

# HNLs and their relation to the Active Neutrino Sector

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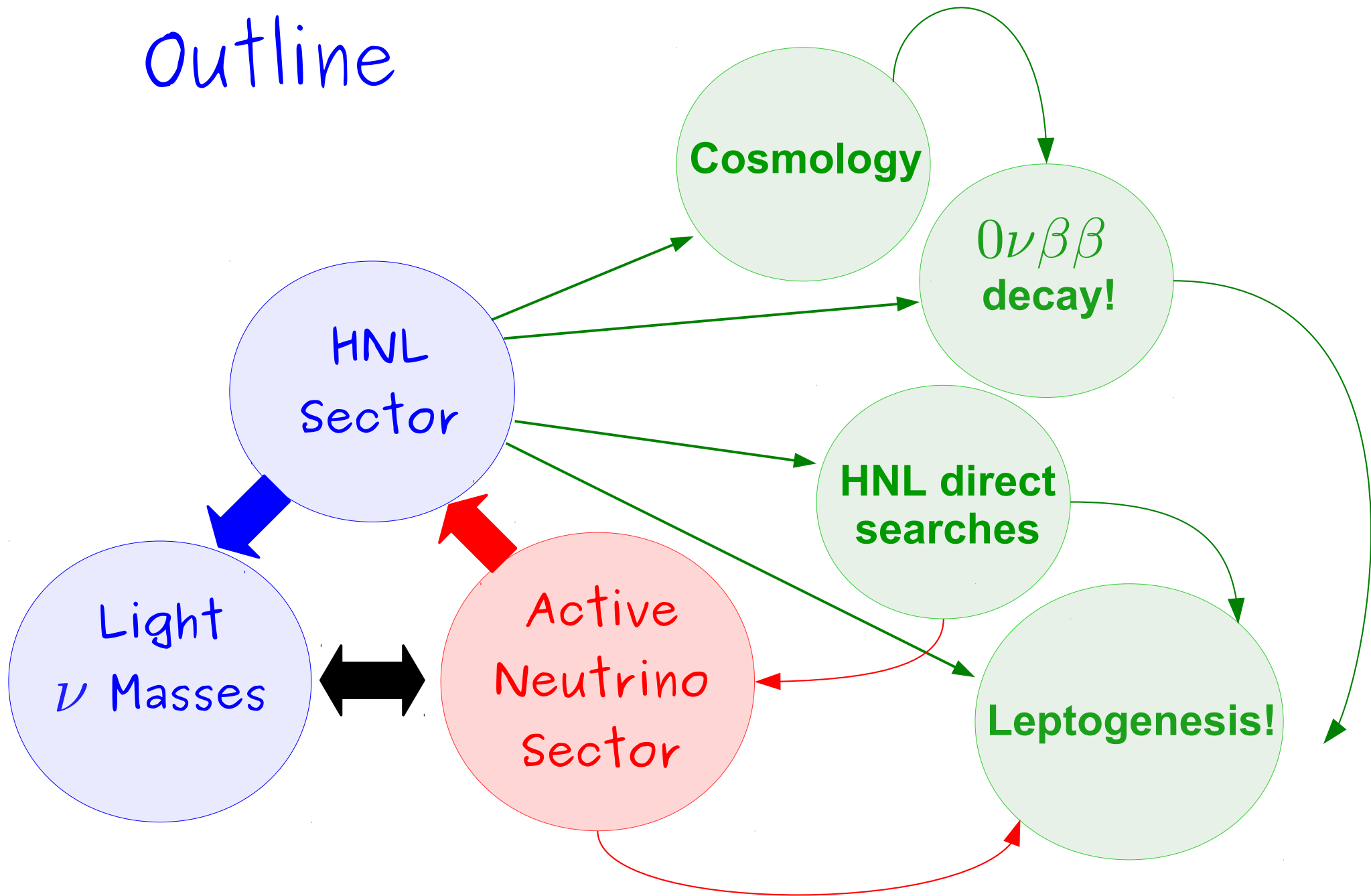


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# Outline



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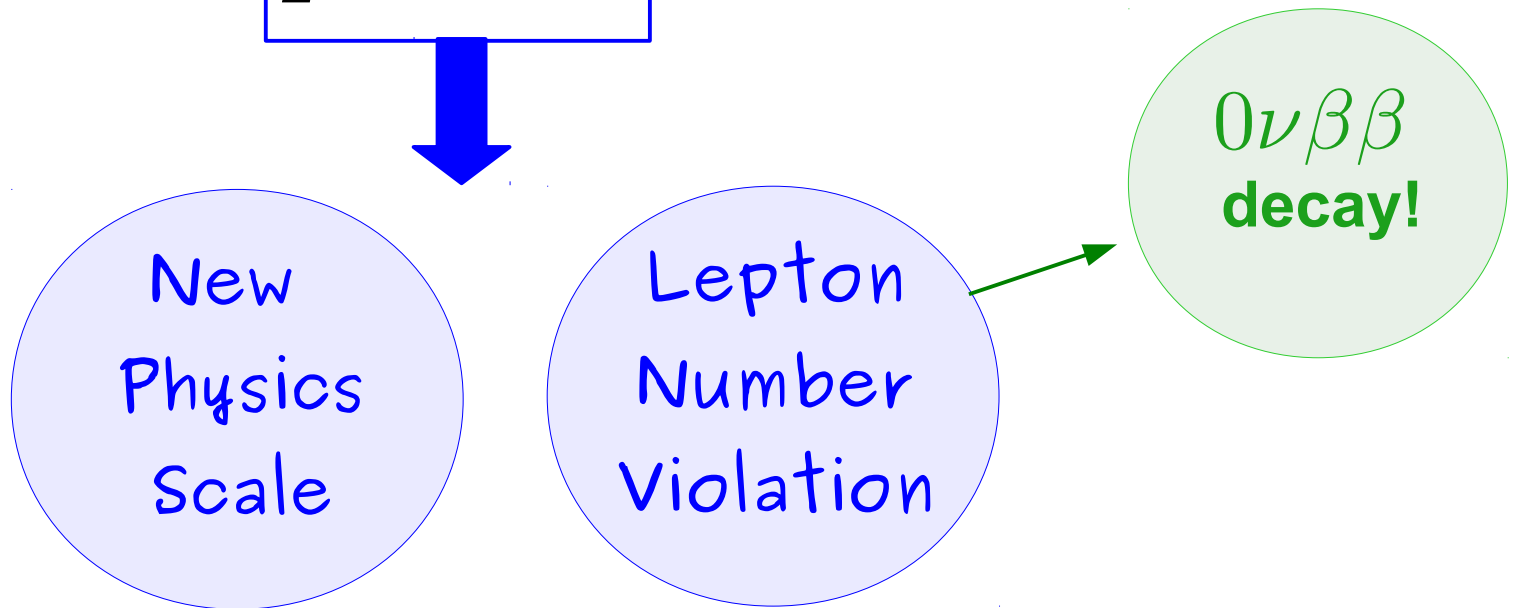
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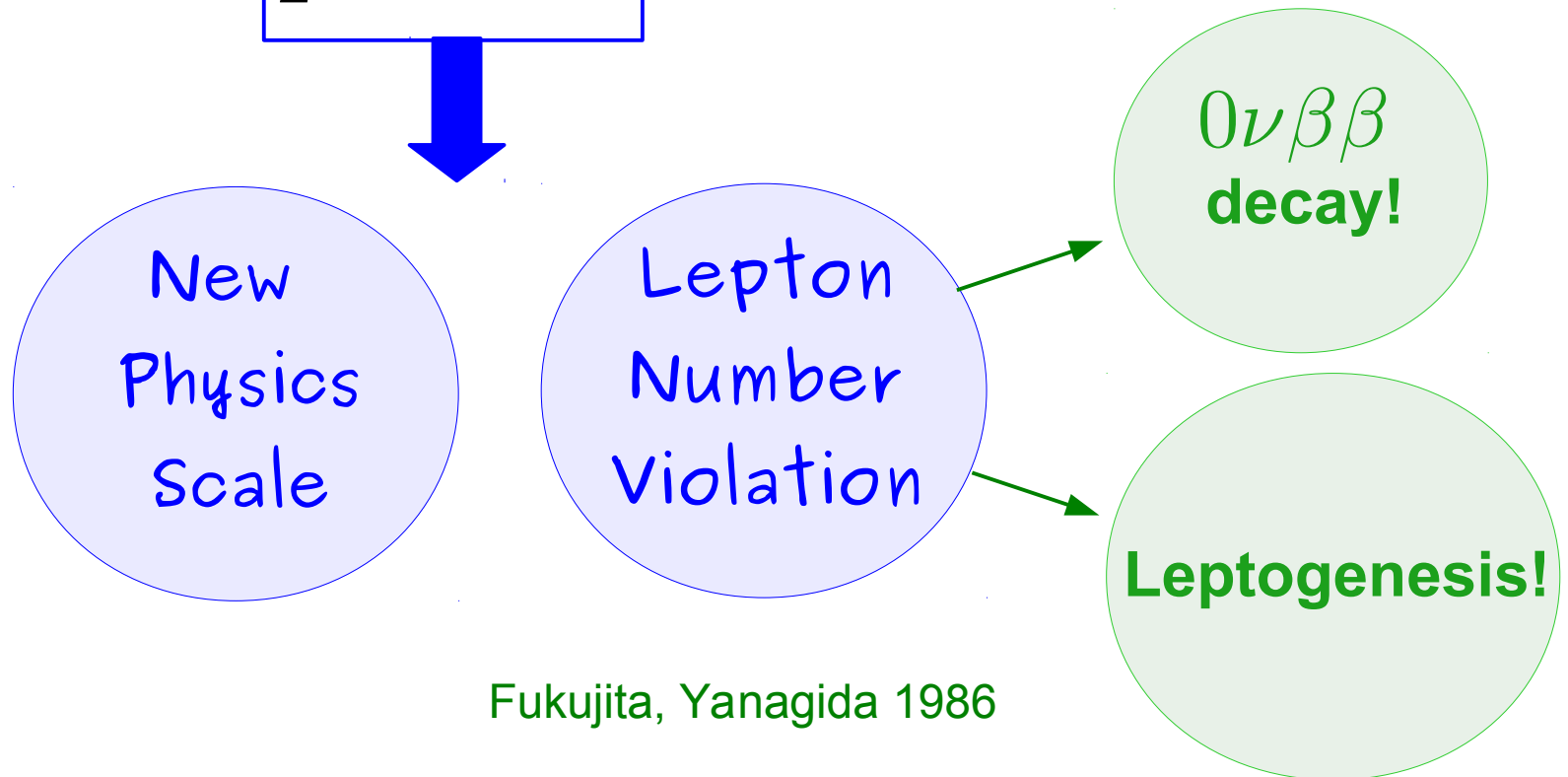
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Fukujita, Yanagida 1986

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- Introducing HNL automatically generates a contribution to light neutrino masses

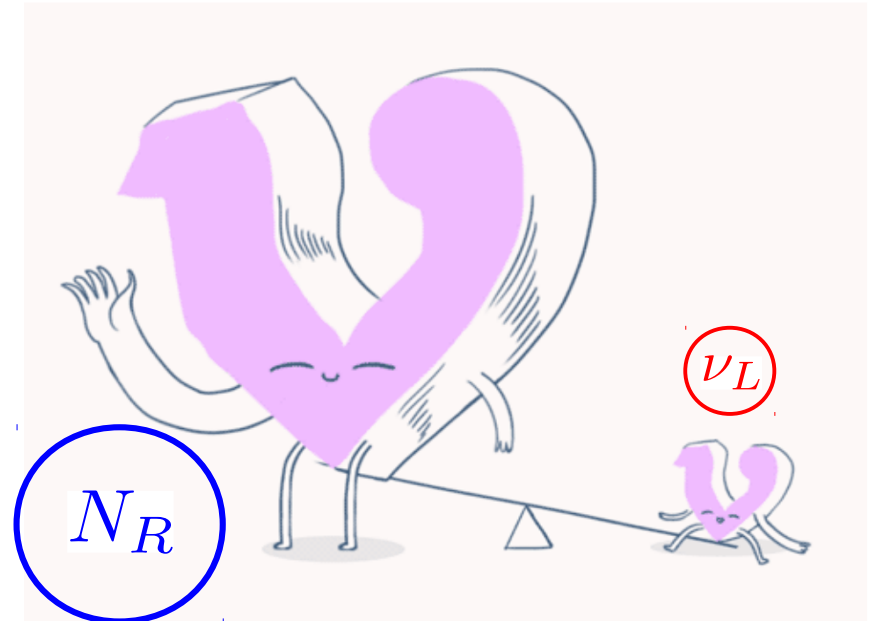
$$m_\nu = -\frac{v^2}{2} Y^T M^{-1} Y$$

Type-I Seesaw Model

Minkowski 77; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky 79  
Yanagida 79; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80.

# Relation between HNLs and active sector

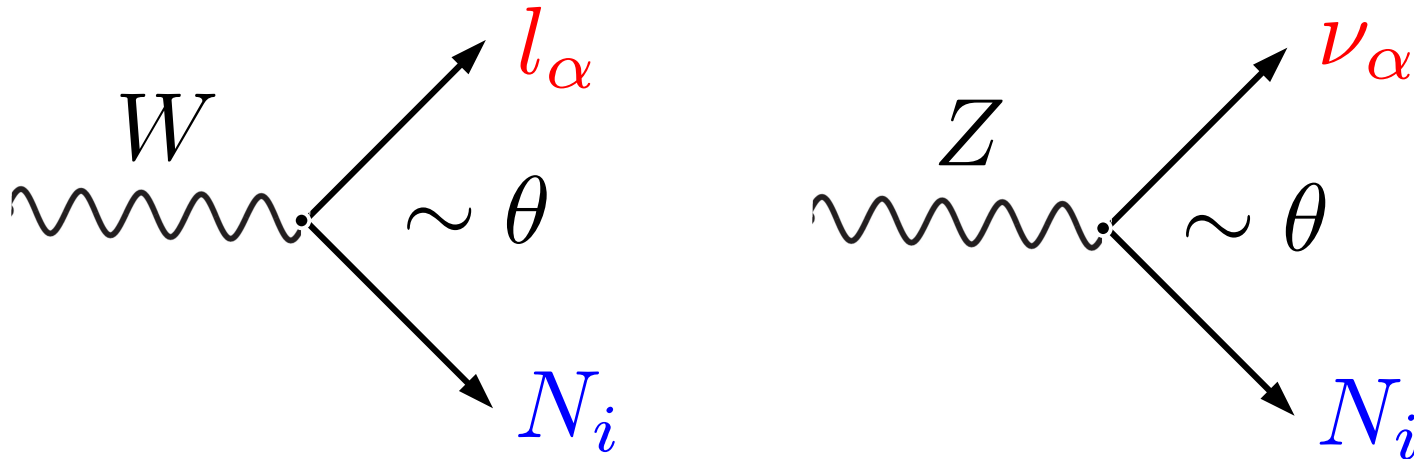
- **Generation of light neutrino masses imposes constraints on HNL mixing**



$$m_\nu = -\frac{v^2}{2} Y^T M^{-1} Y = \underbrace{\theta M \theta^T}_{\text{HNL sector}} = \underbrace{U m U^T}_{\text{Light-active neutrino sector}}$$



# Constraint on HNL mixing from active sector



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$$\theta = iU m^{1/2} R^\dagger M^{-1/2}$$

Active Sector

- 3x3 PMNS mixing matrix
- light neutrino masses

HNL sector

- Complex  $3 \times N_R$  orthogonal matrix
- HNL masses

Light-active sector

# What we know...

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric sector

Interference/Reactor

Solar sector

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \begin{array}{l} 0.570^{+0.018} \\ -0.024 \\ 0.575^{+0.017} \\ -0.021 \end{array}$$
$$\Delta m_{3l}^2 = \begin{array}{l} +2.514^{+0.028} \\ -0.027 \\ -2.497^{+0.028} \\ -0.028 \end{array} \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.304^{+0.013} \\ -0.012$$
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.42^{+0.21} \\ -0.20) \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = \begin{array}{l} 0.02221^{+0.00068} \\ -0.00062 \\ 0.02240^{+0.00062} \\ -0.00062 \end{array}$$

(1 $\sigma$ )

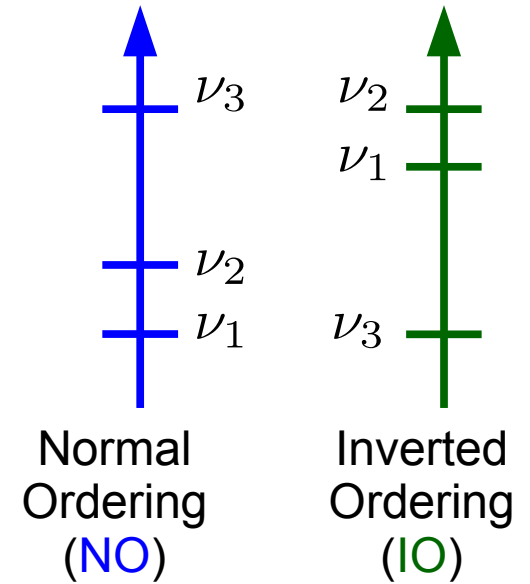
# What we don't know...

See for instance: King et al 1402.4271  
Altarelli et al 1205.5133, 1002.0211

① The Octant:  $\theta_{23} \gtrless 45^\circ$ . Very relevant for the flavour puzzle.

② Neutrino ordering (sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )

Extremely relevant input for other observables as  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay



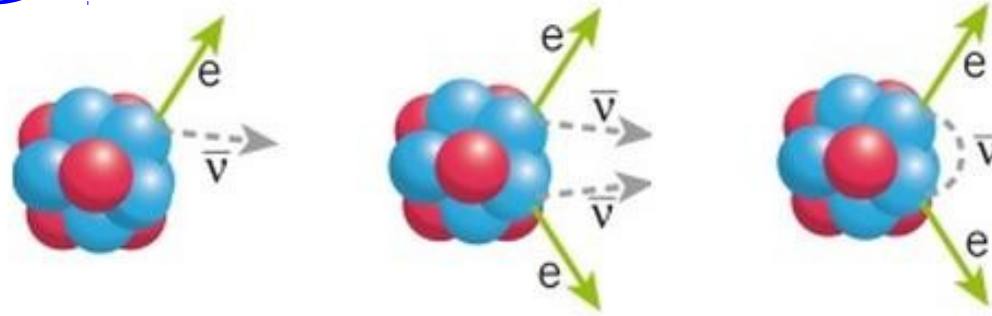
③ CP violation in the lepton sector

Essential in order to explain the Baryon asymmetry of the universe via Leptogenesis.

Fukugita, Yanagida 1986

④ Absolute neutrino mass scale  
Cosmological probes, Tritium beta decay (KATRIN)

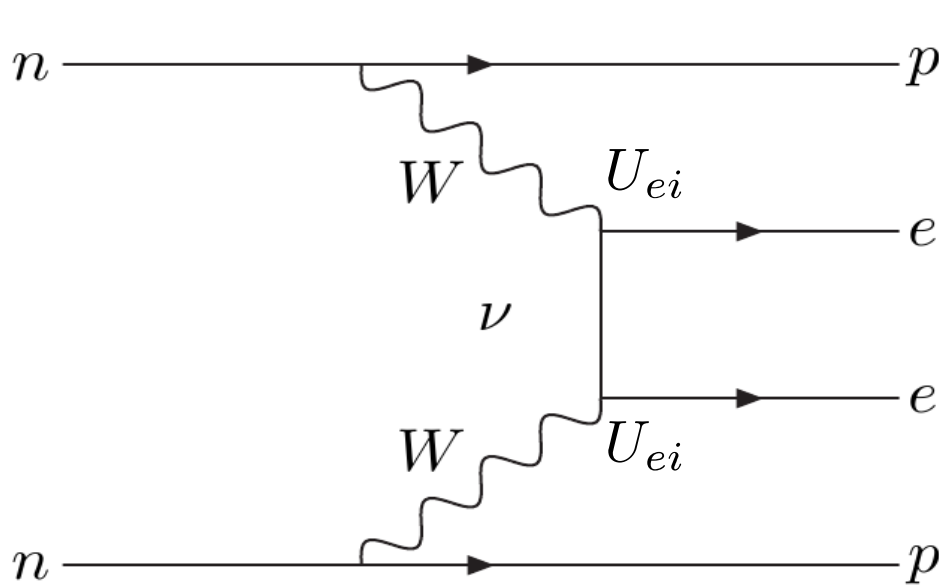
# 5 Dirac vs Majorana



Standard  $\beta$  decay

Double- $\beta$  decay

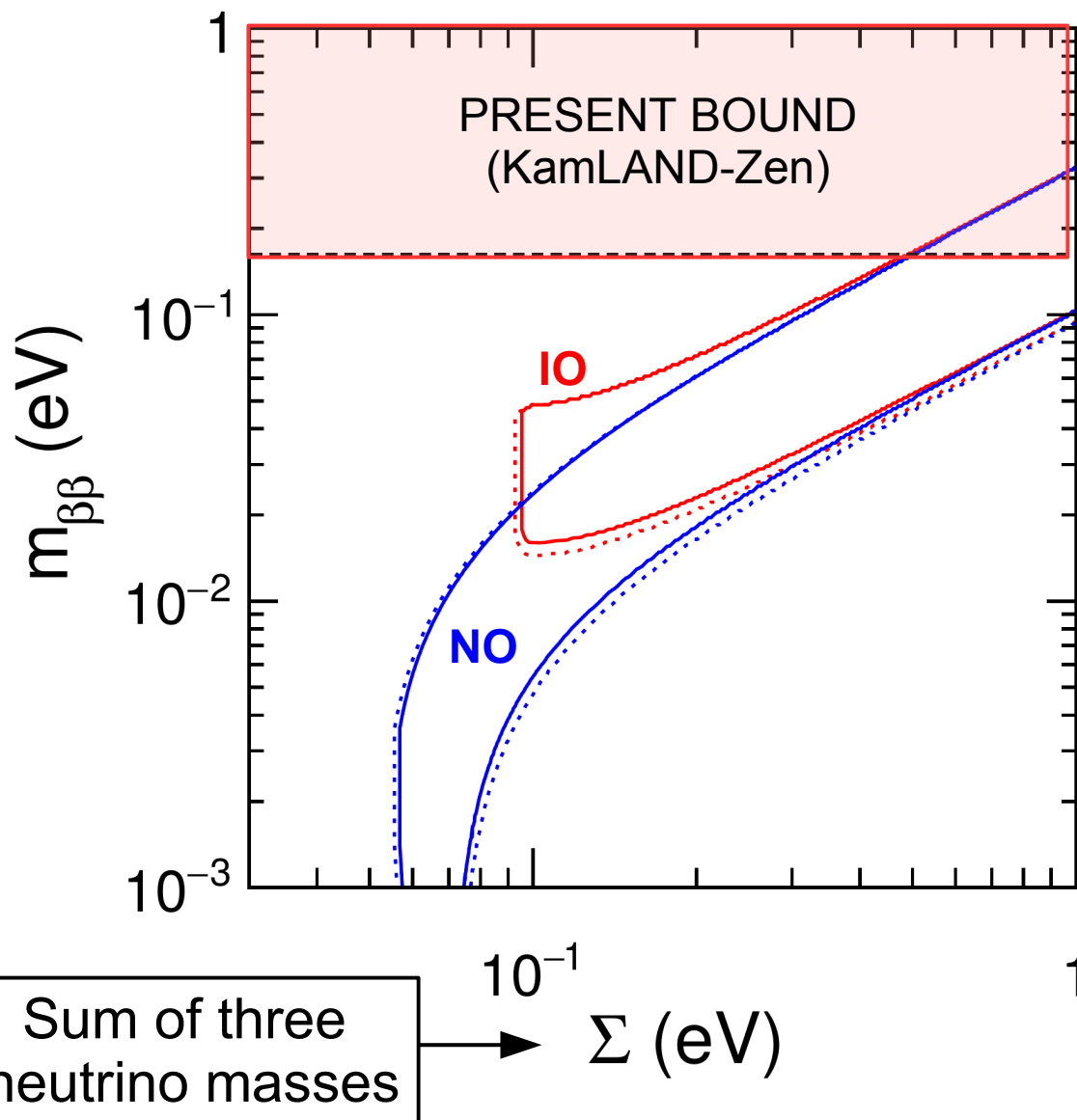
Neutrino-less double- $\beta$  decay



$$\sim m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_i \underbrace{m_i}_{\text{mass of propagating neutrino}} \overbrace{U_{ei}^2}^{\text{mixing}}$$

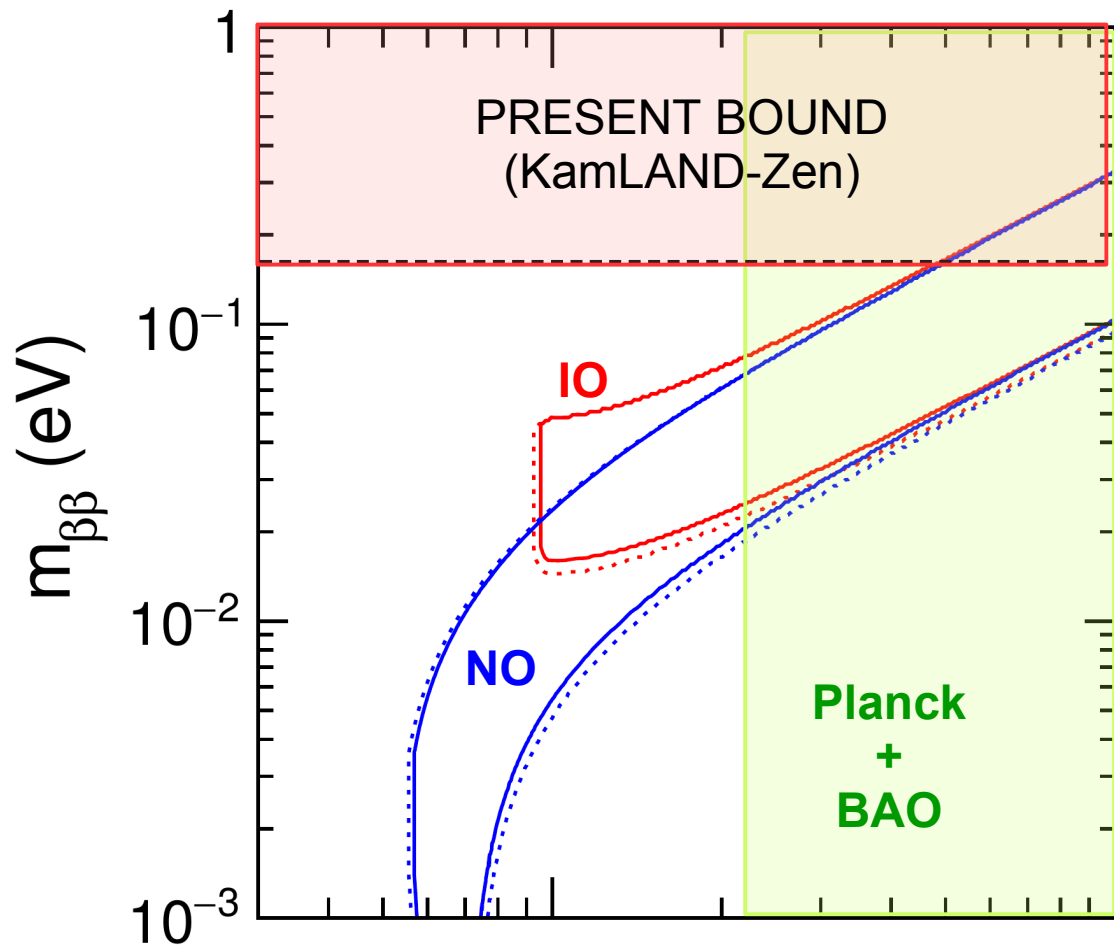
[See talks by Ruben Saakyan, Denys Poda & Christophe Wiesinger]

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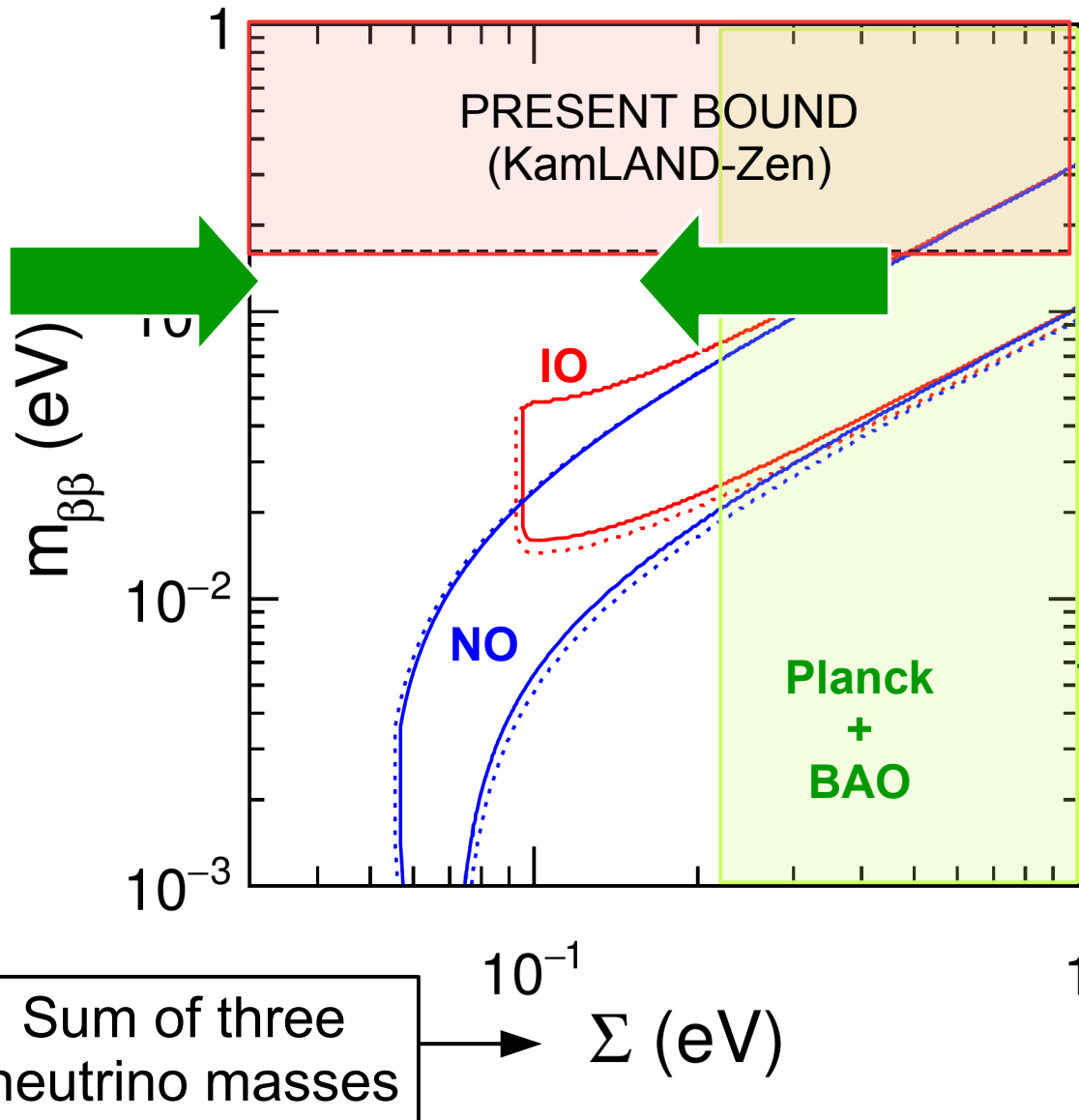
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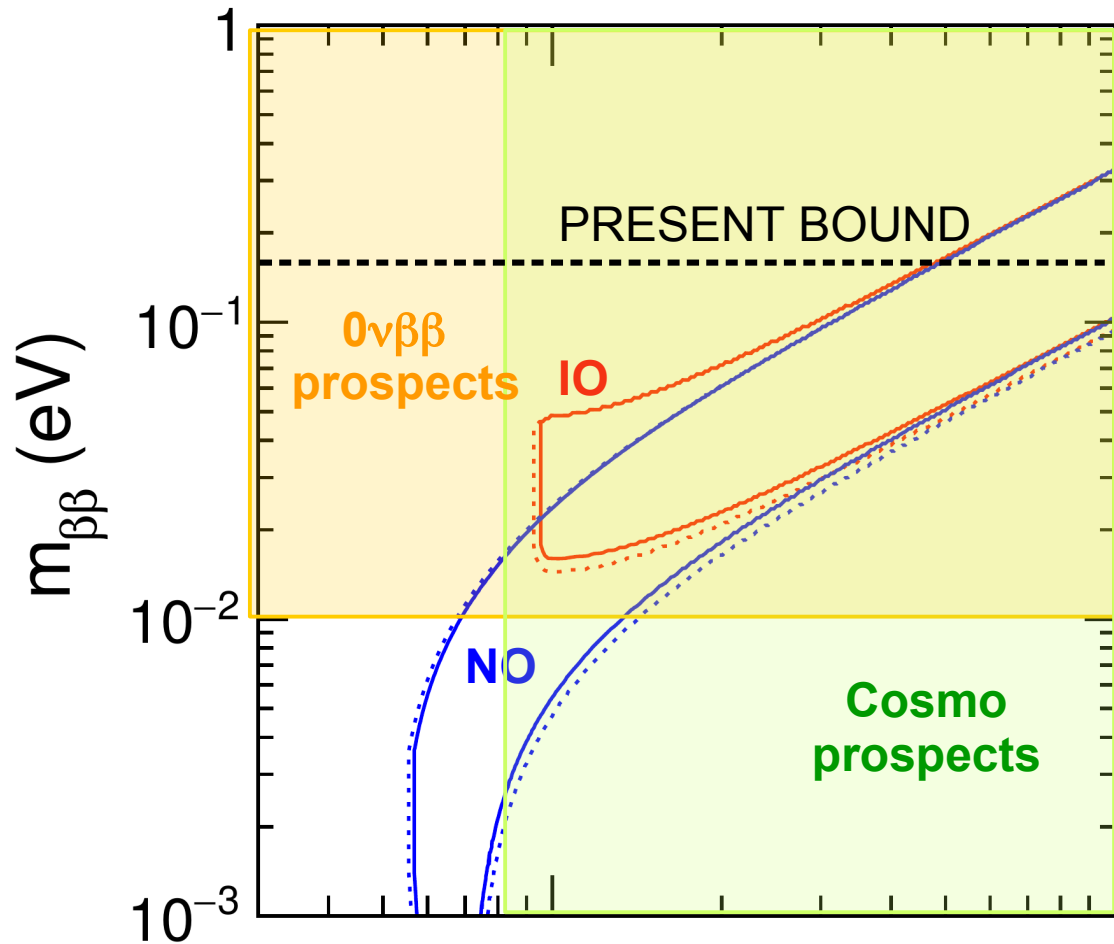
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## Posibilities:

- **Dominated by New Physics** as HNL contribution
- **Cosmological bound could be relaxed**. For instance, if neutrinos decay (new interactions required) Escudero, JLP, Rius, Sandner 2007.04994



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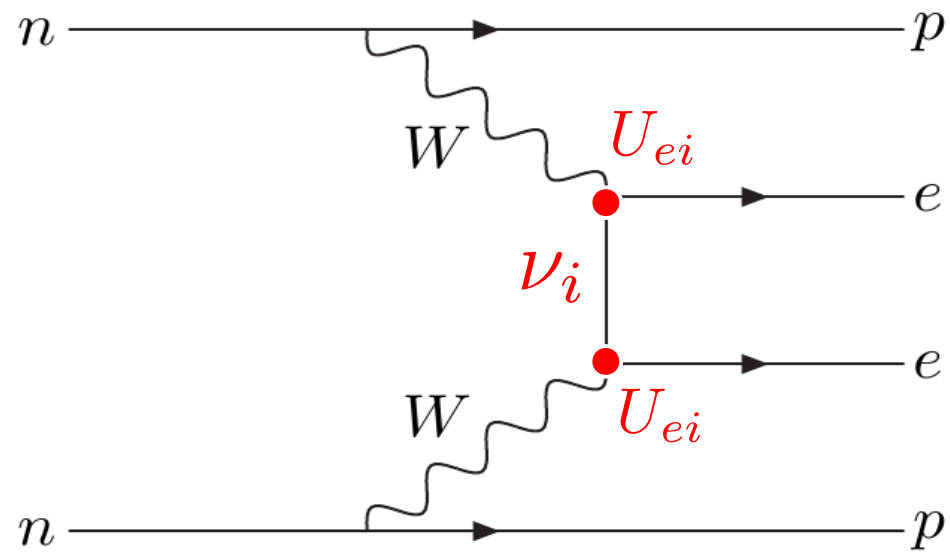


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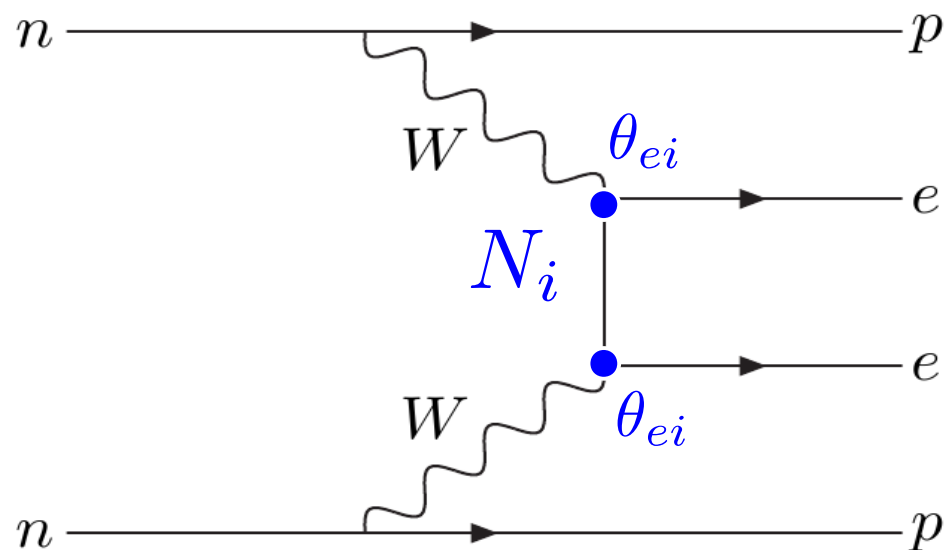
Connection to HNL sector

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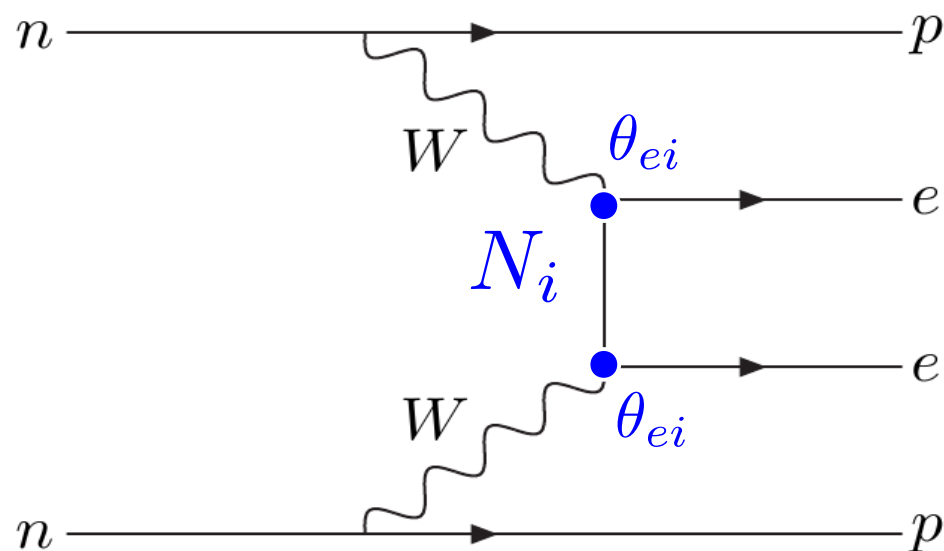
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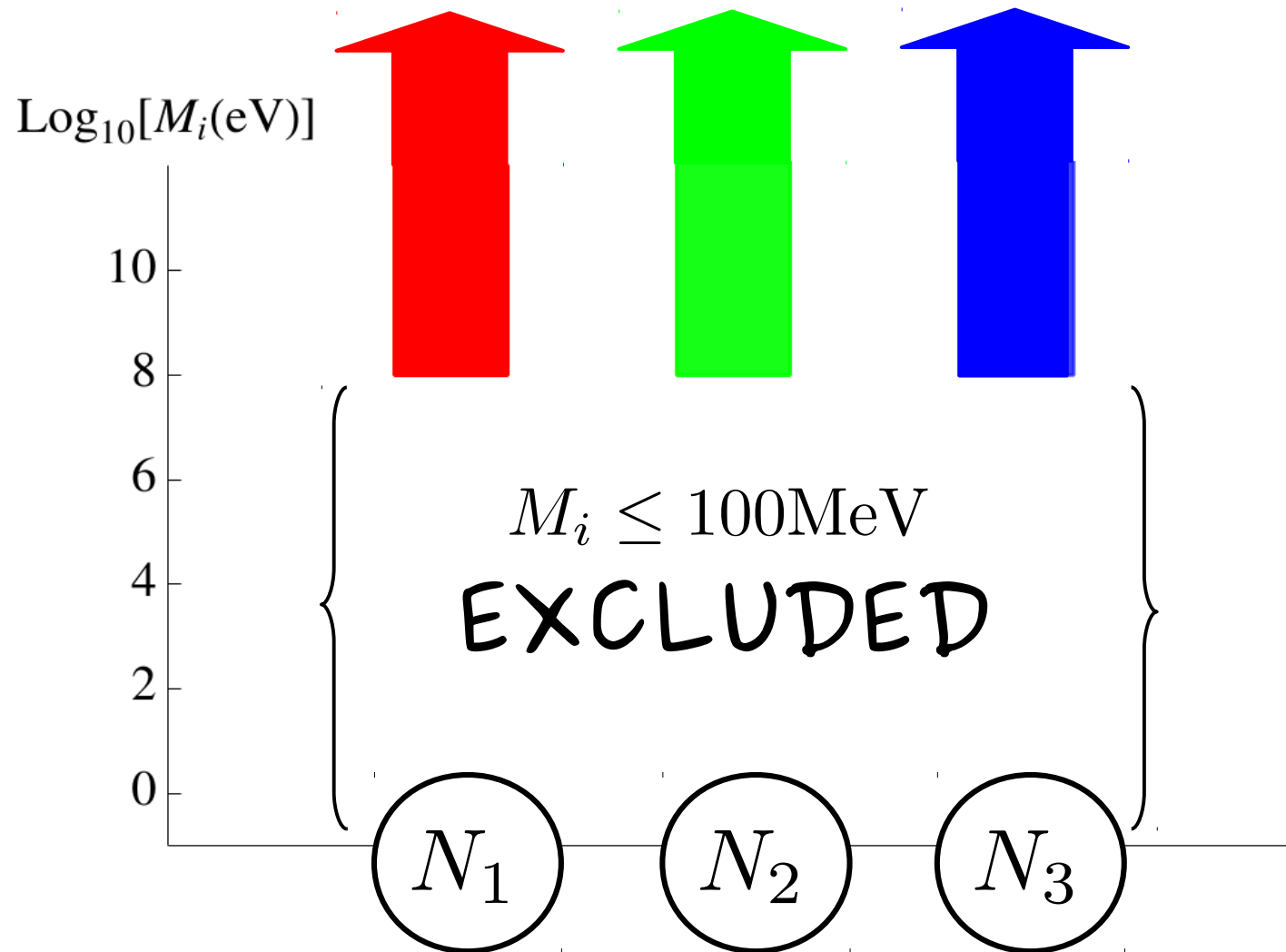
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$$M_i \gg 100 \text{ MeV} : \quad \sim 1/M_i^2$$

$$M_i \ll 100 \text{ MeV} : \quad \sim 1$$

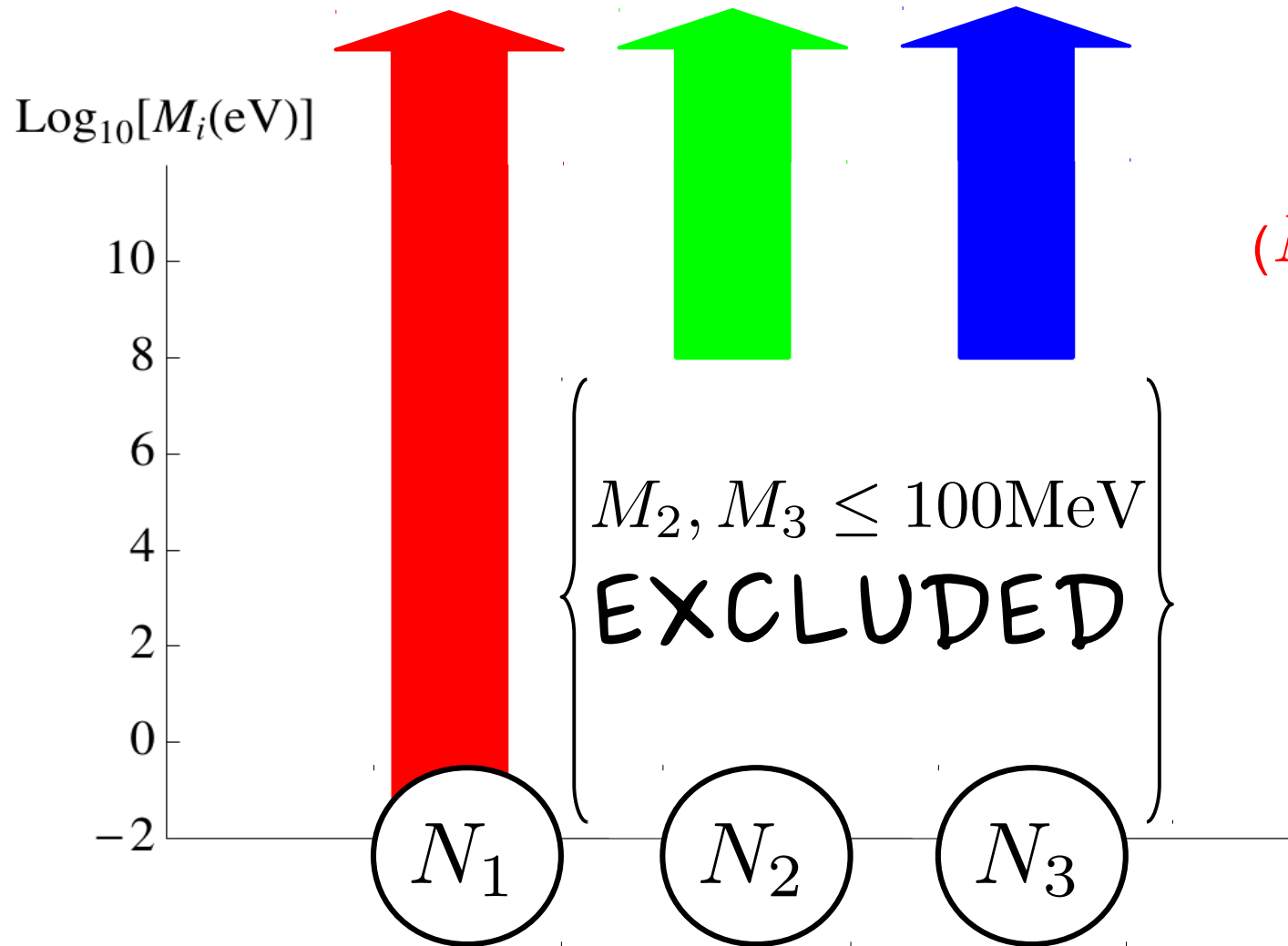
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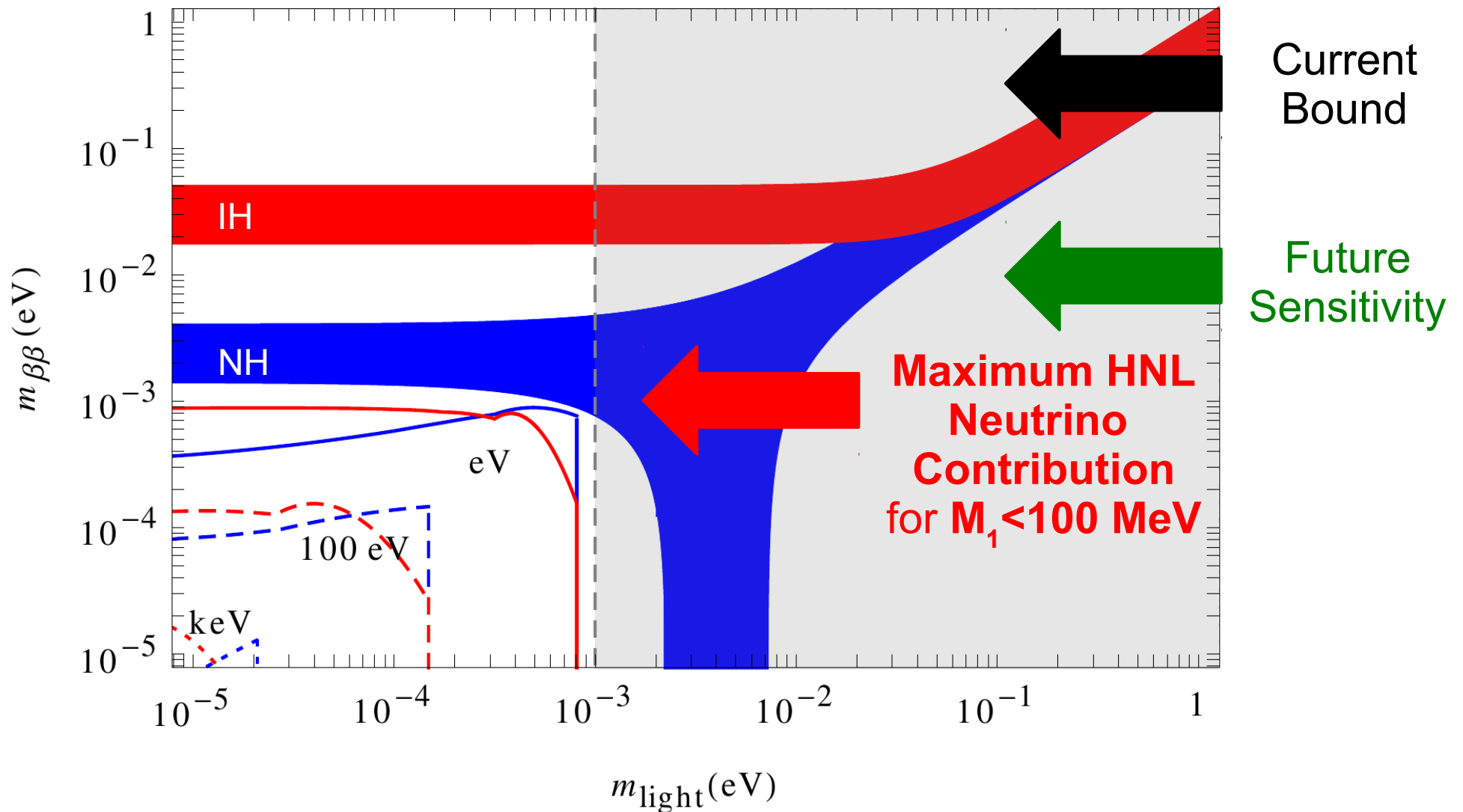
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very small  
 $N_1 - \nu_\alpha$   
mixing  
( $N_1$  decoupled)

# Interplay with neutrinoless double beta decay





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## Good News:

Ibarra, Molinaro, Petcov 2010  
Mittra, Senjanovic, Vissani 2011

- Sizable HNL contribution possible for  $100 \text{ MeV} \lesssim M \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

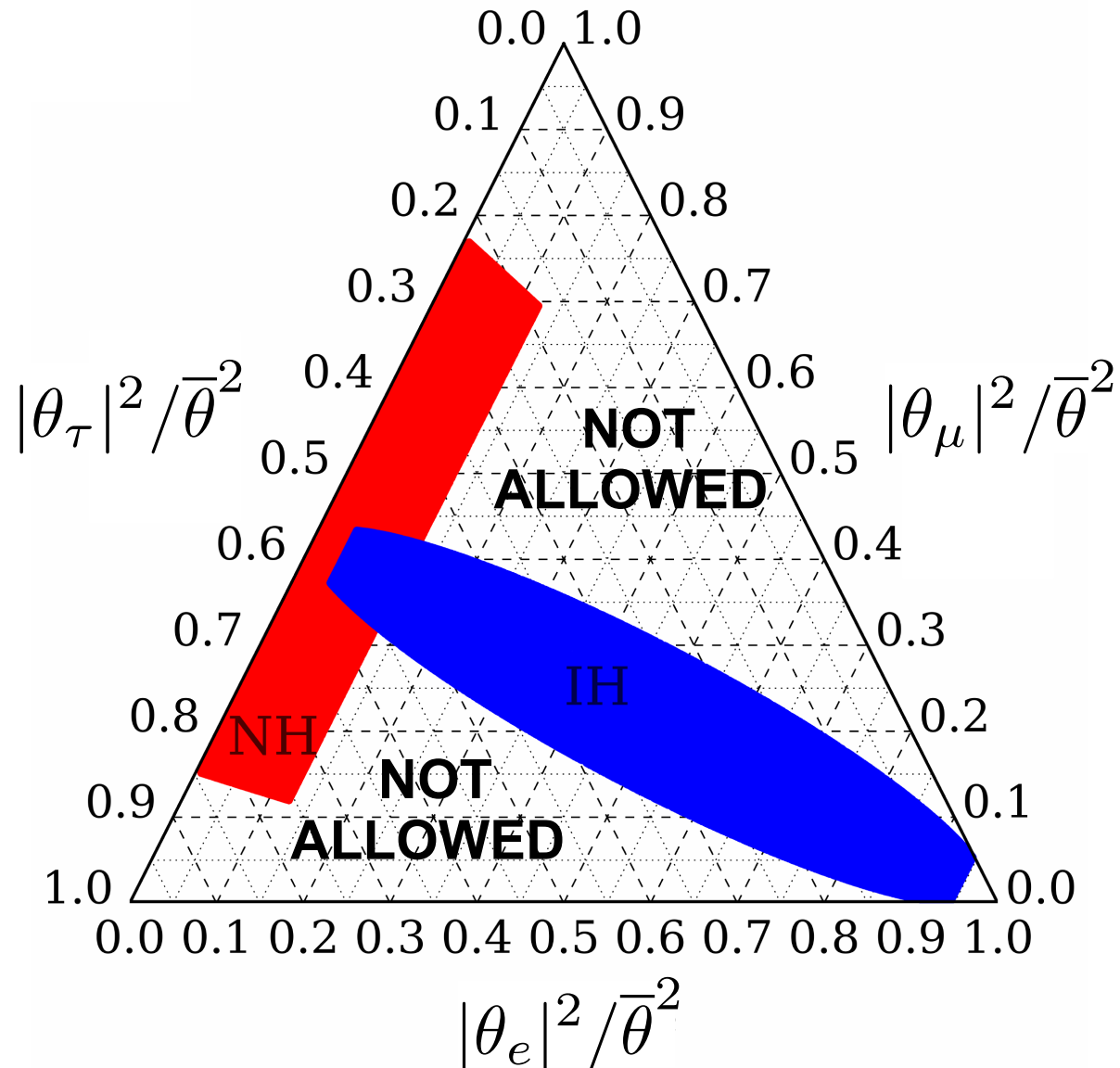
## Not so Good News: **Constraint from active sector**

- For  $M \gtrsim 5 \text{ GeV}$  one-loop corrections to the light neutrino masses become very large.
- Fine tuned cancellation between the tree level and 1-loop correction required.

JLP, Pascoli, Wang 2012  
JLP, Molinaro, Petcov 2015  
Bolton, Deppisch, Dev 2020

Direct searches of HNLs

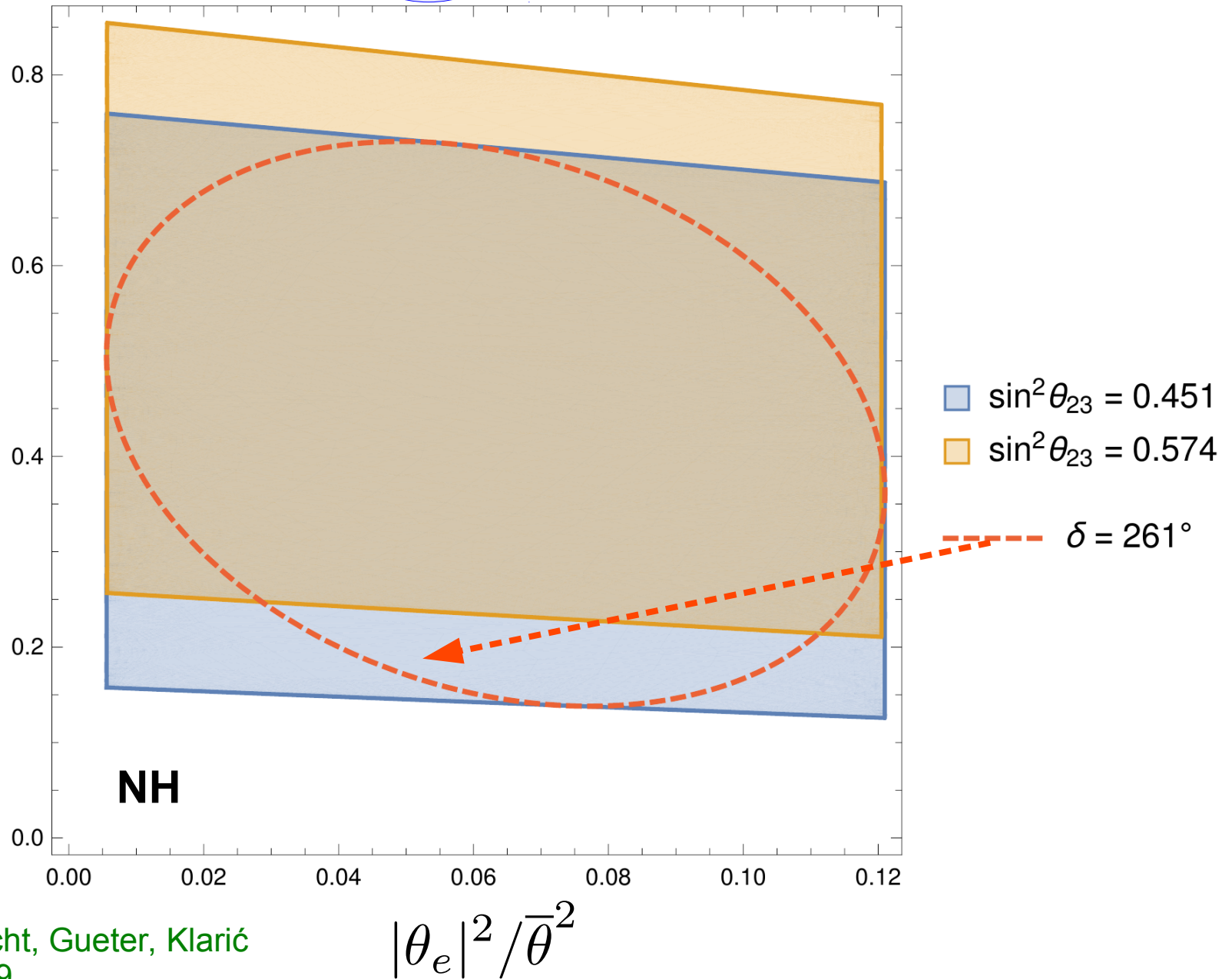
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$$|\theta_\mu|^2 / \bar{\theta}^2$$



# PMNS CP-phases from HNLs searches

- For instance, **SHiP** and **FCC-ee** can measure HNLs parameters:

$$M_1, M_2, |\theta_{ei}|, |\theta_{\mu i}|$$

Sensitivity to  
PMNS CP-phases!  
 $\delta, \phi_1$

- $|\theta_{e1}|^2/|\theta_{\mu1}|^2 \simeq |\theta_{e2}|^2/|\theta_{\mu2}|^2 \simeq$

$$\frac{(1 + s_{\phi_1} \sin 2\theta_{12})(1 - \theta_{13}^2) + \frac{1}{2}r^2 s_{12}(c_{12}s_{\phi_1} + s_{12})}{(1 - \sin 2\theta_{12}s_{\phi_1} (1 + \frac{r^2}{4}) + \frac{r^2 c_{12}^2}{2}) c_{23}^2 + \theta_{13}(c_{\phi_1} s_{\delta} - \cos 2\theta_{12}s_{\phi_1} c_{\delta}) \sin 2\theta_{23} + \theta_{13}^2(1 + \sin 2\theta_{12})s_{23}^2 s_{\phi_1}}$$

- $|\theta_{ei}|^2, |\theta_{\mu i}|^2 \propto e^{2\gamma}$

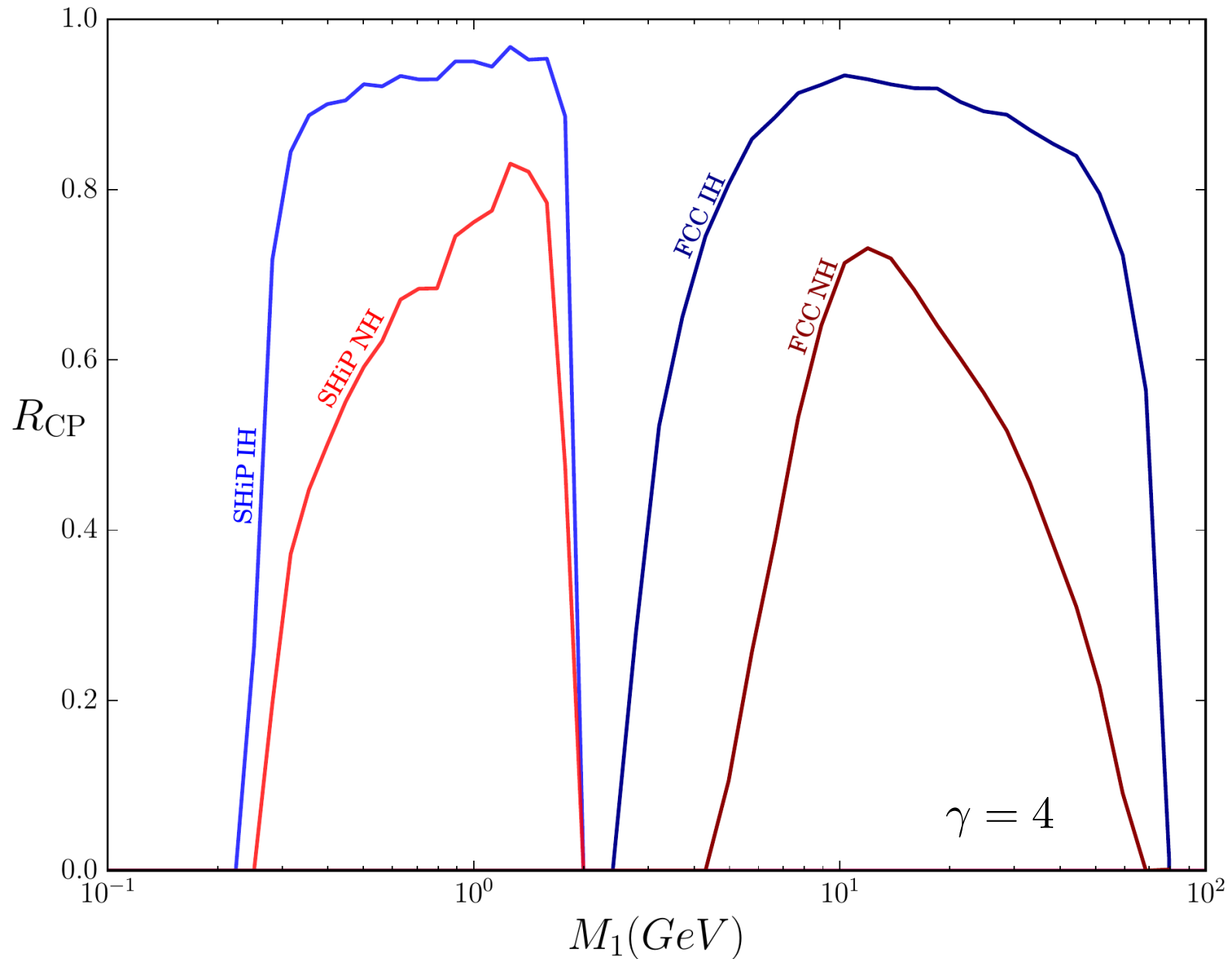
$\gamma$

parametrizes  
size of  $R_{ij}$

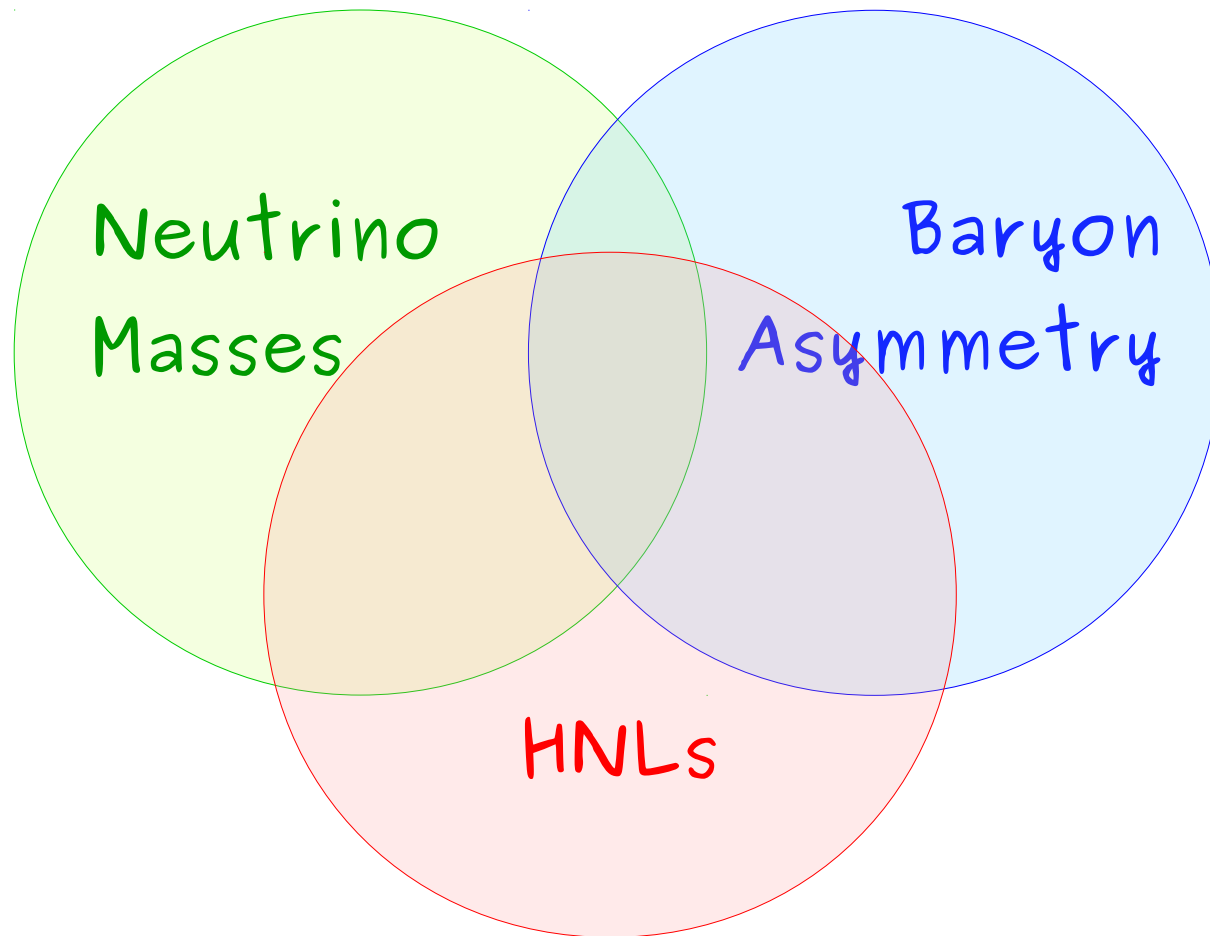
(and thus heavy mixing)

$$N_R = 2$$

# 5 $\sigma$ discovery PMNS CP-violation



# Input from active sector to leptogenesis



# How relevant are the PMNS CP phases?

- The Baryon asymmetry generated depends on both light and heavy CP phases.

Light sector      Heavy sector

$$Y = U_{PMNS} \sqrt{m} R^\dagger \sqrt{M} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v}$$

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- **The Dirac CP phase becomes particularly relevant** mainly in two cases:

① Flavor Models

See for instance: Merlo, Rosauero-Alcaraz 1801.03937  
Hagedorn, Mohapatra Molinaro Nishi, Petcov 1711.02866

*Yukawa structure (R matrix) is constrained by flavor symmetries*

② Minimal model with 2  $N_R$

*Small number of phases: 1 Dirac + 1 Majorana + 1 Heavy*

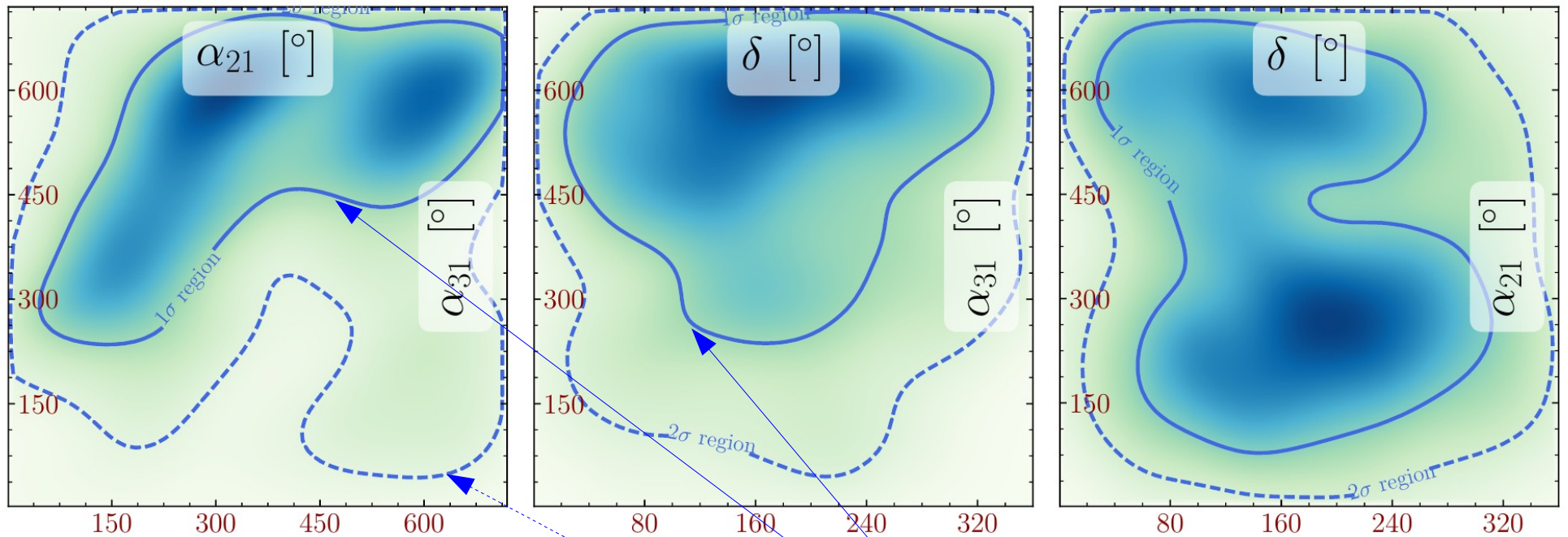
Asaka, Shaposhnikov (AS)  
Akhmedov, Rubakov, Smirnov (ARS)

...



# High Scale (vanilla) Leptogenesis

$$N_R = 3$$



**NH**

$$M_1 = 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_3 > 3M_2 > 9M_1$$

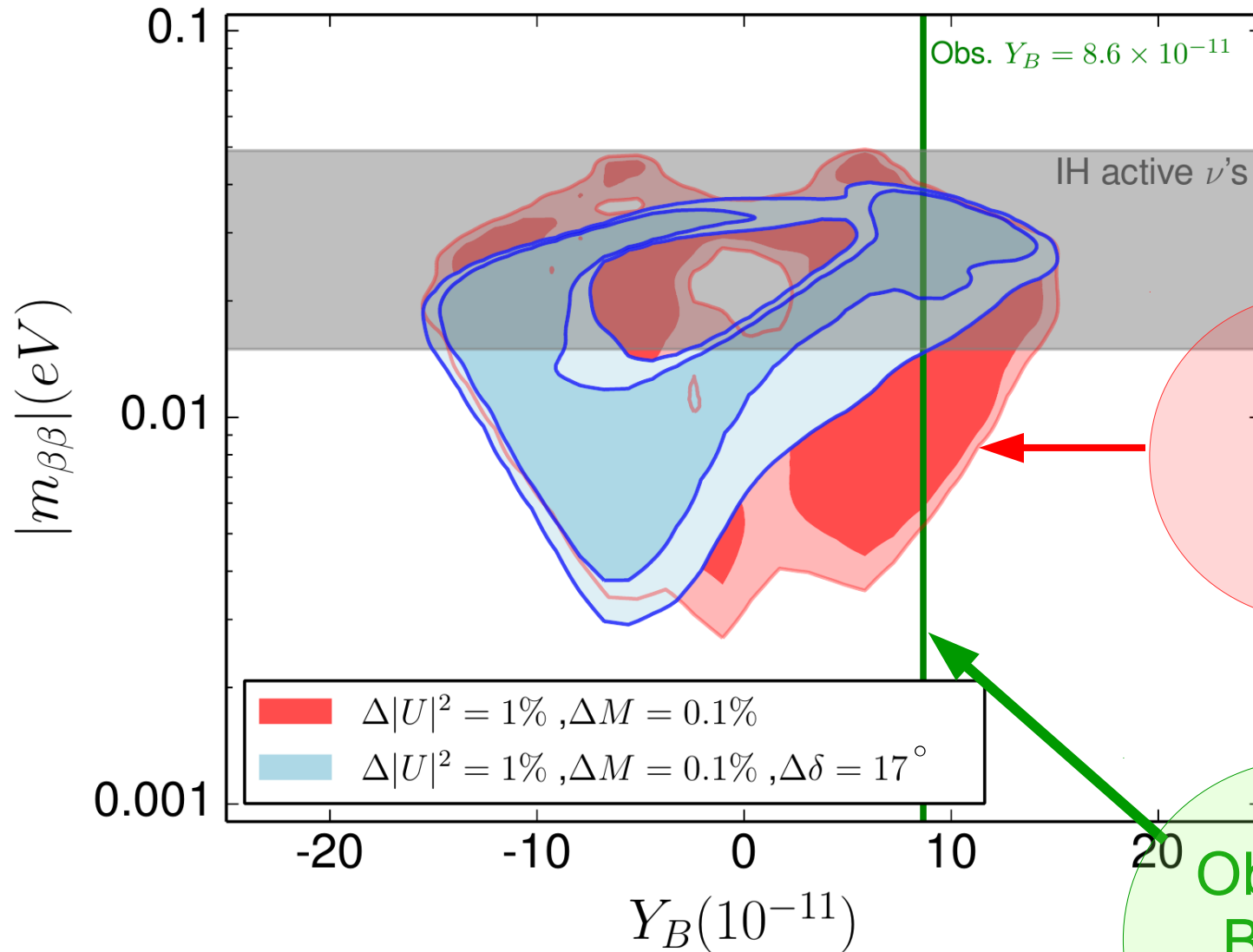
Baryon asymmetry generated in agreement with observed value at:

$1\sigma$

$2\sigma$

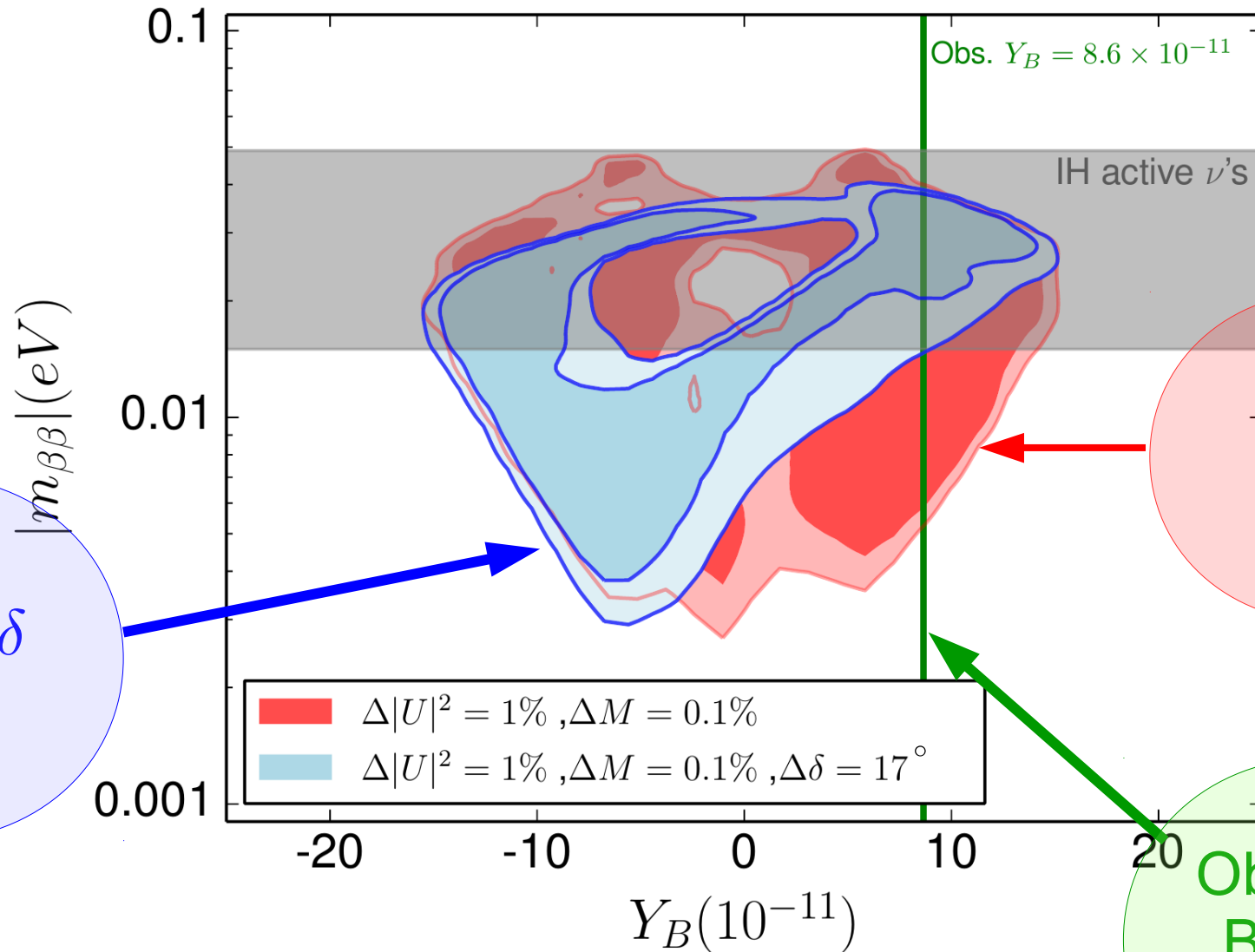
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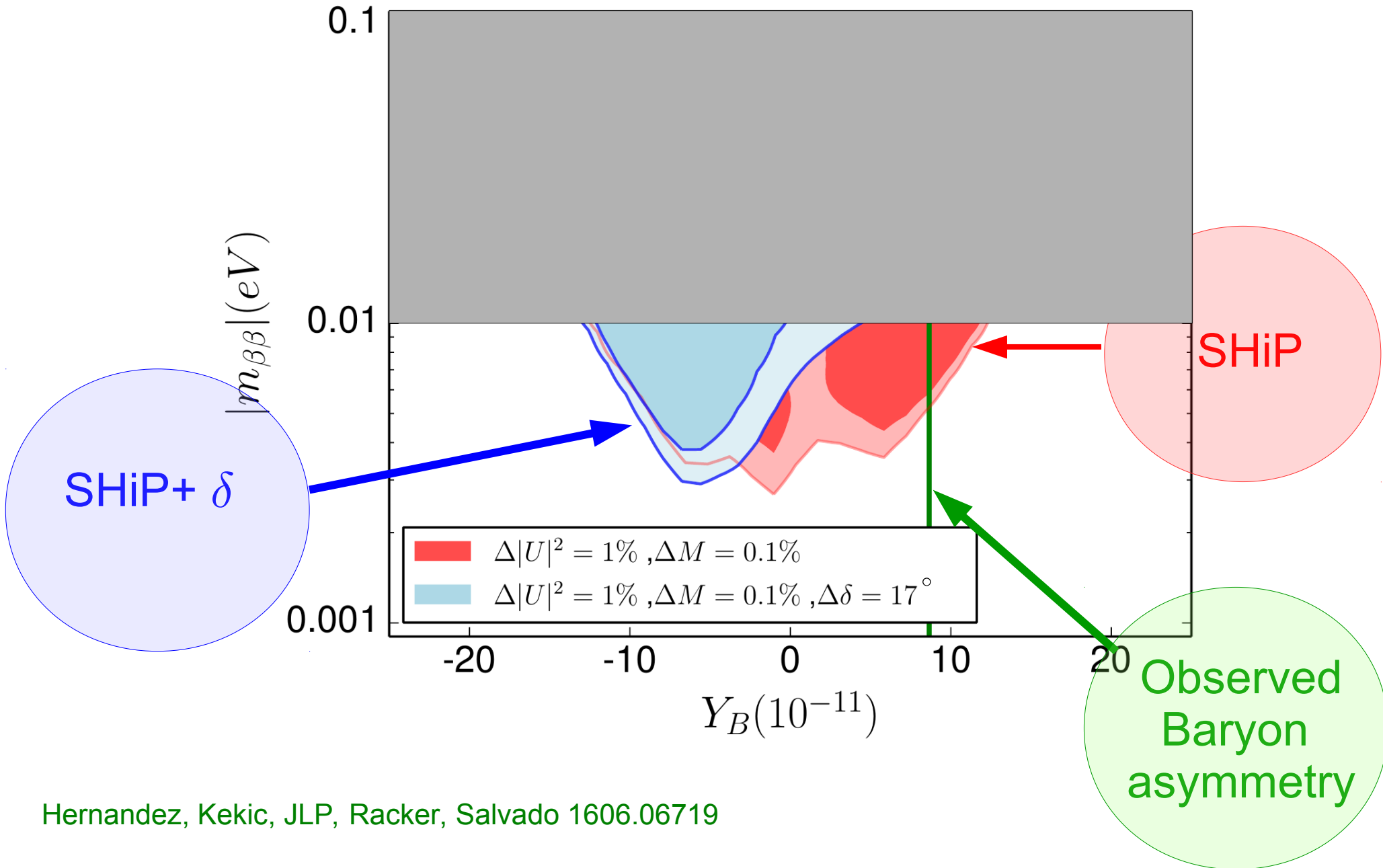
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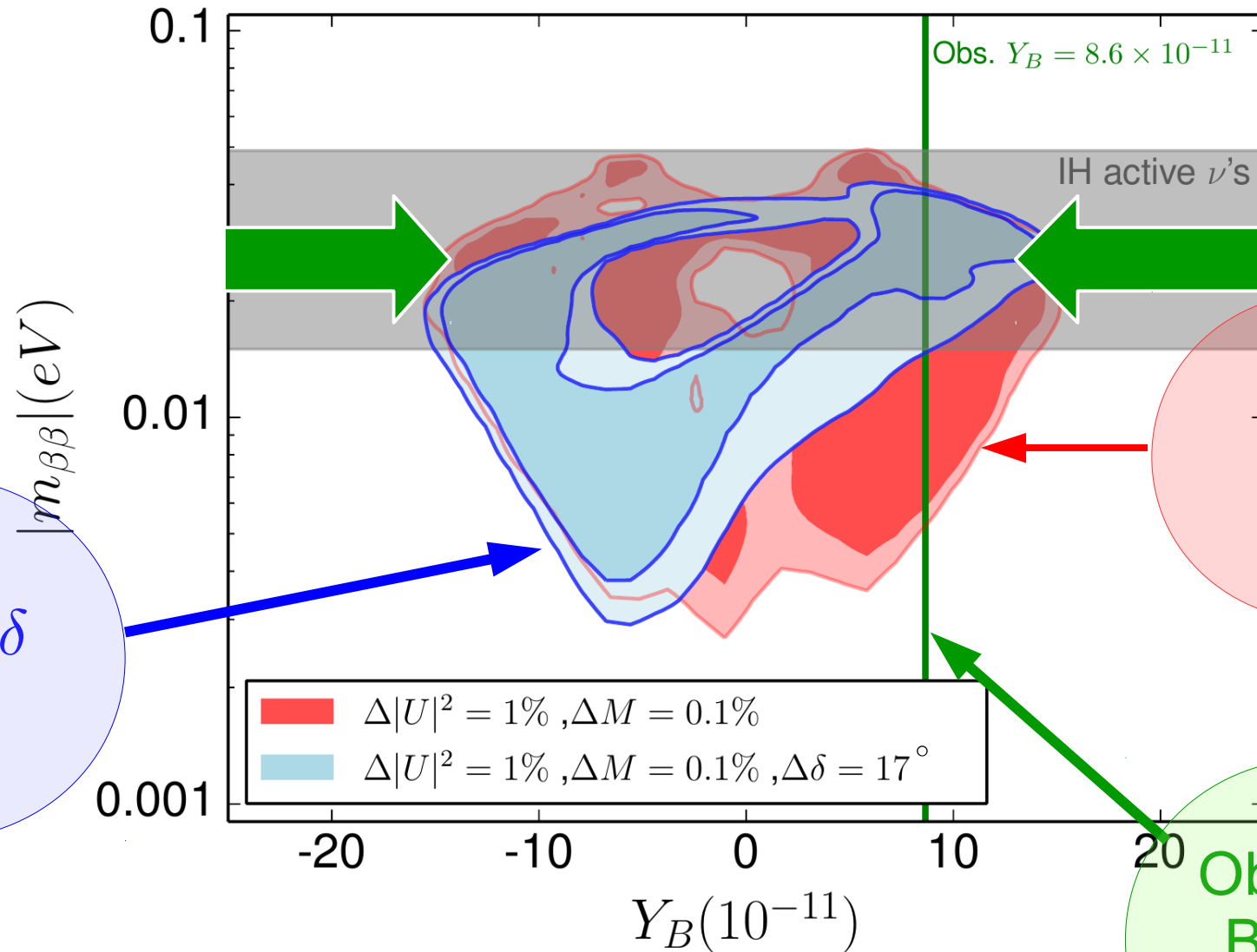
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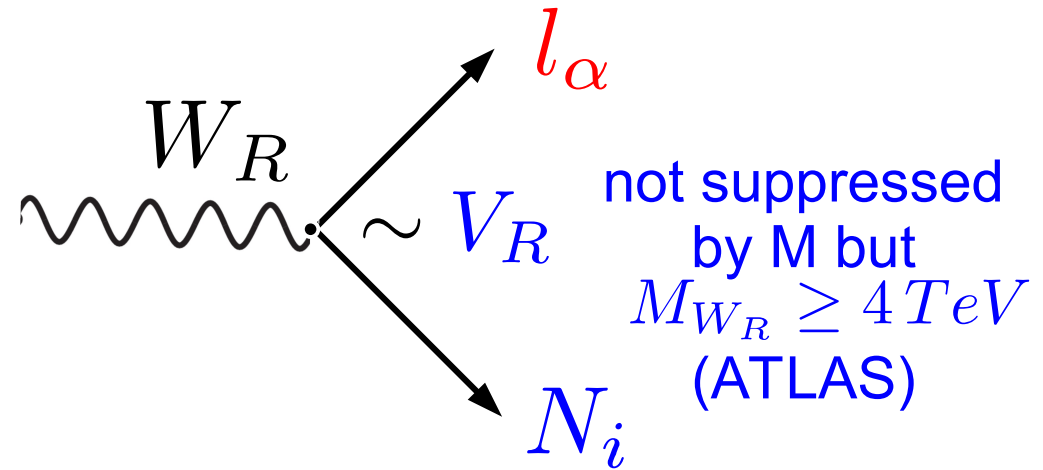
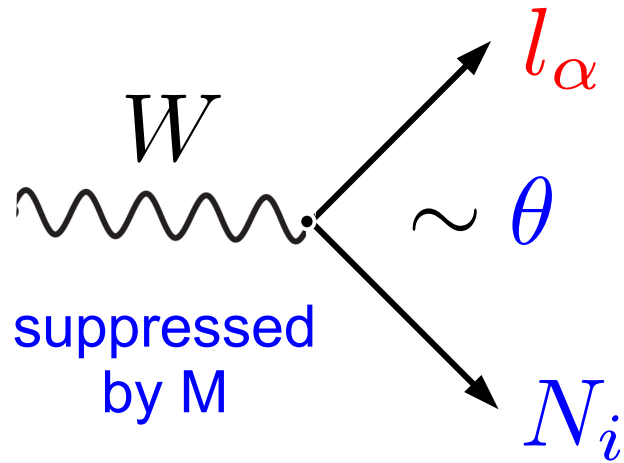
# Conclusions

**HNL relation to active neutrino sector present  
if HNL account for light neutrino masses  
(as in seesaw models)**

- **Complementarity among different observables** as neutrino oscillations, cosmology, neutrinoless double beta decay and HNLs direct searches.
- **Strongest constraints from active neutrino sector in minimal models.**
- Constraints still present but can change when **introducing new interactions**.  
*See for instance: Nemevsek, Senjanovic, Tello 1211.2837 [Minimal Left-Right model]  
Ballett, Hostert, Pascoli 1903.07590 [U(1)' extension]*
- Low scale Minimal (Type-I) Seesaw Model is strongly constrained by active neutrino sector:
  - *Very constrained flavor structure with strong correlation to PMNS CP phases.*
  - *Mechanisms generating neutrino masses and Baryon asymmetry can be potentially tested. Very relevant input from active neutrino sector required.*

Thank you!

# Minimal Left-Right Symmetric model



Nemevsek, Senjanovic,  
Tello 1211.2837

$$\theta = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{v_L}{v_R} \\ \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} U m U^T & V_R^* M^{-1} V_R^\dagger \\ \hline \end{array} \right]^{1/2}$$

vev ratio

Light sector

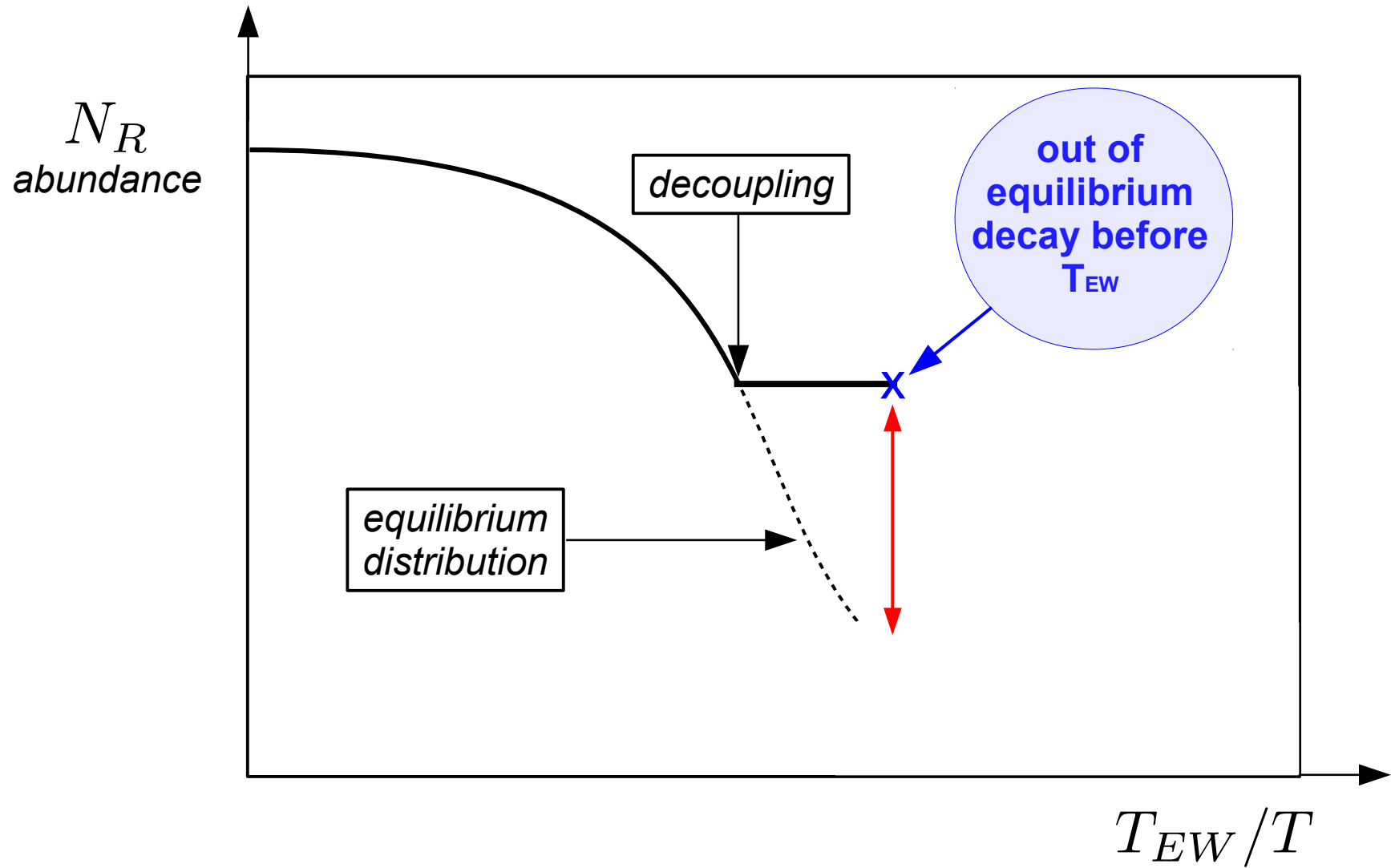
- 3x3 PMNS mixing matrix
- light neutrino masses

Heavy sector

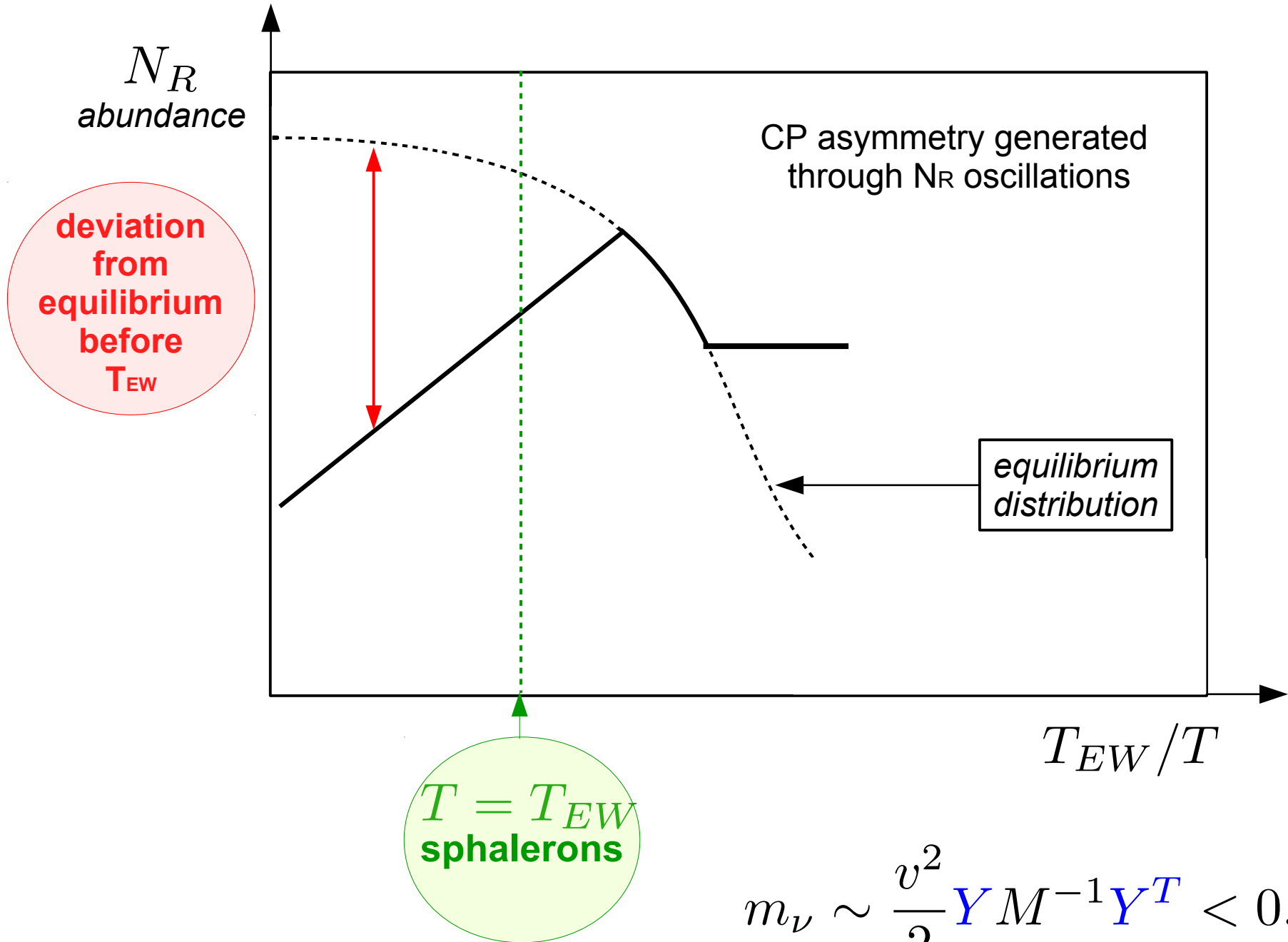
- $3 \times 3$  unitary matrix
- HNL masses



# standard Leptogenesis



# Low Scale Leptogenesis (ARS)



# Are the PMNS CP phases relevant?

- Dependence on CP phases encoded in the Yukawa couplings:

$$Y = U_{PMNS} \sqrt{m} R^\dagger \sqrt{M} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v}$$

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## Light sector

- Majorana phases  
(experimentally challenging)
- Dirac CP phase  $\delta$   
(accessible via neutrino oscillations)

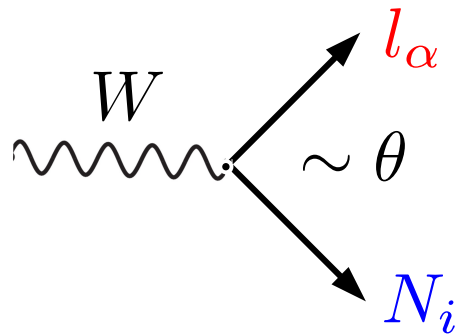
## Heavy sector

- Complex  $3 \times n_R$  orthogonal matrix

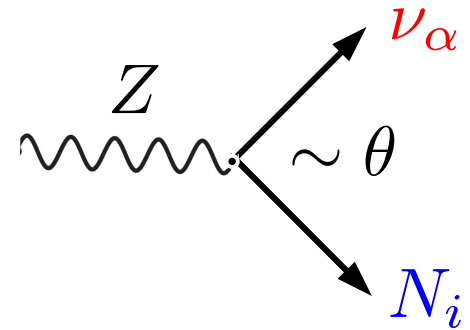
# of extra CP phases

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| $n_R = 3$ | 3 |
| $n_R = 2$ | 1 |

# Direct searches of HNLs



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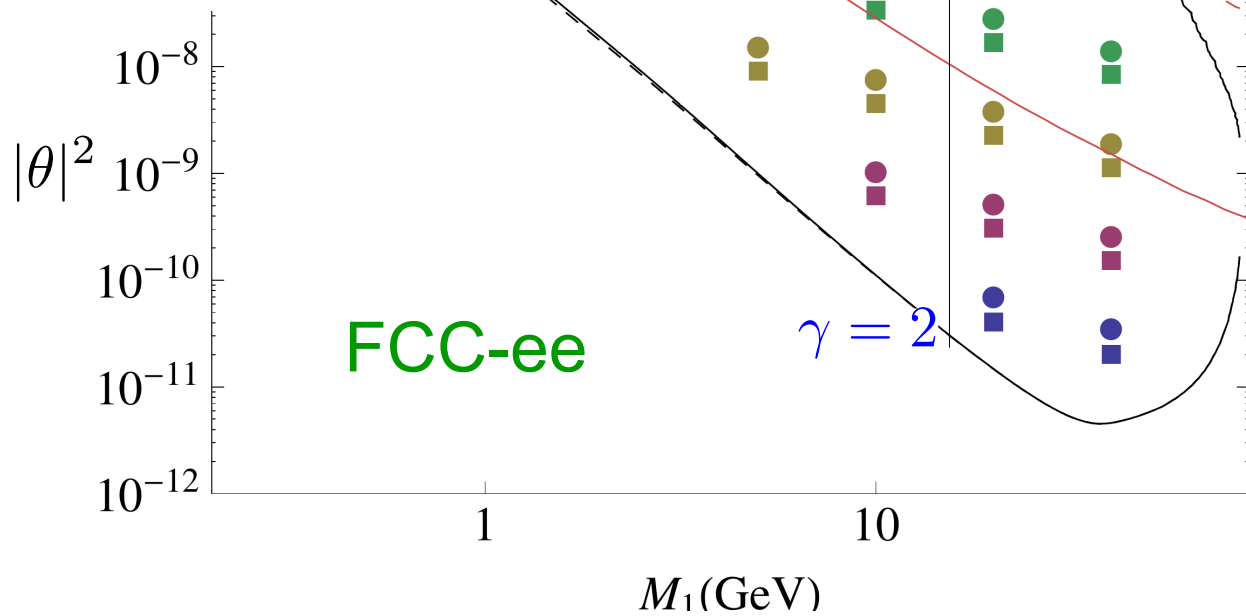
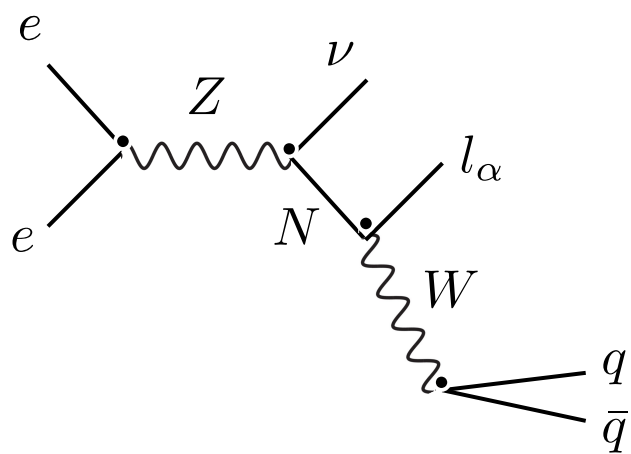
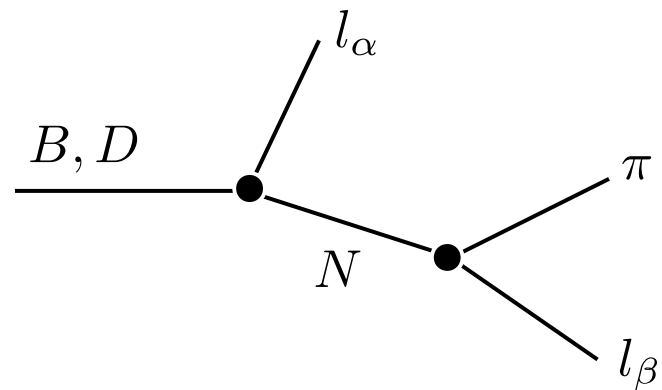
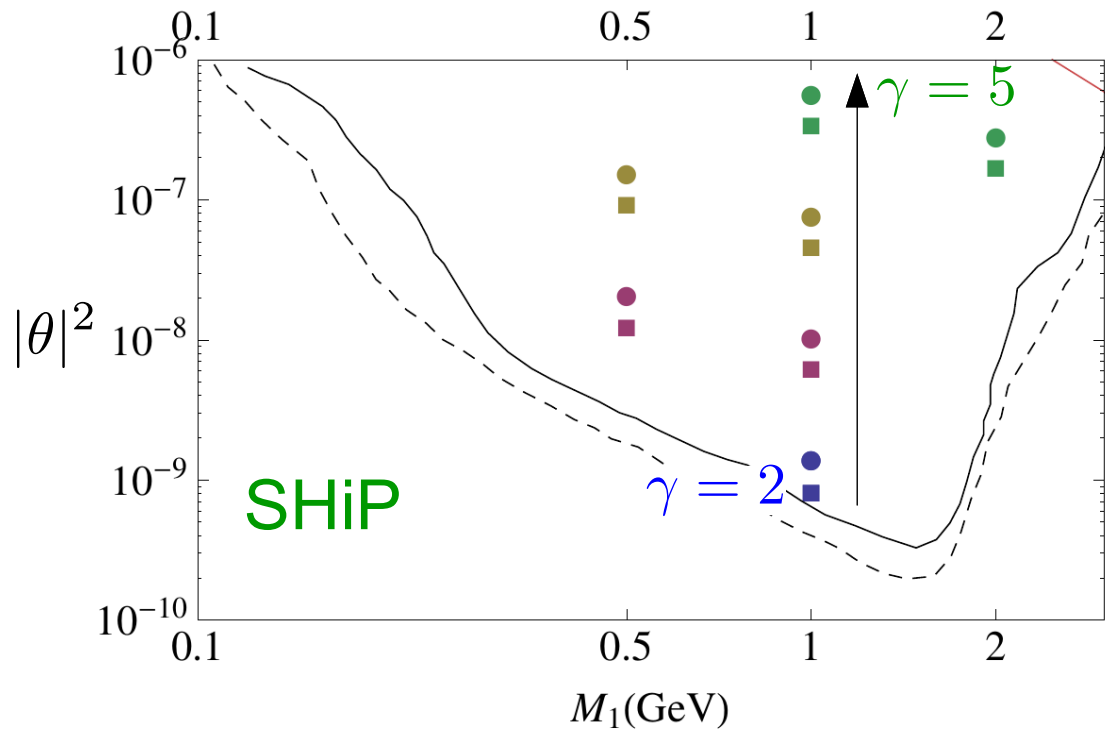


- Direct detection requires:

$$\theta \gg \sqrt{m/M} \iff R_{ij} \gg 1$$

- **Phenomenological constraint** automatically satisfied in inverse and direct seesaw realizations based on a symmetry protected scenario.

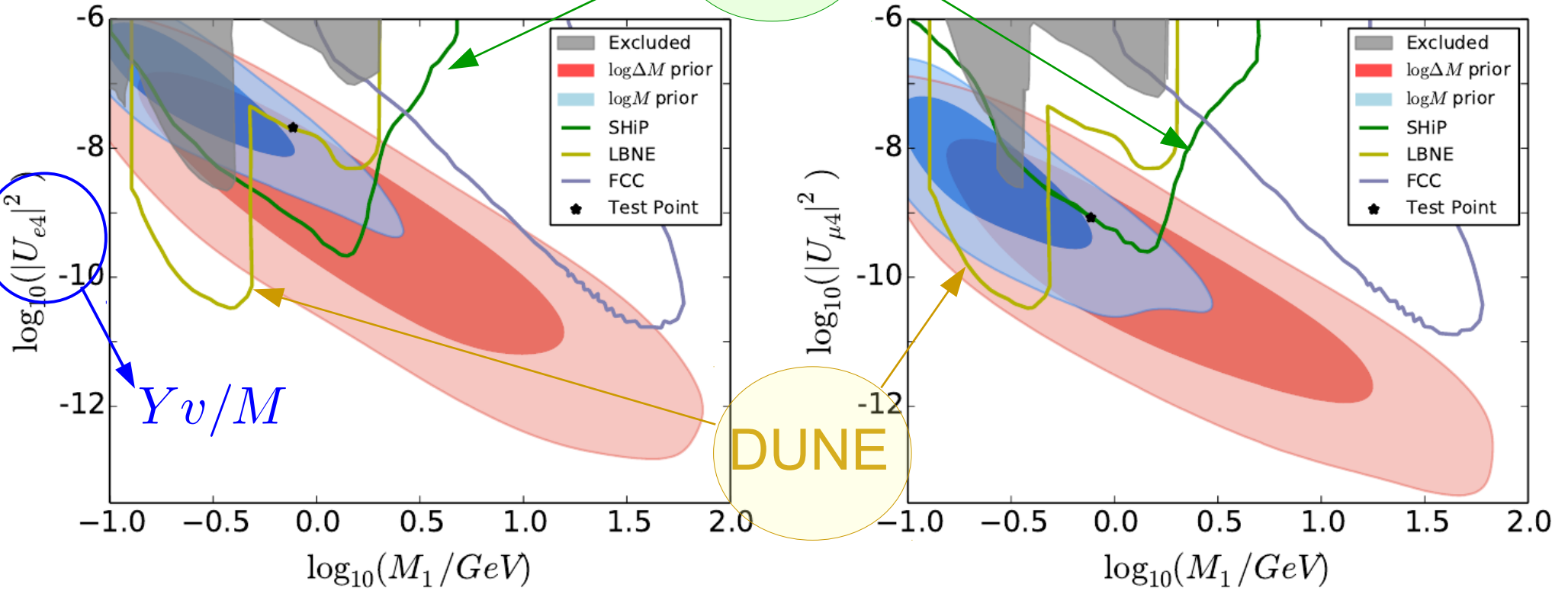
# PMNS CP-phases from HNLs searches



# Leptogenesis in Minimal Model $N_R=2$

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SHiP

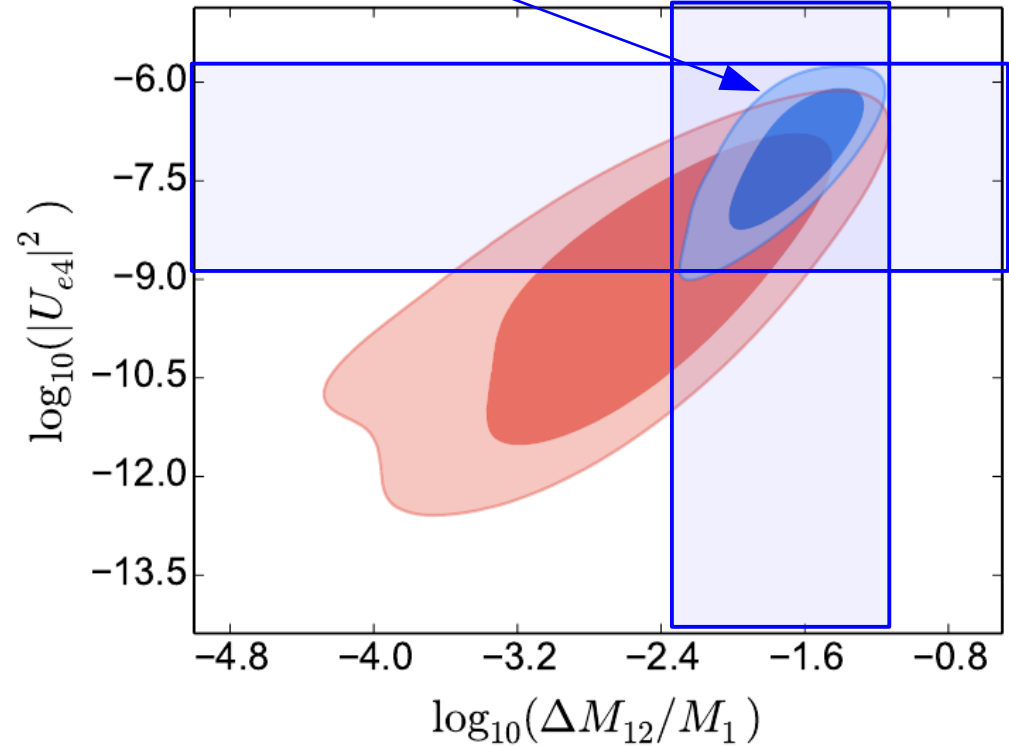
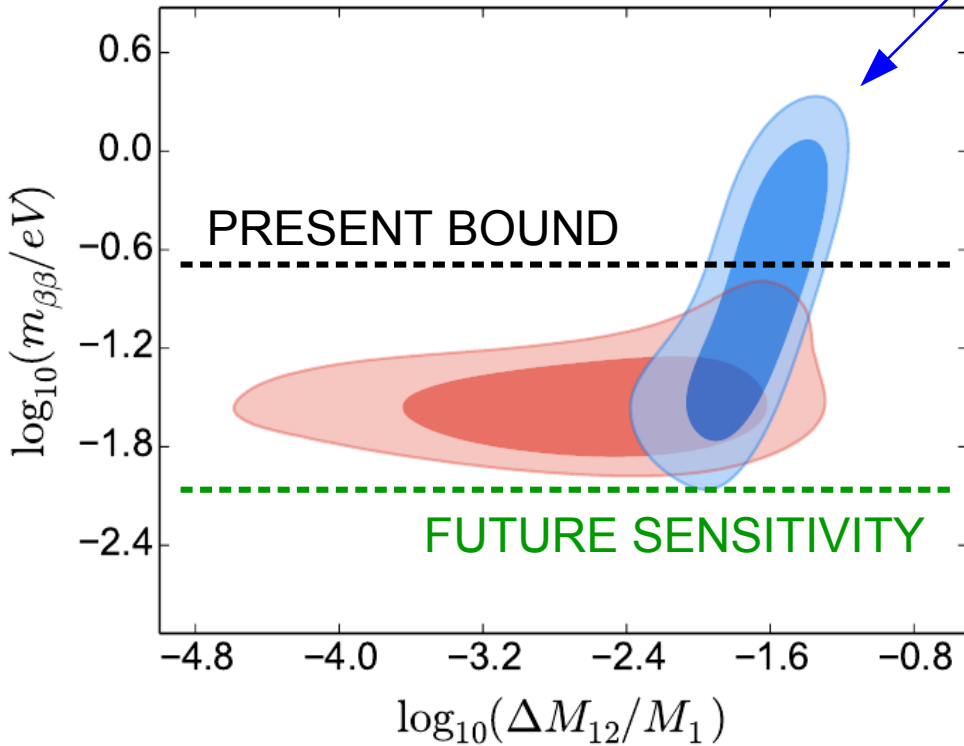


Inverted light neutrino ordering

# Leptogenesis in Minimal Model

$$N_R = 2$$

Non very degenerate solutions



Inverted light neutrino ordering (IH)

# Approximated LNC

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_1^T v/\sqrt{2} & \epsilon Y_2^T v/\sqrt{2} \\ Y_1 v/\sqrt{2} & \mu' & \Lambda \\ \epsilon Y_2 v/\sqrt{2} & \Lambda & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Mohapatra, Valle 1986; Bernabeu, Santamaria, Vidal, Mendez, Valle 1987;  
Malinsky, Romao, Valle 2005...

- Light nu masses suppressed with LNV parameters

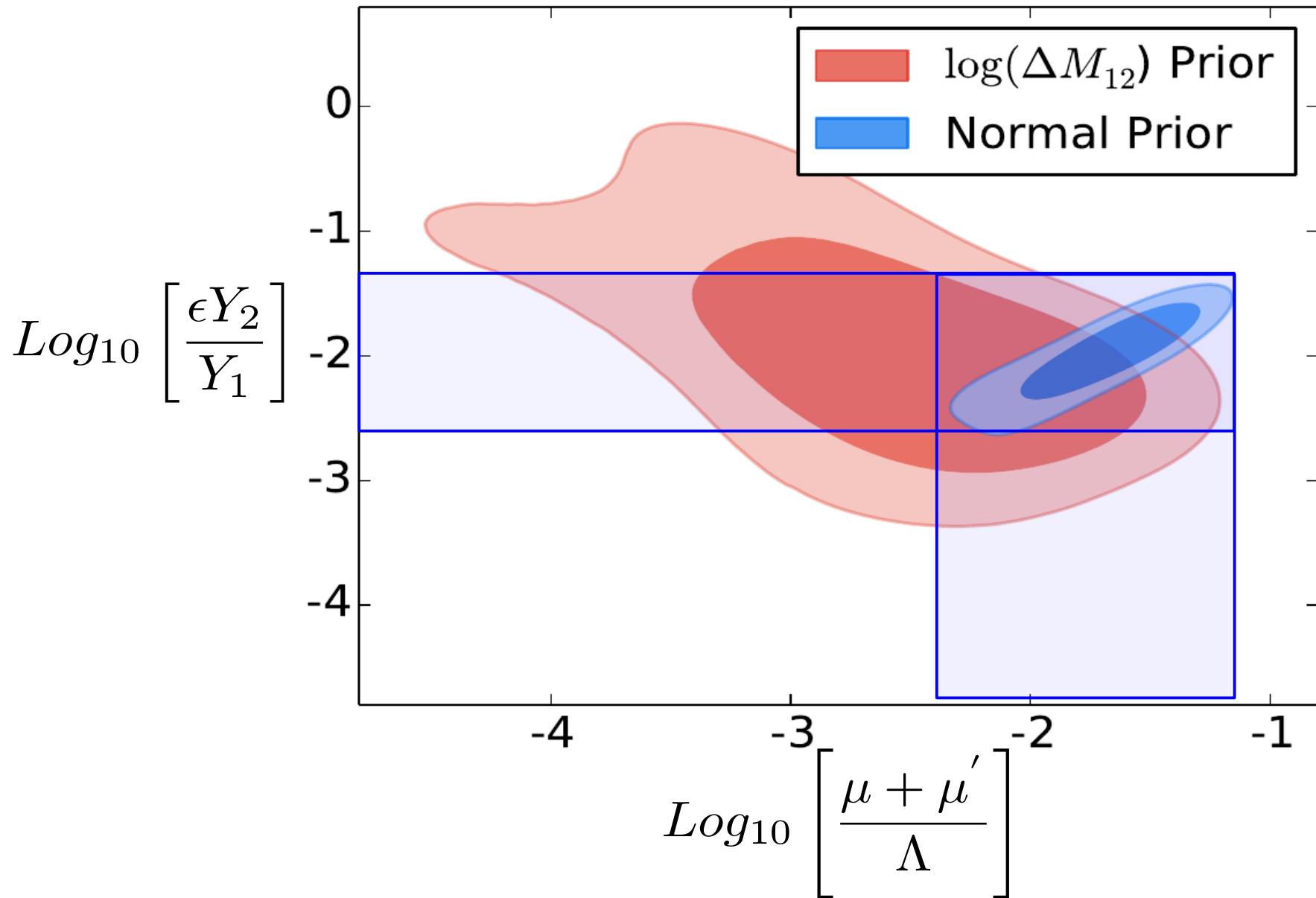
$$m_\nu = \mu \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} Y_1^T Y_1 + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda} \epsilon Y_2^T Y_1 + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda} Y_1^T \epsilon Y_2$$

- Quasi-Dirac heavy neutrinos:

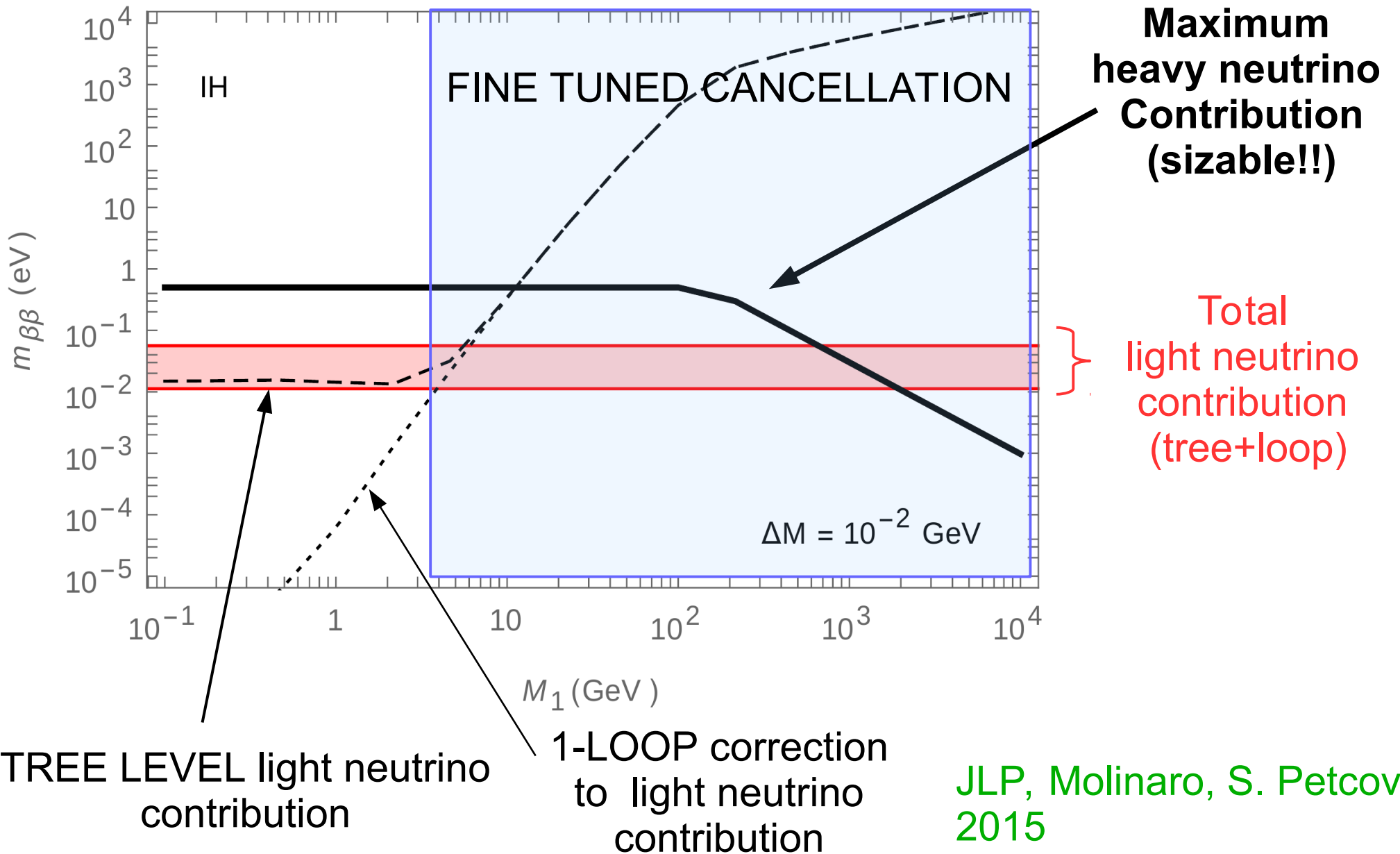
$$M_2 \approx M_1 \approx \Lambda \quad \Delta M \approx \mu' + \mu$$



# Approximated LNC



# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



# Model Independent Approach: EFT

- The leading NP effects are encoded in effective d=5 operators that can be constructed in a gauge invariant way with the SM fields and the  $N_j$

$$\mathcal{O}_W = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \frac{(\alpha_W)_{\alpha\beta}}{\Lambda} \bar{L}_\alpha \tilde{\Phi} \Phi^\dagger L_\beta^c + h.c.,$$

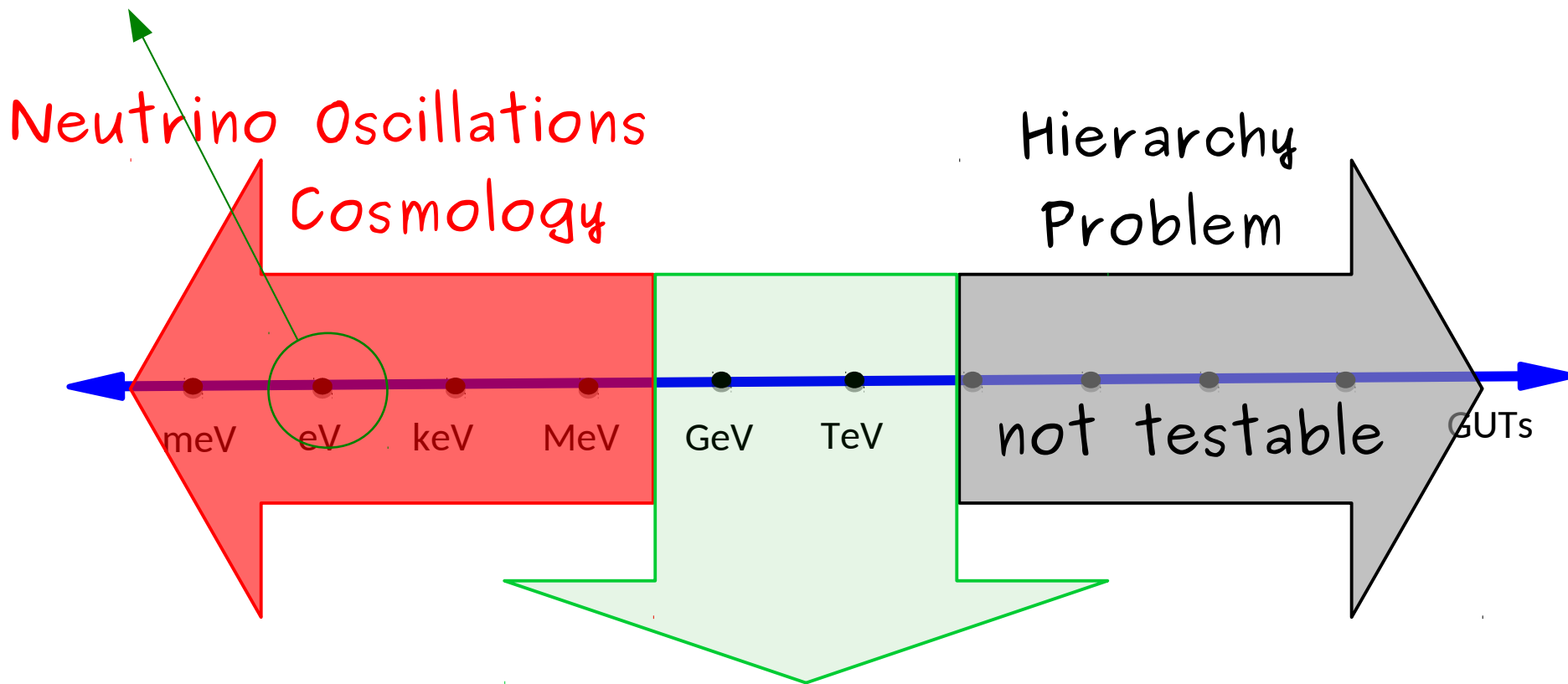
$$\mathcal{O}_{N\Phi} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(\alpha_{N\Phi})_{ij}}{\Lambda} \bar{N}_i N_j^c \Phi^\dagger \Phi + h.c.,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{NB} = \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{(\alpha_{NB})_{ij}}{\Lambda} \bar{N}_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} N_j^c B_{\mu\nu} + h.c.$$

Graesser 2007; del Aguila, Bar-Shalom, Soni, Wudka 2009;  
Aparici, Kim, Santamaria, Wudka 2009.

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# The HNLs Scale



- $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay
- LFV, Beam dump experiments, Colliders...

- Leptogenesis via Oscillations
- $M=0.1-100GeV$

Akhmedov, Rubakov, Smirnov (ARS)  
Asaka, Shaposhnikov (AS)

- Resonant Leptogenesis
- $M>100GeV$

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