Long Lived Superheavy Dark Matter with Discrete Gauge Symmetries

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Abstract

The recently observed ultra-high energy (UHE) cosmic rays beyond the Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin bound can be explained by the decays of some superheavy $X$ particles forming a part of dark matter in our universe. We consider various discrete gauge symmetries $\mathbb{Z}_N$ to ensure the required long lifetime ($\tau_X \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{22}$ years) of the $X$ particle to explain the UHE cosmic rays in the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) with massive Majorana neutrinos. We show that there is no anomaly-free discrete gauge symmetry to make the lifetime of the $X$ particle sufficiently long in the MSSM with the $X$ particle. We find, however, possible solutions to this problem especially by enlarging the particle contents in the MSSM. We show a number of solutions introducing an extra pair of singlets $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ which have fractional $\mathbb{Z}_N$ ($N = 2, 3$) charges. The present experimental constraints on the $X$ particle are briefly discussed.
1 Introduction

The observation of ultra-high energy (UHE) cosmic rays [1, 2, 3] with energies beyond the Greisen-Zatsepin-Kuzmin (GZK) bound \(E \sim 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV}\) [4] give a serious challenge to the standard frameworks of not only astrophysical acceleration mechanisms but also particle physics models. A number of possible solutions to the problem have been considered [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. Among them decays of primordial superheavy \(X\) particles of mass \(M_X \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}\) [6, 7] forming a part of dark matter in our universe are the most manifest possibility, although scenarios with topological defects like cosmic strings may be still viable alternatives [5].

However, the decay scenario of superheavy \(X\) particle has obvious problems. First of all, the ratio of the present \(X\)-particle number density \(n_X\) to the entropy \(s\) must lie in a range [7]

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10^{-33} < \frac{n_X}{s} < 10^{-21} \tag{1}
\]

to account for the observed UHE cosmic rays [1, 2, 3]. Although the window for \(n_X\) is very wide, a fine tuning is inevitable to obtain the suitable \(n_X\) in the history of the universe. Recently, this problem has been, however, solved by the authors of [10, 11]. They have found that inflation in the early universe may generate a desirable amount of such a superheavy particle during the reheating epoch just after the end of inflation, provided \(M_X \sim H \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}\) (\(H\) being the Hubble parameter at the end of inflation). Since the production mechanism for the superheavy particle involves only gravitational interactions, it is quite independent of detailed nature of the particle as well as the reheating process.

The second problem is to explain the required lifetime \(\tau_X \approx 10^{10} - 10^{22} \text{ years}\) [4], which is abnormally long for such a superheavy particle. It is, therefore, very natural to impose some symmetries to guarantee the long lifetime of the superheavy \(X\) particle. In a recent article [9], we have shown a model of a discrete gauge symmetry \(\mathbb{Z}_{10}\) in which a superheavy \(X\) particle has naturally a long lifetime \(\tau_X \approx 10^{11} - 10^{26} \text{ years}\) for its mass \(M_X \approx 10^{13} - 10^{14} \text{ GeV}\). However, in the previous work [3], we have assumed that neutrinos are all massless. The purpose of this paper is to
extend the previous analysis including the neutrino mass terms. We find that there is no anomaly-free discrete gauge symmetry $Z_N$ which explains the required long lifetime of the $X$ particle. This is because an introduction of the neutrino Majorana masses gives a stronger constraint on the $Z_N$ charges for quarks and leptons in the supersymmetric standard model.

We also discuss possible solutions to the above problem. We show that an introduction of a new pair of singlets $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ leads to the desired lifetime of the $X$ particle. We briefly discuss a possible connection of the $X$ particle of mass $M_X \sim 10^{13}$ GeV to a string inspired particle-physics model. Throughout this paper we assume supersymmetry (SUSY).

In section 2 we summarize all possible discrete gauge symmetries in the presence of Majorana mass terms for neutrinos in the minimal SUSY standard model (MSSM). We find that only $Z_2$ and/or $Z_3$ are allowed as consistent gauge symmetries even if the Green-Schwarz anomaly cancellation mechanism [12] works. In section 3 we introduce one superheavy Majorana-type particle called $X$ or one pair of Dirac-type particles $X$ and $\bar{X}$. With a certain assumption for their transformation properties under the standard-model gauge group we show that there is no discrete gauge symmetry giving the desired long lifetime of the $X$ particles of masses $M_X \simeq (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV. In section 4 we discuss possible resolutions of this problem and find that if we introduce an extra pair of singlets $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ and assign suitable fractional $Z_N$ charges for them, the $Z_3$ gauge symmetry may naturally account for the required long lifetime of the $X$ particle. We also show that a product group $Z_2 \times Z_2$ is a possible alternative. The last section 5 is devoted to discussion and conclusions. We also add an appendix, in which we show the result of our analysis in the case of neutrinos being massive Dirac fermions.

2 Possible Discrete Gauge Symmetries in the Supersymmetric Standard Model

In this section we discuss new symmetries accommodated in the MSSM, which can be regarded as possible candidates that account for naturally the required long
lifetime of a superheavy $X$ particle. We restrict our consideration to gauge (local) symmetries, since any global symmetries are believed to be broken explicitly by topological effects of gravity \cite{13} and the $X$ particle may no longer survive until the present as dark matter in our universe.\footnote{If these gauge symmetries are spontaneously broken by the vacuum-expectation value of a field $\phi$, there may be extremely small couplings $(|\langle \phi \rangle|/M_*)^n$ ($M_* \simeq 10^{18} \text{ GeV, } n \in \mathbb{Z}$) in the low-energy effective Lagrangian. In this case, there are a large number of possibilities realizing the desired long lifetime of the $X$ particle. However, once we admit broken symmetries, our analysis becomes too complicated and involved. Thus, we restrict our discussion mainly to unbroken symmetries in this paper. (In section 4 we discuss briefly some broken symmetries.) Then, the symmetries cannot be continuous, since no massless gauge boson other than the photon is observed. This leaves a unique possibility, unbroken discrete gauge symmetries \cite{14}.}

We now make our analysis on discrete gauge symmetries in the framework of the MSSM with neutrino mass terms. As for the neutrino masses, either Dirac or Majorana type is possible. We mainly consider the Majorana neutrinos, since in the Dirac case we do not have a natural explanation of the smallness of neutrino masses. We give, nevertheless, a discussion in the case of Dirac neutrinos in the Appendix A for completeness.

The Majorana masses of neutrinos arise from the effective superpotential

$$W_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\kappa_{ij}}{M_R} l_i l_j H_u H_u,$$

(2)

Here, $l_i, H_u$ are SU(2)$_L$-doublet lepton and Higgs doublet chiral multiplets, respectively\footnote{The vacuum-expectation value of $H_u$, $\langle H_u \rangle$, gives rise to masses for the up-type quarks. We must introduce the other Higgs doublet $H_d$ to generate masses for the down-type quarks and the charged leptons.} and $i,j = 1, \ldots, 3$ are family indices. $\kappa_{ij}$ denote dimensionless coupling constants and $M_R$ is the scale at which this operator is generated.

We require the following conditions to possible discrete gauge symmetries $\mathbb{Z}_N$ in the MSSM:

1. The lifetime of the $X$ particle can be longer than the age of the universe if topological effects of gravity are extremely small \footnote{The lifetime of the $X$ particle can be longer than the age of the universe if topological effects of gravity are extremely small.}\cite{13}.

2. The vacuum-expectation value of $H_u$, $\langle H_u \rangle$, gives rise to masses for the up-type quarks. We must introduce the other Higgs doublet $H_d$ to generate masses for the down-type quarks and the charged leptons.
(i) All terms present in the MSSM superpotential must be allowed by $Z_N$.

(ii) The Majorana mass terms for neutrinos in eq. (2) are also allowed by $Z_N$.

(iii) All anomalies for $Z_N$ should vanish (cancellation with the Green-Schwarz term will be given later).

The first condition (i) reduces the number of independent $Z_N$ charges for the MSSM particles as shown in Table 1. Here, we have chosen the $Z_N$ charge for a first family $SU(2)_L$-doublet quark $q_1$ to be zero. This can be always done by using a gauge rotation of $U(1)_Y$ in the standard model without loss of generality. Note that the presence of family diagonal and off-diagonal Yukawa couplings needed in the MSSM suggests the $Z_N$ charges for the MSSM particles to be family independent. Thus, we omit the family indices, hereafter.

The second requirement (ii) restricts the $Z_N$ charges for the MSSM particles as

$$\begin{cases} p - m = 0 & (N : \text{odd}) \\ p - m = 0 \text{ or } \pm N/2 & (N : \text{even}) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Here, $p,m$ are given in Table 1.

The third requirement (iii) gives a set of constraints [17]:

$$\begin{align} 0 &= \frac{1}{2} r_1 N \\ -\frac{3}{2} p &= \frac{1}{2} r_2 N \quad (r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 \in \mathbb{Z}) \\ 3(-p + m) &= r_3 N + \frac{3}{2} r_4 N, \end{align} \quad (4)$$

where $\eta = 1$ and 0 for $N = \text{even and odd, respectively}$. The first equation comes from the cancellation of $\{Z_N\}\{SU(3)_C\}^2$ anomalies, the second from the cancellation of $\{Z_N\}\{SU(2)_L\}^2$ anomalies, and the last from the cancellation of $Z_N$-gravitational anomalies. Note that the anomaly-free condition for discrete gauge symmetries is much weaker than that for continuous ones [17].

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3. At first glance, the $Z_N$ symmetries seem to be broken by the vacuum-expectation values of the Higgs doublets resulting in formation of domain walls. This is not true, however, since a linear combination of the $Z_N$ and $U(1)_Y$ remains unbroken, and no domain walls are formed. That is, we can always choose the $Z_N$ charges for $H_u$ and $H_d$ vanishing by taking a suitable $U(1)_Y$ gauge rotation.

4. The mixing among different families are not so clear in the lepton sector. The existence of neutrino oscillation [15] [16], however, leads to this conclusion.
From eqs. (3, 4), we find nontrivial discrete gauge symmetries:

\[ Z_2 : (p, m) = (0, 1), \]
\[ Z_3 : (p, m) = (1, 1). \]

There are other solutions which satisfy eqs. (3, 4), but they are trivial embeddings of the above \( Z_2 \) or \( Z_3 \) in higher \( N \), or charge conjugation of eq. (5), or direct product of eq. (5) and eq. (6). The symmetry (5) is nothing but the matter parity, which is equivalent to the R-parity in the context of the MSSM. The symmetry (6) is the so-called “baryon parity” discovered by the authors of [18] in a different context. These two symmetries forbid dimension-4 operators of baryon-number violation which cause too rapid proton decay. Furthermore, the baryon parity forbids proton decay absolutely [19]. The discrete charges for the MSSM particles are given in Table 2.

Now, let us turn to consider the Green-Schwarz term [12]. With this term, anomaly cancellation conditions eq. (4) change to

\[
\begin{align*}
0 &= \frac{1}{2} r_1 N + k \delta_{GS} \\
-\frac{3}{2} p &= \frac{1}{2} r_2 N + k \delta_{GS} \\
3(-p + m) &= r_3 N + \frac{2}{3} r_4 N + 24 \delta_{GS},
\end{align*}
\]

where \( k \) is the Kac-Moody level of the SU(3)\(_C\) and SU(2)\(_L\) gauge groups, and \( \delta_{GS} \) is a constant [17]. Here, we have chosen the Kac-Moody levels of SU(3)\(_C\) and SU(2)\(_L\) to be the same in view of the gauge coupling unification. The solutions to these conditions are, however, the same as in the case without Green-Schwarz term, since non-trivial equation derived from eqs. (3, 4) is equivalent to that from eqs. (8, 4). Thus, we conclude that anomaly-free discrete gauge symmetries in the MSSM with neutrino mass terms are only the matter parity \( Z_2 \) and the baryon parity \( Z_3 \).

We finally comment on how the neutrino Majorana mass terms eq. (2) are induced. This can be done by introducing antineutrino chiral multiplets \( \bar{\nu} [20] \) or SU(2)\(_L\)-triplet chiral multiplets \( \xi [21, 22] \). The discrete charges for these fields are also given in Table 2. The interactions and masses inducing the operators eq. (2)

\footnote{We discard a trivial case of \( p = m = 0 \).}
respectively. Then, the neutrino Majorana masses are generated through the diagrams shown in Fig. [4].

3 Decays of the Superheavy Particles

In this section we discuss whether we can obtain the required long lifetime of a superheavy $X$ particle imposing the matter parity ($\mathbb{Z}_2$) and/or the baryon parity ($\mathbb{Z}_3$). We choose the mass of the $X$ particle to be about $(0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV in order to explain the UHE cosmic ray by its decay, using the result in [23]. However, it should be noted that the $M_X$ which gives the best fit for the UHE cosmic ray spectrum might change depending on the fragmentation function of quark and gluon jets [24]. A detailed analysis including such ambiguity should be made elsewhere.

Given the mass of the $X$ particle, we can calculate the lifetime of the $X$ particle once we specify the operators through which the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM particles. Namely, if the $X$ particle decays through dimension-$n$ operators,

\[
W = \frac{1}{M_n^{n-4}} X \psi^{n-2}, \quad K = \frac{1}{M_n^{n-3}} X \psi^{n-3},
\]

where $\psi$ denotes the MSSM particles, then the lifetime of the $X$ particle is given by

\[
\tau_X \sim \left( \frac{M_{\psi}}{M_X} \right)^2 \frac{1}{M_X} \simeq 10^{9n-80} - 10^{11n-87} \text{ years},
\]

for the cut-off scale $M_{\psi} \simeq 10^{18}$ GeV and $M_X \simeq (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV. Here, $K$ is a Kähler potential. Choosing $n = 10$ gives the lifetime $\tau_X \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{23}$ years while

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6 The Yukawa coupling matrix of $\xi$ may be completely different from those of the Higgs $H_u$ and $H_d$. Thus, the observed large mixing in neutrino sector [15] may not be necessarily surprising if the Majorana mass terms for neutrinos are induced by $\xi$ and $\bar{\xi}$ exchange diagrams.

7 The mass of the $X$ particle may be somewhat larger than the value in [23], since in the present case we consider many-body decay while in [23] the two-body decay is assumed.
the desired lifetime is \( \tau_X \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{22} \) years.\(^8\) Thus, dimension=10 operators are favorable for the \( X \) particle to be a source of UHE cosmic rays (See Fig. 2).

The \( X \) particle may be either Majorana- or Dirac-type particle. We first consider the Majorana case. In this case, we choose the \( \mathbb{Z}_2 \) (\( \mathbb{Z}_3 \)) charge for the \( X \) particle to be 0 or 1 (0 or 3/2) so that it has the Majorana mass \( (W_X = (M_X/2)X^2) \). The discrete charge for the \( X \) particle should be integer, otherwise it cannot decay into the MSSM particles. Thus, we discard the case of the \( X \) particle carrying the 3/2 charge of \( \mathbb{Z}_3 \). We search for the lowest dimensional operators of the form in eq. (9) for the symmetries \( \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3 \) and \( \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \). We assume that the \( X \) particle transforms as \((8, 1)_0, (1, 3)_0 \) or \((1, 1)_0 \) under the standard-model gauge group \( \text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y \).\(^9\) Here, the first and second numbers in each parentheses correspond to representations of the \( \text{SU}(3)_C \) and \( \text{SU}(2)_L \), respectively, and the numbers in the subscripts of each parentheses denote the \( \text{U}(1)_Y \) hypercharges. The result is shown in Table 3. We find that the lifetime of the \( X \) particle is always shorter than \( 10^{-25} \) sec and the \( X \) particle with such a short lifetime cannot be a source of the UHE cosmic rays.

We consider, now, the Dirac case. In this case, the \( \mathbb{Z}_2 \) (\( \mathbb{Z}_3 \)) charge for the \( X \) particle is completely free. (The charges for the \( X \) and \( \bar{X} \) fields must be opposite to have an invariant mass.) If the \( X \) particle has fractional charge, however, it cannot decay into the MSSM particles. Thus, we choose \( \mathbb{Z}_2 \) (\( \mathbb{Z}_3 \)) charge for the \( X \) particle to be integer. As for the transformation properties under the standard-model gauge group, we consider that the \( X \) and \( \bar{X} \) particles form complete \( \text{SU}(5)_{\text{GUT}} \) multiplets in view of the gauge coupling unification. Then, in order to maintain the perturbative unification we restrict our discussion only to the case of the vector-like field \( X + \bar{X} \) being \( 1 + 1^*, 5 + 5^*, 10 + 10^* \) and \( 15 + 15^* \).\(^10\) The \( \text{SU}(5)_{\text{GUT}} \) representations \( 1, 5, 10 \) and \( 15 \) are decomposed under the standard-model gauge group as

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1 = (1, 1)_0, \quad (11)
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8 If we choose the cut-off scale \( M_* \) to be the gravitational scale, \( i.e. M_* = 2.4 \times 10^{18} \) GeV, the lifetime becomes longer by a factor \( 10^4 \). However, even if it is the case, the essential point of our conclusion is not much changed.

9 As for the gauge coupling unification see section 5.

10 If one introduces further higher dimensional representations at the intermediate scale \( \sim 10^{13} \) GeV, gauge coupling constants blow up below the grand unification scale \( \sim 10^{16} \) GeV.
Thus, we search for the operators contributing to the $X$ particle decay, provided that the $X$ particle transforms as $(1, 1)_{0}, (1, 1)_{1}, (3, 1)_{-1/3}, (3^{*}, 1)_{-2/3}, (1, 2)_{1/2}, (3, 2)_{1/6}, (6, 1)_{-2/3}$ or $(1, 3)_{1}$ under the standard-model gauge group and the $\bar{X}$ particle transforms as the conjugate representation of the $X$. The lowest dimensional operators are given in Table 4. This shows that the $X$ and $\bar{X}$ particles have always lifetimes shorter than $10^{-3}$ sec, and again they cannot be sources of UHE cosmic rays.

To summarize, we find no anomaly-free discrete gauge symmetry $Z_{N}$ ensuring the required long lifetime of the $X$ particle to explain the UHE cosmic rays in the MSSM with massive Majorana neutrinos. This is because anomaly-cancellation conditions (3) and (4) are too restrictive to have large $N$ solutions unlike in the previous work [9]. As a consequence the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM particles through relatively lower dimensional operators resulting in too short lifetimes. We discuss possible solutions to this problem in the next section.

4 Models for the Superheavy Particle with the Desired Lifetime

In the previous section we have found that the unstable $X$ particle always has a lifetime much shorter than the age of the universe so that its decay cannot explain the UHE cosmic rays. Our analysis is based on the following assumptions, however:

(a) The symmetries under consideration are not spontaneously broken.

(b) The $X$ particle is an elementary particle up to the cut-off scale $M_{*} \simeq 10^{18}$ GeV.

(c) There are no extra field other than the MSSM ones and the $X$ particle.

In this section we show explicitly that if we remove one of the three assumptions the negative conclusion in the previous section can be evaded.
At first, we consider the case of broken symmetries. In this case, symmetries are not necessarily discrete ones, since gauge bosons associated with the continuous symmetries are massive and may not be observed. We can imagine, for example, that there is the so-called fiveness symmetry\(^{11}\) in the MSSM and it is broken by the vacuum-expectation value of a field \(\phi\) at the scale \(M_R\). The fiveness charges \(n_5\) for the MSSM and \(\phi\) fields are given in Table 5. Then, the \(X\) particle can couple to the MSSM particles through operators which may contain the \(\phi\) field. After the condensation of \(\phi\) field, the effective operators contributing to the \(X\) particle decay may have small couplings \((\langle \phi \rangle/M_s)^n = (M_R/M_s)^n\) \((M_s \simeq 10^{18}\) GeV, \(n \in \mathbb{Z}\)). If the \(X\) particle transforms as \((8, 1)_{0}\) under the standard-model gauge group and has fiveness charge \(n_5 = -65\), for example, the lowest dimensional operators which cause the \(X\) particle decay are

\[
W_{\text{eff}} = \begin{cases} \\
\frac{1}{M_s} \left( \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M_s} \right)^6 Xq\bar{d}l \simeq \frac{10^{-24}}{M_s} Xq\bar{d}l \\
\frac{1}{M_s} \left( \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M_s} \right)^6 X\bar{u}d\bar{d} \simeq \frac{10^{-24}}{M_s} X\bar{u}d\bar{d}
\end{cases}
\]

(15)

for \(M_R \simeq 10^{14}\) GeV. Then, the \(X\) particle has the lifetime

\[
\tau_X \sim 10^{48} \left( \frac{M_s}{M_X} \right)^2 \frac{1}{M_X} \simeq 10^{13} - 10^{16} \text{ years},
\]

(16)

and it can be a source of the UHE cosmic rays. Similar examples may be constructed also in the case of broken discrete symmetries. These examples show that if one considers broken symmetries one can easily explain the UHE cosmic rays by the decay of superheavy \(X\)-particle dark matter. However, this solution may not be very attractive because of an unnaturally large charge for the \(X\) particle. Thus, we seek for alternative solutions in the remaining part of this section.\

Now we consider another way to generate extremely small coupling constants in an effective Lagrangian. Suppose that the \(X\) particle is composite particle rather than elementary one\(^8\). We assume a non-Abelian gauge interaction with matter multiplets \(Q\) which transform non-trivially under the gauge group. Below the dynamical scale \(\Lambda\) of the gauge interaction, the confinement occurs and gauge invariant

\(^{11}\) A linear combination of this fiveness \(n_5\) and the hypercharge \(Y\) of U(1)\(_Y\) form \(B - L = (4Y - n_5)/5\).
composite fields become low-energy degrees of freedom. We can identify the lightest state among these composite fields with the $X$ field. The operator matching relation is

$$X = \left(\frac{4\pi}{\Lambda}\right)^{r^{-1}} Q^r \quad (r \in \mathbb{Z}),$$

(17)

provided the $X$ field consists of $r$ Q fields \([25]\). Thus, if there are allowed tree-level operators

$$W = \frac{1}{M^{r+n-5}_r} Q^r \psi^{n-2}, \quad K = \frac{1}{M^{r+n-5}_r} Q^r \psi^{n-3},$$

(18)

where $\psi$ denotes the MSSM particles, the low-energy effective operators contributing to the $X$ particle decay are

$$W_{\text{eff}} = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{4\pi M_*}\right)^{r^{-1}} \frac{1}{M^{r+n-4}_r} X \psi^{n-2}, \quad K_{\text{eff}} = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{4\pi M_*}\right)^{r^{-1}} \frac{1}{M^{r+n-4}_r} X \psi^{n-3}.$$  

(19)

The effective coupling constants $(\Lambda/4\pi M_*)^{r^{-1}}$ may be very small so that the lifetime of the $X$ particle can be long enough to explain the UHE cosmic rays even if $n$ is small \([8]\).

Finally, we discuss whether we can obtain the required long lifetime of the $X$ particle keeping the assumptions (a) and (b). The basic strategy is as follows. We first choose $\mathbb{Z}_N$ charge for the $X$ particle so that it cannot decay into the MSSM particles. Next, we introduce a pair of vector-like fields $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ which has a fractional charge of the $\mathbb{Z}_N$ symmetry, so that the $X$ particle is able to decay into the MSSM particles through higher dimensional operators containing $Y$ or $\bar{Y}$ fields, provided that the mass of these fields is much smaller than that of the $X$ particle. Then, the lifetime of the $X$ particle may be set long enough to explain the UHE cosmic rays by choosing suitable $\mathbb{Z}_N$ charges for the $Y$ field. In the following, we show concrete examples of this scenario. For simplicity, we assume that the $X$ and $Y$ particles transform as $(8, 1)_0$ and $(1, 1)_0$ under the standard-model gauge group, respectively.

To begin with, we consider the baryon parity $\mathbb{Z}_3$ and set its charge for the $X$ particle to be $3/2$. Then, the $X$ particle cannot decay into the MSSM particles alone, since all MSSM particles have integer $\mathbb{Z}_3$ charges. Then, we introduce $Y$ and
We suppose that they have opposite $Z_N$ charge for each other forming a massive Dirac-type multiplet. If the $Y$ field has the $Z_3$ charge $1/10$, $7/10$, $13/10$ or $19/10$, for example, the lowest dimensional operator contributing to the $X$ particle decay is

$$W = \frac{1}{M^6_Y} XYYYY\bar{u}\bar{d},$$

and the lifetime of the $X$ particle is

$$\tau_X \sim \left(\frac{M_*}{M_X}\right)^{12} \frac{1}{M_X} \approx 10^{10} - 10^{23} \text{ years},$$

for the cut-off scale $M_* \approx 10^{18}$ GeV and $M_X \approx (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV. This shows an excellent agreement with the required lifetime of the $X$ particle. The lowest dimensional operators with a complete list of the $Z_3$ charge for the $Y$ field are given in Table 6, where the $X$ particle has the lifetime given in eq. (21).

The same conclusion can be drawn also by considering a product of two matter parities $Z_2 \times Z_2$. We suppose that the $X$ particle is odd under the first $Z_2$ and even under the second $Z_2$ (i.e. $Z_2(1) \times Z_2(0)$) so that it cannot decay into the MSSM particles without extra fields. If we introduce the $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ fields, the lifetime of the $X$ particle can be set as in eq. (21) for an appropriate choice of the $Z_2 \times Z_2$ charge for the $Y$ field. The lowest dimensional operators which cause the $X$ particle decay with the desired lifetime in eq. (21) are given in Table 7 together with the charges for the $Y$ fields.

We have shown, in this section, that the decay of the $X$ particle can explain the UHE cosmic rays when one of the three assumptions (a), (b) or (c) is removed. Although all these possibilities require additional structures to the MSSM, they are not very implausible since we don’t know anything about the physics at the UHE scale. Thus, we may conclude that there are natural mechanisms to guarantee the

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12 If we change the cut-off scale from $M_* \approx 10^{18}$ GeV, the dimension of required operators may be also changed from $n = 10$ as shown in eq. (10). However, the present analysis is also extended to such cases in a straightforward manner.

13 A similar argument is hold also in the case of the $X$ particle being $(1,3)_0$. The operators contributing to the $X$ decay may contain $lH_u$ ($l$ or $H_uH_u$) which can be induced by an exchange of the $\bar{\nu}$ ($\xi$, $\bar{\xi}$) fields. In this case, the cut-off scale may be rather $M_*^{n-3}M_R$ than $M_*^{n-4}$ altering the lifetime of the $X$ particle.
long lifetime of the superheavy $X$ particle required for explanation of the observed UHE cosmic rays.

5 Discussion and Conclusions

The observed ultra-high energy (UHE) cosmic rays [1, 2, 3] beyond the GZK bound seem to be a big challenge in elementary particle physics. The simplest explanation is that the UHE cosmic rays originate from decays of some superheavy $X$ particles forming a part of dark matter in our universe [3, 4]. To make this model more fascinating we must account for the long lifetime of the $X$ particle, $\tau_X \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{22}$ years [7], required for a consistent explanation of the observed UHE cosmic rays. Since the mass of $X$ particle is $M_X \simeq (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV [6, 7, 23, 24], it is very difficult to understand the long lifetime of such a superheavy particle without having symmetry reasons.

Hoping a natural explanation of the long lifetime, we have first searched for possible discrete gauge symmetries $Z_N$ under the circumstance where neutrinos have tiny Majorana masses suggested from the recently observed atmospheric and solar neutrino anomalies [15, 16]. We have shown that there are only two anomaly-free discrete gauge symmetries, $Z_2$ and $Z_3$. We have found, furthermore, no $X$ particle candidate to have the desired long lifetime and mass within the MSSM. This is because the discrete gauge symmetries $Z_2$ and $Z_3$ are so small that the $X$ particle decays quickly into the MSSM particles.

We have, however, found possible solutions to the above problem in this paper. In particular, we have obtained many solutions by enlarging particle contents in the MSSM. We have shown various solutions (in Tables 6 and 7) introducing an extra pair of singlets $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ which have fractional $Z_N$ ($N = 2, 3$) charges. In these examples we have assumed that the $X$ particle transforms as $(8, 1)_0$ under the standard-model gauge group. It is remarkable that this $X$ particle raises the gauge coupling unification scale up to the perturbative string scale $\sim 5 \times 10^{17}$ GeV together with a partner $(1, 3)_0$ [26]. We hope that the presence of $X$, $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ particles and the discrete gauge symmetry $Z_2$ or $Z_3$ will be understood by some
underlying physics at the Planck scale.

Finally, we should comment on experimental constraints on our superheavy particle $X$ in the case that dark matter in our universe is dominantly composed of them. Then, since the $X$ particle $(8, 1)_0$ has strong QCD interactions, various experiments and cosmological considerations lead to serious constraints in the parameter space of $M_X$ and $\sigma_p$, with $\sigma_p$ being the scattering cross section on protons. In particular, a recent underground experiment has almost excluded the mass region of our interest ($M_X \simeq (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13}$ GeV) for the extreme case that the $X$ particles close the universe ($\Omega_X \simeq 1$) [28]. The density $\Omega_X$ of the $X$ particle, for example, must be smaller than about $10^{-3}$ if $\sigma_p = 10^{-26}$ cm$^2$. Therefore, they may be detected in future experiments if the density of the $X$ particles $(8, 1)_0$ is near its upper bound.

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A The Case of Massive Dirac Neutrinos

We consider that the neutrinos are Majorana fermions in the text. In this appendix we discuss the case of massive Dirac neutrinos and show that there are some discrete gauge symmetries which explain the required long lifetime of the $X$ particles $\tau_X \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{22}$ years.

First, we impose similar anomaly-cancellation conditions as in section 2 to discrete gauge symmetries $Z_N$. Among the conditions (i)-(iii) in section 2, however, the second condition (ii) must be replaced by the following new condition:

(ii)' The Dirac mass terms for neutrinos

$$W = y_{ij} l_i \bar{\nu}_j H_u$$

are allowed by $Z_N$.  

(22)
Here $\bar{\nu}_i$ are antineutrino chiral multiplets and $y_{ij}$ denote Yukawa coupling constants, which must be very small so as to give small neutrino masses. We omit family indices, hereafter.

The first two conditions (i) and (ii)' reduce the number of independent $Z_N$ charges for the MSSM particles and the antineutrino chiral multiplets as shown in Table 8. The third condition (iii) leads to

$$\begin{cases}
0 = \frac{1}{2} r_1 N \\
-\frac{3}{2} p = \frac{1}{2} r_2 N & (r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 \in \mathbb{Z}) \\
0 = r_3 N + \frac{3}{2} r_4 N.
\end{cases} \quad (23)$$

These conditions come from the cancellations of $\{Z_N\}\{SU(3)_C\}^2$, $\{Z_N\}\{SU(2)_L\}^2$ and $Z_N$-gravitational anomalies, respectively.

From eq. (23), we have many independent discrete gauge symmetries,

$$\begin{align*}
Z_{3n \pm 1} & : (p, m) = (0, m), \quad (m = 1, \ldots, 3n \pm 1) \quad (24) \\
Z_{3n} & : (p, m) = (0, m), (n, m), (2n, m). \quad (m = 1, \ldots, 3n) \quad (25)
\end{align*}$$

In the Dirac case, there are a larger number of solutions compared with in the Majorana case, since the condition (ii)' is much weaker than (ii). We should note that the solutions, $p$ and $m$, are not changed even with the Green-Schwarz term.

Among various solutions given in eqs. (24) and (25) we restrict our discussion to the solutions in which the antineutrinos $\bar{\nu}$ do not have Majorana masses $M_R \bar{\nu} \bar{\nu}$. This suggests $2(p - m) \neq kN$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) (see Table 8).

Now let us turn to the decay of superheavy $X$ particle. Since we have arbitrarily large $N$ solutions for $Z_N$ symmetries, it is easy to find discrete gauge symmetries.

**In this case, the conditions (23) are modified as**

$$\begin{cases}
0 = \frac{1}{2} r_1 N + k \delta_{GS} \\
-\frac{3}{2} p = \frac{1}{2} r_2 N + k \delta_{GS} & (r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 \in \mathbb{Z}) \\
0 = r_3 N + \frac{3}{2} r_4 N + 24 \delta_{GS}.
\end{cases} \quad (26)$$

However, solutions to eq. (24) are the same as in the case without Green-Schwarz term.
under which the $X$ particle has a sufficiently long lifetime. If we take $\mathbf{Z}_{10}$ and assume that the $X$ particle is Majorana-type one which transforms as $(8, 1)_0$ under the standard-model gauge group, for example, the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM particles including the antineutrinos through operators given in Table 9 for $(p, m) = (0, 1)$ and $(0, 3)$. The lifetime of the $X$ particle is given by

$$\tau_X \sim \left( \frac{M_*}{M_X} \right)^{12} \frac{1}{M_X} \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{23} \text{ years},$$

which shows that the decay of the $X$ particles can produce the UHE cosmic rays. Here, we have assumed $M_X \simeq (0.3 - 3) \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$ as in the text.

So far, we have put the small Yukawa coupling constants $y_{ij}$ by hand to obtain the light neutrinos. However, there is a mechanism called Dirac-seesaw which generates extremely small Yukawa coupling constants \[22\]. Thus, the case of massive Dirac neutrino may not be very implausible.
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Table 1: $\mathbb{Z}_N$ discrete charges for the MSSM particles. Here, $p, m = 1, \ldots, N - 1$. $q, \bar{u}, d, l$ and $\bar{e}$ denote SU(2)$_L$-doublet quark, up-type antiquark, down-type anti-quark, SU(2)$_L$-doublet lepton and charged antilepton chiral multiplets. $H_u$ and $H_d$ are chiral multiplets for Higgs doublets.

|   | $q$ | $\bar{u}$ | $d$ | $l$ | $\bar{e}$ | $H_u$ | $H_d$ |
|---|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|------|------|
| $\mathbb{Z}_N$ | 0   | $-m$  | $m$ | $-p$ | $p + m$ | $m$  | $-m$ |

Table 2: Discrete charges for the MSSM particles under the matter parity ($\mathbb{Z}_2$) and the baryon parity ($\mathbb{Z}_3$). $q, \bar{u}, d, l$ and $\bar{e}$ denote SU(2)$_L$-doublet quark, up-type antiquark, down-type antiquark, SU(2)$_L$-doublet lepton and charged antilepton chiral multiplets. $H_u$ and $H_d$ are chiral multiplets for Higgs doublets. $\bar{\nu}$ is antineutrino chiral multiplet, and $\xi$ and $\bar{\xi}$ are SU(2)$_L$-triplet chiral multiplets which generate neutrino Majorana mass terms.

|   | $q$ | $\bar{u}$ | $d$ | $l$ | $\bar{e}$ | $H_u$ | $H_d$ | $\bar{\nu}$ | $\xi$ | $\bar{\xi}$ |
|---|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|------|------|----------|------|--------|
| $\mathbb{Z}_2$ | 0   | 1      | 1   | 0   | 1      | 1    | 1    | 1        | 0    | 0      |
| $\mathbb{Z}_3$ | 0   | 2      | 1   | 2   | 2      | 1    | 2    | 0        | 2    | 1      |

Figure 1: The neutrino Majorana mass terms eq. (2) can be induced by the exchange of (a) anti-neutrino chiral multiplet $\bar{\nu}$ or (b) SU(2)$_L$-triplet chiral multiplets $\xi$ and $\bar{\xi}$. 

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Figure 2: The lifetime $\tau_X$ of the $X$ particle as a function of its mass $M_X$ in various dimensions $n$ of decay operators ($\tau_X = M_*^{2n-8}/M_X^{2n-7}$). Here, we have set $M_* = 10^{18}$ GeV. The shaded region indicates the required lifetime to explain the UHE cosmic rays.
Table 3: The lowest dimensional operators through which the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM particles under the various discrete gauge symmetries. The $X$ particle transforms under the standard-model gauge group as (a) $(8,1)_0$, (b) $(1,3)_0$ or (c) $(1,1)_0$. The numbers $n_X$ in each parentheses $Z_N(n_X)$ denote $Z_N$ charges for the $X$ particle. Here, we have set the cut-off scale $M_s = 1$ in the table.

### (a) $X(8,1)_0$

| symmetries | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $K = Xq^1q, Xu^1u,Xd^d$; $W = Xq^1H_u, Xq^1H_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = XqH_u, XqH_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $K = Xq^1q, Xu^1u,Xd^d$; $W = Xq^1H_u, Xq^1H_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $K = Xq^1q, Xu^1u,Xd^d$; $W = Xq^1H_u, Xq^1H_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XqH_u$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |

### (b) $X(1,3)_0$

| symmetries | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $W = XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = XH_u$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $W = XH_u, XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XH_u$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |

### (c) $X(1,1)_0$

| symmetries | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $W = XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = XH_u$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $W = XH_u, XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XH_uH_d$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XH_u$. | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
### (a) $X(1, 1)_0$ \text{[ } \oplus \bar{X}(1, 1)_0 \text{]}

| symmetries        | the lowest dimensional operators                      | lifetime $\tau_X$       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$          | $W = XH_uH_d, XH_uH_d.$                              | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$          | $W = XlH_u, XlH_u.$                                  | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$          | $W = XlH_u, XH_uH_d, XlH_u, XH_uH_d.$                | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$          | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                   | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$          | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                   | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_2(0)$ | $W = XH_uH_d, XH_uH_d.$                              | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = Xqqql, X\bar{u}ud\bar{e}.$                    | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = X\bar{u}ud\bar{e}, Xqqql.$                    | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = XlH_u, XlH_u.$                                  | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                   | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                   | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |

### (b) $X(1, 1)_1$ \text{[ } \oplus \bar{X}(1, 1)_{-1} \text{]}

| symmetries        | the lowest dimensional operators                      | lifetime $\tau_X$       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$          | $W = Xll.$                                            | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$          | $W = X\bar{e}$                                        | * * *                    |
| $Z_3(0)$          | $W = Xddd.$                                           | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$          | $W = X\bar{u}ud.$                                     | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$          | $W = X\bar{e}.$                                       | * * *                    |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dd\bar{e}.$                             | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}ud\bar{e}.$                             | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = Xll.$                                            | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = Xddd.$                                           | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}ud.$                                     | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = X\bar{e}.$                                       | * * *                    |

### (c) $X(3, 1)_{-1/3}$ \text{[ } \oplus \bar{X}(3^*, 1)_{1/3} \text{]}

| symmetries        | the lowest dimensional operators                      | lifetime $\tau_X$       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$          | $W = Xqq, X\bar{u}d, Xql, X\bar{u}d.$                 | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$          | $W = Xd.$                                             | * * *                    |
| $Z_3(0)$          | $W = Xqq, X\bar{u}d.$                                 | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$          | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                     | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$          | $W = Xd.$                                             | * * *                    |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = Xqq, X\bar{u}d.$                                 | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dd.$                                     | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = X\bar{u}d, Xql.$                                | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = X\bar{u}de.$                                     | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dd, X\bar{u}ddd.$                       | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = Xd.$                                             | * * *                    |
(d) $X(3^*, 1)_{-2/3}$  [ $\oplus \bar{X}(3, 1)_{2/3}$ ]

| symmetries                  | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$                    | $W = Xdd.$                       | $10^{-37} - 10^{-30}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$                    | $W = \bar{X}u.$                  | $**$                  |
| $Z_3(0)$                    | $W = Xqqq, Xuudd.$               | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$                    | $W = Xdd.$                       | $10^{-37} - 10^{-30}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$                    | $W = \bar{X}u.$                  | $**$                  |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$      | $W = Xqqq, Xuudd.$               | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$      | $W = Xdd.$                       | $10^{-37} - 10^{-30}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$      | $K = Xq^d, Xd^c, Xq^d, Xd^c; W = Xq^d H_d, Xu^d H_u, Xu^d H_d.$ | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$      | $W = Xuudd, Xuudd.$              | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$      | $W = Xu^d e.$                    | $10^{-28} - 10^{-26}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$      | $W = \bar{X}u.$                  | $**$                  |

(e) $X(1, 2)_{1/2}$  [ $\oplus X(1, 2)_{-1/2}$ ]

| symmetries                  | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $Z_2(0)$                    | $W = Xl.$                        | $**$                  |
| $Z_2(1)$                    | $W = XH_d, XH_u.$                | $**$                  |
| $Z_3(0)$                    | $W = Xqqq.$                      | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$                    | $W = Xl, XH_d, XH_u.$            | $**$                  |
| $Z_3(2)$                    | $K = Xq^d l^d, Xq^d l^d; W = Xu^d d^d H_u, Xu^d d^d H_d.$ | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$      | $W = Xqqq.$                      | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$      | $W = Xl.$                        | $**$                  |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$      | $K = Xq^d l^d, Xq^d l^d; W = Xu^d d^d H_u, Xu^d d^d H_d.$ | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$      | $W = Xu^d d.$                    | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$      | $W = XH_d, XH_u.$                | $**$                  |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$      | $W = Xd^d d.$                    | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
(f) $X(3, 2)_{1/6}$ \ [ $\oplus \ X(3^*, 2)_{-1/6}$ ]

| symmetries | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $W = Xq$.                       | $\ast \ast \ast$ |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = Xdl$.                      | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $W = Xq$.                       | $\ast \ast \ast$ |
| $Z_3(1)$   | $K = Xqd', Xq'd'$; $W = Xqql, XqqH_d, X\bar{u}dH_u, X\bar{d}dl, X\bar{d}dH_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$   | $K = Xq'i'q'i'd', Xq'i'\bar{u}d$, $W = X\bar{u}\bar{d}dH_u, X\bar{u}\bar{d}dl, X\bar{u}\bar{d}dH_d, Xqqql, XqqgqH_d$. | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = Xq$.                      | $\ast \ast \ast$ |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = Xqql, Xddl$.               | $10^{-28} - 10^{-23}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = X\bar{u}dH_d, Xqqql$.       | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = Xdl$.                      | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $K = Xqd', Xq'd'$; $W = XqqH_d, X\bar{u}dH_u, X\bar{d}dl, X\bar{d}dH_d$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $K = Xq'i'q'i'd', Xq'i'\bar{u}d$, $W = X\bar{u}\bar{d}H_u, X\bar{u}\bar{d}dl, X\bar{u}\bar{d}dH_d, Xqqql, XqqgqH_d$. | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |

(g) $X(6, 1)_{-2/3}$ \ [ $\oplus \ X(6^*, 1)_{2/3}$ ]

| symmetries | the lowest dimensional operators | lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $W = Xdd$.                       | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = Xqqd, X\bar{u}\bar{d}e$.   | $10^{-28} - 10^{-23}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $W = Xqqq, X\bar{u}\bar{d}d$.   | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$   | $W = Xdd$.                       | $10^{-37} - 10^{-30}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$   | $W = Xqqd$.                      | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = Xqqq, X\bar{u}\bar{d}d$    | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = Xdd$.                      | $10^{-37} - 10^{-30}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = Xqq\bar{e}, Xq\bar{d}dl$.  | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $W = X\bar{u}\bar{d}d, X\bar{u}\bar{d}d\bar{e}$. | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $W = X\bar{u}\bar{d}d, X\bar{u}\bar{d}d\bar{e}$. | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = Xqqd$.                      | $10^{-28} - 10^{-25}$ sec |
The lowest dimensional operators through which the $X$ ($\bar{X}$) particle decays into the MSSM particles under the various discrete gauge symmetries. The $X$ particle transforms under the standard-model gauge group as (a) $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$, (b) $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1$, (c) $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/3}$, (d) $(\mathbf{3}^*, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3}$, (e) $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{1/2}$, (f) $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6}$, (g) $(\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3}$ or (h) $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})_{1}$.

The numbers $n_X$ of each parentheses $Z_N(n_X)$ denote $Z_N$ charges for the $X$ particle and the charges for the $\bar{X}$ are $-n_X$. Here, we have set the cut-off scale $M_* = 1$ in the table.

| Symmetries | The lowest dimensional operators | Lifetime $\tau_X$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| $Z_2(0)$   | $W = Xl\bar{l}, XH_dH_d, XH_uH_u.$ | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1)$   | $W = XlH_d.$ | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_3(0)$   | $K = Xqqd^\dagger\bar{e}^\dagger, Xq\bar{d}d\bar{l}$, $Xq\bar{d}H_u, Xd\bar{d}H_d$, $\bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}e, \bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}\bar{l}$, $\bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}H_u, \bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}H_d$; $W = \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_uH_u, \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_d, \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_uH_d.$ | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_3(1)$   | $W = Xll, XlH_u, XH_dH_d, XH_uH_u.$ | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_3(2)$   | $W = Xll, XlH_u, XH_dH_d, XH_uH_u.$ | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(0)$ | $K = Xqqd^\dagger\bar{e}^\dagger, Xq\bar{d}d\bar{l}$, $Xq^\dagger\bar{d}H_u, Xd\bar{d}H_d$, $\bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}e, \bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}\bar{l}$; $W = \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_u, Xd\bar{d}H_d, Xd\bar{d}H_uH_d.$ | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(1)$ | $K = Xqq\bar{q}q\dagger l, Xq\bar{q}q^\dagger\bar{d}e^\dagger, Xq^\dagger\bar{u}\bar{l}, Xq^\dagger\bar{u}d\bar{l}, Xq\bar{u}\bar{l}, \bar{X}q^\dagger l, X\bar{q}\bar{q}^\dagger\bar{d}l$; $W = \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_u, Xd\bar{d}H_d, Xd\bar{d}H_uH_d.$ | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(0) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = Xll, XH_dH_d, XH_uH_u.$ | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(0)$ | $K = Xqqd^\dagger\bar{e}^\dagger, Xq\bar{d}d\bar{l}$, $X\bar{q}^\dagger\bar{d}H_u, Xq^\dagger\bar{d}H_d$, $\bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}H_u, \bar{X}q^\dagger\bar{d}H_d$; $W = \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_uH_u, \bar{X}d\bar{d}H_dH_d.$ | $10^{-10} - 10^{-3}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(1)$ | $K = Xq^\dagger\bar{q}u, Xqq\bar{u}^\dagger; W = XqqH_u.$ | $10^{-19} - 10^{-14}$ sec |
| $Z_2(1) \times Z_3(2)$ | $W = XlH_d.$ | $10^{-37} - 10^{-36}$ sec |
Table 5: Fiveness charges $n_5$ for the MSSM particles. $q, \bar{u}, \bar{d}, l$ and $\bar{e}$ denote SU(2)$_L$-doublet quark, up-type antiquark, down-type antiquark, SU(2)$_L$-doublet lepton and charged antilepton chiral multiplets. $H_u$ and $H_d$ are chiral multiplets for Higgs doublets. $\phi$ breaks the fiveness symmetry by its vacuum-expectation value $\langle \phi \rangle = M_R$. The $B - L$ is given by $(4Y - n_5)/5$.

| fiveness | $q$ | $\bar{u}$ | $d$ | $l$ | $\bar{e}$ | $H_u$ | $H_d$ | $\phi$ |
|----------|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|------|------|-------|
|          | $-1$| $-1$   | $3$ | $3$ | $-1$   | $2$  | $-2$ | $10$  |

Table 6: The lowest dimensional operators through which the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM and the $Y$ particles under the $\mathbb{Z}_3(3/2)$. (The number $n_X$ in parenthesis $\mathbb{Z}_3(n_X)$ denotes $\mathbb{Z}_3$ charge for the $X$ particle.) The $X$ particle transforms under the standard-model gauge group as $(8, 1)_0$ and the $Y$ and $\bar{Y}$ are singlets $(1, 1)_0$. For each case, the lifetime of the $X$ particle $\tau_X$ is $10^{10} - 10^{23}$ years. Here, we have set the cut-off scale $M_* = 1$ in the table.

$\mathbb{Z}_3(3/2) \quad [X(8, 1)_0]$

| $\mathbb{Z}_3$ charges for $Y$ | the lowest dimensional operators |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{19}{10}$ | $W = XY^5uudd.$ |
| $\frac{9}{10}, \frac{21}{10}, \frac{27}{10}$ | $K = XY^5qq, XY^5u\bar{u}, XY^5\bar{d}d,$ |
| $\frac{11}{10}, \frac{17}{10}, \frac{23}{10}, \frac{29}{10}$ | $XY^{15}q\bar{q}, XY^{15}\bar{u}u, XY^{15}\bar{d}d,$ |
|                                 | $XY^5q\bar{q}, XY^5\bar{u}u, XY^5d\bar{d},$ |
|                                 | $XY^{15}q\bar{q}, XY^{15}\bar{u}u, XY^{15}d\bar{d},$ |
| $W = XY^5q\bar{u}H_u, XY^5qdl, XY^5qdH_d,$ | |
| $XY^5q\bar{u}H_u, XY^5d\bar{q}l, XY^5qdH_d.$ | |
\[ \mathbb{Z}_2(1) \times \mathbb{Z}_2(0) \quad [X(8,1)_0] \]

| \((\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)\) charges for \(Y\) | the lowest dimensional operators |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| \((\frac{2n_1}{5}, \frac{2n_2+1}{5})\) | \(W = XY^5qdl, XY^5\bar{u}dd,\)  |
|                                      | \(XY^5qdl, XY^5\bar{u}dd.\)    |
| \((\frac{2n_2+1}{5}, \frac{2n_1}{5})\) | \(K = XY^{\pm}q^\dagger q, XY^{\pm}\bar{u}\dagger \bar{u}, XY^{\pm}d^\dagger d,\) |
|                                      | \(XY^{\pm 15}q^\dagger q, XY^{\pm 15}\bar{u}\dagger \bar{u}, XY^{\pm 15}d^\dagger d,\) |
|                                      | \(XY^{\pm 15}\bar{q}^\dagger q, XY^{\pm 15}\bar{u}\dagger \bar{u}, XY^{\pm 15}\bar{d}^\dagger \bar{d};\) |
|                                      | \(W = XY^5\bar{q}\bar{u}H_u, XY^5q\bar{d}H_d;\) |
|                                      | \(XY^5\bar{q}\bar{u}H_u, XY^5q\bar{d}H_d.\) |

Table 7: The lowest dimensional operators through which the \(X\) particle decays into the MSSM and the \(Y\) particles under the \(\mathbb{Z}_2(1) \times \mathbb{Z}_2(0)\). (The numbers \(n_X\) in parentheses \(\mathbb{Z}_2(n_X)\) denote \(\mathbb{Z}_2\) charges for the \(X\) particle.) The \(X\) particle transforms under the standard-model gauge group as \((8,1)_0\) and the \(Y\) and \(\bar{Y}\) are singlets \((1,1)_0\). Here, \(n_1, n_2 = 0, \ldots, 4\) except for \((n_1, n_2) = (0, 2)\). For each case, the lifetime of the \(X\) particle \(\tau_X\) is \(10^{10} - 10^{23}\) years. Here, we have set the cut-off scale \(M_* = 1\) in the table.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
q & \bar{u} & d & l & \bar{e} & \nu & H_u & H_d \\
\hline
\mathbb{Z}_N & 0 & -m & m & -p & p+m & p-m & m & -m
\end{array}
\]

Table 8: \(\mathbb{Z}_N\) discrete charges for the MSSM particles and the antineutrino. Here, \(p, m = 1, \ldots, N - 1\). \(q, \bar{u}, d, l, \bar{e}\) and \(\nu\) denote SU(2)\(L\)-doublet quark, up-type antiquark, down-type antiquark, SU(2)\(L\)-doublet lepton, charged antilepton and antineutrino chiral multiplets. \(H_u\) and \(H_d\) are chiral multiplets for Higgs doublets.
Table 9: The lowest dimensional operators through which the $X$ particle decays into the MSSM particles and the antineutrinos for $(p, m) = (0, 1), (0, 3)$ under the discrete $Z_{10}$ symmetry. (The number $n_X$ in parenthesis $Z_{10}(n_X)$ denotes $Z_{10}$ charge for the $X$ particle.) For each case, the lifetime of the $X$ particle $\tau_X$ is $10^{10} \sim 10^{23}$ years. The $X$ particle is assumed to transform as $(8, 1)_0$ under the standard-model gauge group. For $(p, m) = (0, 2)$ and $(0, 4)$, the $X$ particle is completely stable, since all MSSM particles and antineutrinos have even charges while the $X$ particle has an odd charge. We discard the cases $(p, m) = (0, 6) - (0, 9)$, since they are charge conjugations of the $(p, m) = (0, 1) - (0, 4)$. Here, we have set the cut-off scale $M_* = 1$ in the table.

![Table 9: The lowest dimensional operators through which the X particle decays into the MSSM particles and the antineutrinos for (p, m) = (0, 1), (0, 3) under the discrete Z_{10} symmetry. (The number n_X in parenthesis Z_{10}(n_X) denotes Z_{10} charge for the X particle.) For each case, the lifetime of the X particle \tau_X is 10^{10} \sim 10^{23} years. The X particle is assumed to transform as (8, 1)_0 under the standard-model gauge group. For (p, m) = (0, 2) and (0, 4), the X particle is completely stable, since all MSSM particles and antineutrinos have even charges while the X particle has an odd charge. We discard the cases (p, m) = (0, 6) - (0, 9), since they are charge conjugations of the (p, m) = (0, 1) - (0, 4). Here, we have set the cut-off scale M_* = 1 in the table.](image-url)