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Theoretical Models on the Structure of the Neutrino Mixing Matrix

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Outline

- ▶ 3-neutrino mixing
- ▶ Flavour puzzle
- ▶ Discrete flavour symmetries
- ▶ Modular flavour symmetries
- ▶ Conclusions

3-neutrino mixing

Charged current weak interactions

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} \bar{\ell}_L(x) \gamma_\alpha \nu_{\ell L}(x) W^{\alpha\dagger}(x) + \text{h.c.}$$

Mismatch between the interaction and mass eigenstates

$$\nu_{\ell L}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^3 \color{red}U_{\ell j}\color{black} \nu_{jL}(x)$$

$\color{red}U$ is the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) neutrino mixing matrix

The standard parameterisation (adopted by the PDG)

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{21}}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{31}}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric angle θ_{23}

Reactor angle θ_{13}

Dirac phase δ

Solar angle θ_{12}

Majorana phases

α_{21} and α_{31}

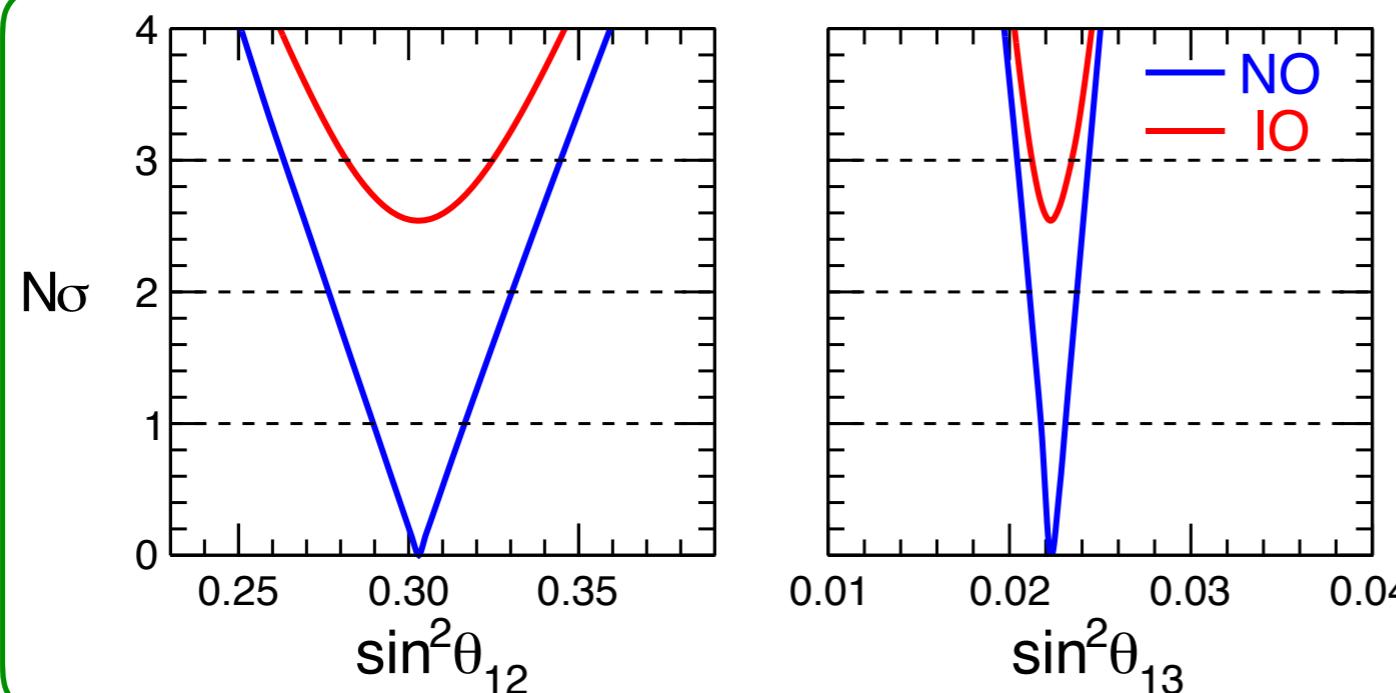
(if ν are Majorana)

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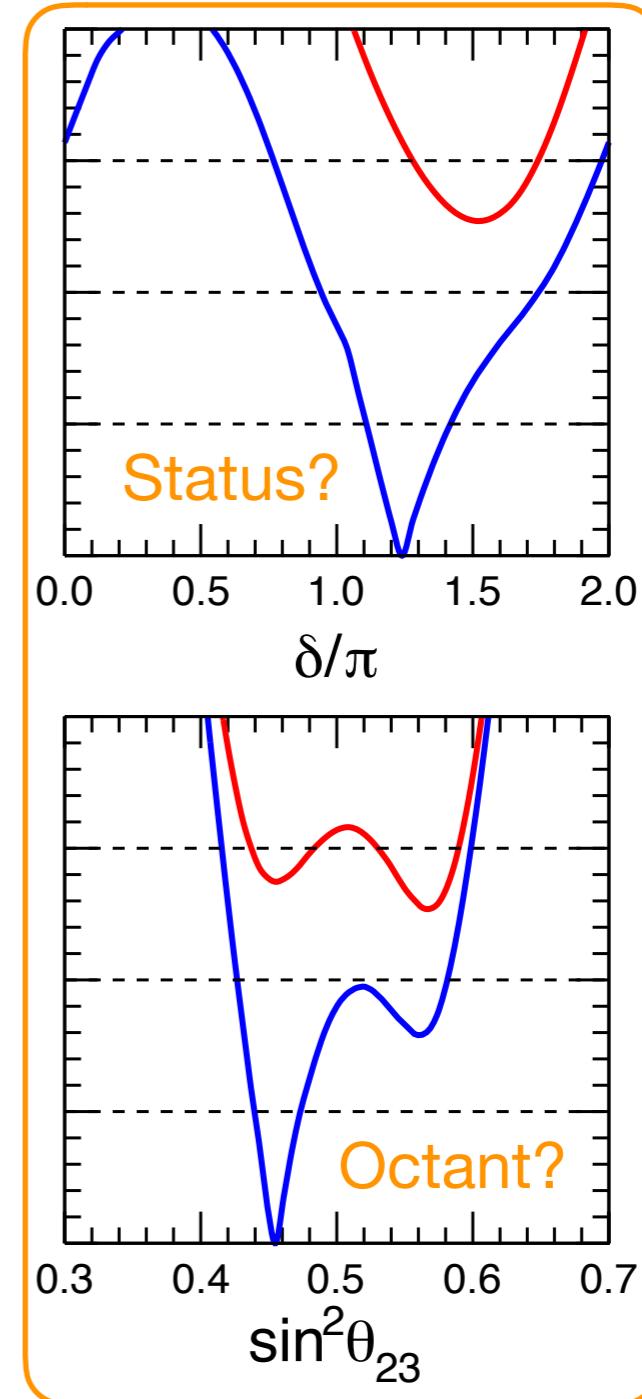
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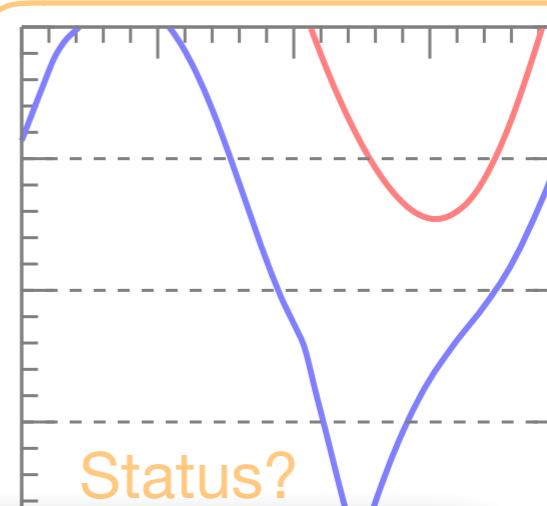
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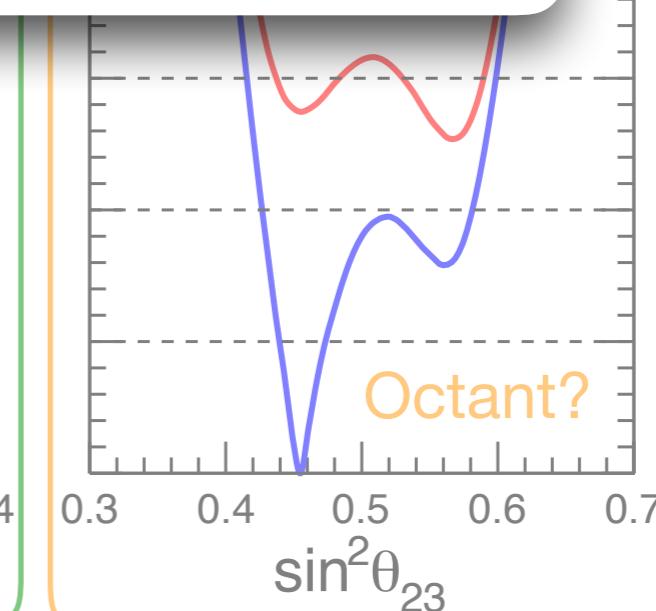
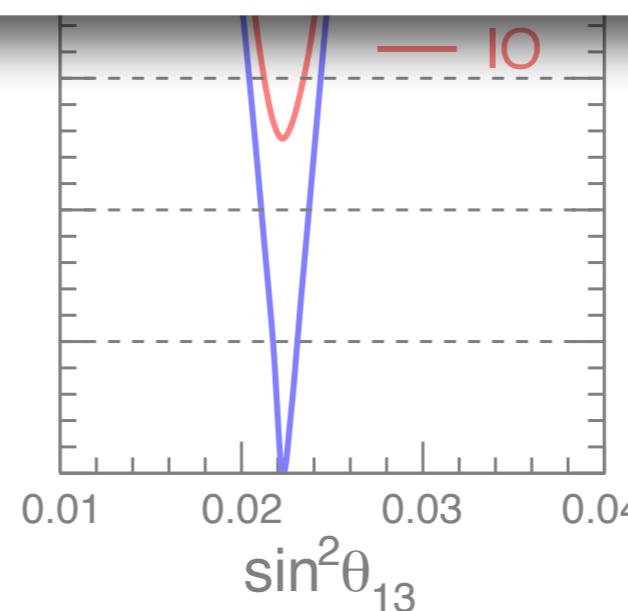
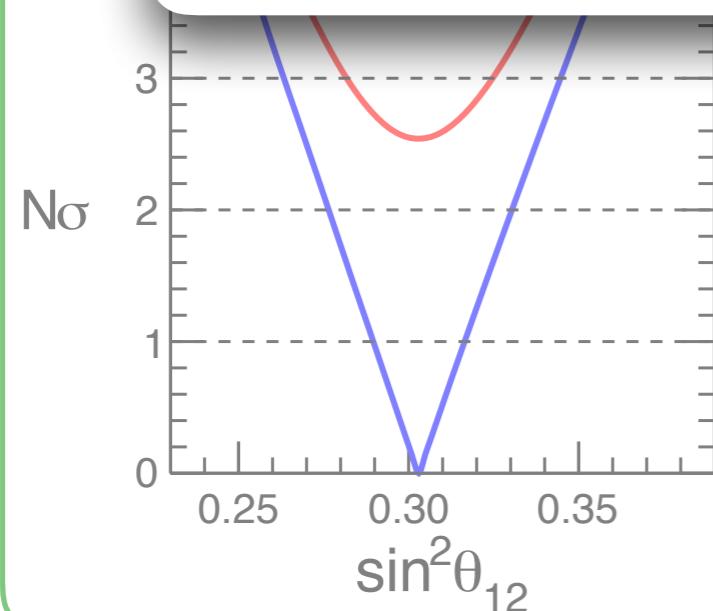
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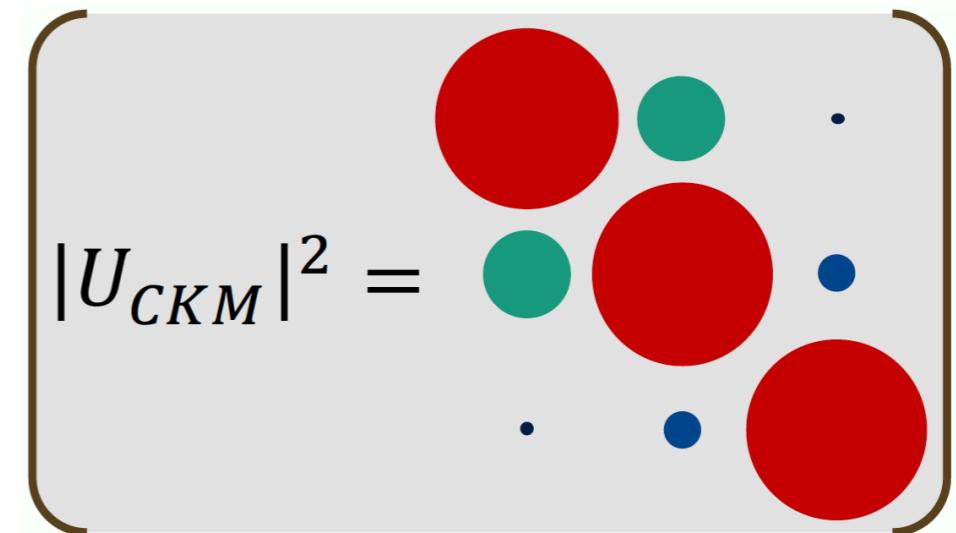
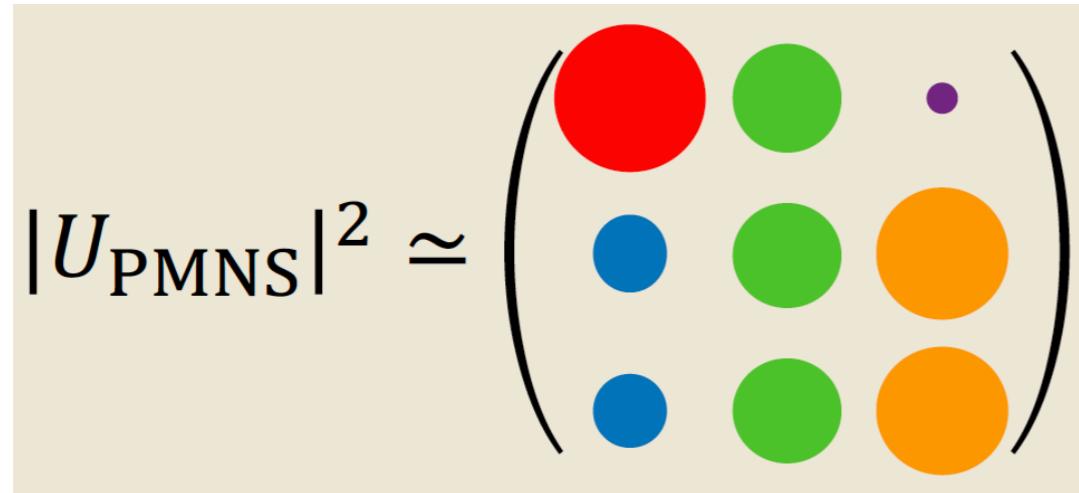
What are the data telling us?



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Flavour puzzle

2 large and 1 small (but non-zero) mixing angles -> very different from quarks



Images: [Phill Litchfield](#)

$$(s_{12}^2, s_{23}^2, s_{13}^2) \sim (0.3, 0.5, 0.022) \quad \text{vs} \quad (0.05, 1.8 \times 10^{-3}, 1.4 \times 10^{-5})$$

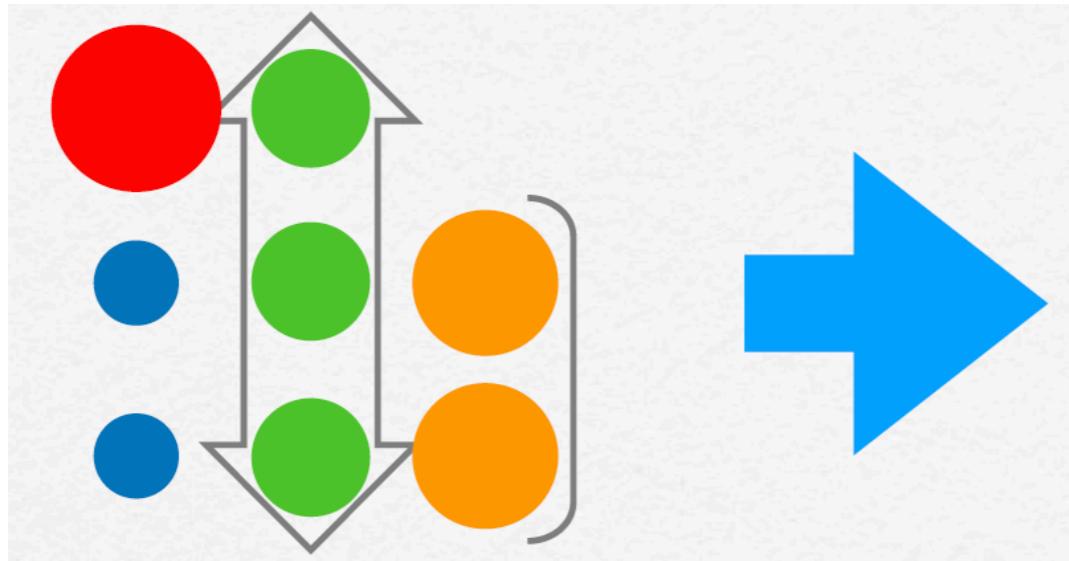
- ▶ Why are these mixing patterns so different?
- ▶ Is there any **symmetry** behind them or they follow **anarchy**?

These questions are integral part of the **flavour puzzle**:

- ▶ Why are there **3 generations** of fermions?
- ▶ What is the **absolute neutrino mass scale**?
- ▶ What governs the **fermion mass hierarchies**?

Tri-bimaximal (TBM) mixing

Harrison, Perkins, Scott, hep-ph/0202074



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

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \frac{1}{2}$$

allowed at 2σ

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0$$

excluded at many σ

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

allowed at 2σ

Flavour symmetry

At **high energies**, the theory is **invariant** under

$$\varphi(x) \rightarrow \rho(g) \varphi(x), \quad g \in G_f$$

representation of G_f

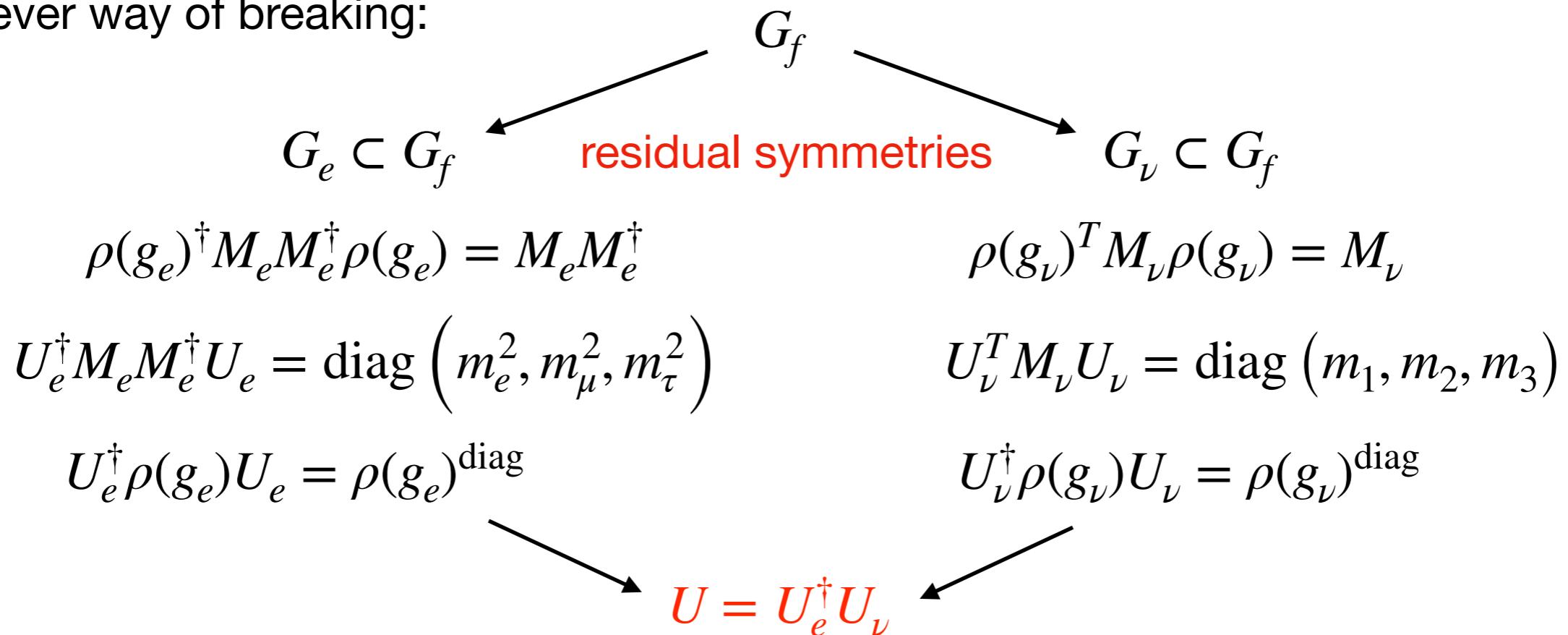
e.g.

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} L_e \\ L_\mu \\ L_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

flavour symmetry group

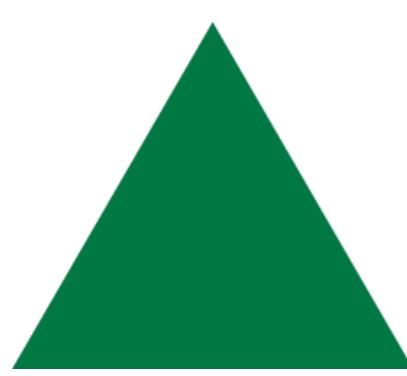
At **low energies**, flavour symmetry has to be **broken**

Clever way of breaking:

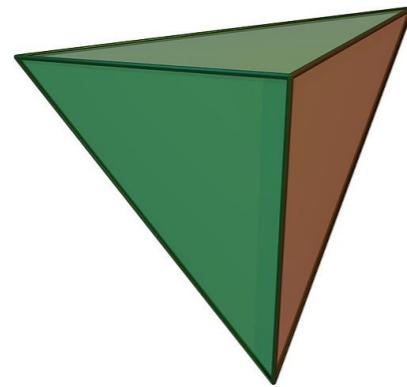


Non-Abelian discrete symmetries

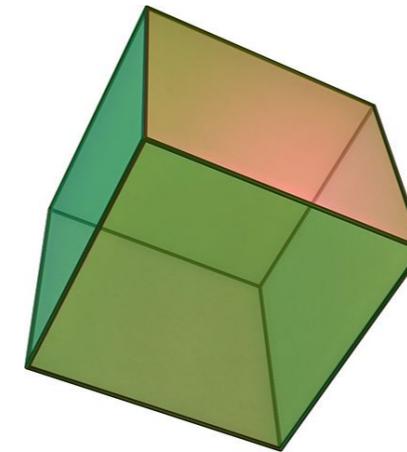
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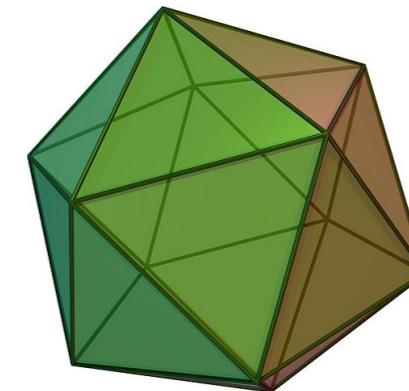
$S_3(6)$



$A_4(12)$



$S_4(24)$



$A_5(60)$

Generated by two elements S and T

$$\langle S, T \mid S^2 = (ST)^3 = T^N = I \rangle , \quad N = 2, 3, 4, 5$$

Another convenient presentation for S_4

$$\langle S, T, U \mid S^2 = T^3 = U^2 = (ST)^3 = (SU)^2 = (TU)^2 = (STU)^4 = I \rangle$$

A_4 , S_4 , and A_5 admit a 3-dimensional irrep (unification of families)

Reviews: [Altarelli, Feruglio, 1002.0211](#); [Ishimori et al., 1003.3552](#); [King, Luhn, 1301.1340](#);
[Petcov, 1711.10806](#); [Feruglio, Romanino, 1912.06028](#)

TBM mixing from S4

Example

$$G_e = \mathbb{Z}_3^T \quad G_f = S_4 \quad G_\nu = \mathbb{Z}_2^S \times \mathbb{Z}_2^U$$

$$\rho(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\rho(S) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho(U) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$$

$$U_e = \mathbb{I}$$

diagonalised by $U_\nu = U_{\text{TBM}}$

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_e^\dagger U_\nu = U_{\text{TBM}}$$

In concrete models, flavour symmetry breaking occurs spontaneously when **flavons** (scalar fields not charged under the SM) acquire VEVs

$$\langle \phi^e \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ preserves } T \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \phi^\nu \rangle \propto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ preserves } S \text{ and } U$$

Reconciling TBM mixing with data

Break T : charged lepton corrections

U_e free and $U_\nu = U_{\text{TBM}}$

Different ansatzes: $U_e^\dagger = U_{ij}(\theta_{ij}^e, \delta_{ij}^e)$, $U_e^\dagger = U_{ij}(\theta_{ij}^e, \delta_{ij}^e) U_{kl}(\theta_{kl}^e, \delta_{kl}^e)$, ...

$$U_{13}(\theta^e, \delta^e) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta^e & 0 & \sin \theta^e e^{-i\delta^e} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta^e e^{i\delta^e} & 0 & \cos \theta^e \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta^e \text{ and } \delta^e \text{ are free parameters}$$

Example: $U_e^\dagger = U_{12}(\theta^e, \delta^e)$

$$\sin \theta_{13} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta^e$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = \frac{1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}}{2(1 - \sin^2 \theta_{13})} \approx 0.489$$

$$\cos \delta = \frac{(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sin 2\theta_{12} \sin \theta_{13}} \left[\frac{1}{3} + \left(\sin^2 \theta_{12} - \frac{2}{3} \right) \frac{1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_{13}}{1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}} \right] \approx -0.156 \Rightarrow \delta/\pi = 1.45$$

neutrino mixing sum rules

Marzocca, Petcov, Romanino, Sevilla, 1302.0423

Petcov, 1405.6006

Girardi, Petcov, AT, 1410.8056, 1504.00658

Girardi, Petcov, Stuart, AT, 1509.02502

Reconciling TBM mixing with data

Break U : $G_\nu = Z_2^S$ (instead of $Z_2^S \times Z_2^U$)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{TBM}} U_{13}(\theta^\nu, \delta^\nu) = \begin{pmatrix} * & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & * \\ * & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & * \\ * & \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} & * \end{pmatrix}$$

trimaximal mixing 2 (TM2)

Grimus, Lavoura, 0809.0226

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{3(1 - \sin^2 \theta_{13})} > \frac{1}{3} \quad \cos \delta = \frac{(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_{13}) \cot 2\theta_{23}}{\sin \theta_{13} \sqrt{2 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_{13}}}$$

Break S and U , preserving SU : $G_\nu = Z_2^{SU}$

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{TBM}} U_{23}(\theta^\nu, \delta^\nu) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & * & * \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} & * & * \\ -\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

trimaximal mixing 1 (TM1)

Albright, Rodejohann, 0812.0436

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_{13}}{3(1 - \sin^2 \theta_{13})} < \frac{1}{3} \quad \cos \delta = -\frac{(1 - 5 \sin^2 \theta_{13}) \cot 2\theta_{23}}{2\sqrt{2} \sin \theta_{13} \sqrt{1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta_{13}}}$$

Flavour models with CP

$S_4 \rtimes CP$

$G_e = Z_3$ and $G_\nu = Z_2 \times CP$

Case	I	II	IV	V
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\frac{1}{2+\cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{1}{2+\cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2+\cos^2 \theta}$	$\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2+\cos^2 \theta}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin 2\theta}{2+\cos 2\theta}\right)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\sqrt{6} \sin 2\theta}{5+\cos 2\theta}\right)$
$ \sin \delta_{CP} $	1	0	1	0

TM2 ($\sin^2 \theta_{13} > 1/3$)

TM1 ($\sin^2 \theta_{13} < 1/3$)

Feruglio, Hagedorn, Ziegler, 1211.5560

$A_5 \rtimes CP$

$G_e = Z_5$

$G_e = Z_3$

$G_e = Z_2 \times Z_2$

$G_\nu = Z_2 \times CP$

Case	II	III	IV	V	VII-a	VII-b
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\frac{3-\varphi}{5} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{5}} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{5}} \sin^2 \theta$	$\frac{1-\sin 2\theta}{3}$	$\frac{(\cos \theta - \varphi \sin \theta)^2}{4\varphi^2}$	
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{3+2\varphi+\cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{4-2\varphi}{5-2\varphi+\cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{4-2\varphi}{5-2\varphi+\cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{1}{2+\sin 2\theta}$	$\frac{(\varphi \cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2}{4\varphi^2 - (\cos \theta - \varphi \sin \theta)^2}$	
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3-\varphi} \sin 2\theta}{3\varphi-2+\varphi \cos 2\theta}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{(\varphi^2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2}{4\varphi^2 - (\cos \theta - \varphi \sin \theta)^2}$	$\frac{\varphi^2 (\cos \theta + \varphi \sin \theta)^2}{4\varphi^2 - (\cos \theta - \varphi \sin \theta)^2}$
$ \sin \delta_{CP} $	1	0	1	1		0

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

Li, Ding, 1503.03711

Compatibility with global data

$$\chi^2(\theta) = \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{12}(\theta) - \sin^2 \theta_{12}}{\sigma(\sin^2 \theta_{12})} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{13}(\theta) - \sin^2 \theta_{13}}{\sigma(\sin^2 \theta_{13})} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{23}(\theta) - \sin^2 \theta_{23}}{\sigma(\sin^2 \theta_{23})} \right]^2$$

1-parameter models compatible with global data at 3σ

Model	θ_{bf}	$\theta_{3\sigma}$
1.1	17.0°	(16.3°, 17.7°)
1.2	169.9°	(169.4°, 170.4°)
1.3	15.0°	(14.3°, 15.7°)
	165.0°	(164.3°, 165.7°)
1.4	169.5°	(169.0°, 170.0°)
1.5	10.1°	(9.6°, 10.6°)
	169.9°	(169.4°, 170.4°)

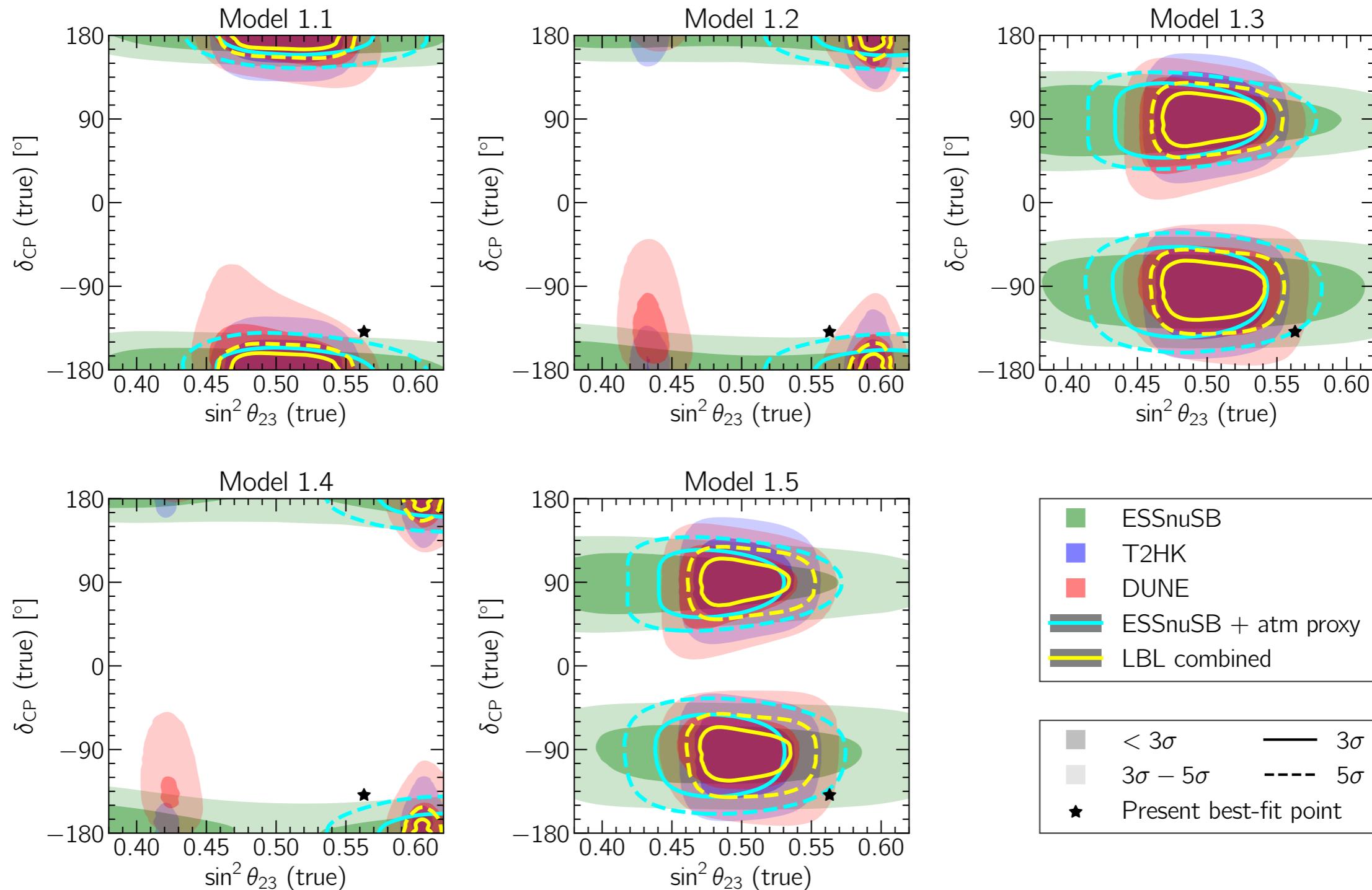
Model	Case [Ref.]	Group	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	δ_{CP}	χ^2_{min}
1.1	VII-b [25]	$A_5 \rtimes CP$	0.331	0.523	180°	5.37
1.2	III [25]	$A_5 \rtimes CP$	0.283	0.593	180°	5.97
1.3	IV [24]	$S_4 \rtimes CP$	0.318	1/2	±90°	7.28
1.4	II [24]	$S_4 \rtimes CP$	0.341	0.606	180°	8.91
1.5	IV [25]	$A_5 \rtimes CP$	0.283	1/2	±90°	11.3

Blennow, Ghosh, Ohlsson, AT, 2004.00017

[24] Feruglio, Hagedorn, Ziegler, 1211.5560

[25] Li, Ding, 1503.03711

Potential of future LBL experiments



Blennow, Ghosh, Ohlsson, AT, 2005.12277

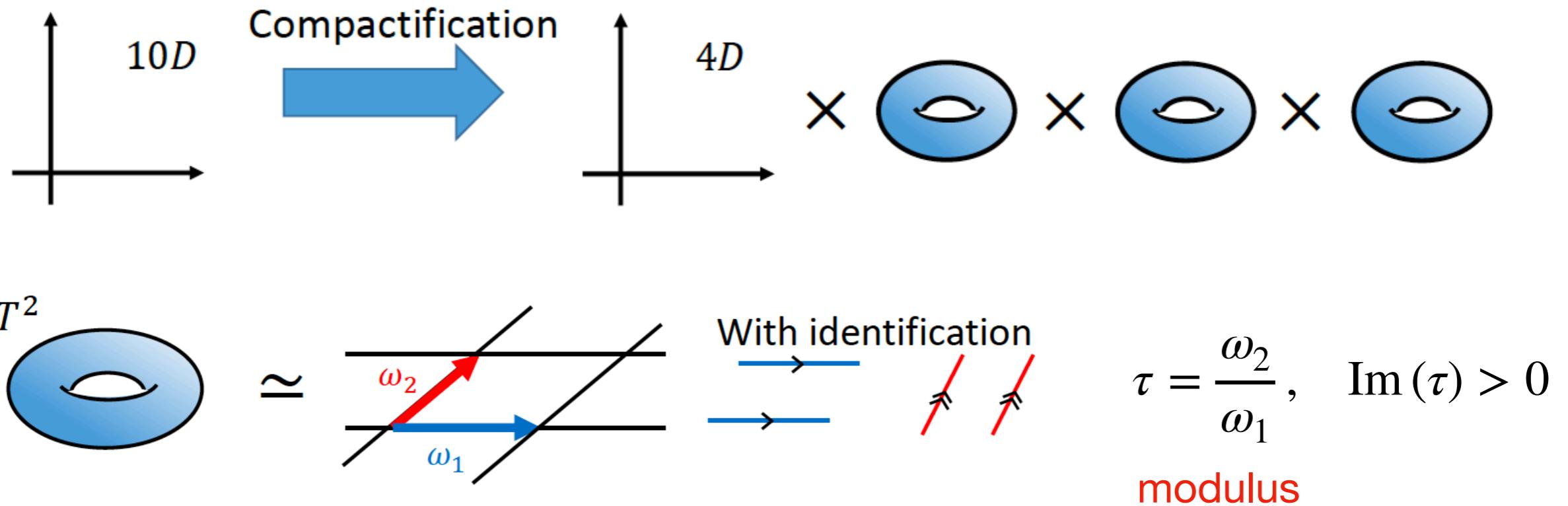
Challenges

- ▶ Many symmetry groups, many models, **which one is correct** (if any)?
- ▶ Symmetry breaking typically relies on **numerous flavons**
- ▶ **Elaborated potentials** to get desirable vacuum alignment
- ▶ Higher-dimensional operators can spoil leading-order predictions
- ▶ Mainly mixing, and **not masses**
- ▶ What is the **origin** of discrete flavour symmetries?



Modular invariance

Images: [Takuya H. Tatsuishi](#)



Lattice left invariant by modular transformations

$$\tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau \equiv \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \quad ad - bc = 1$$

Proposal to apply modular invariance to flavour physics: [Feruglio, 1706.08749](#)

Modular symmetry

Modular group

$$\overline{\Gamma} = \langle S, T \mid S^2 = (ST)^3 = I \rangle \cong PSL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

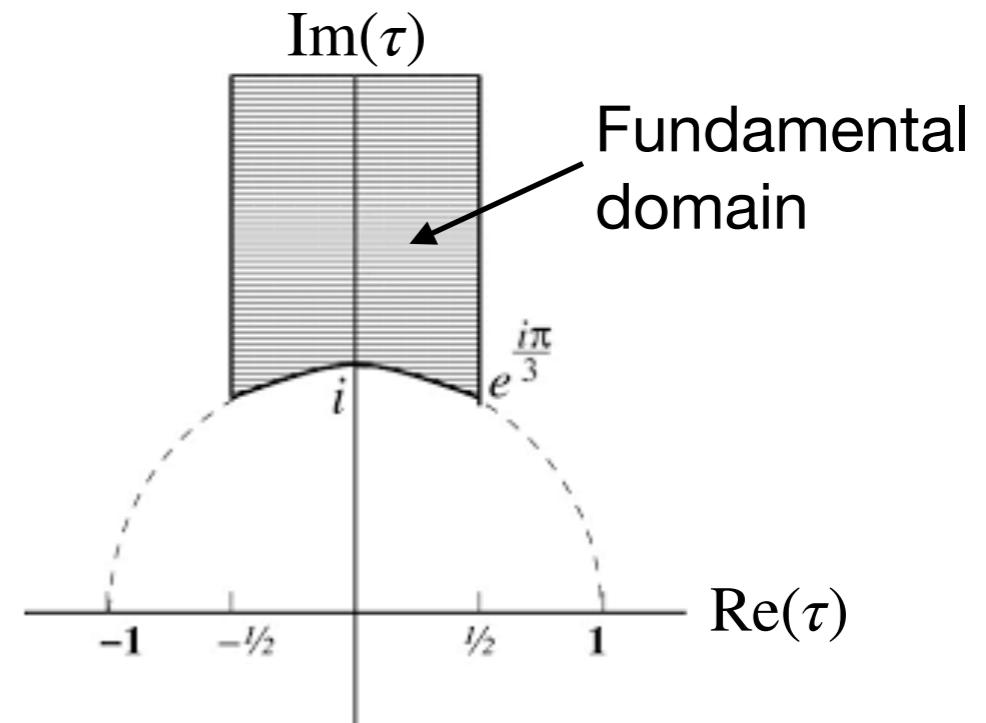
$$\tau \xrightarrow{S} -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

duality

$$\tau \xrightarrow{T} \tau + 1$$

discrete shift symmetry

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Infinite normal subgroups of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, $N = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$\Gamma(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

Principal congruence subgroups of the modular group

$$\overline{\Gamma}(2) \equiv \Gamma(2)/\{I, -I\} \quad \overline{\Gamma}(N) \equiv \Gamma(N), \quad N > 2$$

Finite modular groups

$$\Gamma_N \equiv \overline{\Gamma}/\overline{\Gamma}(N)$$

$$\Gamma_2 \cong S_3$$

$$\Gamma_3 \cong A_4$$

$$\Gamma_4 \cong S_4$$

$$\Gamma_5 \cong A_5$$

Modular-invariant SUSY theories

$\mathcal{N} = 1$ rigid SUSY matter action

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} K(\tau, \bar{\tau}, \psi, \bar{\psi}) + \int d^4x d^2\theta W(\tau, \psi) + \int d^4x d^2\bar{\theta} \bar{W}(\bar{\tau}, \bar{\psi})$$

Ferrara, Lust, Shapere, Theisen, PLB **225** (1989) 363

Ferrara, Lust, Theisen, PLB **233** (1989) 147

$$\begin{cases} \tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \\ \psi_i \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_i} \rho_i(\tilde{\gamma}) \psi_i \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} W(\tau, \psi) \rightarrow W(\tau, \psi) \\ K(\tau, \bar{\tau}, \psi, \bar{\psi}) \rightarrow K(\tau, \bar{\tau}, \psi, \bar{\psi}) + f_K(\tau, \psi) + \bar{f}_K(\bar{\tau}, \bar{\psi}) \end{cases}$$

unitary representation of Γ_N

Feruglio, 1706.08749

$$W(\tau, \psi) = \sum_n \sum_{\{i_1, \dots, i_n\}} \sum_s g_{i_1 \dots i_n, s} \left(Y_{i_1 \dots i_n, s}(\tau) \psi_{i_1} \dots \psi_{i_n} \right)_{\mathbf{1}, s}$$

$$Y(\tau) \xrightarrow{\gamma} (c\tau + d)^{k_Y} \rho_Y(\tilde{\gamma}) Y(\tau)$$

$$k_Y = k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_n}$$

$$\rho_Y \otimes \rho_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_{i_n} \supset \mathbf{1}$$

Yukawa couplings are modular forms!

Feruglio's modular A4 model

$\Gamma_3 \cong A_4$ (level $N = 3$)

Feruglio, 1706.08749

3 independent modular forms $Y_i(\tau)$ of weight $k = 2$ form a triplet of A_4

$$Y(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^2 \rho(\gamma) \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} L_e \\ L_\mu \\ L_\tau \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-1} \rho(\gamma) \begin{pmatrix} L_e \\ L_\mu \\ L_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_\nu \supset \frac{1}{\Lambda} (Y(\tau) LL)_1 H_u H_u \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_\nu(\tau) = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_1 & -Y_3 & -Y_2 \\ -Y_3 & 2Y_2 & -Y_1 \\ -Y_2 & -Y_1 & 2Y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

M_ν depends on 3 real parameters: $\text{Re}(\tau)$, $\text{Im}(\tau)$ and the overall scale v_u^2/Λ

$$\langle \tau \rangle = 0.0111 + 0.9946 i$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.295 \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0447 \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.651$$

$$\delta/\pi = 1.55 \quad \alpha_{21}/\pi = 0.22 \quad \alpha_{31}/\pi = 1.80$$

$$m_1 = 0.0500 \text{ eV} \quad m_2 = 0.0507 \text{ eV} \quad m_3 = 0.0007 \text{ eV} \quad (\text{IO})$$

Minimal modular S4 model (with CP)

$\Gamma_4 \cong S_4$ (level $N = 4$)

Novichkov, Penedo, Petcov, AT, 1905.11970

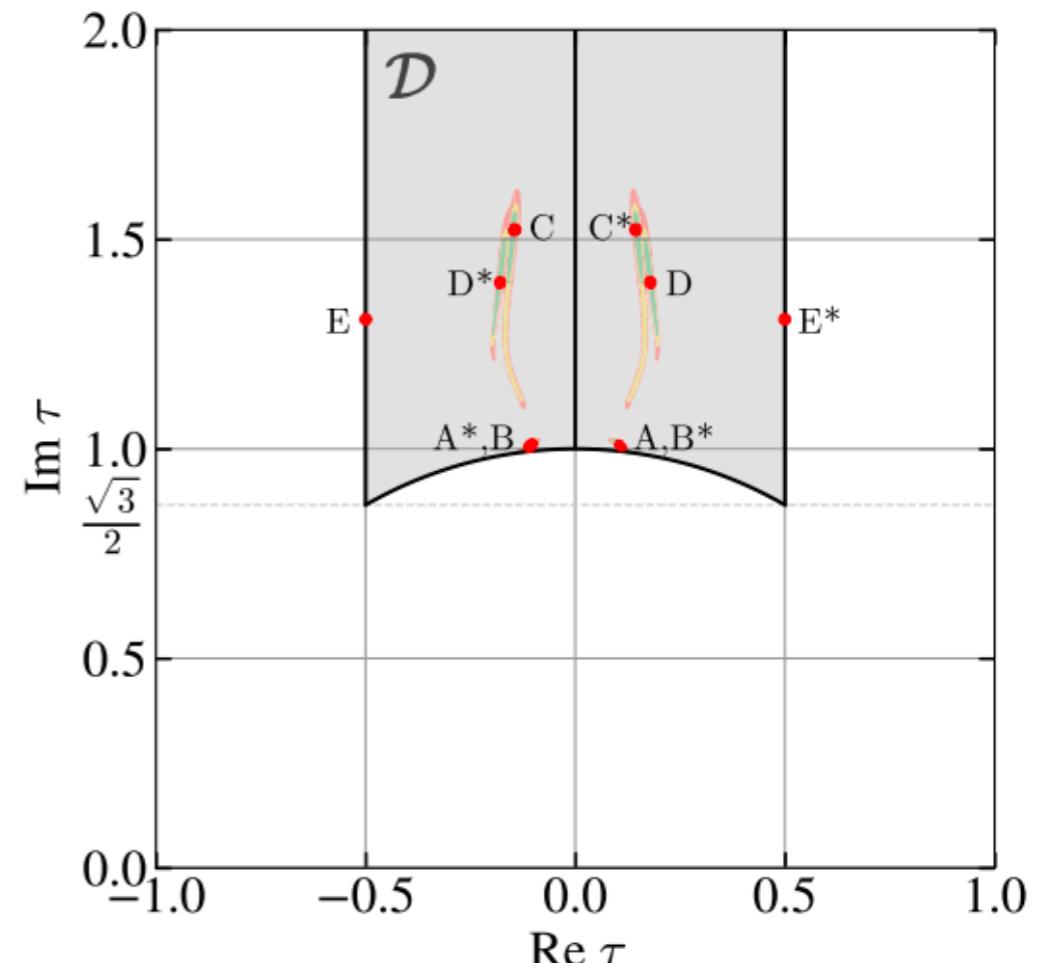
5 independent modular forms of weight $k = 2$ form a doublet and a triplet of A_4

$$W = \alpha \left(E_1^c L Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(2)} \right)_1 H_d + \beta \left(E_2^c L Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)} \right)_1 H_d + \gamma \left(E_3^c L Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(4)} \right)_1 H_d \\ + g \left(N^c L Y_{\mathbf{2}}^{(2)} \right)_1 H_u + g' \left(N^c L Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(2)} \right)_1 H_u + \Lambda \left(N^c N^c \right)_1$$

Solutions A and A^*

Input parameters		Observables		Predictions	
Re τ	± 0.0992	m_e/m_μ	0.0048	m_1 [eV]	0.012
Im τ	1.0160	m_μ/m_τ	0.0576	m_2 [eV]	0.015
β/α	9.348	r	0.0298	m_3 [eV]	0.051
γ/α	0.0022	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.305	δ/π	± 1.64
g'/g	-0.0209	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0214	α_{21}/π	± 0.35
$v_d \alpha$ [MeV]	53.61	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.486	α_{31}/π	± 1.25
$v_u^2 g_1^2 / \Lambda$ [eV]	0.0135	δm^2 [10^{-5} eV 2]	7.33	$ m_{ee} $ [eV]	0.012
		$ \Delta m^2 $ [10^{-3} eV 2]	2.457	$\sum_i m_i$ [eV]	0.078
		$N\sigma$	1.01	Ordering	NO

7 (4) parameters vs 12 (9) observables



Modular vs conventional discrete

Advantages

- ✓ Numerous scalar fields (flavons) → (single) modulus
- ✓ Complicated scalar potential → moduli space
- ✓ Yukawa couplings → modular forms (known functions of τ)
- ✓ A_4, S_4, A_5 arise as quotient groups of the modular group
- ✓ Both mixing parameters and masses are predicted/constrained

Challenges

- ▶ What determines the level, weights and representations, (N, k_i, ρ_i) tuple?
- ▶ Kinetic terms are not constrained in the bottom-up approach
- ▶ Dynamical selection of the vacuum $\langle \tau \rangle$
- ▶ Extension to the quark sector
- ▶ Is SUSY necessary?



Conclusions

- ▶ We are **still far** from the Theory of Flavour
- ▶ **Symmetries** remain the **best tool** to approach the flavour puzzle
- ▶ **Many viable models** based on **non-Abelian discrete symmetries** broken to **residual symmetries** of the charged lepton and neutrino mass matrices
- ▶ The number of viable models will be reduced by future, more **precise** measurements of the neutrino mixing parameters, including δ_{CP} (**DUNE**, **T2HK**, **ESSnusB**, **JUNO** are instrumental in this respect)
- ▶ **Modular invariance** has a number of advantages over conventional discrete flavour symmetries
- ▶ More effort is needed towards deciphering the nature of flavour

Backup slides

Discrete symmetry and CP

Generalised CP (GCP) transformation

$$\varphi(x) \xrightarrow{CP} X \varphi^*(x_P) \quad x = (t, \mathbf{x}) \quad x_P = (t, -\mathbf{x})$$

unitary matrix

Consistency condition (X is constrained by G_f)

$$X \rho^*(g) X^{-1} = \rho(g') \quad g, g' \in G_f$$

Feruglio, Hagedorn, Ziegler, 1211.5560
Holthausen, Lindner, Schmidt, 1211.6953

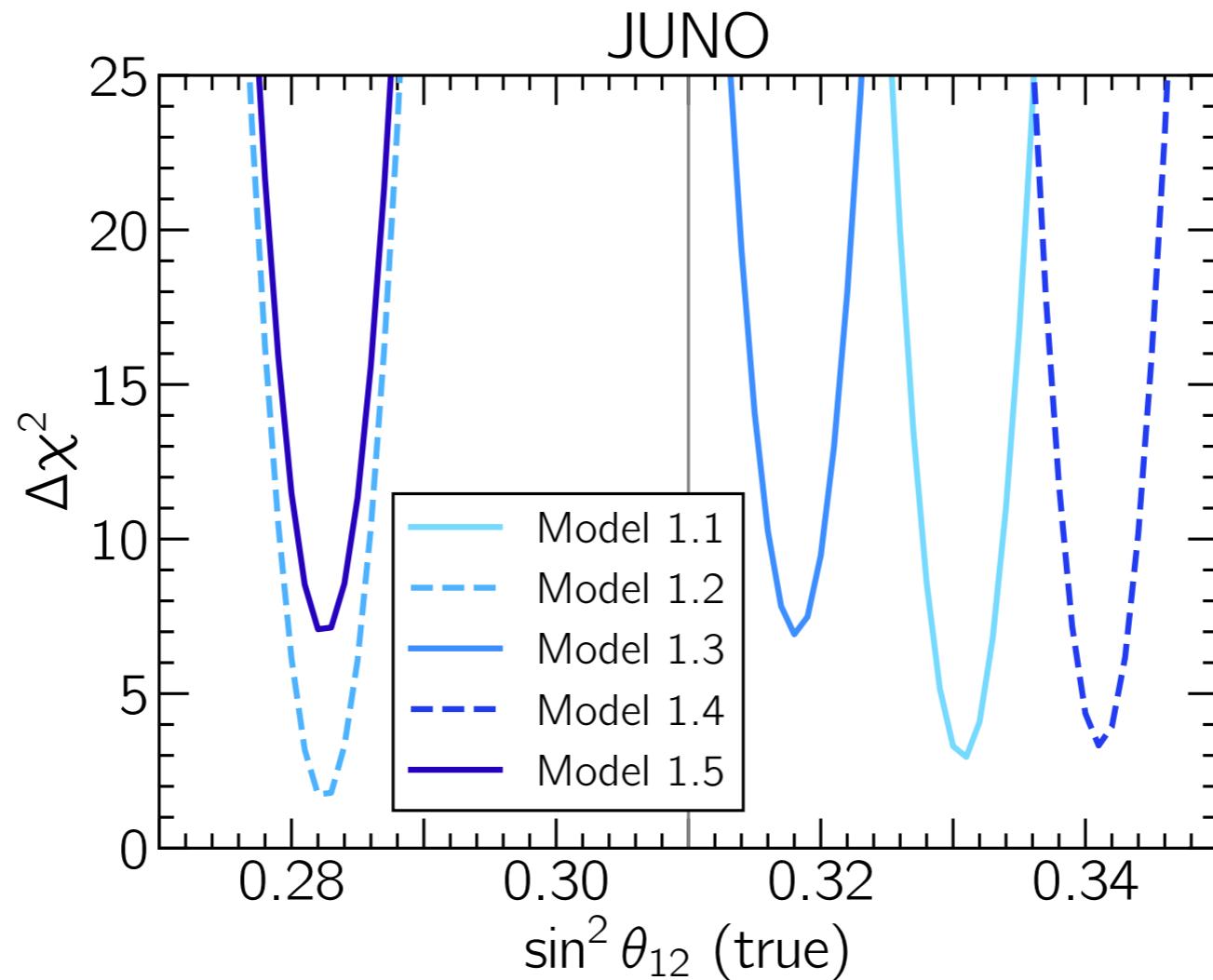
If $G_e > Z_2$ and $G_\nu = Z_2 \times CP$, the mixing matrix is defined up to a real rotation

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{fixed}} R_{ij}(\theta) \quad R_{ij}(\theta) = U_{ij}(\theta, 0) \quad \theta \text{ is a free real angle}$$

- » 1 free parameter => higher predictive power
- » Predictions for the Majorana phases

JUNO potential

Blennow, Ghosh, Ohlsson, AT, 2005.12277



Modular forms

Holomorphic functions transforming under $\bar{\Gamma}(N)$ as

$$f(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^k f(\tau), \quad \gamma \in \bar{\Gamma}(N)$$

k is weight
non-negative even integer

N is level
natural number

Modular forms of weight k and level N form a linear space $\mathcal{M}_k(\bar{\Gamma}(N))$ of finite dimension. We can choose a basis in this space s.t. $F(\tau) \equiv (f_1(\tau), f_2(\tau), \dots)^T$ transforms as

$$F(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^k \rho(\tilde{\gamma}) F(\tau), \quad \gamma \in \bar{\Gamma}$$

ρ is a unitary representation of Γ_N

$\tilde{\gamma}$ represents the equivalence class of γ in Γ_N

Feruglio, 1706.08749

Dimension of linear space of modular forms

N	g	$d_{2k}(\Gamma(N))$	μ_N	Γ_N
2	0	$k + 1$	6	S_3
3	0	$2k + 1$	12	A_4
4	0	$4k + 1$	24	S_4
5	0	$10k + 1$	60	A_5
6	1	$12k$	72	
7	3	$28k - 2$	168	

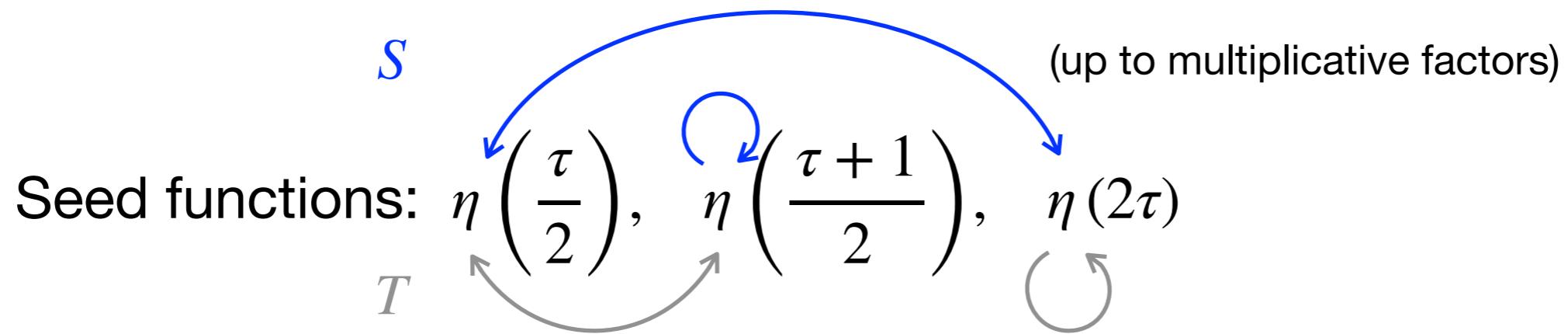
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Modular forms of level 2 and weight 2

Level $N = 2$ ($\Gamma_2 \simeq S_3 : S^2 = (ST)^3 = T^2 = I$)

N\k	0	2	4	6
2	1	2	3	4



$\eta(\tau) \equiv q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$, $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$, is the Dedekind eta function

$$\eta(\tau + 1) = e^{i\pi/12} \eta(\tau) \quad \eta(-1/\tau) = \sqrt{-i\tau} \eta(\tau)$$

Kobayashi, Tanaka, Tatsuishi, 1803.10391

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$$Y(a_1, a_2, a_3 | \tau) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \frac{d}{d\tau} \log \eta_i(\tau), \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i = 0$$

$$Y_2(-1/\tau) = \tau^2 \rho(S) Y_2(\tau) \quad Y_2(\tau + 1) = \rho(T) Y_2(\tau)$$

$$\rho(S) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_2(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(\tau) \\ Y_2(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} Y(1, 1, -2 | \tau) \\ Y(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}, 0 | \tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

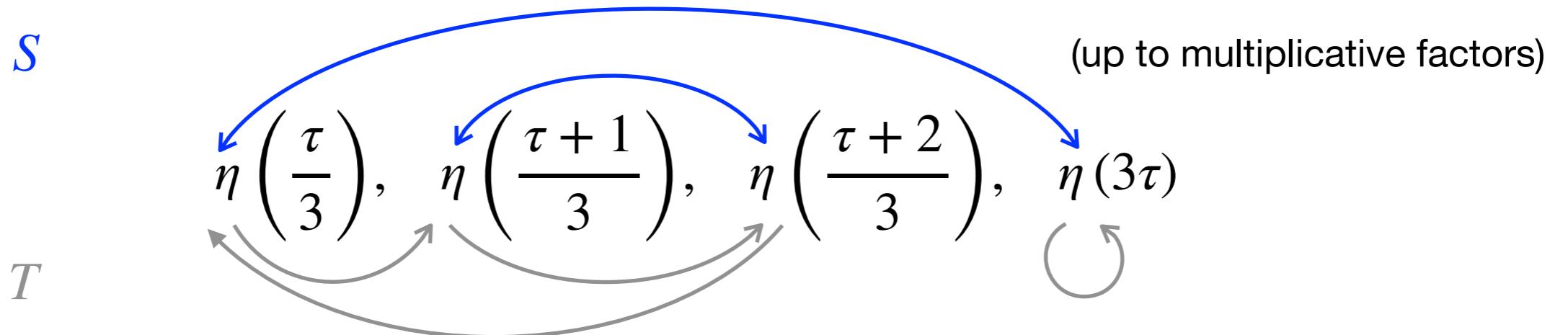
S_3 doublet of weight 2 modular forms

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Modular forms of level 3 and weight 2

Level $N = 3$ ($\Gamma_3 \simeq A_4 : S^2 = (ST)^3 = T^3 = I$)

$N \setminus k$	0	2	4	6
3	1	3	5	7



$$Y_3(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(\tau) \\ Y_2(\tau) \\ Y_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} Y(1,1,1, -3 | \tau) \\ -2 Y(1, \omega^2, \omega, 0 | \tau) \\ -2 Y(1, \omega, \omega^2, 0 | \tau) \end{pmatrix} \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i / 3}$$

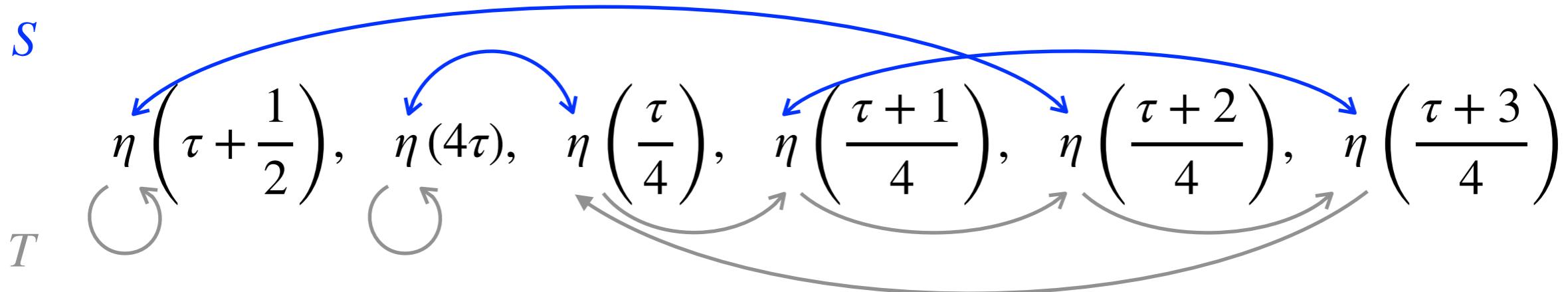
A_4 triplet of weight 2 modular forms

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Modular forms of level 4 and weight 2

Level $N = 4$ ($\Gamma_4 \simeq S_4 : S^2 = (ST)^3 = T^4 = I$)

$N \setminus k$	0	2	4	6
4	1	5	9	13



$$Y_2(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(\tau) \\ Y_2(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} Y(1, 1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega, \omega^2 | \tau) \\ Y(1, 1, \omega^2, \omega, \omega^2, \omega | \tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_3(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} Y_3(\tau) \\ Y_4(\tau) \\ Y_5(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} Y(1, -1, -1, -1, 1, 1 | \tau) \\ Y(1, -1, -\omega^2, -\omega, \omega^2, \omega | \tau) \\ Y(1, -1, -\omega, -\omega^2, \omega, \omega^2 | \tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

S_4 doublet and triplet (3') of weight 2 modular forms

Penedo, Petcov, 1806.11040