Systematic study of the d = 5 Weinberg operator at one-loop order

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Abstract

We perform a systematic study of the d = 5 Weinberg operator at the one-loop level. We identify three different categories of neutrino mass generation: (1) finite irreducible diagrams; (2) finite extensions of the usual seesaw mechanisms at one-loop and (3) divergent loop realizations of the seesaws. All radiative one-loop neutrino mass models must fall into one of these classes. Case (1) gives the leading contribution to neutrino mass naturally and a classic example of this class is the Zee model. We demonstrate that in order to prevent that a tree level contribution dominates in case (2), Majorana fermions running in the loop and an additional \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry are needed for a genuinely leading one-loop contribution. In the type-II loop extensions, the Yukawa coupling will be generated at one loop, whereas the type-I/III extensions can be interpreted as loop-induced inverse or linear seesaw mechanisms. For the divergent diagrams in category (3), the tree level contribution cannot be avoided and is in fact needed as counter term to absorb the divergence.

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1 Introduction

Neutrino oscillation experiments have firmly established the existence of non-zero neutrino masses. The recent result of the Daya-Bay and Reno experiment give a non-zero value of θ_{13} [1,2] at more than 5 σ C.L., finally fixing the last unknown leptonic mixing angle. This result has attracted a lot of attention, since it opens up the possibility to measure leptonic CP violation in the future. With this data oscillation physics definitely has entered the precision age (for the latest fits of oscillation parameters see *e.g.* Refs. [3,4]).

Neutrino masses are at least six orders of magnitude smaller than the next lightest standard model fermion. If neutrinos are Majorana particles, such a small mass could be understood if there is new physics beyond the electroweak scale. The lowest order operator, which generates Majorana neutrino masses after EWSB, is the unique d = 5 Weinberg operator [5]:

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} c_{\alpha\beta}^{d=5} \left(\overline{L_{L\alpha}^c} \widetilde{H}^* \right) \left(\widetilde{H}^{\dagger} L_{L\beta} \right) + \text{h.c.} , \qquad (1)$$

where $L_L = (\nu_L, \ell_L)^T$ are the usual left-handed lepton doublets of the SM, $H = (H^+, H^0)^T$ is the Higgs doublet, $\tilde{H} = i\sigma_2 H^*$, and $c_{\alpha\beta}^{d=5} \propto 1/\Lambda$ is a model dependent coefficient suppressed by the scale of new physics Λ . Here the Greek indices represent flavor indices. All Majorana neutrino mass models reduce to this operator, or its higher dimensional (d > 5) equivalent [6], once the new physics is integrated out ⁵.

There are only three ways to generate the d = 5 operator at tree level. These are known as type-I [9–12], type-II [13–18], and type-III [19] see-saw mechanisms, with an SU(2) singlet fermion, triplet scalar, and triplet fermion, respectively, as mediator; see also Ref. [20] for a review. These three possibilities are shown in Fig. 1.



Figure 1: The three generic realizations of the seesaw mechanism, depending on the nature of the heavy field exchanged: SM singlet fermion N (1_0^F) (type I seesaw) on the left, SM triplet scalars Δ (3_{-2}^S) (type II seesaw) in the middle, and SM triplet fermion Σ (3_0^F) (type III seesaw) on the right.

In the tree level seesaws, the neutrino mass scale is roughly given by $m_{\nu} = \langle H^0 \rangle^2 / \Lambda$, where $\langle H^0 \rangle$ is the vacuum expectation value (vev) of the Higgs, as one can easily read off from Eq. (1). For $\mathcal{O}(1)$ couplings, Λ points to the scale of a grand unified theory (GUT), where the gauge couplings

 $^{^{5}}$ Note that current observational data, with a hint for the Higgs at 125 GeV [7,8], is perfectly consistent with this picture.

are supposedly unifying. Therefore, in these standard seesaws, the corresponding new physics scale will be impossible to test at the LHC. In turn, models with a new physics scale naturally linked to physics at the LHC need to have additional suppression mechanisms for neutrino mass, where the best studied ones are:

- 1. The neutrino mass is generated radiatively. The additional suppression is guaranteed by a combination of loop integrals [21–35] and EW-scale masses entering the diagrams.
- 2. The neutrino mass is generated at tree level, where additional suppression enters through a small lepton number violating (LNV) contribution (*e.g.*, in inverse or linear see-saw scenarios, or R parity-violating SUSY models, *etc.* [36–52]).
- 3. The neutrino mass is forbidden or suppressed at d = 5, but appears from effective operators of higher dimension [6, 53-64].

Neutrino mass generated from an n-loop dimension d diagram is estimated as

$$m_{\nu} \propto \frac{\langle H^0 \rangle^2}{\Lambda} \times \left(\frac{1}{16\pi^2}\right)^n \times \epsilon \times \left(\frac{\langle H^0 \rangle}{\Lambda}\right)^{d-5},$$
 (2)

where ϵ expresses symbolically the suppression of the lepton number violation (suppression mechanism 2). Of course, combinations of these mechanisms can be used. For example, in Ref. [6] one possibility was discussed where neutrino masses are generated by a d = 7 operator at the two-loop level while small LNV couplings may lead to additional suppression, *i.e.*, all of the above mechanisms are at work. Therefore, studying one possibility systematically also provides important clues on models with combined suppression mechanisms.

In this work, we focus on the complete list of possibilities at one loop of the neutrino mass operator in Eq. (1) (disregarding self-energy diagrams), where we consider scalars and fermions as mediators. That is, we assume neutrino mass suppression mechanism (1), but we will recover case (2) in some cases. Note that vector-mediated cases require that the vector should be a gauge boson under a new symmetry, and the mass should be given by the spontaneous breaking of the symmetry. This means that the scalar sector of the model needs to be discussed as well; see Ref. [65] for a recent example. Some of the possibilities found here have been studied previously in the literature, such as in Ref. [25], but no complete systematic study has been performed yet.

In Sec. 2, we list all possible one-loop topologies that can lead to neutrino masses, and we discuss the relationship to the existing literature. Then in Sec. 3, we study the conditions for a class of finite contributions to neutrino mass, which can be interpreted as seesaw extensions. Finally, we conclude in Sec. 4. Detailed lists of the possible mediator fields for all topologies are provided in the Appendix A.

2 Systematic one-loop decomposition

We follow the techniques introduced in Refs. [66, 67] to find all possible one-loop decompositions of neutrino mass. We therefore start with the key topologies listed in Fig. 2, where we have discarded



Figure 2: Topologies of one-loop diagrams with four external legs.

self-energy-like diagrams. The topologies were found using Feynarts [68]. We asked for 4 external legs topologies with no self-energy insertions, containing only 3-legs or 4-legs vertices. At this stage the Lorentz nature (spinor or scalar) of each line was not specified. Since we are looking for an operator with two lepton doublets and two Higgs doublets, one can immediately discard topology T2 from dimensional arguments, and therefore we are left with five different topologies.

For each topology, there are several choices for the assignment of the two lepton doublets and the two Higgs doublets to the four external legs, leading to different types of fields running in the loop: scalars or fermions. The different possibilities are listed in Fig. 3. The corresponding neutrino masses obtained after EWSB and the possible different hypercharge assignments are listed in Appendix A. Note that we classify the new fields by their SM gauge charges using $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathcal{L}}$, where

- X denotes the SU(2) nature, *i.e.*, singlet 1, doublet 2 or triplet 3,
- \mathcal{L} refers to the Lorentz nature, *i.e.*, scalar (S) or fermion (F),
- $Y \equiv 2(Q I_3)$ refers to the hypercharge.

Since the lepton doublets and Higgs doublets are neutral under $SU(3)_C$, we don't introduce here any color indices and charges. However, each new field introduced can have a non-zero color charge. Since the outside of all diagrams contains only Higgs and lepton fields, which are color neutral, color indices on the internal lines can only appear in combinations such as $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{\overline{3}}$, $\mathbf{6} + \mathbf{\overline{6}}$, $\mathbf{8} + \mathbf{8}$ etc. Thus, as soon as one fixes the color index of one of the internal fields, all other fields are automatically (and trivially) fixed. We therefore do not list all possible combinations of color (For models with colored mediator, see *e.g.*, Ref. [26, 27]). In terms of the above defined notation, the mediators in Fig. 1 can



Figure 3: Possible Lorentz structures for topologies T1 to T6. Dashed lines represent scalars, while solid lines represent fermions. Divergent diagrams are marked as such.



Figure 4: Type I/III (left) and type II (center and right) seesaw realizations via one loop vertices.

be written as 1_0^F , 3_{-2}^S , and 3_0^F , whereas the SM Higgs and lepton doublets can be written as 2_{+1}^S and 2_{-1}^F , respectively. On the other hand, not every 2_{+1}^S can be interpreted as a Higgs doublet, since the participation in EWSB depends on the scalar potential, which we do not study in this work, *i.e.*, having the right SM quantum numbers is just a necessary condition.

The results from Fig. 3 and the tables in the Appendix can be summarized as follows. T1 and T4 can be realized with different Lorentz structures, while the Lorentz nature of topologies T3, T5, and T6 is unique. Topologies T1 and T3 are irreducible (box "other mechanisms" in the figure), *i.e.*, they cannot be separated by cutting one propagator. In particular, diagrams T1-ii (Zee model [21]⁶), T1-iii, and T3 have been explicitly discussed in Ref. [25]. Diagram T1-i has been discussed in the context of the supersymmetric version of the dark doublet model [31, 69]. Since these have been extensively studied in the literature (although not all possible versions, see the Appendix), we will not discuss them in greater detail. However, we note that mediators that are also present in one of the tree level seesaws in Fig. 1 appear in some cases, see Tables 2 and 3 in the Appendix for details. In these cases, it is easy to show that charging the matter fields under a simple \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry is enough to forbid the couplings leading to tree level neutrino masses. Therefore, for each set of mediators, the one loop contribution can be made the leading contribution to neutrino mass over the tree level one.

Topologies T4, T5, and T6 can be interpreted as extensions of the usual seesaw mechanisms at one loop, where we mark the extensions of the type I/III and type II seesaws by the boxes in Fig. 3. These extensions are illustrated in Fig. 4, where one of the vertices is generated at one loop. For the type I/III seesaw (left panel), there is only one type of vertex and therefore only one possibility to modify these seesaws. For the type II seesaw, the vertex with the external scalars (middle panel) or fermions (right panel) can be modified. In fact, in T4-1, T5, and T6, the vertex with the external scalars in generated at one loop, whereas in T4-2 the vertex with the fermions is generated at one loop.

It turns out that the corresponding T4, T5, and T6 diagrams can be divided into two categories: the diagrams that lead to a finite contribution to neutrino masses and the one that present a divergence, where we mark the divergent ones in Fig. 3. For T4, we list the finite ones (T4-1-ii, T4-2-i, T4-3-i) in Table 5 and the divergent ones (T4-1-i, T4-2-ii, T4-3-ii) in Table 4. T5 and T6 turn out

⁶Zee model includes two Higgs doublets.

to be divergent, as shown in the Appendix, see Table 3. We will discuss the finite possibilities as seesaw extensions at one loop in Sec. 3.

But what about the divergent ones? There have to be counter-terms to absorb such divergences in order to obtain finite neutrino masses. In all these cases, the counter-terms are actually the treelevel realizations of the d = 5 operator. In order to illustrate that, consider the diagram T4-1-i. We introduce the following Lagrangian, which is written with component fields:

$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{T4-1-i}} = \begin{bmatrix} y_L(\overline{\psi'}\mathcal{P}_L\psi\Delta^0) + Y_L(\overline{\psi}\mathcal{P}_L\Psi H^0) + Y'_R(\overline{\Psi}\mathcal{P}_R\psi' H^0) + Y_\Delta\overline{\nu_L^C}\nu_L\Delta^{0*} + \mathrm{H.c.} \end{bmatrix} \\ + M_{\psi}\overline{\psi}\psi + M'_{\psi'}\overline{\psi'}\psi' + \mathcal{M}_{\Psi}\overline{\Psi}\Psi + m_{\Delta}^2\Delta^{0*}\Delta^0.$$
(3)

This Lagrangian can be understood as the components of the following SM gauge invariant realization,

$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{T4-1-i}} \subset \left[y_L(\overline{\psi'}^i(\tau^a)_i{}^j \mathcal{P}_L \psi_j \Delta^a) + Y_L(\overline{\psi}^i \mathcal{P}_L \Psi H_i) + Y'_R(\overline{\Psi} \mathcal{P}_R \psi'_i(\mathrm{i}\tau^2)^{ij} H_j) + Y_\Delta \overline{L^C}_i(\mathrm{i}\tau^2\tau^a)^{ij} L_j \Delta^{\dagger a} + \mathrm{H.c.} \right] \\ + M_{\psi} \overline{\psi}^i \psi_i + M'_{\psi'} \overline{\psi'}^i \psi'_i + \mathcal{M}_{\Psi} \overline{\Psi} \Psi + m^2_\Delta \Delta^{\dagger a} \Delta^a, \tag{4}$$

where ψ and ψ' are given as $SU(2)_L$ doublet fields, and Ψ is a singlet field. The scalar field Δ^a has the same charges of the SM gauge symmetries as the triplet scalar field that appears in the type II seesaw model. The indices *i* and *j* indicate $SU(2)_L$ fundamental representation (i, j = 1, 2), and *a* is for the adjoint representation (a = 1, 2, 3). There are other realizations than that shown in Eq. (4). All the possibilities are listed in Table 4.

As shown in Table 4, one finds that the neutrino mass is divergent. We performed the computation in dimensional regularization therefore the $1/\epsilon$ pole corresponds to a logarithmic divergence in the momentum integral. This divergence can however be absorbed by the tree level counter-terms coming from the regular tree level type II seesaw. Together with the couplings of the leptons doublets to the scalar triplet Δ (see Fig. 1) they lead to

$$m_{\nu_{\rm tree}} = -4Y_{\Delta}\mu_{\Delta}\frac{\langle H^0 \rangle^2}{M_{\Delta}^2},\tag{5}$$

in a classical type II Seesaw. In our case, we can use this tree level counter term to cancel the divergences arising in the one-loop computation. Using a usual renormalization procedure, imposing that the denominator of the neutrino propagator be zero at the physical mass $m_{\nu_{\rm phys}}$

$$\left[p^2 - (m_{\nu_{\rm tree}} + m_{\nu_{\rm loop}})^2\right]\Big|_{p^2 = m_{\nu_{\rm phys}}^2} = 0, \tag{6}$$

and writing $m_{\nu_{\text{tree}}} = m_{\nu_{\text{phys}}} + \delta m_{\nu_{\text{CT}}}$, we obtain $\delta m_{\nu_{\text{CT}}} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\nu_{\text{loop}}}$.

It is easy to see that the renormalization of the neutrino mass corresponds actually to the vertex renormalization of μ_{Δ} . Therefore, the divergent diagrams do not present new possibilities to generate neutrino mass per se, and can be regarded as corrections to the tree level seesaws. This is consistent with the fact that one cannot forbid the tree level contribution in these cases with just a discrete symmetry, as we will demonstrate for the finite cases in the next section.⁷

⁷We note in passing that a neutrino mass model along these lines of argument, but based on diagram T4-1-ii, has recently been proposed in [70].

3 Loop extensions of the seesaws

3.1 Conditions for a genuine one-loop seesaw

Here we discuss the class of diagrams yielding finite contributions to neutrino mass. They can be regarded as extensions of the tree level seesaws in Fig. 1, where one vertex in the tree level diagram is generated via a loop. Diagrams T4-1-ii and T4-2-i are linked to the type II seesaw, while diagram T4-3-i is linked to the type I and type III seesaws, as indicated by the boxes in Fig. 3.

The most important question is: if we want to have the loop diagram as leading contribution to neutrino mass, can we genuinely forbid the tree level contribution to the d = 5 operator, such as by a U(1) or discrete symmetry? As we discussed earlier, this is always possible for topologies T1 and T3. To be more explicit, the conditions for the matter field charges to forbid the tree level diagram can be read off from Fig. 1:

Type I seesaw:
$$q_L + q_H - q_N \neq 0$$
, (7)

Type II seesaw:
$$2q_L - q_\Delta \neq 0$$
 or $2q_H + q_\Delta \neq 0$, (8)

Type III seesaw:
$$q_L + q_H - q_\Sigma \neq 0,$$
 (9)

where q_X is a charge of field X under the new symmetry. Using notation of Table 5 (in the Appendix) we can write the conditions for the interactions under a new extra symmetry for the finite diagrams of T4 as:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
2q_{L} - q_{\Delta} = 0 \\
\mathbf{T4-1-ii}: & q_{\Delta} - q_{\phi} + q_{\phi'} = 0 \\
q_{H} + q_{\Phi} - q_{\phi'} = 0 \\
q_{H} + q_{\phi} - q_{\Phi} = 0
\end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 2q_{H} + q_{\Delta} = 0 \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
2q_{H} + q_{\Delta} = 0 \\
\mathbf{T4-2-i}: & -q_{\Delta} - q_{\phi} + q_{\phi'} = 0 \\
q_{L} + q_{\psi} - q_{\phi'} = 0 \\
q_{L} + q_{\phi} - q_{\psi} = 0
\end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 2q_{L} - q_{\Delta} = 0 \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbf{T4-3-i}: \begin{array}{c} q_L + q_H - q_{\Psi} = 0 & (\Psi \sim \mathbf{1}_0^S \text{ or } \mathbf{3}_0^S) \\ q_{\Psi} + q_{\psi} - q_{\phi} = 0 \\ q_H + q_{\phi} - q_{\phi'} = 0 \\ q_L + q_{\phi'} - q_{\psi} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow q_L + q_H - q_{\Psi} = 0 \tag{12}$$

It is clear that these conditions are in contradictions with Eqs. (7), (8), and (9). As a consequence, the finite loop diagrams of T4 will come with a tree level contribution, which will be generically leading.

For example, consider the case T4-3-i. Comparing the contribution from this diagram to the type I ($\Psi = N$) or type III ($\Psi = \Sigma$) tree level seesaw, one has to compare (*cf.*, Fig. 1)

$$Y_{\nu} \frac{1}{M_{\Psi}} Y_{\nu}^T \tag{13}$$



Figure 5: Illustration of T4-2-i with a Majorana fermion inside the loop, leading to a type I or type III seesaw if the scalar doublet can obtain a vev.

to (cf., Table 5)

$$-\mu_{\phi} \begin{bmatrix} (Y_{\nu}^{T})_{\gamma}^{\alpha} (M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma} (y')^{\gamma a} M_{a}(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})_{a}^{\alpha} M_{a}(y'^{T})^{a\gamma} (M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma} (Y_{\nu})_{\gamma}^{\beta} \end{bmatrix} I_{3}(m_{\phi}^{2}, m_{\phi'}^{2}, M_{a}^{2}), \qquad (14)$$

which is tantamount as comparing Y_{ν} to $yy'M_{\psi}I_3$. As a matter of fact all the loop contributions considered in this part are proportional to the function I_3 times a product of several couplings (see Appendix A). A quick evaluation of this function shows that if the masses of the new fields are above 100 GeV, $|I_3| \leq 0.1/(\text{TeV}^2)$ and becomes rapidly very small: $|I_3(\sim 1 \text{ TeV}, \sim 1 \text{ TeV}, \sim 1 \text{ TeV})| \leq$ $0.001/(\text{TeV}^2)$. As a consequence, except from unnatural suppression of the couplings involved in the corresponding tree diagram, the tree-level contribution will always be dominant.

However, there is a way to forbid the tree level diagrams, which was adopted in the dark doublet model [31]: one can promote the fermions inside the loop to be Majorana fermions and assume that all couplings are lepton number conserving. This way one allows the lepton number to be broken only by Majorana masses and not by any couplings. For example, one can generate T4-2-i by imposing the fermion ψ to run in the loop to be a Majorana fermion, see Fig. 5 for an illustration. If one assumes that all couplings conserve lepton number, the tree level coupling ΔLL does not exist and the loop contribution becomes the leading order (which does not contain lepton number violating couplings). This option reduces the number of fields and hypercharge assignment to only two possibilities: $\psi \sim 1_0^F$ or 3_0^F . However, as can be seen from Fig. 5 this leads automatically to the tree level realization of the type I or type III seesaw if the new scalar ϕ develops a vev. Imposing a \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry $q_{\psi} = q_{\phi} = 1$, $q_{others} = 0$ prevents this, and makes the loop diagram the leading order for neutrino mass. Note that this case can be interpreted as generalized type II seesaw, where the lepton number violating coupling is generated by a loop diagram.

A similar approach can be used for diagram T4-3-i, see Fig. 6. Here ψ within the loop is promoted to a Majorana fermion when possible (here there is more than one possibility, see Table 5), whereas Ψ is to be a Dirac 4-spinor Ψ (Ψ'_L , Ψ_R). In this case, the couplings are assumed to be lepton number conserving as well, and the tree level type I or type III seesaw contribution is forbidden. Then one needs again an extra \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry to prevent ϕ and ϕ' from getting a vev to avoid any other tree level diagram, see Fig. 6.

Finally, for the case T4-1-ii, only scalars are present in the loop, which means that the above



Figure 6: Illustration of T4-3-i with a Majorana fermion inside the loop, leading to a d = 7 operator if the scalars can obtain a vev.

mechanism cannot be used to prevent the tree level contribution.

As a conclusion, requiring Majorana fermions in the loop (only few possibilities of the one listed in Appendix A), lepton number conserving couplings, and an extra discrete symmetry to forbid extra scalars to develop a vev are the essential ingredients to have a genuine one loop seesaw mechanism for topology 4.

3.2 Relationship to linear and inverse seesaw

Although the tree-level seesaw allows one to generate small neutrino masses, its tree-level realization suffers from not having sizable signatures at low-energy (via lepton flavour violation (LFV) processes) or high-energy (via the production of the seesaw mediators at the LHC). If the neutrino mass in the type I or type III seesaw is

$$m_{\nu} = -Y_{\nu}^{T} \frac{\langle H^{0} \rangle^{2}}{M} Y_{\nu} \,, \tag{15}$$

where M is the mass of the fermionic singlet (type I) or triplet (type III), the LFV processes generated by the presence of these mediators are driven by the quantity [20]

$$Y_{\nu}^{\dagger} \frac{\langle H^0 \rangle^2}{M^2} Y_{\nu} \,. \tag{16}$$

Since neutrino masses are constrained to be very small, Eq. (15) implies that, barring unusual cancellations, that either M is very high or Y_{ν} is very small. If M is very high, the mediator cannot be produced at the LHC. If Y_{ν} is very small, the mediator is not detectable at the LHC, and LFV processes are expected to be small as well.

One way to escape this is to use the fact that neutrino masses violate lepton number, while LFV processes do not (see Ref. [20] for a review in the effective operator framework). This new mechanism is often called inverse seesaw [38] or linear seesaw [51,52]. In the inverse seesaw, two singlet fermions⁸

⁸Note that one can do the same for the type III seesaw by having to different triplets.

(2-spinors) N_1 and N_2 are proposed. If lepton number is conserved, one has

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\nu & N_1^C & N_2 \\
\hline
\overline{\nu^C} & \left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & Y_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle & 0 \\
\overline{N_1} & V_\nu^T \langle H^0 \rangle & 0 & M \\
0 & M^T & 0 \end{array}\right),
\end{array}$$
(17)

which obviously does not lead to neutrino masses. Then, one can turn on either a small Majorana mass μ for N_2 (inverse seesaw) or a small lepton number violating coupling ϵ (linear seesaw), or both,

$$\frac{\nu}{N_1^C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle & \epsilon Y'_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle \\ \frac{V_1}{N_2^C} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle & \epsilon Y'_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle \\ Y_\nu^T \langle H^0 \rangle & 0 & M \\ \epsilon Y''_\nu \langle H^0 \rangle & M^T & \mu \end{pmatrix},$$
(18)

to generate a small Majorana mass for the light neutrinos:

$$m_{\nu} = \epsilon \left(Y_{\nu}^{T} \frac{\langle H^{0} \rangle^{2}}{M} Y_{\nu} + Y_{\nu}^{T} \frac{\langle H^{0} \rangle^{2}}{M} Y_{\nu}^{\prime} \right) - Y_{\nu}^{T} \frac{\mu \langle H^{0} \rangle^{2}}{M^{2}} Y_{\nu} \,. \tag{19}$$

Since lepton number is accidentally conserved in the Standard Model, it may be natural that any lepton number violating parameter is small because it is protected by the symmetry. As a consequence, the masses of the mediators might at the TeV scale, while the Yukawa couplings should be sufficiently large. Since the combination driving the LFV processes remains the same as in Eq. (16), it can be also large. This mechanism is also naturally implemented in the type II seesaw, where the coupling μ_{Δ} between triplet scalar and Higgses usually plays the role of the lepton number violation in order to have large LFV processes, driven by the other coupling $Y_{\Delta}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{M^2} Y_{\Delta}$. Therefore, the mass of the heavy fields can still be at the TeV scale.

In all theses models, the smallness of the lepton number violating couplings suggests that lepton number is a protected by a symmetry. However, one can seek other natural explanation for such small couplings, which can be the loop generation in the discussed models. Indeed, from Fig. 7, the loops in the different diagrams lead to effective realizations of the lepton number violating couplings, where lepton number is violated by the presence of Majorana masses in the loop and the smallness is explained by both heavy masses and loop factor. The linear seesaw can be generated from the type I one loop seesaw, see middle column. Since both Yukawas enter neutrino mass, see Eq. (19), but LFV may depend on the unsuppressed coupling, see Eq. (16), it can be large. As an interesting difference compared to the usual type II seesaw, see left column, the Yukawa coupling must be loop suppressed which enters LFV, *i.e.*, large LFV cannot be expected in this case. Finally, we point out that a loop generation of μ would involve a self-energy diagram, see right panel, that we do not consider in this paper (see *e.g.*, Ref. [71]).



Figure 7: Example of genuine one loop seesaws (lower row) and their equivalents (upper row): type II one loop seesaw leading to type II seesaw with suppressed Yukawa coupling (left), type I one loop seesaw leading to linear seesaw (middle), and type I on loop seesaw leading to inverse seesaw (right).

4 Summary and conclusions

Because the neutrinos are much lighter than the other fermions in the Standard Model, they are believed to communicate with a higher energy scale which causes this suppression. Whereas this energy scale is the GUT scale for the usual seesaw mechanisms, additional suppression mechanisms, such as small lepton number violating couplings, radiative generation of neutrino mass, or neutrino mass from a higher than d = 5 operator, may lower this energy scale. The most interesting case may be an energy scale as low as the TeV scale, which may be testable at the LHC. While many possibilities to obtain such a low scale have been pointed out in the literature, we have systematically studied the radiative generation of neutrino mass from scalars and fermions at the one loop order, and we have compared our results to the literature. We have listed the relevant new, fields and their interactions that are necessary to generate this operator at one loop systematically, and we have computed for each model the contribution to neutrino masses.

Our observations can be summarized as follows, referring to the topologies in Fig. 2:

	Topology	Conditions	Large LFV	Fields at TeV
Irreducible mechanisms	T1-i	\mathbb{Z}_2 if tree-level mediators	×	\checkmark
	T1-ii	\mathbb{Z}_2 if tree-level mediators	×	\checkmark
	T1-iii	\mathbb{Z}_2 if tree-level mediators	×	\checkmark
	Τ3	\mathbb{Z}_2 if tree-level mediators	×	\checkmark
	Т4 2 і	\mathbb{Z}_2 , Majorana fermions in loop,	~	
One loop seesaws	14-2-1	LN conserving couplings	^	v
	Т4 3 і	\mathbb{Z}_2 , Majorana fermions in loop,	\checkmark	
	14-0-1	LN conserving couplings		v

Table 1: Summary of the topologies leading to leading order loop neutrino masses, and their potential phenomenology.

- Topologies 1 and 3 lead to finite neutrino masses, with quite a number of possibilities for the field within the loops. A famous example for this category is the Zee model. In some cases, couplings leading to a tree level contribution to neutrino mass are involved, which, however, can be easily forbidden by (at least) a discrete \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry. This category is probably the best studied one in the literature.
- Topologies 5 and 6 and some of the possibilities of topology 4 lead to divergent one loop contributions to neutrino mass. These possibilities do not constitute new possibilities themselves, since they just correspond to vertex corrections to the tree level seesaws – which cannot be forbidden in these cases. Topology 2 does not lead to neutrino masses at all.
- A class of three finite diagrams of topology 4 has been identified. While there are many possibilities for field insertions in general, the tree level seesaws cannot be genuinely circumvented as leading contribution to neutrino mass by a discrete symmetry. However, we have demonstrated that in very few cases promoting a fermion in the loop to a Majorana fermion and assuming lepton number conserving couplings, the tree level seesaw are not allowed. These cases have been identifed as extensions of the type II seesaw, for which the Yukawa couplings are generated by a loop, and of the type I or III seesaw, which has turned out to be similar to a linear seesaw. In these cases, internal scalar fields have to be prevented from taking a vev, which can easily achieved by discrete symmetry.

Our results are summarized in Table 1. It is noteworthy that in the one loop type II seesaw, large LFV processes are suppressed compared to the usual type II seesaw.

We conclude that we have studied all possible one-loop realizations of the dimension-5 Weinberg operator. While some of the possibilities generating neutrino mass at one loop have been well studied in the literature, there is at least one more category which deserves further attention. In particular, it can be interpreted as natural extension of the tree level seesaws, and it can be possibly promoted to higher loop orders.

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A Possible field assignments and neutrino mass

In this appendix, we show the possible field and hypercharge α (α : integer) assignments corresponding to each diagram, as well as the expression for the neutrino they generate after EWSB.

Diagram	$m_ u/\langle H angle^2$	Fields
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\mu\mu' \left[\begin{array}{c} (Y^{T})^{\alpha a} M_a(y)^{\beta}_a \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_a M_a(Y)^{a\beta} \end{array} \right] I_4(M_a^2, m_{\phi}^2, m_{\phi'}^2, m_{\varphi}^2)$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \mu \begin{bmatrix} (y'^{T})_{a'}^{\alpha} M'_{a'}(Y_L)_{a'}^{a} M_a(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})_{a}^{\alpha} M_a(Y_L^{T})_{a'}^{a} M'_{a'}(y')_{\beta}^{\alpha'} \end{bmatrix} I_4(M'^2_{a'}, M^2_a, m^2_{\phi'}, m^2_{\phi}) $ $ + \mu \begin{bmatrix} (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'}(Y_R)_{a'}^{a}(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})_{a}^{\alpha}(Y_R^{T})_{a'}^{a'}(y')^{\alpha'\beta} \end{bmatrix} J_4(M'^2_{a'}, M^2_a, m^2_{\phi'}, m^2_{\phi}) $	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{bmatrix} (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'} M_{a'}'(Y_L')_{a'}^{A} \mathcal{M}_A(Y_L)_{a}^{a} M_a(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a} M_a(Y_L^{T})^{a}_{A} \mathcal{M}_A(Y_L'^{T})^{A}_{a'} M_{a'}'(y')^{a'\alpha} \end{bmatrix} I_4(M_{a'}'^2, M_a^2, \mathcal{M}_A^2, m_{\phi}^2) \\ + \begin{bmatrix} (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'} M_{a'}'(Y_L')_{a'}^{A} (Y_R)^{a}_{A}(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a} (Y_R^{T})^{A}_{A} (Y_L'^{T})^{A}_{a'} M_{a'}'(y')^{a'\beta} \\ + (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'} (Y_R')_{a'}^{A} (Y_L)^{a}_{A} M_a(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a} M_a(Y_L^{T})^{A}_{A} (Y_R'^{T})^{A}_{a'}(y')^{a'\beta} \\ + (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'} (Y_R')^{A}_{A'} \mathcal{M}_A(Y_R)^{A}_{A}(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a} (Y_R^{T})^{A}_{A} \mathcal{M}_A(Y_R'^{T})^{A}_{a'}(y')^{a'\beta} \end{bmatrix} J_4(M_{a'}'^2, M_a^2, \mathcal{M}_A^2, m_{\phi}^2)$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $

Table 2: Diagrams, neutrino masses, and possible fields for the T1 topology. In order to simplify the notation we used M_a for M_{ψ_a} , $M'_{a'}$ for $M_{\psi'_{a'}}$ and \mathcal{M}_A for M_{Ψ_A} .

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Diagram	$m_{ u}/\langle H \rangle^2$	Fields	
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-\lambda \left[\begin{array}{c} (Y^{T})^{\alpha a} M_a(y)_a{}^\beta \\ +(y^{T})^{\alpha}{}_a M_a(Y)^{a\beta} \end{array} \right] I_3(M_a^2, m_{\phi'}^2, m_{\phi}^2)$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\frac{\lambda\mu Y_{\Delta}}{M_{\Delta}^2} I_2(M_{\eta}^2, M_{\eta'}^2)$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
$ \begin{array}{c} $	$\frac{\lambda\mu Y_{\Delta}}{M_{\Delta}^2} I_2(M_{\eta}^2, M_{\eta'}^2)$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	

Table 3: Diagrams, neutrino masses, and possible fields for the topologies T3, T5, T6. In order to simplify the notation we used M_a for M_{ψ_a} .

Diagram	$m_ u/\langle H angle^2$	Fields
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$4\frac{Y_{\Delta}^{\alpha\beta}}{m_{\Delta}^{2}}\left\{\begin{array}{c}M_{a}M_{a'}^{\prime}\mathcal{M}_{A}\left((y_{L})_{a'}^{a}(Y_{L})_{a}^{A}(Y_{L}^{\prime})_{A}^{a'}+L\leftrightarrow R\right)I_{3}(M_{a}^{2},M_{a'}^{\prime2},\mathcal{M}_{A}^{2})\\+\left[\begin{array}{c}M_{a}\left((y_{L})_{a'}^{a}(Y_{L})_{a}^{A}(Y_{L}^{\prime})_{A}^{a'}+L\leftrightarrow R\right)\\+M_{a'}^{\prime}\left((y_{L})_{a'}^{a}(Y_{R})_{a}^{A}(Y_{L}^{\prime})_{A}^{a'}+L\leftrightarrow R\right)\\+\mathcal{M}_{A}\left((y_{L})_{a'}^{a}(Y_{R})_{a}^{A}(Y_{R}^{\prime})_{A}^{a'}+L\leftrightarrow R\right)\end{array}\right]J_{3}(M_{a}^{2},M_{a'}^{\prime2},\mathcal{M}_{A}^{2})\right\}$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-\frac{\mu_{\Delta}}{m_{\Delta}^{2}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{c} (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'} M'_{a'}(Y_{L})^{a}_{a'} M_{a}(y)^{\beta}_{a} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a} M_{a}(Y_{L}^{T})^{a}_{a'} M'_{a'}(y')^{a'\beta} \end{array} \right] I_{3}(M'^{2}_{a'}, M^{2}_{a}, m^{2}_{\phi}) \\ + \left[\begin{array}{c} (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'}(Y_{R})^{a}_{a'}(y)^{\beta}_{a} \\ + (y^{T})^{\alpha}_{a}(Y_{R}^{T})^{a}_{a'}(y')^{a'\beta} \end{array} \right] J_{3}(M'^{2}_{a'}, M^{2}_{a}, m^{2}_{\phi}) \end{array} \right\}$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-\begin{bmatrix} (Y_{\nu}^{T})_{\gamma}^{\alpha}(M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma}(y^{T})_{a}^{\gamma}(Y_{L}^{T})_{a'}^{a}(y')^{a'\beta} \\ + (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'}M_{a'}'(Y_{L})_{a'}^{a}(y)_{a}^{\gamma}(M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma}(Y_{\nu})_{\gamma}^{\beta} \end{bmatrix} M_{a}M_{a'}'I_{3}(m_{\phi^{2}}; M_{a}^{2}; M'_{a'}^{2}) \\ -\begin{bmatrix} (Y_{\nu}^{T})_{\gamma}^{\alpha}(M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma}(y^{T})_{a}^{\gamma}(Y_{R}^{T})_{a'}^{a}(y')^{a'\beta} \\ + (y'^{T})^{\alpha a'}M_{a'}'(Y_{R})_{a'}^{a}(y)_{a}^{\gamma}(M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma}(Y_{\nu})_{\gamma}^{\beta} \end{bmatrix} J_{3}(m_{\phi^{2}}; M_{a}^{2}; M'_{a'}^{2})$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c } \hline \Psi & \psi & \phi & \psi' \\ \hline 1_0^F & 1_\alpha^F & 1_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 1_0^F & 2_\alpha^F & 2_\alpha^S & 1_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 1_0^F & 2_\alpha^F & 2_\alpha^S & 3_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 1_0^F & 3_\alpha^F & 3_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 1_0^F & 3_\alpha^F & 3_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 1_\alpha^F & 3_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 2_\alpha^F & 2_\alpha^S & 1_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 2_\alpha^F & 2_\alpha^S & 3_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 3_\alpha^F & 1_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 3_\alpha^F & 3_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline 3_0^F & 3_\alpha^F & 3_\alpha^S & 2_{1+\alpha}^F \\ \hline \end{array}$

Table 4: Diagrams, neutrino masses, and possible fields for the for the divergent diagrams of topology T4. In order to simplify the notation we used M_a for M_{ψ_a} , $M'_{a'}$ for $M_{\psi'_{a'}}$ and \mathcal{M}_A for M_{Ψ_A} .

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Diagram	$m_ u/\langle H angle^2$	Fields
$\begin{array}{c} H & & \mu_{\Phi} & \Phi & \mu'_{\Phi} & H \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & &$	$-4\frac{Y_{\Delta}^{\alpha\beta}}{m_{\Delta}^{2}}\mu_{\phi}\mu_{\Phi}\mu_{\Phi}^{\prime}I_{3}(m_{\phi}^{2},m_{\phi^{\prime}}^{2},m_{\Phi}^{2})$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-\frac{\mu_{\Delta}}{m_{\Delta}^{2}}\mu_{\phi}(y'^{T})^{\alpha a}M_{a}(y)_{a}^{\beta}I_{3}(m_{\phi}^{2},m_{\phi'}^{2},M_{a}^{2})$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$-\mu_{\phi} \begin{bmatrix} (Y_{\nu}^{T})_{\gamma}^{\alpha} (M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma} (y')^{\gamma a} M_{a}(y)_{a}^{\beta} \\ + (y^{T})_{a}^{\alpha} M_{a}(y'^{T})^{a\gamma} (M_{\Psi}^{-1})^{\gamma} (Y_{\nu})_{\gamma}^{\beta} \end{bmatrix} I_{3}(m_{\phi}^{2}, m_{\phi'}^{2}, M_{a}^{2})$	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $

Table 5: Diagrams, neutrino masses, and possible fields for the finite diagrams of topology T4. In order to simplify the notation we used M_a for M_{ψ_a} .

The functions I_n and J_n used in Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 are defined as:

$$I_{2}(M_{A}^{2}, M_{B}^{2}) \equiv \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}\mathrm{i}} \frac{1}{(k^{2} - M_{A}^{2})(k^{2} - M_{B}^{2})} \\ = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2}} \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma_{E} + 1 + \ln(4\pi) - \frac{M_{A}^{2}\ln(M_{A}^{2})}{M_{A}^{2} - M_{B}^{2}} + \frac{M_{B}^{2}\ln(M_{B}^{2})}{M_{A}^{2} - M_{B}^{2}} \right],$$
(20)

$$I_{3}(M_{A}^{2}, M_{B}^{2}, M_{C}^{2}) \equiv \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}\mathrm{i}} \frac{1}{(k^{2} - M_{A}^{2})(k^{2} - M_{B}^{2})(k^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} \\ = -\frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2}} \left[\frac{M_{A}^{2}\ln\frac{M_{C}^{2}}{M_{A}^{2}}}{(M_{A}^{2} - M_{B}^{2})(M_{A}^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} + \frac{M_{B}^{2}\ln\frac{M_{C}^{2}}{M_{B}^{2}}}{(M_{B}^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} \right], \quad (21)$$

$$I_4(M_A^2, M_B^2, M_C^2, M_D^2) \equiv \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^d k}{(2\pi)^{d_{\mathrm{i}}}} \frac{1}{(k^2 - M_A^2)(k^2 - M_B^2)(k^2 - M_C^2)(k^2 - M_D^2)} \\ = -\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[\frac{M_A^2 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_A^2}}{(M_A^2 - M_B^2)(M_A^2 - M_C^2)(M_A^2 - M_D^2)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_B^2 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_B^2}}{(M_B^2 - M_A^2)(M_B^2 - M_C^2)(M_B^2 - M_D^2)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_C^2 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_C^2}}{(M_C^2 - M_A^2)(M_C^2 - M_B^2)(M_C^2 - M_D^2)} \right],$$
(22)

$$J_{3}(M_{A}^{2}, M_{B}^{2}, M_{C}^{2}) \equiv \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{d}k}{(2\pi)^{d}\mathrm{i}} \frac{k^{2}}{(k^{2} - M_{A}^{2})(k^{2} - M_{B}^{2})(k^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} \\ = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2}} \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma_{E} + 1 + \ln(4\pi) - \ln M_{C}^{2} + \frac{M_{A}^{4}\ln\frac{M_{C}^{2}}{M_{A}^{2}}}{(M_{A}^{2} - M_{B}^{2})(M_{A}^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} + \frac{M_{B}^{4}\ln\frac{M_{C}^{2}}{M_{B}^{2}}}{(M_{B}^{2} - M_{A}^{2})(M_{B}^{2} - M_{C}^{2})} \right],$$
(23)

$$J_4(M_A^2, M_B^2, M_C^2, M_D^2) \equiv \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^d k}{(2\pi)^{d_1}} \frac{k^2}{(k^2 - M_A^2)(k^2 - M_B^2)(k^2 - M_C^2)(k^2 - M_D^2)} \\ = -\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[\frac{M_A^4 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_A^2}}{(M_A^2 - M_B^2)(M_A^2 - M_C^2)(M_A^2 - M_D^2)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_B^4 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_B^2}}{(M_B^2 - M_A^2)(M_B^2 - M_C^2)(M_B^2 - M_D^2)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_C^4 \ln \frac{M_D^2}{M_C^2}}{(M_C^2 - M_A^2)(M_C^2 - M_B^2)(M_C^2 - M_D^2)} \right].$$
(24)

Note that the functions I_2 and J_3 imply divergent contributions, whereas the other functions corre-

spond to finite contributions.

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