

High-energy motivation and low-energy signatures of the Inverse Seesaw model (QUARKS-2026)

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Set of new fermionic fields ISS (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})

Field content of Inverse Seesaw (ISS):

- $\nu_{L,\alpha}$, $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$ – ordinary left-handed flavor neutrino
- $N_{R,a}$, $a = \overline{1}, \mathbf{p}$ – right-handed neutrino with only Dirac mass term $\sim M_R$
- $S_{R,b}$, $b = \overline{1}, \mathbf{q}$ – chiral singlets with small Majorana mass term $\sim \mu$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}}^{\text{ISS}} = Y(\bar{l}_L \tilde{\Phi})\nu_R + M_R \overline{\nu_R^c} S_R + \frac{\mu}{2} \bar{S}_R^c S_R + \text{H.c.},$$

where $m_D \sim f_\nu v_{\text{EW}}$, $M_R = f_R \cdot \Lambda(M_R)$, $\mu = f_S \cdot \Lambda(\mu)$

Naturalness condition

$$\|M_R\| \gg \|m_D\| \gg \|\mu\| \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \Lambda(M_R) \gg v_{\text{EW}} \gg \Lambda(\mu)$$

where $\Lambda(M_R)$ - New Physics scale, $\Lambda(\mu)$ - small scale of lepton number soft-breaking

Effective neutrino mass operator m_ν

$$\mathcal{L}_{ISS} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_L, \bar{\nu}_R^c, \bar{S}_R^c) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{O}_{3 \times 3} & m_D \text{ } 3 \times p & \mathbb{O}_{3 \times q} \\ m_D^T \text{ } p \times 3 & \mathbb{O}_{p \times p} & M_R \text{ } p \times q \\ \mathbb{O}_{q \times 3} & M_R^T \text{ } p \times q & \mu \text{ } q \times q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ \nu_R \\ S_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{H.c.}$$

Write mass matrix in **seesaw I-like** form with notation: $\tilde{m}_D \equiv (m_D, \mathbb{O})$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{O}_{3 \times 3} & \tilde{m}_D \text{ } 3 \times (p+q) \\ \tilde{m}_D^T \text{ } (p+q) \times 3 & \mathcal{X}_{(p+q) \times (p+q)} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{O}_{p \times p} & M_R \text{ } p \times q \\ M_R^T \text{ } q \times p & \mu \text{ } q \times q \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_\nu \simeq U_{\text{PMNS}} \begin{pmatrix} m_{\nu_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\nu_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\nu_3} \end{pmatrix} U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger = m_D (M_R \mu^{-1} M_R^T)^{-1} m_D^T \propto \Lambda(\mu) \left(\frac{v_{\text{EW}}}{\Lambda(M_R)} \right)^2$$

Constraints on p and q \rightarrow $2 \leq p \leq q$

- Model ISS (p, q) generates $\min(p, q, 3)$ non-zero active neutrino masses on **tree-level**.

- If $p > q$ then $\det \mathcal{X} = 0$ and \mathcal{X} is **non-invertible**. Numerical results shows that for $p > q$ there is heavy active neutrino with mass $\sim v_{\text{EW}}$ and large mixing.

Pseudo-Dirac heavy neutrino

$$\Psi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ \nu_R \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi' = \mathbf{U}\Psi, \quad (\mathbf{U}^\dagger = \mathbf{U}^{-1}) \leftarrow \text{to phys. states}$$

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U} = \text{diag}(m_{\nu_1}, m_{\nu_2}, m_{\nu_3}, M_1, \dots) \leftarrow \text{Takagi decomp.}$$

$$\nu_i = \nu_{iL} + (\nu_{iL})^c$$

$$N_I = N_{IR} + (N_{IR})^c$$

\leftarrow Majorana

"Almost Dirac" structure of ISS mass matrix \mathbf{M} leads to uniform mixing in pairs of Majorana states $\Psi_{1,2}^{\text{Maj}}$ ($(\Psi_{1,2}^{\text{Maj}})^c = \Psi_{1,2}^{\text{Maj}}$):

$$\Psi_{\pm}^{\text{PD}} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Psi_1^{\text{Maj}} \pm i\Psi_2^{\text{Maj}}), \quad (\Psi_{\pm}^{\text{PD}})^c = \Psi_{\mp}^{\text{PD}} \quad m(\Psi_1^{\text{Maj}}) \approx m(\Psi_2^{\text{Maj}})$$

ISS (p, q) with $p \leq q$:

$$3 \times \nu^{\text{Maj}}$$

$$p \times N^{\text{PD}}$$

$$(p - q) \times N_{\text{light}}^{\text{Maj}}$$

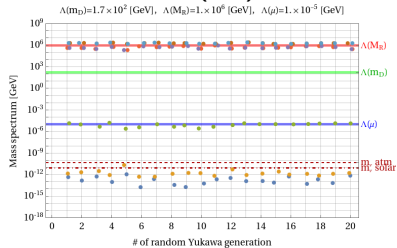
$$m(\nu^{\text{Maj}}) \simeq 0.01 \text{ eV}$$

$$m(N^{\text{PD}}) \simeq \Lambda(M_R)$$

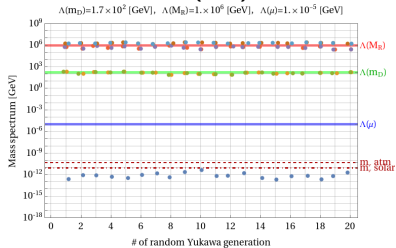
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Neutrino spectrum for various ISS (p, q)

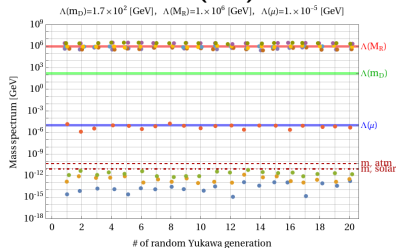
$p < q$
ISS(2,3)



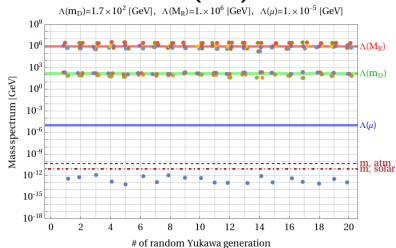
$p > q$
ISS(3,2)



ISS(3,4)



ISS(5,3)



Active-sterile mixing ISS (p, q), $p \leq q$

The mixing between active and sterile states can be encoded into

$$\tilde{\theta} \equiv (\theta_1, \theta_2) = \tilde{m}_D \mathcal{X}^{-1}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{CC} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{l}_\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} \nu_i + \sum_{J=1}^{p+q} (\tilde{\theta} \mathcal{U})^*_{kJ} N_J \right] W^\mu + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{NC} = \frac{g}{2c_w} \left[\dots + \sum_{J=1}^{p+q} (\tilde{\theta} \mathcal{U})^*_{kJ} N_J \right] \gamma_\mu P_L \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i} \nu_i + \dots \right] Z^\mu$$

$$\theta_1 = m_D (M_R \mu^{-1} M_R^T)^{-1} \propto \frac{v_{EW} \Lambda(\mu)}{\Lambda(M_R)^2}, \quad \|m_\nu\| \propto \theta_1 v_{EW}$$

$$\theta_2 = \theta_1 M_R \mu^{-1} \propto \frac{v_{EW}}{\Lambda(M_R)} \gg \theta_1. \quad U_{\text{mix}}^2 \propto |\theta_2|^2$$

The matrix \mathcal{U} is determined by the mass matrix pattern of the sterile sector \mathcal{X} and has nontrivial features with $p \neq q$. For $p = q$ it looks like a block rotation with $\pi/4$ angle.

Grand Unification Theory - source of Left right symmetry

High-energy source of LRSM:

Gauge group of LR-minimal symmetric model \mathcal{G}_{3221} appears in SO(10) GU-model (or E_6 GUT from triangularity $\mathcal{G}_{333} = SU(3)_c \times SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ gauged model).

Notation:

$$\mathcal{G}_{51} = SU(5) \times U(1)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_5 = SU(5)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{PS} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

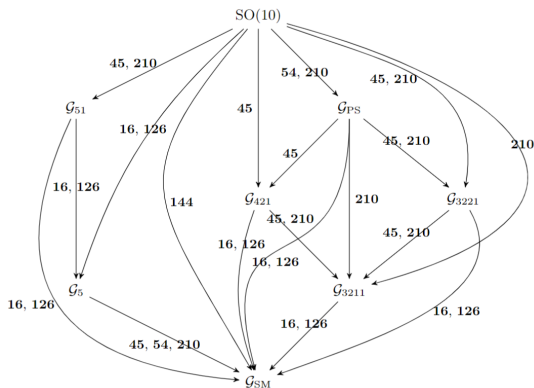
$$\mathcal{G}_{421} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{3221} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{3211} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_I$$

Possible symmetry breaking chains of SO(10) theory to \mathcal{G}_{SM} .

[Fig. from M.Pernow, "Models of SO(10) Grand Unified Theories 2021, Doctoral thesis]



Model (D)LRSM: Field content for ISS(3,4)

LRSM-gauge group: $\mathcal{G}_{LR} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{B-L}$

(D) means using of Higgs Doublets χ_L and χ_R in addition to bi-doublet Φ .

Field	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$SU(2)_R$	$U(1)_{B-L}$
$\chi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_L^+ \\ \delta_L^0 \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	1	2
$\chi_R = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_R^+ \\ \delta_R^0 \end{pmatrix}$	1	1	2	2
$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_1^+ \\ \phi_2^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	2	0
$L_{\alpha L} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha L} \\ l_{\alpha L} \end{pmatrix}$	1	2	1	-1
$L_{\alpha R} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha R} \\ l_{\alpha R} \end{pmatrix}$	1	1	2	-1
$Q_{aL} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{aL} \\ d_{aL} \end{pmatrix}$	3	2	1	$\frac{1}{3}$
$Q_{aR} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{aR} \\ d_{aR} \end{pmatrix}$	3	1	2	$\frac{1}{3}$
$(S_R)_j \quad (S_L)_j \equiv (S_R^c)_j$ $j = \overline{1, 4}$	1	1	1	0

(D)LRSM vacuum and symmetry breaking

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_2 e^{i\epsilon_2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \chi_L \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v_L}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \chi_R \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v_R}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{B-L} \xrightarrow{\langle \chi_R \rangle} SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \xrightarrow{\langle \chi_L \rangle} U(1)_Q$$

Quantum numbers: $T_R^3 + \frac{B-L}{2} = \frac{Y}{2} \quad T_L^3 + \frac{Y}{2} = Q$

Charged gauge bosons $W_\mu - W'_\mu$ mixed with angle ξ

$$\tan |2\xi| = \frac{4\kappa_1\kappa_2}{v_R^2} \quad \sin \xi \simeq \frac{2\kappa_1\kappa_2}{v_R^2}$$

Neutral gauge bosons mixing

$$\tan |2\zeta| \approx \frac{4g_{B-L} (k_1^2 + k_2^2) \cos(2\theta_W)}{gv_R^2 \cos^3 \theta_W \tan(2\theta_W)} \quad \{\text{arXiv:2508.01220 [hep-ph]}\}$$

{Another LRSM version is model with Higgs triplets Δ_L , Δ_R and bi-doublet Φ . For more details you are welcome to Elena Fedotova's talk "Lepton number violating processes ..." (May 19th) }

Yukawa interaction

Neutrino - Bi-doublet & Neutrino - Doublet interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \supset Y \bar{L}_L \Phi L_R + \tilde{Y} \bar{L}_R \tilde{\Phi} L_L + Y_L \bar{L}_L \tilde{\chi}_L S_R + Y_R \bar{L}_R \tilde{\chi}_R S_R^c + \text{H.c.},$$

Soft-breaking term of $\Delta L = 2$ violation:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2} \mu \bar{S}_R^c S_R, \quad \mu \ll v_{\text{EW}} \quad \{\text{See e.g. [Phys. Rev. D 83, 093009]}\}$$

Discrete LR -symmetry $\mathcal{P} : \Phi \leftrightarrow \Phi^\dagger, L_L \leftrightarrow L_R$ leads to

$$Y = Y^\dagger \quad \tilde{Y} = \tilde{Y}^\dagger \quad \mu = \mu^\dagger$$

Mass matrices for neutral and charged leptons

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{masses}} \supset m_D (\bar{\nu}_L \nu_R + \bar{\nu}_R \nu_L) + m_l (\bar{l}_L l_R + \bar{l}_R l_L) + M_R \bar{\nu}_R S_R^c + \frac{1}{2} \mu \bar{S}_R^c S_R$$

$$m_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\tilde{Y} \kappa_1 + Y \kappa_2 \right) \quad m_D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(Y \kappa_1 + \tilde{Y} \kappa_2 \right) \quad M_R = Y_R \frac{v_R}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Benchmark simple scenario

Benchmark

- $v_L = 0$ (δ_L^0 from χ_L is inert scalar field)
- $\kappa_2 = 0 \rightarrow \kappa_1 = \sqrt{\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 + v_L^2} = v_{EW}$
- $g_L = g_R \equiv g$ - so called Manifest LRSM condition

Simplified mass matrix for charged leptons is $m_l = \tilde{Y} \frac{v_{EW}}{\sqrt{2}}$ and for neutrino in basis (ν_L^c, ν_R, S_R) is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y v_{EW} & \begin{matrix} \sim \nu_L \\ \boxed{0} \end{matrix} \\ Y^T v_{EW} & 0 & Y_R v_R \\ \begin{matrix} \boxed{0} \\ \sim \nu_L \end{matrix} & Y_R^T v_R & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

ISS-(D)LRSM scales:

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(M_R) &= v_R \\ \Lambda(\mu) &= \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ keV}) \\ 1 &\leq Y_{\alpha i} < 10^{-6} \\ (Y_R)_{ab} &\simeq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Masses of gauge bosons:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m^2(W) &\simeq \frac{g^2 v_{EW}^2}{4} \\ m^2(W') &\approx \frac{g^2 v_R^2}{4} \end{aligned} \right| \left. \begin{aligned} m^2(Z) &= \frac{m^2(W)}{\cos^2 \theta_W} \\ m^2(Z') &= m^2(W') \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W}{\cos 2\theta_W} - m^2(W) \frac{(\tan(2\theta_W)+4) \tan^2 \theta_W}{2} \end{aligned} \right|$$

Dark matter candidate

From ISS: the new scale $\Lambda(\mu)$ of soft $\Delta L = 2$ violation appearing in the theory generates small neutrino masses at a relatively low scale $\Lambda(M_R) \sim 1 - 100$ TeV and under natural assumptions about the Yukawa coupling $Y \sim 1 - 10^{-3}$.

From LRSM: New heavy vector and Higgs bosons lie in a region potentially accessible to experiments (compared to High energy seesaw type I, which requires a scale $M_R \sim M_{\text{GUT}} \simeq 10^{14}$ GeV).

From cosmology: Warm dark matter with a mass of several keV solves some problems of gravitational structure formation within the Cold Dark Matter paradigm: “Too big to fail”, “Missing Satellites Problem”.

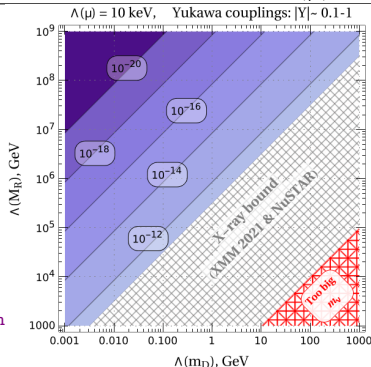
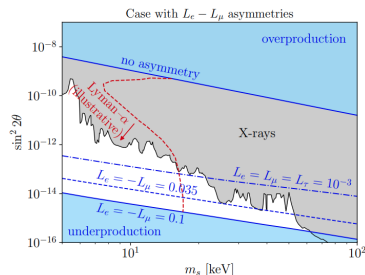
Key idea:

TO IDENTIFY cosmology Warm Dark Matter mass *WITH* $\Delta L = 2$ -violation scale in ISS models $M_{\text{DM}} \simeq \Lambda(\mu) \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ keV})$ and $\Lambda(\mu)$ in LRSM framework.

{See also Abada, Lucente, Nucl. Phys. B 885 (2014) 651 }

X-ray bounds on DM mixing

$$\Gamma_{N_1 \rightarrow 3\nu} = \frac{G_F^2 M_{\text{DM}}^5}{96\pi^3} \mathbf{U}_{\text{DM}}^2, \quad \Gamma_{N \rightarrow \gamma\nu} = \frac{27\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{4\pi} \Gamma_{N_1 \rightarrow 3\nu}, \quad \mathbf{U}_{\text{DM}}^2 \equiv \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} |\mathbf{U}_{\alpha 4}|^2$$



Akita, Hamaguchi, Ovchinnikov 2507.20659 [hep-ph]

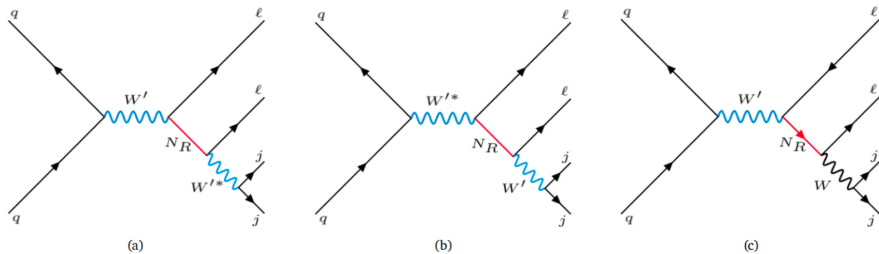
$$\sin^2 2\theta \equiv 4\mathbf{U}_{\text{DM}}^2 \quad m_s \equiv M_{\text{DM}}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{\text{DM}}^2 \approx Y_{\text{DM}}^2 \left(\frac{v_{\text{EW}}}{v_R} \right)^2 \in [10^{-14}, 10^{-11}] \quad m_\nu \approx Y^2 \left(\frac{v_{\text{EW}}}{v_R} \right)^2 \in [10^{-3} \text{ eV}, 10^{-2} \text{ eV}]$$

For $\mu = 10 \text{ keV}$, $v_R = 10 \text{ TeV}$: $10^{-8} < \frac{Y_{\text{DM}}}{Y} < 10^{-2}$, $0.01 < Y < 0.1$

Possible collider signatures [Phys. Rev. D 105, 115007]

{Fig. from [Arun et al. Phys. Rev. D 105, 115007]}



(a)

(b)

(c)

(a): $M_{W'} > M_N$

(b): $M_{W'} < M_N$

(c): $M_{W'} > M_N$

KS-process (Keung-Senjanovic'): {Phys. Rev. D 97, 115018}

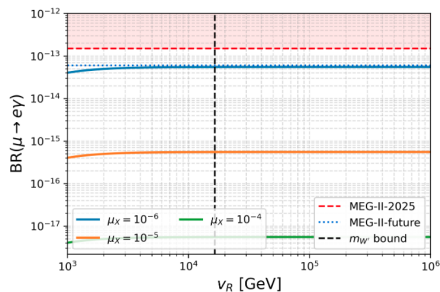
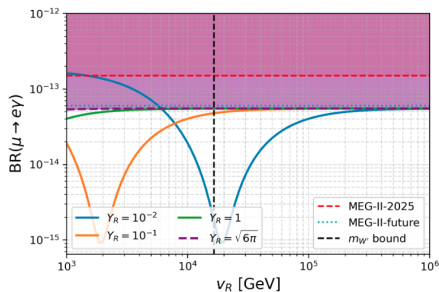
Canonical KS-process is suppressed $\sigma_{\text{same}}/\sigma_{\text{opposite}} \sim \mu/v_R \simeq 10^{-9}$

- (Same sign): $pp \rightarrow W_R(W_R^*) \rightarrow l + N \rightarrow l + l + W_R \rightarrow llqq$
- (Opposite-sign): $pp \rightarrow W_R(W_R^*) \rightarrow l + N' \rightarrow l + \bar{l} + W \rightarrow ll\bar{q}q'$ (Arun et al.)

LFV:

$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 1.5 \times 10^{-13} \quad [\text{MEG-II (2025)}]$$

$$\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 6 \times 10^{-14} \quad [\text{MEG-II future}]$$



{Fig. from arXiv:2508.01220 [hep-ph]}

Conclusions

High-energy motivation:

- Low-scale phenomenology without unnatural small Yukawa interaction and/or extreme fine-tuning;
- Naturalness of small neutrino masses.
- Connection to perspective GUT-models such as $SO(10)$, E_6 .
- Connection of model scale with cosmology warm dark matter mass

Low-energy signatures:

- Heavy Higgs scalars and heavy vector bosons W' and Z' with masses $\propto v_R \simeq 1 - 10$ TeV.
- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ with $\mu \simeq 10$ keV and $v_R = 10$ TeV with $Y_R \sim 1$ is close to projected sensitivity of MEG-II.
- Oposite sign leptons and jet from boosted W : $pp \rightarrow W_R(W_R^*) \rightarrow l \bar{l} q q'$ - inverse seesaw probing
- X-ray DM bounds: if DM is light neutrino N_{light} and $v_R = 10$ TeV, then an additional hierarchy of Yukawa constants is required $Y_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.001$ and $Y = 0.1$ (for dominant Yukawa constants in m_ν).

Thank you for your attention

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BACKUP: Higgs potential

$$\begin{aligned} V(\chi_L, \chi_R, \Phi) = & -\mu_1^2 \text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \mu_2^2 \left(\chi_L^\dagger \chi_L + \chi_R^\dagger \chi_R \right) \\ & + \lambda_1 (\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \lambda_2 \text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \Phi^\dagger \Phi \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_3 \left(\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} + \text{Tr} \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \Phi \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_4 \left(\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} - \text{Tr} \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \Phi \right)^2 \\ & + \lambda_5 \text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_6 \left[\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} \Phi^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} + \text{H.c.} \right] \\ & + \rho_1 \left(\left(\chi_L^\dagger \chi_L \right)^2 + \left(\chi_R^\dagger \chi_R \right)^2 \right) + \rho_2 \chi_L^\dagger \chi_L \chi_R^\dagger \chi_R \\ & + \alpha_1 \text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \left(\chi_L^\dagger \chi_L + \chi_R^\dagger \chi_R \right) + \alpha_2 \left(\chi_L^\dagger \Phi \Phi^\dagger \chi_L + \chi_R^\dagger \Phi \Phi^\dagger \chi_R \right) \\ & + \alpha_3 \left(\chi_L^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \chi_L + \chi_R^\dagger \tilde{\Phi} \tilde{\Phi}^\dagger \chi_R \right) \end{aligned}$$

For details see also: [arXiv:2508.01220 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.01220)