

# Neutrino Mass Models

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# Theoretical Challenges

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## (i) Absolute mass scale: Why $m_\nu \ll m_{u,d,e}$ ?

- seesaw mechanism: most appealing scenario  $\Rightarrow$  Majorana
  - GUT scale (type-I, II) vs TeV scale (type-III, double seesaw)
- TeV scale new physics (SUSY, extra dimension, U(1))  $\Rightarrow$  Dirac or Majorana

## (ii) Flavor Structure: Why neutrino mixing large while quark mixing small?

- neutrino anarchy: no parametrically small number Hall, Murayama, Weiner (2000); de Gouvea, Murayama (2003)
  - near degenerate spectrum, large mixing
  - still alive and kicking de Gouvea, Murayama (2012)
  - possible heterotic string connection Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, Ramos-Sánchez, Ratz (2007); Feldstein, Klemm (2012)
- family symmetry: there's a structure, expansion parameter (~~symmetry effect~~)
  - mixing result from dynamics of underlying symmetry
  - for leptons only (normal or inverted)
  - for quarks and leptons: quark-lepton connection  $\leftrightarrow$  GUT (normal)
- Alternative?

- In this talk: assume 3 generations, no LSND/MiniBoone/Reactor Anomaly

# Origin of Mass Hierarchy and Mixing

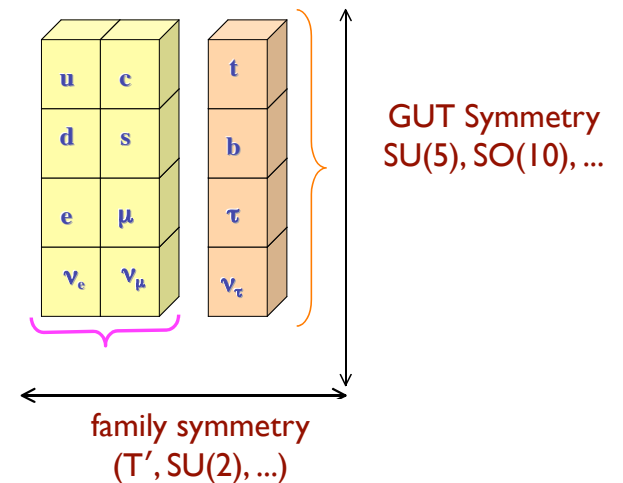
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- In the SM: 22 physical quantities which seem unrelated
- Question arises whether these quantities can be related
- No fundamental reason can be found in the framework of SM
- less ambitious aim  $\Rightarrow$  reduce the # of parameters by imposing symmetries
  - Grand Unified Gauge Symmetry
    - seesaw mechanism naturally implemented
    - GUT relates quarks and leptons: quarks & leptons in same GUT multiplets
      - one set of Yukawa coupling for a given GUT multiplet  $\Rightarrow$  intra-family relations
  - Family Symmetry
    - relate Yukawa couplings of different families
      - inter-family relations  $\Rightarrow$  further reduce the number of parameters

**$\Rightarrow$  Experimentally testable correlations among physical observables**

# Origin of Flavor Mixing and Mass Hierarchy

- Several models have been constructed based on
  - GUT Symmetry [SU(5), SO(10)]  $\oplus$  Family Symmetry  $G_F$
- Family Symmetries  $G_F$  based on continuous groups:
  - U(1)
  - SU(2)
  - SU(3)



- Recently, models based on discrete family symmetry groups have been constructed
  - $A_4$  (tetrahedron)
  - $T'$  (double tetrahedron)
  - $S_3$  (equilateral triangle)
  - $S_4$  (octahedron, cube)
  - $A_5$  (icosahedron, dodecahedron)
  - $\Delta_{27}$
  - $Q_4$

Motivation: Tri-bimaximal (TBM) neutrino mixing

# Tri-bimaximal Neutrino Mixing

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- **Latest Global Fit ( $3\sigma$ )**  $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.437 (0.374 - 0.626)$  Capozzi, Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo (2014)

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.308 (0.259 - 0.359)$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0234 (0.0176 - 0.0295)$$

- **Tri-bimaximal Mixing Pattern** Harrison, Perkins, Scott (1999)

$$U_{TBM} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & -\sqrt{1/2} \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{atm}, TBM} = 1/2$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\odot, TBM} = 1/3$$

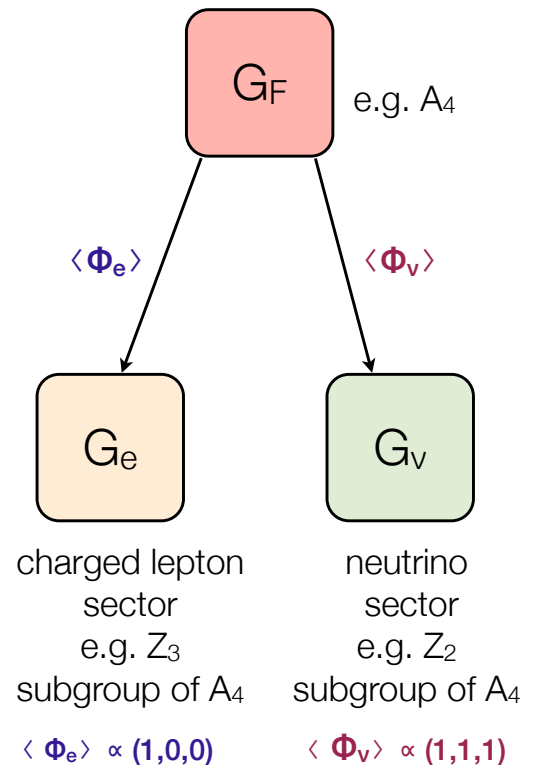
$$\sin \theta_{13, TBM} = 0.$$

- **Leading Order: TBM (from symmetry) + higher order corrections/contributions**
- **Is TBM a good starting point?**

# SU(5) Compatibility $\Rightarrow$ T' Family Symmetry

M.-C.C, K.T. Mahanthappa (2007, 2009)

- Double Tetrahedral Group T': double covering of A4
- Symmetries  $\Rightarrow$  10 parameters in Yukawa sector  $\Rightarrow$  22 physical observables
- neutrino mixing angles from group theory (CG coefficients)
- TBM: misalignment of symmetry breaking patterns
  - neutrino sector:  $T' \rightarrow G_{TST2}$ ,
  - charged lepton sector:  $T' \rightarrow G_T$
- GUT symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  contributions to mixing parameters from charged lepton sector
  - $\Rightarrow$  deviation from TBM related to Cabibbo angle  $\theta_c$



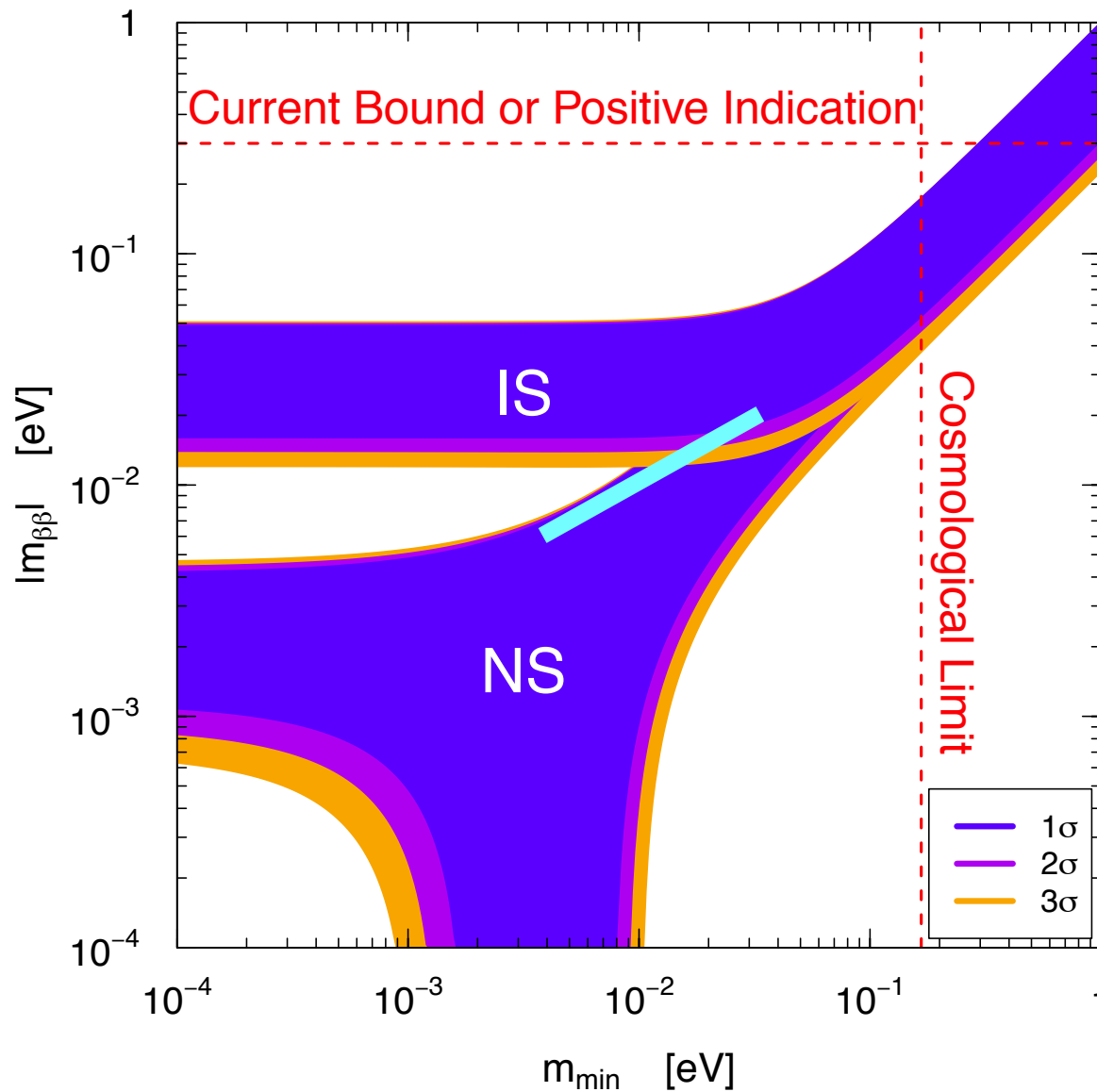
$$\theta_{13} \simeq \theta_c / 3\sqrt{2} \quad \leftarrow \text{CG's of SU(5) \& T'} \quad \delta = 227^\circ$$

$$\tan^2 \theta_\odot \simeq \tan^2 \theta_{\odot, TBM} + \frac{1}{2} \theta_c \cos \delta$$

- large  $\theta_{13}$  possible with one additional singlet flavon

M.-C. C., J. Huang, K.T. Mahanthappa, A. Wijiangco (2013)

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



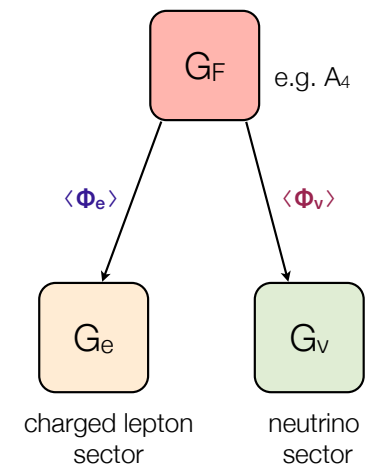
our model prediction ●

sum rule among masses  
⇒ small predicted region

[Plot taken from C. Giunti, LIONeutrino2012]

# “Large” Deviations from TBM in $A_4$

- Generically: corrections on the order of  $(\theta_c)^2$ 
  - from charged lepton sector:
    - through GUT relations
  - from neutrino sector:
    - higher order contributions in superpotential
- Modifying the Neutrino sector: Different symmetry breaking patterns
  - TBM: misalignment of  $\theta_{12}$  M.-C.C, J. Huang, J. O’Bryan, A. Wijangco, F. Yu, (2012)
    - $A_4 \rightarrow G_{TST2}$  and  $A_4 \rightarrow G_T$
  - $A_4$ : group of order 12  $\Rightarrow$  many subgroups
  - systematic study of breaking into other  $A_4$  subgroups

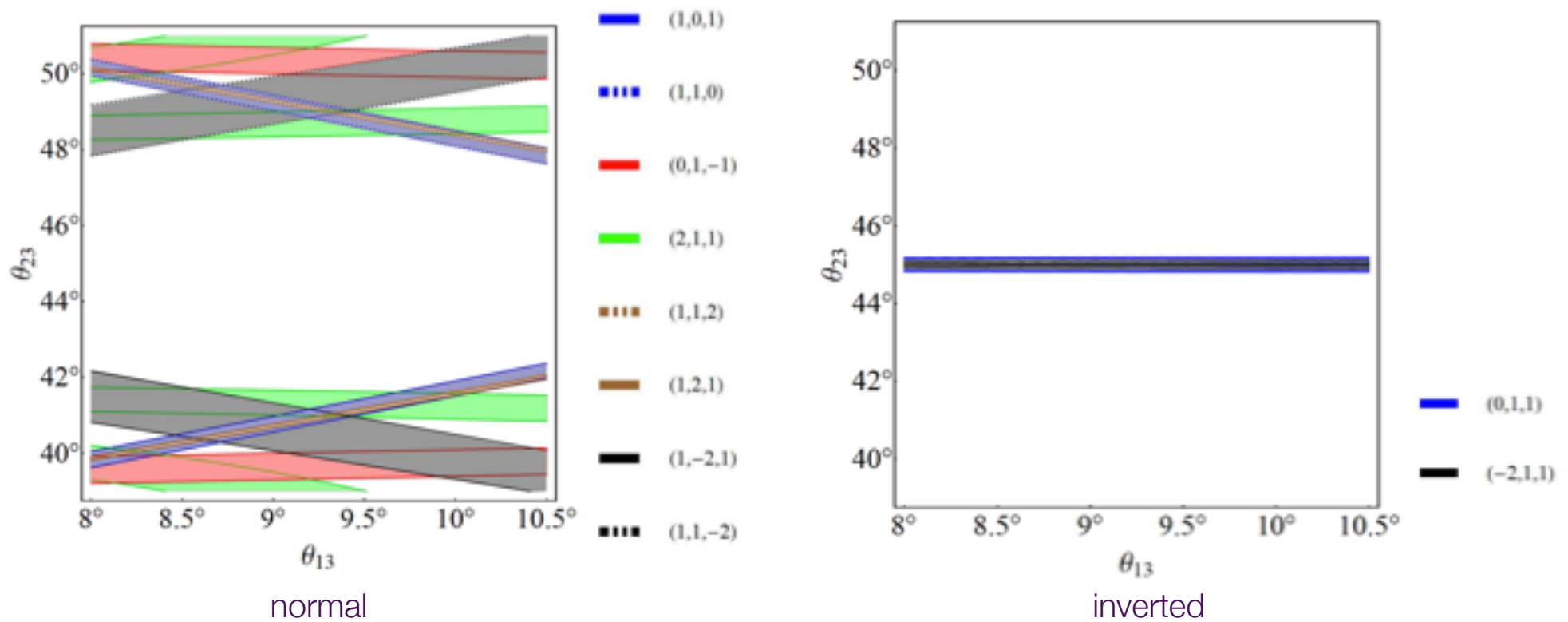




# “Large” Deviations from TBM in $A_4$

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- Different  $A_4$  breaking patterns:



deviations correlated

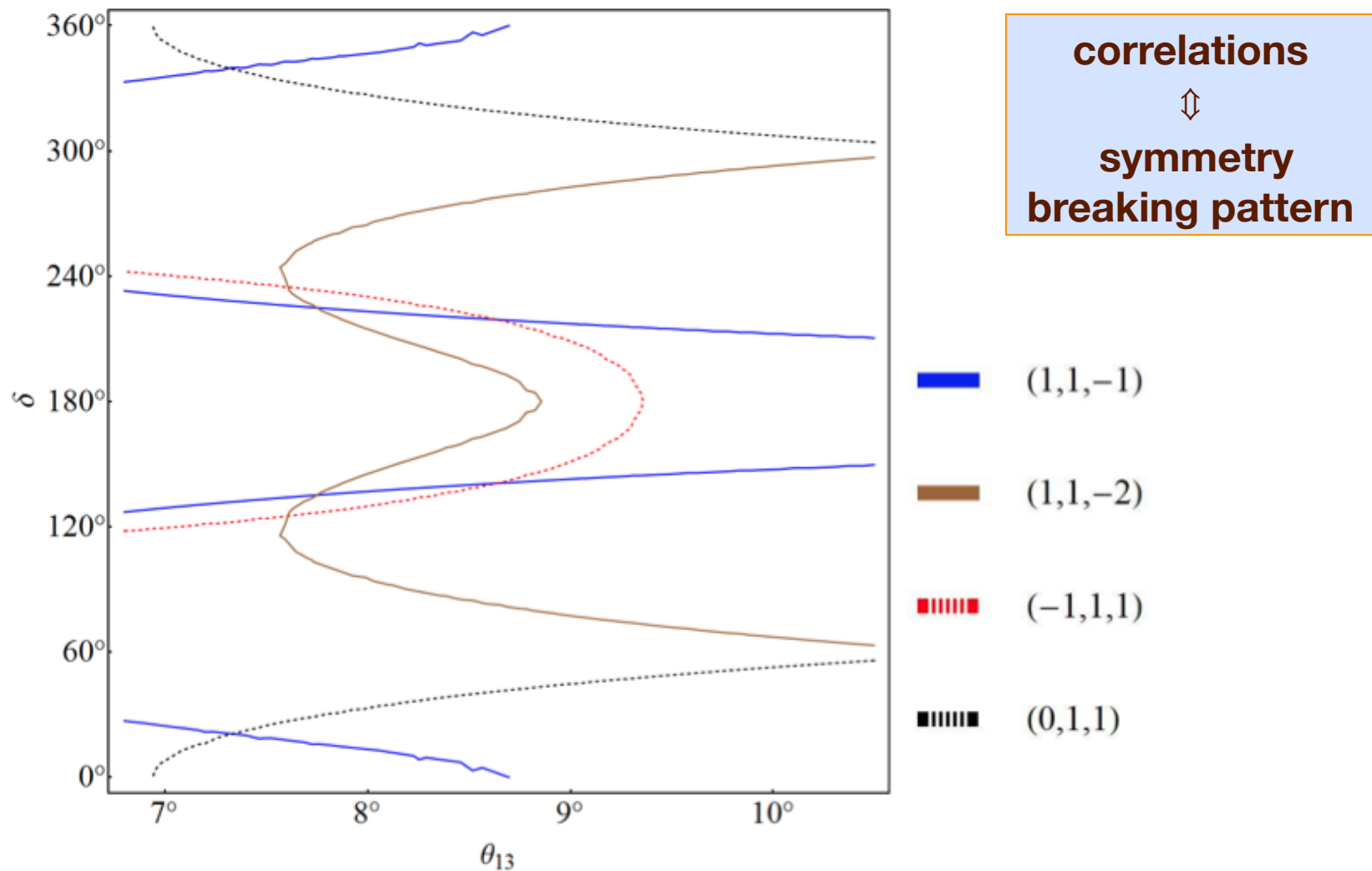
non-maximal  $\theta_{23} \Rightarrow$  normal hierarchy

mass ordering  $\Rightarrow$  symmetry breaking patterns

# “Large” Deviations from TBM in $A_4$

M.-C.C., J. Huang, J. O’Bryan, A. Wijangco, F. Yu, (2012)

- Correlation between Dirac CP phase and  $\theta_{13}$ :



# Another Example: $A_5$

P. Ballett, S. Pascoli, J. Turner (2015)

- Correlations among different mixing parameters

$G_e$	$\theta_{12}$	$\theta_{23}$	$\sin \alpha_{ji}$	$\delta$
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	$35.27^\circ + 10.13^\circ r^2$	$45^\circ$	0	$90^\circ$
				$270^\circ$
$\mathbb{Z}_5$	$31.72^\circ + 8.85^\circ r^2$	$45^\circ \pm 25.04^\circ r$	0	$0^\circ$
				$180^\circ$
		$45^\circ$	0	$90^\circ$
				$270^\circ$
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$36.00^\circ - 34.78^\circ r^2$	$31.72^\circ + 55.76^\circ r$	0	$0^\circ$
				$180^\circ$
		$58.28^\circ - 55.76^\circ r$	0	$0^\circ$
				$180^\circ$

TABLE I. Numerical predictions for the correlations found in this paper. The dimensionless parameter  $r \equiv \sqrt{2} \sin \theta_{13}$  is constrained by global data to lie in the interval  $0.19 \lesssim r \lesssim 0.22$  at  $3\sigma$ . The predictions for  $\theta_{12}$  and  $\theta_{23}$  shown here ne-

# Corrections to Kinetic Terms

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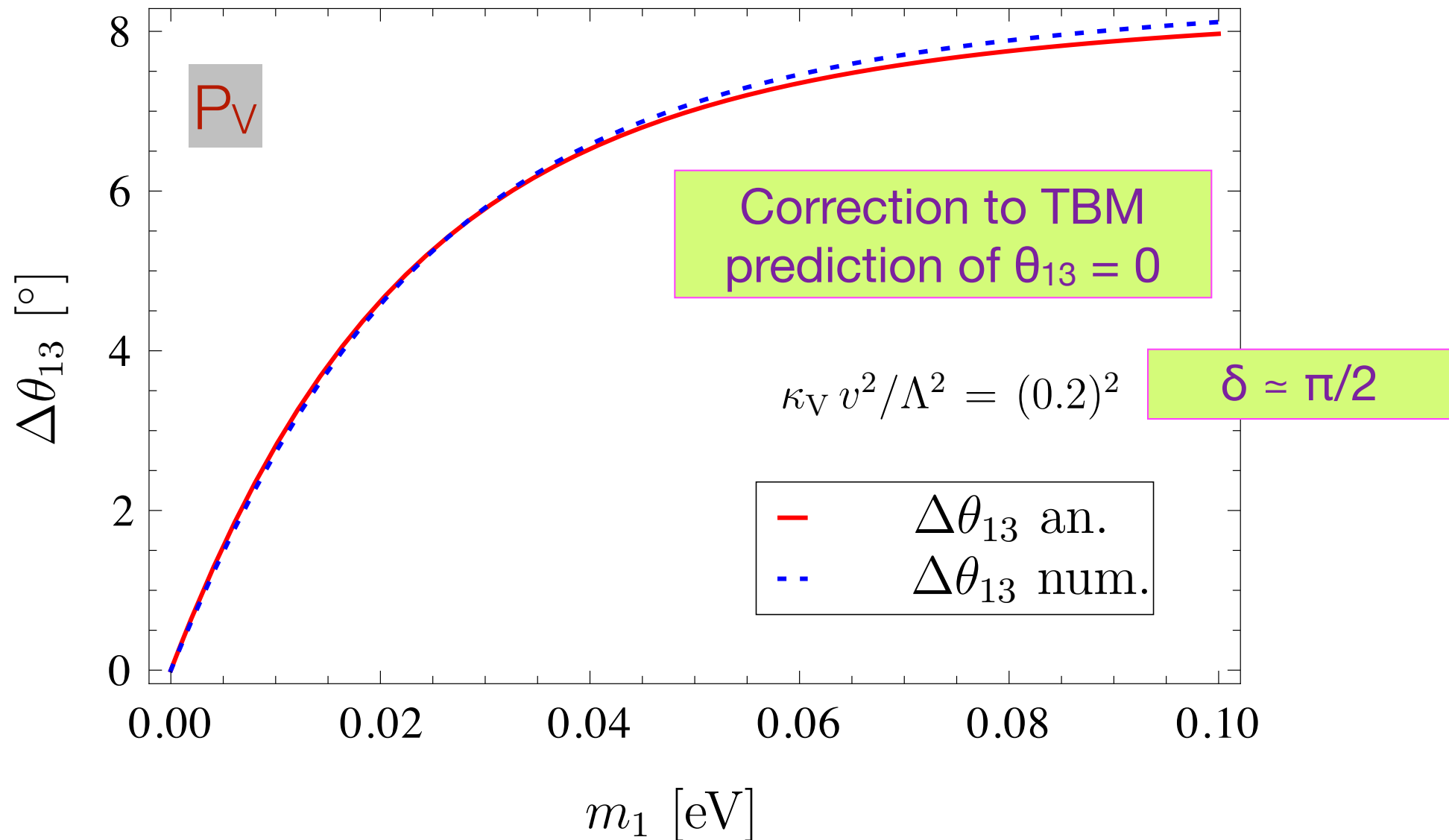
- Corrections to the kinetic terms induced by family symmetry breaking generically are present, should be properly included Leurer, Nir, Seiberg (1993); Dudas, Pokorski, Savoy (1995); Dreiner, Thomeier (2003)
  - can be along different directions than RG corrections
  - dominate over RG corrections (no loop suppression, copious heavy states)
  - only subdominant for quark flavor models
  - sizable for neutrino mass models based on discrete family symmetries, e.g.  $A_4$ 
    - Contributions from Flavon VEVs  $(1,0,0)$  and  $(1,1,1)$  M.-C.C, M. Fallbacher, M. Ratz, C. Staudt (2012)
    - five independent “basis” matrices

$$P_I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{II} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{III} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{IV} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & -i \\ -i & 0 & i \\ i & -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- RG correction: essentially along  $P_{III} = \text{diag}(0,0,1)$  direction due to  $y_\tau$  dominance
- kinetic term corrections can be along different directions than RG:  $P_I - P_V$ 
  - nontrivial flavor structure can be induced
  - non-zero CP phase can be induced

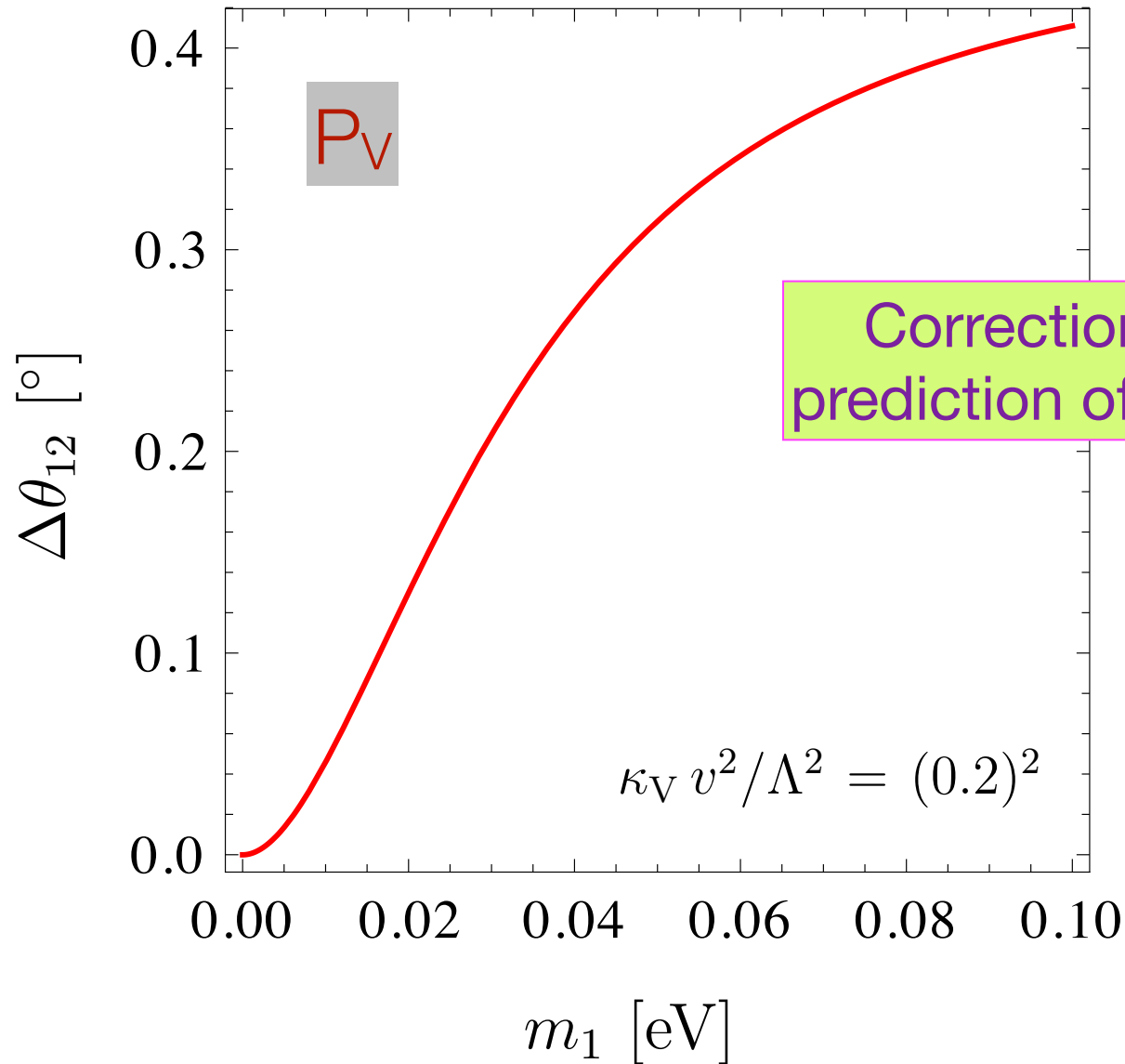
# An Example: Enhanced $\theta_{13}$ in $A_4$

M.-C.C., M. Fallbacher, M. Ratz, C. Staudt (2012)



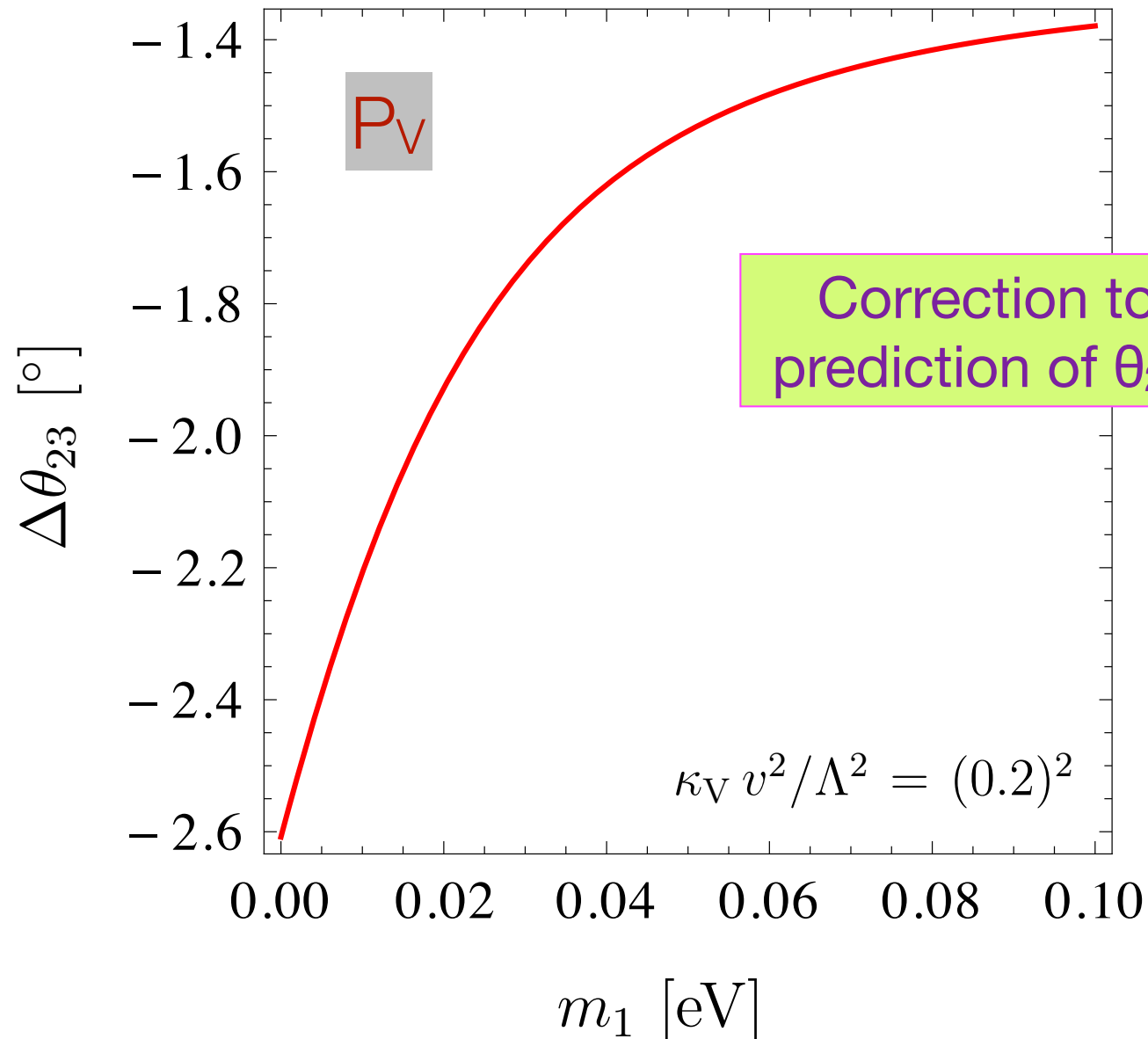
# Corresponding Change in $\theta_{12}$

M.-C.C., M. Fallbacher, M. Ratz, C. Staudt (2012)



# Corresponding Change in $\theta_{23}$

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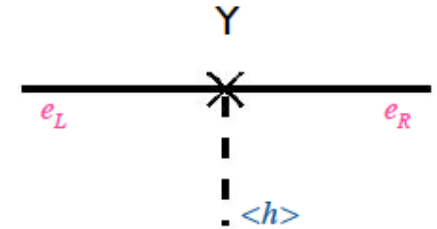
# Origin of CP Violation

- CP violation  $\Leftrightarrow$  complex mass matrices

$$\bar{U}_{R,i}(M_u)_{ij}Q_{L,j} + \bar{Q}_{L,j}(M_u^\dagger)_{ji}U_{R,i} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} \bar{Q}_{L,j}(M_u)_{ij}U_{R,i} + \bar{U}_{R,i}(M_u)_{ij}^*Q_{L,j}$$

- Conventionally, CPV arises in two ways:

- Explicit CP violation: complex Yukawa coupling constants  $Y$
- Spontaneous CP violation: complex scalar VEVs  $\langle h \rangle$



- **Complex CG coefficients in certain discrete groups  $\Rightarrow$  explicit CP violation**
  - CPV in quark and lepton sectors purely from complex CG coefficients

**CG coefficients in non-Abelian discrete symmetries**  
 $\Rightarrow$  relative strengths and phases in entries of Yukawa matrices  
 $\Rightarrow$  mixing angles and phases (and mass hierarchy)

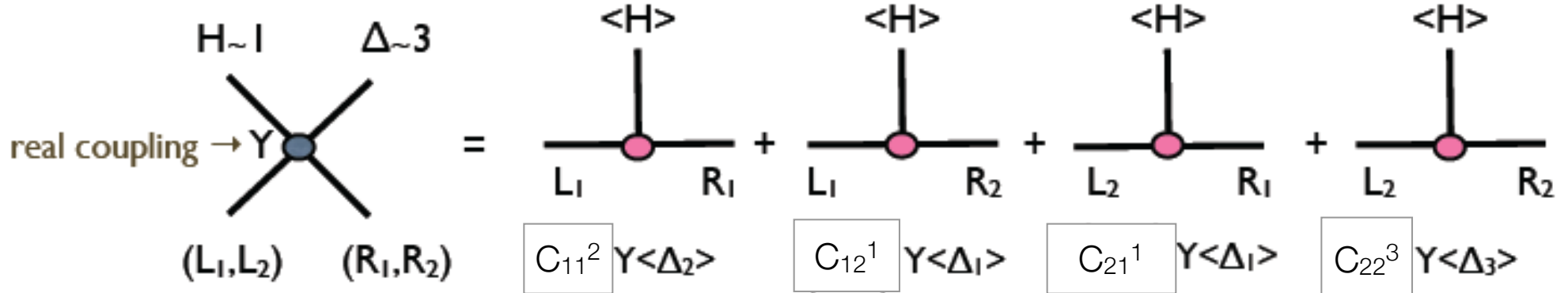


# Group Theoretical Origin of CP Violation

M.-C.C., K.T. Mahanthappa  
Phys. Lett. B681, 444 (2009)

## Basic idea

Discrete  
symmetry  $G$



- Scalar potential: if  $Z_3$  symmetric  $\Rightarrow \langle \Delta_1 \rangle = \langle \Delta_2 \rangle = \langle \Delta_3 \rangle \equiv \langle \Delta \rangle$  real
- Complex effective mass matrix: **phases determined by group theory**

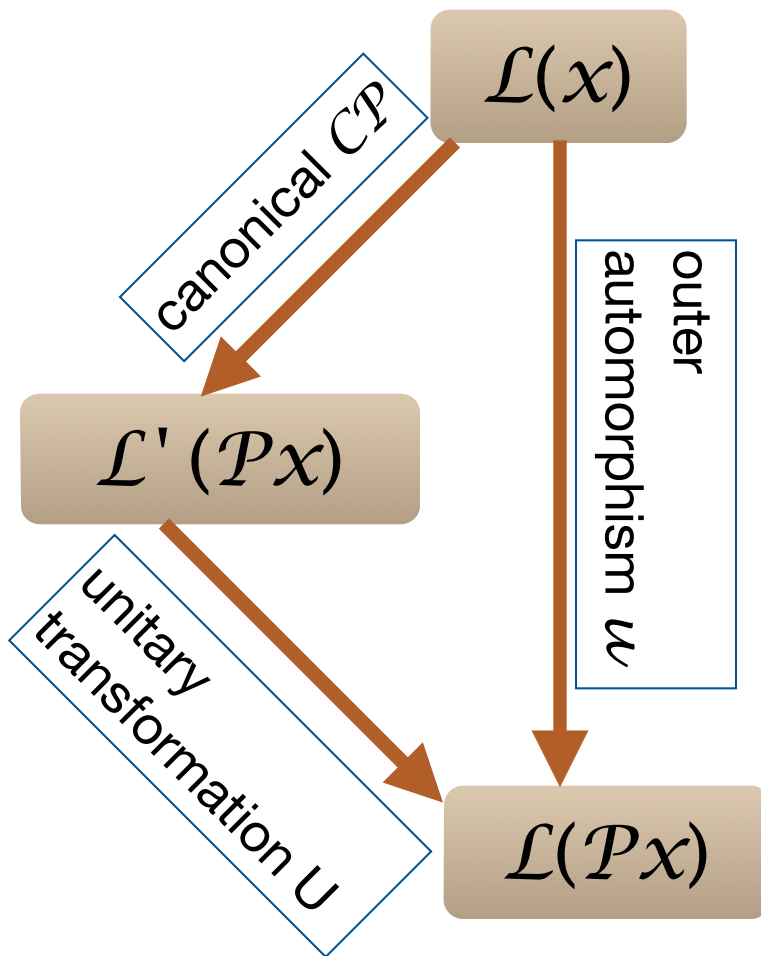
$C_{ij}^k$ :  
complex CG  
coefficients of  
 $G$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 & L_2 \\ C_{11}^2 & C_{21}^1 \\ C_{12}^1 & C_{22}^3 \end{pmatrix} Y \langle \Delta \rangle \begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Group Theoretical Origin of CP Violation

M.-C.C, M. Fallbacher, K.T. Mahanthappa, M. Ratz, A. Trautner, NPB (2014)

complex CGs  $\Leftrightarrow G$  and physical CP transformations do not commute



$$\Phi(x) \xrightarrow{\tilde{CP}} U_{CP} \Phi^*(\mathcal{P} x)$$

$$\rho_{r_i}(u(g)) = U_{r_i} \rho_{r_i}(g)^* U_{r_i}^\dagger \quad \forall g \in G \text{ and } \forall i$$

**$u$  has to be a class-inverting, involutory automorphism of  $G$**   
 $\Rightarrow$  non-existence of such automorphism in certain groups  
 $\Rightarrow$  explicit physical CP violation in generic setting

examples:  $T_7, \Delta(27), \dots$

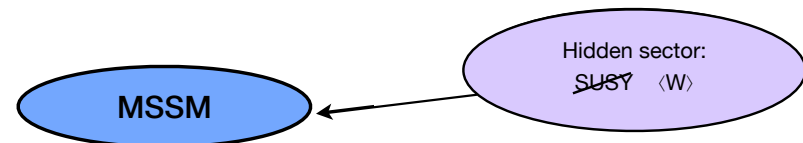
# Dirac Neutrinos and SUSY Breaking

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- ▶ naturally small Dirac neutrino masses can arise
  - ▶ Randall-Sundrum model: wave function overlap
  - ▶ Supersymmetry breaking
- ▶ before SUSY breaking: absence of Dirac neutrino masses (as well as Weinberg operator)
- ▶ after SUSY breaking: realistic effective Dirac neutrino masses generated

$$Y_\nu \sim \frac{m_{3/2}}{M_P} \sim \frac{\mu}{M_P}$$

Arkani-Hamed, Hall, Murayama, Tucker-Smith, Weiner (2001)



- ▶ similar to the Giudice-Masiero Mechanism for the  $\mu$  problem

$$\mu \sim \langle \mathcal{W} \rangle / M_P^2 \sim m_{3/2}$$

Giudice, Masiero (1988)

- ▶ Need a symmetry reason for the absence of these operators before SUSY breaking

# Dirac Neutrinos and SUSY Breaking

- Simultaneous realization of these two scenarios can arise in MSSM with discrete R symmetries,  $\mathbb{Z}_M^R$

M.-C. C., M. Ratz, C. Staudt, P. Vaudrevange (2012)

- ▶ neutrinos are of the Dirac type, with naturally small masses
- ▶  $\Delta L = 2$  operators forbidden to all orders  $\Rightarrow$  no neutrinoless double beta decay
- ▶ **New signature: lepton number violation  $\Delta L = 4$  operators,  $(\nu_R)^4$ , allowed  $\Rightarrow$  new LNV processes, e.g.**

M.-C. C., M. Ratz, C. Staudt, P. Vaudrevange (2012)

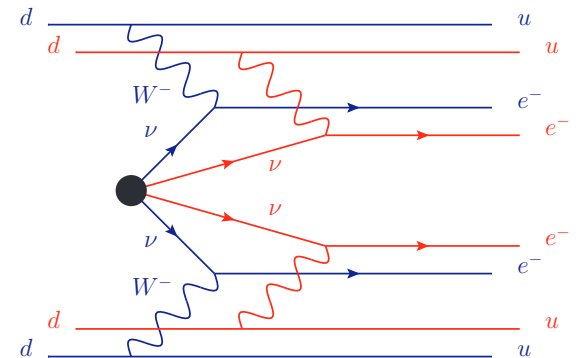
- neutrinoless quadruple beta decay Heeck, Rodejohann (2013)

- mu term is naturally small, simultaneously
- dangerous proton decay operators forbidden/suppressed
- may simultaneously explain the flavor structure with discrete generation dependent R symmetries (even with non-Abelian!)

M.-C.C., M. Ratz, A. Trautner (2013)

- Dynamical generation of RPV operators with size predicted, different processes correlated

M.-C.C., M. Ratz, V. Takhistov (2014)



# Summary

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- Fundamental origin of fermion mass hierarchy and flavor mixing still not known
- Neutrino masses: evidence of physics beyond the SM
- **Symmetries**: can provide an understanding of the pattern of fermion masses and mixing
  - Grand unified symmetry + discrete family symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  predictive power
  - Symmetries lead to **testable predictions**:
    - interesting leading order sum rules between quark & lepton mixing parameters
    - lepton flavor violating charged lepton decays
    - proton (nucleon) decay, neutron-antineutron oscillation
  - corrections to kinetic terms need to be properly included
- **Discrete Groups (of Type I) affords a Novel origin of CP violation**:
  - **Complex CGs  $\Rightarrow$  Group Theoretical Origin of CP Violation**
  - **as a R-symmetry: Dirac neutrino + solving problems in MSSM**