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# Grand Unification, Neutrino Masses, and Lepton Flavour Violation

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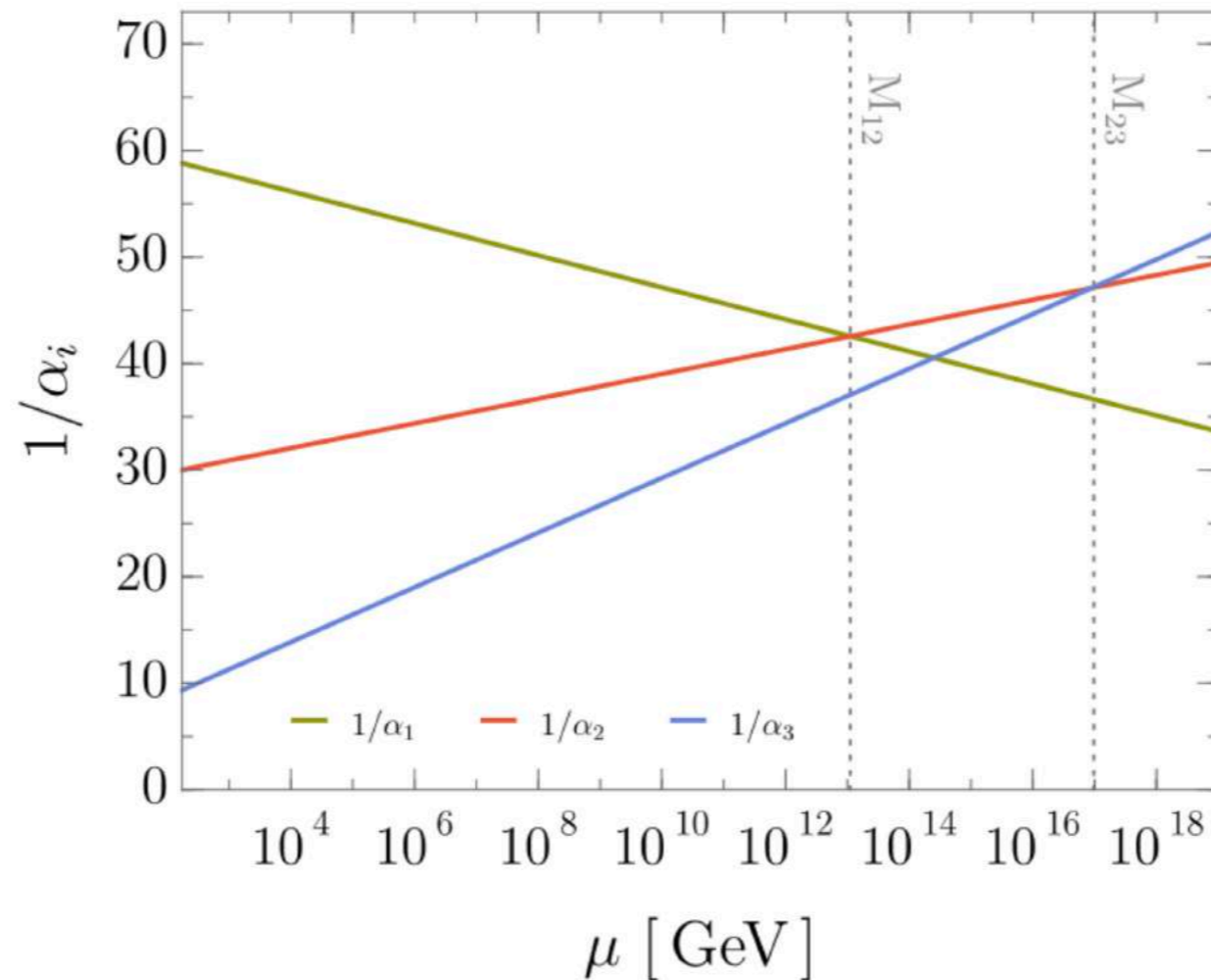
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mainly based on LC, Xiyuan Gao [arXiv:2206.10682](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.10682)

# Motivation

Grand Unification very appealing paradigm (fermions unified in simple GUT irreps, charge quantisation, anomaly cancellation,  $p$  decay...)

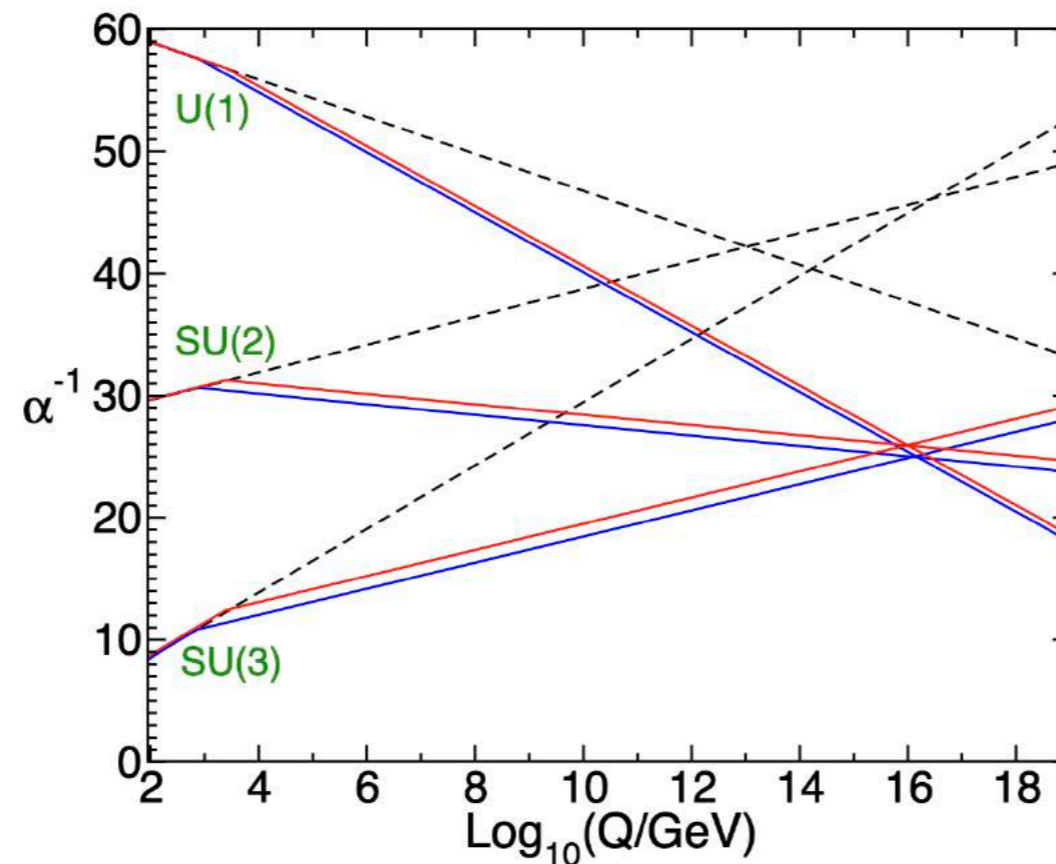
SM gauge couplings show a *tendency* to unification but do not quite unify:



gauge coupling unification requires new fields at intermediate scales (often close to the EW scale)

# Motivation

This is the case of (and still one of the strongest motivations for) the MSSM



- What about more *minimal* solutions (giving up on naturalness)?
- Can the fields triggering unification be the same fields related to open problems of the SM that require intermediate-scale new physics?
- Yes! And the most obvious example is neutrino masses: many refs starting from [Dorsner Perez '05](#), [Bajc Senjanovic '06](#) (“Seesaw at LHC”)

# Minimal SU(5)

In the minimal Georgi-Glashow SU(5) model one only introduces the irreps:

$\bar{\mathbf{5}}_F$   $\mathbf{10}_F$   $\mathbf{24}_H$   $\mathbf{5}_H$

Georgi Glashow '74

~~SU(5)~~

SM Higgs (EWSB)

$$SU(5) \xrightarrow{v_{24}} SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \xrightarrow{v_5} SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$$

SM fermions:

$$\psi_{\bar{\mathbf{5}}} = (D_R)^c (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3) \oplus L_L (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2),$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{10}} = Q_L (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 1/6) \oplus (U_R)^c (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3) \oplus (E_R)^c (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1),$$

Three major problems of the model:

- (1) Field content does not actually achieve gauge coupling unification
- (2) Predicts “wrong” relations among lepton and down-quark masses:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = Y_u \epsilon_{ijklm} \overline{\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^{ij}} (\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^{kl})^c \phi_{\mathbf{5}}^{m*} + Y_{dl} \phi_{\mathbf{5}}^i \overline{\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^{ij}} (\psi_{\bar{\mathbf{5}}}^j)^c.$$

⇒  $m_d = m_e, m_s = m_\mu, m_b = m_\tau$  (at the GUT scale)

- (3) Neutrino are massless just like in the Standard Model

# Neutrino masses

Can the 3 shortcomings of minimal SU(5) be fixed *simultaneously*?

Let's start adding neutrino mass terms:

• Dirac:  $\mathcal{L} \supset -(Y_\nu)_{ij} \bar{\nu}_{Ri} \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger L_{Lj} + \text{h.c.} \implies (m_\nu^D)_{ij} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_\nu)_{ij}.$

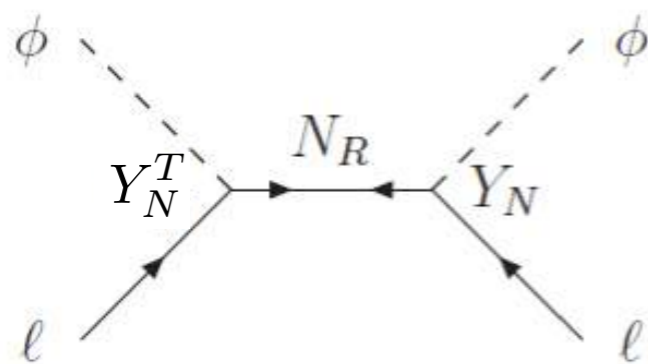
- At least 2 RH (i.e. sterile) neutrinos are introduced
- Lepton number ( $L$ ) is conserved
- $L$ -conservation actually needs to be enforced to prevent  $M_R \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_R$
- Requires  $Y_\nu \lesssim 10^{-12}$  ( $10^7$  times smaller than the electron Yukawa)
- SM singlets: gauge coupling unification *not affected*

• Majorana:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{C_{ij}}{\Lambda} (\overline{L_{Li}^c} \tau_2 \Phi) (\Phi^T \tau_2 L_{Lj}) + \text{h.c.} \implies (m_\nu^M)_{ij} = \frac{C_{ij} v^2}{\Lambda}$  [Weinberg '79](#)

- Effective dimension-5 operator (only one of that order in the SMEFT)
- $\Delta L = 2 \implies$  Lepton Number Violation
- Naturally explain smallness of neutrino masses (if  $\Lambda \gg v$ )
- Requires an UV completion at  $\Lambda$  (that is, indicates a *new physics* scale) that might potentially aid gauge coupling unification

# Seesaw Mechanism(s)

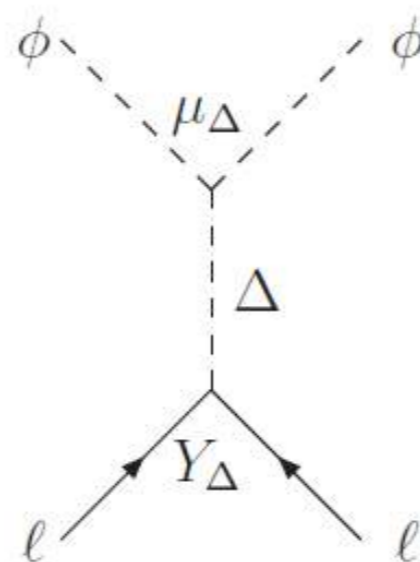
Three ways of generating the Weinberg operator at the tree level:



Type I

Heavy fermionic singlets  
(RH neutrinos)

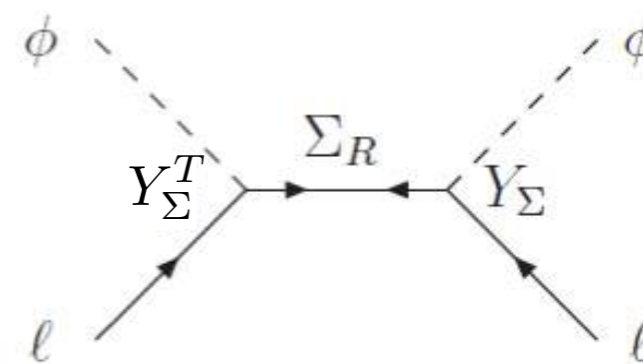
Minkowski, Gell-Mann,  
Ramond, Slansky, Yanagida,  
Glashow, Mohapatra,  
Senjanovic, ...



Type II

Heavy scalar triplet

Magg, Wetterich, Lazarides,  
Shafi, Mohapatra, Senjanovic,  
Schechter, Valle, ...



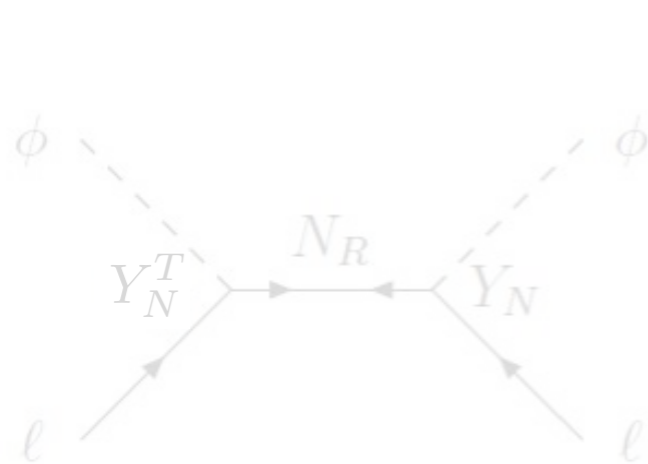
Type III

Heavy fermionic  
triplets

Foot, Lew, He, Joshi, Ma, Roy,  
Hambye et al., Bajc et al.,  
Dorsner, Fileviez-Perez, ...

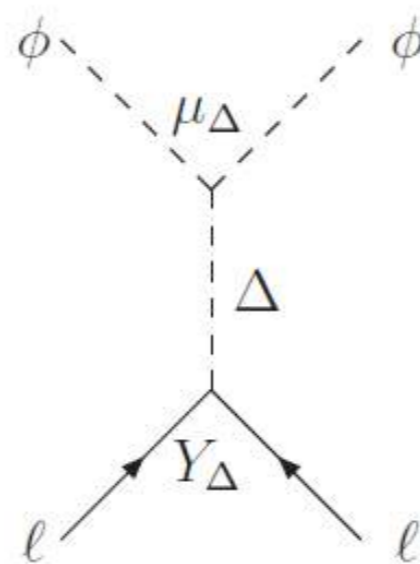
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We choose the most predictive (for spectrum & LFV) option:



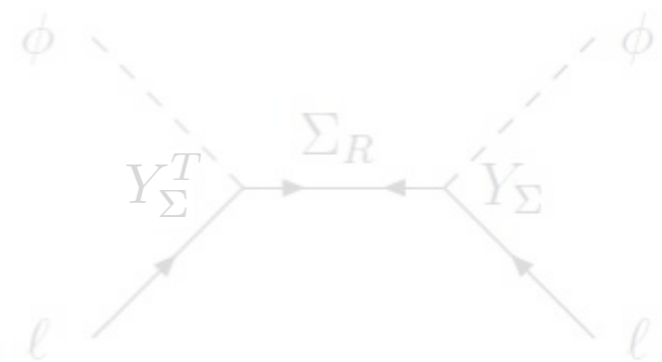
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Scalar SU(2) triplet  
(hypercharge  $Y=1$ )

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^-/\sqrt{2} & \Delta^0 \\ \Delta^{--} & -\Delta^-/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type II}} \supset Y_{\Delta}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{L}_{\alpha} \Delta i\sigma_2 L_{\beta}^c + \mu_{\Delta} H^T i\sigma_2 \Delta H + \text{h.c.} \implies m_{\nu} = Y_{\Delta} \frac{\mu_{\Delta} v^2}{M_{\Delta}^2}$$

$L$ -breaking term [ $L(\Delta) = -2$ ]

# Type II seesaw in SU(5) with realistic fermion masses

Type II seesaw can address problems (1) and (3) of minimal SU(5)

*Only one* additional scalar representation is needed:

$$\mathbf{15}_H : \quad \phi_{15} = \Delta (1, \mathbf{3}, 1) \oplus \widetilde{R}_2 (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6) \oplus S (\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)$$

Type II triplet

a scalar leptoquark (LQ)

Three possible ways to fix problem (2), *i.e.* the fermion mass relations:

**Model 1:** add non-renormalisable operators

Ellis Gallard '79  
Dorsner Perez '05

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \supset \frac{Y'_u}{\Lambda} \epsilon_{ijklm} \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{10}^{kl})^c \phi_{24}^{mn} \phi_5^{n*} + \frac{Y''_u}{\Lambda} \epsilon_{ijklm} \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{10}^{kn})^c \phi_{24}^{mn} \phi_5^{l*}$$

$$+ \frac{Y'_{dl}}{\Lambda} \phi_5^i \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} \phi_{24}^{jk} (\psi_5^k)^c + \frac{Y''_{dl}}{\Lambda} \phi_5^i \phi_{24}^{ij} \overline{\psi_{10}^{jk}} (\psi_5^k)^c + \text{h.c.},$$

no new fields!

$$\Lambda \gg v_{24} \quad [e.g. \Lambda \sim M_{\text{Planck}}]$$

$$\longrightarrow M_d = \frac{v_5}{\sqrt{2}} \left( Y_{dl} + \frac{v_{24}}{\Lambda} Y'_{dl} - \frac{3v_{24}}{2\Lambda} Y''_{dl} \right), \quad M_\ell = \frac{v_5}{\sqrt{2}} \left( Y_{dl}^T - \frac{3v_{24}}{2\Lambda} Y_{dl}'^T - \frac{3v_{24}}{2\Lambda} Y_{dl}''^T \right)$$



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**Model 2:** add a scalar  $45_H$  :

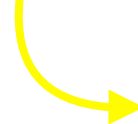
Dorsner Mocioiu '07


$$\phi_{45} = \varphi_8 (\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{2}, 1/2) \oplus \varphi_{\overline{6}} (\overline{\mathbf{6}}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3) \oplus \varphi_3^T (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}, -1/3) \oplus$$

$$\varphi_3^D (\overline{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{2}, -7/6) \oplus \varphi_3^S (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3) \oplus \varphi_3^S (\overline{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 4/3) \oplus H_2 (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, 1/2)$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \supset Y_u \epsilon_{ijklm} \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{10}^{kl})^c \phi_5^{m*} + Y_{dl} \phi_5^i \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{\overline{5}}^j)^c$$

$$+ Y'_u \epsilon_{ijklm} \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{10}^{nk})^c \phi_{45}^{lmn*} + \boxed{Y'_{dl} \phi_{45}^{ijk} \overline{\psi_{10}^{ij}} (\psi_{\overline{5}}^k)^c} + \text{h.c.}$$

2nd Higgs doublet 



$$M_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_5 Y_{dl} \boxed{+ 2v_{45} Y'_{dl}}) , \quad M_\ell = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_5 Y_{dl}^T \boxed{- 6v_{45} Y'_{dl}{}^T})$$

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**Model 3:** add vector-like fermions (**5+5** or **10+10**)

[Dorsner Fajfer Mustac '14](#)

For example:

$$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v = D_V^c (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3) \oplus L_V (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2),$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v = D_V (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3) \oplus L_V^c (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, 1/2),$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \supset \left( \begin{array}{cc} \overline{\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^\alpha} & \overline{\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} Y_{dl}^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{\mathbf{5}}^* & M_5^\alpha + \lambda_5^\alpha \phi_{\mathbf{24}} \\ Y_{dl}'^{\beta} \phi_{\mathbf{5}}^* & M_5^V + \lambda_5^V \phi_{\mathbf{24}} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} (\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^\beta)^c \\ \psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v \end{array} \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc} \overline{(D_R^\alpha)^c} & \overline{D_V^c} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_5 Y_{dl}^{\alpha\beta} & M_5^\alpha + \lambda_5^\alpha v_{24} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_5 Y_{dl}'^{\beta} & M_5^V + \lambda_5^V v_{24} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} (D_L^\beta)^c \\ D_V^c \end{array} \right) +$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \overline{E_L^\alpha} & \overline{E_V'} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_5 Y_{dl}^{\alpha\beta} & M_5^\alpha - \frac{3}{2} \lambda_5^\alpha v_{24} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_5 Y_{dl}'^{\beta} & M_5^V - \frac{3}{2} \lambda_5^V v_{24} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} E_R^\beta \\ E_V' \end{array} \right),$$

# Intermediate-scale fields and gauge coupling unification

Fields that might have mass below the GUT scale and affect the running of  $g_i$ :

All models							
Field	$SU(5)$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$b_3^I$	$b_2^I$	$b_1^I$
$\varrho_3$	$\phi_{24}$	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	0	0	1/3	0
$\varrho_8$	$\phi_{24}$	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	0	1/2	0	0
$\Delta$	$\phi_{15}$	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	1	0	2/3	3/5
$\widetilde{R}_2$	$\phi_{15}$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/6	1/3	1/2	1/30
$S$	$\phi_{15}$	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-2/3	5/6	0	8/15

Model 2							
Field	$SU(5)$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$b_3^I$	$b_2^I$	$b_1^I$
$\varphi_8$	$\phi_{45}$	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	1/2	2	4/3	4/5
$\varphi_{\bar{6}}$	$\phi_{45}$	$\bar{\mathbf{6}}$	<b>1</b>	-1/3	5/6	0	2/15
$\varphi_3^T$	$\phi_{45}$	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	-1/3	1/2	2	1/5
$\varphi_3^D$	$\phi_{45}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>2</b>	-7/6	1/3	1/2	49/30
$\varphi_3^S$	$\phi_{45}$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-1/3	1/6	0	1/15
$\varphi_{\bar{3}}^S$	$\phi_{45}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>1</b>	4/3	1/6	0	16/15
$H_2$	$\phi_{45}$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1/2	0	1/6	1/10

Model 3							
Field	$SU(5)$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$b_3^I$	$b_2^I$	$b_1^I$
$L_V$	$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-1/2	0	1/3	1/5
$D_V^c$	$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>1</b>	1/3	1/3	0	2/15
$L_V^c$	$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1/2	0	1/3	1/5
$D_V$	$\psi_{\mathbf{5}}^v$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-1/3	1/3	0	2/15
$Q_V$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/6	2/3	1	1/15
$U_V^c$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>1</b>	-2/3	1/3	0	8/15
$E_V^c$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	1	0	0	2/5
$Q_V^c$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	<b>2</b>	-1/6	2/3	1	1/15
$U_V$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2/3	1/3	0	8/15
$E_V$	$\psi_{\mathbf{10}}^v$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	-1	0	0	2/5

$$\alpha_{\text{GUT}}^{-1} = \alpha_i^{-1}(m_Z) - \frac{b_i^{\text{eff}}}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{GUT}}}{m_Z} \right), \quad b_i^{\text{eff}} \equiv b_i^{\text{SM}} + \sum_I b_i^I r_I, \quad r_I \equiv \frac{\ln(M_{\text{GUT}}/M_I)}{\ln(M_{\text{GUT}}/m_Z)} \in [0, 1],$$

⇒ gauge coupling unification constraint (on fields' masses  $M_I$ ):

$$\frac{b_2^{\text{eff}} - b_3^{\text{eff}}}{b_1^{\text{eff}} - b_2^{\text{eff}}} = \frac{\alpha_2^{-1}(m_Z) - \alpha_3^{-1}(m_Z)}{\alpha_1^{-1}(m_Z) - \alpha_2^{-1}(m_Z)} = \frac{5 \sin^2 \theta_w - 5\alpha_{em}/\alpha_s}{3 - 8 \sin^2 \theta_w} = 0.717 \pm 0.002$$

[Giveon Hall Sarid '91](#)

# GUT scale and proton decay

As well known, SU(5) gauge bosons  $X^\mu, Y^\mu$  ( $\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{2}, \pm 5/6$ ) induce  $p$  decay

We set  $M_{X,Y} \equiv M_{\text{GUT}}$ , that is, the scale where the coupling unify:

$$\ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{GUT}}}{m_Z} \right) = \frac{6\pi - 16\pi \sin^2 \theta_w}{5\alpha_{em}(b_1^{\text{eff}} - b_2^{\text{eff}})}$$



$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell_i^+) = \frac{\pi m_p \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^2}{2M_{\text{GUT}}^4} A^2 \left\{ |(V_1)_{11}(V_3)_{1i} \langle \pi^0 | (ud)_{RuL} | p \rangle|^2 + |[(V_1)_{11}(V_2)_{i1} + (V_1 V_{\text{CKM}}^*)_{11}(V_2 V_{\text{CKM}}^T)_{i1}] \langle \pi^0 | (ud)_{LuL} | p \rangle|^2 \right\},$$

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 \ell_i^+) = \frac{\pi m_p \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^2}{2M_{\text{GUT}}^4} \left(1 - \frac{m_K^2}{m_p}\right)^2 A^2 \left\{ |(V_1)_{11}(V_3)_{2i} \langle K^0 | (us)_{RuL} | p \rangle|^2 + |[(V_1)_{11}(V_2)_{i2} + (V_1 V_{\text{CKM}}^*)_{12}(V_2 V_{\text{CKM}}^T)_{i1}] \langle K^0 | (us)_{LuL} | p \rangle|^2 \right\},$$

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}) = \frac{\pi m_p \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^2}{2M_{\text{GUT}}^4} A^2 |(V_1 V_{\text{CKM}})_{11} \langle \pi^+ | (du)_{RdL} | p \rangle|^2,$$

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Mode	Limit (years)
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	$> 2.4 \times 10^{34}$
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+$	$> 1.6 \times 10^{34}$
$p \rightarrow K^0 e^+$	$> 1.0 \times 10^{33}$
$p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+$	$> 3.6 \times 10^{33}$
$p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$	$> 3.9 \times 10^{32}$
$p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$	$> 5.9 \times 10^{33}$

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Nath Perez '06

# GUT scale and proton decay

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Prediction affected by the (unknown) flavour rotations of RH fermions:

$$V_f^\dagger M_f V_f' = M_f^{\text{diag}}$$

$$V_1 \equiv V_u'^\dagger V_u^*, \quad V_2 \equiv V_\ell'^\dagger V_\ell^*, \quad V_3 \equiv V_\ell'^\dagger V_d'^*.$$

But summing over neutrino flavours, the neutrino modes less uncertain:  
only unknown is  $V_1$  that is  $=\mathbf{1}$  in minimal SU(5) and whenever the up-quark mass matrix is symmetric (and  $\approx\mathbf{1}$  if RH rotations are small)

→  $p \rightarrow K/\pi \bar{\nu}$  give conservative, (almost) model-independent bounds!

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 \ell_i^+) = \frac{\pi m_p \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^2}{2M_{\text{GUT}}^4} \left(1 - \frac{m_K^2}{m_p}\right)^2 A^2 \left\{ |(V_1)_{11}(V_3)_{2i} \langle K^0 | (us)_{RuL} | p \rangle|^2 + |[(V_1)_{11}(V_2)_{i2} + (V_1 V_{\text{CKM}}^*)_{12} (V_2 V_{\text{CKM}}^T)_{i1}] \langle K^0 | (us)_{LuL} | p \rangle|^2 \right\},$$

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# Fit of the models' spectrum

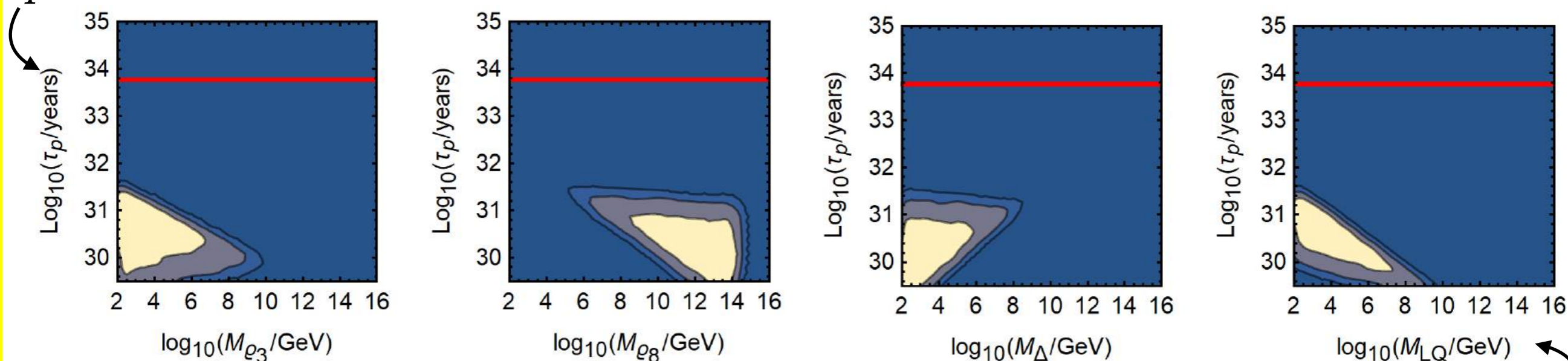
To reduce the number of parameters in the fit, we set at the GUT scale the masses of the fields that tend to reduce  $M_{\text{GUT}}$  (reducing  $p$  lifetime) or directly contribute to  $p$  decay (e.g. several leptoquarks from  $\mathbf{45}_H$ )

**Model 1:** only 4 parameters, the masses of

$$\varrho_3 (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0), \varrho_8 (\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1}, 0) \text{ from } \mathbf{24}_H \quad \Delta (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 1), \tilde{R}_2 (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6) \text{ from } \mathbf{15}_H$$

Imposing gauge coupling unification:

$p$  lifetime



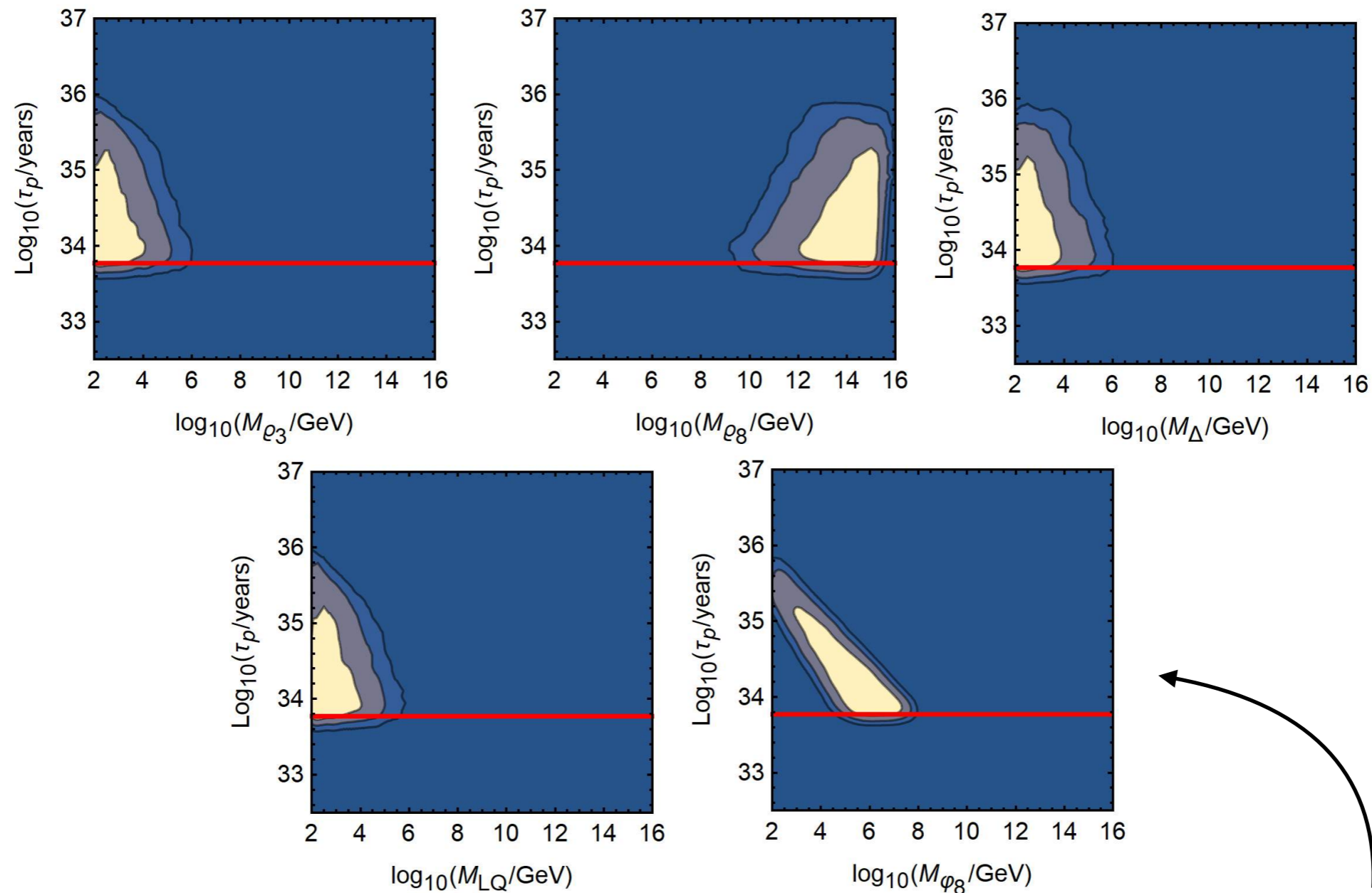
Excluded by the (conservative)  $p$  decay bound! field mass

(virtually impossible to have a flavour structure of the fermion mass matrices that can *simultaneously* suppress  $p \rightarrow K/\pi \ell, p \rightarrow K/\pi \nu$ )

# Fit of the models' spectrum

**Model 2:** previous 4 parameters +  $\varphi_8 (8, 2, 1/2)$  [and  $H_2(1, 2, 1/2)$ ] from  $45_H$

Imposing gauge coupling unification &  $p$ -lifetime bound:



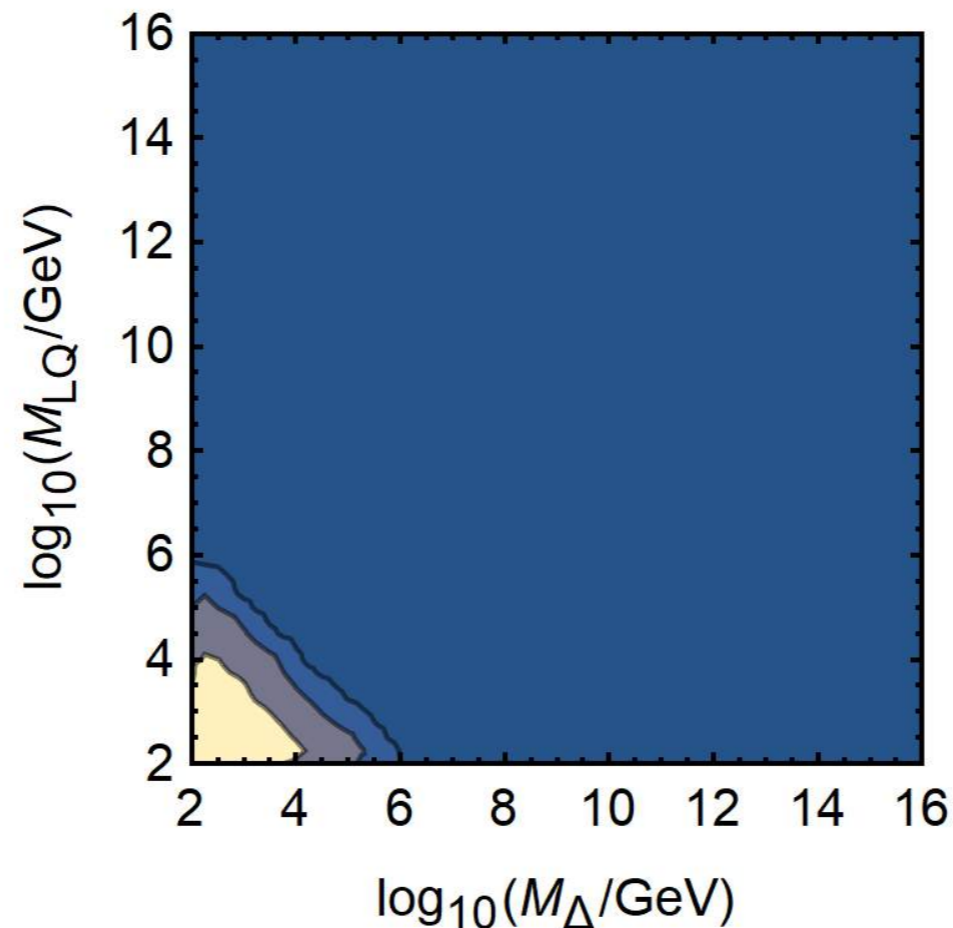
$$\tau_p \lesssim 10^{35(36)} \text{ years at } 1\sigma (2\sigma)$$

anti-correlated to the colour octet mass!

# Fit of the models' spectrum

**Model 2:** previous 4 parameters +  $\varphi_8(8, 2, 1/2)$  [and  $H_2(1, 2, 1/2)$ ] from  $45_H$

4 particles have masses bounded from above  
In particular, the type II triplet and the LQ in  $15_H$ :



$$M_{\Delta}, M_{LQ} \lesssim 10 \text{ (100) TeV at } 1\sigma \text{ (} 2\sigma \text{) !!!}$$

[prediction rather robust, even if the number of parameters is increased, see backup slide]

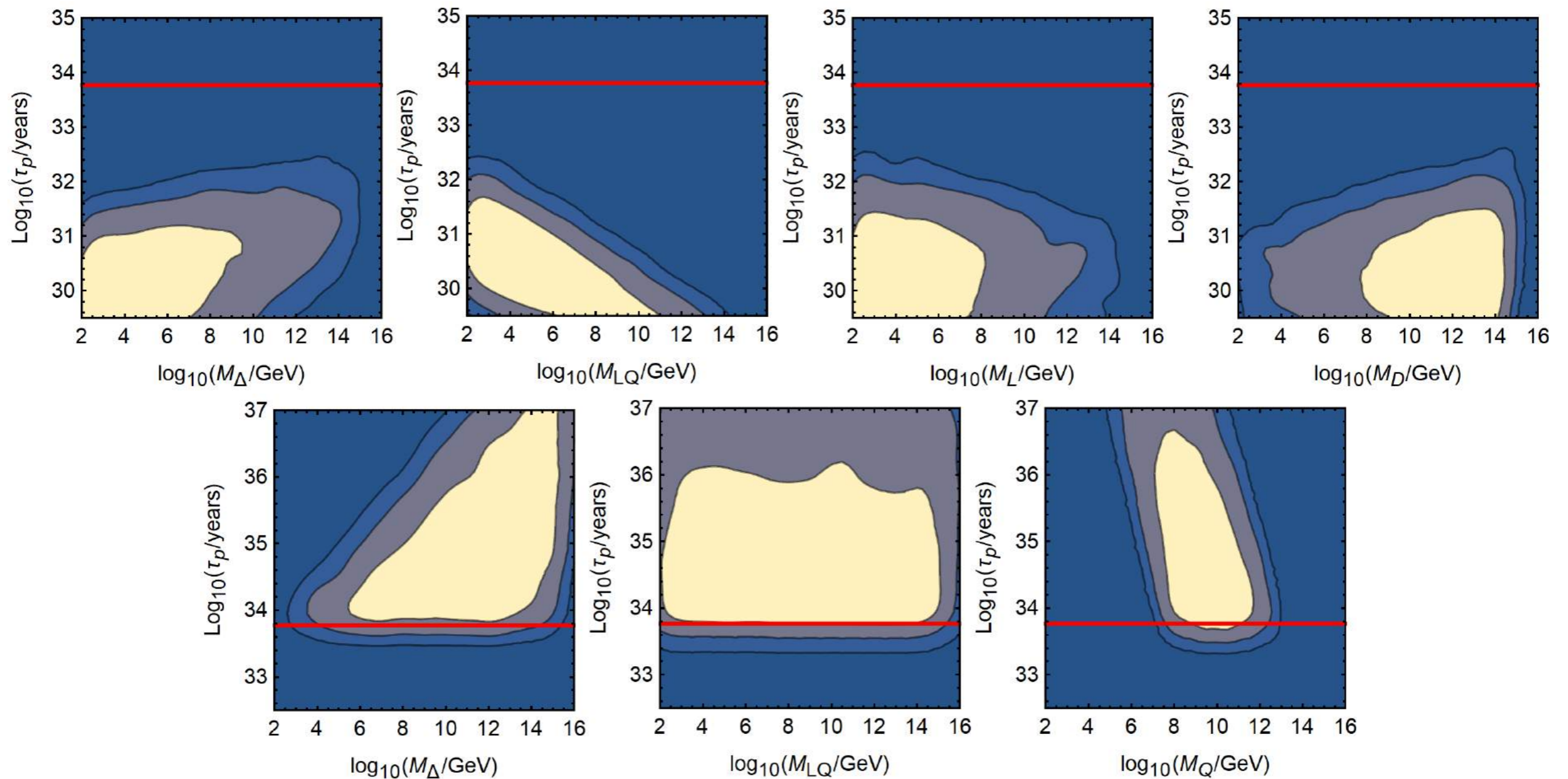
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# Fit of the models' spectrum

**Model 3:** previous 4 parameters + the masses of

$L_V + L_V^c, D_V + D_V^c$  from  $\mathbf{5}_F + \bar{\mathbf{5}}_F$ , or  $Q_V + Q_V^c$  from  $\mathbf{10}_F + \bar{\mathbf{10}}_F$



Either excluded or not predictive!

# Lepton Flavour Violation

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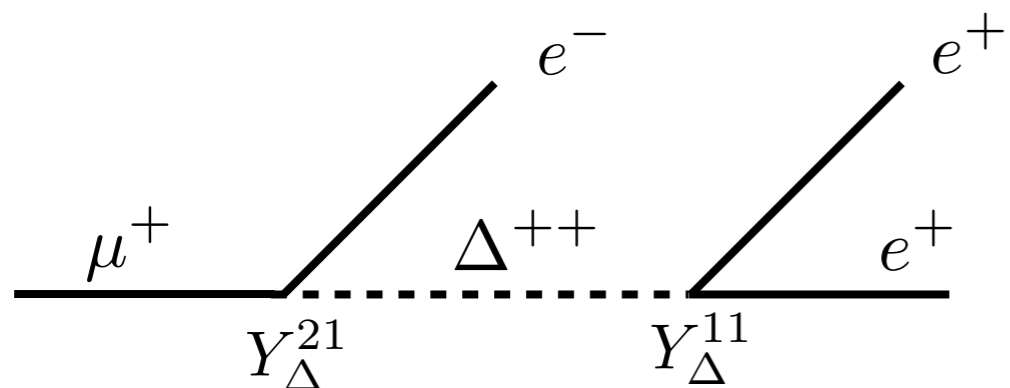
$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \supset Y_{15}^{\alpha\beta} \overline{\psi_{\mathbf{5}}}_{\alpha} \phi_{\mathbf{15}}^* \psi_{\mathbf{5}}^c_{\beta} + \text{h.c.} \rightarrow Y_{\Delta}^{\alpha\beta} \overline{L}_{L\alpha} \Delta i\sigma_2 L_{L\beta}^c + Y_{LQ}^{\alpha\beta} \overline{D}_{R\alpha} \widetilde{R}_2 L_{L\beta} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^-/\sqrt{2} & \Delta^0 \\ \Delta^{--} & -\Delta^-/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \widetilde{R}_2^T = \left( \widetilde{R}_2^{2/3}, \widetilde{R}_2^{-1/3} \right)$$

still probably beyond the reach of colliders: how to test it then?

⇒ The most powerful way is searching for LFV decays

The type-II triplet effects are well known, in particular tree-level processes like:



$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) = \frac{1}{4G_F^2 M_{\Delta}^4} |Y_{\Delta}^{21}|^2 |Y_{\Delta}^{11}|^2$$

see e.g. [Abada et al. '07](#)

Flavour structure of the couplings directly linked to neutrino parameters:

$$Y_{\Delta} = \frac{M_{\Delta}^2}{\mu_{\Delta} v^2} U_{\text{PMNS}}^* m_{\nu}^{\text{diag}} U_{\text{PMNS}}^{\dagger}$$

but overall effect depends on the unknown  $L$ -breaking term  $\mu_{\Delta}$

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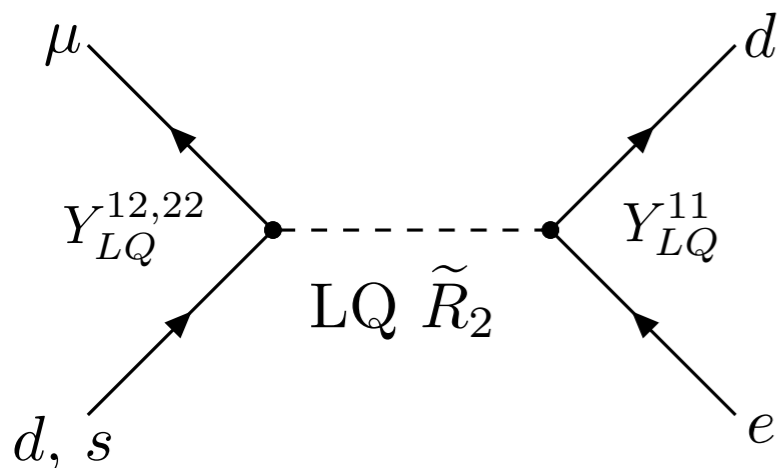
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The leptoquark mediates tree-level processes such as

see e.g. [Dorsner et al. '16](#)



$$\text{CR}(\mu N \rightarrow e N) = \frac{m_{\mu}^5}{4\Gamma_{\text{capt}} M_{LQ}^4} \left( V^{(p)} + 2V^{(n)} \right)^2 |Y_{LQ}^{21}|^2 |Y_{LQ}^{11}|^2$$

$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) = \frac{m_{K\tau} m_{\mu}^2 f_{K_L}^2}{256\pi M_{LQ}^4} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{\mu}^2}{m_{K_L}^2} \right)^2 |Y_{LQ}^{12} Y_{LQ}^{12*} + Y_{LQ}^{11} Y_{LQ}^{22*}|^2$$

The peculiarity of our GUT model is that the effects mediated by the LQ are also *controlled by the neutrino mass matrix*, due to the GUT relation:

$$Y_{\Delta} = Y_{LQ}/\sqrt{2} = Y_{15}, \quad [\text{GUT scale}] \quad \longrightarrow \quad Y_{LQ} \approx 2.1 Y_{\Delta}, \quad [\text{TeV scale}]$$

(to very good approx., the RGEs do not affect the flavour structure)

# Correlations among LFV processes

$$\Delta\text{-mediated} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) \simeq 1.1 \times 10^{-12} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_\Delta} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|Y_\Delta^{21}|^2 |Y_\Delta^{11}|^2}{0.05^4} \right), \\ \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \simeq 3.6 \times 10^{-13} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_\Delta} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|\sum_\beta Y_\Delta^{2\beta*} Y_\Delta^{1\beta}|^2}{0.4^4} \right), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{LQ-mediated} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{CR}(\mu \text{ Au} \rightarrow e \text{ Au}) \simeq 2.4 \times \text{CR}(\mu \text{ Al} \rightarrow e \text{ Al}) \simeq 7.3 \times 10^{-13} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_{LQ}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|Y_{LQ}^{21}|^2 |Y_{LQ}^{11}|^2}{0.02^4} \right), \\ \text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) \simeq 3.2 \times 10^{-12} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_{LQ}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|Y_{LQ}^{12} Y_{LQ}^{12*} + Y_{LQ}^{11} Y_{LQ}^{22*}|^2}{0.04^4} \right), \\ \text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ e^-) \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-11} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_{LQ}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|Y_{LQ}^{21}|^4}{0.15^4} \right), \\ \text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- e^+) \simeq 6.2 \times 10^{-10} \left( \frac{10 \text{ TeV}}{M_{LQ}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{|Y_{LQ}^{11} Y_{LQ}^{22*}|^2}{0.4^4} \right). \end{array} \right.$$

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← same dependence on couplings! →

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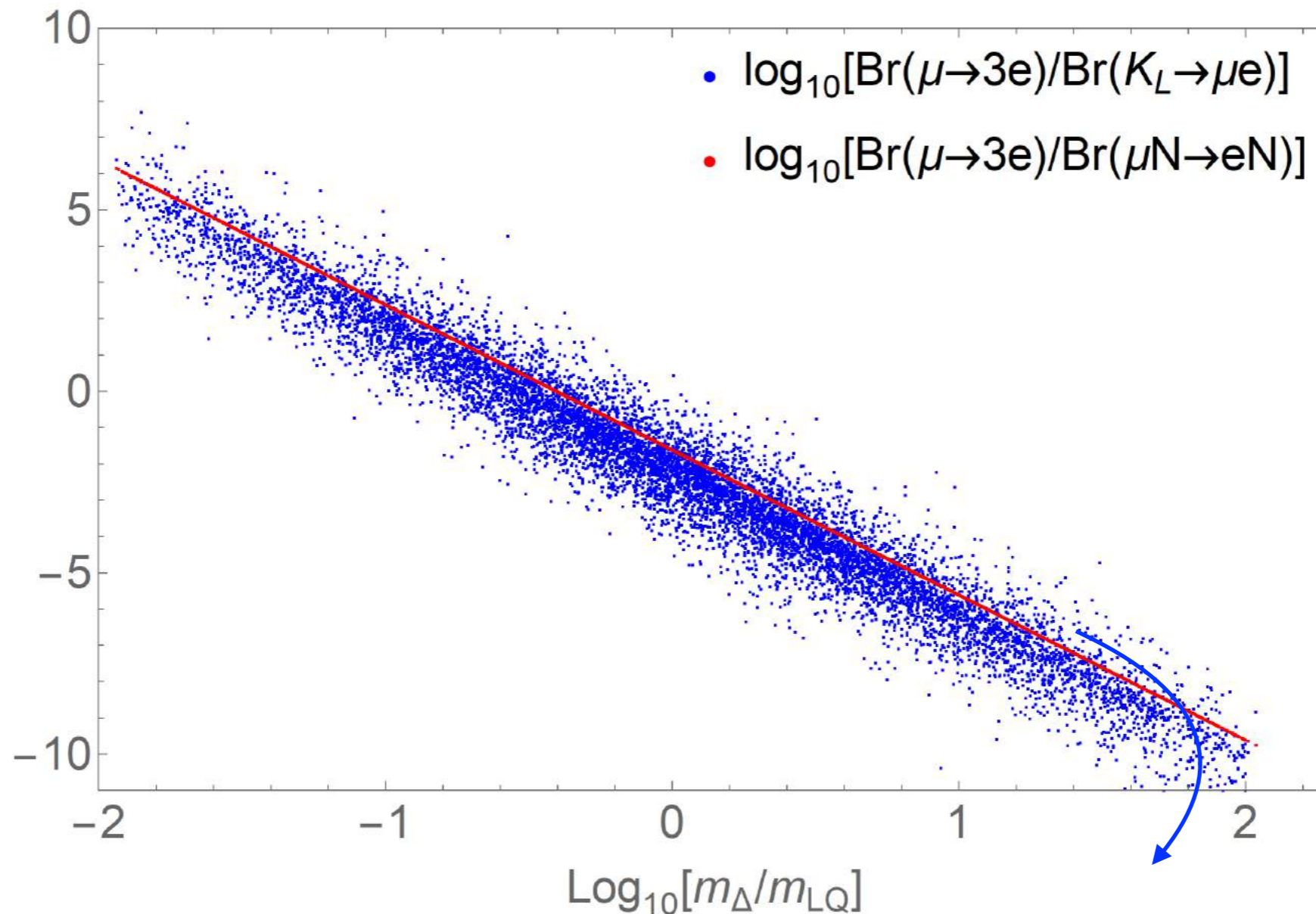
Ratios of BRs only depends on mass ratios:

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee) \simeq 0.0021 \left( \frac{M_{LQ}}{M_\Delta} \right)^4 \text{CR}(\mu \text{ Au} \rightarrow e \text{ Au}) \simeq 0.0049 \left( \frac{M_{LQ}}{M_\Delta} \right)^4 \text{CR}(\mu \text{ Al} \rightarrow e \text{ Al})$$

additional information on the mass spectrum to be confronted with unification and p-decay constraints: possible handle to test the underlying GUT structure!

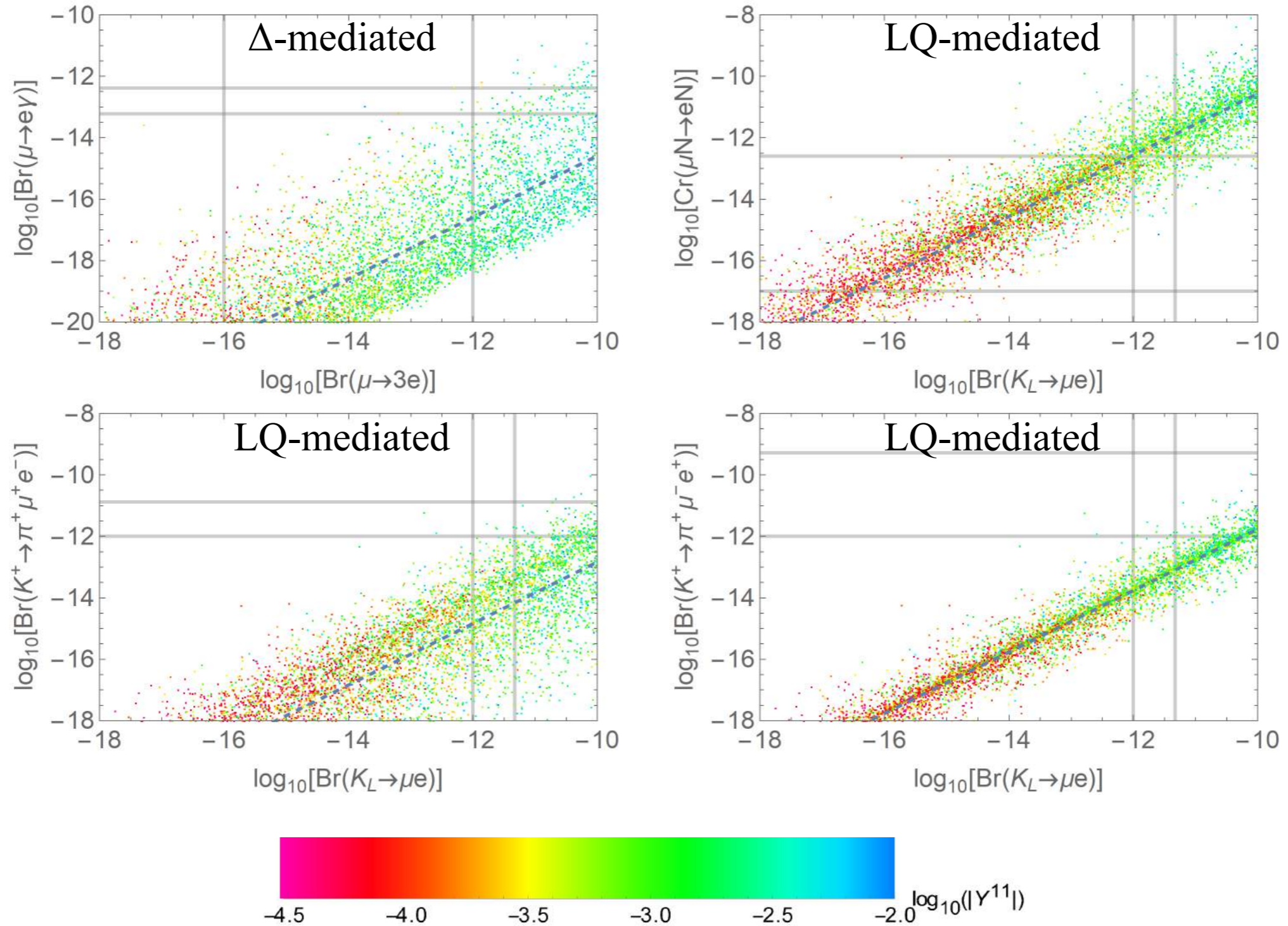
# Correlations among LFV processes

Neglecting loop-suppressed contributions:



spread due to dependence on different combinations of the couplings (hence uncertainties on neutrino parameters, cf. e.g. [Esteban et al. '20](#))

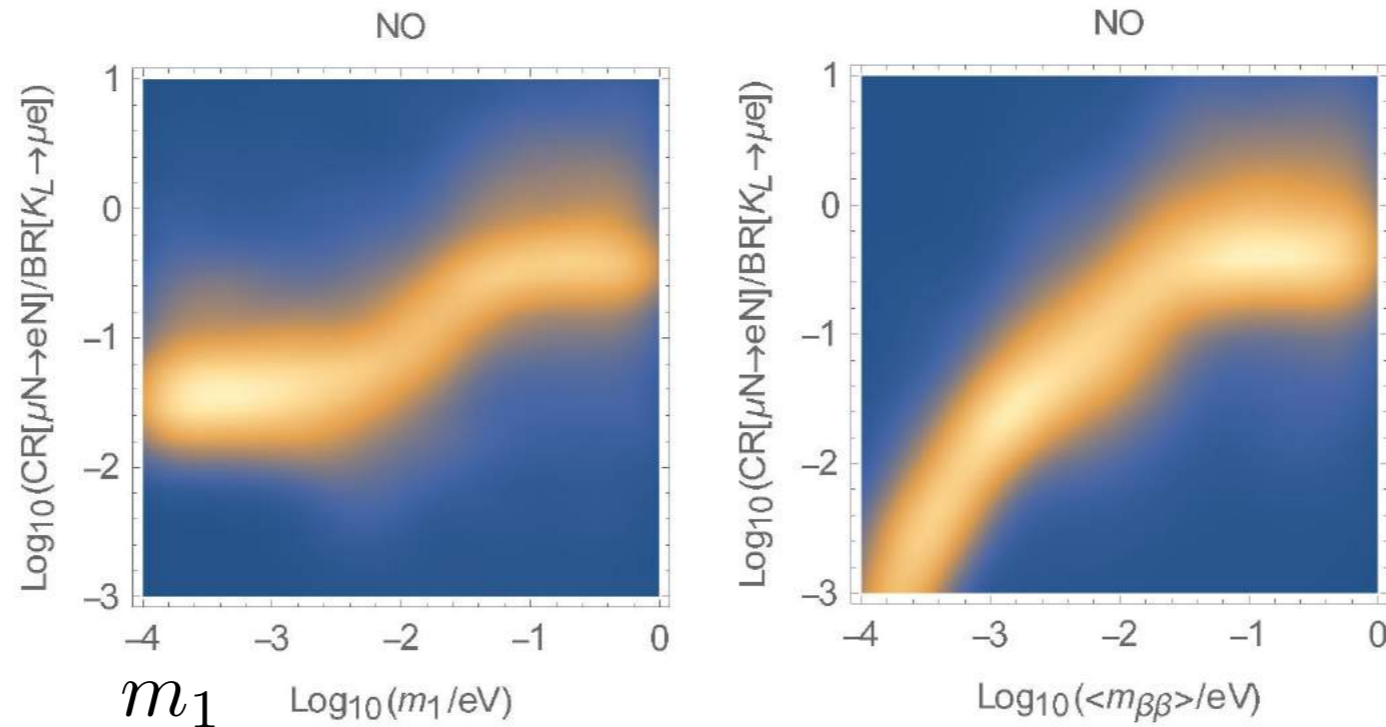
# Correlations among decays induced by the same field



Spread only due to couplings dependence: ratio of BRs of LFV processes sensitive to neutrino mass parameters (including *unmeasured* ones)!

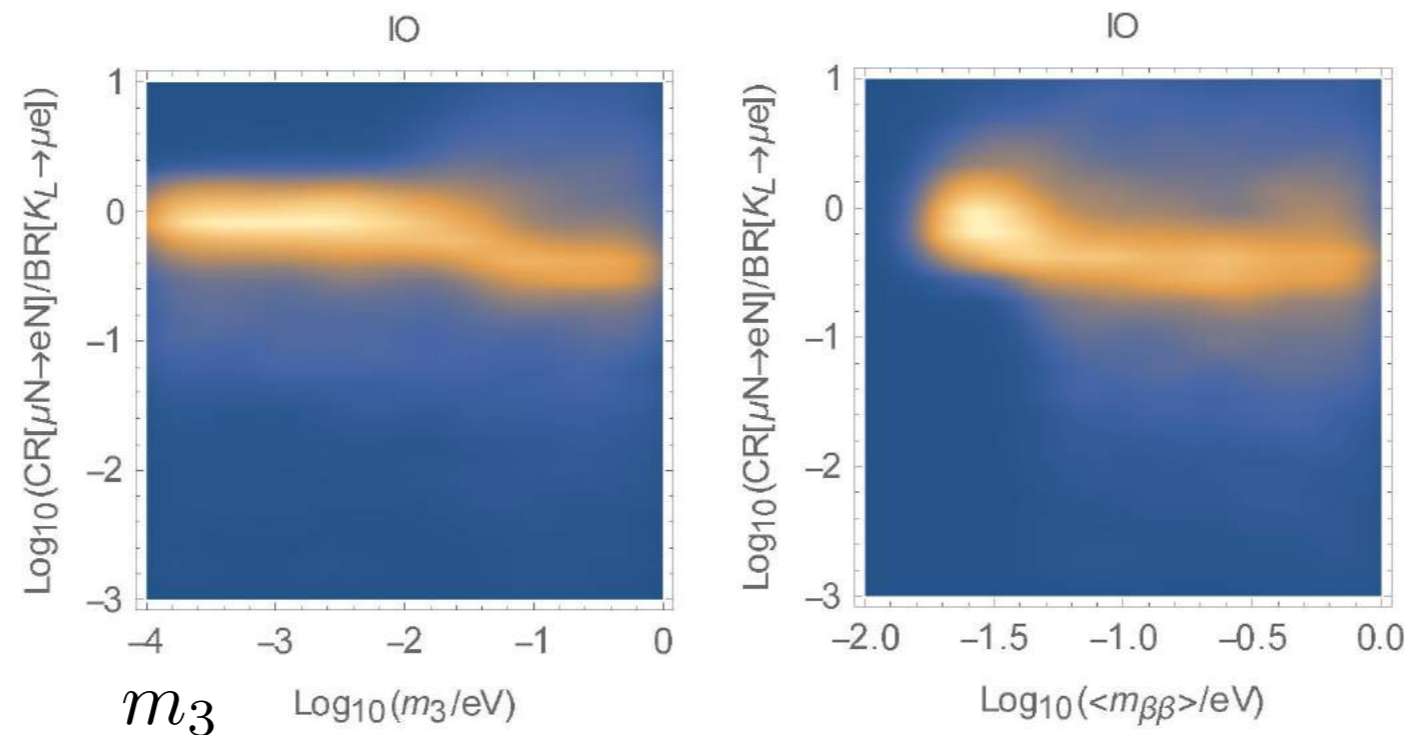
# Sensitivity of $\text{CR}(\mu \text{Al} \rightarrow e \text{Al})/\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e)$ to neutrino mass scale

Normal Ordering:



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

Inverted Ordering:

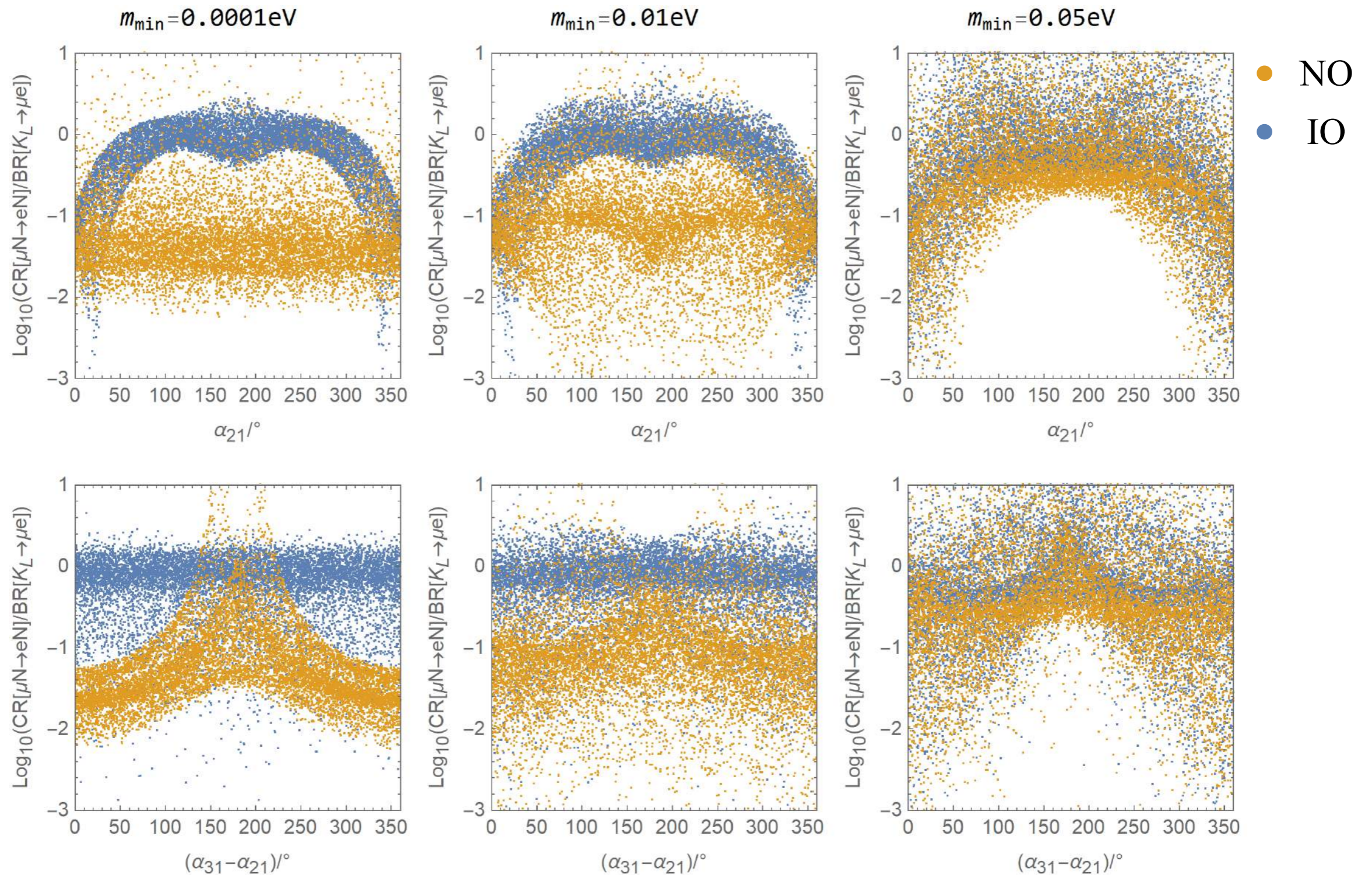


For instance,  $\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e) \gtrsim 10 \times \text{CR}(\mu N \rightarrow e N) \Rightarrow$  IO disfavoured and  $m_1, \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \lesssim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$



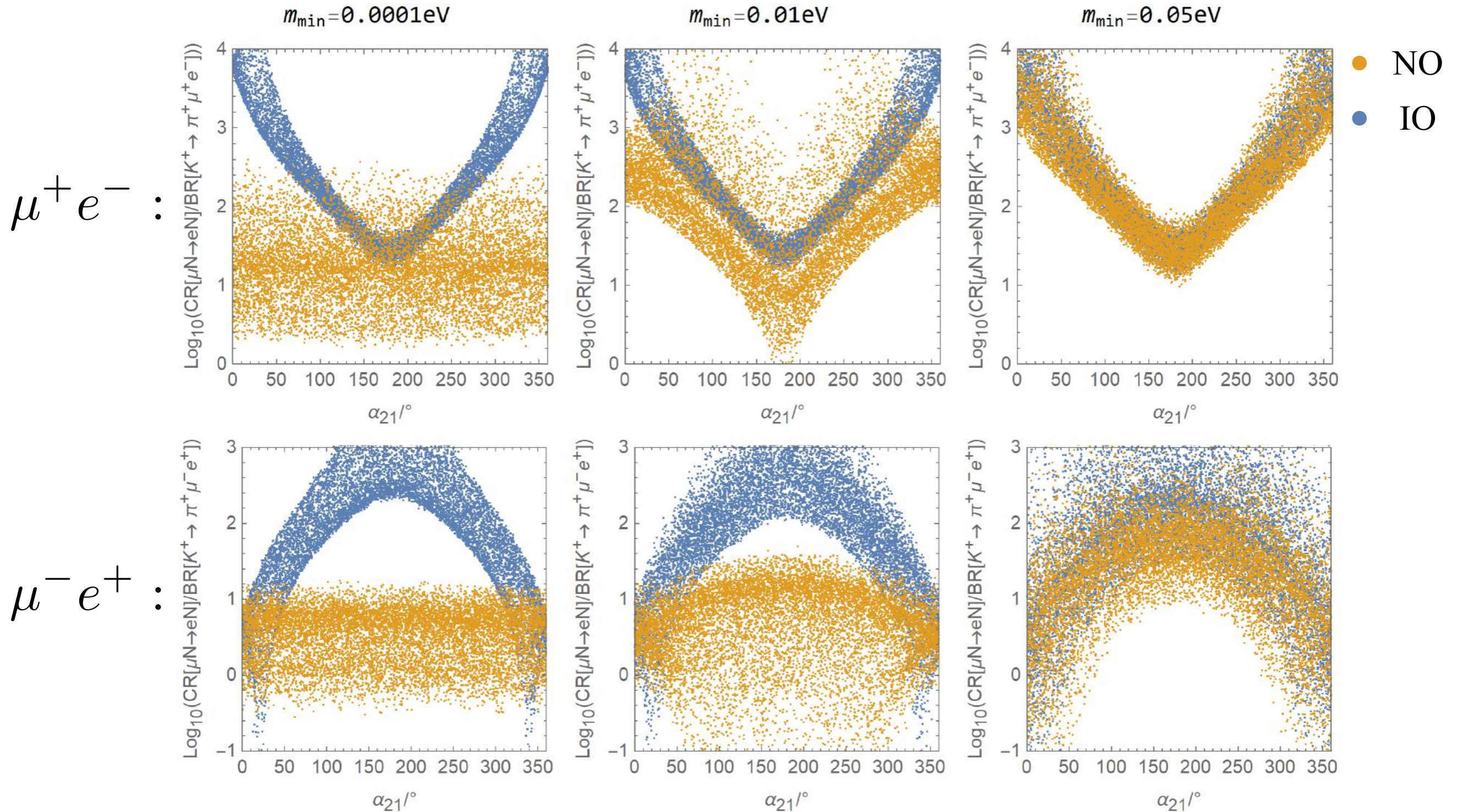
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# Summary

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Minimal GUT models typically predict low-energy/  
intermediate-scale new fields to trigger unification

Type II seesaw is the most economical neutrino mass model  
that can induce unification and evade  $p$ -decay bounds

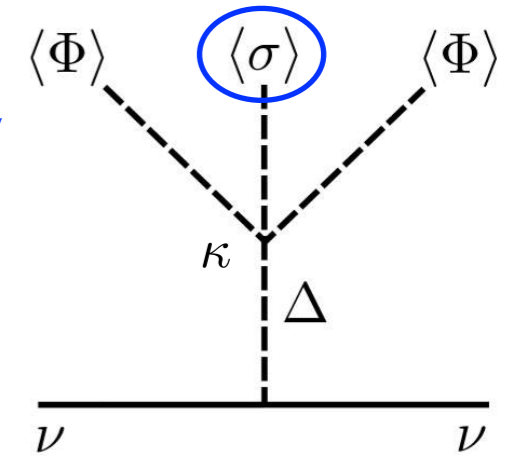
The type II triplet and its SU(5) partner are expected in the  
1-100 TeV range and can thus induce sizeable LFV rates

Processes mediated by the triplet and by the leptoquark are  
highly correlated and could give information on their masses  
(and point to an underlying GUT origin)

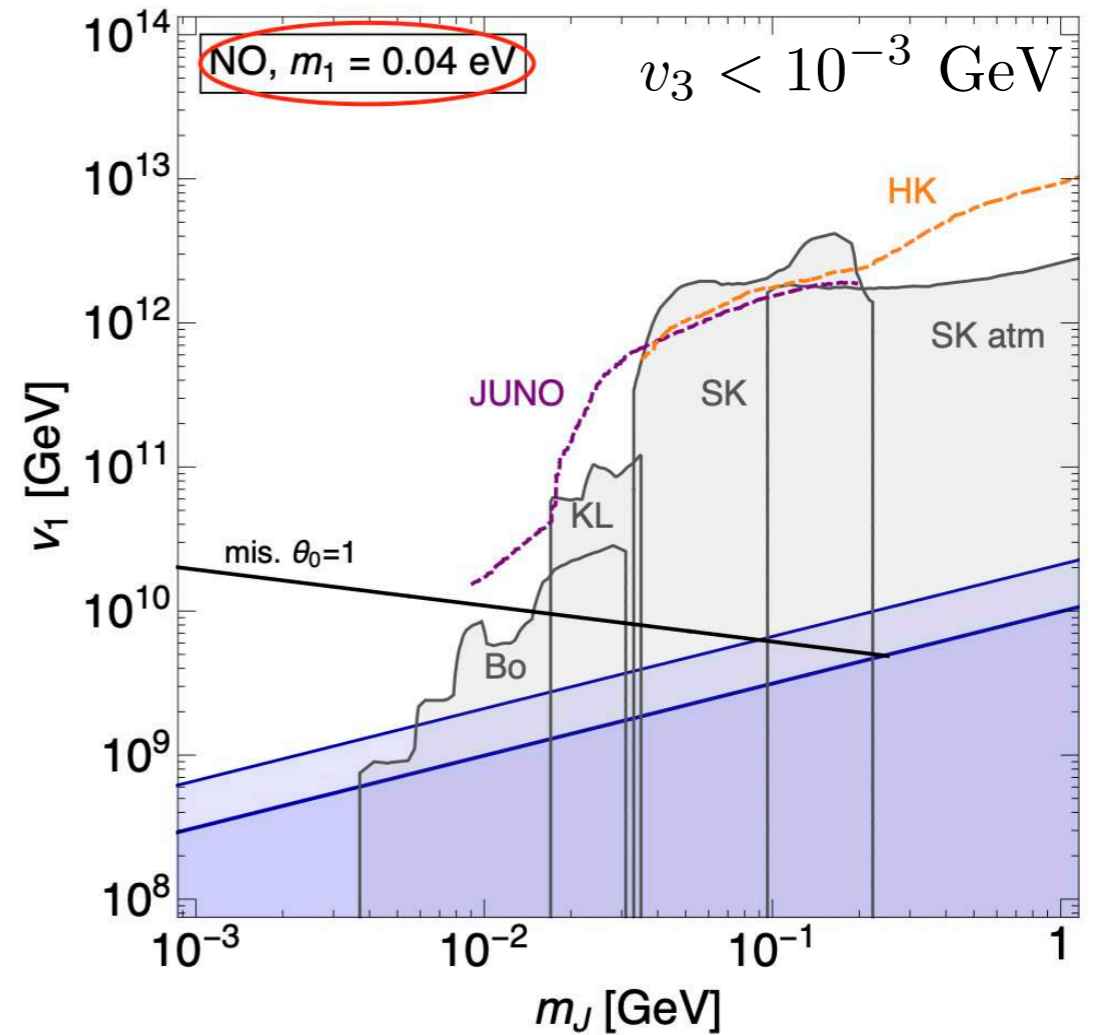
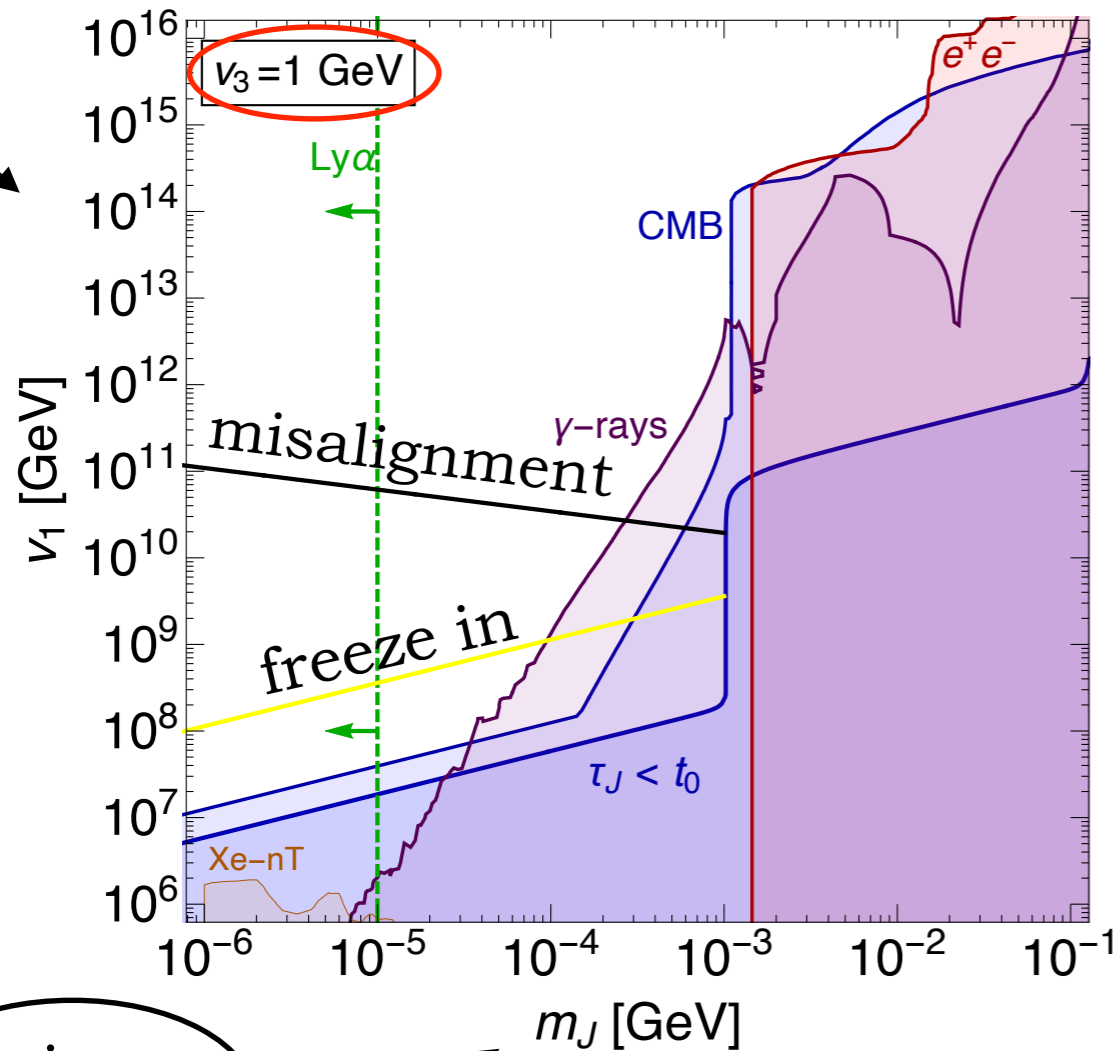
The flavour structure of the couplings are dictated by the  
neutrino mass matrix, hence ratios of different LFV obs can  
be sensitive to neutrino parameters difficult to measure

# Bonus track

Type II seesaw can also provide an excellent dark matter candidate if lepton number is *spontaneously* broken



the type II majoron:



cf. Biggio LC Ota Zanchini [arXiv:2304.12527](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.12527)

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Thank you!

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**Additional slides**

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# Adding more parameters to Model 2 fit

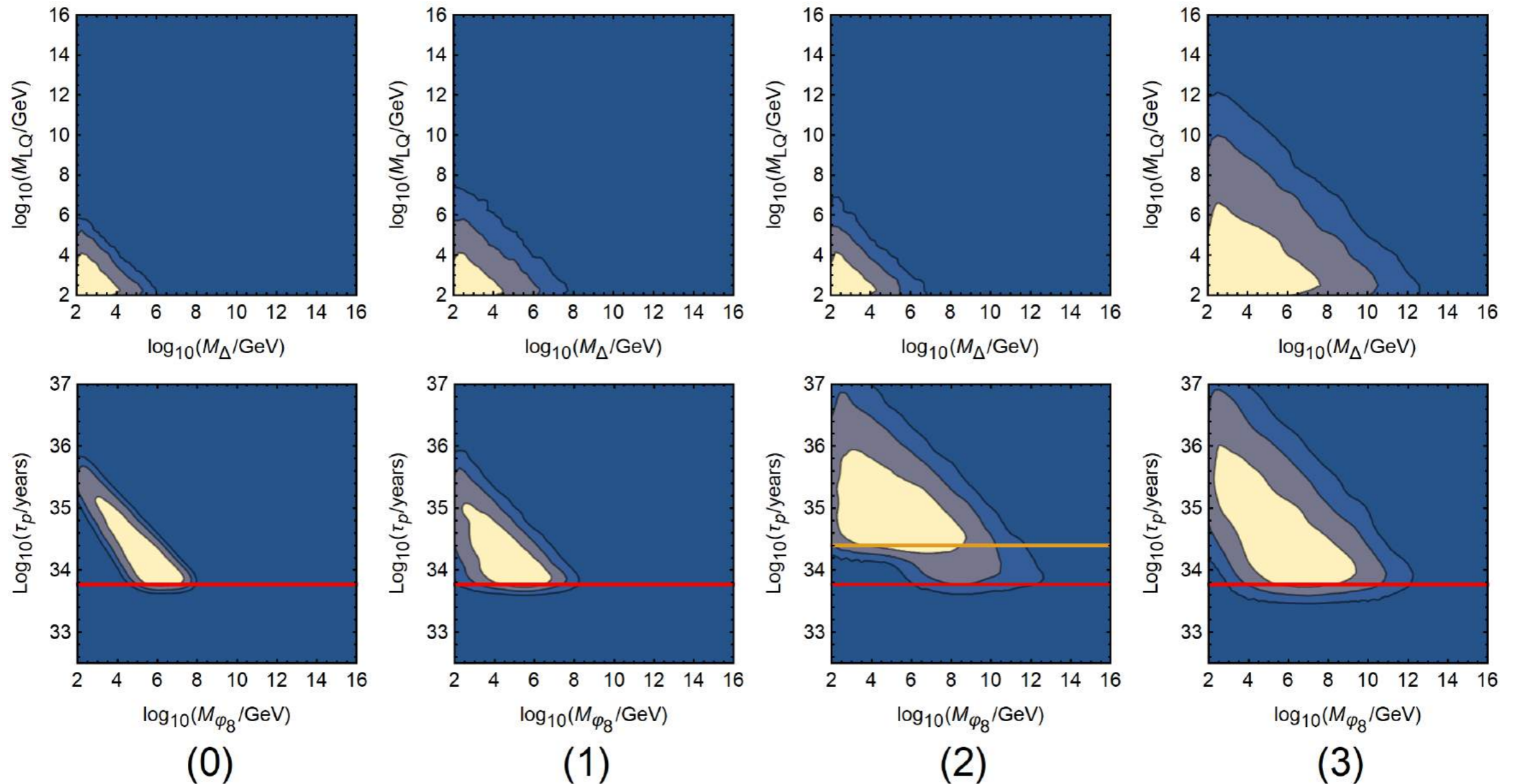


Figure 3: Impact on  $M_\Delta$ ,  $M_{LQ}$ , and the  $M_{\varphi_8} - \tau_p$  correlation of relaxing the assumptions of the Model 2 fit. From left to right: (0) minimal setup as in Figure 2, (1) 2HDM, (2) generic flavour mixing, (3)  $p$ -decay mediators. See the text for details.

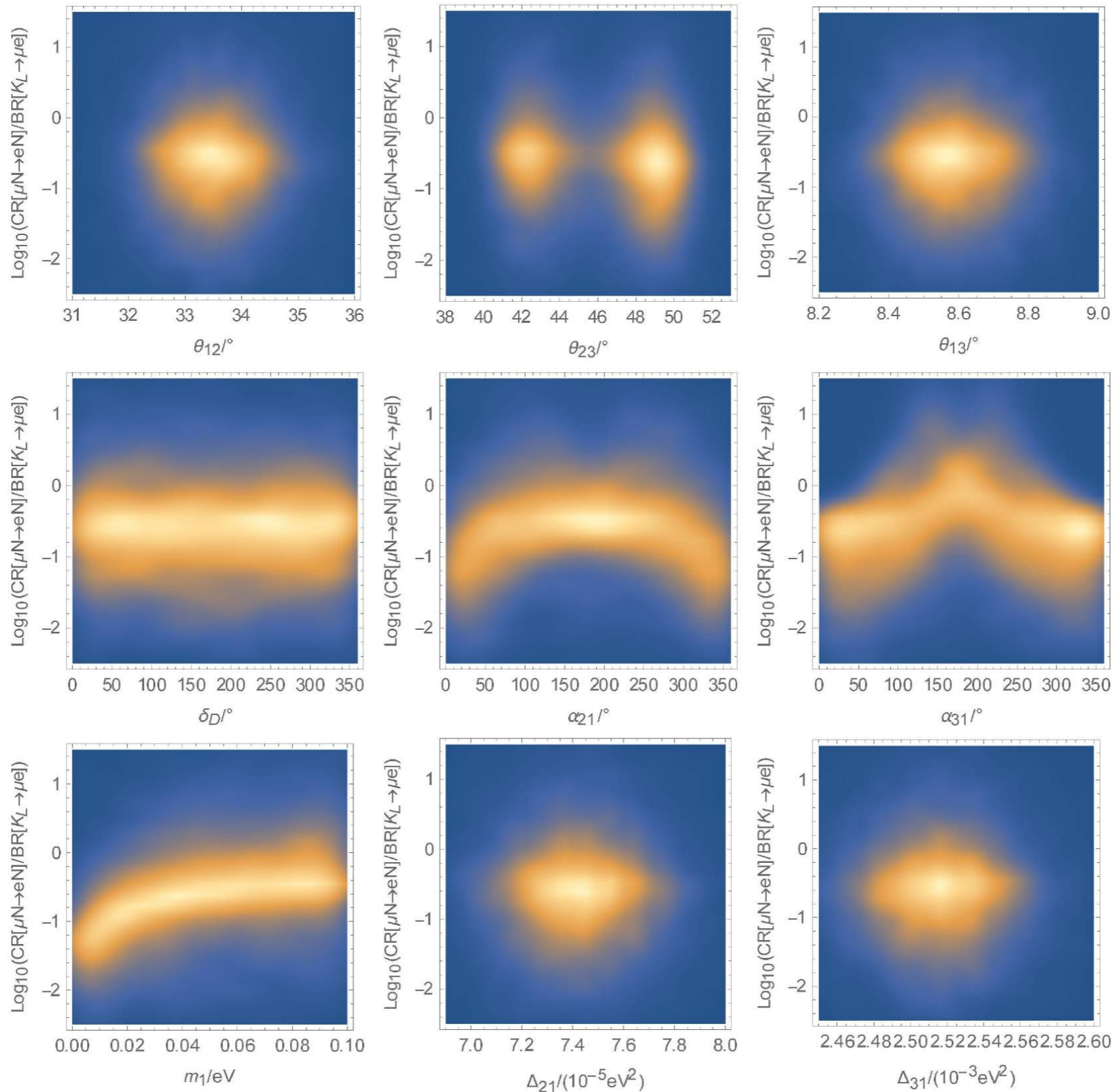
# Experimental limits on LFV processes

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Observable	90% CL upper limit	Future sensitivity
$\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma)$	$4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ [62]	$6 \times 10^{-14}$ [63]
$\text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+)$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ [64]	$10^{-16}$ [65]
$\text{CR}(\mu^- N \rightarrow e^- N)$	$7.0 \times 10^{-13}$ ( $N = \text{Au}$ ) [66]	$6 \times 10^{-17}$ ( $N = \text{Al}$ ) [67, 68]
$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp)$	$4.7 \times 10^{-12}$ [69]	$\sim 10^{-12}$ [70]
$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ e^-)$	$7.6 \times 10^{-11}$ [71]	$\sim 10^{-12}$ [70]
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$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- e^+)$	$5.2 \times 10^{-10}$ [73]	$\sim 10^{-12}$ [70]



# Dependence of $\text{CR}(\mu \text{Al} \rightarrow e \text{Al})/\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \mu e)$ on neutrino parameters



# Dependence of $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)/\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee)$ on neutrino parameters

