Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay in Particle Physics



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Outline

 $0\nu\beta\beta$ = Lepton Number Violation

- **Standard Interpretation:** light active Majorana neutrinos
 - General
 - Example: mass determination
- Non-Standard Interpretations: something else
 - heavier Majorana neutrinos
 - SUSY
 - RH currents

Standard Interpretation

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay is mediated by light, active and massive Majorana neutrinos (the ones which oscillate) and all other mechanisms potentially leading to $0\nu\beta\beta$ give negligible or no contribution

Why do we need neutrino mass and probe LNV?

- in all seesaws (type I, II, III): neutrino mass inverse proportional to its origin
- GUTs: normal hierarchy...
- IH and QD neutrinos: special flavor symmetries required...
- QD: HDM, strong RG effects, leptogenesis,...
- mass hierarchy is moderate:

$$\text{NH}: \quad \frac{m_2}{m_3} \ge \sqrt{\frac{\Delta m_{\odot}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{A}}^2}} \gtrsim \frac{1}{5} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_{\tau}}} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_s}{m_b}} \simeq \sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{m_c}{m_t}}}$$

 \Rightarrow Neutrino masses are strange and can tell us a lot

 \Rightarrow Lepton Number Violation as important as Baryon Number Violation



Kim, 1996; Minakata & Yasuda, 1996; Hirsch & Klapdor-Kleinarothaus, 1997; Bilenky, Giunti & Monteno, 1997; Fukuyama, Matsuda & Nishiura, 1997; Bilenky, Giunti, Kim & Monteno, 1998; Fukuyama, Matsuda & Nishiura, 1998; Vissani, 1999; Giunti, 1999; Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, Kayser & Petcov, 1999; Ma, 1999; Wodecki & Kaminsky, 2000; Kalliomaki & Maalampi, 2000; Rodejohann, 2000; Matsuda, Takeda, Fukuyama & Nishiura, 2000; Klapdor-Kleingrothaus, Päs & Smirnov, 2001; Falcone & Tramontano, 2001; Bilenky, Pascoli & Petcov, 2001; Xina, 2001; Osland & Viadel, 2001; Pascoli & Petcov, 2001; Baraer, Glashow, Marfatia & Whisnant, 2002; Hambye, 2002; Minakata & Sugiyama, 2002; Klapdor-Kleingrothaus & Sarkar, 2002; Xing, 2002; Haba & Suzuki, 2002; Pakvasa & Roy, 2002; Rodejohann, 2002; Haba, Nakamura & Suzuki, 2002; Päs & Weiler, 2002; Barger, Glashow, Langacker, Marfatia, 2002; Civitarese & Suhonen, 2002; Pascoli, Petcov & Rodejohann, 2002; Sugiyama, 2002; Avignone & King, 2002; Minakata & Sugiyama, 2002; Cheung, 2003; Abada & Bhattacharyya, 2003; Giunti, 2003; Pascoli & Petcov, 2003; Elliott, 2003; Stoica, 2004; Brahmachari, 2004; Bilenky, Fäßler & Simkovic, 2004; Pascoli & Petcov; 2004; Deppisch, Päs & Suhonen, 2004; Joniec & Zralek, 2004; Pascoli & Petcov, 2005; Pascoli, Petcov & Schwetz, 2005; Goswami & Rodejohann, 2005; Choubey & Rodejohann, 2005; Bilenky, Fäßler, Gutsche, & Simkovic, 2005; Lindner, Merle & Rodejohann, 2005;

parameter	$best-fit_{-1\sigma}^{+1\sigma}$	2σ	3σ
$\Delta m^2_{21} \left[10^{-5} \mathrm{eV}^2 \right]$	$7.59^{+0.23}_{-0.18}$	7.22 - 8.03	7.03 - 8.27
$ \Delta m^2_{31} [10^{-3} {\rm eV}^2]$	$2.40^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	2.18 - 2.64	2.07 - 2.75
$\sin^2 heta_{12}$	$0.318\substack{+0.019\\-0.016}$	0.29 - 0.36	0.27 - 0.38
$\sin^2 heta_{23}$	$0.50\substack{+0.07 \\ -0.06}$	0.39 - 0.63	0.36 - 0.67
$\sin^2 heta_{13}$	$0.013\substack{+0.013\\-0.009}$	≤ 0.039	≤ 0.053

Schwetz, Tortola, Valle, 0808.2016v3 (Feb 2010)



Our plots (A. Merle) are blue and yellow...



Note: importance of U_{e3}

Testing Inverted Ordering

Nature gives us a scale:

$$|m_{ee}|_{\min}^{\mathrm{IH}} = \left(1 - |U_{e3}|^2\right) \sqrt{|\Delta m_{\mathrm{A}}^2|} \left(1 - 2\sin^2\theta_{12}\right) = \begin{cases} (0.015\dots0.020) \text{ eV} & 1\sigma \\ (0.010\dots0.024) \text{ eV} & 3\sigma \end{cases}$$

Desiderata:

- small $|U_{e3}|$
- large $|\Delta m_{\rm A}^2|$
- small $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$

Testing Inverted Ordering

Nature gives us another scale:

$$|m_{ee}|_{\max}^{\text{IH}} = (1 - |U_{e3}|^2) \sqrt{|\Delta m_{\text{A}}^2|} = \begin{cases} (0.047 \dots 0.050) \text{ eV} & 1\sigma \\ (0.043 \dots 0.052) \text{ eV} & 3\sigma \end{cases}$$

Desiderata:

- small $|U_{e3}|$
- large $|\Delta m_{\rm A}^2|$



if experiments point to something outside the blue or yellow areas: interesting scenarios arise

(example: Klapdor's claim in conflict with cosmological neutrino mass bounds)

Ideal Case: Statistical Analysis of QD

Scenario	$m_3 [{ m eV}]$	$ m_{ee} $ [eV]	m_{eta} [eV]	Σ [eV]
\mathcal{QD}	0.3	0.11 - 0.30	0.30	0.91

• effective mass

"experimental error":
$$\sigma(|m_{ee}|_{exp}) = \frac{|m_{ee}|_{exp}}{2} \frac{\sigma(\Gamma_{obs})}{\Gamma_{obs}}$$

GERDA: $\sigma(\Gamma_{obs})/\Gamma_{obs} \simeq 23.3\%$ (Phase I: 6 ± 1.4 events if Klapdor is right) "theoretical error": $\sigma(|m_{ee}|) = (1 + \zeta) \left(|m_{ee}| + \sigma(|m_{ee}|_{exp}) \right) - |m_{ee}|$

• $\sigma(m_{\beta}^2) = 0.025 \text{ eV}^2$ and $\sigma(\Sigma) = 0.05 \text{ eV}$

Maneschg, Merle, W.R., EPL **85**, 51002 (2009) (see also Pascoli, Petcov, Schwetz, NPB **734**, 24 (2006); Hannestad, 0710.1952; Lisi, talk at Erice 09)



 \mathcal{QD} with $|m_{ee}|_{\mathrm{exp}} = 0.20$ eV

- if $\zeta(\text{NME}) = 0$: $\sigma(m_3) \simeq 15\%$ at 3σ
- if $\zeta(\text{NME}) = 0.25$: $\sigma(m_3) \simeq 25\%$

Maneschg, Merle, W.R., EPL 85, 51002 (2009)





Neutrino mass models and $0 u\beta\beta$

Example: 58 models based on A_4 leading to tri-bimaximal mixing:

Type	L_i	ℓ_i^c	$ u_i^c$	Δ	References
A1	3	1 1/ 1//	2	2	[1-11] $[12]$ [#]
A2	2	1,1,1	-	1, 1', 1'', 3	[13, 14]
A3				<u>1, 3</u>	[15]
B1	3	1.1'.1"	3	<u>(</u>);	[4, 16-21] [#] $[22, 23]$ [*] $[24-35]$
B2	- 2	11111	2	$\underline{1}, \underline{3}$	[36]#
C1				51	[2]
C2	3	2		1	[37, 38] $[39]$ [#]
C3	2	<u>0</u>	2	$\underline{1}, \underline{3}$	[40]
C4				$\underline{1},\underline{1}',\underline{1}'',\underline{3}$	[41]
D1				2	$[42, 43]^*$ $[44, 45]$
D2	3	3	3	1	$[46] [47]^*$
D3	Ā	Ū		$\underline{1}'$	[48]*
D4				$\underline{1}', \underline{3}$	$[49]^{*}$
Е	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	$\underline{1},\underline{1}',\underline{1}''$	×	[50, 51]
F	1, 1', 1''	3	<u>3</u>	$\underline{1} \text{ or } \underline{1}'$	[52]
G	<u>3</u>	$\underline{1},\underline{1}',\underline{1}''$	$\underline{1},\underline{1}',\underline{1}''$	2	[53]
Н	<u>3</u>	$\underline{1}, \underline{1}, \underline{1}$	÷	-	[54]
Ι	<u>3</u>	$\underline{1}, \underline{1}, \underline{1}$	$\underline{1}, \underline{1}, \underline{1}$	=	[55]*
J	3	1, 1, 1	<u>3</u>	5	[56, 57]
К	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u> , <u>1</u> , <u>1</u>	<u>1, 1</u>	1	[58]*
L	3	1, 1, 1	1	8	[59]*

Barry, W.R., PRD 81, 093002 (2010)

Sum-rules in Models and $0 u\beta\beta$



Non-Standard Interpretations

There is at least one other mechanism leading to Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay and its contribution is at least of the same order as the light neutrino exchange mechanism

Clear experimental signature:

KATRIN (and cosmology) sees nothing but " $|m_{ee}| > 0.5 \text{ eV}$ "





^aNote: maximum \mathcal{A} corresponds to $\langle E \rangle \simeq m_F$: interesting limits on $\mathcal{O}(m_K)$ Majorana neutrinos from e.g. $K^+ \to \pi^- \mu^+ e^+$ (Atre *et al.*, JHEP **0905**, 030 (2009); Helo, Kovalenko, Schmidt, 1005.1607)

mechanism	amplitude	limit	literature	
light $ u$	$G_F^2 rac{ m_{ee} }{q^2}$	0.5 eV	0.5 eV	
heavy $ u$	$G_F^2{S_{ei}^2\over M_i}$	$5\cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-8} \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$	
Higgs triplet	$G_F^2 {h_{ee} v_\Delta \over m_\Delta^2}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-8} \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$??	
R_P SUSY I	$g_i^2rac{{\lambda'}_{111}^2}{\Lambda_{ m SUSY}^5}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-17} \mathrm{GeV}^{-5}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ GeV}^{-5}$	
$R_P $ SUSY II	$G_F m_{d_k} rac{\lambda'_{1k1} \lambda'_{11k}}{\Lambda_{ m SUSY}^3}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$ $3 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$ $1 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$	7.7 \cdot 10 ⁻¹² GeV ⁻³ 4.0 \cdot 10 ⁻¹³ GeV ⁻³ 1.7 \cdot 10 ⁻¹⁴ GeV ⁻³	
$RHC_1 (``\langle \lambda \rangle '')$	$G_{F}^{2} rac{1}{q} rac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{W_{R}}^{2}} U_{ei} V_{ei}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	
RHC_2 (" $\langle \eta \rangle$ ")	$G_F^2 rac{1}{q} an \zeta U_{ei} V_{ei}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-9}$	
Majoron $n = 1 (3)$	$\Gamma \propto (G_F^2 \langle g_{\chi} \rangle)^2 \frac{Q^{5+n}}{q^{n/2-2}}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4} (1)$	$0.4 \cdot 10^{-4} (1.5)$	
	L			







 \rightarrow observation in white region in conflict with $0
u\beta\beta$

ightarrow if 0
uetaeta observed: dark yellow region tests R_P SUSY mechanism

 \rightarrow light yellow region: no significant R_P contribution to $0\nu\beta\beta$



talk in $\simeq 100$ min by Ruben Saakyan

Asymmetry	⁸² Se		^{150}Nd	
$\mathcal{A}_{ heta}$	0.44	-0.40	0.45	-0.40
$\mathcal{A}_{ ext{E}}$	0.33	-0.54	0.32	-0.55





Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

this is not

 $^{76}\text{Se}^{++} + e^- + e^- \rightarrow ^{76}\text{Ge}$

but rather

 $e^- + e^- \to W^- + W^-$

Rizzo; Heusch, Minkowski; Gluza, Zralek; Cuypers, Raidal;...





W.R., PRD 81, 114001 (2010)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{G_F^2}{32\pi} \left\{ \sum (m_\nu)_i \mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 \left(\frac{t}{t - (m_\nu)_i} + \frac{u}{u - (m_\nu)_i} \right) \right\}^2$$

Inverse Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

Extreme limits:

• light neutrinos:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \to W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left| m_{ee} \right|^2 \le 4.2 \cdot 10^{-18} \left(\frac{|m_{ee}|}{1 \,\mathrm{eV}} \right)^2 \,\mathrm{fb}$$

 \Rightarrow way too small

• heavy neutrinos:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \to W^-W^-) = 2.6 \cdot 10^{-3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{\text{TeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{S_{ei}^2/M_i}{5 \cdot 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}^{-1}}\right)^2 \,\text{fb}$$

 \Rightarrow too small

•
$$\sqrt{s} \to \infty$$
:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \to W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left(\sum \mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 (m_\nu)_i\right)^2$$

 \Rightarrow amplitude grows with \sqrt{s} ? Unitarity??

Unitarity

high energy limit $\sqrt{s} \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \to W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left(\sum \mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 \, (m_\nu)_i\right)^2$$

 \leftrightarrow amplitude grows with $\sqrt{s}?$

Answer: exact see-saw relation $\mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 \, (m_{\nu})_i = 0$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{U} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu}^{\text{diag}} & 0 \\ 0 & M_R^{\text{diag}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{U}^T$$

if Higgs triplet is present: unitarity also conserved

$$\sigma(e^-e^- \to W^-W^-) = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left((\mathcal{U}_{ei}^2 \, (m_\nu)_i - (m_L)_{ee} \right)^2 = 0$$

Something in between Standard and Non-Standard: Light Sterile Neutrinos

\leftrightarrow LSND/MiniBooNE requires (at least) 2 additional ν

Karagiorgi, talk on Monday



8 schemes with interesting $|m_{ee}|$, m_{β} , Σ phenomenology Goswami, W.R., JHEP **0710**, 073 (2007); see also Giunti, Laveder, 1005.4599

Summary



An exact See-Saw Relation

Full mass matrix:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{U} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu}^{\text{diag}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & M_R^{\text{diag}} \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{U}^T \text{ with } \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} N & S \\ T & V \end{pmatrix}$$

- N is the PMNS matrix
- S describes mixing of heavy neutrinos with SM leptons

The upper left 0 in \mathcal{M} gives exact see-saw relation $\mathcal{U}_{\alpha i}(m_{\nu})_{i}\mathcal{U}_{i\beta} = 0$, or:

 $|N_{ei}^2 m_i| = |S_{ei}^2 M_i|$

Xing, PLB 679, 255 (2009); W.R., PLB 684, 40 (2010)

compare with
$$\frac{S_{ei}^2}{M_i} < 5 \cdot 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$$



exact see-saw relation gives stronger constraints!

Xing, PLB 679, 255 (2009); W.R., PLB 684, 40 (2010)

also saves unitarity in $e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-$ (Belanger *et al.*, PRD **53**, 6292 (1996); W.R., PRD **81**, 114001 (2010))

If $|m_{ee}| = 0$, does it stay zero?



- RG effects!
- actually:

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \frac{U_{ei}^2 m_i}{q^2 - m_i^2} \simeq \frac{|m_{ee}|}{q^2} + \mathcal{O}(m_i^3/q^4)$$

	Σ	m_eta	$ m_{ee} $
NH	$\sqrt{\Delta m_{ m A}^2}$	$\sqrt{\Delta m_{\odot}^2 + U_{e3} ^2 \Delta m_{\rm A}^2}$	$\sqrt{\Delta m_{\odot}^2} + U_{e3} ^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_{\rm A}^2} e^{i(\alpha-\beta)}$
ІН	$2\sqrt{\Delta m_{ m A}^2}$	$\sqrt{\Delta m_{ m A}^2}$	$\sqrt{\Delta m_{ m A}^2}\sqrt{1-\sin^2 2 heta_\odot \sin^2 lpha}$
QD	$3m_0$	m_0	$m_0\sqrt{1-\sin^22 heta_\odot\sin^2lpha}$

corrections due to splitting of masses very small;

corrections due to non-unitary PMNS matrix can be larger...

W.R., PLB 684, 40 (2010)