

# Exact Neutrino Mixing Angles from Three Subgroups of $SU(2)$ and the Physics Consequences

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# Goal

- Show that the 3 lepton families represent 3 special and related subgroups of  $SU(2)$ , therefore remaining within the realm of the SM EW gauge group.
- Show that the 2 lepton (and quark) flavor states in each family may not be 'pure'  $SU(2)$  basis states
- Mixing makes them behave collectively as  $SU(2)$



# $SU(2) \approx$ unit quaternions

- $q = a + bi + cj + dk$
- $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$
- $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$
- quaternion rot  $\theta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is actually rot by  $\theta/2$
- e.g.  $k$  is a quaternion rot by  $\pi$  in  $i$ - $j$  plane



# Discrete symmetry subgroups

- The only finite quaternion subgroups are:
- $2T, 2O, 2I, 2D_{2n}, 2C_n, 1C_n$  ( $n$  odd)
- 2 means binary or double cover [of  $SO(3)$ ]
- Only  $2T, 2O, 2I$  need include 3-D volume



# Assign 2T, 2O, 2I

- 2T  $\Rightarrow$  Electron family ( $\nu_e, e^-$ )
- 2O  $\Rightarrow$  Muon family ( $\nu_\mu, \mu^-$ )
- 2I  $\Rightarrow$  Tau family ( $\nu_\tau, \tau^-$ )



# Quaternion generators

- Difference in  $k$  only
- $SU(2)$ :  $U_1 = j$     $U_2 = k$     $U_3 = i$
- $2T$ :    $U_1 = j$     $U_2 = ?$     $U_3 = i$
- $2O$ :    $U_1 = j$     $U_2 = ?$     $U_3 = i$
- $2I$ :    $U_1 = j$     $U_2 = ?$     $U_3 = i$



# What is $U_2$ ?

- $U_2 = -i \cos \pi/q - j \cos \pi/p - k \sin \pi/h$
- Alternate names  $[p,q,2] \Rightarrow$
- $2T = [3,3,2]; \quad 2O = [4,3,2]; \quad 2I = [5,3,2]$
- $h = 4, 6, 10$



## Want contribution of the 3 $U_2$ 's = k by linear superposition

Family	Group	$U_2$	Factor	Angle	Angle/2
$\nu_e, e^-$	[3,3,2]	$-1/2 i - 1/2 j + 1/\sqrt{2} k$	-0.26422	$105.3204^\circ$	$52.660^\circ$
$\nu_\mu, \mu^-$	[4,3,2]	$-1/2 i - 1/\sqrt{2} j + 1/2 k$	0.80116	$36.7581^\circ$	$18.379^\circ$
$\nu_\tau, \tau^-$	[5,3,2]	$-1/2 i - \phi/2 j + \phi^{-1}/2 k$	-0.53695	$122.4764^\circ$	$61.238^\circ$

3 equations for 3 unknowns  $\rightarrow$  normalized Factors

$\Phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 = 1.618\dots$  i.e. Golden Ratio

Angle = arccosine (Factor), the projection angle to the k axis



# Neutrino mixing angles

- $\theta_1 = 52.660^\circ$     $\theta_2 = 18.379^\circ$     $\theta_3 = 61.238^\circ$

- $\theta_{12} = 34.281^\circ$    vs.    $33.56^\circ \pm 0.77^\circ$

- $\theta_{23} = 42.859^\circ$    vs.    $41.6^\circ \pm 1.5^\circ$

- $\theta_{13} = -8.578^\circ$    vs.    $8.46^\circ \pm 0.15^\circ$

- Assumed no charged-lepton mixing

- $\theta_{23} \Rightarrow$  normal mass ordering  $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$

- NuFit 3.0 (2016)

- As expected:  $34.281^\circ = 42.859^\circ - 8.578^\circ$



# Major consequences:

- Neutrino mixing occurs because 3 lepton families together act as one  $SU(2)$
- Leptons are 3-D objects representing discrete symmetry properties of subgroups  $2T$ ,  $2O$ ,  $2I$
- Total lepton number is conserved, but not each lepton family number separately
- Unitary PMNS matrix: rows/columns  $\rightarrow 1$



# PMNS matrix

0.8170 (0.822)	0.5570 (0.547)	- 0.1491 $e^{-i\delta}$ (- 0.150 + 0.038i)
- 0.4129 + 0.838 $e^{i\delta}$ (- 0.356 + 0.020i)	0.6057 + 0.0571 $e^{-i\delta}$ (0.704 - 0.013i)	0.6726 (0.614)
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# More consequences?

- Phase  $\delta$  could be  $0, -\pi/2, \pi/2$  ??
- No more lepton families beyond 3
- For two EW basis states in  $R^3$ , only 4 d.o.f.  
→ one massive lepton (3 d.o.f.) and one massless lepton (1 d.o.f.)
- For  $\nu$  to have mass, must “see” 4th dim, where there are 6 d.o.f. → 2 massive



# One more great clue?!

- Syzygies from invariant theory, 3 invariant eqs for each group  $2T$ ,  $2O$ ,  $2I$  1884 Felix Klein
- Each group related to  $j$ -invariant of elliptic modular functions and linear transformations
- Group constants 1, 108, 1728
- Charged leptons: 0.511, 105.66, 1776.82 MeV
- % differences: -48.9%, -2.17%, +2.83%
- Coincidence, Correlation, or Cause and effect?



# Anecdote?

- Richard Feynman, in his Caltech office Nov 1987
- The Icosahedron and the solution of equations of the fifth degree (1884) by F. Klein [see Dover edition 1956]



# Quarks?

- Same approach works for quark families
- 4 subgroups in  $R^4 \rightarrow 4$  quark families predicted
- $[3,3,3], [4,3,3], [3,4,3], [5,3,3]$
- $\rightarrow 4 \times 4$  CKM4 matrix  $\rightarrow$  good agreement to CKM  $3 \times 3$  except for  $V_{ub}$
- 3 lepton families acting as one  $SU(2)$  match 4 quark families acting as one  $SU(2)$  to cancel triangle anomaly



# Possible consequences

- Predicts EW  $\theta_W = 30^\circ$  - agrees with latest expts
- No sterile neutrino
- Not Majorana neutrinos
- No neutrinoless double beta decay
- 2 more quarks to be discovered



# Thank You!

- $2T = [3,3,2] \Rightarrow (v_e, e^-) \quad \theta_1 = 52.660^\circ$
- $2O = [4,3,2] \Rightarrow (v_\mu, \mu^-) \quad \theta_2 = 18.379^\circ$
- $2I = [5,3,2] \Rightarrow (v_\tau, \tau^-) \quad \theta_3 = 61.238^\circ$
- $34.281^\circ = 42.859^\circ - 8.578^\circ$
- Neutrino mixing occurs because 2T, 2O, 2I act together to make SU(2) for the SM
- See my DISCRETE 2014 Conference writeup in Journal of Physics: Conference Series, Vol 631 ([link](#))