

# New Paths to Baryon Number Violation by Two Units and Their Implications

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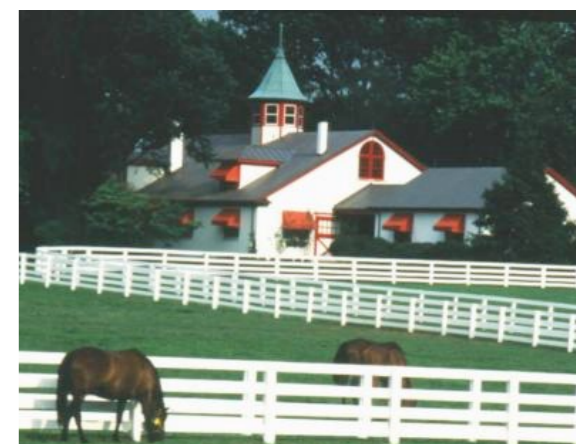
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# Perspective

Experiment & observation reveal non-zero  $\nu$  masses,  
a cosmic BAO, dark matter, dark energy.

Experimental limits on  $|\Delta B|=1$  processes are severe;  
 $|\Delta B|=2$  processes can be of distinct origin & important.

[Marshak and Mohapatra, 1980; Babu & Mohapatra, 2001 & 2012; Arnold, Fornal, & Wise, 2013]

$|\Delta B|=2$  &/or  $|\Delta L|=2$  interactions (w/ B-L violation)  
speak to fundamental Majorana dynamics

Both (and much more!) appear in a SO(10) GUT, e.g.,  
but can they be connected with minimal ingredients?

Are there new ways of  
showing that a “Majorana  $\nu$ ” must exist?

# On Neutrinoless Double Beta ( $0\nu \beta\beta$ ) decay

If observed, the  $\nu$  has a Majorana mass

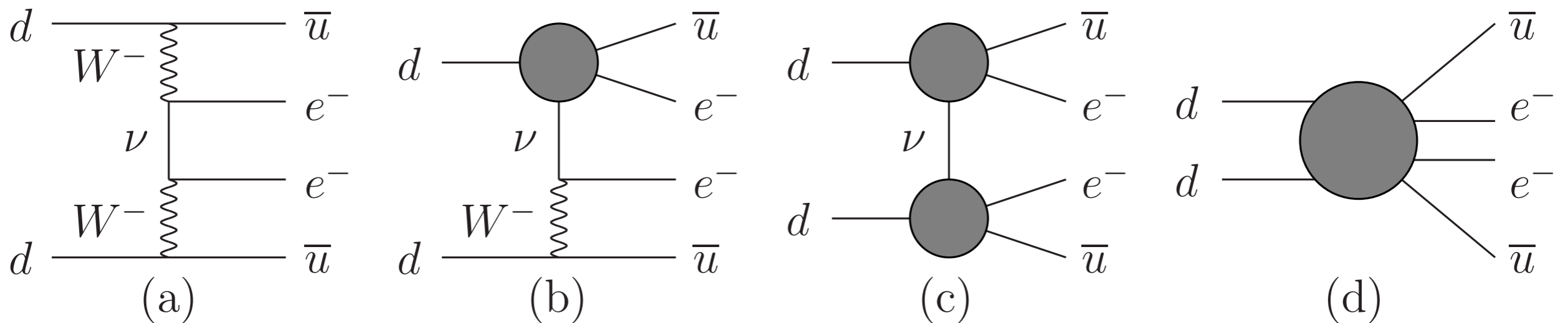
[Schechter & Valle, 1982]

$0\nu \beta\beta$  can be mediated by a dimension 9 operator:

$$\mathcal{O} \propto \bar{u}\bar{u}dd\bar{e}\bar{e}$$

(or  $\pi^- \pi^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$ )

“mass mechanism”



“long range”

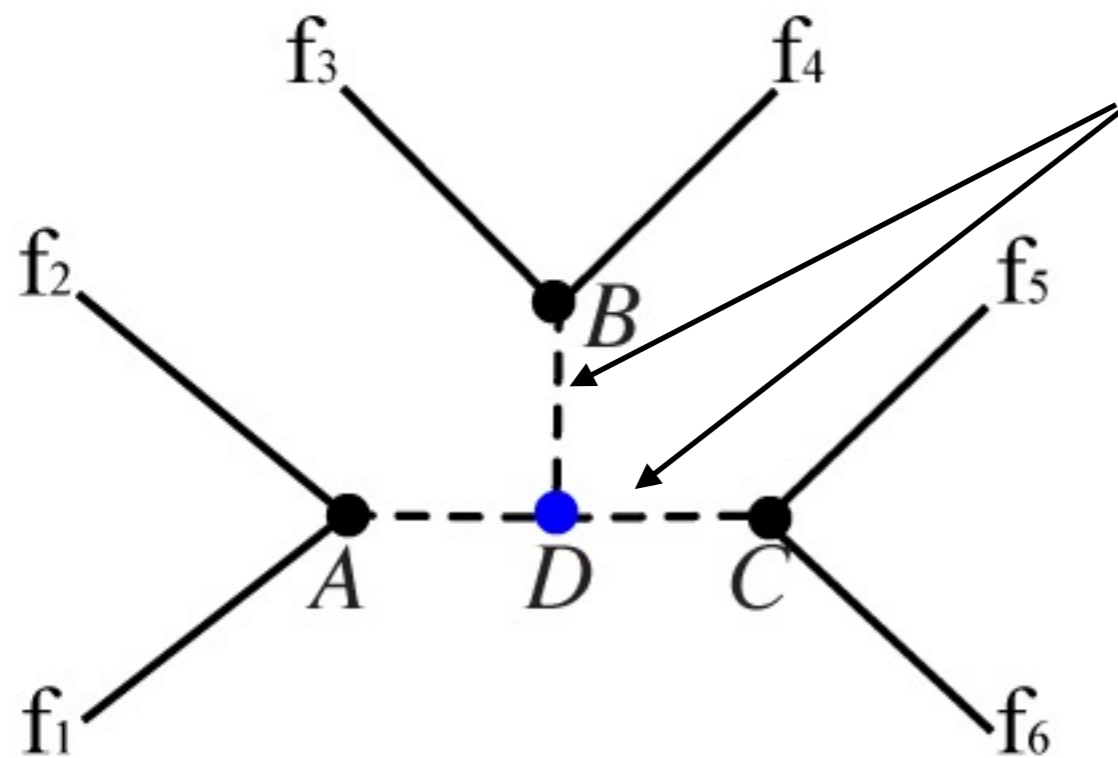
“short range”

[Bonnet, Hirsch, Ota, & Winter, 2013]

# $0\nu \beta\beta$ Decay in Nuclei

Can be mediated by “short-” or “long”-range mechanisms

The “short-range” mechanism involves new B-L violating dynamics; e.g.,



S or V that carries B or L

For choices of fermions  $f_i$   
this decay topology can yield  
 $n-\bar{n}$  or  $0\nu \beta\beta$  decay

[Bonnet, Hirsch, Ota, & Winter, 2013]

Can we relate the possibilities in a data-driven way?

[Yes!]

[S.G. & Xinshuai Yan, arXiv: 1808.05288, PLB 2019]

# Models with $|\Delta B|=2$ Processes

Enter minimal scalar models without proton decay

Already used for  $n \rightarrow \bar{n}$  oscillation without p decay

[Arnold, Fornal, Wise, PRD, 2013]

Note limits on  $|\Delta B|=1$  processes are severe!

E.g.,  $\tau(N \rightarrow e^+ \pi) = 8.2 \times 10^{33}$  yr [p] @ 90% CL

Add new scalars  $X_i$  without N decay at tree level

Also choose  $X_i$  that respect SM gauge symmetry and also under interactions  $X_i X_j X_k$  or  $X_i X_j X_k X_l$ , etc.  
— cf. “hidden portal” searches: possible parameters (masses, couplings) are limited by experiment

# Scalars without Proton Decay

That also carry **B** or **L** charge

Scalar-fermion couplings

$$Q_{\text{em}} = T_3 + Y$$

Scalar	SM Representation	B	L	Operator(s)	$[g_i^{ab?}]$
$X_1$	$(1, 1, 2)$	0	-2	$Xe^a e^b$	[S]
$X_2$	$(1, 1, 1)$	0	-2	$XL^a L^b$	[A]
$X_3$	$(1, 3, 1)$	0	-2	$XL^a L^b$	[S]
$X_4$	$(\bar{6}, 3, -1/3)$	-2/3	0	$XQ^a Q^b$	[S]
$X_5$	$(\bar{6}, 1, -1/3)$	-2/3	0	$XQ^a Q^b, Xu^a d^b$	[A,-]
$X_6$	$(3, 1, 2/3)$	-2/3	0	$Xd^a d^b$	[A]
$X_7$	$(\bar{6}, 1, 2/3)$	-2/3	0	$Xd^a d^b$	[S]
$X_8$	$(\bar{6}, 1, -4/3)$	-2/3	0	$Xu^a u^b$	[S]
$X_9$	$(3, 2, 7/6)$	1/3	-1	$X\bar{Q}^a e^b, XL^a \bar{u}^b$	[-,-]

Note  
SU(3)  
rep'ns

[?: a $\longleftrightarrow$ b symmetry]

# A Sample Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{10} \supset -g_1^{ab} X_1 (e^a e^b) - g_7^{ab} X_7^{\alpha\beta} (d_\alpha^a d_\beta^b) - g_8^{ab} X_8^{\alpha\beta} (u_\alpha^a u_\beta^b) \\ - \lambda_{10} X_7^{\alpha\alpha'} X_8^{\beta\beta'} X_8^{\gamma\gamma'} X_1 \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha'\beta'\gamma'} + \text{H.c.}$$

Each term has mass dimension  $\leq 4$

But can generate a mass-dimension 12 operator at low energies to realize  $e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}$

There are several possible models.

# Patterns of $|\Delta B|=2$ Violation?

Note possible SM gauge invariant scalar models

[H.c. implied.]

[SG & Xinshuai Yan, arXiv: 1808.05288]

Model		Model		Model	
M1	$X_5 X_5 X_7$	A	$X_1 X_8 X_7^\dagger$	M10	$X_7 X_8 X_8 X_1$
M2	$X_4 X_4 X_7$	B	$X_3 X_4 X_7^\dagger$	M11	$X_5 X_5 X_4 X_3$
M3	$X_7 X_7 X_8$	C	$X_3 X_8 X_4^\dagger$	M12	$X_5 X_5 X_8 X_1$
M4	$X_6 X_6 X_8$	D	$X_5 X_2 X_7^\dagger$	M13	$X_4 X_4 X_5 X_2$
M5	$X_5 X_5 X_5 X_2$	E	$X_8 X_2 X_5^\dagger$	M14	$X_4 X_4 X_5 X_3$
M6	$X_4 X_4 X_4 X_2$	F	$X_2 X_2 X_1^\dagger$	M15	$X_4 X_4 X_8 X_1$
M7	$X_4 X_4 X_4 X_3$	G	$X_3 X_3 X_1^\dagger$	M16	$X_4 X_7 X_8 X_3$
M8	$X_7 X_7 X_7 X_1^\dagger$			M17	$X_5 X_7 X_7 X_2^\dagger$
M9	$X_6 X_6 X_6 X_1^\dagger$			M18	$X_4 X_7 X_7 X_3^\dagger$

“4 X” models  
can yield  
 $e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}$   
 $e^- p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \bar{n}$

$n-\bar{n}$

$\pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$

[ Models with  $|\Delta L|=2$  always involve 3 different scalars.]



# Patterns of $|\Delta B|=2$ Violation?

Note possible **BNV** processes

[SG & Xinshuai Yan, arXiv: 1808.05288]

TABLE III. Suite of  $|\Delta B| = 2$  and  $|\Delta L| = 2$  processes generated by the models of Table II, focusing on states with first-generation matter. The (\*) superscript indicates that a weak isospin triplet of  $|\Delta L| = 2$  processes can appear, namely  $\pi^0 \pi^0 \rightarrow \nu\nu$  and  $\pi^- \pi^0 \rightarrow e^- \nu$ . Models M7, M11, M14, and M16 also support  $\nu n \rightarrow \bar{n} \bar{\nu}$ , revealing that cosmic ray neutrinos could potentially mediate a  $|\Delta B| = 2$  effect.

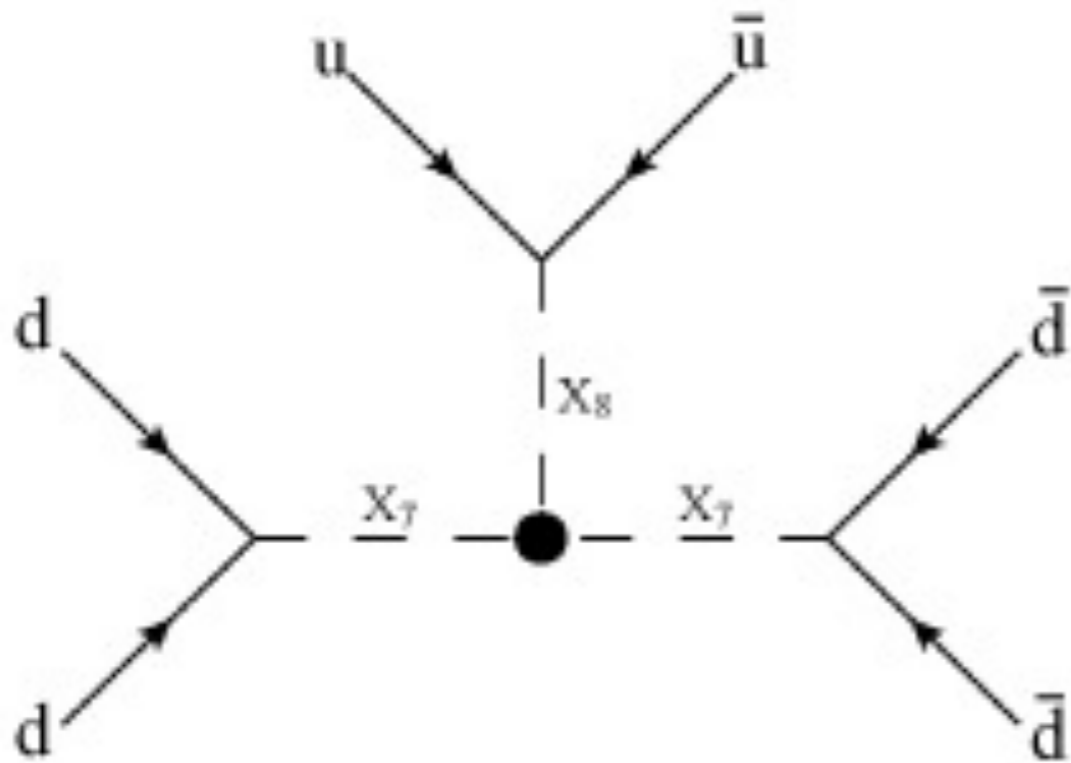
$n\bar{n}$	$\pi^- \pi^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$	$e^- p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau} \bar{n}$	$e^- p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e \bar{n} / e^+ \bar{p}$	$e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}$
M1	A	M5	M7	M10
M2	B <sup>(*)</sup>	M6	M11	M12
M3	C <sup>(*)</sup>	M13	M14	M15
			M16	

Use observations of  $n\bar{n}$  oscillation or  $N\bar{N}$  conversion ( $e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}, \dots$ ) to establish new scalars...

& w/ both can predict the existence of  $\pi^- \pi^- \rightarrow e^- e^-!$

# Connecting $|\Delta B|=2$ to $|\Delta L|=2$ ...

An example...

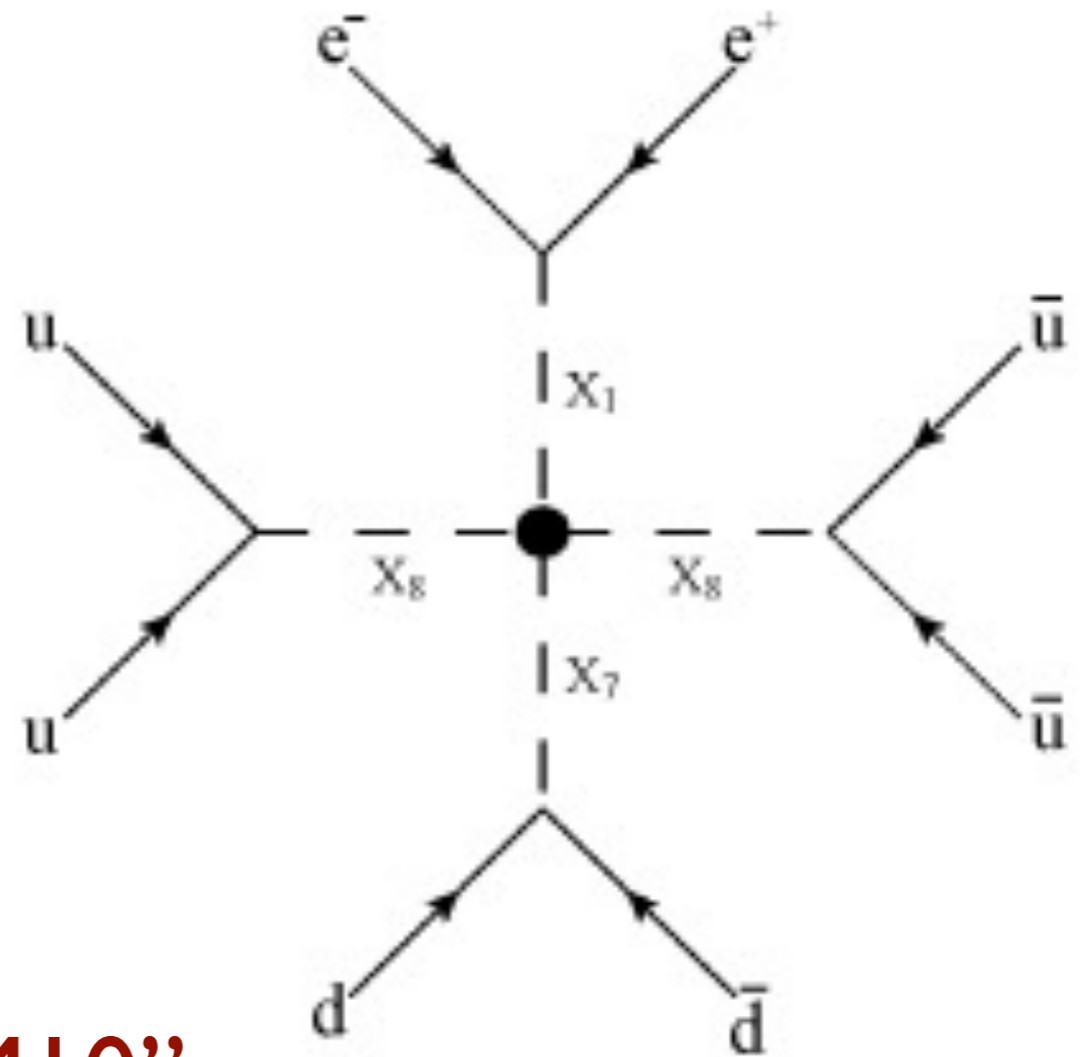


“M3”

(a)

$n-\bar{n}$

“Oscillation”



“M10”

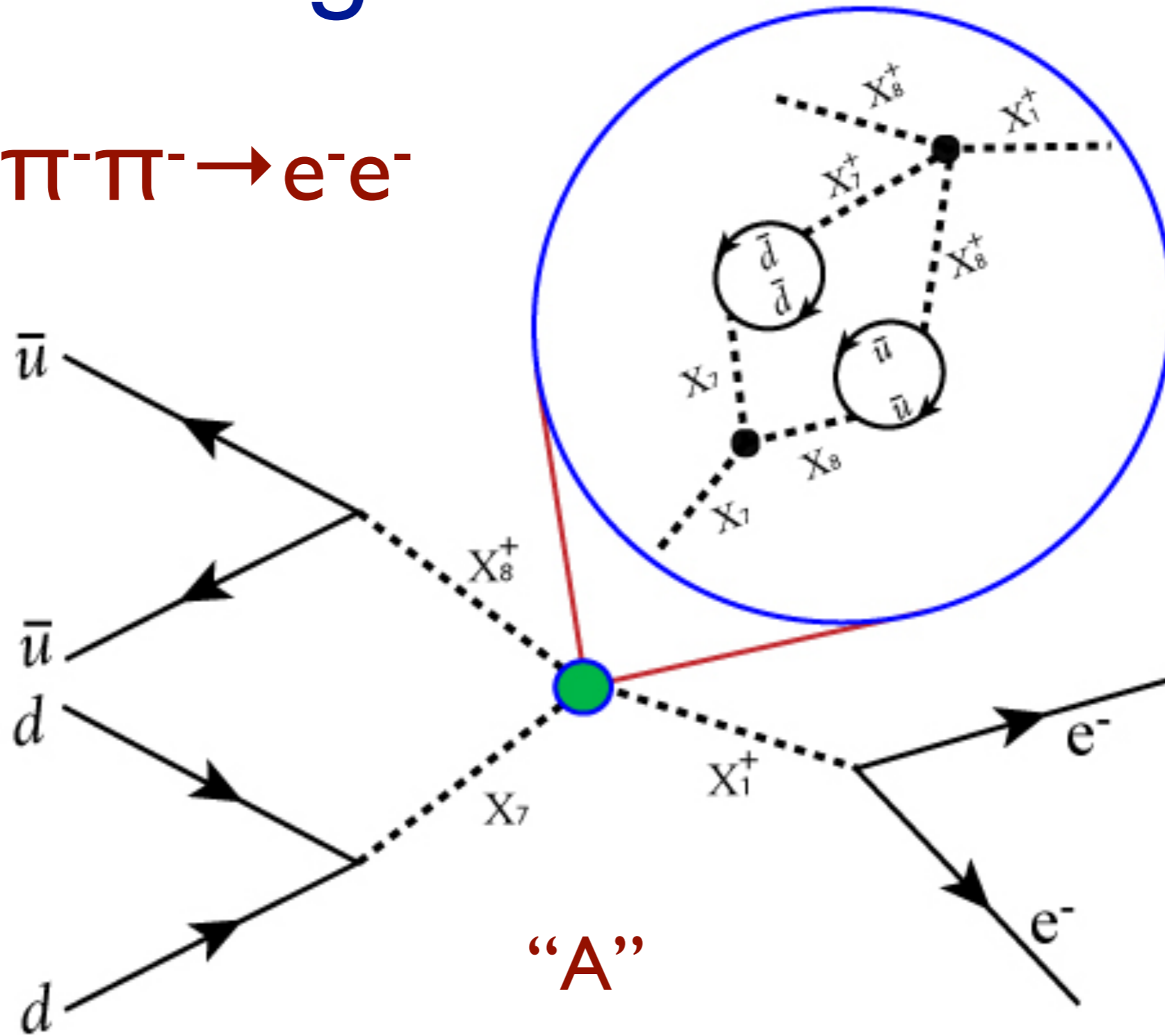
(b)

$e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}$

“Conversion”

# Connecting $|\Delta B|=2$ to $|\Delta L|=2$ ...

$\pi^+\pi^-\rightarrow e^+e^-$



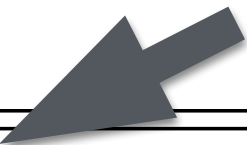
“A”

“Everything not forbidden is compulsory” [M. Gell-Mann, after T.H. White]

# Patterns of $|\Delta B|=2$ Violation

## Discovery implications for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

S.G. & Xinshuai Yan, PRD 2018 [arXiv:1710.09292]



Model	$n\bar{n}?$	$e^- n \rightarrow e^- \bar{n}?$	$e^- p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_X \bar{n}?$	$e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}?$	$0\nu\beta\beta ?$
M3	Y	N	N	Y	Y [A]
M2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y [B]
M1	Y	Y	Y	N	? [D]
—	N	N	Y	Y	? [C?]

Patterns of observation can distinguish the possibilities.

Note high-intensity, low-energy e-scattering facilities (P2, e.g.) can be used to broader purpose

# Phenomenology of New Scalars

Constraints from many sources — Focus on first generation

i)  $n-\bar{n}$  (But this does not impact M7)

ii) Collider constraints

CMS:  $l+l+$  search; cannot look at invariant masses below 8 GeV  
ATLAS: dijet studies “weaker” ...

iii) P.V. Møller scattering Few GeV mass window possible

$M_{X1,3}/g_{1,3}^{11} < 2.7 \text{ TeV @ } 90\% \text{CL [E158]}$  (if “heavy”)

iv)  $(g-2)_e$  (superseded by Møller, save for light masses)

Note light mass solution to  $\Delta a_e$  puzzle!

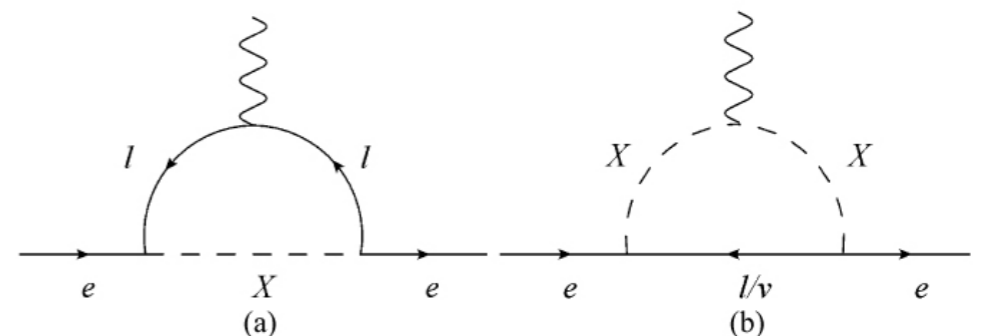
v) Nuclear stability

[S.G. & Xinshuai Yan, 1907.12571]

SuperK:  $pp \rightarrow e+e+$

vi)  $H\bar{H}$  annihilation





Beware galactic magnetic fields!



# Low-Energy Electron Facilities

Note illustrative parameter choices

[Hydrogen]

Facility	Beam		Target		Luminosity ( $\text{cm}^{-2}$ )
	Energy (MeV)	Current (mA)	Length (cm)	Density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )	
 CBETA [14]	150	40	60	$0.55 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.48 \times 10^{36}$
 MESA [15]	100	10	60	$0.55 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.21 \times 10^{35}$
 ARIEL [16]	50	10	100	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.69 \times 10^{38}$
			* 0.2	$71.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.68 \times 10^{38}$
 FAST [17]	150	28.8	100	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.88 \times 10^{38}$
			* 0.1	$71.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.87 \times 10^{38}$

\*Liquid

 = proposed, ERL (internal target)

 = ERL (e.g.)

 = Linac (external target)

 = Linac, ILC test accelerator

Use  $E=40$  MeV for estimates.

# Event Rates

Select particular scalar masses/couplings for reference

$\lambda_i=1$   $M_{\chi_i}/g_i^{1/2}=30$  GeV for  $i=1,2,3$  else 1 GeV

Rates in #/yr

$e^- p \rightarrow e^+ p$ :

Facility	M7	M10	M11	M12	M14	M15	M16
CBETA [18]	1.12	0.18	0.01	0.00	0	2.24	0.45
MESA [19]	0.28	0.05	0.00	0.00	0	0.56	0.11
ARIEL [20]	76.41	12.59	0.41	0.20	0	152.69	30.68
	121.06	19.95	0.65	0.31	0	241.93	48.62
FAST [21]	220.05	36.27	1.18	0.56	0	439.75	88.37
	174.33	28.73	0.93	0.45	0	348.38	70.00

$e^- p \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{n}$

Facility	M5	M6	M7	M11	M13	M14	M16
CBETA [18]	0.00	0	0.08	0.00	0.14	0	0.02
MESA [19]	0.00	0	0.02	0.00	0.03	0	0.01
ARIEL [20]	0.03	0	5.17	0.24	9.45	0	1.59
	0.04	0	8.19	0.38	14.97	0	2.51
FAST [21]	0.08	0	14.88	0.70	27.20	0	4.57
	0.06	0	11.79	0.55	21.55	0	3.62

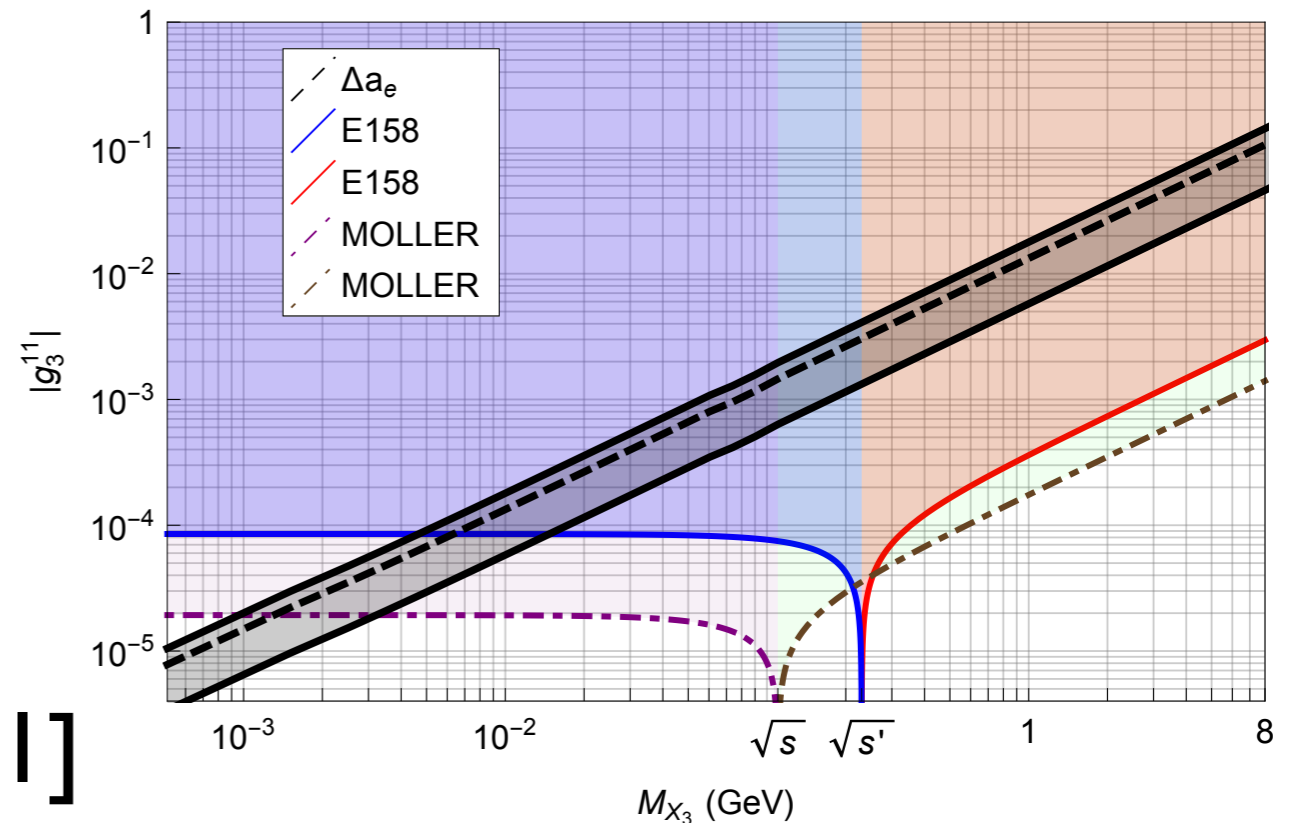
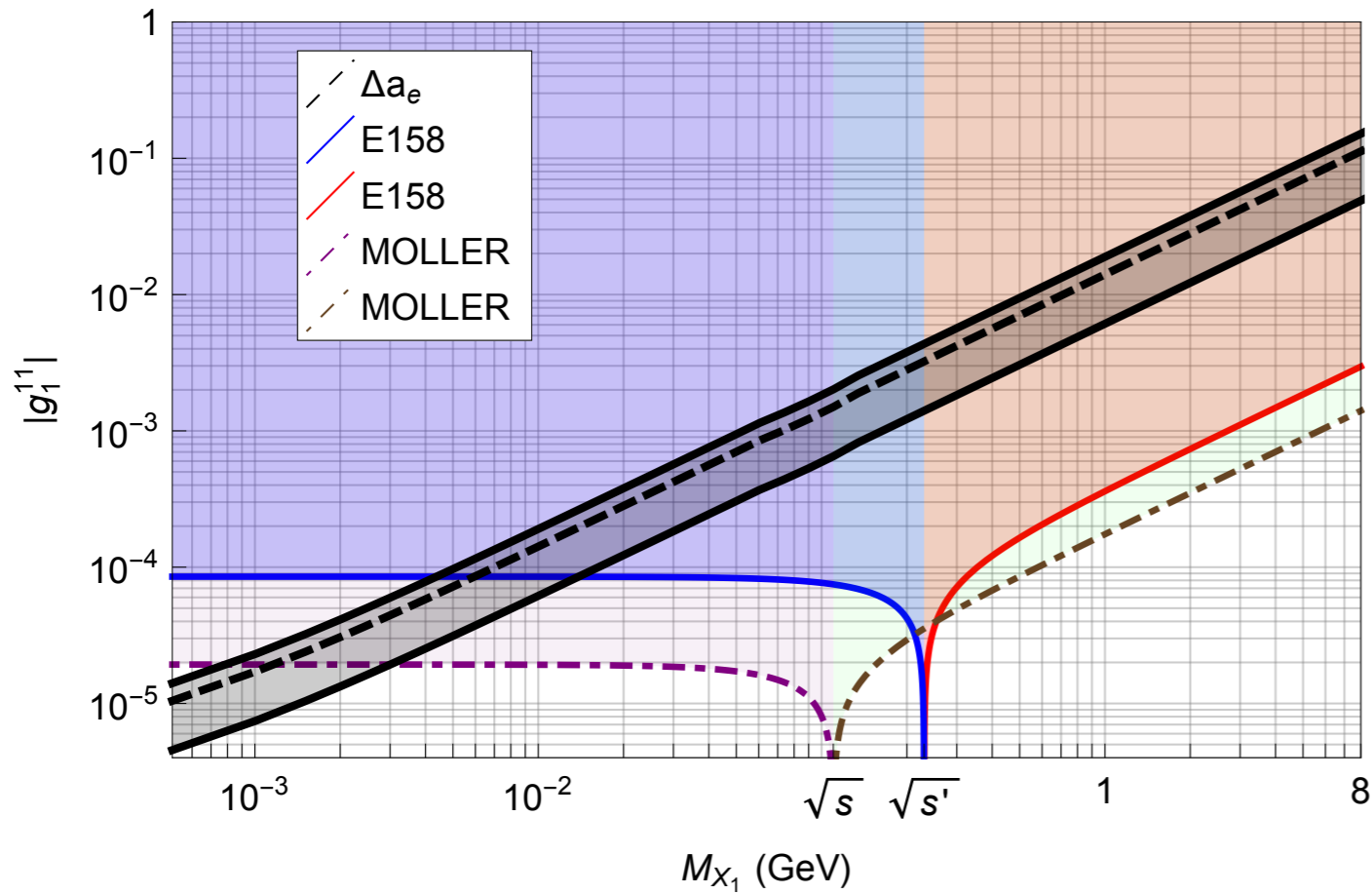
# Summary

- The discovery of B-L violation would reveal the existence of dynamics beyond the Standard Model
- We have used minimal scalar models to relate  $|\Delta B|=2$  to  $|\Delta L|=2$  processes [i.e., via the “short range” mechanism of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay]
- We have noted nucleon-antinucleon conversion processes, i.e., scattering-mediated nucleon-antinucleon processes, in addition to neutron-antineutron oscillations, to establish an effective Majorana  $\nu$
- Such a connection does not establish the observed scale of the neutrino mass, nor the mechanism of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay; thus direct empirical studies continue to be **essential**
- Experiments with intense low-energy electron beams, e.g., complement essential neutron studies to help solve the  $\nu$  mass puzzle



# Backup Slides

# Limits on L-carrying Scalars



[S.G. & Xinshuai Yan, 1907.12571]

# Fundamental Majorana Dynamics

Can exist for electrically neutral massive fermions:  
either leptons ( $\nu$ 's) or combinations of quarks ( $n$ 's)

Lorentz invariance allows

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi - \frac{1}{2} m (\psi^T C \psi + \bar{\psi} C \bar{\psi}^T)$$

[Majorana, 1937]

where  $m$  is the Majorana mass.

N.B. a “Majorana neutron” is an entangled  $n$  and  $\bar{n}$  state

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S.G. & Xinshuai Yan, Phys. Lett. B790 (2019) 421 [arXiv:1808.05288];

and on ongoing work in collaboration with Xinshuai Yan

# Nucleon-Antinucleon Transitions

Can be realized in different ways

Enter searches for

- neutron-antineutron oscillations (free n's & in nuclei)

“spontaneous”  
& thus sensitive to  
environment

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M_n - \mu_n B & \delta \\ \delta & M_n + \mu_n B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{n \rightarrow \bar{n}}(t) \simeq \frac{\delta^2}{2(\mu_n B)^2} [1 - \cos(2\mu_n B t)]$$

- dinucleon decay (in nuclei)  
(limited by finite nuclear density)
- nucleon-antinucleon conversion (NEW!)  
(mediated by external interactions) [SG & Xinshuai Yan]

# Effective Lagrangian

## Neutron interactions with B-L violation & electromagnetism

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}\mu_n \bar{n} \sigma^{\mu\nu} n F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\delta}{2} n^T C n - \frac{\eta}{2} n^T C \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 n j_\mu + \text{h.c.}$$

magnetic moment

$n \rightarrow \bar{n}$

$n \rightarrow \bar{n}$

conversion

“spontaneous”  $\longrightarrow$  oscillation

[SG & Xinshuai Yan, arXiv: 1710.09292]

Since the quarks carry electric charge,  
a BSM model that generates neutron-  
antineutron oscillations can also  
generate conversion

# Neutron-Antineutron Conversion

*Different mechanisms are possible*

\*  $n-\bar{n}$  conversion and oscillation could share the same “TeV” scale BSM sources

→ Then the quark-level conversion operators can be derived noting the quarks carry electric charge

\*  $n-\bar{n}$  conversion and oscillation could come from different BSM sources

→ Indeed different  $|\Delta B|=2$  processes could appear (e.g.,  $e^- p \rightarrow e^+ \bar{p}$ )

$N\bar{N}$  conversion

# Neutron-Antineutron Oscillation

## Quark-level operators

[Rao & Shrock, 1982]

$$(\mathcal{O}_1)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3} = [u_{\chi_1}^{T\alpha} C u_{\chi_1}^\beta][d_{\chi_2}^{T\gamma} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta][d_{\chi_3}^{T\rho} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma](T_s)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma},$$

$$(\mathcal{O}_2)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3} = [u_{\chi_1}^{T\alpha} C d_{\chi_1}^\beta][u_{\chi_2}^{T\gamma} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta][d_{\chi_3}^{T\rho} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma](T_s)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma},$$

$$(T_s)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma} = \epsilon_{\rho\alpha\gamma}\epsilon_{\sigma\beta\delta} + \epsilon_{\sigma\alpha\gamma}\epsilon_{\rho\beta\delta} + \epsilon_{\rho\beta\gamma}\epsilon_{\sigma\alpha\delta} + \epsilon_{\sigma\beta\gamma}\epsilon_{\rho\alpha\delta},$$

Note

$$\mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_3$$

$$T_s \rightarrow T_a$$

$$(T_a)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma} = \epsilon_{\rho\alpha\beta}\epsilon_{\sigma\gamma\delta} + \epsilon_{\sigma\alpha\beta}\epsilon_{\rho\gamma\delta}$$

✿ Only 14 of 24 operators are independent

$$(\mathcal{O}_1)_{\chi_1 LR} = (\mathcal{O}_1)_{\chi_1 RL}, \quad (\mathcal{O}_{2,3})_{LR\chi_3} = (\mathcal{O}_{2,3})_{RL\chi_3},$$

$$(\mathcal{O}_2)_{mmn} - (\mathcal{O}_1)_{mmn} = 3(\mathcal{O}_3)_{mmn} \quad [\text{Caswell, Milutinovic, \& Senjanovic, 1983}]$$

✿ Only 4 appear in SM effective theory

# From Oscillation to Conversion

Quark-level operators: compute  $q^\rho(p) + \gamma(k) \rightarrow \bar{q}^\delta(p')$

$$\mathcal{H}_I \supset \frac{\delta_q}{2} \sum_{\chi_1} (\psi_{\chi_1}^{\rho T} C \psi_{\chi_1}^\delta + \bar{\psi}_{\chi_1}^\delta C \bar{\psi}_{\chi_1}^{\rho T}) + Q_\rho e \sum_{\chi_2} \bar{\psi}_{\chi_2}^\rho \not{A} \psi_{\chi_2}^\rho + Q_\delta e \sum_{\chi_3} \bar{\psi}_{\chi_3}^\delta \not{A} \psi_{\chi_3}^\delta,$$

flavor

chiral basis

matrix element:

$$\langle \bar{q}^\delta(p') | T \left( \sum_{\chi_1, \chi_2} \left( -i \frac{\delta_q}{2} \int d^4 x \psi_{\chi_1}^{\rho T} C \psi_{\chi_1}^\delta \right) \times \left( -i Q_\rho e \int d^4 y \bar{\psi}_{\chi_2}^\rho \not{A} \psi_{\chi_2}^\rho - i Q_\delta e \int d^4 y \bar{\psi}_{\chi_2}^\delta \not{A} \psi_{\chi_2}^\delta \right) \right) \times |q^\rho(p) \gamma(k)\rangle,$$

✿ if  $\delta = \rho$   
yields

C  $\gamma_\mu \gamma_5$  only

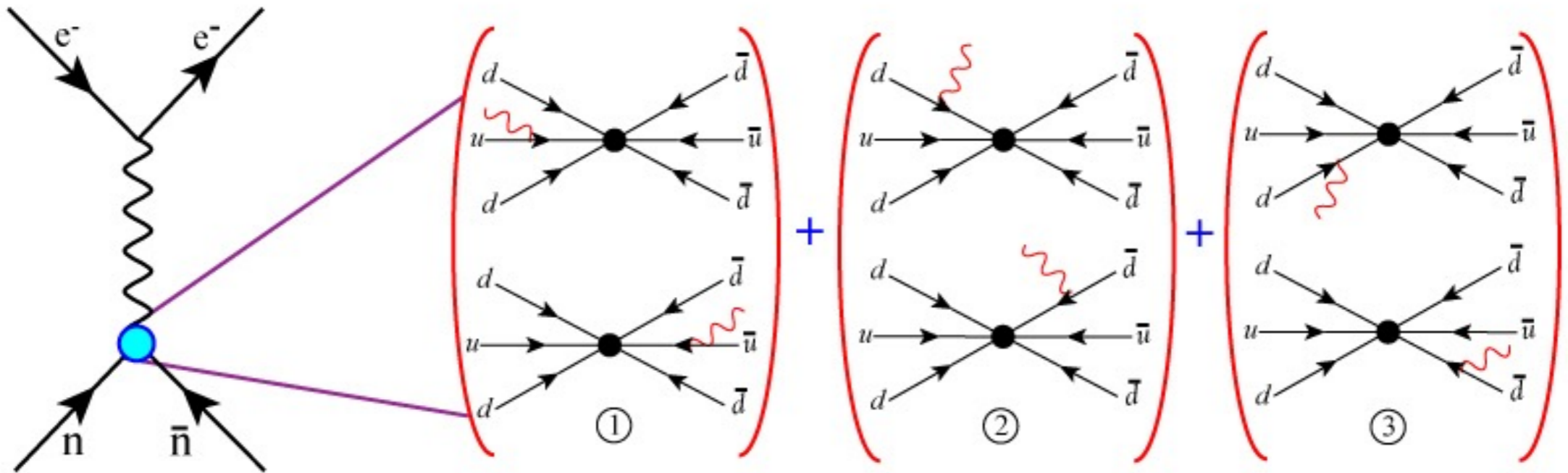
Effective vertex

$$-\frac{m \delta_q e}{p^2 - m^2} (Q_\rho \psi_{-\chi_2}^{\delta T} C \gamma^\mu \psi_{\chi_2}^\rho - Q_\delta \psi_{\chi_2}^{\delta T} C \gamma^\mu \psi_{-\chi_2}^\rho),$$



# B-L Violation via e-n scattering

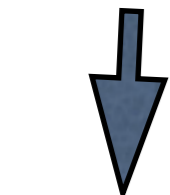
Linking neutron-antineutron oscillation to conversion



e.g.:

$$(\mathcal{O}_2)_{\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3} = [u_{\chi_1}^{T\alpha} C d_{\chi_1}^\beta] [u_{\chi_2}^{T\gamma} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta] [d_{\chi_3}^{T\rho} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma] (T_s)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma}$$

[Rao & Shrock, 1983]



$$(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_2)_{\chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_3}^{\chi\mu} = \left[ [u_{-\chi}^{\alpha T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_\chi^\beta - 2u_\chi^{\alpha T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_{-\chi}^\beta] [u_{\chi_2}^{\gamma T} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta] [d_{\chi_3}^{\rho T} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma] \right. \\ \left. + [u_{\chi_1}^{\alpha T} C d_{\chi_1}^\beta] [u_{-\chi}^{\gamma T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_\chi^\delta - 2u_\chi^{\gamma T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_{-\chi}^\delta] [d_{\chi_3}^{\rho T} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma] \right. \\ \left. + [u_{\chi_1}^{\alpha T} C d_{\chi_1}^\beta] [u_{\chi_2}^{\gamma T} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta] [d_{-\chi}^{\rho T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_\chi^\sigma + d_\chi^{\rho T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_{-\chi}^\sigma] \right] \mathbf{T}_s \dots$$

# B-L Violation via e-n scattering

## Linking neutron-antineutron oscillation to conversion

Moreover...

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_1)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3}^{\chi\mu} = & \left[ -2[u_{-\chi}^{\alpha T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_\chi^\beta + u_\chi^{\alpha T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_{-\chi}^\beta][d_{\chi_2}^{\gamma T} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta][d_{\chi_3}^{\rho T} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma] \right. \\ & + [u_{\chi_1}^{\alpha T} C u_{\chi_1}^\beta][d_{-\chi}^{\gamma T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_\chi^\delta + d_\chi^{\gamma T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_{-\chi}^\delta][d_{\chi_3}^{\rho T} C d_{\chi_3}^\sigma] \\ & \left. + [u_{\chi_1}^{\alpha T} C u_{\chi_1}^\beta][d_{\chi_2}^{\gamma T} C d_{\chi_2}^\delta][d_{-\chi}^{\rho T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_\chi^\sigma + d_\chi^{\rho T} C \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 d_{-\chi}^\sigma] \right] (T_s)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\rho\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

yielding [Here  $\chi=R$  -  $\chi=L$  for em scattering]

$$(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_1)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3}^{\chi} = (\delta_1)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3} \frac{em}{3(p_{\text{eff}}^2 - m^2)} \frac{Qe j_\mu}{q^2} (\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_1)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3}^{\chi\mu},$$

(best connection to oscillation as  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ )

with similar relationships for  $i=2,3$  [only these in em case]

The hadronic matrix elements are computed  
in the MIT bag model.

# B-L Violation via e-n scattering

## Linking neutron-antineutron oscillation to conversion

[SG & Xinshuai Yan, arXiv:1710.09292, PRD 2018]

TABLE I. Dimensionless matrix elements  $(I_i)_{\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3}^{\chi}$  of  $n - \bar{n}$  conversion operators. The column “EM” denotes the matrix-element combination of  $(\chi = R) - (\chi = L)$ .

$\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3$	$I_1$			$\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3$	$I_2$			$\chi_1\chi_2\chi_3$	$I_3$		
	$\chi = R$	$\chi = L$	EM		$\chi = R$	$\chi = L$	EM		$\chi = R$	$\chi = L$	EM
RRR	19.8	19.8	0	RRR	-4.95	-4.95	0	RRR	1.80	-8.28	10.1
RRL	17.3	17.3	0	RRL	-2.00	-9.02	7.02	RRL	-1.07	-8.81	7.74
RLR	17.3	17.3	0	RLR	-4.09	-0.586	-3.50	RLR	7.20	6.03	1.17
RLL	6.02	6.02	0	RLL	-0.586	-4.09	3.50	RLL	6.03	7.20	-1.17
LRR	6.02	6.02	0	LRR	-4.09	-0.586	-3.50	LRR	7.20	6.03	1.17
LRL	17.3	17.3	0	LRL	-0.586	-4.09	3.50	LRL	6.03	7.20	-1.17
LLR	17.3	17.3	0	LLR	-9.02	-2.00	-7.02	LLR	-8.81	-1.07	-7.74
LLL	19.8	19.8	0	LLL	-4.95	-4.95	0	LLL	-8.28	1.80	-10.1



**Electromagnetic scattering yields  $n-\bar{n}$**

**conversion from  $O_2$  and  $O_3$  operators only!**

Interactions impact view on  $n-\bar{n}$  osc. even in  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$  limit;

(cf.  $K_S$  regeneration in matter); cf. Nesvizhevsky et al

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# B-L Violation via e-d scattering

What sorts of limits could be set?

Matching relation:

$$\eta \bar{v}(\mathbf{p}', s') C \not{j} \gamma_5 u(\mathbf{p}, s) = \frac{em}{3(p_{\text{eff}}^2 - m^2)} \frac{e j_\mu}{q^2} \times \langle \bar{n}_q(\mathbf{p}', s') | \int d^3\mathbf{x} \sum_{\mathbf{i}, \chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3} (\delta_{\mathbf{i}})_{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3} [(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbf{i}})^{R\mu}_{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3} - (\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbf{i}})^{L\mu}_{\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3}] | \mathbf{n}_q(\mathbf{p}, s) \rangle$$

The best limits come from small-angle scattering — using the uncertainty principle to estimate  $\theta_{\text{min}}$

Sensitivity estimate for a beam energy of 20 MeV:

$$|\tilde{\delta}| \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-15} \sqrt{\frac{N \text{ events}}{1 \text{ event}}} \sqrt{\frac{1 \text{ yr}}{t}} \sqrt{\frac{0.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}^{-1}}{\phi}} \sqrt{\frac{1 \text{ m}}{L}} \sqrt{\frac{5.1 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{\rho}} \text{ GeV.}$$

for the Majorana mass of the neutron