

# Indirect constraints on the third-generation baryon number violation



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- Baryon and lepton numbers are accidental symmetries of the standard model: no reason to be conserved in general

Sakharov's conditions require BNV

- There are excellent experimental constraints on BNV in proton decays and/or  $n - \bar{n}$  oscillations

But: initial and final states only include quarks of the first two generations

- Can the third generation of fermions be special?

Can new flavor physics with highly specific generation-dependent couplings be baryon-number violating?

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- Let's be agnostic (SMEFT):

Warsaw basis

$$Q_{duu} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{D}^a U^b] [\tilde{U}^c E],$$

$$Q_{duq} = \varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon_{jk} [\tilde{D}^a U^b] [\tilde{Q}_j^c L_k],$$

$$Q_{qqu} = \varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon_{jk} [\tilde{Q}_j^a Q_k^b] [\tilde{U}^c E],$$

$$Q_{qqq} = \varepsilon^{abc} \varepsilon_{jn} \varepsilon_{km} [\tilde{Q}_j^a Q_k^b] [\tilde{Q}_m^c L_n].$$

with  $\tilde{\psi} \equiv \bar{\psi}^c$   
and  $\psi^c = C\bar{\psi}^T$



# BNV decays of b-flavored hadrons

- Experimental studies of exclusive decays of B-mesons

difficult matrix elements

Branching ratio constraints (on  $B_{(s)} \rightarrow p\mu^-$  etc.) are in the ballpark of  $10^{-9}$

- Possible experimental studies of inclusive decays of B-mesons

easy matrix elements

Bonus: kinematical window of lepton energy  $E_\ell$  of about 250 MeV that can only be reached by baryon-number violating decays

$$\frac{m_B}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{m_\ell^2 - 4m_N^2}{m_B^2} \right) \leq E_\ell \leq \frac{m_B}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{m_\ell^2 - m_N^2}{m_B^2} \right)$$

A rough estimate of the branching ratio of BNV inclusive B-decay  $B \rightarrow \ell X$ :

$$\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow X\ell) = \frac{1}{2m_B} \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} |\langle X\ell | \mathcal{H}_{\text{BNV}} | \bar{B} \rangle|^2 \approx \frac{4\pi}{2m_B(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{E_\ell^{\text{max}}} dE_\ell \frac{E_\ell}{2} \frac{[L \cdot W]}{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4},$$

with  $E_\ell^{\text{max}} \approx m_B/2$ , also  $L \sim E_\ell$ , and  $W \sim \pi m_B^3/(16\pi^2)$

$$\text{Branching ratio } \mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X\ell) = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{B} \rightarrow X\ell)}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^B} \approx \frac{m_b^5}{2^{10} 3\pi^3 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4 \Gamma_{\text{tot}}^B} \approx (8|V_{cb}|G_F \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2)^{-2}$$

- Can any of those decays of B-mesons be seen? What is  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}$ ?


- Matching SMEFT operators to Weak Effective Theory (WET) at the electroweak scale ( $\Lambda_{BNV} \gg m_W$ )

$$\mathcal{H}_{BNV} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{BNV}^2} \sum_{p,r,s,t} \sum_{X=L,R} \sum_{Y=L,R,\nu} C_{XY}^{prst} Q_{XY}^{prst},$$

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with

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{RR} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_R u_r^b] [\tilde{u}_s^c P_R \ell_t] & \left[ = \mathcal{O}_{duu}^{S,RR} \right], \\
 Q_{RL} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_R u_r^b] [\tilde{u}_s^c P_L \ell_t] & \left[ = \mathcal{O}_{duu}^{S,RL} \right], \\
 Q_{LR} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_L u_r^b] [\tilde{u}_s^c P_R \ell_t] & \left[ = \mathcal{O}_{duu}^{S,LR} \right], \\
 Q_{LL} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_L u_r^b] [\tilde{u}_s^c P_L \ell_t] & \left[ = \mathcal{O}_{duu}^{S,LL} \right], \\
 Q_{R\nu} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_R u_r^b] [\tilde{d}_s^c P_L \nu_t] & \left[ = \mathcal{O}_{dud}^{S,RL} \right], \\
 Q_{L\nu} &= \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{d}_p^a P_L u_r^b] [\tilde{d}_s^c P_L \nu_t] & \left[ = -\mathcal{O}_{udd}^{S,LL} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$


  
 generation indices

- Working assumption:  $C_{XY}^{prst} = 0$ , for  $p, r, s \neq 3$ ,

- What operators would potentially allow for  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{GUT}}$  without anomalously small Wilson coefficients?
- Operators with left-handed b-quarks and first-family quarks

Tree level matching (with our choice of SMEFT operators): rotation of the down-type quarks by CKM

$$\text{E.g., for } Q_{R\nu}^{113} \text{ (in WET) generated by } Q_{duq}^{prs} \text{ (in SMEFT): } C_{RL}^{prs} = C_{duq}^{prs}, \quad C_{R\nu}^{prs} = -C_{duq}^{prv} V_{vs}$$

$$C_{RL}^{111} = C_{duq}^{111},$$

Thus,  $Q_{R\nu}^{113}$  (in WET) depends on the same building blocks in SMEFT as the light-quark only BNV operators  $Q_{RL}^{111}$ ,  $Q_{R\nu}^{111}$ , and  $Q_{R\nu}^{112}$ .

$$C_{R\nu}^{111} = -V_{ud}C_{duq}^{111} - V_{cd}C_{duq}^{112} - V_{td}C_{duq}^{113},$$

$$C_{R\nu}^{112} = -V_{us}C_{duq}^{111} - V_{cs}C_{duq}^{112} - V_{ts}C_{duq}^{113},$$

$$C_{R\nu}^{113} = -V_{ub}C_{duq}^{111} - V_{cb}C_{duq}^{112} - V_{tb}C_{duq}^{113}$$

The only suppression comes from the CKM parameters, e.g.,  $\sqrt{|V_{ub}|}$ , ruling out  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{GUT}}$

- Operators with right-handed b-quarks and first family quarks

$$Q_{RR}^{311} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{b}^a P_R u^b] [\tilde{\ell} P_R u^c],$$

$$Q_{RL}^{311} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{b}^a P_R u^b] [\tilde{\ell} P_L u^c], \quad \text{with}$$

$$Q_{R\nu}^{311} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{b}^a P_R u^b] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c].$$

$$C_{RR}^{311} = C_{duu}^{311},$$

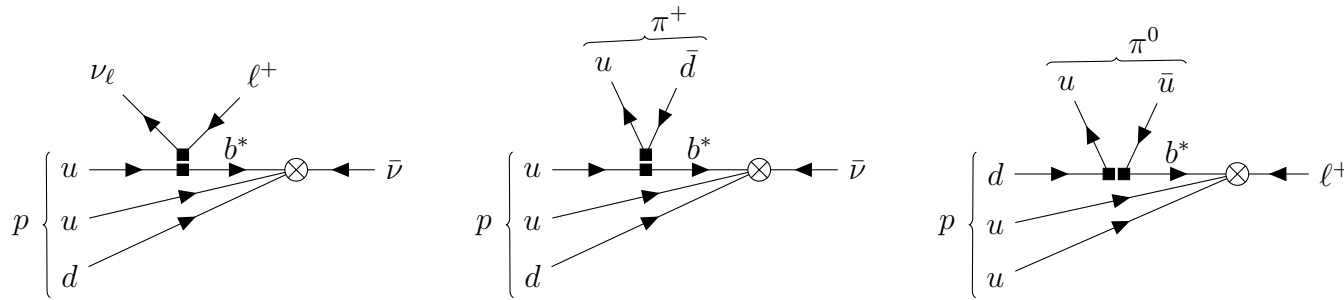
$$C_{RL}^{311} = C_{duq}^{311},$$

$$C_{R\nu}^{311} = -V_{ud}C_{duq}^{311} - V_{cd}C_{duq}^{312} - V_{td}C_{duq}^{313}$$

The operators with right-handed b-quarks do not mix with light BNV operators at dim-6 level: study those

- The relevant proton decay Hamiltonian contains the baryon-number violating part and the Standard Model Hamiltonian for b-decays

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{BNV}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2} \left( C_L Q_{RL}^{311} + C_R Q_{RR}^{311} + C_\nu Q_{R\nu}^{311} \right) + \text{h.c.}.$$



- The SM Hamiltonians for  $b \rightarrow u\ell^-\bar{\nu}_\ell$  and  $b \rightarrow u\bar{u}d$  decays

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{sl}} = 4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ub} Q_{\text{sl}} + \text{h.c.}, \quad \text{with} \quad Q_{\text{sl}}^\dagger = [\bar{b}\gamma^\mu P_L u] [\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu P_L \ell].$$

$$\mathcal{H}_W = 4 \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ub} V_{ud}^* (C_1 Q_1 + C_2 Q_2) + \text{h.c.}, \quad \text{with} \quad Q_1^\dagger = [\bar{b}\gamma^\mu P_L T^A u] [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_L T^A d],$$

$$Q_2^\dagger = [\bar{b}\gamma^\mu P_L u] [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_L d].$$

- Evolving the WET operators down to  $m_b$  and integrating out b-quark, we get the local effective Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_{6f} = \mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}} + \mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}} + \mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+}$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}} = -2\sqrt{2} \frac{G_F C_\nu V_{ub}^*}{m_b \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2} \mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}} + \text{h.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L u^b] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c] [\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu P_L \ell],$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}} = -2\sqrt{2} \frac{G_F C_\nu V_{ub}^* V_{ud}}{m_b \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2} \left( C_1 \mathcal{O}_{\nu, 1} + C_2 \mathcal{O}_{\nu, 2} \right) + \text{h.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu, 1} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L T_{bi}^A u^i] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L T_{fj}^A d^j],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu, 2} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L u^b] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L d^f]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+} = -2\sqrt{2} \frac{G_F V_{ub}^* V_{ud}}{m_b \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2} \sum_{X=L,R} C_X \left( C_1 \mathcal{O}_{X, 1} + C_2 \mathcal{O}_{X, 2} \right) + \text{h.c.},$$

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- We need matrix elements of these operators to compute the proton decay rates



- Parameterization of relevant proton matrix elements

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(p) \equiv \langle 0 | \varepsilon^{abc} \tilde{u}_\alpha^a u_\beta^b d_\gamma^c | p(p) \rangle = \sum_{i,j} f^{ij} M_{\beta\alpha}^i(p) [\Gamma^j u_p(p)]_\gamma$$

with

$$\Gamma^j = \{1, \gamma^5, \gamma_\mu, i\gamma_\mu \gamma^5, \sigma_{\mu\nu}\}$$

$$M^i(p) = \{1, \gamma^5, \not{p}, \not{p}\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}, p_\nu \sigma^{\mu\nu}, \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sigma_{\rho\sigma}\}$$

Parity:  $M_{\beta\alpha}^i(p) [\Gamma^j u(p)]_\gamma = -[\gamma^0 M^i(\tilde{p}) \gamma^0]_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^0 \Gamma^j \gamma^0 u_p(p)]_\gamma$  (as  $u_p(\tilde{p}) = \gamma^0 u_p(p)$ )

A/commuting u-fields:  $M^i(p) = \mathcal{C} M^i(p)^T \mathcal{C}$

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(p) = V_P \not{p}_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^5 u(p)]_\gamma + \left( V_A \gamma_\rho + T_A p^\sigma \sigma_{\rho\sigma} \right)_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^\rho \gamma^5 u(p)]_\gamma + T_T [\sigma_{\rho\sigma}]_{\beta\alpha} [\sigma^{\rho\sigma} \gamma^5 u(p)]_\gamma$$

- ... or relating them to the structures computed on the lattice

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$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(p) = -\frac{f_p}{4} \left( \not{p}_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^5 u_p(p)]_\gamma + i p^\nu [\sigma_{\rho\nu}]_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^\rho \gamma^5 u_p(p)]_\gamma \right) + \frac{m_p}{16} (\lambda_1 - f_p) [\gamma_\rho]_{\beta\alpha} [\gamma^\rho \gamma^5 u_p(p)]_\gamma + \frac{m_p}{96} (\lambda_2 - 6f_p) [\sigma_{\rho\sigma}]_{\beta\alpha} [\sigma^{\rho\sigma} \gamma^5 u_p(p)]_\gamma.$$

- Parameterization of relevant proton matrix elements

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- ... or numerically

Decay constants (at 2 GeV for the proton [29])	
$f_p = 3.54_{-0.04}^{+0.06} \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$	$\lambda_1 = -(44.9_{-4.1}^{+4.2}) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$
$\lambda_2 = 93.4_{-4.8}^{+4.8} \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$	$f_\pi = 130.2 \text{ MeV [30]}$

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- Parameterization of relevant pion matrix elements

$$\langle \pi^+(p) | \bar{u}_\alpha^a(0) d_\beta^b(0) | 0 \rangle = \frac{i\delta^{ab}}{4N_c} f_\pi (\not{p}\gamma^5 - \mu_\pi \gamma^5)_{\beta\alpha}$$

# Leptonic decays of the proton: $p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}$

- The leptonic BNV decay rate is given by

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}) = \frac{4G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 |C_\nu|^2}{m_p m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{spins}} |\langle \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu} | \mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}} | p \rangle|^2$$

$$\text{Operators: } \mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}} = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu P_L \ell] [\bar{\nu} P_L]_\alpha [\mathcal{O}_q^\mu]_\alpha, \quad \mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}}^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\nu P_L \nu_\ell] [\bar{\mathcal{O}}_q^\nu]_\beta [P_R \nu^c]_\beta$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{O}_q^\mu = \varepsilon^{abg} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu u^b] d^g, \quad \bar{\mathcal{O}}_q^\nu = \varepsilon^{abg} [\bar{u}^b \gamma^\nu (u^c)^a] \bar{d}^g$$

- Compute the matrix element squared...

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{spins}} |\langle \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu} | \mathcal{O}_{\nu, \text{sl}} | p \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4} L_{\mu\nu} \sum_{p \text{ spin}} \text{Tr} \left[ \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_q^\mu | p \rangle \langle p | \bar{\mathcal{O}}_q^\nu | 0 \rangle \not{q} P_L \right]$$

$q$  is the momentum of antineutrino

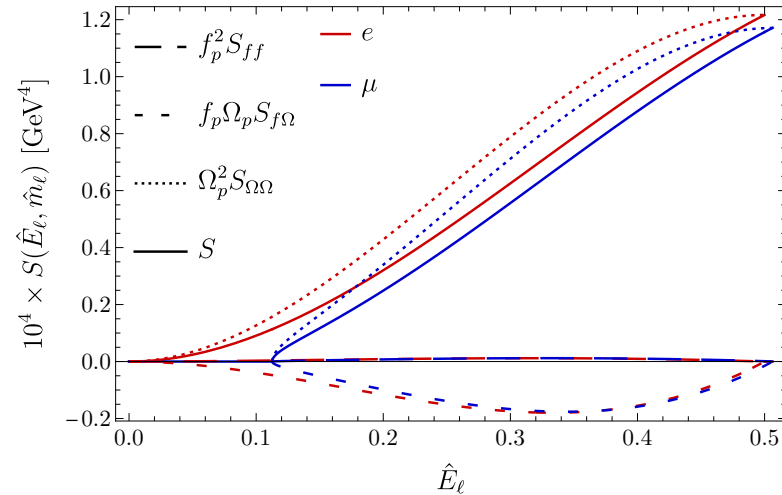
$$\text{with the leptonic tensor } L^{\mu\nu} = p_\ell^\mu p_n^\nu - p_\ell \cdot p_n g^{\mu\nu} + p_\ell^\nu p_n^\mu + i\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\ell\alpha} p_{n\beta}$$

$$\text{and } \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_q^\mu | p(p) \rangle = -f_p p^\mu [\gamma^5 u_p(p)] + m_p \Omega_p [\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 u_p(p)]$$

$$\text{phase space: } \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} = \frac{1}{4(2\pi)^3} \int_0^\infty dE_q \int_{m_\ell}^\infty dE_\ell \theta \left( m_p - E_\ell - E_q - |E_q - \sqrt{E_\ell^2 - m_\ell^2}| \right) \\ \times \theta \left( 2E_q + E_\ell + \sqrt{E_\ell^2 - m_\ell^2} - m_p \right)$$

# Leptonic decays of the proton: $p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}$

- Charged lepton spectrum



- ... and total decay width (with  $\hat{m}_\ell = m_\ell/m_p$ )

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}) = |V_{ub}|^2 |C_\nu|^2 \frac{G_F^2 m_p^7}{7680 \pi^3 m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} \times \left[ (1 - \hat{m}_\ell^2)^5 f_p^2 + \frac{5}{8} (1 - 8\hat{m}_\ell^2 + 8\hat{m}_\ell^6 - \hat{m}_\ell^8 - 24\hat{m}_\ell^4 \ln \hat{m}_\ell) (\lambda_1^2 - f_p^2) \right]$$

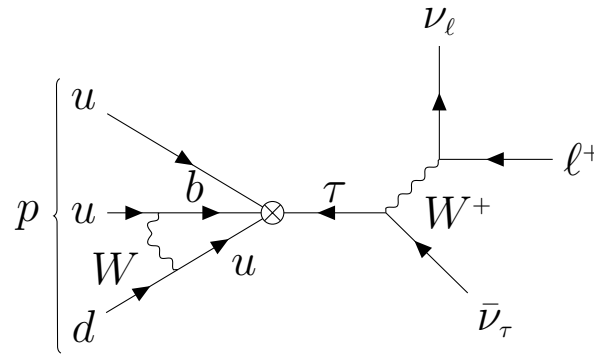
... and constraints on the 3rd generation BNV scale

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}}{\sqrt{|C_\nu|}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}} > 6.59 \cdot 10^9 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}}{\sqrt{|C_\nu|}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}} > 6.86 \cdot 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

# Leptonic decays of the proton: $p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\tau$

- Note: a contribution of an operator containing both  $b$  and  $\tau$  is allowed

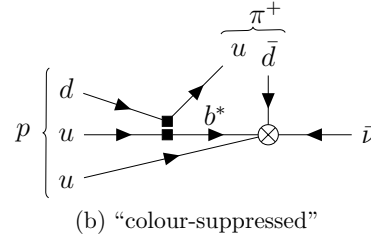
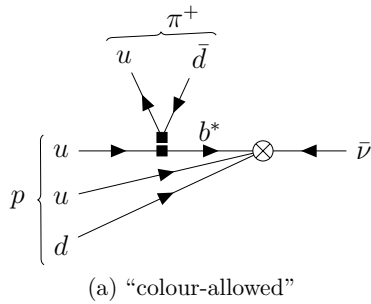


- ... can estimate its contribution as

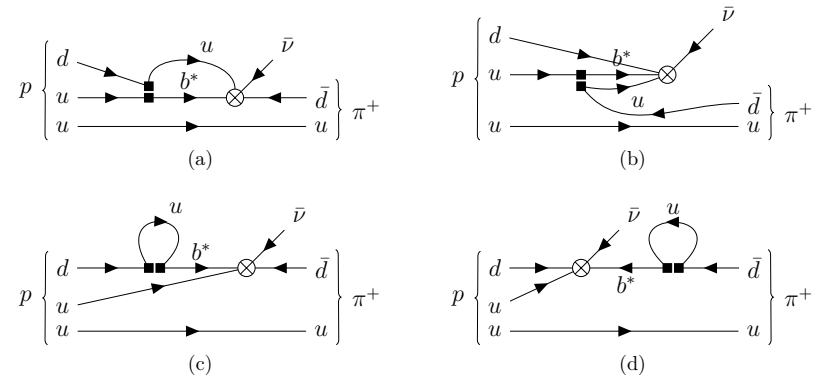
$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}}{\sqrt{|C_{RX}^{3113}|}} \approx \left( (0.2 \div 4) \frac{|V_{ud}| m_b^2 m_u m_\tau}{4\pi^2 v^2 (m_\tau^2 - m_p^2)} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}}{\sqrt{|C_\nu|}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\tau} \gtrsim (0.4 \div 1.8) \cdot 10^6 \text{ GeV}$$

# Two-body proton decays: $p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$

- These effective operators will also mediate two-body proton decays.
- Let's consider  $p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$  Adopt naive factorization assumption: neglect strong interactions connecting pion to the rest of the process



factorizable



non-factorizable

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}) = \frac{4G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 |V_{ud}|^2 |C_\nu|^2}{m_p m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{spins}} |\langle \pi^+ \bar{\nu} | C_1 \mathcal{O}_{\nu,1} + C_2 \mathcal{O}_{\nu,2} | p \rangle|^2$$

Two-body decay:  $\int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (1 - \hat{m}_\pi^2)$  where for any A:  $\hat{A} = A/m_p$

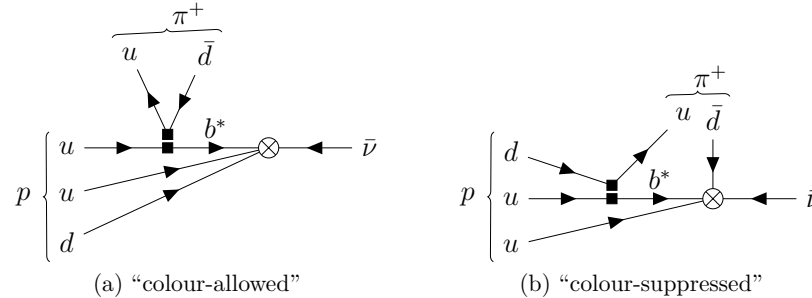
Operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu,1} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L T_{bi}^A u^i] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L T_{fj}^A d^j],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\nu,2} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L u^b] [\tilde{\nu} P_L d^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L d^f]$$

# Matrix elements for $p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$

- Compute the required matrix elements



$$\langle \pi^+(p_\pi) \bar{\nu}(q) | \mathcal{O}_{\nu,1} | p(p) \rangle = \frac{N_c + 1}{4N_c^2} \frac{i}{4} m_p^2 f_\pi^2 (f_p + 4\Omega_p) [v^T(q) \mathcal{C} P_L u_p(p)] \quad (\text{only color-suppressed diagram contributes})$$

$$\langle \pi^+(p_\pi) \bar{\nu}(q) | \mathcal{O}_{\nu,2} | p(p) \rangle = \frac{i}{8N_c} m_p^2 f_\pi \left\{ (2N_c \hat{E}_\pi - 1) f_p + (2N_c - 4) \Omega_p \right\} [v^T(q) \mathcal{C} P_L u_p(p)]$$

$$\text{with } \Omega_p = \frac{1}{4} (\lambda_1 - f_p)$$

- Thus, the virtual b-quark induces the decay width for  $p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}) = |V_{ud}|^2 |V_{ub}|^2 |C_\nu|^2 \frac{G_F^2 m_p^5 f_\pi^2}{1024 \pi m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} (1 - \hat{m}_\pi^2)^2 \left[ \left( (1 + 2\hat{m}_\pi^2) f_p + \frac{\lambda_1}{3} \right) C_2 + \frac{4}{9} \lambda_1 C_1 \right]^2$$

... and a constraint on the 3rd generation BNV scale

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}}{\sqrt{|C_\nu|}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}} > 3.34 \cdot 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

# Two-body proton decays: $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

- Let's consider  $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

Adopt naive factorization assumption: neglect strong interactions connecting pion to the rest of the process

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+) = \frac{4G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 |V_{ud}|^2}{m_p m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} \int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{spins}} \left| \sum_{X=L,R} \sum_{i=1,2} C_X C_i \langle \pi^0 \ell^+ | \mathcal{O}_{X,i} | p \rangle \right|^2$$

Two-body decay:  $\int d\Pi_{\text{LIPS}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sqrt{(1 - \hat{m}_\pi^2)^2 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2(1 + \hat{m}_\pi^2) + \hat{m}_\ell^4}$

Operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,1} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L T_{bi}^A u^i] [\tilde{\ell} P_X u^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L T_{fj}^A d^j],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,2} = \varepsilon^{abc} [\tilde{u}^a \gamma^\mu P_L u^b] [\tilde{\ell} P_X u^c] [\bar{u}^f \gamma_\mu P_L d^f]$$

- Compute the required matrix elements

$$\langle \pi^0(p_\pi) \ell^+(q) | \mathcal{O}_{X,1} | p(p) \rangle = \frac{i}{16\sqrt{2}N_c} m_p^2 f_\pi \left[ A_1^{XL} M_L + A_1^{XR} M_R \right]$$

$$\langle \pi^0(p_\pi) \ell^+(q) | \mathcal{O}_{X,2} | p(p) \rangle = \frac{i}{16\sqrt{2}N_c} m_p^2 f_\pi \left[ A_2^{XL} M_L + A_2^{XR} M_R \right]$$

with  $M_X \equiv [v^T(q) \mathcal{C} P_X u_p(p)]$



# Two-body proton decays: $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

- The coefficients of the matrix elements are

$$A_1^{XL} = \frac{4}{3} \left[ (f_p (1 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2 + 2\hat{m}_\pi^2) + \lambda_2 \hat{\mu}_\pi) \delta_{XL} + 2f_p \hat{m}_\ell \delta_{XR} \right],$$

$$A_1^{XR} = \frac{4}{3} \left[ f_p \hat{m}_\ell \delta_{XL} + (2f_p (1 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2 + 2\hat{m}_\pi^2) - 3\lambda_1 \hat{\mu}_\pi) \delta_{XR} \right],$$

$$A_2^{XL} = (f_p (1 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2 + 2\hat{m}_\pi^2) - 3\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 \hat{\mu}_\pi) \delta_{XL} + 2f_p \hat{m}_\ell \delta_{XR},$$

$$A_2^{XR} = (2f_p (1 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2 + 2\hat{m}_\pi^2) + 6\lambda_1 \hat{\mu}_\pi) \delta_{XR} + (f_p \hat{m}_\ell + 3\lambda_1 \hat{m}_\ell) \delta_{XL}$$

- Thus, the virtual b-quark induces the decay width for  $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

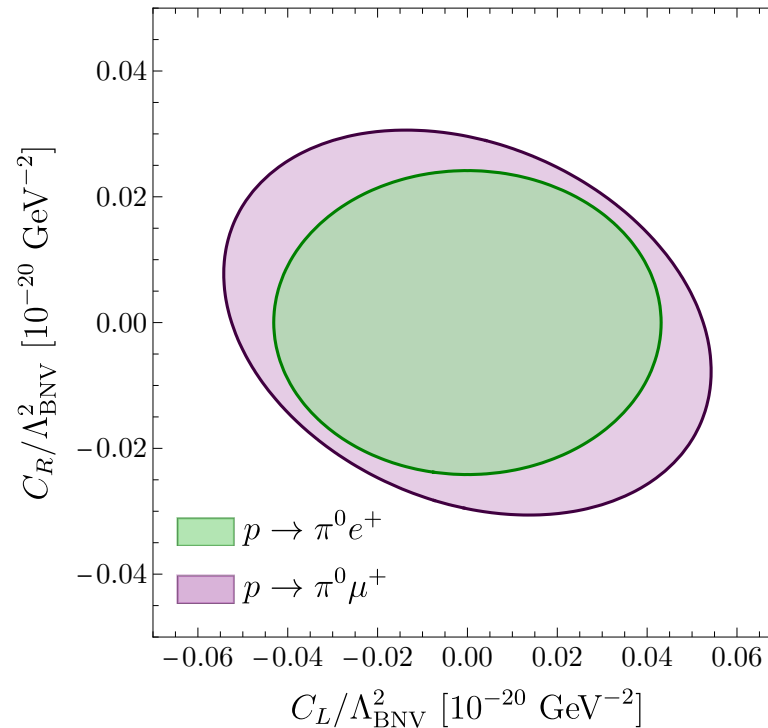
$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ub}|^2 |V_{ud}|^2 f_\pi^2 m_p^5}{9216 \pi m_b^2 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4} \sqrt{(1 - \hat{m}_\pi^2)^2 - 2\hat{m}_\ell^2(1 + \hat{m}_\pi^2) + \hat{m}_\ell^4} \sum_{X,Y=L,R} C_X C_Y^* \\ \times \sum_{i,j=1,2} C_i C_j \left[ (A_i^{XL} A_j^{YL} + A_i^{XR} A_j^{YR}) \hat{E}_\ell + (A_i^{XR} A_j^{YL} + A_i^{XL} A_j^{YR}) \hat{m}_\ell \right]$$

... and constraints on the 3rd generation BNV scale

$$\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+} > 6.44 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \left( |C_R^e|^2 + 0.0014 \text{Re}[C_L^{e*} C_R^e] + 0.314 |C_L^e|^2 \right)^{1/4}, \\ \Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+} > 5.82 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \left( |C_R^\mu|^2 + 0.285 \text{Re}[C_L^{\mu*} C_R^\mu] + 0.318 |C_L^\mu|^2 \right)^{1/4}$$

# Two-body proton decays: $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

- The allowed region in the  $C_L - C_R$  space



Real Wilson coefficients  $C_L$  and  $C_R$  are assumed; the reference scale  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$

- All together, the limits on the scale of BNV operators containing right-handed b-quark

Exp. constraint	$C$	$\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}/\sqrt{ C }$ [ $10^9$ GeV]
dim-8 matching	$C_Y$	$> \mathcal{O}(1)$
$p \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}$	$C_\nu$	$> 6.59$
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}$	$C_\nu$	$> 6.86$
$p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$	$C_\nu$	$> 3.34$
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	$C_R^e$	$> 64.4$
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+$	$C_L^e$	$> 48.2$
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+$	$C_R^\mu$	$> 58.2$
$p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+$	$C_L^\mu$	$> 43.7$
$p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$C_{RX}^{3113}$	$> (0.4 \div 1.8) \cdot 10^{-3}$

- With that, what about those B-decays?

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X\ell) \approx \frac{m_b^5}{2^{10} 3\pi^3 \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^4 \Gamma_{\text{tot}}^B} \approx (8|V_{cb}|G_F \Lambda_{\text{BNV}}^2)^{-2} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(5 \cdot 10^{-29})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\bar{B} \rightarrow X\tau) \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-13} \div 10^{-15}) \quad (\text{for the operators containing both b and } \tau)$$

➤ Computed BNV proton decay processes  $p \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}$ ,  $p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}$ , and  $p \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+$

- assumed BNV is flavor-specific and occurs at  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{GUT}}$

- similar studies for the operators involving the tau lepton

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➤ Derived bounds on  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}}$  for the operators containing b-quark

- experiment:  $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} > 10^9 - 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$ , ruling out BNV at  $\Lambda_{\text{flavor}}$

- lower scales are possible ( $\Lambda_{\text{BNV}} \sim 10^6 \text{ GeV}$ ) if tau-lepton is also involved

➤ Obtained limits rule out any possibility of observing BNV directly in B-decays



Masses [1]	
$m_b = 4.8 \text{ GeV}$	$m_p = 0.938 \text{ GeV}$
$m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$	$m_\mu = 105.66 \text{ MeV}$
$m_\tau = 1.777 \text{ GeV}$	$m_\pi = 139.57 \text{ MeV}$
$m_u(2 \text{ GeV}) = 2.16 \text{ MeV}$	$m_d(2 \text{ GeV}) = 4.67 \text{ MeV}$
Coupling constants [1]	
$G_F = 1.1663788 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	$\alpha_s^{(5)}(m_Z) = 0.1179$
CKM matrix elements	
$ V_{ud}  = 0.9737 \text{ [27]}$	$ V_{ub}  = 3.77 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ [28]}$
Decay constants (at 2 GeV for the proton [29])	
$f_p = 3.54_{-0.04}^{+0.06} \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$	$\lambda_1 = -(44.9_{-4.1}^{+4.2}) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$
$\lambda_2 = 93.4_{-4.8}^{+4.8} \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$	$f_\pi = 130.2 \text{ MeV [30]}$
Wilson coefficients [22]	
$C_1(1 \text{ GeV}) = -0.829$	$C_2(1 \text{ GeV}) = 1.050$
Partial lifetimes (90% CL) & decay rates	
$\tau_{p \rightarrow e^+ \nu \nu} > 1.7 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ yr [12]}$	$\tau_{p \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \nu} > 2.2 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ yr [12]}$
$\tau_{p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}} > 3.9 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ yr [11]}$	$\tau_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+} > 1.6 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ yr [13]}$
$\tau_{p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+} > 2.4 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ yr [13]}$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^B = 4.4 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ GeV [1]}$