

# On the role of leptonic CPV phases in cLFV observables

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NuFIT 5.0 (2020)

	Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.7$ )	
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	$3\sigma$ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.304^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.269 → 0.343	$0.304^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	0.269 → 0.343
	$33.44^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.27 → 35.86	$33.45^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$	31.27 → 35.87
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$				
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.570^{+0.018}_{-0.024}$	0.407 → 0.618	$0.575^{+0.017}_{-0.021}$	0.411 → 0.621
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$49.0^{+1.1}_{-1.4}$	39.6 → 51.8	$49.3^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$	39.9 → 52.0
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02221^{+0.00068}_{-0.00062}$	0.02034 → 0.02430	$0.02240^{+0.00062}_{-0.00062}$	0.02053 → 0.02436
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.57^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$	8.20 → 8.97	$8.61^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	8.24 → 8.98
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	$195^{+51}_{-25}$	107 → 403	$286^{+27}_{-32}$	192 → 360
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 → 8.04	$7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 → 8.04
$\frac{\Delta m_{3l}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$+2.514^{+0.028}_{-0.027}$	+2.431 → +2.598	$-2.497^{+0.028}_{-0.028}$	-2.583 → -2.412

without SK atmospheric data

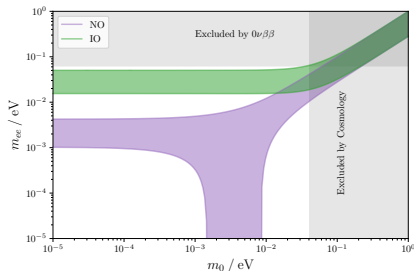
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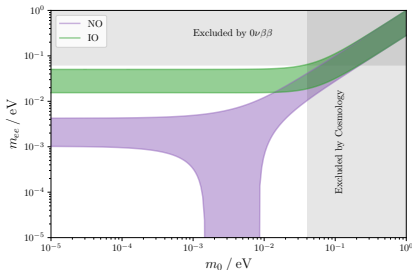
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Vast model landscape feat. at least 2 **HNL**, at high and low scales

⇒ **TeV-scale HNL** offer rich **cLFV** phenomenology; potentially within collider reach

⇒ take effective “3+2 model”; analyse effects of **CPV phases** on **cLFV observables**

## “3+2” toy model

Ignore precise origin of  $m_\nu$ , assume 2 (heavy) Majorana neutrinos  $N_{4,5}$  present  
 $\Rightarrow$  physical neutrino spectrum comprises 5 states (3 light, **2 heavy**)

Mixing parametrised via 10 mixing angles  $\theta_{\alpha j}$ , 6 Dirac  $\delta_{\alpha j}$  and 4 Majorana phases  $\varphi_j$   
 $\Rightarrow$  accommodate osc. data in (enlarged) PMNS mixing matrix

“Heavy-light” mixing given by (for  $\cos \theta_{\alpha 4,5} \approx 1$ ):

$$U_{\ell N} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_{14} e^{-i(\delta_{14} - \varphi_4)} & \sin \theta_{15} e^{-i(\delta_{15} - \varphi_5)} \\ \sin \theta_{24} e^{-i(\delta_{24} - \varphi_4)} & \sin \theta_{25} e^{-i(\delta_{25} - \varphi_5)} \\ \sin \theta_{34} e^{-i(\delta_{34} - \varphi_4)} & \sin \theta_{35} e^{-i(\delta_{35} - \varphi_5)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  SM-like ( $3 \times 3$ ) block no longer unitary, leptonic  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  vertices modified

Take sterile masses  $m_{4,5}$  at **TeV**-scale

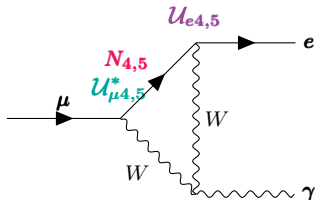
$\Rightarrow$  sizeable **cLFV** rates @ 1 loop-level, what is the effect of **CPV** phases?

## Example: $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

**cLFV** process mediated by  $N_{4,5}$  @ 1 loop-level

$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \propto |G_\gamma^{\mu e}|^2$  **cLFV** form factor including mixing and loop function:

$$G_\gamma^{\mu e} = \sum_{i=4,5} U_{ei} U_{\mu i}^* G_\gamma \left( \frac{m_{N_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right)$$



Assume  $m_4 \approx m_5$  and  $\sin \theta_{\alpha 4} \approx \sin \theta_{\alpha 5} \ll 1$ :

$$|G_\gamma^{\mu e}|^2 \approx 4 s_{14}^2 s_{24}^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\delta_{14} + \delta_{25} - \delta_{15} - \delta_{24}}{2} \right) G_\gamma \left( \frac{m_{N_i}^2}{m_W^2} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Rate depends on **Dirac phases**, full **cancellation** for  $\delta_{14} + \delta_{25} - \delta_{15} - \delta_{24} = \pi$

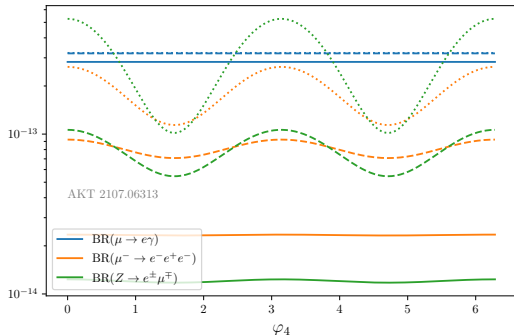
Other form factors more complicated, **Z-penguin** and boxes also depend on  $\varphi_{4,5}$



## Effects of Majorana phases

Simplified approach on  $\mu - e$  flavour violating observables

Take  $\sin \theta_{\alpha 4} = \sin \theta_{\alpha 5}$  and  $m_4 = m_5 = (1, 5, 10)$  TeV, only  $\varphi_4 \neq 0$ :



$\Rightarrow$  Variational behaviour amplified with increasing  $m_{4,5}$

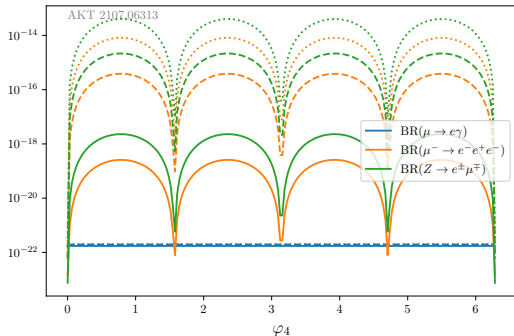
$\Rightarrow$  Photon penguin independent of  $\varphi_4$  (analytically expected)



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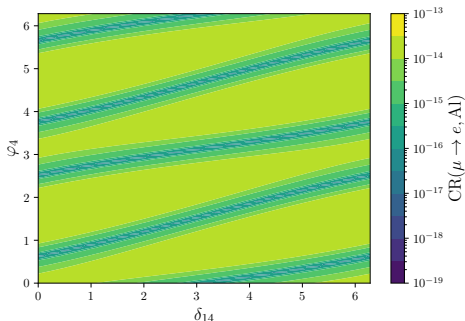


$\Rightarrow$  Cancel dipole contributions, presence of  $\varphi_4 \neq 0$  enhances  $Z$ -penguin and boxes

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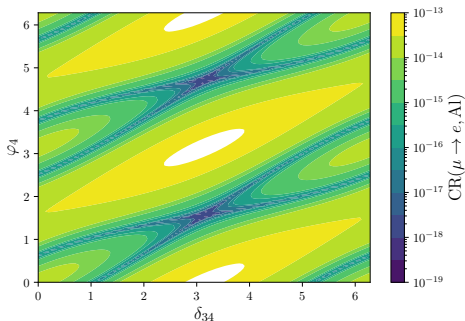


$\Rightarrow$  Varying only  $\varphi_4$  can lead to strong cancellations as well, interference of contributions

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⇒ Sum over all **flavours** in  $Z$ -vertex ⇒ dependence on  $\delta_{34}$

⇒ Interference of contributions can be constructive, leading to **enhancements!**

## Towards realistic scenarios

For **TeV**-scale **HNL** several indirect constraints apply (besides **cLFV**):

- **Lepton Universality**:  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ ,  $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ , **ratios** of leptonic Meson decays, ratios of (semi-leptonic)  $\tau$ -lepton decays, **CKM** unitarity ...
- **LNV**: neutrinoless double beta decay
- **Perturbative Unitarity**:  $\Gamma_{N_{4,5}}/m_{N_{4,5}} \leq 1/2$
- **Electroweak Precision**:  $m_W$ ,  $G_F$ ,  $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{invisibles})$

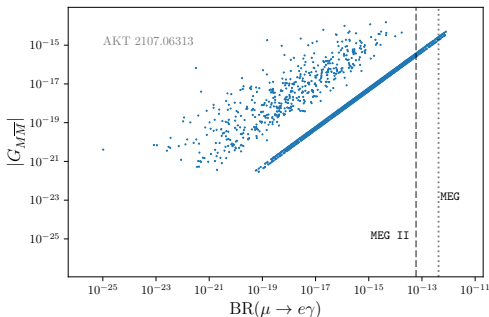
**Constraints** independent of **CPV phases**

⇒ Randomly scan **constrained** parameter space with  $\theta_{\alpha 4} \approx \pm\theta_{\alpha 5}$  and  $m_4 = m_5 = 1 \text{ TeV}$

⇒ For each point vary phases  $\delta_{\alpha 4}$  and  $\varphi_4$  randomly and on a grid

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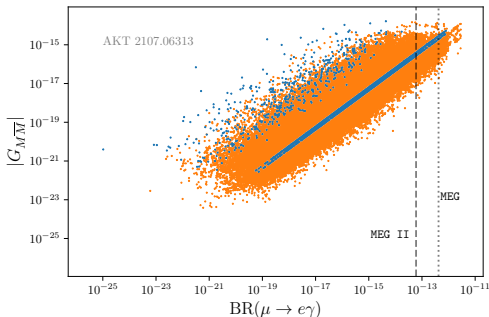
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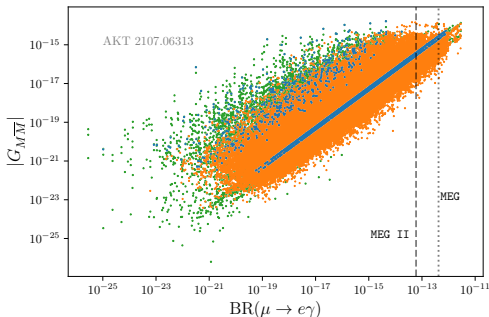


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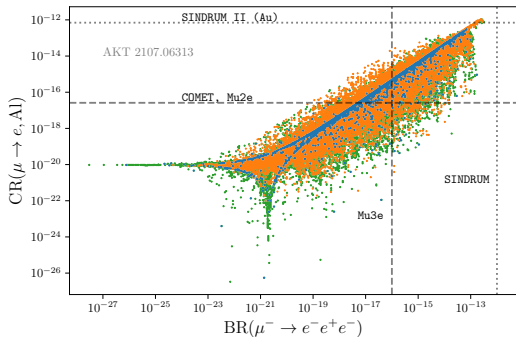


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## Breaking correlations (continued)

Both  $\mu - e$  conversion and  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  dominated by  $Z$ -penguins, expect strong correlation



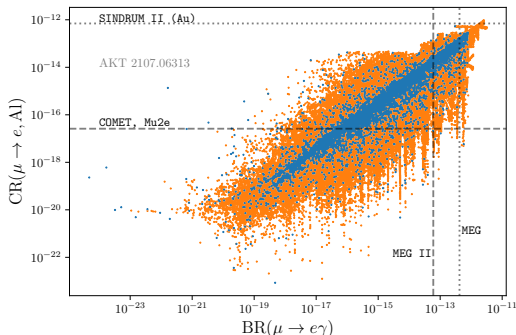
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⇒ Hypothetical signal e.g. only in  $\mu \rightarrow 3e$  does not disfavour **HNL models!**



## General view on parameter space

Scan  $\theta_{\alpha 4}$  and  $\theta_{\alpha 5}$  independently, randomly vary **all phases**, (apply all constraints)  
 Mass splitting varied within in  $\Gamma_{N_{4,5}}$ ,  $m_4 = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $m_5 - m_4 \in (40 \text{ MeV}, 210 \text{ GeV})$



- ⇒ Sizeable  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  rate possible without  $\mu - e$  conversion and vice versa!
- ⇒ Effects of **CPV phases** significant!

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You cannot spell **flavour** without **CP Violation!**

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