

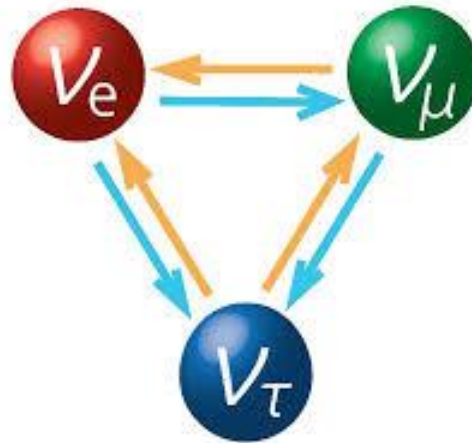


# Theory of leptonic flavor mixing

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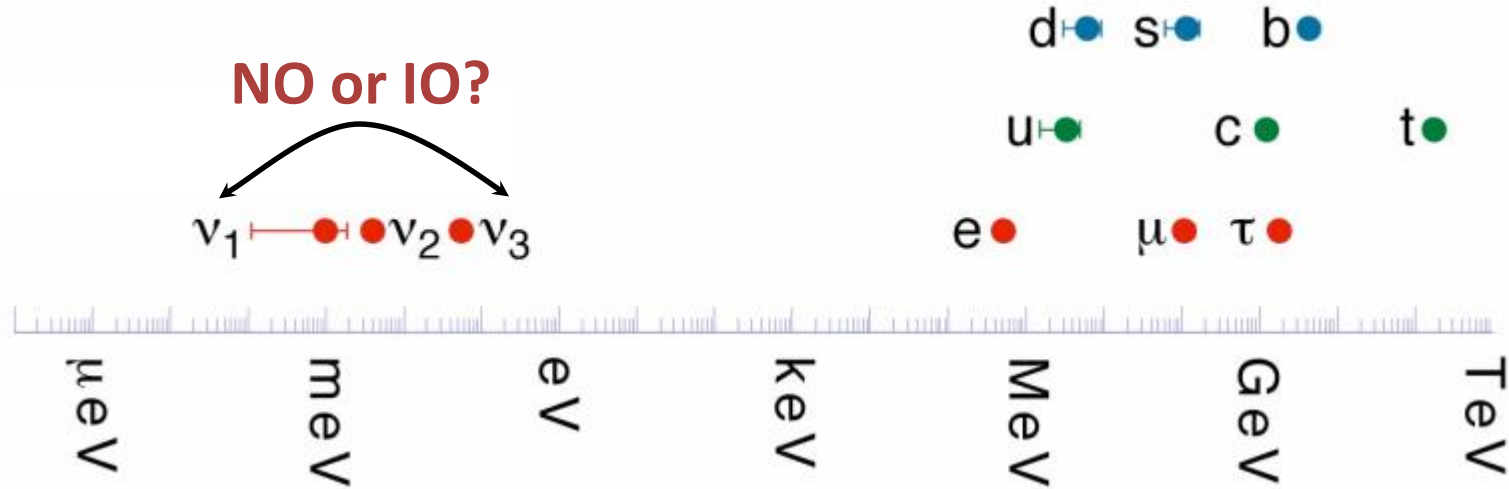
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# Flavor problems of SM

- Hierarchical masses, e.g.  $\frac{m_t}{m_e} = \mathcal{O}(10^5)$



- Quark mixing vs lepton mixing

Quark mixings are small

$$|V_{CKM}| \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.974 & 0.225 & 0.004 \\ 0.225 & 0.973 & 0.042 \\ 0.009 & 0.041 & 0.999 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Lepton mixings are large

$$|U_{PMNS}| \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.823 & 0.548 & 0.149 \\ 0.365 & 0.651 & 0.665 \\ 0.436 & 0.525 & 0.731 \end{pmatrix}$$

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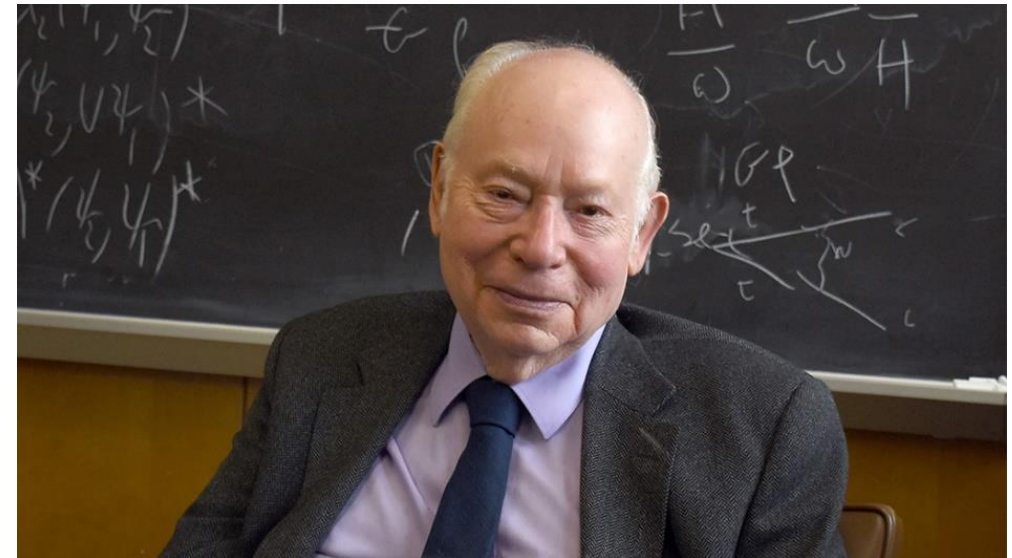
talks by Art McDonald and Mariam Tortola

Quark and lepton mixing matrices have distinctive structures!



**Isidor Issac Rabi** asked in 1936:  
*Who ordered that?*

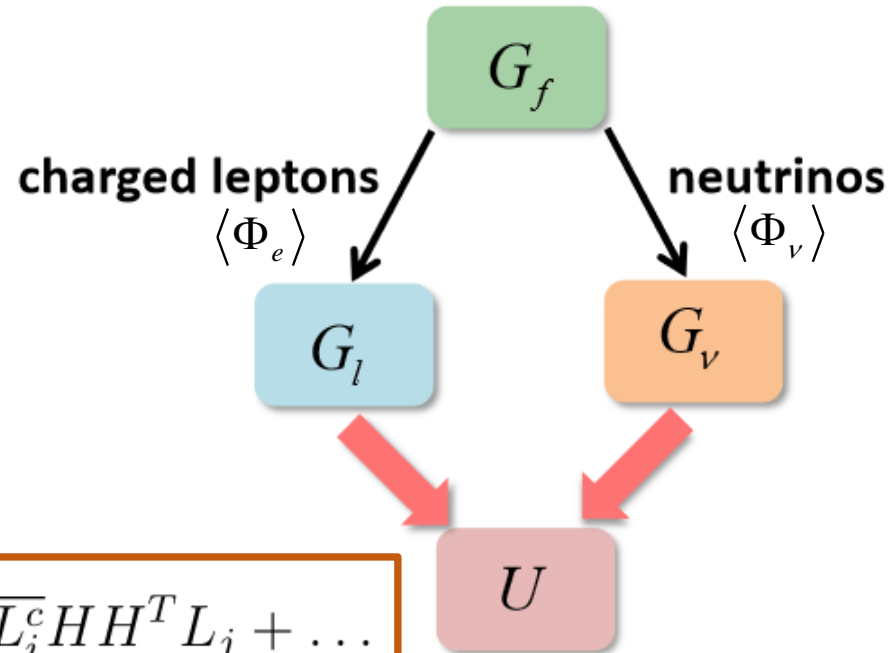
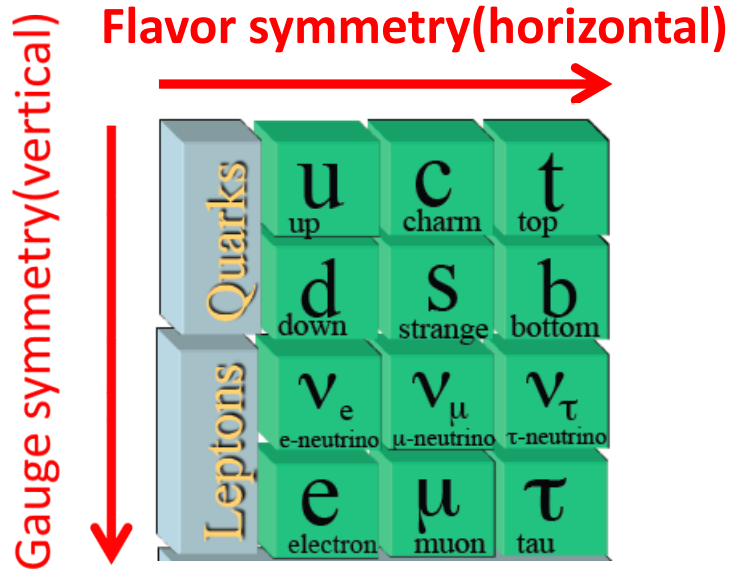
**Steven Weinberg:** “Asked what single mystery, if he could choose, he would like to see solved in his lifetime, Weinberg doesn’t have to think for long: he wants to be able to explain **the observed pattern of quark and lepton masses.** ...”



# Flavor symmetry approach to flavor problem

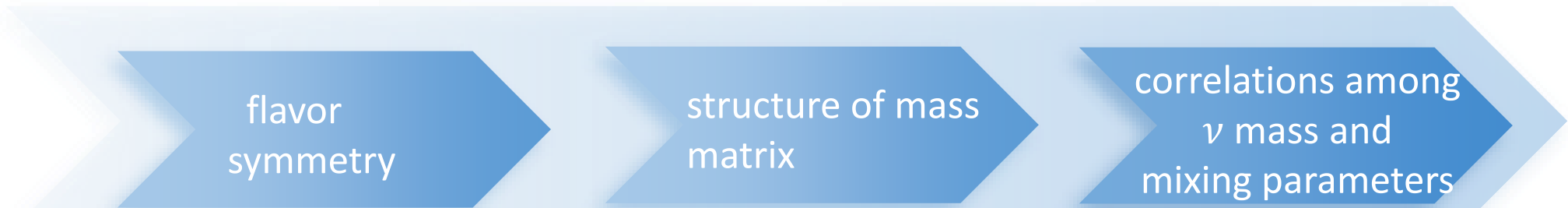
The fundamental principle of fermion masses and flavor mixing structure is unknown so far. **Symmetry can help to reduce the number of free parameters in the Yukawa coupling.**

➤ **Flavor symmetry:** relating three families e-family ↔ muon-family ↔ tau-family



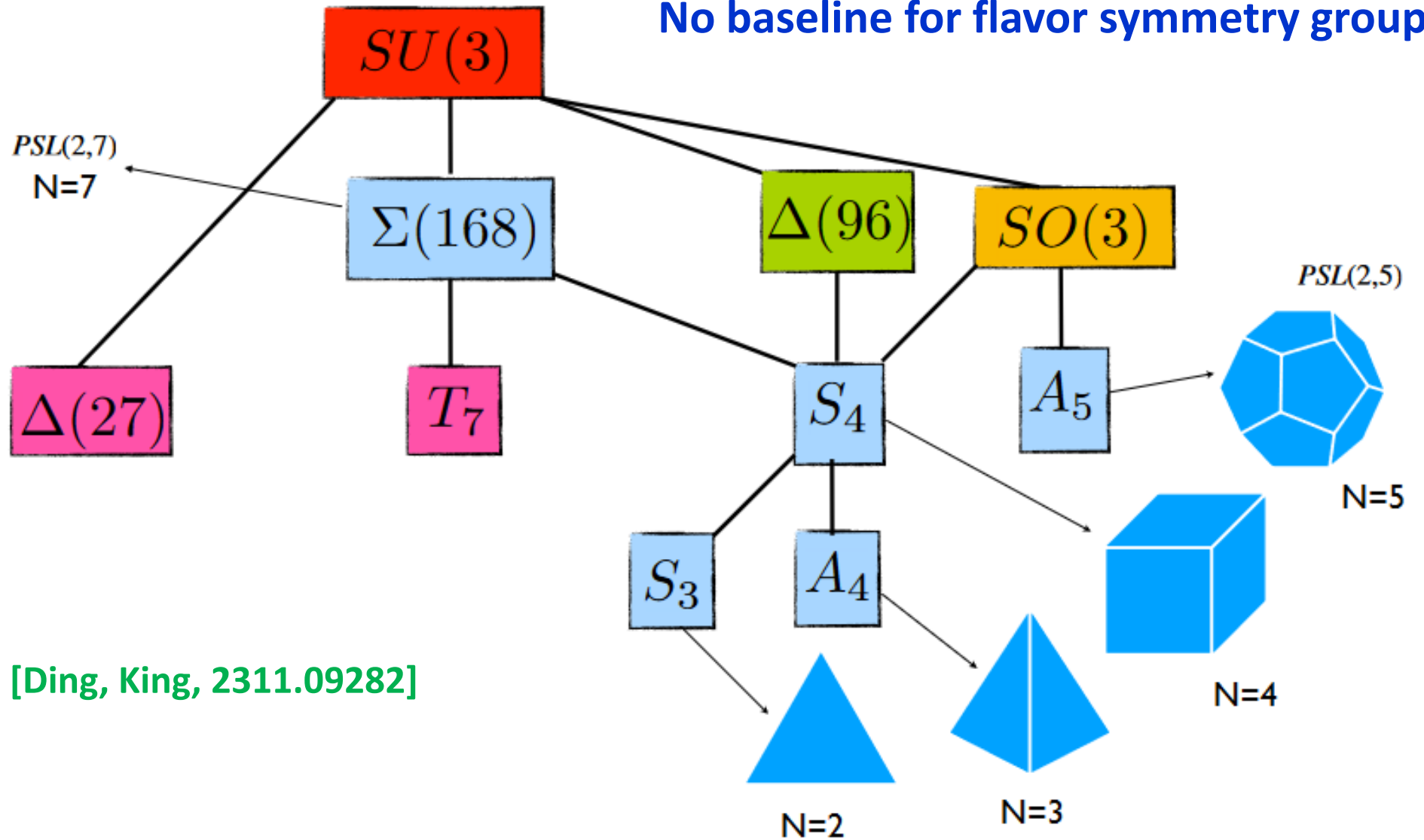
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$$\mathcal{L}_m = -Y_{ij}^e(\langle \Phi_e \rangle) \bar{L}_i H e_{Rj} - \frac{1}{2} Y_{ij}^\nu(\langle \Phi_\nu \rangle) \bar{L}_i^c H H^T L_j + \dots$$



# Non-Abelian Discrete flavor symmetry

No baseline for flavor symmetry group!



[Ding, King, 2311.09282]

# Discrete flavor symmetry approach to lepton mixing

- ① Lepton mixing is **fully** determined by flavor symmetry  $G_f$ , i.e.  $G_l > Z_2$  &  $G_\nu > Z_2$

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \cos \vartheta & 1 & -\sqrt{2} \sin \vartheta \\ -\sqrt{2} \cos(\vartheta - \pi/3) & 1 & \sqrt{2} \sin(\vartheta - \pi/3) \\ -\sqrt{2} \cos(\vartheta + \pi/3) & 1 & \sqrt{2} \sin(\vartheta + \pi/3) \end{pmatrix}$$

[Lindner et al., 1212.2411; King, Neder, Stuart, 1305.3200; Fonseca, Grimus, 1405.3678; Yao, Ding, 1505.03798; Ding, Valle, 2402.16963 ....]

$\vartheta$ : discrete, fixed by groups  $G_f, G_l, G_\nu$  close to  $3\sigma$  upper bounds

- Lepton mixing angles:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \sec^2 \theta_{13} / 3 \simeq 0.341,$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta_{13} \sqrt{2 - \tan^2 \theta_{13}} = 0.605 \text{ or } 0.395$$

Testable at  
JUNO, DUNE,  
Hyper-K

- Dirac CP phase  $\delta_{CP}$  is **conserved**:  $\sin \delta_{CP} = 0$
- **Larger** groups required, for example  $|G_f| = 648$  for Majorana neutrinos

➤ ② Lepton mixing is **partially** determined by flavor symmetry  $G_f$ , i.e.  $G_l > Z_2$  &  $G_\nu = Z_2$

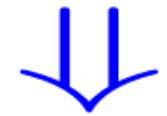
$$\text{TM1: } U = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \times & \times \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \times & \times \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{TM2: } U = \begin{pmatrix} \times & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \times \\ \times & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \times \\ \times & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{GR2: } U = \begin{pmatrix} \times & s_{12}^\nu & \times \\ \times & \frac{c_{12}^\nu}{\sqrt{2}} & \times \\ \times & \frac{c_{12}^\nu}{\sqrt{2}} & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tan \theta_{12}^\nu = 2/(1 + \sqrt{5}) = 1/\phi$$

Sum rules:



$$\begin{cases} 3 \cos^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{13} = 2, \\ \cos \delta = \frac{(5 \sin^2 \theta_{13} - 1) \cot 2\theta_{23}}{2 \sin \theta_{13} \sqrt{2} - 6 \sin^2 \theta_{13}} \end{cases}$$

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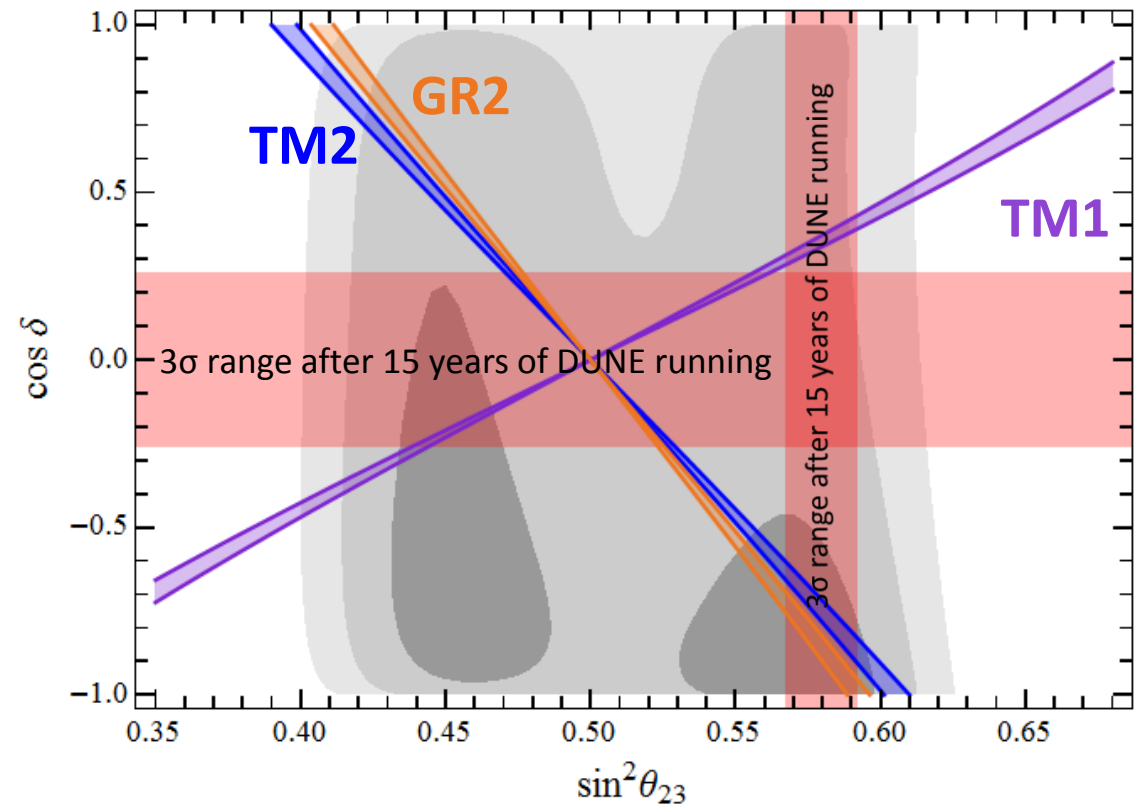
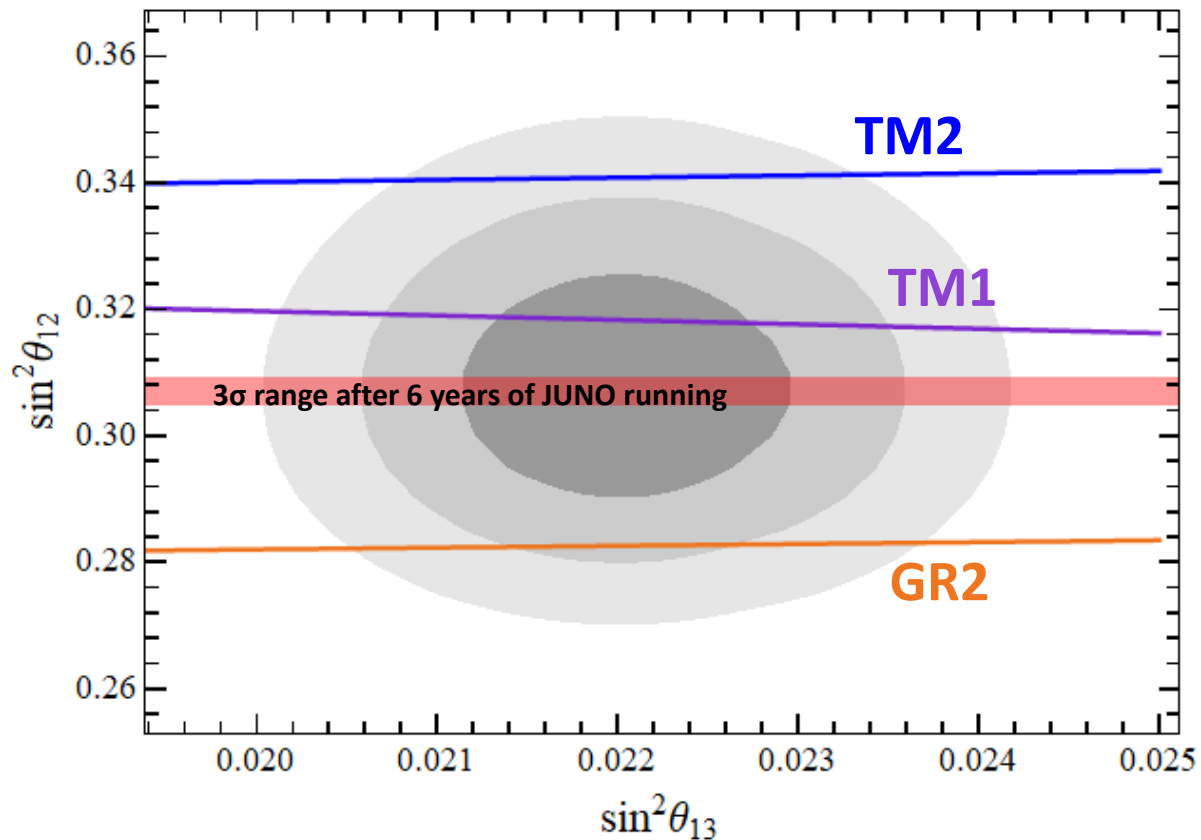
[Albright, Rodejohann, 0812.0436; Albright, Dueck, Rodejohann, 1004.2798; Costa, King, 2307.13895; Ding, Valle, 2402.16963 ....]

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[Costa, King, 2307.13895]

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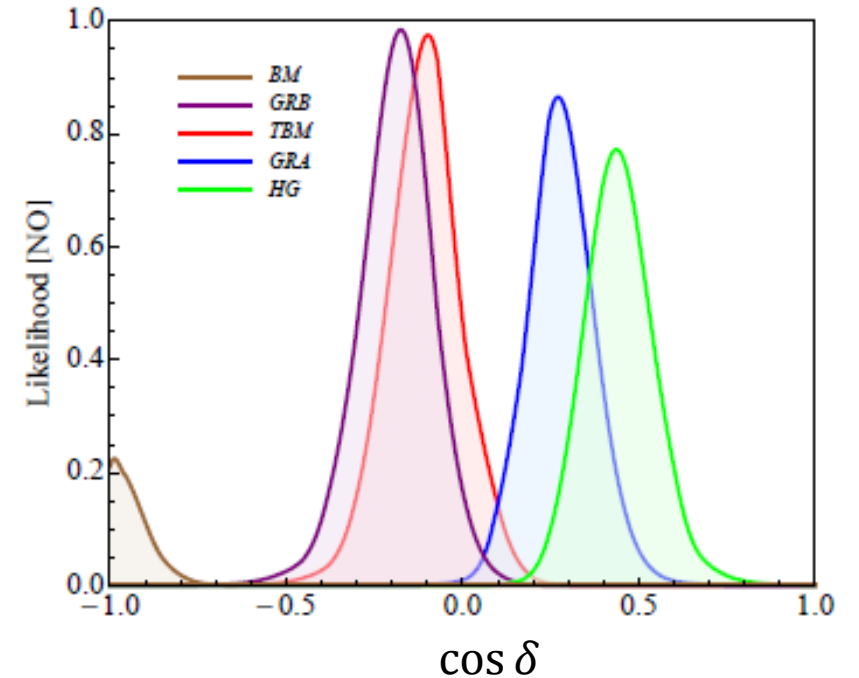
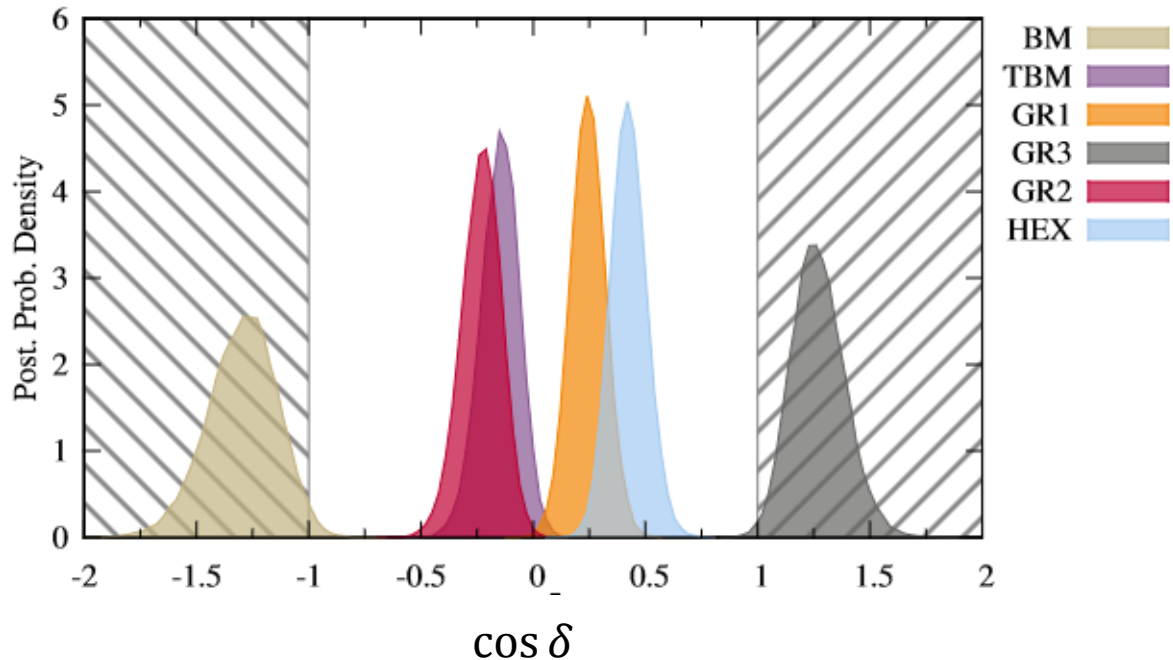




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$$U = U_{12}^{e\tau} U_{23}^{e\tau} R_{23}^\nu R_{12}^\nu$$

➔ 
$$\cos \delta = \frac{\tan^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 \theta_{12} + \sin^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} - \sin^2 \theta_{12}^\nu (\tan^2 \theta_{23} + \sin^2 \theta_{13})}{\sin 2\theta_{12} \sin \theta_{13} \tan \theta_{23}}$$



[Petcov, 1405.6006; Ballett, King, et al, 1410.7573; Girardi, Petcov, Titov, 1410.8056; Ding, Valle, 2402.16963 ....]

# Symmetry origin of CP violation

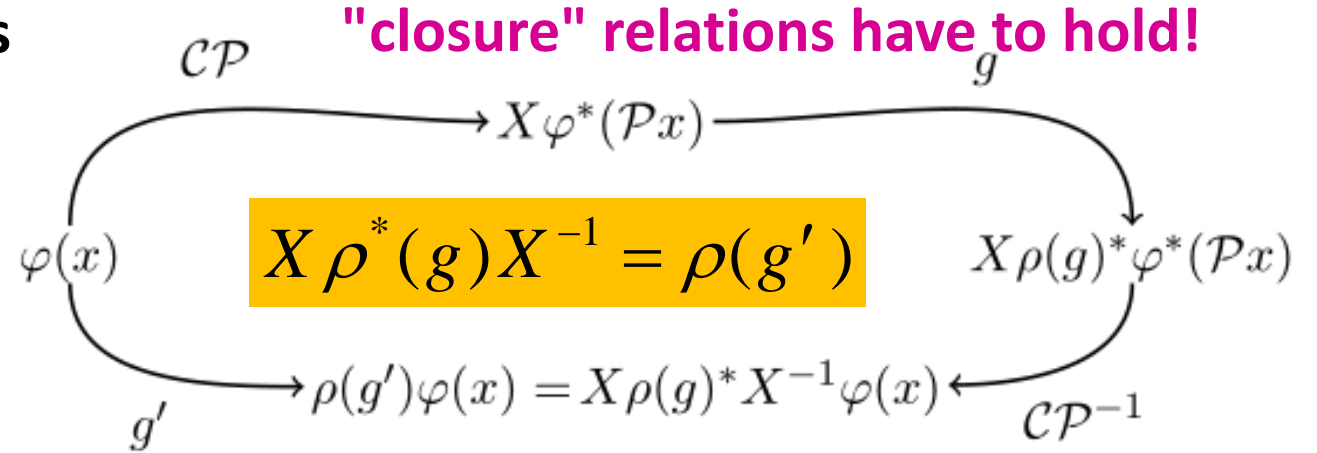
➤ Flavor symmetry → flavor+CP symmetries

Flavor symmetry



CP symmetry

Mixing angles  
& CP phases



[Grimus,Rebelo,hep-ph/9506272; Feruglio, Hagedorn, Ziegler, 1211.5560; Holthausen, Lindner, Schmidt,1211.6953; Chen, Fallbacher, et al., 1402.0507]

➤ Simplest example:  $\mu\tau$  reflection =  $\mu\tau$  exchange+canonical CP

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^c \\ \nu_\tau^c \\ \nu_\mu^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^c \\ \nu_\mu^c \\ \nu_\tau^c \end{pmatrix}$$



$$|U| =$$



The last two rows have equal magnitudes

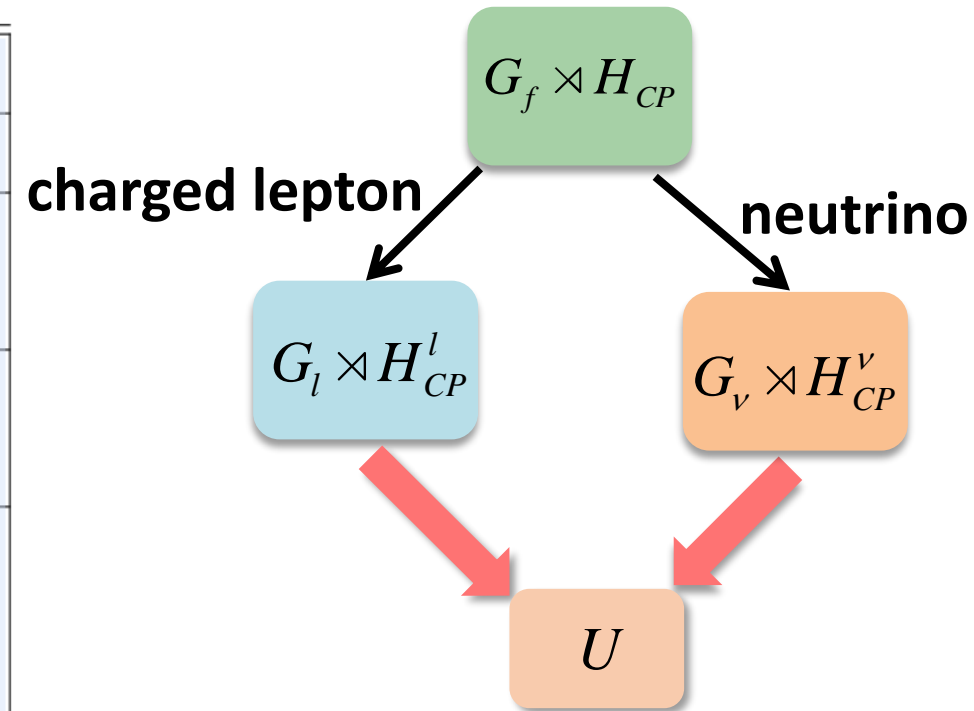
$$\theta_{23} = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \delta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

[Harrison, Scott, hep-ph/0210197; Grimus, Lavoura, hep-ph/0305309; Xing, Zhao, 1512.04207]

# Flavor and CP symmetry to lepton mixing

- Flavor + CP symmetries have rich symmetry breaking patterns, and the resulting lepton mixing matrix is determined up to **few continuous free parameters**.

$G_l \times H_{CP}^l$	$G_\nu \times H_{CP}^\nu$	$U$	# parameters
$Z_n$	$K_4 \times CP$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu P_\nu Q_\nu$	<b>0</b>
$Z_n$	$Z_2 \times CP$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu R_{23}(\theta) P_\nu Q_\nu$	<b>1</b>
$Z_2 \times CP$	$K_4 \times CP'$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T R_{23}^T(\theta_l) \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu P_\nu Q_\nu$	
$Z_2 \times CP$	$Z_2 \times CP'$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T R_{23}^T(\theta_l) \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu R_{23}(\theta_\nu) P_\nu Q_\nu$	<b>2</b>
$Z_2$	$K_4 \times CP$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T U_{23}^\dagger(\theta_l, \delta_l) \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu P_\nu Q_\nu$	
$Z_n$	$CP$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu O_3(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) Q_\nu$	<b>3</b>
$CP$	$K_4 \times CP'$	$Q_l^\dagger O_3^T(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu Q_\nu$	
$Z_2$	$Z_2 \times CP$	$Q_l^\dagger P_l^T U_{23}^\dagger(\theta_l, \delta_l) \Sigma_l^\dagger \Sigma_\nu R_{23}(\theta_\nu) P_\nu Q_\nu$	

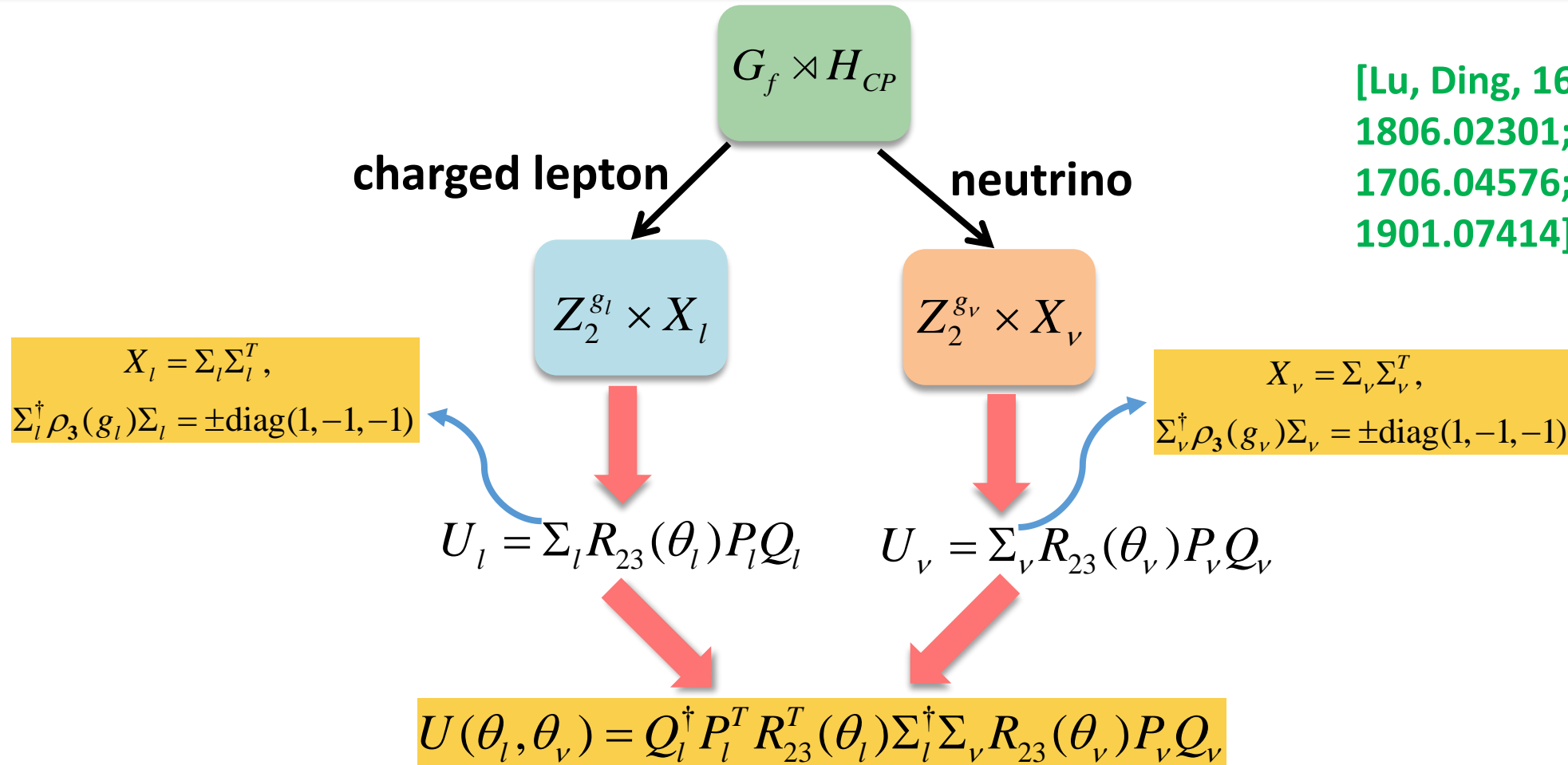


[Ding,Valle,2402.16963]

- The lepton mixing angles as well as **Dirac and Majorana CP phases** can be predicted by residual symmetry, **neutrino masses are not constrained except in concrete models**.

# Universal flavor symmetry for quark and lepton mixing

[Lu, Ding, 1610.05682,  
1806.02301; Li, Lu, Ding,  
1706.04576; Lu, Ding,  
1901.07414]



- All mixing angles and CP phases are expressed in terms of **two free angles**  $\theta_{l,\nu} \in [0, \pi)$
- **This scheme can be extended to quark sector**, and the quark and lepton mixing can be described simultaneously in terms of totally **four free angles**.

# Quark and lepton mixing from Dihedral group $D_n$ and CP

Quark sector:

Assignment: 2+1

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathbf{2}_1, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathbf{1}_1$$

The 3<sup>rd</sup> generation is much heavier!

[Lu, Ding, 1901.07414;  
Ding, Valle, 2402.16963]

**Residual symmetry:**  $Z_2^{g_u} = Z_2^{SR^x}$ ,  $X_u = SR^{n/2}$ ,  $Z_2^{g_d} = Z_2^{SR^y}$ ,  $X_d = S$ ,  $x, y = 0, \dots, n-1$

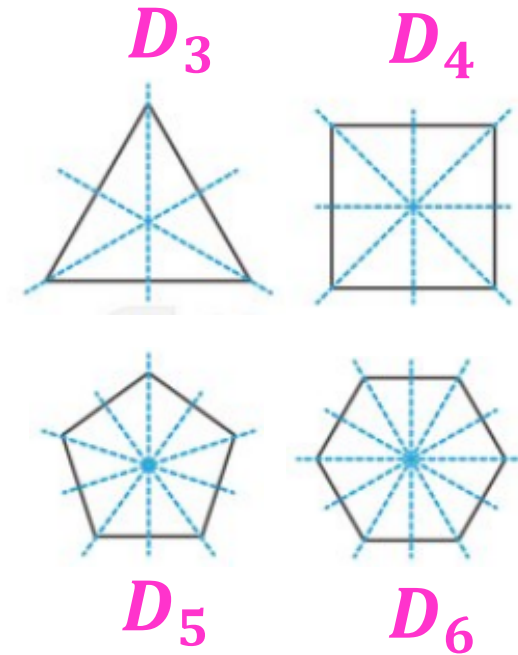
➤ The CKM matrix is determined as  $c_{u,d} \equiv \cos \theta_{u,d}$ ,  $s_{u,d} \equiv \sin \theta_{u,d}$

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} -c_d \sin \varphi_1 & \boxed{\cos \varphi_1} & s_d \sin \varphi_1 \\ c_u c_d \cos \varphi_1 + i s_u s_d & c_u \sin \varphi_1 & -c_u s_d \cos \varphi_1 + i c_d s_u \\ -c_d s_u \cos \varphi_1 + i c_u s_d & -s_u \sin \varphi_1 & s_u s_d \cos \varphi_1 + i c_u c_d \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\varphi_1 = \frac{y-x}{n} \pi$  ← depends on choice of residual symmetry

• Cabibbo angle from group:  $\cos^2 \theta_{13}^q \sin^2 \theta_{12}^q = \cos^2 \varphi_1$

• CP phase from mixing angles:  $J_{CP}^q \approx \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\varphi_1 \sin \varphi_2 \sin \theta_{13}^q \sin \theta_{23}^q$



➤ Viable CKM matrix for  $\varphi_1 = 3\pi/7$  which can be achieved in  $D_{14}$  group

	$\theta_u^{bf}/\pi$	$\theta_d^{bf}/\pi$	$\sin \theta_{12}^q$	$\sin \theta_{23}^q$	$\sin \theta_{13}^q$	$J_{CP}^q$
Our	0.01326	0.00117	0.22252	0.04166	0.00357	$3.223 \times 10^{-5}$
Data	—	—	$0.22500 \pm 0.00100$	$0.04200 \pm 0.00059$	$0.003675 \pm 0.000095$	$(3.120 \pm 0.090) \times 10^{-5}$

Hierarchical quark mixing angles and irregular CP phase can be accommodated.

➤ Lepton sector :  $\varphi_1 = 2\pi/7$

$$U_{PMNS} = R_{12}(\theta_l) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} & \sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin \frac{2\pi}{7} & \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} \end{pmatrix} R_{13}(\theta_\nu) Q_\nu \longrightarrow \cos^2 \theta_{23} \cos^2 \theta_{13} = \cos^2 \frac{2\pi}{7}$$

• Numerical benchmark

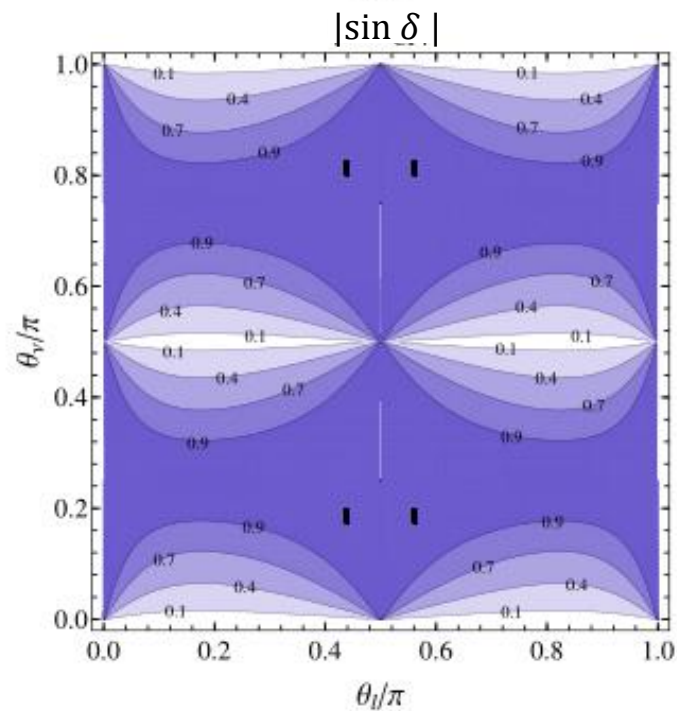
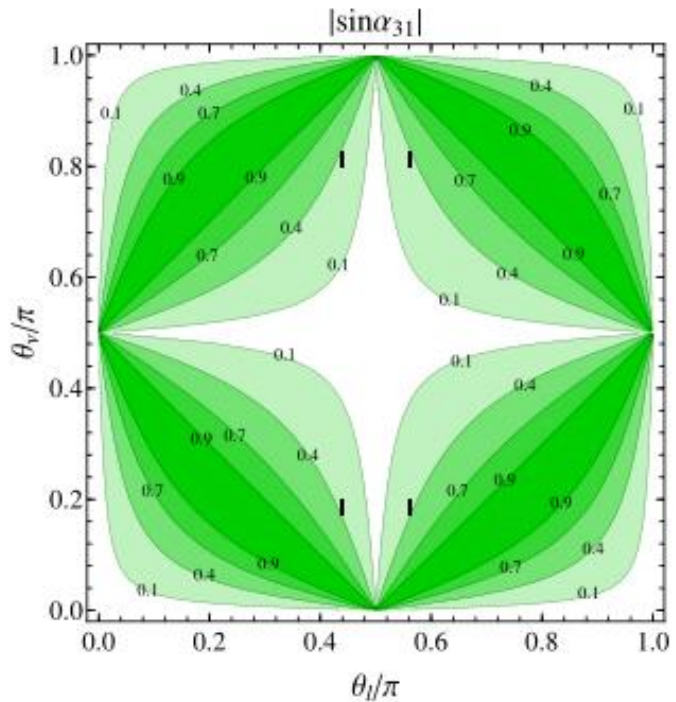
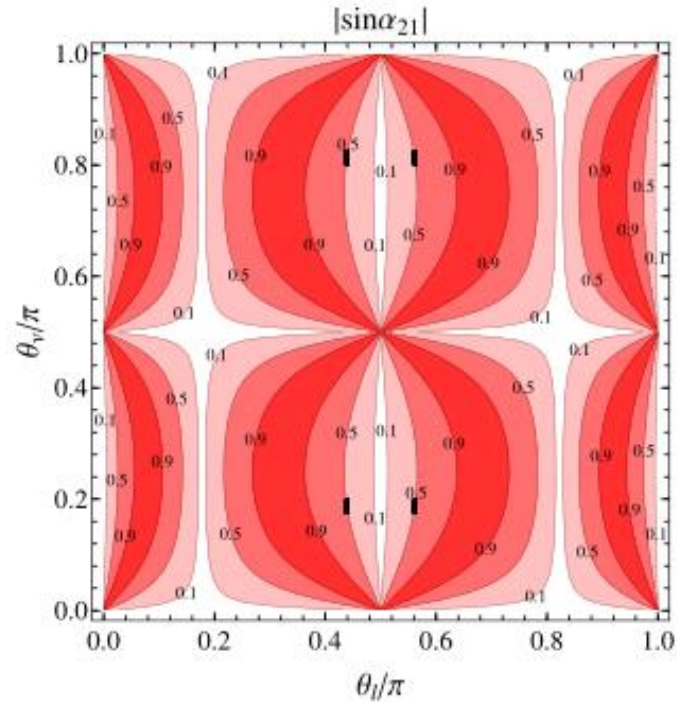
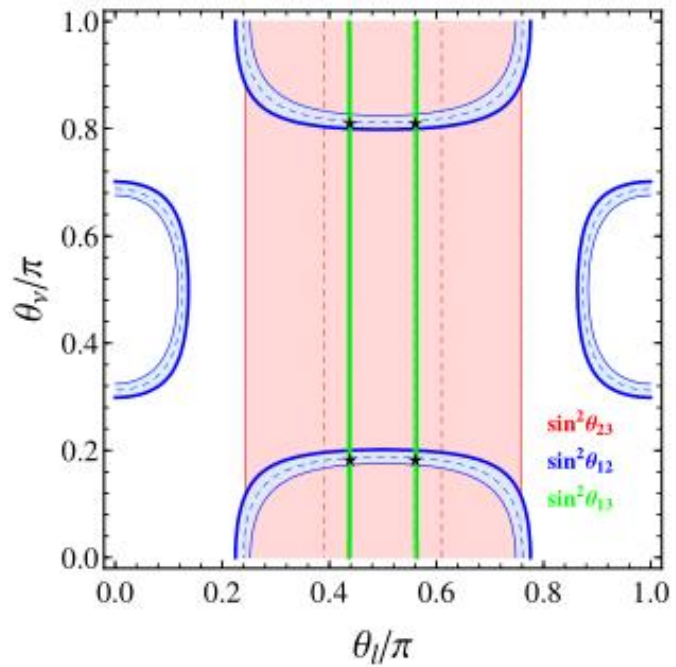
$$\theta_l = 0.439\pi, \quad \theta_\nu = 0.811\pi, \quad \chi_{\min}^2 = 4.147,$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0220, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.318, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.603,$$

$$\delta = 1.530\pi, \quad \alpha_{21} / \pi = 0.164 \pmod{1}, \quad \alpha_{31} / \pi = 0.112 \pmod{1}$$

Atmospheric angle  $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$  and nearly maximal CP violation  $\delta \approx 3\pi/2$



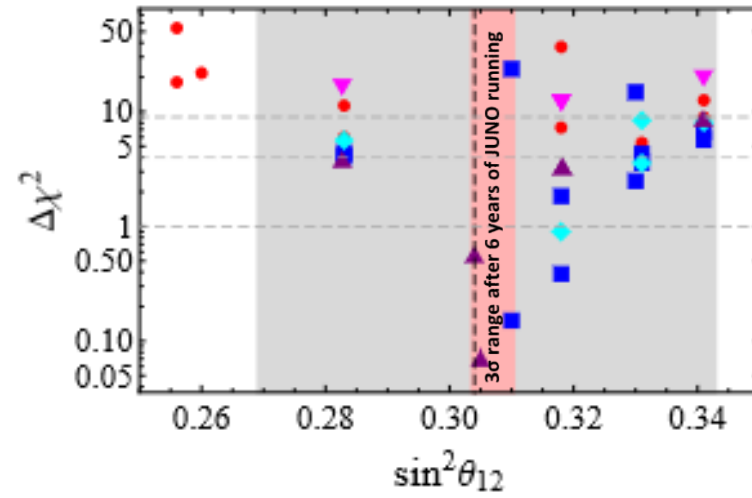
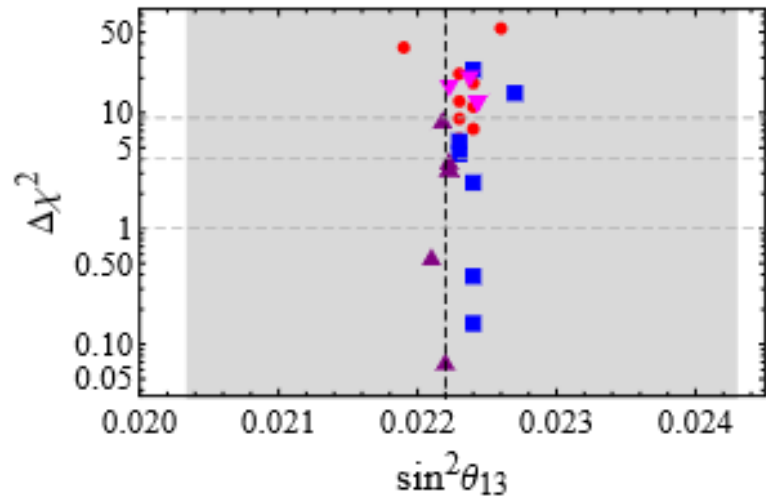


quite predictive!

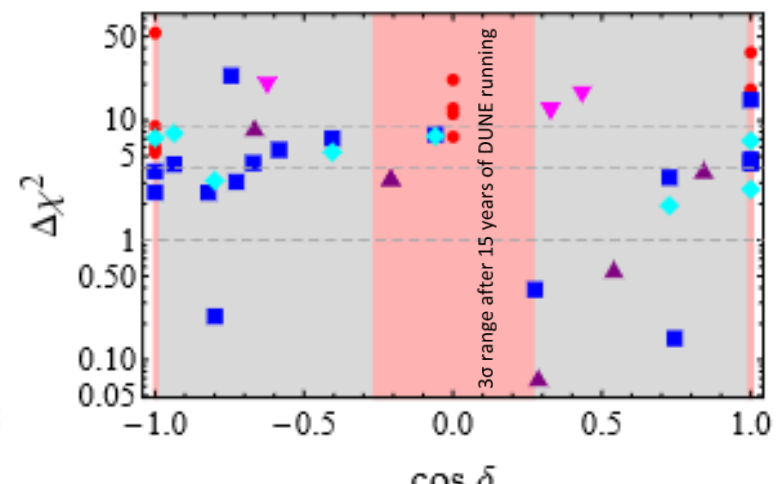
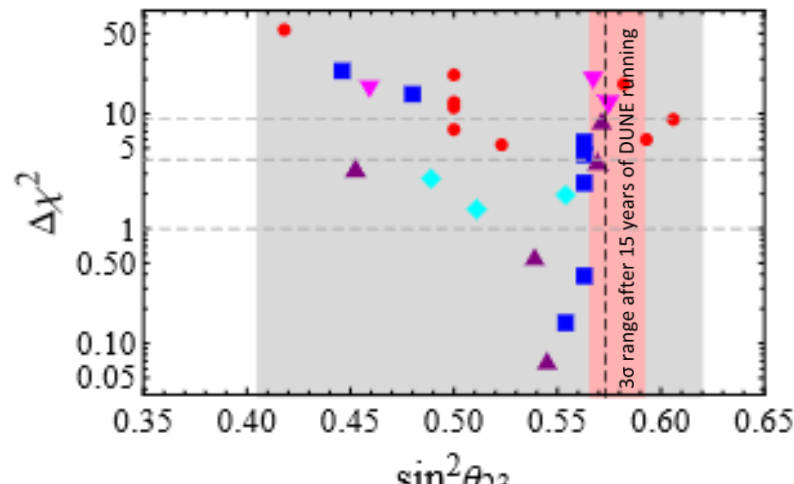
# Testing flavor & CP symmetries

Flavor symmetry models can be ruled out by measuring **symmetry protected correlations**

➤ Precise measurements of mixing angles and CP phase



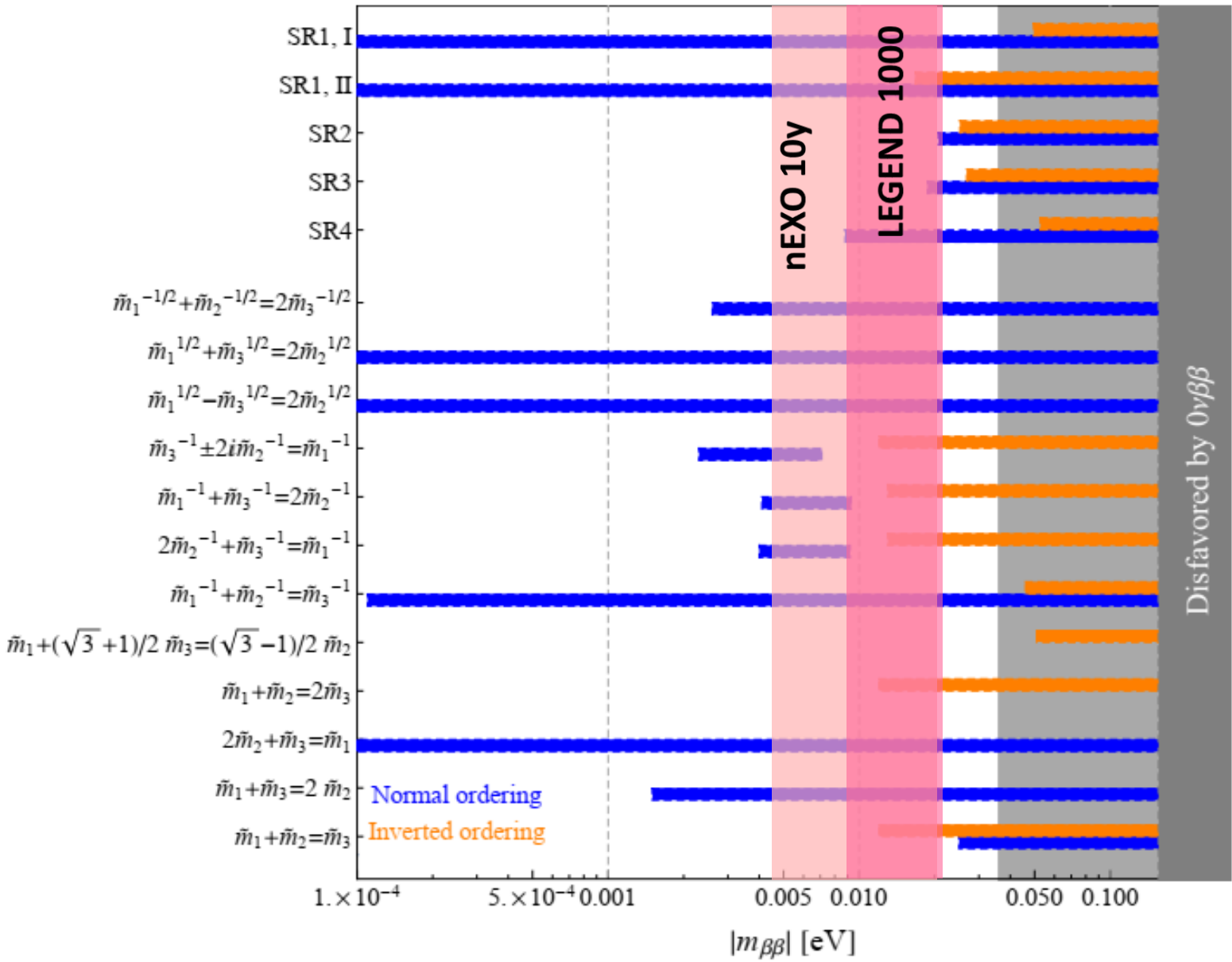
[Gehrlein, Petcov, Spinrath, Titov, 2203.06219]



- discrete symmetries w/ CP
- discrete symmetries w/o CP (NO)
- ◆ discrete symmetries w/o CP (IO)
- ▲ modular symmetries (NO)
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➤ Test **neutrino mass sum rules** of flavor symmetry at  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay



$$|m_{\beta\beta}| = \left| \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k \right|$$

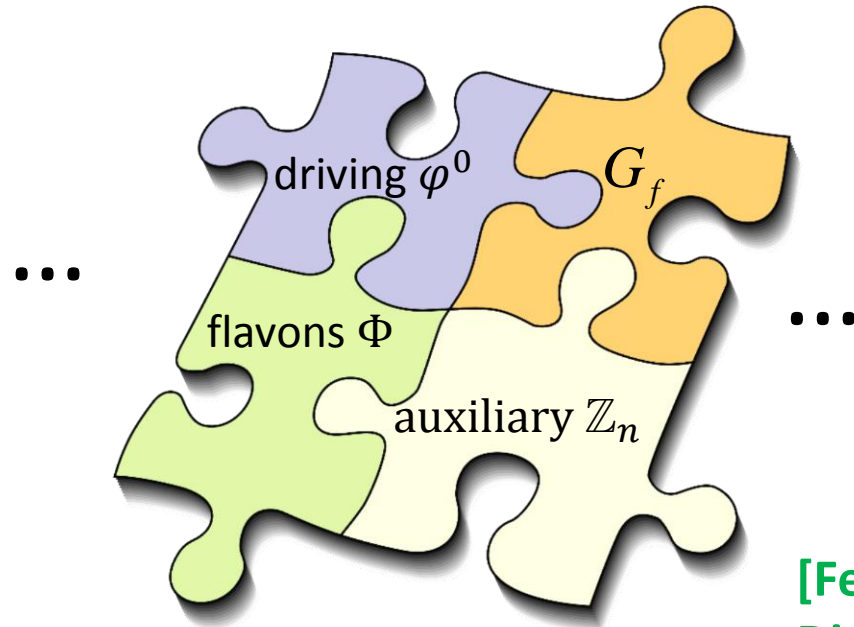
PMNS (points to  $U_{ek}^2$ )  
neutrino masses (points to  $m_k$ )  
Majorana phases (points to  $e^{i\alpha_{21}}$  and  $e^{i\alpha_{31}}$ )

$$= \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha_{21}} m_2 + s_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha_{31}} m_3 \right|$$

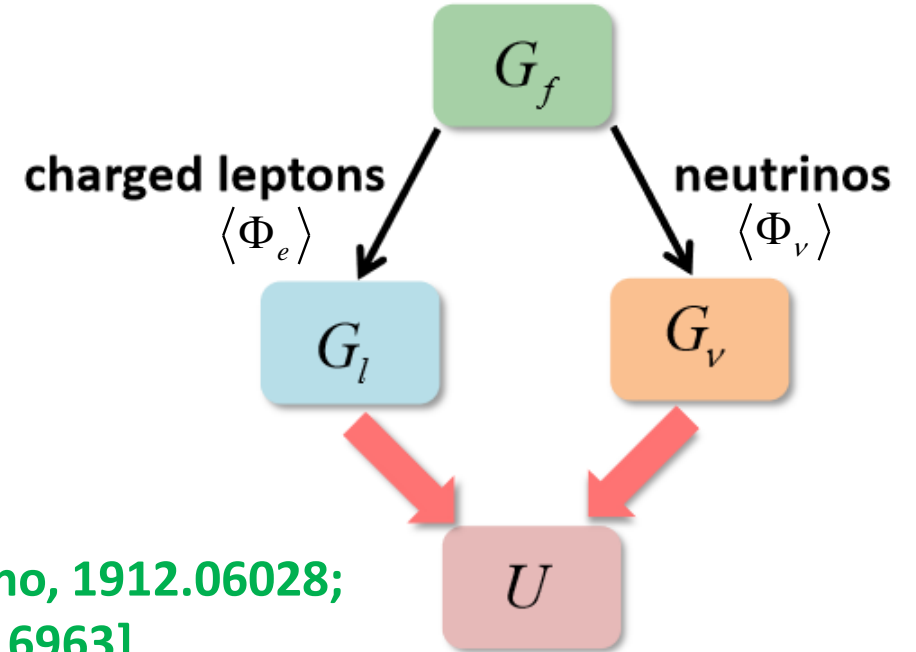
cosines and sines of the mixing angles (points to  $c_{12}^2, s_{12}^2, c_{13}^2, s_{13}^2$ )

talk by Art McDonald

# Obstacles of flavor symmetry model building



[Feruglio,Romanino, 1912.06028;  
Ding,Valle, 2402.16963]



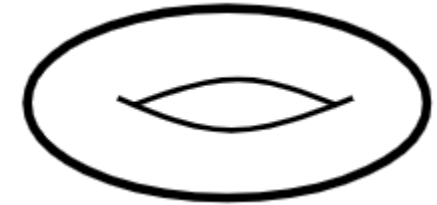
- Realistic description of fermion masses and mixing angles requires flavor symmetry  $G_f$  be broken by Higgs-like fields “flavons”  $\Phi_e, \Phi_\nu$  etc
  - A large number of free parameters in the scalar potential
  - large shaping symmetries and many auxiliary fields

Flavor symmetry models are complicated by the symmetry breaking sector!

# Modular symmetry motivated by string compactification

a single complex flavon  $\tau$  parametrizing shape of torus

[Feruglio, 1706.08749]



$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  on torus  $T^2$



finite modular groups as  $G_f$

$$G_f = \begin{cases} \Gamma_N \equiv SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \pm\Gamma(N) \\ \Gamma'_N \equiv SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \Gamma(N) \end{cases}$$

Principal congruence subgroup of level N

$$\Gamma(N) = \{ \gamma \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma = 1_2 \pmod{N} \}$$

➤ Modular action

$$\tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$

$$SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = 1 \right\}$$

➤ Field **Non-linear** transformation

$$\psi \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k} \rho(\gamma) \psi$$

weight  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$   $\rho$  is a unitary representation of  $\Gamma_N$  or  $\Gamma'_N$

➤ Superpotential

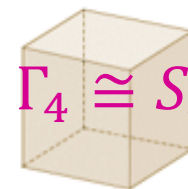
$$\mathcal{W} = \sum Y_{I_1 I_2 \dots I_n}(\tau) \psi_{I_1} \psi_{I_2} \dots \psi_{I_n}$$

Yukawa coupling  $Y_{I_1 I_2 \dots I_n}$  only depends on  $\tau$ , and it is strongly constrained by modular invariance



$$\Gamma_3 \cong A_4$$

Tetrahedron



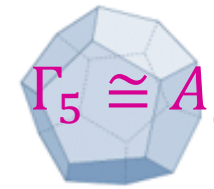
$$\Gamma_4 \cong S_4$$

Hexahedron



$$\Gamma_4 \cong S_4$$

Octahedron



$$\Gamma_5 \cong A_5$$

Dodecahedron



$$\Gamma_5 \cong A_5$$

Icosahedron

# Modular invariant flavor models

Are neutrino masses modular forms?

Ferruccio Feruglio (INFN, Padua and Padua U.) (Jun 27, 2017)

e-Print: [1706.08749](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.08749) [hep-ph]

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➤ Bottom-up models for lepton and quark [reviews: Kobayashi, Tanimoto, 2307.03384; Ding, King, arXiv:2311.09282]

	$\Gamma_N/\Gamma'_N$	leptons alone	leptons & quarks	$SU(5)$	$SO(10)$
$N = 2$	$S_3$	Kobayashi et al, 1803.10391...	—	Kobayashi et al, 1906.10341...	—
$N = 3$	$A_4$	Feruglio, 1706.08749,1807.01125; Kobayashi, Tanaka, et al, 1803.10391; Kobayashi, Omoto, et al, 1808.03012...	Okada,Tanimoto,1905.13421; King, King, 2002.00969; Yao, Lu, Ding, 2012.13390...	Anda, King,Perdomo, 1812.05620; Chen, Ding, King,2101.12724...	Ding, King,Lu,2108.09655
	$T'$	Liu, Ding,1907.01488...	Lu, Liu, Ding,1912.07573...	—	—
$N = 4$	$S_4$	Penedo,Petcov,1806.11040 ; Novichkov, Penedo et al,1811.04933...	Qu, Liu et al,2106.11659	Zhao, Zhang,2101.02266 ; Ding, King, Yao,2103.16311...	—
	$S'_4$	Novichkov,Penedo,Petcov,2006.03058...	Liu, Yao, Ding, 2006.10722...	—	—
$N = 5$	$A_5$	Novichkov, Penedo et al,1812.02158; Ding, King, Liu, 1903.12588...	—	—	—
	$A'_5$	Wang, Yu, Zhou, 2010.10159 ...	Yao, Liu, Ding,2011.03501	—	—
$N = 6$	$\Gamma_6$	—	—	Abe,Higaki et al, 2307.01419	—
	$\Gamma'_6$	Li,Liu,Ding,2108.02181	—	—	—
$N = 7$	$\Gamma_7$	Ding, King et al, 2004.12662	—	—	—
	$\Gamma'_7$	—	—	—	—

# Minimal modular lepton model

**Modular symmetry allows to construct quite predictive lepton models.** The modular flavor symmetry is modular binary octahedral group **2O** which is the Shur double cover of  $S_4$

	$L$	$E_D^c = (e^c, \mu^c)$	$\tau^c$	$N^c$	$H_{u,d}$
$2O$	<b>3</b>	$\widehat{2}'$	<b>1'</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
$k_I$	-1	6	5	1	0

[Ding, Liu, Yao, 2211.04546; Ding, Liu, Lu, Weng, 2307.14926]

➤ **Charged leptons:**  $\mathcal{W}_E = \alpha \left( E_D^c L Y_{\widehat{2}'}^{(5)} \right)_1 H_d + \beta \left( E_D^c L Y_{\widehat{4}}^{(5)} \right)_1 H_d + \gamma \left( \tau^c L Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(4)} \right)_1 H_d$

➔ 
$$M_E = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha Y_{\widehat{2}',2}^{(5)}(\tau) - \sqrt{2}\beta Y_{\widehat{4},3}^{(5)}(\tau) & \sqrt{3}\beta Y_{\widehat{4},1}^{(5)}(\tau) & \sqrt{2}\alpha Y_{\widehat{2}',1}^{(5)}(\tau) + \beta Y_{\widehat{4},4}^{(5)}(\tau) \\ -\alpha Y_{\widehat{2}',1}^{(5)}(\tau) + \sqrt{2}\beta Y_{\widehat{4},4}^{(5)}(\tau) & -\sqrt{2}\alpha Y_{\widehat{2}',2}^{(5)}(\tau) + \beta Y_{\widehat{4},3}^{(5)}(\tau) & -\sqrt{3}\beta Y_{\widehat{4},2}^{(5)}(\tau) \\ \gamma Y_{\mathbf{3}',1}^{(4)}(\tau) & \gamma Y_{\mathbf{3}',3}^{(4)}(\tau) & \gamma Y_{\mathbf{3}',2}^{(4)}(\tau) \end{pmatrix} v_d$$

➤ **Neutrino mass (seesaw mechanism):**  $\mathcal{W}_\nu = g H_u (N^c L)_1 + \Lambda \left( N^c N^c Y_{\mathbf{2}}^{(2)} \right)_1$

➔ 
$$M_D = g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} v_u, \quad M_N = \begin{pmatrix} -2Y_{\mathbf{2},1}^{(2)}(\tau) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}Y_{\mathbf{2},2}^{(2)}(\tau) & Y_{\mathbf{2},1}^{(2)}(\tau) \\ 0 & Y_{\mathbf{2},1}^{(2)}(\tau) & \sqrt{3}Y_{\mathbf{2},2}^{(2)}(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \Lambda$$

Minimal #p:  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, g^2/\Lambda$

**Minimal: only 4** real couplings plus modulus  $\tau$  can explain **12 observables**

$$\langle \tau \rangle = -0.1921 + 1.0854i, \quad \beta / \alpha = 0.7159, \quad \gamma / \alpha = 87.4471,$$

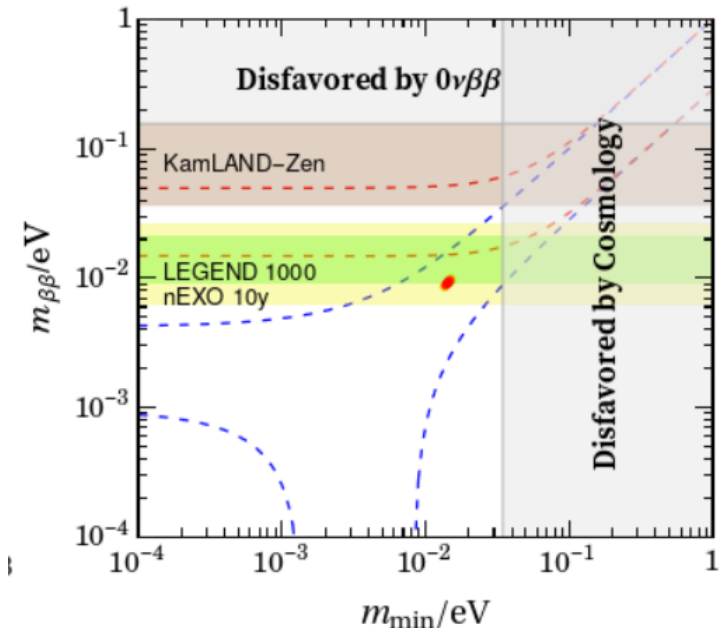
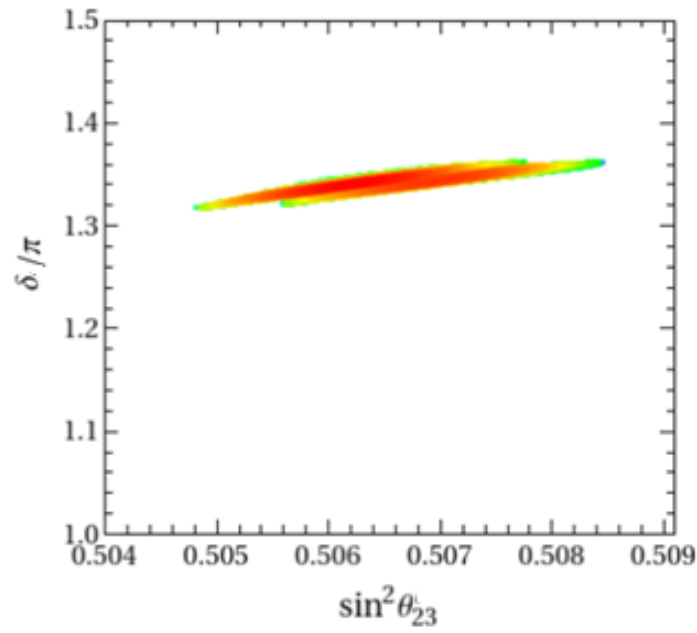
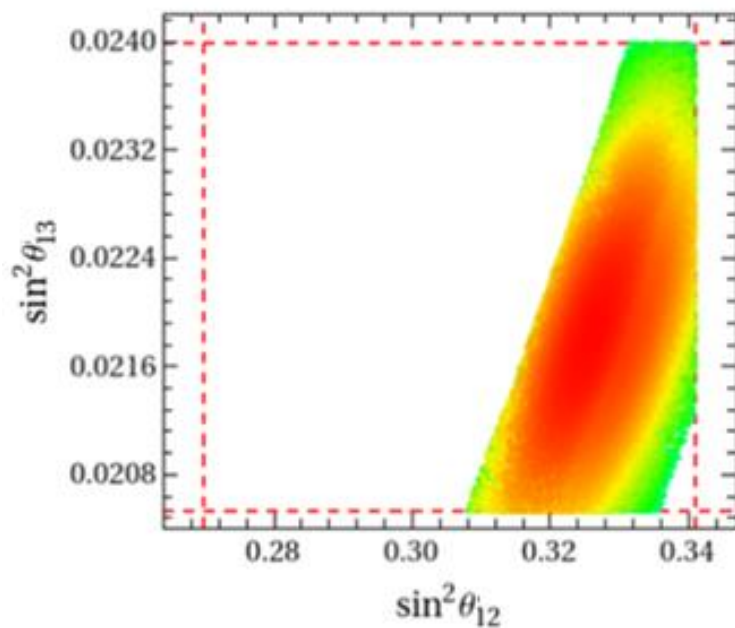
$$\alpha v_d = 0.02881 \text{ MeV}, \quad g^2 v_u^2 / \Lambda = 71.8888 \text{ meV}$$

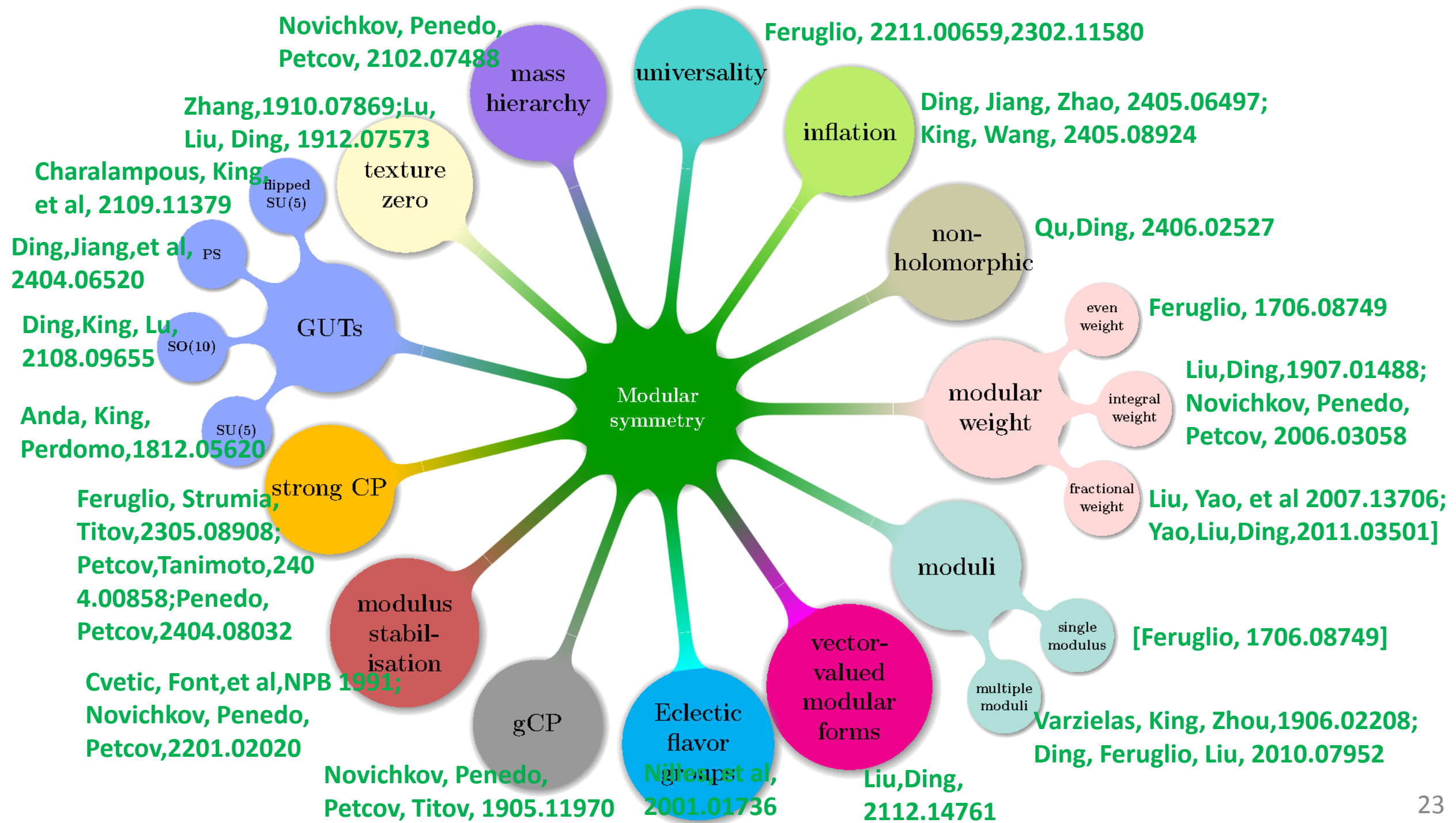
$\tau$  is the unique source breaking both modular and CP symmetries. All observables are within the  $3\sigma$  regions, and neutrino mass spectrum is normal ordering

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.3261, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.02182, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5063, \quad \delta = 1.34\pi,$$

$$\alpha_{21} = 1.3268\pi, \quad \alpha_{31} = 0.5401\pi, \quad m_e / m_\mu = 0.004737, \quad m_\mu / m_\tau = 0.05876,$$

$$m_1 = 14.27 \text{ meV}, \quad m_2 = 16.67 \text{ meV}, \quad m_3 = 51.64 \text{ meV}$$





# Summary

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- The fundamental origin of the fermion mass and mixing patterns is still elusive, neutrino provides a unique window to understand the flavor problem and explore BSM physics.
- We have learned a lot from the symmetry consideration, **some illuminating and testable examples**
  - Flavor and CP symmetries are powerful in constraining lepton and quark mixing parameters, in particular **CP violation phases**
  - Modular symmetry: **enhanced predictivity** and possible connection with string theory
- Future neutrino facilities precisely measuring lepton mixing angles, CP phase  $\delta$  and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay can exclude many models, will help to pin down the organizing principle of flavor sector.

# Thank you for your attention!



# Backup

# Anarchy: alternative to flavor symmetry

**Anarchy:** No particular structure in neutrino mass matrix

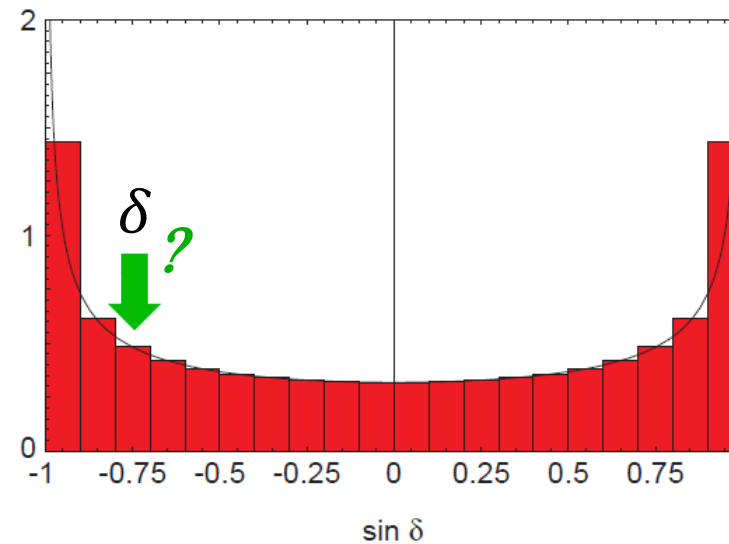
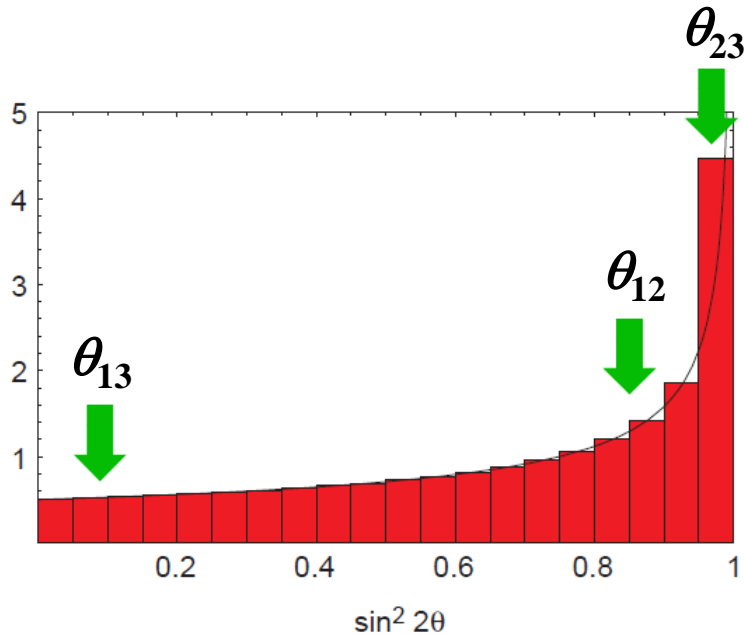
[Hall, Murayama, Weiner, hep-ph/9911341 ;  
Gouvea, Murayama, 1204.1249]

$$m_\nu \propto \begin{pmatrix} O(1) & O(1) & O(1) \\ O(1) & O(1) & O(1) \\ O(1) & O(1) & O(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

each matrix element  
is random



The mixing angles and CP violation phases distributions are given by U(3) Harr distribution



All three mixing angles large

Large CP violation

- large number of O(1) free parameters → **only statistical tests**
- Anarchy is not applicable to charged lepton and quark Yukawa couplings

# Extending the minimal modular model to quark sector

	$Q_D = (Q_1, Q_2)$	$Q_3$	$U_D^c = (u^c, c^c)$	$t^c$	$D_D^c = (d^c, s^c)$	$b^c$
$2O$	<b>2</b>	<b>1'</b>	<b><math>\widehat{2}'</math></b>	<b>1'</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1'</b>
$k_I$	$k_{Q_D}$	$k_{Q_D}$	$3 - k_{Q_D}$	$6 - k_{Q_D}$	$6 - k_{Q_D}$	$-k_{Q_D}$



$$M_u = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_u Y_{\widehat{4},3}^{(3)} & -\alpha_u Y_{\widehat{4},2}^{(3)} & \boxed{0} \\ \alpha_u Y_{\widehat{4},4}^{(3)} & \alpha_u Y_{\widehat{4},1}^{(3)} & \boxed{0} \\ -\beta_u Y_{2,2}^{(6)} & \beta_u Y_{2,1}^{(6)} & \gamma_u Y_1^{(6)} \end{pmatrix} v_u,$$

$$M_d = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_d Y_1^{(6)} - \gamma_d Y_{2,1}^{(6)} & \beta_d Y_{1'}^{(6)} + \gamma_d Y_{2,2}^{(6)} & -\delta_d Y_{2,2}^{(6)} \\ \gamma_d Y_{2,2}^{(6)} - \beta_d Y_{1'}^{(6)} & \alpha_d Y_1^{(6)} + \gamma_d Y_{2,1}^{(6)} & \delta_d Y_{2,1}^{(6)} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \varepsilon_d \end{pmatrix} v_d$$

The complex modulus  $\tau$  is common in both quark and lepton sectors, and its value is fixed by the lepton parameters

$$\langle \tau \rangle = -0.1946 + 1.0799i$$

The quark masses and CKM mixing parameters can be well accommodated with  $\chi_q^2 = 6.4$ :

$$\theta_{12}^q = 0.229, \quad \theta_{13}^q = 0.00393, \quad \theta_{23}^q = 0.0388, \quad \delta_{CP}^q = 61.27^\circ,$$

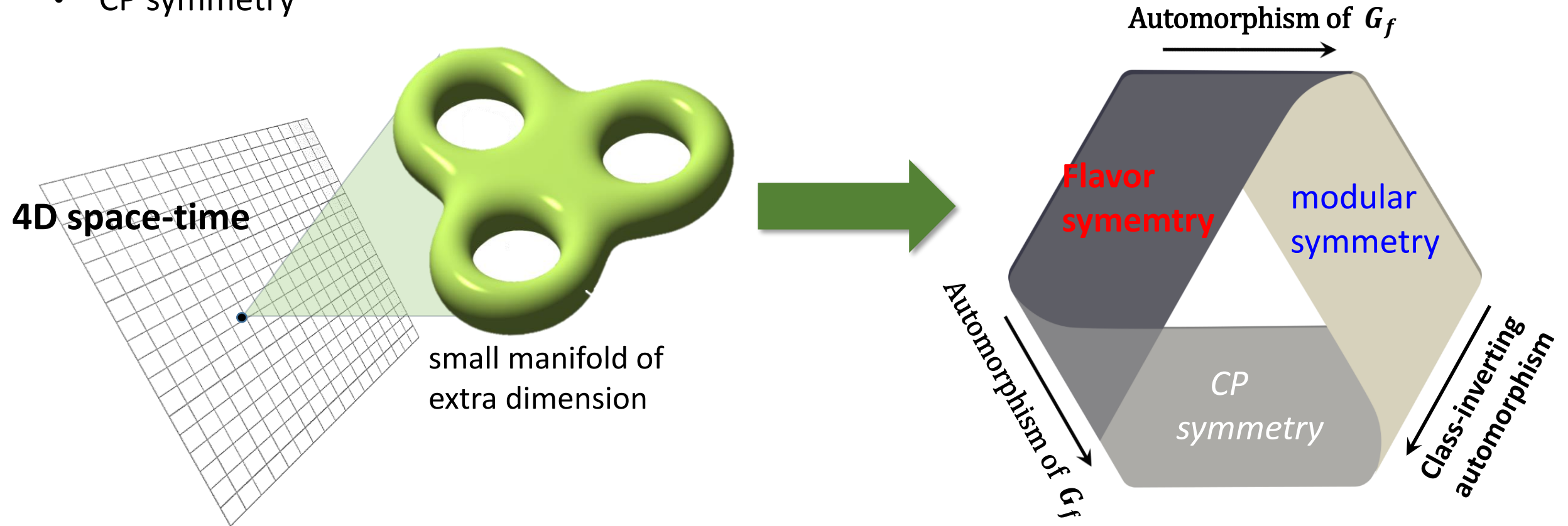
$$m_u / m_c = 0.00243, \quad m_c / m_t = 0.00245, \quad m_d / m_s = 0.0510, \quad m_s / m_b = 0.0234$$

- The model uses **14** parameters to describe the masses and mixing of both quark and lepton sectors: **12** masses + **6** mixing angles + **4** CP phases.

# Unification of flavor, CP and modular symmetries

- Top-down approach (orbifold string compactification) gives
  - Normal symmetries of extra dimensions → traditional flavor symmetries
  - String duality transformations → modular flavor symmetries
  - CP symmetry

[Nilles, Ramos-Sanchez, Vaudrevange, 2001.01736; 2004.05200]



- Top-down and bottom-up approaches do not yet meet, and model building in its infancy

# Tests of modulus couplings

Non-standard neutrino interactions

[Ding, Feruglio, 2003.13448]

in medium with non-zero electron number density

$$\mathcal{L} = i \sum_{f=e,e^c,\nu} \bar{f} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \partial_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi_\alpha \partial^\mu \varphi_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} M_\alpha^2 \varphi_\alpha^2 - (m_e + Z_\alpha^e \varphi_\alpha) e^c e - \frac{1}{2} \nu (m_\nu + Z_\alpha^\nu \varphi_\alpha) \nu + h.c. + \dots$$

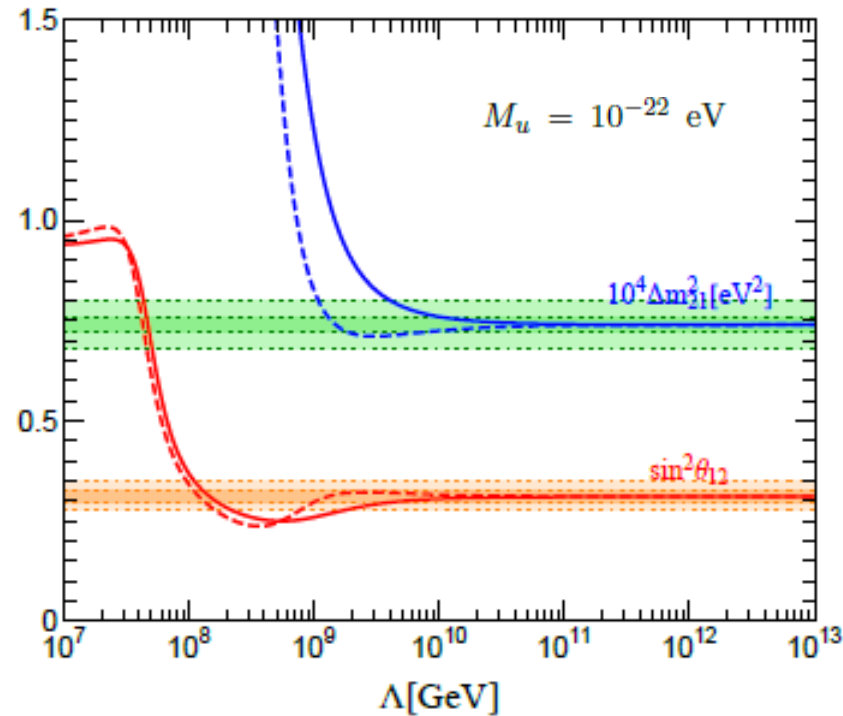
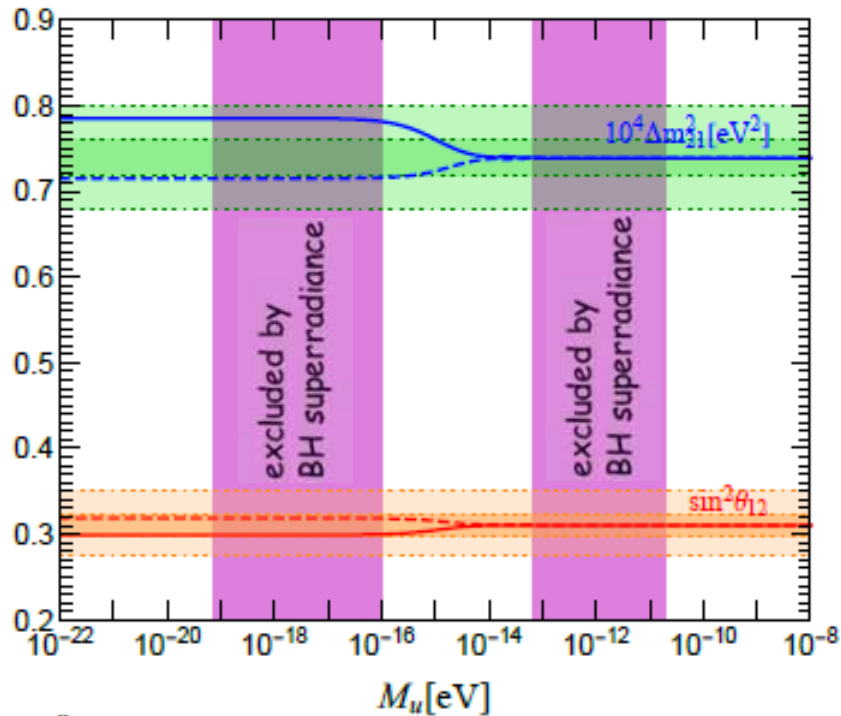


$$\delta m_\nu(0) = -n_e \frac{\text{Re}(Z^e) Z^\nu}{M^2(R)}$$

small, unless the modulus is very light

In the sun

$$\tau = \langle \tau \rangle + \frac{\varphi_u + i\varphi_\nu}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$\Lambda = 5 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$