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Flavour and neutrino theory

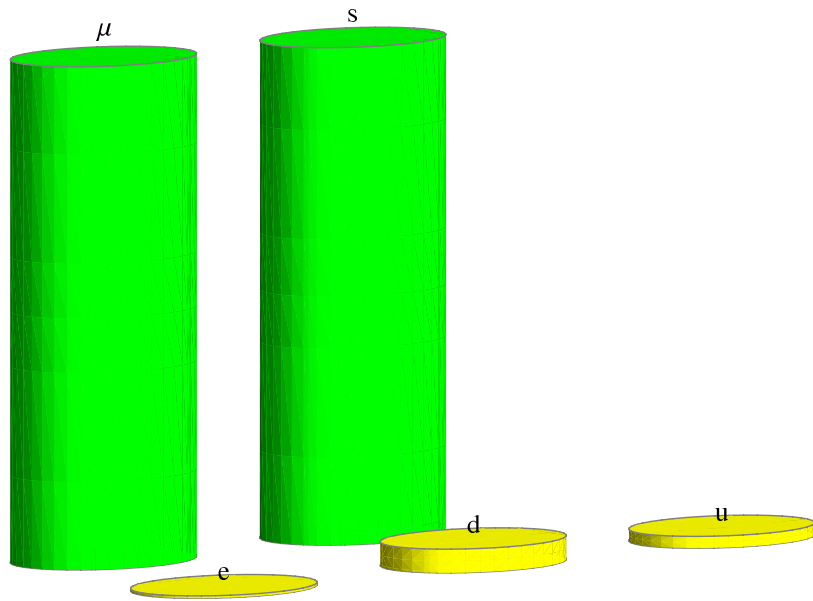
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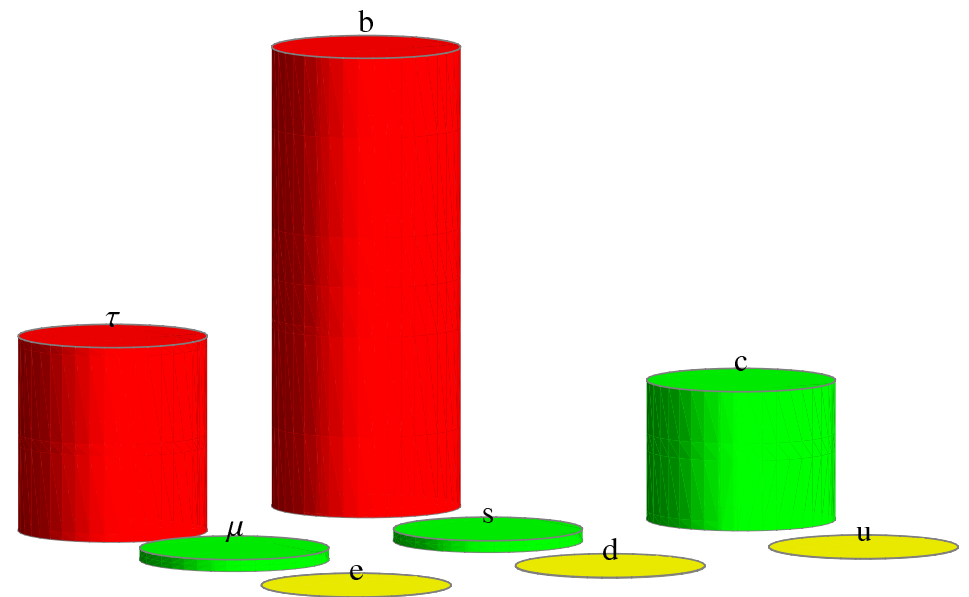
Outline

- ▶ basic facts about quarks and leptons
- ▶ what is the organising principle
 - hierarchy of masses
 - unification of quarks and leptons
 - neutrino masses and mixing pattern
- ▶ family symmetries – Abelian and non-Abelian
- ▶ tri-bimaximal neutrino mixing (until recently)
- ▶ latest twist: observation of $\theta_{13} \neq 0$
- ▶ strategies for implementing sizable reactor angle
- ▶ cosmological implications of family symmetries

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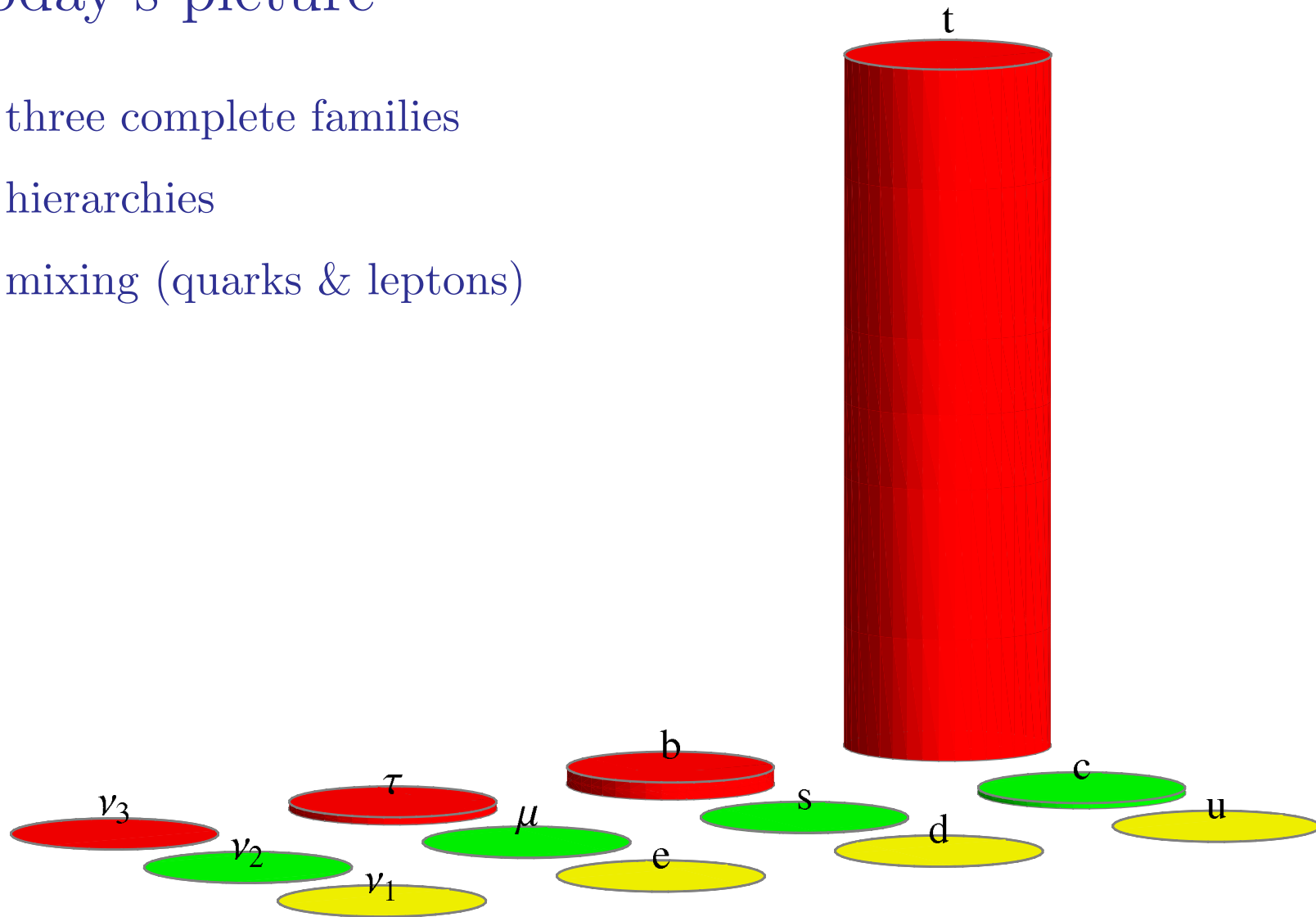


today's picture

three complete families

hierarchies

mixing (quarks & leptons)



Fermion masses and mixings

quarks

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_u : m_c : m_t &\sim \lambda^8 : \lambda^4 : 1 \\
 m_d : m_s : m_b &\sim \lambda^4 : \lambda^2 : 1
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & \lambda & \lambda^3 \\
 \lambda & 1 & \lambda^2 \\
 \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 \quad
 \lambda \sim 0.22$$

⇒ hierarchical quark sector

leptons

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_e : m_\mu : m_\tau &\sim \lambda^{4 \text{ or } 5} : \lambda^2 : 1 \\
 m_{\nu_1} : m_{\nu_2} : m_{\nu_3} &\sim \begin{cases} \lambda \geq 1 : \lambda : 1 \\ 1 : 1 : \lambda \geq 1 \\ 1 : 1 : 1 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad
 \begin{pmatrix}
 0.77 - 0.86 & 0.50 - 0.63 & 0.00 - 0.22 \\
 0.22 - 0.56 & 0.44 - 0.73 & 0.57 - 0.80 \\
 0.21 - 0.55 & 0.40 - 0.71 & 0.59 - 0.82
 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni (2007)

⇒ neutrino sector is special

Aspects of the flavour puzzle



- (a) hierarchy in the quark sector
- (b) unification of quarks and leptons
- (c) clues from the neutrino sector
 - tiny mass \rightarrow seesaw
 - peculiar mixing \rightarrow tri-bimaximal pattern
 - non-Abelian family symmetry

(*a*) Hierarchy in the quark sector

Froggatt-Nielsen mechanism

- introduce an *Abelian* family symmetry
- assign generation dependent $U(1)$ charges to the quarks
- $U(1)$ symmetry forbids most of the Yukawa terms
- introduce **flavon field** ϕ which allows Yukawa-like terms at higher order
- flavon ϕ acquires a VEV \rightarrow Yukawa terms are generated

	Q_1	Q_2	Q_3	D_1^c	D_2^c	D_3^c	H_u	ϕ
$U(1)$	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	-1

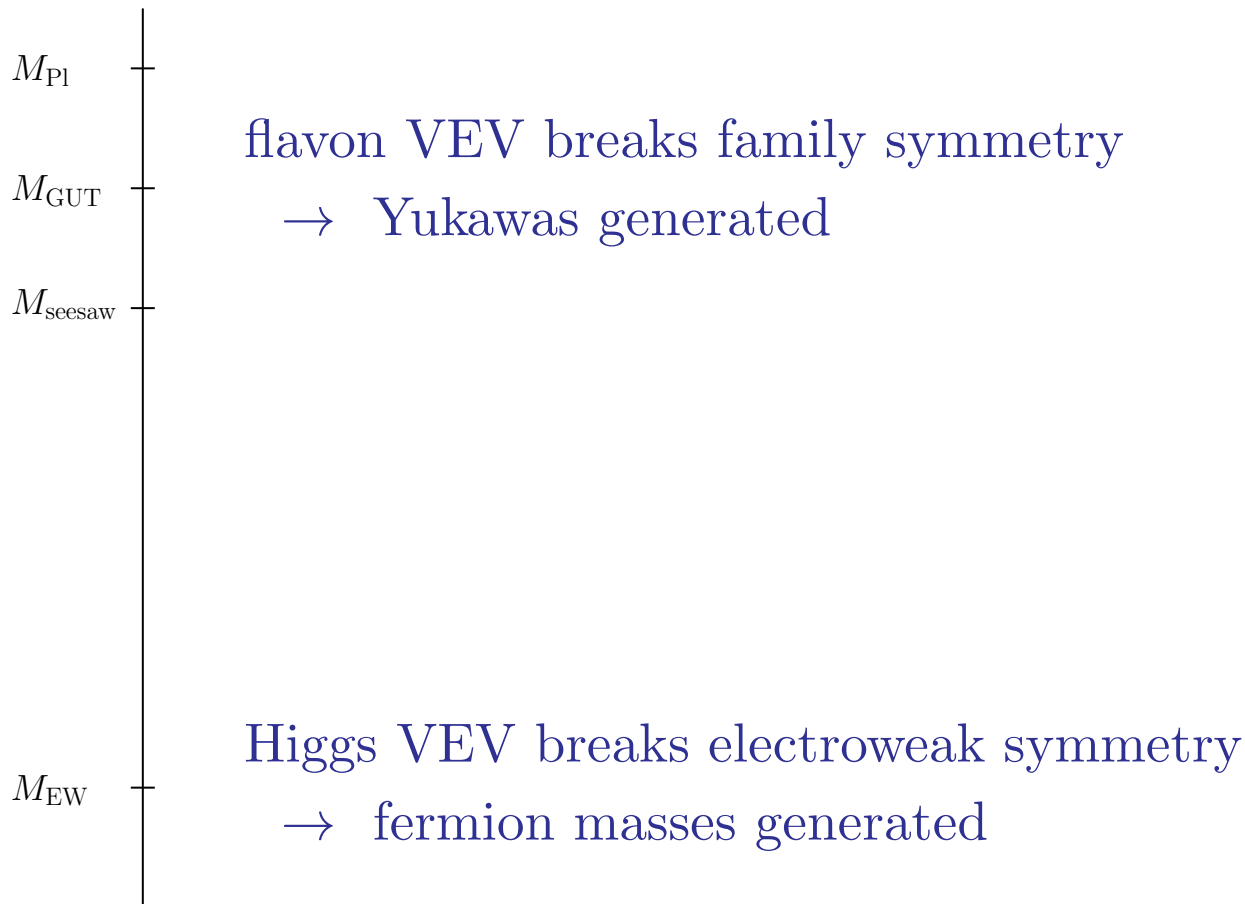
$$\frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{\Lambda} \sim \lambda$$

$$c_{ij} Q_i D_j^c H_u \left(\frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \right)^{x_{ij}} \rightarrow c_{ij} Q_i D_j^c H_u \lambda^{x_{ij}} \rightarrow Y_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & \lambda^3 & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- hierarchies arise from spontaneous breakdown of $U(1)$ family symmetry
- drawback: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ coefficients c_{ij} not fixed

Scale of flavour physics

- models of flavour are typically formulated at high energies
- separate family symmetry from EW symmetry breaking
- renormalisation group running can modify high-energy prediction



(b) Unification of quarks and leptons

Relating Y_d and Y_ℓ in $SU(5)$

- fermionic $\mathbf{10}$ contains Q, E^c, U^c
- fermionic $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ contains D^c, L
- down-type and charged lepton Yukawa terms originate in $\mathbf{10}_i Y_{ij} \bar{\mathbf{5}}_j \bar{\mathbf{5}}_H$

$$Y_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & \lambda^3 & \lambda^3 \\ * & \lambda^2 & \lambda^2 \\ * & * & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Y_\ell = Y_d^T \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & * & * \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & * \\ \lambda^3 & \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- bottom-tau unification at GUT scale
- mass ratios $m_d : m_s : m_b \sim \lambda^4 : \lambda^2 : 1 \sim m_e : m_\mu : m_\tau$
- left-handed mixing determined by upper-right off-diagonals
- down and charged lepton mixing can be related for (partially) symmetric Y
- indeed Gatto-Sartori-Tonin relation $\theta_{12}^d \sim \sqrt{\frac{m_d}{m_s}} \sim \lambda$ suggests

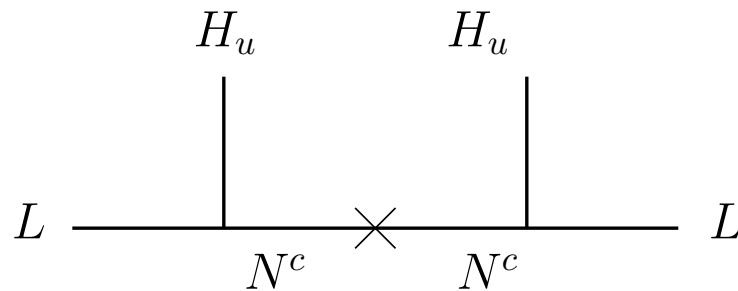
$$Y_{11} = 0 \quad \& \quad Y_{12} = Y_{21}$$

(*c*) Clues from the neutrino sector

The origin of neutrino mass

- neutrinos are much lighter than the other SM fermions
- suggestive of a different mass generation mechanism → seesaw
- introduce right-handed (Majorana) neutrinos N^c

Dirac term	Majorana term
$Y_\nu^{ij} L_i N_j^c H_u$	$M_R^{ij} N_i^c N_j^c$



- effective light neutrino mass matrix

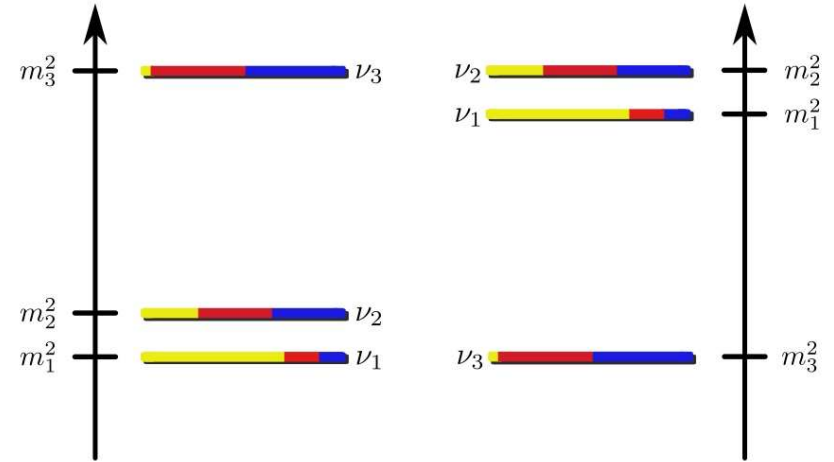
$$m_\nu^{\text{eff}} = Y_\nu \frac{v_u^2}{M_R} Y_\nu^T$$

- $M_R \sim 10^{14}$ GeV gives viable light neutrino masses

Three neutrino flavour mixing

(in diagonal charged lepton basis)

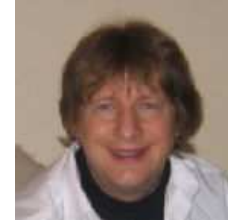
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{flavour} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{PMNS mixing} \\ \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{mass} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$



$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{atmospheric} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{reactor + Dirac} \\ \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{solar} \\ \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Majorana} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{\alpha_2}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\frac{\alpha_3}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Tri-bimaximal lepton mixing vs. global neutrino fits

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} \approx U_{\text{TB}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} \text{PMNS-angles} & \text{tri-bimax.} & 1\sigma \text{ exp.} & 1\sigma \text{ exp.} \\ \hline \sin^2 \theta_{12} : & \frac{1}{3} & 0.297 - 0.329 & 0.296 - 0.329 \\ \sin^2 \theta_{23} : & \frac{1}{2} & 0.45 - 0.58 & 0.39 - 0.50 \\ \sin^2 \theta_{13} : & 0 & 0.008 - 0.020 & 0.018 - 0.032 \end{array} \right.$$

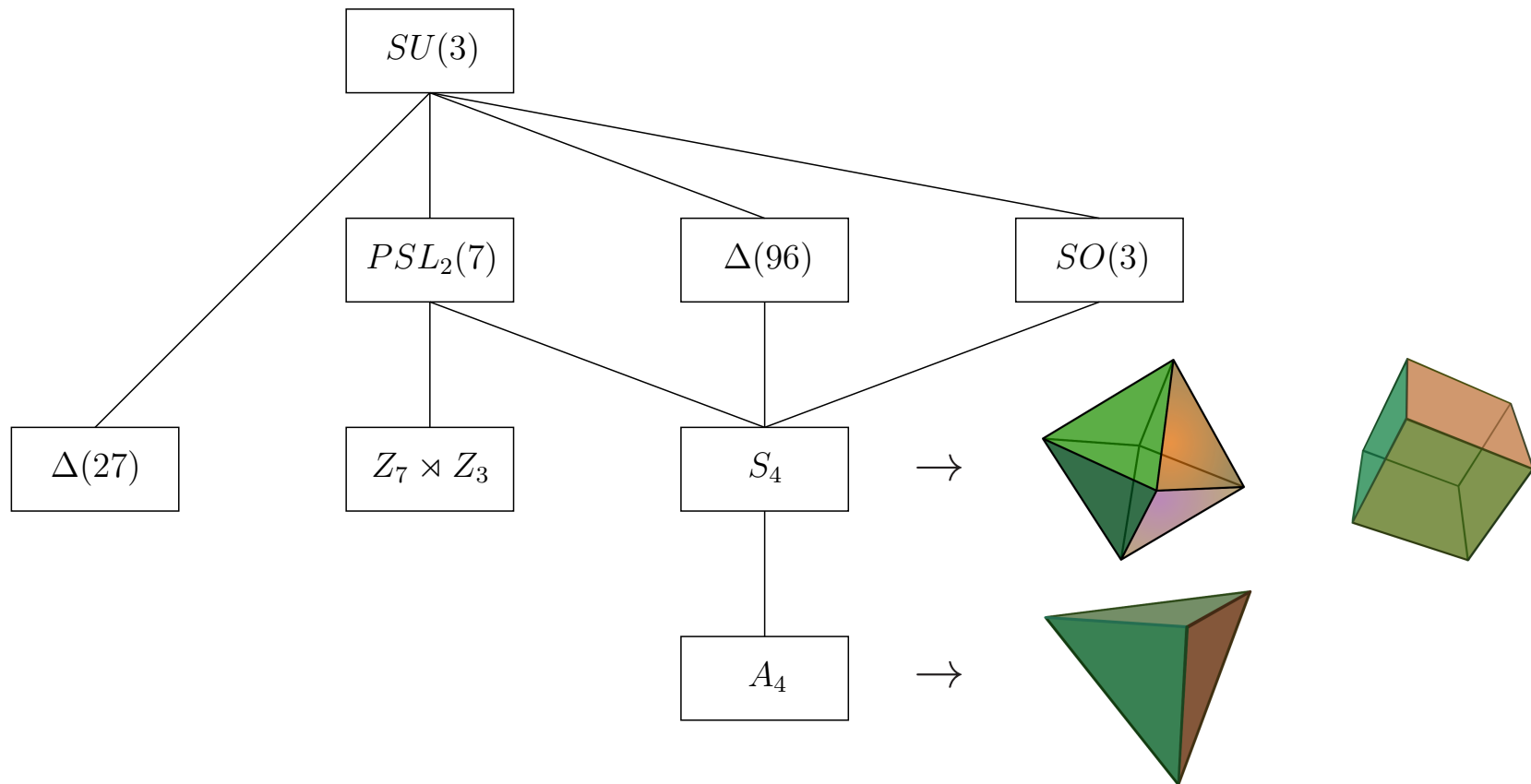
Schwetz et al.
(2011)

Fogli et al.
(2011)

- tri-bimaximal mixing fits rather well
- motivates an underlying family symmetry, e.g. A_4, S_4

Non-Abelian family symmetries

- unify three families in multiplets of family symmetry
- group should have two- or three-dimensional representations



Symmetries of the mass matrices

charged leptons $M_\ell = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$

symmetric under diagonal phase transformation h

$$\boxed{M_\ell = h^T M_\ell h^*} \quad \text{e.g. } h = \text{diag}\left(1, e^{\frac{4\pi i}{3}}, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}\right)$$

neutrinos

$$M_\nu = U_{\text{PMNS}} \text{diag}(m_{\nu_1}, m_{\nu_2}, m_{\nu_3}) U_{\text{PMNS}}^T$$

symmetry of M_ν depends on U_{PMNS}

$$\boxed{M_\nu = k^T M_\nu k} \quad k = U_{\text{PMNS}}^* \text{diag}(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1) U_{\text{PMNS}}^T$$

require $\det k = 1$

four different $k \rightarrow$ generate $Z_2 \times Z_2$ symmetry group

Klein symmetry $\mathcal{K} = \{1, k_1, k_2, k_3\}$

for $U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{TB}}$:

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_2 = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_3 = k_1 k_2$$

Origin of the Klein symmetry

► direct models

- Klein symmetry $\mathcal{K} \subset$ family symmetry \mathcal{G}
- flavon fields ϕ break \mathcal{G} down to \mathcal{K} in neutrino sector
- for TB mixing (k_1, k_2, h) generate S_4

► indirect models

- Klein symmetry \mathcal{K} not necessarily \subset family symmetry \mathcal{G}
- \mathcal{G} responsible for generating particular flavon VEV configurations
- for TB mixing – from e.g. $\Delta(27), Z_7 \rtimes Z_3$

$$\langle \phi_1 \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \phi_2 \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \phi_3 \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\nu \sim \nu (\phi_1 \phi_1^T + \phi_2 \phi_2^T + \phi_3 \phi_3^T) \nu H H$$

What if tri-bimaximal mixing is ruled out?

2011/2012 indications of a non-zero θ_{13}

T2K [arXiv:1106.2822]

- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ disfavoured at $\sim 2.5\sigma$
- $5^\circ \lesssim \theta_{13} \lesssim 18^\circ$ at 90% C.L.

MINOS [arXiv:1108.0015]

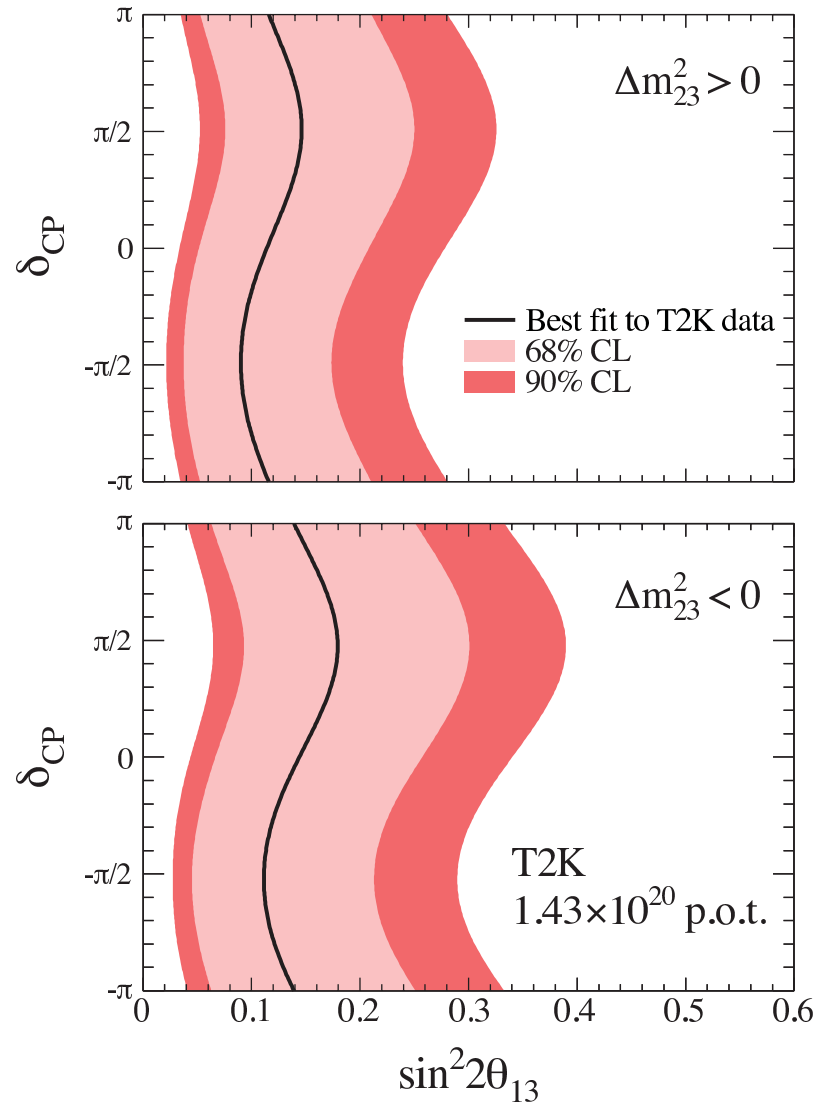
- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ disfavoured at $\sim 1.6\sigma$
- $\theta_{13} \lesssim 13^\circ$ at 90% C.L.

Double Chooz [arXiv:1112.6353]

- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ disfavoured at $\sim 2\sigma$
- $4^\circ \lesssim \theta_{13} \lesssim 12^\circ$ at 90% C.L.

Daya Bay [arXiv:1203.1669]

- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ disfavoured at $\sim 5.2\sigma$
- $7^\circ \lesssim \theta_{13} \lesssim 10^\circ$ at 90% C.L.



Family symmetry models and sizable θ_{13}

direct models

indirect models

TB plus corrections

TB plus corrections

other family symmetries
with non-standard \mathcal{K}

non-standard flavon
VEV configurations

A direct S_4 model of leptons

- S_4 representations: $\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{1}'$ $\mathbf{2}$ $\mathbf{3}$ $\mathbf{3}'$
- diagonal charged leptons
- in neutrino sector ($L \sim N^c \sim \mathbf{3}$ $H_u \sim \mathbf{1}$)

$$W_\nu \sim LN^c H_u + (\phi_{\mathbf{3}'} + \phi_{\mathbf{2}} + \phi_{\mathbf{1}})N^c N^c + \frac{1}{M}\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{1}'}\phi_{\mathbf{2}}N^c N^c$$

- trivial Dirac neutrino Yukawa
- neutrino mixing governed by heavy right-handed neutrinos
- S_4 multiplication rule

$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = (\mathbf{3}' + \mathbf{2} + \mathbf{1})_s + \mathbf{3}_a$$

- three TB conserving flavons $\phi_{\mathbf{3}'}$ $\phi_{\mathbf{2}}$ $\phi_{\mathbf{1}}$
- add new flavon $\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{1}'} \sim \mathbf{1}'$ (otherwise neutral)
- resulting higher order term breaks TB structure

Breaking of the TB Klein symmetry \mathcal{K}

Dirac term $LN^c H_u$ respects $\mathcal{K} \subset S_4$

Majorana terms $\left(\phi_{\mathbf{3}'} + \phi_{\mathbf{2}} + \phi_{\mathbf{1}} + \frac{1}{M}\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{1}'}\phi_{\mathbf{2}}\right) N^c N^c$ respect k_1 but **break k_2**

S_4 irrep	k_1	k_2	VEV alignment
$\mathbf{3}'$	$\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\langle \phi_{\mathbf{3}'} \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$\mathbf{2}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\langle \phi_{\mathbf{2}} \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
$\mathbf{1}$	1	1	$\langle \phi_{\mathbf{1}} \rangle \propto 1$
$\mathbf{1}'$	1	-1	$\langle \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{1}'} \rangle \propto 1$

Resulting mixing

$$M_R = \frac{M_1+M_3}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2M_2+M_3-M_1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{M_1+M_2-M_3}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \Delta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{small TB breaking term}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\text{PMNS}} \approx \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\alpha^* \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\alpha & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\alpha^* \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\alpha & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\alpha^* \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Re } \alpha \approx -\sqrt{3} \cdot \left[\text{Re} \left(\frac{\Delta}{M_1 - M_3} \right) + \text{Im} \left(\frac{\Delta}{M_1 - M_3} \right) \frac{\text{Im} \left(\frac{M_1+M_3}{M_1-M_3} \right)}{\text{Re} \left(\frac{M_1+M_3}{M_1-M_3} \right)} \right]$$

$$\text{Im } \alpha \approx \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\text{Im} \left(\frac{\Delta}{M_1 - M_3} \right)}{\text{Re} \left(\frac{M_1+M_3}{M_1-M_3} \right)}$$

Trimaximal neutrino mixing

- second column of $U_{\text{PMNS}} \propto (1, 1, 1)^T$
- one could have guessed this special structure
 - (i) $(1, 1, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector of M_R
 - (ii) k_1 generator of TB Klein symmetry \mathcal{K} unbroken
- such a TB breaking affects θ_{13} and θ_{23} – but not θ_{12}
- get correlations between TB deviation parameters r, a, s

$$\sin \theta_{13} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} r \quad \sin \theta_{23} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 + a) \quad \sin \theta_{12} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1 + s)$$

$$r \cos \delta \approx -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \alpha \quad a \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \operatorname{Re} \alpha \quad \delta \approx \pi + \arg \alpha$$

→ testable sum rules

$a \approx -\frac{1}{2} r \cos \delta$	$s \approx 0$
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Cosmological implication

Baryogenesis via leptogenesis

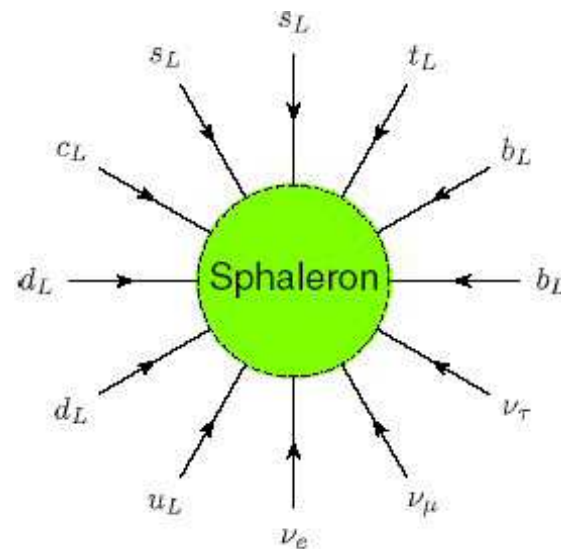
- origin of tiny matter-antimatter asymmetry $\frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \approx 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$
- right-handed neutrinos N^c decay out of equilibrium



- generate net lepton number L
- non-perturbative sphaleron transitions

lepton number $L \rightarrow$ baryon number B

$$\prod_{k=1}^3 Q_k Q_k Q_k L_k$$



Leptogenesis in family symmetry models

- generation of a net lepton number from N^c decay requires CP asymmetry

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{\Gamma_i - \bar{\Gamma}_i}{\Gamma_i + \bar{\Gamma}_i} \approx \frac{1}{8\pi(Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu)_{ii}} \sum_{j \neq i} \text{Im} [(Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu)_{ij}^2] f\left(\frac{M_j^2}{M_i^2}\right)$$

- here Y_ν in basis of diagonal right-handed neutrinos
- often PMNS mixing purely due to M_R (trivial Dirac neutrino Yukawa)
- then $Y_\nu = U_{\text{PMNS}}$ in basis with diagonalised M_R
- $(Y_\nu^\dagger Y_\nu)_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \rightarrow$ CP asymmetry ϵ_i vanishes
- general criterion: form dominance [Chen,King \(2009\)](#)
 columns of Y_ν proportional to columns of U_{PMNS}
- RG running of Y_ν gives rise to violation of form dominance
- successful leptogenesis possible [Cooper,King,Luhn \(2011\)](#)

Conclusion

- ▶ fermion masses and mixings suggest underlying family symmetry
 - Froggatt-Nielsen $U(1)$
 - non-Abelian symmetries like e.g. S_4
- ▶ experimental evidence for sizable θ_{13}
- ▶ review role of family symmetries
- ▶ necessary to discuss deviations from TB mixing
- ▶ testable mixing sum rules
- ▶ family symmetries compatible with leptogenesis

Thank you

(for staying until the very end of the meeting)