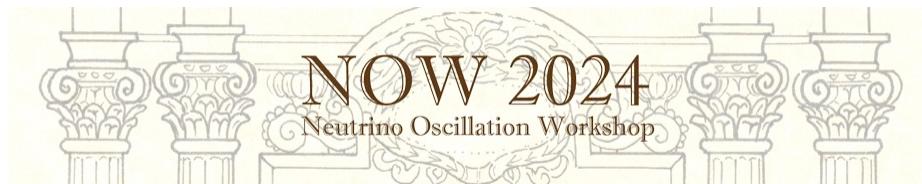


Modular Neutrinos

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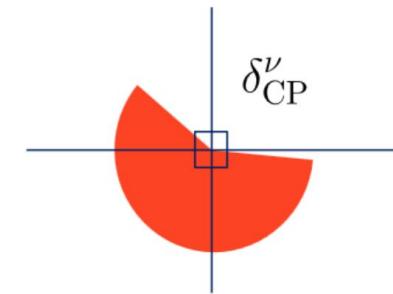
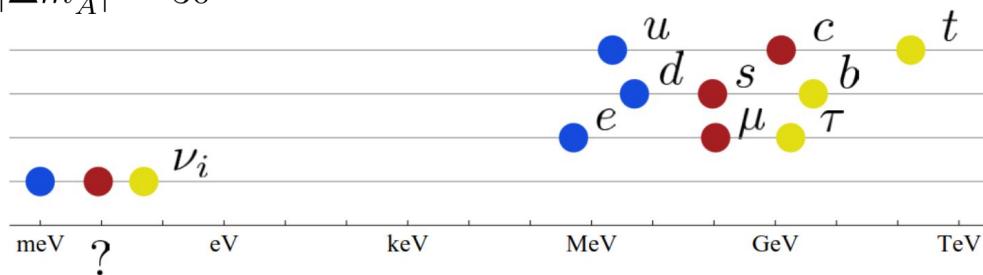


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The flavour puzzle

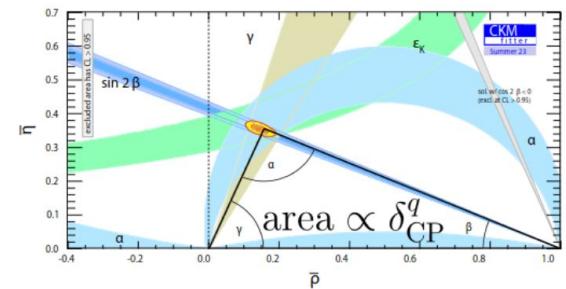
In search of an organising principle...

$$\frac{\Delta m_{\odot}^2}{|\Delta m_A^2|} \sim \frac{1}{30}$$



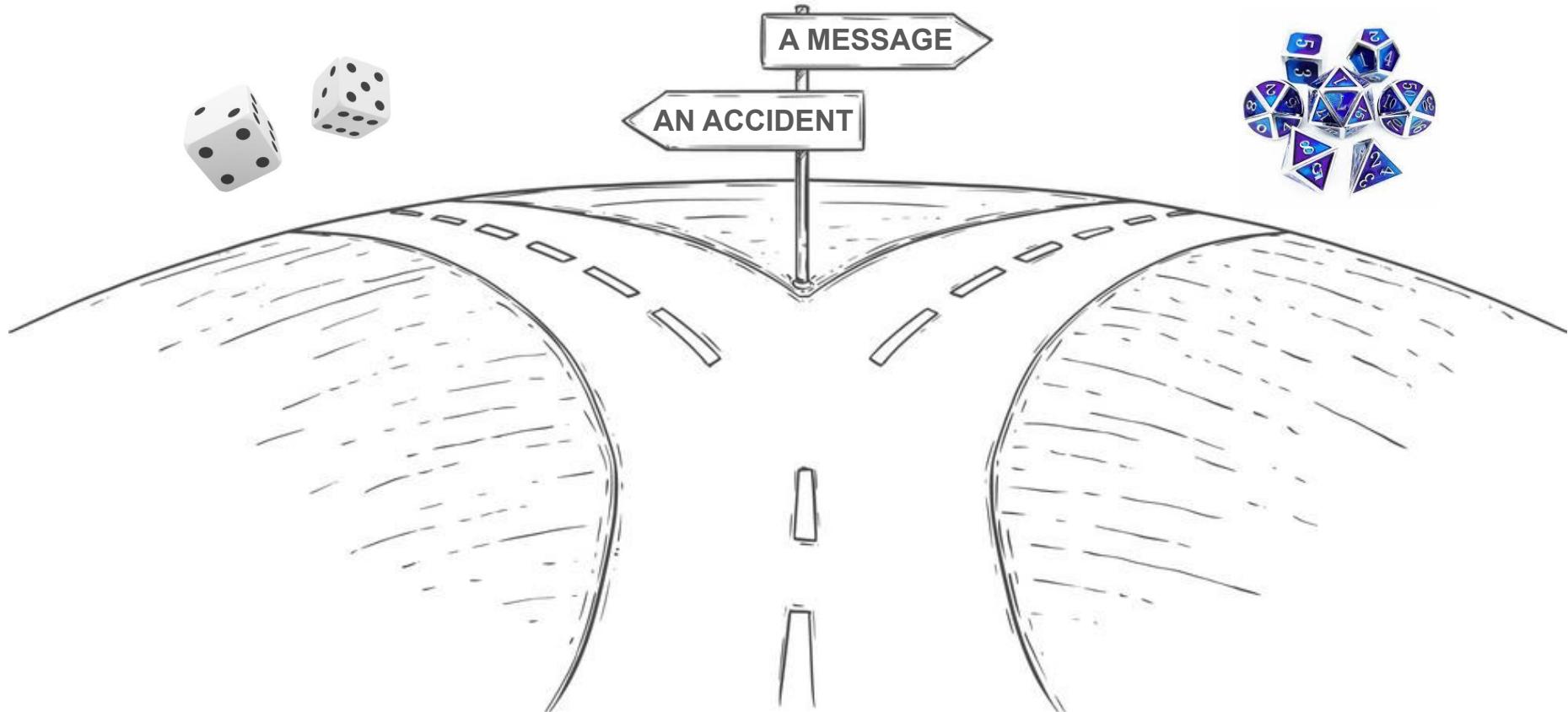
$$U_{PMNS} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 \\ e & \begin{bmatrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mu & \begin{bmatrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{bmatrix} \\ \tau & \begin{bmatrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

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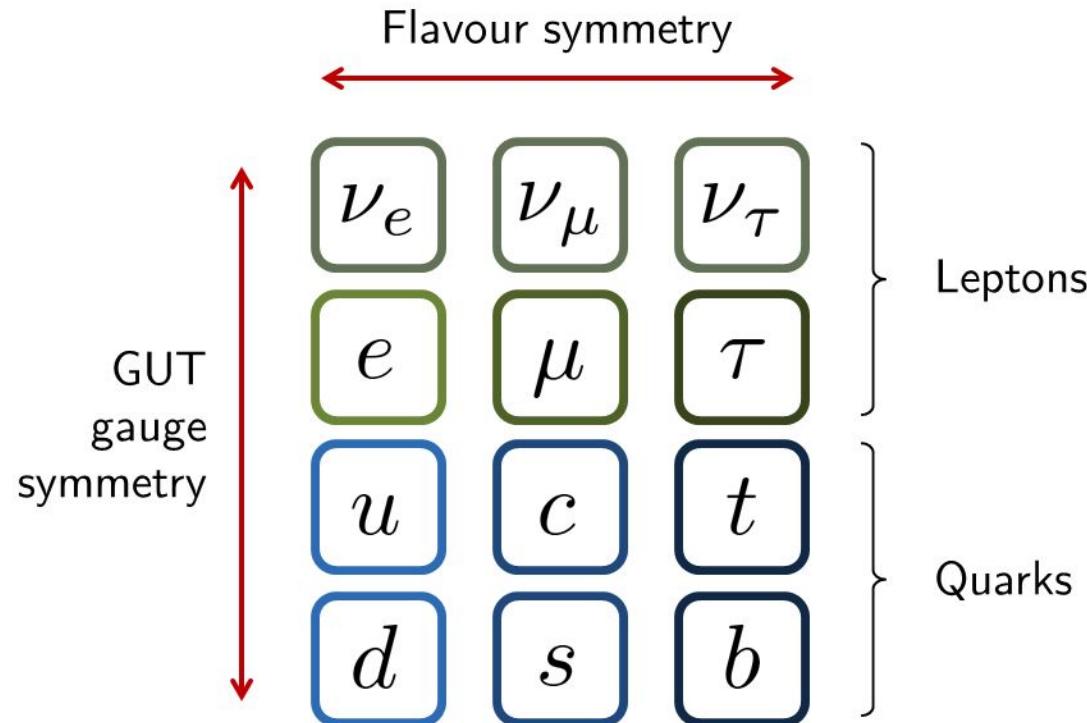


The flavour puzzle

..is there an organising principle?



Flavour symmetries



For reviews, see: Altarelli and Feruglio (2010), Ishimori et al. (2010), King and Luhn (2013), Petcov (2017), Feruglio and Romanino (2019), Ding and Valle (2024)

Flavour symmetries



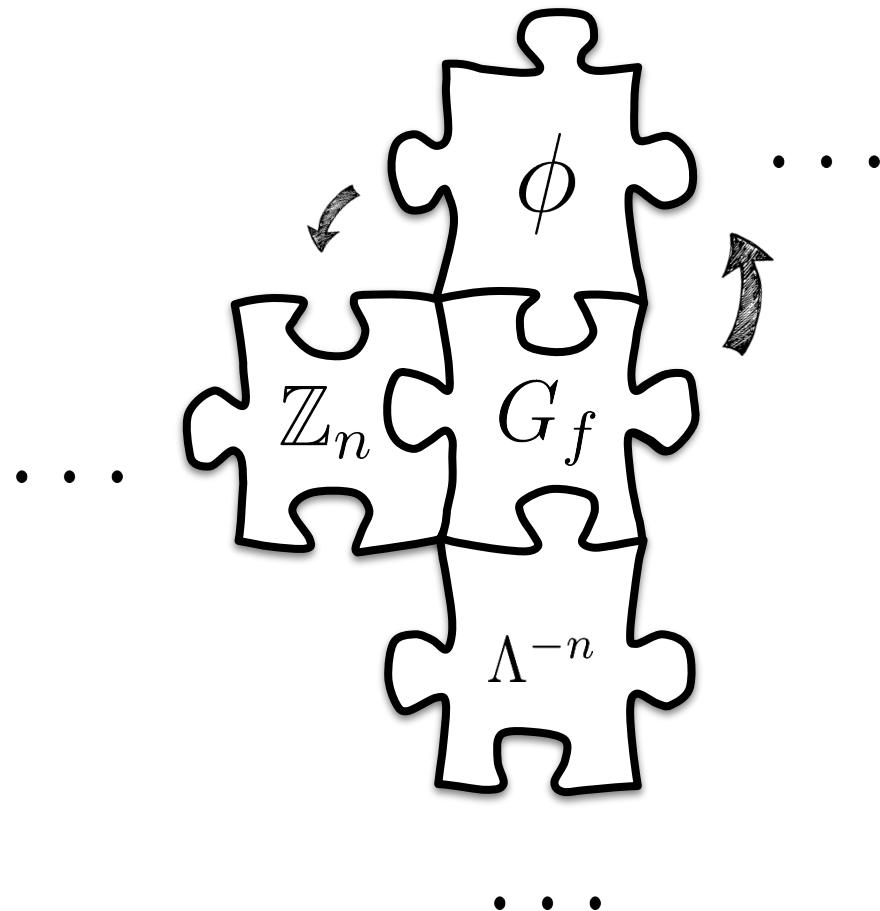
Non-Abelian discrete
flavour symmetries



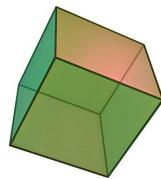
model-independent approaches relying on residual symmetries
constrain mixing and the Dirac phase

[recall talk by C. Hagedorn on wed.]

Problems with model building

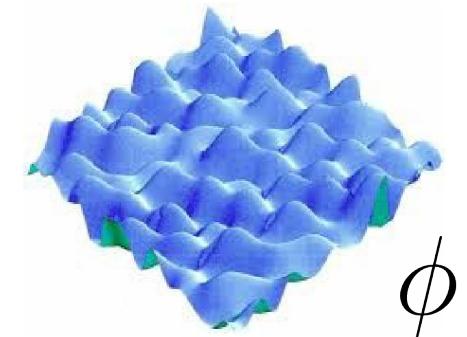
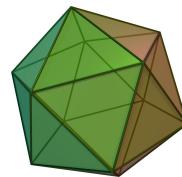
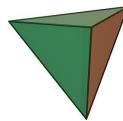


A reversal of the usual logic

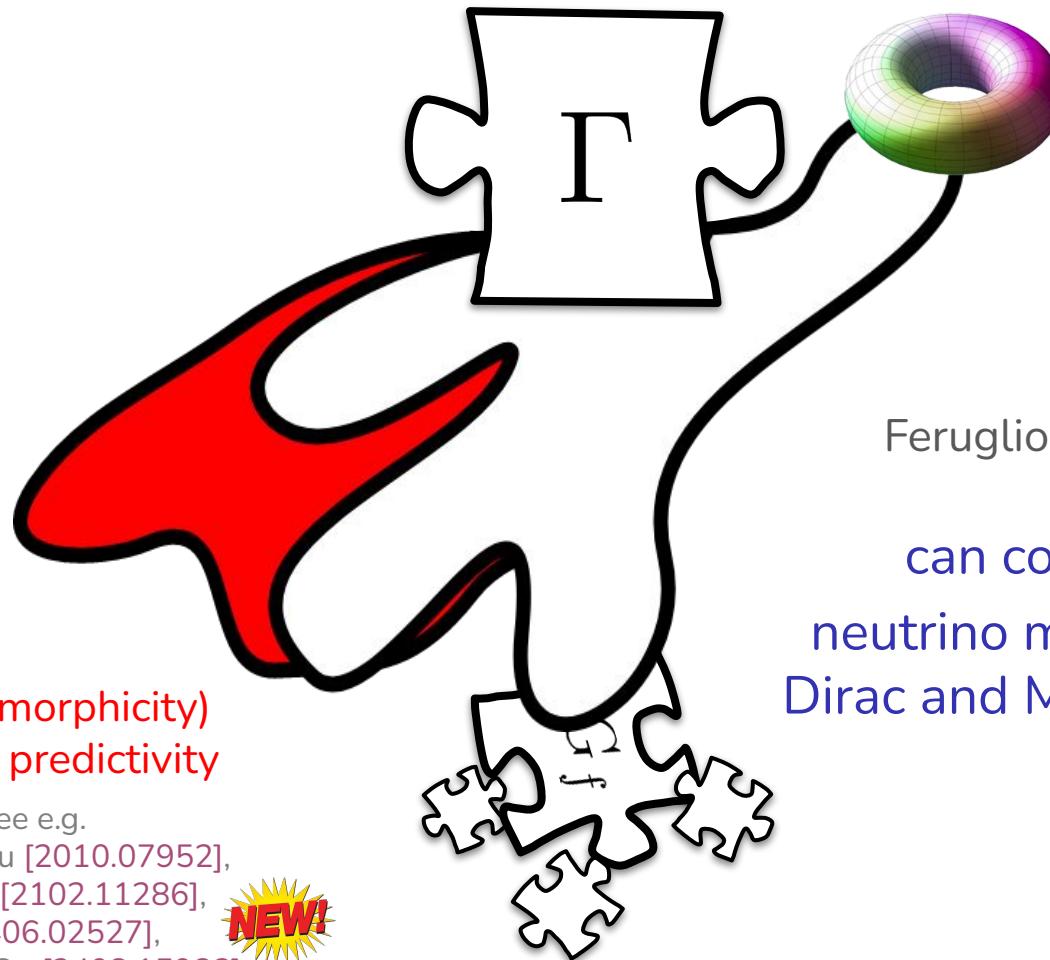


Symmetry group
and representations

Symmetry-breaking
sector



Modular symmetry to the rescue!



Feruglio [1706.08749]

can constrain all:
neutrino masses, mixing,
Dirac and Majorana phases

**SUSY (holomorphicity)
required for predictivity**

...but see e.g.

Ding, Feruglio, Liu [2010.07952],

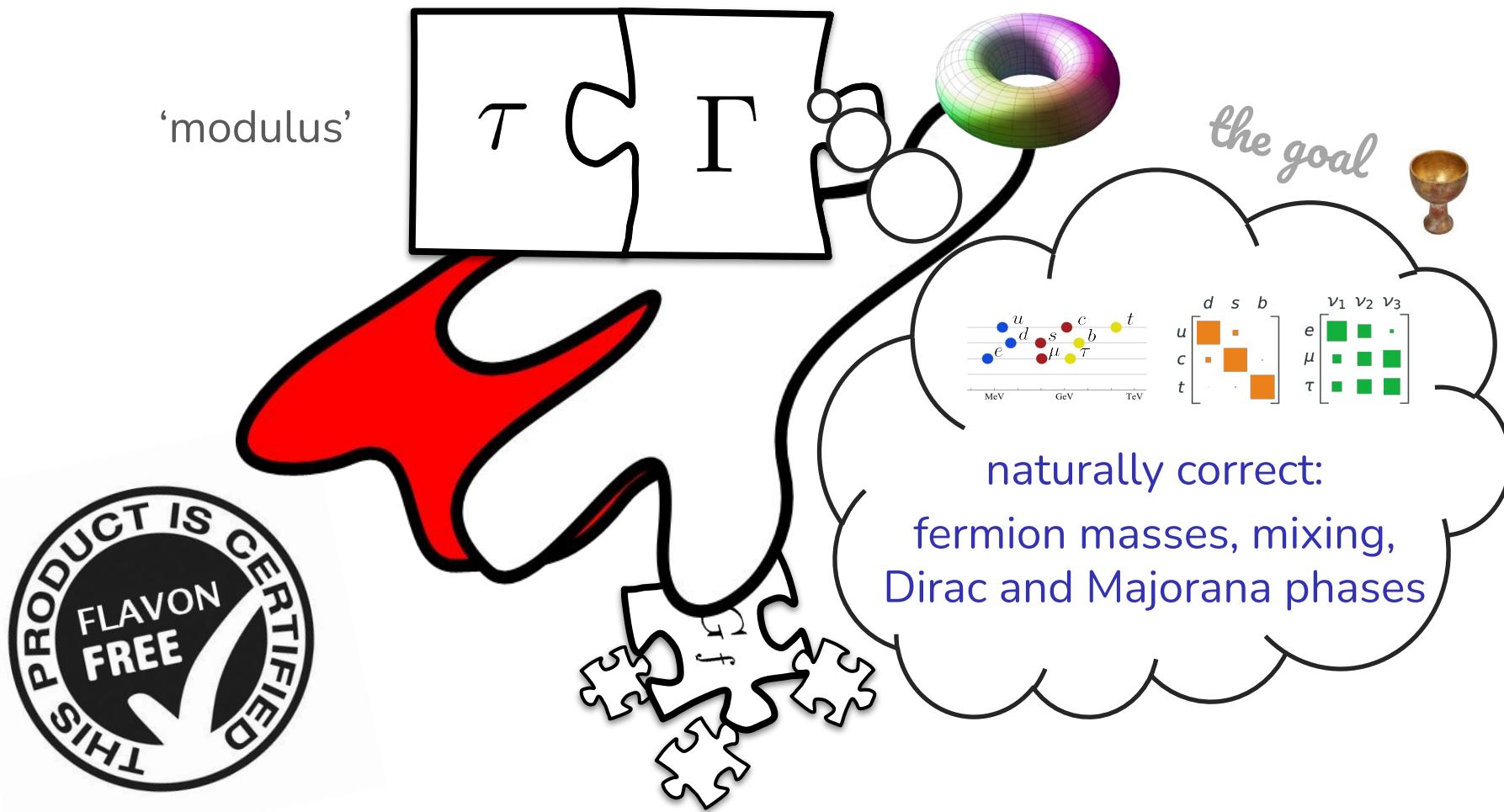
Almumin et al. [2102.11286],

Ding, Qu [2406.02527],

Ding, Lu, Petcov, Qu [2408.15988]



Modular symmetry to the rescue!



Modular symmetries can... (the outline)



...offer a **predictive framework** for flavour

...provide an origin for **CP violation** (CPV)

...explain fermion **mass hierarchies**

A close-up photograph of a dark-colored tray containing several pieces of light-colored dough. A metal donut cutter is being used to shape the dough into rings. One ring has already been cut and sits on the tray. Another ring is partially cut, and a third is being cut. A small metal bowl with flour is visible in the top left corner.

The predictive framework

The modulus



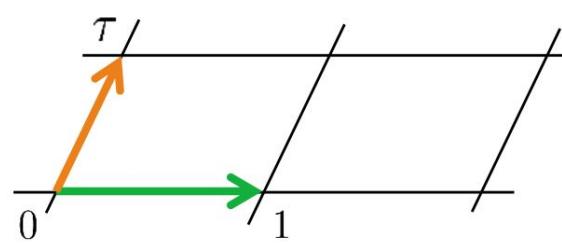
τ may describe a torus compactification
(we assume only 1 unfrozen modulus)

In the **bottom-up** modular approach τ is a dimensionless **spurion**

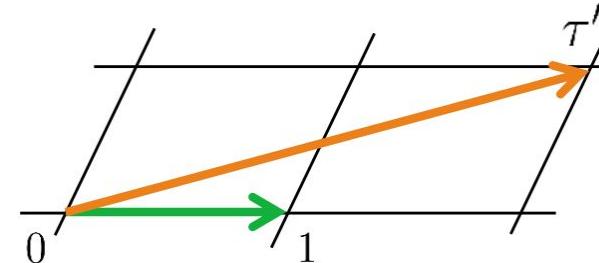
The modulus

 τ $=$ 

$$\tau' = \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$$

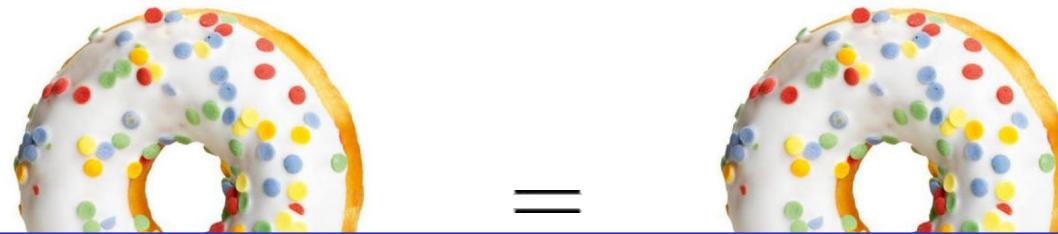


$$\operatorname{Im} \tau > 0$$



$$ad - bc = 1 \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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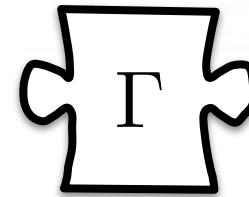
$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

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the modular group

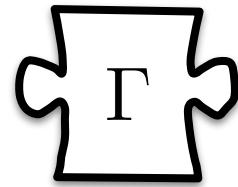
$$\det \gamma = 1$$

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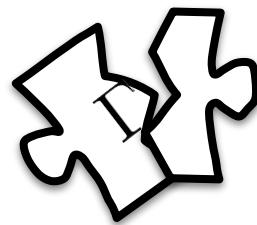

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$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} :$$

$$\tau \rightarrow -1/\tau$$

inversion

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} :$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$$

Translation

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} :$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau$$

Redundant

but can affect fields...

The field transformations

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rare from top-down!

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$$\Gamma(N) \subset \mathfrak{G} \Gamma \mathfrak{G}$$

Principal congruence subgroup of level N

$$\Gamma(N) \equiv \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

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$\rho(\gamma)$ is effectively a representation of $\Gamma'_N \equiv \Gamma/\Gamma(N)$

other choices are possible: in general, **vector-valued modular forms**, see e.g. [2112.14761, 2311.10136]

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Kobayashi et al. [1803.10391]
Meloni, Parriciati [2306.09028]

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Feruglio [1706.08749]

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JP, Petcov [1806.11040]

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Novichkov et al. [1812.02158]

summary in Appendices of
Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov
[1905.11970]

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Liu, Ding [1907.01488]

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Novichkov, JP, Petcov [2006.03058]

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Wang, Yu, Zhou [2010.10159]

For early top-down, see e.g.:

Kobayashi et al. [1804.06644];
Kobayashi, Tamba [1811.11384];
de Anda et al. [1812.05620];
Baur et al. [1901.03251, 1908.00805];
Kariyazono et al. [1904.07546];
Nilles et al. [2001.01736, 2004.05200,
2006.03059]; Kobayashi, Otsuka
[2001.07972, 2004.04518];
Abe et al. [2003.03512];
Ohki et al. [2003.04174];
Kikuchi et al. [2005.12642]

by now, O(200) papers...

A lot of model building...



- models based on finite modular groups of higher N
[2004.12662, 2108.02181, 2307.01419]
- modular models of unification (also without GUTs)
[1906.10341, 2012.01397, 2101.02266, 2101.12724, 2103.02633, 2103.16311, 2108.09655, 2206.14675, 2312.09255]
- modular models of leptogenesis
[1909.06520, 2007.00545, 2103.07207, 2201.10429, 2204.08338, 2205.08269, 2206.14675, 2402.18547, 2405.09363]
- models with multiple moduli
[1811.04933, 1812.11289, 1906.02208, 1908.02770, 2304.05958]
based on symplectic modular invariance (**Siegel modular group**)
and automorphic forms: Ding, Feruglio, Liu [2010.07952, 2402.14915]
From TD, see e.g.: Nilles et al. [2105.08078], Baur et al. [2012.09586], Kikuchi et al. [2305.16709]
- models relating modular flavour symmetries and inflation
[2208.10086, 2303.02947, 2405.06497, 2405.08924]
- models exploring the interplay of modular and gCP symmetries
[1901.03251, 1905.11970, 1910.11553, 2006.03058, 2012.01688, 2012.13390, 2102.06716, 2106.11659]

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But how does it work?

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$$\begin{cases} k_Y = k_1 + \dots + k_n \\ \rho_Y \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_n \supset \mathbf{1} \end{cases}$$

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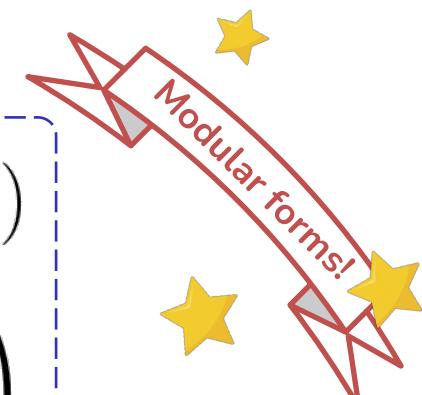
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$\dim \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma(N))$	$k/2 + 1$	$k + 1$	$2k + 1$	$5k + 1$

Not so many available!

A **finite set** of functions for each $k\gamma$

Lowest-weight k modular forms for each group:

$$\Gamma_N^{(1)} \quad Y_{\mathbf{r}}^{(k)}$$

non-singular, unlike modular functions. Can still have an interpretation, see Feruglio, Strumia, Titov [2305.08908]

can generalize modular group to e.g. the larger metaplectic group and get half-integer weight forms, see Liu et al. [2007.13706]

$$\Gamma_2 \simeq S_3 \quad Y_{\mathbf{2}}^{(2)}$$

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$$\Gamma_4 \simeq S_4 \quad Y_{\mathbf{2}}^{(2)}, Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(2)}$$

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$$Y_2(\tau) = \frac{-i}{\pi} \left[\frac{\eta'(\frac{\tau}{3})}{\eta(\frac{\tau}{3})} + \omega^2 \frac{\eta'(\frac{\tau+1}{3})}{\eta(\frac{\tau+1}{3})} + \omega \frac{\eta'(\frac{\tau+2}{3})}{\eta(\frac{\tau+2}{3})} \right] = -6q^{1/3}(1 + 7q + 8q^2 + \dots)$$

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with

$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3} \quad \eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n) \quad q \equiv e^{i2\pi\tau}$$

obey $Y_2^2 + 2Y_1Y_3 = 0$

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Feruglio [1706.08749]

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so now we can build models...

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Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov [1811.04933]

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Procedure: Fit couplings and τ

$$\min \chi^2(\tau, g'/g, g^2/\Lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

Example: an S4 lepton model

$$\alpha \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(\tau) & Y_3(\tau) & Y_2(\tau) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(2)}} \quad \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Y_1(\tau) & Y_3(\tau) & Y_2(\tau) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)}} \quad \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ Y_1(\tau) & Y_3(\tau) & Y_2(\tau) \end{pmatrix}_{Y_{\mathbf{3}'}^{(4)}}$$

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$\min \chi^2(\tau, g'/g)$

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Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov [1811.04933]

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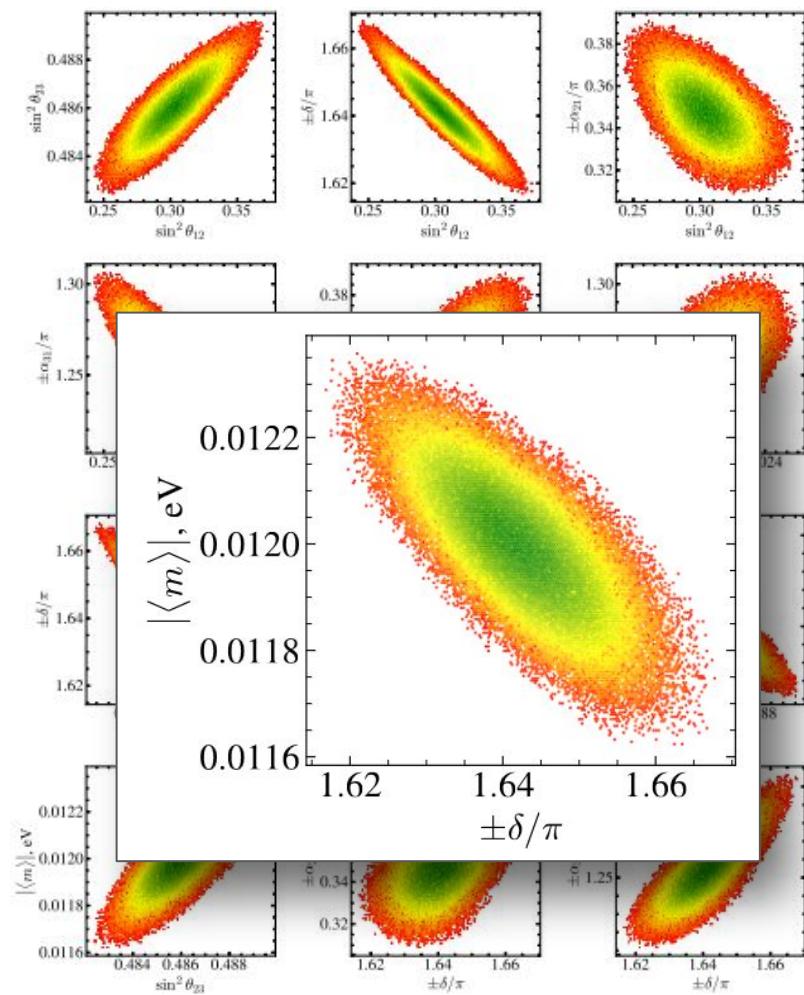
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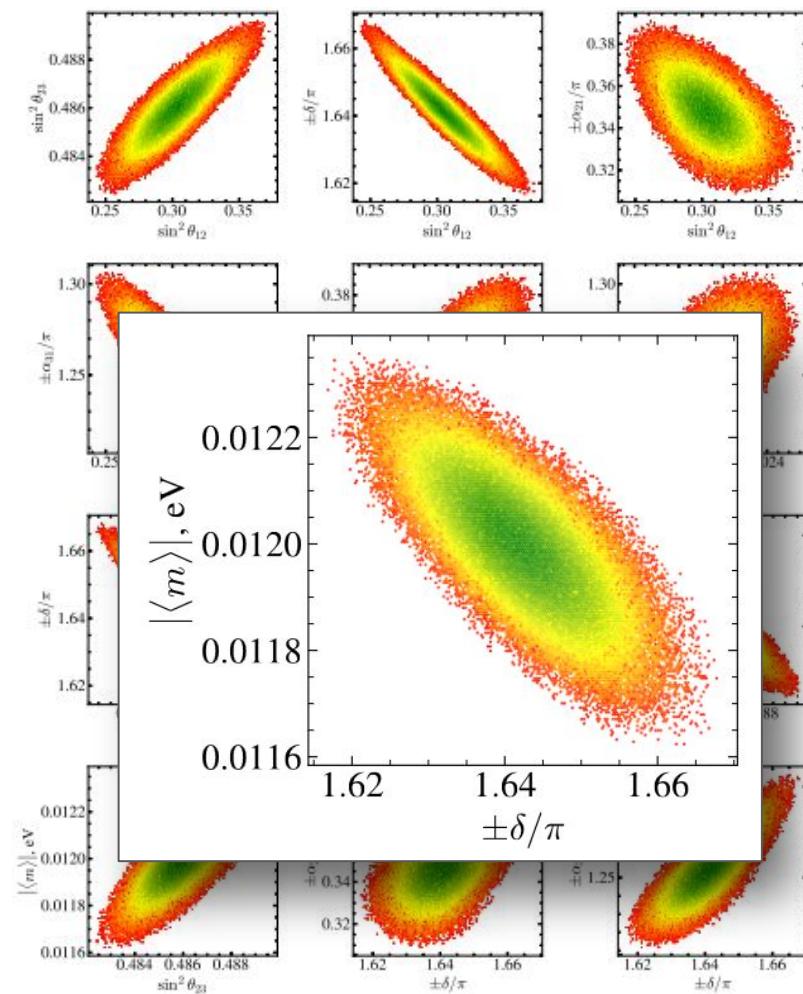
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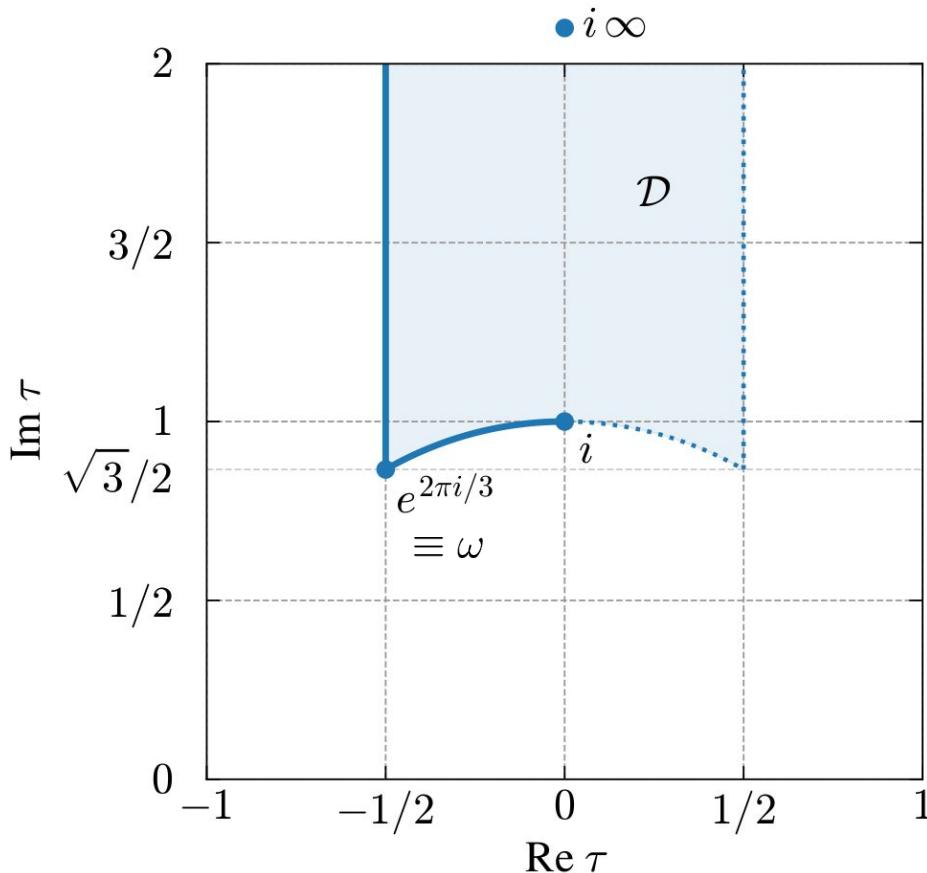
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Intermezzo: The fundamental domain

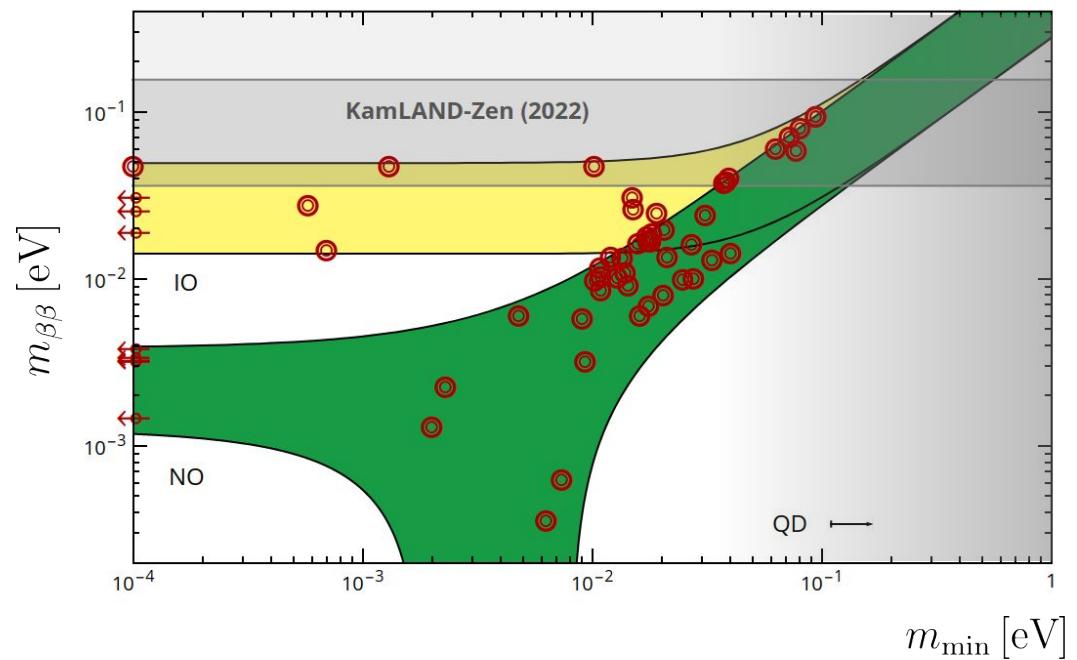
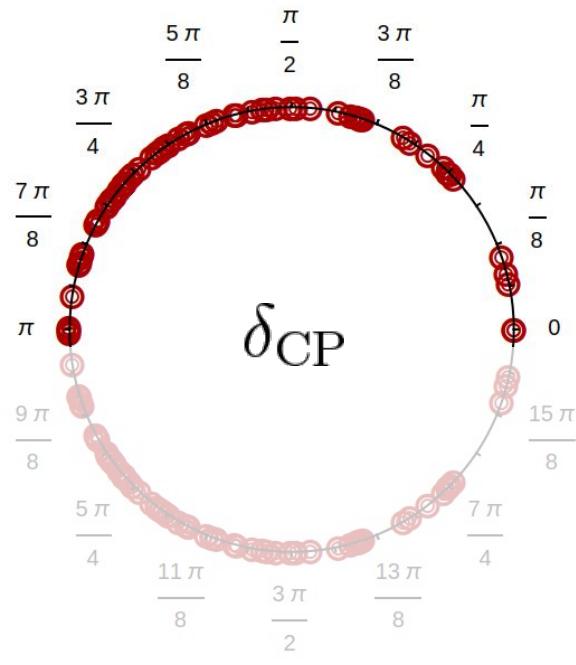


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In some cases, can avoid fit by looking at invariants
see Chen et al. [2211.04546]

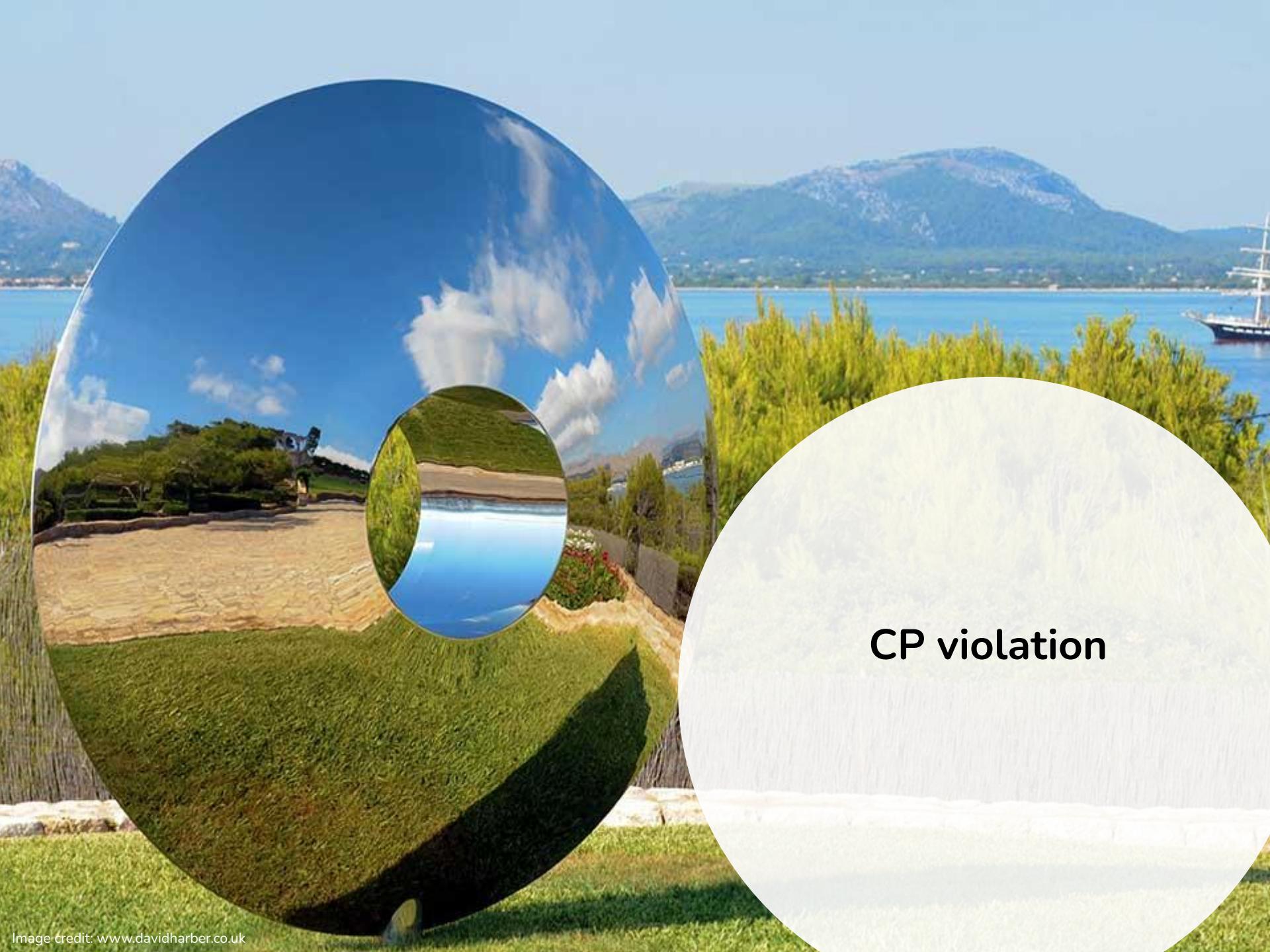
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Benchmarks from the literature



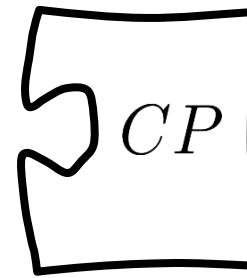
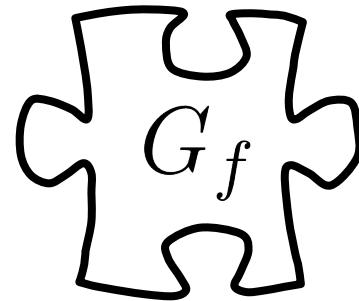
Produced by surveying the models in Table 14 of the Ding, King 2023 review
 “Neutrino Mass and Mixing with Modular Symmetry” (2311.09282)

only b.f. points are shown



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Harrison, Scott (2002)

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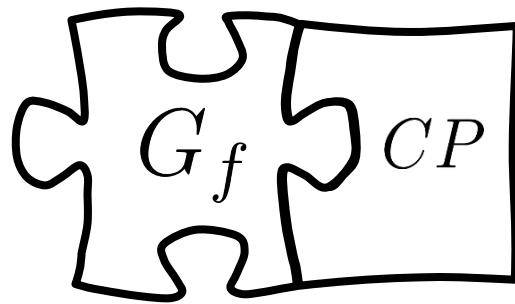
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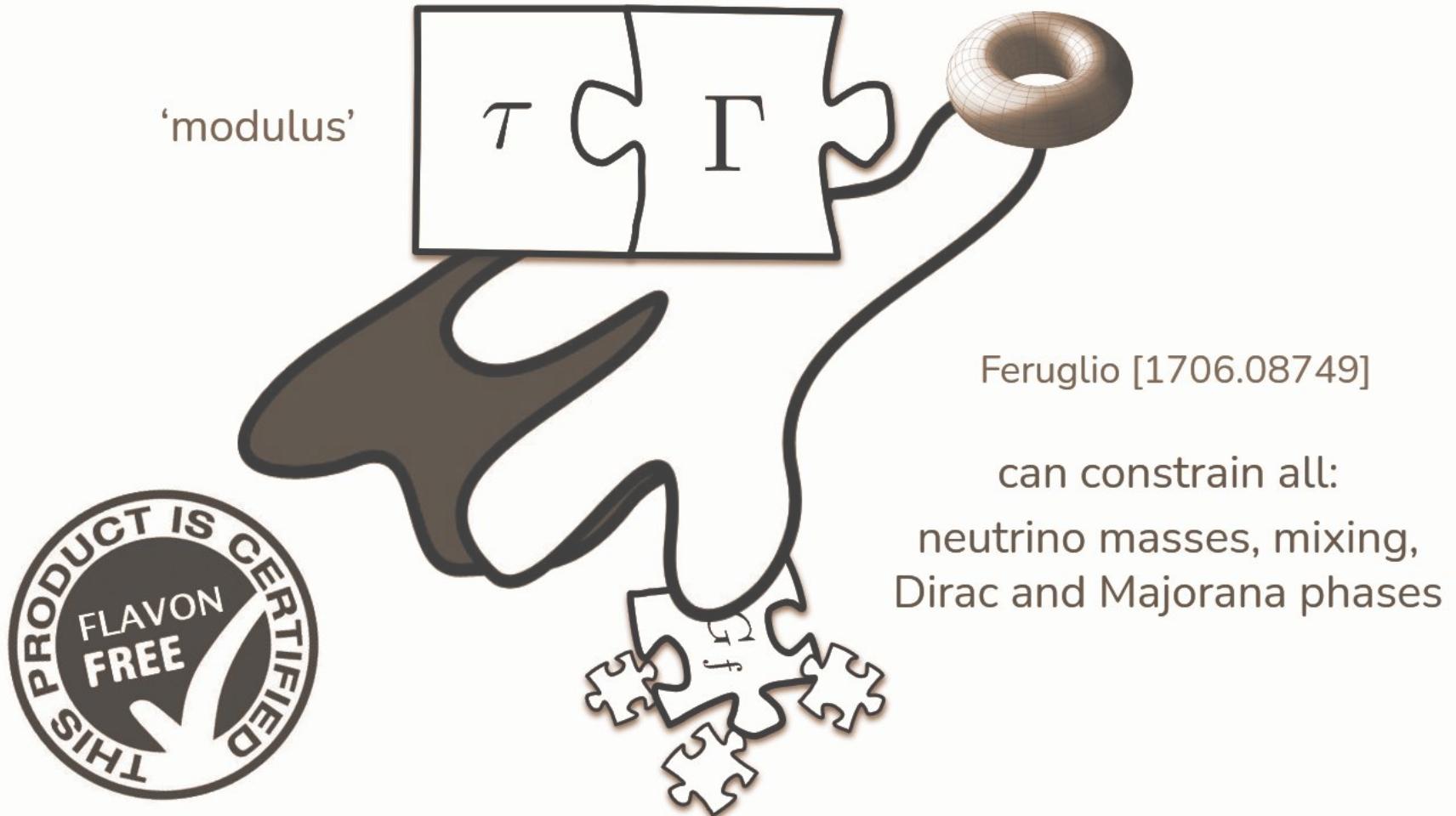
can constrain mixing, the Dirac and the Majorana phases
[recall talk by C. Hagedorn]

Consistency condition [Feruglio et al. (2012), Holthausen et al. (2012)]

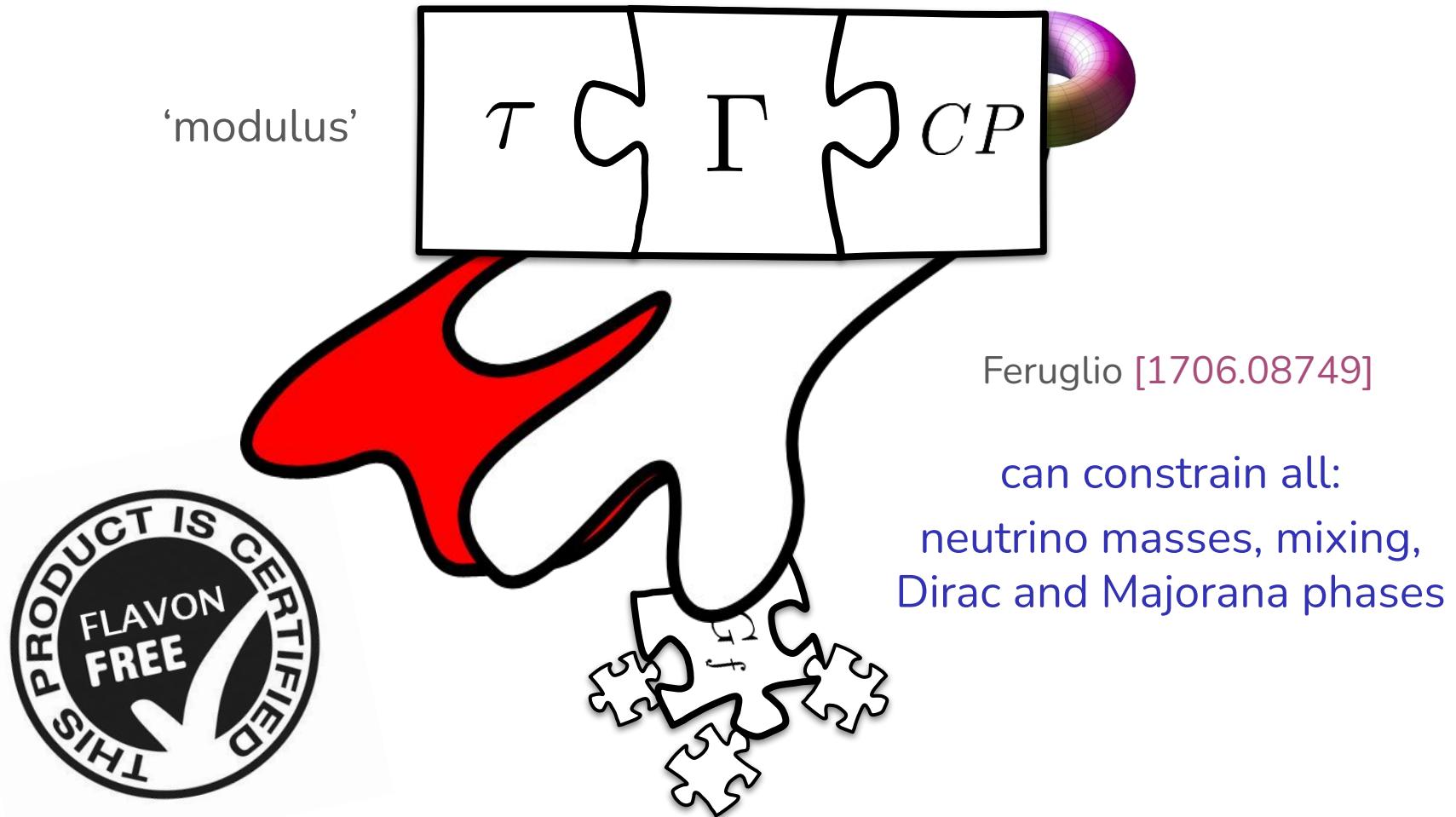
$$X_{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{CP}} \rho_{\mathbf{r}}^*(g) (X_{\mathbf{r}}^{\text{CP}})^{-1} = \rho_{\mathbf{r}}(u(g))$$

u is a class-inverting outer automorphism [Chen et al. (2014)]

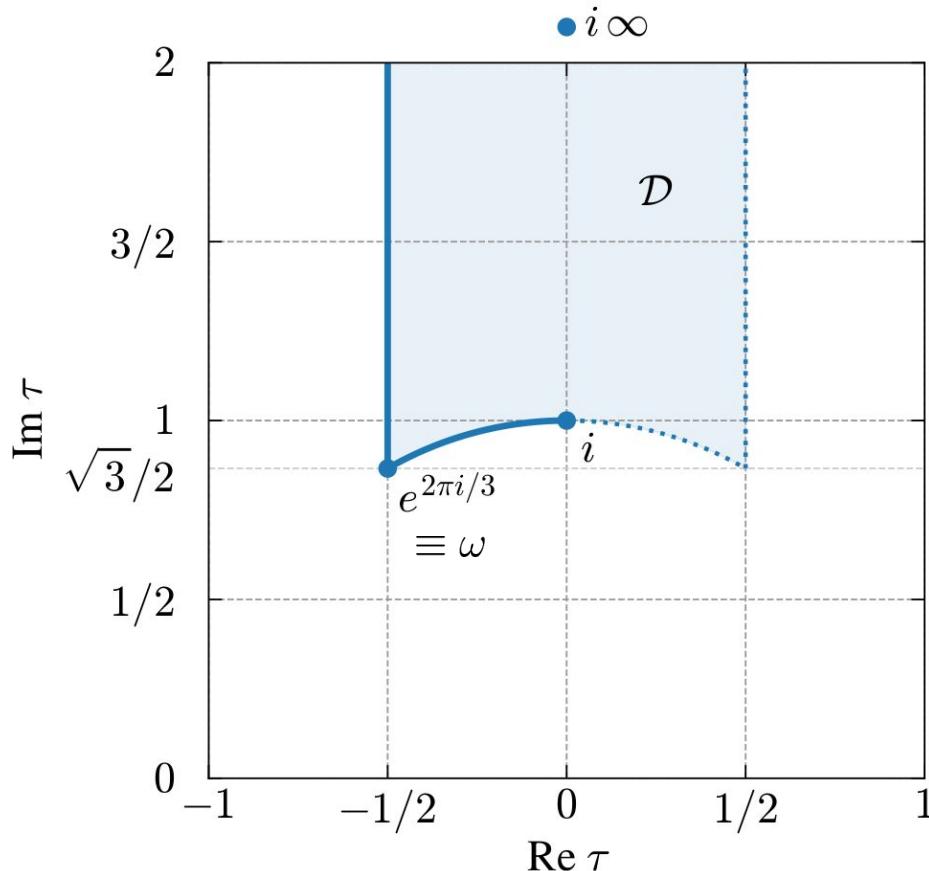
Modular symmetry to the rescue!



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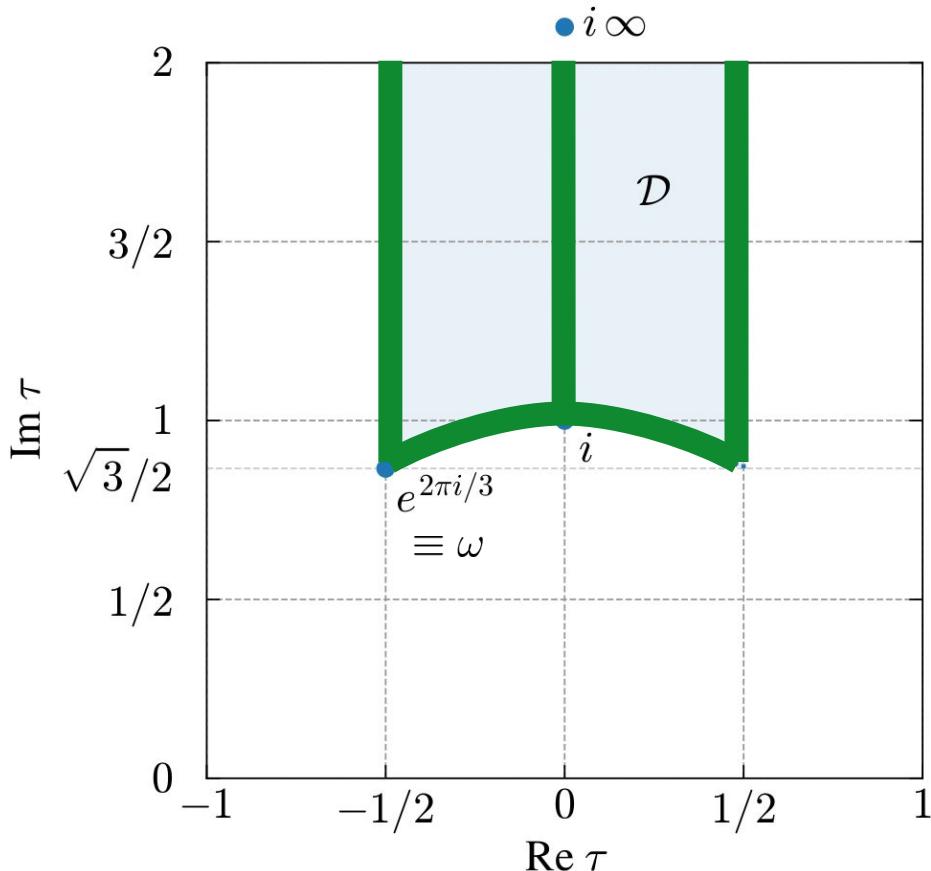
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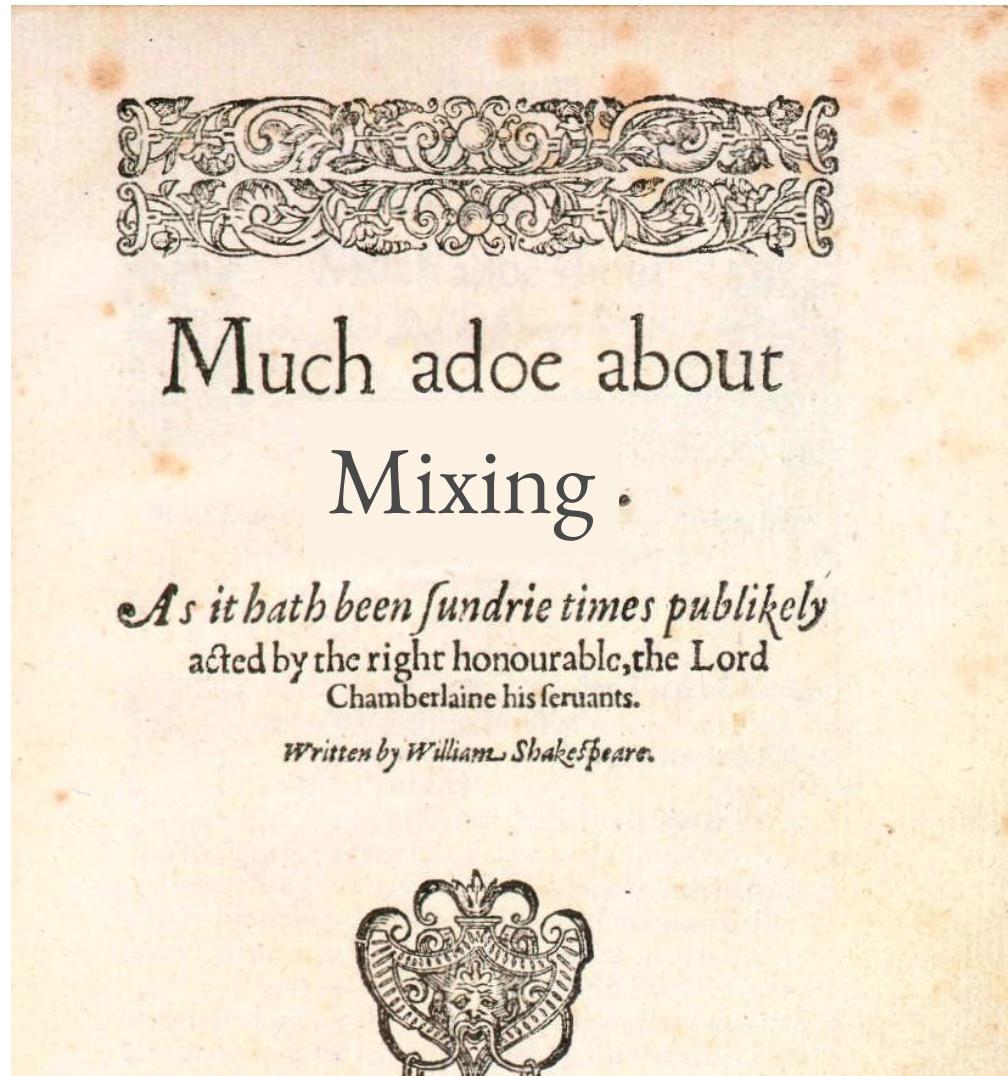
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Fermion mass hierarchies

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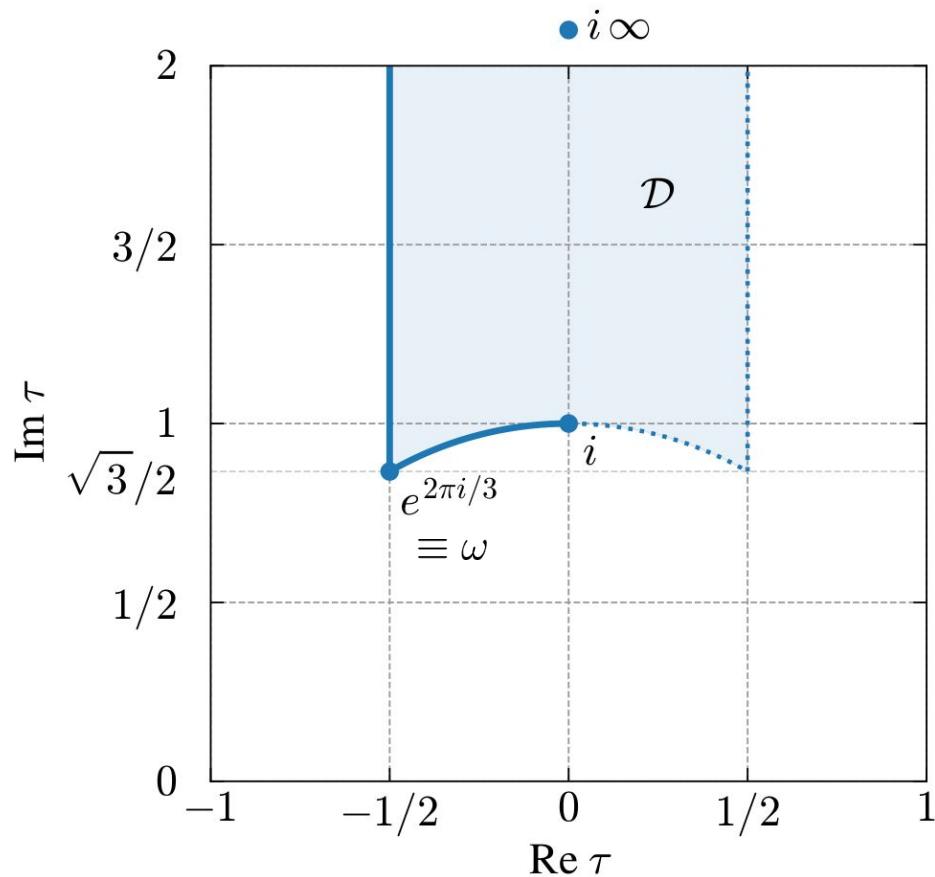
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- Usually fermion mass hierarchies are put in **by hand**: hierarchies (or cancellations) between superpotential parameters
 - e.g. in the previously shown S4 model, $\gamma \ll \alpha \ll \beta$
- **Other approaches** - New (weighted) scalars enter mass matrices a la Froggatt-Nielsen. Weights are analogous to FN charges
 - Criado, Feruglio, King [[1908.11867](#)]; King² [[2002.00969](#)]
- **This approach** - No new scalars, mechanism uses **only T** , with common weights across generations (unlike FN charges)
 - Novichkov, JP, Petcov [[2102.07488](#)]

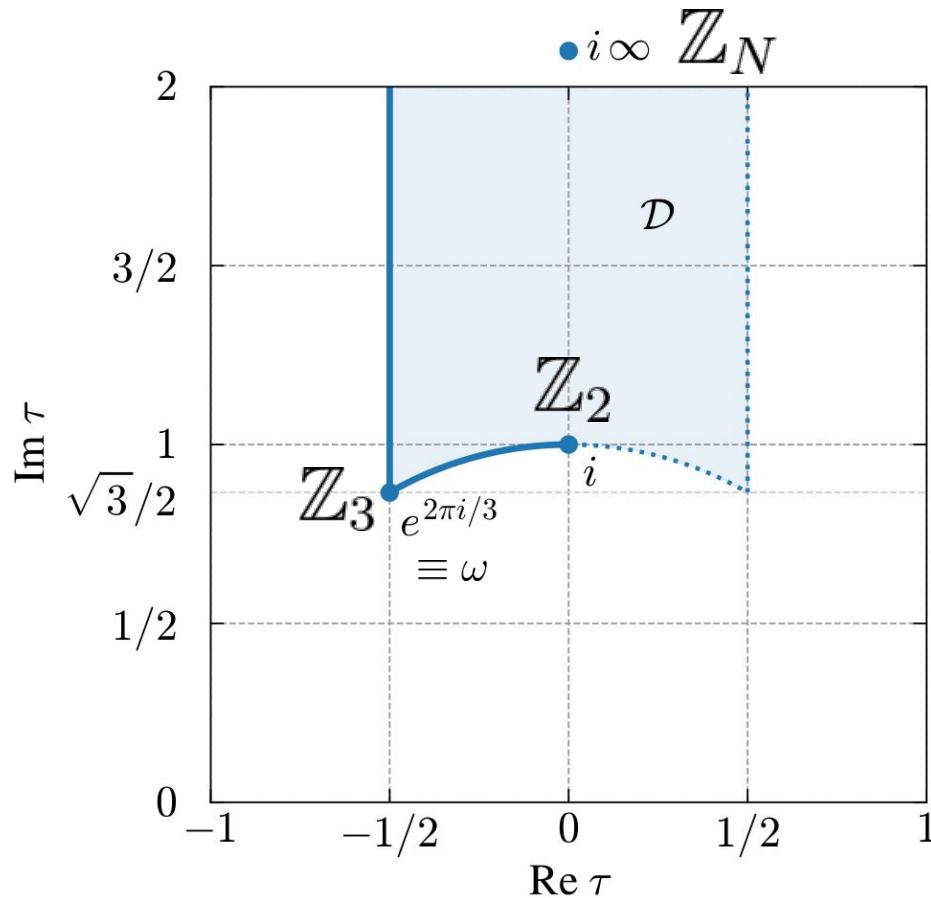
Idea by now applied in several works, see:

Petcov, Tanimoto [[2212.13336](#)]; Abe, Higaki, Kawamura, Kobayashi [[2301.07439](#), [2302.11183](#)]; Kikuchi, Kobayashi, Nasu, Takada, Uchida [[2301.03737](#), [2302.03326](#)]

Residual modular symmetries



Residual modular symmetries



Can be used for texture zeros,
see e.g. [2207.04609]

- At special values of τ , some **residual symmetry** remains
see e.g. Novichkov et al. [1811.04933];
Novichkov et al.' [1812.11289]
- Near them, these symmetries are linearly realized
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Decompositions under residual groups (determine $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^l)$)

τ_{sym}	Residual sym.	Possible powers ϵ^l	
i	\mathbb{Z}_2	$l = 0, 1$	←
ω	\mathbb{Z}_3	$l = 0, 1, 2$	
$i\infty$	\mathbb{Z}_N	$l = 0, 1, \dots, N$	Feruglio, Gherardi, Romanino, Titov [2101.08718] (for A4, me=0)

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$$\psi \xrightarrow{\gamma} (c\tau + d)^{-k} \rho(\gamma) \psi$$

$$\psi^c \xrightarrow{\gamma} (c\tau + d)^{-k^c} \rho^c(\gamma) \psi^c$$

$$M(\tau) \xrightarrow{\gamma} M(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^K \rho^c(\gamma)^* M(\tau) \rho(\gamma)^\dagger$$

$$\psi \rightsquigarrow 1\dots \oplus 1\dots \oplus 1\dots$$

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In general, depend on weights

Determined for all $N \leq 5$

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For $\psi^c M \psi$, we expect:

$$M \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon^4 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^4 \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon & \epsilon^3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{fermion spectrum} \\ \sim (1, \epsilon, \epsilon^4) \quad \checkmark \end{array}$$

with $\epsilon = e^{-2\pi \text{Im } \tau / 5}$

Indeed the case, provided enough
modular forms contribute to M
(otherwise, $m_e = 0$)

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Superpotential:

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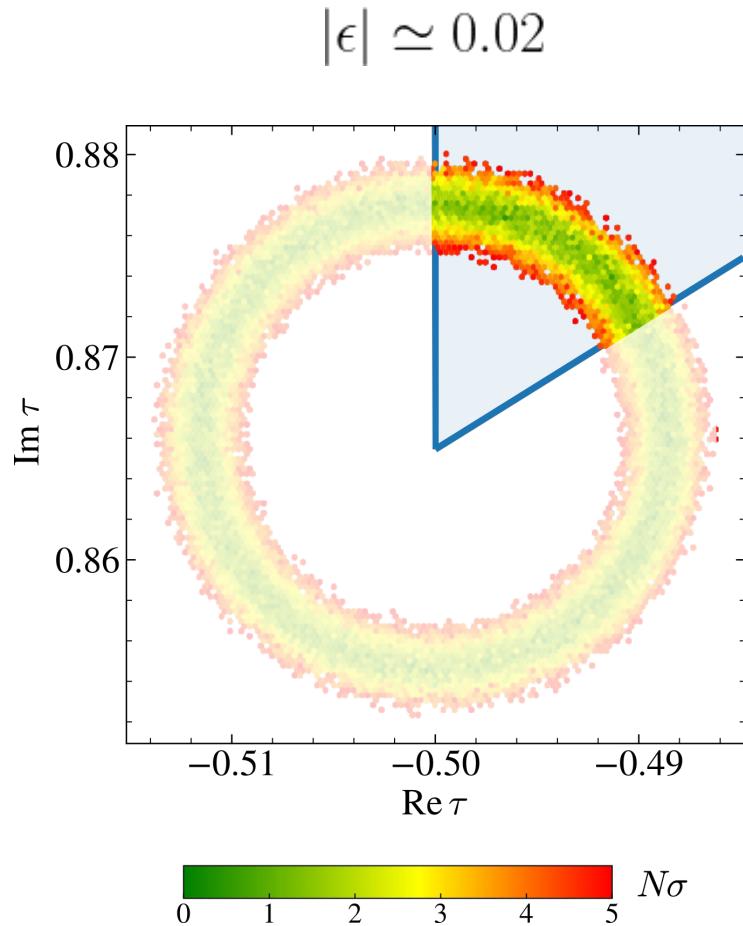
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$$M_\nu \propto \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \\ 1 & a & 2i\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}b \end{pmatrix}$$

$ \epsilon \simeq 0.02$	$\alpha = 2.45 \pm 0.44$
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to conclude...

Modular symmetries can...
(in lieu of conclusions)



...offer a **predictive framework** for flavour
in principle

...provide an origin for **CP violation** (CPV)

?? XOR ??

...explain fermion **mass hierarchies**

Parting words (i.e. what next?)



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- hints of universality?
- use TD to fix Kähler, irreps, weights!
- pheno beyond masses and mixing?

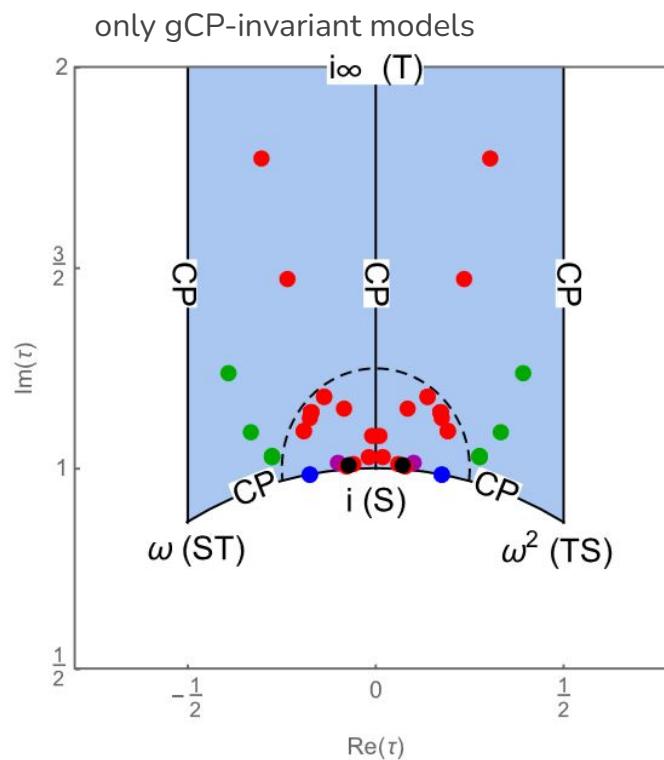
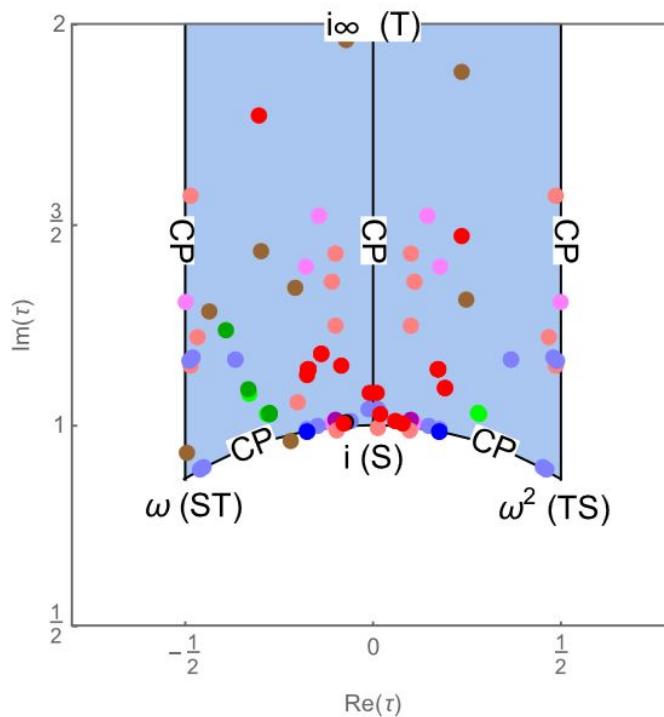
A scenic coastal view featuring a row of multi-story buildings with light-colored facades and arched windows along the left side. A stone wall runs along the edge of a cliff, with lush green vegetation growing on its face. In the foreground, a person sits on a ledge. To the right, the sea is a vibrant turquoise color, dotted with several small boats, including a sailboat and a white catamaran. In the distance, more buildings are visible across the water under a clear blue sky.

Grazie mille!

Backup slides

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Hints of universality?



from Feruglio [2211.00659]
see also Feruglio [2302.11580] and Ding, Feruglio, Liu [2402.14915]

tests of modulus couplings

G-J. Ding, FF,
2003.13448

non standard neutrino interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = i \sum_{f=e,e^c,\nu} \bar{f} \partial^\mu \partial_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi_\alpha \partial^\mu \varphi_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} M_\alpha^2 \varphi_\alpha^2$$

$$- (m_e + \mathcal{Z}_\alpha^e \varphi_\alpha) e^c e - \frac{1}{2} \nu (m_\nu + \mathcal{Z}_\alpha^\nu \varphi_\alpha) \nu + h.c. + \dots$$

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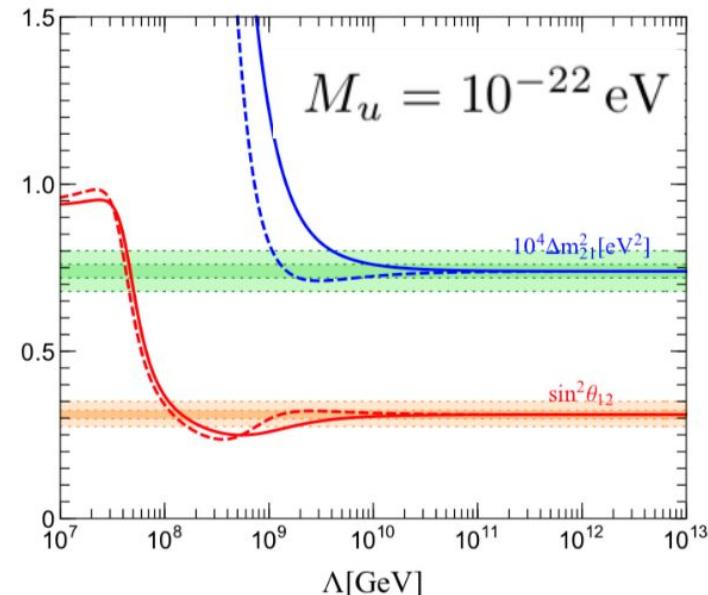
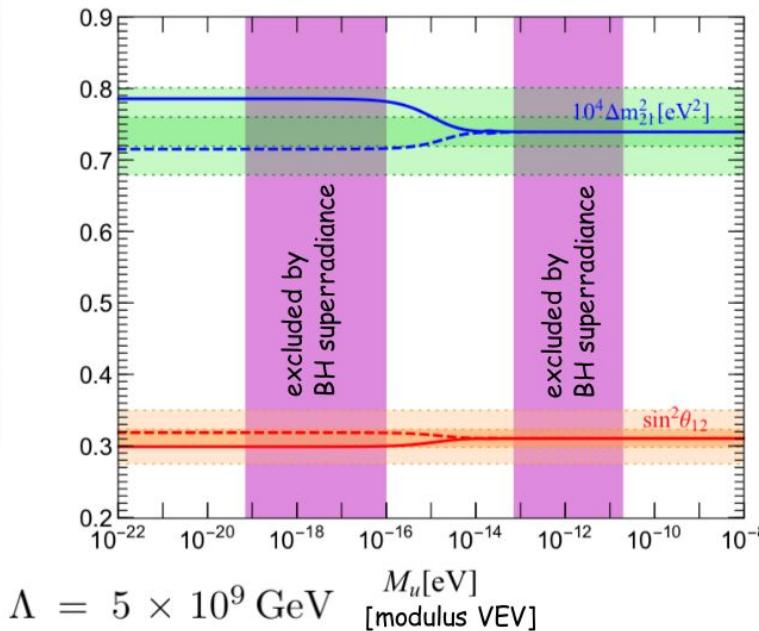


in medium with non-zero electron number density

small, unless the modulus is very light

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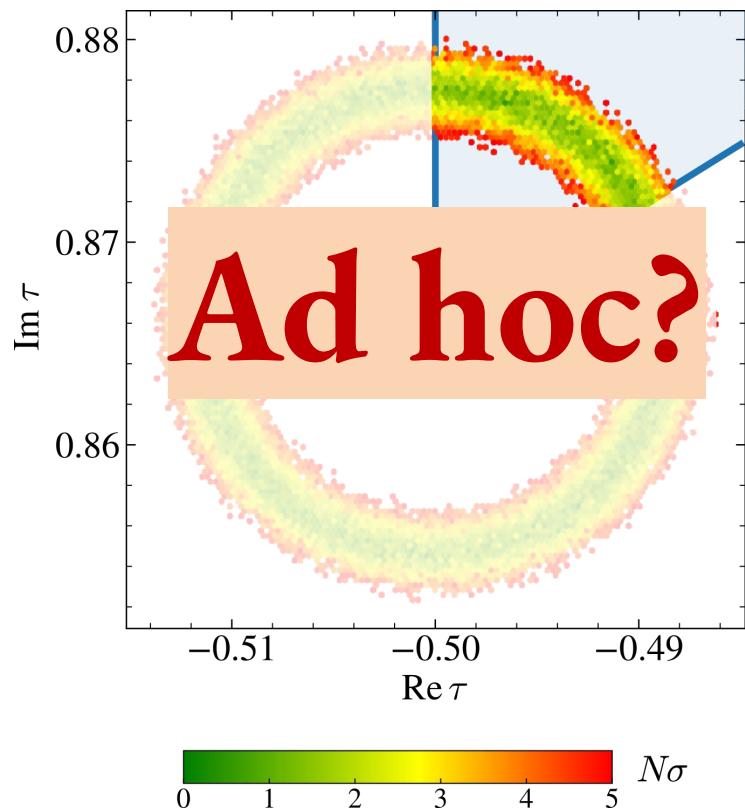
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from Feruglio's slides at Bethe Workshop, citing [2003.13448]

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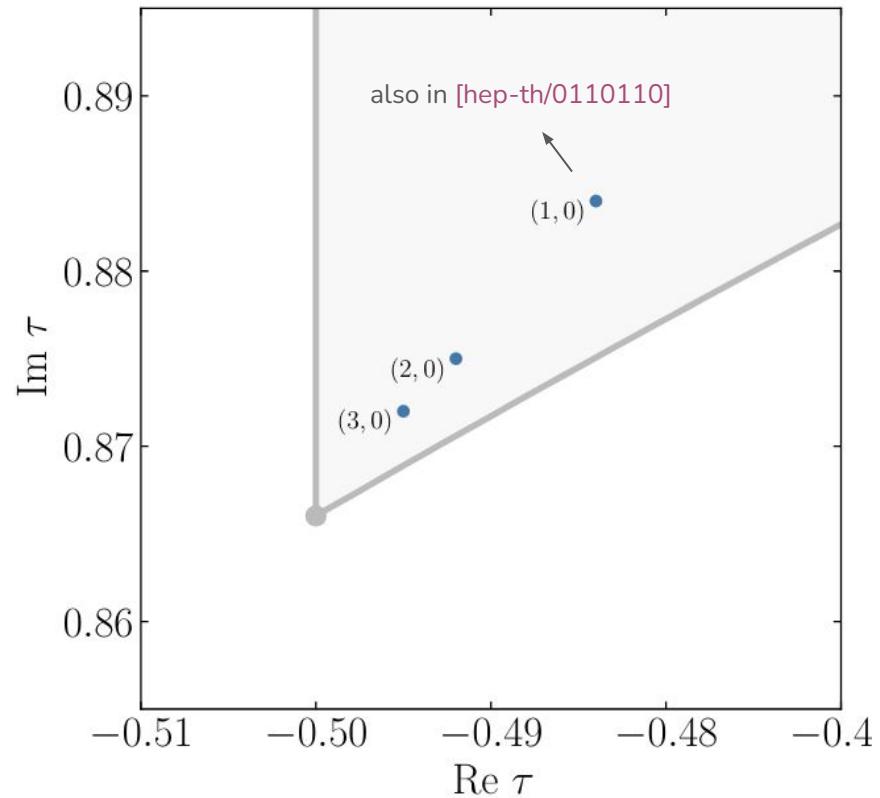
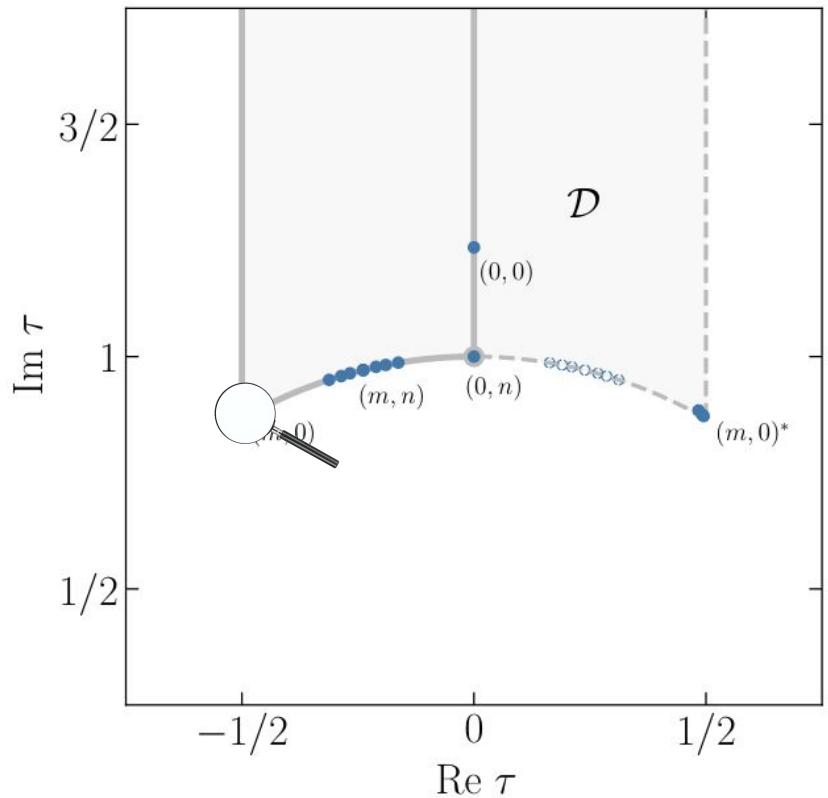
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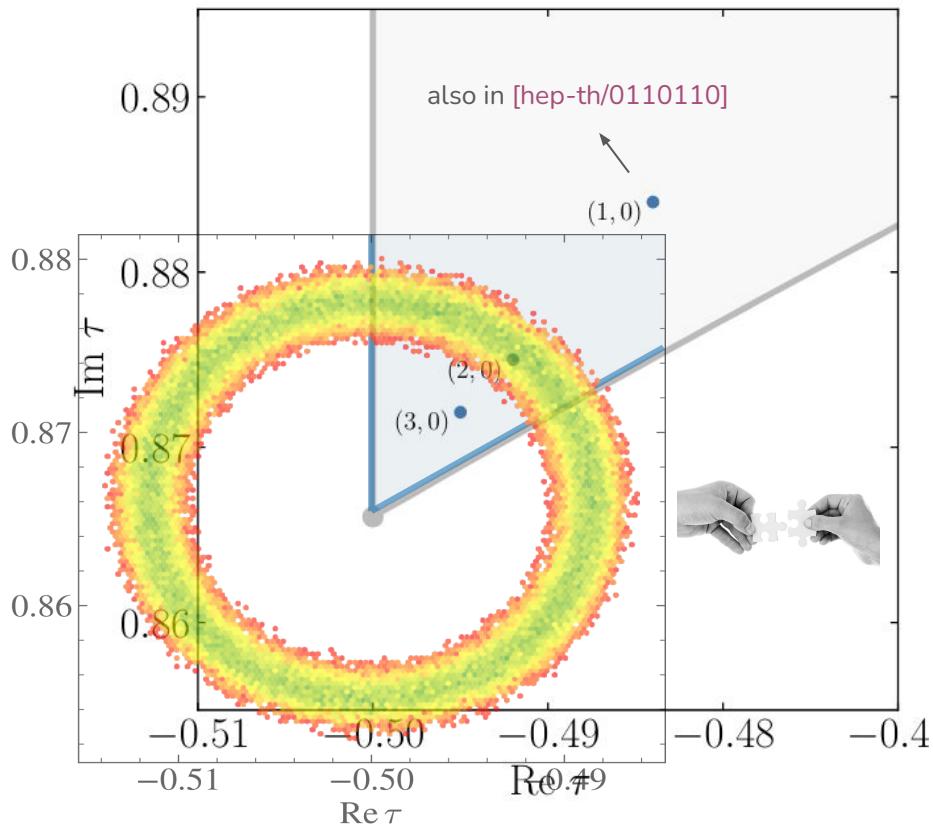
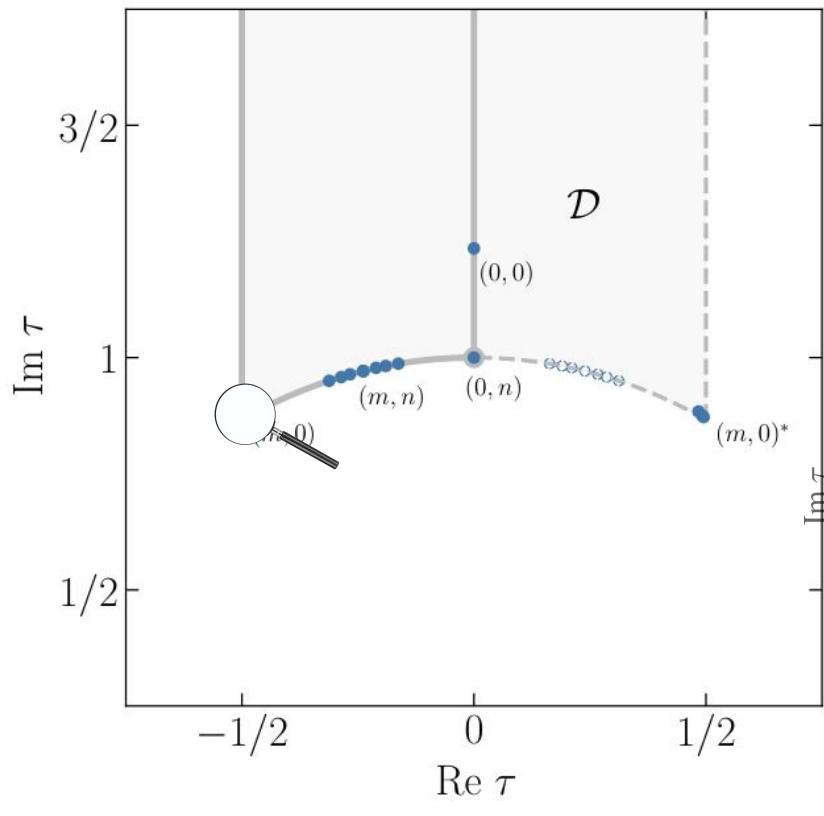
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SUSY breaking effects?



- **RGEs & threshold corrections** need to be considered, depend on $\tan \beta$ and unknown SUSY spectrum
- **SUSY-breaking** corrections can be made negligible via separation of scales (power counting argument)
- Under reasonable conditions, predictions may be unaffected

Feruglio and Criado [1807.01125]

What about... the Kähler?

- **Not holomorphic:** unconstrained by the symmetry!
- Under a modular transformation, invariant up to:
$$K(\chi_i, \bar{\chi}_i; \tau, \bar{\tau}) \rightarrow K(\chi_i, \bar{\chi}_i; \tau, \bar{\tau}) + f(\chi_i; \tau) + f(\bar{\chi}_i; \bar{\tau})$$
- Minimal choice:



$$K(\chi_i, \bar{\chi}_i; \tau, \bar{\tau}) = -h \Lambda_0^2 \log(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau})) + \sum_i \frac{|\chi_i|^2}{(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau}))^{k_i}}$$

impacts pheno → should be justified from the top-down

Chen, Ramos-Sánchez and Ratz [1909.06910]

- Further constraints may arise from the (unavoidable...) combination of modular + traditional flavour symmetries

Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, Vaudrevange [2004.05200]

Lessons from eclectic flavor symmetries

see [1901.03251, 1908.00805, 2001.01736, 2004.05200, 2006.03059, 2112.06940]
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- There is no possible scheme with just modular flavor symmetries
- Also discrete R-symmetries seem unavoidable
- A limited type of groups appear (e.g. T')

nature of symmetry	outer automorphism of Narain space group	flavor groups				
eclectic	modular	rotation $S \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_T$ rotation $T \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_T$	\mathbb{Z}_4 \mathbb{Z}_3	T'		$\Omega(2)$
	traditional flavor	translation A	\mathbb{Z}_3	$\Delta(27)$	$\Delta(54)$	
		translation B	\mathbb{Z}_3		$\Delta'(54, 2, 1)$	
		rotation $C = S^2 \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_T$	\mathbb{Z}_2^R			
		rotation $R = \gamma_{(3)} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_U$	\mathbb{Z}_9^R			

Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, Vaudrevange [2006.03059]

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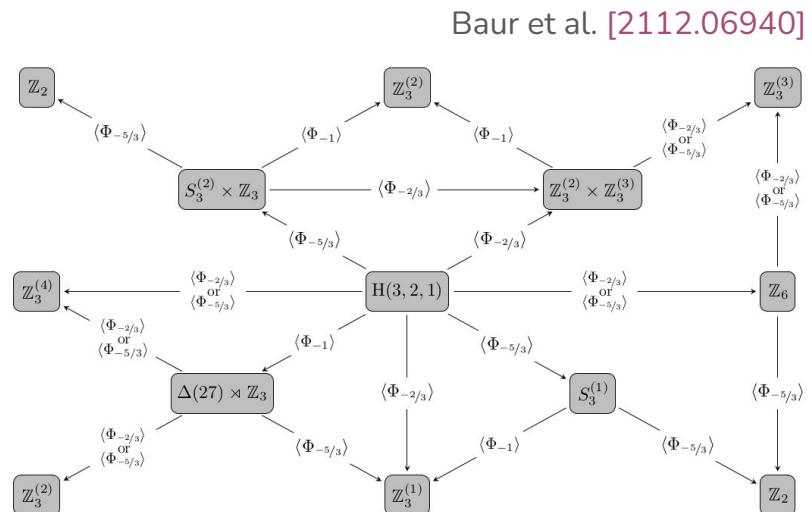
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		modular T' subgroup				n	traditional $\Delta(54)$ subgroup			
bulk	Φ_0	1	1	1	0		1	1	1	+1 0
	Φ_{-1}	1	1	1	-1		1'	1	1	-1 3
θ	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	2' \oplus 1	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-2/3$	$-2/3$	3 ₂	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$+\rho(C)$ 1
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super-potential	\mathcal{W}	1	1	1	-1		1'	1	1	-1 3

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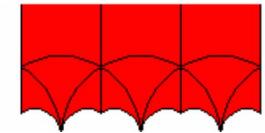
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but there are a few BU attempts:
Chen et al. [[2108.02240](#)]; Ding et al. [[2303.02071](#)]; Li, Ding [[2308.16901](#)]

Larger fundamental domains?



- Despite working with representations of the quotients, theories in the BU are typically **fully modular invariant**
- To have canonical kinetic terms,

$$\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_i \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_{Y_i}} g_i$$

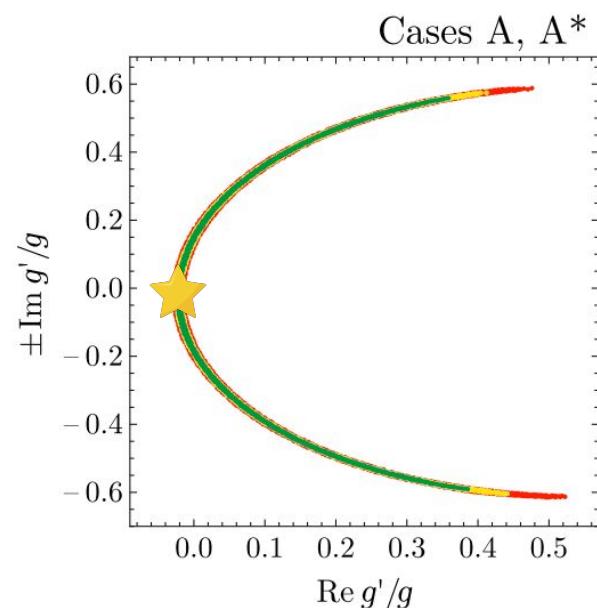
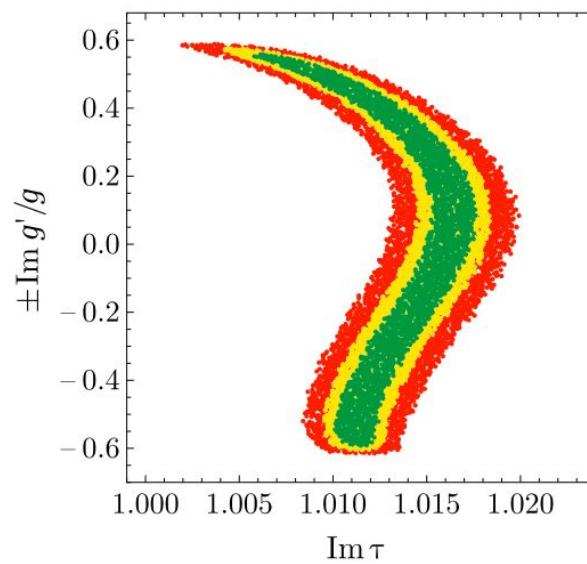
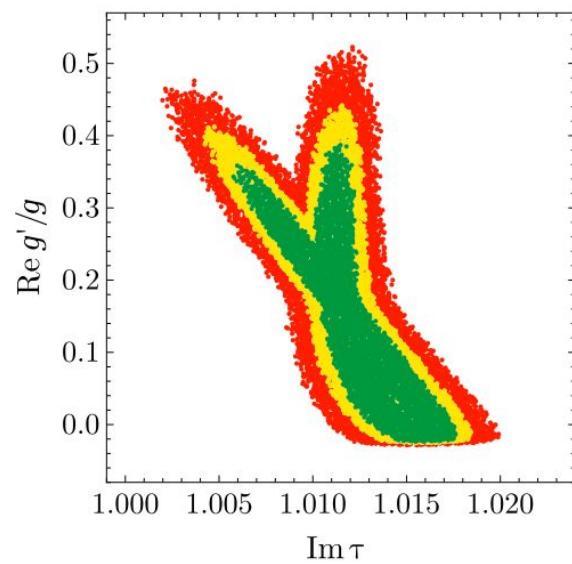
- e.g. in a particular model, see sec. 4 of Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov [\[1811.04933\]](#)

$$(\tau, \beta/\alpha, \gamma/\alpha, g'/g, \dots, \Lambda'/\Lambda, \dots) \rightarrow \\ \left(\frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, (c\tau + d)^{-2} \beta/\alpha, (c\tau + d)^{-2} \gamma/\alpha, g'/g, \dots, \Lambda'/\Lambda, \dots \right)$$

these different parameter sets lead to the same observables

- Things may be different if **flavons** are present!

Correlations between parameters in the first S4 example model



Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov [1811.04933]

Details of the last model fit

Model	Section 4.2 (S'_4)
$\text{Re } \tau$	$-0.496^{+0.009}_{-0.016}$
$\text{Im } \tau$	$0.877^{+0.0023}_{-0.024}$
α_2/α_1	—
α_3/α_1	$2.45^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$
α_4/α_1	$-2.37^{+0.36}_{-0.3}$
α_5/α_1	$1.01^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
g_2/g_1	$1.5^{+0.15}_{-0.14}$
g_3/g_1	$2.22^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$
$v_d \alpha_1, \text{ GeV}$	$4.61^{+1.32}_{-1.33}$
$v_u^2 g_1/\Lambda, \text{ eV}$	$0.268^{+0.057}_{-0.063}$
$\epsilon(\tau)$	$0.0186^{+0.0028}_{-0.0023}$
CL mass pattern	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2)$
max(BG)	0.848

m_e/m_μ	$0.00475^{+0.00061}_{-0.00052}$
m_μ/m_τ	$0.0556^{+0.0136}_{-0.0116}$
r	$0.0298^{+0.00196}_{-0.0023}$
$\delta m^2, 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$	$7.38^{+0.35}_{-0.44}$
$ \Delta m^2 , 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$	$2.48^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.304^{+0.039}_{-0.036}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.0221^{+0.0019}_{-0.002}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.539^{+0.0522}_{-0.099}$
$m_1, \text{ eV}$	0
$m_2, \text{ eV}$	$0.0086^{+0.0002}_{-0.00026}$
$m_3, \text{ eV}$	$0.0502^{+0.00046}_{-0.00043}$
$\Sigma_i m_i, \text{ eV}$	$0.0588^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$
$ \langle m \rangle , \text{ eV}$	$0.00144^{+0.00035}_{-0.00033}$
δ/π	$1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
α_{21}/π	0
α_{31}/π	$1 \pm \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$
$N\sigma$	0.563

Example: hierarchical mass matrix (A5)

$$\psi \sim (\mathbf{3}, k)$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$

Under the residual group of

$$\tau_{\text{sym}} = i\infty$$

$$\mathbf{1}/\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_0 \oplus \mathbf{1}_1 \oplus \mathbf{1}_2$$

Not like Froggatt-Nielsen. Instead, it is an **improvement!**

Explicit example at weight 2

$$W \supset \sum_s \alpha_s \left(Y_5^{(5,2)}(\tau) \psi^c \psi \right)_{\mathbf{1},s} \Rightarrow M(\tau) = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{3}Y_1 & Y_5 & Y_2 \\ Y_4 & -\sqrt{2}Y_3 & -\sqrt{2}Y_5 \\ Y_3 & -\sqrt{2}Y_2 & -\sqrt{2}Y_4 \end{pmatrix}_{Y_5^{(5,2)}}$$

$$(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4, Y_5) \simeq \mathcal{N}(-1/\sqrt{6}, q, 3q^2, 4q^3, 7q^4)$$

$$\sqrt{\epsilon} \quad \epsilon \quad \epsilon \quad /$$

with $\epsilon = e^{-2\pi \text{Im } \tau/5}$

Indeed the case, provided enough
modular forms contribute to M
(otherwise, $m_e = 0$)

Promising hierarchical patterns (leptons)

N	Γ'_N	Pattern	Sym. point	Viable $\mathbf{r} \otimes \mathbf{r}^c$
2	S_3	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2)$	$\tau \simeq \omega$	
3	A'_4	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2)$	$\begin{array}{l} \tau \simeq \omega \\ \tau \simeq i\infty \end{array}$	
4	S'_4	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2)$	$\tau \simeq \omega$	$L \sim (\hat{\mathbf{2}} \oplus \hat{\mathbf{1}}, 2), E^c \sim (\hat{\mathbf{3}}', 2), N^c \sim (\mathbf{3}, 1)$ 8 parameters
		$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^3)$	$\tau \simeq i\infty$	
5	A'_5	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^4)$	$\tau \simeq i\infty$	$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3}'$

Masses are OK, but mixing is tuned :(

Wrong PMNS in the symmetric limit:
parameters are driven into cancellations

$L \sim (\mathbf{3}, 3), E^c \sim (\mathbf{3}', 1), N^c \sim (\hat{\mathbf{2}}, 2)$

8 parameters

How to avoid fine-tuning (in the lepton sector)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \nu_1 \quad \nu_2 \quad \nu_3 \\
 \text{e} \left[\begin{matrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \cdot \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{matrix} \right] \\
 \mu \left[\begin{matrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{matrix} \right] \\
 \tau \left[\begin{matrix} \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \\ \text{green} & \text{green} & \text{green} \end{matrix} \right]
 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \tau_{\text{sym}}} \begin{array}{c}
 \left[\begin{matrix} \star & \star & 0 \\ \star & \star & \star \\ \star & \star & \star \end{matrix} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad \left[\begin{matrix} \star & \star & \star \\ \star & \star & \star \\ \star & \star & \star \end{matrix} \right]
 \end{array}$$

1. $\begin{cases} L \sim 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \\ E^c \sim 1 \oplus \mathbf{r} \not\supseteq 1 \end{cases}$
2. $\begin{cases} L \sim \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{1}} \\ E^c \sim \bar{\mathbf{1}} \oplus \mathbf{r} \not\supseteq \mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{1}} \end{cases}$
3. $m_e = m_\mu = m_\tau = 0$
4. $m_{\nu_1} = m_{\nu_2} = m_{\nu_3} = 0$

Simplest modular-invariant potentials?

- Studied by Cvetič, Font, Ibáñez, Lust and Quevedo (1991)
 $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUGRA

$$V(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{\Lambda_V^4}{8(\text{Im } \tau)^3 |\eta|^{12}} \left[\frac{4}{3} \left| iH' + \frac{3}{2\pi} H \hat{G}_2 \right|^2 (\text{Im } \tau)^2 - 3|H|^2 \right]$$

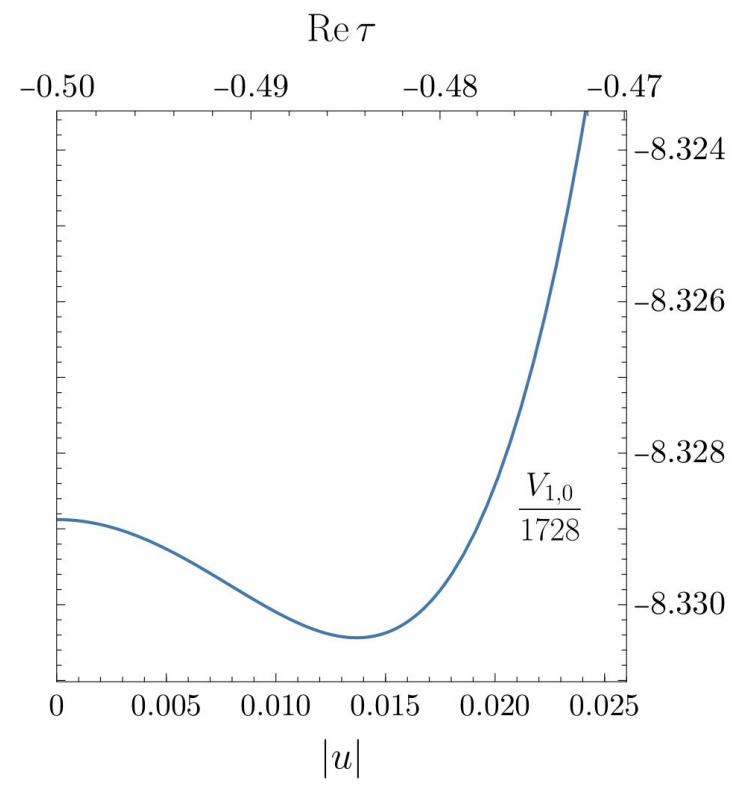
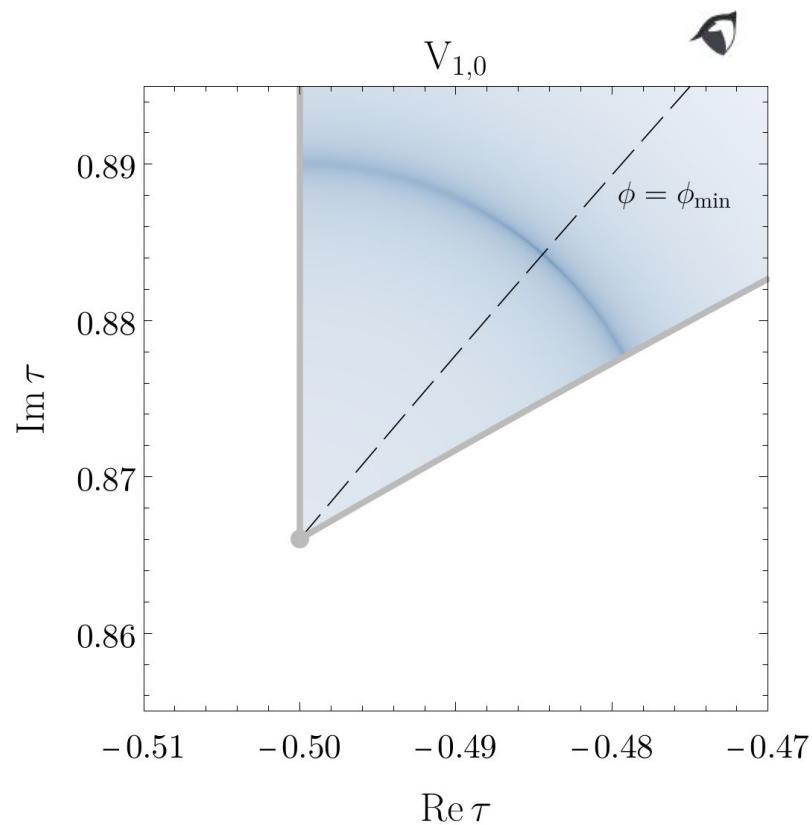
$$H(\tau) = (j(\tau) - 1728)^{m/2} j(\tau)^{n/3}$$

$$W(\tau) = \Lambda_W^3 \frac{H(\tau)}{\eta(\tau)^6}$$

$m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

- This potential is **modular-** and **CP-invariant**
- Simplified model, independent of the level N

The $(m,0)$ family of potentials ($m = 1$)



"Mexican"-hat potential