

# Fermion Masses and Mixing resulting from Unimodular Complex Mass Matrices

M. N. Rebelo \*

*Cento de Física das Interações Fundamentais (CFIF), Instituto Superior Técnico,  
Av. Rovisco Pais, 1049-001 Lisboa, Portugal  
E-mail: rebelo@beta.ist.utl.pt*

ABSTRACT: We discuss a simple ansatz for fermion masses based on unimodular complex mass matrices. This hypothesis can reproduce fermionic masses and mixing with success both in the quark and leptonic sector. Full calculability for the mixing matrix, i.e., the possibility of expressing the mixing matrices in terms of fermion mass ratios, can be achieved in both sectors with realistic results and high predictive power. In the leptonic sector we suggested an ansatz leading to quasi degenerate neutrino masses in agreement with the present experimental evidence.

## 1. Introduction

The standard  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  model (SM) accommodates the observed masses and mixing of the quark sector without predicting them. This is due to the fact that gauge invariance does not constrain the flavour structure of Yukawa couplings.

Some time ago it was suggested [1] that the quark mass matrices might be of the form

$$M_u = c_u \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta_{ij}^u} \end{bmatrix}; \quad M_d = c_d \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta_{ij}^d} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $c_u$  and  $c_d$  are real numbers. In the framework of the standard Higgs mechanism these mass matrices are based on the hypothesis of universal strength for Yukawa couplings (USY). Taking into account the observed quark mass spectrum a minimum of two Higgs doublets is required with up and down quarks coupling to a different doublet, respectively  $\phi_u$  and  $\phi_d$ . In this case one would have

$$c_u = |g_Y v_u| \quad \text{and} \quad c_d = |g_Y v_d| \quad (1.2)$$

where  $|g_Y|$  is the universal strength of Yukawa couplings and  $v_u$ ,  $v_d$  stand for the vacuum expectation values of the neutral components of

each doublet. Hence within the USY hypothesis the flavour dependence is fully contained in the phases. It has been shown [1] that for two generations the USY hypothesis does not imply any constraints since both the quark masses and the Cabibbo angle remain arbitrary whilst for three generations the situation is quite different since once the quark mass spectrum is fixed there are restrictions in the charged current mixing. Yet it is possible to find a range of parameters fitting the experimental values of quark masses and mixing [1, 2]. The success of the USY hypothesis in the quark sector prompted the analysis of the question of calculability of the CKM matrix elements in terms of quark mass ratios [3, 4]. In fact the matrices in eq. 1.1 still contain a large number of free parameters. A judicious choice of phases allows for the full prediction of the CKM matrix in agreement with the experimental results.

In the leptonic sector there is the possibility that both both charged leptons and neutrinos have mass. Recent experimental evidence points towards massive neutrinos with specific forms being allowed for the leptonic mixing matrix. If confirmed this is a clear sign of physics beyond the SM. The question of whether or not ansätze of the type of eq. 1.1 would lead to realistic re-

\*Work done in collaboration with G. C. Branco and J. I. Silva-Marcos

sults in the leptonic sector was addressed [5, 6] with very interesting results.

This paper is organized as follows. In the next section we present in some detail the most important results obtained for the quark sector in references [3, 4]. In section 3 we analyse the leptonic sector in the light of simple USY type ansätze leading to quasi degenerate neutrinos [5, 6]. Our conclusions are presented in section 4.

The simplicity of the USY type ansätze suggests the existence of an underlying symmetry principle, still to be found, which together with the richness of the ansätze seems to indicate that this approach may provide the basis for a future deeper insight into the pattern of fermion masses and mixing.

## 2. USY in the quark sector [3, 4]

Not all phases appearing in  $M_u$  and  $M_d$  in eq. 1.1 have physical meaning since some of them can be eliminated by means of a weak-basis (WB) transformation of the the type

$$\begin{aligned} M_u &\longrightarrow M'_u = K_L^\dagger M_u K_R^u \\ M_d &\longrightarrow M'_d = K_L^\dagger M_d K_R^d \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $K_L$ ,  $K_R^u$  and  $K_R^d$  are diagonal and unitary matrices, i.e., of the form  $\text{diag}(e^{i\phi_1}, e^{i\phi_2}, e^{i\phi_3})$ . As a result one can simplify  $M_u$ ,  $M_d$  into

$$\begin{aligned} M_u &= c_u \begin{bmatrix} e^{ip_u} & e^{ir_u} & 1 \\ e^{iq_u} & 1 & e^{it_u} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_d &= c_d K^\dagger \begin{bmatrix} e^{ip_d} & e^{ir_d} & 1 \\ e^{iq_d} & 1 & e^{it_d} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} K \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $K = \text{diag}(1, e^{i\alpha_1}, e^{i\alpha_2})$ . It is clear from eq. 2.2 that the phases  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  can only influence the CKM matrix whilst the phases  $p_{u,d}; q_{u,d}; r_{u,d}; t_{u,d}$  will affect both the quark masses and the CKM matrix.

In the USY framework all solutions with  $m_u = m_d = 0$  can be classified into two classes which correspond to simple choices of the parameters

{p, q, r, t}:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Class I} &\begin{cases} \text{a) } p = 0, t = q & \text{q, r free} \\ \text{b) } r = 0, t = 0 & \text{p, q free} \\ \text{c) } r = p, q = 0 & \text{p, t free} \end{cases} \\ \text{Class II} &\begin{cases} \text{a) } q = 0, t = 0 & \text{p, r free} \\ \text{b) } p = 0, r = 0 & \text{q, t free} \\ \text{c) } p = q + r, t = -r & \text{p, r free} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Any two solutions within the same class can be transformed into one another through the multiplication by a diagonal unitary matrix combined with permutations. In this limit, i.e., the chiral limit, and for  $K = \mathbf{1}$  in eq. 2.2, solutions of class II cannot generate a realistic CKM matrix while solutions of class I can. It is possible to obtain full calculability of the CKM, i.e., to have the CKM matrix entirely expressed in terms of quark mass ratios with no free parameters, and at the same time obtain realistic quark masses by breaking the chiral symmetry by means of a small perturbation, still within USY, in the neighbourhood of interesting chiral solutions. This procedure motivates the construction of ansätze with only three independent parameters for each of the mass matrices  $M_u$  and  $M_d$ . Without relaxing the condition of full calculability only one realistic solution with  $M_u$  and  $M_d$  of the same form was obtained:

$$M_{u,d} = c_{u,d} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e^{ir} & 1 \\ e^{iq} & 1 & e^{i(q-r)} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{u,d} \quad (2.4)$$

corresponding to  $p = 0, t = q - r, \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$ , with the parameters fixed by

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= \frac{1}{9}(m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2) \\ \sin^2\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) &= \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{3\delta}, \quad \delta = \det MM^\dagger \frac{1}{3c^2} \\ \sin^2\left(\frac{q}{2}\right) &= \frac{9\chi - 18\sqrt{3\delta}}{16 - 12\sqrt{3\delta}} \\ \chi &= \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 \\ \lambda_i &= 3m_i^2/(m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

In this case the CKM matrix is correctly predicted without free parameters. Starting with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Input:} \\ m_t^{\text{physical}} &= 174 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_u(1 \text{ GeV}) &= 1.0 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_c(1 \text{ GeV}) &= 1.35 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_d(1 \text{ GeV}) &= 6.5 \text{ MeV}, \end{aligned}$$

$m_s(1 \text{ Gev}) = 165 \text{ Mev}$ ,

$m_b(1 \text{ Gev}) = 5.4 \text{ Gev}$

the resulting CKM matrix is:

Output:

$$|V| = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9752 & 0.2213 & 0.0032 \\ 0.2210 & 0.9745 & 0.0391 \\ 0.0117 & 0.0375 & 0.9992 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

Other realistic examples can be obtained provided that the condition of full calculability is relaxed by allowing for  $K$  different from  $\mathbf{1}$  or, alternatively, choosing different ansätze for  $M_u$  and  $M_d$  still within calculability (for more examples see [3, 4]). In fact, there is no fundamental reason for choosing the same ansatz for  $M_u$  and  $M_d$ , various of the viable Yukawa textures classified in ref [7] correspond to taking different forms for  $M_u$  and  $M_d$ .

A renormalization group analysis of the CKM matrix was performed. Starting from quark masses at a unification scale of  $10^{16}$  Gev the corresponding CKM matrix was computed for the ansatz given here explicitly. This CKM matrix was then evaluated at the scale of 1 Gev and compared to the CKM matrix computed directly from 1 Gev quark masses.

### 3. USY type matrices in the leptonic sector [5, 6].

#### 3.1 Introduction

In the recent past several different experiments measuring solar [8] and neutrino fluxes [9] provided evidence pointing towards neutrino oscillations thus implying nonzero neutrino masses and leptonic mixing. The most recent results of the Superkamiokande (SK) collaboration [10], [11] strengthen the possibility of nearly maximal mixing angle for atmospheric neutrino oscillations with the experimental parameters within the range [12]  $\Delta m_{atm}^2 = (1.5 - 8) \times 10^{-3} eV^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta_{atm}) > 0.8$ . In the absence of sterile neutrinos the dominant mode is  $\nu_\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillations while the sub-leading mode  $\nu_\mu \longleftrightarrow \nu_e$  is severely restricted by the SK and CHOOZ [13] data which require  $V_{31} \leq 0.2$  for the range given above, with  $V$  defined in the next subsection.

The interpretation of the present solar neutrino data leads to oscillations of the electron

neutrino into some other neutrino species, with three different ranges of parameters still allowed. In the framework of the MSW mechanism [14] there are two sets of solutions, the adiabatic branch (AMSW) requiring a large mixing, ( $\Delta m_{sol}^2 = (2-20) \times 10^{-5} eV^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta_{sol}) = 0.65-0.95$ ) [11] [15], and the non-adiabatic branch (NAMSW) requiring small mixing ( $\Delta m_{sol}^2 = 5.4 \times 10^{-6} eV^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta_{sol}) \sim 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$ , for the best fit) [15]. In the framework of vacuum oscillations again large mixing is required ( $\Delta m_{sol}^2 = 8.0 \times 10^{-11} eV^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta_{sol}) = 0.75$ , for the best fit) [15].

In our work we did not take into consideration the results of the LSND collaboration [16] which have not yet been confirmed by other experiments and the KARMEN data [17] already excludes a sizable region of the allowed parameter space.

Astrophysical considerations, in particular the possibility that neutrinos constitute the hot dark matter, favour neutrino masses of the order of a few eV [18], which combined with the above constraints leads to a set of highly degenerate neutrinos. In our work we considered three neutrino families without additional sterile neutrinos.

#### 3.2 Choice of ansatz

Within the USY framework, meaning with mass matrices of the form given by eq. 1.1, it can be shown that for matrices  $M_\nu$  having at least two degenerate eigenvalues, there is a weak-basis where  $M_\nu$  has one of the following forms (modulo trivial permutations)

$$\begin{aligned} M_\nu^I &= c_\nu K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{i\alpha} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & e^{i\alpha} \end{bmatrix}; \\ M_\nu^{II} &= c_\nu K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{i\alpha} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & e^{-2i\alpha} \end{bmatrix}; \\ M_\nu^{III} &= c_\nu K \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $K$  is a diagonal unitary matrix.

The first two cases given in eq. 3.1 have the special property that for  $\alpha = 2\pi/3$  they lead to three degenerate neutrino masses, rather than only two.

Inspired by these observations we suggested the following ansatz within USY:

$$\begin{aligned} M_\ell &= c_\ell \begin{bmatrix} e^{-ia} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{ia} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & e^{ib} \end{bmatrix}; \\ M_\nu &= c_\nu \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{i\alpha} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & e^{i\beta} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

the resulting lepton mixing matrix is given by

$$V = U_\nu^\dagger \cdot U_\ell \quad (3.3)$$

with  $U_\ell$  the matrix which diagonalizes  $M_\ell$   $M_\ell^\dagger$  and  $U_\nu$  the matrix which diagonalizes  $M_\nu$   $M_\nu^\dagger$  in the case of Dirac neutrinos.<sup>1</sup>

The parameters  $a$  and  $b$  in  $M_\ell$  can be expressed in terms of mass ratios of charged leptons. Due to the observed strong hierarchy of masses in this sector these parameters will be close to zero. The limit of  $a$  and  $b$  equal to zero corresponds to the well known democratic limit [20] where all the entries of the mass matrix are equal to one. In leading order one obtains:

$$a = 3\sqrt{3} \frac{\sqrt{m_e m_\mu}}{m_\tau}; \quad b = \frac{9}{2} \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau} \quad (3.4)$$

In the neutrino sector  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are also determined by mass ratios. In order to obtain highly degenerate neutrino masses  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  should be close to  $2\pi/3$ , the limit of exact degeneracy. This justifies the introduction of two small parameters  $\epsilon_{32}$  and  $\epsilon_{21}$ , defined by:

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3} - \epsilon_{32} - \epsilon_{21}; \quad \beta = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\epsilon_{32} \quad (3.5)$$

and, in leading order, one has

$$\epsilon_{32} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\Delta m_{32}^2}{m_3^2}; \quad \epsilon_{21} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{m_3^2} \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$\Delta m_{ji}^2 = |m_j^2 - m_i^2| \quad (3.7)$$

<sup>1</sup>If both Dirac mass terms ( $M_D$ ) and Majorana mass terms for the righthanded neutrinos ( $M_R$ ) are present, with the light Majorana neutrinos acquiring mass through the seesaw mechanism [19], we identify  $M_\nu$  of eq. 3.2 with the effective mass matrix for the light neutrinos given by  $M_\nu = M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T$  and, in this case,  $U_\nu$  is very approximately the matrix verifying  $M_\nu = U_\nu \cdot \text{diag}(m_{\nu_1}, m_{\nu_2}, m_{\nu_3}) \cdot U_\nu^T$

The resulting mixing matrix  $V$  is thus completely fixed by charged lepton mass ratios and neutrino mass ratios and can be computed exactly. In leading order  $V$  is given by:

$$|V| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}} & \frac{\sqrt{2m_e m_\mu}}{m_\tau} \\ \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{3m_\mu}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{3m_\mu}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.8)$$

The dependence on neutrino mass ratios does not appear in leading order.

### 3.3 Confronting the data

In the context of three left-handed neutrinos and neglecting CP violation the probability for a neutrino  $\nu_\alpha$  to oscillate into other neutrinos is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \text{P}(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) &= \\ &= 4 \sum_{i < j} |V_{\alpha i}|^2 |V_{\alpha j}|^2 \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{4} \frac{L}{E} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

where  $E$  is the neutrino energy, and  $L$  denotes the distance travelled between the source and the detector.

The translation of the experimental bounds, which are given in terms of only two flavour mixing, into the three flavour mixing is simple, since for  $V_{31}$  sufficiently small and also for  $\Delta m_{32}^2 \gg \Delta m_{21}^2$ , we may safely identify

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{atm}} = 4(V_{23}V_{23}V_{21}V_{21} + V_{22}V_{22}V_{23}V_{23}) \quad (3.10)$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{sol}} = 4V_{11}V_{11}V_{12}V_{12} \quad (3.11)$$

With the ansatz chosen in the previous section, fixing the parameters ( $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $\epsilon_{32}$ ,  $\epsilon_{21}$ ) through the input of the leptonic masses, we can fully predict the leptonic mixing matrix in agreement with the small mixing solution for the solar neutrino deficit (NAMSU).

For the charged leptons we fixed

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= 0.511 \text{ MeV}, & m_\mu &= 105.7 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_\tau &= 1777 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

corresponding to the phases  $a = 0.0214$  and  $b = 0.2662$ . For the neutrino sector we chose

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\nu_3} &= 2 \text{ eV}, \\ \Delta m_{21}^2 &= 9.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV}^2, \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 &= 5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

corresponding to  $\epsilon_{21} = 3 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $\epsilon_{32} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ . The resulting mixing matrix  $V$  computed beyond leading order is given by

$$|V| = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9976 & 0.0692 & 0.0058 \\ 0.0463 & 0.6068 & 0.7935 \\ 0.0518 & 0.7918 & 0.6085 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.14)$$

which translates into

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{atm}} = 0.933 \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{sol}} = 0.019 \quad (3.16)$$

in agreement with the present experimental data.

The numerical values given here were computed in ref [5] and the input chosen for the neutrino masses does not exactly coincide with the best fit given in subsection 3.1, this is due to the fact that at the time ref[5] was written the experimental values differed slightly from the present ones. Yet, the difference is not meaningful and in particular does not alter our conclusions.

We have shown afterwards [6] that it is also possible to reproduce the experimental data for the large mixing solar solution with a different USY type ansatz for the leptonic sector, still with full calculability of the mixing matrix.

## 4. Conclusions

The discussion of fermion masses and mixing throughout this work was done strictly in the context of USY-type mass matrices.

Fermion masses and mixing can be accommodated with success in ansätze based on unimodular complex matrices both in the quark and the leptonic sector with the possibility of achieving full calculability for the respective mixing matrices.

We have an ansatz that leads in a natural way to small mixing involving neutrinos of quasi degenerate masses.

## Acknowledgments

The author would like to thank the organization of the Corfu Summer Institute on Particle Physics, 1998, in particular G. Zoupanos, for the warm hospitality.

## References

- [1] G.C. Branco, M.N. Rebelo and J.I. Silva-Marcos, *Phys. Lett.* **B 237** (1990) 446.
- [2] P. M. Fishbane and P. Kaus, *Phys. Rev.* **D 49** (1994) 4780.  
J. Kalinowski and M. Olechowski, *Phys. Lett.* **B 251** (1990) 584.
- [3] G. C. Branco and J. I. Silva-Marcos, *Phys. Lett.* **B 359** (1995) 166.
- [4] G. C. Branco, D. Emmanuel-Costa and J. I. Silva-Marcos, *Phys. Rev.* **D 56** (1997) 107.
- [5] G. C. Branco, M. N. Rebelo and J. I. Silva-Marcos, *Phys. Lett.* **B 428** (1998) 136.
- [6] G. C. Branco, M. N. Rebelo and J. I. Silva-Marcos, hep-ph/9906368.
- [7] P. Ramond, R. G. Roberts and G. G. Ross, *Nucl. Phys.* **B 406** (1993) 19.
- [8] Y. Itow, Talk given at Topical Conference in SLAC Summer Institute, SLAC, USA, August 1997; K. S. Hirata et al., *Nucl. Phys. B* (Proc. Suppl.) **38** (1995) 55.  
B. T. Cleveland et al., *Nucl. Phys. B* (Proc. Suppl.) **38** (1995) 47.  
J. N. Abdurashitov et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 328** (1994) 234;it *ibid Phys. Rev. Lett.* **77** (1996) 4708.  
P. Anselmann et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 285** (1992) 376;it *ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 314** (1993) 445;  
*ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 342** (1995) 440;it *ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 357** (1995) 237.  
W. Hampel et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B388** (1996) 384.
- [9] Y. Itow in Ref.[1]; K. S. Hirata et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 205** (1988) 416;*ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 280** (1992) 146  
Y. Fukuda et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 335** (1994) 237.  
R. Becker-Szendy et al., *Phys. Rev.* **D 46** (1992) 3720.  
D. Casper et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **66** (1991) 2561  
C. Berger et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 227** (1989) 489;it *ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 245** (1990) 305.  
M. Aglietta et al., *Europhys. Lett.* **15** (1991)559.  
W. W. M. Allison et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B 391** (1997) 491.
- [10] SuperKamiokande collaboration, Y. Fukuda et al. *Phys. Lett.* **B 433** (1998) 9; *ibid Phys. Lett.* **B 436** (1998) 33; *ibid Phys. Rev. Lett.* **81** (1998) 1562.

- [11] SuperKamiokande collaboration, Y. Suzuki et al., talk given at 17th International Workshop on Weak Interactions and Neutrinos (WIN'99), 24-30 January 1999, Cape Town, South Africa.
- [12] O. L. Peres and A. Yu. Smirnov, hep-ph/9902312.
- [13] CHOOZ collaboration, M. Apollonio et al., *Phys. Lett. B* **420** (1998) 397.
- [14] L. Wolfenstein, *Phys. Rev. D* **17** (1978) 2369; *ibid Phys. Rev. D* **20** (1979) 2634.  
S. P. Mikheyev and A. Yu. Smirnov, *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.* **42** (1985) 913; *ibid Nuovo Cim.* **9C** (1986) 17  
V. Barger et al., *Phys. Rev. D* **22** (1980) 2718  
H. A. Bethe, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **56** (1986) 1305  
S. P. Rosen and J. M. Gelb, *Phys. Rev. D* **34** (1986) 969.  
J. Bouchez et al., *Z. Physik C* **32** (1986) 499.
- [15] J. N. Bahcall, P. I. Krastev and A. Yu. Smirnov, *Phys. Rev. D* **58** (1998) 096016.
- [16] LSND collaboration, C. Athanassopoulos et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **75** (1995) 2650; *ibid Phys. Rev. Lett.* **77** (1996) 3082; *ibid Phys. Rev. C* **54** (1996) 2685; *ibid Phys. Rev. Lett.* **81** (1998) 1774; *ibid Phys. Rev. C* **58** (1998) 2489.
- [17] KARMEN collaboration, B. Armbruster et al. *Phys. Rev. C* **57** (1998) 3414.  
G. Drexlin, talk at Wein'98, Santa Fe, June 14-21, 1998.  
K. Eitel et al., 18th Int. Conf. on Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics (NEUTRINO 98), Takayama, Japan, 4-9 June 1998.
- [18] J. R. Primack et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **74** (1995) 2160.
- [19] M. Gell-Mann, P. Ramond and R. Slansky in Sanibel Talk, CALT-68-709, Feb 1979 and in "Supergravity" edited by P. van Nieuwenhuizen and D. Freedmann, North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1979, p.315; T. Yanagida, *Proceedings of the Workshop on "The Unified Theory and the Baryon Number of the Universe"* edited by O. Sawada and A. Sugamoto, KEK 13-14 Feb 1979, Tsukuba (KEK-79-18).
- [20] H. Harari, H. Haut and J. Weyers, *Phys. Lett. B* **78** (1978) 459.  
Y. Chikashige, G. Gelmini, R. D. Peccei and M. Roncadelli, *Phys. Lett. B* **94** (1980) 499.  
C. Jarskog, in Proc. of the Int. Symp. on Production and Decay of Heavy Flavours, Heidelberg, Germany, 1986.
- P. Kaus and S. Meshkov, *Mod. Phys. Lett. A* **3** (1988) 1251; *Mod. Phys. Lett. A* **4** (1989) 603.  
H. Fritzsch and J. Plankl, *Phys. Lett. B* **237** (1990) 446.