

Quasi-Dirac HNLs in the Left-Right Symmetric Model

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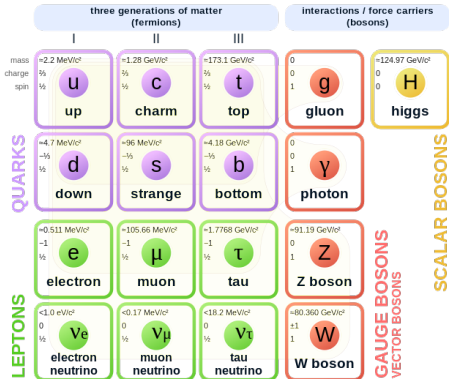


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Beyond the Standard Model

Standard Model of Elementary Particles



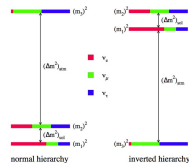
Still missing:



Dark matter



Baryon asymmetry



Neutrino masses

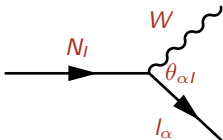
Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL)

- Minimal solution – right-handed neutrinos with Majorana mass:

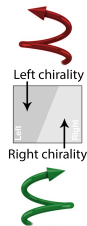
$$\mathcal{L}_N \supset -F_{\alpha I} \bar{L}_\alpha \tilde{H} N_I + \frac{M_I}{2} \bar{N}_I^c N_I + \text{h.c.},$$

- Mixing angles after spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$\theta_{\alpha I} = \frac{F_{\alpha I} v}{\sqrt{2} M_I}, \quad U_{\alpha I} = |\theta_{\alpha I}| \ll 1$$



	2.4 MeV Left $\frac{2}{3}$ u Right up	1.27 GeV Left $\frac{2}{3}$ c Right charm	171.2 GeV Left $\frac{2}{3}$ t Right top
Quarks	4.8 MeV Left $-\frac{1}{3}$ d Right down	104 MeV Left $-\frac{1}{3}$ s Right strange	4.2 GeV Left $-\frac{1}{3}$ b Right bottom
	<0.0001 eV Left 0 Right electron sterile neutrino N_1	~keV Left 0 Right muon sterile neutrino N_2	~GeV Left 0 Right tau sterile neutrino N_3
Leptons	0.511 MeV Left -1 Right e electron	105.7 MeV Left -1 Right μ muon	1.777 GeV Left -1 Right τ tau



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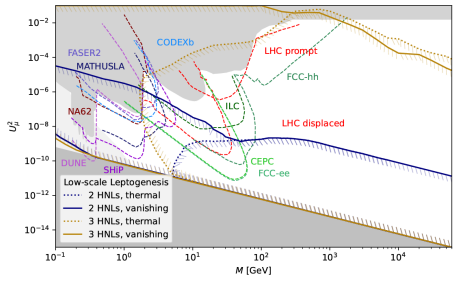
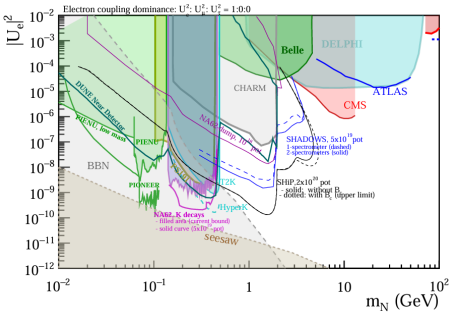
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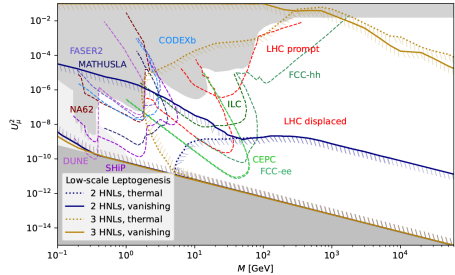
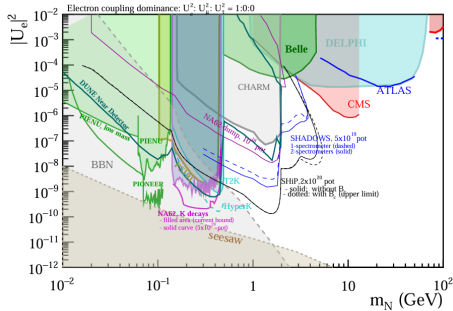
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- One HNL N_1 - keV dark matter.
Negligible contribution to neutrino masses from stability considerations

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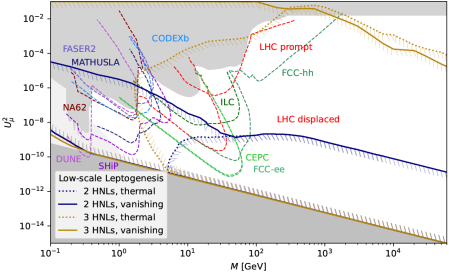
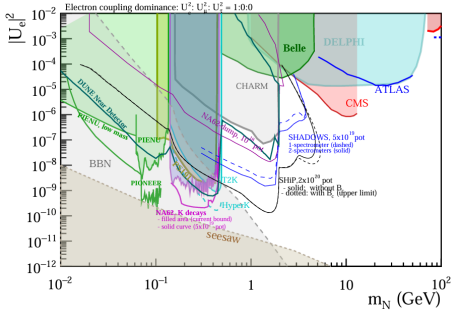
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Quasi-Dirac limit

- *Approximate lepton symmetry*: cancellation of seesaw contributions
- The mixing angles for two degenerate HNLs converge to the same value

$$\Delta m_N \ll m_N, \quad U_{\alpha 2}^2 = U_{\alpha 3}^2 \left[1 + O\left(\frac{U_{\text{seesaw}}^2}{U^2}, \frac{\Delta m_N}{m_N}\right) \right] \equiv U_{\alpha}^2$$

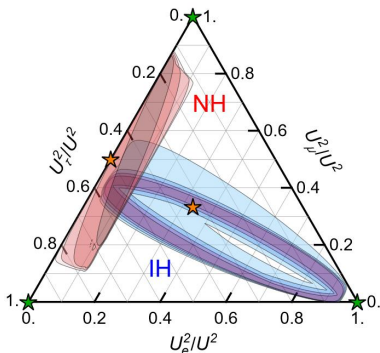
- Casas-Ibarra parametrization:

$$\theta = iU^{\text{PMNS}} (m_{\nu}^{\text{diag}})^{1/2} R (m_N^{\text{diag}})^{-1/2}$$

$$R_{\text{NH}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \pm i \\ \mp i & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_{\text{IH}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \pm i \\ \mp i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

— restricts flavor structure $x_{\alpha} \equiv U_{\alpha}^2/U^2$

as a function of a single Majorana phase η
in the PMNS matrix

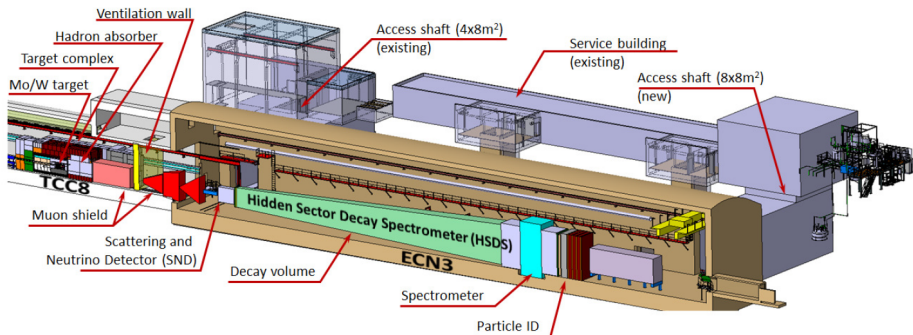


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Have we solved any problem, or just added more?

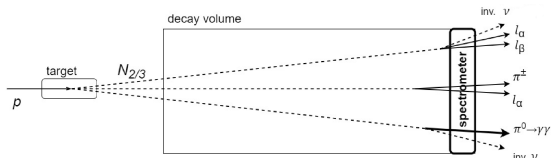
The SHiP experiment



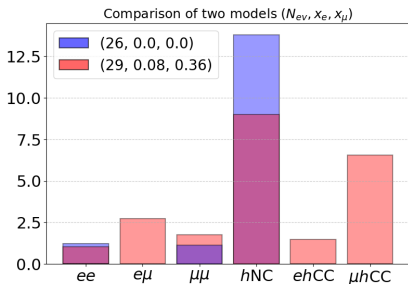
Requirement	Value
Track momentum	$> 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
Track pair distance of closest approach	$< 1 \text{ cm}$
Track pair vertex position in decay volume	$> 5 \text{ cm}$ from inner wall
Impact parameter w.r.t. target (fully reconstructed)	$< 10 \text{ cm}$
Impact parameter w.r.t. target (partially reconstructed)	$< 250 \text{ cm}$

Background source	Expected events
Neutrino DIS	< 0.1 (fully) / < 0.3 (partially)
Muon DIS (factorisation)	$< 6 \times 10^{-4}$
Muon combinatorial	1.2×10^{-2}

[2112.01487]



Physics model	Final state
HNL, SUSY neutralino	$\ell^\pm \pi^\mp, \ell^\pm K^0, \ell^\pm \rho^0 (\rho^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0)$
DP, DS, ALP (fermion coupling), SUSY sgoldstino	$\ell^\pm \ell^-$
HSDS	DP, DS, ALP (gluon coupling), SUSY sgoldstino
HNL, SUSY neutralino, axino	$\pi^+ \pi^-, K^+ K^-$
ALP (photon coupling), SUSY sgoldstino	$\ell^\pm \ell^- \nu$
SUSY sgoldstino	$\gamma\gamma$
LDM	$\pi^0 \pi^0$
SND	$\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$ measurements
Neutrino-induced charm production (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ)	Electron, proton, hadronic shower
	τ^\pm
	$D_s^\pm, D^\pm, D^0, \bar{D}^0, A_c^+, \bar{A}_c^-$

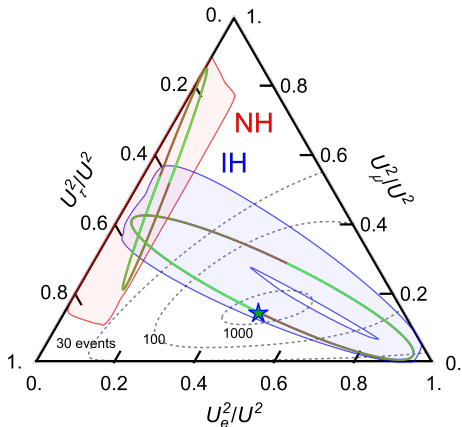


$$m_N = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$$

	decay mode	mixing	$\Gamma_\alpha \times 10^{13}, \text{ GeV}$
0)	$N \rightarrow 3\nu$	$U_{e,\mu,\tau}^2$	1.7
1)	$N \rightarrow \nu ee$	$(U_e^2, U_{\mu,\tau}^2)$	(1.0, 0.2)
2)	$N \rightarrow \nu e\mu$	$U_{e,\mu}^2$	1.7
3)	$N \rightarrow \nu\mu\mu$	$(U_\mu^2, U_{e,\tau}^2)$	(1.0, 0.2)
4)	$N \rightarrow \nu h^0$ (NC)	$U_{e,\mu,\tau}^2$	2.5
5)	$N \rightarrow eh^+$ (CC)	U_e^2	5.0
6)	$N \rightarrow \mu h^+$ (CC)	U_μ^2	5.0

$$Br_i \sim x_e \Gamma_e + x_\mu \Gamma_\mu + x_\tau \Gamma_\tau$$

Probe two-HNL seesaw



Measure flavor couplings

$$U_{\alpha}^2/U^2$$



Test two HNLs
hypothesis

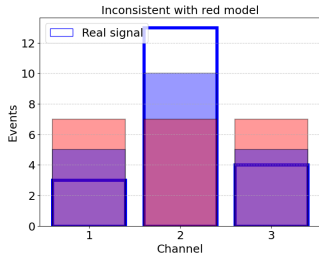
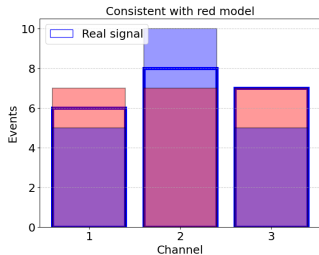
$$\lambda_i = N_{ev} \cdot \epsilon_i \cdot Br_i + b_i$$

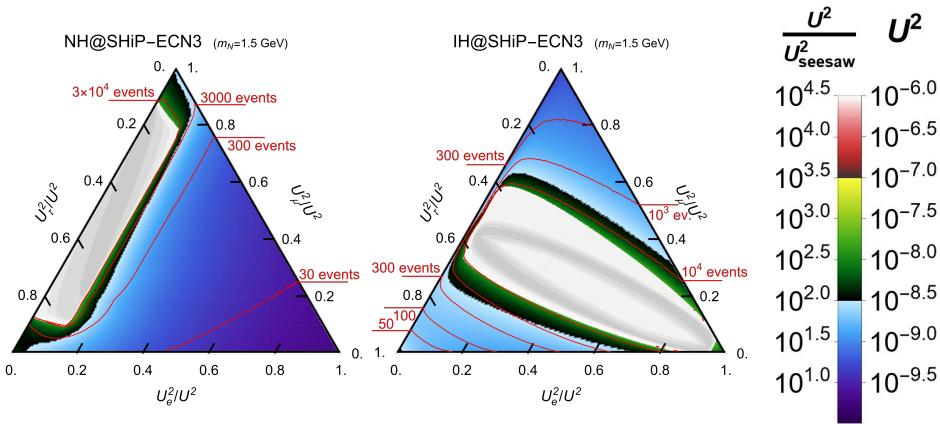
λ_i (count in channel i) = N_{ev} (number of events) \cdot ϵ_i (efficiency) \cdot Br_i (th. branching) + b_i (background)

Sensitivity definition

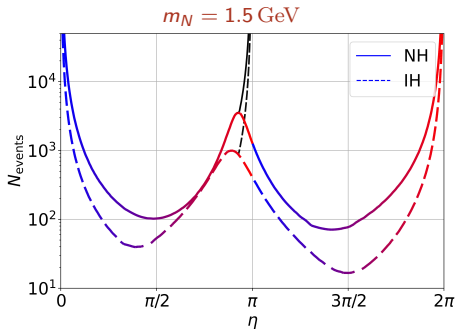
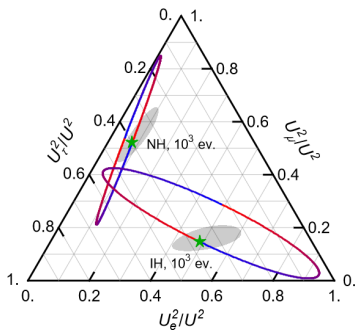
For a real model B , N_{ev} — number of events, needed to exclude at CL all models A with probability P

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Measuring PMNS Majorana phase



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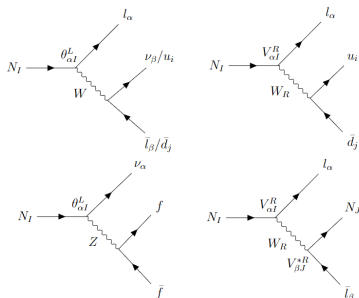
- Dipole portal [1803.03262]
- Axion-HNL coupling [1911.12394] [2212.11290]
- ...?

Add right-handed interactions: Left-Right Symmetric Model

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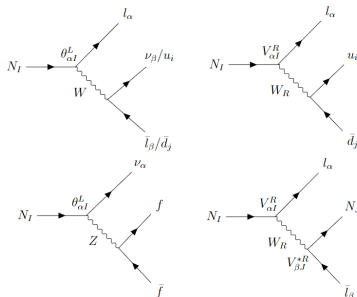
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- ... and right-handed interactions

$$+ \theta_{\alpha l}^R \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{l}_\alpha N_l \times \left[\tilde{V}_{J\beta}^R \bar{N}_J l_\beta + V_{ij}^{R,\text{CKM}} u_{i,R} d_{j,R} \right]$$



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to be constrained by the seesaw relation:

$$m_\nu = - \underbrace{\theta^L M \theta^L}_{\text{type-I seesaw}} + \underbrace{\frac{V_L}{V_R} M}_{\text{type-II seesaw}}$$

— complicated 3×3 matrix equation.

has closed analytic solution for θ_L , if θ_R , m_N fixed [\[2403.07756\]](#)

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{L}_\alpha ([Y_e]_{\alpha\beta} \Phi - [Y_\nu]_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_2 \Phi^* \sigma_2) R_\beta + \\ + \bar{L}_\alpha^c [Y_1]_{\alpha\beta} i \sigma_2 \Delta_L L_\beta + \bar{R}_\alpha^c [Y_2]_{\alpha\beta} i \sigma_2 \Delta_R R_\beta + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Phi \rightarrow v \text{diag}(\cos b, -\sin b e^{-ia}) \quad \Delta_{L,R} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v_{L,R} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Generalized parity: $Y_e^\dagger = Y_e$, $Y_\nu^\dagger = Y_\nu$, $Y_1 = Y_2$

After spontaneous symmetry breaking and diagonalization of I , N masses:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}}^* m_\nu^{\text{diag}} U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger = \\ - (v V_R Y - m_I^{\text{diag}} b e^{ia} V_R) [m_N^{\text{diag}}]^{-1} (v Y^T V_R^T - V_R^T m_I^{\text{diag}} b e^{ia}) \\ + \frac{v_L}{v_R} V_R^* m_N^{\text{diag}} V_R^\dagger$$

with $Y = V_R^\dagger Y_\nu V_R$, $Y^\dagger = Y$, $V_R^\dagger = V_R$

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- Assume 2 quasi-Dirac pair N_2, N_3 ($|\theta_{L,2/3}|^2 \gg U_{\text{seesaw}}^2$) and a decoupled DM candidate ($|\theta_{L,1}|^2 \ll U_{\text{seesaw}}^2$)

$$m_N^{\text{diag}} = m_N \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = y \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -i \\ 0 & i & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y \gg 1$$

- and perturb this exact lepton symmetry

Type-I only: analytic solution

Neutrino masses: $0, m_2, m_3$

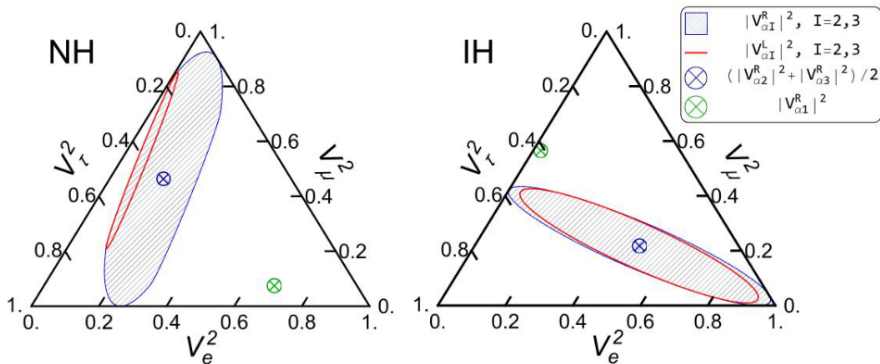
$$V^R = iU_{\text{PMNS}}^* O$$

$$V_{\alpha 2}^L = -iV_{\alpha 3}^L = \frac{e^{i\beta}}{\sqrt{m_2 + m_3}} \tilde{U}_{\text{PMNS}}^* P \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mp e^{-i\eta} \sqrt{m_2} \\ \sqrt{m_3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{|\theta_\alpha^L|^2}{\sum_\alpha |\theta_\alpha^L|^2} = |V_\alpha^L|^2$$

with

$$O = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(m_2 + m_3)}} \times \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2(m_2 + m_3)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i(\sqrt{m_3}e^{-i\beta} \pm \sqrt{m_2}e^{i\beta}) & \sqrt{m_3}e^{-i\beta} \mp \sqrt{m_2}e^{i\beta} \\ 0 & -(\sqrt{m_3}e^{i\beta} \mp \sqrt{m_2}e^{-i\beta}) & i(\sqrt{m_3}e^{i\beta} \pm \sqrt{m_2}e^{-i\beta}) \end{pmatrix}$$

— **two** free parameters: Majorana phase η and angle β



[2406.13850]

- V_{α}^L remain **the same** as in the minimal case — only depend on η
- $V_{\alpha 2}^R, V_{\alpha 3}^R$ depend on both η, β
- $|V_{\alpha 1}^R|^2, |V_{\alpha 1}^R|^2 + |V_{\alpha 1}^L|^2$ are **fixed**
- HNL mass splitting $|m_{N_2} - m_{N_3}|$ is arbitrary

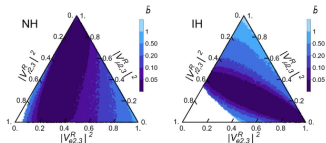
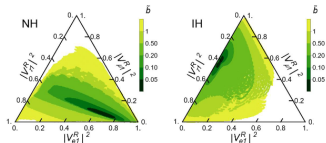
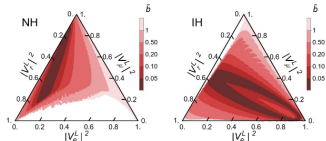
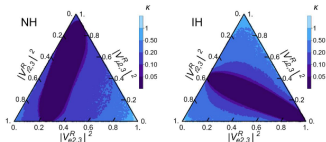
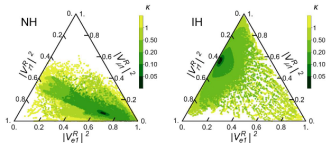
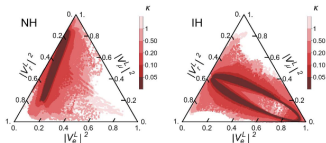
Corrections

Type-II corrections

$$\kappa = \frac{v_L m_N}{v_R(m_2 + m_3)}$$

CP corrections

$$\tilde{b} = b \frac{\sqrt{2} y v m_\tau}{m_2 + m_3}$$



lightest neutrino mass becomes **nonzero**

Interesting signatures?

(De)coherence

- Decoherent pair:

$$\text{number of ev. } (X \rightarrow l_\alpha N \rightarrow l_\alpha l_\beta) \propto |V_{\alpha 2}|^2 |V_{\beta 3}|^2 + |V_{\alpha 3}|^2 |V_{\beta 2}|^2$$

- Coherent pair:

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Summing up over one lepton flavor (α) — **everything reduces to** $\propto |V_{\beta 2}|^2 + |V_{\beta 3}|^2$

Probing decoherence at SHiP

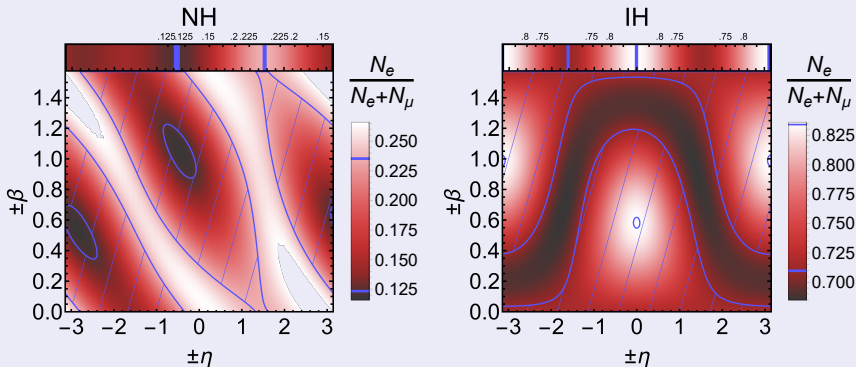
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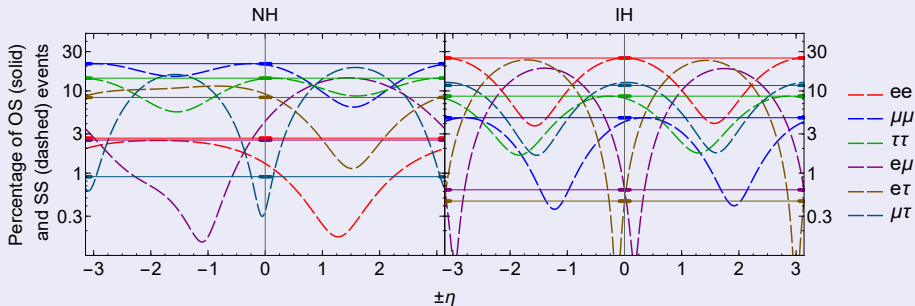
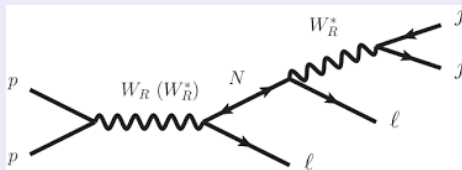
Coherent (blue) vs decoherent (red) case predictions

Probing decoherence with Keung-Senjanović process

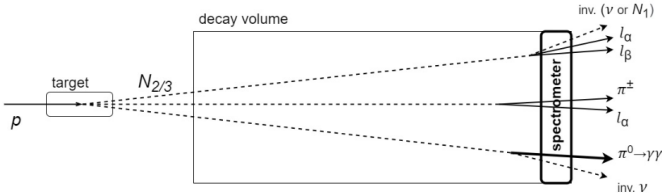
- Full reconstruction of event matrix

$$X \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{-} N \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{-} l_{\beta}^{\pm}$$

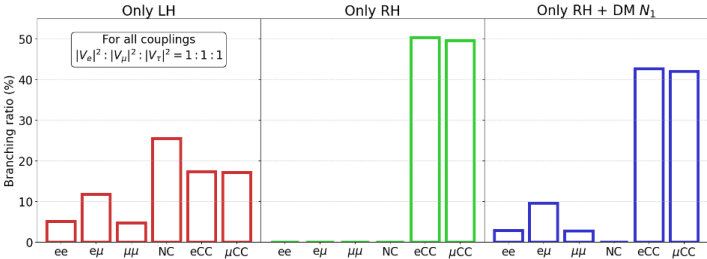
- In the coherent case, **LNV** can dominate LNC decays



DM at SHiP



No $N_{2,3} \rightarrow N_1$ decay in the minimal LH case



DM at SHiP

- Benchmark model:

$$|V_e^L|^2 : |V_\mu^L|^2 : |V_\tau^L|^2 = 0.11 : 0.22 : 0.67$$

$$|V_{e2}^R|^2 : |V_{\mu2}^R|^2 : |V_{\tau2}^R|^2 = 0.16 : 0.46 : 0.38$$

$$|V_{e3}^R|^2 : |V_{\mu3}^R|^2 : |V_{\tau3}^R|^2 = 0.16 : 0.46 : 0.38$$

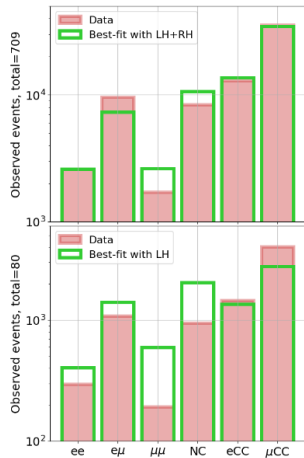
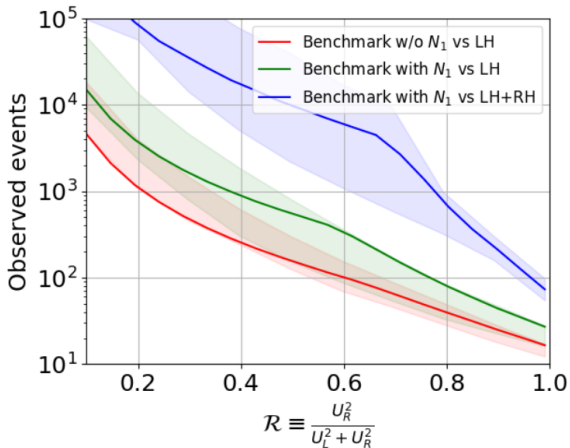
$$|V_{e1}^R|^2 : |V_{\mu3}^R|^2 : |V_{\tau3}^R|^2 = 0.49 : 0.22 : 0.30$$

Fraction of RH interactions:

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{U_R^2}{U_L^2 + U_R^2}$$

For a given $\mathcal{R} < 1$, we want to distinguish

- no light N_1 versus LH-only HNL with arbitrary V^L
- with light N_1 versus LH-only HNL with arbitrary V^L ,
- with light N_1 versus HNL with both LH, RH-interactions, arbitrary couplings V^L, V^R, \mathcal{R} , but no N_1 .



Summary

- Precision physics at Intensity Frontier is possible
- We need to know what results to expect and how to interpret them

Back-up

