

Abstract

The fermionic masses and mixings represent the majority of the free parameters of the SM. Decades of attempts to understand their relationships have not left us with a clear understanding. As the quark mass matrix is well measured, making useful predictions depends on the future measurements of neutrino parameters. I will show several broad classifications of neutrino mass model predictions. I will then put them in the context of different anticipated observables. First, I will discuss neutrinoless double beta decay, and focus on the “funnel” region where determining if neutrinos are Majorana becomes practically impossible. Second, I will discuss future oscillation and cosmology measurements and their impact in understanding the nature of flavor.

The Future of Lepton Flavor

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Outline

1. Flavor predictions
2. Neutrinoless double beta decay and the funnel of death
3. Future neutrino measurements
4. Summary

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Does not include:

1. General relativity
2. Dark matter
3. Dark energy
4. Inflation
5. Baryogenesis
6. Neutrino mass generation
7. Hierarchy?
8. Cosmological constant problem?
9. Strong CP problem?

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Usual parameterization:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & \\ & 1 & \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha/2} & & \\ & e^{i\beta/2} & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Good because easy extraction from measurements

PBD, R. Pestes [2006.09384](#)

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Significant qualitative changes within uncertainties

Clarity on the flavor puzzle will rely on predictions of remaining parameters
in the neutrino sector

Long History of Predictions

An incomplete discussion:

- Texture zeros:

$$\theta_C = \sqrt{\frac{m_d}{m_s}}$$

H. Fritzsch [PLB \(1977\)](#)

- SU(5) motivated, above 10^{15} GeV:

$$m_b = m_\tau \quad m_s = \frac{1}{3}m_\mu \quad m_d = 3m_e \quad \tan^4 \theta_C = \frac{m_d}{m_s}$$

H. Georgi, C. Jarlskog [PLB \(1979\)](#)

“The factors of 3 appearing in eq. (5) are suggestive because 3 is an important number in these theories - it is the number of colors.”

Starts with: $M_d = M_e^T$, uses a 45_H rep to get 1, $\frac{1}{3}$, 3

- U(1) with a vev of the flavon $\Rightarrow \lambda = \langle \Phi \rangle / \Lambda$
Couplings are then λ^n

C. Froggatt, H. Nielsen [NPB \(1979\)](#)

Long History of Predictions: Post 1998

- ▶ Tribimaximal

$$s_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad s_{23}^2 = 0.5 \quad s_{13}^2 = 0$$

P. Harrison, D. Perkins, W. Scott [hep-ph/0202074](#)

- ▶ TBM derived from spontaneous breaking of non-Abelian discrete symmetries

$$A_4, S_4, A_5$$

E.g. G. Altarelli, F. Feruglio [hep-ph/0504165](#)

Long History of Predictions: Post 2012

- ▶ Anarchy: uniformly sampled across Harr measure:

$$dU = ds_{12}^2 \wedge dc_{13}^4 \wedge ds_{23}^2 \wedge d\delta$$

L. Hall, H. Murayama, N. Weiner [hep-ph/9911341](#)
A. de Gouvea, H. Murayama [1204.1249](#)

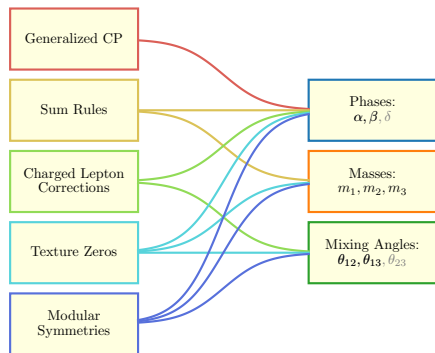
Modifications for Dirac, Majorana, Seesaw, etc.

- ▶ Modular symmetries, generalization of discrete symmetries
vev of complex modulus τ leads to flavor symmetry breaking
Based on $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, symmetry of a torus
Fewer parameters than FN
Can connect to mass sum rule formalism

F. Feruglio [1706.08749](#)
J. Gehrlein, M. Spinrath [2012.04131](#)

Flavor Model Prediction Classes

- ▶ Generalized CP
- ▶ Mass sum rules
- ▶ Charged lepton corrections
- ▶ Texture zeros
- ▶ Modular symmetries
- ▶ Constrained sequential dominance



Generalized CP

If CP is preserved in the lepton sector, Majorana phases:

$$\alpha, \beta \in \{0, \pi\}$$

L. Wolfenstein [PLB \(1981\)](#)
B. Kayser [PRD \(1984\)](#)

Others predict $\alpha, \beta \in \{\pi/2, 3\pi/2\}$ from $\Delta(48)$, $\Delta(6n^2)$ family symmetry

G. Ding, Y. Zhou [1312.5222](#)
S. King, T. Neder [1403.1758](#)

We generically consider Majorana phases $\alpha, \beta \in \{0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2\}$

J. Penedo, S. Petcov [1806.03203](#)

Mass Sum Rules

- Generic structure of the form:

$$C_1 e^{i\chi_1} \bar{m}_1^d + C_2 e^{i\chi_2} \bar{m}_2^d + m_3^d = 0$$

$$\bar{m}_1 = m_1 e^{i\alpha}, \bar{m}_2 = m_2 e^{i\beta}$$

- Provide effective prediction from many underlying models

J. Barry, W. Rodejohann [1007.5217](#)

- Given Δm^2 's, for a given m_{lightest} , two constraints ($\Re, \Im$) and two unknowns (α, β)

- Also shuffle all parameters together

A collection of models mapped on to sum rules yields:

c_1	c_2	d	χ_1	χ_2
1	1	1	π	π
1	2	1	π	π
1	2	1	π	0
1/2	1/2	1	π	π
$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}+1}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$	1	0	π
1	1	-1	π	π
1	2	-1	π	0
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1	2	1/2	$\pi, 0, \pi/2$	$0, \pi, \pi/2$
1/3	1	1/2	π	0
1/2	1/2	-1/2	π	π

J. Gehrlein, M. Spinrath [1704.02371](#)

Charged Lepton Corrections

- ▶ What is measured, U , is actually $U = U_e^\dagger U_\nu$
- ▶ Perhaps $U_\nu \sim \text{TBM}, \dots$ and $U_e \sim U_{\text{CKM}}$
- ▶ U_e could come from $SU(5)$, $SO(10)$, $\dots$

H. Georgi, S. Glashow [PRL \(1974\)](#)

H. Georgi [AIP \(1975\)](#)

H. Fritzsch, P. Minkowski [AP \(1975\)](#)

- ▶ Structure of U_ν typically has $\theta_{23}^\nu = 45^\circ$ and

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12}^\nu \in \{1/3, 1/2, 1/(2 + \phi_g), (3 - \phi_g)/4, 1/4\}$$

$$\phi_g = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$$

Also consider:

$$\theta_{13}^\nu \{\pi/10, \pi/20, \arcsin(1/3)\}$$

Free complex phases

Finally, we consider 1 or 2 CL rotations, but no more than 4 rotations total

Never over-cover the space

Texture Zeros

- ▶ Assume some elements in symmetric mass matrix are zero
- ▶ Connections to extended scalar sector with Abelian symmetries

W. Grimus, et al. [hep-ph/0405016](#)

- ▶ All three texture zeros ruled out early

P. Frampton, S. Glashow, D. Marfatia [hep-ph/0201008](#)

- ▶ Note that if $M_{ee} = 0$ then $\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} = 0$

Modular Symmetries

- ▶ Symmetry breaking leads to mass sum rule constraints
- ▶ “Constants” now depend on other mixing parameters
- ▶ Often two free parameters predict 9 parameters (3 masses, 3 mixing angles, 3 complex phases)
- ▶ In practice, one is usually constrained by measurement of θ_{13}

Modular Symmetries

One example based on A_4 :

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 \theta_{12}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{3 - 2 \sin^2 \theta} \quad , \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13}(\theta) = \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin^2 \theta_{23}(\theta, \phi) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin \theta_{13}(\theta)}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_{13}(\theta)}}{1 - \sin^2 \theta_{13}(\theta)} \cos \phi \\ \delta(\theta, \phi) &= \arcsin \left(-\frac{\sin \phi}{\sin 2\theta_{23}(\theta, \phi)} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Mass sum rule takes form:

$$\begin{aligned}C_1 e^{i\chi_1} &= -e^{-2i\phi} \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin(2\theta) - \cos \phi \cos(2\theta) - i \sin \phi}{\sqrt{3} \sin(2\theta) - \cos \phi \cos(2\theta) + i \sin \phi} \\ C_2 e^{i\chi_2} &= -e^{-i\phi} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3} \sin(2\theta) - \cos \phi \cos(2\theta) + i \sin \phi} \\ d &= 1\end{aligned}$$

θ, ϕ are free parameters

P. Novichkov, S. Petcov, M. Tanimoto [1812.11289](#)

Constrained Sequential Dominance

Two RH neutrinos in a seesaw

AKA Littlest See-Saw

Defined as $CSD(n)$ where first two columns of mass matrix are:

$$M_\nu = a \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + be^{i\eta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n & 2-n \\ n & n^2 & n(2-n) \\ 2-n & n(2-n) & (2-n)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given n , parameters are a/b and η

η is sometimes fixed by $\mathbb{Z}_3$; we take it as free

S. King [hep-ph/9904210](#)

Based on literature, we consider:

$$\begin{aligned} n = 3 & \text{ S. King } [1304.6264](#), \text{ P. Ballet, et al. } [1612.01999](#) \\ n = 4 & \text{ S. King } [1305.4846](#); n = -1/2 \text{ P. Chen, et al. } [1906.11414](#) \\ n = 1 \pm \sqrt{6} & \text{ I. Varzielas, S. King, M. Levy } [2211.00654](#) \end{aligned}$$

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

If neutrinos are Majorana, they may exhibit $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + e^- + e^-$

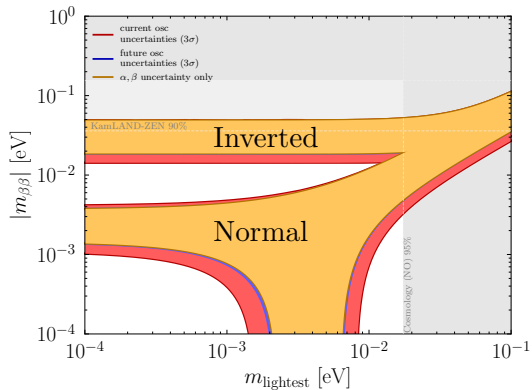
$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} = G^{0\nu} |\mathcal{M}^{0\nu}|^2 |m_{\beta\beta}|^2$$

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2$$

Depends on Majorana phases α, β

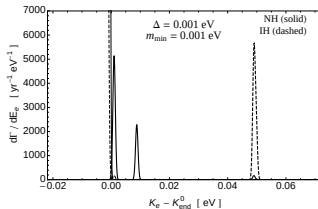
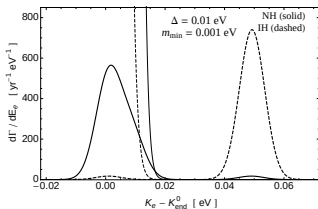
Mass Ordering: Broad Implications

- Affects cosmology
- Affects $0\nu\beta\beta$
- Affects end point measurements
- Affects $C\nu B$

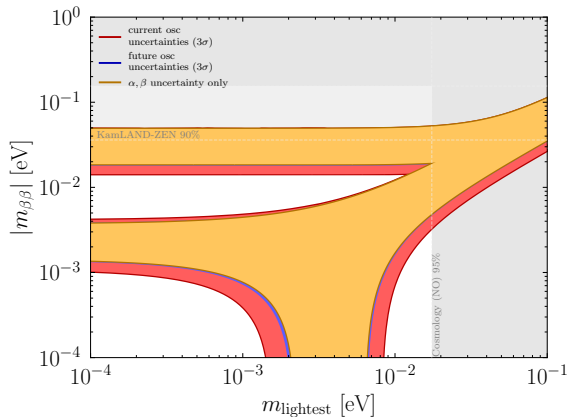


PBD, J. Gehrlein [2308.09737](#)

A. Long, C. Lunardini, E. Sabancilar [1405.7654](#)



Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Parameter Space



Funnel below $|m_{\beta\beta}| = 10^{-3}$ eV is essentially impossible to probe

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay Analysis Strategy

1. Compute significances correctly: $\Delta\chi^2 = 11.83$ (3σ for 2 dof)

Most studies vary each parameter
up to $\Delta\chi^2 = 9$ (3σ for 1 dof)
which can both over and under cover

2. If experiments reach the funnel, should we anticipate that that is a predicted area of parameter space?
3. First determine if model predictions are viable
4. Determine if model reaches into funnel at all
5. Determine what fraction of the model predictions are in the funnel

Numerical Approach

- ▶ Each class depends on underlying parameters in fundamentally different ways
- ▶ Define the funnel fraction as:

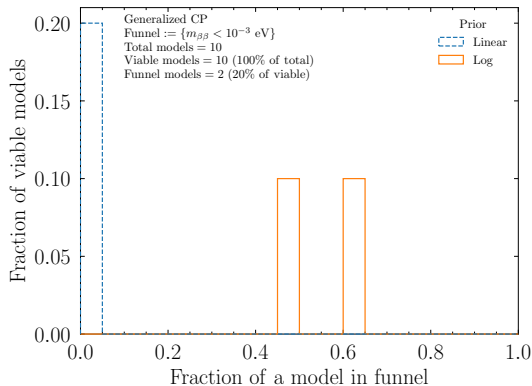
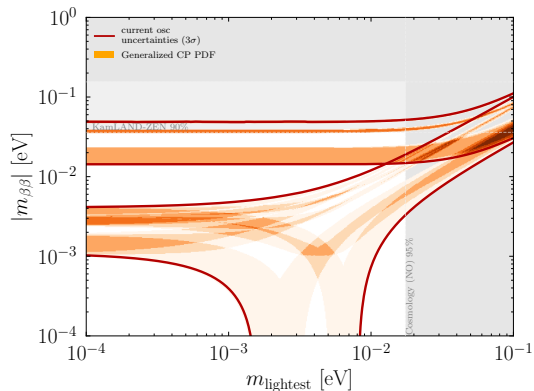
$$f = \frac{\int_{\text{funnel}} d\log m_{\text{lightest}} d\log m_{\beta\beta}}{\int d\log m_{\text{lightest}} d\log m_{\beta\beta}}$$

Integrate only over NO

MO will be well known by then

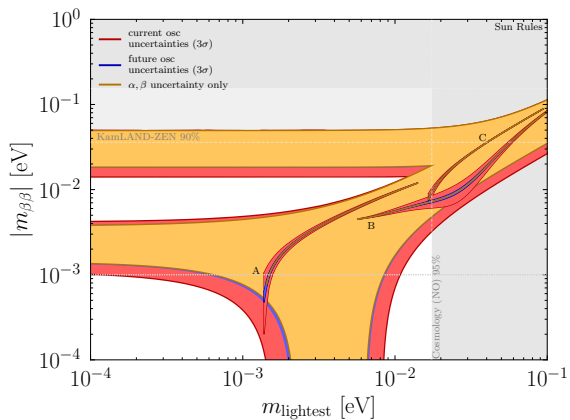
- ▶ Consider both log space for masses and linear space

Funnel: Generalized CP



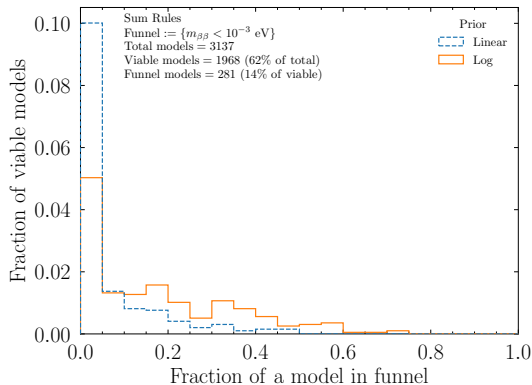
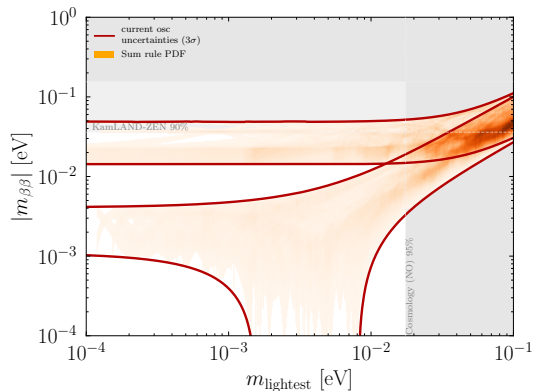
$$(\alpha, \beta) = (0, \pi) \text{ or } = (\pi, 0) \Rightarrow \text{funnel}$$

Funnel: Mass Sum Rules: Example



	c_1	c_2	d	χ_1	χ_2
A	1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	π	$\frac{\pi}{2}$
B	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	π	π
C	1	2	1	π	0

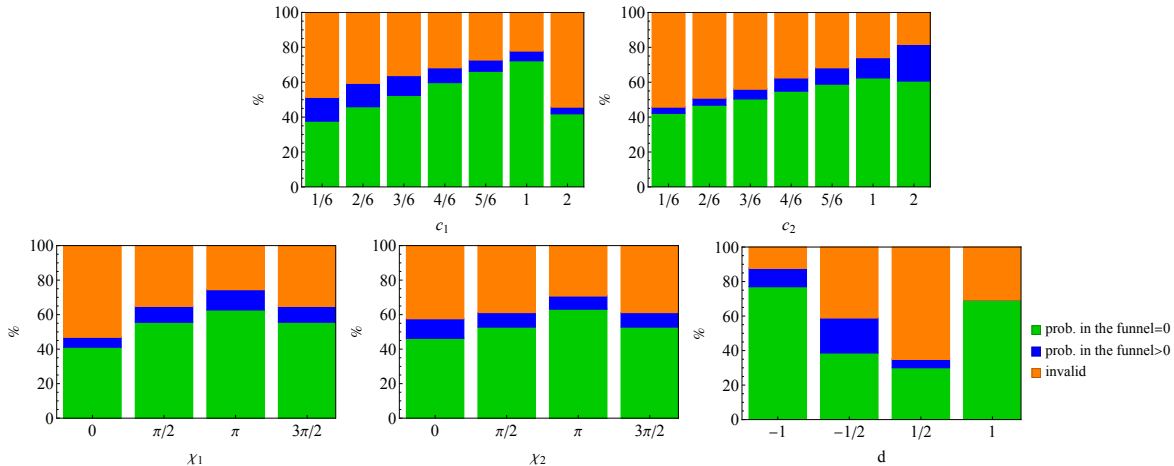
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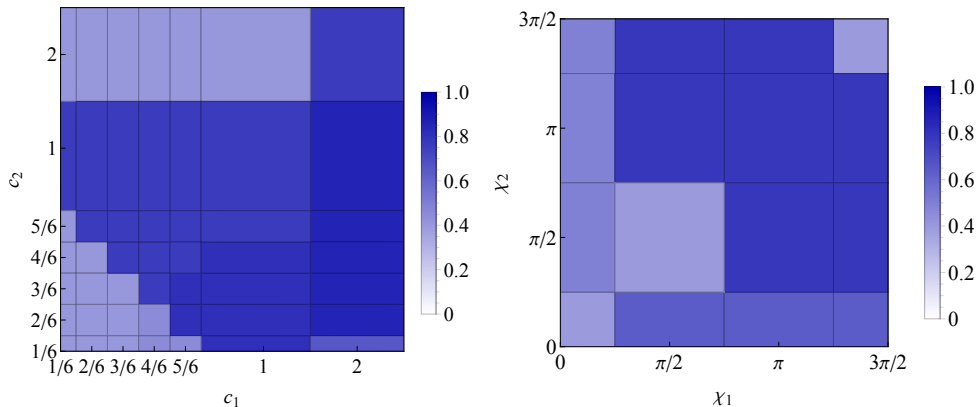
Funnel: Mass Sum Rules

c_1	c_2	d	χ_1	χ_2	Fraction in funnel
1	2	$-1/2$	$\pi/2$	0	0.74
1	2	$-1/2$	$3\pi/2$	0	0.74
4/6	1	$-1/2$	$3\pi/2$	0	0.67
4/6	1	$-1/2$	$\pi/2$	0	0.62
5/6	1	$-1/2$	$3\pi/2$	0	0.59
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5/6	2	$-1/2$	$\pi/2$	0	0.58
5/6	2	$-1/2$	$3\pi/2$	0	0.58
1	2	$-1/2$	0	$\pi/2$	0.58
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1/3	1	$-1/2$	0	$\pi/2$	0.56
4/6	5/6	$-1/2$	$\pi/2$	0	0.54
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1/6	1/6	$-1/2$	π	π	0.54
1/3	1	$-1/2$	0	$3\pi/2$	0.54
1/6	1/2	-1	0	0	0.51
1/6	4/6	-1	0	0	0.51

Funnel: Mass Sum Rules Parameters

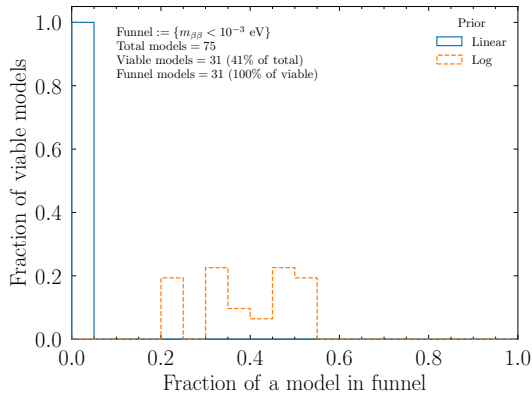
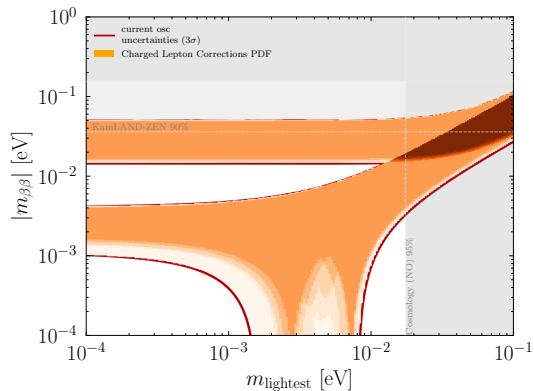


Funnel: Mass Sum Rules Parameters and Correlations

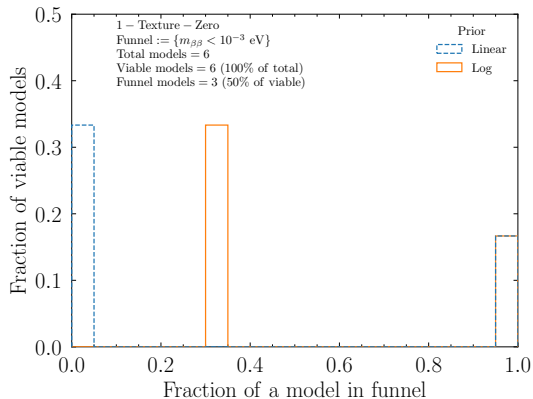
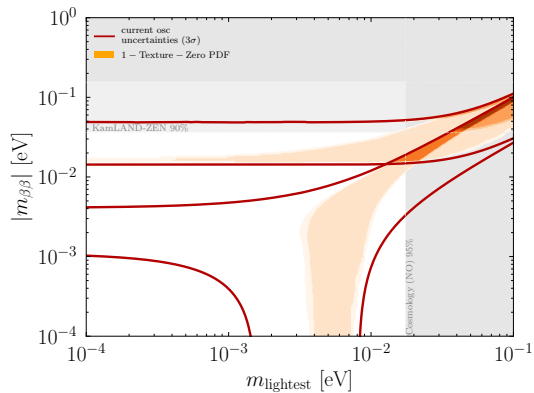


Validity fraction

Funnel: Charged Lepton Corrections



Funnel: One Texture Zeros

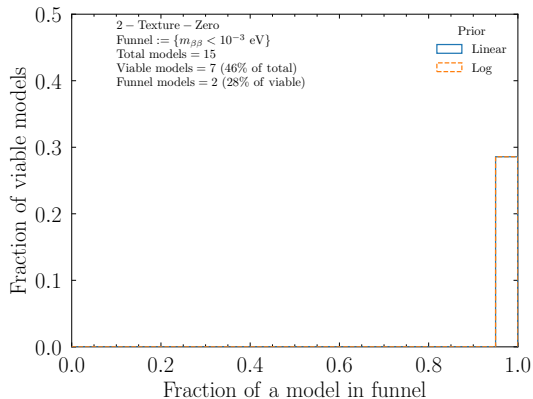
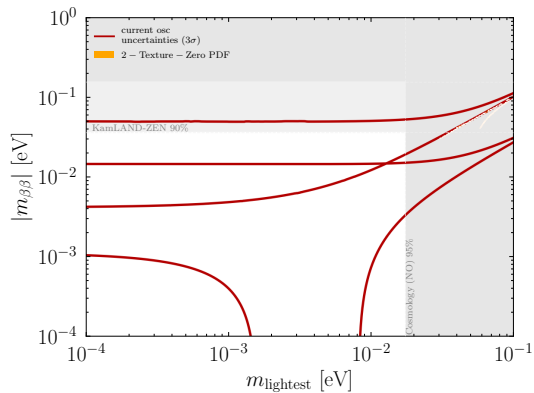


Funnel: One Texture Zeros

	Fraction in funnel
M_{ee}	1
$M_{e\mu}$	0.31
$M_{e\tau}$	0.30
$M_{\mu\mu}$	0
$M_{\mu\tau}$	0
$M_{\tau\tau}$	0

- ▶ All one texture zeros are valid, but with MO dependence
- ▶ $M_{ee} = 0 \Rightarrow$ no $0\nu\beta\beta$
- ▶ $M_{e\mu} = 0$ and $M_{e\tau} = 0$ have significant parameter space in funnel
- ▶ $M_{e\mu} = 0$ and $M_{e\tau} = 0$ have lower bound on $m_{\text{lightest}} \sim 4 \times 10^{-3}$ eV in NO

Funnel: Two Texture Zeros



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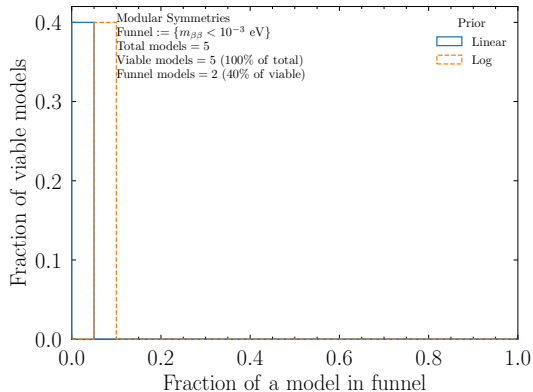
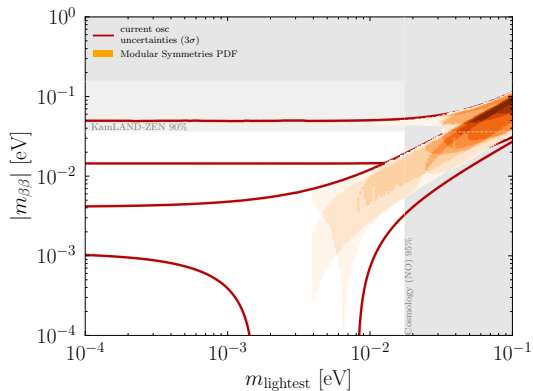
	$M_{e\mu}$	$M_{e\tau}$	$M_{\mu\mu}$	$M_{\mu\tau}$	$M_{\tau\tau}$
M_{ee}	1	1	X	X	X
$M_{e\mu}$		X	0	X	0
$M_{e\tau}$			0	X	0
$M_{\mu\mu}$				X	0
$M_{\mu\tau}$					X

- ▶ 7/15 two texture zeros valid with oscillation data
- ▶ Showed that, due to improvements in cosmology and precision in oscillations, only two remain valid:

$$M_{ee} = M_{e\mu} = 0 \quad , \quad M_{ee} = M_{e\tau} = 0$$

Both predict no $0\nu\beta\beta$

Funnel: Modular Symmetries



Funnel: Summary

Model	Total	Viable	Fraction of viable models in funnel
Generalized CP	10	10	0.20
Mass sum rules	3137	1968	0.14
Charged lepton corrections	75	31	1.00
1-Texture zeros	6	6	0.50
2-Texture zeros	15	7	0.28
Modular symmetries	5	5	0.40

- ▶ Carefully calculated validity of many model predictions
- ▶ Most valid models in the NO predict large $|m_{\beta\beta}|$
- ▶ Significant fraction have some parameter space with $|m_{\beta\beta}|$ very small
- ▶ Some model predictions are dominantly in the funnel

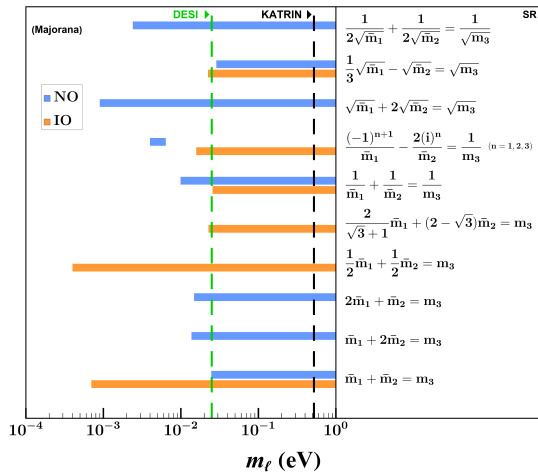
Role of Future Neutrino Measurements

In the coming years we will learn:

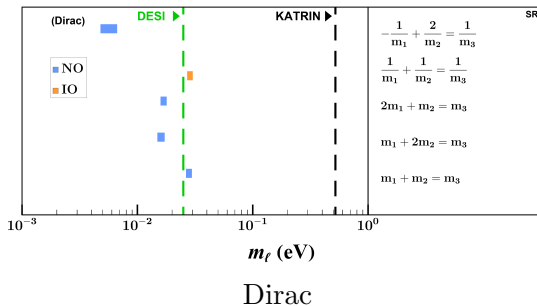
1. The atmospheric mass ordering
2. Improved precision on θ_{12} , Δm_{21}^2 , and $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$
3. The octant of θ_{23}
4. The complex CP violating phase δ
5. The absolute mass scale

How will this inform our ability to identify flavor model predictions?

Future: Mass Sum Rules



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Future: Comparing Model Predictions

Define an overlap function:

$$R(A||B) = \int \frac{\mathcal{L}(D|\theta_i, B)}{\mathcal{L}(D|\theta_i, A)} P(\theta_i|D, A) d\theta_i$$

- ▶ A is true model, B is test model, D is data, θ_i are the neutrino parameters
- ▶ $R \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ models are completely disjoint; if A is true, then B can be disfavored
- ▶ $R \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow$ models completely overlap; every scenario where A is true, B is also true
- ▶ $R(A||B) \neq R(B||A)$
- ▶ Use 6 years of JUNO for solar parameters, 10 years of DUNE/HK for θ_{23}, δ

Future: Mass Sum Rules: Differentiation

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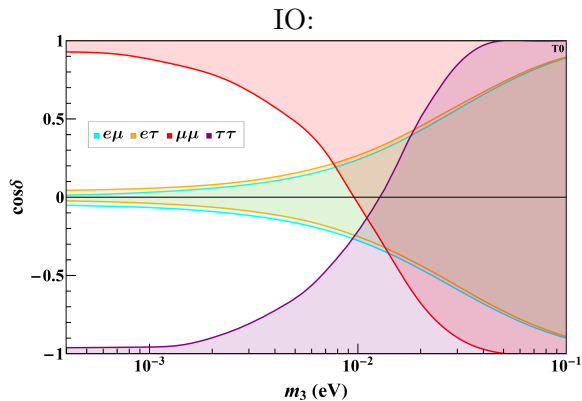
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$\{1, 1, 1\}$	—	0.80	0.81	0.70	0	0.76	0.97	0.58
$\{1, 2, 1\}$	1	—	1	0.88	0	0.96	1	0.72
$\{2, 1, 1\}$	1	0.98	—	0.86	0	0.94	1	0.71
$\{1, 1, -1\}$	1	1	1	—	0	1	1	0.82
$\{1, 2, -1\}$	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0.02
$\{1, 2, \frac{1}{2}\}$	1	1	1	0.92	0	—	1	0.76
$\{\frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{2}\}$	0.98	0.78	0.80	0.70	0	0.74	—	0.55
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Future: Mass Sum Rules: Differentiation

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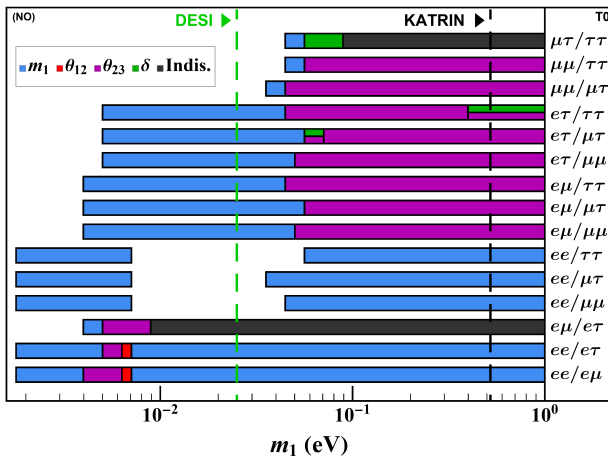
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$\{1, 1, 1\}$	—	0.90	1	1	1	1
$\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$	1	—	1	1	1	1
$\{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}+1}, 2 - \sqrt{3}, 1\}$	0.39	0.35	—	1	0.86	1
$\{1, 1, -1\}$	0.37	0.33	0.95	—	0.82	0.95
$\{1, 2, -1\}$	0.45	0.40	1	1	—	1
$\{\frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{1}{2}\}$	0.39	0.34	1	1	0.85	—

Future: One Texture Zeros



If mass scale is low, measuring $\cos \delta$ is key

Future: One Texture Zeros



Future: One Texture Zeros: Differentiation

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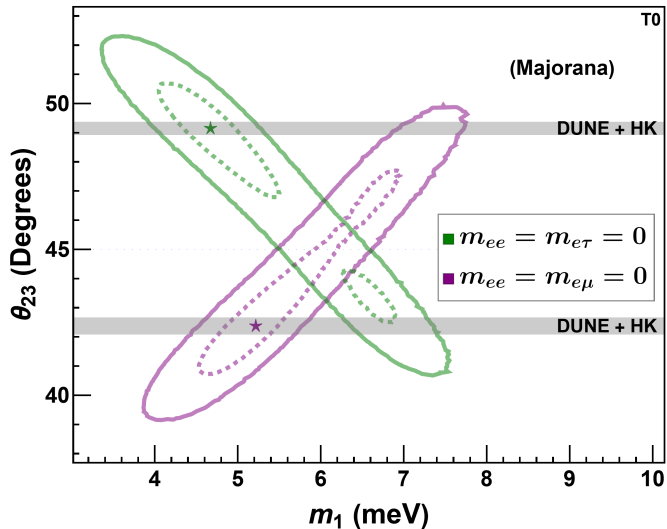
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	m_{ee}	$m_{e\mu}$	$m_{e\tau}$	$m_{\mu\mu}$	$m_{\mu\tau}$	$m_{\tau\tau}$
m_{ee}	—	0.08	0.24	0	0	0
$m_{e\mu}$	0.03	—	0.97	0.08	0.17	0.23
$m_{e\tau}$	0.09	0.89	—	0.07	0.02	0.21
$m_{\mu\mu}$	0	1	1	—	< 0.01	< 0.01
$m_{\mu\tau}$	0	1	1	< 0.01	—	1
$m_{\tau\tau}$	0	1	1	< 0.01	0.70	—

Future: One Texture Zeros: Differentiation

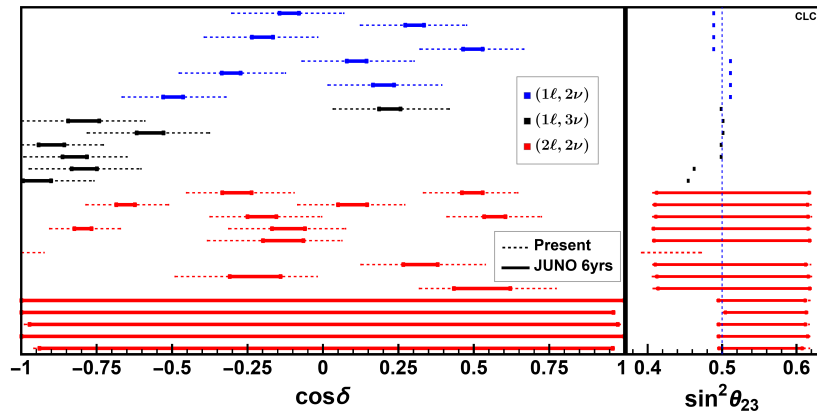
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	$m_{e\mu}$	$m_{e\tau}$	$m_{\mu\mu}$	$m_{\mu\tau}$	$m_{\tau\tau}$
$m_{e\mu}$	—	0.97	0.38	0.77	0.71
$m_{e\tau}$	0.97	—	0.40	0.79	0.72
$m_{\mu\mu}$	0.31	0.31	—	0.61	0.31
$m_{\mu\tau}$	0.56	0.57	0.51	—	0.64
$m_{\tau\tau}$	0.58	0.58	0.32	0.73	—

Future: Two Texture Zeros



Future: Charged Lepton Corrections



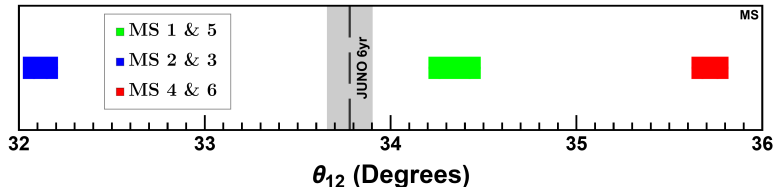
1. Some ruled out by recent JUNE data: $(U_{12}^e, U_{23}^e, \theta_{12}^{\nu, \text{BM}})$, $(U_{12}^e, \pi/20, \theta_{12}^{\nu, \text{GRA}})$
2. Measuring $\cos \delta$, and $\text{sgn}(\cos \delta)$ is important PBD 2309.03262
3. Precise measurements of δ and θ_{23} , coming from full DUNE and HK, essential

Future: Modular Symmetries

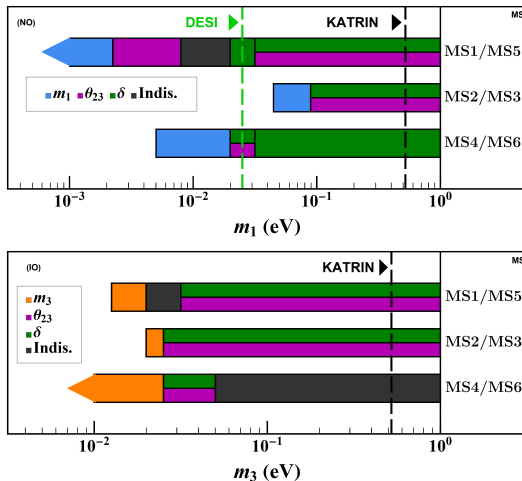
Simple predictions relate θ_{12} and θ_{13} :

Model	Group	Prediction	Current Status
MS 1 & 5	$\mathcal{A}_4$	$s_{12}^2 = \frac{1}{3c_{13}^2}$	$0.309 \pm 0.009 \text{ } \color{yellow}=\text{ } 0.341 \pm 0.0002$
MS 2 & 3	$\mathcal{S}_4$	$t_{12}^2 = \frac{1-3s_{13}^2}{2}$	$0.448 \pm 0.018 \text{ } \color{green}=\text{ } 0.467 \pm 0.0009$
MS 4 & 6	$\mathcal{A}_5$	$t_{12}^2 = \frac{1/x}{x/5-s_{13}^2}$	$0.448 \pm 0.018 \text{ } \color{yellow}=\text{ } 0.394 \pm 0.0003$

$$x \equiv \sqrt{5}\phi_g$$



Future: Modular Symmetries: Differentiation

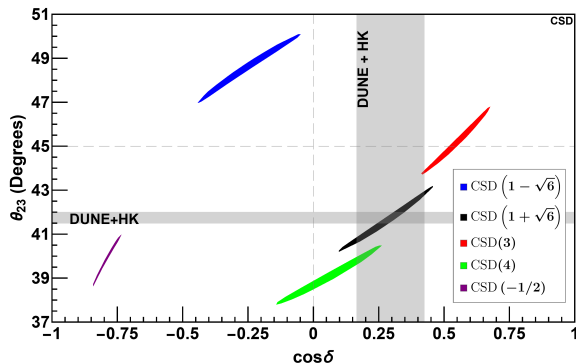


Good measurements of θ_{23} and δ , along with a good measurement of θ_{12} , will likely allow for complete discrimination

Future: Constrained Sequential Dominance

Same $\theta_{13} \rightarrow \theta_{12}$ relation as the $\mathcal{S}_4$ modular symmetries:

$$t_{12}^2 = \frac{1 - 3s_{13}^2}{2}$$



Future: Summary

m_{lightest}

- ▶ DESI+Planck+Ly α should achieve 0.02 eV precision DESI [1611.00036](#)
- ▶ To disfavor 1 meV requires $\sum_i m_i > 93$ meV, near current limits

MO

- ▶ Will be well measured and will have dramatic impact on flavor models

θ_{12}

- ▶ JUNO data is already putting tension on models Many recent papers discussing this
- ▶ More data will significantly help with two-texture zeros and modular symmetries

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Future: Summary

θ_{23}

- ▶ Octant determination significantly cuts down space everywhere except mass sum rules
- ▶ Charged lepton corrections often predict θ_{23} within 0.5° of 45° making ν_μ disappearance precision essential to (dis)favor maximal

$\cos \delta$

- ▶ Key discriminator in many cases except mass sum rules
- ▶ Breaking the sign degeneracy is essential

$|\Delta m_{ij}^2|, \theta_{13}$

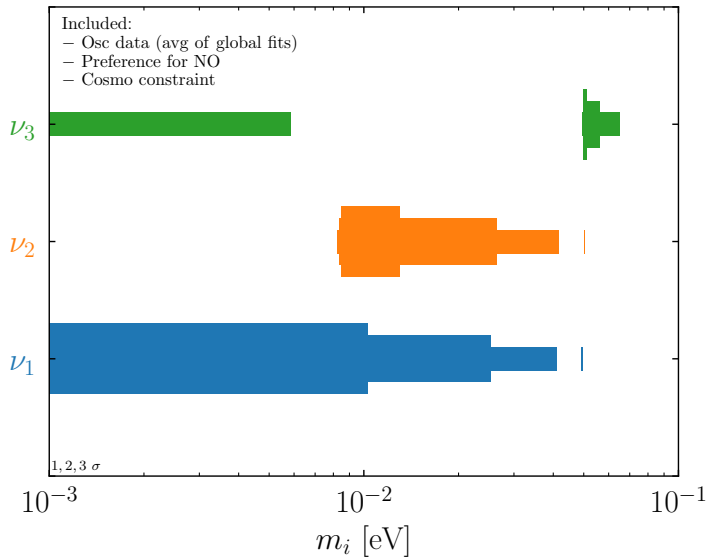
- ▶ Further precision has modest to little impact across the board

Summary

- ▶ Flavor model predictions provide an approach to understanding majority free parameters in SM
- ▶ Evolution of model building informed by new measurements:
 - ▶ Old approaches ruled out
 - ▶ New ideas generated
- ▶ Some mass sum rules, texture zeros and others anticipate a vanishing $0\nu\beta\beta$ rate
- ▶ Mapped out which future measurements will most impact ability to (dis)favor and differentiate models

Backups

Absolute Masses



Charged Lepton Corrections

- ▶ two rotations in the neutrino sector, one charged lepton rotation (15 cases)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = (U_{ij}^e)^\dagger \Psi U_{23}^\nu(\pi/4) U_{12}^\nu(\theta_{12}^{\nu,k}) Q$$

where $(ij) \in \{12, 13, 23\}$

- ▶ two rotations in the neutrino sector, two charged lepton rotations (15 cases)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = (U_{ij}^e)^\dagger (U_{lm}^e)^\dagger \Psi U_{23}^\nu(\pi/4) U_{12}^\nu(\theta_{12}^{\nu,k}) Q$$

where $(ij) \in \{12, 13\}$, $(lm) \in \{13, 23\}$, $(ij) \neq (lm)$

- ▶ three rotations in the neutrino sector, one charged lepton rotation (45 cases)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = (U_{ij}^e)^\dagger \Psi U_{23}^\nu(\pi/4) U_{13}^\nu(\theta_{13}^{\nu,p}) U_{12}^\nu(\theta_{12}^{\nu,k}) Q$$

where $(ij) \in \{12, 13, 23\}$
and $p \in \{\text{T13-1, T13-2, T13-3}\}$
 $k \in \{\text{TBM, BM, GRA, GRB, HG}\}$

Future: Summary

Observable		SR	T0	CLC	MS	CSD
m_ℓ	Measuring $\lesssim 10$ meV will exclude many model predictions; a precise measurement will differentiate many.	★	✓	×	✓	×
MO	Resolving the ordering will instantly rule out a significant proportion of all model predictions.	✓	✓	×	✓	★
θ_{12}	Increased precision alone will rule out some model predictions and will tighten parameter space for others.	×	✓	✓	★	★
θ_{23}	Resolving octant degeneracy alone will have a large impact on most model predictions.	×	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\cos \delta$	Impact will depend on the true value, but can be leveraged with the other mixing parameters.	×	✓	✓	✓	✓

×: Increased precision will not have significant impact.

✓: Increased precision and synergistic measurements will have notable impact.

★: Increased precision alone will have significant impact.