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# $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ at a rate of one out of $10^{14}$ tau decays?

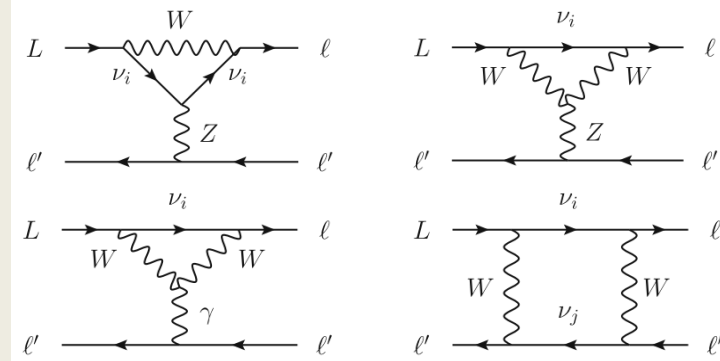
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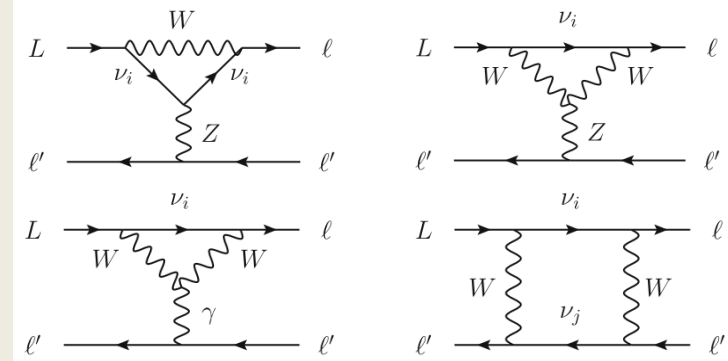
## Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} c_{13} & s_{12} c_{13} & s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{\text{CP}}} \\ -s_{12} c_{23} - c_{12} s_{13} s_{23} e^{i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & c_{12} c_{23} - s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} e^{i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & c_{13} s_{23} \\ s_{12} s_{23} - c_{12} s_{13} c_{23} e^{i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & -c_{12} s_{23} - s_{12} s_{13} c_{23} e^{i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & c_{13} c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

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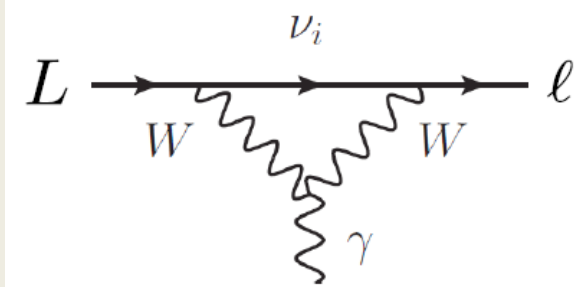
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Unitarity leads to GIM suppression (Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani, 1970)

$$= -\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} U_{\ell i}^{(*)} \gamma_{\mu} P_L$$



# Suppression in $L \rightarrow \ell \gamma$

Much simpler calculation:

$$\frac{\Gamma(L^- \rightarrow \ell^- \gamma)}{\Gamma(L^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_L)} = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 =$$

Parameters from NUFIT4.1  
normal ordering, PDG 2020

$$2 \times 10^{-53} \quad \tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$$

$$8 \times 10^{-55} \quad \tau \rightarrow e \gamma$$

$$4 \times 10^{-55} \quad \mu \rightarrow e \gamma$$

Insensitive  
to  $m_1$ !

Petkov, *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.* 25 (1977) 340  
Cheng & Li *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 45 (1980) 1908

Current Bound:  $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$

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EPJ C76 434

$$\sum m_i < 0.170 \text{ eV (95\% CL)}$$

Plank + BAO, Astron. Astrophys. 594  
(2016) A13

## Other GIM-breaking forms

For normal ordering and  $m_1 = 0.170 \text{ eV}$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 \sim 10^{-50}$$

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \log \left( \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right) \right|^2 \sim 10^{-46}$$

Neutrino-mass dependence  
in sum breaks GIM  
mechanism, type of  
dependence drastically  
changes order of amplitude.

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \log \left( \frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right) \right|^2 \sim 10^{-3} \quad (?!)$$



N.B. This expression is independent of  $M_W$ .

# That's peculiar...

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## Lepton flavor changing in neutrinoless $\tau$ decays

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**Abstract.** Neutrino oscillations, as recently reported by the Super-Kamiokande collaboration, imply that lepton numbers could be violated, and  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \ell^+ + \ell^-$ ,  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \rho^0$  are some typical examples. We point out that in these neutrinoless modes, the GIM cancelation is much milder with only a logarithmic behavior  $\log(m_j/m_k)$  where  $m_{j,k}$  are the neutrino masses. This is in sharp contrast with the vanishingly small amplitude  $\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \gamma$  strongly suppressed by the quadratic power  $(m_j^2 - m_k^2)/M_W^2$ . In comparison with the hopelessly small branching ratio  $B(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \gamma) \approx 10^{-40}$ , the  $B(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \ell^+ + \ell^-)$  could be larger than  $10^{-14}$ . The latter mode, if measurable, could give one more constraint to the lepton mixing angle  $\sin 2\theta_{jk}$  and the neutrino mass ratio  $m_j/m_k$ , and therefore is complementary to neutrino oscillation experiments.



# The first calculation

S. T. Petkov (1977) performed this calculation **ignoring external momentum scales**.

$$\Gamma_{\text{ZML}}(L \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell) = \frac{\alpha^2 G_F^2 m_L^5}{(4\pi)^5} \left| \sum_{i=2}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \log \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2$$

with  $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$ ,  $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$  and  $m_1 \rightarrow 0$ .

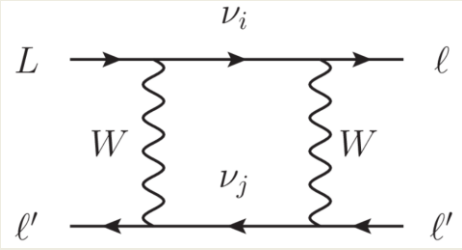
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(1977) 340

$$\log \frac{M_W^2}{\Delta m_{ij}^2} \sim 60$$

| Process                      | BR                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ | $2.0 \times 10^{-53}$ |
| $\tau \rightarrow eee$       | $1.1 \times 10^{-54}$ |
| $\mu \rightarrow eee$        | $4.1 \times 10^{-54}$ |

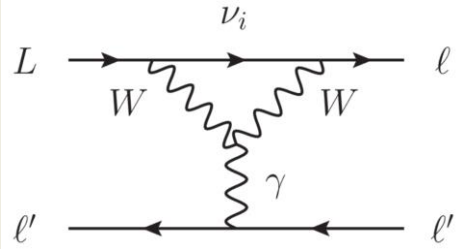
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# Boxes



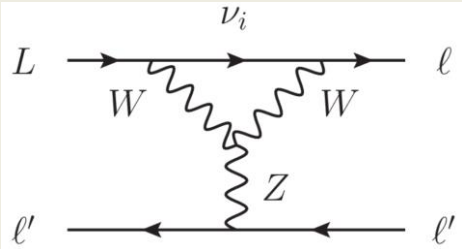
$$= x(1 + \log x)$$

# gamma Penguins



$$= -4x$$

# Z Penguins



$$= x(3 + \log x)$$

# Zero-momentum limit (ZML):

$$\mathcal{P} \ll m_i \ll M_W$$

Allow for substantial simplification of loop diagrams, later codified as **Inami-Lim loop functions**.

These are leading  $x \rightarrow 0$  behavior in ZML.

$$x \equiv \frac{m_\nu^2}{M_W^2}$$

$\mathcal{P}$  = external mass & momentum scales of the problem,  $m_L, m_\ell, s, t, \dots$

*Prog. of Theo. Physics, Volume 65, Issue 1, January 1981, Pages 297–314*





Physical Limit (PL):

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$10^{-14}$  claim:

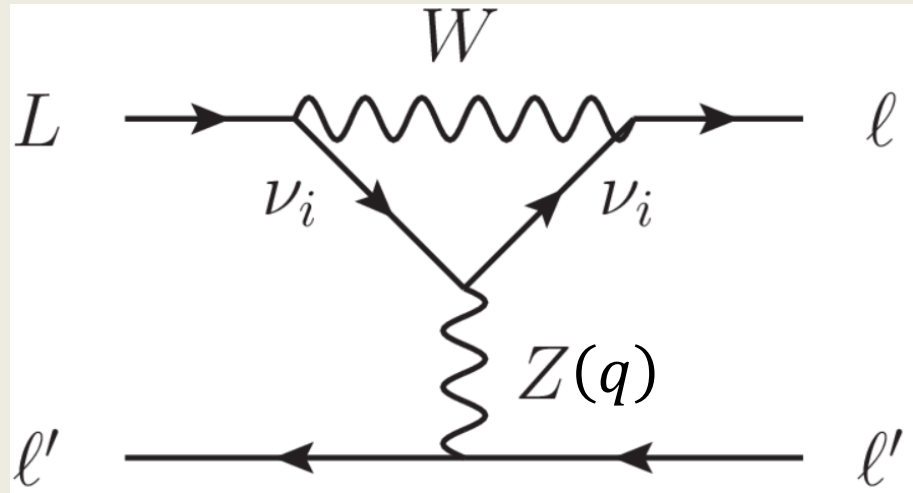
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$$f_0(x_i) + (q^2/M_W^2)f_1(x_i) + \dots$$

$$f_0(x_i) \sim x_i \log x_i$$

$$f_1(x_i) \sim \mathbf{\log x_i}$$

Pham, EPJC 8 (1999) 513



$$Br \propto \left| \sum_{i=2}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \log(m_i^2/m_1^2) \right|^2$$

$$\rightarrow Br(\tau \rightarrow \mu \ell^+ \ell^-) \geq 10^{-14}$$

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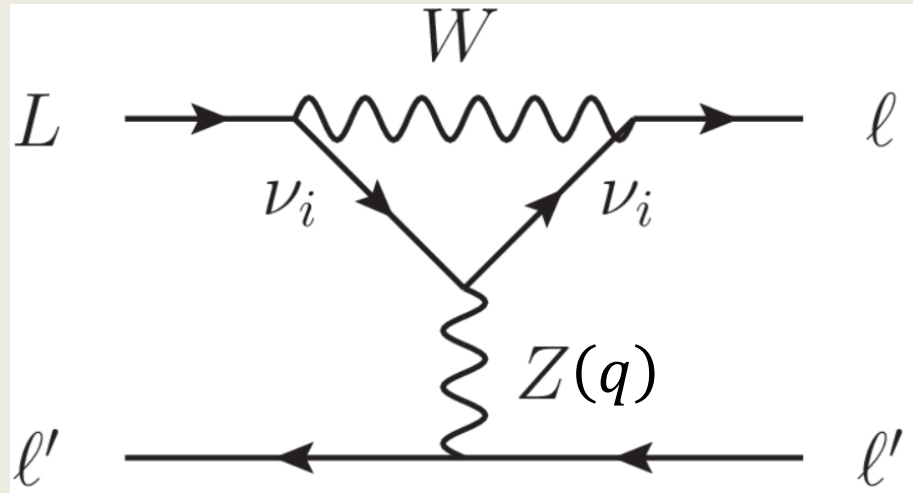
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Buchalla, Buras, Harlander  
NPB 349 (1991) 1

Concerns:

1. Nontrivial gauge-dependence cancellation ↗
2.  $q^2$  is physically limited by  $q^2 > 4m_{\rho'}^2$ , so the expansion **cannot give correct  $m_i \rightarrow 0$  behavior**
3. We desire the  $m_i \rightarrow 0$  limit to recover the SM without fine-tuning of ratios  $m_i/m_j$

If  $m_1$  is very small, Pham's predictions start to look dramatic:

| Process                      | Br (Pham)<br>$m_1 = 10^{-2}$ eV | Br (Pham)<br>$m_1 = 10^{-8}$ eV |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ | $10^{-16}$                      | $10^{-13}$                      |
| $\tau \rightarrow eee$       | $10^{-16}$                      | $10^{-14}$                      |
| $\mu \rightarrow eee$        | $10^{-22}$                      | $10^{-17}$                      |

Current limits:

$$\text{Br}_{\text{expt}}(\tau \rightarrow \ell\ell'\ell') \lesssim 10^{-8}$$

HFLAV Coll., EPJ C (2021) **81**: 226

$$\text{Br}_{\text{expt}}(\mu \rightarrow eee) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$$

(90% CL)

SINDRUM Coll., NPB 299 (1988) 1

Expected limits:

- Mu3e  
 $\mu \rightarrow eee \sim 10^{-15} - 10^{-16}$
- HL-LHC (3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  
 $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu \sim 10^{-9}$
- Belle II (50 ab<sup>-1</sup>)  
 $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu \sim 10^{-10}$

Cerri et al, hep-ph/1812.07638.  
Belle II Physics Book, 1808.10567.



# Belle prospects (from Belle II physics book)

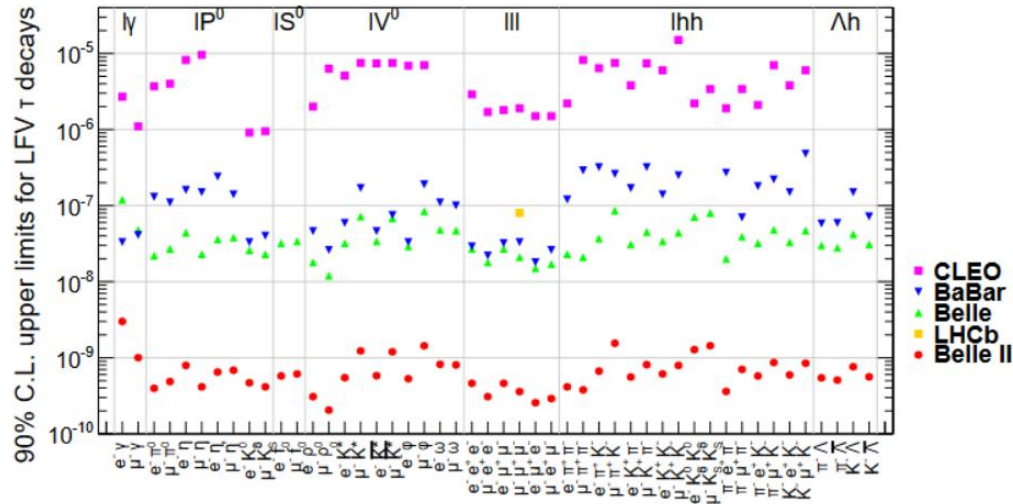


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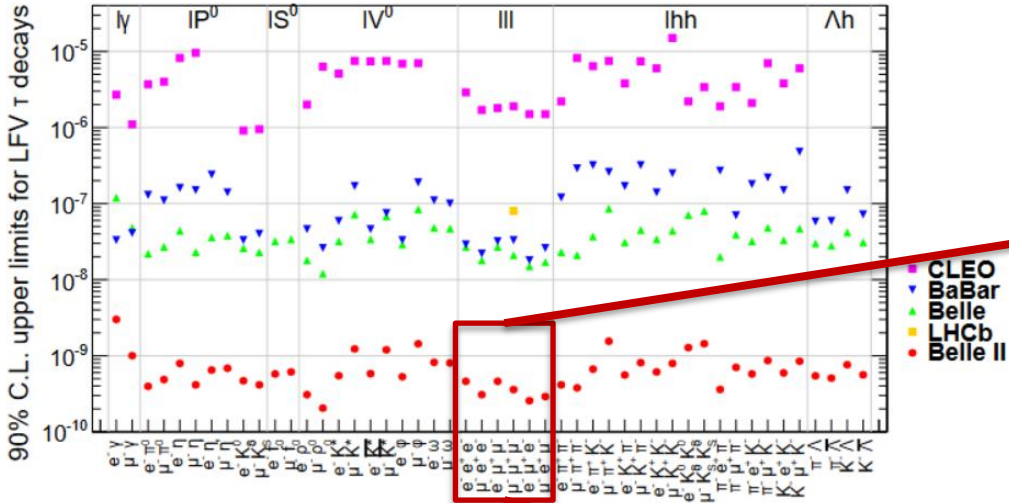
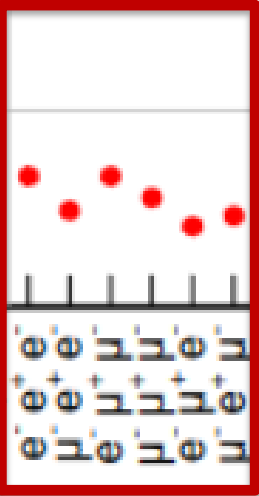


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# 2018: A numerical look

Hernández-Tomé, López Castro & Roig performed a numerical analysis in PL.

Including Z-penguins and box diagrams, there is still a question of gauge dependence but, critically, no logarithmic divergence was found.

Their results agree in magnitude with ZML expression.

Hernández-Tomé et al.,  
EPJ C (2020) 80: 438

| Decay channel                          | <del>Our</del> result |
|--|-----------------------|
| $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$        | $7.4 \times 10^{-55}$ |
| $\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$       | $3.2 \times 10^{-56}$ |
| $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ | $6.4 \times 10^{-55}$ |
| $\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$   | $2.1 \times 10^{-56}$ |
| $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+ e^-$     | $5.2 \times 10^{-55}$ |

# The Goal

We want to determine the analytic form of

$$\Gamma(L \rightarrow \ell \ell' \ell') = \frac{\alpha^2 G_F^2 m_L^5}{(4\pi)^5} \left| \sum_{i=2}^3 U_{Li}^* U_{\ell i} \text{ (???)} \right|^2$$

in the PL  $m_\nu \ll \mathcal{P} \ll M_W$

# The Task

60 diagrams including boxes, Z and  $\gamma$  penguins, Goldstone diagrams, and wavefunction renormalization.

`FeynArts`: generate diagrams & CTs in Feynman gauge

`Form` (w/ `FormCalc` package): reduce amplitudes to one-loop tensor integrals, retaining all  $m_{\nu i}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $M_W$  dependence

`Mathematica`, `FeynCalc`, and `Package-X`: independent analysis of master integrals and exhaustive numerical sanity checks



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FeynArts: T. Hahn, Comput. Phys. Commun. 140, 418 (2001). (arXiv:hep-ph/0012260)

Form: J. Kuipers, T. Ueda, J.A.M.Vermaseren, J. Vollinga, Comput. Phys. Commun. 184, 1453 (2013). (arXiv:1203.6543)

FormCalc: T. Hahn, M. Perez-Victoria, Comput. Phys. Commun. 118, 153 (1999). (arXiv:hep-ph/9807565)

Mathematica: Wolfram Research, Inc., Mathematica, Version 12.3, Champaign, IL (2021)

FeynCalc: V. Shtabovenko, R. Mertig, F. Orellana, Comput. Phys. Commun. 207, 432 (2016). (arXiv:1601.01167)

Package-X: H.H. Patel, Comput. Phys. Commun. 197, 276 (2015). (arXiv:1503.01469)



# Method of Regions

Example expansion: ( $p_1, p_2, p_3$  are  $\ell^{(r)}$  momenta,  $P$  is  $L$  momentum)

$$\int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \left[ (k^2 - M_W^2) \left( (k + p_1)^2 - m_\nu^2 \right) \left( (k + (P - p_3))^2 - M_W^2 \right) \right]^{-1}$$

Large region ( $k \sim M_W$ ):

$$-\frac{1}{M_W^2} - \frac{m_\nu^2}{M_W^4} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{M_W^2} \right) \right) - \frac{1}{M_W^4} \left( \frac{m_\ell^2}{2} + m_\nu^2 + \frac{s}{12} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^6} \right)$$

Small region ( $k \sim \mathcal{P}, m_\nu$ )

$$+\frac{m_\nu^2}{M_W^2} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{m_\nu^2} \right) \right) + \frac{m_\nu^2}{M_W^4} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}^2 m_\nu^2}{M_W^6} \right)$$

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Combine to give expansion of integral:

$$-\frac{1}{M_W^2} + \frac{1}{M_W^4} \left( -\frac{m_\mu^2}{2} - m_\nu^2 - \frac{s}{12} + m_\nu^2 \log \left( \frac{M_W^2}{m_\nu^2} \right) \right) + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^6} \right)$$

# Series of series

Master integrals are expanded analytically using MOR + Package-X.

- First, separate  $M_W \gg \{\mathcal{P}, m_\nu\}$

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_n f_n(\mathcal{P}^2, m_\nu^2) \left(\frac{1}{M_W^2}\right)^n$$

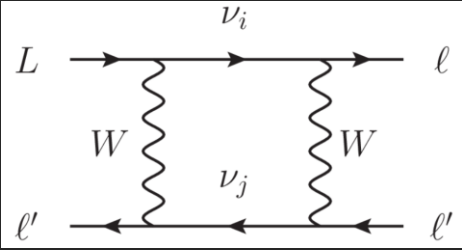
- Next, carefully account for all small parameters  $m_\nu \ll \mathcal{P} \ll M_W$  and regions

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{nmij} c_{nm,ij} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^2}{M_W^2}\right)^n \left(\frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2}\right)^m \log^i \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^2}{M_W^2}\right) \log^j \left(\frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2}\right)$$

- Use GIM mechanism and keep leading term in  $m_\nu$  to obtain correct expansion

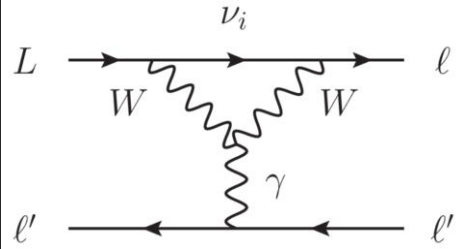
$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2} \log^i \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^2}{M_W^2}\right) \log^j \left(\frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2}\right)$$

# Boxes



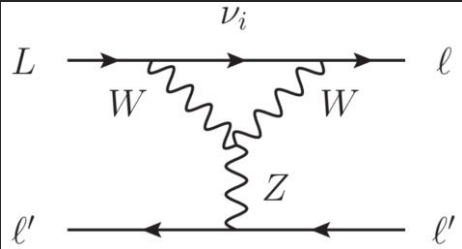
$$\sim \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2} \log\left(\frac{m_L^2}{M_W^2}\right)$$

# $\gamma$ Penguins



$$\sim \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2}$$

# Z Penguins



$$\sim \frac{\mathcal{P}^4}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu^2}{\mathcal{P}^2} \log\left(\frac{m_L^2}{M_W^2}\right)$$

$$L = \{\mu, \tau\}$$

Logarithmic enhancement is replaced by a mild  $\log\left(\frac{M_W}{m_\tau}\right) = 3.8$  or  $\log\left(\frac{M_W}{m_\mu}\right) = 6.6$



# Results

One final MOR application in phase space integration to get leading order in  $m_\ell/m_L$ , we find

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$$\times \left[ \log^2 x_L + 2 \log x_L - \frac{1}{6} \log x_\ell + \frac{19}{18} + \frac{17}{18} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \left( \log x_L + \frac{11}{12} \right) + \frac{3}{8 \sin^4 \theta_W} \right]$$

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Note: Final expression is independent of  $m_1$  due to absence of neutrino mass logarithms!

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$$\times \left[ \frac{2}{3} \log^2 x_L + \frac{25}{18} \log x_L - \frac{1}{6} \log x_{\ell'} + \frac{55}{108} + \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \left( \frac{\log x_L}{2} + \frac{11}{24} + \frac{\pi^2}{18} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^4 \theta_W} \left( \frac{3}{16} + \frac{\pi^2}{36} \right) \right]$$



# Results

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**Table 1** Branching ratio for the CLFV decays  $L \rightarrow \ell \ell' \ell'$  in the ZML and the PL for normal ordering (NO) and inverted ordering (IO) of neutrino masses. The ratio between the two is also reported. In the ZML we assume  $m_1 = 0$  (NO) or  $m_3 = 0$  (IO)

|                              | Branching ratio (NO)  |                       | ZML/PL | Branching ratio (IO)  |                       | ZML/PL |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
|                              | ZML                   | PL                    |        | ZML                   | PL                    |        |
| $\mu \rightarrow eee$        | $4.1 \times 10^{-54}$ | $2.9 \times 10^{-55}$ | 14     | $6.1 \times 10^{-54}$ | $4.6 \times 10^{-55}$ | 14     |
| $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ | $2.0 \times 10^{-53}$ | $5.8 \times 10^{-55}$ | 34     | $2.0 \times 10^{-53}$ | $5.8 \times 10^{-55}$ | 34     |
| $\tau \rightarrow \mu ee$    | $1.3 \times 10^{-53}$ | $3.8 \times 10^{-55}$ | 35     | $1.3 \times 10^{-53}$ | $3.8 \times 10^{-55}$ | 35     |
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| $\tau \rightarrow e\mu\mu$   | $7.6 \times 10^{-55}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-56}$ | 36     | $4.1 \times 10^{-55}$ | $1.2 \times 10^{-56}$ | 34     |

ZML = Expression from Petkov with updated parameters

PL = Result using our expression

Notice that universally  $PL < ZML$  because of the replacement  $\log x_i \rightsquigarrow \log x_L$



# A remark on the missing logarithm

$$O_6^{L\ell'} = (\bar{\nu}_i \gamma^\mu P_L L) (\bar{\ell}' \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_j),$$

$$O_6^{\ell\ell'} = (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_i) (\bar{\nu}_j \gamma_\mu P_L \ell'),$$

$$O_8 = m_{\nu_i}^2 (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu P_L L) (\bar{\ell}' \gamma_\mu P_L \ell')$$

$$C_6^{L\ell'} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} U_{\ell'j} U_{Li}^*, \quad C_6^{\ell\ell'} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} U_{\ell'j}^* U_{Li},$$

$$C_8(\mu) = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{M_W^2}{\mu^2}\right) U_{Li} U_{Li}^*.$$

Our (unconfirmed) suspicion:

The evolution of  $C_8$  cannot proceed to below the scale of the process,  $\mathcal{P}$ , so no  $\log M_W/m_\nu$  terms arise.

In ZML,  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow 0$  allows the full evolution to the neutrino mass, generating these logarithms.

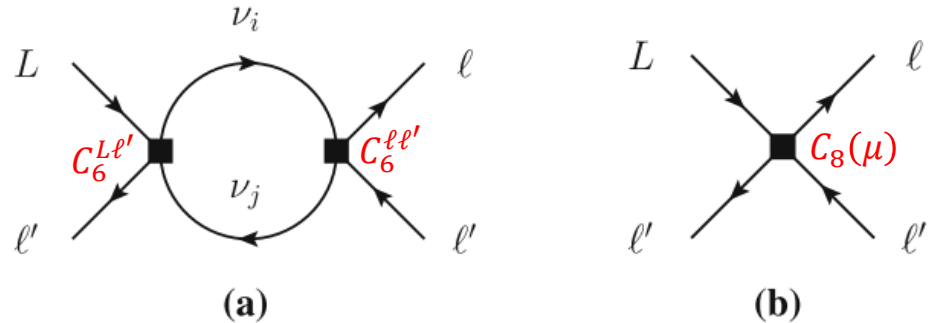


Fig. 2 Example of two diagrams mediating  $L \rightarrow \ell\ell'\ell'$  in a low energy effective field theory description

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- There are no unregulated  $\log m_i$  divergences in the neutrino mass.
- If near- or distant-future experiments (Mu3e, Belle II, HL-LHC) see these processes, it will certainly evidence the existence of New Physics beyond SM +  $m_\nu \neq 0$  (and hopefully betray its nature).



# Backup

# The Method of Regions (MOR)

To perform expansions in small parameters  $m_v^2/\mathcal{P}^2$  and  $\mathcal{P}^2/M_W^2$ , we use MOR rather than contend with full analytic form of basis integrals.

1. Identify disparate scales involved in integral,
2. introduce cut-off which partitions the regions,
3. perform the expansion in each integrand relevant to that region,
4. expand each regions' domain to the full domain and sequester cut-off scale dependence into "compensating terms"
5. the compensating terms cancel order-by-order and what remains is the desired expansion.

# MOR: 1D Example

With the hierarchy  $0 < m \ll q$ , we want to calculate

$$F(q, m, \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty \frac{k^{-\varepsilon} dk}{(k+m)(k+q)} = -\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi \varepsilon} \frac{q^{-\varepsilon} - m^{-\varepsilon}}{q - m}$$

Large Region:  $k \sim q$

$$F_{\text{large}} \sim \int_0^\infty \frac{k^{-\varepsilon-1} dk}{k+q} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{m}{k}\right) + \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^2 - \dots \right] = \frac{\pi}{q^{1+\varepsilon} \sin \pi \varepsilon} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{q}\right)^n$$

Small Region:  $k \sim m$

$$F_{\text{small}} = \frac{1}{q} \int_0^\infty \frac{k^{-\varepsilon} dk}{k+m} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{k}{q}\right) + \left(\frac{k}{q}\right)^2 - \dots \right] = -\frac{\pi}{q m^\varepsilon \sin \pi \varepsilon} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{q}\right)^n$$



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What about compensating terms?

Large region: 1<sup>st</sup> order compensating term

$$\int_0^\Lambda \frac{k^{-\varepsilon-1} dk}{k+q} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon q \Lambda^\varepsilon} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right)$$

Small region: 1<sup>st</sup> order compensating term

$$\frac{1}{q} \int_\Lambda^\infty \frac{k^{-\varepsilon} dk}{k+m} = +\frac{1}{\varepsilon q \Lambda^\varepsilon} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right)$$