Neutrino masses and LHC

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Short introduction to the seesaw mechanism

With the degrees of freedom of the SM

$\nu$ masses parametrized by Weinberg $d = 5$ effective operator

$$\mathcal{L} = Y_{ij} \frac{L_i H H L_j}{M}$$
In the basis with diagonal charged leptons

\[ \frac{v^2}{M} Y = U_{PMNS} m_{\nu}^{diag} U_{PMNS}^T \]

- \( Y \) describes flavour structure
- \( M \) signals the appearance of new physics

Only 3 ways of producing the Weinberg operator:
by exchange of 3 types of heavy particles
fermion singlet \( S = (1, 1, 0) \)

\[ \langle H \rangle \quad \langle H \rangle \]

\[ \nu_L \quad S \quad \nu_L \]

TYPE I SEESAW

Minkowski, 77

Yanagida; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky; Glashow; Mohapatra, Senjanović, 79

Very well studied
boson weak triplet $\Delta = (1, 3, 2)$  

**TYPE II SEESAW**

$\langle H \rangle \langle H \rangle$

$\nu_L \Delta \nu_L$

*Lazarides, Magg, Wetterich; Magg, Wetterich; Mohapatra, Senjanović, 80*

Quite well studied
fermion weak triplet $T = (1, 3, 0)$

TYPE III SEESAW

\[ \langle H \rangle \langle H \rangle \]

$\nu_L$ $T$ $\nu_L$

Foot, Lew, He, Joshi, 89

Till recently studied only in context of R-parity violating susy
The general strategy

To probe seesaw (at LHC):

• produce seesaw mediators

• measure their decay rates

To suppress SM backgrounds we look for lepton number violating processes
What we need is mediators

1) light enough → $M \lesssim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$

2) coupled strongly enough to our world to be produced → case with gauge nonsinglets a long shot → type II or III seesaw

3) its decay must go dominantly through yukawas (that participate in $\nu$ mass)
The case of Type I seesaw

type I: mediator = fermionic \( N(1, 1, 0) \) (at least 2 needed)

\[
\mathcal{L} = -\frac{M_{N_i}}{2} N_i N_i + Y_{ij} N_i L_j H + h.c.
\]

\[
\rightarrow \quad m_\nu = -v^2 Y^T M_N^{-1} Y
\]

Mixing between \( N_i \) and \( \nu_j \) after SU(2) breaking \( \langle H \rangle = v \):

Through mixing singlets \( N_i \) coupled to gauge bosons
Amplitude $\propto Y_{ki}Y_{kj} \times \text{Prop}_k$ (or $\propto Y_{ki}$ if $N_k$ on-shell)
GOOD:
flavour in final state determines $Y_{1j}$ ($N_1$ the lightest singlet)

BAD:
1. $N$ singlet $\rightarrow$ no reason for $M_N$ to be small
2. but even if $M_N = \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV}) \rightarrow$ Yukawa typically small $\rightarrow$ rare processes
   - $Y \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-6}) \rightarrow$ too small to be produced at LHC
   - $Y$ larger: fine tuning (extra symmetry can stabilize it)

Possible to produce $N$ at LHC if $Y \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$

Kersten, Smirnov, 07

del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, Pittau, 07

del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, 08
The case of Type II seesaw

type II: mediator = bosonic $\Delta(1,3,2)$ (one is enough)

$$\mathcal{L} = -M_\Delta |\Delta|^2 + Y_{ij} L_i^T \Delta L_j + \mu H^T \Delta^* H + h.c.$$  

Triplet vev:

$$v_\Delta \equiv \langle \Delta \rangle = \frac{\mu v^2}{M_\Delta}$$

Neutrino mass:

$$m_\nu = v_\Delta Y$$
**Production** of mediators in pairs by weak interaction (Drell-Yan)

\[ \bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ \rightarrow \Delta^{++} \Delta^- \]

can be found at LHC but have to (A) assume: \( M_\Delta \lesssim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV}) \)
On top of that, decay of mediators:
\[ \Delta^{++} \rightarrow l^+_i l^+_j (\propto M_\Delta |Y_{ij}|^2) \]
but also into \( W^+W^+ \) (\( \propto v_\Delta^2/M_\Delta \))
the lepton mode dominates (B) providing \( v_\Delta \lesssim 10^{-4} \) GeV: not predicted but smallness perturbatively stable (if zero→lepton number)

Garayoa, Schwetz, 07
Kadastik, Raidal, Rebane, 07
Akeroyd, Aoki, Sugiyama, 07
Fileviez Perez, Han, Huang, Li, Wang, 08
del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, 08
This case unique: if

(A) light enough triplet bosons and
(B) small enough triplet vev →

all Yukawas could in principle be measured directly

\[ m_\nu = v_\Delta Y = U_{PMNS} m_\nu^{\text{diag}} U^T_{PMNS} \]

Ununknowns from neutrino physics: \( m_1, \theta_{13}, \delta, \Phi_{1,2} \) (5)

With 6 measurements \(|Y_{ij}|\) one can (in principle) fix them all

But no minimal model known to predict (A) and (B)
The case of Type III seesaw

type III: mediator = fermionic $T(1, 3, 0)$ (at least two needed)

\[
\mathcal{L} = -\frac{M_{T_i}}{2} T_i T_i + Y_{ij} T_i L_j H + h.c.
\]

\[
\rightarrow m_\nu = -v^2 Y^T M_T^{-1} Y
\]

Similar to the type I case, but now the mediator is a gauge nonsinglet (much easier to produce it at the LHC)
As in the type I seesaw, there is mixing between $T^0$ and $\nu$:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
  \text{GOOD:} \\
  \bullet T \text{ gauge triplet, RGE could be a reason for it to be light} \\
  \bullet \text{Yukawas enter only in decay, not in production}
\end{array}
\]
Recently studied repeatedly:

Possible to produce at LHC provided $M_T \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV} - 1 \text{ TeV}

Ma, Roy, 02
Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 08
del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, 08

Later will see a detailed analysis in a well defined restrictive model

Arhrib, BB, Ghosh, Han, Huang, Puljak, Senjanović, 09
No seesaw at LHC from SO(10) ?

GOOD:

• natural see-saw mechanism, existence of $\nu_R$ automatic
• $m_\nu$ and $0\nu2\beta$ well described, connected to charged sector
• other processes (proton decay etc) also connected
An examples is the minimal supersymmetric SO(10):

- Field content: $3 \times 16_F, 10_H, 210_H, 126_H + \overline{126}_H$
- all parameters (26) determined

Aulakh, Mohapatra; Clark, Kuo, Nakagawa, 82
Aulakh, BB, Melfo, Senjanović, Vissani, 03

A lot of analysis done:

the Yukawa sector could be fit

Babu, Mohapatra, 92
Goh, Mohapatra, Ng, 03
Bertolini, Malinsky, 05
Babu, Macesanu, 05
but inconsistent with the Higgs sector ($m_\nu$ too small)

Aulakh, Garg, 05

BB, Melfo, Senjanović, Vissani, 05

Bertolini, Malinsky, Schwetz, 06

One can

- add new representations (120)

Aulakh, Garg, 05

Lavoura, Kuhbock, Grimus; Aulakh, Garg, 06

- include susy threshold corrections

Aulakh, Garg, 08

- or allow split supersymmetry

BB, Doršner, Nemevšek, 08
BAD:

no reason for low scale see-saw mechanism (no $\Delta L = 2$ in colliders)

- usually no low scale from running ($M_{\nu_R} \approx M_{GUT}$)
- typically $m_{Dirac} \sim m_{top}$ (and so too large)

What about non-supersymmetric SO(10)?

- LR scale needed to be lower than in susy due to RG
- But not enough, still too high for LHC

BB, Melfo, Senjanović, Vissani, 05

Bertolini, Di Luzio, Malinsky, 09
No convincing $\text{SO}(10)$ (or LR) theories for LHC

Any other minimal GUT candidate with measurable seesaw?
The minimal non-supersymmetric SU(5)

We will present a simple model which predicts a seesaw mediator with

1) $\lesssim$ TeV mass
2) gauge quantum numbers (type III seesaw)
3) decays mainly through yukawas
4) neutrino mass rank 2

Try with the simplest one, non-supersymmetric SU(5).
Why is the Georgi-Glashow SU(5) ruled out?

nonsupersymmetric with $24_H + 5_H + 3(10_F + \bar{5}_F)$

1. gauge couplings do not unify
2. neutrinos massless (as in the SM)
1. Gauge coupling non-unification

- 2 and 3 meet at $\approx 10^{16}$ GeV (as in susy),
- but 1 meets 2 too early at $\approx 10^{13}$ GeV
2. Neutrino masses

Minimal SU(5) Yukawa terms:

\[ \mathcal{L}_Y = 10^i_F Y^{ij}_1 10^j_F 5_H + 5^*_H 10^i_F Y^{ij}_2 \bar{5}_F^j + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[ \bar{5}_F^i 5_H Y^{ij}_3 5_H \bar{5}_F^j + \ldots \right] \]

Neutrinos can get mass from 1/\(\Lambda\) term but too small:

\[ m^\nu \approx Y_3 \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ eV} \]

for \(\Lambda \gtrsim 100 \times M_{\text{GUT}} \gtrsim 10^{17} \text{ GeV} \) (needed for perturbativity)

Neutrino practically massless!
Add a fermionic $24_F$:
light fermionic triplet predicted

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Under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$ decomposition

$24_F = (1,1)_0 + (1,3)_0 + (8,1)_0 + (3,2)_{5/6} + (\bar{3},2)_{-5/6}$

Extra states $(m_3, m_8, m_{(3,2)})$ with respect to the minimal model
→ RGE change
\[
\exp \left[30\pi \left(\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_2^{-1}\right) (M_Z)\right] = \left(\frac{M_{GUT}}{M_Z}\right)^{84} \left(\frac{m_3}{M_Z}\right)^{25} \left(\frac{M_{GUT}}{m_{(3,2)}}\right)^{20}
\]

\[
\exp \left[20\pi \left(\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_3^{-1}\right) (M_Z)\right] = \left(\frac{M_{GUT}}{M_Z}\right)^{86} \left(\frac{m_8}{M_Z}\right)^{25} \left(\frac{M_{GUT}}{m_{(3,2)}}\right)^{20}
\]

In spite of many free parameters \((m_3, m_8, m_{(3,2)})\)
only one possible pattern:

\[
m_3 \ll m_8 \ll m_{(3,2)} \ll M_{GUT}
\]
Can these masses be completely arbitrary?

They come from the Lagrangian

\[
\mathcal{L}_F = m_F \text{Tr} \left( 24^2_F \right) + \lambda_F \text{Tr} \left( 24^2_F 24_H \right) \\
+ \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[ a_1 \text{Tr} \left( 24^2_F \right) \text{Tr} \left( 24^2_H \right) + a_2 \left( \text{Tr} \left( 24_F 24_H \right) \right)^2 \right] \\
+ a_3 \text{Tr} \left( 24^2_F 24^2_H \right) + a_4 \text{Tr} \left( 24_F 24_H 24_F 24_H \right) \\
+ \mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^2)
\]
\[ m_3 = m_F - \frac{3 \lambda_F M_{GUT}}{\sqrt{30}} + \frac{M_{GUT}^2}{\Lambda} \left[ a_1 + \frac{3}{10} (a_3 + a_4) \right] \]

\[ m_8 = m_F + \frac{2 \lambda_F M_{GUT}}{\sqrt{30}} + \frac{M_{GUT}^2}{\Lambda} \left[ a_1 + \frac{2}{15} (a_3 + a_4) \right] \]

\[ m_{(3,2)} = m_F - \frac{\lambda_F M_{GUT}}{2 \sqrt{30}} + \frac{M_{GUT}^2}{\Lambda} \left[ a_1 + \frac{(13a_3 - 12a_4)}{60} \right] \]

Since

\[ m_3 \ll m_8 \ll m_{(3,2)} \ll M_{GUT} \]

possible only by cancellation

\[ \rightarrow m_F, \lambda_F M_{GUT}, M_{GUT}^2/\Lambda \text{ must be of the same order} \]

\[ \rightarrow m_{(3,2)} \lesssim M_{GUT}^2/\Lambda \]

we will take \( \Lambda = 100 M_{GUT} \) (perturbativity and \( b - \tau \))
A unique (1 loop) solution:

\[ m_3 \approx 10^2 \text{GeV} \]
\[ m_8 \approx 10^7 \text{GeV} \]
\[ m_{(3,2)} \approx 10^{14} \text{GeV} \]
\[ M_{GUT} \approx 10^{16} \text{GeV} \]

For \( M_{GUT} \gtrsim 10^{15.5} \text{GeV} \) (p decay)

\[ \rightarrow m_3 \lesssim 1 \text{TeV} \]

Prediction of the model
$m_{3}^{max} - M_{GUT}$ at two loops
Very important:

- if $m_T \approx 100 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow$ proton decay slow (interesting for LHC)
- if $m_T \approx 1 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow$ proton decay fast (interesting for next generation proton decay detectors)
Neutrino masses

New Yukawa terms with $24_F$

singlet $S = (1, 1)_0$
triplet $T = (1, 3)_0$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = L_i \left( y^i_T T + y^i_S S \right) H + m_T T T + m_S S S + h.c.$$  

Mixed Type I and Type III seesaw:

$$(m_\nu)^{ij} = v^2 \left( \frac{y^i_T y^j_T}{m_T} + \frac{y^i_S y^j_S}{m_S} \right)$$
Neutrino mass matrix rank 2:

→ one massless neutrino

→ crucial for probing neutrino parameters from $y_T^i$

Normal hierarchy:

\[ vy_T^i = \sqrt{m_T} \left( U_{i2} \sqrt{m_2^\nu} \cos z + U_{i3} \sqrt{m_3^\nu} \sin z \right) \]

Inverse hierarchy:

\[ vy_T^i = \sqrt{m_T} \left( U_{i1} \sqrt{m_1^\nu} \cos z + U_{i2} \sqrt{m_2^\nu} \sin z \right) \]

$U = $ PMNS matrix, $z = $ arbitrary complex number

*Ibarra, Ross, 03*
The PMNS matrix:

\[
U = \begin{pmatrix}
  c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\
  -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\
  s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -s_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13}
\end{pmatrix} \times \text{diag}(1, e^{i\Phi}, 1)
\]

Measuring $y_T^i$

$\rightarrow$ constraints on $z$, $\theta_{13}$, phases $\delta$, $\Phi$
Triplet decays

Decays through Yukawas

\[ T^\pm \rightarrow Z l^\pm_k \quad T^0 \rightarrow Z \nu_k \]
\[ T^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm \nu_k \quad T^0 \rightarrow W^\pm l^\mp_k \]

Non-Yukawa decay \[ T^\pm \rightarrow T^0 \pi^\pm \] are suppressed by small \[ \Delta M_T \lesssim 160 \text{ MeV}. \]

\[ \Gamma_T \approx m_T |y_T|^2 \]

Can measure \( y_T^k \) through decays
Lepton Triplet Lifetime Upper Limit

\[ \tau_T(\text{mm}) \]

vs.

\[ M_T(\text{GeV}) \]

The graph shows the relationship between the lepton triplet lifetime upper limit and the mass of the triplet. As the mass increases, the lifetime decreases.
Approximate upper limit on total triplet lifetime ($m_T > 200$ GeV)

$$\tau_T \lesssim 0.5 \left( \frac{200 \text{ GeV}}{m_T} \right)^2 \text{ mm} \quad \text{(normal hierarchy)}$$

(and $\sqrt{\Delta m_A^2/\Delta m_S^2} \approx 5$ times smaller for inverse hierarchy)

Here different than the case of 3 triplets:

rank 3 $\nu$ mass $\to$

- one $T^0$ in principle could be stable
- $T^\pm \to \pi^\pm T^0$ could dominate
Triplet production at LHC

$T^0, \pm$ weak triplet

→ produced through gauge interactions (Drell-Yan)

$$pp \rightarrow W^\pm \rightarrow T^\pm T^0$$

$$pp \rightarrow (Z \text{ or } \gamma) \rightarrow T^+ T^-$$

Ma, Roy, 02

del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, 07, 08

Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 08

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$pp \rightarrow T^+ T^0 + X$ at LHC
If you want to avoid missing energy (no $\nu$)

1. only charged leptons

\[ T^\pm \rightarrow Zl^\pm \rightarrow l'^+ l'^- l^\pm \]

2. charged leptons + jets

\[ T^\pm \rightarrow Zl^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm + 2jets \]
\[ T^0 \rightarrow W^\mp l^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm + 2jets \]
The best channel is like-sign dileptons + jets

(like in LR models with low \( W_R \) mass and \( m_{\nu_R} \leq m_{W_R} \))

\[ BR(T^{\pm}T^0 \rightarrow l_i^{\pm}l_j^{\pm} + 4 \text{ jets}) \approx \frac{1}{20} \times NBR_i \times NBR_j \]

\[ NBR_i = \text{normalized branching ratio}(i) = \frac{|y_T^i|^2}{\sum_k |y_T^k|^2} \]
Define the following cross sections:

\[ \sigma_{total} \text{ for sum over all } l = e, \mu, \tau \text{ at } E = 14 \text{ TeV} \]

\[ \sigma_{total} \text{ for sum over all } l = e, \mu, \tau \text{ at } E = 10 \text{ TeV} \]

\[ \sigma_{total} \text{ (expected) for } l = e, \mu \text{ (IH case, } \Phi = 0) \]

\[ \sigma_{total} \text{ (expected) for } l = e, \mu \text{ (IH case, } \Phi = 0) \text{ after cuts} \]
What does it mean ”expected” for inverse hierarchy (IH) case, $\Phi = 0$?
CUTS

- Rapidity coverage for leptons and jets
  \[ |\eta(\ell)| < 2.5 , \ |\eta(j)| < 3 \]

- High transverse momentum cuts
  \[ p_T^{\text{jets}} > 20 \text{ GeV} , \ p_T^\ell > 15 \text{ GeV} \]

- Particle identification, \( \Delta R_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sqrt{(\Delta \phi_{\alpha\beta})^2 + (\Delta \eta_{\alpha\beta})^2} \)
  \[ \Delta R_{jj} > 0.4 , \ \Delta R_{\ell j} > 0.4 , \ \Delta R_{\ell\ell} > 0.3 \]

- No significant missing energy
  \[ E_T < 25 \text{ GeV} \]

- \( W, Z \) or \( h \) reconstruction:
  \[ 65 \text{ GeV} < m(jj) < 105 \text{ GeV} \) or \( 100 \text{ GeV} < m(jj) < 140 \text{ GeV} \)

- Triplet invariant mass:
  \[ m(jj\ell) \in M_T \pm 50 \text{ GeV} \]
LHC

$T^\pm T^0 \rightarrow l^\pm l^\pm + 4$ jets

$\sigma$ (fb)

$M_T$ (GeV)
Background from

\[ \begin{align*}
  & t\bar{t}W^\pm \\
  & W^\pm W^\pm V_{jj} \\
  & W^\pm W^\pm jjjj \\
\end{align*} \]

with \( W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu \) producing final states \( \rightarrow l^\pm l^\pm 4j + \) missing energy

Small missing energy cut crucial (factor \( \approx 20 \) decrease)
Easily made negligible ($\lesssim 0.1 \text{ fb}$)

_{Arhrib, BB, Ghosh, Han, Huang, Puljak, Senjanović, 09_}

Consistent with other estimates of these and other channels:

_{del Aguila, Aguilar-Saavedra, 07, 08_}

_{Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, 08_}
Some numbers from here:

For the signal we would require $\gtrsim 5$ events:

$$\sigma_{\text{min}} \approx \frac{5}{\int L}$$

- From LHC we can probe
  - up to $m_T \approx 450$ GeV for $\int L = 10$ fb$^{-1}$
  - up to $m_T \approx 700$ GeV for $\int L = 100$ fb$^{-1}$

- $\tau$ identification will only help improving the bounds

- For Tevatron similar analysis (cuts a bit different) give
  - up to $m_T \approx 200$ GeV for $\int L = 8$ fb$^{-1}$
Probing the neutrino parameters at LHC

Seesaw parameters: $\theta_{13}, \delta, \Phi$

- Imagine we can produce at LHC the light triplet
- Then we can in principle measure the three $|y^i_T|$ ($i = e, \mu, \tau$) through
  1. triplet lifetime $\propto \left( |y^e_T|^2 + |y^\mu_T|^2 + |y^\tau_T|^2 \right)$
  2. $NBR_e = |y^e_T|^2 / \left( |y^e_T|^2 + |y^\mu_T|^2 + |y^\tau_T|^2 \right)$
  3. $NBR_\mu = |y^\mu_T|^2 / \left( |y^e_T|^2 + |y^\mu_T|^2 + |y^\tau_T|^2 \right)$
Example 1

Yukawas constrained (rank 2 model) → consistency checks possible
Example 2

Case with normal hierarchy
Assume a simplified situation with

\[ \theta_{13} = 0 \]

The only unknown parameters (3):

\[ Re(z), \, Im(z), \, \text{Majorana CP violating phase } \Phi \]
Just by measuring the cross section $\Delta L = 2$ production of same sign dilepton already some info:

$\Phi = +\pi/2$

$\Phi = 0$

$\Phi = -\pi/2$
$\theta_{13} = 0$ case special:

$$\tau = \tau(\text{Re}(z), \text{Im}(z))$$

$$NBR_e = NBR_e(\text{Re}(z), \text{Im}(z))$$

do not depend on $\Phi$
Possible to determine $\Phi$ from

$$NBR_\mu(Im(z), Re(z), \Phi)$$
\[ Im(z) = 0 : \]

![Graphical representation of \( Im(z) = 0 \):]

- **\( NBR_\mu \)** ranges from 0.0 to 0.8.
- **\( \phi \)** ranges from 0 to 6.
- **\( \Re(z) \)** ranges from 0 to 6.

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Conclusions

- After 30 years *seesaw* still the most *popular*
- *LHC* a special opportunity to *test* it directly
- in most models this check unfortunately possible only in small part of parameter space
- *type I* needs light mediators and large cancellations in the seesaw formula (approximate symmetry ?)
- *type II* needs light mediators and small triplet vev (extra symmetry again)
- *type III* needs light mediators and not too small lightest triplet Yukawas
• mixed type I+III the only known example of a predictive and testable seesaw: ordinary minimal SU(5) with extra fermionic adjoint
  1. weak fermionic triplet predicted in the TeV range
     (good chances to find it at LHC)
  2. its decay connected with neutrino mass
  3. possible to get information on unmeasured (angles, CP)
     neutrino parameters