

# Residual symmetries in the lepton mass matrices

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## Tri-bimaximal mixing:

$$U_{\text{TBM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{ruled out!}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0227 \begin{matrix} +0.0023 \\ -0.0024 \end{matrix} \quad \text{Gonzalez-Garcia et al. (2012)}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.302 \begin{matrix} +0.013 \\ -0.012 \end{matrix}$$

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

$U = (U_{\alpha j}) = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  with columns  $u_j$

Albright, Rodejohann (2008):  $TM_1, TM_2$  still valid!

$$TM_1 : u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad TM_2 : u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$TM_1 : s_{12}^2 = 1 - \frac{2}{3c_{13}^2} < \frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \delta \tan 2\theta_{23} \simeq -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}s_{13}} \left( 1 - \frac{7}{2}s_{13}^2 \right)$$

$$TM_2 : s_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{3c_{13}^2} > \frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \delta \tan 2\theta_{23} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}s_{13}} \left( 1 - \frac{5}{4}s_{13}^2 \right)$$

## Fixing the notation:

Mass terms: Majorana neutrinos

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

Diagonalization:

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

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

$$V_\ell(\alpha) \equiv U_\ell \text{diag}(e^{i\alpha_1}, e^{i\alpha_2}, e^{i\alpha_3}) U_\ell^\dagger$$

$$V_\nu(\epsilon) \equiv U_\nu \text{diag}(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3) U_\nu^\dagger \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_j^2 = 1$$

## Invariance of the mass matrices:

$$V_\ell(\alpha)^\dagger M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger V_\ell(\alpha) = M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger, \quad V_\nu(\epsilon)^T \mathcal{M}_\nu V_\nu(\epsilon) = \mathcal{M}_\nu$$

## Remarks:

- $V_\ell(\alpha) \in U(1) \times U(1) \times U(1)$ ,  $V_\nu(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
- $V_\ell(\alpha)$ ,  $V_\nu(\epsilon)$  depend on VEVs and Yukawa coupling constants
- Invariance of mass matrices  $V_\ell$ ,  $V_\nu$  contains no information beyond diagonalizability

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

- Weak basis  $\Rightarrow \ell_L, \nu_L$  in same multiplet of  $G$
- $G$  broken to different subgroups in charged-lepton and neutrino sectors:

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

- For simplicity:

One generator  $T$  of  $G_\ell$ , one generator  $S$  of  $G_\nu$ :

$$T^\dagger M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger T = M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger, \quad S^T \mathcal{M}_\nu S = \mathcal{M}_\nu$$

- For simplicity:

$T$  has three different eigenvalues

- Then  $T$  and  $S$  determine one column of  $U$ !

## Why is this so?

- 1  $S^2 = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow S = \pm(2uu^\dagger - \mathbb{1})$  with  $Su = \pm u$
- 2  $U_\ell^\dagger T U_\ell = \tilde{T}$  diagonal
- 3  $U_\ell^\dagger u$  column in mixing matrix
- 4 Two matrices  $S_1, S_2$  with  $S_j^T \mathcal{M}_\nu S_j = \mathcal{M}_\nu \Rightarrow$  mixing matrix  $U$  completely determined

## Theorem

If  $S^T \mathcal{M}_\nu S = \mathcal{M}_\nu$  with  $S = \pm(2uu^\dagger - \mathbb{1})$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_\nu u \propto u^*$ .

Remark:  $U_\ell^\dagger u$  determined by the group! It does not contain parameters of the model.



Two ways to tackle residual symmetries for the purpose of determination of possible flavour symmetry groups:

- 1 Scanning finite groups
- 2 Solving relations involving roots of unity

Holthausen, Lim, Lindner (2013):

$G_\nu = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ , group results within  $3\sigma$  of fitted  $s_{ij}^2$

a) Assumptions:  $\text{ord } G < 1536 = 3 \times 2^9$  (with one exception),  
 $G_\ell$  generated by  $\tilde{T} = \text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$  with  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$

| $n$ | $G$   | $s_{12}^2$ | $s_{13}^2$ | $s_{23}^2$ |
|-----|---|------------|------------|------------|
| 5   | $\Delta(6 \times 10^2)$                             | 0.3432     | 0.0288     | 0.3791     |
|     |   | 0.3432     | 0.0288     | 0.6209     |
| 9   | $(\mathbb{Z}_{18} \times \mathbb{Z}_6) \rtimes S_3$ | 0.3402     | 0.0201     | 0.3992     |
|     |   | 0.3402     | 0.0201     | 0.6008     |
| 16  | $\Delta(6 \times 16^2)$                             | 0.3420     | 0.0254     | 0.3867     |
|     |   | 0.3420     | 0.0254     | 0.6133     |

b) Assumptions:  $\text{ord } G < 512$ ,  $G_\ell$  Abelian  $\Rightarrow$  no candidates!

Model-building addendum to group scan ([Grimus, Lavoura \(2013\)](#)):

$$s_{23}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{2s_{13}^2 - 3s_{13}^4}}{c_{13}^2} \right), \quad \cos \delta = \mp 1$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1 + e^{i\alpha}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1 - e^{-i\alpha}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\omega^2 + \omega e^{i\alpha}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\omega - \omega^2 e^{-i\alpha}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\omega + \omega^2 e^{i\alpha}) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\omega^2 - \omega e^{-i\alpha}) \end{pmatrix}$$

| $\alpha / (2\pi)$             | $s_{13}^2$ | $s_{23}^2$           |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 2/5, 3/5                      | 0.028818   | 0.379101 or 0.620899 |
| 1/16, 15/16                   | 0.025373   | 0.386653 or 0.613347 |
| 1/18, 5/18, ..., 13/18, 17/18 | 0.020102   | 0.399242 or 0.600758 |

**Basic assumption:** Flavour group  $G$  finite! (finitely generated)

**Mixing matrix:**  $U = (U_{\alpha j})$  ( $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau, j = 1, 2, 3$ )

- $G_\ell$  generated by  $T$ ,  $G_\nu$  generated by  $S$
- $\det S = 1 \Rightarrow S = 2uu^\dagger - \mathbb{1}$
- Finiteness  $\Rightarrow \exists m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^m = S^2 = (ST)^n = \mathbb{1}$

$T$  has eigenvalues  $e^{i\phi_\alpha}$ ,  $ST$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_j \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{Tr}(ST) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$

## Trace and determinant of $ST$

Hernandez, Smirnov (2012)

$u$   $i$ -th column of  $U \Rightarrow$  two equations for 6 roots of unity:

$$\sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \left(2|U_{\alpha i}|^2 - 1\right) e^{i\phi_\alpha} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{\alpha} e^{i\phi_\alpha} = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$$

Which finite group can enforce TM<sub>1</sub>? Grimus (2013)

$$\text{TM}_1 : \quad u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2|U_{e1}|^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{3} \\ 2|U_{\mu 1}|^2 - 1 = -\frac{2}{3} \\ 2|U_{\tau 1}|^2 - 1 = -\frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

Vanishing sum of roots of unity:

$$-e^{i\phi_e} + 2e^{i\phi_\mu} + 2e^{i\phi_\tau} + 3\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 + 3\lambda_2 = 0$$

Solution by theorem of Conway and Jones (1976)

# $TM_1$ and roots of unity

Formal sums of roots of unity: ring over rational numbers

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}, \beta = e^{2\pi i/5}, \gamma = e^{2\pi i/7}$$

## Theorem (Conway and Jones (1976))

*Let  $S$  be a non-empty vanishing sum of length at most 9. Then either  $S$  involves  $\theta, \theta\omega, \theta\omega^2$  for some root  $\theta$ , or  $S$  is similar to one of*

$$1 + \beta + \beta^2 + \beta^3 + \beta^4,$$

$$-\omega - \omega^2 + \beta + \beta^2 + \beta^3 + \beta^4,$$

$$1 + \beta + \beta^2 - (\omega + \omega^2)(\beta^2 + \beta^3),$$

$$1 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \gamma^4 + \gamma^5 + \gamma^6,$$

$$-\omega - \omega^2 + \gamma + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \gamma^4 + \gamma^5 + \gamma^6,$$

$$\beta + \beta^4 - (\omega + \omega^2)(1 + \beta^2 + \beta^3),$$

$$1 + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \gamma^4 + \gamma^5 - (\omega + \omega^2)(\gamma + \gamma^6),$$

$$1 - (\omega + \omega^2)(\beta + \beta^2 + \beta^3 + \beta^4).$$

## Solution:

$e^{i\phi_e} = \eta$ ,  $e^{i\phi_\mu} = \eta\omega$ ,  $e^{i\phi_\tau} = \eta\omega^2$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \epsilon$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -\epsilon$ ,  $\lambda_3 = \eta$   
 $\eta$  is an arbitrary root of unity,  $\epsilon = \pm i\eta$

In basis where charged lepton mass matrix is diagonal:

$$\tilde{T} = \eta \text{diag} (1, \omega, \omega^2)$$
$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \tilde{S} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\tilde{T}$  and  $\tilde{S}$  generate group  $\mathbb{Z}_q \times S_4$  with  $\eta$  being a primitive root of order  $q$ .

Another basis:

$$U_\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i/3} = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$S = U_\omega \tilde{S} U_\omega^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = U_\omega \tilde{T} U_\omega^\dagger = \eta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E^\dagger \left( M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger \right) E = M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger \Rightarrow U_\omega^\dagger \left( M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger \right) U_\omega \text{ is diagonal}$$



$$Su = u \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Mechanism for TM<sub>1</sub>:

Lavoura, de Madeiros Varzielas (2012); Grimus (2013)

$U_\omega$  diagonalizes  $M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger$  and  $u$  eigenvector of  $\mathcal{M}_\nu \Rightarrow$

$$U_\omega^\dagger u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is column in mixing matrix}$$

**Example:**  $S_4$  and type II seesaw mechanism

Needs 7 scalar gauge doublets in  $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{3}'$

and 4 gauge triplets in  $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{3}' + \text{VEV alignment}$

$$M_\ell = \begin{pmatrix} a & b+c & b-c \\ b-c & a & b+c \\ b+c & b-c & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & -B \\ B & A & C \\ -B & C & A \end{pmatrix}$$

# Residual symmetries and caveats

## Notation:

$G$  = flavour symmetry group of the Lagrangian

$\bar{G}$  = group determined by residual symmetries in  $M_\ell M_\ell^\dagger$  and  $\mathcal{M}_\nu$

- **Restriction:**

- Symmetry group  $G$  of Lagrangian is finitely generated
- Neutrinos have Majorana nature

- **Possible relationship between  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$ :**

- $\bar{G} \subset U(3)$  due to 3 families
- Method is purely group-theoretical and uses only information contained in the mass matrices  $\Rightarrow \bar{G}$  can at most yield  $D(G)$
- Accidental symmetries in the mass matrices  $\Rightarrow \bar{G}$  not even a subgroup of  $D(G)$

- **Total breaking of  $G$ :**

Method not applicable, though model might be predictive

**Thank you for your attention!**