

# Theory review on Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

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# Introduction

**Before the LHC started operating we all  
hoped for great discoveries...**

A photograph of a dense tropical rainforest. The scene is filled with various types of green plants, including large palm fronds and smaller leafy plants. Sunlight filters through the canopy of leaves at the top, creating bright highlights and deep shadows. The overall atmosphere is lush and vibrant.

Microscopic  
black holes

Extra dimensions

Supersymmetry

Compositeness

LHC expectations

# LHC results...

**125 GeV  
palm tree**

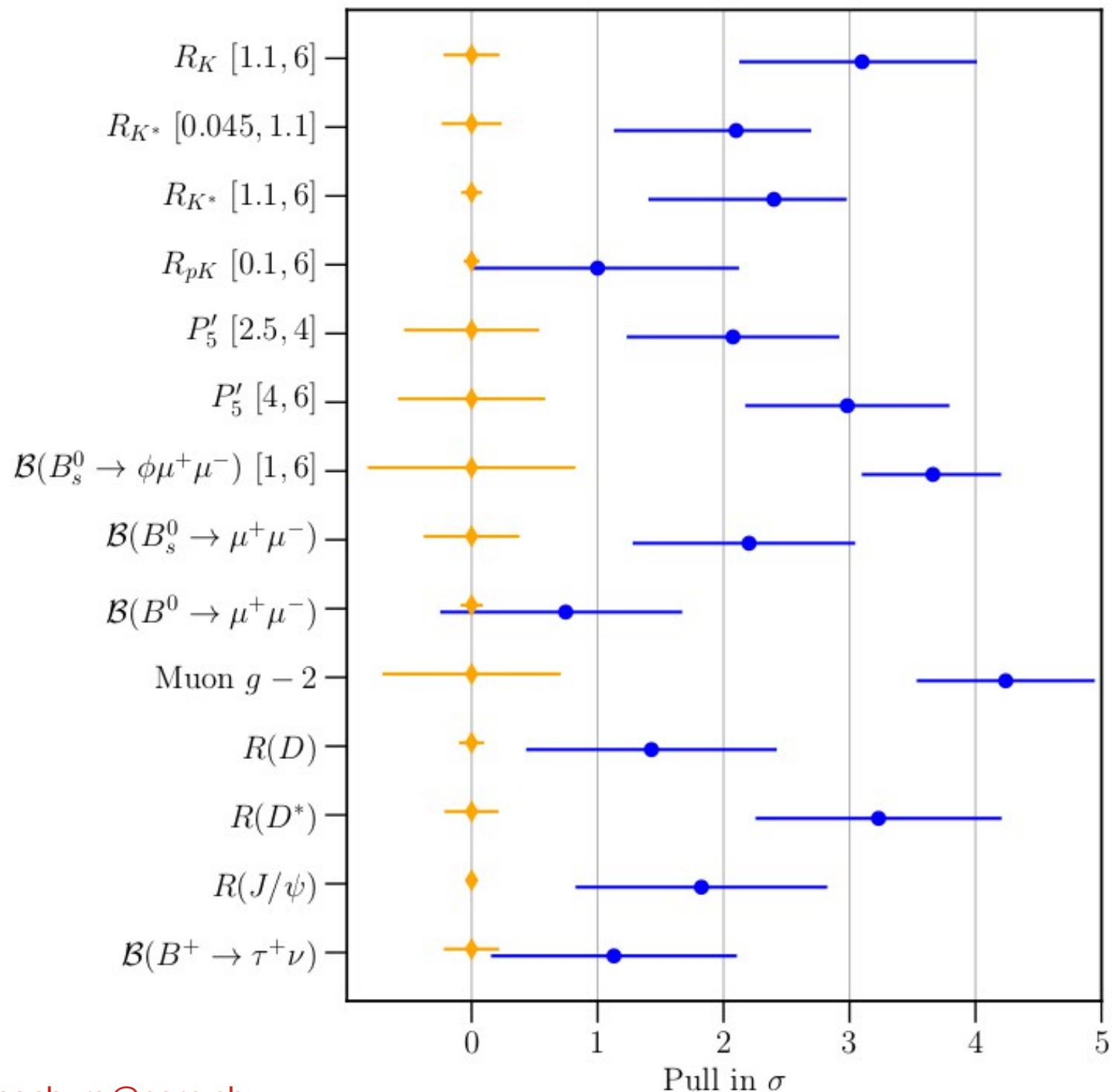


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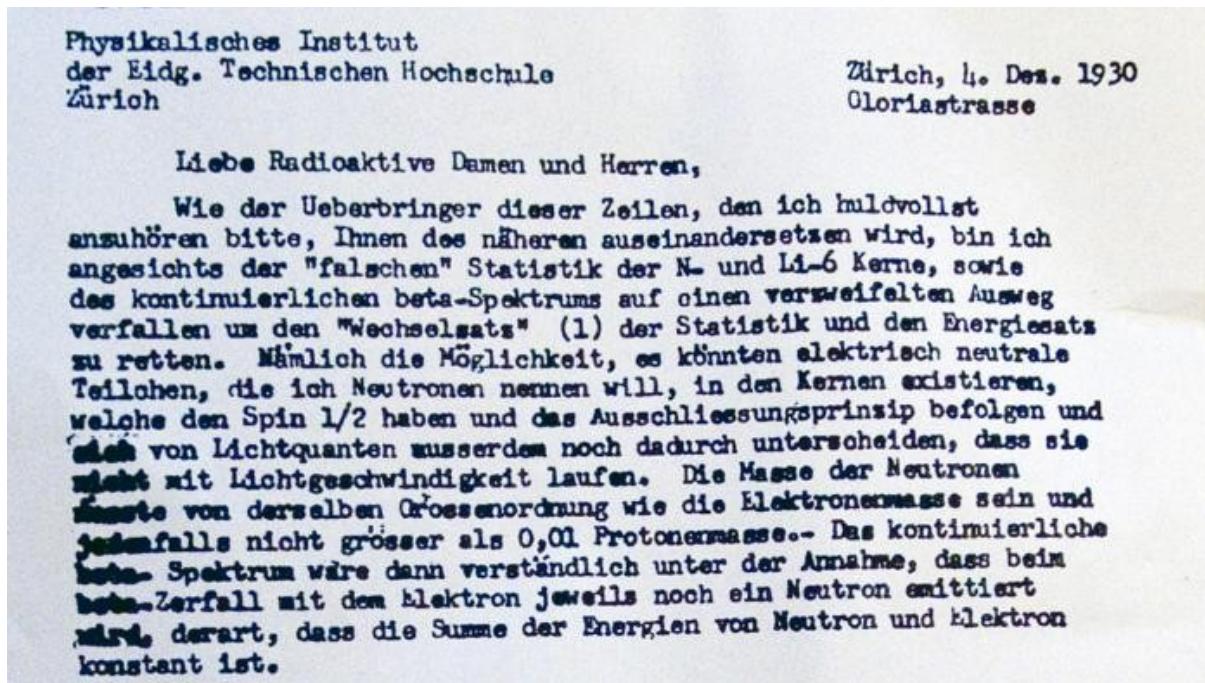


Neutrinos!

The lepton sector is still  
to be understood!

# Neutrinos and the lepton sector

Dear radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen...



December 4th, 1930  
Letter to his colleagues in Tübingen

1930  
Pauli's neutrino hypothesis

# Open questions

What is the origin of neutrinos masses?

Are they Dirac or Majorana?

What is the absolute scale of neutrino masses?

What is the mass ordering?

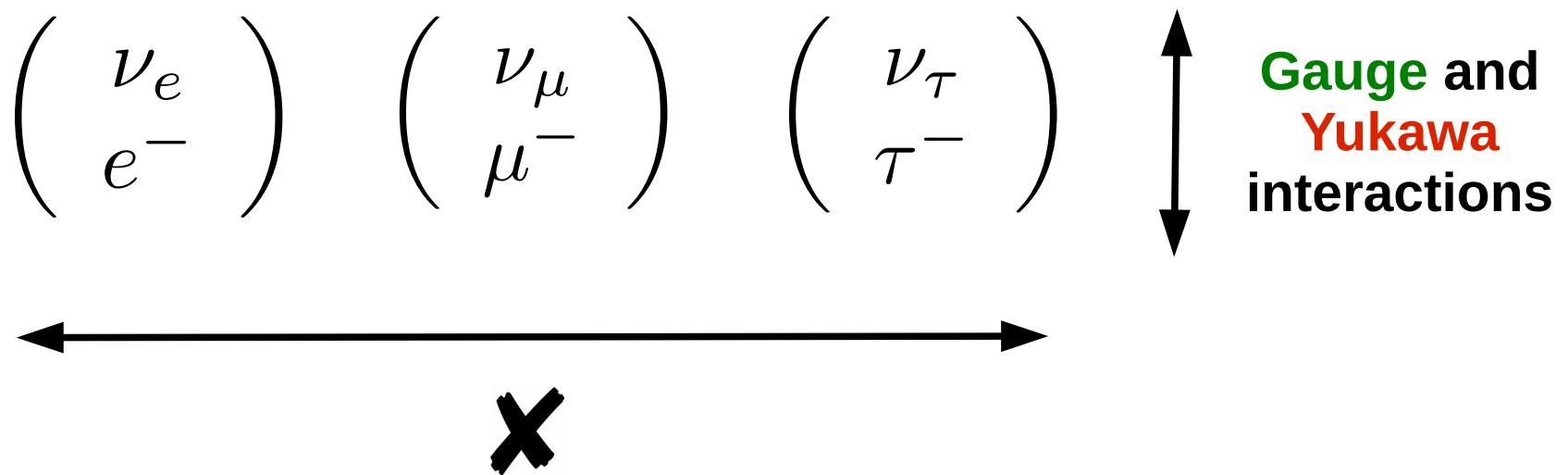
Are there more than three neutrinos? Maybe sterile?

Is there CP violation in the lepton sector?

Is lepton flavor universality violated?

# Lepton flavor violation

In the **Standard Model**, three copies of the leptonic  $SU(2)$  doublet are introduced

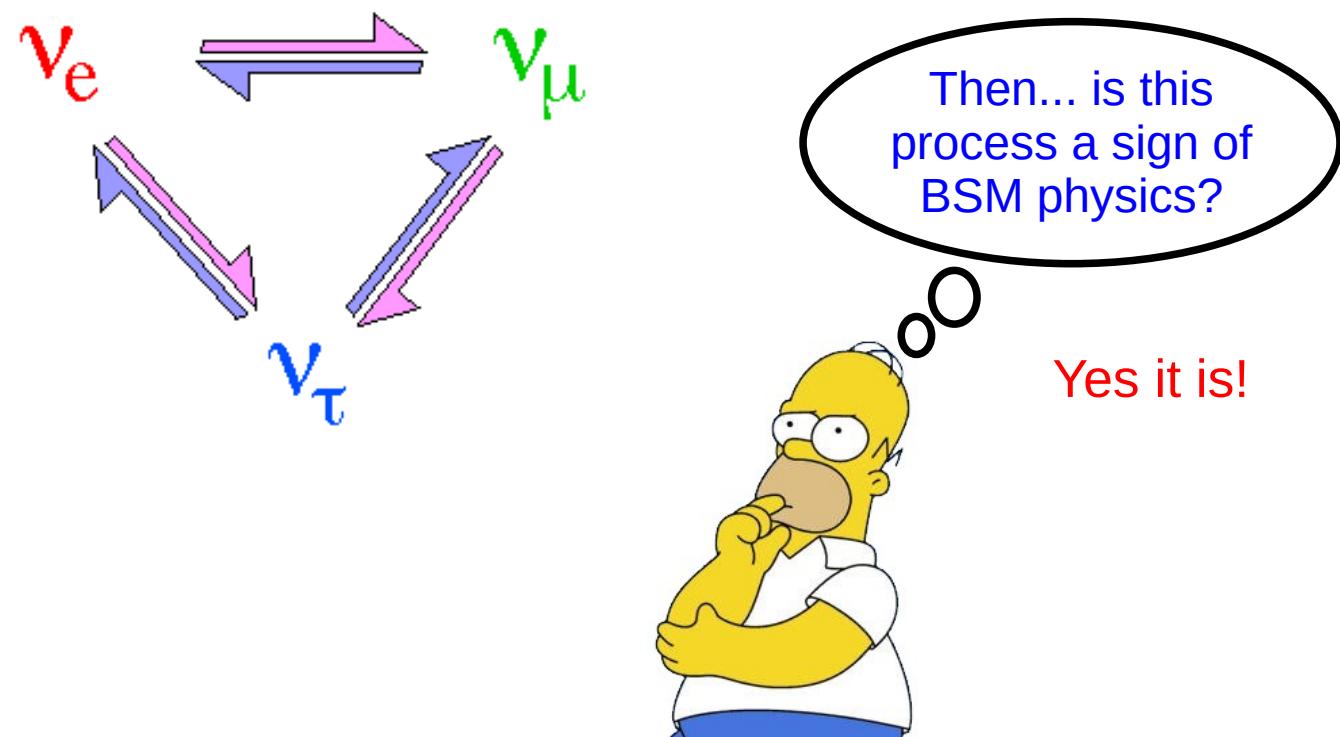


Is lepton flavor a conserved quantity?

# Neutrino oscillations: LFV

We already know the answer: **NO**

**Neutrino flavor oscillations: flavor violating process!**



# What about CLFV?

In conclusion, lepton flavor is **not** conserved: there is **lepton flavor violation (LFV)**

However... what about **charged lepton flavor violation (CLFV)**?

$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$$

$$h \rightarrow \mu^- \tau^+$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^- \mu^+$$

$$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 e^- \mu^+$$

...

**Never observed...**

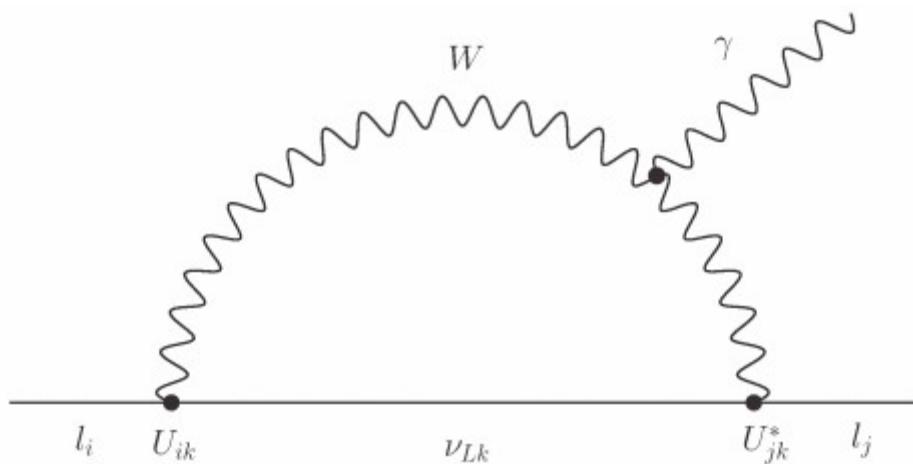
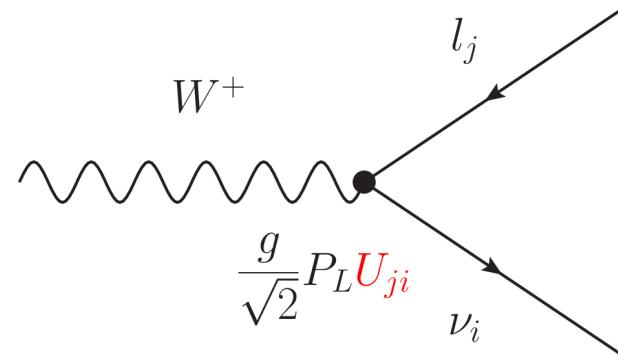
# What about CLFV?

## SM + Dirac neutrino masses

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

$U$  : lepton mixing matrix

[analog of the CKM matrix in the lepton sector]



$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_k U_{ek} U_{\mu k}^* \frac{m_{\nu k}^2}{m_W^2} \right|^2 \lesssim 10^{-54}$$

[ Petcov, 1977 ]

Since neutrino masses are the **only source** of LFV, all cLFV amplitudes are strongly suppressed (in fact, **GIM** suppressed)

# Why do we care about LFV?

The observation of CLFV would be a clear signal of (non-trivial) physics beyond the Standard Model

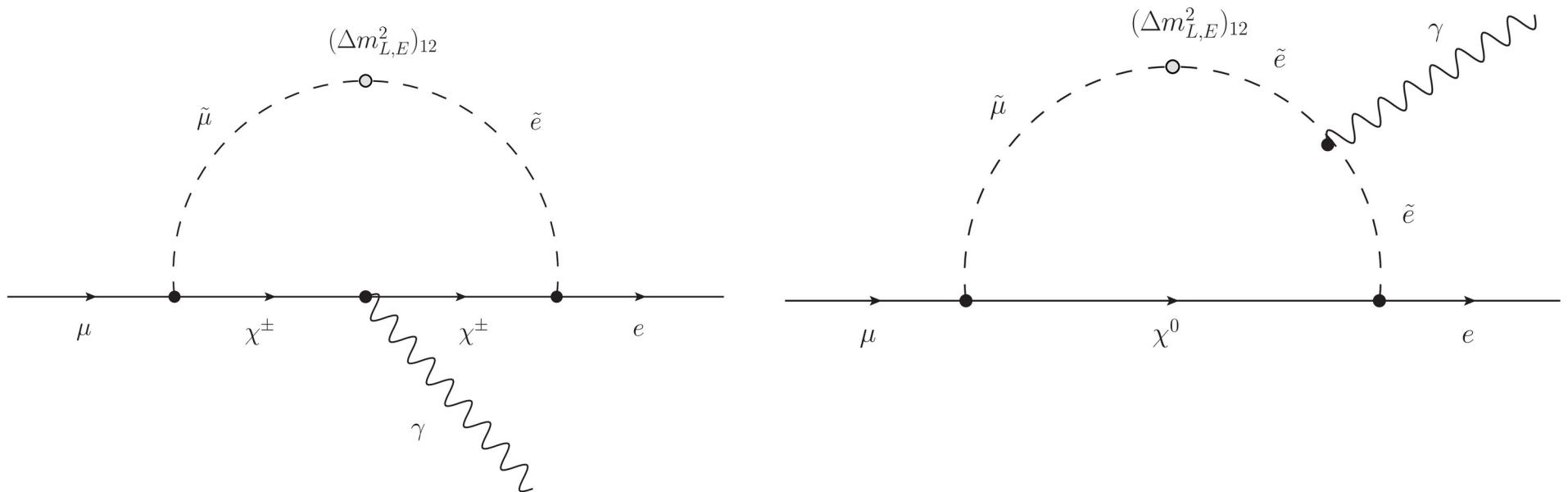
In fact, most BSM models predict large CLFV rates

We can probe very high energy scales!

$$\mathcal{O} = \frac{c_{e\mu}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu} e \bar{e} e \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{c_{e\mu}}} \gtrsim 100 \text{ TeV}$$

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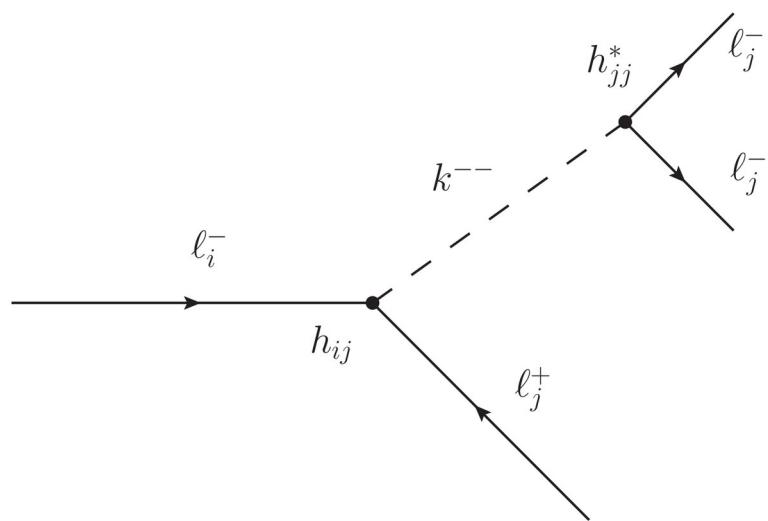
## Example 1: Supersymmetric models



**Sleptons:** a whole new sector coupled to the **SM leptons**  
Strong constraints on the **off-diagonal** soft terms

# Why do we care about LFV?

## Example 2: Babu-Zee model



$$\text{BR} \sim \left| \frac{h_{ij} h_{jj}^*}{m_k^2} \right|^2$$

Small off-diagonal  $h$  couplings and/or heavy  $k$ 's are required

# Experimental projects

LFV Process	Present Bound	Future Sensitivity
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$4.2 \times 10^{-13}$	$6 \times 10^{-14}$ (MEG)
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	$3.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$\sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-9}$ (B factories)
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$4.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$\sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-9}$ (B factories)
$\mu \rightarrow 3e$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$	$\sim 10^{-16}$ (Mu3e)
$\tau \rightarrow 3e$	$2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$\sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$ (B factories)
$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	$2.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$\sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$ (B factories)
$\mu^-, \text{Au} \rightarrow e^-, \text{Au}$	$7.0 \times 10^{-13}$	—
$\mu^-, \text{SiC} \rightarrow e^-, \text{SiC}$	—	$2 \times 10^{-14}$ (DeeMe)
$\mu^-, \text{Al} \rightarrow e^-, \text{Al}$	—	$10^{-15} - 10^{-17}$ (COMET) $10^{-17} - 10^{-18}$ (Mu2e)
$\mu^-, \text{Ti} \rightarrow e^-, \text{Ti}$	$4.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$\sim 10^{-18}$ (PRISM/PRIME)

# Experimental projects

History of  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ,  $\mu N \rightarrow eN$ , and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$

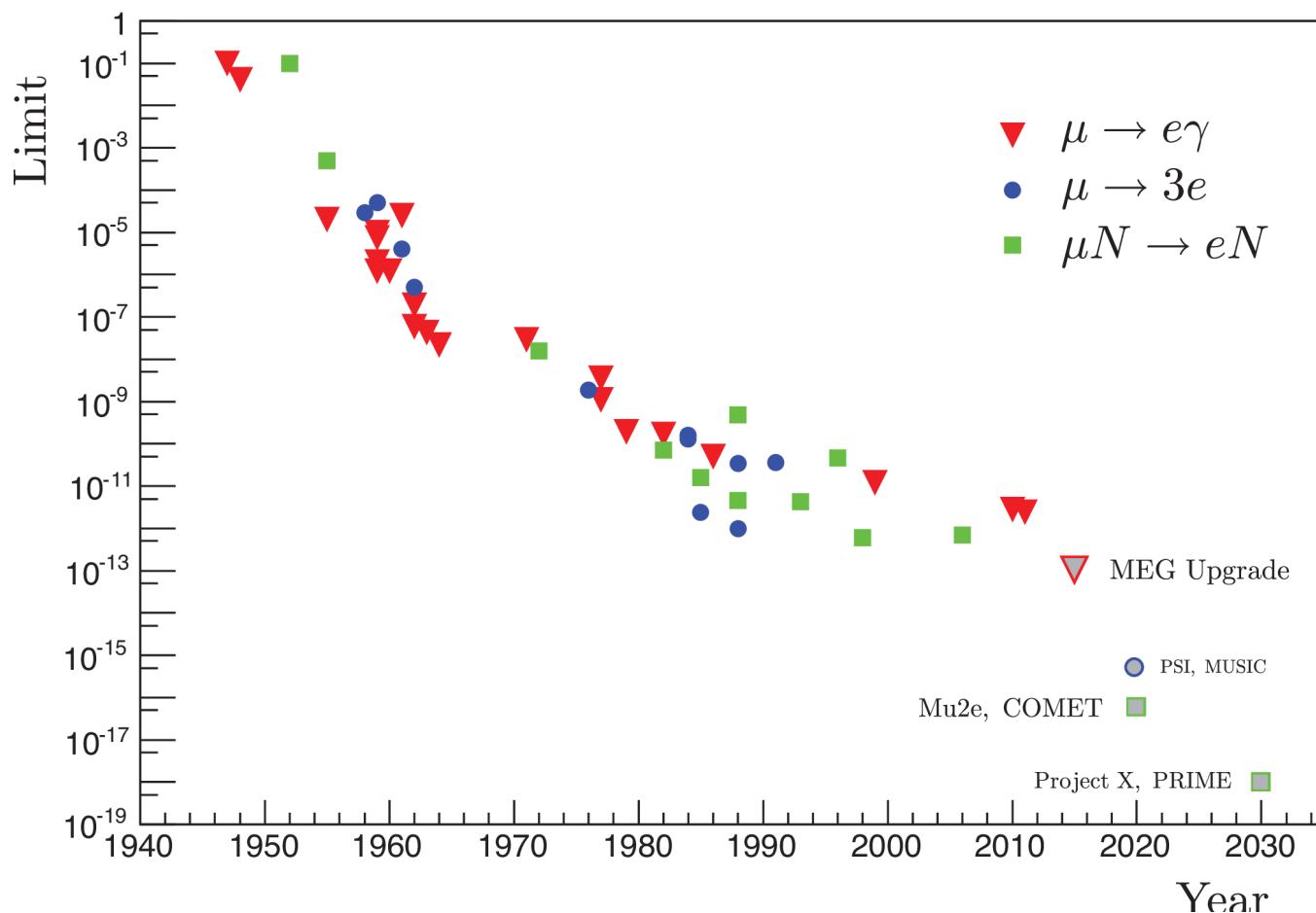
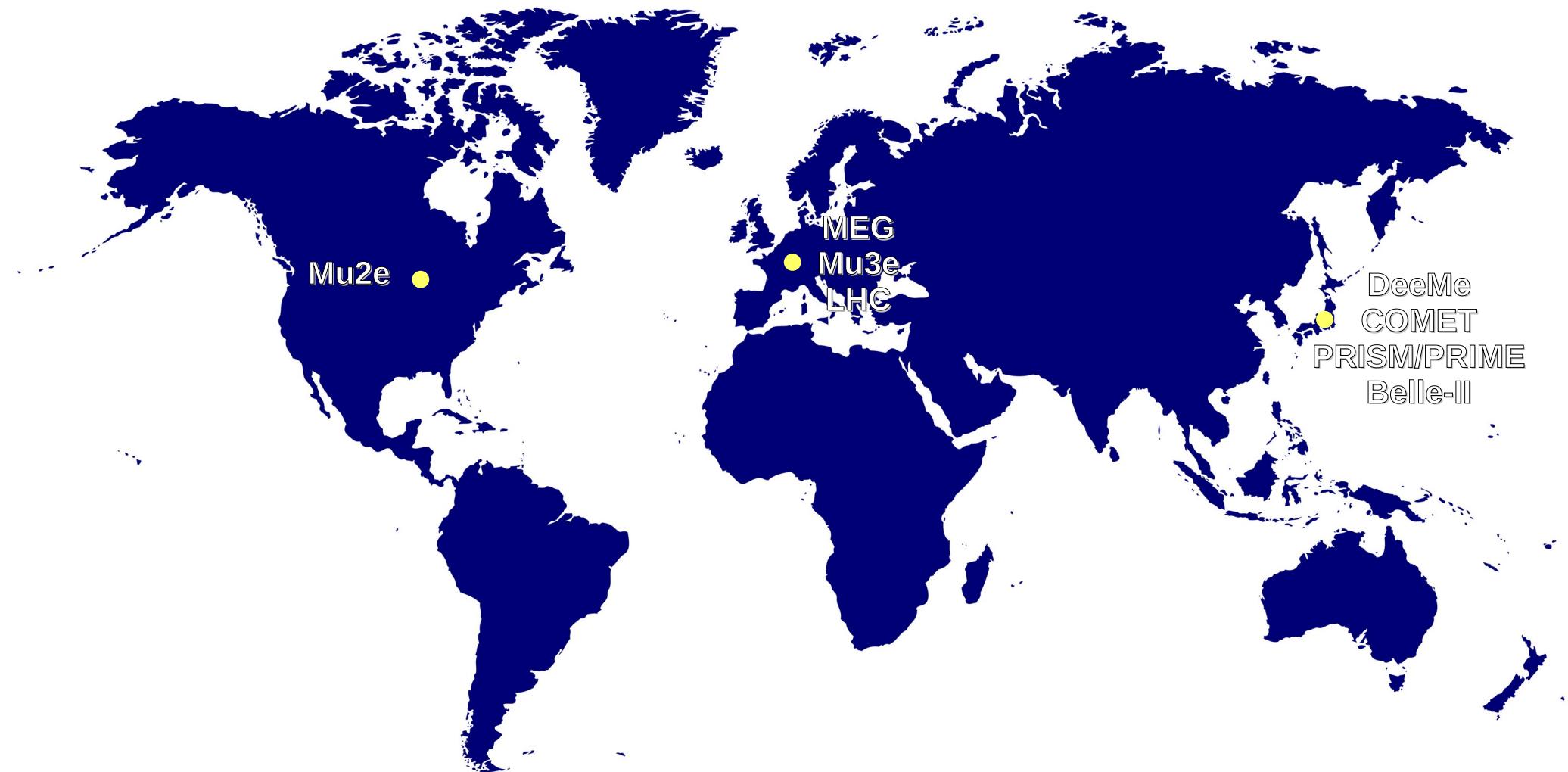


Figure taken from Bernstein & Cooper [arXiv:1307.5787]

# Experimental projects



# LFV : Where to look for?

$\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$

$\ell_i \rightarrow 3 \ell_j$

$\mu - e$   
conversion in nuclei



$\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \ell_k$

LFV at colliders

$M \rightarrow \ell_i \ell_j$

# LFV : Where to look for?

Everywhere!

ratio	LHT	MSSM (dipole)	MSSM (Higgs)	SM4
$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	0.02...1	$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.06...2.2
$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	0.04...0.4	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.07...2.2
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$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}$	0.8...2	$\sim 5$	0.3...0.5	1.5...2.3
$\frac{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{Br}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+ e^-)}$	0.7...1.6	$\sim 0.2$	5...10	1.4...1.7
$\frac{\text{R}(\mu\text{Ti} \rightarrow e\text{Ti})}{\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)}$	$10^{-3} \dots 10^2$	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.08...0.15	$10^{-12} \dots 26$

Table taken from Buras et al [arXiv:1006.5356]

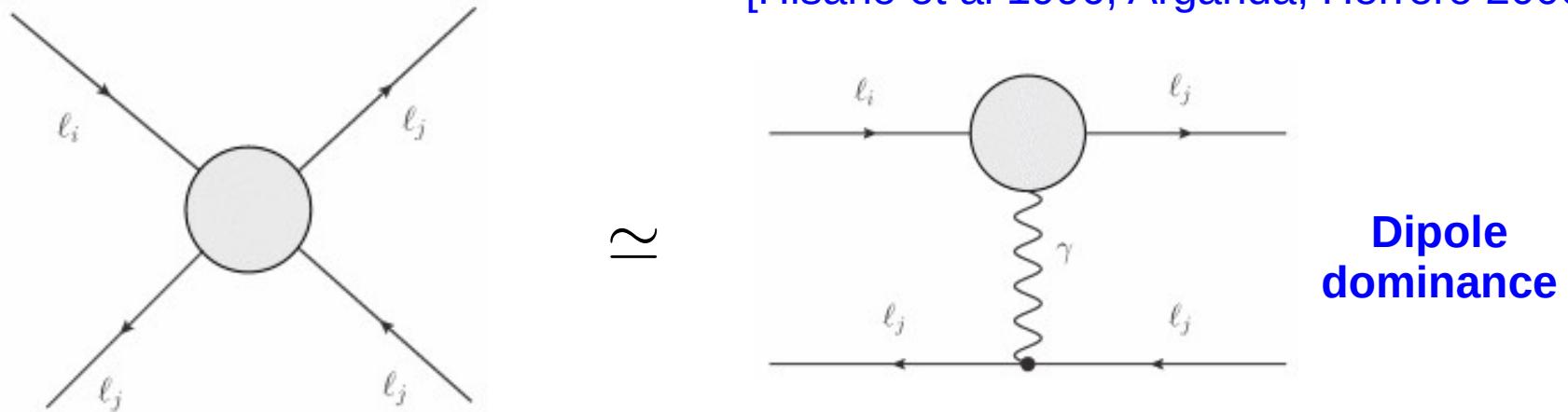
$$\ell_i \rightarrow 3\ell_j \text{ VS } \ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$$

**What contribution dominates  $\ell_i \rightarrow 3\ell_j$ ?**

In many models of interest: **Photonic dipole contributions**

Most popular example: MSSM

[Hisano et al 1996; Arganda, Herrero 2006]



$$\frac{BR(\ell_i \rightarrow 3\ell_j)}{BR(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma)} = \frac{\alpha}{3\pi} \left( \log \frac{m_{\ell_i}^2}{m_{\ell_j}^2} - \frac{11}{4} \right) \Rightarrow BR(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma) \gg BR(\ell_i \rightarrow 3\ell_j)$$

# The LFV program

In order to unravel the **physics behind LFV** (and perhaps neutrino masses!) we must:

- Search for LFV in as many observables as possible: they might have information about different sectors of the theory
- Study the relations among different observables (ratios, correlations, hierarchies...)
- Understand the origin of such relations: what is the underlying physics?

# Outline of the talk

- Introduction: Lepton Flavor Violation **FINISHED!**
- Selected topics
  - 3-loop neutrino mass models and CLFV
  - Ultralight scalars and CLFV
- Final remarks



**Chuck Norris fact of the day**

*Chuck Norris counted to infinity. Twice.*



# 3-loop $\nu$ mass models and CLFV

**With Ricardo Cepedello, Martin Hirsch and  
Paulina Rocha-Morán**

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# 3-loop neutrino mass models

3-loop Majorana neutrino mass models  
can actually be very simple

## Minimal models

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Focus on AKS...

... but similar  
(qualitative)  
conclusions hold  
for the other two

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# The AKS model

[ Aoki, Kanemura, Seto, 2008 ]

	gen	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$\Phi$	1	<b>2</b>	1/2	+
$\varphi$	1	<b>1</b>	0	-
$S$	1	<b>1</b>	1	-
$N$	3	<b>1</b>	0	-

← 2nd Higgs doublet

← real

Conserved  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  parity

**Dark Matter!**

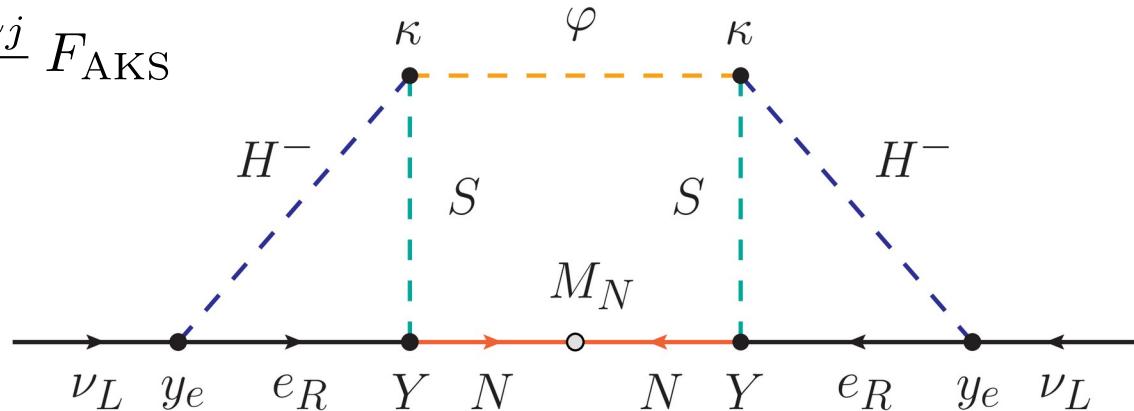
$$-\mathcal{L} \supset Y \overline{e_R^c} N S^* + \frac{1}{2} M_N \overline{N^c} N + \kappa \phi \Phi S^* \varphi + \text{h.c.}$$

$$(m_\nu)_{ij} = C_{\text{AKS}} \frac{\kappa^2}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{m_i Y_{i\alpha} Y_{j\beta} m_j}{(M_N)_{\alpha\beta}} F_{\text{AKS}}$$

Y : parametrized à la Casas-Ibarra

Master parametrization

[ Cordero-Carrión, Hirsch, AV, 2018, 2019 ]



# Neutrino mass in the AKS model

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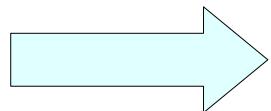


[ Casas, Ibarra,  
2001 ]

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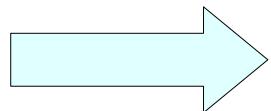
$$\xrightarrow{R = \mathbb{I}} \quad m_\nu \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

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**LFV constraints**

**Perturbativity**



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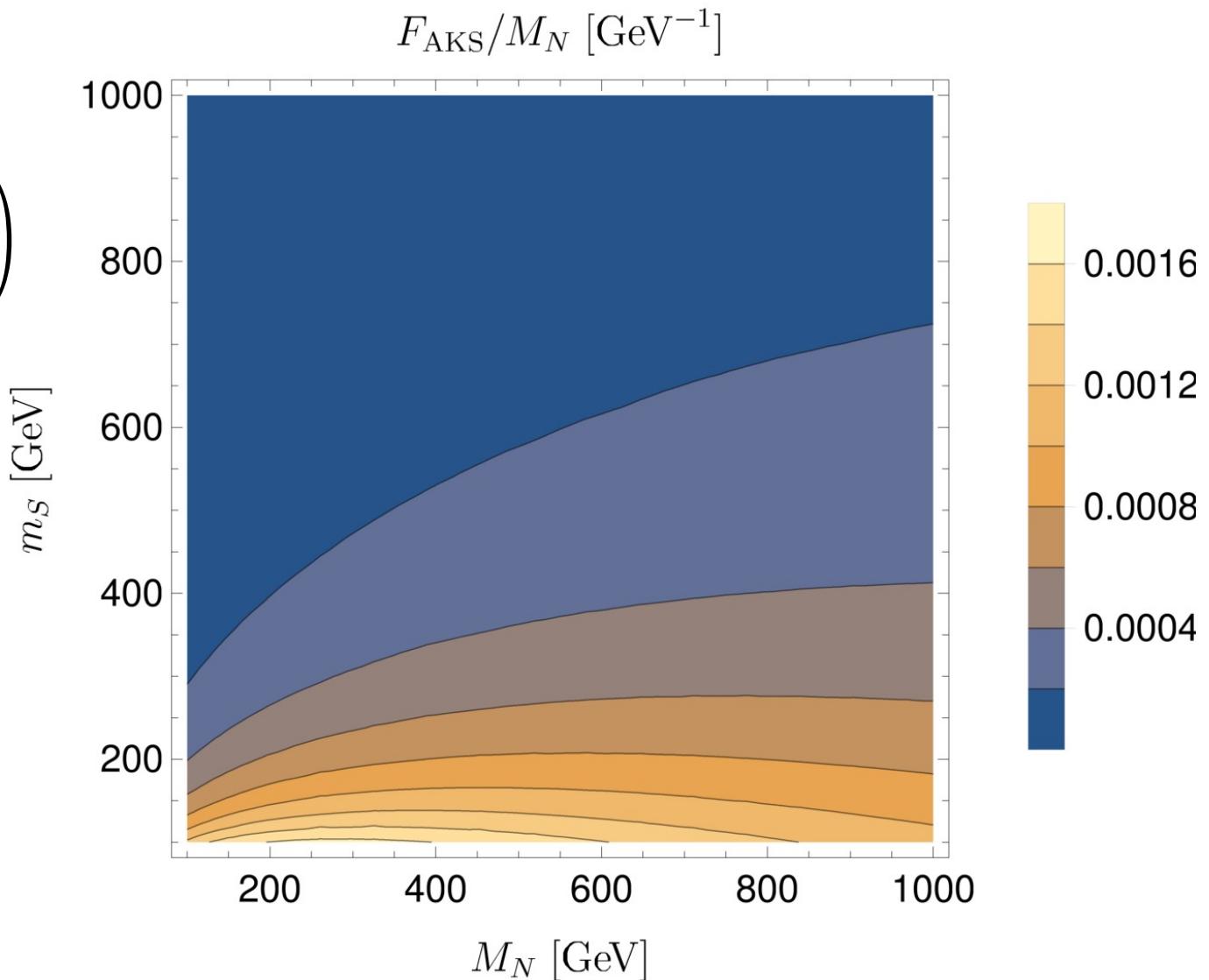
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$$F_{\text{AKS}} \left( \frac{M_S^2}{M_N^2}, \frac{M_\varphi^2}{M_N^2}, \frac{M_{H^\pm}^2}{M_N^2} \right)$$



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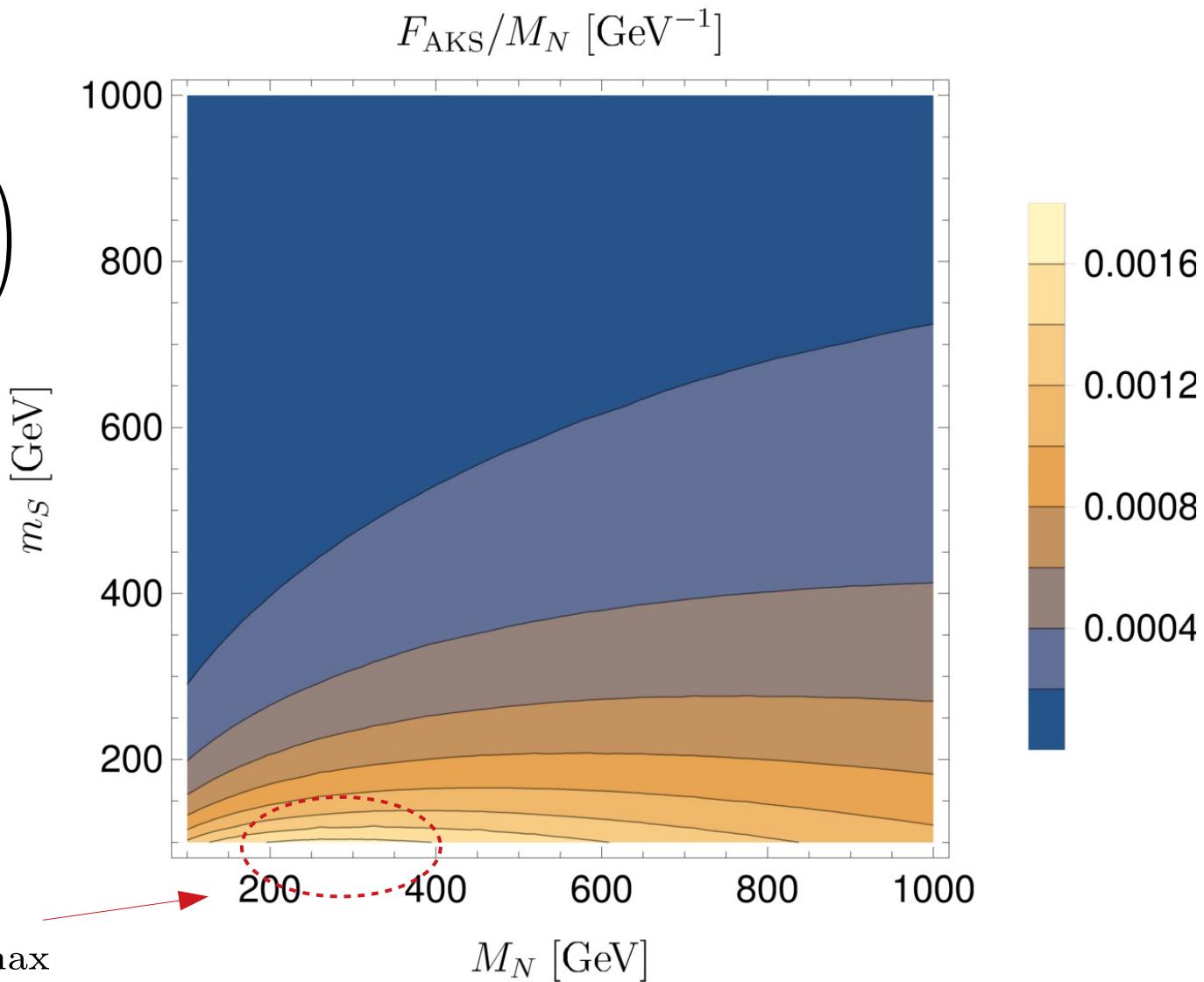
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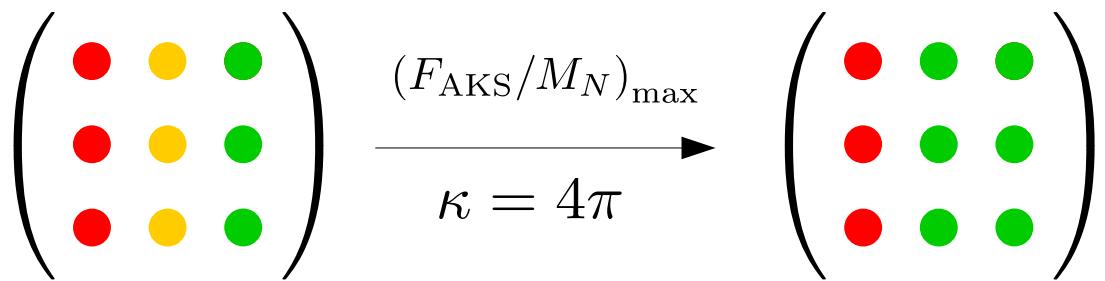
$$(F_{\text{AKS}}/M_N)_{\max}$$



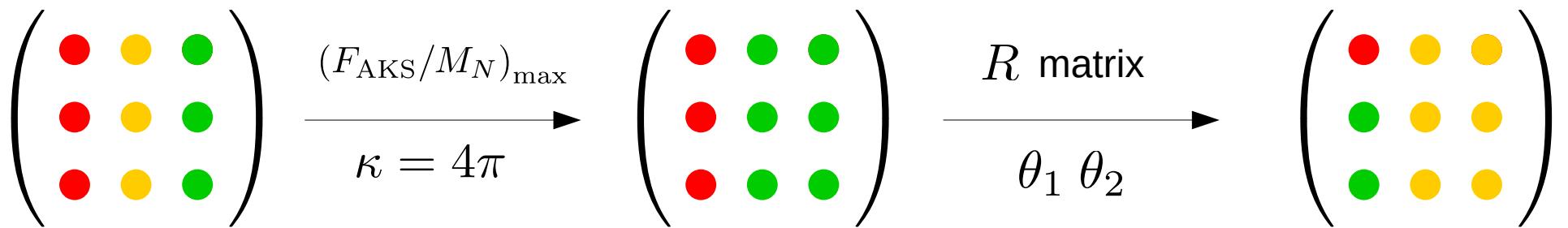
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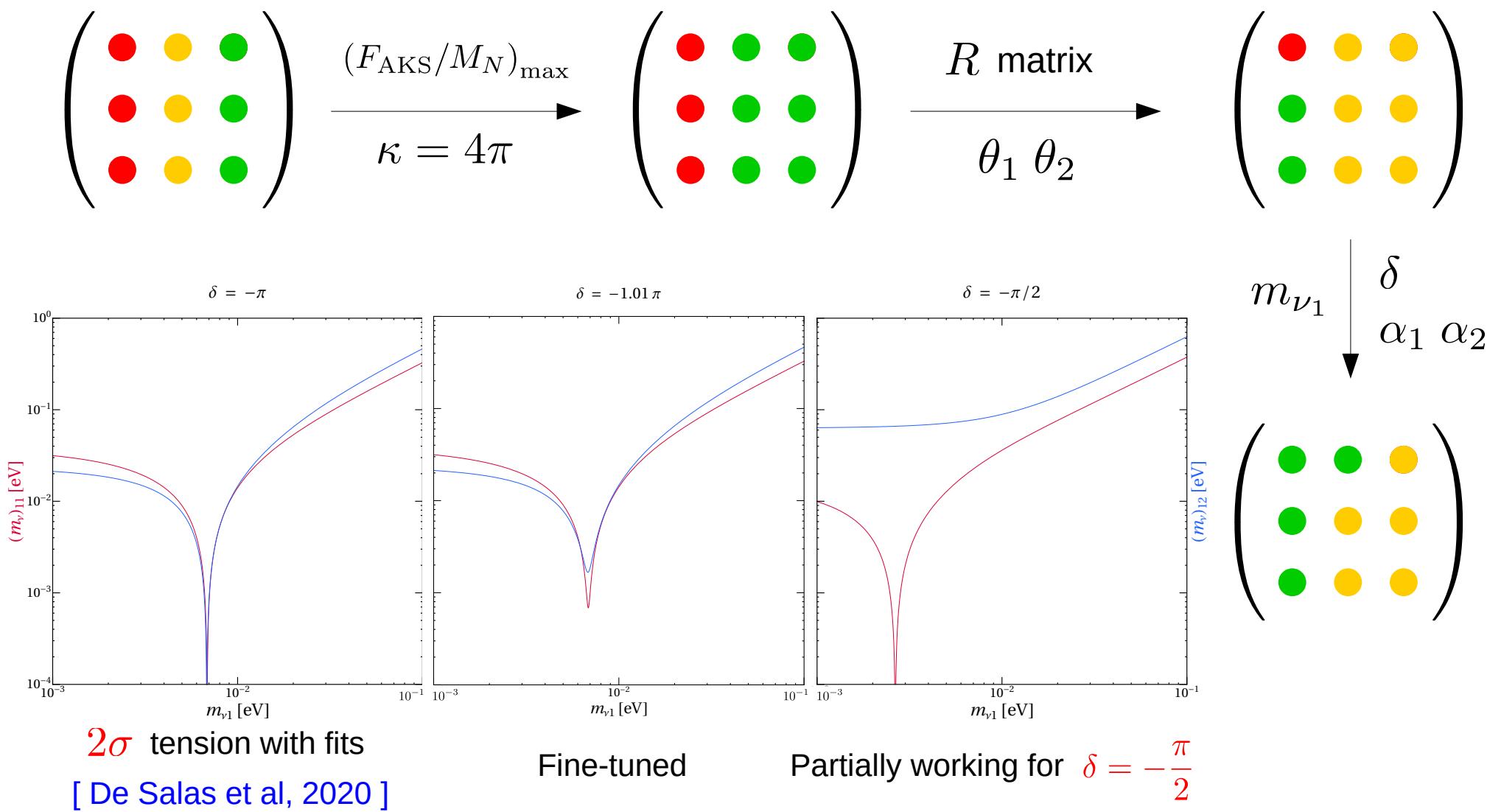
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$$R = R(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$$

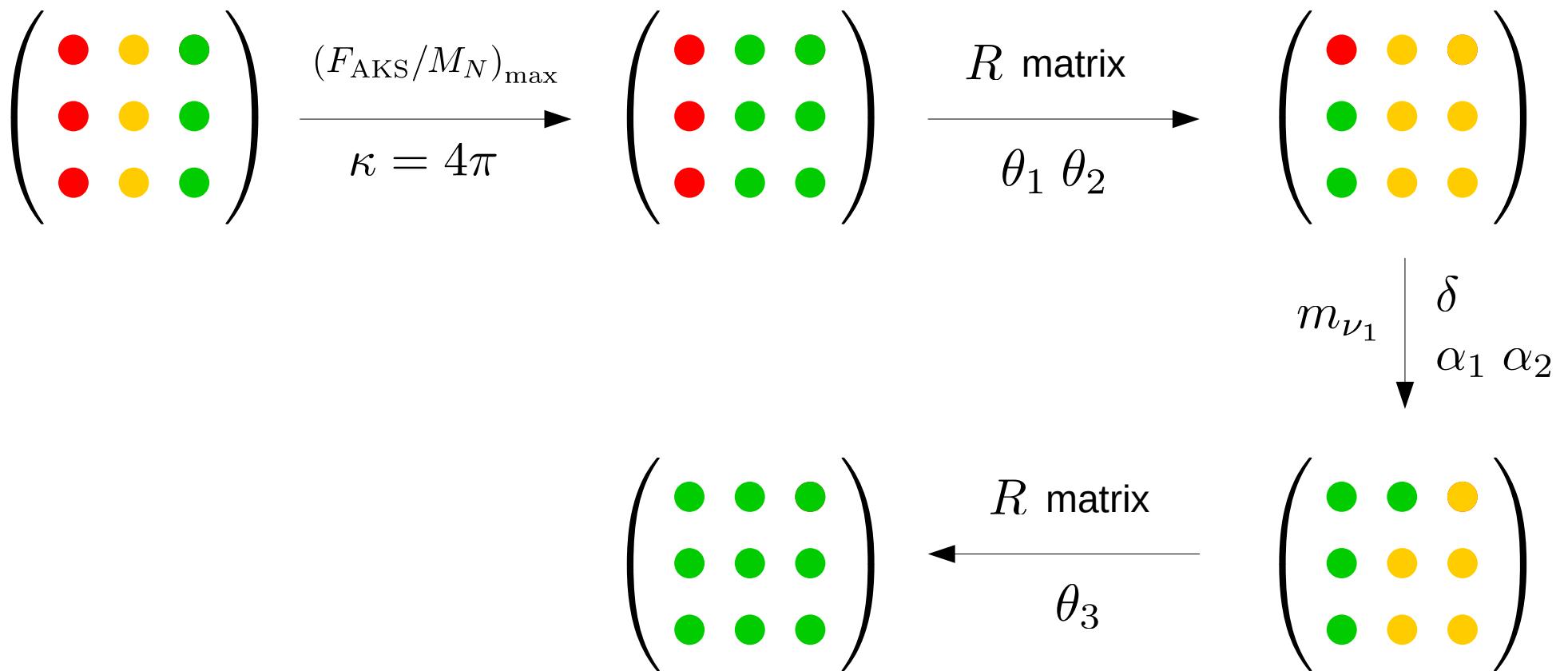
$\theta_i$  : complex angles

$$\theta_1 \ \theta_2 \Rightarrow Y_{21,31} \rightarrow 0$$

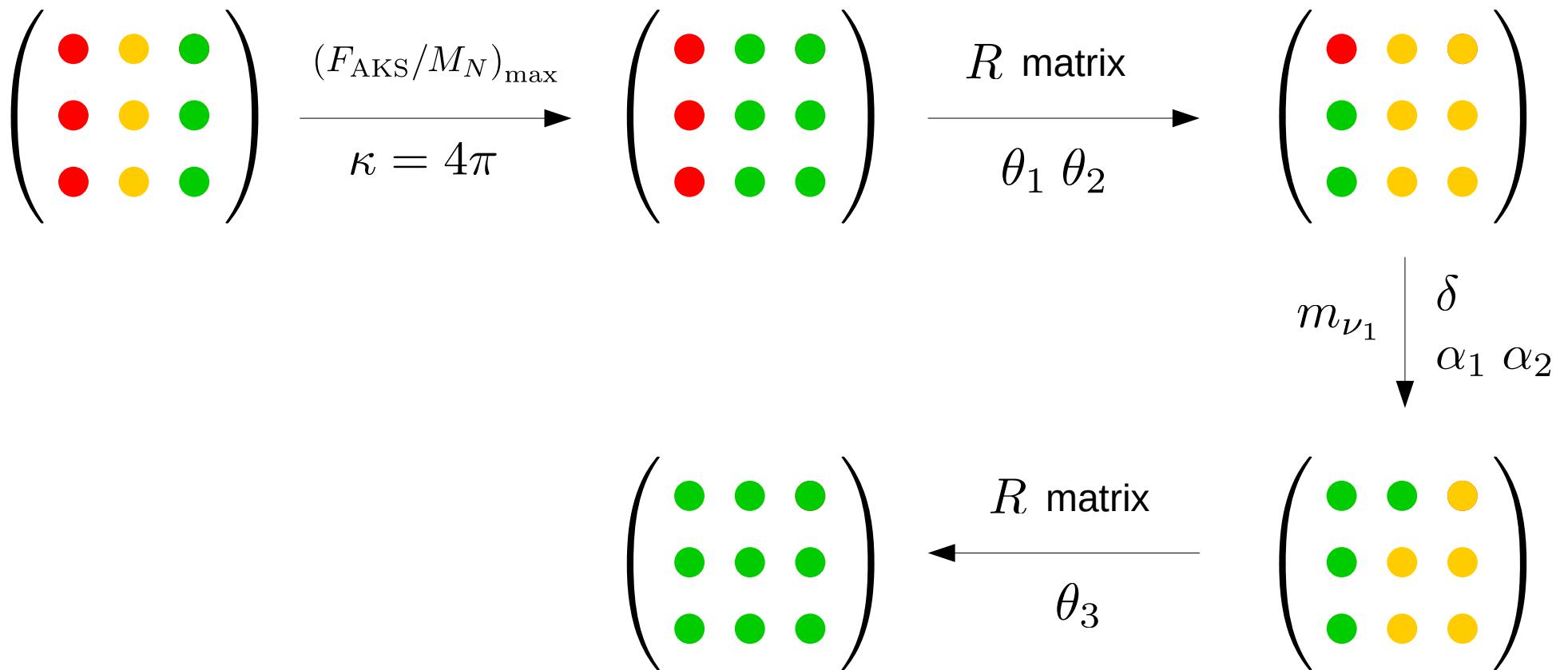
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**Perturbativity + flavor = ( fine-tuning )<sup>4</sup>**

+  
largish LFV  
effects

# Ultralight scalars and CLFV

With Pablo Escrivano

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# Ultralight scalars

$\phi$  : **ultralight** scalar that couples to **charged leptons**

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**Motivation:** axion, axion-like particles, majoron, familon, Goldstone bosons...

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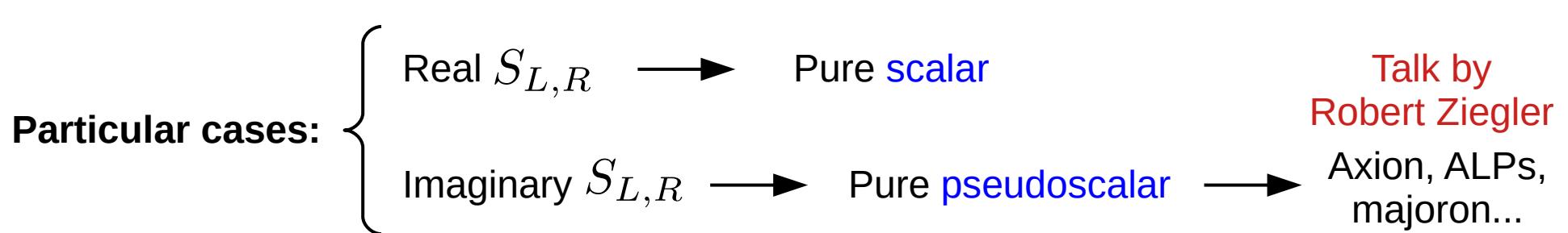
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General dimensionless complex coefficients



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$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell\ell\gamma} = \frac{e m_\alpha}{2} \bar{\ell}_\beta \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left[ \left( K_2^L \right)^{\beta\alpha} P_L + \left( K_2^R \right)^{\beta\alpha} P_R \right] \ell_\alpha F_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{4\ell} = \sum_{\substack{I=S,V,T \\ X,Y=L,R}} (A_{XY}^I)^{\beta\alpha\delta\gamma} \bar{\ell}_\beta \Gamma_I P_X \ell_\alpha \bar{\ell}_\delta \Gamma_I P_Y \ell_\gamma + \text{h.c.}$$

# Leptonic observables

$\phi$  : **ultralight** scalar that couples to **charged leptons**

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( $m_\phi = 0$  included)

Produced in  
the final state

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \phi \\ \bullet \ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \phi \gamma \end{array} \right.$$

Virtual particle

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma \\ \bullet \ell_\alpha^- \rightarrow \ell_\beta^- \ell_\beta^- \ell_\beta^+ \\ \bullet \ell_\alpha^- \rightarrow \ell_\beta^- \ell_\gamma^- \ell_\gamma^+ \\ \bullet \ell_\alpha^- \rightarrow \ell_\beta^+ \ell_\gamma^- \ell_\gamma^+ \\ \bullet \text{Lepton dipole moments (AMMs \& EDMs)} \end{array} \right.$$

[ Escribano, AV, 2020 ]

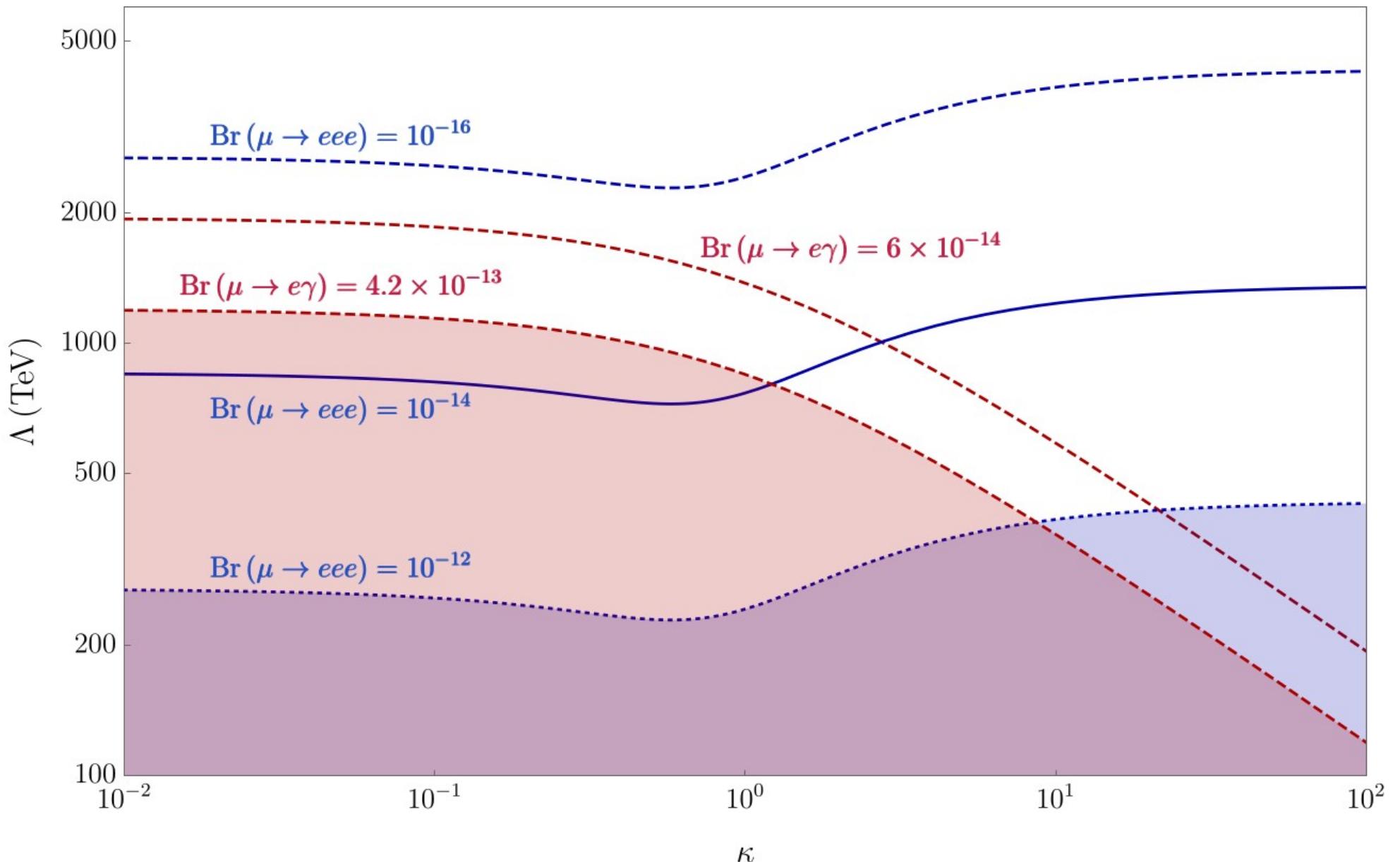
# Leptonic observables

**NEW!**

Infrared divergence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_\phi \left( \ell_\alpha^- \rightarrow \ell_\beta^- \ell_\beta^- \ell_\beta^+ \right) = & \\
 & \downarrow \\
 & \frac{m_\alpha}{512\pi^3} \left\{ \left( |S_L^{\beta\alpha}|^2 + |S_R^{\beta\alpha}|^2 \right) \left\{ |S^{\beta\beta}|^2 \left( 4 \log \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta} - \frac{49}{6} \right) - \frac{2}{6} \left[ (S^{\beta\beta*})^2 + (S^{\beta\beta})^2 \right] \right\} \right. \\
 & - \frac{m_\alpha^2}{6} \left\{ S_L^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta} A_{LL}^{S*} + 2S_L^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta*} A_{LR}^{S*} + 2S_R^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta} A_{RL}^{S*} + S_R^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta*} A_{RR}^{S*} \right. \\
 & - 12 \left( S_L^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta} A_{LL}^{T*} + S_R^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta*} A_{RR}^{T*} \right) - 4 \left( S_R^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta} A_{RL}^{V*} + S_L^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta*} A_{LR}^{V*} \right) \\
 & \left. \left. + 6e^2 \left[ S_R^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta} (K_2^L)^{\beta\alpha*} + S_L^{\beta\alpha} S^{\beta\beta*} (K_2^R)^{\beta\alpha*} \right] \right\} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S^{\beta\beta} = S_L^{\beta\beta} + S_R^{\beta\beta*}$$



$$e \left(K_2^L\right)^{\beta\alpha} \equiv \frac{1}{(\kappa + 1) \Lambda^2} \quad S_L^{\beta\alpha} \equiv m_\alpha \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + 1) \Lambda}$$

# Final remarks

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LFV is going to live a **golden age**

Many LFV observables. **Correlations** are not only possible, but in fact expected!

We must be **ready**: understand the LFV anatomy, patterns, correlations, hierarchies...

Thank you!

谢谢！



# Backup slides

# The KNT model

[ Krauss, Nasri, Trodden, 2002 ]

gen	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$h$	1	1	+
$S$	1	1	-
$N$	3	1	-

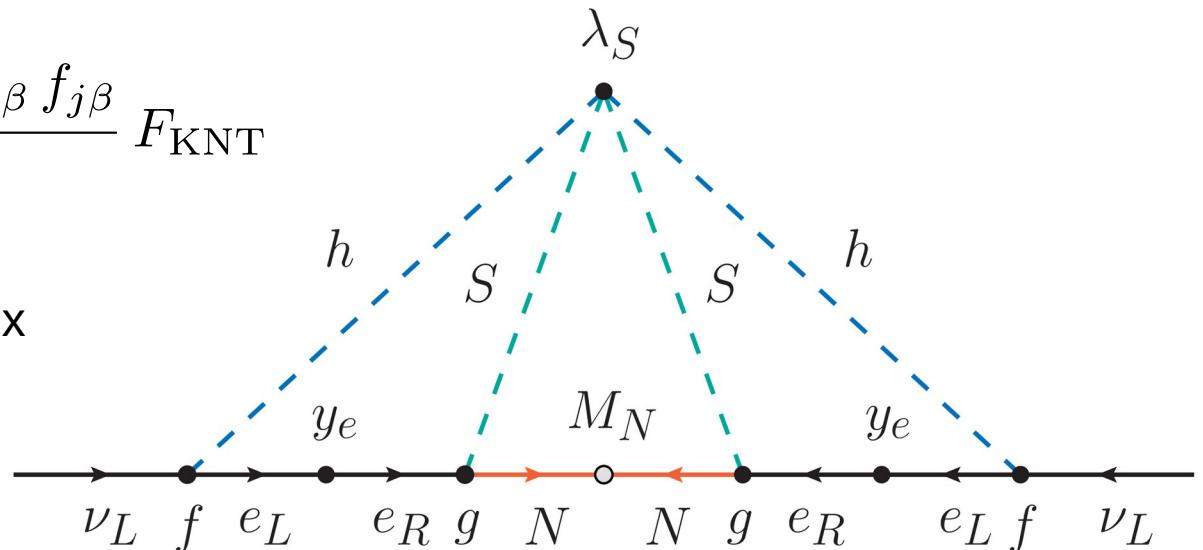
Singly  
charged  
scalars

Conserved  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  parity  
**Dark Matter!**

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \cancel{f} \overline{\ell^c} \ell h + \cancel{g} \overline{N^c} e_R S + \frac{1}{2} \cancel{M_N} \overline{N^c} N + \lambda_S (h S^*)^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$(m_\nu)_{ij} = \frac{\lambda_S}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{f_{i\alpha} m_\alpha g_\alpha^* g_\beta^* m_\beta f_{j\beta}}{(M_N)_{\alpha\beta}} F_{\text{KNT}}$$

$f$  : antisymmetric Yukawa matrix



# The Cocktail model

[ Gustafsson, No, Rivera, 2012 ]

gen	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$
$S$	1	1	—
$\rho$	1	2	+
$\eta$	1	2	—

Conserved  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  parity

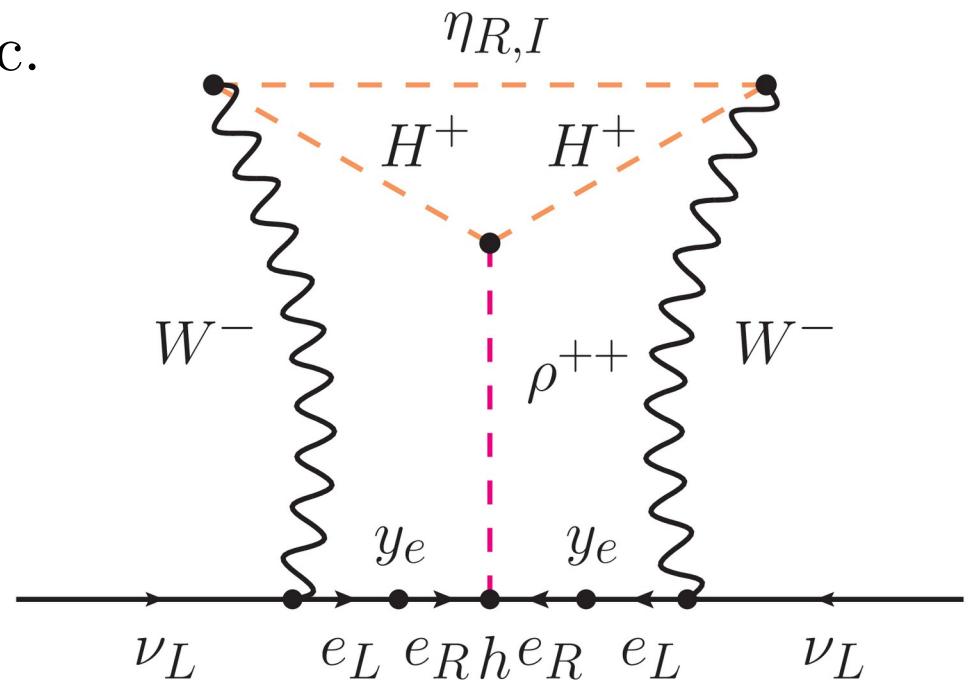
**Dark Matter!**

← Inert doublet

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset h \overline{e_R^c} e_R \rho + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (\phi \eta^*)^2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$(m_\nu)_{ij} = \frac{\lambda_5}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{m_i h_{ij} m_j}{v} F_{\text{Cocktail}}$$

$h$  : symmetric Yukawa matrix  
(type-II seesaw-like)



# FlavorKit

[Porod, Staub, AV, 2014]

A computer tool that provides automatized analytical and numerical computation of flavor observables. It is based on **SARAH**, **SPheno** and **FeynArts/FormCalc**.

Lepton flavor	Quark flavor
$\ell_\alpha \rightarrow \ell_\beta \gamma$	$B_{s,d}^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$
$\ell_\alpha \rightarrow 3 \ell_\beta$	$\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \gamma$
$\mu - e$ conversion in nuclei	$\bar{B} \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$
$\tau \rightarrow P \ell$	$\bar{B} \rightarrow X_{d,s} \nu \bar{\nu}$
$h \rightarrow \ell_\alpha \ell_\beta$	$B \rightarrow K \ell^+ \ell^-$
$Z \rightarrow \ell_\alpha \ell_\beta$	$K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$
	$\Delta M_{B_{s,d}}$
	$\Delta M_K$ and $\varepsilon_K$
	$P \rightarrow \ell \nu$

Not limited to a single model: use it for the **model of your choice**

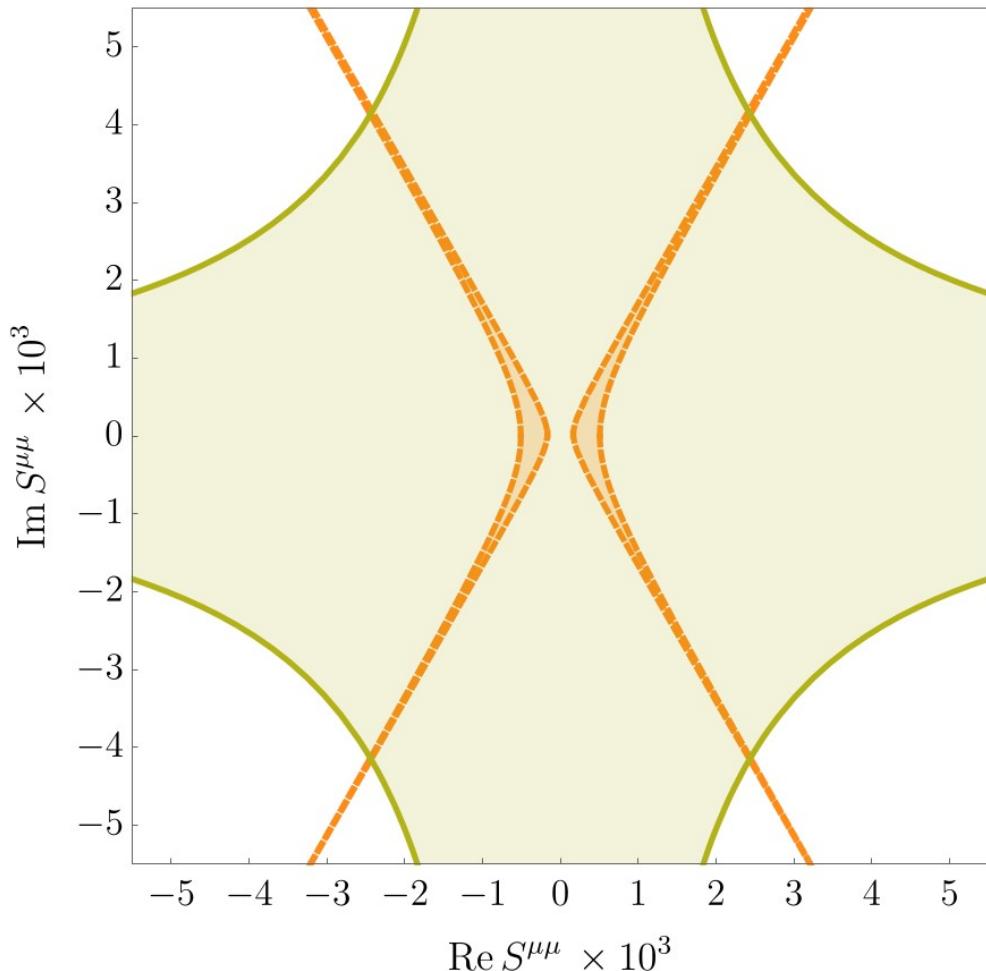
Easily **extendable**

**Many observables ready to be computed in your favourite model!**

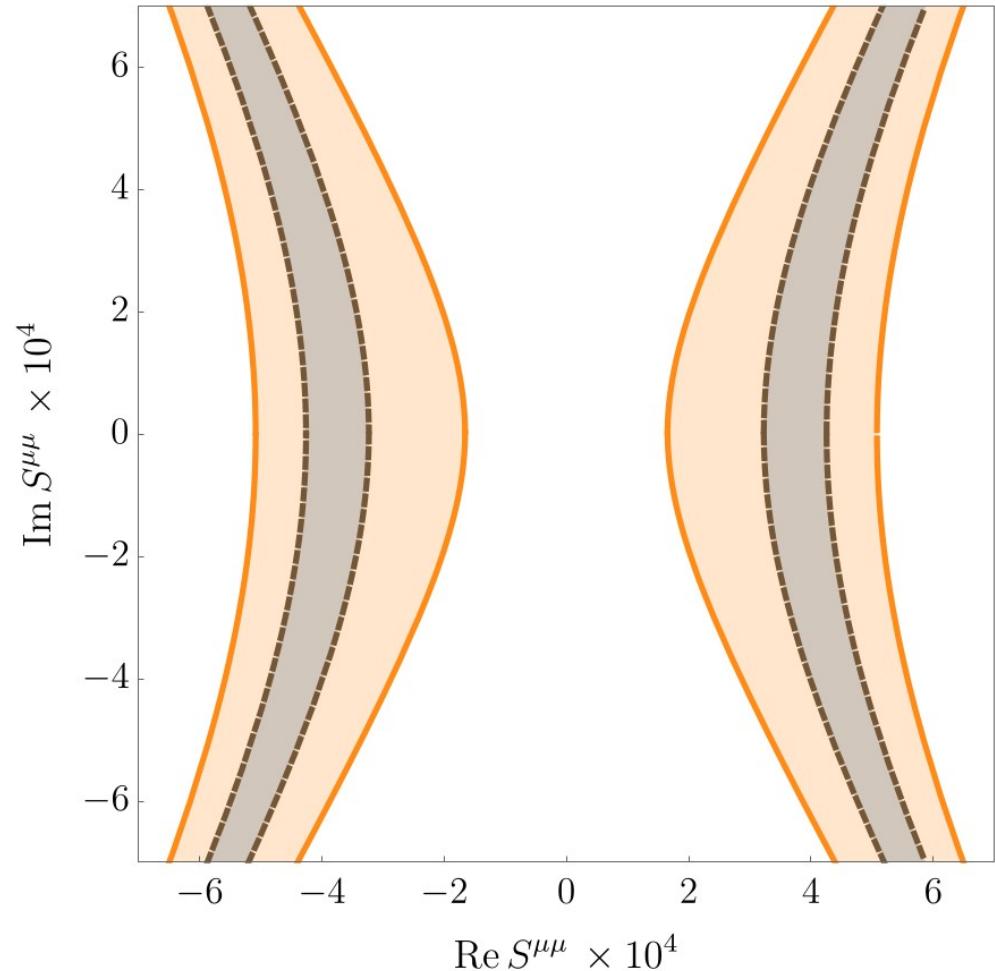
Manual: [arXiv:1405.1434](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.1434)  
Website: <http://sarah.hepforge.org/FlavorKit.html>

# Muon g-2

$(g - 2)_\mu$  and  $d_\mu$



$(g - 2)_\mu$



Flavor diagonal scenario

$$\Delta a_\alpha = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[ 3 (\text{Re } S^{\alpha\alpha})^2 - (\text{Im } S^{\alpha\alpha})^2 \right]$$

[ Escribano, AV, 2020 ]