

# Flavor Symmetry Breaking and Vacuum Alignment on Orbifolds



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# outline



- The masses and mixing angles of quarks and leptons have been long-standing and inspiring problems.
- Flavor symmetry has been widely investigated.  
For example,  $S_3$ ,  $A_4$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $U(1)$  and  $SU(3)$  etc.
- We discuss flavor symmetric models which generate the masses and mixing angles of **leptons**.
- **I will present a framework for handling flavor symmetry breaking.**

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(T.Schwetz, et al, arXiv 0808.2016)

- These results suggest that the large lepton mixing matrix is close to tri-bimaximal mixing, which is described as follows in the below base,

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

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$$U_{\text{MNS}} = U_{\text{tri-bimaximal}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & -\sqrt{1/2} \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The physical meaning of the mixing matrix, named MNS matrix, is the difference between the mass base of the charged leptons and of the neutrinos. In the base of **diagonal** charged lepton mass matrix, tri-bimaximal mixing gives the following neutrino mass matrix:

$$M_\nu = U_{tri} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{m}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{m}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \hat{m}_3 \end{pmatrix} U_{tri}^T$$

**It can be decomposed as follows.**

$$= m_1(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + m_2(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + m_3(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \tilde{m}_1(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{m}_2(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{m}_3(\hat{m}_i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is this a clue of new physics?

Flavor symmetry exists behind this structure ?

# If flavor symmetries are hidden, what is needed ?

- (Charged lepton sector) + (Neutrino sector) are

$$y_I^{c.lep} L^I H_d E^I + y_{IJ}^\nu (\langle \phi \rangle) L^I L^J H_u H_u$$

When charged lepton mass matrix is diagonal,



$$m_1(\langle \phi \rangle) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + m_2(\langle \phi \rangle) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + m_3(\langle \phi \rangle) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**the symmetry and the VEVs of fields decide these forms.**

- In order to realize the realistic mass matrices of lepton, “appropriate” flavor symmetry should be chosen, and the expectation values must take specific directions. (Vacuum alignment)

A4 model

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi^1 \rangle \\ \langle \phi^2 \rangle \\ \langle \phi^3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi_s^1 \rangle \\ \langle \phi_s^2 \rangle \\ \langle \phi_s^3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The vacuum alignment needs elaboration of analyzing **complicated** scalar potential. Higher-order couplings would change the minimum of potential. That causes the vacuum alignment moving.

### Main purpose of this talk

- We present a framework for handling flavor symmetry breaking.
- This framework could make it **easier** and **systematic** to built realistic models with flavor symmetries.



## 2. Vacuum Alignment on Orbifolds



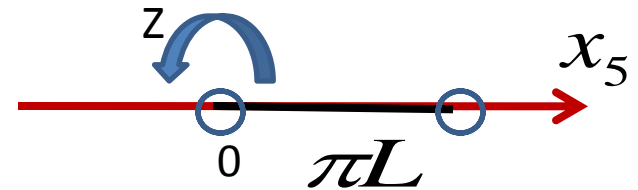
- We consider **models with extra dimensions and flavor symmetry**. In our models, there are **bulk scalar fields in higher-dimensional space**.
- The vacuum alignment is achieved **by the boundary conditions of the scalar fields**,  
named Scherk-Schwarz twisted boundary conditions.
- This means that the physics is described by massless zero modes in the low-energy theory.  
The directions of massless zero modes are fixed by the boundary conditions. The zero modes break flavor symmetries.

## 2-1. General recipe

- We discuss boundary conditions and zero modes.
- In a 5-dimensional  $S_1/Z_2$  orbifold theory, there are 2 operations:

The reflection :  $\hat{Z} : x_5 \rightarrow -x_5$

The translation :  $\hat{T} : x_5 \rightarrow x_5 + 2\pi L$



- Orbifold  $S_1/Z_2$  requires

$$\hat{Z}x_5 = x_5, \hat{T}x_5 = x_5 \quad \text{which satisfy} \quad \hat{Z}\hat{T} = \hat{T}^{-1}\hat{Z} \quad .$$

- These operations in the field space are

$$\hat{Z}\phi(x_5) = Z^{-1}\phi(-x_5), \hat{T}\phi(x_5) = T^{-1}\phi(x_5 + 2\pi L).$$

- The boundary conditions are defined by

$$\hat{Z}\phi(x_5) = \phi(x_5), \quad \hat{T}\phi(x_5) = \phi(x_5).$$

- $Z$  and  $T$  must satisfy  $ZT = T^{-1}Z$ .

- Bulk scalar fields,  $\phi(x_5)$ , transform as triplets under flavor symmetries.

The boundary conditions for the scalars are

$$\hat{Z}: \quad \hat{Z}\phi(x_5) = Z^{-1}\phi(-x_5) = \phi(x_5),$$

$$\hat{T}: \quad \hat{T}\phi(x_5) = T^{-1}\phi(x_5 + 2\pi L) = \phi(x_5)$$

- $Z$  and  $T$  are the unitary representation matrices of flavor symmetry group.
- The matrices must satisfy  $Z^2 = (ZT)^2 = 1$ .

- From the boundary conditions,  
the mode expansion is

$$\phi(x_\mu, x_5) = \sum_n e^{i\omega_n x_5} \phi^{(n)}(x_\mu)$$

$$\phi_i(x^\mu, x^5) = \sum_n \left( \exp \left[ i \left( \frac{W}{2} + n \right) \frac{x^5}{L} \right] \right)_{ij} \phi_j^{(n)}(x^\mu).$$

where  $Z = \text{diag}(+1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$  and  $T = e^{\pi i W}$ .

$W$  is the hermite  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

- For example, when  $Z$  and  $W$  take the form,

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

we find a single massless mode ( $\omega_0 = 0$ ),  $\langle \phi^{(0)} \rangle^T \propto (1 \ 0 \ 0)$ .

- In the low-energy theory, the physics is described by massless modes. We find a single massless zero mode,

$$\langle \phi^{(0)} \rangle^T \propto (1 \quad 0 \quad 0).$$

- This result suggests the direction of flavor symmetry breaking is fixed by the boundary condition of the bulk scalar field.
- The vacuum alignment is realized by finding the eigenvector with eigenvalue +1 of unitary representation matrices, such as Z and T.

# 3. A<sub>4</sub> Model

We consider A<sub>4</sub> flavor symmetry as an example.

- The fundamental elements of A<sub>4</sub> are P and R, which satisfy  $P^2 = (PR)^3 = R^3 = 1$ .
- A<sub>4</sub> has three non-trivial representations, the triplet and two pseudo singlets (1' and 1'').
- For example, P and R for the triplet are described as

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \\ 1 & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

# 3-1. Vacuum alignment

We consider a bulk scalar in the triplet of  $A_4$  which lives in  $T_2/(Z_2 \times Z_3)$  orbifold.

- The extra-dimensional space has 4 operations,

$$\hat{T} : z \rightarrow z + 2\pi L, \quad \hat{Z}_2 : z \rightarrow -z,$$

$$\hat{T}' : z \rightarrow z + 2\pi L\chi, \quad \hat{Z}_3 : z \rightarrow \chi z,$$

where  $z = x^5 + ix^6$  and  $\chi = e^{2\pi i/3}$ .

- On the field variables, the compactification is performed with the identification;

$$\phi(z + 2\pi L) = T \phi(z), \quad \phi(-z) = Z_2 \phi(z),$$

$$\phi(z + 2\pi L\chi) = T' \phi(z), \quad \phi(\chi z) = Z_3 \phi(z),$$

where  $T, T'$  and  $Z_{2,3}$  are the triplet rep. matrices of  $A_4$ .

- $T, T'$  and  $Z_{2,3}$  must satisfy relations for the  $T_2/Z_6$ , such as  $(Z_2)^2 = (Z_3)^3 = I$ .
- The zero mode is included in the eigenvectors with +1 eigenvalue of  $T, T', Z_2$  and  $Z_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z + 2\pi L) &= T \phi(z), & \phi(-z) &= Z_2 \phi(z), \\ \phi(z + 2\pi L\chi) &= T' \phi(z), & \phi(\chi z) &= Z_3 \phi(z), \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we find 2 non-trivial boundary conditions,

(i)  $Z_2 = P, \quad Z_3 = T = T' = I$        $\left( P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$   
 The zero mode is  $\langle \phi \rangle \propto (1, 0, 0)$ .

(ii)  $Z_3 = R, \quad Z_2 = T = T' = I$        $\left( R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \chi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \chi^2 \end{pmatrix}, \chi^3 = 1 \right)$   
 The zero mode is  $\langle \phi \rangle \propto (1, 1, 1)$ .



## 3-2. Illustrative model (A4 flavor symmetry )

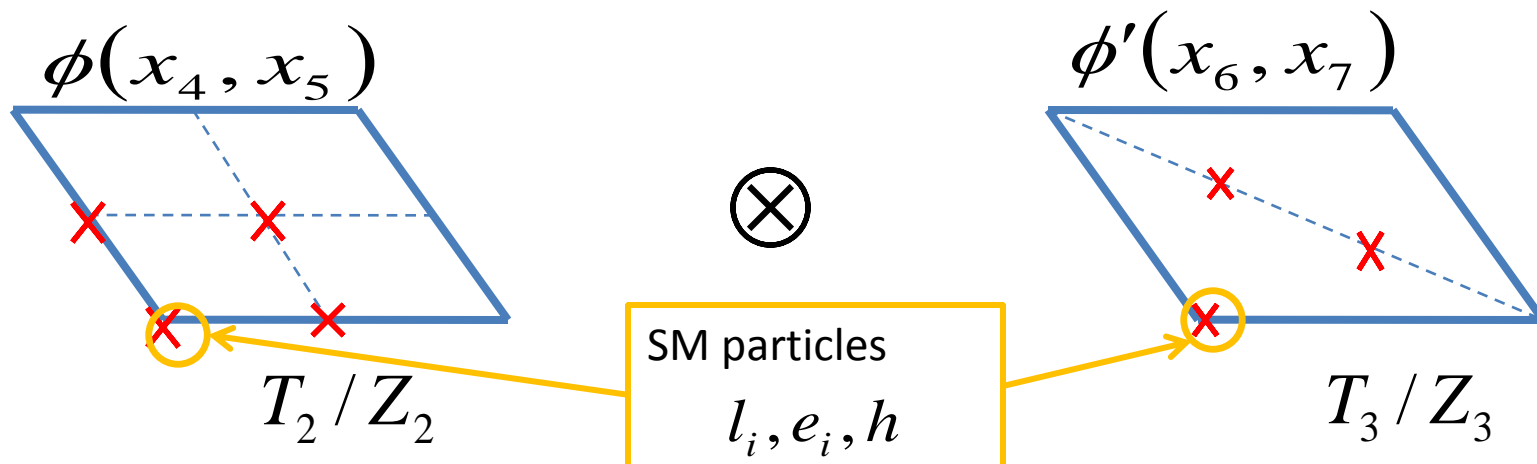
Based on the vacuum alignment, we construct an explicit orbifold model for lepton.

- We consider an 8-d theory on  $T_2/Z_2 \times T_2/Z_3$ .

➤ The standard-model fields live on a fixed point of the orbifold, such as the origin ( $z=0$ ).

➤ There are 2 bulk scalars,  $\phi$  and  $\phi'$  for the triplet.

$\phi$  lives in  $T_2/Z_2$ ,  $\phi'$  lives in  $T_2/Z_3$ .



- The  $A_4$  and  $Z_3$  symmetry assignment is

	$\ell$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$h$	$\eta$	$\phi$	$\phi'$
$A_4$	3	1	1'	1''	1	1	3	3
$Z$	$\chi$	$\chi$	$\chi$	$\chi$	1	$\chi$	$\chi$	1

Altarelli and Feruglio,  
Nucl.Phys. B741, 215(2006)

- The interactions under the flavor symmetry,

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = y_1 \bar{e}_1 \ell \phi' h + y_2 \bar{e}_2 \phi' \ell h + y_3 \bar{e}_3 \ell \phi' h + w_1 \phi \bar{\ell}^c \ell h^2 + w_2 \eta \bar{\ell}^c \ell h^2 + \dots$$

The bulk fields have boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(-z) &= P \phi(z), \\ \phi'(\chi z') &= R \phi'(z'), \end{aligned}$$

where  $z = x^5 + ix^6$  and  $z' = x^7 + ix^8$ .

The boundary conditions leads the vacuum alignment,

$$\langle \phi \rangle = a(1, 0, 0), \quad \langle \phi' \rangle = a'(1, 1, 1)$$

## Charged lepton mass matrix ( $v = \langle h \rangle$ )

$$M_l = a' v \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Each charged lepton mass is proportional to  $y_i$** , so we need to use the other mechanism, such as Froggatt-Nielsen mechanism, in order to realize the hierarchy.

## Neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu = \langle \eta \rangle v^2 \omega_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a \left( \frac{\omega_1}{3} \right) v^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

correspond to tri-bimaximal.

This form is fitted to the present experimental values. The eigenvalues are

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = -\text{Re}[w_1 a (w_1 a + 2w_2 b)] v^2 / 2$$


$$\Delta m_{31}^2 = -4\text{Re}(w_1 w_2 a b) v^2$$

# How about extension to supersymmetric model?



- The contribution to FCNC process should be suppressed.
- There is a possibility that vacuum minimumization leads the extra contribution.
- For example, in  $A_4$  model, the vacuum minimum is modified by the higher operators:

$$\phi' = a'(1,1,1) \Rightarrow \phi' = a'(1,1,1) + a'(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3) \quad \delta_i \cong a'/\Lambda$$


$$(m^2_{LR})_{12} \cong \delta_i m_\mu (A_1 - A_2)$$

$$\delta_i \cong m_\tau \tan \beta / m_t$$

H. Ishimori, T. Kobayashi, Y.O. , M. Tanimoto.  
e-Print: [arXiv:0807.4625](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.4625) [hep-ph]

This orbifold scenario does not induce this contribution without the assumption,  $A_1 \cong A_2$ .

## 4. Summary



- We have presented **the scenario for breaking flavor symmetry with Scherk-Schwarz twisted boundary conditions on bulk scalar fields.**
- The VEVs are aligned to **definite directions.**
- Our scheme needs **no** elaboration of analyzing complicated scalar potential.
- The higher-order terms do not change the directions, so that we can expect that their extra contributions to fermion mass matrices are suppressed and controlled by flavor symmetries.
- **The only thing we have to do is to find +1 eigenvalue and the eigenvector.** This may make it possible to discuss flavor symmetric models, which realize tri-bimaximal mixing, easily and systematically.

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