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Can we disentangle among different models for neutrino mass in the near future?

Based on:

- Abada, CB, Bonnet, Gavela, Hambye
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- Antusch, CB, Fernández-Martínez, Gavela, López-Pavón
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To take into account effects of generic NP at low energy

\rightarrow **effective field theories**: NP effects encoded in
higher dimensional operators

$$L^{eff} = L^{SM} + \frac{c^{d=5}}{M} O^{d=5} + \frac{c^{d=6}}{M^2} O^{d=6} + \dots$$

Many $O^{d>4}$ operators can be built with SM fields but
 $O^{d=5}$ is **UNIQUE!**

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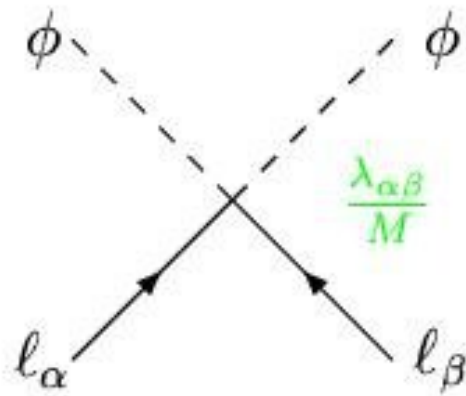
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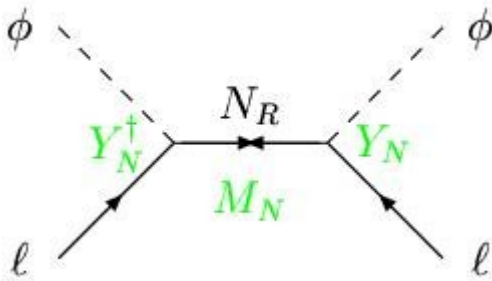
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In how many ways
can I obtain this $O^{d=5}$?

Tree-level realizations of see-saw mechanism

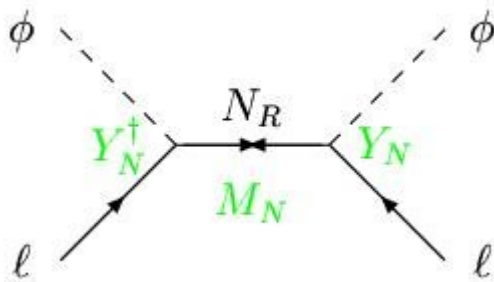


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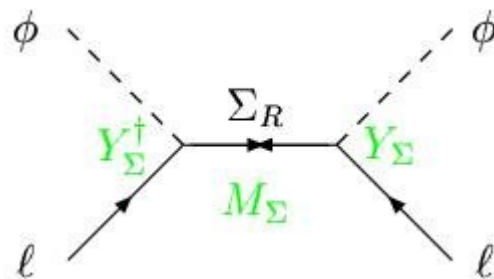
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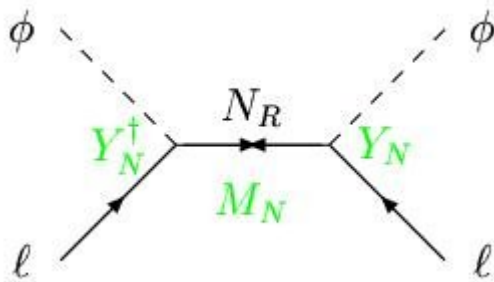


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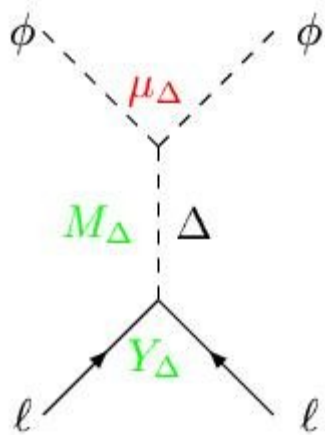
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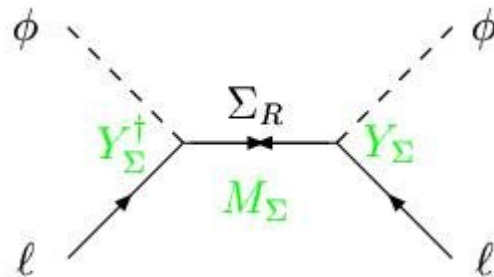
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Type II See-Saw

Magg, Wetterich, Lazarides, Shafi, Mohapatra, Senjanovic, Schecter, Valle, ...

Δ scalar triplet

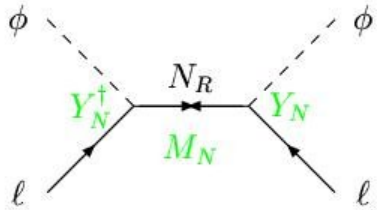


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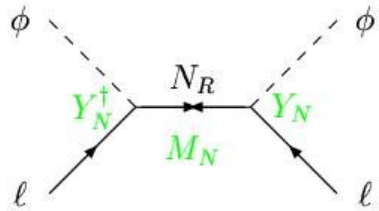
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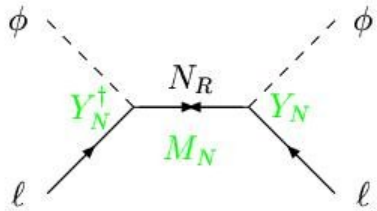


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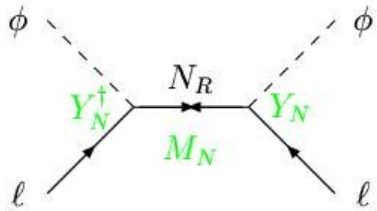
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Broncano, Gavela, Jenkins 02

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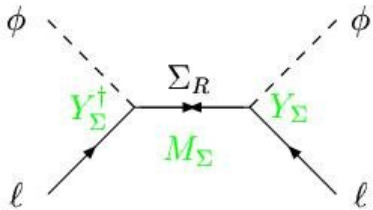
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- neutrino oscillation in matter
- invisible Z decay

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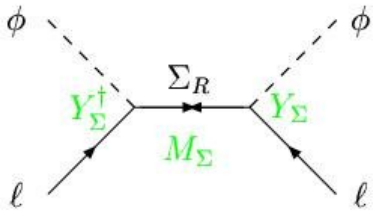
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Low-energy effects of see-saw: type III



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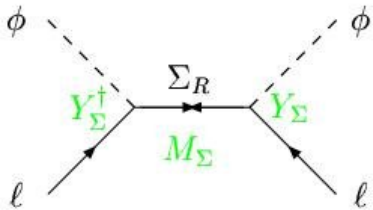
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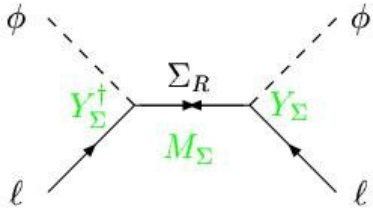
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Same coeffs as in type I

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new processes:
ex. $\mu \rightarrow eee$ @ tree level

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Notice: **d=5 operator** violates lepton number
d=6 operators conserve it

\rightarrow natural from the point of view of symmetries...

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Light Majorana mass should vanish:

- inversely proportional to a Majorana scale $\approx 1/M$
- directly proportional to it $\approx \mu$

ANSATZ:

When the breaking of L take place @ a small scale μ with $\mu \ll M$ the d=5 op. is suppressed with μ while the d=6 is unsuppressed

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→ bounds on $|NN^\dagger|$

Antusch, CB, Fernández-Martínez,
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Bounds on Yukawas type III

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Better bounds on off-diag elements due to tree-level $\mu \rightarrow eee$ and similar

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Bounds on Yukawas type II

Abada, CB, Bonnet,
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Process	Constraint on	Bound $\left(\times \left(\frac{M_\Delta}{1\text{TeV}}\right)^2\right)$
M_W	$ Y_{\Delta\mu e} ^2$	$< 7.3 \times 10^{-2}$
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$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$ \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} Y_{\Delta l\mu}^\dagger Y_{\Delta el} $	$< 4.7 \times 10^{-3}$
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	$ \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} Y_{\Delta l\tau}^\dagger Y_{\Delta el} $	< 1.05
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$ \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} Y_{\Delta l\tau}^\dagger Y_{\Delta\mu l} $	$< 8.4 \times 10^{-1}$

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\rightarrow keep tracking these deviations in the future:
they are excellent windows for new physics

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