

Introduction to neutrino mass models

Lecture 2: Seesaw and radiative mass models

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Classic seesaw

and some variations

Just like quarks

Let's repeat the same Yukawa interactions for neutrinos.

We introduce the new field ν_R :

new fields	spin	$SU(2)_L$ irrep	$U(1)_Y$ charge
ν_R	1/2	1	0

Yukawa interactions \rightarrow Dirac mass term:

$$y_\nu \bar{L} \tilde{\Phi} \nu_R + h.c. \rightarrow \frac{y_\nu v}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\nu}_L \nu_R + \bar{\nu}_R \nu_L) = m_D \bar{\nu} \nu.$$

Formally, it is OK. However, two problems:

- $y_\nu \sim 10^{-13}$ is a **ridiculously small number** without explanation;
- Unlike quarks, Majorana term for ν_R is possible: $M_R [(\overline{\nu_R})^c \nu_R + h.c.]/2$.
There is no symmetry which would protect $M_R = 0$!

Classic seesaw

So, let's allow for ν_R Majorana term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m_D(\overline{\nu}_L\nu_R + \overline{\nu}_R\nu_L) + \frac{1}{2}M_R \left[\overline{\nu}_R(\nu_R)^c + \overline{(\nu_R)^c}\nu_R \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\overline{\nu}_L, \overline{(\nu_R)^c} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\nu_L)^c \\ \nu_R \end{pmatrix} + h.c.
 \end{aligned}$$

The initial ν_L Majorana term is forbidden by gauge interactions!

Mass matrix is diagonalized by rotation with angle α :

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha \\ -s_\alpha & c_\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_\nu & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix},$$

with $\tan 2\alpha = 2m_D/M_R$.

Classic seesaw

If M_R is very large, $M_R \gg m_D$, we get $\alpha \approx m_D/M_R \ll 1$, and the masses

$$M \approx M_R, \quad m_\nu \approx -\frac{m_D^2}{M_R} \xrightarrow{\text{rephasing}} m_\nu = \frac{m_D^2}{M_R}.$$

Small m_ν does not require tiny Yukawa interactions!

$y_\nu = y_\tau \sim 0.01$ leads to meV neutrino masses for $M_R = 10^{13}$ GeV.

This offers an explanation of **WHY** neutrino masses are so tiny: not because of small m_D but because the presence of huge M_R **drives two neutrino masses to opposite ends**: one is huge, the other is tiny \rightarrow **seesaw** [Minkowski, 1977; etc]



Classic seesaw

For several generations, first block-diagonalization:

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_\nu & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix},$$

with $M \approx M_R$ and

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu = -m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T,$$

and then further diagonalization of the light active 3×3 neutrino mass matrix \mathcal{M}_ν .

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where $m_D = y_\mu v / \sqrt{2}$.

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For non-zero but **small** μ_X , with $\mu_X \ll m_D \ll M$, the characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 \mu_X - \lambda(M^2 + m_D^2) + \mu_X m_D^2 = 0.$$

The eigenvalues are slightly shifted:

$$m_\nu \approx \frac{m_D^2}{M} \cdot \frac{\mu_X}{M}, \quad M_{1,2} \approx M \pm \frac{1}{2} \mu_X.$$

One **light neutrino** and one quasi-Dirac pair.

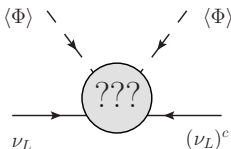
For m_ν : **extra suppression** w.r.t. classic seesaw!

$$y_\nu \sim 0.01, \quad \mu_X \sim 10 \text{ keV} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Rich phenomenology at TeV scale!

Three types of seesaw

Opening up the Weinberg operator



- The Weinberg operator Q_W is **non-renormalizable** \rightarrow it is an effective operator of some New Physics bSM.
- Hundreds of neutrino mass models = various ways to “open up” the Weinberg operator
 - seesaw **Type I, II, III**: three ways to generate Q_W at tree-level;
 - **radiative neutrino mass models** (1, 2, 3, 4 loops).
 - Recent reviews: [\[King, 2017; Cai et al, 2017\]](#)
- Be careful: not all mass models can be reduced to Q_W ! Beware of light particles (sterile neutrinos, new scalars, etc).

Master formula

Master formula for rough classification of Majorana mass models [Bonnet et al, 2012]:

$$m_\nu \propto \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \times \epsilon \times \left(\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \right)^n \times \left(\frac{v}{\Lambda} \right)^{d-5} .$$

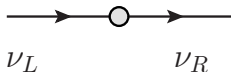
- v^2/Λ : minimal setting,
- ϵ : possible suppression factors (symmetry related, small Yukawa, etc),
- n is the number of loops,
- d is the dimensionality of operators.

Minimal setting requires $\Lambda \sim 10^{15}$ GeV; but multi-loop models can easily bring it down to **few TeV**.

Arrows on diagrams

Dirac mass term

$$m_D \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R + h.c.$$

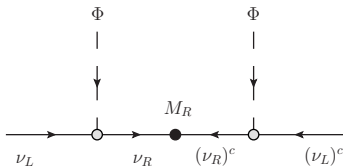


Majorana mass term

$$\frac{1}{2} M_L \nu_L^T C \nu_L + h.c.$$

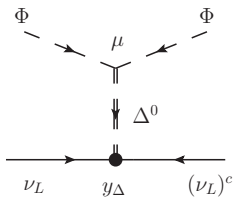


Type I (classical seesaw): add singlet ν_R



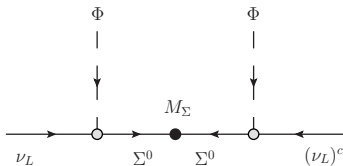
Type II: add new scalar triplet

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \end{pmatrix}$$



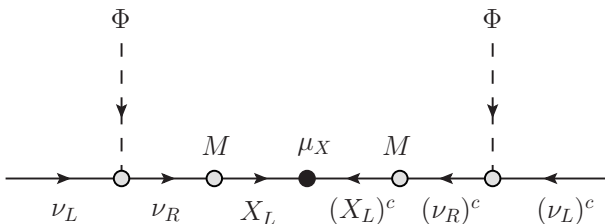
Type III: add triplet neutrinos

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^+ \\ \Sigma^0 \\ \Sigma^- \end{pmatrix}$$



Inverse seesaw

Inverse seesaw: an elaborate version of seesaw type I



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Type II seesaw

keep ν_L and renormalizability
but extend the Higgs sector

Using scalar triplet

When constructing the Weinberg operator $(\overline{L^c \tilde{\Phi}^*})(\tilde{\Phi}^\dagger L) + h.c.$, we used

$$\tilde{\Phi} = \epsilon \Phi^* = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{0*} \\ -\phi^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger = (\phi^0, -\phi^+).$$

Similarly to $\tilde{\Phi}$, let's define $\tilde{L} \equiv -\epsilon L^c = (-e_L^c, \nu_L^c)^T$ and regroup it as

$$(\overline{L^c \tilde{\Phi}^*})(\tilde{\Phi}^\dagger L) + h.c. = \overline{L^c} \cdot \epsilon \Phi \cdot \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger L + h.c. = \underbrace{\tilde{L}_i}_{Y=-1} \underbrace{[\Phi \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger]_{ij}}_{Y=+2} \underbrace{L_j}_{Y=-1} + h.c.$$

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Expanding explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(-\overline{(e_L)^c}, \overline{(\nu_L)^c} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^0 \phi^+ & -\phi^+ \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \phi^0 & -\phi^0 \phi^+ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} + h.c. \\ \rightarrow & \left(-\overline{(e_L)^c}, \overline{(\nu_L)^c} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ v^2/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} + h.c. = \frac{v^2}{2} \left[\overline{(\nu_L)^c} \nu_L + h.c. \right] \end{aligned}$$

But we used two Higgs fields $\rightarrow \dim(Q_W) = 5 \rightarrow$ **non-renormalizable operator**.

Using scalar triplet

Suppose that we have, in addition to Φ , a **new Higgs field** $\Delta_{ij}(x)$. Then a new **renormalizable** term is possible:

$$y_{\Delta} \bar{L}_i \Delta_{ij} L_j + h.c. = y_{\Delta} (-\overline{(e_L)^c}, \overline{(\nu_L)^c}) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^+/\sqrt{2} & \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^0 & -\Delta^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} + h.c.$$

with dimensionless y_{Δ} . This is a complex **EW triplet** with $Y = 2$, $\Delta = \vec{\Delta} \vec{\sigma}$

$$\vec{\Delta} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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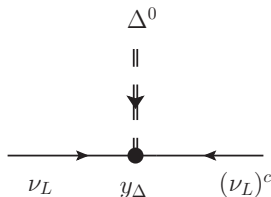
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Simplest idea: Δ^0 acquires a non-zero vev:

$$\vec{\Delta} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \vec{\Delta} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v_\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

Non-zero vev \rightarrow Majorana mass $m_\nu = 2y_\Delta v_\Delta$.

Two problems emerge, though.



Using scalar triplet: problem 1

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with

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The Higgs doublet Φ rescues this idea \rightarrow [type II seesaw](#)
[\[Magg, Wetterich, 1980; Schechter, Valle, 1980; etc.\]](#).

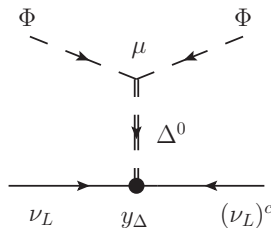
Don't break L spontaneously, do it [explicitly](#) via Δ -Higgs interactions:

$$\begin{aligned} V(\Delta, \Phi) &= +m^2 \text{Tr}(\Delta^\dagger \Delta) + \mu \left(\Phi^\dagger \Delta \tilde{\Phi} + h.c. \right) \\ &= m^2 |\Delta^0|^2 + \mu [(\phi^{0*})^2 \Delta^0 + h.c.] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then, non-zero v_Φ forces Δ^0 to acquire a small vev
 $\Delta^0 \rightarrow v_\Delta + \delta^0$:

$$m^2 \cdot 2v_\Delta \delta^0 + \mu v_\Phi^2 \delta^0 + \dots = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad v_\Delta \approx -\frac{\mu v_\Phi^2}{2m^2}.$$

- no massless Goldstone boson appears,
- $m_\nu = 2y_\Delta v_\Delta$ can [naturally](#) be very small because of large m^2 .



Scotogenic model

Neutrino masses through the dark sector

“*skotos*” = “dark” in Greek

Inert doublet model

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Inert doublet + neutrino

How can it help neutrinos? Suppose ν_R exists but it is also **odd** under the same \mathbb{Z}_2 parity \rightarrow we better call it N .

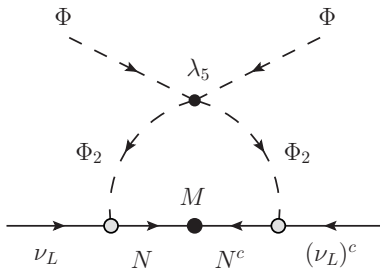
	spin	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	\mathbb{Z}_2 parity
Φ_2	0	2	1	–
N	1/2	1	0	–

Then, Dirac mass terms linking ν_L and N must use Φ_2 , not Φ :

$$y_\nu \left(\bar{L} \tilde{\Phi}_2 N + \bar{N} \tilde{\Phi}_2^\dagger L \right) + \frac{1}{2} M (\bar{N} N^c + \bar{N}^c N).$$

The usual seesaw does not work: $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle = 0 \rightarrow m_\nu = 0$.

Scotogenic model



But since $\nu N \leftrightarrow \Phi_2 \leftrightarrow \Phi$, it links $\langle \Phi \rangle$ and ν_L at one loop.

Dark-matter-assisted neutrino masses = **scotogenic model** [E. Ma, 2006]

Scotogenic model

Not a tree-level mechanism → cannot use matrices as before.

To see it, pick up the most relevant terms (after EWSB)

$$y_\nu(\bar{\nu}_L\phi_2^{0*}N + \bar{N}\phi_2^0\nu_L) + \frac{1}{2}M(\bar{N}N^c + \bar{N}^cN) + \lambda_5[(\langle\phi^{0*}\rangle\phi_2^0)^2 + (\phi_2^{0*}\langle\phi^0\rangle)^2]$$

and track the neutrino line:

$$y_\nu\bar{\nu}_L\phi_2^{0*}N \cdot M\bar{N}N^c \cdot y_\nu\bar{N}^c\phi_2^0(\nu_L)^c$$

and the two ϕ_2^{0*} will couple to $(\langle\phi^0\rangle)^2$ via λ_5 term. Effectively we get

$$\bar{\nu}_L \cdot [\lambda_5 v^2 y_\nu^2 \times \text{loop integral}] \cdot (\nu_L)^c$$

which is exactly the Majorana mass term for ν_L .

Scotogenic model

The key role is played by λ_5 :

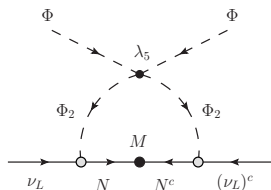
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The same λ_5 also determines scalar mass splitting:

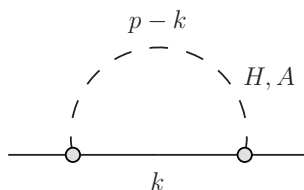
$$\phi_2^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H + iA), \quad m_H^2 - m_A^2 = 2\lambda_5 v^2.$$

Loop integral

The diagram shown usually



The actual diagram to calculate



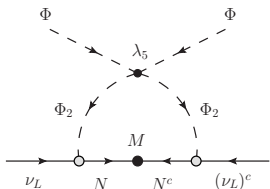
The relative sign comes from i^2 in the fermion line:

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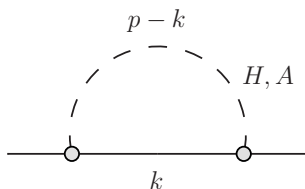
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Small $\lambda_5 \rightarrow$ small mass splitting between H and $A \rightarrow$ extra suppression for m_ν !

Assuming

$$2\lambda_5 v^2 = m_H^2 - m_A^2 \ll \frac{m_H^2 + m_A^2}{2} \equiv m_0^2,$$

and $M \gg m_H, m_A$, we get

$$(\mathcal{M}_\nu)_{ij} \approx \frac{\lambda_5 v^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_k \frac{y_{ik} y_{jk}}{M_k} \left(\log \frac{M_k^2}{m_0^2} - 1 \right).$$

With respect to the classic seesaw, it has an extra suppression $\lambda_5/(16\pi^2)$.

If $\lambda_5 \sim y_\nu \sim 10^{-4}$, then $M \sim$ few TeV \rightarrow testable at colliders!

Zee model

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We have seen two mechanisms for $m_\nu \neq 0$ without adding ν_R :

- Weinberg operator:

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- seesaw type II:

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Here, $\tilde{L} = \bar{L}^c \cdot \epsilon = (-\overline{(e_L)^c}, \overline{(\nu_L)^c}) = (-e_L^T, \nu_L^T) C$.

Trying a simpler combination $\tilde{L}L$ does not work:

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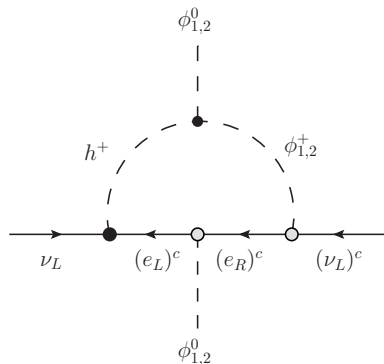
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In the original Zee model, $Y_2 = 0$, yielding

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu \propto (fM_\ell^2 + M_\ell^2 f^T) \log \frac{m_{h_2^+}^2}{m_{h_1^+}^2}.$$

Its diagonal elements are zero \rightarrow neutrino properties incompatible with data.

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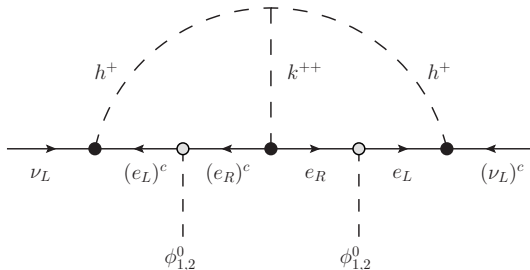
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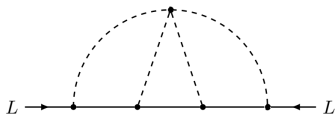
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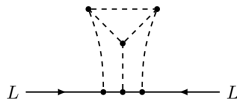
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Beyond two loops

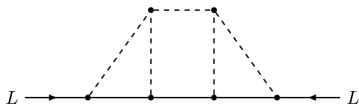
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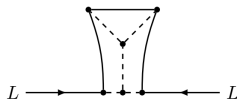
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- Recent review: [\[Cai et al, 1706.08524\]](#)