

# Large Hadron Collider and Left-Right Symmetry in Nature

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# Symmetries and Particles

□ Standard Model of all interactions

(but gravity\*)

based on symmetries: local gauge

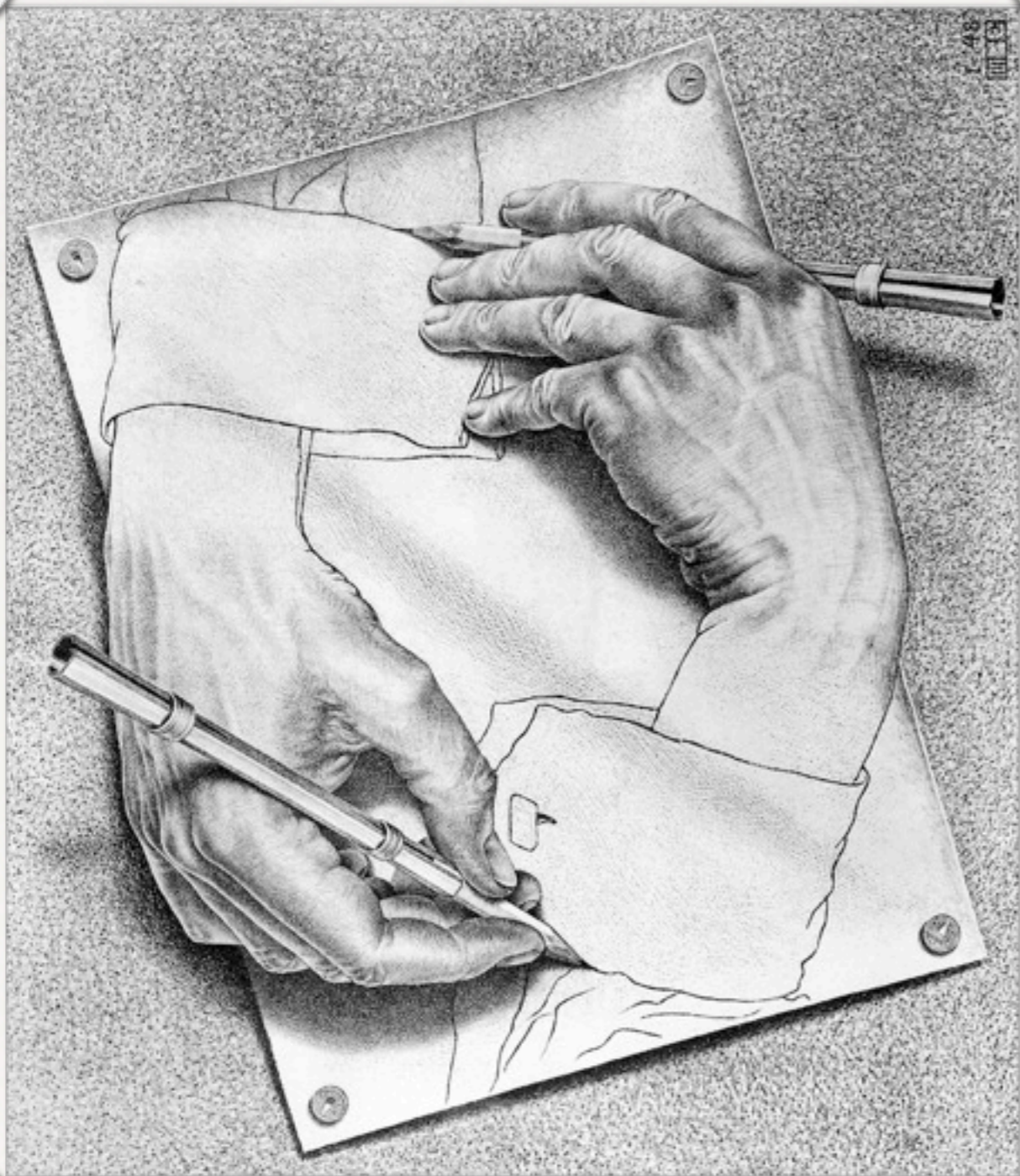
\* gravity negligible:

38 orders of magnitude weaker than em

⊙ sun -  $10^{50}$  particles      zero charge



# Theme 1



Parity :

left - right symmetry

images in the mirror

P: all interactions?

Fall and Rise (?)  
of Parity

LHC - timely



□ elementary particles - mass, charge, .. spin

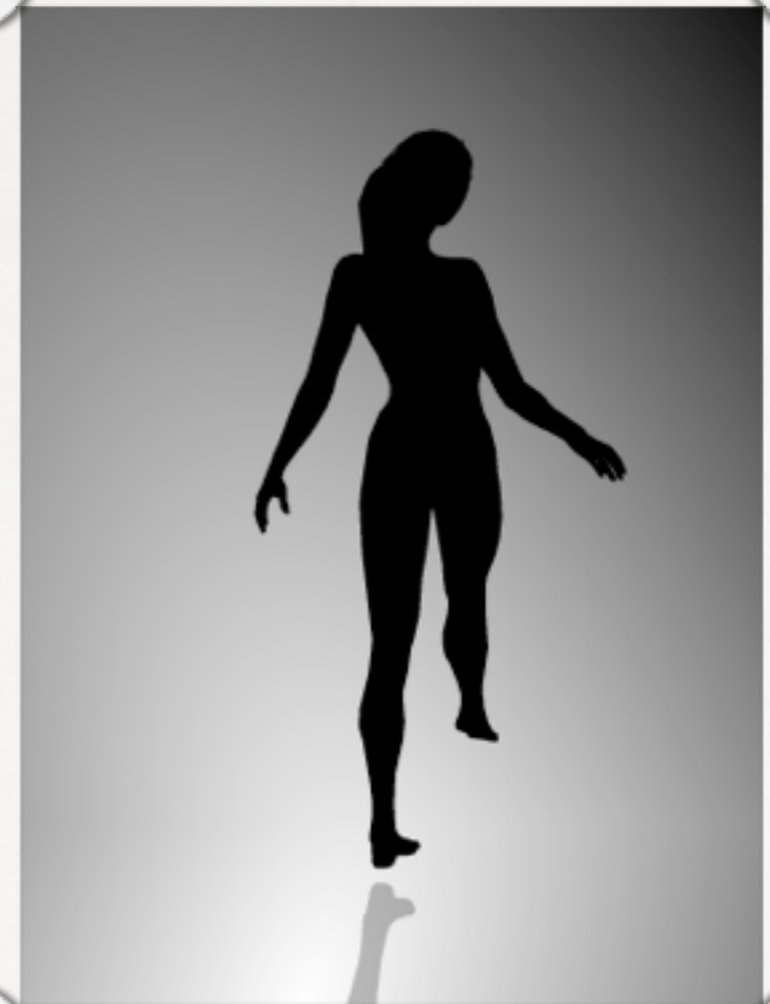


angular momentum at rest

□ Quantum Mechanics:

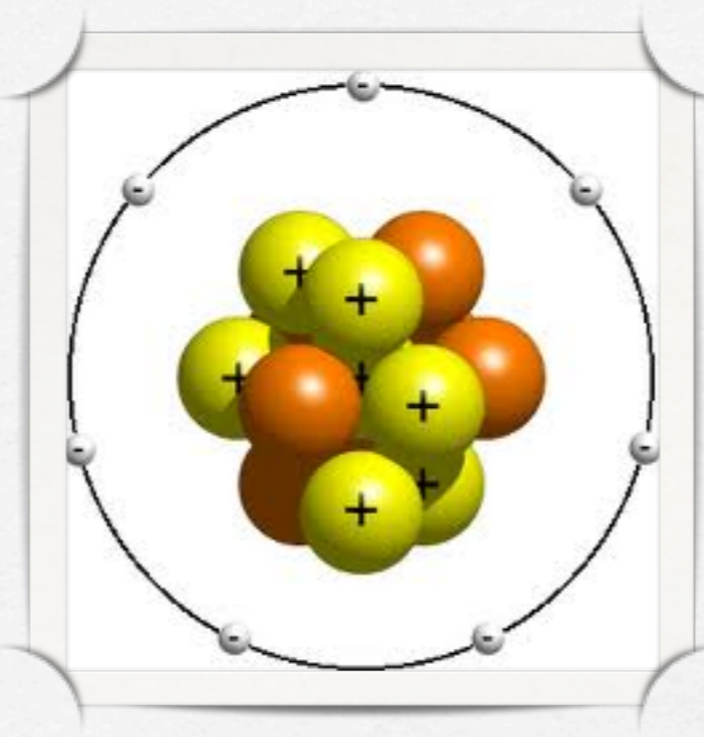
$$s = \hbar/2$$

particles keep spinning





□ electron (e), proton (p), neutron (n)  
neutrino ( $\nu$ )



matter

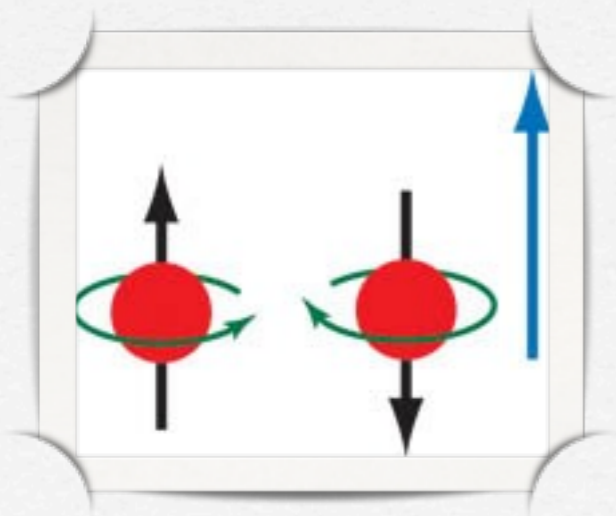
$$s = 1/2$$

(fermions)

$$m_p \simeq m_n \simeq 1 \text{ GeV} \simeq 10^{-24} \text{ gr}$$

$$m_e \simeq 10^{-3} m_p$$







neutrino mass ?





□ "messengers" of forces:

$S=1$

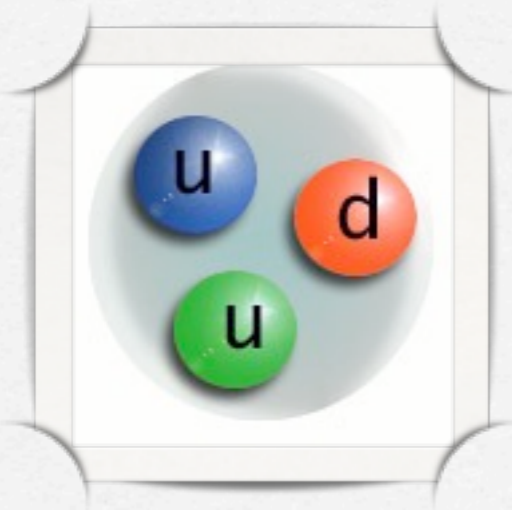
Force	Mediator	$Q_{em}$	Spin	Mass
<del>Gravitational</del>	<del> graviton</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>0</del>
Electro-magnetic	 photon	0	1	0
Strong	 gluons	0	1	0
Weak	 $W^+$	+1	1	80 GeV
	 $W^-$	-1	1	80 GeV
	 $Z^0$	0	1	91 GeV



□ proton and neutron: quarks

Gell-Mann '64

proton



spin  $s = 1/2$

neutron



electron, neutrino

relativistic equation for  $s = 1/2$

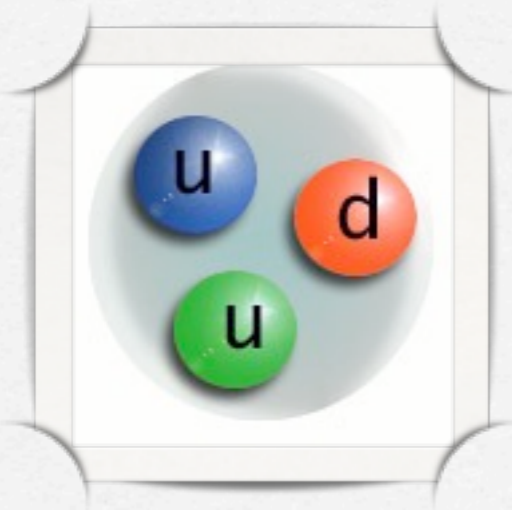
Dirac '28



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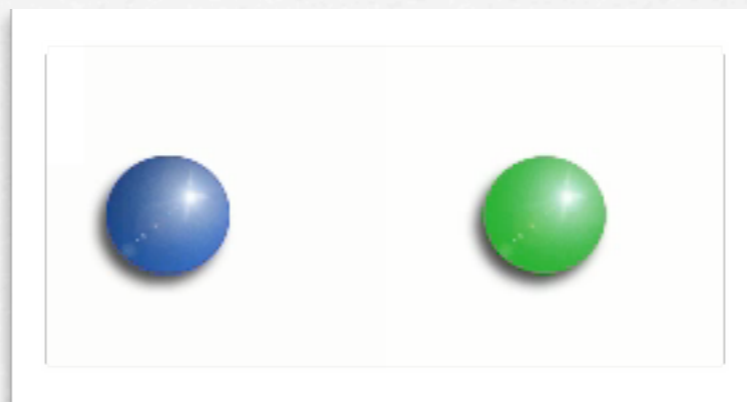
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□ bombshell: anti-particles

Dirac '31

Skobeltsyn '23    Chao '29

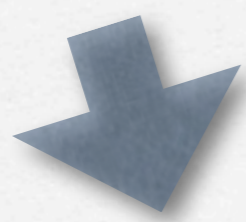
Joliot-Curie ?

$\bar{e}$  positron = anti electron

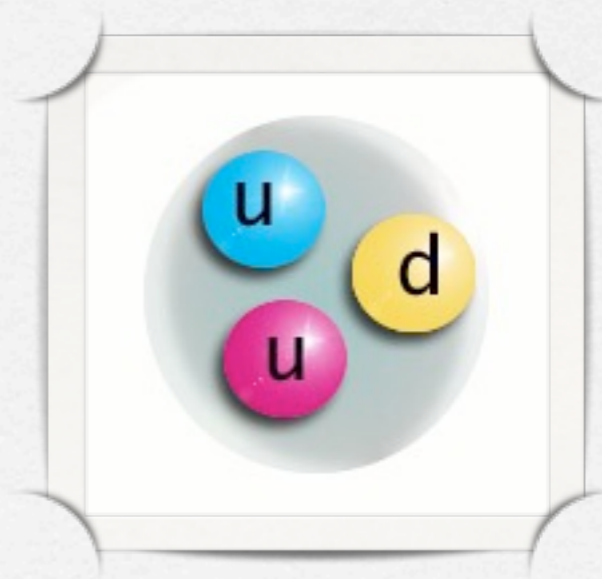
Anderson '32

$\bar{p}$  anti proton

Segre', Chamberlain '55



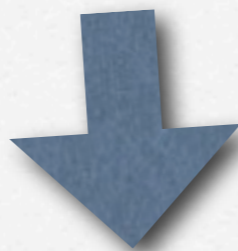
□ 'theorem':



anti-particle for every fermion ( $s=1/2$ )



□ 'theorem': massive charged fermions



Dirac '28

Left and Right

not neutrino?

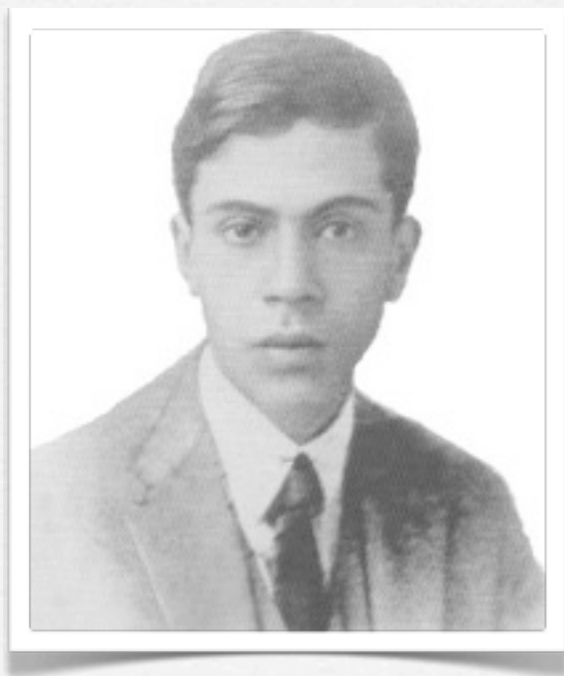
Majorana '37



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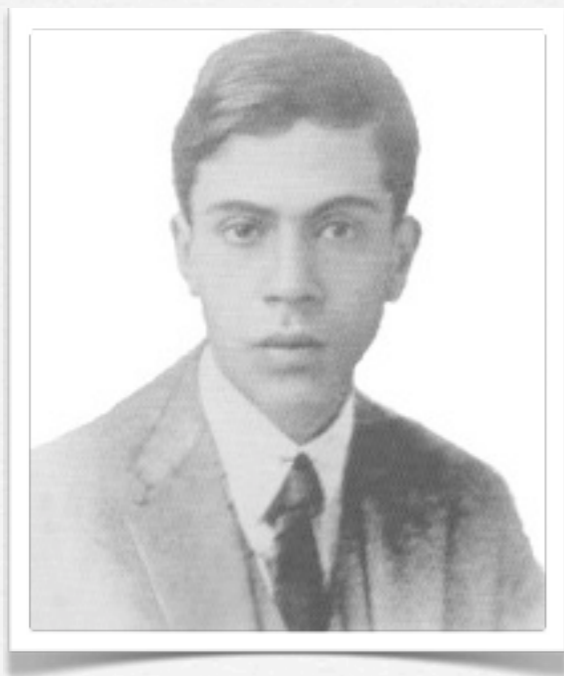
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Fermi:

there are various types of scientists

Second, third rank - do their best, but do not go far.

First rank, make great discoveries, fundamental for the development of science.

And then, there are geniuses, like Galileo and Newton. Ettore Majorana was one of them; unfortunately he lacked common sense.



# Theme 2

- Neutrinos 'real' particles?



The creation of electrons out of "nothing"

- Neutrino-less double beta decay

Racah '37

- LHC -  $pp$  collisions can create electrons

Keung, GS '83



□ Why are neutrinos so special?

□ The most aloof particles



A probe of new physics

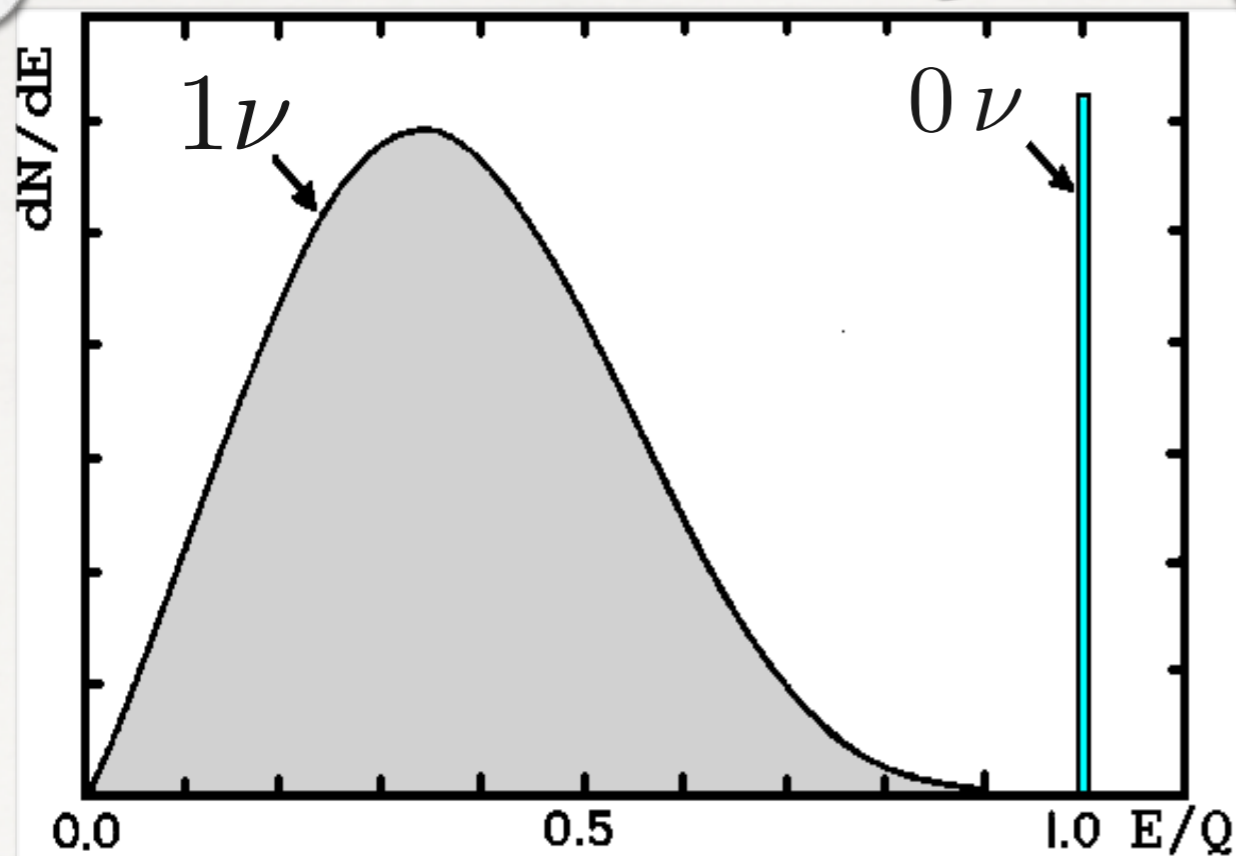
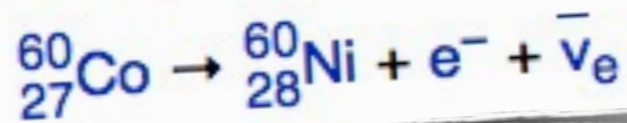


# Discovering neutrinos

□ produced in beta decay  $n \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}$

continuous electron spectrum instead of a mono-energetic electron

expected:  $E = Q$



Chadwick '14

confusion and confirmation in the late 20's

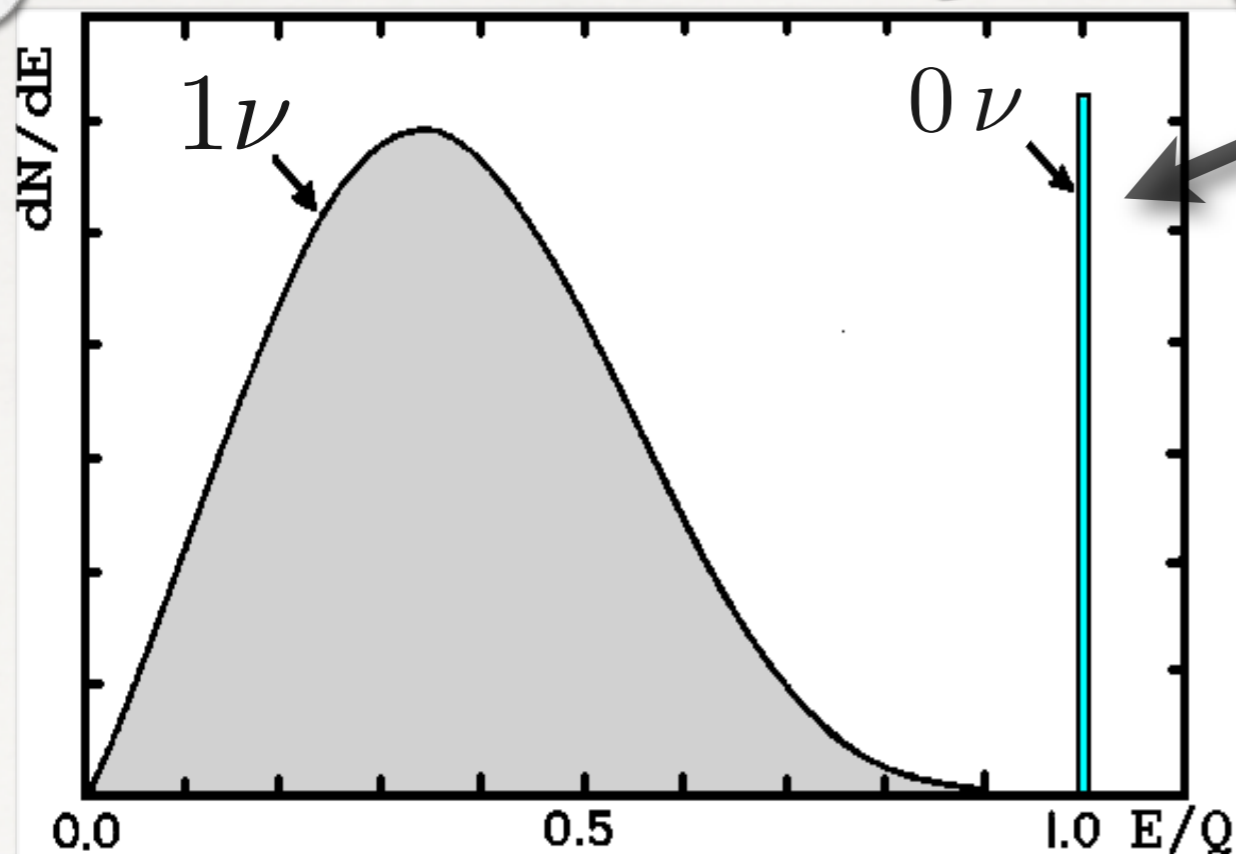
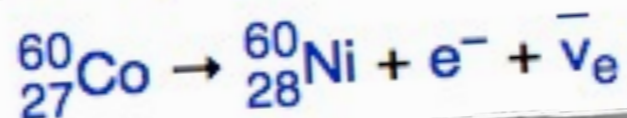


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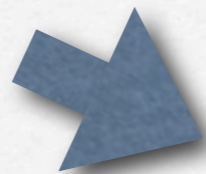
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□ conservation of energy

Pauli '30



a new neutral particle

Chadwick '32

neutron

'brother' of electron

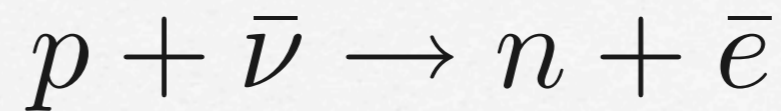
leptons (light)

neutrino (small neutron)

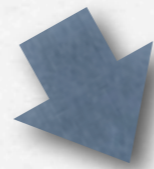
Fermi (Amaldi)



□ how to see it?



cross section tiny:  $\simeq 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$



compare with electron:  $\sigma \simeq 10^{-22} \text{ cm}^2$

□ mean free path  $\simeq 10^{20} \text{ cm}$

70 million times distance earth-sun

helps understand John Updike



*NEUTRINOS, they are very small.  
They have no charge and **have no mass**  
And do not interact at all.  
The earth is just a silly ball  
To them, through which they simply pass,  
Like dustmaids down a drafty hall  
Or photons through a sheet of glass.  
They snub the most exquisite gas,  
Ignore the most substantial wall,  
Cold shoulder steel and sounding brass,  
Insult the stallion in his stall,  
And scorning barriers of class,  
Infiltrate you and me! Like tall  
and painless guillotines, they fall  
Down through our heads into the grass.  
At night, they enter at Nepal  
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From underneath the bed-you call  
**It wonderful; I call it crass.***

## **Cosmic Gall**

*by John Updike*

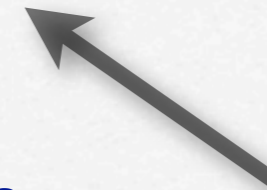


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**wrong**





## □ great pessimism

Pauli regrets inventing a particle that "will never be seen"

□ Cowan and Reines '56

large flux of neutrinos

Savannah River reactor

$$\Phi = 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\# \text{ events} = \Phi \sigma n V$$

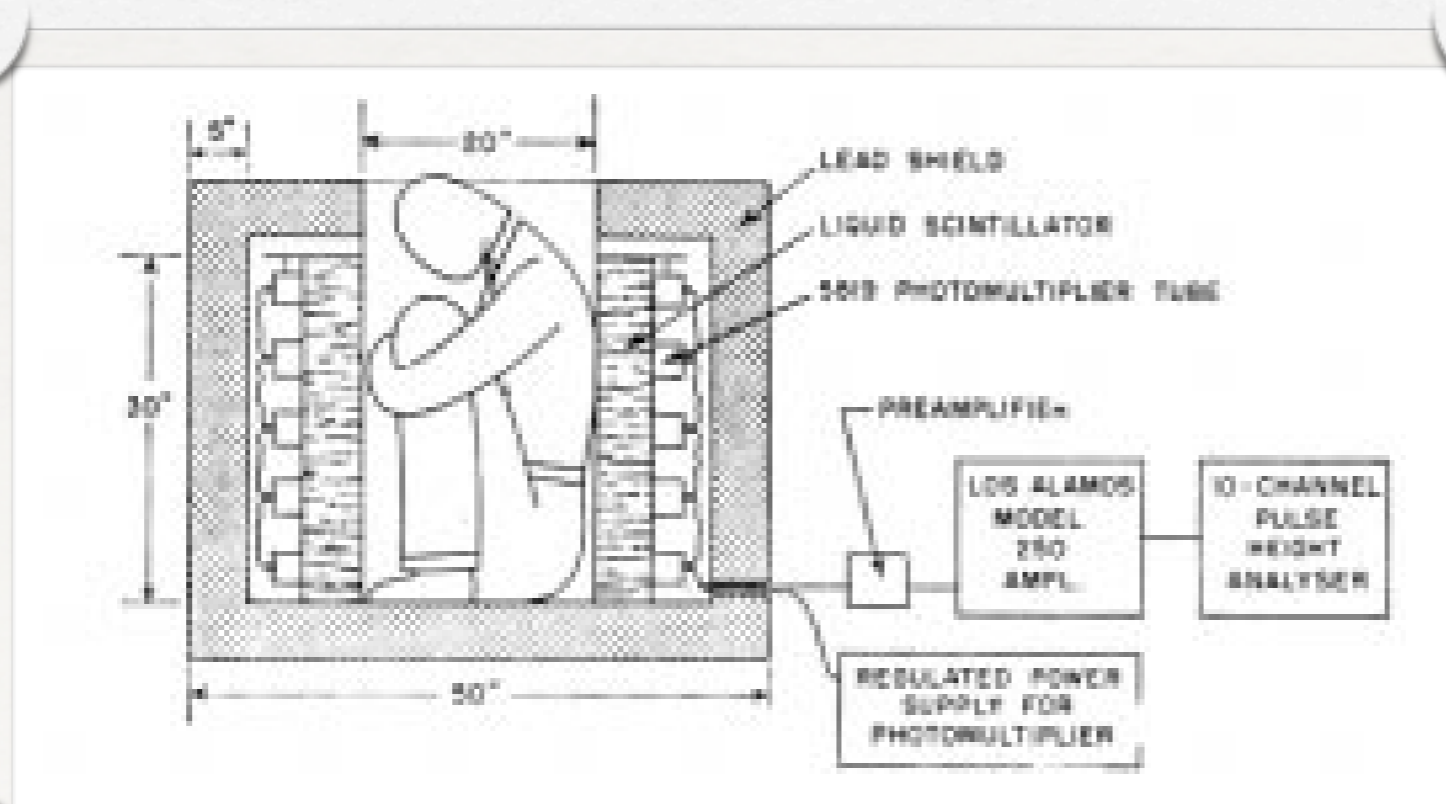
$$V = 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$$

about 10 per hour :)



□ detector: *water* (protons)

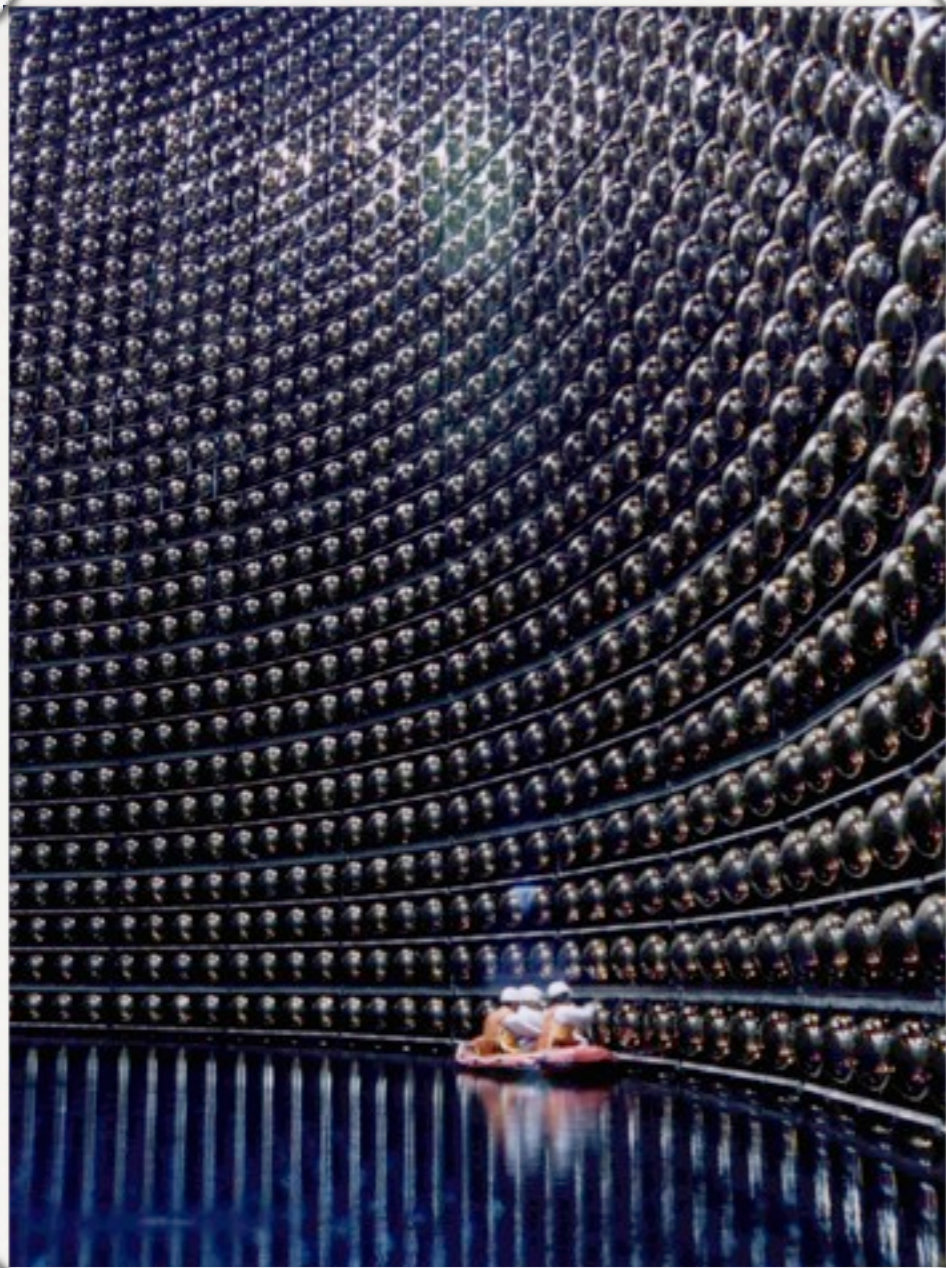
*good old days*



*8 people*



# Atmospheric neutrinos modern times



neutrino mass

$$m_\nu \gtrsim 10^{-1} \text{ eV}$$

'98

$$(m_p \simeq 10^9 \text{ eV})$$

- flux  $\Phi = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$10^{14}$  times smaller than  
reactor flux



needs huge detectors

Super Kamiokande

110 people





□ 1956: bombshell of Lee and Yang

parity violation in weak  
interaction

(not known: they argue it is  
eventually restored at high energies \*)

\* mirror fermions

GS, Wilczek, Zee '84

GS, Martínez, Melfo, Nestí '11



□ experiment: polarized Co atoms



Wu et al '56

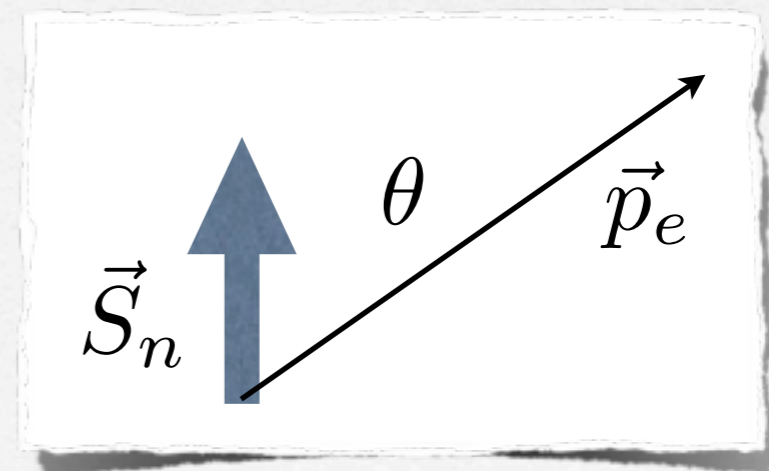
Lederman et al '56

spin up (magnetic field) - parity invariant

but electrons prefer to go down



$$I(\theta) = (1 - \cos \theta)$$





1956 - a great year

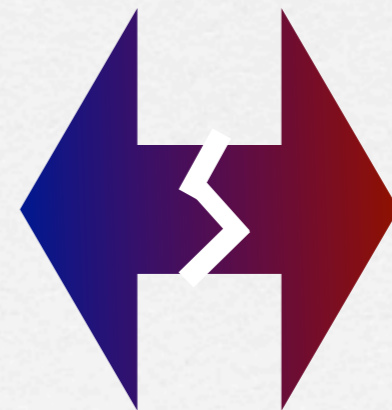
Marshak, Sudarshan '56

Gell-Mann, Feynman '57

□ only left particles in beta decay

V - A theory

L-R symmetry maximally  
broken





□ Dirac: *electron charged*  $\Rightarrow$  *complex*

$$e = e_L + e_R$$



*parity:*

$$e_L \leftrightarrow e_R$$

*antiparticle = positron*


$$\bar{e}_R = (e_L)^*$$

□ Majorana: *neutrino neutral*  
 $\Rightarrow$  *real*



# The Majorana Program

neutrino mass

$$\nu_M = \nu_L + \nu_L^* \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad m_\nu^M (\nu_L \nu_L + h.c.)$$


The diagram shows two vertices, each represented by a circle with an 'X' inside. The left vertex has an incoming arrow from the left and an outgoing arrow to the right. The right vertex has an incoming arrow from the right and an outgoing arrow to the left. The two vertices are connected by two horizontal lines, one above and one below, representing the exchange of a Majorana neutrino.

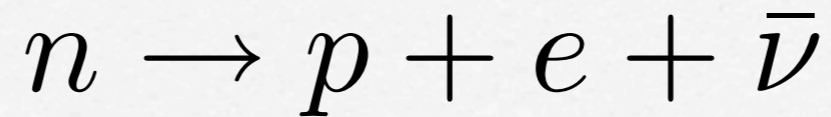
$\Rightarrow \Delta L = 2$  lepton number violation



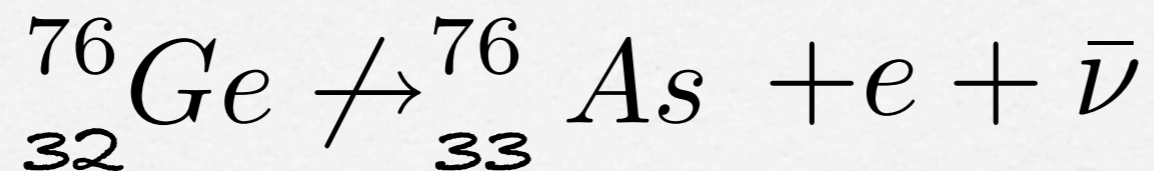
create electrons out  
of 'nothing'



- beta decay :



sometimes impossible :



*Ge lighter than As*

- double beta decay dominant :



Goeppert-Mayer '35

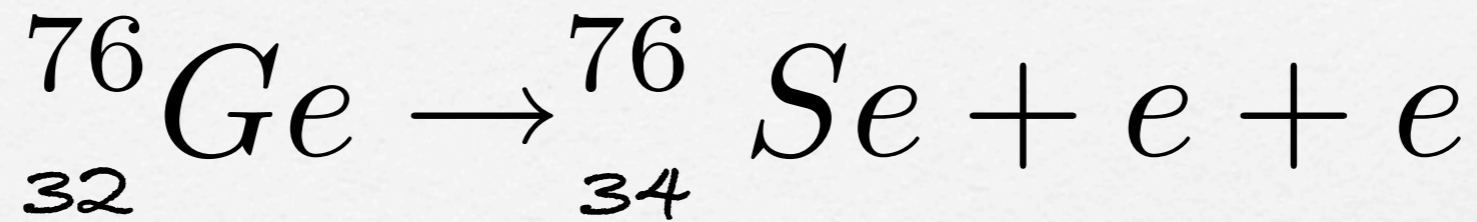


- search from '48
- geochemical observation '50
- laboratory '86

$$\tau_{1/2} \simeq 10^{21} \text{ yr}$$



□ if neutrino Majorana



neutrino-less double beta decay

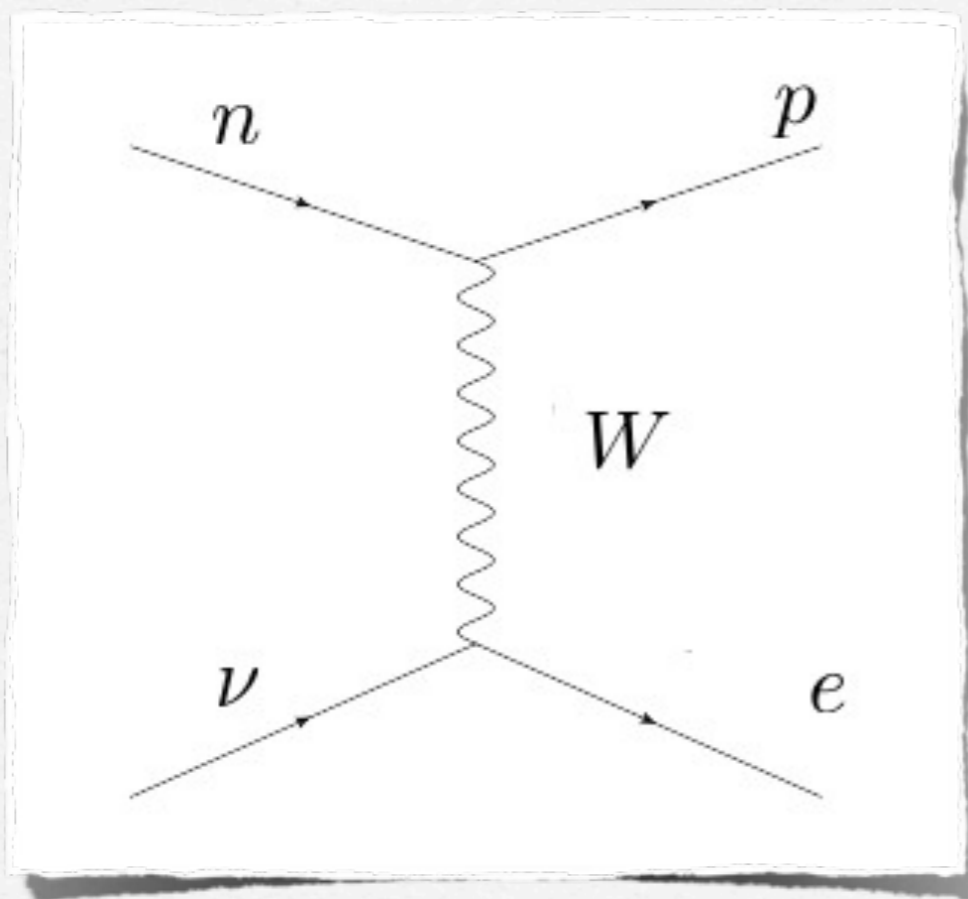
$$\tau_{1/2} \gtrsim 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$

Majorana '37

Racah '37, Furry '38



beta decay : messenger  $W$  boson



Parity violation



only left particles  
interact with  $W$

discovered at CERN in  $p - \bar{p}$  collider '83

studied at LEP:  $e - \bar{e}$   
'90-ties



$$M_W \simeq 80 \text{ GeV}$$



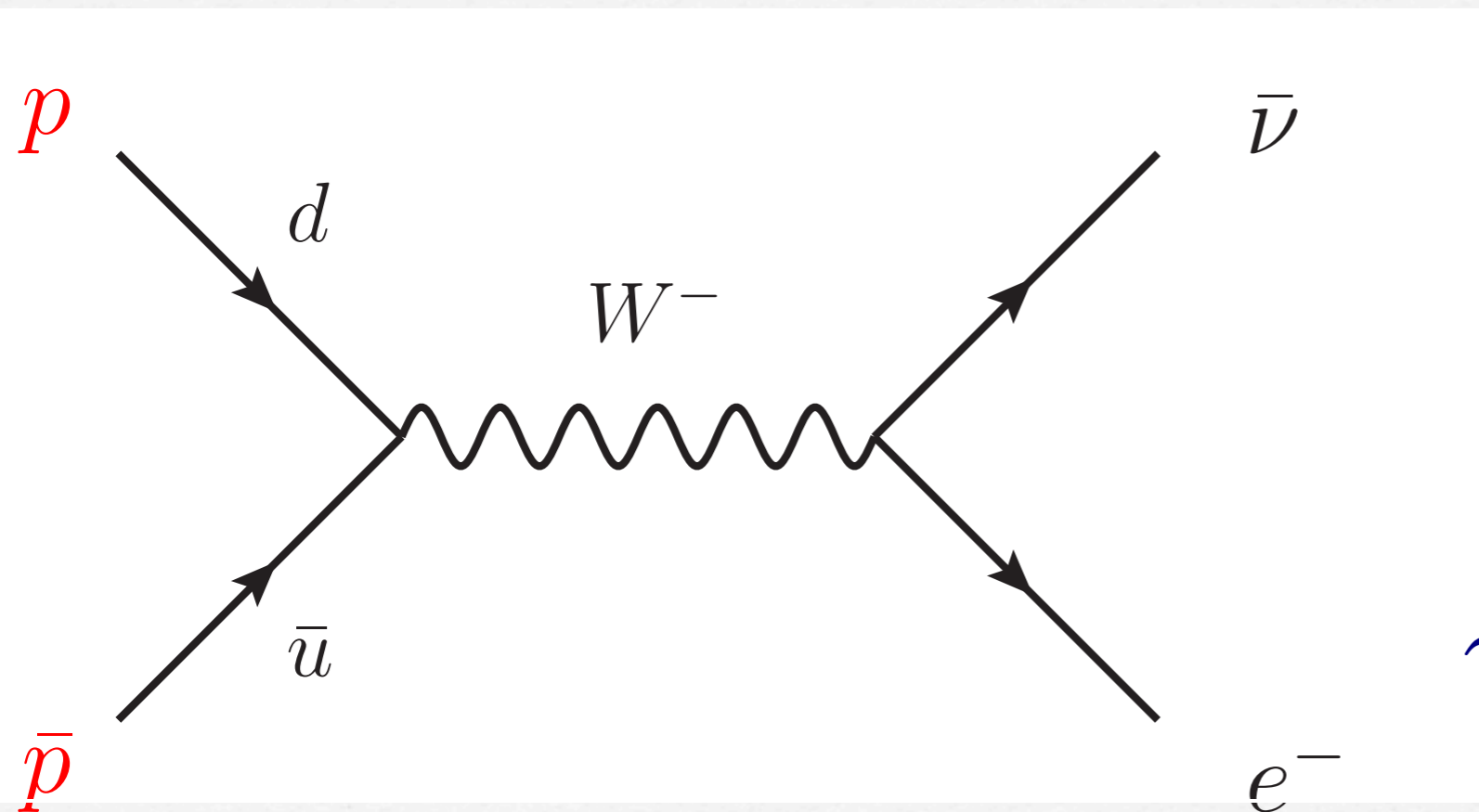
SPS experiment

Super Proton Synchrotron

modern times

137 people

'81-'84



7 km  
circumference

$$\tau_W \simeq 10^{-24} \text{ sec}$$



# LEP experiment

modern times

Large Electron-Positron  
collider

'89 - '00

- 1500 people
- 4 detectors: ALEPH, LEP 3, OPAL, DELPHI
- 27 km circumference

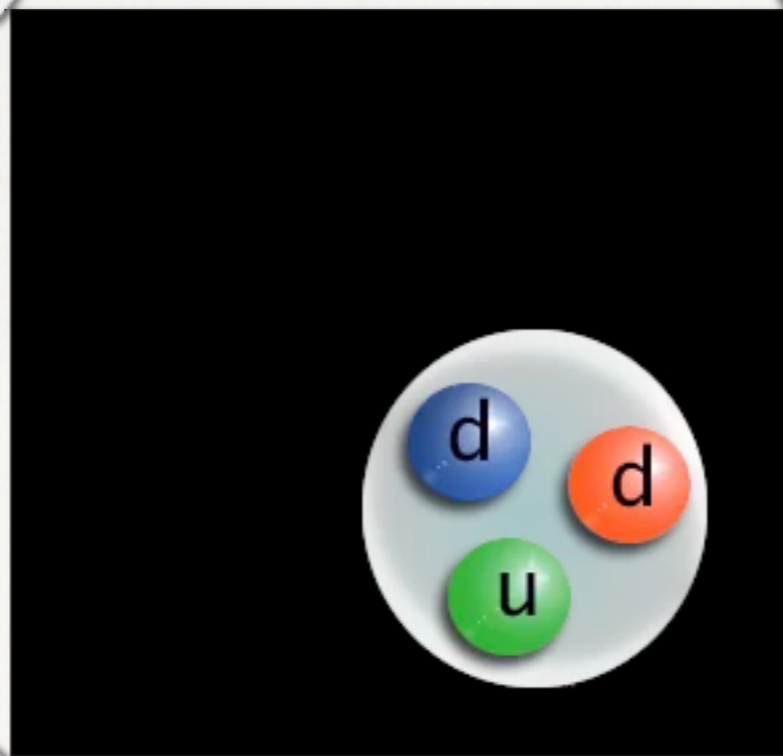
Standard Model  $\Leftarrow 10^9$   $W$  bosons



W boson: the shiny (hairy) guy

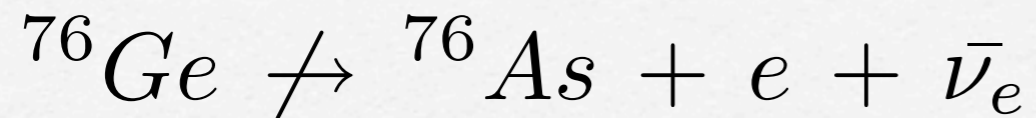


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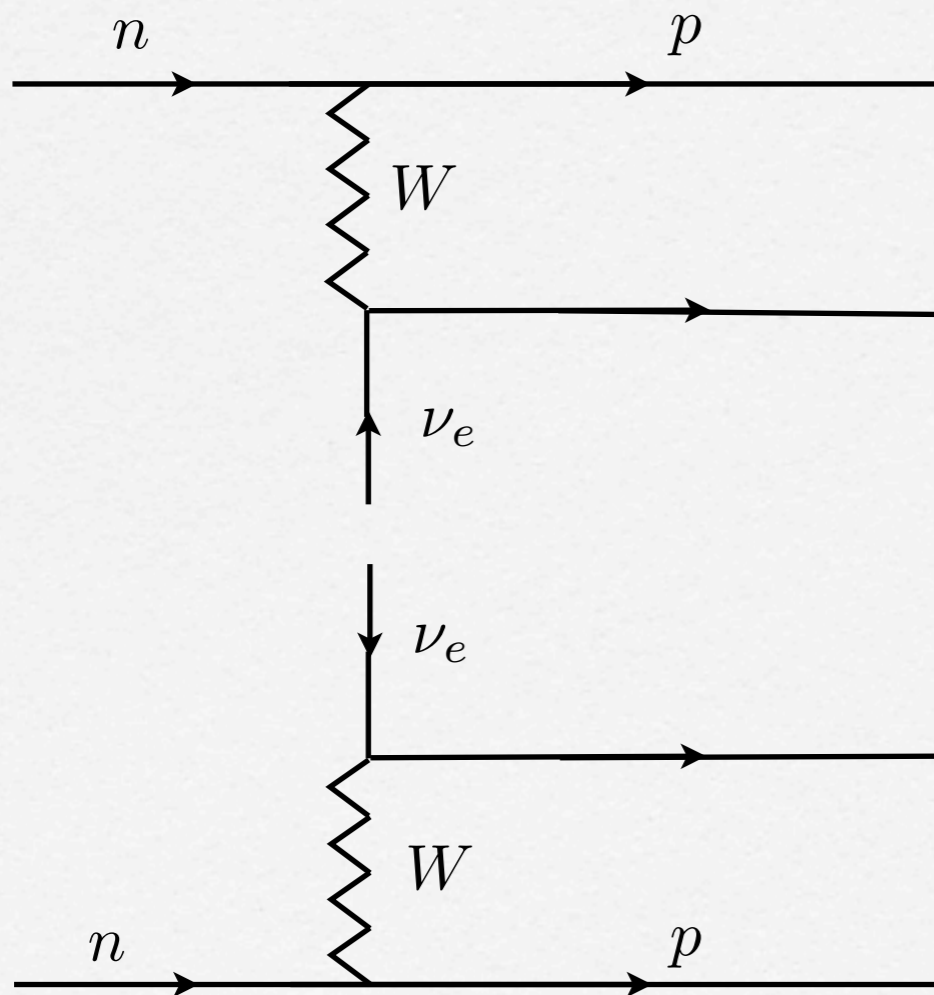




# Double-beta decay



Göppert-Mayer, '35

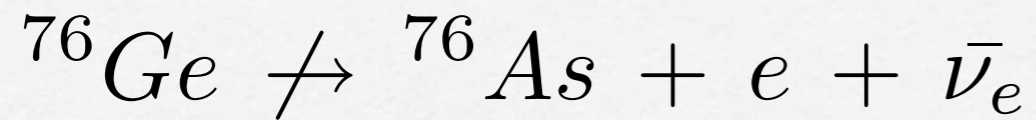


$$m_\nu \gtrsim 10^{-1} \text{ eV}$$

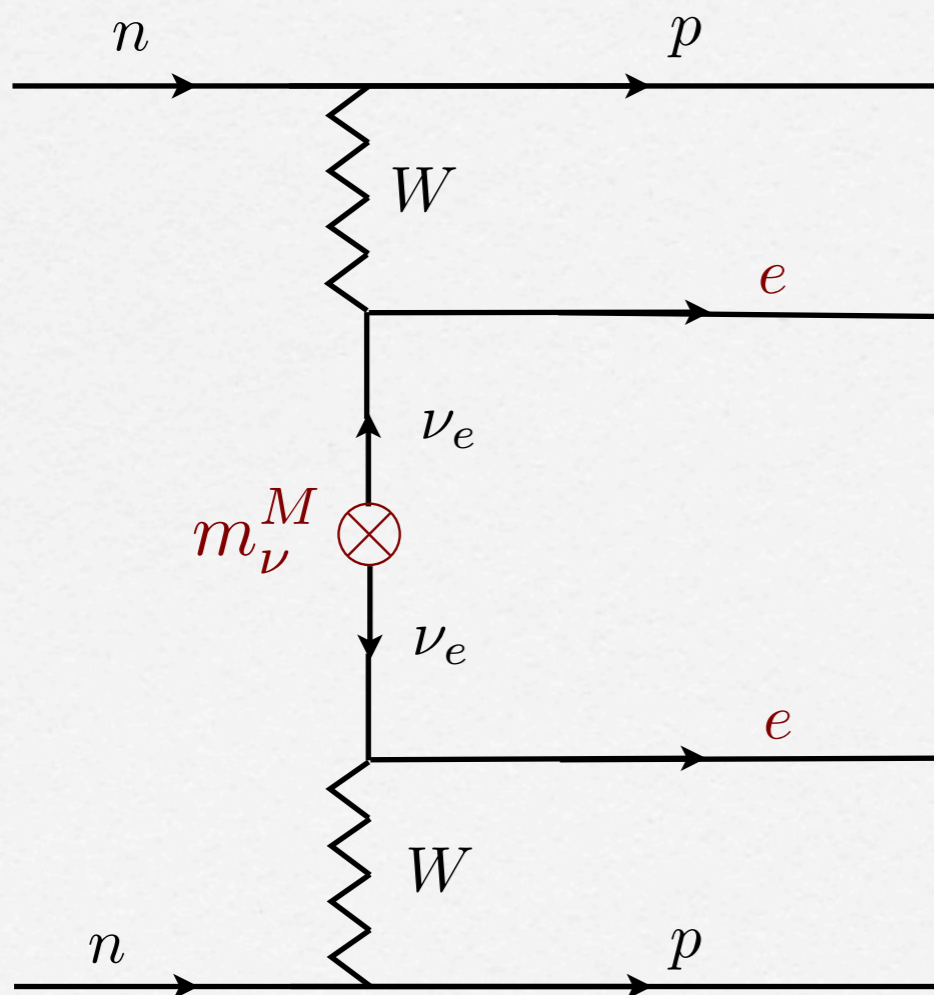
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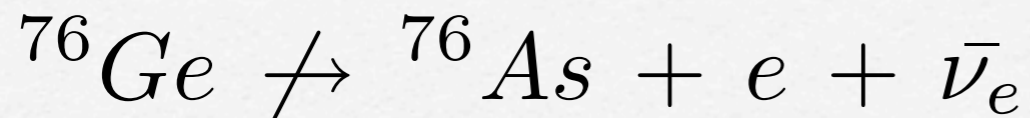


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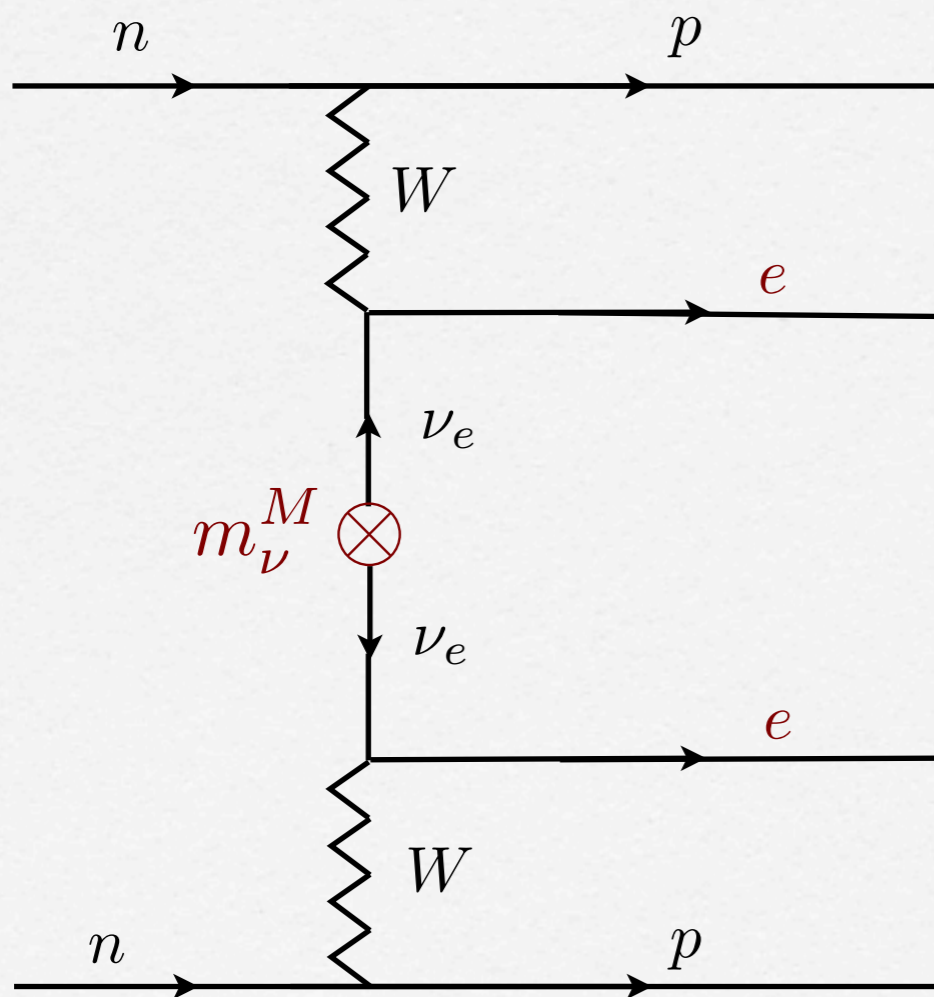
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# Double-beta decay



Göppert-Mayer, '35



proportional to neutrino mass

$$t_{1/2} \geq 10^{24} \text{ yr} \Rightarrow m_{\nu}^M \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$$

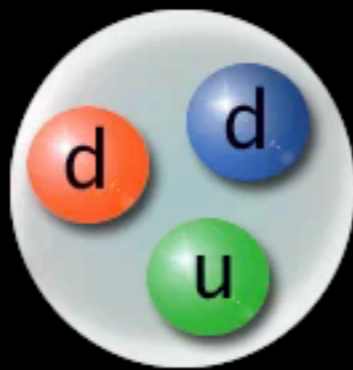
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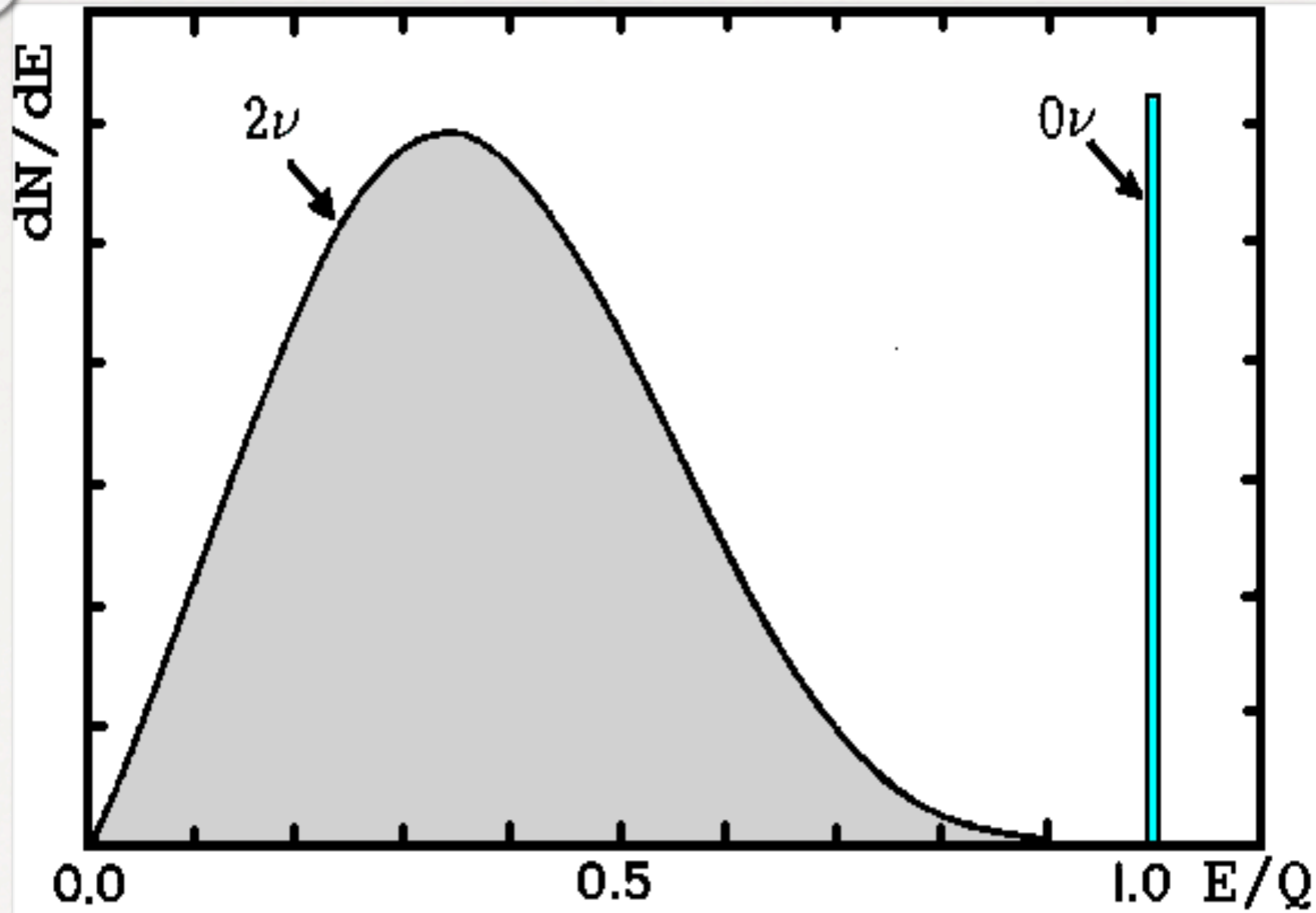






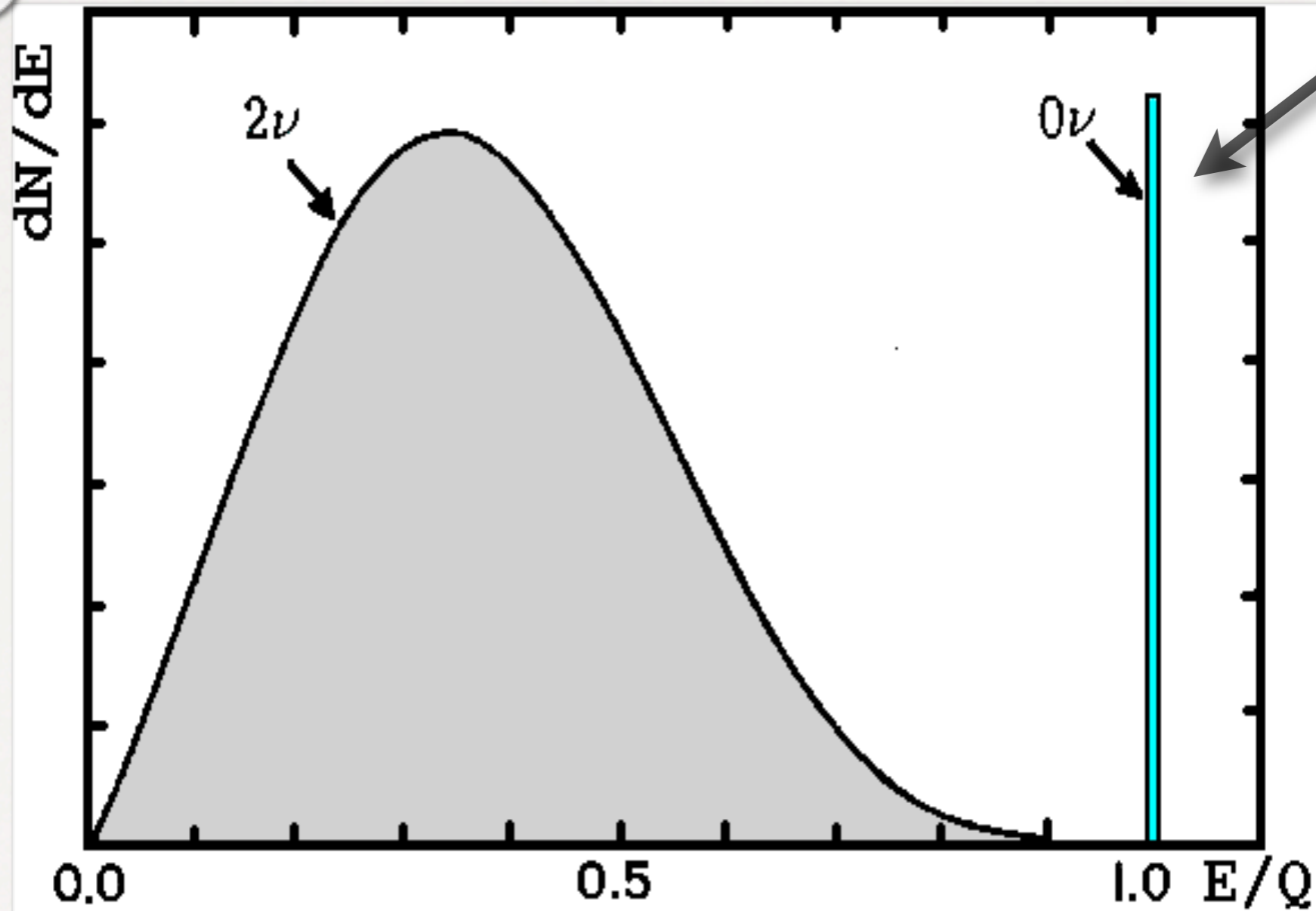






sum of electron energies





sum of electron energies



# past experiments:

**IGEX** International Germanium **EX**periment

**NEMO** (Mo) Neutrino **E**ttore **M**ajorana **O**bservatory

1 in '89 - 3 January 11, 2011 Frejus, France

**CUORICINO** (Te) Gran Sasso Laboratory, Italy  
(little heart)

\***HMBB** (Ge) Gran Sasso Laboratory

'90 - - '00

\* claims a result !



- **HMBB experiment:** Klapdor-Kleingrothaus '01-10

\* **Majorana neutrino mass**  $\sim 0.4 \text{ eV}$

- **cosmology:**

Seljak '05

sum of neutrino masses  $< 0.4 - 1 \text{ eV}$



Fogli et al '08

new physics necessary?



CUORE = heart (Te)

Cryogenic Underground Observatory for Rare Events  
2012

COBRA

Cadmium  $\nu$ -neutrino Beta Research Apparatus

2014 ?

MAJORANA (Ge) 2015

SUPER NEMO (Mo) 2014

MOON

Molybdenum Observatory of Neutrinos



GERDA experiment  
Gran Sasso Laboratory

modern times  
GERmanium Detector Array

order of  
magnitude  
better than  
HMBB

expect:  
a few years





# Standard Model

Glashow Weinberg Salam  
'61-67

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

gauge theory

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad e_R$$

no L-R symmetry

$$\nu_L \nu_L$$

no  $\nu_R$





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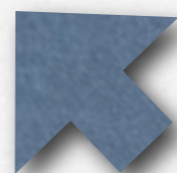
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no L-R symmetry

no  $\nu_R$

$\nu_L \nu_L$



forbidden by  $SU(2)$  symmetry





• why parity :  $L \leftarrow \rightleftarrows R$  broken ?

• Standard Model :

don't ask: parity broken for all seasons

unacceptable:

God may be left-handed, but not an invalid



# L-R symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$W_L$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$W_R$

$$m_{W_R} \gg m_{W_L}$$

Patil Salam '74

Mohapatra GS '75



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$W_L$

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$W_R$



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Patil Salam '74

$E \gg m_{W_R}$  parity restored?

Mohapatra GS '75



# neutrino mass



\*seesaw

Minkowski '77

Mohapatra, GS '79

\*Gell-Mann et al '79

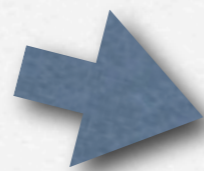
$$m_\nu \lesssim 1 \text{ eV} \longleftrightarrow$$

$$M_{W_R} \gtrsim 10^3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{W_L} \simeq 80 \text{ GeV}$$

Minimal model:

Theoretical limit



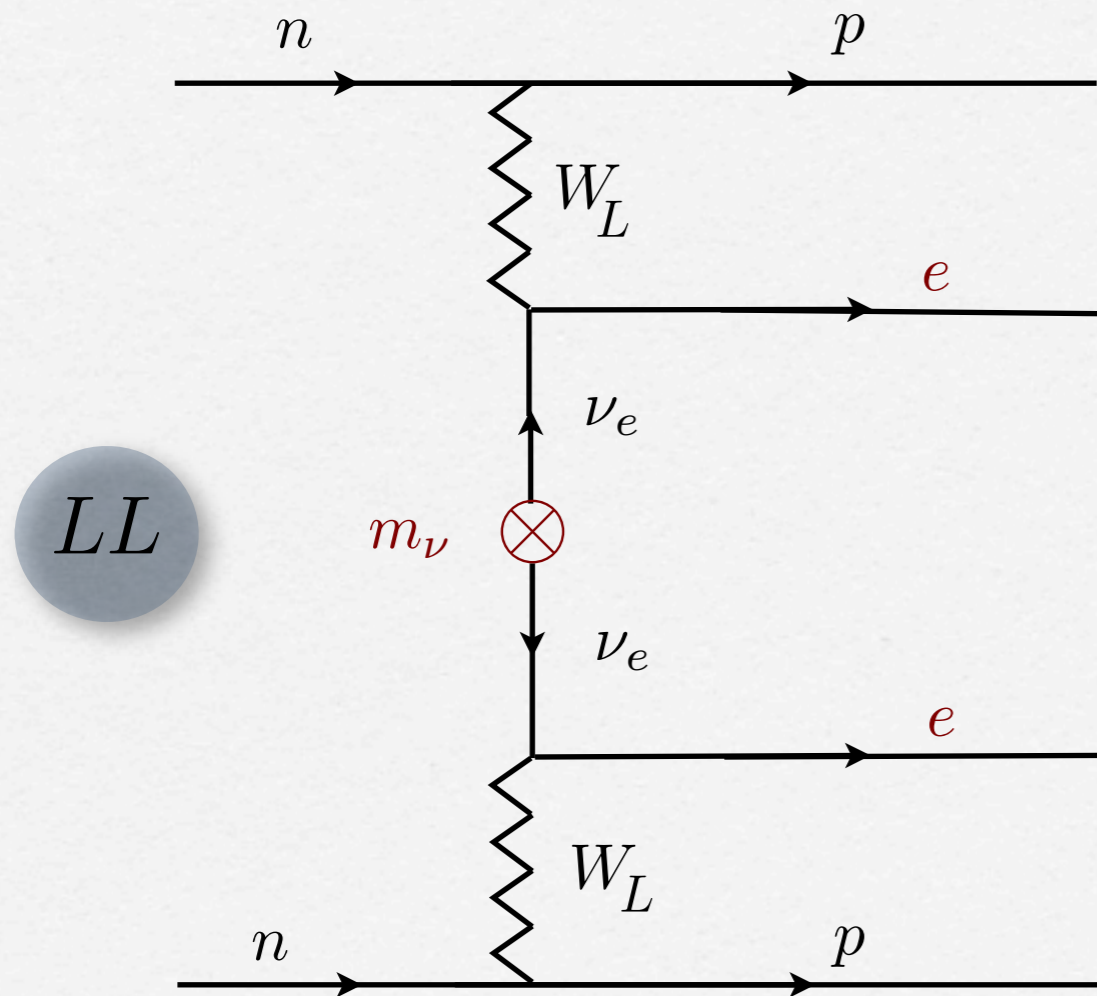
$$M_{W_R} \gtrsim 2500 \text{ GeV}$$

Maiezza, Nemevsek, Nesti, GS '2010



# New source for $0\nu 2\beta$

Mohapatra, GS '81



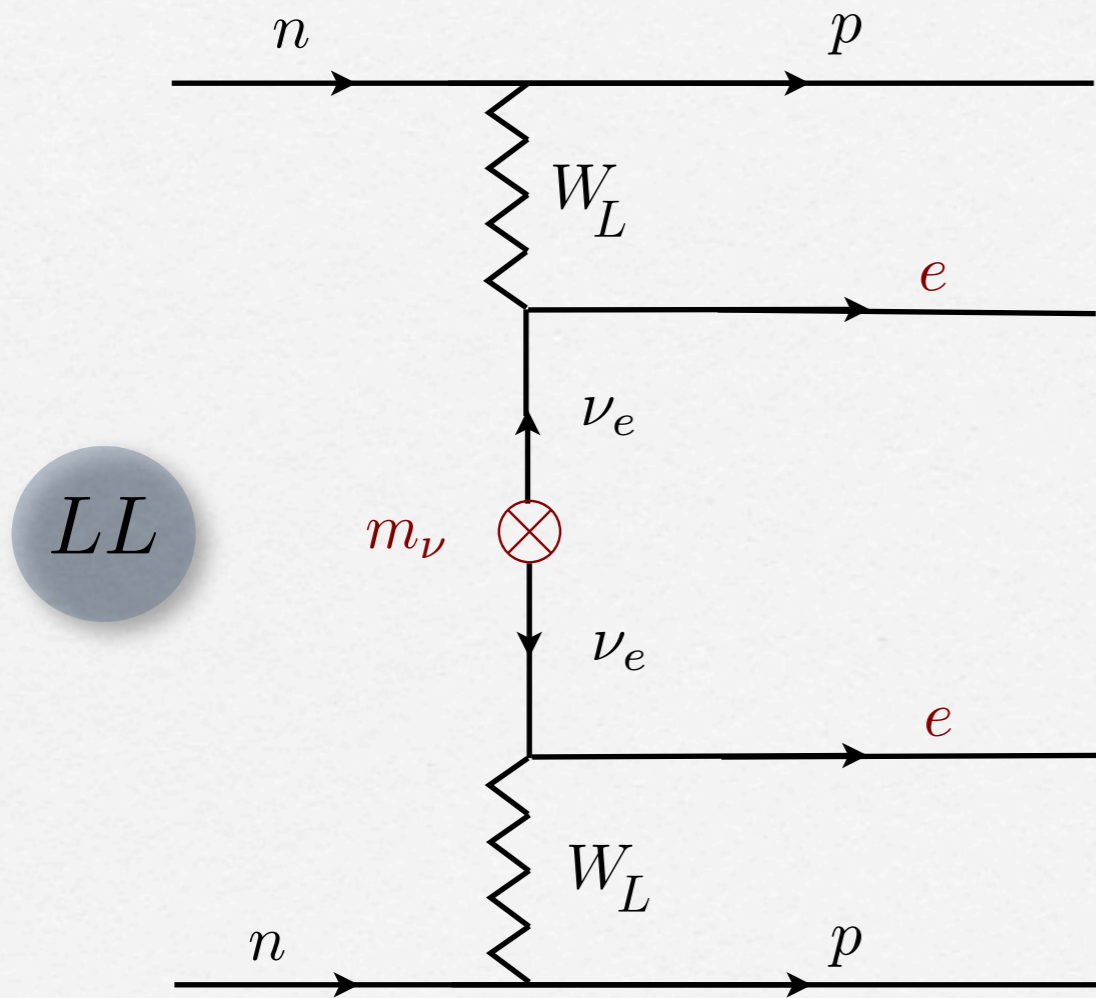
$$LL \propto \frac{1}{M_{W_L}^4} \frac{m_\nu}{p^2}$$

$$p \simeq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

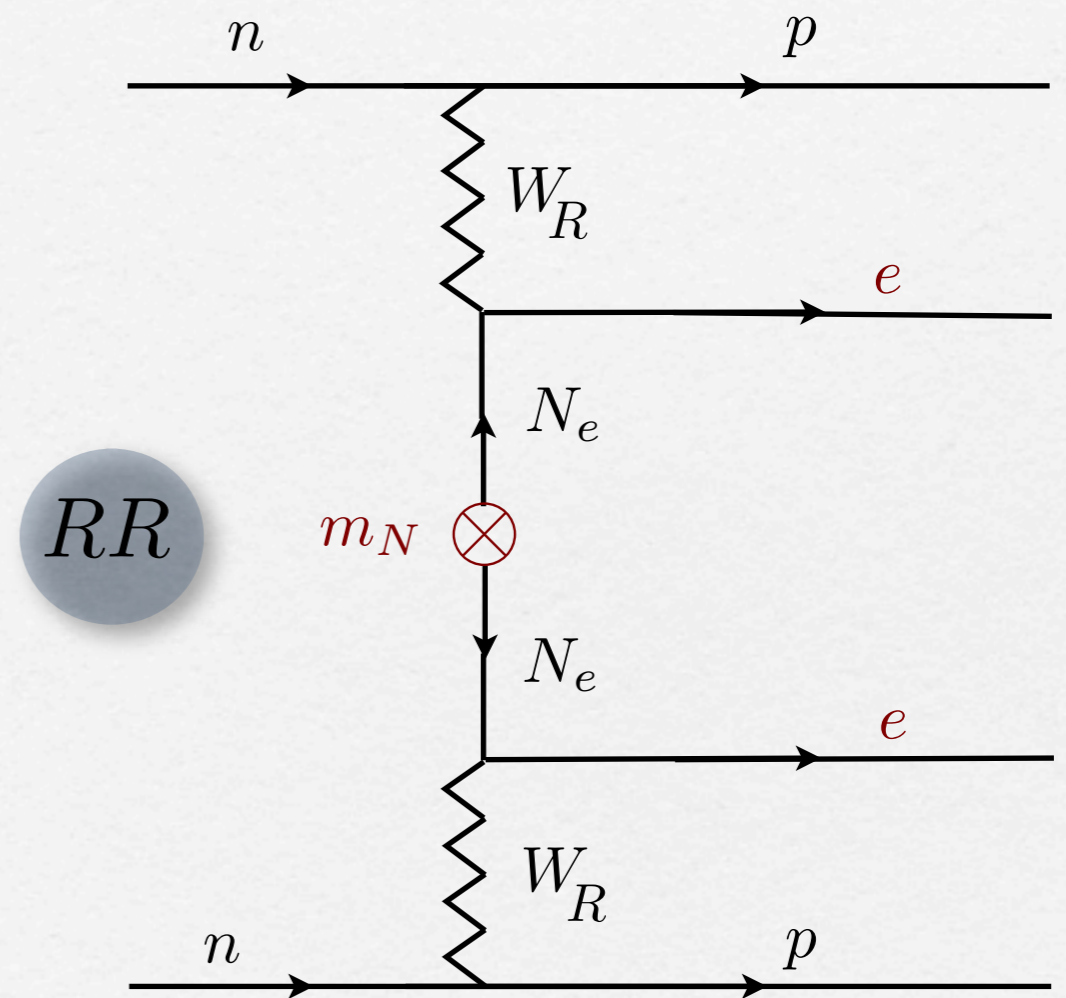


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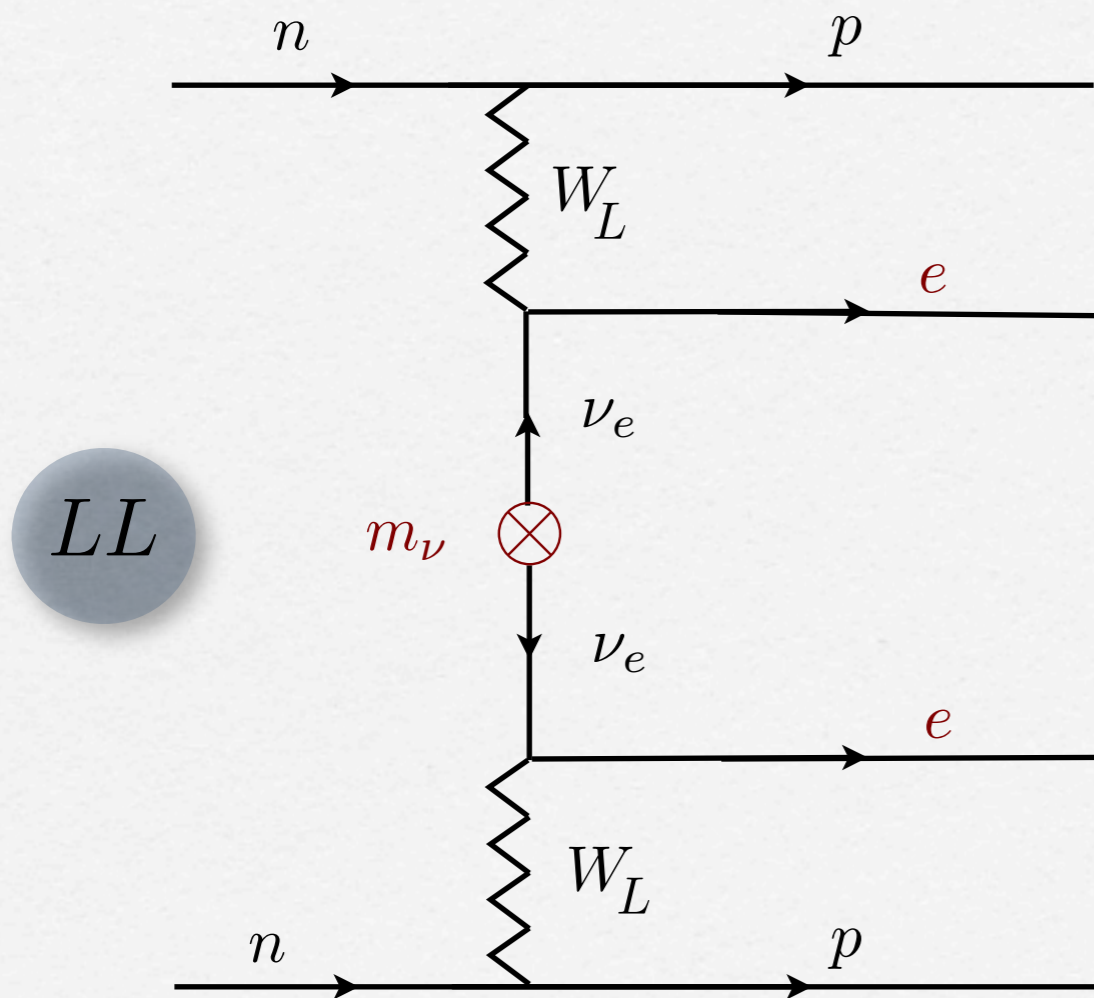
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$$RR \propto \frac{1}{M_{W_R}^4} \frac{1}{m_N}$$

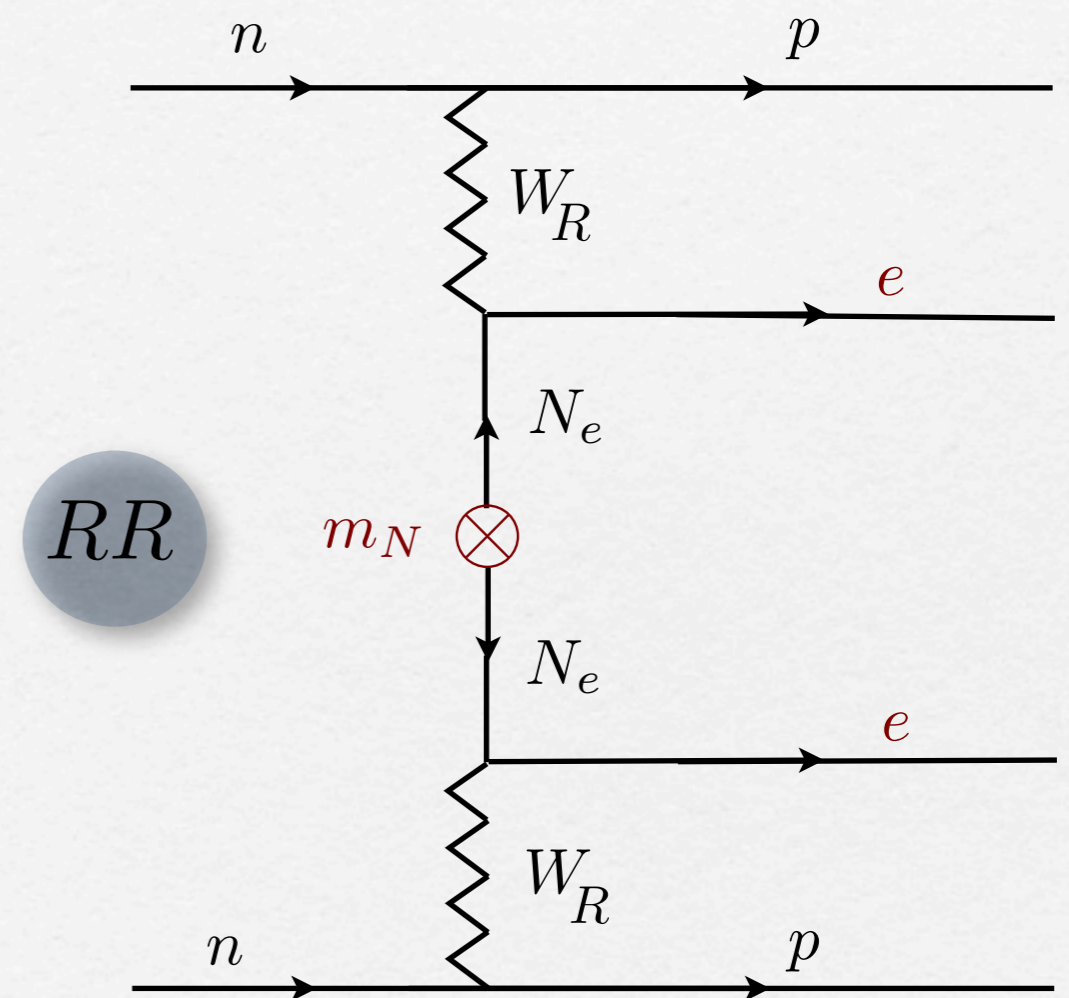


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Mohapatra, GS '81



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$$LL \propto \frac{1}{M_{W_L}^4} \frac{m_\nu}{p^2}$$

$$p \simeq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{RR}{LL} \simeq O(1)$$

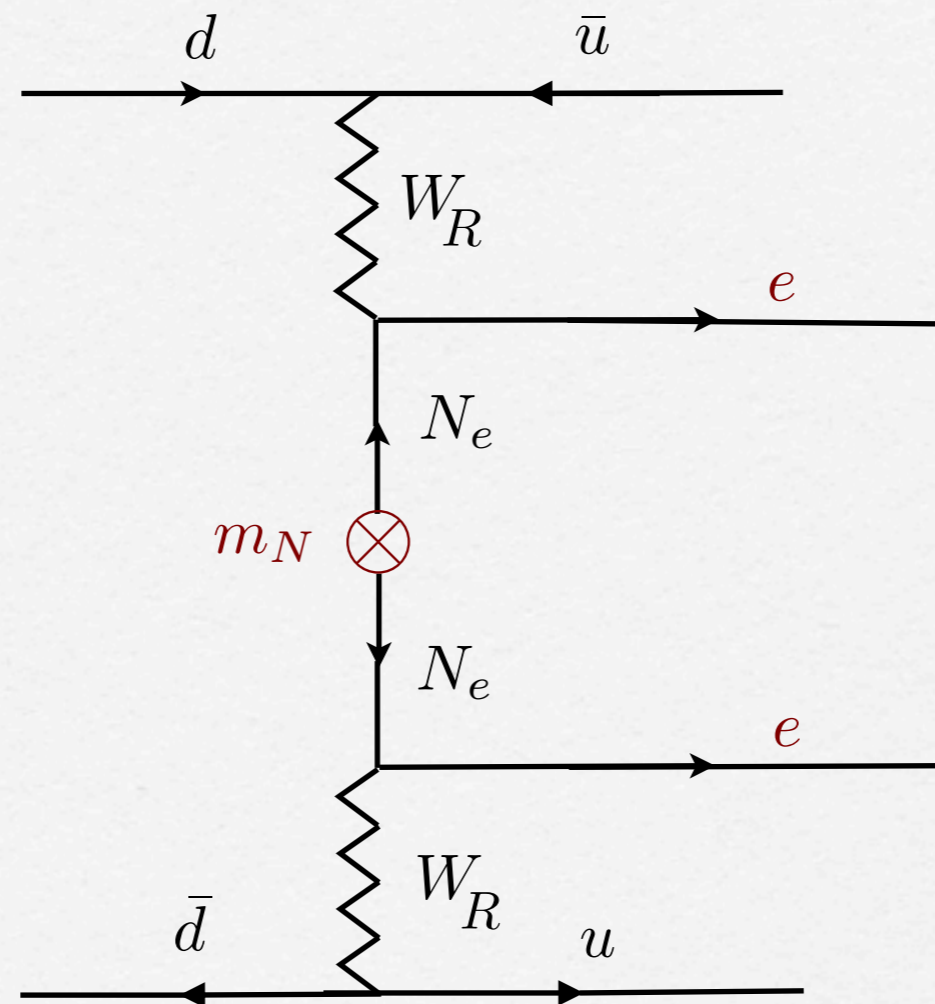
$$M_{W_R} \simeq m_N \simeq 10 M_{W_L}$$

$$m_\nu \simeq 1 \text{ eV}$$

$$RR \propto \frac{1}{M_{W_R}^4} \frac{1}{m_N}$$



Tello, Nemevsek, Nesti, GS,  
Vissani '11



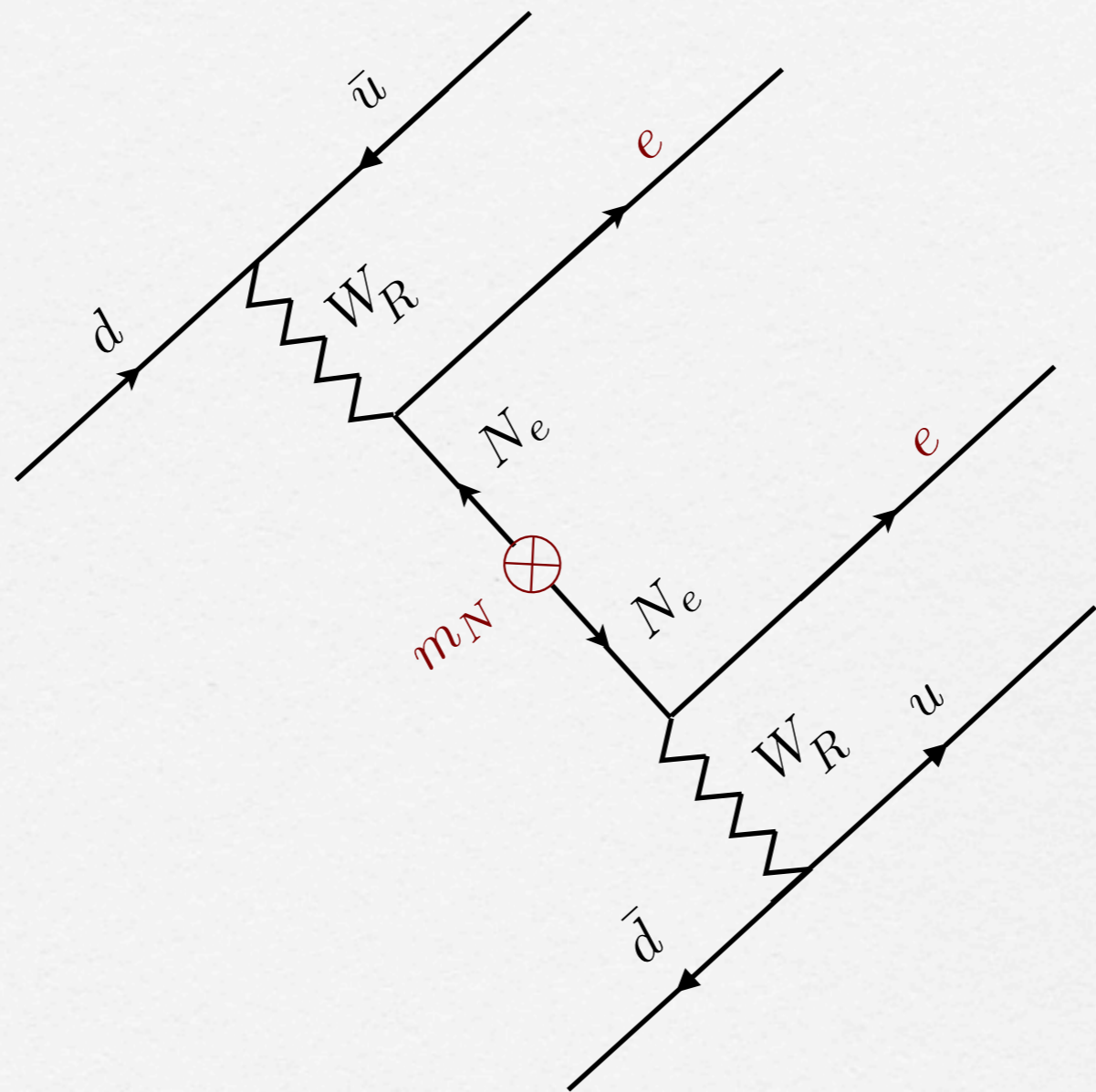
If HMBB claim true and  
neutrino mass small  
(cosmology)



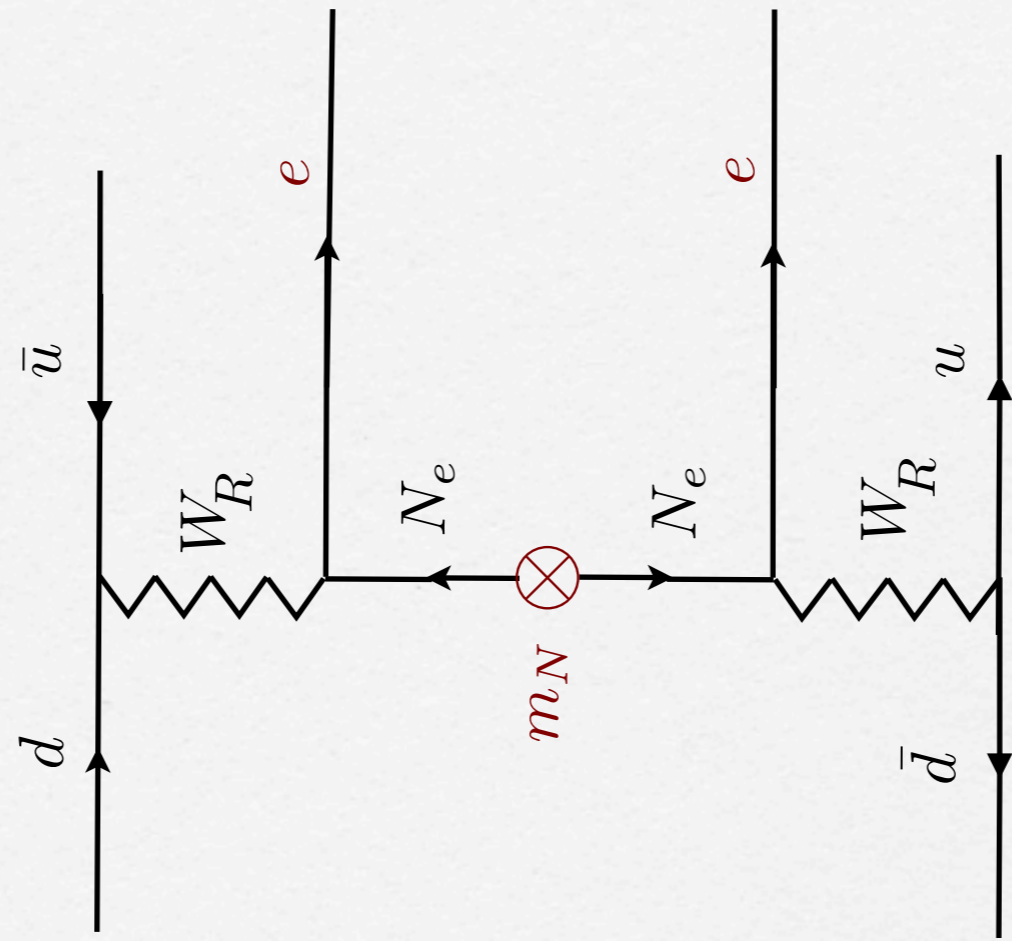
$W_R @ \text{TeV} = 1000 \text{ GeV}$

LHC energies

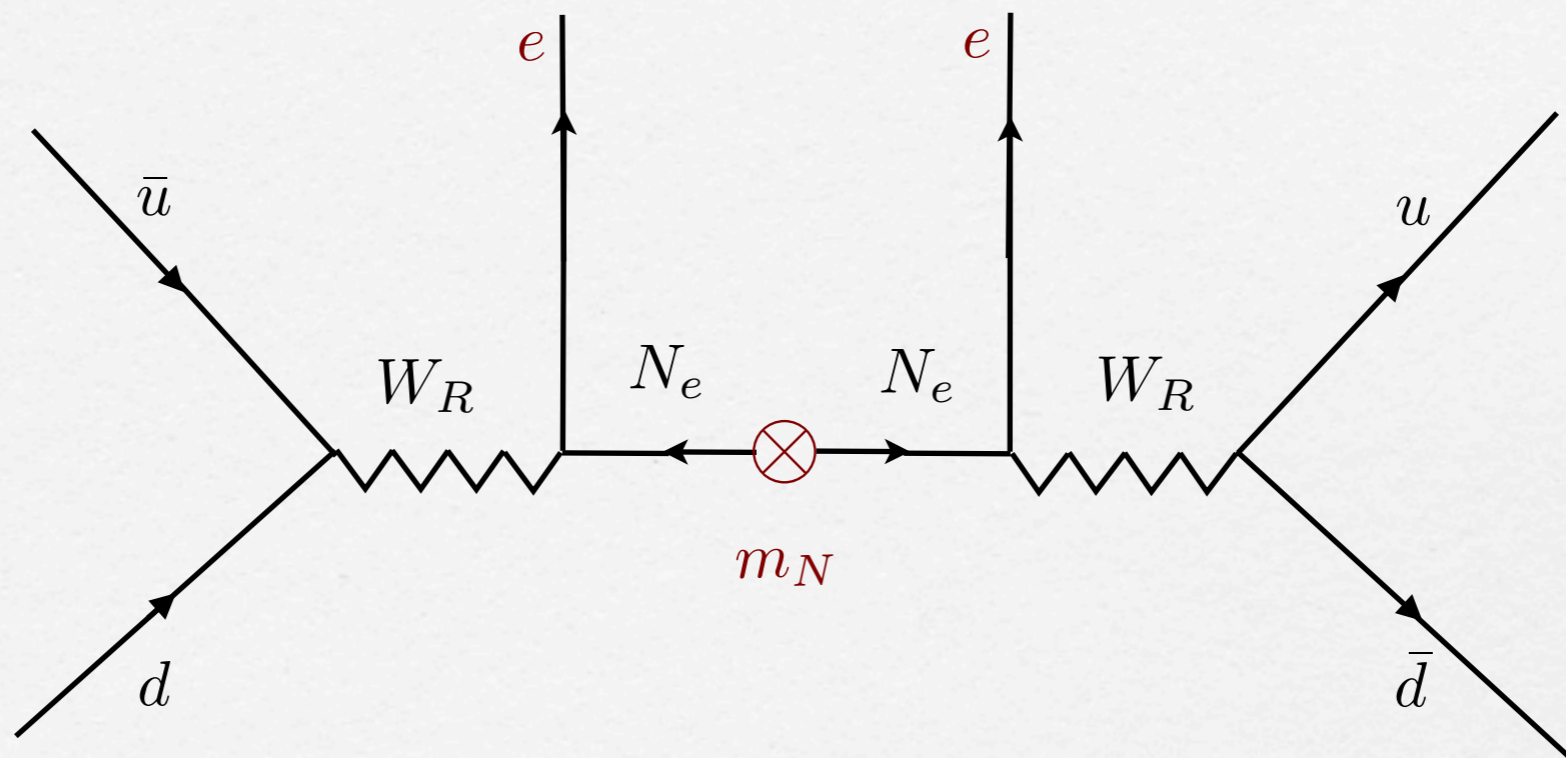






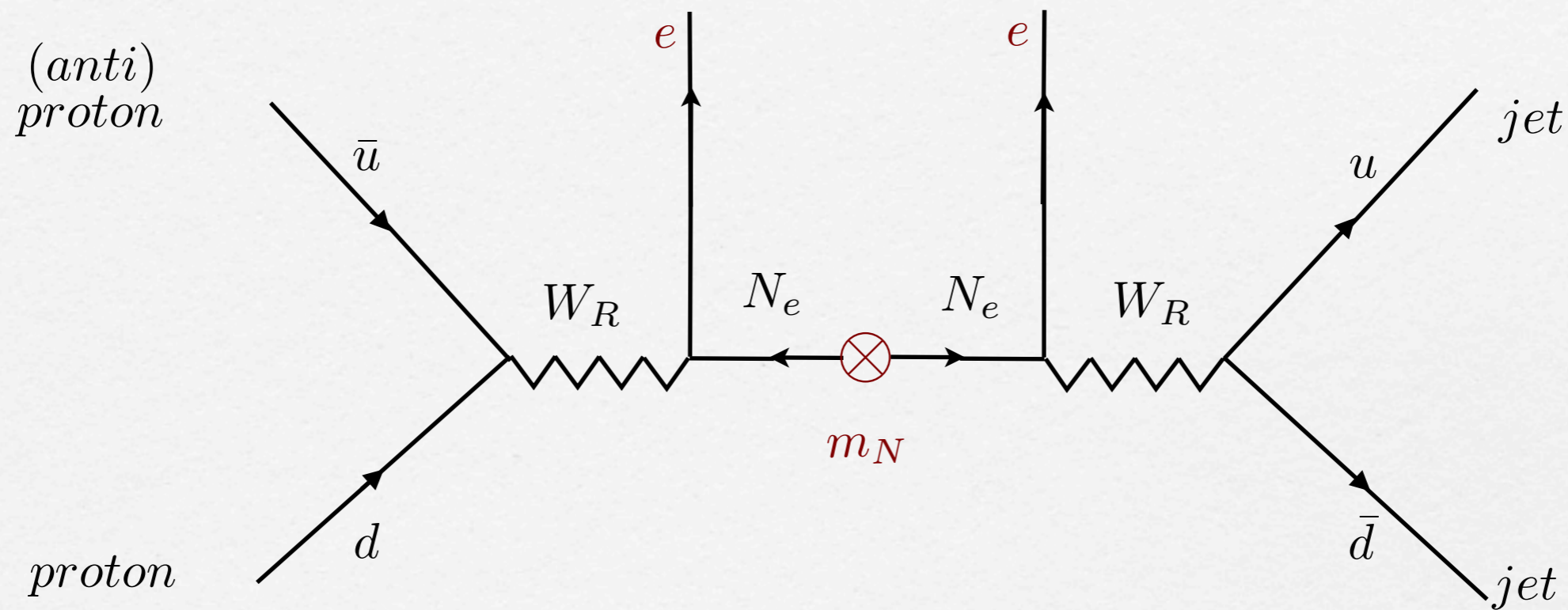








# $W_R$ production @ colliders



- Parity restoration
- electrons + jets

Keung, G.S. '83

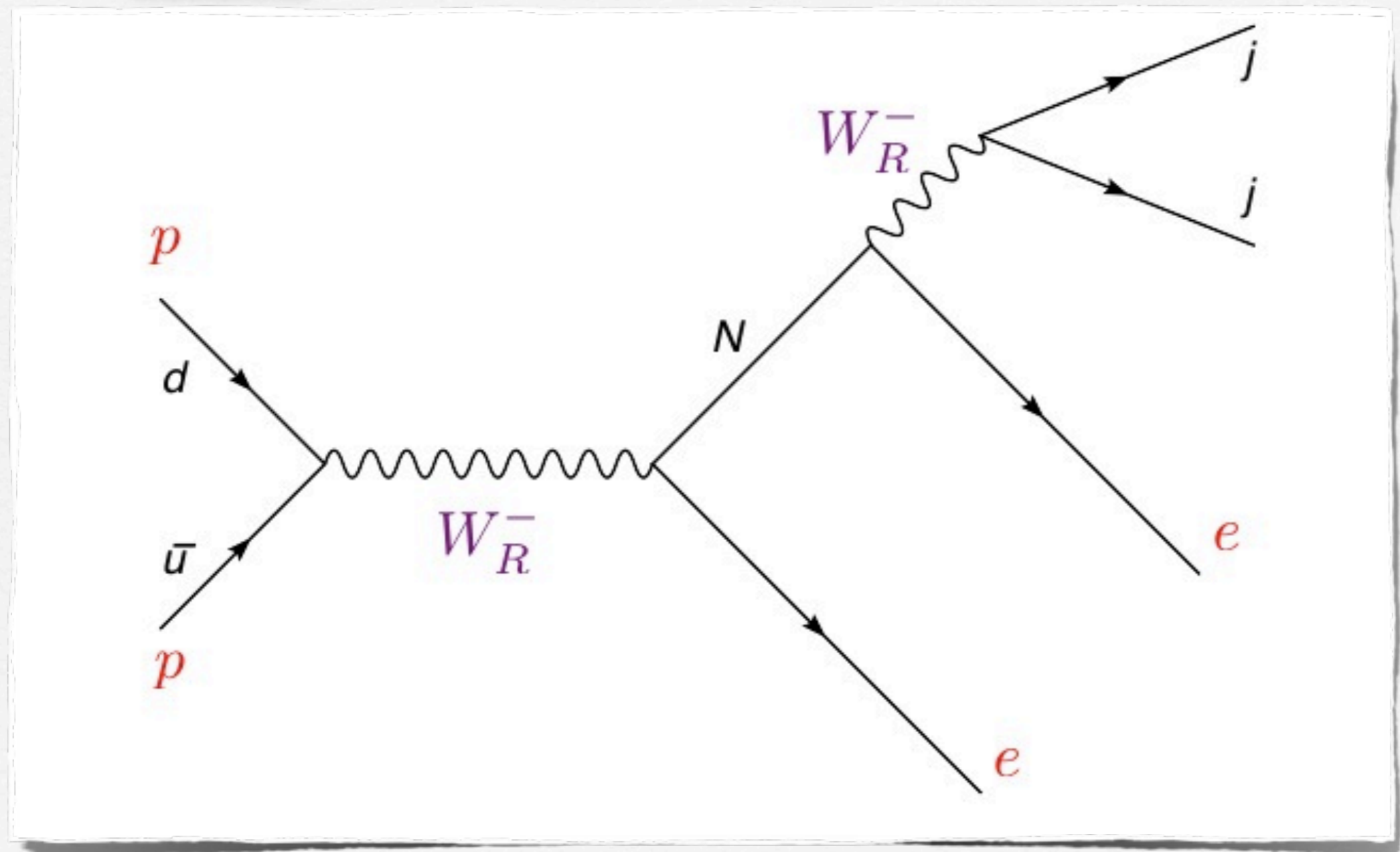


LHC

proton =  $u u d$

$$q_d = -1/3$$

$$q_u = 2/3$$



$$N = \nu_R$$

$j = \text{hadronic jet}$

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LHC air view

modern times

CERN

- 27 km
- 175 m deep



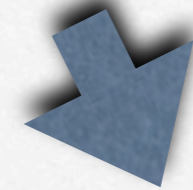
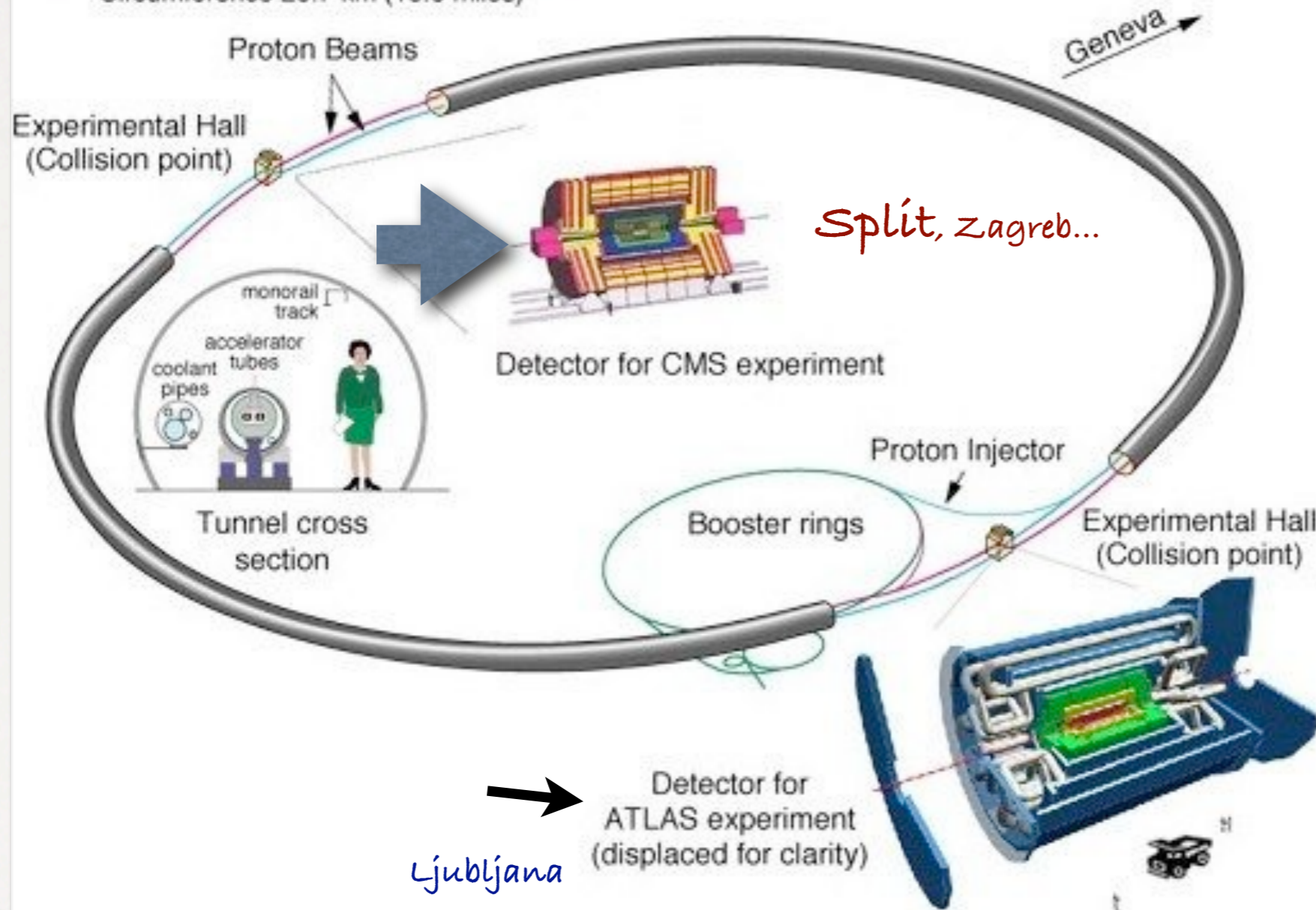


# proton - proton scattering

$$E = 3500 \text{ GeV}$$

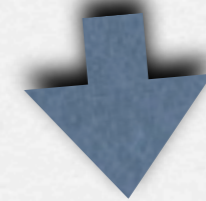
## Large Hadron Collider at CERN

Circumference 26.7 km (16.6 miles)



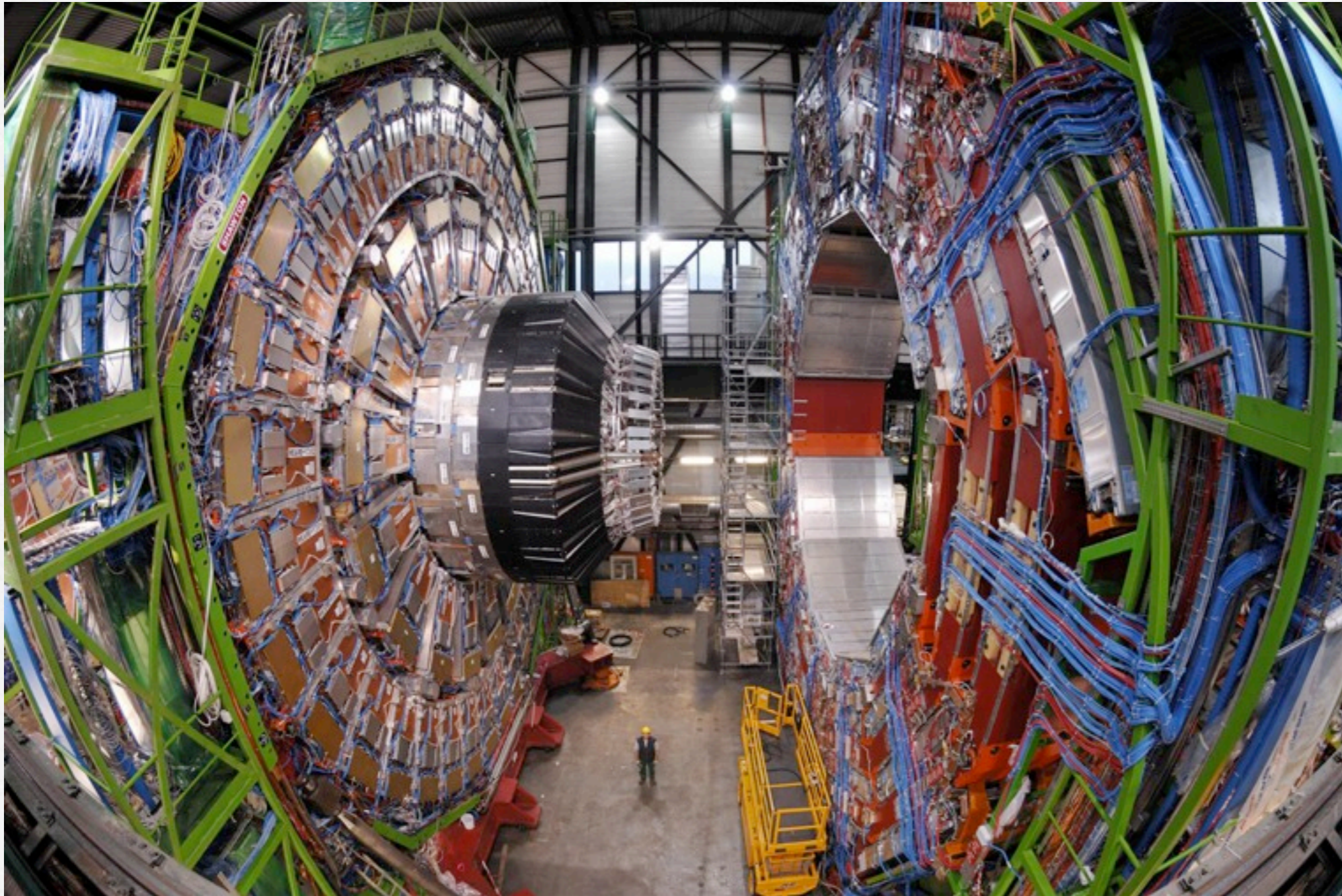
total

$$E = 7000 \text{ GeV}$$



will double





modern  
times:

3600  
people

CMS detector

Compact Muon  
Solenoid



both CMS and ATLAS:

dedicated search for  $W_R$

@ 14 TeV:

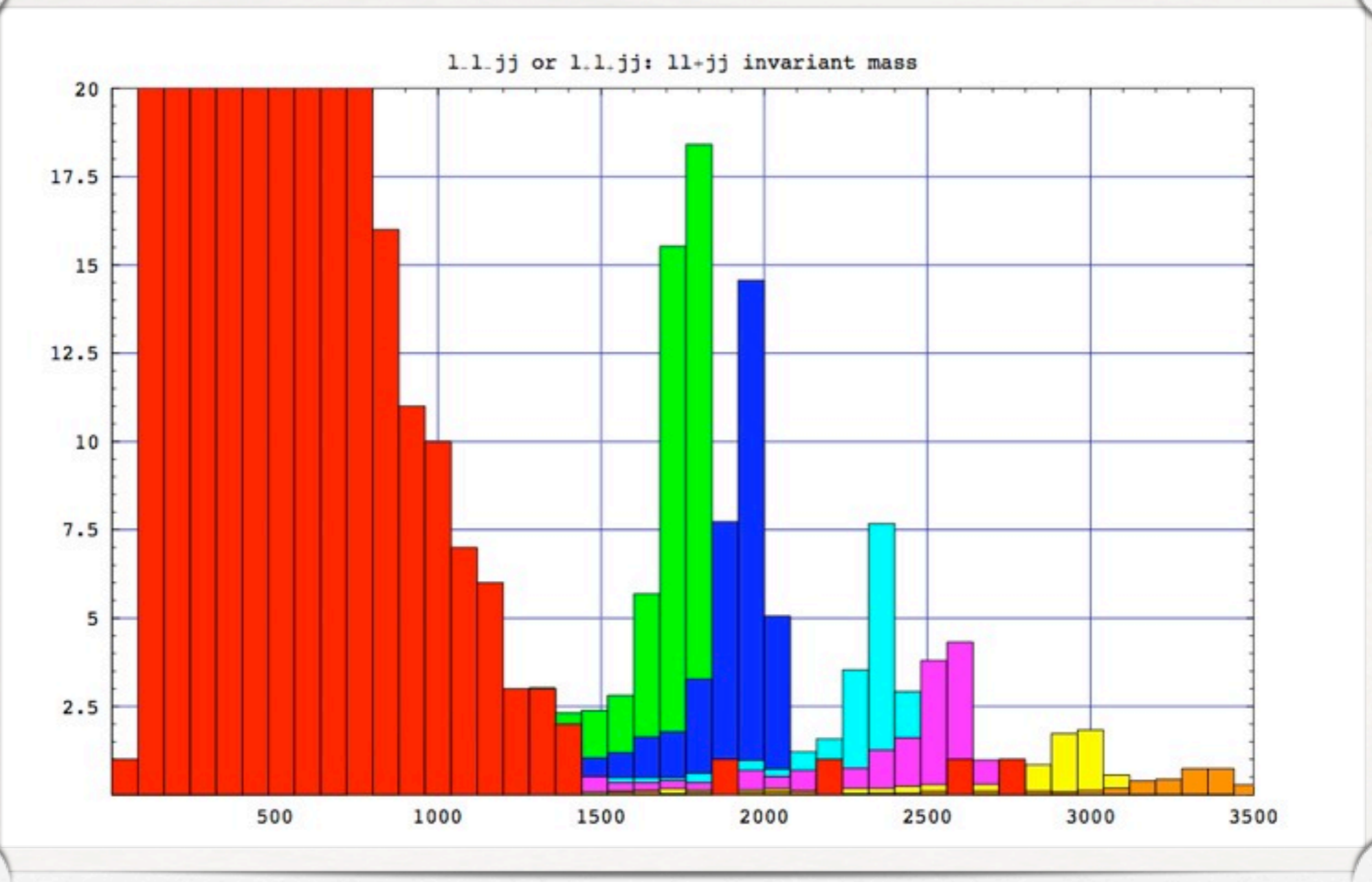
$W_R$  up to 4 TeV mass



# 14 TeV LHC

Nesti

# of events as a function of energy (GeV) for  $L = 8\text{fb}^{-1}$



red = background

peaks = mass of  $W_R$



- becoming reality as we speak,  
after two decades of waiting
- first data already here and more  
to come this year
- @  $E = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$  already a limit:

$$M_{WR} \gtrsim 1700 \text{ GeV}$$

Nemevsek, Nesti, GS, Zhang, next week



# LHC and Left-Right Symmetry

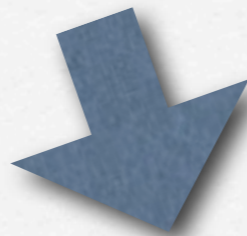
- direct test of restoration of parity
- direct production of electrons

spectacular LHC  
signatures !!



# Message:

LHC



- can probe the origin of neutrino mass
- can resolve the mystery of L-R symmetry in nature

STAY TUNED



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Thank you