Neutrino Masses from Fine Tuning

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Background

- Seesaw mechanism introduces heavy right handed neutrinos to generate mass for neutrinos:
- $L = m_D \overline{v}_l N_R + \frac{m_R}{2} N_R^T C^{-1} N_R + h.c.$ • Right handed neutrinos are usually very heavy ~10¹⁴ GeV

$$M_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{pmatrix} \qquad \lambda_{\perp} \approx \frac{m_R}{m_R} \qquad m_R >> m_D$$

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Motivations

- To explain why neutrinos have small mass with TeV scale physics
- To take the seesaw from 10¹⁴ GeV \rightarrow 100 GeV
- To link neutrino physics to Higgs physics

The Model

- The standard model plus:
- 3 Higgs doublets (H, H₁, H₂) all with EW scale vev's
- 3 right handed neutrinos that mix with the light neutrinos
- Impose Z₂symmetry that is softly broken by the Higgs potential
- All SM fields are even under Z₂
- N_R, H₁, and H₂ are odd under Z₂

The Model

New Components:

- Higgs Doublets H, H₁, and H₂
- 3 RHN's N_R
- Neutrino mass matrix M_v
- Mixing angle θ~10⁸ between heavy and light neutrinos

$$L_{Yukawa} = y_d^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i d_R^j H + y_u^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i u_R^j \tilde{H} + y_e^{ij} \bar{\ell}_L^i e_R^j H$$

$$+ y_{1v}^{ij} \bar{\ell}_L^i N_R^j \tilde{H}_1 + y_{2v}^{ij} \bar{\ell}_L^i N_R^j \tilde{H}_2$$

$$L_{mass} = \frac{M_R^{ij}}{2} N_R^{iT} C^{-1} N_R^j$$

$$M_v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{pmatrix} \qquad m_v^{light} = \frac{m_D^2}{m_R}$$

$$m_v^{light} \sim 10^{-1} \text{eV} \text{ and } m_R \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$$

$$m_D = \sqrt{10^{-1} \text{eV} \times 10^{11} \text{eV}} = 10^5 \text{ eV}$$

The Model

$$m_D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_1 y_{1v} + v_2 y_{2v}) \sim 10^{-4} \text{GeV}$$

- Since both $v_{_H} \sim 100$ GeV there is fine tuning of 1 in 10⁶ here
- By comparison, the cosmological constant has fine tuning of 1 in 10⁴⁴
- In Split SUSY, the Higgs mass is fine tuned
- Neutrino Mass from fine tuning instead of small Yukawa couplings

Higgs Sector

$V_{\dim =2}(H,H_1,H_2) = \mu_H^2 H^{\dagger} H + \mu_{11}^2 H_1^{\dagger} H_1 + \mu_{12} H_1^{\dagger} H_1 + \mu_{12} H_1^{\dagger} H_1 + \mu_{22} H_2^{\dagger} H_2 + \mu_{H_1} H^{\dagger} H_1 + \mu_{H_2} H^{\dagger} H_2 + h.c.$

- Z₂ is broken explicitly leading to mixing between Higgs fields
- All µ~100 GeV

Experimental Constraints

- LEP searched for small mass N_R in the channel ee->Z->Nv
- N can decay to either W⁺e⁻ or Zv
- Put limits on the mixing angle squared: $Sin^2\theta < 10^4$ for 3 GeV $< m_N < 80$ GeV $Sin^2\theta < 0.1$ for $m_N > 80$ GeV
- LEP allows a very small mass for N_{R}

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Phenomenology

- N_R's only couple directly to the Yukawa sector
- If $M_{N} < M_{H}$, the Higgs will decay primarily to N_{R} and a v
- Production mechanism is through the Higgs: $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow N_R v$







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N_R Decay Width



- Weak decays are suppressed by the mixing angle $(\theta \sim 10^{\circ})$
- 3 body decays to a neutrino and two b's are favored.

LHC Searches

- Using Madgraph, we generated events for $pp \rightarrow vvbb$ in the SM for LHC @ 14 TeV
- Using MET > 30 GeV and pT for the b-jets > 20 GeV, the cross section is 13 pb.
- The cross section for Higgs production at the LHC ~ 50 pb
- The BR for $H \rightarrow Nv$ is 100%, so pp-vvbb in our model should be much higher and observable at the LHC

Conclusions

- Presented a new model with weak scale right handed neutrinos
- Neutrino masses are generated from fine tuning
- Higgs decays are altered significantly
- The model is easily testable at the LHC

Backup Slides

Higgs Decay Modes: y=1 mixing = 1/50



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