

# LHC AND THE ORIGIN OF NEUTRINO MASS

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neutrinos massive but light

$m_\nu \lesssim 1\text{eV}$  from beta decay

$$\Delta m_A^2 \sim 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{sun}^2 \sim 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$$

how come they are so different from charged fermions?

With the degrees of freedom of the SM

$\nu$  masses parametrized by

Weinberg  $d = 5$  effective operator

$$\mathcal{L} = Y_{ij} \frac{L_i H H L_j}{M}$$

L - left-handed leptonic doublet

H - Higgs doublet (with a vev  $v$ )

$$\frac{v^2}{M} Y = U_{PMNS} m_\nu^{diag} U_{PMNS}^T$$

neutrino mass - Majorana

$M$  signals the appearance of new physics

majorana neutrinos

Violation of lepton number:  $\Delta L = 2$

- neutrino-less double beta decay  $\nu 0\beta\beta$   
a text-book fact
- same sign charged lepton pairs in colliders

*Keung, G.S., 83*

charged fermions cannot be majorana

- If  $M$  is huge, no hope of direct observation of new physics
- $M = 10^{13} GeV - 10^{14} GeV$  corresponds to  $Y$  of order one
- However, small Yukawas are natural in a sense of being protected by symmetries  
and most of the SM Yukawas are small
- Keep  $M$  free and look for theoretical predictions (grand unification)

Only 3 ways of producing the Weinberg operator

By exchange of heavy

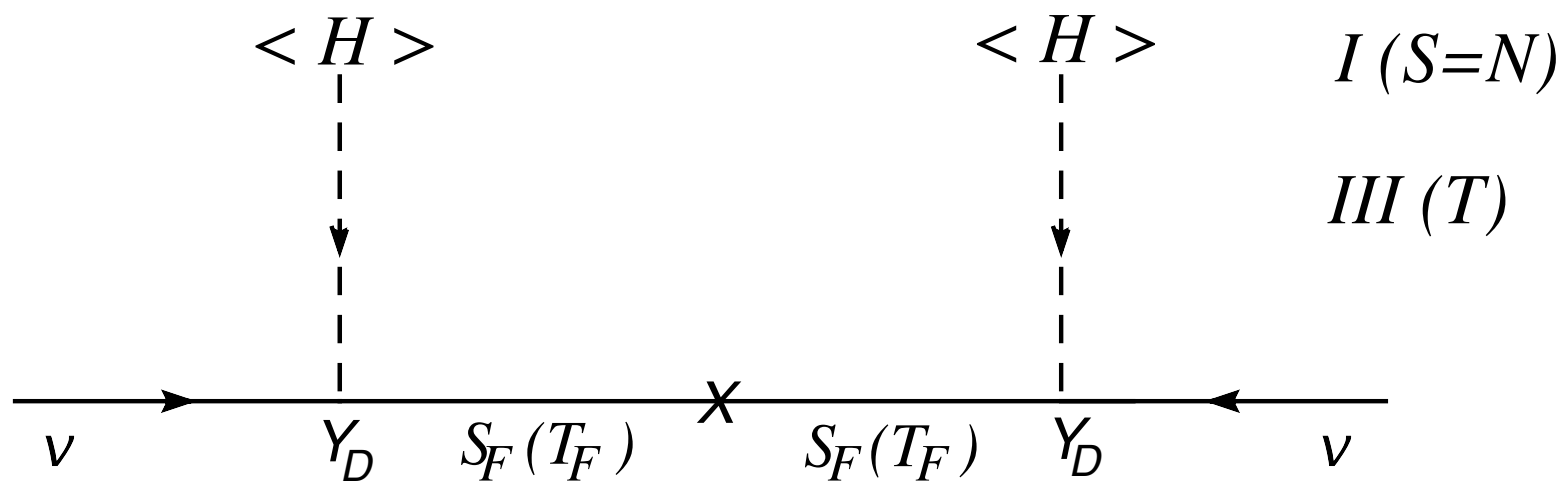
- fermion singlet ( $1_C, 1_W, Y = 0$ )      TYPE I SEESAW  
 right-handed neutrino

*Minkowski, 77*  
*Mohapatra, Senjanović, 79*  
*Gell-Mann et al, 79*  
*Glashow, 79*  
*Yanagida, 79*
- boson weak triplet ( $1_C, 3_W, Y = 2$ )      TYPE II SEESAW

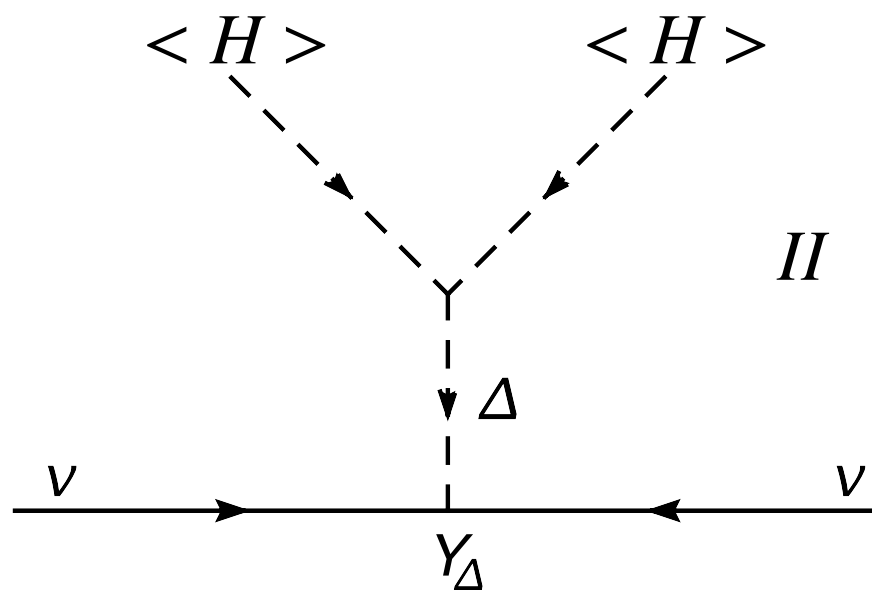
*Lazarides et al, 80*  
*Mohapatra, Senjanović, 80*
- fermion weak triplet ( $1_C, 3_W, Y = 0$ )      TYPE III SEESAW

*Foot et al, 86*

I and II very well studied, III almost ignored in the past







the three types of seesaw - the same  $d=5$  operator

by itself not more useful than just Weinberg operator

unless

- we can reach the scale  $M$
- we have a theory of these singlets, triplets (GUT for example)

This reminiscent of the Fermi theory of low energy weak interactions:

saying that the four fermion interactions can be described by the exchange of a W boson

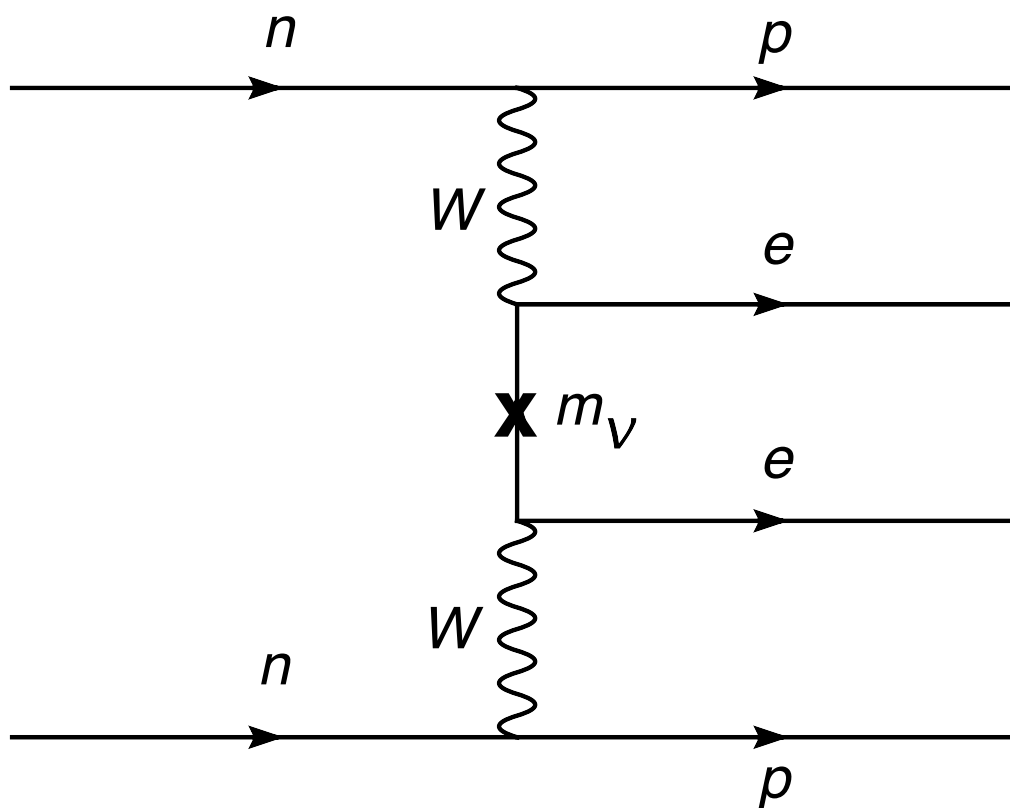
useful

- when you can reach the new scale ( $M_W$ )
- you have a theory of this new particle:  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$  SM

correlates different processes at low energies  $E \ll M_W$

$\nu$  mass window to new physics - **if Majorana**

- Dirac case complete - new physics not necessary.  
only neutrino oscillations. the rest, such as LFV suppressed by small neutrino masses ( $m_\nu \lesssim 1eV$  from beta decay)
- **SM with Majorana neutrino not complete**  
**BSM theory a must**
- Majorana case connects  $m_\nu$  to different new phenomena like  
**desperately searched for  $\nu 0\beta\beta$  decay**

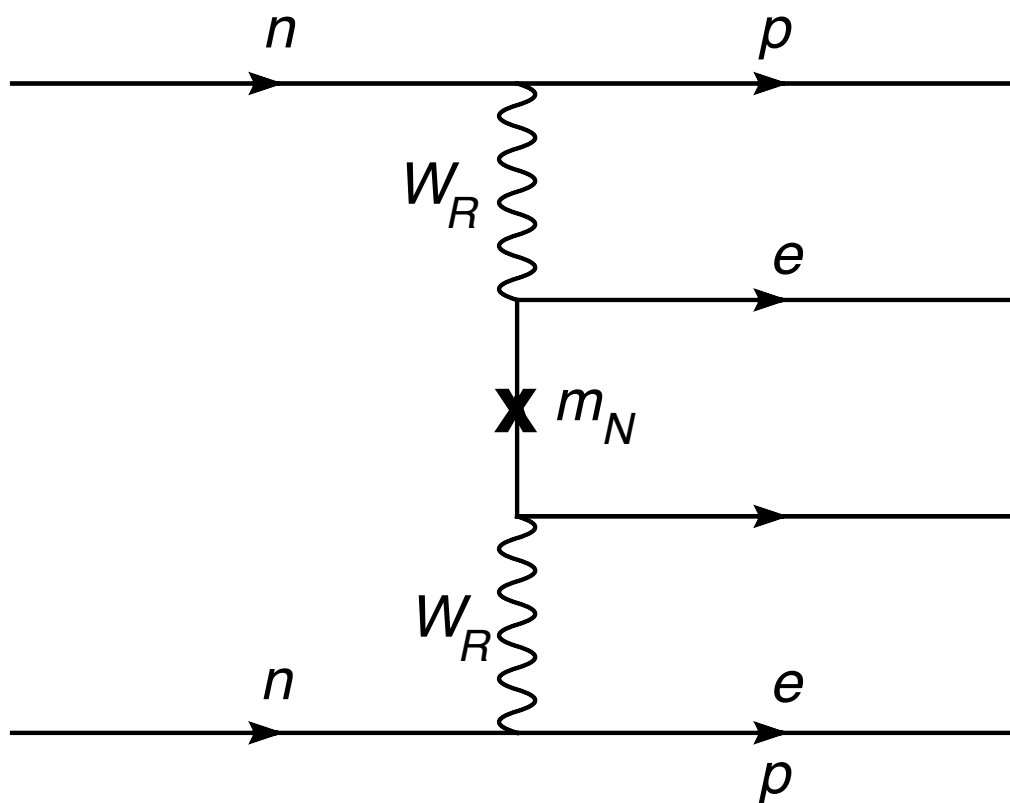


probes  $m_\nu$  in the region: 0.1 - 1 eV

However, in general  $m_\nu$  not directly connected to  $\nu 0\beta\beta$  decay:  
depends on the completion of SM

Example:

LR symmetry with low  $W_R, \nu_R$  masses has a nonzero  $\nu 0\beta\beta$  decay  
even with  $y_D, m_\nu \rightarrow 0$



easily dominates for  $M_R$  in the TeV region, and  $M_N$  in the 100 - 1000 GeV

This is why it is important for the see-saw to be traced in colliders:

measure  $\Delta L = 2$  operators not only in  $\nu 0\beta\beta$  decays, but also in colliders

*Keung, Senjanović, 83*



L-R symmetric theories:

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)$$

*Pati, Salam, Mohapatra, G.S.*

- $W_L$  implies  $W_R$

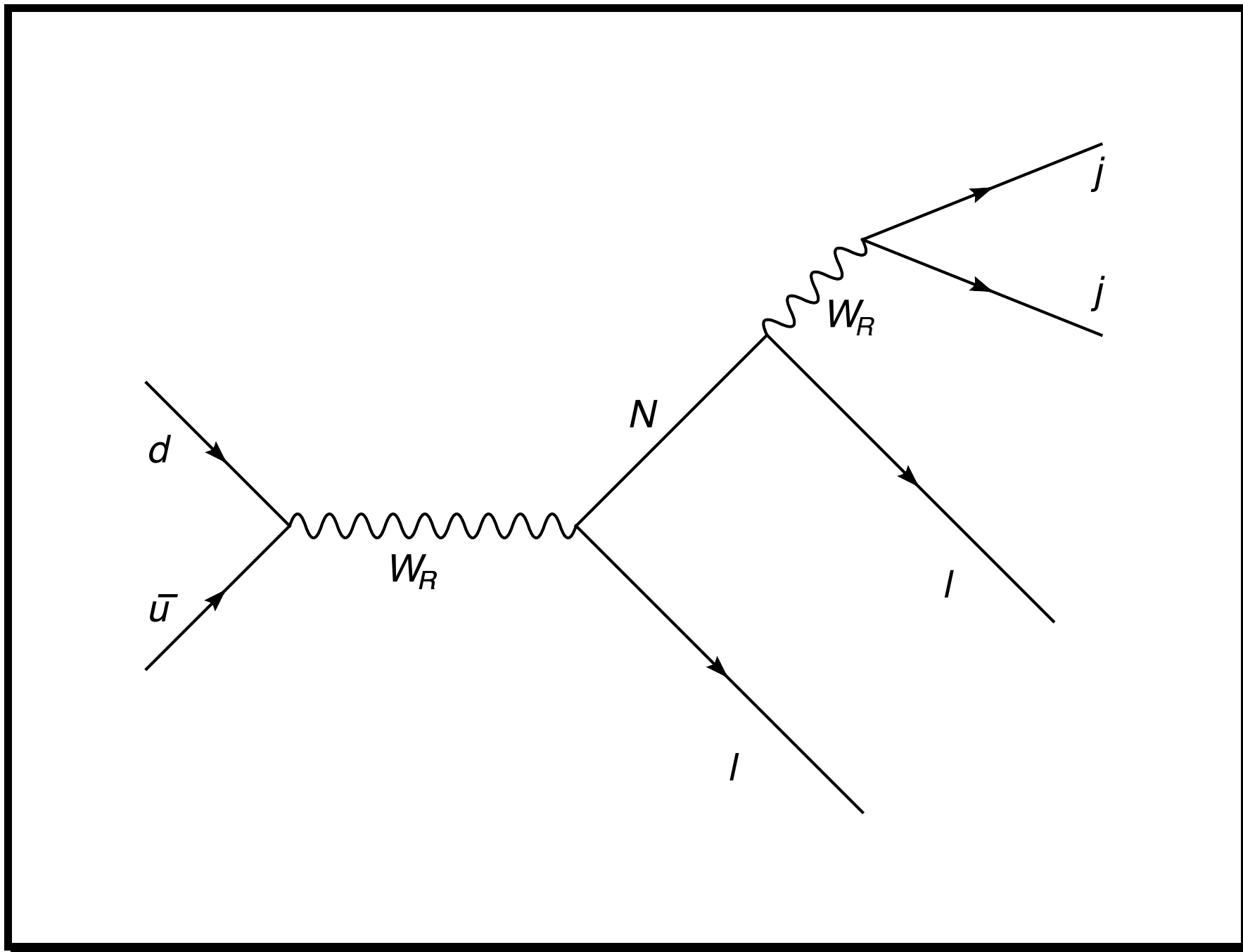
$M_R \gtrsim 1.6 \text{ TeV}$  from  $K_L - K_S$  mixing (theoretical limit in the minimal model)

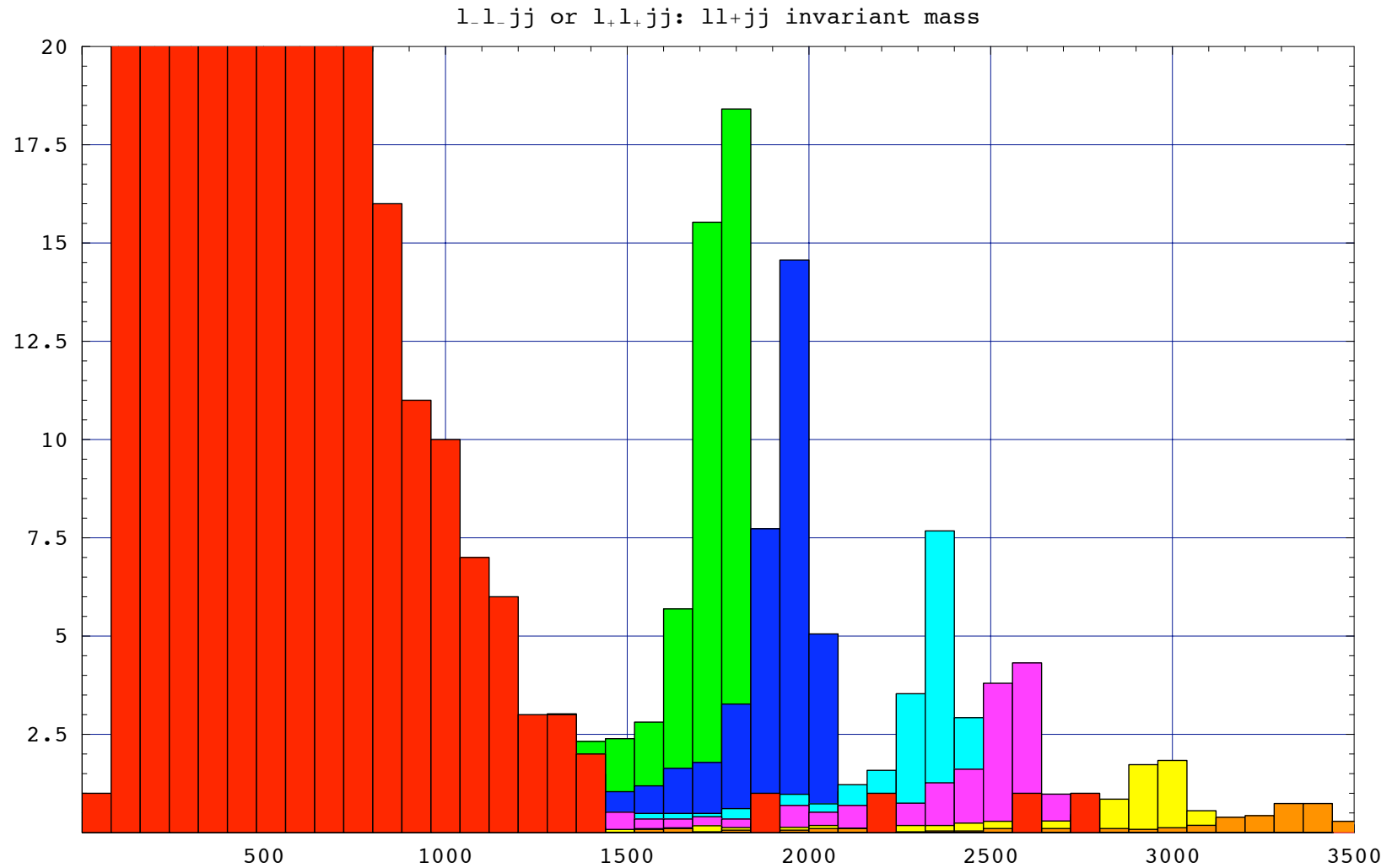
- $\nu_L$  implies  $\nu_R$

$m_{\nu_R}$  of order  $M_R$

- Type I seesaw: connects neutrino mass to scale of parity restoration

- colliders: produce  $W_R$  through Drell-Yan





- **direct test of parity restoration**: discovery of  $W_R$  just as  $W_L$  at SPS 25 years ago
- **direct test of lepton number violation**
- **determination of  $W_R$  and  $N$  masses**

*Ferrari et al, 99*

*Gninenko et al, 07*

*CMS study, in preparation*

**LHC** easily probes  $W_R$  up to 3.5 TeV and  $\nu_R$  in 100 - 1000 GeV

for integrated luminosity of  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

needs study of flavor dependence - connection with flavor violation:

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \mu \rightarrow ee\bar{e}$$

*Nesti, Tello, GS, work in progress*

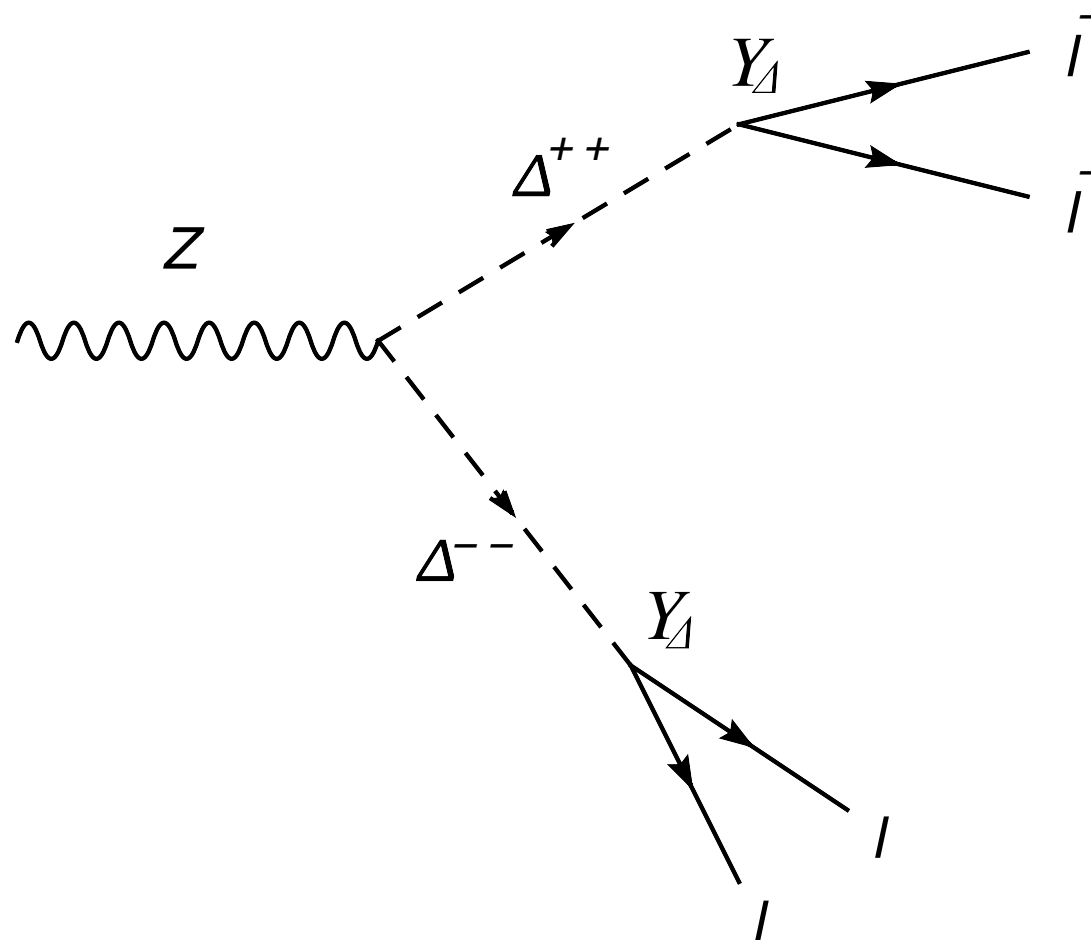
L-R theory: also type II

Type II: pair production of doubly charged Higgses which decay  
into same sign lepton (anti lepton) pairs

$$M_\nu = Y_\Delta v_\Delta$$

probe directly  $M_\nu$  if no type I

*Kadastik, Raidal, Rebane, 07 and references therein*



*Datta, Guchait, Pilaftsis, 93*

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*Han, Zhang, 06*

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*del Aguila, Aguilar-Saveedra, Pittau, 07*

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*Han et al, 07*

*Akeroyd, Aoki, Sugiyama, 07*

*Fileviez Perez et al, 07*

*Kadastik, Raidal, Rebane, 07*



*Kersten and Smirnov, 07*

*Chao et al, 08*

*Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 08*

*Fileviez Perez et al, 08*

many more in type I and also type II

seesaw scale: grand unification

Simple predictive GUT with seesaw at LHC?

## MINIMAL (non supersymmetric) SU(5)

The minimal Georgi-Glashow model ruled out because

$$\text{Minimal: } 24_H + 5_H + 3(10_F + \bar{5}_F)$$

1. gauge couplings do not unify

- 2 and 3 meet at  $10^{16}$  GeV (as in susy),
- but 1 meets 2 too early at  $\approx 10^{13}$  GeV

2. neutrinos massless (as in the SM)

possible higher dimensional operator not enough: neutrino mass too small ( $\lesssim 10^{-4} eV$ )

Weinberg  $d = 5$  effective operator

$$\mathcal{L} = Y_{ij} \frac{L_i H H L_j}{M}$$

where now  $H = 5_H$ ,  $L = \bar{5}_F$

and

$$M \gtrsim 10 \times M_{\text{GUT}} \gtrsim 10^{17} \text{ GeV (needed for perturbativity)}$$

gives

$$m^\nu \approx Y \frac{v^2}{M} \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

Add just one **extra fermionic  $24_F$**

Under  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$  decomposition

$$24_F = (1, 1)_0 + (1, 3)_0 + (8, 1)_0 + (3, 2)_{5/6} + (\bar{3}, 2)_{-5/6}$$

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singlet  $S = (1, 1)_0$

triplet  $T = (1, 3)_0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y\nu} = L_i (y_T^i T + y_S^i S) H + h.c.$$

Mixed Type I and Type III seesaw:

$$(M_\nu)^{ij} = v^2 \left( \frac{y_T^i y_T^j}{m_T} + \frac{y_S^i y_S^j}{m_S} \right)$$

one massless neutrino

hierarchical spectrum

either normal or inverse hierarchy

1-loop result:

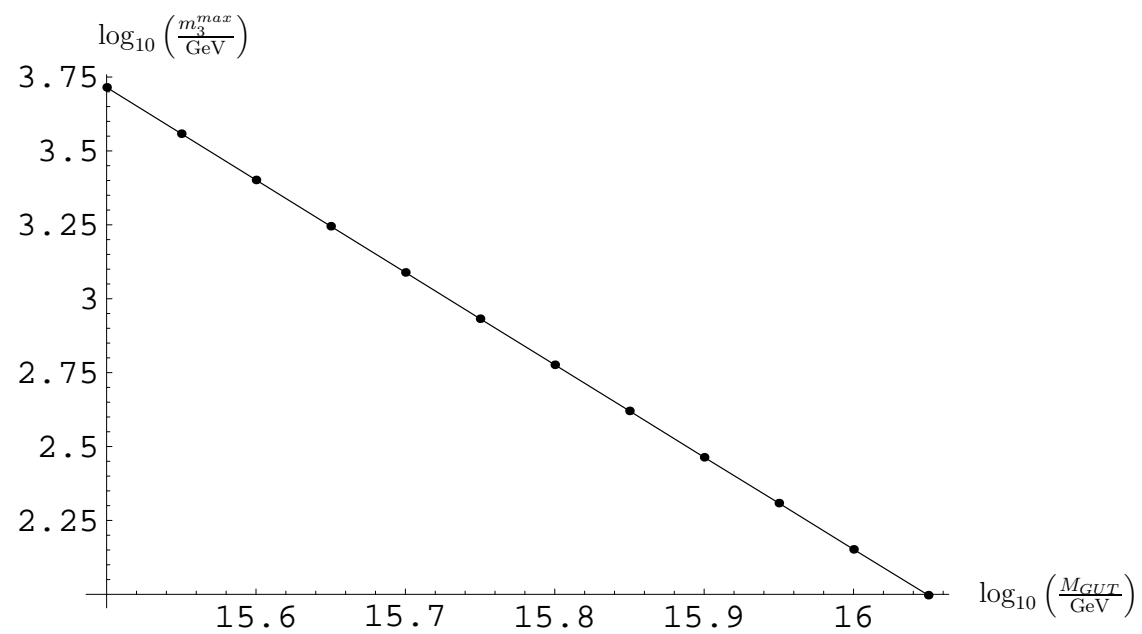
$$M_{GUT} \gtrsim 10^{15.5} \text{ GeV} \quad (\tau_p \gtrsim 10^{33} \text{ yr})$$

$$\rightarrow m_3 \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

triplet (like wino in MSSM) slows down  $U(1)$  coupling

effectively: light wino, gluino heavy ( $10^7 \text{ GeV}$ ), no higgsino,

no sfermions (irrelevant for unification - split susy)

$m_3^{max} - M_{GUT}$  at two loops



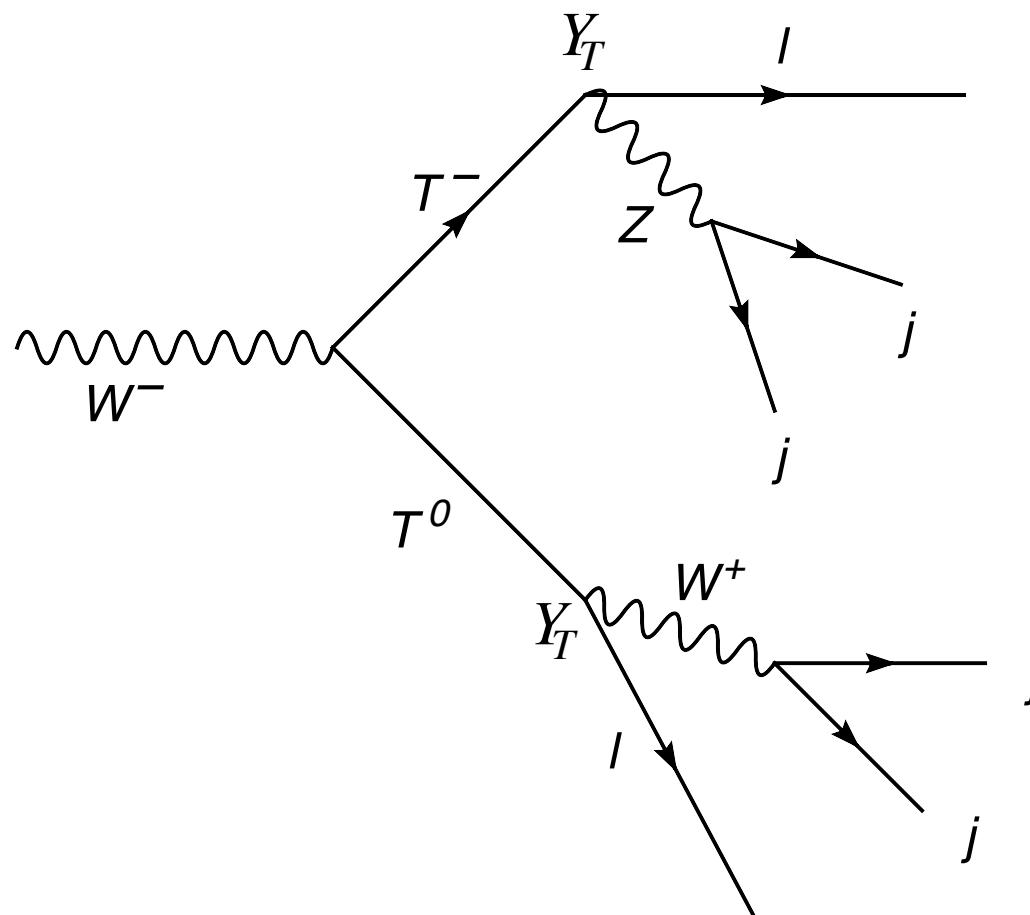
$T$  at LHC ?

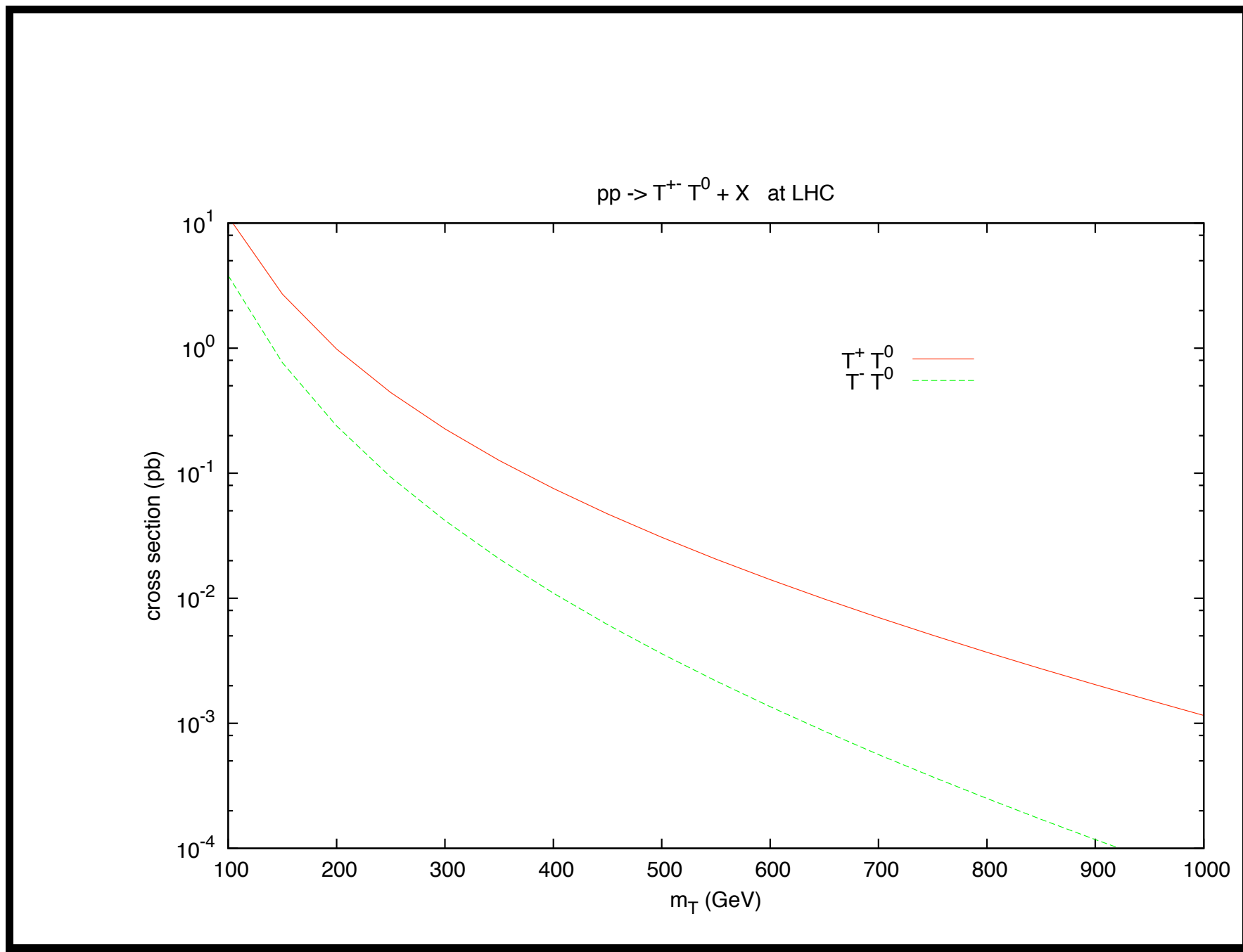
$T^{0,\pm}$  weak triplet

→ produced through gauge interactions  
(Drell-Yan)

$$pp \rightarrow W^\pm + X \rightarrow T^\pm T^0 + X$$

$$pp \rightarrow (Z \text{ or } \gamma) + X \rightarrow T^+ T^- + X$$





$$\Gamma_T \approx m_T |y_T|^2$$

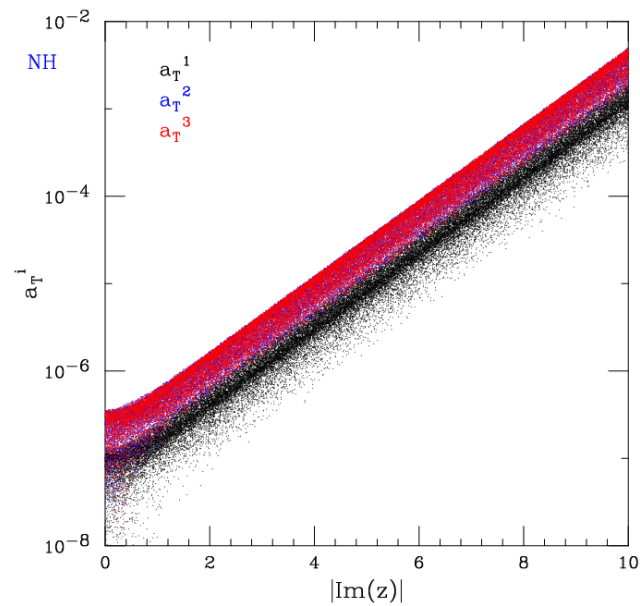
The best channel is like-sign dileptons + jets

$$BR(T^\pm T^0 \rightarrow l_i^\pm l_j^\pm + 4 \text{ jets}) \approx \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{|y_T^i|^2 |y_T^j|^2}{(\sum_k |y_T^k|^2)^2}$$

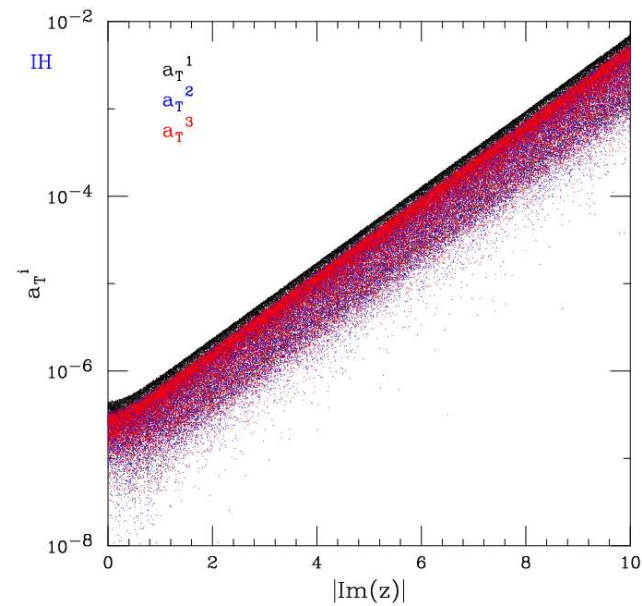
Same couplings  $y_T^i$  contribute to

- $\nu$  mass matrix
- $T$  decays

## Scanning over whole parameter space

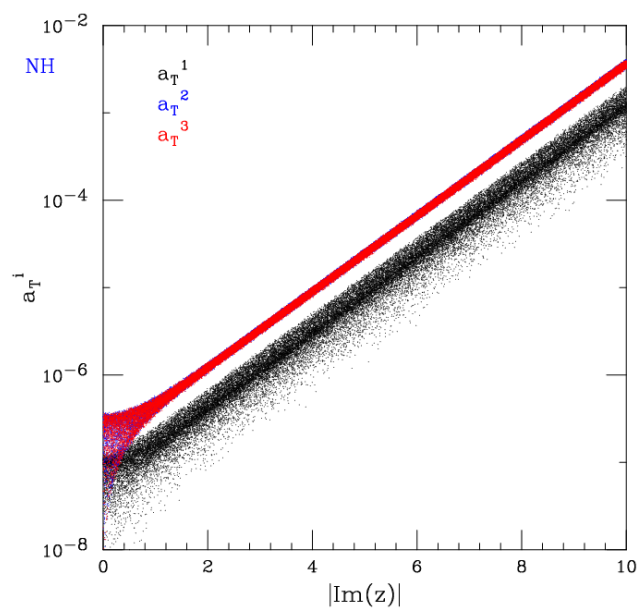


normal hierarchy

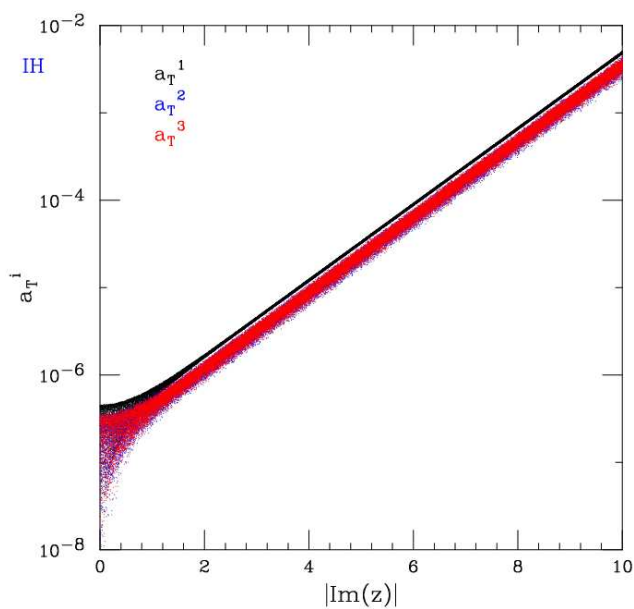


inverse hierarchy

Assuming Majorana phase  $\Phi = 0$



normal hierarchy



inverse hierarchy

Incremental increase of cuts on the signal ( $M_T = 200$  GeV):

$$\sigma_{signal} = 119 \text{ fb without any cuts}$$

Cuts ↓	$\sigma_{sig.}$ (fb)
$p_T(\ell) > 15(\text{GeV})$	115
$p_T(jets) > 20$ (GeV)	64
$ \eta(\ell)  < 2.5$	50
$ \eta(jets)  < 3$	48
$\Delta R_{\ell\ell} > 0.3$	45
$\Delta R_{\ell j} > 0.5$	37
$\Delta R_{jj} > 0.5$	32
$\cancel{p}_T < 25$ GeV	22

*Arhrib, Bajc, Ghosh, Han, Huang, Puljak, Senjanović, to appear*



SM backgrounds appear under control:

$$\sigma_{background} \lesssim 1fb \text{ with cuts}$$

*Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 08*

# Conclusions

- experimental probe of (Majorana) neutrino mass origin: **lepton number violation at LHC (same sign dileptons)**, a high energy analogue of neutrino-less double beta decay
  - L-R theory: possible discovery of  $W_R$  and  $\nu_R$  through parity restoration and lepton number violation
- spectacular**, but the low scale relevant for LHC not predicted

- an explicit example of predictive GUT theory: ordinary minimal SU(5) with extra fermionic adjoint
- weak fermionic triplet predicted in the TeV range (type III)

its decay connected with neutrino mass

$R$  measures separations

$$R = [(\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2]^{1/2}$$

where  $\Delta\phi$  and  $\Delta\eta$  are the azimuthal angular separation and (pseudo) rapidity difference between two particles