# 125 GeV Higgs Boson and Type-II Seesaw

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- The **125 GeV** resonance detected at LHC implies that the vacuum destabilizes at some scale. Can a simple extension of the SM solve this electroweak vacuum stability problem ?
- Experiments reveal the fact that neutrinos have mass and mixing. Standard Model(SM) predicts massless neutrinos.
- Can a Beyond Standard Model(BSM) model which provides mechanism to generate neutrinos with sufficiently small mass solve the stability problem simultaneously.
- Is the model phenomenologically viable in concern with the recent LHC result?

# **RG Running of SM Higgs Quartic Coupling**

•  $V_{\text{eff}}(\Phi) = -m_{\Phi}^2(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)^2.$ 



- For a 125 GeV Higgs boson, new physics should be introduced below  $10^9 10^{10}$  GeV to make the electroweak vacuum stable. (There is a considerable width in the unstability scale due to the large Top mass uncertainty).
- We choose the simplest extension to SM with a massive neutrino The Seesaw Model.

# Seesaw Models

- The simplest way to obtain non-zero neutrino masses is by breaking the global (B - L) symmetry of the SM.
- One Classic solution ⇒ SEESAW MECHANISM
- This is a realization of the effective dimension-5 Weinberg operator using only renormalizable interactions.
- The effective Weinberg operator is  $\Rightarrow y_{ij}(L_i^T \Phi)(L_j^T \Phi)/M$ ,  $M \rightarrow$  heavy physics mass scale.



There are three types of Seesaw :



We choose Type-II Seesaw.

# **Type-II Seesaw**

[Magg, Wetterich '80; Cheng, Li '80; Lazarides, Shafi, Wetterich '80; Schechter, Valle '80; Mohapatra, Senjanovic '81]

• Add a scalar  $\Delta(1,3,2)$  under  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ .

$$\Delta = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sqrt{2}} \Delta_i = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^+ / \sqrt{2} & \delta^{++} \\ \delta^0 & -\delta^+ / \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{v_\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Delta_1 = (\delta^{++} + \delta^0) / \sqrt{2}, \ \Delta_2 = i(\delta^{++} - \delta^0) / \sqrt{2}, \ \Delta_3 = \delta^+.$$

• The Lagrangian for this model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kinetic}}^{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{Y}^{\text{SM}} - \mathcal{V}(\Phi, \Delta) + \text{Tr}\left[ (D_{\mu}\Delta)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu}\Delta) \right] \\ - \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_{\Delta})_{ij} L_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} C i \sigma_{2} \Delta L_{j} + \text{H.c.} \right] \\ D_{\mu}\Delta = \partial_{\mu}\Delta + i \frac{g}{2} [\sigma^{a} W_{\mu}^{a}, \Delta] + i \frac{g'}{2} B_{\mu}\Delta \qquad (a = 1, 2, 3)$$

 $\mathrm{C} \rightarrow \mathrm{Dirac}$  charge conjugation matrix.

• The Scalar Potential :

$$\mathcal{V}(\Phi, \Delta) = -m_{\Phi}^{2} (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi)^{2} + M_{\Delta}^{2} \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta^{\dagger} \Delta) + \frac{\lambda_{1}}{2} \left[ \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta^{\dagger} \Delta) \right]^{2} \\ + \frac{\lambda_{2}}{2} \left( \left[ \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta^{\dagger} \Delta) \right]^{2} - \mathrm{Tr} \left[ (\Delta^{\dagger} \Delta)^{2} \right] \right) + \lambda_{4} (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi) \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta^{\dagger} \Delta) \\ + \lambda_{5} \Phi^{\dagger} [\Delta^{\dagger}, \Delta] \Phi + \left( \frac{\Lambda_{6}}{\sqrt{2}} \Phi^{\mathsf{T}} i \sigma_{2} \Delta^{\dagger} \Phi + \mathrm{H.c.} \right)$$

- From EWPT constraints,  $\frac{v_{\Delta}}{v} < 0.02$
- For  $\mu < M_{\Delta}$ , The low-energy effective scalar potential for the SM Higgs doublet:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\Phi) = -m_{\Phi}^{2}(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - \lambda_{6}^{2})(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)^{2},$$
  

$$\lambda \to \lambda_{\text{SM}} = \lambda - \lambda_{6}^{2},$$
  
where 
$$\lambda_{6} = \frac{\Lambda_{6}}{M_{\Delta}} = \frac{2v_{\Delta}M_{\Delta}}{v^{2}} \left(1 + \frac{v^{2}}{2M_{\Delta}}(\lambda_{4} - \lambda_{5})\right)$$

- For lowscale Seesaw,  $\lambda_6^2 \ll \lambda$  is always true.
- We choose,  $v_{\Delta} = 1$  GeV, for  $M_{\Delta} \simeq \mathcal{O}(\text{EW scale})$
- For High scale Seesaw, we choose  $v_{\Delta} = 0.05$  eV to avoid  $\lambda_6$  effect.
- Seven physical massive eigenstates  $\rightarrow H^{\pm\pm}$ ,  $H^{\pm}$ , h,  $H^{0}$ ,  $A^{0}$ .

• The physical mass eigenvalues are,

$$\begin{split} m_{H^{\pm\pm}}^2 &= M_{\Delta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)v_{\Delta}^2, \\ m_{H^{\pm}}^2 &= \left(M_{\Delta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_4 v^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v_{\Delta}^2\right)\left(1 + \frac{2v_{\Delta}^2}{v^2}\right), \\ m_{A^0}^2 &= \left(M_{\Delta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_4 - \lambda_5)v^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v_{\Delta}^2\right)\left(1 + \frac{4v_{\Delta}^2}{v^2}\right), \\ m_{h}^2 &= \frac{1}{2}\left(A + C - \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + 4B^2}\right), \\ m_{H^0}^2 &= \frac{1}{2}\left(A + C + \sqrt{(A - C)^2 + 4B^2}\right), \end{split}$$

with,

$$A = \lambda v^2, \ B = -\frac{2v_\Delta}{v} \left( M_\Delta^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v_\Delta^2 \right),$$
$$C = M_\Delta^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_4 - \lambda_5)v^2 + \frac{3}{2}\lambda_1 v_\Delta^2.$$

•  $m_{H^0} > m_h$  is always satisfied.

#### **Dynamical Constraints**

[Arhrib, Benbrik, Chabab, Moultaka, Rahili 11]

• Electroweak Vacuum Stability:

$$\lambda \ge 0, \quad \lambda_1 \ge 0, \quad 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \ge 0,$$
$$\lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \sqrt{\lambda\lambda_1} \ge 0, \quad \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \sqrt{\lambda\left(\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}\right)} \ge 0,$$
$$\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + \sqrt{\lambda\lambda_1} \ge 0, \quad \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + \sqrt{\lambda\left(\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}\right)} \ge 0.$$

• Unitarity:

$$\lambda \leq \frac{8}{3}\pi, \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \leq 8\pi, \quad 4\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq 8\pi, \quad 2\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 \leq 16\pi,$$
$$|\lambda_5| \leq \frac{1}{2}\min\left[\sqrt{(\lambda \pm 8\pi)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \pm 8\pi)}\right],$$
$$|\lambda_4| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\left(\lambda - \frac{8}{3}\pi\right)(4\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 8\pi)}.$$

## **Running Coupling Constants**

[Schmidt 07; Chao, Zhang 07] With Type-II Seesaw :

 $\beta_{\lambda} \to \beta_{\lambda}^{SM} + 6\lambda_4^2 + 4\lambda_5^2,$ 

The new physics contribution introduces at the Seesaw scale  $M_{\Delta}$ . For  $\mu > M_{\Delta}$  the gauge coupling beta function changes at one loop level.

$$b_i^{\text{SM}} = \left(-\frac{41}{10}, \frac{19}{6}, 7\right) \Rightarrow b_i = \left(-\frac{47}{10}, \frac{5}{2}, 7\right)$$



Top Yukawa and Gauge Coupling Running:



With Type-II Seesaw :

#### Scanning Allowed Parameter Space

• For both high and low Seesaw scale there exists sufficient parameter space which satisfy all the dynamical constraints.



• No allowed points near  $(\lambda_4, \lambda_5) = (0, 0)$ .

#### **Experimental Limits on** $M_{H^{\pm\pm}}$ and $M_{H^{\pm}}$

- $\Gamma(H^{\pm\pm} \to \ell_i^{\pm} \ell_j^{\pm}) \propto |y_{ij}|^2 \sim |\frac{M_{\nu}^{ij}}{v_{\Delta}}|^2$
- $\Gamma(H^{\pm\pm} \to W^{\pm}W^{\pm}) \propto g^2 v_{\Delta}^2$
- Large triplet VEV  $\implies$  large BR for WW
- Direct search limits:  $M_{H^{\pm\pm}} > 300 400$  GeV (LHC) (assuming dominant  $\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\pm}$  decay mode)
- Valid for  $v_{\Delta} < 10^{-4}$  GeV (large Yukawa coupling)
- For  $v_{\Delta} > 10^{-4}$  GeV (small Yukawa), BR to  $\ell^{\pm} \ell^{\pm}$  drops significantly and the mass limit lowered to about 100 GeV. [Melfo, Nemevsek, Nesti, Senjanovic, Zhang, (11)]
- LEP limit on  $M_{H\pm} > 90$  GeV
- Constraints from LFV require  $v_{\Delta}M_{H^{\pm\pm}} \ge 150 \text{eV}$  GeV [Melfo,Nemevsek, Nesti, Senjanovic, Zhang, (11)]
- Constraints from S, T, U parameters require  $\Delta M \equiv |M_{H^{\pm\pm}} - M_{H^{\pm}}| \lesssim 40 \text{ GeV} [Chun, Lee, Sharma (12)]}$

#### **Prediction for** $h \to \gamma \gamma$ and $h \to Z \gamma$



• The Couplings are :

$$g_{ZH^+H^-} = -\frac{s_W}{c_W},$$
  

$$g_{ZH^+H^-} = \frac{\cos 2\theta_W}{c_W}.$$
  

$$g_{hH^+H^{--}} \simeq -(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v, \quad g_{hH^+H^-} \simeq -\lambda_4 v.$$

•  $H^{\pm\pm}$  contribution dominate over the  $H^{\pm}$  contribution for both  $h \to \gamma \gamma$ and  $h \to Z \gamma$  amplitude for most of the allowed parameter space.

• The partial decay width of 
$$h\to\gamma\gamma$$
 :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\gamma\gamma} &= \frac{\sigma_{model}(pp \to h \to \gamma\gamma)}{\sigma_{SM}(pp \to h \to \gamma\gamma)} = \frac{\sigma_{model}(pp \to h)}{\sigma_{SM}(pp \to h)} \frac{BR_{model}(h \to \gamma\gamma)}{BR_{SM}(h \to \gamma\gamma)} \\ \text{Similarly, for } R_{Z\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

- In the type-II Seesaw model,  $R_{\gamma\gamma} > 1 \Rightarrow$  constructive interference happens for  $(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) < 0$  which is allowed over a small range of the parameter space.
- $\bullet\,$  Mostly correlated , small anti-correlation near  $M_{H^{\pm\pm}}\simeq M_{\Delta}$
- For a sufficiently low Seesaw scale, the deviations from the SM prediction could be significant for  $h \to \gamma \gamma$  channel.

With increase in Seesaw scale, the enhancement in the rates decreases substantially.



$M_{\Delta}  [\text{GeV}]$	$(R_{\gamma\gamma})\max(\min)$	$(R_{\gamma\gamma})\max(\min)$
200	4.41(0.62)	1.59(0.90)
300	1.36(0.64)	1.08(0.91)
400	1.15(0.75)	1.03(0.93)
500	1.08(0.80)	1.02(0.95)
1000	1.02(0.87)	$1.01 \ (0.97)$

# Conclusion

- We have studied the effects of electroweak vacuum stability and unitarity conditions on the full parameter space of the minimal type-II Seesaw model in the light of the recent discovery of a SM Higgs-like particle at the LHC in the mass range 124 126 GeV.
- There exists a large parameter space in the model, irrespective of the Seesaw scale.
- It yields a SM-like Higgs mass around 125 GeV while satisfying all the stability and unitarity conditions as well as neutrino oscillation data, collider bounds and other low-energy data.
- Predictions for the partial decay widths of the  $h \to \gamma \gamma$  and  $h \to Z \gamma$ with respect to their SM expectations showed that these two rates are mostly-correlated in the type-II Seesaw model.
- For more than 10% deviation of the  $\gamma\gamma$  signal strength from its SM value, the corresponding upper bound on the type-II Seesaw scale is about 450 GeV which is completely within the reach of the LHC.



#### BACKUPS

## Mixings

The mixing between the doublet and triplet scalar fields in the charged, CP-even and CP-odd scalar sectors are respectively given by,

$$\begin{pmatrix} G^{\pm} \\ H^{\pm} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta' & \sin\beta' \\ -\sin\beta' & \cos\beta' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{\pm} \\ \delta^{\pm} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} h \\ H^{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha \\ -\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \delta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} G^{0} \\ A^{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & \sin\beta \\ -\sin\beta & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where the mixing angles are given by

$$\tan \beta' = \frac{\sqrt{2}v_{\Delta}}{v}, \tan \beta = \frac{2v_{\Delta}}{v} \equiv \sqrt{2} \tan \beta',$$
  
$$\tan 2\alpha = \frac{2B}{A-C} = \frac{4v_{\Delta}}{v} \frac{M_{\Delta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v_{\Delta}^2}{M_{\Delta}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - 2\lambda)v^2 + \frac{3}{2}\lambda_1 v_{\Delta}^2}.$$

#### Collider constraints on $v_{\Delta}$

• The strongest limits come from the ongoing LHC searches for doubly-charged Higgs bosons. They can be produced via :

$$\begin{array}{c} q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^{*}, Z^{*}, W^{\pm *}W^{\pm *} \rightarrow H^{++}H^{--}, \\ q'\bar{q} \rightarrow W^{*} \rightarrow H^{\pm \pm}H^{\mp}, H^{\pm \pm}W^{\mp}, \end{array}$$

The possible decay channels:

- (i) same-sign charged lepton pair  $(\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\pm})$ ,
- (ii) pair of charged gauge bosons  $(W^{\pm}W^{\pm})$ ,
- (iii)  $W^{\pm}H^{\pm}$ , and (iv)  $H^{\pm}H^{\pm}$ , if kinematically allowed.

• 
$$v_{\Delta} < 10^{-4}$$
 GeV (large Yukawa couplings) :

Degenerate triplet scalars  $\Rightarrow H^{++} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \ell^{\pm}$ . The 95% CL lower limit  $\Rightarrow M_{H^{\pm\pm}} > 300$  - 400 GeV, depending on the final-state lepton-flavor.

•  $v_{\Delta} > 10^{-4}$  GeV (small Yukawa):

 $BR(\ell^{\pm}\ell^{\pm})$  decreases significantly, and the other decay channels (ii), (iii) and (iv) become dominant and  $H^{\pm\pm} \geq 100$  GeV.

Provided the mass splitting between the singly- and doubly-charged scalars is large enough to allow for the cascade decays.

• The  $\beta$ -function of Higgs quartic-coupling in one loop order

$$\beta_{\lambda}^{(1)} = 12\lambda^2 - \left(\frac{9}{5}g_1^2 + 9g_2^2\right)\lambda + \frac{9}{4}\left(\frac{3}{25}g_1^4 + \frac{2}{5}g_1^2g_2^2 + g_2^4\right) + 12y_t^2\lambda - 12y_t^4$$

where,  $(g_i, i = 1, 2, 3) \rightarrow$  The Gauge couplings,  $y_t \rightarrow$  the Top Yukawa coupling.

• For the new scalar couplings in the type-II seesaw model, the one-loop RG equations are given by :

[M.A.Schmidt ';W.Chao and H.Zhang ']

#### Decay width $h \to \gamma \gamma$

[Nucl.Phys.30, 711 (1979), Shifman et al.]

$$\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma) = \frac{\alpha^2 G_F M_h^3}{128\sqrt{2}\pi^3} \left| \sum_f N_c Q_f^2 g_{hf\bar{f}} A_{1/2}^h(\tau_f) + g_{hW^+W^-} A_1^h(\tau_W) \right. \\ \left. + \tilde{g}_{hH^{\pm} H^{\mp}} A_0^h(\tau_{H^{\pm}}) + 4 \tilde{g}_{hH^{\pm\pm} H^{\mp\mp}} A_0^h(\tau_{H^{\pm\pm}}) \right|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_i &= M_h^2 / 4M_i^2 \ (i = f, W, H^{\pm}, H^{\pm \pm}) \\ A_0(\tau) &= -[\tau - f(\tau)]\tau^{-2} , \\ A_{1/2}(\tau) &= 2 \left[\tau + (\tau - 1)f(\tau)\right]\tau^{-2} , \\ A_1(\tau) &= -\left[2\tau^2 + 3\tau + 3(2\tau - 1)f(\tau)\right]\tau^{-2} , \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\tau) = \begin{cases} \left[\sin^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\tau}\right)\right]^2, & (\tau \le 1) \\ -\frac{1}{4} \left[\log\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}}{1-\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}}\right) - i\pi\right]^2, & (\tau > 1). \end{cases}$$

 $\tilde{g}_{hH^{++}H^{--}} = -\frac{M_W}{gM_{H^{\pm\pm}}^2}g_{hH^{++}H^{--}}, \quad \tilde{g}_{hH^{+}H^{-}} = -\frac{M_W}{gM_{H^{\pm}}^2}g_{hH^{+}H^{-}},$ 

## **Decay width** $h \to Z\gamma$

In the limit  $v_{\Delta} \ll v$ ,

$$g_{hH^{++}H^{--}} \simeq -(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v \,, \quad g_{hH^+H^-} \simeq -\lambda_4 v.$$

$$\begin{split} \Gamma(h \to Z\gamma) &= \frac{\alpha G_F^2 M_W^2 M_h^3}{64\pi^4} \left(1 - \frac{M_Z^2}{M_h^2}\right)^3 \\ & \left| \frac{1}{c_W} \sum_f N_c Q_f (2I_3^f - 4Q_f s_W^2) g_{hf\bar{f}} A_{1/2}^{Z\gamma}(\tau_f, \lambda_f) \right. \\ & + c_W g_{hW^+W^-} A_1^{Z\gamma}(\tau_W, \lambda_W) \\ & - 2s_W g_{ZH^\pm H^\mp} \tilde{g}_{hH^\pm H^\mp} A_0^{Z\gamma}(\tau_{H^\pm}, \lambda_{H^\pm}) \\ & - 4s_W g_{ZH^\pm \pm H^\mp\mp} \tilde{g}_{hH^{\pm\pm}, H^\mp\mp} A_0^{Z\gamma}(\tau_{H^{\pm\pm}}, \lambda_{H^{\pm\pm}}) \right|^2 \\ g_{ZH^\pm H^\mp} &= -\frac{s_W}{c_W}, \ g_{ZH^\pm \pm H^\mp\mp} = \frac{\cos 2\theta_W}{c_W}. \\ \tau_i &= 4M_i^2/M_h^2, \\ \lambda_i &= 4M_i^2/M_Z^2 \ (i = W, f, H^\pm, H^{\pm\pm}) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1^{Z\gamma}(x,y) &= 4(3 - \tan^2 \theta_W) I_2(x,y) + [(1 + 2x^{-1}) \tan^2 \theta_W \\ &- (5 + 2x^{-1})] I_1(x,y), \\ A_{1/2}^{Z\gamma}(x,y) &= I_1(x,y) - I_2(x,y), \\ A_0^{Z\gamma}(x,y) &= I_1(x,y), \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{1}(x,y) = \frac{xy}{2(x-y)} + \frac{x^{2}y^{2}}{2(x-y)^{2}}[f(x^{-1}) - f(y^{-1})] + \frac{x^{2}y}{(x-y)^{2}}[g(x^{-1}) - g(y^{-1})], I_{2}(x,y) = -\frac{xy}{2(x-y)}[f(x^{-1}) - f(y^{-1})].$$

$$g(\tau) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\tau^{-1} - 1} \sin^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\tau}\right), & (\tau < 1) \\ s \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \tau^{-1}} \left[ \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \tau^{-1}}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - \tau^{-1}}}\right) - i\pi \right], & (\tau \ge 1). \end{cases}$$

New contributions from the charged Higgs bosons in the type-II seesaw model become negligible beyond a seesaw scale of  $M_{\Delta} \sim 10$  TeV. upper bound on the seesaw scale. This in turn imposes an upper bound on the masses of the singly- and doubly-charged Higgs bosons in the model.