

Higgs lepton flavor violation: UV completions and connection to neutrino masses

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Introduction

Higgs lepton flavor violation

- CMS [ATLAS] at 8 TeV observes hint of a signal at $2.4 [1]\sigma$:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) = (0.84_{-0.37}^{+0.39}) \% [(0.53 \pm 0.51) \%].$$

- If interpreted as upper bounds, at 95% CL, we have:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 1.51 (1.43) \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ CMS (ATLAS)}.$$

- 2015 data: $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) = (-0.76_{-0.84}^{+0.81}) \%$. Doesn't exclude 8 TeV.
- If not confirmed, $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ will still be a very sensitive BSM probe.

We want to ask:

- 1 What are the UV completions and their expected HLFV rates?
- 2 Could HLFV be connected to neutrino masses, i.e., $\Lambda_{\text{LNV}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{LFV}}$?
 - LFV observed in ν oscillations, and is expected in charged leptons.
 - For Dirac ν or in seesaws HLFV and CLFV rates are unobservable.

- SM Higgs couplings are diagonal, so NP required for HLFV:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\overline{e_{Li}} M_i e_{Ri} - H \overline{e_{Li}} y_{ij} e_{Rj} + \text{H.c.}$$

giving:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) = \frac{m_H}{8\pi \Gamma_H^{\text{total}}} (|y_{\tau\mu}|^2 + |y_{\mu\tau}|^2),$$

or for quick estimates, using $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\tau) = 0.065$:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) \approx 0.065 \frac{|y_{\tau\mu}|^2 + |y_{\mu\tau}|^2}{2|y_{\tau\tau}|^2}.$$

- To explain the excess we need at $\sim 1\sigma$, for $\Gamma_H^{\text{total}} = \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} + \Gamma_H^{\text{new}}$:

$$0.002 \lesssim \sqrt{|y_{\tau\mu}|^2 + |y_{\mu\tau}|^2} \lesssim 0.003.$$

UV completions from EFT

The Yukawa and Derivative operators

- SM + EFT [Buchmuller, Grzadkowski, Harnik...]:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{leptons}} = \bar{L}i\not{D}L + \bar{e}_R i\not{D}e_R - (Y_e \bar{L}e_R \Phi + \sum_a \frac{C_a}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_a + \text{H.c.})$$

$$D = 6: \quad \mathcal{O}_Y = \bar{L} C_Y e_R \Phi (\Phi^\dagger \Phi), \quad \mathcal{O}_{D_i} = (\bar{e}_R \Phi^\dagger) C_{D_i} i\not{D}(e_R \Phi).$$

- \mathcal{O}_{D_i} related by EOM to \mathcal{O}_Y + plus other non-HLFV operators.
- After SSB, $\langle \Phi_0 \rangle = (H + v)/\sqrt{2}$, diagonalize M_e :

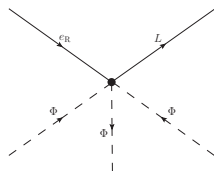
$$(M_e)_{ii} \equiv \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V_L^\dagger \left(Y_e + C_Y \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} \right) V_R v.$$

- Yukawas are no longer diagonal ($V_L^\dagger C_Y V_R \approx C_Y$):

$$(y_e)_{ij} = \frac{m_i}{v} \delta_{ij} + (C_Y)_{ij} \frac{v^2}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda^2}, \quad \bar{C}_Y \equiv \sqrt{|(C_Y)_{\tau\mu}|^2 + |(C_Y)_{\mu\tau}|^2}.$$

- NP scales necessary to explain the CMS excess as a function of \overline{C}_Y :

\overline{C}_Y	Λ (TeV)
1	5
m_τ/v	0.4
$1/(4\pi)^2$	0.4
$m_\tau/v/(4\pi)^2$	0.04



- Clearly preferred at tree level and without chirality suppression.
- Strongest constraint from $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$:

$$\frac{ev}{16\pi^2\Lambda^2\sqrt{2}}\bar{\mu}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(C_{\mu\tau}^\gamma P_R + C_{\tau\mu}^{\gamma*} P_L)\tau F^{\mu\nu},$$

which leads to

$$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) \approx 0.03 (\text{TeV}/\Lambda)^4 \overline{C}_\gamma^2 < 4.4 \times 10^{-8}.$$

$$\overline{C}_\gamma/\Lambda^2 \equiv \sqrt{|C_{\mu\tau}^\gamma|^2 + |C_{\tau\mu}^{\gamma*}|^2}/\Lambda^2 \lesssim 10^{-3} \text{ TeV}^{-2}.$$

First rough classification of models

For each type of \overline{C}_γ , using the lower bound on Λ from $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$, we can predict an upper bound on $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\mu)$ for different \overline{C}_Y :

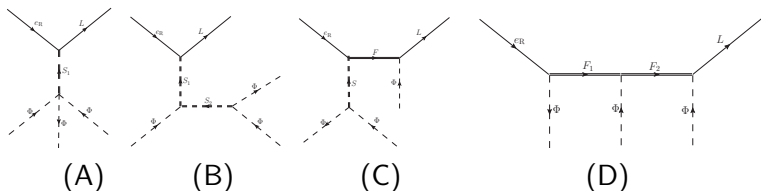
$\overline{C}_Y \backslash \overline{C}_\gamma$	m_τ^2/v^2	m_τ/v	1
1 (\mathcal{O}_Y)	1	0.04	10^{-6}
m_τ/v ($\mathcal{O}_{1,2}$)	0.04	10^{-6}	10^{-10}
$1/(4\pi)^2$ (\mathcal{O}_Y)	0.03	10^{-6}	10^{-10}
$m_\tau/((4\pi)^2 v)$ ($\mathcal{O}_{1,2}$)	10^{-6}	10^{-10}	10^{-14}

In red excluded models as an explanation (unless cancellations in $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$).

Systematically study all tree level topologies

(see also [del Aguila, de Blas...])

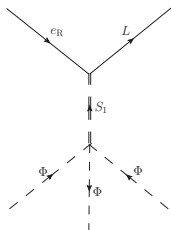
- Many studies with EFT and models: Iltan, Diaz, Pilaftsis, Diaz Cruz, Akeroyd, Sher, Blankenburg, Harnik, Dorsner, Crivellin, Goudelis, Arhrib, Nir, Davidson, Aristizabal-Sierra, Falkowski, Celis, Arganda, Campos, Dery, Arana-Catania, Kearney, Bhattacharyya, Alvarado, Omura, Nebot, Dorsner, Huitu, Lami, Bizot, Belusca-Maito, Cheung, Banerjee, Buschmann, Das, de Lima, Baek, Aloni, Altmannshofer, Yue...
- **Our approach: we start by systematically listing the HLFV UV models opening EFT and impose constraints from CLFV.**



- Hierarchy:

$$\bar{C}_Y \sim \frac{1}{m^2} (\lambda Y : Y : Y^2 : Y^3).$$

Opening the *Yukawa operator*: scalars. Topology A.



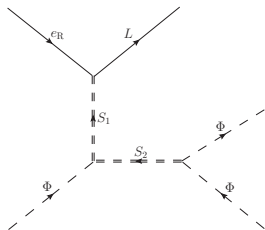
Top.	Particles	Representations (SU(2) _L , U(1) _Y)	$\mathbf{H}e_\alpha e_\beta$
A	1S	$S = (2, -1/2)$	$Y\lambda/m_{S_1}^2$

- HLFV is given by ($\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$, α CP-even mixing angle):

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) = \frac{m_H}{8\pi\Gamma_H} \left(\frac{c_{\beta-\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}c_\beta} \right)^2 (|Y_2^{\tau\mu}|^2 + |Y_2^{\mu\tau}|^2).$$

- **A**: General 2HDM can explain it after considering all constraints. [Davidson, Aristizabal, Dorsner, Iltan, Diaz, Kanemura...].

Opening the *Yukawa operator*: scalars. Topology B.



Top.	Particles	Representations (SU(2) _L , U(1) _Y)	$H e_\alpha e_\beta$
B	2S	$(2, -1/2)_S \oplus (1, 0)_S, (3, 0)_S, (3, 1)_S$	$\frac{Y_{\mu 1} \mu_2}{m_{S_1}^2 m_{S_2}^2}$

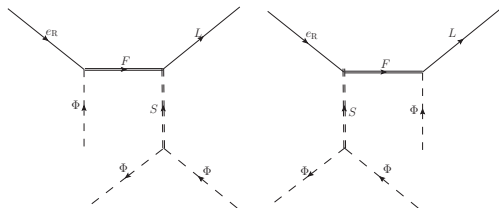
- The vevs v_T of the scalar triplets $(3, 0)_S$ and $(3, 1)_S$ contribute as:

$$\rho_{(3,0)} = 1 + 4v_T^2/v^2 > 1, \quad \rho_{(3,1)} = (v^2 + 2v_T^2)/(v^2 + 4v_T^2) < 1.$$
- B**: Their vevs are $v_T \sim \mu_2 v^2 / (v M_{S_2}^2) \lesssim (5 \text{ GeV})/v$, so:

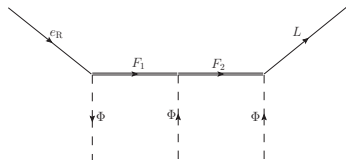
$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \sim 0.06 \left(Y_{S_1} \frac{\mu_1 v}{M_{S_1}^2} \frac{\mu_2 v^2}{v M_{S_2}^2} \frac{1}{y_\tau} \right)^2 \lesssim 0.6 \frac{Y_{S_1}^2 v^2}{M_{S_1}^2}.$$

Opening the Yukawa operator: fermions. Topologies C, D.

- Both scalars and VL fermions (**C**):



- Only VL fermions (**D**):



Top.	Particles	Representations (SU(2) _L , U(1) _Y)	He _α e _β
C₁	1F,1S	$(2, -1/2)_F \oplus (1, 0)_S, (3, 0)_S$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e \mu}{m_F m_S^2}$
C₂	1F,1S	$(2, -3/2)_F \oplus (3, 1)_S$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e \mu}{m_F m_S^2}$
C₃	1F,1S	$(1, -1)_F \oplus (1, 0)_S, (3, -1)_F \oplus (3, 0)_S$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e \mu}{m_F m_S^2}$
C₄	1F,1S	$(3, 0)_F \oplus (3, 1)_S$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e \mu}{m_F m_S^2}$
D₁	2F	$(2, -1/2)_F \oplus (1, 0)_F, (3, 0)_F$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e Y_F}{m_{F_1} m_{F_2}}$
D₂	2F	$(2, -1/2)_F \oplus (1, -1)_F, (3, -1)_F$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e Y_F}{m_{F_1} m_{F_2}}$
D₃	2F	$(2, -3/2)_F \oplus (1, -1)_F, (3, -1)_F$	$\frac{Y_L Y_e Y_F}{m_{F_1} m_{F_2}}$

- Several constraints on them from universality, ρ , naturalness, perturbativity, stability, $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\dots$ etc.
- Strongest limits from CLFV ($\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$). Different contributions:
 - a) From EFT with SM Higgs (Yukawa op.) $\propto m_\tau^2$ [Blankenburg, Harnik].
 - b) From EFT operators NOT giving HLFV (*Derivative op.*).
 - c) With at least one heavy particle (from matching with EFT):
 - c1) Closing the Higgs in the HLFV topologies and attaching a photon.
 - c2) From only heavy particles running in the loop.

Upper bounds on HLFV models from CLFV.

We can classify the contributions in two types:

① *Robust*: a), b), c1).

Can NOT decouple HLFV from CLFV.

For instance, in 2HDM diagrams with light and heavy Higgs (c1).

② *Natural*: c2).

Can decouple HLFV from CLFV.

For instance, heavy Higgs cont. in 2HDM would vanish if $Y_{\tau\tau} = 0$.

We get for the different topologies:

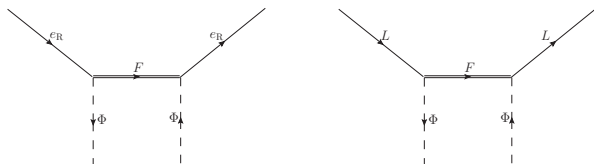
- Topologies A and B:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \lesssim 0.1 (0.2), \quad \text{for } \textit{robust} \textit{ (natural)}.$$

- Topologies C and D:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{-6} (2 \cdot 10^{-2}), \quad \text{for } \textit{robust} \textit{ (natural)}.$$

The Derivative operator. Topologies E with VLL, $\propto m_\tau$.



- $Z: \kappa_{\tau\mu} e / (2c_w s_w), W: \kappa_{\tau\mu} e / (2\sqrt{2}s_w), H: y_{\tau\mu} \sim y_\tau \kappa_{\tau\mu} (\kappa_{\tau\mu} \sim Y_{\tau F} Y_{\mu F} v^2 / m_F^2)$.
- Tree-level ZLFV BR($\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$) $< 2.1 \cdot 10^{-8} \rightarrow |\kappa_{\tau\mu}| \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$:

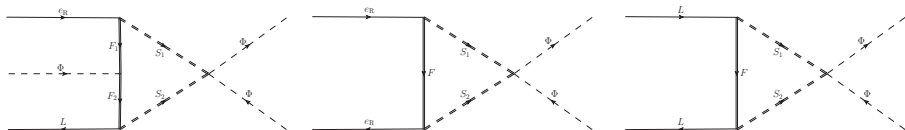
$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \mu\tau) \sim 1200 |y_{\tau\mu}|^2 \lesssim 10^{-7}.$$

- As for the Yukawa op., also $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$: contributions a, b and c1.

Operator	Topology	Particles	$Z \nu_\alpha \nu_\beta$	$Z e_\alpha e_\beta$	$W e_\alpha \nu_\beta$	$H e_\alpha e_\beta$
$(\bar{e}_R \Phi^\dagger) i \not{D} (e_R \Phi)$	E_1	$(2, -1/2)_F$		-1		1
$(\bar{e}_R \Phi^T) i \not{D} (e_R \Phi^*)$	E_2	$(2, -3/2)_F$		+1		1
$(\bar{L} \Phi) i \not{D} (\Phi^\dagger L)$	E_{3a}	$(1, 0)_F$	-1		-1	
$(\bar{L} \bar{\sigma} \Phi) i \not{D} (\Phi^\dagger \bar{\sigma} L)$	E_{3b}	$(3, 0)_F$	-1	-2	+1	2
$(\bar{L} \Phi) i \not{D} (\Phi^\dagger L)$	E_{4a}	$(1, -1)_F$		+1	-1	1
$(\bar{L} \bar{\sigma} \Phi) i \not{D} (\Phi^\dagger \bar{\sigma} L)$	E_{4b}	$(3, -1)_F$	+2	+1	+1	2

Connection to neutrino masses

Neutrino mass models typically give HLFV at one loop



Top.	Part.	Representations	Neutrino mass models
LR	S, F	$(1, 0)_F, (3, 0)_F$	Dirac, SSI/III (ISS)
RR	S	$(1, 2)_S$	ZB (doubly-charged)
LL	S	$(1, 1)_S, (3, 1)_S$	ZB (singly-charged), SSII
LL (Z_2)	$S \oplus F$	$(1, 1/2)_S \oplus (1, 0)_F, (3, 0)_F$	Scotogenic Model

Neutrino mass models giving HLFV at one loop

- We estimate that all neutrino mass models give:

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \sim 0.06 \frac{\lambda_{iH}^2}{(4\pi)^4} \left(\frac{v}{\text{TeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{Y}{M_i/\text{TeV}}\right)^4.$$

- $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ typically give the constraint:

$$\left(\frac{Y}{M_i/\text{TeV}}\right)^4 \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.01 - 1) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \lesssim 10^{-8}.$$

Is $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \sim 0.01$ possible, overcoming the loop $\sim 1/(4\pi)^4$?

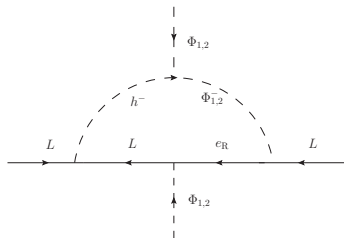
- Evade cLFV? No, some of the new F and S in the loop are charged. One expects cLFV at the same level as HLFV [Dorsner].
- Large Yukawas with special textures: $\lesssim 10^{-5}$ [ISS, Arganda].
- But: large Y, λ lead to instabilities/non-perturbative and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$.

Neutrino masses for HLFV at tree level: The Zee Model.

[Zee, Cheng, Babu, Wolfenstein, Petcov, Smirnov, Frampton, Kanemura, Aristizabal, Koide, He..]

- The Zee model (type III version):

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\bar{L}(Y_1^\dagger \Phi + Y_2^\dagger \Phi_2)e_R - \bar{\tilde{L}} f L h^+ + \text{H.c.}$$



$$M_\nu \propto \left(f m_f^2 + m_f^2 f^T - v/\sqrt{2c_\beta}(f m_f Y_2 + Y_2^T m_f f^T) \right)$$

$$M_\nu \propto \begin{pmatrix} -2f^{e\tau} Y_2^{\tau e} & -f^{e\tau} Y_2^{\tau \mu} - f^{\mu\tau} Y_2^{\tau e} & \frac{\sqrt{2}c_\beta m_\tau}{v} f^{e\tau} - f^{e\tau} Y_2^{\tau\tau} \\ - & -2f^{\mu\tau} Y_2^{\tau \mu} & \frac{\sqrt{2}c_\beta m_\tau}{v} f^{\mu\tau} - f^{\mu\tau} Y_2^{\tau\tau} \\ - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) = \frac{m_H}{8\pi\Gamma_H} \left(\frac{s_{\beta-\alpha}}{\sqrt{2}s_\beta} \right)^2 (|Y_2^{\tau\mu}|^2 + |Y_2^{\mu\tau}|^2).$$

- Mixing angles imply $Y_2^{e\tau}, Y_2^{\mu\tau} \neq 0$ so $\text{BR}_{H \rightarrow \mu\tau} \times \text{BR}_{H \rightarrow e\tau} > \#$.
- Upper bound from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ plus μe conversion [Dorsner]:

$$\text{BR}_{H \rightarrow \mu\tau} \times \text{BR}_{H \rightarrow e\tau} \lesssim 10^{-8}.$$

- For $\text{BR}_{H \rightarrow \mu\tau} \sim 0.01$ we get $\text{BR}_{H \rightarrow \tau e} \lesssim 10^{-6}$.
- Compatibility under study doing a MCMC [In preparation].

- LR models based on $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ and restore parity:

$$Q = T_{3L} + T_{3R} + (B - L)/2.$$

- $B - L = 2$ triplets, $\Delta_R(1, 3, 2)$ and $\Delta_L(3, 1, 2)$. Bi-doublet $(2, 2, 0)$:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1^0 & \Phi_2^+ \\ \Phi_1^- & \Phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\Sigma} = \tau_2 \Sigma^* \tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_2^{0*} & -\Phi_1^+ \\ -\Phi_2^- & \Phi_1^{0*} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The Yukawa Lagrangian is a Type III 2HDM at low energies:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y \subset \bar{L}_L (Y_1 \Sigma + Y_2 \tilde{\Sigma}) L_R \rightarrow \bar{e}_L (Y_1 (v_1 + H_1^0) + Y_2 (v_2 + H_2^0)) e_R.$$

- Need $v_L \ll v_1 \sim v_2 \ll v_R$. FCNC imply $m_{H_2^0} \gtrsim 15$ TeV.
- Extended models with $m_{W_R} \sim 2$ TeV for di-boson anomaly (and no excess in SS leptons) may explain both [Mohapatra, Liu, Dobrescu, Gluza...].

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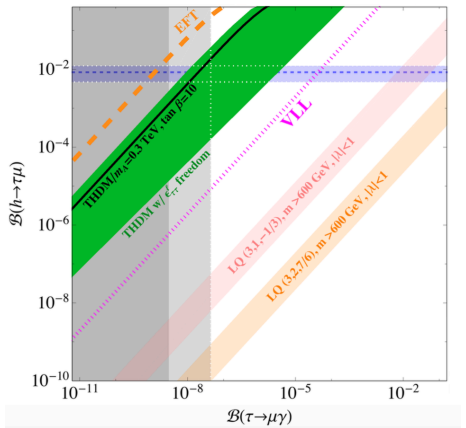
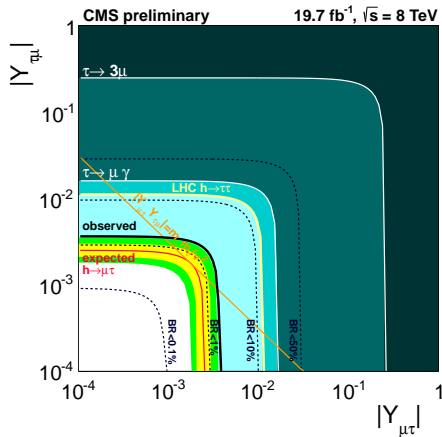
- HLFV would imply BSM physics, maybe related to neutrino masses.
- All tree level topologies from *Yukawa* and *Derivative* operators.
- Contributions to $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ from both EFT and UV. Robust/natural (HLFV doesn't/does decouple from CLFV) upper limits on $H \rightarrow \tau\mu$.
- All VL models are excluded as an explanation. Some generate the *Derivative operator* giving tree-level ZLFV.
- Type III 2HDM works due to CLFV suppression wrt VL (cont. with only heavy Higgs could be made zero if $Y_{\tau\tau} \rightarrow 0$).
- All models with HLFV at 1 loop (typical neutrino mass models) yield too low BR, typically $\lesssim 10^{-9}$, and in the best case $\lesssim 10^{-5}$.
- We find that the best-motivated scenarios (also neutrino masses) are:
 - ① The Zee model [detailed study in preparation].
 - ② LR symmetric models, which may also explain di-boson anomaly.

Back-up slides

Summary of EFT [left, CMS] and models [right, Dorsner]

- 2HDM work because $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ is suppressed wrt VL:

$$\text{BR}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma}^{2\text{HDM}} \sim 10^{-3} \text{BR}_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma}^{\text{VL}}$$



- In general cLFV like $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ is given by ($\vec{\tau} = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$):

$$\bar{L} \Phi c_B \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R B_{\mu\nu} + \bar{L} \Phi c_W \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_R (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{W}_{\mu\nu}).$$

- Four lepton operators generate $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$, for instance, via:

$$c_{4F} \bar{e}_R \bar{e}_R e_R e_R.$$

- Other ones give rise to FCNC and FCCC:

$$(\bar{L} c_{D1} \gamma_\mu L + \bar{e}_R c_{D2} \gamma_\mu e_R) (\Phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi) + (\bar{L} c_{D3} \gamma_\mu \vec{\tau} L) (\Phi^\dagger \vec{\tau} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi),$$

where $\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi \equiv \Phi^\dagger i D^\mu \Phi - (i D^\mu \Phi^\dagger) \Phi$.

- These last ones do NOT generate HLFV.
- HLFV is given by the *Yukawa* and the *Derivative operators*.

The *Derivative operator*

- Using EOM, the *Yukawa operator* becomes $C_Y = C' Y_e + Y_e C''$:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{L} C' i\gamma_\mu D^\mu L) (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) + \text{H.c.}, \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{e}_R C''^\dagger i\gamma_\mu D^\mu e_R) (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) + \text{H.c.}$$

- These change kinetic terms, so we need to redefine wave functions:

$$L'_k = L_i \left(1 + 2 C'_{ki} \frac{\Phi^\dagger \Phi}{\Lambda^2} \right)^{1/2} = L_i \left(1 + C'_{ki} \frac{\Phi^\dagger \Phi}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\Phi^\dagger \Phi}{\Lambda^2} \right)^2.$$

- The SM Yukawa gives the *Yukawa op.*, and kinetic terms become:

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{L} C' \gamma_\mu L) (\Phi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu \Phi),$$

which does not give HLFV, but sizable FCNC and FCCC (VL models).

- Φ SM Higgs, $L (e_R)$ lepton doublet (singlet), Y_e Yukawa matrix:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = \bar{L}i\not{D}L + \bar{e}_R i\not{D}e_R + Y_e \bar{L}e_R \Phi + \text{H.c.}$$

- At $D = 5$ only the Weinberg operator, which gives neutrino masses:

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_{\alpha\beta}}{\Lambda} (\bar{\ell}_\alpha \tilde{\Phi}) (\Phi^\dagger \tilde{\ell}_\beta) + \text{H.c.} \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_\nu = c \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}.$$

- At $D = 6$ many operators, but only a few are relevant for HLFV.
- The following renormalize H and v and can be easily absorbed:

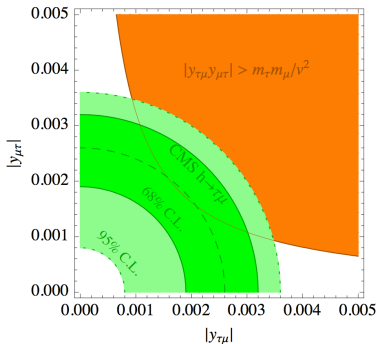
$$c_H \partial^\mu (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \partial_\mu (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) + c_\lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^3.$$

Naturality: OK with large $H \rightarrow \tau\mu$. Figure from Dorsner.

- $|\det M| = |M_{\mu\mu}M_{\tau\tau} - M_{\tau\mu}M_{\mu\tau}| = m_\mu m_\tau$.
- To avoid avoid fine-tuning we can require $|M_{\tau\mu}M_{\mu\tau}| < m_\mu m_\tau$.
- We get for $y_{\tau\mu} = y_{\mu\tau}$:

$$\bar{y} \equiv \sqrt{|y_{\mu\tau}|^2 + |y_{\tau\mu}|^2} \lesssim 0.005.$$

- This is compatible with the CMS preferred range.



- Universality.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_\ell &\equiv \frac{\text{BR}_\ell}{\text{BR}_\ell^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{(g_L^{\text{SM}} + \delta g_{\ell L}^{\text{NP}})^2 + (g_R^{\text{SM}} + \delta g_{\ell R}^{\text{NP}})^2}{(g_L^{\text{SM}})^2 + (g_R^{\text{SM}})^2} \\ &\approx 1 + 2 \frac{g_L^{\text{SM}} \delta g_{\ell L}^{\text{NP}} + g_R^{\text{SM}} \delta g_{\ell R}^{\text{NP}}}{(g_L^{\text{SM}})^2 + (g_R^{\text{SM}})^2}.\end{aligned}$$

From $\mu_\tau = 1.0036 \pm 0.0025$ (similarly for μ_μ, ee):

$$\kappa_{\ell\ell} < \kappa_{\tau\tau} < 0.005 \quad \text{at } 95\% \text{ C.L.}$$

Opening the *Derivative operator* with VL: example

- Example: vector-like lepton $E = (1, -1)_F$ of bare mass M_E :

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{L}\not{D}L + i\bar{e}_R\not{D}e_R + \bar{E}(i\not{D} - M_E)E + (\bar{L}Y_e e_R\Phi + \bar{L}Y_E E_R\Phi + \text{H.c.}).$$

- Take $M_E > v$, so we can integrate-out the E:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = -(\bar{L}\Phi) \frac{Y_E Y_E^\dagger}{i\not{D} - M_E} (\Phi^\dagger L) = (\bar{L}\Phi) \frac{Y_E Y_E^\dagger}{M_E^2} i\not{D} (\Phi^\dagger L) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{M_E^4}\right)$$

- Using $C_E/\Lambda^2 = 1/2Y_E M_E^{-2}Y_E^\dagger$ and $\Phi\Phi^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\tau}(\Phi^\dagger\vec{\tau}\Phi)$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{D\leq 6} = \frac{i}{2\Lambda^2} \left[(\bar{L}C_E \overleftrightarrow{\not{D}} L) (\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + (\bar{L}C_E \vec{\tau} \overleftrightarrow{\not{D}} L) (\Phi^\dagger\vec{\tau}\Phi) - (\bar{L}C_E \gamma^\mu L) (\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) - (\bar{L}C_E \gamma^\mu \vec{\tau} L) (\Phi^\dagger \vec{\tau} \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) \right].$$

- **Both HLFV (1st line) and FCNC (2nd line) at same level!**

General VL models explicitly: "matching" with EFT

- Z FCNC, where ℓ run only on doublets and a, b on all charged leptons:

$$\mathcal{L}_Z = \frac{g}{2c_W} (\bar{E}_L \gamma^\mu X_L E_L + \bar{E}_R \gamma^\mu X_R E_R + 2s_W^2 J_{EM}^\mu) Z^\mu,$$

$$(X_L)_{ba} = \left(V_L^\dagger \right)_{bl} (V_L)_{la}, \quad (X_R)_{ba} = \left(V_R^\dagger \right)_{bl} (V_R)_{la},$$

- H FCNC:

$$-\mathcal{L}_h \rightarrow \bar{E}_L V_L^\dagger Y_E V_R E_R h + \text{h.c.}.$$

- The HLFV Yukawa coupling is (similarly for $y_{\tau\mu}$):

$$\begin{aligned} v y_{\mu\tau} &= (v V_L^\dagger Y_E V_R)_{\mu\tau} = (X_L D_E + D_E X_R - 2X_L D_E X_R)_{\mu\tau} \\ &= (X_L)_{\mu\tau} m_\tau + m_\mu (X_R)_{\mu\tau} - 2(X_L D_E X_R)_{\mu\tau} \\ &\approx \frac{Y_{\mu F_1} v}{m_{F_1}} \frac{(Y^\dagger)_{F_1 \tau} v}{m_{F_1}} m_\tau + \frac{Y_{\mu F_2} v}{m_{F_2}} \frac{(Y^\dagger)_{F_2 \tau} v}{m_{F_2}} m_\mu - 2 \frac{Y_{\mu F_1} v}{m_{F_1}} Y_{12} v \frac{(Y^\dagger)_{F_2 \tau} v}{m_{F_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

- *Derivative op.* + *Yukawa op.*, top. D: dominates unless $Y_{12} v < m_\tau$.

- 1-loop VL Higgs contributions to $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ go as (Z subdominant):

$$\begin{aligned} & ((X_L D_E + D_E X_R - 2X_L D_E X_R) \tilde{D}_E^{-1} (X_L D_E + D_E X_R - 2X_L D_E X_R))_{\mu\tau} \\ & \approx \left(\frac{Y_{\mu S} Y_{SD} Y_{D\tau} v^3}{M_{S,D}^2} \right) \approx (X_L D_E X_R)_{\mu\tau} \propto v y_{\mu\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

- In VL enhanced $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ rate wrt to 2HDM:

$$A_R^{\text{VL}} \sim \frac{y_{\mu\tau}}{(4\pi)^2 v m_\tau} \quad \text{vs} \quad A_R^{2\text{HDM}} \sim \frac{y_{\mu\tau} m_\tau}{(4\pi)^2 v m_H^2}.$$

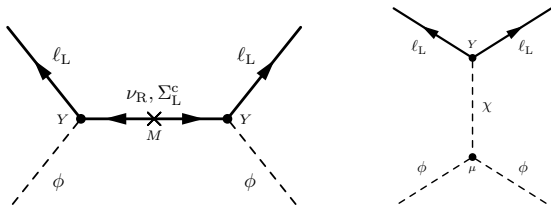
- Note: 2HDM 2 loops (Barr-Zee) dominate [Davidson, Harnik, Aristizabal...].
- $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ excludes VL in composite scenarios [Falkowski].

Opening the Weinberg operator at tree level: seesaws

- Rewriting the Weinberg operator:

$$\left(\overline{\ell_\alpha \tilde{\phi}}\right) \left(\phi^\dagger \tilde{\ell}_\beta\right) = - \left(\overline{\ell_\alpha \vec{\sigma} \tilde{\phi}}\right) \left(\phi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \tilde{\ell}_\beta\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\overline{\ell_\alpha \vec{\sigma} \tilde{\ell}_\beta}\right) \left(\phi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \tilde{\phi}\right),$$

where α and β are family indices and $\vec{\sigma} \equiv (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$.



- 3 different particles can generate Weinberg op. at **tree level**:
 - a $Y = 0$ heavy fermion singlet (triplet), type I (III) seesaw.
 - a $Y = 1$ heavy scalar triplet, type II seesaw.
- Explains why ν 's are light: they couple to high scale fields.
- Drawbacks: typically difficult to test, problem of hierarchies.

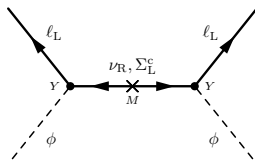
Adding right-handed neutrinos: seesaw type I

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu_R} = i \bar{\nu}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \nu_R - \left(\bar{\ell} \tilde{\phi} Y \nu_R + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_R^c m_R \nu_R + \text{H.c.} \right),$$

where m_R is a $n \times n$ symmetric matrix. After SSB:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu \text{ mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L & \bar{\nu}_R^c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & m_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ \nu_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{H.c.},$$

where $m_D = Y \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$.



If $m_R \gg m_D$, one gets n m_R leptons (mainly singlets) and

$$m_\nu \simeq -m_D m_R^{-1} m_D^T.$$

- Add to the SM one scalar triplet with hypercharge $Y = 1$ and LN -2 . In the doublet representation of $SU(2)_L$ the triplet is a 2×2 matrix:

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^+/\sqrt{2} & \chi^{++} \\ \chi_0 & -\chi^+/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Gauge invariance allows a Yukawa coupling of the scalar triplet to 2 lepton doublets,

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = - \left((Y_\chi)_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\tilde{\ell}}_\alpha \chi \ell_\beta + \text{H.c.} \right) - V(\phi, \chi),$$

where Y_χ is a symmetric matrix and $\tilde{\ell} = i\tau_2 \ell^c$. The scalar potential has the following terms:

$$V(\phi, \chi) = m_\chi^2 \text{Tr}[\chi\chi^\dagger] + \left(\mu \tilde{\phi}^\dagger \chi^\dagger \phi + \text{H.c.} \right) + \dots$$

- The μ coupling violates LN and induces a VEV for the triplet via v_ϕ , even if $m_\chi > 0$. In the limit $m_\chi \gg v_\phi$:

$$m_\nu = 2Y_\chi v_\chi = 2Y_\chi \frac{\mu v_\phi^2}{m_\chi^2}$$

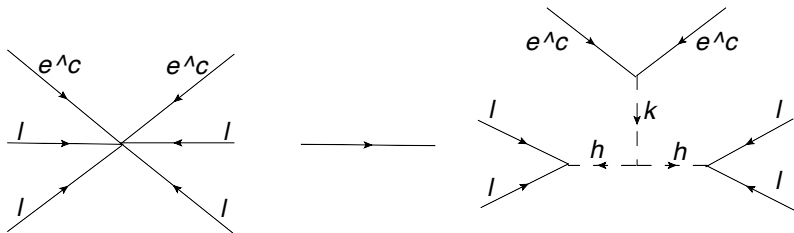
- m_ν are thus proportional to both Y_χ and μ , since the breaking of LN results from their simultaneous presence.
- If m_χ^2 is positive and large, v_χ will be small, in agreement with the ρ parameter, $v_\chi \lesssim 6 \text{ GeV}$.
- Moreover, μ can be naturally small, because in its absence LN is recovered, increasing the symmetry.

Example: the Zee-Babu model [Cheng and Li, Zee, Babu...]

The $D=9$ $\Delta L = 2$ effective operator $lllle^c e^c$ generates the Weinberg operator at two loops (and therefore m_ν). By NDA:

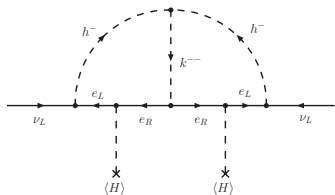
$$m_\nu \sim \frac{c}{(4\pi)^4} \frac{y_e^2 v^2}{\Lambda}$$

One can **open** this operator with a **singly-** and a **doubly-charged scalar** $h^\pm, k^{\pm\pm}$ with $Y_h = \pm 1$ and $Y_k = \pm 2$.



Example: the Zee-Babu model [Cheng and Li, Zee, Babu...]

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = \bar{\ell} Y e \phi + \bar{\tilde{\ell}} f l h^+ + \bar{e}^c g e k^{++} + \mu h^2 k^{++} + \text{H.c.}$$



$$\mathcal{M}_\nu = \frac{v^2 \mu}{48\pi^2 M^2} \tilde{I} f Y g^\dagger Y^T f^T,$$

$$M \equiv \max(m_h, m_k).$$

- f is AS $\rightarrow \det f = 0 \rightarrow \det \mathcal{M}_\nu = 0$, so **one ν is massless**.
- We can estimate the amplitude of $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ to be:

$$A_{\text{ZB}} \sim \frac{m_\tau v}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{\lambda_{hH}}{m_h^2} (f_{e\mu}^* f_{e\tau}) + \frac{\lambda_{kH}}{m_k^2} (g_{e\mu}^* g_{e\tau} + g_{\mu\mu}^* g_{\mu\tau} + g_{\mu\tau}^* g_{\tau\tau}) \right),$$

where $\lambda_{hH}|h|^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda_{kH}|k|^2 H^\dagger H + \text{h.c.}$

Strongest onstraints: cLFV and universality

- $|V_{ud}^{exp}|^2 + |V_{us}^{exp}|^2 + |V_{ub}^{exp}|^2 = 0.9999 \pm 0.0006$
 $\approx 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{G_F m_h^2} |f_{e\mu}|^2 \rightarrow |f_{e\mu}|^2 < 0.007 \left(\frac{m_h}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2$

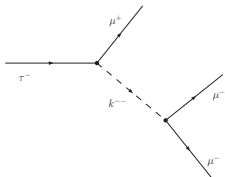
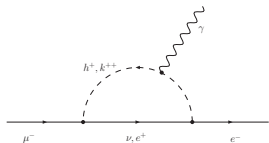
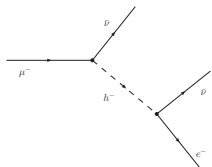
- τ/μ universality: $\frac{G_\tau^{exp}}{G_\mu^{exp}} = 0.9998 \pm 0.0013$
 $||f_{e\tau}|^2 - |f_{e\mu}|^2| < 0.035 \left(\frac{m_h}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2$

- $\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$

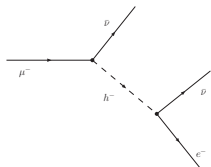
$$\frac{|f_{e\tau}^* f_{\mu\tau}|^2}{(m_h/\text{TeV})^4} + \frac{16|g_{ee}^* g_{e\mu} + g_{e\mu}^* g_{\mu\mu} + g_{e\tau}^* g_{\mu\tau}|^2}{(m_k/\text{TeV})^4} < 0.7$$

- $\text{BR}(\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^-) < 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$

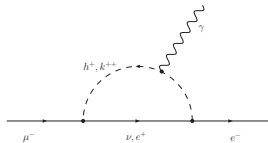
$$|g_{\mu\tau} g_{\mu\mu}^*| < 0.008 \left(\frac{m_k}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2$$



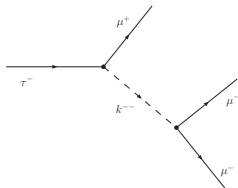
Universality and LFV constraints



- $|V_{ud}^{exp}|^2 + |V_{us}^{exp}|^2 + |V_{ub}^{exp}|^2 = 0.9999 \pm 0.0006$
 $\approx 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{G_F m_h^2} |f_{e\mu}|^2 \rightarrow |f_{e\mu}|^2 < 0.007 \left(\frac{m_h}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2$



- $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$
 $\frac{|f_{e\tau}^* f_{\mu\tau}|^2}{(m_h/\text{TeV})^4} + \frac{16|g_{ee}^* g_{e\mu} + g_{e\mu}^* g_{\mu\mu} + g_{e\tau}^* g_{\mu\tau}|^2}{(m_k/\text{TeV})^4} < 1.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$



- $\text{BR}(\mu^- \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^-) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$
 $\rightarrow |g_{e\mu} g_{ee}^*| < 2.3 \cdot 10^{-5} \left(\frac{m_k}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2$