

# Lepton Flavour and Number Violation in Models with Left-Right Symmetry



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# Overview

- **Neutrinos**
- **Neutrino Mass Generation**
  - Seesaw Mechanism
  - SUSY Seesaw
  - Left-Right Symmetry
- **Lepton Flavour Violation**
- **Lepton Number Violation**
- **Signals at the LHC**
- **Conclusions**

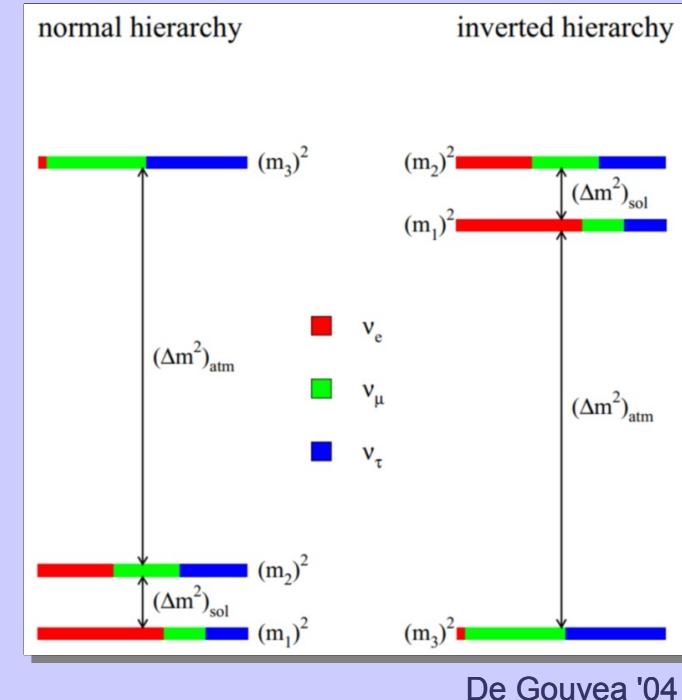
# Neutrino Oscillations

- Neutrino interaction states different from mass eigenstates

Neutrino flavour can change through propagation

$$\nu_i = \sum_{\alpha} U_{i\alpha} \nu_{\alpha}, \quad \nu_i(t) = e^{-i(E_i t - p_i x)} \nu_i$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2}{\text{eV}^2} \frac{L/\text{km}}{E/\text{GeV}} \right)$$



De Gouvea '04

- Solar neutrino oscillations

Large mixing

- Atmospheric oscillations

$\approx$  Maximal mixing

- Reactor and accelerator neutrinos

Antineutrino disappearance at Daya Bay  
(& Reno)

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.092 \pm 0.021$$

# Absolute Neutrino Mass

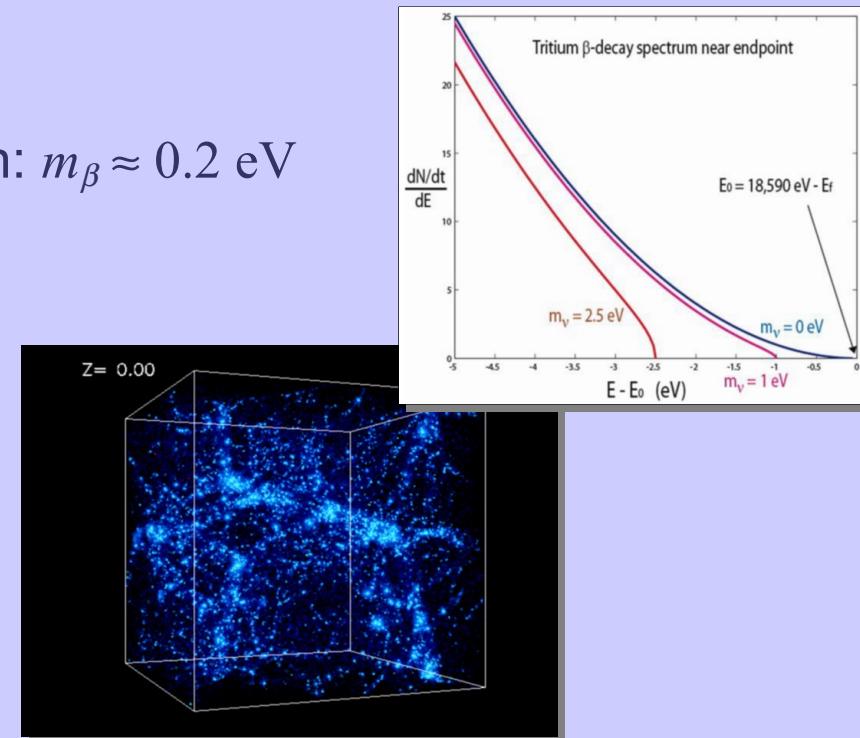
- Energy endpoint in Beta decay

$$m_\beta^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2 < (2.2 \text{ eV})^2$$

Katrin:  $m_\beta \approx 0.2 \text{ eV}$

- Impact on Large Scale Structure

$$\Sigma = \sum_i m_i < 0.4 - 1 \text{ eV}$$

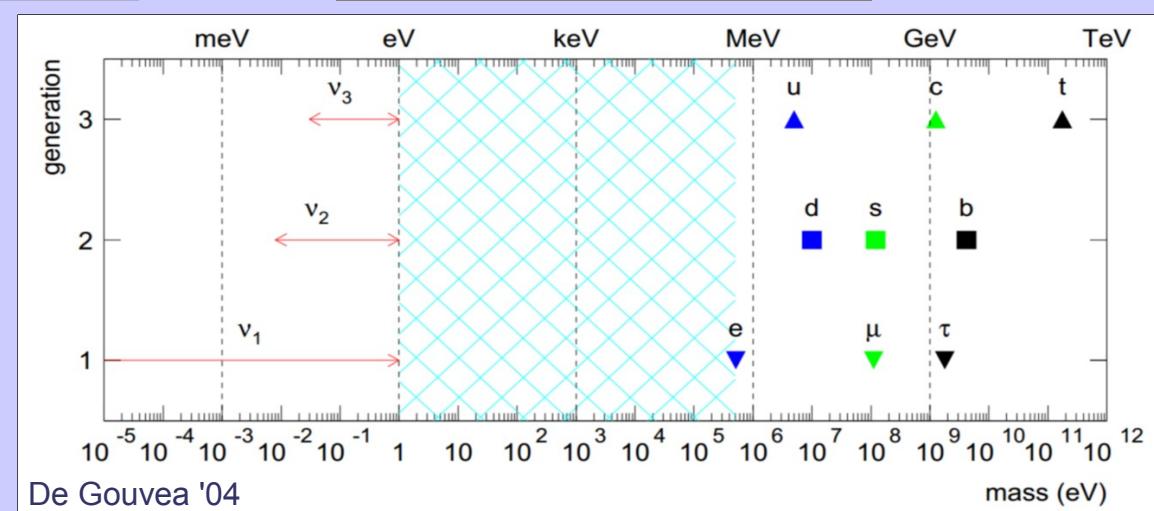
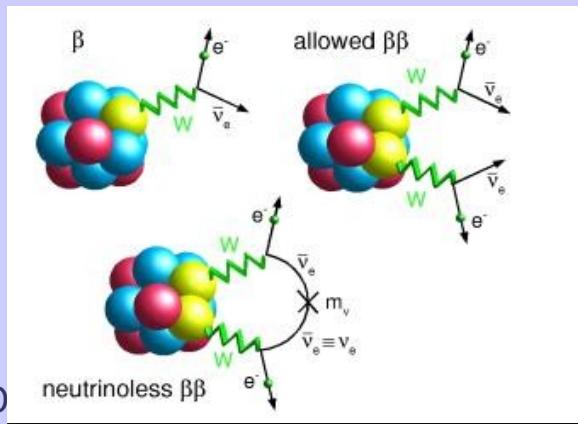


- Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_{\nu_i} \right| < 0.2 - 2.0 \text{ eV}$$

Future Experiments:

$m_{\beta\beta} \approx 0.01 \text{ eV}$



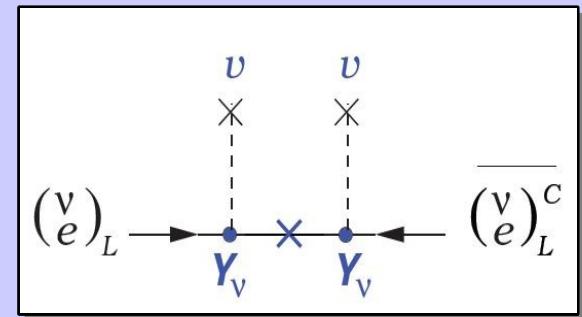
# Seesaw Mechanism

- Add right-handed neutrinos to (MS)SM  
particle content,  $M_R \approx 10^{14}$  GeV

$$W = W_{\text{MSSM}} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\nu}_R^{cT} M_R \hat{\nu}_R^c + \hat{\nu}_R^{cT} Y_\nu \hat{L} \cdot \hat{H}_u$$

- Integrate out heavy right-handed neutrinos

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix}^T \quad \text{with} \quad m_D = Y_\nu \langle H_u^0 \rangle \ll M_R$$



- Effective light neutrino mass matrix at low energies

$$m_\nu = m_D^T M^{-1} m_D \quad \text{for } m_D \ll M_R \quad m_\nu \approx 0.1 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{m_D}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M_R}{10^{14} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-1}$$

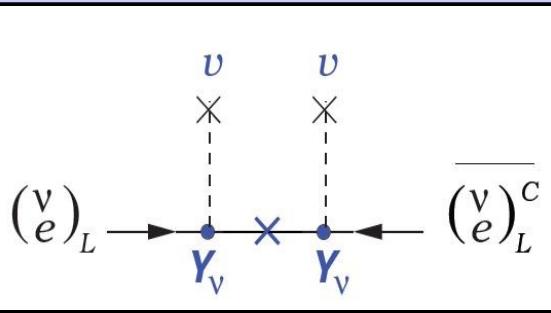
# Seesaw Mechanisms

Seesaw I

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_i \\ e_i \end{pmatrix}, e_i^c, \nu_i^c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D \ll M_R \Rightarrow \\ m_\nu = m_D^T M^{-1} m_D$$

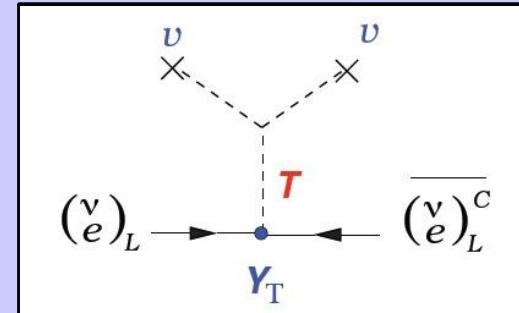


Seesaw II

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_i \\ e_i \end{pmatrix}, e_i^c, \nu_i^c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{LL} & m_D^T \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D \ll M_R \Rightarrow \\ m_\nu = m_{LL} - m_D^T M^{-1} m_D$$

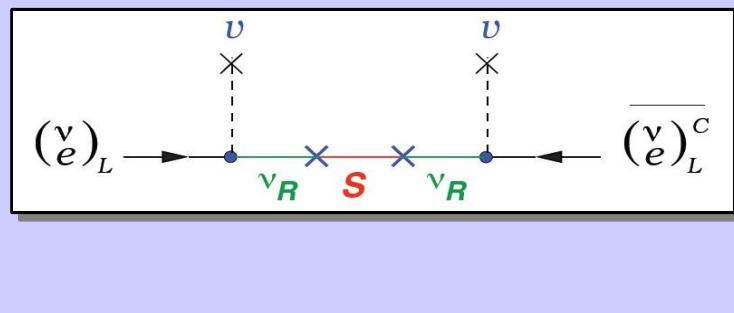


Inverse Seesaw

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_i \\ e_i \end{pmatrix}, e_i^c, \nu_i^c, S_i$$

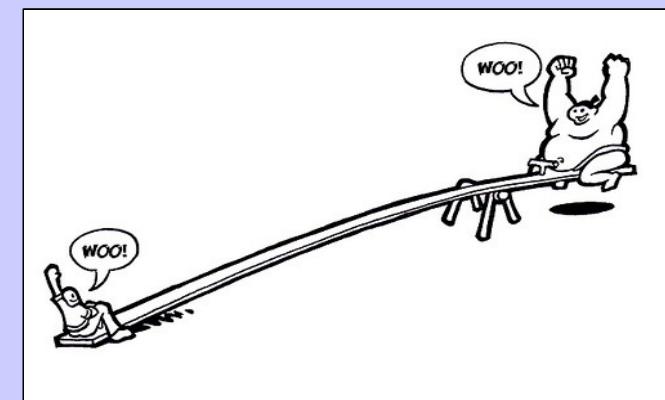
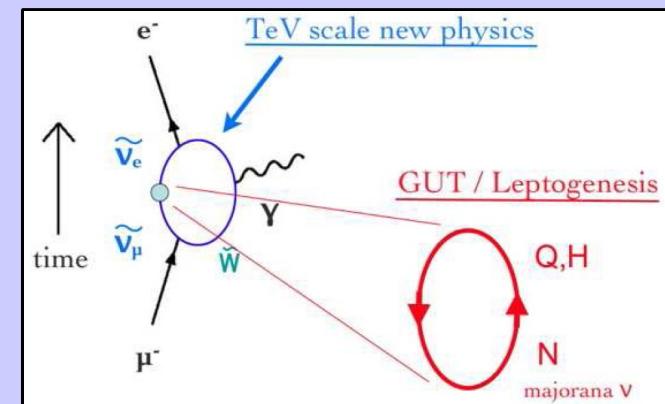
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T & 0 \\ m_D & 0 & M_R^T \\ 0 & M_R & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mu, m_D \ll M_R \Rightarrow \\ m_\nu = m_D^T M_R^{T-1} \mu M_R^{-1} m_D$$



# Problems of Seesaw Mechanism

- Introduces high energy scale
- Right-handed neutrinos are singlets  
Couple only via small mixture with active neutrinos
- Mechanism not testable with low energy observables
- Possible Solutions
  - SUSY Seesaw  
Testable LFV effects on sleptons
  - Bended Seesaw mechanisms  
LNV at low scale allows low mass right-handed neutrinos
  - Left-Right symmetry models  
Right-handed neutrinos couple with gauge strength to charged leptons



# Minimal Left-Right Symmetrical Model

- Based on

$$SU(3) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

Pati & Salam '74  
Mohapatra & Senjanovic '75

- Higgs Sector:

Bidoublet (EW Breaking)

+ Left-handed Triplet + Right-handed Triplet  
(Breaking Lepton Number + Parity +  $SU(2)_R$ )

- Generating r.h. Neutrino + WR + ZR masses

$$M_{N_i} \approx M_{W_R} \approx M_{Z_R} \approx \langle \Delta_R \rangle$$

- Charged current weak interactions

$$J_W^{\mu-} = \frac{g_L}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\nu} U_{LL} + \bar{N}^c U_{LR}) \gamma^\mu e_L + \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \zeta_W (\bar{\nu} U_{RL} + \bar{N} U_{RR}) \gamma^\mu e_R,$$

$$J_{W'}^{\mu-} = -\frac{g_L}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \zeta_W (\bar{\nu} U_{LL} + \bar{N} U_{LR}) \gamma^\mu e_L + \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{N} U_{RR} + \bar{\nu}^c U_{RL}) \gamma^\mu e_R,$$

# Charged Lepton Flavour Violation

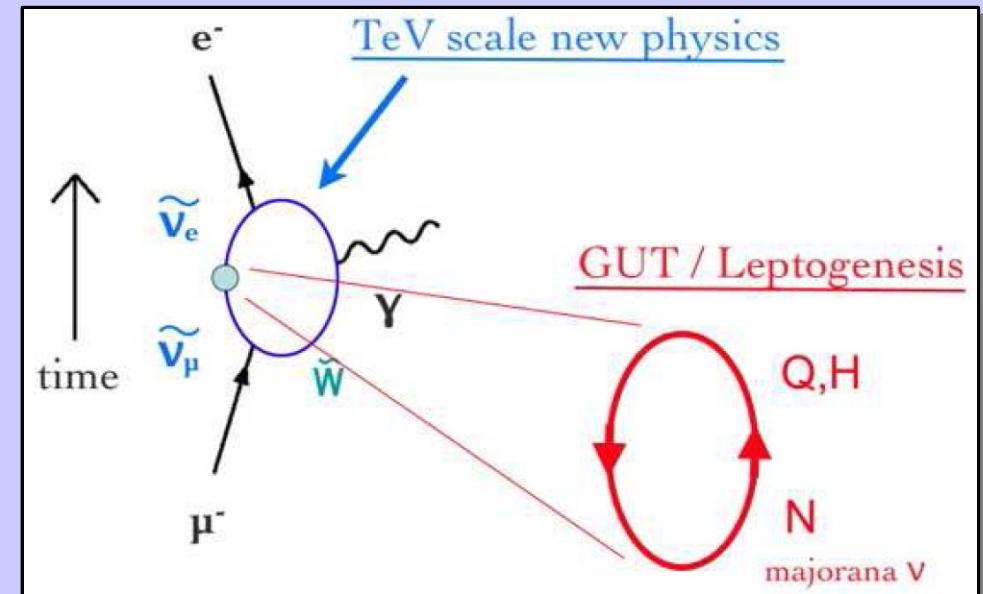
- Lepton flavour practically conserved in the Standard Model

$$Br(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_i U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{m_W^2} \right|^2 \approx 10^{-56}$$

LFV is clear sign for BSM physics

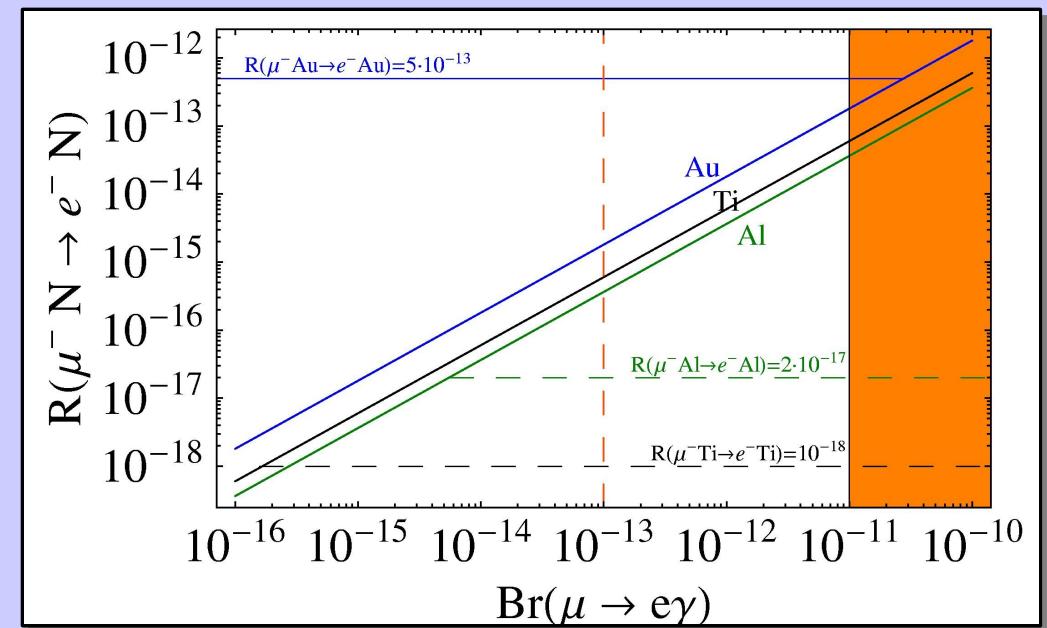
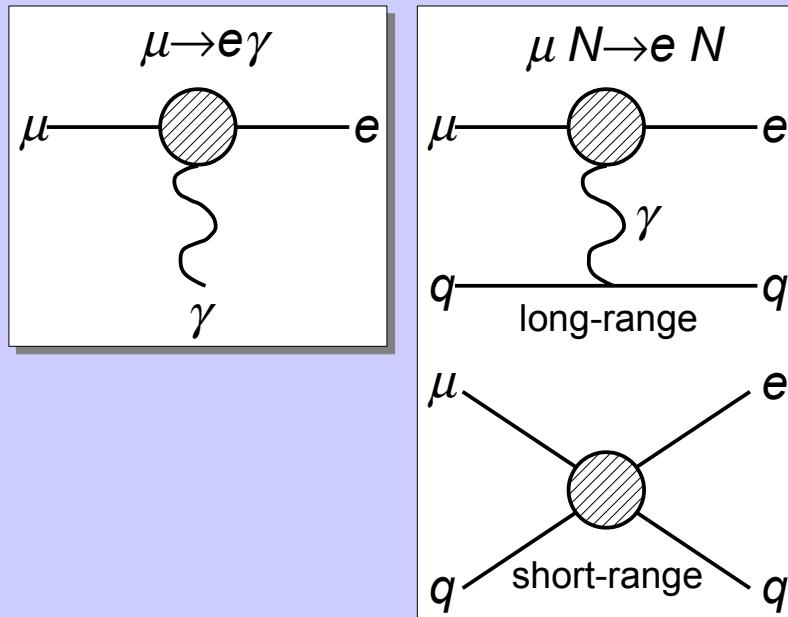
- Flavour violation in quark and neutrino sector  
Strong case to look for charged LFV

- LFV can shed light on
  - Grand Unification models
  - Flavour symmetries
  - Origin of flavour



# Rare LFV Processes

- Current bounds and future sensitivities
  - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 2.4 \cdot 10^{-12}$  (MEG)  $10^{-13}$  (MEG, 2009)
  - $\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 4.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$  (BaBar)  $10^{-9}$  (Super-B Factory)
  - $\text{Br}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) < 3.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$  (BaBar)  $10^{-9}$  (Super-B Factory)
  - $R(\mu N \rightarrow e N) < 7 \cdot 10^{-13}$  (Sindrum)  $10^{-16}$  (COMET),  $\mu \rightarrow e$  conversion in nuclei
  - $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$  (LHC?), etc.
- Correlation between processes of same flavour transition



# Rare LFV Processes in the LRSM

- Mediated by right-handed neutrinos and doubly charged Higgs bosons

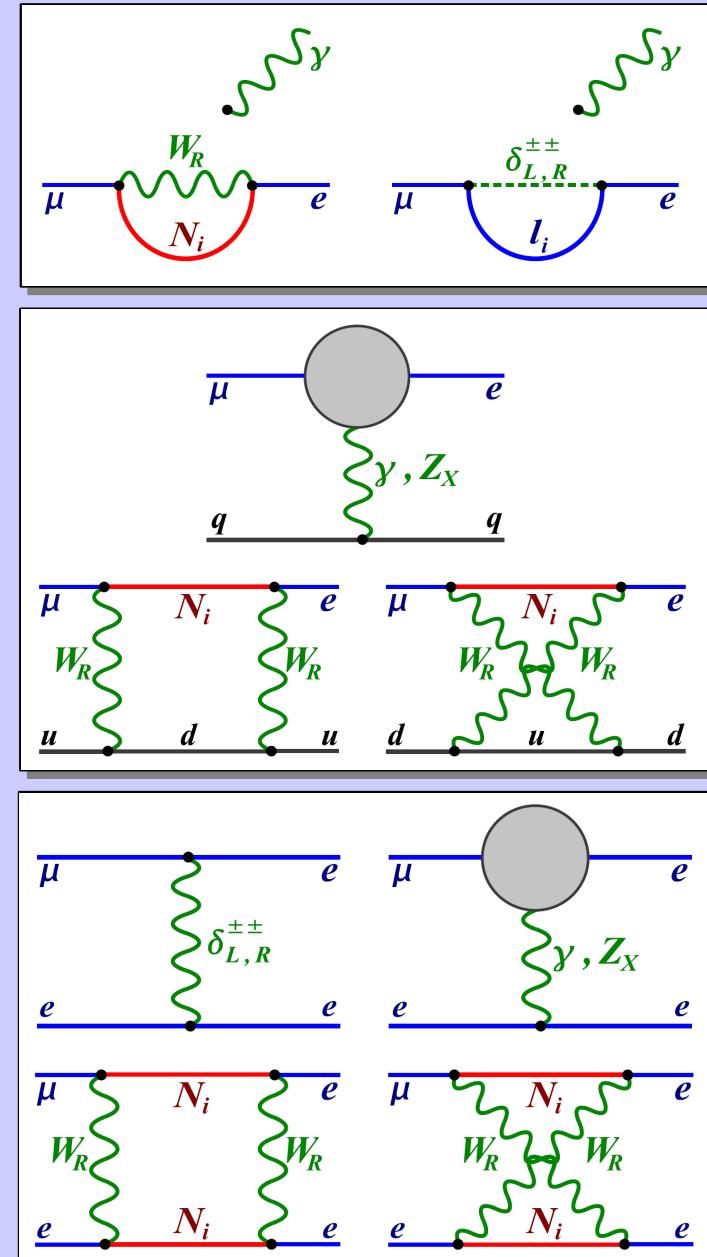
$$BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \approx 2 \times 10^{-9} \sin^2(2\phi) \left( \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2}{m_{W_R}^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2 \text{ TeV}}{m_{W_R}} \right)^4,$$

- $\mu$ -e conversion in nuclei enhanced via box diagrams

$$R(\mu \rightarrow e) \approx BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$$

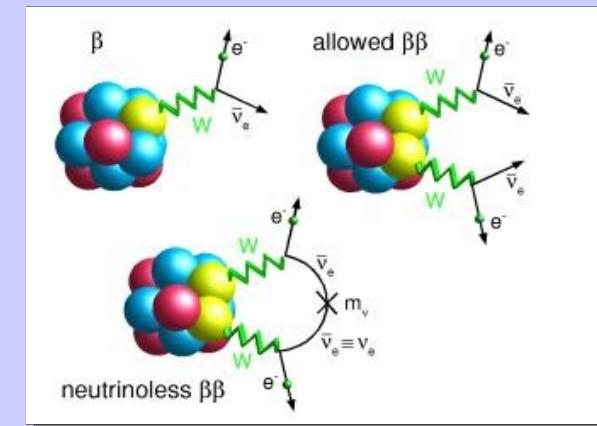
- $\mu \rightarrow eee$  strongly enhanced due to tree level contribution

$$BR(\mu \rightarrow eee) \approx 300 \times R(\mu \rightarrow e)$$



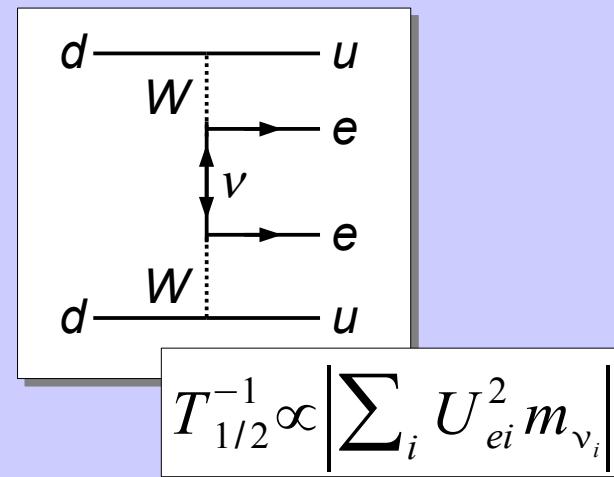
# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

- **Process:**  $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + 2e^-$
- **Uncontroversial detection of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  of utmost importance**
  - Prove lepton number to be broken
  - Prove neutrinos to be Majorana particles (Schechter, Valle '82)
- **Which mechanism triggers the decay?**

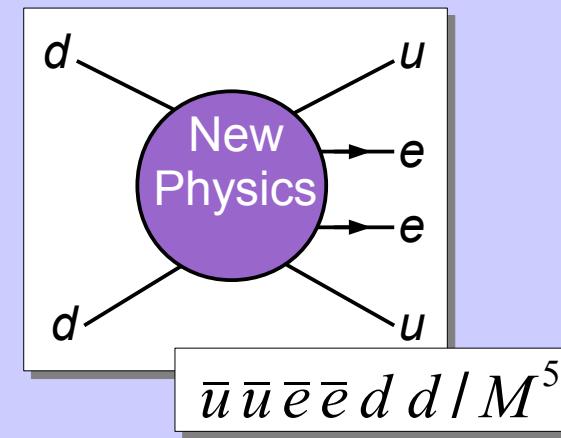


**Heidelberg-Moscow**  
 $T_{1/2}(^{76}\text{Ge}) \approx 1.9 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ y}$   
 $\langle m_\nu \rangle \approx (0.3 - 0.6) \text{ eV}$

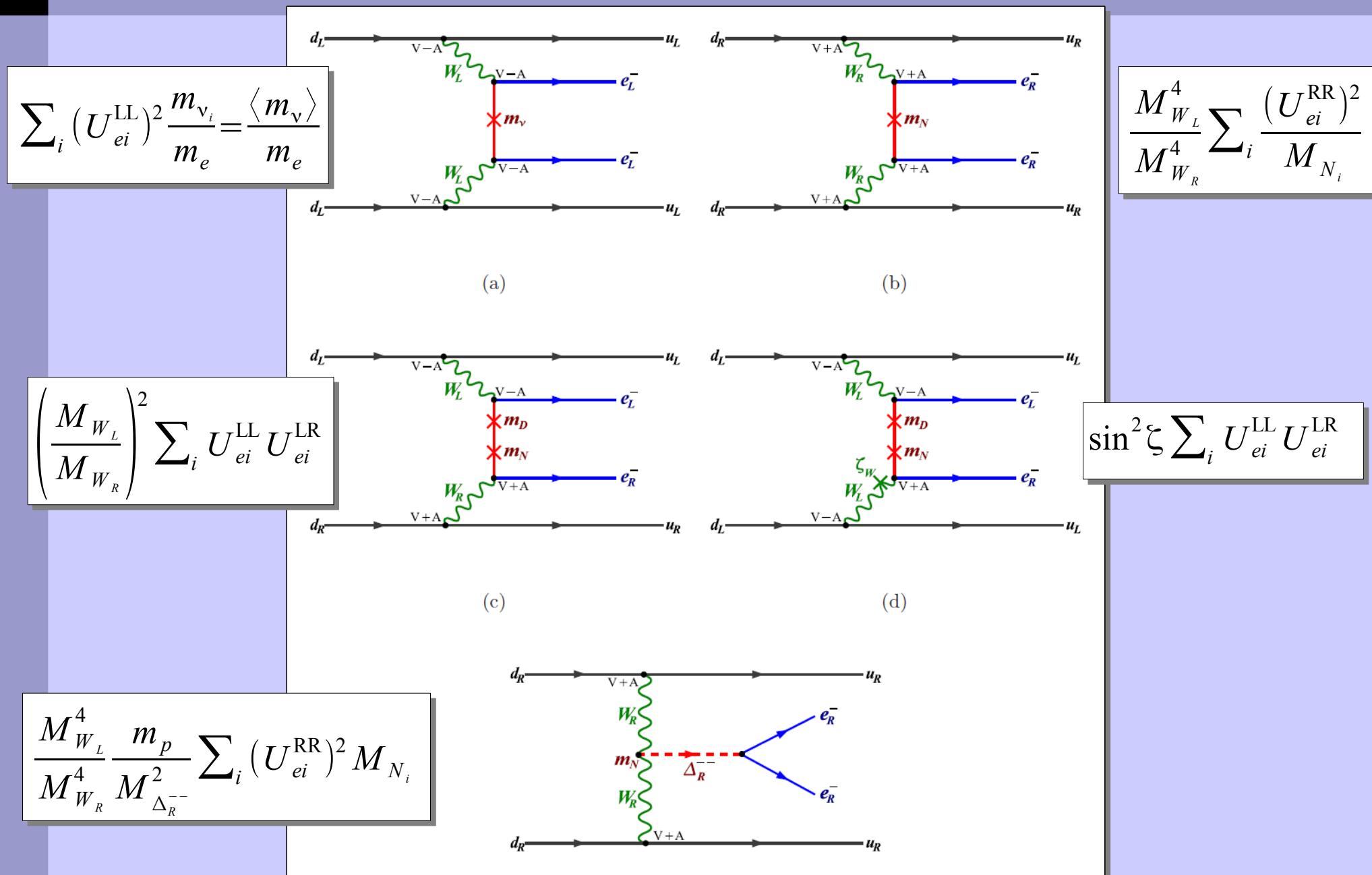
Light Neutrino Exchange  
 (LH Current, Mass Mechanism)



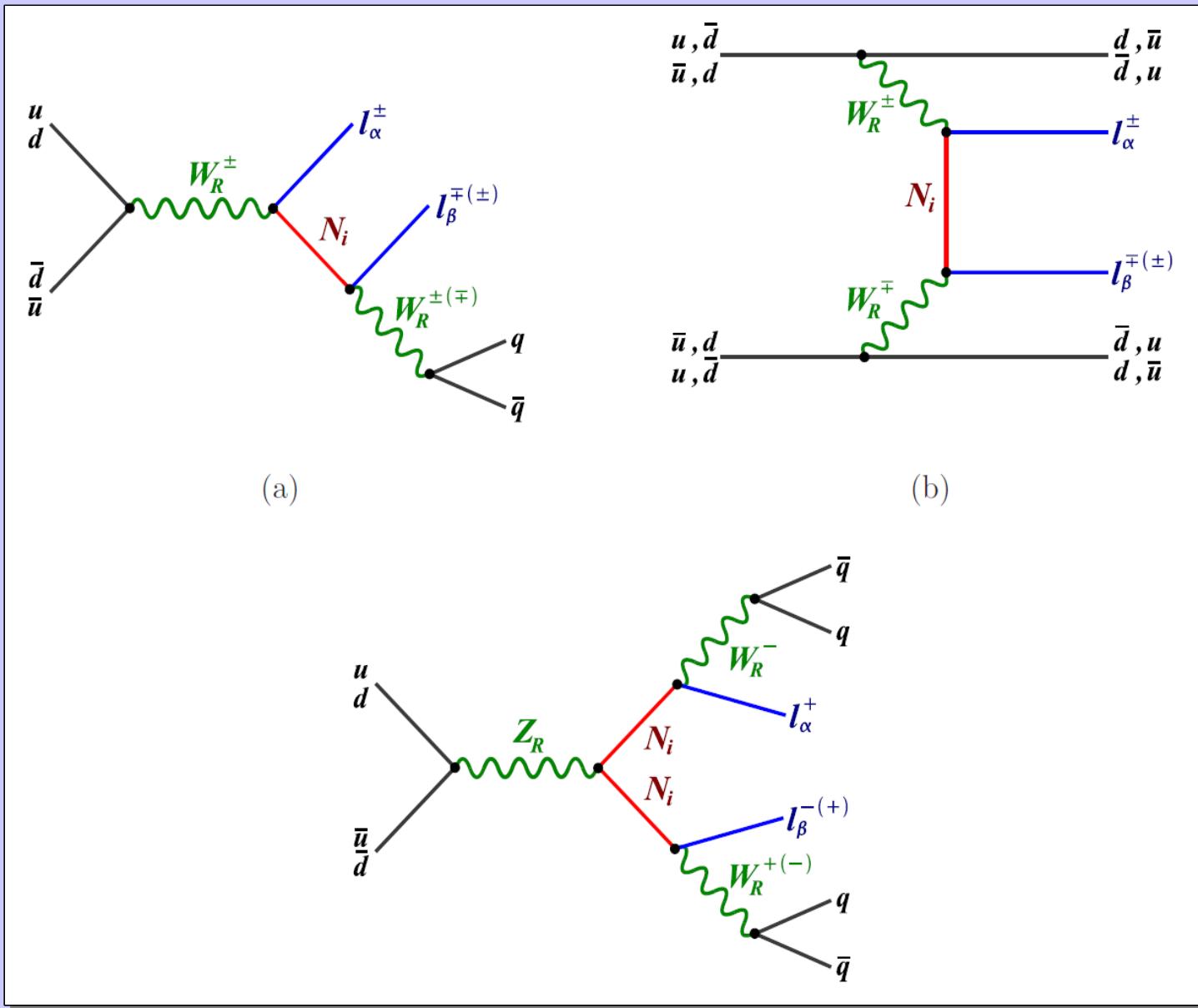
General Effective Operator



# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay in the LRSM



# Dilepton signals at the LHC in the LRSM

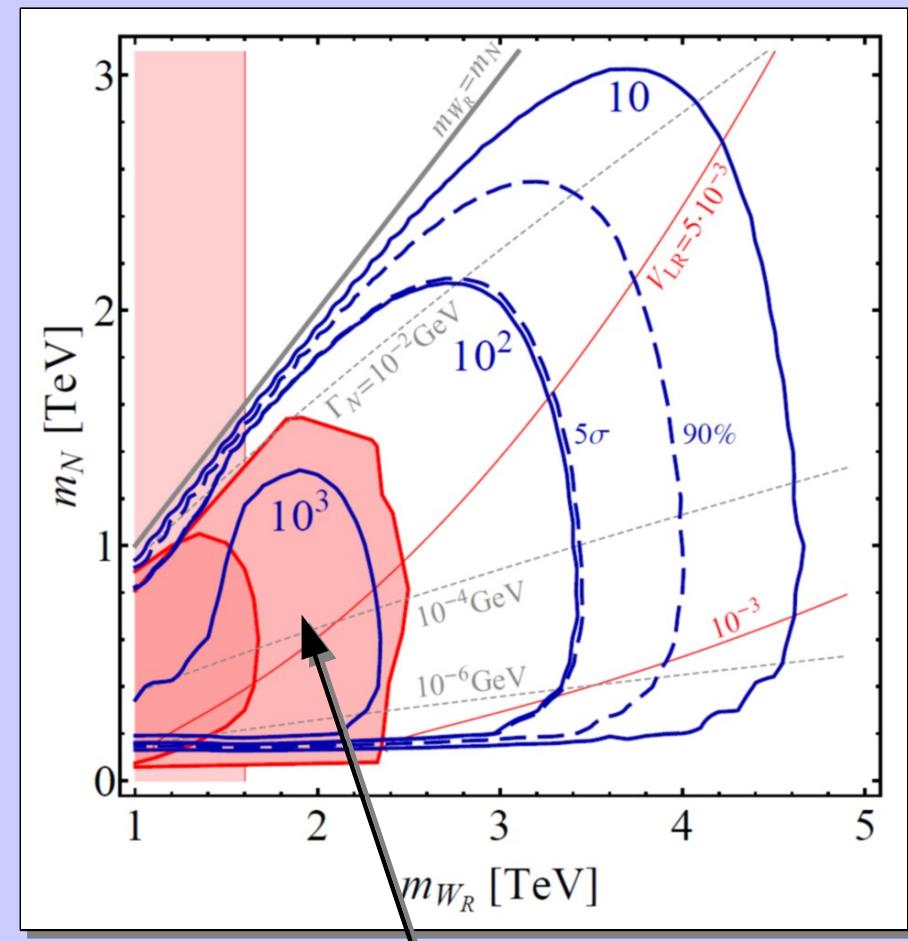


# Single Right-handed Neutrino Production

Opposite Sign + Same Sign Leptons  
LHC reach @ 14 TeV,  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

number of jets	$N_j \geq 2$
number of isolated leptons	$N_\ell = 2$
invariant dilepton mass	$m_{\ell\ell} > 300 \text{ GeV}$
total invariant mass	$m_{\ell\ell jj} > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

	OS, SF	OS, OF	SS, OF	SS, SF
	$e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$e^+ \mu^- e^- \mu^+$	$e^+ \mu^+ e^- \mu^-$	$e^+ e^+ e^- e^- \mu^+ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-$
$t + \bar{t}$	190	170	149	164
$Z + j$	181	187	0	2
Signal	289	192	228	230
Eff. [%]	51	33	42	43

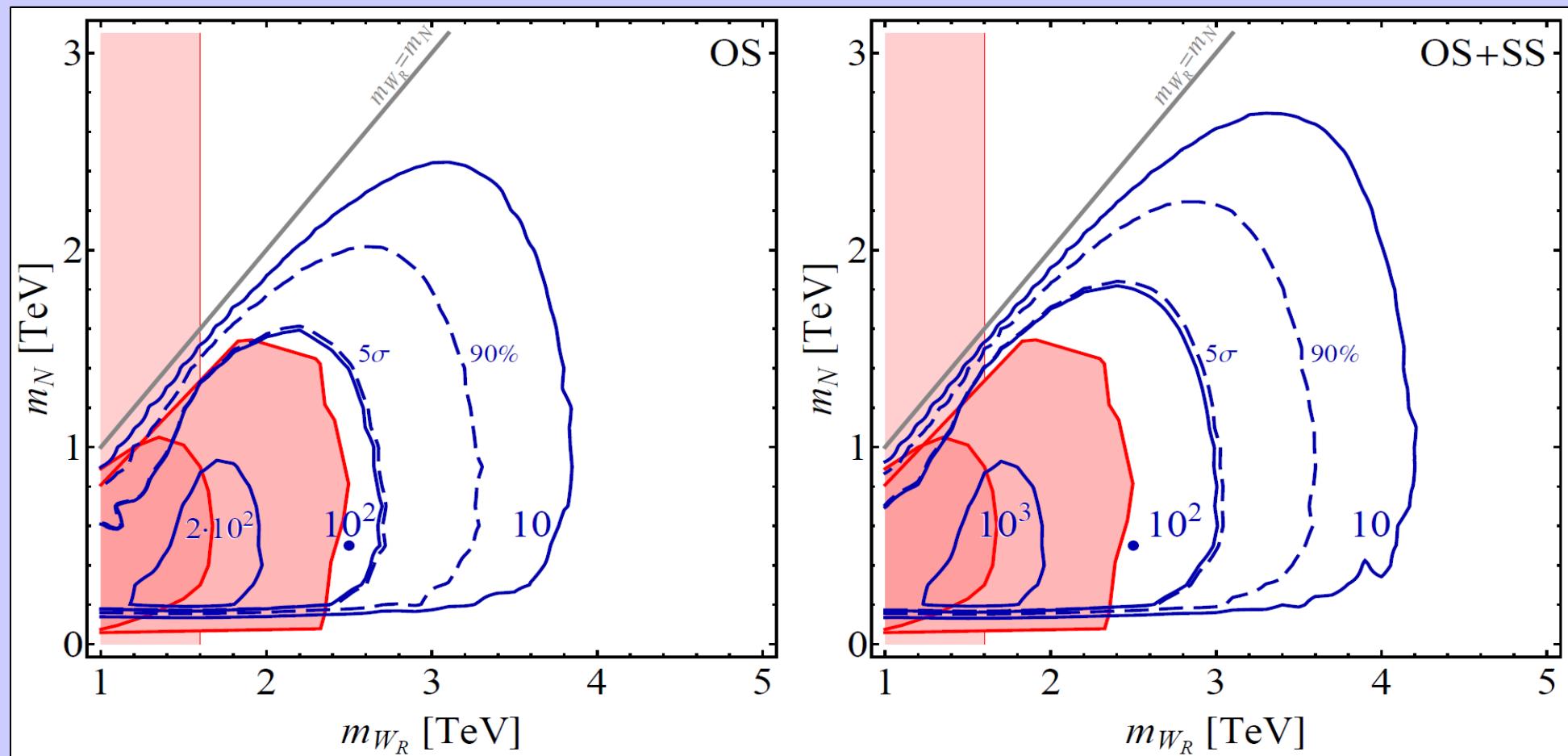


ATLAS exclusion @  $2.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

# Lepton Flavour Violation

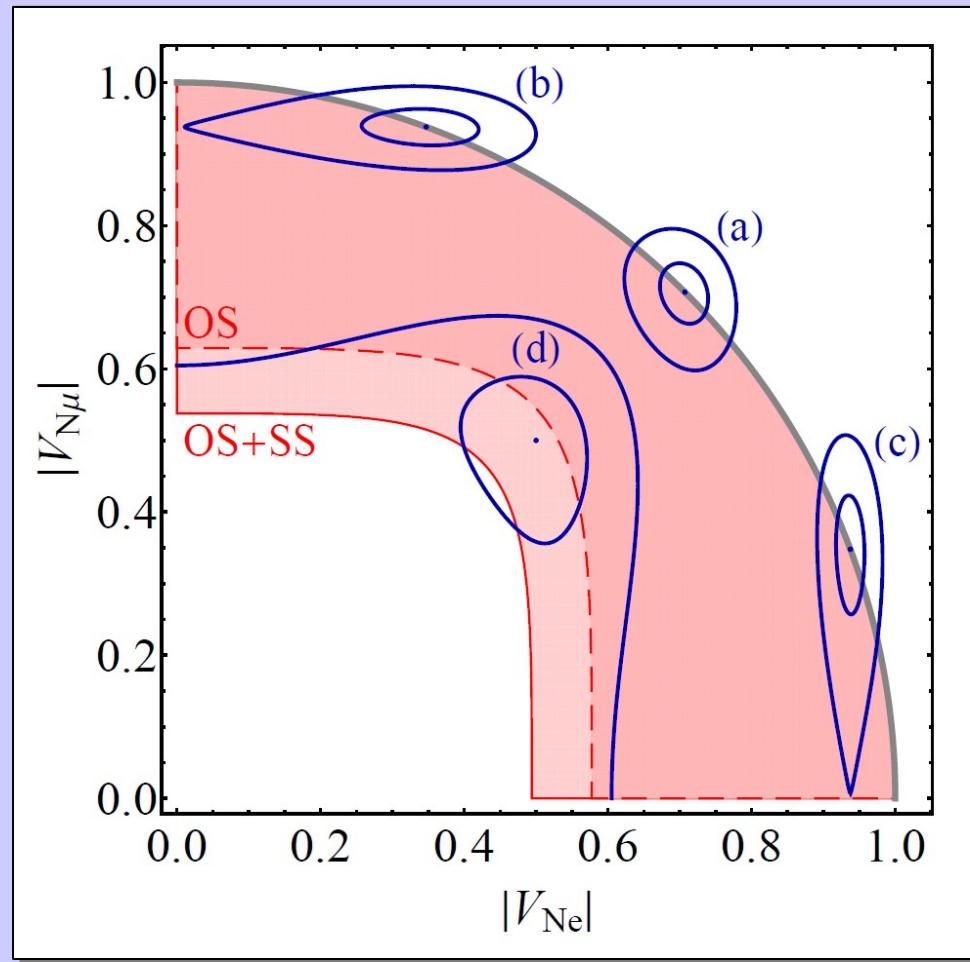
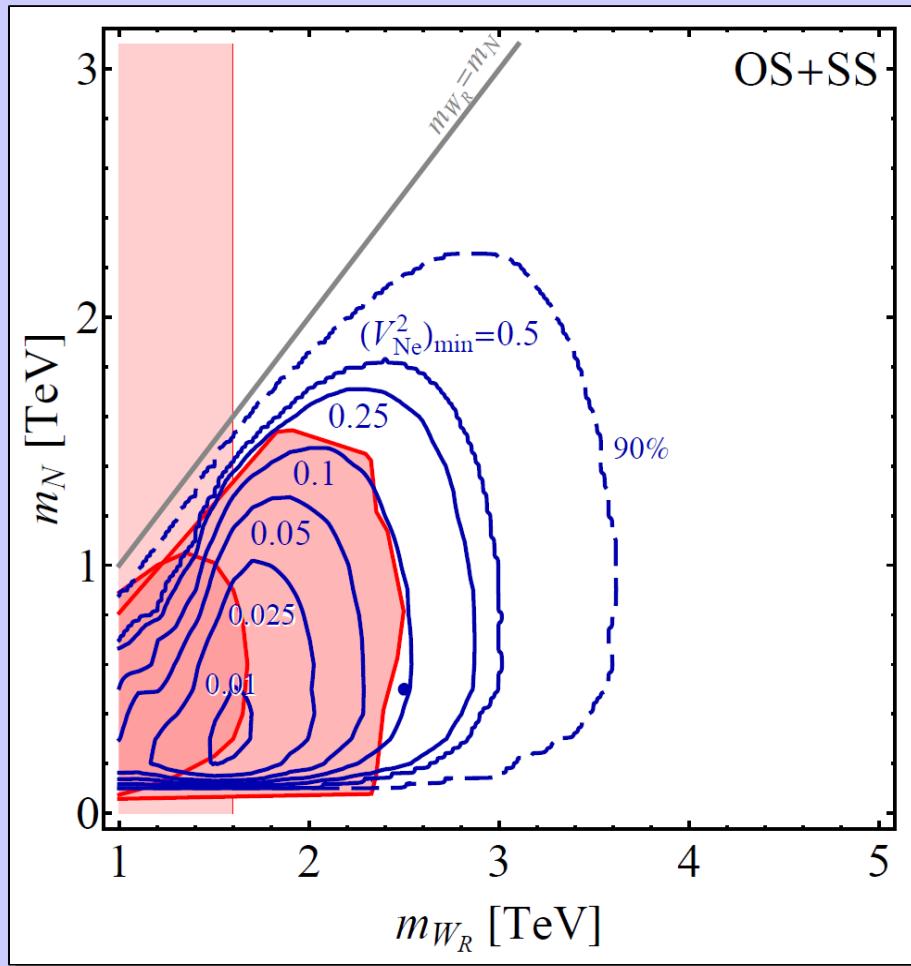
- Single r.h. Neutrino Exchange
- Maximal mixing of r.h. neutrino to  $e$  and  $\mu$  only

LHC reach @ 14 TeV, 30 fb $^{-1}$



# Single Right-handed Neutrino Production

- Sensitivity to lepton mixing couplings



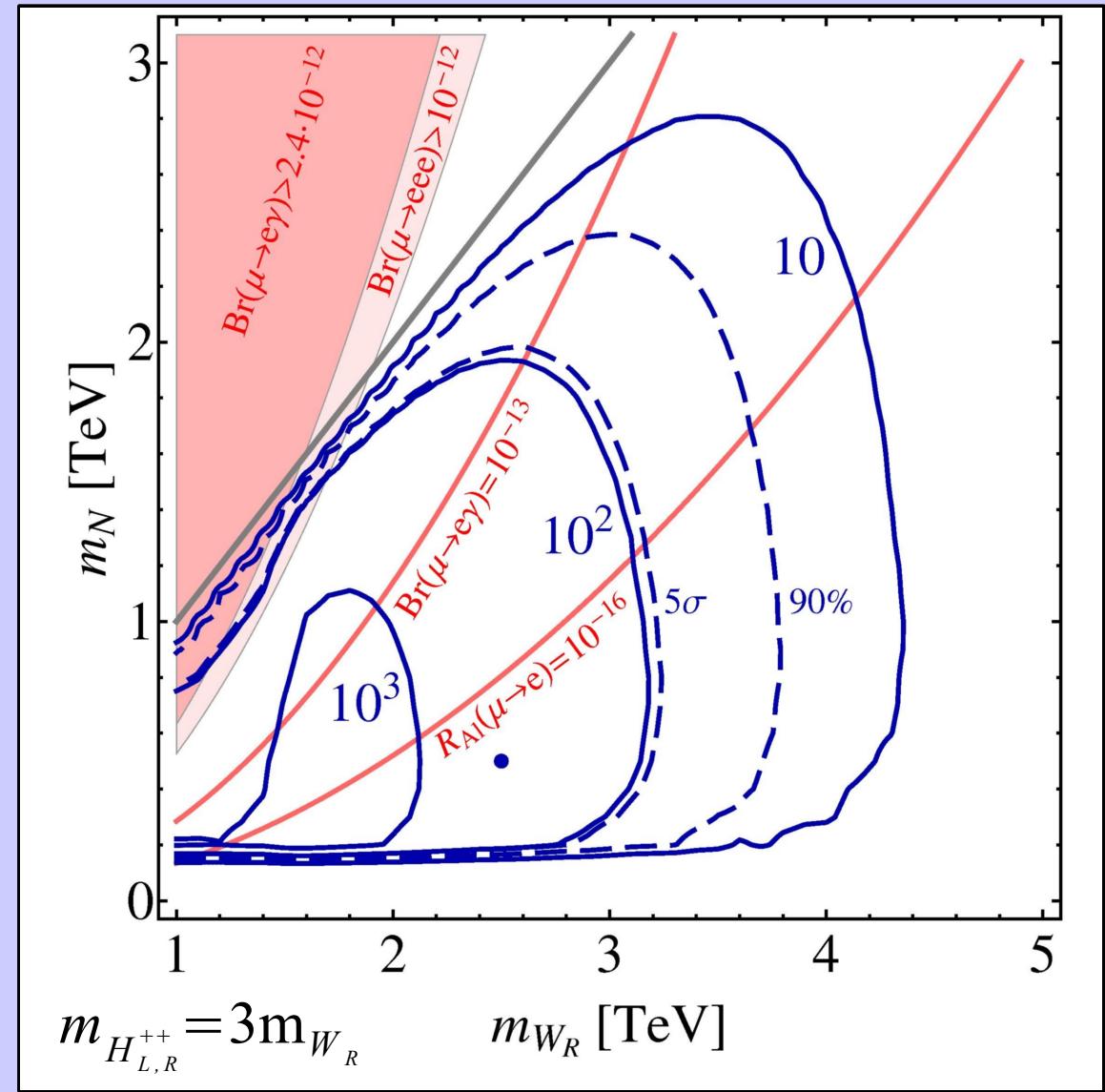
$M_{W_R} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}, M_N = 0.5 \text{ TeV}$

LHC reach @ 14 TeV, 30  $\text{fb}^{-1}$

# Two Neutrino Exchange

- Two neutrinos exchanged with maximal mixing and 1% mass splitting
- Correlation with low energy LFV processes

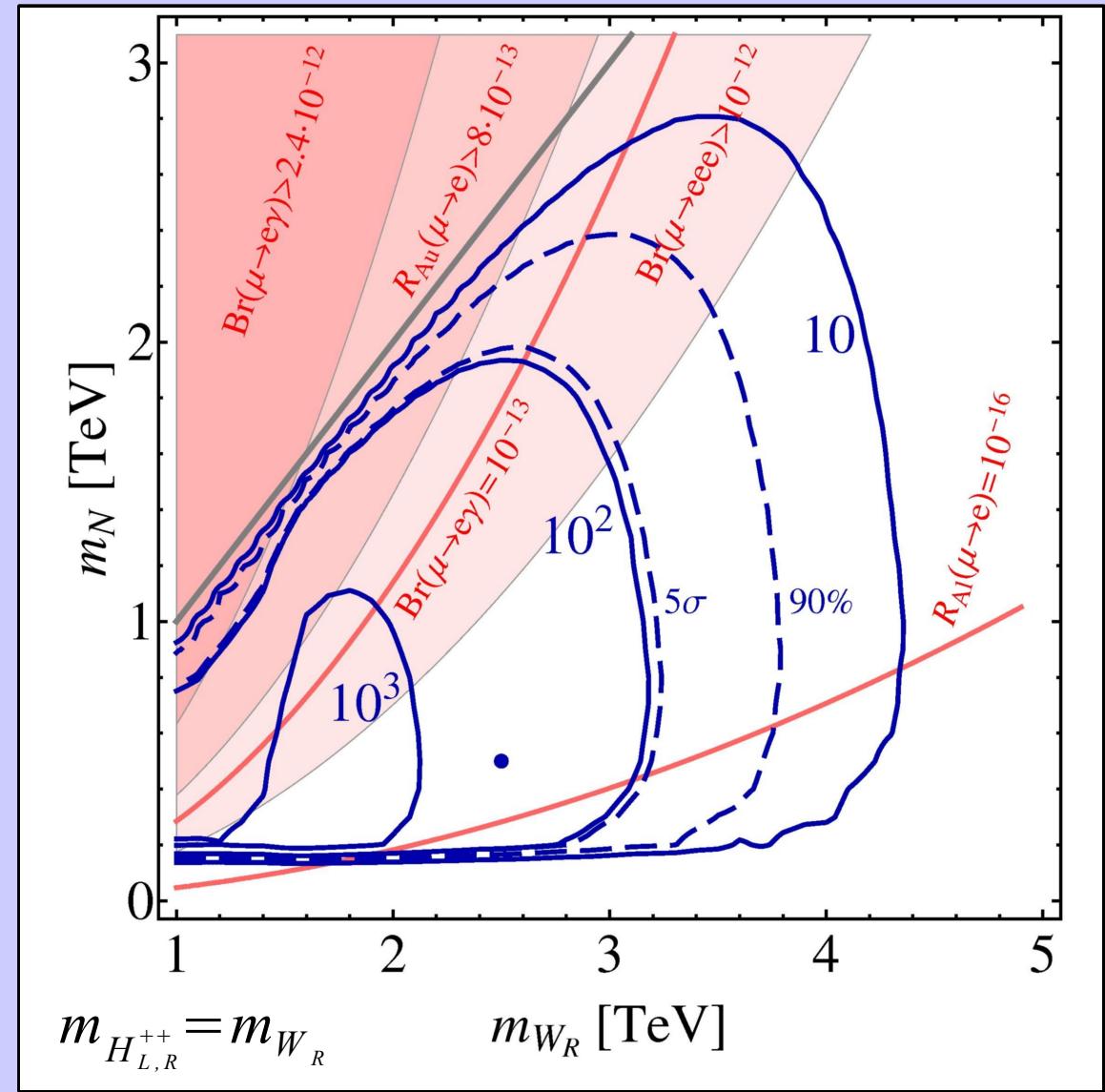
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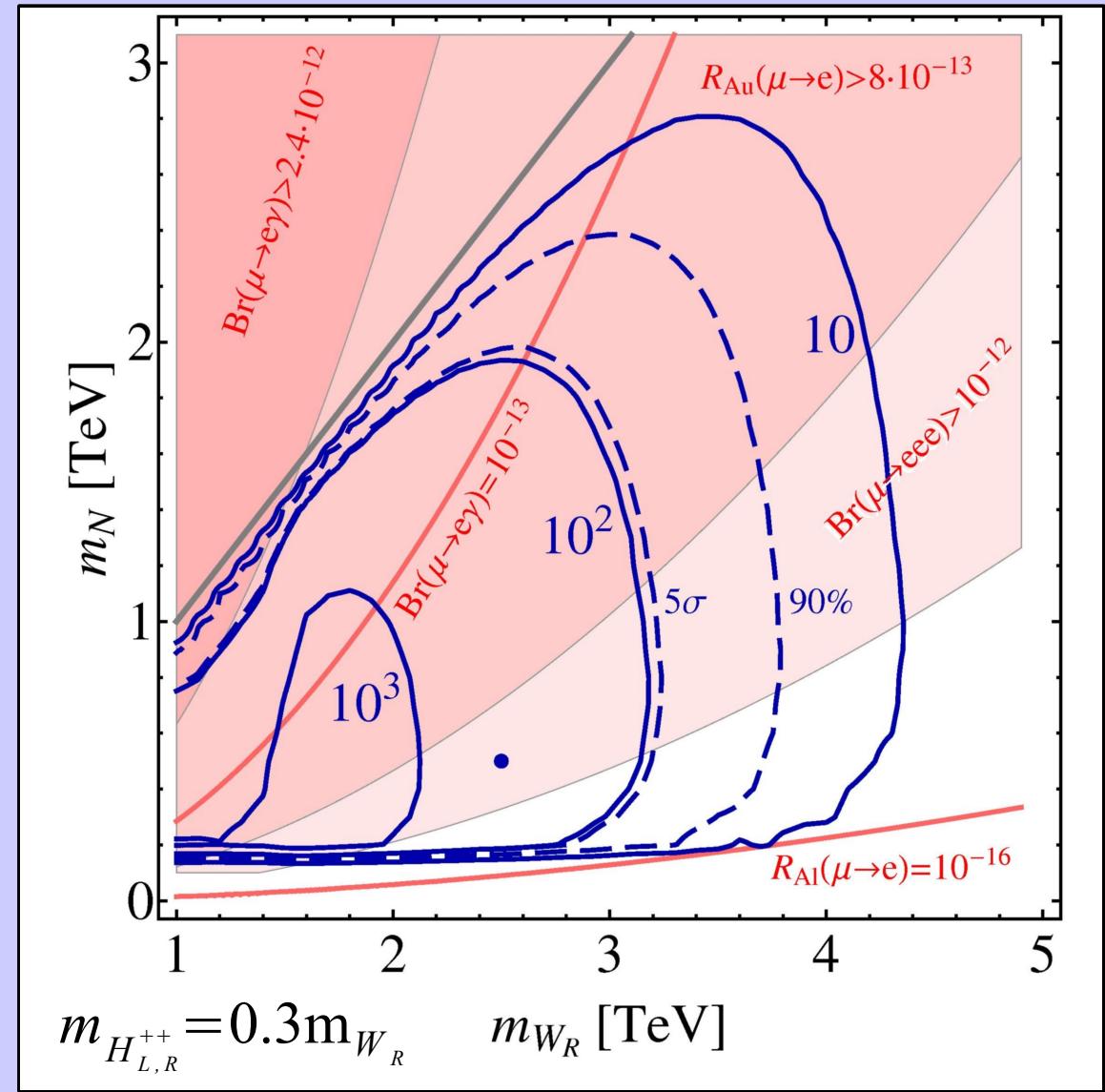
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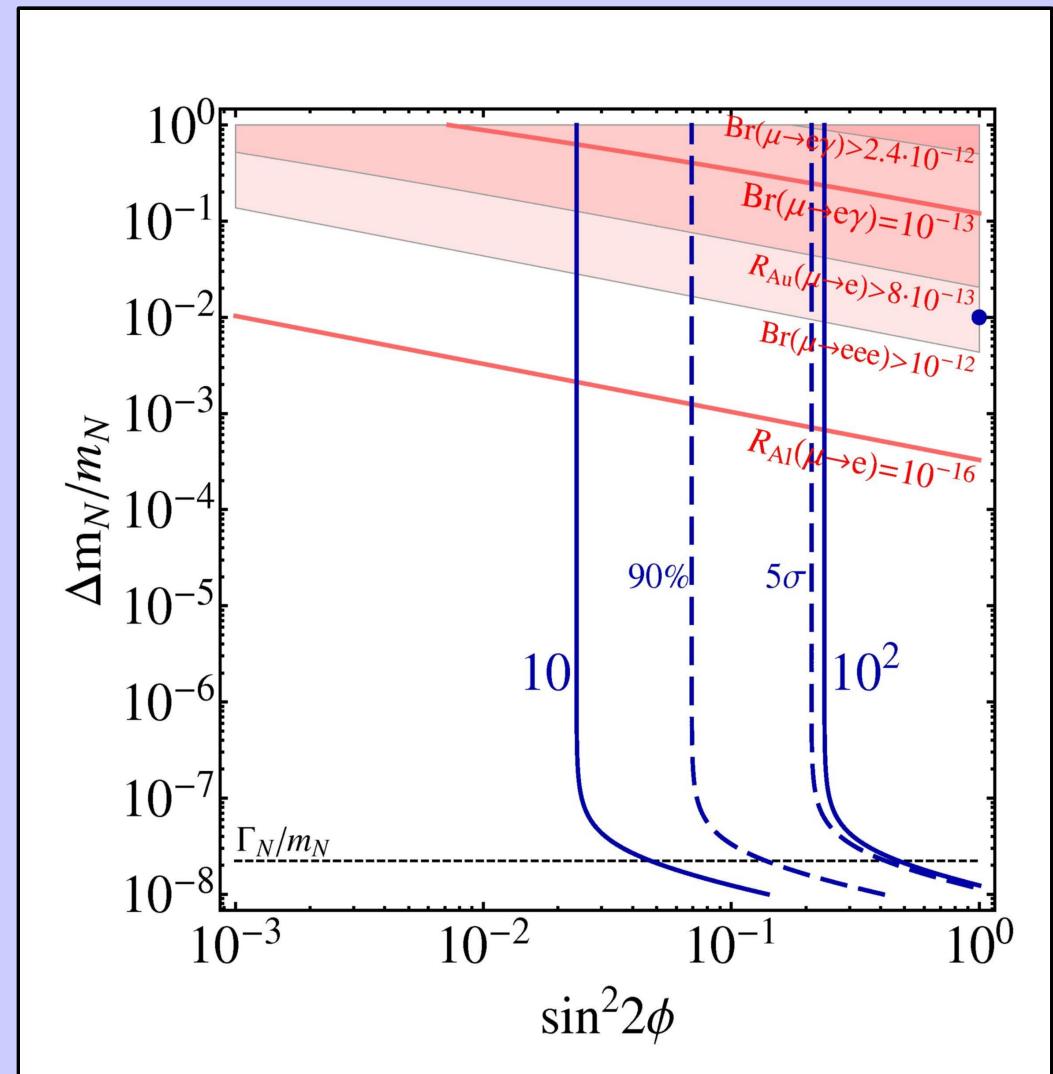
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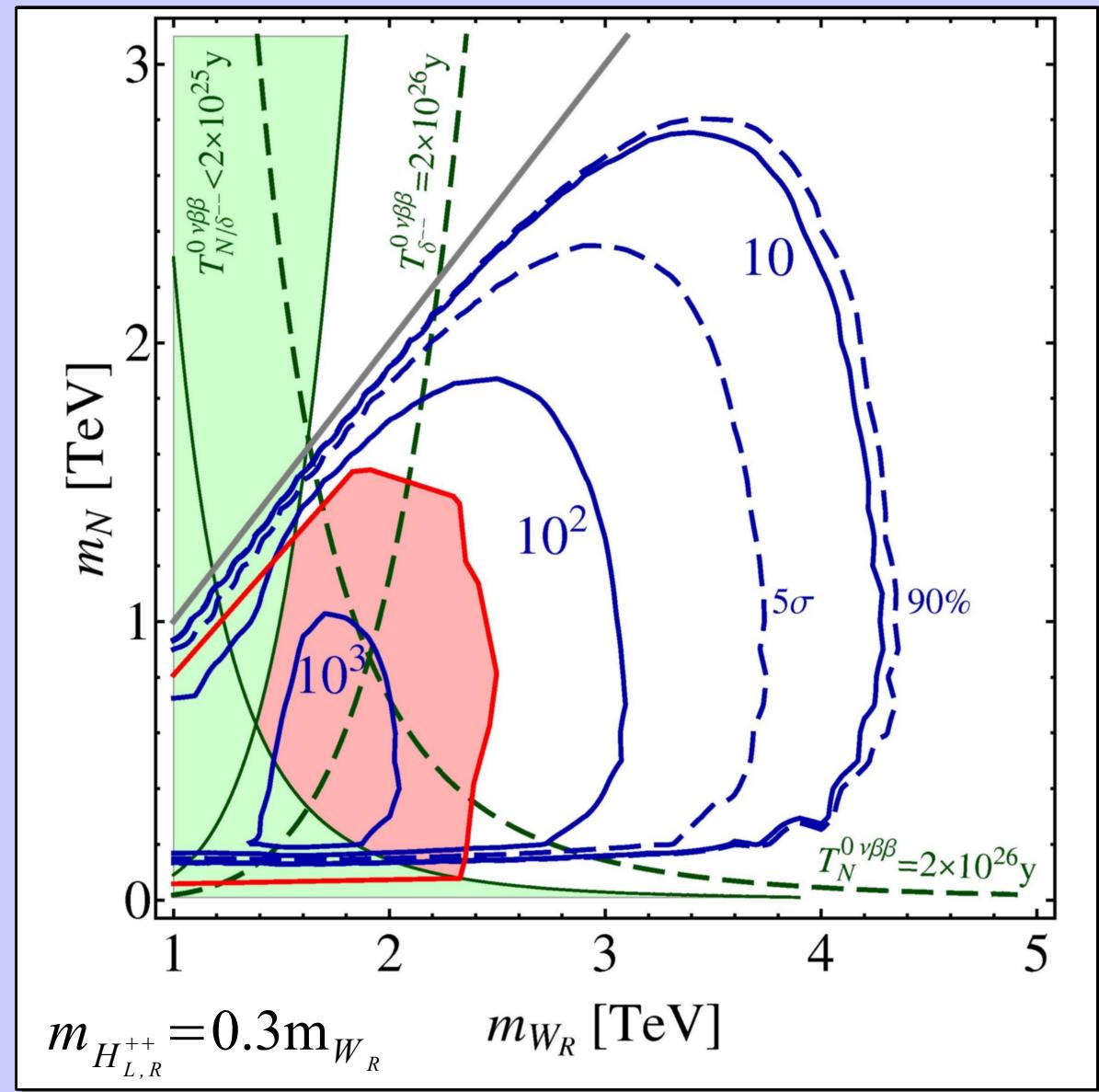
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- Low energy LFV processes GIM suppressed as
 
$$\Delta m_N^2 / m_{W_R}^2$$
- On-shell production suppressed as
 
$$\Delta m_N^2 / (m_N \Gamma_N)$$



# Lepton Number Violation

- Correlation with neutrinoless double beta decay
- Contributions from triplet Higgs and heavy neutrinos

LHC reach @ 14 TeV, 30 fb<sup>-1</sup>



# Conclusion

- **Neutrinos much lighter than other fermions**  
Strong experimental program to probe absolute mass  
Mechanism of mass generation?  
What about charged lepton flavour violation?
- **High Energy Seesaw Mechanism not testable**  
Consider alternatives with lower masses and stronger couplings?
- **Seesaw Mechanism in Left-Right Symmetry Models**  
Strong interplay with low energy LFV and LNV processes
- **LHC still has chance to probe individual flavour couplings**

# Including couplings to taus

(1.5, 0.8) TeV			
$\ell \setminus \ell'$	$e$	$\mu$	$\tau$
$e$	0.555	0.501	0.175
$\mu$	0.524	0.480	0.172
$\tau$	0.203	0.192	0.058

