

TeV Seesaw Mechanisms and $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -Decay

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NEUTRINO MASSES AND MIXING

Experiments with *solar, atmospheric, reactor* and *accelerator* neutrinos



Flavour Neutrino Oscillations



- at least two mass eigenstates ν_j with masses $m_j \neq 0$
- existence of neutrino mixing:

$$\nu_{\ell L}(x) = \sum_j (U_{\text{PMNS}})_{\ell j} \nu_{jL}(x), \quad \ell = e, \mu, \tau$$

NEUTRINO MASSES AND MIXING

- The left-handed fields $\nu_{\ell L}(x)$ enter into the charged current and neutral current weak interactions
- Data on the invisible Z decay width \implies 3 flavour active neutrinos $\nu_{\ell L}$, $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$
- The number of mass eigenstate ν_j can be larger than 3 (*sterile neutrinos* ?), but at least 3 of the ν_j should be “light”:

$$m_{1,2,3} < 1 \text{ eV and } m_1 \neq m_2 \neq m_3$$

- ${}^3\text{H}$ β -decay experiments and astrophysical observations



$$m_j \lesssim 0.5 \text{ eV} \quad m_j/m_{\ell,q} \lesssim 10^{-6}$$

- Two important questions:
 1. a new fundamental “heavy” mass scale Λ in particle physics ?
 2. are neutrinos Majorana or Dirac particles ?

SEE-SAW MECHANISMS

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$$\frac{c_{\ell\ell'}}{\Lambda} \left(\overline{L_{\ell}^c} \tilde{\phi}^* \right) \left(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger} L_{\ell'} \right) + \text{H.c.}$$

$$L_{\ell}(x) = (\nu_{\ell L}(x), \ell_L(x)) , \quad \tilde{\phi}(x) = i\tau_2 \phi(x)$$



Three possible extensions of the SM. Tree-level exchange of new “heavy” particles:

1. Type I See-Saw scenario: *SM-singlet fermions*
2. Type II See-Saw scenario: *SU(2)-triplet scalars*
3. Type III See-Saw scenario: *SU(2)-triplet fermions*

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see-saw mechanism is underconstrained

The Majorana nature of the active light neutrinos ν_j can be revealed in experiments searching for $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decays of even-even nuclei

The see-saw scenarios can be directly tested if the mass scale of the exchanged particles is accessible at colliders

SEE-SAW MECHANISMS

- In type I and type III see-saw scenarios the neutral heavy fermion fields involved in the generation of light neutrino masses are *Majorana particles*
- The Majorana nature of the heavy fermions of TeV scale see-saw mechanisms can be established in principle in experiments with high energy accelerators, e.g. LHC
- Strong constraints on the $|\Delta L| = 2$ processes associated with the production and decay cross sections of the Majorana heavy fields are imposed by the *light neutrino mass scale* and the experimental upper limit on the $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay rate

A.Ibarra, E.M., S.T.Petcov, JHEP 1009:108, 2010

TYPE I SEE-SAW SCENARIO

- See-Saw scenarios with *two mass scales* (M_D , M_R):

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu = -\overline{\nu_{\ell L}} (M_D)_{\ell a} \nu_{aR} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nu_{aL}^C} (M_N)_{ab} \nu_{bR} + \text{H.c.}$$

- A Majorana mass term for LH flavour fields $\nu_{\ell L}(x)$ is generated by the interplay between the Dirac (M_D) and Majorana (M_N) mass terms of RH neutrino singlets $\nu_{aR}(x)$, $a = 1, \dots, k$.
- Neutrino mass eigenstates (χ_i, N_j) , $i = 1, 2, 3$, $j = 1, \dots, k$:

$$\Omega^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 3} & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_N \end{pmatrix} \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} U^* \hat{m} U^\dagger & \mathbf{0}_{3 \times k} \\ \mathbf{0}_{k \times 3} & V^* \hat{M} V^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{m} = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3) \quad \hat{M} = \text{diag}(M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k)$$

TYPE I SEE-SAW SCENARIO

Hierarchy between the mass scales of M_D and M_N :

$$\Omega = \exp \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 3} & R \\ -R^\dagger & \mathbf{0}_{k \times k} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} - \frac{1}{2}RR^\dagger & R \\ -R^\dagger & \mathbf{1} - \frac{1}{2}R^\dagger R \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(R^3)$$

$$m_\nu \cong -(RV)^* \hat{M} (RV)^\dagger \cong -M_D M_N^{-1} M_D^T$$

$$V^* \hat{M} V^\dagger \simeq M_N (1 + \mathcal{O}(R^2))$$

- *Standard type I see-saw scenario:*

$$M_D \approx 100 \text{ GeV and } m_j \approx 0.05 \text{ eV} \implies M_j \approx 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

- *Alternative see-saw scenarios:*

$$M_j = 100 \div 1000 \text{ GeV} \implies \text{approx. conserved lepton charge,}$$

Branco, Grimus, Lavoura, 1989

inverse see-saw models or “large” fine tuning of neutrino Yukawa couplings

Possibility of testing the see-saw mechanism at colliders

TEV SCALE TYPE I SEE-SAW SCENARIO

- The mixing of the heavy (RH) Majorana neutrinos with the LH flavour neutrinos is constrained by low energy data (*neutrino oscillations, lepton universality tests, . . . , and $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay*)
- CC and NC weak interactions of *light* Majorana neutrinos χ_j :

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^\nu = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\alpha ((1 + \eta)U)_{\ell j} \chi_{jL} W^\alpha + \text{H.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC}^\nu = -\frac{g}{2c_w} \bar{\chi}_{iL} \gamma_\alpha (U^\dagger(1 + \eta + \eta^\dagger)U)_{ij} \chi_{jL} Z^\alpha$$

- CC and NC interactions of *heavy* Majorana fields N_k :

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^N = -\frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\alpha (RV)_{\ell k} (1 - \gamma_5) N_k W^\alpha + \text{H.c.},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC}^N = -\frac{g}{4c_w} \bar{\nu}_{\ell L} \gamma_\alpha (RV)_{\ell k} (1 - \gamma_5) N_k Z^\alpha + \text{H.c.}$$

TEV SCALE TYPE I SEE-SAW SCENARIO

- Deviation from unitarity of neutrino mixing matrix

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = (\mathbf{1} + \eta)U:$$

$$\eta = -\frac{1}{2}RR^\dagger$$

$$|\eta_{ij}| \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \quad \text{Antusch, Baumann, Fernandez-Martinez, 2009}$$

Antusch, Biggio, Fernandez-Martinez, Gavela, Lopez-Pavon, 2006

- The mixing of the heavy Majorana fields N_j is constrained by the light neutrino mass scale:

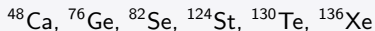
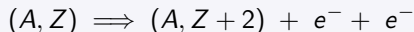
$$\boxed{\sum_k |(RV)_{\ell'k}^* M_k (RV)_{k\ell}^\dagger| \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}, \ell', \ell = e, \mu, \tau}$$

del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, Pittau, 2006; Kersten, Smirnov, 2007; Xing, 2009

- Barring accidental cancellations:

$$|(RV)_{\ell k}| \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{M_R} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \ell = e, \mu, \tau, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY



- The decay rate of the nucleus is: $\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} \propto |(m_\nu)_{\text{eff}}|^2$:

$$|(m_\nu)_{\text{eff}}| \cong \left| \sum_i (U_{\text{PMNS}})_{ei}^2 m_i - \sum_k F(A, M_k) (RV)_{ek}^2 M_k \right|$$

- From the see-saw mass relation:

$$|(m_\nu)_{\text{eff}}| \cong \left| \sum_k (RV)_{ek}^2 M_k (1 + F(A, M_k)) \right|$$

- The function $F(A, M_k)$ exhibits a rather weak dependence on A :

Haxton, Stephenson, 1984; Blennow, Fernandez-Martinez, Lopez-Pavon, Menendez, 2010

$$F(A, M_k) \cong \left(\frac{M_a}{M_k} \right)^2 f(A)$$

$$M_a \cong 0.9 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_k \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}, \quad f(A) \approx 10^{-2} \div 10^{-1}$$

CASE OF A BROKEN SYMMETRY

$$M_D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_{e2}^D & m_{e3}^D \\ 0 & m_{\mu 2}^D & m_{\mu 3}^D \\ 0 & m_{\tau 2}^D & m_{\tau 3}^D \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_N = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{23} \\ 0 & M_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $m_{\ell 1}^D = 0 \implies$ the heavy Majorana field $N_1 = (\nu_{1R} + \nu_{1L}^C)$ is decoupled
- $m_\nu = 0$, e.g., in the limit $m_{\ell 2}^D = 0 \implies$ conserved lepton charge:
 $L' = L_e + L_\mu + L_\tau + L_3 - L_2$, with $L_a(\nu_{bR}) = -\delta_{ab}$, for $a = 2, 3$

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General Conserved Lepton Charge:

$$L' = \sum_{k=e,\mu,\tau,\dots} (-1)^{n_k} L_k, \quad n_k = 0, 1, \quad L_k \neq 0$$

massive Dirac neutrinos : $\min(n_+(L'), n_-(L'))$

massless neutrinos : $|n_+(L') - n_-(L')|$

Leung, Petcov, 1983; Weyler, Wolfenstein, 1983

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1 massive Dirac neutrino and 3 massless neutrinos
- the mass eigenstates N_2 and N_3 have $M_2 = M_3 = |M_{23}|$ and $C\bar{N}_k^T = \rho_k N_k$, $k = 2, 3$, where $\rho_2 = -1$ and $\rho_3 = +1 \implies$ Dirac field $N_D = (N_2 + N_3)/\sqrt{2}$:

$$\nu_{2R} = N_{DR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (N_{2R} + N_{3R}), \quad \nu_{3R} = N_{DR}^C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-N_{2R} + N_{3R})$$

$$\nu_{2L}^C = N_{DL}^C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-N_{2L} + N_{3L}), \quad \nu_{3L}^C = N_{DL} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (N_{2L} + N_{3L})$$

CASE OF A BROKEN SYMMETRY

- for $m_{\ell 2,3}^D \neq 0$ L' is not conserved:
 $(m_\nu)_{\ell\ell'} \cong -(m_{\ell 2}^D m_{\ell' 3}^D + m_{\ell' 2}^D m_{\ell 3}^D)/M_{23} \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$



$$|m_{\ell 2}^D m_{\ell' 3}^D| \lesssim 10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^2 \left(\frac{M_{23}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right), \quad \ell, \ell' = e, \mu, \tau$$

$$(R)_{\ell 2}^* = m_{\ell 3}^D/(M_{23}), \quad (R)_{\ell 3}^* = m_{\ell 2}^D/(M_{23})$$

- $|m_{\ell 2}^D| \approx |m_{\ell 3}^D| \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}$
 $N_{2,3}$ cannot be produced in particle accelerators
- $m_{\ell 2}^D \approx 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}$, $m_{\ell 3}^D \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$
 N_2 and N_3 couple to the charged leptons as a pseudo-Dirac field:
 $N_{PD} = (N_2 + N_3)/\sqrt{2}$, $M_3 - M_2 = m_3 - m_2 \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$

it is impossible to reveal the Majorana nature of the RH neutrino fields

INVERSE SEE SAW SCENARIOS

$$\mathcal{L}_\mu = -\overline{\nu_{\ell L}}(m_D)_{\ell a}\nu_{aR} - \overline{S_{\beta L}}(M_R)_{\beta a}\nu_{aR} - \frac{1}{2}\overline{S_{\beta L}}(\mu)_{\beta\beta'}S_{\beta'R}^C + \text{H.c.}$$

- $m_\nu = U^* \hat{m} U^\dagger \cong m_D M_R^{-1} \mu (M_R^{-1})^T m_D^T$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= -\frac{1}{2}m_D^* (M_R^{-1})^* \mu^* (M_R^{-1})^\dagger (M_R^{-1}) \mu (M_R^{-1})^T m_D^T \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}m_D^* (M_R^{-1})^\dagger (M_R^{-1}) m_D^T \end{aligned}$$

- $\eta \approx 10^{-4}$ and $M_R \approx 100 \text{ GeV} \implies \mu \approx m_\nu/\eta \approx 10 \text{ keV}$

- for $\eta \approx 10^{-4} \implies N_{PD} = (N_1 + N_2)/\sqrt{2}$, $|M_1 - M_2| \approx \mu$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC}^{N_{PD}} = -\frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} (\epsilon_\ell \bar{\ell} \gamma_\alpha (1 - \gamma_5) N_{PD} + \epsilon'_\ell \overline{N_{PD}} \gamma_\alpha (1 + \gamma_5) \ell^C) W^\alpha + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\epsilon_\ell = \frac{m_{\ell 1}^D}{M_R}, \quad \epsilon'_\ell = \frac{\mu}{M_R} \frac{m_{\ell 1}^D}{M_R} \approx 10^{-9} \left(\frac{M_R}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

NO SYMMETRY BUT $m_\nu = 0$ AT LEADING ORDER

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- L' is not conserved but $m_\nu = 0$ at leading order
 $m_\nu \neq 0$ at one or two loop order
 Pilaftsis, 1992
- $|\Delta L| = 2$ Majorana effects vanish in the limit $M_{33} = 0$
we recover pseudo-Dirac neutrino for $M_{33} \ll M_{23}$
- no constraints from light neutrino mass scale
large couplings of $N_{2,3}$ to W^\pm and Z^0

NO SYMMETRY BUT $m_\nu = 0$ AT LEADING ORDER

$$RV = \frac{1}{M_{23}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_{e3}^D \cos \theta & m_{e3}^D \sin \theta \\ 0 & m_{\mu 3}^D \cos \theta & m_{\mu 3}^D \sin \theta \\ 0 & m_{\tau 3}^D \cos \theta & m_{\tau 3}^D \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = M_3 / (M_3 + M_2), \quad \sin^2 \theta = M_2 / (M_3 + M_2), \quad M_3 - M_2 = M_{33}$$

1. $(m_\nu)_{\ell\ell'} = 0$ at tree-level:

$$\begin{aligned} |(m_\nu)_{\text{eff}}| &\cong \left| \frac{(m_{e3}^D)^2}{M_{23}^2} (M_3 F(A, M_3) \sin^2 \theta - M_2 F(A, M_2) \cos^2 \theta) \right| \\ &\cong \left| \frac{(m_{e3}^D)^2}{M_{23}^2} f(A) M_a^2 \frac{M_3 - M_2}{M_2 M_3} \right| \cong \left| f(A) \frac{(m_{e3}^D)^2}{M_{23}^2} \frac{M_a^2}{M_{23}^2} M_{33} \right| \end{aligned}$$

- 2a. for $(m_{e3}^D/M_{23})^2 \approx 8 \times 10^{-3}$ and $M_{23} \approx 100$ GeV:

$$M_{33} \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-3} M_{23} \cong 0.2 \text{ GeV} \ll M_{23}$$

- 2b. for $(m_{e3}^D/M_{23})^2 \approx 10^{-6}$ and $M_{23} \approx 100$ GeV: $M_{33} \lesssim M_{23}$

NO SYMMETRY BUT $m_\nu = 0$ AT LEADING ORDER

- same sign di-muon production in $p - p$ collisions: one μ^- produced with *real or virtual* $N_{2,3}$ in decay of a virtual W^- , while the second μ^- from the decay $N_{2,3}^{(*)} \rightarrow W^+ + \mu^-$
- $A(p + p \rightarrow \mu^- + \mu^- + 2\text{jets} + X)$:

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \frac{(m_{\mu 3}^D)^2}{M_{23}^2} \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta M_3}{p^2 - M_3^2 + i\Gamma_3 M_3} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta M_2}{p^2 - M_2^2 + i\Gamma_2 M_2} \right] \\ &\approx \frac{(m_{\mu 3}^D)^2}{M_{23}^2} \frac{M_2 M_3}{M_3 + M_2} \frac{M_3^2 - M_2^2 - i(\Gamma_3 M_3 - \Gamma_2 M_2)}{(p^2 - M_3^2 + i\Gamma_3 M_3)(p^2 - M_2^2 + i\Gamma_2 M_2)} \end{aligned}$$

- $\Gamma_{2,3} M_{2,3} \propto G_F M_{2(3)}^3$

$$A(p + p \rightarrow \mu^- + \mu^- + 2\text{jets} + X) \propto (M_3 - M_2) = M_{33}$$

$M_{33} \ll M_{23} \implies$ same sign di-muon production is highly suppressed

EXTREME FINE-TUNING CASE

- two generation scenario:

Casas, Ibarra, 2001

$$M_D = iU_{PMNS}^* \sqrt{\hat{m}} O \sqrt{\hat{M}} V^\dagger = M_{D+} + M_{D-}$$

$$RV = -iU_{PMNS} \sqrt{\hat{m}} O^* \sqrt{\hat{M}^{-1}}$$

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \hat{\theta} & \sin \hat{\theta} \\ -\sin \hat{\theta} & \cos \hat{\theta} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{e^{i\hat{\theta}}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{e^{-i\hat{\theta}}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \omega - i\xi, \quad \xi > 0$$

- M_{D-} cannot be neglected: correct neutrino parameters \Rightarrow
large amount of fine tuning:

$$\frac{(M_{D-})_{ij}}{(M_{D+})_{ij}} \sim e^{-2\xi} \sim \frac{m_i M_j}{(M_D)_{ij}^2}$$

$M_D \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$ and $M_2 \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV}) \Rightarrow$ tuning of one part in 10^9 in order to have
 $m_i \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2}) \text{ eV}$

EXTREME FINE-TUNING CASE

- for $M_D \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$ and $M_2 \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$, from $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(m_\nu)_{\text{eff}}| &\cong \left| \sum_k F(A, M_k) (RV)_{ek}^2 M_k \right| \\
 &\cong \left| \sum_k (U_{\text{PMNS}} \sqrt{\hat{m}} O^*)_{ek}^2 \frac{M_a^2}{M_k^2} f(A) \right| \\
 &\cong \left| \frac{1}{4} \frac{M_D^2}{M_2^2} \frac{M_a^2}{M_2^2} f(A) (M_2 - M_1) \right| \cong 10^{-10} (M_2 - M_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- non observation of $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay, implies a degeneracy of at least one percent*



suppression of the cross section for same sign di-muon production in $p - p$ collisions

AVOIDING THE CONSTRAINTS ?

- light neutrino masses and upper limit on the $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay rate imply that the Majorana nature of RH singlets in TeV scale type I or inverse see-saw scenarios cannot be tested at colliders
- such constraints can be avoided if additional TeV scale physics is present:

1. Huitu, Khalil, Okada, Rai, 2008; Basso, Belyaev, Moretti, Shepherd-Themistocleous, 2009
extra $U(1)$ gauge symmetry broken at TeV scale, under which SM particles and RH neutrinos are charged: *i*) production cross section of N_j can be enhanced; *ii*) N_j relative long-lived particles, implying displaced vertex in detectors; *iii*) production and decays of Majorana N_j can lead to observable same sign muon events
2. Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 2008
TeV scale type III see-saw mechanism: fermion $SU(2)$ -triplet Σ^\pm, Σ^0 , with *i*) Σ^+ and Σ^0 produced at colliders via gauge interactions; *ii*) $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + Z^0$ and $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ + W^-$; *iii*) for $m_{\Sigma^{\pm,0}} \lesssim 1$ TeV, $\mu^+ + \mu^+ + 4$ jets events observable at LHC

SUMMARY

- $|(m_\nu)_{\ell\ell'}| \lesssim 1$ eV and non-observation of $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay implies extremely suppressed CC and NC interactions of N_j with SM charged leptons and neutrinos, unless N_j form a pseudo-Dirac pair (symmetry) or their mass splitting is “small”
- In the low scale type I see-saw or multiple see-saw scenarios with RH fermion singlets, the Majorana nature of RH neutrinos is hardly detected in collider experiments, e.g. in LHC
- the observation of $|\Delta L| = 2$ processes at colliders may be possible if *i)* there exist *additional TeV scale interaction* terms between the RH neutrinos and SM particles (extra $U(1)$ gauge symmetry broken at TeV scale, TeV scale type III see-saw mechanism, ...) *or ii)* for neutrino masses generated by a mechanism other than the see-saw (e.g. radiatively at one or two loops)