

LFV FROM GUT  
SEE-SAW MODELS  
AND FROM TEV  
SEE-SAW MODELS

D I S C U S S I O N



1. A rationale for neutrino flavour parameters

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2. Origin of the neutrino mass: Seesaw or alternatives, GUT or TeV scale

3. Charged LFV in the MEG experiment



# A RATIONALE FOR NEUTRINO FLAVOUR (I)

- ▶ How can flavour mixing be implemented? Is it possible to define some “benchmark” scenarios? If so, which ones?
  - ✱ tri-bi-maximal mixing, if confirmed, calls for a symmetry
  - ✱ how hard is to conciliate tri-bi-max and GUT?



# A RATIONALE FOR NEUTRINO FLAVOUR (II)

- ▶ Is it possible to come up with plausible arguments for the precisions required for  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ , and the Majorana phases?
  - ✱ can theorists “control” the dynamics of family symmetries down to the future experimental precisions?
- ▶ What information on the origin of neutrino masses can be obtained from the mass hierarchy measurement?
  - ✱ hard to believe that two (three) quasi-degenerate states are accidental



# ORIGIN OF THE NEUTRINO MASS (I)

- Is it possible to discriminate between GUT and TeV see-saw models?
- ✱ Neutrino FV: did we observe the signature of a GUT? will we observe one?
- ✱ Charged lepton FV: clear predictions for the mass-insertions  $\delta_{ij}$  from the running between  $M_{Pl}$  and  $M_{GUT}$ ? between  $M_{GUT}$  and  $M_{seesaw}$ ?
- ✱ Is LFV mediated by TeV seesaw particles distinguishable from other sources of LFV? non-unitarity effects? direct detection at colliders?



# ORIGIN OF THE NEUTRINO MASS (II)

► How do these models inscribe into a more general theory?

✱ complementary observations in other sectors are needed to discriminate among models

► Where does the smallness of neutrino masses come from, and does it require fine-tuning anywhere?

✱ could (should) one use naturalness to prefer a large seesaw scale? is TeV seesaw unexpected?



# MANY TEV MODELS FOR NEUTRINO MASSES

- ✻ Dim-5 operator  $LLHH/M$  may be absent, dim-7 operator  $LLHH(H^\dagger H)/M^3$  present instead: TeV messengers for  $10^{-3}$  Yukawas

Babu,  
Nandi,  
Tavartkiladze,  
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- ✻  $U(1)_{B-L}$  (or even the full LR symmetry) broken by the RH sneutrino VEV, which is bound to the soft SUSY breaking scale

Barger,  
Fileviez Pérez,  
Spinner,  
PRL 102, 181802  
(2009)

- ✻  $U(1)'$  forbidding neutrino Yukawas; SUSY breaking induces “wrong” Higgs Yukawas suppressed by  $F/M_{\text{mess}}^2 = m_{\text{soft}}/M_{\text{mess}}$ : tiny Dirac neutrino masses

Demir,  
Everett,  
Langacker,  
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# MEG EXPECTATIONS FOR $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$

- ✱ Present bound (MEGA 90%C.L.):  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$
- ✱ MEG data taking started in September 2008,  
Summer 2009 bound could be already below  $10^{-11}$ :  
single event sensitivity =  $(3-5) \cdot 10^{-12}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  90% bound =  $(7-12) \cdot 10^{-12}$ , if bkg is negligible
- ✱ Final goal (3 years):  $2 \cdot 10^{-13}$



# MEG INTERPRETATION

- What a negative result would tell us?
  - ✱ SUSY flavour problem getting worse
  - ✱ SUSY explanation for  $(g-2)_\mu$  tenable
- If a signal is found, how to discriminate different models?
  - ✱ polarized muons + positron angular distribution to measure  $(A_L^2 - A_R^2)/(A_L^2 + A_R^2)$ ; with photon polarization also  $\text{Im}[A_L A_R]$  ...
  - ✱ roughly,  $A_R$  from GUT thresholds,  $A_L$  from seesaw thresholds, could be distinguished