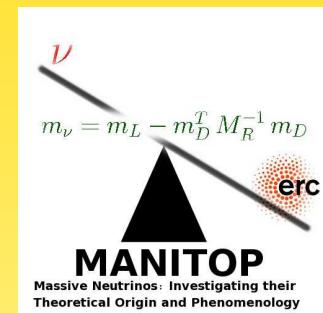


Majorana-Masses of Neutrinos: Origin and Phenomenology



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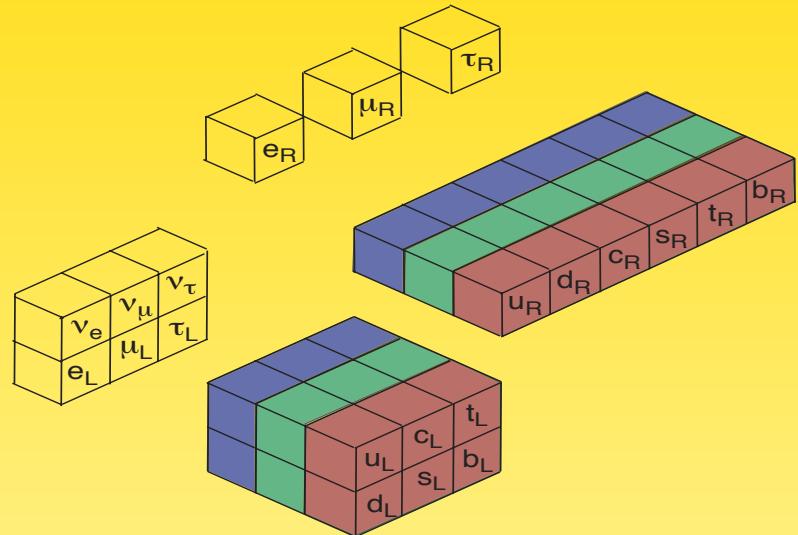


Outline

- Neutrino Physics
- Dirac vs. Majorana masses
- Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

Neutrino Physics

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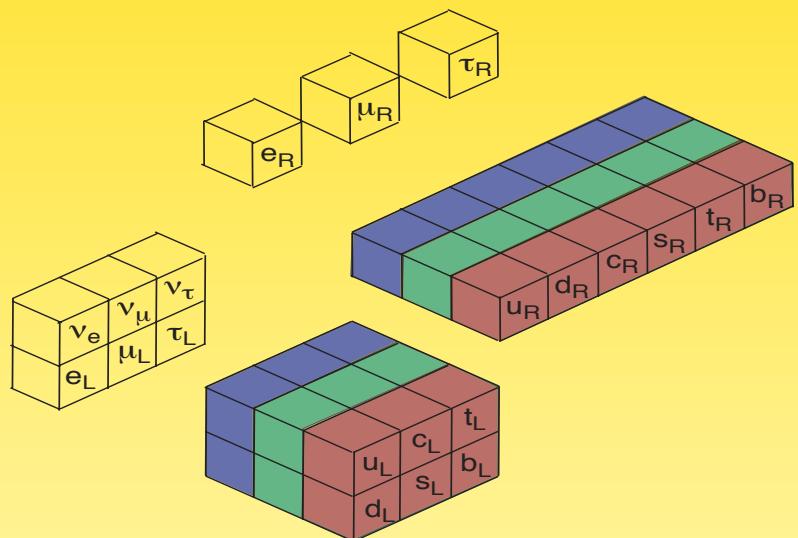
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18 free parameters...

- + Dark Matter
- + Baryon Asymmetry
- + Dark Energy
- + Gravitation

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+ Neutrino Mass m_ν

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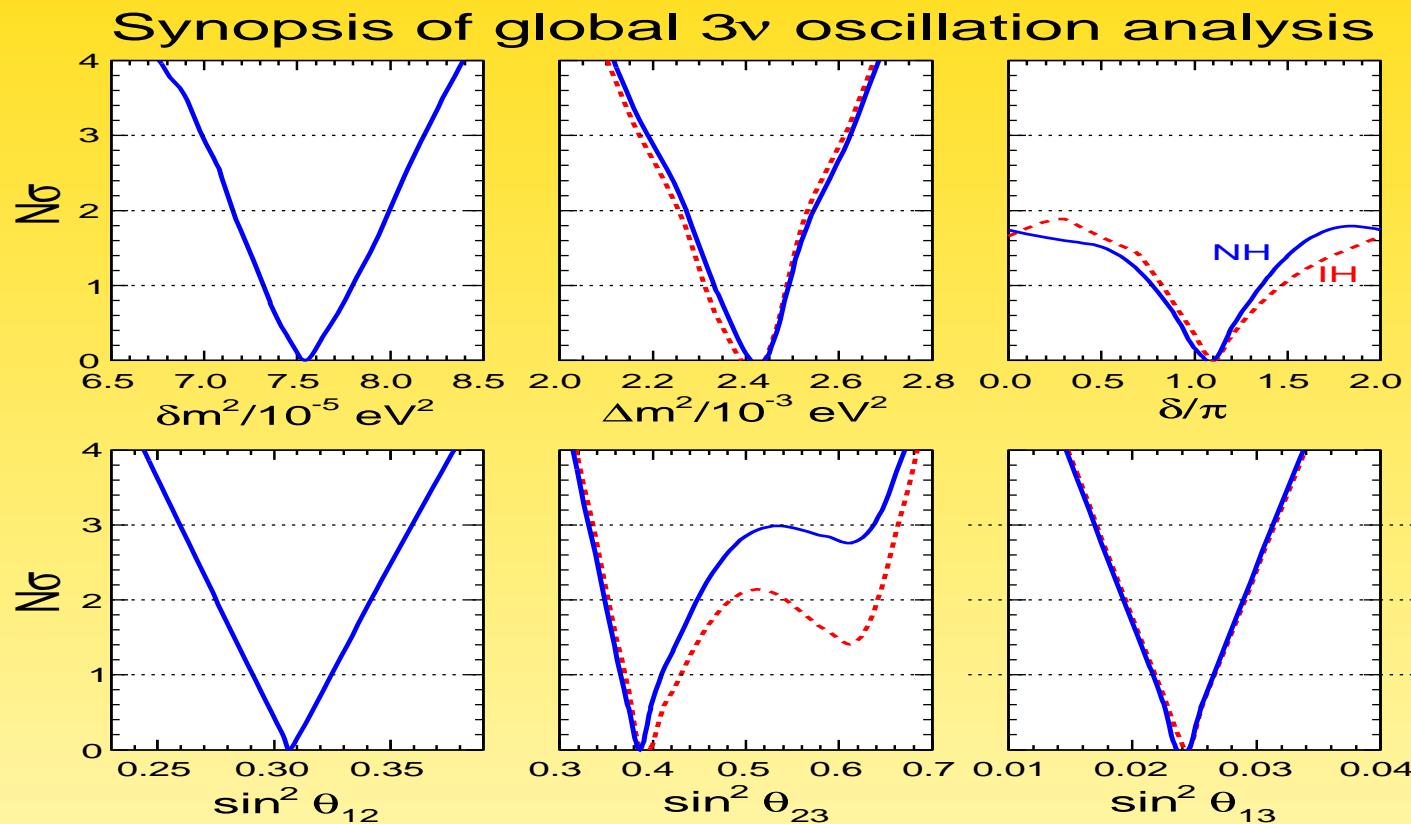
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And: a new energy scale besides Higgs VEV?

Neutrino Physics: 9 parameters (Talk by Caren Hagner, PV I)

- 3 masses:
 - $\Delta m_{\odot}^2 \simeq 7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ eV²
 - $|\Delta m_A^2| \simeq 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ eV²
 - $\Delta m_A^2 > 0$ (normal ordering) or $\Delta m_A^2 < 0$ (inverted ordering)?
 - smallest mass < 2.3 eV
- 3 mixing angles:
 - $\theta_{12} \simeq (34 \pm 1)^0$
 - $\theta_{23} \simeq (39 \pm 1.5)^0$
 - $\theta_{13} \simeq (9 \pm 0.5)^0$
- 3 CP phases:
 - δ
 - α, β

Neutrino Physics



Fogli, Lisi *et al.*

Neutrino Mass: Dirac or Majorana?

SM has no right-handed neutrinos N_R (and only Higgs doublet): \Rightarrow no mass
add right-handed neutrinos N_R : \Rightarrow neutrinos have mass $m_D \overline{\nu}_L N_R$, but...

$$L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \text{vs.} \quad Q \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$$

why $m_\nu \ll m_e$ while $m_u \sim m_d$?

once you introduce N_R : two terms are allowed!

- 1) $m_D \overline{L} \Phi N_R$: Dirac mass generated in analogy to other SM masses
- 2) $M_R \overline{N}_R^c N_R$: Majorana mass of right-handed neutrinos $\gg m_D$

\Rightarrow neutrinos are **Majorana particles** $m_\nu \overline{\nu}_L \nu_L^c$ with $m_\nu = m_D^2/M_R$

$$m_\nu = m_D^2/M_R = \frac{m_D}{M_R} m_D = \epsilon m_{\text{SM}}$$



(type I) **Seesaw Mechanism**

Minkowski; Yanagida; Glashow; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky; Mohapatra,
Senjanović (77-80)

Comments

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

- $m_D \leftrightarrow \overline{L} \tilde{\Phi} N_R$ related to Higgs!
- $M_R \overline{N}_R^c N_R$ is “bare” mass term **not** related to Higgs!
- with $m_\nu \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2}$ it follows: $M_R \simeq 10^{15}$ GeV
- testable scale? Consequences?

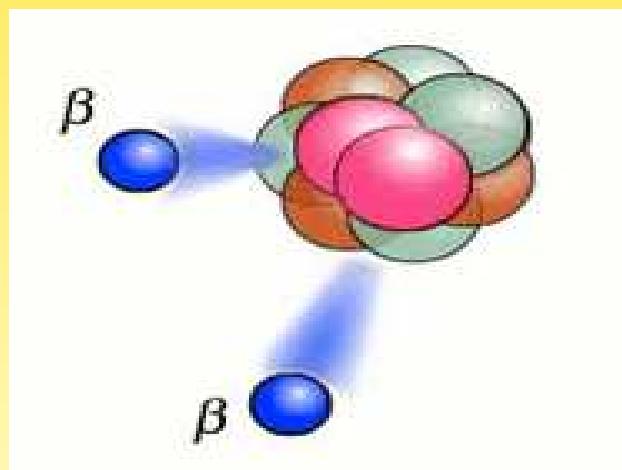
Seesaw Phenomenology

- Leptogenesis
- LFV in supersymmetric seesaw
- TeV seesaw...
- N_R couple to Higgs: \Rightarrow vacuum stability
- Neutrinoless double beta decay

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)

Neutrino mass term $\overline{\nu_L} \nu_L^c \propto \nu_L^\dagger \nu_L^*$

- two extra CP phases in mixing matrix (no effect in oscillations, only related to:)
- Lepton Number Violation $\Delta L = 2$

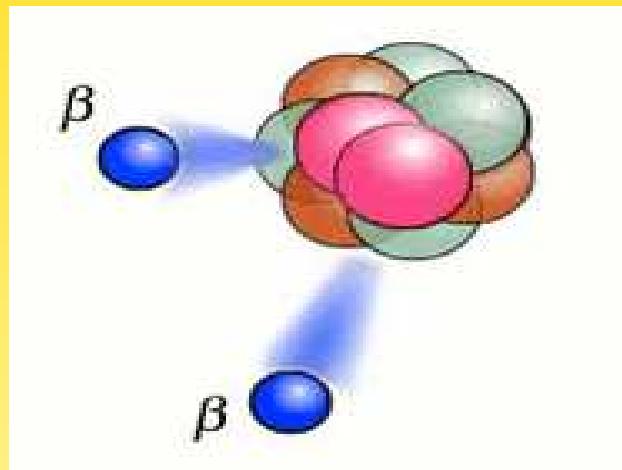


Why to look for Lepton Number Violation

$0\nu\beta\beta$ is much more than a neutrino (mass) experiment!

- L and B accidentally conserved in SM
 - effective theory: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_{\text{LNV}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_{\text{LFV, BNV, LNV}} + \dots$
 - baryogenesis: B is violated
 - B, L often connected in GUTs
 - GUTs have seesaw and Majorana neutrinos
- ⇒ Lepton Number Violation as important as Baryon Number Violation

Small problem. . .

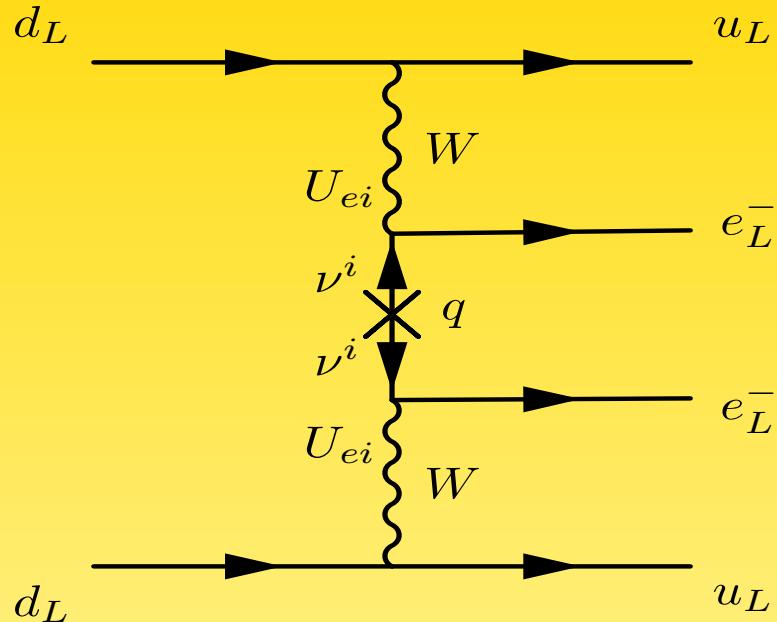


Majorana phenomenology always suppressed by $(m_\nu/E)^2$

\Rightarrow Lifetimes start with 10^{25} years. . .

\Rightarrow only N_A can save the day!

What is Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay?



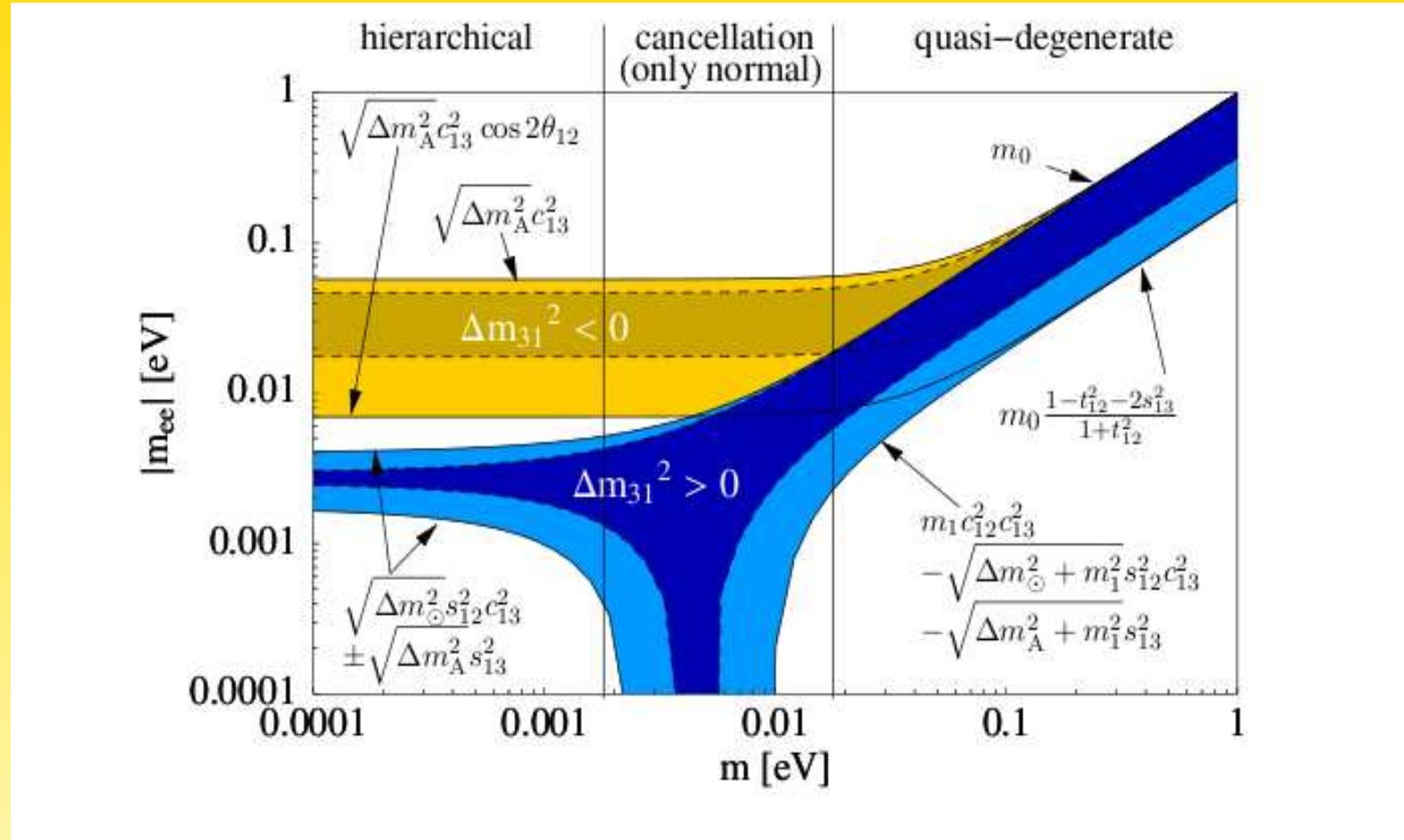
Amplitude proportional to coherent sum (“effective mass”):

$$|m_{ee}| \equiv \left| \sum U_{ei}^2 m_i \right| = \left| |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 m_2 e^{2i\alpha} + |U_{e3}|^2 m_3 e^{2i\beta} \right|$$

$$= f(\theta_{12}, |U_{e3}|, m_i, \text{sgn}(\Delta m_A^2), \alpha, \beta)$$

7 out of 9 parameters of neutrino physics!

The usual plot



horizontally: $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments

vertically: other neutrino mass approaches...

| Isotope | $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ /yrs | Experiment | $ m_{ee} $ [eV] |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| ^{48}Ca | 5.8×10^{22} | CANDLES | 10.14 |
| ^{76}Ge | 1.9×10^{25} | HDM | 0.55 |
| ^{82}Se | 3.2×10^{23} | NEMO-3 | 2.17 |
| ^{100}Mo | 1.0×10^{24} | NEMO-3 | 0.84 |
| ^{130}Te | 2.8×10^{24} | CUORICINO | 0.62 |
| ^{136}Xe | 5.0×10^{23} | DAMA | 2.24 |
| ^{136}Xe | 1.6×10^{25} | EXO-200 | 0.40 |
| ^{136}Xe | 1.9×10^{25} | KamLAND-Zen | 0.36 |
| ^{136}Xe | 3.4×10^{25} | KamLAND-Zen + EXO-200 | 0.27 |
| ^{150}Nd | 1.8×10^{22} | NEMO-3 | 5.68 |

Upcoming/running experiments: exciting time!!

best limit was from 2001...

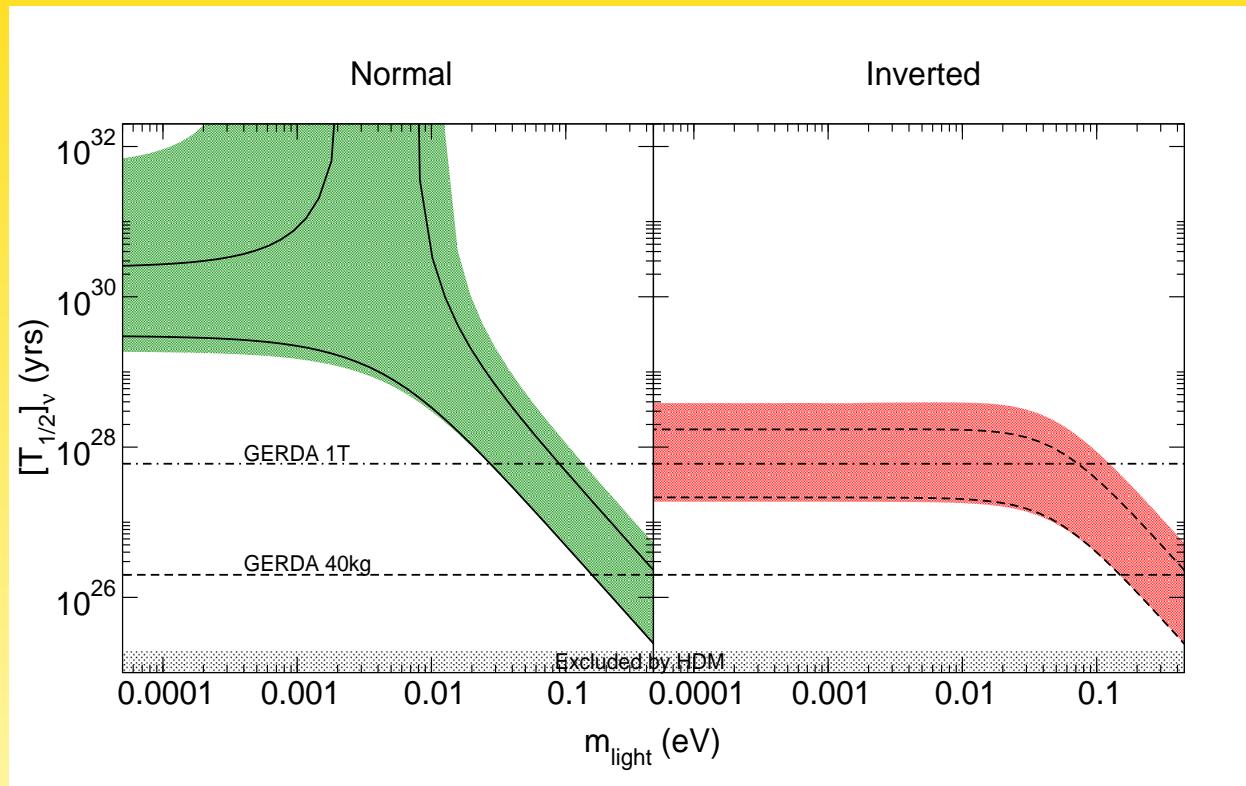
| Name | Isotope | source = detector; calorimetric with | | | source \neq detector event topology |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| | | high energy res. | low energy res. | event topology | |
| AMORE | ^{100}Mo | ✓ | — | — | — |
| CANDLES | ^{48}Ca | — | ✓ | — | — |
| COBRA* | ^{116}Cd (and ^{130}Te) | — | — | ✓ | — |
| CUORE | ^{130}Te | ✓ | — | — | — |
| DCBA/MTD | ^{82}Se or ^{150}Nd | — | — | — | ✓ |
| EXO | ^{136}Xe | — | — | ✓ | — |
| GERDA+ | ^{76}Ge | ✓ | — | — | — |
| KamLAND-Zen | ^{136}Xe | — | ✓ | — | — |
| LUCIFER | ^{82}Se or ^{100}Mo or ^{130}Te | ✓ | — | — | — |
| MAJORANA | ^{76}Ge | ✓ | — | — | — |
| MOON | ^{82}Se or ^{100}Mo or ^{150}Nd | — | — | — | ✓ |
| NEXT | ^{136}Xe | — | — | ✓ | — |
| SNO+% | $^{150}\text{Nd}(?)$ | — | ✓ | — | — |
| SuperNEMO | ^{82}Se or ^{150}Nd | — | — | — | ✓ |
| XMASS | ^{136}Xe | — | ✓ | — | — |

*: see T 102.1; HK 7.1; +: see T 103.1; HK 43.2; %: see T 103.1; HK 66.1

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Life-time instead of $|m_{ee}|$



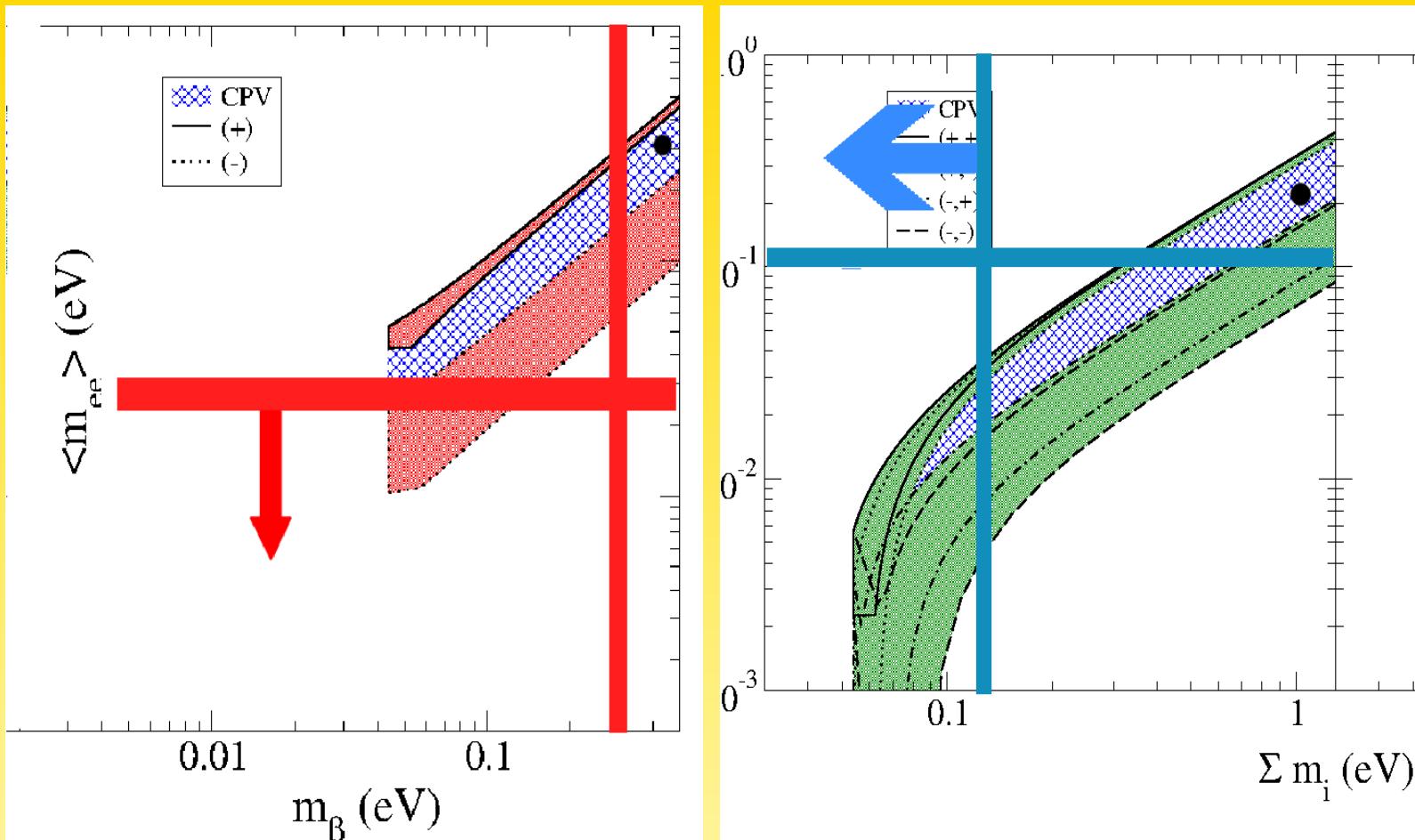
Inverted Hierarchy cannot fully be covered by current experiments...
(crucial dependence on $\theta_{12} \leftrightarrow$ more precision required)

Neutrino Mass

$$m(\text{heaviest}) \gtrsim \sqrt{|m_3^2 - m_1^2|} \simeq 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

3 **complementary** methods to measure neutrino mass:

| Method | observable | now [eV] | near [eV] | far [eV] | pro | con |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kurie | $\sqrt{\sum U_{ei} ^2 m_i^2}$ | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | model-indep.; theo. clean | final?; worst |
| Cosmo. | $\sum m_i$ | 1 | 0.5 | 0.05 | best; NH/IH | systemat.; model-dep. |
| $0\nu\beta\beta$ | $ \sum U_{ei}^2 m_i $ | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.05 | fundament.; NH/IH | model-dep.; theo. dirty |



CP violation!

Dirac neutrinos!

Something else does $0\nu\beta\beta$!

Neutrino Mass Matrix

At the end of the decade...

| KATRIN | | | $0\nu\beta\beta$ | | cosmology | | |
|------------------|-----|----|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | yes | no | yes | no | yes | no | |
| KATRIN | yes | - | - | QD + Majorana | QD + Dirac | QD | N-SC |
| | no | - | - | N-SI | low IH or NH or Dirac | $m_\nu \lesssim 0.1\text{eV}$ or N-SC | NH |
| $0\nu\beta\beta$ | yes | • | • | - | - | (IH or QD) + Majorana | N-SC or N-SI |
| | no | • | • | - | - | low IH or (QD + Dirac) | NH |
| cosmology | yes | • | • | • | • | - | - |
| | no | • | • | • | • | - | - |

Light Sterile Neutrinos??

- reactor anomaly
- Gallium anomaly
- LSND/MiniBooNE
- cosmology
- BBN
- r -process nucleosynthesis in Supernovae

New neutrino state with $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$ and $|U_{e4}| \sim 0.1$?

Talks by Caren Hagner, PV I; Antonio Palazzo, T 6.5

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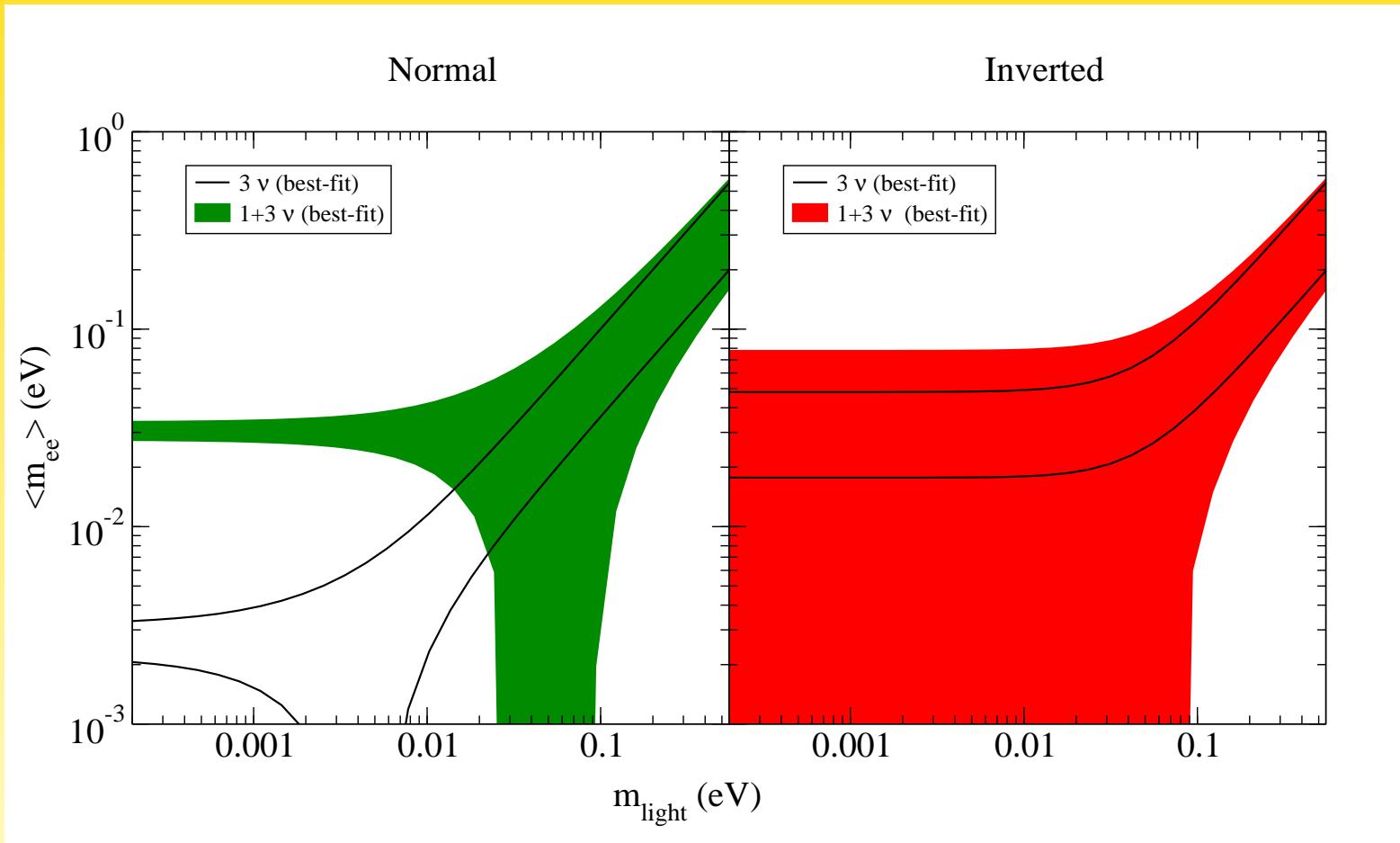


Strong german contribution:

- Section I: Theory and Motivation (Barenboim, Rodejohann)
- Section II: Astrophysical Evidence (Abazajian, Wong)
- Section III: Evidence from Oscillation Experiments (Kopp, Louis)
- Section IV: Global Picture (Lassere, Schwetz)
- Section V: Requirements for Future Measurements (Fleming, Formaggio)
- Appendix: Possible Future Experiments (Huber, Link)

Usual plot gets completely turned around!

recall: $|m_{ee}|_{\text{NH}}^{\text{act}}$ can vanish and $|m_{ee}|_{\text{IH}}^{\text{act}}$ cannot vanish



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Interpretation of Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay

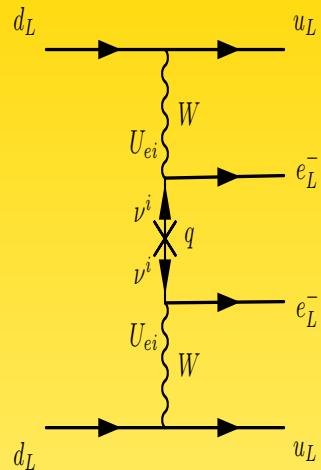
- **Standard Interpretation:**

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

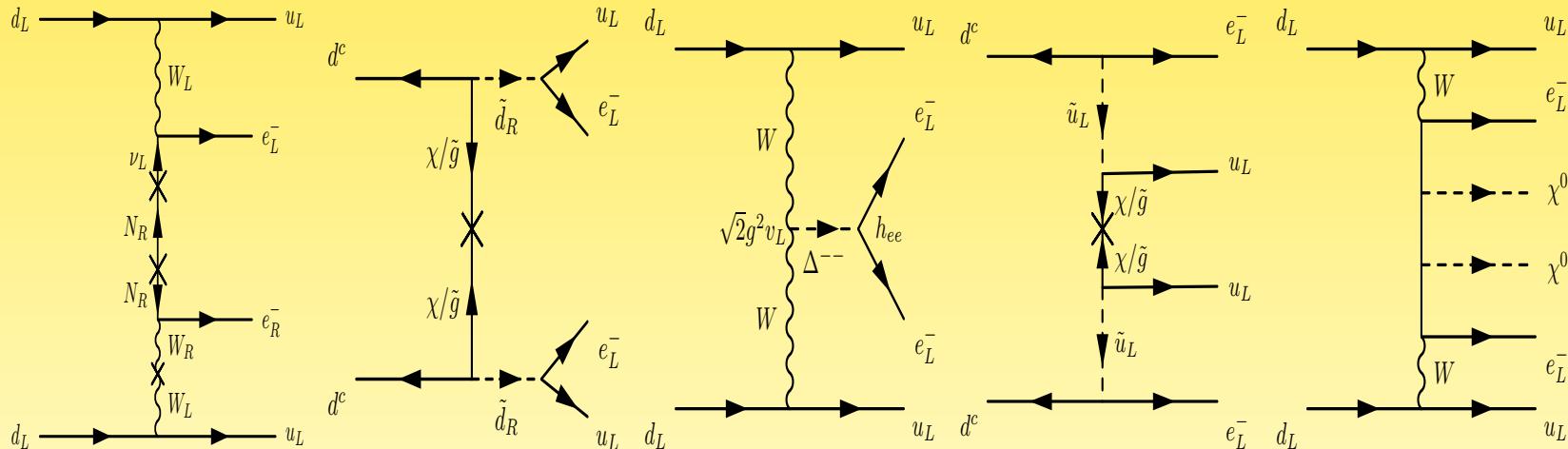
- **Non-Standard Interpretations:**

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

- Standard Interpretation:



- Non-Standard Interpretations:



$0\nu\beta\beta$ is much more than a neutrino (mass) experiment!

| mechanism | physics parameter | current limit | test |
|--|---|--|--|
| light neutrino exchange | $ U_{ei}^2 m_i $ | 0.4 eV | oscillations, cosmology, neutrino mass |
| heavy neutrino exchange | $\left \frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} \right $ | $2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ | LFV, collider |
| heavy neutrino and RHC | $\left \frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_i M_W^4} \right $ | $4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$ | flavor, collider |
| Higgs triplet and RHC | $\left \frac{(M_R)_{ee}}{m_{\Delta_R}^2 M_W^4} \right $ | $10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$ | flavor, collider e^- distribution |
| λ-mechanism with RHC | $\left \frac{U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei}}{M_W^2} \right $ | $1.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ | flavor, collider, e^- distribution |
| η-mechanism with RHC | $\tan \zeta \left U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei} \right $ | 6×10^{-9} | flavor, collider, e^- distribution |
| short-range \mathcal{R} | $\frac{\left \lambda'_{111} \right }{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^5}$ $\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}} = f(m_{\tilde{g}}, m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_R}, m_{\chi_i})$ | $7 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$ | collider, flavor |
| long-range \mathcal{R} | $\left \sin 2\theta^b \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} \left(\frac{1}{m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2} - \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2} \right) \right $ $\sim \frac{G_F}{q} m_b \frac{\left \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} \right }{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^3}$ | $2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$ | flavor, collider |
| Majorons | $ \langle g_\chi \rangle \text{ or } \langle g_\chi \rangle ^2$ | $10^{-4} \dots 1$ | spectrum, cosmology |

Distinguishing Mechanisms

The inverse problem of $0\nu\beta\beta$

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

Energy Scale:

Note: *standard amplitude* for light Majorana neutrino exchange:

$$\mathcal{A}_l \simeq G_F^2 \frac{|m_{ee}|}{q^2} \simeq 7 \times 10^{-18} \left(\frac{|m_{ee}|}{0.5 \text{ eV}} \right) \text{ GeV}^{-5} \simeq 2.7 \text{ TeV}^{-5}$$

if new heavy particles are exchanged:

$$\mathcal{A}_h \simeq \frac{c}{M^5}$$

\Rightarrow for $0\nu\beta\beta$ holds:

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

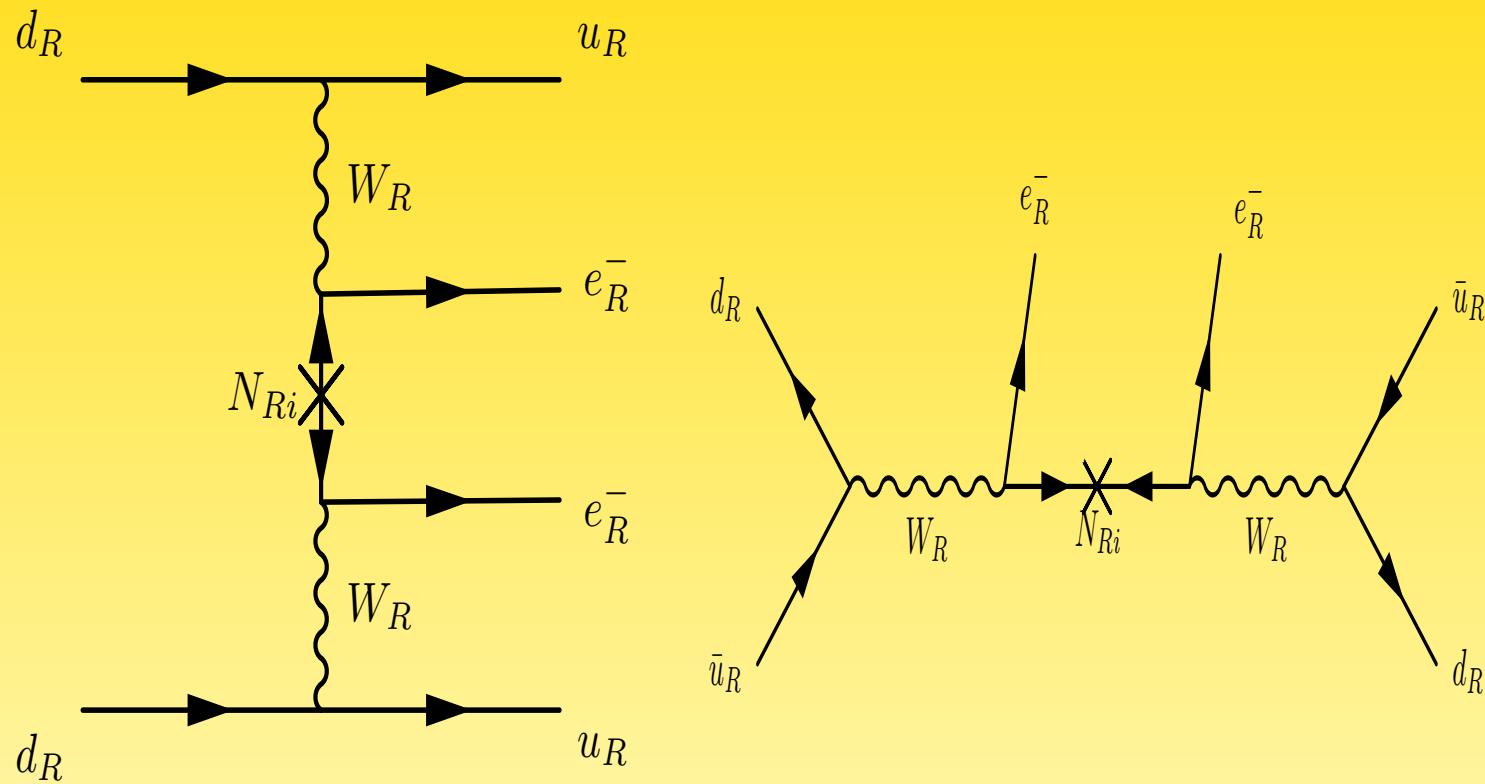
\Rightarrow Phenomenology in colliders, LFV

Examples

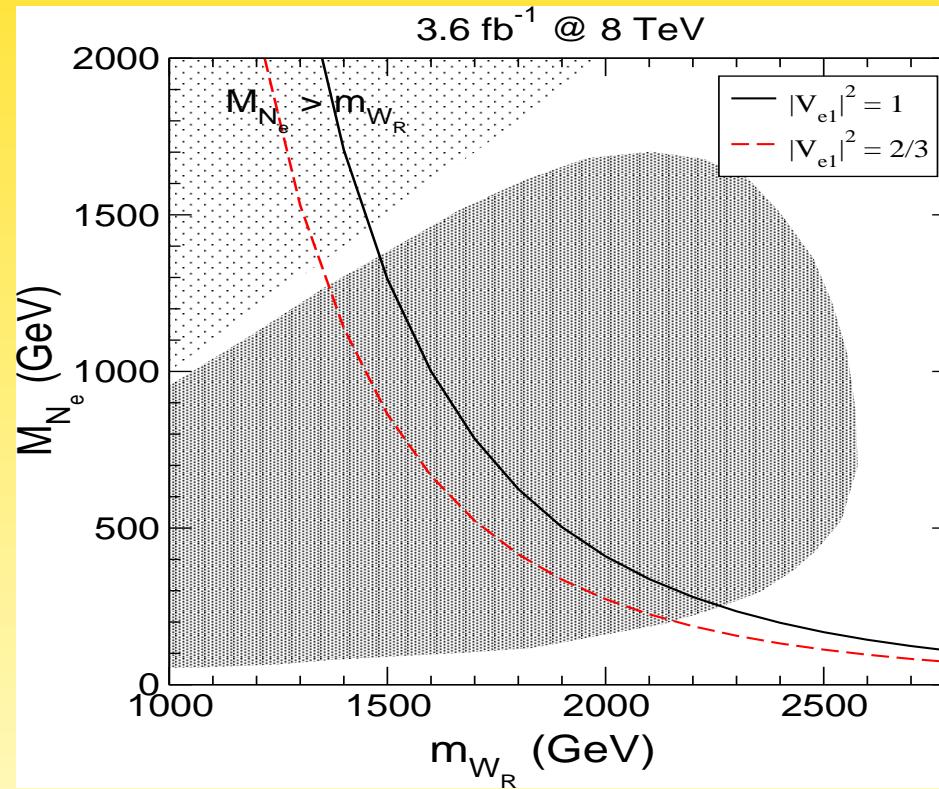
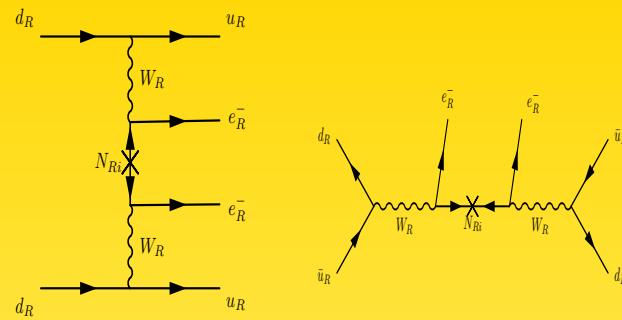
- R -parity violating supersymmetry (Allanach, Paes, Kom)
- TeV seesaw neutrinos (Ibarra, Petcov *et al.*; Mitra, Senjanovic, Vissani)
- Left-right symmetric theories (Senjanovic *et al.*; Goswami *et al.*; Barry, W.R.)
- Color seesaw (Choubey *et al.*; Kohda *et al.*)
- Higher dimensional operators (Hirsch *et al.*)
- ...

...focus only on one example here...

Left-right symmetry

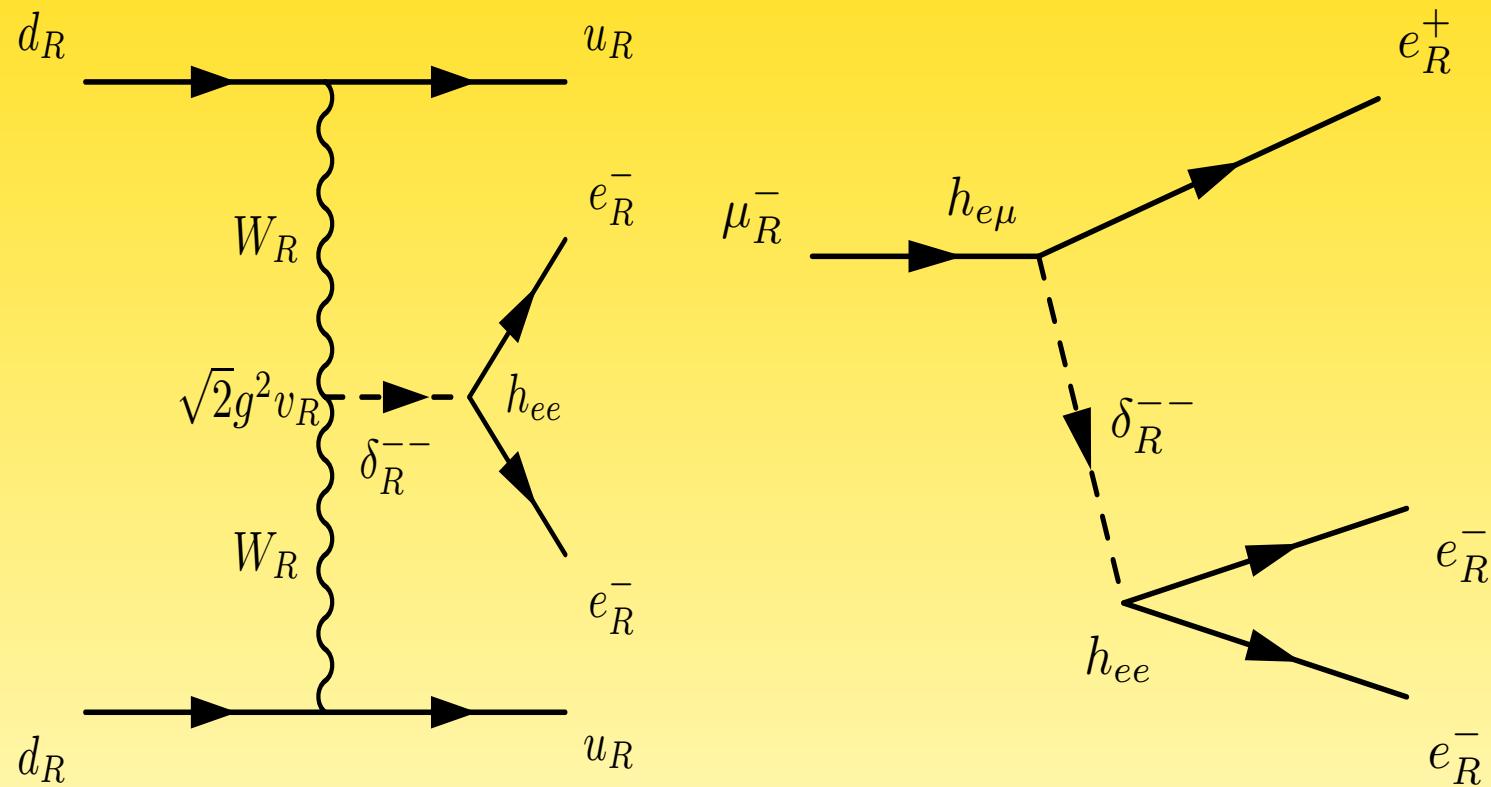


Senjanovic, Keung, 1983; Senjanovic et al., 1011.3522; 1103.1627

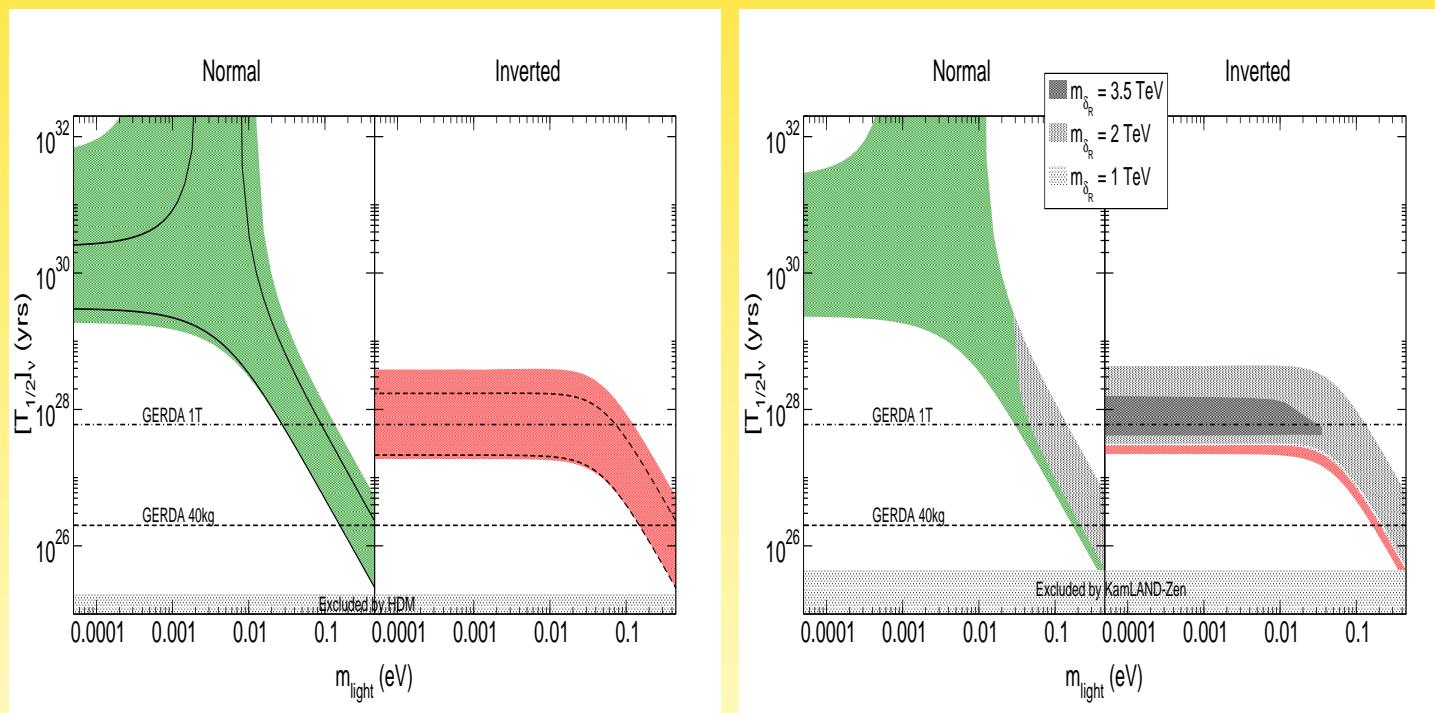
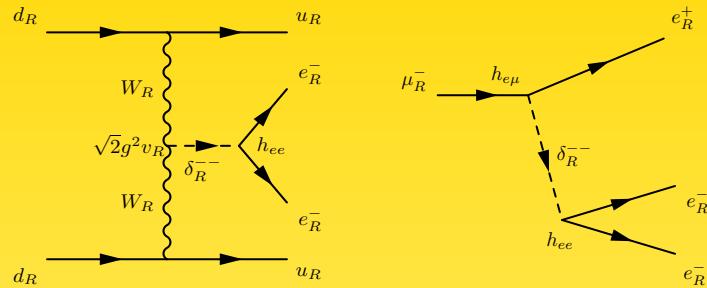


Barry, W.R.

Constraints from Lepton Flavor Violation



Constraints from Lepton Flavor Violation



Barry, W.R.; talk by James Barry, T 20.1

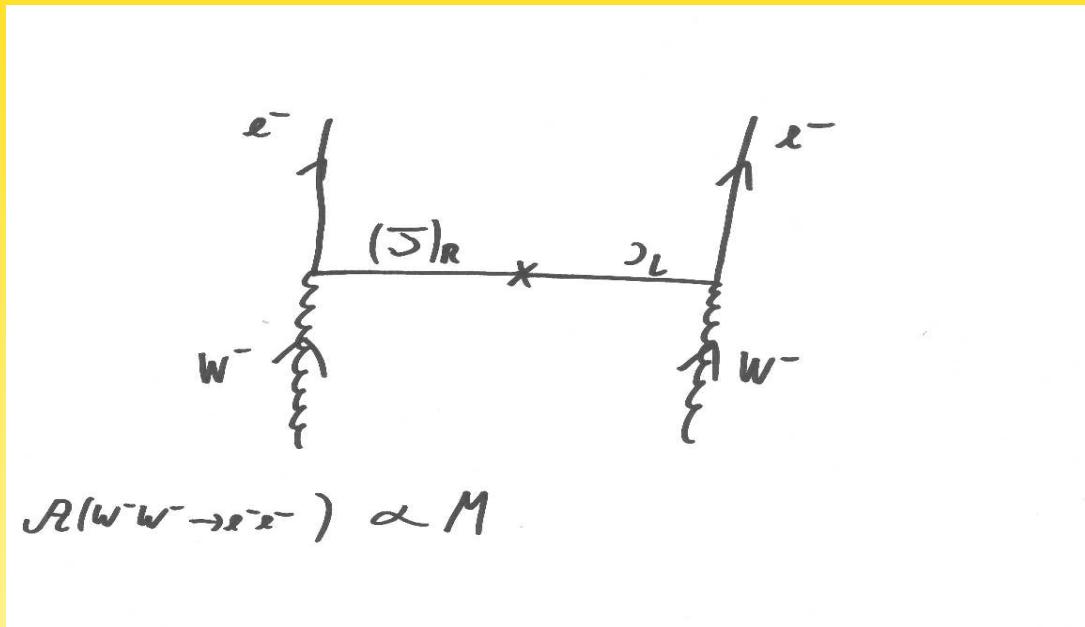
Summary



Extra Slides from here on

Testing light Majorana Neutrinos

Majorana phenomenology always suppressed by $(m_\nu/E)^2$



- RH component can be absorbed *if Majorana particle*
- RH component can be absorbed *if mass is non-zero*

\Rightarrow amplitude $\propto (m_\nu/E)$ \Rightarrow probability $\propto (m_\nu/E)^2$

\Rightarrow only N_A can save the day!

With $0\nu\beta\beta$ one can

- test lepton number violation
- test Majorana nature of neutrinos
- probe neutrino mass scale
- extract Majorana phase
- test flavor symmetry models
- constrain inverted ordering

conceptually, it would increase our belief in

- GUTs
- seesaw mechanism
- leptogenesis

Xe vs. Ge

$$T_{\text{Ge}}^{-1} = G_{\text{Ge}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{Ge}}|^2 |m_{ee}|^2 \stackrel{?}{=} (2.23 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs})^{-1}$$

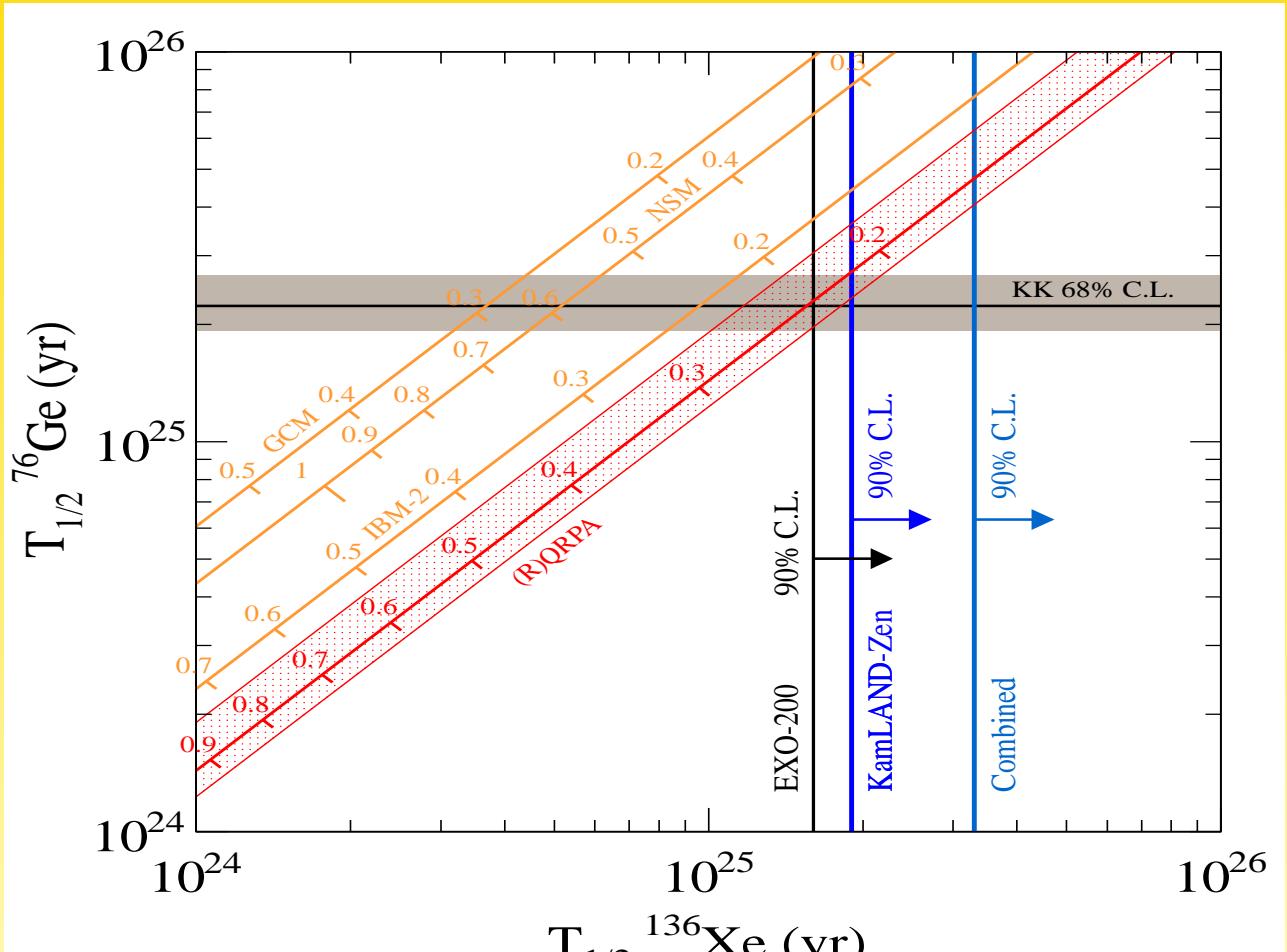
$$T_{\text{Xe}}^{-1} = G_{\text{Xe}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{Xe}}|^2 |m_{ee}|^2$$

Ge-claim is ruled out when:

$$T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 6.5 \times 10^{24} \left| \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Ge}}}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Xe}}} \right|^2 \text{ yrs}$$

Using available NMEs:

$$\left| \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Ge}}}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Xe}}} \right|^2 \simeq \begin{cases} \left| \frac{5.98}{3.67} \right|^2 = 2.66 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 1.7 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs} & \text{IBM-2 (Iachello et al.)} \\ \left| \frac{5.81}{2.78} \right|^2 = 4.37 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 2.8 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs} & \text{QRPA (Tübingen)} \\ \left| \frac{5.18}{3.16} \right|^2 = 2.69 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 1.7 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs} & \text{QRPA (Jyväskulä)} \\ \left| \frac{5.09}{1.89} \right|^2 = 7.25 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 4.7 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs} & \text{QRPA (Engel et al.)} \\ \left| \frac{2.81}{2.19} \right|^2 = 1.65 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 1.1 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs} & \text{NSM (Povez et al.)} \\ \left| \frac{4.60}{4.20} \right|^2 = 1.20 \Rightarrow T_{\text{Xe}} \geq 7.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ yrs} & \text{GCM (Martinez-Pinedo et al.)} \end{cases}$$



KamLAND-Zen, 1211.3863

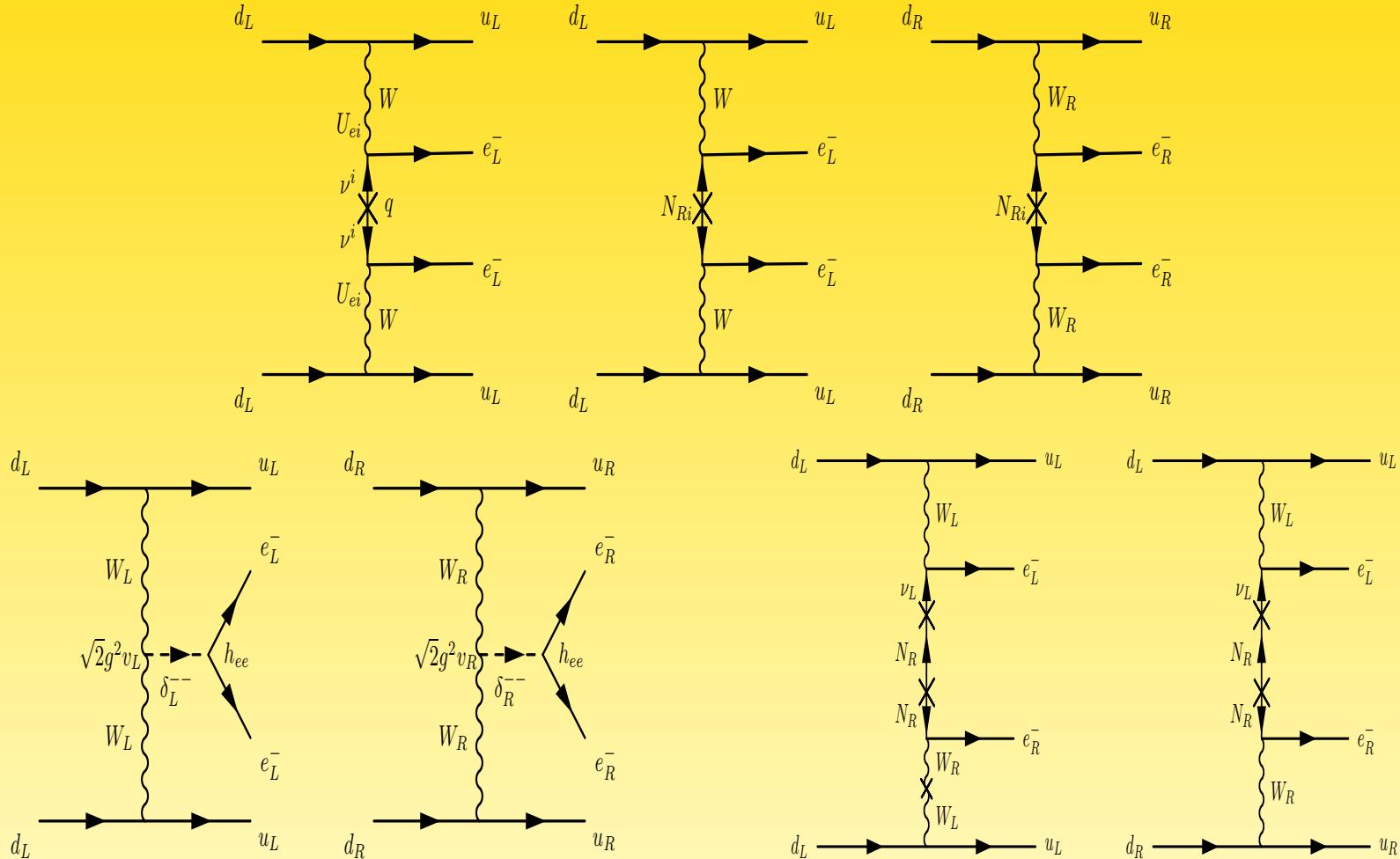
Sterile Neutrinos and $0\nu\beta\beta$

- recall: $|m_{ee}|_{\text{NH}}^{\text{act}}$ can vanish and $|m_{ee}|_{\text{IH}}^{\text{act}} \sim 0.03$ eV cannot vanish
- $|m_{ee}| = \left| \underbrace{|U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 m_2 e^{2i\alpha} + |U_{e3}|^2 m_3 e^{2i\beta}}_{m_{ee}^{\text{act}}} + \underbrace{|U_{e4}|^2 m_4 e^{2i\Phi_1}}_{m_{ee}^{\text{st}}} \right|$
- $\Delta m_{\text{st}}^2 \simeq 1.8$ eV² and $|U_{e4}| \simeq 0.13$
- sterile contribution to $0\nu\beta\beta$ (assuming 1+3):

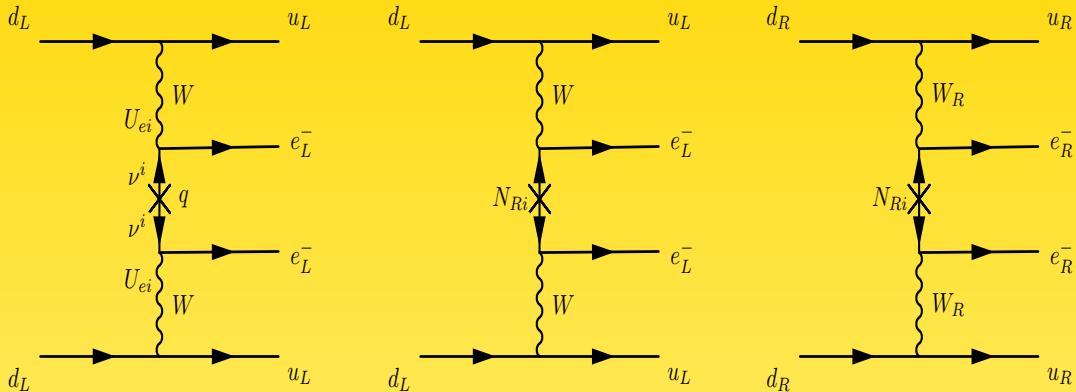
$$|m_{ee}|^{\text{st}} \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{st}}^2} |U_{e4}|^2 \simeq 0.03 \text{ eV} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gg |m_{ee}|_{\text{NH}}^{\text{act}} \\ \simeq |m_{ee}|_{\text{IH}}^{\text{act}} \end{array} \right.$$

- $\Rightarrow |m_{ee}|_{\text{NH}}$ cannot vanish and $|m_{ee}|_{\text{IH}}$ can vanish!
usual phenomenology gets completely turned around!

Left-right symmetry



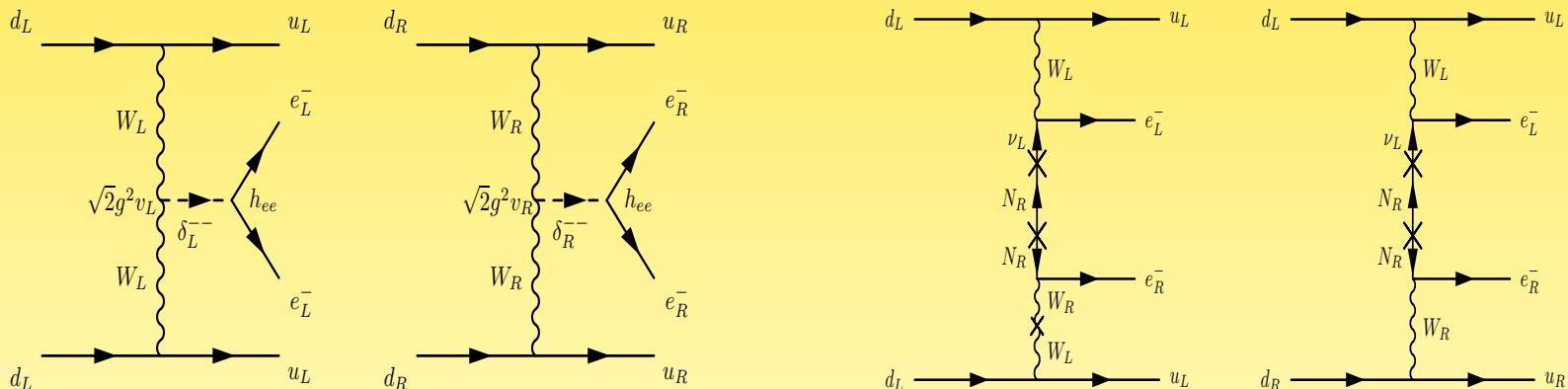
Left-right symmetry



$$U_{ei}^2 m_i$$

$$\frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i}$$

$$\frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_{W_R}^4 M_i}$$



$$\frac{U_{ei}^2 m_i}{M_{\Delta_L}^2}$$

$$\frac{V_{ei}^2 M_i}{M_{W_R}^4 M_{\Delta_R}^2}$$

$$U_{ei} T_{ei} \tan \zeta$$

$$\frac{U_{ei} T_{ei}}{M_{W_R}^2}$$

Alternative processes



all depend on the same particle physics parameters, but are more difficult to realize/test

BUT: ratio to $0\nu\beta\beta$ is test of NME calculation and mechanism

precision studies ($0\nuECEC$): Klaus Blaum, PV IV

“Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ ”

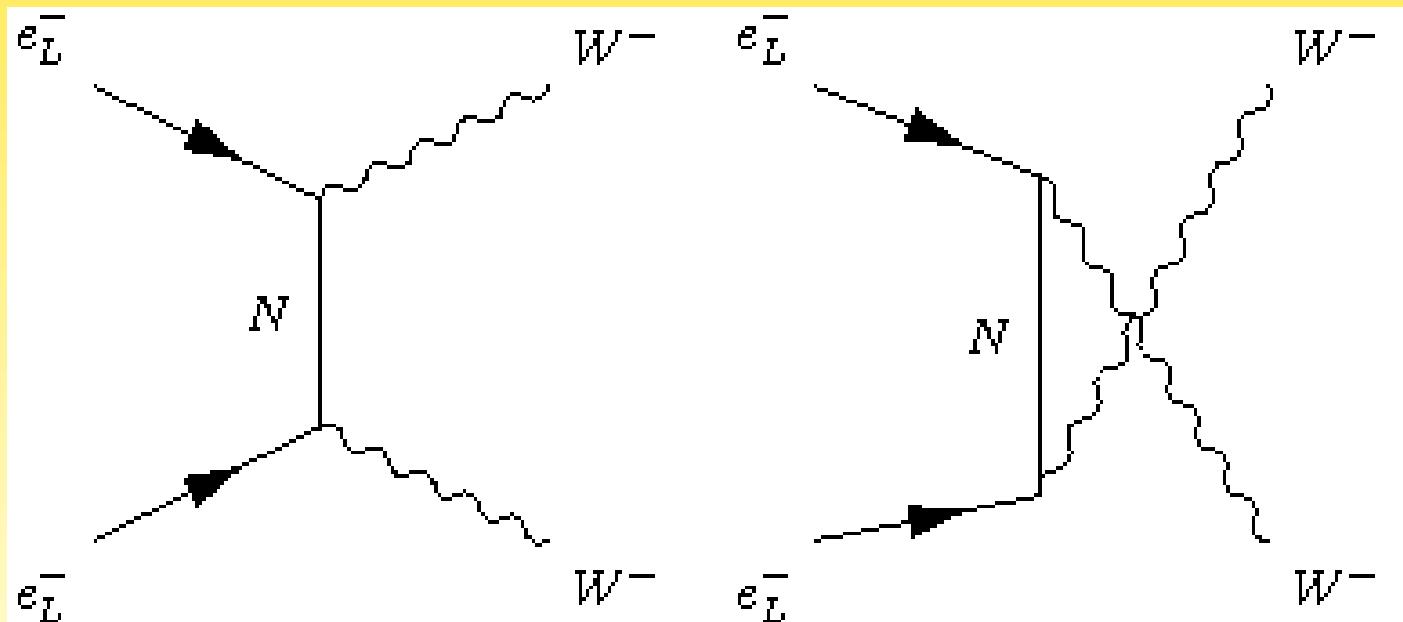
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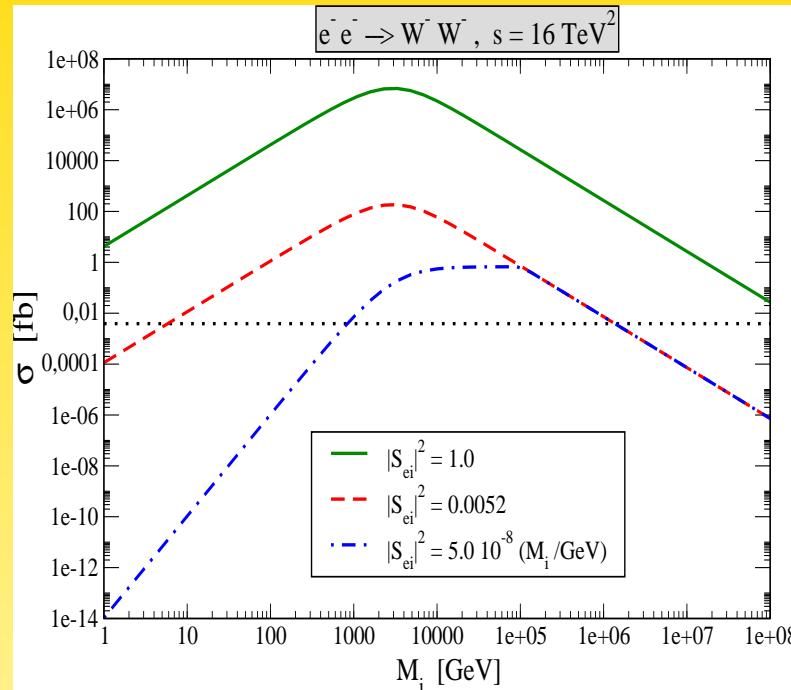
but rather



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



Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



W.R., PRD **81**

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

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

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

$$\sigma(e^- e^- \rightarrow W^- W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left(\sum \mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 (m_\nu)_i \right)^2$$

⇒ amplitude grows with \sqrt{s} ? Unitarity??

Unitarity

high energy limit $\sqrt{s} \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\sigma(e^- e^- \rightarrow W^- W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left(\sum \mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 (m_\nu)_i \right)^2$$

\leftrightarrow amplitude grows with \sqrt{s} ?

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

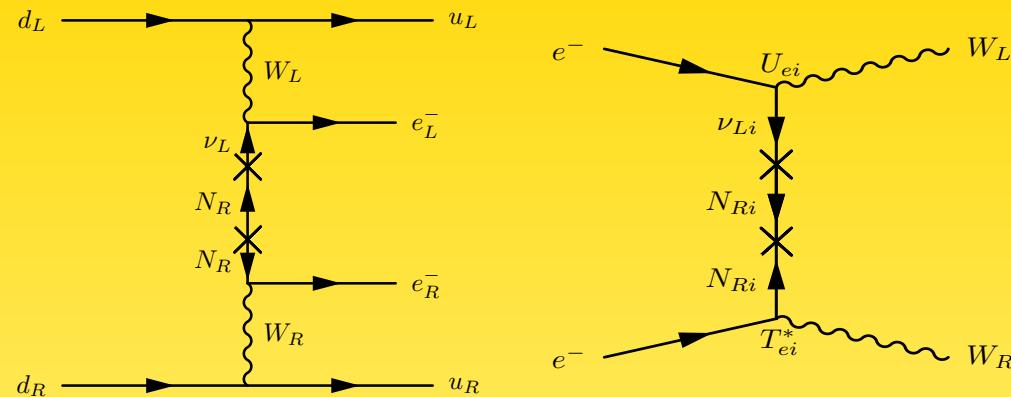
$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{U} \begin{pmatrix} m_\nu^{\text{diag}} & 0 \\ 0 & M_R^{\text{diag}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{U}^T$$

if Higgs triplet is present: unitarity also conserved

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

W.R., PRD **81**

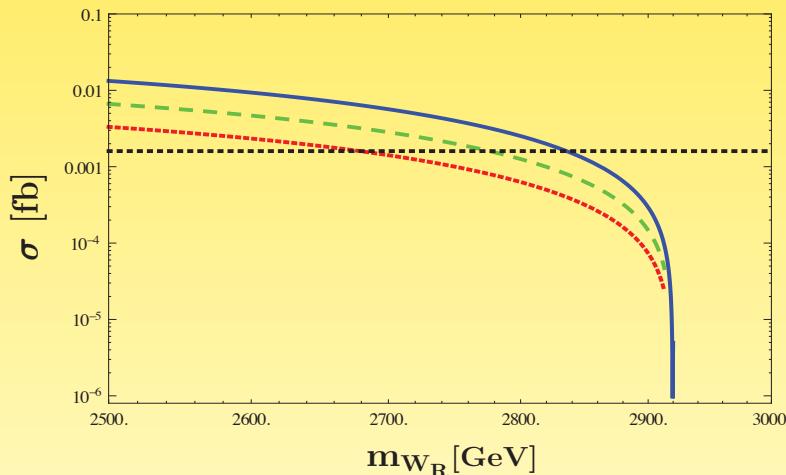
First possibility: λ -diagram in LR symmetry



$0\nu\beta\beta$

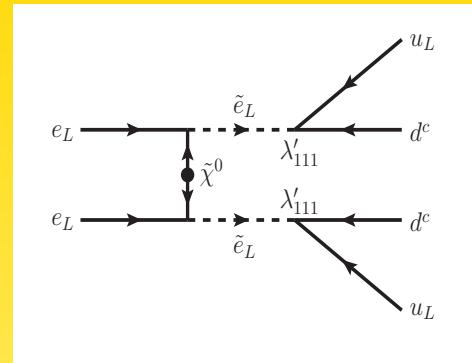
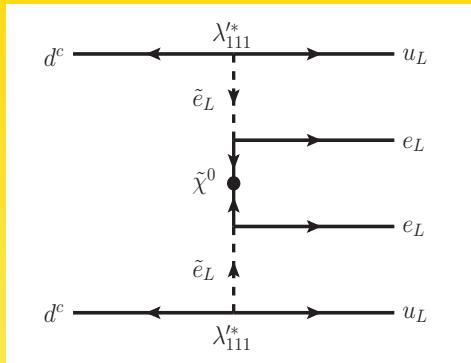
W - W_R production

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



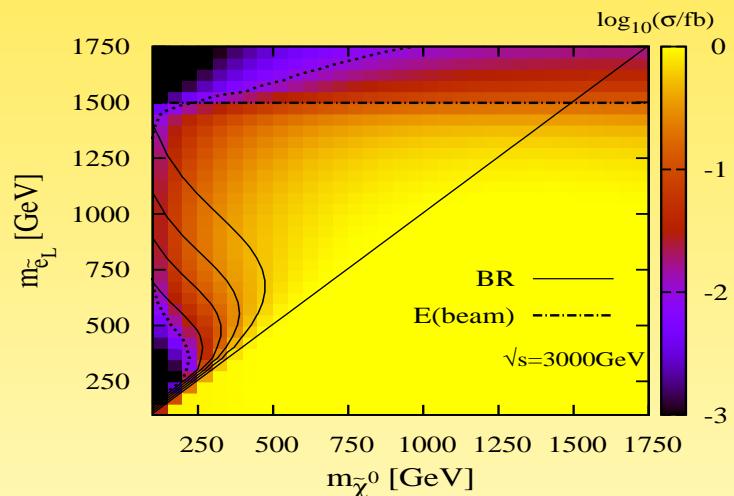
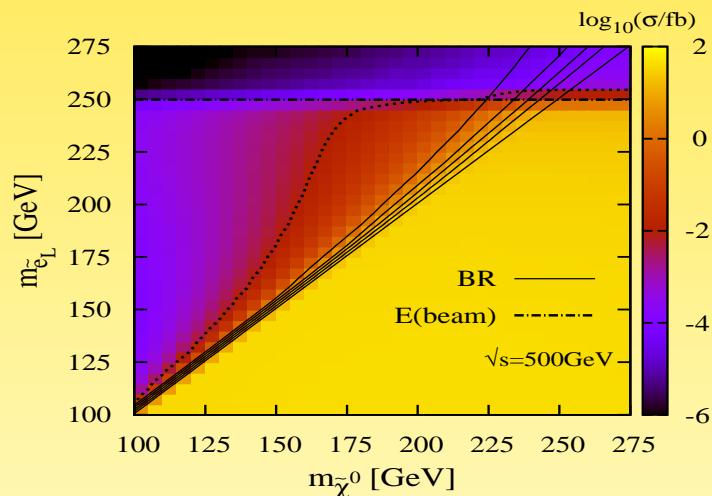
Barry, Dorame, W.R., 1204.3365

Second possibility: RPV SUSY



$0\nu\beta\beta$

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



Kom, W.R., 1110.3220

3 Reasons for Multi-isotope determination

- 1.) credibility
- 2.) test NME calculation

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

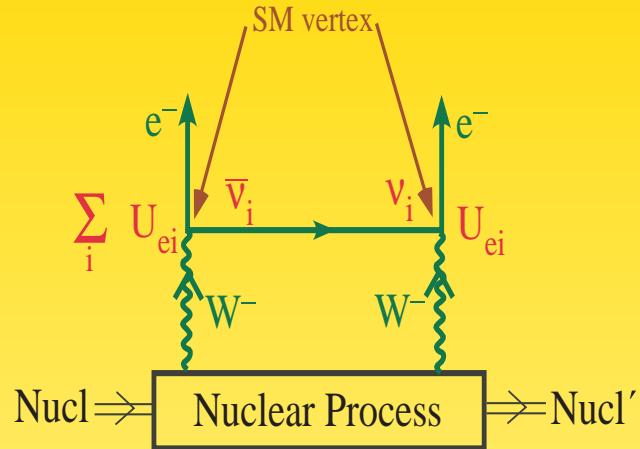
systematic errors drop out, ratio sensitive to NME model

- 3.) test mechanism

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

particle physics drops out, ratio of NMEs sensitive to mechanism

From life-time to particle physics: Nuclear Matrix Elements



- 2 point-like Fermi vertices; “long-range” neutrino exchange; momentum exchange $q \simeq 1/r \simeq 0.1$ GeV
- NME \leftrightarrow overlap of decaying nucleons...
- different approaches (QRPA, NSM, IBM, GCM, pHFB) imply uncertainty
- plus uncertainty due to model details
- plus convention issues (Cowell, PRC 73; Smolnikov, Grabmayr, PRC 81; Dueck, W.R., Zuber, PRD 83)

typical model for NME: set of single particle states with a number of possible wave function configurations; solve \mathcal{H} in a mean background field

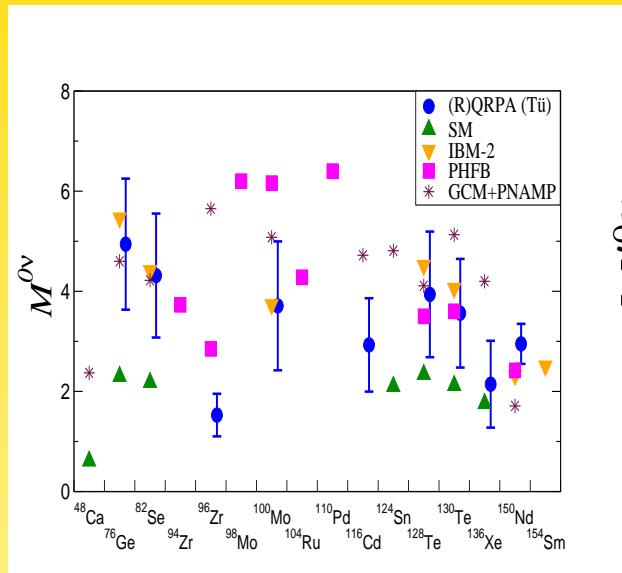
- Quasi-particle Random Phase Approximation (QRPA) (**many single particle states, few configurations**)
- Nuclear Shell Model (NSM) (**many configurations, few single particle states**)
- Interacting Boson Model (IBM) (**many single particle states, few configurations**)
- Generating Coordinate Method (GCM) (**many single particle states, few configurations**)
- projected Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov model (pHFB)

tends to overestimate NMEs

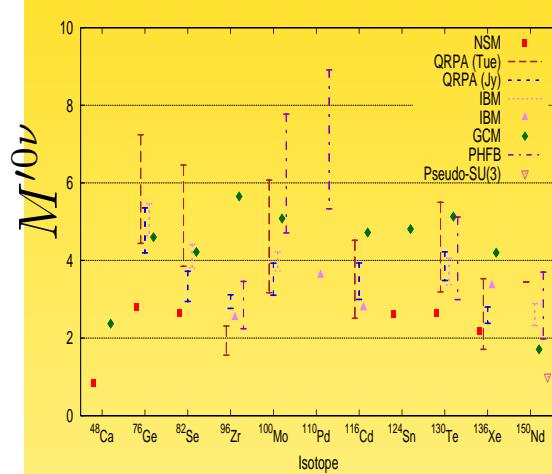
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See Javier Menendez, HK 85.1 (HV)

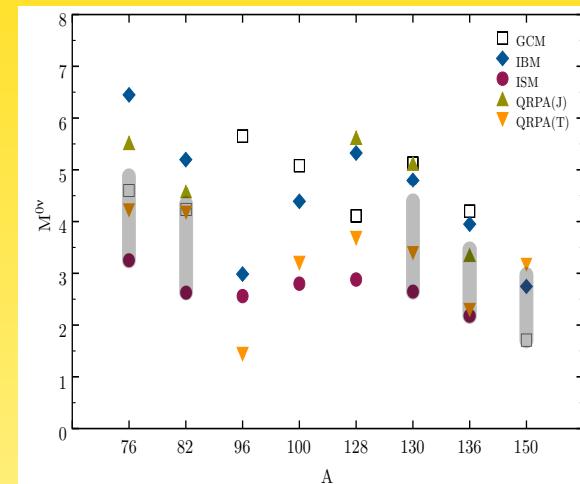
From life-time to particle physics: Nuclear Matrix Elements



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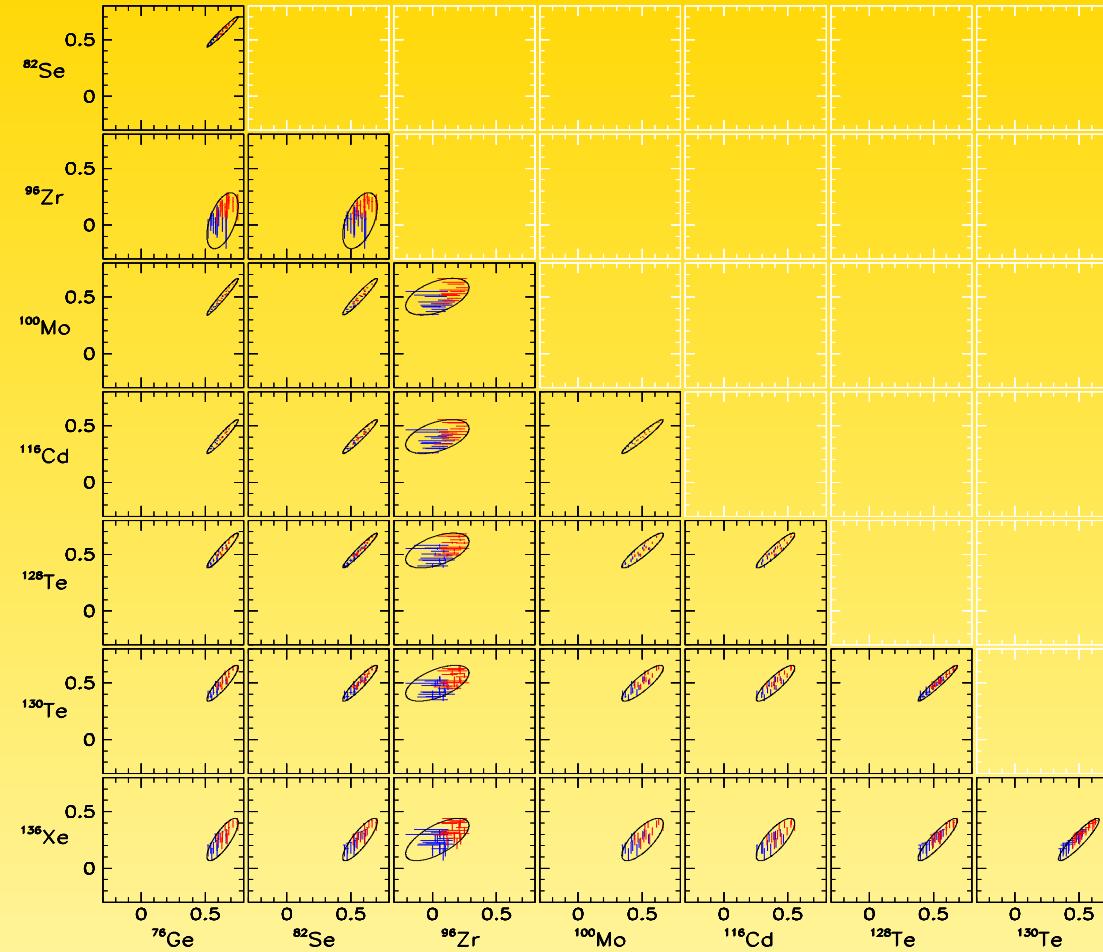


Dueck, W.R., Zuber, PRD 83



Gomez-Cadenas *et al.*, 1109.5515

to better estimate error range: correlations need to be understood



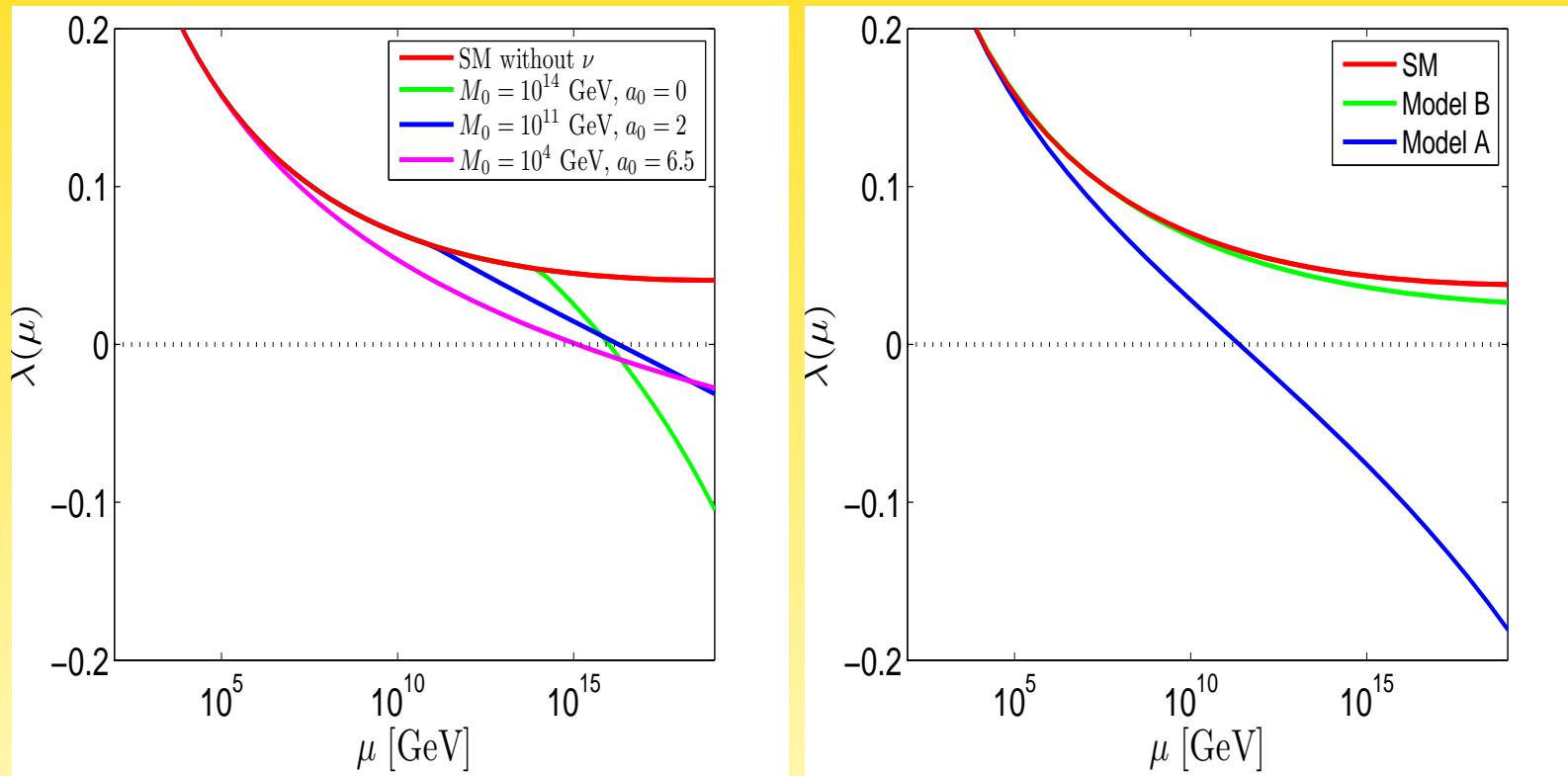
Faessler, Fogli *et al.*, PRD 79

ellipse major axis: SRC (blue, red) and g_A

ellipse minor axis: g_{pp}

Higgs physics and sterile neutrinos

if neutrinos are made accessible at colliders, Dirac Yukawa is large even for TeV neutrinos \Rightarrow influences vacuum stability bound



W.R., Zhang

Why we think neutrinos have Majorana masses

- higher-dimensional operators: gauge and Lorentz invariant, only SM fields
(Weinberg 1979):

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_5 = \frac{c}{\Lambda} \bar{L} \Phi \Phi L^c \xrightarrow{\text{EWSB}} \frac{c v^2}{\Lambda} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L^c \equiv M_L \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L^c$$

- GUTs: $\mathbf{16}_F$ of $SO(10)$ is

$$\mathbf{16}_F = ((u_{r,g,b})_{L,R}, (d_{r,g,b})_{L,R}, e^\pm, \nu_L, N_R)$$

coupling with $\mathbf{126}_H$ gives Majorana mass

$M \bar{\nu}_L (\nu_L)^c$ is realized in basically all theories beyond the Standard Model!

Interpretation of Experiments

Master formula:

$$\Gamma^{0\nu} = G_x(Q, Z) |\mathcal{M}_x(A, Z) \eta_x|^2$$

- $G_x(Q, Z)$: phase space factor
- $\mathcal{M}_x(A, Z)$: nuclear physics
- η_x : particle physics

Interpretation of Experiments

Master formula:

$$\Gamma^{0\nu} = G_x(Q, Z) |\mathcal{M}_x(A, Z) \eta_x|^2$$

- $G_x(Q, Z)$: phase space factor; **calculable**
- $\mathcal{M}_x(A, Z)$: nuclear physics; **problematic**
- η_x : particle physics; **interesting**

Testing light Majorana Neutrinos

in $V - A$ theories: difference in rate always suppressed by $(m_\nu/E)^2$

- suppose beam from π^+ decays: $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$
- can we observe $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu + n \rightarrow p + \mu^-$?
- emitted particle is not purely left-handed:

$$\nu_\downarrow = \nu_L + \frac{m_\nu}{E} N_R = \begin{cases} \nu_L + \frac{m_\nu}{E} N_R & \text{Dirac} \\ \nu_L + \frac{m_\nu}{E} \bar{\nu}_R & \text{Majorana} \end{cases}$$

- RH component can be absorbed $P_R \nu_\downarrow \neq 0$ if
 - *if Majorana particle*
 - *if mass is non-zero*

\Rightarrow amplitude $\propto (m_\nu/E)$ \Rightarrow probability $\propto (m_\nu/E)^2$

(only N_A can save the day!)

Dirac vs. Majorana

- Z -decay:

$$\frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_D \bar{\nu}_D)}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu_M \bar{\nu}_M)} \simeq 1 - 3 \frac{m_\nu^2}{m_Z^2}$$

- Meson decays

$$\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \mu^+) \propto |m_{e\mu}|^2 = \left| \sum U_{ei} U_{\mu i} m_i \right|^2 \sim 10^{-30} \left(\frac{|m_{e\mu}|}{\text{eV}} \right)^2$$

- neutrino-antineutrino oscillations

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta) = \frac{1}{E^2} \left| \sum_{i,j} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i}^* m_i m_j e^{-i(E_j - E_i)t} \right|$$

Neutrino Physics

$$|U| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.795 \dots 0.846 & 0.513 \dots 0.585 & 0.126 \dots 0.178 \\ 0.205 \dots 0.543 & 0.416 \dots 0.730 & 0.579 \dots 0.808 \\ 0.215 \dots 0.548 & 0.409 \dots 0.725 & 0.567 \dots 0.800 \end{pmatrix}$$

looks different to

$$|V| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97428 \pm 0.00015 & 0.2253 \pm 0.0007 & 0.00347_{-0.00012}^{+0.00016} \\ 0.2252 \pm 0.0007 & 0.97345_{-0.00016}^{+0.00015} & 0.0410_{-0.0007}^{+0.0011} \\ 0.00862_{-0.00020}^{+0.00026} & 0.0403_{-0.0007}^{+0.0011} & 0.999152_{-0.000045}^{+0.000030} \end{pmatrix}$$

Only 3 tree-level methods for Majorana masses

General remarks: $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ with $\underline{2} \otimes \underline{2} = \underline{3} \oplus \underline{1}$:

$$\overline{L} \tilde{\Phi} \sim (\underline{2}, -1) \otimes (\underline{2}, 1) = (\underline{3}, 0) \oplus (\underline{1}, 0)$$

To make a singlet, couple $(\underline{1}, 0)$ or $(\underline{3}, 0)$, because $\underline{3} \otimes \underline{3} = \underline{5} \oplus \underline{3} \oplus \underline{1}$

Alternatively:

$$\overline{L} L^c \sim (\underline{2}, -1) \otimes (\underline{2}, -1) = (\underline{3}, -2) \oplus (\underline{1}, -2)$$

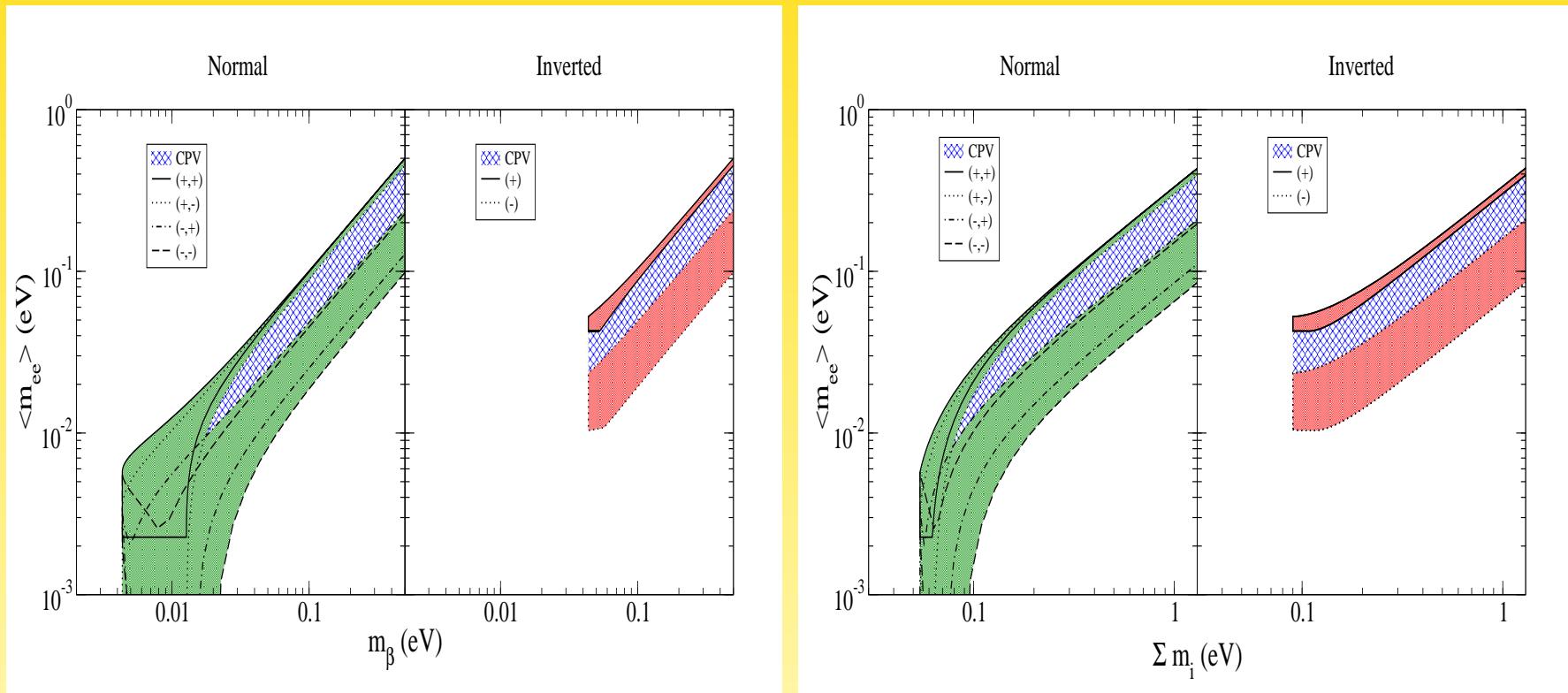
To make a singlet, couple to $(\underline{1}, 2)$ or $(\underline{3}, 2)$. However, singlet combination is $\overline{\nu} \ell^c - \overline{\ell} \nu^c$, which cannot generate neutrino mass term

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \implies & (\underline{1}, 0) & \text{or} & (\underline{3}, 2) & \text{or} & (\underline{3}, 0) \\ \text{seesaw} & \text{type I} & & \text{type II} & & \text{type III} \end{array}$$

| Ansatz | content | \mathcal{L} | m_ν | scale |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| “SM” (Dirac mass) | singlet | $y \overline{L} H \textcolor{red}{N}_R$ | yv | $y = \mathcal{O}(10^{-12})$ |
| “effective” (dim 5 operator) | new scale + LNV | $\frac{1}{\Lambda} \overline{L} H H^T L^c$ | $\frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$ | $\Lambda = \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ eV}}{m_\nu} \right) 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ |
| “direct” (Type II See-Saw) | Higgs triplet + LNV | $y \overline{L} \Delta L^c + \mu H H \Delta$ | yv_T | $\Lambda = \frac{1}{y\mu} M_\Delta^2$ |
| “indirect 1” (Type I see-saw) | Singlet + LNV | $y \overline{L} H \textcolor{red}{N}_R + \overline{\textcolor{red}{N}_R^c} M_R \textcolor{red}{N}_R$ | $\frac{(yv)^2}{M_R}$ | $\Lambda = \frac{1}{y} M_R$ |
| “indirect 2” (Type III see-saw) | Fermion triplet + LNV | $y \overline{L} \Sigma H + \text{Tr} \overline{\Sigma} M_\Sigma \Sigma$ | $\frac{(yv)^2}{M_\Sigma}$ | $\Lambda = \frac{1}{y} M_\Sigma$ |

All theories beyond the Standard Model predict Majorana neutrinos!

Plot against other observables



Complementarity of $|m_{ee}| = U_{ei}^2 m_i$, $m_\beta = \sqrt{|U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2}$ and $\Sigma = \sum m_i$

Majorana Particles

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REPORT

Signatures of Majorana Fermions in Hybrid Superconductor-Semiconductor Nanowire Devices

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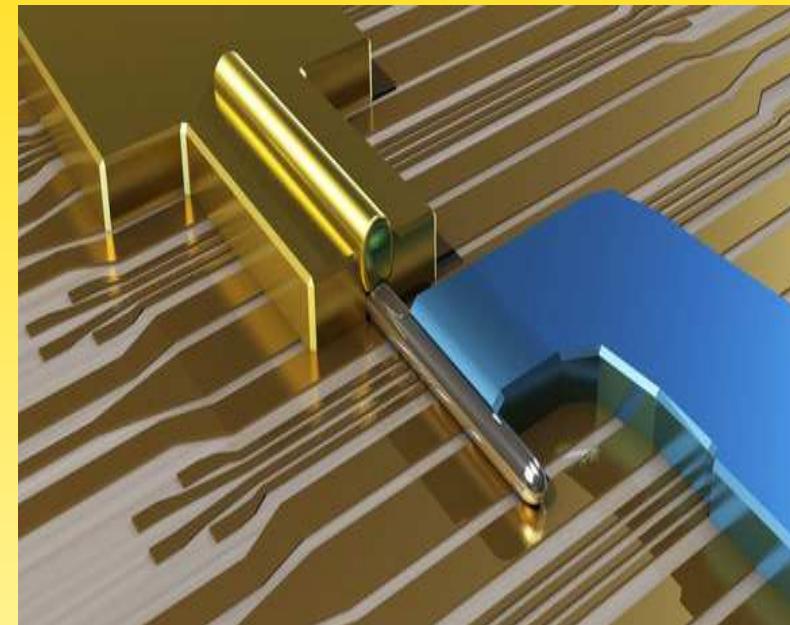
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ABSTRACT

Majorana fermions are particles identical to their own antiparticles. They have been theoretically predicted to exist in topological superconductors. We report electrical measurements on InSb nanowires contacted with one normal (Au) and one superconducting electrode (NbTiN). Gate voltages vary electron density and define a tunnel barrier between normal and superconducting contacts. In the presence of magnetic fields of order 100 mT, we observe bound, mid-gap states at zero bias voltage. These bound states remain fixed to zero bias even when magnetic fields and gate voltages are changed over considerable ranges. Our observations support the hypothesis of Majorana fermions in nanowires coupled to superconductors.

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put a semi-conductor nanowire between a gold electrode and a superconductor
observe zero-velocity quasiparticles in the nanowire
(electrons acting collectively as Majorana fermions)

„In es denn ein Majorana-Teilchen ist. Gegenwärtig versuchen gleich mehrere Experimente in abgeschirmten Untergrund-Labors, diesen „neutrinolosen doppelten Beta-Zerfall“ aufzuspüren (*Sonntagszeitung* vom 21.11.2010).

Hat sich das mit der Entdeckung aus Delft nun erledigt? Rodejohann winkt ab: „Das Ergebnis von Kouwenhoven ist leider kein Beweis, dass es auch in der Natur elementare Majoranas gibt.“ Was die Niederländer gezeigt hätten, sei „in spezieller Effekt im Inneren eines Festkörpers, der ähnliche Eigenschaften wie die gesuchte Partikel“.

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Non-maximal θ_{23} ?

LBL accelerator experiments have octant-asymmetric amplitude (plus higher order terms with sensitivity to δ and $\text{sgn}(\Delta m_A^2)$)

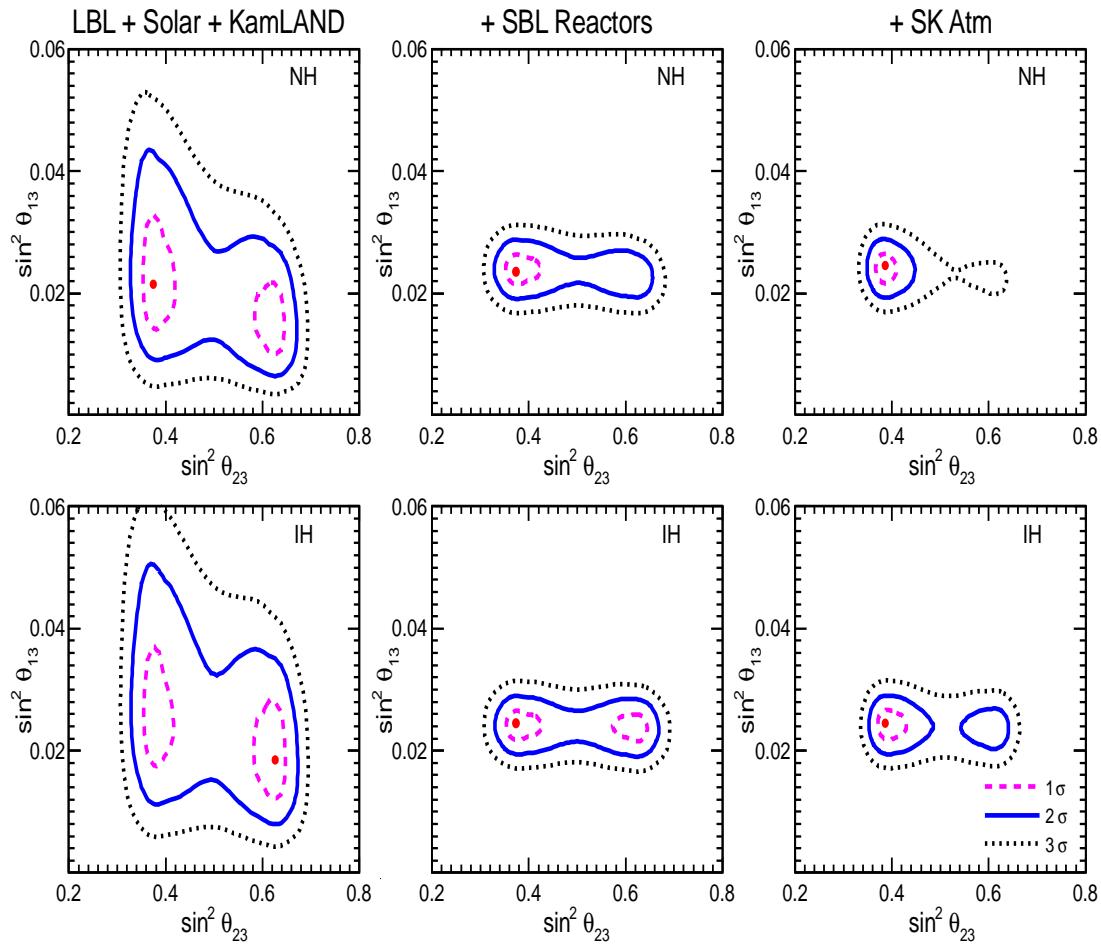
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \propto \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} (1 - \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23})$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \propto \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23}$$

MINOS and T2K disappearance data most important, preference for $\theta_{23} \neq \pi/4$
atmospheric data:

$$\begin{aligned} N_e - N_e^0 \propto & (R \sin^2 \theta_{23} - 1) f(\Delta m_A^2, \theta_{13}) + (R \cos^2 \theta_{23} - 1) g(\Delta m_\odot^2, \theta_{12}) \\ & - C \sin \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{23} \cos \theta_{23} \cos \delta \end{aligned}$$

slight electron excess in sub-GeV atmospheric data sets easier explained by
 $\cos \delta = -1$ and $\theta_{23} < \pi/4$



Fogli, Lisi, et al., June 2012

Dirac vs. Majorana masses

CP-Partner ψ^c of a **neutral fermion** ψ has two options:

- (i) $\psi^c = \psi$ or (ii) $\psi^c \neq \psi$

Option (i) implies that $(\psi_L)^c = \psi_R$

\Rightarrow left- and right-handed projection are related!

This means for mass term $\overline{L}R$:

$$M_L \overline{\psi_L} (\psi_L)^c$$

Such a fermion $\psi = \psi^c$ is a **Majorana fermion**

Phenomenology of heavy singlets

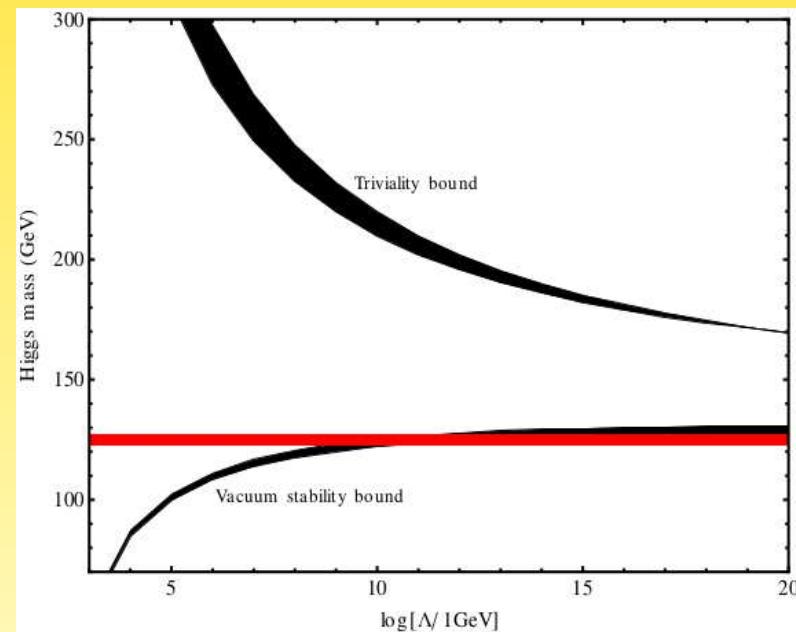
recall: quartic Higgs coupling $\lambda = m_h/(v\sqrt{2})$ is driven negative:

$$\beta_\lambda \propto -24 \operatorname{Tr} (m_{\text{up}}^\dagger m_{\text{up}})^2 \Rightarrow m_h \geq f(\Lambda)$$

vacuum stability bound

currently unclear situation (\leftrightarrow top mass):

- could be $\lambda(M_{\text{Pl}}) = 0$
- vacuum could be stable
- vacuum could be unstable
- vacuum could be metastable



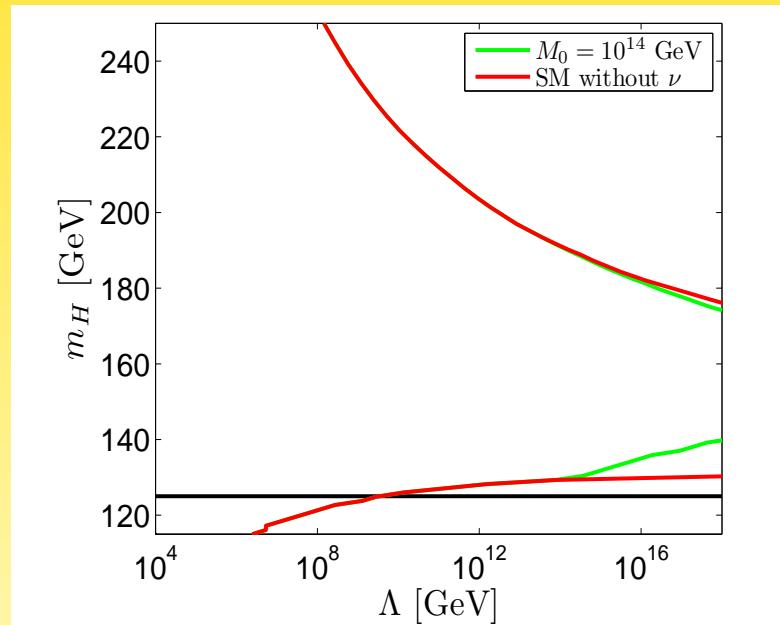
(Holthausen, Lim, Lindner; Bezrukov *et al.*; Strumia *et al.*; Masina)

Phenomenology of heavy singlets

often overlooked: Dirac mass $\overline{\nu_L} m_D N_R$ contribution to λ :

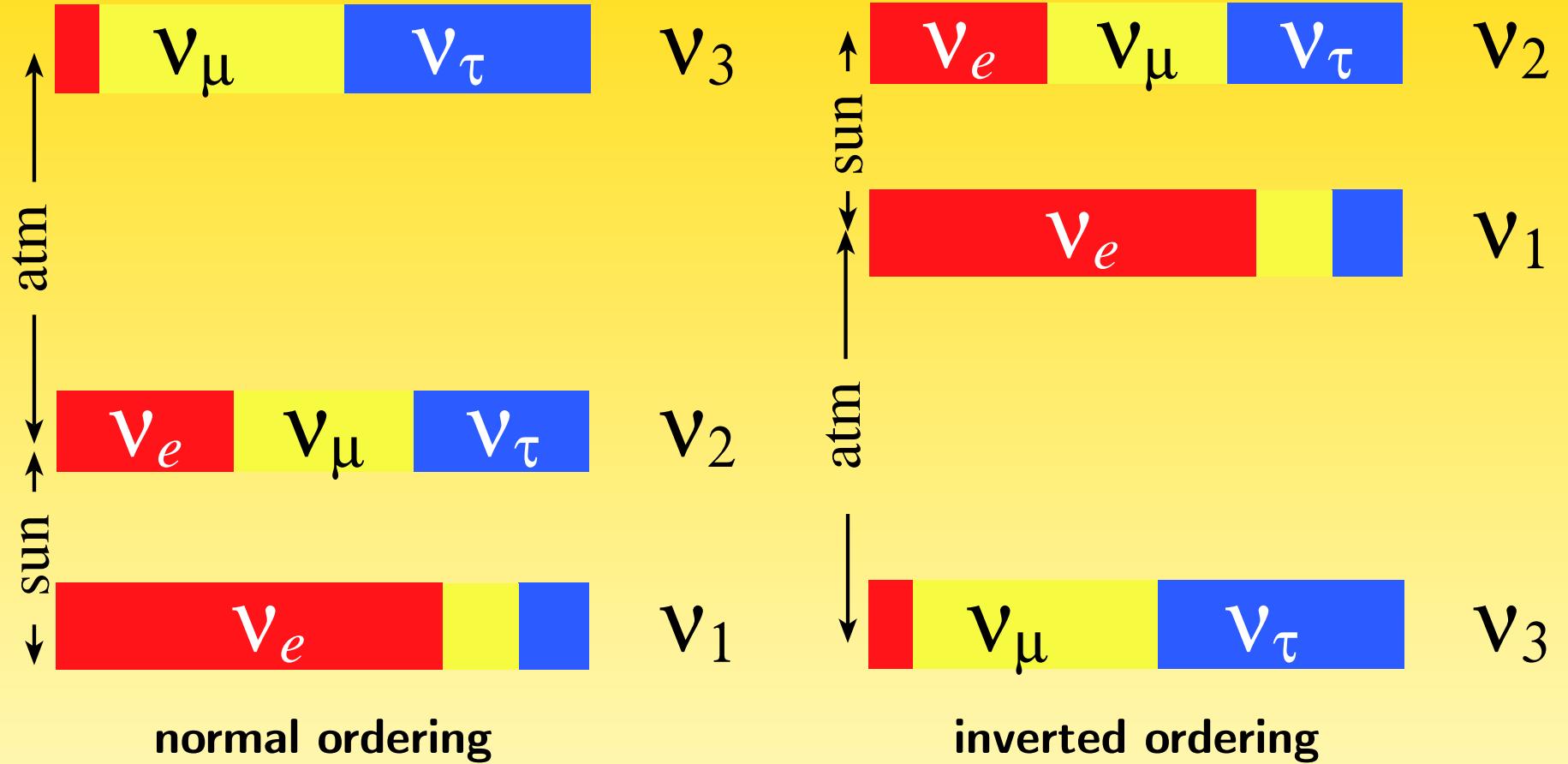
$$\Delta\beta_\lambda \propto -8 \operatorname{Tr} \left(m_D^\dagger m_D \right)^2 \quad (\text{Casas et al.; Strumia et al.})$$

makes vacuum stability condition worse!



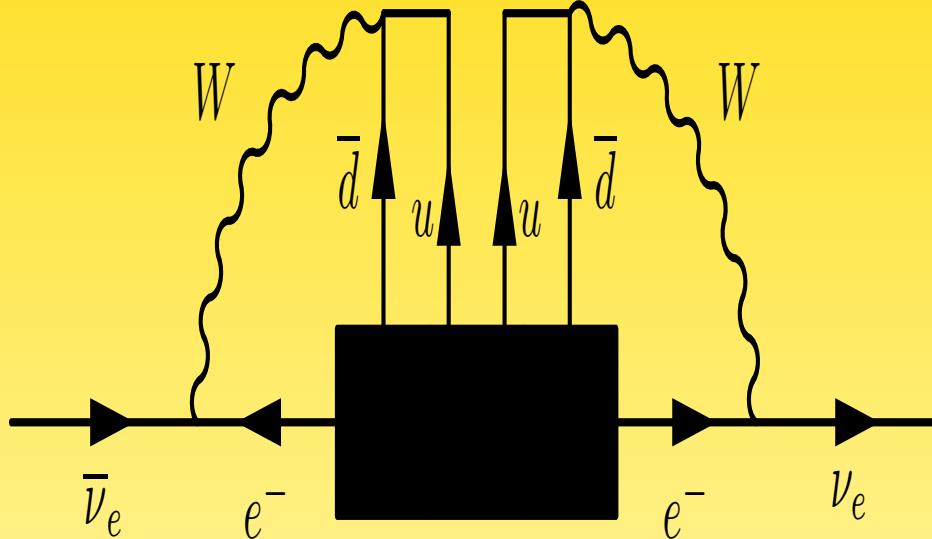
naively, if M_R goes down, m_D goes down and effect is negligible, unless cancellations for testable TeV seesaw (W.R., Zhang, JHEP 1206 (2012) 022)

Neutrino Mass Ordering



Schechter-Valle theorem:

no matter what process, neutrinos are Majorana:



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

explicit calculation: Duerr, Lindner, Merle, JHEP 1106 (2011) 091; talk by
Michael Duerr, T 20.2

Dirac vs. Majorana masses

only neutral fermions we know of: neutrinos ν_L

can be **Majorana particles** having **Majorana masses**

$$\nu^c = \nu \text{ and } M_L \overline{\nu_L} (\nu_L)^c$$

in terms of Standard Model:

- usual Dirac mass term is generated by gauge invariant interaction with Higgs:

$$y \overline{L} \tilde{\Phi} N_R \rightarrow y v \overline{\nu_L} N_R \equiv m_D \overline{\nu_L} N_R$$

- a Majorana mass term $M_L \overline{\nu_L} (\nu_L)^c$ **cannot** stem from Higgs Boson!
- a Majorana mass term $M_R \overline{N_R^c} N_R$ is possible (“bare mass term”)

towards seesaw

introduce N_R , couple to $\overline{L}\tilde{\Phi}$ and allow for Majorana mass term for N_R

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \overline{\nu_L} \, \textcolor{red}{m_D} \, N_R + \frac{1}{2} \overline{N_R^c} \, M_R \, N_R \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\overline{\nu_L}, \overline{N_R^c}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \textcolor{red}{m_D} \\ \textcolor{red}{m_D} & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \overline{\Psi} \mathcal{M}_\nu \Psi^c\end{aligned}$$

is a Majorana mass term!

diagonalizing with $m_D \ll M_R$ gives:

heavy fermion N_R : M_R

light fermion ν_L : $M_L \equiv m_\nu = m_D^2/M_R$

Predictions of $SO(10)$ theories

Yukawa structure of $SO(10)$ models depends on Higgs representations

$$10_H \ (\leftrightarrow H), \ \overline{126}_H \ (\leftrightarrow F), \ 120_H \ (\leftrightarrow G)$$

Gives relation for mass matrices:

$$m_{\text{up}} \propto r(H + sF + it_u G)$$

$$m_{\text{down}} \propto H + F + iG$$

$$m_D \propto r(H - 3sF + it_D G)$$

$$m_\ell \propto H - 3F + it_l G$$

$$M_R \propto r_R^{-1} F$$

Numerical fit including RG, Higgs, Y_B , θ_{13}

Dueck, W.R.; talk by Alexander Dueck, T 15.8

Predictions of $SO(10)$ theories

| Model | Fit | $ m_{ee} $ [meV] | m_0 [meV] | M_3 [GeV] | M_2 [GeV] | M_1 [GeV] | χ^2 |
|--|-----|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H$ | NH | 0.52 | 2.38 | 3.62e12 | 1.97e11 | 1.39e11 | 23.5 |
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H + SS$ | NH | 0.44 | 6.52 | 1.32e12 | 2.77e10 | 2.74e10 | 3.3 |
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H + 120_H$ | NH | 2.56 | 1.27 | 8.82e14 | 1.07e14 | 7.86e12 | 11.5 |
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H + 120_H + SS$ | NH | 0.89 | 7.78 | 3.71e12 | 1.66e09 | 5.88e07 | 0.2 |
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H + 120_H$ | IH | 35.43 | 30.0 | 1.14e13 | 3.51e12 | 5.53e11 | 13.3 |
| $10_H + \overline{126}_H + 120_H + SS$ | IH | 45.72 | 15.11 | 1.65e10 | 1.06e10 | 1.22e09 | 20.5 |

$10_H + \overline{126}_H$: 19 free parameters

$10_H + \overline{126}_H + 120_H$: 18 free parameters

20 (19) observables to be fitted