Model Building for Lepton Mixing and Neutrino Masses

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- comments on models
- conclusions & outlook



Parametrization of lepton mixing

Parametrization (PDG) $U_{PMNS} = \tilde{U} \operatorname{diag}(1, e^{i\alpha/2}, e^{i(\beta/2 + \delta)})$

with

$$\tilde{U} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

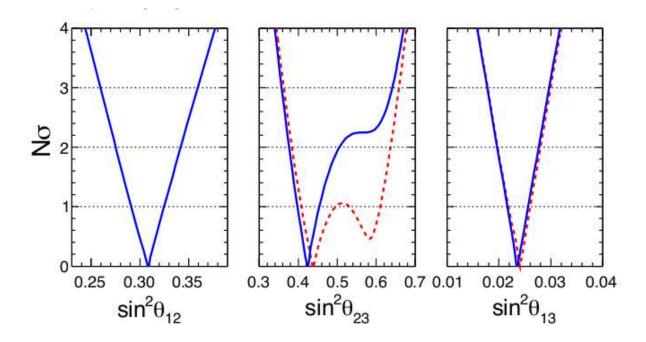
and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$, $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ Jarlskog invariant J_{CP}

 $J_{CP} = \operatorname{Im} \left[U_{PMNS,11} U_{PMNS,13}^* U_{PMNS,31}^* U_{PMNS,33} \right]$ $= \frac{1}{8} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \theta_{13} \sin \delta$

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Experimental results on lepton mixing

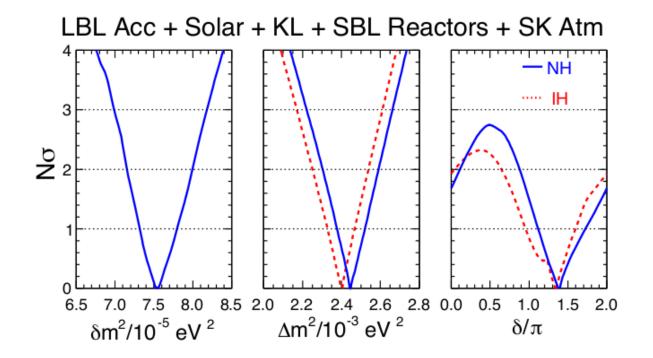
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$$\sigma$$
 error 3σ range
 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0234[9]^{+0.0022[1]}_{-0.0018[21]}$ $0.0177[8] \le \sin^2 \theta_{13} \le 0.0297[300]$
 $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.308^{+0.017}_{-0.017}$ $0.259 \le \sin^2 \theta_{12} \le 0.359$
 $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \begin{cases} 0.425[37]^{+0.029[59]}_{-0.027[9]} & 0.357[63] \le \sin^2 \theta_{23} \le 0.641[59] \end{cases}$
 $\delta = 1.39[5] \pi^{+0.33[24] \pi}_{-0.27[39] \pi}$ $0 \le \delta \le 2 \pi$
 α , β unconstrained

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$$||U_{PMNS}|| \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.82 & 0.55 & 0.15 \\ 0.40[39] & 0.65 & 0.64[5] \\ 0.40[2] & 0.52 & 0.75[4] \end{pmatrix}$$

and no information on Majorana phases

 \Downarrow Mismatch in lepton flavor space is large!



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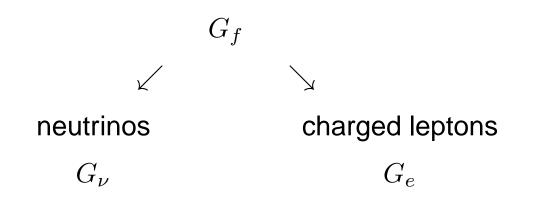
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 $G_{\nu} = Z_2 \times Z_2$ (Majorana) $G_{\nu} = Z_M$ with $M \ge 3$ (Dirac) charged leptons $G_e = Z_N$ with $N \ge 3$





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Further requirements

 G_f

- two/three non-trivial angles \Rightarrow irred. 3-dim. rep. of G_f
- fix angles through G_{ν} , $G_e \Rightarrow 3$ families transform diff. under G_{ν} , G_e

• neutrino sector: $Z_2 \times Z_2$ or Z_M , $M \ge 3$, preserved and generated by

or
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, $i = 1, 2$
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or $Z^{\dagger} m_{\nu}^{\dagger} m_{\nu} Z = m_{\nu}^{\dagger} m_{\nu}$

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 $\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{ neutrino mass matrix } m_{\nu} \text{ fulfills} \\ \Omega_{\nu}^{T} m_{\nu} \Omega_{\nu} \quad \text{is diagonal} \\ \text{or} \quad \Omega_{\nu}^{\dagger} m_{\nu}^{\dagger} m_{\nu} \Omega_{\nu} \quad \text{is diagonal} \end{array}$

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 $U_{PMNS} = \Omega_e^{\dagger} \Omega_{\nu}$

- 3 unphysical phases are removed by $\Omega_e \rightarrow \Omega_e K_e$
- neutrino masses are made real and positive through $\Omega_{
 u} o \Omega_{
 u} K_{
 u}$
- permutations of columns of Ω_e , Ω_{ν} are possible: $\Omega_{e,\nu} \to \Omega_{e,\nu} P_{e,\nu}$

\Downarrow

Predictions:Mixing angles up to exchange of rows/columns J_{CP} up to signMajorana phases undetermined

• tri-bimaximal (TB) mixing from S_4 (Lam ('07,'08))

$$||U_{PMNS}|| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$Z_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} , \quad Z_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$Q_e = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ -1 & \sqrt{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$\Omega_e = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & -1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & i/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



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- PMNS mixing matrix

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- isomorphic to $(Z_n \times Z_n) \rtimes S_3$; described with four generators
- generic form of mixing patterns for Majorana neutrinos

$$U_{PMNS} = U_{TB}R_{13}(\theta)$$

and θ depends on n (King et al. ('13)), i.e. mixing angles are of the form

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{2 + \cos 2\theta}$$
, $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin 2\theta}{2 + \cos 2\theta} \right)$ and $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta$

$$\delta=0\,,\,\pi$$



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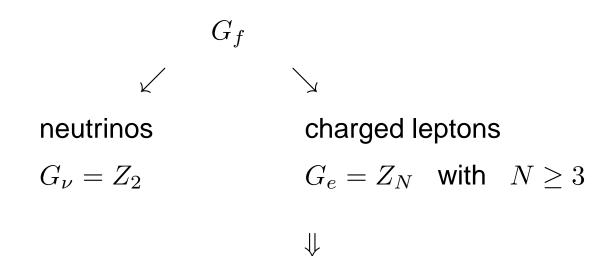
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$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2n} \quad \text{for} \quad G_e = Z_3 \quad , \ G_\nu = Z_{2n}$$
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6n} \quad \text{for} \quad G_e = Z_3 \quad , \ G_\nu = Z_{2n}$$



Variants of non-trivial breaking of G_f

Reduce residual symmetry in charged lepton or neutrino sector (Ge et al. ('11), Hernandez/Smirnov ('12,'13), Lavoura/Ludl ('14))



• G_{ν} cannot distinguish all three generations anymore

 only one column of PMNS mixing matrix is fixed; rest depends on free parameter

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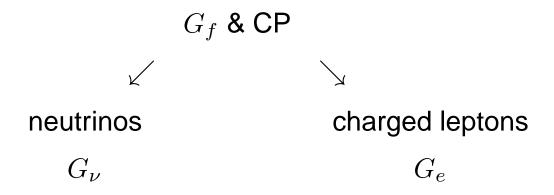
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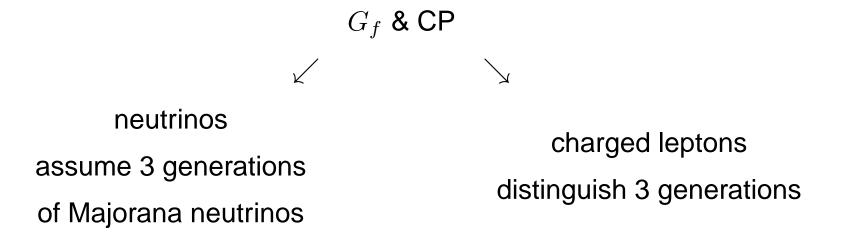
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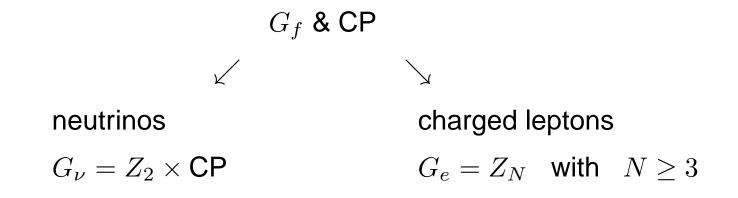
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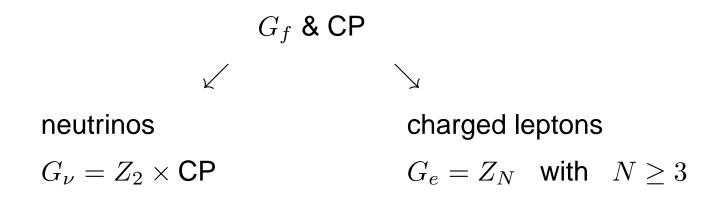
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An example: $\mu\tau$ reflection symmetry (Harrison/Scott ('02,'04), Grimus/Lavoura ('03))

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Further requirements

- two/three non-trivial mixing angles \Rightarrow irred 3-dim rep of G_f
- "maximize" predictability of approach



Consistency conditions have to be fulfilled:

• definition of generalized CP transformation (see e.g. Branco et al. ('11))

$$\phi_i \xrightarrow{\mathsf{CP}} X_{ij} \phi_j^\star \quad \text{with} \quad XX^\dagger = XX^\star = \mathbb{1}$$

"closure" relations

 $(X^*AX)^* = A'$ with in general $A \neq A'$ and $A, A' \in G_f$

• realize direct product of $Z_2 \subset G_f$ and CP; Z generates Z_2

$$XZ^{\star} - ZX = 0$$



• neutrino sector: $Z_2 \times CP$ preserved and generated by

$$X = \Omega_{\nu} \Omega_{\nu}^{T}$$
 and $Z = \Omega_{\nu} Z^{diag} \Omega_{\nu}^{\dagger}$
 $Z^{diag} = \operatorname{diag} (-1, 1, -1)$ and Ω_{ν} unitary

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 and $X m_{\nu} X = m_{\nu}^{\star}$

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- U_{PMNS} contains one parameter θ
- permutations of rows and columns of U_{PMNS} possible

Predictions:

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Mixing angles and CP phases are predicted in terms of one parameter θ only, up to permutations of rows/columns



Maximal θ_{23} and δ from $G_e = Z_3$, Z = S and certain X(Harrison/Scott ('02,'04), Grimus/Lavoura ('03), Feruglio et al. ('12,'13))

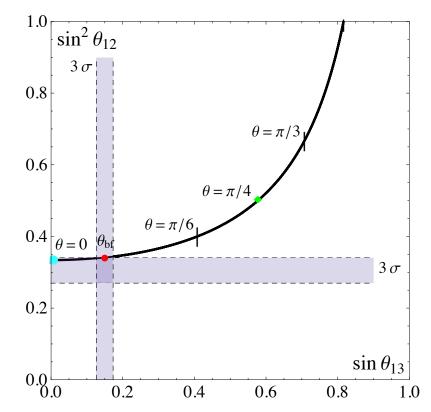
$$U_{PMNS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos\theta & \sqrt{2} & 2\sin\theta \\ -\cos\theta + i\sqrt{3}\sin\theta & \sqrt{2} & -\sin\theta - i\sqrt{3}\cos\theta \\ -\cos\theta - i\sqrt{3}\sin\theta & \sqrt{2} & -\sin\theta + i\sqrt{3}\cos\theta \end{pmatrix} K_{\nu}$$

$$\sin^{2} \theta_{13} = \frac{2}{3} \sin^{2} \theta , \quad \sin^{2} \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{2 + \cos 2\theta} , \quad \sin^{2} \theta_{23} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and
 $|\sin \delta| = 1 , \quad |J_{CP}| = \frac{|\sin 2\theta|}{6\sqrt{3}} , \quad \sin \alpha = 0 , \quad \sin \beta = 0$

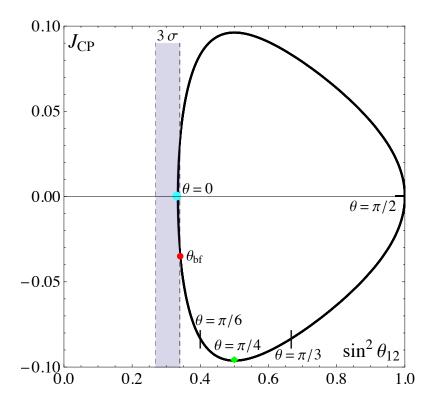


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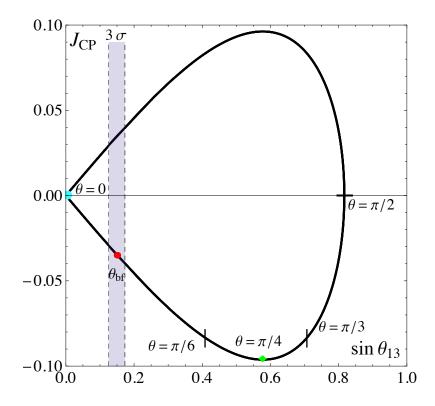


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$$heta_{ extsf{bf}} pprox 0.185 \ , \ \ \chi^2_{ extsf{min}} pprox 18.4 \ \ extsf{for} \ \ heta_{23} < \pi/4$$

$$\begin{split} \sin^2\theta_{13}(\theta_{\mathsf{bf}}) &\approx 0.023 \ , \quad \sin^2\theta_{12}(\theta_{\mathsf{bf}}) \approx 0.341 \ , \\ |J_{CP}(\theta_{\mathsf{bf}})| &\approx 0.0348 \end{split}$$



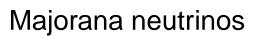
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finite, discrete, non-abelian symmetry $G_f \subset U(3)$ leading to $m_{\text{lightest}} = 0$ (Joshipura/Patel ('13))



Non-trivial breaking of G_f and $m_{\text{lightest}} = 0$



 $G_{\nu} = Z_2 \times Z_M$ with $M \ge 3$ $G_{\nu} = Z_M$ with $M \ge 3$ even charged leptons $G_e = Z_N$ with $N \ge 3$

Further requirements

 G_f

- G_{ν} and G_{e} distinguish three generations
- $Z_M \subset G_{\nu}$, $M \ge 3$ forbids one of the three neutrino masses crucial: ordering of neutrino masses is not arbitrary anymore!

- inverted ordering and bi-maximal mixing from $G_f = S_4(2)$
- G_f is isomorphic to $A_4 \rtimes Z_4$
- group "similar" to S_4 also described with three generators
- take $G_e = Z_4$ and $G_\nu = Z_4$

$$Q_e = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad \tilde{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$



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- \tilde{Z} has eigenvalues -1, +1, -i and Ω_{ν} is

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- PMNS mixing matrix

$$U_{PMNS} = \Omega_e^{\dagger} \Omega_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2}i & \sqrt{2}i & 0\\ i & i & \sqrt{2}\\ -i & -i & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



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continuous symmetry $G_f = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E \times O(3)_N$

(Cirigliano et al. ('05), Alonso et al.('12), Alonso et al. ('13))



Lagrangian relevant for lepton masses, assuming type I seesaw mechanism

$$\bar{l} Y_E H E_R + \bar{l} Y_\nu \tilde{H} N_R + \frac{1}{2} N_R^t M N_R$$

•
$$Y_E \sim (3, \overline{3}, 1)$$
, $Y_\nu \sim (3, 1, 3)$ under G_f

• $M \propto \mathbb{1}$ leaves $O(3)_N$ invariant



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$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E \xrightarrow{\langle Y_E \rangle} SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_E \times U(1)_{L+E}$$

"chiral" solution



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- heuristic: perturbations (Alonso et al. ('13))
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- after all, additional predictions can be possible in concrete models



Conclusions

- until now no "standard" theory for fermion masses and mixing, especially in the lepton sector
- flavor symmetries might be the key
 - finite, discrete, non-abelian G_f
 - G_f and CP
 - $G_f \subset U(3)$ and $m_{\text{lightest}} = 0$
 - $G_f = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_E \times O(3)_N$



Outlook

- complete study of finite, discrete SU(3) and U(3) subgroups
- more examples and models with G_f and CP
- more on Dirac neutrinos?
- quarks and leptons described with same G_f ?
- sterile neutrinos?

Thank you for your attention.

