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Interplay between Seesaw & Vector-like Lepton



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Based on works with Shuyang Han & Jiang Zhu

The SEESAW⁺: SEESAW+VECTOR-LIKE LEPTON

Why the SM neutrinos have a tiny mass far below the weak scale?

Hints from $d = 5$ Weinberg operator $\frac{1}{\Lambda}(L_i H)^2 \Leftarrow$ type-I/III (singlet/triplet Majorana N_i), inverse seesaw

Change the vacuum: type-II with $L^T C^{-1} L \Delta$ (hypercharge-1 triplet scalar with $\langle \Delta^0 \rangle \ll m_W$)

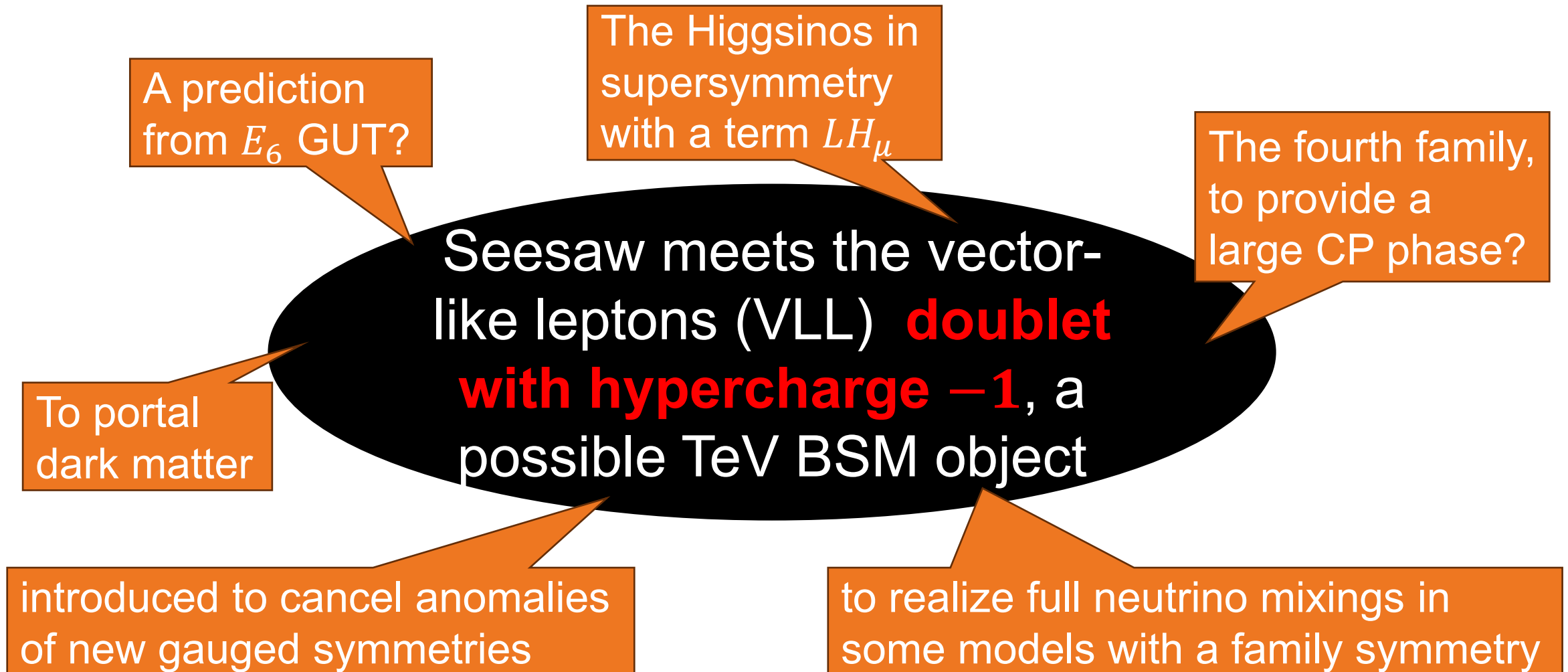
Suppress via dark matter loops for the radiative neutrino masses

Seesaw services as an attractive platform for BSM

As a portal to dark matter, leading to UV-FIMP for very heavy RHN

This talk is to study its interplay with vector-like lepton

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A concrete but not elegant example:
flavorful gauged $(B - L)_{13}$

Z. Kang and Y. Shigekami,
JHEP, 2019

$$-\mathcal{L}_L = Y_{22}^e \bar{\ell}_2 H e_{R2} + Y_{ij}^e \bar{\ell}_i H e_{Rj} + Y_{ij}^N \bar{\ell}_i \tilde{H} N_{Rj} + Y_i^e \bar{L}_L H e_{Ri} + Y_i^N \bar{L}_L \tilde{H} N_{Ri} \\ + \lambda_2^\ell \bar{\ell}_2 L_R \mathcal{F}_\ell^* + M_i^\ell \bar{\ell}_i L_R + m_L \bar{L}_L L_R + \frac{\lambda_{ij}^N}{2} \Phi \bar{N}_{Ri}^C N_{Rj} + h.c.,$$

Related to $(B - L)_{13}$,
the selected LFV
pattern for flavon is
 $\mathcal{F}(= s \pm ia) \bar{\mu} \mathbf{P}_R e / \tau$

Occam's
razor
principle

$$M_e \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}} Y_{11}^e & 0 & 0 & M_1^\ell \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 & \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}} Y_{22}^e & 0 & M_2^\ell \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}} Y_{33}^e & M_3^\ell \rightarrow 0 \\ \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}} Y_1^e & 0 & \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}} Y_3^e \rightarrow 0 & m_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$M_2^\ell = \lambda_2^\ell v_f / \sqrt{2}$ is related to flavor
symmetry breaking, to account
for the full neutrino mixing

It generates LFV
coupling flavon- $e - \mu$
via $(U_R)_{41} \simeq Y_1^e v_h / m_L$

Alternatively, turn on this element
leads to LFV flavon coupling to $\tau \mu$

At the same time, this mixing
element will be adjustable to
suppress the charged lepton
flavor violating decay

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The new elements in various seesaw are testable, except for N_i which decouples with EW as $\theta \sim \sqrt{m_\nu/M_N}$

Using the possible gauge interactions of N_i like $U(1)_{B-L}$

Zhaofeng Kang, P. Ko and Jinmian Li, PRD 2016

This talk: to explore implications on seesaw from the VLL seesaw⁺

Light RHN below $m_h/2$: look for Higgs boson exotic decay via $\bar{L}_L \tilde{H} N_R$

Direct search quasi-EW RHN at various colliders

VLL-RHN & VLL-lepton mixings: investigate prospect of quasi-EW RHN in $0\nu\beta\beta$ signal (another main goal)

VLL-RHN strong mixing: find hints of split VLL in EWPOs (one main goal)

Mixed RHN-VLL: EW precise test

Shuyang Han, ZK and
JiangZhu, JHEP 2024

VLL doublet couples to SM leptons are dangerous, but couples to RHNs are hopeful $\lambda_n \bar{L}_L \tilde{H} N_R + \lambda'_n \bar{L}_R^c H N_R$

$\lambda_n, \lambda'_n \sim O(1)$ leads to mass splitting in doublet thus sizable custodial symmetry breaking

M. E. Peskin and T. Takeuchi,
PRL 1990, PRD, 1992

captured in the gauge bosons' vacuum polarization amplitude $\Sigma_{VV'}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \langle J_V^\mu J_{V'}^\nu \rangle$, fully described by the Peskin-Takeuchi oblique parameters S , $T = \frac{4\pi}{M_Z^2 s^2 c^2} (2\Sigma_{11}(0) - \Sigma_{33}(0))$ and U

$$T = \frac{4\pi}{M_Z^2 s^2 c^2} \left[\sum_{m=m_L}^{a=1,2,3} \left(\frac{V_{1a}^2 + V_{2a}^2}{2} \Sigma_{V+A}(m, M_a) + \text{Re}(V_{1a} V_{2a}) \Sigma_{V-A}(m, M_a) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Sigma}(m_L, m_L) \right. \\ \left. - 4 \sum_{a,b=1,2,3} \left(\frac{|(g_L)_{ab}|^2 + |(g_R)_{ab}|^2}{2} \Sigma_{V+A}(M_a, M_b) + \text{Re}((g_L)_{ab} (g_R)_{ab}^*) \Sigma_{V-A}(M_a, M_b) \right) \right], \quad (3.16)$$

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Watchout: To correctly deal with
the Majorana loops to get
consistent (finite) result

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC} \supset \frac{g}{c} Z_\mu \bar{N}_a \gamma^\mu ((g_L)_{ab} P_L + (g_R)_{ab} P_R) N_b + \frac{g}{2c} (s^2 - c^2) Z_\mu \bar{e}_4 \gamma^\mu e_4,$$

$$(g_L)_{ab} = \frac{V_{1a} V_{1b}^* - V_{2b}^* V_{2a}}{4}, \quad (g_R)_{ab} = \frac{V_{2a}^* V_{2b} - V_{1b} V_{1a}^*}{4}.$$

The correct neutral current coupling to reflect the Majorana property $N_a^C = N_a$; such a system was interested in 1993 when favored **negative S & T**

L. Lavoura and L.-F. Li, PRD, 1993, E.
Gates and J. Terning PRL 1993

Mixed RHN-VLL: EWPOs

Shuyang Han, ZK and
JiangZhu, JHEP 2024

insensitive to the strong
interaction, thus with a quite
small theoretical uncertainty

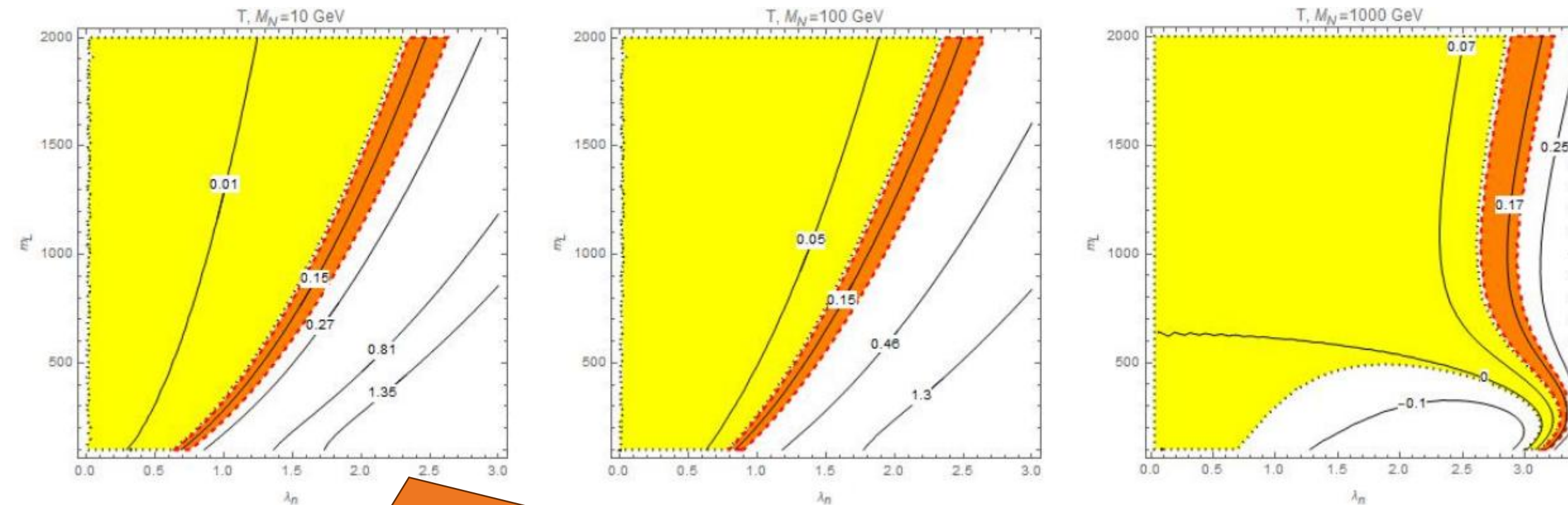
Unlike muon $g - 2$, M_W is
an attractive EWPO to
probe new physics

Colliders	experiments	results	SM Prediction
LEP	LEP	$80440 \pm 43(stat.)$ MeV [33]	80373 ± 23 MeV [34]
	LEP combination [35]	80376 ± 33 MeV	80385 ± 15 MeV
Tavetron	D0 (Run 2) [37]	80375 ± 23 MeV	80399 ± 23 MeV [38]
	CDF (Run 2) [22]	80433.5 ± 9.4 MeV	80357 ± 6 MeV
LHC	LHCb 2022 [39]	$80354 \pm 23(stat.)$ MeV	80379 ± 12 MeV [40]
	ATLAS 2017 [41]	80370 ± 19 MeV	80385 ± 15 MeV [42]
	ATLAS 2023 [23]	80360 ± 16 MeV	80377 ± 12 MeV [43]
	ATLAS 2024 [24]	80366.5 ± 15.9 MeV	80355 ± 6 MeV [44]

PDG – 2021 : $-0.010\,819 \leq T \leq 0.116\,374$, CDF – II : $0.122\,222 \leq T \leq 0.192\,398$.

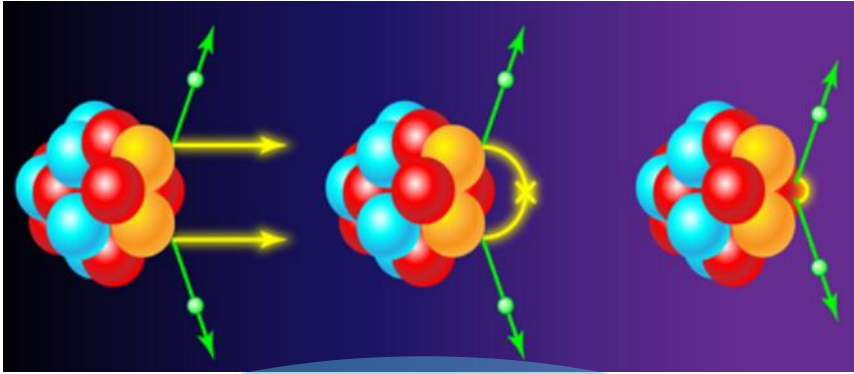
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Yellow: the allowed-region of T by PDG-2021; orange: CDF-II

The SEESAW⁺: new source for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay



$0\nu\beta\beta$: a signature of lepton number violating +2 in nuclear process

$2\nu\beta\beta$ (1987, M.Moe) as a leading order transition in some special nuclear such as Ge-76 with 10^{20} year!

$$\mathcal{H}_\beta = \frac{G_F \cos \theta_C}{\sqrt{2}} 2(\bar{e}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_{eL}) \mathcal{J}_\mu^+ + h.c.,$$

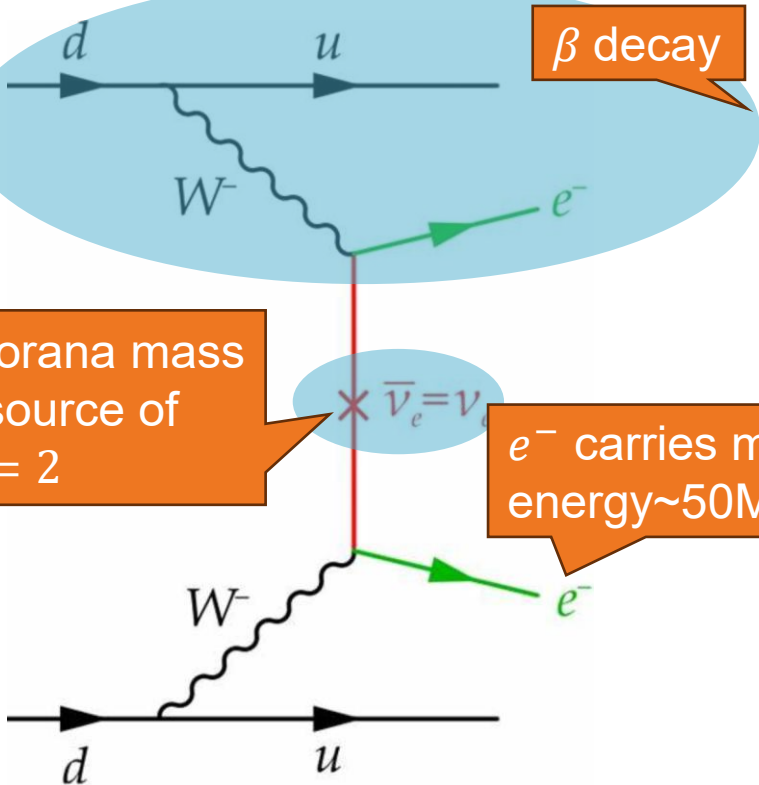
Majorana mass
as source of
 $\Delta L = 2$

e^- carries most
energy ~50 MeV

	$M_l^{i0\nu}$	$M_h^{i0\nu}$	$\sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle}$ (MeV)	$G^{0\nu}$ (y ⁻¹)
⁷⁶ Ge	3.886	204.0	159.0	2.363×10^{-15}
¹³⁶ Xe	1.643	108.0	178.0	14.58×10^{-15}

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma^{0\nu}}{\ln 2} = G^{0\nu}(Q, Z) |\langle m \rangle_{ee}|^2 g_A^4 |M^{i0\nu}|^2$$

Axial former
factor $g_A = 1.27$



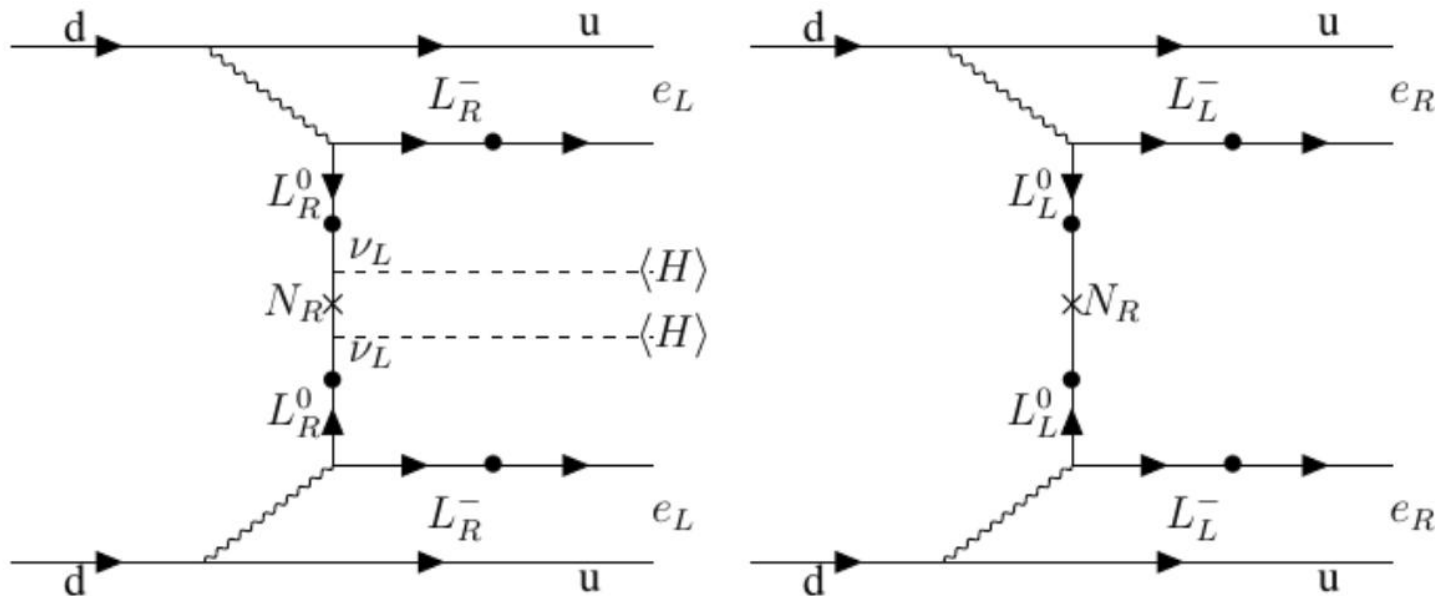
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实验名称	主要研究机构/国家	探测技术	使用的同位素	地点/实验室
CUORE	意大利、美国等	低温晶体量热器 (TeO ₂ 晶体)	¹³⁰ Te	意大利格兰萨索国家实验室 (LNGS)
GERDA/LEGEND	德国、美国、俄等国合作	高纯锗探测器 (富集 ⁷⁶ Ge)	⁷⁶ Ge	意大利格兰萨索国家实验室 (LNGS)
EXO	美国、加拿大等	液态氙时间投影室 (富集 ¹³⁶ Xe)	¹³⁶ Xe	美国斯坦福地下研究设施 (SUF)
nEXO	国际大型合作	下一代液态氙时间投影室 (更大规模的EXO)	¹³⁶ Xe	待定 (计划中)
KamLAND-Zen	日本、美国等	液体闪烁体 (富集 ¹³⁶ Xe)	¹³⁶ Xe	日本神冈实验室 (Kamioka)
SNO+	加拿大、英国等	液体闪烁体 (富集 ¹³⁰ Te)	¹³⁰ Te	加拿大萨德伯里中微子观测站 (SNOLAB)
CUPID	国际合作	低温晶体量热器 (采用 ²⁰⁰ Mo等新材料)	¹⁰⁰ Mo, ⁸² Se, ¹¹⁶ Cd等	意大利格兰萨索国家实验室 (LNGS)
AMoRE	韩国、俄等国合作	低温晶体量热器 (⁴⁰ Ca ¹⁰⁰ MoO ₄ 晶体)	¹⁰⁰ Mo	韩国襄阳地下实验室 (Y2L)
中国锦屏实验	中国 (清华大学等)	高纯锗探测器 (CDEX合作组) ⁶	⁷⁶ Ge	中国锦屏地下实验室 (CJPL) ⁶
	中国 (复旦大学等)	低温晶体量热器 (例如钼基晶体) ⁷	¹⁰⁰ Mo等	中国锦屏地下实验室 (CJPL) ⁶ ⁷

The SEESAW⁺: new source for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

Why not turn on VLL-electron mixing? The cross between $0\nu\beta\beta$ & lepton flavor physics

Unlike the sterile RHNs in seesaw, here the heavy Majorana RHNs gain quasi-EW charge, and may fire the first shot in $0\nu\beta\beta$



VLL mixing with different generations of SM leptons leads to LFV like $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ (but it can be avoided if only mixes with the 1st generation)

Large right-handed lepton mixing is constrained by university test $Z \rightarrow \bar{\ell}_i \ell_i$

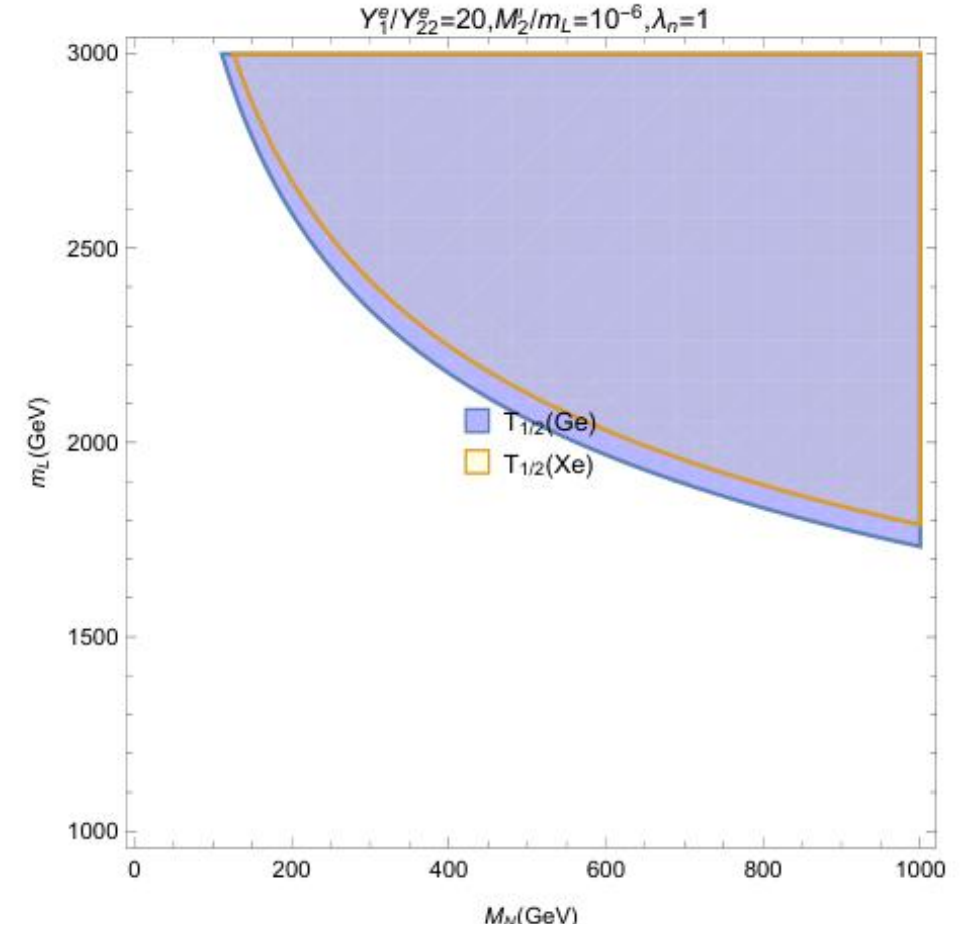
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Prospect of quasi-EW
heavy Majorana RHN in
 $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay (preliminary)

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G^{0\nu} g_A^4 \left| \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i m_p M'^{0\nu}(m_i, g_A^{eff}) \right|^2$$

$$= G^{0\nu} g_A^4 \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\langle m \rangle_{ee}}{m_e} \right|^2 \left| M_l'^{0\nu}(g_A^{eff}) \right|^2, & \text{for } m_i \ll q_F, \\ \left| \frac{m_p}{\langle M \rangle_{ee}} \right|^2 \left| M_h'^{0\nu}(g_A^{eff}) \right|^2, & \text{for } m_i \gg q_F. \end{cases}$$

$$M_N < (M_h'^{0\nu} / M_l'^{0\nu})(m_p m_e / m_\nu) \sim 25 \times (0.01 \text{eV} / m_\nu) \text{GeV}.$$



$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})({}^{76}\text{Ge}) \geq (T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{exp}({}^{76}\text{Ge}) = 1.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ yr (90\% C.L.)},$$

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})({}^{136}\text{Xe}) \geq (T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{exp}({}^{136}\text{Xe}) = 1.07 \times 10^{26} \text{ yr (90\% C.L.)}$$

1. Type-I seesaw mechanism is a very promising BSM, but its detection is a bit awkward

2. Its meeting with another popular BSM, VLL, may change the situation

Conclusions & Outlook & Thanks

3. We find the sizable RHN-VLL mixing is testable in EWPOs such as M_W (effect of mass split VLL)

4. The quasi-EW Majorana RHN, due to RHN-VLL plus VLL-electron mixing, is hopeful in $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay