Gauge dependence of tadpole and mass renormalization for a seesaw extended 2HDM

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We study the gauge dependence of the neutrino mass renormalization in a two Higgs doublet model, that is extended with one singlet seesaw neutrino. This model gives only one light neutrino a mass at tree level, while the second light mass is generated at loop level via the interaction with the second Higgs doublet. At one loop level, one neutrino stays massless. We use multiplicative renormalization constants to define counterterms. The renormalized mass parameters are defined as the complex poles of the propagators, using the complex mass scheme for mass renormalization. With this setup, we analytically get the expressions for the neutrino mass counterterms and isolate the gauge dependent part. We show, how relating this gauge dependent part with the tadpole renormalization leads to gauge independent counterterm definitions, hence gauge independent bare masses for neutrinos.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Neutrino oscillations are known for more than 30 years [\[1\]](#page-10-0). They prove that neutrinos are not massless. However, how exactly neutrinos get their masses in the framework of quantum field theory is still unclear. Seesaw mechanisms [\[2,3\]](#page-10-1) are by far the most popular attempts to extend the standard model with massive neutrinos. The type I seesaw mechanism [\[2\]](#page-10-1) is the earliest and simplest such extension, which includes neutrino mass terms induced by the Higgs boson of the standard model (SM). In case there are more Higgs bosons than the single SM Higgs, the type I seesaw extension can be generalized as in [\[4\]](#page-10-2). This allows for a wider range of configurations in the seesaw and Yukawa sectors to generate the masses for neutrinos that are in agreement with the experimental values. Also, there are numerous theoretical motivations [\[5](#page-10-3)–8] suggesting a larger scalar sector. We restrict ourselves to a general CP conserving two Higgs doublet model (2HDM) [\[9\]](#page-10-4), which can be viewed as a general class of more specific models that include two scalar doublets under the gauge group $SU(2)_{weak}$.

The 2HDM paired with the seesaw mechanism gives a new way of generating masses for neutrinos that is absent in the usual SM seesaw extensions. That is, the mass terms that are absent at tree level arise at loop level due to the interactions with the second Higgs doublet. This radiative mass generation makes it possible to account for both experimentally measured mass differences at one loop level having only one sterile neutrino in the seesaw mechanism. This set up, with the 2HDM and one sterile neutrino at one loop was first proposed in [\[4\]](#page-10-2) and we call it the Grimus-Neufeld model (GN model).

We look at the gauge parameter dependence of the neutrino mass renormalization in this GN model with a CP symmetric 2HDM potential. It is proven in general [\[10\]](#page-10-5), that the position of the complex pole of the propagator is independent of the gauge. Hence one can extend the onshell (OS) scheme to the complex domain to define gauge invariant masses as is done in the complex mass scheme (CMS) [\[11,12\].](#page-10-6) However, this does not mean that the mass counterterms are necessarily gauge parameter independent. In fact, at one loop there is the same gauge dependence of the mass counterterms in the CMS as in the OS scheme. This is because the one loop expressions for the OS are the same as in the CMS except for the required reality of loop functions in the OS scheme. As long as the mass is evaluated at the exact pole (as in the CMS), this gauge dependence of the counterterm does not bother the definition of mass since the exact pole is gauge independent anyway. Defining a gauge independent counterterm, however, is important in other schemes such as (modified) minimal subtraction, where the gauge dependence might occur in the running of parameters [\[13,14\]](#page-11-0). Some explicit examples of the gauge dependence in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme are given in [15–[17\].](#page-11-1) Hence it is worth to look at the possibilities to define gauge independent mass counterterms in the CMS or the OS, as well.

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In the GN model, we analytically check that the gauge dependent terms for the fermion two point function vanish if the tadpole diagrams are attached to the propagator as discussed in [\[18\].](#page-11-2) This way of dealing with gauge dependent parts originates from the pinch technique [\[19\].](#page-11-3) Hence applying this technique to define numerically gauge invariant counterterms seems rather straightforward. However, to analytically isolate these tadpole diagrams from the counterterms requires some effort. We present how we achieve this isolation of the gauge dependent terms for the neutrino mass counterterms in the GN model. We try to be as transparent as possible in showing our steps so that the reader can easily reproduce our results. All our renormalization constants arise from multiplicative renormalization and we use Weyl spinors for our expressions rather than Dirac spinors.

In Sec. [II](#page-1-0) we present the main definitions and discuss the implications of using the complex mass scheme over the on-shell scheme. In Sec. [III](#page-2-0) we introduce the scalar sector and present the tadpole renormalization conditions in the 2HDM. In Sec. [IV](#page-4-0) we introduce the Yukawa sector of the GN model and show the expressions of mass counterterms for neutrinos. The relationship between tadpole conditions of Sec. [III](#page-2-0) and mass counterterms is also explained in Sec. [IV.](#page-4-0) In Sec. [V](#page-6-0) we show how we set up the calculations using SARAH [\[20\]\(](#page-11-4)version 4.12.0 [\[21\]](#page-11-5)), FEYNARTS [\[22\]](#page-11-6) (version 3.9) and FORMCALC [\[23\]](#page-11-7) (version 9.4) and present the analytical results. Section [V](#page-6-0) is accompanied by the Appendix [B](#page-9-0) in which we present some intermediate steps of the derivations. We conclude the results in Sec. [VI](#page-8-0) by discussing the cancellation of the gauge dependence of neutrino propagators in the GN model.

II. DEFINITIONS AND THE COMPLEX MASS SCHEME

We use the same definitions as in [\[24\],](#page-11-8) where we presented the adaptation of the complex mass scheme [\[12\]](#page-10-7) for Majorana fermions in Weyl spinor formalism. The renormalized Green functions are

$$
\frac{1}{i} \langle \phi_1 ... \phi_n \rangle_{1PI}^{[\text{loop}]} = \frac{\delta^n \hat{\Gamma}^{[\text{loop}]} }{\delta \phi_1 ... \delta \phi_n} \Big|_{\phi_i = 0} \equiv \hat{\Gamma}^{[\text{loop}]}_{\phi_1 ... \phi_n}
$$
\n
$$
\equiv \Gamma^{[\text{loop}]}_{\phi_1 ... \phi_n} + \delta \Gamma^{[\text{loop}]}_{\phi_1 ... \phi_n}, \tag{1}
$$

where $\delta\Gamma^{[loop]}$ stands for the counterterm part of the renormalized effective action. The superscript denotes the loop order of the function in consideration. The tadpole function is defined as the special case of Eq. [\(1\)](#page-1-1):

$$
T_{\phi}^{[\text{loop}]} \equiv \Gamma_{\phi}^{[\text{loop}]}. \tag{2}
$$

The definitions for using Weyl spinors as the basis of Feynman diagram calculations can be found in [\[25\]](#page-11-9). The scalar parts of Green's functions of a left handed Weyl

spinor ν_i and its Hermitian conjugate ν_i^{\dagger} can be separated by the Lorentz index structure:

$$
\hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i \nu_i} = m_i \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i \nu_i}, \qquad \hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i^{\dagger} \nu_i^{\dagger}} = m_i \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i^{\dagger} \nu_i^{\dagger}}, \n\hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i \nu_j^{\dagger}} = p \sigma \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i \nu_j^{\dagger}}, \qquad \hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i^{\dagger} \nu_j} = p \bar{\sigma} \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i^{\dagger} \nu_j}.
$$
\n(3)

The definitions of Eq. [\(3\)](#page-1-2) work well for the on-shell scheme, but have to be slightly modified for the complex mass scheme.

We work in renormalized perturbation theory, where the renormalized parameters p and the renormalized fields ϕ_i are related to bare parameters and bare fields by multiplicative renormalization constants:

$$
p_0 = p(1 + \delta_p), \qquad \phi_{0i} = \sum_j (1_{ij} + \delta_{ij}) \phi_j.
$$
 (4)

We use the subscript 0 to denote the bare quantities, 1_{ii} stands for the Kronecker delta, δ_p and δ_{ij} are one loop order renormalization constants. These redefinitions of parameters and fields give rise to the counterterms $\delta\Gamma_{\phi_1...\phi_n}^{[loop]}$ in Eq. [\(1\).](#page-1-1)

We use the general R_{ξ} gauge for calculations. As we will look at the gauge parameter dependencies, we will frequently look at only the gauge parameter dependent part of the expressions. To denote the gauge dependent term, we will add the gauge parameter ξ in the subscript at the end of the renormalization constants, self-energies, and tadpole functions; e.g.:

$$
\delta_p \equiv \delta_{p\xi} + \text{gauge independent terms}, \quad \delta_{p\xi} = \delta_{p\xi_W} + \delta_{p\xi_Z}.
$$
\n(5)

We use the complex mass scheme [\[12\]](#page-10-7) (CMS) to renormalize masses and fields. The CMS for mixed fermions is presented in [\[26](#page-11-10)–28] and the adaptation to Weyl spinor formulation is presented in [\[24\].](#page-11-8) Here we mention the main differences that need to be considered when generalizing the OS framework to the CMS. Considering a Majorana mass term for the Weyl fermion ν :

$$
\mathcal{L}_{m_0} = -\frac{1}{2} m_0 \nu_0 \nu_0 - \frac{1}{2} m_0^{\dagger} \nu_0^{\dagger} \nu_0^{\dagger}, \tag{6}
$$

we can absorb the phase of the mass parameter into the field, so that $m_0 \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{m_0} = -\frac{1}{2} m_0 (\nu_0 \nu_0 + \nu_0^{\dagger} \nu_0^{\dagger}). \tag{7}
$$

Renormalizing the mass parameter leads to

$$
\mathcal{L}_{m_0} = -\frac{1}{2}m(\nu_0 \nu_0 + \nu_0^{\dagger} \nu_0^{\dagger}) + \text{c.t.},
$$
\n(8)

where $m \in \mathbb{C}$ and c.t. stands for the counterterms. Hence the CMS introduces an apparent nonhermiticity in the renormalized tree level Lagrangian (the full Lagrangian including all the counterterms is Hermitian). Also, the condition for the residue at the complex pole leads to an additional phase difference in the fields [26–[28\].](#page-11-10) That means that the field renormalization constants are not Hermitian conjugate to each other either [\[24\]](#page-11-8):

$$
\nu_0^{\dagger} = (1 + \bar{\delta})\bar{\nu}, \quad \nu_0 = (1 + \delta)\nu \Rightarrow \bar{\nu} \neq \nu^{\dagger}, \quad \delta^{\dagger} \neq \bar{\delta}, \quad (9)
$$

where we use overbars as parts of the names of the renormalization constants and the fields. Hence the renormalized mass Lagrangian in the CMS is:

$$
\mathcal{L}_m = -\frac{1}{2}m(\nu\nu + \bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}).\tag{10}
$$

Comparing with the bare Lagrangian, we see that we could write Eq. (6) or Eq. (7) as:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{m_0} = -\frac{1}{2} m_0 \nu_0 \nu_0 + \text{H.c.} \tag{11}
$$

We cannot write Eq. (10) in the same way, since it is not hermitian. However, we can try to define a new symbol H:c: to have the possibility to write:

$$
\mathcal{L}_m = -\frac{1}{2}m(\nu\nu + \bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}) = -\frac{1}{2}m\nu\nu + \text{H.c.}^* \tag{12}
$$

In this equation the symbol H.c.^{*} makes the replacement for the field $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}$ and leaves $m \rightarrow m$. The mass parameter is unchanged in the H.c.^{*} since we found the basis, in which the bare parameter is real by absorbing the phase into ν_0 in Eq. [\(7\)](#page-1-4). Hence the algebraic structure of Eq. [\(7\)](#page-1-4) is kept in the renormalized version shown in Eq. [\(10\)](#page-2-1). A similar thing happens in the CP conserving Higgs sector: the CP symmetry constrains the form of the Lagrangian, which has to be kept during the renormalization condition. Also, in the scalar and the vector case, if we have $\phi_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\phi = \bar{\phi}$. The easiest way to generalize the H.c.^{*} symbol is to say that we choose the basis in which the bare parameters say that we choose the basis in which the bare parameters that can be real are made real; then we can summarize:

H.c.*:
$$
\begin{cases} p \to p, \phi \to \bar{\phi}; & p_0 \in \mathbb{R} \\ p \to p^{\dagger}, \phi \to \bar{\phi}; & p_0 \notin \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}
$$
(13)

Normally, if a bare parameter is related to the bare mass term, that parameter can be made real by absorbing the phase into the field. Hence the second line of Eq. [\(13\)](#page-2-2) assumes that there is no effect of the mass renormalization to the parameter p if p_0 cannot be related to the mass term. While this assumption is correct at one loop level, the definition Eq. [\(13\)](#page-2-2) at higher loops should be treated with caution. Without going into too much technical details, one can think of H.c.^{*} as a shorthand notation for the renormalized H.c. terms of the bare Lagrangian.

Now we can come back to the definitions of Eq. [\(3\).](#page-1-2) As the CMS renormalized field is $\bar{\nu}$ and not ν^{\dagger} , as can be seen from Eq. (9) , we write $[24]$:

$$
\hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i \nu_i} = m_i \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i \nu_i}, \qquad \hat{\Gamma}_{\bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i} = m_i \hat{\Sigma}_{\bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i}, \n\hat{\Gamma}_{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_j} = p \sigma \hat{\Sigma}_{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_j}, \qquad \hat{\Gamma}_{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_j} = p \bar{\sigma} \hat{\Sigma}_{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_j}.
$$
\n(14)

The difference between Eqs. [\(3\)](#page-1-2) and [\(14\)](#page-2-4) is rather formal: i.e., one does not really see the difference when calculating the Feynman diagrams. However, for using the CMS for field and mass renormalization, one should keep this difference in mind for the conceptual consistency.

After we have the consistent set up for renormalizing the fermions in the CMS, we continue to look at the gauge parameter dependencies of the renormalization constants in this scheme. The multiplicative renormalization constants Eq. [\(4\)](#page-1-5) can be used for any renormalization condition. The algebra of the CMS is basically the same as in the OS, as the CMS is just the analytical continuation of the OS to the complex domain. In this paper, we study the algebraic relations that allow to isolate the gauge parameter term in the mass counterterm. As this procedure is purely algebraic, the expressions concerning the isolation of the gauge dependent part are the same as in the OS scheme apart from the reality requirement. We, however, do these manipulations with the CMS in mind, as the generalizations despite being rather straightforward are still needed for a full consistency. We now turn to the explicit expressions for the GN model.

III. SCALAR SECTOR AND TADPOLE CONDITIONS

The general 2HDM is an extension of the SM with a second Higgs doublet having the same charges as the SM Higgs doublet. The most general potential can be written as $[9,29]$:

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\text{Higgs}} = m_{011}^2 H_{01}^\dagger H_{01} + m_{022}^2 H_{02}^\dagger H_{02} - (m_{012}^2 H_{01}^\dagger H_{02} + \text{H.c.})
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{01} (H_{01}^\dagger H_{01})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{02} (H_{02}^\dagger H_{02})^2
$$
\n
$$
+ \lambda_{03} (H_{01}^\dagger H_{01}) (H_{02}^\dagger H_{02}) + \lambda_{04} (H_{02}^\dagger H_{01}) (H_{01}^\dagger H_{02})
$$
\n
$$
+ \left[\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{05} (H_{02}^\dagger H_{01}) (H_{02}^\dagger H_{01}) + \lambda_{06} (H_{01}^\dagger H_{01}) (H_{01}^\dagger H_{02}) + \lambda_{07} (H_{02}^\dagger H_{02}) (H_{02}^\dagger H_{01}) + \text{H.c.} \right], \qquad (15)
$$

where H_{01} and H_{02} are the two Higgs doublets. In a general basis, they both develop VEVs: v_{01} and v_{02} , respectively. The VEV value that is responsible for the electroweak symmetry breaking is $v_0^2 = v_{01}^2 + v_{02}^2$. We choose to work
in the Higgs basis, where we can parametrize the Higgs in the Higgs basis, where we can parametrize the Higgs doublets as:

$$
H_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{0W}^{+} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_{0} + h_{0} + i\chi_{0Z}) \end{pmatrix},
$$

\n
$$
H_{02} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{0}^{+} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (H_{0} + iA_{0}) \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (16)

In this basis, H_{02} is chosen to have 0 vacuum expectation value (VEV), v_0 is the VEV of H_{01} , χ_{0Z} , and χ_{0W} stand for Goldstone bosons, h_0 , H_0 , and A_0 are neutral scalars and H_0^+ is a charged scalar. Note that when we choose the Higgs basis by Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-5) and insert into the Eq. [\(15\)](#page-2-6), the parameters in Eq. [\(15\)](#page-2-6) are the Higgs basis parameters and not the ones of the general basis. The transformation of parameters between the Higgs and the general basis can be found in [\[9,30\]](#page-10-4). We consider the CP conserving case, where all the bare parameters are real,

$$
m_{0ij}^2, \lambda_{0k} \in \mathbb{R}; \quad i, j = 1, 2, \qquad k = 1, ..., 7, \qquad (17)
$$

by an imposed CP symmetry on the bare Lagrangian.

After introducing the renormalization constants, Eq. [\(4\)](#page-1-5), we write the zeroth order renormalized effective action (or the renormalized Lagrangian, ignoring the kinetic terms) of the Higgs sector as:

$$
\Gamma_{\text{Higgs}}^{[0]} = -m_{11}^2 \bar{H}_1 H_1 - m_{22}^2 \bar{H}_2 H_2 + \{m_{12}^2 \bar{H}_1 H_2 + \text{H.c}^*.\}
$$

\n
$$
-\frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 (\bar{H}_1 H_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 (\bar{H}_2 H_2)^2 - \lambda_3 (\bar{H}_1 H_1) (\bar{H}_2 H_2)
$$

\n
$$
-\lambda_4 (\bar{H}_2 H_1) (\bar{H}_1 H_2)
$$

\n
$$
-\left[\frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (\bar{H}_2 H_1) (\bar{H}_2 H_1) + \lambda_6 (\bar{H}_1 H_1) (\bar{H}_1 H_2) + \lambda_7 (\bar{H}_2 H_2) (\bar{H}_2 H_1) + \text{H.c}^*.\right],
$$
 (18)

where we used the definitions of Eq. [\(13\).](#page-2-2) As the bare fields h_0 , H_0 , A_0 are real, the renormalized fields are written as:

$$
H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_W^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h + i\chi_Z) \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H + iA) \end{pmatrix},
$$

$$
\bar{H}_i = H_i^T(\chi^+ \to \chi^-, H^+ \to H^-, i \to -i).
$$
 (19)

 χ_W^+ and χ_W^- are related to χ_{0W}^+ as described by Eq. [\(9\)](#page-2-3). The same holds for H^+ and H^- . The neutral fields appear in the barred doublets in the same way as in the unbarred doublets.

To get the minimum of the potential, Eq. [\(18\)](#page-3-0), we need to solve three tadpole equations for the three neutral scalars. It is important to note that we will express the tadpole equations in the Higgs basis and not in the mass eigenstate basis as the expressions are simpler. The mass eigenstate basis for h and H and the Higgs basis is related by an orthogonal transformation parametrized by [\[9\]](#page-10-4):

$$
O^{\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha} & s_{\alpha} \\ -s_{\alpha} & c_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \phi_i^{\text{mass}} = O_{ij}^{\phi} \phi_j^{\text{Higgs}},
$$

$$
\phi_i^{\text{Higgs}} = (h, H)_i,
$$
 (20)

where s_α and c_α are sine and cosine functions of a mixing angle α , respectively. In general, we would have 3×3 mixing matrix, but the imposed CP symmetry on the potential does not allow A to mix with h and H at tree level. Then the tadpole functions in different bases are related by:

$$
T_h = c_{\alpha} T_{h_{(m)}} - s_{\alpha} T_{H_{(m)}}, \qquad T_H = c_{\alpha} T_{H_{(m)}} + s_{\alpha} T_{h_{(m)}},
$$

$$
T_A = T_{A_{(m)}},
$$
 (21)

where we added the m in the subscript to indicate that the fields are in the mass eigenstates. At tree level, the tadpole functions are

$$
\hat{T}_h^{[0]} = \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\text{Higgs}}^{[0]}}{\delta h} = -v \left(m_{11}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 v^2 \right),
$$
\n
$$
\hat{T}_H^{[0]} = \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\text{Higgs}}^{[0]}}{\delta H} = v \left(m_{12}^2 - \frac{1}{2} v^2 \lambda_6 \right),
$$
\n
$$
\hat{T}_A^{[0]} = \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\text{Higgs}}^{[0]}}{\delta A} = 0.
$$
\n(22)

We see that the third tadpole function is already zero in the CP conserving case. We require the tadpole conditions to hold for all loop levels:

$$
\hat{T}_h^{[i]} = \hat{T}_H^{[i]} = \hat{T}_A^{[i]} = 0.
$$
\n(23)

The tree level tadpole conditions $\hat{T}_h^{[0]} = \hat{T}_H^{[0]} = \hat{T}_{A_0}^{[0]} = 0$ give:

$$
m_{11}^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v^2
$$
 and $m_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_6 v^2$. (24)

Now we require the tadpole conditions Eq. [\(23\)](#page-3-1) for tree and one loop level together:

$$
\hat{T}^{[0]} = 0, \qquad (T^{[1]} + \delta \hat{T}^{[1]})\Big|_{\hat{T}^{[0]} = 0} = 0, \qquad (25)
$$

where we indicate in the second equation that we use the relations from the first condition at the loop order after algebraically deriving counterterms from the multiplicative constants shown in Eq. [\(4\)](#page-1-5). The one loop tadpole counterterms evaluated at $\hat{T}^{[0]} = 0$ for the CP conserving case then are case then are

$$
\delta \hat{T}_h^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 v^3 (2 \delta_{m11} - \delta_{\lambda 1} - 2 \delta_v),
$$

\n
$$
\delta \hat{T}_H^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_6 v^3 (2 \delta_{m12} - \delta_{\lambda 6} - 2 \delta_v),
$$

\n
$$
\delta \hat{T}_{A_0}^{[1]} = 0.
$$
\n(26)

As v is defined dynamically by Eq. (24) , it is not an independent parameter of the theory. This means that one of the counterterms $\delta_{m11}, \delta_{\lambda1}, \delta_{\nu}$ is redundant. This is because we did not yet choose which parameter is used over which from the tree level minimum condition Eq. [\(24\)](#page-3-2). One of the choices is treating λ_1 and v as the independent ones so that the shift of m_{11} is given by:

$$
\delta_{m11} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\lambda 1}.
$$
 (27)

Then the shift of the VEV yields the one loop tadpole counterterms, evaluated at $\hat{T}^{[0]} = 0$:

$$
\delta \hat{T}_h^{[1]} = -\lambda_1 v^3 \delta_v, \qquad (28)
$$

$$
\delta \hat{T}_H^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_6 v^3 (2 \delta_{m12} - \delta_{\lambda 6} - 2 \delta_v).
$$
 (29)

The one loop tadpole conditions Eq. [\(25\)](#page-3-3) give:

$$
\delta_v = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 v^3} T_h^{[1]},\tag{30}
$$

$$
\left(\delta_{m12} - \frac{1}{2}\delta_{\lambda 6}\right) = \frac{1}{v^3} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} T_h^{[1]} - \frac{1}{\lambda_6} T_H^{[1]}\right). \tag{31}
$$

The v now stands for a loop renormalized VEV or the "proper VEV" as in [\[31\]](#page-11-11). So far, the construction is similar to the β_t scheme of [\[32\],](#page-11-12) "scheme 3" in [\[13\]](#page-11-0) or [\[31\]](#page-11-11) of the SM, but without the proper relation of the VEV to the mass terms, it is not yet complete. To complete it as in [\[13,31,32\]](#page-11-0), one identifies the bare mass parameters arising from the proper VEV, rather than v_0 , as also noted in [\[13,31](#page-11-0)–35]. The idea is to avoid the inclusion of the gauge dependence coming from δ_v into the definition of the mass counterterm δ_m as will be shown in the next sections.

IV. YUKAWA SECTOR

The GN model adds a single sterile neutrino N_0 to the general 2HDM. This sterile neutrino is a gauge singlet under all gauge groups of the SM and has a Majorana mass term M_0 . To write the Yukawa couplings, we start in the flavor basis, in which the Yukawa coupling of the charged fermions to the first Higgs doublet in the Higgs basis is diagonal. Then the general Yukawa couplings for neutrinos can be seen as two three-vectors Y^1 and Y^2 . The neutrino Yukawa Lagrangian together with the Majorana mass term then is written as:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -Y_i^1 n_{0i} N_0 H_{01} - Y_i^2 n_{0i} N_0 H_{02} - \frac{1}{2} M_0 N_0 N_0 + \text{H.c.}
$$
\n(32)

where n_{0i} are neutrinos in the flavor basis with $i = e, \mu, \tau$. The Yukawa couplings Y_i^1 and Y_i^2 give in general 6 complex parameters and M_0 gives 1 complex parameter. We absorb four phases into the n_{0i} and N_0 to get Y_i^1 , $M_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. By a singular value decomposition, we can parametrize the Yukawa couplings with only four real parameters:

$$
d_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \qquad d'_0 \in \mathbb{C}, \tag{33}
$$

absorbing the other degrees of freedom into the Unitary mixing matrix. To make the parametrization easy, we decompose it into subsequent orthogonal rotations O and phase shifts U , so that O^{23} produces zero in the second position of Y^1 ($O_{23}^{23}Y_j^1 = 0$), O^{13} in the first ($O_{13}^{13}O_{k,j}^{23}Y_j^1 = 0$), U^q , others the phase of the first algorithm is V^2 0). U^{σ} adjusts the phase of the first element of Y^2 to match it with the phase of the second element $\frac{\arg(U_{1l}^{\alpha}O_{13}^{13}O_{23}^{23}Y_2^2)}{\arg(U_{2l}^{\alpha}O_{13}^{13}O_{k1}^{23}Y_2^2)}$, O^{12} makes the first element of Y^2 zero $(O_{1m}^{12}U_m^a/O_{kl}^{13}O_{k}^{23}Y_j^2 = 0)$ and U^{ρ} adjust the phase so that the second element of Y^2 is real $(U_{2n}^{\beta} O_{nm}^{12} U_{ml}^{\alpha} O_{lk}^{13} O_{kj}^{23} Y_j^2 \in \mathbb{R}$). Writing $V = U^{\beta}O^{12}U^{\alpha}O^{13}O^{23}$, the basis choice is summarized as:

$$
V_{1j}Y_j^1 = 0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^1 = 0, \t V_{3j}Y_j^1 = y_0,
$$

\n
$$
V_{1j}Y_j^2 = 0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^2 = d_0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^2 = d'_0,
$$

\n
$$
d_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \t d'_0 \in \mathbb{C}.
$$
\n(34)

Note that we are still free to adjust the phase of the first row of V. To combine these rotations with the seesaw transformation, we combine all neutrinos to a single vector, consisting of four flavor basis neutrinos:

$$
\nu_{0i}^F = (n_{0e}, n_{0\mu}, n_{0\tau}, N_0)_i. \tag{35}
$$

To account for the fourth component of this vector, the 3×3 matrix V is trivially extended to a 4×4 matrix by adding an identity element on the diagonal. As we work in the Higgs basis, only the first Higgs doublet gets the VEV. With the parametrization Eq. [\(34\),](#page-4-1) the seesaw transformation acts on the third and fourth component yielding the whole 4×4 mixing matrix:

$$
U = U^{34}V = U^{34}U^{\beta}O^{12}U^{\alpha}O^{13}O^{23} \tag{36}
$$

and the relation between the mass eigenstate and the flavor basis becomes:

$$
\nu_{0i}^{\text{mass}} = U_{ij}^* \nu_{0j}^F. \tag{37}
$$

All the parametrization of neutrino mixing matrix is summarized in Appendix [A.](#page-8-1)

In order to see the differences in the mass terms between the tadpole schemes, we first do the usual construction like in, e.g., [\[12\]](#page-10-7), and then modify it according to the discussion at the end of Sec. [III.](#page-2-0) After the electroweak symmetry breaking, the seesaw mechanism yields two bare mass eigenvalues m_{03} and m_{04} that have the relations:

$$
M_0 = m_{04} - m_{03}
$$
 and $y_0^2 v_0^2 = 2m_{03}m_{04}$. (38)

The seesaw parameters are expressed in terms of masses:

$$
s_{034}^2 = \frac{m_{03}}{m_{04} + m_{03}} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{034}^2 = \frac{m_{04}}{m_{04} + m_{03}}. \tag{39}
$$

Note that as long as we stay at tree level, $v_0 = v$. In this basis we have four neutrino states ν_{0i} , where ν_{01} and ν_{02} have zero mass, but ν_{02} is distinguished from ν_{01} by its interaction with the second Higgs doublet, i.e., ν_{01} does not couple to any of the Higgses. By applying the rotation Eq. [\(37\)](#page-4-2) in Eq. [\(32\)](#page-4-3), using the parametrizations of Eq. [\(34\)](#page-4-1), [\(38\),](#page-5-0) and [\(39\)](#page-5-1) and inserting the explicit Higgs basis Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-5), we write the Yukawa Lagrangian part that includes only neutral scalar fields together with the Majorana mass terms:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\frac{1}{2} m_{03} \nu_{03} \nu_{03} - \frac{1}{2} m_{04} \nu_{04} \nu_{04} \n- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} d_0 (H_0 + iA_0) \nu_{02} (-i s_{034} \nu_{03} + c_{034} \nu_{04}) \n- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [y_0 (h_0 + i\chi_{Z0}) + d'_0 (H_0 + iA_0)] \n\times [c_{034} s_{034} \nu_{03} \nu_{03} + i (c_{034}^2 - s_{34}^2) \nu_{03} \nu_{04} \n+ c_{034} s_{034} \nu_{04} \nu_{04}] + \text{H.c.}
$$
\n(40)

We straightforwardly apply the multiplicative renormalization constants, Eq. [\(4\)](#page-1-5), for all the parameters and fields. The tree level renormalized effective action is then written in the same way as the bare Lagrangian, except that the parameters and fields are the renormalized ones:

$$
\hat{\Gamma}_{\text{Yuk}}^{[0]} = -\frac{1}{2} m_3 \nu_3 \nu_3 - \frac{1}{2} m_4 \nu_4 \nu_4 \n- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} d(H + iA) \nu_2 (-i s_{34} \nu_3 + c_{34} \nu_4) \n- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [y(h + i\chi_Z) + d'(H + iA)] \n\times [c_{34} s_{34} \nu_3 \nu_3 + i(c_{34}^2 - s_{34}^2) \nu_3 \nu_4 + c_{34} s_{34} \nu_4 \nu_4] \n+ H.c^*,
$$
\n(41)

where:

$$
M = m_4 - m_3, \qquad y^2 v^2 = 2m_3 m_4. \tag{42}
$$

$$
s_{34}^2 = \frac{m_3}{m_4 + m_3}, \qquad c_{34}^2 = \frac{m_4}{m_4 + m_3}.
$$
 (43)

Having Eqs. [\(38\)](#page-5-0) and [\(39\)](#page-5-1) for the bare theory and Eqs. [\(42\)](#page-5-2) and [\(43\)](#page-5-3) for the renormalized one gives us the relations between the renormalization constants:

$$
\delta_{m3} + \delta_{m4} = 2(\delta_v + \delta_y), \tag{44}
$$

$$
m_4 \delta_{m4} - m_3 \delta_{m3} = (m_4 - m_3) \delta_M. \tag{45}
$$

The mass renormalization constants are fixed by the CMS condition [\[24\]:](#page-11-8)

$$
\delta_{mi} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{\nu_i \nu_i} + \sum_{\bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \sum_{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \sum_{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_i} \right) \big|_{p^2 = m_i^2}, \quad m_i \neq 0, \quad (46)
$$

which is nothing more than the usual expression for the OS renormalized mass counterterm (as in [\[36\]\)](#page-11-13) extended to the complex domain and written in Weyl spinor formalism. The CMS condition gives us the renormalized mass parameters gauge independent, however from Eq. [\(44\)](#page-5-4) we see that the mass counterterm has the δ_v contribution, which is gauge dependent. Hence in this way the bare masses become gauge dependent as well.

Recalling the discussion at the end of Sec. [III](#page-2-0): to define the gauge invariant mass counterterm we need to identify the bare mass with the proper VEV [\[31\]](#page-11-11). Thus the bare relation Eq. [\(38\)](#page-5-0) is modified to:

$$
M_0 = m'_{04} - m'_{03}, \qquad y_0^2 v^2 = 2m'_{04}m'_{03}, \qquad (47)
$$

so that there is no δ_v in the definition of δ'_m s. From $v_0 = v(1 + \delta)$ and comparing Eq. (38) with Eq. (47), we get the $v(1 + \delta_v)$ and comparing Eq. [\(38\)](#page-5-0) with Eq. [\(47\)](#page-5-5), we get the relationship between primed (FJ scheme) and unprimed (usual tadpole scheme) mass parameters:

$$
m_{0i} = m'_{0i} + \Delta_0, \quad \Delta_0 = 2 \frac{m'_{04} m'_{03} \delta_v}{m'_{04} + m'_{03}}, \quad i = 3, 4. \quad (48)
$$

As the seesaw mixing parameters depend on the masses, they are shifted as well:

$$
s_{034}^2 \rightarrow s_{034}^2 + 2\delta_v c_{034}^2 s_{034}^2 (c_{034}^2 - s_{034}^2),
$$

$$
c_{034}^2 \rightarrow c_{034}^2 - 2\delta_v c_{034}^2 s_{034}^2 (c_{034}^2 - s_{034}^2).
$$
 (49)

However, these shifts of the mixing parameters become relevant only at higher loops than one, so we can drop them from our one loop expressions. At one loop level, everything is the same as in Eq. [\(40\),](#page-5-6) except that the bare mass term Lagrangian for neutrinos becomes:

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} (m'_{03} + \Delta_0) \nu_{03} \nu_{03} - \frac{1}{2} (m'_{04} + \Delta_0) \nu_{04} \nu_{04}.
$$
 (50)

Starting from this bare Lagrangian, Eq. [\(46\)](#page-5-7) is modified to:

$$
\delta'_{mi} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Sigma_{\nu_i \nu_i} + \Sigma_{\bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \Sigma_{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \Sigma_{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_i} \right) \Big|_{p^2 = m_i^2} - \frac{\Delta}{m_i},
$$

for $m_i \neq 0$, (51)

where:

$$
\Delta = 2 \frac{m_3 m_4 \delta_v}{m_4 + m_3} \tag{52}
$$

is defined with the renormalized masses m_3 and m_4 . We see that Δ is the same for ν_3 and ν_4 . To check if Δ cancels the gauge invariance, we analytically calculate the gauge dependent parts of Eqs. [\(46\)](#page-5-7) and [\(52\)](#page-6-1) for ν_3 and ν_4 . Note that in both tadpole schemes the renormalized masses are the same CMS masses, while the bare masses m_{0i} differ from m'_{0i} by Δ_0 as in Eq. [\(48\).](#page-5-8)

V. ARRIVING AT THE EXPRESSIONS FOR RENORMALIZATION CONSTANTS

We use FEYNARTS [\[22\]](#page-11-6) and FORMCALC [\[23\]](#page-11-7) to arrive at one loop expressions for self energies and tadpoles. For making the FEYNARTS model file we found the SARAH [\[20\]](#page-11-4) package to be useful, which allows to quickly generate a model file from an input of the Lagrangian in terms of Weyl spinors and scalars in the user specified gauge group representations. It also has some built in functions to check the consistency of the model. We choose the Higgs basis by simply putting the VEVof the second Higgs doublet to zero in the input file. We leave all the other parameters arbitrary for generating the FEYNARTS model file and make replacement rules for the FEYNARTS model file parameters to implement our parametrization afterwards. As we work at the one loop level, tree level relations to simplify one loop diagrams can be used. As discussed in Sec. [II,](#page-1-0) the CMS keeps the algebraic structure of the bare theory. This means that for the algebraic simplifications, all the properties and the relations of bare parameters can be used for the renormalized parameters in the CMS as well. Hence we can implement these properties and relations into the assumptions of the Mathematica file in which we do these simplifications. Then the results can be consistently continued to the complex domain afterwards. In the following subsection we show how we implemented the parametrizations into the FEYNARTS model file and the assumptions for the bare parameters that carry over to the algebraic one loop simplifications. Then we present the results that we got for the gauge dependent terms in mass and tadpole renormalization.

A. Getting FEYNARTS model file

- (1) We generate a FEYNARTS model file using SARAH: (i) We take a SARAH model file for a 2HDM, and
	- define 1 additional gauge singlet like this:

where the last three entries are the charges under the gauge groups (singlets under all of them), the second is the number of families, the first and the third is the name of the field and its component, respectively (see [\[20\]](#page-11-4)).

(ii) We modify the Yukawa Lagrangian of that model file to include the general Yukawa couplings of neutrinos with the first and the second Higgs doublet as in Eq. [\(32\)](#page-4-3) in a direct analog to the quark sector and add the Majorana mass term for the sterile neutrino:

(iii) In the definitions for the "EWSB" phase, we set the VEV of the second Higgs doublet to zero to implement the Higgs basis as in Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-5):

```
DEFINITION[EWSB][VEVs] =\{H10, \{v, 1/Sqrt[2]\},\\{sigma1,\[ImaginaryI]/Sqrt[2]\},\{phi1, 1/Sqrt[2]},
\{H20, \{0, 1/Sqrt[2]\},\{sigma2, \[ImaginaryI]/Sqrt[2]\},\{\text{phi2}, 1/\text{Sqrt}[2]\}\};
```
- (iv) We leave the definition of mixing between Higgses h and H as in the 2HDM model, but omit mixings between the pseudoscalars and the charged scalars as they do not appear in the Higgs basis with CP conserved potential.
- (v) We define an additional mixing matrix for neutrinos in the DEFINITION[EWSB] [MatterSector], combining the flavor basis SM neutrinos vL with the sterile neutrino conj(nR) as:

 $|\{\{\texttt{vL}, \texttt{conj[nR]}\},\$ $\{\overline{VL}, \overline{Un}\}\}$

where the VL is the combined four-vector of the neutrino mass eigenstates and Un is the mixing matrix U^* from Eq. [\(37\)](#page-4-2).

(vi) We generate the FEYNARTS model file by the SARAH command MakeFeynArts[].

- (2) We make modifications to the FEYNARTS model file:
	- (i) To achieve the parametrization of Eq. [\(34\)](#page-4-1) we make the replacements in the model file for the neutrino-neutrino—Higgs vertices:

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{3} U_{ij} Y_{j}^{1} \to (0, 0, -ic_{34}y, s_{34}y)_{j}, \qquad (53)
$$

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{3} U_{ij} Y_j^2 \to (0, d, -ic_{34}d', s_{34}d')_j. \tag{54}
$$

We do not replace the neutrino—electron scalar vertices, hence they depend on Y^1 and Y^2 instead of the y , d and d' parameters in the model file.We leave them general, because it is easier to make algebraic simplifications of amplitudes in the general couplings for these vertices. After the expressions are simple enough, we invert Eqs. [\(53\)](#page-7-0) and [\(54\)](#page-7-1) to express Y^1 and Y^2 in terms of U , y , d and d' in the *Mathematica* notebook file.

After setting up the FEYNARTS model file, we generate 1 loop diagrams for the wanted correlation functions. The parametrizations and relations of Secs. [III](#page-2-0) and [IV](#page-4-0) are imposed as replacement rules during the algebraic simplifications of the expressions. The summary of the parameters and their relations is given in the Appendix [A](#page-8-1).

B. Mass renormalization

We construct the mass renormalization constants as in Eq. [\(46\)](#page-5-7) to isolate the gauge dependent part so that we can later check if the definition in Eq. [\(51\)](#page-6-2) really cancels it. The FormCalc output is easy to use in Weyl spinor notation as the spinor products in the result of the amplitude appear in "WeylChains". By collecting terms near those "WeylChains" we can take separately all four components presented in Eq. [\(3\)](#page-1-2). The structure of the correction to a propagator is:

$$
\langle \nu_i \nu_i \rangle \Gamma_{\nu_i \nu_i} + \langle \bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i \rangle \Gamma_{\bar{\nu}_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \langle \nu_i p \sigma \bar{\nu}_i \rangle \Sigma_{\nu_i \bar{\nu}_i} + \langle \bar{\nu}_i p \bar{\sigma} \nu_i \rangle \Sigma_{\bar{\nu}_i \nu_i}.
$$
\n(55)

For Majorana particles only two of the scalar self energies are independent, since $\Sigma_{\nu\bar{\nu}}$ is the same as $\Sigma_{\bar{\nu}\nu}$ and $\Gamma_{\nu\nu}$ is related to $\Gamma_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}}$. At one loop, this relation is just the Hermitian conjugation of couplings that enter the loop functions.

To make algebra simplifications easier and faster we separate different one loop contributions to self energies according to the particles that appear in the loop. Those contributions are from the neutral Higgs scalars, the charged scalar Higgs, the neutral Goldstone boson, the charged Goldstone boson, the W boson and the Z boson. We label them as Σ^{H0} , Σ^{H+} , $\Sigma^{\chi0}$, $\Sigma^{\chi+}$, Σ^W and Σ^Z , respectively. Note that the Σ s are the dimensionless one loop self energy functions defined in Eq. [\(14\)](#page-2-4). Analogously, we write the

dimensionful self energies as $\Gamma^{H0}_{\phi_1\phi_2}$, $\Gamma^{H+}_{\phi_1\phi_2}$, etc... Naturally, $\Gamma^{H0}_{\nu_i\nu_j}$ and $\Gamma^{H+}_{\nu_i\nu_j}$ do not depend on any gauge parameter. As the first results of the calculations give us:

$$
\Gamma_{\nu_1\nu_1}^{[1]} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{\nu_2\nu_2}^{[1]} = \Gamma_{\nu_2\nu_2}^{H0}.\tag{56}
$$

Note that ν_2 and ν_1 do not have mass renormalization constants coming from Eq. [\(4\),](#page-1-5) since they do not have bare mass parameters. The nonvanishing contribution for the mass of ν_2 is gauge independent and finite. This is a good first crosscheck to see that the implementation of the model gives us expected results.

We are interested in the gauge dependent part of δ_{m3} and δ_{m4} , so we are interested only in Σ^{g0} , Σ^{g+} , Σ^{W} , and Σ^{Z} . ξ_{W} will appear only in $\Sigma^{\chi+}$ and Σ^W and ξ_Z only in $\Sigma^{\chi0}$ and Σ^Z . As one can check, the charged loop for masslike terms vanishes:

$$
\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^W = \Gamma_{\nu_3^{\dagger}\nu_3^{\dagger}}^W = 0. \tag{57}
$$

Hence the potentially ξ_W dependent contribution for $m_3\delta_{m3}$ is

$$
\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma^{\chi+}_{\nu_3\nu_3} + \Gamma^{\chi+}_{\nu_3^{\dagger}\nu_3^{\dagger}}) + m_3 \Sigma^W_{\nu_3\nu_3^{\dagger}} + m_3 \Sigma^{\chi+}_{\nu_3\nu_3^{\dagger}}.
$$
 (58)

After some effort (see the Appendix [B\)](#page-9-0), we arrive at the ξ_W dependent part of the mass counterterm [recall Eq. [\(5\)](#page-1-6)]:

$$
m_3 \delta_{m_3 \xi_W} = \frac{m_3 m_4}{(m_3 + m_4)} \frac{g_e^2}{16\pi^2 m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} 2A_0(m_W^2 \xi_W), \quad (59)
$$

where $s_{2W} \equiv 2s_W c_W$ is the sine of a double Weinberg angle Eq. [\(A5\)](#page-8-2). For calculating $\delta_{m_3\xi_{Z}}$ one should note that $\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^Z \neq 0$. Apart from that, everything is analogous to the ξ_W case. At the end the full gauge dependence of the neutrino mass counterterms is

$$
m_3 \delta_{m_3 \xi} = m_4 \delta_{m_4 \xi}
$$

=
$$
\frac{m_3 m_4}{(m_3 + m_4)} \frac{g_e^2}{16 \pi^2 m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} [A_0(m_Z^2 \xi_Z) + 2A_0(m_W^2 \xi_W)].
$$

(60)

C. VEV renormalization

When separating the gauge parameter dependent part of $T_h^{[1]}$ we first observe that tadpoles with physical Higgs bosons and fermions in the loop do not have any gauge dependence. The gauge dependent part of loops with gauge bosons and ghosts exactly cancel when these contributions are summed up. Hence the only gauge dependent terms in the tadpole contributions are the tadpoles with Goldstone bosons in the loops, which are

$$
T_{h\xi}^{[1]} = \frac{\lambda_1 v}{32\pi^2} [A_0(m_Z^2 \xi_Z) + 2A_0(m_W^2 \xi_W)].
$$
 (61)

This is exactly the same term that we would get for the Higgs tadpole in the SM. This again shows the convenience of the Higgs basis in the tadpole equations. From Eqs. [\(30\)](#page-4-4) and [\(52\)](#page-6-1) we have:

$$
\Delta_{\xi} = \frac{m_3 m_4}{(m_3 + m_4)} \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v^2} [A_0(m_Z^2 \xi_Z) + 2A_0(m_W^2 \xi_W)], \quad (62)
$$

which, inserting the SM relations of Eq. [\(A5\)](#page-8-2) gives exactly the same result as Eq. [\(60\)](#page-7-2).

VI. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

We analytically checked in the CMS or the OS scheme that the gauge dependent term of the mass counterterms for the neutrinos of the GN model comes only from the tadpole contributions, Eq. [\(60\)](#page-7-2), as suggested in [\[18\].](#page-11-2) Using multiplicative renormalization constants and the relations between them, shown in Eqs. [\(44\)](#page-5-4) and [\(45\)](#page-5-9), we present how the gauge dependence of neutrino mass counterterms can be seen as a contribution coming from δ_v , the renormalization constant of the VEV in the usual tadpole renormalization (e.g., [\[36\]](#page-11-13)). We also get that this tadpole contribution is the same for both neutrino counterterms:

$$
m_3 \delta_{m_3 \xi} = m_4 \delta_{m_4 \xi} = \Delta_{\xi}.
$$
 (63)

This is one of the features of the GN model: the single sterile neutrino leads to the single value of the Yukawa coupling y to the first Higgs doublet in the Higgs basis. This single value is coupled to the VEV, hence only the single value Δ , related to the VEV shift δ_v , is possible for the neutrino mass counterterms in this setup.

The alternative tadpole scheme, or the FJ scheme [\[31\]](#page-11-11), consistently omits this gauge dependence from the mass renormalization constants by identifying the bare masses with the proper VEV. Following this scheme, we modify the definition of the mass counterterms to include this tadpole contribution in Eq. [\(51\).](#page-6-2) This definition now exactly cancels the gauge dependent contribution as can be seen from Eq. [\(63\).](#page-8-3) The factor Δ gives the same contribution for the mass counterterms as if we would add the contribution of diagrams with tadpoles connected to the propagators as in [\[18\]](#page-11-2). The fact that the procedures of [\[31\]](#page-11-11) works for the seesaw neutrinos just in the same way as with the Dirac particles is explained by the fact that only the Dirac mass $[\sim m_3 m_4$ from Eq. [\(38\)](#page-5-0)] is directly related to the VEV. The other crosscheck is that the result of Eq. (63) , using Eq. (45) , gives

$$
\delta_{M\xi} = 0,\t\t(64)
$$

or in other words, the Majorana mass term M, does not acquire gauge dependence in any of these schemes. This again confirms the statement that the Majorana mass term of the sterile part of the neutrino does not affect the application of the FJ scheme for mass counterterms for the neutrinos. Hence using the FJ scheme is straightforwardly applicable in the GN model.

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APPENDIX A: PARAMETRIZATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS, AND RELATIONS

Here we collect all parameters and relations used in our 1 loop calculations. The assumption that some bare parameter p_0 is real, is reflected in the renormalized theory in the sense of Eq. [\(13\).](#page-2-2) In the FORMCALC output for one loop corrections for masses, we implement this assumption by the replacement rule $p^{\dagger} \rightarrow p$, for $p_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. Scalar sector and the SM relations

The assumptions of CP conservation of the Higgs potential give:

$$
m_{0ij}^2, \lambda_{0k} \in \mathbb{R}; \quad i, j = 1, 2, \qquad k = 1, ..., 7.
$$
 (A1)

The minimum conditions are

$$
m_{11}^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 v^2
$$
 and $m_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_6 v^2$. (A2)

The Higgs basis is given by:

$$
H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{0W}^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h + i\chi_Z) \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_0^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H + iA) \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (A3)

The mixing matrix for scalars is only between h and H :

$$
O^{\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\alpha} & s_{\alpha} \\ -s_{\alpha} & c_{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \phi_i^{\text{mass}} = O_{ij}^{\phi} \phi_j^{\text{Higgs}},
$$

$$
\phi_i^{\text{Higgs}} = (h, H)_i,
$$
 (A4)

where s_{α} , c_{α} are sine and cosine functions of the mixing angle α .

The relations of the electroweak sector are

$$
s_{2W} \equiv 2s_W c_W, \qquad m_Z = \frac{g_e v}{s_{2W}}, \qquad m_W = m_Z c_W, \quad (A5)
$$

where s_W and c_W are sine and cosine functions of Weinberg angle.

2. Yukawa sector

As the first thing after generating the FEYNARTS model file we make the replacements Eqs. [\(53\)](#page-7-0) and [\(54\)](#page-7-1):

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{3} U_{ij} Y_j^1 \to (0, 0, -ic_{34}y, s_{34}y)_j,
$$

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{3} U_{ij} Y_j^2 \to (0, d, -ic_{34}d', s_{34}d')_j.
$$
 (A6)

The parametrization of Yukawa couplings are summarized as:

$$
V_{1j}Y_j^1 = 0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^1 = 0, \t V_{3j}Y_j^1 = y_0,
$$

\n
$$
V_{1j}Y_j^2 = 0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^2 = d_0, \t V_{2j}Y_j^2 = d'_0,
$$

\n
$$
d_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \t d'_0 \in \mathbb{C}, \t (A7)
$$

where the neutrino mixing matrix is

$$
U = U^{34}V = U^{34}U^{\beta}O^{12}U^{\alpha}O^{13}O^{23}
$$
 (A8)

with the relations

$$
\nu_{0i}^F = (n_{0e}, n_{0\mu}, n_{0\tau}, N_0)_i, \qquad \nu_{0i}^{\text{mass}} = U_{ij}^* \nu_{0j}^F. \tag{A9}
$$

The parametrization of the mixing matrix can be written as:

$$
s_{0ij}^2 + c_{0ij}^2 = 1, \t s_{0ij}, c_{0ij}, \sigma_0, \rho_0 \in \mathbb{R};
$$

\n
$$
O_{ij}^{AB} = 1_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \neq A, B;
$$

\n
$$
O_{AB}^{AB} = -O_{BA}^{AB} = s_{0AB}; \t O_{AA}^{AB} = O_{BB}^{AB} = c_{0AB};
$$

\n
$$
U_{ij}^{\sigma} = e^{i\sigma_0} \text{ for } i = j = 1; \t U_{ij}^{\sigma} = 1_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \neq 1;
$$

\n
$$
U_{ij}^{\rho} = e^{i\rho_0} \text{ for } i = j = 2; \t U_{ij}^{\rho} = 1_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \neq 2;
$$

\n
$$
U_{34}^{34} = i \cdot U_{43}^{34} = i \cdot s_{034}; \t U_{33}^{34} = -i \cdot U_{44}^{34} = -i \cdot c_{034};
$$

\n
$$
U_{ij}^{34} = 1_{ij} \text{ for } i, j \neq 3, 4.
$$

\n(A10)

The seesaw mechanism is realized with:

$$
M_0 = m_{04} - m_{03}, \qquad y_0^2 v_0^2 = 2m_{03}m_{04}, \qquad (A11)
$$

$$
s_{034}^2 = \frac{m_{03}}{m_{04} + m_{03}} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{034}^2 = \frac{m_{04}}{m_{04} + m_{03}}. \quad \text{(A12)}
$$

APPENDIX B: ARRIVING AT EQ. [\(59\)](#page-7-3)

Here we show some intermediate steps for arriving at the gauge parameter ξ_W dependent term for the δ_{m3} counterterm shown in Eq. [\(59\)](#page-7-3). We start from Eq. [\(58\)](#page-7-4):

$$
\frac{1}{2} \left(\Gamma_{\nu_3 \nu_3}^{\chi^+} + \Gamma_{\nu_3^{\dagger} \nu_3^{\dagger}}^{\chi^+} \right) + m_3 \Sigma_{\nu_3 \nu_3^{\dagger}}^W + m_3 \Sigma_{\nu_3 \nu_3^{\dagger}}^{\chi^+}.
$$
 (B1)

Let us first look at the loop with the Goldstone boson $\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^{\chi^+}$ (m_3^2). We set up the model file in FEYNARTS following the steps in Sec. VA. After generating diagrams following the steps in Sec. [VA](#page-6-3). After generating diagrams with FeynArts, creating an amplitude with FORMCALC, implementing the parametrization that is summarised in Appendix [A](#page-8-1) by the replacement rules, the standard Mathematica "Simplify" command should give:

$$
\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^{x+}(m_3^2) = \frac{-\sqrt{m_3 m_4}}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4)v} \left[-m_\tau^2 Y_\tau^{1*} c_{13} c_{23} B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^3) + m_\mu^2 Y_\mu^{1*} c_{13} s_{23} B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^3) + m_\epsilon^2 Y_\epsilon^{1*} s_{13} B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\epsilon^3) \right].
$$
\n(B2)

Expressing Y^1 from Eqs. [\(53\)](#page-7-0) and [\(54\)](#page-7-1) gives:

$$
\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^{\chi^+}(m_3^2) = \frac{-y\sqrt{m_3m_4}}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2(m_3+m_4)v} [m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^3) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^3) + m_\epsilon^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\ell^3)].
$$
\n(B3)

Now we can express v in terms of Eq. $(A5)$ and y in terms of Eq. (42) to get:

$$
\Gamma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^{\chi^+}(m_3^2) = \frac{-g_e^2 m_3 m_4}{4\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4) m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} [m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^3) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^3) + m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^3)].
$$
\n(B4)

The result for $\Gamma^{x+}_{\nu_3^+ \nu_3^+}$ is the same, as it should be, since ν_3 is a Majorana fermion and the couplings can be taken real for the one loop correction, hence we can write:

$$
\frac{1}{2} \left(\Gamma_{\nu_3 \nu_3}^{\chi^+} + \Gamma_{\nu_3^+ \nu_3^+}^{\chi^+} \right) = \frac{-g_{\epsilon}^2 m_3 m_4}{4\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4) m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} \times \left[m_{\tau}^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_3^3) + m_{\mu}^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^3) + m_{\epsilon}^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^3) \right].
$$
\n(B5)

We follow exactly the same steps for $\sum_{\nu_3\nu_3^{\dagger}}^{\chi^+}$ to get:

$$
\frac{g_e^2 m_4}{8\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4)m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} [m_3^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_3^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_3^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) + m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) + m_3^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_3^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_3^2 s_{13}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) + m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_1(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2)].
$$
 (B6)

The loop with the W boson $\Sigma_{\nu_3\nu_3}^W$ will have gauge invariant contributions from the transverse polarization of the W boson. These can be dropped out from the expression by formally differentiating and integrating with respect to ξ_W in Mathematica. Then every step for simplifying the expression is the same as before with the result:

$$
\frac{g_e^2 m_4}{8\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4) m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} [-m_3^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) - m_3^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) - m_3^2 s_{13}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) \n+ m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_0 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) \n- m_3^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) - m_3^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) - m_3^2 s_{13}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) \n- m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) - m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) - m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_1 (m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2) \n+ c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 A_0 (m_W^2 \xi_W) + c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 A_0 (m_W^2 \xi_W) + s_{13}^2 A_0 (m_W^2 \xi_W)].
$$
\n(B7)

Comparing Eq. [\(B7\)](#page-10-8) with Eq. [\(B6\)](#page-10-9) we notice that the first, third and fourth lines of both expressions cancel and the second line of both equations is the same. Trigonometric functions near the A_0 integrals in Eq. [\(B7\)](#page-10-8) sum to one. The sum of Eqs. [\(B7\)](#page-10-8) and [\(B6\)](#page-10-9) multiplied by m_3 then gives

$$
\frac{g_e^2 m_4 m_3}{4\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4) m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} [m_\tau^2 c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\tau^2) + m_\mu^2 c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_\mu^2) + m_e^2 s_{13}^2 B_0(m_3^2, m_W^2 \xi_W, m_e^2)] + \frac{g_e^2 m_4 m_3}{8\pi^2 (m_3 + m_4) m_Z^2 s_{2W}^2} A_0(m_W^2 \xi_W).
$$
\n(B8)

The second line cancels with the contribution of the Goldstone loop from Eq. [\(B5\)](#page-9-1) giving exactly Eq. [\(59\).](#page-7-3)

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