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Overview

- Symmetry-protected low scale seesaw
- Searches for HNLs
- Neutrino Mixing and HNL branching ratios
- Neutrino Masses and LNV
- Model Testability

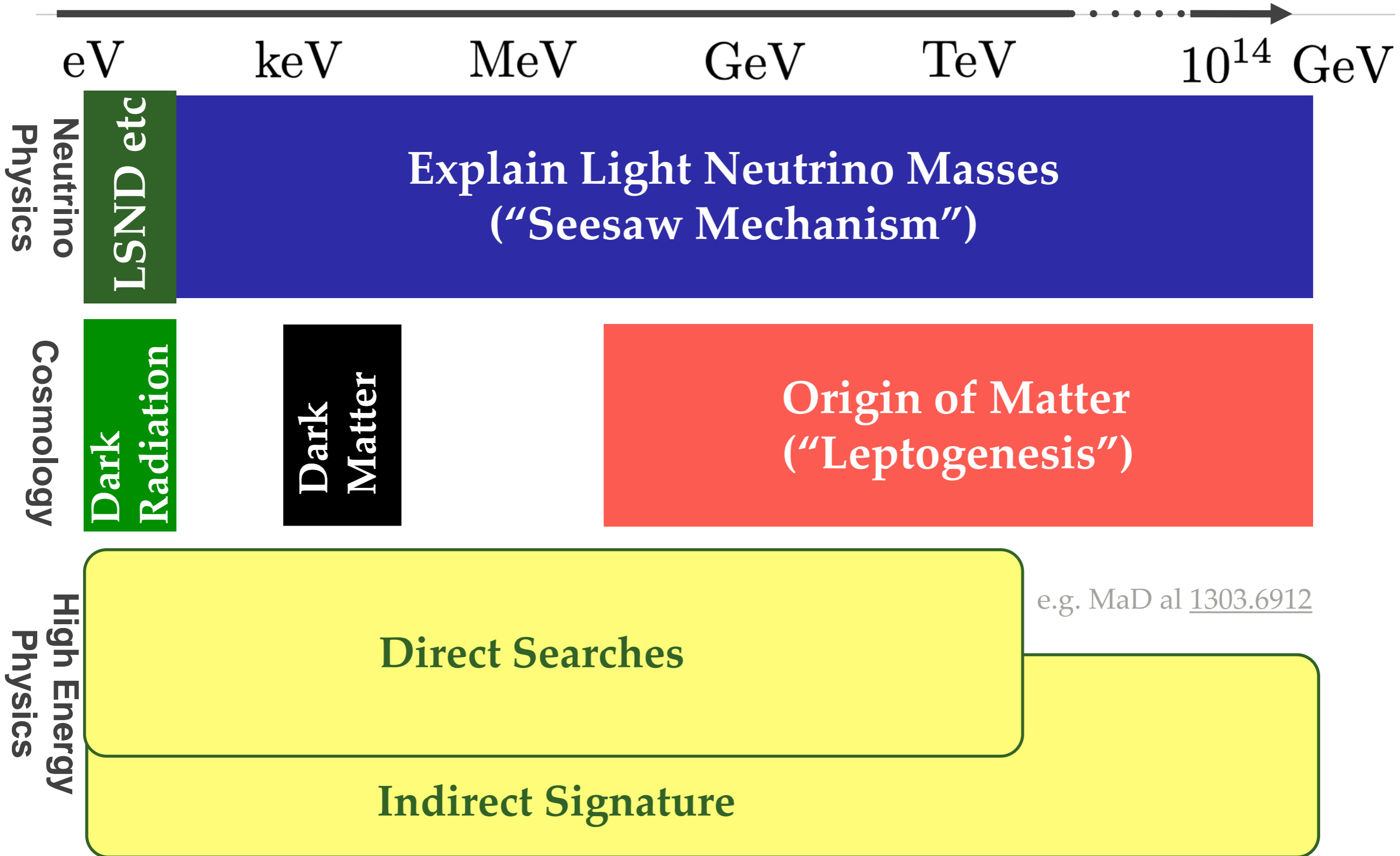
Biased towards type-I seesaw... for broader picture see e.g.

Deppisch/Dev/Pilaftsis et al [1502.06541](#)

Cai/Han/Ruiz et al [1711.02180](#)

Bhupal Dev's talk

Heavy Neutrino Mass Scale



Symmetry Protected Low Scale Seesaw

Why are the Neutrino masses small?

$$\frac{1}{2} \overline{\ell_L} \tilde{\Phi} c^{[5]} \Lambda^{-1} \tilde{\Phi}^T \ell_L^c + h.c.$$

$$m_\nu = -v^2 c^{[5]} \Lambda^{-1}$$

a) Suppression by heavy scale (classic high scale seesaw mechanism)

- Smallness is result of $v/\Lambda \ll 1$
- Wilson coefficients $c_{[n]}$ can be $O[1]$
- Need no small numbers...
- ...but contribute to hierarchy problem (unless SUSY or so added)
- ...can destabilises Higgs potential

b) Small numbers

- Smallness is result of small Wilson coefficients $c_{[n]}$
- Generally considered “tuned” unless smallness has a reason (breaking of symmetry by flavons, radiative breaking, gravitational origin...)

c) Protecting symmetry

- Ratio v/Λ and Wilson coefficients $c_{[n]}$ can both be $O[1]$ if a flavour symmetry in m_ν keeps the eigenvalues small
- Prime example: Approximate global $U(1)_{B-L}$, as in SM
- Low Λ and large couplings $c_{[n]}$ ideal for experimental searches! [section 5.1 in 2102.12143](#)

B-L Symmetry protected Scenarios

- ν -masses naively scale $m_\nu \sim \theta^2 M$, implying tiny $U^2 = |\theta|^2 \sim m_\nu/M$
- production cross section at colliders scales as $\sigma_N \sim \theta^2 \sigma_\nu$
- Small ν -masses reconciled with sizeable couplings if protected by generalised B-L symmetry, broken by small parameters ϵ, ϵ', μ

Shaposhnikov 06, Kersten/Smirnov 07

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} F_e(1 + \epsilon_e) & iF_e(1 - \epsilon_e) & F_e\epsilon'_e \\ F_\mu(1 + \epsilon_\mu) & iF_\mu(1 - \epsilon_\mu) & F_\mu\epsilon'_\mu \\ F_\tau(1 + \epsilon_\tau) & iF_\tau(1 - \epsilon_\tau) & F_\tau\epsilon'_\tau \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_M = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{M}(1 - \mu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{M}(1 + \mu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M' \end{pmatrix}$$

- Technically natural seesaw with O[1] Yukawas and $M < \text{TeV}$
- Resonant enhancement in leptogenesis comes for free due to $\mu \ll 1$
- Possible realisations:
 - **Inverse-seesaw-like** $\epsilon, \epsilon' \ll \mu \ll 1$ Mohapatra 86, Mohapatra /Valle 86, ...
 - **Linear-seesaw-like** $\mu \ll \epsilon, \epsilon' \ll 1$ Akhmedov/Lindner/Schnapka/Valle 95
 - **ν MSM-like** : $\epsilon, \epsilon', \mu \ll 1$ Asaka/Shaposhnikov 05
 - **“mass communism”**: $\mu \ll 1$ and $M' \rightarrow M$

Searches for HNLs

The Search for Heavy Majorana Neutrinos

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Anupama Atre (Santa Barbara, KITP and Fermilab), Tao Han (Tsinghua U., Beijing and Wisconsin U., Madison and Santa Barbara, KITP), Silvia Pascoli (Durham U. and Durham U., IPPP), Bin Zhang (Tsinghua U., Beijing) (Jan, 2009)

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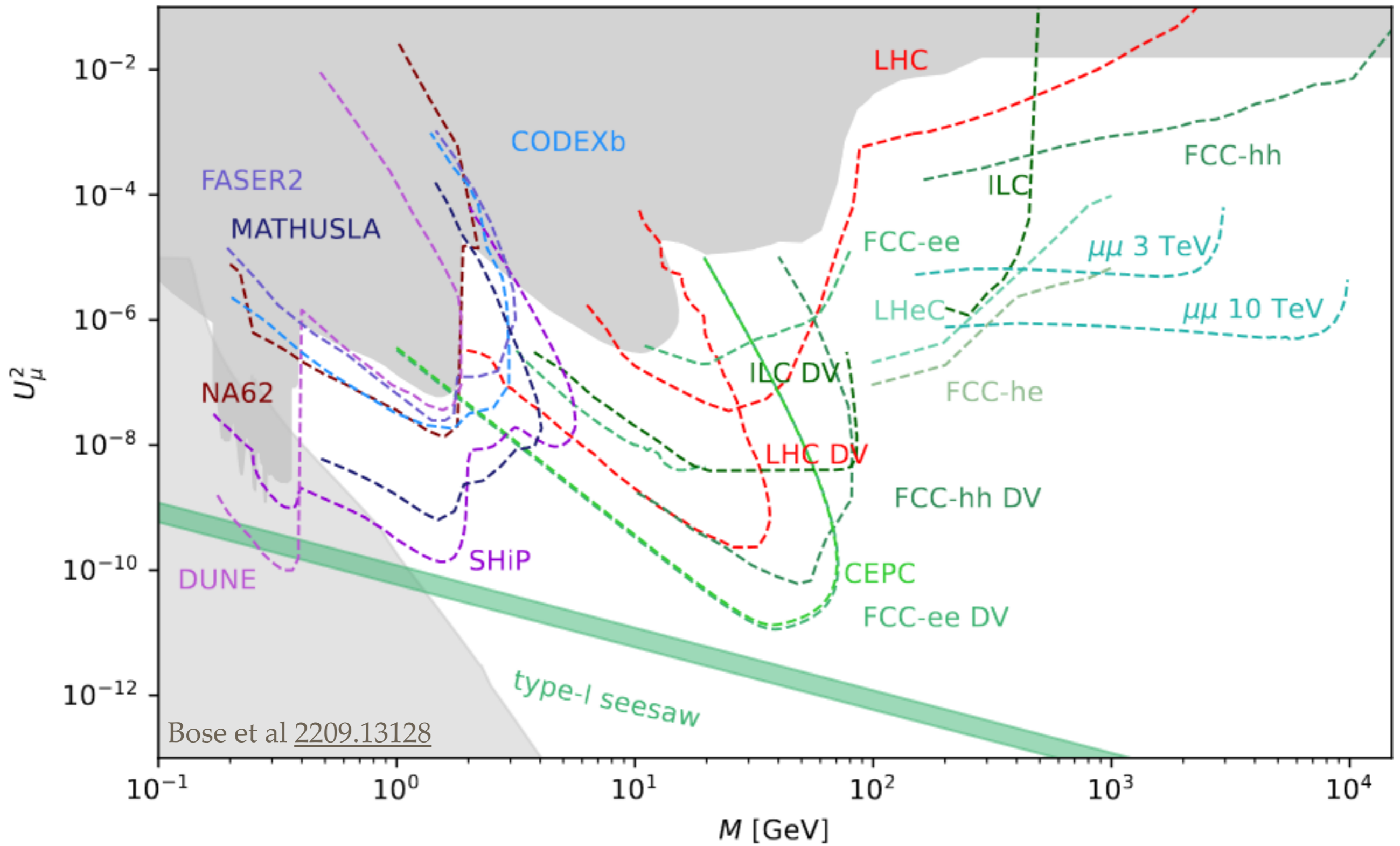
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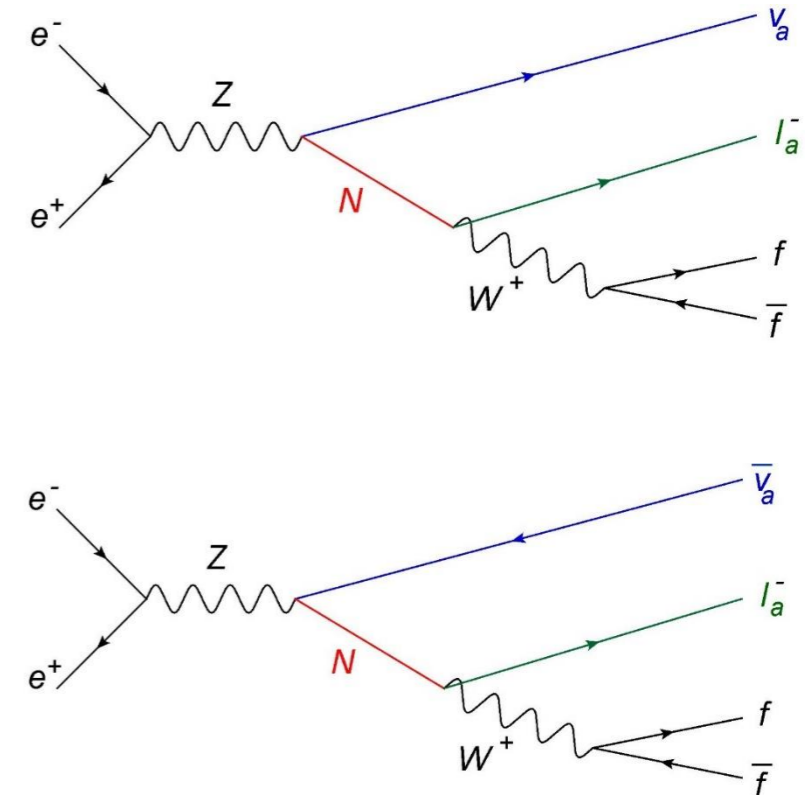
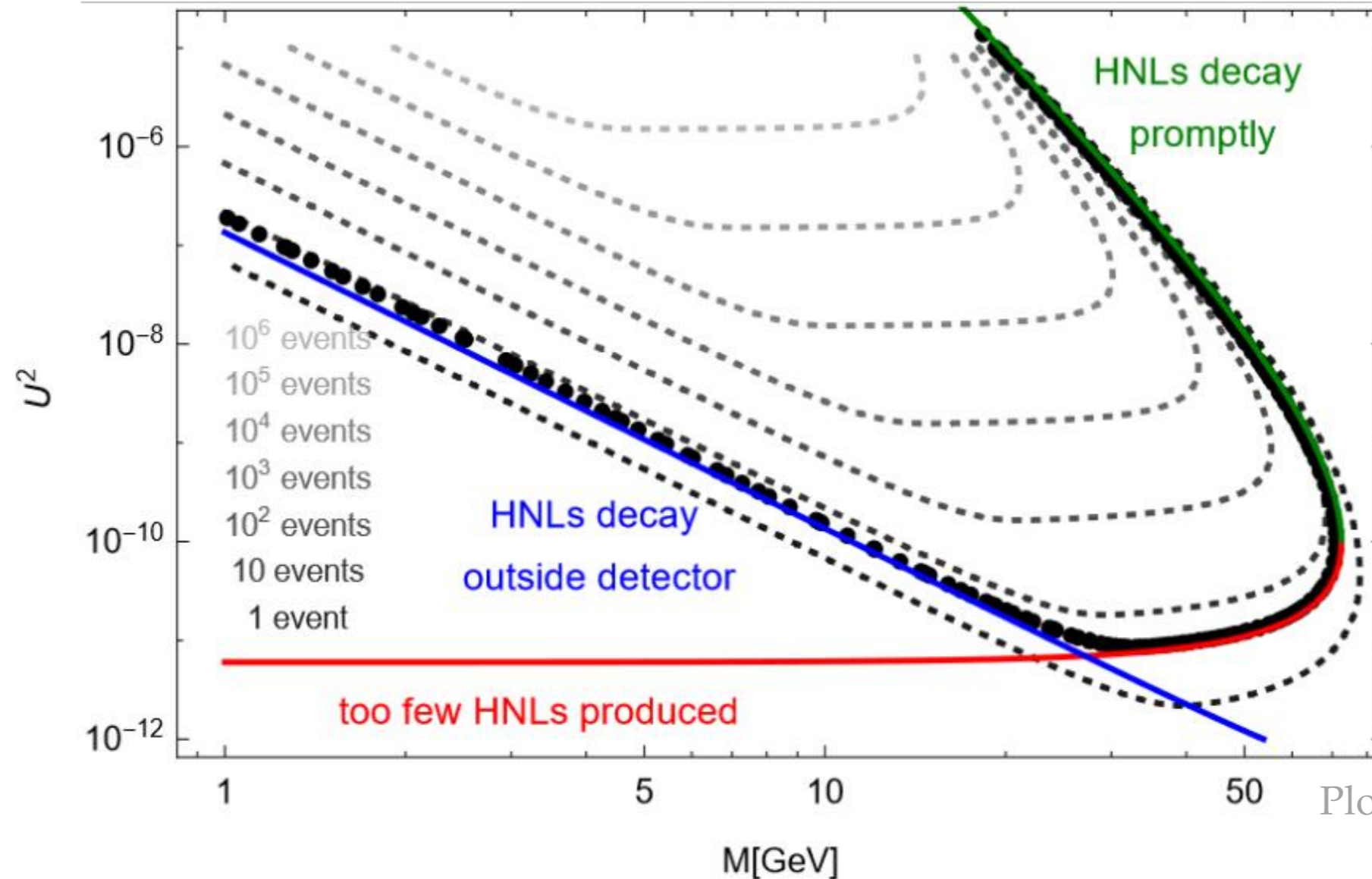
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HNL Search Summary



DV Vertex Searches CEPC Z-pole Run



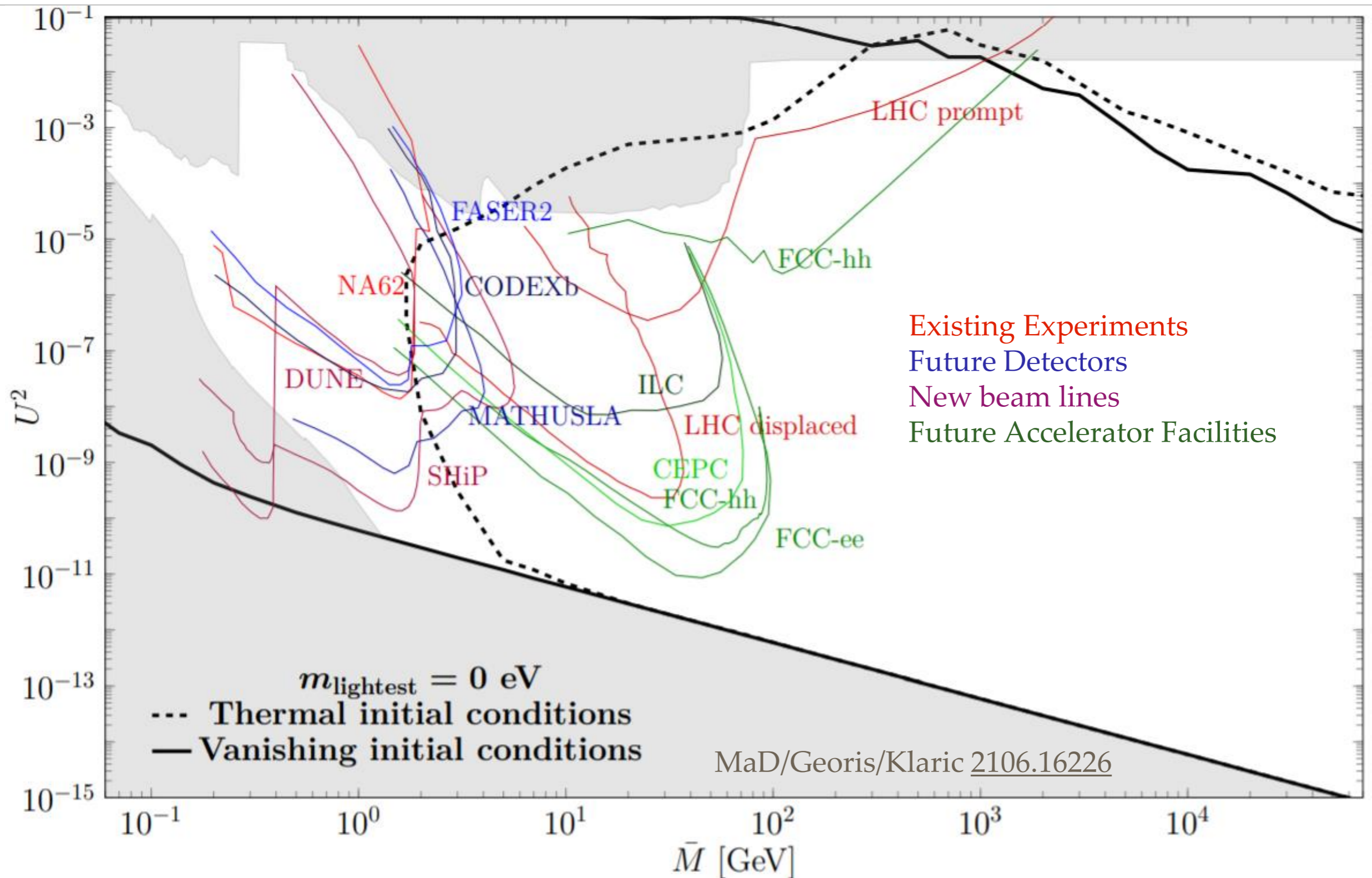
proposed in Blondel et al [1411.5230](#)

Plot and estimates from MaD [2210.17110](#)

$$\lambda_N = \frac{\beta\gamma}{\Gamma_N} \simeq \frac{1.6}{U^2 c_{\text{dec}}} \left(\frac{M}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-6} (1 - (M/m_Z)^2) \text{ cm.} \quad \text{decay length in lab frame}$$

$$c_{\text{dec}} = 1 \quad (c_{\text{dec}} = 1/2) \quad \text{for Majorana (Dirac) HNL}$$

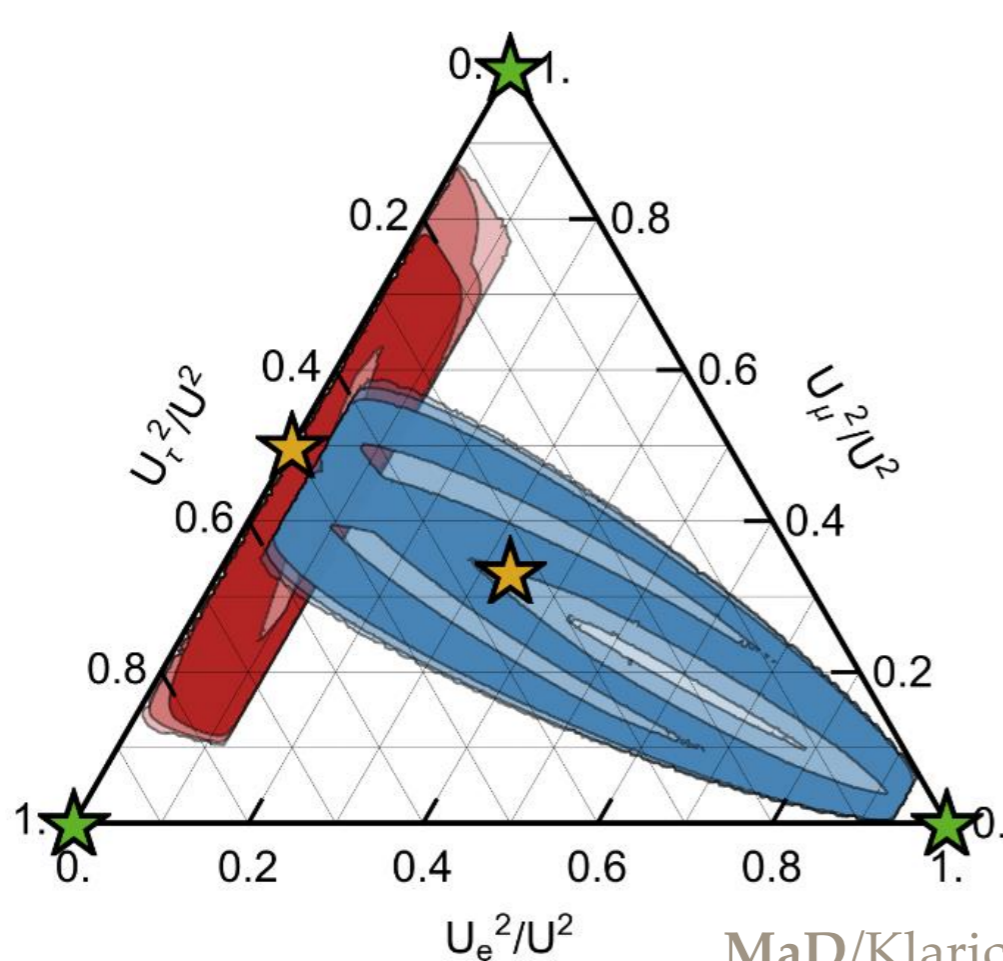
HNL Searches vs Leptogenesis



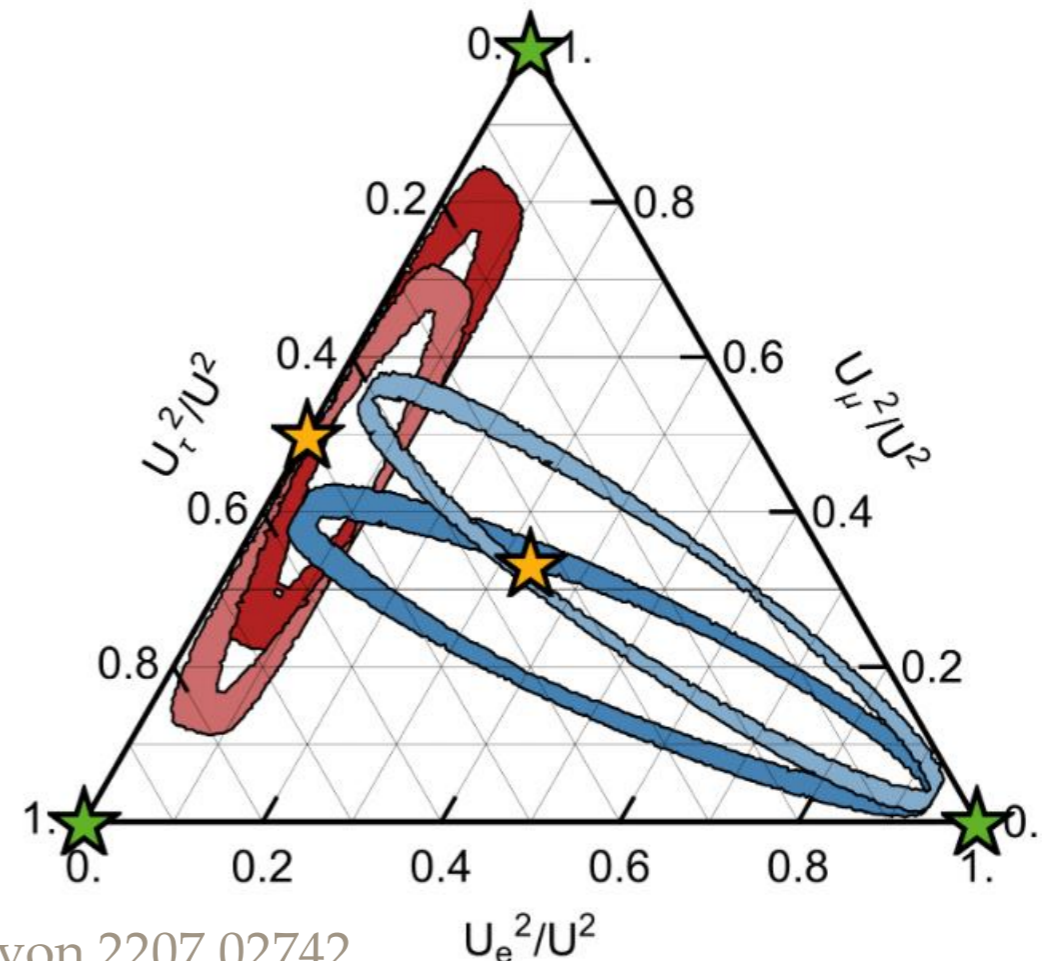
Neutrino Mixing: HNL Branching Ratios

Branching Ratios with 2 HNLs

- Branching ratios of HNL decays given by parameters in PMNS
Hernandez et al [1606.06719](#) MaD et al [1609.09069](#)
- After measuring Dirac phase at DUNE or HyperK, Majorana phase is only unknown
- Hence: branching ratios provide indirect probe of Majorana phase
MaD et al [1609.09069](#) Caputo et al [1611.05000](#)



Current constraints

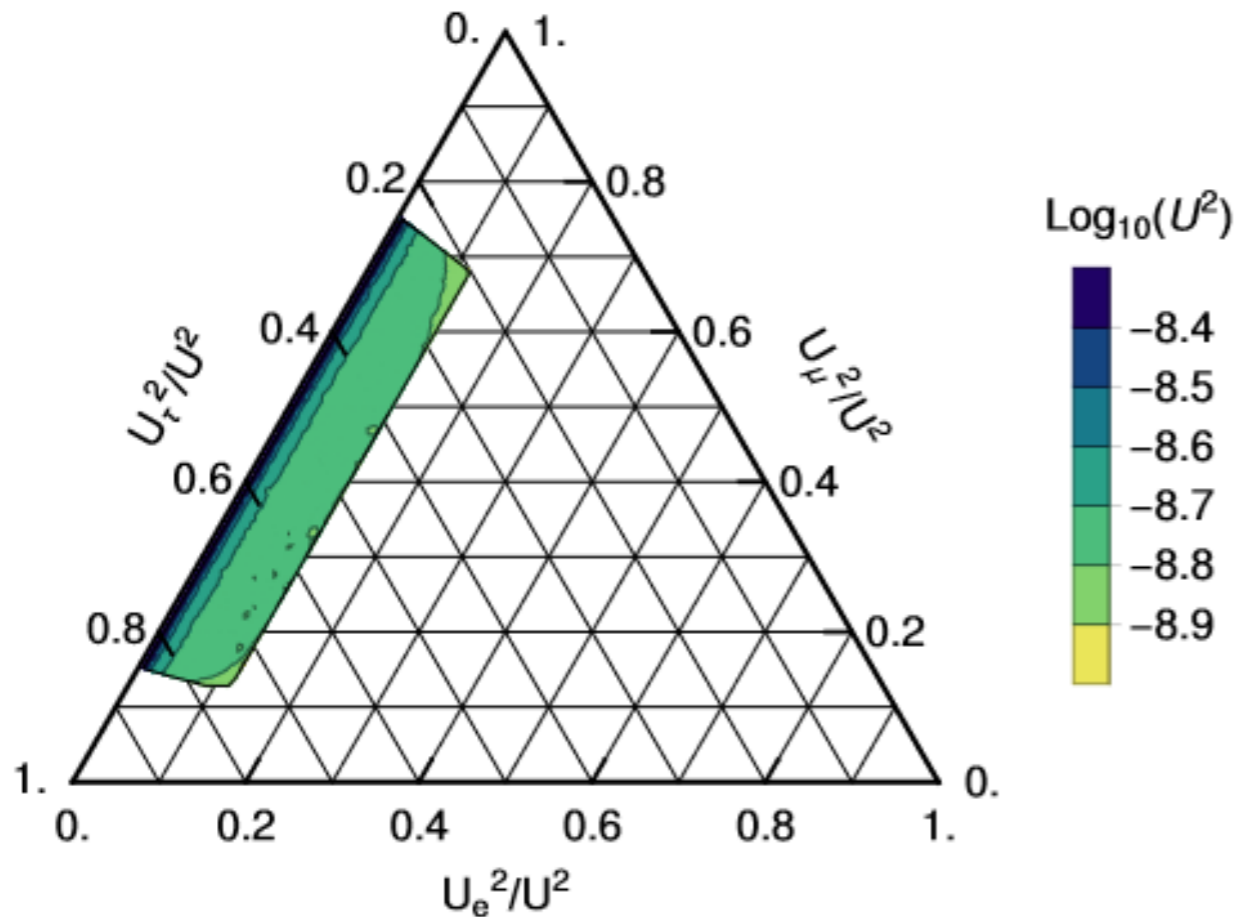


DUNE projection

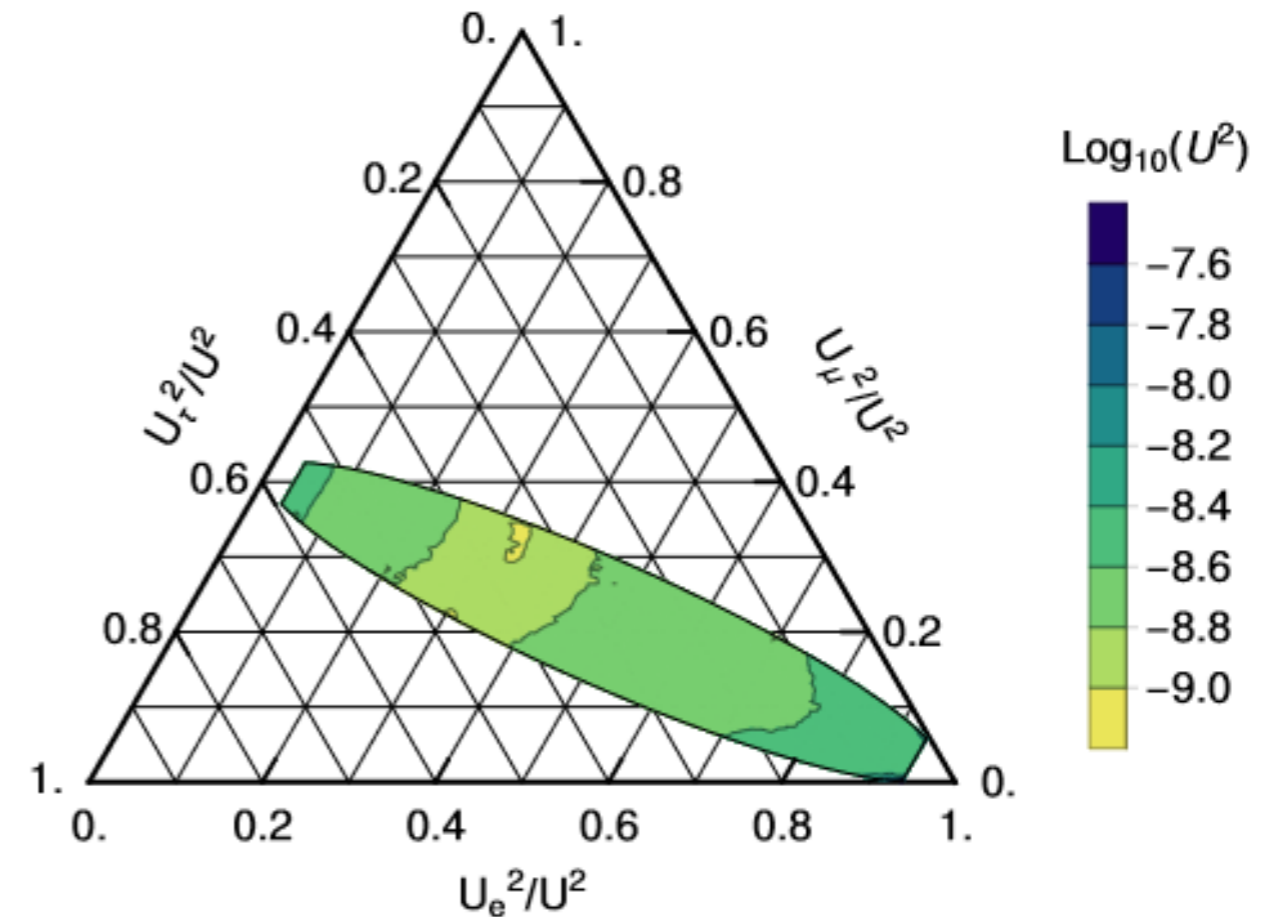
MaD/Klaric/Lopez-Pavon [2207.02742](#)

Leptogenesis Flavour Predictions

Normal ordering



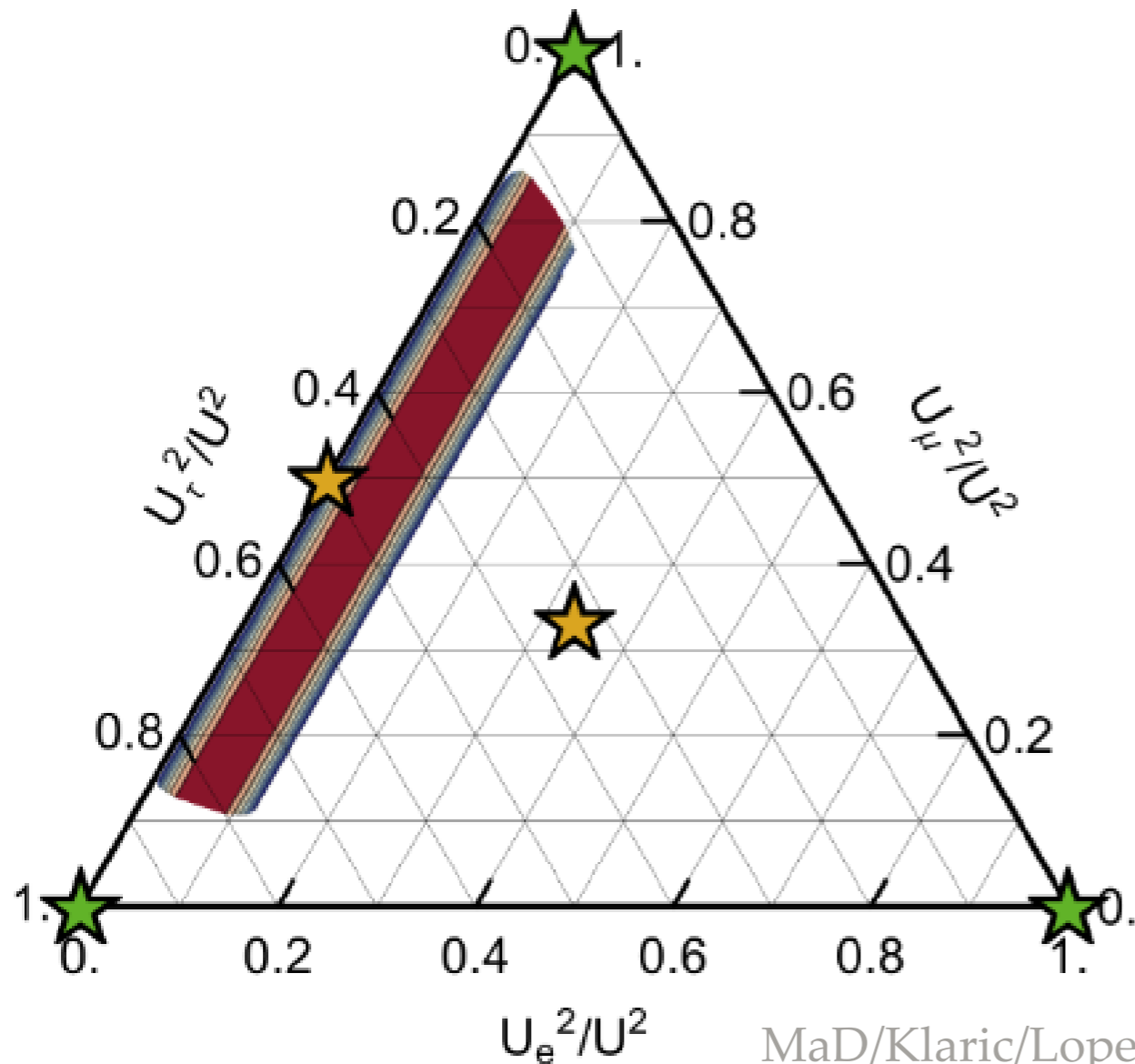
Inverted ordering



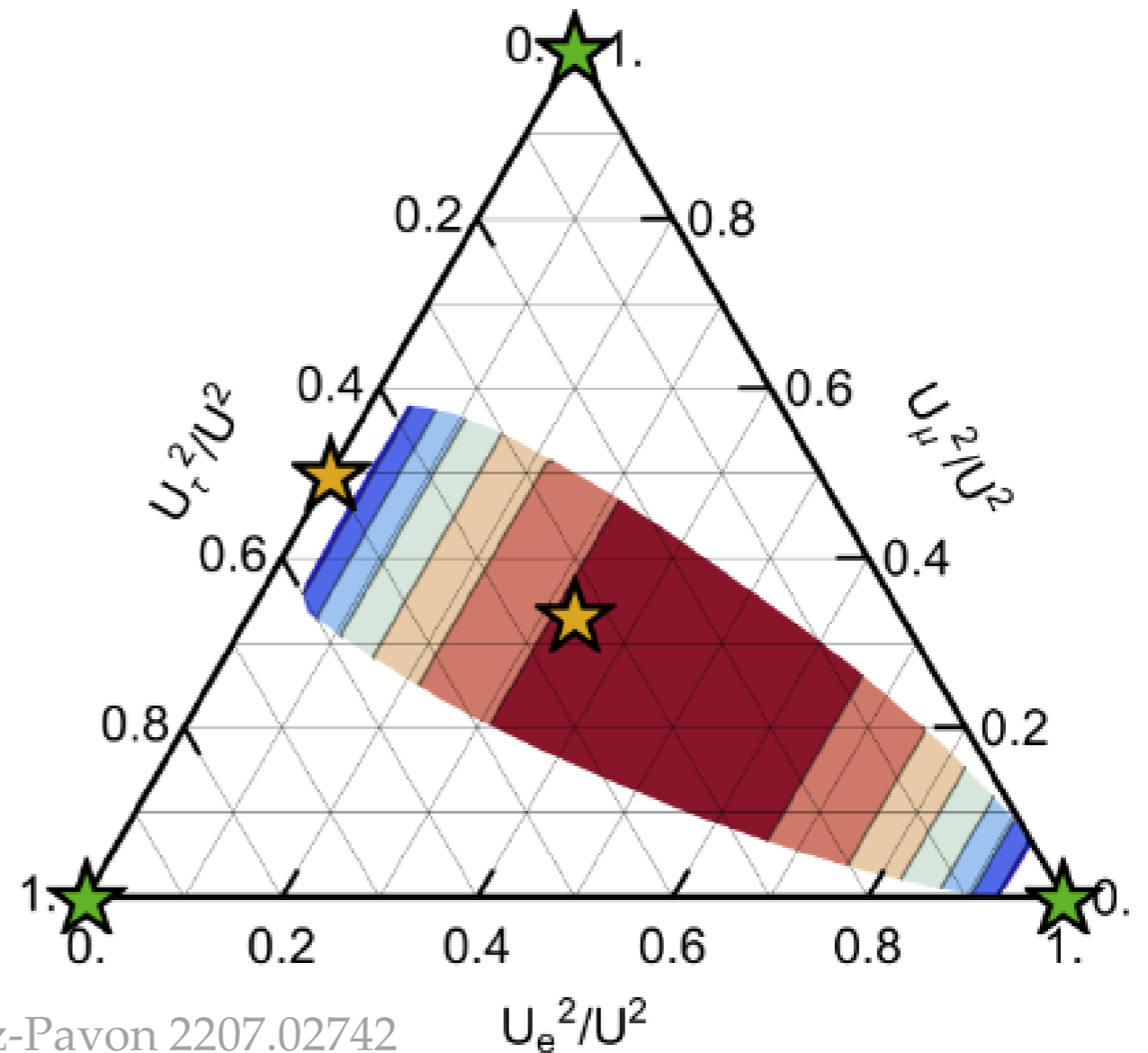
- Requirement for leptogenesis imposes additional constraints on branching ratios [Antusch et al 1710.03744](#)
- Recently confirmed and refined in [Hernandez et al 2207.01651](#)

Predictions for $0\nu\beta\beta$ Decay

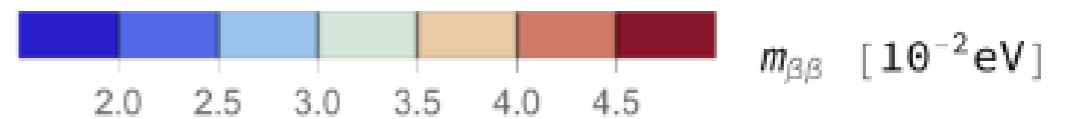
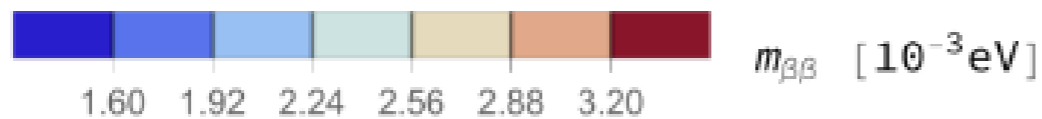
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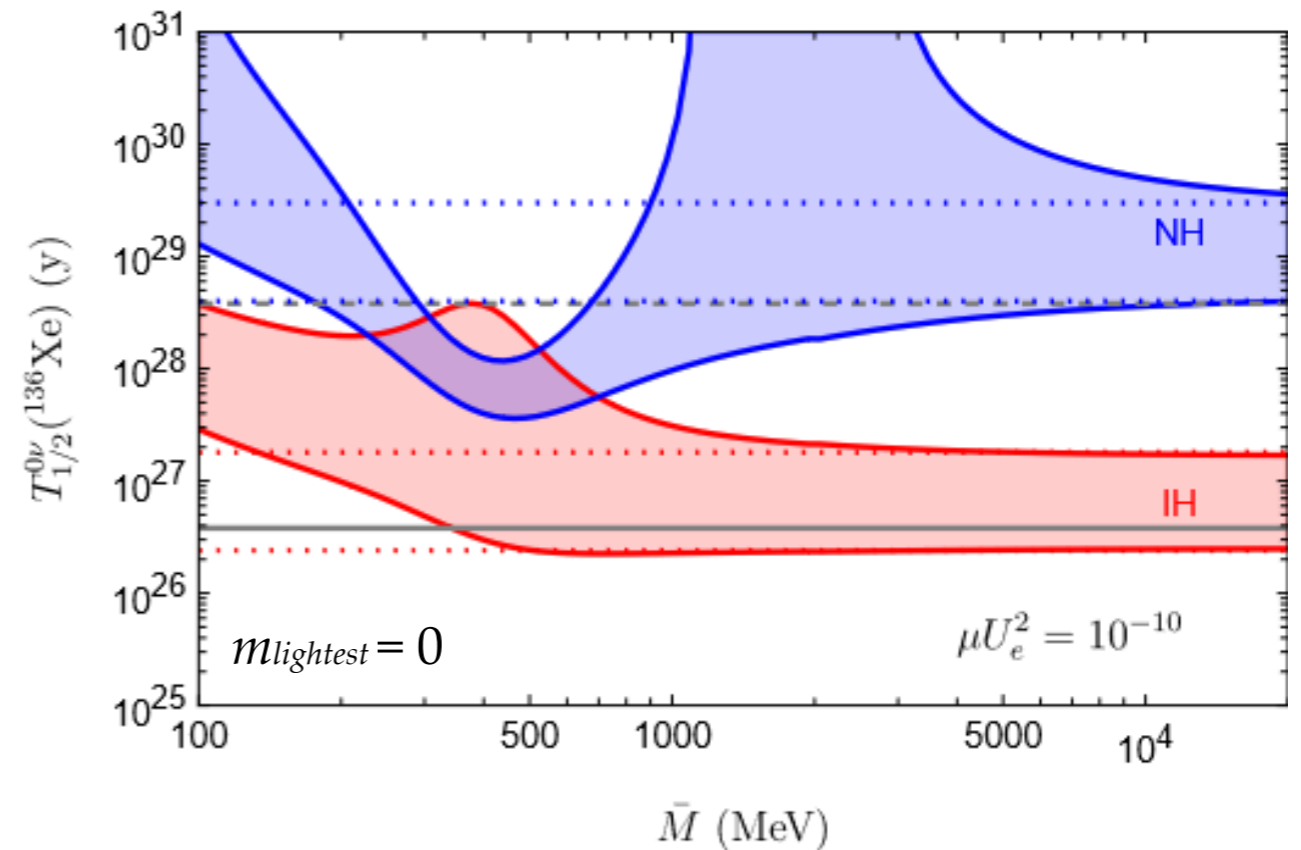
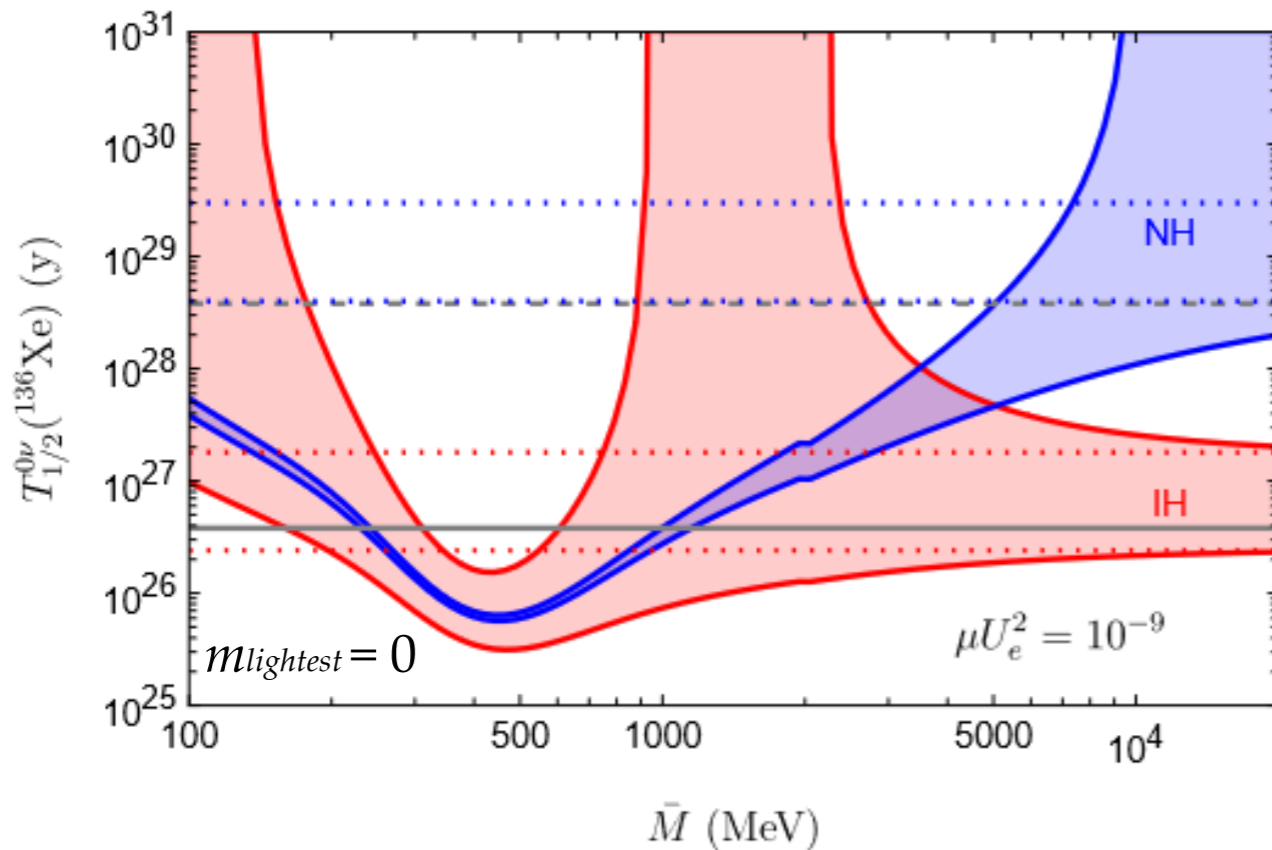


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de Vries et al [2407.10560](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.10560)

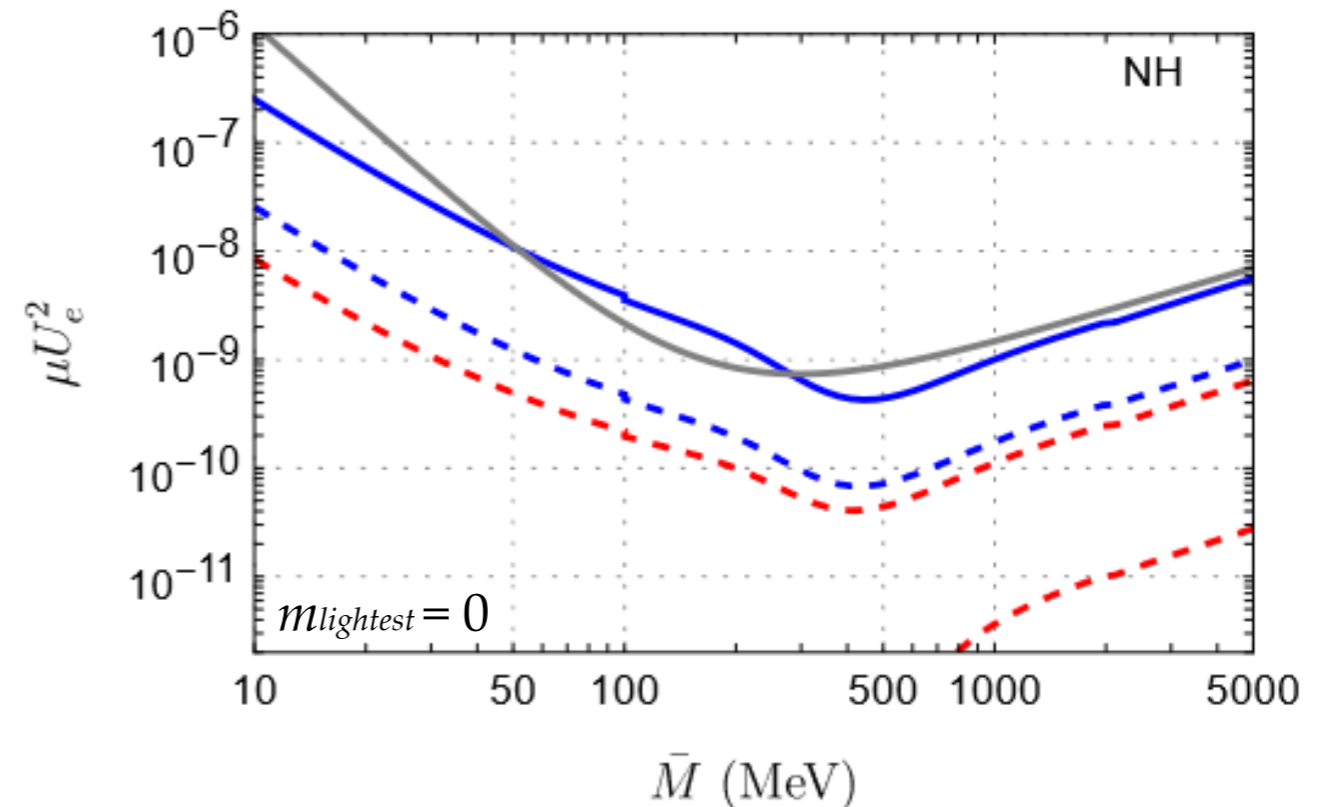
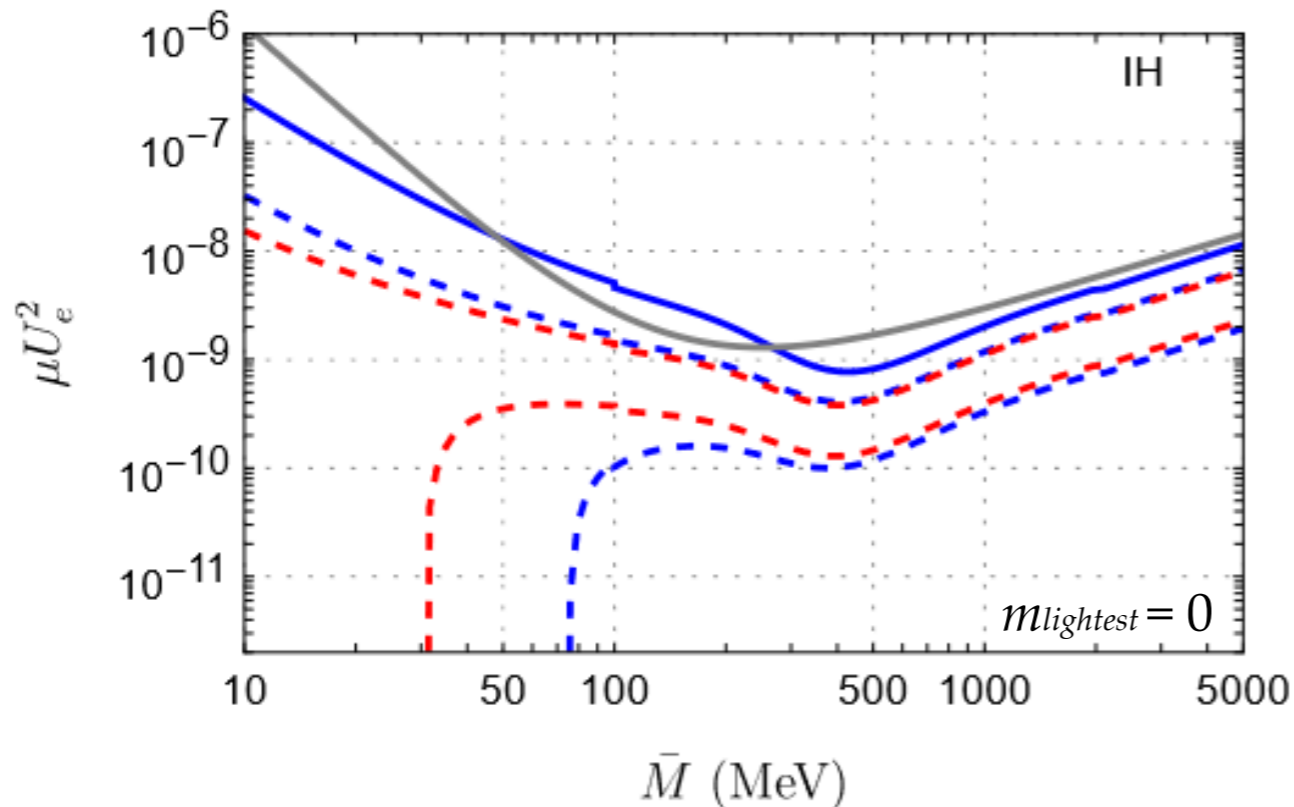


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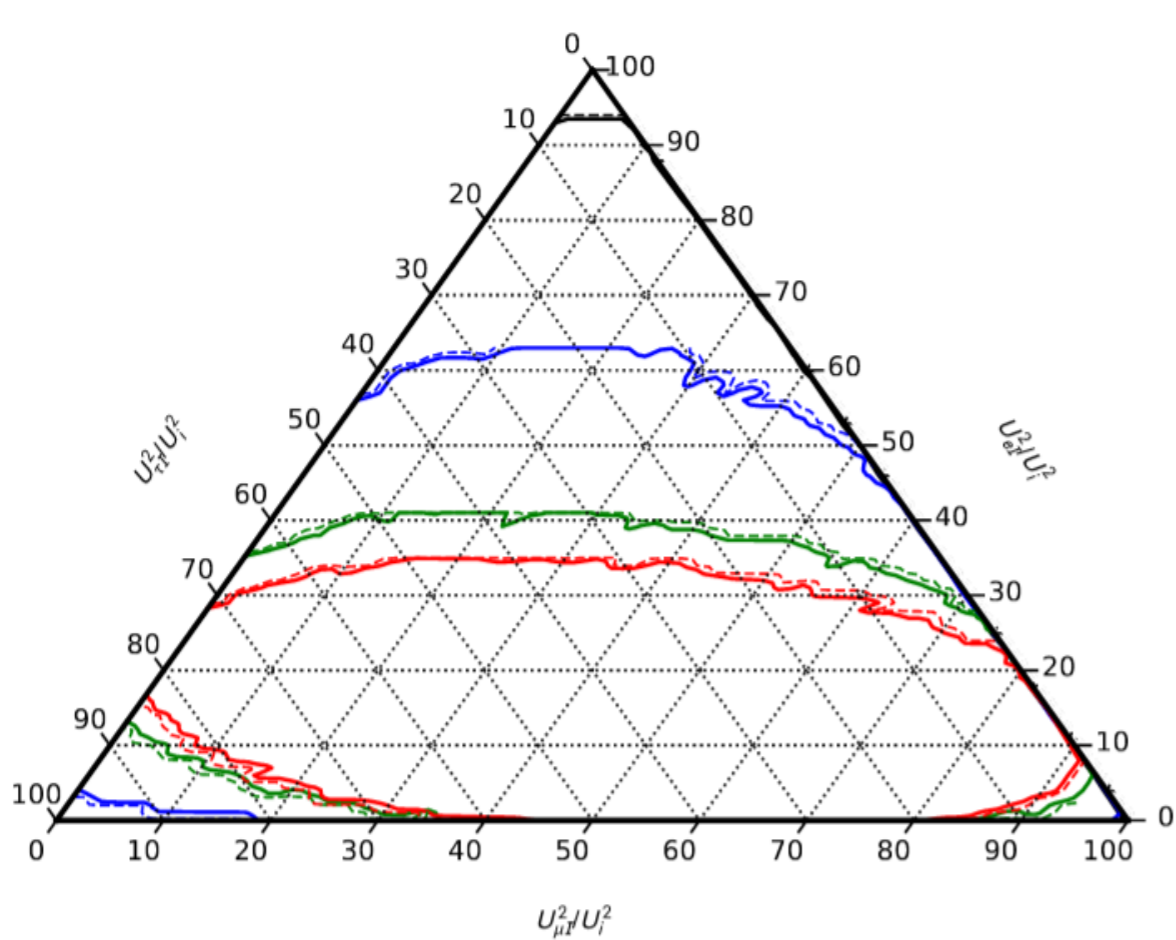
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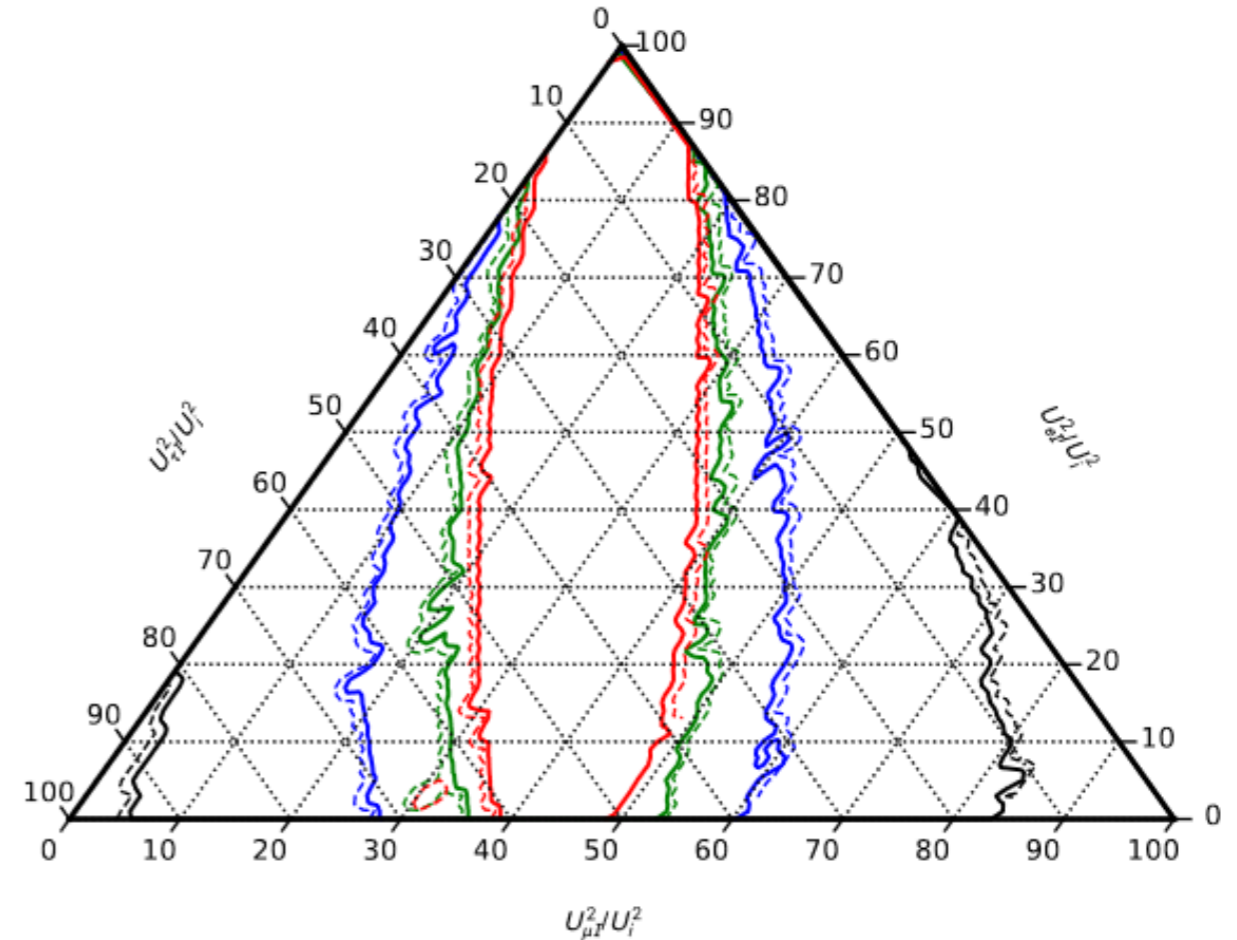
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Branching Ratios with 3 HNLs



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$$m_{\text{lightest}} < 10 \text{ meV}$$

$$m_{\text{lightest}} < 1 \text{ meV}$$

$$m_{\text{lightest}} < 0.1 \text{ meV}$$

$$m_{\text{lightest}} < 0.01 \text{ meV}$$

Additional Global Symmetries

- UV-completions can motivate specific structures in F and M

See e.g. King [1701.04413](#), Xing [1909.09610](#)

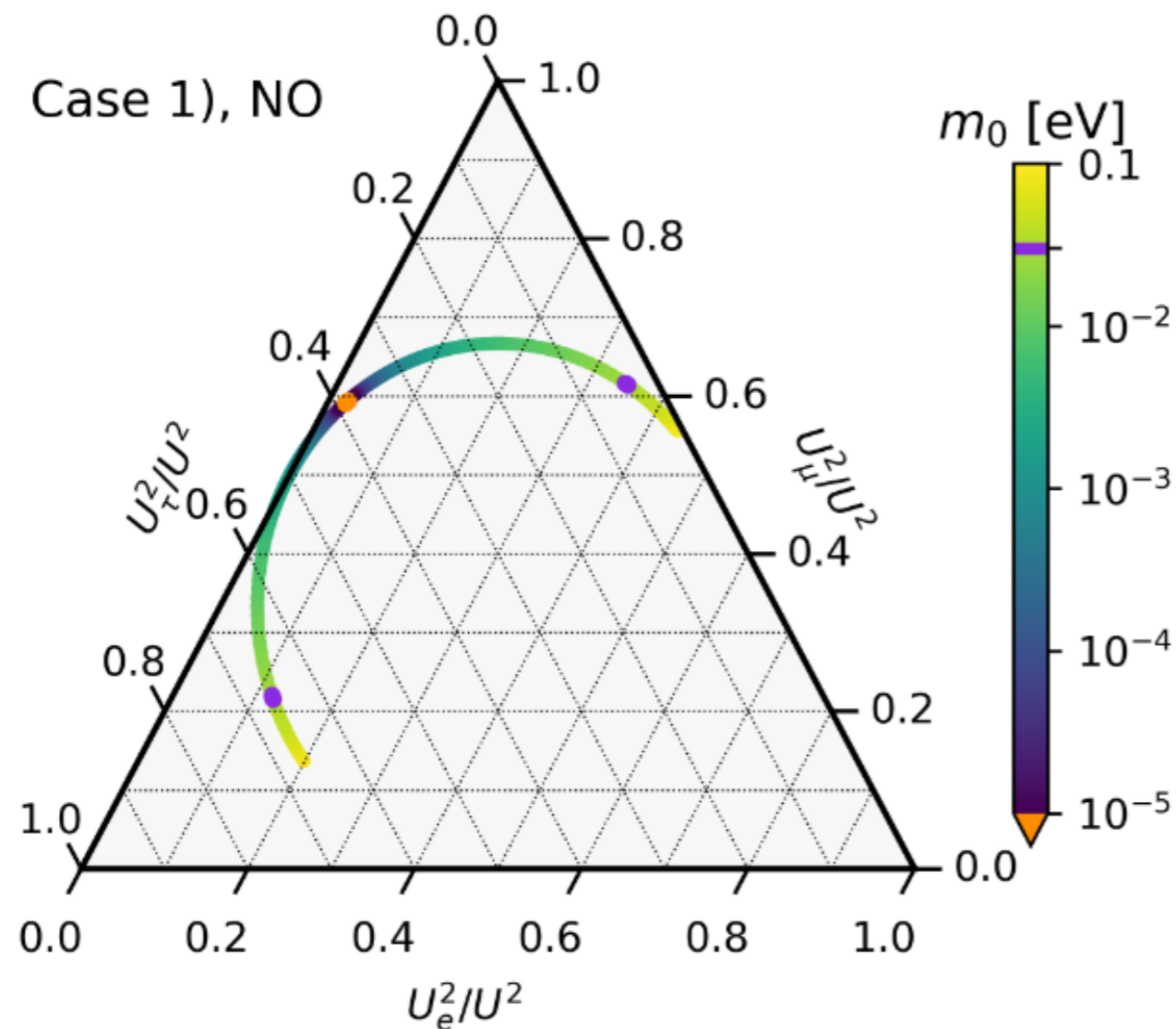
- We consider groups $\Delta(3n^2)$ and $\Delta(6n^2)$ with CP symmetry Hagedorn et al [1408.7118](#)
 - Model with three degenerate HNLs and six parameters $M, y_1, y_2, y_3, \theta_R, \theta_L$
 - Two parameters κ, λ break mass degeneracy
 - Discrete parameters describe implementation of symmetry group in three cases, namely $(n,s), (n,s,t), (n,m,s)$

- Symmetries reduce parameter space, make the model more testable

Chauhan et al [2310.20681](#)

MaD/Georis/Hagedorn/Klaric [2203.08538](#), 2xxx.xxxxx

3 HNLs with Discrete Symmetries



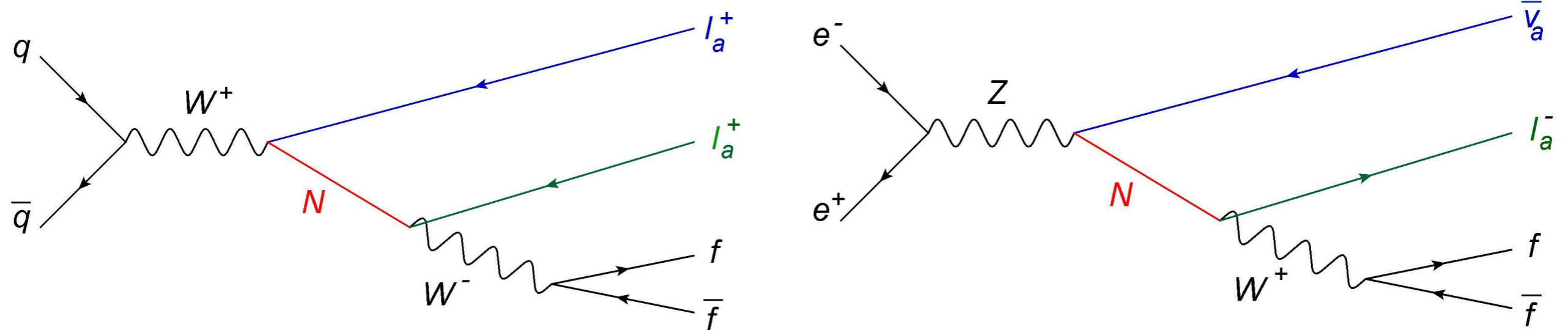
- With discrete flavour and CP symmetries: Mixing pattern very predictive
- Even more predictive if lightest neutrino mass is measured

Plot from Georis [2401.04840](#)

Based on MaD/Georis/Hagedorn/Klaric [2203.08538](#)

Neutrino Masses: Lepton Number Violation

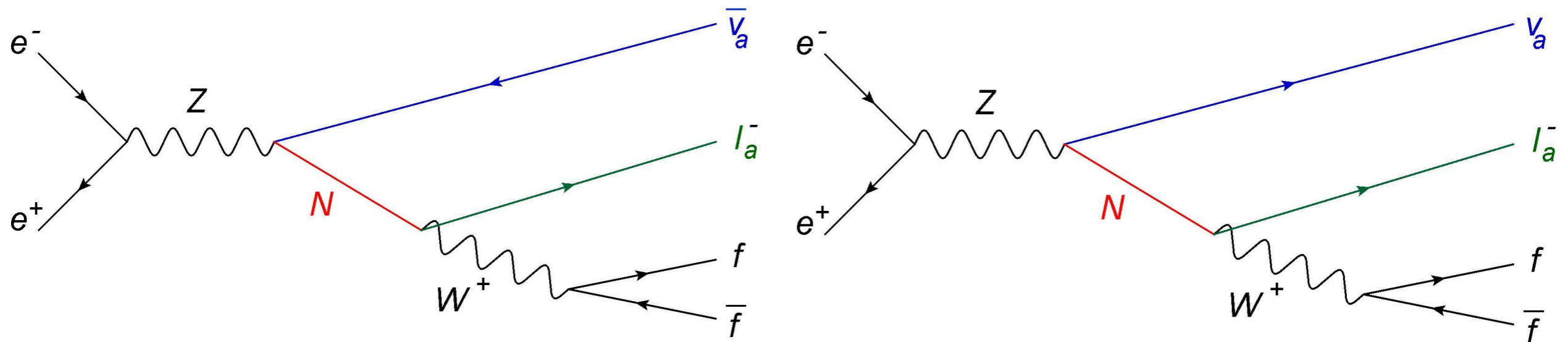
How to observe LNV?



How to practically distinguish Dirac from Majorana N ?

- 1) Direct observation of LNV in fully reconstructed final state
- 2) Angular distribution of final state particles
- 3) Polarisation of final state particles
- 4) Lifetime of N

LNV at Lepton Colliders



Z-bosons are polarised due to P-violation of weak interaction:

$$g_R = 2 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$g_L = (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

$$P_Z = \frac{(g_R^2 - g_L^2)}{(g_L^2 + g_R^2)} \simeq -0.15.$$

- Chiral nature of weak interaction correlates charge, spin, and momenta of observable final state particles to spin of initial Z-boson e.g. Blondel et al [2105.06576](#)
- This correlation depends on whether HNLs are Dirac or Majorana

Observables:

- **Forward-backward asymmetry of charged leptons:** vanishes in Majorana case, is proportional to Z-polarisation in Dirac case
- **Energy distribution of charged leptons:** Dirac N and anti-N are highly polarised, while Majorana H are only mildly polarised, leading to different charged lepton spectra

Constraining LNV from HNL Lifetime

- HNL production cross section is same for Dirac and Majorana:

$$\sigma_N = U^2 \sigma_\nu \times [\text{phase space}]$$

- HNL decay length depends on availability of LNV channels

$$\lambda_N = \frac{\beta\gamma}{\Gamma_N} \simeq \frac{1.6}{U^2 c_{\text{dec}}} \left(\frac{M}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-6} \left(1 - (M/m_Z)^2 \right) \text{ cm.}$$

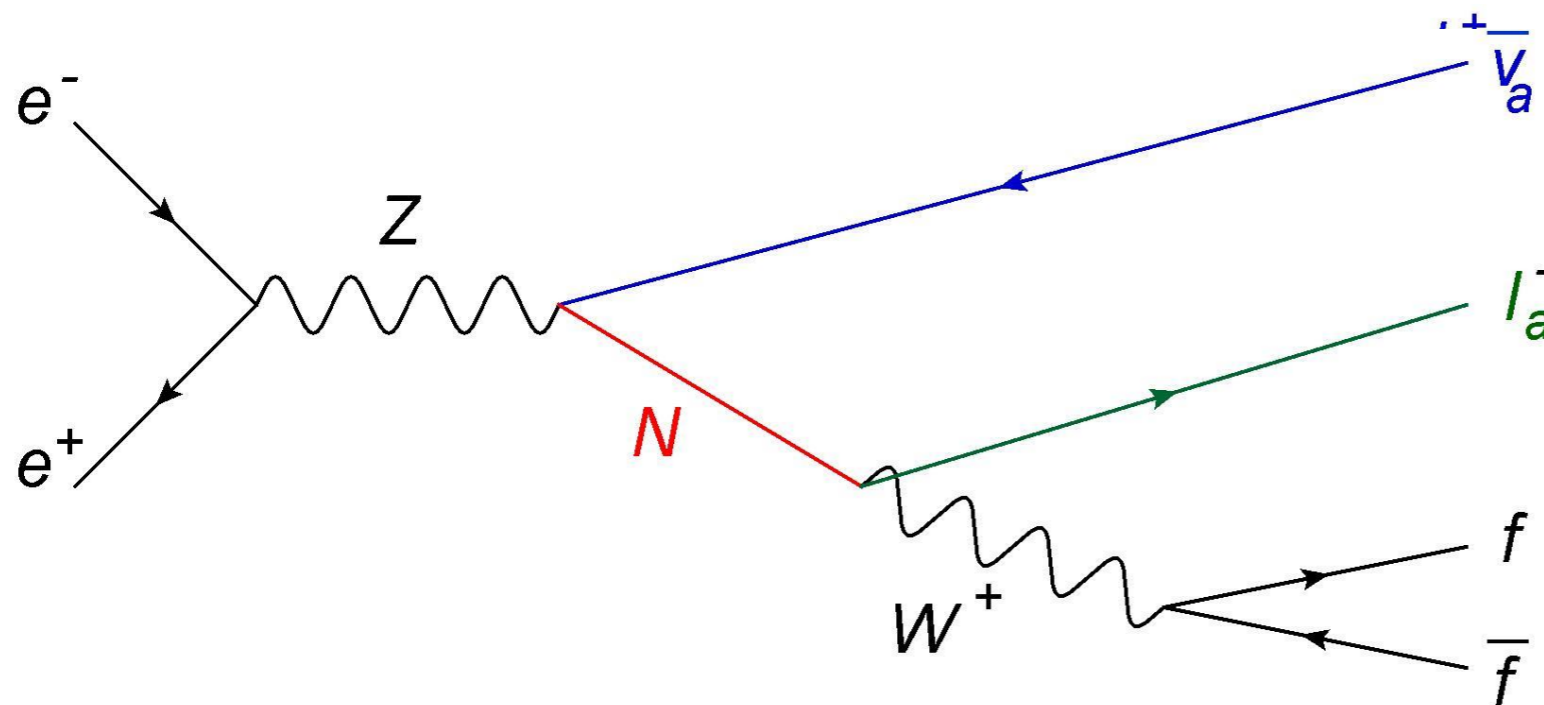
Dirac: $c_{\text{dec}} = 1/2$,
Majorana: $c_{\text{dec}} = 1$

[note: dichotomy of Dirac vs Majorana HNLs generally not sufficient to capture realistic models, see below]

- HNL mass extracted from full 4-momentum reconstruction or from time-of-flight
 - Extract Ua^2 from total # decays , c_{dec} from # decays between displacement l_0, l_1

Majorana nature of HNLs: Can LNV decay be observed?

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- But symmetry must be broken to give masses to neutrinos
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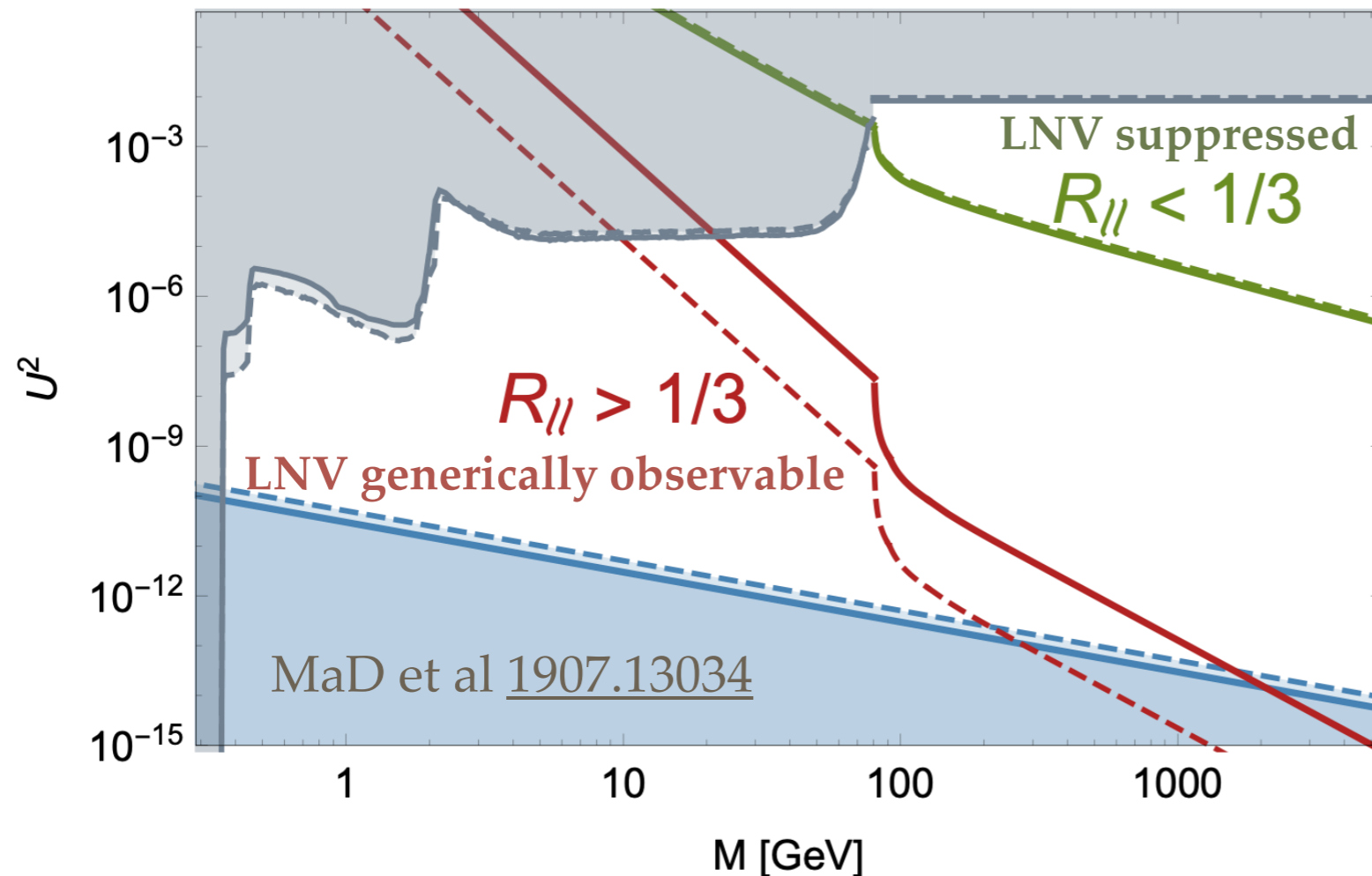
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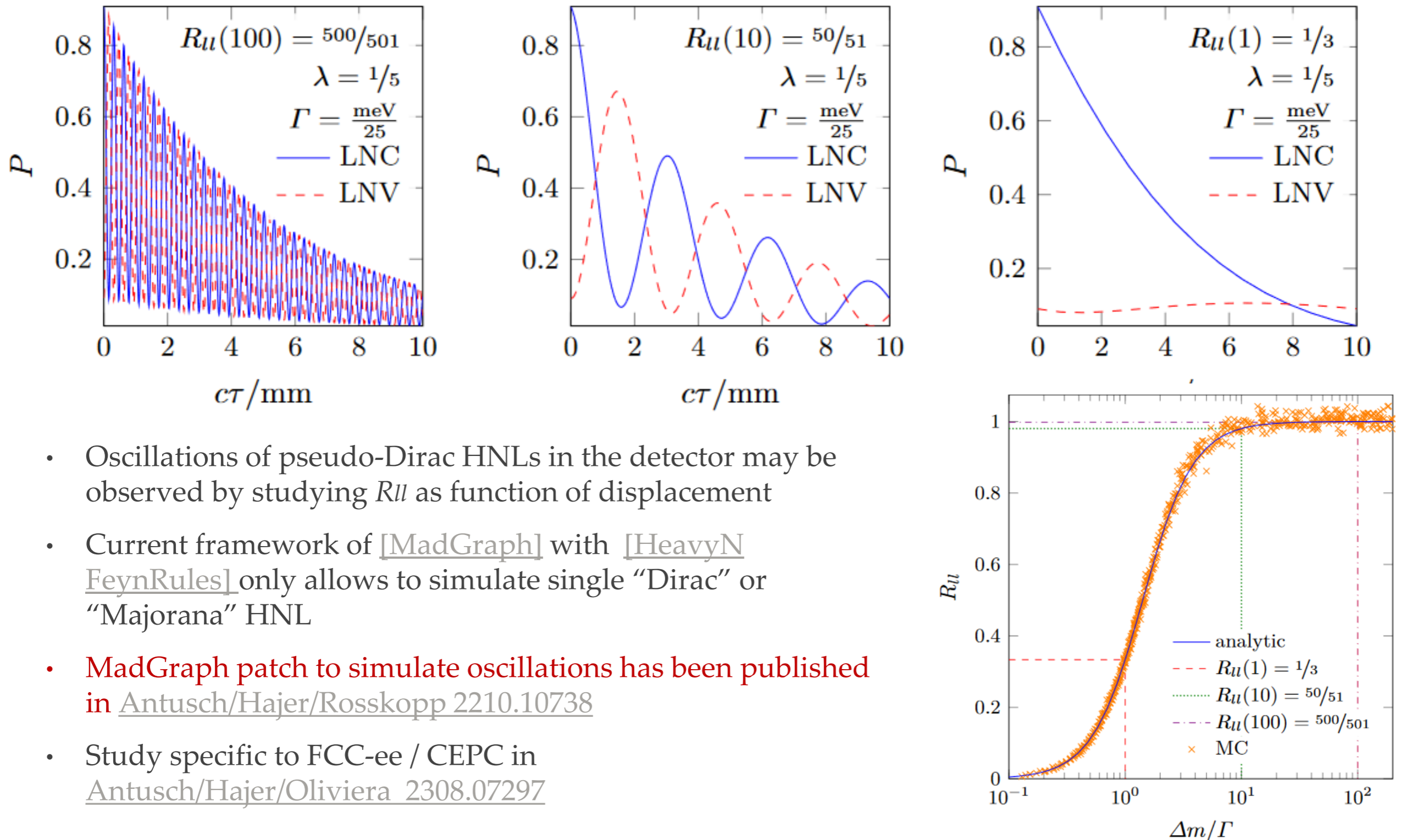
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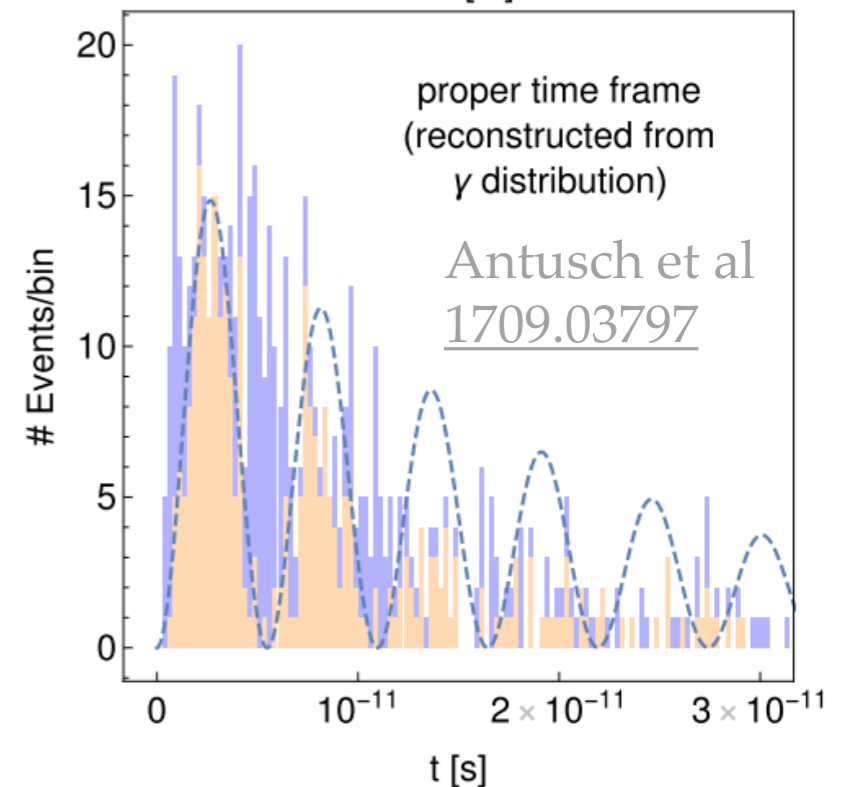
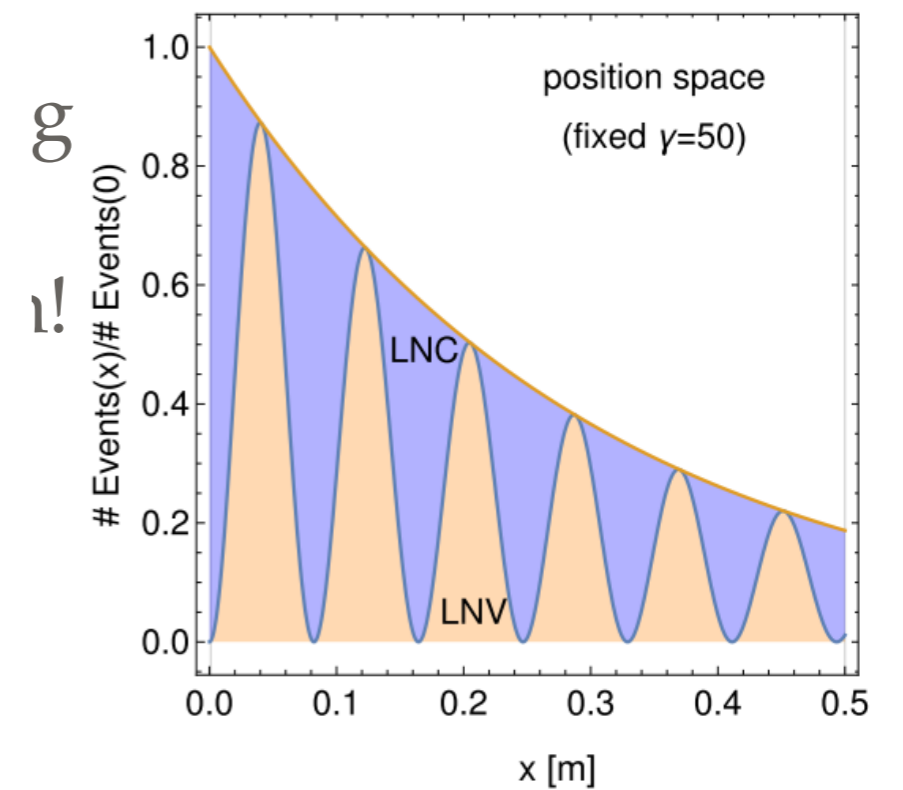
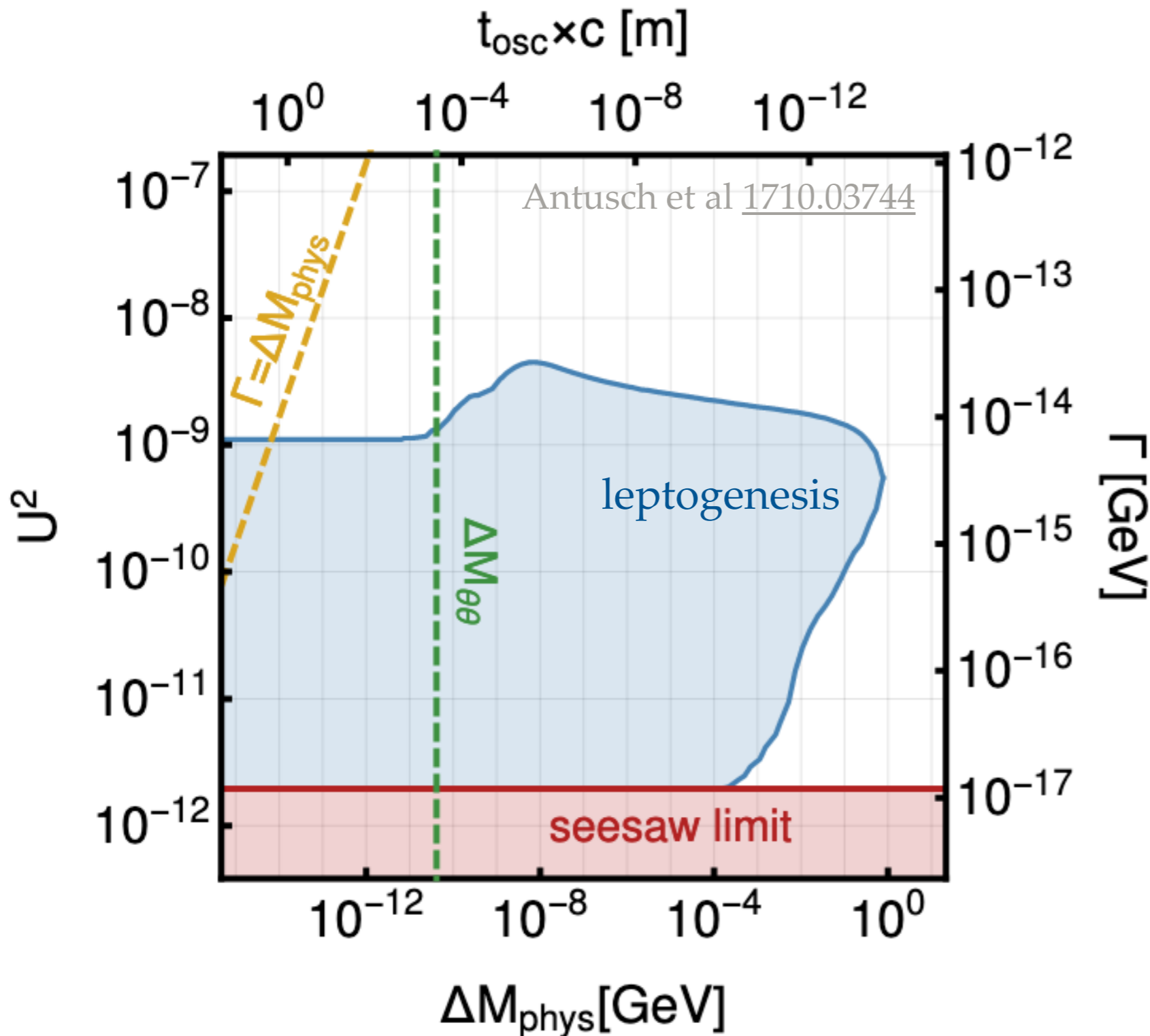
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- **both related to light neutrino masses, can identify region where LNV is expected**

Simulating Heavy Neutrino Oscillations



- Oscillations of pseudo-Dirac HNLs in the detector may be observed by studying R_{ll} as function of displacement
- Current framework of [MadGraph] with [HeavyN FeynRules] only allows to simulate single “Dirac” or “Majorana” HNL
- **MadGraph patch to simulate oscillations has been published in [Antusch/Hajer/Roskopp 2210.10738](#)**
- Study specific to FCC-ee / CEPC in [Antusch/Hajer/Oliviera 2308.07297](#)

Testing Leptogenesis



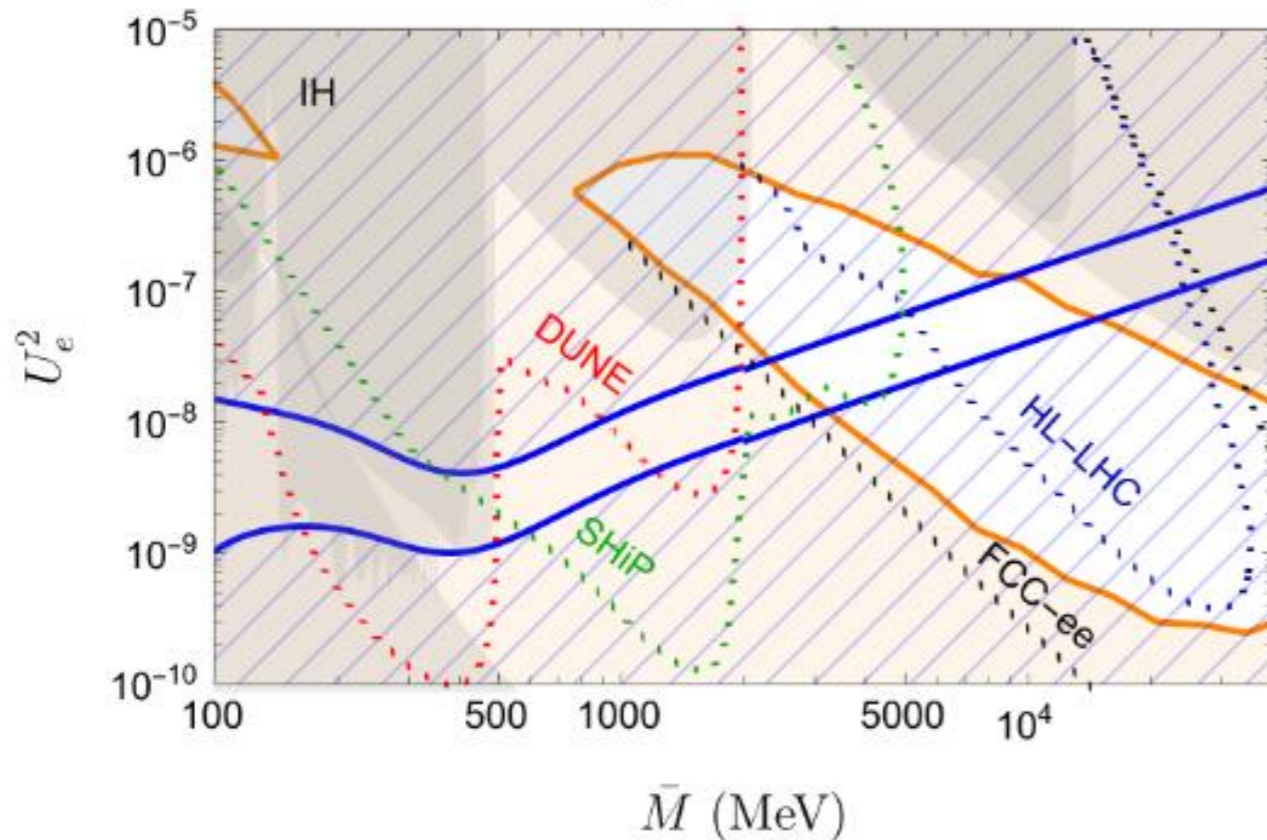
Leptogenesis and $0\nu\beta\beta$ Decay

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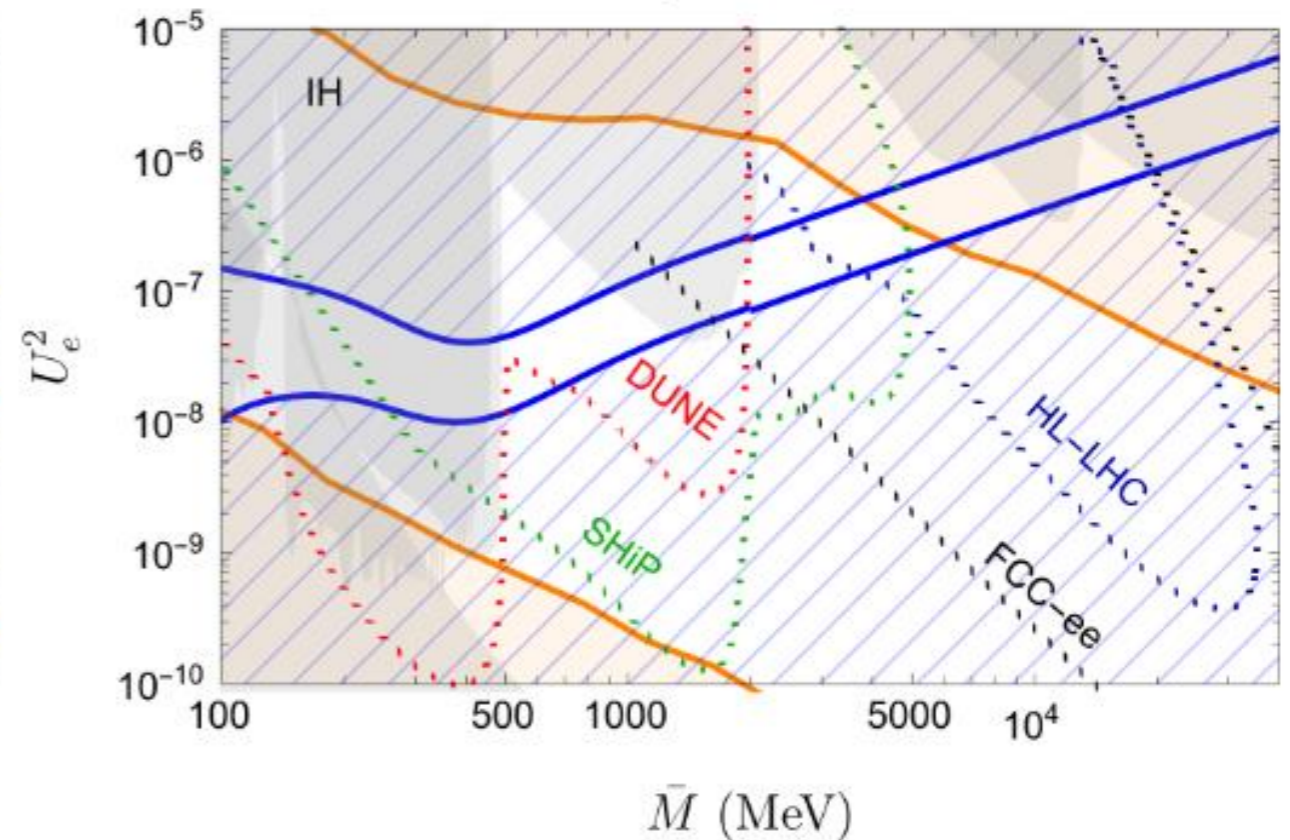
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$\mu = 0.1$



$\mu = 0.01$



Model Testability

Parameter Spaces

$$F = \frac{1}{v} U_\nu \sqrt{m_\nu^{\text{diag}}} \mathcal{R} \sqrt{M^{\text{diag}}}$$

Casas/Ibarra 01

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- + 2 RHN masses
- + 1 *complex* ($\times 2$) angle
- + 2 light neutrino masses
- + 3 PMNS angles
- + 1 *CP* phase δ
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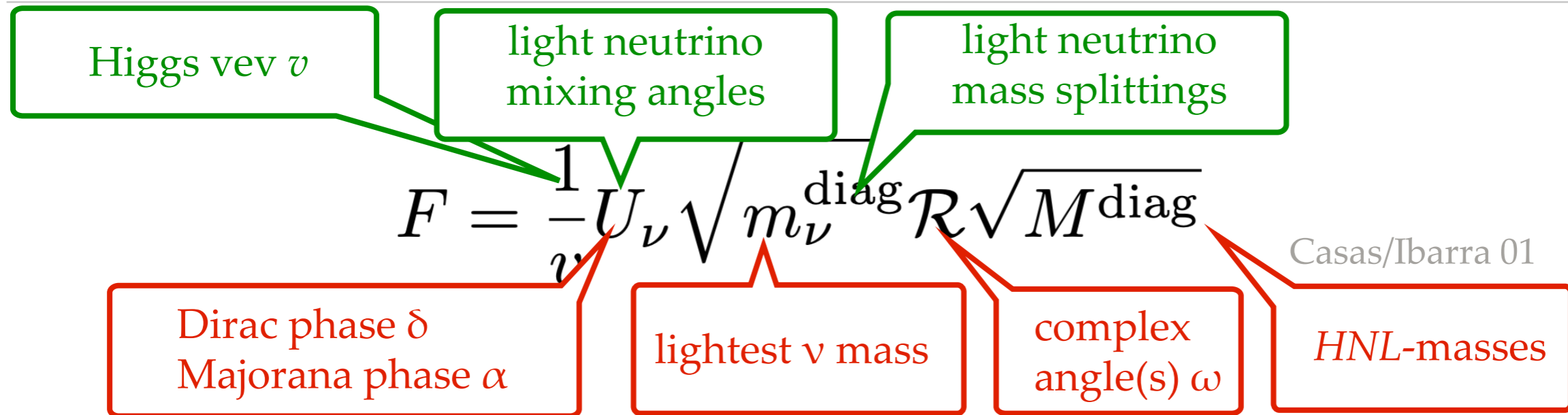
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Full Testability with 2 HNLs!



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- In the minimal model (ν MSM-like) all parameters can in principle be constrained by experiment
Hernandez et al [1606.06719](#) MaD et al [1609.09069](#)
- This makes it a UV complete and testable model of neutrino masses and baryogenesis (and possibly a third HNL is DM)
- It is also a poster child example of cross frontier research

What about 3 HNLs?

$$F = \frac{1}{v} U_\nu \sqrt{m_\nu^{\text{diag}}} \mathcal{R} \sqrt{M^{\text{diag}}}$$

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Klarić Parametrisation

$$\mathcal{R} = O_\nu R_C O_N \quad \text{MaD/Georis/Klarić } \underline{2106.16226}$$

$$O_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\nu 2} & 0 & s_{\nu 2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\nu 2} & 0 & c_{\nu 2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\nu 1} & s_{\nu 1} \\ 0 & -s_{\nu 1} & c_{\nu 1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$O_N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{N1} & s_{N1} \\ 0 & -s_{N1} & c_{N1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{N2} & 0 & s_{N2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{N2} & 0 & c_{N2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega + i\gamma) & \sin(\omega + i\gamma) & 0 \\ -\sin(\omega + i\gamma) & \cos(\omega + i\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Model Discrimination CEPC Z-pole Run

Parameter $\epsilon = e^{-2\gamma}$ quantifies ratio of $U_{\alpha i}^2 \equiv |\Theta_{\alpha i}|^2$ to “seesaw floor” $U_0^2 \equiv \frac{\sum_i m_i}{\bar{M}}$

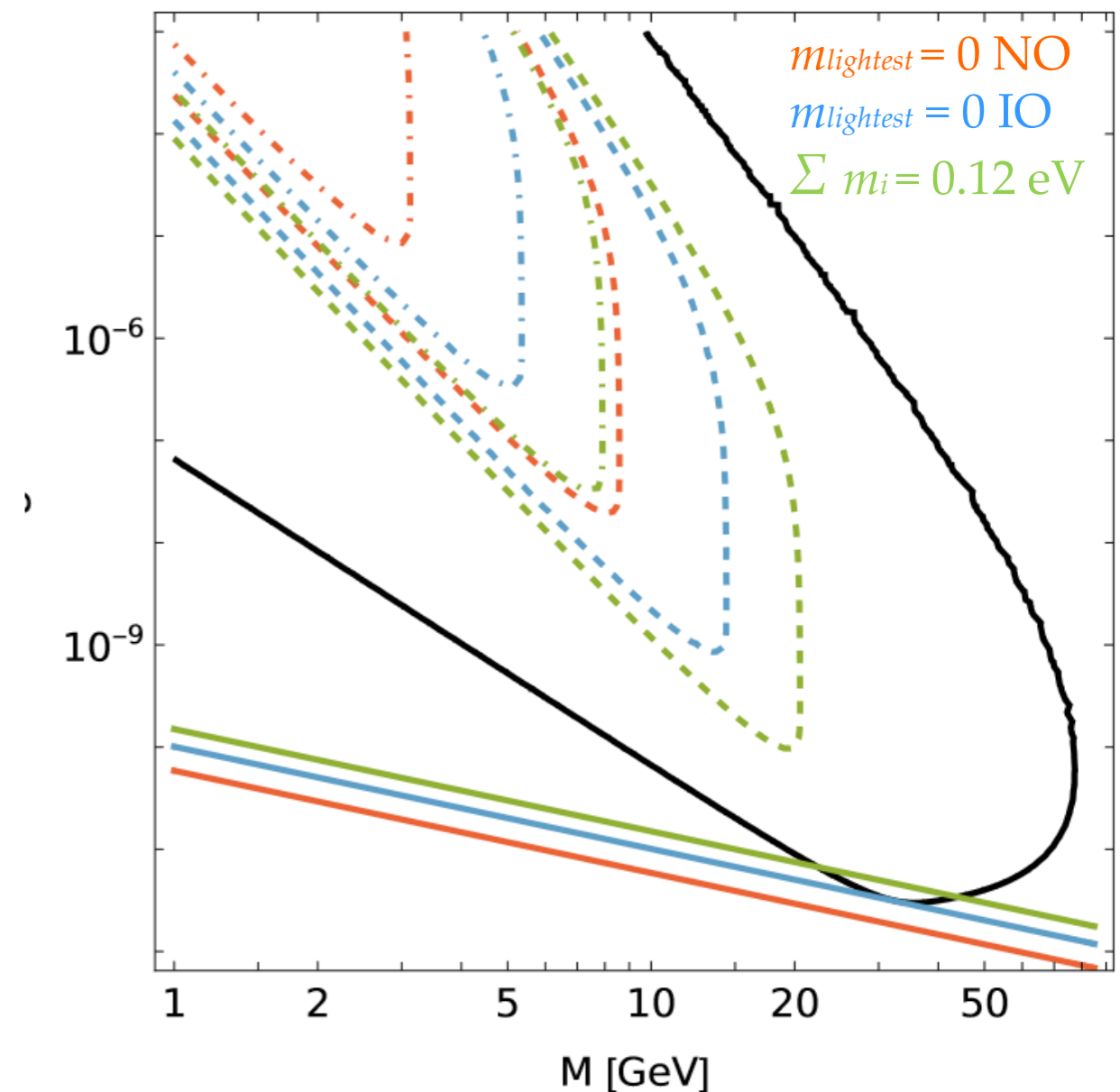
- Minimal model with 2 HNLs (νMSM-like): expansion of the only contains integer powers of ϵ .

$$U_{\alpha i} \propto 1/\epsilon, 1, \epsilon$$

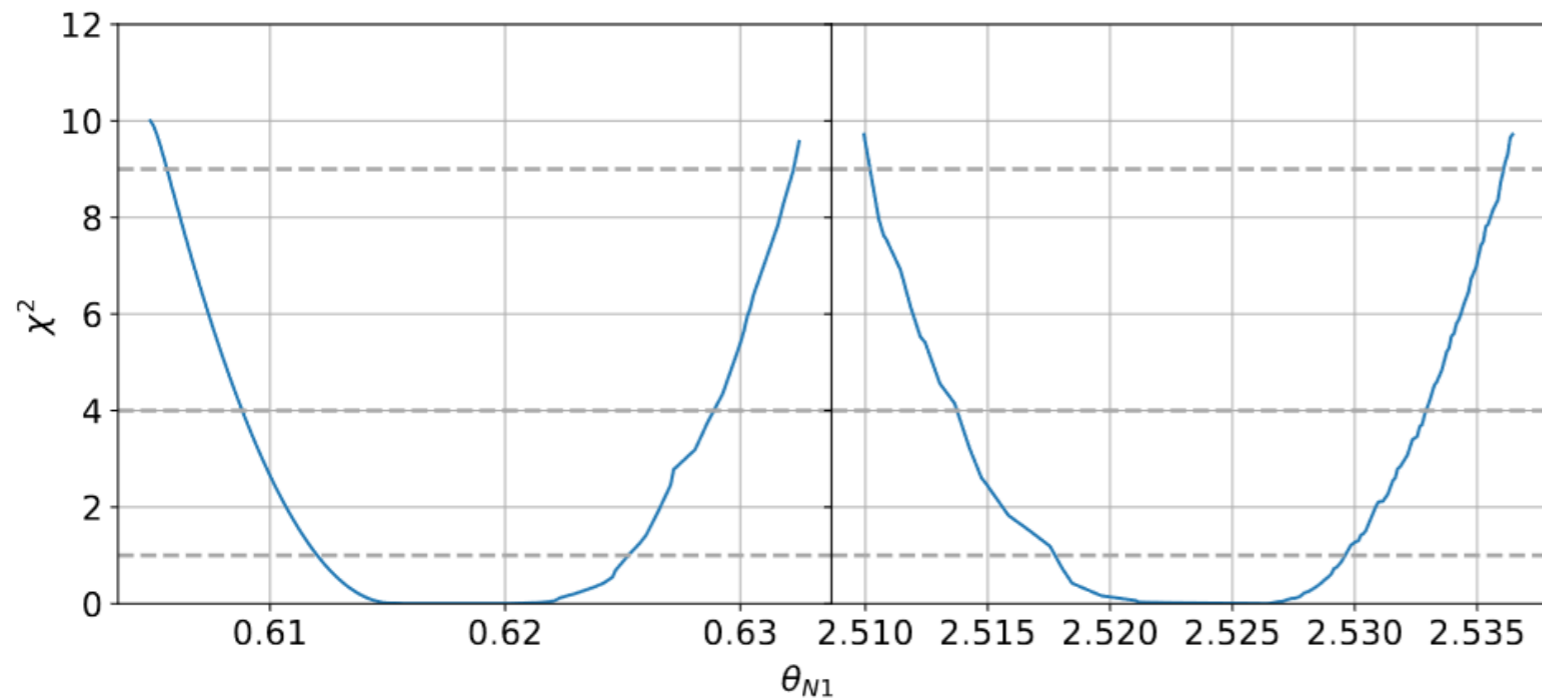
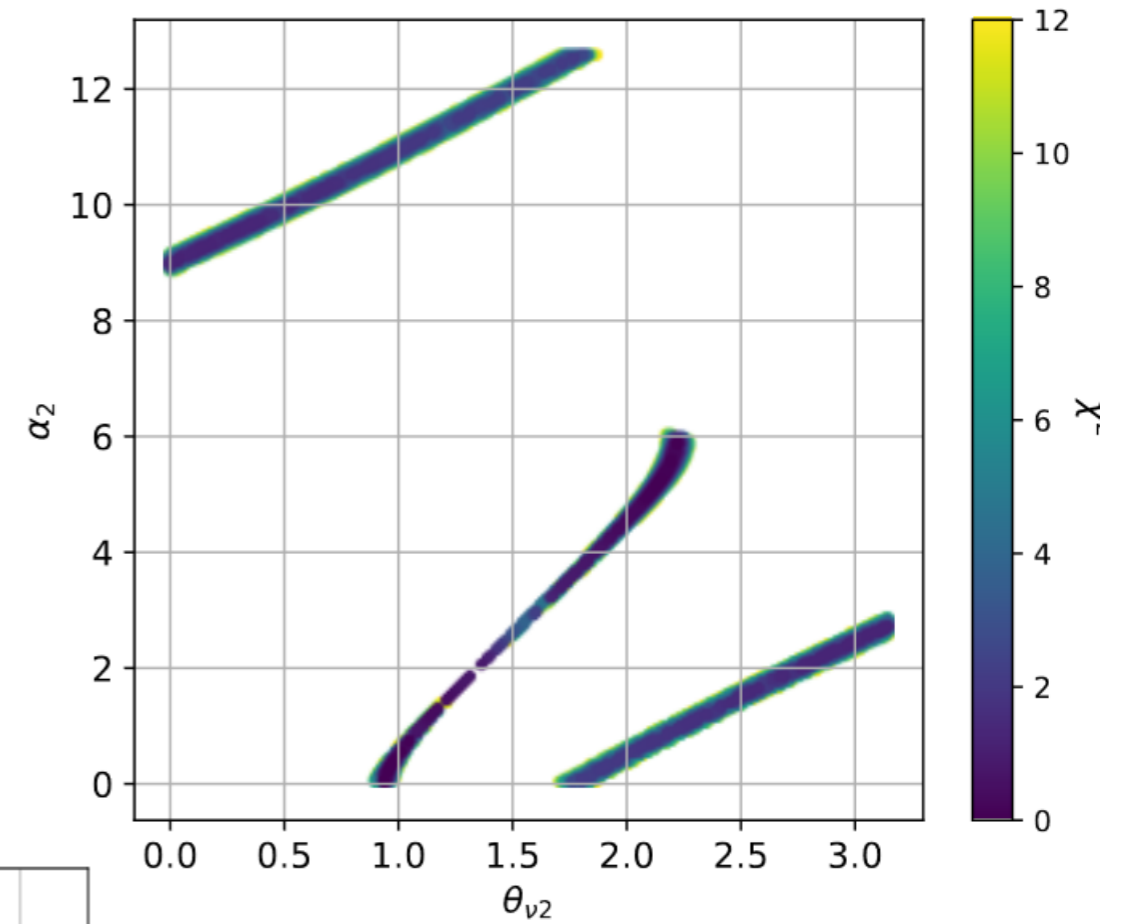
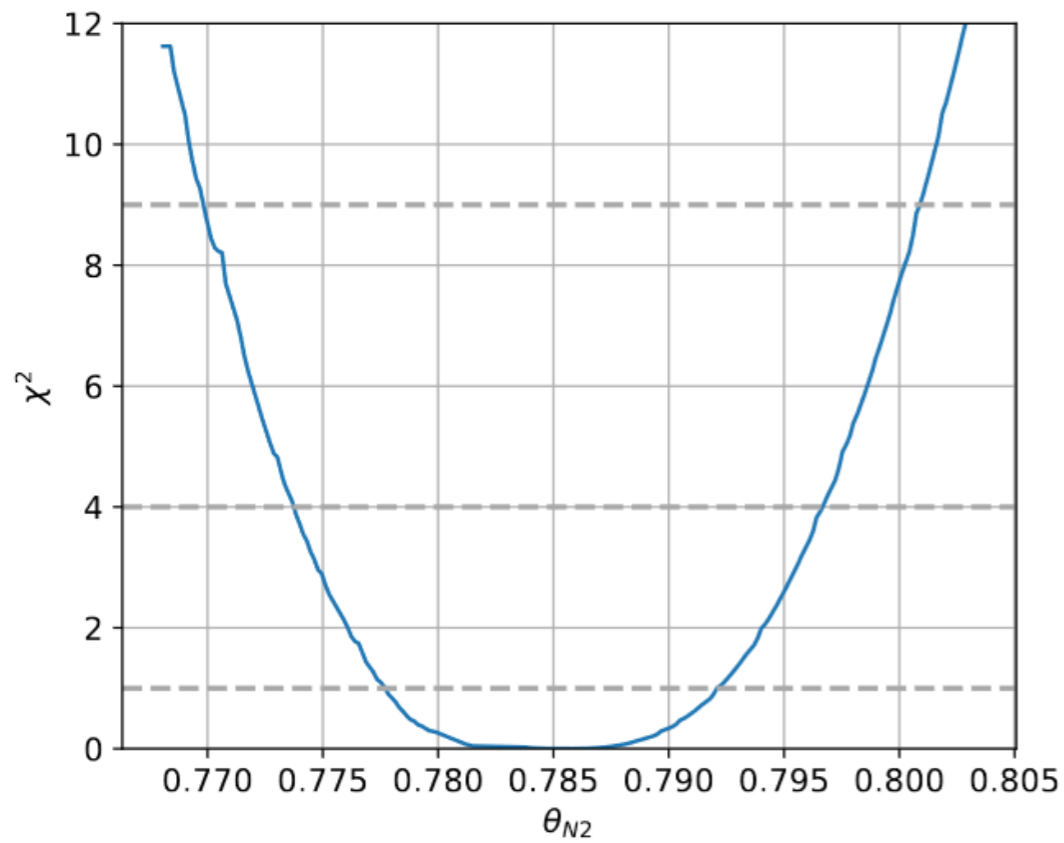
- Model with 3 HNLs contains half-integer powers

$$U_{\alpha i} \propto 1/\epsilon, 1/\sqrt{\epsilon}, 1, \dots$$

- CEPC or FCC-ee can detect different scaling of event rates within dashed lines



Parameter Inference CEPC Z-pole Run



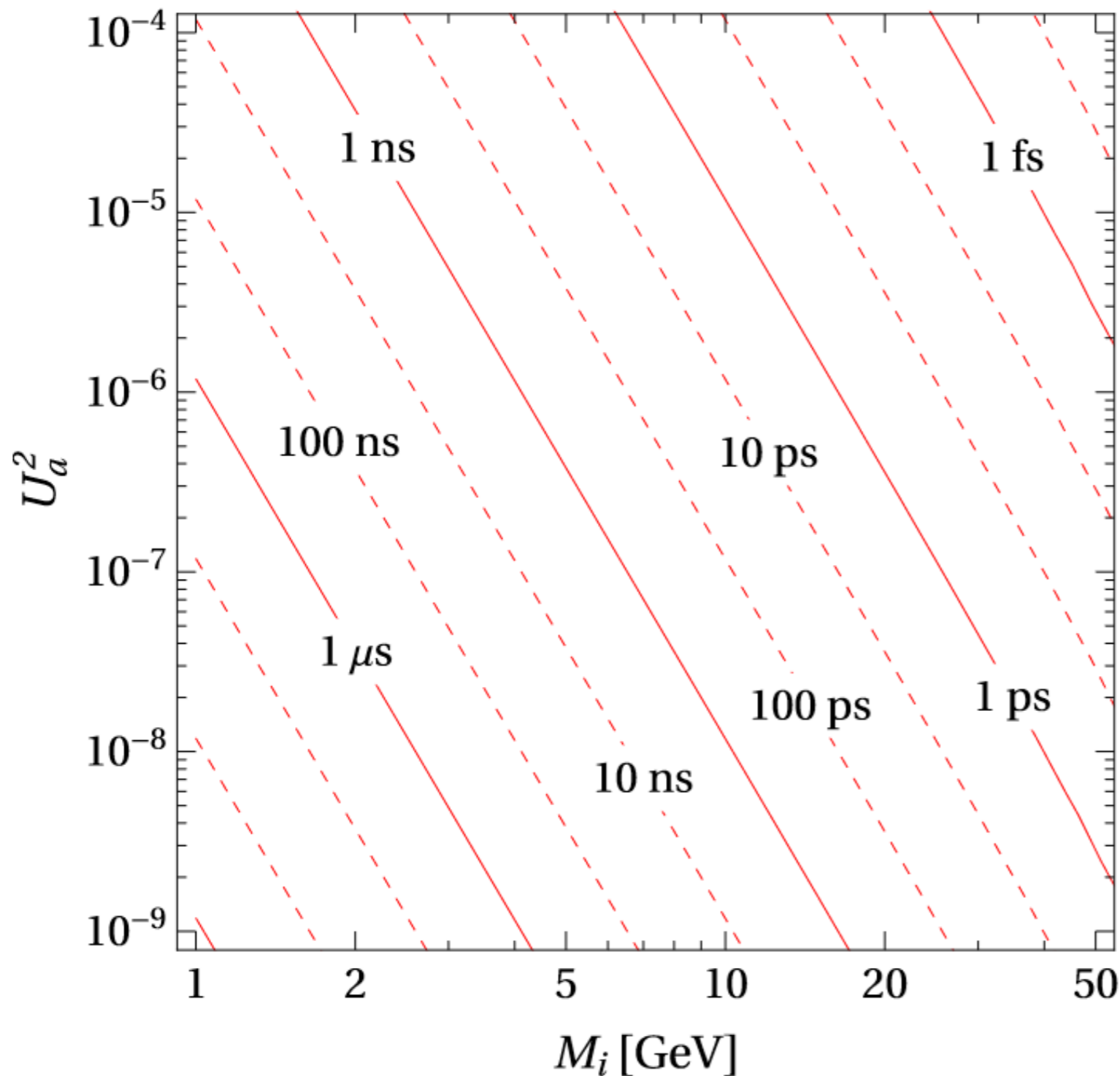
Summary

- Heavy neutrinos with-collider accessible masses and couplings can simultaneously explain the light neutrino masses and origin of matter
- Can be realised in natural and UV complete models below the TeV scale.
- LLP searches can still explore orders of magnitude of uncharted terrain
- Using SM weak interaction alone: can potentially see thousands of events at the LHC and up to a million at CEPC...
- ...sufficiently many to measure HNL branching ratios at %-level and to discover LNV, enabling tests underlying neutrino mass models
- **Lepton colliders are discovery and precision machine in one, can probe connection to neutrino physics and cosmology!**

Backup Slides

Long-lived HNL Searches

HNL Lifetime



- HNL decay width in rest frame scales as

$$\Gamma_N \sim U^2 M^5 G_F^2$$

- Decay length in lab frame

$$\lambda_N = \frac{\beta\gamma}{\Gamma_N} \sim \frac{p}{U^2 M^6 G_F^2}$$

- For $M \ll m_W$

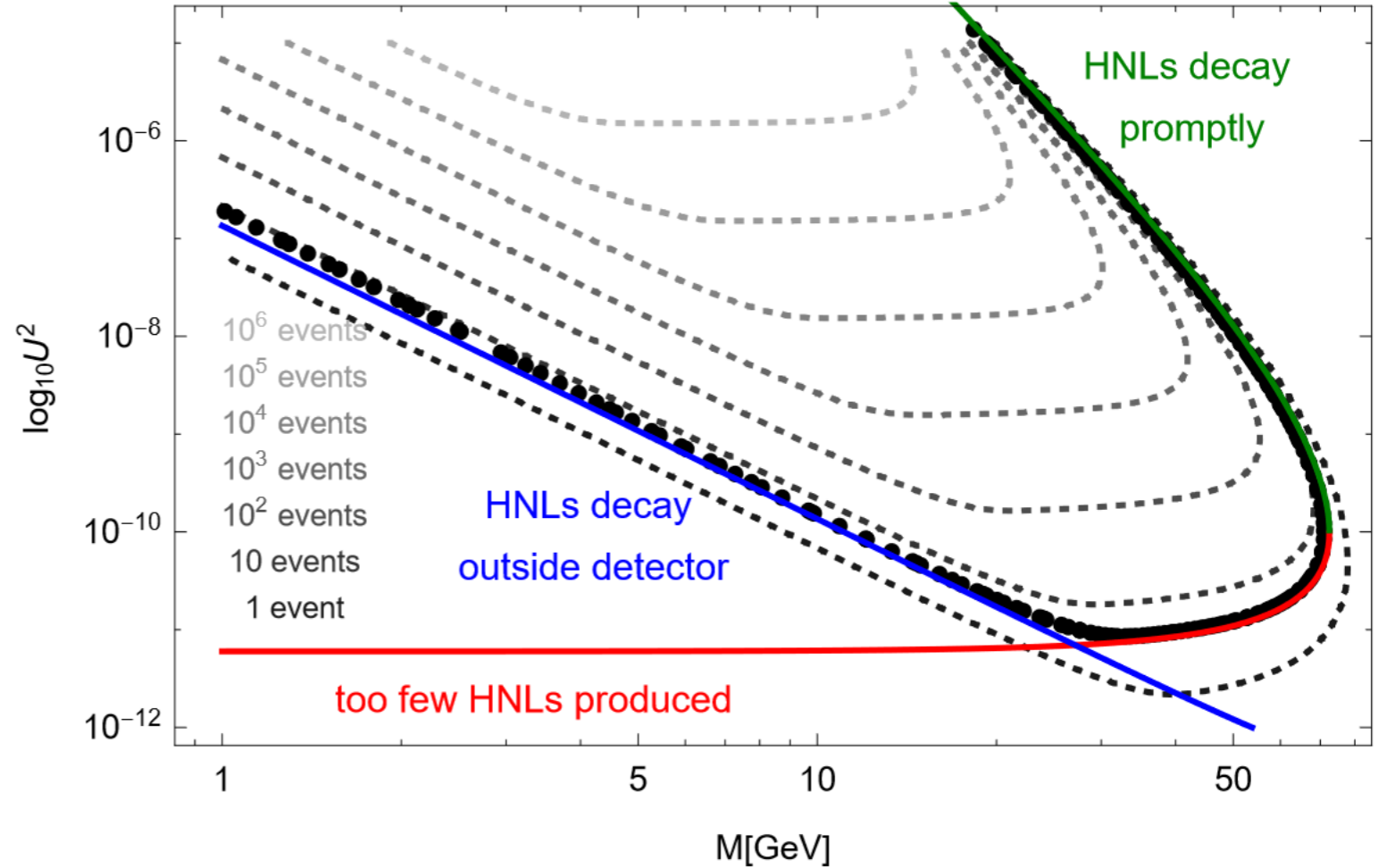
$$\lambda_N \simeq \frac{0.036}{U^2} \left(\frac{p}{\text{GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{M}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-6} \text{ cm}$$

- In regime where HNLs can be produced efficiently they are often long-lived

Sensitivity Region

$$U_{\max}^2 = \frac{W_{-1}(XY)}{X} \simeq \frac{\log(XY)}{X}$$

$$U_{\min}^2 = \frac{W_0(XY)}{X} \simeq Y$$

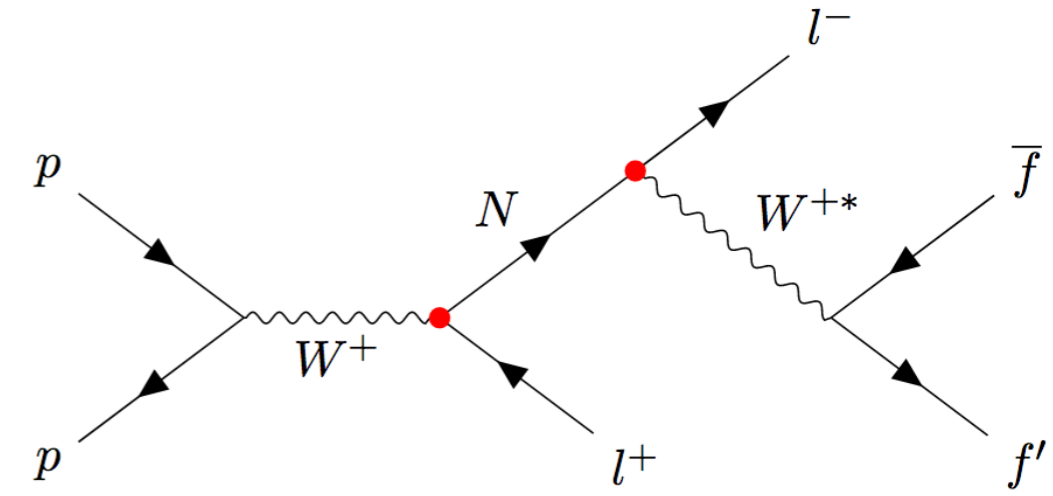
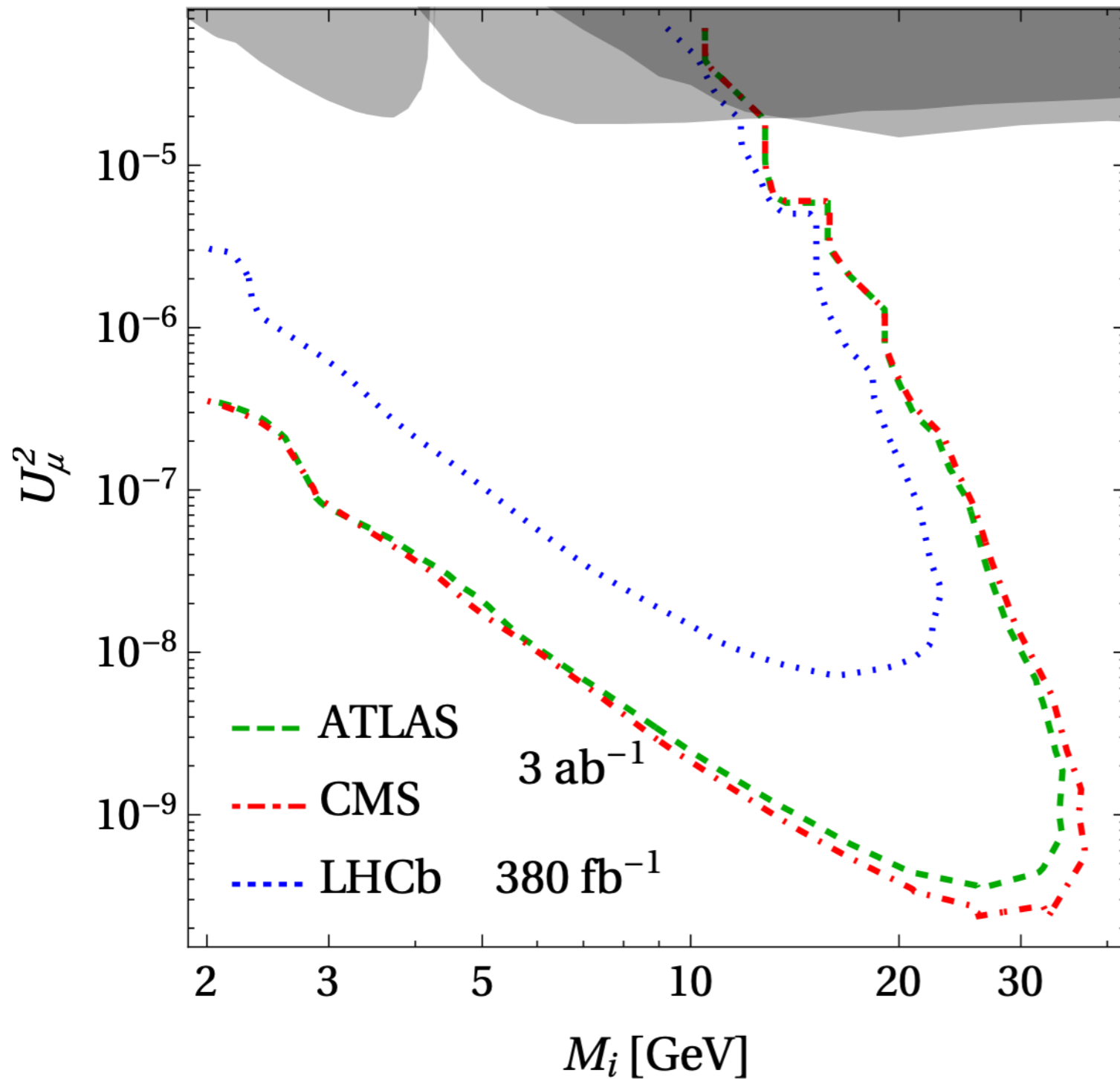


$$U_{\min}^2 = \frac{2^{1/6} 3^{1/3} 8\pi^{3/2} (p_N Y)^{1/2}}{(a c_{\text{dec}})^{1/2} G_F M^3 d_{\text{cyl}}^{1/3} l_{\text{cyl}}^{1/6}} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{N_{\text{obs}}}{u_\alpha^2 u_\beta^2}} \frac{57}{G_F M^3} \sqrt{p_N} d_{\text{cyl}}^{-1/3} l_{\text{cyl}}^{-1/6} (\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} N_Z N_{\text{IP}} a c_{\text{dec}} c_{\text{prod}} \Pi)^{-1/2}$$

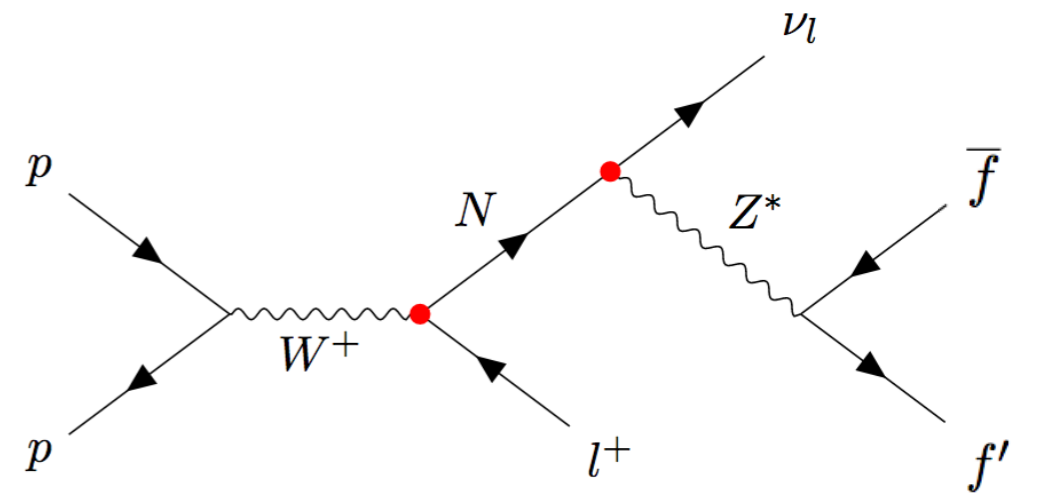
$$Y = \frac{U^2 N_{\text{obs}} / u_\beta^2}{\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} N_{\text{HNL}\alpha}} = \frac{N_{\text{obs}} / (u_\alpha^2 u_\beta^2)}{2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} B_\alpha c_{\text{prod}} N_{\text{IP}} \Pi N_Z}$$

$$X = \frac{l_0}{U_\beta^2 \lambda_N} = \frac{a G_F^2 l_0 M^6 c_{\text{dec}}}{96 p_N \pi^3}$$

HL-LHC Displaced Vertex Search



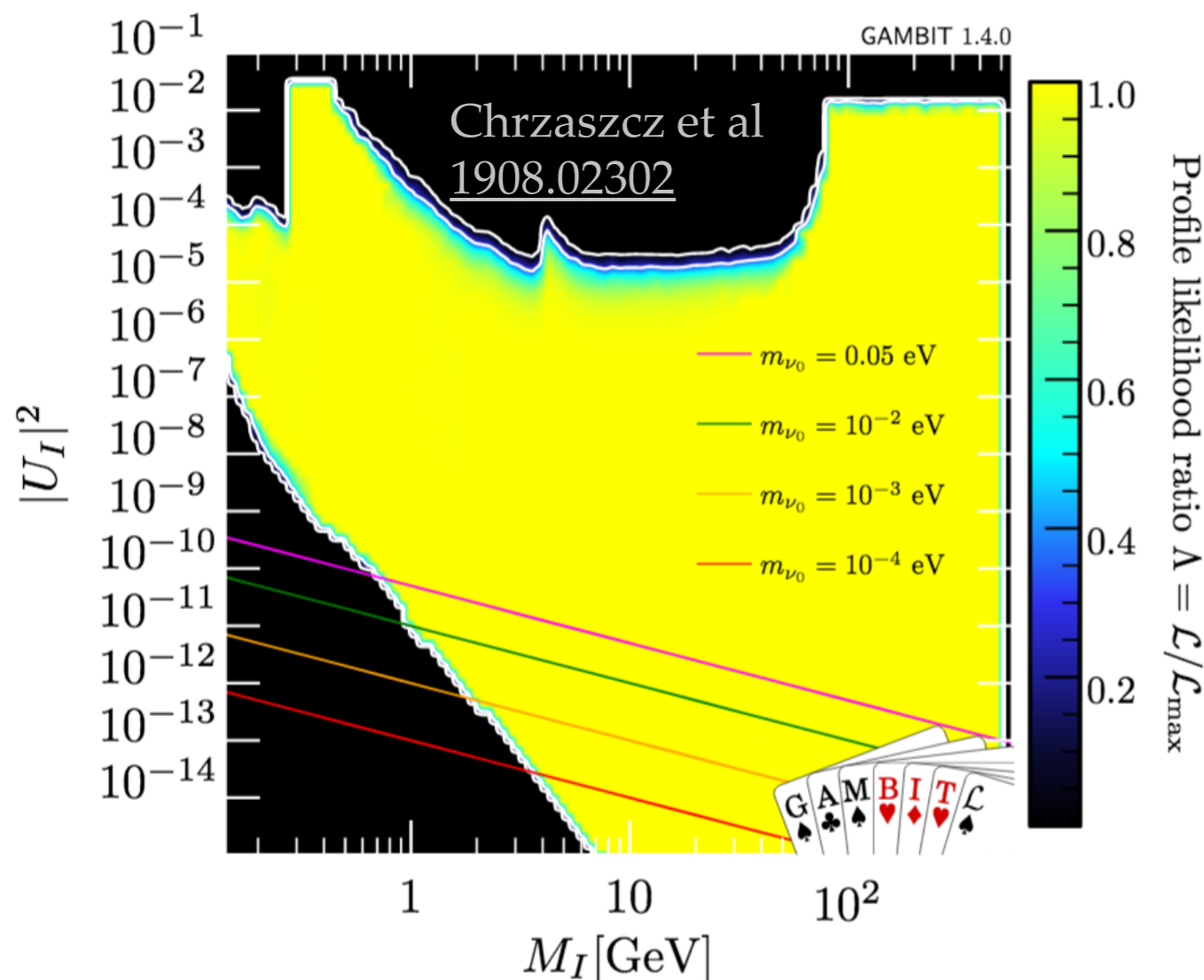
(a) Charged current decay



(b) Neutral current decay

Lower Limits on the Mixings

- The **Seesaw line** indicates the lower bound on the mixing from the requirement to explain the light neutrino masses
- In general there is no lower bound on the mixing between individual flavours of light and heavy neutrinos



- For three HNLs is a lower bound on

$$U_i^2 = \sum_a U_{ai}^2 > \frac{m_{\text{lightest}}}{M_i}$$

MaD [1904.11959](#)

- For 2 HNLs there are also lower bounds on

$$U_\alpha^2 = \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^2$$

MaD/Garbrecht/Gueter/Klaric [1609.09069](#)

- For mass-degenerate HNLs

$$U^2 = \sum_i U_i^2 > \frac{\sum_i m_i}{M}$$

Varying lightest neutrino mass gives
“seesaw band” used in [Snowmass plots](#)

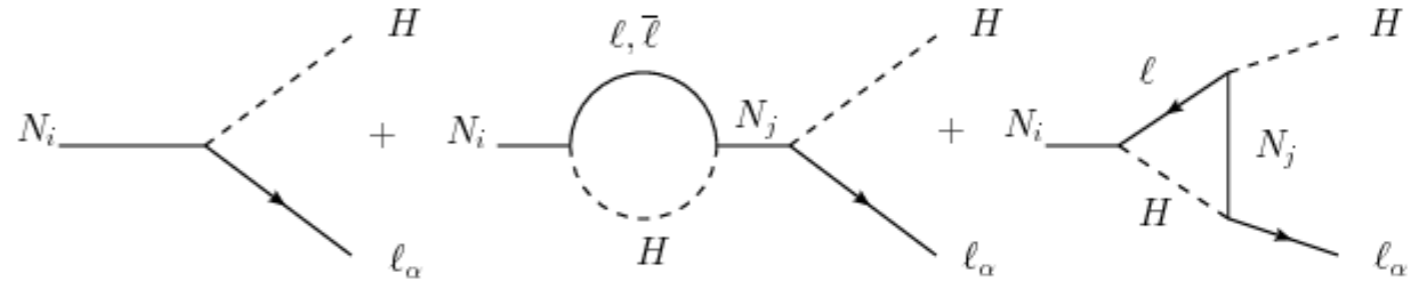
Low Scale Leptogenesis

Leptogenesis as the Origin of Matter

Basic idea

Fukugita/Yanagida 86

- N are around in the early universe
- N interactions are CP violating
- N may preferably decay into matter

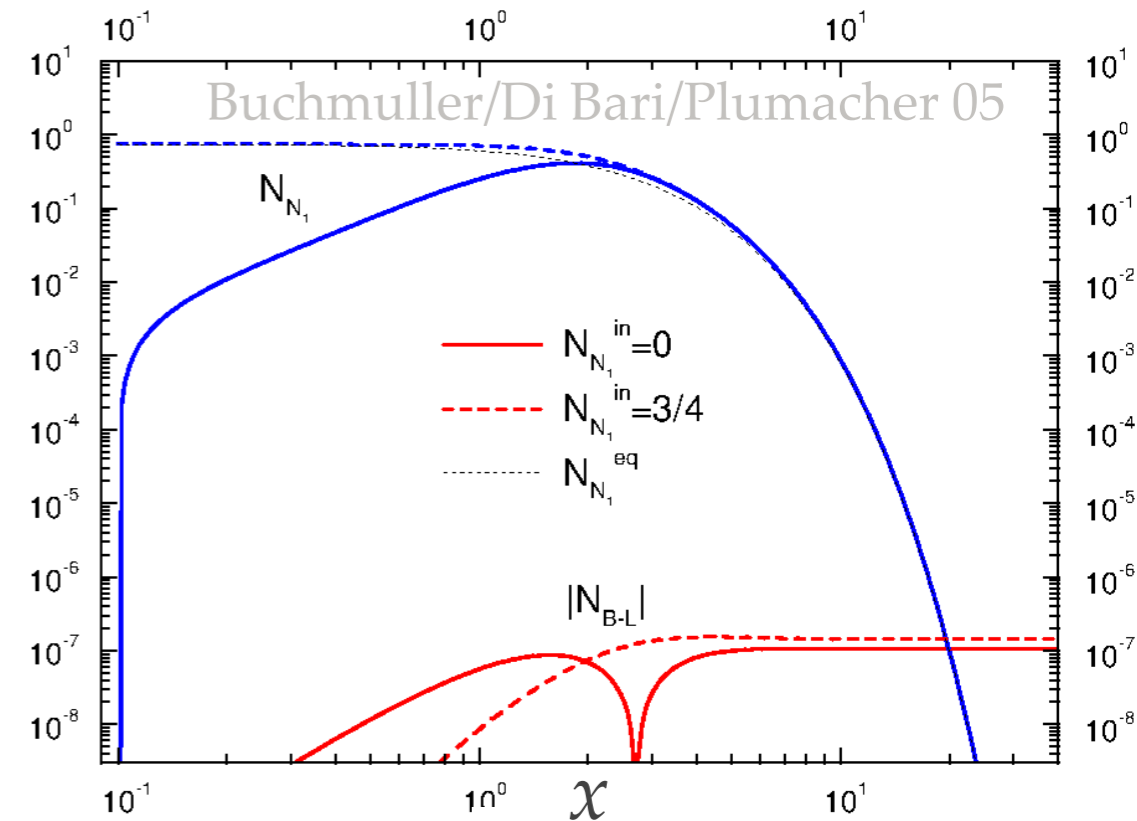


Quantitative description

- Conventionally described by semi-classical Boltzmann equations

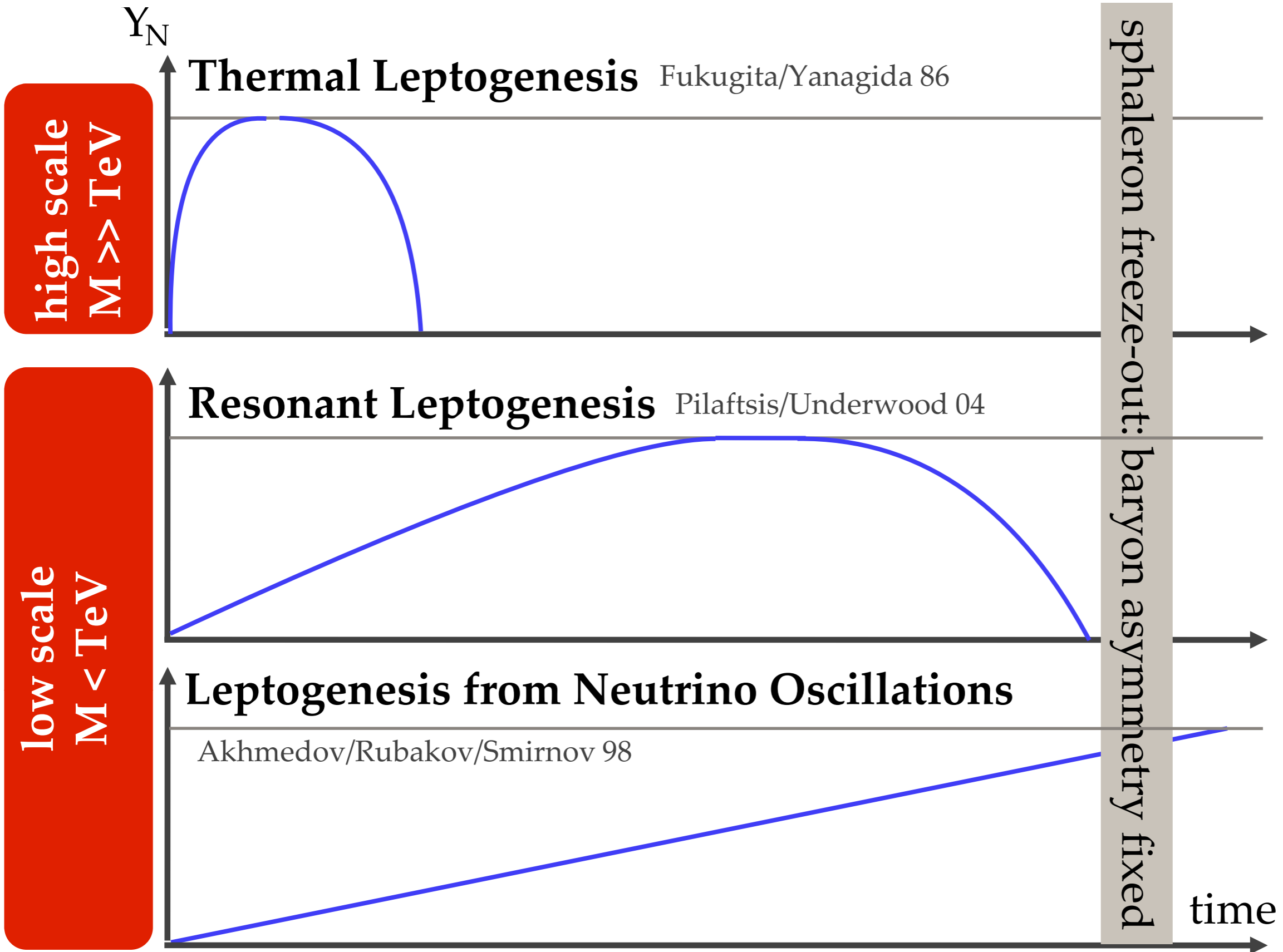
$$xH \frac{dY_N}{dx} = -\Gamma_N (Y_N - Y_N^{\text{eq}}) \quad x = M/T$$

$$xH \frac{dY_{\text{B-L}}}{dx} = \epsilon \Gamma_N (Y_N - Y_N^{\text{eq}}) - c_W \Gamma_N Y_{\text{B-L}}$$



- But: asymmetry arises from quantum interference in the plasma
- Low scale leptogenesis: asymmetry generated at $M < T$, flavour effects are crucial, thermal and quantum corrections can be large
 \Rightarrow derive quantum kinetic equations from first principles

recall $m_\nu = -v^2 F M_M^{-1} F^T = -m_D M_M^{-1} m_D^T = -\theta M_M \theta^T$



high scale
 $M \gg \text{TeV}$

low scale
 $M < \text{TeV}$

asymmetry generated in
freeze-out and decay

asymmetry
generated in
freeze-in

"big bang"

$T = 130 \text{ GeV}$

Quantitative Description

- Need to track three SM chemical potentials
- Track coherences for heavy neutrinos (“density matrix equations”)

$$\begin{aligned}
 i \frac{dn_{\Delta_\alpha}}{dt} &= -2i \frac{\mu_\alpha}{T} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\Gamma_\alpha] f_N (1 - f_N) + i \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha (\delta\bar{\rho}_N - \delta\rho_N)], \\
 i \frac{d\delta\rho_N}{dt} &= -i \frac{d\rho_N^{eq}}{dt} + [H_N, \rho_N] - \frac{i}{2} \{\Gamma, \delta\rho_N\} - \frac{i}{2} \sum_\alpha \tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha \left[2 \frac{\mu_\alpha}{T} f_N (1 - f_N) \right], \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Heavy neutrino density matrix
 SM chemical potentials
 Heavy neutrino effective Hamiltonian
 LNC rate $\sim F^2 T$
 LNV rate $\sim (M/T)^2 F^2 T$

Lepton Number Assignment

Symmetry in Lagrangian (protecting m_ν)

Approx. conserved for $M \ll T$

spinor

\bar{L} -charge

spinors

\tilde{L} -charge

$$\nu_{Rs} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\nu_{R1} + i\nu_{R2}) \quad +1$$

$$\nu_{Rw} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\nu_{R1} - i\nu_{R2}) \quad -1$$

$$\nu_{R3} \quad 0$$

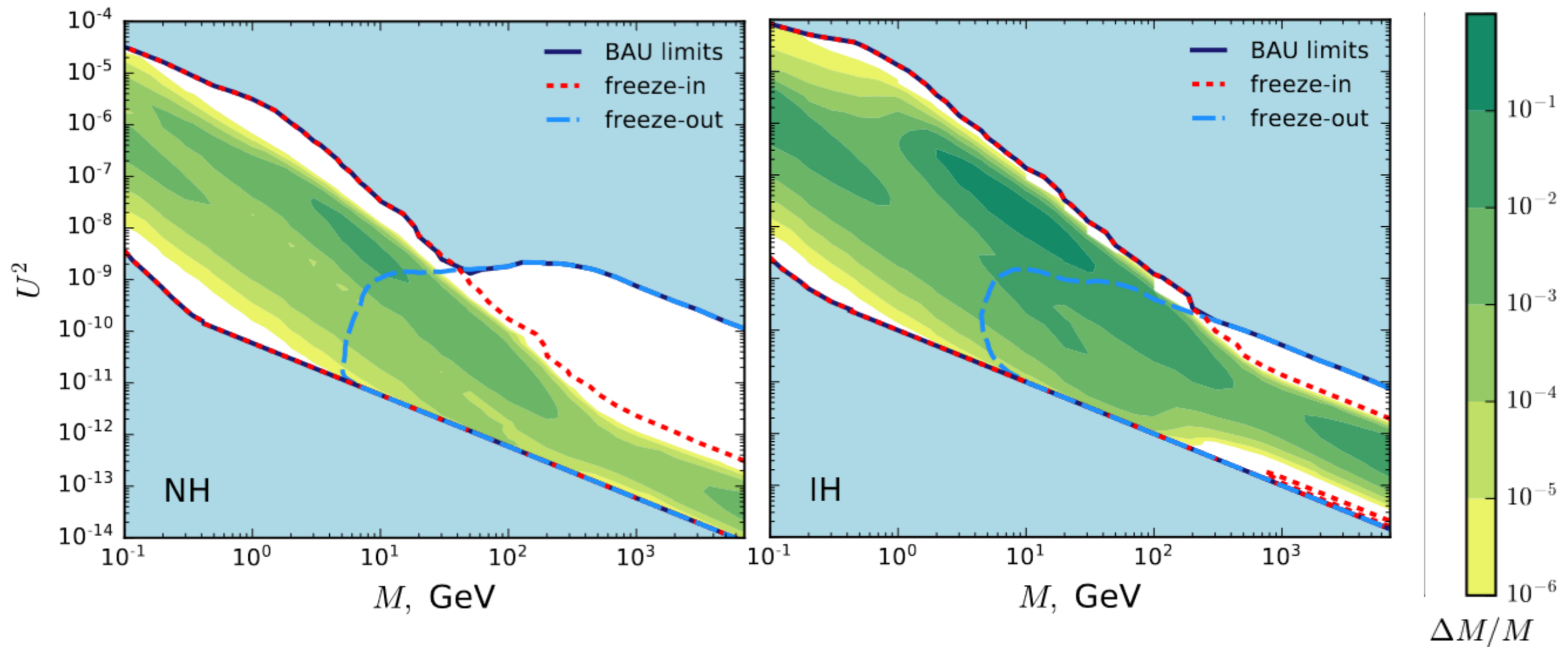
$$P_+ N_i, \quad \bar{N}_i P_+ \quad +1$$

$$P_- N_i, \quad \bar{N}_i P_- \quad -1$$

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} F_e(1 + \epsilon_e) & iF_e(1 - \epsilon_e) & F_e \epsilon'_e \\ F_\mu(1 + \epsilon_\mu) & iF_\mu(1 - \epsilon_\mu) & F_\mu \epsilon'_\mu \\ F_\tau(1 + \epsilon_\tau) & iF_\tau(1 - \epsilon_\tau) & F_\tau \epsilon'_\tau \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_M = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{M}(1 - \mu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{M}(1 + \mu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M' \end{pmatrix}$$

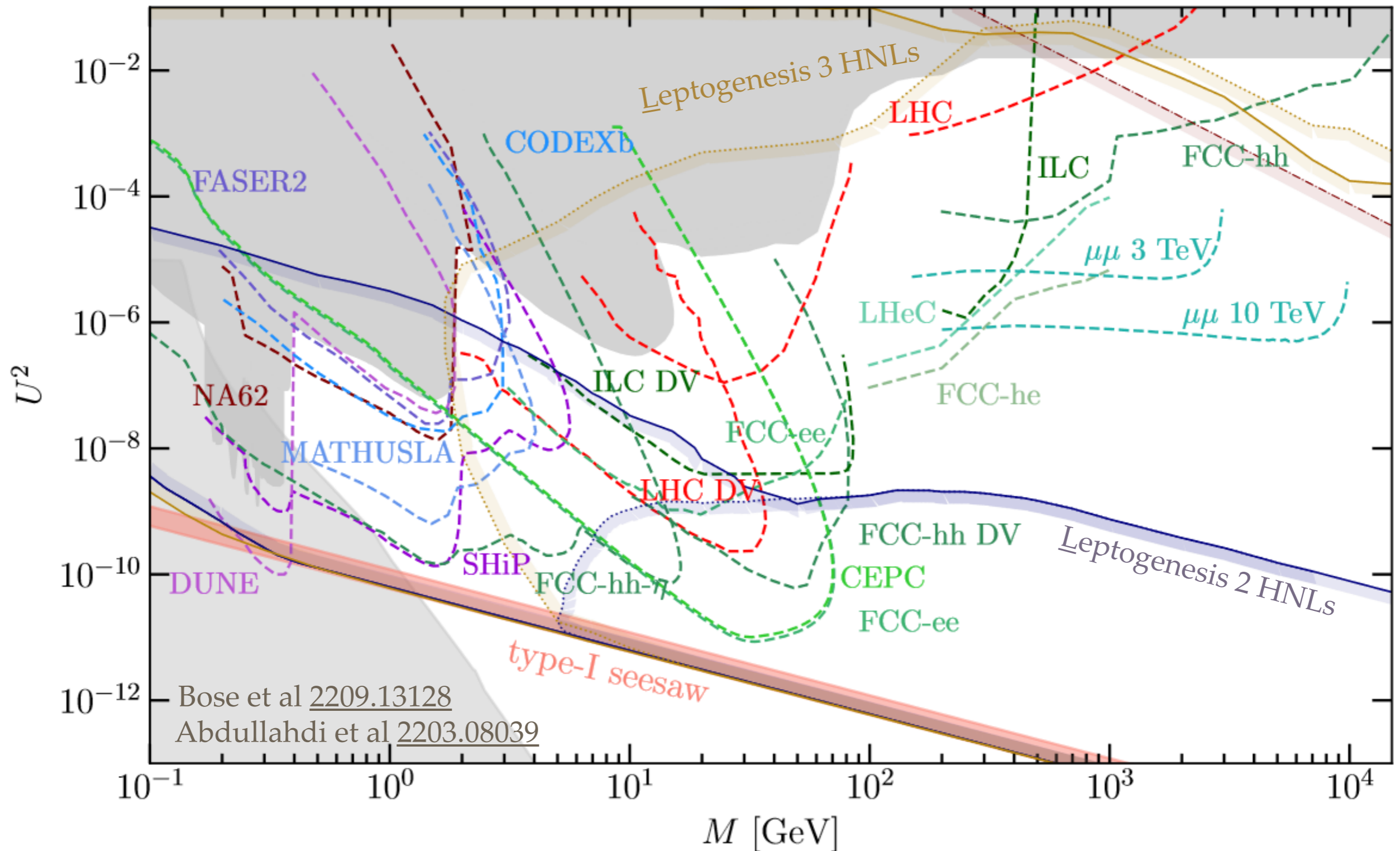
- The approximate lepton number that protects the light neutrino masses is strongly violated by HNL oscillations in the early universe
- HNL oscillations can also induce LNV in the detector
- But another generalised lepton number (related to HNL helicities) is conserved for high temperatures ($T \gg M$)

Leptogenesis with 2 HNLs



- Minimal # of HNL flavours consistent with ν -oscillations and leptogenesis is two
- This also effectively describes the seesaw mechanism and leptogenesis in the ν MSSM
- Leptogenesis requires mass degeneracy
- Leptogenesis region only accessible with LLP searches!

Leptogenesis: 2 vs 3 HNL Flavours



Leptogenesis with 2 HNL Flavours

Two HNL flavours

- Mass basis at $T=0$ is the one where M is diagonal
- B-L limit: ν_R s and ν_{Rw} define “interaction basis”
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“mass basis”

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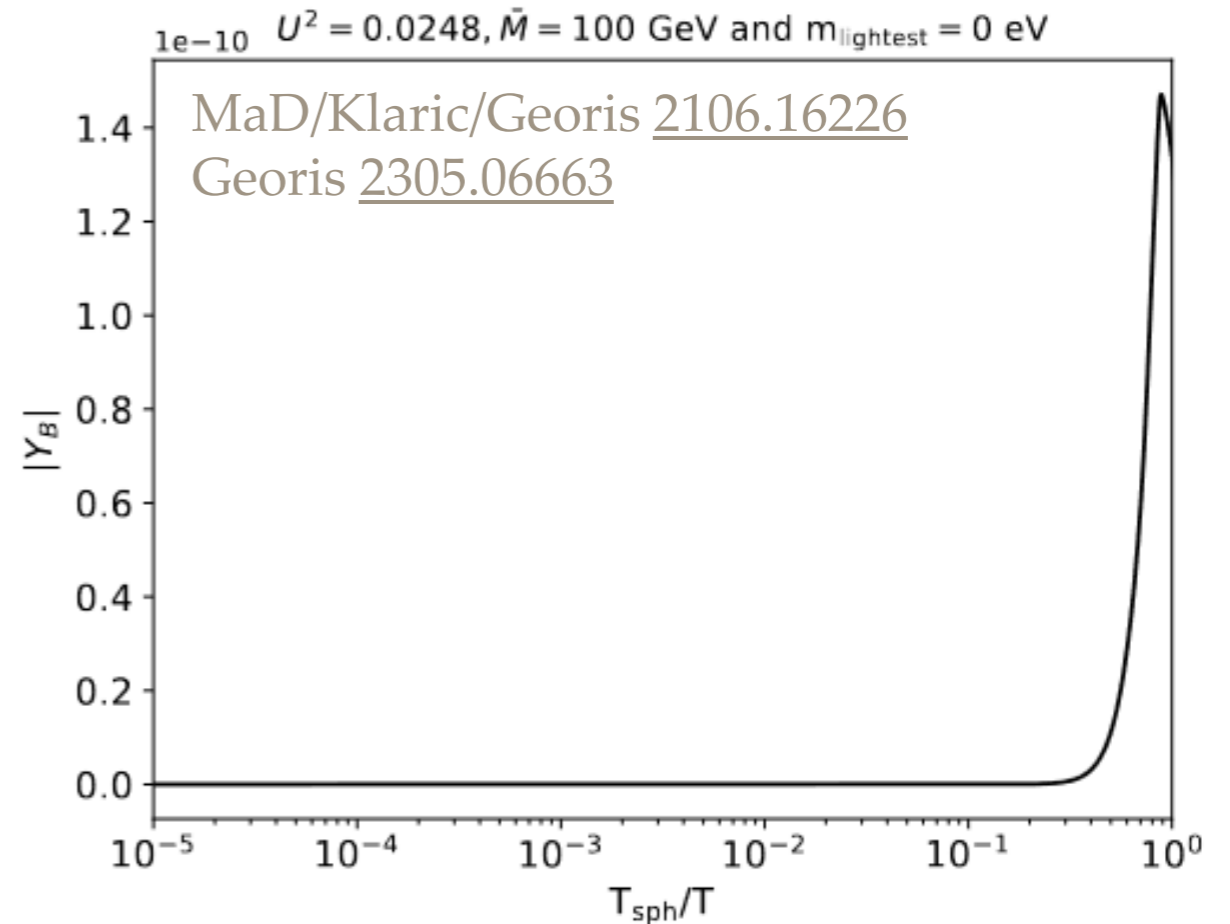
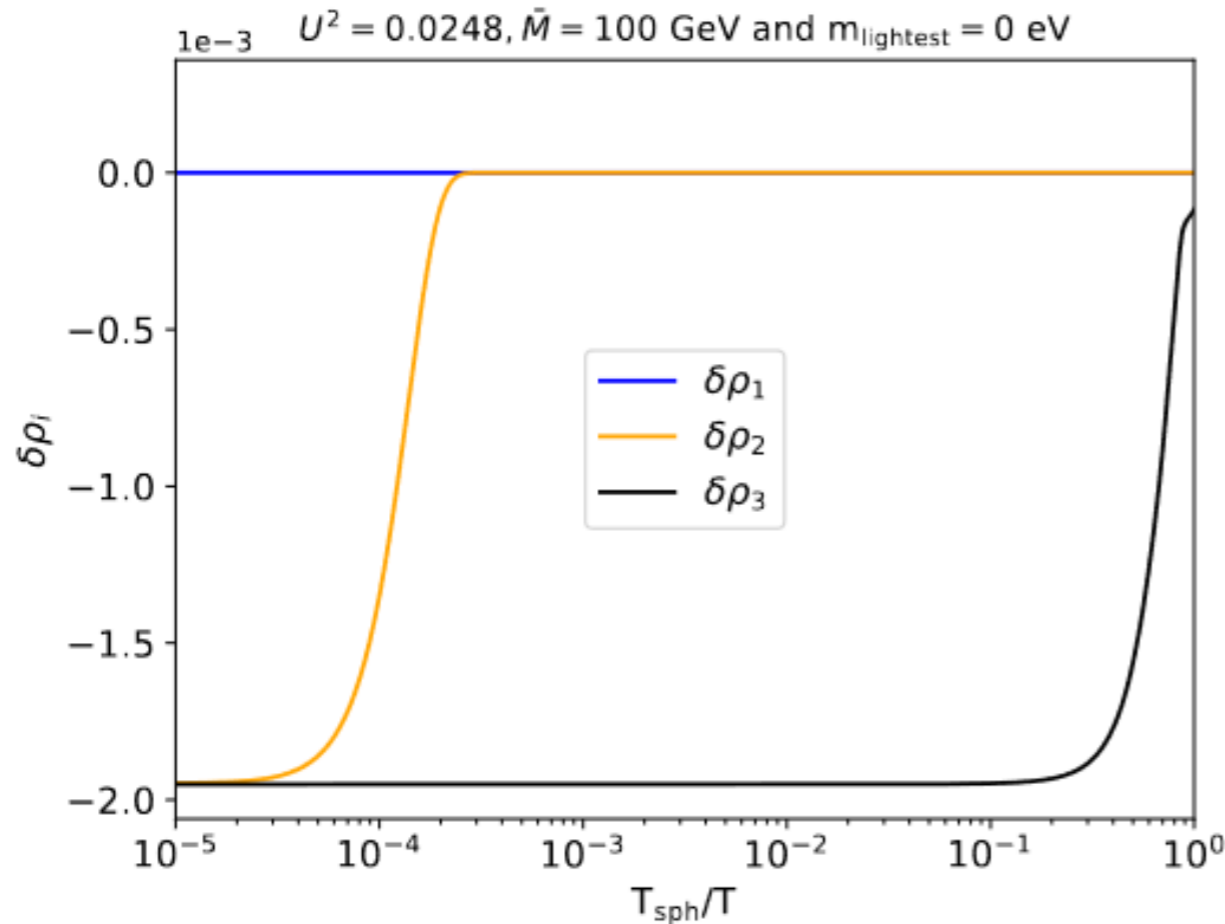
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Three HNL flavours

- Third state ν_{R3} is free of constraints that relates ν_R s and ν_{Rw}
- It can maintain deviation from equilibrium even when LNV rates come into equilibrium
- void washout even for large couplings of pseudo-Dirac pair
- No need for hierarchy in SM flavour couplings to prevent washout!

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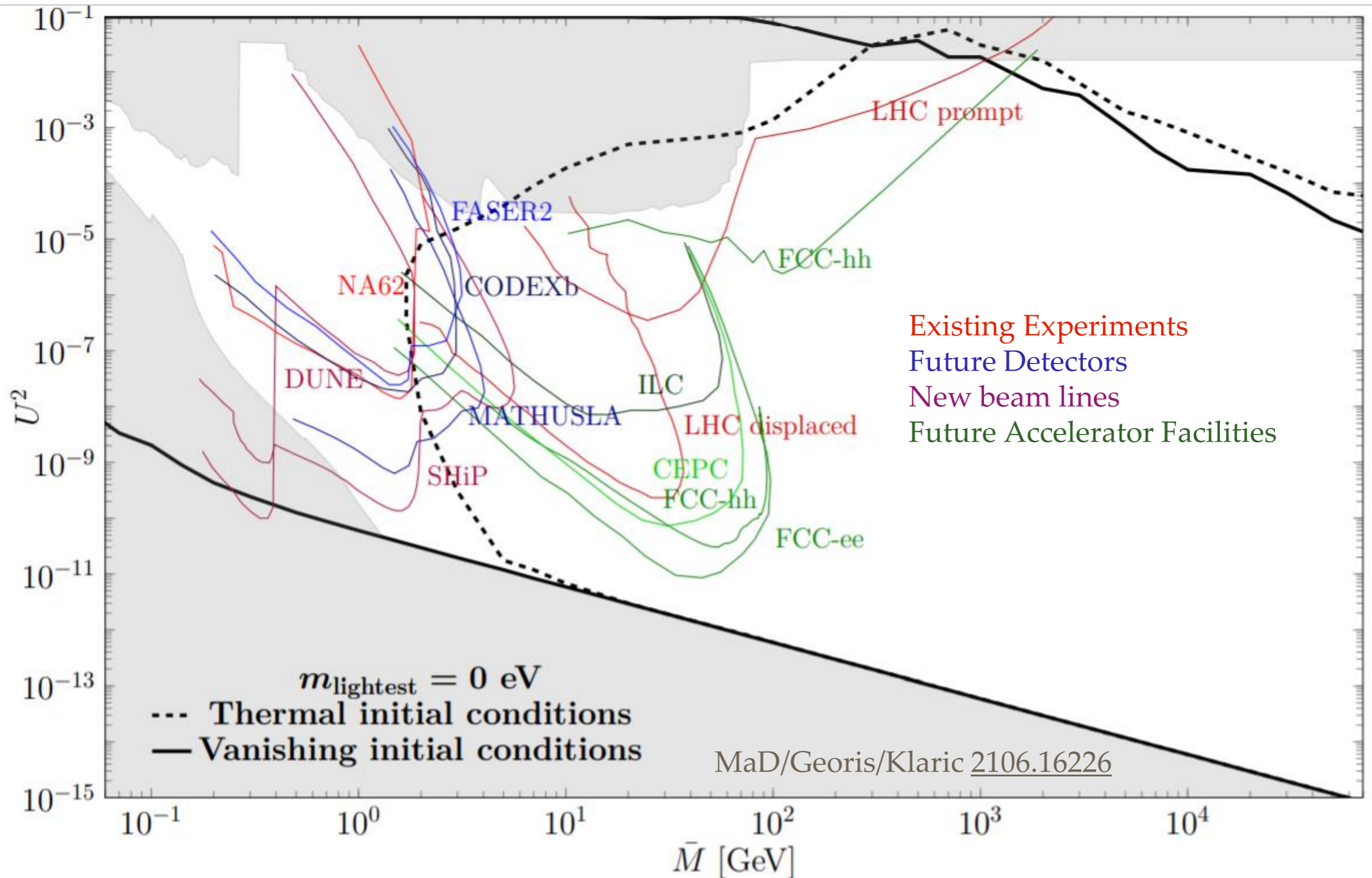
Maverick Heavy Neutrino



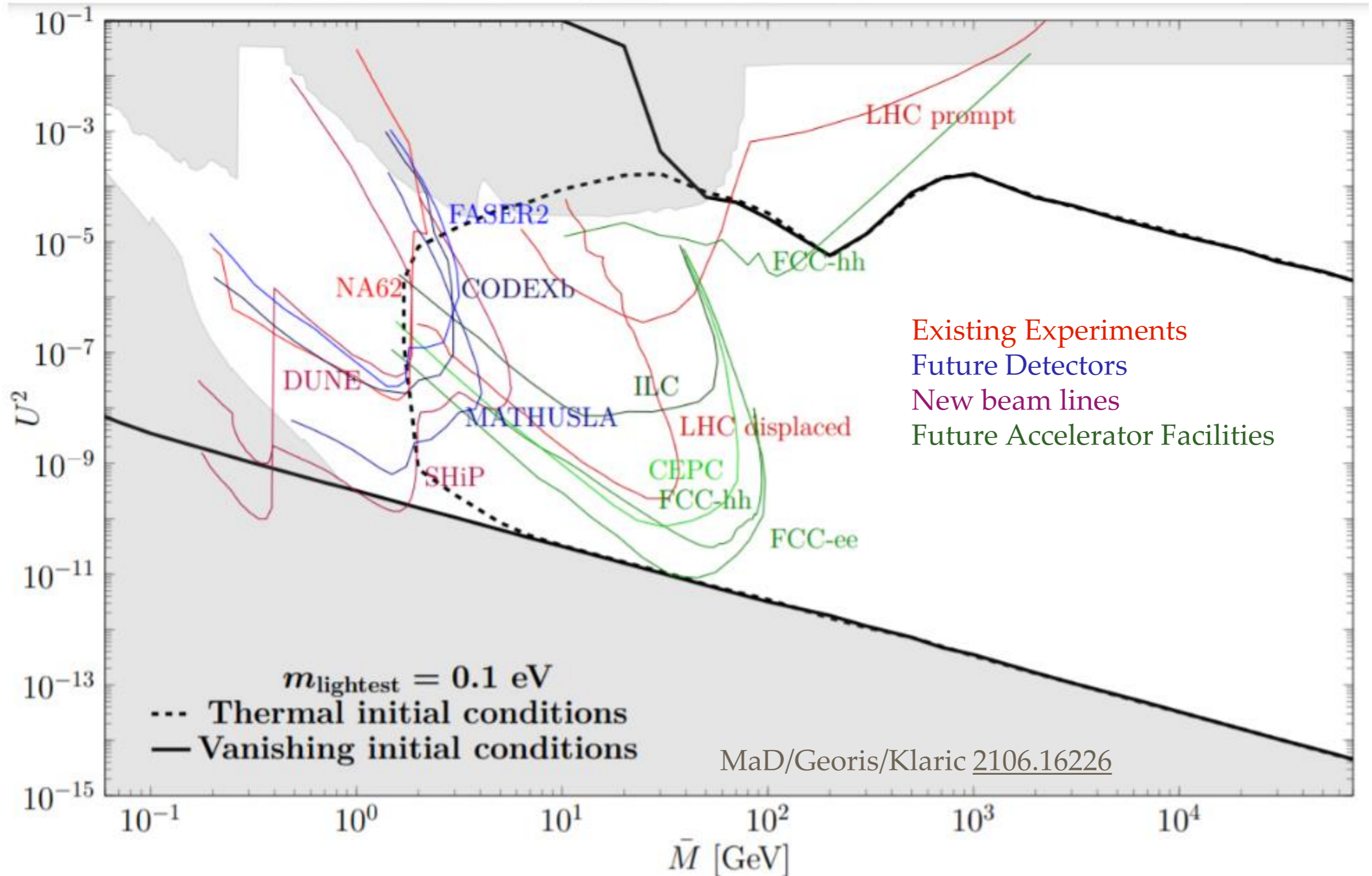
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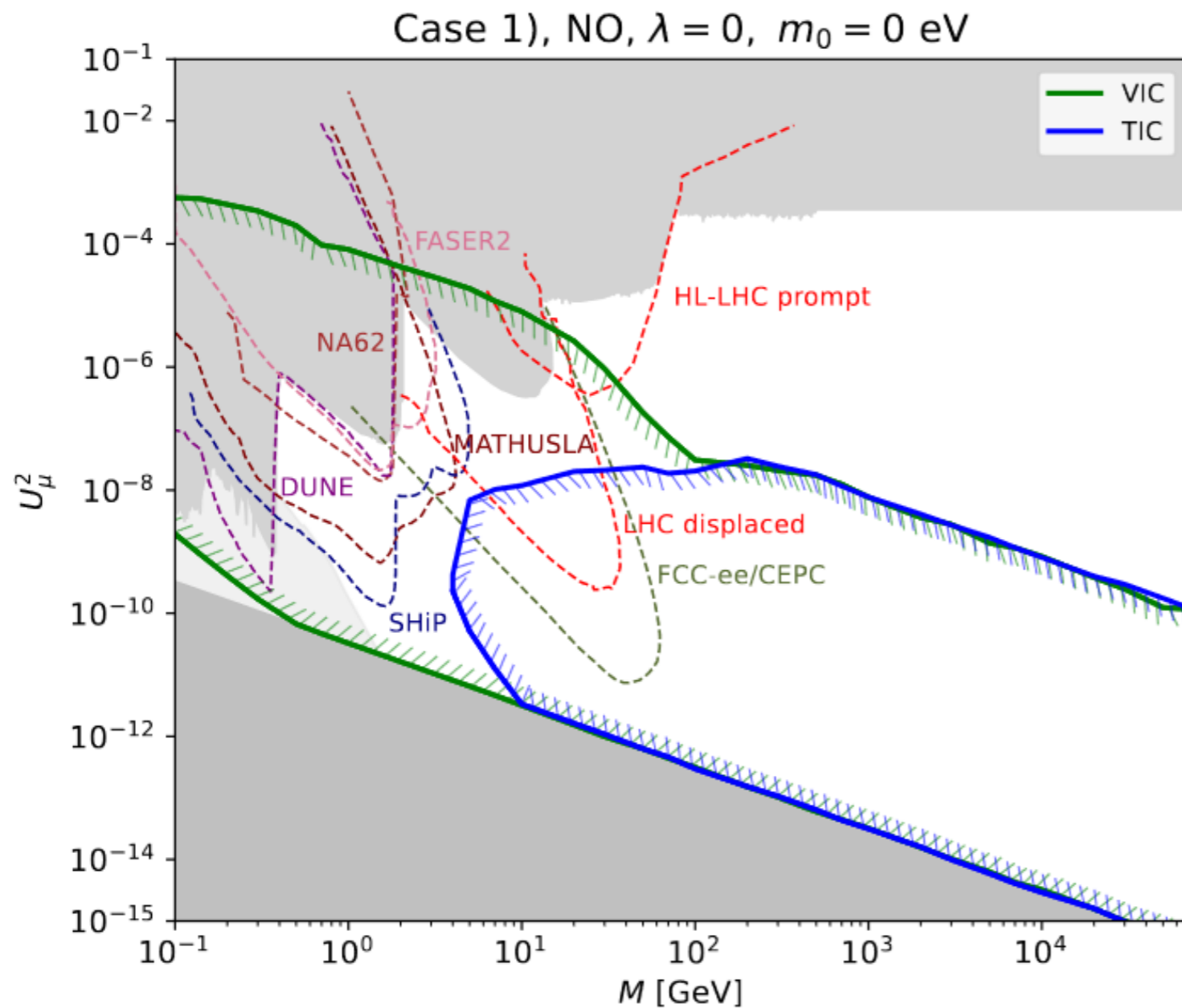
Impact of the lightest SM Neutrino



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Leptogenesis Discrete Symmetries



- Generically mixing is near the “seesaw line” $U^2 \sim m_\nu/M$
- Can be enhanced in presence of enhanced residual symmetry
- Here unknown parameters have been marginalised
- Leptogenesis region in presence of these discrete symmetries can only be probed with LLP searches (even with three HNL flavours)
- Plot is for illustration, regions change for different residual symmetries

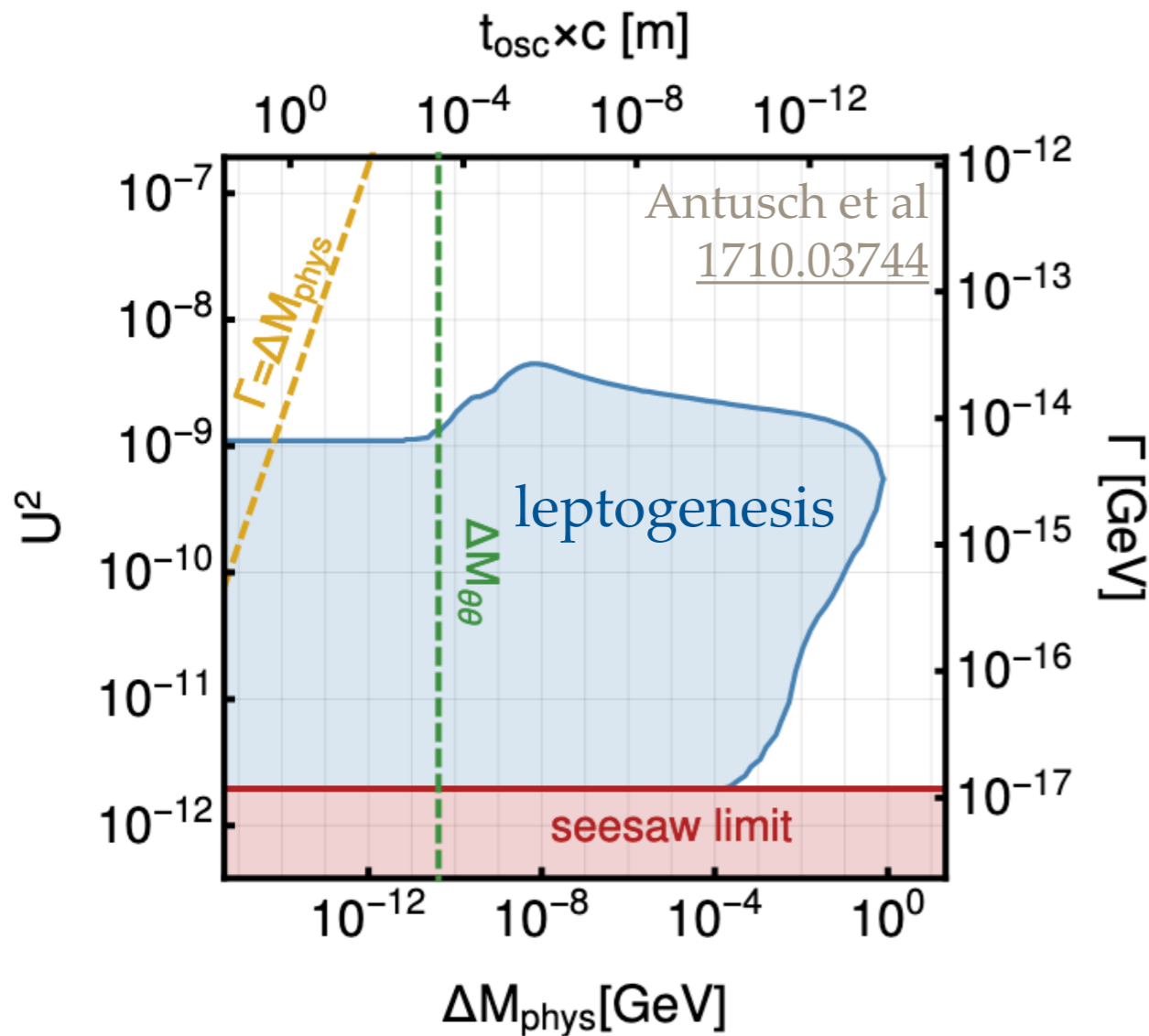
Plot from Georis [2401.04840](#)

Based on MaD/Georis/Hagedorn/Klaric [2203.08538](#)

Leptogenesis with exact Mass Degeneracy

Leptogenesis with Exactly Degenerate Majorana Masses: 2HNLs

- Leptogenesis is feasible even if Majorana mass in Lagrangian is a unit matrix



- Different contributions to thermal masses lead to misalignment between “mass basis” and “interaction basis”

$$H_N^{\text{vac}} = \frac{\pi^2}{18\zeta(3)} \frac{a_R}{T_{\text{ref}}^3} \left(\text{Re}[M^\dagger M] + ih \text{Im}[M^\dagger M] \right),$$

$$H_N^{\text{th}} = \frac{a_R}{T_{\text{ref}}} \left(\mathfrak{h}_+^{\text{th}} \Upsilon_{+h} + \mathfrak{h}_-^{\text{th}} \Upsilon_{-h} \right) + \mathfrak{h}^{\text{EV}} \frac{a_R}{T_{\text{ref}}} \text{Re}[Y^* Y^t],$$

$$\Gamma_N = \frac{a_R}{T_{\text{ref}}} (\gamma_+ \Upsilon_{+h} + \gamma_- \Upsilon_{-h}),$$

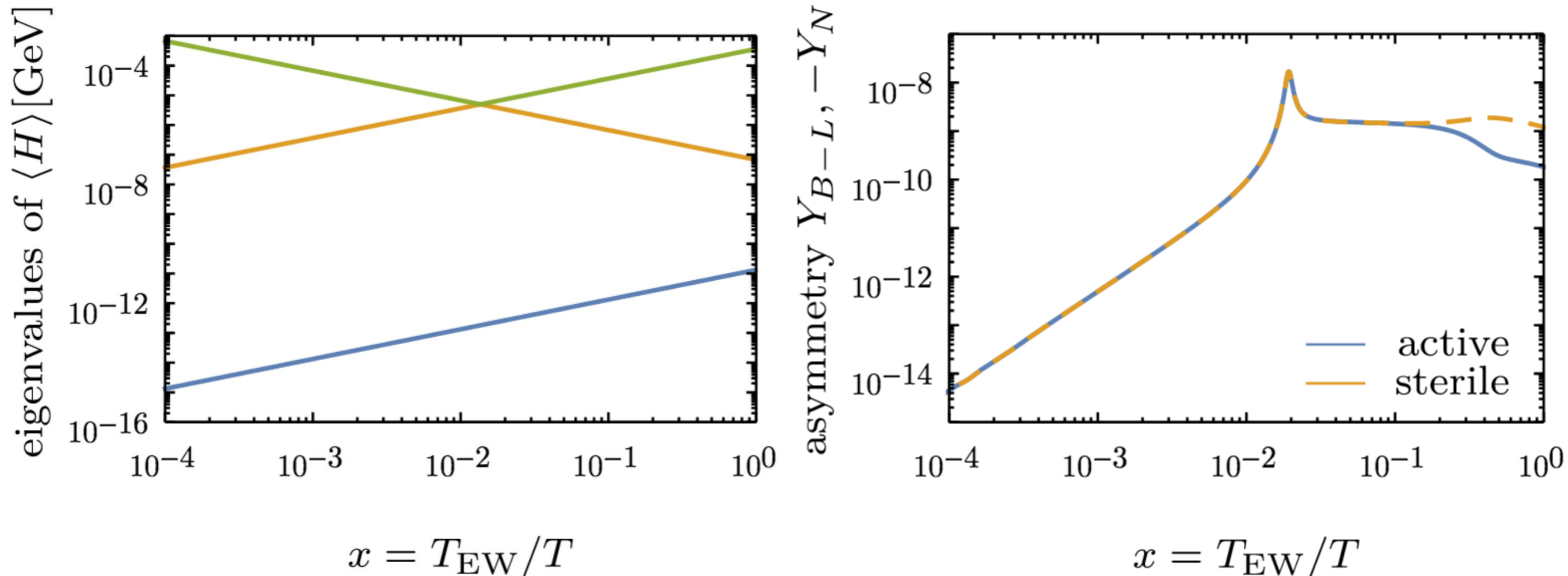
$$\tilde{\Gamma}_N^a = h \frac{a_R}{T_{\text{ref}}} (\tilde{\gamma}_+ \Upsilon_{+h}^a - \tilde{\gamma}_- \Upsilon_{-h}^a),$$

- Effect is only seen when using density matrix and including thermal corrections!

- Similar mechanism enables HNL oscillations in detector and observable LNV,

$$M_N = M_M + \frac{1}{2} (\theta^\dagger \theta M_M + M_M^T \theta^T \theta^*)$$

Dynamical Generation of Resonance



Abada et al [1810.12463](#)

- level crossing between the quasiparticle dispersion relations in the plasma (“thermal masses”) can dynamically generate a resonance
- Strong enhancement of the asymmetry with only moderate degeneracy in the vacuum masses

Flavour Invariants

- Density matrix equation

$$i \frac{dn_{\Delta\alpha}}{dt} = -2i \frac{\mu_\alpha}{T} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr} [\Gamma_\alpha] f_N (1 - f_N) + i \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr} [\tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha (\bar{\rho}_N - \rho_N)],$$

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- Small Yukawas: solve perturbatively

$$\text{Tr} \left[\tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha (\bar{\rho}_N - \rho_N) \right] \propto \text{Tr} \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_\alpha [H_N, \Gamma] \right)$$

- Find CPV combinations

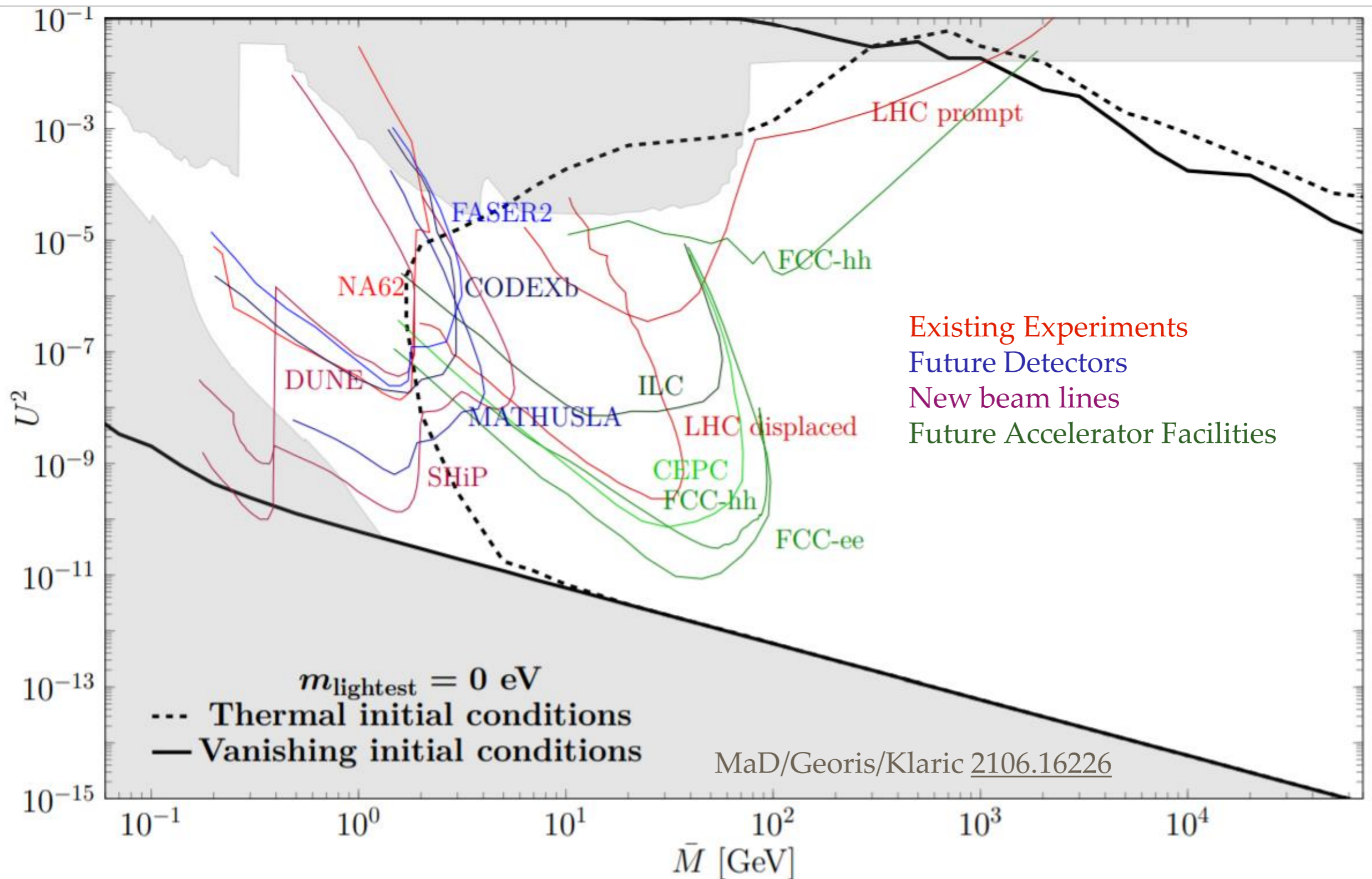
$$C_{\text{LFV},\alpha} = i \text{Tr} \left(\left[\hat{M}_R^2, \hat{Y}_D^\dagger \hat{Y}_D \right] \hat{Y}_D^\dagger P_\alpha \hat{Y}_D \right), \quad \text{LFV source}$$

$$C_{\text{LNV},\alpha} = i \text{Tr} \left(\left[\hat{M}_R^2, \hat{Y}_D^\dagger \hat{Y}_D \right] \hat{Y}_D^T P_\alpha \hat{Y}_D^* \right), \quad \text{LNV source}$$

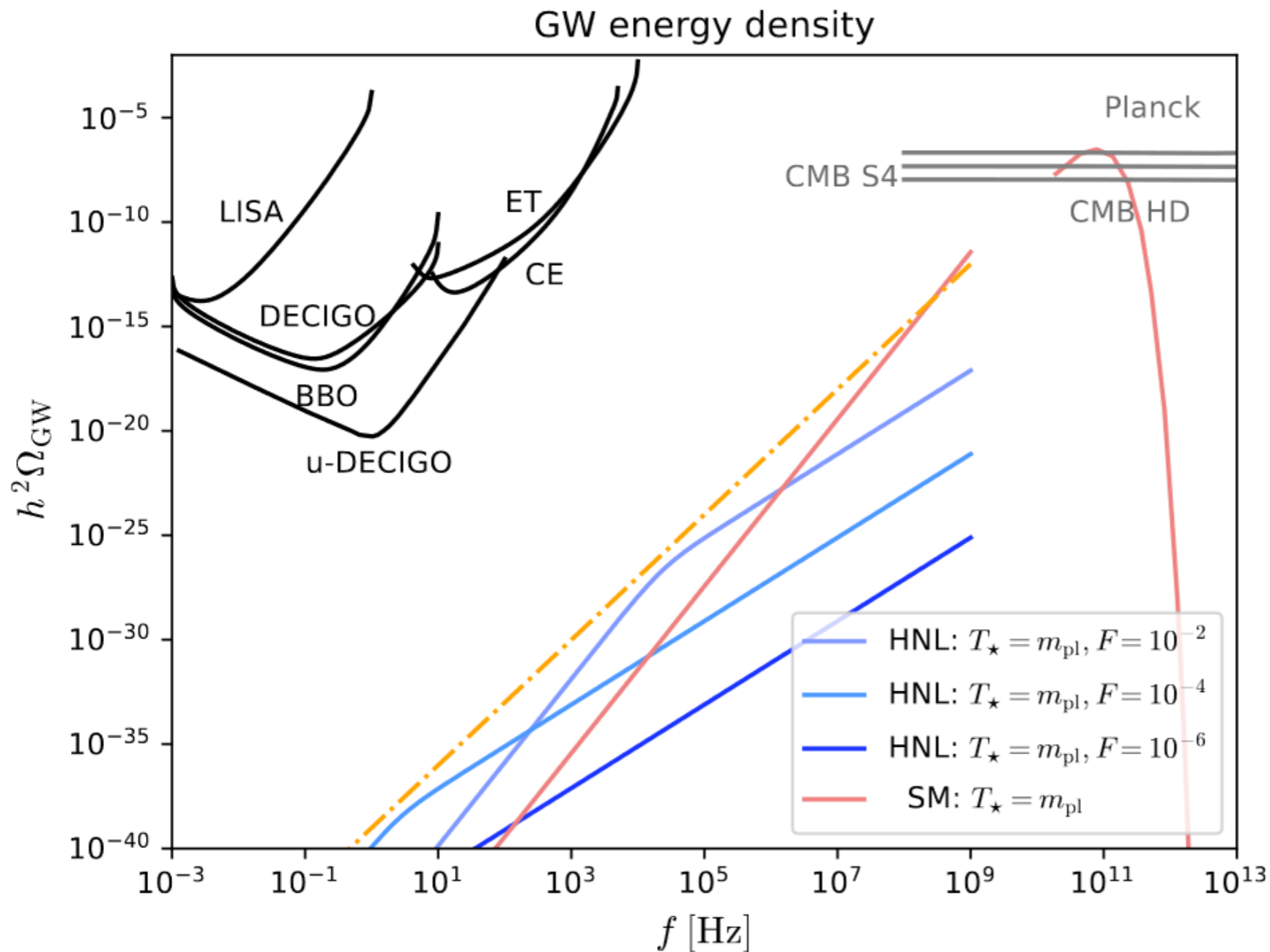
$$C_{\text{DEG},\alpha} = i \text{Tr} \left(\left[\hat{Y}_D^T \hat{Y}_D^*, \hat{Y}_D^\dagger \hat{Y}_D \right] \hat{Y}_D^T P_\alpha \hat{Y}_D^* \right), \quad \text{mass-degenerate source}$$

Leptogenesis Initial conditions

Leptogenesis with 3 HNLs

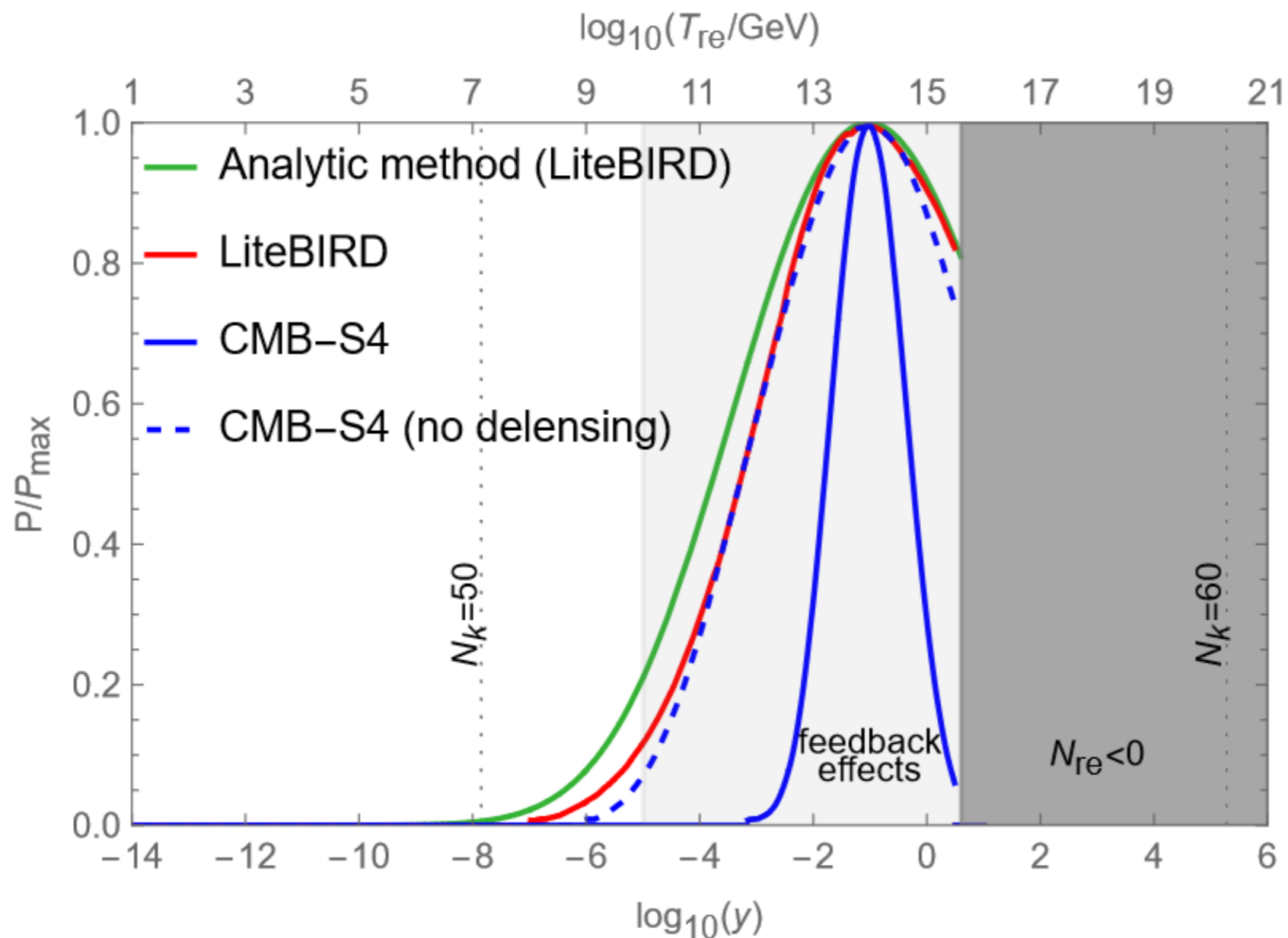


GW as a Probe of Reheating



- Primordial plasma emits thermal GWs (GW equivalent to CMB)
- Spectrum is sensitive to reheating temperature
- HNL contribution can exceed SM contribution...
...but still too low for direct detection
- Indirect detection through N_{eff} can be possible with CMB-S4

Reheating Temperature from CMB



α -attractor T model (α -T)

$$\mathcal{V}(\varphi) = M^4 \tanh^{2n} \left(\frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{6\alpha} M_{\text{pl}}} \right)$$

MaD [1903.09599](#)

MaD/Ming [2208.07609](#)

MaD/Ming/Oldengott [2303.13503](#)

- Next-generation CMB observatories can potentially measure the reheating temperature in a given model of inflation
- Further improvement possible with SKA and EUCLID