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## Schizophrenic active neutrinos and exotic sterile neutrinos

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### ABSTRACT

We implement a schizophrenic scenario for the active neutrinos in a model in which there are also exotic right-handed neutrinos making a model with a local  $U(1)_{B-L}$  anomaly free. Two of right-handed neutrinos carry  $B - L = -4$  while the third one carries  $B - L = 5$ . Unlike the non-exotic version of the model, in which all right-handed neutrinos carry the same  $B - L = -1$  charge, in this case the neutrinos have their own scalar sector and no hierarchy in the Yukawa coupling in the Dirac mass term is necessary.

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It is well known that  $B - L$  is an automatic anomalous global symmetry of the degrees of freedom of the standard model [1]. In order to make this a local symmetry is necessary to add right-handed neutrinos (that are sterile with respect to the standard model interactions). For instance, three of them with the same lepton number than the left-handed (active) neutrinos. It was shown in [2] that, working within an  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_{Y'} \otimes U(1)_{B-L}$  electroweak model, there exist other solutions in which the number of right-handed neutrinos are not necessarily three or, they have other  $B - L$  charge assignments. In particular, in the case of three right-handed neutrinos there is a solution to the anomalies cancellation in which two right-handed neutrinos have  $B - L = -4$  and the third one has  $B - L = 5$ .

On the other hand, recently, it was shown that it is possible to have *schizophrenic* neutrinos [3]: the neutrinos of all flavor are part Dirac and part Majorana, in particular one of the neutrino mass eigenstates is, at the tree level, Dirac whereas the other two are Majorana.

Here we shall show that in models with exotic right-handed neutrinos we can implement a scenario in which the active neutrinos are of the schizophrenic type. The mechanism can of course be implemented in the non-exotic version the model also considered in Ref. [2] i.e., that in which all right-handed neutrinos carry the same  $B - L = -1$  assignment. This version is in fact almost similar

to the model considered in [3]. In this case the mass eigenstates having the Dirac mass must have an extremely tiny Yukawa coupling. This is because the VEV appearing in the Dirac mass term is the same that also gives mass to the  $u$ -quark. The exotic version on the other hand predict that neutrinos have their own scalar sector and the VEVs are not necessarily large thus, avoiding the hierarchy in the Yukawa coupling mentioned above.

The quantum number of leptons and scalars of the model are shown in Table 1. As in [3] we impose  $S_3$  symmetry which permute the three families among themselves [4], that is they are in a triplet of  $S_3$ : ( $\mathbf{3} = L_e, L_\mu, L_\tau$ ), this is a reducible representation since  $\mathbf{3} = \mathbf{2}_L + \mathbf{1}_L$ . We can define in the lepton sector [5]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}_L &\equiv L_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(L_e + L_\mu + L_\tau), \\ \mathbf{2}_L &\equiv D_L = (L_1, L_3) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(L_\mu - L_\tau) \right), \\ \mathbf{1}_{\mu R} &\equiv n_{\mu R}, \quad \mathbf{2}_{e\tau R} \equiv N_R = (n_{eR}, n_{\tau R}). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The scalar sector consists of two additional doublets, in relation to the standard model which scalar is denoted by  $\Phi_{SM}$ , with weak hypercharge  $Y = -1$  i.e.,  $\Phi_i = (\varphi_i^0 \varphi_i^-)^T$  that are singlets of  $S_3$  and three singlets ( $Y = 0$ ), forming a doublet of  $S_3$ ,  $\Delta = (\phi_1, \phi_2)$  and a singlet  $\phi_3$ . See Table 1. We will also impose the discrete  $Z_3$  symmetry under which  $L_2$ ,  $\Phi_1$ ,  $n_{\mu R}$ , and  $\Delta$  transform as  $\omega$  and,  $D_L$ ,  $N_R$ ,  $\Phi_2$  and  $\phi_3$  transform as  $\omega^2$ , the other fields transform trivially under  $Z_3$ . With these fields we obtain the following Yukawa interactions in the lepton sector (quarks are assumed to be singlets under  $S_3$ ) that is invariant under the gauge symmetries and  $S_3 \otimes Z_3$  are

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**Table 1**

Quantum number assignment in the model. Quarks have the quantum number as usual. The singlets  $\phi_{x,y}$  ( $Y = 0$ ) do not interact with any fermion. See the text.

	$I_3$	$I$	$Y'$	$B - L$	$Y$	$Z_3$
$\nu_{aL}$	1/2	1/2	0	-1	-1	$\omega$
$l_{aL}$	-1/2	1/2	0	-1	-1	$\omega$
$e_{aR}$	0	0	-1	-1	-2	1
$n_{(e,\tau)R}$	0	0	4	-4	0	$\omega^2$
$n_{\mu R}$	0	0	-5	5	0	$\omega$
$\Phi_{SM}$	1/2	1/2	0	0	+1	1
$\Phi_1$	1/2	1/2	5	-6	-1	$\omega$
$\Phi_2$	1/2	1/2	-4	3	-1	$\omega^2$
$\phi_{1,2}$	0	0	-4	4	0	$\omega$
$\phi_3$	0	0	-8	8	0	$\omega^2$
$\phi_x$	0	0	6	-6	0	$\omega$
$\phi_y$	0	0	-3	3	0	$\omega^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\nu} &= h_1 \bar{L}_2 \Phi_1 n_{\mu R} + y_1 [\bar{D}_L \otimes N_R]_1 \Phi_2 \\
&+ \frac{y_2}{\Lambda} [(\overline{N_R})^c \otimes \Delta]_1 [N_R \otimes \Delta]_1 \\
&+ y_3 \phi_3 [(\overline{N_R})^c \otimes N_R]_1 + \text{H.c.}
\end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We impose that  $y_1 v_2 \ll y_2 u_{1,2}/\Lambda \ll y_3 u_3$  in order to Majorana masses dominate in the  $(n_{eR}, n_{\tau R})$  sector (the notation is  $\langle \phi_{1,2}^0 \rangle = v_{1,2}/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\langle \phi_{1,2,3} \rangle = u_{1,2,3}/\sqrt{2}$ ). The main contribution to the Majorana masses for the singlets  $n_{eR}$  and  $n_{\tau R}$  comes from the  $y_3$  interactions but, they have different Majorana masses due to the interaction  $y_2$ . Under those conditions, the interaction proportional to  $y_1$  is relevant mainly to generate the vertex  $D_L N_R \Phi_2$ .

After integrating out  $n_{eR}$  and  $n_{\tau R}$  we obtain the effective interactions [6]

$$\begin{aligned}
-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{eff}} &= h_1 \bar{L}_2 \Phi_1 n_{\mu R} + \frac{h_2^2}{m_{n_e}} (L_1 \Phi_2)^2 \\
&+ \frac{h_3^2}{m_{n_{\tau}}} (L_3 \Phi_2)^2 + \text{H.c.},
\end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the mixing angles in the  $(n_{eR}, n_{\tau R})$  sector have been absorbed in  $h_2$  and  $h_3$ . Thus, we have the Yukawa interactions in which one neutrino,  $\nu_2$ , has at the tree level a Dirac mass term particle  $m_2^D = h_1 v_1$ . On the other hand, the Majorana mass matrix generated by effective interactions (3) that, at the leading order, is (in the  $\nu_e, \nu_{\mu}, \nu_{\tau}$  basis)

$$M_M^{\nu} = \frac{h_2^2 v_2^2}{m_{n_e}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{h_2^2 m_{n_e}}{h_2^2 2m_{n_{\tau}}} & \frac{1}{6} - \frac{h_2^2 m_{n_e}}{h_2^2 2m_{n_{\tau}}} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} - \frac{h_2^2 m_{n_e}}{h_2^2 2m_{n_{\tau}}} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{h_2^2 m_{n_e}}{h_2^2 2m_{n_{\tau}}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

which is a consequence of the  $S_3$  symmetry [7]. This matrix is diagonalized at the leading order by a tribimaximal matrix [8]:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

that is the PMNS matrix if the charge leptons are assumed already in a diagonal basis.

The eigenvalues in the active neutrino sector from Eq. (4) are  $m_1^M = h_2^2 v_2^2/m_{n_e}$ ,  $m_2^M = 0$ , and  $m_3^M = h_3^2 v_2^2/m_{n_{\tau}}$ . The Majorana massive neutrinos are  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_3$  while  $\nu_2$  has only a Dirac at the tree level  $m_2^D$  as we see above. If  $m_2^D \sim 0.1$  eV and the Majorana masses  $\sim 10^{-2}$  eV we have the right neutrino mass square differences observed in oscillation experiments [9]. The inverted neutrino mass

hierarchy is a prediction of the model:  $m_1^D \equiv m_1 > m_1^M \equiv m_2 \gg m_3^M \equiv m_3$  if  $m_{n_{\tau}} \gg m_{n_e}$  and  $h_2 \sim h_3 \lesssim O(1)$ . As we will show below radiative corrections give to  $\nu_2$  a small Majorana mass and this neutrino is a pseudo-Dirac one [10]. Solar neutrino data constrain Majorana masses to be  $10^{-9}$  eV if all Dirac masses are assumed to be larger than the Majorana masses [11], however, it does not apply to the present case since we are in a situation in which only one of the neutrinos is pseudo-Dirac.

After the breaking of the electroweak and  $S_3$  symmetries contributions to the neutrino masses induced by one loop radiative corrections. For instance, (3) implies interactions like  $(h_2/\Lambda)((\nu_{aL}^c) \varphi_2^{0*} + (\bar{l}_{aL})^c \varphi_2^+)(\nu_{bL} \varphi_2^{0*} + l_{bL} \varphi_2^+)$ ,  $a, b = e, \mu, \tau$ , the vertices from these interactions are  $\sim h_2 v_2/\Lambda$ . On the other hand, the scalar sector of the model has three  $SU(2)$  doublets one which give mass to quarks and charge leptons  $\Phi_{SM} = (\varphi_{SM}^+ \varphi_{SM}^0)^T$ , and the two exotic doublets carrying  $B - L$  charge  $\Phi_{1,2}$ . Hence, there exist in the scalar potential terms like  $\lambda(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_{SM})(\Phi_{SM}^\dagger \Phi_2)$ , implying a mixing in the mass matrix among the charged scalars, i.e.,  $\lambda(\varphi_{SM}^+ \varphi_2^{0*} \varphi_{SM}^0 \varphi_2^0 + \text{H.c.})$ , and the mixing of  $\varphi_{SM}^-$  with  $\varphi_2^-$  is  $\sim \lambda v_2^2$  (we are working in the flavor basis). When these corrections are taken into account the corrections to the Majorana mass matrix (4) that are given by (up to logarithmic terms) [12]

$$m_{ab}^M \approx \xi \frac{\lambda h_2^2 V_S^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{v_2^3}{m_H^2 \Lambda} \frac{U_{ba} m_a m_b}{v_{SM}} \quad (6)$$

(there is no summation over repeated indices), where  $\Lambda \sim m_{n_e}, m_{n_{\tau}}$ ,  $\xi = 2/3$  if  $a = b$  and  $\xi = -1/3$  if  $a \neq b$ ;  $U_{ab}$  is the tribimaximal mixing matrix (5);  $V_S^2$  denotes the mixing angles in the charged scalar sector,  $m_H$  denotes a typical value for the masses in the charged scalars sector,  $m_a$  is the mass of the charged leptons  $a = e, \mu, \tau$  and  $v_{SM}$  is the value of the SM Higgs scalar. Assuming all dimensionless parameters in (6) are  $\sim O(1)$ , the Dirac mass  $M_2^D$  gain corrections smaller than  $10^{-4}$  depending if  $v_2^3/m_H^2 \Lambda \sim 0.0246$ . The tribimaximal mixing matrix has to be considered as a leading order of the PMNS matrix, correction that turns it more realistic might arise if the charged lepton mass matrix is almost diagonal, as that in Ref. [13], hence this may induce a small  $\theta_{13}$  angle. Recent global  $\theta_{13}$  analysis implies that  $\sin \theta_{13} = 0.009_{-0.007}^{+0.013}$  [14].

With all the scalar fields shown in Table 1, the scalar potential invariant under the gauge symmetry of the SM and  $A_4 \otimes Z_3$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{B-L} &= \mu_{SM}^2 |\Phi_{SM}|^2 + \mu_1^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + \mu_2^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \mu_3^2 [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1 \\
&+ \mu_4^2 |\phi_3|^2 + \mu_x^2 |\phi_x|^2 + \mu_y^2 |\phi_y|^2 + \lambda_x |\phi_x^2|^4 + \lambda_y |\phi_y|^4 \\
&+ \lambda_{SM} (\Phi_{SM}^\dagger \Phi_{SM})^2 + \lambda_1 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 \\
&+ \lambda_3 |\Phi_1|^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |\Phi_{SM}|^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + \lambda_5 |\Phi_{SM}|^2 |\Phi_2|^2 \\
&+ \lambda_6 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) + \lambda_7 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_{SM}) (\Phi_{SM}^\dagger \Phi_1) \\
&+ \lambda_8 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_{SM}) (\Phi_{SM}^\dagger \Phi_2) + \lambda_9 [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1^2 \\
&+ \lambda_{10} [|\Delta^* \Delta]_{1'} [|\Delta^* \Delta]_{1'} + \lambda_{11} |\phi_3|^4 \\
&+ \lambda_{12} |\Phi_{SM}|^2 [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1 + \lambda_{13} |\Phi_{SM}|^2 |\phi_3|^2 \\
&+ \lambda_{14} |\Phi_1|^2 [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1 + \lambda_{15} |\Phi_2|^2 [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1 + \lambda_{16} |\Phi_1|^2 |\phi_3|^2 \\
&+ \lambda_{17} |\Phi_2|^2 |\phi_3|^2 + \lambda_{18} [|\Delta^* \Delta]_1 |\phi_3|^2 \\
&+ (\lambda_{xy} \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \phi_x \phi_y + \kappa [|\Delta \Delta]_1 \phi_3^* + \kappa_x \Phi_1^T \in \Phi_{SM} \phi_x \\
&+ \kappa_y \Phi_2^T \in \Phi_{SM} \phi_y + \text{H.c.}),
\end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where we must take into account that  $\mathbf{2} \otimes \mathbf{2} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1}' + \mathbf{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{1}' \otimes \mathbf{1}' = \mathbf{1}$  [5]. The Higgs potential above without the singlets  $\phi_{x,y}$ , has three extra global  $U(1)$  symmetries. If these symmetries are

not extended to the Yukawa interactions there are three pseudo-Goldstone bosons [15]. In the model of [2], in which this model is based, there are two  $U(1)$  extra global symmetries. In that case the pseudo Goldstone are eliminated by introducing one singlet singlets [16]. Thus, for this reason we introduce in the present model two extra singlet denoted by  $\phi_x$  and  $\phi_y$  (see Table 1).

The conditions  $\frac{\partial V_{B-L}}{\partial \phi_i}|_{\phi_i=V_i} = 0$ ,  $\phi_i = V_i/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $V_i = v_{SM}$ ,  $v_{1,2}$ ,  $u_{1,2,3}$ ,  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$  imply [after shifting the neutral component  $\eta^0 = (1/\sqrt{2})(V_i + \text{Re } \eta^0 + i \text{Im } \eta^0)$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} & v_{SM} [2\mu_{SM}^2 + 2\lambda_{SM} v_{SM}^2 + \lambda_7 v_1^2 + \lambda_8 v_2^2 + \lambda_{12}(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + \lambda_{13} u_3^2] \\ & + \kappa_x v_1 v_x + \kappa_2 v_2 v_y = 0, \\ & v_1 [2\mu_1^2 + 2\lambda_1 v_1^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_6) v_2^2 + \lambda_7 v_{SM}^2 \\ & + \lambda_{14}(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + \lambda_{16} u_3^2] + \kappa_x v_{SM} v_x + \lambda_{19} v_2 v_x v_y = 0, \\ & v_2 [2\mu_2^2 + 2\lambda_2 v_2^2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_6) v_1^2 + \lambda_8 v_{SM}^2 + \lambda_{15}(u_1^2 + u_2^2) \\ & + \lambda_{17} u_3^2] + \kappa_y v_{SM} v_y + \lambda_{19} v_1 v_x v_y = 0, \\ & u_1 [2\mu_3^2 + 2\lambda_9(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + 2\lambda_{10}(u_1^2 - u_2^2) + \lambda_{12} v_{SM}^2 + \lambda_{14} v_1^2 \\ & + \lambda_{15} v_2^2 + \lambda_{18} u_3^2 + \sqrt{2} \kappa u_3] = 0, \\ & u_2 [2\mu_3^2 + 2\lambda_9(u_1^2 + u_2^2) + 2\lambda_{10}(u_1^2 - u_2^2) + \lambda_{12} v_{SM}^2 + \lambda_{14} v_1^2 \\ & + \lambda_{15} v_2^2 + \lambda_{18} u_3^2 + \sqrt{2} \kappa u_3] = 0, \\ & u_3 [2\mu_4^2 + 2\lambda_{11} u_3^2 + \lambda_{13} v_{SM}^2 + \lambda_{16} v_1^2 + \lambda_{17} v_2^2 + \lambda_{18}(u_1^2 + u_2^2)] \\ & + \sqrt{2} \kappa (u_1^2 + u_2^2) = 0, \\ & v_x [2\mu_x^2 + 2\lambda_x v_x^2 + \kappa_x v_1 v_{SM} + \lambda_{xy} v_1 v_2 v_y] = 0, \\ & v_y [2\mu_y^2 + 2\lambda_y v_y^2 + \kappa_y v_{SM} v_2 + \lambda_{xy} v_1 v_2 v_x] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

From Eqs. (8) we see that  $u_1 = u_2 \equiv u$  (an  $S_2$  symmetry remains unbroken). Solutions with  $\mu_1^2 > 0$ ,  $\mu_2^2 > 0$  are then possible. Since, if  $\kappa_{1,2} = 0$  the symmetries of the model increase these parameters may be naturally smaller than the electroweak scale, the same for the VEVs  $v_{x,y}$  if they are not the main responsible for the breaking of the  $B-L$  symmetry (and for the masses of the  $Z'$  vector boson). Hence, there also solutions with  $\mu_{1,2}^2 \gg |\kappa_x v_x|, |\kappa_y v_y|, v_x v_y$ . Then, we have  $2\lambda_{SM} v_{SM}^2 \approx -2\mu_{SM}^2 - 2\lambda_{12} u^2 - \lambda_{13} u_3^2$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 & \approx \frac{\kappa_x v_x}{2\mu_1^2 + 2\lambda_{14} u^2 + \lambda_{16} u_3^2} v_{SM}, \\ v_2 & \approx \frac{\kappa_y v_y}{2\mu_2^2 + 2\lambda_{15} u^2 + \lambda_{17} u_3^2} v_{SM}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Therefore, we see that it is easy to obtain solutions to the above equations having the following hierarchy:  $u \sim u_3 \gg v_{SM} \gg v_1 > v_2$ , independently of the values of the dimensionless  $\lambda$ s. Hence  $v_{1,2}$  appearing in the neutrino Yukawa effective interac-

tions (3) may be smaller than the others and the hierarchy in the Yukawa couplings appears in the VEVs values which numerical values are hidden under the mechanism of spontaneous symmetry breaking. In spite the low value of  $v_{1,2}$ , the respective neutral fields are heavy since they have masses  $\sim \mu_{1,2}^2$  [17].

The model has in the scalar sector three  $SU(2)$  doublets,  $\Phi_{SM}$  ( $Y = 1$ ) and  $\Phi_{1,2}$  ( $Y = -1$ ) and five scalar singlets ( $Y = 0$ ),  $\phi_{1,2}$ ,  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_{x,y}$ . All of them but  $\Phi_{SM}$  carry  $B-L$  charge, while  $\phi_{1,2,3}$  couple in the flavor basis only to the right-handed neutrinos,  $\phi_{x,y}$  do not couple with any fermion of the model. The VEV of the doublets  $\Phi_{1,2}$  may be smaller than  $v_{SM} \sim 174$  GeV. This implies that the Yukawa couplings may take natural values,  $\lesssim O(1)$ , and the Majorana masses  $m_{n_e}$  and  $m_{n_\tau}$  do not need to be very large as well. What possibility is the most interesting will depend on the following: (i) if there exist a combination of the neutral scalar components, say  $\xi$ , incorporated into a single flat direction and, for this reason, driven the inflation; (ii) the scalar singlets and/or the heavy right-handed neutrinos can be dark matter candidates; (iii) the decay of the scalar singlets and/or the heavy right-handed neutrinos can generate the observed asymmetry through a soft leptogenesis mechanism. We are working on these possibilities in the supersymmetric version of the model. Finally, we must stress that this sort of models has a new neutral vector boson which mass is related to the scalar singlet VEVs and if it is of the order of TeVs, the boson may be discover at the LHC and study with more precision at the ILC [18].

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