

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay and particle physics: an overview



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# Outline

- ❖ Lepton Number Violation: Why look for it?
- ❖ Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay  $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2 e^-$ :
  - Standard Interpretation
  - Non-Standard Interpretations
- ❖ Majorana neutrinos outside  $V-A$



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Lepton Number as important as Baryon Number

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

best limit from 2002, improved since 2012 by one order of magnitude!

Name	Isotope	Source = Detector; calorimetric with			Source $\neq$ Detector topology
		high $\Delta E$	low $\Delta E$	topology	
AMoRE	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	✓	–	–	–
CANDLES	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	–	✓	–	–
COBRA	$^{116}\text{Cd}$ (and $^{130}\text{Te}$ )	–	–	✓	–
CUORE	$^{130}\text{Te}$	✓	–	–	–
CUPID	$^{82}\text{Se} / ^{100}\text{Mo} / ^{116}\text{Cd} / ^{130}\text{Te}$	✓	–	–	–
DCBA/MTD	$^{82}\text{Se} / ^{150}\text{Nd}$	–	–	–	✓
EXO	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	–	–	✓	–
GERDA	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	✓	–	–	–
KamLAND-Zen	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	–	✓	–	–
LEGEND	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	✓	–	–	–
LUCIFER	$^{82}\text{Se} / ^{100}\text{Mo} / ^{130}\text{Te}$	✓	–	–	–
LUMINEU	$^{100}\text{Mo}$	✓	–	–	–
MAJORANA	$^{76}\text{Ge}$	✓	–	–	–
MOON	$^{82}\text{Se} / ^{100}\text{Mo} / ^{150}\text{Nd}$	–	–	–	✓
NEXT	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	–	–	✓	–
SNO+	$^{130}\text{Te}$	–	✓	–	–
SuperNEMO	$^{82}\text{Se} / ^{150}\text{Nd}$	–	–	–	✓
XMASS	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	–	✓	–	–

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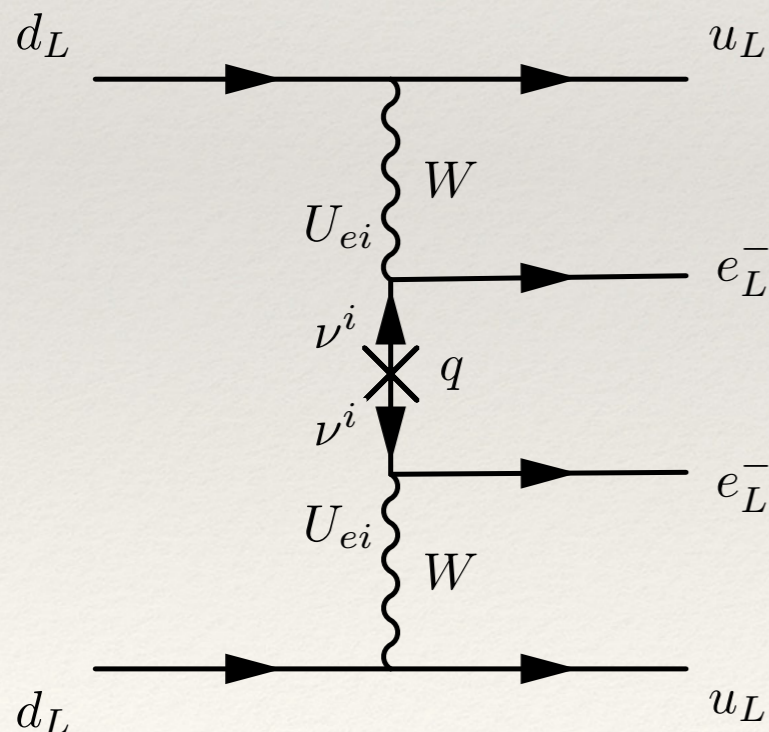
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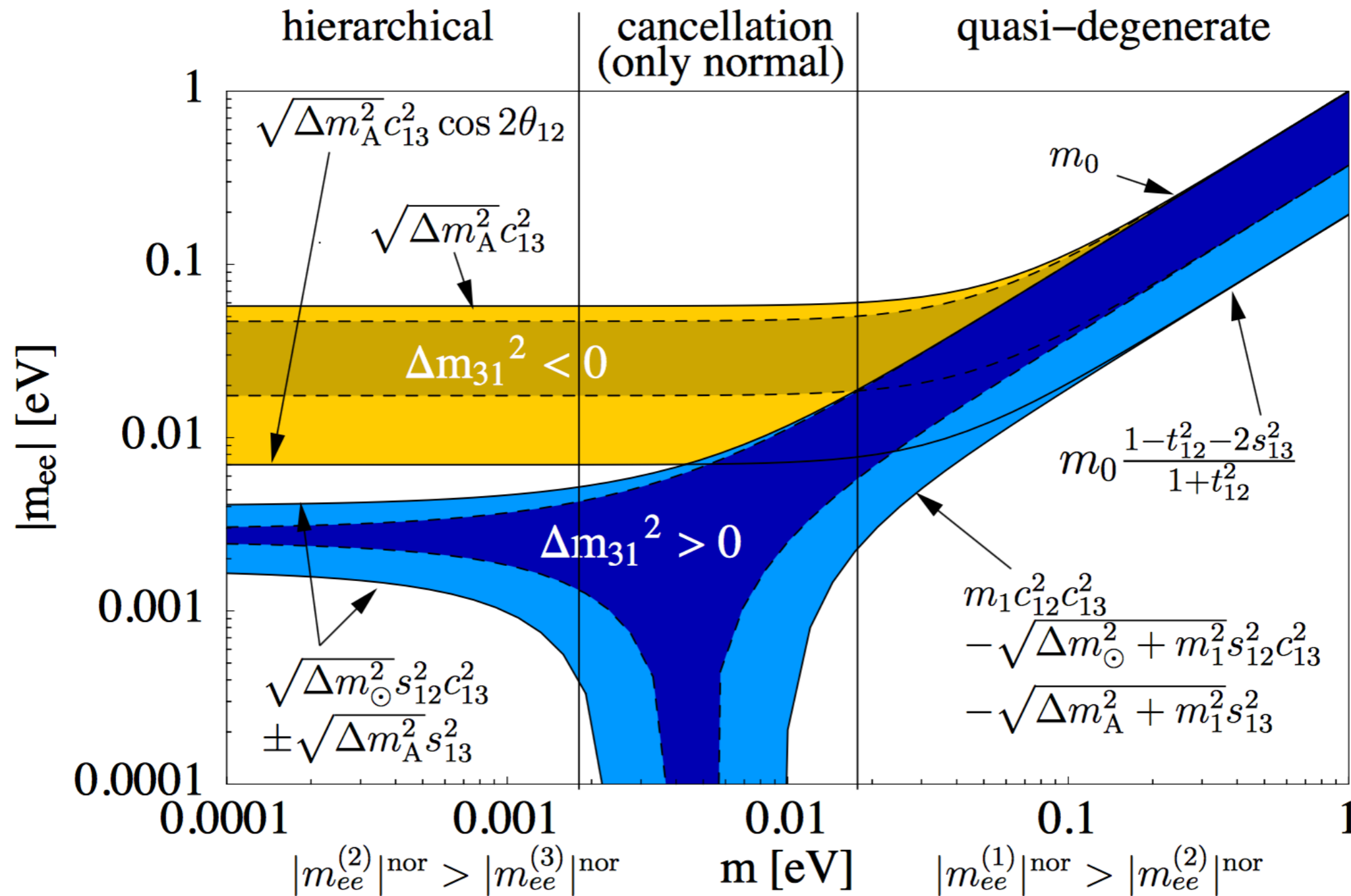
amplitude proportional to „effective mass“:

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

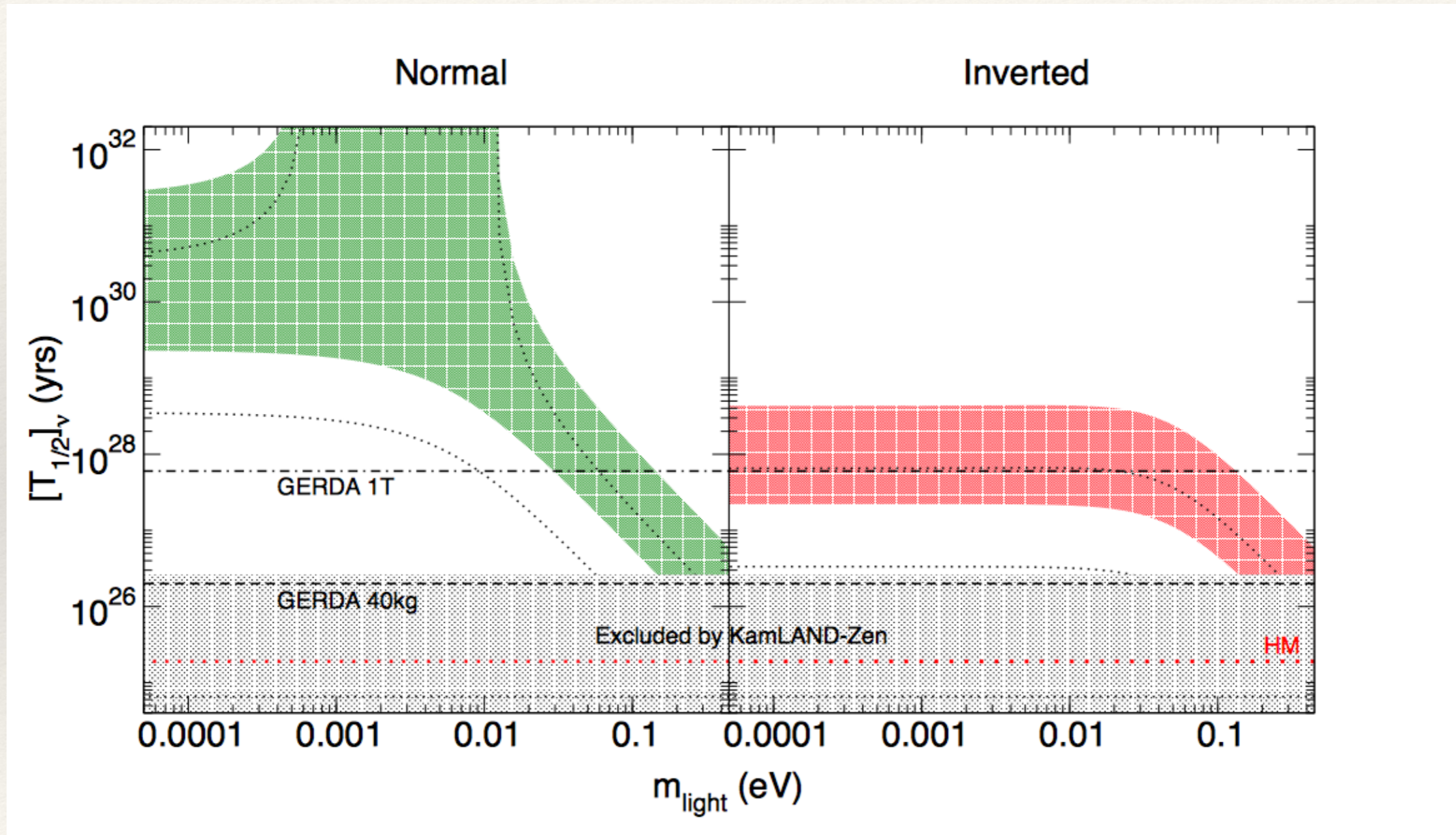
$$= f(\theta_{12}, |U_{e3}|, m_i, \text{sgn}(\Delta m_A^2), \alpha, \beta)$$

*See talk by Bilenky*

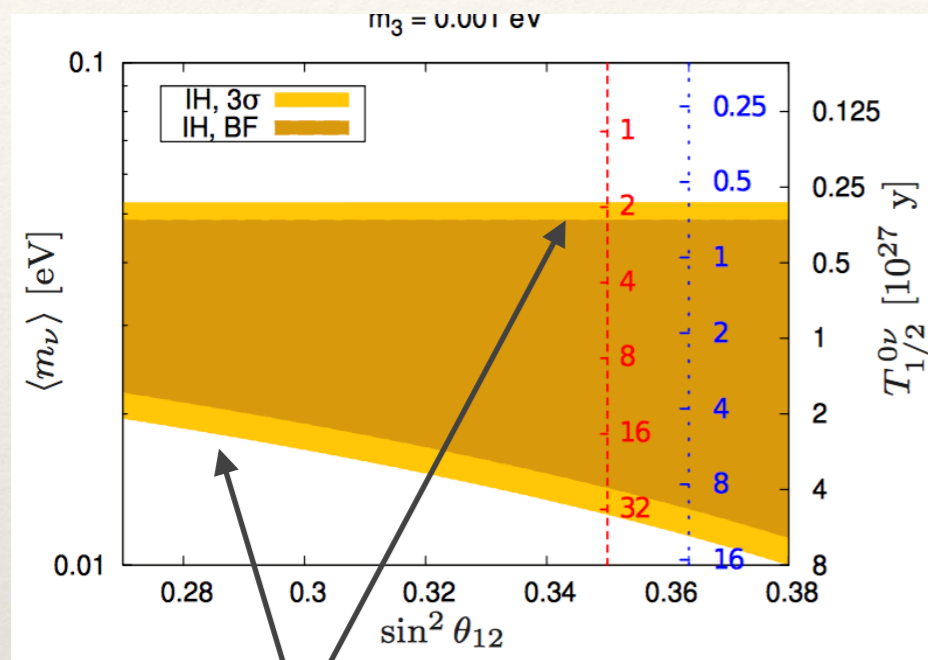
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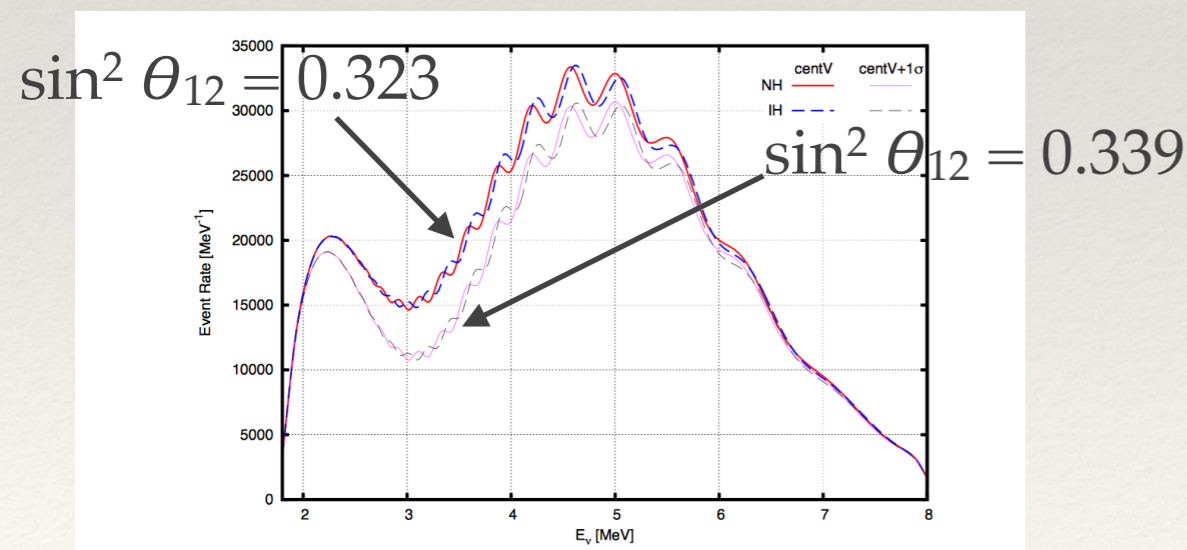


# Connections to Oscillation Experiments



Nature gives us two scales

Factor 2 uncertainty of minimal  $m_{ee}$  in IH, mostly from  $\theta_{12}$



JUNO will fix  $\theta_{12}$  and remove uncertainty in value of minimal  $m_{ee}$  in IH

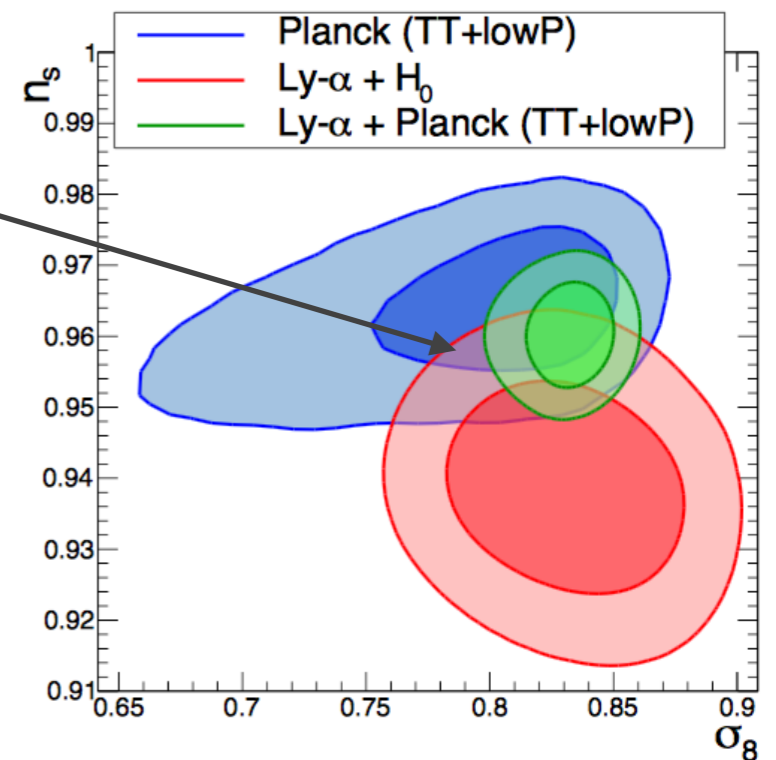
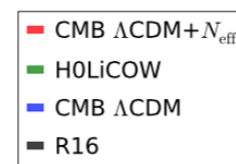
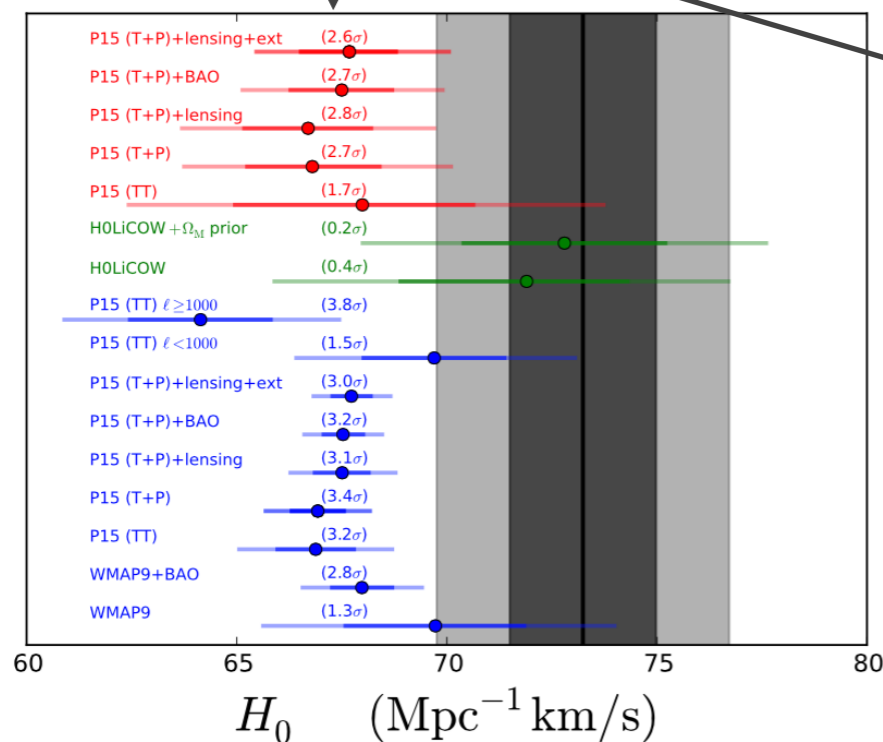
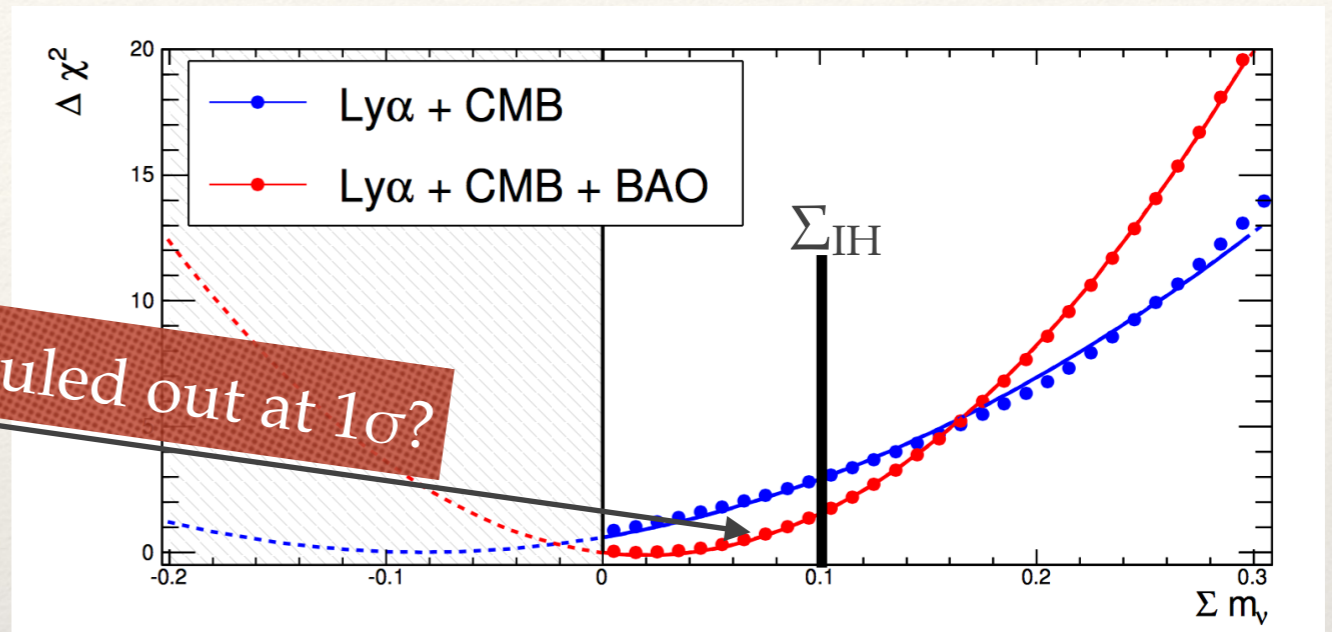
Dueck, WR, Zuber, 1103.4152; Ge, WR, 1507.05514

# Neutrino Mass Observables

Method	Observable	current	near	far	pro	con
Kurie	$\sum  U_{ei} ^2 m_i$	2.3 eV	0.3 eV	0.1 eV?	model-indep.; clean	final; weakest
cosmo	$\sum m_i$	0.5 eV	0.1 eV	0.05 eV?	best; NH/IH	model-dep.; systematics
$0\nu\beta\beta$	$\sum U_{ei}^2 m_i$	0.2 eV	0.05 eV	0.01 eV?	fundamental; NH/IH	model-dep.; NMEs

# Cosmological Mass Limits

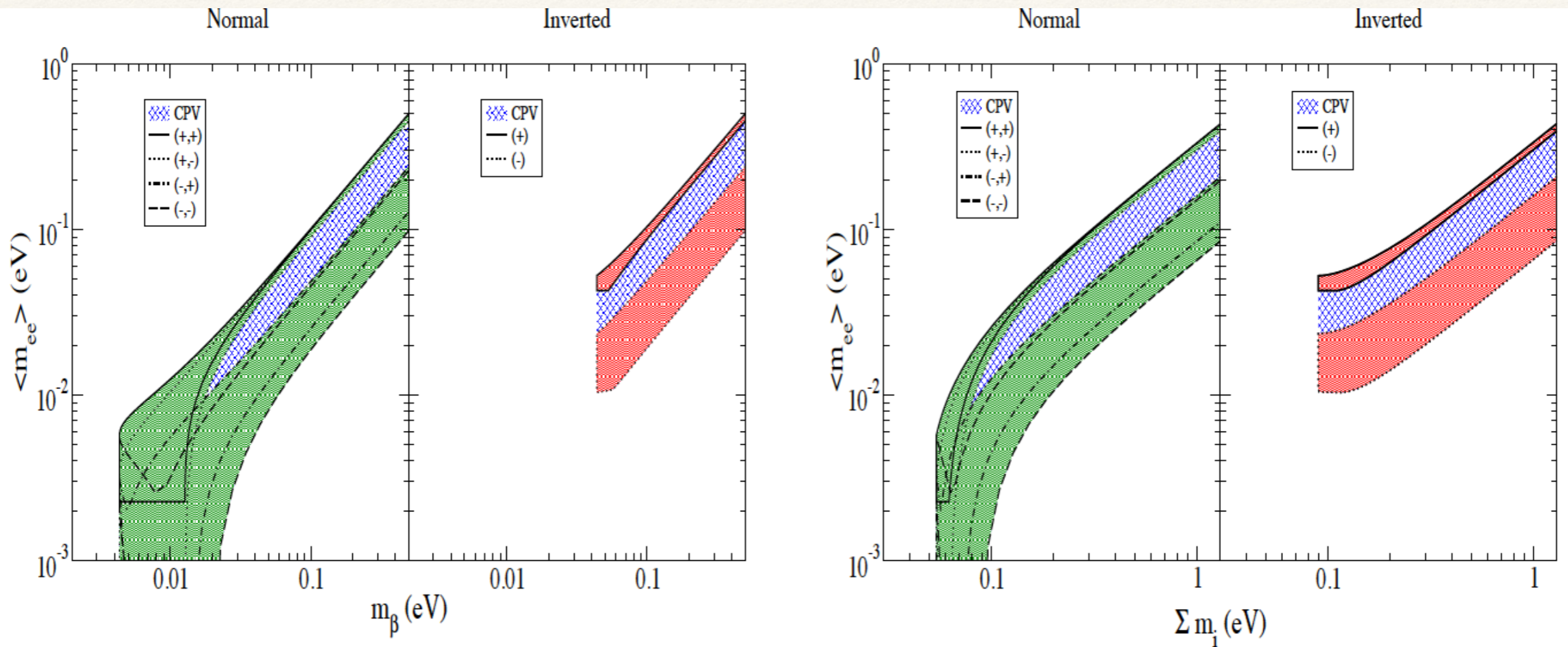
- ❖ adding more and more data sets: breaks degeneracies and improves limits
- ❖ BUT: can introduce systematics?



Palanque-Delabrouille et al., 1410.7244 + 1506.05976

Bernal, Verde, Riess, 1607.05617

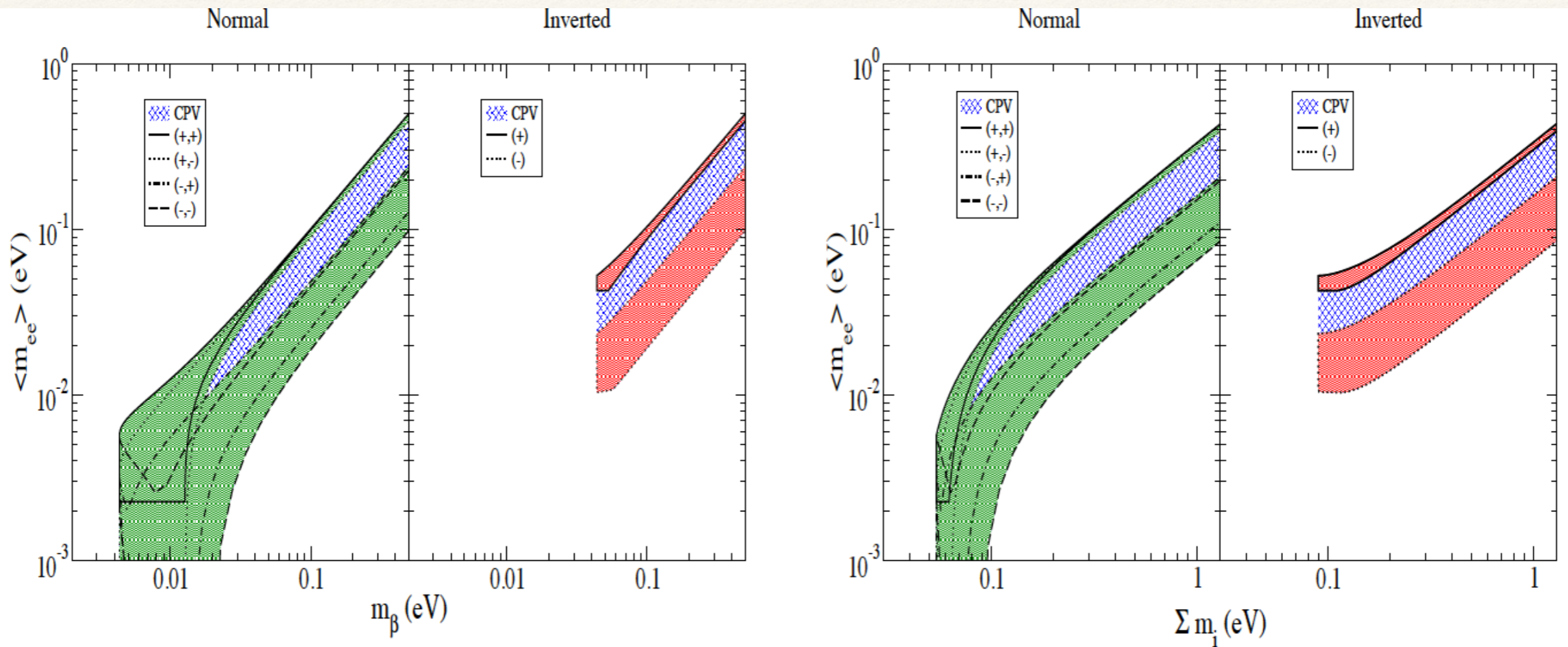
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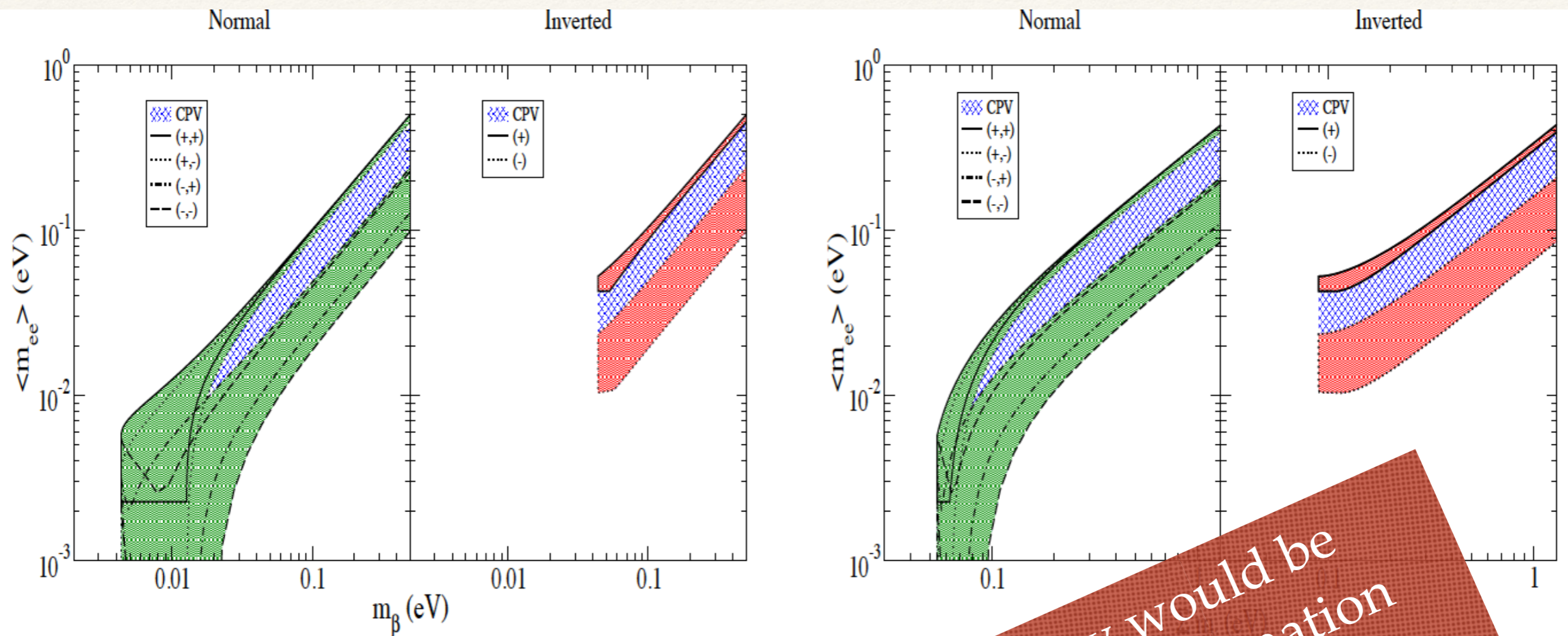
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**All need to be pursued!**



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$0\nu\beta\beta$  rules

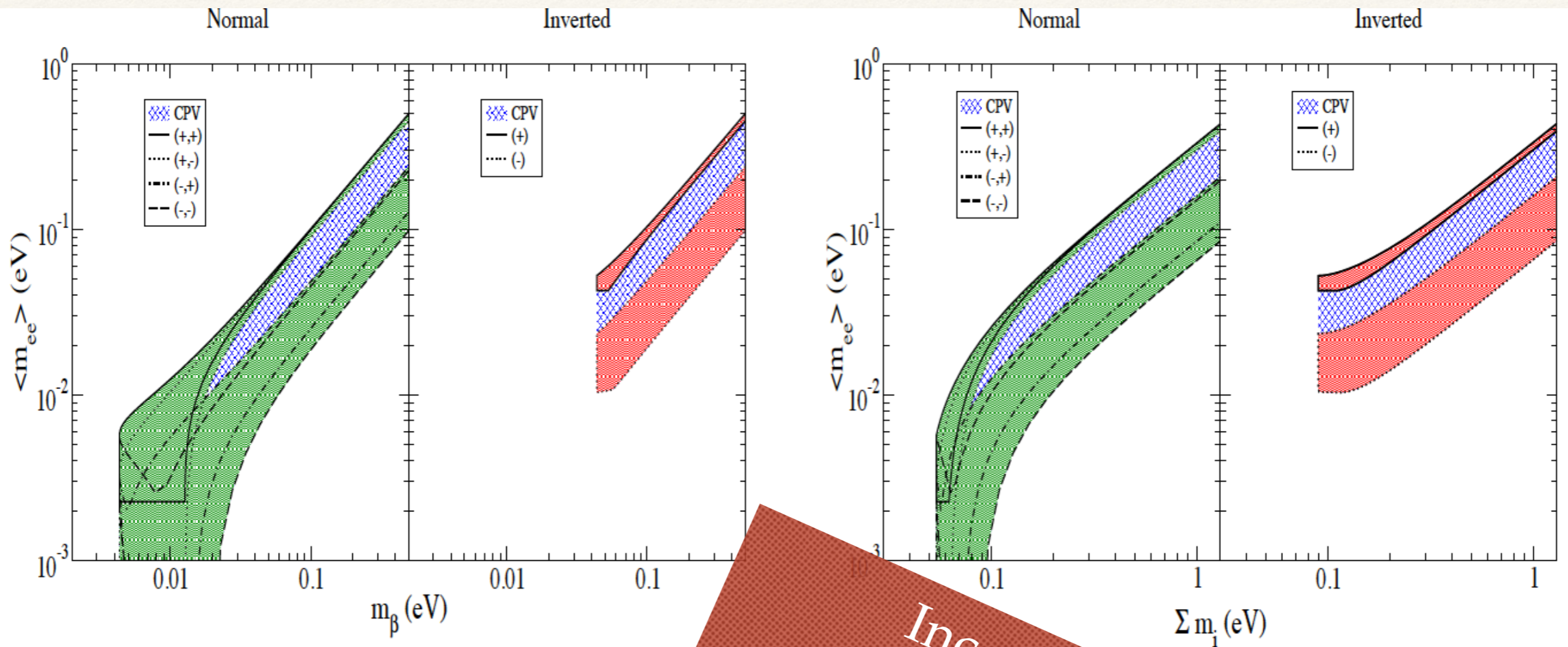
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cosmology

Consistency would be spectacular confirmation of 3 Majorana neutrino paradigm

strongly disfavors the same paradigm as a signal in KATRIN

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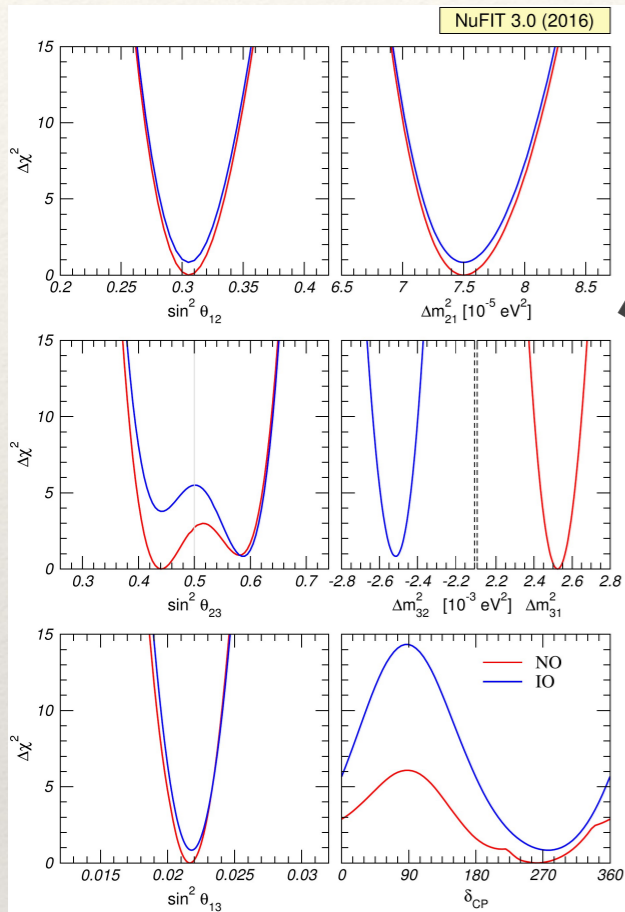


Inconsistencies would be major discovery!

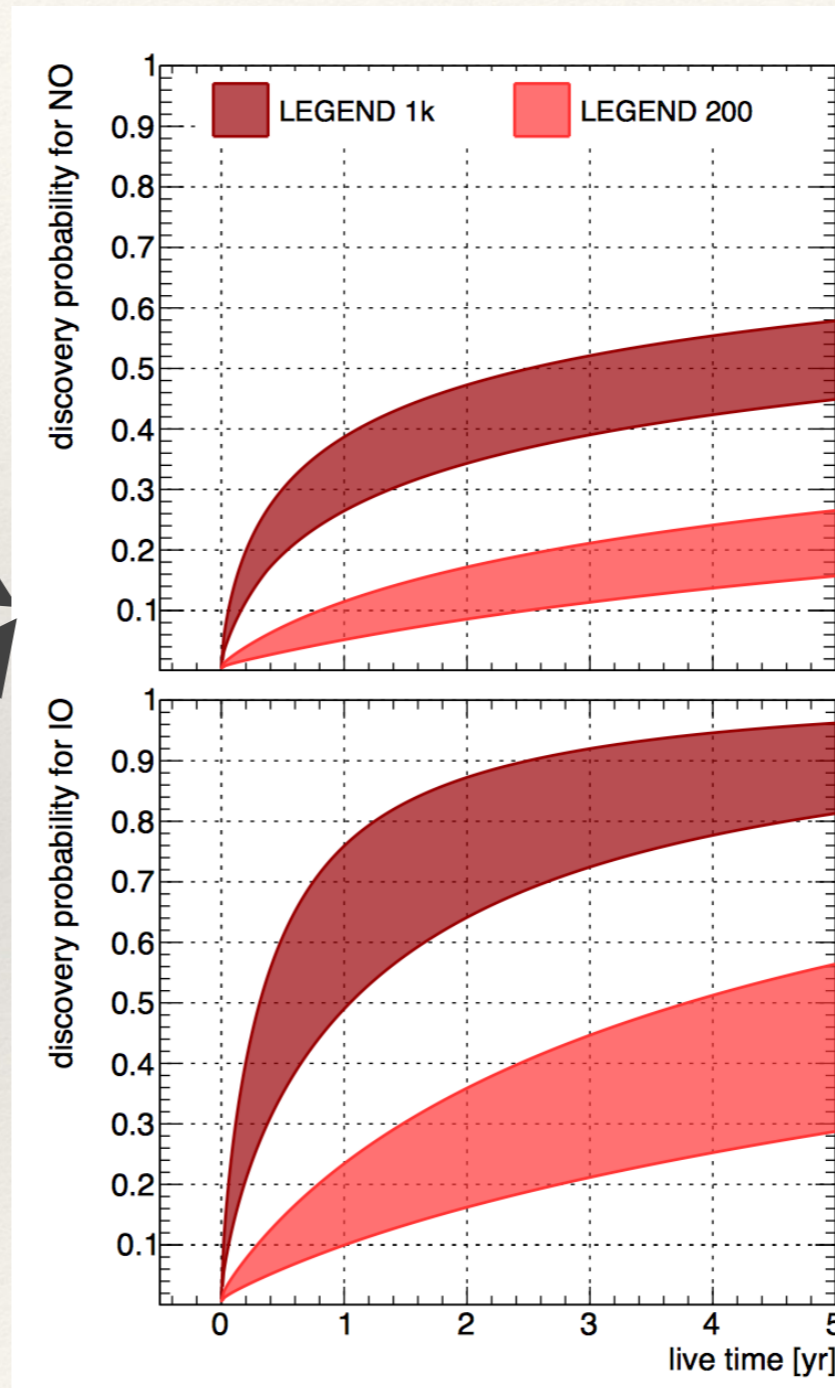
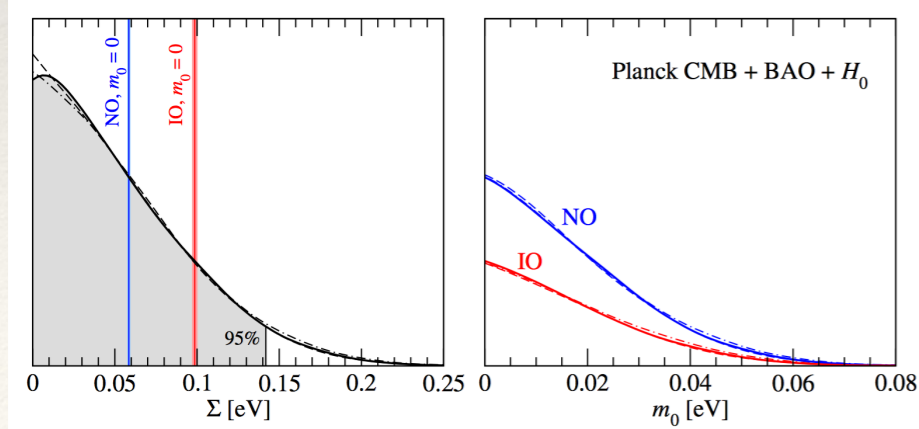
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- $0\nu\beta\beta$  rule
  - $0\nu\beta\beta$  and cosmology
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- Mainz-limit  
 Mainz-me  
 MATRIN

# Expectations of lifetimes



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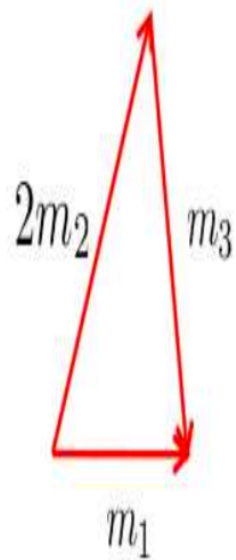
Bayesian discovery probability: discovery sensitivity (value of  $m_{ee}$  for which expt. has 50% chance to see it at  $3\sigma$ ) folded with probability distribution of  $m_{ee}$

*Agostini et al, 1705.02996;  
also Caldwell et al., 1705.01945*

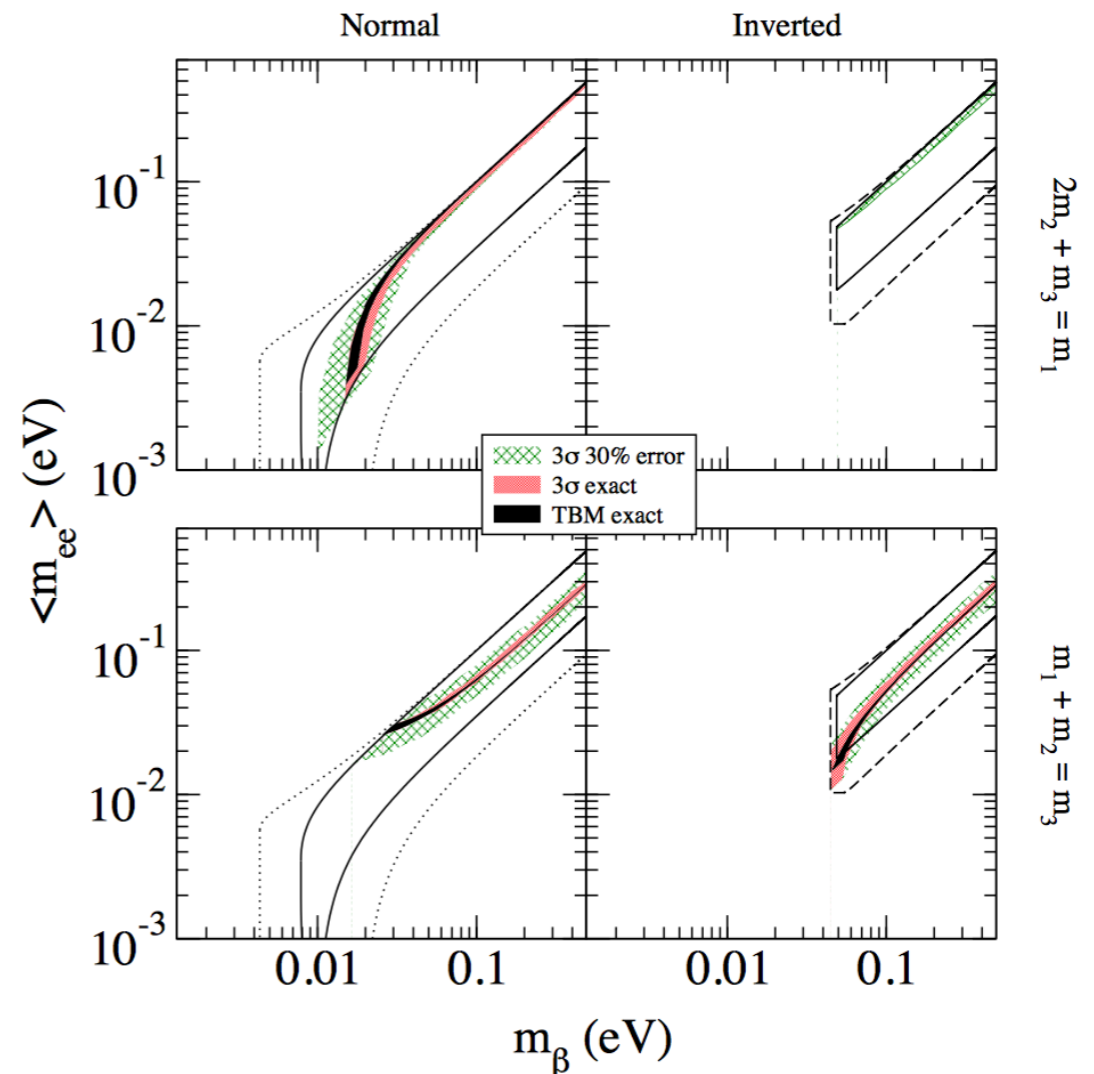
# Neutrino Mass Sum-Rules

Flavor Symmetry models can not predict masses,  
but relations between them:

Barry, WR, 1007.5217

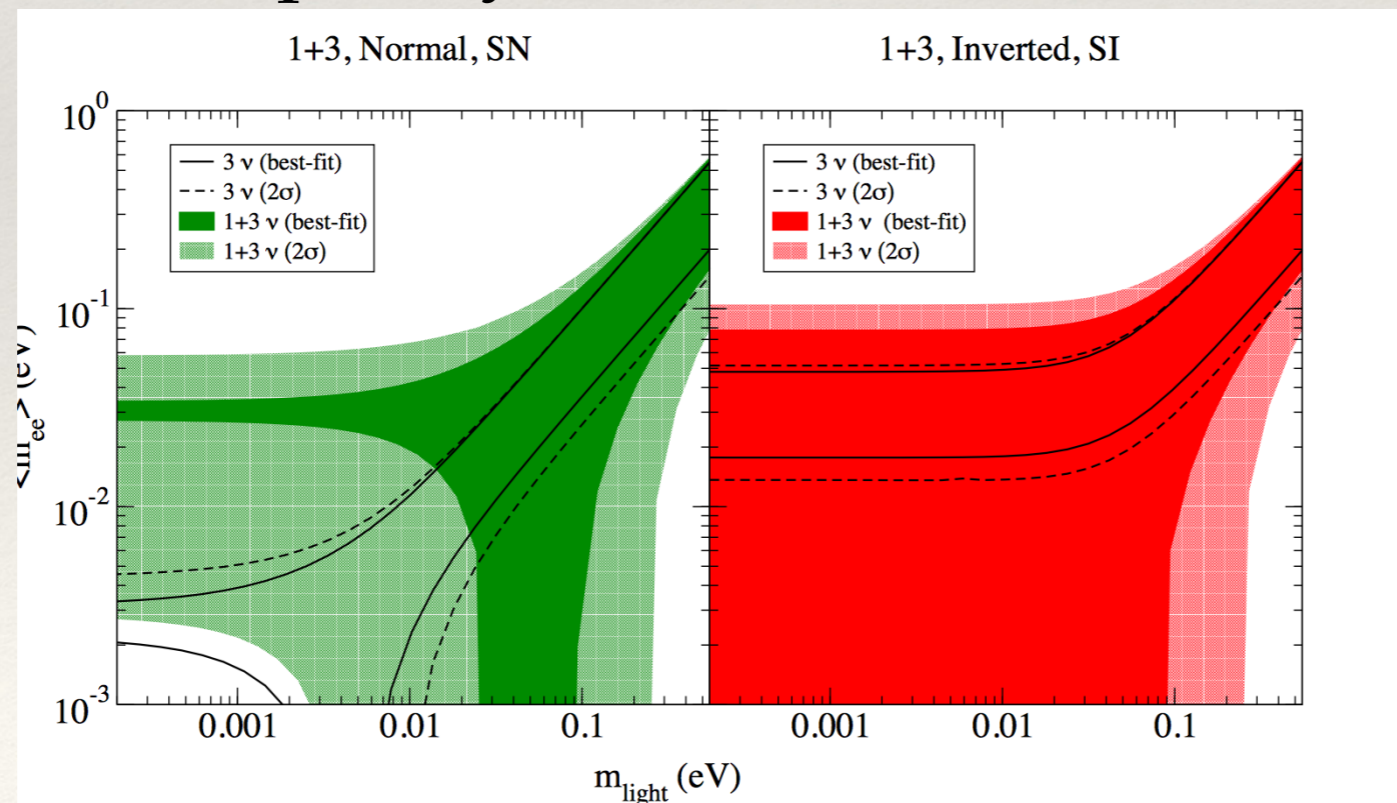


Sum-rule	Flavour symmetry
$2m_2 + m_3 = m_1$	$A_4, T', (S_4)$
$m_1 + m_2 = m_3$	$S_4, (A_4)$
$\frac{2}{m_2} + \frac{1}{m_3} = \frac{1}{m_1}$	$A_4, T'$
$\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} = \frac{1}{m_3}$	$S_4$



# Sterile Neutrinos

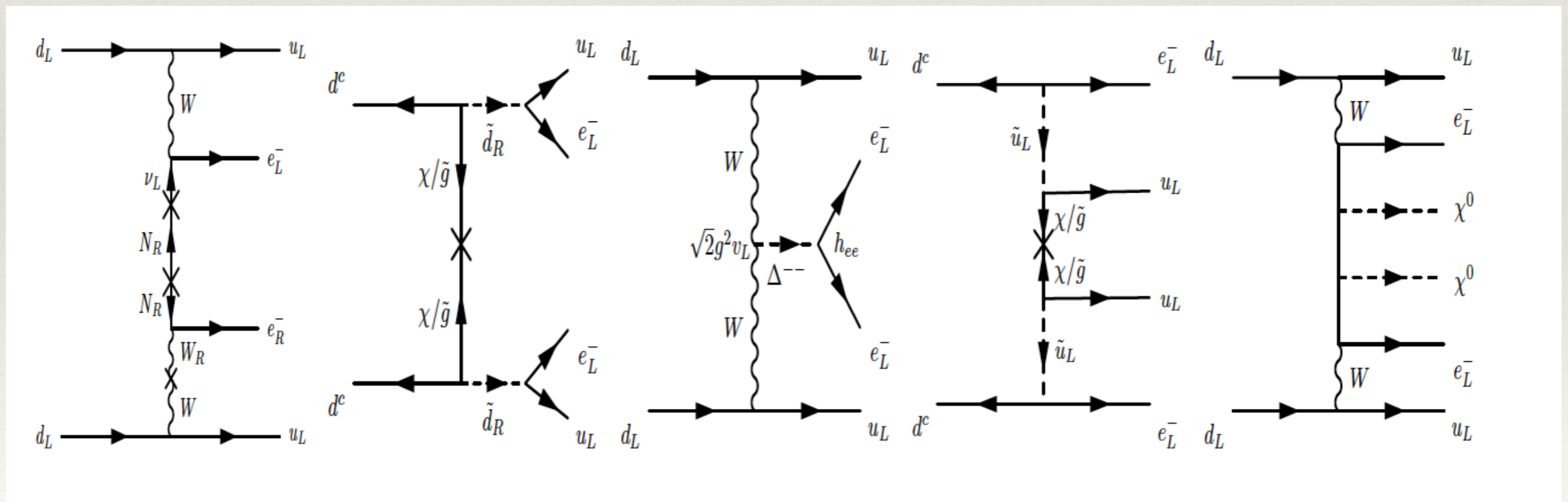
- ❖ are there sterile states (LSND / reactor / etc.) with mass  $\Delta m^2 \simeq \text{eV}^2$  and mixing  $U_{e4} \simeq 0.1$  ?
- ❖ would make  $m_{ee}$  sum of 4 terms with sterile contribution  $|U_{e4}|^2 \sqrt{\Delta m^2}$  that can cancel contribution of IH!
- ❖ usual pheno completely turned around!



*Barry, WR, Zhang;  
Petcov et al., Giunti et al.*

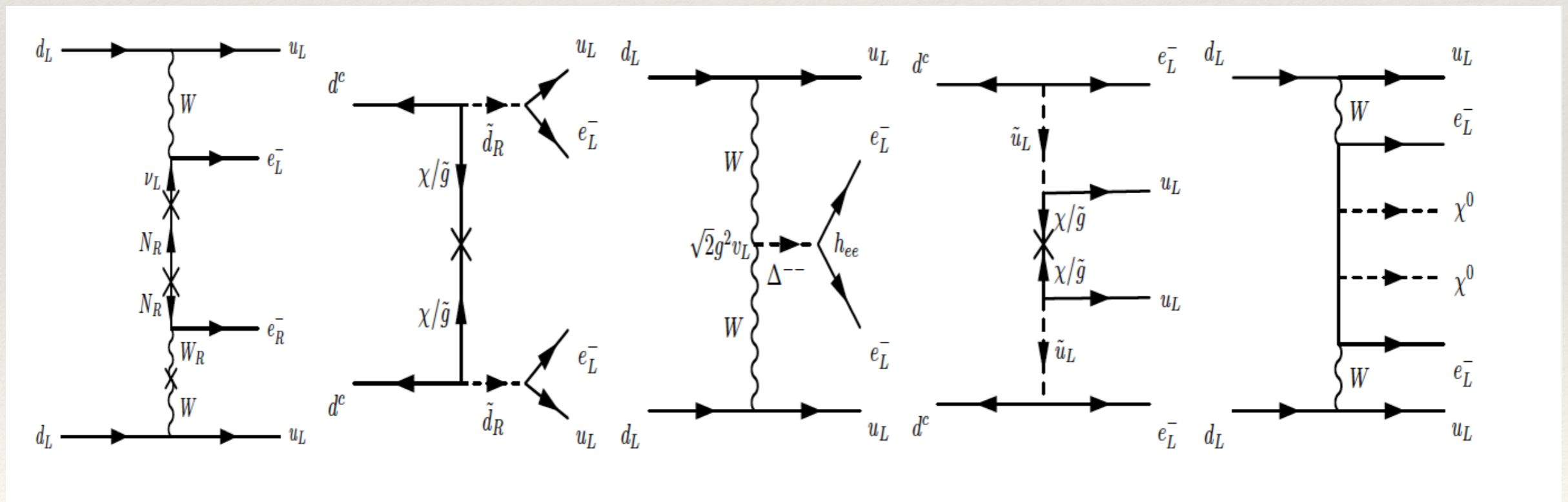
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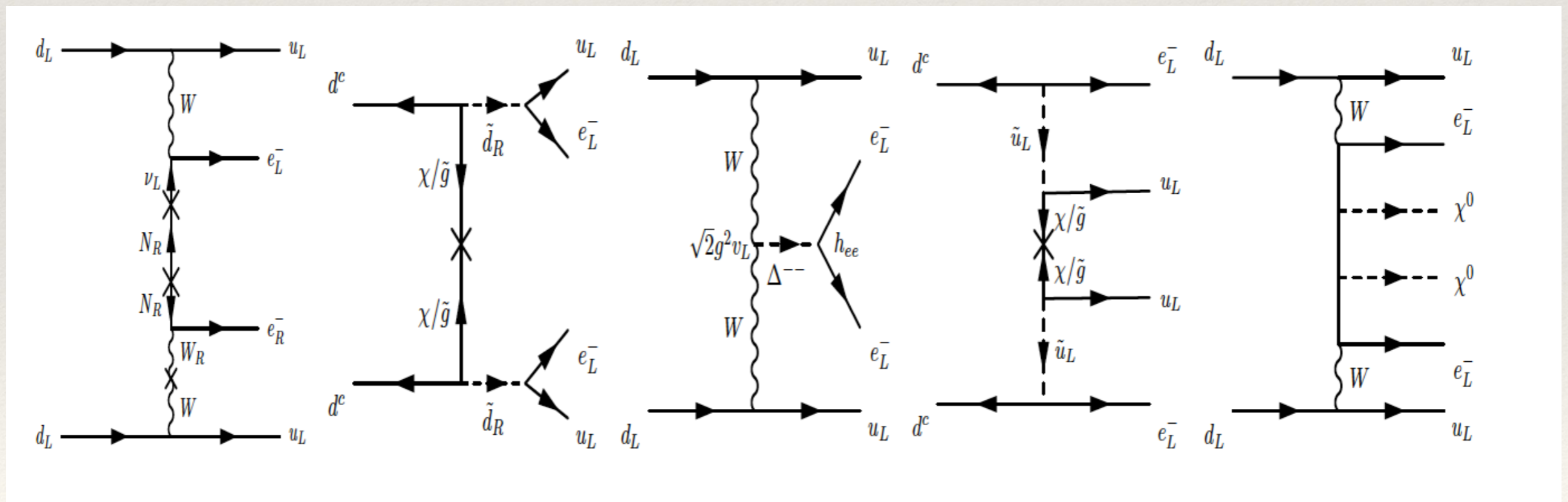
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$\Rightarrow 0\nu\beta\beta$  is not a neutrino mass experiment!

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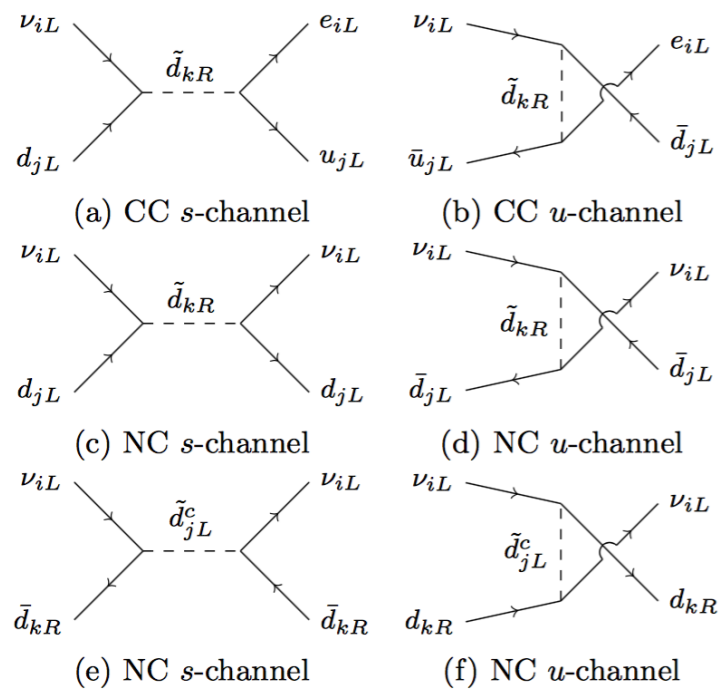
⇒ need to solve the „inverse problem“



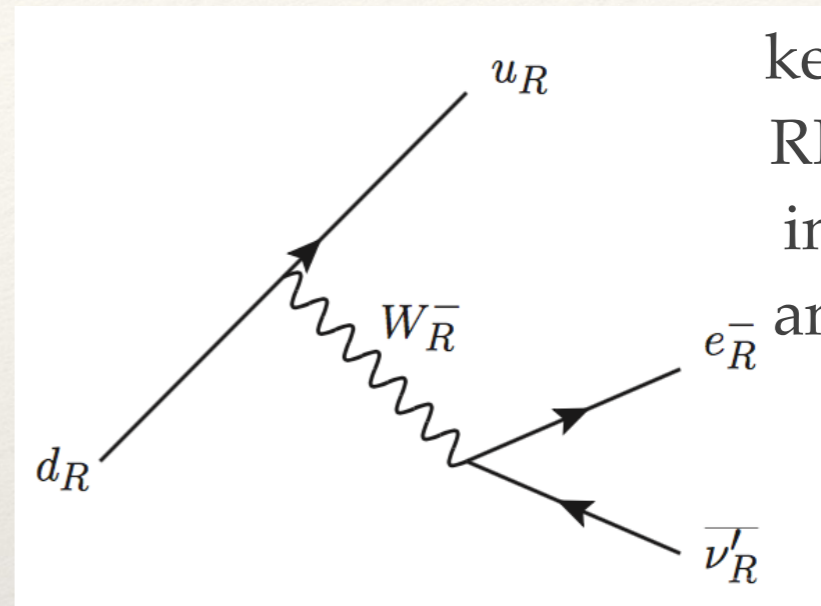
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mechanism	physics parameter	current limit	test
light neutrino exchange	$ U_{ei}^2 m_i $	0.2 eV	oscillations, cosmology, neutrino mass
heavy neutrino exchange	$\left  \frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} \right $	$2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	LFV, collider
heavy neutrino and RHC	$\left  \frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_i M_{WR}^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_{WR}^4} \right $	$10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	flavor, collider $e^-$ distribution
$\lambda$ -mechanism with RHC	$\left  \frac{U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei}}{M_{WR}^2} \right $	$1.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	flavor, collider, $e^-$ distribution
$\eta$ -mechanism with RHC	$\tan \zeta \left  U_{ei} \tilde{S}_{ei} \right $	$6 \times 10^{-9}$	flavor, collider, $e^-$ distribution
short-range $\not{R}$	$\frac{ \lambda'_{111} }{\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^5}$ $\Lambda_{\text{SUSY}} = f(m_{\tilde{g}}, m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_R}, m_{\chi_i})$	$7 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$	collider, flavor
long-range $\not{R}$	$\left  \sin 2\theta^b \lambda'_{131} \lambda'_{113} \left( \frac{1}{m_{b_1}^2} - \frac{1}{m_{b_2}^2} \right) \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

# Unexpected Correlations with other Experiments



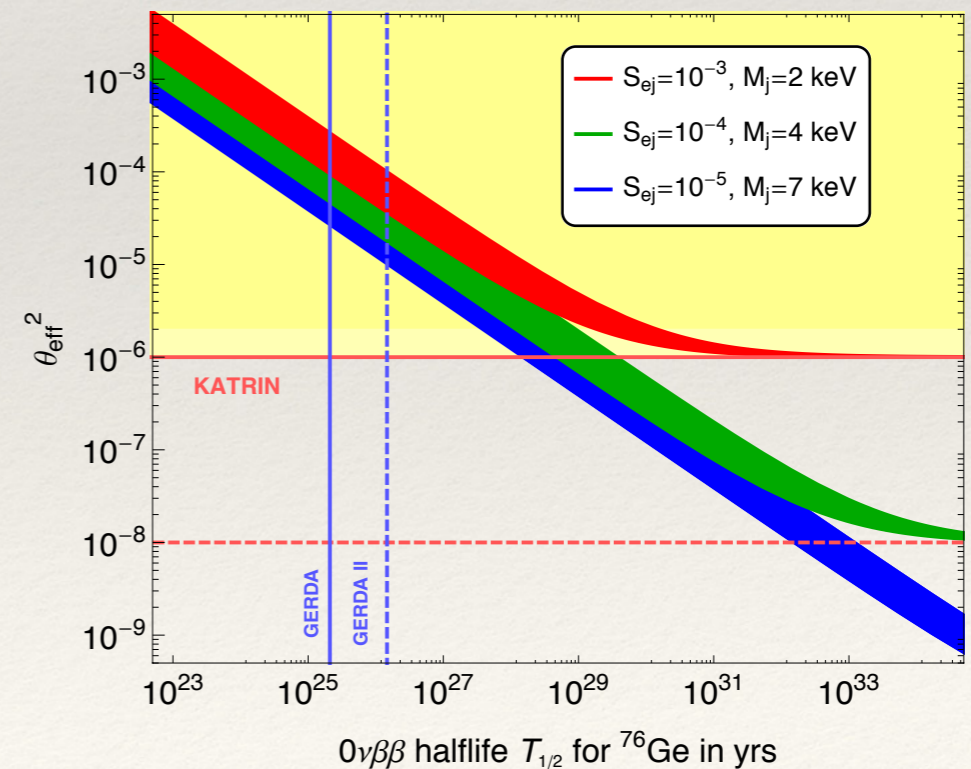
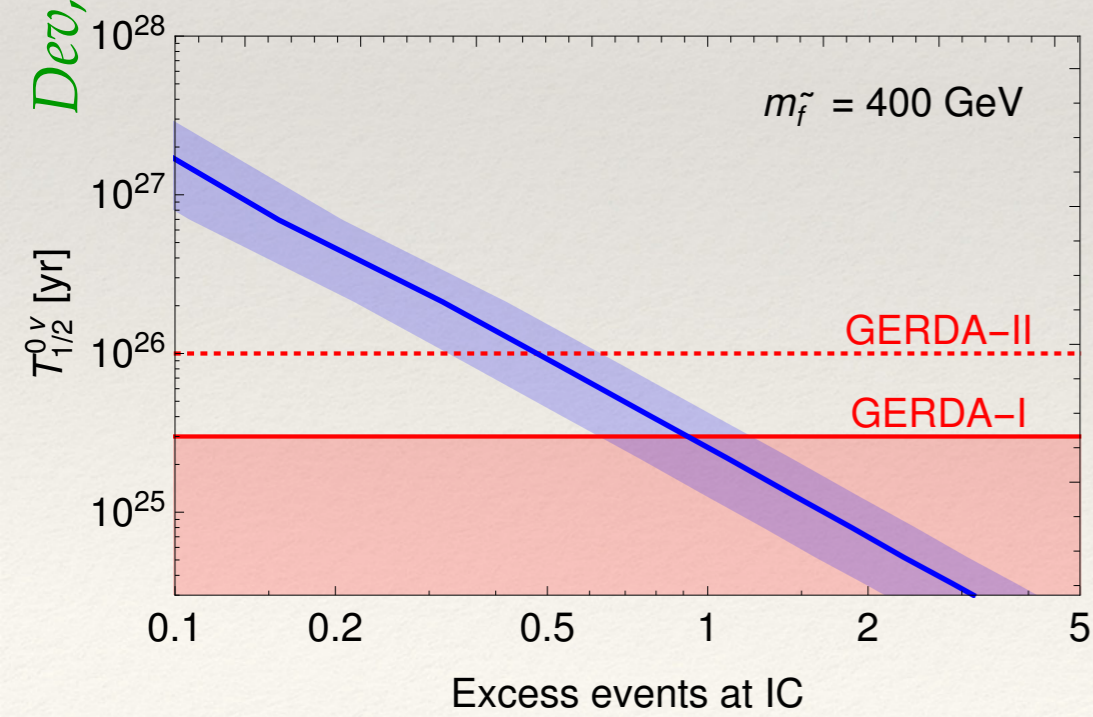
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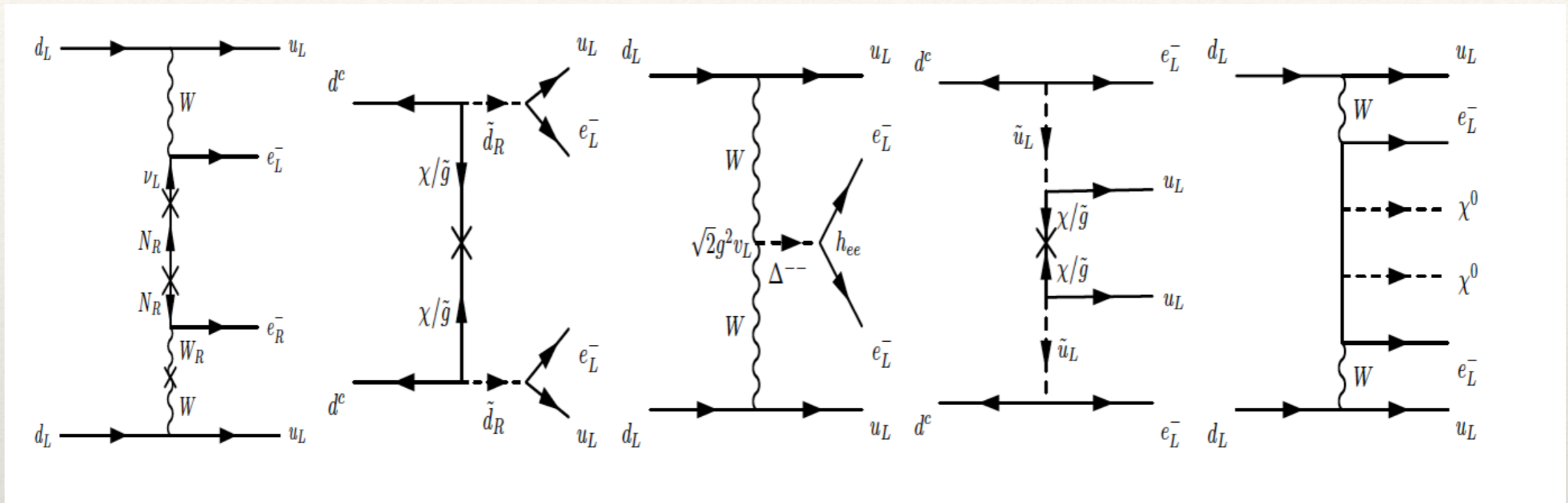
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Barry, Heck, WR, 1404.5955

Dev, Ghosh, WR, 1605.09743



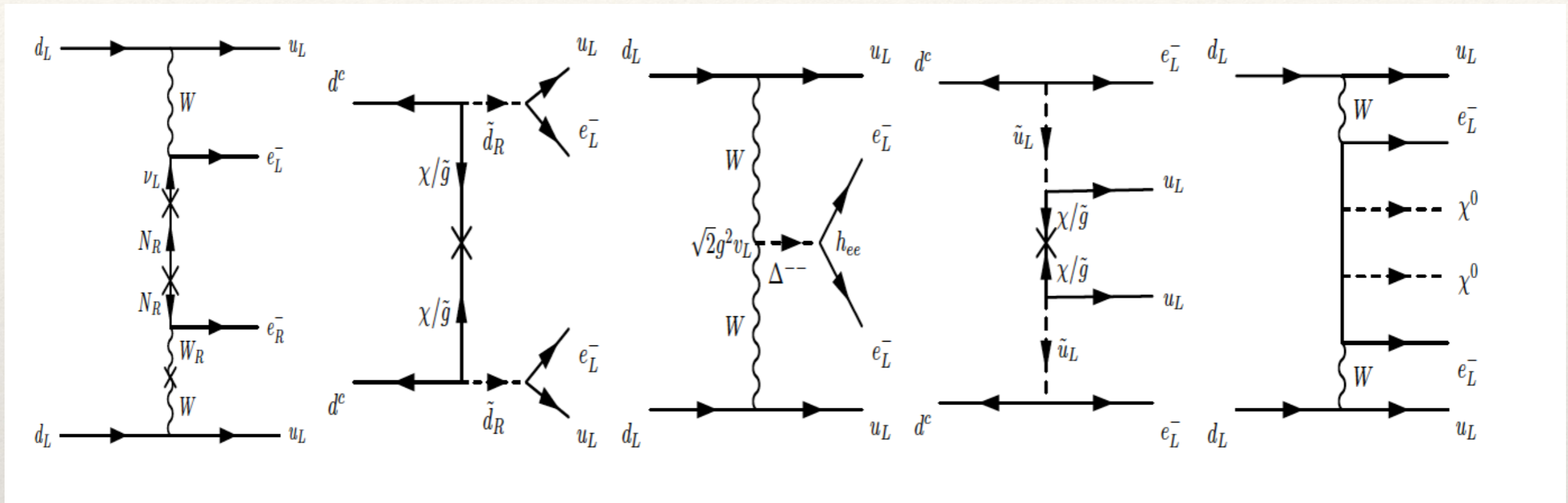
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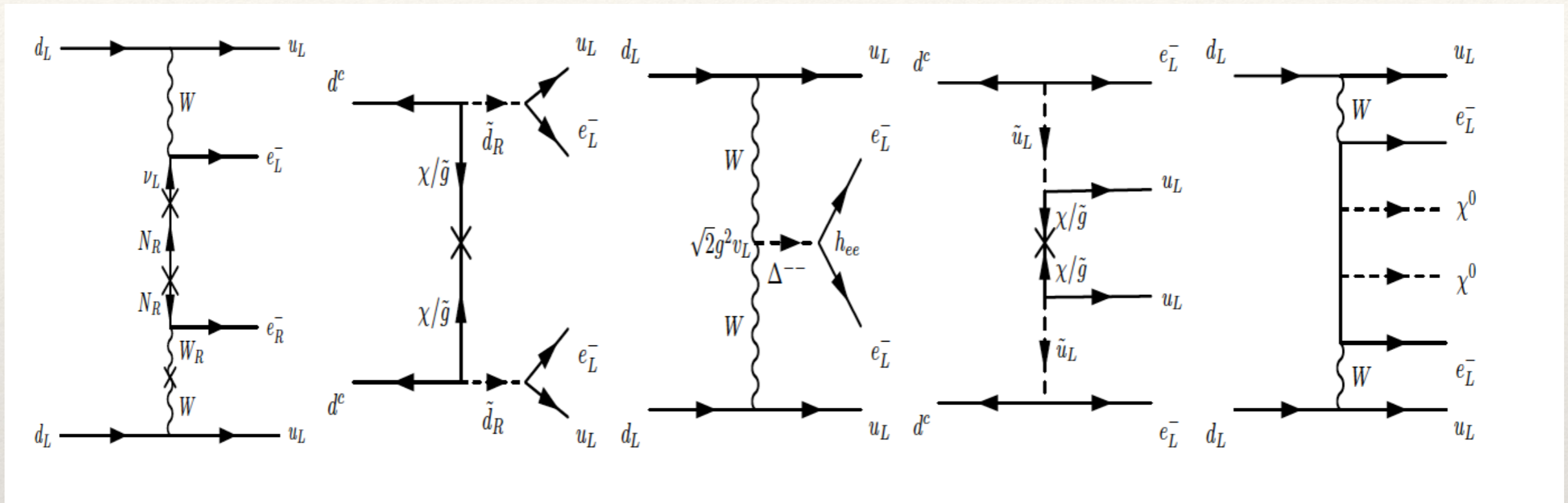


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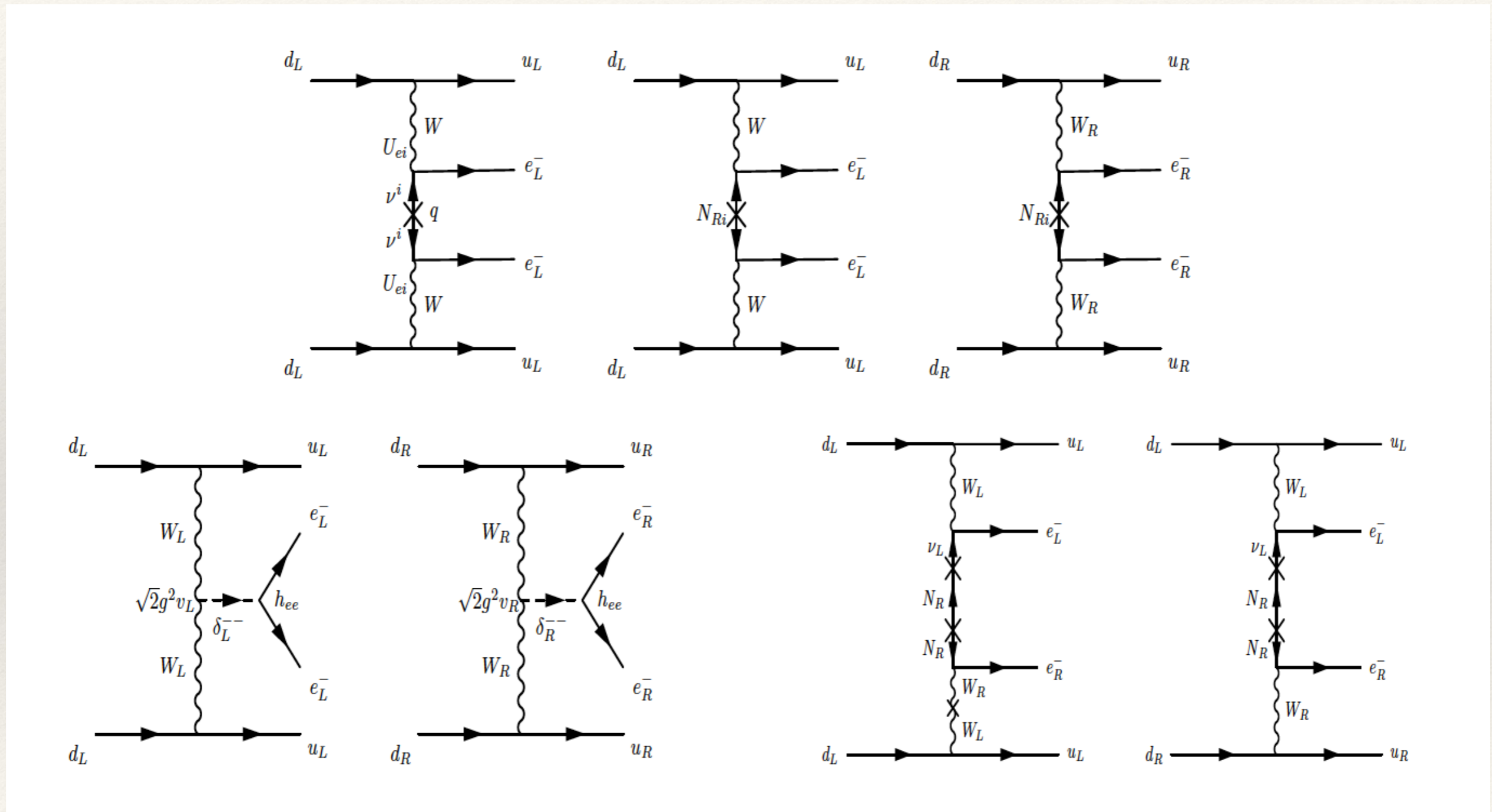
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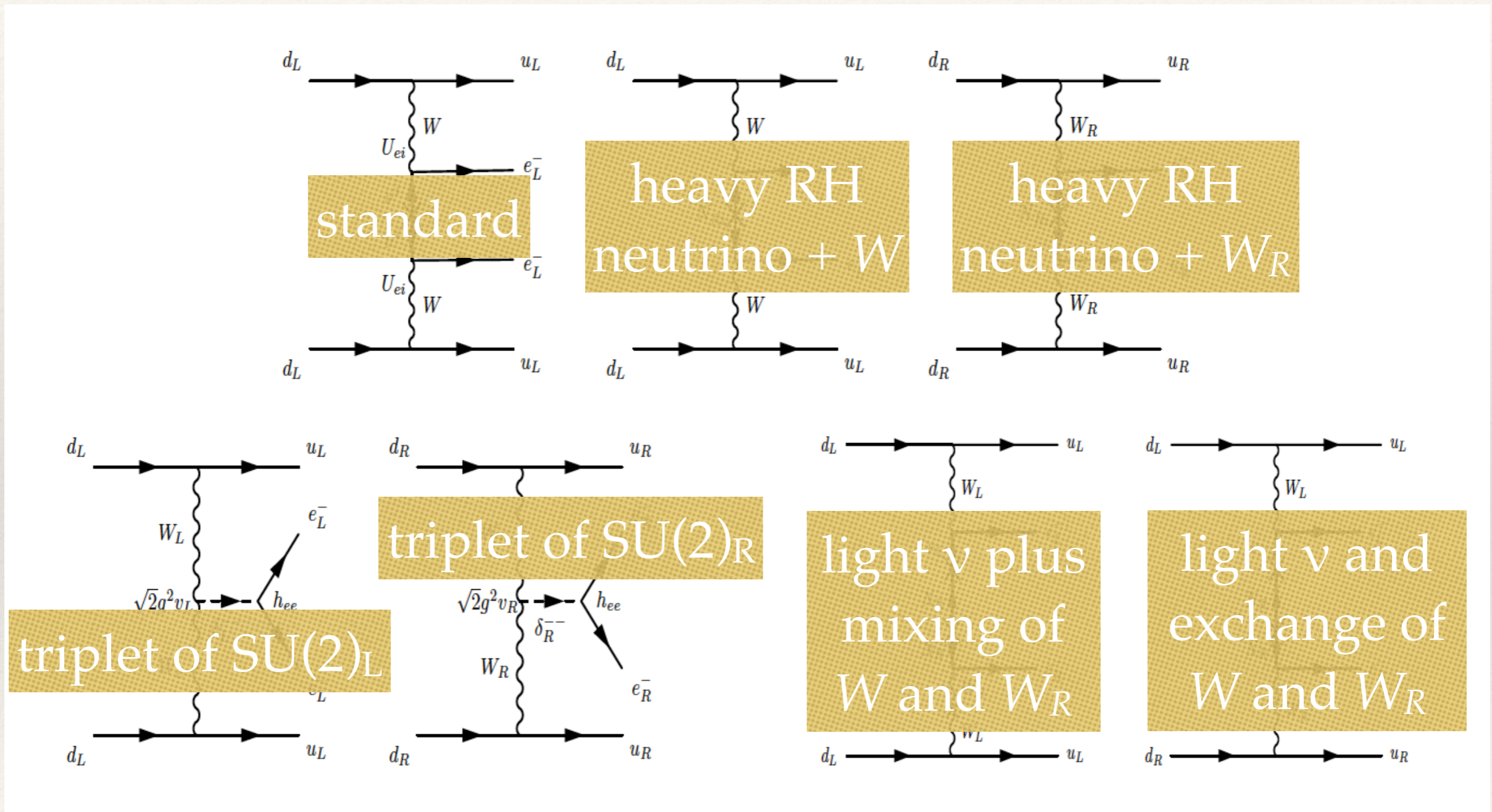
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⇒ Tests with LHC, LFV, etc.

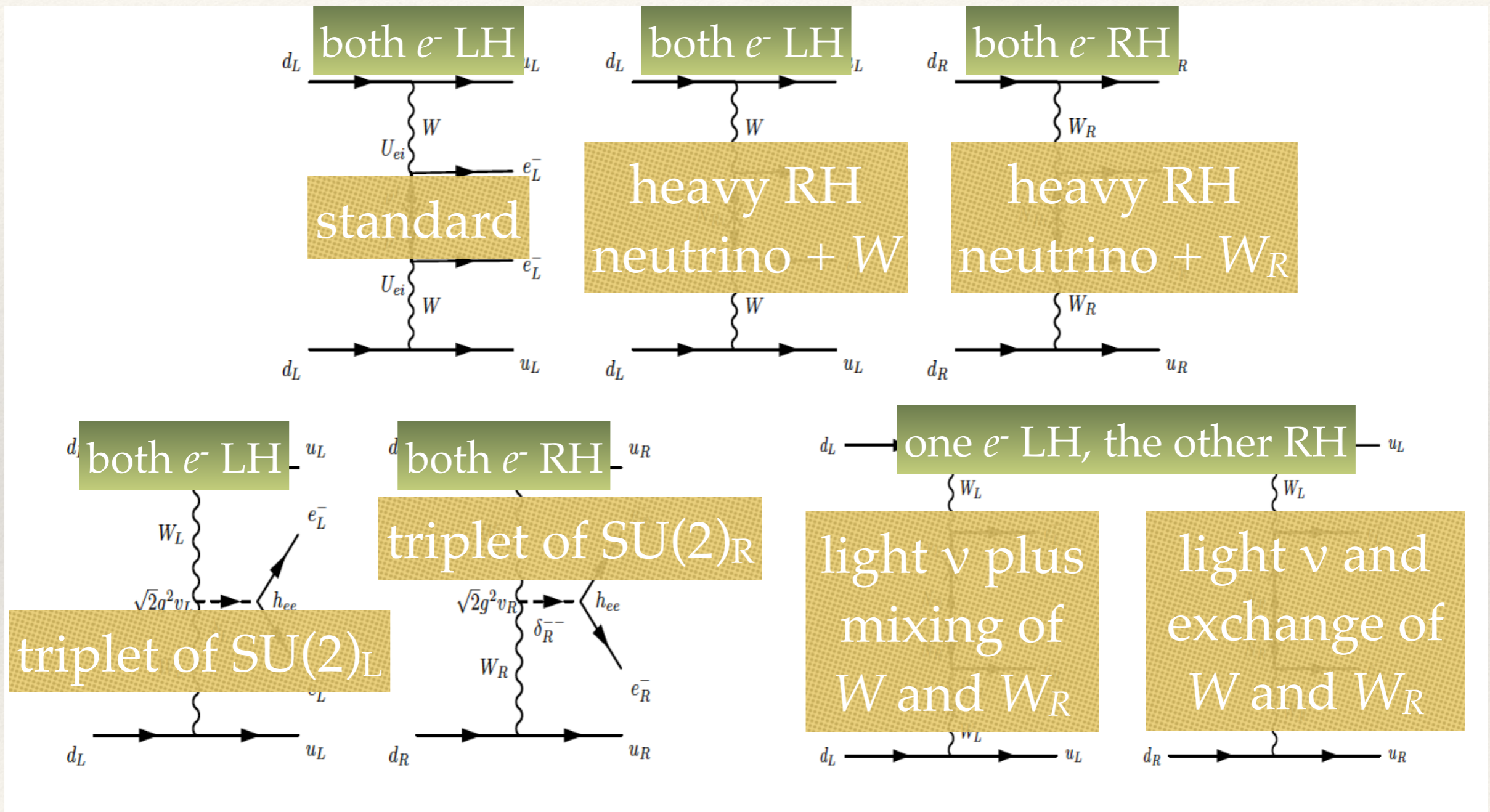
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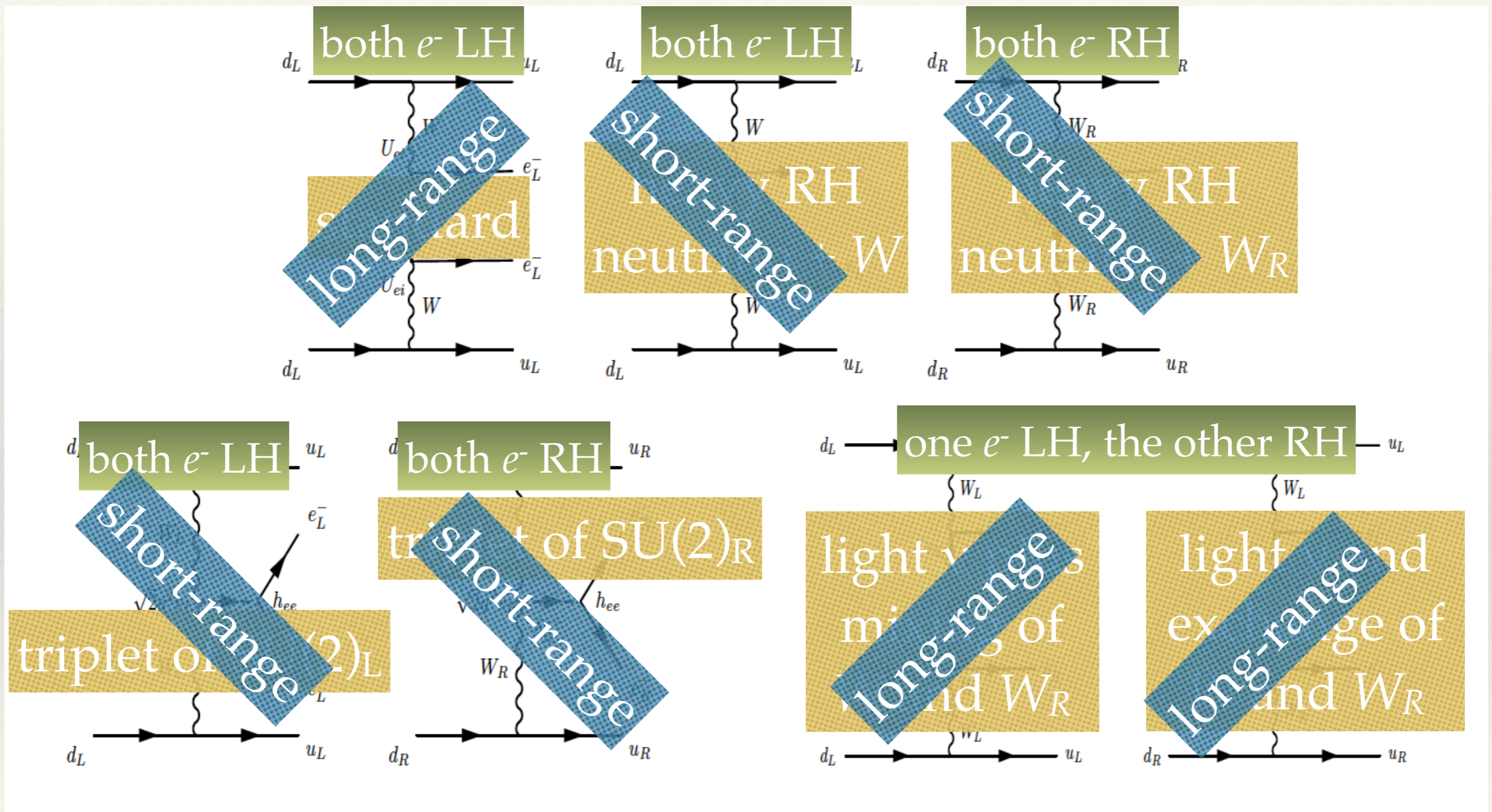


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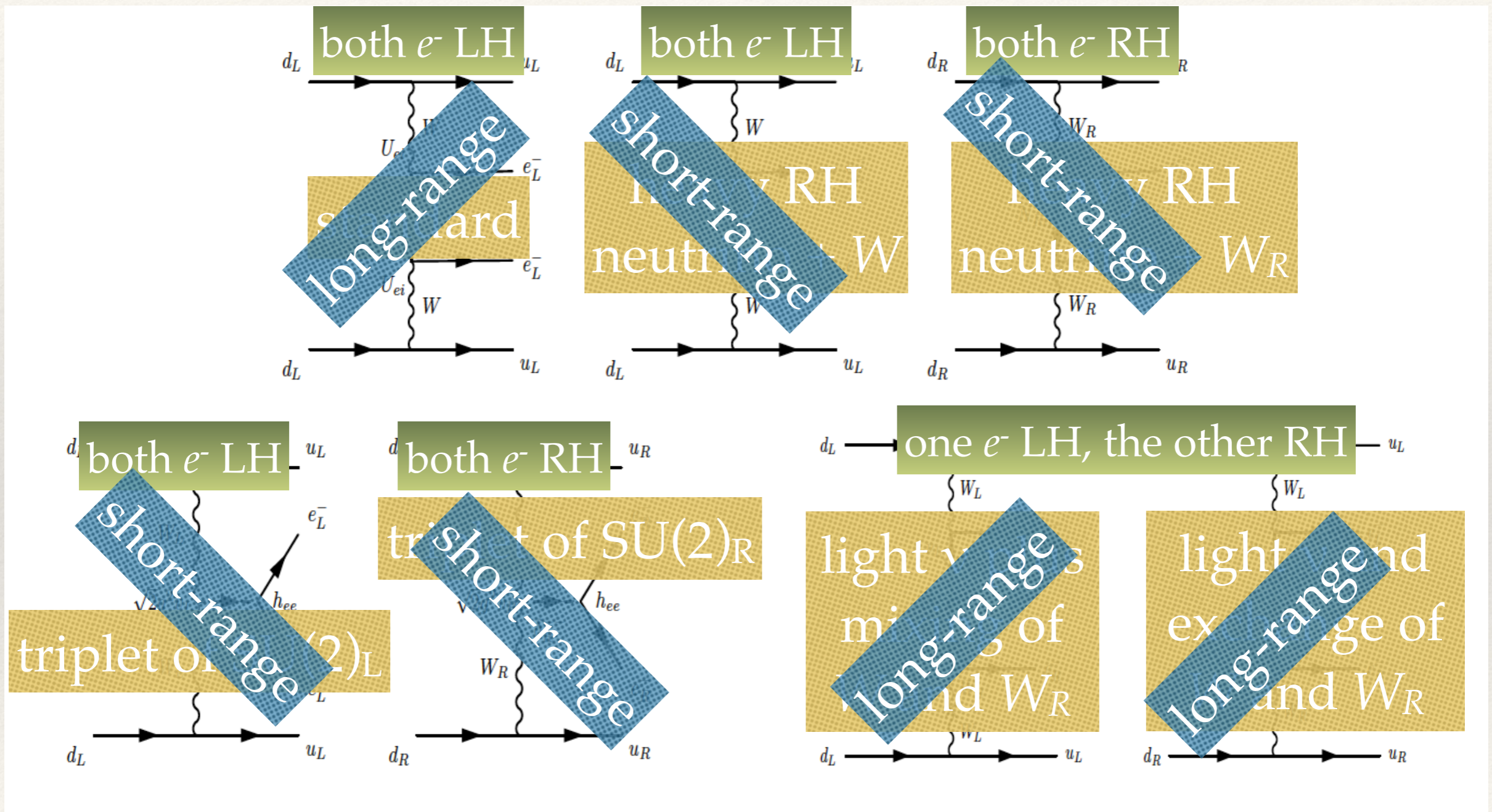




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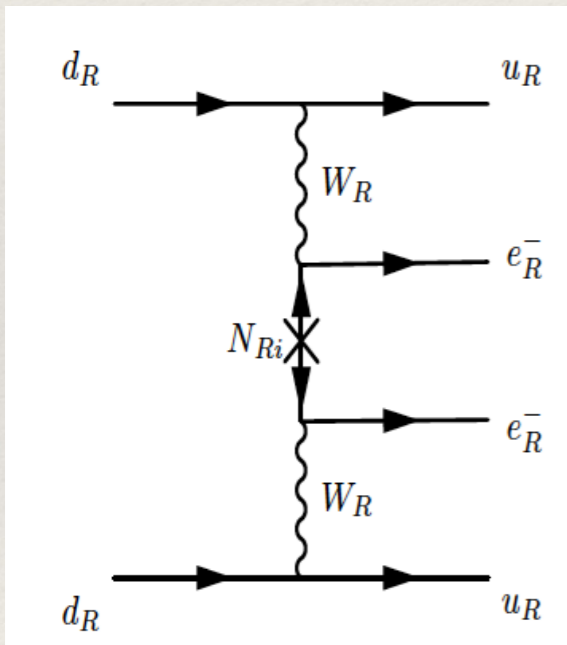


simultaneous presence / interference / ...

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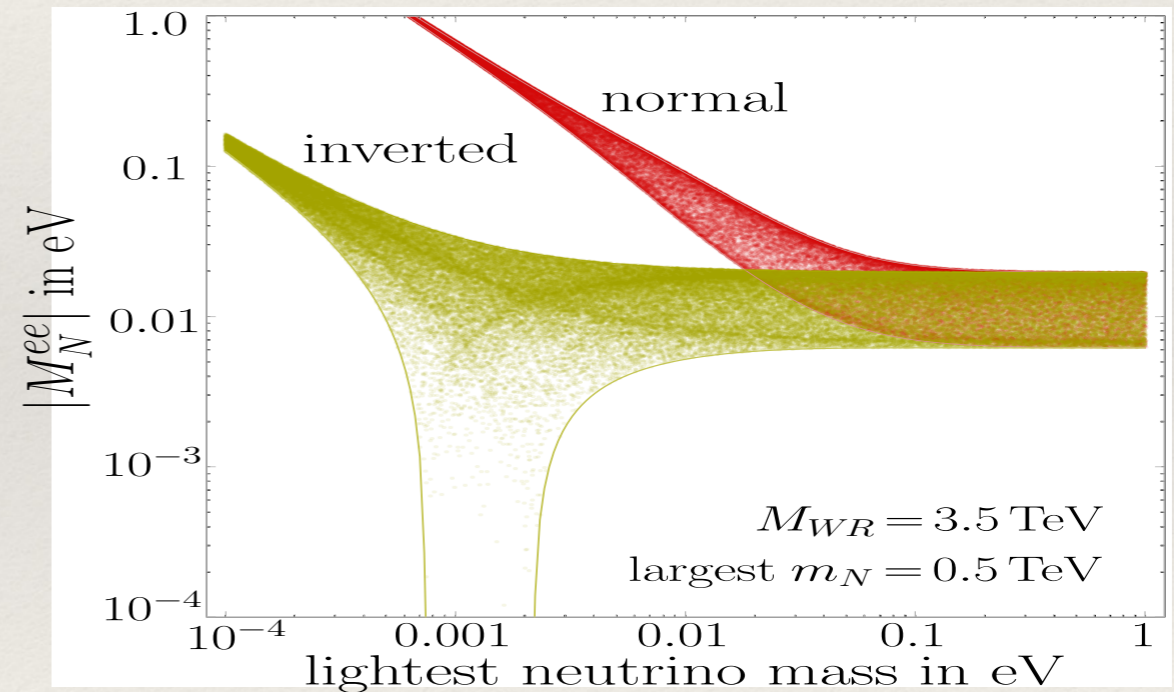
Type II dominance:  $m_\nu = m_L - M_D^2/M_R \rightarrow m_L$  with  $m_L \propto M_R$

$\Rightarrow$  right-handed neutrinos diagonalized by PMNS matrix!



$$\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{V_{ei}^2}{M_i} \propto \frac{U_{ei}^2}{m_i}$$

amplitude determined by PMNS, but  $\propto 1/m_\nu$

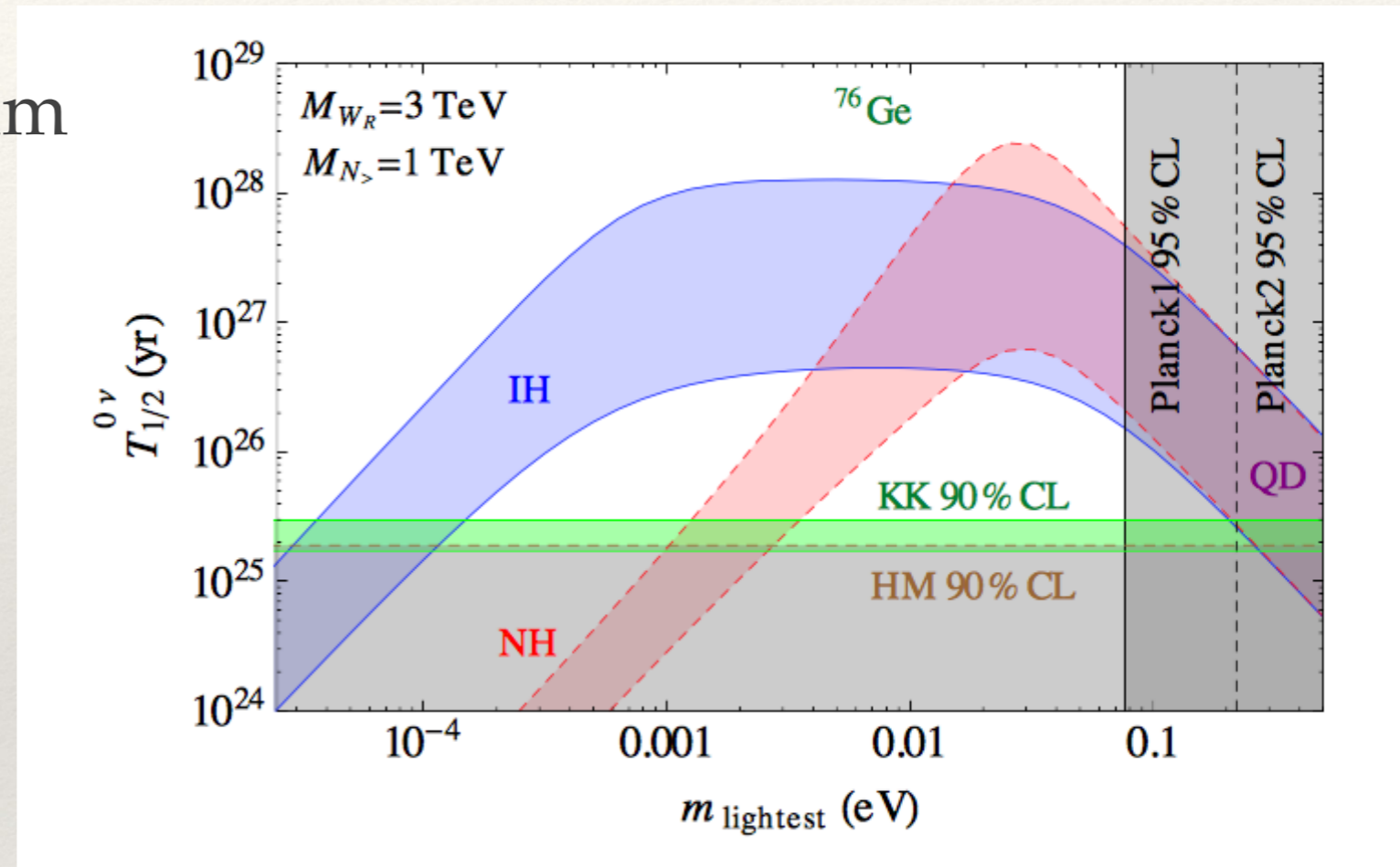


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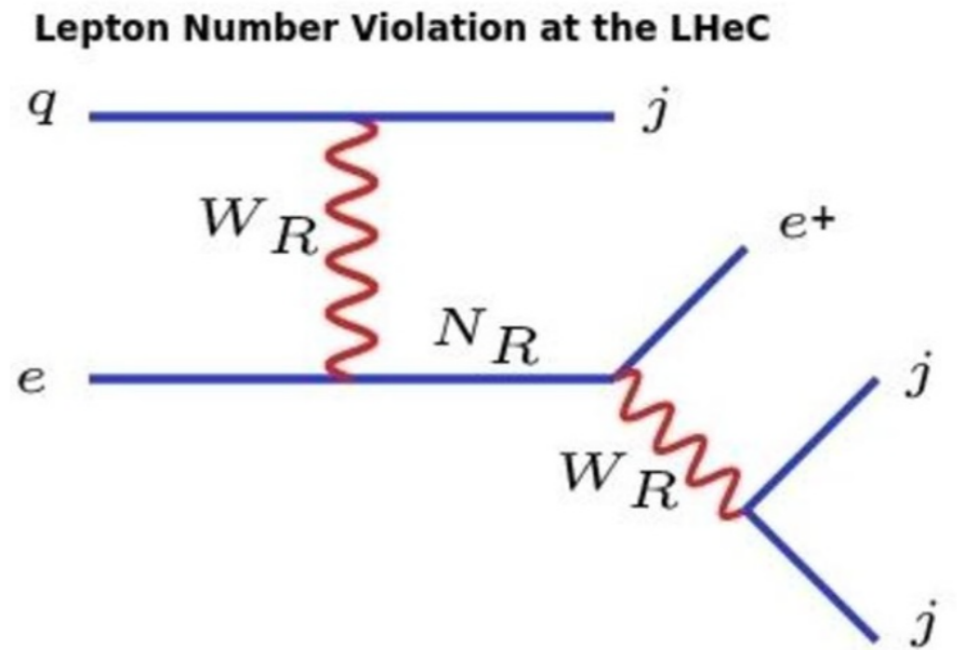
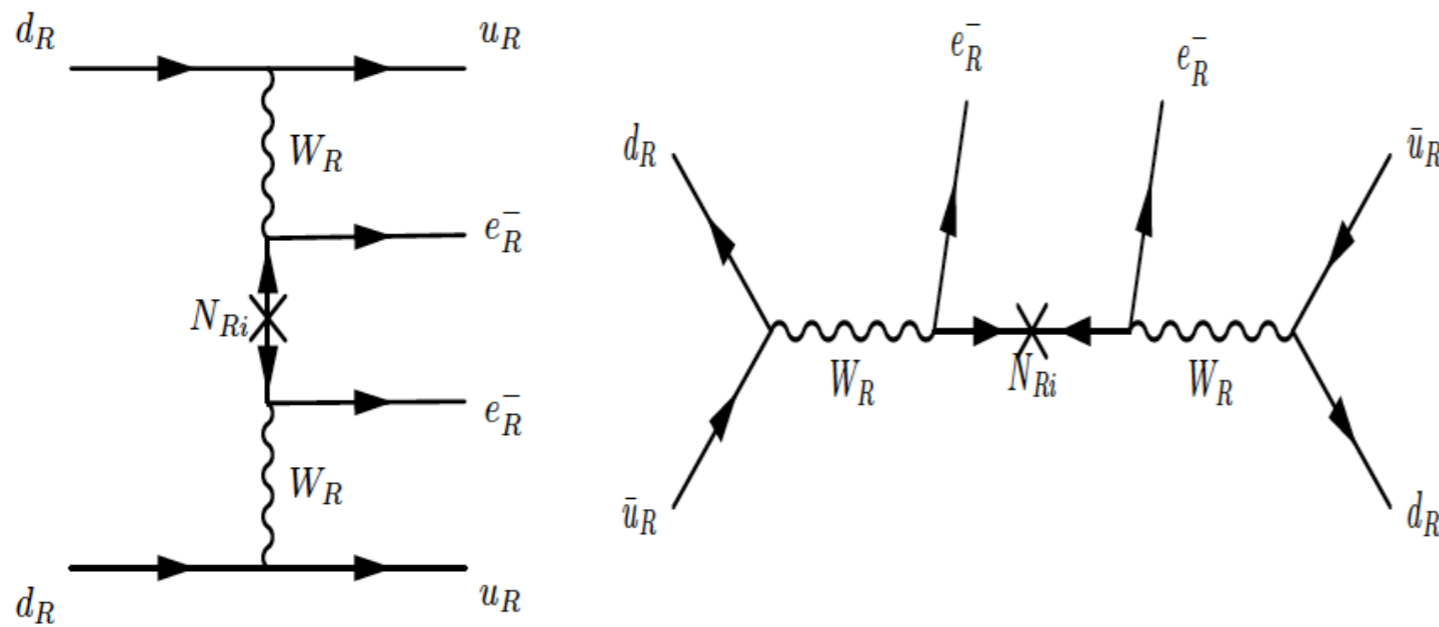
Senjanovic et al., 1011.3522

# Double Beta Decay and LR-Symmetry

- ❖ add Standard and LR-diagram
- ❖  $T_{\text{St}} \propto 1/m_\nu^2$  and  $T_{\text{LR}} \propto m_\nu^2$
- ❖ gives lower limit on  $m_\nu$

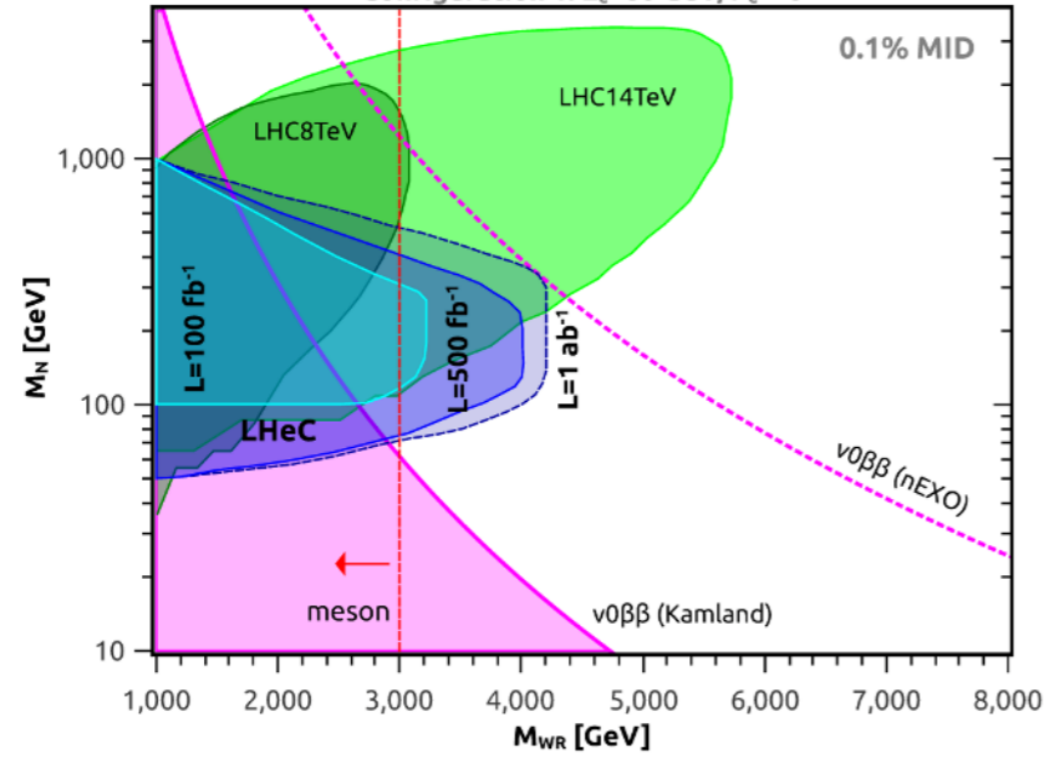


# LHC and Double Beta Decay

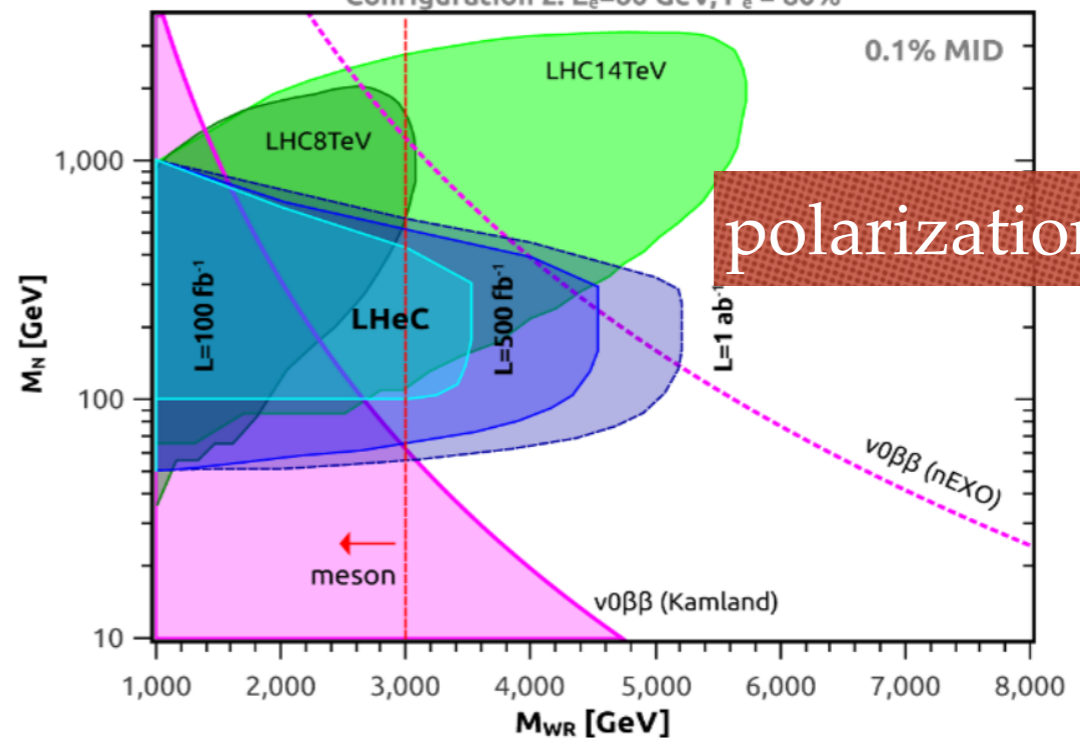


Lindner, Queiroz,  
WR, Yaguna, 1604.08596

Configuration 1:  $E_e=60$  GeV,  $P_e = 0$

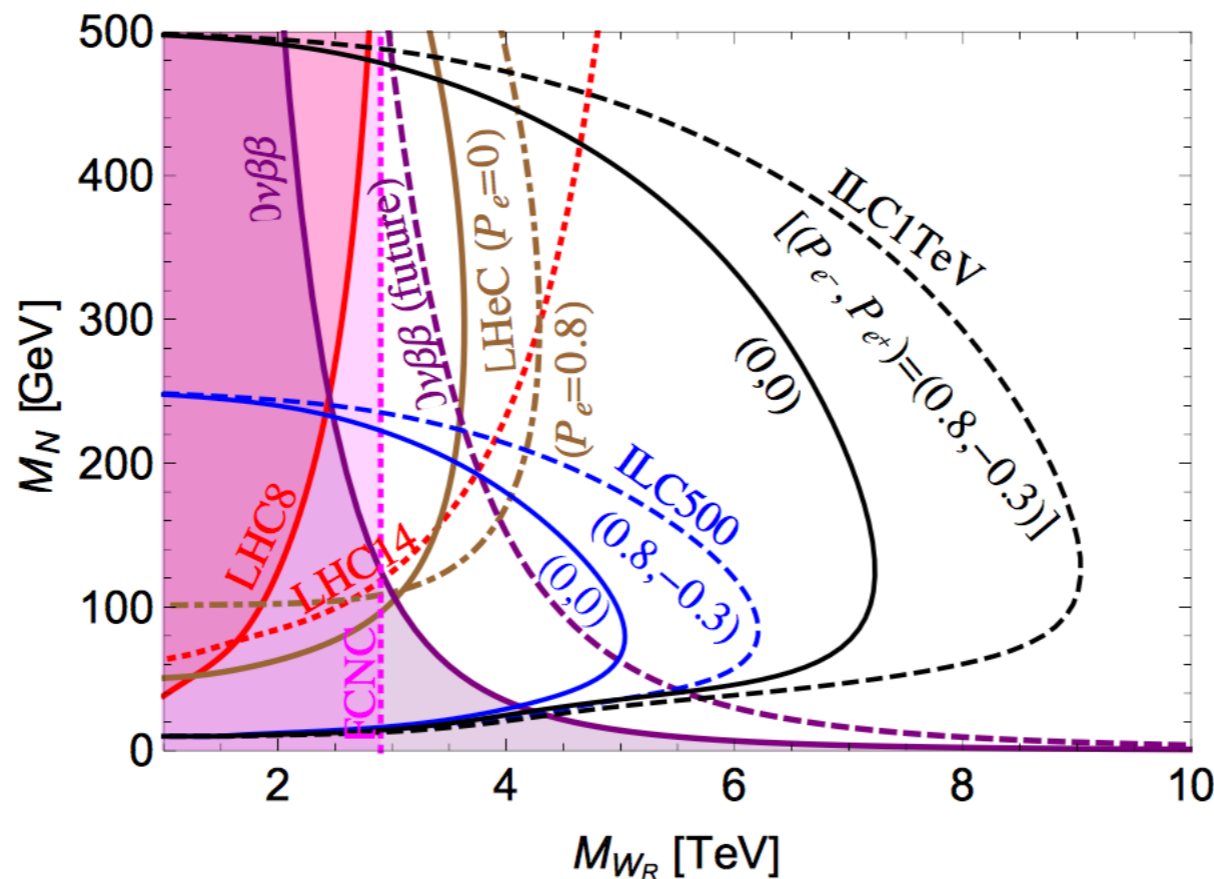
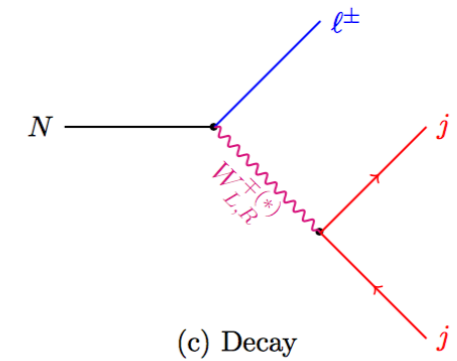
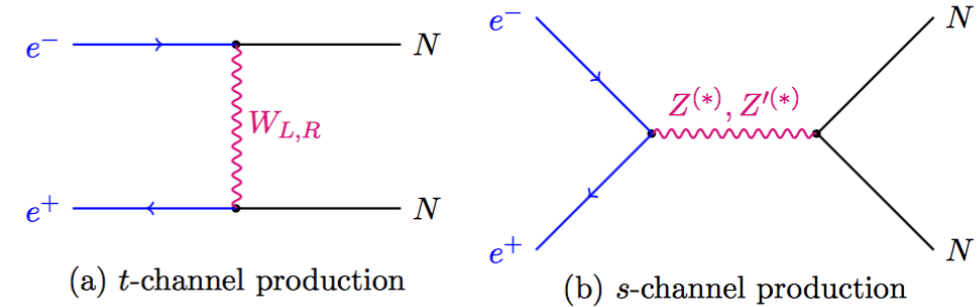
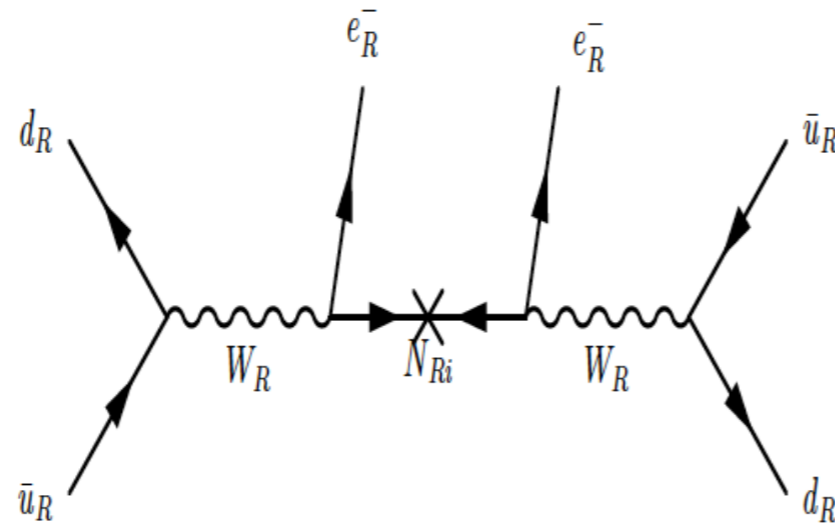
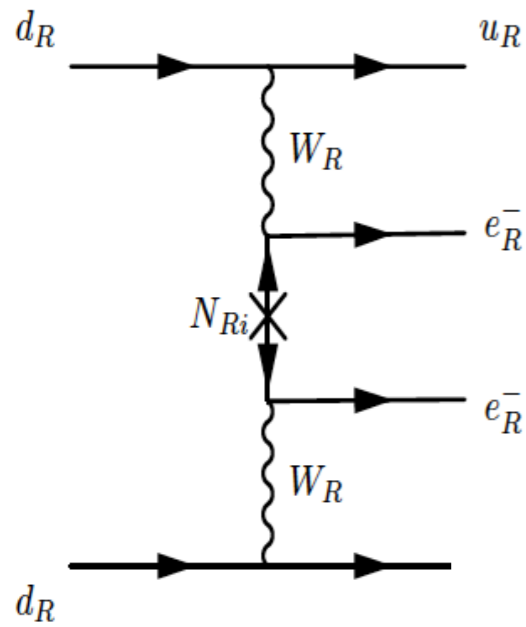


Configuration 2:  $E_e=60$  GeV,  $P_e = 80\%$



polarization at LHeC

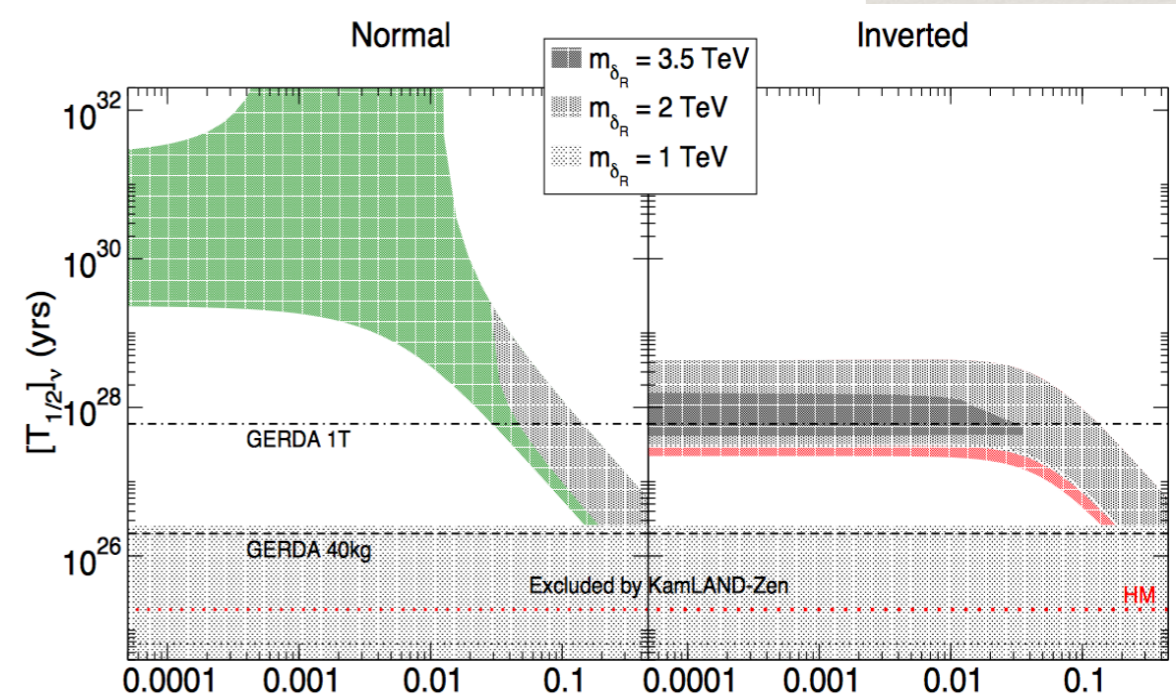
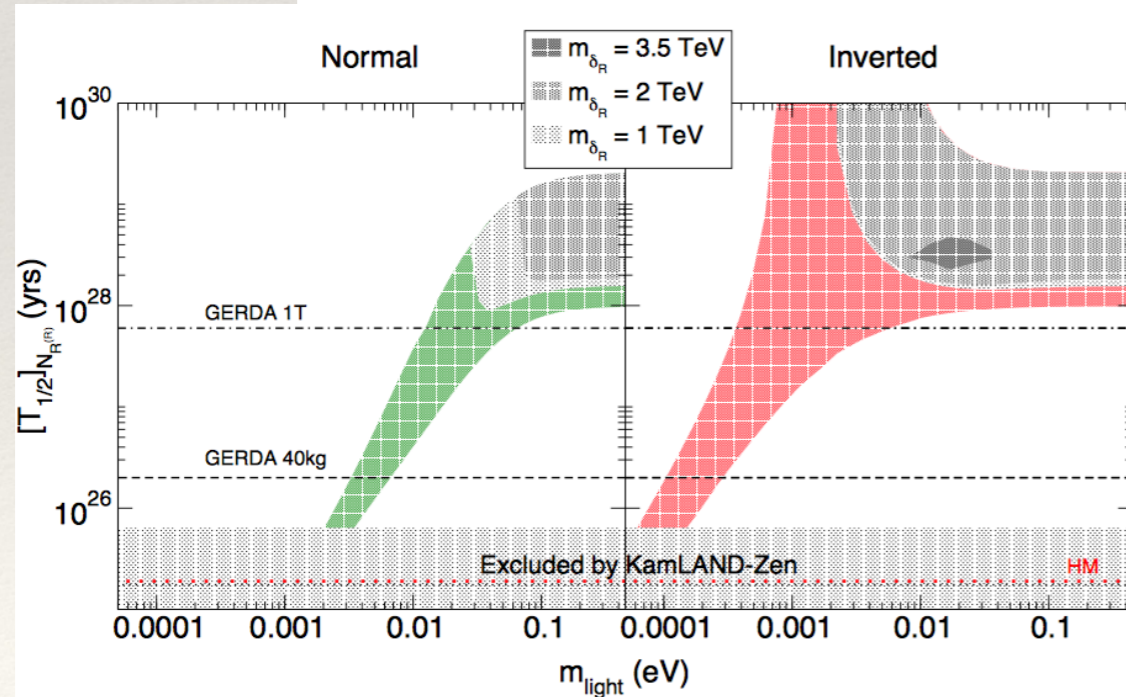
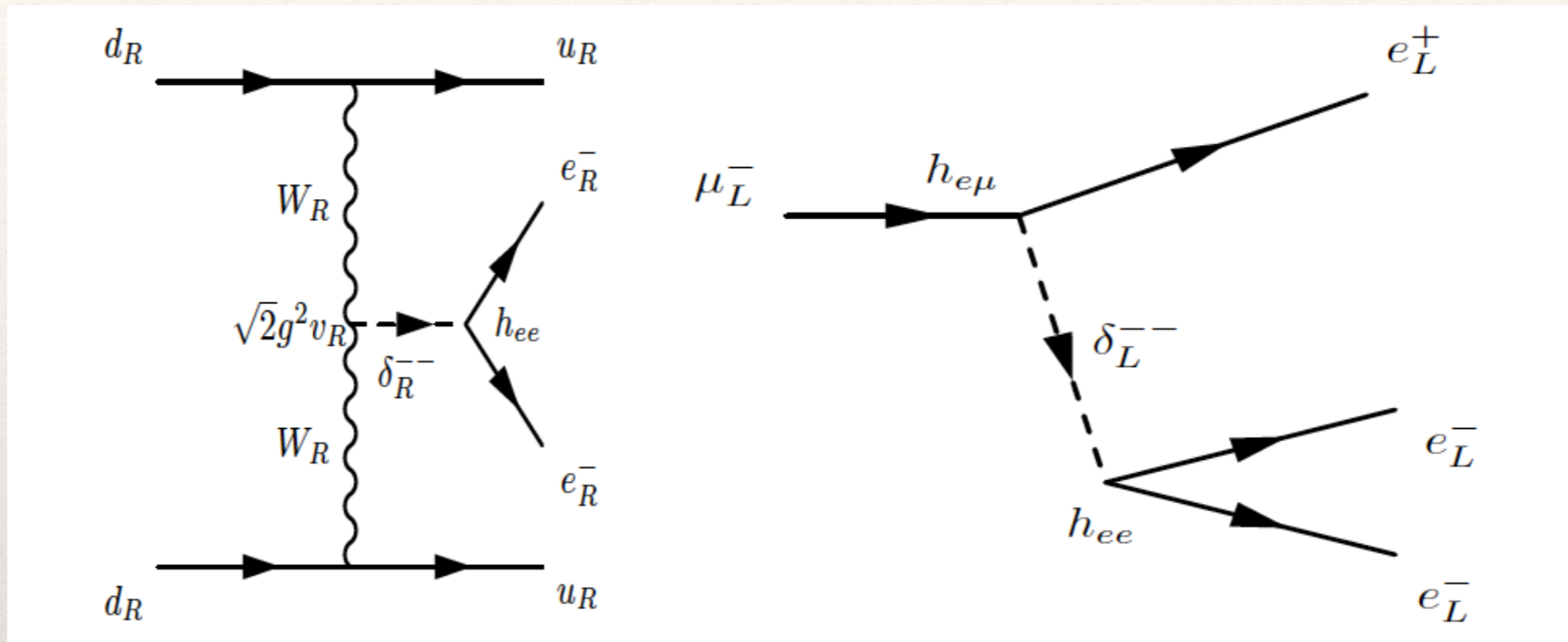
# LHC and Double Beta Decay



polarization at ILC

Biwal, Bhupal Dev,  
1701.08751

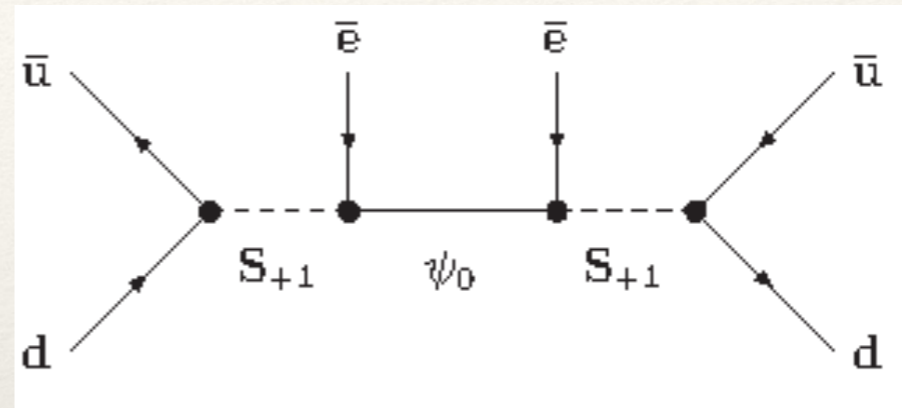
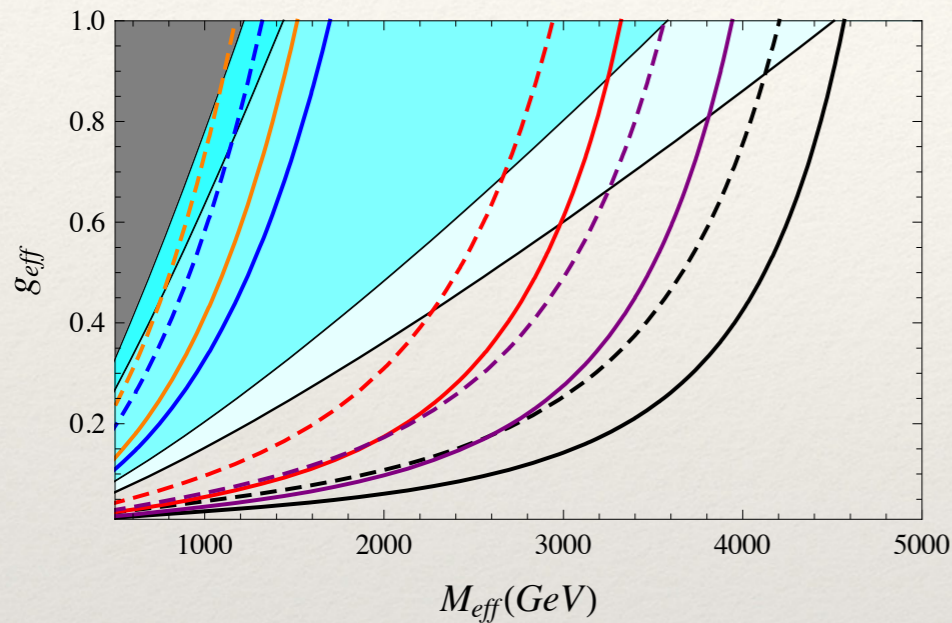
# LFV and Double Beta Decay



Barry, WR, 1303.6324

# Complementarity of LHC and $0\nu\beta\beta$

Hirsch et al., 1511.03945



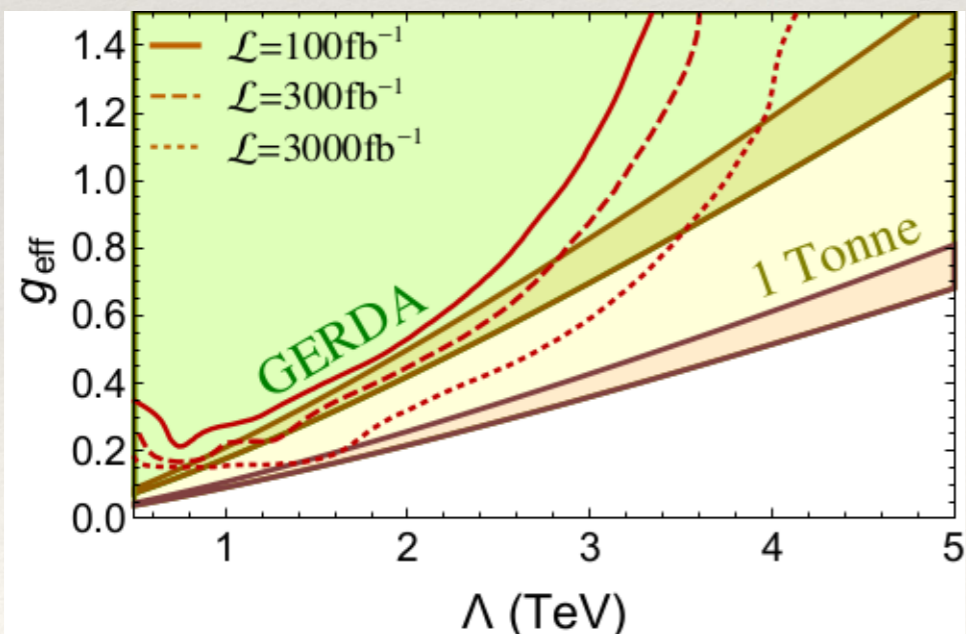
$S \sim (1,2)$

$\psi \sim (1,0)$

- ❖ LHC needs  $M_S > M_\psi$
- ❖ LHC has low sensitivity for small  $M_\psi$
- ❖ include jet-fake rate, charge mis-ID, QCD corrections in  $0\nu\beta\beta$ , etc.
- ❖  $\Rightarrow$  complementary

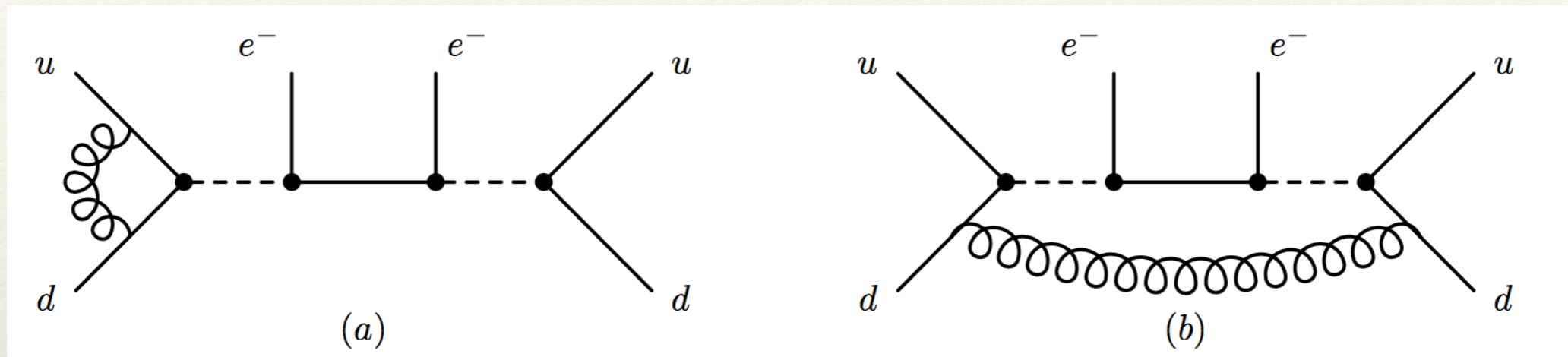
See talk by Ramsey-Musolf

Ramsey-Musolf et al., 1508.04444





# QCD Corrections



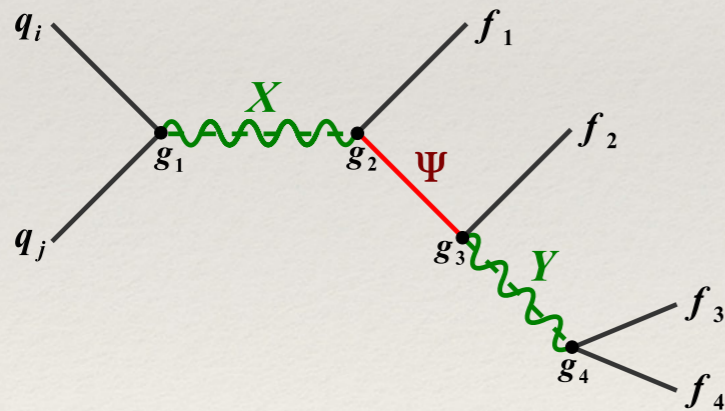
- ❖ naive size  $(\alpha_s/4\pi) \ln (M_W/100 \text{ MeV})^2 \approx 10\%$ , true for standard diagram
- ❖ creates in non  $(V-A) \otimes (V-A)$  short-range mechanisms color non-singlets, Fierzing to singlets gives different operators with vastly different NMEs
- ❖  $\Rightarrow$  can give effect exceeding NME uncertainty...

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

*Peng, Ramsey-Musolf, Winslow, PRD 93*

# TeV-scale LNV and Baryogenesis

- ❖ Example TeV-scale  $W_R$ : leads to washout in early Universe via  $e_R e_R \leftrightarrow W_R W_R$  and  $e_R W_R \leftrightarrow W_R e_R$ ; processes stay long in equilibrium (*Frere, Hambye, Vertongen; Bhupal Dev, Mohapatra; Sarkar et al.*)
- ❖ more model-independent (*Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch*):



wash-out:

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

( $\Leftrightarrow$  need for high-scale baryogenesis if TeV-scale LNV is present...?)

# Dirac vs. Majorana beyond $V-A$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_a \bar{\nu} \Gamma^a \nu \left[ \bar{\ell} \Gamma^a (C_a + \bar{D}_a i \gamma^5) \ell \right]$$

*Rosen, PRL48 (1982)*

*WR, Xu, Yaguna, 1702.05721*

- ❖ gives cross section for elastic neutrino-electron scattering:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(\nu + \ell) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{2\pi} \left[ A + 2B \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right) + C \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$T = \frac{2ME_\nu^2 c_\theta^2}{(M + E_\nu)^2 - E_\nu^2 c_\theta^2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(\bar{\nu} + \ell) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{2\pi} \left[ C + 2B \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right) + A \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right)^2 \right]$$

with:

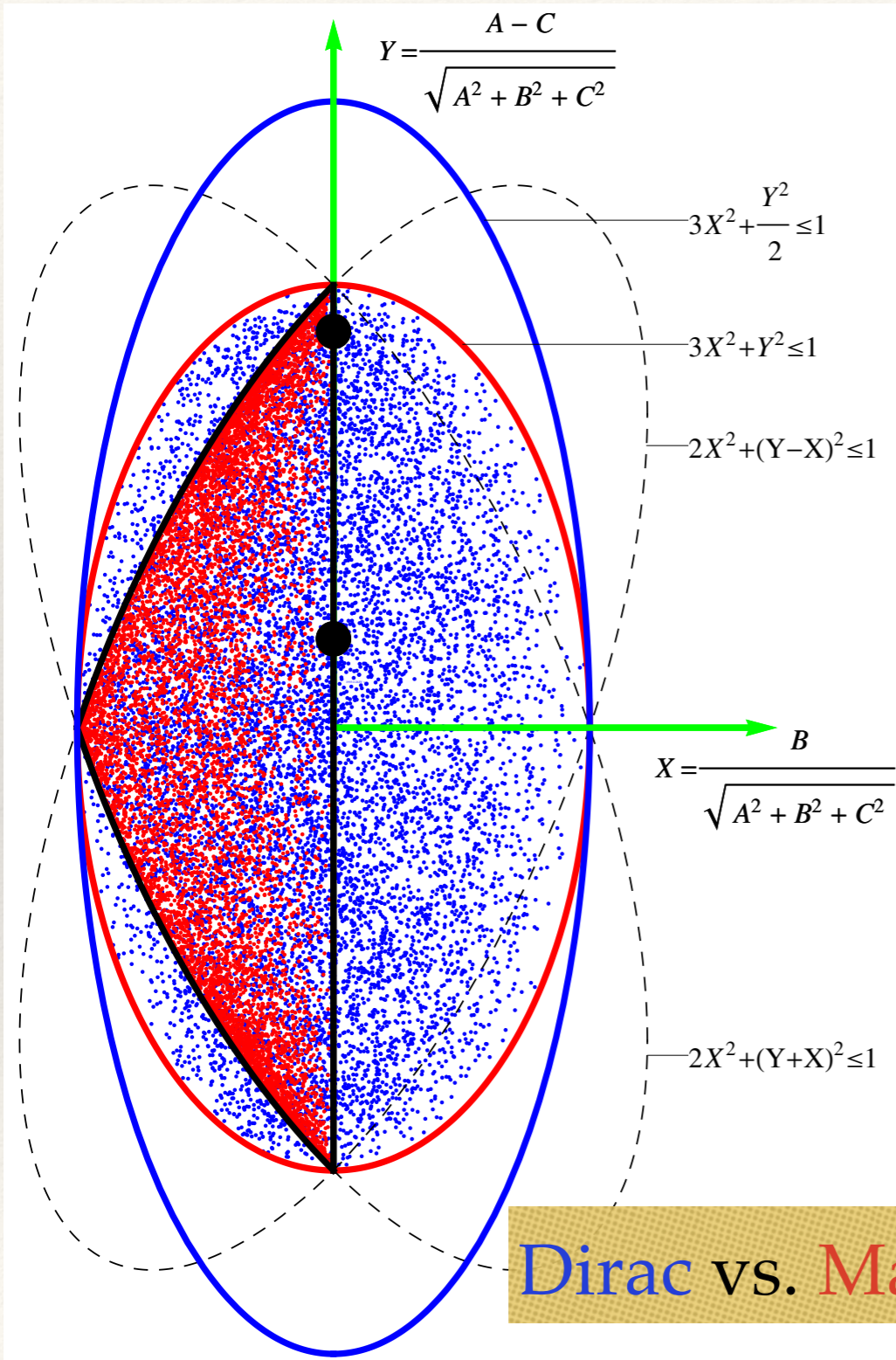
$$A \equiv \frac{1}{4} (C_A - D_A + C_V - D_V)^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_P C_T + \frac{1}{8} (C_P^2 + C_S^2 + D_P^2 + D_S^2) - \frac{1}{2} C_S C_T + C_T^2 + \frac{1}{2} D_P D_T - \frac{1}{2} D_S D_T + D_T^2$$

$$B \equiv -\frac{1}{8} (C_P^2 + C_S^2 + D_P^2 + D_S^2) + C_T^2 + D_T^2,$$

$$C \equiv \frac{1}{4} (C_A + D_A - C_V - D_V)^2 - \frac{1}{2} C_P C_T + \frac{1}{8} (C_P^2 + C_S^2 + D_P^2 + D_S^2) + \frac{1}{2} C_T C_S + C_T^2 - \frac{1}{2} D_P D_T + \frac{1}{2} D_S D_T + D_T^2$$

- ❖ For Majorana neutrinos:  $C_V = D_V = C_T = D_T = 0$

# Dirac vs. Majorana beyond $V-A$



can only demonstrate Dirac nature!

Dirac vs. Majorana

$$X \equiv \frac{B}{R}, Y \equiv \frac{A - C}{R}$$

$$R \equiv \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}$$

Dirac neutrinos:

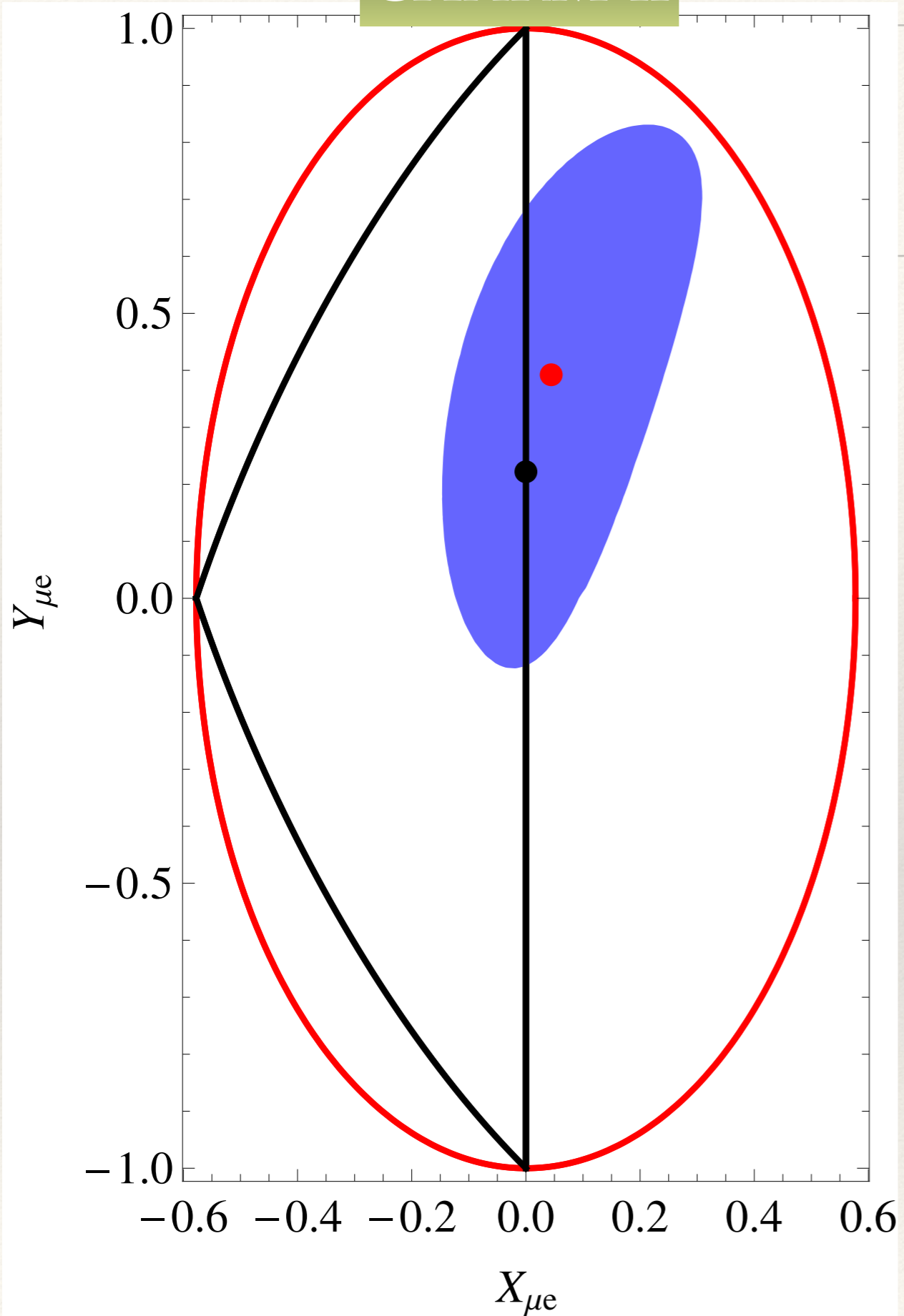
$$3X^2 + Y^2 \leq 1$$

Majorana neutrinos:

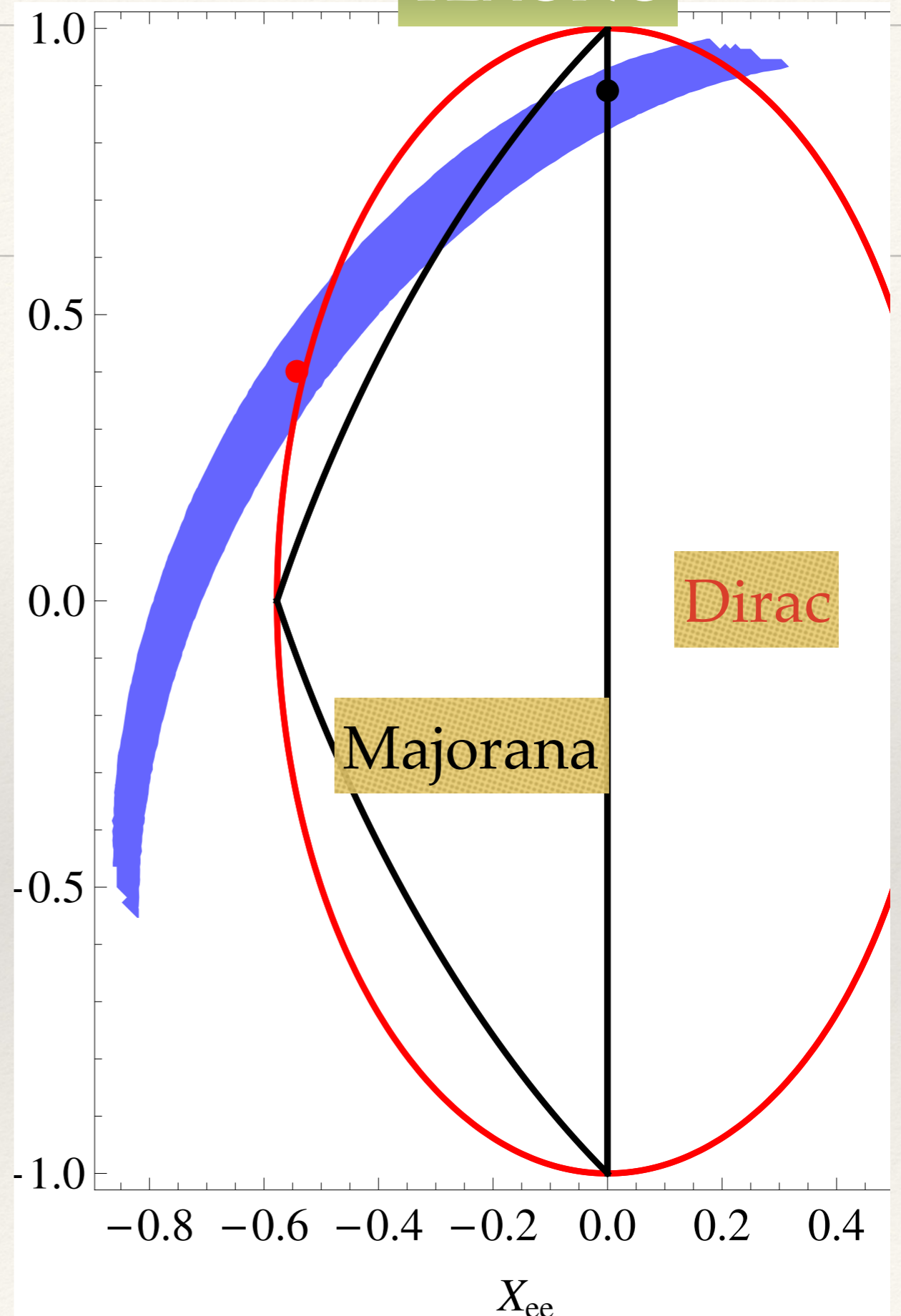
$$2X^2 + (Y \pm X)^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad X \leq 0$$

WR, Xu, Yaguna, 1702.05721

# CHARM-II



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# Summary

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## *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-

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