



# A two-loop induced neutrino mass model, dark matter, and LFV processes $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$ , and $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ in a hidden local $U(1)$ symmetry

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## Abstract

We discuss a model based on a hidden  $U(1)_X$  gauge symmetry in which neutrino mass is induced at two-loop level by effects of interactions among particles in hidden sector and the Standard Model leptons. Since neutrino mass is suppressed by two-loop, its associate Yukawa couplings can be sizable and it would affect lepton flavor phenomenology. We analyze neutrino mass matrix, lepton flavor violating processes, electron/muon  $g - 2$  and dark matter annihilation cross section which are induced via interactions among Standard Model leptons and particles in  $U(1)_X$  hidden sector, and their interactions can be sizable in our scenario. Performing numerical analysis, we show expected ratios for these processes using allowed parameters which can fit the neutrino data and satisfy flavor constraints.

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## 1. Introduction

There are some issues requiring physics beyond the standard model (SM) such as a mechanism of generating non-zero neutrino masses and existence of dark matter (DM). One of the most attractive scenarios connecting these issues is a radiative neutrino mass generation in which neutrino mass is realized at loop level [1]. In such a case a diagram of neutrino mass generation is often induced by particles in hidden sector including DM candidate. For describing a hidden sector, an introduction of hidden  $U(1)$  symmetry is one of the most attractive possibilities to forbid tree level neutrino mass and stabilize DM candidate [2–20].

In a radiative neutrino mass generation model, tiny neutrino mass can be realized naturally due to loop suppression factor and we would have sizable Yukawa interactions between hidden particles and SM leptons. In particular, Yukawa couplings tend to be larger when neutrino masses are generated at higher loop like two-loop level. Interestingly, when these couplings are sizable we can have rich flavor phenomenology such as lepton flavor violating (LFV) processes  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$ ,  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_l$  and  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ . In addition we could obtain sizable anomalous dipole magnetic moment of electron and muon (electron/muon  $g - 2$ ).

In this paper, we construct a model with hidden sector based on a local  $U(1)_X$  symmetry in which neutrino mass is generated at two-loop level. The motivation of our paper is to introduce the local  $U(1)_X$  symmetry that can be the origin of  $Z_2$  symmetry.<sup>1</sup> Then, the  $Z_2$  symmetry is arisen from a remnant symmetry after the spontaneous symmetry breaking of this  $U(1)$  symmetry. As a result, we realize two-loop neutrino mass generation and stability of a DM candidate. For a DM candidate, we consider  $U(1)_X$  charge scalar singlet which can couple to the SM lepton and extra charged lepton. Such a DM interaction can contribute to muon/electron anomalous magnetic moment (muon/electron  $g - 2$ ) which has deviation from the SM prediction [30–32] It is thus interesting to investigate consistency among electron/muon  $g - 2$ , relic density of DM and LFV. Furthermore, we could have a rich phenomenology via  $Z'$  since its mass can be arbitrary due to the scale of hidden symmetry is also free. Instead of discussing this topic, we refer to some papers [6,16,17,21,22]. Note that neutrino masses are suppressed by two-loop factor and their Yukawa couplings for neutrino mass generation can be sizable. We analyze neutrino mass matrix, LFV processes, electron/muon  $g - 2$  and DM annihilation cross section which are induced via interactions among SM leptons and particles in  $U(1)_X$  hidden sector. Carrying out numerical analysis we search for allowed parameter region and estimate expected ratios for various LFV processes and electron/muon  $g - 2$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. 2, we show our model and analyze neutrino mass generation mechanism at two-loop level, LFVs and electron/muon  $g - 2$ . In Sec. 3, we perform numerical analysis searching for allowed parameter sets and estimate ratios of LFV processes, electron/muon  $g - 2$  and DM annihilation cross section with these parameters. In Sec. 4, we give summary of our results and conclusion.

## 2. Model

In this section, we extend the SM into a hidden  $U(1)_X$  gauged symmetry. At first, we introduce three families of singly-charged exotic fermions  $E$  with  $U(1)_X$  charge of  $Q_X$ . Then, we introduce an isospin inert doublet boson  $\eta = (\eta^+, \eta^0)^T$  with  $-Q_X$  charge, an isospin singlet

<sup>1</sup> There is a model with adhoc  $Z_2$  symmetry [23], in which two-loop neutrino model has minimally been constructed.

Table 1

Charge assignments to fields in the model under  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X$  where we omitted quark sector since it is the same as the SM one.

	$L_L$	$e_R$	$E$	$H$	$\eta$	$s^+$	$k^{++}$	$\varphi$	$\chi$
$SU(2)_L$	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
$U(1)_Y$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	0	0
$U(1)_X$	0	0	$Q_X$	0	$-Q_X$	$-Q_X$	$-2Q_X$	$2Q_X$	$Q_X$

singly-charged one  $s^+$ , an isospin singlet doubly-charged one  $k^{++}$ , an isospin singlet neutral one  $\varphi$  and another isospin singlet scalar  $\chi$  each of which has  $-Q_X$ ,  $-2Q_X$ ,  $2Q_X$  and  $Q_X$  hidden charges.  $\varphi$  has nonzero vacuum expectation value (VEV) which is denoted by  $v'/\sqrt{2}$ , where the SM Higgs is symbolized by  $H$  whose VEV is written by  $v/\sqrt{2}$ . The SM singlet scalar  $\varphi$  breaks the hidden  $U(1)$  gauge symmetry spontaneously by developing its VEV. Notice that  $U(1)_X$  breaks into  $Z_2$  symmetry in which  $E$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\chi$  are odd and the other fields are even; this remaining symmetry guarantees the stability of our dark matter candidate which is chosen to be  $\chi$  in our scenario. The charge assignments of our fields is summarized in Table 1 where quark sector is abbreviated, since they are the same as the SM charge assignment. Under the symmetries in a renormalized theory, the relevant Lagrangian is given by

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}} = M_E \bar{E}_L E_R + \text{h.c.}, \quad (1)$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_\ell = y_\ell \bar{L}_L H e_R + f \bar{L}_L \eta E_R + g_R k^{++} \bar{E}_R^C E_R + g_L k^{++} \bar{E}_L^C E_L + h \bar{E}_L e_R \chi + \text{h.c.}, \quad (2)$$

where we neglect the indices of families, and  $y_\ell$  is supposed to be a diagonal matrix without loss of generality due to the redefinitions of the fermions. The scalar potential is also given by

$$\begin{aligned} V = & \mu_H^2 H^\dagger H + \mu_\eta^2 \eta^\dagger \eta + \mu_s^2 |s^+|^2 + \mu_k^2 |k^{++}|^2 + \mu_\varphi^2 |\varphi|^2 \quad (3) \\ & + \mu [(H^T i\sigma_2 \eta) s^- + \text{h.c.}] + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{kss} [k^{++} s^- s^- + \text{h.c.}] + \lambda_\chi (H^\dagger \eta \chi^* \varphi + \text{h.c.}) \\ & + \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + \lambda_\eta (\eta^\dagger \eta)^2 + \lambda_s (s^+ s^-)^2 + \lambda_k (k^{++} k^{--})^2 + \lambda_\varphi (\varphi^* \varphi)^2 \\ & + \lambda_{H\eta} (H^\dagger H) (\eta^\dagger \eta) + \lambda'_{H\eta} (H^\dagger \eta) (\eta^\dagger H) + \lambda_{Hs} (H^\dagger H) (s^+ s^-) \\ & + \lambda_{Hk} (H^\dagger H) (k^{++} k^{--}) + \lambda_{H\varphi} (H^\dagger H) (\varphi^* \varphi) + \lambda_{\eta s} |\eta|^2 |s^+|^2 + \lambda_{\eta k} |\eta|^2 |k^{++}|^2 \\ & + \lambda_{\eta\varphi} |\eta|^2 |\varphi|^2 + \lambda_{sk} |s^+|^2 |k^{++}|^2 + \lambda_{s\varphi} |s^+|^2 |\varphi|^2 + \lambda_{k\varphi} |k^{++}|^2 |\varphi|^2 \\ & + \lambda_{s\chi} |s^+| |\chi|^2 + \lambda_{k\chi} |k^{++}| |\chi|^2 + \lambda_{H\chi} |H|^2 |\chi|^2 + \lambda_{\varphi\chi} |\varphi|^2 |\chi|^2 \\ & + \mu_\chi \phi (\chi^2 \varphi^* + \text{h.c.}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_2$  is the second Pauli matrix and we assume all couplings are real.

### 2.1. Masses of extra bosons

Here we discuss masses of extra scalar and gauge bosons. The mass term for  $(\eta^+, s^+)^T$  is obtained from the potential such as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta^+ \\ s^+ \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_\eta^2 & -\frac{\mu v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{\mu v}{\sqrt{2}} & m_s^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta^- \\ s^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad m_\eta^2 \equiv \mu_\eta^2 + \frac{\lambda_{H\eta}}{2} v^2, \quad m_s^2 \equiv \mu_s^2 + \frac{\lambda_{Hs}}{2} v^2. \quad (4)$$

Thus  $\eta^\pm$  and  $s^\pm$  mix and mass eigenstates of singly charged-bosons are given by

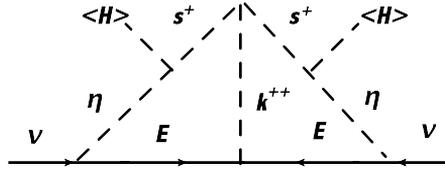


Fig. 1. One-loop diagrams generating neutrino mass.

$$\begin{pmatrix} s^\pm \\ \eta^\pm \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H_1^\pm \\ H_2^\pm \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tan 2\alpha = \frac{-\sqrt{2}\mu v}{m_\eta^2 - m_s^2}, \tag{5}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the mixing angle that is taken to be free parameter in our numerical analysis. Mass eigenvalues are also given by

$$\begin{aligned} m_{H_1^\pm} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( m_s^2 + m_\eta^2 - \sqrt{(m_s^2 - m_\eta^2)^2 + 2v^2\mu^2} \right), \\ m_{H_2^\pm} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( m_s^2 + m_\eta^2 + \sqrt{(m_s^2 - m_\eta^2)^2 + 2v^2\mu^2} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where  $m_{H_1^\pm} < m_{H_2^\pm}$  in our notation.

Note that we have a mixing between neutral component of  $\eta$  and  $\chi$  through  $H^\dagger \eta \chi^* \varphi$  term. Here we write  $\chi = \cos \theta_s H_1 - \sin \theta_s H_2$ , and  $\eta^0 = \sin \theta_s H_1 + \cos \theta_s H_2$ ;  $H_{1,2}$  being the mass eigenstates and  $m_{H_{1,2}}$  are their mass eigenvalues, respectively. In our numerical analysis, we take  $\sin \theta_s$  as free parameter and assume it is small as  $\sin \theta_s < 0.01$  for simplicity.

In addition,  $Z_2$  even neutral scalar bosons from  $H$  and  $\varphi$  can mix since both fields develop VEVs. In our analysis, such a mixing is taken to be small by assuming  $\lambda_{H\varphi}$  to be tiny and  $H$  is considered to be the SM-like Higgs.

After spontaneous symmetry breaking, we obtain massive  $Z'$  boson whose mass is given by  $m_{Z'} = 2Q_X g_X v'$ ;  $g_X$  is  $U(1)_X$  gauge coupling. In this paper we take  $Z'$  mass is heavier than TeV scale and do not consider in our discussion of phenomenology.

### 2.2. Neutrino mass generation

In our model, neutrino masses are generated via two-loop diagram shown in Fig. 1. Here we write the Yukawa interactions for neutrino mass generation in mass basis such that

$$\begin{aligned} L \supset & f_{ia} \bar{\nu}_{Li} E_{R_a} (s_\alpha H_1^+ + c_\alpha H_2^+) + g_{ab} \bar{E}_a E_b^c \\ & + \frac{1}{2} k^{++} (c_\alpha^2 H_1^- H_1^- + s_\alpha^2 H_2^- H_2^- - 2s_\alpha c_\alpha H_1^- H_2^-) + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where we simplify  $g \equiv g_L = g_R$ . We then obtain neutrino mass matrix by calculating the diagram as

$$(m_\nu)_{ij} = \sum_{a,b=1}^3 f_{ia} R_{ab} f_{bj}^T, \quad R_{ab} \equiv R_{ab}^{(I)} + R_{ab}^{(II)}, \tag{8}$$

$$R_{ab}^{(I)} = 2 \frac{\mu_{kss} s_\alpha^2 c_\alpha^2 g_{ab}}{(4\pi)^4} \int \frac{[dx]_3}{y-1} \int [dx']_3 \left( \ln \left[ \frac{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_1}}{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2}} \right] + \ln \left[ \frac{\Delta_{ab}^{H_2 H_2}}{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2}} \right] \right), \tag{9}$$

$$R_{ab}^{(II)} = - \frac{\mu_{kss} s_\alpha^2 c_\alpha^2 M_{E_a} g_{ab} M_{E_b}}{(4\pi)^4}$$

$$\times \int \frac{[dx]_3}{y(y-1)} \int [dx']_3 \left( \frac{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2} - \Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_1}}{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_1} \Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2}} + \frac{\Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2} - \Delta_{ab}^{H_2 H_2}}{\Delta_{ab}^{H_2 H_2} \Delta_{ab}^{H_1 H_2}} \right), \quad (10)$$

$$\Delta_{ab}^{H_i H_j} = -x' \frac{x M_{E_a}^2 + y m_k^2 + z m_{H_i}^2}{y(y-1)} + y' M_{E_b}^2 + z' m_{H_j}^2, \quad (11)$$

and the neutrino mass matrix is diagonalized by a unitary matrix  $V_{MNS}$  as  $D_\nu = V_{MNS}^T m_\nu V_{MNS}$ . Notice here that we have two types of contributions to the neutrino mass matrix  $R^{(I)}$  and  $R^{(II)}$ , since the vector fermions  $E$  run in the neutrino loop.  $R^{(I)}$  comes from the kinetic term of  $E$  in the left side of Fig. 1, while  $R^{(II)}$  originates from the mass term of  $E$  in the right side of Fig. 1. The topology of the Zee-Babu model corresponds to  $R^{(II)}$ . Since  $R$  is a symmetric matrix with three by three, Cholesky decomposition can be done as  $R = T^T T$ , where  $T$  is an upper-right triangle matrix.  $T$  is uniquely determined by  $R$  except their signs, where we fix all the components of  $T$  to be positive signs.<sup>2</sup> Then, the Yukawa coupling  $f$  is rewritten in terms of the other parameters as follows [25]:

$$f = V_{MNS}^* D_\nu^{1/2} \mathcal{O} (T^T)^{-1}, \quad (12)$$

where  $\mathcal{O}$  is three by three orthogonal matrix with an arbitrary complex parameters. Then Yukawa couplings  $f_{ia}$  can have sizable values and significantly affect lepton flavor physics.

### 2.3. $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$ and muon/electron $g - 2$

The relevant interaction to induce  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  LFV process is obtained from second term of Eq. (2) as

$$f_{ia} \bar{L}_i \eta E_{R_a} + h \bar{E}_L e_R \chi + h.c. \supset f_{ia} \bar{\ell}_i E_{R_a} \eta^0 + h \bar{E}_L e_R \chi + h.c. \quad (13)$$

Note that  $\eta^0 - \chi$  mixing effect would provide significant contribution even if the mixing angle  $\theta_s$  is small. The diagram for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  (lepton  $g - 2$ ) including such a mixing is enhanced by mass of extra charged lepton  $M_E$  due to chiral flip inside a loop. Thus we include the mixing effect for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  and muon/electron  $g - 2$ . Considering one loop diagrams, we obtain the BRs such that [26]

$$\text{BR}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma) \approx \frac{48\pi^3 \alpha_{em} C_{ij}}{G_F^2} \left( |(a_L)_{ij}|^2 + |(a_R)_{ij}|^2 \right), \quad (14)$$

where  $C_{21} = 1$ ,  $C_{31} = 0.1784$ ,  $C_{32} = 0.1736$ , which represent branching ratios of  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \bar{\nu}_j \nu_i$ ,  $\alpha_{em}(m_Z) = 1/128.9$ , and  $G_F$  is the Fermi constant  $G_F = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ , and we assume to be  $m_\eta \simeq m_{H_2}$  in evading oblique parameters. The amplitudes are given by

$$(a_L)_{ij} = \frac{-1}{2(4\pi)^2} \sum_a \left[ \frac{m_{\ell_j}}{m_{\ell_i}} f_{ja} f_{ia}^* F(m_\eta, M_{E_a}) + h_{ja}^\dagger h_{ia}^T F(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) - \sin \theta_s \frac{M_{E_a}}{m_{\ell_i}} h_{ja}^\dagger f_{ai}^\dagger (F'(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) - F'(m_\eta, M_{E_a})) \right], \quad (15)$$

$$(a_R)_{ij} = \frac{-1}{2(4\pi)^2} \sum_a \left[ f_{ja} f_{ia}^* F(m_\eta, M_{E_a}) + \frac{m_{\ell_j}}{m_{\ell_i}} h_{ja}^\dagger h_{ia}^T F(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) \right]$$

<sup>2</sup> To see more concrete form of  $T$ , see ref. [24] for example.

$$-\sin\theta_s \frac{M_{E_a}}{m_{\ell_i}} f_{ja} h_{ai} (F'(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) - F'(m_\eta, M_{E_a}))], \quad (16)$$

$$F(m_a, m_b) \approx \frac{2m_a^6 + 3m_a^4 m_b^2 - 6m_a^2 m_b^4 + m_b^6 + 12m_a^4 m_b^2 \ln\left(\frac{m_b}{m_a}\right)}{12(m_a^2 - m_b^2)^4}, \quad (17)$$

$$F'(m_a, m_b) \approx \frac{3m_a^4 - 4m_a^2 m_b^2 + m_b^4 + 4m_a^4 \ln\left(\frac{m_a}{m_b}\right)}{(m_b^2 - m_a^2)^3}, \quad (18)$$

where we have taken  $\cos\theta_s \simeq 1$ ,  $m_{H_1} \simeq m_\chi$  and  $m_{H_2} \simeq m_\eta$  assuming  $\theta_s \ll 1$ . The current experimental upper bounds are given by [27–29]

$$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-13}, \quad \text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) \lesssim 3.3 \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) \lesssim 4.4 \times 10^{-8}, \quad (19)$$

where we impose these constraints in our numerical calculation.

In addition, we obtain contribution to muon  $g - 2$ ,  $\Delta a_\mu$ , through the same amplitude taking  $\ell_i = \ell_j = \mu$  that approximately gives

$$\Delta a_\mu \simeq -m_\mu^2 [(a_L)_{22} + (a_R)_{22}], \quad (20)$$

where  $m_\mu$  is the muon mass. There is a discrepancy between the experimental results and the SM predictions at  $3.3\sigma$  level, and its deviation is given by  $\Delta a_\mu = (26.1 \pm 8.0) \times 10^{-10}$  [30,31]. In our numerical analysis, we also estimate the value.

Here, we consider the same contribution to explain the  $\Delta a_e$  so that this process does not affect to the other LFVs. This anomaly is recently reported by an experiment that suggests  $\Delta a_e = -(8.8 \pm 3.6) \times 10^{-13}$  [32]. The point is opposite sign to the muon anomalous magnetic moment. Then, this contribution is given by

$$\Delta a_e = -m_e^2 [(a_L)_{11} + (a_R)_{11}]. \quad (21)$$

Notice that the sign of  $\Delta a_e$  can be different from that of  $\Delta a_\mu$  due to scalar mixing term.

#### 2.4. Branching ratio of $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_l$

The LFV three body charged lepton decay processes are induced by box-diagram as shown in Fig. 2. Calculating the one-loop diagram, we obtain BR for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_l$  process such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BR}(\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_l) \simeq & \frac{m_{\ell_i}^5 N_F}{6144\pi^3 (4\pi)^4 \Gamma_{\ell_i}} \left( \left| f_{ja} f_{ai}^\dagger f_{kb} f_{bl}^\dagger G(m_\eta, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \right|^2 \right. \\ & + \left| h_{ja}^\dagger h_{ai} h_{kb}^\dagger h_{bl} G(m_\chi, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \right|^2 \\ & \left. + \left| 2f_{ka} M_{E_a} h_{ai} h_{jb}^\dagger M_{E_b} f_{bl}^\dagger H(m_\eta, m_\chi, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \right|^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$G(m_\eta, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) = \int_0^1 \frac{\delta(x+y+z-1)x}{xm_\eta^2 + yM_{E_a}^2 + zM_{E_b}^2} dx dy dz, \quad (23)$$

$$H(m_\eta, m_\chi, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) = \int_0^1 \frac{\delta(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\delta-1)}{(\alpha m_\chi^2 + \beta m_\chi^2 + \gamma M_{E_a}^2 + \delta M_{E_b}^2)^2} d\alpha d\beta d\gamma d\delta, \quad (24)$$

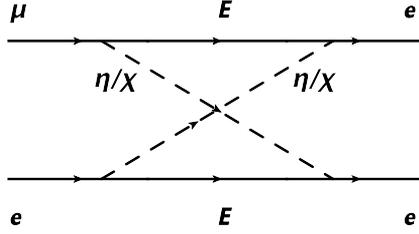


Fig. 2. The box diagram inducing  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_i$  decay and effective Lagrangian for  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$  process.

where  $a, b$  are summed over  $1 - 3$ ,  $\Gamma_{\ell_i}$  is the total decay width of  $\ell_i$ ,  $N_F = 2$  for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_j \bar{\ell}_j$  or  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_k \ell_k \bar{\ell}_j$  and  $N_F = 1$  for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_k$  [33].<sup>3</sup> In this case we ignored  $\eta^0$ - $\chi$  mixing effect assuming  $\theta_s \ll 1$ , since we do not have enhancement factor in contrast to  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  case. In our numerical analysis, we impose current experimental constraints [34,35]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 BR(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ e^+ e^-) &\lesssim 1.0 \times 10^{-12}, & BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow e^\pm e^\mp e^\mp) &\lesssim 2.7 \times 10^{-8}, \\
 BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow e^\pm e^\mp \mu^\mp) &\lesssim 1.8 \times 10^{-8}, & BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp \mu^\mp) &\lesssim 1.7 \times 10^{-8} \\
 BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp e^\mp) &\lesssim 1.5 \times 10^{-8}, & BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow \mu^\pm e^\mp \mu^\mp) &\lesssim 2.7 \times 10^{-8} \\
 BR(\tau^\mp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\mp \mu^\mp) &\lesssim 2.1 \times 10^{-8}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

### 2.5. $\mu e \rightarrow ee$

In our model  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$  process in a muonic atom [36] is also induced by Eq. (13). We then obtain relevant effective interactions from the same diagram inducing  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  and the box-diagram shown in Fig. 2 such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} m_\mu (A_R \bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_R \mu + A_L \bar{e} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} P_L \mu) F_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [g_3 (\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_R \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_R e) \\
 & + g_4 (\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_L e) + g_5 (\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_R \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_L e) \\
 & + g_6 (\bar{e} \gamma^\alpha P_L \mu) (\bar{e} \gamma_\alpha P_R e)] + h.c.,
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where the coefficients in our model are derived as

$$A_R \simeq \frac{e}{16\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4G_F} \sum_a \left( f_{1a} f_{2a}^* F(m_\eta, M_{E_a}) + \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} h_{1a}^\dagger h_{2a}^T F(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) \right), \tag{27}$$

$$A_L \simeq \frac{e}{16\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4G_F} \sum_a \left( \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} f_{1a} f_{2a}^* F(m_\eta, M_{E_a}) + h_{1a}^\dagger h_{2a}^T F(m_\chi, M_{E_a}) \right), \tag{28}$$

$$g_3 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{128\pi^2 G_F} \sum_{a,b} (h_{1a}^\dagger h_{2a}^T) (h_{1b}^\dagger h_{1b}^T) G(m_\chi, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \tag{29}$$

$$g_4 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{128\pi^2 G_F} \sum_{a,b} (f_{1a} f_{2a}^*) (f_{1b} f_{1b}^*) G(m_\eta, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \tag{30}$$

<sup>3</sup> In cases where  $j = k$  and  $j = k = \ell$ , we have two contributions that correspond to  $N_F = 2$ . Otherwise, there is one contribution that corresponds to  $N_F = 1$ .

$$g_5 = g_6 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{128\pi^2 G_F} \sum_{a,b} \left[ (f_{1a} M_{E_a} h_{a2})(h_{1b}^\dagger M_{E_b} f_{b1}^\dagger) + (f_{1a} M_{E_a} h_{a1})(h_{1b}^\dagger M_{E_b} f_{b2}^\dagger) \right] \times H(m_\eta, m_\chi, M_{E_a}, M_{E_b}) \quad (31)$$

By fixing  $A_{L,R}$  and  $g_i$  ( $i = 3 - 6$ ) values, we can determine the width of  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ . The ratio of the width to the total decay width of muonic atom, denoted by  $R_{\mu e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-}$ , is given by

$$R_{\mu e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-} = \frac{\tilde{\tau}_\mu G_F^2}{\pi^3} \int_{m_e}^{m_\mu - B_\mu^{1s} - B_e^{1s}} dE_1 |p_1| |p_2| \times \sum_{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, J} (2J + 1) (2j_{\kappa_1} + 1) (2j_{\kappa_2} + 1) \left| A_L W_L + A_R W_R + \sum_{i=3}^6 g_i W_i \right|^2, \quad (32)$$

where  $\tilde{\tau}_\mu$  indicates the lifetime of a muonic atom [37]. Here  $B_\ell^{1s}$  ( $\ell = \mu, e$ ) is the binding energy of the initial lepton  $\ell$  in a  $1s$  state. For simplicity of the calculation, we consider only bound electrons in  $1s$  states because of the small contribution from other bound electrons.  $E_n$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) is the energy of  $n$ -th emitted electron, which satisfies the energy conservation  $E_1 + E_2 = m_\mu + m_e - B_\mu^{1s} - B_e^{1s}$ .  $J$  is the total angular momentum of the lepton system, and  $\kappa_n$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) is a nonzero integer which designates both the total and orbital angular momentum of the  $n$ -th electron,  $j_\kappa$  and  $l_\kappa$ . The expressions of  $W_i$ s ( $i = L, R, 3 - 6$ ) are given in Refs. [38,39].

When we use a nucleus with a large atomic number, we get a larger transition rate of  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$  [36,38,39]. To obtain a sizable  $R_{\mu e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-}$ , we assume  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  as a target nucleus in this analysis.

### 2.6. Muonium oscillation

This is evaluated by the same way as the  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ , referring to [40]. The constraints are found as

$$(5.4 \text{ TeV})^2 \lesssim \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4G_F g_i}, \quad (i = 3, 4, 6). \quad (33)$$

It suggests that  $g_i \lesssim 10^{-3}$  and we have found these constraints are much weaker than  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ , as can be seen in Fig. 6.

### 2.7. Dark matter

In this paper, we consider DM relic density is explained by Yukawa interaction  $\bar{E}_L \ell_R \chi$  where relevant annihilation process is  $\chi \chi^* \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell}$ . The cross section to explain the relic density is given by

$$\sigma v \approx \frac{1}{192\pi} \sum_{i,j=e,\mu,\tau} \left| \sum_{a=1,2,3} h_{ia}^\dagger h_{aj} \frac{m_\chi}{m_\chi^2 + M_{E_a}^2} \right|^2 v_{rel}^2, \quad (34)$$

where we assume the massless limit of  $e, \mu, \tau$  and set  $v_{rel}^2 \approx 0.3$ . This is p-wave dominant and this cross section should be within the range of  $[1.77552-1.96967] \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  at  $2\sigma$  confidence level in order to satisfy the correct relic density; we relax this constraint in our numerical

analysis as  $[1.0 - 3.0] \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  as an approximation. Notice here that any indirect detections will not restrict our model because we have p-wave dominant. If we have s-wave dominant there are constraints from HESS [41] and CTA [42,43] depending on the flavor of  $e, \mu, \tau$ . But still, these constraints are weak.

Note that DM  $\chi$  has Higgs/scalar portal interaction through the last three terms or the potential Eq. (3). The Higgs portal interaction should be suppressed to avoid constraint from direct detection [44]; it is also restricted by DM production at collider experiments including searches for invisible decay of the SM Higgs [45–47]. In our analysis, we assume such Higgs/scalar portal interactions are sufficiently small; Higgs/scalar portal interaction for relic density of DM and collider physics can be referred to e.g. ref. [48].

### 3. Numerical analysis

In this section we perform numerical analysis to search for allowed values of free parameters satisfying neutrino data and LFV constraints, and show ratios for LFV processes as well as electron/muon  $g - 2$  estimated by the allowed parameter sets.

In our numerical analysis, we scan relevant free parameters in our model in the following ranges:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_\chi &\in [100, 1000] \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{H_1} \in [m_\chi, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{H_2} \in [m_{H_1}, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \\
 m_k &\in [m_\chi, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{E_1} \in [m_\chi, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{E_2} \in [m_{E_1}, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \\
 m_{E_3} &\in [m_{E_2}, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \quad \mu_{kss} \in [1, 10^4] \text{ GeV}, \quad \sin \alpha \in [0.01, 1/\sqrt{2}], \\
 \sin \theta_s &\in [10^{-6}, 0.01], \quad g_{ab} \in [10^{-3}, \sqrt{4\pi}], \quad |h_{a2}| \in [10^{-3}, \sqrt{4\pi}], \\
 |h_{ak}| &\in [10^{-6}, \sqrt{4\pi}],
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

where  $a = 1 - 3$  and  $k = 1, 3$ . Note that we take  $h_{a2}$  tends to be larger than  $h_{ak}$  in order to get sizable  $\Delta a_\mu$ . In our numerical analysis we require  $\Delta a_\mu > 10^{-12}$  and  $\Delta a_e < 0$ . We then search for the allowed parameter sets which satisfy LFV constraints discussed above and neutrino data from recent global fit [49,50]

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2| &= [2.436 - 2.618] \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = [6.79 - 8.01] \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \\
 \sin^2 \theta_{13} &= [0.02044 - 0.02435], \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = [0.433 - 0.609], \\
 \sin^2 \theta_{12} &= [0.275 - 0.350],
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

where we consider normal ordering (NO) case and Dirac (Majorana) CP phases are taken to be  $[0, 2\pi]$ . In our analysis, Yukawa couplings  $f_{i\alpha}$  are obtained as an output value estimated by Casas-Ibarra parametrization given in Eq. (12).

In the following, we show our observables estimated from parameter sets that are allowed by LFV constraints and neutrino data. Fig. 3 shows correlation between  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ . We find that  $\Delta a_\mu \sim 10^{-10}$  is preferred when annihilation cross section satisfies  $10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^2 < \sigma v < 3.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^2$  giving observed relic density approximately; the region is indicated by green points and this presentation is used for following plots. The muon  $g - 2$  can be up to  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-10}$  when relic density of  $\chi$  is smaller than observed one. In left (right) plot of Fig. 4, we provide estimated values of  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  and  $\Delta a_\mu(-\Delta a_e)$  showing correlation on  $\{BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma), \Delta a_\mu(-\Delta a_e)\}$ . We find that  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  tends to be larger for larger  $|\Delta a_{e,\mu}|$ . In fact, constraint from  $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$  restricts muon and electron  $g - 2$  and  $|\Delta a_e|$  tends to be much smaller than observed value of  $\sim 10^{-13}$ . In Fig. 5, correlations on  $\{\Delta a_\mu, -\Delta a_e\}$

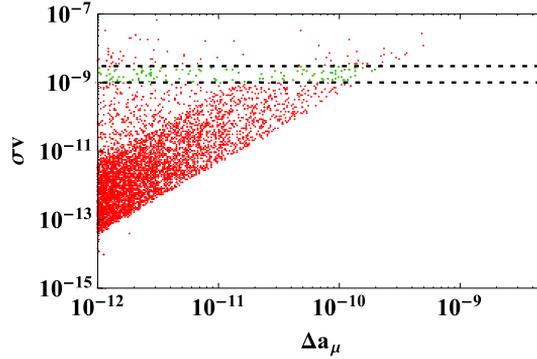


Fig. 3. Correlation between  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $\sigma\nu$ .

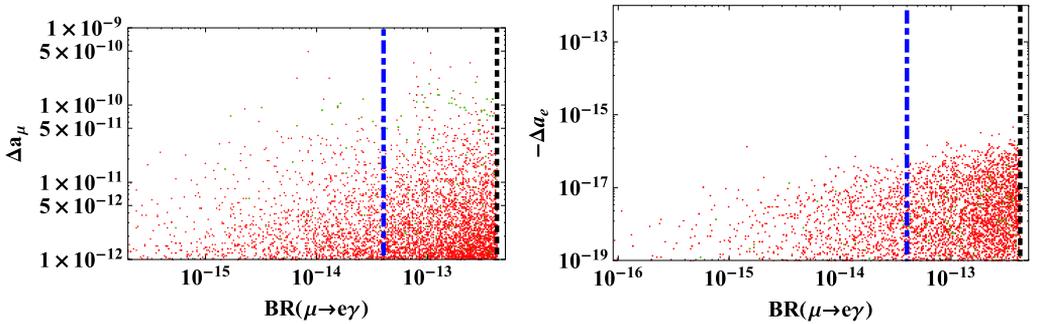


Fig. 4. Left: correlation for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  and  $a_\mu$  for allowed parameter sets. Right: correlation for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$  and  $-a_e$  for allowed parameter sets. The vertical dotted lines and blue dot-dashed lines in the plots indicate current upper limit ( $4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ ) and future sensitivity ( $4.0 \times 10^{-14}$  [53]) of  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ . (For interpretation of the colors in the figure(s), the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

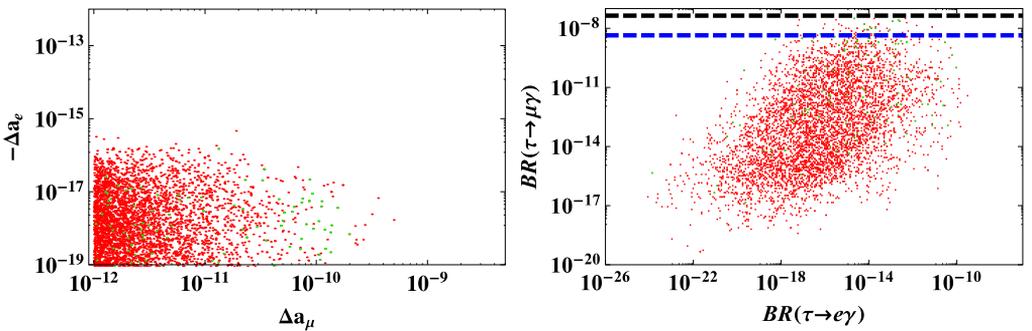


Fig. 5. Left: Correlation between muon and electron  $g - 2$ . Right: Correlation between  $BR(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)$  and  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$  where black (blue) dashed horizontal lines and black (blue) dotted vertical lines indicate current upper limit (future sensitivity [54]) of BRs as  $BR(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) = 3.2 \times 10^{-8} (3.3 \times 10^{-9})$  and  $BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) = 4.4 \times 10^{-8} (4.4 \times 10^{-9})$ .

and  $\{BR(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma), BR(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)\}$  plain are shown in left- and right-panel. In Fig. 6, we show some correlations among  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$ , Wilson coefficients  $A_R$  and  $g_3$ ,  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  and  $\Delta a_\mu$ . In most of the parameter sets,  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  is dominantly determined by the effect of  $A_{L,R}$  indicated

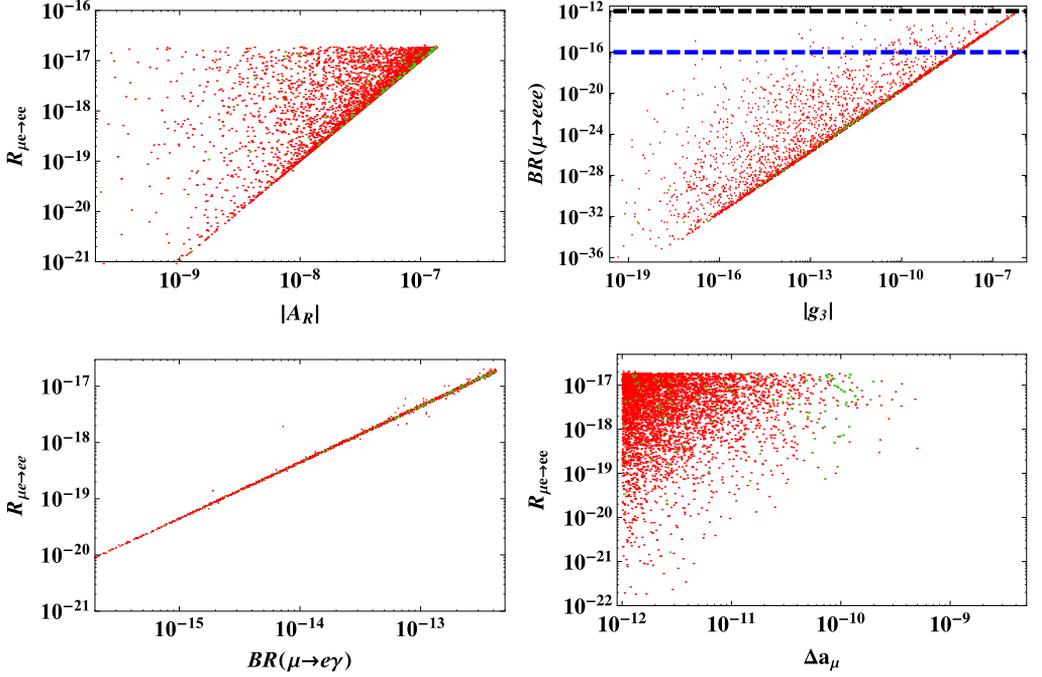


Fig. 6. Some correlations estimated with allowed parameter sets. Upper-left: correlation among  $|A_R|$  and  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ . Upper-right: correlation among  $|g_3|$  and  $BR(\mu \rightarrow eee)$  where black (blue) dashed horizontal line indicates current upper limit (future sensitivity) of  $BR(\mu \rightarrow eee)$ ;  $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$  ( $1.0 \times 10^{-16}$  [55]). Lower-left: correlation among  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  and  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  where the vertical dotted lines and blue dot-dashed lines in the plots indicate current upper limit ( $4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ ) and future sensitivity ( $4.0 \times 10^{-14}$ ) of  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ . Lower-right: correlation among  $\Delta a_\mu$  and  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$ .

by upper-left plot, where upper limit of  $|A_{L,R}|$  is determined by  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  constraint;  $A_L$  and  $A_R$  show similar behavior because the constraint requires upper limit of couplings  $f$  and  $h$  inducing them to be  $\text{Max}[f] \sim \text{Max}[h]$ . Thus  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  is also correlated with  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$  as the lower-left panel. The effect of  $g_{3,4,56}$  is found as deviation from the correlation where upper limit of these Wilson coefficient is determined by the constraint of  $BR(\mu \rightarrow eee)$  as shown in upper-right plot; behaviors of  $g_4$  and  $g_{56}$  are similar to  $g_3$  because the constraint requires upper limit of couplings  $f$  and  $h$  inducing them to be  $\text{Max}[f] \sim \text{Max}[h]$ . We also find  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  tends to be large when  $\Delta a_\mu$  is large from the lower-right panel. The largest value of  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  is found to be  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-17}$  which is obtained from maximal  $A_L$  and  $A_R$  values allowed by  $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ . The expected number of stopped muons is estimated as  $O(10^{17})$  to  $O(10^{18})$  at the experiments for  $\mu^- - e^-$  conversion in near future, such as Mu2e [51] and COMET phase-II [52]. Thus we could obtain several number of events in these experiments, but they are planning to use an aluminum target, which is less suitable for  $\mu^- e^- \rightarrow e^- e^-$  due to its small proton number. In order to test the value of  $R_{\mu e \rightarrow ee}$  with sufficient statistics, we would need next generation experiments providing larger statistics or replacement of target materials to heavier nuclei.

#### 4. Summary

We have investigated a model based on hidden  $U(1)_X$  gauge symmetry in which neutrino mass is induced at two-loop level through interactions among particles in hidden sector and the

SM leptons. Generated neutrino masses are suppressed by two-loop factor and Yukawa couplings used in loop diagram can be sizable. In addition, a scalar DM candidate is introduced that is stabilized by  $Z_2$  symmetry as a remnant of  $U(1)_X$  gauge symmetry. Then we have formulated neutrino mass matrix, LFV processes, electron/muon  $g - 2$  and DM annihilation cross section which are induced via interactions among SM leptons and particles in  $U(1)_X$  hidden sector.

We have carried out numerical analysis and searched for allowed parameter sets imposing neutrino data and current LFV constraints. Then we have discussed expected ratios for  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \gamma$ ,  $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_j \ell_k \bar{\ell}_l$  and  $\mu e \rightarrow ee$ , and electron/muon  $g - 2$  using allowed parameter sets. It has been found that our model can be efficiently tested by future measurement of  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  since many allowed parameter points give the BR within future sensitivity as shown in Fig. 4. In addition, we have estimated DM annihilation cross section which is given by interactions among DM, extra charged leptons and SM leptons. We have found that the size of muon  $g - 2$  is preferred to be  $\sim 10^{-10}$  when observed relic density can be obtained. Furthermore LFV ratios tend to be large when muon  $g - 2$  is more than  $10^{-10}$  and it could be tested in next generation experiments.

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