -P_R \frac{1}{m_i} P_R$$

type-II seesaw dominance:

$$m_4 = \frac{m_1}{m_3} m_{N_{\max}} \quad m_{N_{\max}} \equiv m_6$$

$$m_N \simeq 200 \text{ GeV} \cdot \frac{m_1}{0.01 \text{ eV}} \cdot \frac{m_{N_{\max}}}{1 \text{ TeV}}$$



**GL, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, J. C. Vasquez,  
2009.01257 (PRL)**

# Neutrinoless double beta decay

Non-standard mechanisms:

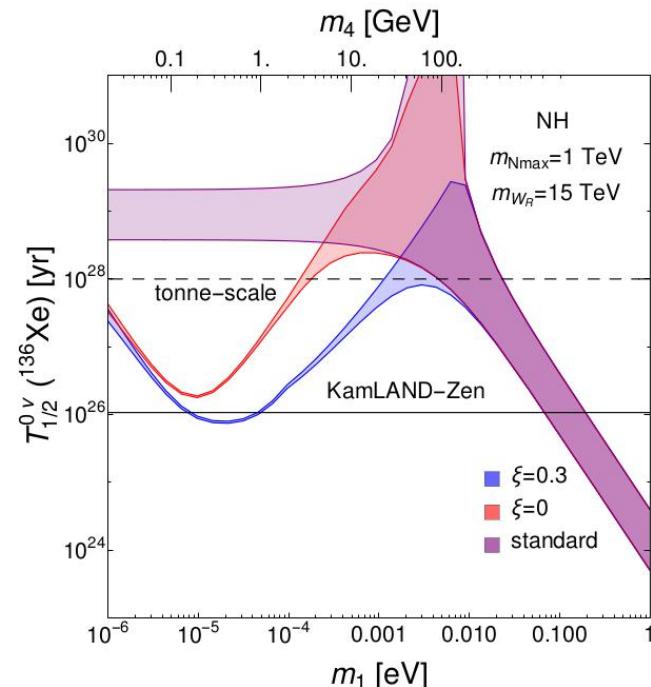
$$P_R \frac{q + m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_R = P_R \frac{m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_R$$

$$\begin{array}{c} m_i^2 \ll -q^2 \\ \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} P_R \frac{m_i}{q^2} P_R \end{array}$$

type-II seesaw dominance:

$$m_4 = \frac{m_1}{m_3} m_{N_{\max}} \quad m_{N_{\max}} \equiv m_6$$

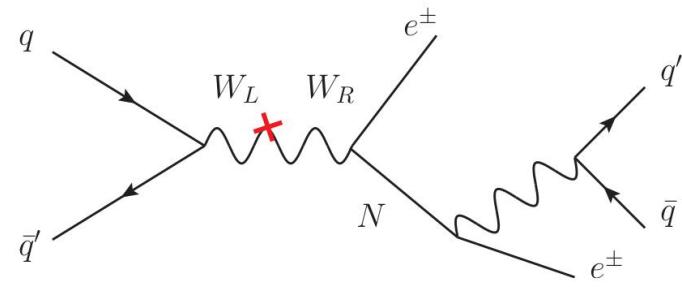
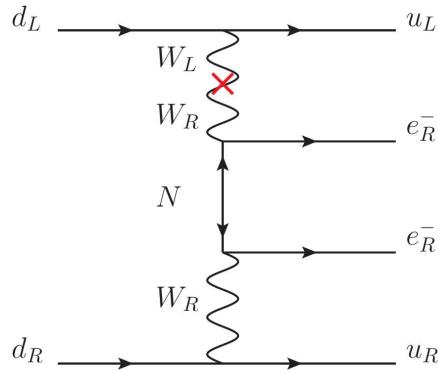
$$m_N \simeq 200 \text{ GeV} \cdot \frac{m_1}{0.01 \text{ eV}} \cdot \frac{m_{N_{\max}}}{1 \text{ TeV}}$$



J. de Vries, [GL](#), M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, J. C. Vasquez, 2209.03031 (JHEP)

# Interplay with LHC searches

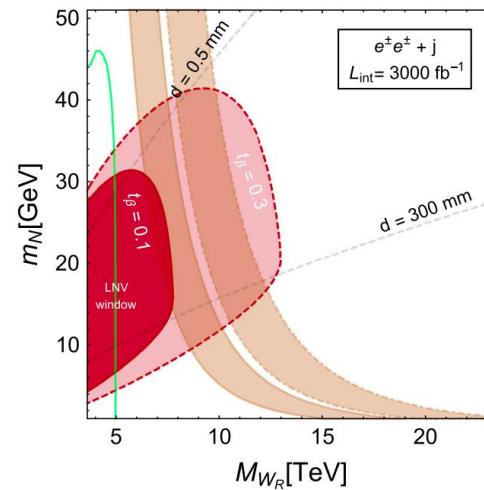
w/ left-right mixing



decay length of  $N$ :

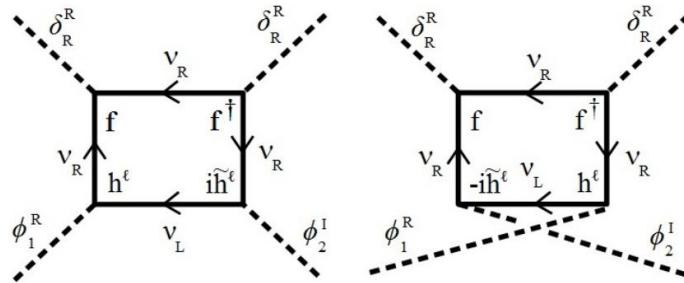
$$d_{LR} \simeq \frac{1.2b}{1 + \sin^2(2\beta)} \left( \frac{10\text{GeV}}{m_N} \right)^5 \left( \frac{M_{W_R}}{10\text{TeV}} \right)^4 [m]$$

long-lived particle



# Connection to strong CP problem

$\bar{\theta}$  can be generated from **leptonic CP violation** with sterile neutrino in the loop



R. Kuchimanchi, 1408.6382 (PRD)

$$V \supset \left[ \alpha_2 \text{Tr} \left( \Delta_R^\dagger \Delta_R \right) + \text{h.c.} \right] \text{Tr}(\tilde{\Phi} \Phi)$$

At one-loop level:

$$\bar{\theta}_{\text{loop}} \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{m_t}{m_b} \frac{1}{v_R^2 v^2} \text{Im} \text{Tr} \left( M_N^T M_N^* [M_D, M_\ell] \right) \ln \frac{M_{Pl}}{v_R}$$

Upper bound on sterile neutrino mass

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

$$\bar{\theta}_{\text{loop}} \propto M_N^{5/2}$$

G. Senjanovic and V. Tello, 2004.04036 (IJMPA)

# Connection to strong CP problem

In the minimal LRSM with parity, if  $V_R = V_L$

$$M_D = V_L m_N \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{v_R} - \frac{m_\nu}{m_N}} V_L^\dagger$$

Senjanovic estimated

$$M_N \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for } M_{W_R} \simeq 10 \text{ TeV}$$

But...

An additional motivation of our study was to scrutinize the possible connection between light sterile neutrinos and the strong CP problem identified in refs. [37, 38]. To our surprise, we found for certain representative cases, namely  $U_R = U_{\text{PMNS}}^*$  and  $U_R = \mathbf{1}$  in the type-I dominance of  $\mathcal{P}$ -symmetric mLRSM, that the loop contributions to  $\bar{\theta}$  vanish, in conflict with the statements of refs. [37, 38]. It remains to be seen whether this conclusion applies in general. Recently, ref. [107] also studied other leptonic observables such as  $\mu \rightarrow eee$ ,

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = V_L, \quad U_R^* = V_R$$

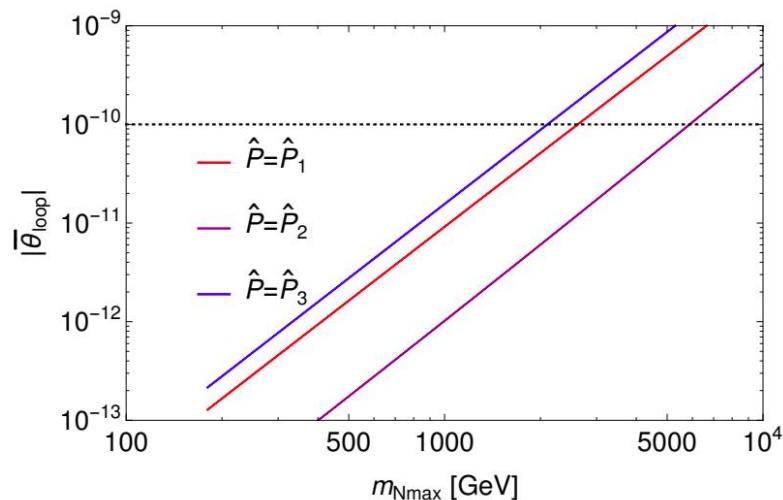
J. de Vries, **GL**, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, J. C. Vasquez, 2209.03031 (JHEP)

# Connection to strong CP problem

General parameterization of  $V_R$ :

$$V_R = \hat{P} V_L, \quad \hat{P} \equiv P V_L \sqrt{m_N m_\nu}^{-1} V_L^\dagger$$

The Hermicity of  $M_D$  requires that  $\hat{P}$  is unitary, and  $P$  is symmetric or anti-symmetric



**GL**, Ding-Yi Luo, Xiang Zhao, 2404.16740

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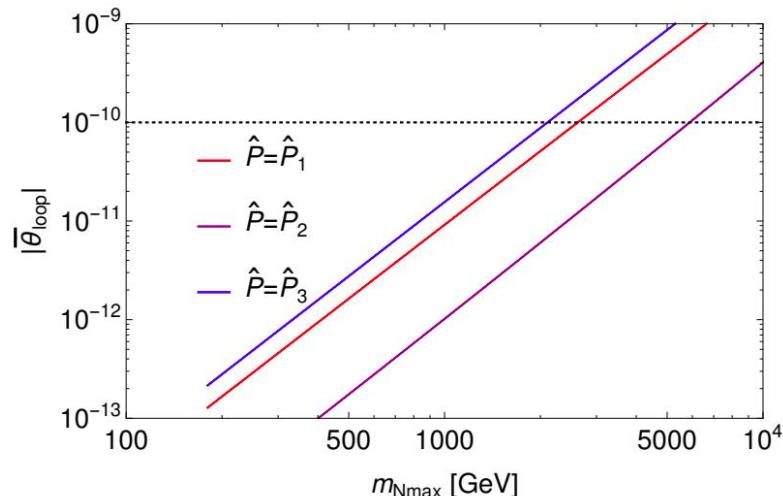
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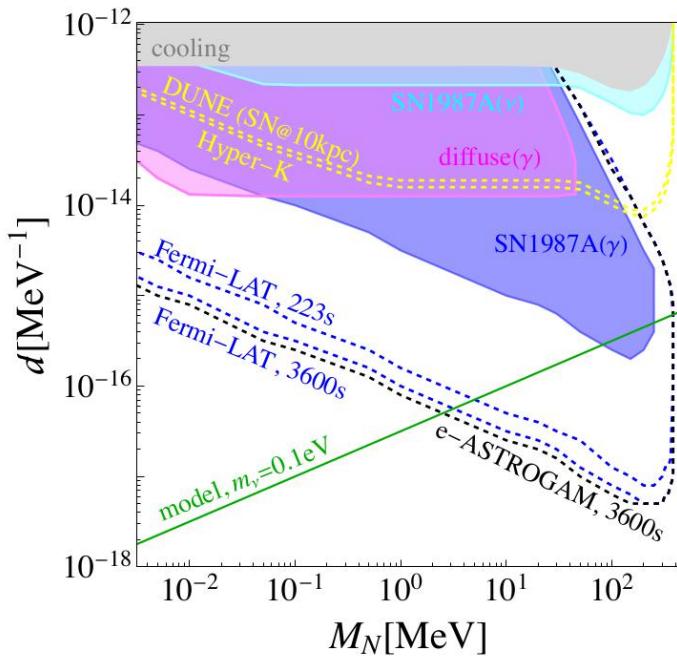
BP:  $\hat{P} = \hat{P}_1 \quad m_N = \begin{pmatrix} 2.86 \text{ TeV} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.32 \text{ GeV} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 57.2 \text{ MeV} \end{pmatrix} \quad \bar{\theta}_{\text{loop}} = -1.241335 \times 10^{-10}$



$0\nu\beta\beta$  decay

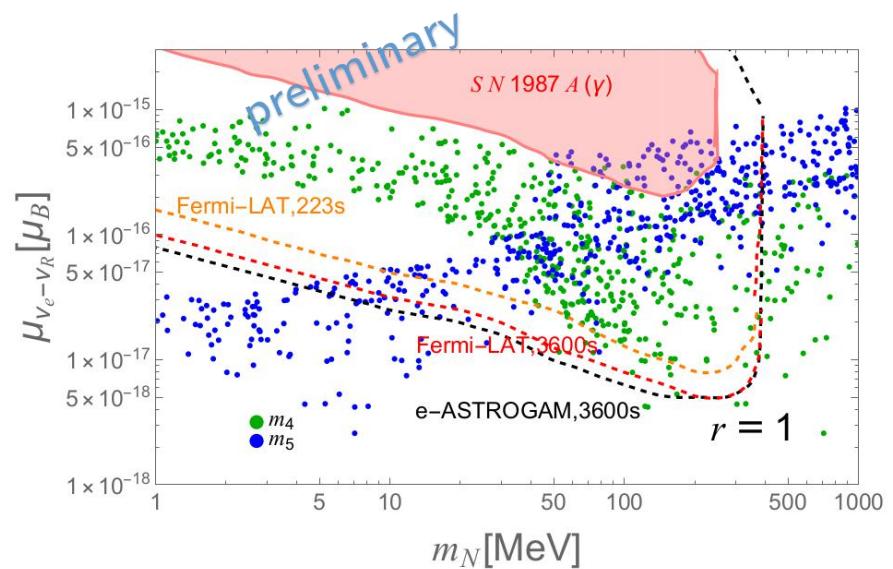
# Connection to neutrino magnetic moement

Active-sterile NMM:



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A. N. Machado, 2302.10965 (PRD)

model independent

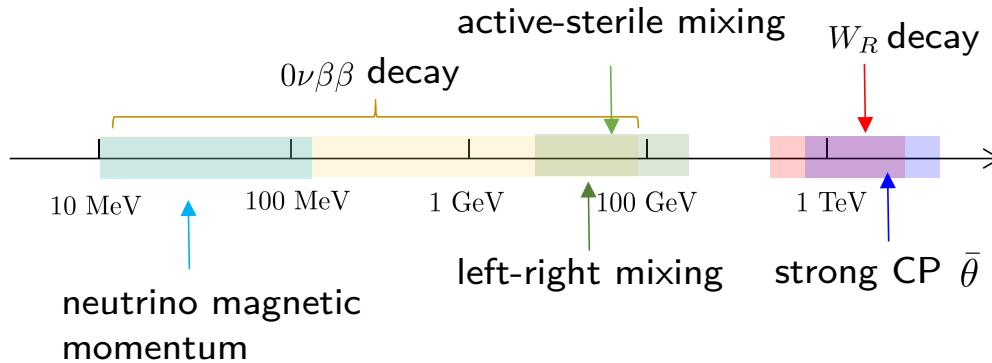


GL, Xiang Zhao, work in progress

simplified model: common origins of  
neutrino masses, NMM and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay

# Summary

- Sterile neutrinos provide a unique insight into new physics, including the understanding of neutrino masses and connection to strong CP problem.
- This talk:



- Outlook:  
connections of sterile neutrinos to baryon asymmetry and dark matter

Thanks for your attention!

backup slides

# Effective field theory approach

Dim-9 LEFT operators:  $\bar{u}\Gamma_1 d \bar{u}\Gamma_2 d \bar{e}\Gamma_3 e^c$

- lepton bilinear

$$\bar{e}\Gamma_3 e^c = \bar{e}_L e_L^c, \bar{e}_R e_R^c, \bar{e}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 e^c$$

- quark biliners

M. L. Graesser, 1606.04549 (JHEP)

$$O_1 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \gamma_\mu \tau^+ q_L^\alpha \bar{q}_L^\beta \gamma^\mu \tau^+ q_L^\beta,$$

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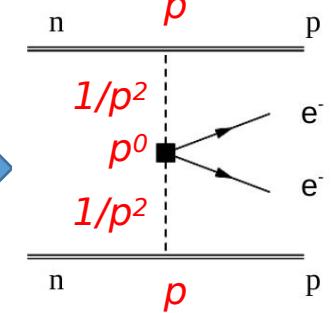
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$$O_6^\mu = (\bar{q}_L \tau^+ \gamma^\mu q_L) (\bar{q}_L \tau^+ q_R),$$

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$\sim p^{-2}$

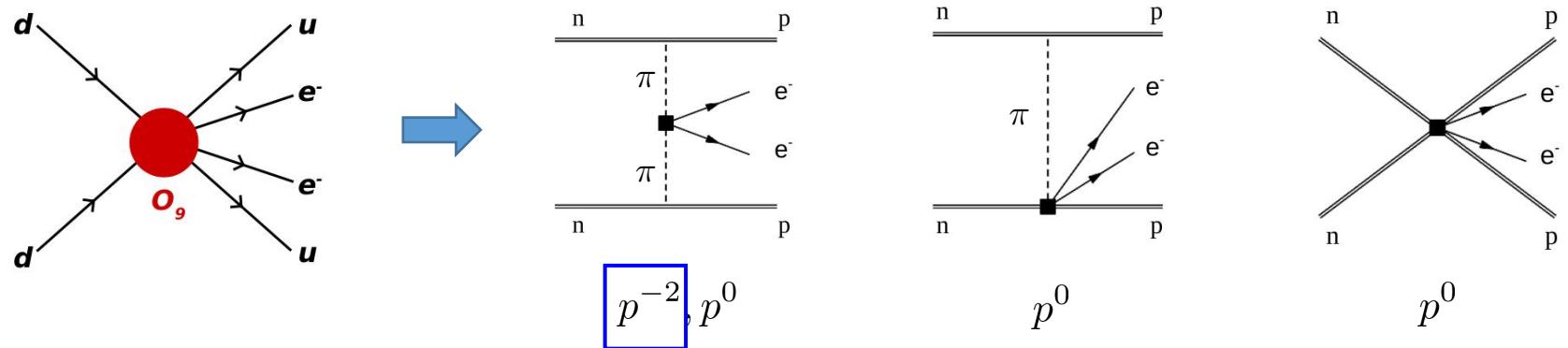
# Effective field theory approach

LECs are ordered in powers of  $p/\Lambda_\chi$  using chiral effective field theory

$$\bar{u}\Gamma_1 d \bar{u}\Gamma_2 d \bar{e}\Gamma_3 e^c \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \pi^- \pi^- \bar{e}_R e_R^c \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (\bar{p}S \cdot \partial \pi^- n) \bar{e}_R e_R^c \quad (\bar{p}n)(\bar{p}n) \bar{e}_R e_R^c \\ \partial_\mu \pi^- \partial^\mu \pi^- \bar{e}_R e_R^c \quad (\bar{p}S \cdot \partial \pi^- n) v^\mu \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 e^c \quad (\bar{p}n)(\bar{p}n) v^\mu \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 e^c$$

Prezeau, Ramsey-Musolf, Vogel, PRD 68 (2003) 034016

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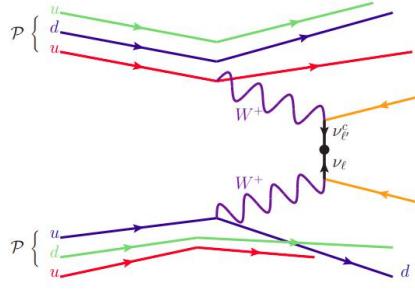


$$p^{-2} : \frac{\Lambda_\chi^2}{p^2} \simeq 25$$

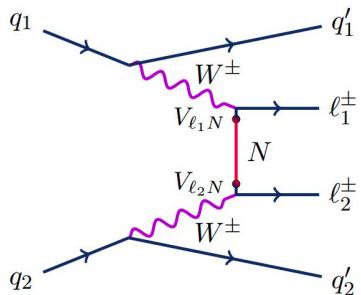
chiral enhancement at the amplitude level

# LHC searches

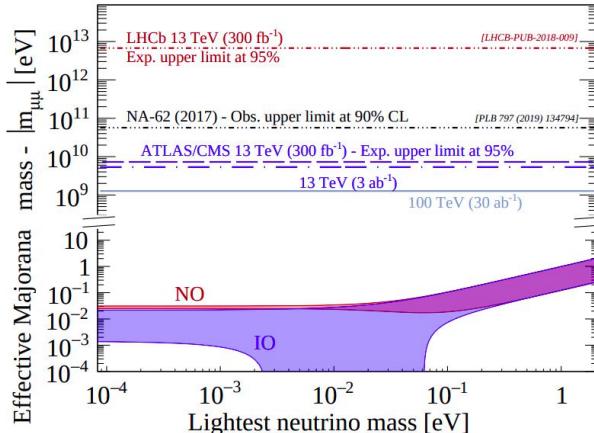
- Searches for LNV at the LHC



active neutrinos



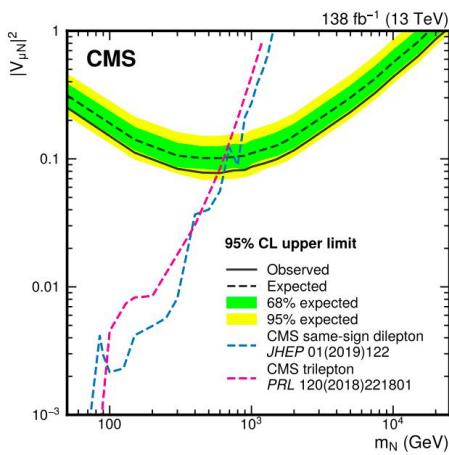
sterile neutrino



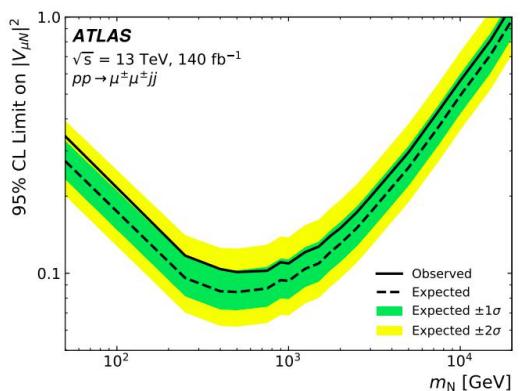
LHC Run 2

CMS :  $|m_{\mu\mu}| \leq 10.8$  GeV

ATLAS :  $|m_{\mu\mu}| \leq 16.7$  GeV



CMS, 2206.08956 (PRL)



ATLAS, 2305.14931 (EPJC) 41