# **Neutrino Physics: Goals and Perspectives**

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## **Motivation: Physics Beyond the SM**



#### **New Physics: Neutrino Sources**



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# **Parameters for 3 Light Neutrinos**

#### mass & mixing parameters: $m_1$ , $\Delta m_{21}^2$ , $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$ , sign( $\Delta m_{31}^2$ )



#### Four Methods of Mass Determination

- kinematical
- lepton number violation
   ←→ Majorana nature
- oscillations
- astrophysics & cosmology

# **Kinematical Mass Determination**



Sensitivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  degenerate  $\nu$ -spectrum  $\Rightarrow$  Oscillations:  $\Delta m_{ij}^2 \ll m_i^2 \Rightarrow \qquad \sum m_i^2 |U_{ei}|^2 < (2.2 \text{ eV})^2$ 

**Future:** KATRIN  $\rightarrow$  0.25 eV  $\rightarrow$  ?

#### ←→ c.f. comological bounds

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#### **Neutrino-less Double β-Decay**



$$m_1$$
→small →  $m_{ee}$  =const. ~  $(\Delta m_{ij}^2)^{1/2}$  ←→ sign $(\Delta m_{31}^2)$   
 $m_1$  large →  $m_{ee}$  ~  $m_1$ 

cosmological bound on  $m_1$ HM-claim  $\rightarrow$ , tension'

new experiments: CUORICINO, GERDA→ CUORE, Majorana, ... aim: (Δm<sub>31</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>1/2</sup> ~ 0.05eV

Cosmology: syst. errors  $\rightarrow$  X10? 0v2 $\beta$  – nuclear matrix elements? theory: LR, RPV-SUSY, ...

#### Iepton number violation



Lightest neutrino (m<sub>1</sub>) in eV

# **Neutrino Oscillation Signals**



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#### K2K confirms atmospheric $\Delta m^2$



#### **Testing Solar L/E with KamLAND**



#### **The Future of Neutrino Oscillations**

 $\frac{\Delta m^2 \text{ and } \theta_{ij} \text{ regions}}{\Rightarrow} \text{ improved oscillation experiments}$  $\Rightarrow \text{ controlled sources & detectors}$ 

→ long baseline experiments with neutrino beams
→ reactor experiments with identical near & far detector

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e_1} & U_{e_2} & U_{e_3} \\ U_{\mu_1} & U_{\mu_2} & U_{\mu_3} \\ U_{\tau_1} & U_{\tau_2} & U_{\tau_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 x Majorana-  
CP-phases  
$$\theta_{23} \qquad S_{13} \rightarrow 3 \text{ flavour effects} \qquad \theta_{12} \qquad \text{matter effects}$$

<u>Aims</u>:  $\rightarrow$  improved precision of the leading 2x2 oscillations  $\rightarrow$  detection of generic 3-neutrino effects:  $\theta_{13}$ , CP violation

→ precision neutrino physics

# **Analytic Approximations**

- $\Delta = \Delta m_{31}^2 L/4E$
- qualitative understanding  $\Rightarrow$  expand in  $\alpha = \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$
- matter effects  $\hat{A} = A/\Delta m_{31}^2 = 2VE/\Delta m_{31}^2; \ V = \sqrt{2}G_F n_e$

 $P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta + 2 \alpha \cos^2 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \Delta \cos \Delta$ 

$$P(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{(1-\hat{A})^2}$$

 $\pm \sin \delta_{\rm CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})} \\ + \cos \delta_{\rm CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})}$ 

+ 
$$\alpha^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2}$$

analytic discussion / full simulations
 degeneracies, correlations → (sin<sup>2</sup>2θ<sub>13</sub>)<sub>eff</sub>

Cervera et al. Freund, Huber, ML Akhmedov, Johansson , ML, Ohlsson, Schwetz

#### **Degeneracies, Correlations, ...**

#### Fixed L/E → probabilities invarinat under transformations:

- $\theta_{23} \rightarrow \pi/2 \theta_{23}$  Fogli, Lisi P( $v_e \rightarrow v_{\mu}$ ) not really invariant  $\rightarrow$  compensation by small parameter off-sets
- $\Delta m^2 \rightarrow -\Delta m^2$  compensated by offset in  $\delta$  Minakata, Nunokawa
- $P(v_e \rightarrow v_\mu) = const. \rightarrow \delta \theta_{13}$  manifolds Koike, Ota, Sato & Burguet-Castell et al.
- **>** 8-fold degeneracy Barger, Marfatia, Whisnant

- parameter extraction suffers from correlations & degeneracies
- how to break degeneracies & correlations?

#### The magic Baseline

$$\begin{split} P(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu) &\approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \ \frac{\sin^2((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{(1-\hat{A})^2} \\ &\pm \ \sin \delta_{\rm CP} \ \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})} \\ &+ \ \cos \delta_{\rm CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})} \\ &+ \ \alpha^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2} \end{split}$$

- All terms besides the first vanish for  $\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) = 0$
- Condition for uncorrelated sensitivity to  $\theta_{13}$   $\hat{A}\Delta = \pi$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  inserting  $\hat{A}=A/\Delta m^2_{31}$ , A=2VE,  $\Delta=\Delta m^2_{31}L/4E$  one finds

$$L_{magic} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2}G_F n_e} = 7630 \text{ km} \cdot \frac{\rho}{4.3g/cm^3}$$
 Huber, Winter

Note that this is not the MSW resonance condition

## **Simulation of Future Experiments**

- select a setup (beam, detector, baseline, ...)
- take "most realistic" parameters  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  best guess!
- simulate all relevant aspects as good as possible

	Source	$\otimes$	Oscillation	$\otimes$	Detector	
- neutr - flux a - flavor - conta - symn	tino energy E and spectrum ur composition amination netric $\nu/\overline{\nu}$ operat	ion	<ul> <li>oscillation channel</li> <li>realistic baselines</li> <li>MSW matter prof</li> <li>degeneracies</li> <li>correlations</li> </ul>	s ile	<ul> <li>effective mass</li> <li>threshold, responsible</li> <li>particle ID (responsible</li> <li>event reconstance</li> <li>backgrounds</li> <li>x-sections (approximate)</li> </ul>	ss, material solution flavour, charge, truction,) t low E)

• determine the potential: "true" ← → fitted parameters

• compare only realistic simulations (all relevant effects, errors & uncertainties)

# **A Powerful Simulation Tool**



#### **General Long Baseline Experiment Simulator**

Comp. Phys. Comm. 167 (2005) 195, hep-ph/0407333

http://www.ph.tum.de/~globes

P. Huber, ML, W. Winter M. Freund, M. Rolinec

- C-based simulation software (GPL = free)
- extensive documentation & examples
- 3 phase approach:
- 1) **AEDL** (Abstract Experiment Definition Language)
- 2) simulation of an experiment  $\rightarrow$  3-v oscillations; scan ,,true values"
- 3) analysis  $\rightarrow$  event distriutions, ...., sensitivities, ...

#### **New Reactor Experiments**





#### **Most Advanced Project: Double Chooz**



#### **Double Chooz and Triple Chooz**



# **Double Chooz and Ov2\beta**

m<sub>ee</sub> versus m<sub>1</sub>

for  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.2$ 



**Double Chooz** ML, Merle, Rodejohann



#### **New Neutrino Beams**

- <u>conventional beams, superbeams</u>
   → MINOS, CNGS: ( OPERA CARUS, T2K, NOvA, T2H,...
- <u>β-beams</u>

→ pure  $v_e$  and  $v_e$  beams from radioactive decays;  $\gamma \simeq 100...1000$ 

- <u>neutrino factories</u>
  - $\rightarrow$  clean neutrino beams from decay of stored  $\mu$ 's

$$P(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu) \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{(1-\hat{A})^2}$$

$$\pm \sin \delta_{CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})}$$

$$+ \cos \delta_{CP} \alpha \sin 2\theta_{12} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1-\hat{A})\Delta)}{\hat{A}(1-\hat{A})}$$

$$+ \alpha^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2}$$

#### correlations & degeneracies

# **Detectors in a Nutshell**

#### Most important features:

- which leptons can be detected:  $e, \mu, \tau$
- can particles and anti-particles be distinguished  $\Leftrightarrow$  magnetic fields
- detector threshold and beam energy  $\Rightarrow$  defines energy window
- ...

#### Main players:

- water Cherenkov detectors a la SuperK sees e<sup>±</sup>, μ<sup>±</sup>, i.e. no charge id very good for QE scattering at lower energies
- low Z calorimeter as proposed for NuMI sees e<sup>±</sup>, μ<sup>±</sup>, i.e. no charge id best for medium energies were QE/DIS both contribute
- magnetized iron detectors sees  $\mu^+$ ,  $\mu^-$ , no e and  $\tau$

#### Other players:

- liquid Argon a la ICARUS  $\Rightarrow \tau$
- emulsion detectors a la OPERA  $\Rightarrow$  sees all channels

# **Future Long Baseline Projects**

K2K	analysis	establish atmospheric oscillations with beam
MINOS	running	expected precision:
<b>OPERA</b> , ICARUS	construction	8% for $\Delta m_{13}^2$ , 25% for $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ , $\theta_{13}$ ?
T2K	approved	4% for $\Delta m_{13}^2$ , 15% for $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ , $\Rightarrow \theta_{13}$
ΝΟνΑ	pre-approved	3% for $\Delta m_{13}^2$ , 15% for $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ (combined with T2K), $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$ , $\rightarrow \delta$ ?, $\rightarrow \text{sgn}(\Delta m_{13}^2)$
T2H	R&D	
β-beams	R&D	precision neutrino physics
neutrino factory	R&D	
muon collider	•••	

- every stage is a necessary prerequisite for the next
- continuous line of improvements for beams, detectors, physics

#### **Improvement of** $\Delta m_{31}^2$ and $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ $\Delta m_{31}^2$ -precision $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$ -precision 0.4SK+K2K exluded at 30 CNGS MINOS 0.2 Relative error at 20 VOL. CNGS 0 -0.2 SK+K2K current data -0.4 2 4 1 3 2 3 True value of $\Delta m_{31}^2 [10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2]$ True value of $\Delta m_{31}^2 [10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2]$

#### Huber, ML, Rolinec, Schwetz, Winter

# **Sensitivity Plots**



#### $\theta_{13}$ in the Current LBL Generation



#### MINOS sensitivity as a function of time:

- MINOS:  $3.7 \cdot 10^{20}$  pot/y
- 1,2,5 years

Compare: 5 years, 5% flux uncertainty – CNGS:  $4.5 \cdot 10^{19}$  pot/y

- only modest improvements for  $\theta_{13}$
- other objectives...

# $\theta_{13}$ Sensitivity in the Next Generation



- one order of magnitude improvement for  $heta_{13}$
- synergies between reactor and accelerator experiments
  - reactor anti-neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  only neutrino beams (x-section)
  - reactor: uncorrelated  $\theta_{13} \Rightarrow$  combine with beams & resolve correlations
- synergy between beams  $\Rightarrow$  **NOvA** at larges baseline  $\Rightarrow$  matter effects

## $\theta_{13}$ Sensitivity Versus Time



β-beams neutrino factory

# **Leptonic CP-Violation**

<u>assume:</u>  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ ,  $\delta = \pi/2 \rightarrow \text{combine T2K+NOvA+reactor}$ 



→ bounds or measurements of leptonic CP-violation
 → leptonic CP-violation in M<sub>R</sub> ← → baryon asymetry via leptogenesis

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# How to Break Degeneracies & Correlations

#### Rates only ←→ degeneracies can be resolved by:

- → combination of different oscillation channels
- → use different baselines
- → combine different energies
- ➔ use energy spectrum
- → go to "magic baseline"

All degeneracies can in principle be broken

optimal strategy (physics output / time, money, feasibility ) depends on further R&D

## **Energy Resolution**

#### Rate based degeneracies have different energy spectra



→ use energy resolution to break degeneracies

#### **Silver Channels**

#### Neutrino factory:

- golden channel: wrong sign μ's
- <u>silver channel</u> :  $\tau$ 's

 $\rightarrow$  different oscillation probabilities...

➔ break degeneracies!



Donini, Meloni, Migliozzi Autiero, et al.

# What is precison neutrino physics good for?

# unique flavour information tests models / ideas about flavour history: elimination of SMA

# The Value of Precision for $\theta_{13}$

- models for masses & mixings
- input: Known masses & mixings
  - $\rightarrow$  distribution of  $\theta_{13}$  "predictions"
- +  $\theta_{13}$  often close to experimental bounds
  - → motivates new experiments
  - θ<sub>13</sub> controls 3-flavour effects
     like leptonic CP-violation

for example:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.01$   $\Rightarrow$ 

<u>physics question: why is θ<sub>13</sub> so small ?</u>
 → numerical coincidence
 → symmetry



Reference	$\sin\theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 2 heta_{13}$
50(10)		
Goh, Mohapatra, Ng [40]	0.18	0.13
Orbifold SO(10)		
Asaka, Buchmüller, Covi [41]	0.1	0.04
SO(10) + flavor symmetry		
Babu, Pati, Wilczek [42]	$5.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Blazek, Raby, Tobe [43]	0.05	0.01
Kitano, Mimura [44]	0.22	0.18
Albright, Dan [45]	0.014	7.8 10-1
Machawa [46]	0.22	0.18
Rozz, Velazeo Sevilla [47]	0.07	0.02
Chen, Mahanthappa [48]	0.15	0.09
Raby [49]	0.1	0.04
SO(10) + texture		
Buchmüller, Wyler [50]	0.1	0.04
Bando, Obara [51]	0.01 0.06	$4 \cdot 10^{-4} \dots 0.01$
Flavor symmetries		
Crimuz Lououra [52, 52]	0	0
Grimus, Levoure [52]	03	03
Babu, Ma, Valle [54]	0.14	0.08
Kuchimanchi, Mohapatra [55]	0.08 0.4	0.03 0.5
Ohlsson, Seidi [50]	0.07 0.14	0.02 0.08
King, Ross [57]	0.2	0.15
Textures		
Honda, Kaneko, Tanimoto [58]	0.08 0.20	0.03 0.15
Lebed, Martin [59]	0.1	0.04
Bando, Kaneko, Obara, Tanimoto [60]	$0.01 \dots 0.05$	$4 \cdot 10^{-1} 0.01$
Ibarra, Ross [61]	0.2	0.15
$3 \times 2$ see-saw		
Appelquist, Piai, Shock [62, 63]	0.05	0.01
Frampton, Clashew, Yanagida [64]	0.1	0.04
Mei, Xing [65] (normal hierarchy)	0.07	0.02
(inverted hierarchy)	> 0.006	$> 1.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Anarchy		
de Gouvêa, Murayama [66]	> 0.1	> 0.04
Renormalization group enhancement Mohapatra, Parida, Rajasekaran [67]	0.08 0.1	0.03 0.04

# **Further Implications of Precision**

#### **Precision allows to identify / exclude:**

- special angles:  $\theta_{13} = 0^{\circ}$ ,  $\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ}$ , ...  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  discrete f. symmetries?
- special relations:  $\theta_{12} + \theta_C = 45^\circ$ ?  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  quark-lepton relation?
- quantum corrections 
   renormalization group evolution

#### **Provides also measurements or tests of:**

- **MSW effect** (coherent forward scattering and matter profiles)
- cross sections
- 3 neutrino unitarity **< >** sterile neutrinos with small mixings
- neutrino decay (admixture...)
- decoherence
- NSI
- MVN, ...



# **Neutrino Mass Terms**

#### <u>1) Postulate right handed neutrino fields -> SM+</u>



Natural value of mass operators: scale of symmetry

 $m_D \sim$  electro-weak scale

 $M_R \sim$  embedding into GUT  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  L violation scale

<u>See-saw mechanism (type I)</u>  $m_v = m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T$ 

$$\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{R}}$$

Numerical hints:

For  $m_3 \sim (\Delta m_{atm}^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $m_D \sim leptons \Rightarrow M_R \sim 10^{11} - 10^{16} \text{GeV}$  $\Rightarrow v$ 's are Majorana particles,  $m_v$  probes  $\sim \text{GUT scale physics!}$  $\Rightarrow$  smallness of  $m_v \notin \Rightarrow$  high scale of L, symmetries of  $m_D$ ,  $M_R$ 

## **More Neutrino Mass Operators**

#### **2) new Higgs triplets** $\Delta$ :

 $M_{I}LL^{\overline{c}}$ →left-handed Majorana mass term





**3)** Both  $v_{\rm R}$  and new Higgs triplets  $\Delta_{\rm L}$ :

- $\rightarrow$  see-saw type II  $m_v = M_I m_D M_B^{-1} m_D^T$
- 4) Higher dimensional operators: d=5, ...



 $\Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \kappa \cdot \overline{\nu}_{L}^{C} \nu_{L} \Phi^{T} \Phi$  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{L} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^{C}$ 

5) More speculative things ...

# The larger Picture: GUTs

#### Gauge unification suggests that some GUT exists



#### Requirements: gauge unification, particle multiplets (e.g. v<sub>R</sub>), proton decay, ...

## **GUT Expectations and Requirements**

#### **Quarks and leptons sit in the same multiplets**

- → one set of Yukawa coupling for given GUT multiplet
- $\rightarrow$  ~ tension: small quark mixings  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  large leptonic mixings
- this was in fact the reason why many `predicted' small mixing angles (SMA) – ruled out by data

#### **Mechanisms to post-dict large mixings:**

- → sequential dominance
- →...
- ➔ Dirac screening

#### **Single right-handed Dominance**

$$m_D = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & a & b \\ \cdot & c & d \end{pmatrix} \qquad M_R = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & x & 0 \\ \cdot & 0 & y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow m_{\nu} = -m_D \cdot M_R^{-1} \cdot m_D^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \frac{a^2}{x} + \frac{b^2}{y} & \frac{ac}{x} + \frac{bd}{y} \\ \cdot & \frac{ac}{x} + \frac{bd}{y} & \frac{c^2}{x} + \frac{d^2}{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

If one right-handed neutrino dominates, e.g. y >> x

- $\rightarrow$  small sub-determinant ~ m<sub>2</sub>.m<sub>3</sub>
- $\rightarrow$  m<sub>2</sub> << m<sub>3</sub> i.e. a natural hierrachy
- →  $\tan \theta_{23} \simeq a/c$  i.e. naturally large mixing

#### **Sequential Dominance**

$$m_D = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & e & h \end{pmatrix} \qquad M_R = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_{\nu} = -m_D \cdot M_R^{-1} \cdot m_D^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

sequenatial dominance: z >> y >> x
→ small determinant ~ m<sub>1</sub> . m<sub>2</sub> . m<sub>3</sub>
→ m<sub>1</sub> << m<sub>2</sub> << m<sub>3</sub> natural
→ naturally large mixings

#### **Flavour Unification**

- so far no understanding of flavour, 3 generations
- apparant regularities in quark and lepton parameters
- → flavour symmetries



# **GUT** $\otimes$ Flavour Unification

- So far no understanding of flavour, 3 generations
- Regularities in quark and lepton parameters
- Hints for unification
- → GUT group ⊗ continuous, gauged flavour group
- for example SO(10)  $\otimes$  SU(3)<sub>flavour</sub>
- Generations are 3<sub>F</sub>
- SSB of SU(3)<sub>flavour</sub> between  $\Lambda_{GUT}$  and  $\Lambda_{Planck}$ 
  - → all flavour Goldstone Bosons eaten
  - → discrete (ungauged) sub-group survives ←→ SSB potential
  - → e.g. Z2, S3, D5, A4, ...
  - → structures in flavour space

# **GUT** $\otimes$ Flavour Challenges

- GUT  $\otimes$  flavour is rather restricted
  - small quark mixings
  - large leptonic mixings
  - → from unified GUT ⊗ flavour representations
  - ➔ strong links between Yukawa couplings
- Difficulty grows with
  - size of flavour symmetry
  - size of the GUT group
  - → so far only a few viable models
  - → limited possibilities
- Hope: Distinguish models by future precision
- Question: Is it possible to systematically unlock the Yukawa structures in a GUT  $\otimes$  flavour model

#### **Dirac Screening**

# Question: Do neutrino masses in GUT ⊗ flavour scenarios always depend on the same Yukawa couplings? → no

Assume: 
$$\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{L}}, \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{R}}^{\mathbf{C}}, \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \qquad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_{\nu} \langle \phi \rangle & 0 \\ Y_{\nu}^{T} \langle \phi \rangle & 0 & Y_{N}^{T} \langle \sigma \rangle \\ 0 & Y_{N} \langle \sigma \rangle & M_{S} \end{pmatrix}$$

→ double seesaw

$$m_{
u}^{0} = \left[rac{\langle \phi 
angle}{\langle \sigma 
angle}
ight]^{2} Y_{
u} \left(Y_{N}
ight)^{-1} M_{S} \left(Y_{N}^{T}
ight)^{-1} Y_{
u}^{T}$$

fit fermions into GUT representations relation between Yukawa couplings, e.g. E6  $Y_{\nu} = c \cdot Y_{N}$ 

# **Consequences of Screening**

Complete screening of Dirac structure

$$m_
u = c^2 \left[rac{\langle \phi 
angle}{\langle \sigma 
angle}
ight]^2 M_S$$

#### **Consequences:**

- Neutrino masses emerge completely from Planck scale physics
   generically different from quarks
- Dirac Yukawa structure (small mixings) screened
- Hierarchical neutrino spectrum not required in see-saw
- Quark-lepton complimentarity is easily possible
- With or without degenerate neutrino masses
- Double see-saw predics for M<sub>R</sub> from first see-saw to be lower than GUT scale by a factor <s>/M<sub>S</sub><sup>2</sup> 10<sup>-3</sup>
   ←→ better fit to masses

## **The Interplay of Topics**



#### Conclusions



#### neutrinos as probes



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