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Constraints on the (low scale) type-III seesaw

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Fermion masses

After LHC discovery of the Higgs boson and precise measurement of Yukawa couplings the BEH mechanism is well established as the mechanism to give mass to charged fermions

However: what about neutrinos?

from oscillation experiments \rightarrow they are massive and their mass is very light

The SM must be extended

Neutrino masses

The simplest extension \rightarrow add ν_R and Dirac mass $Y \bar{L} \phi \nu_R$
is not satisfactory:

- extreme lightness of neutrino masses not explained
- lepton number conservation must be imposed

otherwise, Majorana mass is allowed $M \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R$

\rightarrow new scale in the SM \rightarrow BSM physics!

M can be at any scale, lighter or heavier than EW scale

If $M \gg EW \rightarrow$ Seesaw mechanism

lightness of neutrino mass arise naturally

Seesaw mechanism

Simplest: type I seesaw

-> add heavy fermion singlets N

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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{K}} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{N}_i M_{ij} N_j - Y_{i\alpha} \overline{N}_i \tilde{\phi}^\dagger L_\alpha + h.c.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} Y \\ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} Y^T & M \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_\nu = \frac{v^2}{2} Y M^{-1} Y^T$$

Light neutrino mass for $Y \sim 1$ and $M \sim M_{GUT}$

Drawback: impossible to test!

- both directly -> never produce heavy states
- neither indirectly -> NP effects suppressed by the large M:

$$c^{d=6} = \epsilon = \frac{v^2}{2} Y^\dagger M^{-2} Y$$

Seesaw mechanism

O(1) Yukawa not necessary: $M \sim \text{TeV}$ with $Y \sim 10^{-6}$ (Y_e)

It seems better, but:

- N produced via Yukawa couplings \rightarrow difficult direct prod.
- moreover: NP effects now suppressed by $Y^2 \sim Y^2/M^2$

Can we build testable models?

YES

2 ways:

- use different seesaw particle, which can be gauge-produced at accelerators
- try to have low scale with large Yukawa

we will do both

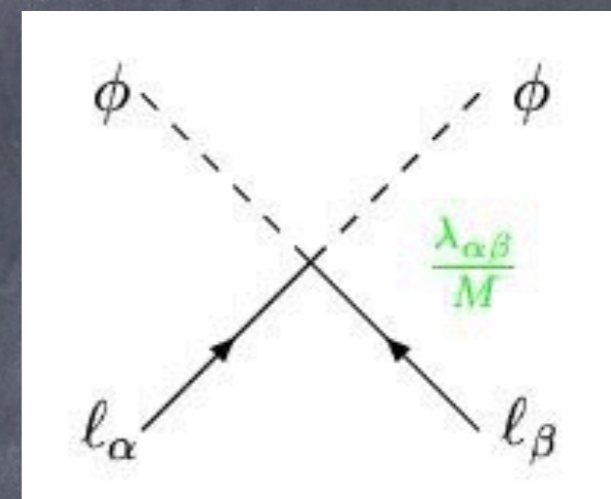
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- 1 loop
- ...



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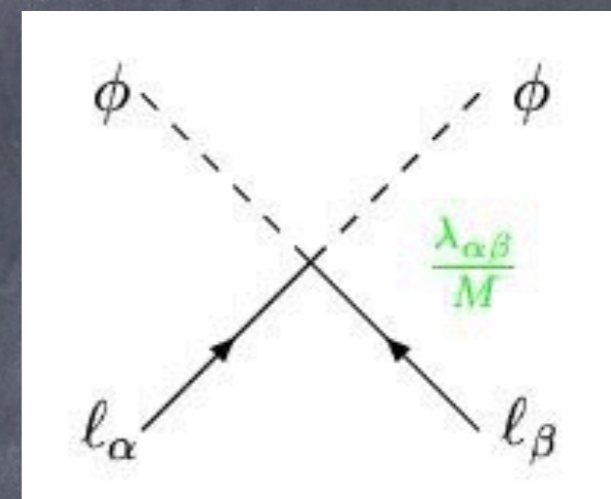
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Type-III seesaw

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Add to the SM fermionic SU(2) triplets:

$$\vec{\Sigma} = (\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + i\bar{\Sigma}_R \not{D} \Sigma_R - \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\Sigma}_R^i (M_\Sigma)_{ij} \Sigma_R^{cj} - (Y_\Sigma)_{i\alpha} \bar{\Sigma}_R^i \tilde{\phi}^\dagger \tau \ell_L^\alpha \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Sigma^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma_1 \pm i\Sigma_2) \quad \psi = \Sigma^{+c} + \Sigma^-$$

$$\Sigma^0 = \Sigma_3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_M = - (\bar{\ell}_L \quad \bar{\psi}_L) \begin{pmatrix} m_\ell & Y_\Sigma^\dagger \\ 0 & M_\Sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_R \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} - (\bar{\nu}_L^c \quad \bar{\Sigma}^0) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T \\ m_D & M_\Sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \Sigma^{0c} \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

Σ^0 exactly behaves like ν_R

-> all the neutrino mass phenomenology studied for type I seesaw models can be applied here

-> additionally richer phenomenology from charged states

Type-III seesaw

Advantages:

- LHC: triplets can be Drell-Yann produced (if M is small) independently of the strength of Y
- Richer pheno: FCNC for charged leptons at tree-level relevant only if Y is large and M small

$$c^{d=6} = \epsilon = \frac{v^2}{2} Y^\dagger M^{-2} Y$$

We can have large Y and low M if
neutrino mass suppression comes from a symmetry \rightarrow
 \rightarrow Lepton Number

Requirement of approximate L conservation

Approximate L conservation

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Neutrino mass
L violating

flavour changing operator
L conserving

Standard seesaw: $\Lambda_{LN} = \Lambda_{LF} = M$

We consider models where $M = \Lambda_{LF} \ll \Lambda_{LN}$

Inverse seesaw models (initially for type-I)

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new bounds: $\eta < \begin{pmatrix} 3.6 \cdot 10^{-4} & 3.0 \cdot 10^{-7} & 2.8 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 3.0 \cdot 10^{-7} & 5.8 \cdot 10^{-4} & 5.4 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 2.8 \cdot 10^{-4} & 5.4 \cdot 10^{-4} & 9.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \end{pmatrix}$

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1) General case - Eff. ops. analysis

In this case we are assuming large Y and small M
→ approximate L conservation, but we do not see it directly

Also at the LHC: searches for triplets like these

$$M_{\Sigma} > 840 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{if } Y_e = Y_{\mu} = Y_{\tau}) \quad \text{CMS2017}$$

but: how can we know they are responsible for neutrino masses?

2) Inverse type-III with 3 triplets

Approximate L conservation fixes the pattern of Y and M:

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$$m_D = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} Y_e & Y_\mu & Y_\tau \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda & 0 \\ \Lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{=3}{L_e} = L_\mu = L_\tau = L_1 = 1 \quad L_2 = -1 \quad L_3 = 0$$

$$m_\nu = \frac{v^2}{2} Y^T M^{-2} Y = 0$$

$$\stackrel{=3}{\eta} = \frac{v^2}{4\Lambda^2} \begin{pmatrix} |Y_e|^2 & Y_e Y_\mu^* & Y_e Y_\tau^* \\ Y_\mu Y_e^* & |Y_\mu|^2 & Y_\mu Y_\tau^* \\ Y_\tau Y_e^* & Y_\tau Y_\mu^* & |Y_\tau|^2 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

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Compute $m_\nu = \frac{v^2}{2} Y M^{-1} Y^T$ with these specific Y and M

$$Y_\tau = \frac{1}{m_{e\mu}^2 - m_{ee}m_{\mu\mu}} (Y_e (m_{e\mu}m_{\mu\tau} - m_{e\tau}m_{\mu\mu}) +$$
$$+ Y_\mu (m_{e\mu}m_{e\tau} - m_{ee}m_{\mu\tau}) - \sqrt{Y_e^2 m_{\mu\mu} - 2Y_e Y_\mu m_{e\mu} + Y_\mu^2 m_{ee}} \times$$
$$\times \sqrt{m_{e\tau}^2 m_{\mu\mu} - 2m_{e\mu}m_{e\tau}m_{\mu\tau} + m_{ee}m_{\mu\tau}^2 + m_{e\mu}^2 m_{\tau\tau} - m_{ee}m_{\mu\mu}m_{\tau\tau}})$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta}(\Theta_{12}, \Theta_{23}, \Theta_{13}, \delta, \phi_1, \phi_2, \Delta m_{12}^2, \Delta m_{23}^2, m_0)$$

This is the footprint of the seesaw!

It must be taken into account when performing the fit

3) Inverse type-III with 2 triplets

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$$m_D = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} Y_e & Y_\mu & Y_\tau \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda \\ \Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_D = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} Y_e & Y_\mu & Y_\tau \\ \epsilon_1 Y'_e & \epsilon_1 Y'_\mu & \epsilon_1 Y'_\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & \Lambda \\ \Lambda & \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_\mu = \frac{m_{e\mu} \pm \sqrt{m_{e\mu}^2 - m_{ee}m_{\mu\mu}}}{m_{ee}} Y_e. \quad Y_\tau = \frac{m_{e\tau} \pm \sqrt{m_{e\tau}^2 - m_{ee}m_{\tau\tau}}}{m_{ee}} Y_e.$$

$$m_{ee}m_{\mu\tau} = m_{e\mu}m_{e\tau} - s_\mu s_\tau \sqrt{(m_{e\mu}^2 - m_{ee}m_{\mu\mu})(m_{e\tau}^2 - m_{ee}m_{\tau\tau})}$$

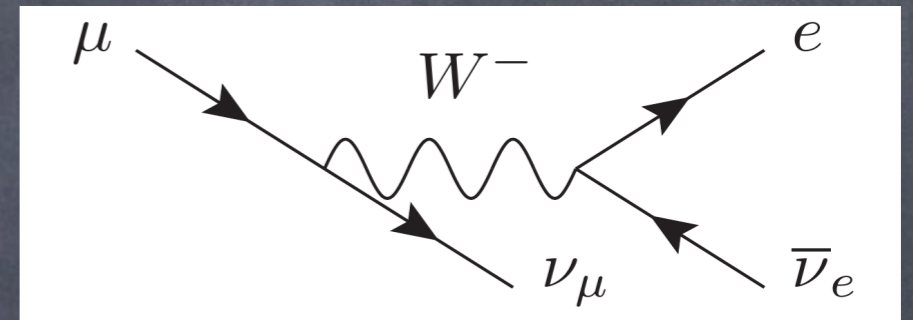
More constrained scenario, we expect more stringent bounds

Observables for the fit

26 observables in the fit, as a function of α , M_Z , G_F

G_F receives non-unitary corrections (measured in muon decay):

$$G_F = G_\mu(1 + \eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu})$$



- > W mass
- > ratios of Z fermionic decays
- > invisible width of Z
- > ratios of weak decays constraining EW universality
- > weak decays constraining CKM unitarity
- > LFV processes: $\mu \rightarrow e(\gamma)$, $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$, $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$

Parameters

1) General case:

$$\eta_{ee} \eta_{\mu\mu} \eta_{\tau\tau} \eta_{e\mu} \eta_{e\tau} \eta_{\mu\tau} \quad (9 \text{ parameters})$$

2) 3 triplets:

$$|\theta_e| |\theta_\mu| \varphi_e \varphi_\mu \quad \delta \phi_1 \phi_2 m_0$$

3) 2 triplets:

$$|\theta_e| \quad \delta \phi (m_0 = 0)$$

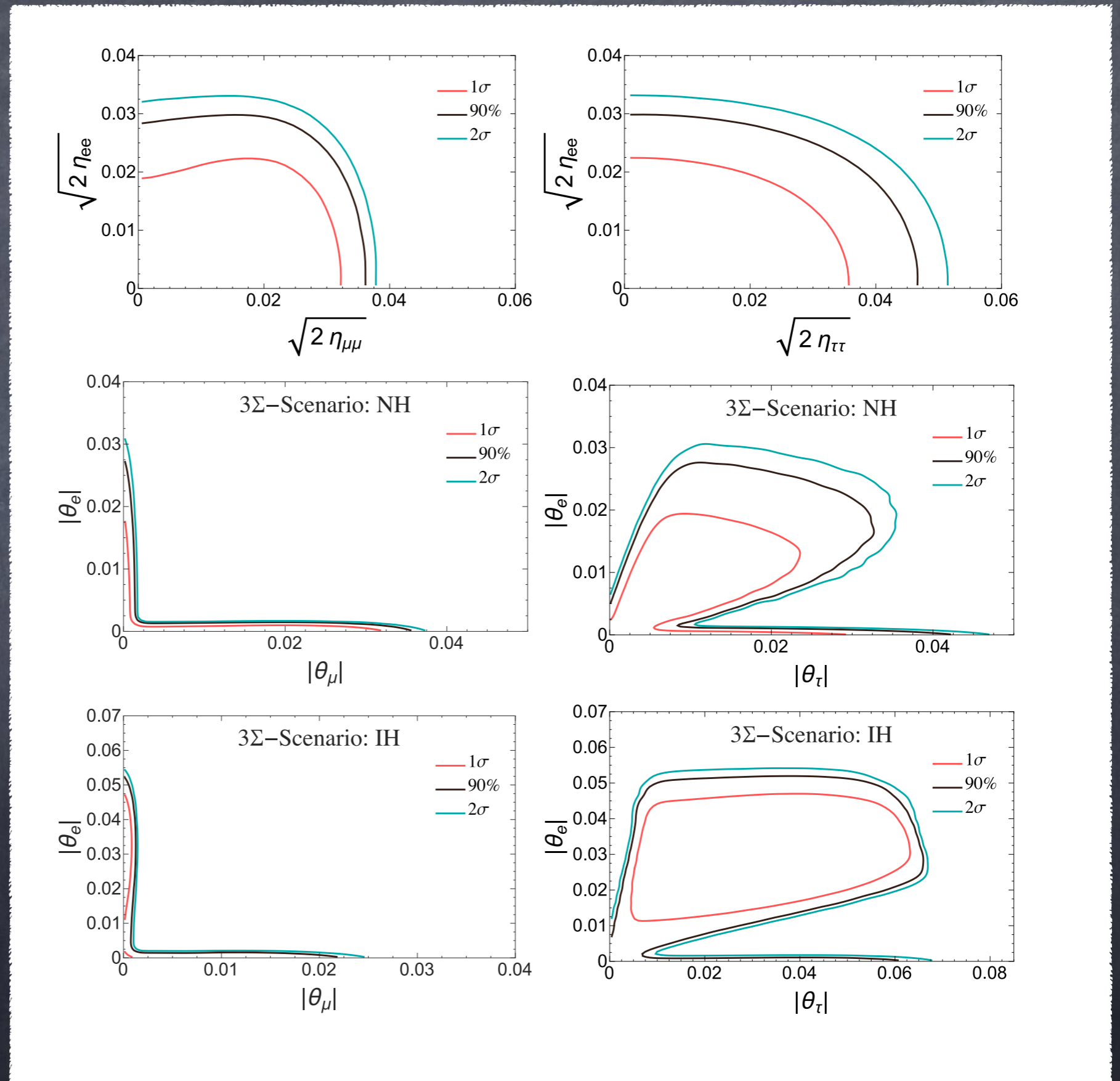
In (2) and (3) consider both NH and IH

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General

3 triplets NH

3 triplets IH



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$\sqrt{2\eta_{\mu\tau}}, \sqrt{ \theta_\mu\theta_\tau }$	1 σ	< 0.022	< 0.115	< 0.023	< $7.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	< $2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	< $8.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	2 σ	< 0.033	< 0.137	< 0.032	< 0.032	< $2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	< $9.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$

from Schwartz inequality :

$$|\eta_{\alpha\beta}| \leq \sqrt{\eta_{\alpha\alpha}\eta_{\beta\beta}}$$

from LFV processes:

μ to e conversion in Ti, $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ and $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$

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Future perspectives

Analyse the 3 and 2 triplets case at the LHC

- 2 triplets case studied in [Eboli, Gonzales-Fraile, Gonzales-Garcia '11](#)
- perform the study in the 3 triplets scenario
- use present LHC bounds on triplets typeIII-like to place direct constraint on the approximate L-conserving type-III seesaw

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Thank you!

Back up

Observable	SM prediction	Experimental value
$M_W \simeq M_W^{\text{SM}} (1 - 0.20 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	(80.363 ± 0.006) GeV	(80.385 ± 0.015) GeV
$R_l \simeq R_l^{\text{SM}} (1 - 0.18 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	20.740 ± 0.010	20.804 ± 0.050
$R_c \simeq R_c^{\text{SM}} (1 - 0.11 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	0.17226 ± 0.00003	0.1721 ± 0.0030
$R_b \simeq R_b^{\text{SM}} (1 + 0.06 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	0.21576 ± 0.00003	0.21629 ± 0.00066
$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0 \simeq \sigma_{\text{had}}^{0 \text{ SM}} (1 - 0.55 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}) - 0.53 \eta_{\tau\tau})$	(41.479 ± 0.008) nb	(41.541 ± 0.037) nb
$\Gamma_{\text{inv}} \simeq \Gamma_{\text{inv}}^{\text{SM}} (1 + 0.33 (\eta_{ee} + \eta_{\mu\mu}) + 1.32 \eta_{\tau\tau})$	(0.50166 ± 0.00005) GeV	(0.4990 ± 0.0015) GeV
$R_{\mu e}^\pi \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\mu\mu} - \eta_{ee}))$	1	1.0042 ± 0.0022
$R_{\tau\mu}^\pi \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\tau\tau} - \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	1	0.9941 ± 0.0059
$R_{\mu e}^W \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\mu\mu} - \eta_{ee}))$	1	0.992 ± 0.020
$R_{\tau\mu}^W \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\tau\tau} - \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	1	1.071 ± 0.025
$R_{\mu e}^K \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\mu\mu} - \eta_{ee}))$	1	0.9956 ± 0.0040
$R_{\tau\mu}^K \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\tau\tau} - \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	1	0.978 ± 0.014
$R_{\mu e}^l \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\mu\mu} - \eta_{ee}))$	1	1.0040 ± 0.0032
$R_{\tau\mu}^l \simeq (1 + (\eta_{\tau\tau} - \eta_{\mu\mu}))$	1	1.0029 ± 0.0029
$ V_{ud}^\beta \simeq \sqrt{1 - V_{us} ^2} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$\sqrt{1 - V_{us} ^2}$	0.97417 ± 0.00021
$ V_{us}^{\tau \rightarrow K\nu\tau} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{ee} - \eta_{\mu\mu} + \eta_{\tau\tau})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2212 ± 0.0020
$ V_{us}^{\tau \rightarrow K,\pi} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2232 ± 0.0019
$ V_{us}^{K_L \rightarrow \pi e \bar{\nu}_e} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2237 ± 0.0011
$ V_{us}^{K_L \rightarrow \pi \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{ee})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2240 ± 0.0011
$ V_{us}^{K_S \rightarrow \pi e \bar{\nu}_e} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2229 ± 0.0016
$ V_{us}^{K^\pm \rightarrow \pi e \bar{\nu}_e} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2247 ± 0.0012
$ V_{us}^{K^\pm \rightarrow \pi \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{ee})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2245 ± 0.0014
$ V_{us}^{K,\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu} \simeq V_{us} (1 - \eta_{\mu\mu})$	$ V_{us} $	0.2315 ± 0.0010

TABLE I. List of observables input to the global fit. The first column contains the leading dependence on the non-unitarity parameters η , the second column contains the loop-corrected SM expectation, and the third column the experimental measurement used in the fit.

Observable	Experimental bound	Future sensitivity
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$	$< 4.4 \cdot 10^{-8}$ [5]	$< 3 \cdot 10^{-9}$ [6]
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$	$< 3.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$ [5]	$< 3 \cdot 10^{-9}$ [6]
$\mu \rightarrow e$ (Ti)	$< 4.3 \cdot 10^{-12}$ [7]	$< 10^{-18}$ [8]

