Multiscalar $B-L$ extension based on $S_4$ flavor symmetry for neutrino masses and mixing

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Abstract: A multiscalar and nonrenormalizable $B-L$ extension of the standard model (SM) with $S_4$ symmetry which successfully explains the recently observed neutrino oscillation data is proposed. The tiny neutrino masses and their hierarchies are generated via the type-I seesaw mechanism. The model reproduces the recent experiments of neutrino mixing angles and Dirac CP violating phase in which the atmospheric angle ($\theta_{23}$) and the reactor angle ($\theta_{13}$) get the best-fit values while the solar angle ($\theta_{12}$) and Dirac CP violating phase ($\delta$) are in $3\sigma$ range of the best-fit value for the normal hierarchy (NH). For the inverted hierarchy (IH), $\theta_{13}$ gets the best-fit value and $\theta_{23}$ together with $\delta$ are in the $1\sigma$ range, while $\theta_{12}$ is in $3\sigma$ range of the best-fit value. The effective neutrino masses are predicted to be $\langle m_{ee} \rangle = 6.81$ meV for the NH and $\langle m_{ee} \rangle = 48.48$ meV for the IH, in good agreement with the most recent experimental data.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The observed neutrino oscillation data, including the neutrino mass-squared differences, mixing angles, and the Dirac CP phases given in Table 1, is a subject of intense interest in current particle physics. This pattern provides inspiration for constructing models with additional scalars and symmetries and makes it interesting to extend the SM. Among the various extensions of the SM, the $B-L$ gauge model is one of the simplest extensions which has been studied in previous works [2-12], whereby the anomalies are canceled in different ways [13-15]. In this work, we improve the model proposed in Refs. [7, 8], where neutrino masses and various other phenomena involving leptogenesis, dark matter, etc, are satisfied. It is emphasized that the above-mentioned model by itself cannot predict the recently observed neutrino oscillation data.

It is worth mentioning that non-Abelian discrete symmetries have revealed many outstanding issues. Consequently, many of them have been applied in explaining the observed neutrino oscillation pattern. One of them, the $S_4$ symmetry, has been widely used because it provides a viable description of the observed neutrino oscillation data [15-41]. However, the above-mentioned models contain non-minimal scalar sectors with many Higgs doublets. Thus, it is interesting to find an alternative extension which can give a better explanation of the observed neutrino oscillation data with less scalar content than previous models. In this work, we propose an alternative and improved version of the $B-L$ model with an additional flavor symmetry group, $S_4 \otimes Z_3$, which accommodates the current neutrino oscillation data given in Table 1. In this work, all left-handed leptons are put in $\mathbf{3}$ while for the right-handed leptons, the first generation is
put in $\frac{1}{4}$ and the two others are in $\frac{1}{2}$. The $S_4$ group contains 24 elements dispersed into five conjugacy classes and five irreducible representations, denoted as $1, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 3,$ and $\frac{3}{2}$. In this paper, we work in the basis where $\frac{3}{2}$ and $3$ are real whereas $\frac{1}{2}$ is complex. For a detailed description of the $S_4$ group, the reader is referred to Ref. [15]. Despite the $S_4$ symmetry being previously studied in various works [15-41], to the best of our knowledge, this symmetry has not been considered before in the $B-L$ scenario.

This paper is arranged as follows. The model is described in Section II. Section III is devoted to neutrino mass and mixing. The results of the numerical analysis are presented in Section IV and finally, some conclusions are given in Section V.

II. THE MODEL

The full symmetry of the model is $G = G_{SM} \otimes U(1)_{B-L} \otimes S_4 \otimes Z_2$, where $G_{SM} = SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ is the gauge group of the SM. In this model, the first generation of right-handed leptons is put in $\frac{1}{2}$ while the two others are put in $\frac{1}{2}$ under $S_4$ and the three generations of left-handed leptons as well as the three right-handed neutrinos are put in $3$. The model particle content is given in Table 2, where $\phi, \phi'$ and $\eta$ are $S_4$ triplets whose components are $SU(2)_L$ singlets, and $\chi$ is one $S_4$ doublet whose components are $SU(2)_L$ singlets.

Under $G$ symmetry, $\psi_L l_R$ and $\psi_l l_R$ transform as $(1, 2, -1/2, 0, 3, \omega^2)$ and $(1, 2, -1/2, 0, 3, \omega^2)$, respectively. Thus, we need one $SU(2)_L$ doublet $H$ and two $SU(2)_L$ singlets $\phi, \phi'$, as presented in Table 2, to generate masses for the charged leptons.

Furthermore, the neutrino masses arise from $\tilde{\psi}_L \nu_{1R}$ and $\tilde{\nu}_{1R}$ to scalars, where under $G$ symmetry, $\tilde{\psi}_L \nu_{1R} \sim (1, 2, 1/2, 1/2, 1, 0, 3, \omega^2)$ and $\tilde{\nu}_{1R} \sim (1, 1, 0, -2, 1, 0, 3, \omega)$. For the known scalars ($H, \phi, \phi'$), under $G$ symmetry, there is only one invariant term ($\tilde{\psi}_{1R} \nu_{1R} \tilde{H}$) which is responsible for generating Dirac masses for the neutrinos. In order to generate realistic neutrino masses and mixings, we add two singlets $\chi, \eta$, respectively put in $2$ and $3$ under $S_4$ coupling to $\tilde{\nu}_{1R}$ which are responsible for generating Majorana masses for the neutrinos.

Up to five dimensions, the Yukawa couplings invariant under all symmetries are

$$-L_y = \frac{h_1}{\Lambda} (\bar{\psi}_L l_{1R})_2 (H \phi')_2 + \frac{h_2}{\Lambda} (\bar{\psi}_L l_{2R})_2 (H \phi')_2 + \frac{h_3}{\Lambda} (\bar{\psi}_L l_{3R})_2 (H \phi')_2 + \frac{x}{\Lambda} (\bar{\psi}_L l_{1R})_2 \tilde{H} + \frac{y}{\Lambda} (\bar{\psi}_L l_{2R})_2 \nu_{1R} + \frac{\tilde{\nu}_{1R}}{\Lambda} \tilde{H} + \text{H.c.,}$$

1) In fact, there exist the other contributions via higher dimensional Weinberg operators, such as $\frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{m,n} \bar{\psi}_L H^m X H^m (X')^n$ with $m, n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$; $X, \chi, \eta$ and $\Lambda$ is the cutoff scale. However, since $v_{1R}$ and $v_{2R}$ are far smaller than the cutoff scale $\Lambda$, i.e., $v_{1R} \ll v_{2R} \ll \Lambda$. Thus, the left-handed neutrino mass generated via Type II seesaw mechanism $\nu_{1R} (\frac{v_{1R}}{\Lambda})^{2n+1} (\frac{v_{2R}}{\Lambda})^{2n+1}$ is very small compared to the one generated via the canonical type-I seesaw mechanism as in Eq. (13) and therefore would be neglected.
where $\Lambda$ is the cut-off scale of the theory, and $h_{1,2,3}$ as well as $x, y, z$ are the dimensionless Yukawa coupling constants.

To generate a suitable neutrino oscillation pattern, the following structure of VEVs is chosen:

$$
\langle H \rangle_T = \gamma_{H}, \langle \phi \rangle = (\langle \phi_1 \rangle, \langle \phi_2 \rangle, \langle \phi_3 \rangle), \langle \phi_1 \rangle = \gamma_{\phi}, \langle \phi_2 \rangle = (\langle \phi_1 \rangle, \langle \phi_2 \rangle, \langle \phi_3 \rangle), \langle \phi_3 \rangle = \gamma_{\phi}, \langle \phi \rangle = (\langle \phi_1 \rangle, \langle \phi_2 \rangle, \langle \phi_3 \rangle).
$$

(2)

The VEVs of $\phi$ and $\phi'$, respectively, break $S_4$ down to $S_3$ and $Z_3$, while the VEVs of $\chi$ and $\eta$ break $S_4$ down to the Klein four group $K_4$.

From Eq. (1), with expansion $\phi = (\phi_1 + \phi_2)$ and $H = (H^+ H^0)^T$, we get the lepton flavor changing interactions:

$$
-L_{\text{lep}} = \frac{h_{1,2,3}}{2} (\bar{\psi}_{iL} H_0^+ + \bar{\psi}_{iL} H^+) l_{iR} + \frac{h_{1,2,3}}{2} (\bar{\psi}_{iL} H_0^+ + \bar{\psi}_{iL} H^+) l_{iR} \\
+ \frac{h_{2,3,4}}{2} (\bar{\psi}_{iL} H_0^+ + \bar{\psi}_{iL} H^+) l_{iR} \\
+ \frac{h_{3,4,5}}{2} (\bar{\psi}_{iL} H_0^+ + \bar{\psi}_{iL} H^+) l_{iR} + H.C. \ .
$$

(3)

Equation (3) shows that, in the case $\gamma_{\phi} \approx \gamma_{\phi}$, the usual Yukawa couplings are proportional to $\gamma_{\phi}$ and the lepton flavor conserving processes in this model are suppressed by the factor $\frac{\gamma_{\phi}}{M^2_{H}}$ associated with the above small Yukawa couplings and the large mass scale of the heavy scalars. For further details, the reader is referred to Refs. [42-45]. Furthermore, this model contains only one $SU(2)_L$ Higgs doublet; therefore, the flavor changing neutral current processes are absent at tree level.

### III. NEUTRINO MASS AND MIXING

From the Yukawa interactions in Eq. (1), using the tensor product of $S_4$ [15], together with the VEVs of $H, \phi$ and $\phi'$ in Eq. (2), the charged lepton mass terms are written as follows:

$$
L_{\text{cl}} = -(\bar{l}_{iL} H_0^+ l_{iR} l_{iR} l_{iR}^T + H.C.,
$$

(4)

where

$$
\gamma_{H} = \frac{v_{H}}{\sqrt{2} M_{H}}, \quad \gamma_{\phi} = \frac{v_{\phi}}{\sqrt{2} M_{\phi}}.
$$

(5)

The matrix $M_f$ is diagonalized as $U_f M_f = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$, where

$$
U_f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{array} \right), \quad U_R = I_{3 \times 3}, \quad \omega = \frac{e^{i \pi / 3}}{\sqrt{3}}.
$$

(6)

$$
m_e = \frac{\sqrt{3} v_{H} \gamma_{H}}{\Lambda}, \quad m_\mu = \frac{\sqrt{3} v_{H} \gamma_{H}}{\Lambda}.
$$

(7)

The left-handed mixing matrix $U_L$ is non-trivial in our model and hence will contribute to the leptonic mixing matrix. Equation (7) shows that $m_\mu$ and $m_\tau$ are differentiated by $\phi$. This is why $\gamma_{\phi}$ is additionally introduced to $\phi$ in the charged-lepton sector. Now, comparing the result in Eq. (7) with the best fit values for the masses of charged leptons taken from Ref. [46], $m_e = 0.511$ MeV, $m_\mu = 105.66$ MeV, and $m_\tau = 1776.86$ MeV, we find the relations $\frac{h_{1,2,3} v_{H}}{\Lambda} = 0.295$ MeV, $\frac{h_{2,3,4} v_{H}}{\Lambda} = 543$ MeV, $\frac{h_{3,4,5} v_{H}}{\Lambda} = 482$ MeV, i.e., $h_1 : h_2 : h_3 \sim 1.00 : 1.840 \times 10^3 : 1.634 \times 10^3$.

Regarding the neutrino sector, from the Yukawa terms in Eq. (1) and using the tensor product of $S_4$ [15], the Yukawa Lagrangian invariant under $G$ symmetry in the neutrino sector reads:

$$
-\mathcal{L}_\nu = x (\bar{\psi}_{1L} v_{1R} + \bar{\psi}_{2L} v_{2R} + \bar{\psi}_{3L} v_{3R}) \bar{H}
+ \frac{y}{2} \left[ (\chi_1 + \chi_2)^2 v_{1R} v_{1R} + \omega (\chi_1 + \chi_2)^2 v_{2R} v_{2R}
+ \omega (\chi_1 + \chi_2)^2 v_{3R} v_{3R} \right]
+ \frac{y}{2} \left[ (\bar{v}_{1R} v_{1R} + \bar{v}_{2R} v_{2R}) \eta_1 + (\bar{v}_{3R} v_{3R} + \bar{v}_{3R} v_{3R}) \eta_2
+ (\bar{v}_{1R} v_{1R} + \bar{v}_{2R} v_{2R}) \eta_3 \right]
+ H.C.
$$

(8)

After symmetry breaking, the mass Lagrangian for the neutrinos takes the following form:

$$
-\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_L M_{\nu} \nu_L + H.C.
$$

(9)

where

$$
\chi_L = (\nu_L, \nu_R^T), \quad M_{\nu} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & M_D^T \\ M_D & M_R \end{array} \right),
$$

(10)

\[ \nu_L = (\nu_{1L}, \nu_{2L}, \nu_{3L})^T, \quad \nu_R = (\nu_{1R}, \nu_{2R}, \nu_{3R})^T. \]
and the mass matrices $M_D$, $M_R$ take the following forms:

$$
M_D = \text{diag}(a_D, a_D, a_D),
$$

$$
M_R = \begin{pmatrix}
  a_{1R} + a_{2R} & a_{1R} & 0 \\
  a_{2R} & a_{2R} & a_{3R} + a_{4R} \\
  0 & a_{3R} & A_5 + i A_6 
\end{pmatrix},
$$

where

$$
d_D = x v^2, \quad a_{1R,2R} = y v_{A,1}, \quad a_R = z v_y.
$$

In the seesaw mechanism, the effective neutrino mass matrix is given by

$$
M_{\text{eff}} = -M_D^T M_R^{-1} M_D = \begin{pmatrix}
  A_1 + i A_2 & A_7 + i A_8 & 0 \\
  A_{7} & A_{1} + i A_{2} & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & A_5 + i A_6 
\end{pmatrix},
$$

with $a_i = |A_i|$ and $a_i (i = 1 - 8)$ being the arguments of $A_i$.

The squared-mass matrix $M^2$ in Eq. (15) has three exact eigenvalues:

$$
m_1 = \kappa_1 - \kappa_2, \quad m_2 = c_0, \quad m_3 = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2,
$$

with

$$
2 \kappa_1 = a_0 + b_0, \quad 2 \kappa_2 = \sqrt{(a_0 - b_0)^2 + 4(a_1^2 + g_0^2)},
$$

and the corresponding mixing matrix is

$$
U = \begin{pmatrix}
  \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta e^{i \alpha} \\
  0 & 1 & 0 \\
  \sin \theta e^{-i \alpha} & 0 & \cos \theta 
\end{pmatrix},
$$

with

$$
\alpha = -i \ln \left( -\frac{d_0 + i g_0}{\sqrt{d_0^2 + g_0^2}} \right),
$$

$$
\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{1}{K^2 + 1} \right),
$$

$$
K = \frac{b_0 - m_1}{\sqrt{d_0^2 + g_0^2}} = \frac{m_3 - a_0}{\sqrt{d_0^2 + g_0^2}}.
$$

The sign of $\Delta m_{31}^2$ plays a pivotal role in the form of the neutrino mass hierarchy. In the NH, $m_1 \ll m_2 \sim m_3$, and thus the lightest neutrino mass is $m_1$, while in the IH, $m_3 \ll m_1 \sim m_2$, thus the lightest neutrino mass is $m_3$ [46]. The neutrino mass matrix $M_{\text{eff}}$ in Eq. (13) is diagonalized as
where \( m_{2,3} \) and \( \alpha, \theta \) are given in Eqs. (17) and (20), respectively. The corresponding leptonic mixing matrix is

\[
U_{\text{lep}} = U_L^\dagger U_Y = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta + \omega \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
- \omega ^2 \cos \theta + \omega \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
- \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
- \omega ^2 \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\omega ^2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta + \omega ^2 \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \
\end{pmatrix} \\
& \text{for NH}, \end{array} \right. \]

\[
U_{\text{lep}} = U_Y U = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \omega \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta - \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \\
\omega \cos \theta + \sin \theta e^{-i\alpha} \
\end{pmatrix} \\
& \text{for IH}, \end{array} \right. \]

In the three-neutrino scheme, lepton mixing angles can be defined as:

\[
s_{13}^2 = |U_{e3}|^2, \quad t_{12} = \frac{|U_{e2}|^2}{|U_{e1}|^2}, \quad t_{23} = \frac{|U_{\mu3}|^2}{|U_{\mu1}|^2}, \quad (24)
\]

where \( t_{12} = s_{12}/c_{12}, \ t_{23} = s_{23}/c_{23}, \ c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, \ s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} \) with \( \theta_{ij} \) are neutrino mixing angles.

Combining the standard parametrization of the lepton mixing matrix \([47-54]\) and Eq. (23), the Jarlskog invariant constraining the size of CP violation in lepton sector is determined as \([52-54]\):

\[
J_{\text{CP}} = \text{Im}(U_{12} U_{23} U_{13}^* U_{22}^*) = \begin{cases} 
\frac{-\cos(2\theta)}{6 \cos(2\theta)} & \text{for NH}, \\
\frac{1}{6 \sqrt{3}} & \text{for IH}. 
\end{cases} \quad (25)
\]

Equations (23), (24) and (25) yield the following relations:

\[
\cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - 3 s_{13}^2 J_{\text{CP}}} \text{ for NH},
\]

\[
\cos \alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + 3 s_{13}^2 J_{\text{CP}}} \text{ for IH.} \quad (26)
\]

\[
\cos \alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - 3 s_{13}^2}{\sqrt{1 - 108 s_{13}^4 J_{\text{CP}}}} & \text{for NH}, \\
\frac{-1 + 3 s_{13}^2}{\sqrt{1 - 108 s_{13}^4 J_{\text{CP}}}} & \text{for IH.} 
\end{cases} \quad (27)
\]

\[
\sin \delta = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4 - O(s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2)} \text{ for both NH and IH,} \quad (28)
\]

\[
O(s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2) = \frac{(1 - 2 s_{13}^2)^2 (1 - 2 s_{23}^2)}{s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 (2 - 3 s_{13}^2) (1 - s_{23}^2)}, \quad (29)
\]

\[
t_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{2 - 3 s_{13}^2} \text{ for both NH and IH.} \quad (30)
\]

Since \( s_{13}^2 \) is a very small positive number and \( s_{23}^2 \) is very close to \( 1/2 \), we can approximate that \( O(s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2) \ll 1 \). Thus, from Eqs. (28)-(30) we can approximate

\[
t_{12}^2 > \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sin \delta \approx -1 + \frac{O(s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2)}{8} < 0. \quad (31)
\]

From Eqs. (17), (22) and (23), one can determine the effective neutrino masses governing beta decay \( (m_\beta) \) and neutrinoless double beta decay \( (m_{ee}) \), which can in principle determine the absolute neutrino mass scale \([55-57]\):

\[
m_\beta = \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2, \quad m_{ee} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} U_{e3}^2 m_i, \quad (32)
\]

where \( m_i (i = 1, 2, 3) \) are the masses of the three active neutrinos defined from Eqs. (17) and (22) while \( U_{ei} \) are the elements of \( U_{\text{PMNS}} \) determined from Eq. (23).

**IV. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

In the 1σ range\([1]\), \( s_{13} \in (0.1468, 0.1510) \) and \( s_{23} \in (0.7436, 0.7675) \) for NH, while \( s_{13} \in (0.1475, 0.1517) \) and

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1) Here, numbers are displayed with 4 significant digits to the right of the decimal point.
\( s_{23} \approx (0.7457, 0.7688) \) for IH. Thus, from Eqs. (1) and (2) we can find the range of values of \( \cos \theta \) and \( \cos \sigma \) as plotted in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, respectively. On the other hand, since \( s_{13}^2 \) is very small and \( s_{23}^2 \) is very close to \( \frac{1}{2} \), we can assume \( \mathcal{O}(s_{13}^2, s_{23}^2) \ll 1 \). Thus, from Eqs. (28) and (29) we can approximate

\[
\sin \delta \approx -1 + \frac{\mathcal{O}(s_{13}^2, s_{23}^2)}{8} < 0. \tag{33}
\]

Figure 3 shows that, in the 1\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1], the range of the Dirac CP violating phase is defined as

\[
\sin \delta \in \begin{cases} 
-0.8664, -0.5688 & \text{for NH}, \\
-0.8509, -0.5462 & \text{for IH},
\end{cases} \tag{34}
\]

i.e.,

\[
\delta \in \begin{cases} 
(299.96, 325.33) & \text{for NH}, \\
(301.70, 326.90) & \text{for IH}.
\end{cases} \tag{35}
\]

In the case where \( \theta_{23} \) takes its maximal value \( \left( \theta_{23} = \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \), \( \mathcal{O}(s_{13}^2, s_{23}^2) \approx 0 \) and \( \sin \delta = -1 \), the model predicts the cobimaximal mixing pattern [58-69]: \( \theta_{13} \neq 0, \theta_{23} = \frac{\pi}{4} \) and \( \delta = -\frac{\pi}{2} \). Furthermore, Eq. (30) implies \( t_{12} \in (0.7188, 0.7195) \) for NH and \( t_{12} \in (0.7189, 0.7196) \) for IH in the 1\( \sigma \) range of \( s_{13} \) of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1], which is plotted in Fig. 4. These intervals of \( t_{12} \) are in 3\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value.

Figure 3 shows that, in our model, \( \sin \delta \in (-0.851, -0.546) \), i.e. \( \delta^\ast \in (300.0, 325.0) \), for NH, and \( \sin \delta \in (-0.866, -0.569) \), i.e. \( \delta^\ast \in (301.679, 326.907) \), for IH. Besides, in the 1\( \sigma \) range [1], \( \delta^\ast_{\text{CP}} \in (173, 224) \) for NH and \( \delta^\ast_{\text{CP}} \in (252, 308) \) for IH, while in the 3\( \sigma \) range [1], \( \delta^\ast_{\text{CP}} \in (120, 369) \) for NH and \( \delta^\ast_{\text{CP}} \in (193, 352) \) for IH. Hence, this model predicts the Dirac CP violating phase \( \delta \) in which for NH, \( \delta \) is in 3\( \sigma \) range, and for IH, \( \delta \) is in 1\( \sigma \) range, of the best-fit values taken from Ref. [1].

In order to fix the parameters, we should deal with the central values given in Table 1. For NH, taking the central values of \( \theta_{23} \) and \( \theta_{13} \) as shown in Table 1, \( s_{23} = 0.757, s_{13} = 0.149 \). For IH, taking the central values of \( \theta_{13} \), \( s_{13} = 0.1496 \) and \( s_{23} = 0.7517 \), which are in the 1\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1]. We get:

![Fig. 1](image1.png) (color online) Contour plot of \( \cos \theta \) as a function of \( s_{13} \) and \( s_{23} \) in the 1\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1], i.e. \( s_{13} \in (0.1468, 0.1510) \) and \( s_{23} \in (0.7436, 0.7675) \) for NH (left), and \( s_{13} \in (0.1475, 0.1517) \) and \( s_{23} \in (0.7457, 0.7688) \) for IH (right).

![Fig. 2](image2.png) (color online) Contour plot of \( \cos \sigma \) as a function of \( s_{13} \) and \( s_{23} \) in the 1\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1], i.e. \( s_{13} \in (0.1468, 0.1510) \) and \( s_{23} \in (0.7436, 0.7675) \) for NH (left), and \( s_{13} \in (0.1475, 0.1517) \) and \( s_{23} \in (0.7457, 0.7688) \) for IH (right).
\[ \sum m_i c_0^2 = 2 = \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}}, \sqrt{\frac{2}{N}} \right) \quad (39) \]

\[ s_{13}^2 \in (0.7457, 0.7688) \quad (37) \]

\[ s_{13}^2 \in (0.1475, 0.1517) \quad (39) \]

\[ t_{12} \Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.42 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2, \quad \Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.517 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \]

It has been checked that both forms of the leptonic mixing matrix \( U_{lep} \) given in Eq. (37) are unitary and consistent with the constraint given in Ref. [1].

As a consequence, the Jarlskog invariant is given by

\[ J_{CP} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
-2.501 \times 10^{-2} & \text{for } \text{NH}, \\
-2.744 \times 10^{-2} & \text{for } \text{IH}.
\end{array} \right. \quad (38) \]

From the above analysis, we can conclude that the model under consideration can reproduce the recent experimental values of neutrino mixing angles and Dirac CP violating phase [1] in which the atmospheric angle (\( \theta_{23} \)) and the reactor angle (\( \theta_{13} \)) get the best-fit values while the solar angle (\( \theta_{12} \)) and Dirac CP violating phase (\( \delta \)) are in the 3\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value for the NH. For the IH, \( \theta_{13} \) has the best-fit value and \( \theta_{23} \) together with \( \delta \) are in the 1\( \sigma \) range, while \( \theta_{12} \) is in the 3\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1]. Although the model results for \( t_{12} \) and \( \delta \) are in the 3\( \sigma \) range of the best-fit value from Ref. [1], they are within 2\( \sigma \) of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [70] and 1\( \sigma \) of the best-fit value taken from the SNO and KamLAND collaborations [71, 72]. Now we turn to the neutrino mass hierarchy.

A. Normal spectrum

Taking into account the best-fit values of the neutrino mass-squared differences for NH given in Table 1, \( \Delta m^2_{21} = 7.42 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2, \Delta m^2_{31} = 2.517 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \), we obtain a solution:

\[ \kappa_1 = \sum m_i \frac{c_0}{2}, \quad \kappa_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\delta_{1N}} - \sqrt{\delta_{2N}} \right), \quad (39) \]
where $\delta_N$ and $\delta_{iN}$ $(i = 1 - 4)$ are given in Appendix A. Equations (17), (39), (40) and (A1)-(A5) show that the three neutrino masses $m_{1,2,3}$ depend only on the sum of neutrino masses $\sum m_i$.

At present there are various bounds on $\sum m_i$. For instance, for the NH, the upper limit on the sum of neutrino masses is $\sum m_i < 0.13$ eV in the $2\sigma$ range [70]. The dependence of $m_{1,2,3}$ on $\sum m_i$ is plotted in Fig. 5 with $\sum m_i \in (0.06, 0.1)$ eV within $2\sigma$ range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [70] and being well consistent with the strongest bound from cosmology [73] $\sum m_i < 0.078$ eV; the upper bounds are taken from Ref. [74] $\sum m_i < 0.12 - 0.69$ eV, and the constraint in Ref. [75] is $\sum m_i \in (0.06, 0.118)$ eV. In the case $\sum m_i = 6.5 \times 10^{-2}$ eV we get:

$$
m_1 = 4.76 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV},
m_2 = 9.84 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV},
m_3 = 5.04 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}.
$$

(41)

### B. Inverted spectrum

As before, using the best-fit values of the neutrino mass-squared differences for the IH shown in Table 1, $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.42 \times 10^{-5}$ eV$^2$, $\Delta m_{32}^2 = -2.498 \times 10^{-3}$ eV$^2$, we get a solution:

$$
\kappa_1 = \sum m_i - \frac{c_0}{2},
\kappa_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{\delta_{11}} - \sqrt{\delta_{21}}),
$$

(42)

where $\delta_{11}$ and $\delta_{i1}$ $(i = 1 - 4)$ are given in Appendix A. Similar to the previous section, the three neutrino masses $m_{1,2,3}$ just depend on the sum of neutrino masses $\sum m_i$. For the IH, the tightest $2\sigma$ upper limit on the sum of neutrino masses is $\sum m_i < 0.15$ eV [70]. Furthermore, the upper bound taken from Ref. [74] is $\sum m_i < 0.12 - 0.69$ eV, while the constraint given in Ref. [75] is $\sum m_i \in (0.1, 0.151)$ eV. The dependence of the three active neutrino masses $m_{1,2,3}$ on $\sum m_i$ is plotted in Fig. 6 with $\sum m_i \in (0.1, 0.2)$ eV, which is well consistent with the recent constraints given in Refs. [70, 74, 75]. In the case $\sum m_i = 0.1075$ eV we get:

$$
m_1 = 4.976 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV},
m_2 = 5.05 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV},
m_3 = 7.237 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}.
$$

(44)

### C. Effective neutrino mass parameters

Now, we deal with an effective neutrino mass. Equations (17), (39), (40) and (A1)-(A5) (for NH) and (17), (42), (43) and (A6)-(A10) (for IH) show that, with the best-fit values of the neutrino mass-squared differences, the effective neutrino mass parameters $(m_{ee})$ and $m_\beta$ depend on the sum of neutrino masses $\sum m_i$ and two mixing angles $\theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$. In the NH, $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$, hence $m_1 \equiv m_{\text{light}}$ is the lightest neutrino mass, while in the IH, $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$, therefore $m_3 \equiv m_{\text{light}}$ is the lightest neutrino mass. If we fix $\theta_{23}$ and $\theta_{13}$ at their best-fit values taken in Table 1, the effective neutrino masses $(m_{ee})$, $m_\beta$ and $m_{\text{light}}$ as functions of $\sum m_i$ are as plotted in Fig. 7.

In order to see the dependence of $(m_{ee})$ and $m_\beta$ on $\theta_{23}$ and $\theta_{13}$ we can fix the value for $\sum m_i$ in its constraint
range [70, 74]. For instance, $\sum m_i = 0.065$ eV for NH and $\sum m_i = 0.1075$ eV for IH. Consequently, we can contour plot $\langle m_{ee} \rangle$ and $m_\beta$ as functions of ($\theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$), as shown in Figs. 8 and 9, respectively.

These figures show that at 1$\sigma$ range of the best-fit value taken from Ref. [1] of $s_{23}$ and $s_{13}$, the model predicts the range of the effective neutrino mass parameters as follows:

$$\langle m_{ee} \rangle \in \begin{cases} (6.40, 7.10) \text{ meV for NH,} \\
(48.04, 48.64) \text{ meV for IH,} \end{cases} \quad (45)$$

and

$$m_\beta \in \begin{cases} (10.10, 10.22) \text{ meV for NH,} \\
(49.45, 49.48) \text{ meV for IH.} \end{cases} \quad (46)$$

In the case where $s_{23}$ and $s_{13}$ take their best-fit values [1], $s_{23} = 0.757$, $s_{13} = 0.149$ for NH and for $s_{23} = 0.7583$, $s_{13} = 0.1496$, one gets:

$$\langle m_{ee} \rangle = \begin{cases} 6.81 \text{ meV for NH,} \\
48.48 \text{ meV for IH,} \end{cases} \quad (47)$$

and

$$m_\beta = \begin{cases} 10.20 \text{ meV for NH,} \\
49.46 \text{ meV for IH.} \end{cases} \quad (48)$$

The derived effective neutrino mass parameters in Eqs. (47) and (48) satisfy all the upper bounds arising from recent $0\nu\beta \beta$ decay experiments taken from KamLAND-Zen [76] $\langle m_{ee} \rangle < 61 – 165$ meV, GERDA [77] $\langle m_{ee} \rangle < 104 – 228$ meV and CUORE [78] $\langle m_{ee} \rangle < 75 – 350$ meV.

V. CONCLUSIONS

We have suggested a multiscalar and nonrenormaliz-
able \( U(1)_{B-L} \) extension of the SM with \( S_4 \) symmetry which successfully explains the recent observed neutrino oscillation data. The tiny neutrino mass and the neutrino mass hierarchies are generated via the type-I seesaw mechanism. The model reproduces the recent experimental data of neutrino mixing angles and Dirac CP violating phase in which the atmospheric angle \((\theta_{23})\) and the reactor angle \((\theta_{13})\) get the best-fit values while the solar angle \((\theta_{12})\) and Dirac CP violating phase \((\delta)\) are in \(3\sigma\) range of the best-fit value for the NH. For the IH, \(\theta_{13}\) gets the best-fit value and \(\theta_{23}\) together with \(\delta\) are in the \(1\sigma\) range, while \(\theta_{12}\) belongs to \(3\sigma\) range of the best-fit value. The effective neutrino masses are predicted to be \(\langle m_{ee}\rangle = 6.81\) meV for the NH and \(\langle m_{ee}\rangle = 48.48\) meV for the IH, while \(m_1 = 10.20\) meV for the NH and \(m_3 = 49.46\) meV for the IH, which are strongly consistent with the most recent experimental data.

**APPENDIX A: EXPLICIT EXPRESSION OF \( \delta_{N(I)} \**

AND \( \delta_{N(I)}(i = 1 - 4) \**

The parameters \(\delta_N(I)\) and \(\delta_{N(I)}(i = 1 - 4)\) in Eqs. (39), (40), (42), (43) have explicit expressions as follows:

\[
\delta_{1N} = 7.895 \times 10^{-3} + 5.291 \times 10^{-8} \sqrt{\delta_N} + \frac{2}{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
- 26.99 - 4979 (\sum m_i)^2 - 2.10 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4, \\
(A1)
\]

\[
\delta_{2N} = 1.5795 \times 10^{-3} + 5.291 \times 10^{-8} \sqrt{\delta_N} + \frac{4}{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 26.99 - 4979 (\sum m_i)^2 - 2.10 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 \\
+ 5.034 \times 10^{-3} \sum m_i \\n\]

\[
\sqrt{\delta_{1N}}, \\
(A2)
\]

\[
\delta_{3N} = -1.0722 \times 10^{4} + 1.976 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 8.343 \times 10^{8} (\sum m_i)^4. \\
(A3)
\]

\[
\delta_N = -1.308 \times 10^{13} + 9.639 \times 10^{15} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
- 8.882 \times 10^{17} (\sum m_i)^4 \\
- 2.50 \times 10^{20} (\sum m_i)^6 - 6.539 \times 10^{12} \sqrt{\delta_{4N}}, \\
(A4)
\]

\[
\delta_{4N} = 7.101 - 7.61 \times 10^{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 2.308 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 - 6.65 \times 10^{10} (\sum m_i)^8. \\
(A5)
\]

\[
\delta_{1I} = -8.574 \times 10^{-4} + 5.291 \times 10^{-8} \sqrt{\delta_{I}} + \frac{2}{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
- 24.28 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 + 5401 (\sum m_i)^2 - 2.10 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4. \\
(A6)
\]

\[
\delta_{2I} = -1.715 \times 10^{-3} - 5.291 \times 10^{-8} \sqrt{\delta_{I}} + \frac{4}{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 24.28 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 - 2.10 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 \\
- 4.848 \times 10^{-3} \sum m_i \\n\]

\[
\sqrt{\delta_{1I}}, \\
(A7)
\]

\[
\delta_{3I} = -1.002 \times 10^{4} - 2.228 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 8.664 \times 10^{8} (\sum m_i)^4, \\
(A8)
\]

\[
\delta_{4I} = 1.328 \times 10^{13} + 8.673 \times 10^{15} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 9.646 \times 10^{17} (\sum m_i)^4 \\
- 2.50 \times 10^{20} (\sum m_i)^6 - 6.297 \times 10^{12} \sqrt{\delta_{4I}}, \\
(A9)
\]

\[
\delta_{5I} = 6.886 + 7.436 \times 10^{3} (\sum m_i)^2 \\
+ 2.273 \times 10^{6} (\sum m_i)^4 - 6.25 \times 10^{10} (\sum m_i)^8. \\
(A10)
\]

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