

## Neutrinos and Collider Physics

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# Dirac vs Majorana

 $\nu_{R'}$ 

Two possibilities to define fermion mass











Majorana mass, using only a left-handed neutrino → Lepton Number Violation



## Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

- ▶ Process  $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^{-}$
- Uncontroversial detection of 0νββ
  of utmost importance
  - Prove lepton number to be broken
  - Prove neutrinos to be Majorana particles (Schechter & Valle '82)



#### Which mechanism triggers the decay?



General Effective Operator





# New Physics Contributions to $0\nu\beta\beta$







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#### Seesaw Mechanisms

Three possible mediators at tree level











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#### Radiative Generation via Loops

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• Alternative to Seesaw, e.g. R-Parity Violating SUSY



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  - Standard Seesaw with small Yukawa couplings
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- "Bent" Seesaw I mechanisms (e.g. Inverse Seesaw)
  - Decouple  $\Lambda_{LNV}$  from heavy neutrino mass
  - Example

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_{\nu} \langle H \rangle & 0 \\ Y_{\nu} \langle H \rangle & \mu & M \\ 0 & M & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

- Large Yukawa couplings  $\approx 10^{-2}$
- Quasi-Dirac heavy neutrino



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• LNV in resonant *N* production suppressed by  $\frac{\Delta m_N}{\Gamma_N} \approx \frac{\mu}{\Gamma_N}$ 







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- Constraints on coupling to leptons |V<sub>lN</sub>|
- Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay
  - GERDA
  - stringent for pure Majorana N
- Peak Searches in Meson Decays
  - $\pi, K \to e\nu$
  - Belle
- Beam Dump Experiments
  - e.g. PS191, CHARM
  - LBNE
- LNV Meson Decays
  - $K \rightarrow ee\pi$
  - SHiP
- > Z Decays
  - LEP: L3, Delphi
  - FCC-ee
- Electroweak Precision Tests
  - EWPD: Fit of electroweak precision observables, lepton universality observables







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## Extended Gauge Sectors Additional U(1)

- Production at LHC via Z' portal
- Ability to measure small couplings via displaced vertices
- Charged LFV through heavy portal
  - *N* can only decay through heavy-light suppressed coupling  $\theta = Y_{\nu} \langle H \rangle / m_N$









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## Extended Gauge Sectors Left-Right Symmetric Models

Extension of the Standard Model (Mohapatra, Senjanovic '75)

 $SU(3) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ 

- Production of heavy neutrinos with gauge coupling strengths via right-handed charged current (Keung, Senjanovic '83)
- Complementarity to 0ννβ and charged LFV
- 2.8 $\sigma$  hint for excess at CMS
  - Not compatible with minimal LR symmetry  $g_R = g_L$
  - Only one 1 out of 14 events is LNV
  - Only ee, no  $\mu\mu$
  - No clear discrete excess in  $m_{lqq}^2 = m_N^2$
- No excess at ATLAS
  - Search only for SS leptons









# Extended Gauge Sectors

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#### Baryon Asymmetry Leptogenesis

Classic Scenario

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- Generation via heavy neutrino decays
- Competition with LNV washout processes
- Conversion to baryon asymmetry
  - EW sphaleron processes at  $T \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$
  - Observed asymmetry

$$\eta_B \equiv \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_{\gamma}} = (6.20 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-10}$$

What if we observe lepton number violating processes at the LHC or in 0ννβ?











# Conclusion



#### Neutrinos much lighter than other fermions

- Dirac or Majorana? Lepton Number Violation?
- Mechanism of neutrino mass generation? At what scale?

#### Neutrino physics is BSM physics

- Seesaw I Sterile neutrinos
- Seesaw II Scalar triplet
  - $pp \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow H^{++}W^-$ ,  $H^{++} \rightarrow l^+l^+$ ,  $m_{H^{++}} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
- Seesaw III Fermion triplet
  - $pp \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow \Sigma^+ \Sigma^0$ ,  $m_{\Sigma} > 250 \text{ GeV}$
- Extended gauge sectors
- Supersymmetry
  - SUSY Seesaw / R-Parity violating SUSY (loop-mediated neutrino masses)

#### LHC probes neutrino mass models at TeV scale

- Strong synergy with  $0\nu\beta\beta$ 
  - LHC can deep-probe anatomy of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  LNV operators
- Lepton Number Violation as smoking gun
  - Can falsify high-scale baryogenesis
  - BUT: LNV not necessarily predicted