

# Non-standard neutrino interactions from seesaw models

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# Lepton flavor mixing

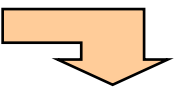
Weak interaction eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{e1} & V_{e2} & V_{e3} \\ V_{\mu1} & V_{\mu2} & V_{\mu3} \\ V_{\tau1} & V_{\tau2} & V_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Mass eigenstates

Standard Parametrization

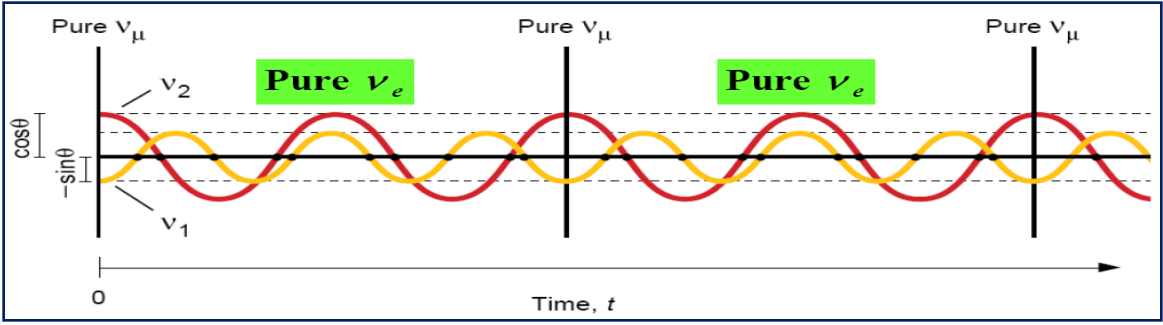
Majorana CP violating phases



$$V_{MNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ \sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dirac CP violating phase

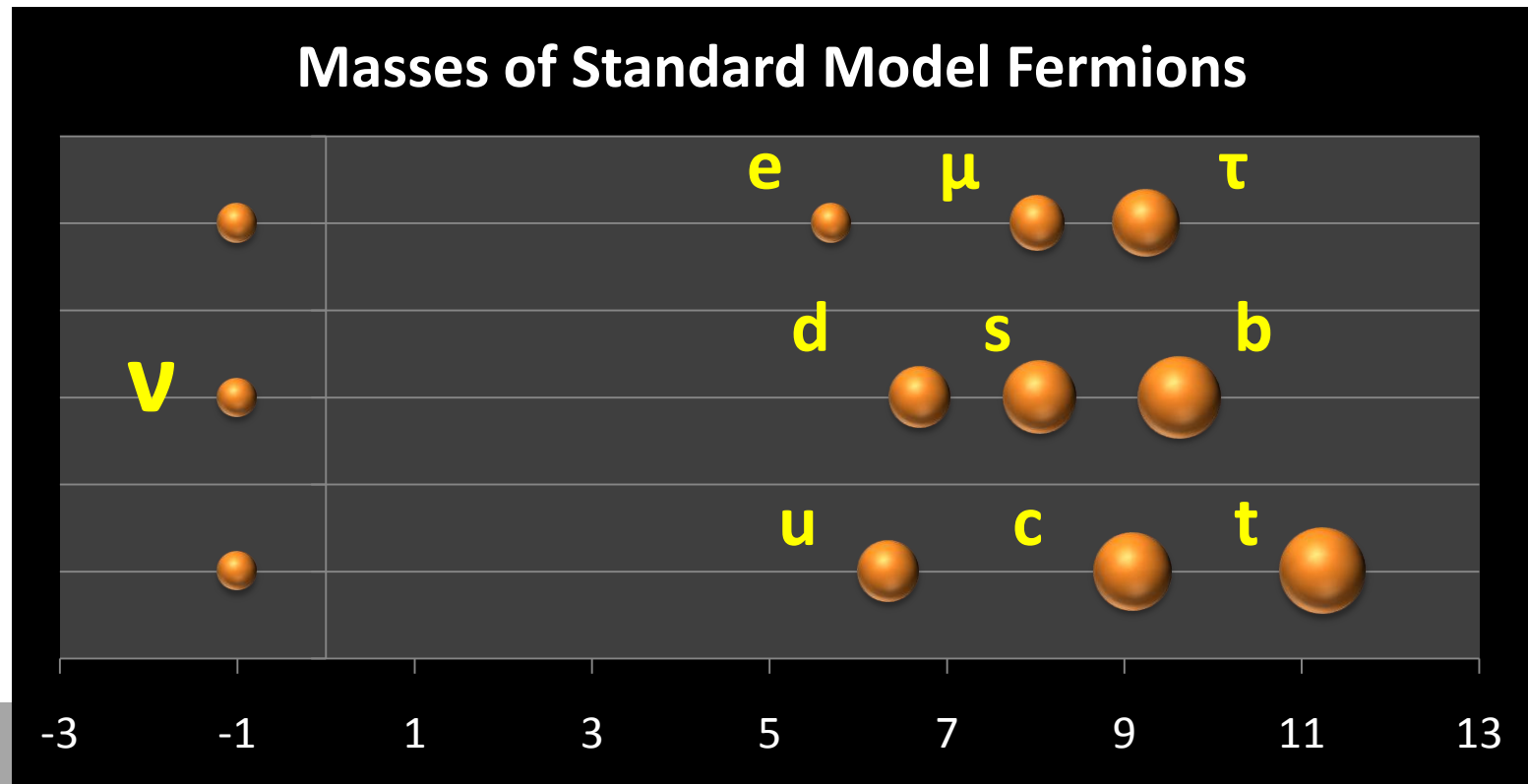
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There are now strong evidences that neutrinos are massive and lepton flavors are mixed. Since in the Standard Model neutrinos are massless particles, the SM must be extended by adding neutrino masses.

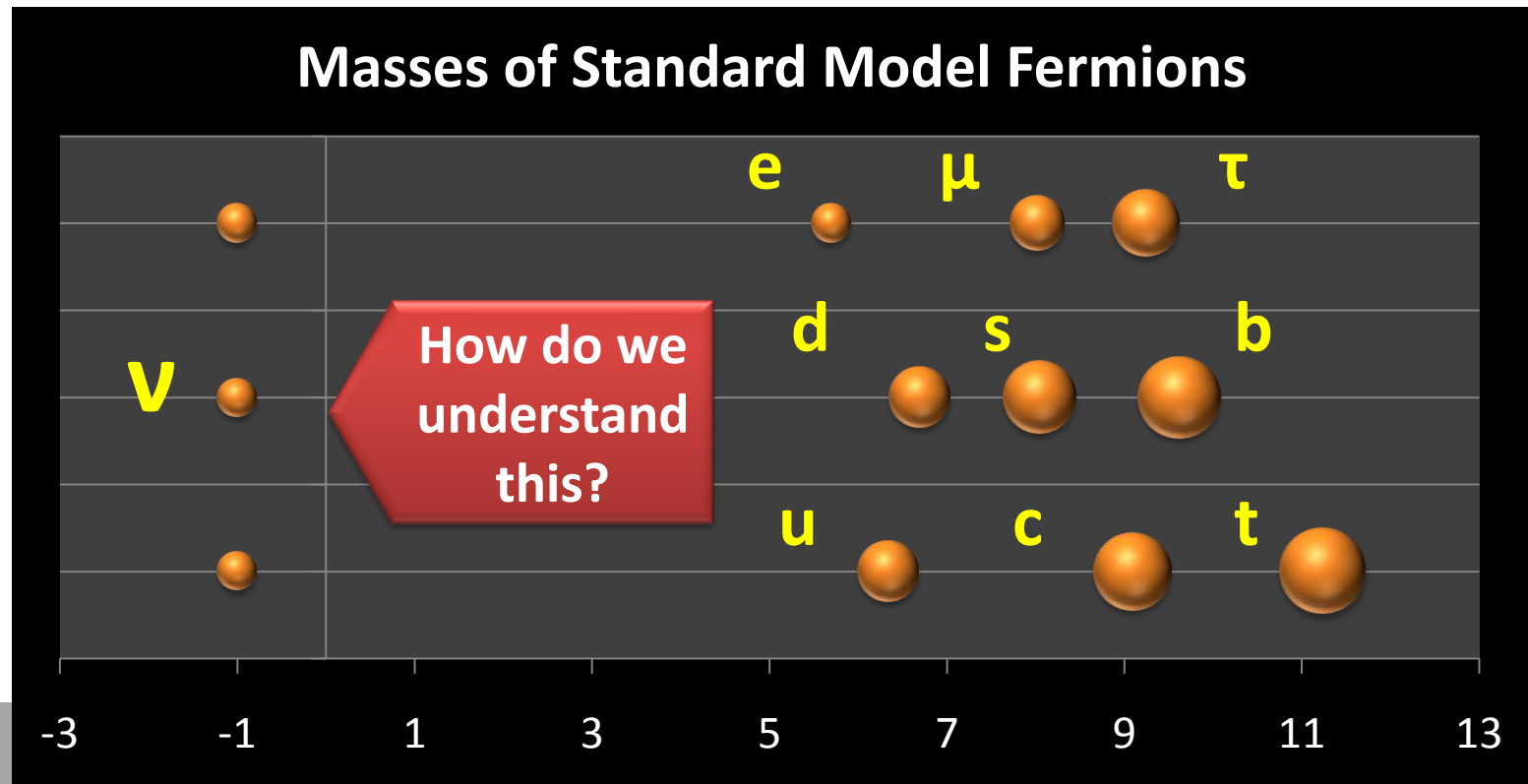
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# Beyond the SM: SEESAW

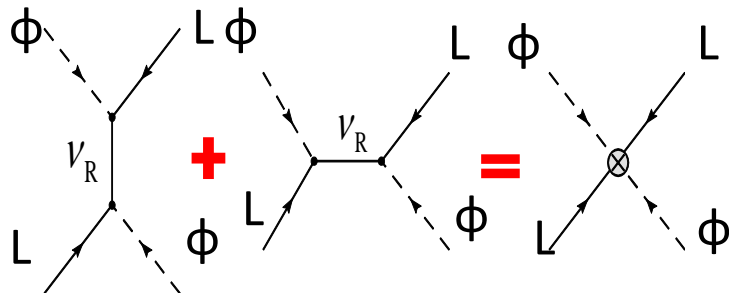
## Neutrinos are Majorana particles

$\nu_R$  + Majorana & Dirac masses + seesaw

Natural description of the smallness of  $\nu$ -masses

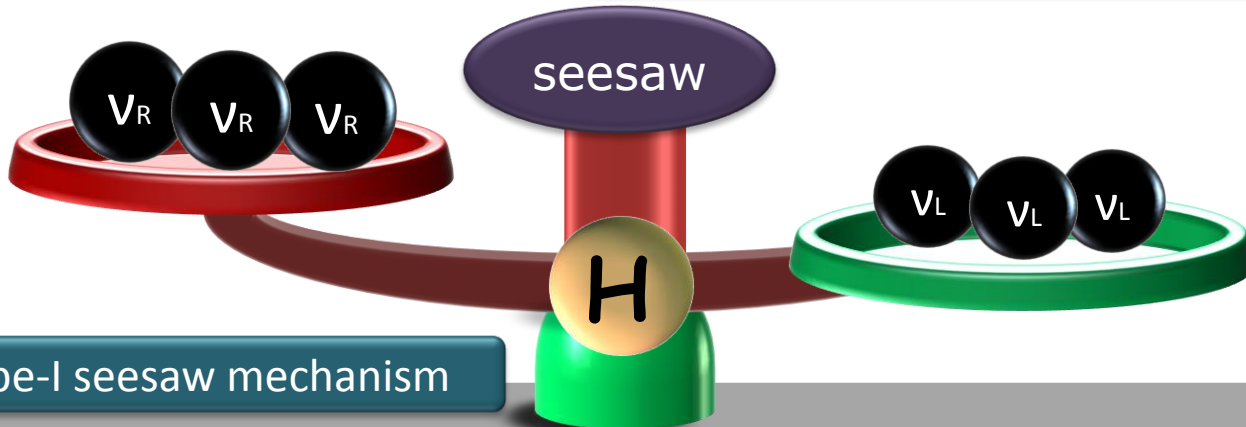
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \left\{ Y \bar{L}_L \nu_R \tilde{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} M_R \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R^c + \text{h.c.} \right\}$$

Integrate out heavy right-handed fields



$$-iY^T \frac{\not{p} + M_R}{p^2 - M_R^2} Y (\varepsilon_{cd} \varepsilon_{ba} + \varepsilon_{ca} \varepsilon_{bd}) P_L = i\kappa (\varepsilon_{cd} \varepsilon_{ba} + \varepsilon_{ca} \varepsilon_{bd}) P_L$$

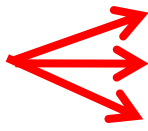
$$p^2 \ll M_R^2 \Rightarrow Y^T M_R^{-1} Y = \mathcal{K} \Rightarrow m_\nu = -m_D^T M_R^{-1} m_D$$



Type-I seesaw mechanism

# Typical seesaw models

**SEESAW**



SU(2)<sub>L</sub> singlet fermions  
 SU(2)<sub>L</sub> triplet scalars  
 SU(2)<sub>L</sub> triplet fermions

**T-1:** SM + 3 right-handed (Majorana) neutrinos (Minkowski 77; Yanagida 79; Glashow 79; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slanski 79; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 79)

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \bar{l}_L Y_\nu \tilde{H} N_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}_R^c M_R N_R + \text{h.c.}$$

**T-2:** SM + 1 Higgs triplet (Magg, Wetterich 80; Schechter, Valle 80; Cheng, Li 80; Lazarides et al 80; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80; Gelmini, Roncadelli 80)

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{l}_L Y_\Delta \Delta i\sigma_2 l_L^c - \lambda_\Delta M_\Delta H^T i\sigma_2 \Delta H + \text{h.c.}$$

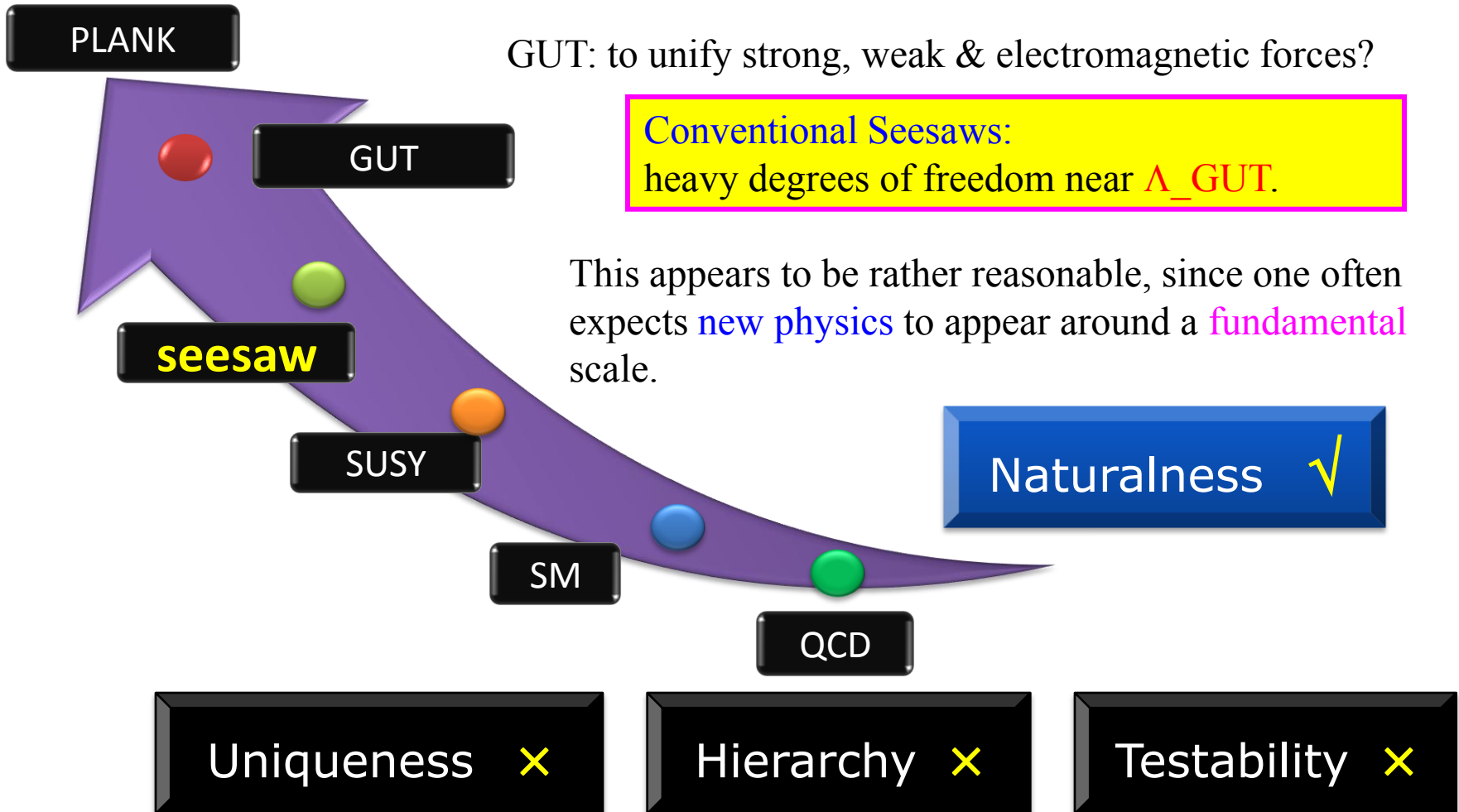
variations  
 combination

**T-3:** SM + 3 triplet fermions (Foot, Lew, He, Joshi 89)

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \bar{l}_L Y_l H E_R + \bar{l}_L \sqrt{2} Y_\Sigma \Sigma^c \tilde{H} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\bar{\Sigma} M_\Sigma \Sigma^c) + \text{h.c.}$$

# Where is the new physics?

What is the energy scale at which the **seesaw** mechanism works?



# TeV type-I seesaw structural cancellation

Unnatural case: large cancellation in the leading seesaw term.

$$M_\nu \approx M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T$$

0.01 eV    1 TeV    100 GeV

TeV-scale (right-handed) Majorana neutrinos: small masses of light Majorana neutrinos come from sub-leading perturbations.

(Buchmueller, Greub 91; Ingelman, Rathsman 93; Heusch, Minkowski 94; .....; Kersten, Smirnov 07).

$$m_D = m \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ \alpha y_1 & \alpha y_2 & \alpha y_3 \\ \beta y_1 & \beta y_2 & \beta y_3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{y_1^2}{M_1} + \frac{y_2^2}{M_2} + \frac{y_3^2}{M_3} = 0$$

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Underlying symmetry: discrete flavor symmetry ( $A_4, S_4$ )?  
Radiative corrections? Renormalization group running?

## Type-III seesaw



**Type-II seesaw:** add one  $SU(2)_L$  Higgs triplet into the SM.

$$\mathcal{L}_\Delta = Y_{\alpha\beta} L_L^{T\alpha} C i\sigma_2 \Delta L_L^\beta + \lambda_\phi \phi^T i\sigma_2 \Delta^\dagger \phi + \text{H.c.}$$

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**Type-(I+II) seesaw:** simple combination of **type-I** & **type-II** seesaws.

The neutrino mass term:  
and the seesaw relation:

$$-\mathcal{L}'_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\nu_L \ N_R^c)} \begin{pmatrix} M_L & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$M_\nu \approx M_L - M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T$$

Cancellation between unrelated sources: **quite unnatural**

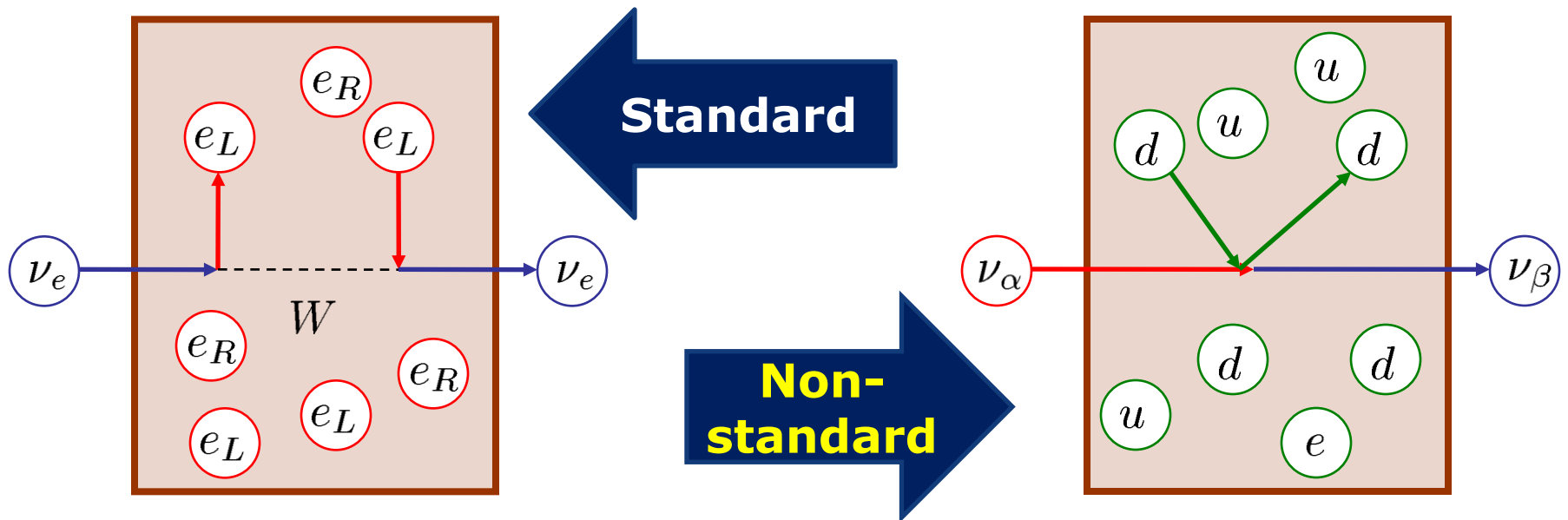
# Non-standard neutrino interactions

The widely studied NSI operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ff'C} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P_C f')$$

$$\varepsilon \propto \frac{m_W^2}{m_X^2}$$

If new physics scale  $\sim 1(10)$  TeV  $\Rightarrow \varepsilon \sim 10^{-2}(10^{-4})$



- Non-standard interactions at neutrino sources:

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_e, \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu, \quad n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

(Standard:  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu, \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e, \quad n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$  )

- Non-standard interactions at neutrino detectors:

$$\nu_e + n \rightarrow p + \mu^- \quad (\text{Standard: } \nu_\mu + n \rightarrow p + \mu^-)$$

These effects can be measured even for  $L=0$  (near detector  $P_{\mu e}(L=0) \neq 0$ )

- Non-standard interactions with matter during propagation:

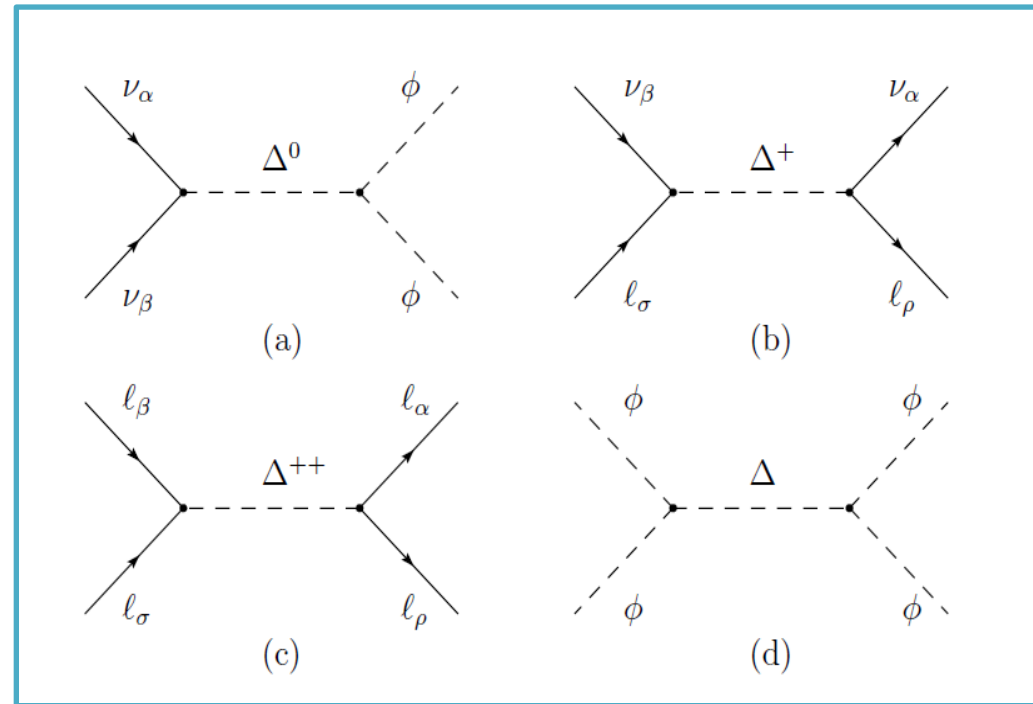
$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2E} \left[ U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon_{ee} & \varepsilon_{e\mu} & \varepsilon_{e\tau} \\ \varepsilon_{e\mu}^* & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu} & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \varepsilon_{e\tau}^* & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^* & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

Constraints by experiments with neutrinos and charged leptons

Davidson, Pena-Garay, Rius and Santamaria, **JHEP0303 (2003)011**  
 Biggio, Blennow, and Fernandez-Martinez, **arXiv:0907.0097**

# Phenomenological consequences of the type-II seesaw model

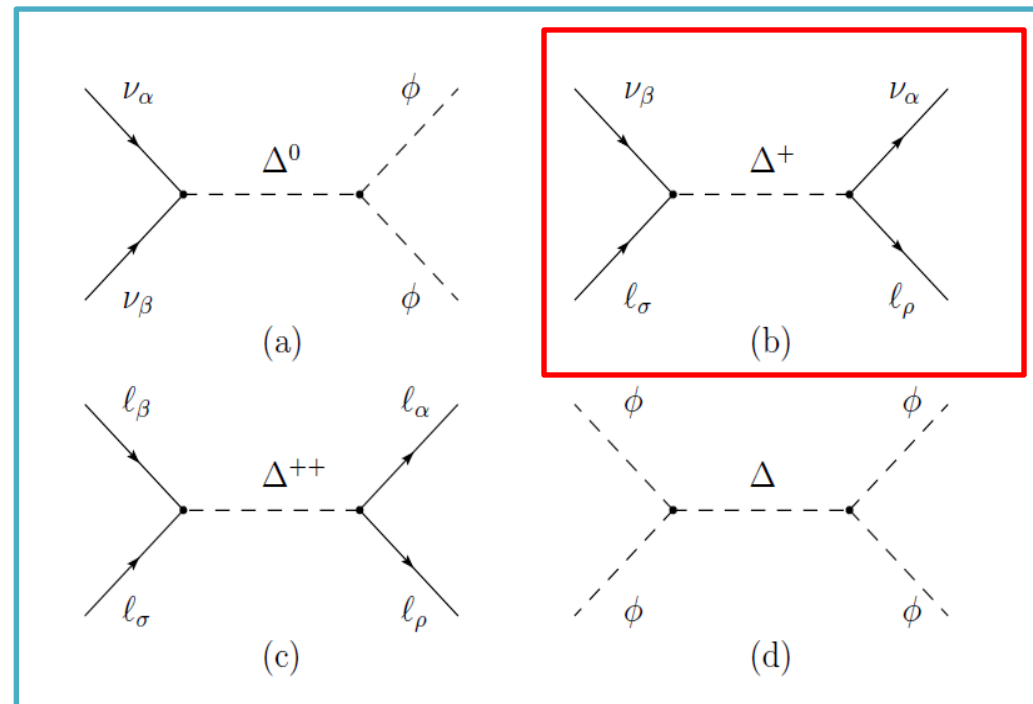
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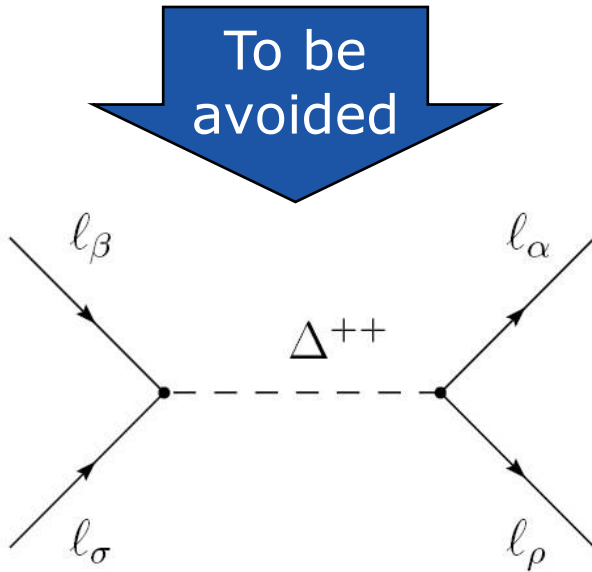
Integrating out the heavy triplet field (at tree-level)!

Relations between neutrino mass matrix and NSI parameters:

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\rho\sigma} = -\frac{m_\Delta^2}{8\sqrt{2}G_F v^4 \lambda_\phi^2} (m_\nu)_{\sigma\beta} (m_\nu^\dagger)_{\alpha\rho}$$

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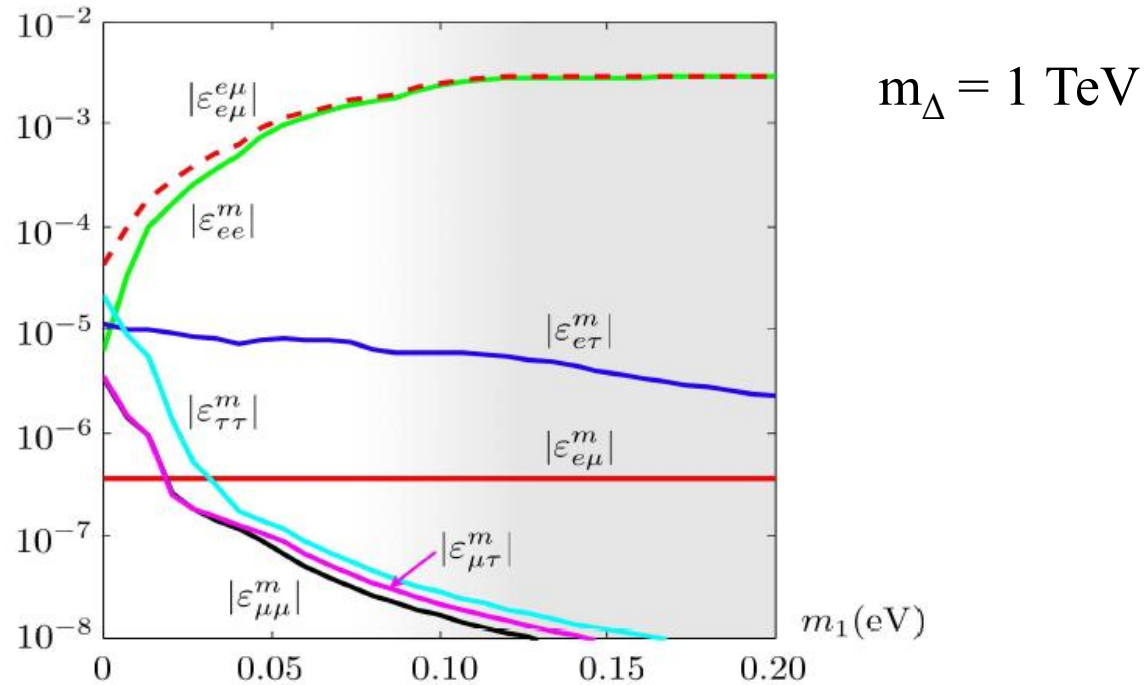
Experimental constraints from LFV and rare decays, ...



Decay	Constraint on	Bound
$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$	$ \varepsilon_{ee}^{e\mu} $	$3.5 \times 10^{-7}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$	$ \varepsilon_{ee}^{e\tau} $	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$ \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\mu\tau} $	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
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$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ \mu^-$	$ \varepsilon_{\mu e}^{e\tau} $	$9.9 \times 10^{-5}$
$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$	$ \sum_\alpha \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{e\mu} $	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$	$ \sum_\alpha \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{e\tau} $	$3.2 \times 10^{-2}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \gamma$	$ \sum_\alpha \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{\mu\tau} $	$2.5 \times 10^{-2}$
$\mu^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^+$	$ \varepsilon_{\mu e}^{\mu e} $	$3.0 \times 10^{-3}$

## NSIs from type-II seesaw model

Upper bounds on NSI parameters in the Type-II seesaw model



- ◆ For a hierarchical mass spectrum, (i.e.,  $m_1 < 0.05 \text{ eV}$ ), all the NSI effects are suppressed.
- ◆ For a nearly degenerate mass spectrum, (i.e.,  $m_1 > 0.1 \text{ eV}$ ), two NSI parameters can be sizable.



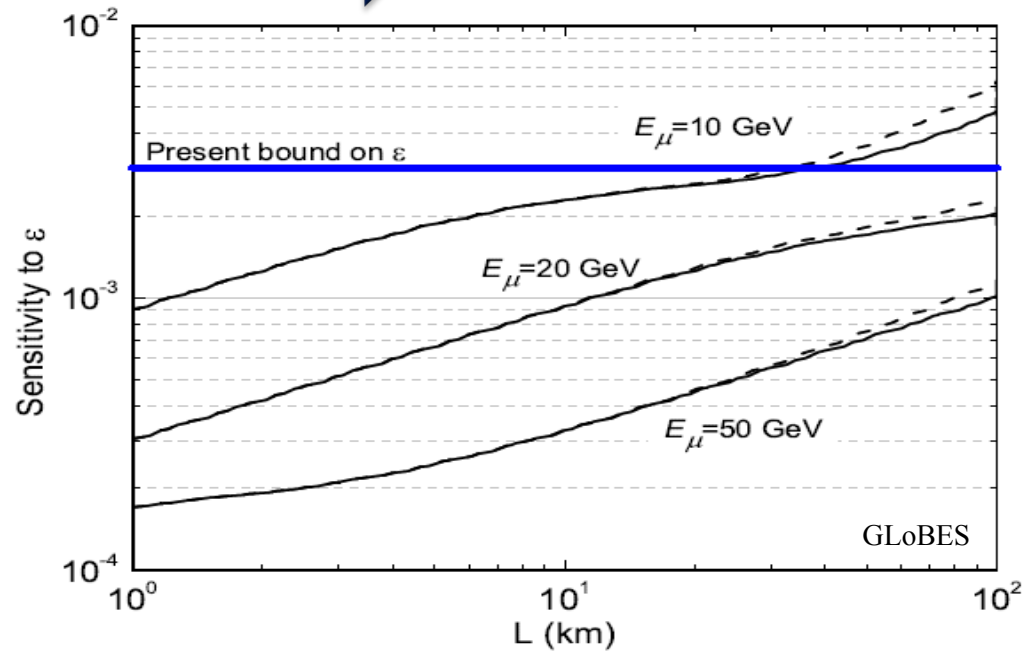
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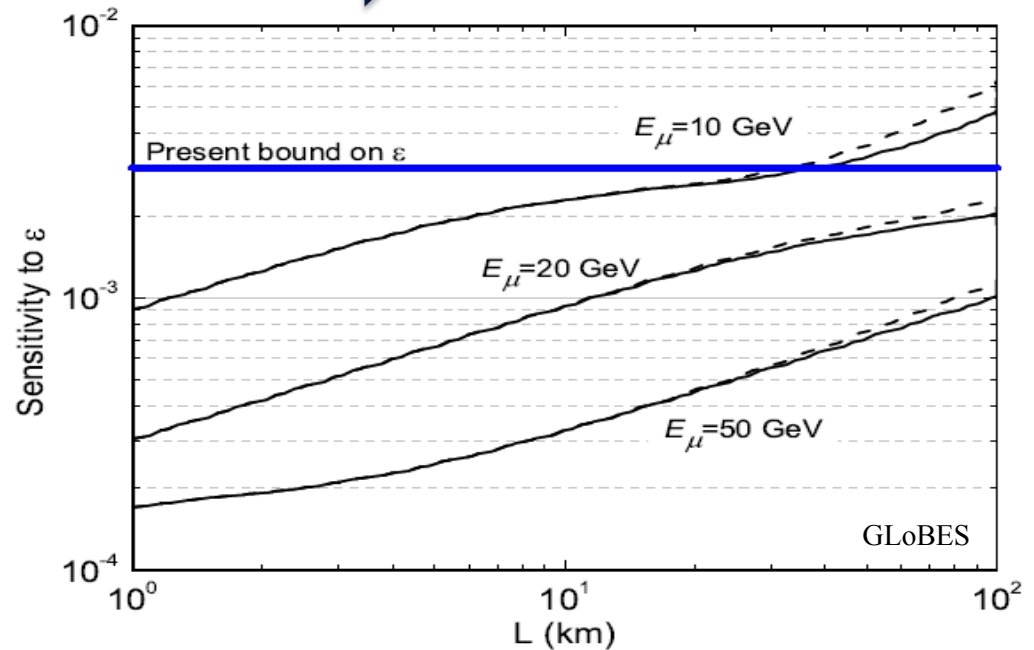
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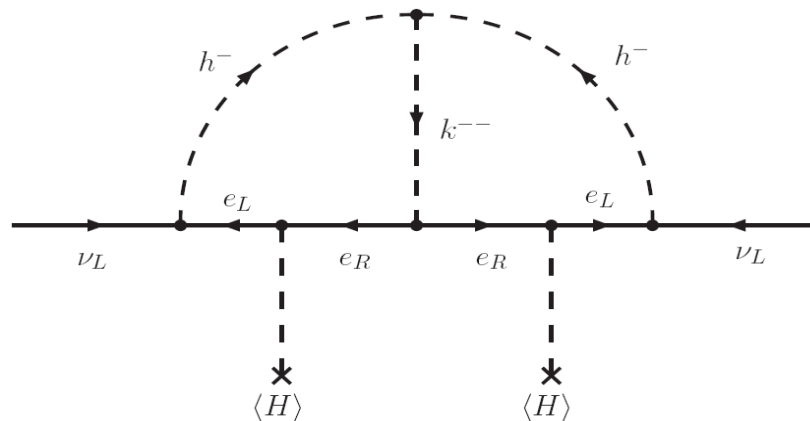


- Like-sign di-lepton production at the LHC  $\Delta^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow l_\alpha^\pm l_\alpha^\pm$

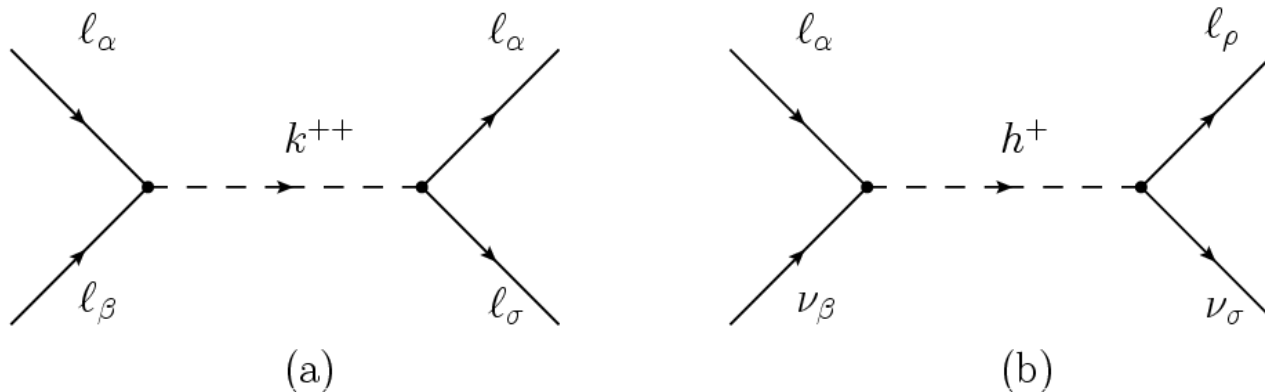
The doubly charged Higgs produced at the LHC would predominantly decay into a pair of **identical leptons**

## NSIs in the Zee-Babu model (Ohlsson, Schwetz and Zhang, appear soon)

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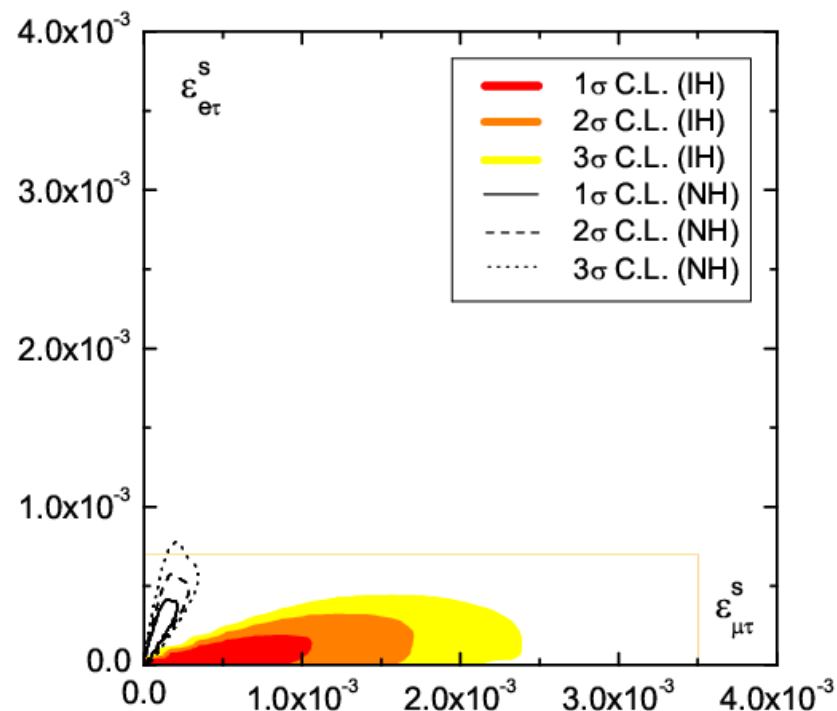
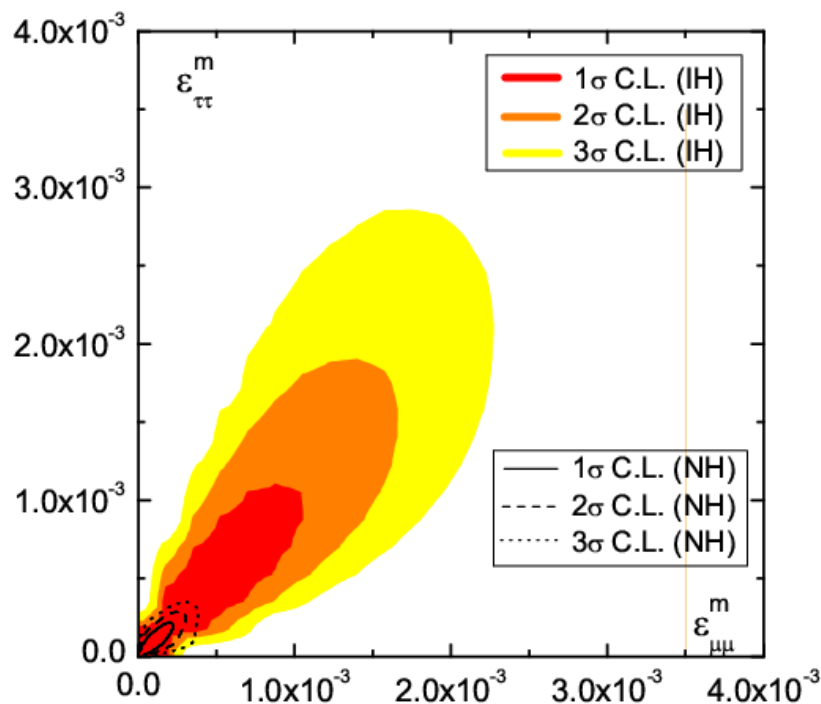
The masses of doubly and singly charged Higgs are well separated



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NSI parameters are correlated to neutrino masses

## Inverse seesaw

SM + 3 heavy right-handed neutrinos + 3 SM gauge singlet neutrinos  
Mohapatra and Valle, 86

$$-\mathcal{L}_m = \bar{\nu}_L M_D \nu_R + \bar{S} M_R \nu_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{S} \mu S^c + \text{H.c.}$$

**9x9**  $\nu$ -mass matrix:

$\{\nu_L, \nu_R^c, S^c\}$

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LNV: tiny

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In the limit  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ : massless neutrinos & lepton number conservation

**Realization in extra dimension theories**

(Blennow, Melb us, Ohlsson & Zhang, in progress)

# Phenomenological consequence of the inverse seesaw model

## Non-unitarity effects

Malinsky, Ohlsson, Zhang, PRD 09

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D & 0 \\ M_D^T & 0 & M_R \\ 0 & M_R^T & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} V_{3 \times 3} & V_{3 \times 6} \\ V_{6 \times 3} & V_{6 \times 6} \end{pmatrix}$$

In the inverse seesaw model, the overall **9×9** neutrino mass matrix can be diagonalized by a unitary matrix:

$$V^\dagger M_\nu V^* = \bar{M}_\nu = \text{diag}(m_i, M_j^n, M_k^{\tilde{n}})$$

The charged current Lagrangian in the mass basis:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \bar{\ell}_L \gamma^\mu (N \nu_{mL} + F U_R^* P_m^c) + \text{H.c.}$$

F governs the magnitude of non-unitarity effects

$$F = M_D M_R^{-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sim (m_\nu / M_R)^{1/2} \quad (\text{Type-I seesaw}) \\ \sim (m_\nu / \mu)^{1/2} \quad (\text{Inverse seesaw}) \end{array} \right.$$

**Oscillation probability** in vacuum (e.g., Antusch *et al* 07):

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^i \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{j*} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \text{Re}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^i \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{j*}) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \right) + 2 \sum_{i>j} \text{Im}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^i \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{j*}) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

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Oscillation in matter: neutral currents are involved

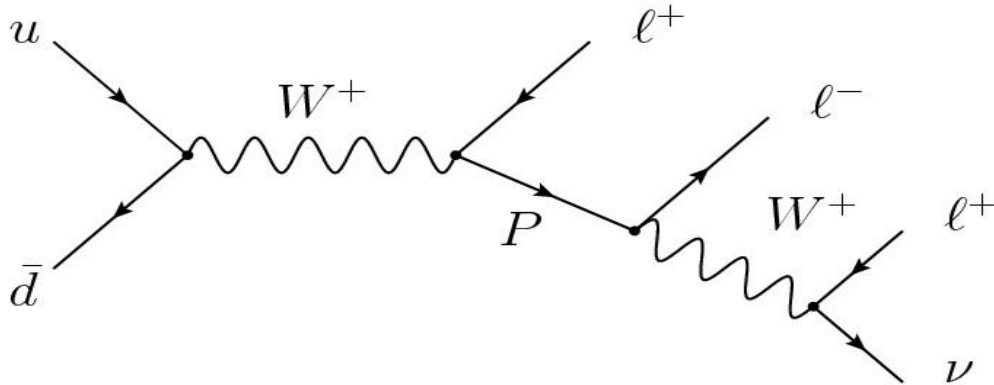
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(Fernandez-Martinez , Gavela, Lopez-Pavon  
and Yasuda 07; Goswami and Ota 08; Xing 09)

## Collider signatures:

### ◆ Tri-lepton production



LFV but not LNV  
Small SM background

$$pp \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} l_{\beta}^{\pm} l_{\gamma}^{\mp} \nu(\bar{\nu}) + \text{jets}$$

### ◆ Lepton flavor violating decays: $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ , $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ , $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$

$$\text{BR}(l_{\alpha} \rightarrow l_{\beta}\gamma) = \frac{\alpha_W^3 s_W^2 m_{l_{\alpha}}^5}{256\pi^2 M_W^4 \Gamma_{\alpha}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 K_{\alpha i} K_{\beta i}^* I \left( \frac{m_{P_i}}{M_W} \right) \right|^2$$

Different from the type-I seesaw, in the inverse seesaw model, one can have sizeable  $K$  without facing the difficulty of neutrino mass generation since they are decoupled.

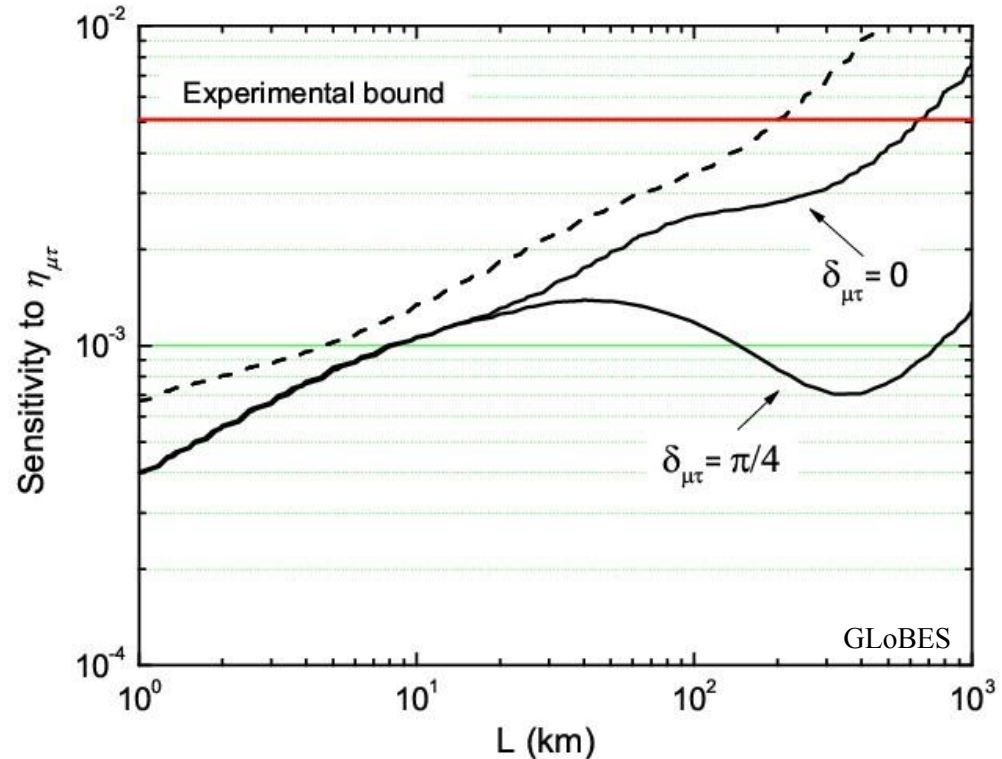
## Sensitivity search at a neutrino factory

The  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  channel together with a near detector provides us with the most favorable setup to constrain the non-unitarity effects.

$$P_{\mu\tau} \simeq 4s_{23}^2 c_{23}^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) - 4|\eta_{\mu\tau}| \sin \delta_{\mu\tau} s_{23} c_{23} \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{2E} \right) + 4|\eta_{\mu\tau}|^2$$

We consider a typical neutrino factory setup with an OPERA-like near detector with fiducial mass of 5 kt. We assume a setup with approximately  $10^{21}$  useful muon decays and five years of neutrino and another five years of anti-neutrino running.

Malinsky, Ohlsson, Xing & Zhang,  
arXiv: [0905.2889](https://arxiv.org/abs/0905.2889)



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