

# (not only) Neutrinos and GUT's

A tribute to Guido Altarelli

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# Standard oscillations

- Mixing matrix has the same structure in both contexts

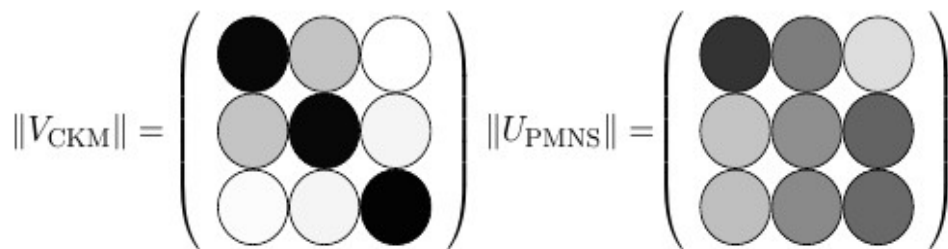
$$U_{CKM, PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

PMNS

vs

CKM

thanks to Andrea Di Iura



all (but 1-3) matrix elements are of  $O(1)$

almost diagonal

one small and two large mixing angles

the three mixings are all small

in the Standard Model they do not talk to each other although the mechanism producing them is essentially the same

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# Mixing matrices

- $U_{PMNS}$  and  $V_{CKM}$  have contributions from two different sectors

leptons

$$U_{PMNS} = U_{j\alpha}^{+l} U_{\alpha i}^{\nu}$$

from the diagonalisation  
of the charged lepton  
mass matrix

quarks

$$V_{CKM} = U_{j\alpha}^{+d} U_{\alpha i}^u$$

from the diagonalisation of  
the neutrino mass matrix

How to relate these two sectors ?

# The need of New Physics

How to relate these two sectors ?

- Invoking GUT theories (gauge groups larger than the Standard Model):  
leptons and quarks sit in the same irreducible representations of the group



Mass matrices are related

ex: SU(5)

$$\bar{5} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^c \\ d_2^c \\ d_3^c \\ e^- \\ -\nu_{eL} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_d = m_e^T$$



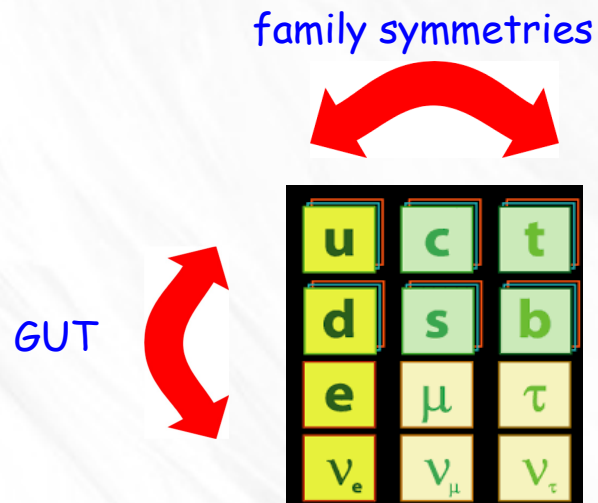
Not enough for producing  
the correct mixings

# The need of New Physics

- to improve predictability: Invoke family symmetries:  
different families sit in the same irreducible representations of the group



Matrix elements of mass matrices are related



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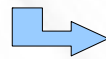
## Being less ambitious...QLC

- Numerically, one sees that:  $\theta_{12} + \theta_c \sim \pi/4$   $\longrightarrow$  quark-lepton complementarity (QLC)  
 $\theta_{12} + O(\theta_c) \sim \pi/4$  is called *weak complementarity*
- Numerically, one also sees that:  $\theta_{13} \sim \theta_c/\sqrt{2}$

this suggests that the Cabibbo angle is a key-role parameter

Where  $\theta_c$  enters in the lepton sector?

Nature seems to help us !



- $m_\mu/m_\tau \sim \theta_c^2$
- $m_e/m_\mu \sim \theta_c^{3-4}$

we have to deal with  
mass matrices !

# Introducing $\theta_c$ into the charged lepton masses

- for large fermion masses, we can use renormalizable operators ( $d=4$ ):

$$\overline{\psi}_L H \psi_R$$

- to generate hierarchies, we can use non-renormalizable operators ( $d \geq 5$ ):

$$\overline{\psi}_L H \psi_R \left( \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda} \right)^n$$

new scalar fields, with vev =  $\langle \phi \rangle$   
transforming non-trivially under  
some flavor symmetry

cut-off of the theory  
(and  $\langle \phi \rangle / \Lambda$  is smaller than 1)

After the breaking of  
the flavor symmetry

$$m_\mu / m_\tau \sim (d=6) / (d=4) \sim (\langle \phi \rangle / \Lambda)^2$$



$$\frac{\langle \varphi \rangle}{\Lambda} \sim \theta_c$$

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# Getting the QLC relation

- The strategy:

Start with LO prediction in the neutrino sector as  $\theta_{12} = \pi/4$



family symmetries



Corrections from charged leptons of  $O(\theta_c)$ :  
weak QLC



Connecting quarks and leptons: obtaining  $V_{us} \sim \theta_c$



GUT



# Getting the QLC

Start with a model whose LO prediction in the neutrino sector is  $\theta_{12} = \pi/4$

An easy task with family symmetries  
Plethora of models in the literature

Frampton, Petcov and Rodejohann,  
Nucl. Phys. B687 (2004) 31  
T.Ohlsson,  
Phys.Lett.B622, 159 (2005)  
Altarelli, Feruglio and Merlo,  
JHEP0905, 020 (2009)  
D.Meloni,  
JHEP1110, 010 (2011)  
Altarelli, Machado and Meloni,  
arXiv:1504.05514 [hep-ph]

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & y \\ y & z & x-z \\ y & x-z & z \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalization



$$U_{\text{BM}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ Bi-Maximal mixing}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0$$

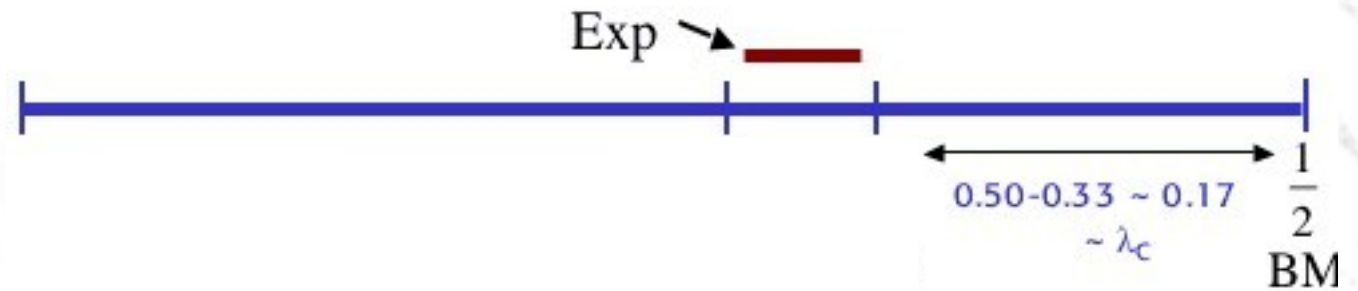
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# Corrections

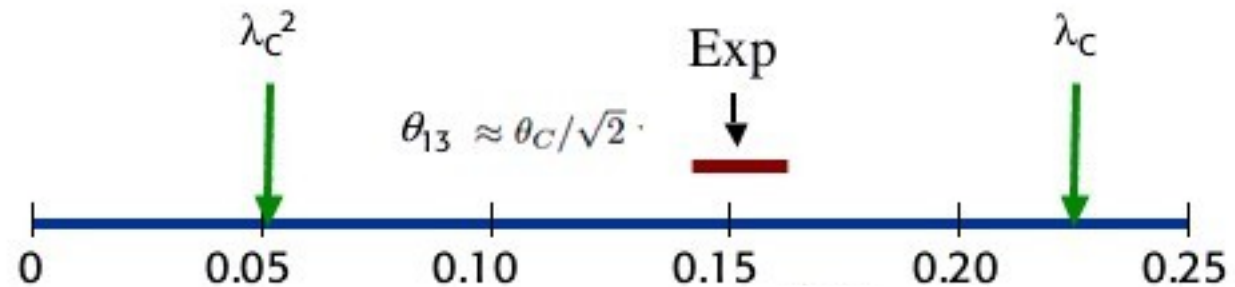
- The strategy:

Now needs corrections to fall on the experimental value  $\theta_{12} \sim 33^\circ$

$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$




$\sin \theta_{13}$



Corrections provided by the diagonalization of the charged leptons

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## An $SU(5)$ example

- Example from  $SU(5) \times S_4$   group of permutation of 4 objects

Altarelli, Machado, Meloni  
arXiv:1504.05514

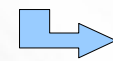
$$m_e \sim \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \lambda_C^5 & a_{12} \lambda_C^4 & a_{13} \lambda_C^4 \\ a_{21} \lambda_C^4 & -c \lambda_C^3 & 0 \\ a_{13} \lambda_C^4 & c \lambda_C^3 & a_{33} \lambda_C \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad U_l \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} \lambda_C & u_{13} \lambda_C \\ -u_{12}^* \lambda_C & 1 & 0 \\ -u_{13}^* \lambda_C & -u_{12}^* u_{13}^* \lambda_C^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

-  $a_{ij}, u_{ij}$  are  $O(1)$  coefficients  
-  $u_{ij}$  is a linear combination of  $a_{ij}$

$$U_{PMNS} = U_l^+ U_{BM}$$

this gives  $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{2} - u_{12} \lambda_C$  which is perfectly OK

- this relation is of the *weak complementarity* form
- we also ask the model to generate  $V_{us} \sim O(\lambda_c)$



link with GUT

# The $V_{us}$ matrix element

- the down sector

$$m_d = m_e^T \quad \longrightarrow \quad U_d \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d_{12} \lambda_C & d_{13} \lambda_C^3 \\ -d_{12}^* \lambda_C & 1 & d_{23}^* \lambda_C^2 \\ (d_{12}^* d_{23}^* - d_{13}^*) \lambda_C^3 & -d_{23}^* \lambda_C^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$d_{ij}$  are a different combination of  $a_{ij}$

so mixings are different but the off-diagonal (1-2) element is again of  $O(\lambda_c)$

(obviously we have to be sure that the up-quark sector does not destroy the scheme)

Since  $V_{us}$  is not  $u_{12}^* \lambda_c$ , we did not realize the "true" QLC

## What about BM and SO(10) ?

$$L = 16(f \cdot 126_H + h \cdot 10_H) 16$$

all fermions are here,  
including nu-right

- no SO(10) singlets for right-handed neutrinos → more difficult explanation of the difference between charged fermions and neutrinos
- see-saw type II is an useful ansatz to separate the neutrino masses from the dominant contribution to the charged fermions (given by the Yukawa h)

$$M_{\nu R} \sim f \langle 126_H \rangle_3 + \text{type-I}$$

vev of the triplet component

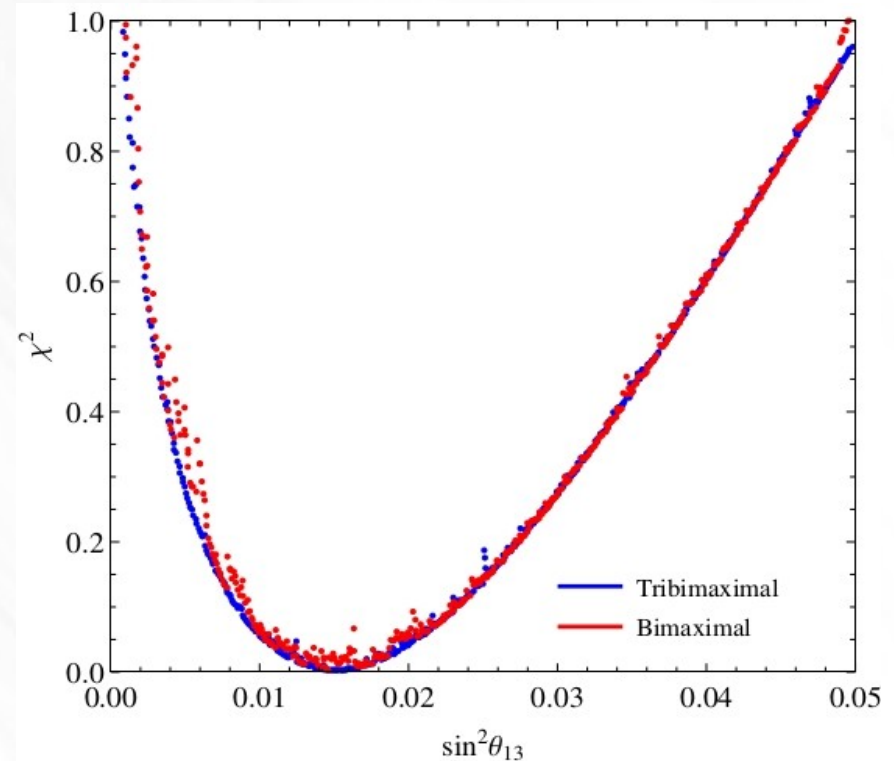
## Better BM or TBM in $SO(10)$ ?

- Are the data compatible with BM?

The answer is YES but not very conclusive

in fact, we could have started from  $f$  of the TBM form and still obtain a good description of the data, i.e., of  $\theta_{13}$

the set of parameters used in one fit are functions of the parameters of the other fit, so the  $\chi^2$  in the two cases are simply related to each other



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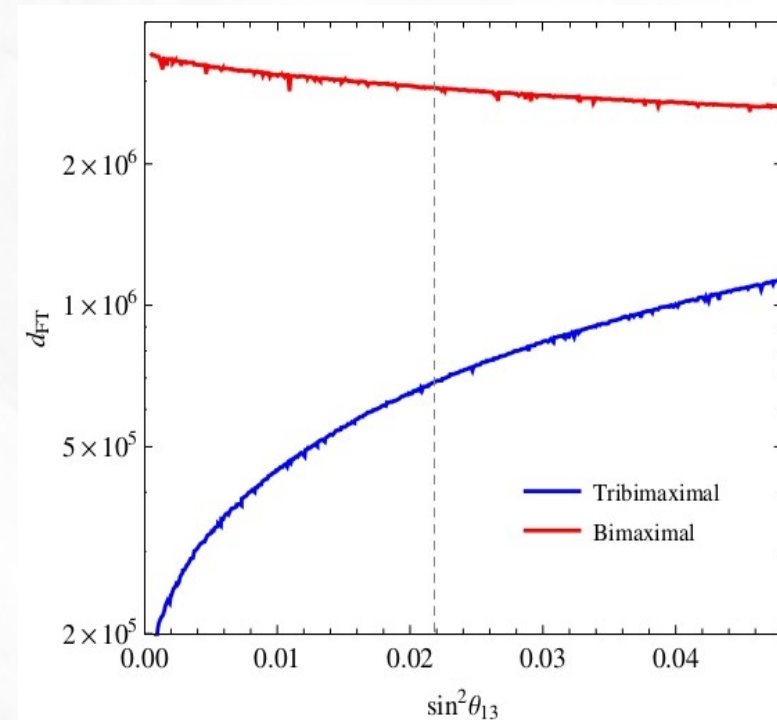
# Better BM or TBM in $SO(10)$ ?

- we have to use some estimator: the *fine-tuning parameter*

$$d_{FT} = \sum_i \left| \frac{par_i}{err_i} \right|$$

shift of the best-fit parameter  
that changes the  $\chi^2$  by 1 unit

the **TBM** fit to the data is  
slightly less fine-tuned than  
**BM**



## *Conclusions*

- Weak form of complementarity can be easily implemented in GUT context
- BM is a good starting point in a  $SU(5)$  + family symmetry framework
- No clear preference in the description of the data emerged from  $SO(10)$ , weak QLC a bit more fine-tuned than a fit from QLC