



# Seesaw-predicted Heavy Leptons at the LHC

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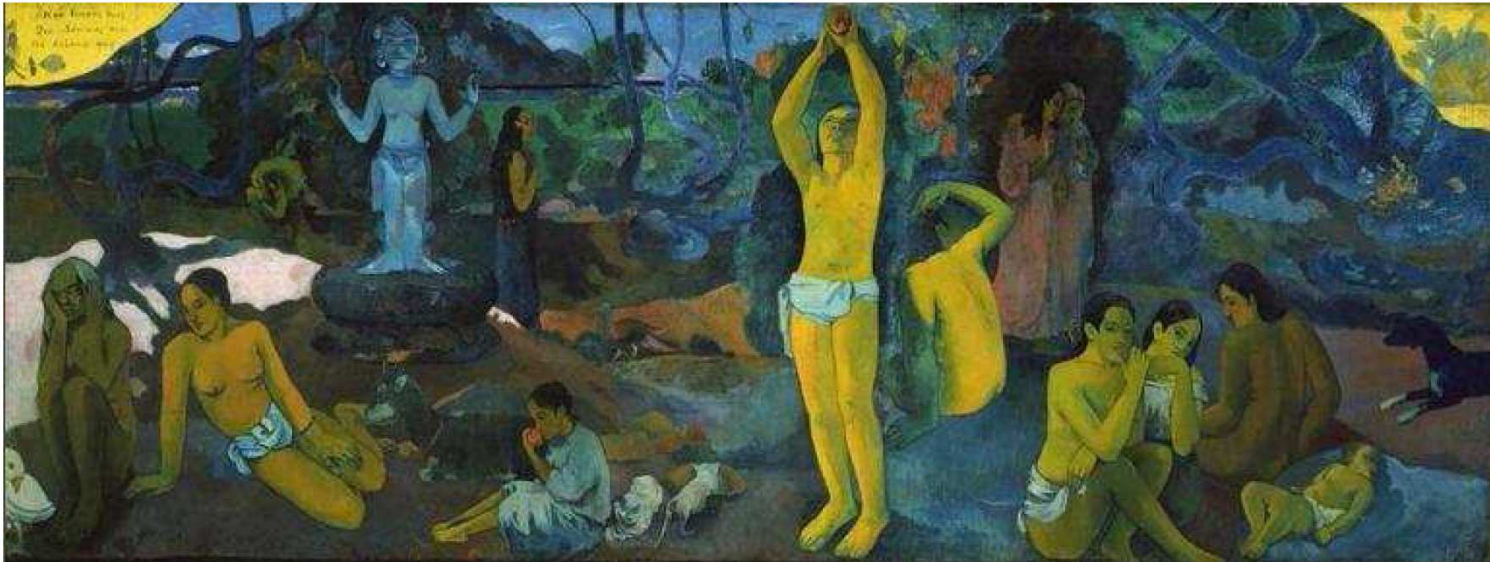


# The contents:

1. Advocate **vectorlike TeV-scale fermions** beyond the 3rd SM generation
2. Conventional **GUT-scale Seesaw**:  
Majorana Neutrinos with  
GUT-scale Majorana Mediators
3. Novel **TeV-scale Seesaw** Model:  
Majorana Neutrinos with  
**TeV-scale Dirac Mediators**

# I. Introduction

**Q: Where are we coming from?**



**Figure 1.** Gauguin's questions: D'où venons-nous? Que sommes-nous? Où allons-nous? Where are we coming from? What are we? Where are we going?

**A: "Bošković's 300 anniversary"**

**(answering 1st Gauguin's/Ellis'0710.5590 question)**

# R. Bošković

## THE DALMATIAN PROPHET

A final note on this first stage, the age of mechanics, the great era of classical physics. The phrase “ahead of his time” is overused. I’m going to use it anyway. I’m not referring to Galileo or Newton. Both were definitely right on time, neither late nor early. Gravity, experimentation, measurement, mathematical proofs . . . all these things were in the air. Galileo, Kepler, Brahe, and Newton were accepted — heralded! — in their own time, because they came up with ideas that the scientific community was ready to accept. Not everyone is so fortunate.

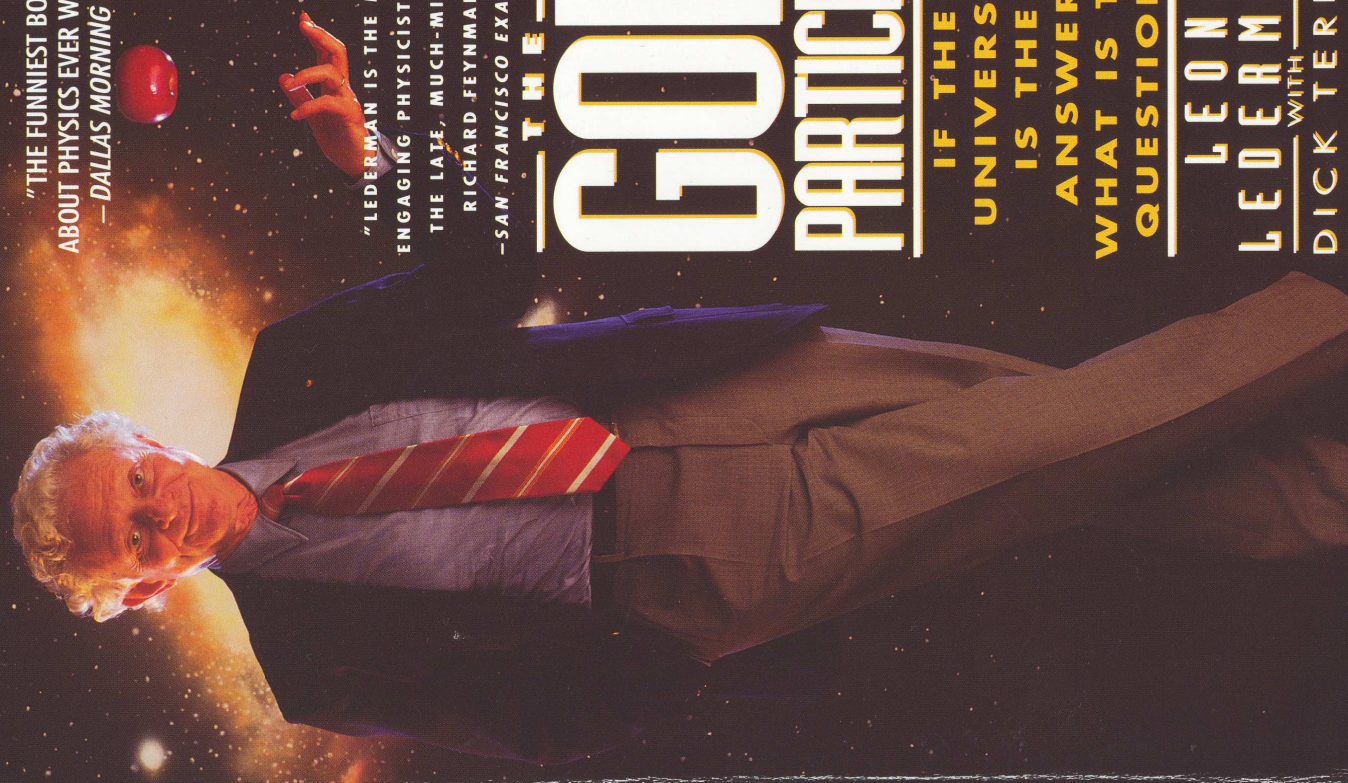
Roger Joseph Boscovich, a native of Dubrovnik who spent much of his career in Rome, was born in 1711, sixteen years before Newton’s death. Boscovich was a great supporter of Newton’s theories, but he had some problems with the law of gravitation. He called it a “classical limit,” an adequate approximation where distances are large. He said that it was “very nearly correct but that differences from the law of inverse squares do exist even though they are very slight.” He speculated that this classical law must break down altogether at the atomic scale, where the forces of attraction are replaced by an oscillation between attractive and repulsive forces. An amazing thought for a scientist in the eighteenth century.

Boscovich also struggled with the old action-at-a-distance problem. Being a geometer more than anything else, he came up with the idea of *fields of force* to explain how forces exert control over objects at a distance. But wait, there’s more!

Boscovich had this other idea, one that was real crazy for the eighteenth century (or perhaps any century). Matter is composed of indivisible a-toms, he said. Nothing particularly new there. Leucippus, Democritus, Galileo, Newton, and others would have agreed with him. Here’s the good part: Boscovich said these particles had no size; that is, they were geometrical points. Clearly, as with so many ideas in science, there were precursors to this — probably in ancient Greece, not to mention hints in Galileo’s works. As you may recall from high school geometry, a point is just a place; it has no dimensions. And here’s Boscovich putting forth the proposition that matter is composed of particles that have no dimensions! We found a particle just a couple of decades ago that fits such a description. It’s called a quark.

We’ll get back to Mr. Boscovich later.

“THE FUNNIEST BOOK ABOUT PHYSICS EVER WRITTEN.”  
—DALLAS MORNING NEWS



“LEDERMAN IS THE MOST ENGAGING PHYSICIST SINCE THE LATE, MUCH-MISSED RICHARD FEYNMAN.”  
—SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

# THE GOD PARTICLE

IF THE UNIVERSE IS THE ANSWER, WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

LEON LEDERMAN  
WITH DICK TERESI

# THEORIA PHILOSOPHIÆ NATURALIS

REDACTA AD UNICAM LEGEM VIRIUM  
IN NATURA EXISTENTIUM,

AUCTORE

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mendis expurgata.

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SUPERIORUM PERMISSU, ac PRIVILEGIO.

## GAUGE-THEORY PREHISTORY

◇ Rudjer Bošković  
(1711-1787)

"Theoria Philosophiæ  
Naturalis" (1763)



force acting  
-- between particles of matter

◇ John Leslie  
(Edinburgh)

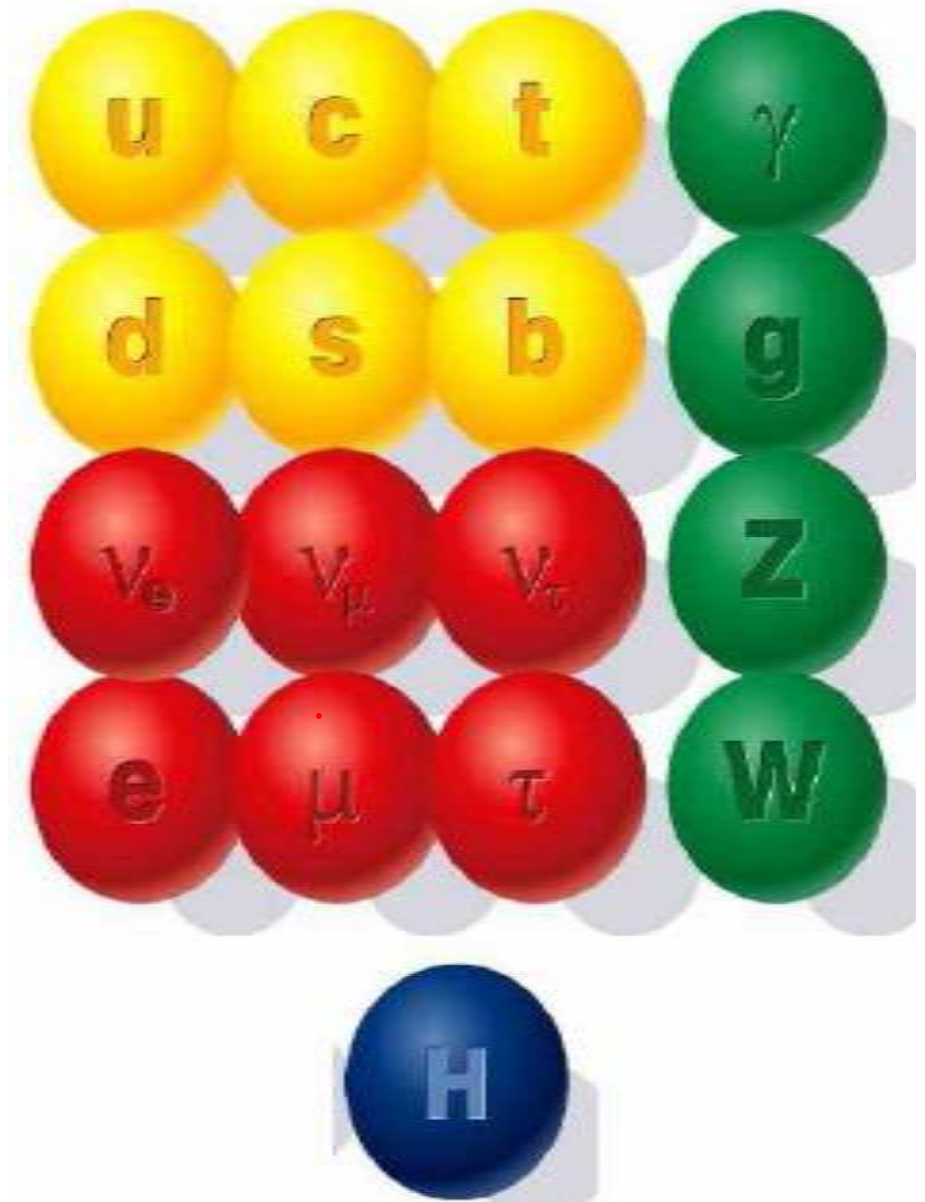
besides lecturing from 1785  
on Bošković's theory

introduced separate forces acting  
-- between two particles of light  
-- between particle of matter  
and particle of light

basic ingredients in the SM of forces !

**Q: Where  
are we?**

**A: Present day  
Bošković's  
“atoms” identified  
as sources of  
colour,  
weak isospin, and  
weak hypercharge  
forces ( $Q=T_3+Y/2$ )**



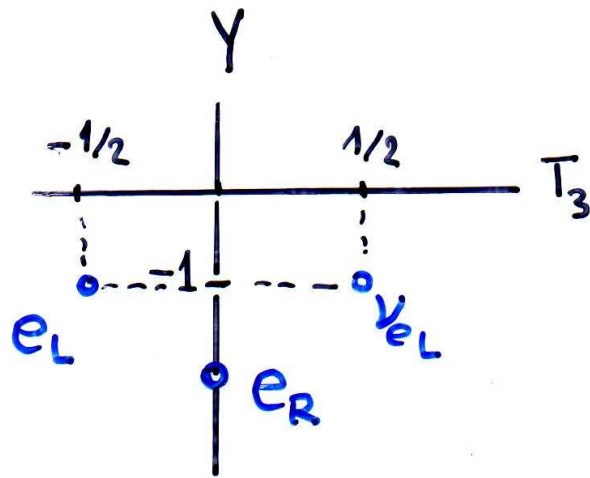


# Gauge Theory History

- **Particle physics** “as a modern name for the long quest to understand the laws of nature” (E. Witten),  
**born in 1897**, now evolved to the
- **STANDARD MODEL**, based on  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  gauge symmetry
- **Bošković's message**: Let's talk about new (BSM) forces only if there are new (BSM) charges

# SM charges assignment in terms of 5 lowest representations of the SMG for 15 helicity states

$$SU(3)_{\text{color}} \times SU(2) \times U(1)$$

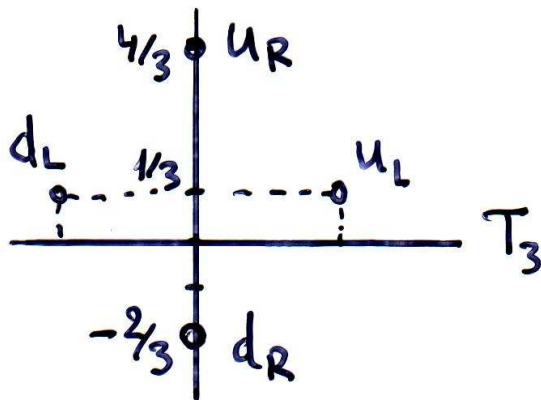


$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$e_R$

$$(1, 2, -1)$$

$$(1, 1, -2)$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$u_R$$

$$d_R$$

$$(3, 2, 1/3)$$

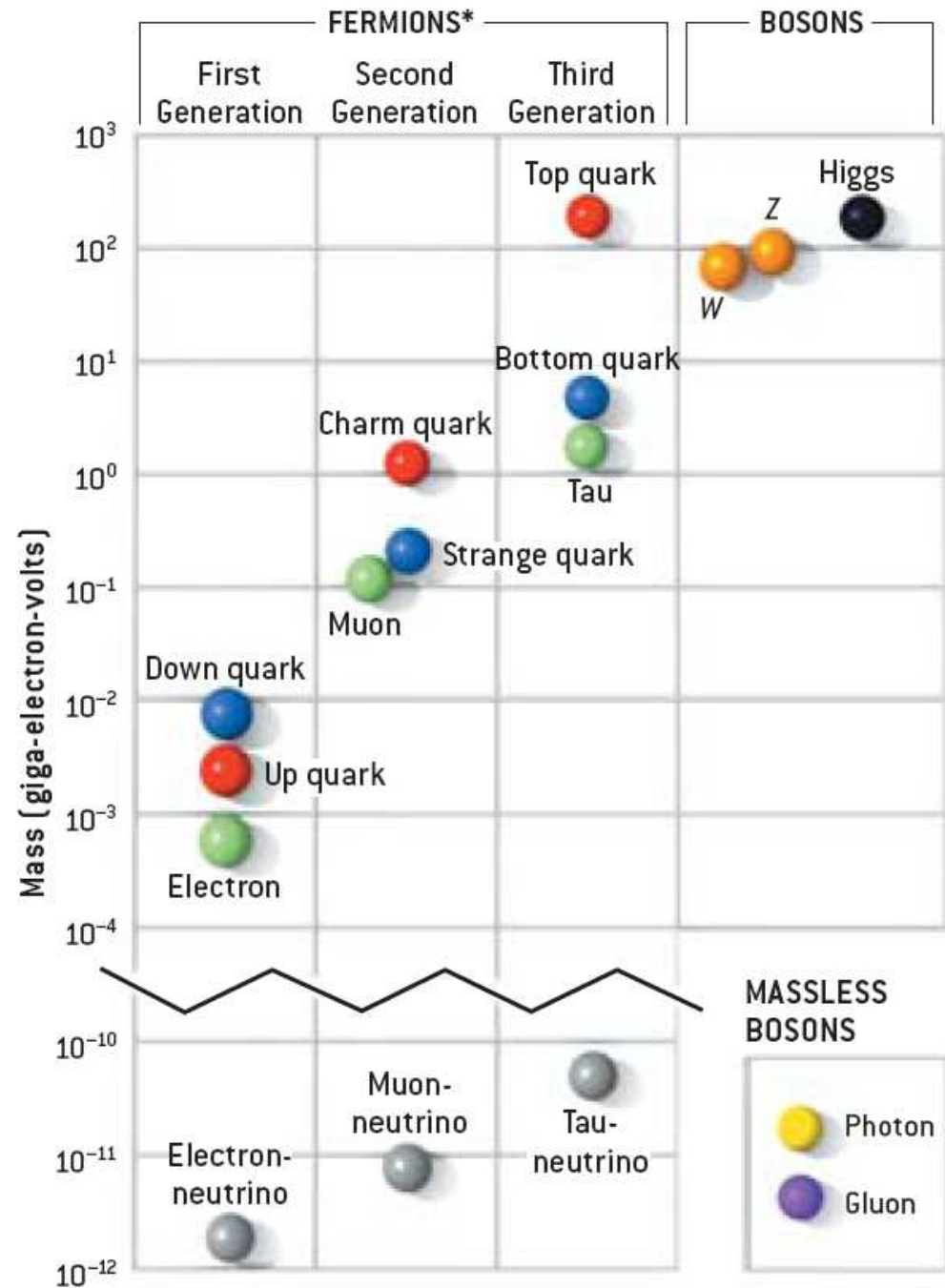
$$(3, 1, 4/3)$$

$$(3, 1, -2/3)$$



All 12 SM fermions are discovered!

What about possible BSM d.o.f.? (w.r.t. 3rd Gauguin's question)





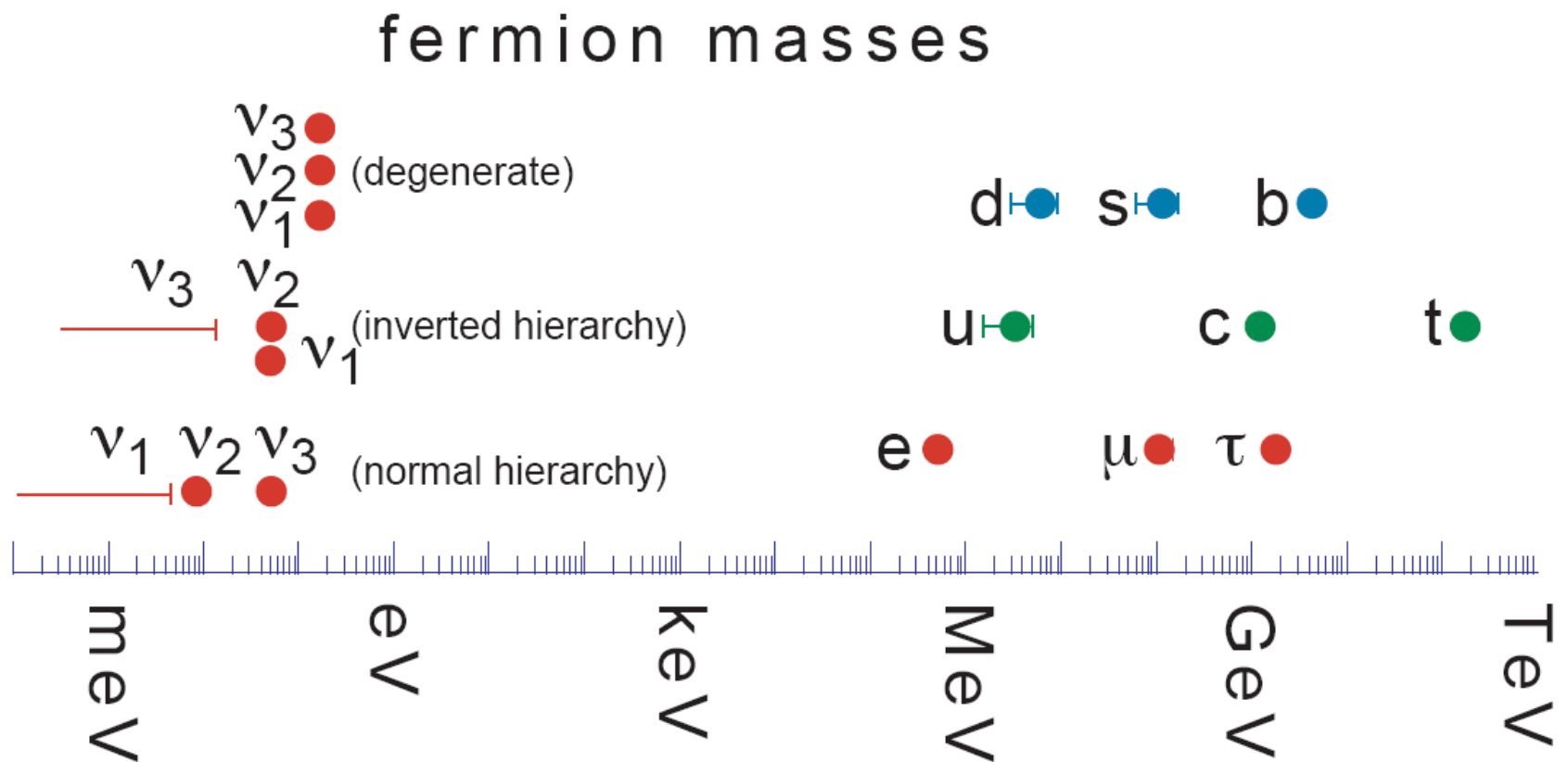
**Q3: Where are we going?**

**A: Introduce new particles without new forces, as suggested by prominent SM's Landmarks:**

- **Heavyness of top**
- **Lightness of neutrinos**
- **Lightness of the SM Higgs**

# The first two Landmarks:

## Lightness of $\nu$ 's & Heavyness of top (Fig. Murayama'08)





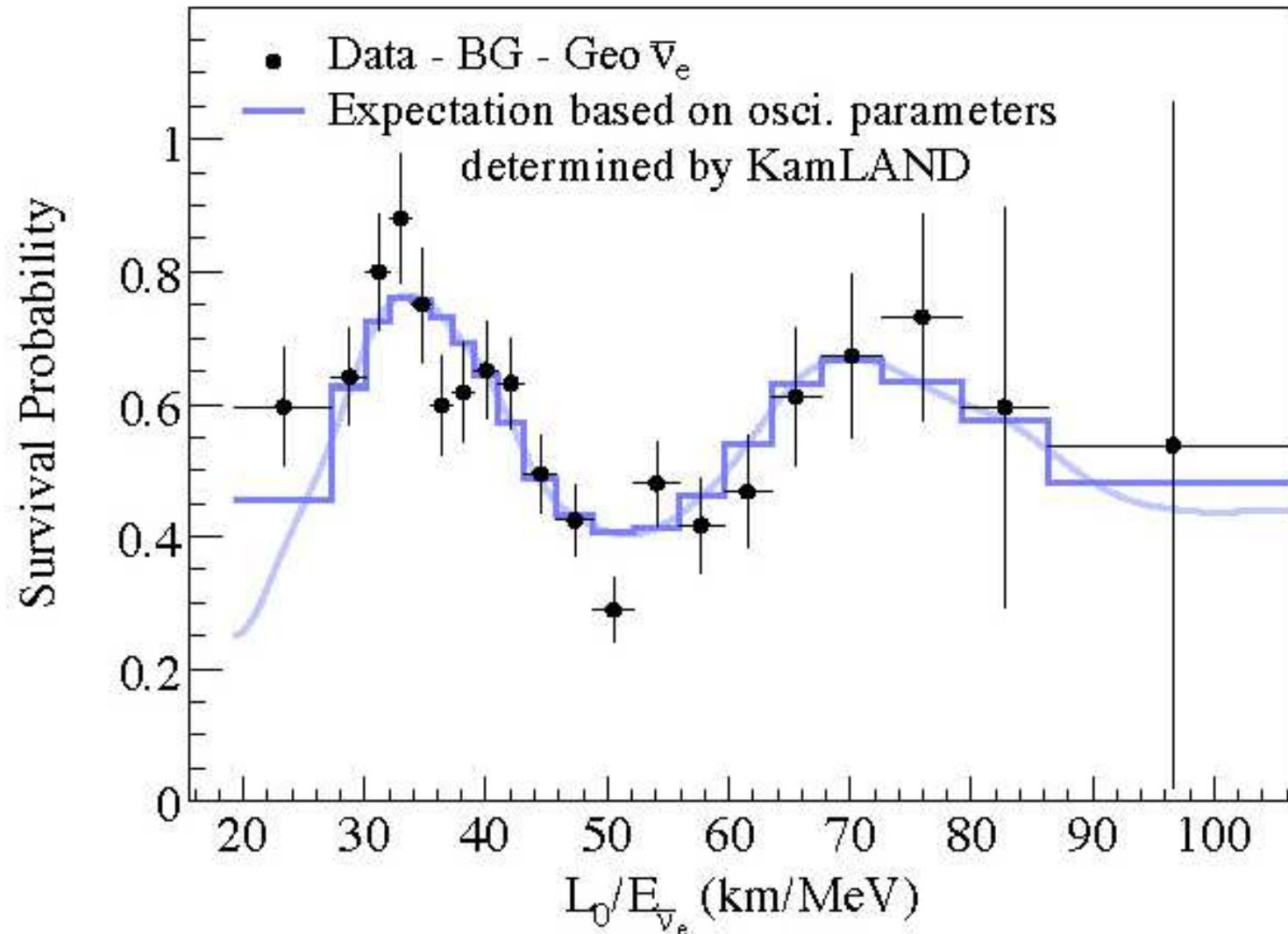
# The 3rd Landmark: Lightness of SM Higgs doublets known as the Hierarchy Problem


- Introducing the top-partner  $T$  to cancel the largest contribution to Higgs mass quadratic divergence → suggests:
- such Seesaw Mediators which explain small neutrino masses without introducing extra Hierarchy Problem
- while keeping the renormalizability

## II. New Heavy Leptons motivated by lightness of $\nu$ 's



# Neutrino Masses beyond doubt - KamLAND evidence of $\nu$ -masses





**The seesaw picture** -ascribes the lightness of  $\nu$ 's to the existence of some heavy-scale d.o.f.

- **Light sterile neutrinos** – lacking motivation?
- **Heavy Majorana neutrinos** – conventional fermionic Type I & III seesaws
- **Vectorlike Dirac fermions** – beyond Type I & III seesaw

# Only 3 realizations of dim 5 operator at the tree-level

**Type I** — three heavy right-handed neutrinos

$$- \mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \bar{l}_L Y_\nu \tilde{H} N_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}_R^c M_R N_R + \text{h.c.}$$

**Type II** — one heavy Higgs triplet  $\Delta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^- & -\sqrt{2} \Delta^0 \\ \sqrt{2} \Delta^{--} & -\Delta^- \end{pmatrix}$

$$- \mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{l}_L Y_\Delta \Delta i\sigma_2 l_L^c - \lambda_\Delta M_\Delta H^T i\sigma_2 \Delta H + \text{h.c.}$$

**Type III** — three heavy triplet fermions  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^0/\sqrt{2} & \Sigma^+ \\ \Sigma^- & -\Sigma^0/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$- \mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \bar{l}_L \sqrt{2} Y_\Sigma \Sigma^c \tilde{H} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\bar{\Sigma} M_\Sigma \Sigma^c) + \text{h.c.}$$





# Conventional Seesaw Mediators

- single additional particle with SM charges

**Type I** — three heavy right-handed neutrinos

$$N_R \sim (1, 1, 0)$$

**Type II** — one heavy Higgs triplet  $\Delta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^- & -\sqrt{2} \Delta^0 \\ \sqrt{2} \Delta^{--} & -\Delta^- \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Delta \sim (1, 3, -2)$$

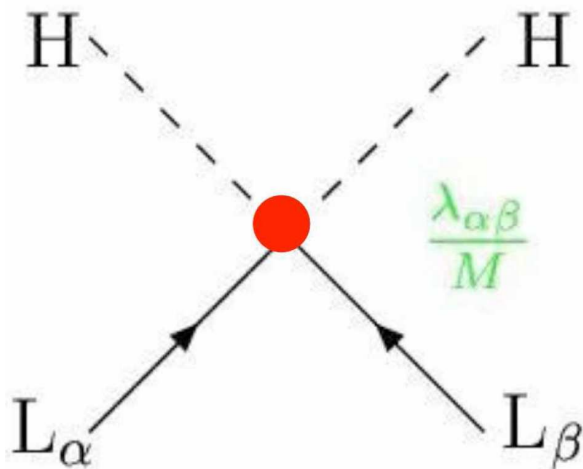
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$$\Sigma \sim (1, 3, 0)$$

# Dim 5 Weinberg's op. $\sim$ LLHH by integrating out heavy d.o.f.

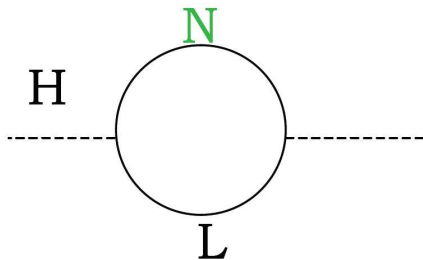
$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_{d=5}}{\Lambda} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (Y_\nu M_R^{-1} Y_\nu^T)_{\alpha\beta} \bar{l}_{\alpha L} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^T l_{\beta L}^c + \text{h.c.} & \text{(Type I) ,} \\ -\frac{\lambda_\Delta}{M_\Delta} (Y_\Delta)_{\alpha\beta} \bar{l}_{\alpha L} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^T l_{\beta L}^c + \text{h.c.} & \text{(Type II) ,} \\ \frac{1}{2} (Y_\Sigma M_\Sigma^{-1} Y_\Sigma^T)_{\alpha\beta} \bar{l}_{\alpha L} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^T l_{\beta L}^c + \text{h.c.} & \text{(Type III)} \end{cases}$$

**SSB-  $\rightarrow$  Majorana mass**



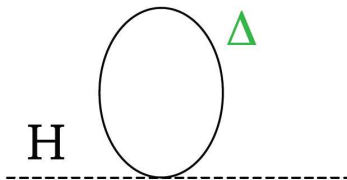
$$M_\nu = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} Y_\nu \frac{v^2}{M_R} Y_\nu^T & \text{(Type I) ,} \\ \lambda_\Delta Y_\Delta \frac{v^2}{M_\Delta} & \text{(Type II) ,} \\ -\frac{1}{2} Y_\Sigma \frac{v^2}{M_\Sigma} Y_\Sigma^T & \text{(Type III)} \end{cases}$$

# TeV-seesaw scale avoids hierarchy problem (Fig. B. Gavela'09)



$$\delta m_H^2 = -\frac{Y_N^\dagger Y_N}{16\pi^2} \left[ 2\Lambda^2 + 2M_N^2 \log \frac{M_N^2}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

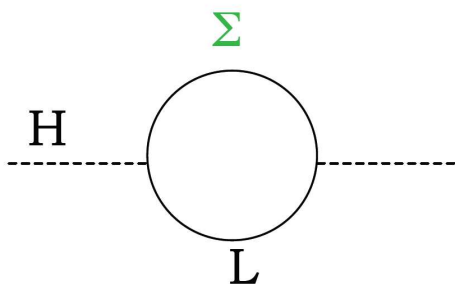
(Vissani)



$$\delta m_H^2 = -3 \frac{\lambda_3}{16\pi^2} \left[ \Lambda^2 + M_\Delta^2 \left( \log \frac{M_\Delta^2}{\Lambda^2} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{\mu_\Delta^2}{2\pi^2} \log \left( \left| \frac{M_\Delta^2 - \Lambda^2}{M_\Delta^2} \right| \right)$$

(Abada, Biggio, Bonnet, Hambye, M.B.G.)



$$\delta m_H^2 = -3 \frac{Y_\Sigma^\dagger Y_\Sigma}{16\pi^2} \left[ 2\Lambda^2 + 2M_\Sigma^2 \log \frac{M_\Sigma^2}{\Lambda^2} \right]$$

# Lowering seesaw scale by going to $\text{dim} > 5$ operators:

$$\mathcal{O}^5 = \mathcal{O}_W = LLHH$$

$$\mathcal{O}^7 = (LLHH)(H^\dagger H)$$

$$\mathcal{O}^9 = (LLHH)(H^\dagger H)(H^\dagger H)$$

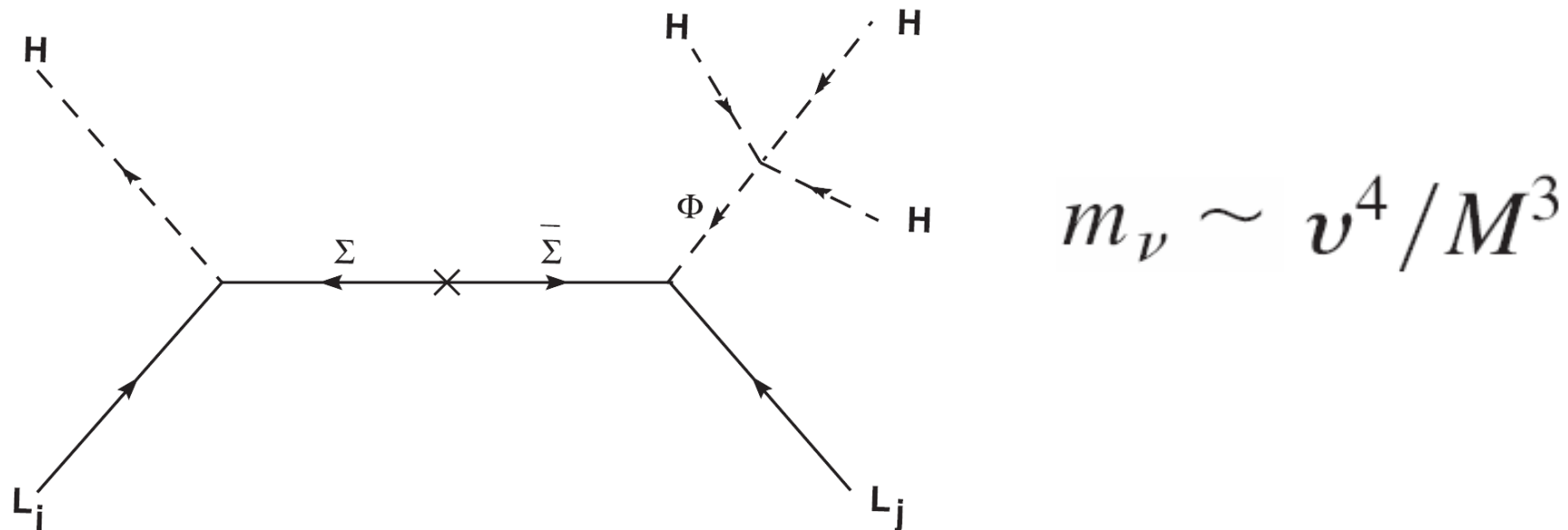
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$$m_\nu \sim v \left( \frac{v}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}} \right)^{d-4}$$

F. Bonnet, D. Hernandez, T. Ota and W. Winter, JHEP **0910**:076,2009  
[0907.3143 [hep-ph]];

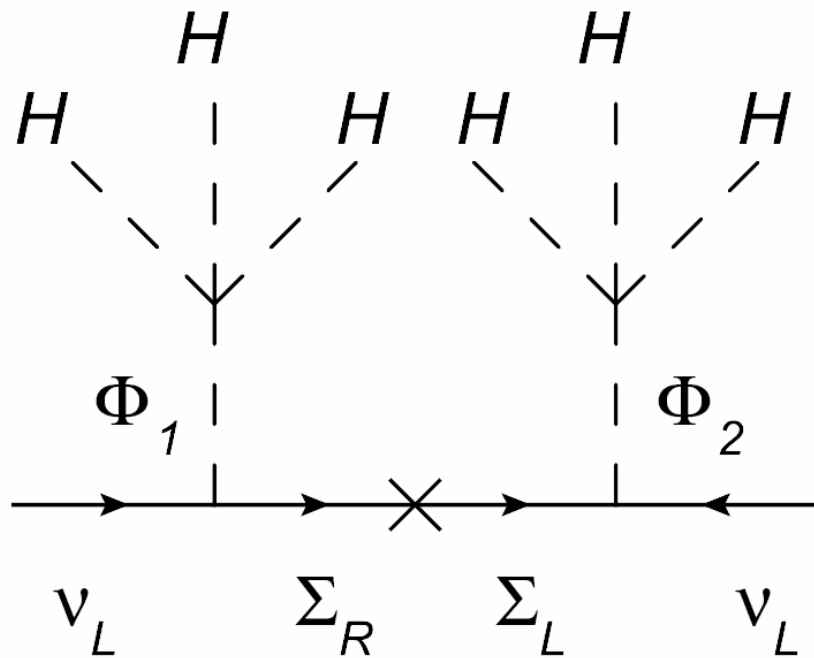
- NP scale 1-10 TeV with  $d=9$  is enough for sub-eV neutrino mass
- Operators are studied for singlet, doublet and triplet mediators

# Two Tree-level Seesaw Options: dim 7 and dim 9 operators



- **Dim 7 Operator** Babu et al' 09, PRD 80, 071702(R)
- **Dim 9 Operator** I.P. and B.Radovčić, PLB 687 ('10) 338

**Dim-9  $\sim$  LLHH(H $^\dagger$ H)(H $^\dagger$ H) tree-level op. -integrating out heavy d.o.f.**



$$m_\nu \sim \frac{Y_1 Y_2 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 v^6}{M_\Sigma \mu_{\Phi_1}^2 \mu_{\Phi_2}^2} \sim v^6 / M^5$$

- **Light Majorana neutrino naturally in sub-eV range with TeV-scale heavy d.o.f.**

# Novel Tree-level Seesaw Model

based on vectorlike Dirac fermion 5-plet  $\Sigma$   
( $I=2$ ,  $Y=2$ ) mediators

$$\Sigma_L = (\Sigma_L^{+++}, \Sigma_L^{++}, \Sigma_L^+, \Sigma_L^0, \Sigma_L^-)$$

$$\Sigma_R = (\Sigma_R^{+++}, \Sigma_R^{++}, \Sigma_R^+, \Sigma_R^0, \Sigma_R^-)$$

both transforming as  $(1, 5, 2)$

- In conjunction with isospin 3/2 scalar fields  $\bar{\Phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\Phi}_2$ :

$$\bar{\Phi}_1 = (\bar{\Phi}_1^0, \bar{\Phi}_1^-, \bar{\Phi}_1^{--}, \bar{\Phi}_1^{---}) \quad \bar{\Phi}_2 = (\bar{\Phi}_2^+, \bar{\Phi}_2^0, \bar{\Phi}_2^-, \bar{\Phi}_2^{--})$$

transforming as  $(1, 4, -3)$  and  $(1, 4, -1)$ , respectively.



# SM gauge invariant terms

**Dirac mass term  
for new seesaw mediator**

$$\mathcal{L}_M = - M_\Sigma \bar{\Sigma}_L \Sigma_R + \text{H.c.}$$

**Yukawa term includes  
Lepton Number Violation**

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = Y_1 \bar{l}_L \Sigma_R \Phi_1 + Y_2 \bar{\Sigma}_L (l_L)^c \Phi_2^* + \text{H.c.}$$





# Dirac seesaw by diagonalizing the mass matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L & \overline{\Sigma_L^0} & \overline{(\Sigma_R^0)^c} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 & m_1 \\ m_2 & 0 & M_\Sigma \\ m_1 & M_\Sigma & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\nu_L)^c \\ (\Sigma_L^0)^c \\ \Sigma_R^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- representing the mixing between neutral components of the SM lepton doublet and the  $\Sigma$  5-plets

# Mass eigenvalues:

- Two nearly degenerate Heavy neutral states

$$m_{\nu_H} \sim M_\Sigma$$

- Light Majorana neutrinos

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{m_1 m_2}{M_\Sigma} \sim \frac{Y_1 Y_2 v_{\Phi_1} v_{\Phi_2}}{M_\Sigma}$$

**From the EW precision:**  $\rho = 1.0004_{-0.0004}^{+0.0008}$

$$\rho \simeq 1 - 6v_{\Phi_1}^2/v^2 + 6v_{\Phi_2}^2/v^2$$

an upper bound on  $v_{\Phi_1}$  and  $v_{\Phi_2}$  of a few GeV.

# EWSB in usual way from Higgs doublet

$$\mu_H^2 < 0$$

$$V(H, \Phi_1, \Phi_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sim \mu_H^2 H^\dagger H + \mu_{\Phi_1}^2 \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 + \mu_{\Phi_2}^2 \Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 + \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 \\ &+ \{ \lambda_1 \Phi_1^* H^* H^* H^* + \text{H.c.} \} + \{ \lambda_2 \Phi_2^* H H^* H^* + \text{H.c.} \} \\ &+ \{ \lambda_3 \Phi_1^* \Phi_2 H^* H^* + \text{H.c.} \} . \end{aligned}$$

- Induced vev for  $\bar{\Phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\Phi}_2$ , scalars with

$$\mu_{\Phi_1}^2, \mu_{\Phi_2}^2 > 0$$

$$v_{\Phi_1} \simeq -\lambda_1 \frac{v^3}{\mu_{\Phi_1}^2}, \quad v_{\Phi_2} \simeq -\lambda_2 \frac{v^3}{\mu_{\Phi_2}^2}$$



**Operators of dim 7 and 5 are generated at loop level from dim 9 op.**  
- smaller than dim 9 tree level if

$$\Lambda_{NP} < 4\pi v \simeq 2 \text{ TeV}$$

- **The operator of dim 5 generated at loop level from  $\lambda_3$  term - for  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$  is smaller than dim 9 tree level if**

$$\Lambda_{NP} < \sqrt{4\pi v} \simeq 620 \text{ GeV}$$



# **NP scale** **splitting dim 5 loop** **& dim 9 tree-level contributions**

**For simplicity,**  $\mu_\Phi = M_\Sigma = \Lambda_{NP}$

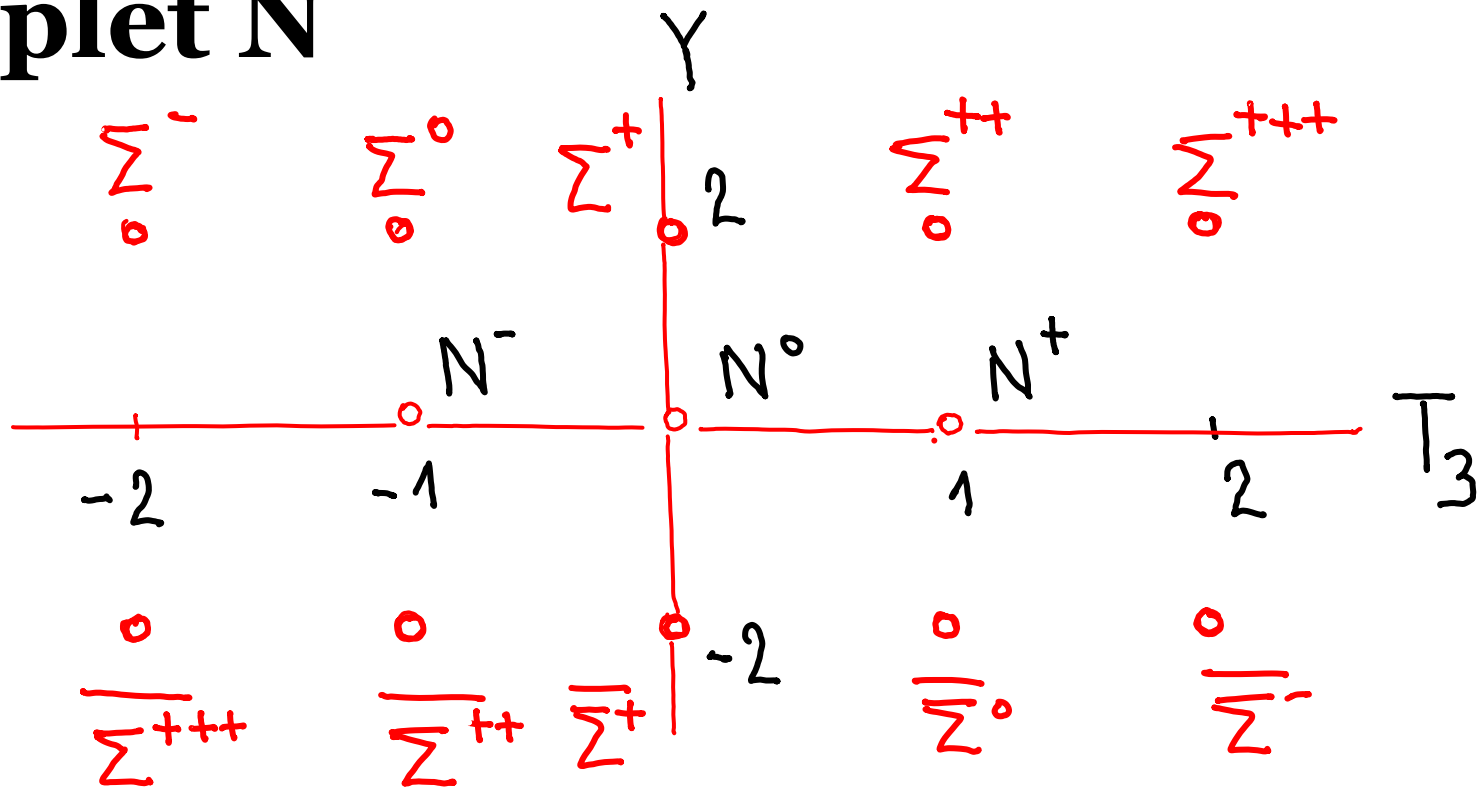
**the values**  $v = 174 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_\nu \sim 0.1 \text{ eV}$

**& moderate**  $Y \sim Y' \sim \lambda_2 \sim 10^{-2}$  **result in**

$\Lambda_{NP} \simeq 580 \text{ GeV}$  and  $v_{\Phi_1} \simeq 80 \text{ MeV}$  and  $v_{\Phi_2} \simeq 60 \text{ MeV}$ .

- **There is a part of the parameter space**  
**where tree-level dim 9 operator**  
**dominates over loop generated dim 5 and**  
**dim 7 contributions!**

# III. Signatures of 5-plet $\Sigma$ at the LHC - and distinguishing it from type III triplet N

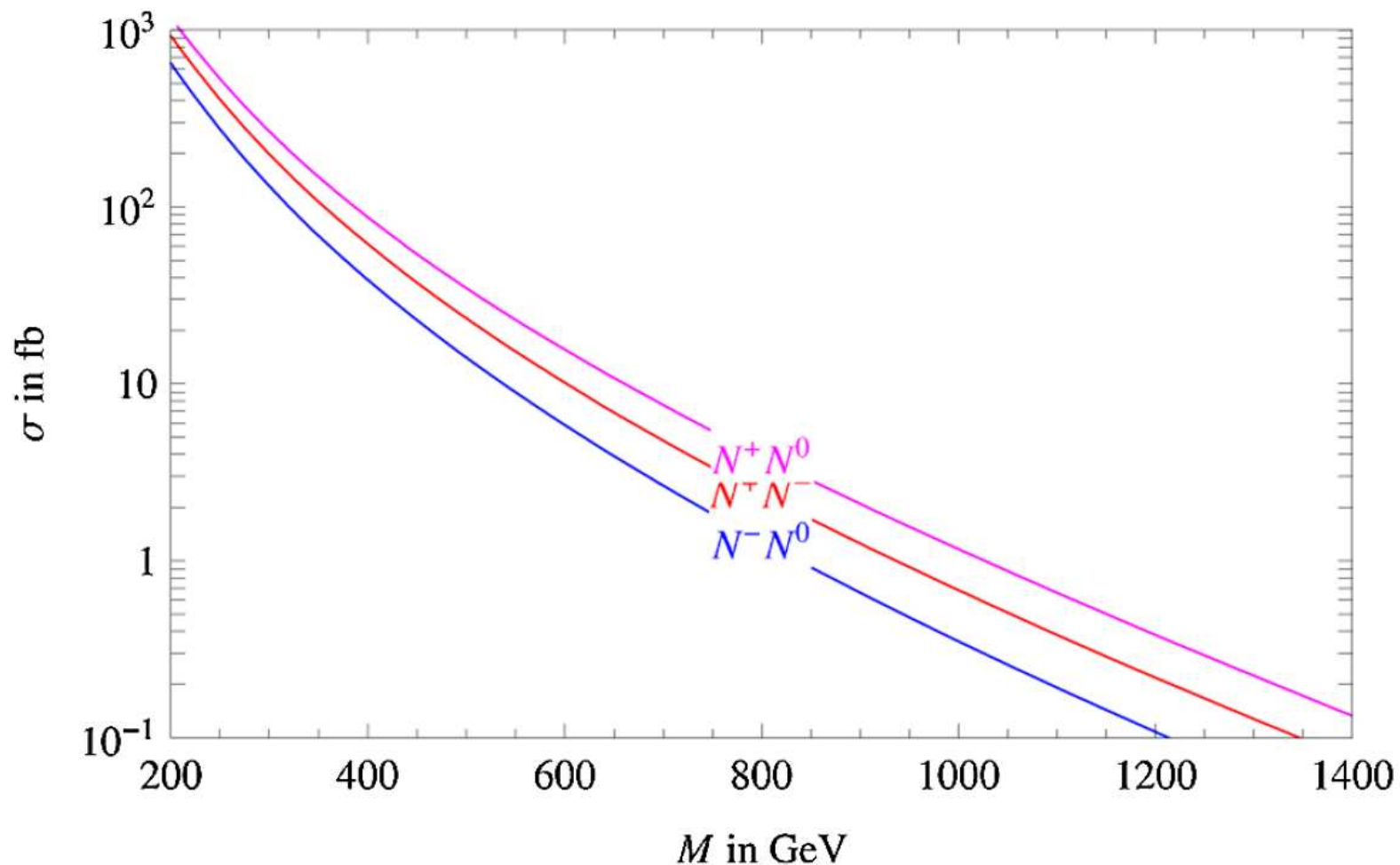




# Production of 5-plet States by Drell-Yan fusion

- **Via CC associated production of pairs**
- **Via NC direct pair production**
- **Using CTEQ6.6 PDFs via LHAPDF**
- **Check by MadGraph via FeynRules**

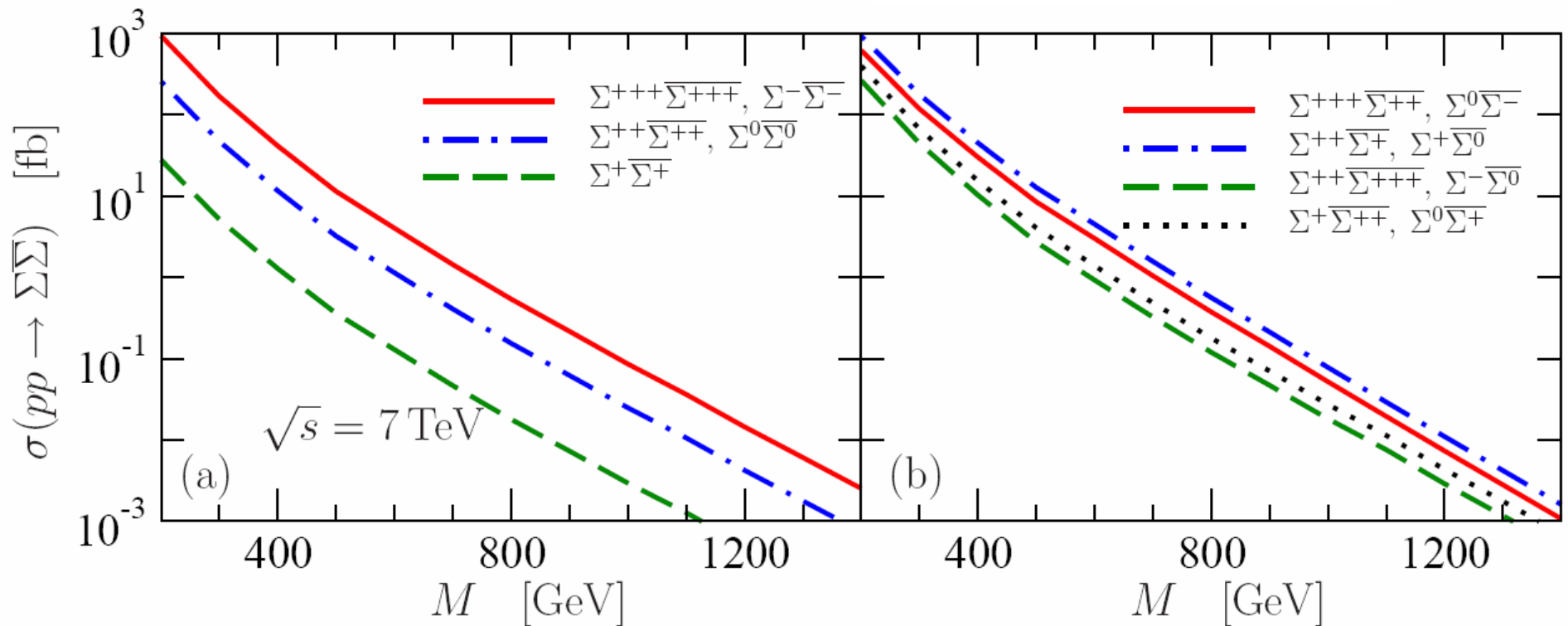
# Check on production cross section for type-III triplets at LHC (Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, PRD78, 2008)





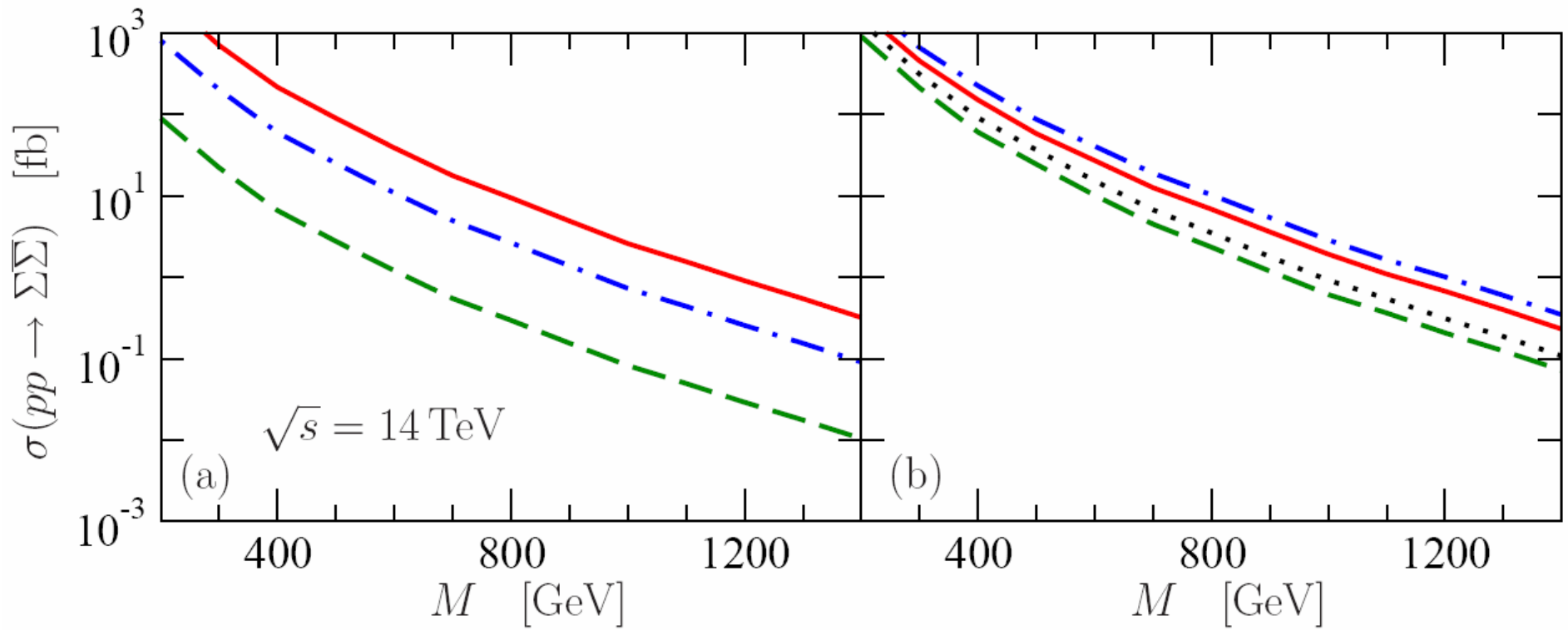
# Production cross section for 5-plets at 2010-run LHC energy

via neutral  $\gamma, Z$  and charged  $W^\pm$



# Production cross section for 5-plets for designed LHC energy

via neutral  $\gamma, Z$  and charged  $W^\pm$



# Two classes of decay-processes - like those for Type III triplet

$$\Gamma(N^\pm \rightarrow N^0 \pi^\pm) = \frac{2G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 \Delta M^3 f_\pi^2}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{\Delta M^2}}$$

$$\Gamma(N^\pm \rightarrow N^0 e^\pm \bar{\nu}_e) = \frac{2G_F^2 \Delta M^5}{15\pi^3},$$

$\Delta M$  suppressed

$$\Gamma(N^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm Z) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\lambda^2 M}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{M_Z^2}{M^2}\right)^2 \left(1 + 2\frac{M_Z^2}{M^2}\right),$$

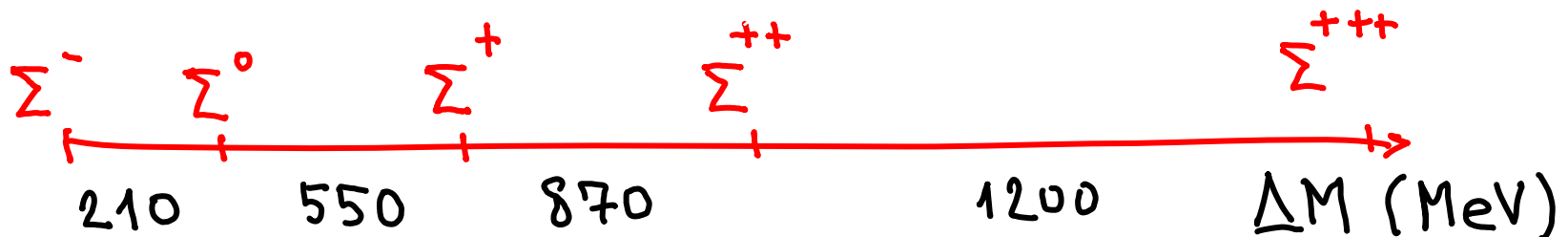
$$\Gamma(N^\pm \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\ell W^\pm) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^2 M}{8\pi} \left(1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M^2}\right)^2 \left(1 + 2\frac{M_W^2}{M^2}\right).$$

# Suppression by small mass splittings within a multiplet

$$M_Q - M_0 \simeq Q(Q + Y / \cos \theta_W) \Delta M$$

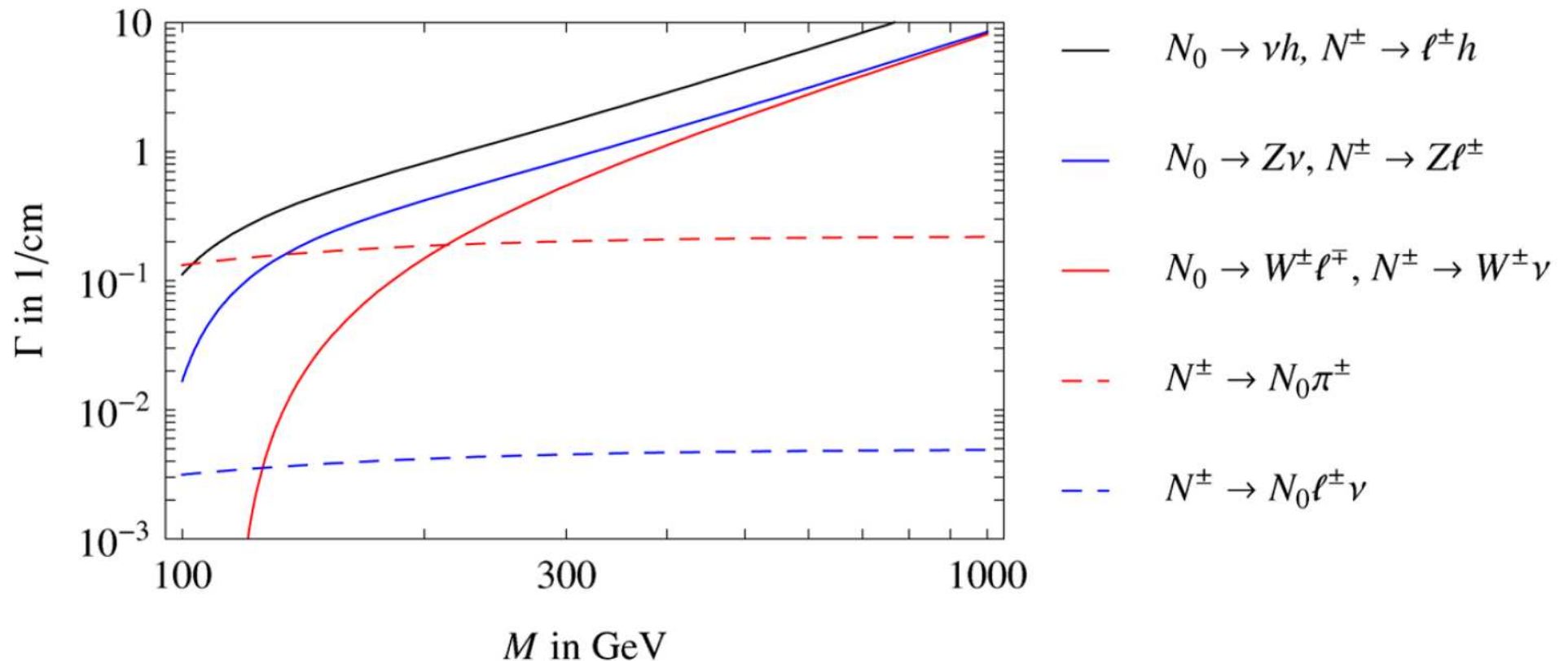
$$\Delta M = \alpha_2 M_W \sin^2 \frac{\theta_W}{2} = (166 \pm 1) \text{MeV}.$$

- **Suppression for Type III triplet**
- **Still, there is larger splitting among higher states within a  $\Sigma$  multiplet**

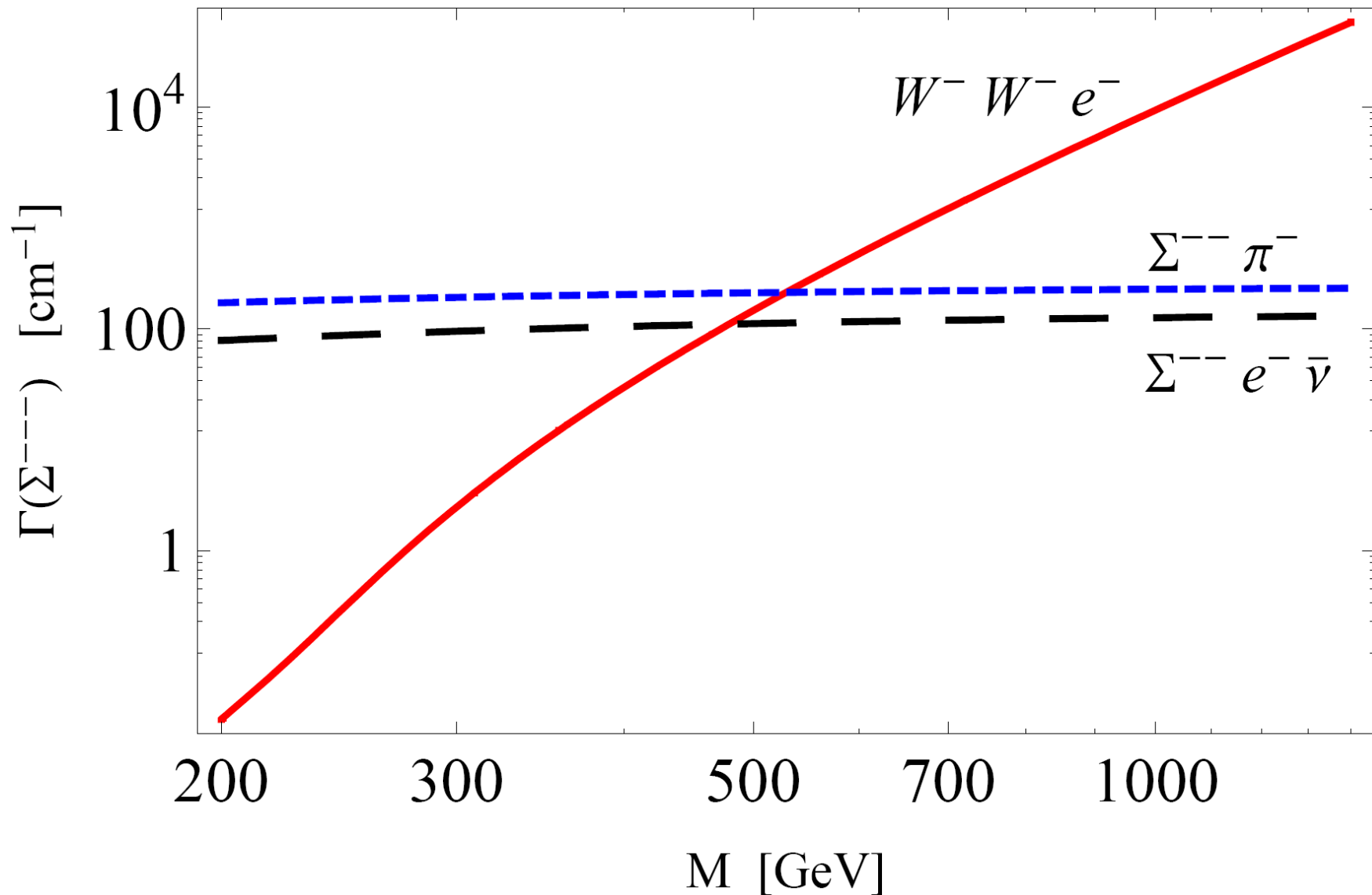


# Type-III triplet decay widths

(Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, PRD78, 2008)



# Decay widths of triply-charged $\Sigma$



# Signatures from LNC & LNV decays

$$\Sigma^{+++} \rightarrow W^+W^+l^+ \quad \Sigma^{++} \rightarrow W^+l^+$$

$$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow W^+\nu, Zl^+, H^0l^+$$

$$\Sigma^- \rightarrow W^-\nu, Zl^-, H^0l^-$$

$$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow W^\pm l^\mp, Z\nu, H^0\nu$$

- **Two types of decays with same sign dileptons and the jets as a signature**

$$q\bar{q}' \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow \Sigma^+\bar{\Sigma}^0 \rightarrow l^+Zl^+W^- \rightarrow l^+l^+jj,$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow \Sigma^0\bar{\Sigma}^0 \rightarrow l^\pm W^\mp l^\pm W^\mp \rightarrow l^\pm l^\pm jj$$



## **Conclusions:** **Falsifiable dim 9** **tree-level seesaw**

- i) Sizable production at the LHC**  
**(already 1000 pairs at present 7 TeV)**  
**States too heavy to be produced may be**  
**revealed through virtual loop effects**
- ii) Characteristic triply charged 5-plet**  
**state decay as a link between collider**  
**phenomenology and the origin of neutrino**  
**masses**