

# Scotogenic Majorana neutrino masses in an $A_4$ orbifold theory of flavour

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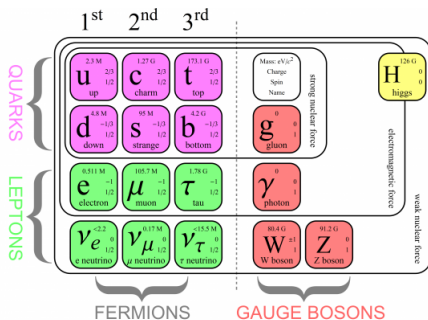




# OUTLINE

- Motivation
- Aim of this Model
- Elements & Properties
- Phenomenology
- Conclusions

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	4.8 M <b>d</b> down -1/3 1/2	95 M <b>s</b> strange -1/3 1/2	4.2 G <b>b</b> bottom -1/3 1/2
	0.511 M <b>e</b> electron -1 1/2	105.7 M <b><math>\mu</math></b> muon -1 1/2	1.78 G <b><math>\tau</math></b> tau -1 1/2
LEPTONS	<2.2 <b><math>\nu_e</math></b> e neutrino 0 1/2	0.17 M <b><math>\nu_\mu</math></b> $\mu$ neutrino 0 1/2	<15.5 M <b><math>\nu_\tau</math></b> $\tau$ neutrino 0 1/2
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## THE CKM MATRIX

Relates **down-type** quark **Flavour-** and **Mass-eigenstates**. Using the **PDG** Parametrization:

$$\{\theta_{12}^q, \theta_{13}^q, \theta_{23}^q, \delta^q\}, \quad (4)$$

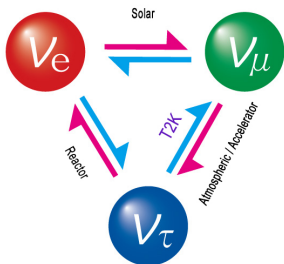
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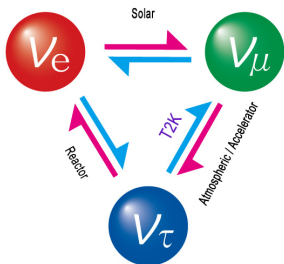


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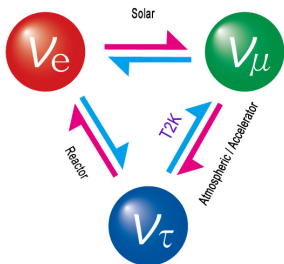


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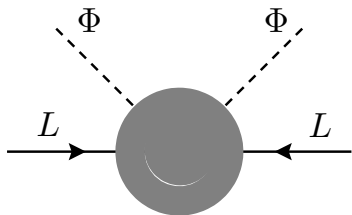
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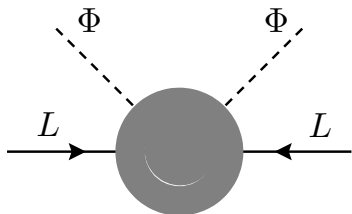
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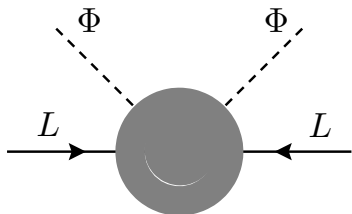


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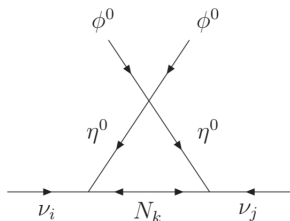


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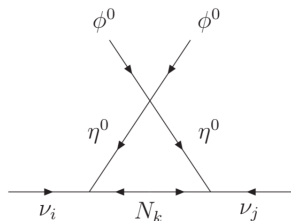
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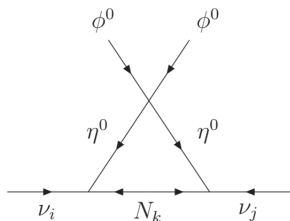


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$$|\nu^\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} |\nu^i\rangle, \quad \alpha = e, \mu, \tau. \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (7)$$

Symmetric parametrization [Rodejohann, and J. W. F. Valle, [PRD 84, 073011 \(2011\)](#)] :

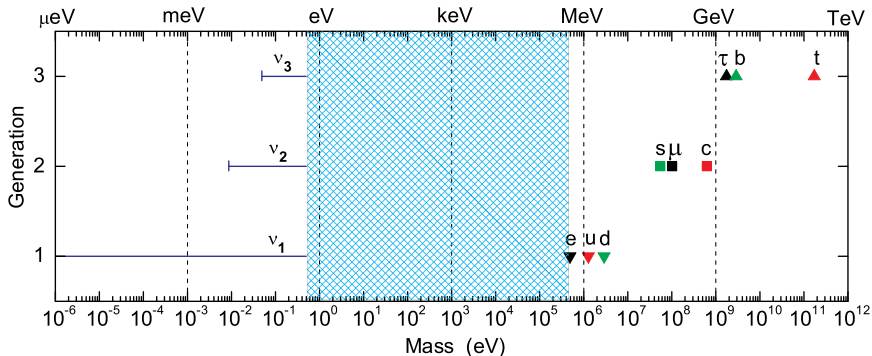
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Flavour symmetry breaking has consequences...

- **Fermion masses, and their hierachy** [Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 29 (2014) 1430067] .



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## • Mixing Patterns

$$\begin{pmatrix} |V_{ud}| & |V_{us}| & |V_{ub}| \\ |V_{cd}| & |V_{cs}| & |V_{cb}| \\ |V_{td}| & |V_{ts}| & |V_{tb}| \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \text{Large} & \text{Small} & \text{Very Small} \\ \text{Small} & \text{Large} & \text{Very Small} \\ \text{Very Small} & \text{Very Small} & \text{Large} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} |U_{e1}| & |U_{e2}| & |U_{e3}| \\ |U_{\mu 1}| & |U_{\mu 2}| & |U_{\mu 3}| \\ |U_{\tau 1}| & |U_{\tau 2}| & |U_{\tau 3}| \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \text{Large} & \text{Medium} & \text{Small} \\ \text{Small} & \text{Medium} & \text{Large} \\ \text{Small} & \text{Medium} & \text{Large} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- There are 22 parameters related to **Yukawa interactions**:

$$\{m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau, m_{\nu_1}, m_{\nu_2}, m_{\nu_3}, m_d, m_s, m_b, m_u, m_c, m_t\} \quad (11)$$

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# FLAVOUR SYMMETRY

- **Flavour symmetry** at high-energy regime.

$$SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \underbrace{\otimes G}_{\text{Flavour}}. \quad (13)$$

- Constraining, or relating the Yukawa coupling structure

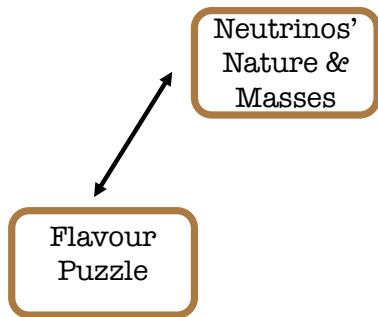
$$\underbrace{G}_{\text{Symmetry}} \xrightarrow{\text{SSB}} \underbrace{V_{\text{CKM}}, U, \text{ Mass Hierarchy}}_{\text{Flavour Observables}}. \quad (14)$$

- An appealing option are Discrete and Non-Abelian Groups

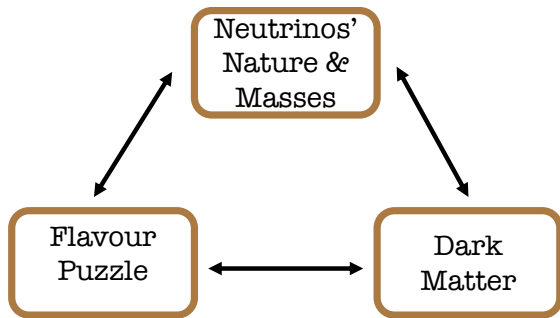
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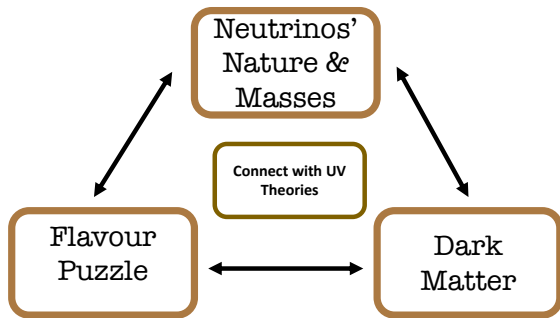
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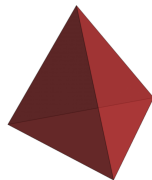
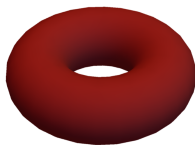
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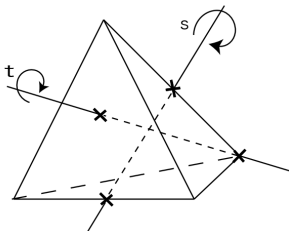
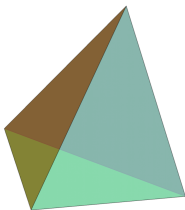
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- Flat and with **four singular points**, the location of **4-Branes**



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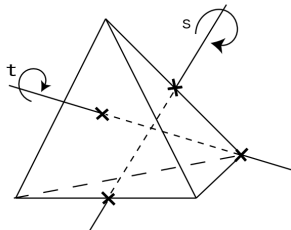
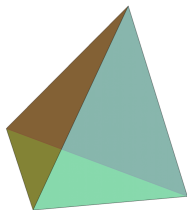


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THE  $A_4$  FLAVOUR SYMMETRY

- **Three generations** defined over **different branes**

Field Content and Quantum Numbers

Field	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	Location	$A_4$
$L$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-1	1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$d^c$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2/3	1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$e^c$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	2	1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$Q$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/3	1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$u_{1,2,3}^c$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-4/3	-1	Bulk	$1'', 1', 1$
$F$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	$i$	Brane	<b>3</b>
$H_u$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1	-1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$H_d$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	-1	1	Brane	<b>3</b>
$\eta$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1	$-i$	Brane	<b>1</b>
$\sigma$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	-1	Bulk	<b>3</b>

EFFECTIVE  $A_4$  INVARIANT YUKAWA LAGRANGIAN

- This  $A_4$  Flavour Symmetry Constraints the Yukawa couplings from first principles

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{Model}} = & y_1^d (Qd^c H_d)_{11} + y_2^d (Qd^c H_d)_{12} + y_1^e (Le^c H_d)_{11} + y_2^e (Le^c H_d)_{12} \\
 & + y_1^u (QH_u)_{11} u_1^c + y_2^u (QH_u)_{12} u_2^c + y_3^u (QH_u)_{13} u_3^c \\
 & + y^\sigma (F^T F \sigma)_{11} + \text{H.c.} \\
 & + y_1^\eta (L\eta F)_1 + \text{H.c.}
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

► Down-Type Quarks

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► Up-Type Quarks

$$M_u = v_u \begin{pmatrix} y_1^u \epsilon_1^u & y_1^u \epsilon_2^u \omega^2 & y_1^u \omega \\ y_2^u \epsilon_1^u & y_2^u \epsilon_2^u & y_2^u \omega^2 \\ y_3^u \epsilon_1^u & y_3^u \epsilon_2^u & y_3^u \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- This  $\langle \sigma \rangle$  determines the “Dark Fermion”  $F$  Masses, these together with  $\eta$  are WIMP-DM candidates due to the “Dark”  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

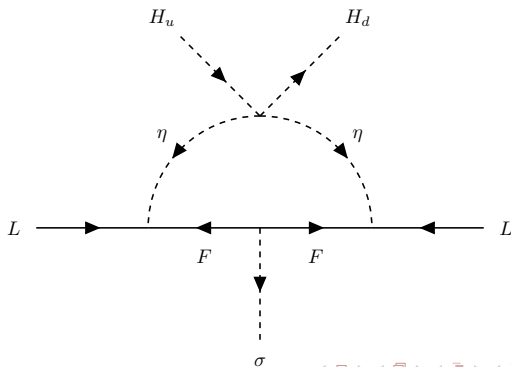


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- This  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  Symmetry is **Assumed** to be conserved, therefore:

$$\langle \eta \rangle = 0. \quad \longrightarrow \quad +y_1^\eta (L\eta F)_1 + \text{H.c.} \quad (25)$$

Flavour symmetrical one-loop Majorana mass model



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where

$$S(m_{F_k}) = m_{F_k} \left( \frac{m_R^2}{m_R^2 - m_{F_k}^2} \ln \frac{m_R^2}{m_{F_k}^2} - \frac{m_I^2}{m_I^2 - m_{F_k}^2} \ln \frac{m_I^2}{m_{F_k}^2} \right), \quad (27)$$

with  $m_R = m(\text{Re } \eta^0)$ ,  $m_I = m(\text{Im } \eta^0)$  and

$$m_R^2 - m_I^2 \equiv 2\lambda_5 \langle (H_u)_3 \rangle \langle (H_d)_3 \rangle_1 \quad (28)$$

## MODEL'S PARAMETERS

- General parameterization, Assuming  $CP$  preserved at the high energy scale.

$$\langle H_u \rangle = v_u \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1^u \\ \epsilon_2^u \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle H_d \rangle = v_d \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \epsilon_2^d \\ \epsilon_1^d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \sigma \rangle = v_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1^\sigma e^{i\varphi} \\ \epsilon_2^\sigma \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (29)$$

Working with a quasi-aligned VEV for  $H_u, H_d$  [[Morisi et al, PRD 84, 036003 \(2011\)](#)].

$$\epsilon_1^u, \epsilon_2^u, \epsilon_1^d, \epsilon_2^d \ll 1. \quad (30)$$

- **16 Independent Parameters:**

$$\{y_1^\eta, y_{1,2}^{e,d} v_d, y_{1,2,3}^u v_u, y^\sigma v_\sigma, \epsilon_{1,2}^{u,d}, \epsilon_{1,2}^\sigma, e^{i\sigma}\}. \quad (31)$$

# MASS MATRICES

- **Dark Fermions**

$$M_F = y_\sigma v_\sigma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \epsilon_2^\sigma \\ 1 & 0 & \epsilon_1^\sigma e^{i\varphi} \\ \epsilon_2^\sigma & \epsilon_1^\sigma e^{i\varphi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Up-Type Quarks**

$$M_u = v_u \begin{pmatrix} y_1^u \epsilon_1^u & y_1^u \epsilon_2^u \omega^2 & y_1^u \omega \\ y_2^u \epsilon_1^u & y_2^u \epsilon_2^u & y_2^u \omega^2 \\ y_3^u \epsilon_1^u & y_3^u \epsilon_2^u & y_3^u \end{pmatrix}.$$

- **Charged Leptons**

$$M_e = v_d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_1^e \epsilon_1^d & y_2^e \epsilon_2^d \\ y_2^e \epsilon_1^d & 0 & y_1^e \\ y_1^e \epsilon_2^d & y_2^e & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- **Down-Type Quarks**

$$M_d = v_d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_1^d \epsilon_1^d & y_2^d \epsilon_2^d \\ y_2^d \epsilon_1^d & 0 & y_1^d \\ y_1^d \epsilon_2^d & y_2^d & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

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- **Neutrinos** (Scotogenic mechanism).

$$(M_\nu)_{ij} = \sum_k^3 \frac{h_{ik}(h^T)_{kj}}{32\pi^2} S(m_{F_k}),$$

- **22 Flavour Standard Model Parameters**, thus correlations are expected.

$$\{\theta_{12}^l, \theta_{13}^l, \theta_{23}^l, \phi_{12}, \phi_{13}, \phi_{23}, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2, m_{u,c,t,d,s,b,e,\mu,\tau}, \theta_{12}^q, \theta_{13}^q, \theta_{23}^q, \delta^q\}. \quad (32)$$

## SOME INTERESTING RESULTS

- **Golden** Quark Lepton Mass Relation. From  $M_e, M_d$  structure [Morisi et al, PRD 84, 036003 (2011)] .

$$\frac{m_\tau}{\sqrt{m_\mu m_e}} \approx \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{m_s m_d}}. \quad (33)$$

- prediction for the neutrino mass scale

$$m_{\text{lightest}}^\nu \gtrsim 10^{-2} eV \quad (34)$$

- We considered **Normal Ordering** for neutrino masses. The CP phases

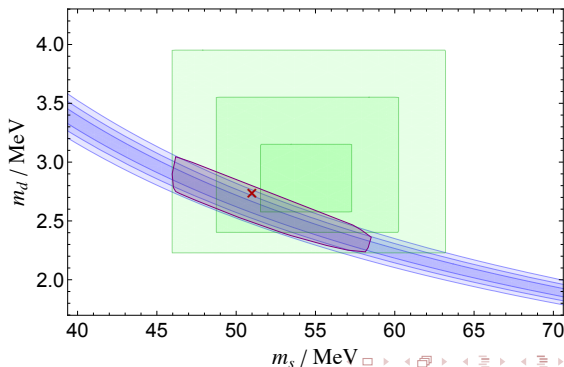
$$\delta^l = \phi_{13} - \phi_{12} - \phi_{23} \approx 192^\circ. \quad (35)$$

$$\omega, \varphi \xrightarrow{\text{SSB}} \{\delta^q, \phi_{12}, \phi_{13}, \phi_{23}\}. \quad (36)$$

# GOLDEN QUARK-LEPTON RELATION

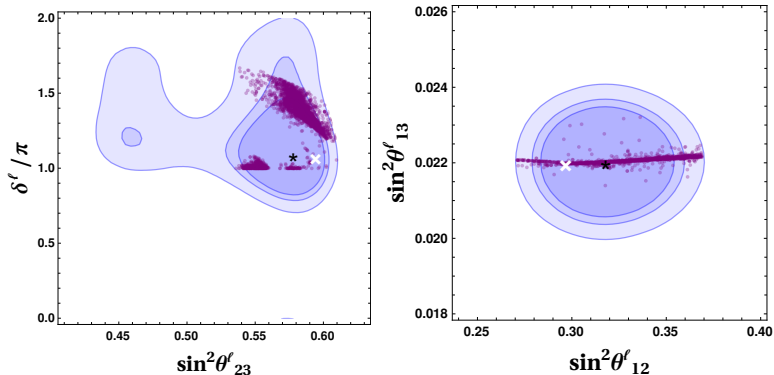
- Prediction from  $A_4$  and  $H_u, H_d \sim \mathbf{3}$  [de Salas et al, JHEP 2021, 71 (2021)]

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# LEPTONIC CP PHASE

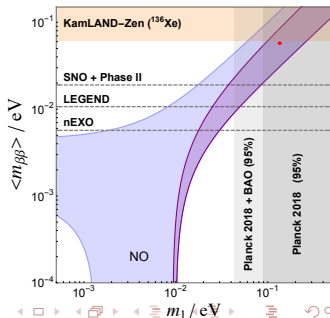
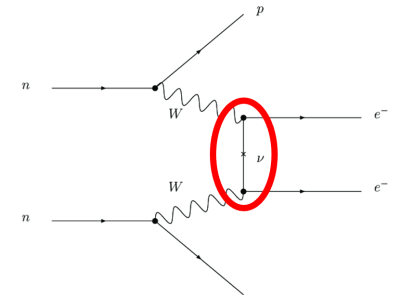


- [de Anda et al, PLB 801 (2020) 135195]

# NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE BETA DECAY

- For testing the Majorana nature of neutrinos [Schechter and Valle, PRD, 25 (1982), p. 2951] .

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 (U_{ej})^2 m_j \right| = 58.08 \text{meV}. \quad (38)$$



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- It also has testable predictions

$$\frac{m_\tau}{\sqrt{m_\mu m_e}} \approx \frac{m_b}{\sqrt{m_s m_d}}, \quad m_{\text{lightest}}^\nu \gtrsim 10^{-2} eV, \quad \theta_{23}^l > 45, \quad \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle.$$