Can heavy neutrinos dominate Neutrinoless double beta decay?

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work in progress...

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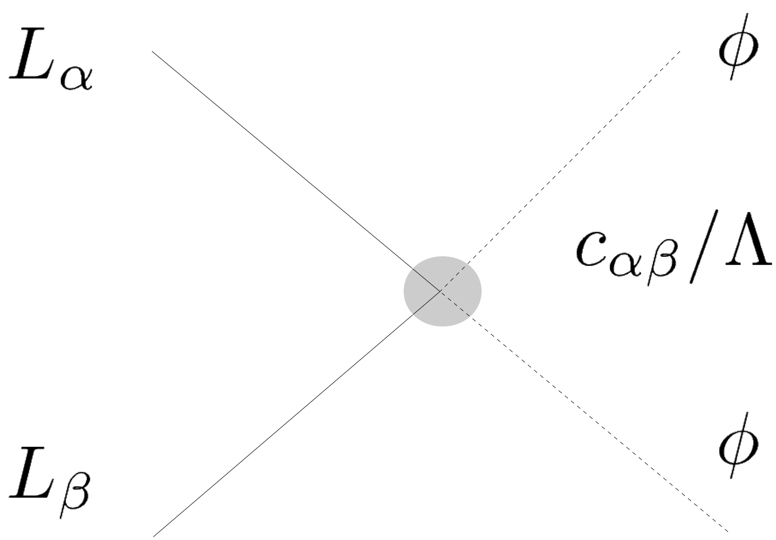

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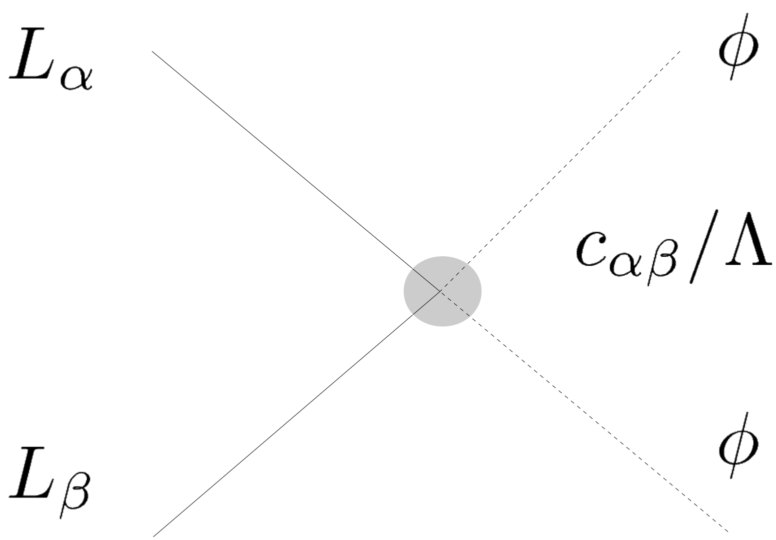

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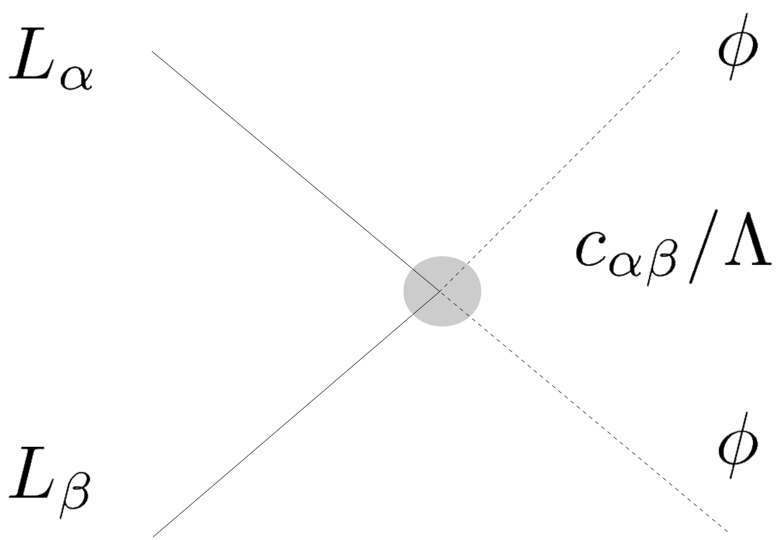

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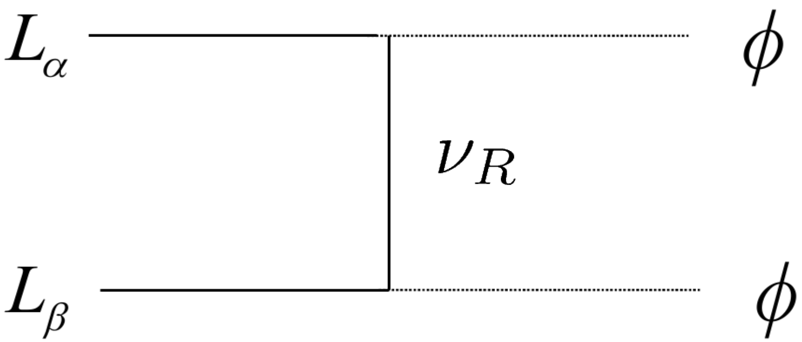
Seesaw Models



Heavy fermion singlet: ν_R. Type I *seesaw.*
Minkowski 77; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky 79; Yanagida 79; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80.

In this talk, we will focus on the following extension of SM:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm kin} - \frac{1}{2}\overline{\nu_{si}} M_{ij} \nu^c_{sj} - (Y)_{i\alpha}\overline{\nu_{si}}\widetilde{\phi}^\dagger L_\alpha + {\rm h.c.}$$

Neutrinoless double beta decay

- Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana? Most models accounting for ν- masses, as the seesaw ones, point to Majorana neutrinos.

- The neutrinoless double beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$) is one of the most promising experiments in this context.

$$(Z, A) \Rightarrow (Z \pm 2, A) + 2e^{\mp} + X$$

Its observation would imply ν's are Majorana fermions

Schechter and Valle 82

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ can be also sensitive to the absolute ν - mass scale through some combination of parameters.

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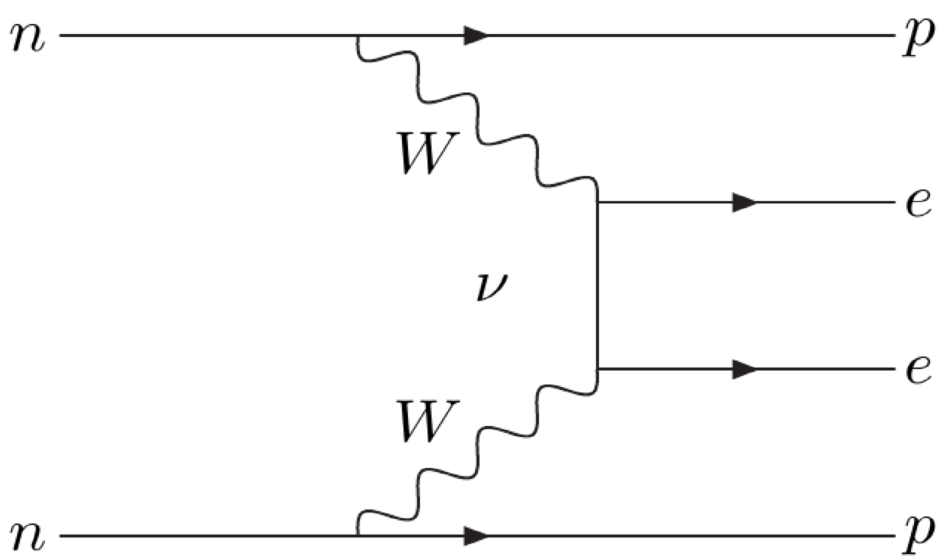

- Contribution of a single neutrino to the amplitude of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay:

$$A_i \propto \underbrace{m_i}_{\text{mass of propagating neutrino}} \underbrace{U_{ei}^2}_{\text{Lepton mixing matrix}} \underbrace{M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(m_i)}_{\text{NME}}$$

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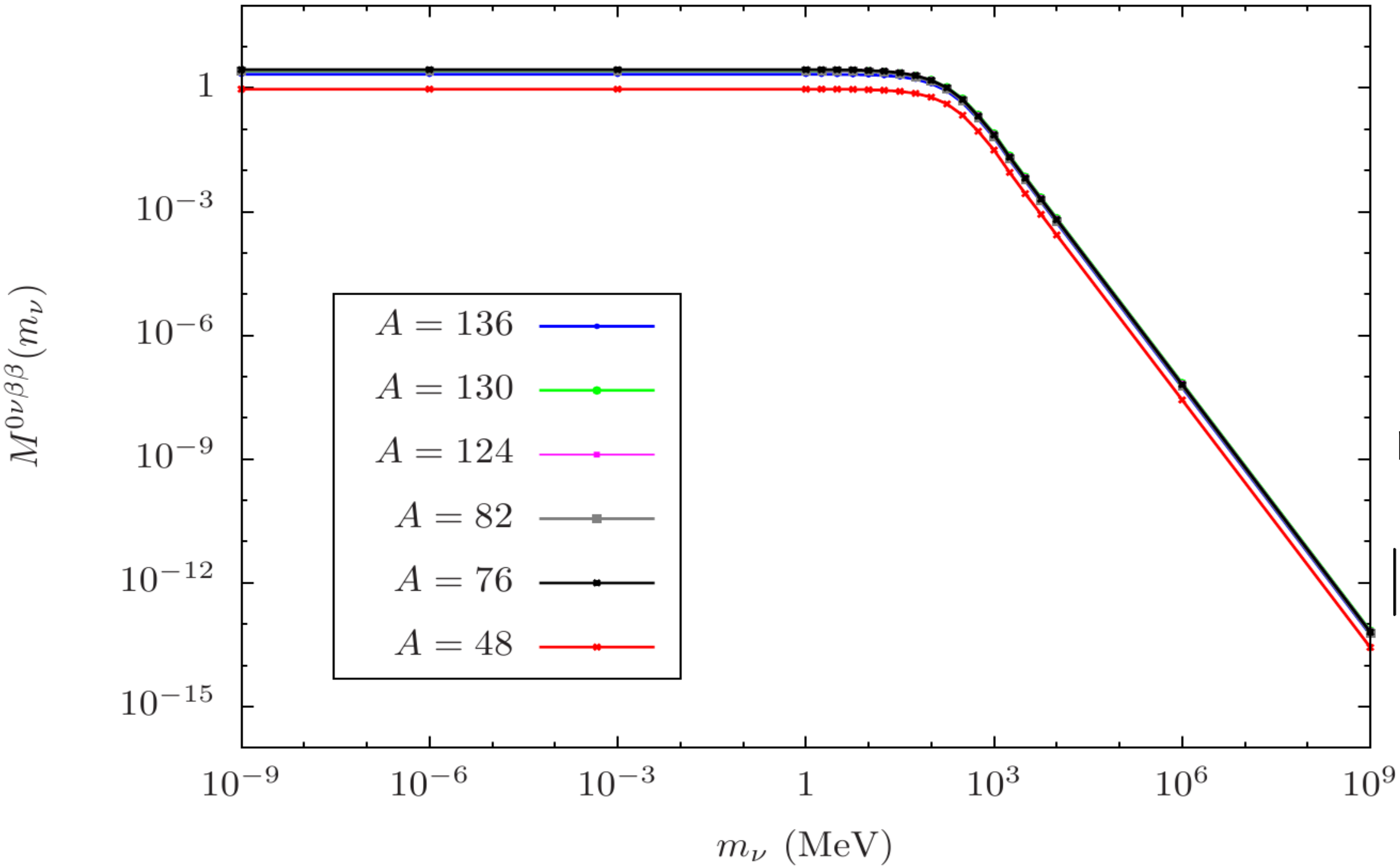

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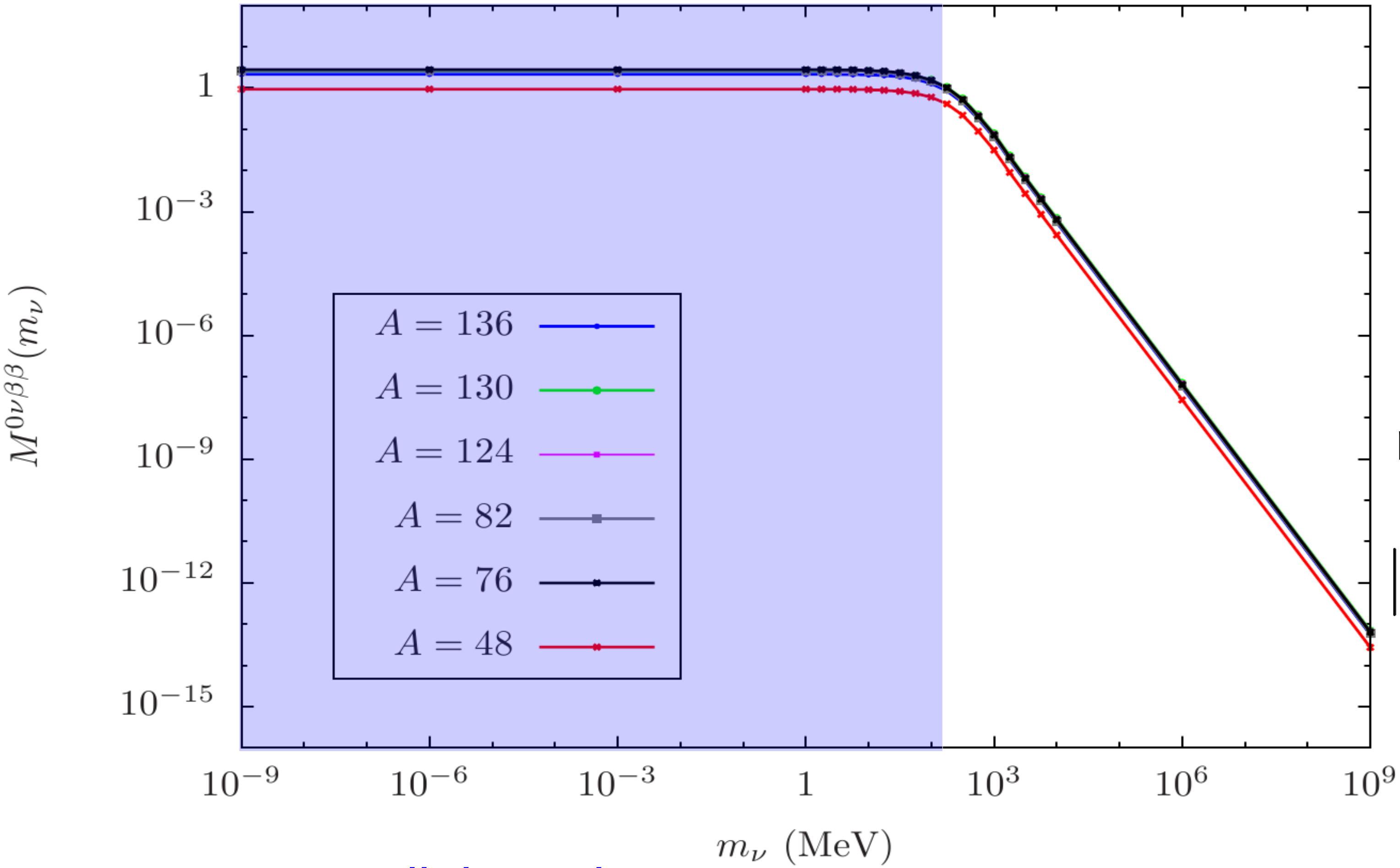

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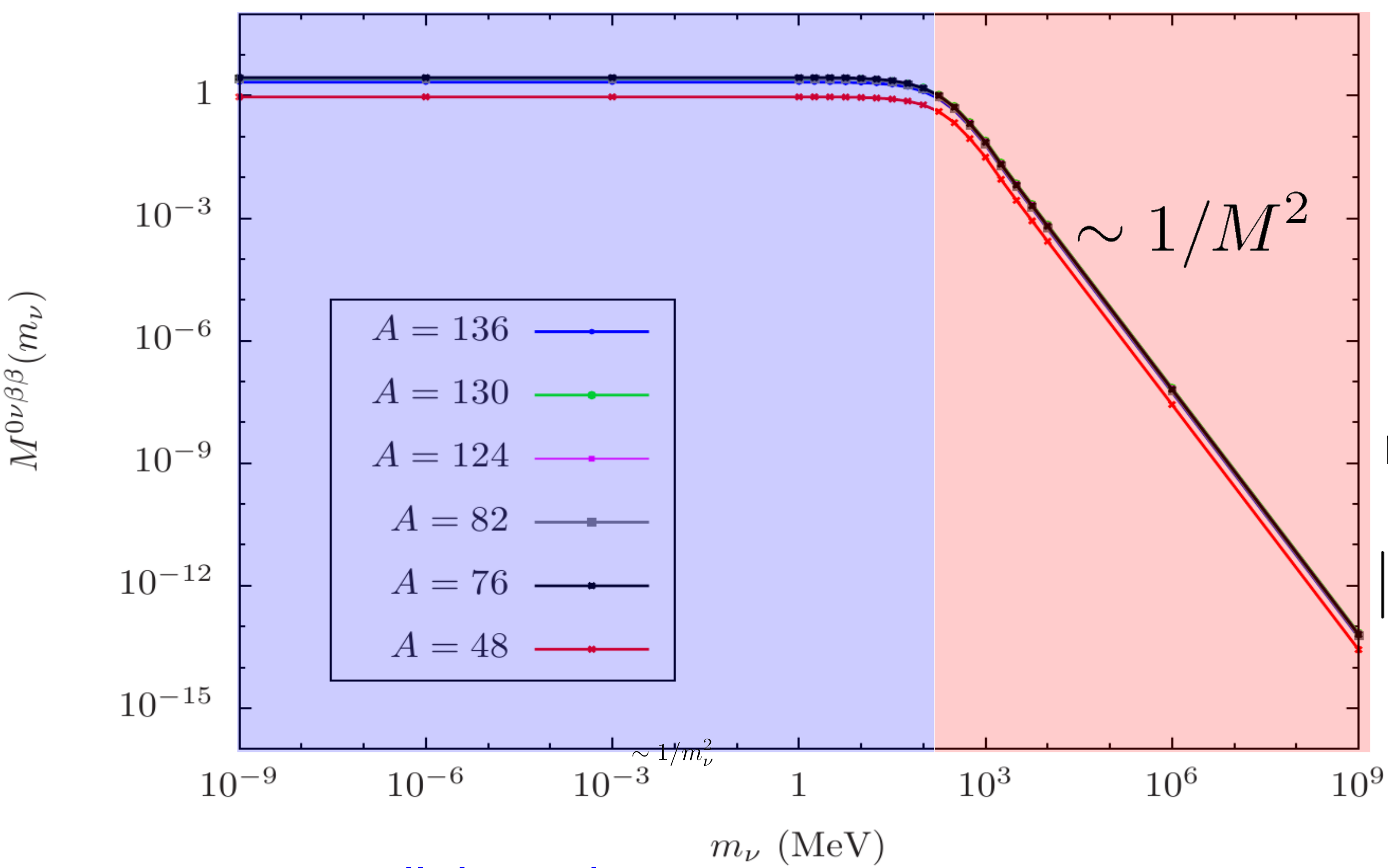

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Using PMNS matrix parameterisation:

$$m_{\beta\beta} = m_1 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + m_2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{2i\alpha_1} + m_3 s_{13}^2 e^{2i\alpha_2}$$

→ Holds when "SM" neutrinos dominate the process

They can be very relevant !!

→ But the "SM" has to be extended with *heavy* degrees of freedom, not considered above, otherwise $0\nu\beta\beta$ would be forbidden.

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$(3+n_R)\times(3+n_R)$ unitary mixing matrix

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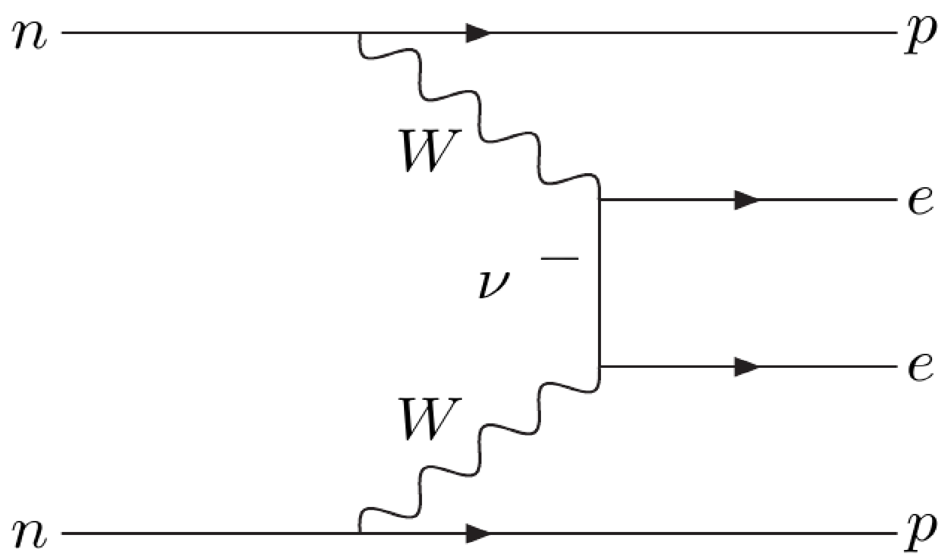

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light mostly-active states

extra degrees of freedom

Different phenomenologies depending on their mass regime

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strong suppression for $m_{\mathrm{extra}} < 100\mathrm{MeV}$!

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Constrain mixing with heavy neutrinos through light contribution!!

(Much stronger than the bounds usually considered in the literature)

Blennow, Fernandez-Martinez, Menendez, JLP. arXiv:1005.324

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Extra states with masses below 100 MeV
can give a relevant contribution!
even
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Is there any other case in wich the *heavy neutrino* contribution *might dominate?*

JLP, S. Pascoli and Chan-Fai Wang

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Heavy neutrinos dominate process at tree level...

...is it really possible to have a dominant and measurable contribution once the one-loop corrections are considered?

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- $\Lambda \gg \mu, \epsilon v, \mu'$ Minimal Flavour Violation models (*inverse seesaw*, etc)

arXiv:0906.1461; Gavela, Hambye, D. Hernandez, P. Hernandez 2009.

Quasi-degenerate heavy neutrino spectrum

arXiv:1103.6217
Ibarra, Molinaro, Petcov 2010

$$\tilde{M}_2 \approx -\tilde{M}_1 \approx \Lambda \qquad \Delta\tilde{M} \approx \mu' + \mu$$

- $\mu' \gg \Lambda, \mu, \epsilon v$ *Extended seesaw model*

Kang, Kim 2007
Majee, Parida, Raychaudhuri 2008

Hierarchical heavy neutrino spectrum

arXiv:1108.0004
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$$\Downarrow$$

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To have a phenomenologically relevant contribution, a large μ' and/or a rather small Λ are in principle required.

Does it induce too large radiative corrections?

What about the higher order corrections in the seesaw expansion?

Higher order corrections to the expansion

→ Next to leading order correction to the light active neutrino masses:

Grimus, Lavoura 2000

Hettmansperger, Lindner, Rodejohann 2011

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Due to the suppresion with ϵ and μ, light neutrino masses are stable under higher order corrections in expansion.

Still, light neutrino masses vanish when cancellation takes place. They should be generated at loop level

?

1-loop corrections

Two different effects that should be taken into account:

- Renormalizable corrections (running of the parameters):

Casas *et al.*; Pirogov *et al.*; Haba *et al.* 1999

$$\left.\begin{aligned} Q\frac{d\mu}{dQ} &= \frac{2\epsilon}{(4\pi)^2}\left[\Lambda\, Y^*_{1\beta} Y_{2\beta} + \mu\epsilon\, Y^*_{2\beta} Y_{2\beta}\right] \\ Q\frac{d\left(\epsilon Y_{2\alpha}\right)}{dQ} &\propto \epsilon \end{aligned}\right\}$$

Light neutrino masses cancellation still holds when running is taken into account.

Running not relevant in this context.

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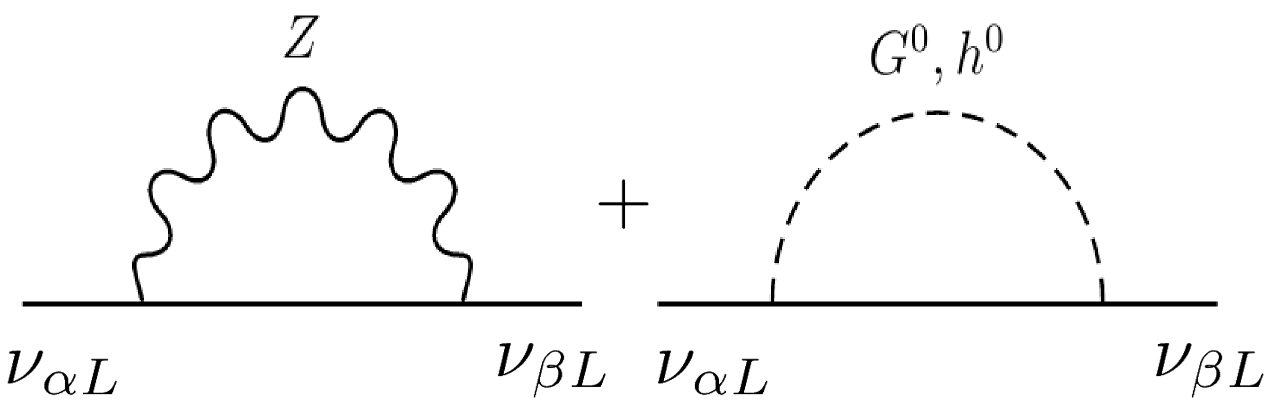

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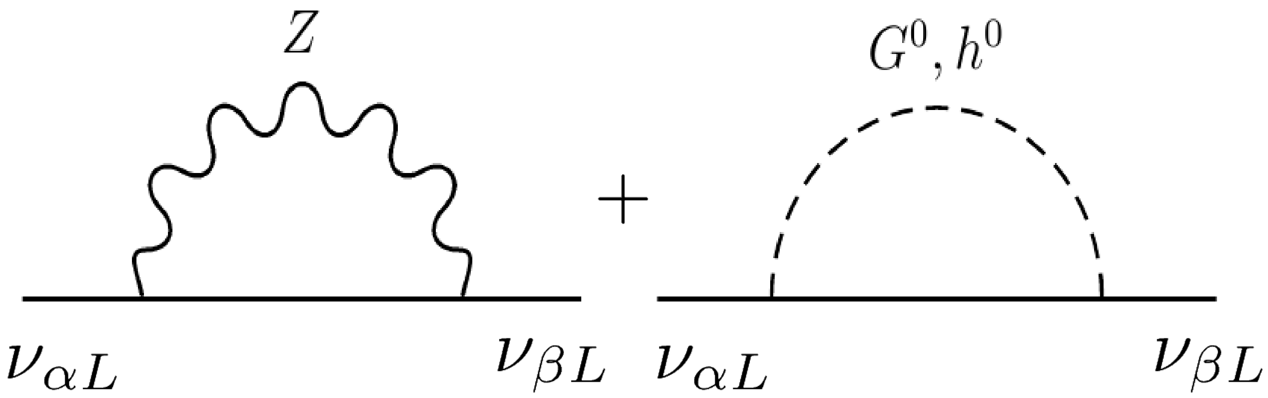

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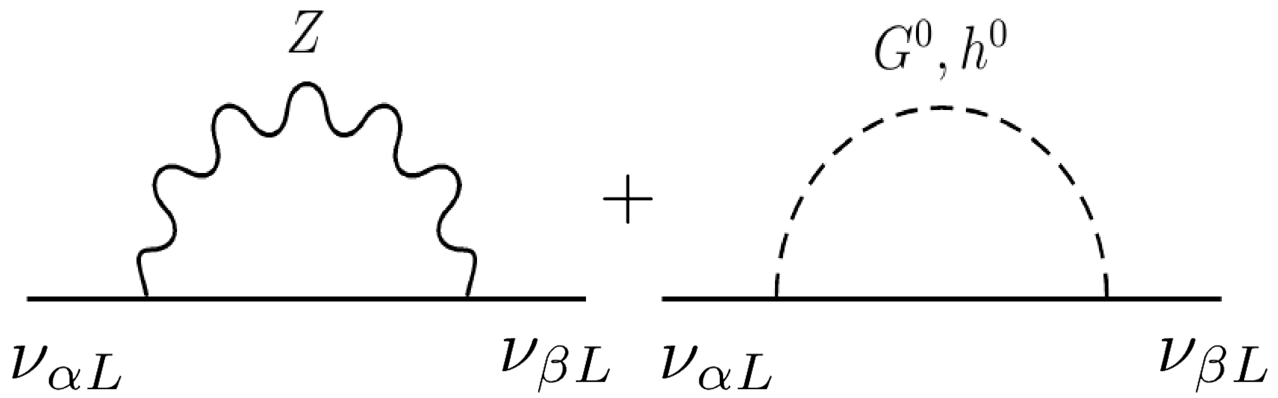

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$\mu = \epsilon = 0$

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The neutrino mass matrix is then given by:

$$U^* \mathrm{diag}\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n\} U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \delta m_{LL} & Y_N^* v/\sqrt{2} \\ Y_N^\dagger v/\sqrt{2} & M_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

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2 Dominant or not, the heavy contribution should respect the present constraint and be measurable, to be phenomenologically interesting

$$10^{-2}\, eV < m_{\beta\beta}^{heavy} < 0.58\, eV$$

Present bound
CURICINO using ISM NME

Next-to-Next generation sensitivity
MAJORANA, Super-Nemo, etc, etc

$$m_{\beta\beta}^{heavy} = |\sum_{I=4,5} U_{eI}^2 m_I M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(m_I)/M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(0)|$$

computed in the ISM

Blennow, Fernandez-Martinez, Menendez, JLP. arXiv:1005.324

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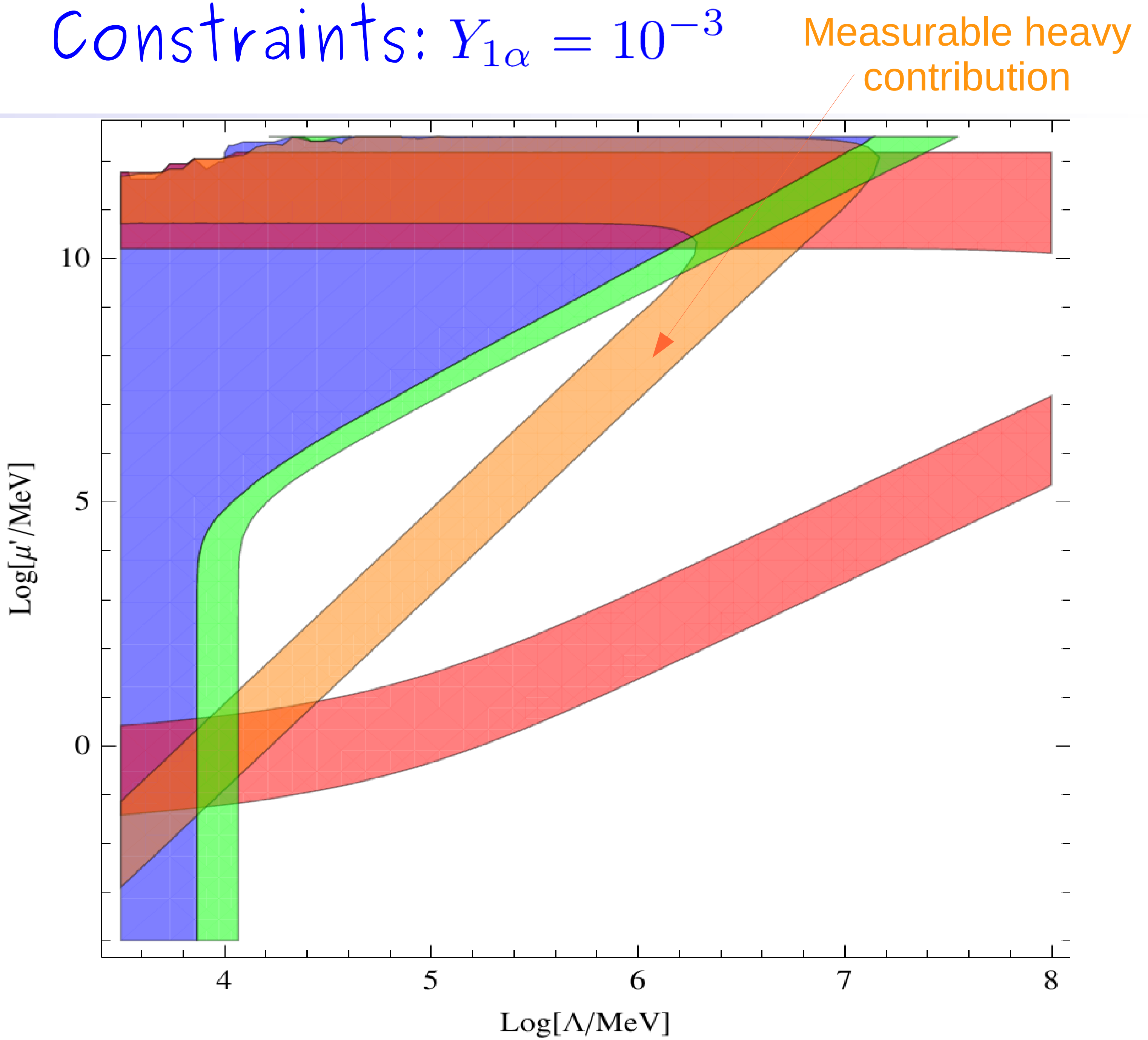

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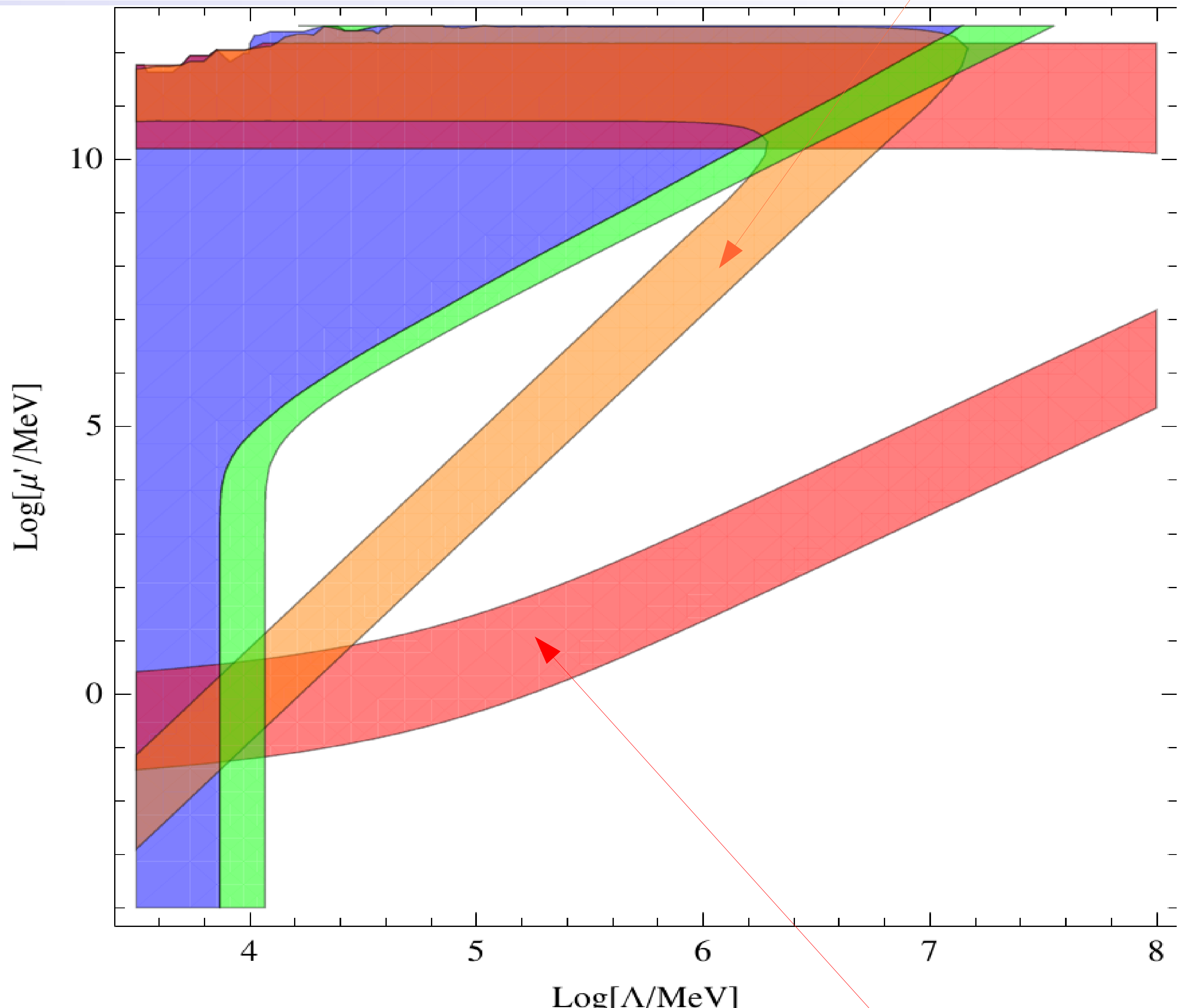

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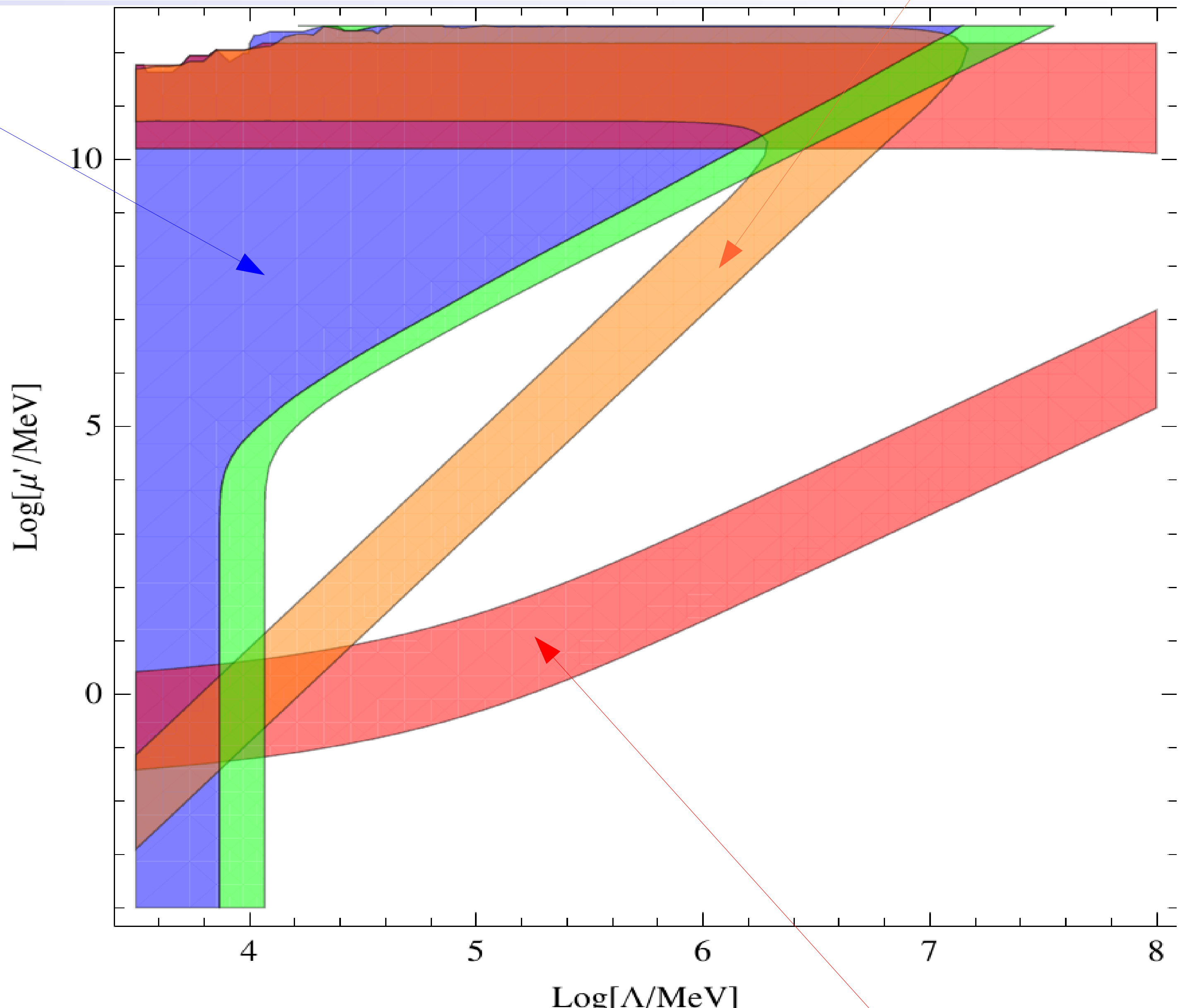

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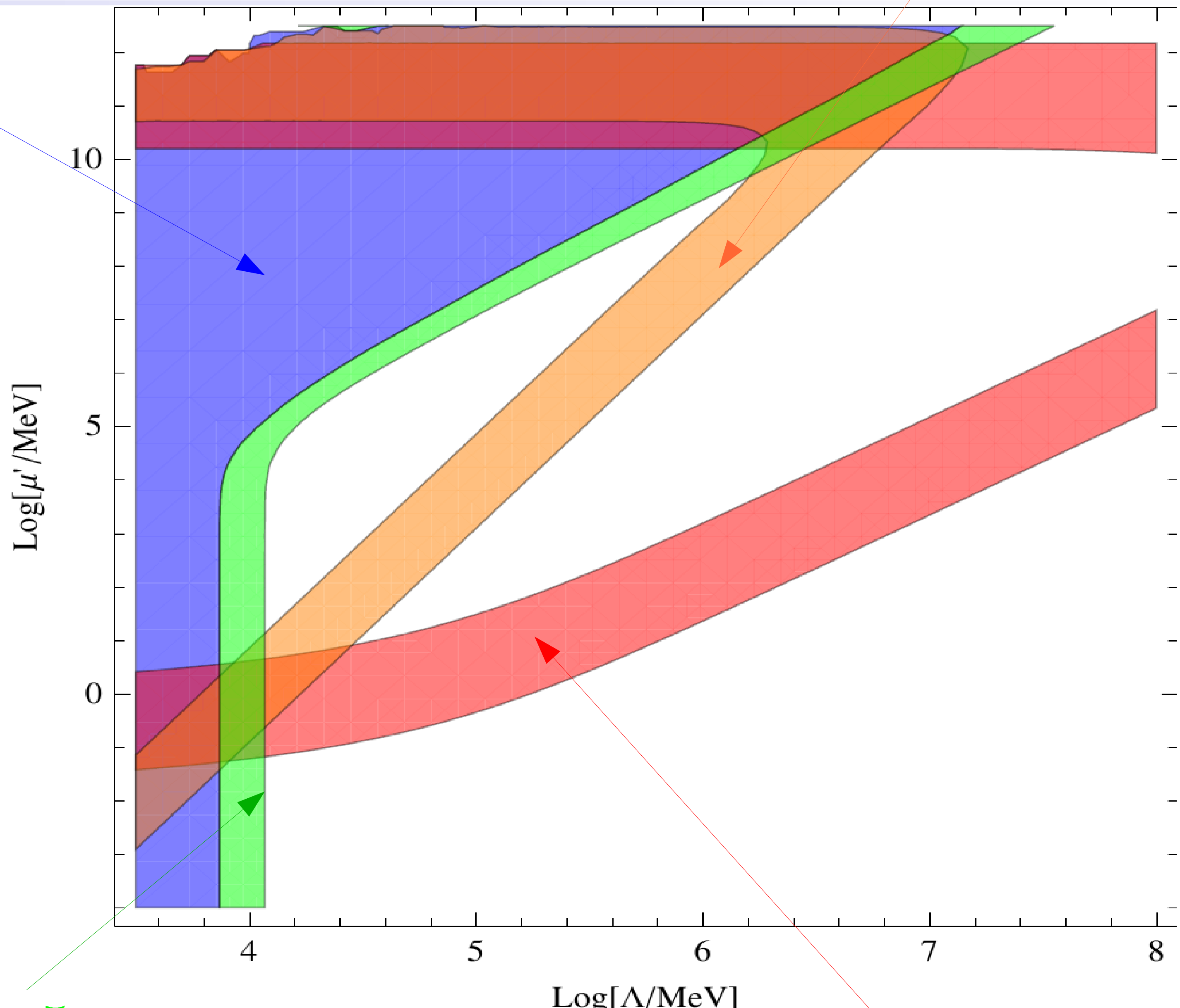

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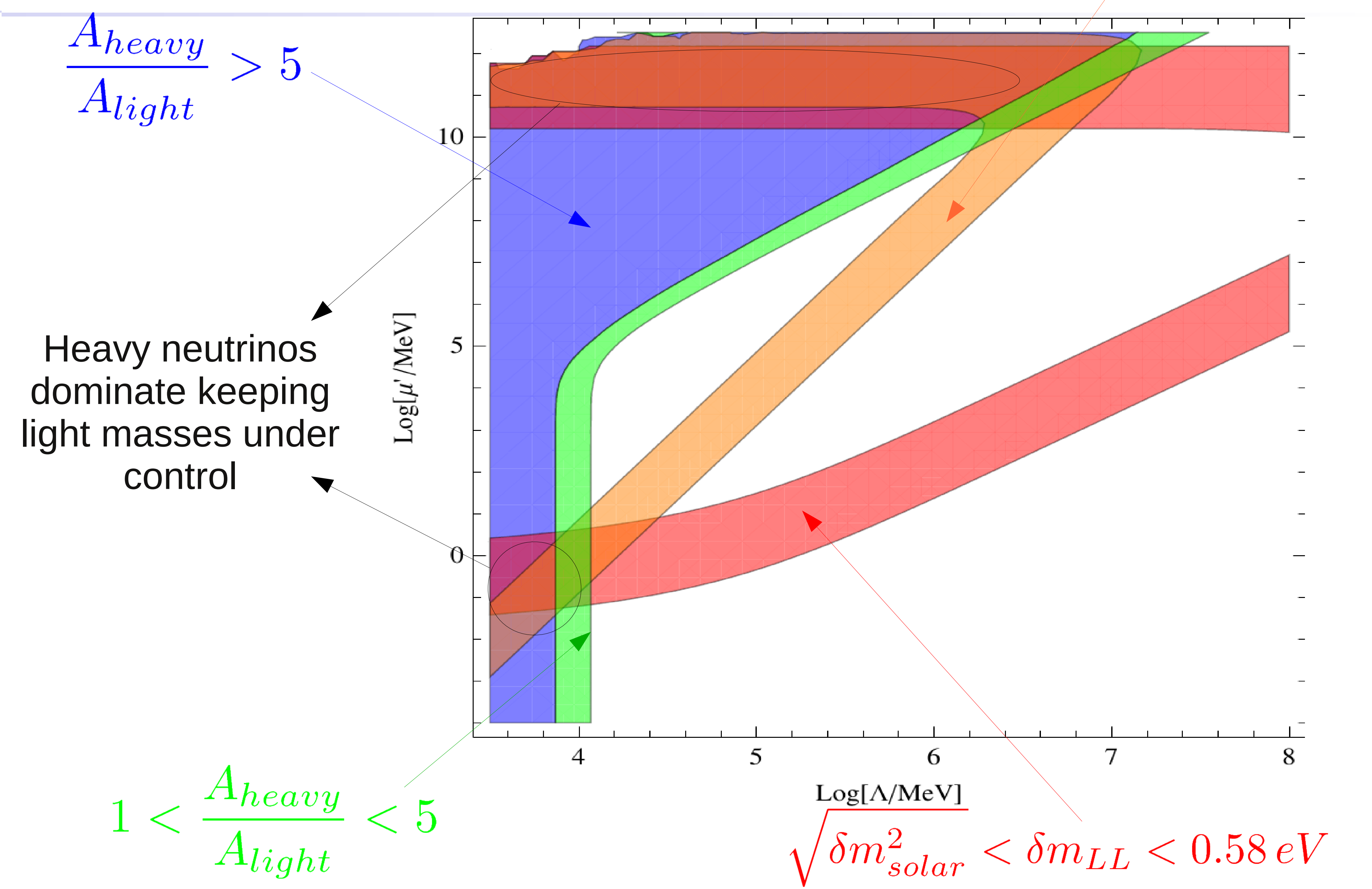

Heavy dominant contribution

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But, there are additional constraints not considered before:

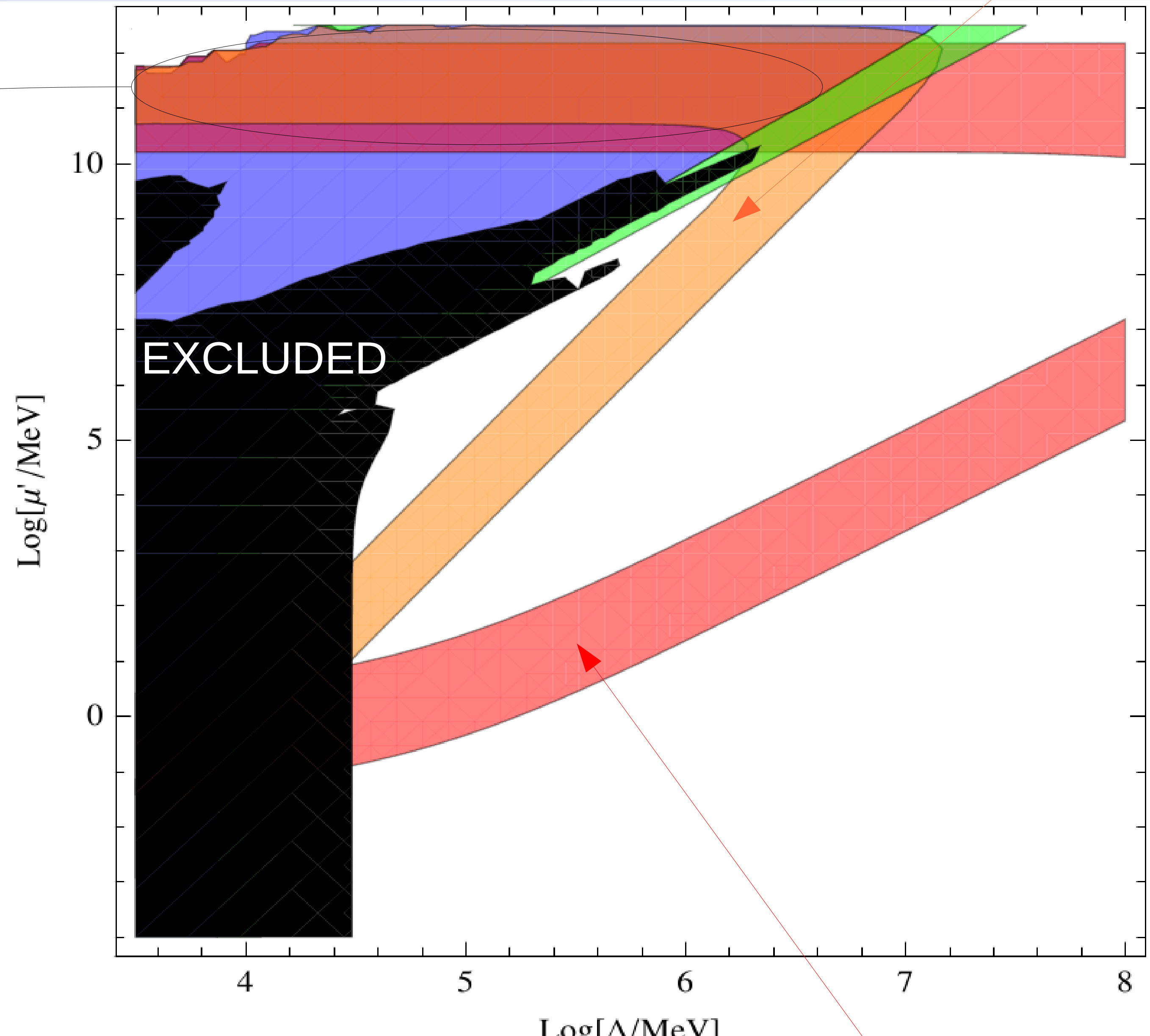
3 Constraints on the mixing with heavy neutrinos from weak decays, lepton number violation processes and non-unitarity.

Atre,Han, Pascoli, Zhang 2009

Antusch, Biggio, Fernandez-Martinez, Gavela, JLP 2006
etc

Constraints: $Y_{1\alpha} = 10^{-3}$

Only the hierarchical case survives!!



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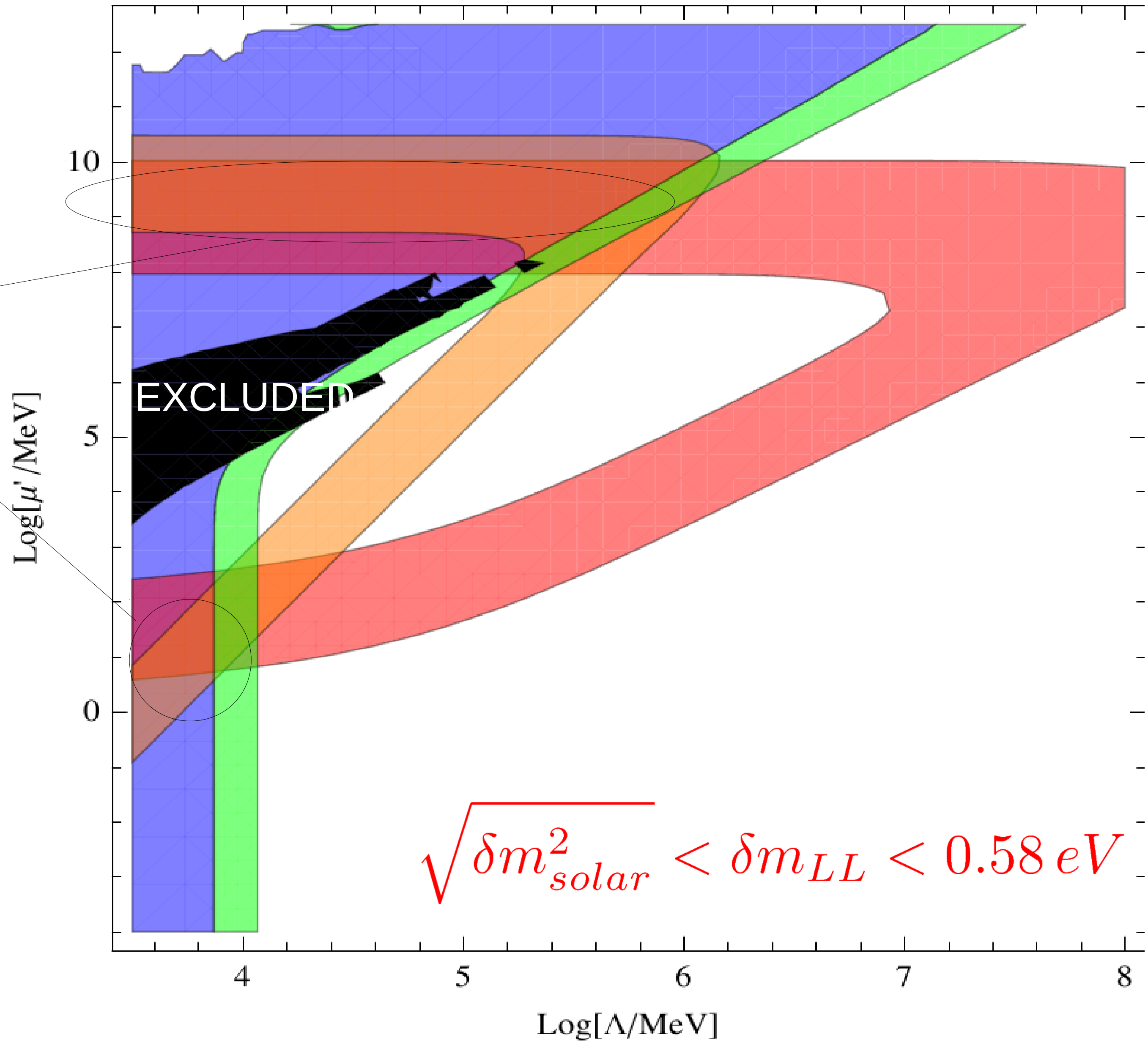
Heavy neutrinos dominate keeping light masses under control



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Measurable heavy contribution

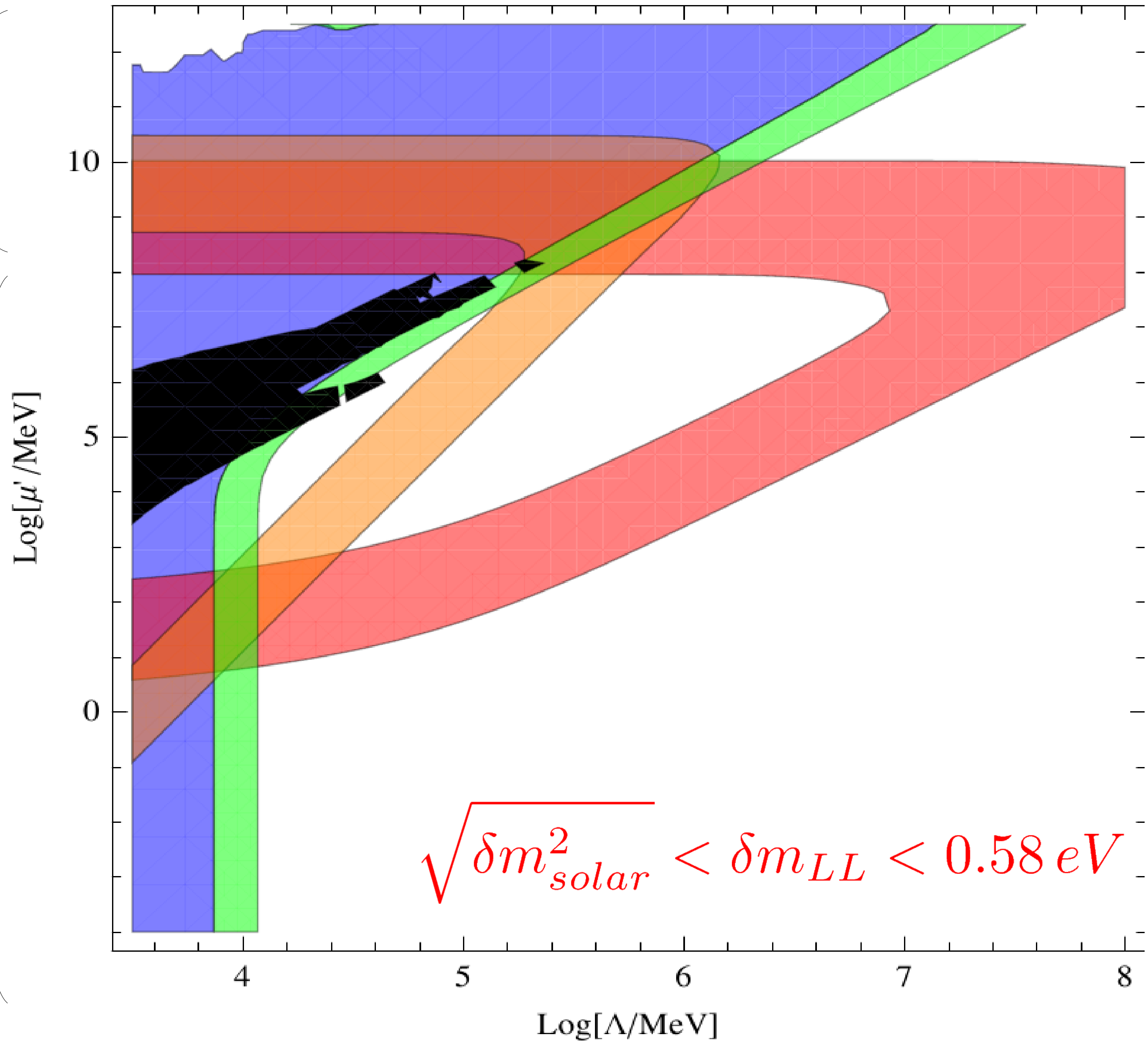
$$\tilde{M}_1 \lesssim 100\, MeV \ll \tilde{M}_2$$

Lightest sterile neutrino below 100 MeV dominates

$$A_{heavy} \propto \frac{Y_{1e}^2 v^2}{8\mu'}$$

$$\tilde{M}_1, \tilde{M}_2 > 100\, MeV$$

$$A_{heavy} \propto \frac{v^2 \mu' Y_{1e}^2}{2\Lambda^4}$$



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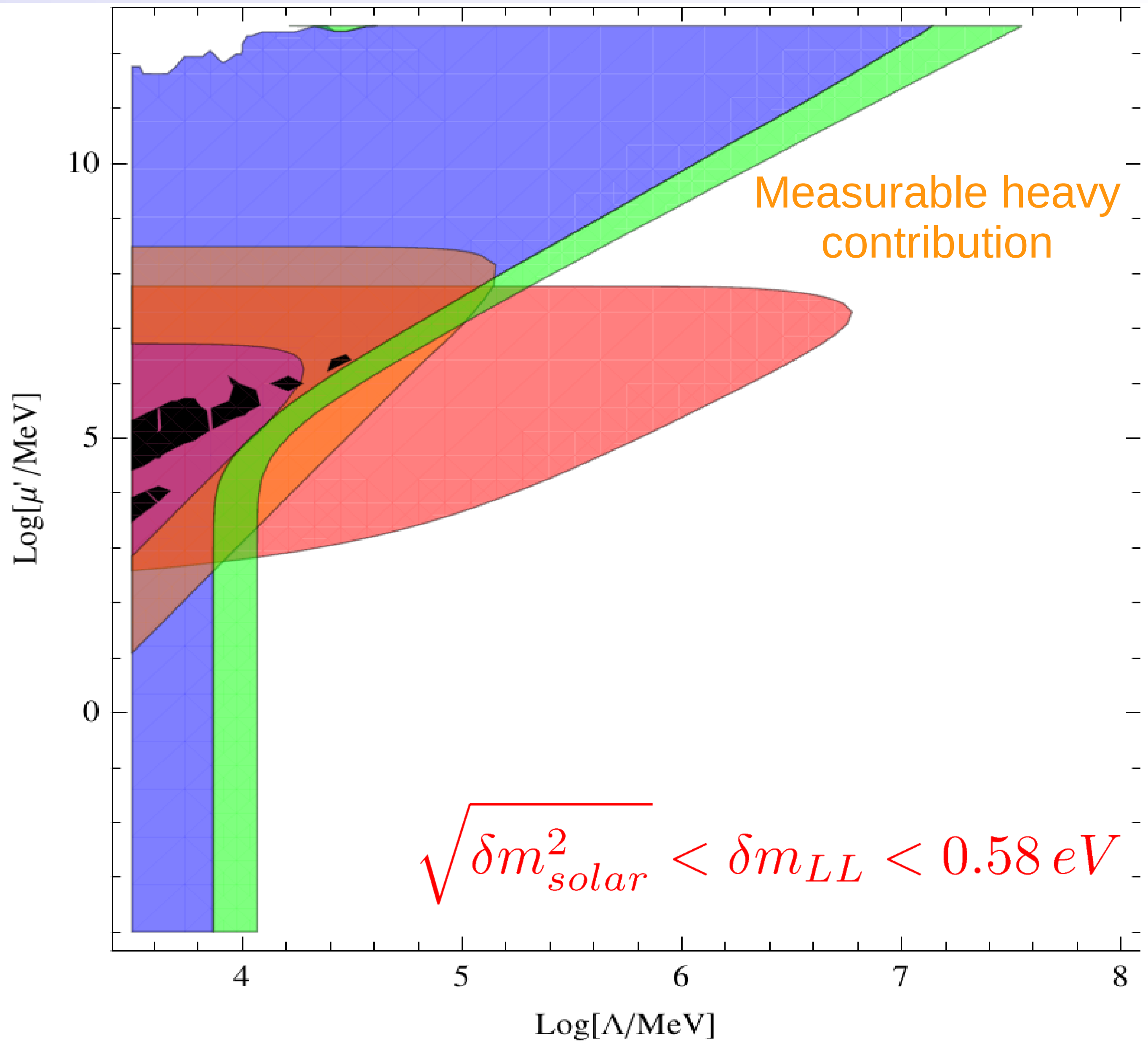

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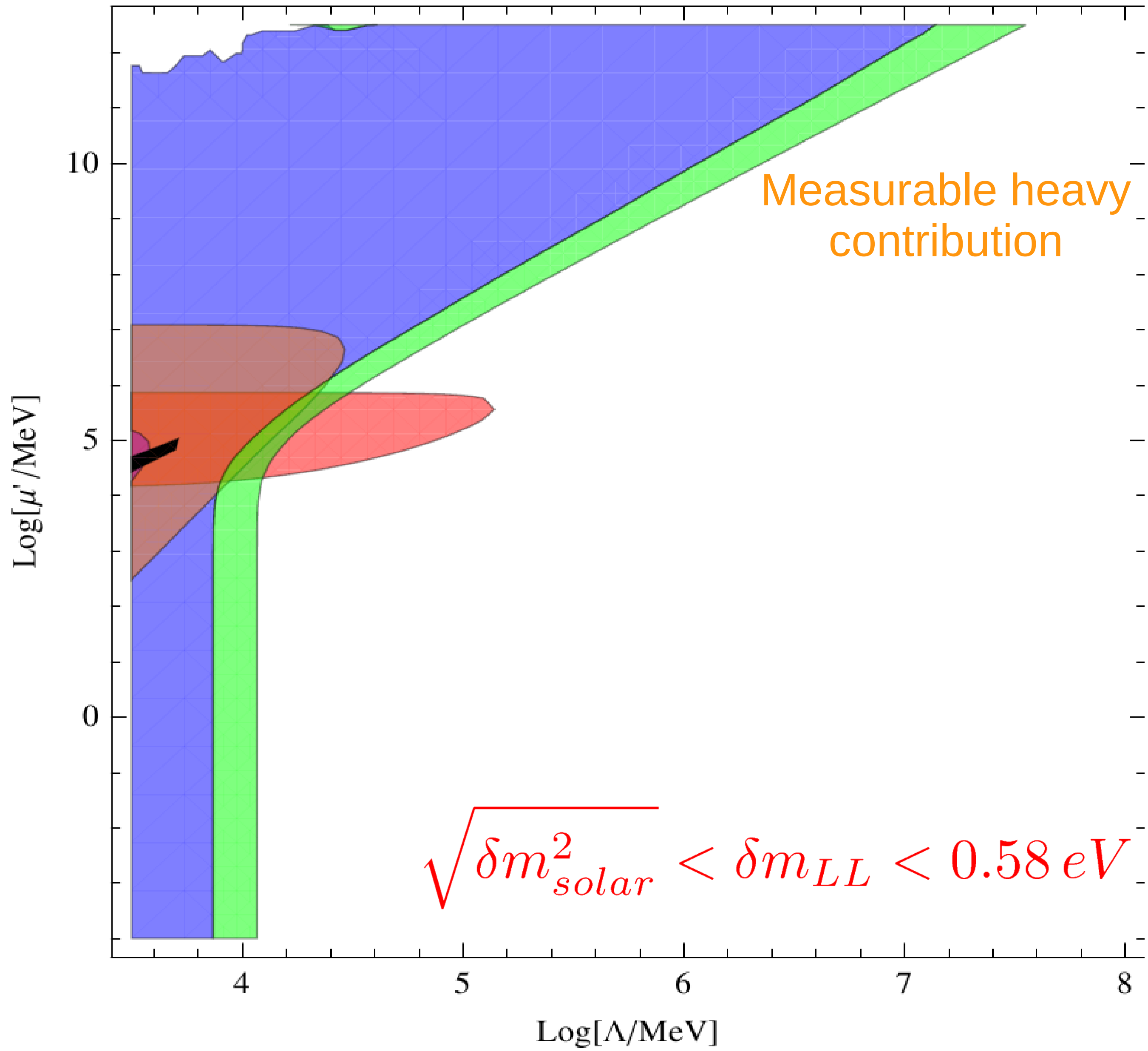

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A_{heavy}/A_{light}
independent
of $Y_{1\alpha}$

Both too
suppressed
for
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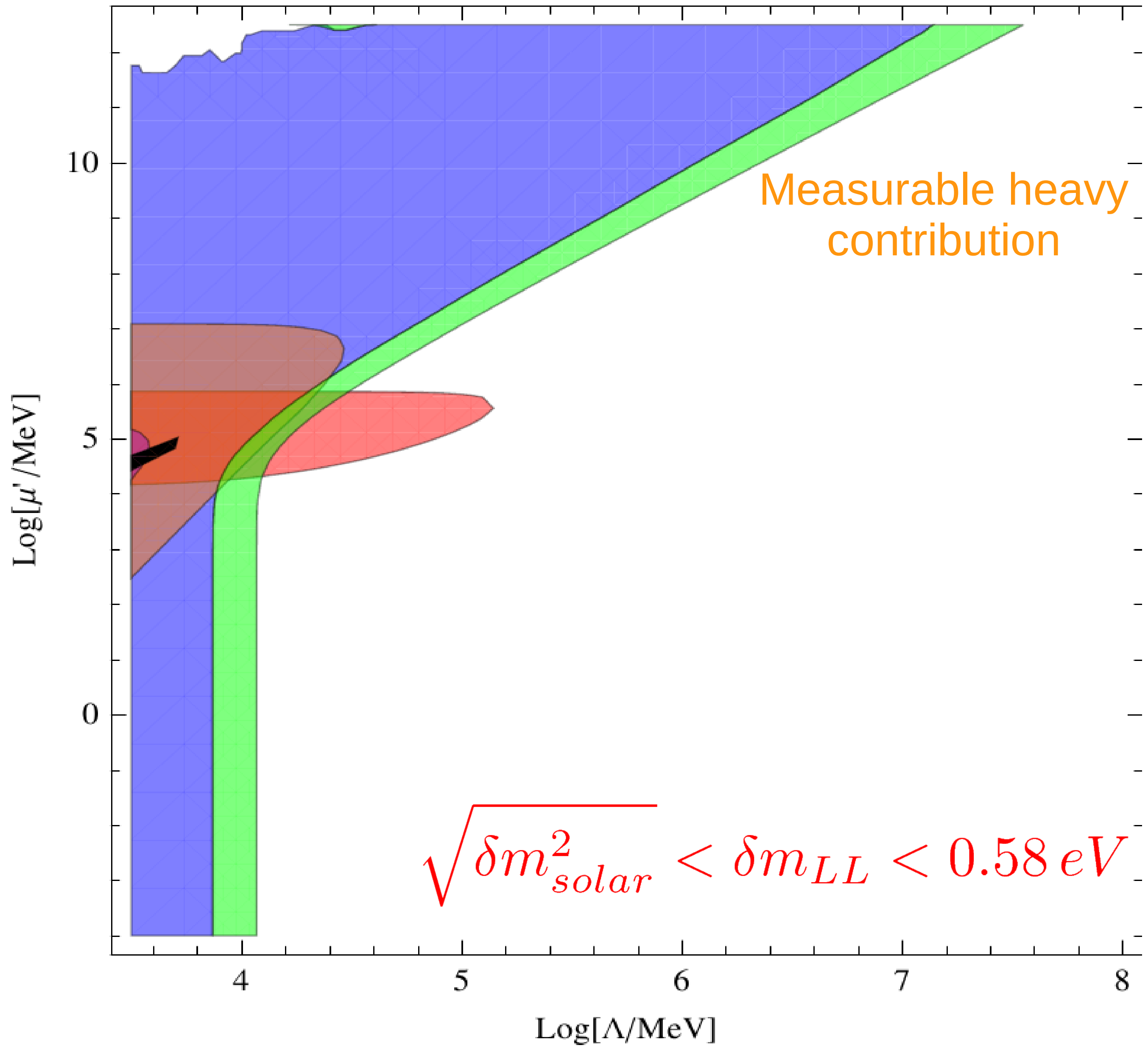

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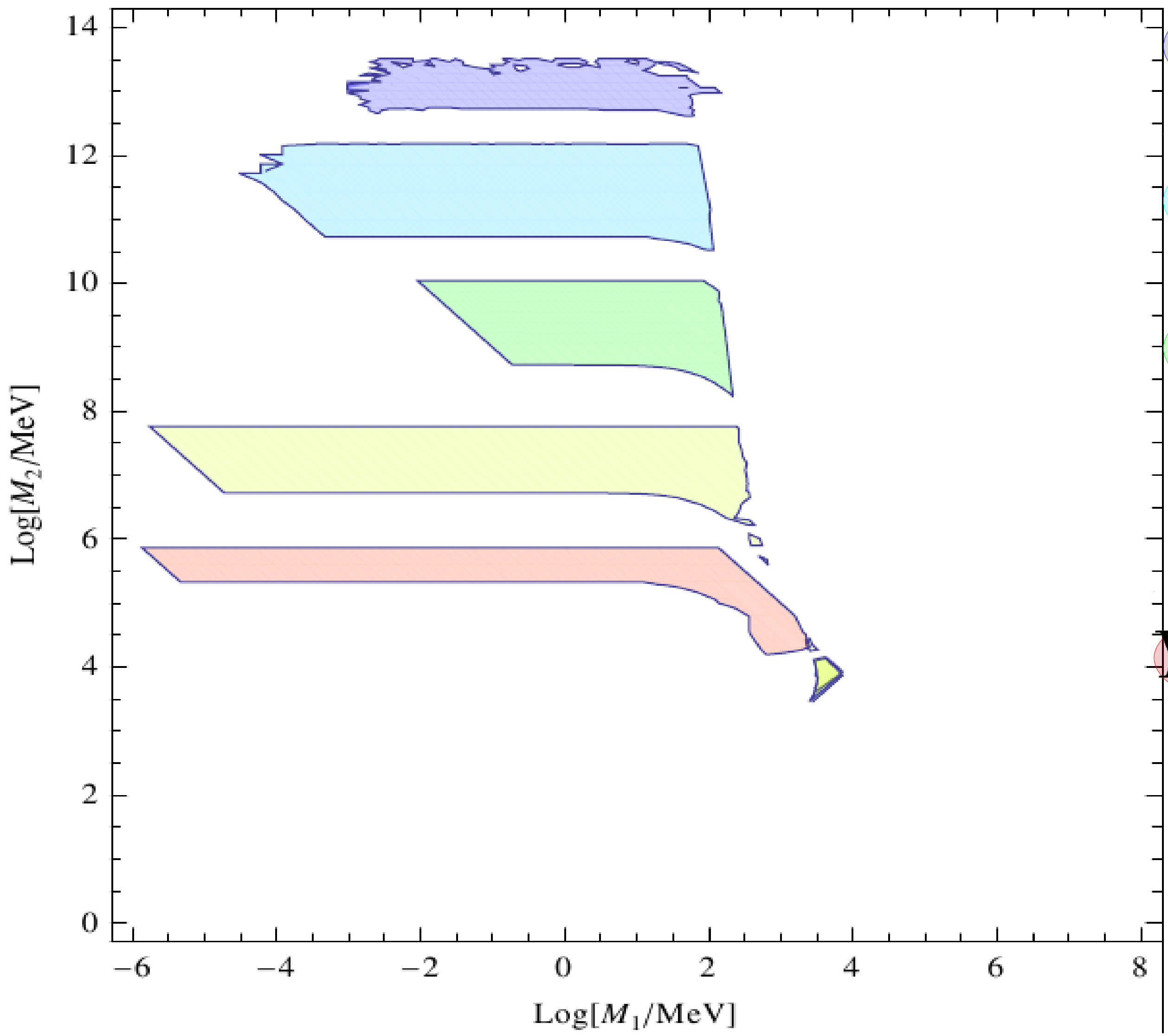

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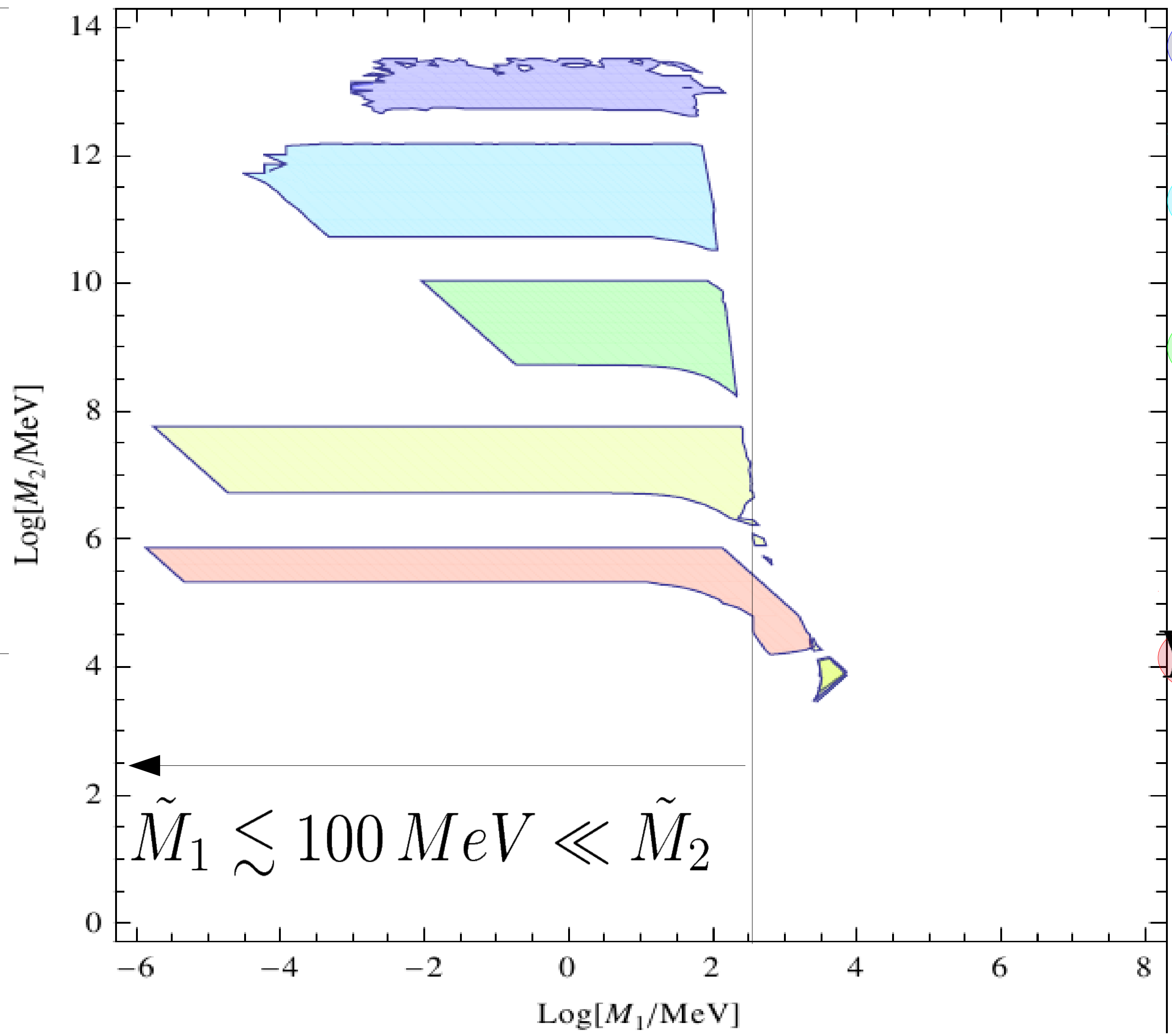

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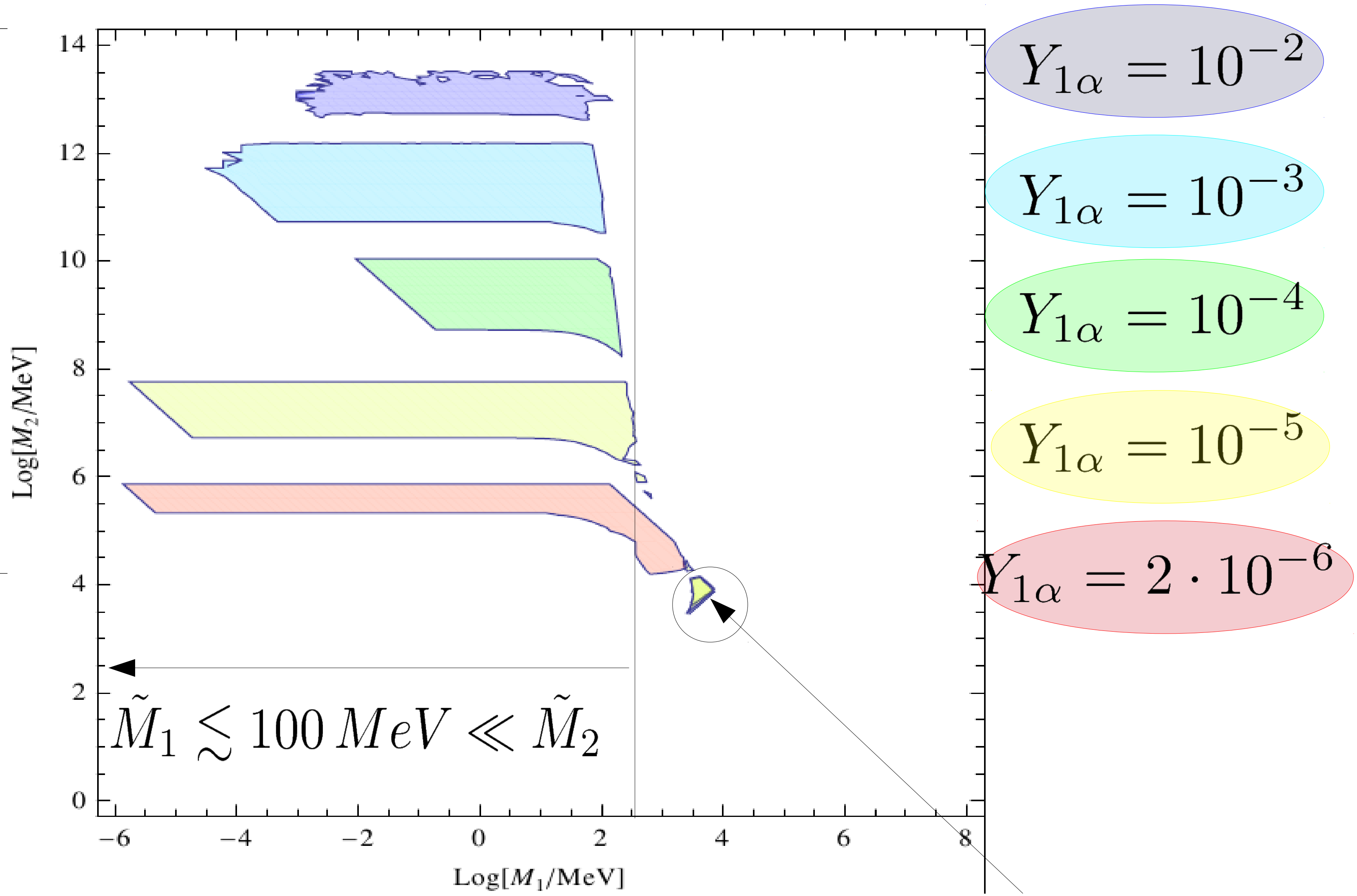

Quasi-Degenerate spectrum

$$\tilde{M}_2 \approx \tilde{M}_1 \approx \Lambda \sim 5\, GeV$$

Conclusions

- Computed the NME as a function of the mass of the mediating fermions, estimating its relevant theoretical error.

  Data available @
  http://www.th.mppmu.mpg.de/members/blennow/nme_mnu.dat

- Contributions of light and heavy neutrinos should not be treated as if they were independent:

  - Light contribution usually dominates the process.

  - ***Much stronger constraints*** on heavy mixing obtained considering relation between light and heavy degrees of freedom

  - If all extra states are in the light regime: strong cancellation leads to an experimentally inaccessible result.

- Same phenomenology for the type-II and type-III seesaws as for the type I seesaw.

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Conclusions

- "*Heavy*" neutrinos may dominate 0νββ decay at tree level if they are in both light and heavy regime.

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- "*Heavy*" neutrinos dominate 0νββ decay if the light contribution cancels at tree level and:

  → $10^{-6} \lesssim Y_{1\alpha} \lesssim 10^{-2}$

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  → Quasi-Degenerate heavy neutrinos $(\Lambda \gg \mu')$ with
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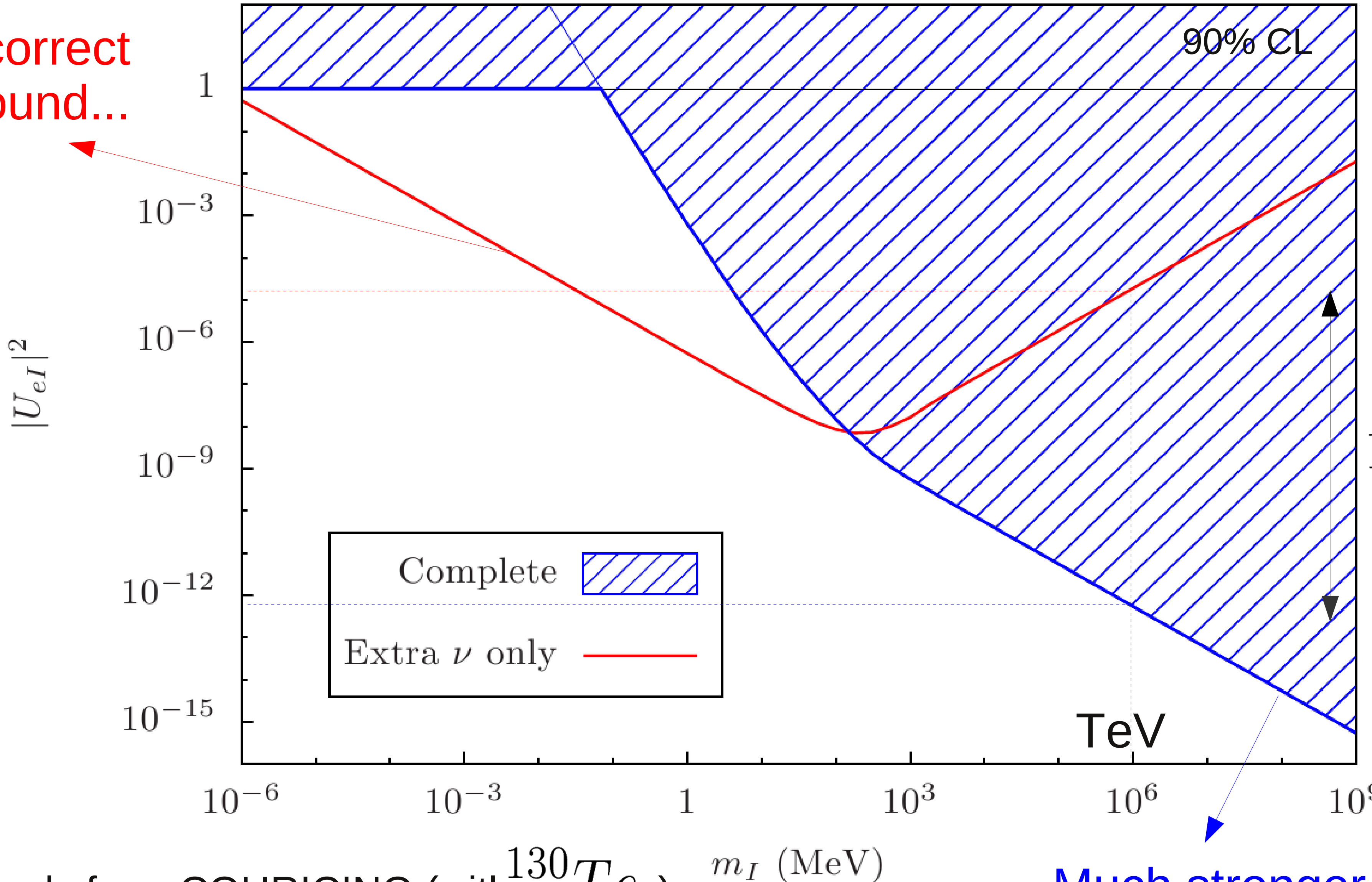
Thank you!

Back-up

Constraint on mixing with extra neutrino

Incorrect bound...



10^7!!

Much stronger Constraint !!

Bounds from COURICINO (with ^{130}Te)

Non-hierarchical extra neutrinos assumed

Type-I: All extra masses in light regime

$$A \propto -\sum_I^{\text{light}} m_I U_{eI}^2 \left(M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(0) - M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(m_I) \right)$$

- Cancellation between NME: GIM *analogy*

$$\sum_i^{\text{all}} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* = 0 \longleftrightarrow \sum_i^{\text{all}} m_i U_{ei}^2 = 0$$

$$\Delta m^2 / M_W^2 \longleftrightarrow \Delta M^{0\nu\beta\beta}$$

driven by the $\Delta m^2 / p^2$ dependence of the NME's

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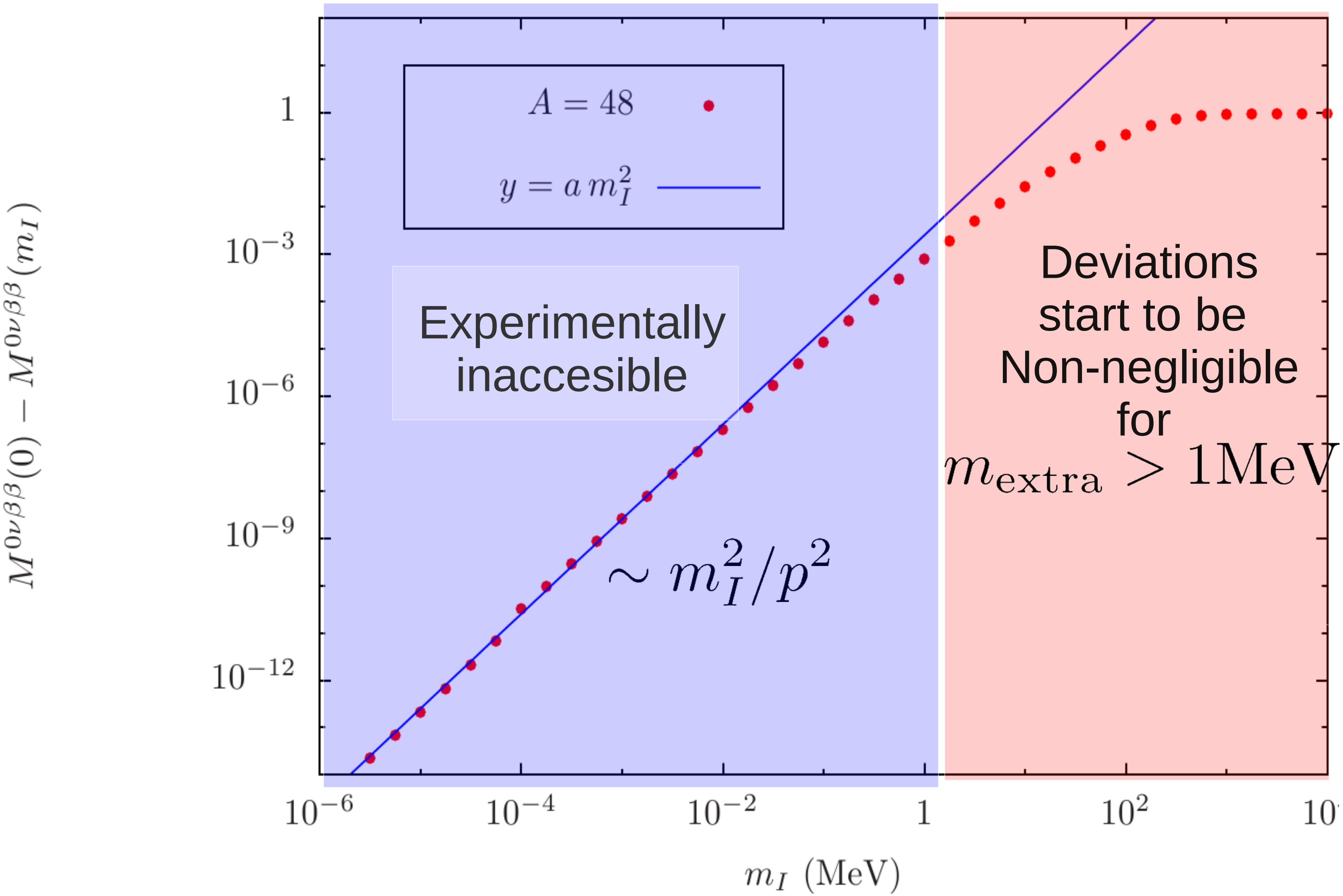
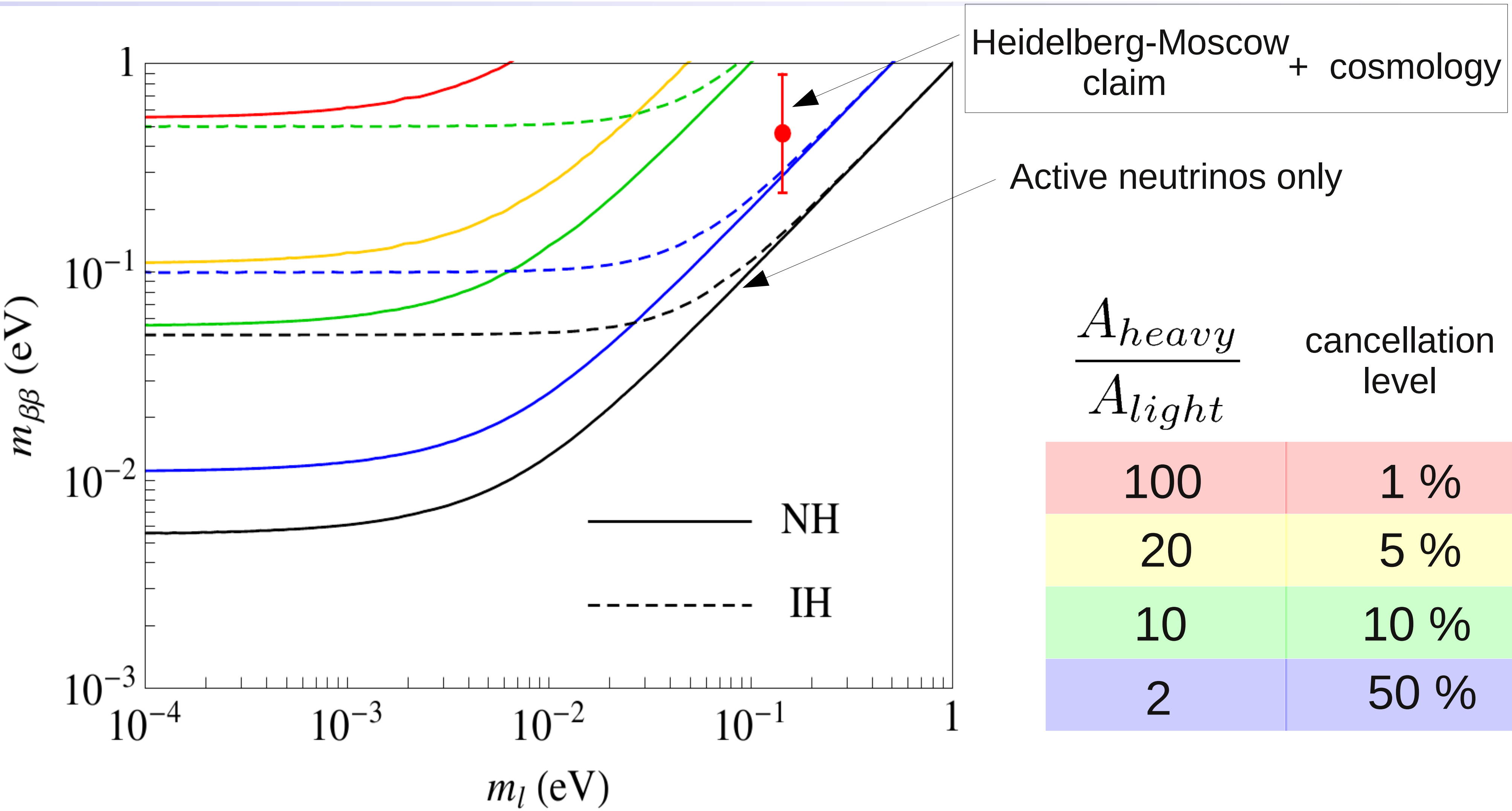


Extra states in light & heavy regime



$\frac{A_{heavy}}{A_{light}}$	cancellation level
100	1 %
20	5 %
10	10 %
2	50 %

Note that the usual interpretation of $m_{\beta\beta}$ (light active neutrinos only), as comes from canonical seesaw (extra states in heavy regime) would fail!

Cancellation level

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i^{\text{SM}} m_i U_{ei} + \sum_I^{\text{light}} m_I U_{eI}^2 \right| = \left| \sum_I^{\text{heavy}} m_I U_{eI}^2 \right|$$

For different cancellation levels:

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{m_{\beta\beta}^{standard}}{m_{\beta\beta}} = \frac{\left| \sum_i^{\text{light}} m_I U_{eI} + \sum_I^{\text{heavy}} m_I U_{eI}^2 \right|}{m_{\beta\beta}}$$

$$= \frac{\left| \sum_i^{\text{SM}} m_i U_{ei} \right|}{m_{\beta\beta}}$$

Information from neutrino oscillations

Standard approach

Usual assumption: neglect contribution of extra degrees of freedom. Using information from neutrino oscillations:

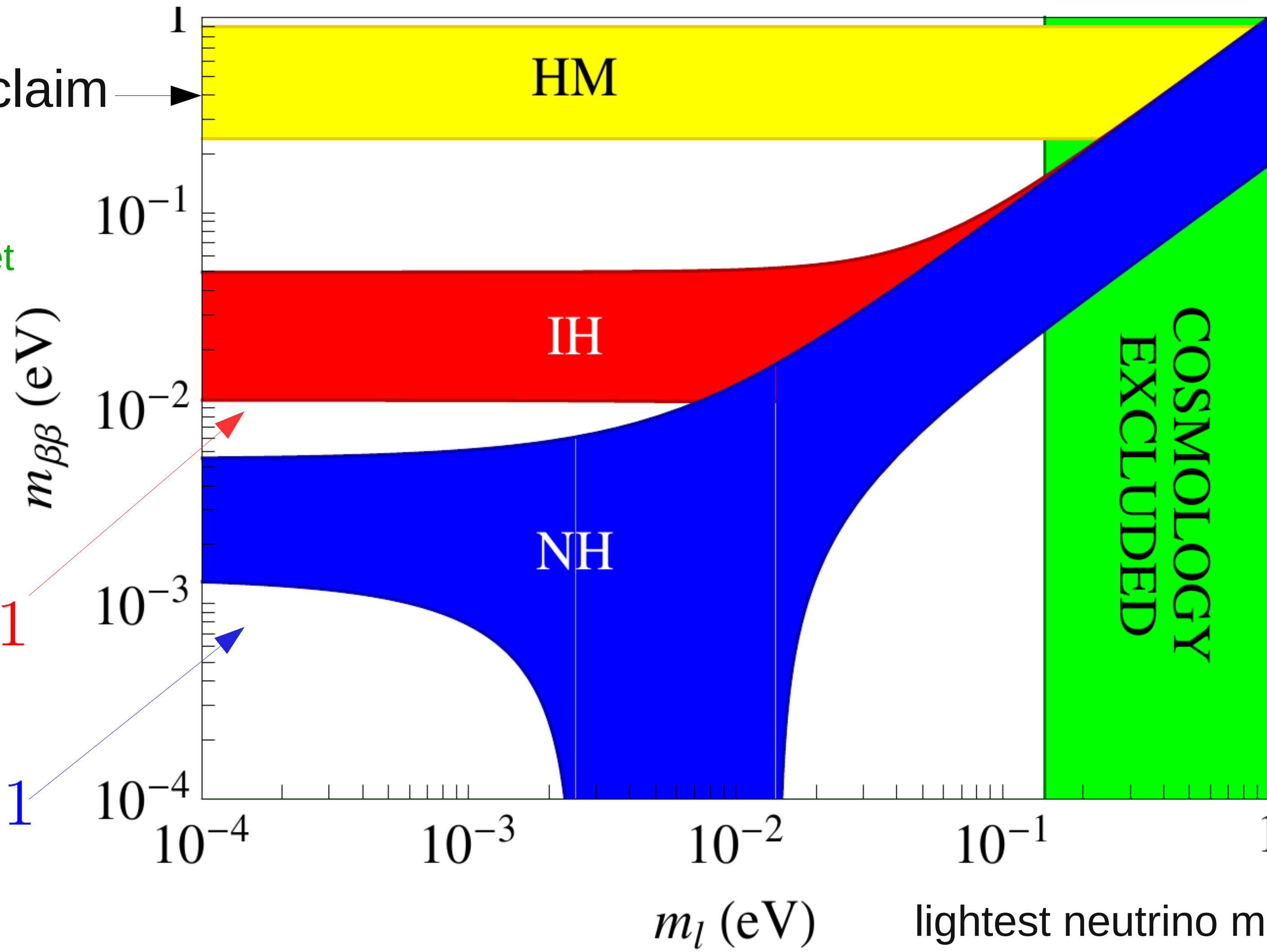
2σ

Heidelberg-Moscow claim

H.V. Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al 06

$\mathrm{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31}) = -1$

$\mathrm{sign}(\Delta m^2_{31}) = +1$



lightest neutrino mass

$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Type-II seesaw models

Adding a heavy $SU(2)$ triplet:

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^+/\sqrt{2} & \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^0 & -\Delta^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - (Y_\Delta)_{\alpha\beta} \overline{L^c}_\alpha i\tau_2 \Delta L_\beta$$

$$\Big\downarrow \text{SSB}$$

- Light neutrino masses ("SM"): $m_\nu^\Delta = 2Y_\Delta v_\Delta = Y_\Delta \dfrac{\mu v^2}{M_\Delta^2}$

- Relation between light neutrino masses and extra grades of freedom:

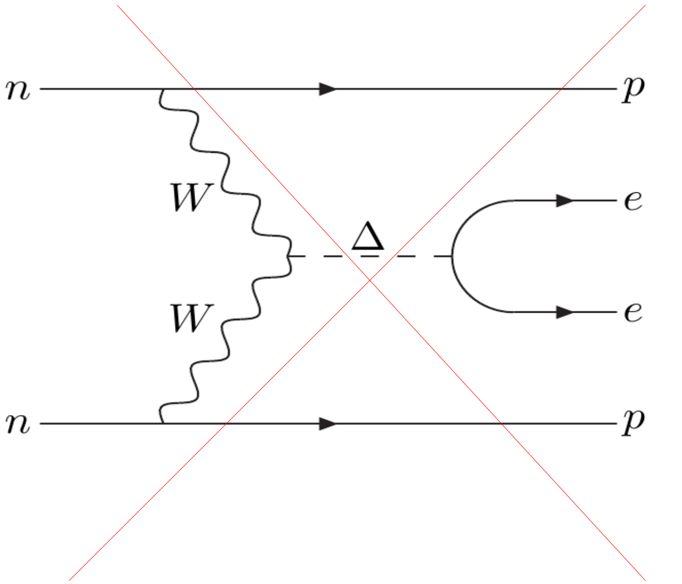
$$\sum_i^{\rm SM} m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I^{\rm heavy} m_I U_{eI}^2 = 0 \longleftrightarrow \sum_i^{\rm SM} m_i U_{ei}^2 = \left(m_\nu^\Delta\right)_{ee}$$

Type-I

Type-II

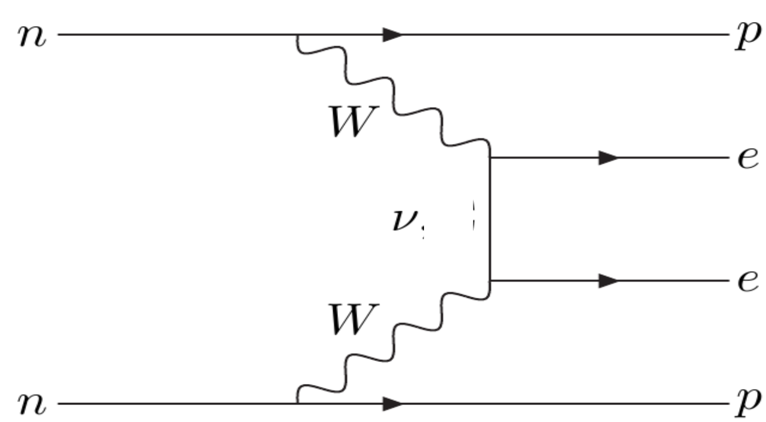
$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Type−II seesaw models

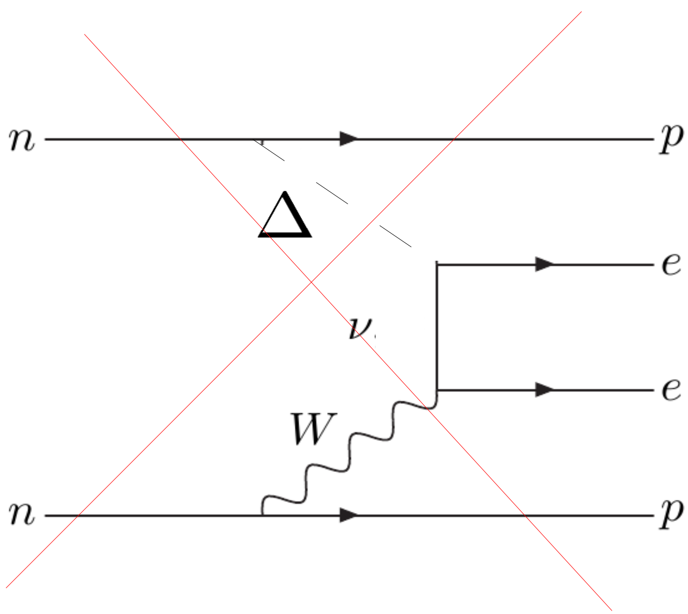
But the scalars can also mediate the process:



$$\sim p^2/M_\Delta^2 \times$$

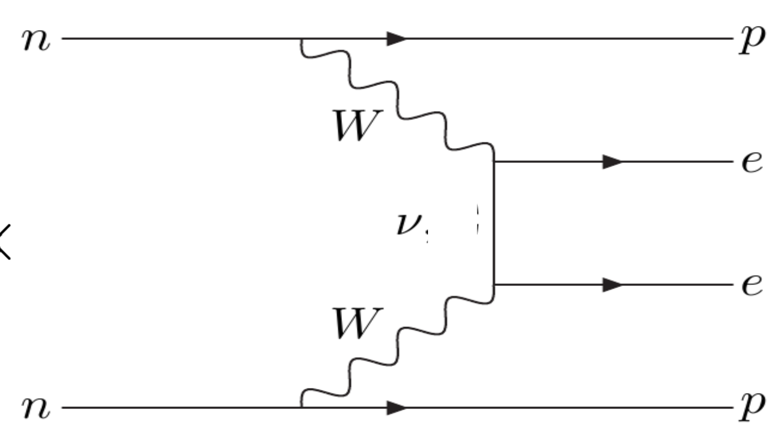
$$< 10^{-6}$$





$$\sim m_q/M_\Delta \times$$

$$< 10^{-5}$$



$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Type-II seesaw models

Therefore, in this scenario, as in the Type-I seesaw with all extra states heavy, the light active neutrino contribution dominates and the usual description of 0νββ decay applies:

$$A \approx \left(m_\nu^\Delta\right)_{ee} M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(0) = \sum_i^{\mathrm{SM}} m_i U_{ei}^2 M^{0\nu\beta\beta}(0).$$

- Bounds from light active contribution can be obtained for the extra degrees of freedom:

$$m_\nu^\Delta = (Y_\Delta)_{ee} \frac{\mu v^2}{M_\Delta^2}$$

- The neutrinoless claim and the cosmological data can not be reconciled within this model

$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Type-III seesaw models

Adding a heavy $SU(2)$ fermion triplet:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^0/\sqrt{2} & \Sigma^+ \\ \Sigma^- & -\Sigma^0/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - \frac{1}{2}(M_\Sigma)_{ij}\,\mathrm{Tr}\left(\overline{\Sigma}_i \Sigma_j^c\right) - (Y_\Sigma)_{i\alpha}\tilde{\phi}^\dagger \overline{\Sigma}_i i\tau_2 L_\alpha$$

$$\Big\downarrow \text{SSB}$$

- Light neutrino masses ("SM"): $$m_\nu^\Sigma = \frac{v^2}{2} Y_\Sigma^T M_\Sigma^{-1} Y_\Sigma$$

- Relation between light neutrino parameters and extra degrees of freedom:

$$\sum_i^{\rm SM} m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I^{\rm heavy} m_I U_{eI}^2 = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \sum_i^{\rm SM} m_i U_{ei}^2 = \left(m_\nu^\Sigma\right)_{ee}$$

Type-I

Type-III

$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Type-III seesaw models

In addition: Stringent lower bounds in Σ mass

$0\nu\beta\beta$ phenomenology of type III seesaw reduces in practise to Type-II seesaw case, simply doing:

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

$0\nu\beta\beta$ in Mixed Seesaw Models

• Same phenomenology from a type-I seesaw with both heavy and light extra eigenstates can also arise from a type-II or III seesaw in combination with type-I extra states in the light regime:

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} m^{\Delta,\Sigma} & Y_N v/\sqrt{2} \\ Y_N^T v/\sqrt{2} & M_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\sum_i^{\mathrm{SM}} m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I^{\mathrm{light}} m_I U_{eI}^2 = m_{ee}^{\Delta,\Sigma}$$

• Possible to have dominant contribution to 0νββ decay from the extra light sterile neutrinos while above equation and the smallness of masses is respected by a cancellation between extra states contribution.