Neutrinos From Particle Physics, Theory Overview

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Main Theme

Discovery of Neutrino Oscillations:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}}(L) = \sum_{ij} \mathcal{U}_{i\alpha} \mathcal{U}_{i\beta}^{*} \mathcal{U}_{j\alpha}^{*} \mathcal{U}_{j\beta} e^{-\frac{i\Delta m_{ij}^{2}L}{2E}}$$



surprises, confusion, excitement for beyond SM physics theory!

"Standard Picture" (my terminology)

data (except LSND) consistent with 3ν mixing picture intriguing pattern of masses, mixings: paradigm shift for SM flavor puzzle

Challenges to the Standard Picture: LSND anomaly revisited

Recent results (updates announced June 2010) from MINOS, MiniBooNE: differences b/w ν , $\overline{\nu}$ modes! If robust, potentially profound implications...

fits: Schwetz, Tortola, Valle '08

The Standard Picture: Neutrino Masses

Homestake, Kam, SuperK, KamLAND, SNO, SuperK, MINOS, MiniBooNE,...

Assume: 3 neutrino mixing (no LSND)

Solar:
$$\Delta m_{\odot}^2 = |\Delta m_{12}^2| = 7.65^{+0.23}_{-0.20} \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{eV}^2$$

(best fit $\pm 1\sigma$)

Atmospheric:
$$\Delta m_{31}^2 = \pm 2.4^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{eV}^2$$



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fit: Schwetz, Tortola, Valle '08

The Standard Picture: Lepton Mixing

Homestake, Kam, SuperK, KamLAND, SNO, SuperK, Palo Verde, CHOOZ, MINOS...

$$\mathcal{U}_{\mathrm{MNSP}} = \mathcal{R}_1(\theta_{\oplus}) \mathcal{R}_2(\theta_{13}, \delta_{\mathrm{MNSP}}) \mathcal{R}_3(\theta_{\odot}) \mathcal{P}$$

$$|\mathcal{U}_{\mathrm{MNSP}}| \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{\odot} & \sin\theta_{\odot} & \epsilon \\ -\cos\theta_{\oplus}\sin\theta_{\odot} & \cos\theta_{\oplus}\cos\theta_{\odot} & \sin\theta_{\oplus} \\ \sin\theta_{\oplus}\sin\theta_{\odot} & -\sin\theta_{\oplus}\cos\theta_{\odot} & \cos\theta_{\oplus} \end{pmatrix}$$

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata Pontecorvo

(best fit $\pm 1\sigma$)

Solar:

$$\theta_{\odot} = \theta_{12} = 33.4^{\circ} \pm 1.4^{\circ}$$
 2 large

 Atmospheric:
 $\theta_{\oplus} = \theta_{23} = 45.0^{\circ} \frac{+4.0}{-3.4}$
 1 small

 Reactor:
 $\epsilon = \sin \theta_{13}, \ \theta_{13} = 5.7^{\circ} \frac{+3.5}{-5.7}$
 I small

(~2 σ claim from other fits for nonzero $heta_{13}$ near upper bound) Fogli et al., '09

No constraints on CP violation

For Comparison: Quark Mixing

Cabibbo; Kobayashi, Maskawa

$$\mathcal{U}_{\rm CKM} = \mathcal{R}_1(\theta_{23}^{\rm CKM}) \mathcal{R}_2(\theta_{13}^{\rm CKM}, \delta_{\rm CKM}) \mathcal{R}_3(\theta_{12}^{\rm CKM})$$

Mixing Angles:
$$\theta_{12}^{CKM} = 13.0^{\circ} \pm 0.1^{\circ} \iff$$
 Cabibbo angle θ_c $\theta_{23}^{CKM} = 2.4^{\circ} \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ $\theta_{13}^{CKM} = 0.2^{\circ} \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ 3 small angles

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{CP violation:} & J \equiv {\rm Im}(\mathcal{U}_{\alpha i}\mathcal{U}_{\beta j}\mathcal{U}_{\beta i}^{*}\mathcal{U}_{\alpha j}^{*}) & {\rm Jarlskog} \\ & {\rm Dunietz, \, Greenberg, Wu} \\ & J_{\rm CP}^{\rm (CKM)} \simeq \sin 2\theta_{12}^{\rm CKM} \sin 2\theta_{23}^{\rm CKM} \sin 2\theta_{13}^{\rm CKM} \sin \delta_{\rm CKM} \\ & J \sim 10^{-5} & \delta_{\rm CKM} = 60^{\circ} \pm 14^{\circ} \\ & {\rm O(I) \ CP-violating \, phase} \end{array}$$

Challenge to the Standard Picture: MiniBooNE

Discrepancy between neutrino and antineutrino modes!



Updated results announced at Neutrino 2010 (talk by Van de Water)

Possible consistency with LSND?



Challenge to the Standard Picture: MINOS



Recent results announced at Neutrino 2010 (see talk by Vahle)

Theoretical Implications: Standard Picture

Shifts in the paradigm for addressing SM flavor puzzle:

• <u>Suppression of neutrino mass scale</u>



• Mixing Angles quarks small, leptons 2 large, I small

Strikingly different flavor patterns for quarks and leptons! implications for quark-lepton unification?

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Mass Generation

Quarks, Charged Leptons

"natural" mass scale tied to electroweak scale Dirac mass terms, parametrized by Yukawa couplings



 $Y_{ij}H\cdot\bar{\psi}_{Li}\psi_{Rj}$

t quark: O(I) Yukawa coupling rest: suppression (flavor symmetry)

Neutrinos beyond physics of Yukawa couplings!

Options: Dirac



or Majorana



Majorana first: (naturalness)

SM at NR level: Weinberg dim 5 operator

$$\frac{\lambda_{ij}}{\Lambda}L_iHL_jH$$



(if $\lambda \sim O(1)$ $\Lambda \gg m \sim O(100 \, {
m GeV})$... but a priori unknown)

Underlying mechanism: examples





advantages: naturalness, connection to grand unification disadvantage: testability (even at low scales)

Different in Type II, III: new EW charged states, may be visible at LHC see e.g. Fileviez Perez, Han et al., '08

Many other ideas for Majorana neutrino masses...



more seesaws (double, inverse,...), loop-induced masses (Babu-Zee, ...), SUSY with R-parity violation, higher-dimensional (>5) operators,...

What about Dirac masses?

more difficult in general, but suppression mechanisms exist.



e.g. extra dimensions, extra gauge symms (non-singlet ν_R), SUSY breaking,...

General themes:

Trade-off b/w naturalness and testability. Much richer than quark and charged lepton sectors. Everyone has a favorite scenario.

Lepton (and Quark) Mixing Angle Generation

Standard paradigm: spontaneously broken flavor symmetry

$$Y_{ij}H \cdot \bar{\psi}_{Li}\psi_{Rj} \longrightarrow \left(\frac{\varphi}{M}\right)^{n_{ij}}H \cdot \bar{\psi}_{Li}\psi_{Rj}$$
 Froggatt, Nielsen

First, the quarks:

hierarchical masses, small mixings: continuous family symmetries CKM matrix: small angles and/or alignment of left-handed mixings

$$\mathcal{U}_{\rm CKM} = \mathcal{U}_u \mathcal{U}_d^{\dagger} \sim 1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda) \qquad \qquad \lambda \sim \frac{\varphi}{M}$$

Wolfenstein parametrization: $\lambda \equiv \sin \theta_c = 0.22$

suggests Cabibbo angle (or some power) as a flavor expansion parameter

Now for the leptons:
$$\mathcal{U}_{\mathrm{MNSP}} = \mathcal{U}_e \mathcal{U}_
u^\dagger$$

First comment: observed lepton mixing angle pattern is "non-generic" (for 3-family mixing)



Also suggests new focus: <u>discrete</u> (non-Abelian) family symmetries good for lepton sector, not ideal for quarks...

Proceed by noting that in some limit of flavor symmetry:

$$\mathcal{U}_{\mathrm{MNSP}} = \mathcal{U}_e \mathcal{U}_{\nu}^{\dagger} \sim \mathcal{W} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda')$$

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"bare" mixing angles $(\theta_{12}^0, \theta_{13}^0, \theta_{23}^0)$ perturbation

Main theme: many theoretical starting points!

Perturbations: useful (and well-motivated in many scenarios) to take

$$\lambda' = \lambda \equiv \sin \theta_c$$

ideas of "Cabibbo haze" and quark-lepton complementarity (more shortly)

within the framework of quark-lepton unification, Cabibbo-sized effects will "leak" into lepton sector So in the lepton sector, classify models by $W(\theta_{12}^0, \theta_{13}^0, \theta_{23}^0)$

Choose: $\theta_{23}^0 = 45^\circ \quad \theta_{13}^0 = 0^\circ$ (reasonable)

Choices for "bare" solar angle θ_{12}^0 (historical ordering)

requires large perturbations $\theta_{12} = \theta_{12}^0 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$

"tri-bimaximal" mixing: "hexagonal" mixing "golden ratio" mixing

"bimaximal" mixing:

need moderate perturbations $\theta_{12} = \theta_{12}^0 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$

All can be obtained from discrete non-Abelian family symmetries

Recent overview: Albright, Dueck, Rodejohann 1004.2798 (ADR)

Bimaximal Mixing

"bare" solar angle $\theta_{12}^0 = 45$

$$5^{\circ} \qquad \tan \theta_{12}^0 = 1$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{MNSP}^{(BM)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0\\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{12} = \theta_{12}^0 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda) \sim \frac{\pi}{4} - \theta_c$$
 "quark-lepton complementarity"

Raidal; Minakata, Smirnov; Frampton, Mohapatra; Xing; Ferrandis, Pakvasa; King; Ramond; Rodejohann, many, many others...

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Tri-bimaximal (HPS) Mixing

"bare" solar angle
$$\tan \theta_{12}^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
 $\theta_{12}^0 = 35.26^\circ$
Harrison, Perkins, Scott '02
 $\mathcal{U}_{MNSP}^{(HPS)} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ (~Clebsch-Gordan coeffs!)
Meshkov; Zee,...

Readily obtained within many discrete subgroups of SO(3), SU(3) $\mathcal{A}_4, \mathcal{S}_4, \mathcal{T}', \Delta(3n^2), \ldots$ (100s of papers. Some key players: Ma, Altarelli and Feruglio, King,...) **Most popular scenario by far!!**

Hexagonal Mixing

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"bare" so

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{MNSP}}^{(\text{HM})} = \begin{pmatrix} \tan \theta_{12}^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \theta_{12}^0 = \pi/6 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Implementation: dihedral flavor symmetry D_{12} D_6 **ADR** '10 (bare solar angle as exterior angle of dodecagon)



Golden Ratio Mixing $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$



ase I.
$$\tan \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{\phi}$$
 $\theta_{12} = 31.72^{\circ}$
$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{MNSP}}^{(\text{GR1})} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\phi}{\sqrt{5}}} & -\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}\phi}} & 0\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}\phi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{\phi}{\sqrt{5}}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}\phi}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{\phi}{\sqrt{5}}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ramond '04 (footnote) Kajiyama, Raidal, Strumia '07

L.E., Stuart '08, 1007.xxxx $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{A}_5)$ **Example.**

Case 2.
$$\cos \theta_{12} = \frac{\phi}{2}$$
 $\theta_{12} = 36^{\circ}$

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{MNSP}}^{(\text{GR2})} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\phi}} & 0\\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2\phi}} & \frac{\phi}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2\phi}} & \frac{\phi}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Adulpravitchai, Blum, Rodejohann '09

$$\mathcal{D}_{10}$$

Example: The (Rotational) Icosahedral Group, I ~ A5

Properties of the icosahedron:

20 faces (equilateral triangles)
30 edges (3 sides/triangle, 2 triangles/edge)
12 vertices (3 vertices/triangle, 5 vertices/edge)



Group elements:

Rotations which take vertices to vertices, i.e., by $0, \frac{2\pi}{5}, \frac{4\pi}{5}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \pi$

Rotation by each angle forms a conjugacy class:

 $e, \ 12C_5, \ 12C_5^2, \ 20C_3, \ 15C_2$ (Schoenflies: $C_n^k = \frac{2\pi k}{n}$ rotation)

order=number of elements: 1 + 12 + 12 + 15 + 20 = 60

The (Rotational) Icosahedral Group, I ~ A5

Theorem: group order = sum of squares of irred. reps

$$1 + 12 + 12 + 15 + 20 = 60 = 1^2 + 3^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2.$$
(two triplets!)

Conjugacy classes: characterized by trace (character)

Character Table

\mathcal{I}	1	3	3′	4	5
e	1	3	3	4	5
$12C_{5}$	1	ϕ	$1-\phi$	-1	0
$12C_{5}^{2}$	1	$1-\phi$	ϕ	-1	0
$20C_{3}$	1	0	0	1	-1
$15C_{2}$	1	-1	-1	0	1

The (Rotational) Icosahedral Group, I ~ A5

From character table, deduce tensor product decomposition:



Not enough for flavor model building. Need explicit representations!

I not a crystallographic point group, so there was work to be done...

Lepton Flavor Model Building with A5

Assume: effective LL coupling. (Future: seesaw implementation)

Mass terms:
$$-\mathcal{L}_m = \frac{a_{ij}}{M} L_i H L_j H + Y_{ij}^{(e)} L_i \bar{e}_j H$$

Charge assignments: natural to have L, \bar{e} triplets under I

our choice:
$$L \to 3, \quad \bar{e} \to 3'$$

$$LL: 3 \otimes 3 = 1 \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus 5, \qquad L\bar{e}: 3 \otimes 3' = 4 \oplus 5$$
 (symmetry)

leading order: no charged lepton masses, degenerate neutrinos fixed at higher order from flavor symmetry breaking

Lepton Flavor Model Building with A5 (II)

Toy example (bottom-up approach):

$$-\mathcal{L}_{mass} = \frac{\alpha_{ijk}}{M^2} L_i H L_j H \xi_k + \frac{\beta_{ijk}}{M} L_i \bar{e}_j H \psi_k + \frac{\gamma_{ijl}}{M} L_i \bar{e}_j H \chi_l$$
$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma \sim O(1))$$

with "minimal" choice of "flavon" fields:

$$\begin{split} \xi \to 5 & \psi \to 5, \ \chi \to 4 \\ LL & L\bar{e} \end{split}$$

With assumed flavon vevs, can obtain realistic neutrino masses and prediction for neutrinoless double beta decay

Challenge: dynamics of flavon sector, how to incorporate quarks

Beyond the "Standard Picture"

Question: theoretical implications of distinct oscillation patterns for ν , $\overline{\nu}$?

Ideas proposed in previous contexts:

CPT violation (CPTV), Lorentz violation (LV)Barger et al. '03,
Kostelecky et al '06,...effective CPTV (weakly coupled B-L gauge boson)Nelson, Walsh '07effective LV (extra dimensions)Pas, Pakvasa, Weiler '05decaying sterile neutrinoPalomares-Ruiz, Pascoli,
Schwetz '05

Significant challenge to incorporate these signals w/rest of data

Challenges in fits: tension b/w appearance/disappearance, $\nu, \overline{\nu}, \ldots$

Stay tuned!

Conclusions

Neutrino data has taken beyond SM physics theory on a wild ride, with no signs of stopping (if anything, may be getting wilder!)

Bottom Line:

A number of ways to generate masses/mixings, all with advantages/disadvantages. "Favorites" are not the only options.

Anticipated improvements in the data (especially for the reactor angle) will greatly aid these efforts.

The LSND anomaly may throw a wrench in the whole business, which would be tremendously exciting!

Thank you!