



# Sterile Neutrinos and cLFV

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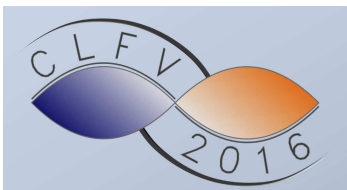
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# Plan

- ▶ **Extending the SM with sterile fermions**

  - Motivation and theoretical framework

  - Phenomenological impact and observational constraints

- ▶ **Sterile neutrinos and cLFV**

  - Radiative and 3 body decays; Nucleus-assisted processes

  - Rare processes at colliders

- ▶ **Sterile neutrinos and cLFV: models of  $\nu$ -mass generation**

  - cLFV at high-intensities and high-energies

- ▶ **Outlook**

# cLFV and New Physics

- ▶ **Flavour violation in charged lepton sector: Physics beyond  $SM_{m,\nu}$  !**

Are neutral and charged LFV related?

Does cLFV arise from  $\nu$ -mass mechanism? Or entirely different nature?

- ▶ **Two approaches to address these questions:** Effective (model-independent)  
(well-motivated) New Physics models

- ▶ **LFV in models of New Physics**

Flavour violating extensions of the SM: Little Higgs, extra dimensions, general SUSY, ...

Models of neutrino mass generation: Low-scale seesaws, SUSY seesaw, ...

Hints of an organising principle - LFV and symmetries: LR models, GUTs, ...

- ▶ **cLFV arising in SM “minimally” extended via sterile fermions !**



- ▶ Hints on the mechanism of  $\nu$ -mass generation...?

► **Sterile fermion extensions of the SM**

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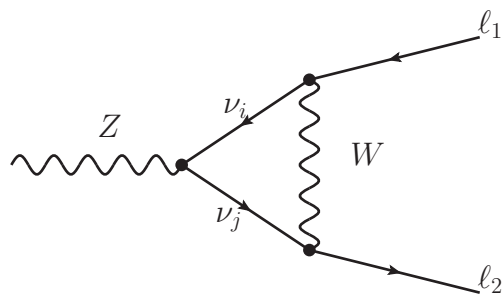
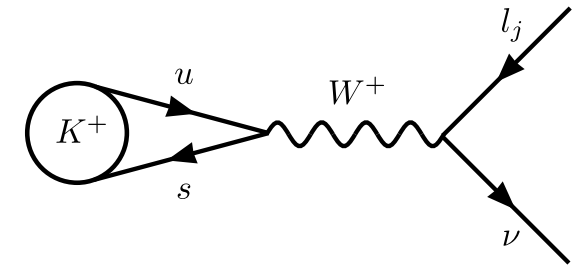
- **Phenomenological impact:** modified  $W^\pm$  charged currents and  $Z^0$ ,  $H$  neutral currents

If sufficiently light, sterile  $\nu$ s can be **produced as final states**

- Contributions to many **observables** [low and high energies]

**Lepton properties:**

- Electric and magnetic moments
- Neutrinoless double beta decay (LNV)
- Violation of flavour universality (e.g.  $\Delta r_K$ )



**Rare decays:**

- Violation of lepton flavour
- cLFV  $Z$  decays
- cLFV and invisible  $H$  decays
- [Collider signatures]

- Already many **constraints** on the sterile masses and mixings!

# Theoretical frameworks of $\nu_s$

## ► Numerous SM extensions aiming at accounting for $\nu$ masses and mixings

↪ **Right-handed neutrinos** (low scale seesaws: type I,  $\nu$ MSM, ...)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{type I}} = -Y^\ell \bar{L}_L H e_R - Y^\nu \bar{\nu}_R \tilde{H} \nu_L - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_R M_N \nu_R^c \quad \Rightarrow m_\nu \sim \frac{v^2 Y_\nu^2}{M_N}$$

↪ **Other neutral fermions** ( $\nu_R$  + extra sterile states in Inverse Seesaw, ...)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ISS}} = -Y^\nu \bar{\nu}_R \tilde{H} L - M_R \bar{\nu}_R X - \frac{1}{2} \mu_X \bar{X}^c X + \frac{1}{2} \mu_R \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R^c \quad \Rightarrow m_\nu \sim \frac{v^2 Y_\nu^2}{M_R} \frac{\mu_X}{M_R}$$

⇒ Neutrino oscillation data; leptogenesis; DM (?); very rich phenomenology

## ► Simplified “toy models” for phenomenological analyses: SM + $\nu_s$

“ad-hoc” construction (no specific assumption on mechanism of mass generation)

encodes the effects of  $N$  additional sterile states in a **single one**

... Not to be confused with oscillation anomaly solution!...



# “Toy model” for phenomenological analyses: SM + $\nu_s$

- Assumptions: 3 active neutrinos + 1 sterile state  $n_L = (\nu_{Le}, \nu_{L\mu}, \nu_{L\tau}, \nu_s^c)^T$

interaction basis  $\leftrightarrow$  physical basis  $n_L = U_{4 \times 4} \nu_i$

$$U_{4 \times 4}^T M U_{4 \times 4} = \text{diag}(m_{\nu_1}, \dots, m_{\nu_4}) \quad \text{“Majorana mass”}: \mathcal{L}_{\text{toy}} \sim n_L^T C M n_L$$

- Active-sterile mixing  $\mathbf{U}_{\alpha i}$  :

rectangular matrix  $\leftarrow \mathbf{U} = U|_{3 \times 4}$

- Left-handed lepton mixing  $\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}}$ :

$3 \times 3$  sub-block, non-unitary!

$$U_{4 \times 4} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Physical parameters: 4 masses [3 light (mostly active) + 1 heavier (mostly sterile) states]

6 mixing angles [ $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \& \theta_{i4}$ ] and 6 phases [(3 Dirac and 3 Majorana)]

- Modified charged ( $W^\pm$ ) and neutral ( $Z^0$ ) current interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{W^\pm} \sim -\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \sum_{i=1}^{3+n_S} \mathbf{U}_{\alpha i} \bar{\ell}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_i$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z^0} \sim -\frac{g_w}{2 \cos \theta_w} Z_\mu \sum_{i,j=1}^{3+n_S} \bar{\nu}_i \gamma^\mu \left[ P_L (\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{U})_{ij} - P_R (\mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{U})_{ij}^* \right] \nu_j$$

## Constraints on sterile fermions: masses and $\theta_{\alpha s}$

- ▶ **Neutrino oscillation parameters:**  $\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}}$  comply with observed mixings
- ▶ **Electroweak precision tests:** invisible  $Z$  width; leptonic  $Z$  width; Weinberg angle...  
[Del Aguila et al, '08; Atre et al, '09; ...  
Antusch et al, '09-'14; Fernandez-Martinez et al, '16; ...]
- ▶ **Searches at the LHC:** invisible Higgs decays  $H \rightarrow \nu_L \nu_R$ ; direct searches, ...  
[Dev et al, '12-'15; Bandyopadhyay et al, '12; Cely et al, '14;  
Arganda et al, '14-'15; Deppish et al, '15; ...]
- ▶ **Peak searches in meson decays:** monochromatic lines in  $\ell^\pm$  spectrum from  $X_M^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu_s$   
[Shrock, '80-'81; Atre et al, '09; Kusenko et al, '09; Lello et al, '13]
- ▶ **Beam dump experiments:**  $\nu_s$  decay products (light mesons,  $\ell^\pm$ ) from  $X_M^\pm$  decays  
[PS191, CHARM, NuTeV, ...]

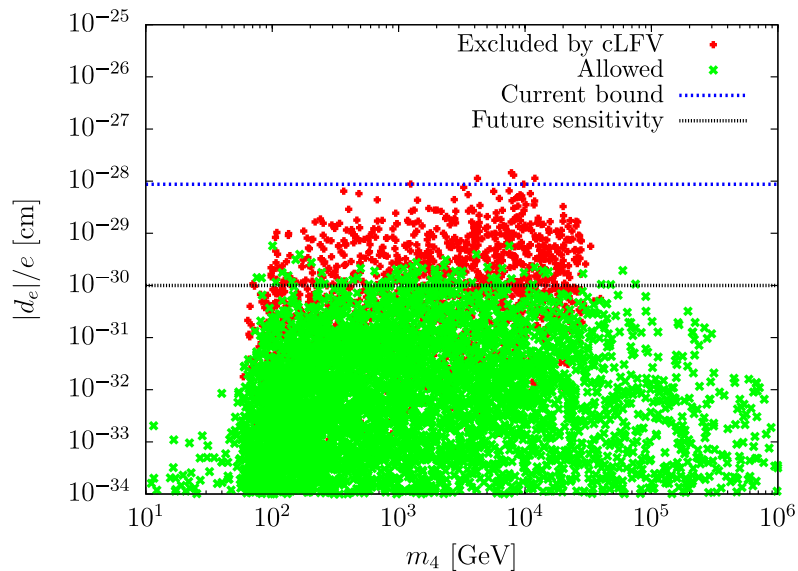
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- ▶ **Neutrinoless double beta decays -  $|m_{ee}|$ :** [EXO-200, KamLAND-Zen, GERDA,...]  
[Blenow et al, '10; Lopez-Pavon et al, '13;  
Abada et al, '14, ..., Giunti et al]
- ▶ **Rare meson decays: Lepton Number Violating (LNV)** e.g.  $K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ \pi^-$   
**Lepton Universality Violating (LUV)** e.g.  $R_{X_M}, R(D), R_\tau$   
[CLEO, Belle, BaBar, NA62, LHCb, BES III, ...]  
[Shrock, '81; Atre et al, '09; Abada et al, '13-'15, ...]
- ▶ **Lepton Flavour Violation: 3 body decays among most stringent...**  
[Gronau et al, '85; Ilakovac & Pilaftsis, '95 - '14;  
Deppisch et al, '05; Dinh et al, '12; Alonso et al, '12; ...]
- ▶ **Cosmology:** large scale structures, Lyman- $\alpha$ , BBN, CMB, X-ray, SN1987a, ...  
[Smirnov et al, '06; Kusenko, '09; Gelmini, '10;  
Donini et al, '14; Hernández et al, '15-'16; ...]

▶ **Sterile neutrinos and lepton properties**

# Impact for lepton properties

## ▶ Leptonic CP violation: electric dipole moments



▶ Majorana (and Dirac) phases  $\Rightarrow$  lepton EDMs

▶ Non-vanishing contributions: at least **two sterile  $\nu$**

▶  $|d_e|/e \geq 10^{-30}$  cm for  $m_{\nu_{4,5}} \sim [100 \text{ GeV}, 100 \text{ TeV}]$

[Abada and Toma, '15]

## ▶ Lepton number violation: $0\nu 2\beta$ decays

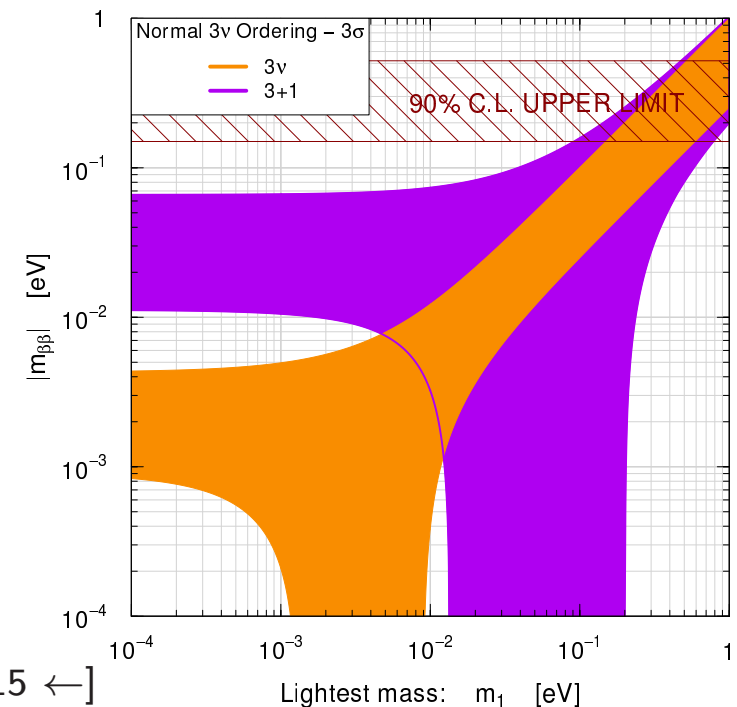
▶  $\nu_s$  can strongly impact predictions for  $|m_{ee}|$

$\Rightarrow$  augmented ranges for effective mass (*IO and NO*)

▶ **Observation of  $0\nu 2\beta$  signal** in future experiments

**does not imply Inverted Ordering** for light  $\nu_s$

[Abada, De Romeri and AMT, '14; ...; Giunti et al, '15  $\leftarrow$ ]

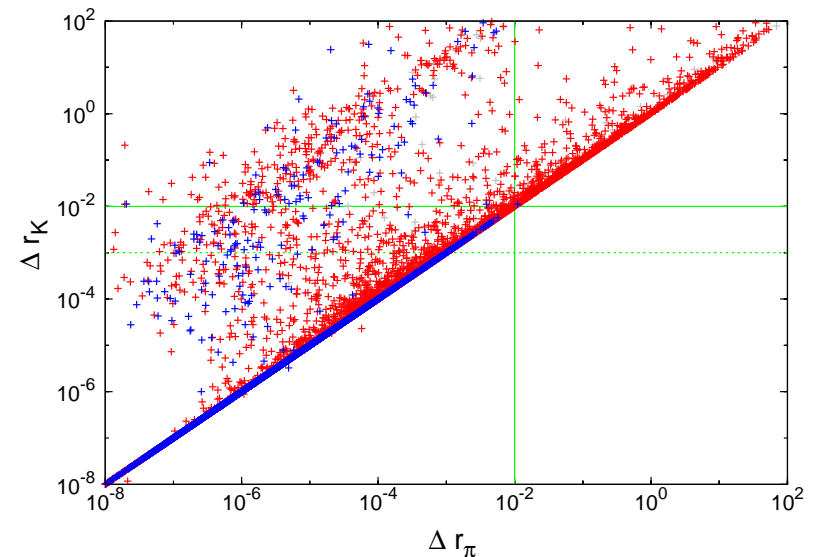
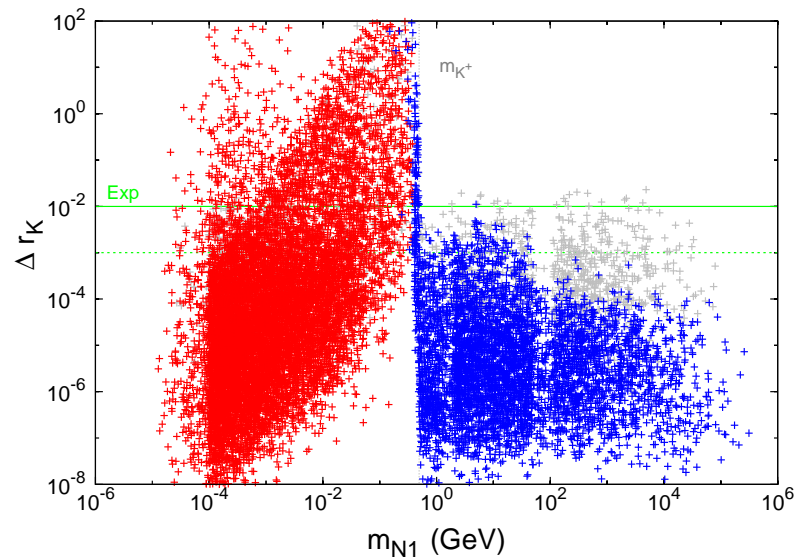


# Impact for lepton properties

- ▶ Lepton Universality Violation in  $K$  and  $\pi$  decays

$$R_P = \frac{\Gamma(P \rightarrow e\nu)}{\Gamma(P \rightarrow \mu\nu)} \quad \text{comparison with SM th predictions} \quad \Delta r_P = \frac{R_P^{\text{exp}}}{R_P^{\text{SM}}} - 1$$

- ▶ Sizeable active-sterile mixing: **corrections to  $Wl\nu$  vertex!**



“LFU violation in ISS” [Abada, AMT, Vicente and Weiland, '11-'13]

- ▶ Sterile neutrino contributions:  $\Delta r_{K,\pi} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$  (in contrast with SUSY models) [Fonseca, Romao and AMT '12]
- ▶  $\Delta r_{K,\pi} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \Rightarrow$  one of the **strongest constraints in SM +  $\nu_s$  models!**
- ▶ Many **other LFU violation observables** (sensitive to  $\nu_s$ ?!)

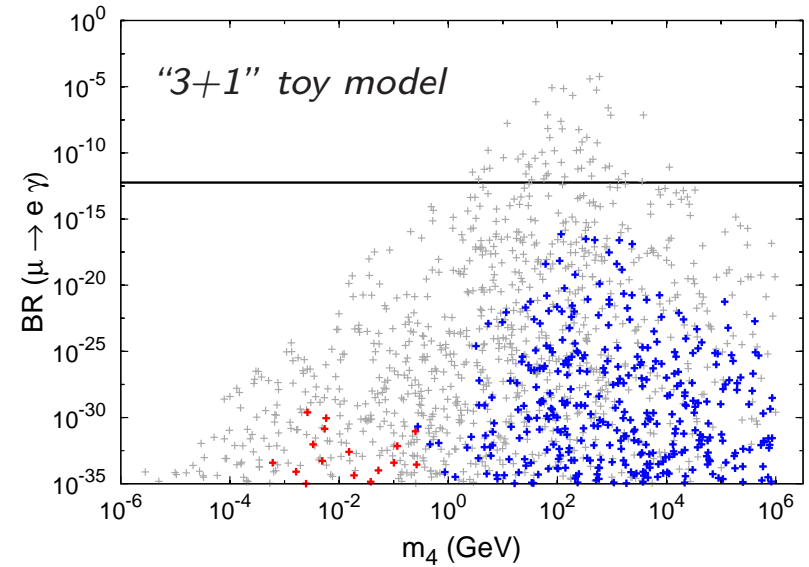
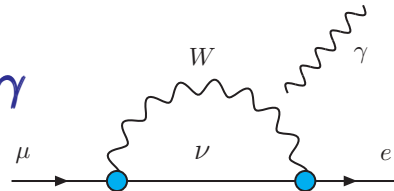
- ▶ **Sterile neutrinos and cLFV: simple “toy models”**

# $\nu_s$ and cLFV: radiative and 3 body decays

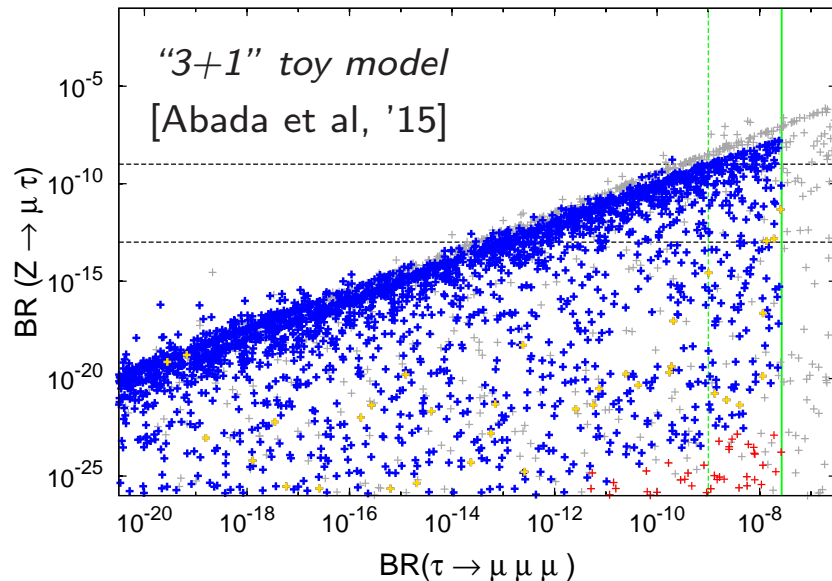
► Radiative decays:  $l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma$

► Consider  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$

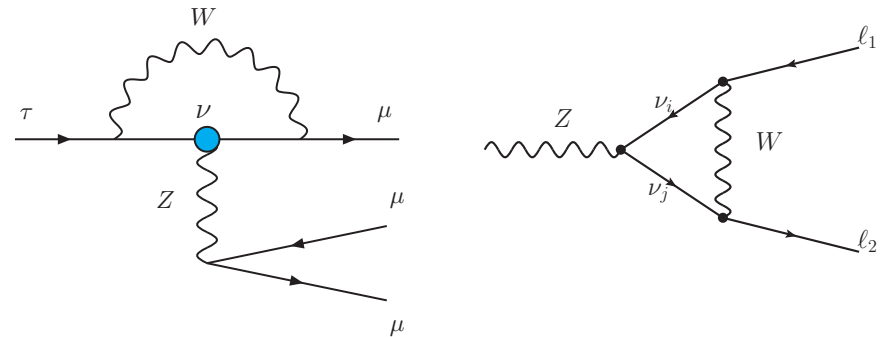
► For  $m_4 \gtrsim 10$  GeV sizable  $\nu_s$  contributions  
 .. but precluded by other cLFV observables



► 3 body decays  $l_i \rightarrow 3l_j$  vs cLFV  $Z$  decays at FCC-ee



► Dominated by  $Z$  penguin contributions



► Allows to probe  $\mu - \tau$  cLFV beyond SuperB reach

► Complementarity probes of  $\nu_s$  cLFV

at low- and high energies! (and in LNV...)



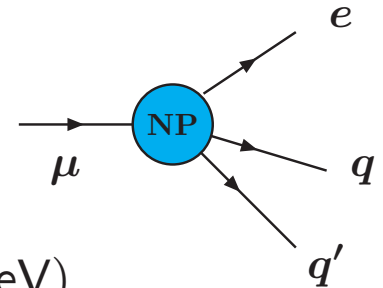
## cLFV in “muonic” atoms: $\mu - e$ conversion

- ▶ **Muonic atoms:** 1s bound state formed when  $\mu^-$  stopped in target

SM processes:  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$  (decay in orbit);  $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + (A, Z - 1)$  (nuclear capture)

- ▶ **cLFV  $\mu^- - e^-$  conversion:**  $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$

coherent conversion, increases with  $Z$  (maximal for  $30 \leq Z \leq 60$ )



- ▶ **Event signature:** single mono-energetic electron

$$E_{\mu e}^N = m_\mu - E_B(A, Z) - E_R(A, Z), \quad E_{\mu e}^{\text{Al, Pb, Ti}} \approx \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$$

- ▶ **Backgrounds**  $\Rightarrow$  only **physics** (e.g.  $\mu$  decay in orbit); beam (purity), cosmic rays, ...

- ▶ **Experimental status (present bounds and future prospects):**

CR( $\mu - e$ , N) bound	material	year
$4.3 \times 10^{-12}$	<b>Ti</b>	1993
$4.6 \times 10^{-11}$	<b>Pb</b>	1996
$7 \times 10^{-13}$	<b>Au</b>	2006

Experiment (material)	future sensitivity	year
<b>Mu2e</b> (Al)	$3 \times 10^{-17}$	$\sim 2021$
<b>COMET</b> (Al) - Phase I (II)	$10^{-15}$ ( $10^{-17}$ )	$\sim 2018(21)$
<b>PRISM/PRIME</b> (Ti)	$10^{-18}$	
DeeMe (SiC)	$10^{-14}$	

# cLFV in “muonic” atoms: Coulomb enhanced decays

- ▶ **Muonic atom decay:**  $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

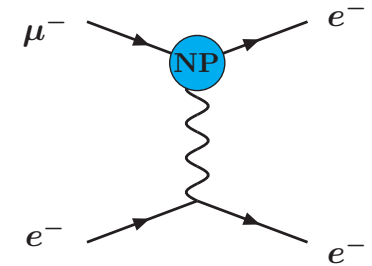
[Koike et al, '10]

Initial  $\mu^-$  and  $e^-$ : 1s state bound in Coulomb field of the **muonic atom's nucleus**

- ▶ **Coulomb interaction** increases overlap between

$\Psi_{\mu^-}$  and  $\Psi_{e^-}$  wave functions

$$\Gamma(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-, N) \propto \sigma_{\mu e \rightarrow ee} v_{\text{rel}} [(Z - 1) \alpha m_e]^3 / \pi$$



- ▶ **Clean experimental signature:** back-to-back electrons,  $E_{e^-} \approx m_\mu/2$   
larger phase space than  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$

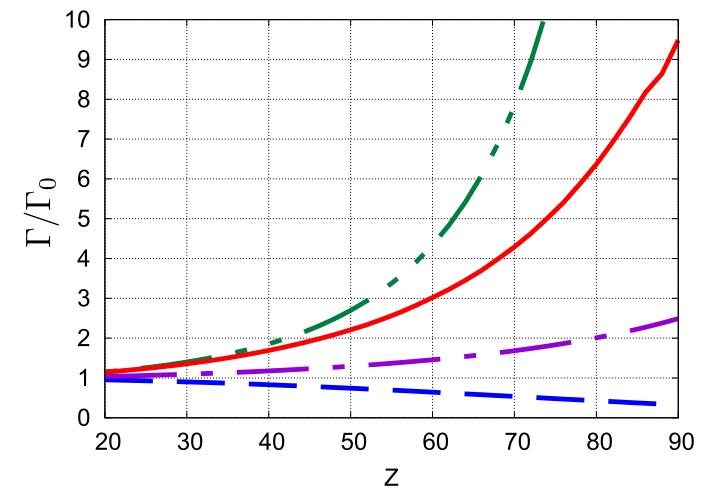
- ▶ **Rate strongly enhanced** in **large Z atoms**

$$\Gamma/\Gamma_0 \gtrsim (Z - 1)^3 \quad [\text{Uesaka et al, '15-'16}]$$

Consider experimental setups for **Pb, U !?**

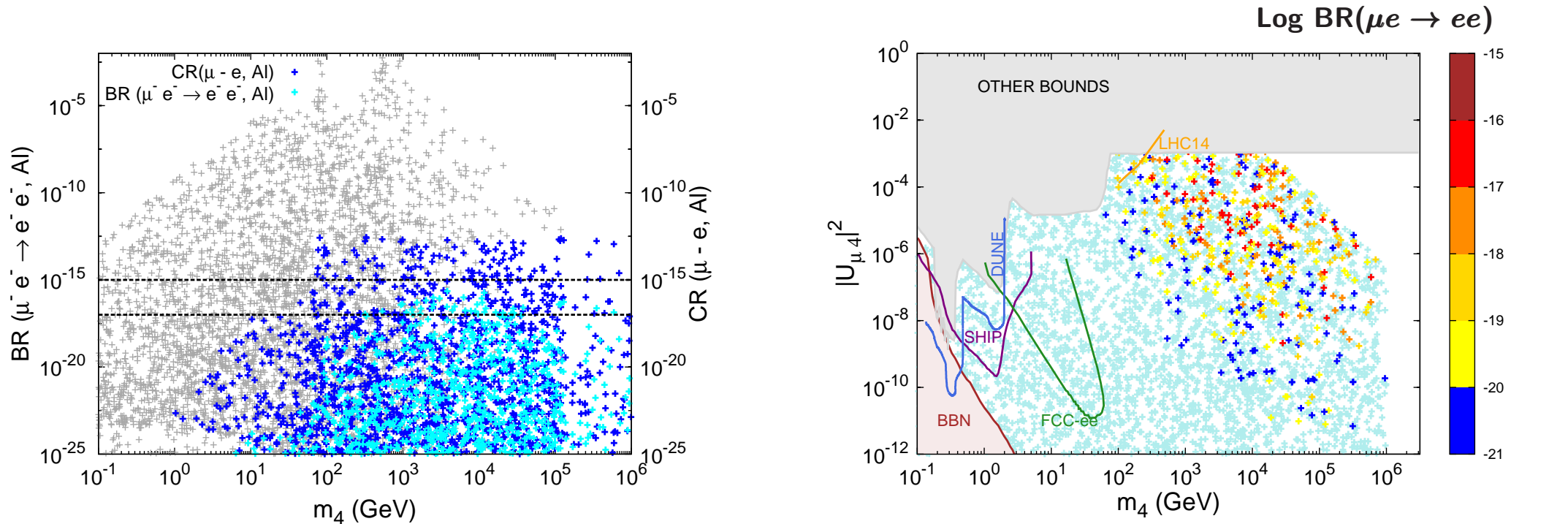
- ▶ **Experimental status: New observable!**

Hopefully included in Physics programmes of **COMET & Mu2e (?)**



# cLFV in “muonic atoms” and sterile neutrinos

- cLFV muonic atom decay  $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$  vs  $\mu - e$  conversion (Aluminium target)



“3+1” toy model [Abada, De Romeri and AMT, '15]

- Sizeable values for  $BR(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$  - potentially within **experimental reach!**  
probe “heavy mass” regimes inaccessible for SHiP, FCC, LHC, ...
- For **Aluminium**,  $CR(\mu - e)$  appears to have **stronger experimental potential**  
.. consider “heavy” targets to probe  $BR(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$

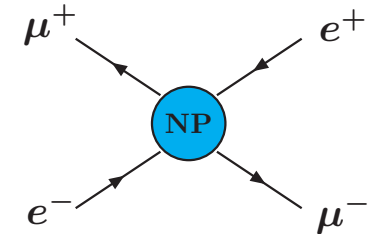
## cLFV in “muonic” atoms: Muonium

- ▶ **Muonium:** hydrogen-like **Coulomb bound state** ( $e^- \mu^+$ ); free of hadronic interactions!

- ▶ **Mu –  $\overline{\text{Mu}}$  conversion**

Spontaneous conversion of a ( $e^- \mu^+$ ) into ( $e^+ \mu^-$ )

Reflects a **double lepton number violation**:  $\Delta L_e = \Delta L_\mu = 2$



- ▶ **Experimental status:**  $P(\text{Mu} - \overline{\text{Mu}}) < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$  [Willmann et al, 1999]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{Mu} - \overline{\text{Mu}}} \sim G_{\text{MM}} [\bar{\mu} \gamma^\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) e] [\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) \mu] \iff |\text{Re}(G_{\text{MM}})| < 0.003 \times G_F$$

Future prospects at **FNAL** ?

- ▶ **cLFV Mu decay:**  $\text{Mu} \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

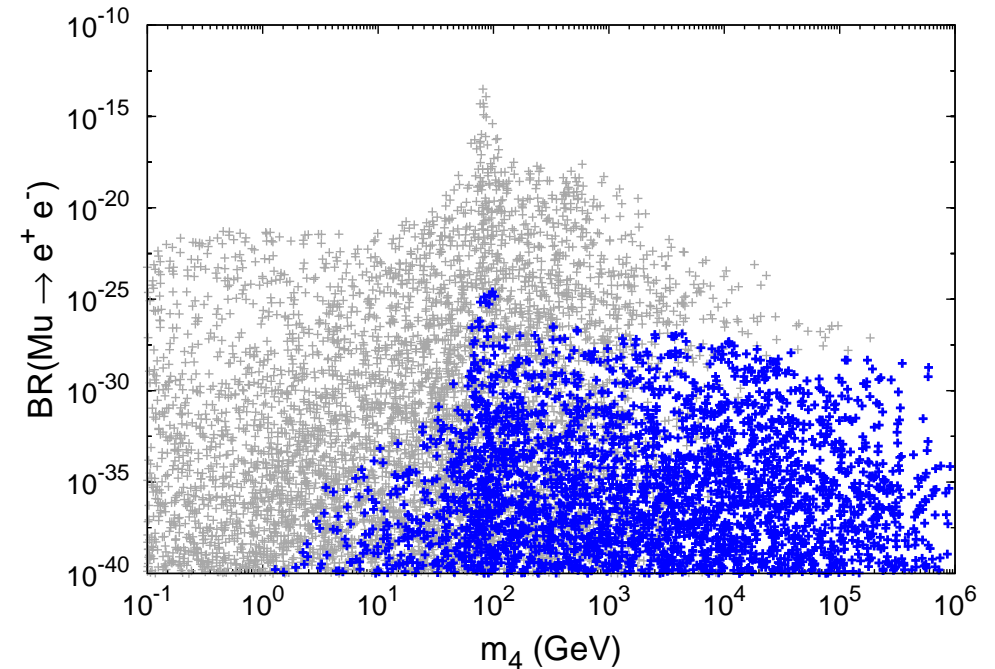
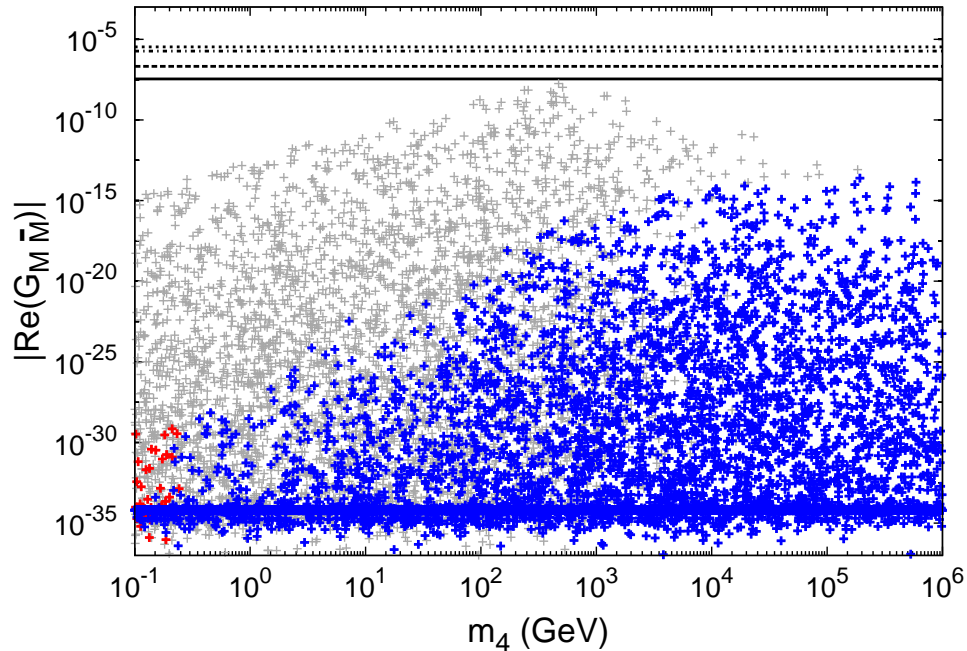
clear signal compared to SM decay  $\text{Mu} \rightarrow e^+ e^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$  (no missing energy)

- ▶ **Experimental status:** no clear roadmap (nor bounds)...

Hopefully included in Physics programme of **COMET** & **Mu2e** (?)

# Muonium and sterile neutrinos

- ▶ cLFV Muonium processes:  $\text{Mu} - \overline{\text{Mu}}$  oscillation and  $\text{Mu} \rightarrow e^+e^-$  decay



“3+1” toy model [Abada, De Romeri and AMT, '15]

- ▶ Large values of  $G_{M\bar{M}}$  precluded due to conflict with  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, \text{Au})$  and  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$   
Within reach of next generation of experiments? (e.g. FNAL)
- ▶ Maximally expected values  $\text{Mu} \rightarrow e^+e^- \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-25})$  Within experimental reach ?

▶ **cLFV and sterile fermions: mechanisms of  $\nu$ -mass generation**

## cLFV and $\nu_s$ : low scale seesaws

“Standard” fermionic seesaws:  $Y^\nu \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \Rightarrow M_{\text{new}} \approx 10^{13-15} \text{ GeV!}$

Suppression of LFV rates due to the **large mass of the mediators!**

**Low scale seesaws:** rich phenomenology (also at LHC), **observable cLFV!**



**Well motivated frameworks:** low-scale Type I Seesaw

Inverse Seesaw realisations

$\nu$  Minimal Standard Model, ...

... calling upon sterile fermions!

## cLFV: low scale type I seesaw

↪ SM + Right-handed neutrinos

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{type I}} = -Y^\ell \bar{L}_L H e_R - Y^\nu \bar{\nu}_R \tilde{H} \nu_L - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_R M_R \nu_R^c$$

- ▶ Addition of 3 “heavy” Majorana RH neutrinos to SM;  $\text{MeV} \lesssim M_R \lesssim 10^{\text{few}} \text{TeV}$

No *prejudice* on naturality or finetuning of  $Y^\nu$  ...

- ▶ Spectrum and mixings: **6 physical states**

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu^{6 \times 6} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v Y^\nu \\ v Y^{\nu T} & M_R \end{pmatrix} \quad U^T \mathcal{M}_\nu^{6 \times 6} U = \text{diag}(m_i) \quad \begin{aligned} m_\nu &\approx -v^2 Y_\nu^T \frac{1}{M_R} Y_\nu \\ m_N &\simeq M_{R_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{\nu\nu} & U_{\nu N} \\ U_{N\nu} & U_{NN} \end{pmatrix} \quad U_{\nu\nu} \approx (1 - \varepsilon) U_{\text{PMNS}} \quad \text{Non-unitary leptonic mixing } \tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}}!$$

- ▶ Heavy states do not decouple  $\Rightarrow$  modified neutral and charged leptonic currents
- ▶ Rich phenomenology at **high-intensity/low-energy**



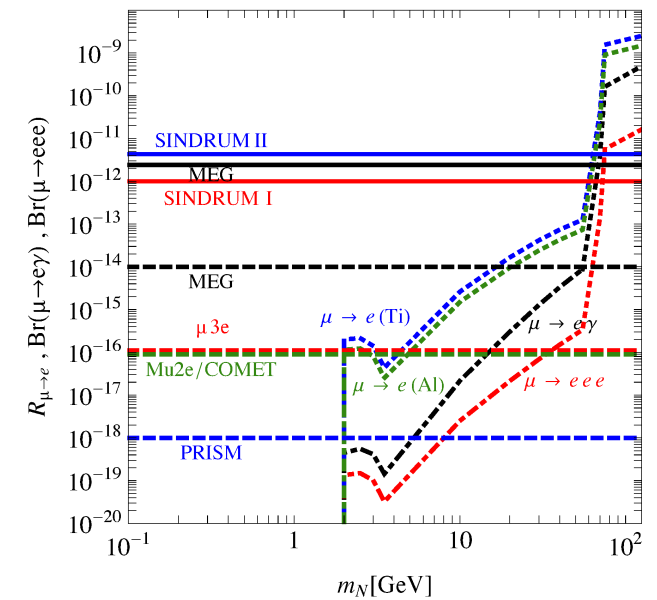
# cLFV: low scale type I seesaw

► At high-intensities: **cLFV observables**

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma), \text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e), \text{CR}(\mu - e, \text{N})$$

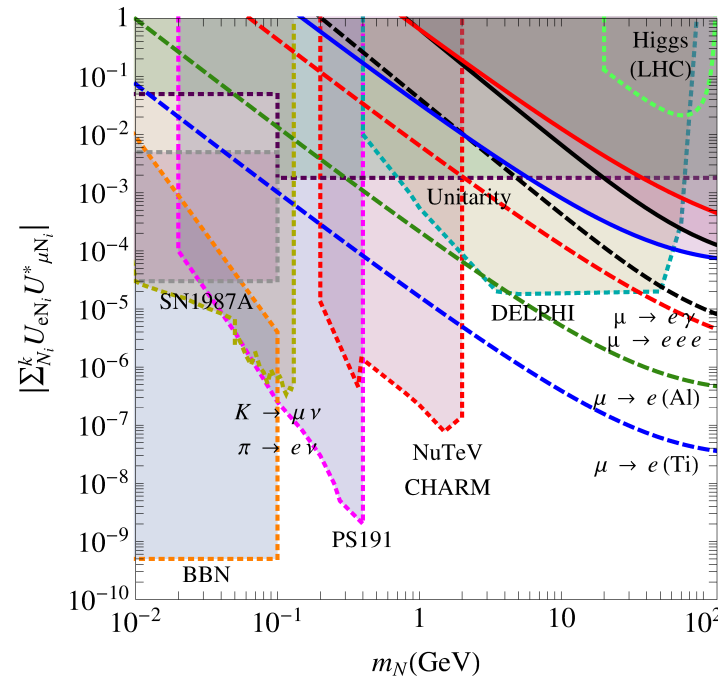
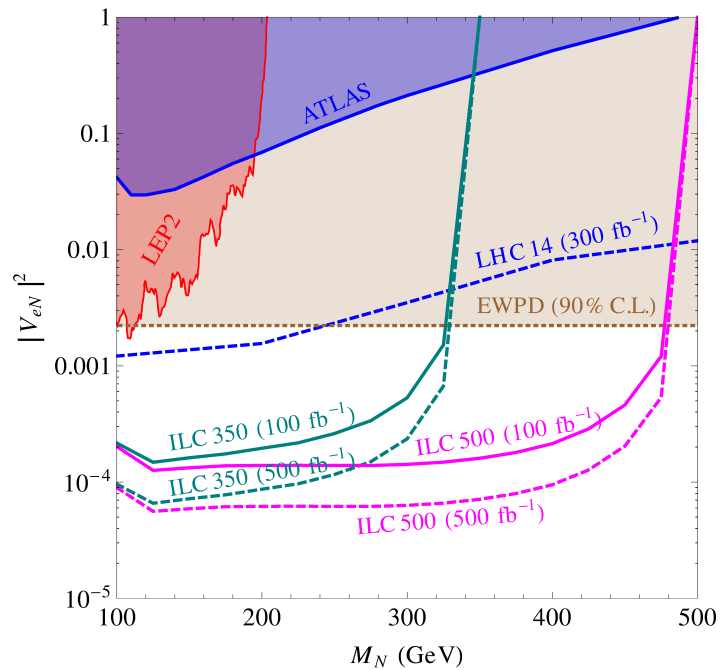
within experimental reach!

► At colliders: **direct searches** for seesaw mediators



[Alonso et al, 1209.2679]

[Banerjee et al, 1503.05491]



► **Searches** at high-intensity facilities and colliders  $\Rightarrow$  **complementary probes of seesaw!**

## cLFV: Inverse Seesaw (ISS) realisations

↪ **SM + Right-handed neutrinos + Extra steriles**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ISS}} = -Y^\nu \overline{\nu_R} \tilde{H} L - M_R \overline{\nu_R} X - \frac{1}{2} \mu_X \bar{X}^c X + \frac{1}{2} \mu_R \overline{\nu_R} \nu_R^c$$

▶ Addition of 3 “heavy” RH neutrinos and 3 extra “sterile” fermions  $X$  to SM ↪ **ISS<sub>(3,3)</sub>**

▶ Spectrum and mixings: **9 physical states**

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{ISS}}^{9 \times 9} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_\nu v & 0 \\ Y_\nu^T v & 0 & M_R \\ 0 & M_R & \mu_X \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3 \text{ light } \nu : & m_\nu \approx \frac{(Y_\nu v)^2}{M_R^2} \mu_X \\ 3 \text{ pseudo-Dirac pairs :} & m_{N\pm} \approx M_R \pm \mu_X \end{cases}$$

Theoretically appealing: “naturally” small LNV parameter  $\mu_X \sim \mathcal{O}(0.01 \text{ eV} - \text{ MeV})$

⇒ accommodate  $m_\nu^{\text{light}}$  with sizeable  $Y^\nu$  for comparatively low  $M_R$  !

▶ Non-unitarity  $\tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}}$  ⇒ modified neutral and charged leptonic currents

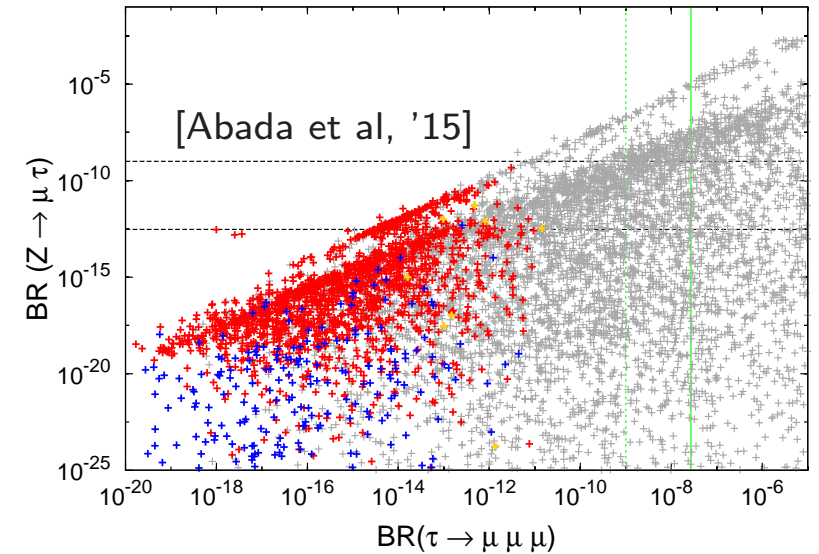
▶ New (virtual) states & modified couplings: many new “observable” phenomena

**cLFV**, non-universality, signals at colliders!

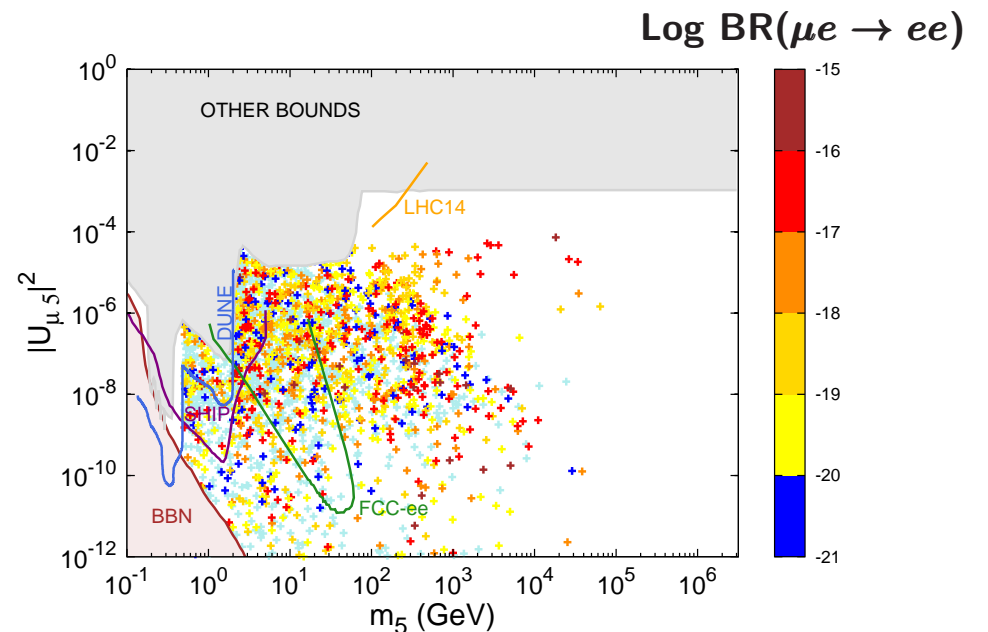
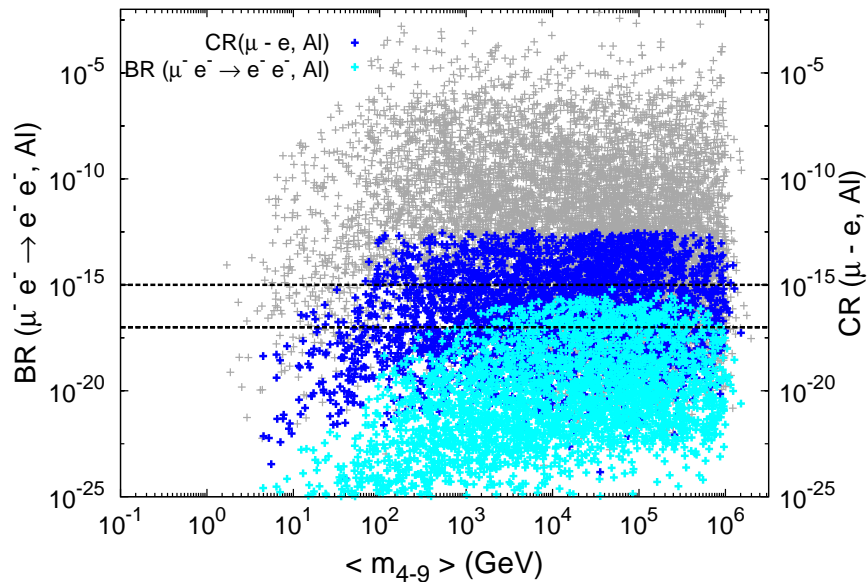
and (warm) DM candidates, contributions to BAU, states within (direct) collider reach...

## cLFV: (3,3) ISS realisation

- ▶ **At high energies (FCC-ee):  $BR(Z \rightarrow \tau\mu)$**   
allows to **probe  $\mu - \tau$  cLFV** beyond **SuperB reach**
- ▶ **Rich low-energy phenomenology (cLFV, LFU, ...)**  
For  $M_R \gtrsim \Lambda_{EW}$ : **cLFV observables** within **exp reach**  
**NA62, Mu2e, COMET, FCC...**



(3,3) ISS realisation [Abada, De Romeri and AMT, '15]



- ▶ **Sizeable values** for the different observables!

Within reach of **high-intensity facilities and colliders**  $\Rightarrow$  **complementary probes!**

# cLFV: (3,3) ISS realisation at colliders

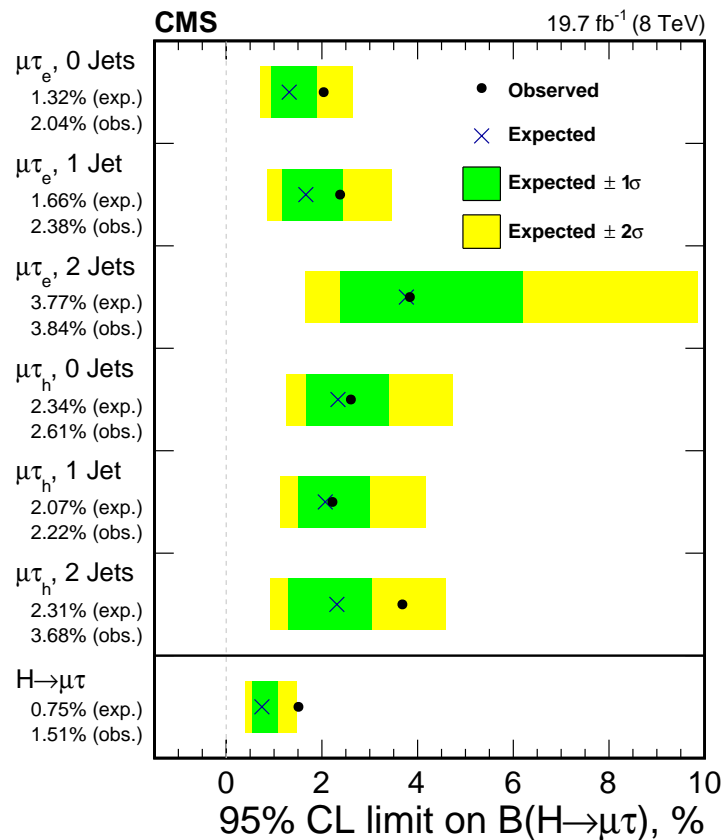
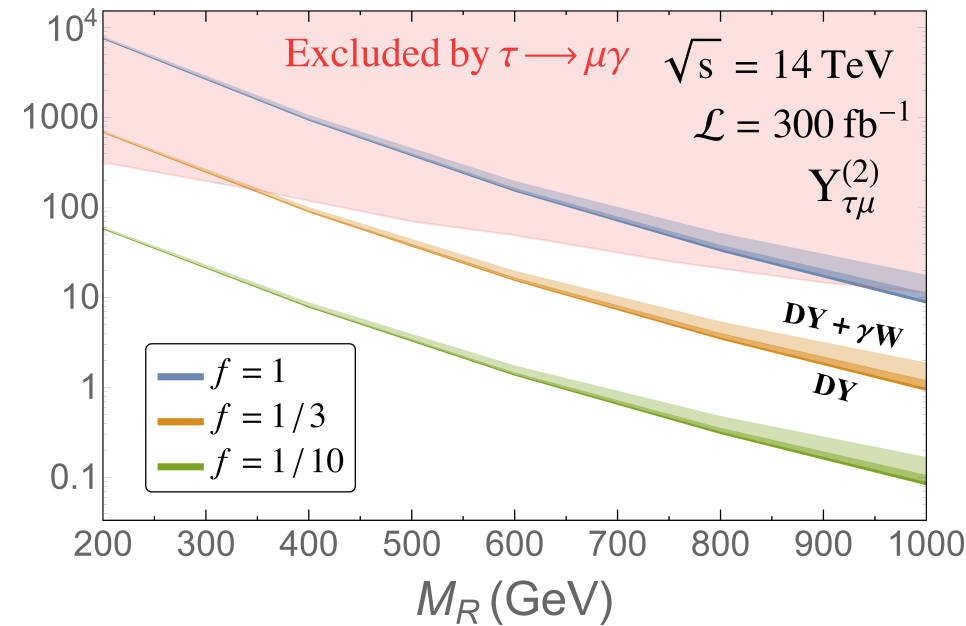
## ► cLFV exotic events at the LHC

- Searches for heavy  $N$  at the LHC

$$qq' \rightarrow \tau\mu + 2 \text{ jets} \quad (\text{no missing } E^T!)$$

- After cuts, **significant number of events!**

[Arganda et al, 1508.05074]



## ► cLFV Higgs decays in ISS:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \ell\tau) \lesssim 10^{-5} ..$$

[Arganda et al, 1405.4300]

[CMS Coll., '15]

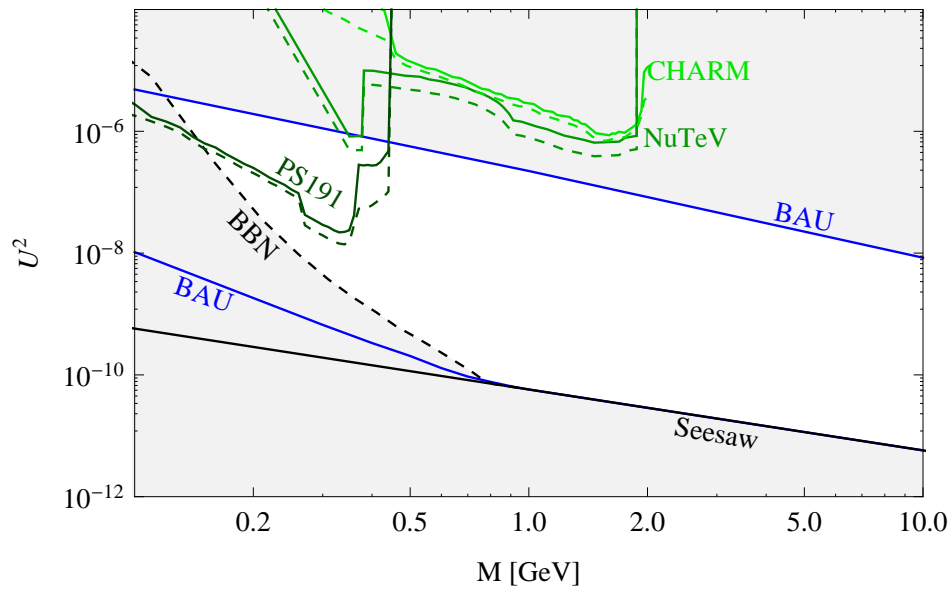
# cLFV and $\nu_s$ : $\nu$ MSM

- Minimal “type I seesaw-like” extension: SM + 3  $\nu_R$

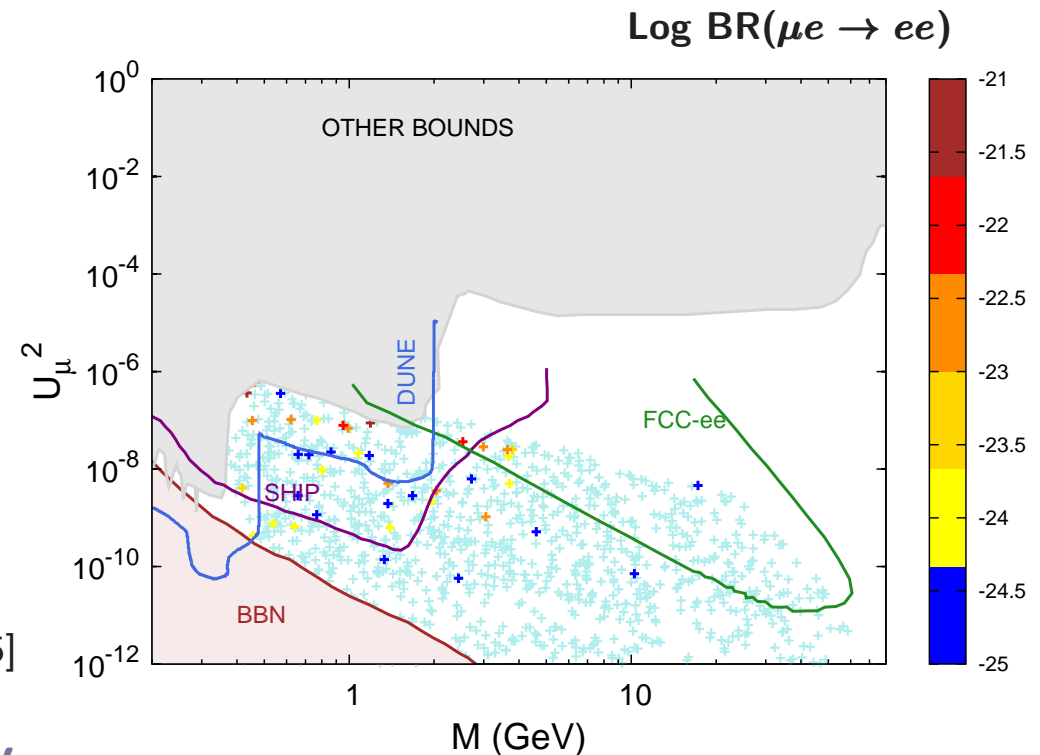
New states account for  $m_\nu^{\text{light}}$ , offer DM candidate, allow for BAU via leptogenesis

⇒ tiny Yukawa couplings; heavily constrained parameter space (th, cosmo, exp..)

[Canetti et al, '13]



[Abada et al, '15]



- $\nu$ MSM: very difficult prospects for cLFV

▶ **Concluding remarks**

# cLFV and sterile neutrinos: outlook

## ▶ Lepton flavour violation and New Physics

**cLFV observables** can provide (indirect) information on the underlying NP model

**Numerous observables** currently being searched for!

⇒ **very intensive worldwide experimental programme**

## ▶ Extending the SM with sterile fermions

Theoretically and phenomenologically motivated; impact on many **observables!**

**Sterile states:** actively searched for at **high energy, high intensity and in cosmology**

## ▶ Sterile neutrinos and cLFV

**Sizable contributions** to many observables (some leading to **stringent constraints**)

including  $\text{BR}(l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma)$ ,  $\text{BR}(l_i \rightarrow 3l_j)$ ,  $\text{CR}(\mu - e, \text{N})$  and  $\text{BR}(\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-)$

⇒ potentially within **experimental reach**

**Analysis carried for simple “3+1 toy model”** and mechanisms of  $\nu$  mass generation

low-scale type I, Inverse Seesaw,  $\nu$ MSM

**Interplay at high-intensity & high-energy:** probe the **underlying source of LFV**