

# Roots of unity and lepton mixing patterns from finite flavour symmetries

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- $3 \times 3$  mixing matrix  $U$  in lepton sector:  
two large and one small mixing angle  
explanation through underlying **flavour symmetry**?
- Notation:  $|U|^2 \equiv (|U_{ij}|^2)$ ,  $|T| \equiv (|T_{ij}|)$ , flavour group  $G$
- Idea by **C.S. Lam (2008)**:  
**“residual symmetries” in mass matrices**  
with  $G$  non-abelian
  - Diagonalization of mass matrices effectively replaced by diagonalization of symmetry transformation matrices
  - Three possibilities:
    - one row of  $|U|^2$  determined
    - one column of  $|U|^2$  determined
    - $|U|^2$  completely determined

Complete classification of possible  $|U|^2$   
under the following assumptions:

- Three flavours
- Majorana neutrinos
- $G$  finite

**Result:**

17 sporadic mixing patterns and one infinite series  
(modulo permutations)

NOTE:

Finiteness of  $G$  is an ad hoc assumption for the mathematical treatment of the problem!

## Fixing the notation:

Mass terms: Majorana neutrinos  $\Rightarrow M_\nu^T = M_\nu$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\bar{\ell}_L M_\ell \ell_R + \frac{1}{2} \nu_L^T C^{-1} M_\nu \nu_L + \text{H.c.}$$

Diagonalization:

$$U_\ell^\dagger M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger U_\ell = \text{diag}(m_e^2, m_\mu^2, m_\tau^2), \quad U_\nu^T M_\nu U_\nu = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$$

Mixing matrix:  $U = U_\ell^\dagger U_\nu$

## Idea of residual symmetries: C.S. Lam

- Weak basis  $\Rightarrow \ell_L, \nu_L$  in same multiplet of  $G$
- Flavour group  $G$  broken to subgroup  $G_\ell$  in the charged-lepton and  $G_\nu$  in the neutrino sector
- Charged-lepton and neutrino mass spectrum non-degenerate  $\Rightarrow G_\ell$  and  $G_\nu$  **abelian**
- Invariance of mass matrices under residual groups:

$$T \in G_\ell \Rightarrow T^\dagger M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger T = M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger$$

$$S \in G_\nu \Rightarrow S^T M_\nu S = M_\nu$$

$$G_\ell \subseteq U(1) \times U(1) \times U(1), \quad G_\nu \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

- All  $T \in G_\ell$  and  $M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger$  simultaneously diagonalizable!  
All  $S \in G_\nu$  and  $M_\nu$  simultaneously diagonalizable!

In essence:

Diagonalization of  $M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger$  replaced by diagonalization of the  $T \in G_\ell$   
Diagonalization of  $M_\nu$  replaced by diagonalization of the  $S \in G_\nu$

Remarks:

- If a single  $T \in G_\ell$  has non-degenerate eigenvalues, then  $U_\ell$  uniquely determined and  $G_\ell \cong \mathbb{Z}_N$  (finiteness of  $G$ !)
- One can show:  
If all  $T \in G_\ell$  degenerate, one can confine oneself to two generators  $T_1, T_2$  of  $G_\ell$  and  
 $G_\ell \cong K \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  (Klein's four group)
- Without loss of generality  $G_\nu \cong K$

## Note:

- This method determines entries of  $|U|^2$  as pure numbers, independent of parameters of any underlying theory.
- Therefore, residual symmetries cannot fix Majorana phases.
- $|U|^2$  is only determined up to independent permutations from the left and right.
- This method gives no information at all on the lepton masses!



## From groups to mixing matrices:

- 1 Choose group  $G$  which has subgroup  $G_\nu = K$
- 2 Find all subgroups  $G_\ell$  which completely fix  $U_\ell$
- 3 Compute  $|U|^2$  for all these subgroups

Many authors: (incomplete list)

C.S. Lam (2008); Ge, Dicus, Repko; He, Yin; Hernandez, Smirnov;  
B. Hu; de Adelhart Toorop, Feruglio, Hagedorn; Holthausen, Lim,  
Lindner; Hagedorn, Meroni, Vitale; . . .

General analysis: group-independent!

## Determination of possible forms of $T$

Preliminaries:

- Basis where  $G_\nu = \{\mathbb{1}, S_1, S_2, S_3\}$  with  
 $S_1 = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1)$ ,  $S_2 = \text{diag}(-1, 1, -1)$ ,  $S_3 = S_1 S_2$
- Consequently  $U_\nu = \mathbb{1}$ ,  $U = U_\ell^\dagger$ ,  $UTU^\dagger = \hat{T}$  diagonal
- $T \Rightarrow |U|^2$

Series of steps: ( $3 \times 3$  permutation matrices  $P_1, P_2, P$ )

- 1 5 basic forms of  $|T|$  modulo permutations  $P_1|T|P_2$
- 2 Internal (CKM-type) phase of  $T$
- 3 Inequivalent forms of  $|T|$  through  $|T| \rightarrow |T|P$
- 4 Exclusion of forms 1 and 4 which do not lead to finite groups
- 5 External (Majorana-type) phases of  $T$
- 6 Possible patterns of  $|U|^2$  modulo permutations  $P_1|U|^2P_2$

Basic forms of  $|T|$ :

$$\textcircled{1} Y^{(ij)} \equiv T^\dagger S_i T S_j \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow S_j^{-1} Y^{(ij)} S_j = (Y^{(ij)})^\dagger, \det Y^{(ij)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{eigenvalues } 1, \lambda^{(ij)}, (\lambda^{(ij)})^*$$

$$\textcircled{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 S_k = -\mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^3 \text{Tr } Y^{(kj)} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \text{Tr } Y^{(ik)} = 1 \text{ or}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \left( \lambda^{(kj)} + \lambda^{(kj)*} \right) + 2 = \sum_{k=1}^3 \left( \lambda^{(ik)} + \lambda^{(ik)*} \right) + 2 = 0$$

for  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$

$$\textcircled{3} |T_{ij}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \text{Re } \lambda^{(ij)})$$

Generic equation:

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 (\lambda_k + \lambda_k^*) + 2 = 0$$

group  $G$  finite  $\Rightarrow$  all  $\lambda^{(ij)}$  roots of unity

vanishing sum of roots of unity  $\Rightarrow$  find solutions by using a Theorem of [Conway and Jones](#)

Only three solutions:

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = \begin{cases} (i, \omega, \omega) & \text{(A)} \\ (\omega, \beta, \beta^2) & \text{(B)} \\ (-1, \lambda, -\lambda) & \text{(C)} \end{cases}$$

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}, \beta = e^{2\pi i/5}, \lambda = e^{i\vartheta} \text{ (arbitrary root of unity)}$$

# General analysis

$$\text{Form 1: } |T| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Form 2: } |T| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Form 3: } |T| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Form 4: } |T| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Form 5: } |T| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad [\sin^2 \theta = (1 - \cos \vartheta)/2]$$

General solution: Fonseca, Grimus (2014), arXiv:1405.3678

- Complete solution: 17 sporadic patterns of  $|U|^2$ , one series
- All sporadic cases are ruled out!
- Infinite series: depends on  $\sigma = e^{2\pi ip/n}$  with  $p, n \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\exists$  range of  $\sigma$  such that  $|U|^2$  compatible with data

## Infinite series:

$$\text{Case } \mathcal{C}_2 : |U|^2 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 + \text{Re } \sigma & 1 - \text{Re } \sigma \\ 1 & 1 + \text{Re } (\omega\sigma) & 1 - \text{Re } (\omega\sigma) \\ 1 & 1 + \text{Re } (\omega^2\sigma) & 1 - \text{Re } (\omega^2\sigma) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega = \exp(2\pi i/3), \quad \sigma = \exp(2i\pi p/n) \text{ with } p \text{ coprime to } n$$

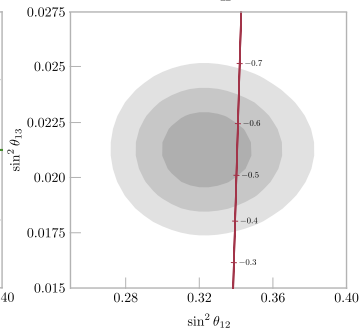
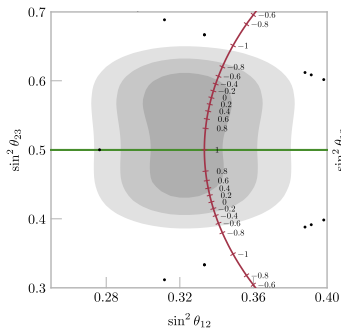
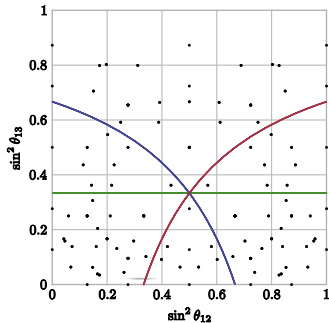
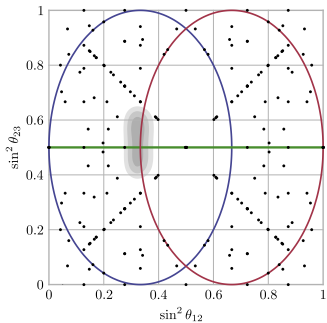
## Three choices:

- red:  $\cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} = 1/3$
- blue:  $\cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} = 1/3$
- green:  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 1/3$

## Properties of $|U|^2$ in red infinite series:

- $|U|^2$  depends on  $\text{Re } \sigma^6$ :  $-0.69 \lesssim \text{Re } \sigma^6 \lesssim -0.37$   
(Forero et al., thanks to M. Tórtola)
- CKM-type phase in  $|U|^2$  trivial ( $\pm\pi$ )
- $\sin^2 \theta_{12} \geq 1/3$





## Minimal groups for the infinite series:

- $\Delta(6m^2) \equiv (\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m) \rtimes S_3$  with  $m = \text{lcm}(6, n)/3$  when  $9 \nmid n$
- $(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_{m/3}) \rtimes S_3$  with  $m = \text{lcm}(2, n)$  when  $9 \mid n$

For instance:

- $n = 9, 18$  with  $m = 18$ ,  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_{18} \times \mathbb{Z}_6) \rtimes S_3$  and  $\text{order}(G) = 648$
- $n = 11, 22, 33, 66$  with  $m = 22$ ,  $G = \Delta(6 \times 22^2)$  and  $\text{order}(G) = 2904$

## Sporadic mixing pattern with minimal groups:

One non-degenerate  $T \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$ , two degenerate  $T_1, T_2 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{CD}_j$

- $S_4$  for  $\mathcal{C}_1/\mathcal{CD}_2$
- $PSL(2, 7)$  for  $\mathcal{C}_3, \mathcal{C}_4, \mathcal{C}_5, \mathcal{CD}_1$
- $\Sigma(360 \times 3)$  for  $\mathcal{C}_6/\mathcal{C}_{15}, \mathcal{C}_7, \mathcal{C}_8/\mathcal{C}_{17}, \mathcal{C}_9, \mathcal{C}_{10}, \mathcal{C}_{14}, \mathcal{C}_{16}, \mathcal{CD}_4$
- $A_5$  for  $\mathcal{C}_{11}/\mathcal{C}_{13}, \mathcal{C}_{12}, \mathcal{CD}_3$
- $A_4$  for  $\mathcal{C}_{30}$

de Adelhart Toorop, Feruglio, Hagedorn, arXiv:1112.1340

Hagedorn, Meroni, Vitale, arXiv:1307.5308

Example of a sporadic case:  $(5 - \sqrt{21})/12 \simeq 0.035 > s_{13}^2$

$$\mathcal{C}_5 : |U|^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{12} (5 + \sqrt{21}) & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} (5 - \sqrt{21}) \\ \frac{1}{12} (5 - \sqrt{21}) & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} (5 + \sqrt{21}) \\ & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} \\ & & & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Hypothesis of  $|U|^2$  determined by residual symmetries leads to 17 sporadic mixing pattern and one series
- All 17 sporadic mixing patterns are ruled out
- Series depends on parameter  $\sigma = \exp(2\pi ip/n)$  with rational number  $p/n$ ,  $|U|^2$  compatible with data for range of  $\sigma$
- Predictions of series:  
 $\sin^2 \theta_{12} \geq 1/3$ , trivial CKM-type phase

**Thank you for your attention!**