

Neutrino Mass Theory

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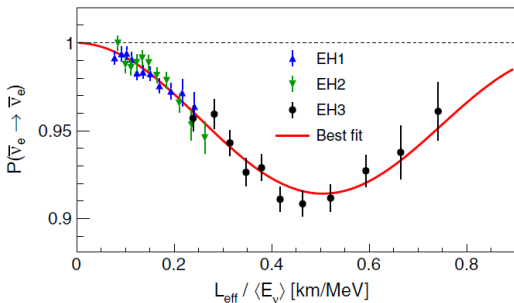
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Oscillating Neutrinos

- ❁ Neutrinos oscillate among flavors:

$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}$$

- ❁ Oscillatory behavior observed in Daya Bay $\bar{\nu}_e$, KamLand $\bar{\nu}_e$, SuperKamiokande atmospheric ν_μ and IceCube-DeepCore data



Daya Bay (2015)

- ❁ Flavor oscillations requires neutrinos to have nonzero masses

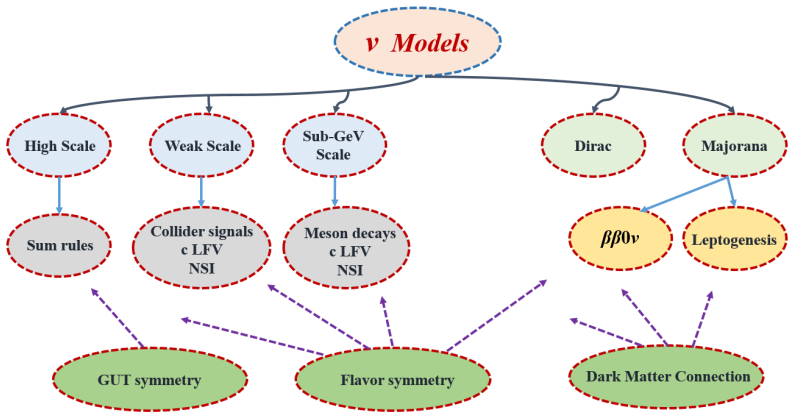
Current knowledge of 3-neutrino oscillations

best fit $\pm 1\sigma$			3σ rel prec
	IC23 w/o SK-ATM	w IC24 & SK-ATM	
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.537^{+0.094}_{-0.10}$	$7.537^{+0.094}_{-0.10}$	7.8%
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.3088^{+0.0067}_{-0.0066}$	$0.3088^{+0.0067}_{-0.0066}$	13%
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ (NO)	$+2.521^{+0.026}_{-0.018}$	$+2.511^{+0.021}_{-0.010}$	5.5–5%
(IO)	$-2.500^{+0.024}_{-0.023}$	$-2.483^{+0.020}_{-0.020}$	5.6–5%
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ (NO)	$0.470^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$	$0.470^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$	<u>30–29%</u>
(IO)	$0.555^{+0.013}_{-0.016}$	$0.550^{+0.013}_{-0.016}$	<u>29–28%</u>
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ (NO)	$0.02249^{+0.00057}_{-0.00057}$	$0.02248^{+0.00055}_{-0.00059}$	15%
(IO)	$0.02261^{+0.00056}_{-0.00056}$	$0.02262^{+0.00057}_{-0.00056}$	
$\delta_{\text{CP}}/^\circ$ (NO)	207^{+23}_{-20}	212^{+26}_{-36}	<u>100–98%</u>
(IO)	283^{+24}_{-28}	274^{+22}_{-25}	<u>54–55%</u>
$\chi_{\text{IO}}^2 - \chi_{\text{NO}}^2$	1.5	5.9	

From talk by Gonzalez-Garcia, Neutrino '26

Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Martinez-Soler, Pinheiro, Schwetz, Zhou (2024)

Roadmap for Neutrino Mass Models



“Fermi Theory” of neutrino mass

- ❁ Neutrino masses are zero in the Standard Model. Observed oscillations require new physics beyond Standard Model
- ❁ Neutrino masses and oscillations can be explained in terms of the effective $d = 5$ Weinberg operator

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = \frac{\kappa_{ab}}{2} (L_a^i L_b^j) H^k H^l \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl}$$

- ❁ $M_\nu = \kappa v^2 \Rightarrow \kappa^{-1} \sim (10^{14} - 10^{15}) \text{ GeV}$ can explain oscillation data
- ❁ EFT description cannot be the end goal, especially when the coefficients of operators are measured. Without UV completion important phenomena would be missed (e.g. Leptogenesis)
- ❁ What if neutrinos are Dirac particles? \mathcal{O}_1 is then the wrong description. Only experiments can decide nature of neutrino mass
- ❁ What if neutrino masses arose from $d = 7$ operators or $d = 9$ operators in a fundamental theory, and not through \mathcal{O}_1 ?

Seesaw Mechanism

- ✿ ν_L has a right-handed partner ν_R
- ✿ In addition to the usual “Dirac mass” connecting ν_L with ν_R , there is also a large mass connecting ν_R with its conjugate $(\nu^c)_L$

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- ✿ M_R is not protected by any symmetry, and can be very large. \Rightarrow

$$m_\nu^{\text{light}} = \frac{m_D^2}{M_R}$$

- ✿ For $m_D \sim 100$ GeV, $M_R \sim 10^{15}$ GeV, light neutrino mass of 10^{-2} eV is obtained. $M_R \sim 10^{15}$ GeV is close to the scale of grand unification

Minkowski (1977)

Yanagida (1979)

Glashow (1979)

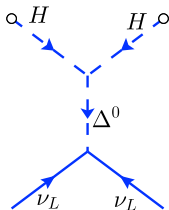
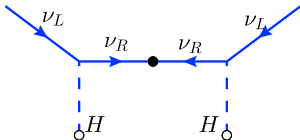
Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky (1980)

Mohapatra & Senjanovic (1980)

Varieties of Seesaw

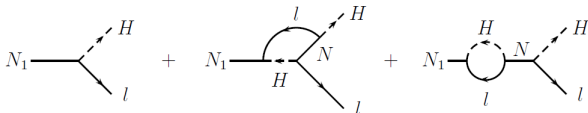
- ❁ $\nu_L - \nu_R$ seesaw is termed “Type-I” seesaw. Here one integrates out a heavy fermion, the ν_R
- ❁ A second “Type-II” seesaw can be realized by integrating out scalars:

$$m_\nu^{\text{light}} \sim Y \left(\frac{\mu v^2}{M_\Delta^2} \right)$$



Baryogenesis via leptogenesis and type-I seesaw

- ❁ In the early history of the universe, a lepton asymmetry may be dynamically generated in the decay of N Fukugita, Yanagida (1986)
- ❁ N being a Majorana fermion can decay to $L + H$ as well as $\bar{L} + H^*$



- ❁ Three Sakharov conditions can be satisfied: B violation via electroweak sphaleron, C and CP violation in Yukawa couplings of N , and out of equilibrium condition via expanding universe
- ❁ Lepton asymmetry in decay of N_1 (with $M_1 \ll M_{2,3}$):

$$\varepsilon_1 \simeq \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{1}{(f_\nu f_\nu^\dagger)_{11}} \sum_{i=2,3} \text{Im} [(f_\nu f_\nu^\dagger)_{i1}^2] \frac{M_1}{M_i}$$

- ❁ $\varepsilon \sim 10^{-6}$ can explain observed baryon asymmetry of the universe
- ❁ Indirect tests in Majorana nature of ν and in CP violation in oscillations

Dirac Neutrino Mass Models

- ❁ Neutrinos may be Dirac particles without lepton number violation
- ❁ Oscillation experiments cannot distinguish Dirac neutrinos from Majorana neutrinos
- ❁ Spin-flip transition rates (in stars, early universe) are suppressed by small neutrino mass:

$$\Gamma_{\text{spin-flip}} \approx \left(\frac{m_\nu}{E}\right)^2 \Gamma_{\text{weak}}$$

- ❁ If neutrinos are Dirac, it would be nice to understand the smallness of their mass
- ❁ Models exist which explain the smallness of Dirac m_ν . I shall describe **left-right symmetric theories** and unified theories with **Parity symmetry** where this happens.

Left-Right Symmetric Models

- ❁ Gauge symmetry is extended to:

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

Pati, Salam (1974); Mohapatra, Pati (1975); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1979)

- ❁ Fermions transform in a left-right symmetric manner:

$$Q_L (3, 2, 1, 1/3) = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_R (3, 1, 2, 1/3) = \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Psi_L (1, 2, 1, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi_R (1, 1, 2, -1) = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ❁ Note the natural appearance of the right-handed neutrino
- ❁ Under Parity symmetry $Q_L \leftrightarrow Q_R, \Psi_L \leftrightarrow \Psi_R, W_L \leftrightarrow W_R$

Dirac Neutrinos from Left-Right Symmetry

- ❁ Higgs sector for symmetry breaking is very simple:

$$H_L (1, 2, 1, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} H_L^+ \\ H_L^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_R (1, 1, 2, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} H_R^+ \\ H_R^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ❁ $\langle H_R^0 \rangle = \kappa_R$ breaks $SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ down to $U(1)_Y$, and $\langle H_L^0 \rangle = \kappa_L$ breaks the electroweak symmetry with $\kappa_R \gg \kappa_L$
- ❁ Parity symmetry is spontaneously broken.
- ❁ Vector-like fermions are introduced to realize “universal seesaw” for charged fermion masses: Davidson, Wali (1987)

$$U(3, 1, 1, 4/3), \quad D(3, 1, 1, -2/3), \quad E(1, 1, 1, -2) .$$

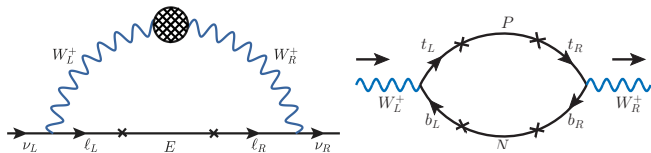
- ❁ Seesaw for charged fermion masses (no seesaw for neutrinos):

$$M_F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y\kappa_L \\ y^\dagger\kappa_R & M \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m_f = \frac{y^2\kappa_L\kappa_R}{M}$$

- ❁ Parity can solve strong CP problem in this setup without axion
Babu, Mohapatra (1989)

Two-loop Dirac Neutrino Masses

- Neutrino masses arise as quantum corrections
- $W_L^+ - W_R^+$ mixing is absent at tree-level in the model
- $W_L^+ - W_R^+$ mixing induced at loop level, which in turn generates small Dirac neutrino mass at two loop **Babu, He (1989)**



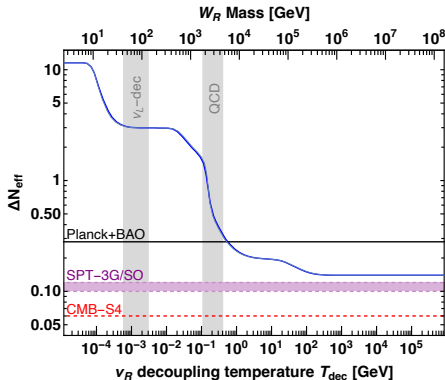
- Flavor structure of two loop diagram needs to be studied to check consistency
- Oscillation date fits well within the model regardless of Parity breaking scale **Babu, He, Su, Thapa (2022)**

Tests with N_{eff} in Cosmology

- Dirac neutrino models of this type will modify N_{eff} by about 0.14

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.027 \left(\frac{106.75}{g_*(T_{\text{dec}})} \right)^{4/3} g_{\text{eff}}$$

- Can be tested in CMB measurements: $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99 \pm 0.17$ (Planck+BAO)



Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $M_R \ll m_D$, neutrino becomes pseudo-Dirac
Wolfenstein (1980); Petcov (1982); Valle, Singer (1983)
- $M_R = 0$ is realized in models of Dirac neutrino. Non-renormalizable operators induced by gravity can provide small M_R :
Eg: $LLHHS/M_{\text{Pl}}^2$ (S carries B-L charge of +2)
- Active-sterile mass splitting strongly constrained by solar neutrino data: $\delta m_{as}^2 \leq 10^{-11} \text{ eV}^2$
- For $\langle S \rangle = (10^4 - 10^{14}) \text{ GeV}$, $\delta m_{as}^2 = (10^{-12} - 10^{-21}) \text{ eV}^2$ is realized
- Oscillations average out, and the flux of active neutrinos will be depleted by half
- Testable in high energy neutrino events at IceCube with identified source Beacom, Bell, Hooper, Learned, Pakvasa, Weiler (2004)

Astrophysical Tests of Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

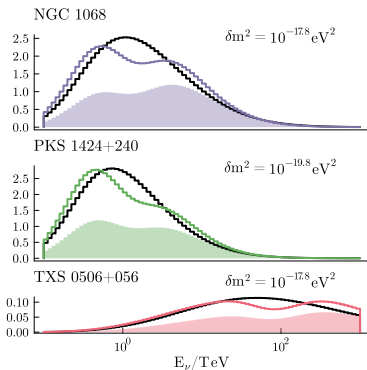


Figure: Calculated event distributions for the three most significant sources under the SM (black) and the pseudo-Dirac (filled color) hypotheses.

Carloni, Martinez-Soler, Arguelles, Babu, Dev (2023)

Sensitivity from galactic neutrinos: $\delta m_{as}^2 = (10^{-13.6} - 10^{-12.3}) \text{ eV}^2$
MacDonald, Carloni, Arguelles, Martinez-Soler, Batista (2026)

Grand Unification: A Refresher

- ❁ Unifies strong, weak and electromagnetic forces into a single force
- ❁ Leads to gauge coupling unification
- ❁ Unifies quarks, leptons, antiquarks and antileptons neatly into common GUT multiplets
- ❁ Explains electric charge quantization
- ❁ Right-handed neutrinos are required in most GUTs leading to seesaw mechanism as well as baryogenesis
- ❁ Predictive setup for quark and lepton masses
- ❁ Testable in its hallmark prediction of proton decay

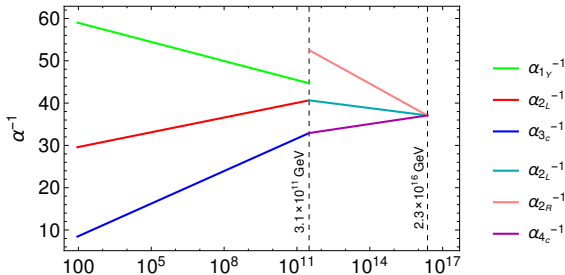
Unification of Forces & Matter in SO(10)

16 members of a family fit into a spinor of SO(10)

$u_Y : \{- + + + -\}$	$d_Y : \{- + + - +\}$	$u_Y^c : \{+ - - + +\}$	$d_Y^c : \{+ - - - -\}$
$u_b : \{+ - + + -\}$	$d_b : \{+ - + - +\}$	$u_b^c : \{- + - + +\}$	$d_b^c : \{- + - - -\}$
$u_g : \{+ + - + -\}$	$d_g : \{+ + - - +\}$	$u_g^c : \{- - + + +\}$	$d_g^c : \{- - + - -\}$
$\nu : \{- - - + -\}$	$e : \{- - - - +\}$	$\nu^c : \{+ + + + +\}$	$e^c : \{+ + + - -\}$

First 3 spins refer to color, last two are weak spins

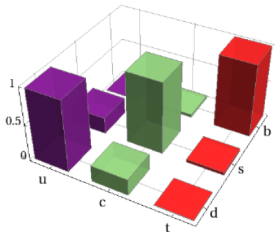
$$Y = \frac{1}{3}\Sigma(C) - \frac{1}{2}\Sigma(W)$$



Disparity in Quark & Lepton Mixings

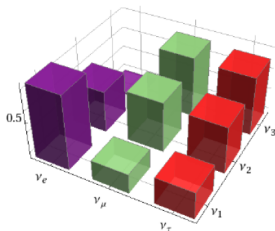
- Quark Mixings

$$V_{CKM} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0.976 & 0.22 & 0.004 \\ -0.22 & 0.98 & 0.04 \\ 0.007 & -0.04 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Leptonic Mixings

$$U_{PMNS} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0.85 & -0.54 & 0.16 \\ 0.33 & 0.62 & -0.72 \\ -0.40 & -0.59 & -0.70 \end{bmatrix}$$



Yukawa Sector of Minimal $SO(10)$

$$16 \times 16 = 10_s + 120_a + 126_s$$

- ✿ At least two Higgs fields needed for family mixing
- ✿ Symmetric 10_H and $\overline{126}$ is the minimal model

$$W_{SO(10)} = 16^T (Y_{10} 10_H + Y_{126} \overline{126}_H) 16 .$$

$$M_U = v_u^{10} Y_{10} + v_u^{126} Y_{126}$$

$$M_D = v_d^{10} Y_{10} + v_d^{126} Y_{126}$$

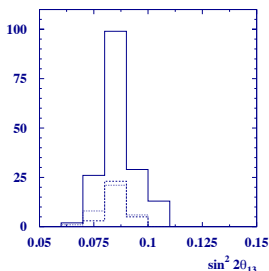
$$M_E = v_d^{10} Y_{10} - 3v_d^{126} Y_{126}$$

$$M_{\nu_D} = v_u^{10} Y_{10} - 3v_u^{126} Y_{126}$$

$$M_R = Y_{126} V_R$$

Minimal Yukawa sector of SO(10)

- ❁ 12 parameters plus 7 phases to fit 18 observed quantities
- ❁ This setup fits all observables quite well
- ❁ Large neutrino mixings coexist with small quark mixings
- ❁ θ_{13} prediction turned out to be correct



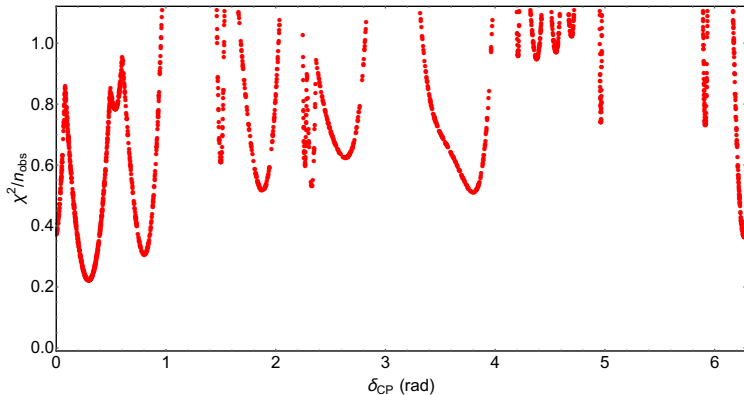
Babu, Mohapatra (1993); Bajc, Senjanovic, Vissani (2001); (2003); Fukuyama, Okada (2002); Goh, Mohapatra, Ng (2003); Bajc, Melfo, Senjanovic, Vissani (2004); Bertolini, Malinsky, Schwetz (2006); Babu, Macesanu (2005); Dutta, Mimura, Mohapatra (2007); Aulakh et al (2004); Bajc, Dorsner, Nemevsek (2009); Joshipura, Patel (2011); Dueck, Rodejohann (2013); Ohlsson, Penrow (2019); Babu, Bajc, Saad (2018); Babu, Saad (2021)

Best fit values for fermion masses and mixings

Observables (masses in GeV)	SUSY			non-SUSY		
	Input	Best Fit	Pull	Input	Best Fit	Pull
$m_u/10^{-3}$	0.502±0.155	0.515	0.08	0.442±0.149	0.462	0.13
m_c	0.245±0.007	0.246	0.14	0.238±0.007	0.239	0.18
m_t	90.28±0.89	90.26	-0.02	74.51±0.65	74.47	-0.05
$m_b/10^{-3}$	0.839±0.17	0.400	-2.61	1.14±0.22	0.542	-2.62
$m_s/10^{-3}$	16.62±0.90	16.53	-0.09	21.58±1.14	22.57	0.86
m_b	0.938±0.009	0.933	-0.55	0.994±0.009	0.995	0.19
$m_e/10^{-3}$	0.3440±0.0034	0.344	0.08	0.4707±0.0047	0.470	-0.03
$m_\mu/10^{-3}$	72.625±0.726	72.58	-0.05	99.365±0.993	99.12	-0.24
m_τ	1.2403±0.0124	1.247	0.57	1.6892±0.0168	1.688	-0.05
$ V_{us} /10^{-2}$	22.54±0.07	22.54	0.02	22.54±0.06	22.54	0.06
$ V_{cb} /10^{-2}$	3.93±0.06	3.908	-0.42	4.856±0.06	4.863	0.13
$ V_{ub} /10^{-2}$	0.341±0.012	0.341	0.003	0.420±0.013	0.421	0.10
δ_{CKM}°	69.21±3.09	69.32	0.03	69.15±3.09	70.24	0.35
$\Delta m_{21}^2/10^{-5}(eV^2)$	8.982±0.25	8.972	-0.04	12.65±0.35	12.65	-0.01
$\Delta m_{31}^2/10^{-3}(eV^2)$	3.05±0.04	3.056	0.02	4.307±0.059	4.307	0.006
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.318±0.016	0.314	-0.19	0.318±0.016	0.316	-0.07
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.563±0.019	0.563	0.031	0.563±0.019	0.563	0.01
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0221±0.0006	0.0221	-0.003	0.0221±0.0006	0.0220	-0.16
δ_{CP}°	224.1±33.3	240.1	0.48	224.1±33.3	225.1	0.03
χ^2	-	-	7.98	-	-	7.96

Dirac CP phase

Multiple χ^2 minima make δ_{CP} prediction difficult

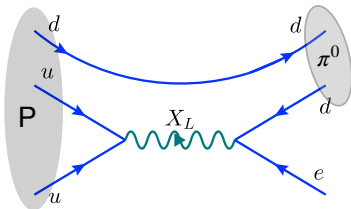


Babu, Bajc, Saad (2018)

Proton Decay in GUTs

- Packing quarks, leptons, antiquarks and antileptons into same multiplets of $SO(10)$ implies baryon number is violated
- Dominant decay of proton in $SO(10)$ is

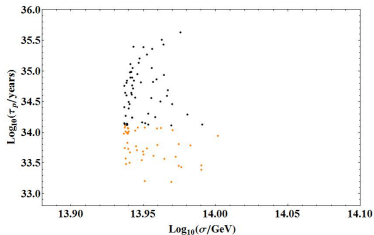
$$p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$$



- Non-observation of proton decay has ruled out minimal $SU(5)$ GUT, but not $SO(10)$ GUT
- Proton lifetime scales as fourth power of the superheavy X gauge boson mass

Proton decay predictions

- ❁ Proton decay branching ratios determined by neutrino oscillation fits
- ❁ Mediated by superheavy gauge bosons
- ❁ Lifetime has large range, $\tau_p \approx (10^{32} - 10^{36})$ yrs.
- ❁ Testable in forthcoming experiments via rate and branching ratios



Prediction of branching ratios

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+) &\rightarrow 47\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+) &\rightarrow 1\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow \eta^0 e^+) &\rightarrow 0.20\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow \eta^0 \mu^+) &\rightarrow 0.00\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 e^+) &\rightarrow 0.16\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+) &\rightarrow 3.62\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu}) &\rightarrow 48\% \\ \Gamma(p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}) &\rightarrow 0.22\%\end{aligned}$$

Babu, Khan (2015)

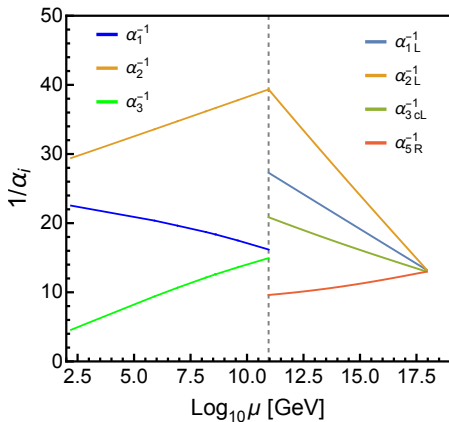
Nemesvek, Bajc, Dorsner (2009)

Parity Symmetric Unification

$$\psi_{L,R} = \begin{bmatrix} D_1^c \\ D_2^c \\ D_3^c \\ e \\ -\nu \end{bmatrix}_{L,R} \quad \chi_{L,R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & U_3^c & -U_2^c & -u_1 & -d_1 \\ -U_3^c & 0 & U_1^c & -u_2 & -d_2 \\ U_2^c & -U_1^c & 0 & -u_3 & -d_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & 0 & -E^c \\ d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & E^c & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{L,R},$$

- ✿ Based on $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$ gauge symmetry
- ✿ Fermions of universal seesaw model fit nicely into $SU(5)_L \times SU(5)_R$ representations
- ✿ All left-handed SM fermions are in $\{(10, 1) + (\bar{5}, 1)\}$, while all right-handed SM fermions are in $\{(1, 10) + (1, \bar{5})\}$
- ✿ There is ν_R in the theory, but no normal seesaw for neutrino sector
- ✿ Small *Dirac neutrino masses* arise as a **type-II Dirac seesaw**

Gauge Coupling Unification



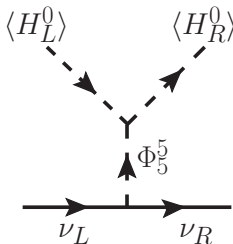
❁ $M_I = 9.02 \times 10^{10}$ GeV, $M_G = 8.0 \times 10^{17}$ GeV, $\alpha_G^{-1} = 13.18$

❁ Intermediate symmetry: $SU(3)_{cL} \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_L \times SU(5)_R$

Type-II Dirac Seesaw for Neutrino Masses

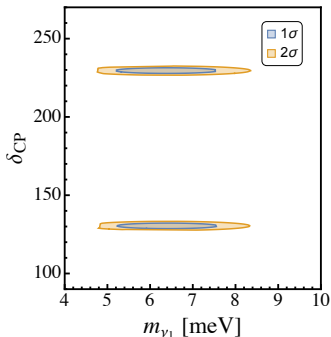
- ❁ Neutrinos are naturally light Dirac particles
- ❁ A type-II Dirac seesaw makes them light
- ❁ A Higgs doublet with mass of order M_G for $\Phi(5, 5^*)$ acquires an induced VEV
- ❁ The neutrino Dirac Yukawa coupling is

$$Y_\nu \sim \frac{M_I}{M_G} \sim 10^{-7}$$



Predictions for Neutrino Parameters

- ✿ 1 parameter in \mathcal{M}_d should fit 3 light down-quark masses
- ✿ Leads to 2 predictions in neutrino oscillations
- ✿ δ_{CP} and lightest neutrino mass m_1 are predicted:



$$\delta_{CP} = (130.4 \pm 1.2)^\circ \text{ or } (229.6 \pm 1.2)^\circ$$

$$m_{\nu_1} = (4.8 - 8.4) \text{ meV}$$

Radiative neutrino mass generation

- ✿ An alternative to seesaw is radiative neutrino mass generation, where neutrino mass is absent at tree level, but arises via quantum loop corrections
- ✿ The smallness of neutrino mass is explained by loop and chiral suppression
- ✿ Loop diagrams may arise at 1-loop, 2-loop or 3-loop levels
- ✿ New physics scale typically near TeV and thus accessible to LHC
- ✿ Further tests in observable LFV processes and as nonstandard neutrino interaction (NSI) in oscillations

Effective $\Delta L = 2$ Operators

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_1 &= L^i L^j H^k H^l \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl} \\ \mathcal{O}_2 &= L^i L^j L^k e^c H^l \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl} \\ \mathcal{O}_3 &= \{L^i L^j Q^k d^c H^l \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}, L^i L^j Q^k d^c H^l \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl}\} \\ \mathcal{O}_4 &= \{L^i L^j \bar{Q}_i \bar{u}^c H^k \epsilon_{jk}, L^i L^j \bar{Q}_k \bar{u}^c H^k \epsilon_{ij}\} \\ \mathcal{O}_5 &= L^i L^j Q^k d^c H^l H^m \bar{H}_i \epsilon_{jl} \epsilon_{km} \\ \mathcal{O}_6 &= L^i L^j \bar{Q}_k \bar{u}^c H^l H^k \bar{H}_i \epsilon_{jl} \\ \mathcal{O}_7 &= L^i Q^j \bar{e}^c \bar{Q}_k H^k H^l H^m \epsilon_{il} \epsilon_{jm} \\ \mathcal{O}_8 &= L^i \bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c d^c H^j \epsilon_{ij} \\ \mathcal{O}_9 &= L^i L^j L^k e^c L^l e^c \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl} \\ \mathcal{O}'_1 &= L^i L^j H^k H^l \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl} H^{*m} H_m\end{aligned}$$

Babu & Leung (2001)

de Gouvea & Jenkins (2008)

Angel & Volkas (2012)

Cai, Herrero-Garcia, Schmidt, Vicente, Volkas (2017)

Lehman (2014) – all $d = 7$ operators

Li, Ren, Xiao, Yu, Zheng (2020); Liao, Ma (2020) – all $d = 9$ operators

Operator \mathcal{O}_2 and the Zee model

- Introduce a singly charged scalar and a second Higgs doublet to standard model:

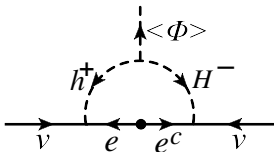
$$\mathcal{L} = f_{ij} L_i^a L_j^b h^+ \epsilon_{ab} + \mu H^a \Phi^b h^- \epsilon_{ab} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = L^i L^j L^k e^c H^l \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}$$

Zee (1980)

- Neutrino mass arises at one-loop.



- A minimal version of this model in which only one Higgs doublet couples to a given fermion sector with a Z_2 symmetry yields: Wolfenstein (1980)

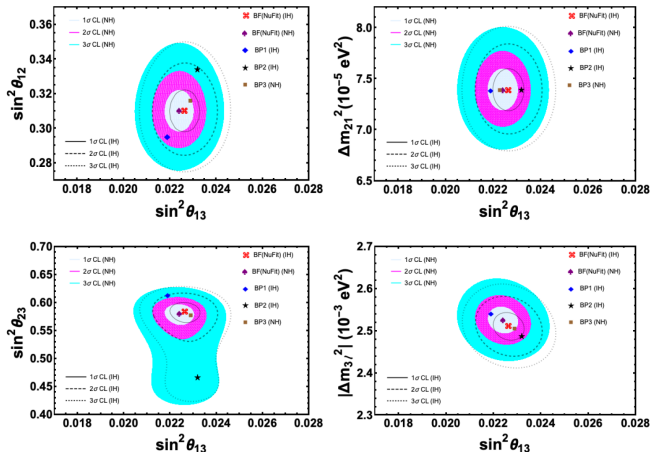
$$m_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_{e\mu} & m_{e\tau} \\ m_{e\mu} & 0 & m_{\mu\tau} \\ m_{e\tau} & m_{\mu\tau} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad m_{ij} \simeq \frac{f_{ij}}{16\pi^2} \frac{(m_i^2 - m_j^2)}{\Lambda}$$

It requires $\theta_{12} \simeq \pi/4 \rightarrow$ ruled out by solar + KamLAND data.

Koide (2001); Frampton *et al.* (2002); He (2004)

Neutrino oscillations in the Zee model

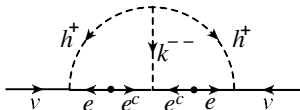
Neutrino oscillation data can be fit to the Zee model consistently without assuming the Z_2 symmetry



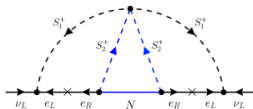
Babu, Dev, Jana, Thapa (2019)

Other Radiative Neutrino Mass Models

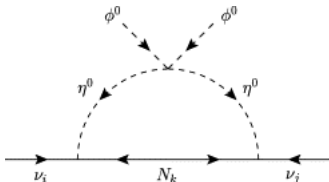
Zee-Babu Model: Neutrino mass arises at two-loops



Krauss-Nasri-Trodden (KNT) Model: ν -mass via 3-loop diagrams



Scotogenic Model of M_a : Dark matter mediates neutrino mass generation



New particles in loops cannot be too heavy, leading to potential signals

Conclusions

- ❁ EFT description alone in neutrino sector is inadequate; we may miss important phenomena such as leptogenesis
- ❁ Higher symmetries such as left-right and GUT provide powerful tools to interconnect neutrino sector with quark sector
- ❁ Models of neutrino mass based on GUTs have correlated predictions for proton decay
- ❁ Neutrino may very well be Dirac particles; interesting models of Dirac neutrino exist
- ❁ Various $d = 7$ and $d = 9$ lepton number violating EFT operators can lead to interesting radiative neutrino mass models

Thank You!