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**Models of Neutrino Masses  
and Mixings:  
a Progress Report**

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The exp. situation for masses and mixing is still unclear

- LSND: true or false? -> MiniBooNE soon (??) will tell
- what is the absolute scale of  $\nu$  masses?  $\theta_{13}$ ? ( $\theta_{23} \sim 45^\circ$ ) ?
- no detection of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (proof that  $\nu$ 's are Majorana).....

Different classes of models are still possible:

If LSND true

sterile  $\nu$ (s)??

CPT violat'n??

• "3-1" or "3-n"

$\nu_{sterile}$



$m^2 \sim 1-2 \text{ eV}^2$

If LSND false



3 light  $\nu$ 's are OK

We assume this case here

- Degenerate ( $m^2 \gg \Delta m^2$ )   $m^2 < o(1) \text{ eV}^2$

- Inverse hierarchy



$m^2 \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

- Normal hierarchy



$m^2 \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$



## Model building

### Quality factors for models: (higher standards by now!)

- Based on the most general lagrangian compatible with some simple symmetry or dynamical principle
- Should be complete: address at least charged leptons and neutrinos ( $U_{P-NMS} = U_e^+ U_\nu$ , and the gauge symmetry connects ch. leptons and LH neutrinos)
- As many as possible small parameters (masses and mixings) should be naturally explained as a consequence.
- The necessary vev configuration should be a minimum of the most general potential for a region of parameter space
- The stability under radiative corrections and higher dim operators must be checked
- Simplicity, economy of fields and parameters, predictivity...



## Some recent work by our group

G.A., F. Feruglio, I. Masina, hep-ph/0402155,

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G.A., F. Feruglio, Y. Li hep-ph/0610165;

F. Feruglio, C. Hagedorn, Y. Li, L. Merlo, hep-ph/0702194

## Reviews:

G.A., F. Feruglio, New J.Phys.6:106,2004 [hep-ph/0405048],

G.A., hep-ph/0410101, F. Feruglio, hep-ph/0410131,

G.A., hep-ph/0611117.



# General remarks

- After KamLAND, SNO and WMAP.... not too much hierarchy is needed for  $\nu$  masses:

$$r \sim \Delta m^2_{\text{sol}} / \Delta m^2_{\text{atm}} \sim 1/30$$

Only a few years ago could be as small as  $10^{-8}$ !

Precisely at  $2\sigma$ :  $0.025 < r < 0.049$

or

$$m_{\text{heaviest}} < 0.2 - 0.7 \text{ eV}$$

$$m_{\text{next}} > \sim 8 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

For a hierarchical spectrum:

$$\frac{m_2}{m_3} \approx \sqrt{r} \approx 0.2$$

Comparable to  $\lambda_C = \sin \theta_C$ :

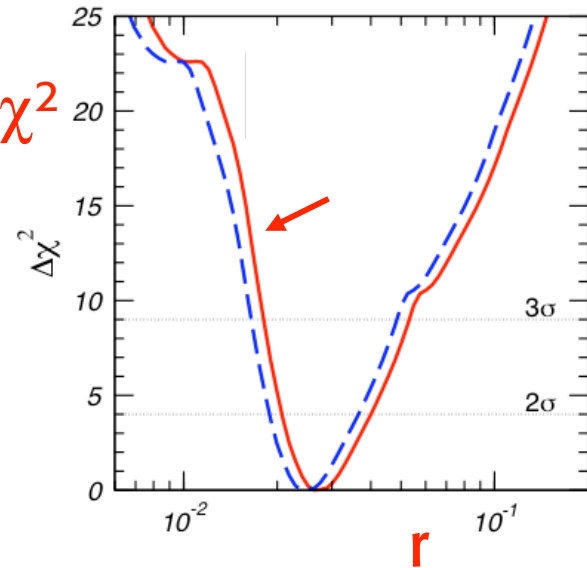
$$\lambda_C \approx 0.22 \text{ or } \sqrt{\frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau}} \approx 0.24$$

Suggests the same "hierarchy" parameters for  $q, l, \nu$

(small powers of  $\lambda_C$ )



e.g.  $\theta_{13}$  not too small!



- Still large space for non maximal 23 mixing

$$2\text{-}\sigma \text{ interval } 0.32 < \sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.62$$

Maximal  $\theta_{23}$  theoretically hard

- $\theta_{13}$  not necessarily too small  
probably accessible to exp.

Very small  $\theta_{13}$  theoretically hard

"Normal" models:  $\theta_{23}$  large but not maximal,  
 $\theta_{13}$  not too small ( $\theta_{13}$  of order  $\lambda_C$  or  $\lambda_C^2$ )

"Exceptional" models:  $\theta_{23}$  very close to maximal and/or  $\theta_{13}$   
very small

or: a special value for  $\theta_{12}$ ....



Natural models of the “normal” type are not too difficult to build up (with normal or inverse or degenerate hierarchy)

Review: G.A., F. Feruglio, New J.Phys.6:106,2004 [hep-ph/0405048],

It is reasonable to attribute hierarchies in masses and mixings to differences in some flavour quantum number(s).

A simplest flavour (or horizontal) symmetry is  $U(1)_F$

For example, simple models based on see-saw and  $U(1)_F$  work for all quarks and leptons, explain all small numbers, are natural and compatible with (SUSY) GUT's, e.g  $SU(5) \times U(1)_F$  (accomodation rather than prediction).

Larger flavour symmetry groups have also been studied.

They are more predictive but less flexible.

The problem of the "best" flavour group is still open.


The most ambitious models try to combine (SUSY)  $SO(10)$

GUT's with a suitable flavour group



Here we concentrate on “exceptional” models,  
in particular on models for “tri-bimaximal” mixing

The most general mass matrix for  $\theta_{13}=0$  and  $\theta_{23}$  maximal  
is given by  
(after ch. lepton diagonalization!!!):


$$m_{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & z & w \\ y & w & z \end{bmatrix}$$

Neglecting Majorana phases it depends on 4 real parameters  
(3 mass eigenvalues and 1 mixing angle:  $\theta_{12}$ )

Inspired models based on  $\mu$ - $\tau$  symmetry




Grimus, Lavoura..., Ma,.... Mohapatra, Nasri, Hai-Bo Yu ....

# Tri-bimaximal Mixing

Harrison, Perkins, Scott

A simple mixing matrix compatible with all present data


$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

In the basis of diagonal ch. leptons:

$$m_\nu = U \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3) U^\top$$


$$m_\nu = \frac{m_3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{m_2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{m_1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvectors:

$$m_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad m_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad m_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: mixing angles independent of mass eigenvalues



$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Comparison with experiment:

At  $1\sigma$ :

Fogli et al '05

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 1/3 : 0.290-0.342$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{23} = 1/2 : 0.39-0.53$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{13} = 0 : < 0.02$$

The HPS mixing is clearly a very good approx. to the data!

Also called:  
Tri-Bimaximal mixing

$$\nu_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\nu_\mu + \nu_\tau)$$

$$\nu_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\nu_e + \nu_\mu + \nu_\tau)$$



- For the HPS mixing matrix all mixing angles are fixed to particularly symmetric values

It is interesting to construct models that can naturally produce this highly ordered structure

Models based on the  $A_4$  discrete symmetry (even permutations of 1234) are very interesting (minimal solution)

Ma...;

GA, Feruglio hep-ph/0504165, hep-ph/0512103

GA, Feruglio hep-ph/0610165

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Alternative models based on  $SU(3)_F$  or  $SO(3)_F$

Verzielas, G. Ross

King

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A4 is the discrete group of even perm's of 4 objects.  
 (the inv. group of a tetrahedron). It has  $4!/2 = 12$  elements.

An element is abcd which means  $1234 \rightarrow abcd$

$$C_1: 1 = 1234$$

$$C_2: T = 2314 \quad ST = 4132 \quad TS = 3241 \quad STS = 1423$$

$$C_3: T^2 = 3124 \quad ST^2 = 4213 \quad T^2S = 2431 \quad TST = 1342$$

$$C_4: S = 4321 \quad T^2ST = 3412 \quad TST^2 = 2143$$

Thus A4 transf.s can be written as:

$$1, T, S, ST, TS, T^2, TST, STS, ST^2, T^2S, T^2ST, TST^2$$

$$\text{with: } S^2 = T^3 = (ST)^3 = 1 \quad [(TS)^3 = 1 \text{ also follows}]$$

$x, x'$  in same class if

$$\oplus C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 \text{ are equivalence classes} \quad [x' \sim gxg^{-1}] \quad g: \text{group element}$$

A4 has only 4 irreducible inequivalent represent'ns:  $1, 1', 1'', 3$

Table of Multiplication:

$$1' \times 1' = 1''; \quad 1'' \times 1'' = 1'; \quad 1' \times 1'' = 1$$

$$3 \times 3 = 1 + 1' + 1'' + 3 + 3$$

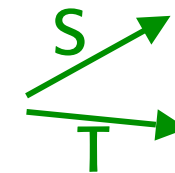
A4 is well fit for 3 families!

Ch. leptons  $l \sim 3$

$e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c \sim 1, 1', 1''$

$(a_1, -a_2, -a_3)$

In the (S-diag basis) consider  $3: (a_1, a_2, a_3)$



$(a_2, a_3, a_1)$

For  $3_1 = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $3_2 = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$  we have in  $3_1 \times 3_2$ :

$$1 = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

$$3 \sim (a_2 b_3, a_3 b_1, a_1 b_2)$$

$$1' = a_1 b_1 + \omega^2 a_2 b_2 + \omega a_3 b_3$$

$$3 \sim (a_3 b_2, a_1 b_3, a_2 b_1)$$

$$1'' = a_1 b_1 + \omega a_2 b_2 + \omega^2 a_3 b_3$$

e.g.  $1'' = a_1 b_1 + \omega a_2 b_2 + \omega^2 a_3 b_3 \xrightarrow{T} a_2 b_2 + \omega a_3 b_3 + \omega^2 a_1 b_1 = \omega^2 [a_1 b_1 + \omega a_2 b_2 + \omega^2 a_3 b_3]$



while, under S,  $1''$  is inv.

Three singlet inequivalent represent'ns:

Recall:

$$S^2 = T^3 = (ST)^3 = 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1: S=1, T=1 \\ 1': S=1, T=\omega \\ 1'': S=1, T=\omega^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \exp i \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \omega^3 &= 1 \\ 1 + \omega + \omega^2 &= 0 \\ \omega^2 &= \omega^* \end{aligned}$$

The only indep. 3-dim represent'n is obtained by:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(S-diag basis)

An equivalent form:

$$S' = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = V S V^\dagger$$

(T-diag basis)

$$T' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix} = V T V^\dagger$$

$$V V^\dagger = V^\dagger V = 1$$

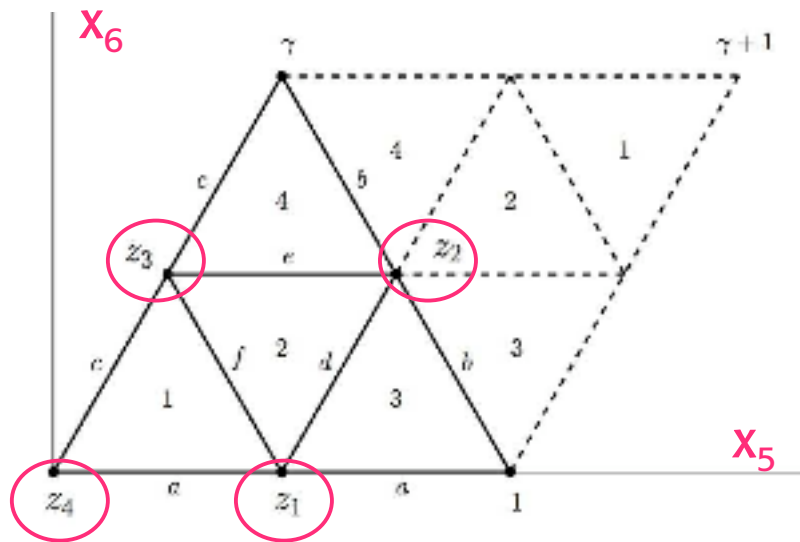
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$$V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cabibbo '78

What can be the origin of A4? G.A., F. Feruglio, Y. Li hep-ph/0610165

A4 (or some other discrete group) could arise from extra dimensions (by orbifolding with fixed points) as a remnant of 6-dim spacetime symmetry.



$$z = x_5 + ix_6$$

A torus with identified points:

$$z \rightarrow z + 1$$

$$z \rightarrow z + \gamma \quad \gamma = \exp(i\pi/3)$$

and a parity  $z \rightarrow -z$

leads to 4 fixed points

(equivalent to a tetrahedron).

There are 4D branes at the fixed points where the SM fields live (additional gauge singlets are in the bulk)

⊕ A4 interchanges the fixed points

Under A4 the most common classification is:

lepton doublets  $l \sim 3$

$e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c \sim 1, 1', 1''$  respectively

gauge singlet flavons  $\phi, \phi', \xi, (\xi') \sim 3, 3, 1, (1)$  respectively

driving fields (for SUSY version)  $\phi_0, \phi'_0, \xi_0 \sim 3, 3, 1$

Additional symmetries: broken  $U(1)_F$  symmetry (ch. lepton masses) with  $e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c$  charges (3 or 4,2,0)

and a discrete symmetry (dep. on versions) : for example

$Z: (e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c) \rightarrow -i (e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c), l \rightarrow il, \phi \rightarrow \phi, (\xi, \phi') \rightarrow -(\xi, \phi')$



## Structure of the model

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = y_e e^c(\varphi l) + y_\mu \mu^c(\varphi l)'' + y_\tau \tau^c(\varphi l)' + x_a \xi(ll) + x_d(\varphi' ll) + h.c. + \dots$$

shorthand: Higgs and cut-off scale  $\Lambda$  omitted, e.g.:

$$y_e e^c(\varphi l) \sim y_e e^c(\varphi l) h_d / \Lambda, \quad x_a \xi(ll) \sim x_a \xi(l h_u l h_u) / \Lambda^2$$

!!!

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi' \rangle &= (v', 0, 0) \\ \langle \varphi \rangle &= (v, v, v) \\ \langle \xi \rangle &= u \end{aligned}$$

$$m_l = v_d \frac{v}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} y_e & y_e & y_e \\ y_\mu & y_\mu \omega^2 & y_\mu \omega \\ y_\tau & y_\tau \omega & y_\tau \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

the big plus of A4

Spectrum free.  
Diagonalized by  $U_e$ :

$$m_\nu = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & d & a \end{pmatrix} \quad l \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix} l = \mathbf{V} l$$

⊕ From here it follows that  $U_{\text{HPS}}$  is the mixing matrix

$m_\nu$  in the basis of diagonal charged leptons is:

$$m_\nu|_{l\text{diag}} \sim V^* \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & d & a \end{bmatrix} V^* = \begin{pmatrix} a + 2d/3 & -d/3 & -d/3 \\ -d/3 & 2d/3 & a - d/3 \\ -d/3 & a - d/3 & 2d/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

which in turn can be written as:

$$V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_\nu|_{l\text{diag}} \sim U^T \begin{bmatrix} a + d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a + d \end{bmatrix} U$$

with:

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



The crucial issue is to guarantee the strict alignment

$$\langle \varphi' \rangle = (v', 0, 0)$$

$$\langle \varphi \rangle = (v, v, v)$$

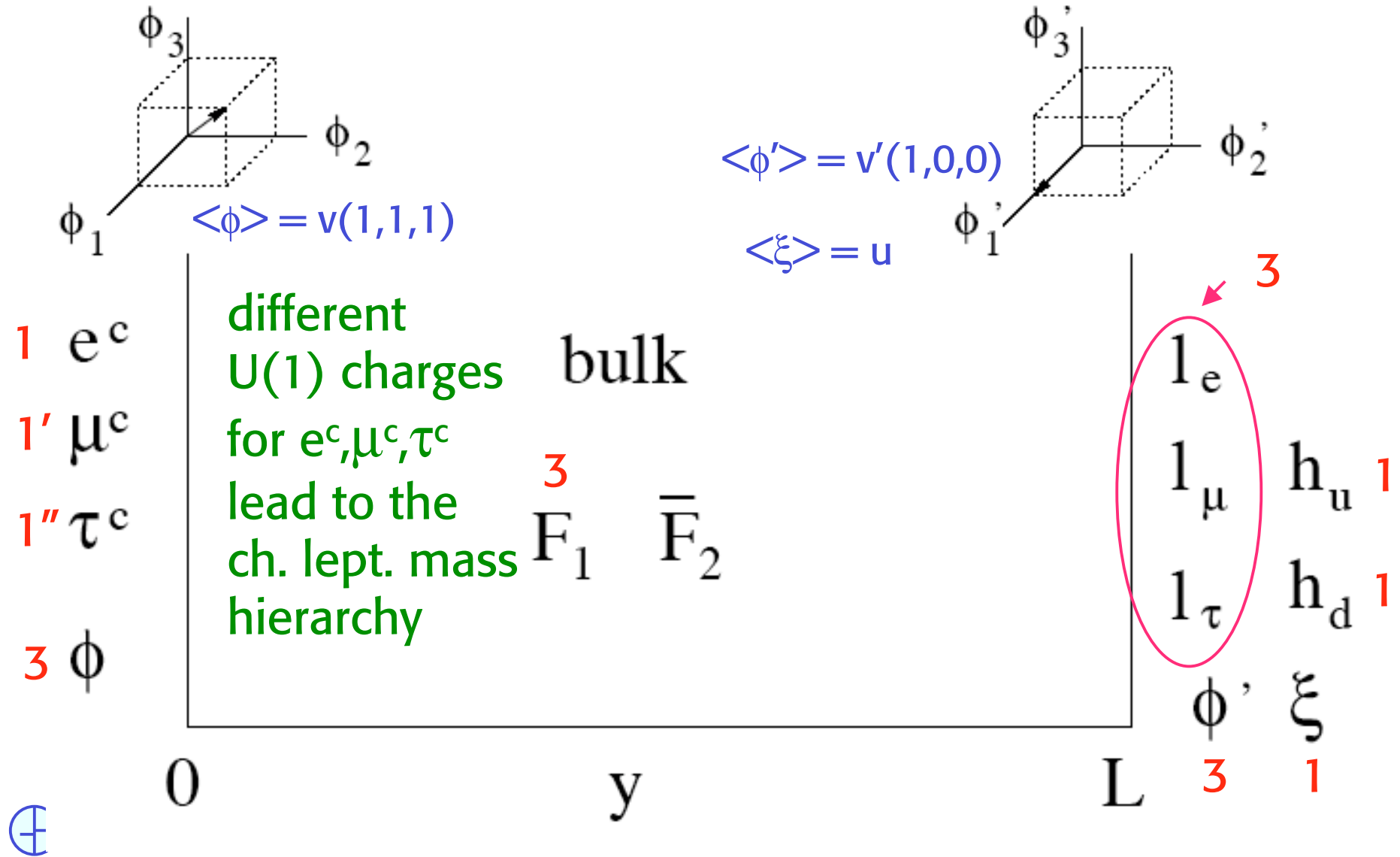
$$\langle \xi \rangle = u$$

We have constructed a number of completely natural versions of the model, e.g.:

- a version in 5 dimensions (economic in flavon fields)
- a SUSY version in 4-dim (with more fields)



The model has 1 compactified extra dim. and 2 branes  
 (crucial issue: guarantee and protect the vev alignment)



In lowest approximation the action is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & \int d^4x dy \left\{ \left[ iF_1 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{F}_1 + iF_2 \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \bar{F}_2 + \frac{1}{2} (F_2 \partial_y F_1 - \partial_y F_2 F_1 + h.c.) \right] \right. \\
 & - M(F_1 F_2 + \bar{F}_1 \bar{F}_2) \\
 & + V_0(\varphi) \delta(y) + V_L(\varphi', \xi) \delta(y - L) \\
 & + [Y_e e^c(\varphi F_1) + Y_\mu \mu^c(\varphi F_1)'' + Y_\tau \tau^c(\varphi F_1)' + h.c.] \delta(y) \\
 & \left. + \left[ \frac{x_a}{\Lambda^2} \xi(ll) h_u h_u + \frac{x_d}{\Lambda^2} (\varphi' ll) h_u h_u + Y_L(F_2 l) h_d + h.c. \right] \delta(y - L) \right\} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

a Z-parity has also been imposed

$$(f^c, l, F, \varphi, \varphi', \xi) \xrightarrow{Z} (-if^c, il, iF, \varphi, -\varphi', -\xi)$$

After integrating out of the F fields one obtains the required effective 4-dim action

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = y_e e^c(\varphi l) + y_\mu \mu^c(\varphi l)'' + y_\tau \tau^c(\varphi l)' + x_a \xi(ll) + x_d (\varphi' ll) + h.c. + \dots$$

In the flavour basis:

$$m_\nu = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} a + 2d/3 & -d/3 & -d/3 \\ -d/3 & 2d/3 & a - d/3 \\ -d/3 & a - d/3 & 2d/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m_\nu = U \text{diag}(a+d, a, -a+d) U^\top$  (in units of  $v_u^2/\Lambda$ ) and  $U=U_{\text{HPS}}$

In terms of physical param.s (moderate normal hierarchy):

$$|m_1|^2 = \left[ -r + \frac{1}{8 \cos^2 \Delta (1 - 2r)} \right] \Delta m_{atm}^2 \sim (0.017 \text{ eV})^2$$

$$|m_2|^2 = \frac{1}{8 \cos^2 \Delta (1 - 2r)} \Delta m_{atm}^2 \sim (0.017 \text{ eV})^2$$

$$|m_3|^2 = \left[ 1 - r + \frac{1}{8 \cos^2 \Delta (1 - 2r)} \right] \Delta m_{atm}^2 \sim (0.053 \text{ eV})^2$$

⊕ A moderate fine tuning is needed for  $r$

A version with see-saw is also possible

$\nu_R$  is a triplet of A4:  $\nu^c \sim 3$       No change for ch leptons

$$w_l = \dots + y(\nu^c l) + x_A \xi(\nu^c \nu^c) + x_B (\varphi_T \nu^c \nu^c)$$

↓ Dirac
↓ Majorana

[Discrete parity Z:  $\omega, \omega^2, \omega^2, \omega^2$  for  $l, \nu^c, \phi_T, \xi$  respectively]

$$m_\nu^D \sim 1 \quad M_{RR} \sim \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & D \\ 0 & D & A \end{bmatrix} \quad m_\nu = m_\nu^{DT} M_{RR}^{-1} m_\nu^D \sim M_{RR}^{-1}$$

The mass matrix appears just as the inverse of what was before, so that the mixing matrix is the same.

Eigenvalues are the inverse: one can produce inverse hierarchy with realistic  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}$  and very small  $\theta_{13}$



The model crucially depends on the precise vev alignment



$$\begin{aligned}\langle\varphi'\rangle &= (v', 0, 0) \\ \langle\varphi\rangle &= (v, v, v) \\ \langle\xi\rangle &= u\end{aligned}$$

The extra dimension with 2 branes allows the decoupling of the  $\phi$  and  $\xi, \phi'$  potentials.

A discrete symmetry is also essential: a separate continuous rotation symmetry on the 2 branes would make any disalignment illusory.

An alternative in 4 dimensions is a SUSY model with driving fields and a superpotential where all terms allowed by symmetry are present (with added fields  $\xi', \phi_0, \phi'_0, \xi_0$ ).

In our models

- all terms allowed by symmetry are present
- all correct'ns are under control and can be made negligible



# The 4-dim SUSY version (written in the T-diag basis)

In this basis the ch. leptons are diagonal!

$$w_l = y_e e^c (\varphi_T l) + y_\mu \mu^c (\varphi_T l)' + y_\tau \tau^c (\varphi_T l)'' + (x_a \xi + \tilde{x}_a \tilde{\xi})(ll) + x_b (\varphi_S ll) + h.c. + \dots$$

One more singlet is needed for vacuum alignment

The superpotential (at leading order):

$$w_d = M(\varphi_0^T \varphi_T) + g(\varphi_0^T \varphi_T \varphi_T) \\ + g_1(\varphi_0^S \varphi_S \varphi_S) + g_2 \tilde{\xi}(\varphi_0^S \varphi_S) + g_3 \xi_0(\varphi_S \varphi_S) + g_4 \xi_0 \xi^2 + g_5 \xi_0 \xi \tilde{\xi} + g_6 \xi_0 \tilde{\xi}^2$$

and the potential 
$$V = \sum_i \left| \frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi_i} \right|^2 + m_i^2 |\phi_i|^2 + \dots$$

The assumed simmetries are summarised here

Field	1	$e^c$	$\mu^c$	$\tau^c$	$h_{u,d}$	$\varphi_T$	$\varphi_S$	$\xi$	$\tilde{\xi}$	$\varphi_0^T$	$\varphi_0^S$	$\xi_0$
$A_4$	3	1	1'	1''	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	1
$Z_3$	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	1	1	$\omega$	$\omega$	$\omega$	1	$\omega$	$\omega$
$U(1)_R$	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2

$U(1)_F$       2q    q    1



The driving field have zero vev. So the minimization is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{01}^T} &= M\varphi_{T1} + \frac{2g}{3}(\varphi_{T1}^2 - \varphi_{T2}\varphi_{T3}) = 0 & \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{01}^S} &= g_2\tilde{\xi}\varphi_{S1} + \frac{2g_1}{3}(\varphi_{S1}^2 - \varphi_{S2}\varphi_{S3}) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{02}^T} &= M\varphi_{T3} + \frac{2g}{3}(\varphi_{T2}^2 - \varphi_{T1}\varphi_{T3}) = 0 & \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{02}^S} &= g_2\tilde{\xi}\varphi_{S3} + \frac{2g_1}{3}(\varphi_{S2}^2 - \varphi_{S1}\varphi_{S3}) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{03}^T} &= M\varphi_{T2} + \frac{2g}{3}(\varphi_{T3}^2 - \varphi_{T1}\varphi_{T2}) = 0 & \frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{03}^S} &= g_2\tilde{\xi}\varphi_{S2} + \frac{2g_1}{3}(\varphi_{S3}^2 - \varphi_{S1}\varphi_{S2}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi_0} = g_4\xi^2 + g_5\xi\tilde{\xi} + g_6\tilde{\xi}^2 + g_3(\varphi_{S1}^2 + 2\varphi_{S2}\varphi_{S3}) = 0$$

Solution:

$$\varphi_T = (v_T, 0, 0) \quad , \quad v_T = -\frac{3M}{2g}$$

$$\tilde{\xi} = 0$$

$$\xi = u$$

$$\varphi_S = (v_S, v_S, v_S) \quad , \quad v_S^2 = -\frac{g_4}{3g_3}u^2$$

In the paper  
w at NLO is also  
studied



# NLO corrections studied in detail

to  $m_l$

1st non trivial correction at  $o(1/\Lambda^3)$

LO is  $1/\Lambda$

to  $m_\nu$

$$\frac{x_c}{\Lambda^3}(\varphi_T\varphi_S)'(ll)''h_u h_u \quad \frac{x_d}{\Lambda^3}(\varphi_T\varphi_S)''(ll)'h_u h_u \quad \frac{x_e}{\Lambda^3}\xi(\varphi_T ll)h_u h_u$$

LO is  $1/\Lambda^2$

to vevs

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi_T \rangle &\rightarrow (v'_T + \delta v_T, \delta v_T, \delta v_T) \\ \langle \varphi_S \rangle &\rightarrow (v_S + \delta v_1, v_S + \delta v_2, v_S + \delta v_3) \\ \langle \xi \rangle &\rightarrow u \\ \langle \tilde{\xi} \rangle &\rightarrow \delta u' \end{aligned}$$

LO is 1

$$\delta v_T, \delta v_S, \delta v_i, \delta u' \sim o(1/\Lambda)$$

All observables get a correction of order  $1/\Lambda$

From exp (eg  $\theta_{12}$ ) must be less than 5%



$$0.0022 < \frac{v_S}{\Lambda} \approx \frac{v_T}{\Lambda} \approx \frac{u}{\Lambda} < 0.05$$

In particular  $\theta_{13} < \sim 0.05$ ,  
 $|\text{tg}^2\theta_{23}-1| < \sim 0.05$



## Extension to quarks

If we take all fermion doublets as 3 and all singlets as 1, 1', 1'' (as for leptons):  $Q_i \sim 3$ ,  $u^c, d^c \sim 1$ ,  $c^c, s^c \sim 1'$ ,  $t^c, b^c \sim 1''$

Then u and d quark mass matrices are BOTH diagonalised by

$$U_u, U_d \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

As a result VCKM is unity:  $V_{CKM} = U_u^\dagger U_d \sim 1$

So, in first approx. (broken by loops and higher dim operators),  $\nu$  mixings are HPS and quark mixings  $\sim$  identity

Corrections are far too small to reproduce quark mixings eg  $\lambda_c$  (for leptons, corrections cannot exceed  $o(\lambda_c^2)$ ). But even those are essentially the same for u and d quarks)



**Note:** NOT straightforward to embed these models in a GUT:  
with these assignments A4 does not commute with SU(5)

If  $l \sim 3$  then all  $5^* \sim 3$ , so that  $d_i^c \sim 3$

if  $e^c, \mu^c, \tau^c \sim 1, 1', 1''$  then all  $10_i \sim 1, 1', 1''$

Realistic quark mass matrices are not easy to obtain from these assignments

For example, for u quarks at leading order:

$$m_u \sim 1 \cdot 1 + 1' \cdot 1'' + 1'' \cdot 1' \sim a u_1 u_1 + b (u_2 u_3 + u_3 u_2)$$

or

$$m_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & b & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which implies  $|m_c| = |m_t|$   
and maximal  $U_{23}$



## Recent directions of research:

- Different (larger) finite groups

Ma;  
Kobayashi et al;  
Luhn, Nasri, Ramond [ $\Delta(3n^2)$ ];  
.....

- Trying to improve the quark mixings

Carr, Frampton  
Feruglio et al  
.....

- Construct GUT models with approximate tri-bimaximal mixing

Ma, Sawanaka, Tanimoto; Ma;  
Morisi, Picarello, Torrente Lujan;  
de Madeiros Verzielas, King, Ross [ $\Delta(27)$ ];  
King, Malinsky [ $SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ ];  
.....



Better quarks: use  $T'$  (also called  $SL_2(F_3)$ ) the double covering group of  $A_4$  ( $A_4$  is not a subgroup of  $T'$ )

Aranda, Carone, Lebed  
Carr, Frampton  
Feruglio et al

24 transformations.

Irreducible representations:  $1, 1', 1'', 2, 2', 2'', 3$

Equivalent to  $A_4$  for leptons. For quarks use  $1$  (3rd family) +  $2, 2', 2''$  (1st&2nd families)

- $t, b$  masses at renormalizable level (unsuppressed)
- $V_{cb}, V_{ts}$  from doublet flavons (do not couple to leptons)
- 1st generation masses and mixings from subleading effects

Similar to old  $U(2)$  models

Barbieri, Dvali, Hall '96  
Barbieri, Hall, Raby, Romanino '97  
Barbieri, Hall, Romanino '97



## GUT-compatible A4-models

All doublets  $\sim 3$  and all singlets  $\sim 1, 1', 1''$  for quarks and leptons is not compatible with SU(5), SO(10).

It is OK with  $SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  (Pati-Salam)  
King, Malinsky

SU(5)-compatible classifications have been tried:

$5^* \sim 3, 10 \sim 1, 1', 1''$

all in 3

Ma, Sawanaka, Tanimoto

Ma;

Morisi, Picarello, Torrente Lujan;

Problem still open



## Conclusion

From experiment: a good first approximation for quarks:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and for neutrinos

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Models based on A4 indeed lead to this pattern

All this is highly non trivial but no real illumination has followed!!

