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# LVN AND LFV SEMILEPTONIC DECAYS FROM INTERFERING MAJORANA NEUTRINOS

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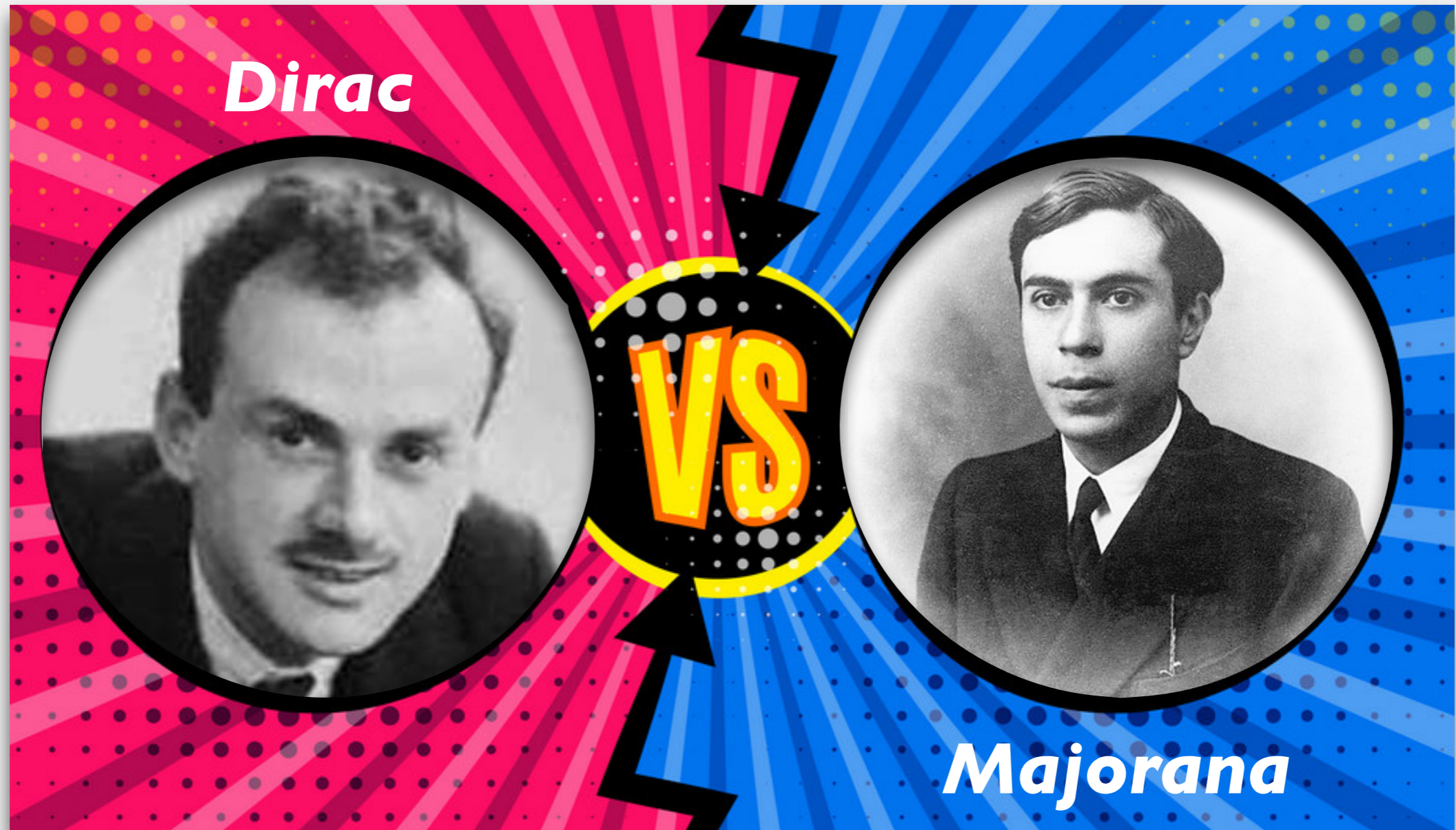
# Why neutrinos?



# Present knowns&unknown

$\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$	✓	[ 34°, 50°, 8° ]
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	✓	[ 10 <sup>-5</sup> eV <sup>2</sup> ]
$\Delta m_{31}^2$	± ✓	[ 10 <sup>-3</sup> eV <sup>2</sup> ]
$\delta_{CP}$	✗	
$\phi_1, \phi_2$	✗	
Mass ordering	✗	
Absolute mass scale	✗	
Neutrino nature	✗	

# Neutrino Nature



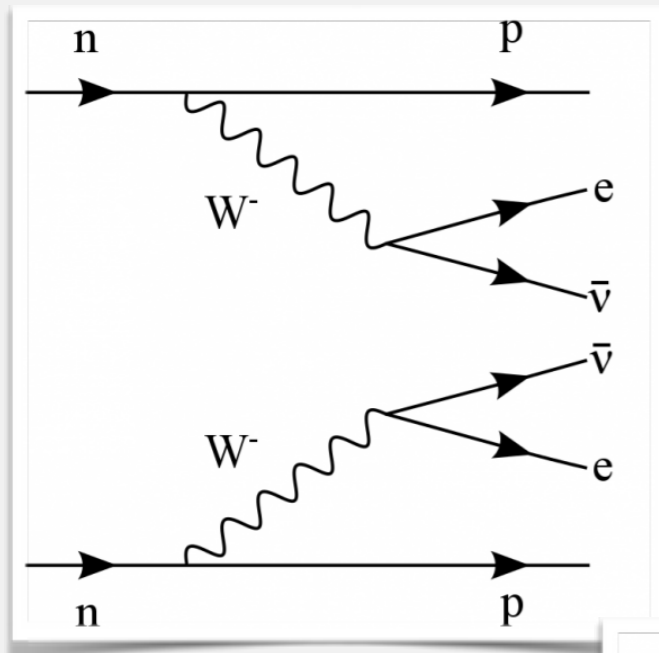
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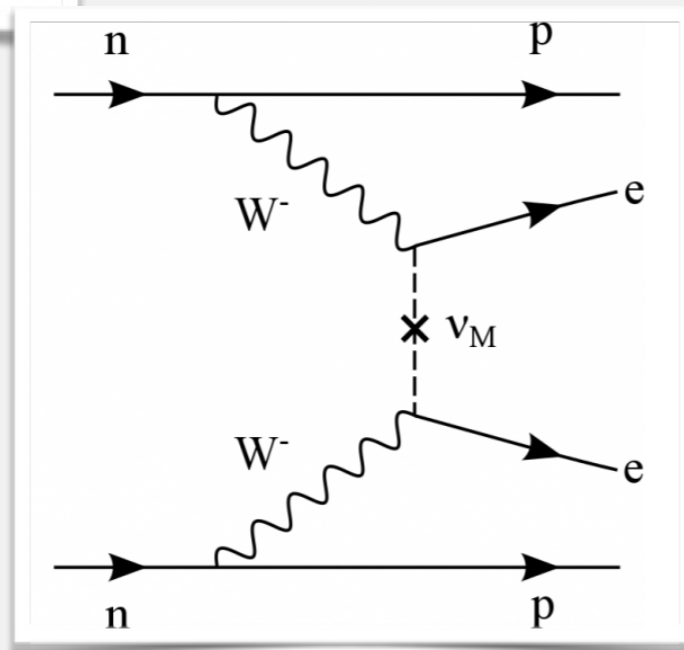
# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decays

► Learn about **neutrinos** looking for **no neutrinos**

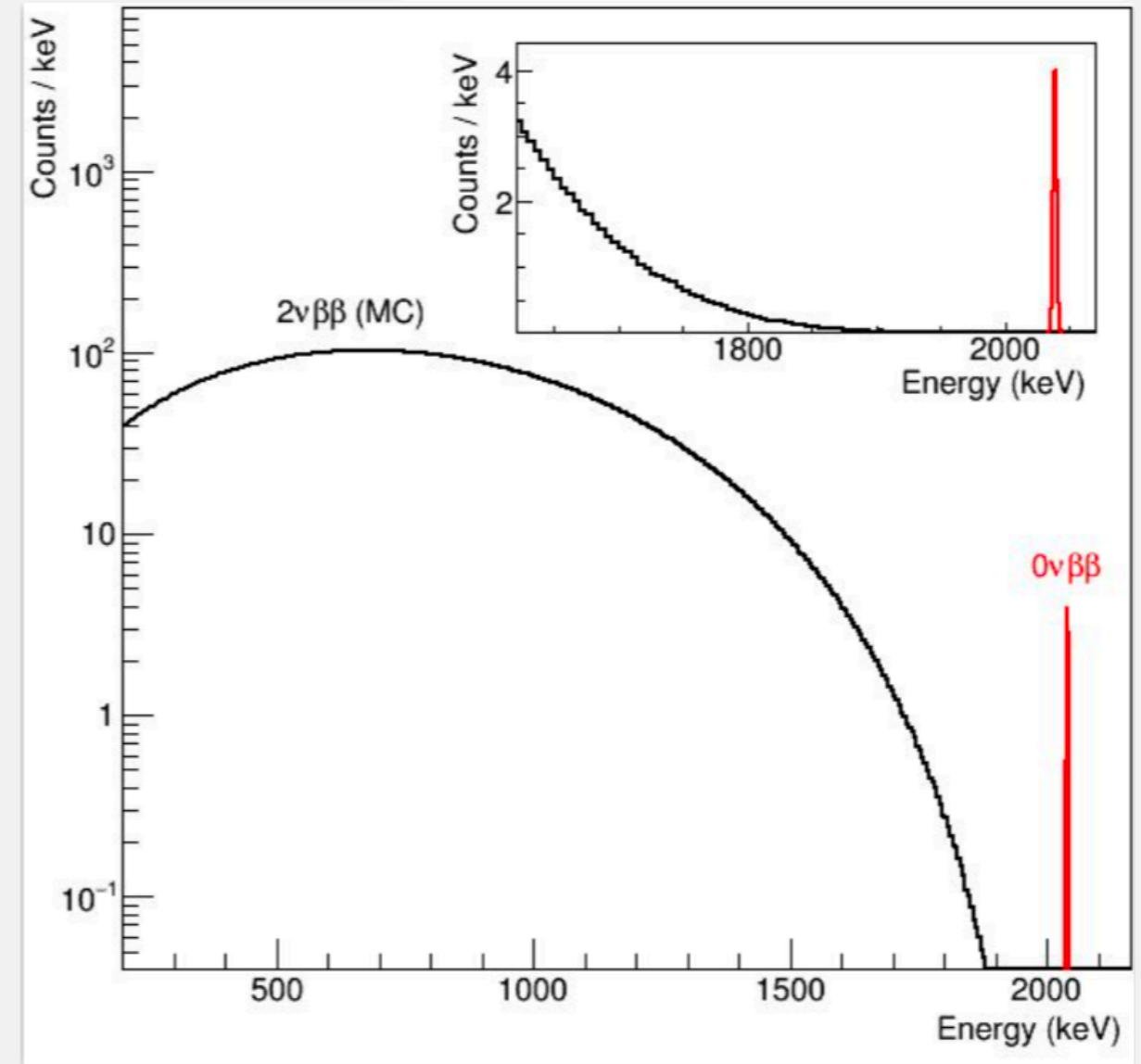
$$m_{ee} = \left| \sum_i m_i U_{ei} \right|^2$$



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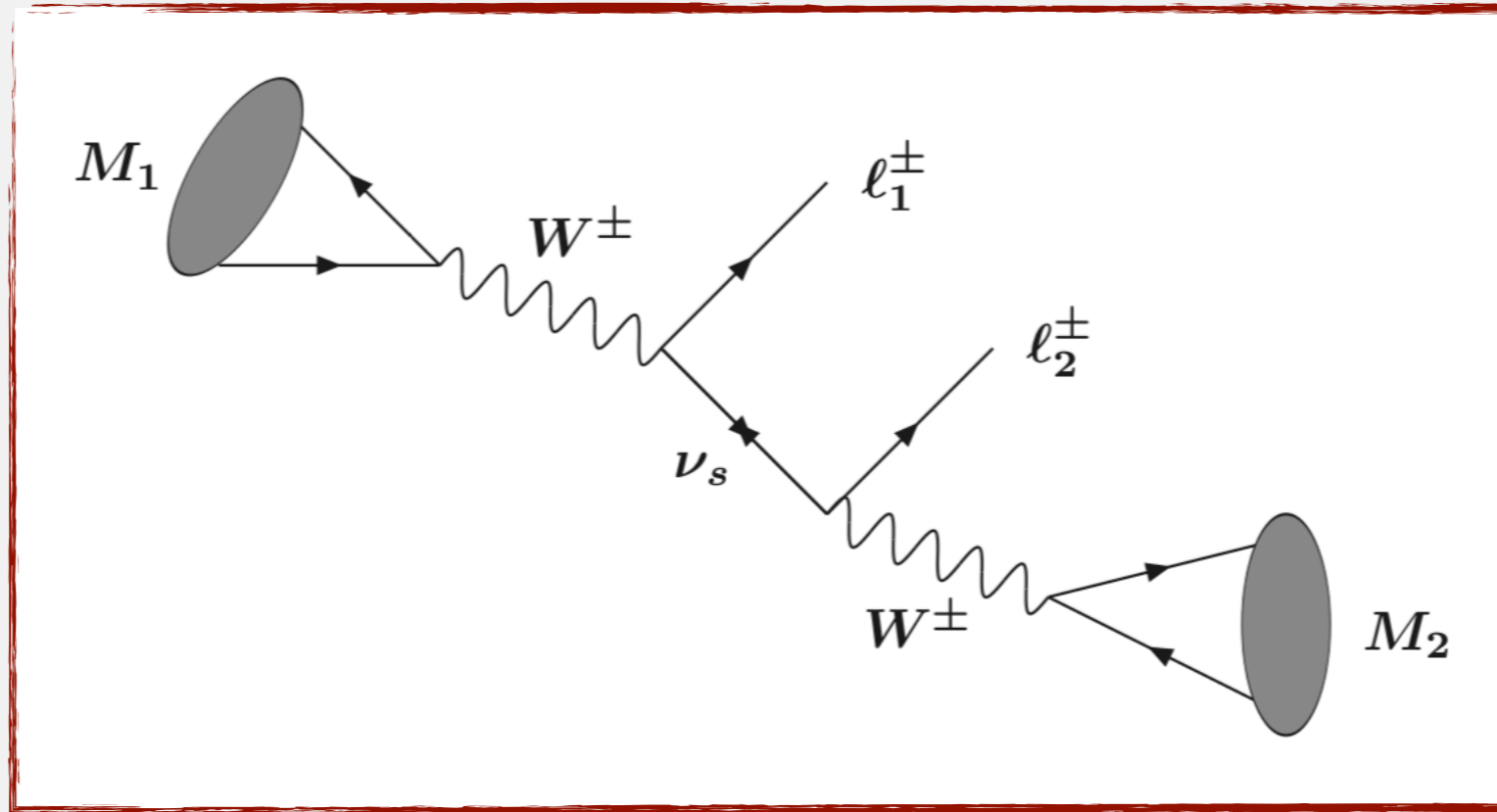


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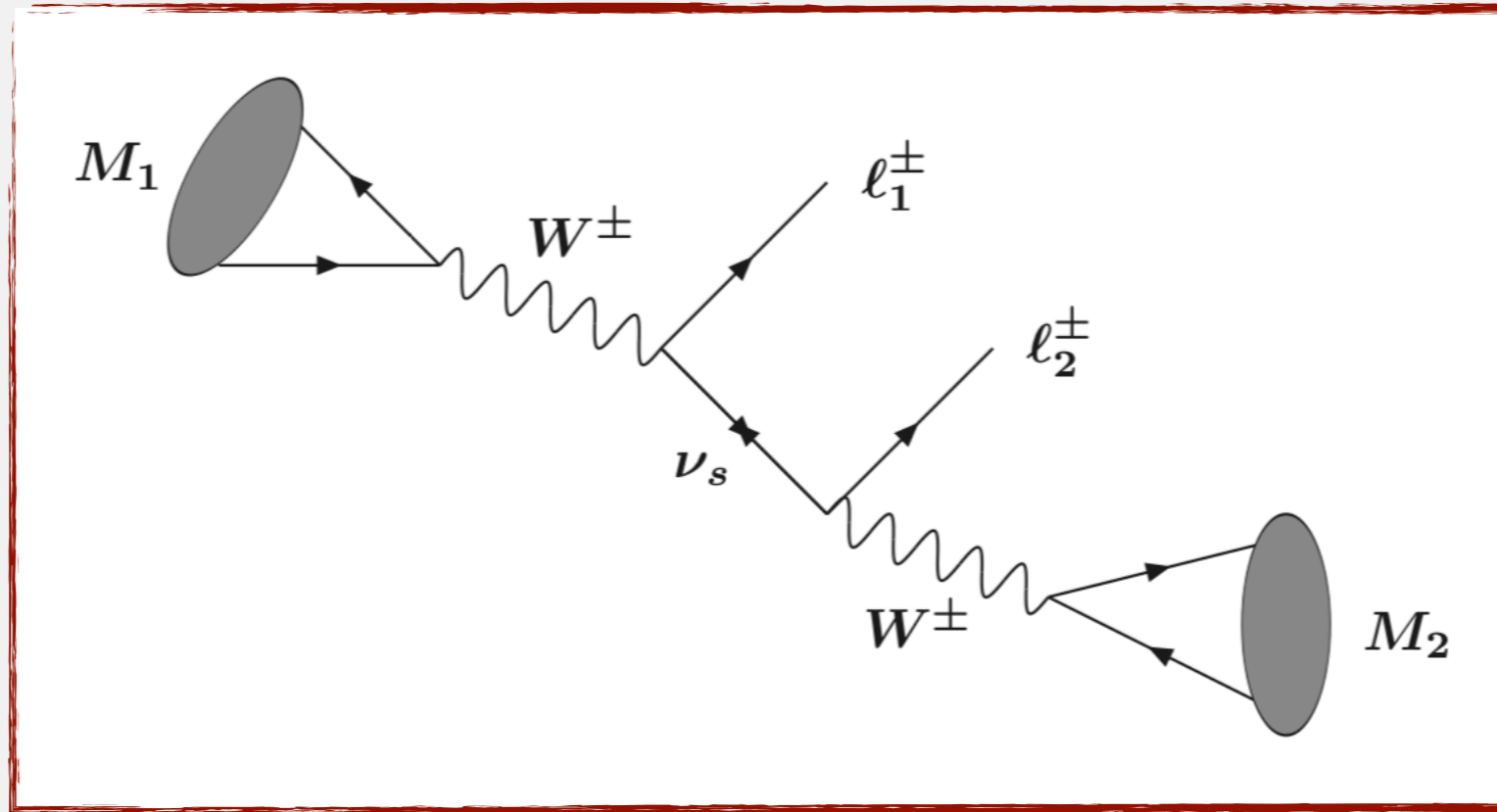


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**NEW!!!**  
**NA62 (2019)**

## **Neutrino mass models**

type-I, inverse, 'model independent' seesaws

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# Seesaw mechanism (type-I)

► Add right-handed neutrinos with **Dirac** and **Majorana** terms

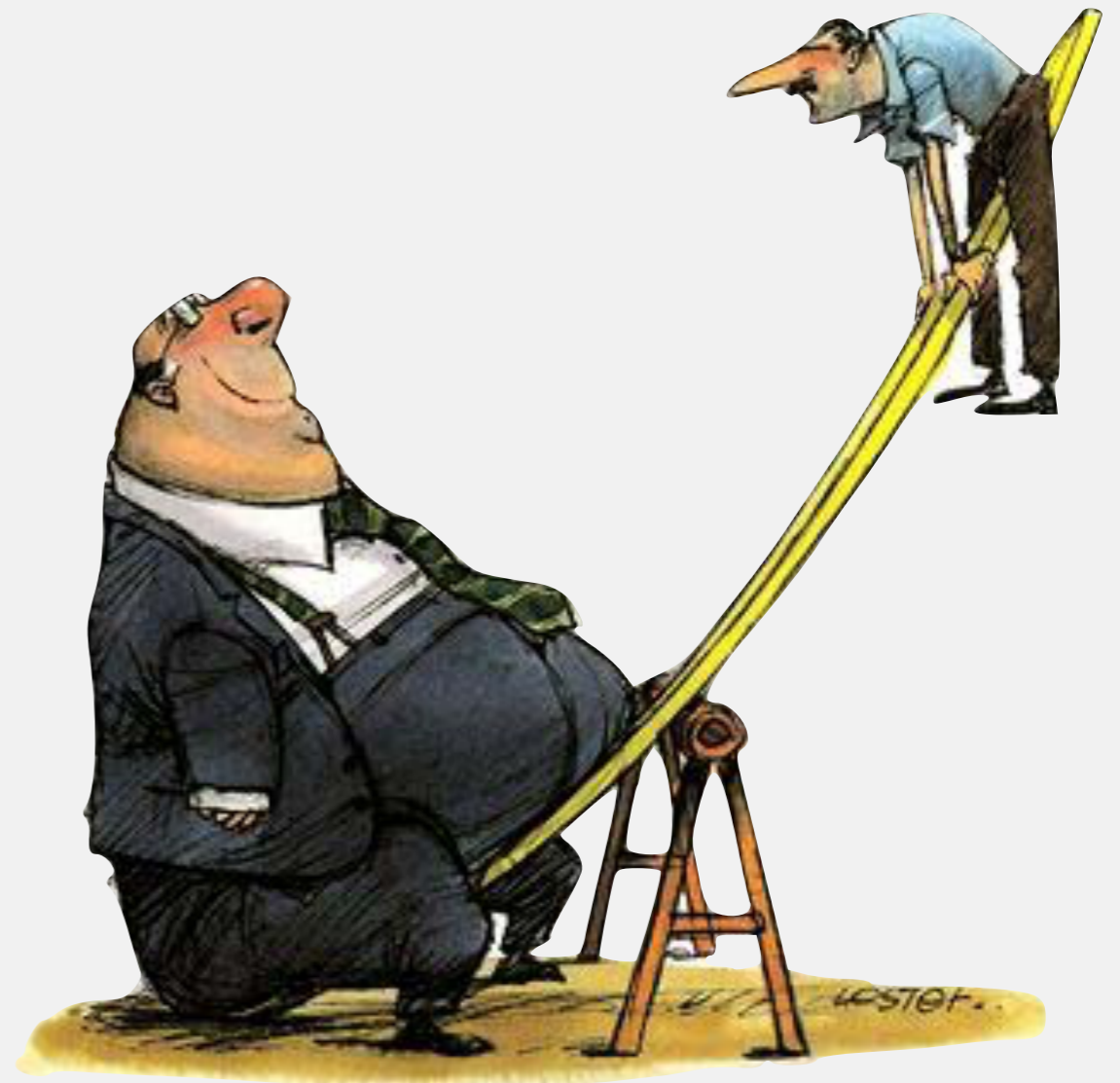
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{type-I}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + i\bar{\nu}_R \not{\partial} \nu_R - \left( Y_\nu \bar{L} \tilde{H} \nu_R + \frac{1}{2} M \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_R + h.c. \right)$$

► After the EW symmetry breaking

$$M_{\text{type I}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M \end{pmatrix}$$

↓

$$m_\nu \simeq \frac{m_D^2}{M} \quad m_N \simeq M$$



# Inverse seesaw model

- ▶ Add two type of neutrinos with almost conserved Lepton number symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ISS}} = -Y_D \bar{L} \tilde{H} \nu_R - M \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_s - \frac{1}{2} \mu \bar{\nu}_s^c \nu_s + h.c.$$

- ▶ Different spectrum: **quasi-degenerate** heavy neutrinos with **opposite CP**

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$$m_\nu \simeq \frac{m_D}{M} \mu$$

$$m_{N_1, N_2} \simeq \pm M + \mathcal{O}(\mu)$$



# Effective 3+N neutrino model

- ▶ In each kind of seesaw model, different relations between the parameters to explain light neutrino masses

In the physical basis translates to related masses and mixings

Bottom-up approach



$$\text{SM}_{m_\nu} + N$$

- ▶ Seesaw particle content, but no seesaw assumptions

Take the mass as a free parameter

Take the mixings as free parameters



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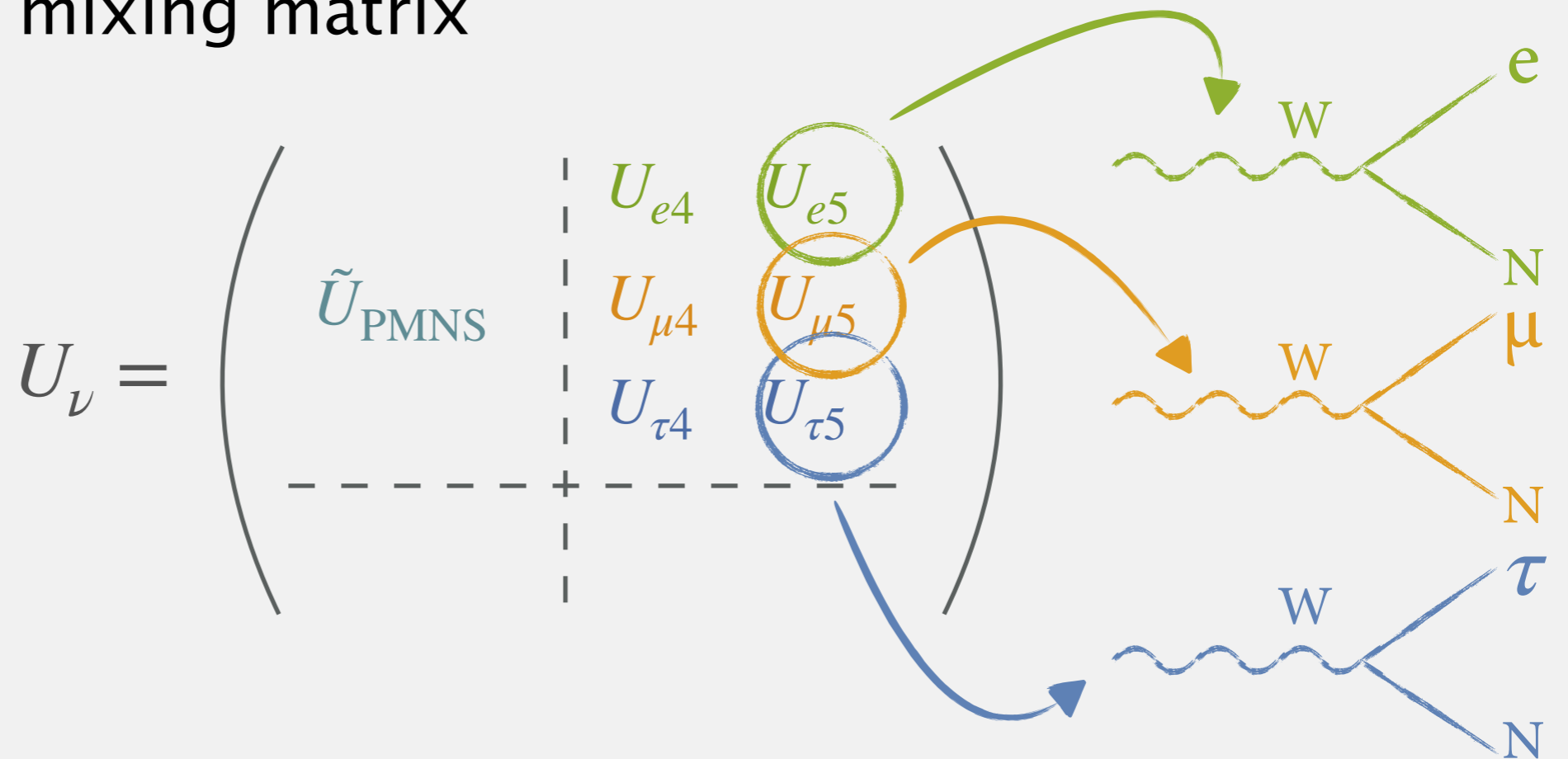
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$$U_\nu = \left( \begin{array}{c|cc} \tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}} & U_{e4} & U_{e5} \\ \hline & U_{\mu 4} & U_{\mu 5} \\ & U_{\tau 4} & U_{\tau 5} \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right)$$

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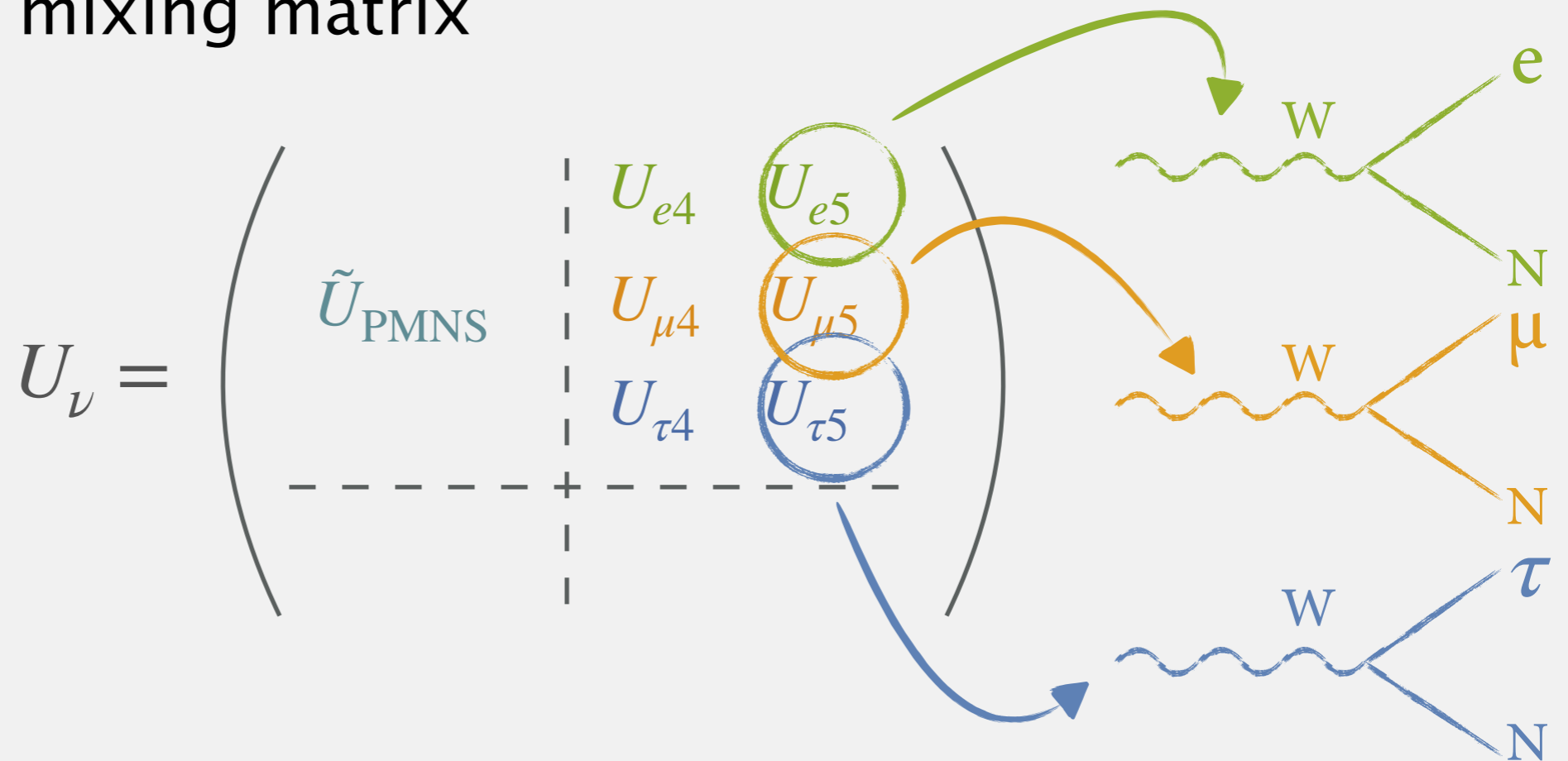




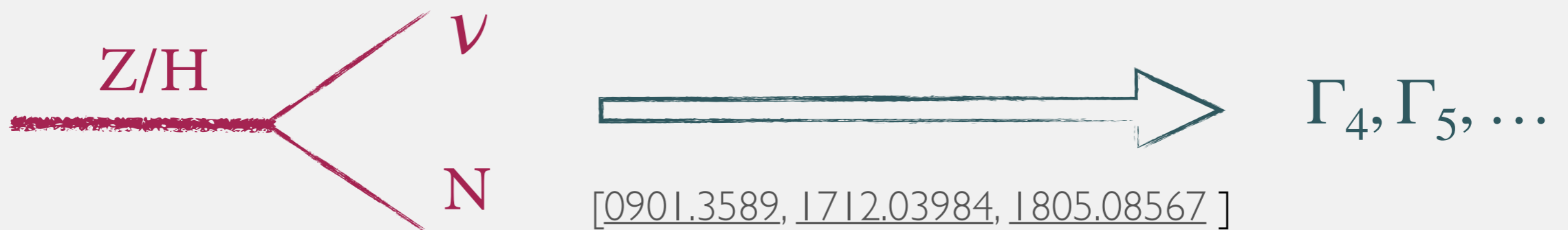
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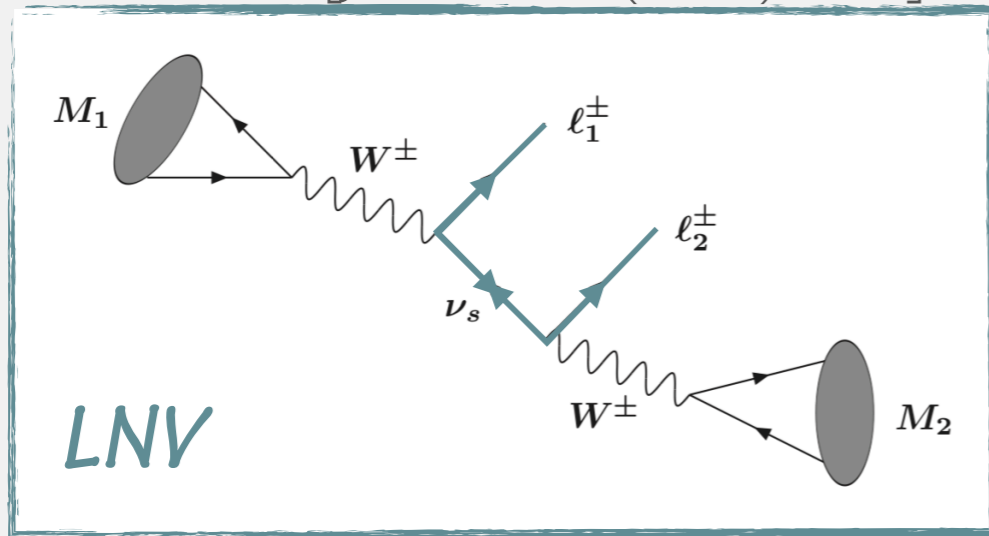
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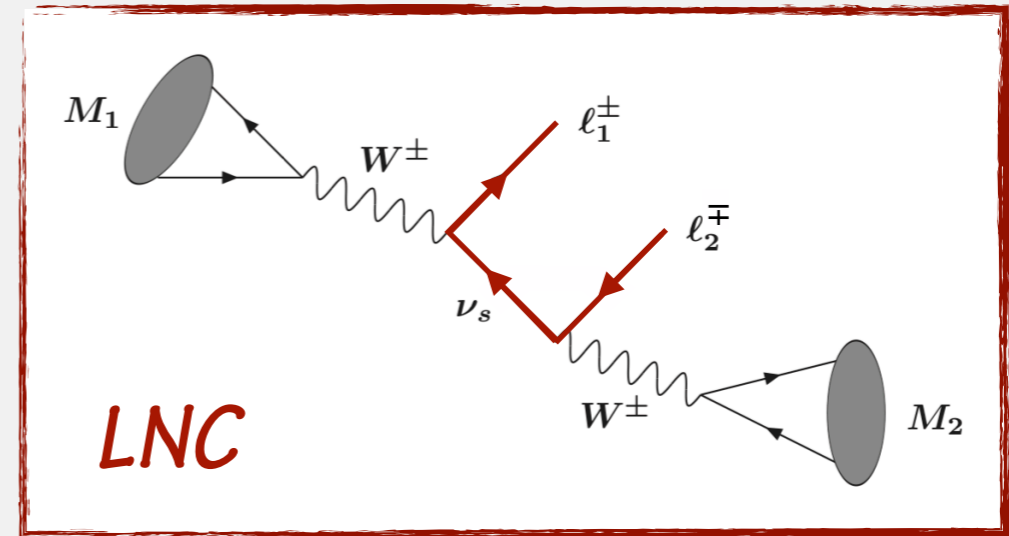
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Abada et al. [JHEP 1802 (2018) 169 ]



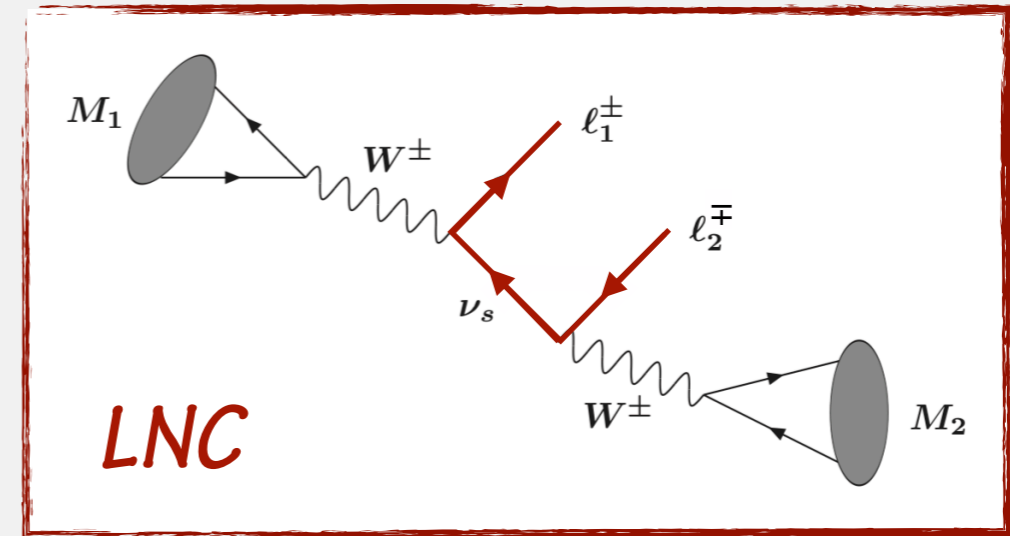
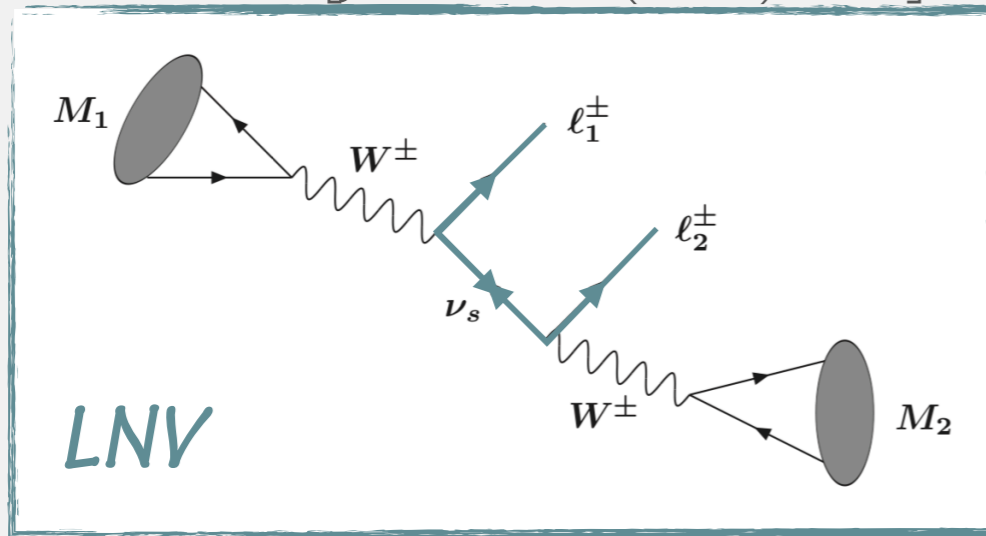
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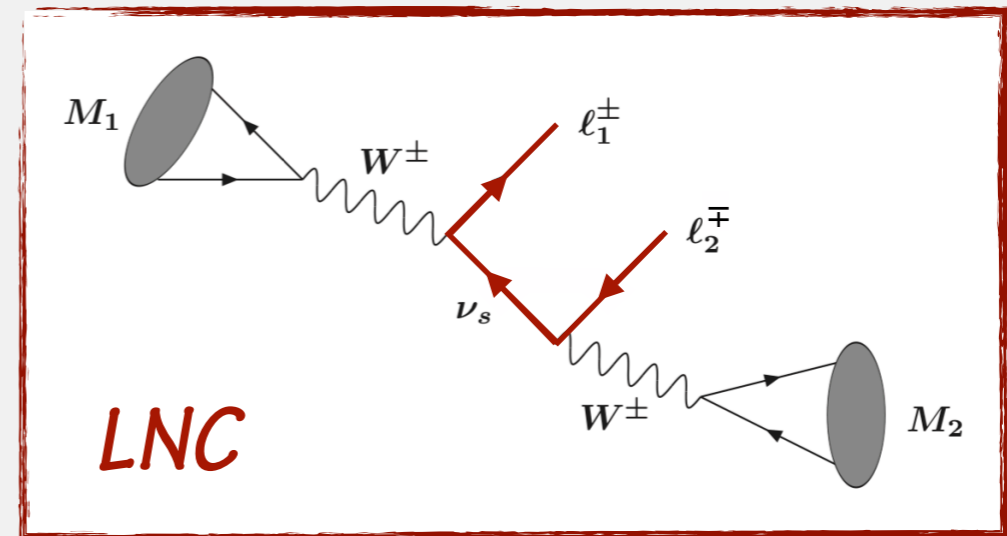
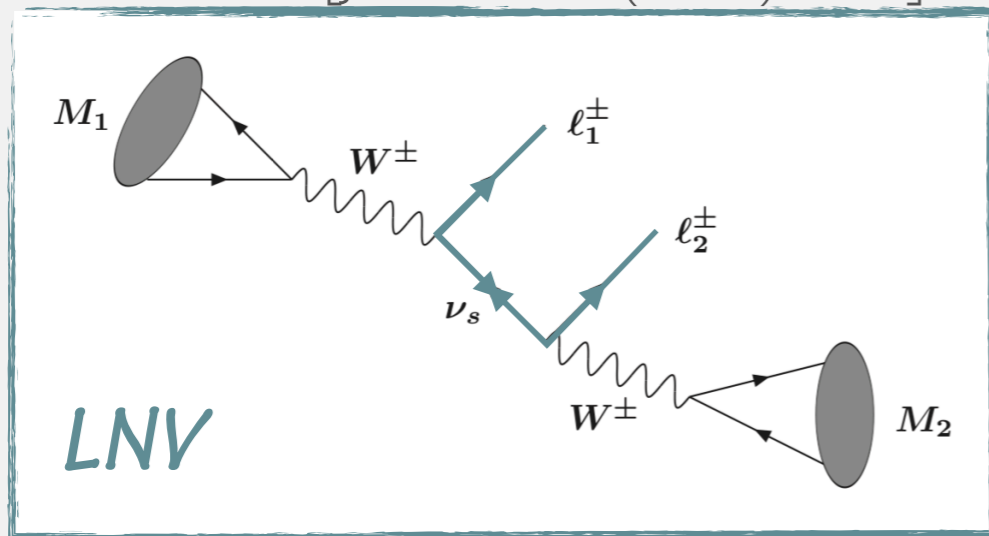
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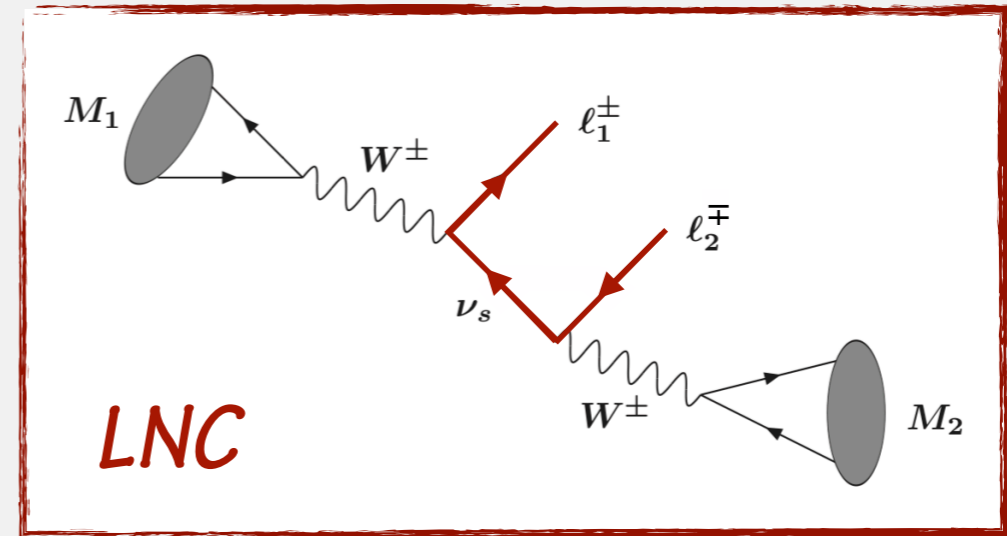
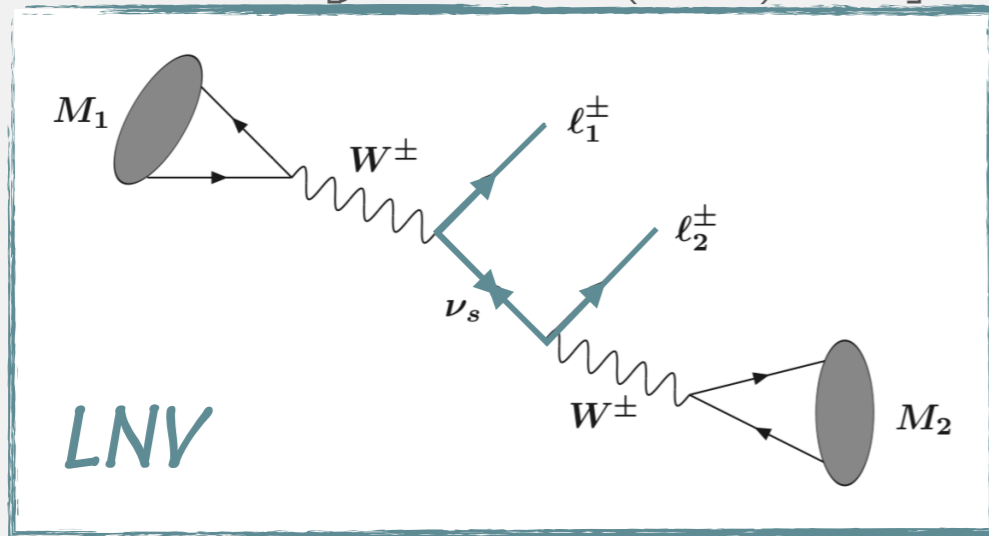
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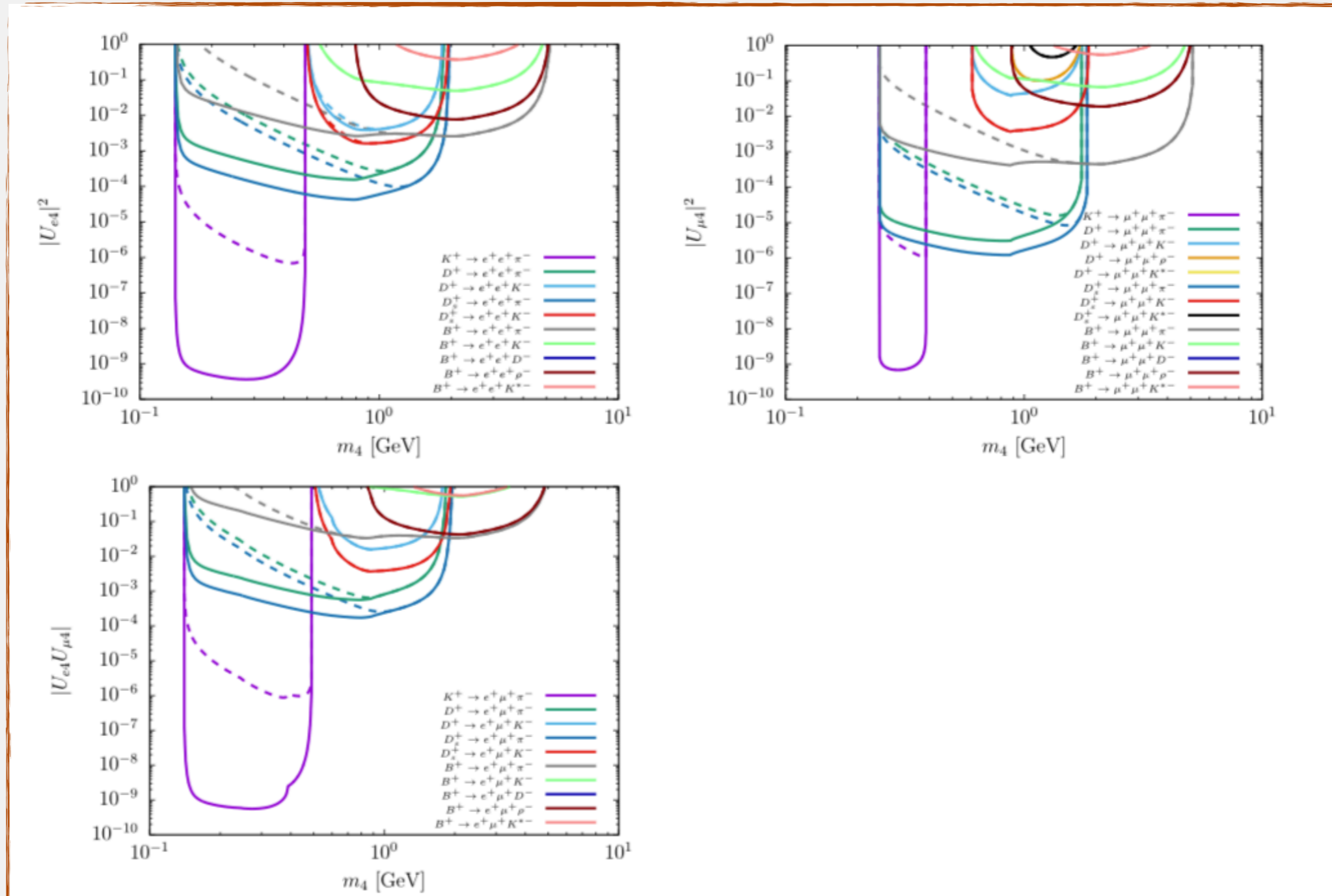
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# Bounds on the one Neutrino case

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► Notation:

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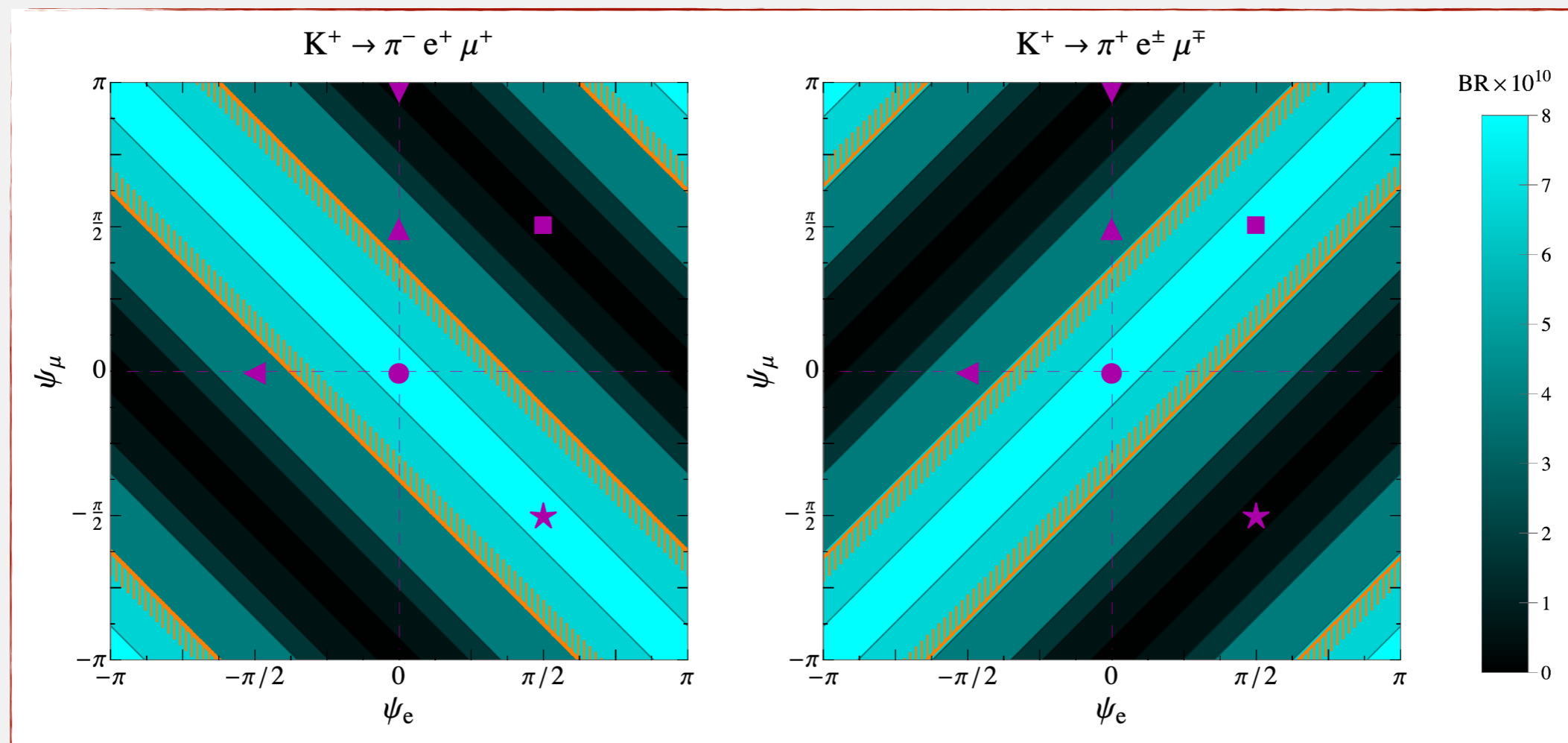
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 **relative phases for each flavor**

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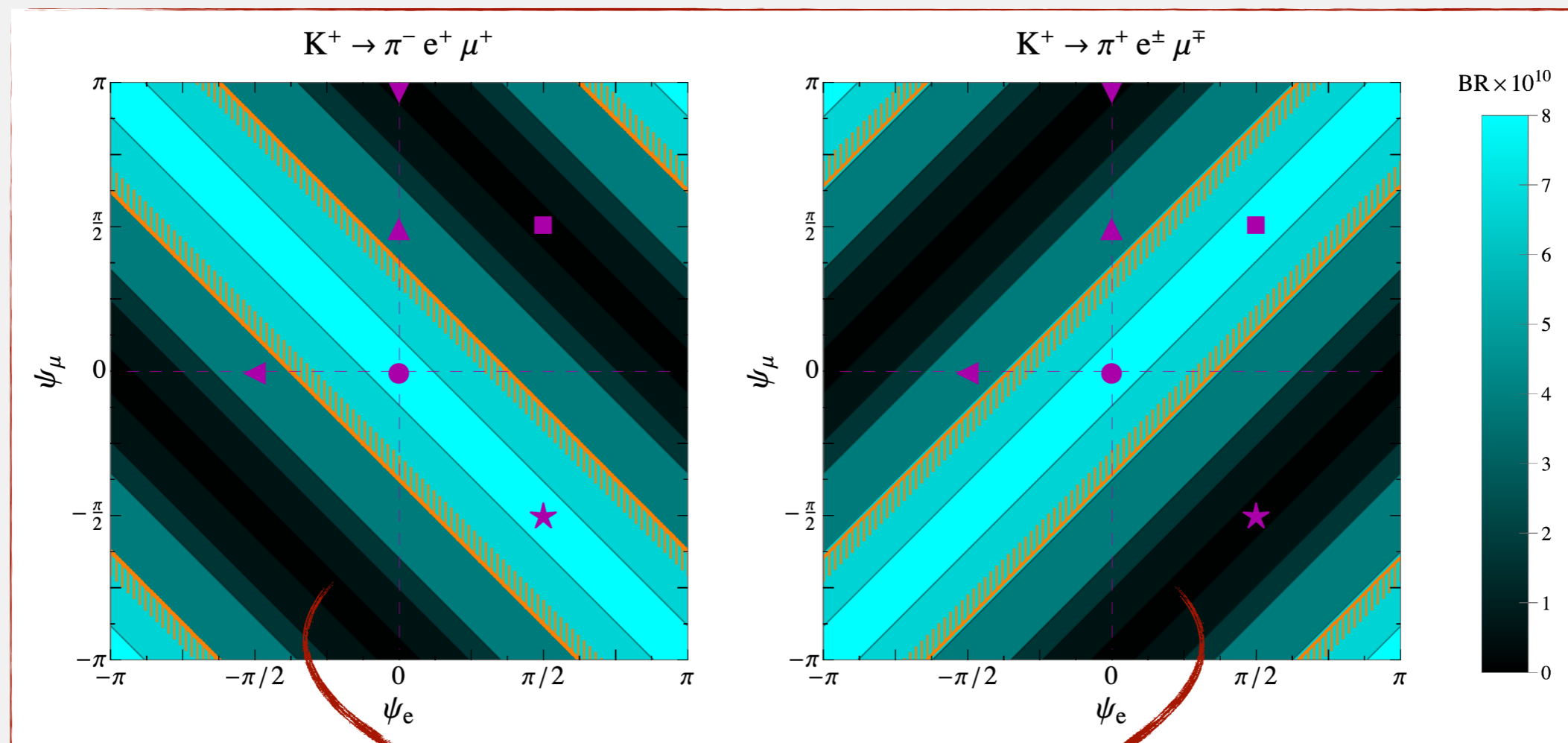
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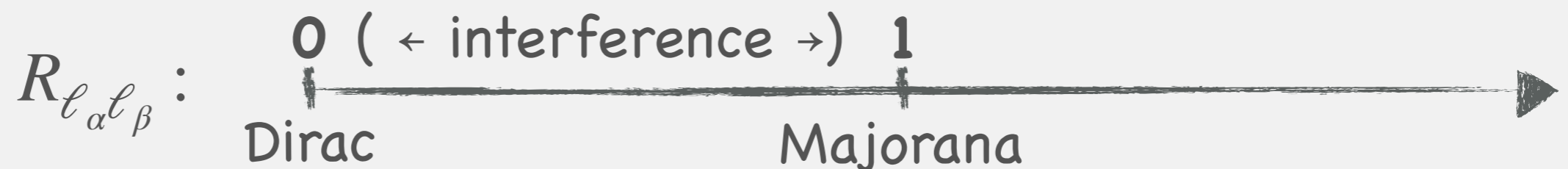
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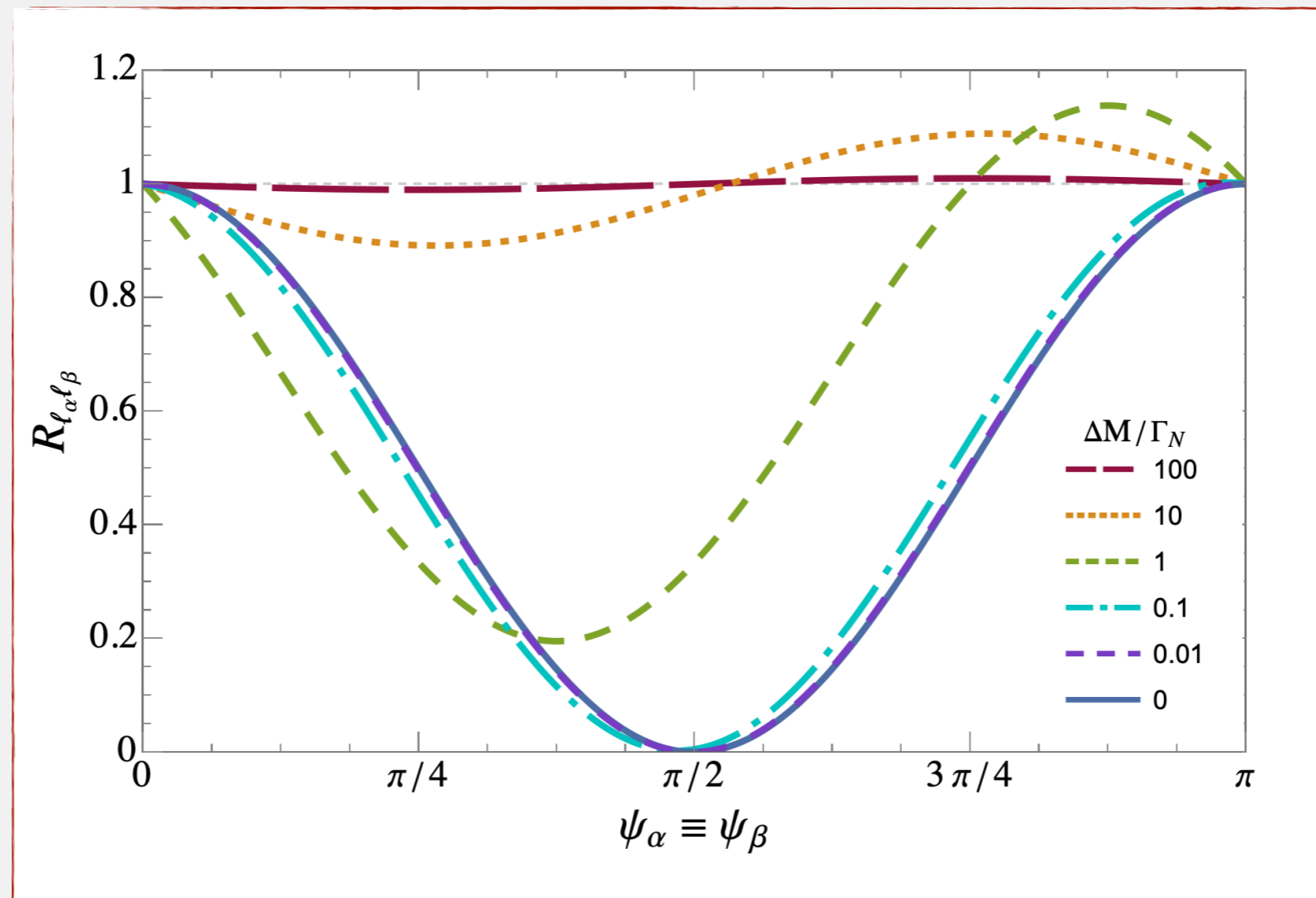
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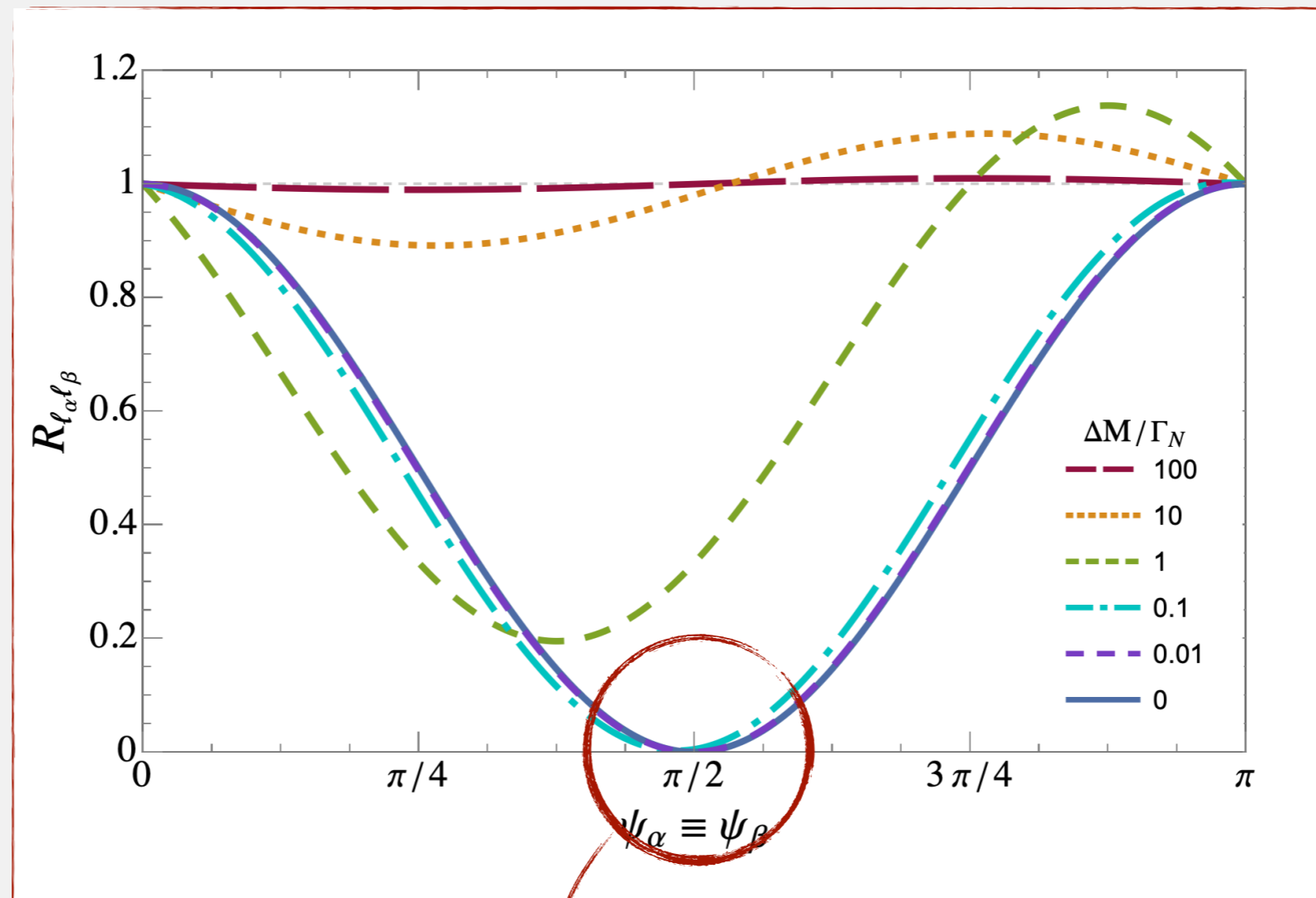
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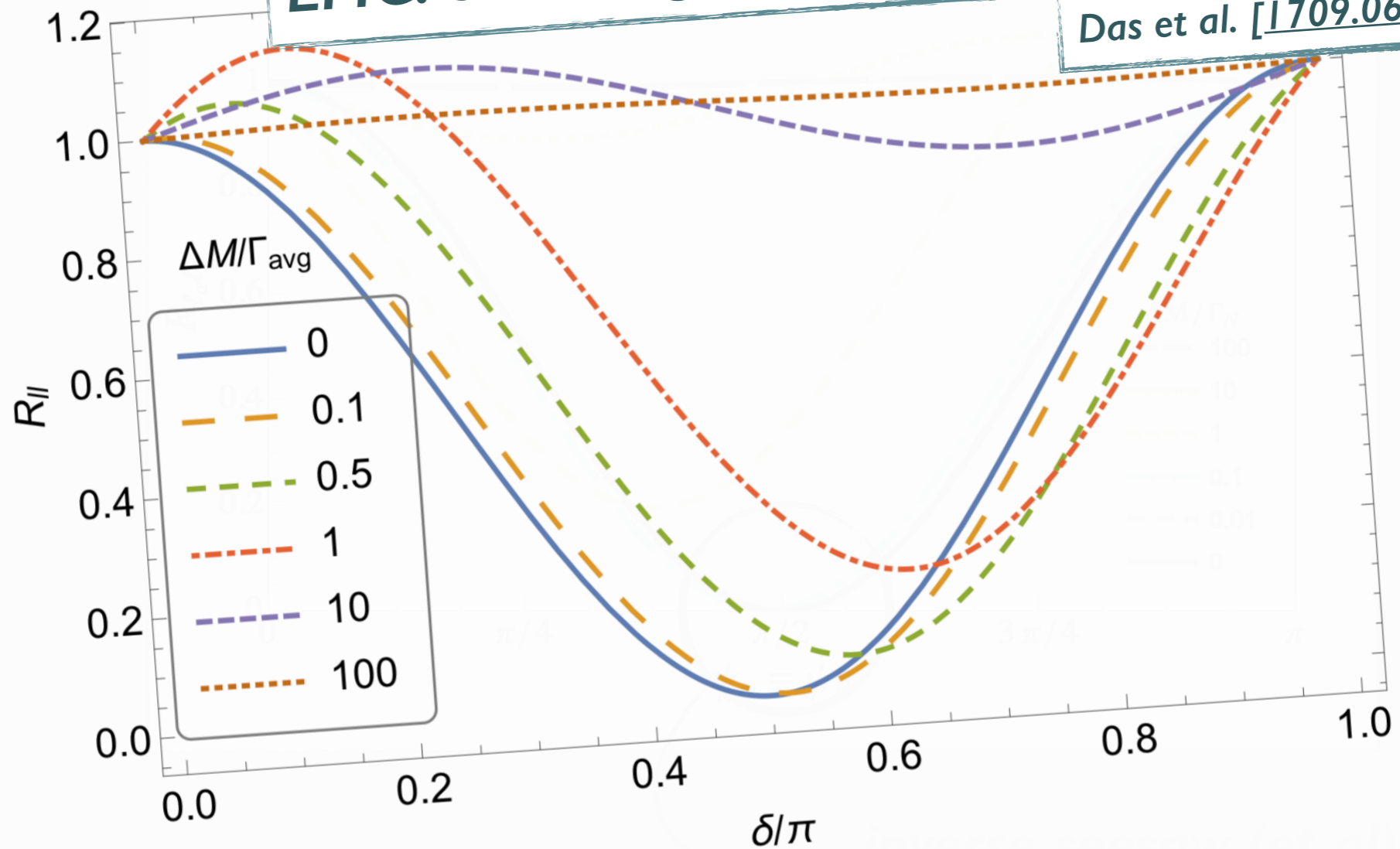
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**LHC: same-sign vs opposite-sign dileptons**

Das et al. [[1709.06553](#)]

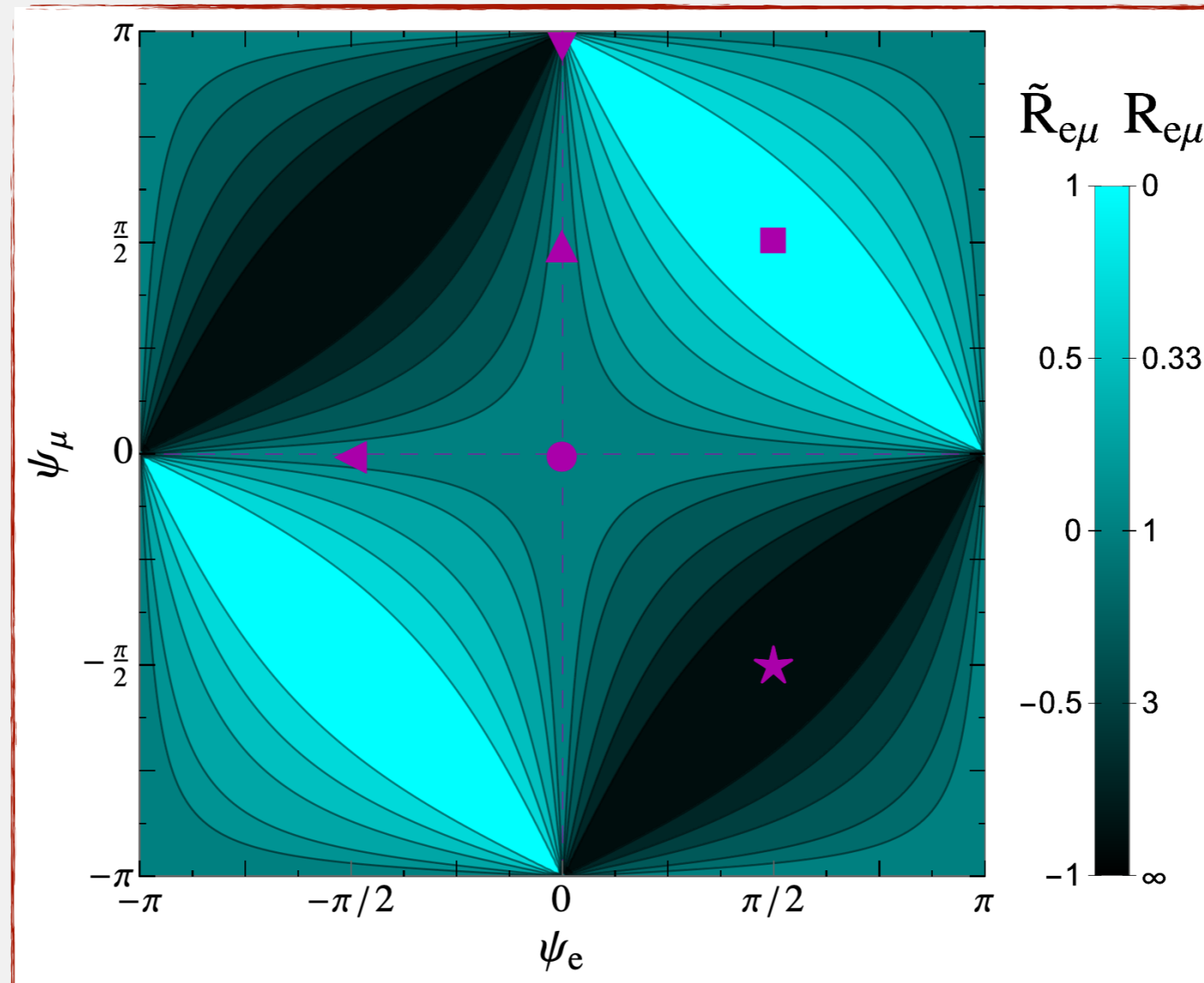


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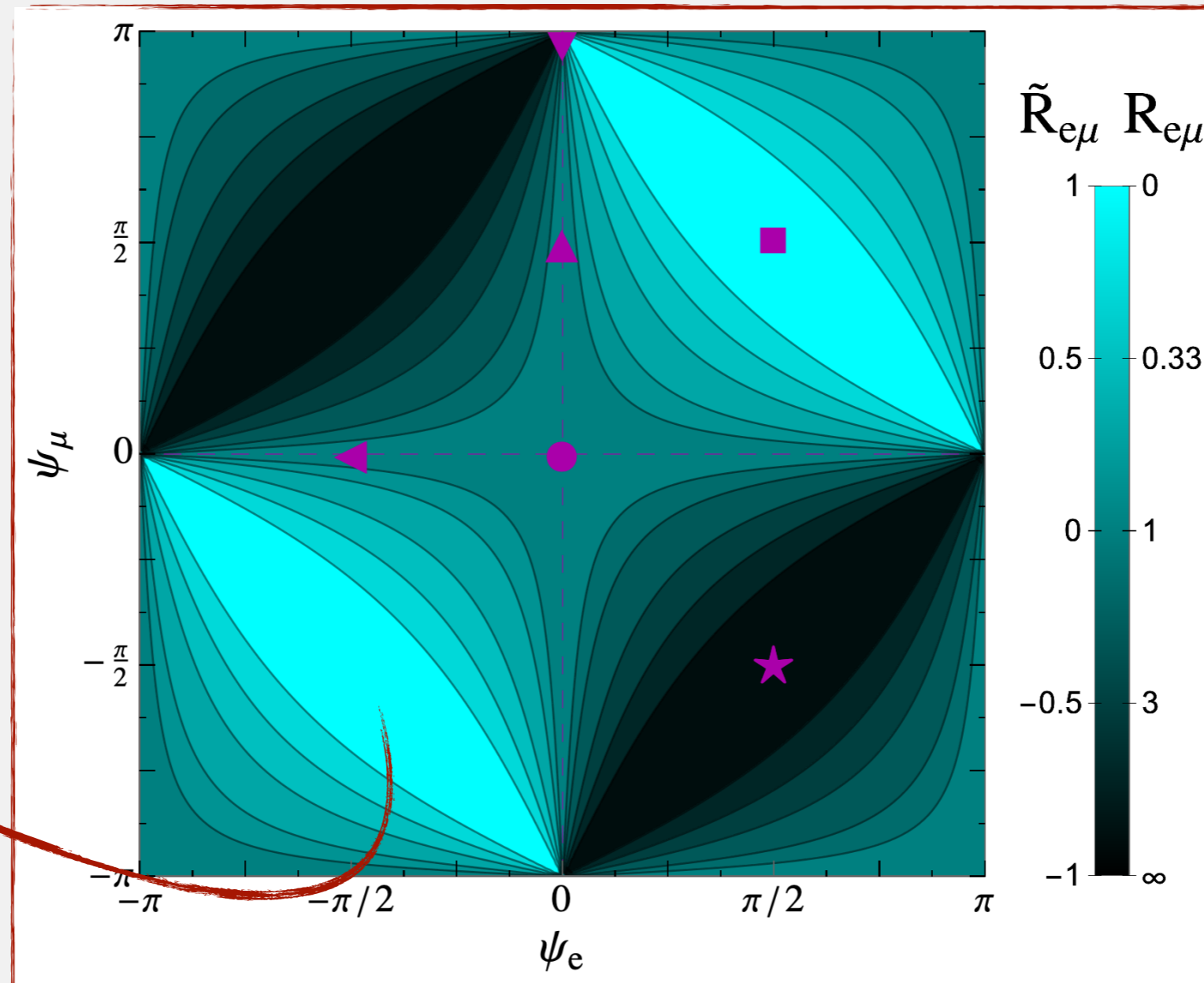
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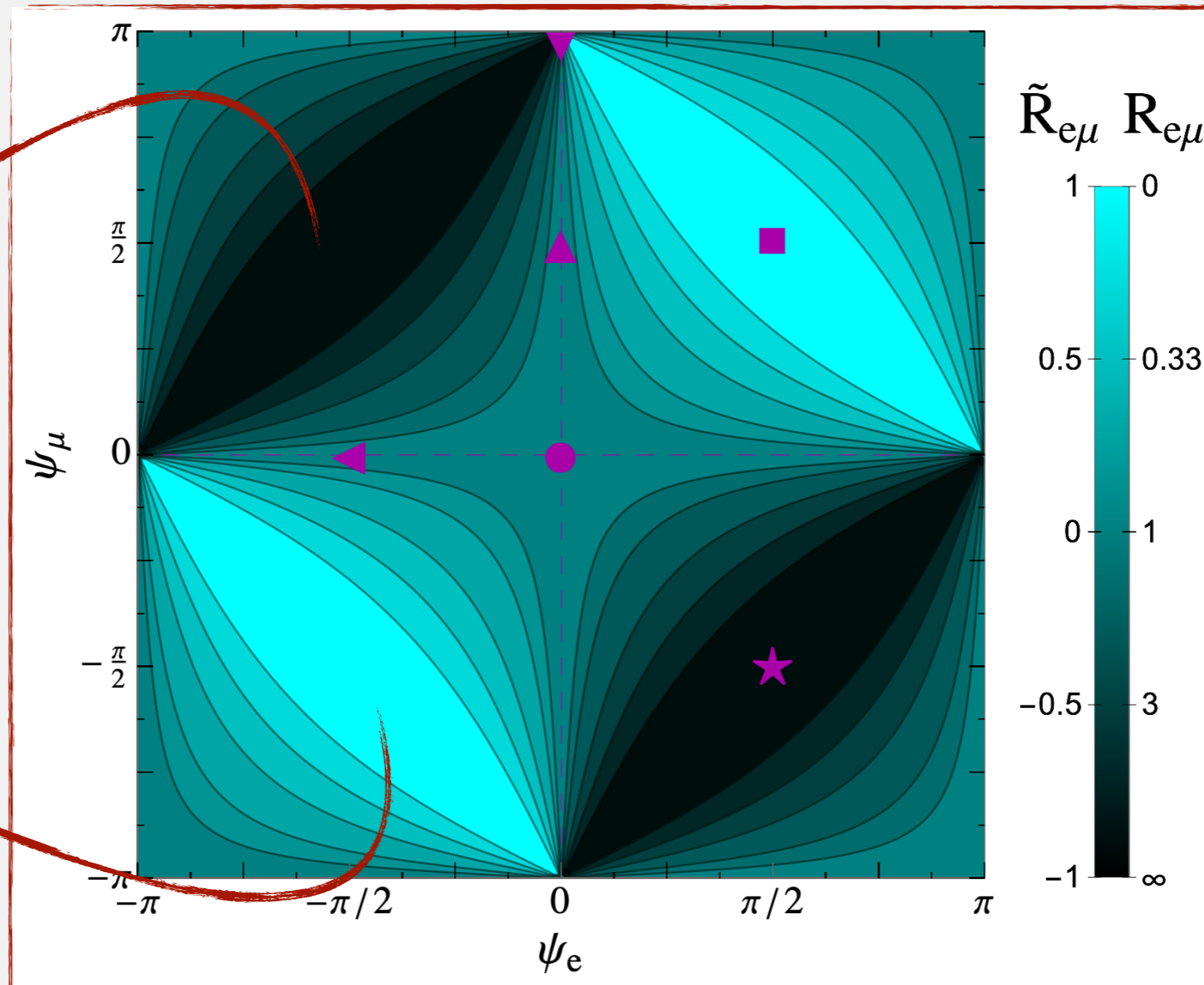
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# Learning about phases

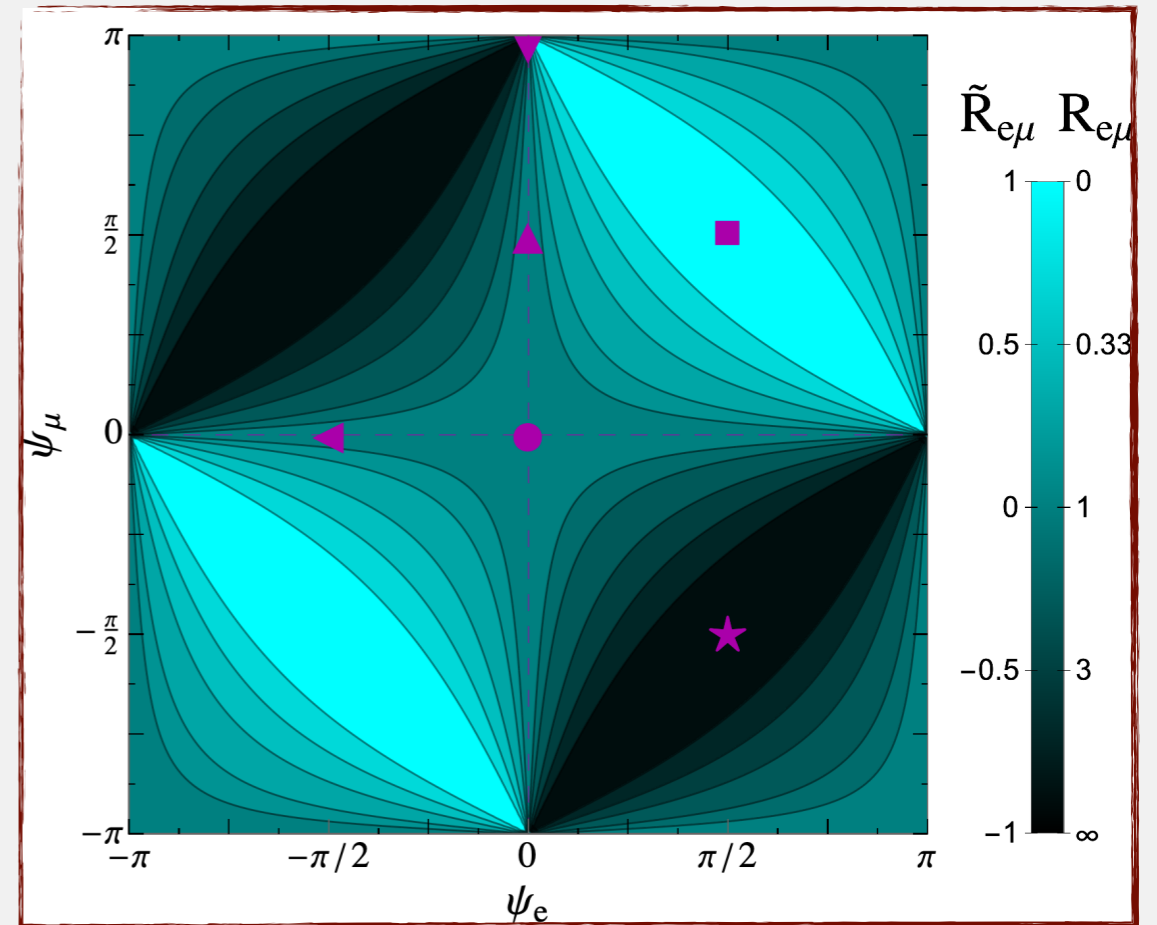
► Combine LNV and LFV searches:

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ e^+$$

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$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^\pm \mu^\mp$$



	$(\psi_e, \psi_\mu)$	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\mp \mu^\pm$
●	$(0, 0)$	👍	👍	👍	👍
■	$(\pi/2, \pi/2)$	👎	👎	👎	👍
★	$(\pi/2, -\pi/2)$	👎	👎	👍	👎
▼	$(0, \pi)$	👍	👍	👎	👎
▲	$(0, \pi/2)$	👍	👎	👍/2	👍/2
◄	$(-\pi/2, 0)$	👎	👍	👍/2	👍/2

# Conclusions

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Neutrino mass generation is a mystery  
are there new neutrinos? are they Majorana?

Semileptonic meson decays  
good place to search for MeV-GeV heavy neutrinos

Comparing LNV and LNC ratios  
learn about the Majorana/Dirac nature of heavy neutrinos

$$R = \begin{cases} 1 & \Rightarrow \text{one Majorana neutrino} \\ 0 & \Rightarrow \text{Dirac neutrinos or interfering Majorana neutrinos} \\ \text{else} & \Rightarrow \text{interfering Majorana neutrinos} \end{cases}$$

Interference effect may also impact the bounds derived  
assuming only one Majorana neutrino  
to be continued...



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