

difference from all other fermions:  $\nu^c$  has no gauge charges

$\Rightarrow$  can also write a Majorana mass

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{M}{2} \nu^{cT} i\sigma_2 \nu^c \equiv \frac{M}{2} \nu_i^c \nu_j^c \epsilon^{ij} \leftarrow \text{spinor indices}$$

Recall, in SM must use Higgs to write fermion masses because of combination of gauge and Lorentz symmetries

$m Q^+ Q$  not Lorentz-invariant!

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| $u^c Q = (1, 2)_{-1/2}$ | $D^c Q = (1, 2)_{1/2}$    | } all require Higgs |
| $e^c L = (1, 2)_{1/2}$  | $\nu^c L = (1, 2)_{-1/2}$ |                     |

$u^c u^c = (\bar{3} \times \bar{3}, 1)_{-4/3}$  not <sup>gauge</sup> invariant

but  $\nu^c \nu^c = (1, 1)_0$  gauge and Lorentz invariant

$\nu^c$  has lepton #  $\Rightarrow m \nu^c \nu^c$  breaks lepton #

a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  parity symmetry remains:  $\nu^c \rightarrow -\nu^c$   
 $L \rightarrow -L$

- choice:
- impose L# on theory  $\Rightarrow \nu$ -masses are Dirac
  - do not impose "  $\Rightarrow$  longer story ... Majorana

## Dirac + Majorana masses

1. generation  $m \bar{\nu} \nu + \frac{M}{2} \nu \nu^c + \text{h.c.}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\nu \quad \nu^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \nu^c \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

diagonalize mass matrix

$$m_{H/L} = \frac{M}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{M^2}{4} + m^2}$$

cases: •  $M=0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ i\sigma_2 \nu^{c*} \end{pmatrix}$  1 Dirac neutrino, mass  $m$

•  $m=0 \Rightarrow 2$  (Weyl) neutrinos, masses  $0, M$

DOF counting

Scalar field    real scalar  $\phi \longleftrightarrow$  Majorana  
                       complex                     $\longleftrightarrow$  Dirac

complex  $\phi$ :  $m^2 \phi^* \phi$  write  $\phi = \frac{\phi_1 + i\phi_2}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 \phi^* \phi = \frac{1}{2} (\phi_1 \ \phi_2) \begin{pmatrix} m^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

U(1) symmetry     $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow R(\alpha) \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$

choose  $m_1 \neq m_2 \Rightarrow$  symmetry broken  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  independent real fields.

Also:  $\phi_1$  is real  $\phi_1 = \phi_1^\dagger \Rightarrow$  no charge & particle = antiparticle

Neutrinos

2 mass eigenstates  $m_{H/L} = \frac{M}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{M^2}{4} + m^2}$

case 1.  $M \ll m \Rightarrow$  Dirac mass + small correction  
 approximate Dirac neutrino

Case 2.  $M \sim m$  interesting mess, but fine-tuned 19

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m &= \frac{\lambda v}{\sqrt{2}} \sim 0.1 \text{ eV} \\ M &\sim 0.1 \text{ eV} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ coincidence if these are the same}$$

Case 3:  $M \gg m$

expand  $m_H \approx M + \frac{m^2}{M} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^4}{M^3}\right)$

$$m_L \approx -\frac{m^2}{M}$$

only  $\uparrow$  (can remove  $v_L \rightarrow i v_L$ )

Note this was easy to understand

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m & M \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \mu = -m^2 = m_1 m_2 \approx M \cdot \left(-\frac{m^2}{M}\right)$$

$$\text{Tr} \mu = M = m_1 + m_2 \approx M + \frac{m^2}{M}$$

Interesting limit:  $M \rightarrow \infty$

$$m_L \rightarrow 0$$

"see saw"



$$M_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV} \sim \frac{(\lambda v)^2}{2M} \sim \lambda^2 \frac{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}{M}$$

$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda \text{ small} \\ M \text{ large} \end{array} \right.$  or

e.g.  $\lambda = \lambda_\tau \sim \frac{m_\tau}{v} \Rightarrow M \approx \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_\nu} \approx \frac{\text{GeV}^2}{0.1 \text{ eV}} = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$

"Right-handed  $\nu$ -mass scale"

3 generations?

$$\lambda v_{ij} v_i^c \langle H^T \rangle (E)_j + \frac{M_{ij}}{2} v_i^c v_j^c \quad \leftarrow \text{symmetric}$$

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$$\rightarrow M_{\text{Dirac}} v_i^c v_j + \frac{M_{ij}}{2} v_i^c v_j^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \times 6 \text{ matrix } \frac{1}{2} (V^T V^c T) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m^T \\ m & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ v^c \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalize in limit  $M \gg m$

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1 generation case

$$m_H = M$$

$$m_L \approx -\frac{m^2}{M} = -\frac{m}{M} m$$

3 generations  $\frac{1}{M} \rightarrow M^{-1}$

$$m_H = M$$

$$m_L \approx -m^T M^{-1} m$$

diagram:  $\frac{v \quad v^c \quad v}{m^T \quad -\frac{1}{M} \quad m}$