



Flavor symmetries and DM stability

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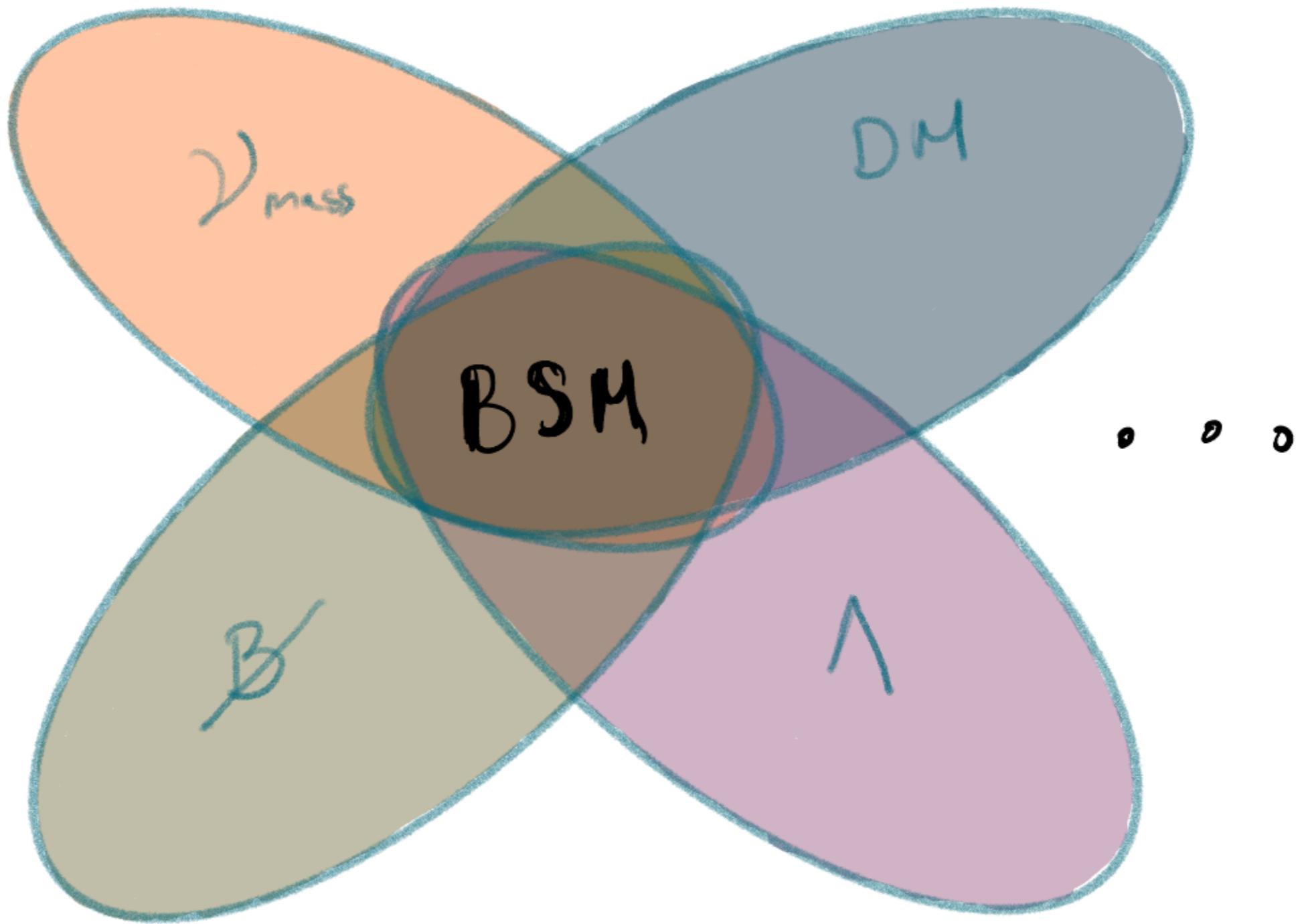
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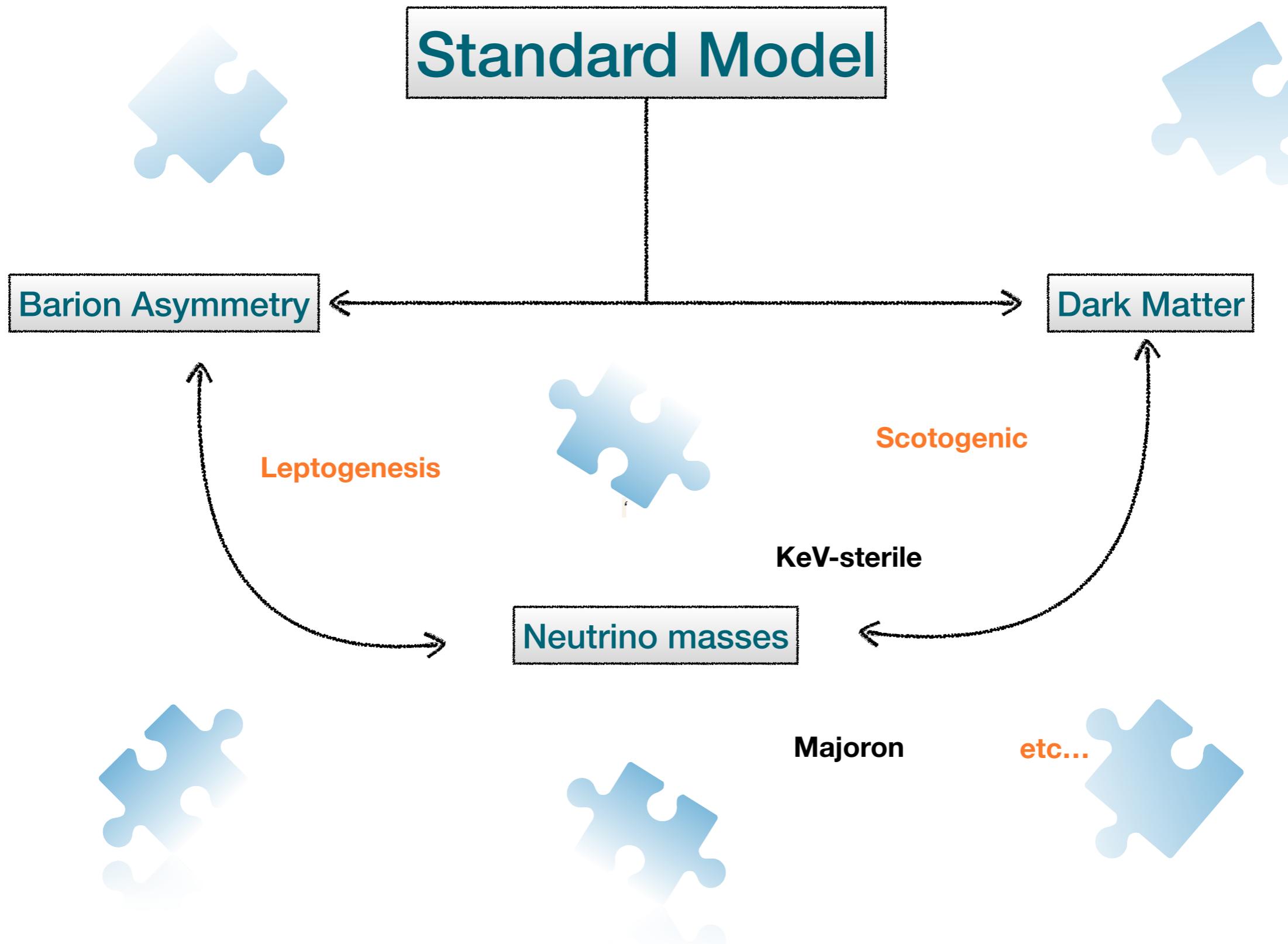
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$$\text{SU}(3)_C \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{U}(1)_Y$$



$$\text{SU}(3)_C \otimes \text{U}(1)_Q$$





Dirac Fermion mass

$$m \bar{\psi} \psi = m (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L)$$

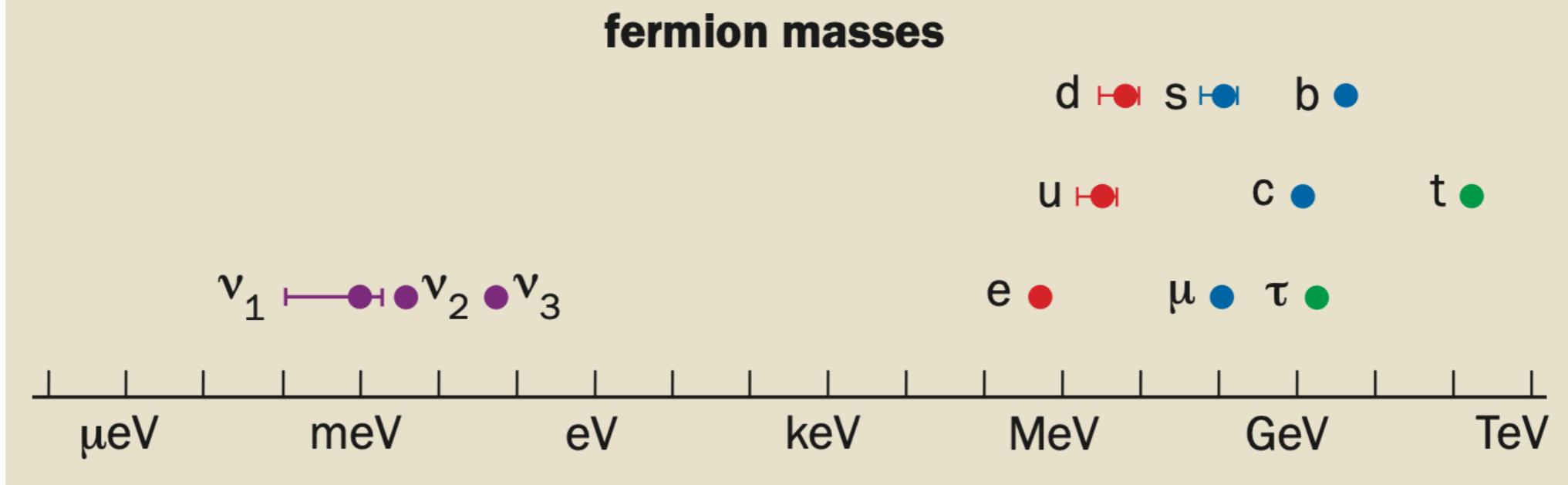
SM is chiral $u_L \neq u_R$

$$y \bar{\psi}_L H \psi_R \xrightarrow{EWSB} m \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R \quad \checkmark$$

Majorana Fermion mass

$$\bar{\psi}_L^c \psi_L \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\psi}_R^c \psi_R$$

3 Fermions weigh in



H. Murayama, Physics World 2002

$$m_u \sim 10^{-3} m_c \sim 10^{-5} m_t$$

$$m_d \sim 10^{-1} m_s \sim 10^{-3} m_b$$

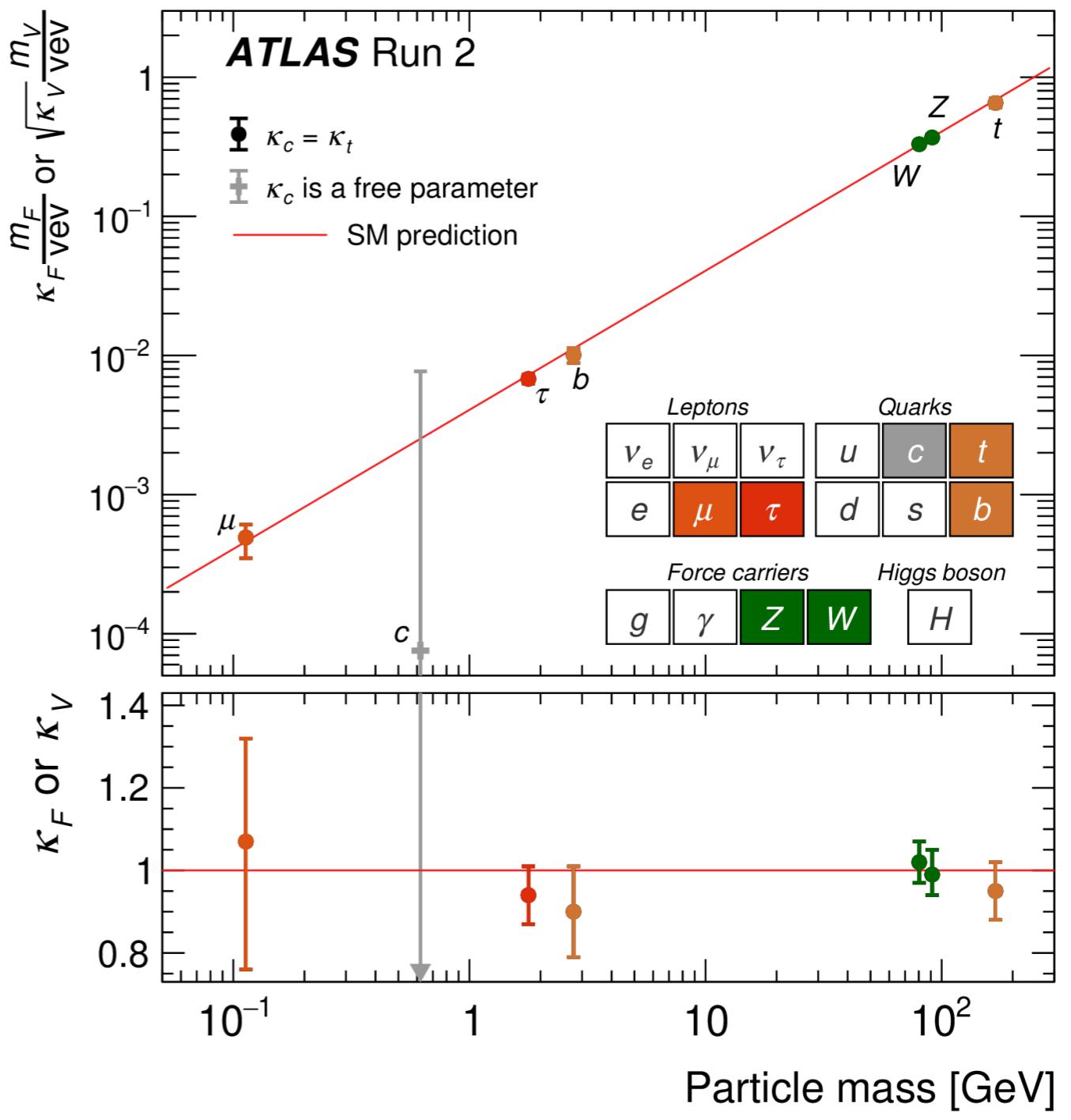
$$m_e \sim 10^{-3} m_\mu \sim 10^{-4} m_t$$

$$\Delta m_{31}^2 / \Delta m_{21}^2 \sim 30$$

$$\begin{aligned}
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& + i \overline{q'^D_{\alpha R}} \not{D} q'^D_{\alpha R} + i \overline{q'^U_{\alpha R}} \not{D} q'^U_{\alpha R} - \frac{1}{4} \vec{F}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{F}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \\
& + (D_\rho \Phi)^\dagger (D^\rho \Phi) + \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \\
& - \left(Y_{\alpha\beta}^l \overline{L'_{\alpha L}} \Phi l'_{\beta R} + Y_{\alpha\beta}^{l*} \overline{l'_{\beta R}} \Phi^\dagger L'_{\alpha L} \right) \\
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Fermion masses:

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m_d	4.8 MeV
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m_s	95 MeV
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(Image: ATLAS Collaboration/CERN) 2025

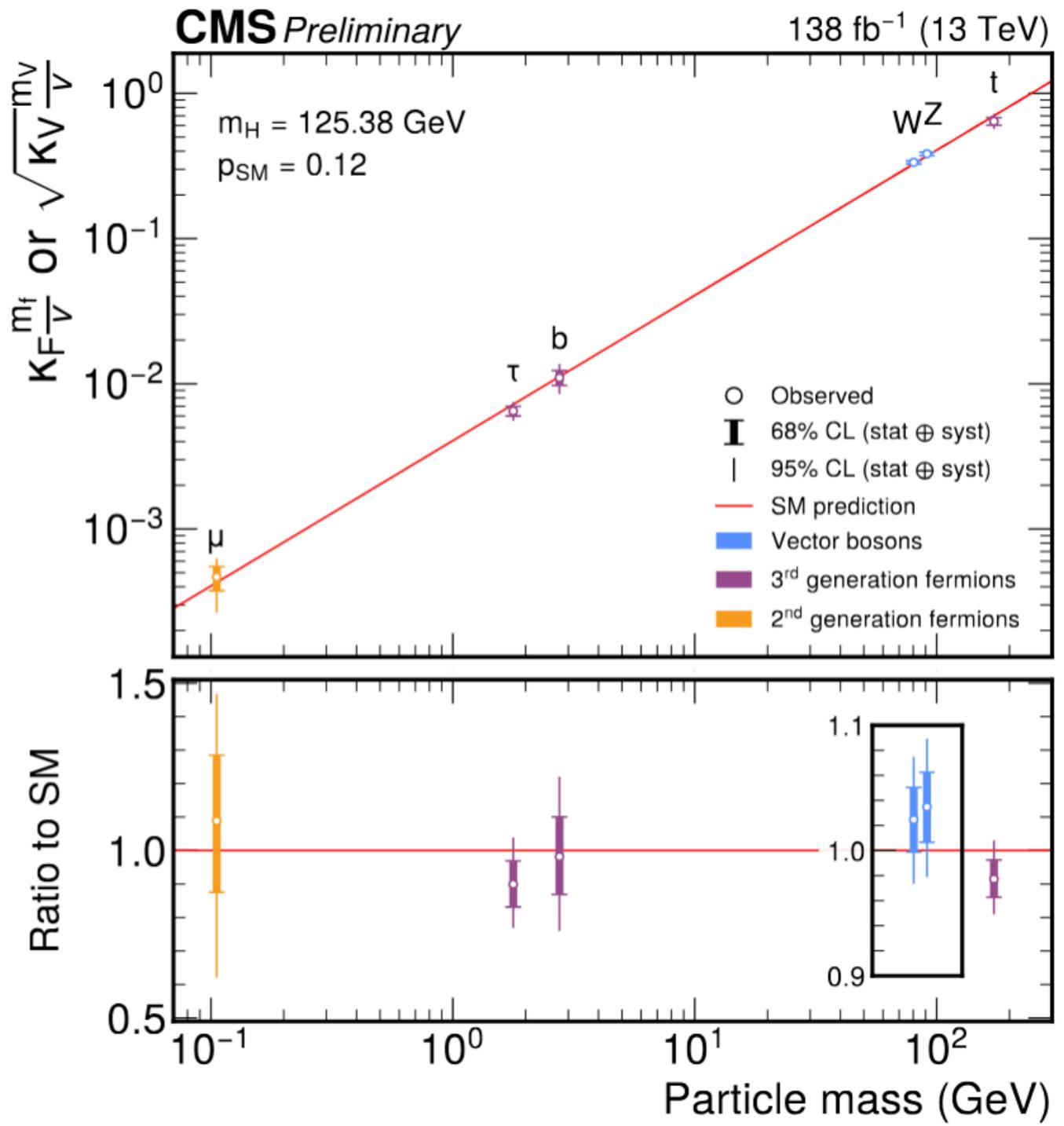
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$$y_b \sim 10^{-13}$$

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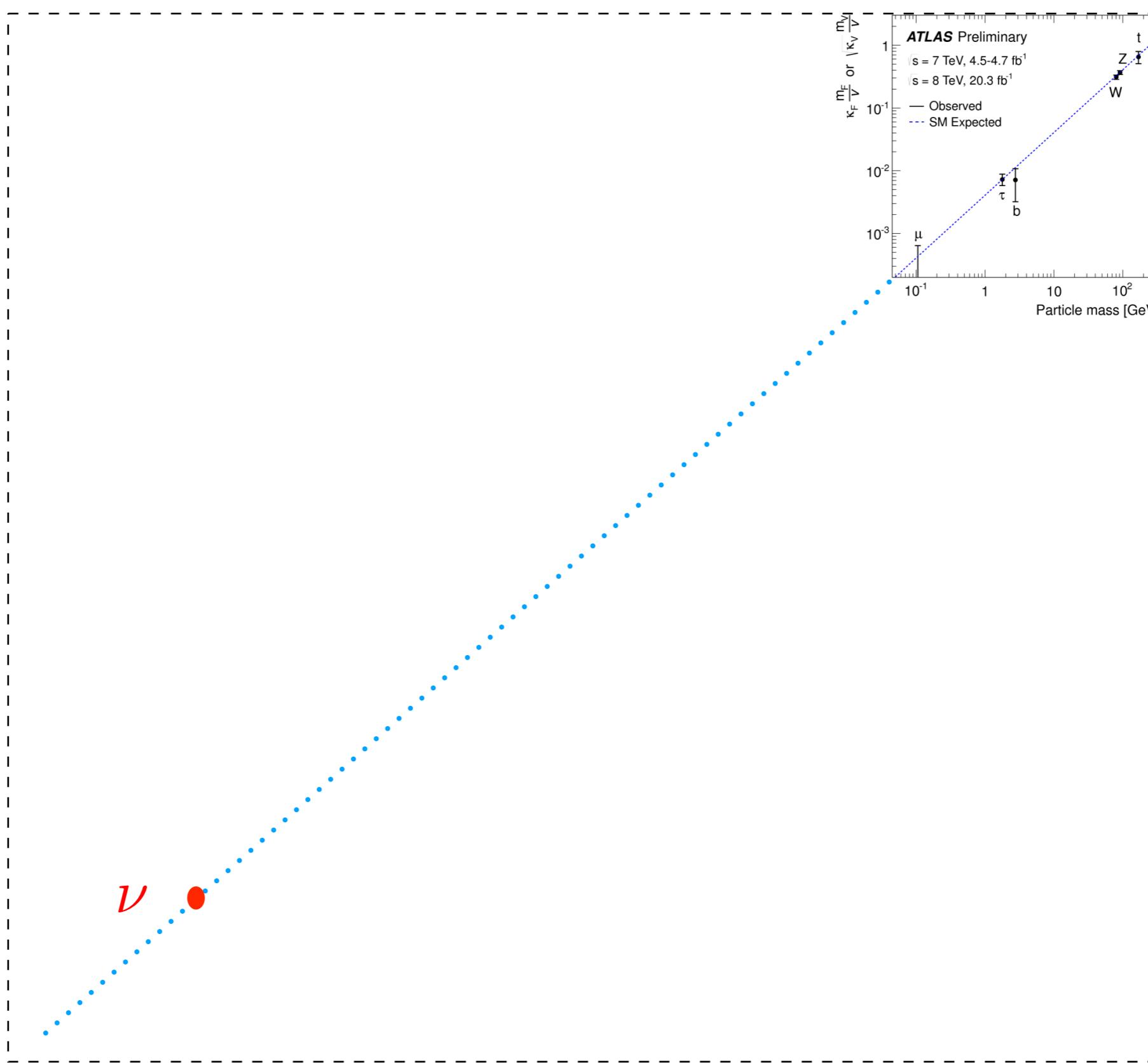
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Tree-level neutrino masses (Majorana)

$$2 \otimes 2 = 1 + 3$$

Type-I seesaw

$$2 \otimes 2 \otimes 1$$

$$\bar{L} \tilde{H} N$$

Type-II seesaw

$$2 \otimes 3 \otimes 2$$

$$\bar{L}^c \Delta L$$

Type-III seesaw

$$2 \otimes 3 \otimes 2$$

$$\bar{L} \tilde{H} \Sigma$$

Type I see-saw

$$N_i : \{1, 1, 0\}$$

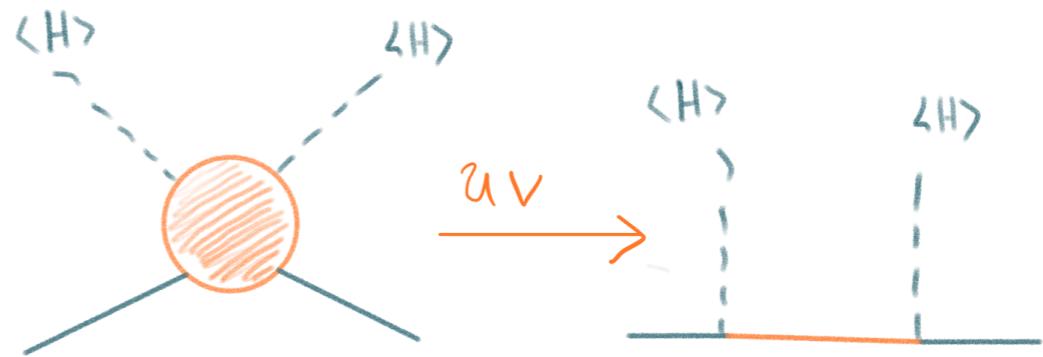
$B-L$ anomaly-free $n=3$

in basis
 $\nu = (L, N^c)$

$$I \sim \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}^c M_n \nu$$

$$M_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & yv \\ yv & M \end{pmatrix}$$

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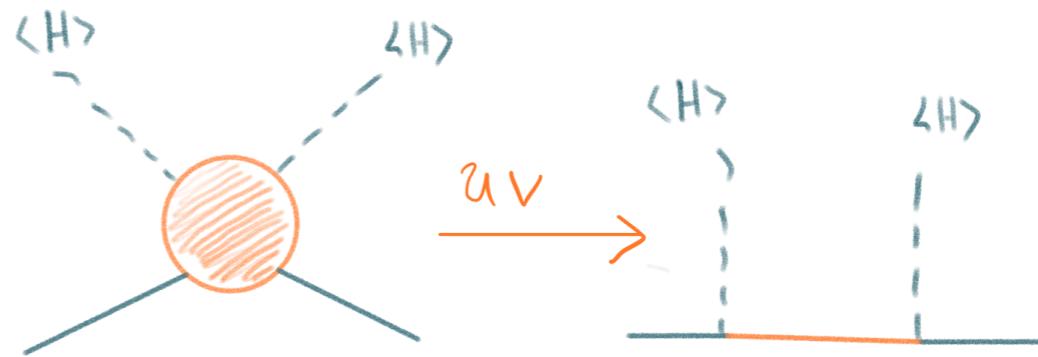
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if
 $M \gg \langle H \rangle$

$$m_1 \sim \frac{(yv)^2}{M}$$

$$m_2 \sim M$$

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for $y \sim 1$

$$M \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

$$n_\nu \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Type II see-saw

$$\overline{\nu^c} \nu \quad h_u \quad I=+1 \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ e \end{pmatrix} : \{1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}\}$$

$$Y = -1$$

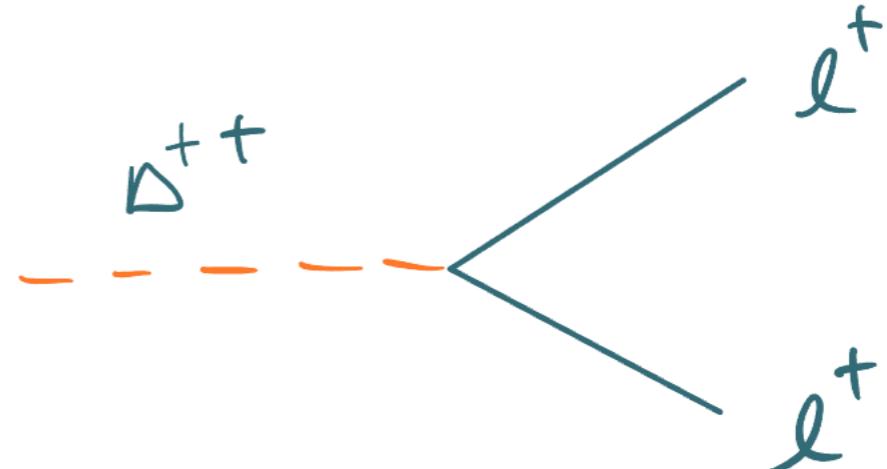
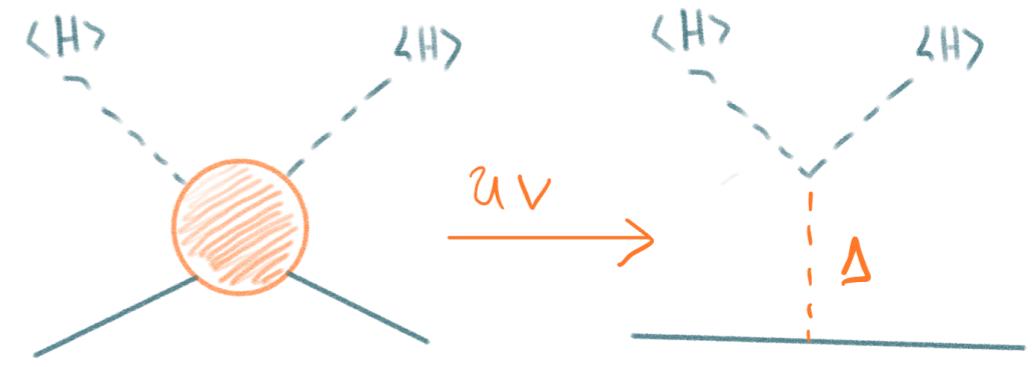
$$\Delta : \{2, 3, 1\}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \overline{L^c} \Delta L$$

$$V > K H^T \Delta H$$

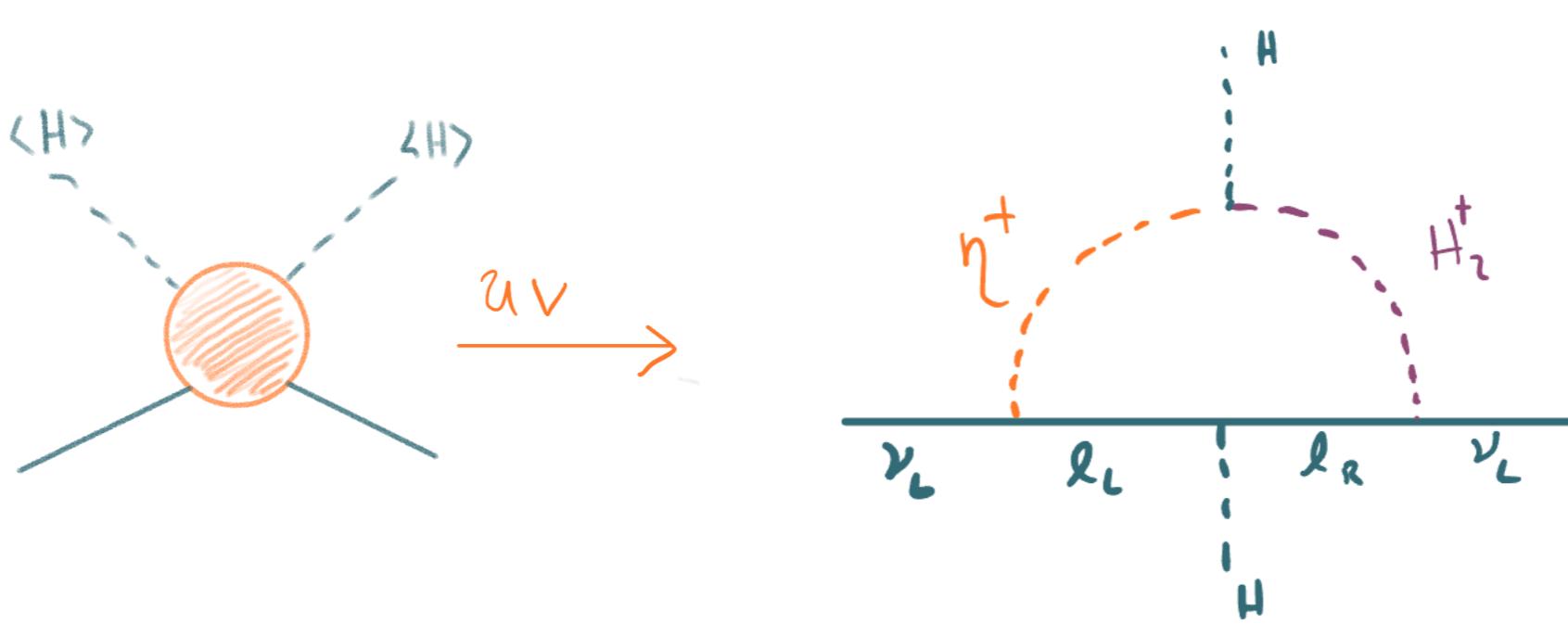
$$v_D \approx \frac{\kappa v^2}{M_\Delta^2}$$



One-loop neutrino masses

Interaction $\bar{\nu}_L^c e_L \Rightarrow I=0 \quad Y=-1 \Rightarrow \eta^+ : \{1, 1, +1\}$
 $H \eta^+ H_2 \quad H_2 : \{1, 2, \frac{1}{2}\}$

$$\mathcal{L} = -Y [H \ell] - f [\bar{\nu}_L^c \eta^+] - \tilde{\gamma} [\tilde{H}_2 \ell] + \mu H \eta^+ H_2$$



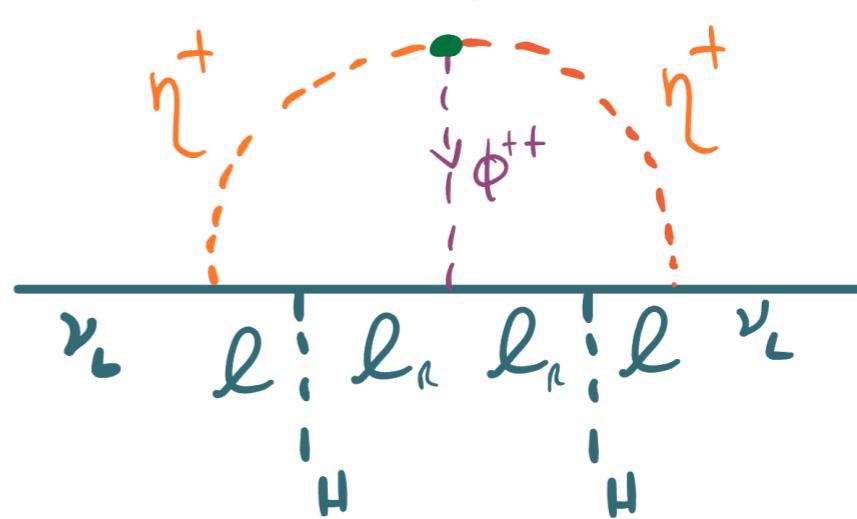
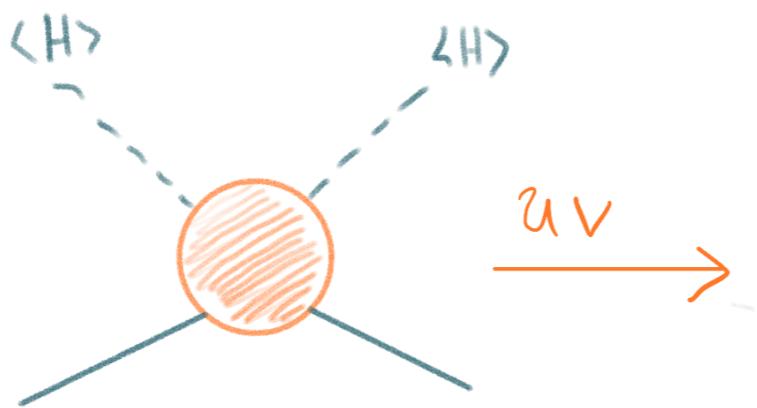
Two-loop neutrino masses

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$$\Phi^{++} : \{1, 1, -2\}$$

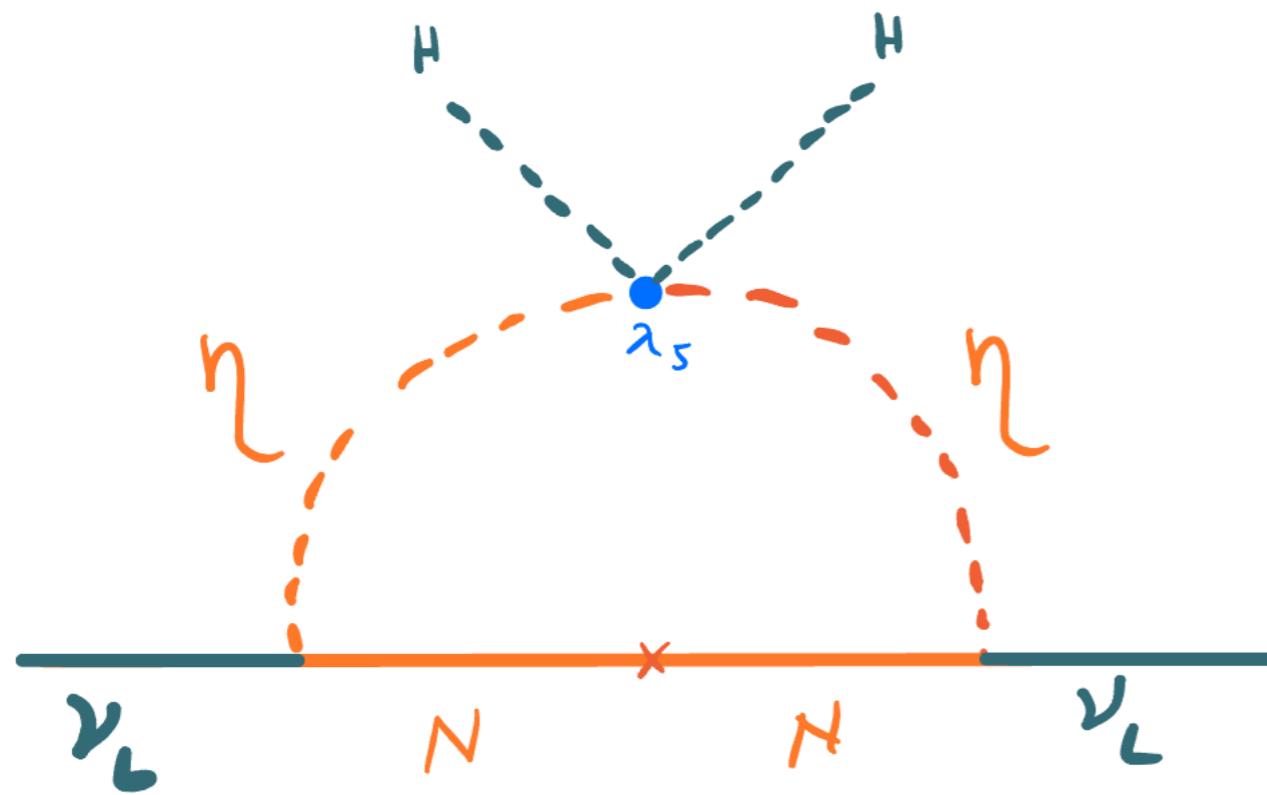
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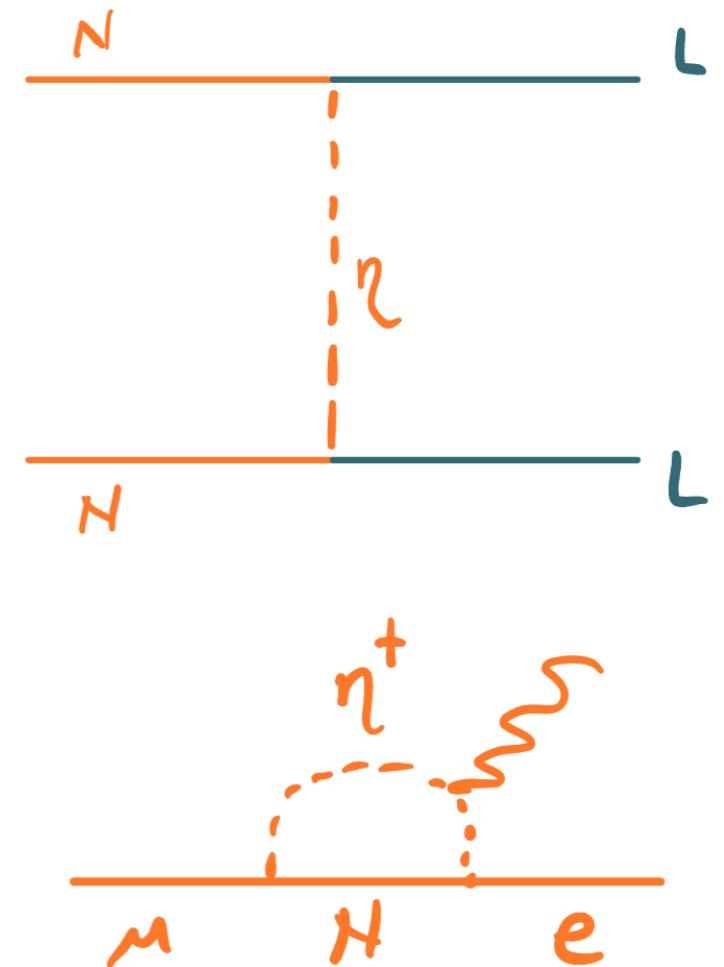
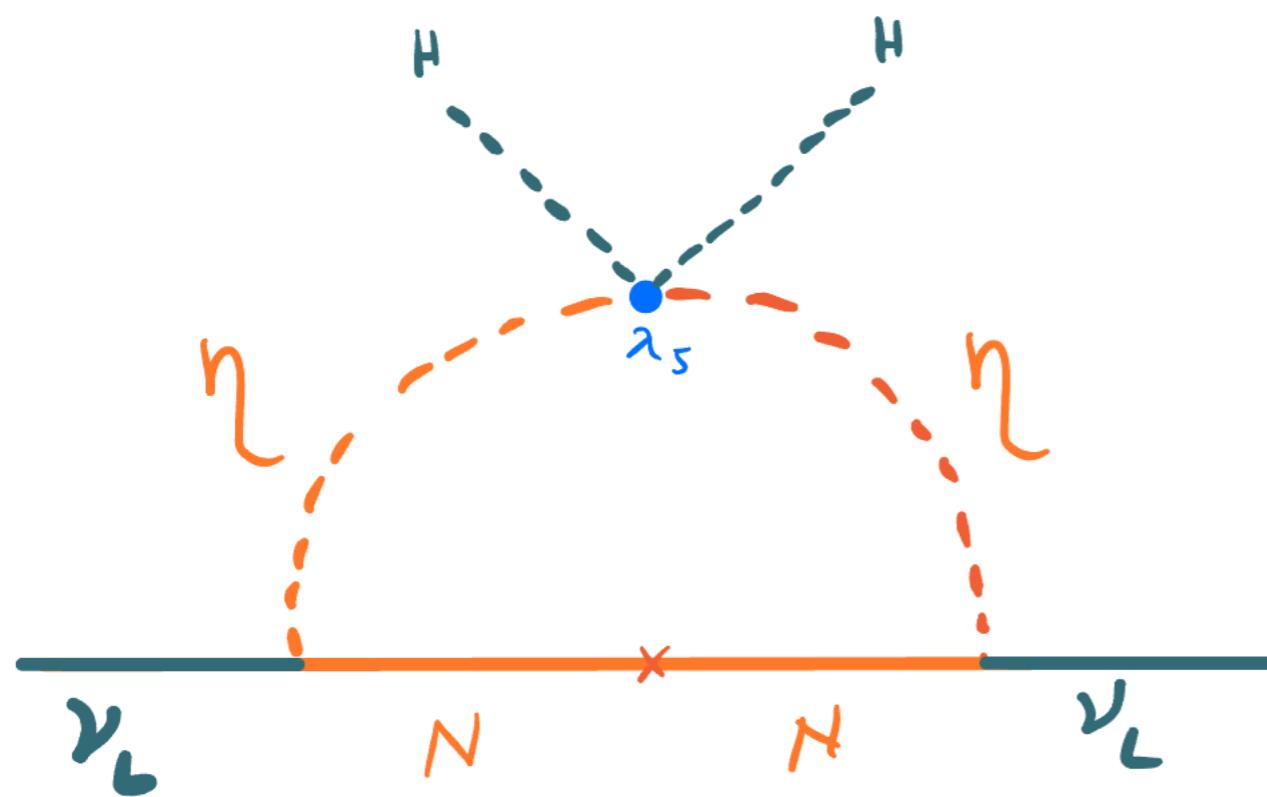
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Flavor Symmetries

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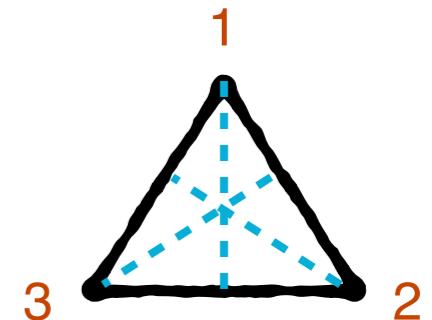
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Small mixing angle

$$V_{CKM} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda_C & \lambda_C^3 \\ -\lambda_C & 1 & \lambda_C^2 \\ \lambda_C^3 & -\lambda_C^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Flavor Symmetries

Massive neutrinos

Grimus and L. Lavour (2001)

Hirsch et. al. (2003)

Kubo, Mondragon et. al (2003)

Caravaglios, Morisi (2005)

E. Ma and G. Rajasekaran (2001)

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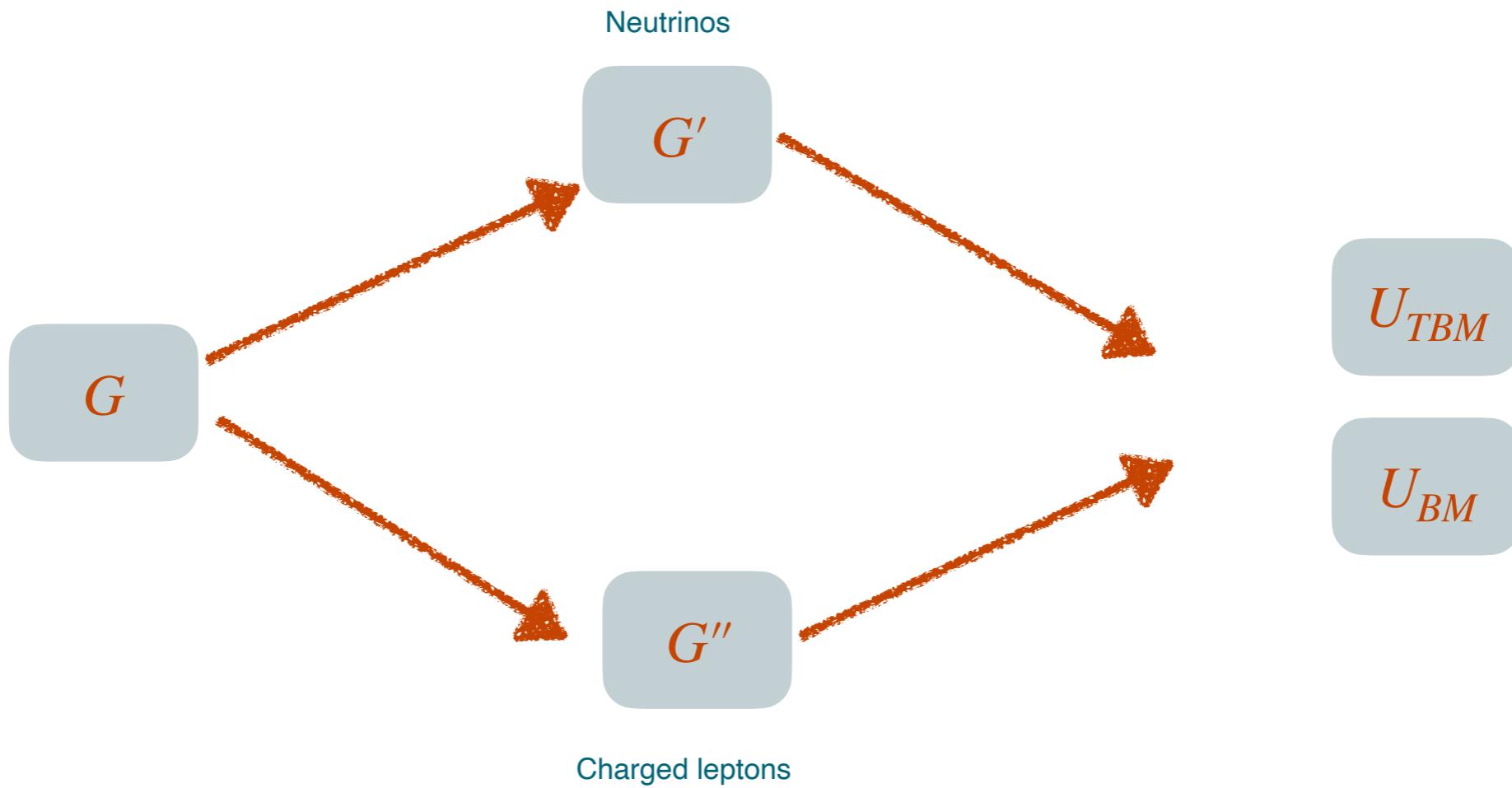
Babu, Ma, Valle (2002)

Chen, Frigerio, Ma (2004)

Altarelli Feruglio (2005)

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Breaking FS

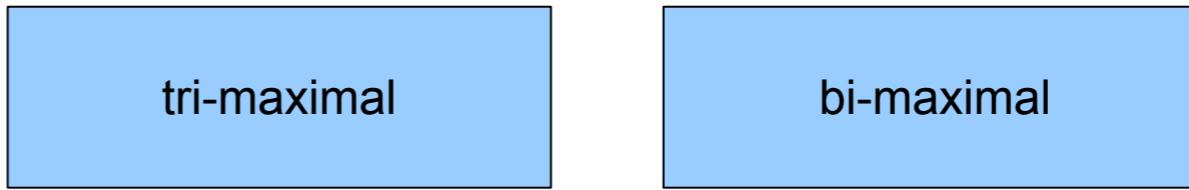


Large **solar** and **atmospheric**

Small **reactor**

$\theta_{13} \sim 0$

Correlations $m_{\nu_i} - \theta_{ij}$



Harris, Perkin, Scott

$$U_{\text{HPS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

A_4

$$S \text{ and } T \quad S^2 = T^3 = (ST)^3 = \mathcal{I}.$$

1, 1', 1'' and 3

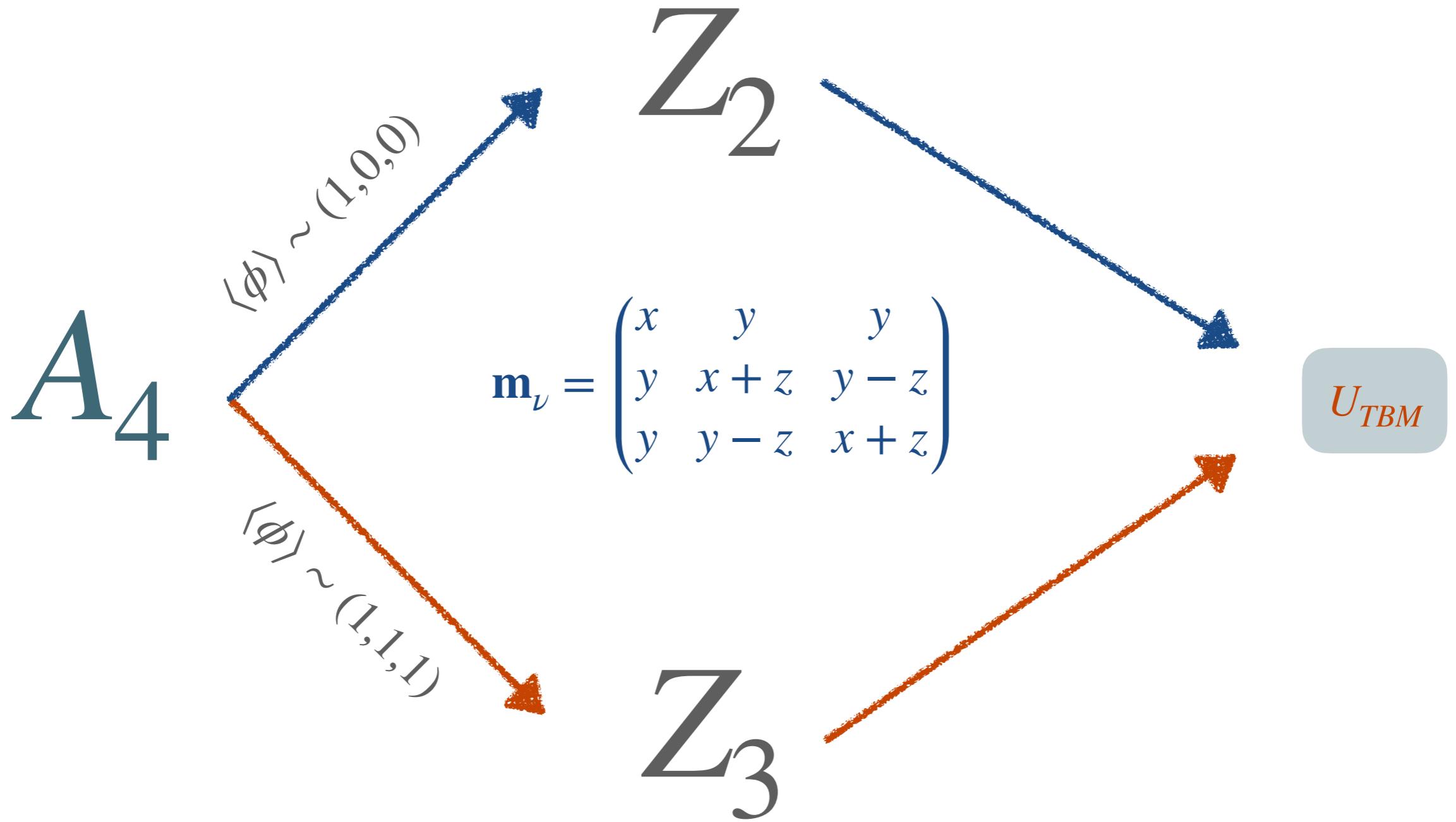
1	$S = 1$	$T = 1$
1'	$S = 1$	$T = e^{i4\pi/3} \equiv \omega^2$
1''	$S = 1$	$T = e^{i2\pi/3} \equiv \omega$

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S\phi = \phi \quad T\phi' = \phi'$$

Altarelli-Feruglio



DM stability

Instead of breaking A4 in two different directions

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DDM

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Only 2 active RH neutrinos

$$m_{light} = 0$$

Inverted mass order

$$\theta_{13} = 0$$

$$m_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} y & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -c/b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} \sim 0.03 - 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

$$A_4 \rightarrow Z_2$$

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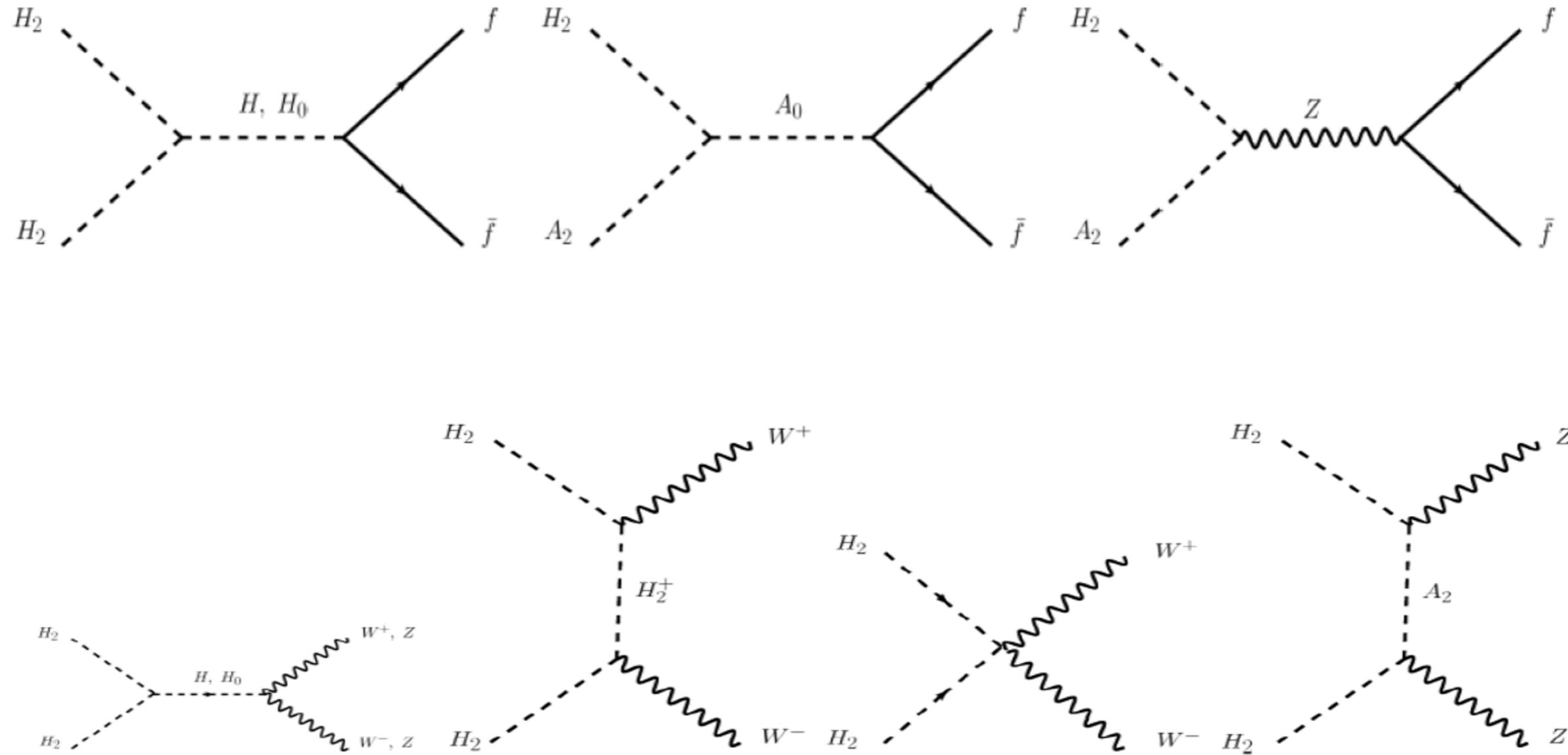
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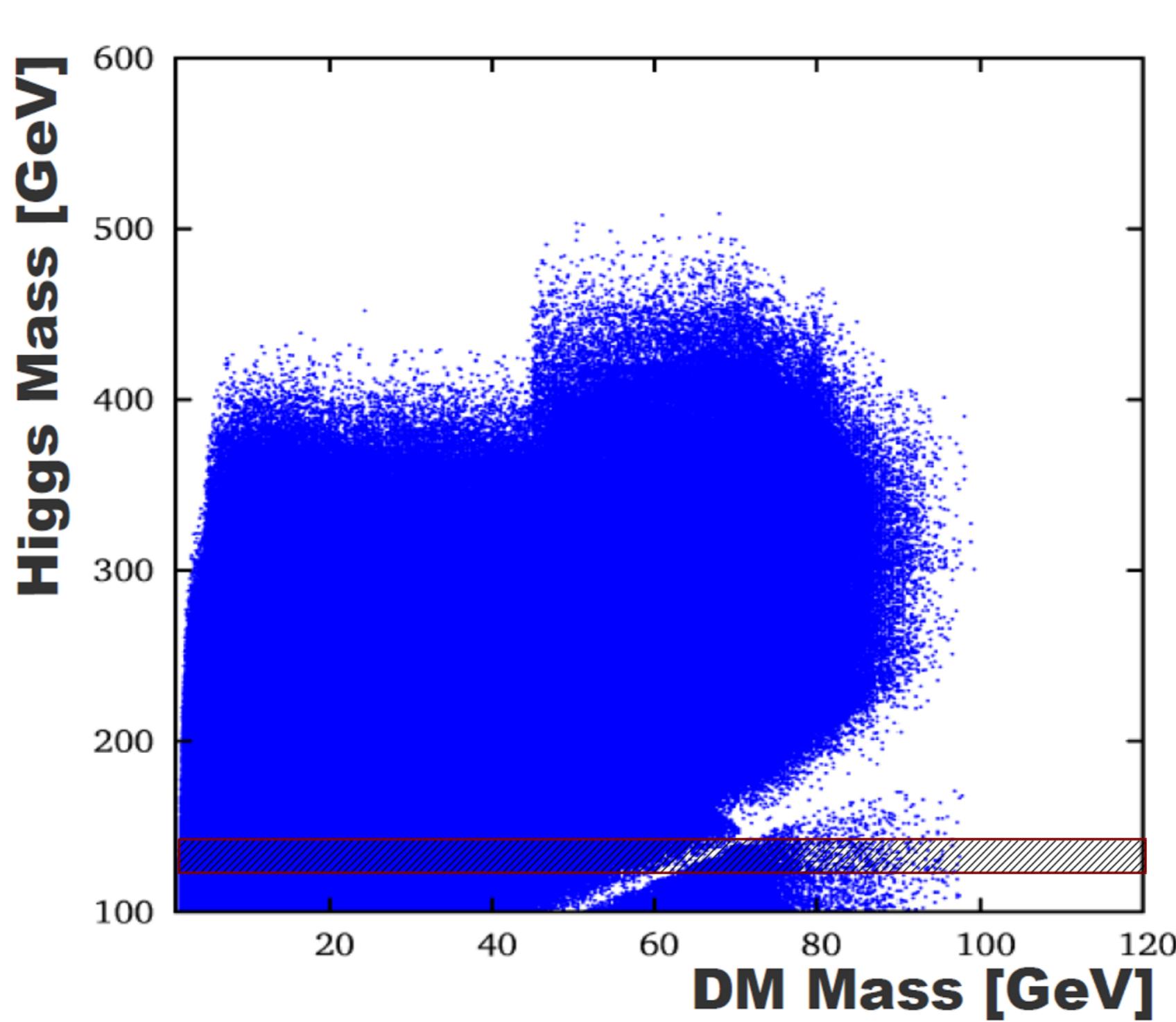
$\eta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}_2^+ \\ (\tilde{H}_2 + i\tilde{A}_2)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}_3^+ \\ (\tilde{H}_3 + i\tilde{A}_3)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

DM annihilation channels



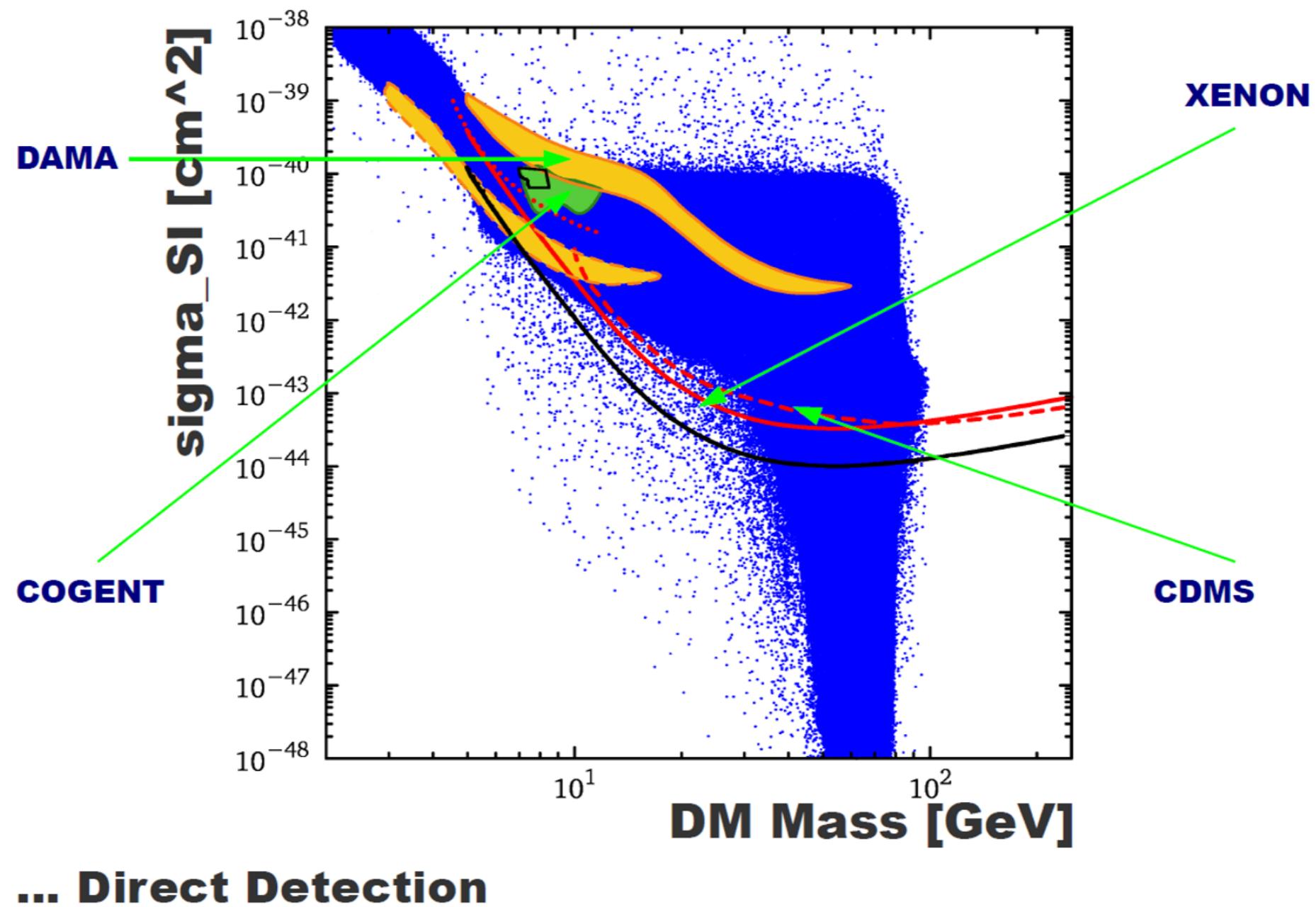
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Fixing θ_{13}

Not only with A4 but D4 the prediction
is small or zero reactor mixing angle

Meloni, Morisi, EP (2011)
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Solution: breaking A_4 at the seesaw scale

Lamprea, EP (2015)
Ferro, de la Vega, EP (2019)

Predictions: Different zero textures

A_4 breaking at the seesaw scale

Lamprea, EP (2016)

Ferro, de la Vega, EP (2019)

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{N}_T^c N_T \phi$$

$$\bar{N}_T^c N_1 \phi$$

$$\bar{N}_T^c N_5 \phi$$

L_e	L_μ	L_τ	N_4	N_5	Neutrino matrix	Type
1	1''	1'	1	1'	$\begin{pmatrix} X & 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 & X \\ X & X & X \end{pmatrix}$	B_3
1	1''	1'	1	1''	$\begin{pmatrix} X & X & 0 \\ X & X & X \\ 0 & X & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	B_4
1''	1	1'	1	1'	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & X \\ 0 & X & X \\ X & X & X \end{pmatrix}$	A_1
1''	1'	1	1	1'	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & X & 0 \\ X & X & X \\ 0 & X & X \end{pmatrix}$	A_2

Lamprea, EP (2016)

	L_e	L_μ	L_τ	l_e^c	l_μ^c	l_τ^c	N_T	N_4	N_5	H	η	ϕ
SU(2)	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
A_4	1	$1'$	$1''$	1	$1''$	$1'$	3	1	$1''$	1	3	3

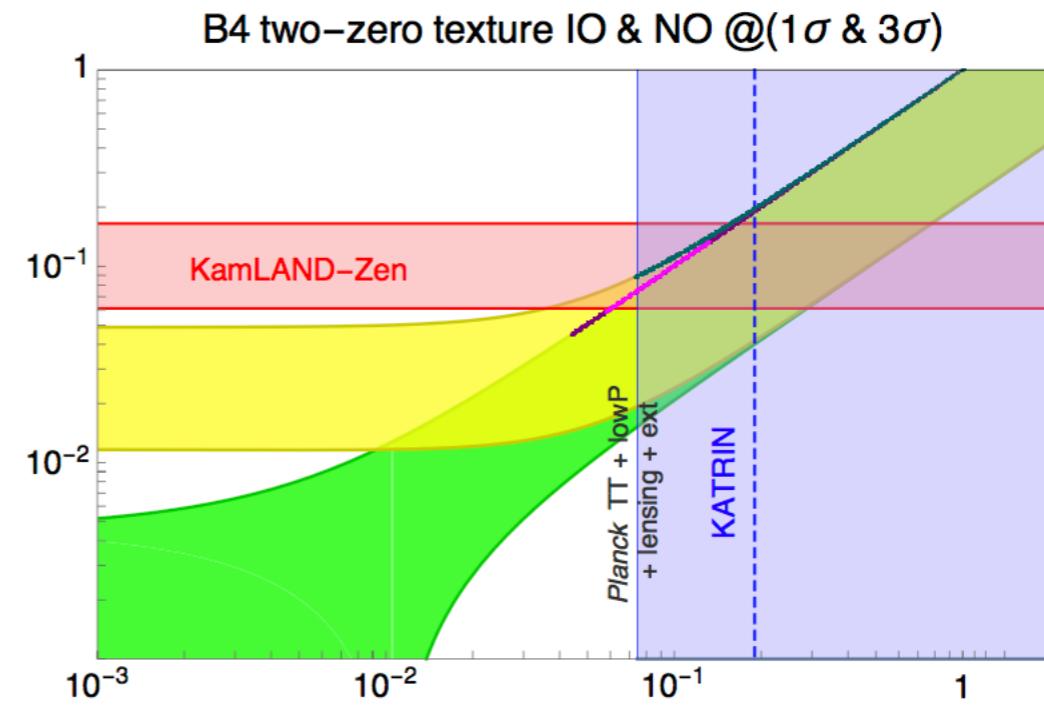
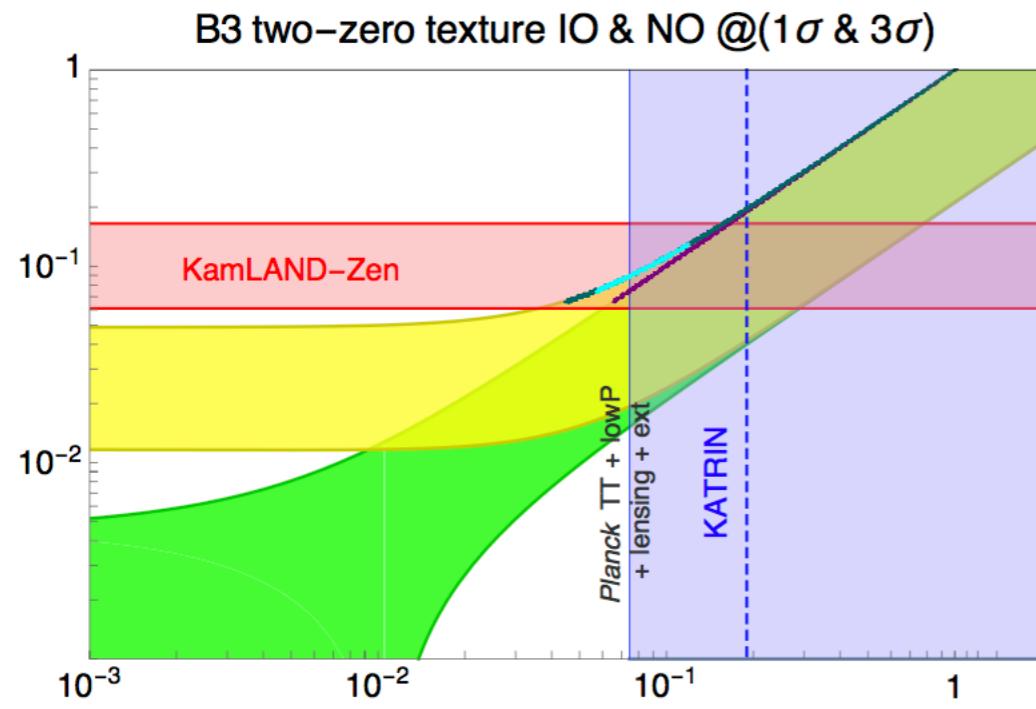
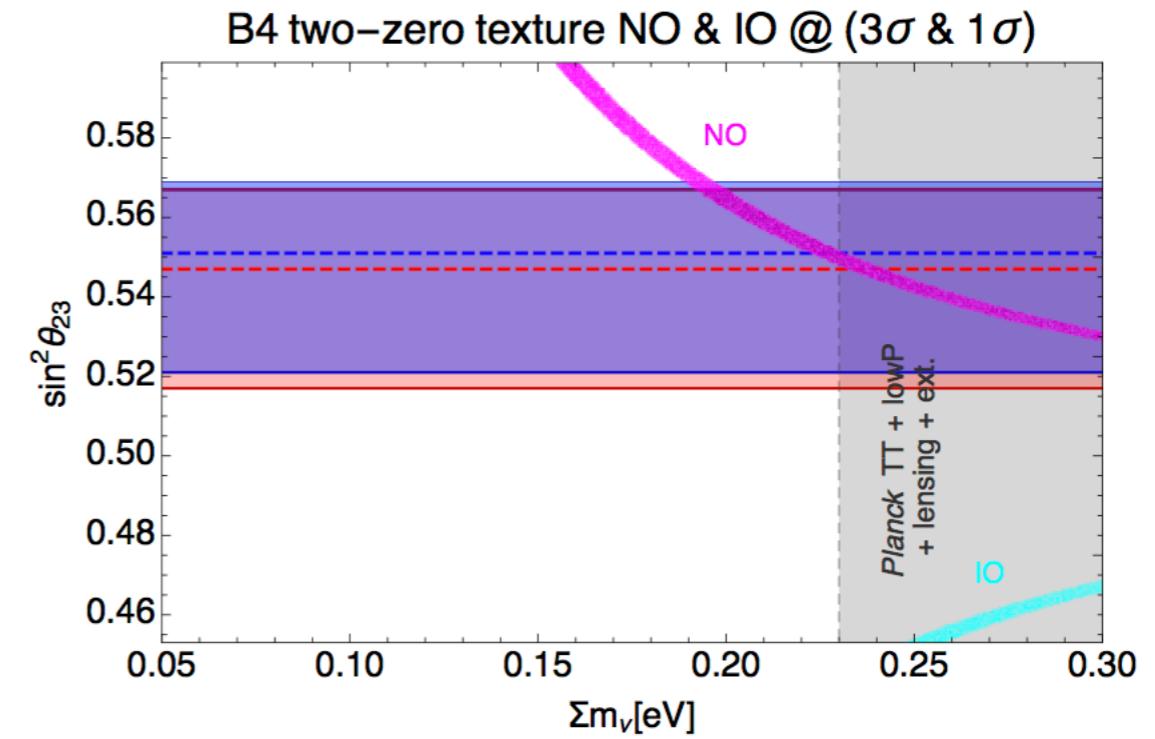
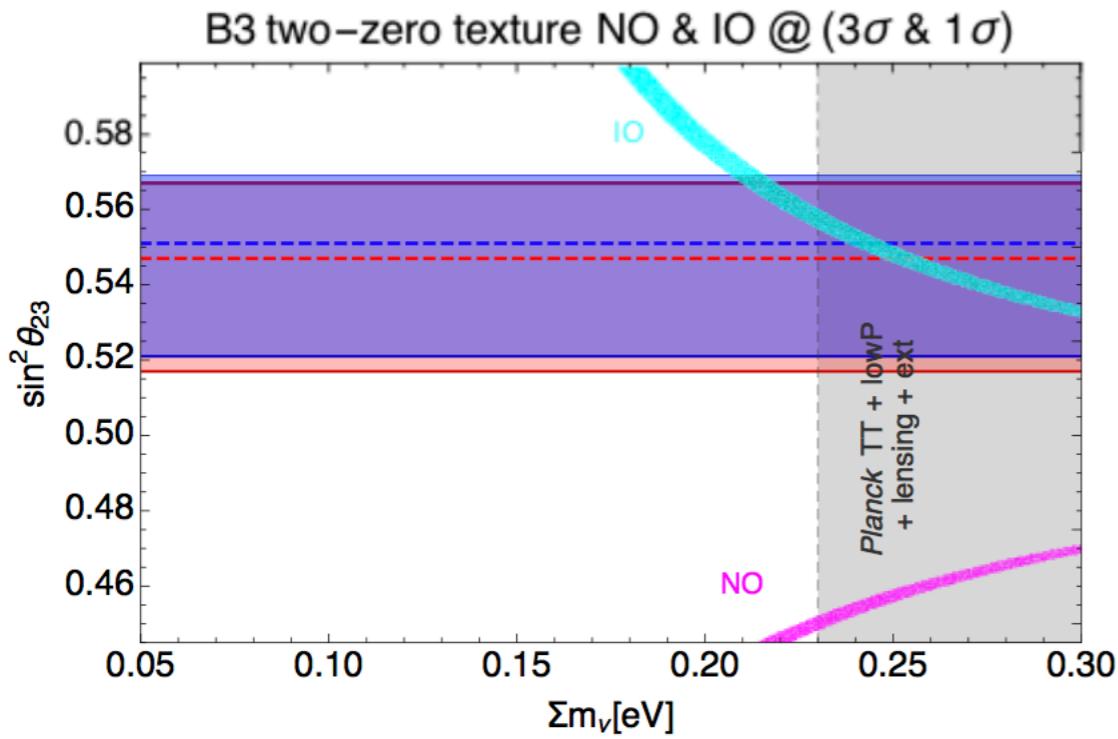
$$\langle \phi \rangle = (1, 0, 0) \quad A_4 \longrightarrow Z_2$$

Two zero-texture B3

$$m_\nu^{(A)} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ b & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Frampton, Glashow ,Marfatia
 Merle, Rodejohan
 Xing, Fritsch
 Ludl, Morisi, Peinado
 Meroni, Meloni, Peinado
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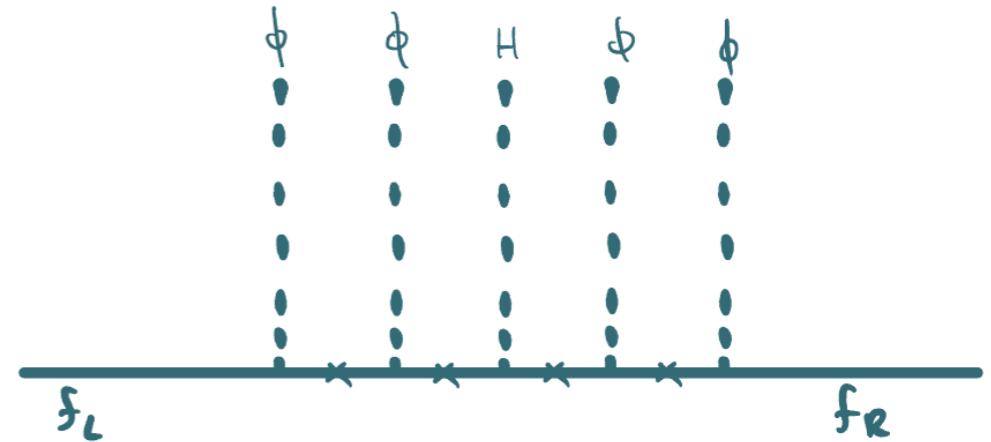
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ν mass hierarchy

Charged fermions hierarchy

Froggatt, Nielsen (1979)

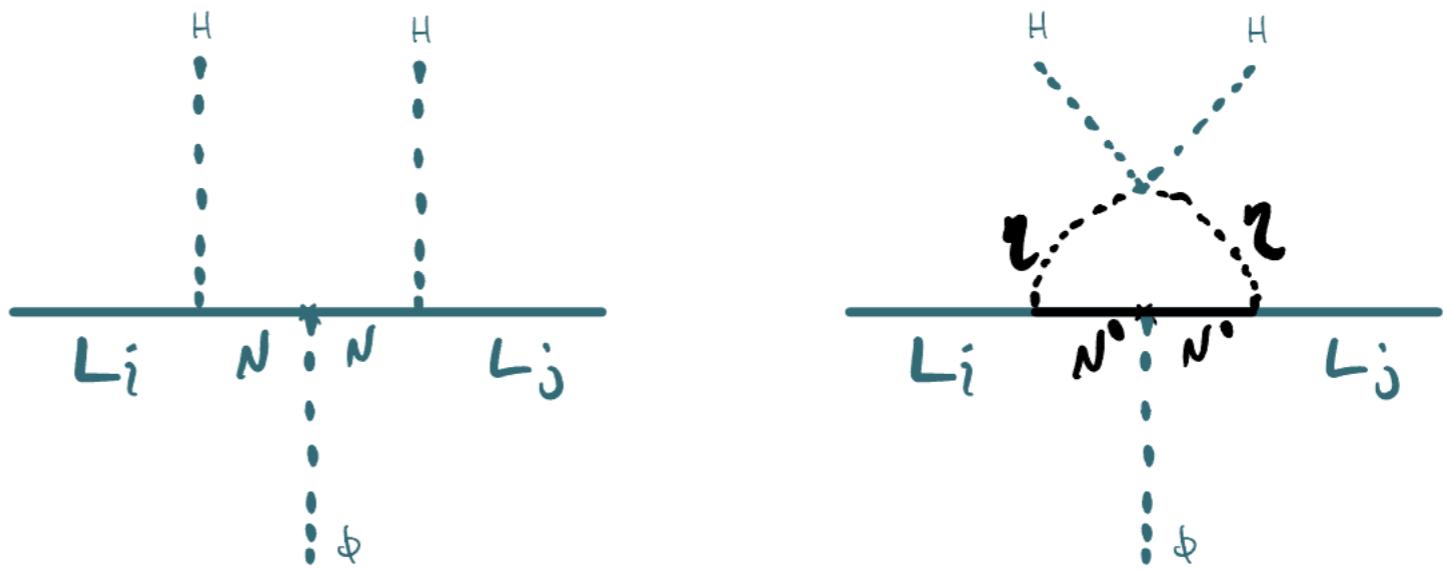


One mechanism for each scale

Ivanov (2018)

Rojas, Srivastava, Valle (2019)

Aranda, Bonilla, EP (2019)



Rank-1 matrices

Minimal A4

	L_e	L_μ	L_τ	l_e	l_μ	l_τ	N_T	H	η
$SU(2)$	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
$U(1)_Y$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	-1	-1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
A_4	$1''$	1	$1'$	$1''$	1	$1'$	3	1	3

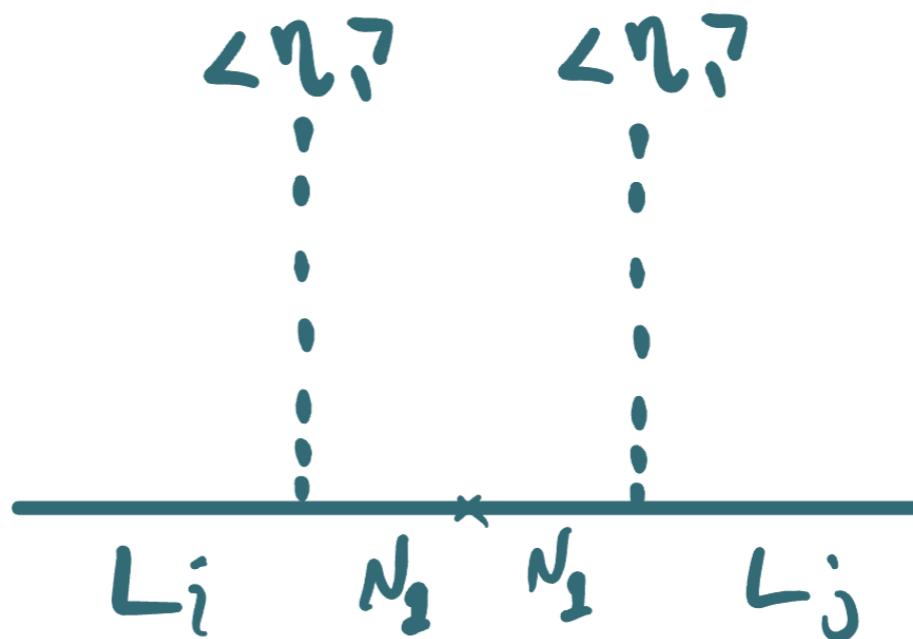
Bonilla, Herms, Medina, EP (2023)

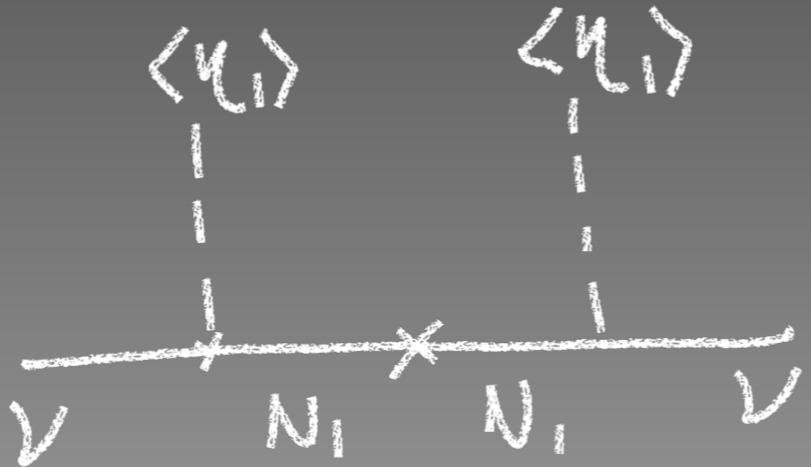
$$A_4 \xrightarrow{\quad} Z_2$$

$$\langle \eta^0 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_{\eta_1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Only N_1 is active

Rank-1 matrix





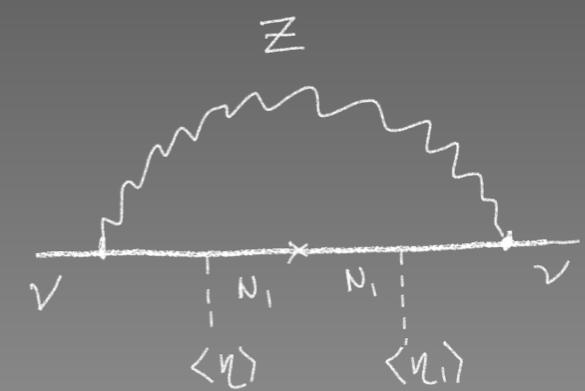
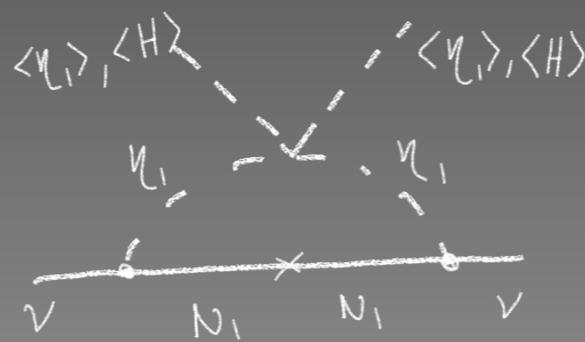
$$\underline{M_\nu = \bar{M}_\nu}$$

$$m_\nu = m_\nu^{\text{tree}} + m_\nu^{\text{1-loop}}$$

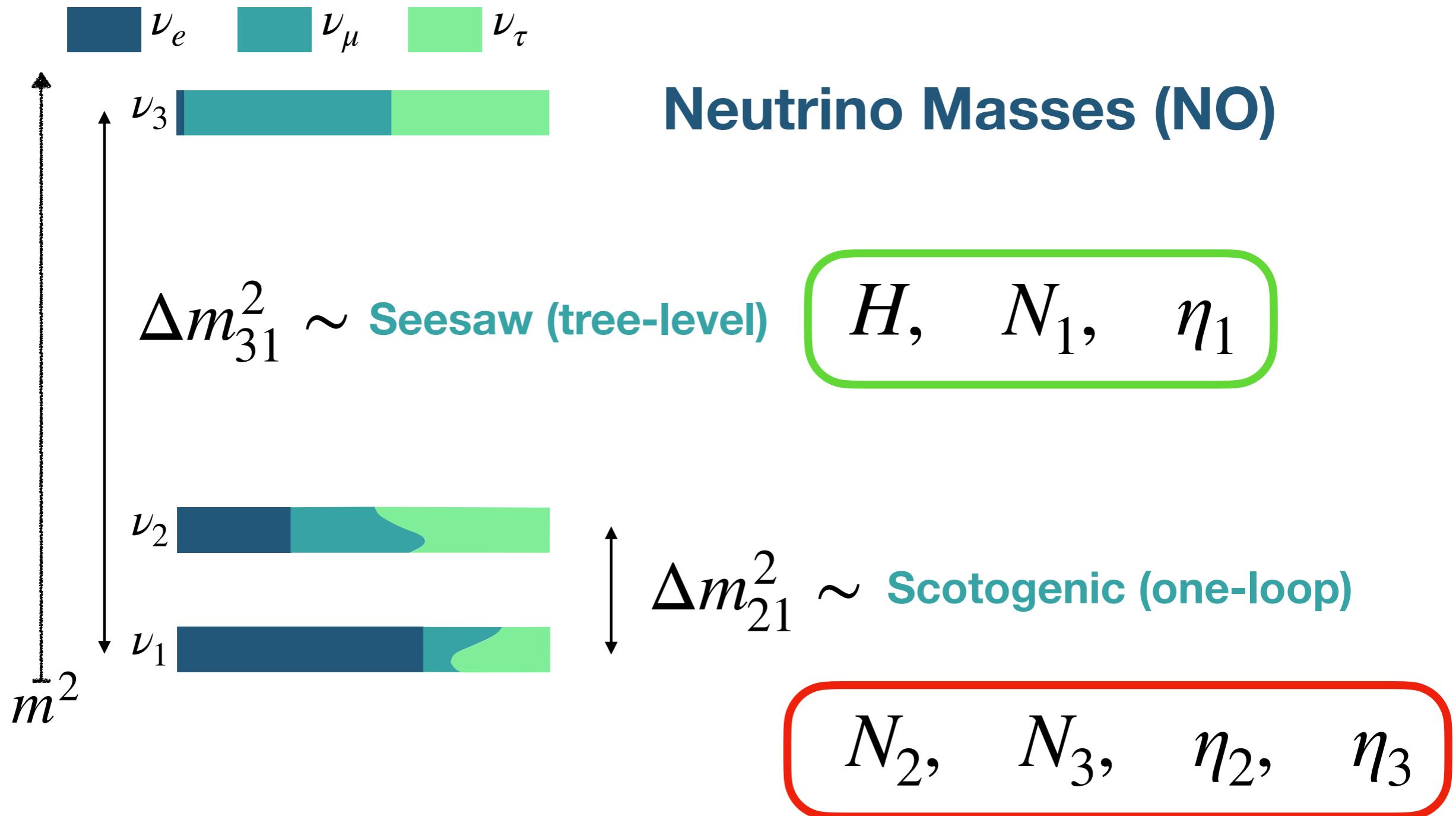


$$m_\nu^{\text{atm}} = m_\nu^{\text{tree}}$$

$$m_\nu^{\text{sol}} = m_\nu^{\text{1-loop}}$$



The same Yukawa couplings



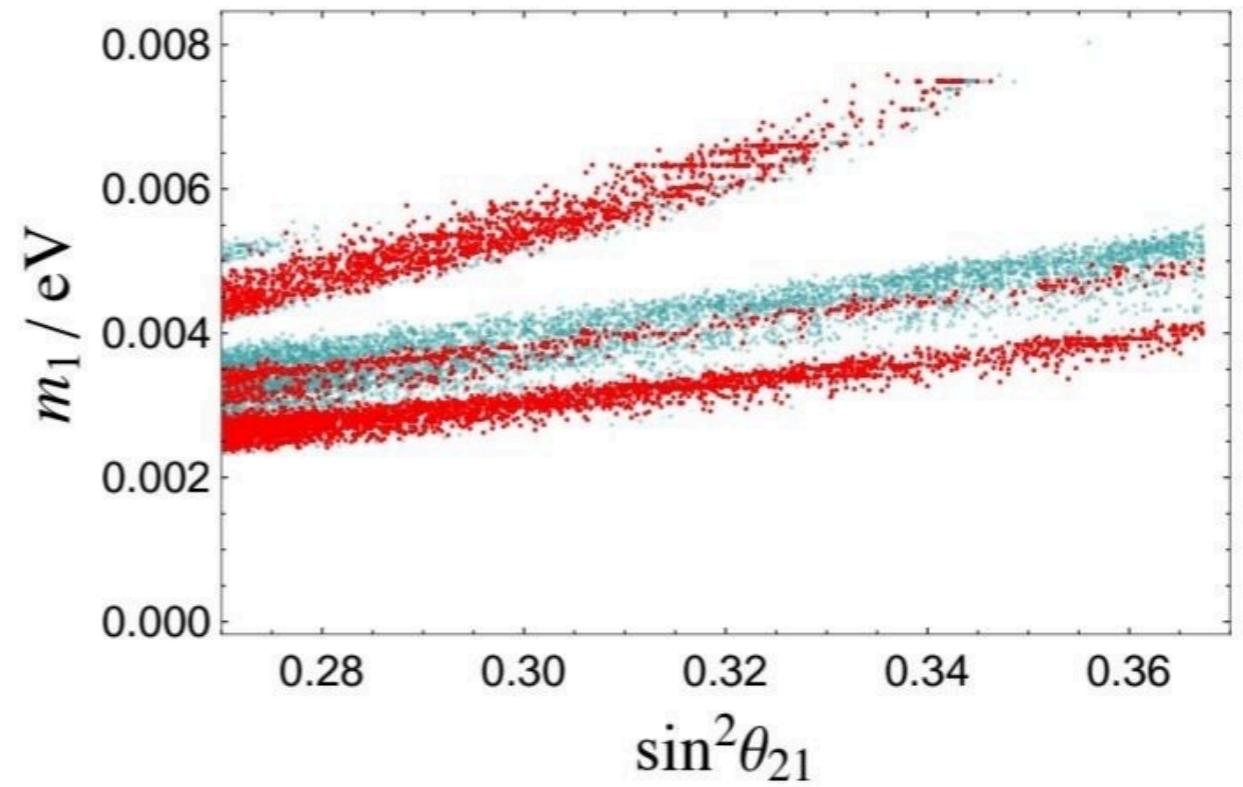
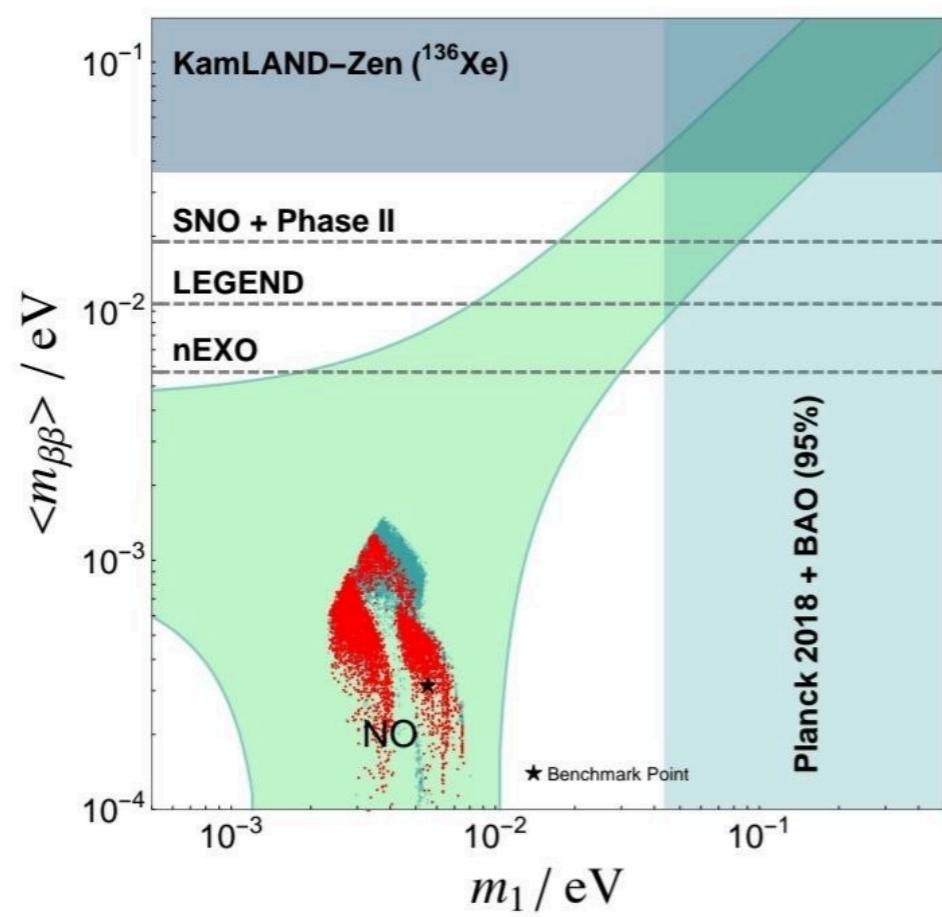
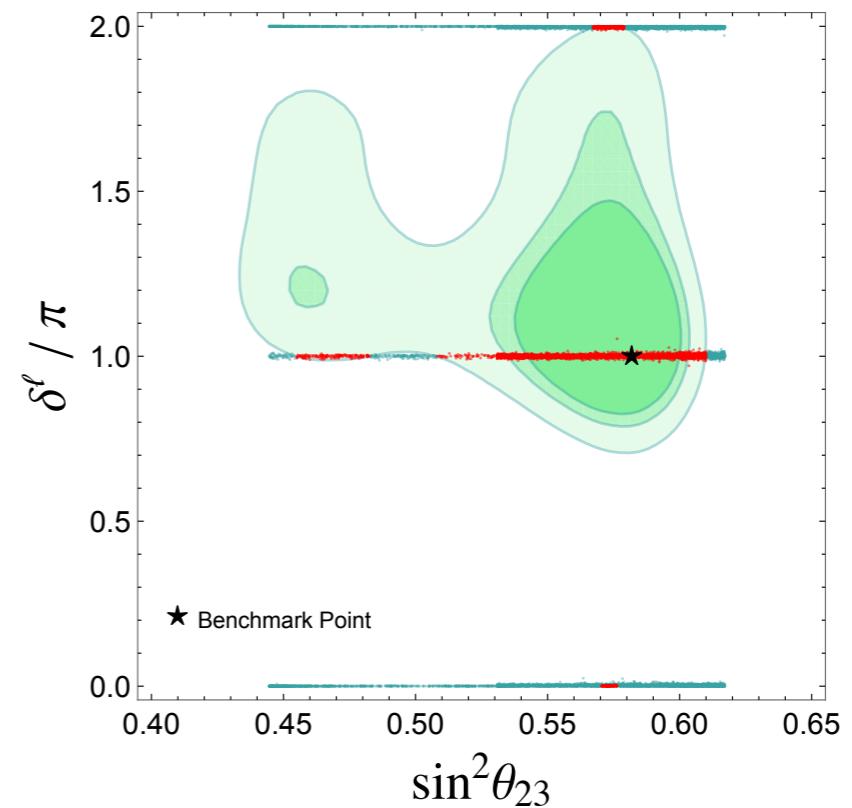
CP-violation in the scalar sector is necessary to fit lepton mixing

$$M_{\text{neutral}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} M_{H'_0 H'_1}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{A'_0 A'_1}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{H'_2 H'_3}^2 & M_{\text{CPV}}^2 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{\text{CPV}}^2 & M_{A'_2 A'_3}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12}^l \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23}^l \quad \delta^{CP}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \quad \Delta m_{31}^2$$

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Conclusions

- The minimal DDM model naturally explains DM stability and explain the hierarchy in the neutrino sector
- The Higgs potential needs to violate CP
- The model is severely constrain and can be ruled out soon