

Lepton Number Violation: from $0\nu\beta\beta$ Decay to LLP Searches

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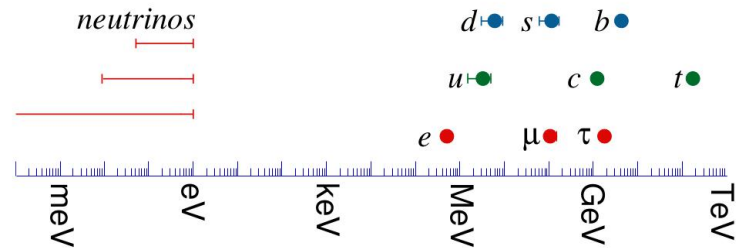
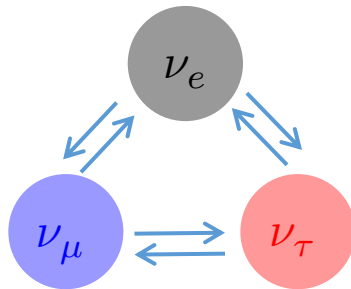
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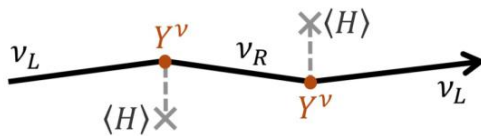
Lepton number violation

- Neutrinos are massive



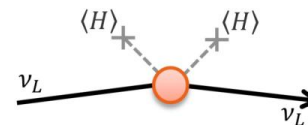
- How do neutrinos obtain tiny masses?

Higgs mechanism:



$$Y^\nu < 10^{-13}$$

seesaw mechanism (P. Minkowski 1977):

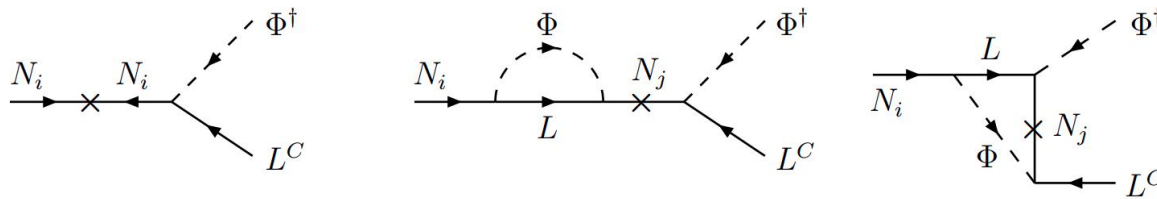


$$\Delta L = 2$$

seesaw scale can be anywhere

Lepton number violation

- LNV is also motivated by observed baryon asymmetry in the Universe (leptogenesis Fukugita&Yanagida 1986)



- LNV scale may be accessible at colliders and in low-energy experiments
- This talk focuses on the interplay of **neutrinoless double beta decay** and **long-lived particle searches** in the tests of LNV $\Delta L = 2$

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in a nutshell

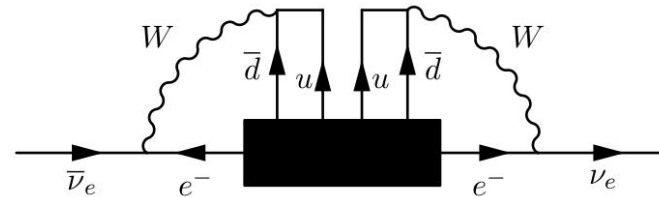
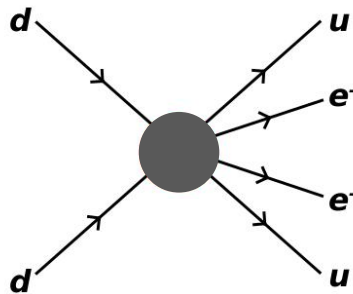
- Neutrinoless double beta ($0\nu\beta\beta$) decay in nuclei ^{136}Xe , ^{76}Ge , et al.

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

A: mass number # of p, n

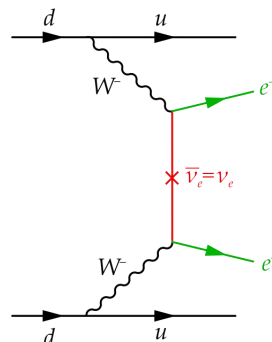
Z: atomic number # of p

- It can provide direct evidence for Majorana neutrino mass and LNV



Schechter, Valle
Phys.Rev. D25 (1982) 774

regardless of the origin of the “black box”



+ other $\Delta L = 2$ LNV interactions

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in a nutshell

From kg to tonne scale experiments (PandaX-III, CDEX-1T etc.)

| Experiment | Isotope | Mass | Technique | Present Status | Location |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|-----------|
| CANDLES-III | ^{48}Ca | 300 kg | CaF_2 scint. crystals | Prototype | Kamioka |
| GERDA | ^{76}Ge | ≈ 35 kg | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Operating | LNGS |
| MAJORANA | ^{76}Ge | 26 kg | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Operating | SURF |
| CDEX-1T | ^{76}Ge | 1 ton | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Prototype | CJPL |
| LEGEND-200 | ^{76}Ge | 200 kg | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Construction | LNGS |
| LEGEND-1000 | ^{76}Ge | ton | ^{enr}Ge semicond. det. | Proposal | |
| CUPID-0 | ^{82}Se | 5 kg | Zn^{enr}Se scintillating bolometers | Prototype | LNGS |
| SuperNEMO-Dem | ^{82}Se | 7 kg | ^{enr}Se foils/tracking | Construction - 2019 | Modane |
| SuperNEMO | ^{82}Se | 100 kg | ^{enr}Se foils/tracking | Proposal | Modane |
| CMOS Imaging | ^{82}Se | | ^{enr}Se , CMOS | Development | |
| AMoRE-Pilot | ^{100}Mo | 1 kg | $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ Bolometers | Operation | YangYang |
| AMoRE-I | ^{100}Mo | 6 kg | $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ Bolometers | Construction - 2019 | YangYang |
| AMoRE-II | ^{100}Mo | 200 kg | $^{40}\text{Ca}^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ Bolometers | Construction - 2020 | Yemi |
| CROSS | ^{100}Mo | 5 kg | $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ surface coated Bolometers | Construction - 2020 | Canfranc |
| LUMINEU | ^{100}Mo | | $\text{Li}^{enr}\text{MoO}_4$, $\text{Zn}^{enr}\text{MoO}_4$ scint. bolometers | Development | LNGS, LSM |
| Aurora | ^{116}Cd | 1 kg | $^{enr}\text{CdWO}_4$ scintillating crystals | Development | LNGS |
| COBRA-dem | ^{116}Cd | 0.38 kg | ^{nat}Cd CZT semicond. det. | Operation | LNGS |
| Tin.Tin | ^{124}Sn | 1 kg | Tin bolometers | Development | INO |
| CALDER | ^{130}Te | | TeO_2 bolometers with Cerenkov Light | Development | LNGS |
| CUORE | ^{130}Te | 1 ton | TeO_2 bolometers | Operating | LNGS |
| SNO+ | ^{130}Te | 1.3 t | 0.5% ^{enr}Te loaded liq. scint. | Construction - 2020 | SNOLab |
| nEXO | ^{136}Xe | 5 t | Liq. ^{enr}Xe TPC/scint. | Proposal | |
| NEXT-100 | ^{136}Xe | 100 kg | gas TPC | Prototype | Canfranc |
| AXEL | ^{136}Xe | | gas TPC | Prototype | |
| KamLAND-Zen | ^{136}Xe | 800 kg | ^{enr}Xe dissolved in liq. scint. | Operating | Kamioka |
| LZ | ^{136}Xe | | Dual phase Xe TPC | Construction - 2020 | SURF |
| PANDAX-III | ^{136}Xe | 1 ton | Dual phase Xe TPC | Construction - 2019 | CJPL |
| XENON1T | ^{136}Xe | 1 ton | Dual phase Xe TPC | Operating | LNGS |
| DARWIN | ^{136}Xe | 50 ton | Dual phase Xe TPC | Proposal | LNGS |
| NuDot | Various | | Cherenkov and scint. detection in liq. scint. | Development | |
| FLARES | Various | | Scint. crystals with Si photodetectors | Development | |

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$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.07 \times 10^{26} \text{ year} \quad \longrightarrow \quad T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \gtrsim 10^{28} \text{ year}$$

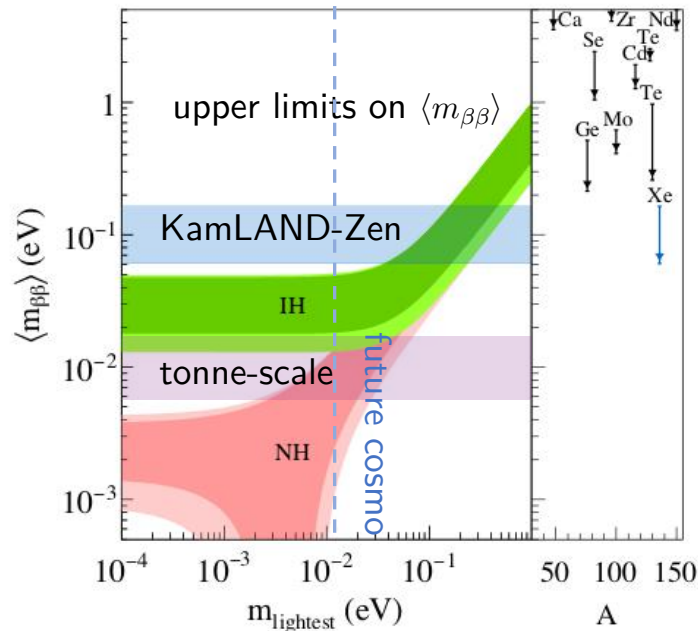
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in a nutshell

Interpretation as effective Majorana mass

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |M_{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

$G_{0\nu}$: phase space factor

$M_{0\nu}$: nuclear matrix element



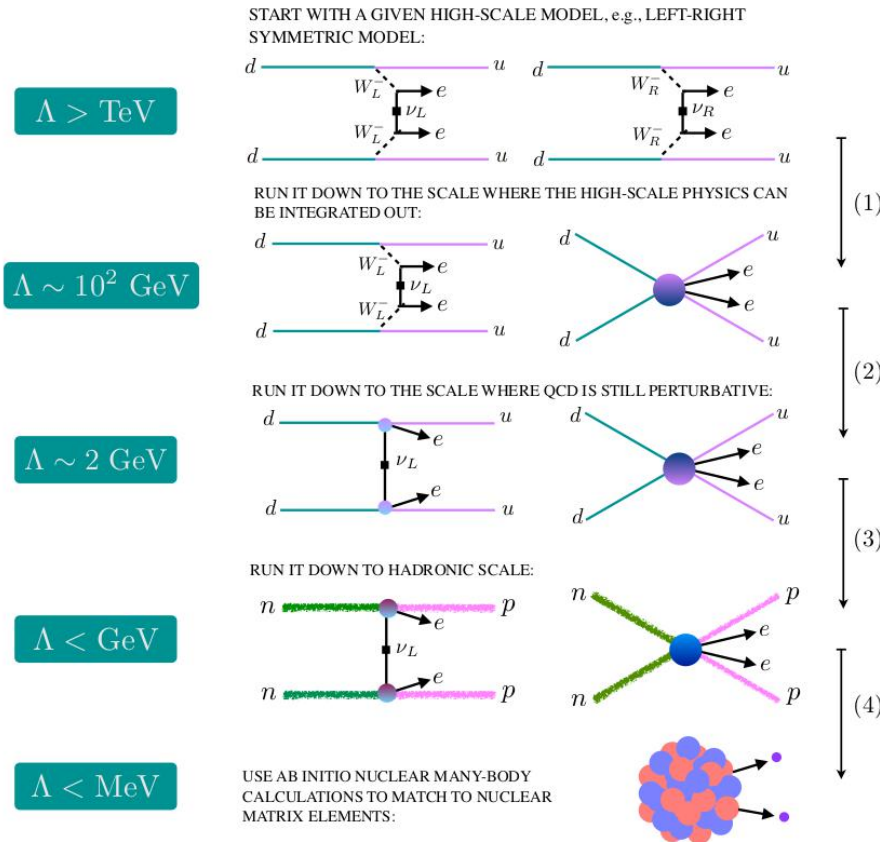
NH is favored over IH at 2.7σ with current neutrino oscillation data

P.F. de Salas et al, 2006.11237 (JHEP)

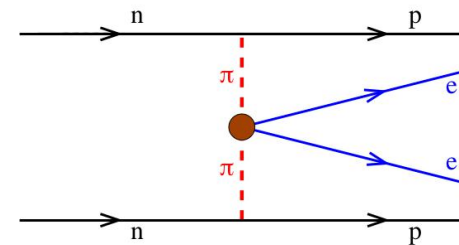
It is plausible that a positive $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay signal would come from other sources of LNV beyond neutrino masses

EFT and UV completion

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is insensitive to the underlying mechanism of LNV



- An EFT approach to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay can include all LNV sources systematically
- Contributions to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay from different LNV sources are organized in powers of p/Λ_χ (chiral power counting)



Prezeau, Ramsey-Musolf, Vogel, PRD 68, 034016 (2003)
 Cirigliano, Dekens, de Vries, Graesser, Mereghetti, JHEP12(2018)097

We will consider the **leading-order operators** and their UV completion

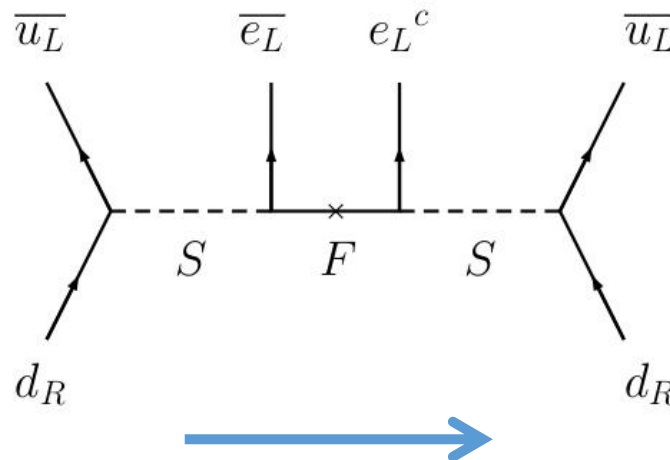
A simplified model

Doublet scalar S , Majorana fermion F

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu S)^\dagger \partial^\mu S - m_S^2 S^\dagger S + \frac{1}{2} \bar{F}^c (i\not{\partial} - m_F) F \\ + g_Q \bar{Q}_L S d_R + g_L \bar{L} \tilde{S} F + \text{h.c.}$$

Lepton number is violated
by the mass term of F

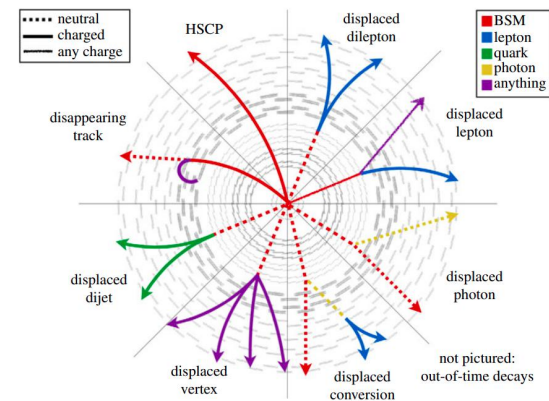
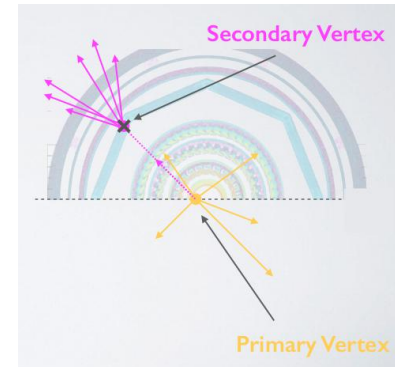
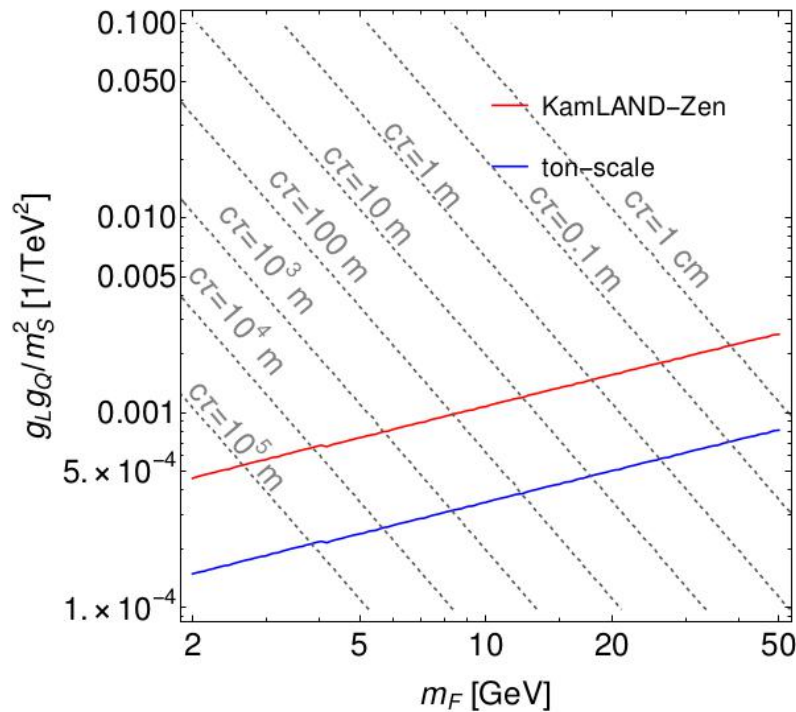
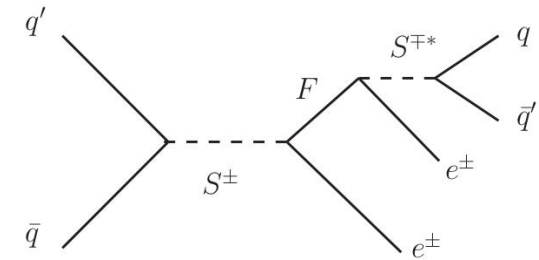
Uncover the mechanism of LNV $\Delta L = 2$



collider

Why LLP searches?

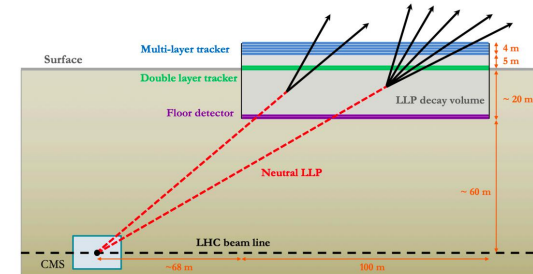
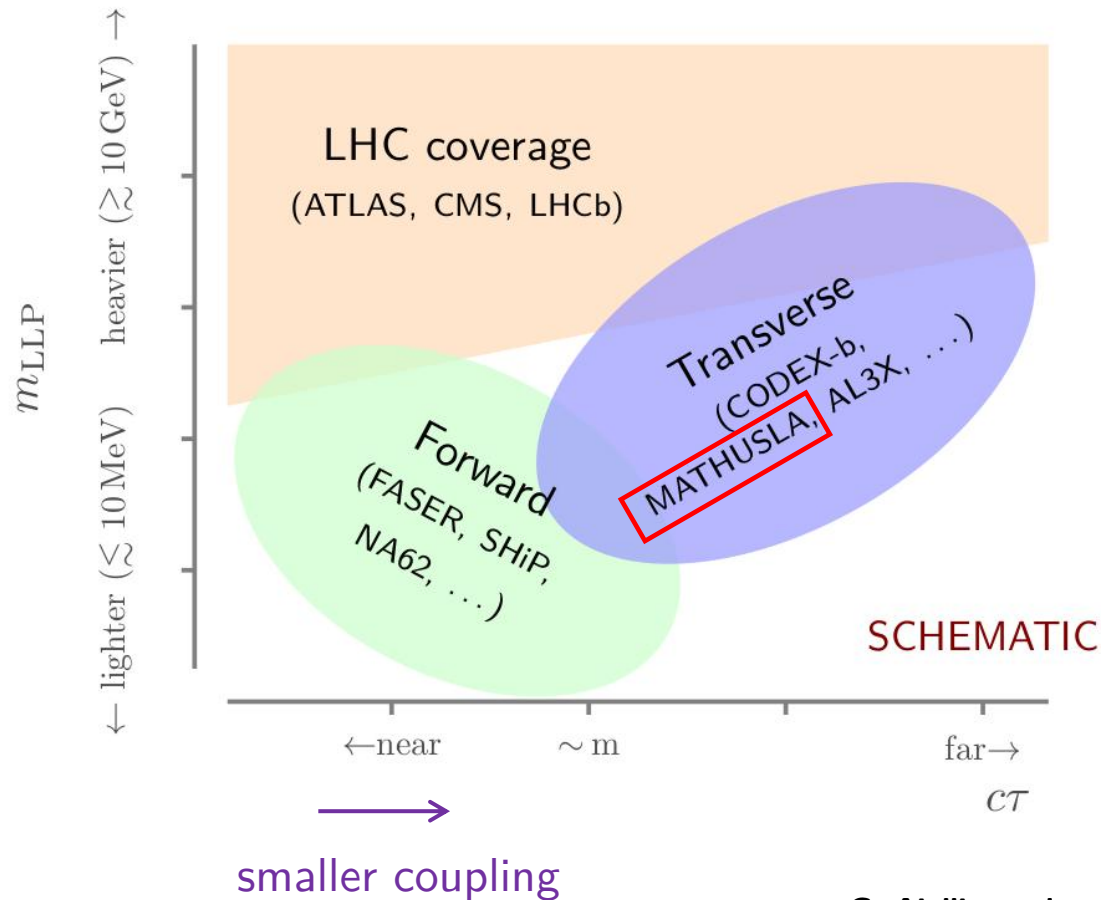
- Almost zero background events
- Prompt searches may fail for small couplings and/or mass



$$c\tau = \hbar c / \Gamma$$

GL, M. Ramsey-Musolf, S. Su, J. C. Vasquez, 2109.08172

LLP searches: lifetime frontier



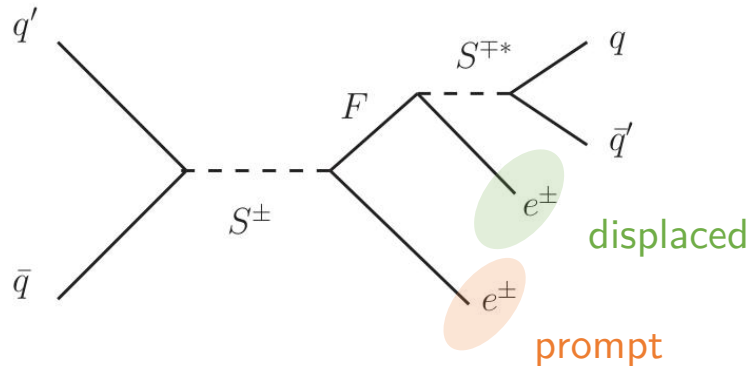
G. Aielli, et al,
1911.00481 (EPJC)

LLP searches at the HL-LHC

Observed numbers of signal events at the detector = **ATLAS/CMS, MATHUSLA**

$$N_{\text{obs}}^{\text{detector}} = \sigma_{eF} \text{Br}_{ejj} \mathcal{L} \epsilon_{\text{LLP}}^{\text{detector}} \epsilon_{\text{prompt}}^{\text{detector}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{decay}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{decay}} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_{eF}} \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma_{eF}}{d\Omega} \int_{L_1}^{L_2} dL \frac{1}{d_{\perp}} e^{-L/d_{\perp}} \quad d_{\perp}: \text{transverse decay length}$$



We require two same-sign electrons to be reconstructed (displaced lepton), thus **clear LNV signal**

Genuine LNV signal in LLP searches

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Analytic approach (validated): $P_{\text{decay}}(d; L_1, L_2) = e^{-L_1/d} - e^{-L_2/d}$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{decay}} = P_{\text{decay}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{decay}} = P_{\text{decay}} \epsilon_{\text{geometric}} \quad \epsilon_{\text{geometric}} = 0.05$$

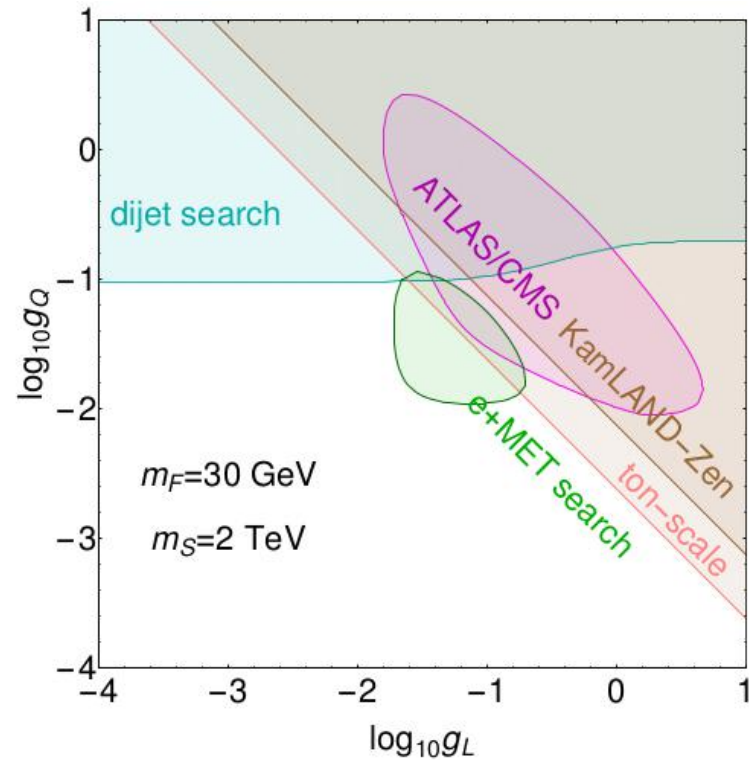
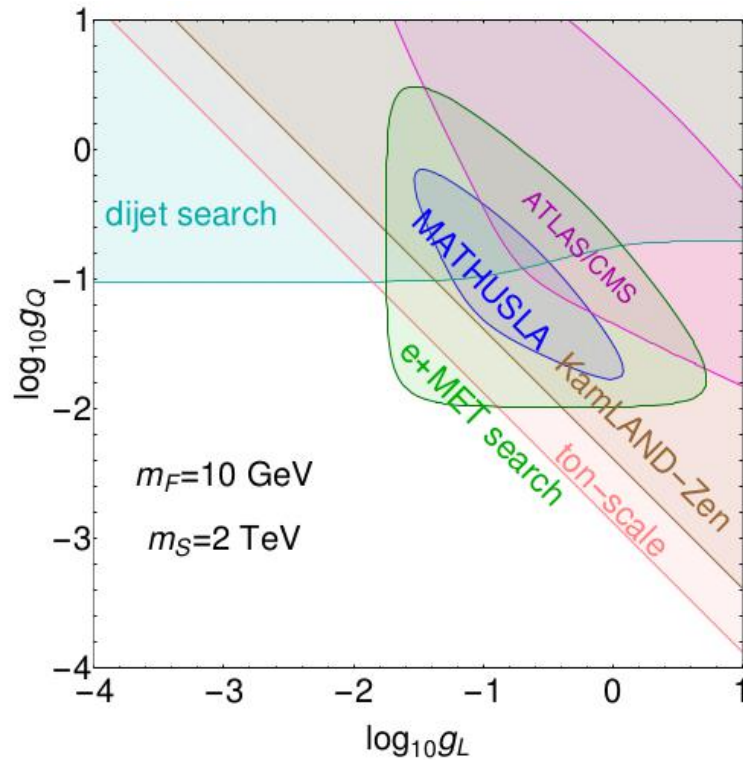
$$\epsilon_{\text{LLP}}^{\text{LHC}} \epsilon_{\text{prompt}}^{\text{LHC}} = 0.01$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{LLP}}^{\text{MATH}} = 1, \epsilon_{\text{prompt}}^{\text{MATH}} = 1$$

(our proposed efficiencies)

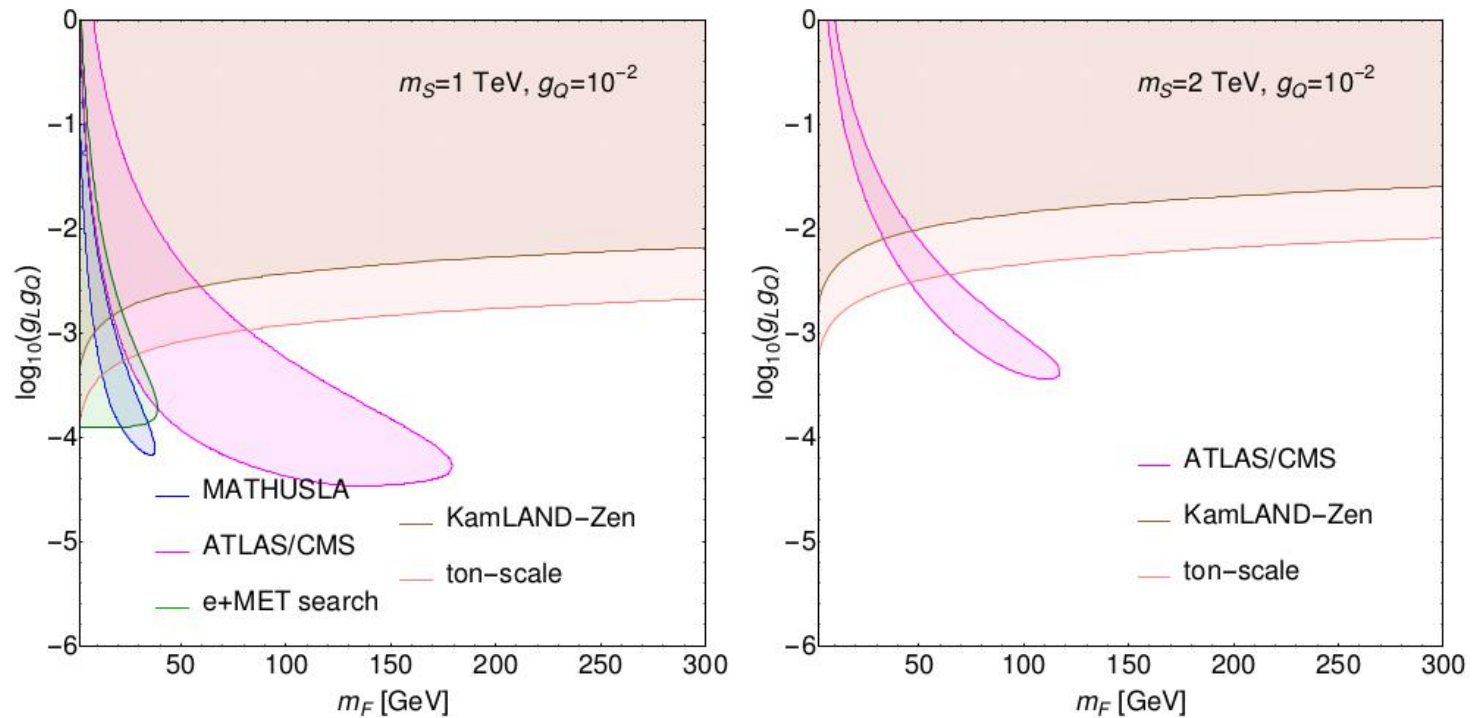
Interplay of LLP searches and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

The sensitivities to g_L and g_R



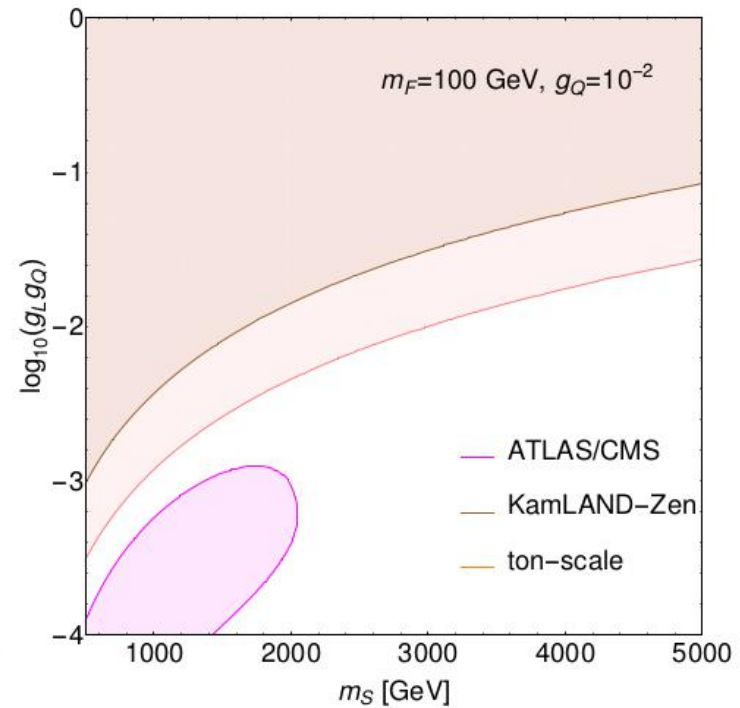
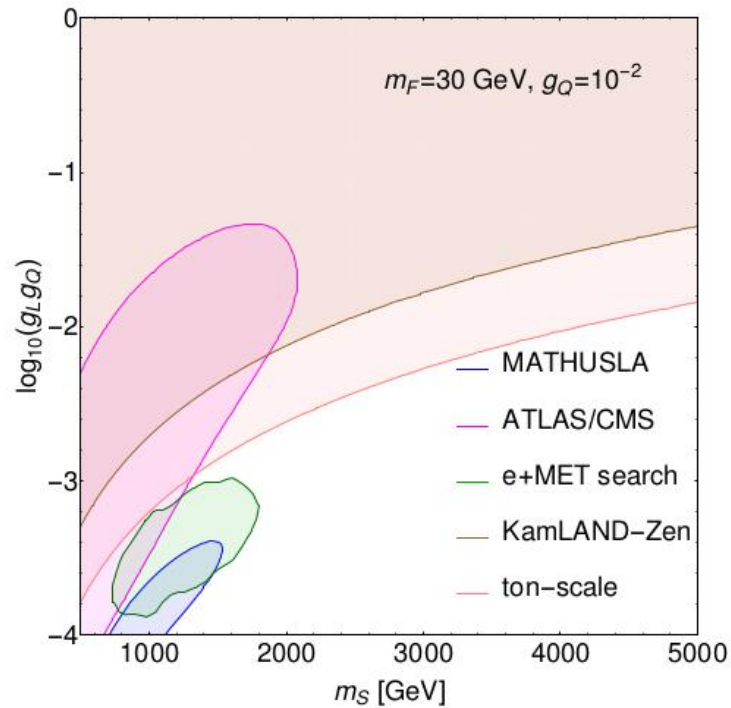
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The reaches to m_F



Interplay of LLP searches and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

The reaches to m_S



Summary

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay, once observed, is a clear and direct evidence for Majorana neutrino masses and LNV $\Delta L = 2$
- While $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is insensitive to the underlying mechanism, the LHC searches can uncover it if the associated LNV scale is at TeV or smaller
- We propose to search for LNV in LLP searches
- In a simplified model, we show the complementarities between the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and LLP searches at HL-LHC with ATLAS/CMS and MATHUSLA detectors