Testing Neutrino Mass Models at the LHC and beyond

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Non-zero neutrino mass \Longrightarrow physics beyond the SM.



Seesaw Mechanism

- A natural way to generate neutrino masses is by breaking the (B L)-symmetry of the SM.
- Parametrized by the dim-5 operator $\frac{1}{\Lambda}(LLHH)$. [Weinberg (PRL '79)]
- Three tree-level realizations: Type I, II, III seesaw mechanisms.



- Generically predict lepton number and/or charged lepton flavor violation.
- Pertinent question in the LHC era:

Can the seesaw mechanism be tested at the LHC (and beyond)?

Type-I Seesaw

[Minkowski (PLB '77); Mohapatra, Senjanović (PRL '80); Yanagida '79; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky '79]

- Seesaw messenger: SM-singlet fermions (sterile neutrinos).
- In the flavor basis $\{\nu_L^C, N\}$, leads to the mass matrix

$$\mathcal{M}_{
u} = \left(egin{array}{cc} 0 & M_D \ M_D^{\mathsf{T}} & M_N \end{array}
ight)$$

- In the seesaw approximation $||M_D M_N^{-1}|| \ll 1$,
 - $M_{\nu}^{\text{light}} \simeq -M_D M_N^{-1} M_D^{\mathsf{T}}$ is the light neutrino mass matrix.
 - $V_{\ell N} \equiv M_D M_N^{-1}$ is the active-sterile neutrino mixing.



- From a bottom-up approach, no definite prediction for the seesaw scale.
- Suggestive upper limit $M_N \lesssim 10^7$ GeV from naturalness arguments. [Vissani (PRD '98); Clarke, Foot, Volkas (PRD '15); Bambhaniya, BD, Goswami, Khan, Rodejohann (ongoing)]

Low-scale Type-I Seesaw

In 'traditional' seesaw, light-heavy neutrino mixing is small at EW-scale:

$$V_{lN} \simeq M_D M_N^{-1} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{M_{\nu}}{M_N}} \lesssim 10^{-6} \sqrt{\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{M_N}}$$

- Strictly true only for the one generation case.
- 'Large' mixing effects possible with special structures of M_D and M_N.
 [Pilaftsis (ZPC '92); Gluza (APPB '02); de Gouvea '07; Kersten, Smirnov (PRD '07); Gavela, Hambye,
 Hernandez, Hernandez (JHEP '09); Ibarra, Molinaro, Petcov (JHEP '10); Mitra, Senjanović, Vissani (NPB '12); BD, Lee, Mohapatra (PRD '13)]
- Can be motivated/stabilized from symmetry arguments.
- LNV is usually suppressed due to constraints from neutrino oscillation data and 0νββ, while observable LFV still possible.
- Sizable LNV possible with an extended gauge sector.

A Natural Low-scale Seesaw

- Inverse seesaw mechanism [Mohapatra (PRL '86); Mohapatra, Valle (PRD '86)]
- Add two sets of singlet fermions carrying opposite lepton numbers.
- Neutrino mass matrix in the flavor basis $\{\nu_{L,l}^{C}, N_{R,\alpha}, S_{L,\beta}^{C}\}$:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & M_D & \mathbf{0} \\ M_D^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathbf{0} & M_N^{\mathsf{T}} \\ \mathbf{0} & M_N & \mu \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{M}_D \\ \mathcal{M}_D^{\mathsf{T}} & \mathcal{M}_N \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathcal{M}_{\nu}^{\text{light}} = \mathcal{M}_D \mathcal{M}_N^{-1} \mu \, \mathcal{M}_N^{-1^{\mathsf{T}}} \mathcal{M}_D^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathcal{O}(\mu^3).$$

- *L*-symmetry is restored when $\mu \rightarrow 0$.
- Naturally allows for large mixing:

$$V_{lN} \simeq \sqrt{rac{M_{
u}}{\mu}} pprox 10^{-2} \sqrt{rac{1 \ {
m keV}}{\mu}}$$

Rich phenomenological implications.

Seesaw Signal at the LHC



(Same-sign) dilepton plus jets without $\not E_T$ [Keung, Senjanović (PRL '83); Datta, Guchait, Pilaftsis (PRD '94); Han, Zhang (PRL '06); Bray, Lee, Pilaftsis (NPB '07); del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, Pittau (JHEP '07)] – talk by Un-ki Yang



New Contribution

Collinear-enhancement mechanism [BD, Pilaftsis, Yang (PRL '14); Alva, Han, Ruiz (JHEP '15)]



Inverse Seesaw Signal

• For small *L*-breaking, LNV signal of same-sign dileptons is suppressed:

$$\mathcal{A}_{ ext{LNV}}(ar{s}) = -V_{lN}^2rac{2\Delta M_N}{\Delta M_N^2+\Gamma_N^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(rac{\Delta M_N}{M_N}
ight)$$

for $\Delta M_N \lesssim \Gamma_N$, where $\Delta M_N \simeq \mu$. [BD, Pilaftsis, Yang (PRL '14); Anamiati, Hirsch, Nardi '16]

- Exception: Resonant enhancement for $\Delta M_N \simeq \Gamma_N$. [Bray, Lee, Pilaftsis (NPB '07)]
- Look for opposite-sign dilepton signal (large SM background).
- Or trilepton channel. [del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra (NPB '09); Chen, BD (PRD '12); Das, Okada (PRD '14); Das, BD, Okada (PLB '14)]



Constraints from LHC Higgs Data



[BD, Franceschini, Mohapatra (PRD '12); Das, BD, Kim (in preparation)]

Lepton Collider Searches

[Buchmuller, Greub (NPB '91); Azuelos, Djouadi (ZPC '94); Ananthanarayan, Minkowski (PLB '96); Gluza,

Zralek (PLB '96); Gluza, Maalampi, Raidal, Zralek (PLB '97); Rodejohann (PRD '10); Asaka, Tsuyuki (PRD '15)]



Summary Plot (Electron Sector)



[Deppisch, BD, Pilaftsis (NJP '15)]

Summary Plot (Muon Sector)



[Deppisch, BD, Pilaftsis (NJP '15)]

Summary Plot (Tau Sector)



[Deppisch, BD, Pilaftsis (NJP '15)]

Left-Right Seesaw

 Provides a natural framework for type-I seesaw (at TeV scale). [Pati, Salam (PRD '74); Mohapatra, Pati (PRD '75); Senjanović, Mohapatra (PRD '75)]
 New contribution to Drell-Yan process via W_R exchange.



L-R Seesaw Phase Diagram



[Chen, BD, Mohapatra (PRD '13); BD, Kim, Mohapatra (JHEP '16)]

Lepton Flavor Violation



Complementarity with the LHC



[BD, Kim, Mohapatra (JHEP '16)]

Type-II Seesaw Signal



Prospects at 100 TeV



[BD, Mohapatra, Zhang (JHEP '16)]

Type-III Seesaw Signal



Conclusion

- Understanding the neutrino mass mechanism will provide important insights into the BSM world.
- Might also shed light on other puzzles (e.g., baryon asymmetry and dark matter).
- Colliders provide a ripe testing ground for low-scale neutrino mass models.
- Healthy complementarity at the intensity and cosmic frontiers.

