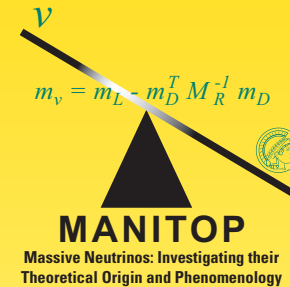


# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



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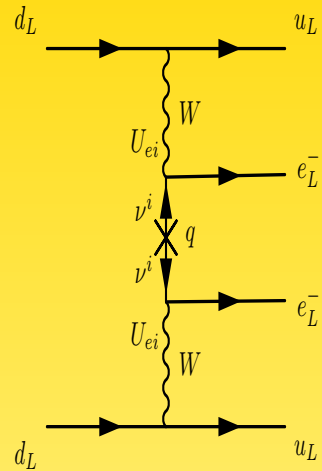
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Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay is mediated by light and massive Majorana neutrinos (the ones which oscillate) and all other mechanisms potentially leading to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  give negligible or no contribution

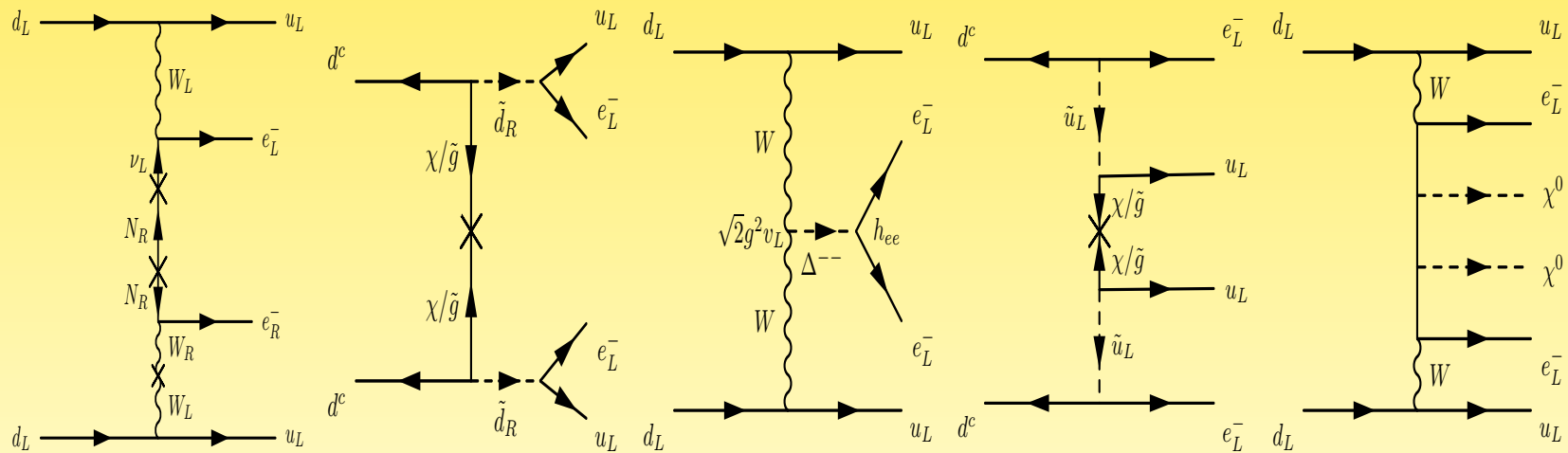
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There is at least one other mechanism leading to Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay and its contribution is at least of the same order as the light neutrino exchange mechanism

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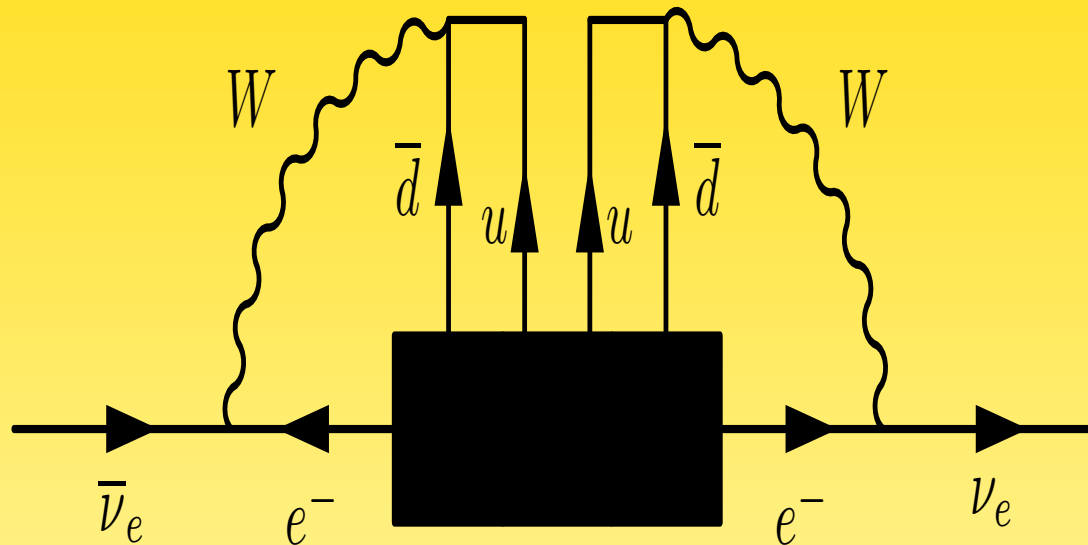
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⇒ for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  holds:

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1 \text{ TeV}$$

⇒ Phenomenology in colliders, LFV

Schechter-Valle theorem: observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  implies Majorana neutrinos



is 4 loop diagram:  $m_{\nu}^{\text{BB}} \sim \frac{G_F^2}{(16\pi^2)^4} \text{MeV}^5 \sim 10^{-25} \text{eV}$

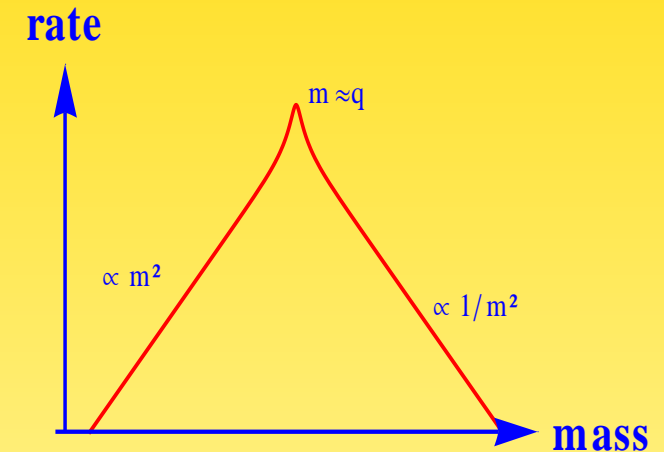
explicit calculation: [Duerr, Lindner, Merle, 1105.0901](#)

mechanism	physics parameter	current limit	test
light neutrino exchange	$ U_{ei}^2 m_i $	0.5 eV	oscillations, cosmology, neutrino mass
heavy neutrino exchange	$ \frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} $	$2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	LFV, collider
heavy neutrino and RHC	$ \frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_i M_{WR}^4} $	$4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$	flavor, collider
Higgs triplet and RHC	$ \frac{(M_R)_{ee}}{m_{\Delta_R}^2 M_{WR}^4} $	$10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	flavor, collider $e^-$ distribution
$\lambda$ -mechanism with RHC	$ \frac{U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei}}{M_{WR}^2} $	$1.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	flavor, collider, $e^-$ distribution
$\eta$ -mechanism with RHC	$\tan \zeta  U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei} $	$6 \times 10^{-9}$	flavor, collider, $e^-$ distribution
short-range $\mathcal{R}$	$\frac{ \lambda'_{111} ^2}{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^5}$ $\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}} = f(m_{\tilde{g}}, m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_R}, m_{\chi_i})$	$7 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$	collider, flavor
long-range $\mathcal{R}$	$ \sin 2\theta^b \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} \left( \frac{1}{m_{b_1}^2} - \frac{1}{m_{b_2}^2} \right) $ $\sim \frac{G_F}{q} m_b \frac{ \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} }{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^3}$	$2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$	flavor, collider
Majorons	$ \langle g_\chi \rangle $ or $ \langle g_\chi \rangle ^2$	$10^{-4} \dots 1$	spectrum, cosmology

## Some features

- Majoranas and no RHC:

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{m}{q^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} m & \text{for } q^2 \gg m^2 \\ \frac{1}{m} & \text{for } q^2 \ll m^2 \end{cases}$$



Note: maximum  $\mathcal{A}$  corresponds to  $m \simeq \langle q \rangle$ : limits on  $\mathcal{O}(m_K)$  Majorana neutrinos from  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ e^+$

- heavy scalar/vector boson:

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{1}{q^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{m^2}$$

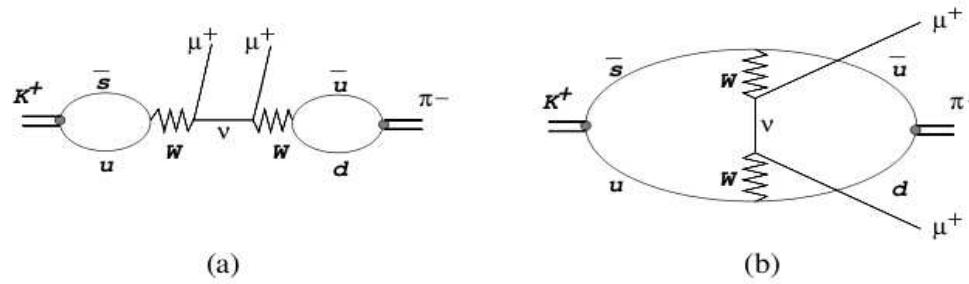
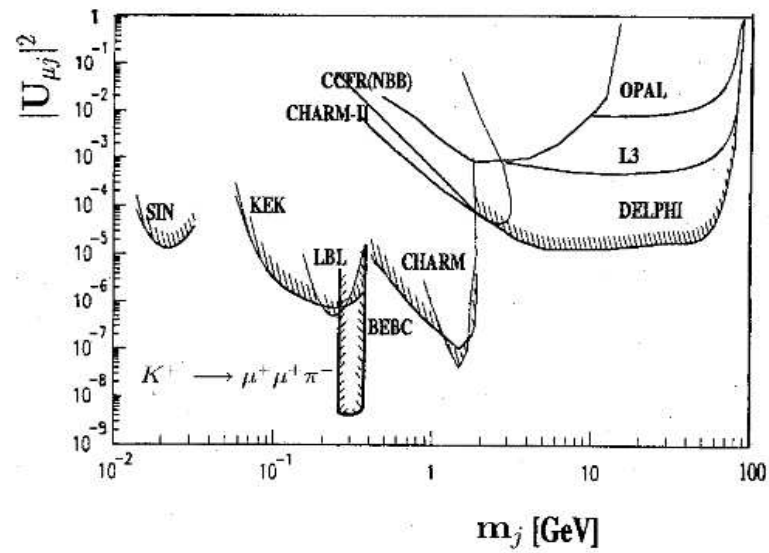
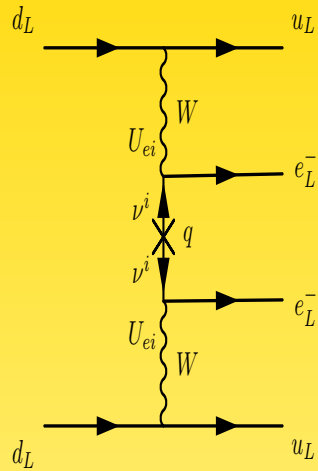


Figure 1: The lowest order diagrams contributing to  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ \pi^-$  decay.

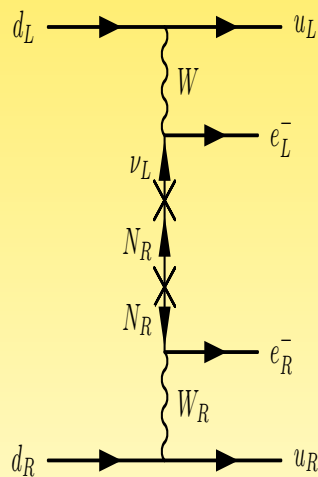


Dib *et al.*, hep-ph/0006277

# Chiralities



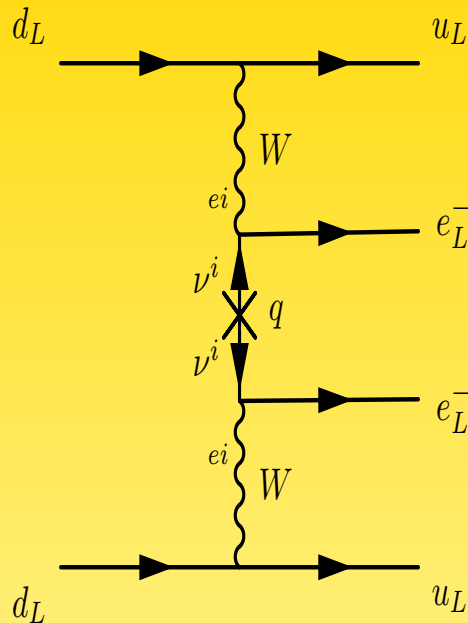
$$\mathcal{A} \propto P_L \frac{\not{q} + m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} P_L \propto \frac{m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} \simeq \begin{cases} m_i/q^2 & (m_i^2 \ll q^2) \\ 1/m_i & (m_i^2 \gg q^2) \end{cases}$$



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## Heavy neutrinos

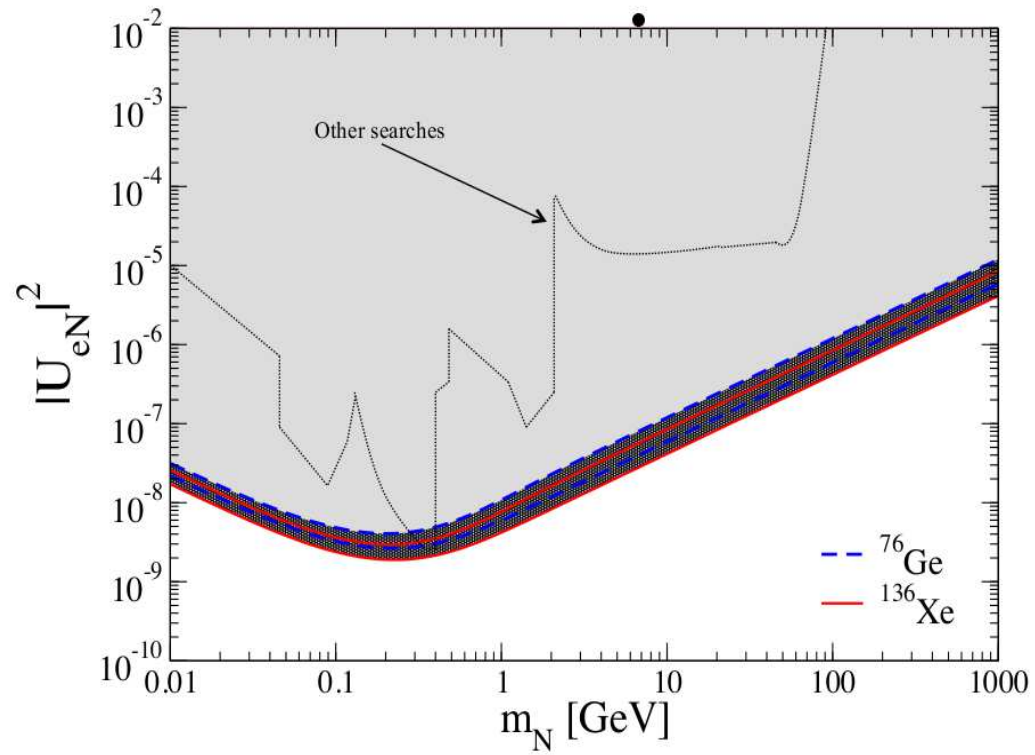


if heavier than 100 MeV:

$$\mathcal{A}_h = G_F^2 \frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} \equiv G_F^2 \left\langle \frac{1}{m} \right\rangle \Rightarrow \left\langle \frac{1}{m} \right\rangle \lesssim 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

dimensionless LNV parameter:

$$\eta_h = m_p \left\langle \frac{1}{m} \right\rangle \leq 1.7 \times 10^{-8}$$



Faessler, Gonzalez, Kovalenko, Simkovic, 1408.6077

## An exact See-Saw Relation

Full mass matrix:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{U} \begin{pmatrix} m_\nu^{\text{diag}} & 0 \\ 0 & M_R^{\text{diag}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{U}^T \quad \text{with } \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} N & S \\ T & V \end{pmatrix}$$

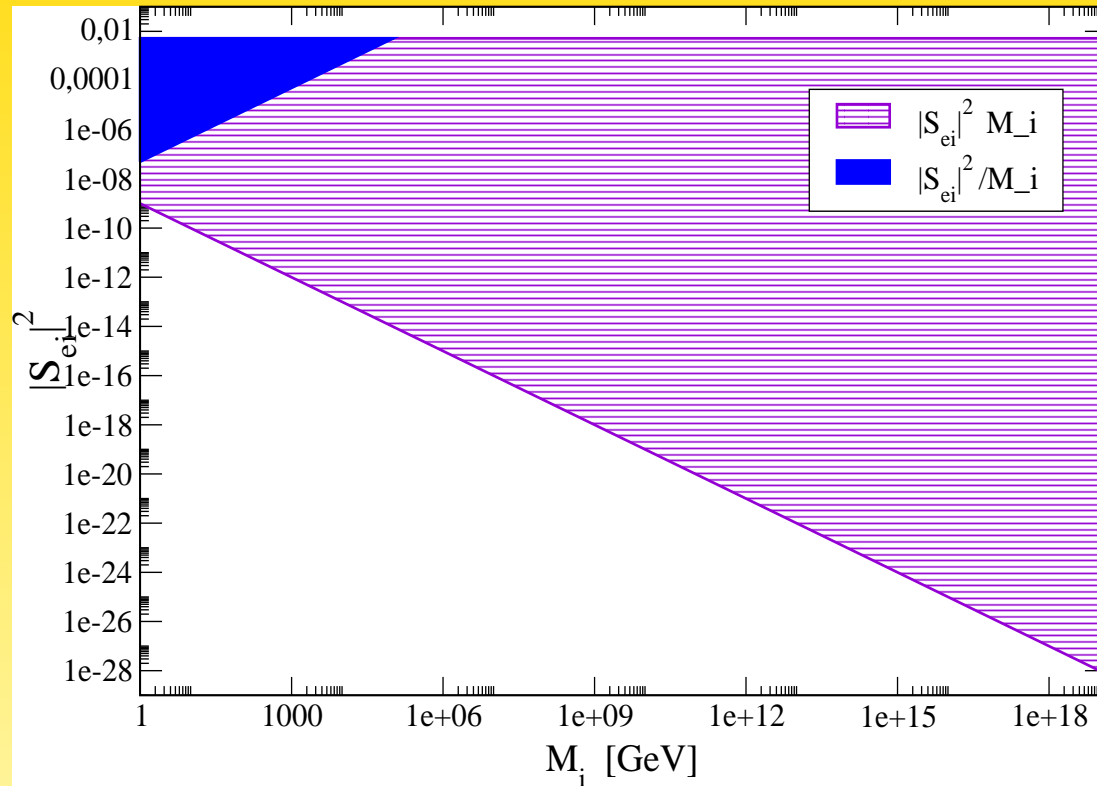
- $N$  is the PMNS matrix: non-unitary
- $S = m_D^\dagger (M_R^*)^{-1}$  describes mixing of heavy neutrinos with SM leptons

upper left  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  gives exact see-saw relation  $\mathcal{U}_{\alpha i} (m_\nu)_i \mathcal{U}_{i\beta} = \mathbf{0}$ , or:

$$|N_{ei}^2 m_i| = |S_{ei}^2 M_i| \lesssim 0.3 \text{ eV}$$

compare with  $\frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} \lesssim 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$  and  $|S_{ei}|^2 \leq 0.0052$

exact see-saw relation gives stronger constraints!



$\Rightarrow$  cancellations required to make heavy neutrinos contribute significantly to  $0\nu\beta\beta$

## TeV scale seesaw with sizable mixing

$$m_\nu = m_D^2/M_R \simeq v^2/M_R$$

with  $m_\nu \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2}$  it follows that  $M_R \simeq 10^{15}$  GeV and

$$S = m_D/M_R = \sqrt{m_\nu/M_R} \simeq 10^{-13}$$

then, heavy neutrino contribution to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  negligible:

$$S^2/M_R = m_D^2/M_R^3 \simeq 10^{-41} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

can make  $M_R$  TeV, but then mixing  $\sqrt{m_\nu/M_R} \simeq 10^{-7}$  and still

$$m_D^2/M_R^3 \simeq 10^{-17} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

## TeV scale seesaw with sizable mixing

not necessarily correct,  $m_D$  and  $M_R$  are matrices and cancellations can occur...

$$\text{e.g. } m_D = v \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \\ \omega h_1 & \omega h_2 & \omega h_3 \\ \omega^2 h_1 & \omega^2 h_2 & \omega^2 h_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_R = M_0 \mathbb{1} \quad (\text{here } \omega = e^{2i\pi/3})$$

gives  $m_\nu = 0$ , add (very) small corrections...

$m_D = v$ ,  $M_R = \text{TeV}$ , mixing  $m_D/M_R$  large,  $0\nu\beta\beta$  contribution large

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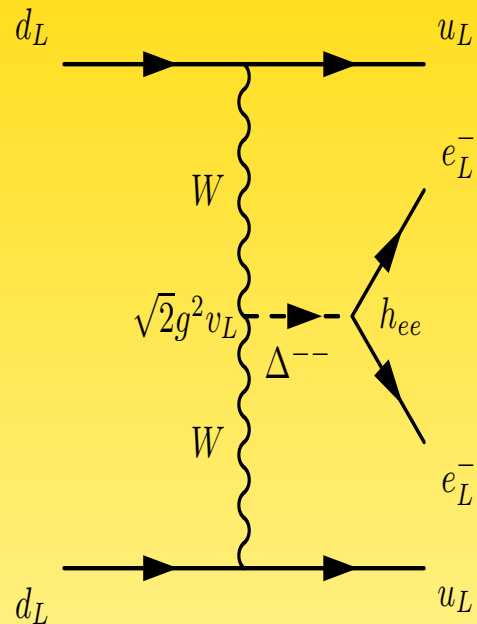
can also make everything smaller:

$$M_D = m \begin{pmatrix} f\epsilon^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_R^{-1} = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & k \\ b & c & d\epsilon \\ k & d\epsilon & e\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M/\text{GeV}$	$m/\text{MeV}$	$\epsilon$	$a$	$k$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$	$g$
5.00	0.935	0.02	1.00	1.35	0.90	1.4576	0.7942	0.2898	0.0948	0.485

$$\left| \frac{\mathcal{A}_1}{\mathcal{A}_h} \right| = \frac{G_F^2}{q^2} |m_{ee}| \simeq \frac{10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2}{q^2} \simeq 10^{-2}$$

## Higgs triplets (type II seesaw)



$$\mathcal{A}_\Delta \simeq G_F^2 \frac{h_{ee} v_L}{m_\Delta^2} \lesssim G_F^2 \frac{(m_\nu)_{ee}}{m_\Delta^2} = G_F^2 \frac{|m_{ee}|}{m_\Delta^2}$$

plays no role in  $0\nu\beta\beta$



# Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

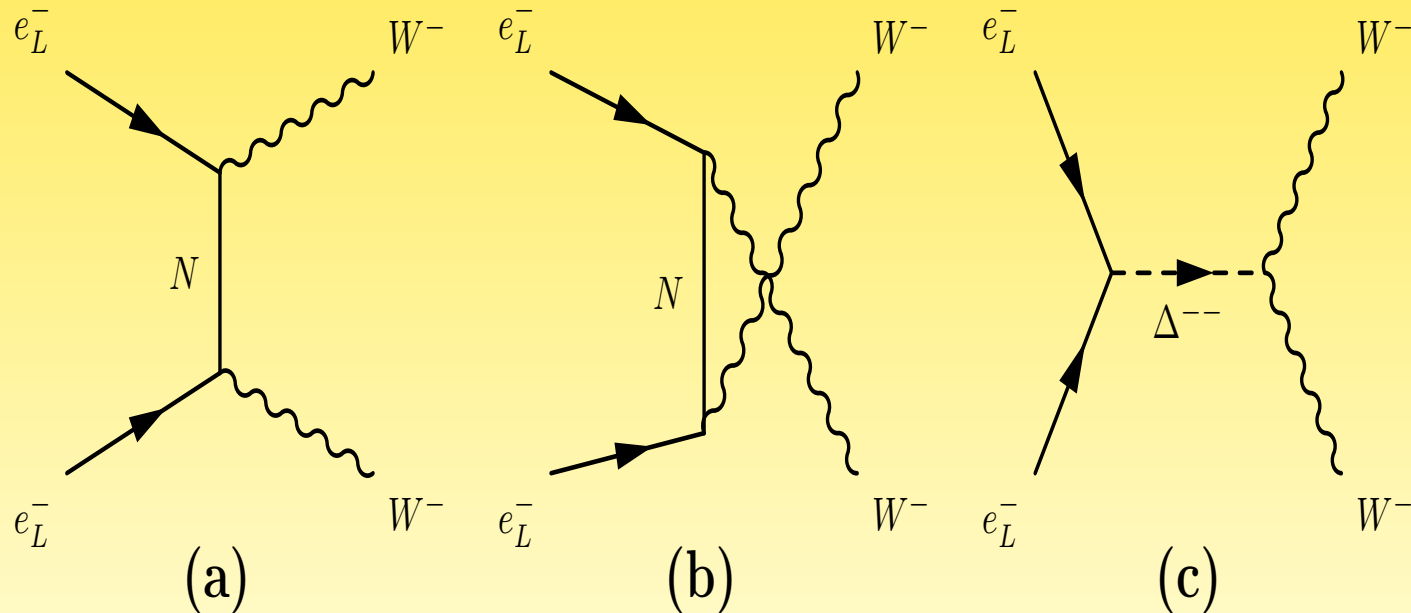
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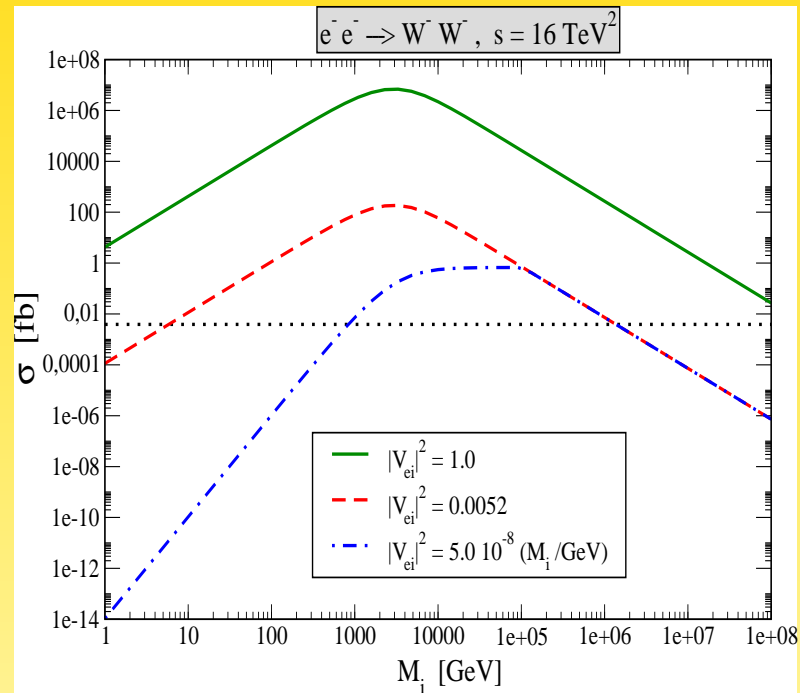
but rather



Rizzo; Heusch, Minkowski; Gluza, Zralek; Cuypers, Raidal;...



## Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{G_F^2}{32 \pi} \left\{ \sum (m_\nu)_i U_{ei}^2 \left( \frac{t}{t - (m_\nu)_i} + \frac{u}{u - (m_\nu)_i} \right) \right\}^2$$

## Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

Extreme limits:

- light neutrinos:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} |m_{ee}|^2 \leq 4.2 \cdot 10^{-18} \left( \frac{|m_{ee}|}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)^2 \text{ fb}$$

⇒ way too small

- heavy neutrinos:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-) = 2.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \left( \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\text{TeV}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{S_{ei}^2/M_i}{5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}} \right)^2 \text{ fb}$$

⇒ too small

- $\sqrt{s} \rightarrow \infty$ :

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## Unitarity

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$\Leftrightarrow$  amplitude grows with  $\sqrt{s}$ ?

Answer: exact see-saw relation  $U_{ei}^2 (m_\nu)_i = 0$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} m_\nu^{\text{diag}} & 0 \\ 0 & M_R^{\text{diag}} \end{pmatrix} U^T$$

if Higgs triplet is present: unitarity also conserved

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left( (U_{ei}^2 (m_\nu)_i - (m_L)_{ee}) \right)^2 = 0$$

W.R., PRD **81**

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## III2) Left-right symmetric theories

very simple extension of SM gauge group to  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$

usual particle content:

$$L_{Li} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu'_L \\ \ell_L \end{pmatrix}_i \sim (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}, -1), \quad L_{Ri} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ \ell_R \end{pmatrix}_i \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1)$$

$$Q_{Li} = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}_i \sim (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}, \frac{1}{3}), \quad Q_{Ri} = \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix}_i \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \frac{1}{3})$$

for symmetry breaking:

$$\Delta_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \delta_L^+/\sqrt{2} & \delta_L^{++} \\ \delta_L^0 & -\delta_L^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \sim (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}), \quad \Delta_R \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \delta_R^+/\sqrt{2} & \delta_R^{++} \\ \delta_R^0 & -\delta_R^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \sim (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})$$

$$\phi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix} \sim (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{0})$$

## Left-right Symmetry

- very rich Higgs sector (13 extra scalars)
- rich gauge boson sector ( $Z', M_{W_R^\pm}$ ) with

$$M_{Z'} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1-\tan^2 \theta_W}} M_{W_R} \simeq 1.7 M_{W_R}$$

- 'sterile' neutrinos  $\nu_R$
- type I + type II seesaw for neutrino mass
- right-handed currents with strength  $G_F \left(\frac{g_R}{g_L}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_W}{M_{W_R}}\right)^2$
- $m_\nu \propto 1/v_R \propto 1/M_{W_R}$ : maximal parity violation  $\leftrightarrow$  smallness of neutrino mass

*(Note: in case of modified symmetry breaking  $g_L \neq g_R$  and  $M_{Z'} < M_{W_R}$  possible. . .)*

## Left-right Symmetry

6 neutrinos, flavor states  $n'_L = (\nu'_L, \nu_R^c)^T$ , mass states  $n_L = (\nu_L, N_R^c)^T$

$$n'_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu'_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} K_L \\ K_R \end{pmatrix} n_L = \begin{pmatrix} U & S \\ T & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ N_R^c \end{pmatrix}$$

right-handed currents:

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{\text{lep}} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{\ell}_L \gamma^\mu K_L n_L (W_{1\mu}^- + \xi e^{i\alpha} W_{2\mu}^-) + \bar{\ell}_R \gamma^\mu K_R n_L^c (-\xi e^{-i\alpha} W_{1\mu}^- + W_{2\mu}^-) \right]$$

( $K_L$  and  $K_R$  are  $3 \times 6$  mixing matrices)

plus: gauge boson mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_L^\pm \\ W_R^\pm \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \xi & \sin \xi e^{i\alpha} \\ -\sin \xi e^{-i\alpha} & \cos \xi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_1^\pm \\ W_2^\pm \end{pmatrix}$$



## Connection to neutrinos

Majorana mass matrices  $M_L = f_L v_L$  from  $\langle \Delta_L \rangle$  and  $M_R = f_R v_R$  from  $\langle \Delta_R \rangle$   
 (with  $f_L = f_R = f$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}}^\nu = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\nu'_L} & \overline{\nu'_R} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_L & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu'_L \\ \nu'_R \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m_\nu = M_L - M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T$$

useful special cases

- (i) type I dominance:  $m_\nu = M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T = M_D f_R^{-1} / v_R M_D^T$
- (ii) type II dominance:  $m_\nu = f_L v_L$

for case (i): mixing of light neutrinos with heavy neutrinos of order

$$|S_{\alpha i}| \simeq |T_{\alpha i}^T| \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_\nu}{M_i}} \lesssim 10^{-7} \left( \frac{\text{TeV}}{M_i} \right)^{1/2}$$

small (or enhanced up to  $10^{-2}$  by cancellations)

## Right-handed Currents in Double Beta Decay

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{CC}^{\text{lep}} = & \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[ \bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu (U_{ei} \nu_{Li} + S_{ei} N_{Ri}^c) (W_{1\mu}^- + \xi e^{i\alpha} W_{2\mu}^-) \right. \\ & \left. + \bar{e}_R \gamma^\mu (T_{ei}^* \nu_{Li}^c + V_{ei}^* N_{Ri}) (-\xi e^{-i\alpha} W_{1\mu}^- + W_{2\mu}^-) \right] \end{aligned}$$

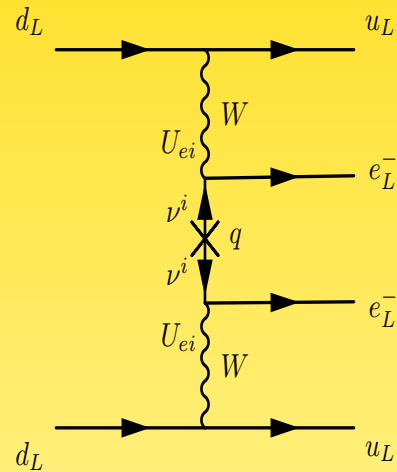
$$\mathcal{L}_Y^\ell = -\bar{L}_L'^c i\sigma_2 \Delta_L f_L L'_L - \bar{L}_R'^c i\sigma_2 \Delta_R f_R L'_R$$

classify diagrams:

- mass dependent diagrams (same helicity of electrons)
- triplet exchange diagrams (same helicity of electrons)
- momentum dependent diagrams (different helicity of electrons)

## Mass Dependent Diagrams

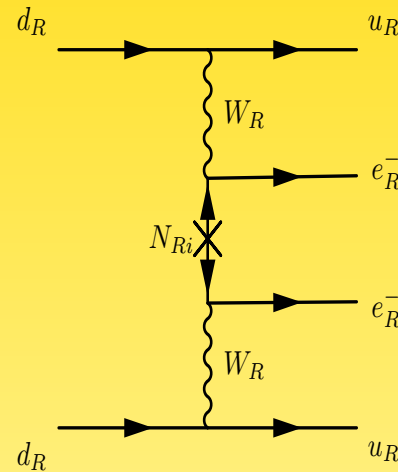
electrons either both left- or both right-handed: leading diagrams:



$$\mathcal{A}_\nu \simeq G_F^2 \frac{m_{ee}}{q^2}$$

$$\lesssim 0.3 \text{ eV}$$

$$\propto \frac{L^2}{R}$$



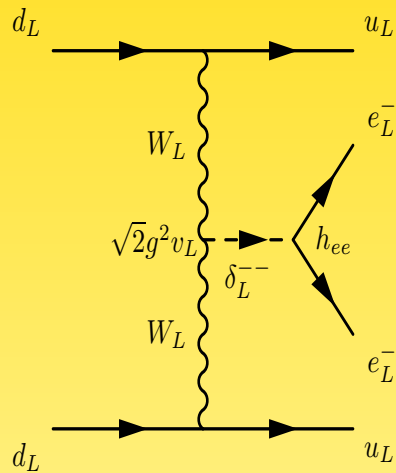
$$\mathcal{A}_{N_R}^R \simeq G_F^2 \left( \frac{m_{W_L}}{M_{W_R}} \right)^4 \sum_i \frac{V_{ei}^{*2}}{M_i}$$

$$\lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$$

$$\propto \frac{L^4}{R^5}$$

## Triplet exchange diagrams

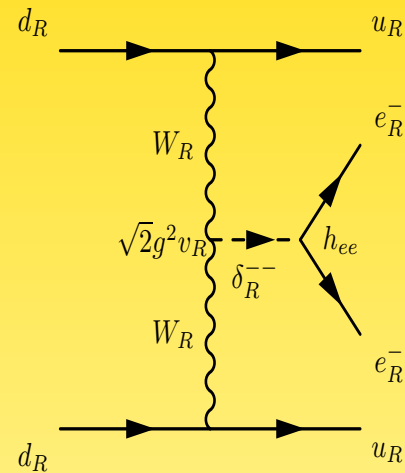
leading diagrams:



$$\mathcal{A}_{\delta_L} \simeq G_F^2 \frac{h_{ee} v_L}{m_{\delta_L}^2}$$

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(negligible)



$$\mathcal{A}_{\delta_R} \simeq G_F^2 \left( \frac{m_{W_L}}{M_{W_R}} \right)^4 \sum_i \frac{V_{ei}^2 M_i}{m_{\delta_R}^2}$$

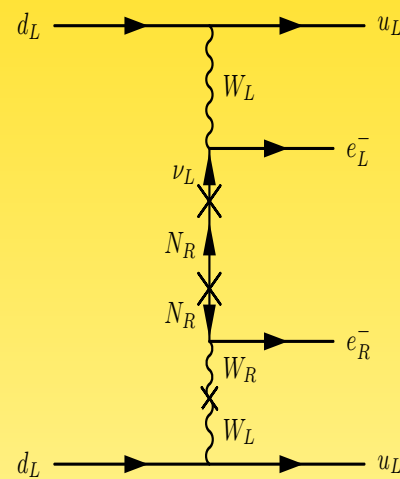
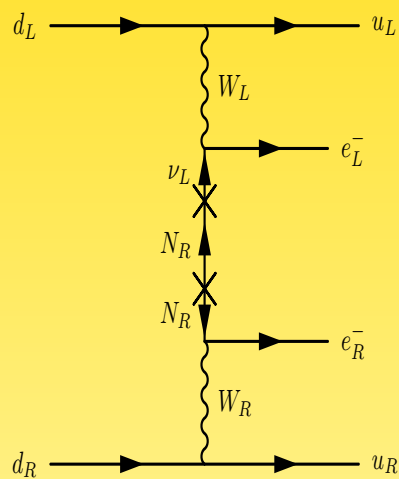
$$\lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$$

$$\propto \frac{L^4}{R^5}$$

## Momentum Dependent Diagrams

electrons with opposite helicity leading diagrams

(light neutrino exchange, long range):



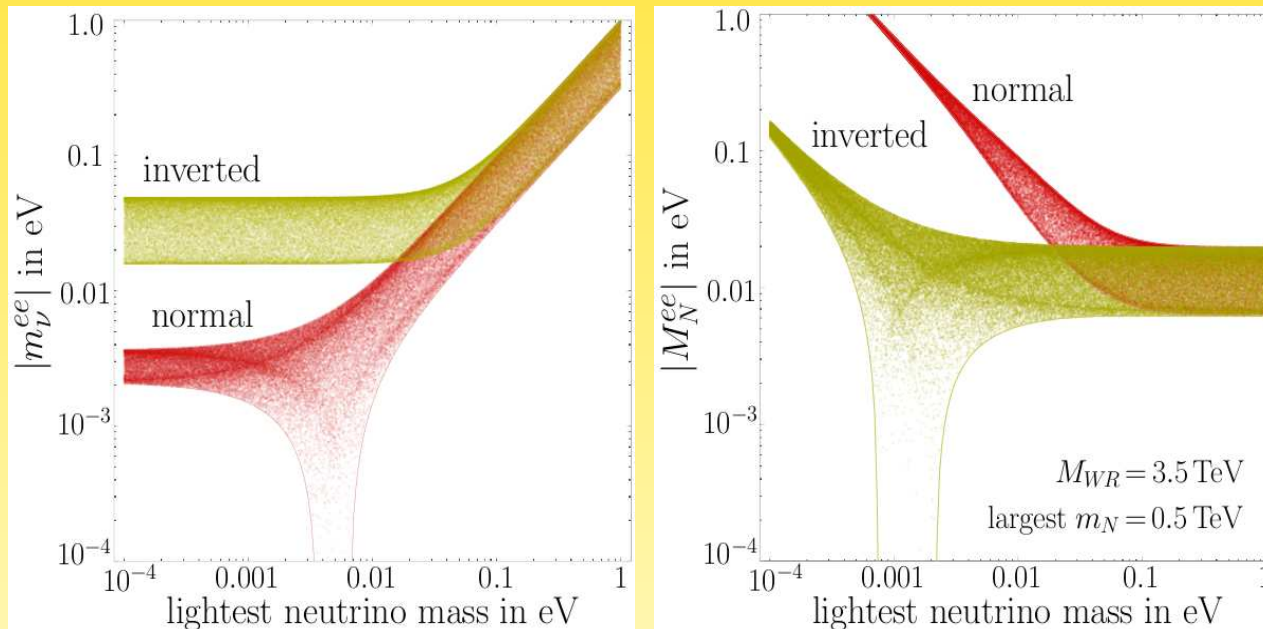
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_\lambda &\simeq G_F^2 \left( \frac{m_{W_L}}{M_{W_R}} \right)^2 \sum_i U_{ei} T_{ei}^* \frac{1}{q} \\
 &\lesssim 1 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-2} \\
 &\propto \frac{L^3}{R^3 q}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_\eta &\simeq G_F^2 \tan \xi \sum_i U_{ei} T_{ei}^* \frac{1}{q} \\
 &\lesssim 6 \cdot 10^{-9} \\
 &\propto \frac{L^3}{R^3 q}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Tests of left-right symmetric diagrams

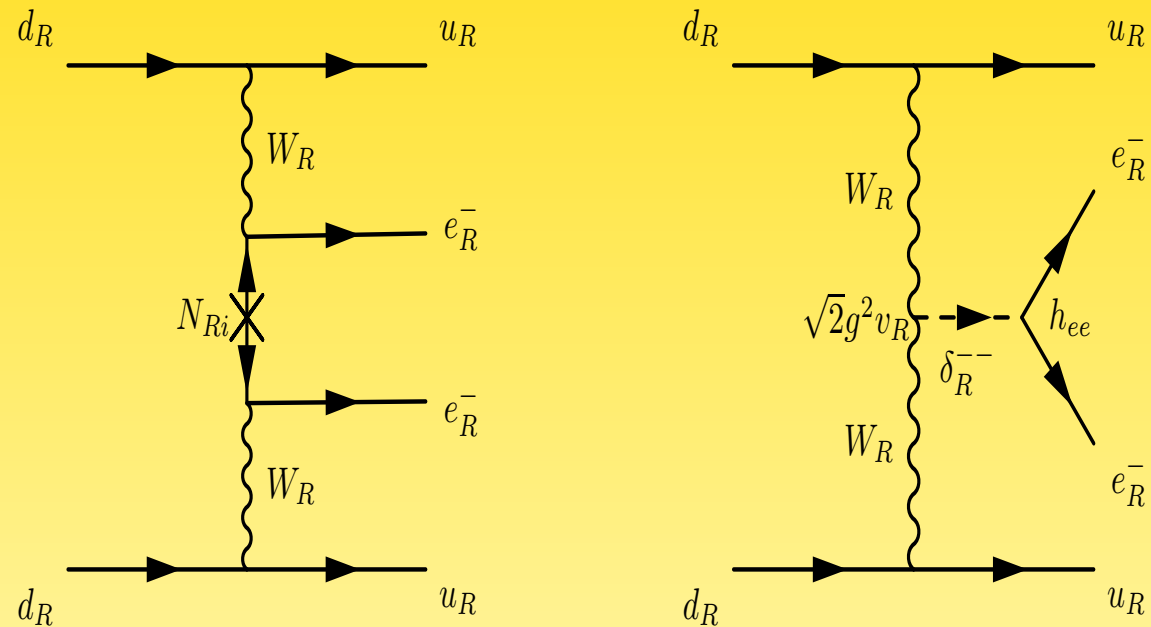
suppose  $M_L$  dominates in  $m_\nu$  and  $h = f$ :  $\Rightarrow M_R \propto m_\nu$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{N_R} \simeq G_F^2 \left( \frac{m_W}{M_{W_R}} \right)^4 \sum \frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_i} \propto \sum \frac{U_{ei}^2}{m_i}$$



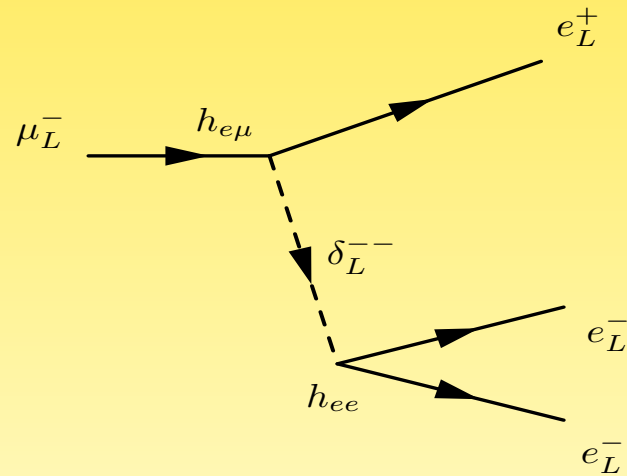
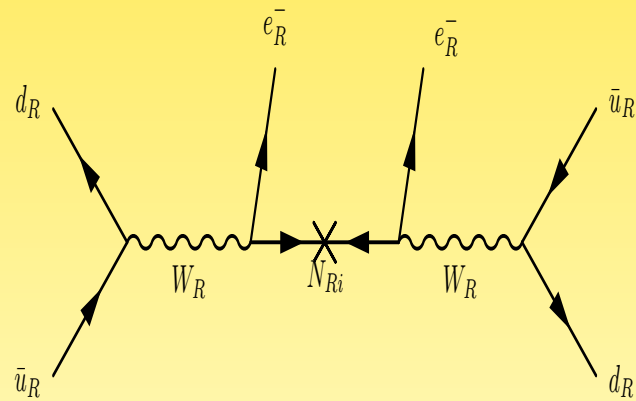
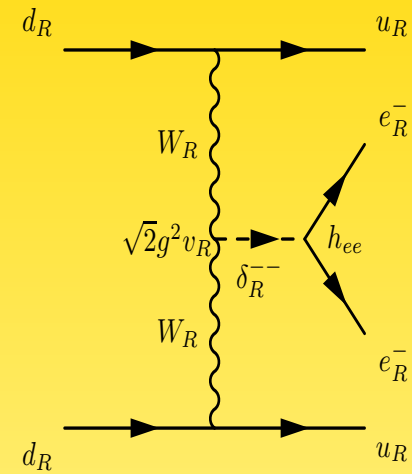
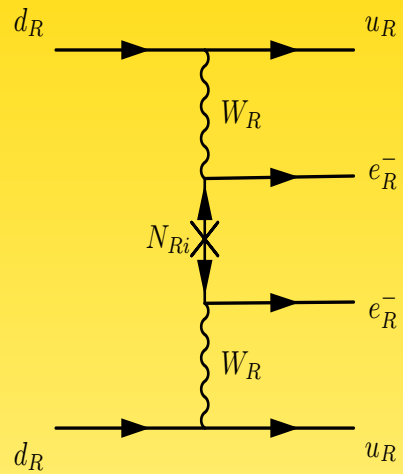
Tello *et al.*, 1011.3522

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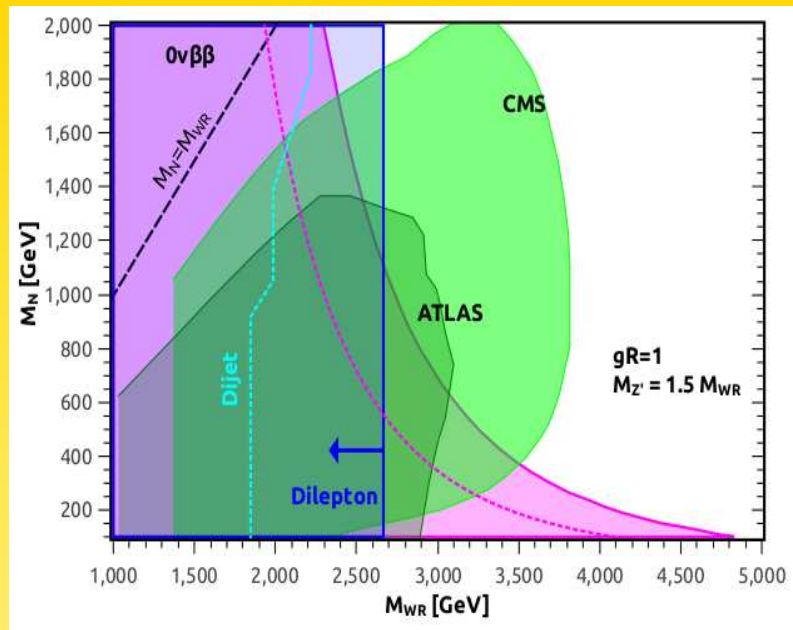
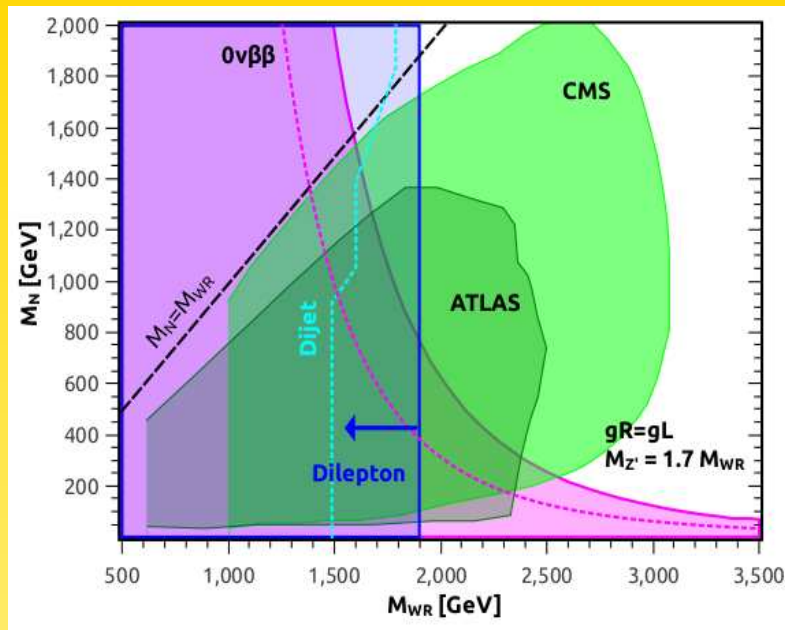


Keung, Senjanovic, 1983

## Example: Left-right symmetric theories







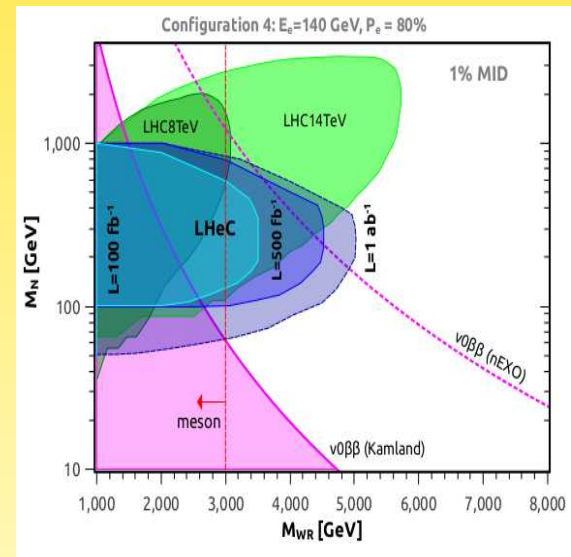
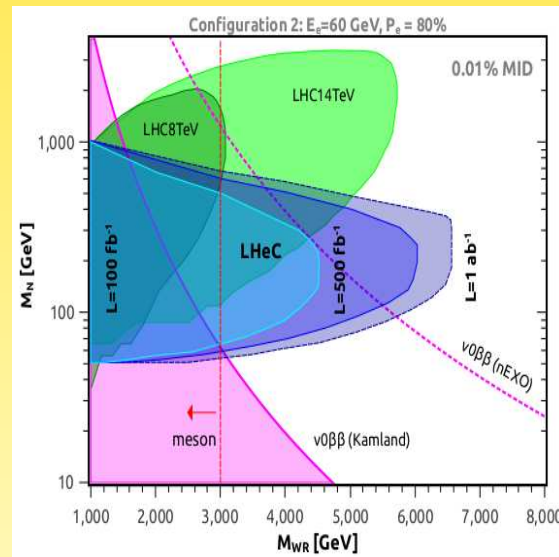
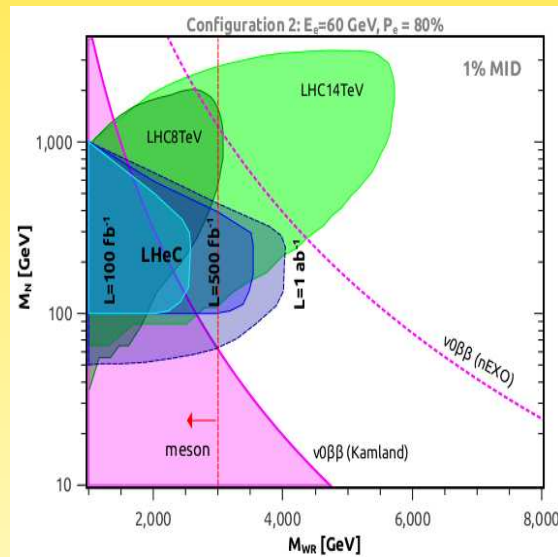
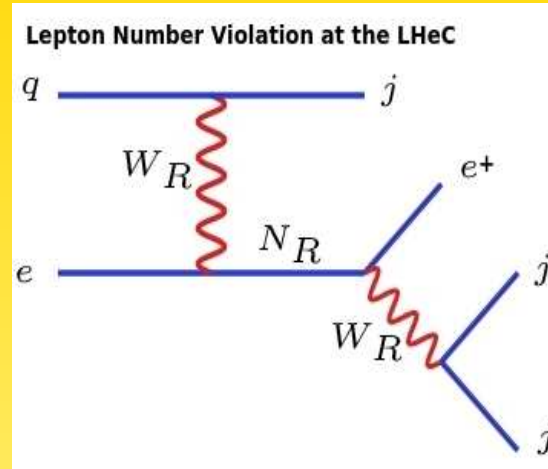
Lindner, Queiroz, W.R., 1604.07419

LHC assumes that  $M_{W_R} > M_N$ ,  $BR = 1$ , cuts don't see low  $M_N$  regime  
 indirect limits from  $W_R \rightarrow jj$  (Helo, Hirsch, 1509.00423) and  $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$

$$\frac{M_{Z'}}{M_{W_R}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\delta}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - \tan^2 \theta_W}} \text{ and } \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{1 - \delta^2 \tan^2 \theta_W}} Z'_\mu \bar{f} (T_3^R + (T_3^L - Q)\delta^2 \tan^2 \theta_W) f$$

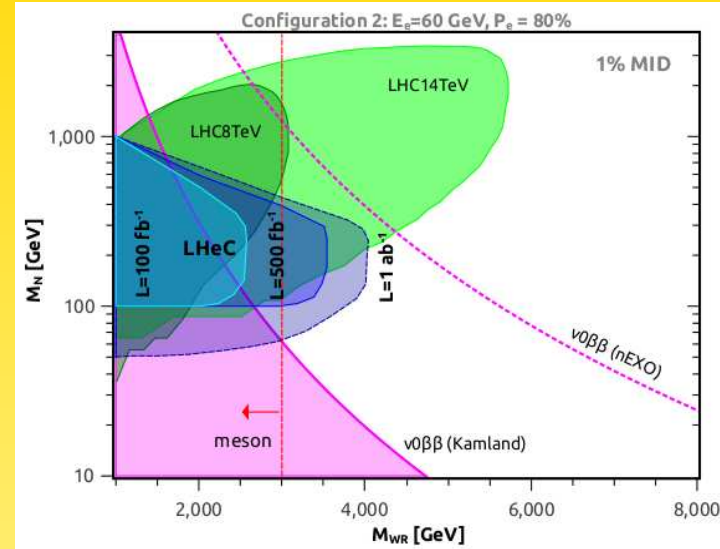
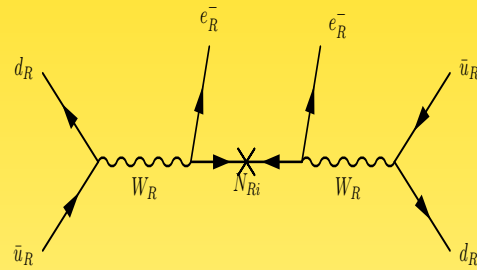
where  $\delta = g_L/g_R$

Da (far and uncertain) future:



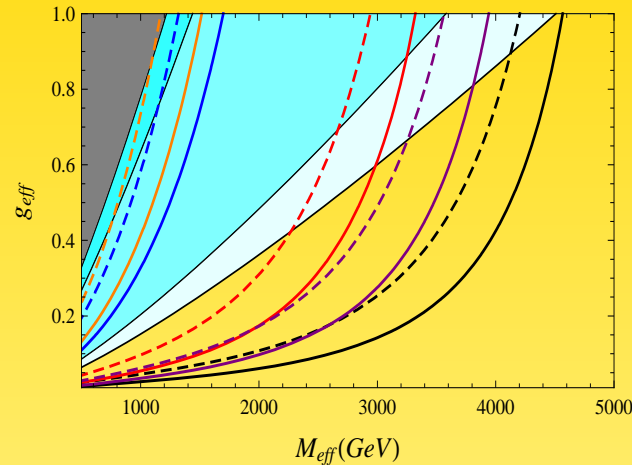
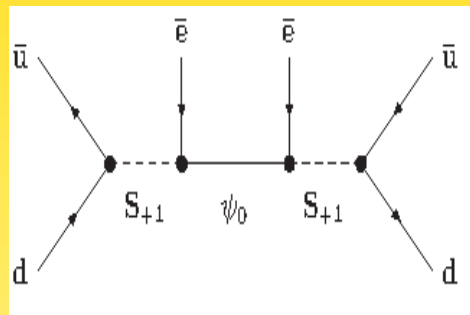
Lindner, Queiroz, W.R., Yaguna, 1604.08596

## LHC vs. $0\nu\beta\beta$



- LHC assumptions:  $M_N < M_{W_R}$ ,  $\text{BR}(M_N \rightarrow ee) = 1$ ,  $g_R = g_L$
- cuts result in weak sensitivities for low  $M_N$
- background processes?
- QCD corrections?
- (LNV at LHC and baryogenesis)

## Background



Helo *et al.*, PRD **88**

one should include e.g.

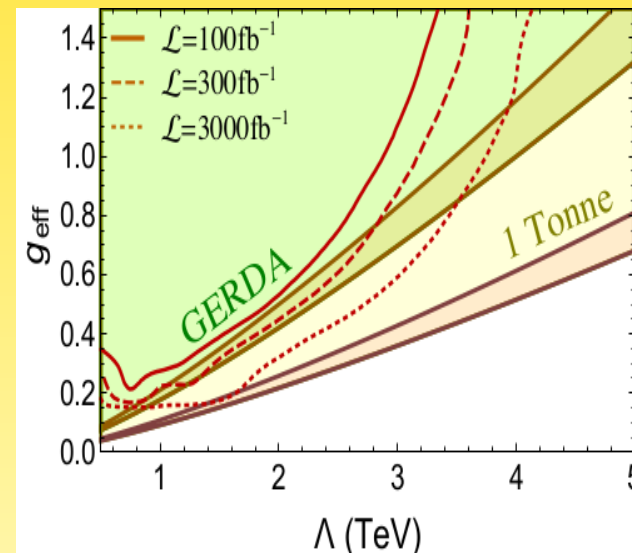
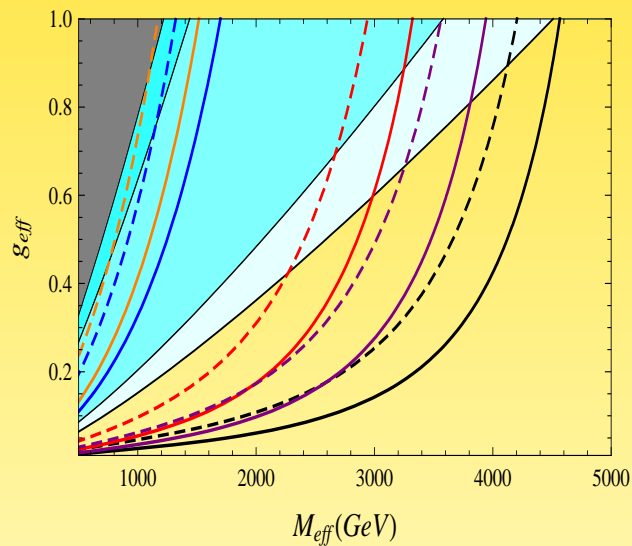
- “jet fake” (high- $p_T$  jet registered as electron)
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Peng, Ramsey-Musolf, Winslow, 1508.04444

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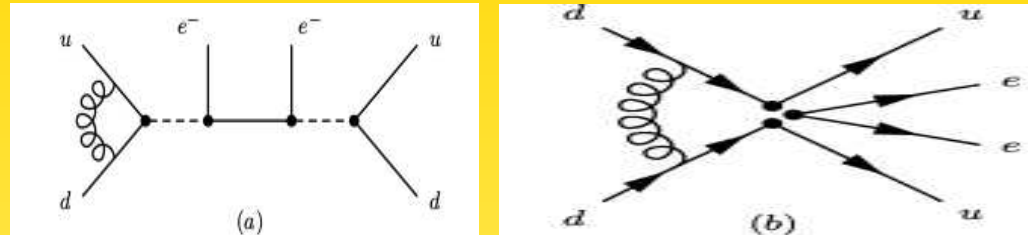
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## QCD corrections



- matrix element multiplied with  $\alpha_s/(4\pi) \ln M_W^2/\mu^2$ , match with eff. diagram
- run that down to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  scale  $p^2 = (100 \text{ MeV})^2 \Rightarrow \alpha_s/(4\pi) \ln M_W^2/p^2 = 10\%$
- creates color non-singlet operators, ('operator mixing'), Fierz them for NMEs
- creates new operator with different matrix element, e.g.  
 $(V - A) \times (V + A) \rightarrow (S - P) \times (S + P)$
- can give for alternative mechanisms large effect in either direction...
- (makes limit on right-handed diagrams slightly weaker)

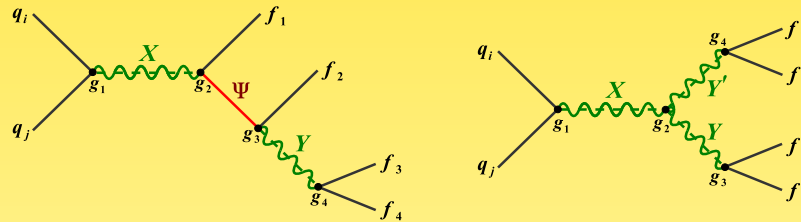
Mahajan, PRL **112**; Gonzalez, Kovalenko, Hirsch, PRD **93**

# Observation of LNV at LHC implies washout effects in early Universe!

Example TeV-scale  $W_R$ : leading to washout  $e_R^\pm e_R^\pm \rightarrow W_R^\pm W_R^\pm$  and  $e_R^\pm W_R^\mp \rightarrow e_R^\mp W_R^\pm$ . Further,  $e_R^\pm W_R^\mp \rightarrow e_R^\mp W_R^\pm$  stays long in equilibrium

(Frere, Hambye, Vertongen; Bhupal Dev, Lee, Mohapatra; U. Sarkar *et al.*)

More model-independent (Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch):

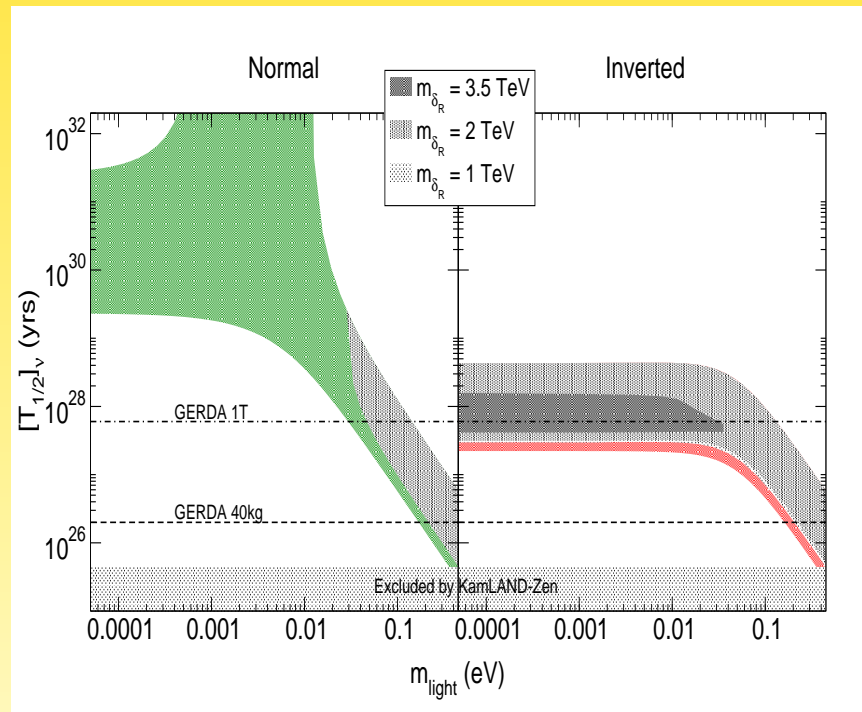
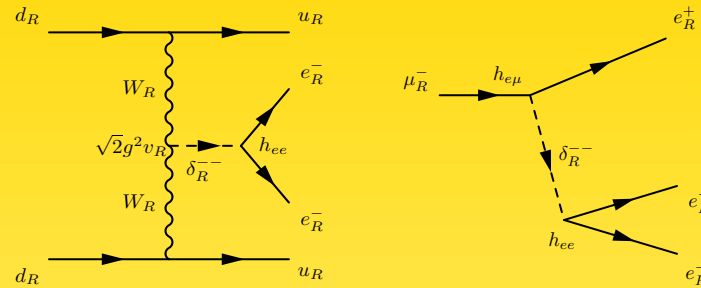


$$\text{washout: } \log_{10} \frac{\Gamma_W(qq \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ qq)}{H} \gtrsim 6.9 + 0.6 \left( \frac{M_X}{\text{TeV}} - 1 \right) + \log_{10} \frac{\sigma_{\text{LHC}}}{\text{fb}}$$

(TeV- $0\nu\beta\beta$ , LFV and  $Y_B$ : Deppisch, Harz, Huang, Hirsch, Päs)

$\leftrightarrow$  post-Sphaleron mechanisms,  $\tau$  flavor effects,...

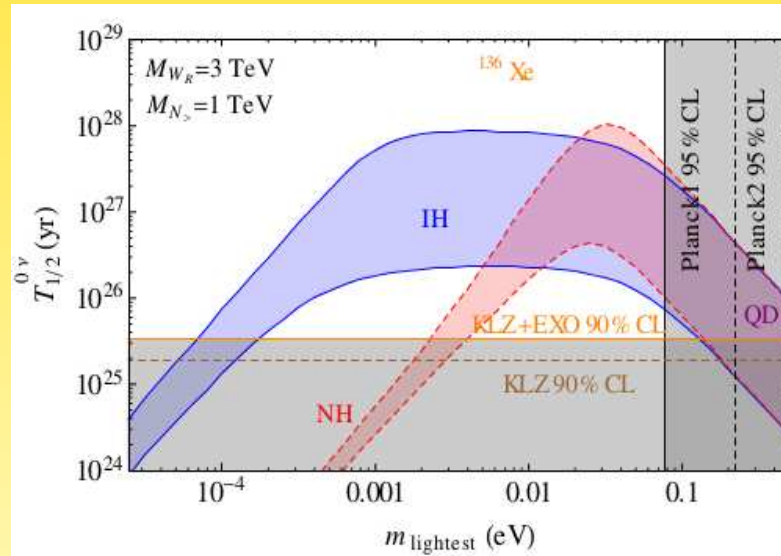
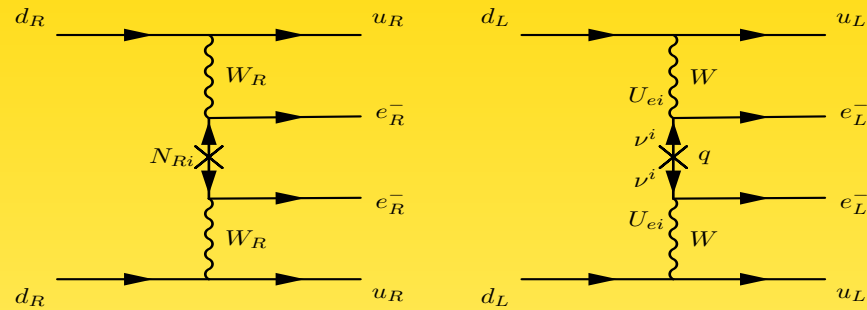
# Constraints from Lepton Flavor Violation



Barry, W.R., JHEP 1309

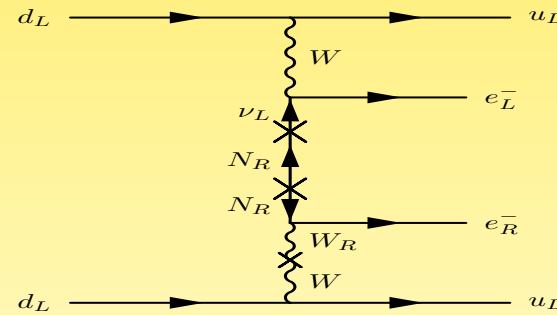
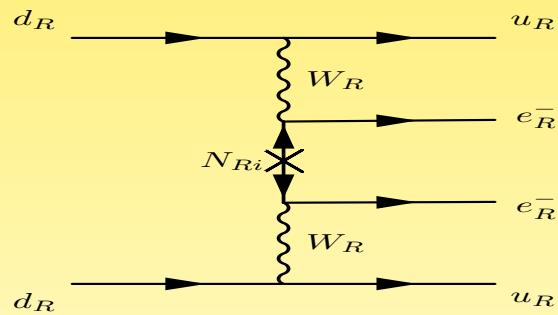
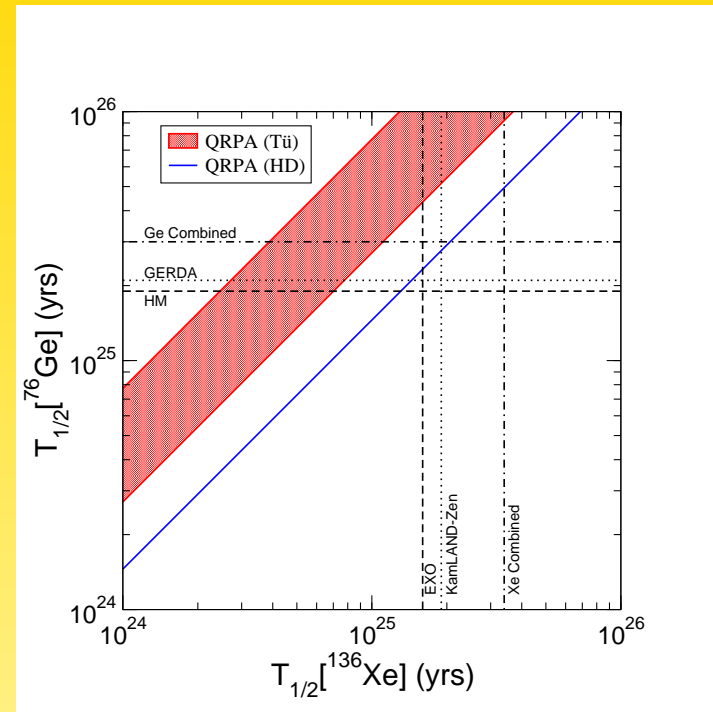
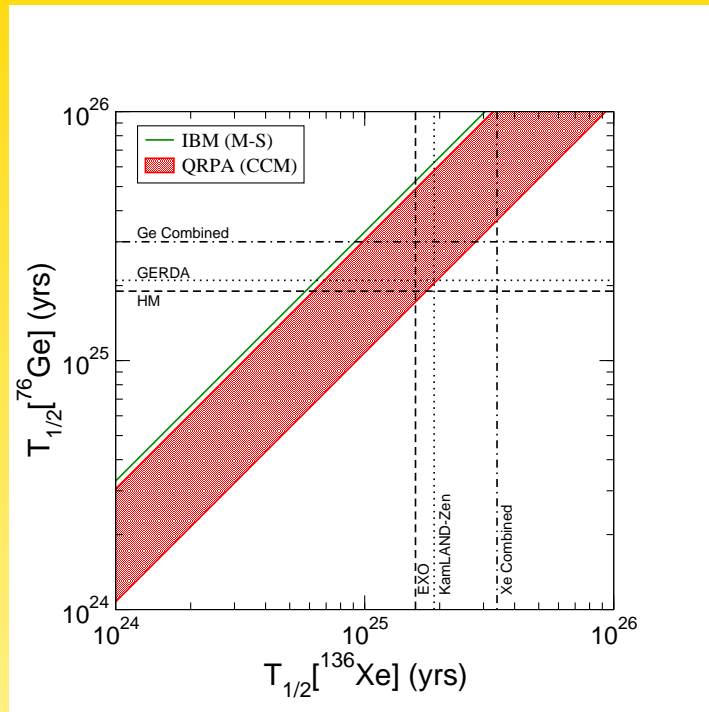


## Adding diagrams



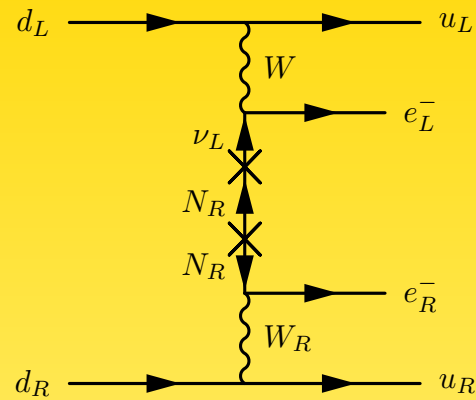
$\Rightarrow$  lower bound on  $m(\text{lightest}) \gtrsim \text{meV}$

# Xe vs. Ge

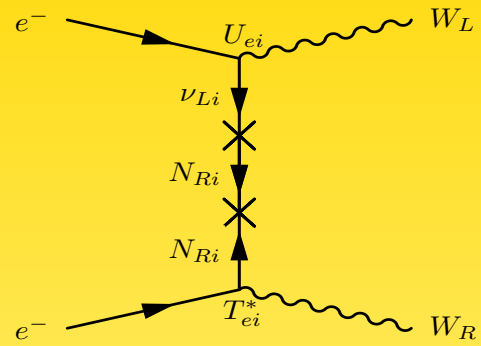


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# λ-diagram and inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$

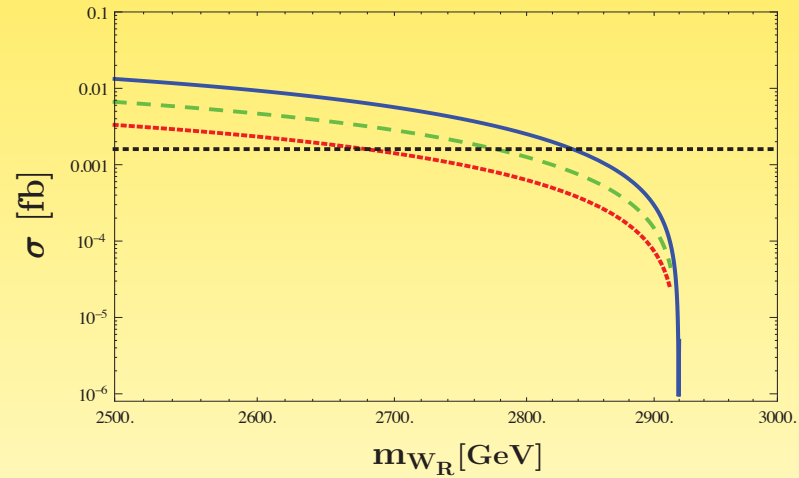


$0\nu\beta\beta$



$W$ - $W_R$  production

$$e^-e^- \rightarrow W_L^-W_R^-, s = 9 \text{ TeV}^2$$



Barry, Dorame, W.R., 1204.3365

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{R}} = \lambda_{ijk} \hat{L}_i \hat{L}_j \hat{e}_k^c + \lambda'_{ijk} \hat{L}_i \hat{Q}_j \bar{d}_k^c + \lambda''_{ijk} \hat{u}_i^c \hat{d}_j^c \hat{d}_k^c + \epsilon_i \hat{L}_i \hat{H}_u$$

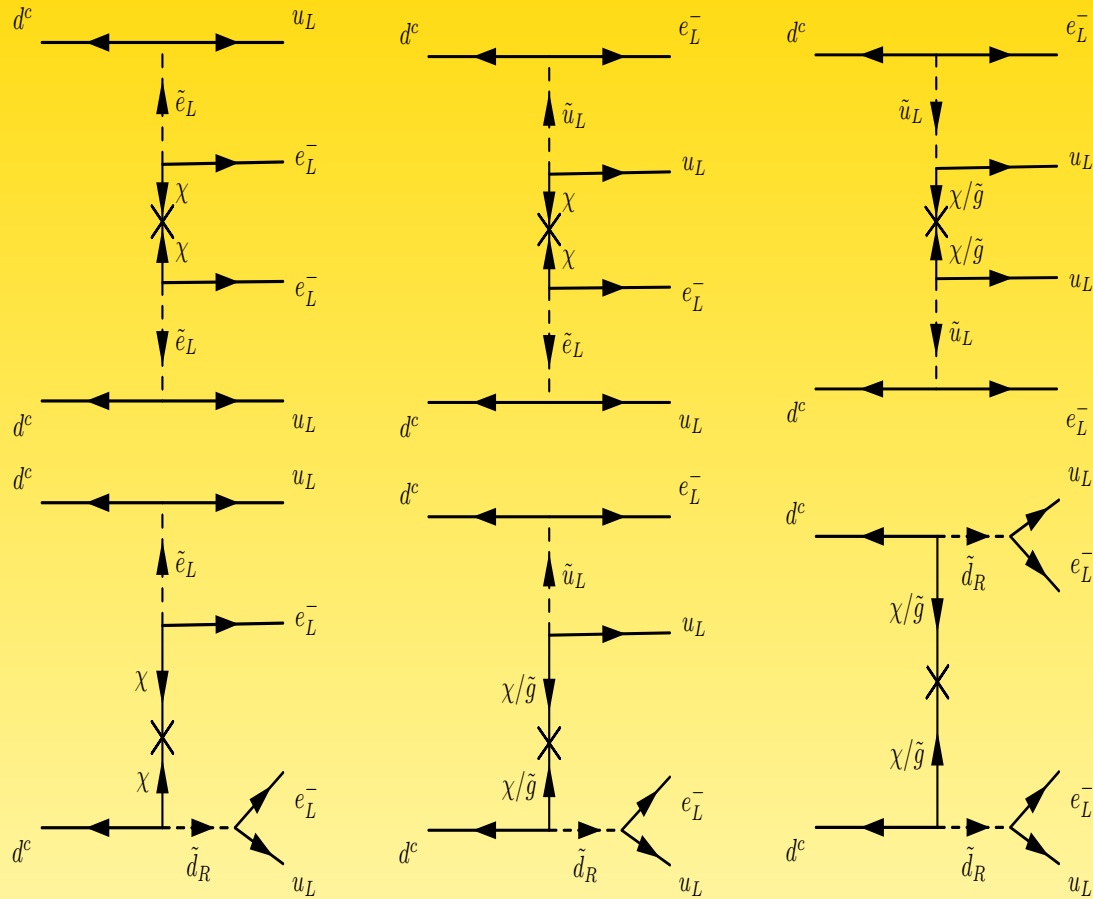
$\lambda''$  violates  $B$ , the rest violates  $L$  by one unit

gives rise to two mechanisms for  $0\nu\beta\beta$ :

- short range, or neutralino/gluino exchange, or  $\lambda'_{111}$  mechanism
- long-range, or squark exchange, or  $\lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113}$  mechanism

Hirsch, Kovalenko, Paes, Klapdor, Babu, Mohapatra, Vergados,...

# Supersymmetry: short range



$$A_{R_1} \simeq \frac{\lambda'_{111}}{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^5}$$

## Supersymmetry: short range

Actually...

$$\eta_{\tilde{g}} = \frac{\pi\alpha_3}{6} \frac{\lambda'_{111}{}^2}{G_F^2} \frac{m_p}{m_{\tilde{g}}} \left( \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^4} + \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{d}_R}^4} - \frac{1}{2m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2} \right)$$

$$\eta_{\chi} = \frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2} \frac{\lambda'_{111}{}^2}{G_F^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{m_p}{m_{\chi_i}} \left( \frac{V_{L_i}^2(u)}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^4} + \frac{V_{R_i}^2(d)}{m_{\tilde{d}_R}^4} - \frac{V_{L_i}(u)V_{R_i}(d)}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2} \right)$$

$$\eta'_{\tilde{g}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_3}{3} \frac{\lambda'_{111}{}^2}{G_F^2} \frac{m_p}{m_{\tilde{g}}} \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2}$$

$$\eta_{\chi\tilde{e}} = 2\pi\alpha_2 \frac{\lambda'_{111}{}^2}{G_F^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{m_p}{m_{\chi_i}} \frac{V_{L_i}^2(e)}{m_{\tilde{e}_L}^4}$$

$$\eta_{\chi\tilde{f}} = \pi\alpha_2 \frac{\lambda'_{111}{}^2}{G_F^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{m_p}{m_{\chi_i}} \left( \frac{V_{L_i}(u)V_{R_i}(d)}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2} - \frac{V_{L_i}(u)V_{L_i}(e)}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{e}_L}^2} - \frac{V_{L_i}(e)V_{R_i}(d)}{m_{\tilde{e}_L}^2 m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2} \right)$$

## Supersymmetry: short range

gluino dominance:

$$\eta_{\tilde{R}_1}^{\tilde{g}} \simeq \frac{\pi\alpha_3}{6} \frac{\lambda_{111}'^2}{G_F^2} \frac{m_p}{m_{\tilde{g}} m_{\tilde{d}_R}^4} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{m_{\tilde{d}_R}}{m_{\tilde{u}_L}} \right)^2 \right)^2 \leq 7.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

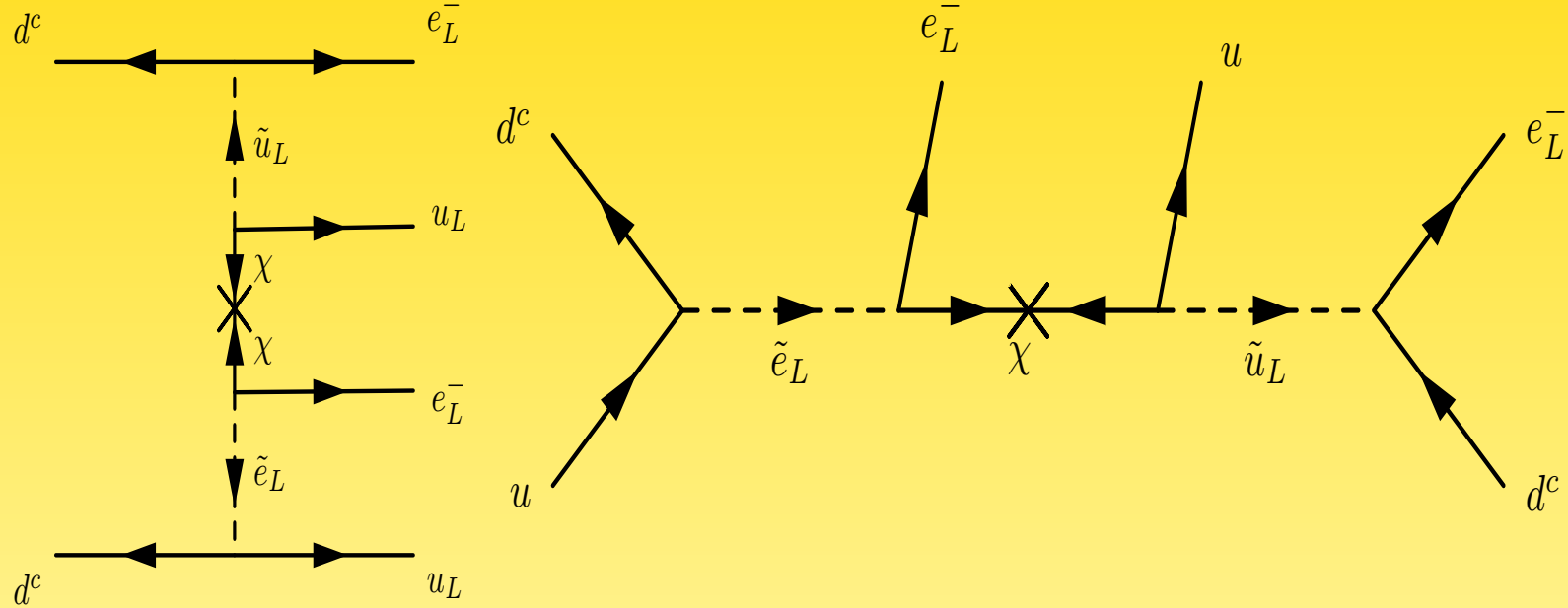
translates into

$$\frac{\lambda_{111}'^2}{m_{\tilde{g}} m_{\tilde{d}_R}^4 (1 + m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2 / m_{\tilde{u}_L}^2)^2} \lesssim 1.8 \times 10^{-17} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$$



# Supersymmetry: short range

interplay with LHC:

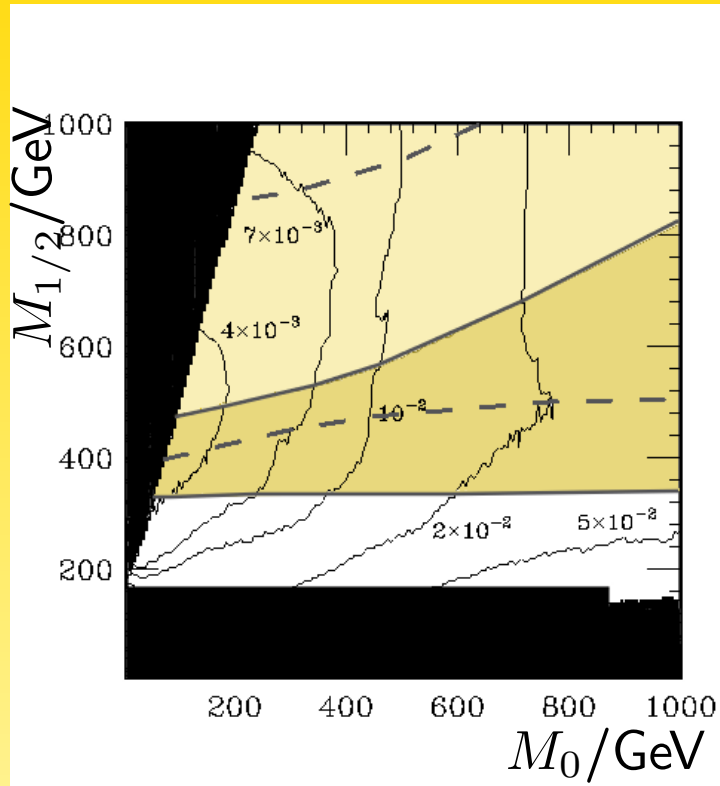


“resonant selectron production”

$$\hat{\sigma} \propto \frac{\lambda_{111}'^2}{\hat{s}}$$

Allanach, Kom, Paes, 0903.0347

$$\tan \beta = 10, A_0 = 0, 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$



$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}(\text{GeV}) > 1 \times 10^{27} \text{ yrs}$$

$$100 > T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}(\text{GeV})/10^{25} \text{ yrs} > 1.9$$

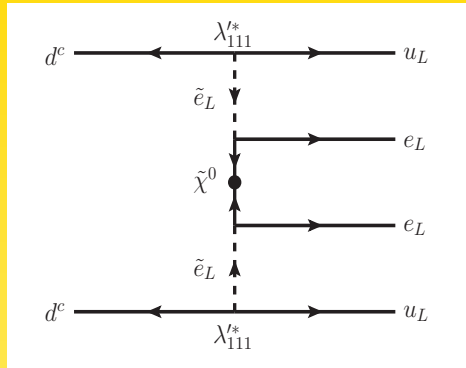
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}(\text{GeV}) < 1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs}$$

→ observation in white region in conflict with  $0\nu\beta\beta$

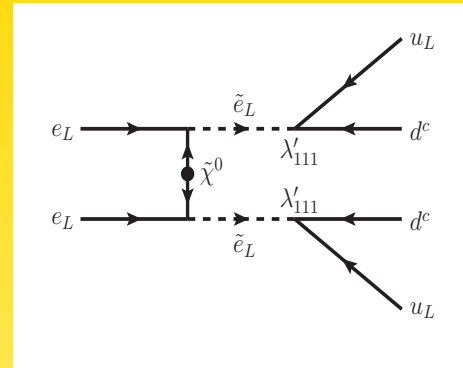
→ if  $0\nu\beta\beta$  observed: dark yellow region tests  $\cancel{R}$  SUSY mechanism

→ light yellow region: no significant  $\cancel{R}$  contribution to  $0\nu\beta\beta$

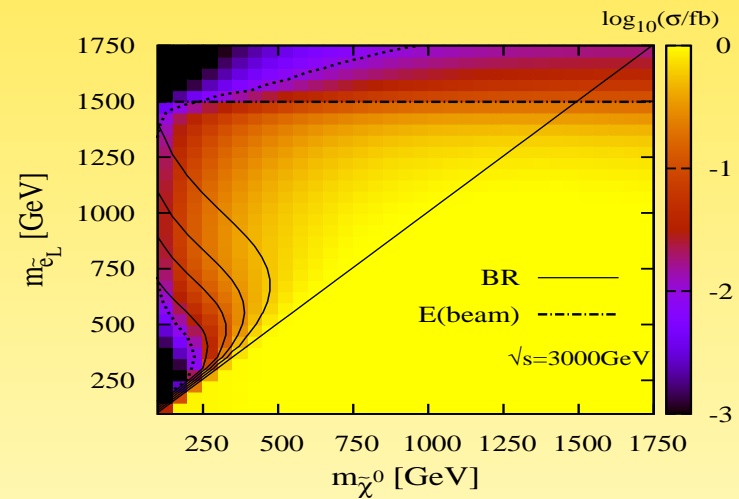
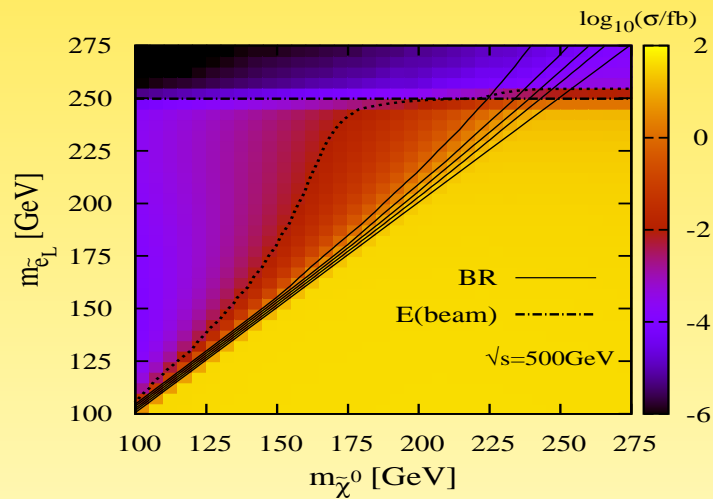
# RPV SUSY and inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$



$0\nu\beta\beta$

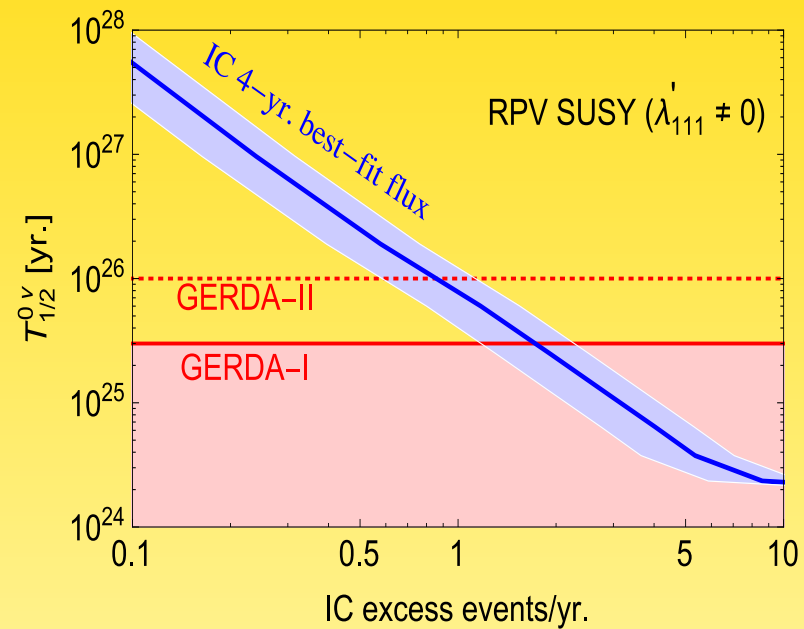


resonant  $\tilde{e}_L$  production  $\rightarrow 4j$



Kom, W.R., 1110.3220

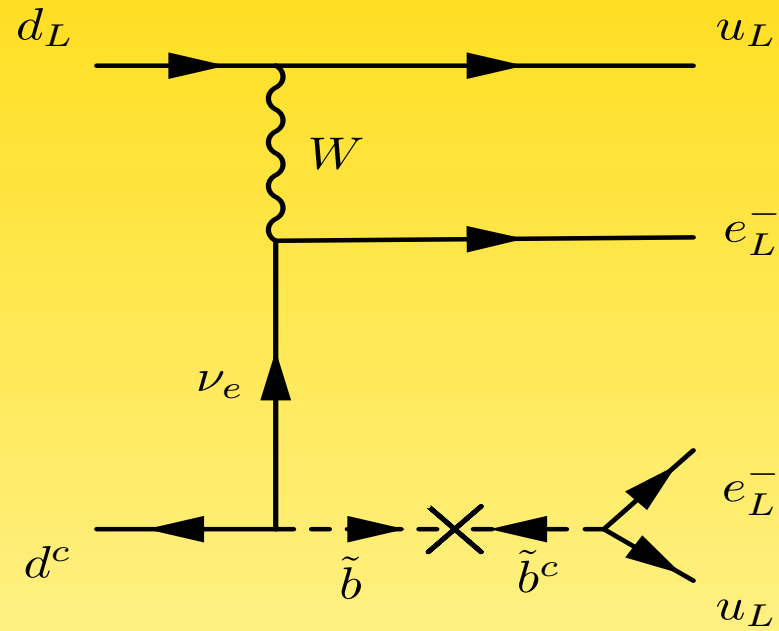
## Cool effect somewhere else



$d$ -squarks resonantly produced  $\nu_e d_L \rightarrow \tilde{d}_R \rightarrow \nu_e d_L, eu_L$

Dev, W.R.

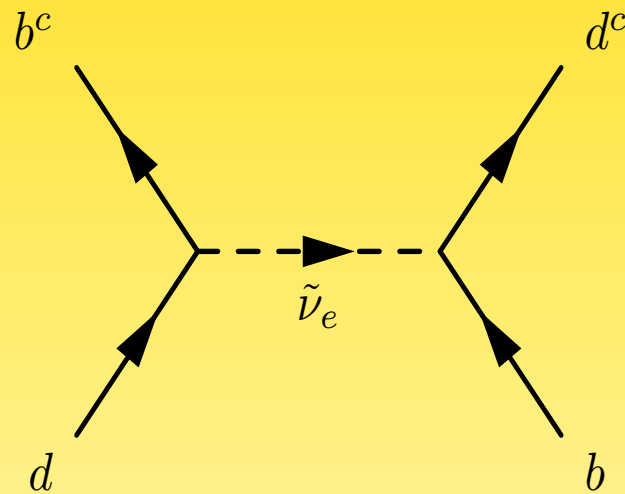
## Supersymmetry: long range



$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{R}_2}^b \simeq G_F \frac{1}{q} U_{ei} \frac{m_b}{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^3} \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113}$$

## Supersymmetry: long range

Test with  $B^0-\bar{B}^0$  mixing



constrains  $\lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} / \Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^4$

gives currently stronger constraint than  $0\nu\beta\beta$

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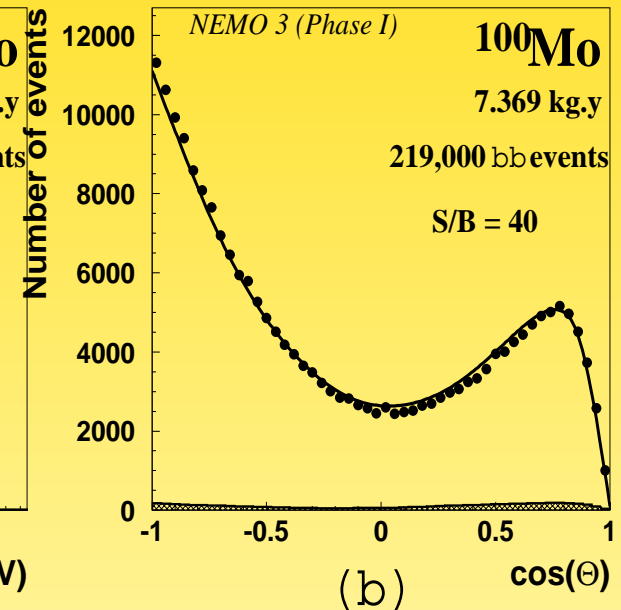
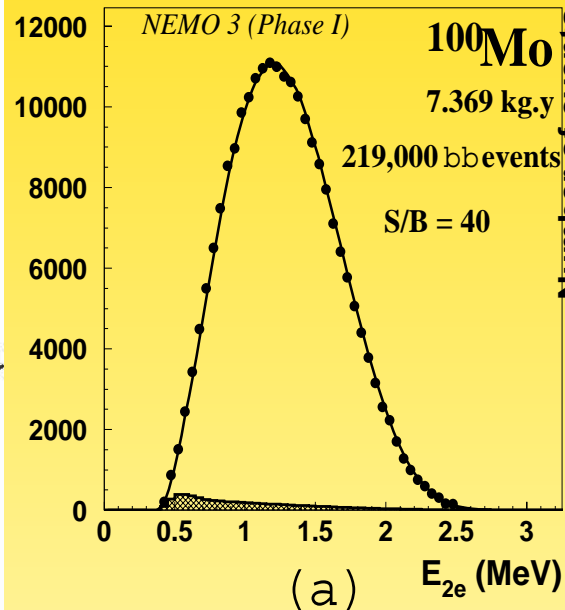
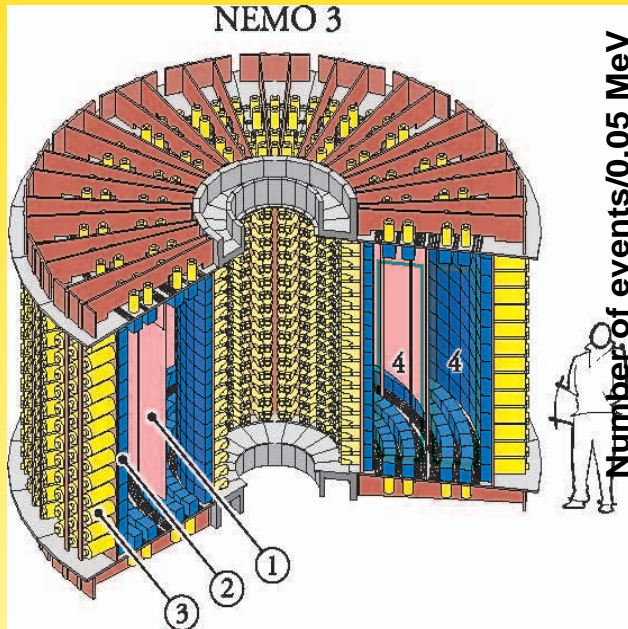
identify mechanism via

- 1.) other observables (LHC, LFV, KATRIN, cosmology, ...)
- 2.) decay products (individual  $e^-$  energies, angular correlations, spectrum, ...)
- 3.) nuclear physics (multi-isotope,  $0\nu$ ECEC,  $0\nu\beta^+\beta^+$ , ...)



## Distinguishing via decay products

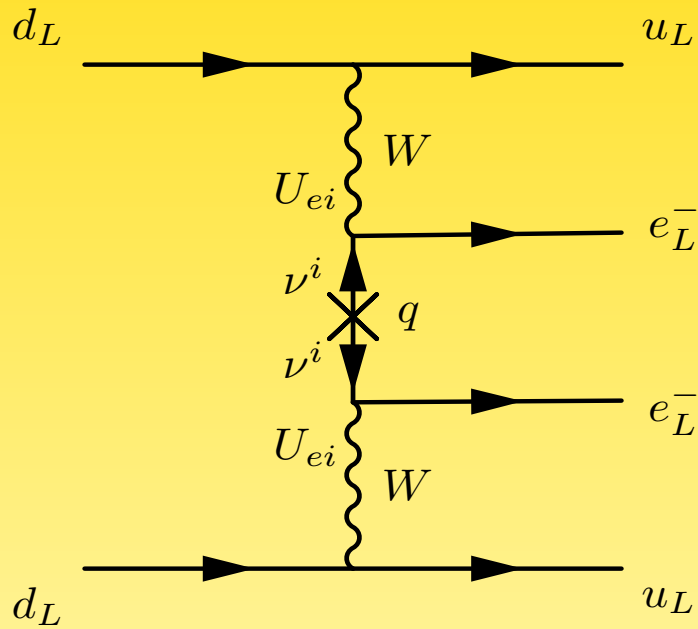
### SuperNEMO



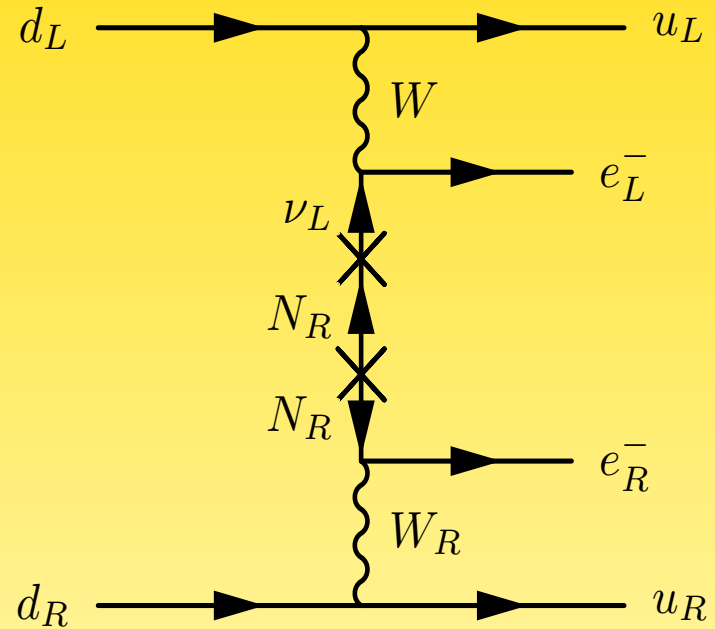
- source foils in between plastic scintillators
- individual electron energy, and their relative angle!

## Distinguishing via decay products

Consider standard plus  $\lambda$ -mechanism



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_1 dE_2 d\cos\theta} \propto (1 - \beta_1 \beta_2 \cos\theta)$$



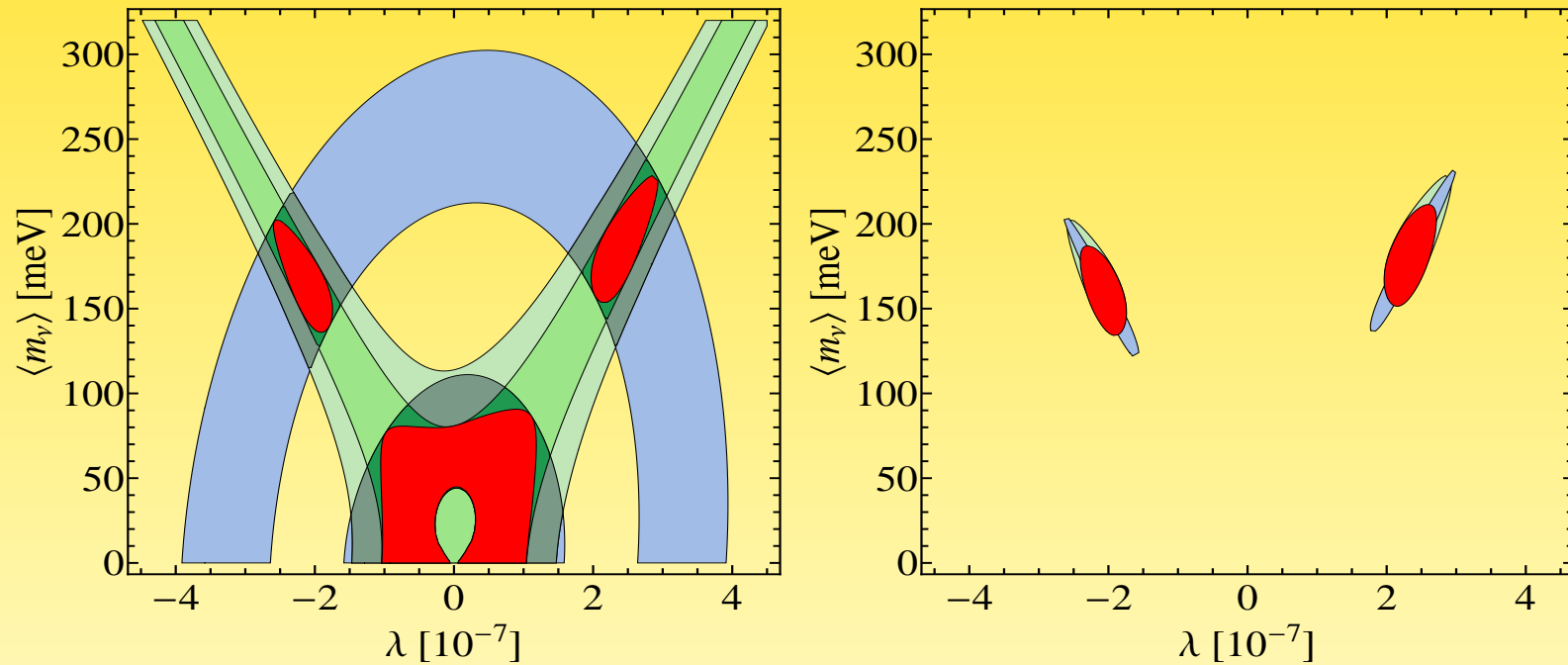
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_1 dE_2 d\cos\theta} \propto (E_1 - E_2)^2 (1 + \beta_1 \beta_2 \cos\theta)$$

Arnold *et al.*, 1005.1241

## Distinguishing via decay products

Defining asymmetries

$$A_\theta = (N_+ - N_-)/(N_+ + N_-) \text{ and } A_E = (N_{>} - N_{<})/(N_{>} + N_{<})$$



## Distinguishing via nuclear physics

challenging, but possible if nuclear physics is under control (sic!)

recall:

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(A, Z)} = G(Q, Z) |\mathcal{M}(A, Z) \eta|^2$$

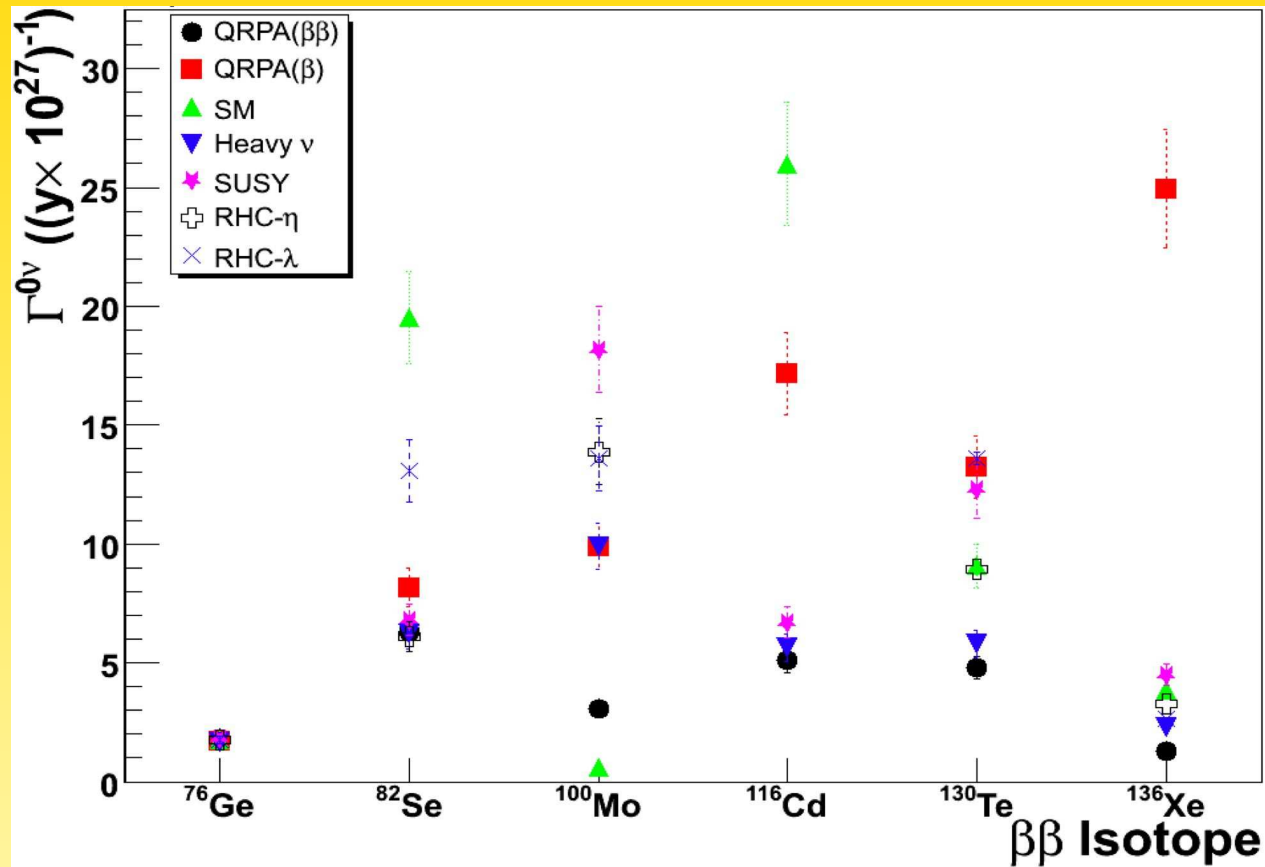
if you measured two isotopes:

$$\frac{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(A_1, Z_1)}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(A_2, Z_2)} = \frac{G_x(Q_2, Z_2) |\mathcal{M}_x(A_2, Z_2)|^2}{G_x(Q_1, Z_1) |\mathcal{M}_x(A_1, Z_1)|^2}$$

particle physics drops out, *ratio of NMEs sensitive to mechanism*

**⇒ third reason for multi-isotope determination**

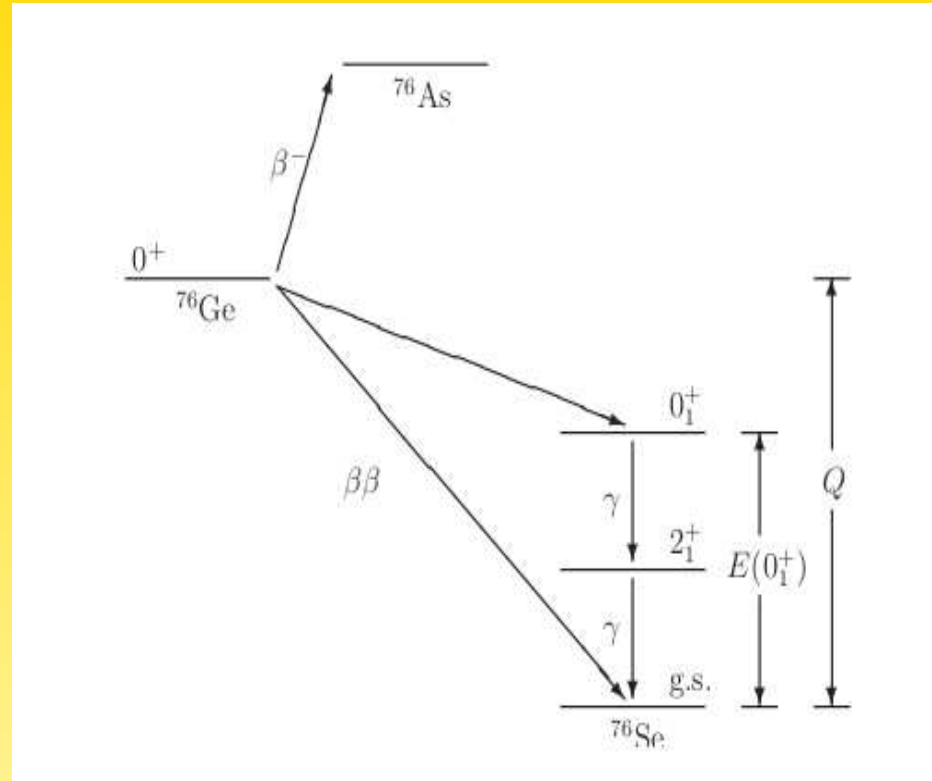
## Distinguishing via nuclear physics



Gehman, Elliott, hep-ph/0701099

3 to 4 isotopes necessary to disentangle mechanism

## Distinguishing via nuclear physics



- standard interpretation: suppressed by 2 to 3 orders of magnitude
- ratio sensitive to mechanism
- $0_1^+$  easier to identify;  $2_1^+$  very sensitive to RHC

## Distinguishing via nuclear physics

Observation of

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z - 2) + 2e^+ \quad (0\nu\beta^+\beta^+)$$

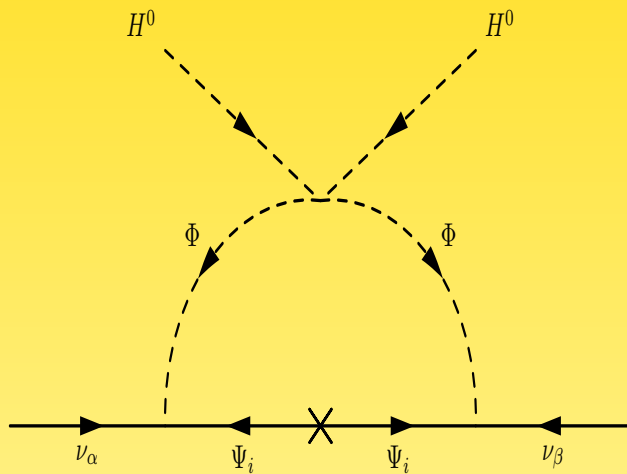
$$e_b^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z - 2) + e^+ \quad (0\nu\beta^+EC)$$

$$2e_b^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z - 2)^* \quad (0\nu EC EC)$$

rate to  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is sensitive to mechanism

## Direct vs. indirect contribution

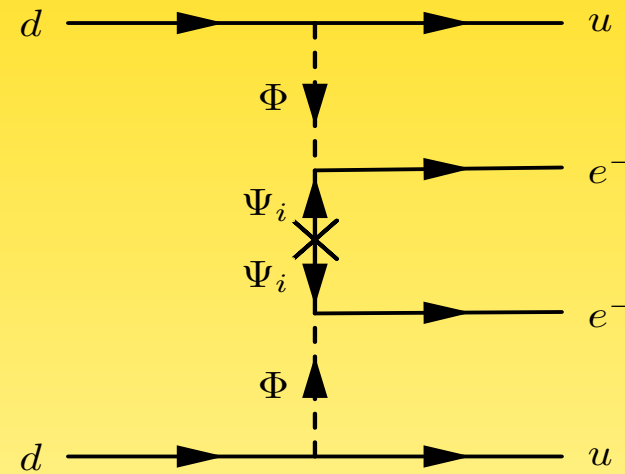
Example: introduce  $\Psi_i = (8, 1, 0)$  and  $\Phi = (8, 2, \frac{1}{2})$



$$m_\nu \propto \lambda_{\Phi H} y_{\alpha i} y_{\beta i}$$

indirect contribution to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ :

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \simeq G_F^2 \frac{|m_{ee}|}{q^2}$$



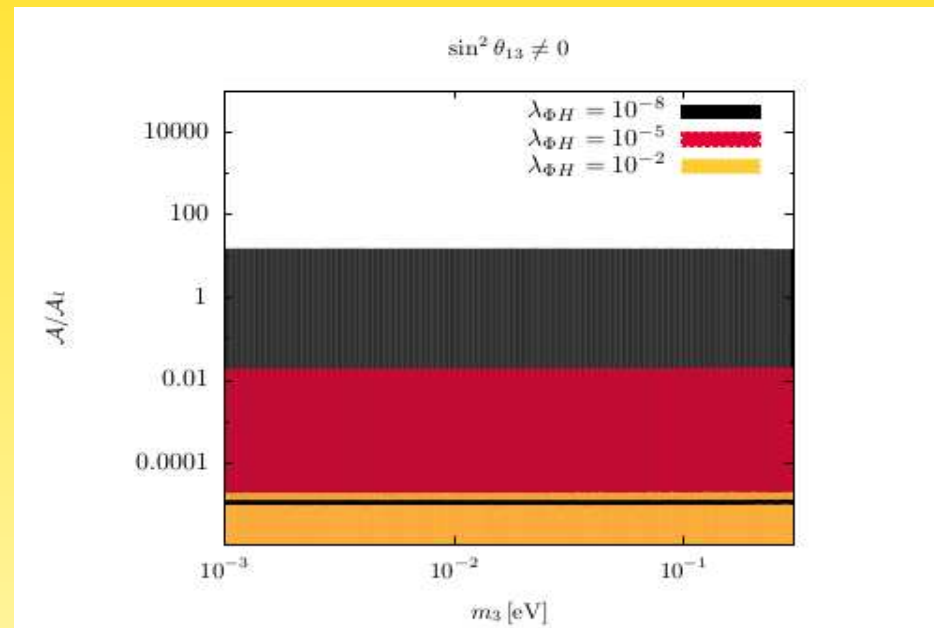
direct contribution to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ :

$$\mathcal{A} \simeq c_{ud}^2 \frac{y_{e\alpha}^2}{M_{\Psi_i} M_\Phi^4}$$



## Direct vs. indirect contribution

new contribution can dominate over standard one:



Choubey, Dürr, Mitra, W.R., JHEP 1205

## Summary

**Chi l'ha visto ?**



Ettore Majorana, ordinario di fisica teorica all'Università di Napoli, è misteriosamente scomparso dagli ultimi di marzo. Di anni 31, alto metri 1,70, snello, con capelli neri, occhi scuri, una lunga cicatrice sul dorso di una mano. Chi ne sapesse qualcosa è pregato di scrivere al R. P. E. Maria-necci, Viale Regina Margherita 66 - Roma.