On neutrino masses and phenomenological implications: $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ and μ -e conversion

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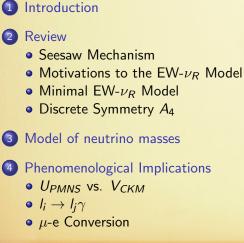
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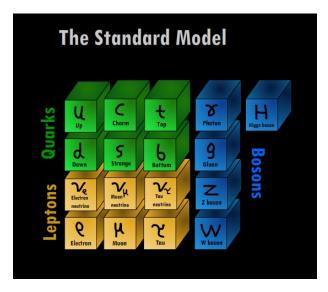


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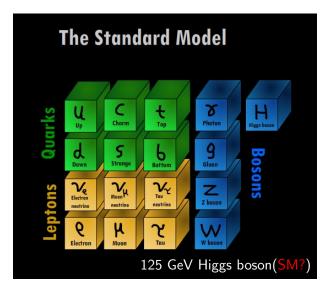


Introduction

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In the Standard Model (SM)

- neutrinos have exactly zero masses
- there are exactly three neutrinos belonging to three lepton families $(e, \nu_e), (\mu, \nu_{\mu}), (\tau, \nu_{\tau})$; lepton number is conserved
- neutrinos and antineutrinos are distinct
- all neutrinos are left-handed, and all antineutrinos are right-handed.

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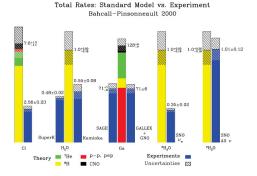
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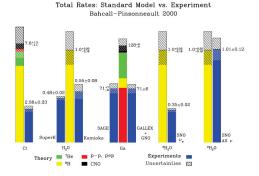
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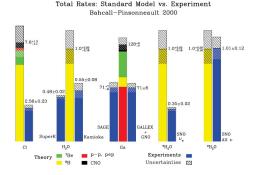


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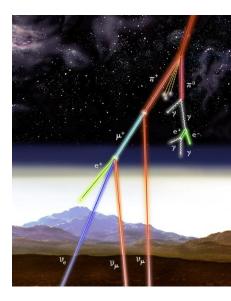
Prediction

 $N_{
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u_{e}}\simeq 2:1$

Observation

 $N_{
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u_{e}}=1.3/1$ by Super-Kamiokande in 1998

 \rightarrow discovery of neutrino oscillations



Neutrino oscillation arises from a mixture between the flavor and mass eigenstates of neutrinos.

$$|
u_{lpha}
angle = \sum_{i} U_{lpha i}^{lepton} |
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where

- $|
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 angle$ is flavor eigenstate. $lpha={\it e},\ \mu,\ au$
- $|
 u_i\rangle$ is mass eigenstate. i = 1, 2, 3
- $U_{\alpha i}^{lepton}$ is lepton mixing matrix or Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (U_{PMNS}) matrix

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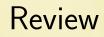
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New Physics Search in Charged Lepton Flavor

For instance, $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$, μ -e conversion

- Observing these will remove a hurdle to understand why particles in the same category (family) decay from heavy to lighter, more stable mass states.
- Physicists have searched for these since the 1940s.
- Discovering them is central to understand what physics lies beyond the SM.

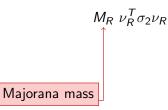




Dirac mass

Dirac neutrino masses are the neutrino analogues of the SM quark and charged lepton masses. They come from Yukawa coupling to the SM Higgs field $\tilde{\Phi}$

Neutrinos have a phase of $e^{-i\phi}$ and antineutrinos have a phase of $e^{i\phi}$. Therefore, in the Dirac mass term, these phases cancel out \rightarrow lepton number is conserved Majorana mass of ν_R



In the Majorana mass term, the phase of $\nu_R^T \nu_R$ is not zero \rightarrow lepton number is violated

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With $\chi \equiv \sigma_2 \nu_R^*$ and $\nu \equiv \nu_L$ the mass terms can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu^{T} & \chi^{T} \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_{\nu}^{D} \\ \mathbf{m}_{\nu}^{D} & \mathbf{M}_{R} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{M}} \sigma_{2} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \chi \end{pmatrix}$$

With the assumption: $m_{\nu}^D \ll M_R$, diagonalizing the matrix **M** gives eigenvalues

$$m_
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 and M_R

- Cosmological constraints ¹: $\sum m_{
 u} < 0.23 eV$
- Neutrino oscillation experiments ²: the largest Δm^2 is $\Delta m^2_{atm} \cong 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \ eV^2 \Rightarrow$ the heaviest $m_{\nu} \gtrsim 4.9 \times 10^{-2} \ eV$.

Cosmology + Oscillation: $4.9 \times 10^{-2} \ eV \lesssim m_{\nu}^{heaviest} \lesssim 0.23 \ eV$

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Non-perturbative phenomena

Such important non-perturbative phenomena

- EW phase transition (from $\langle \phi^0 \rangle = 0$ to $\langle \phi^0 \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$)
- related Physics ("sphaleron",...)

can be study by a usual approach: Lattice regularization

Can we put the SM gauge theory $(SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y)$ on the lattice?

- Nielsen-Ninomiya no-go theorem: there appear an equal number of right- and left-handed particles of given quantum numbers in a regularized theory with a chiraly invariant action.
- Since the Standard Model is chiral. Left- and right-handed fermions are treated differently by weak interactions, for example, only left-handed doublets coupled to W's. The Nielsen-Ninomiya theorem implies that one cannot put the SM on the lattice.

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• Witten anomaly: the theory is trivial unless the number of doublets is even.

- SM has 4 doublets per family (1 lepton and 3 color quark doublets) \rightarrow Witten anomaly free.
- SM with mirror particles: not a chiral gauge theory \rightarrow No Witten anomaly.

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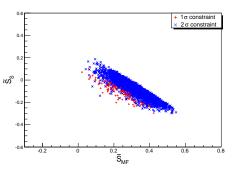
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Mirror particles are totally different from the SM particles!

EW precision

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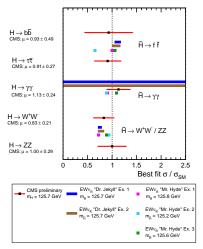
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From (2), the Majorana mass $M_R = g_M v_M$ where $\langle \chi^{
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angle = v_M \sim \Lambda_{EW}$

 $\nu_R \text{ couples to Z-boson and contribute to } \Gamma_Z$ $\rightarrow \Gamma_Z \text{'s constraint (number of light neutrinos = 3) implies } M_R > M_Z/2$ Trinh Le (UVA) HEP Seminar March 30, 2016 26 / 86

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• $v_{S} \sim \Lambda_{EW}$ with $g_{Sl} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$

We also need a Higgs doublet for charged fermion masses (leptons and quarks)

$$L_{Y_{l}} = g_{l} \bar{l}_{L} \Phi_{2} e_{R} + h.c.$$

$$L_{Y_{q}} = g_{q} \bar{q}_{L} \Phi_{2} u_{R} + h.c.$$

$$\Phi_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{+} \\ \phi^{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \phi^{0} \rangle = \frac{v_{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(4)$$

$$(5)$$

Experimentally

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$$|V_{CKM}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97428 \pm 0.00015 & 0.2253 \pm 0.0007 & 0.00347^{+0.0016}_{-0.00012} \\ 0.2252 \pm 0.0007 & 0.97345^{+0.00015}_{-0.00016} & 0.0410^{+0.0011}_{-0.0007} \\ 0.00862^{+0.00026}_{-0.00020} & 0.0403^{+0.0011}_{-0.0007} & 0.999152^{+0.000030}_{-0.00045} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$|U_{PMNS}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.779...0.848 & 0.510...0.604 & 0.122...0.190 \\ 0.183...0.568 & 0.385...0.728 & 0.613...0.794 \\ 0.200...0.576 & 0.408...0.742 & 0.589...0.775 \end{pmatrix}$$

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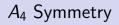
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With 3 families, we need a group containing a $\underline{3}$ representation.

The simplest one is A_4 .



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- Non-Abelian discrete group
- Four irreducible representations: **Three** 1-dimension representations called <u>1</u>, <u>1</u>', <u>1</u>" and **One** 3-dimension representation called <u>3</u>

If denoting $\underline{3}$ as (1, 2, 3) then

Multiplication rule⁷

$$\underline{3} \times \underline{3} = \underline{1}(11 + 22 + 33) + \underline{1}'(11 + \omega^2 22 + \omega 33) + \underline{1}''(11 + \omega 22 + \omega^2 33)$$

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where $\omega = e^{i2\pi/3}$

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 \Rightarrow Our model of neutrino masses: minimal EW ν_R model + 1 Higgs doublet + 2 Higgs triplets $\tilde{\chi}$, ξ becomes more relevant.

The form of U_{CW} in our work is contained in ν sector, NOT in charged lepton sector as in some generic models.

Assignments of the model's content

Field	$(\nu, l)_L$	$(u, l^M)_R$	e_R	e_L^M	ϕ_{0S}	$ ilde{\phi}_S$	Φ_2
A_4	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	3	<u>1</u>

Notice: An extension to four Higgs singlet fields \rightarrow No constraints from the LHC!

The Yukawa interactions

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Neutrino Dirac mass matrix:

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where $v_0 = \langle \phi_{0S} \rangle$ and $v_i = \langle \phi_{iS} \rangle$ with i = 1, 2, 3.

(8)

If $v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = v \sim O(10^5 \ eV)$ ⁹, M^D_{ν} can be diagonalized as follows

$$U_{\nu_{L}}^{\dagger}M_{\nu}^{D}U_{\nu_{R}} = U_{\nu}^{\dagger}M_{\nu}^{D}U_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{1D} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & m_{2D} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & m_{3D} \end{pmatrix}$$
(9)

where
$$U_{\nu} = U_{CW}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega\\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that $U_{\nu_L} = U_{\nu_R} = U_{\nu}$.

⁹P.Q. Hung, 2007

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The neutrino Dirac masses are

$$m_{1D} = g_{0S}v_0 + g_{1S}v + g_{2S}v \tag{10}$$

$$m_{2D} = g_{0S}v_0 + g_{1S}v\omega^2 + g_{2S}v\omega$$
 (11)

$$m_{3D} = g_{0S}v_0 + g_{1S}v\omega + g_{2S}v\omega^2$$
 (12)

Reality of the masses require that

$$g_{2S} = g_{1S}^* \tag{13}$$

From the Lagrangian

$$L_{M} = g_{M} \left(l_{iR}^{M,T} \sigma_{2} \right) (i \tau_{2} \tilde{\chi}) l_{jR}^{M} + h.c.$$
(14)

Because of the constraints from 125-GeV SM-like boson, the Higgs triplet $\tilde{\chi}$ transforms as $\underline{1}.$ Right-handed Majorana mass matrix

$$M_{R} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{M} \langle \chi^{0} \rangle & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{M} \langle \chi^{0} \rangle & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{M} \langle \chi^{0} \rangle \end{pmatrix} = g_{M} v_{M} \mathbb{I}$$
(15)

Neutrino Mass Matrix

$$M_{\nu} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{M}_{\nu}^{D} \\ \mathbf{M}_{\nu}^{D} & \mathbf{M}_{R} \end{array}\right)$$

The 3 \times 3 see-saw mass matrix for the light neutrinos (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ) becomes

$$m_{\nu} \sim -M_{\nu}^{D} M_{R}^{-1} M_{\nu}^{D,T}$$
 (16)

Charged-lepton mass

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$$= \underline{3} \otimes \underline{1} \otimes \underline{3}$$

Charged lepton mass

The charged-lepton mass matrix is

$$\mathcal{M}_{l} = g_{l} \frac{v_{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(18)

which gives rise to

$$U_{IL} = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right)$$
(19)

This is not satisfactory because it causes degenerate charged leptons. We will modify this later.

Phenomenological implications

Why is UPMNS different from VCKM? Ansätz for U. Toward M, M, * Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) processes: · m - ey · *m*-e conversion

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The PMNS Matrix

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(20)

which mainly comes from neutrino mixing matrix.

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 - $U_{lL} \leftarrow$ couplings between leptons and Higgs doublet
 - $U_{\nu_L} \leftarrow$ couplings between leptons and Higgs singlets

Why is the U_{PMNS} different from the V_{CKM} ?

In a nutshell

There are two different sources of PMNS matrix whereas the CKM matrix comes totally from one source.

One expects a natural difference between V_{CKM} and U_{PMNS} .

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We can use Wolfenstein-like parametrization to construct U_{IL} .

$$U_{lL} \to U_{lL} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda_l^2}{2} & \lambda_l & A_l \lambda_l^3 (\rho_l - i\eta_l) \\ -\lambda_l & 1 - \frac{\lambda_l^2}{2} & A_l \lambda_l^2 \\ A_l \lambda_l^3 (1 - \rho_l - i\eta_l) & -A_l \lambda_l^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(21)

where A_l , ρ_l , η_l are real parameters of O(1).

$$U_{PMNS} = U_{\nu_{L}}^{\dagger} U_{lL} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(1-\rho_{l}-i\eta_{l}) - \frac{\lambda_{l}^{2}}{2} - \lambda_{l} + 1 & -\left(A_{l}+\frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda_{l}^{2} + \lambda_{l} + 1 & A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(\rho_{l}-i\eta_{l}) + A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{2} + 1 \\ \omega^{2}A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(1-\rho_{l}-i\eta_{l}) - \frac{\lambda_{l}^{2}}{2} - \omega\lambda_{l} + 1 & -\left(\omega^{2}A_{l}+\frac{\omega}{2}\right)\lambda_{l}^{2} + \lambda_{l} + \omega & A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(\rho_{l}-i\eta_{l}) + \omegaA_{l}\lambda_{l}^{2} + \omega^{2} \\ \omega A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(1-\rho_{l}-i\eta_{l}) - \frac{\lambda_{l}^{2}}{2} - \omega^{2}\lambda_{l} + 1 & -\left(\omega A_{l}+\frac{\omega^{2}}{2}\right)\lambda_{l}^{2} + \lambda_{l} + \omega^{2} & A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{3}(\rho_{l}+i\eta_{l}) + \omega^{2}A_{l}\lambda_{l}^{2} + \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

Combine with the experimental data, we are able to constrain parameters $A_l,\ \lambda_l,\ \rho_l,\ \eta_l.$

Diagonalizing mass matrices \mathcal{M}_{I} and $\mathcal{M}_{I}^{\dagger}$ as follows.

$$U_{IL}^{\dagger}\mathcal{M}_{I}U_{IR}$$
 ; $U_{IR}^{\dagger}\mathcal{M}_{I}^{\dagger}U_{IL}$

Therefore,

$$U_{IL}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{I} \mathcal{M}_{I}^{\dagger} U_{IL} = \left(egin{array}{ccc} m_{e}^{2} & 0 & 0 \ 0 & m_{\mu}^{2} & 0 \ 0 & 0 & m_{ au}^{2} \end{array}
ight)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{I}\mathcal{M}_{I}^{\dagger} = U_{IL} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} m_{e}^{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\mu}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\tau}^{2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot U_{IL}^{\dagger}$$

 \Rightarrow Up to O(λ_l^2)

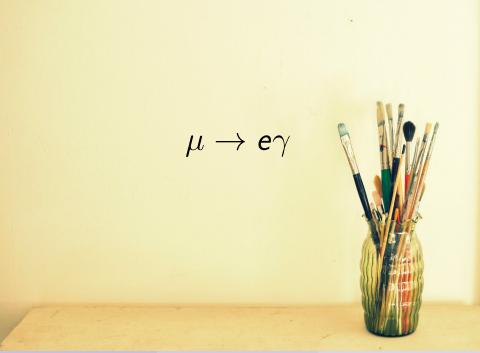
$$\begin{pmatrix} (1 - \lambda_l^2) m_e^2 + \lambda_l m_{\mu}^2 & \lambda_l (m_{\mu}^2 - m_e^2) & 0\\ \lambda_l (m_{\mu}^2 - m_e^2) & (1 - \lambda_l^2) m_{\mu}^2 + \lambda_l m_e^2 & A \lambda_l^2 (m_{\tau}^2 - m_{\mu}^2)\\ 0 & A_l \lambda_l^2 (m_{\tau}^2 - m_{\mu}^2) & m_{\tau}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(22)

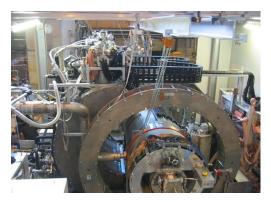
 A_l , λ_l are extracted from U_{PMNS} and experimental values m_e, m_μ, m_τ .

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- By slightly breaking A_4 symmetry, we avoided the case of degenerate charged-lepton mass and were able to extract $\mathcal{M}_I \mathcal{M}_I^{\dagger}$ for the charged-lepton sector (as well as the quark sector).





MEG apparatus by Prof. Saoshi Mihara

$$B(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \gamma) < 5.7 \text{ x } 10^{-13}$$

Projected Sensitivity = 4.0×10^{-14}

MEG Experiment





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 $I_i \rightarrow I_j \gamma$

It was argued in model of neutrino masses ¹¹ that the appropriate set of singlet scalars is composed of an A_4 -singlet ϕ_{0S} and an A_4 -triplet $\{\phi_{iS}\}$ (i = 1, 2, 3).

The total Yukawa interactions can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}_{S} = -\bar{l}_{L} U_{\rm PMNS}^{\dagger} \tilde{M}_{\phi} U_{\rm PMNS}^{M} l_{R}^{M} - \bar{l}_{R} U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime\dagger} \tilde{M}_{\phi}^{\prime} U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime M} l_{L}^{M} + \text{H.c.}$$
(23)

where

•
$$\tilde{M}_{\phi} = U_{\nu}^{\dagger} M_{\phi} U_{\nu}$$
, $\tilde{M}_{\phi}' = U_{\nu}^{\dagger} M_{\phi}' U_{\nu}$ and M_{ϕ}' is the same as M_{ϕ} .

•
$$U_{\mathrm{PMNS}} = U_{\nu}^{\dagger} U_{L}^{\prime}, \ U_{\mathrm{PMNS}}^{M} = U_{\nu}^{\dagger} U_{R}^{\prime M}$$

•
$$U'_{\rm PMNS} = U^{\dagger}_{\nu} U'_{R}$$
, $U'^{M}_{\rm PMNS} = U^{\dagger}_{\nu} U'^{M}_{L}$

¹¹P.Q. Hung, T. Le, JHEP 1509, 001 (2015) Trinh Le (UVA) HEP Seminar $I_i \rightarrow I_j \gamma$

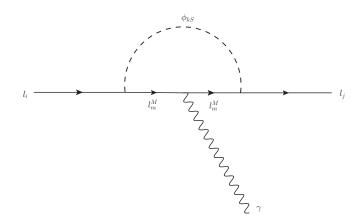


Figure : One-loop induced Feynman diagram for $I_i \rightarrow I_j \gamma$ in EW-scale ν_R model.

The relevant Yukawa couplings between the leptons, mirror leptons and the A_4 singlet and triplet scalars can be deduced by recasting the Lagrangian.

$$\mathcal{L}_{S} = -\sum_{k=0}^{3} \sum_{i,m=1}^{3} \left(\overline{I}_{Li} \mathcal{U}_{im}^{L\,k} I_{Rm}^{M} + \overline{I}_{Ri} \mathcal{U}_{im}^{R\,k} I_{Lm}^{M} \right) \phi_{kS} + \text{H.c.}$$
(24)

where

$$\mathcal{U}_{im}^{L\,k} \equiv \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{\dagger} \cdot M^{k} \cdot U_{\rm PMNS}^{J^{M}} \right)_{im} , \qquad (25)$$
$$= \sum_{j,n=1}^{3} \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{\dagger} \right)_{ij} M_{jn}^{k} \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{M} \right)_{nm} , \qquad (26)$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{im}^{R\,k} \equiv \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime\,\dagger} \cdot M^{\prime\,k} \cdot U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime\,\mu M} \right)_{im} , \qquad (27)$$
$$= \sum_{j,n=1}^{3} \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime\,\dagger} \right)_{ij} M_{jn}^{\prime\,k} \left(U_{\rm PMNS}^{\prime\,M} \right)_{nm} . \qquad (28)$$

For the process $l^-_i(p) o l^-_j(p') + \gamma(q)$

• The amplitude

$$\mathcal{M}\left(I_{i}^{-} \to I_{j}^{-}\gamma\right) = \epsilon_{\mu}^{*}(q)\bar{u}_{j}(p')\left\{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}\left[C_{L}^{ij}P_{L} + C_{R}^{ij}P_{R}\right]\right\}u_{i}(p) ,$$
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• The partial width

$$\Gamma(l_i \to l_j \gamma) = \frac{1}{16\pi} m_{l_i}^3 \left(1 - \frac{m_{l_j}^2}{m_{l_i}^2} \right)^3 \left(|C_L^{ij}|^2 + |C_R^{ij}|^2 \right) \quad . \tag{30}$$

Coefficients

$$C_{L}^{ij} = +\frac{e}{16\pi^{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{3} \sum_{m=1}^{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{m_{l_{m}^{M}}^{2}} \left[m_{i} \mathcal{U}_{jm}^{R\,k} \left(\mathcal{U}_{im}^{R\,k} \right)^{*} + m_{j} \mathcal{U}_{jm}^{L\,k} \left(\mathcal{U}_{im}^{L\,k} \right)^{*} \right] \mathcal{I} \left(\frac{m_{\phi_{kS}}^{2}}{m_{l_{m}^{M}}^{2}} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{m_{l_{m}^{M}}} \mathcal{U}_{jm}^{R\,k} \left(\mathcal{U}_{im}^{L\,k} \right)^{*} \mathcal{J} \left(\frac{m_{\phi_{kS}}^{2}}{m_{l_{m}^{M}}^{2}} \right) \right\} , \qquad (31)$$

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Considering $m_{I_m^M} \gg m_{i,j}$ and setting $m_{i,j} \to 0$.

$$\mathcal{I}(r) = \frac{1}{12(1-r)^4} \left[-6r^2 \log r + r(2r^2 + 3r - 6) + 1 \right] , \quad (33)$$

$$\mathcal{J}(r) = \frac{1}{2(1-r)^3} \left[-2r^2 \log r + r(3r - 4) + 1 \right] . \quad (34)$$

The branching ratio ${
m B}(\mu o e \gamma)$ is given by

$$B(\mu \to e\gamma) = \tau_{\mu} \cdot \Gamma \left(l_i \to l_j \gamma \right) \tag{35}$$

where au_{μ} is the lifetime of the muon

$$au_{\mu} = (2.1969811 \pm 0.0000022) \times 10^{-6} \, \mathrm{s}$$
 (36)

- For the masses of the singlet scalars ϕ_{kS} $m_{\phi_{0S}}: m_{\phi_{1S}}: m_{\phi_{2S}}: m_{\phi_{3S}} = M_S: 2M_S: 3M_S: 4M_S$ with $M_S = 10$ MeV.
- For the masses of the mirror lepton I_m^M $m_{I_m^M} = M_{\text{mirror}} + \delta_m$ with $\delta_1 = 0$, $\delta_2 = 10$ GeV, $\delta_3 = 20$ GeV and 100 GeV $\leq M_{\text{mirror}} \leq 800$ GeV
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Numerical Analysis

Some examples

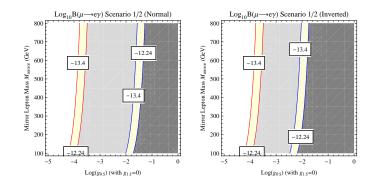


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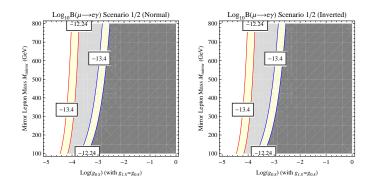


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Search for mirror quarks at the LHC S. Chakdar, K. Ghosh, V. Hoang, P. Q. Hung and S. Nandi, Phys. Rev. D **93**, No. 3, 035007 (2016), DOI:10.1103/PhysRevD.93.035007, [arXiv:1508.07318 [hep-ph]].

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Effective Lagrangian for $\mu\text{-}\mathrm{e}$ Conversion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = - \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2}} \left[\left(C_{DR} m_{\mu} \bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_{L} \mu + C_{DL} m_{\mu} \bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_{R} \mu \right) F_{\alpha\beta} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{q=u,d,s} \left(C_{VR}^{(q)} \bar{e} \gamma^{\alpha} P_{R} \mu + C_{VL}^{(q)} \bar{e} \gamma^{\alpha} P_{L} \mu \right) \bar{q} \gamma_{\alpha} q \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_{\mu} m_{q} G_{F} \left(C_{SR}^{(q)} \bar{e} P_{R} \mu + C_{SL}^{(q)} \bar{e} P_{L} \mu \right) \bar{q} q \right. \\ \left. + m_{\mu} \left(C_{GQR} G_{F} \bar{e} P_{L} \mu + C_{GQL} G_{F} \bar{e} P_{R} \mu \right) \frac{\beta_{L}}{2g_{s}^{3}} G^{a\alpha\beta} G_{\alpha\beta}^{a} + \text{H.c.} \right].$$

$$(37)$$

where $C_{D(L,R)}$, $C_{V(L,R)}^{(q)}$, $C_{S(L,R)}^{(q)}$ and $C_{GQ(L,R)}$ are dimensionless coupling constants depending on specific LFV model.

$\mu\text{-e}$ Conversion

Conversion rate (general formula) ¹²

$$\Gamma_{\text{conv}} = \frac{m_{\mu}^{5}}{4\Lambda^{4}} \left(\left| C_{DR}D + 4\tilde{C}_{VR}^{(p)}V^{(p)} + 4\tilde{C}_{VR}^{(n)}V^{(n)} + 4G_{F}m_{\mu} \left(m_{p}\tilde{C}_{SR}^{(p)}S^{(p)} + m_{n}\tilde{C}_{SR}^{(n)}S^{(n)} \right) \right|^{2} + \left| C_{DL}D + 4\tilde{C}_{VL}^{(p)}V^{(p)} + 4\tilde{C}_{VL}^{(n)}V^{(n)} + 4G_{F}m_{\mu} \left(m_{p}\tilde{C}_{SL}^{(p)}S^{(p)} + m_{n}\tilde{C}_{SL}^{(n)}S^{(n)} \right) \right|^{2} \right). \quad (38)$$

where D, V, S are overlap integrals of the relativistic wave functions of μ and e in the electric field of nucleus.

¹² R. Kitano, M. Koike, Y.	Okada (2007)		
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So in terms of the branching ratio, we have

$$B_{\mu N \to eN} = \frac{\Gamma_{conv}^{\gamma *}}{\Gamma_{capt}} = \pi D^2 \frac{\Gamma_{\mu}}{\Gamma_{capt}} B_{\mu \to e\gamma}$$
(41)

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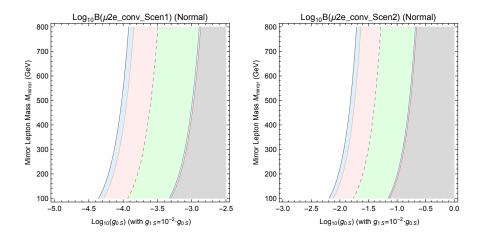


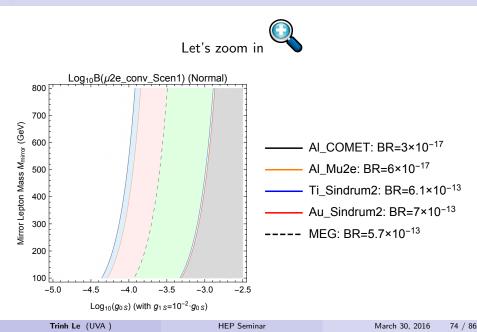
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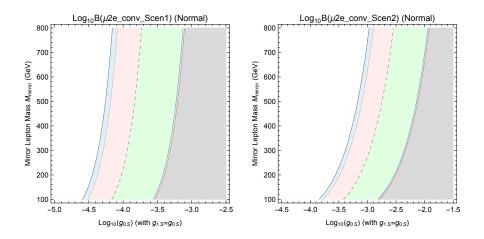


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- μ-e Conversion in Mirror Fermion Model with Electroweak Scale Right-handed Neutrinos,
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On-going project



We are working on a **Quarks Project** using the similar *ansätz* that we have made for leptons.



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Conclusion

- We present a model of neutrino masses in the framework of the Electroweak scale Right-handed neutrinos (EW- ν_R) model, which is constructed with a horizontal A_4 symmetry. Such a model has several interesting phenomenological implications.
- We not only obtain the experimentally desired form of the PMNS matrix but also provide an explanation of why U_{PMNS} is very different from V_{CKM} . By making a simple *ansätz* we extract $\mathcal{M}_I \mathcal{M}_I^{\dagger}$ for the charged lepton sector. A similar *ansätz* is proposed for the quark sector.
- The one-loop induced lepton flavor violating radiative decays $I_i \rightarrow I_j \gamma$ and μ -e conversion in an extended mirror model might be related to each other under a good approximation that we have established.
- Implications concerning the possible detection of mirror leptons at the LHC and the ILC as well as future searches for μ -e conversion at Fermilab and J-PARC COMET are also discussed.

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1. Characters of A₄ reperesentations

<i>A</i> ₄	h	χ_1	$\chi_{1'}$	$\chi_{1''}$	χз
<i>C</i> ₁	1	1	1	1	3
<i>C</i> ₃	2	1	1	1	-1
<i>C</i> ₄	3	1	ω	ω^2	0
C _{4'}	3	1	ω^2	ω	0

where $\omega = e^{i2\pi/3}$ which is the cube root of unity.

Appendix

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1) & 0.779 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |A\lambda^{3}(1-\rho-i\eta) - \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2} - \lambda + 1| < 0.848 \\ (2) & 0.510 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |-\left(A + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda^{2} + \lambda + 1| < 0.604 \\ (3) & 0.122 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |A\lambda^{3}(\rho-i\eta) + A\lambda^{2} + 1| < 0.190 \\ (4) & 0.183 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\omega^{2}A\lambda^{3}(1-\rho-i\eta) - \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2} - \omega\lambda + 1| < 0.568 \\ (5) & 0.385 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |-\left(\omega^{2}A + \frac{\omega}{2}\right)\lambda^{2} + \lambda + \omega| < 0.728 \\ (6) & 0.613 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |A\lambda^{3}(\rho-i\eta) + \omega A\lambda^{2} + \omega^{2}| < 0.794 \\ (7) & 0.200 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |\omega A\lambda^{3}(1-\rho-i\eta) - \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2} - \omega^{2}\lambda + 1| < 0.576 \\ (8) & 0.408 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |-\left(\omega A + \frac{\omega^{2}}{2}\right)\lambda^{2} + \lambda + \omega^{2}| < 0.742 \\ (9) & 0.589 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |A\lambda^{3}(\rho-i\eta) + \omega^{2}A\lambda^{2} + \omega| < 0.775 \\ & -4.8517 < A < -4.4580, \quad -0.2404 < \lambda < -0.1882, \\ & -5.6339 < \rho < -5.5712, \quad -4.7160 < \eta < 4.8912 \\ \end{array}$$

Appendix

3. Sample numerical results Taking upper limit values of A = -4.4580, λ = -0.1882, ρ = -5.5712 and η = 4.8912

$$U_{l} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9823 & -0.1882 & -0.1656 - 0.1454i \\ 0.1882 & 0.9823 & -0.1579 \\ 0.1953 - 0.1454i & 0.1579 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{I}U_{I}^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0489 & 0.0261 + 0.0230i & -0.0035 - 0.0026i \\ 0.0261 - 0.0230i & 1.0253 & 0.0340 + 0.0274i \\ -0.0035 + 0.0026i & 0.0340 - 0.0274i & 1.0842 \end{pmatrix} \\ \simeq \mathbb{I}$$

Using the above numerical U_l and putting in the values of $m_e=0.51 imes10^{-3}$ GeV, $m_\mu=0.1057$ GeV and $m_\tau=1.7768$ GeV we get

$$\mathcal{M}_{I}\mathcal{M}_{I}^{\dagger} \simeq \left(egin{array}{cccc} 0.1537 & 0.0805 + 0.0725 i & -0.5231 - 0.4590 i \ 0.0805 - 0.0725 i & 0.0895 & -0.4968 \ -0.5231 + 0.4590 i & -0.4968 & 3.1573 \end{array}
ight)$$

Appendix

4. Possible signature of EW ν_R model The fact

- ν_R interacts with the W and Z (part of a doublet)
- **②** Both ν_R and e_R^M interact with ν_L and e_L through the singlet scalar field ϕ_S

Since $m_{\phi_S} \sim O(10^5 \ eV)$, it's possible

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
\nu_R & \to & \nu_L + \phi_S \\
e_R^M & \to & e_L + \phi_S
\end{array}$$

If $m_{\nu_R} \lesssim m_{e_R^M}$:

$$e_M^R \rightarrow
u_R + e_L + \bar{\nu}_L$$

 $u_R \rightarrow \nu_L + \phi_S$

Possible signature of EW ν_R model

The heaviest ν_R could be pair produced

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \nu_R + \nu_R$$
$$\nu_R \rightarrow e_R^M + W^*(W)$$
$$e_R^M \rightarrow e_L + \phi_S$$

at a 'displaced' vertex. If ν_R is Majorana

$$e_R^{M,-}+W^++e_R^{M,-}+W^+
ightarrow e_L+e_L+W^++W^++2\phi_S$$

same-sign dilepton event which is distinctively different from the Dirac case!

5. How to stop neutrinos?

Q: If one uses a wall of lead, how thick should it be to stop a beam of neutrinos?

A: Typical low energy (MeV) cross section $\sigma \approx 10^{-47} m^2$. Mean free path for neutrinos going through e.g. lead:

- Number density of nucleons in Pb: $n = \frac{11400 \ kg/m^3}{1.76 \times 10^{-27} \ k\sigma}$
- Number of interaction per meter: $\sigma \times n = 10^{-47} \ m^2 \times \frac{11400 \ kg/m^3}{1.76 \times 10^{-27}} \ kg$ • Mean free path: $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma \times n} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{17} \ m \approx 1.6 \ light \ years$