



Baryon Number Violation in Neutrino Experiments

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Searches for Baryon Number Violation in Neutrino Experiments: A White Paper

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ABSTRACT: Baryon number conservation is not guaranteed by any fundamental symmetry within the Standard Model, and therefore has been a subject of experimental and theoretical scrutiny for decades. So far, no evidence for baryon number violation has been observed. Large underground detectors have long been used for both neutrino detection and searches for baryon number violating processes. The next generation of large neutrino detectors will seek to improve upon the limits set by past and current experiments and will cover a range of lifetimes predicted by several Grand Unified Theories. In this White Paper, we summarize theoretical motivations and experimental aspects of searches for baryon number violation in neutrino experiments.

Outline

- Motivation for B-violation searches
- Poster child: Proton decay
 - Theory: Models, pheno, lattice
 - Experiments: Current and future
- Other BNV Processes
 - Neutron-antineutron oscillation
 - Di-nucleon decays
 - Exotic decay modes
- BSM Implications



[Figure from Symmetry Magazine]

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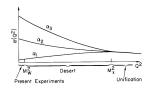
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Grand Unification and baryogenesis provide natural motivations for B searches.

Historical Context

- Quark-lepton unification in $SU(4)_c$. [Pati, Salam (PRL '73; PRD '74)]
- Grand Unification of strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions at $Q\gtrsim M_X\gg M_Z$ in minimal SU(5). [Georgi, Glashow (PRL '74)]
- Proton decay mediated by new gauge bosons which couple to both quarks and leptons, e.g. $p \to e^+ \pi^0$.
- Dim-6 operator (QQQL): Amplitude $\propto 1/M_X^2$.
- Lifetime: $au_p \sim rac{16\pi^2 M_X^4}{g_{
 m GUT}^4 m_p^5} \sim 10^{30} \ {
 m yr}$ for $M_X \sim 10^{14} \ {
 m GeV}$. [Chanowitz, Ellis, Gaillard (NPB '77); Gavela, Le Yaouanc, Oliver, Pene, Raynal (PLB '81);...]
- Potential discovery with a sample of $\sim 10^{30}$ nucleons (a few tons of water) with an exposure of just a few years?





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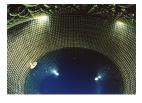
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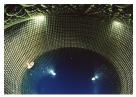




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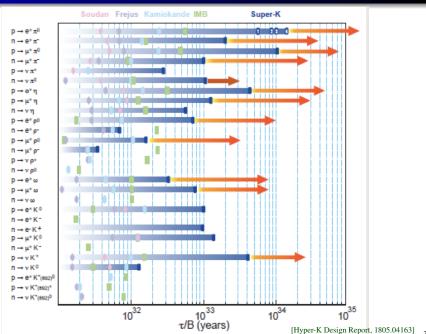




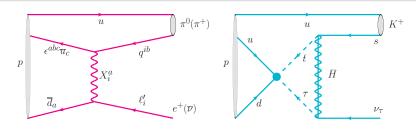
- Meanwhile, has been a very successful neutrino experiment.
- Detection of supernova neutrinos from SN1987A.
- Discovery of neutrino oscillations.
- K2K and T2K.

Next-generation large neutrino experiments have huge potential for B searches.

Current Limits on Nucleon Decay



Dominant Proton Decay Modes

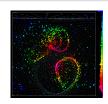


Modes (partial lifetime)	Current limit [90% CL] (10 ³⁴ years)	Future Sensitivity [90% CL]
(partial metime)	(10 years)	(10^{34} years)
$\tau_p \left(p \to e^+ \pi^0 \right)$	Super-K: 2.4 [55]	Hyper-K (1900 kton-yrs): 7.8 [56] DUNE (400 kton-yrs): ~1.0 [57] THEIA (800 kton-yrs): 4.1
$\tau_p \left(p \to \mu^+ \pi^0 \right)$	Super-K: 1.6 [55]	Hyper-K (1900 kton-yrs): 7.7 [56]
$ au_p\left(p o \overline{\nu}K^+\right)$	Super-K: 0.66 [58]	Hyper-K (1900 kton-yrs): 3.2 [56] DUNE (400 kton-yrs): 1.3 [59] JUNO (200 kton-yrs): 1.9 [60] THEIA (800 kton-yrs) 3.8
$\tau_p \left(p \to \overline{\nu} \pi^+ \right)$	Super-K: 0.039 [61]	_

[BD, Koerner, Saad et al, 2203.08771]

Which Detector is the Best?

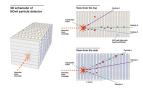
 Water Cherenkov (Super-K, Hyper-K) – Huge volume and large exposure time (hard to beat!)



 Liquid Argon TPC (MicroBooNE, DUNE) – excellent imaging capabilities



- Liquid scintillator (NOvA, JUNO) Superb timing resolution
- Water-based liquid scintillator (THEIA) large volume + good resolution



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Theory Predictions (Non-SUSY Models)

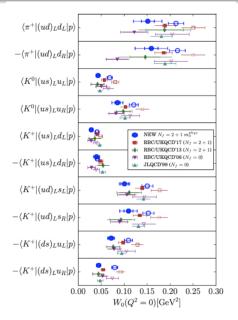
Model	Decay modes	$\tau_N \ (N = p, n) \ [years]$	Ref.
Non-SUSY minimal $SU(5)$	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{30} - 10^{32}$	Georgi, Glashow [16]
Non-SUSY minimally extended	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\lesssim 2.3 \times 10^{36}$	Doršner, Saad [82]
SU(5) (neutrino mass: 1-loop)			
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Non-SUSY Minimal SU(5) [NR]	$p \rightarrow \nu + (K^+, \pi^+, \rho^+)$	$10^{31} - 10^{38}$	Doršner, Perez [64]
(neutrino mass: type-II seesaw)	$\begin{array}{l} p \to \nu + (K^+, \pi^+, \rho^+) \\ n \to \nu + (\pi^0, \rho^0, \eta^0, \omega^0, K^0) \\ p \to e^+ \pi^0 \end{array}$		
Non-SUSY Minimal SU(5) [NR]	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\lesssim 10^{36}$	Bajc, Senjanović [65]
(neutrino mass: type-III+I seesaw)			
Non-SUSY Extended $SU(5)$	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{34} - 10^{40}$	Saad [80]
(neutrino mass: 2-loop)			
Minimal flipped non-SUSY $SU(5)$	$p \rightarrow e/\mu^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{38} - 10^{42}$	Arbeláez, Kolešová, Malinský [175]
Non-SUSY Minimal SO(10)	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\lesssim 5 \times 10^{35}$	Babu, Khan [165]
Minimal SO(10) with 45 Higgs	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\lesssim 10^{36}$	Bertolini, Di Luzio, Malinský [176]
Minimal non-Renormalizable SO(10)	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\lesssim 10^{35}$	Preda, Senjanović, Zantedeschi [173]
Non-SUSY Generic SO(10)	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$		Chakrabortty, King, Maji [164]
$M_{int}: G_{422}$		$10^{34} - 10^{46}$	
$M_{int} : G_{422D}$		$10^{31} - 10^{34}$	
$M_{int}: G_{3221}$		$10^{36} - 10^{46}$	
$M_{int}: G_{3221D}$		$10^{33} - 10^{43}$	
Non-SUSY Generic E_6	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$		Chakrabortty, King, Maji [164]
$M_{int}: G_{4221}$		$10^{27} - 10^{36}$, ,
$M_{int}: G_{4221D}$		$10^{27} - 10^{36}$	
$M_{int}: G_{333} \rightarrow G_{3221}$		$10^{32} - 10^{36}$	
$M_{int}: G_{4221D} \rightarrow G_{421}$		$10^{26} - 10^{48}$	
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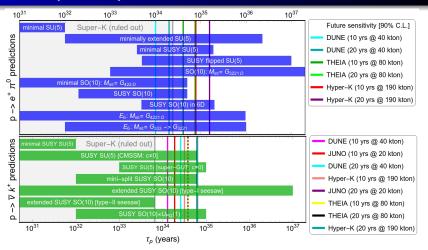
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Minimal SUSY SU(5)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$		Dimopoulos, Georgi [42], Sakai [100]
	$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^0$	$10^{28} - 10^{32}$	Hisano, Murayama, Yanagida [99]
Minimal SUSY SU(5)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$\leq (2-6) \times 10^{34}$	Ellis et. al. [107]
(cMSSM)	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{35} - 10^{40}$	` '
Minimal SUSY SU(5)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$\lesssim 4 \times 10^{33}$	Babu, Bajc, Tavartkiladze [177]
$(5 + \overline{5} \text{ matter fields})$	$p \rightarrow \mu^{+}\pi^{0}/K^{0}, n \rightarrow \overline{\nu}\pi^{0}/K^{0}$	$10^{33} - 10^{34}$	
SUGRA SU(5)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$10^{32} - 10^{34}$	Nath, Arnowitt [103, 178]
mSUGRA SU(5) (Higgs mass constraint)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$3 \times 10^{34} - 2 \times 10^{35}$	Liu, Nath [111]
NUSUGRA SU(5) (Higgs mass constraint)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$3 \times 10^{34} - 10^{36}$	
SUSY $SU(5)$ or $SO(10)$	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\sim 10^{34.9\pm1}$	Pati [179]
MSSM (d = 6)			
Flipped SUSY $SU(5)$ (cMSSM)	$p \rightarrow e/\mu^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{35} - 10^{37}$	Ellis et. al. [180–182]
Split SUSY SU(5)	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{35} - 10^{37}$	Arkani-Hamed, et. al. [183]
SUSY $SU(5)$ in 5D	$p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$	$10^{34} - 10^{35}$	Hebecker, March-Russell[184]
	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$		` * *
SUSY $SU(5)$ in 5D variant II	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$10^{36} - 10^{39}$	Alciati et.al.[185]
Mini-split SUSY SO(10)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$\leq 6 \times 10^{34}$	Babu, Bajc, Saad [146]
SUSY $SO(10) \times U(1)_{PO}$	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$10^{33} - 10^{35}$	Babu, Bajc, Saad [147]
Extended SUSY SO(10)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$		
Type-I seesaw	•	$10^{30} - 10^{37}$	Mohapatra, Severson [186]
Type-II seesaw		$\lesssim 6.6 \times 10^{33}$	Mohapatra, Severson [186]
Inverse seesaw		$\lesssim 10^{34}$	Dev, Mohapatra [187]
SUSY SO(10)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$		Shafi, Tavartkiladze [188]
with anomalous	$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^0$	$10^{32} - 10^{35}$	
flavor $U(1)$	$p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$		
SUSY SO(10)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$10^{33} - 10^{34}$	Lucas, Raby [189], Pati [179]
MSSM	$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^0$	$10^{32} - 10^{33}$	
SUSY SO(10)	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$10^{33} - 10^{34}$	Pati [179]
ESSM		$\lesssim 10^{35}$	
SUSY $SO(10)/G(224)$	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$	$\lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{34}$	Babu, Pati, Wilczek [190–192],
MSSM or ESSM	$p \rightarrow \mu^+ K^0$		Pati [179]
(new d = 5)		$B \sim (1 - 50)\%$	
SUSY $SO(10) \times S_4$	$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^{+}$	$\lesssim 7 \times 10^{33}$	Dev, Mohapatra, Dutta, Severson [193]
SUSY $SO(10)$ in 6D	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$10^{34} - 10^{35}$	Buchmuller, Covi, Wiesenfeldt [194]
GUT-like models from	$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$	$\sim 10^{36}$	Klebanov, Witten [195]
Type IIA string with D6-branes	*		

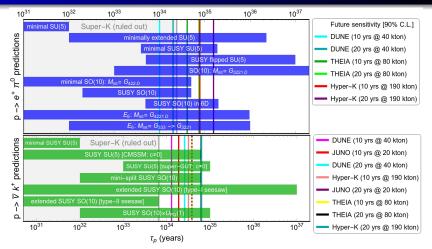
Lattice Developments



Proton Decay Summary

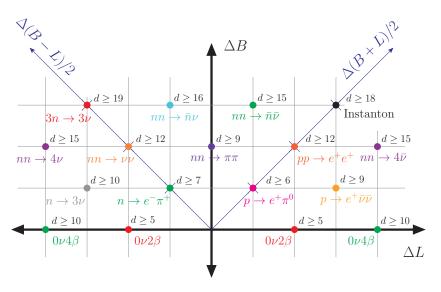


Proton Decay Summary



- Disclaimer: Just a representative set, not exhaustive.
- There is no single viable and predictive model for proton decay. [see talk by Senjanović]
- ullet There are well-motivated models of B, where proton is absolutely stable. [see talk by Plascencia]

Other B Violating Modes



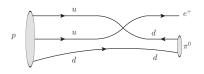
[Heeck, Takhistov, 1910.07647 (PRD '20)]

$\Delta B = 1 \text{ versus } \Delta B = 2$

$$\Delta B = 1$$

- Proton decay
- Induced by dimension-6 operator QQQL.
- Amplitude $\propto \Lambda^{-2}$.
- $\tau_p \gtrsim 10^{34}$ yr implies $\Lambda \gtrsim 10^{15}$ GeV.
- Proton decay requires GUT-scale physics.

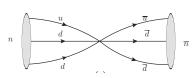
[Nath, Perez (Phys. Rep. '07)]



$\Delta B = 2$

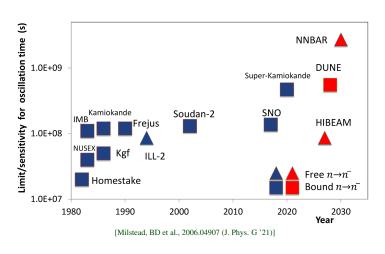
- Di-nucleon decay and $n-\bar{n}$
- Induced by dimension-9 operator qqqqqq.
- Amplitude $\propto \Lambda^{-5}$.
- $\Lambda \gtrsim 100$ TeV enough to satisfy experimental constraints ($\tau_{n\bar{n}} \gtrsim 10$ yr).
- $n \bar{n}$ oscillation (and conversion) could come from a TeV-scale new physics.

[Phillips et al. (Phys. Rep '16)]



$n - \bar{n}$: Experimental Status





Well-motivated Theory

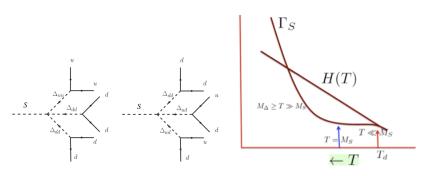
- ullet Connected to B-L breaking and Majorana neutrino mass. [Mohapatra, Marshak (PRL '80)]
- UV-complete embedding in Pati-Salam partial unification with $SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$. [Babu, BD, Mohapatra (PRD '08)]
- Under $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times SU(3)_c$,

$$\Delta(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \overline{\mathbf{10}}) = \Delta_{uu}(\mathbf{1}, -\frac{8}{3}, \mathbf{6}^*) \oplus \Delta_{ud}(\mathbf{1}, -\frac{2}{3}, \mathbf{6}^*) \oplus \Delta_{dd}(\mathbf{1}, +\frac{4}{3}, \mathbf{6}^*)
\oplus \Delta_{ue}(\mathbf{1}, \frac{2}{3}, \mathbf{3}^*) \oplus \Delta_{u\nu}(\mathbf{1}, -\frac{4}{3}, \mathbf{3}^*)
\oplus \Delta_{de}(\mathbf{1}, \frac{8}{3}, \mathbf{3}^*) \oplus \Delta_{d\nu}(\mathbf{1}, \frac{2}{3}, \mathbf{3}^*)
\oplus \Delta_{ee}(\mathbf{1}, 4, \mathbf{1}) \oplus \Delta_{\nue}(\mathbf{1}, 2, \mathbf{1}) \oplus \Delta_{\nu\nu}(\mathbf{1}, 0, \mathbf{1}).$$

$$\Delta_{\nu\nu} = v_{BL} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S + iG^0)$$

A Model of Post-Sphaleron Baryogenesis

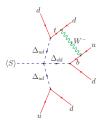
[Babu, Mohapatra, Nasri (PRL '06)]



Conditions for PSB:

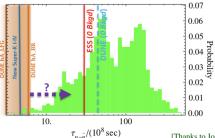
- $\Gamma_{S\to 6q} \leq H(T_{\rm EW})$, and $\Lambda_{\rm QCD} \leq T_d \leq T_{\rm EW}$.
- $S \to 6q$ must be the dominant decay mode (over $S \to Zf\bar{f}, ZZ$) $\Longrightarrow v_{BL} \gtrsim 100$ TeV.
- Vacuum stability restricts v_{BL} from being arbitrarily large: $\lambda v_{BL} \lesssim 2\sqrt{\pi}M_{\Delta}$.
- Not too much dilution: $d \equiv \frac{s_{
 m before}}{s_{
 m after}} \simeq \frac{g_*^{-1/4} 0.6 \sqrt{\Gamma_S M_{
 m Pl}}}{n_S M_S/s(T_d)} \sim \frac{T_d}{M_S} \Longrightarrow M_S \lesssim 17 \ {
 m TeV}.$

Theoretical Upper Limit on $n - \bar{n}$ Oscillation Time



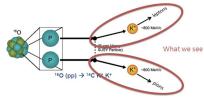
Leads to an *upper limit* on the $n - \bar{n}$ oscillation time.

[Babu, BD, Fortes, Mohapatra (PRD '13); Babu, Chauhan, BD, Mohapatra (work in progress), taking into account new lattice result from Rinaldi, Syritsyn, Wagman, Buchoff, Schroeder, Wasem (PRL '19; PRD '19)]



Dinucleon Decays

- Induced by the same dim-9 operators that give rise to $n \bar{n}$ oscillation.
- Stringent limits from Super-K.



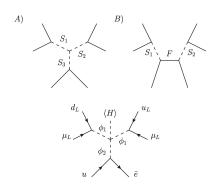
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Decay Mode	$ \Delta(B-L) $	τ/\mathcal{B} (90% $C.L.$)
$pp o K^+K^+$	2	$1.7 \times 10^{32} \ {\rm yrs.^b}$
$pp \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^+$	2	$7.2 \times 10^{31} \ {\rm yrs.^b}$
$np ightarrow e^+ u$	$0(\overline{ u}),2(u)$	$2.6 \times 10^{32} \ { m yrs.^b}$
$np \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$	$0(\overline{ u}),2(u)$	$2.0 \times 10^{32} \text{ yrs.}^{\text{b}}$
$np \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$	$0(\overline{ u}), 2(u)$	$3.0 \times 10^{31} \ {\rm yrs.^b}$
$np ightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$	2	$1.7 \times 10^{32} \text{ yrs.}^{\text{b}}$
$nn \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$	2	$4.0 \times 10^{32} \text{ yrs.}^{\text{b}}$

[Takhistov, 1605.03235]

• In a given model with carefully chosen flavor structure, possible to satisfy the dinucleon bounds, while having observable $n-\bar{n}$, and vice versa. [see e.g. Dev, Mohapatra (PRD '15); Grojean,

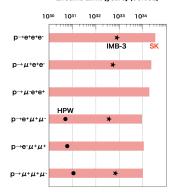
Trilepton Decay Modes

- In models with lepton flavor symmetries.
- Induced by $d \ge 9$ operators.
- Unavoidably induce lepton flavor non-universality.



[Hambye, Heeck, 1712.04871 (PRL '18)]

Lifetime Limit [years] (90%CL)



[Super-K, 2001.08011 (PRD '20)]

Other Exotic Decay Modes

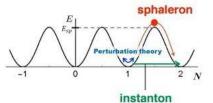




decay mode	$(\tau/B)_{\text{exp. l.bnd.}}$	Ref.	$(\tau/B)_{p\to\ell^+\gamma; \text{est. 1.bnd}}$
$p o e^+ \gamma$	41	[14]	$\sim 10 - 10^2$
$p o \mu^+ \gamma$	24	[14]	$\sim 10 - 10^2$
$p \rightarrow e^+ \gamma \gamma$	1.00	[20]	$\sim 10^{4}$
$p o \mu^+ \gamma \gamma$	NA	NA	$\sim 10^4$
$n ightarrow ar{ u} \gamma$	0.55	[15]	$\sim 1 - 10$
$n ightarrow \bar{\nu} \gamma \gamma$	2.19	[13]	$\sim 10^{3}$
$p \rightarrow e^+e^+e^-$	0.793	[13]	$\sim 10^4$
$p \rightarrow \mu^+ e^+ e^-$	0.529	[13]	$\sim 10^{4}$
$p \rightarrow e^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	0.359	[13]	$\sim 10^{4}$
$p \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$	0.675	[13]	$\sim 10^4$
$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}e^+e^-$	0.257	[13]	$\sim 10^{3}$
$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$	0.079	[13]	$\sim 10^{3}$
$n \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \mu^+ e^-$	0.083	[13]	$\sim 10^{11}$
$p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} e^+ \nu_e$	0.17	[18]	$\sim 10^{12}$
$p ightarrow ar{ u} \mu^+ u_{\mu}$	0.22	[18]	$\sim 10^{12}$
$n ightarrow ar{ u} u ar{ u}$	0.58×10^{-3}	[19]	$\sim 10^{11}$

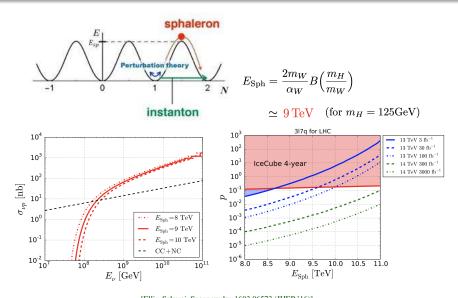
[Girmohanta, Shrock, 1910.08106 (PRD '19)]

Sphalerons at IceCube



$$E_{\mathrm{Sph}} = rac{2m_W}{lpha_W} B\Big(rac{m_H}{m_W}\Big)$$
 $\simeq \, 9 \, \mathrm{TeV} \quad (\mathrm{for} \,\, m_H = 125 \mathrm{GeV})$

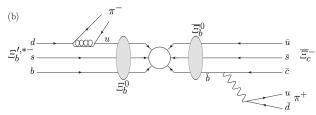
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 $[Ellis,\,Sakurai,\,Spannowsky,\,1603.06573\,(JHEP~'16)]$

Complementary Probes of ₿

ullet Baryon-antibaryon oscillations (e.g. $\Xi_b^0-\overline{\Xi}_b^0)$ at LHCb. [1708.05808 (PRL '17)]



- Direct searches at the LHC (e.g. within RPV SUSY context). [see talk by Osojnak]
- Flavor observables. [see talks by Kuno, Neumeister, de Bruyn, Davidson]
- Gravitational wave signatures. [see talk by Turner]

For a nice review on experimental signatures of GUT-scale physics, see [Croon, Gonzalo, Graf, Košnik, White, 1903.04977 (Front. Phys. '19)]

Connection to Dark Matter

• A simple effective model of B: [Allahverdi, Dutta (PRD '13); BD, Mohapatra (PRD '15)]

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda_{\alpha i} X_{\alpha} \psi u_i^c + \lambda'_{\alpha i j} X_{\alpha}^* d_i^c d_j^c + \frac{1}{2} m_{\psi} \bar{\psi}^c \psi + \text{H.c.}$$

 \bullet ψ is a SM-singlet Majorana fermion and can be a DM candidate if

$$m_p - m_e \le m_\psi \le m_p + m_e.$$

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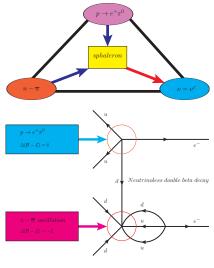
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[Allahverdi, BD, Dutta, 1712.02713 (PLB '18)]

Big Picture: BSM Implications of ₿



[Babu, Mohapatra (PRD '15)]

Observation of **B**/**L** can falsify high-scale baryogenesis/leptogenesis. [see talk by Harz]

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