

Spontaneous CP violation and μ - τ symmetry in two-Higgs-doublet models with flavour conservation

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Based on:

J.A. Alves, F.J. Botella, C. Miró & MN

[arXiv:2306.14952](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.14952), EPJC83 (2023)

Setup, notation

[See plenary talks by F.J. Botella and H. Haber]

- In 2HDMs the Yukawa sector is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_Y = & -\bar{Q}_L^0 \left(\Phi_1 Y_1^{(d)} + \Phi_2 Y_2^{(d)} \right) d_R^0 - \bar{Q}_L^0 \left(\tilde{\Phi}_1 Y_1^{(u)} + \tilde{\Phi}_2 Y_2^{(u)} \right) u_R^0 \\ & - \bar{L}_L^0 \left(\Phi_1 Y_1^{(\ell)} + \Phi_2 Y_2^{(\ell)} \right) \ell_R^0 + \text{H.c.}\end{aligned}$$

N.B. $\tilde{\Phi}_j = i\sigma_2 \Phi_j^*$ (neutrinos later)

- Going to the Higgs and fermion mass bases

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_Y = & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{Q}_L (H_1 \mathbf{M}_d + H_2 \mathbf{N}_d) d_R - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{Q}_L \left(\tilde{H}_1 \mathbf{M}_u + \tilde{H}_2 \mathbf{N}_u \right) u_R \\ & - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{L}_L (H_1 \mathbf{M}_\ell + H_2 \mathbf{N}_\ell) \ell_R + \text{H.c.}\end{aligned}$$

where

- \mathbf{M}_f are the diagonal fermion mass matrices
- \mathbf{N}_f are the new flavour structures

Setup, notation

Higgs basis

- Expansion around vacuum appropriate for electroweak symmetry breaking

$$\Phi_j = e^{i\theta_j} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_j^+ \\ \frac{v_j + \rho_j + i\eta_j}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \Phi_j \rangle = \frac{e^{i\theta_j} v_j}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Higgs basis, $c_\beta \equiv \cos \beta = \frac{v_1}{v}$, $s_\beta \equiv \sin \beta = \frac{v_2}{v}$, $t_\beta \equiv \tan \beta$,
 $\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{R}_\beta \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\theta_1} \Phi_1 \\ e^{-i\theta_2} \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } \mathcal{R}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & s_\beta \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{R}_\beta^T = \mathcal{R}_\beta^{-1}$$

$$\langle H_1 \rangle = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle H_2 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}G_F}$$

Setup, notation

- Higgs basis

$$H_1 = \left(\begin{array}{c} G^+ \\ \frac{v+H^0+iG^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right), \quad H_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c} H^+ \\ \frac{R^0+iI^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right)$$

- would-be Goldstone bosons G^0, G^\pm
- physical charged scalar H^\pm
- neutral scalars $\{H^0, R^0, I^0\}$, not the mass eigenstates

Setup, notation (quarks)

- Mass matrices M_f^0

$$M_u^0 = \frac{ve^{-i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}}(c_\beta Y_1^{(u)} + e^{-i\theta} s_\beta Y_2^{(u)}), \quad M_d^0 = \frac{ve^{i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}}(c_\beta Y_1^{(d)} + e^{i\theta} s_\beta Y_2^{(d)})$$

- N_f^0 matrices

$$N_u^0 = \frac{ve^{-i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}}(-s_\beta Y_1^{(u)} + e^{-i\theta} c_\beta Y_2^{(u)}), \quad N_d^0 = \frac{ve^{i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}}(-s_\beta Y_1^{(d)} + e^{i\theta} c_\beta Y_2^{(d)})$$

- Diagonalization of mass matrices

$$U_{fL}^\dagger M_f^0 M_f^{0\dagger} U_{fL} = \text{diag}(m_{f_1}^2, m_{f_2}^2, m_{f_3}^2)$$

$$U_{fR}^\dagger M_f^{0\dagger} M_f^0 U_{fR} = \text{diag}(m_{f_1}^2, m_{f_2}^2, m_{f_3}^2)$$

$$M_f = U_{fL}^\dagger M_f^0 U_{fR} = \text{diag}(m_{f_1}, m_{f_2}, m_{f_3})$$

$$N_f = U_{fL}^\dagger N_f^0 U_{fR} = ?$$

- Mixing matrix (CKM): $V = U_{uL}^\dagger U_{dL}$

Setup, notation

We are interested in:

- CP invariant lagrangian
 - scalar potential with real coefficients
 - real Yukawa matrices
- Spontaneous CP violation $\theta \neq 0$, source of CP violating CKM
- Flavour conservation, i.e. $\mathbf{N}_f = \text{diag}(n_{f_1}, n_{f_2}, n_{f_3})$?

Setup, notation

- A model with
 - CP invariant lagrangian,
 - spontaneous CP violation sourcing all CP violation, including a realistic CP violating CKM matrix,
 - controlled SFCNC,

MN, F.J. Botella & G.C. Branco

[arXiv:1808.00493](#), EPJC79 (2019)

If SFCNC absent, CKM is not CP violating

The “CP conserving mixing” argument

Flavour conservation means that the matrices M_f^0 and N_f^0 , $f = u, d$, are simultaneously bidiagonalized. This is equivalent to $Y_1^{(f)}$ and $Y_2^{(f)}$ being bidiagonalized simultaneously. $Y_1^{(f)}$ and $Y_2^{(f)}$ are real, and thus the bidiagonalization is achieved with real orthogonal matrices,

$$O_{fL}^T Y_j^{(f)} O_{fR} = \text{diag}(y_{j1}^{(f)}, y_{j2}^{(f)}, y_{j3}^{(f)}), \quad y_{jk}^{(f)} \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ implying that}$$

$M_f = O_{fL}^T M_f^0 O_{fR}$ and $N_f = O_{fL}^T N_f^0 O_{fR}$ are diagonal. Then, the CKM matrix is $V = R_U O_{uL}^T O_{dL} R_D$ with R_U, R_D diagonal rephasing matrices, which can be absorbed in a redefinition of the fields: the CKM matrix is thus essentially real, not CP violating.

G.C. Branco  PRL44 (1980)

Motivation

The “CP conserving mixing” argument is convincing **but** it has a loophole: even if $Y_1^{(q)}$ and $Y_2^{(q)}$ are real,

- they can have complex eigenvalues and in that case they are not necessarily bidiagonalised simultaneously with real orthogonal matrices

Counterexample

G. Ecker, W. Grimus & H. Neufeld, [PLB](#)194 (1987)

Complex conjugate eigenvalues and mixing moduli relations

M. Gronau, A. Kfir, G. Ecker, W. Grimus & H. Neufeld,
[PRD](#)37 (1988)

Counterexample

- Model with 2HDM and 4 generations “out of the blue”
G. Ecker, W. Grimus & H. Neufeld, [hep-th/9707085](#) PLB194 (1987)
Yukawa matrices

$$Y_j^{(d)} = \text{diag}(y_{j1}^{(d)}, y_{j2}^{(d)}, y_{j3}^{(d)}, y_{j4}^{(d)}), \quad Y_j^{(u)} = O^T \begin{pmatrix} y_{j1}^{(u)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_{j2}^{(u)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_j & b_j \\ 0 & 0 & -b_j & a_j \end{pmatrix}$$

with real $Y_j^{(d)}$, $Y_j^{(u)}$ and O orthogonal

- Crucial ingredient: the blocks

$$B_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ -b_j & a_j \end{pmatrix}$$

N.B. $b_1/a_1 \neq b_2/a_2$, otherwise degenerate mass eigenstates

Counterexample

Special blocks

- they obey (no sum over j)

$$B_j B_j^T = B_j^T B_j = (a_j^2 + b_j^2) \mathbf{1}_2$$

- B_j has two *complex conjugate* eigenvalues $a_j \pm ib_j$ while $B_j B_j^T$ has two *degenerate* eigenvalues $a_j^2 + b_j^2$
- The simultaneous real orthogonal bidiagonalization of both $Y_1^{(u)}$ and $Y_2^{(u)}$ *fails*
- However

$$U^\dagger B_j U = \begin{pmatrix} a_j + ib_j & 0 \\ 0 & a_j - ib_j \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with} \quad U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Counterexample

- $Y_1^{(u)}$ and $Y_2^{(u)}$ are simultaneously diagonalized *unitarily*

$$U_{u_L}^\dagger Y_j^{(u)} U_{u_R} = \text{diag}(y_{1j}^{(u)}, y_{2j}^{(u)}, a_j + ib_j, a_j - ib_j)$$

$$U_{u_L} = O^T U_{[34]}, \quad U_{u_R} = U_{[34]}, \quad U_{[34]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The resulting CKM matrix, up to rephasings, is

$$V = U_{34}^\dagger O$$

- It follows that $V_{3j} = V_{4j}^* = (O_{3j} - iO_{4j})/\sqrt{2}$, i.e. the rephasing invariant relation

$$|V_{3j}| = |V_{4j}|, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

Counterexample

No real orthogonal simultaneous bidiagonalisation

- Notice that

$$B_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ -b_j & a_j \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_j \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha_j & \sin \alpha_j \\ -\sin \alpha_j & \cos \alpha_j \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\lambda_j = \sqrt{a_j^2 + b_j^2}$, $\frac{a_j}{\lambda_j} = \cos \alpha_j$, $\frac{b_j}{\lambda_j} = \sin \alpha_j$

B_1 and B_2 not proportional $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_2 \neq \alpha_1 [\pi]$

- $SO(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$O_2(\alpha) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[O_2(\alpha)]^{-1} = [O_2(\alpha)]^T = O_2(-\alpha), \quad O_2(\alpha_a)O_2(\alpha_b) = O_2(\alpha_a + \alpha_b)$$

- Orthogonal bidiagonalisation

$$O_2(-\alpha_L)B_jB_j^T O_2(\alpha_L) = O_2(-\alpha_R)B_jB_j^T O_2(\alpha_R) = \lambda_j^2 \mathbf{1}_2$$

it looks like we have full freedom to choose α_L and α_R

Counterexample

No real orthogonal simultaneous bidiagonalisation

- It looks like we have full freedom to choose α_L and α_R ... but

$$O_2(-\alpha_L) B_1 O_2(\alpha_R) = \lambda_1 O_2(-\alpha_L + \alpha_1 + \alpha_R)$$

$$O_2(-\alpha_L) B_2 O_2(\alpha_R) = \lambda_2 O_2(-\alpha_L + \alpha_2 + \alpha_R)$$

B_1 bidiagonalised iff $-\alpha_L + \alpha_1 + \alpha_R = 0[\pi]$,
but then $-\alpha_L + \alpha_2 + \alpha_R \neq 0[\pi]$ i.e. B_2 not bidiagonalised

General analysis

Important points in

$$U^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha_j & \sin \alpha_j \\ -\sin \alpha_j & \cos \alpha_j \end{pmatrix} U = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_j} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_j} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with} \quad U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

- eigenvectors $\vec{v}_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_- = (\vec{v}_+)^*$, corresponding to eigenvalues $e^{\pm i\alpha}$, are orthonormal
 \Rightarrow unitary diagonalisation exists
- eigenvectors “independent” of the eigenvalues
(unique diagonalisation for all $SO(2, \mathbb{R})$ matrices)

General analysis

With three generations in mind, notice that $O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices

- have two complex conjugate eigenvalues $e^{\pm i\alpha}$ and one real eigenvalue ± 1
- orthonormal eigenvectors (\Rightarrow unitary diagonalisation exists), two are complex conjugate of each other
- the eigenvectors “do not depend” on the eigenvalues
 \Rightarrow different $O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices can be diagonalised simultaneously

Model with Dirac neutrinos

■ Yukawa lagrangian

$$-\mathcal{L}_{Y\ell} = \bar{L}_L^0 \left(Y_1^{(\nu)} \tilde{\Phi}_1 + Y_2^{(\nu)} \tilde{\Phi}_2 \right) \nu_R^0 + \bar{L}_L^0 \left(Y_1^{(\ell)} \Phi_1 + Y_2^{(\ell)} \Phi_2 \right) \ell_R^0 + \text{H.c.}$$

with

$$Y_j^{(\nu)} = \text{diag}(y_{j1}^{(\nu)}, y_{j2}^{(\nu)}, y_{j3}^{(\nu)})$$

$$Y_j^{(\ell)} = O^T \lambda_j \begin{pmatrix} y_{j1}^{(\ell)} / \lambda_j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi_j & \sin \varphi_j \\ 0 & -\sin \varphi_j & \cos \varphi_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_\nu^0 = \frac{ve^{-i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(c_\beta Y_1^{(\nu)} + s_\beta e^{-i\theta} Y_2^{(\nu)} \right), \quad M_\ell^0 = \frac{ve^{i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(c_\beta Y_1^{(\ell)} + s_\beta e^{i\theta} Y_2^{(\ell)} \right)$$

$$N_\nu^0 = \frac{ve^{-i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(-s_\beta Y_1^{(\nu)} + c_\beta e^{-i\theta} Y_2^{(\nu)} \right), \quad N_\ell^0 = \frac{ve^{i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(-s_\beta Y_1^{(\ell)} + c_\beta e^{i\theta} Y_2^{(\ell)} \right)$$

Model with Dirac neutrinos

- Simultaneous diagonalisation of $\{Y_1^{(\ell)}, Y_2^{(\ell)}\} \Leftrightarrow \{M_\ell^0, N_\ell^0\}$

$$U_{\ell_L}^\dagger M_\ell^0 U_{\ell_R} = M_\ell = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\ell_L} &= O^T U_{[23]} \\ U_{\ell_R} &= U_{[23]} R_{\ell_R} \end{aligned} \quad U_{[23]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

(N.B. rephasings R_{ℓ_R})

- M_ν^0 and N_ν^0 diagonal
- PMNS matrix (up to rephasings)

$$U = U_{23}^\dagger O$$

and then

$$U_{2j} = U_{3j}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(O_{2j} - iO_{3j}) \Rightarrow |U_{2j}| = |U_{3j}|, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

Model with Dirac neutrinos

- With

$$|U_{2j}| = |U_{3j}|, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

the PMNS matrix has “ $\mu - \tau$ symmetry”

(in standard PDG parameterisation $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$, $\delta = \pm\pi/2$)

- Freedom left in O_{1j} is sufficient to have a realistic PMNS

Model with Dirac neutrinos

Comments

- CP violation in PMNS is in the end independent of the value of the vacuum SCPV phase (!)
- This choice (generations 2 and 3 of charged leptons) is the only viable implementation of the idea, no other rows or columns could work
- $m_\mu \neq m_\tau \leftrightarrow c_\beta s_\beta \sin \theta \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \sin(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) \neq 0$

$$\frac{2}{v^2} m_\mu^2 = c_\beta^2 \lambda_1 + s_\beta^2 \lambda_2 + 2c_\beta s_\beta \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cos(\theta + \varphi_2 - \varphi_1)$$

$$\frac{2}{v^2} m_\tau^2 = c_\beta^2 \lambda_1 + s_\beta^2 \lambda_2 + 2c_\beta s_\beta \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cos(\theta - \varphi_2 + \varphi_1)$$

- Diagonalisation of the neutrino mass matrix has had almost no role (\Rightarrow easy to do Majorana neutrinos with type I seesaw)
- Not symmetry based
(simplest scenario not stable under one loop RGE)

Seesaw I model with Majorana neutrinos

- Add 3 ν_R with

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu, \text{Maj}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\overline{(\nu_R^0)^c} M_R \nu_R^0 + \overline{\nu_R^0} M_R (\nu_R^0)^c \right]$$

with $M_R = \text{diag}(M_{R1}, M_{R2}, M_{R3})$, $M_{Rj} \in \mathbb{R}$

- Neutrino mass terms

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu, \text{Mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\overline{(\nu_L^0)^c} \overline{\nu_R^0} \right) \mathcal{M} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^0 \\ (\nu_R^0)^c \end{pmatrix} + \text{H.c.}, \quad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_\nu^{0*} \\ M_\nu^{0\dagger} & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonalization of \mathcal{M} reduced to 3 textbook 2×2 seesaws

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mu_j \\ \mu_j & M_{Rj} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu_j = \frac{ve^{i\theta_1}}{\sqrt{2}} (c_\beta y_{1j}^{(\nu)} + e^{i\theta} s_\beta y_{2j}^{(\nu)})$$

$$\mu_j \in \mathbb{C}, \quad |\mu_j| \ll M_{Rj}$$

Seesaw I model with Majorana neutrinos

That is

$$\mathcal{U}^T \mathcal{M} \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\text{light}} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\text{heavy}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} C & S \\ -S^* & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \text{diag}(\cos \alpha_1, \cos \alpha_2, \cos \alpha_3)$$

$$S = \text{diag}(\sin \alpha_1, \sin \alpha_2, \sin \alpha_3)$$

$$R_\nu = i \text{diag}(e^{i\beta_1}, e^{i\beta_2}, e^{i\beta_3})$$

$$\tan 2\alpha_j = 2 \frac{|\mu_j|}{M_{Rj}} \ll 1, \quad \beta_j = -\arg(\mu_j)$$

$$[m_{\text{light}}]_{jk} = \delta_{jk} |\mu_j| \tan \alpha_j \simeq \delta_{jk} \frac{|\mu_j|^2}{M_{Rj}}$$

$$[m_{\text{heavy}}]_{jk} = \delta_{jk} M_{Rj} \frac{\tan 2\alpha_j}{2 \tan \alpha_j} \simeq \delta_{jk} M_{Rj}$$

Seesaw I model with Majorana neutrinos

- Resulting 3×6 PMNS matrix

$$U = \mathcal{U}_{[23]}^\dagger O (CR_\nu \quad S)$$

- As in the Dirac scenario
 - no SFCNC for charged leptons and light neutrinos
 - PMNS with μ - τ symmetry
- light-heavy neutrino SFCNCs

Phenomenological concerns

- Benefit from phenomenological studies in $(g - 2)_{e,\mu}$ -oriented work
F.J. Botella, F. Cornet-Gómez, C. Miró & MN
 - [arXiv:2302.05471](#), JPhysG51 (2024)
 - [arXiv:2205.01115](#), EPJC82 (2022)
 - [arXiv:2006.01934](#), PRD102 (2020)

No problem with experimental constraints

EW precision, Higgs signal strengths, universality constraints in semileptonic decays with π 's and K 's, $b \rightarrow s\gamma$, meson mixings, ...

- Special attention to the electron EDM: one loop contributions
OK, two loop Barr-Zee not automatically safe

Conclusions

- In 2HDMs (or nHDM) one can reconcile flavour conservation and a spontaneous origin of CP violation, with CP violating fermion mixings
- Caveat: OK for leptons but not OK for quarks
- Essentially only one implementation is phenomenologically viable (simple illustration with Dirac neutrinos and type I seesaw Majorana neutrinos)
- This implementation implies a PMNS with μ - τ symmetry

Muito obrigado!

Thank you!

Backup

- $O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices
- μ - τ symmetry with $O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices

$O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices

- $O \in SO(3, \mathbb{R})$ are of the form $O = \exp(\alpha A)$ with real $\alpha \in [0; 2\pi[$ and A a normalized antisymmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{n}_3 & -\hat{n}_2 \\ -\hat{n}_3 & 0 & \hat{n}_1 \\ \hat{n}_2 & -\hat{n}_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{n}_j \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \hat{n}_1^2 + \hat{n}_2^2 + \hat{n}_3^2 = 1$$

- A has eigenvalues $\lambda = 0, \pm i$; the normalized eigenvectors are

$$\lambda = 0, \quad \vec{v}_0^T = (\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \hat{n}_3) = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta),$$

$$\lambda = i, \quad \vec{v}_+^T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\cos \theta \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi, -\cos \theta \sin \varphi - i \cos \varphi, \sin \theta),$$

$$\lambda = -i, \quad \vec{v}_- = (\vec{v}_+)^*,$$

$O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices

- Diagonalisation

$$U^\dagger A U = \text{diag}(0, i, -i), \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{v}_0 & \vec{v}_+ & \vec{v}_- \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

- $O = \exp(\alpha A)$ has eigenvalues $\{1, e^{i\alpha}, e^{-i\alpha}\}$ and the same eigenvectors

$$U^\dagger O U = \text{diag}(1, e^{i\alpha}, e^{-i\alpha})$$

- Geometrically O represents a rotation in \mathbb{R}^3 of angle α around the axis $(\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \hat{n}_3)$
- The eigenvectors of O do not depend on $\alpha \Rightarrow O_1 = \exp(\alpha_1 A)$ and $O_2 = \exp(\alpha_2 A)$ with $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$ can be unitarily diagonalised simultaneously.

μ - τ symmetry with $O(3, \mathbb{R})$ matrices

PMNS matrix $U = \text{unitary}^\dagger \times \text{orthogonal}$ with \vec{r}_k real

$$\begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{r}_0 & \vec{v}_+ & (\vec{v}_+)^* \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{r}_1 & \vec{r}_2 & \vec{r}_3 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{r}_1 & \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{r}_2 & \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{r}_3 \\ (\vec{v}_+)^* \cdot \vec{r}_1 & (\vec{v}_+)^* \cdot \vec{r}_2 & (\vec{v}_+)^* \cdot \vec{r}_3 \\ \vec{v}_+ \cdot \vec{r}_1 & \vec{v}_+ \cdot \vec{r}_2 & \vec{v}_+ \cdot \vec{r}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $U_{2j} = (U_{3j})^* = (\vec{v}_+)^* \cdot \vec{r}_j$, $j = 1, 2, 3$, that is, again, μ - τ symmetry:

$$|U_{2j}| = |U_{3j}|, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$