

Neutrino Mass and Discrete Dark Matter

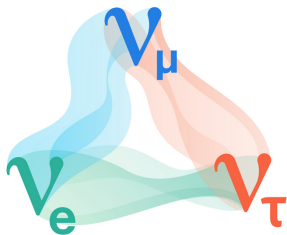


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Neutrinos: the known and unknowns



$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} \nu_i \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{12}C_{13} & S_{12}C_{13} & S_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -S_{12}C_{23} - C_{12}S_{13}S_{23}e^{i\delta} & C_{12}C_{23} - S_{12}S_{13}S_{23}e^{i\delta} & C_{13}S_{23} \\ S_{12}S_{23} - C_{12}S_{13}C_{23}e^{i\delta} & C_{12}S_{23} - S_{12}S_{13}C_{23}e^{i\delta} & C_{13}C_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{21}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha_{31}/2} \end{bmatrix}$$

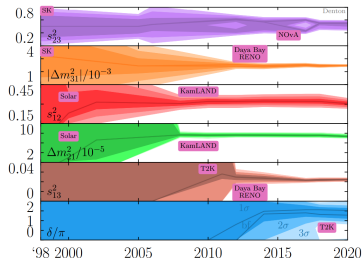
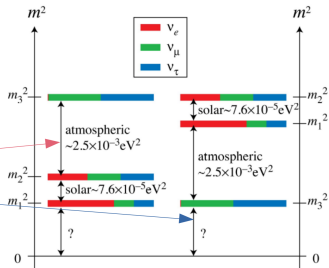
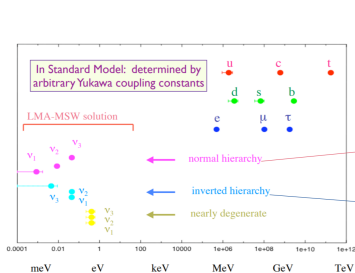
here $C_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $S_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$.

Three mixing angles: θ_{12} , θ_{23} and θ_{13}

Dirac CP-violating phase: δ_{CP}

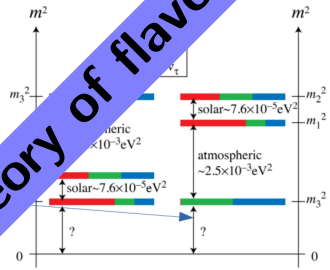
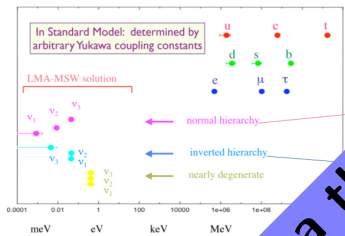
Two mass squared differences: $\Delta m_{\odot}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$, $\Delta m_A^2 = |m_3^2 - m_1^2|$

Neutrino parameters and the known unknowns: 'Big' Data

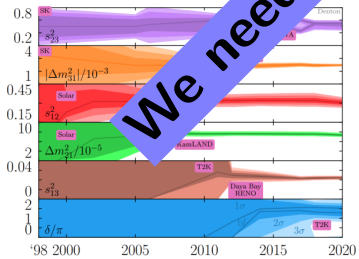


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We need a theory of flavor!!



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↓
(Prior to 2012)

$$s_{23} = 1/\sqrt{2} \ (\theta_{23} = 45^\circ) \text{ and } \theta_{13} = 0$$

$$U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} C_{12} & S_{12} & 0 \\ -\frac{S_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{C_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{S_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{C_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $\theta_{12} = 45^\circ$ ($s_{12} = 1/\sqrt{2}$)
Bimaximal Mixing

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 $\theta_{12} = 35.26^\circ$ ($s_{12} = 1/\sqrt{3}$)
Tribimaximal Mixing (TBM)

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 $\theta_{12} = 31.7^\circ$
Golden Ratio Mixing

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 $\theta_{12} = 30^\circ$ ($s_{12} = 1/2$)
Hexagonal Mixing

$$U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{2+\varphi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2+\varphi}} & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4+2\varphi}} & \frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{4+2\varphi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\varphi}} & \frac{-\varphi}{\sqrt{4+2\varphi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Fukugita, Tanimoto, Yanagida PRD98; Harrison Perkins, Scott PLB02; Dutta, Ramond NPB03; Rodejohann et. al. EPJC10

(GR: $\tan \theta_{12} = 1/\phi$ where $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$)

Flavor symmetries, why?

Simple example: $\mu - \tau$ permutation symmetry and TBM

$$m_\nu = U_0^* \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3) U_0^\dagger,$$

such a mixing matrices can easily diagonalize a $\mu - \tau$ symmetric (transformations $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$, $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$, $\nu_\tau \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ under which the neutrino mass term remains unchanged) neutrino mass matrix of the form

$$m_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & B \\ B & C & D \\ B & D & C \end{pmatrix},$$

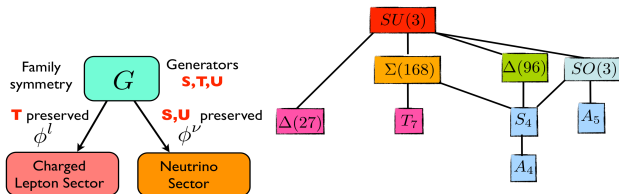
With $A + B = C + D$ this matrix yields tribimaximal mixing pattern where $s_{12} = 1/\sqrt{3}$ i.e., $\theta_{12} = 35.26^\circ$

- Compatible Mixing Matrix :

$$U_{\text{TBM}} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

General Framework: Symmetry based approach

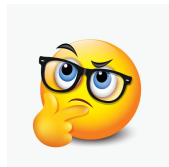
- Fundamental symmetry in the lepton sector can easily explain the origin of neutrino mixing which is considerably different from quark mixing.
- Incidentally, both Abelian or non-Abelian family symmetries have potential to shed light on the Yukawa couplings.
- The Abelian symmetries (such as Froggatt-Nielsen symmetry) only points towards a hierarchical structure of the Yukawa couplings.
- Non-Abelian symmetries are more equipped to explain the non-hierarchical structures of the observed lepton mixing as observed by the oscillation experiments.



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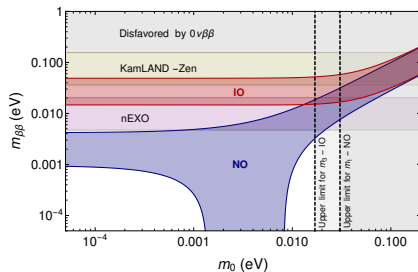
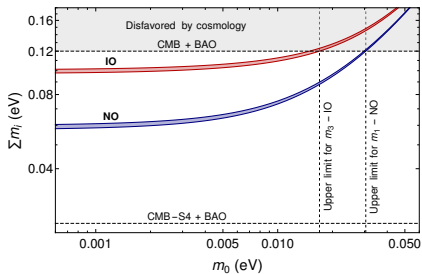
$$G_f \rightarrow G_e, G_\nu \quad \text{typically, } G_e = Z_3 \text{ and } G_\nu = Z_2 \times Z_2.$$

Dirac or Majorana Particle??



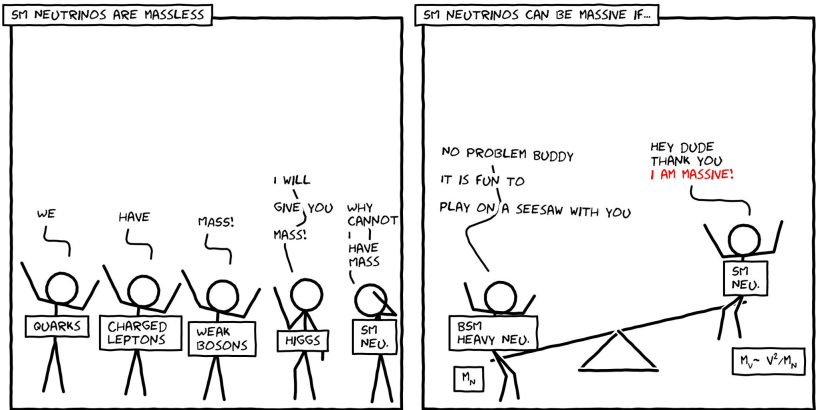
Neutrino Mass : Cosmology to $0\nu\beta\beta$

Gluz, Karmakar, Zieba et. al. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 138 (2024) 104126, 2310.2068



- Absolute neutrino mass : $m_\nu^2 < 0.9 \text{ eV}^2$ (The KATRIN Collaboration 2022)

Neutrino Mass Generation

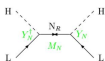


Cartoon by Sitian Qian

Neutrino Mass Generation

Seesaw frameworks

Right-handed singlet:
(type-I seesaw)



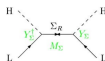
$$m_\nu = Y_N^T \frac{1}{M_N} Y_N v^2$$

Scalar triplet:
(type-II seesaw)



$$m_\nu = Y_\Delta \frac{\mu_\Delta}{M_\Delta^2} v^2$$

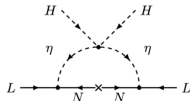
Fermion triplet:
(type-III seesaw)



$$m_\nu = Y_\Sigma^T \frac{1}{M_\Sigma} Y_\Sigma v^2$$

- **Type-I Seesaw, Type-II Seesaw, Type-III Seesaw, etc.:** Minkowski 77; Gellman, Ramond, Slansky 80; Glashow, Yanagida 79; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80; Lazarides, Shafi; Schechter, Valle 81; Schechter, Valle 80; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 81; Lazarides, Shafi, Wetterich 81; Mohapatra Valle 86; Foot, Lew, He, Joshi 89; Ma 98; Bajc, Senjanovic 07....

Radiative neutrino mass



- **Radiative models, started in 80s:** Zee 80, Cheng, Li 80; Zee 86; Babu 88; Babu, Ma, Valle, 02; Ma 06;
- **For a review of radiative models:** Cai, Herrero-Garcia, Schmidt, Vicente, Volkas 17;

Hybrid Scenarios

In this talk we explore this less explored possibility

Are they connected?



Caldwell, Mohapatra 1993; Peltoniemi, Valle 1993, Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov 2005; Boehm 2008; Kubo, Ma, Suematsu 2006; Hambye, Kannike, Ma, Raidal 2007; Lindner, Schmidt, Schwetz 2011; Borah, Adhikari 2012; Restrepo, Zapata, Yaguna 2013; Huang, Deppisch 2014; Escudero, Rius, Sanz 2016; Borah, Karmakar, Nanda 2018; ..many more..

- Many DM candidates[†] require a stabilizing symmetry

$$\tau_{\text{DM}} > \tau_{\text{U}} \sim 10^{18} \text{ sec}$$

ensuring its stability over cosmological timescales, preventing it from decaying into Standard Model particle

- In many particle DM models: **stability assumed by hand**

ad hoc symmetries come into play

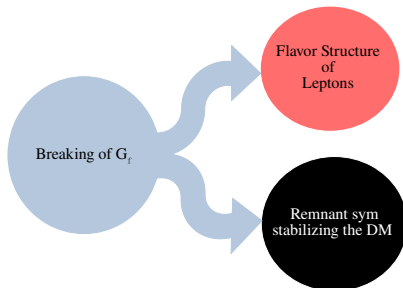
Examples: Z_2 symmetry (e.g., in Supersymmetry: R-parity), Global $U(1)$ symmetry (e.g., Axions), Discrete symmetries in various BSM models (Multi-component DMs)

[†] more on DM candidates : Sebastian Trojanowski at 12:00



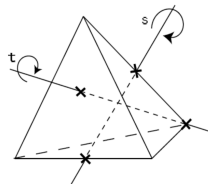
Flavor symmetry, which helps us **explain observed neutrino mixing**, may also be responsible for ensuring the **stability of DM**.

Stability of DM from breaking of discrete symmetry



$$G_f \longrightarrow Z_2; G_f = A_4, S_4, A_4 \otimes CP, S_4 \otimes CP, A_4 \otimes Z_N \dots$$

- We consider A_4 : Even permutation of 4 objects, invariant group of a tetrahedron
- Smallest group with 3 dim. irreps (unify three flavors of leptons)



Flavor Symmetry and Hybrid Neutrino Mass: Why?

- Ratio of solar to atmospheric mass difference :

$$r = \frac{\Delta m_{\text{SOL}}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2} \simeq \frac{7.41 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}{2.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-2}$$

- Two different mass scales that might originate from **entirely separate mechanisms !!**

- Neutrino mass with **Scoto Seesaw** scenario: [Phys.Rev.D 110 \(2024\) 3, 035012, 2311.15997](#)

Greek word 'skótos' → 'darkness'

Fields	e_R, μ_R, τ_R	L_α	H	N_R	f	η	ϕ_s	ϕ_a	ϕ_T	ξ
A_4	$1, 1'', 1'$	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	$1''$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{y_N}{\Lambda} (\bar{L}\phi_s)\tilde{H}N_R + \frac{1}{2}M_N\bar{N}_R^c N_R + \frac{y_s}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{L}\phi_a)\xi i\sigma_2 \eta^* f + \frac{1}{2}M_f\bar{f}^c f + h.c.,$$

$$M_\nu = -\frac{v^2}{M_N} Y_N^i Y_N^j + \mathcal{F}(m_{\eta_R}, m_{\eta_I}, M_f)M_f Y_f^i Y_f^j$$

- Flavon fields get VEVs along $\langle \phi_s \rangle = (0, -v_s, v_s), \langle \phi_a \rangle = (2v_a, v_a, 0)$ **A_4 breaking \Rightarrow flavor structure**

$$Y_N = (Y_N^e, Y_N^\mu, Y_N^\tau)^T = (0, y_N \frac{v_s}{\Lambda}, -y_N \frac{v_s}{\Lambda})^T, ; Y_F = (Y_F^e, Y_F^\mu, Y_F^\tau)^T = (y_s \frac{v_\xi}{\Lambda} \frac{v_a}{\Lambda}, y_s \frac{v_\xi}{\Lambda} \frac{2v_a}{\Lambda}, 0)^T$$

- Light neutrino mass matrix :

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} b & 2b & 0 \\ 2b & -a + 4b & a \\ 0 & a & -a \end{pmatrix}, a = y_N^2 \frac{v^2}{M_N} \frac{v_s^2}{\Lambda^2}, b = y_s^2 \frac{v_\xi^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{v_a^2}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{F}(m_{\eta_R}, m_{\eta_I}, M_f)M_f = \kappa^2 \mathcal{F}(m_{\eta_R}, m_{\eta_I}, M_f)M_f$$

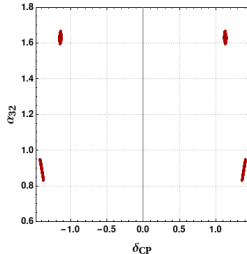
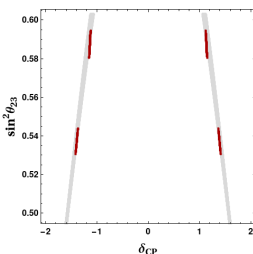
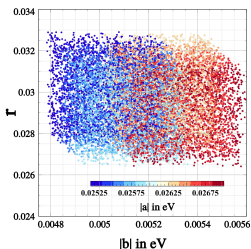
Flavor Symmetry and Hybrid Neutrino Mass : Why?

- Diagonalizing matrix:

$$U_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{e^{-i\psi} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{e^{i\psi} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{e^{-i\psi} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{e^{i\psi} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{e^{-i\psi} \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} U_m$$

- Mass Eigenvalues : $\tilde{m}_1 = 0,$
 $\tilde{m}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(-2a + 5b - \sqrt{4a^2 + 4ab + 25b^2} \right),$
 $\tilde{m}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(-2a + 5b + \sqrt{4a^2 + 4ab + 25b^2} \right).$

- Ratio of the solar to atmospheric mass-squared differences: $r \sim \frac{m_2^2}{m_3^2}$

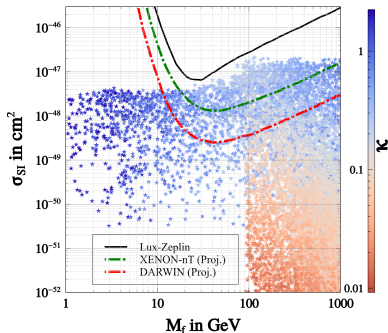
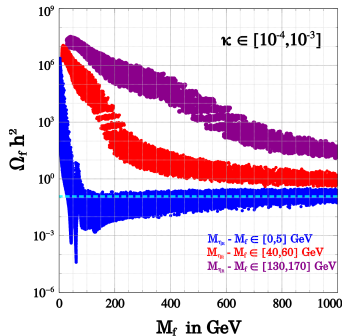


Discrete Dark Matter phenomenology

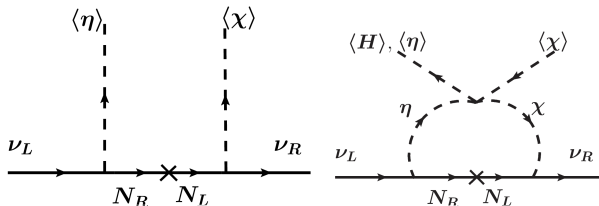
- 2 viable DM candidates \Rightarrow the **lightest neutral scalar**
 \Rightarrow the **singlet fermion**.

$$A_4 \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_2$$

DMs (η, f) are odd under \mathcal{Z}_2



Discrete Dark Matter: Dirac Neutrinos



Fields	l_e	l_μ	l_τ	e_R	μ_R	τ_R	$N_{L,R}$	$\nu_{Re,\mu,\tau}$	η	χ	H
A_4	1	$1''$	$1'$	1	$1''$	$1'$	3	$1, 1', 1''$	3	3	1
Z_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1
$U(1)_L$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

$$A_4 \otimes Z_2 \otimes U(1)_L \rightarrow Z_2$$

- VEV the alignment of scalars leaves a remnant $Z_2 \subset A_4$ unbroken after spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$Z_2 : \eta_{2,3} \rightarrow -\eta_{2,3}; \quad \chi_{2,3} \rightarrow -\chi_{2,3}; \quad N_{2,3} \rightarrow -N_{2,3}$$

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Conclusion

- Is there any guiding principle behind the observed pattern of lepton mixing?
- (Discrete) flavor symmetry is one such potential candidate.
- Tiny neutrino mass may originate from hybrid scoto-seesaw scenarios.
- It explains the hierarchy of the mass scales involved in neutrino oscillation
- Discrete DM scenarios: explain neutrino mixing angles and CP phases involved.
- Discrete DM scenarios: Provides stable DMs.
- Rich phenomenology: $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, LFV decays, Collider prospect of BSM states, leptogenesis

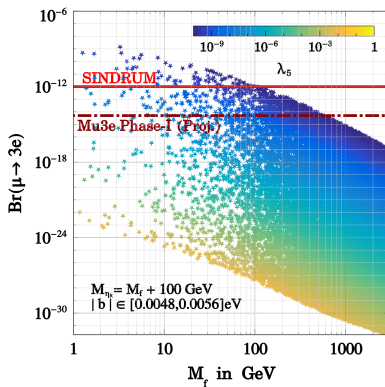
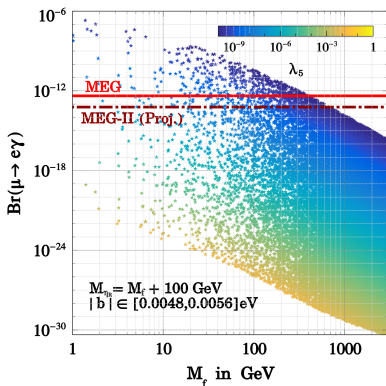
In a nutshell, the symmetry responsible leptonic flavor structure can provide stable DMs



Thank you for your attention!!

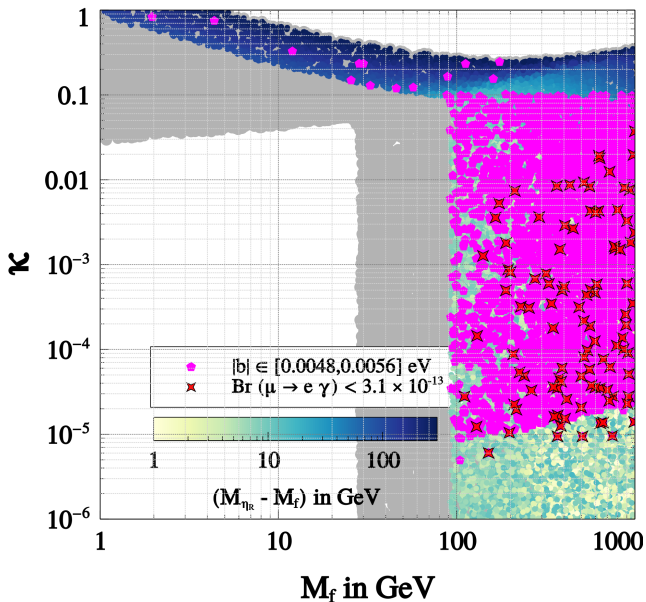
FSS₁ phenomenology: Lepton Flavor Violation

Decay Modes	Scotogenic contribution	Seesaw Contribution	Remarks
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	✓	✗	$Y_N^e = 0$
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	✗	✗	$Y_F^T = 0, Y_N^e = 0$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	✗	✓	$Y_F^T = 0$
$\mu \rightarrow 3e$	✓	✗	$Y_N^e = 0$
$\tau \rightarrow 3e$	✗	✗	$Y_F^T = 0, Y_N^e = 0$
$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$	✗	✓	$Y_F^T = 0$



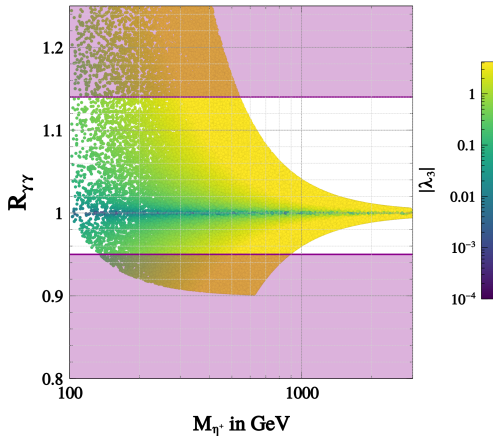
λ_5 is the coupling for the interaction $(H^\dagger \eta)(H^\dagger \eta)$

FSS₁ phenomenology: Summary



FSS₁ phenomenology: $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\gamma\gamma} &= \frac{[\sigma(gg \rightarrow h) \times \text{Br}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)]_{\text{FSS}_1}}{[\sigma(gg \rightarrow h) \times \text{Br}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)]_{\text{SM}}} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^h}{\Gamma_{\text{FSS}_1}^h} \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{FSS}_1}}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{SM}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$



λ_3 is the coupling for the interaction $(H^\dagger H)(\eta^\dagger \eta)$