

Lepton flavor violation
as a probe of
quark-lepton unification

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Current Oscillation Data From LP 2005

Atmospheric neutrino (best fit in physical region from SK and K2K):

$$\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{atm}} = 1.0 \quad (> 0.93 \text{ at } 90\% \text{ CL})$$

Solar neutrino (solar + KamLAND):

$$\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 = 8.0_{-0.4}^{+0.6} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \tan^2 \theta_{\text{sol}} = 0.45_{-0.07}^{+0.09}$$

Reactor ν (CHOOZ):

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.2 \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

Neutrino Mixing Matrix (PMNS)

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{\text{PMNS}} &= \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \sin \theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}} \sin \theta_{13} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\quad \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\beta/2} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_{23} \simeq 45^\circ$$

$$\theta_{13} = ?$$

$$\theta_{12} \simeq 33.8^\circ \begin{matrix} +2.5^\circ \\ -2.2^\circ \end{matrix}$$

CKM matrices

In Wolfenstein convention, and expanded in $\lambda \approx 0.22$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(1 + \lambda^2/2)(\bar{\rho} - i\bar{\eta}) \\ -\lambda - iA^2\lambda^5\bar{\eta} & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \bar{\rho} - \bar{\eta}) & -A\lambda^2 - iA\lambda^4\bar{\eta} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_C^{\text{CKM}} \approx 12.7^\circ$$

Motivations for Quark Lepton Complementarity

The solar ν angle and the Cabibbo angle add to $\pi/4$

$$\theta_{\text{sol}}^{\text{PMNS}} + \theta_C^{\text{CKM}} = 46.5^{\circ} \begin{matrix} +2.5^{\circ} \\ -2.2^{\circ} \end{matrix}$$

$$(\theta_{\text{sol}}^{\text{PMNS}} + \theta_C^{\text{CKM}} = 45.3^{\circ} \pm 1.6^{\circ}) \quad (\text{Raidal PRL 2004})$$

Other observations

$$\theta_{\text{atm}} + \theta_{23}^{\text{CKM}} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta_{13}^{\text{MNS}} \sim \theta_{13}^{\text{CKM}} \sim O(\lambda^3)$$

These unrelated relations between the leptonic and quark sectors draw some speculation that **the lepton and quark sectors may be unified at some scales.**

Outline

- Relate the U_{PMNS} matrix to the CKM matrix
- How it leads to Lepton Flavor Violation (LFV)
- Predictions

Possible forms of PMNS mixing matrix

The PMNS mixing matrix can be described by a small perturbation with ($\lambda = \sin \theta_C$) from the **bimaximal mixing matrix**.

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{cases} U^\dagger(\lambda) U_{\text{bimax}} \\ U_{\text{bimax}} U^\dagger(\lambda) \\ U_{23}^m(\lambda) U^\dagger(\lambda) U_{12}^m \end{cases}$$

where

$$U_{23}^m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{12}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We show that $U^\dagger(\lambda)$ can be related to U_{CKM}^\dagger in GUT scenarios.

$$\text{Case (1)} \quad U_{\text{PMNS}} = U^\dagger(\lambda) U_{\text{bimax}}$$

In see-saw scenario with heavy RH neutrinos

$$W_{\text{lepton}} = Y_l \widehat{L} \widehat{l}_L^c \widehat{H}_d + Y_\nu \widehat{L} \widehat{N}_L^c \widehat{H}_u - \frac{1}{2} \widehat{N}_L^{cT} M_R \widehat{N}_L^c$$

Suppose Y_l and Y_ν can be parametrized as

$$Y_l = U_l Y_l^{\text{diag}} V_l^\dagger, \quad Y_\nu = U_0 Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} V_0^\dagger$$

The see-saw generates the neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu \sim (Y_\nu L H)(Y_\nu L H) / M_R = \left(U_0 Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} V_0^\dagger \right) M_R^{-1} \left(V_0^* Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} U_0^T \right)$$

Write

$$M_\nu = U_0 \left(M_{\text{dirac}}^{\text{diag}} V_0^\dagger M_R^{-1} V_0^* M_{\text{dirac}}^{\text{diag}} \right) U_0^T$$

where

$$M_{\text{dirac}}^{\text{diag}} = Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Suppose V_M diagonalizes $(M_{dirac}^{diag} V_0^\dagger M_R^{-1} V_0^* M_{dirac}^{diag})$, we can write

$$M_\nu = U_0 V_M M_\nu^{diag} V_M^T U_0^T = U_\nu M_\nu^{diag} U_\nu^T$$

Therefore, the PMNS matrix

$$U_{PMNS} = U_l^\dagger U_\nu = U_l^\dagger U_0 V_M$$

Impose quark-lepton unification in the simple SU(5):

$$Y_e = Y_d^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad U_l Y_l^{diag} V_l^\dagger = (U_d Y_d^{diag} V_d^\dagger)^T \quad \Rightarrow \quad U_l^\dagger = V_d^T$$

Then we can write

$$U_{PMNS} = V_d^T U_0 V_M$$

We can involve the CKM mixing matrix by relating the Dirac neutrino Yukawa coupling to the u -type Yukawa coupling

$$SO(10) : \quad Y_\nu = Y_u \quad \Rightarrow \quad U_0 Y_\nu^{diag} V_0^\dagger = U_u Y_u^{diag} V_u^\dagger$$

Therefore,

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = V_d^T U_u V_M = V_d^T U_d U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_M$$

If we further assume the d -type Yukawa to be symmetric, then $U_d = V_d$, and

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_M$$

Here V_M represents the bimaximal mixing matrix. Thus, we derive the first form:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger U_{\text{bimax}}$$

Other Forms (2) and (3)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = V_d^T U_d U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_M$$

(2) $U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{bimax}} U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger$:

Take

$$V_d^T U_d = U_{\text{bimax}}, \quad V_M = I$$

(3) $U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{23}^m U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger U_{12}^m$:

Take

$$V_d^T U_d = U_{23}^m, \quad V_M = U_{12}^m$$

In these ways, the U_{PMNS} is related to U_{CKM} through quark-lepton unification.

How it leads to LFV

Embed into the supersymmetric GUT scenarios.

Renormalization group running from the GUT scale to the RH neutrino scale induces off-diagonal terms in slepton mass matrix:

$$m_{\tilde{l}_{ij}}^2 \simeq -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} (3m_0^2 + A_0^2) (Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger})_{ij} \log \frac{M_G}{M_X},$$

m_0, A_0 are universal soft mass and A parameter.

Y'_ν is the Dirac neutrino Yukawa matrix in the basis that the charged leptons and RH neutrinos are real and diagonal.

- In this basis:

$$Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger} = (U_0 Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} V_0^\dagger) (V_0 Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} U_0^\dagger)$$

where Y_ν^{diag} is the diagonalized Dirac neutrino Yukawa matrix.

In the basis that the charged leptons and RH neutrinos are real and diagonal.

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_l^\dagger U_\nu = U_l^\dagger U_0 V_M = U_0 V_M; \quad U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger V_M$$

Therefore

$$U_0 = U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger$$

We can then write

$$\begin{aligned} Y'_\nu Y'^\dagger_\nu &= (U_0 Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} V_0^\dagger) (V_0^\dagger Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} U_0) \\ &= U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger (Y_\nu^{\text{diag}})^2 U_{\text{CKM}} \end{aligned}$$

LFV prediction for $l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma$ in Case (1)

The one-loop contribution to the BR of the LFV decay $l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma$ is

$$B(l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma) \simeq \frac{\alpha^2}{G_F^2} \tan^2 \beta \left| \frac{m_{\tilde{l}_{ij}}^2}{M_{\text{susy}}^4} \right|^2$$

Therefore,

$$B(l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma) \sim (Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger})^2 = \left(U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger (Y_\nu^{\text{diag}})^2 U_{\text{CKM}} \right)^2$$

Assume some hierarchical form of

$$Y_\nu^{\text{diag}} \equiv Y_3 \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{n_1} & & \\ & \lambda^{n_2} & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For quark-lepton unification $Y_3 = m_t/v_u$ and $n_1 = 8, n_2 = 4$.

The term $(Y'_\nu Y_\nu'^\dagger)$ is given to leading order as

$$Y'_\nu Y_\nu'^\dagger \sim \left(\frac{m_t}{v_u}\right)^2 \times \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{2n_1} + \lambda^{2n_2+2} + \lambda^6 & \lambda^{2n_1+1} - \lambda^{2n_2+1} - \lambda^5 & \lambda^3 \\ \lambda^{2n_1+1} - \lambda^{2n_2+1} - \lambda^5 & \lambda^{2n_1+2} + \lambda^{2n_2} + \lambda^4 & -\lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & -\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the case $n_1, n_2 > 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) &\simeq (-\lambda^{2n_1-1} + \lambda^{2n_2-1} + \lambda^3)^2 : \lambda^2 : 1 \\ &\simeq \lambda^6 : \lambda^2 : 1 \end{aligned}$$

Realistic Quark-Lepton Unification

So far the relation $Y_e = Y_d^T$ is not realistic. From the well-known relation

$$|V_{us}| \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m_d}{m_s}} \simeq 3 \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}}$$

the $U(\lambda)$ should have the same form as U_{CKM} but with

$$\lambda \longrightarrow \lambda/3$$

which can be obtained by introducing the Higgs sector transforming under the representation **45** of $SU(5)$ or **126** of $SO(10)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger} &= U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger (Y_\nu^{\text{diag}})^2 U_{\text{CKM}} \\
(Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger})_{21} &\simeq \frac{\lambda^5}{6} + \frac{\lambda^{1+2n_1}}{3} - \frac{\lambda^{1+2n_2}}{3} \\
(Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger})_{31} &\simeq \frac{\lambda^3}{6} - \frac{\lambda^{3+2n_1}}{2} + \frac{\lambda^{3+2n_2}}{3} \\
(Y'_\nu Y'^{\dagger})_{32} &\simeq \lambda^2 - \frac{\lambda^{4+2n_1}}{6} - \lambda^{2+2n_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then the prediction for LFV:

$$\begin{aligned}
B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) &\simeq (\lambda^{2n_1} - \lambda^{2n_2} + \lambda^4)^2 : \lambda^4 : 1 \\
&\simeq \lambda^8 : \lambda^4 : 1 \quad \text{for } n_1, n_2 > 2
\end{aligned}$$

LFV prediction for $l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma$ for Case (2)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{bimax}} U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger:$$

Take

$$V_d^T U_d = U_{\text{bimax}}, \quad V_M = I$$

So

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_l^\dagger U_0 V_M = U_0 = U_{\text{bimax}} U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger$$

Therefore,

$$Y'_\nu Y_\nu'^\dagger = U_{\text{bimax}} U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger (Y_\nu^{\text{diag}})^2 U_{\text{CKM}} U_{\text{bimax}}^\dagger$$

and prediction:

$$B(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow e \gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma) \simeq \lambda^4 : \lambda^4 : 1$$

LFV prediction for $l_i \rightarrow l_j \gamma$ for Case (3)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{23}^m U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger U_{12}^m:$$

Take

$$V_d^T U_d = U_{23}^m, \quad V_M = U_{12}^m$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\text{PMNS}} &= U_l^\dagger U_0 V_M = U_0 U_{12}^m \\ &\Rightarrow U_0 = U_{23}^m U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$Y'_\nu Y_\nu'^\dagger = U_{23}^m U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger (Y_\nu^{\text{diag}})^2 U_{\text{CKM}} U_{23}^{m\dagger}$$

and prediction:

$$B(\mu \rightarrow e \gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow e \gamma) : B(\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma) \simeq \lambda^6 : \lambda^6 : 1$$

Experimental Tests

Note that in various scenarios, $B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ is the smallest. Currently,

$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 1.2 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$B(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) < 2.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

Suppose $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ would be observed soon, say

$$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \simeq 10^{-12} - 10^{-11}$$

The predictions for cases (2) and (3) give

$$B(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-12} - 10^{-11}$$

$$B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 4 \times 10^{-10} - 9 \times 10^{-8}$$

But both are still 3 orders of magnitude below the current limit. Hopeless!

Case (1) predicts

$$B(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4 \times 10^{-10} - 4 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < 2 \times 10^{-7} - 2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ is still hopeless. But $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ is right at the order of the current limit.

- Therefore, if $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ is observed with $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ in near future, the quark-lepton unification scenarios (2) and (3) can be ruled out.
- If $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ is observed but not $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$, then the scenario (1) may be ruled out.

Conclusions

- $\theta_{\text{sol}} + \theta_C = \pi/4$ may just be an accident, otherwise it may be realized in quark-lepton unification scenarios.
- U_{PMNS} can be linked to U_{CKM} by expressing U_{PMNS} as a perturbation (in $\lambda = \sin \theta_C$) deviating from the U_{bimax} . We studied 3 different parameterizations.
- When embedded into the SUSY GUT framework, LFV in slepton mass matrix can be induced by RG running. The 3 parameterizations of U_{PMNS} give different LFV.
- Among the 3 cases that we considered, the one

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger U_{\text{bimax}}$$

predicts testable $B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$ and $B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$ in near future.