(+Charged) Lepton-Flavor Violation and (\pm) Neutrino Physics Beyond the Standard Model

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Neutrino Masses, EWSB, and a New Mass Scale of Nature

The LHC has revealed that the minimum SM prescription for electroweak symmetry breaking — the one Higgs double model — is at least approximately correct. What does that have to do with neutrinos?

The tiny neutrino masses point to three different possibilities.

- 1. Neutrinos talk to the Higgs boson very, very weakly (Dirac neutrinos);
- 2. Neutrinos talk to a **different Higgs** boson there is a new source of electroweak symmetry breaking! (Majorana neutrinos);
- 3. Neutrino masses are small because there is **another source of mass** out there a new energy scale indirectly responsible for the tiny neutrino masses, a la the seesaw mechanism (Majorana neutrinos).

Searches for $0\nu\beta\beta$ help tell (1) from (2) and (3), the LHC, charged-lepton flavor violation, *et al* may provide more information.

The Seesaw Lagrangian

A simple^a, renormalizable Lagrangian that allows for neutrino masses is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{old}} - \frac{\lambda_{\alpha i}}{\lambda_{\alpha i}} L^{\alpha} H N^{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{M_{i}}{2} N^{i} N^{i} + H.c.,$$

where N_i (i = 1, 2, 3, for concreteness) are SM gauge singlet fermions.

 \mathcal{L}_{ν} is the most general, renormalizable Lagrangian consistent with the SM gauge group and particle content, plus the addition of the N_i fields.

After electroweak symmetry breaking, \mathcal{L}_{ν} describes, besides all other SM degrees of freedom, six Majorana fermions: **six neutrinos.**

^aOnly requires the introduction of three fermionic degrees of freedom, no new interactions or symmetries.

Models for Small Neutrino Masses: e.g. "Seesaw Mechanisms"

If $\mu = \lambda v$ (Dirac mass) much smaller than the mass scale M (right-handed neutrino Majorana mass),

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{LHLH}{\Lambda}$$

Neutrino masses are small if $\Lambda \gg \langle H \rangle$. Data require $\Lambda \sim 10^{14}$ GeV.

In the case of the seesaw,

$$\Lambda \sim \frac{M}{\lambda^2},$$

so neutrino masses are small if either

- they are generated by physics at a very high energy scale $M \gg v$ (high-energy seesaw); or
- they arise out of a very weak coupling between the SM and a new, hidden sector (low-energy seesaw); or
- cancellations among different contributions render neutrino masses accidentally small ("fine-tuning").

Constraining the Seesaw Lagrangian



[AdG, Huang, Jenkins, arXiv:0906.1611]



Piecing the Neutrino Mass Puzzle

Understanding the origin of neutrino masses and exploring the new physics in the lepton sector will require unique **theoretical** and **experimental** efforts ...

- understanding the fate of lepton-number. Neutrinoless double beta decay!
- A comprehensive long baseline neutrino program. LBNE underground is necessary first step towards the ultimate "superbeam" experiment.
- The next-step is to develop a qualitatively better neutrino beam e.g. muon storage rings (neutrino factories).
- Different baselines and detector technologies a must for both over-constraining the system and looking for new phenomena.
- Probes of neutrino properties, including neutrino scattering experiments.
- Precision measurements of charged-lepton properties (g 2, edm) and searches for rare processes $(\mu \rightarrow e\text{-conversion the best bet at the moment})$.
- Collider experiments. The LHC and beyond may end up revealing the new physics behind small neutrino masses.
- Cosmic surveys. Neutrino properties affect the history of the universe!



History of $\mu \to e\gamma$, $\mu N \to eN$, and $\mu \to 3e$

[R. Bernstein, P. Cooper, arXiv 1307.5787]

Figure 3: The history of CLFV searches in muons (not including muonium.) One sees a steady improvement in all modes and then a flattening of the rate improvement throughout the 1990s. MEG has upgrade plans for the $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ search. The two next generations of $\mu N \rightarrow eN$, Mu2e/COMET at FNAL and J-PARC are labeled, and possible extensions at Project X and PRIME are shown. Letters-of-intent are in process for $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ experiments at PSI and Osaka's MUSIC facility. Individual experiments are



FIG. 2: Event distributions for the combined 2009–2011 dataset in the $(E_{\rm e}, E_{\gamma})$ - and $(\cos \Theta_{\rm e\gamma}, t_{\rm e\gamma})$ -planes. In the top (bottom) panel, a selection of $|t_{\rm e\gamma}| < 0.244$ ns and $\cos \Theta_{\rm e\gamma} < -0.9996$ with 90% efficiency for each variable (52.4 $\leq E_{\rm e} < 55$ MeV and 51 $< E_{\gamma} < 55.5$ MeV with 90% and 74% efficiencies for $E_{\rm e}$ and E_{γ} , respectively) is applied. The signal PDF contours (1, 1.64 and 2 σ) are also shown.

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SM Expectations?

In the old SM, the rate for charged lepton flavor violating processes is trivial to predict. It vanishes because individual lepton-flavor number is conserved:

• $N_{\alpha}(\text{in}) = N_{\alpha}(\text{out})$, for $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$.

But individual lepton-flavor number are NOT conserved– ν oscillations!

Hence, in the ν SM (the old Standard Model plus operators that lead to neutrino masses) $\mu \to e\gamma$ is allowed (along with all other charged lepton flavor violating processes).

These are Flavor Changing Neutral Current processes, observed in the quark sector $(b \to s\gamma, K^0 \leftrightarrow \bar{K}^0, \text{etc})$.

Unfortunately, we do not know the ν SM expectation for charged lepton flavor violating processes \rightarrow we don't know the ν SM Lagrangian !

One contribution known to be there: active neutrino loops (same as quark sector). In the case of charged leptons, the **GIM suppression is very efficient**...

e.g.:
$$Br(\mu \to e\gamma) = \frac{3\alpha}{32\pi} \left| \sum_{i=2,3} U_{\mu i}^* U_{ei} \frac{\Delta m_{1i}^2}{M_W^2} \right|^2 < 10^{-54}$$

 $[U_{\alpha i} \text{ are the elements of the leptonic mixing matrix,}$ $\Delta m_{1i}^2 \equiv m_i^2 - m_1^2, i = 2, 3 \text{ are the neutrino mass-squared differences}]$





e.g.: SeeSaw Mechanism [minus "Theoretical Prejudice"]

Independent from neutrino masses, there are strong theoretical reasons to believe that the expected rate for flavor changing violating processes is much, much larger than naive ν SM predictions and that discovery is just around the corner.

Due to the lack of SM "backgrounds," searches for rare muon processes, including $\mu \to e\gamma$, $\mu \to e^+e^-e$ and $\mu + N \to e + N$ (μ -e-conversion in nuclei) are considered ideal laboratories to probe effects of new physics at or even above the electroweak scale.

Indeed, if there is new physics at the electroweak scale (as many theorists will have you believe) and if mixing in the lepton sector is large "everywhere" the question we need to address is quite different:

Why haven't we seen charged lepton flavor violation yet?





Other Example: $\mu \to ee^+e^-$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CLFV}} = \frac{m_{\mu}}{(\kappa+1)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_R \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_L F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{(1+\kappa)\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu}_L \gamma_{\mu} e_L \bar{e} \gamma^{\mu} e$$

- $\mu \to eee$ -conv at 10^{-16} "guaranteed" deeper probe than $\mu \to e\gamma$ at 10^{-14} .
- $\mu \rightarrow eee$ another way forward after MEG?
- If the LHC does not discover new states $\mu \rightarrow eee$ among very few process that can access 1,000+ TeV new physics scale: tree-level new physics: $\kappa \gg 1$, $\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{g^2 \theta_{e\mu}}{M_{new}^2}$.





What does " Λ " mean?

This is clearly model dependent! However, some general issues are easy to identify...

• $\mu \to e\gamma$ always occurs at the loop level, and is suppressed by E&M coupling e. Also chiral suppression (potential for "tan β " enhancement).

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{e}{16\pi^2} \frac{\tan\beta}{M_{\rm new}^2}$$

• $\mu \rightarrow eee$ and $\mu \rightarrow e$ -conversion in nuclei can happen at the tree-level

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{y_{\rm new}^2}{M_{\rm new}^2}$$

"Bread and Butter" SUSY plus High Energy Seesaw



For \tilde{m} around 1 TeV, $\theta_{\tilde{e}\tilde{\mu}}$ is severely constrained. Very big problem. "Natural" solution: $\theta_{\tilde{e}\tilde{\mu}} = 0 \rightarrow \text{modified by quantum corrections.}$

The Seesaw Mechanism

 $\mathcal{L} \supset -y_{i\alpha}L^{i}HN^{\alpha} - \frac{M_{N}^{\alpha\beta}}{2}N_{\alpha}N_{\beta} + H.c., \Rightarrow N^{\alpha} \text{ gauge singlet fermions,}$ $y_{i\alpha} \text{ dimensionless Yukawa couplings, } M_{N}^{\alpha\beta} \text{ (very large) mass parameters.}$ At low energies, integrate out the "right-handed neutrinos" N_{α} :

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left(y M_N^{-1} y^t \right)_{ij} L^i H L^j H + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{M_N^2} \right) + H.c.$$

y are not diagonal \rightarrow right-handed neutrino loops generate non-zero $\Delta m^2_{\tilde{e}\tilde{\mu}}$

$$(m_{\tilde{\ell}_L}^2)_{ij} \simeq -\frac{3m_0^2 + A_0^2}{8\pi^2} \sum_k (y)_{ki}^* (y)_{kj} \ln \frac{M_X}{M_{N_k}}, \quad X = \text{Planck}, GUT, \text{etc}$$

If this is indeed the case, CLFV would serve as another channel to probe neutrino Yukawa couplings, which are not directly accessible experimentally. Fundamentally important for "testing" the seesaw, leptogenesis, GUTs, etc

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What are the neutrino Yukawa couplings \rightarrow ansatz needed!



[Calibbi, Faccia, Masiero, Vempati, hep-ph/0605139]

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$\mu \to e$ conversion is at least as sensitive as $\mu \to e\gamma$



[Calibbi, Faccia, Masiero, Vempati, hep-ph/0605139]

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Type-II Seesaw: SM plus SU(2) Triplet Higgs, $Y_T = 1$

$$\mathcal{L} \in \frac{\lambda_{\alpha\beta}}{2} L^{\alpha} L^{\beta} T.$$

Neutrino Majorana masses if T develops a vev ...

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = \lambda_{\alpha\beta} v_T$$

 $\mu \to e\gamma, \ \mu \to e$ -conversion at the loop-level. However, $\mu \to eee$ at the tree level (note direct connection to neutrino mass-matrix flavor sctructure)...

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{m_{ee}m_{\mu e}}{v_T^2 M_T^2}$$

Key issue: are neutrino masses small because λ are small or because v_T is small (or both)? EWPD already push v_T below ~ 1 GeV...

What is This Really Good For?

While specific models (see last slides) provide estimates for the rates for CLFV processes, the observation of one specific CLFV process cannot determine the underlying physics mechanism (this is always true when all you measure is the coefficient of an effective operator).

Real strength lies in combinations of different measurements, including:

- kinematical observables (e.g. angular distributions in $\mu \rightarrow eee$);
- other CLFV channels;
- neutrino oscillations;
- measurements of g 2 and EDMs;
- collider searches for new, heavy states;
- etc.

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Figure 3: Target dependence of the $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion rate in different single-operator dominance models. We plot the conversion rates normalized to the rate in Aluminum (Z = 13) versus the atomic number Z for the four theoretical models described in the text: D (blue), S (red), $V^{(\gamma)}$ (magenta), $V^{(Z)}$ (green). The vertical lines correspond to Z = 13 (Al), Z = 22 (Ti), and Z = 83 (Pb). [Cirigliano, Kitano, Okada, <u>Tuzon, 0904.0957</u>] **LFV Physics** May 22, 2014



NOTE: $a_{\mu}^{LbL} = 105 \pm 26 \times 10^{-11}$

FIG. 9: Compilation of recent results for a_{μ}^{SM} (in units of 10^{-11}), subtracted by the central value of the experimental average [12, 57]. The shaded vertical band indicates the experimental error. The SM predictions are taken from: this work (DHMZ 10), HLMNT (unpublished) [58] (e^+e^- based, including BABAR and KLOE 2010 $\pi^+\pi^-$ data), Davier *et al.* 09/1 [15] (τ -based), Davier *et al.* 09/1 [15] (e^+e^- -based, not including BABAR $\pi^+\pi^-$ data), Davier *et al.* 09/2 [10] (e^+e^- -based including BABAR $\pi^+\pi^-$ data), HMNT 07 [59] and 4N, 99₁[60] (not including BABAR $\pi^+\pi^-$ data).

[Davier *et al*, 1010.4180]

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Sensitivity to New Physics

If there is new ultra-violate physics, it will manifest itself, as far as a_{μ} is concerned, via the following effective operator (dimension 6):

$$\frac{\lambda H}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mu F^{\mu\nu} \to \frac{m_{\mu}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mu F^{\mu\nu},$$

where Λ is an estimate for the new physics scale. (dependency on muon mass is characteristic of several (almost all?) models. It is NOT guaranteed)

Contribution to a_{μ} from operator above is

$$\delta a_{\mu} = \frac{4m_{\mu}^2}{e\Lambda^2}$$

Current experimental sensitivity: $\Lambda \sim 10$ TeV.

Note that, usually, new physics scale can be much lower due to loop-factors, gauge couplings, etc. In the SM the heavy gauge boson contribution yields

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sim \frac{eg^2}{16\pi^2 M_W^2} \longrightarrow \delta a_\mu \sim \frac{m_\mu^2 G_F}{4\pi^2} \qquad \text{(Not A Bad Estimate!)}$$

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Model Independent Comparison Between g - 2 and CLFV:

The dipole effective operators that mediate $\mu \to e\gamma$ and contribute to a_{μ} are virtually the same:

$$\frac{m_{\mu}}{\Lambda^2}\bar{\mu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\mu F_{\mu\nu} \quad \times \quad \theta_{e\mu}\frac{m_{\mu}}{\Lambda^2}\bar{\mu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}eF_{\mu\nu}$$

 $\theta_{e\mu}$ measures how much flavor is violated. $\theta_{e\mu} = 1$ in a flavor indifferent theory, $\theta_{e\mu} = 0$ in a theory where individual lepton flavor number is exactly conserved. If $\theta_{e\mu} \sim 1$, $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ is a much more stringent probe of Λ . On the other hand, if the current discrepancy in a_{μ} is due to new physics, $\theta_{e\mu} \ll 1 \ (\theta_{e\mu} < 10^{-4}).$ [Hisano, Tobe, hep-ph/0102315]

e.g., in SUSY models,
$$Br(\mu \to e\gamma) \simeq 3 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{10^{-9}}{\delta a_{\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta m_{\tilde{e}\tilde{\mu}}^2}{\tilde{m}^2}\right)^2$$

Comparison restricted to dipole operator. If four-fermion operators are relevant, they will "only" enhance rate for CLFV with respect to expectations from g - 2.

What we can learn from CLFV and other searches for new physics at the TeV scale $(a_{\mu} \text{ and Colliders})$:

g-2	CLFV	What Does it Mean?	
YES	YES	New Physics at the TeV Scale; Some Flavor Violation	
YES	NO	New Physics at the TeV Scale; Tiny Flavor Violation	
NO	YES	New Physics Above TeV Scale; Some Flavor Violation – How Large?	?
NO	NO	No New Physics at the TeV Scale; CLFV only way forward?	
Collide	ers CLF	What Does it Mean?	
YES	YE	New Physics at the TeV Scale; Info on Flavor Sector!	
YES YES	YE NC	New Physics at the TeV Scale; Info on Flavor Sector! New Physics at the TeV Scale; New Physics Very Flavor Blind. Wh	Why?
YES YES NO	YE NO YE	New Physics at the TeV Scale; Info on Flavor Sector! New Physics at the TeV Scale; New Physics Very Flavor Blind. Wh New Physics "Leptonic" or Above TeV Scale; Which one?	Why?

What Will Happen in the Near Future (my Optimistic View)

- MEG: $\mu \to e\gamma$ at several $\times 10^{-14}$.
- g-2 measurement a factor of 3–4 more precise.
- COMET (Phase I) $\mu \rightarrow e$ -conversion at $\times 10^{-14}$.
- Mu2e and COMET (Phase II) $\mu \rightarrow e$ -conversion at several $\times 10^{-17}$.
- PSI: $\mu \rightarrow eee$ at 10^{-15} .
- SuperB: Rare τ processes at 10^{-10} .
- Next-next-generation: $\mu \rightarrow e$ -conversion at 10^{-18} (or precision studies?).
- Next-next-generation: deeper probe of muon edm.
- Muon Beams/Rings: $\mu \to e$ -conversion at 10⁻²⁰? Revisit rare muon decays $(\mu \to e\gamma, \mu \to eee)$ with new idea?

In Conclusion

The venerable Standard Model sprung a leak in the end of the last century: neutrinos are not massless! (and we are still trying to patch it)

- 1. We know very little about the new physics uncovered by neutrino oscillations.
 - It could be renormalizable \rightarrow "boring" (?) Dirac neutrinos.
 - It could be due to Physics at absurdly high energy scales $M \gg 1 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow$ high energy seesaw. How can we convince ourselves that this is correct?
 - It could be due to very light new physics. Prediction: new light propagating degrees of freedom sterile neutrinos
 - It could be due to new physics at the TeV scale → either weakly coupled, or via a more subtle lepton number breaking sector.
- 2. **neutrino masses are very small** we don't know why, but we think it means something important.
- 3. **neutrino mixing is "weird"** we don't know why, but we think it means something important.

- 4. Precision measurements of the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon are among the most stringent tests of the Standard Model.
 Understanding of the Standard Model expectations has settled somewhat, and an intriguing discrepancy (> 3 σ) remains? First evidence of new physics at the electroweak physics? Time will tell.
- 5. We know that charged lepton flavor violation must occur. Effects are, however, really tiny in the ν SM (neutrino masses too small).
- 6. If there is new physics at the electroweak scale, there is every reason to believe that CLFV is well within the reach of next generation experiments. Indeed, it is fair to ask: 'Why haven't we seen it yet?'
 - It is fundamental to probe all CLFV channels. While in many scenarios
 μ → eγ is the "largest" channel, there is no theorem that guarantees
 this (and many exceptions).

Backup Slides





Randall-Sundrum Model (fermions in the bulk)

- dependency on UV-completion(?)
- dependency on Yukawa couplings
- "complementarity" between $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$, $\mu - e \text{ conv}$

FIG. 6: Scan of the $\mu \to e\gamma$ and $\mu - e$ conversion predictions for $M_{KK} = 3, 5, 10$ TeV and $\nu = 0$. The solid line denotes the PDG bound on $BR(\mu \to e\gamma)$, while the dashed lines indicate the SINDRUM II limit on $\mu - e$ conversion and the projected MEG sensitivity to $BR(\mu \to e\gamma)$.

[Agashe, Blechman, Petriello, hep-ph/0606021]



SUSY with R-parity Violation

The MSSM Lagrangian contains several marginal operators which are allowed by all gauge interactions but violate baryon and lepton number.

A subset of these (set λ'' to zero to prevent proton decay, and ignore bi-linear terms, which do not contribute as much to CLFV) is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_{ijk} \left(\bar{\nu}_{Li}^{c} e_{Lj} \tilde{e}_{Rk}^{*} + \bar{e}_{Rk} \nu_{Li} \tilde{e}_{Lj} + \bar{e}_{Rk} e_{Lj} \tilde{\nu}_{Li} \right) + \lambda_{ijk}^{\prime} V_{KM}^{j\alpha} \left(\bar{\nu}_{Li}^{c} d_{L\alpha} \tilde{d}_{Rk}^{*} + \bar{d}_{Rk} \nu_{Li} \tilde{d}_{L\alpha} + \bar{d}_{Rk} d_{L\alpha} \tilde{\nu}_{Li} \right) - \lambda_{ijk}^{\prime} \left(\bar{u}_{j}^{c} e_{Li} \tilde{d}_{Rk}^{*} + \bar{d}_{Rk} e_{Li} \tilde{u}_{Lj} + \bar{d}_{Rk} u_{Lj} \tilde{e}_{Li} \right) + \text{h.c.},$$

The presence of different combinations of these terms leads to very distinct patterns for CLFV. Proves to be an excellent laboratory for probing all different possibilities. [AdG, Lola, Tobe, hep-ph/0008085]



Figure 1: Lowest order Feynman diagrams for lepton flavour violating processes induced by $\lambda_{131}\lambda_{231}$ couplings (see Eq. (2.1)).

$$\frac{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma)}{\text{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+)} = \frac{4 \times 10^{-4} \left(1 - \frac{m_{\tilde{\nu}_{\tau}}^2}{2m_{\tilde{e}_R}^2}\right)^2}{\beta} \simeq 1 \times 10^{-4} \qquad (\beta \sim 1)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{R}(\mu^- \to e^- \text{ in Ti (Al)})}{\mathbf{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+)} = \frac{2 \ (1) \times 10^{-5}}{\beta} \left(\frac{5}{6} + \frac{m_{\tilde{\nu}_{\tau}}^2}{12m_{\tilde{e}_R}^2} + \log \frac{m_e^2}{m_{\tilde{\nu}_{\tau}}^2} + \delta \right)^2 \simeq 2 \ (1) \times 10^{-3},$$

 $\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+ \text{ most promising channel!}$ [AdG, Lola, Tobe, hep-ph/0008085]

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Figure 4: Lowest order Feynman diagrams of lepton flavour violating processes induced by $f'_{121}f'_{221}$ couplings (see Eq. (2.1)).

$$\frac{\operatorname{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ \gamma)}{\operatorname{Br}(\mu^+ \to e^+ e^- e^+)} = 1.1$$

$$(m_{\tilde{d}_B} = m_{\tilde{c}_L} = 300 \text{ GeV})$$

$$\frac{R(\mu^{-} \to e^{-} \text{ in Ti (Al)})}{Br(\mu^{+} \to e^{+}e^{-}e^{+})} = 2 \ (1) \times 10^{5}$$

$$\mu - e$$
-conversion "only hope"!

[AdG, Lola, Tobe, hep-ph/0008085]

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