# Approximately L conserving seesaw models: Minimal Flavour Violation and Leptogenesis

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Lepton Flavour Violating processes  $\leftarrow$  (L conserving)  $\longrightarrow \mu \to e\gamma, \ \tau \to \mu\gamma, \ \tau \to e\gamma, \ \mu \to eee, \ \tau \to lll, \ \mu \to e \text{ atomic conversion, } \dots$ expected small in seesaw models: dim-6 operator effect:  $\mathcal{L}^{d=6} = Y_N^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M_N^2} Y_N(\bar{L}H) \partial (HL) \implies \Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma) \propto Y_N^4 \frac{m_{\mu}^5}{M_{\Psi}^4}$  $m_{\nu} \sim Y_N \, \frac{1}{M_N} \, Y_N^T \, v^2$ if  $Y_N \sim 1$ ,  $m_{\nu} = 0.1 \,\text{eV}$  if  $M_N \sim 1 \,\text{TeV}$ ,  $m_{\nu} = 0.1 \,\text{eV}$ e.g. requires  $M_N \sim 10^{14} \,\text{GeV}$  e.g. requires  $Y_N \sim 10^{-6}$  $\bigvee_{\Gamma(\mu \to e\gamma)} \propto Y_N^4 \, \frac{m_\mu^5}{M_N^4} \text{ very suppressed!!}$ but not necessarily: inverse seesaw models  $m_{\nu}$  violate L

# Approximately L conserving framework

→ assume a L conserving setup with not too large  $M_N \sim 100 \text{ GeV} - 100 \text{ TeV}$ and large Yukawas  $Y_N \sim 10^{-2} - 1$ 

 $Br(\mu \to e\gamma) \sim 10^{-11} \sim \text{experimental upper limit}$ 

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- assume L is broken by a small perturbation  $\mu$  and/orY'

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$$m_{\nu} \sim 0.1 \,\mathrm{eV} \quad \bigstar$$

neutrino masses directly proport. to a small source of L violation  $\mu$  and/or Y' rather than inversely proport. to a large mass M

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$$V_{L} \qquad N_{1} \qquad N_{2}$$

$$V_{L} \qquad 0 \qquad Y_{N} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad 0 \qquad M_{N}$$

$$N_{1} \qquad N_{2} \qquad V_{N} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad 0 \qquad M_{N} \qquad \mu \qquad 0 \qquad M_{N} \qquad M_$$

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would be the striking sign of new physics at a nearby scale and a very strong hint for the seesaw but not necessarily a proof at all: many models can lead to it and in general the dim. 6 coefficients are not known

#### But ways out do exist:

• In models where several processes are related to a single  $c_{d=6}^{ij}$  coefficient independently of  $c_{d=5}^{ij}$  ones in case their ratios are fixed:

**type-III seesaw:**  $Br(\mu \to e\gamma) = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\mu \to eee) = 3.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R^{\mu \to e}$  $Br(\tau \to \mu\gamma) = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau \to \mu\mu\mu) = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau \to e^-e^+\mu^-)$  $Br(\tau \to e\gamma) = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau \to eee) = 2.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot Br(\tau^- \to \mu^-\mu^+e^-)$ 

 $\frown$  proportional to the  $c_{d=6}^{ij}$  coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_{e\mu}| &= \frac{v^2}{2} |Y_{\Sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}^{\dagger}} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}} Y_{\Sigma}|_{\mu e} \lesssim 1.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ |\epsilon_{\mu\tau}| &= \frac{v^2}{2} |Y_{\Sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}^{\dagger}} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}} Y_{\Sigma}|_{\tau\mu} \lesssim 1.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \\ |\epsilon_{e\tau}| &= \frac{v^2}{2} |Y_{\Sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}^{\dagger}} \frac{1}{M_{\Sigma}} Y_{\Sigma}|_{\tau e} \lesssim 2.4 \cdot 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for type-I and type-II seesaw models

### If we observe some lepton flavour viol. processes: seesaw?

 Minimal flavour violation: the flavour structure of the higher dimensional BSM induced operators can be determined from the flavour structure of the lowest dimension flavour structure

> originally assumed in the quark sector to allow for new low scale physics without flavour changing problems

> > for leptons the context is  $\neq$  : we do have an evidence for new physics (neutrino masses) but the effect is so tiny that the new physics associated is not expected to bring any flavour changing problem  $\Rightarrow$  no need for MFV to avoid flavour violation but yet would lead to predictivity

> > > $\rightarrow$  all dim-6 induced processes could be predicted up to an overall normalization from the knowledge of  $m_{\nu ij}$

### Minimal Flavour Violation in lepton sector

Cirigliano, Grinstein, Isidori, Wise 05'

• 1) Large flavour violation with small L violation: a hierarchy between L-viol. scale  $\Lambda_{LN}$  and flavour-viol. scale  $\Lambda_F$ :  $\Lambda_{LN} >> \Lambda_F$ 

• 2) The flavour structure of the dim-6 coefficients fixed by the dim-5 one



extended setup: linearly  $C_{d=6} \propto C_{d=5}$ an explicit UV realization: type-I seesaw model with 2 extra assumptions:  $M_N \propto \mathbb{I}$ and no CP violation so that  $c_{d=6} = Y_N^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M_N^2} Y_N = \frac{1}{M_N^2} Y_N^T Y_N = \frac{1}{M_N} c_{d=5}$ 

#### A seesaw model automatically of the MFV type: the type-II model



• 2) Flavour changing L conserving processes:

$$\sum_{\substack{Y_{\Delta} \\ \downarrow \Delta \\ \downarrow \\ L}} \sum_{l} \sum_{k} c_{ijkl}^{d=6} = -\frac{1}{M_{\Delta}^2} Y_{\Delta ij}^{\dagger} Y_{\Delta kl} \propto c_{ij}^{d=5\dagger} c_{kl}^{d=5}$$

and there is effectively a separation of scale:  $\Lambda_F \sim M_\Delta \longleftrightarrow \Lambda_{LN} \sim M_\Delta^2/\mu_\Delta$ 

## MFV in type-I model? The simplest realization

B. Gavela, TH, D. Hernandez and P. Hernandez, JHEP 09'

There exists a particularly minimal and predictive MFV type-I seesaw model!

A model with 2 right-handed neutrinos:  $L_{N_1} = +1$ ,  $L_{N_2} = -1$ 



# The simplest MFV type-I model

counting of parameters in the pure hard case:

#### to be compared with the $m_{\nu ij}$ matrix from 2 N's:

$m_{ u_i}$	$\rightarrow 2 \text{ real } \nu \text{ masses}$	$\leftarrow 1$ normalizat. $+ 1$ flavour param.
$ heta_{ij}$	$\rightarrow 3$ real mixing angles	$\leftarrow 3$ flavour param.
$\delta, \alpha_1$	$\rightarrow 1~\mathrm{CKM} + 1$ Majorana phase	$\leftarrow 2 \text{ phases}$

the full flavour structure of the model can be reconstructed from  $m_{\nu ij}$ ! the full flavour structure of dim-6 effects can be reconstructed! this remains true in the full hard + soft case too

# Predictions



#### Leptogenesis in approximately L conserving seesaw models???

S. Blanchet, TH and F.-X. Josse-Michaux, JCAP 10'

- at first sight very difficult:
  - leptogenesis at low scale:  $M_N \sim TeV$
  - large  $Y_N \implies \Gamma_N >>> H|_{T=M_N} \implies$  the N are in deep thermal equilibrium
  - L broken by a small perturbation  $\Rightarrow$  we would expect suppression of CP-asym.

at second sight: leptogenesis appears to be generically successful in these models

# Apparent contradiction in approximate L models



this is what we get from usual Boltzmann equations

# Apparent contradiction in approximate L models

 $Y_{L} = (n_{l} - n_{\bar{l}})/s$ "Usual" Boltzmann equations  $z \equiv \frac{M_N}{T}$  $\frac{s}{z}\frac{dY_L}{dz} = \varepsilon_N \left(\frac{Y_N}{Y_N^{EQ}} - 1\right) \cdot \frac{\gamma_D}{H(T = M_N)} - \frac{Y_L}{2Y_L^{EQ}} \cdot \frac{\gamma_D}{H(T = M_N)} - 2\frac{Y_L}{Y_L^{EQ}} \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\Delta L=2}^{off-shell}}{H(T = M_N)}$ each decay produces a  $\Delta L = \varepsilon_N$ each inverse decay produces a  $\Delta L = -\varepsilon_N$ if more l than  $\bar{l}:$  more  $lH \to N~$  inverse decays than  $\bar{l}H^* \to N~$ if more l than  $\overline{l}$ : more  $l H \to N \to \overline{l} H^*$  processes than  $\overline{l} H^* \to N \to l H$  $= \varepsilon_N \left(\frac{Y_N}{Y_N^{EQ}} - 1\right) \cdot \frac{\gamma_D}{H(T = M_N)} - 2 \frac{Y_L}{Y_L^{EQ}} \cdot \frac{\gamma_{\Delta L=2}^{Jull}}{H(T = M_N)}$  $\simeq \varepsilon_N \left(\frac{Y_N}{V_N^{EQ}} - 1\right) \cdot \frac{\gamma_D}{H(T = M_N)} - \frac{Y_L}{2Y_I^{EQ}} \cdot \frac{\gamma_D}{H(T = M_N)}$  $\sim 10^8$  $\Rightarrow$  main condition to avoid an efficiency suppression:  $\Gamma_N^{\text{TOT}} < H(T = M_N)$ huge washout

Apparent contradiction in approximate L models

but with 
$$Y_N \sim 10^{-(1-2)}$$
 suppose  $Y'_N = \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\frac{\Gamma_N^{\text{TOT}}}{H(T = M_N)} \sim 10^8$  L is conserved!

⇒ how comes a decay could washout a L asymmetry if there is no L violation in the model??

# Solution of the apparent contradiction



 $\Rightarrow$  no washout if L is conserved even if the N are deeply in thermal equilibrium!!  $\Rightarrow$  In practice the washout turns out to be controlled by the  $N_1 - N_2$  mass splitting:

$$\delta = \frac{M_2 - M_1}{\Gamma_{N_1}^{\text{TOT}}} << 1 \implies \gamma_{\Delta L=2}^{on-shell} = \frac{\gamma_D}{4} \cdot \frac{2\delta^2}{1 + \delta \Gamma_{N_1}^{\text{TOT}}/M_{N_1} + \delta^2} \rightarrow \text{small washout}$$
$$\delta = \frac{M_2 - M_1}{\Gamma_{N_1}^{\text{TOT}}} >> 1 \implies \gamma_{\Delta L=2}^{on-shell} = \frac{\gamma_D}{4} \longrightarrow \text{huge washout}$$
usual inverse decay term

automatic in approximate L models!

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{v_{L}} & \mathbf{N_{1}} & \mathbf{N_{2}} \\ \mathbf{v_{L}} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_{N} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} & Y_{N}' \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ Y_{N} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} & \mu_{1} & M_{N} \\ 0 & M_{N} & \mu_{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow & \delta = \frac{M_{2} - M_{1}}{\Gamma_{N_{1}}^{\text{TOT}}} = \frac{\mu}{\Gamma_{N_{1}}^{\text{TOT}}} \\ m_{\nu} \longrightarrow (vY_{N} \ll M_{N}) \longrightarrow \frac{v^{2}}{2} Y_{N}^{2} \frac{\mu}{M_{N}^{2}} & \propto \text{ small L violating perturbations} \\ & & \downarrow \\ \text{protected by L symmetry} \end{array}$$

# **CP-asymmetry in approximate L models**

Blanchet, TH, Josse-Michaux 10'

for  $M_N \sim \text{TeV}$  a large asymmetry can be obtained only through resonance

the condition to have a resonance of the CP asymmetry is the same as to avoid washout: a small mass splitting

in the approximate L setup not only the numerator of the CP asymmetry is suppressed by the small L violating entries but also the denominator

$$\epsilon_{1\alpha} = \epsilon_{2\alpha} \simeq -\frac{|Y_{\alpha}|^2}{4\pi} \left( \sin \alpha \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{2\mu M} + \frac{\sum_{\beta} \operatorname{Im}(Y_{\beta} Y_{\beta}^{\prime *} e^{\mathrm{i}\phi})}{\sum_{\beta'} |Y_{\beta'}|^2} \right) f_{\text{self}}$$
$$f_{\text{self}} = \frac{a_2 - a_1}{(a_2 - a_1)^2 + \left(\sqrt{a_2 c_2} - \sqrt{a_1 c_1}\right)^2} \stackrel{\delta \ll 1}{\simeq} \frac{1}{2\delta\sqrt{c}} \qquad \begin{array}{c} a_i \equiv (M_{N_i}/M_{N_1})^2 \\ c_i \equiv (\Gamma_{N_i}^{\text{TOT}}/M_{N_1})^2 \end{array}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  despite that the CP-asymmetry is suppressed by the small L-violating entries one gets a large enough CP-asym if:  $2 \operatorname{Re}(Y_N Y'_N) / |Y^2| << \delta \equiv \frac{M_2 - M_1}{\Gamma_{N_c}^{\text{TOT}}} << 1$ 

#### Summing up: results on $\mu \to e \gamma$ imposing successful leptogenesis

- approximately L conserving seesaw models can lead to large flavour violation in agreement with small  $m_{\nu}$
- successful leptogenesis can be generically obtained:
  - a large washout of the L asymmetry can be avoided despite the N are in deep thermal equilibrium: requires a small enough mass splitting
  - a small mass splitting is a prediction of the model
  - a large enough CP-asymmetry is obtained through resonance from the same small mass splitting



 $\Rightarrow$  an observable  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  process is compatible with successful leptogenesis (without SUSY)

# Backup

# The 3 leptogenesis ingredients

• 1) The CP-asymmetry:  $\leftarrow$  averaged  $\Delta L$  produced per N decay

$$\varepsilon_{N_i} = \sum_k \frac{\Gamma(N_i \to L_k H) - \Gamma(N_i \to \bar{L}_k H^*)}{\Gamma_{N_i}^{\text{TOT}}}$$



# The 3 leptogenesis ingredients

(2) The efficiency 
$$\eta: \left.\frac{n_L}{s} = \varepsilon_{N_i} \cdot \left(\frac{n_{N_i}}{s}\right)\right|_{T>>M_{N_i}} \cdot \eta$$
  
 $\eta \sim 1 \leftarrow \text{out-of-equilibrium}$   
 $\eta \sim 1 \leftarrow \text{thermal equilibrium}$   
 $\eta < 1 \leftarrow \text{thermal equilibrium}$   
 $rac{1}{l} \leftarrow \text{thermal equilibrium$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  main condition to avoid an efficiency suppression:  $\Gamma_N^{\text{TOT}} < H(T = M_N)$ 

# The 3 leptogenesis ingredients

• 3) The L to B conversion from SM sphalerons:

Above the EW scale B+L violating but B-L conserving SM sphalerons are in thermal equilibrium

 $\Rightarrow$  put B+L to  $\sim 0$  but conserving B-L:

# 3 nus +3 N DFV case

 $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, N_1, N_2, N_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & e & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Details on delta L=2 scattering calculation:

$$\gamma_{\Delta L=2,\alpha}^{\mathrm{on}} = \frac{\gamma_{N,\alpha}^D}{4} \cdot 2\left(1 + 2\delta\sqrt{c} - \frac{1 + 3\delta\sqrt{c}}{1 + \delta\sqrt{c} + \delta^2} + \mathcal{O}(Y'^2,\mu^2)\right) = \frac{\gamma_{N,\alpha}^D}{4} \cdot \frac{2\,\delta^2}{1 + \sqrt{c}\delta + \delta^2}$$

$$K_{\alpha}^{\text{eff}} \equiv K_{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\delta^2}{1 + \sqrt{c\delta + \delta^2}} \stackrel{\delta \ll 1}{\simeq} K_{\alpha} \cdot \delta^2$$

$$h_{1\alpha} \simeq \frac{\mathrm{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\phi-\lambda)/2} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2}{4M\mu} \right) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\phi} Y_\alpha - Y'_\alpha \right] \qquad \lambda = \sin \alpha \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{\mu M}$$
$$h_{2\alpha} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}(\phi+\lambda)/2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2}{4M\mu} \right) \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\phi} Y_\alpha + Y'_\alpha \right]$$