

Modular flavour symmetries from the **bottom up**

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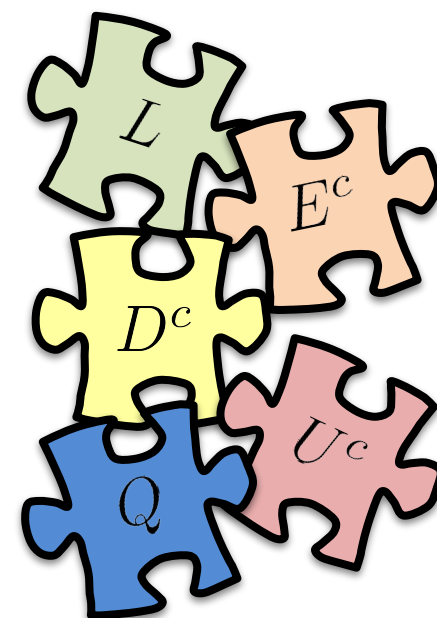
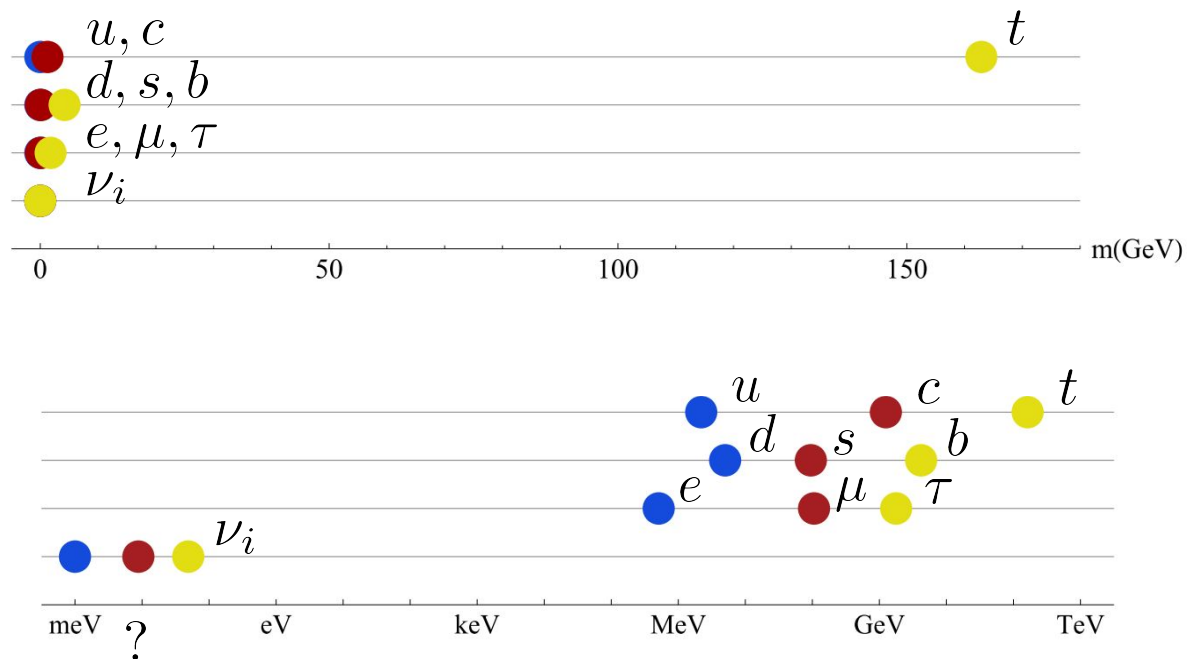
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Outline

- Why modular symmetries?
- How do modular symmetries work?
- Fermion mass hierarchies from mod. sym.
- Modulus stabilisation

The flavour puzzle

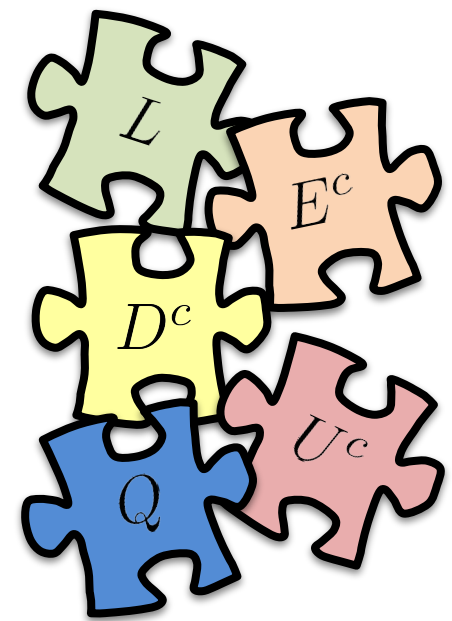


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$$V_{\text{CKM}} \sim \begin{array}{c} u \\ c \\ t \end{array} \begin{array}{ccc} d & s & b \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{large} \\ \text{small} \\ \text{medium} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \text{small} \\ \text{large} \\ \text{medium} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \text{medium} \\ \text{small} \\ \text{large} \end{array} \end{array}$$

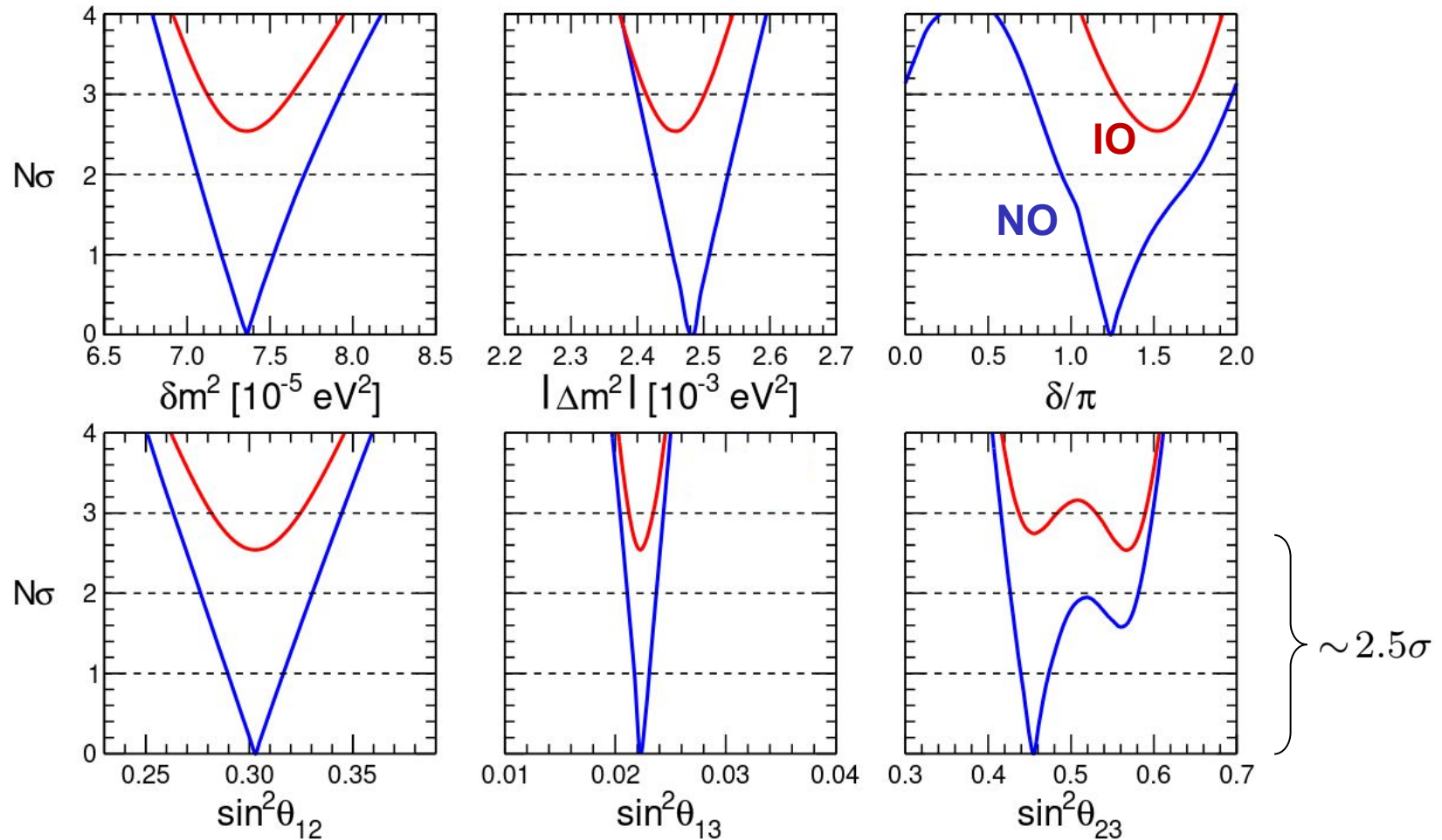
$$U_{\text{PMNS}} \sim \begin{array}{c} e \\ \mu \\ \tau \end{array} \begin{array}{ccc} \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{large} \\ \text{small} \\ \text{small} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \text{medium} \\ \text{large} \\ \text{medium} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \text{small} \\ \text{large} \\ \text{large} \end{array} \end{array}$$



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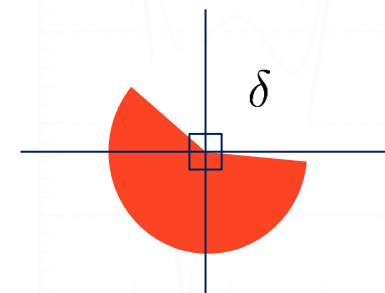
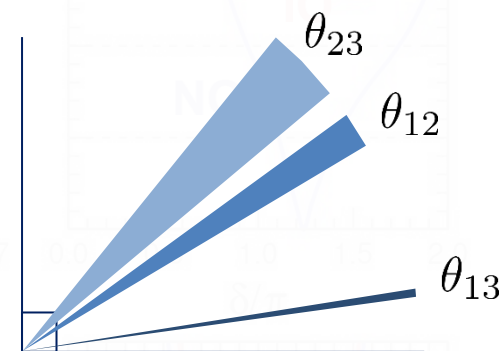


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For a spectrum with NO:

Parameter	Best-fit value
Δm_{\odot}^2	$7.36 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
$ \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 $	$2.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.303
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0223
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.455
δ	1.24π



$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$

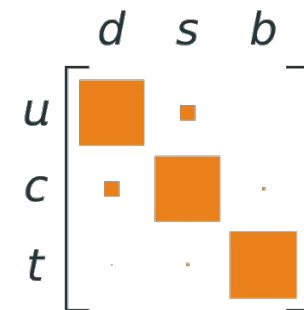
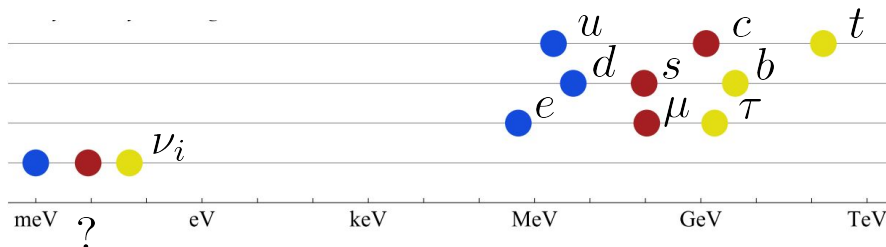
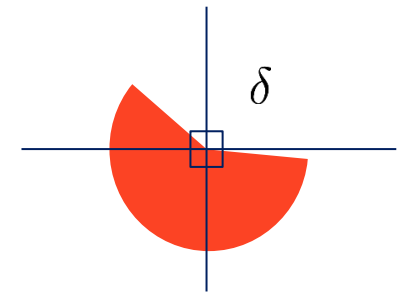
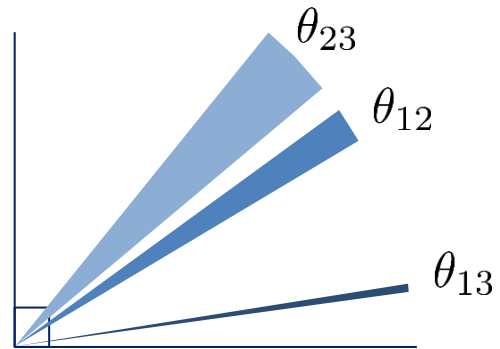
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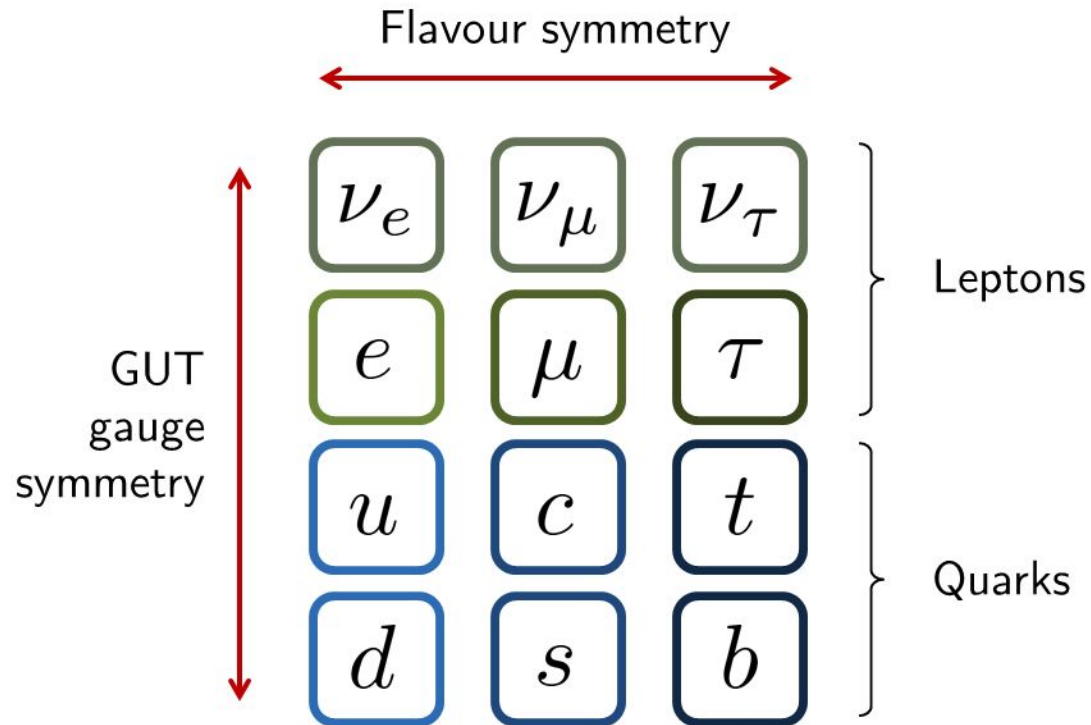
$\sim 2.5\sigma$

Is there an organizing principle behind this?

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



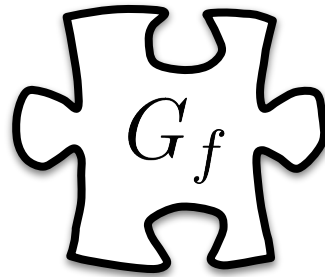
Flavour symmetries



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

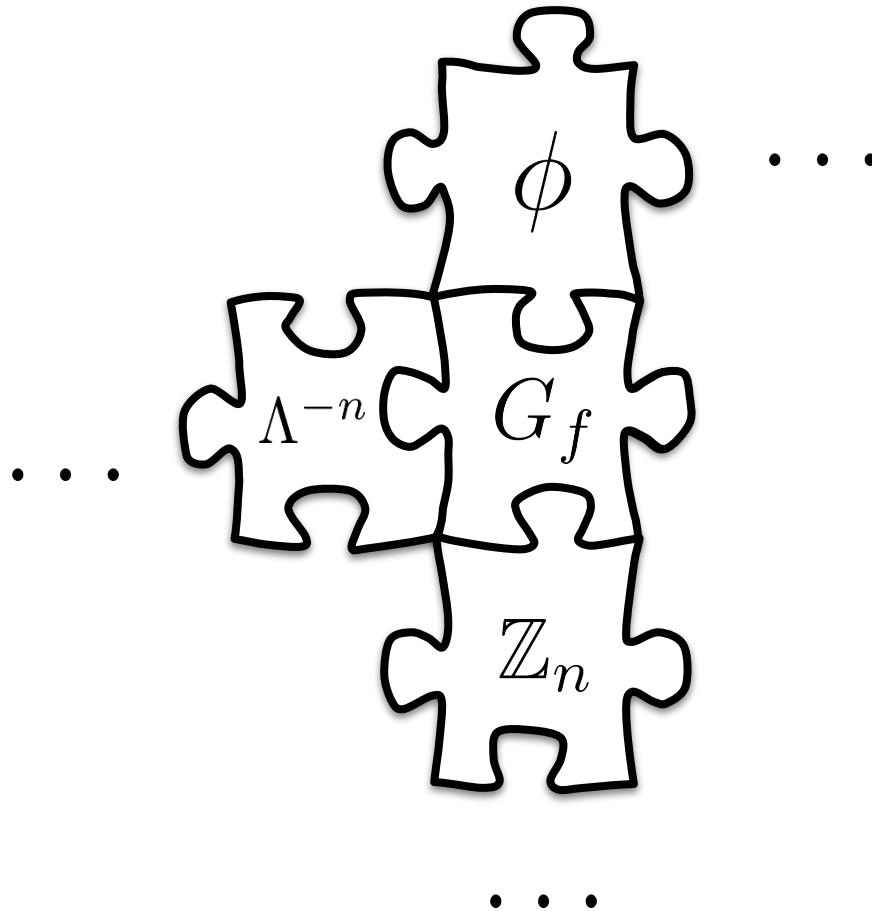
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Non-Abelian discrete
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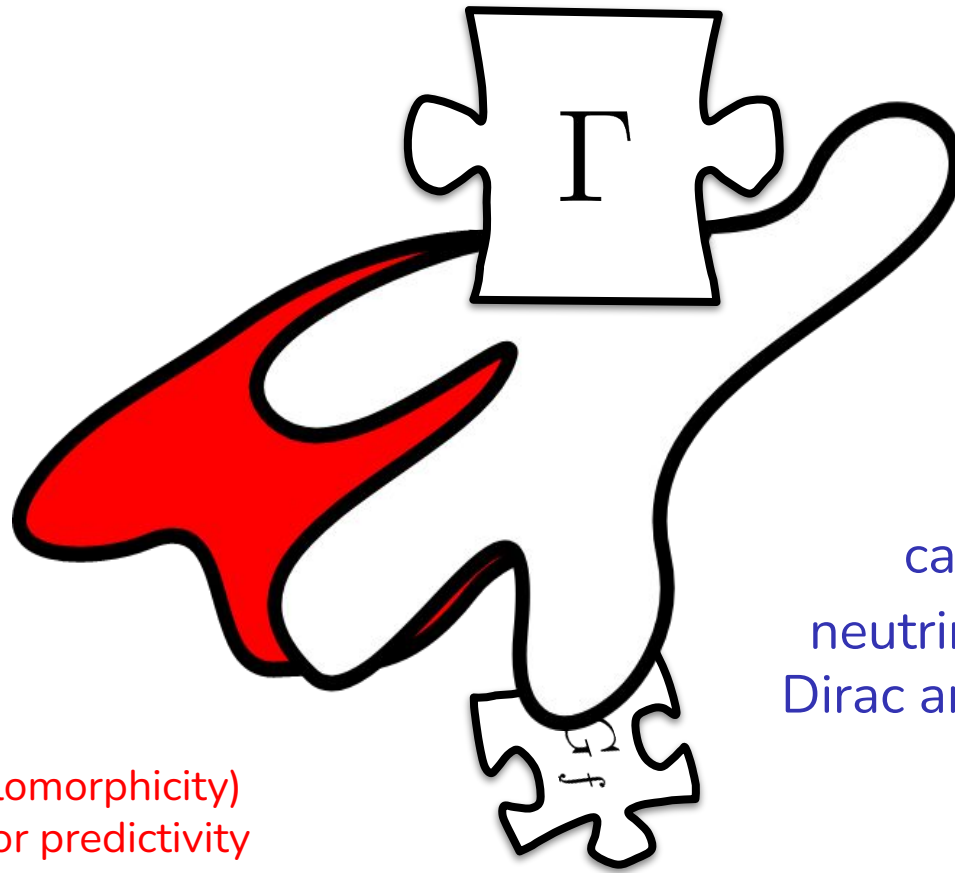


model-independent approaches relying on residual symmetries
constrain mixing and the Dirac phase

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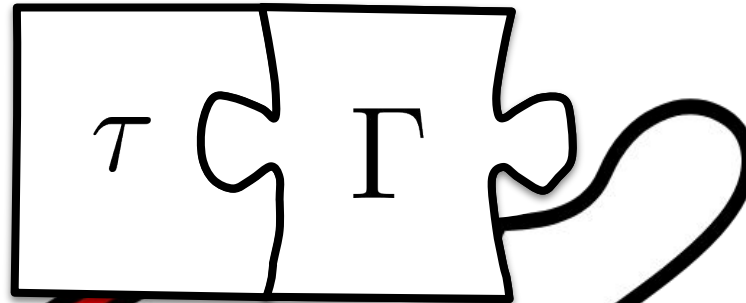
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SUSY (holomorphicity)
required for predictivity

see also 2010.07952

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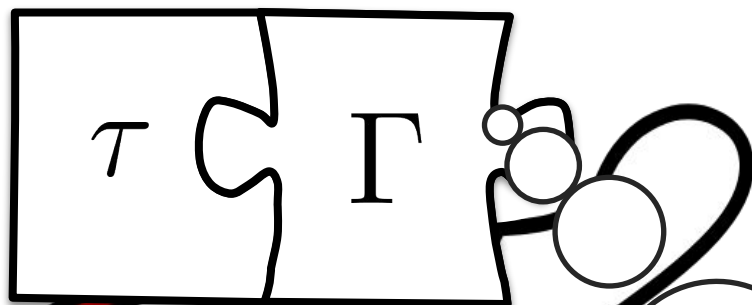
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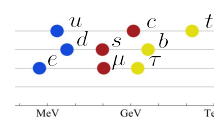


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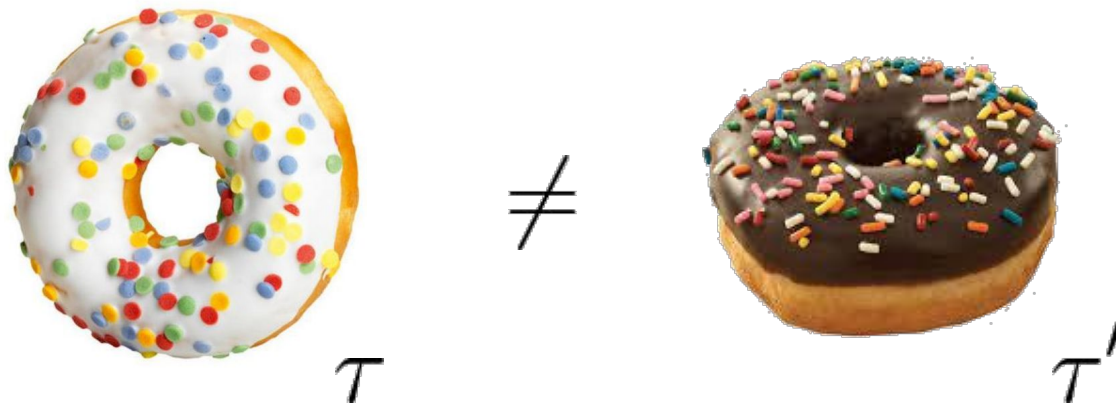
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How?

The modulus



τ may describe a torus compactification

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

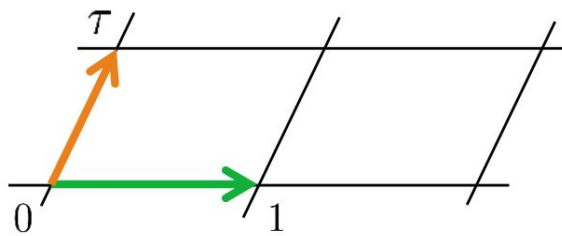
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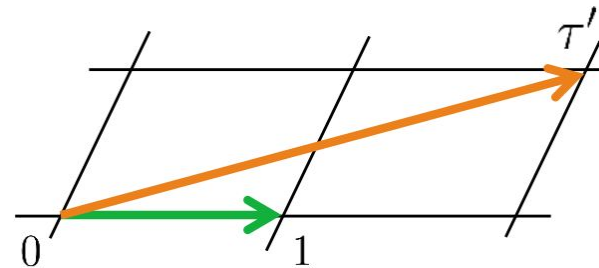
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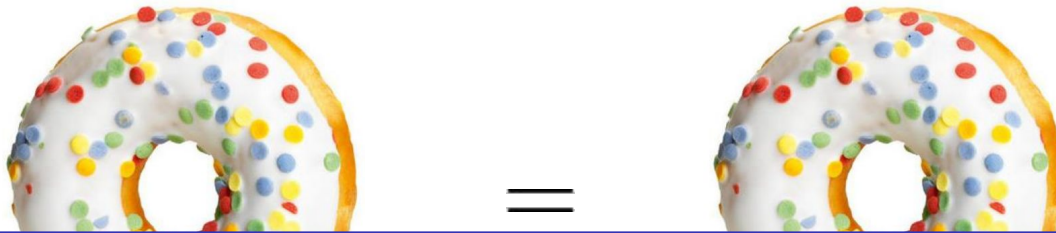


$$\tau \in \mathcal{H}$$



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

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

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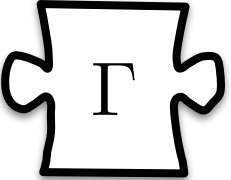
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Presentation in terms of generators S, T, R:

$$S^2 = R, \quad (ST)^3 = R^2 = \mathbb{1}, \quad RT = TR$$

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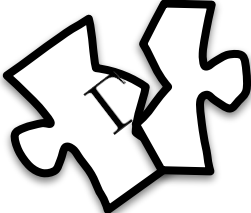
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$$\Gamma(N) \subset \Gamma$$

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 $\Gamma'_N \equiv \Gamma/\Gamma(N)$

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Kobayashi et al., 1803.10391

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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 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

& many more... (>150)

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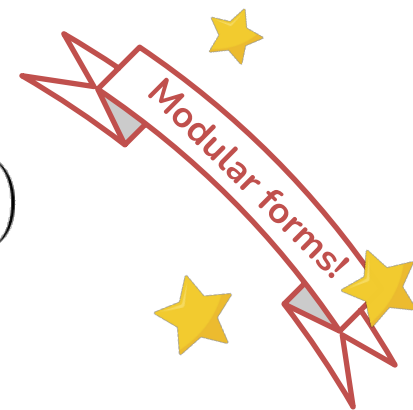
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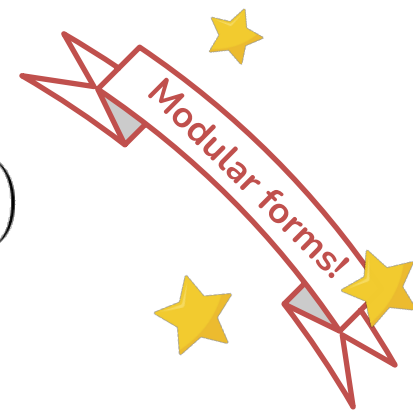
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$$\begin{cases} k_Y = k_1 + \dots + k_n \\ \rho_Y \otimes \rho_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_n \supset \mathbf{1} \end{cases}$$



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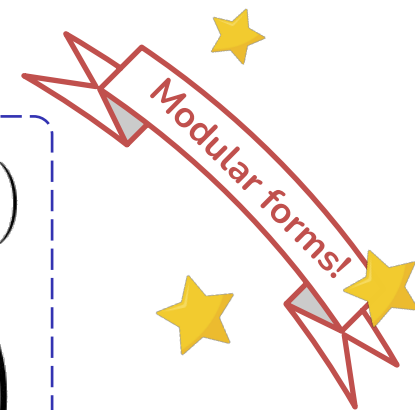
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$\dim \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma(N))$	$k/2 + 1$	$k + 1$	$2k + 1$	$5k + 1$

Not so many available!

A finite set of functions for each k

Lowest-weight k
modular forms for
each group:

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

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

$$\Gamma'_5 \simeq A'_5 \quad Y_{\hat{\mathbf{6}}}^{(1)}$$

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$$M_N = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_1(\tau) & -Y_3(\tau) & -Y_2(\tau) \\ -Y_3(\tau) & 2Y_2(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) \\ -Y_2(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) & 2Y_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

so now we can build models...

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$$g\text{CP} \Rightarrow g' \in \mathbb{R}$$

τ can be the only source of CPV

Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov, 1905.11970

Example: an S_4 lepton model (results)

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$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} \sim 0.49$$

$$\delta \sim 1.6\pi$$

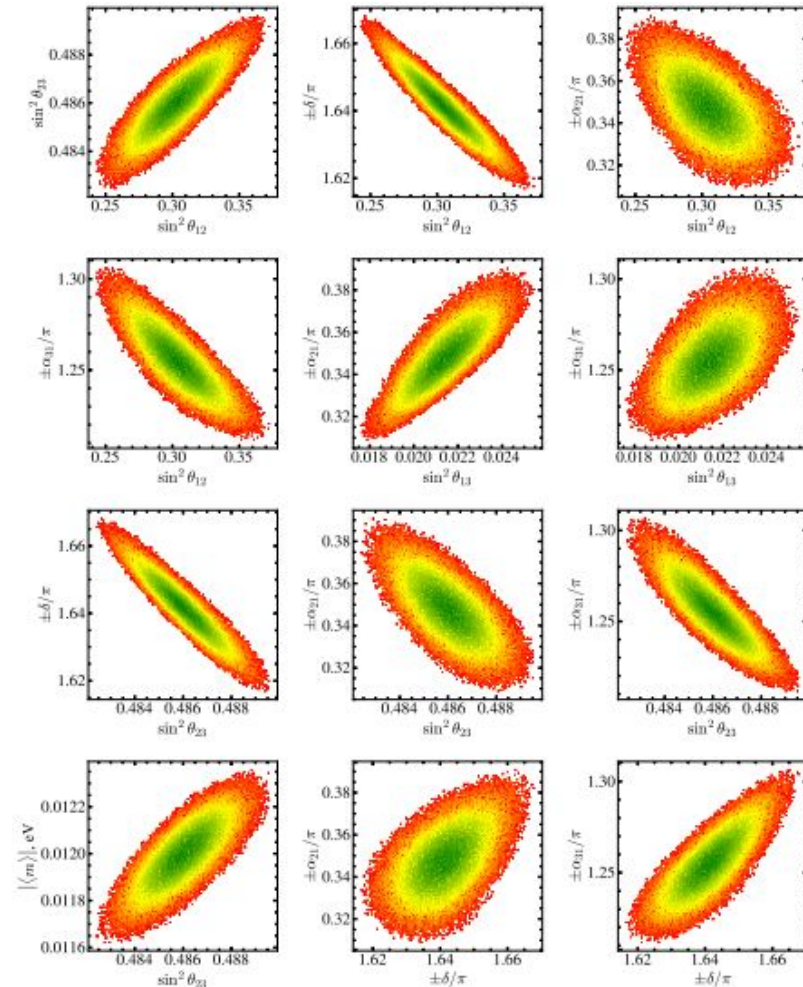
$$\alpha_{21} \sim 0.3\pi$$

$$\alpha_{31} \sim 1.3\pi$$

$$|\langle m \rangle|_{\beta\beta} \sim 12 \text{ meV}$$

$$\sum_i m_i \sim 0.08 \text{ eV}$$

7 (4) parameters
vs.
12 (9) observables



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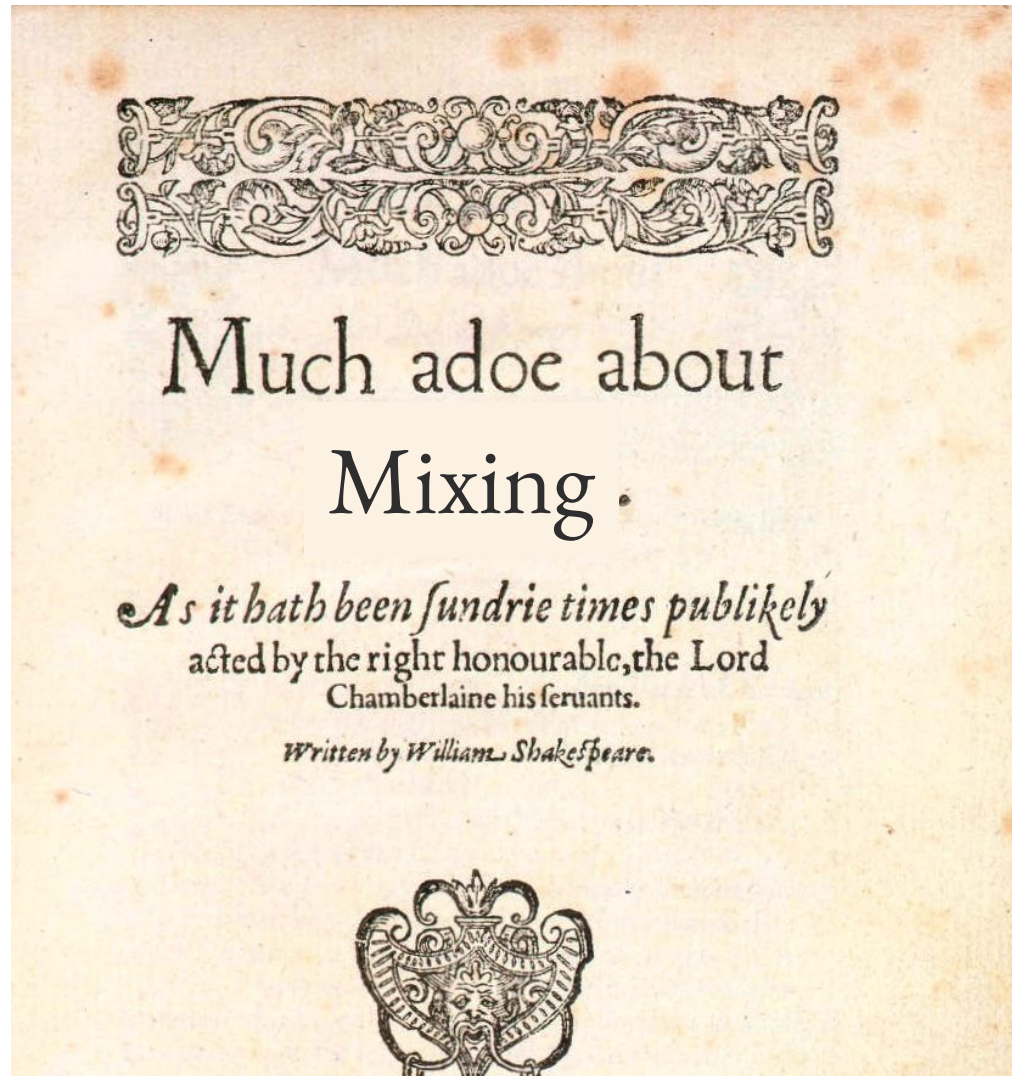
- **Modular symmetry** may strongly constrain masses and mixing.
- Fields carrying a non-trivial modular weight transform with a **scale factor** in addition to the usual unitary rotation.
- To build invariants one needs modular forms, which are functions of a **single complex parameter τ** .



Fermion mass hierarchies from residual modular symmetries

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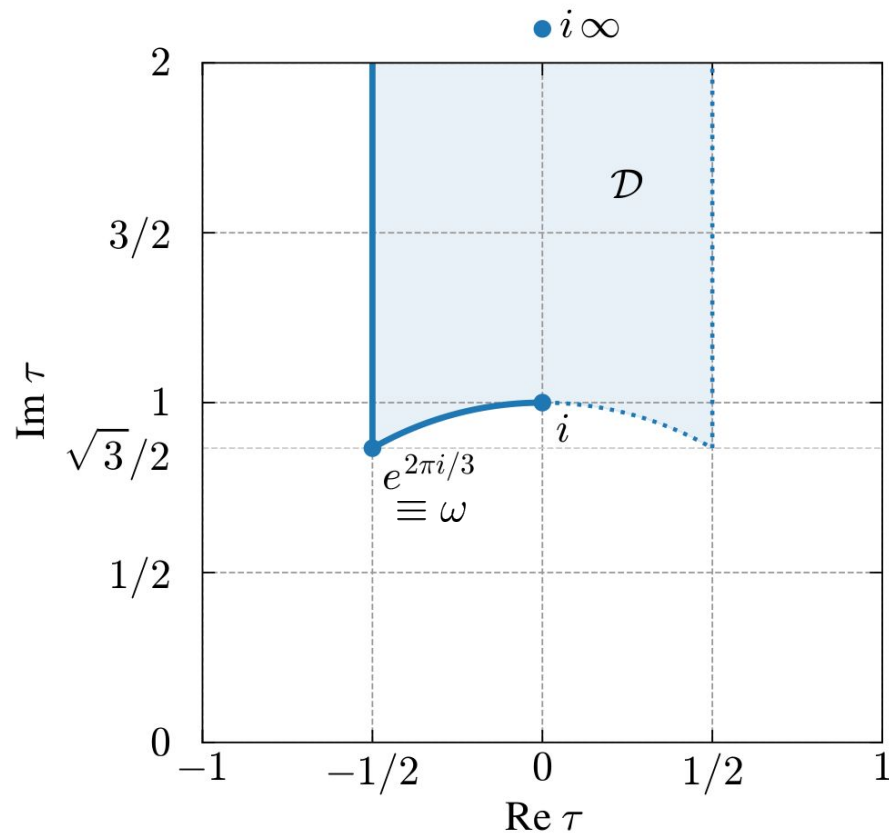
- **Other approaches** - new (weighted) scalars which enter the mass matrices a la Froggatt-Nielsen. Weights are analogous to FN charges

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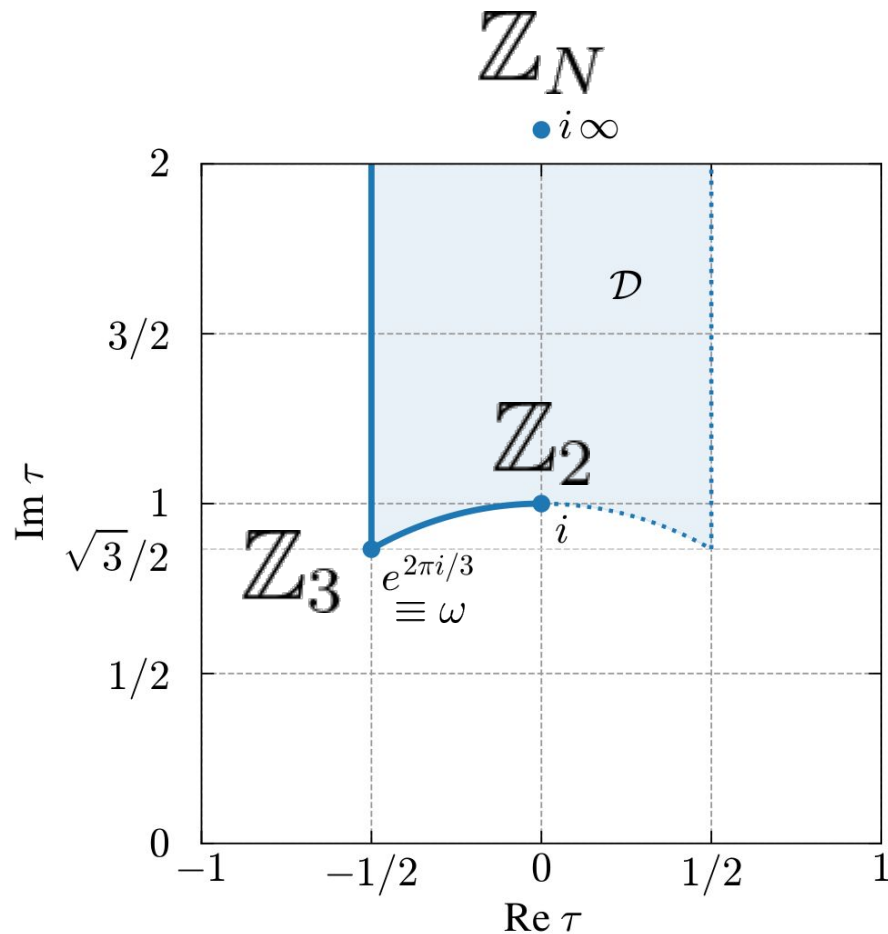
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← Feruglio, Gherardi,
Romanino, Titov,
2101.08718
(for A_4 , $m_e=0$)

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

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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:

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fermion spectrum

$$\sim (1, \epsilon, \epsilon^4) \quad \checkmark$$

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

Explicit example at weight 2

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

$$(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4, Y_5) \propto (-1/\sqrt{6}, \epsilon, 3\epsilon^2, 4\epsilon^3, 7\epsilon^4)$$

$$(\epsilon \quad \epsilon \quad \epsilon)$$

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Scan of possible mass patterns

Performed for 3 generations, for all $N \leq 5$

e.g. fermion spectra for multiplets of modular A_5

\mathbf{r}	\mathbf{r}^c	$\tau \simeq \omega$			$\tau \simeq i\infty$
		$k + k^c \equiv 0$	$k + k^c \equiv 1$	$k + k^c \equiv 2$	
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Masses are OK, but mixing is tuned :(

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

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Reyimuaji, Romanino, 1801.10530

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for mixing near symmetric points, see also Okada, Tanimoto, 2009.14242

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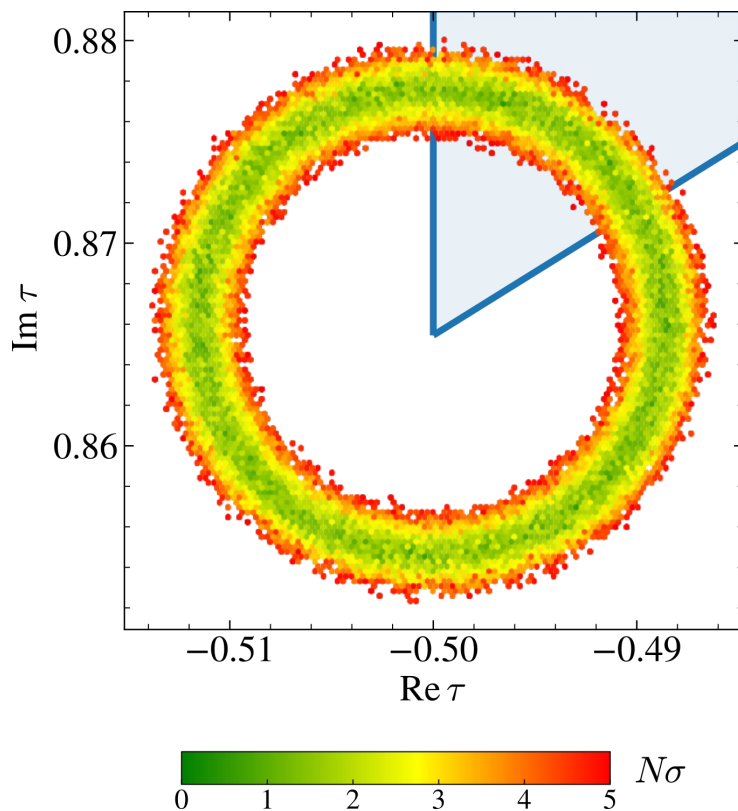
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$b = 2.22 \pm 0.17$	$\gamma = 0.91 \pm 0.05$

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$$|\epsilon| \simeq 0.02 \Leftrightarrow |u| \simeq 0.007$$



$$m_e = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

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$$m_\tau = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$\text{NO}, \quad m_{\nu_1} = 0 \quad \delta \simeq \pi$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} = (1.44 \pm 0.33) \text{ meV}$$

Naturally allows for **hierarchies**,
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- Fermion **mass hierarchies** can naturally arise if τ is in the vicinity of a point of residual symmetry,

$$\tau_{\text{sym}} = \omega, i\infty, (i)$$



- This mechanism works without flavons.
- **Natural lepton mixing** can also arise in such models. Requiring no fine-tuning in the whole lepton sector is remarkably restrictive.
- As seen in the model and anticipated from the hierarchical patterns, $|u| \simeq 0.007$ is required. Ad hoc?

Modulus stabilisation

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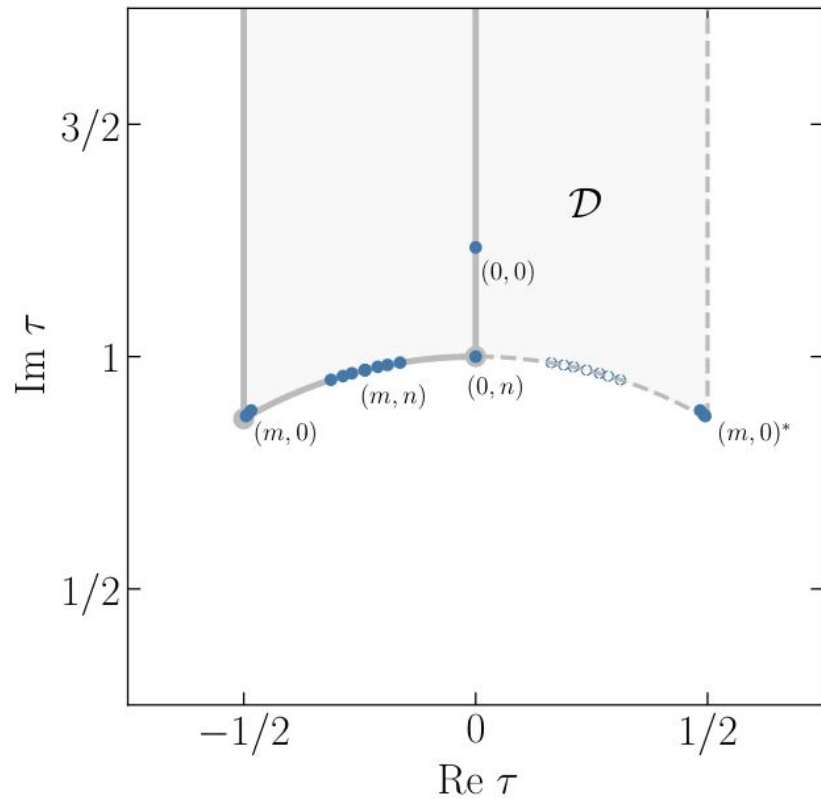
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$$\mathcal{P}(j) = 1$$

simplest choice

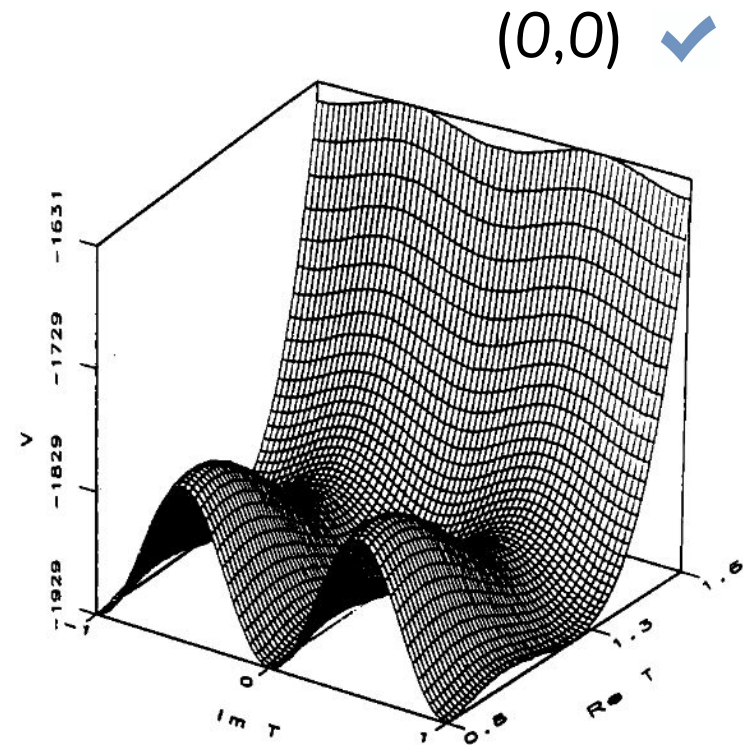
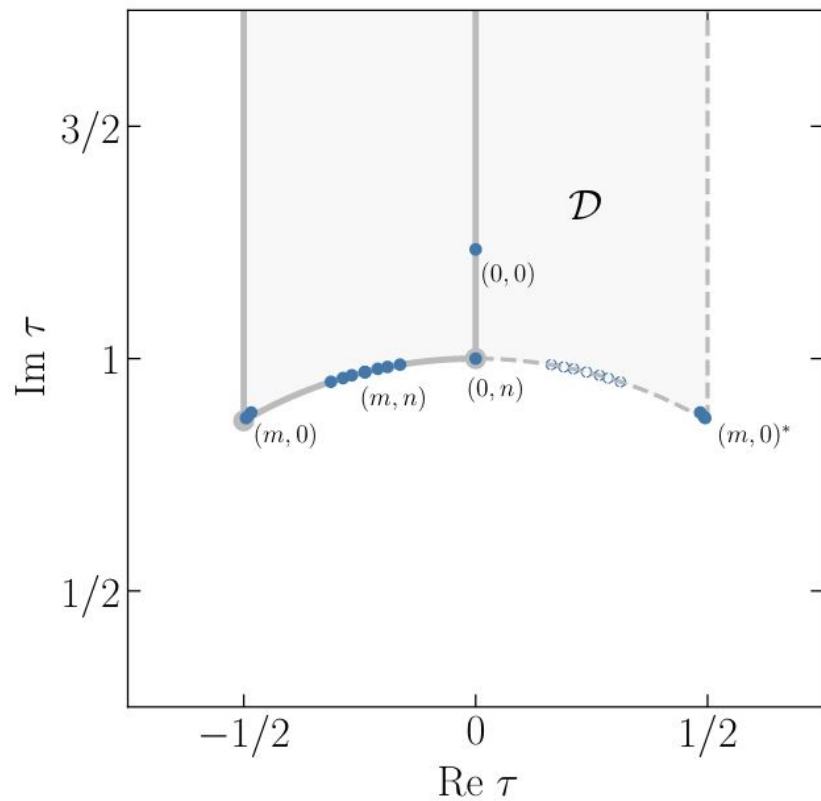
- This potential is **modular-** and **CP-invariant** (also for some other $\mathcal{P}(j)$'s)
- Everything can be expressed in terms of η and its derivatives...

Global minima for (m,n) -potentials



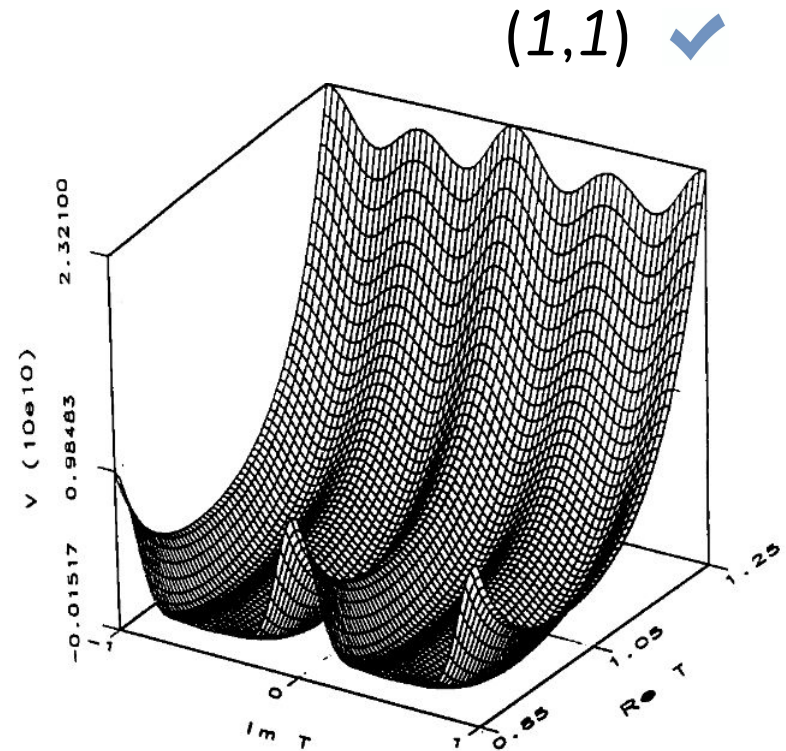
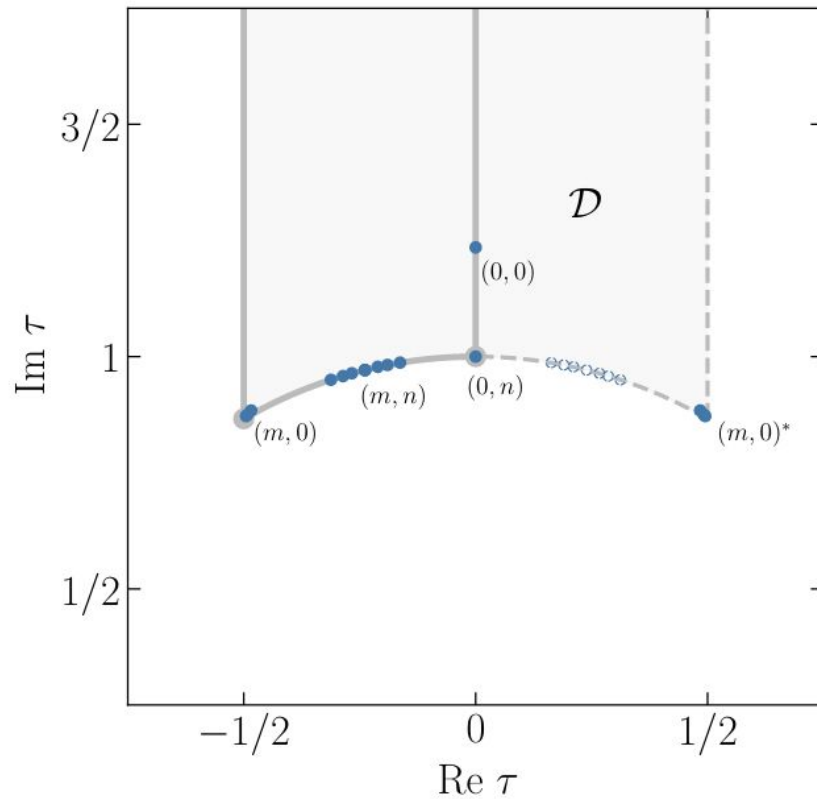
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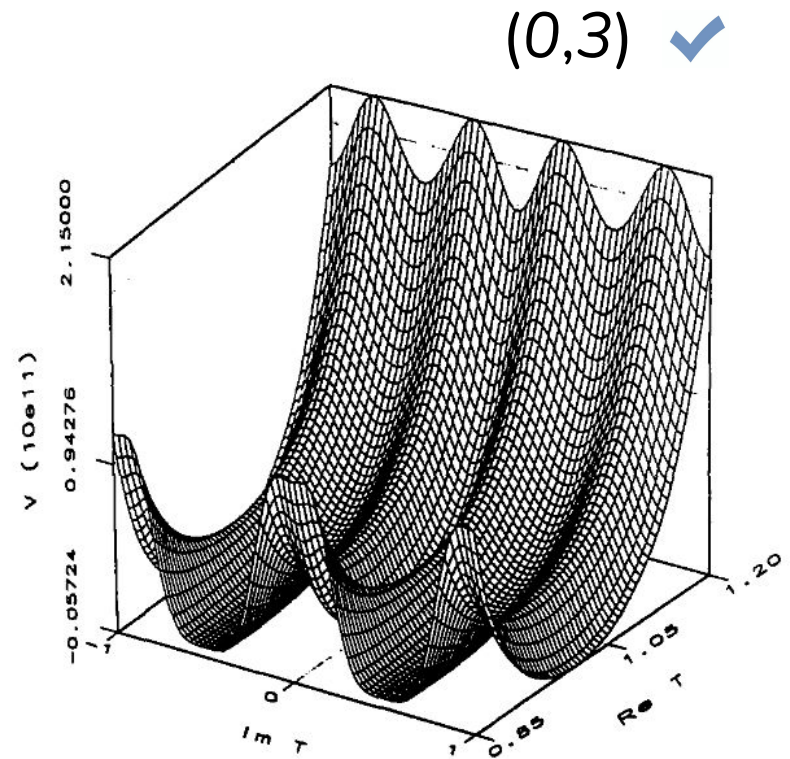
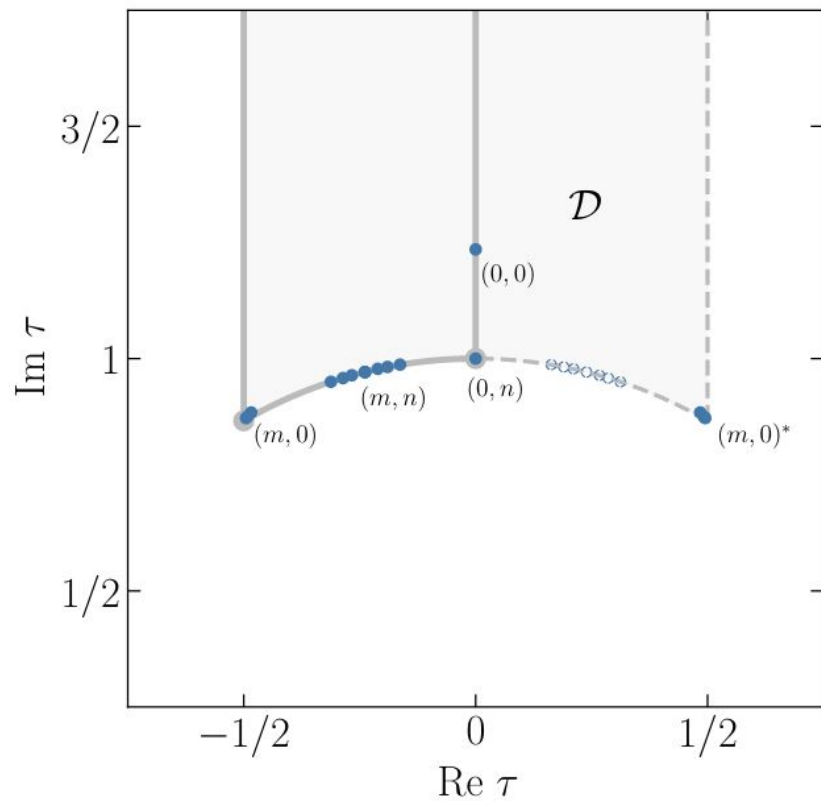
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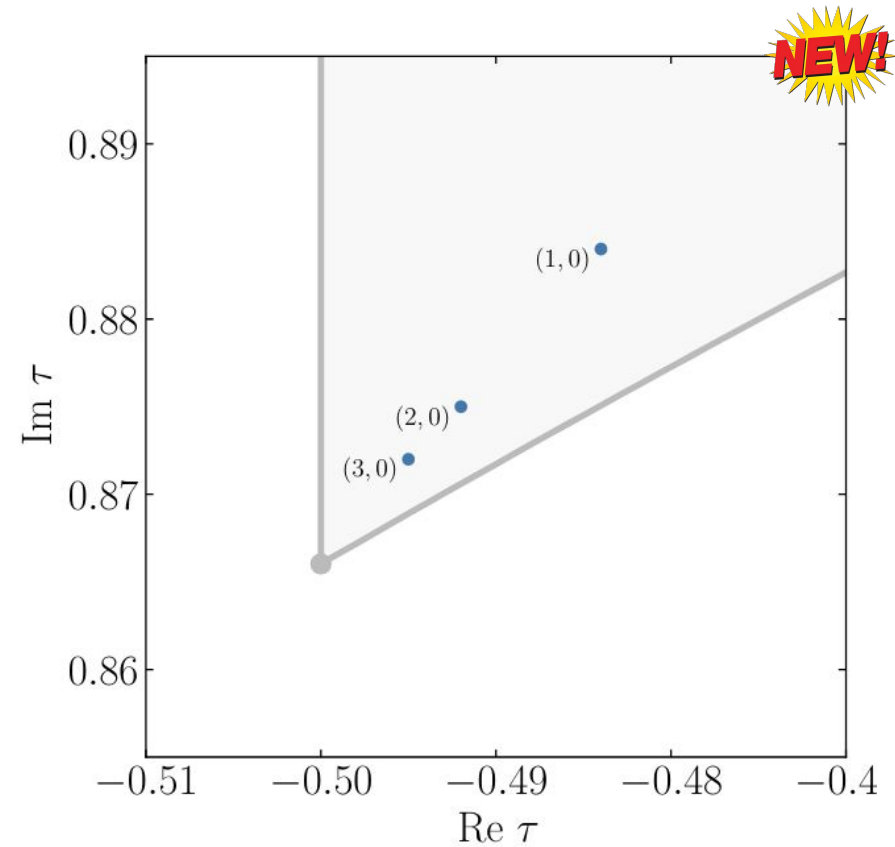
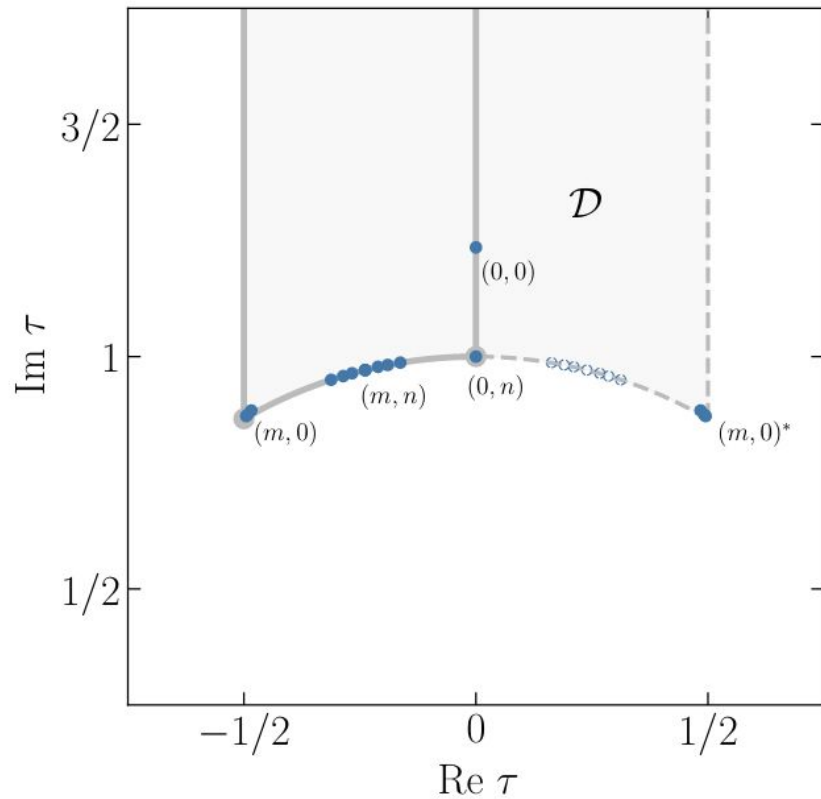
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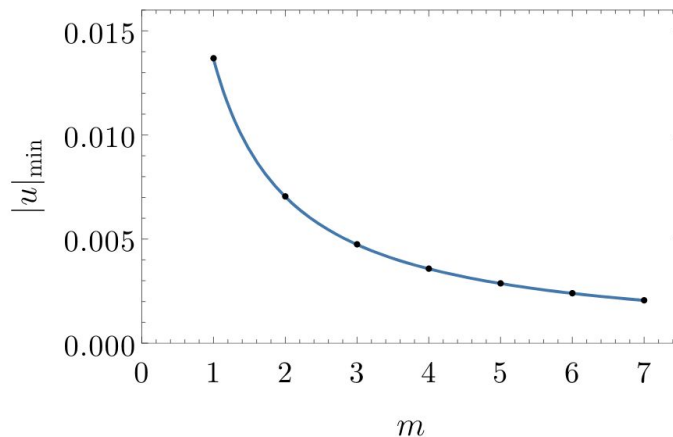
The $(m,0)$ family of potentials

- u -expand $(m,0)$ potentials to analyse them near the left cusp

$$V_{m,0} = \Lambda_V^4 \frac{1728^m}{\sqrt{3} \tilde{\eta}_0^{12}} \left\{ -1 - 2|u|^2 + (A_m^2 - 3)|u|^4 \right\} + \mathcal{O}(|u|^6)$$

- Mexican hat potential (cusp is a maximum!)

$$A_m \equiv \frac{864 |\tilde{\eta}_3|^3}{\pi^6 \tilde{\eta}_0^{27}} m + \frac{6 |\tilde{\eta}_3|}{\tilde{\eta}_0} \simeq 68.78 m + 4.30$$



$$|u|_{\min} \simeq (A_m^2 - 3)^{-1/2} \simeq A_m^{-1} = \frac{0.0145}{\boxed{m} + 0.0625}$$

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(phase dependence)

$$u = |u|e^{i\phi}$$

- u -expanding to higher order shows dependence on $\phi \in [-\pi/3, 0]$

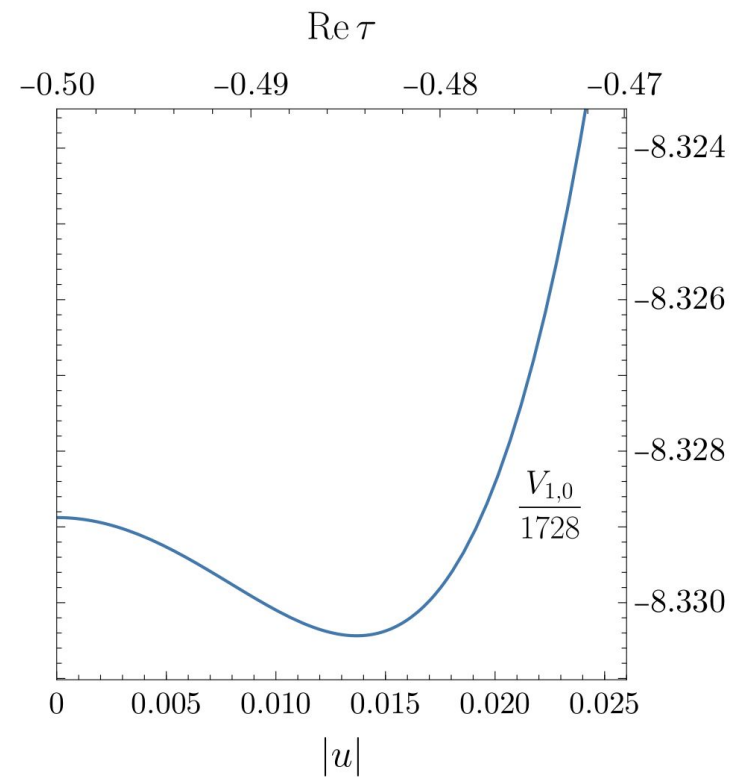
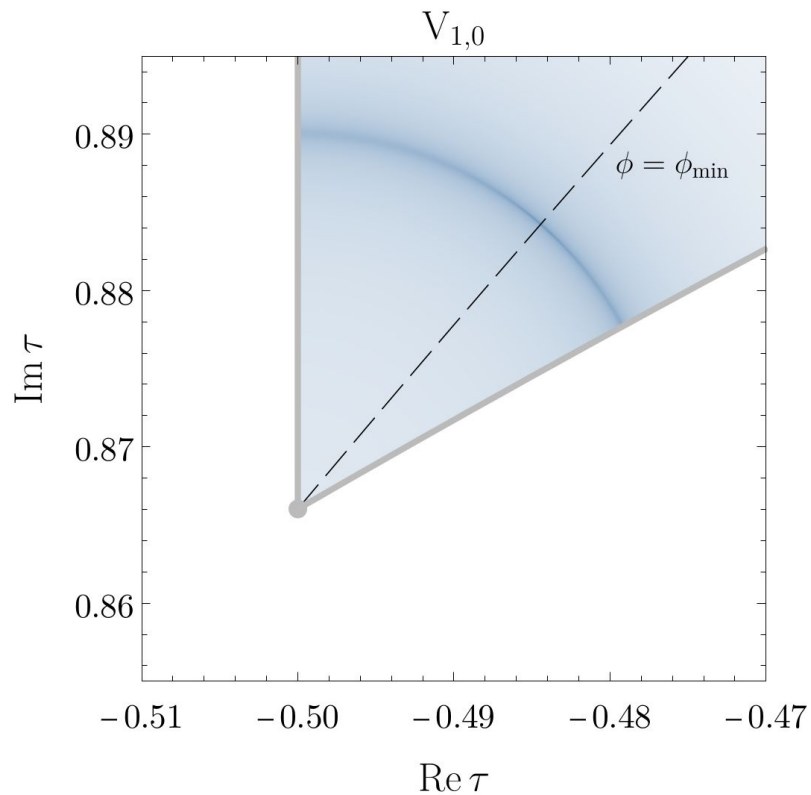
$$V_{m,0} \propto -1 - 2|u|^2 + (A_m^2 - 3)|u|^4 + (-4 + 2A_m^2 + B_m^2 \cos 6\phi)|u|^6 \\ + 2A_m B_m^2 \cos 3\phi |u|^7 + (-5 + 3A_m^2 + 2B_m^2 \cos 6\phi)|u|^8 + \mathcal{O}(|u|^9)$$

$$B_m^2 \equiv \frac{864 |\tilde{\eta}_3|^3}{\pi^6 \tilde{\eta}_0^{27}} m \left[\frac{864 |\tilde{\eta}_3|^3}{\pi^6 \tilde{\eta}_0^{27}} (m-2) + \frac{3(31\tilde{\eta}_3^2 - 10\tilde{\eta}_0\tilde{\eta}_6)}{\tilde{\eta}_0 |\tilde{\eta}_3|} \right] + \frac{6(7\tilde{\eta}_3^2 - 2\tilde{\eta}_0\tilde{\eta}_6)}{\tilde{\eta}_0^2} \\ \simeq 4730.60 m^2 - 2069.73 m + 33.26.$$

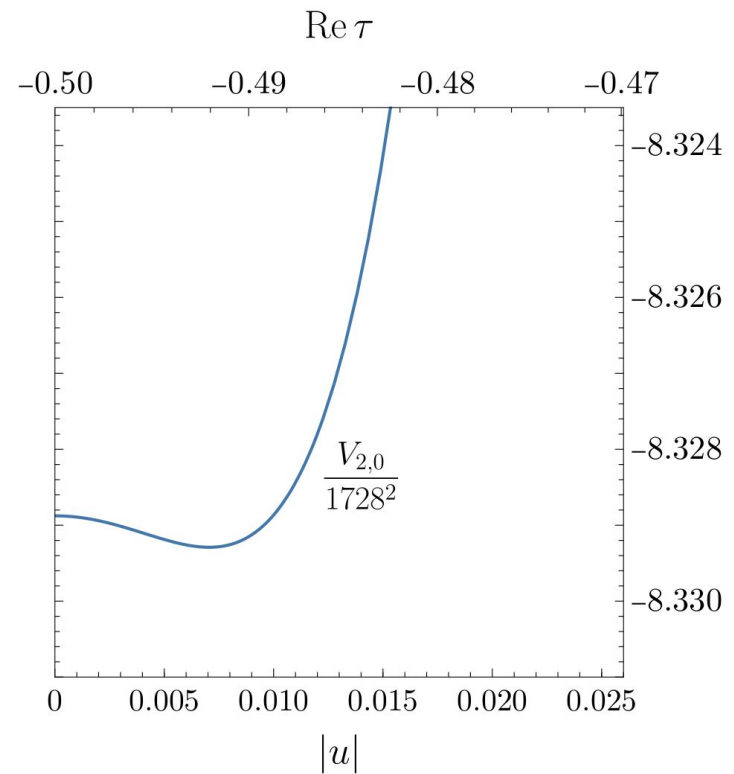
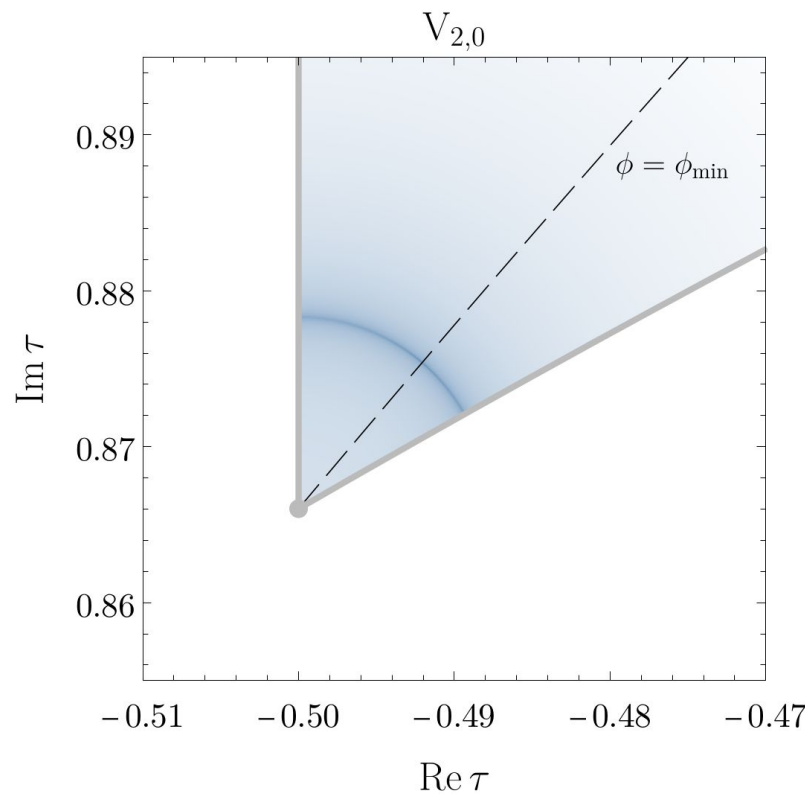
- Phase of u mostly determined by $|u|^6$ and $|u|^7$ terms

$$\phi_{\min} \simeq -\frac{2\pi}{9} = -40^\circ$$

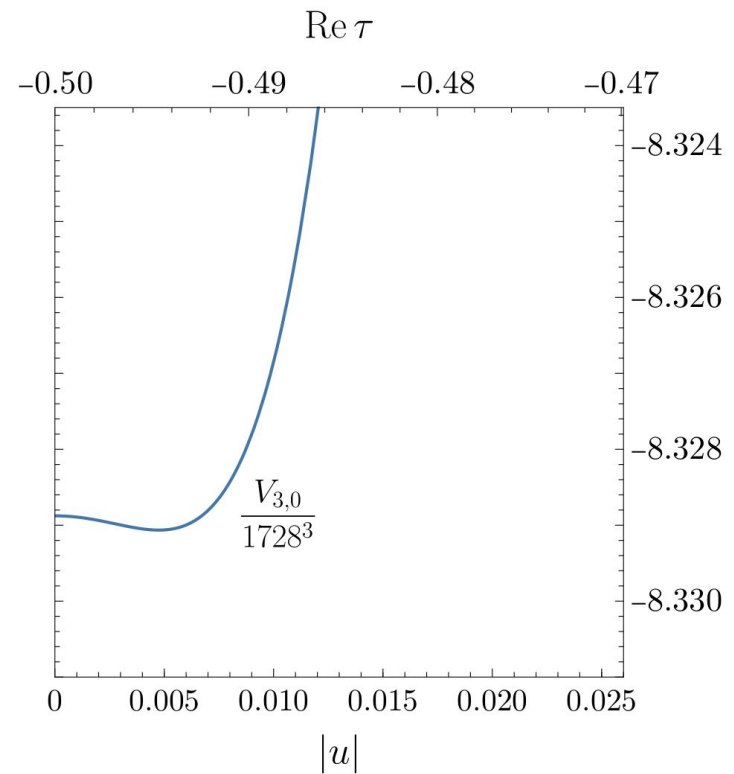
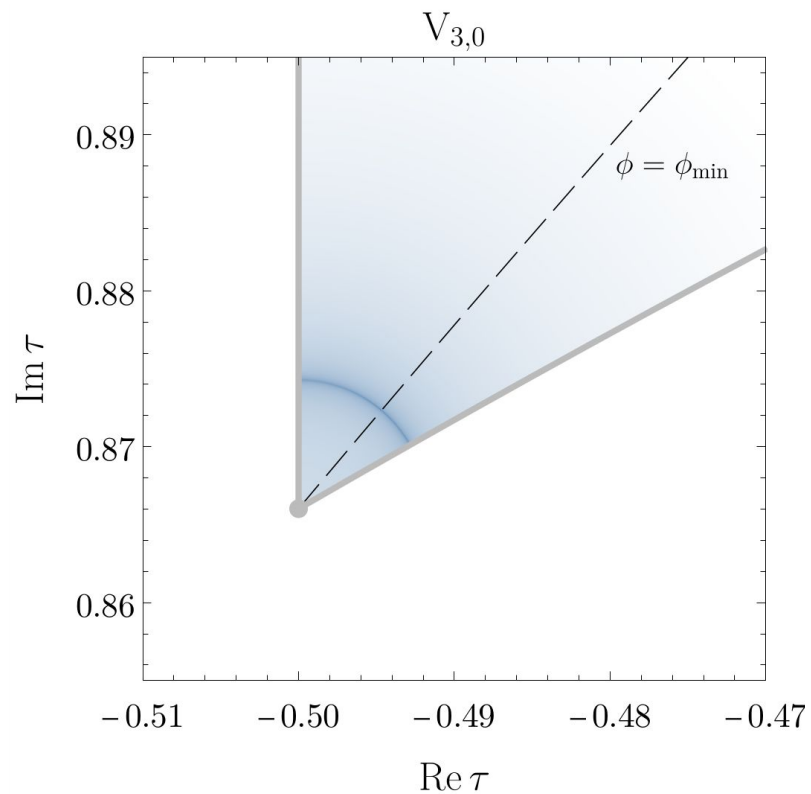
The $(m,0)$ family of potentials ($m = 1$)



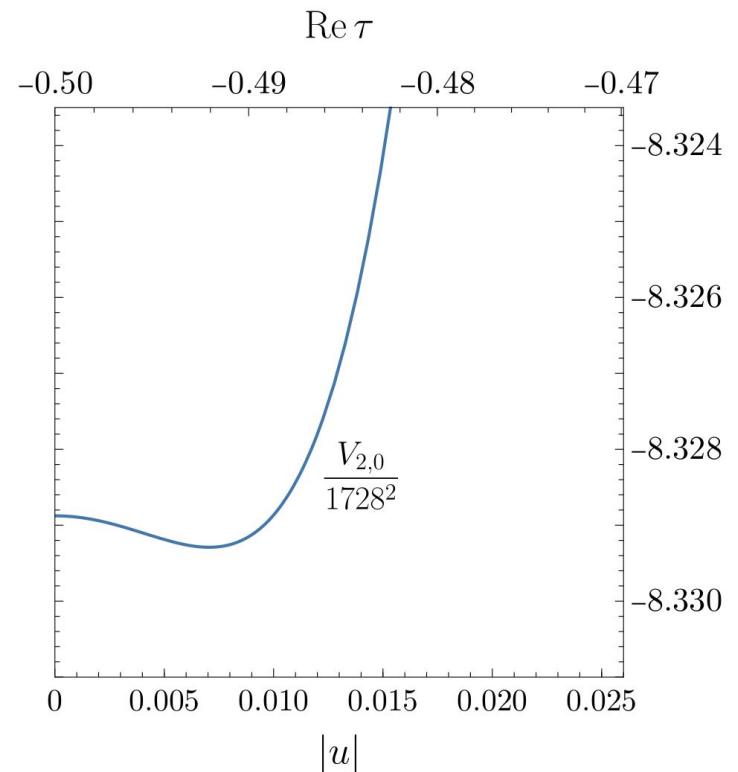
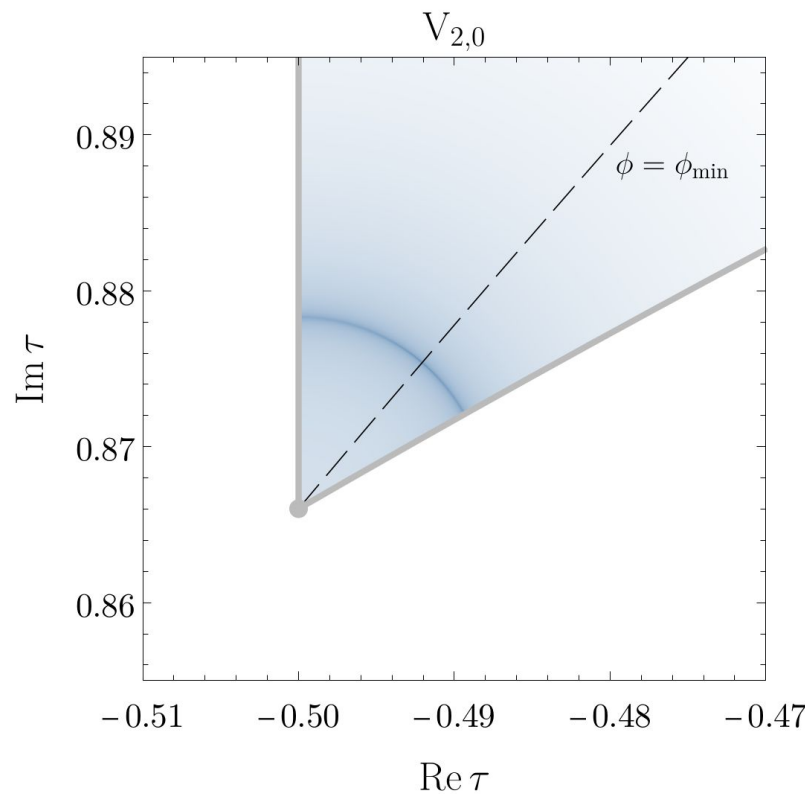
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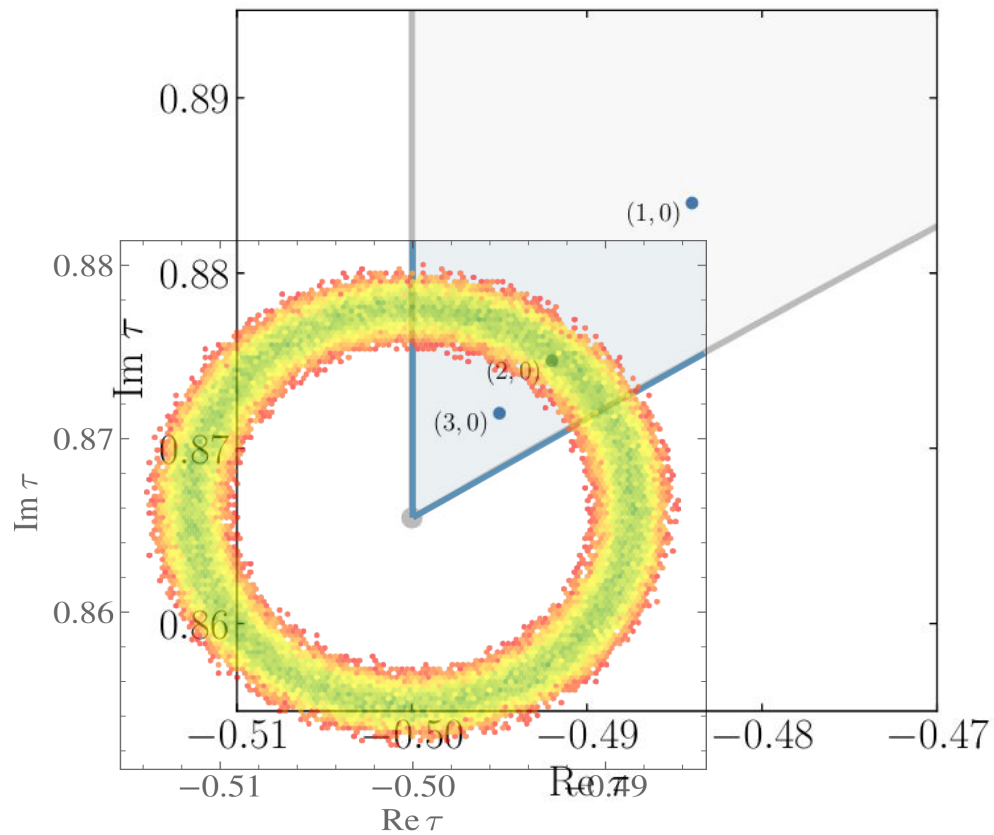


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Matching puzzle pieces?



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- There are simple potentials for modulus stabilisation, which are independent of the level N
- Novel **CP-breaking minima** are found, located **in the vicinity** of (but not directly on) the cusps
- The found deviation $|u|$ matches the BU requirement

Pieces of a puzzle / future (a personal view)



- use TD to fix irreps, weights? (Andreas' talk, in 5 mins)
- hints of universality? (Feruglio 2211.00659)
- phenomenology beyond masses and mixing?
- modular symmetry breaking as the only source of CPV?
- do away with SUSY?

A scenic view of a town, likely in Germany, featuring a prominent church tower with a clock face and a large red-roofed building in the foreground. The town is nestled in a valley with rolling hills in the background under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The text "Vielen Dank!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Vielen Dank!

Backup slides

Modular-invariant SUSY actions

Ferrara et al, '89

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

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

τ is a dimensionless spurion: once its value is fixed, it **parameterises all** modular sym. breaking

One may argue that Y 's play the role of flavons, but structures are **completely fixed** given the modulus VEV

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \\ \psi_i \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_i} \rho_i(\gamma) \psi_i \\ Y(\tau) \rightarrow Y(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^{k_Y} \rho_Y(\gamma) Y(\tau) \end{array} \right. \quad \text{with } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

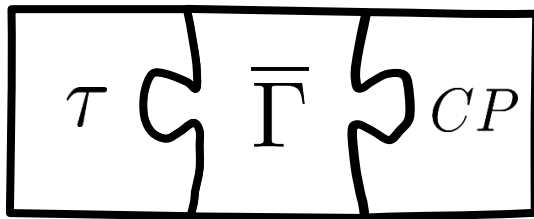
weights

k_Y positive & even, for PSL(2,Z)

$Y(\tau)$ are **modular forms** obeying $\begin{cases} k_Y = k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_n} \\ \rho_Y \otimes \rho_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_{i_n} \supset \mathbf{1} \end{cases}$

Live in linear spaces of finite dimension

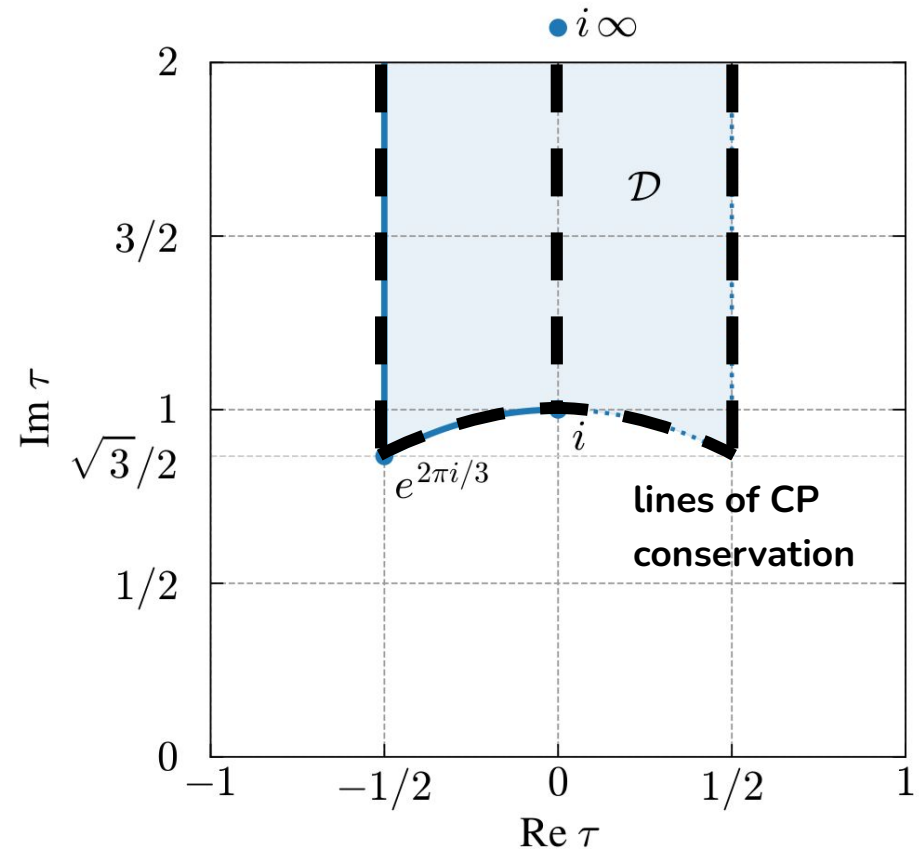
Combining modular and CP symmetries



$$\tau \xrightarrow{CP} -\tau^*$$

$$\psi(x) \xrightarrow{CP} X_{\mathbf{r}}^{CP} \bar{\psi}(x_P)$$

$$Y(\tau) \xrightarrow{CP} X_{\mathbf{r}}^{CP} Y^*(\tau)$$



Constraints on the Kähler potential?

- **Kähler** not constrained 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:



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

should be justified from the top-down

Chen, Ramos-Sánchez and Ratz, 1909.06910

- Further constraints may arise from combining modular group + traditional finite flavour symmetry

Nilles, Ramos-Sanchez, Vaudrevange, 2004.05200

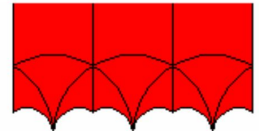
SUSY breaking effects?



- **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

Larger fundamental domains?



- Despite working with representations of the quotients, our theories are **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,

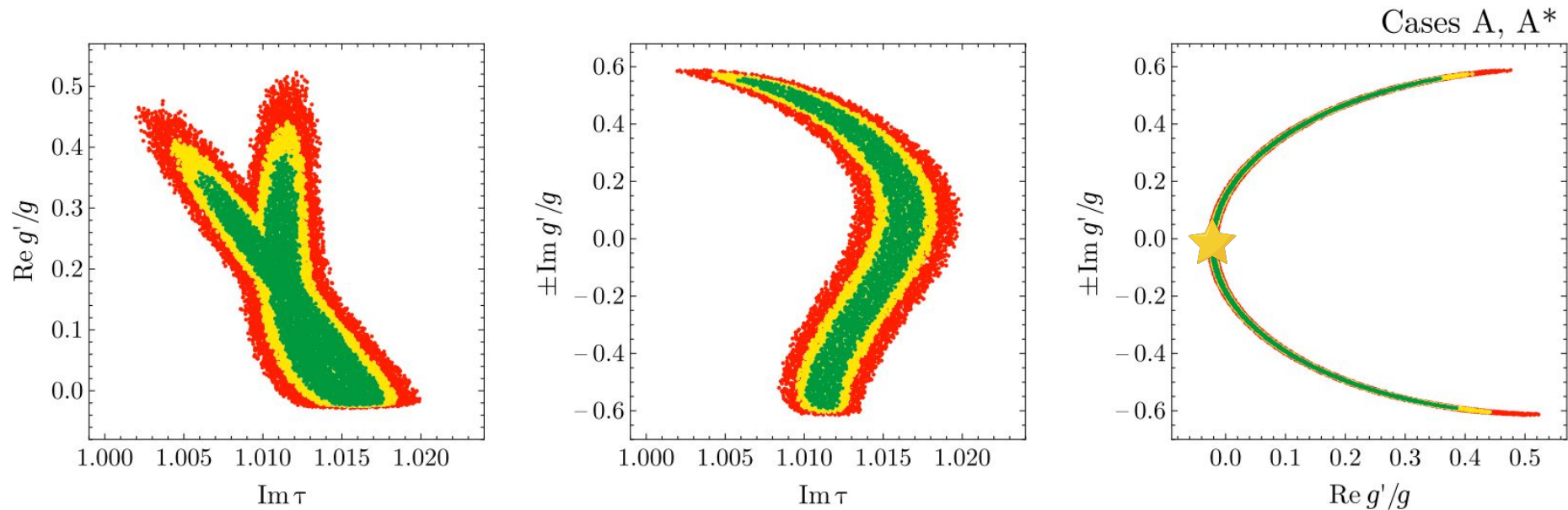
see sec. 4 of Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov, 1811.04933

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

these different parameter sets lead to the same observables

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

Correlations between parameters in the first S_4 example model



see Novichkov, JP, Petcov, Titov, 1811.04933

Decompositions under residual groups: S_3, A_4'

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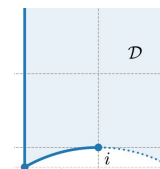
Details of the model fit

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	$(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2)$
$\max(\text{BG})$	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

q - and u -expansions of η

$$(q \equiv e^{2\pi i\tau})$$



$$|q| \leq e^{-\sqrt{3}\pi} \simeq 0.004$$

$$\eta = q^{1/24} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\frac{3n^2-n}{2}} = q^{1/24} (1 - q - q^2 + q^5 + q^7 - q^{12} - q^{15} + \mathcal{O}(q^{22}))$$

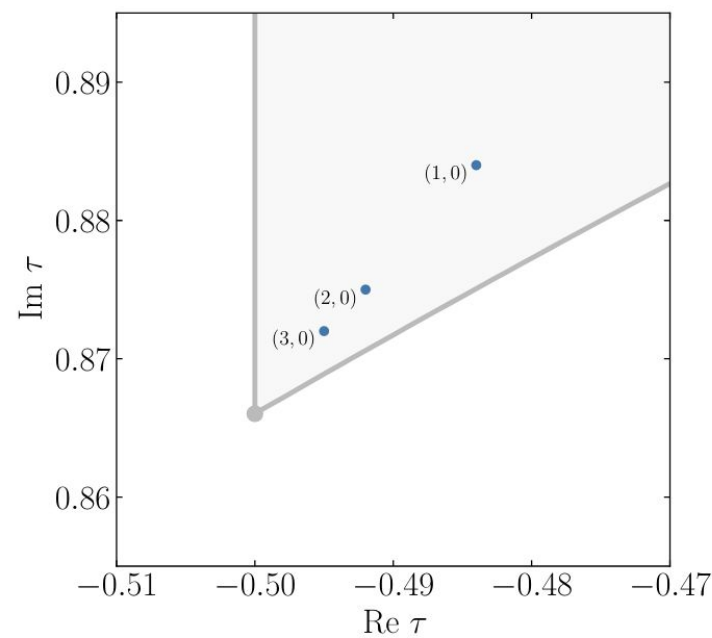
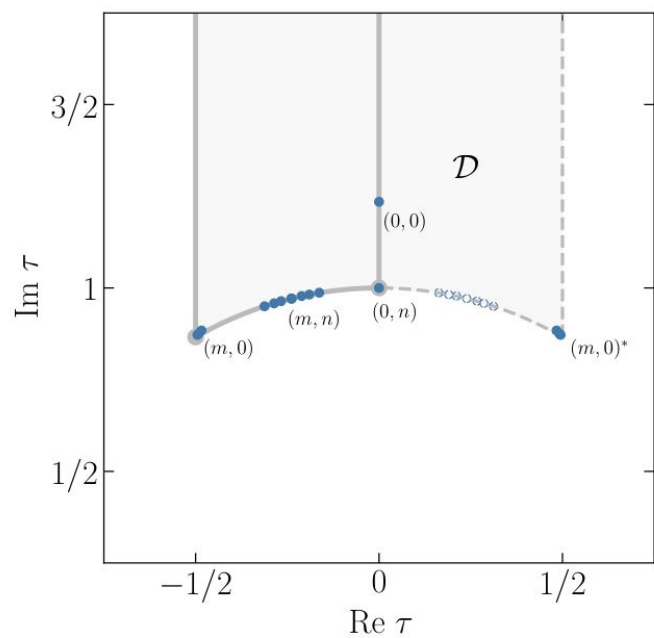
$$u \equiv \frac{\tau - \omega}{\tau - \omega^2}$$

$$\tilde{\eta}(u) \equiv \frac{\eta(u)}{\sqrt{1-u}}$$

$$u \xrightarrow{ST} \omega^2 u$$

$$\tilde{\eta}(u) \xrightarrow{ST} \tilde{\eta}(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}(u) &\simeq e^{-i\pi/24} (0.800579 - 0.573569u^3 - 0.780766u^6 - 0.150007u^9) + \mathcal{O}(u^{12}) \\ &\equiv e^{-i\pi/24} (\tilde{\eta}_0 + \tilde{\eta}_3 u^3 + \tilde{\eta}_6 u^6 + \tilde{\eta}_9 u^9) + \mathcal{O}(u^{12}), \end{aligned}$$



$(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$ is a single minimum at $\tau \simeq 1.2i$ on the imaginary axis, corresponding to the case $m = n = 0$;

$(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{n})$ is a single minimum at the symmetric point $\tau = i$ attained when $m = 0, n \neq 0$;

$(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{0})$ and $(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{0})^*$ are a pair of degenerate minima for each $m \neq 0$ and $n = 0$: $(m, 0)$ is located in the vicinity of the left cusp $\tau = \omega$, approaching this symmetric point as m increases, while $(m, 0)^*$ is its CP-conjugate;

(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{n}) is a series of minima on the unit arc, corresponding to $m \neq 0, n \neq 0$; these minima shift towards $\tau = \omega$ ($\tau = i$) along the arc as m (n) grows.

Extrema at $\tau = i, \omega$

Gonzalo, Ibáñez and Uranga, 1812.06520

	$V(T=1)$	Type of Extrema	H	$\frac{dH}{dT}$	SUSY
$m > 1$	$V = 0$	Min	0	0	Yes
$m = 1$	$\frac{1}{T_I^3 \eta ^{12}} \left\{ a ^2 C ^2 \right\} > 0$	Max $-2.57 < \frac{H'''}{H'} < -1.57$ SP $\frac{H'''}{H'} < -2.57$ or $\frac{H'''}{H'} > -1.57$	0	$\neq 0$	No
$m = 0$	$\propto \frac{ P(0) ^2}{T_I^3 \eta ^{12}} \{-3\} < 0$	Min $\left \frac{H''}{H} + 1.19 \right > \frac{3}{2}$ Max $-\frac{3}{4} < \frac{H''}{H} + 1.19 < \frac{3}{4}$ SP (Saddle Point) if else	$\neq 0$	0	Yes

Table 2. Classification of the extrema found at $T = i$.

	$V(T=\rho)$	Type of Extrema	H	$\frac{dH}{dT}$	SUSY
$n > 1$	$V = 0$	Minimum	0	0	Yes
$n = 1$	$\frac{1}{ \eta ^{12}} \left\{ \frac{4}{3} \mathcal{P}(1728) ^2 D ^2 \right\} > 0$	Maximum	0	$\neq 0$	No
$n = 0$	$\propto \frac{1728^m \mathcal{P}(1728) ^2}{T_I^3 \eta ^{12}} \{-3\} < 0$	Maximum	$\neq 0$	0	Yes

Table 3. Classification of the extrema found at $T = \rho$.

No, there is no tuning in choosing this form of the superpotential (arguably)

$$H(\tau) \propto (J(\tau) - 1)^{m/2}$$

Subset of all possible $H(\tau)$ which vanish only at the symmetric point $\tau=i$ (itself distinguished by modular symmetry)

$$J(\tau) \equiv j(\tau)/1728$$

The global SUSY limit (a comment)

$$\mathfrak{n} = \kappa^2 \Lambda_K^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$K(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = -\Lambda_K^2 \log(2 \operatorname{Im} \tau)$$

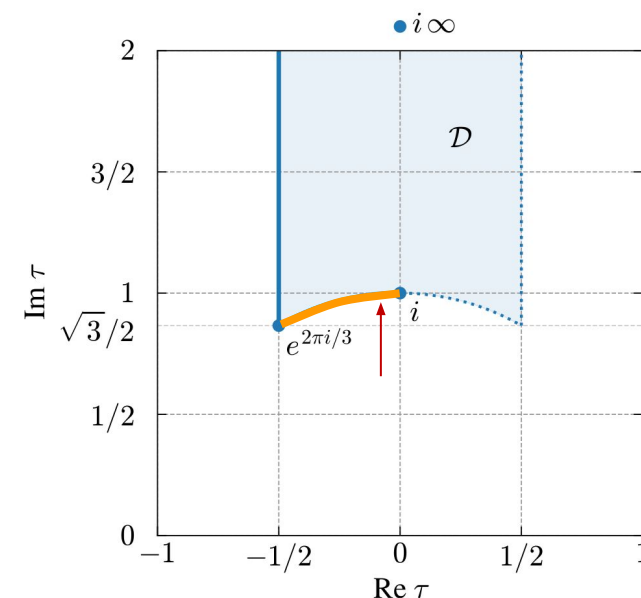
$$\kappa^2 = 8\pi/M_P^2$$

$$W(\tau) = \Lambda_W^3 H(\tau)$$

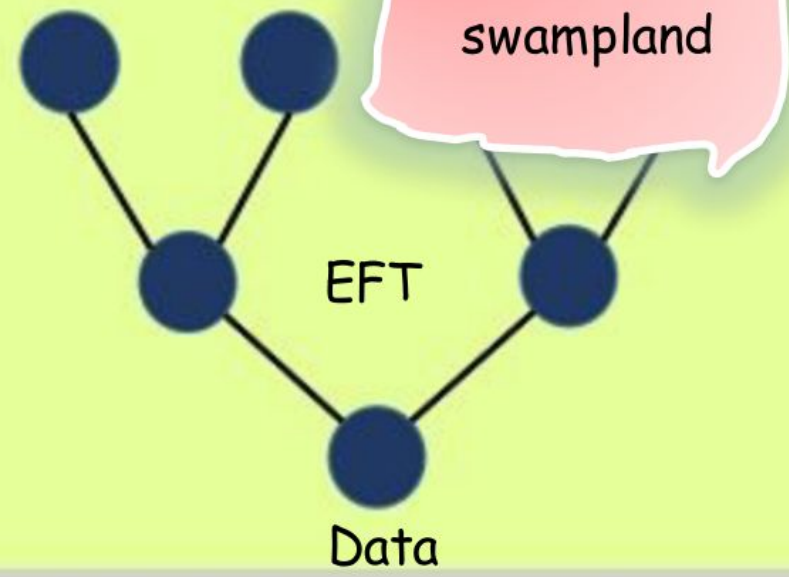
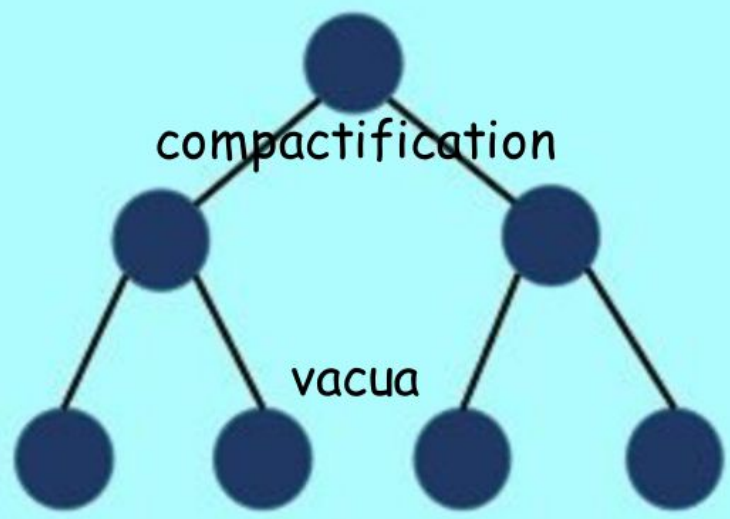
$$H(\tau) = (j(\tau) - 1728)^{m/2} j(\tau)^{n/3} \mathcal{P}(j(\tau))$$

$$V(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{4\Lambda_W^6}{\Lambda_K^2} (\operatorname{Im} \tau)^2 |H'(\tau)|^2$$

- Global minima are zeros of H'
- non-trivial $\mathcal{P}(j)$ can be engineered to produce minima at arbitrary points in the fundamental domain



String Theory



Top-down Approach

Vs

Bottom-up Approach

G-J. Ding, FF,
2003.13448

tests of modulus couplings

non standard neutrino interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = i \sum_{f=e,e^c,\nu} \bar{f} \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi_\alpha \partial^\mu \varphi_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} M_\alpha^2 \varphi_\alpha^2 - (m_e + \mathcal{Z}_\alpha^e \varphi_\alpha) e^c e - \frac{1}{2} \nu (m_\nu + \mathcal{Z}_\alpha^\nu \varphi_\alpha) \nu + h.c. + \dots$$

$$\tau = \langle \tau \rangle + \frac{\varphi_u + i \varphi_\nu}{\sqrt{2}}$$

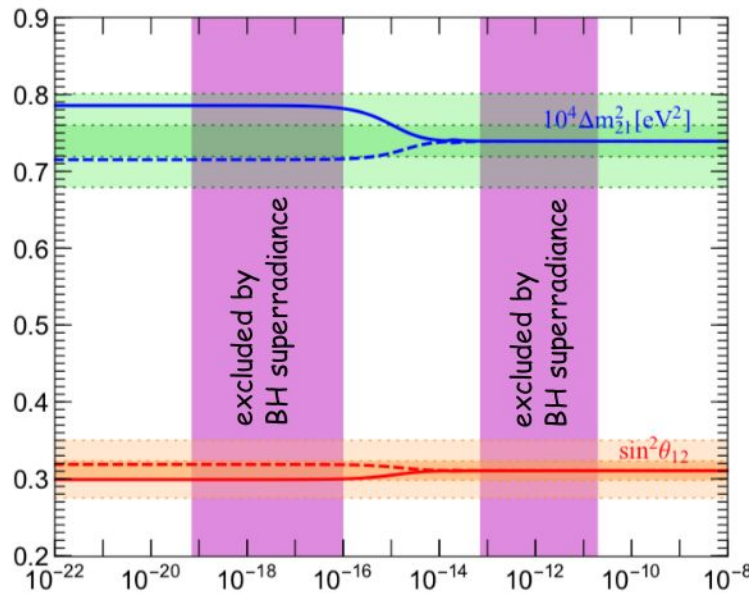


in medium with non-zero electron number density

small, unless the modulus is very light

$$\delta m_\nu(0) = -n_e \frac{\text{Re}(\mathcal{Z}^e) \mathcal{Z}^\nu}{M^2(R)}$$

in the sun:



$$\Lambda = 5 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV} \frac{M_u [\text{eV}]}{[\text{modulus VEV}]}$$

