

# Baryon Number Violation and the Dark Sector

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- SM an impressive description of natural phenomena, yet incomplete
- Neutrino masses and dark matter (DM)
- Both can be addressed with “dark” states  $X$  uncharged under SM
- $X$ : Heavy Majorana neutrino  $N$  for seesaw or DM state
- $X$  may couple to “dark” forces
- $X$  also could mediate violations of SM accidental symmetries
- We will consider  $B$  violating interactions
- (I)  $m_X \lesssim 1$  GeV:  $\frac{(Xudd)_R}{M^2}$  (light quarks)
- (II)  $m_X \gtrsim 100$  GeV ( $X = N$ ):  $\frac{(Ntbb)_R}{\Lambda^2}$  (top and bottom)

Sample of recent works on related subjects: [Cheung, Ishiwata 1304.0468](#); [Baldes, Bell, Millar, Petraki, Volkas, 1410.0108](#); [Monteux, Shin, 1412.5586](#); [Dev, Mohapatra, 1504.07196](#)

## Case (I): $m_X \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}$

- “Neutron portal”  $\frac{(Xudd)_R}{M^2}$  HD, Morrissey, Sigurdson, Tulin, 2010
- Potentially contributing to nucleon decay, e.g.  $p \rightarrow X\pi^+$
- For  $m_X \ll m_N - m_{\text{meson}}$  hard to distinguish from  $p \rightarrow \pi^+\nu$
- Focus on  $(\text{few} \times 100 \text{ MeV}) \lesssim m_X \lesssim m_N$
- For  $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$  meson momenta can use chiral perturbation theory  
Claudson, Wise, Hall, 1982

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=0} = \frac{D+F}{2f_\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{3F-D}{D+F} \right) \frac{\partial_\mu \eta}{\sqrt{3}} - \partial_\mu \pi^0 \right] \bar{n} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 n + \left( \frac{D+F}{\sqrt{2}f_\pi} \right) \partial_\mu \pi^- \bar{n} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 p + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1} = \beta c_1 \bar{X}^c \left\{ n_R - \frac{i}{f_\pi} \left[ \frac{p_R}{\sqrt{2}} \pi^- + \frac{n_R}{2} (\sqrt{3}\eta - \pi^0) \right] \right\} \quad ; \quad (c_1 \equiv 1/M^2)$$

$D = 0.80$ ,  $F = 0.47$ ,  $\beta = 0.012 \pm 0.0026 \text{ GeV}^3$  (lattice, e.g., Aoki et al., 2008),  $f_\pi \simeq 92.2 \text{ MeV}$

- $p \rightarrow X\pi^+$  (solid)

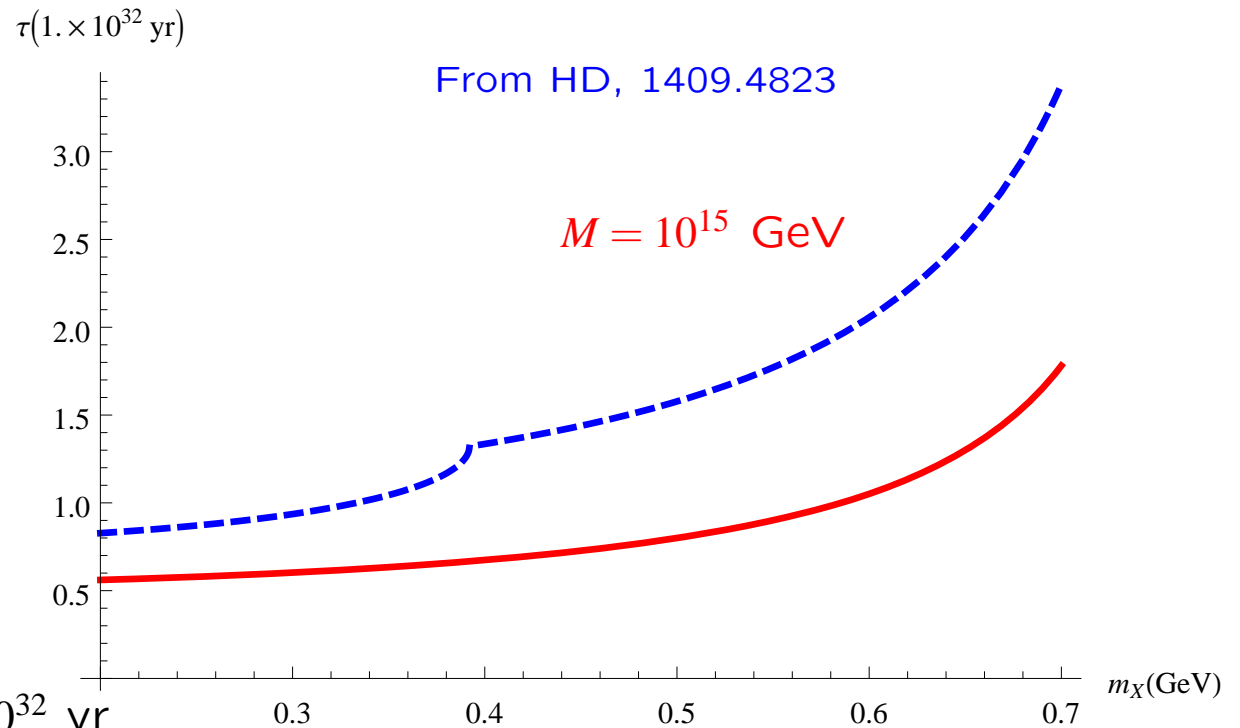
- $n \rightarrow X\pi^0, \eta$  (dashed)

- Discontinuity:  $\eta$  threshold

- Current bounds:

- $\tau(p \rightarrow \pi^+\bar{\nu}) > 1.6 \times 10^{31}$  yr  
Soudan 2 Collaboration, 2000

- $\tau[n \rightarrow \pi^0(\eta)\bar{\nu}] > 1.12(1.58) \times 10^{32}$  yr  
McGrew et al., 1999



- $X$  final states: different kinematics, bounds not directly applicable

Example:  $p \rightarrow \pi^+\bar{\nu}$ , with  $p_{\pi^+} \simeq 459$  MeV

- Simulations:  $\pi^+$  exiting Fe nucleus on average lose  $\sim 1/2$  their momentum

- Soudan 2 cut on  $\pi^+$  momentum  $p_{\pi^+} \in [140, 420]$  MeV

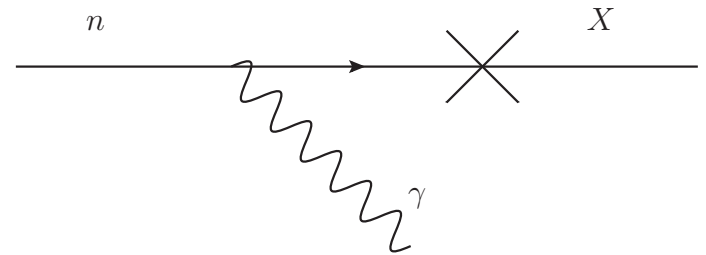
- $p \rightarrow X\pi^+$  with  $m_X = 600$  MeV  $\Rightarrow p_{\pi^+} \simeq 251 < 2 \times 140$  MeV

- Neutron decay  $n \rightarrow X\gamma$  possible through  $n$  magnetic moment

- For  $m_N - m_X < m_\pi$ ,  $n \rightarrow X\gamma$  dominates

- PDG:  $\tau(n \rightarrow \nu\gamma) > 2.8 \times 10^{31}$  yr

$\Rightarrow M \gtrsim 10^{14}$  GeV (softer  $\gamma$  can affect efficiency)



- $X$  charged under  $U(1)_d$ , mediated by light  $Z_d$  may yield  $n \rightarrow XZ_d$

- $U(1)_d$  coupling  $g_d$ ; kinetic mixing with photon or mass mixing with  $Z$

- Possibly motivated by DM models or  $g_\mu - 2$  data

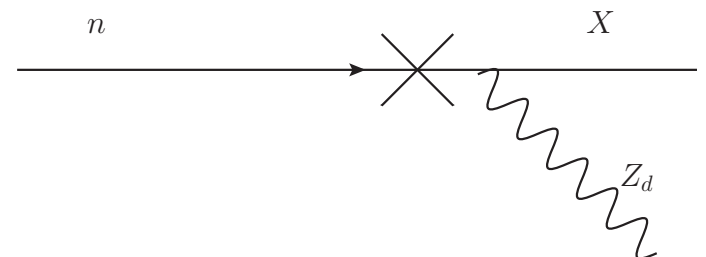
[Arkani-Hamed, Finkbeiner, Slatyer, Weiner, 2009](#); [Pospelov 2009](#)

- $Q_d = 1$ ,  $\alpha_d = \alpha$ ,  $M = 10^{15}$  GeV,  $m_X = 700$  MeV, and  $m_{Z_d} = 50$  MeV

$\Rightarrow \tau(n \rightarrow X\pi^0) \simeq 3.4 \times 10^{32}$  yr ;  $\tau(n \rightarrow XZ_d) \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{33}$  yr

- $\text{Br}(Z_d \rightarrow e^+e^-) \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  dilepton resonance

$\tau(n \rightarrow e^+e^-\nu) > 2.6 \times 10^{32}$  yr



Case (II):  $m_X \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$

- Direct baryogenesis via Majorana neutrinos: *Dexiogenesis*

HD, Zhang, 1504.07244

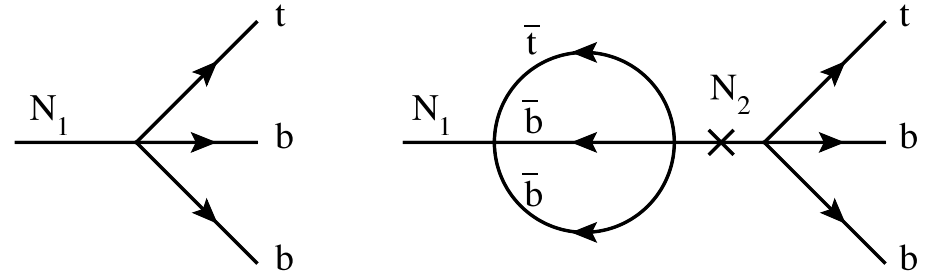
(dexios: Greek for right hand)

- Seesaw mechanism with Yukawa couplings  $y_N \lesssim 10^{-6}$

- Baryon number violating effective operator  $\lambda_a \frac{[\bar{N}_a^c P_R b][\bar{t}^c P_R b]}{\Lambda^2}$

Minimal choice  $a = 1, 2$  for realistic seesaw;  $\lambda_a \in \mathbb{C}$

- Baryogenesis at 2-loop
- Non-thermal production of  $N_1$
- $N_1$  decaying out-of-equilibrium



- Baryon asymmetry:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{Im}(\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^{*2})}{3072 \pi^3 |\lambda_1|^2} \left( \frac{M_1}{\Lambda} \right)^4 \frac{M_1 M_2}{(M_2^2 - M_1^2)}$$

$n_B/s \sim 10^{-10}$

- $\varepsilon \gtrsim 10^{-8} \Rightarrow M_1/\Lambda \gtrsim 0.1 \quad (T_{\text{reheat}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV})$

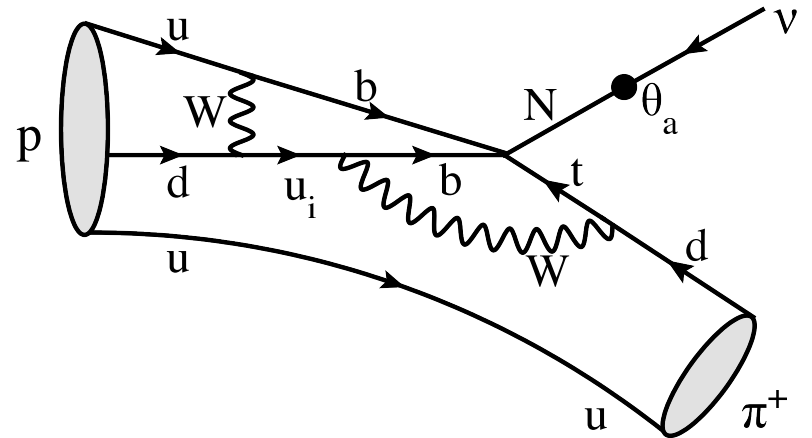
- Important constraints from nucleon decay

- $\Gamma(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu) = \frac{(1+g_A)^2 \alpha_h^2 m_p}{32\pi f_\pi^2} |\xi|^2$

- $g_A = 1.27$ ,  $f_\pi = 131 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\alpha_h \approx -0.01125 \text{ GeV}^3$  (lattice, [Aoki et al., 2006](#))

- $\xi \approx \frac{\Lambda_{qcd} G_F^2 m_t m_b^2 V_{td}^2 V_{ub}^* V_{tb}^*}{(16\pi^2)^2 \Lambda^2} \lambda_a \theta_a$

- $\theta_a$ :  $N_a$ - $\nu_L$  mixing



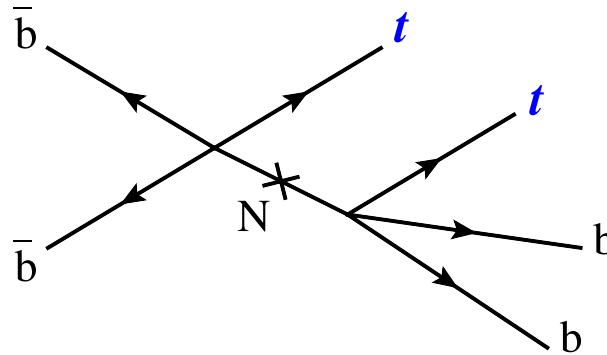
$$\tau(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu) \approx 2.5 \times 10^{32} \text{ yr} \left( \frac{\Lambda / \sqrt{\lambda_a}}{1.5 \text{ TeV}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{\theta_a}{10^{-6}} \right)^{-2}$$

- Within reach of proposed nucleon decay experiments
- Experimental bound:  $\tau(p \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu) > 1.6 \times 10^{31} \text{ yr}$  [PDG](#)

- LHC signature: same sign tops

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow tN \rightarrow ttbb)$				
$m_N$	200 GeV	500 GeV	800 GeV	1 TeV
$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$	0.34 fb	0.16 fb	$8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ fb}$	$5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ fb}$

$$\Lambda/\sqrt{\lambda_a} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$

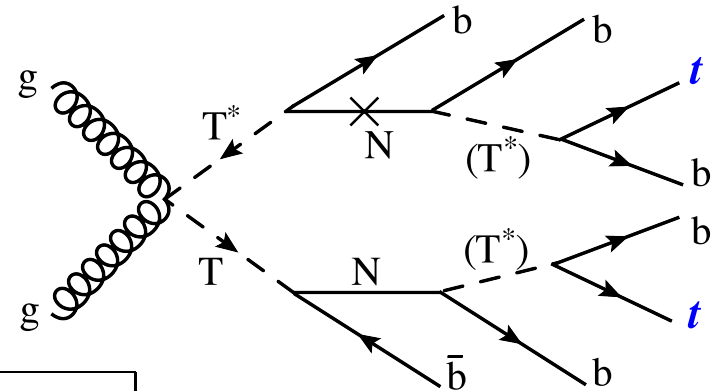


- Simple UV completion: color triplet scalar  $T$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = f_a \bar{N}_a^c P_R b T + f' \bar{t}^c P_R b T^* + M_T^2 |T|^2$$

- $\lambda_a/\Lambda^2 \equiv f_a f' / M_T^2$

- Possibility:  $T \in \mathbf{5}'_H$  of SU(5)



$\sigma(pp \rightarrow TT^*)$				
$m_T$	1.5 TeV	2 TeV	5 TeV	10 TeV
$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$	0.16 fb	0.01 fb	—	—
$\sqrt{s} = 100 \text{ TeV}$	384 fb	92 fb	0.54 fb	$4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ fb}$



# Concluding Remarks

- Dark state  $X$  (DM or Majorana  $N$ ) may have  $B$ -violating interactions
- Nucleons decay into sub-GeV  $X$  could probe the dark sector
  - Kinematically distinct from  $\nu$  final state
  - Independent of local abundance
  - Does not require any appreciable  $X$  coupling to SM
- For weak scale Majorana  $N$ , direct baryogenesis: *dexiogenesis*
  - Mediated by  $(Ntbb)_R/\Lambda^2$  with  $\Lambda \gtrsim 1$  TeV
  - Distinct LHC signature: same sign tops
  - Concomitant nucleon decay signals, potentially accessible to experiments
  - Simple UV completion: a color triplet scalar (possible GUT connection)