# Lepton Flavour Violation ( $\nu \rightarrow BSM EFT$ )

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- 1. leptons in the Standard Model
- 2. massive neutrinos = Beyond the Standard Model!
  - add light singlet  $\nu_R$ s to SM, Dirac mass partners of  $\nu_L$ .
  - add non-renorm LNV operator  $[\ell H][\ell H]$  to  $\mathcal{L}_{SM}$
- 3.  $(m_{\nu} \text{ observables and "mechanisms"} (\neq \text{models}))$
- 4. not worry about origin of  $m_{\nu}$ ; assume leptonic NP with  $\Lambda_{NP} \gtrsim m_W$ , describable by  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$ : (only SM externallegs = neglect possibility of light  $\nu_R$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \simeq SM + maj.mass + 4ferm. + maj.mag.mo. + NS\nu I + \dots$$

$$\simeq \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{K}{4M} (\ell H)(\ell H) + h.c.$$

$$-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[ \epsilon_{\ell q(1)}^{ijpr}(\overline{\ell}_i \gamma^{\mu} \ell_j)(\overline{q}_p \gamma^{\mu} q_r) + \dots + \epsilon_{\ell \ell(1)}^{ijkn}(\overline{\ell}_i \gamma^{\mu} \ell_j)(\overline{\ell}_k \gamma_{\mu} \ell_n) + \dots + \mu_{ij} \overline{\ell}_i H \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_{Rj} B^{\mu\nu} + \left[ \frac{C}{\Lambda^3} \ell_i H \sigma_{\mu\nu} \ell_j H B^{\mu\nu} + \dots + h.c \right] + \Big[ \epsilon G_F^2([\overline{\ell} H^*] \gamma^{\mu} [H\ell])(\overline{\ell} \gamma^{\mu} \ell) + \dots + h.c \Big]$$

### Neutrino Masses — outline in more detail

- 1. leptons in the Standard Model
- 2. massive neutrinos = Beyond the Standard Model!
  - neutrino masses (majorana or dirac)
  - neutrino oscillations vaccuum (and matter?)
  - other observables:  $([m_{\nu}^2]_{ee})$ ,  $[m_{\nu}]_{ee} \leftrightarrow 0\nu 2\beta$
- 3. "mechanisms" ( $\neq$  model) for small masses
  - suppressed by a large mass scale and small couplings: the seesaw
  - suppressed by small couplings and loops:  $R_p$  violation in SUSY
  - ... more  $0\nu 2\beta$ ...
- 4. charged lepton operators of dimension 6
- 5. neutrino operators of dimension 7 and 8

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### neutrinos: shy in the lab, relevant in cosmology?(hypothetical/known neutrino activities)

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- inflation (produce large scale CMB fluctuations) (?could be driven by the sneutrino?)
- baryogenesis (excess of matter over anti-matter)via leptogenesis?
- relic density of (cold) Dark Matter (?could be (heavy) neutrinos too??? Shaposhnikov et al)
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (produce H, D,<sup>3</sup> He,<sup>4</sup> He,<sup>7</sup> Li abundances at T ~ MeV))
   ⇔ 3 species of relativistic ν in the thermal soup
- decoupling of photons  $e + p \rightarrow H$  (CMB spectrum today) cares about radiation density  $\leftrightarrow N_{\nu}, m_{\nu}$
- for  $10^{10}$  yrs —stars are born, radiate  $(\gamma, \nu)$ , and die
- supernovae explode (?thanks to  $\nu$ ?) spreading heavy elements
- 1930: Pauli hypothesises the "neutrino", to conserve E in  $n \to p + e(+\nu)$
- 1953 Reines and Cowan: neutrino CC interactions in detector near a reactor
- invention of the Standard Model (SM) : massless  $\nu$
- neutrinos have mass! There is more in the Lagrangian than the SM...
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ν REFS CAN BE FOUND AT : http://www.nu.to.infn.it/Neutrino\_Models/ ... for instance...
 mass mechs: Mohapatra+Smirnov (ARNPS 0603118), Altarelli+Feruglio(flav syms), Mukhopadhyaya (SUSY, 0301278), Grimus (0612311).
 ν pheno: Garcia-Gonzalez+Maltoni(PhysRep:0704.1800), Garcia-Gonzalez+Nir(RMP 0202058)

### Definitions and such...

I use Dirac spinors, with 4 degrees of freedom(dof) labelled by  $\{\pm E, \pm s\}$ . Chiral decomposition of  $\psi = \psi_L + \psi_R$ ,

$$\psi_L = P_L \psi \text{ avec } P_L = \frac{(1 - \gamma_5)}{2} , \quad \psi_R = P_R \psi \text{ avec } P_R = \frac{(1 + \gamma_5)}{2}$$

*not* an observable ( $\rightarrow$  helicity =  $\pm \hat{s} \cdot \hat{k} = \pm 1/2$  in relativistic limit), but  $P_{L,R}$  simple to calculate with :)

(Only) Lorentz invariant mass term:  $m\overline{\psi}\,\psi\,=\,m\overline{\psi_L}\,\psi_R\,+m\overline{\psi_R}\,\psi_L$ 

Careful about notation:  $\overline{(\psi_R)} = (\overline{\psi})_L \neq (\overline{\psi})_R$ 

Three "flavours" of neutrino :  $\nu_{\alpha} \in \{\nu_e, \nu_{\mu}, \nu_{\tau}\}$ . Mass eigenstates are  $\nu_i$ .  $\Leftrightarrow d, s, b$  are mass eigenstates, linear combinations have flavour u, c, t

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Three generations of charged leptons: LH component from SU(2) doublet shares mass with RH singlet. Reach mass eigenstate basis by diagonalising  $Z_{\ell}^{\dagger-1}Y_eZ_e^{-1}$ .

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1. **the sun** produces energy by a network of nuclear reactions, which should produce  $\nu_e$  (lines and continuum) which escape. The energy diffuses to the surface. Observed  $\nu_e$  flux  $\sim .3 \rightarrow .5$  expected from solar energy output. Flux in  $\sum$  flavours  $\sim$  expected.  $\Rightarrow$  new  $\nu$  physics (BSM!), that changes  $\nu$  flavour on way out of sun:

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u}_{\mu}$ 

- magnetic moments?
- wierd new interactions?
- masses (and mixing angles) in matter
- ...
- 2. deficit of  $\nu_{\mu}$  arriving from the earth's atmosphere, produced in cosmic ray interactions: expect  $N(\nu_{\mu} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}) \simeq 2N(\nu_{e} + \bar{\nu}_{e})$   $\mu$ see deficit of  $\nu_{\mu}, \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  from above.

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Two angles of the mixing matrix (lives in generation space. Rotates from charged lepton mass basis to neutrino mass basis). Majorana mixing matrix is U. Dirac neutrino mixing matrix is V:

$$U = V \cdot diag\{e^{-i\phi/2}, e^{-i\phi'/2}, 1\}$$

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$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.92 \quad \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.87 \pm 0.03 \quad \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \le 0.19$$
$$\theta_{23} \simeq \pi/4 \qquad \theta_{12} \simeq \pi/6 \qquad \theta_{13} \le .2$$

 $\delta, \phi, \phi'$  unknown —CPV in lepton sector not observed (yet):

 $\star$  :Neutrino oscillations can be sensitive to  $\delta$  ( $\nu$ Fact?).

\* ...or: triple products ( $\vec{p} \times \vec{k} \times \vec{s} \leftrightarrow$  kinematic asymmetries) can be sensitive to  $\text{Im}C_X$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$  of LFV...

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$$\simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$

$$s_{23} \simeq c_{23} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad c_{23} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad s_{23} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

can choose various locations for phases : as above, on  $s_{ij}...$ 

relating different locations for 3 phases King,JHEP,2002

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 ⇒ can write a fermion number non-conserving mass term using just 2 dof of ν<sub>L</sub>. No new fields, but lepton number violating mass. With multiple generations, [m]<sub>αβ</sub> will be a symmetric matrix Exercise: check this. In full SM:

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + \frac{K}{4M} (\ell H) (\ell H) + h.c. \rightarrow \frac{m}{2} \nu_L \nu_L + h.c. \quad , \quad m = \frac{K}{2M} \langle H_0 \rangle^2$$

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$$\begin{split} \psi &= \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} , \ \{\gamma^{\alpha}\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &\{\sigma_i\} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \psi^c &= -i\gamma_0\gamma_2\bar{\psi}^T = -i\gamma_0\gamma_2\gamma_0\psi^* = i\gamma_2^*\psi^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L^* \\ \psi_R^* \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \psi$$

 $\Rightarrow$  with *only* the 2 dof of a chiral fermion, can write mass term:

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 $(1/2s \text{ for id fields in } \mathcal{L}: \frac{m}{2}\nu_L\nu_L + h.c., \frac{K}{4M}(\ell H)\ell H) + h.c.; \text{ like for real scalar masses})$ 

### Majorana mass matrix is symmetric

Can write a majorana mass term (one generation) as

$$rac{1}{2}m[\overline{
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With multiple generations,  $[m]_{\alpha\beta}$  will be a *symmetric* matrix:

$$\frac{1}{2}\nu_{L\alpha}[m]_{\alpha\beta}\nu_{L\beta} + h.c. = \frac{1}{2}\nu_{L\alpha}[U^*U^TmUU^{\dagger}]_{\alpha\beta}\nu_{L\beta} + h.c. = \frac{1}{2}\nu_{Li}m_i\nu_{Li} + h.c.$$

Yes! fermion fields anti-commute. But for  $\rho, \sigma$  spinor indices,  $\nu_{Li}^{\rho} \varepsilon_{\rho\sigma} \nu_{Lj}^{\sigma} = -\nu_{Lj}^{\sigma} \varepsilon_{\rho\sigma} \nu_{Li}^{\rho} = \nu_{Lj}^{\sigma} \varepsilon_{\sigma\rho} \nu_{Li}^{\rho} mm^{\dagger}$ hermitian, obtain U from  $U^T mm^{\dagger} U^* = D_m^2$ . U called PMNS matrix (for Pontecorvo, Maki, Nakagawa and Sakata) :  $U_{PMNS}$ .

reminder about the Dirac mass matrix (if added 3  $\nu_R$  to the SM): arbitrary 3 × 3 matrix (like other SM Yukawa couplings). In charged lepton mass eigenstate basis for  $\nu_L \equiv$  "flavour basis" (indices  $\alpha, \beta...$ ), diagonalise with independent transformations on SU(2) doublet/singlet indices:

$$\overline{\nu_L}_{\alpha}[m]_{\alpha b}\nu_{Rb} + \overline{\nu_R}_b [m]^*_{b\alpha}\nu_{L\alpha} = \overline{\nu_L}_{\alpha}[V_L^*V_L^T m V_R^* V_R^T]_{ab}\nu_{Rb} + h.c = \overline{\nu_L}_j m_j \nu_{Rj} + h.c$$

 $mm^{\dagger}$  hermitian, obtain  $V_L$  from  $V_L^T mm^{\dagger}V_L^* = D_m^2$ . (real eigenvals for hermitian matrices).

### Tangent—diagonalising a Majorana mass matrix

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### But... how to get the eigenvalues?

For hermitian matrices (like  $MM^{\dagger}$ ), have "characteristic equation":

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{\dagger}\vec{v}_{i}-\left|m_{i}\right|^{2}\mathbf{I}\vec{v}_{i}=0$$

which allows to obtain eigenvals from det[MM<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> -  $|m_i|^2$  I ] = 0.

Naively, this reasoning does not work when you start from

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so ... get absolute values of eigenvals from  $\mathbf{MM}^{\dagger}$ . For non-degen eigenvals, can also use eigenvectors —but—careful, masses  $\in C$ .

For degen eigenvals of  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{\dagger}$ : get eigenvectors using  $\mathbf{M}$  rather than  $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{\dagger}$ ; extra phases can matter. Ex: its not the same to diagonalise  $M^{\dagger}M = V^{\dagger}D_{M}^{2}V$ , or  $M = U^{T}D_{M}U$ 

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & M_1 e^{i\phi} \\ M_1 e^{i\phi} & 0 \end{bmatrix} , \qquad M^{\dagger}M = \begin{bmatrix} M_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & M_1^2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad M_1 \in \Re$$

#### **Exercises**

1. For  $m_1, m_D, m_2 \in \mathbf{Re}$ , and  $\neq 0$ , show that the phases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can be removed from the Majorana mass matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 e^{i\alpha} & m_D e^{i\phi} \\ m_D e^{i\phi} & m_2 e^{i\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

by a phase redefin on the fields. Show that the combination  $2\phi - \alpha - \beta$  is not removeable.

2. Obtain the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

$$M=\left[egin{array}{cc} m_1&m_De^{i\phi}\ m_De^{i\phi}&m_1\end{array}
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for the cases :

- m<sub>1</sub> = m<sub>D</sub>, φ ≠ π/2 (Hint: obtain eigenvals and eigenvectors of MM<sup>†</sup>, then check whether the eigenvectors work for M. What eigenvaluess are they associated to?)
- $m_1 = 0, \phi = 0$

This is a "dirac" fermion mass matrix. Conclude that a Dirac fermion is two mass-degen Majorana fermions.

•  $m_1 = m_D, \phi = \pi/2$ 

(degenerate eigenvals... recall that the familiar eqn for the eigenvector  $\vec{v_i}$  of a hermitian matrix :  $H\vec{v_i} = h_i\vec{v_i}$ , can be obtained from the diagonalisation of H using unitary matrices:  $VHV^{\dagger} = diag\{h_i\}$ . Obtain the corresponding eigenvector eqn for a symmetric matrix from  $UMU^T = diag\{m_i\}$ , then use it to get the eigenvectors of M.)

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Now, for relativistic  $\nu$ ,  $ET \simeq \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}T \simeq pT + m^2L/2E$ , so for nicely normalised Dirac spinors

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E is  $\nu$  energy, L is distance from source- detector.

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  - $\nu$  can travel distance L before interacting (quarks have strong/electromagnetic interactions)
- 2. We only observed FCNC. Incident neutrinos, in a single mass eigenstate, are hard to obtain (astro sources?) ...so FCCC hard
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- "Solar" neutrinos (survival of  $\nu_e$  over  $L \leftrightarrow (m_2^2 m_1^2)/2E$ ): 2  $\nu$  approx works because  $\theta_{13}$  is small ( $U_{e3} = sin\theta_{13}$ ):

$$\mathcal{A}_{ee} = |U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{-i(m_2^2 - m_1^2)\tau/(2E)} + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{-i(m_3^2 - m_1^2)L/(2E)}$$
$$\simeq |U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{-i(m_2^2 - m_1^2)\tau/(2E)}$$

## **Exercise:** atmospheric neutrino disappearance

- 1. In three generations, obtain a formula for the  $u_{\mu}$  survival probability.
- 2. Simplify assuming that oscillations associated to the "solar" mass difference  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  can be neglected (why?)
- 3. For atmospheric  $\nu_{\mu}$  energies  $\sim 100 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow 100 \text{ GeV}$ , what is the lengthscale of oscillations? (Answer should be consistent with angular dependence of  $\nu_{\mu}$  flux @ SK).

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But... $E_e = Q + m_{\nu}$ (recall for  ${}^{3}H \rightarrow {}^{3}He + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ ,  $E_e \leq Q - m_{\nu}$ )

So...if ever resolution better than  $m_{\nu}$ ...

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Single  $\beta$  decay kinematically forbidden for some nuclei (eg  $^{76}_{32}Ge$  lighter than  $^{76}_{33}As$ , so  $^{76}_{32}Ge \rightarrow ^{76}_{34}Se + ee\bar{\nu}_e\bar{\nu}_e$ .  $\tau \sim 10^{21}$  yrs)





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for majorana neutrinos, or other LNV, but not Dirac neutrinos.

NB: if L not conserved, then massive  $\nu$  are majorana. Because a "Dirac fermion" = 2 mass-degen Majorana fermions, and at some loop order, the LNV will contribute an "majorana" mass term that splits them.



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... appearance of the majorana phases! but:  $\propto m_{\nu}^2$ , and  $\pm 3?$  from nuclear matrix element

(Exercise: find other processes sensitive to other majorana masses. Publish if they could be measured in your lifetime. )

## What can we learn?

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Determine mass hierarchy at a  $\nu$  beam.

• Inverse hierarchy (  $m_1 \sim m_2 > m_3$ ): observe at  $|m_{ee}| \sim m_{atm}$ , OR neutrinos are Dirac

• Hierarchical ( $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$ ): observe at  $|m_{ee}| \sim m_{sol}$ , if  $m_1$  negligeable, BUT can vanish for  $m_1 \sim m_{sol}/3$ 



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- 2. Avogadro's number is big  $(N_A \simeq \# \text{ atoms in 12g of } C, \sim \# \text{ nucleons/g}, \simeq 6 \times 10^{23})$ :  $0\nu 2\beta$  may occur  $10^{-16}$  times in the age of the Universe, you can still see it if you watch a tonne of material for a year.

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**Puzzle 2:**  $\nu_R$  is gauge singlet, why does it not have a majorana mass? (not forbidden by SM gauge symmetries...)

• Put a symmetry. Such as lepton number L, or B - L.

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 $\Rightarrow$  eigenvectors  $\simeq$  :  $u_L$  with  $m_
u \sim rac{m_D^2}{M}$  , N with mass  $\sim M$ 

But what happened to 2s? To get  $\frac{m_{\nu}}{2} \nu_L \nu_L + h.c.$ , with  $m_{\nu} = m_D^2/M$ , from the effective Lagrangian  $\frac{K}{4M}(\ell H)(\ell H) + h.c.$ , need

$$\frac{K}{4M} \langle H_o \rangle^2 = \frac{\lambda^2 \langle H_o \rangle^2}{2M}$$

# Diagrammatically



 $= \frac{\lambda_D^2}{M}$  $= \frac{2\lambda_D^2}{M}$ 

2s work!



#### The See-Saw in three generations

• in the charged lepton ("flavour") and  $N(=\nu_R)$  mass bases, at large energy scale  $\gg M_i$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \lambda_{\alpha J}^* \overline{\ell}_{lpha} \cdot HN_J - \frac{1}{2} \overline{N_J} M_J N_J^{\alpha}$$



• at the weak scale, get effective light neutrino mass matrix

12 parameters:  $m_e, m_\mu, m_ au, m_1, m_2, m_3$  $\lambda M^{-1} \lambda^{
m T} \langle H^0 \rangle^2 = [m_
u] = U^* D_m U^\dagger$  6 in  $U_{MNS}$ 

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| SUSY with L cons  | $\rightarrow$ | SUSY with L NOT cons.   | Superpotential   |
|---|---------------|---|--|
| $\mu[	ilde{h}_d	ilde{h}_u]$                                 | $\rightarrow$ | $\epsilon_lpha [\ell_lpha {	ilde h}_u] \ forget \ this$         | $\epsilon_{lpha}[L_{lpha}H_u]$                             |
| $\mathbf{h}^e_{\alpha}[\ell_{\alpha}H_d](e_{R\alpha})^c$    | $\rightarrow$ | $\lambda_{lphaeta ho} [\ell_lpha 	ilde{\ell}_eta] (e_{R ho})^c$ | $\lambda_{lphaeta ho} [L_{lpha}L_{eta}] E^c_ ho$           |
| $\mathbf{h}_{\alpha}^{d}[q_{\alpha}H_{d}](d_{R\alpha})^{c}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\lambda'_{lphaeta ho}[q_lpha	ilde{\ell}_eta](d_{R ho})^c$      | $\lambda_{slpha t}^{\prime}[Q_{s}L_{lpha}]D_{t}^{\dot{c}}$ |

where **h** SM Yukawa coupling,  $H_i(\tilde{h}_i)$  the MSSM Higgses (higgsinos), [...] SU(2) weak contraction

In SUSY, if *not* impose lepton number conservation, can have *renormalisable* lepton number violating interactions, constrained by contributions to  $m_{\nu}$ , FCNC, etc. Also make LSP decay, and can put renorm B violation that allows proton decay.

#### $m_{\nu}$ in RPV —diagrams

Consider lepton number violating interactions:

$$\lambda_{\alpha\tau}^{\tau}[\nu_{\alpha}\tilde{\tau}_{L}](\tau_{R})^{c} + \lambda_{\alpha\tau}^{\tau}[\nu_{\alpha}\tau_{L}](\tilde{\tau}_{R})^{c} + \lambda_{b\alpha}^{\prime b}[\tilde{b}_{L}\nu_{\alpha}](b_{R})^{c} + \lambda_{b\alpha}^{\prime b}[b_{L}\nu_{\alpha}](\tilde{b}_{R})^{c}$$

One-loop contributions to  $[\ell_{\alpha}H_u][\ell_{\beta}H_d^*], [\ell_{\alpha}H_d^*][\ell_{\beta}H_d^*] \rightarrow [m_{\nu}]\nu_{L\alpha}\nu_{L\beta}$ :



For affictionados: note that RPV generates D-terms like  $\ell H_u \ell H_d^*$ , not F-term  $\ell H_u \ell H_u$ 

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where  $(Q \sim \text{MeV})$ , and



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Whereas  $R_p$  contribution directly (powercounting):

$$\mathcal{M}_{0\nu2\beta}(directe) \sim \left(\frac{1}{m_{\tilde{e}}^2}\right)^2 \frac{\lambda_{1e}^{\prime d} \lambda_{1e}^{\prime d} g^2}{m_{\chi}}$$

 $\tilde{e}_{L}$  g  $e_{L}$ 

 $\frac{\mathcal{M}_{0\nu 2\beta}(m_{\nu})}{\mathcal{M}_{0\nu 2\beta}(directe)} \sim G_{F}^{2} m_{\tilde{e}}^{4} \frac{3g^{2}}{16\pi^{2}} \frac{m_{d}^{2}}{Q^{2}} \lesssim 1 \qquad (\text{for } m_{SUSY} \sim A \sim \mu \sim m_{\chi})$ Moral: despite  $m_{ee}/Q^{2}$  amplification of  $m_{\nu}$  contribution, dominant contribution from BSM could come from "direct" diagrams.