

# Lepton Number Violation and the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe

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# Why is Lepton Number Violation interesting ?

# Why is LNV interesting ?

Why is a non-zero  $\nu$  mass physics beyond SM ?

EITHER - OR

$$m_D \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R$$

$$m_M \bar{\nu}_L^c \nu_L$$

$$m_M \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_R$$

OR

~~$$m_M \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_R$$~~

LNV

LNV

e.g.

Seesaw-I

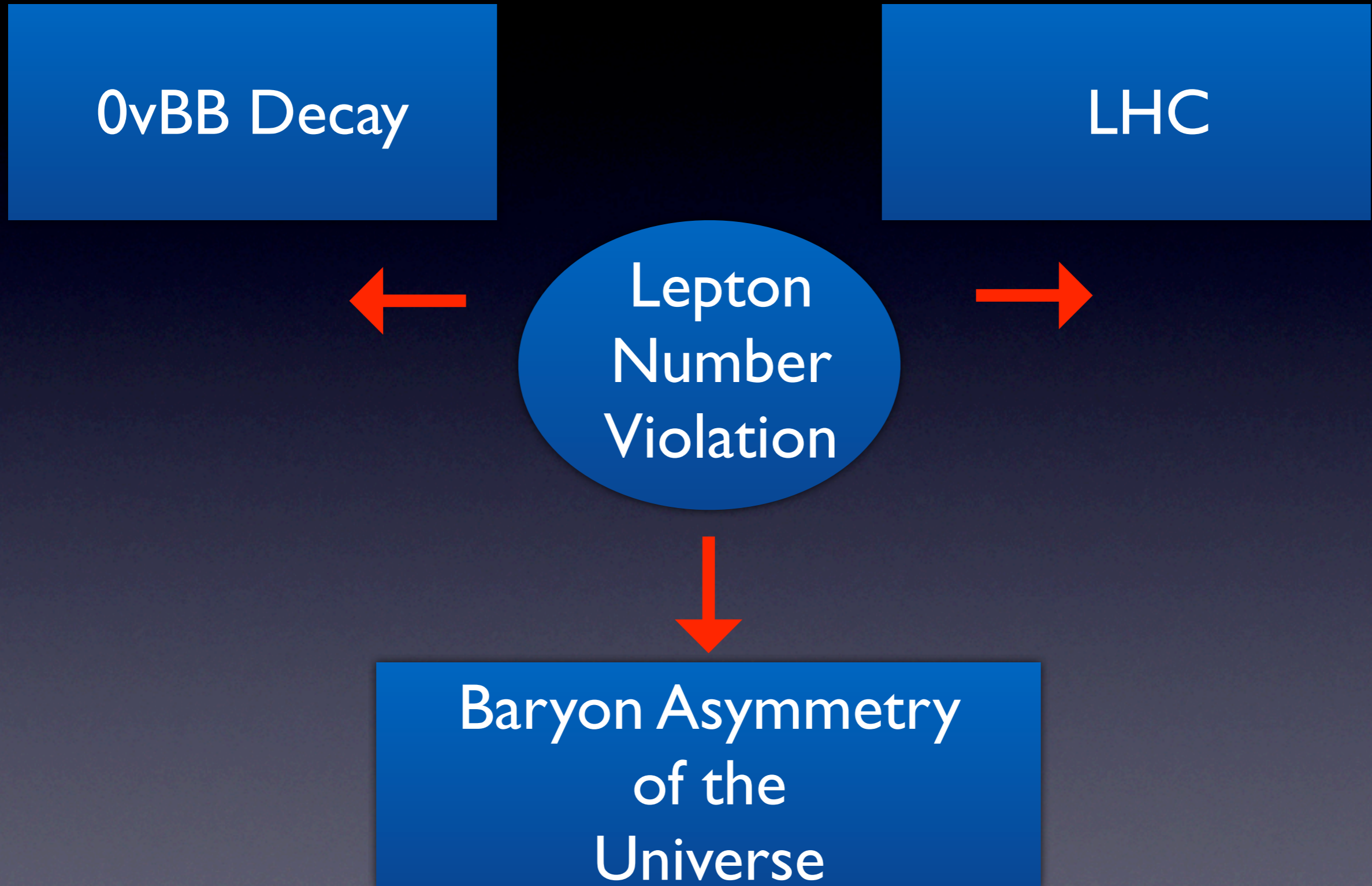
[Minkowski'77]

New Symmetry, e.g. Lepton Number

Lepton Number (Violation) is at the core of the link between  $\nu$  mass & physics beyond SM!

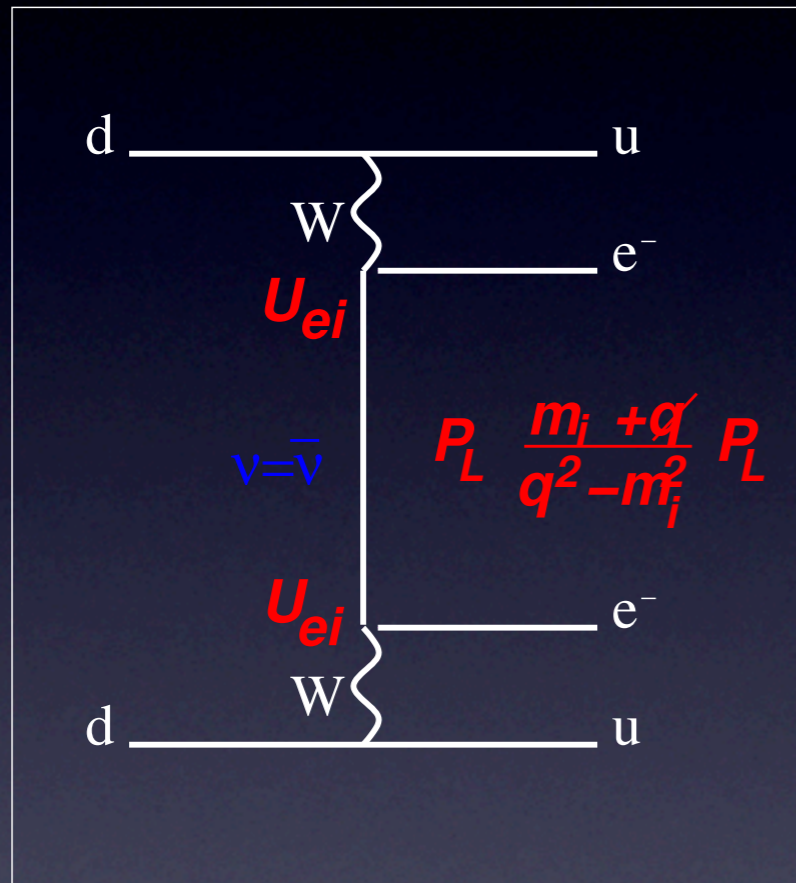


# Key Message



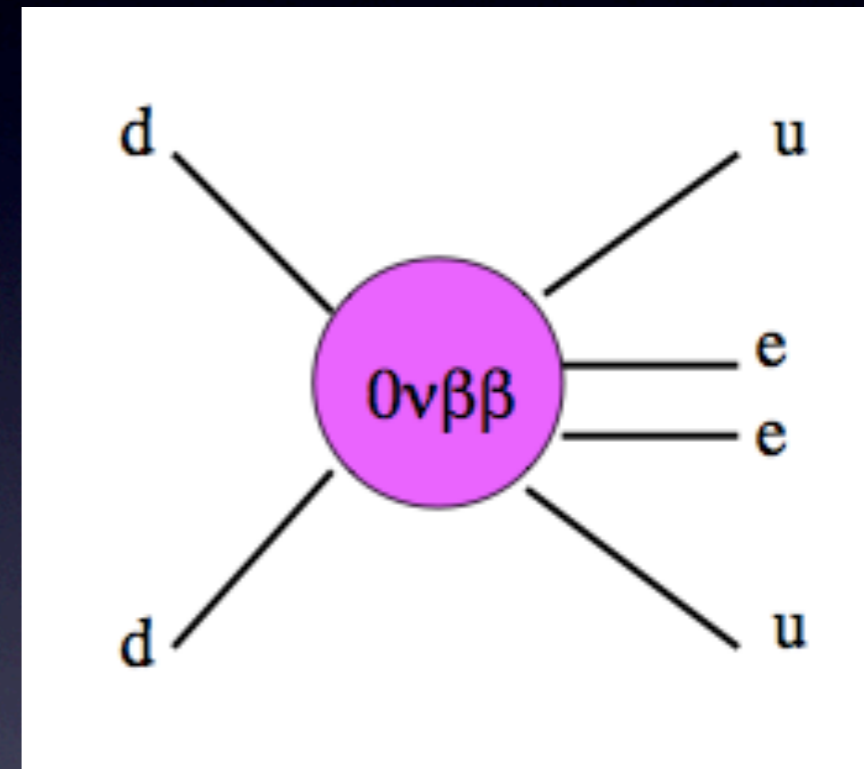
# Probing LNV

Most prominent:  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay



$$\sim m_\nu$$

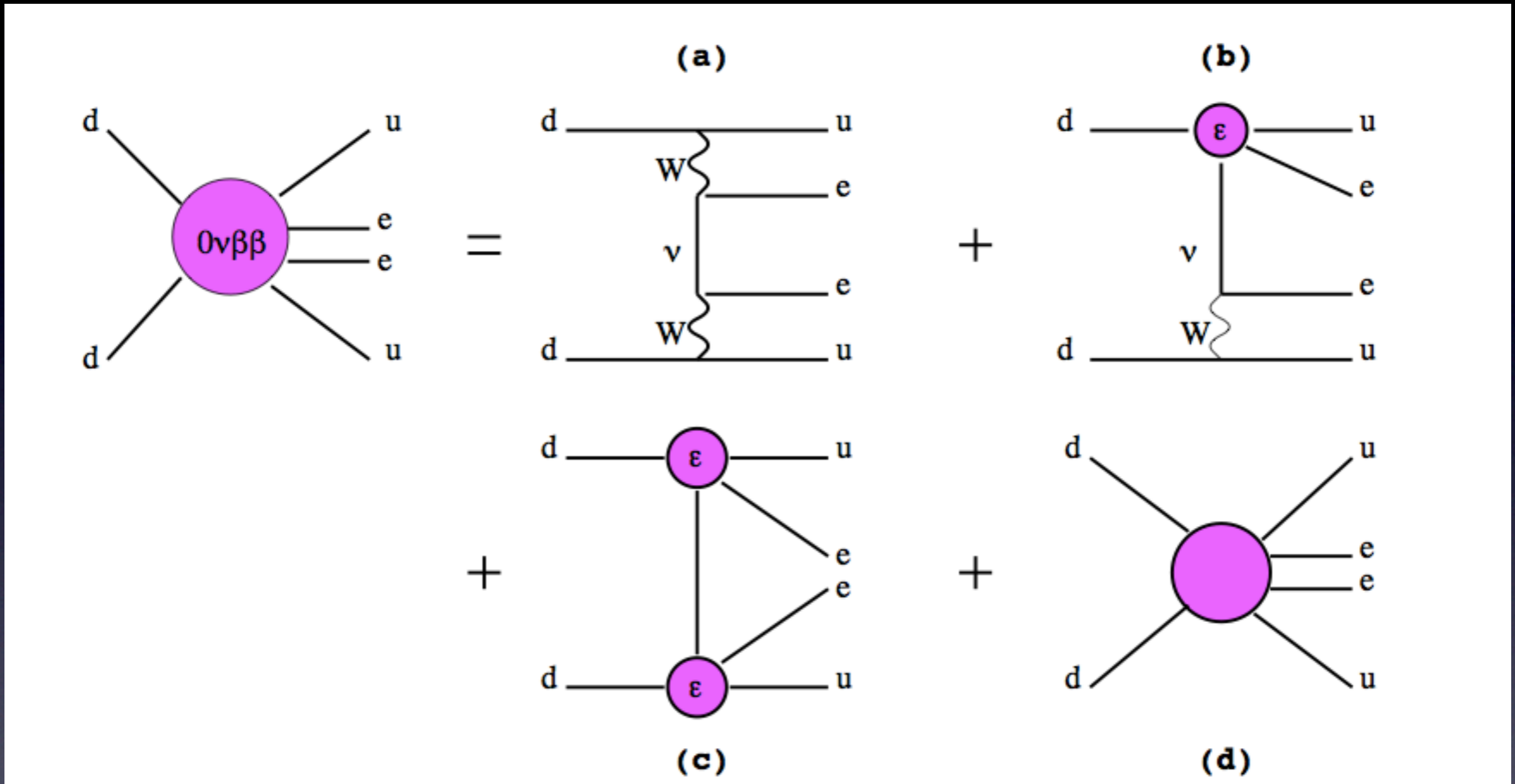
“Mass Mechanism”



General Case

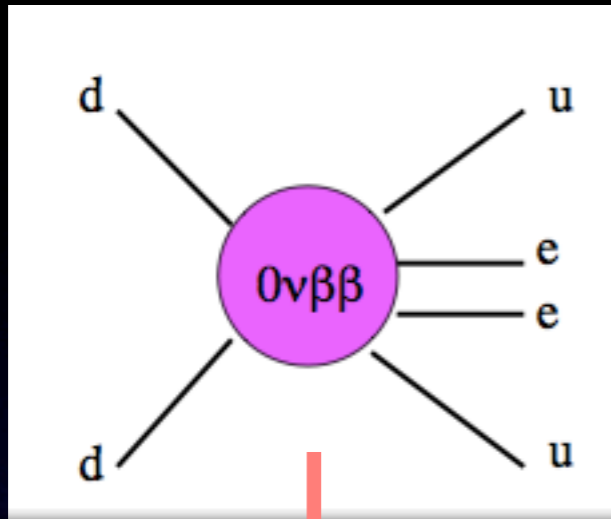


# $0\nu\beta\beta$ Decay



[HP, Hirsch, Kovalenko, Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, PLB 1999 & 2001]

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ - LHC Complementarity



*pointlike @ nuclear Fermi  
momentum  $O(r_N^{-1}) \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$*



$d = 9$  operator



TeV scale particles

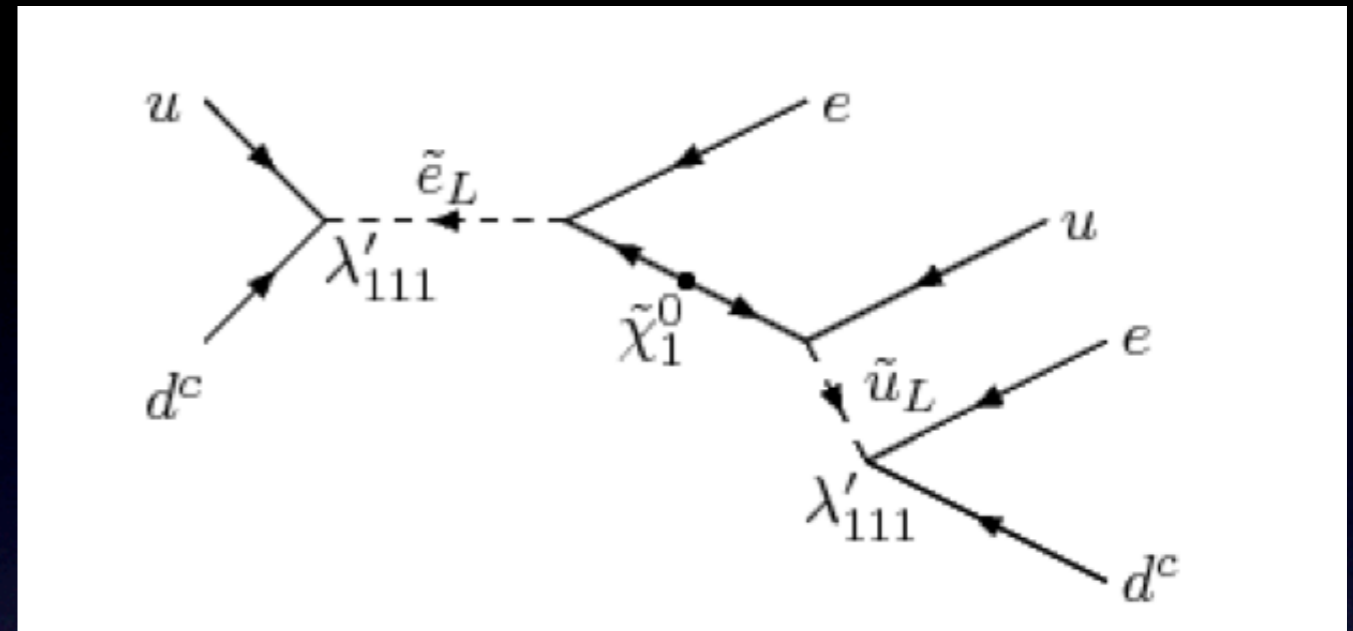
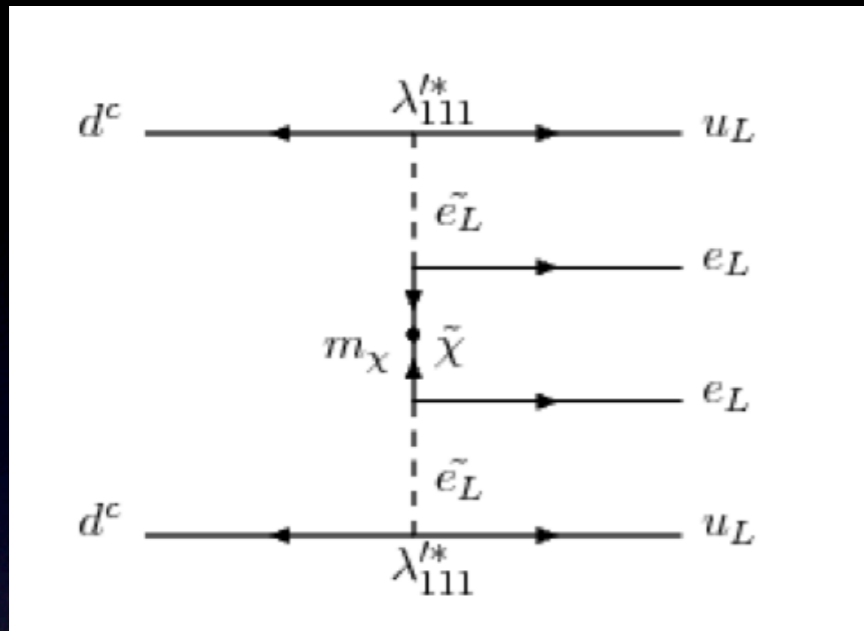


New Physics  
@ the LHC!

$0\nu\beta\beta$  - LHC Complementarity!



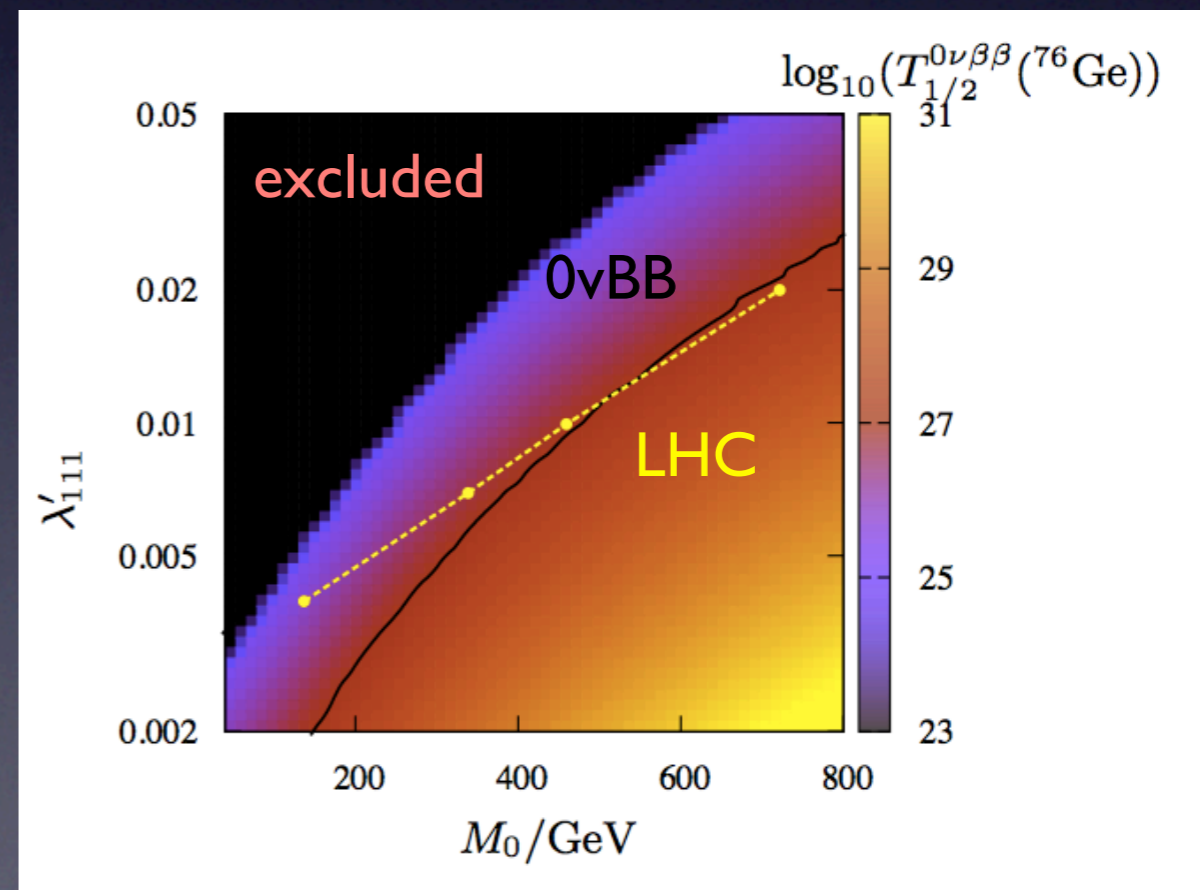
# $0\nu\text{BB}$ @ LHC: Example RPV SUSY



Like-Sign Di-Lepton Signal:  
 $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$   
 SM + SUSY Background

$$M_{1/2} = 300 \text{ GeV} + 0.6M_0$$

[Allanach, Kom, HP, PRL 2009]

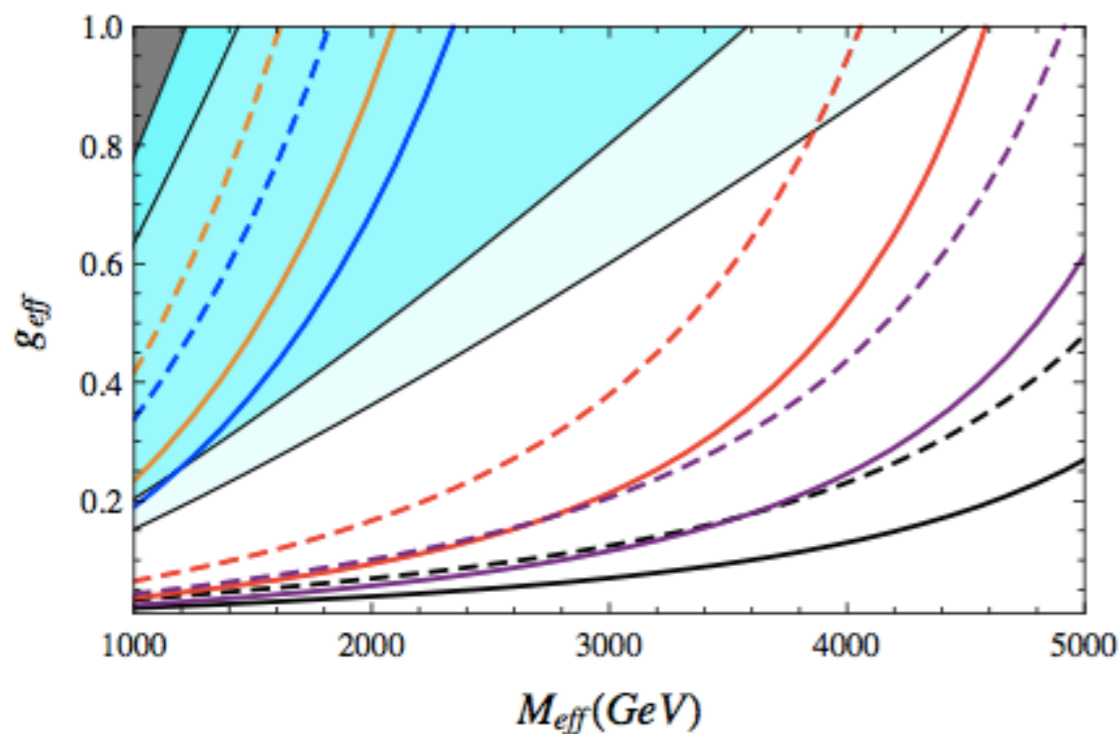
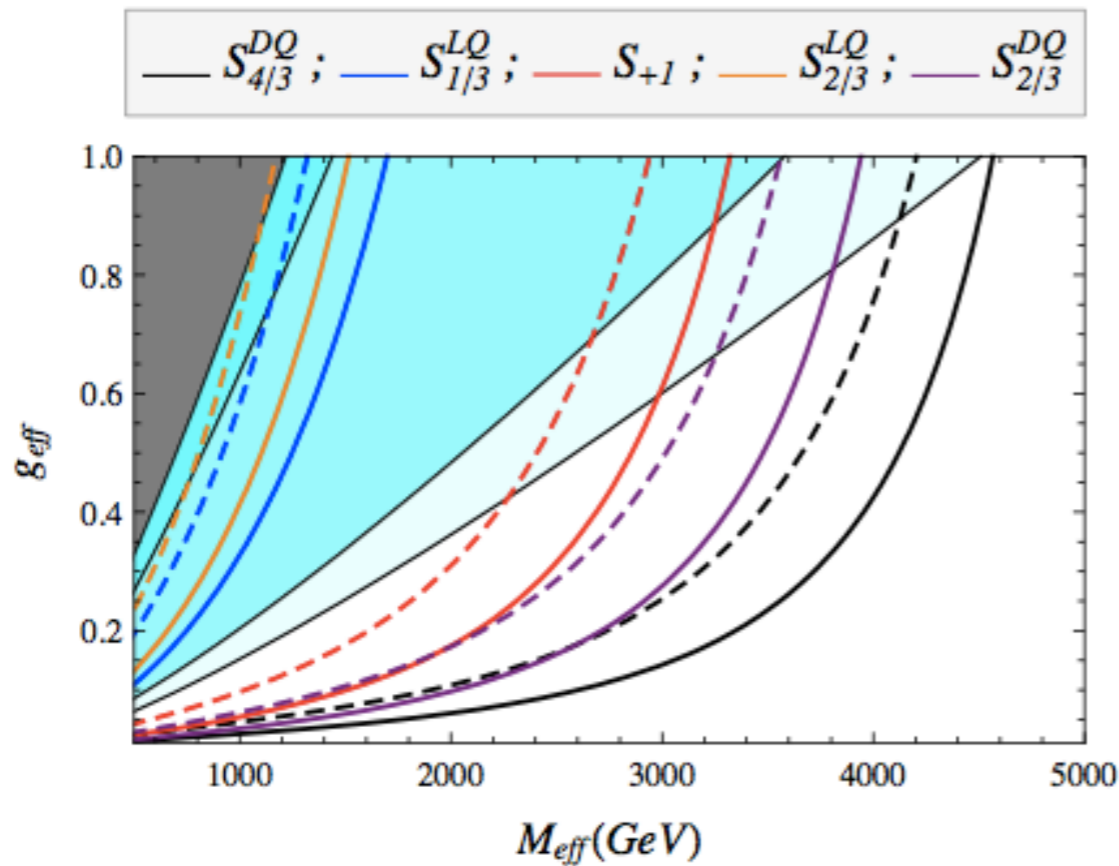




# $0\nu\beta\beta$ versus LHC SSD at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV

$m_\psi = 200$  GeV

$m_\psi = 1$  TeV



$0\nu\beta\beta$  - grey & blue areas:

present bound,  $T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$  y  
(smallest rate operator)

$T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$  y,  $T_{1/2} > 10^{27}$  y  
(largest rate operator)

$$\mathcal{A}^{0\nu\beta\beta} \propto \frac{g_1 g_2 g_3 g_4}{m_{S_i}^2 m_{\psi_q} m_{S_j}^2} \equiv \frac{g_{eff}^4}{M_{eff}^5}$$

LHC: curved lines  
dashed:  $\text{Br}^{eff}(S \rightarrow eejj) = 10^{-2}$   
solid:  $\text{Br}^{eff}(S \rightarrow eejj) = 10^{-1}$

[Helo, Hirsch, Kovalenko, HP, 2013]

# $0\nu\beta\beta$ vs LHC sensitivities

→ with the exception of Leptoquarks:

LHC more sensitive than  $0\nu\beta\beta$  Decay !

$0\nu\beta\beta$  signal → LHC signal

- OR -

No LHC signal → no  $0\nu\beta\beta$  signal

$0\nu\beta\beta$  is  
Long Range  
(e.g. mass-  
mechanism)

→ how to find out?



# “Falsifying Leptogenesis at the LHC”

[F. Deppisch, J. Harz, M. Hirsch, PRL 112 (2014) 221601]

## “Falsifying Leptogenesis at the LHC”

- ▶ LNV @ LHC
- ▶ Lower bound on washout of Lepton Number Asymmetry
- ▶ No out-of-equilibrium condition in early universe!



But **EVEN WORSE**: consider **Sphalerons**

Leptogenesis:

~~B-L~~

$\nu_R$  decay

+

~~B+L~~

Sphalerons



**B Asymmetry**

In Reverse:

~~B-L~~

e.g. LHC

+

~~B+L~~

Sphalerons



**B washout**



Large LNV @ LHC (or elsewhere) will washout ANY pre-existing Baryon Asymmetry, irrespective of the Baryogenesis mechanism (Leptogenesis, etc...)

Original Paper: [Fukugita, Yanagida, 1990]

“Sphaleron induced Baryon Number Non-conservation and a constraint on Majorana neutrino masses”

Also:

[Gelmini, Yanagida, 1992] keV-bound on  $\nu$  mass

[Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, Kolb, Kuzmin, 1990] Bound on sneutrinos

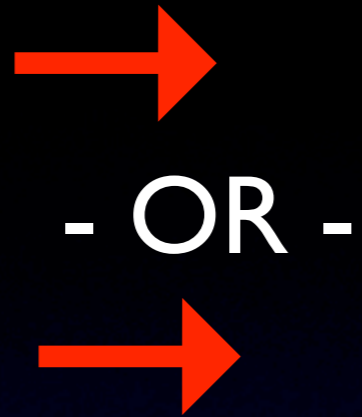
[Hollenberg, HP, Schalla, 2011] Bound on 4th generation neutrinos

[ ...many others]



# Conclusions I

$0\nu\beta\beta$



Long range  
mechanism e.g.  $m_\nu$

Short range  
mechanism



LNV  
@ LHC

[Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch, Huang, HP, 2015]



Low-Scale  
Baryogenesis



also detectable @ LHC?  
“2 for one”



# Conclusions II

High scale  
baryogenesis



~~LN  
@ LHC~~



If  
 $0\nu\text{BB}$



Mass mechanism

$m_\nu$



Very probably high scale origin of  $m_\nu$

[Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch, Huang, HP, 2015]



# Summary

$0\nu\text{BB}$



- EITHER -

$\text{LNV@LHC} \rightarrow$  Low scale Baryogenesis, “2 for 1”

- OR -

very probably high-scale origin of  $m_\nu$   
(like vanilla type-I seesaw + leptogenesis)

[Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch, Huang, HP, 2015]

Loopholes exist and should be checked!

(Flavor restriction, conserved charges, etc...)

[Deppisch, Harz, Hirsch, 2014; Antaramian, Hall, Rasin, 1994,  
work in progres...]