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# Models of Neutrino Masses and Mixings

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# Hierarchy for masses and mixings via horizontal $U(1)_{FN}$ charges.

Froggatt, Nielsen '79

Principle:

A generic mass term

$$\bar{R}_1 m_{12} L_2 H$$

is forbidden by  $U(1)$   
if  $q_1 + q_2 + q_H$  not 0

$q_1, q_2, q_H$ :  
 $U(1)$  charges of  
 $\bar{R}_1, L_2, H$

$U(1)$  broken by vev of "flavon" field  $\theta$  with  $U(1)$  charge  $q_\theta = -1$ .  
If vev  $\theta = w$ , and  $w/M = \lambda$  we get for a generic interaction:

$$\bar{R}_1 m_{12} L_2 H (\theta/M)^{\Delta_{\text{charge}}} \quad m_{12} \rightarrow m_{12} \lambda^{q_1 + q_2 + q_H}$$

Hierarchy: More  $\Delta_{\text{charge}} \rightarrow$  more suppression ( $\lambda = \theta/M$  small)

One can have more flavons ( $\lambda, \lambda', \dots$ )

with different charges ( $>0$  or  $<0$ ) etc  $\rightarrow$  many versions



Anarchy can be realised in SU(5) by putting all the flavour structure in  $T \sim 10$  and not in  $F^{\text{bar}} \sim 5^{\text{bar}}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 m_u \sim 10 \cdot 10 & \text{strong hierarchy } m_u : m_c : m_t \\
 m_d \sim 5^{\text{bar}} \cdot 10 \sim m_e^T & \text{milder hierarchy } m_d : m_s : m_b \\
 & \text{or } m_e : m_\mu : m_\tau
 \end{array}$$

Experiment supports that d, e hierarchy is roughly the square root of u hierarchy

$$m_\nu \sim 5^T \cdot 5 \quad \text{or for see saw } (5.1)^T (1.1) (1.5)$$

anarchy

For example, for the simplest flavour group,  $U(1)_F$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{1st fam.} \quad \text{2nd} \quad \text{3rd} \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 T : (3, 2, 0) \\
 F^{\text{bar}} : (0, 0, 0) \\
 1 : (0, 0, 0)
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$



# Is normal hierarchy compatible with large $\nu$ mixings?

- In the 2-3 sector we need both large  $m_3 - m_2$  splitting and large mixing.

$$m_3 \sim (\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2)^{1/2} \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

$$m_2 \sim (\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2)^{1/2} \sim 9 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

- The "theorem" that large  $\Delta m_{32}$  implies small mixing (pert. th.:  $\theta_{ij} \sim 1/|E_i - E_j|$ ) is not true in general: all we need is  $(\text{sub})\det[23] \sim 0$

- Example:  $m_{23} \sim \begin{bmatrix} x^2 & x \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Det = 0; Eigenvl's: 0,  $1+x^2$   
Mixing:  $\sin^2 2\theta = 4x^2/(1+x^2)^2$

So all we need are natural mechanisms for  $\det[23]=0$

For  $x \sim 1$   
large splitting  
and large mixing!



## Examples of mechanisms for $\text{Det}[23] \sim 0$

based on see-saw:  $m_\nu \sim m_D^T M^{-1} m_D$

1) A  $\nu_R$  is lightest and coupled to  $\mu$  and  $\tau$

King; Allanach; Barbieri et al.....

$$M \sim \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow M^{-1} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1/\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1/\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_\nu \sim \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \approx 1/\epsilon \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & ac \\ ac & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2)  $M$  generic but  $m_D$  "lopsided"  $m_D \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

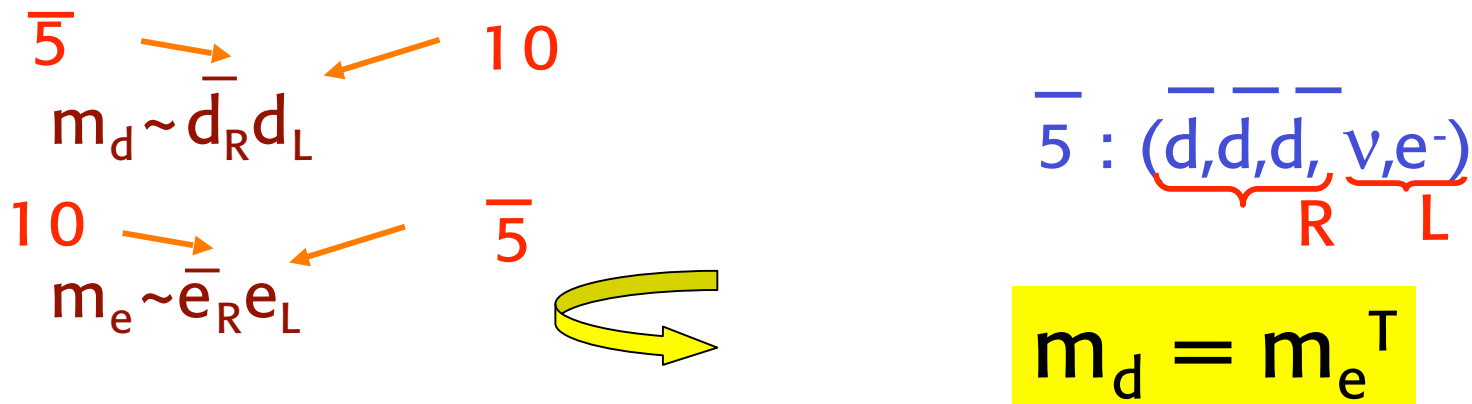
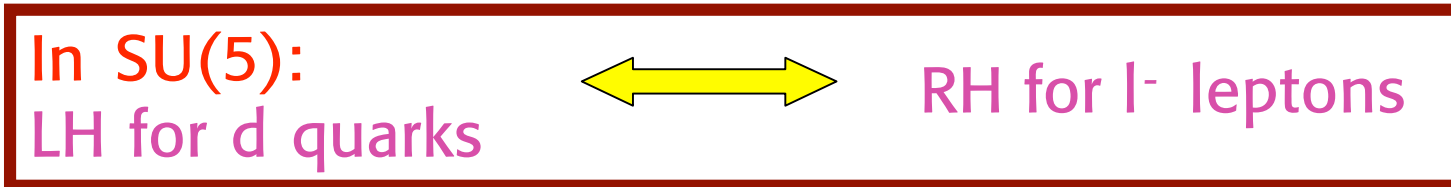
Albright, Barr; GA, Feruglio, .....

$$m_\nu \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} x^2 & x \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## An important property of SU(5)

Left-handed quarks have small mixings ( $V_{CKM}$ ),  
but right-handed quarks can have large mixings (unknown).



cannot be exact, but approx.

Most "lopsided" models are based on this fact. In these models often large atmospheric mixing arises, at least in part, from the charged lepton sector.



- The correct pattern of masses and mixings, also including  $\nu$ 's, is obtained in simple models based on

$SU(5) \times U(1)_{\text{flavour}}$

Ramond et al; GA, Feruglio+Masina; Buchmuller et al;  
King et al; Yanagida et al, Berezhiani et al; Lola et al.....

Offers a simple description of hierarchies, but it is not very predictive (large number of undetermined  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  parameters)

Of course,  $SU(5)$  can also be coupled with non abelian flavour symmetries, eg  $O(3)_F$ ,  $SU(3)_F$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $A_4$ ,  $S_4$  (see next lectures) and become more predictive

- $SO(10)$  models are more predictive but less flexible

Albright, Barr; Babu et al; Bajic et al; Barbieri et al;  
Buccella et al; King et al; Mohapatra et al; Raby et al;  
G. Ross et al



# SU(5)xU(1)

Recall:  $m_u \sim 10 \ 10$   
 $m_d = m_e^T \sim 5^{\text{bar}} \ 10$   
 $m_{\nu D} \sim 5^{\text{bar}} \ 1; M_{RR} \sim 1 \ 1$

No structure for leptons  $\longrightarrow$

No automatic  $\det 23 = 0$   $\longrightarrow$

Automatic  $\det 23 = 0$   $\longrightarrow$

With suitable charge assignments all relevant patterns can be obtained



1st fam.  $\swarrow$  2nd  $\searrow$  3rd

$\Psi_{10}: (5, 3, 0)$   
 $\Psi_5: (2, 0, 0)$   
 $\Psi_1: (1, -1, 0)$

Equal 2,3 ch. for lopsided  $\longleftarrow$

Model	$\Psi_{10}$	$\Psi_5$	$\Psi_1$	$(H_u, H_d)$
Anarchical (A)	(3,2,0)	(0,0,0)	(0,0,0)	(0,0)
Semi-Anarchical (SA)	(2,1,0)	(1,0,0)	(2,1,0)	(0,0)
Hierarchical ( $H_I$ )	(6,4,0)	(2,0,0)	(1,-1,0)	(0,0)
Hierarchical ( $H_{II}$ )	(5,3,0)	(2,0,0)	(1,-1,0)	(0,0)
Inversely Hierarchical ( $IH_I$ )	(3,2,0)	(1,-1,-1)	(-1,+1,0)	(0,+1)
Inversely Hierarchical ( $IH_{II}$ )	(6,4,0)	(1,-1,-1)	(-1,+1,0)	(0,+1)

all charges positive

not all charges positive



The optimised values of  $\lambda$  are of the order of  $\lambda_c$  or a bit larger (moderate hierarchy)

model	$\lambda(= \lambda')$
$A_{SS}$	0.2
$SA_{SS}$	0.25
$H_{(SS,II)}$	0.35
$H_{(SS,I)}$	0.45
$IH_{(SS,II)}$	0.45
$IH_{(SS,I)}$	0.25



## Example: Normal Hierarchy

1st fam.      2nd      3rd

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(10): & (5, 3, 0) \\
 q(\bar{5}): & (2, 0, 0) \\
 q(1): & (1, -1, 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

G.A., Feruglio, Masina'02  
 Note: not all charges positive  
 --> det23 suppression

$$\begin{aligned}
 q(H) &= 0, \quad q(\bar{H}) = 0 \\
 q(\theta) &= -1, \quad q(\theta') = +1
 \end{aligned}$$

In first approx., with  $\langle \theta \rangle / M \sim \lambda \sim \lambda' \sim 0.35 \sim o(\lambda_c)$

$10_i 10_j$

$$m_u \sim v_u \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{10} & \lambda^8 & \lambda^5 \\ \lambda^8 & \lambda^6 & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda^5 & \lambda^3 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$10_i \bar{5}_j$

$$m_d = m_e^T \sim v_d \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^7 & \lambda^5 & \lambda^5 \\ \lambda^5 & \lambda^3 & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda^2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

"lopsided"

$\bar{5}_i 1_j$

$$m_{\nu D} \sim v_u \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^3 & \lambda & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda & \lambda' & 1 \\ \lambda & \lambda' & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$1_i 1_j$

$$M_{RR} \sim M \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & \lambda'^2 & \lambda' \\ \lambda & \lambda' & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: coeffs.  $O(1)$  omitted, only orders of magnitude predicted



with  $\lambda \sim \lambda'$

$$\bar{5}_i 1_j \quad \mathbf{m}_{\nu D} \sim \mathbf{v}_u \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^3 & \lambda & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda & \lambda & 1 \\ \lambda & \lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{1}_i 1_j \quad \mathbf{M}_{RR} \sim M \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & \lambda \\ \lambda & \lambda & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

see-saw  $\mathbf{m}_\nu \sim \mathbf{m}_{\nu D}^T \mathbf{M}_{RR}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_{\nu D}$

$$\mathbf{m}_\nu \sim \mathbf{v}_u^2 / M \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^2 & 1 & 1 \\ \lambda^2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\det_{23} \sim \lambda^2$$

The 23 subdeterminant is automatically suppressed,

$$\theta_{13} \sim \lambda^2, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23} \sim 1$$

This model works, in the sense that all small parameters are naturally due to various degrees of suppression.

But too many free parameters!!



Tri-Bimaximal mixing agrees with data at  $\sim 1\sigma$

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

At  $1\sigma$ :

G.L.Fogli et al'08

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 1/3 : 0.29-0.33$$

$$\sin^2\theta_{23} = 1/2 : 0.41-0.54$$

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

A coincidence or a hint?

There is an intriguing empirical relation:

$$\theta_{12} + \theta_C = (47.0 \pm 1.7)^\circ \sim \pi/4$$

Raidal'04

A coincidence or a hint?



For some time people considered limiting models with  $\theta_{13}=0$  and  $\theta_{23}$  maximal and  $\theta_{12}$  generic

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

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -\frac{s_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{c_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{s_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{c_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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 ....



Actually, at present, since KamLAND, the most accurately known angle is  $\theta_{12}$

G.L.Fogli et al'08

At  $\sim 1\sigma$ :

$$\sin^2\theta_{12} = 0.294-0.331$$

By adding  $\sin^2\theta_{12} \sim 1/3$  to  $\theta_{13} \sim 0$ ,  $\theta_{23} \sim \pi/4$ :

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

Harrison, Perkins, Scott '02

⊕ Some additional ingredient other than  $\mu$ - $\tau$  symmetry needed!

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## Comparison with experiment:

At  $1\sigma$ :

G.L.Fogli et al'08

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[Thanks to KamLAND, the most accurately known angle is  $\theta_{12}$ ]

Called:  
Tri-Bimaximal mixing

Harrison, Perkins, Scott '02


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

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



# Tribimaximal Mixing

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:

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


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

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

⊕ Compare with quark mixings  $\lambda_C \sim (m_d/m_s)^{1/2}$



The most general mass matrix for  
 $\sin^2\theta_{12} \sim 1/3, \theta_{13} \sim 0, \theta_{23} \sim \pi/4$

### Tribimaximal Mixing

$$m_\nu = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & z & w \\ y & w & z \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow m = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & x+v & y-v \\ y & y-v & x+v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = \frac{8y^2}{(x-w-z)^2 + 8y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= x-y \\ m_2 &= x+2y \\ m_3 &= x-y+2v \end{aligned}$$

The 3 remaining parameters  
 are the mass eigenvalues



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

Sparked interest in constructing models that can naturally produce this highly ordered structure (very far from anarchy!)

Models based on the  $A_4$  discrete symmetry (even permutations of 1234) offer a minimal solution

Ma...;  
 GA, Feruglio, hep-ph/0504165, hep-ph/0512103  
 GA, Feruglio, Lin hep-ph/0610165  
 GA, Feruglio, Hagedorn, 0802.0090 [hep-ph]  
 Y. Lin, 0804.2867 [hep-ph].....

Larger finite groups:  $T'$ ,  $\Delta(27)$ ,  $S_4$  Feruglio et al;  
 Chen, Mahanthappa;  
 Frampton, Kephart; Lam;  
 Bazzocchi et al .....

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

Verzielas, G. Ross King .....



## List of models with flavor symmetries (incomplete, by symmetry):

$S_3$ : Pakvasa et al. (1978) Derman (1979), Ma (2000), Kubo et al. (2003), Chen et al. (2004), Grimus et al. (2005), Dermisek et al. (2005), Mohapatra et al. (2006), ...

$S_4$ : Pakvasa et al. (1979), Derman et al. (1979), Lee et al. (1994), Mohapatra et al. (2004), Ma (2006), Hagedorn, ML and Mohapatra (2006), Caravaglios et al. (2006), ...

$A_4$ : Wyler (1979), Ma et al. (2001), Babu et al. (2003), Altarelli et al. (2005,2006), He et al. (2006) ...

$D_4$ : Seidl (2003), Grimus et al. (2003,2004), Kobayashi et al. (2005), ...

$D_5$ : Ma (2004), Hagedorn et al. (2006).

$D_n$ : Chen et al. (2005), Kajiyama et al. (2007), Frampton et al. (1995,1996,2000), Frigerio et al. (2005), Babu et al. (2005), Kubo (2005), ...

$T'$ : Frampton et al. (1994,2007), Aranda et al. (1999,2000), Feruglio et al. (2007), Chen and Mahanthappa (2007)

$\Delta_n$ : Kaplan et al. (1994), Chou et al. (1997), de Medeiros Varzielas et al. (2005), ...

$\oplus T_7$ : Luhn et al.

# A4

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

A4 transformations can be written in terms of S and T as:

1, T, S, ST, TS, T<sup>2</sup>, TST, STS, ST<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>S, T<sup>2</sup>ST, TST<sup>2</sup>

with:  $S^2 = T^3 = (ST)^3 = 1$  [(TS)<sup>3</sup> = 1 also follows]

An element is abcd which means 1234 --> abcd

C<sub>1</sub>: 1 = 1234

C<sub>2</sub>: T = 2314    ST = 4132    TS = 3241    STS = 1423

C<sub>3</sub>: T<sup>2</sup> = 3124    ST<sup>2</sup> = 4213    T<sup>2</sup>S = 2431    TST = 1342

C<sub>4</sub>: S = 4321    T<sup>2</sup>ST = 3412    TST<sup>2</sup> = 2143

x, x' in same class if

⊕ C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> are equivalence classes    [x' ~ gxg<sup>-1</sup>]    g: group element

A4 has 4 inequivalent irreducible representations:  
a triplet and 3 different singlets

$3, 1, 1', 1''$  (promising for 3 generations!)

Note:

as many representations as equivalence classes

$$\sum d_i^2 = 12 \quad 9+1+1+1=12$$

S4 contains A4. S4 repr.ns:  $3, 3', 2, 1, 1'$

$$9+9+4+1+1=24$$

Note: many models tried S3

S3 has no triplets but only  $2, 1, 1'$

$$4+1+1=6$$

A4 is better in the lepton sector

Mohapatra, Nasri, Yu

Koide

Kubo et al

Kaneko et al

Caravaglios et al

Morisi

Picariello.....



Three singlet inequivalent represent'ns:

Recall:

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

$$\begin{cases} 1: S=1, T=1 \\ 1': S=1, T=\omega \\ 1'': S=1, T=\omega^2 \end{cases}$$

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

The only irreducible 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)

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

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

↓

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

Cabibbo '78



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

Table of Multiplication:

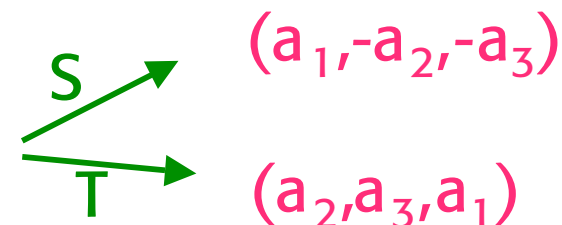
$$1' \times 1' = 1''; 1'' \times 1'' = 1'; 1' \times 1'' = 1$$

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

A4 is well fit for 3 families!

Ch. leptons  $l \sim 3$

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



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

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

$\oplus$  (under S,  $1''$  is invariant)

In the T-diagonal basis we have:

$$S' = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = V S V^\dagger \quad T' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix} = V T V^\dagger \quad V = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Cabibbo '78

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

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

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

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

We will see that in this basis  
the charged leptons  
are diagonal

$$\mathbf{3}_{\text{symm}} \sim \frac{1}{3} (2a_1 b_1 - a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2, 2a_3 b_3 - a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1, 2a_2 b_2 - a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1)$$

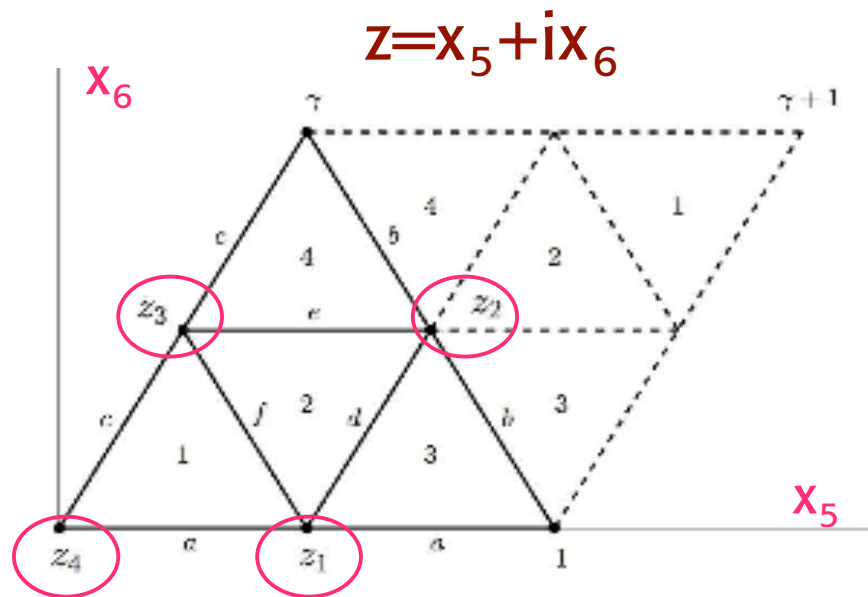
$$\mathbf{3}_{\text{antisymm}} \sim \frac{1}{2} (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2, a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1, a_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1)$$



## What can be the origin of A4?

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

G.A.,F. Feruglio&Y. Lin, NP B775(2007)31  
Adulpravitchai, Blum, Lindner '09



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)

$\oplus$  A4 interchanges the fixed points

Under A4 the most common classification is:

lepton doublets  $l \sim \mathbb{3}$ , (in see-saw models  $\nu^c \sim \mathbb{3}$ )

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

A4 breaking gauge singlet flavons  $\phi_S, \phi_T, \xi \dots \sim \mathbb{3}, \mathbb{3}, 1 \dots$

For SUSY version: driving fields  $\phi_{0S}, \phi_{0T}, \xi_0 \dots \sim \mathbb{3}, \mathbb{3}, 1 \dots$

with the alignment:

$$\langle \varphi_T \rangle = (v_T, 0, 0)$$

$$\langle \varphi_S \rangle = (v_S, v_S, v_S)$$

$$\langle \xi \rangle = u, \quad \langle \tilde{\xi} \rangle = 0$$

!!!

In a serious model  
the alignment must  
follow from  
the symmetries

In all versions there are additional symmetries:

e.g. a broken  $U(1)_F$  symmetry and/or discrete symmetries  $Z_n$   
to ensure hierarchy of charged lepton masses and to restrict  
allowed couplings

## A baseline A4 model (a 4-dim SUSY version with see-saw)

$$w_l = y_e e^c(\varphi_T l) + y_\mu \mu^c(\varphi_T l)' + y_\tau \tau^c(\varphi_T l)'' + y(\nu^c l) + \text{ch. leptons}$$

$$+ (x_A \xi + \tilde{x}_A \tilde{\xi})(\nu^c \nu^c) + x_B(\varphi_S \nu^c \nu^c) + h.c. + \dots \quad \text{neutrinos}$$

shorthand: Higg, U(1) flavon  $\theta$ , and cut-off scale  $\Lambda$  omitted, e.g.:

$$y_e e^c(\varphi_T l) \sim y_e e^c(\varphi_T l) h_d \theta^4 / \Lambda^5$$

## Fields and their transformation properties

	$l$	$e^c$	$\mu^c$	$\tau^c$	$\nu^c$	$h_{u,d}$	$\theta$	$\varphi_T$	$\varphi_S$	$\xi$	$\varphi_0^T$	$\varphi_0^S$	$\xi_0$
$A_4$	3	1	1''	1'	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	1
$Z_3$	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	1	1	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$
$U(1)_{FN}$	0	4	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$U(1)_R$	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2

In T-diag basis:  
with this alignment:

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi_T \rangle &= (v_T, 0, 0) \\ \langle \varphi_S \rangle &= (v_S, v_S, v_S) \\ \langle \xi \rangle &= u, \quad \langle \tilde{\xi} \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Ch. leptons are diagonal

$$m_l = v_T \frac{v_d}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} y_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_\tau \approx O(1) \quad y_\mu \approx O(\lambda^2) \quad y_e \approx O(\lambda^4)$$

$\nu$ 's are tri-bimaximal

$$m_\nu^D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y v_u \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} A + 2B/3 & -B/3 & -B/3 \\ -B/3 & 2B/3 & A - B/3 \\ -B/3 & A - B/3 & 2B/3 \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$A \equiv 2x_A \quad B \equiv 2x_B \frac{v_S}{u}$$

after see-saw  $m_\nu = (m_\nu^D)^T M^{-1} m_\nu^D$

recall:

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & x+v & y-v \\ y & y-v & x+v \end{pmatrix}$$

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



## Alignment

One more singlet is needed for vacuum alignment

The superpotential (at leading order):

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

This term defines  $\xi^{\text{twiddle}}$

and the potential

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



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The  $\theta$  vev arises from minimizing the D-term

$$V_D = \frac{1}{2} (M_{FI}^2 - g_{FN} |\theta|^2 + \dots)^2$$



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:**

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

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

$$\xi = u$$

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



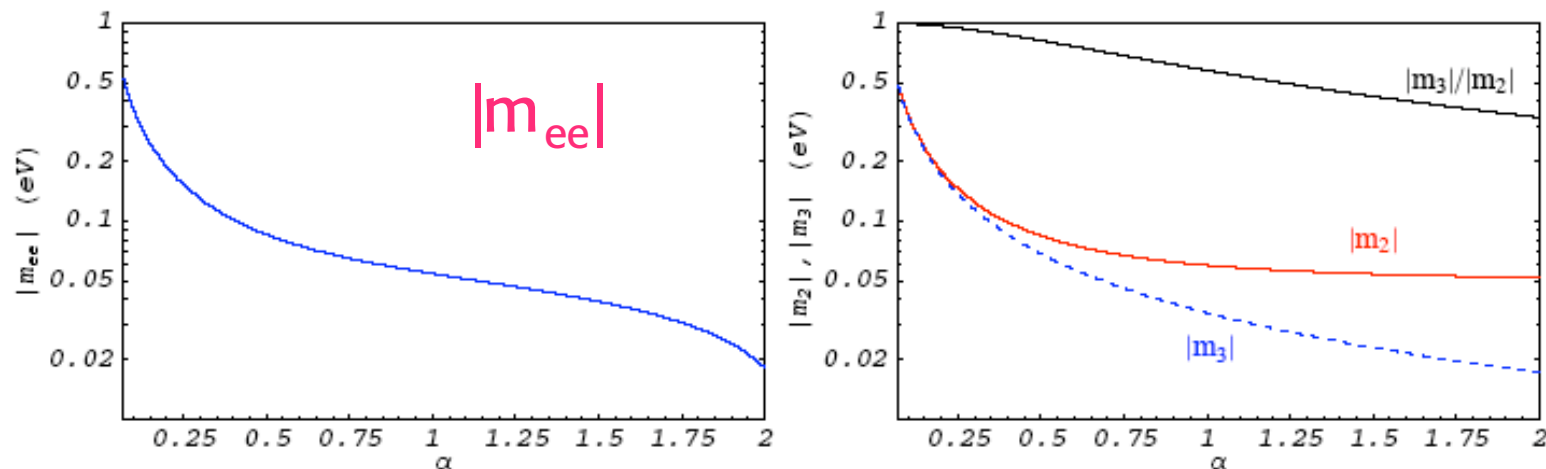
## Light neutrino eigenvalues (complex masses)

$$m_1 = \frac{y^2}{A+B} \frac{v_u^2}{u}, \quad m_2 = \frac{y^2}{A} \frac{v_u^2}{u}, \quad m_3 = \frac{y^2}{-A+B} \frac{v_u^2}{u}$$

A sum rule typical of A4

$$\frac{1}{m_3} = \frac{1}{m_1} - \frac{2}{m_2}$$

Both normal and  
inverse hierarchy  
possible



Here is the  
inverse  
hierarchy  
case

Figure 1: Behaviour of neutrino masses in the inverted hierarchy case (at fixed  $\Delta m_{atm}^2$  and  $r$ ) as a function of  $\alpha$  in the range between 0.07 and 2 (the lower bound on  $\alpha$  corresponds to an upper bound on  $|m_i|$ ). Left panel:  $|m_{ee}|$ . Right panel:  $|m_2|$ ,  $|m_3|$  and the ratio  $|m_3|/|m_2|$ .



So, at LO TB mixing is exact

$$r \sim \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 / \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$$

The only fine-tuning needed is to account for  $r \sim 1/30$

[In most A4 models  $r \sim 1$  would be expected as  $l, \nu^c \sim 3$ ]

When NLO corrections are included from operators of higher dimension in the superpotential each mixing angle receives generically corrections of the same order  $\delta\theta_{ij} \sim o(\text{VEV}/\Lambda)$

As the maximum allowed corrections to  $\theta_{12}$  (and also to  $\theta_{23}$ ) are  $o(\lambda_C^2)$ , we need  $\text{VEV}/\Lambda \sim o(\lambda_C^2)$  and we expect:

$\theta_{13} \sim o(\lambda_C^2)$  measurable in next run of exp's

(T2K starts at the end of '09)

This generic prediction can be altered in ad hoc versions  
e.g. Lin '09 has a model where  $\theta_{13} \sim o(\lambda_C)$



## Why A4 works?

TB mixing corresponds to  $m$   
in the basis where  
charged leptons are diagonal

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & x + v & y - v \\ y & y - v & x + v \end{pmatrix}$$

$m$  is the most general matrix invariant under  
 $S m S = m$  and  $A_{23} m A_{23} = m$  with:

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2-3  
symmetry

Invariance under  $S$  can be made automatic in  $A_4$  while  
⊕ invariance under  $A_{23}$  happens if  $1'$  and  $1''$  flavons are absent.

Charged lepton masses are a generic diagonal matrix, invariant under T (or  $\eta T$  with  $\eta$  a phase):

$$m_l^\dagger m_l = T^\dagger m_l^\dagger m_l T$$

$$m_l = v_T \frac{v_d}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} y_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \varphi_T \rangle = (v_T, 0, 0)$$

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$$\langle \xi \rangle = u, \quad \langle \tilde{\xi} \rangle = 0$$

The alignment occurs because is based on A4 group theory:

$\phi_T$  breaks A4 down to  $G_T$

$\phi_S$  breaks A4 down to  $G_S$

( $G_T, G_S$ : subgroups generated by T, S)



Note that for TB mixing in  $A_4$  it is important that no flavons transforming as  $1'$  and  $1''$  exist

Recently Lam claimed that for “a natural” TB model the smallest group is  $S_4$  (instead  $A_4$  is a subgroup of  $S_4$ )

This is because he calls “natural” a model only if all possible flavons are introduced

**We do not accept this criterium:**

In physics we call natural a model if the lagrangian is the most general given the symmetry and the representations of the fields

(for example the SM is natural even if only Higgs doublets are present)



## Many versions of A4 models exist by now

- with dim-5 effective operators or with see-saw
- with SUSY or without SUSY
- in 4 dimensions or in extra dimensions
  - e.g G.A., Feruglio'05; G.A., Feruglio, Lin '06; Csaki et al '08.....
- with different solutions to the alignment problem
  - e.g Hirsch, Morisi, Valle '08
- with sequential (or form) dominance
  - e.g King'07 ; Chen, King '09
- with charged lepton hierarchy also following from a special alignment (no  $U(1)_{FN}$ ) Lin'08; GA, Meloni'09
- extension to quarks, possibly in a GUT context



# An economic version: ch. lepton hierarchy with no need of $U(1)_{FN}$

Y. Lin '08, '09

## A Simplest A4 Model for Tri-Bimaximal Neutrino Mixing

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The idea is to take a different alignment

$$\langle \varphi_T \rangle = (v_T, 0, 0) \longrightarrow \langle \varphi_T \rangle = (0, v_T, 0)$$

$$(1, 0, 0)^n \sim (1, 0, 0)$$

$$(0, 1, 0)^2 \sim (0, 0, 1)$$

$$(0, 1, 0)^3 \sim (1, 0, 0)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\psi_1\varphi_1 - \psi_2\varphi_3 - \psi_3\varphi_2 \\ 2\psi_3\varphi_3 - \psi_1\varphi_2 - \psi_2\varphi_1 \\ 2\psi_2\varphi_2 - \psi_1\varphi_3 - \psi_3\varphi_1 \end{pmatrix} \sim 3_S$$

Profit of this fact to arrange that  $\tau, \mu$  and  $e$  take mass at  $o(\phi_T), o(\phi_T^2)$  and  $o(\phi_T^3)$  respectively



## The model:

Field	$\nu^c$	$\ell$	$e^c$	$\mu^c$	$\tau^c$	$h_d$	$h_u$	$\varphi_T$	$\xi'$	$\varphi_S$	$\xi$	$\varphi_0^T$	$\varphi_0^S$	$\xi_0$
$A_4$	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1'	3	1	3	3	1
$Z_4$	-1	i	1	i	-1	1	i	i	i	1	1	-1	1	1
$U(1)_R$	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_l = & \frac{y_\tau}{\Lambda} \tau^c (\ell \varphi_T) h_d + \\
 & \frac{y_\mu}{\Lambda^2} \mu^c (\ell \varphi_T \varphi_T) h_d + \frac{y'_\mu}{\Lambda^2} \mu^c (\ell \varphi_T)'' \xi' h_d + \\
 & \frac{y_e}{\Lambda^3} e^c (\ell \varphi_T \varphi_T)'' \xi' h_d + \frac{y'_e}{\Lambda^3} e^c (\ell \varphi_T)' \xi'^2 h_d + \frac{y''_e}{\Lambda^3} e^c (\ell \varphi_T)' (\varphi_T \varphi_T)'' h_d + \\
 & \frac{y'''_e}{\Lambda^3} e^c (\ell \varphi_T)'' (\varphi_T \varphi_T)' h_d + \frac{y_e^{iv}}{\Lambda^3} e^c (\ell \varphi_T)_1 (\varphi_T \varphi_T)_1 h_d + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

At LO ch. leptons are diagonal and hierarchical

$$m_\ell = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v_T v_d}{\Lambda^3} (2y_e v_T u' + y'_e u'^2 + y''_e v_T^2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{v_T v_d}{\Lambda^2} (2y_\mu v_T + y'_\mu u') & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{y_\tau v_d v_T}{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$

⊕ The  $\nu$  sector is as usual



# Alignment

$$w_d = M(\varphi_0^S \varphi_S) + g_1(\varphi_0^S \varphi_S \varphi_S) + g_2 \xi(\varphi_0^S \varphi_S) + g_3 \xi_0(\varphi_S \varphi_S) + g_4 \xi_0 \xi^2 + M_\xi \xi_0 \xi \\ + M_0^2 \xi_0 + h_1 \xi' (\varphi_0^T \varphi_T)'' + h_2 (\varphi_0^T \varphi_T \varphi_T) .$$


This  $\xi'$  term is crucial


$\varphi_T$	$\xi'$	$\varphi_S$	$\xi$
3	1'	3	1
i	i	1	1
0	0	0	0

The minimum conditions in the  $\phi_T$  sector are:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{01}^T} = 2h_2(\varphi_{T1}^2 - \varphi_{T2} \varphi_{T3}) + h_1 \xi' \varphi_{T3} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{02}^T} = 2h_2(\varphi_{T2}^2 - \varphi_{T1} \varphi_{T3}) + h_1 \xi' \varphi_{T2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \varphi_{01}^T} = 2h_2(\varphi_{T3}^2 - \varphi_{T1} \varphi_{T2}) + h_1 \xi' \varphi_{T1} = 0$$

with solution:

$$\langle \xi' \rangle = u' \neq 0, \quad \langle \varphi_T \rangle = (0, v_T, 0), \quad v_T = -\frac{h_1 u'}{2h_2} .$$

