

# Effective approach to lepton observables

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# New physics in the lepton sector ?

- non-zero neutrino masses → tiny lepton number violation (likely)

$$m_\nu \lesssim \Lambda_{NP} \lesssim m_{GUT}$$

- no direct indication of new particles presently, and progress at the energy frontier may be very slow

For more, see  
A.Abada et al.

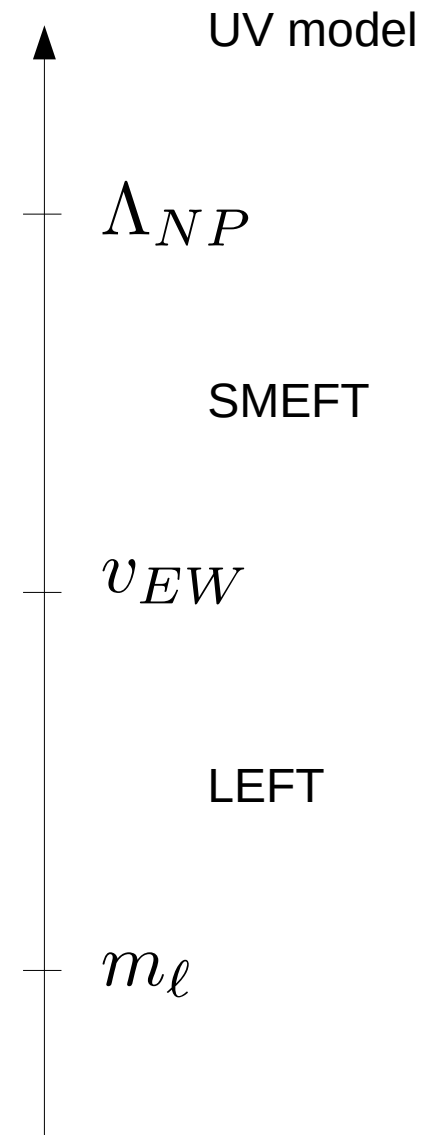
- yet, lepton observables are extremely sensitive to higher scales:

- electroweak precision tests
- charged lepton flavour violation
- dipole moments
- (semi-)leptonic decays of hadrons

- powerful indirect tests of  $\Lambda_{NP} \gg v_{EW} \simeq 250\text{GeV}$

# Effective Field Theory recipe

- start from **any new physics model** in the UV
- “integrate out” all heavy degrees of freedom, whose **dynamics is irrelevant for low-energy observables**
- each model is reduced to **a set of low-energy Wilson Coefficients (WCs)**, which have to be estimated / computed
- each low-energy observable constrains a **model-independent combination of WCs**
- straightforward to **(i) compare constraints & (ii) compare models**



# Do we learn something new ?

## Estimating WCs :

Spurion analysis & Naive dimensional analysis are very instructive

- decide whether the size of some effect is within reach or not, even at very high order in the EFT expansion
  - e.g. in the type-I seesaw model, lepton Electric Dipole Moment arises only from a dim-10 operator, at 2 loops

Coy, Frigerio '18

$$|d_e| \sim \frac{2e}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^4 \frac{\text{Im} \left( \left[ \hat{S} Y_e^\dagger Y_e \hat{S}, \hat{S} \right]_{ee} \right)}{m_W^6} m_e$$
$$\simeq 5.7 \times 10^{-28} \text{Im} \left( \hat{S}_{e\tau} \hat{S}_{\tau\mu} \hat{S}_{\mu e} \right) e \text{ cm}$$

$$[ \hat{S} \equiv m_W^2 Y^\dagger M^{-1*} M^{-1} Y ]$$

For more, see  
C.Smith et al.

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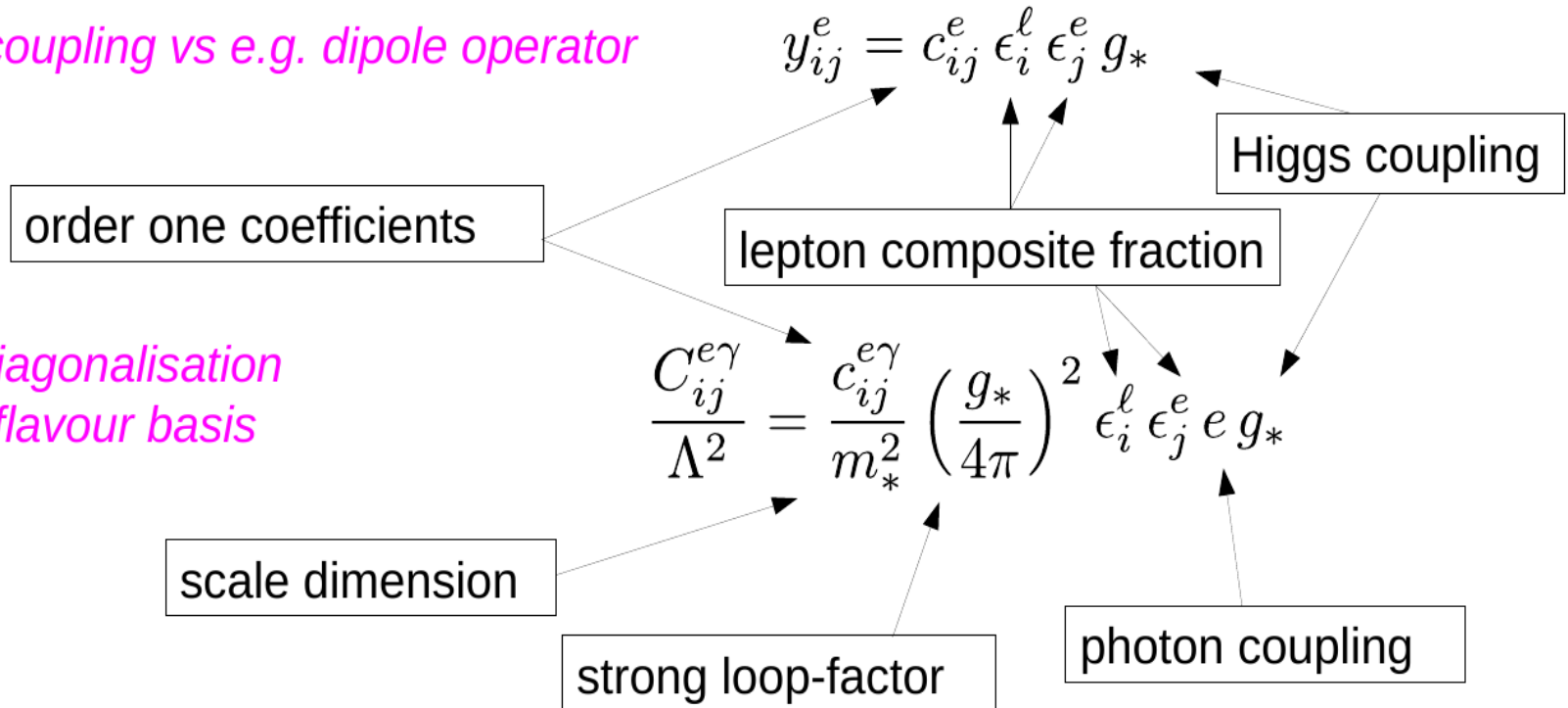
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- decide **whether the size of some effect is within reach or not**, even at very high order in the EFT expansion
- deal with **strongly-coupled new physics models**, where perturbative computations are not feasible
  - e.g. in the partial compositeness scenario for leptons

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_*} \supset y_{ij}^e \bar{\ell}_{Li} e_{Rj} H + \frac{C_{ij}^{e\gamma}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\ell}_{Li} \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_{Rj} F_{\mu\nu} H$$

*Yukawa coupling vs e.g. dipole operator*

*careful Yukawa diagonalisation  
to derive WCs in flavour basis*



Effective operator	Wilson coefficient
$Q_{eW}^{ij} = \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R^j \right) \sigma^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{eW}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_*^3}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^e g c_{ij}^{eW} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \frac{\epsilon_i^\ell}{\epsilon_j^\ell} \frac{\sqrt{2}m_j^e}{v} g c_{ij}^{eW}$
$Q_{eB}^{ij} = \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R^j \right) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{eB}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_*^3}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^e g' c_{ij}^{eB} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \frac{\epsilon_i^\ell}{\epsilon_j^\ell} \frac{\sqrt{2}m_j^e}{v} g' c_{ij}^{eB}$
$Q_{eH}^{ij} = (H^\dagger H) \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i e_R^j H \right)$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{eH}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^3}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^e c_{ij}^{eH} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \frac{\epsilon_i^\ell}{\epsilon_j^\ell} \frac{\sqrt{2}m_j^e}{v} c_{ij}^{eH}$
$Q_{Hl}^{(1)ij} = \left( H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H \right) \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \gamma^\mu \ell_L^j \right)$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{Hl(1)}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell c_{ij}^{Hl(1)}$
$Q_{Hl}^{(3)ij} = \left( H^\dagger \sigma^I i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H \right) \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \sigma^I \gamma^\mu \ell_L^j \right)$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{Hl(3)}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell c_{ij}^{Hl(3)}$
$Q_{He}^{ij} = \left( H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H \right) \left( \bar{e}_R^i \gamma^\mu e_R^j \right)$	$\frac{C_{ij}^{He}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^e \epsilon_j^e c_{ij}^{He} = \frac{1}{m_*^2} \frac{2m_i^e m_j^e}{v^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell} c_{ij}^{He}$
$Q_{ll}^{ijmn} = \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \gamma_\mu \ell_L^j \right) \left( \bar{\ell}_L^m \gamma^\mu \ell_L^n \right)$	$\frac{C_{ijmn}^{ll}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell \epsilon_m^\ell \epsilon_n^\ell c_{ijmn}^{ll}$
$Q_{le}^{ijmn} = \left( \bar{\ell}_L^i \gamma_\mu \ell_L^j \right) \left( \bar{e}_R^m \gamma^\mu e_R^n \right)$	$\frac{C_{ijmn}^{le}}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{g_*^2}{m_*^2} \epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell \epsilon_m^e \epsilon_n^e c_{ijmn}^{le} = \frac{1}{m_*^2} \frac{2m_m^e m_n^e}{v^2} \frac{\epsilon_i^\ell \epsilon_j^\ell}{\epsilon_m^\ell \epsilon_n^\ell} c_{ijmn}^{le}$
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# Do we learn something new ?

## Computing WCs :

In weakly-coupled models, an **explicit, perturbative computation of WCs** is possible. This allows to identify

- accidental (gauge/Lorentz) cancellations
- log enhancements
- order-one factors

**Models can be analysed and compared**, in principle, up to any desired level of accuracy

Relevant **ratios of new physics parameters**  
(with various flavour indexes)

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{Y v}{\sqrt{2}M} \ll 1$$



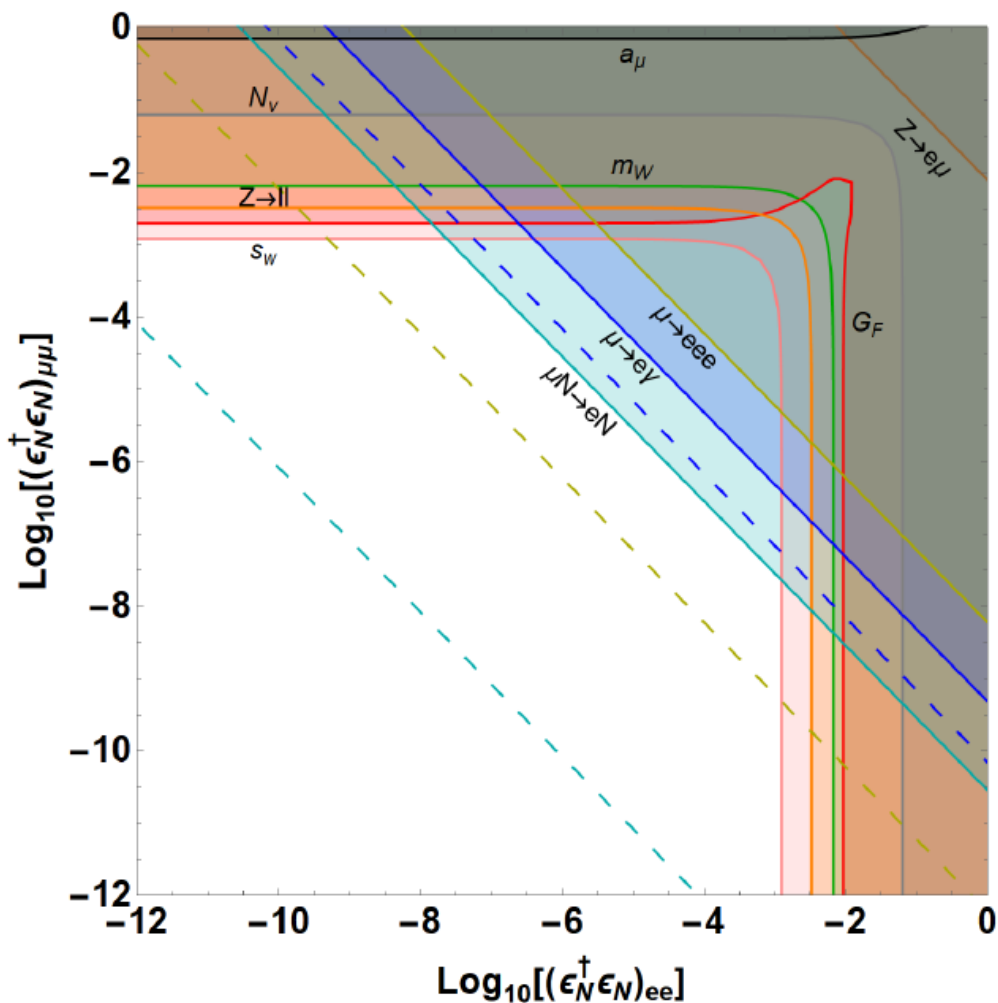
Coy, Frigerio, to appear

WCs	Seesaw I	Seesaw III	Zee	Leptoquarks
$c_{abcd}^{ll}$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{g_1^2 - g_2^2}{24} (\epsilon_N^\dagger \epsilon_N)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2 - g_2^2}{24} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_N^\dagger \epsilon_N)_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_2^2}{12} (\epsilon_N^\dagger \epsilon_N)_{ad} \delta_{cb} \\ & + \frac{g_2^2}{12} \delta_{ad} (\epsilon_N^\dagger \epsilon_N)_{cb} \\ & + 2(c^{W\dagger})_{ac} (c^W)_{bd} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3g_1^2 + g_2^2}{24} (\epsilon_\Sigma^\dagger \epsilon_\Sigma)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{3g_1^2 + g_2^2}{24} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_\Sigma^\dagger \epsilon_\Sigma)_{cd} \\ & - \frac{g_2^2}{12} (\epsilon_\Sigma^\dagger \epsilon_\Sigma)_{ad} \delta_{cb} \\ & - \frac{g_2^2}{12} \delta_{ad} (\epsilon_\Sigma^\dagger \epsilon_\Sigma)_{cb} \\ & + 2(c^{W\dagger})_{ac} (c^W)_{bd} \end{aligned}$	$(\epsilon_\delta^\dagger)_{ac} (\epsilon_\delta)_{db}$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{g_1^2}{6} (\epsilon_D^\dagger \epsilon_D)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2}{6} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_D^\dagger \epsilon_D)_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_2^2}{2} (\epsilon_L^\dagger \epsilon_L)_{ad} \delta_{bc} \\ & + \frac{g_2^2}{2} \delta_{ad} (\epsilon_L^\dagger \epsilon_L)_{cb} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2 - 3g_2^2}{12} (\epsilon_L^\dagger \epsilon_L)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2 - 3g_2^2}{12} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_L^\dagger \epsilon_L)_{cd} \end{aligned}$
$c_{abcd}^{le}$	$\frac{g_1^2}{6} (\epsilon_N^\dagger \epsilon_N)_{ab} \delta_{cd}$	$\frac{g_1^2}{2} (\epsilon_\Sigma^\dagger \epsilon_\Sigma)_{ab} \delta_{cd}$	$-\frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_2^\dagger)_{ad} (\epsilon_2)_{cb}$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{2} (\epsilon_L^\dagger y_u^T \epsilon_R)_{ad} (y_e)_{cb} \\ & + \frac{3}{2} (y_e)_{ad} (\epsilon_R^\dagger y_u^* \epsilon_L)_{cb} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2}{3} (\epsilon_L^\dagger \epsilon_L)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{2g_1^2}{3} (\epsilon_D^\dagger \epsilon_D)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{2g_1^2}{3} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_R^\dagger \epsilon_R)_{cd} \end{aligned}$
$c_{abcd}^{ee}$			$\begin{aligned} & \frac{g_1^2}{3} (\epsilon_2 \epsilon_2^\dagger)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{g_1^2}{3} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_2 \epsilon_2^\dagger)_{cd} \end{aligned}$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2g_1^2}{3} (\epsilon_R^\dagger \epsilon_R)_{ab} \delta_{cd} \\ & + \frac{2g_1^2}{3} \delta_{ab} (\epsilon_R^\dagger \epsilon_R)_{cd} \end{aligned}$

$N_\nu$	$0.58(c^{HD} - c^G) + 11.1c^{He} - 24.8c^{Hl(1)} - 0.82c^{Hl(3)} \in [-0.019, 0.011]$ [32, 46, 50]	$2\sigma$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^+ e^-$	$ c_{e\tau e\mu}^{le} ^2 +  c_{\mu e\tau}^{le} ^2 + 2 c_{e\tau e\mu}^{ll} + c_{\mu e\tau}^{ll} ^2 + 2 c_{e\tau e\mu}^{ee} + c_{\mu e\tau}^{ee} ^2 \lesssim 8.4(0.2) \times 10^{-8}$ [54] ([55])	90%
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+ \mu^-$	$ c_{\mu\tau\mu e}^{le} ^2 +  c_{\mu e\mu\tau}^{le} ^2 + 2 c_{\mu\tau\mu e}^{ll} + c_{\mu e\mu\tau}^{ll} ^2 + 2 c_{\mu\tau\mu e}^{ee} + c_{\mu e\mu\tau}^{ee} ^2 \lesssim 9.5(0.2) \times 10^{-8}$ [54] ([55])	90%
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$\sqrt{ c_{e\mu}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2 +  c_{\mu e}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2} \lesssim 6.4(2.4) \times 10^{-12}$ [33] ([60])	90%
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	$\sqrt{ c_{e\tau}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2 +  c_{\tau e}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2} \lesssim 7.1(2.1) \times 10^{-8}$ [61] ([55])	90%
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$\sqrt{ c_{\mu\tau}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2 +  c_{\tau\mu}^{e\gamma,obs} ^2} \lesssim 8.2(1.2) \times 10^{-8}$ [61] ([55])	90%
$a_e$	$ \text{Re } c_{ee}^{e\gamma,obs}  \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-8}$ [41–43]	4.6
$a_\mu$	$\text{Re}[c_{\mu\mu}^{e\gamma,obs} + 4.3 \times 10^{-7}(c^G - c^{HD})] \in [-0.5, 4.6] \times 10^{-7}$ [38, 39]	4.6
$d_e$	$ \text{Im } c_{ee}^{e\gamma,obs}  \lesssim 1.5 \times 10^{-14}$ [62]	90%
$d_\mu$	$ \text{Im } c_{\mu\mu}^{e\gamma,obs}  \lesssim 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ [63]	95%

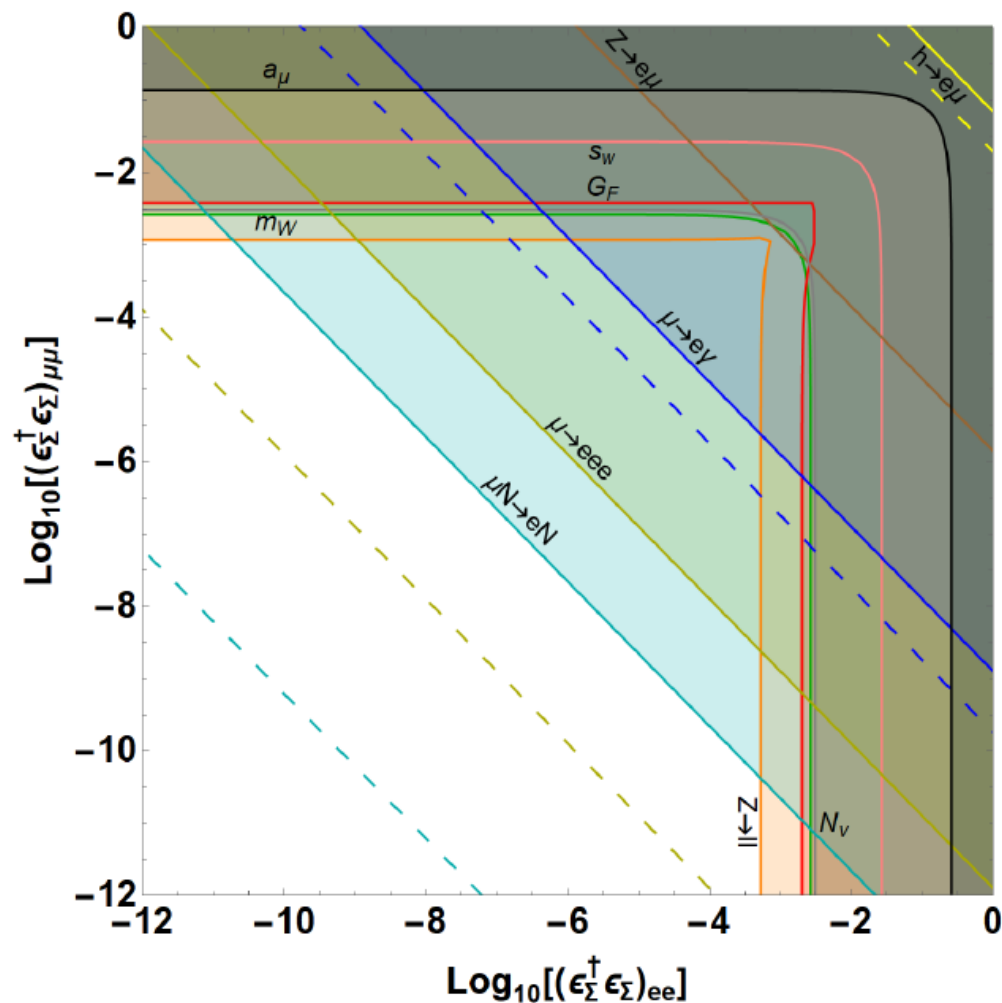
### Seesaw type-I

$$\overline{N}_R Y_N \tilde{H}^\dagger l_L$$



### Seesaw type-III

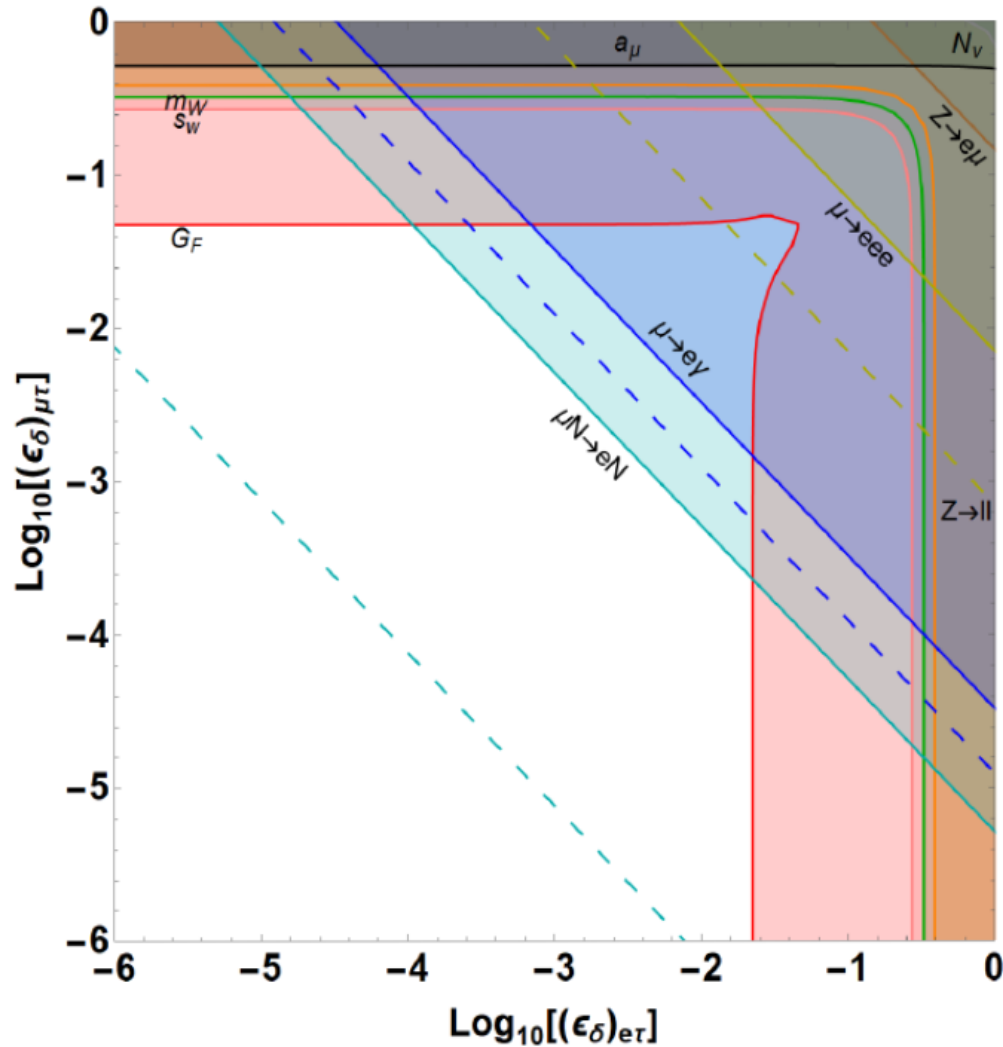
$$\overline{\Sigma}_R^A Y_\Sigma \tilde{H}^\dagger \sigma^A l_L$$



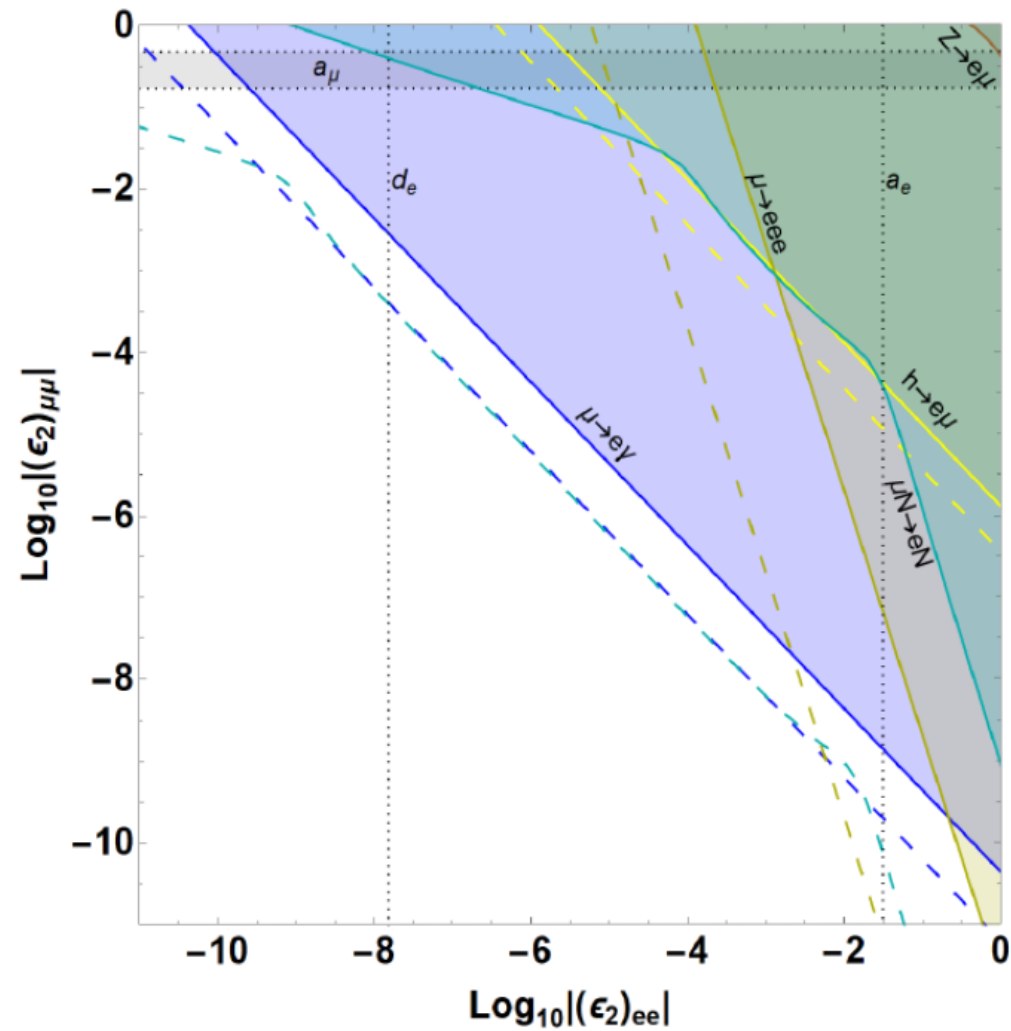
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# Zee model

$$\bar{l}_L^c Y_\delta i \sigma_2 l_L \delta$$



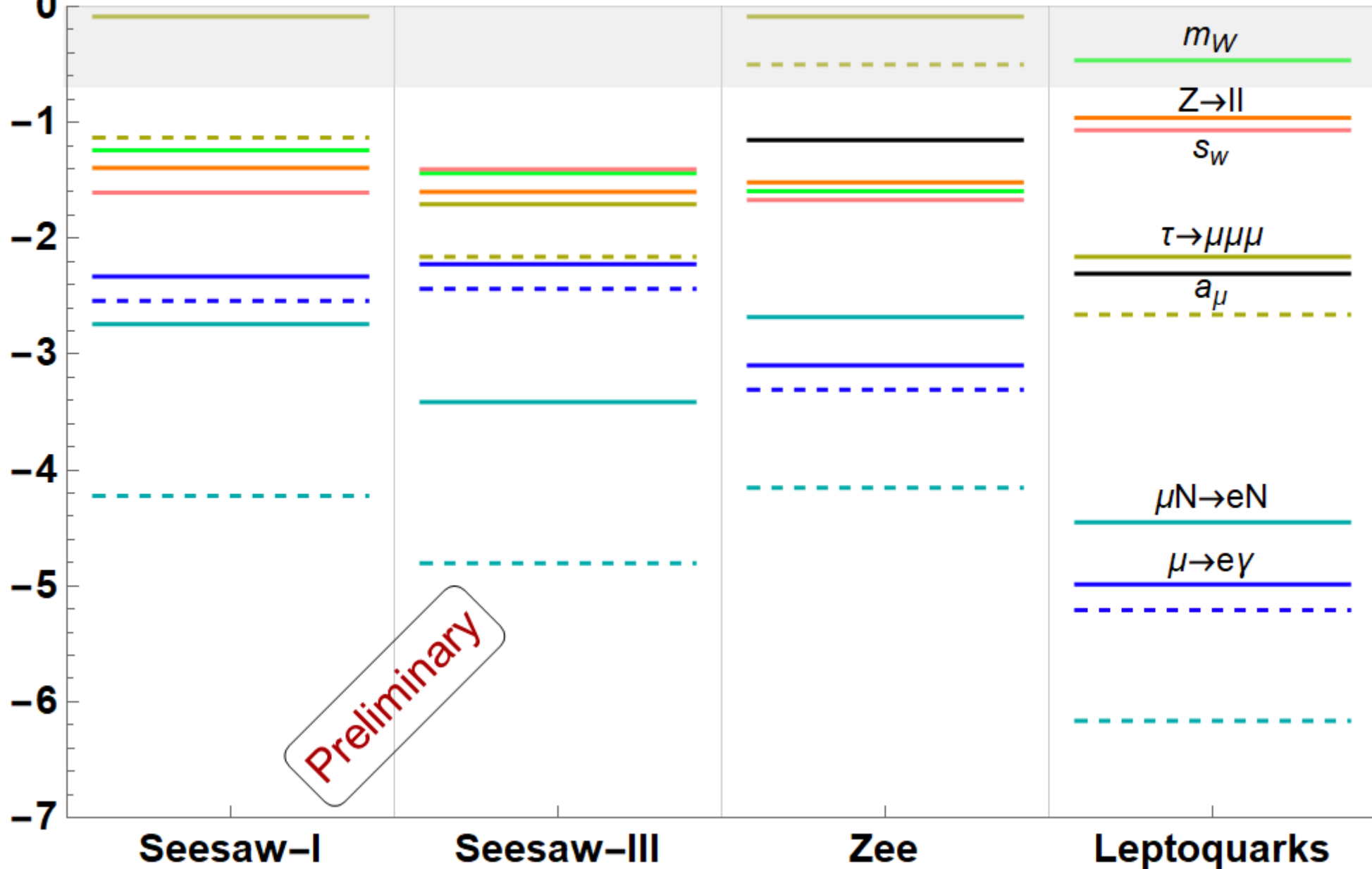
$$\bar{e}_R Y_2 H_2^\dagger l_L$$



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# Comparison of neutrino mass model constraints

$\text{Log}_{10}[\epsilon]$



# Lepton EFT perspectives

## - Expected exp progress: within the EFT regime of validity ?

- orders of magnitude in mu-to-e transitions
- discovery of leptonic CP violation in oscillations and elsewhere?
- two sticking anomalies: muon  $g-2$  & lepton-flavour non-universality in  $b \rightarrow sll$  transitions

For more, see  
A.Teixeira et al.

## - Computation tools for WCs: tree-level matching trivial, one-loop leading-log known, one-loop matching laborious → automatisisation ongoing, two-loops ...

Not obvious whether more precision can be exploited theoretically

## - EFT bottom-up: exploit all possible exp observables to disentangle as many WCs as possible.

Is some piece of analysis missing?

For more, see  
S.Davidson et al.

## - While waiting for a clear new-physics signal, model-builders should privilege (1) theory motivations (2) minimality → correlated predictions