

Modular Flavor Symmetries and CP, from the top down

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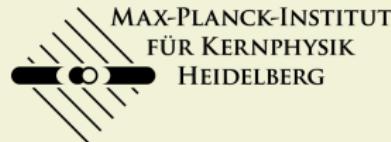
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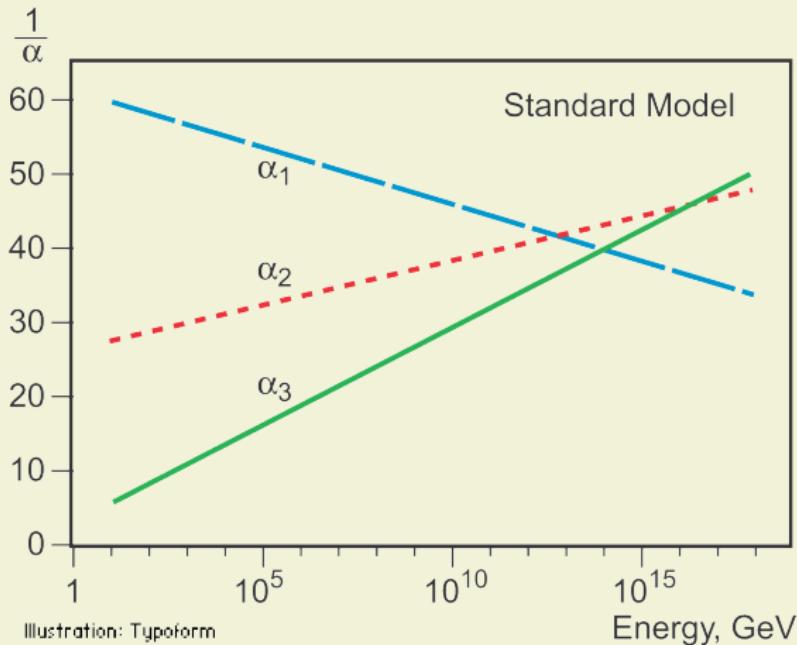
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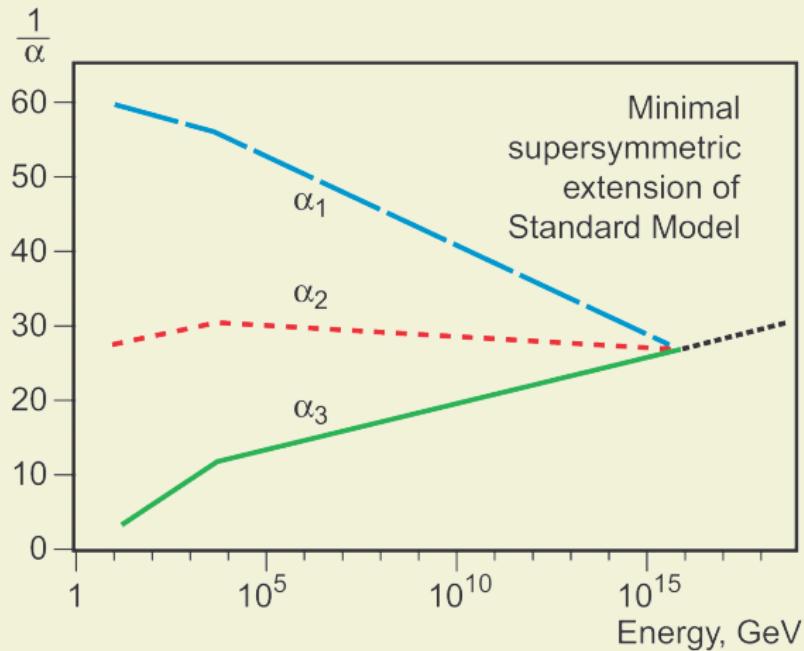
Outline: Flavor symmetry

- [Modular] Flavor symmetries from the top-down
- The eclectic flavor symmetry
- Breaking of the eclectic flavor symmetry
- Phenomenology of a concrete top-down example model
- Summary

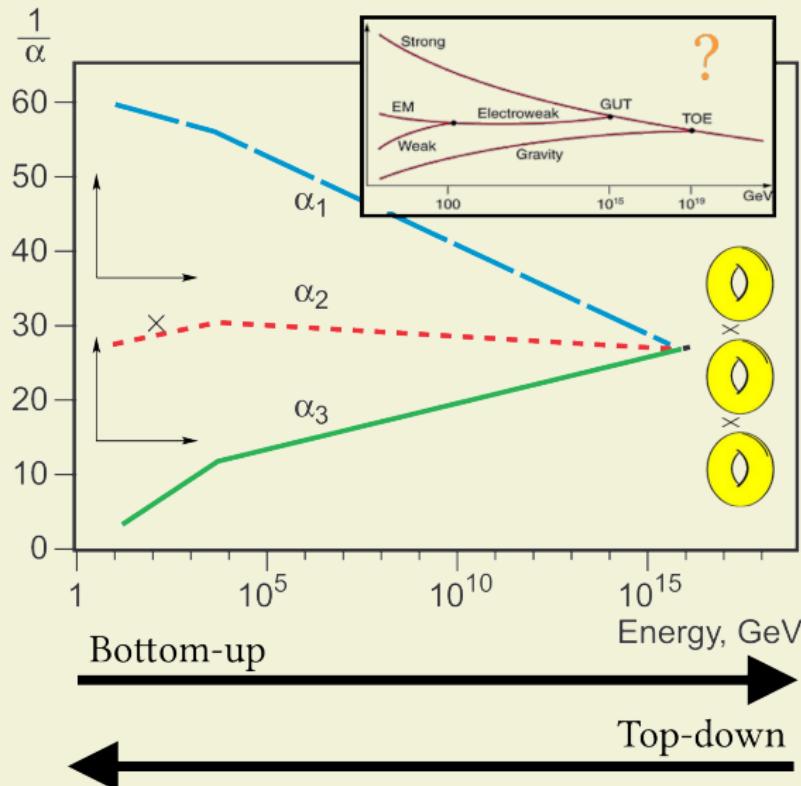
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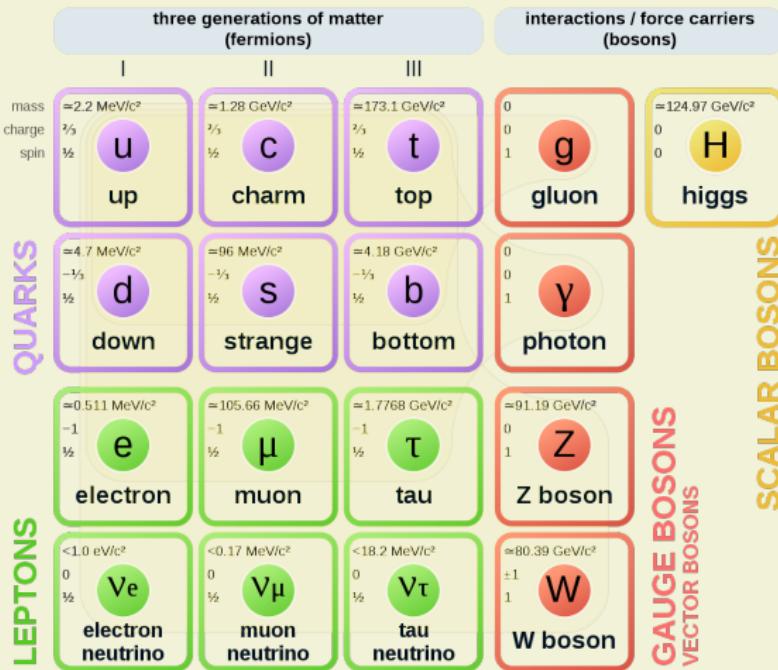
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See e.g. "Supersymmetric standard model from the heterotic string"
[Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, Ratz '05]

Is everything unified?

Standard Model of Elementary Particles



No “theory of everything” without a theory of flavor!

Modular Flavor Symmetries

Even w/o thoughts about UV completions: Very attractive framework.
Predictivity (few parameters), CP violation & hierarchies “built in”, ...

- Neutrinos/Leptons

[Feruglio '17], [Kobayashi, Tanaka, Tatsuishi '18], [Penedo, Petcov '18], [Criado, Feruglio '18],
[Kobayashi, Omoto, Shimizu, Takagi, Tanimoto, Tatsuishi '18], [Novichkov, Penedo, Petcov, Titov '18 (2x)],
[Novichkov, Petcov, Tanimoto '18], [Nomura, Okada '19], [de Medeiros Varzielas, King, Zhou '19],
[Liu, Ding '19], [Criado, Feruglio, S.J.D.King '19], ...

- Quark sector

[Okada, Tanimoto '18 &'19], [Kobayashi, Shimizu, Takagi, Tanimoto, Tatsuishi, Uchida '18],
[Lu, Liu, Ding '19], ...

- Combination of modular transformations with CP

[Baur, Nilles, AT, Vaudrevange '19], [Novichkov, Penedo, Petcov, Titov '19],
[Kobayashi, Shimizu, Takagi, Tanimoto, Tatsuishi '19]

- Within GUTs

[de Anda, King, Perdomo '18], [Kobayashi, Shimizu, Takagi, Tanimoto, Tatsuishi '19],
[Zhao, Zhang '21], [Chen, Ding, King '21], [Ding, King, Lu '21], ...

→ See talk by Penedo

Modular Flavor Symmetries

Modular flavor symmetry is strongly motivated from top-down viewpoint of UV completions of the Standard Model.

Setting: compactified heterotic string theory.

[Gross, Harvey, Martinec, Rohm '85]
[Dixon, Harvey, Vafa, Witten '85 & '86]

Compactifications are controlled by modular invariance:

- Couplings among twisted-sector states are modular forms.
[Ibañez '86], [Hamdi, Vafa '87], [Dixon, Friedan, Martinec, Shenker '87], [Lauer, Mas, Nilles '89 & '91]
- Effective 4D SUSY (sugra) theory controlled by modular invariance...
[Ferrara, Lüst, (Shapere), Theisen '89(x2)]
- ...in particular, the Yukawa couplings.
[Casas, Gomez, Munoz '91], [Lebedev '01], [Kobayashi, Lebedev '03], ...
- Twisted-sector gives rise to chiral matter, can host 3 generations of (supersymmetric) SM.
[Ibañez, (Kim), Nilles, Quevedo '87 (x2)]
- Flavor symmetries are a generic feature.
[Lauer, Mas, Nilles '89 '91], [Kobayashi, Nilles, Plöger, Raby, Ratz '06]

This talk: Unambiguous derivation of unified flavor symmetry
& Example for explicit model with correct low energy pheno.

Types of (discrete) flavor symmetries

Schematically for the example of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY.

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- “**traditional**” Flavor symmetries $\Phi \mapsto \rho(g)\Phi$, $g \in G$

for a review, see e.g. [King & Luhn '13]

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- **modular Flavor symmetries** [Feruglio '17]

$$\Phi \xrightarrow{\gamma} (cT + d)^n \rho(\gamma) \Phi, \quad T \xrightarrow{\gamma} \frac{aT + b}{cT + d}, \quad \gamma := \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Couplings are modular forms: $Y = Y(T)$, $Y(\gamma T) = (cT + d)^{k_Y} \rho_Y(\gamma) Y(T)$.

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- **R symmetries** for non-Abelian discrete R flavor symmetries see [Chen, Ratz, AT '13]

$$\Phi(x, \theta) = \phi(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta \psi(x) + \theta\bar{\theta}F(x), \implies \phi \mapsto e^{iq_\Phi\alpha}\phi, \psi \mapsto e^{i(q_\Phi - q_\theta)\alpha}\psi.$$

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From the bottom-up: All kinds known and used, individually!

→ See talk by Penedo.

for an up-to-date review see [Feruglio&Romanino '19]

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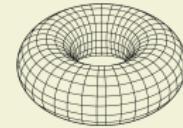
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How to compute G_{eclectic} ?

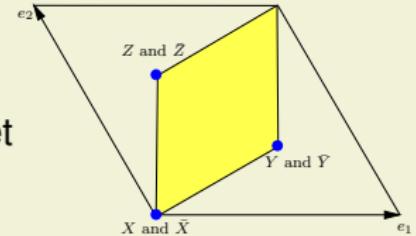
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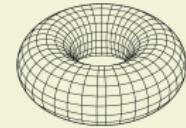
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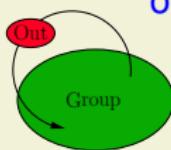
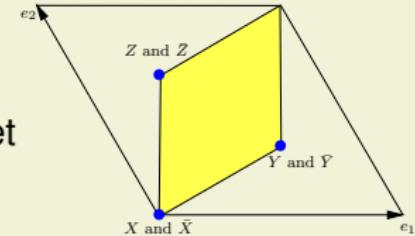
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- New insight:* we can obtain flavor symmetries from **outer automorphisms** of the space group! [Baur, Nilles, AT, Vaudrevange '19]
 - **inner** auts: map fixed points to themselves ⇒ trivial.
 - **outer** auts: permutation of fixed points ⇒ non-trivial maps between strings at different f.p.’s!



$$h := (\sigma, t) \notin S, \quad \text{with} \quad g \xrightarrow{h} hgh^{-1} \stackrel{!}{\in} S.$$

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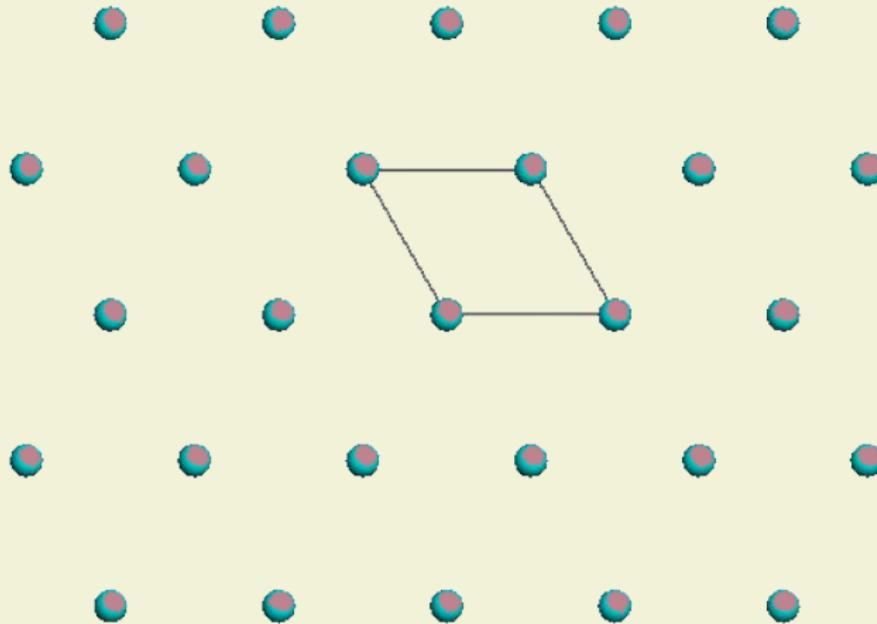
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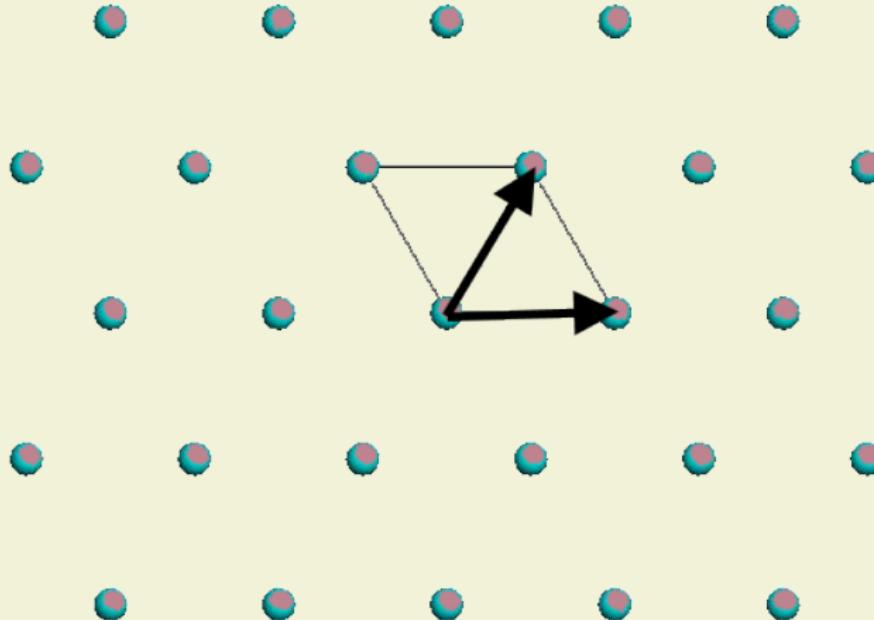


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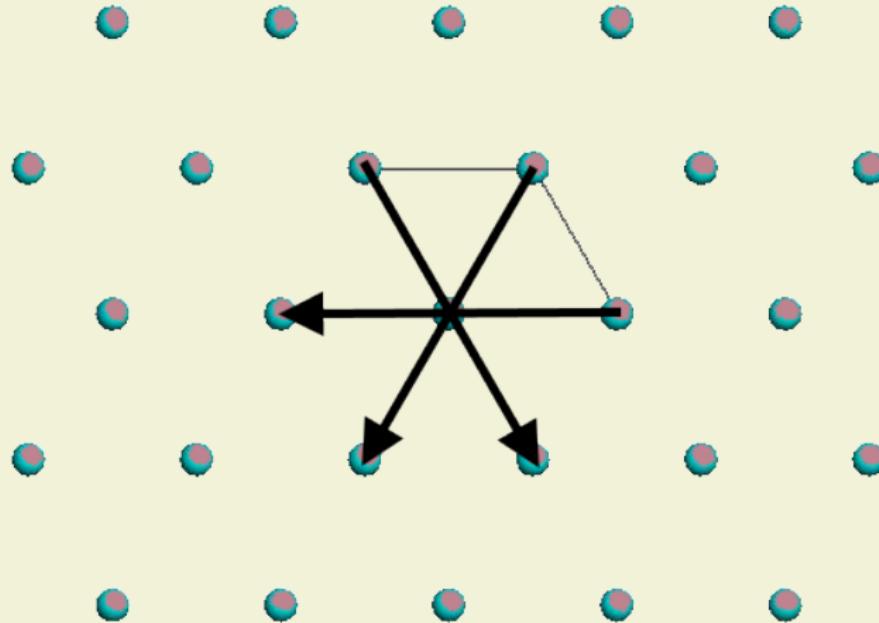
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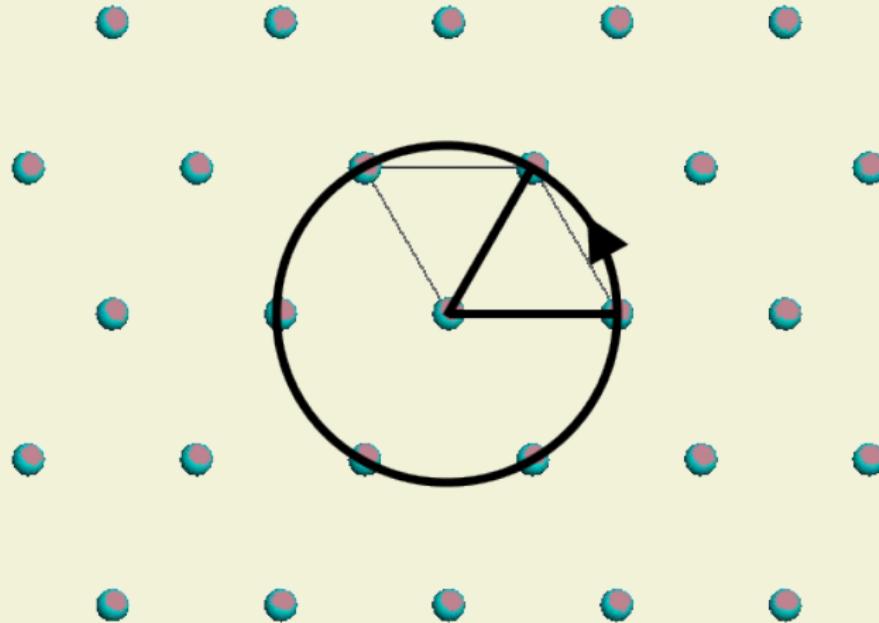
reflections / inversions

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→ Kähler T and complex structure modulus U .

Reflection and rotation outer automorphisms of Narain space group:
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Translationary outer automorphisms of Narain space group:
Traditional flavor symmetries

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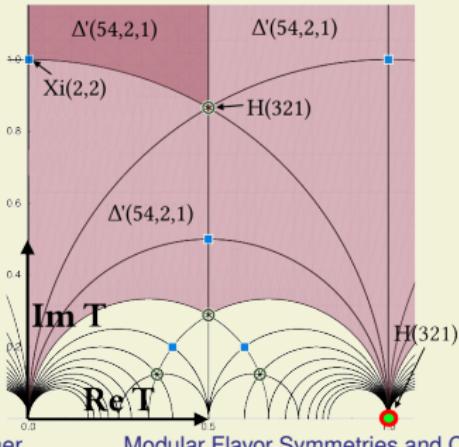
$$\mathrm{Out}_{\mathrm{Narain}} = \left\{ (\hat{\Sigma}_1, 0), (\hat{\Sigma}_2, 0), \dots, (\mathbb{1}, \hat{T}_1), (\mathbb{1}, \hat{T}_2), \dots \right\}.$$

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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'		
	traditional flavor	translation A translation B	\mathbb{Z}_3 \mathbb{Z}_3	$\Delta(27)$	$\Delta(54)$	$\Omega(2)$
		rotation $C = S^2 \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_T$	\mathbb{Z}_2^R	$\Delta'(54, 2, 1)$		
		rotation $R \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_U$	\mathbb{Z}_9^R			

table from [Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, Vaudrevange '20]



Action on the T modulus as

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

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

$$K_*^{CP} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A, B, C, R : trivial!

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Explicit $\mathbb{T}^2/\mathbb{Z}_3$ models: charge assignments

Model	ℓ	\bar{e}	$\bar{\nu}$	q	\bar{u}	\bar{d}	H_u	H_d	flavons
A	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	Φ_0	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1}$
B	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	Φ_{-1}	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1}$
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D	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{\pm 2/3,0}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-1,0}$	$\Phi_{\pm 2/3,-1}$
E	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3,0}$	$\Phi_{0,-2/3,-1/3,-5/3}$	$\Phi_{-1,-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{0,-2/3}$	Φ_0	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1/3,-5/3,-1}$

for methodology, see [Carballo-Pérez, Peinado, Ramos-Sánchez '16; Ramos-Sánchez '17]
[Olguín-Trejo, Perez-Martinez, Ramos-Sánchez '18]

sector	matter fields Φ_n	eclectic flavor group $\Omega(2)$								\mathbb{Z}_9^R R	
		modular T' subgroup				traditional $\Delta(54)$ subgroup					
		irrep s	$\rho_s(S)$	$\rho_s(T)$	n	irrep r	$\rho_r(A)$	$\rho_r(B)$	$\rho_r(C)$		
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	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-2/3$	3₂	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$+\rho(C)$	1	
	$\Phi_{-5/3}$	2' \oplus 1	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-5/3$	3₁	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$-\rho(C)$	-2	
θ^2	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	2'' \oplus 1	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$-1/3$	3̄₁	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$-\rho(C)$	2	
	$\Phi_{+2/3}$	2'' \oplus 1	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$+2/3$	3̄₂	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$+\rho(C)$	5	
super-potential	\mathcal{W}	1	1	1	-1	1'	1	1	-1	3	

table from [Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, Vaudrevange '20]

Explicit $\mathbb{T}^2/\mathbb{Z}_3$ models: charge assignments

Model	ℓ	\bar{e}	$\bar{\nu}$	q	\bar{u}	\bar{d}	H_u	H_d	flavons
A	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	Φ_0	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1}$
B	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	Φ_{-1}	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1}$
C	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	Φ_{-1}	Φ_{-1}	$\Phi_{-1/3,-1}$
D	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{\pm 2/3,0}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-1,0}$	$\Phi_{\pm 2/3,-1}$
E	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3,0}$	$\Phi_{0,-2/3,-1/3,-5/3}$	$\Phi_{-1,-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{0,-2/3}$	Φ_0	Φ_0	$\Phi_{-2/3,-1/3,-5/3,-1}$

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	Φ_{-1}	1	1	1	-1	1'	1	1	-1	3	
θ	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$2' \oplus 1$	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-2/3$	3_2	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$+\rho(C)$	1	
	$\Phi_{-5/3}$	$2' \oplus 1$	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-5/3$	3_1	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$-\rho(C)$	-2	
θ^2	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$2'' \oplus 1$	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$-1/3$	$\bar{3}_1$	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$-\rho(C)$	2	
	$\Phi_{+2/3}$	$2'' \oplus 1$	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$+2/3$	$\bar{3}_2$	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$+\rho(C)$	5	
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Sources of eclectic symmetry breaking

1. Modulus VEV $\langle T \rangle$.

Points w/ enhanced symmetry:

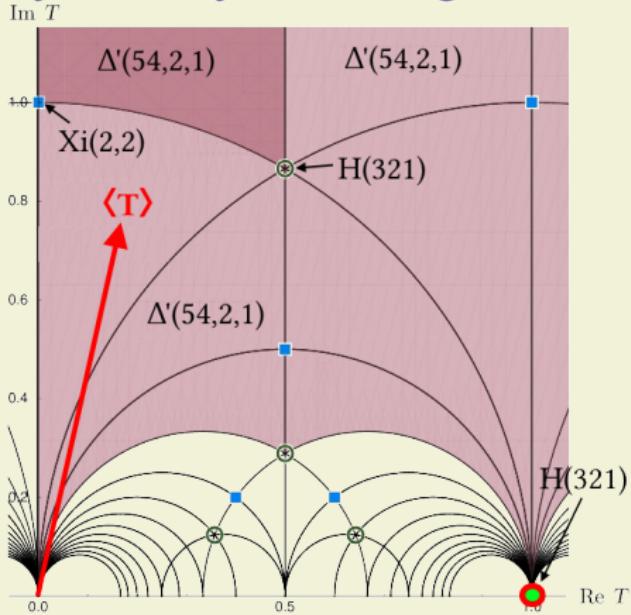
$$\langle T \rangle = i, \quad \Omega(2) \rightarrow \Xi(2, 2)$$

$$\langle T \rangle = \omega, -\omega^2 \quad \Omega(2) \rightarrow H(3, 2, 1)$$

$$\langle T \rangle = i\infty, 1 \quad \Omega(2) \rightarrow H(3, 2, 1)$$

$$\Xi(2, 2) \cong [324, 111]$$

$$H(3, 2, 1) \cong [486, 125]$$

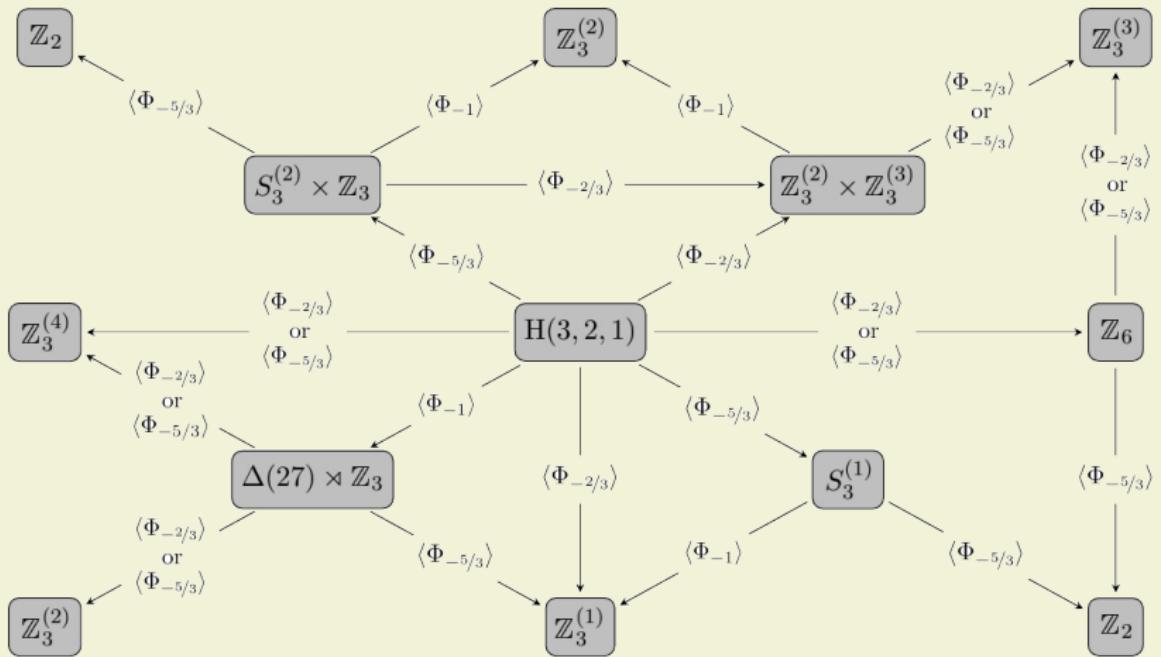


2. Flavon VEVs

$$\langle \Phi_{-2/3} \rangle \sim \langle \mathbf{3}_2 \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi_{-5/3} \rangle \sim \langle \mathbf{3}_1 \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi_{-1} \rangle \sim \langle \mathbf{1}' \rangle,$$

$$\langle \Phi_{-1/3} \rangle \sim \langle \overline{\mathbf{3}}_1 \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi_{+2/3} \rangle \sim \langle \overline{\mathbf{3}}_2 \rangle.$$

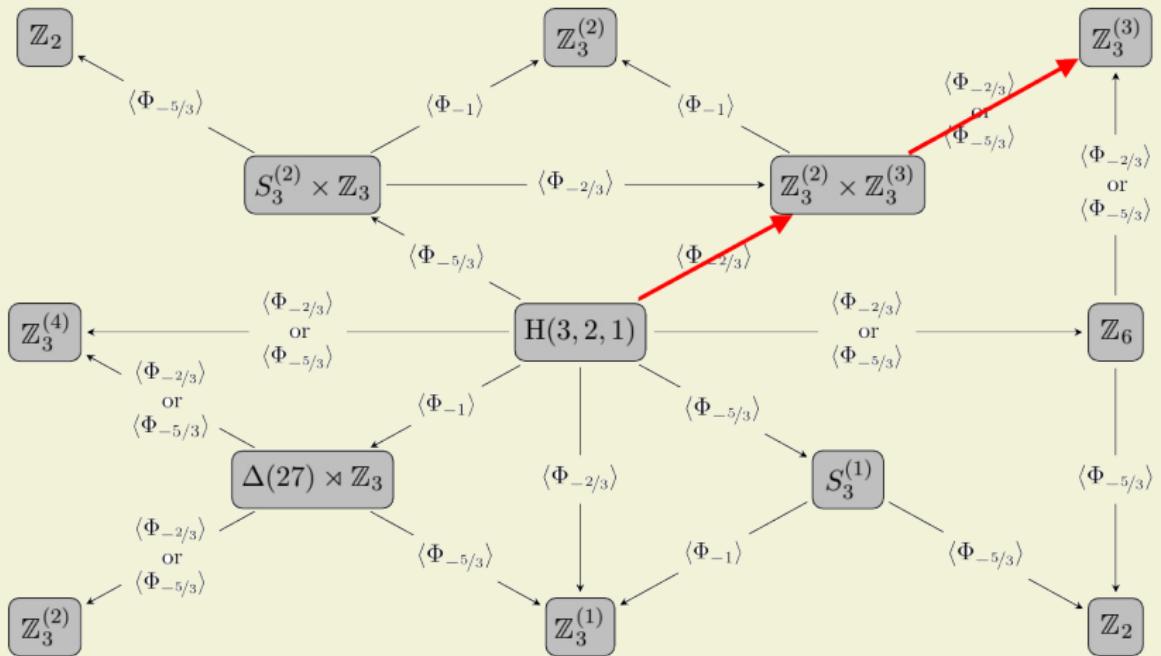
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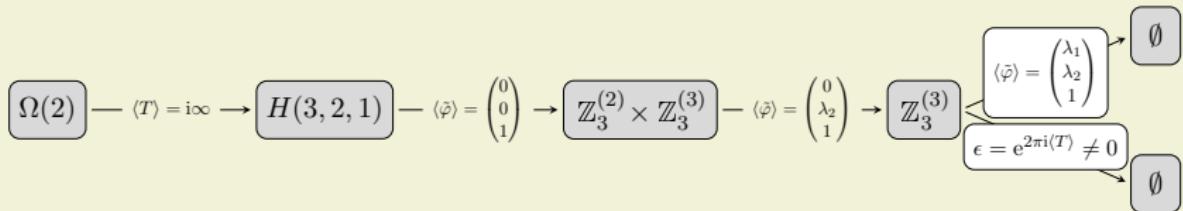
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$$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\mathbf{3}_2} \rangle = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, 1) , \quad \epsilon := e^{2\pi i \langle T \rangle} .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_3^{(2)} \subset G_{\text{traditional}} &\quad \text{generated by} \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, i\infty}(ABA^2) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbb{Z}_3^{(3)} \subset G_{\text{modular}} &\quad \text{generated by} \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, i\infty}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Spontaneous breaking of eclectic symmetry controlled by
technically natural small parameters

$$\epsilon, \lambda_1 \ll \lambda_2 \ll 1 .$$

A concrete “Model A” example

Superpotential predicted, and tightly constrained:

$$(M_{\text{Pl}} = 1)$$

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All superpotential terms have the generic structure

$$\Phi_0 \dots \Phi_0 \hat{Y}^{(1)}(T) \Phi_{-2/3}^{(1)} \Phi_{-2/3}^{(2)} \Phi_{-2/3}^{(3)},$$

“singlet flavon(s) \times modular form \times **triplet** matter \times **triplet** matter \times **triplet** flavon”.

\Rightarrow All mass terms can be written as

[Nilles, Ramos-Sanchez, Vaudrevange '20]

$$\left(\Phi_{-2/3}^{(1)} \right)^T M \left(T, c, \Phi_{-2/3}^{(3)} \right) \Phi_{-2/3}^{(2)},$$

$$M \left(T, c, \Phi_{-2/3}^{(3)} \right) = c \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_2(T) X & -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} Z & -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} Y \\ -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} Z & \hat{Y}_2(T) Y & -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} X \\ -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} Y & -\frac{\hat{Y}_1(T)}{\sqrt{2}} X & \hat{Y}_2(T) Z \end{pmatrix}.$$

with $\Phi_{-2/3}^{(3)} \equiv (X, Y, Z)$, and $\hat{Y}^{(1)}(T) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_1(T) \\ \hat{Y}_2(T) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{\eta(T)} \begin{pmatrix} -3\sqrt{2} \eta^3(3T) \\ 3\eta^3(3T) + \eta^3(T/3) \end{pmatrix}$.

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$$M(\langle T \rangle, \Lambda, \langle \tilde{\varphi} \rangle) = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 3\epsilon^{1/3} & 3\lambda_2\epsilon^{1/3} \\ 3\epsilon^{1/3} & \lambda_2 & 3\lambda_1\epsilon^{1/3} \\ 3\lambda_2\epsilon^{1/3} & 3\lambda_1\epsilon^{1/3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).$$

\Rightarrow Analytic control over hierarchies, e.g. mass ratios

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} \approx \left| \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \right| \quad \frac{m_2}{m_3} \approx |\lambda_2| \quad \text{for} \quad |\epsilon^{2/3}| \ll |\lambda_1 \lambda_2| \ll |\lambda_2|^2,$$

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} \approx 9 \left| \frac{\epsilon^{2/3}}{\lambda_2^2} \right| \quad \frac{m_2}{m_3} \approx |\lambda_2| \quad \text{for} \quad |\lambda_1 \lambda_2| \ll |\epsilon^{2/3}| \ll |\lambda_2|^2.$$

Numerical analysis: fit to data

Strategy:

[Baur, Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, AT, Vaudrevange 2207.10677]

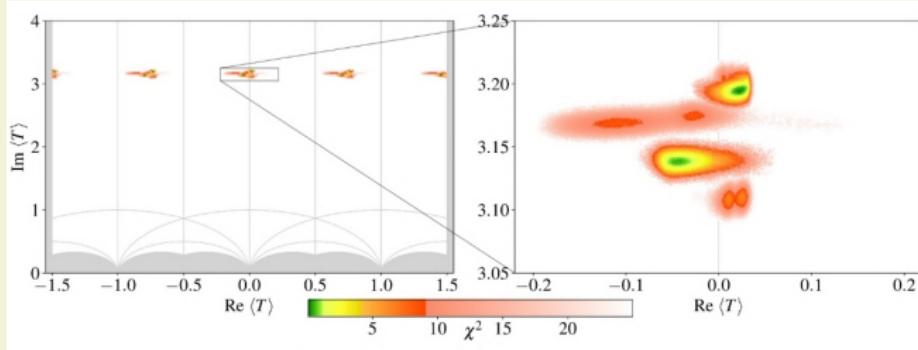
- Fit model to data as *proof-of-existence* of working consistent top-down models.
- Lepton data from NuFITv5.1. [Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz, Zhou '20]
- Quark data from PDG.
- “State-of-the-art” handling of SUSY breaking and running.
 $(M_{\text{SUSY}} \approx 10 \text{ TeV}, \tan(\beta) \approx 10)$
[Ross, Serna '08], [Antusch, Maurer '13], [Feruglio '17], [Ding, King, Yao '21]
- Numerically minimize χ^2 using lmfit. [Newville et al.'21]
- Explore each minimum w/ MCMC sampler emcee. [Foreman-Mackey et al.'12]

Numerical analysis: fit to lepton data

Lepton sector fit: **effectively** only 7 parameters

$$x = \{\text{Re} \langle T \rangle, \text{Im} \langle T \rangle, \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,1} \rangle, \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,2} \rangle, \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,1} \rangle, \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,2} \rangle, \Lambda_\nu\}.$$

parameter	right green region		left green region	
	best-fit value	1σ interval	best-fit value	1σ interval
$\text{Re} \langle T \rangle$	0.02279	$0.01345 \rightarrow 0.03087$	-0.04283	$-0.05416 \rightarrow -0.02926$
$\text{Im} \langle T \rangle$	3.195	$3.191 \rightarrow 3.199$	3.139	$3.135 \rightarrow 3.142$
$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,1} \rangle$	$-4.069 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$-4.321 \cdot 10^{-5} \rightarrow -3.947 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.311 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.196 \cdot 10^{-5} \rightarrow 2.414 \cdot 10^{-5}$
$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,2} \rangle$	0.05833	$0.05793 \rightarrow 0.05876$	0.05826	$0.05792 \rightarrow 0.05863$
$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,1} \rangle$	0.001224	$0.001201 \rightarrow 0.001248$	-0.001274	$-0.001304 \rightarrow -0.001248$
$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,2} \rangle$	-0.9857	$-1.0128 \rightarrow -0.9408$	0.9829	$0.9433 \rightarrow 1.0122$
Λ_ν [eV]	0.05629	$0.05442 \rightarrow 0.05888$	0.05591	$0.05408 \rightarrow 0.05850$
χ^2	0.08		0.45	

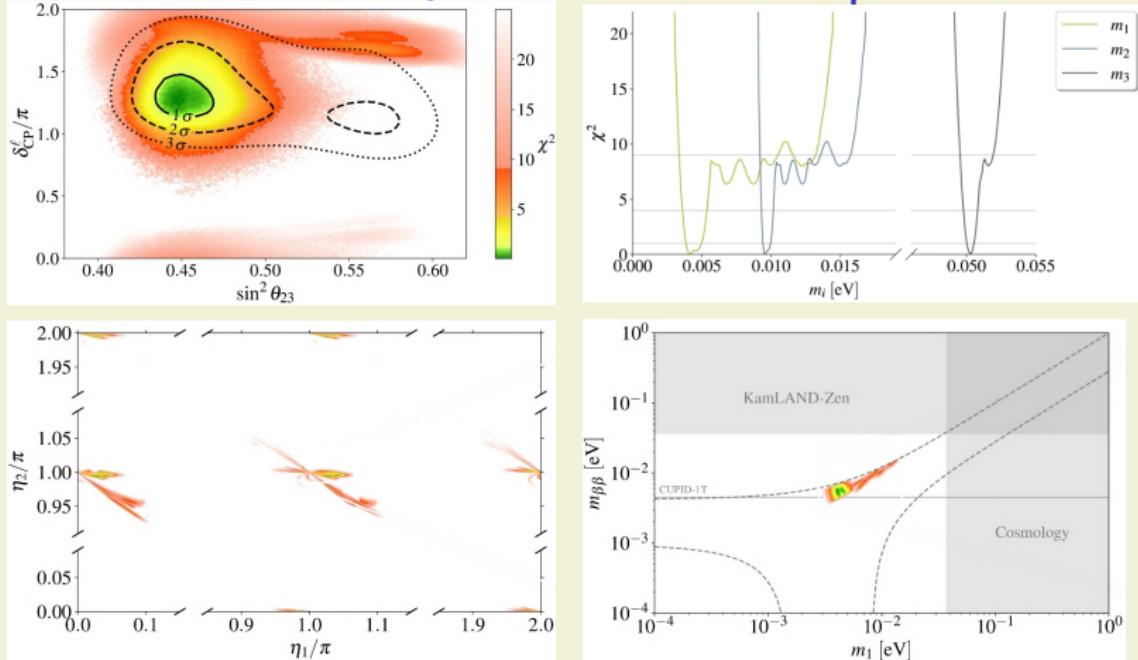


Numerical analysis: fit to lepton data

Neutrino sector fit:

observable	model			experiment		
	best fit	1 σ interval	3 σ interval	best fit	1 σ interval	3 σ interval
m_e/m_μ	0.00473	0.00470 → 0.00477	0.00462 → 0.00485	0.00474	0.00470 → 0.00478	0.00462 → 0.00486
m_μ/m_τ	0.0586	0.0581 → 0.0590	0.0572 → 0.0600	0.0586	0.0581 → 0.0590	0.0572 → 0.0600
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.303	0.294 → 0.315	0.275 → 0.335	0.304	0.292 → 0.316	0.269 → 0.343
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.02254	0.02189 → 0.02304	0.02065 → 0.02424	0.02246	0.02184 → 0.02308	0.02060 → 0.02435
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.449	0.436 → 0.468	0.414 → 0.593	0.450	0.434 → 0.469	0.408 → 0.603
δ_{CP}^ℓ/π	1.28	1.15 → 1.47	0.81 → 1.94	1.28	1.14 → 1.48	0.80 → 1.94
$\eta_1/\pi \bmod 1$	0.029	0.018 → 0.048	-0.031 → 0.090	-	-	-
$\eta_2/\pi \bmod 1$	0.994	0.992 → 0.998	0.935 → 1.004	-	-	-
J_{CP}	-0.026	-0.033 → -0.015	-0.035 → 0.019	-0.026	-0.033 → -0.016	-0.033 → 0.000
J_{CP}^{\max}	0.0335	0.0330 → 0.0341	0.0318 → 0.0352	0.0336	0.0329 → 0.0341	0.0317 → 0.0353
$\Delta m_{21}^2/10^{-5} [\text{eV}^2]$	7.39	7.35 → 7.49	7.21 → 7.65	7.42	7.22 → 7.63	6.82 → 8.04
$\Delta m_{31}^2/10^{-3} [\text{eV}^2]$	2.508	2.488 → 2.534	2.437 → 2.587	2.521	2.483 → 2.537	2.430 → 2.593
$m_1 [\text{eV}]$	0.0042	0.0039 → 0.0049	0.0034 → 0.0131	< 0.037	-	-
$m_2 [\text{eV}]$	0.0095	0.0095 → 0.0099	0.0092 → 0.0157	-	-	-
$m_3 [\text{eV}]$	0.0504	0.0501 → 0.0505	0.0496 → 0.0519	-	-	-
$\sum_i m_i [\text{eV}]$	0.0641	0.0636 → 0.0652	0.0628 → 0.0806	< 0.120	-	-
$m_{\beta\beta} [\text{eV}]$	0.0055	0.0045 → 0.0064	0.0040 → 0.0145	< 0.036	-	-
$m_\beta [\text{eV}]$	0.0099	0.0097 → 0.0102	0.0094 → 0.0159	< 0.8	-	-
χ^2	0.08					

Numerical analysis: fit to data → predictions



The fit predicts:

[Baur, Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, AT, Vaudrevange PRD'22 & JHEP'22]

- θ_{23}^ℓ lies in lower octant,
- Normal ordering of neutrino masses,
- Majorana phases $\eta_{1,2} \approx \pi$ close to CP conserving values.

Importance of Kähler corrections

- Kähler corrections are important, because they are unconstrained in generic bottom-up modular flavor models.
[Chen, Ramos-Sánchez, Ratz '19]
- Unlike pure modular flavor theories, the traditional flavor symmetry helps to control the Kaehler potential.
 $\curvearrowright K$ is canonical at leading order. [Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, Vaudrevange '20]
- However, there are higher-order Kähler corrections due to VEV of flavon fields that break the traditional flavor symmetry.
- **No** Kähler corrections included in our lepton sector fit.
- **Must** include Kähler corrections for quark sector
(Note: this might be specific to Model A: $\varphi_d \equiv \varphi_\ell$).

Schematically:

$$K_{\text{LO}} \supset -\log(-iT + i\bar{T}) + \sum_{\Phi} \left[(-iT + i\bar{T})^{-2/3} + (-iT + i\bar{T})^{1/3} |\hat{Y}^{(1)}(T)|^2 \right] |\Phi|^2 ,$$

$$K_{\text{NLO}} \supset \sum_{\Psi, \varphi} \left[(-iT + i\bar{T})^{-4/3} \sum_a |\Psi \varphi|_{\mathbf{1},a}^2 + (-iT + i\bar{T})^{-1/3} \sum_a |\hat{Y}^{(1)}(T) \Psi \varphi|_{\mathbf{1},a}^2 \right] .$$

Kähler corrections – parametrization

For a given quark flavor $f = \{\text{u}, \text{d}, \text{q}\}$,

$$K_{ij}^{(f)} \approx \chi^{(f)} \left[\delta_{ij} + \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} \left(A_{ij}^{(f)} + \kappa_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} B_{ij}^{(f)} \right) \right],$$

with flavor space structures $A = A(\varphi, T)$ and $B = B(\varphi, T)$ that are fixed by group theory and depend on *all* flavon fields. We can define “effective flavons” such that

$$\sum_{\varphi} \lambda_{\varphi}^{(f)} A_{ij}(\varphi) =: \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} A_{ij}(\tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff}}^{(A,f)}) \equiv \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} A_{ij}^{(f)},$$

$$\sum_{\varphi} \lambda_{\varphi}^{(f)} \kappa_{\varphi}^{(f)} B_{ij}(\varphi) =: \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} \kappa_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} B_{ij}(\tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff}}^{(B,f)}) \equiv \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} \kappa_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} B_{ij}^{(f)}.$$

Tilde means we took the scale out of the flavon directions

$$\tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff}}^{(A,B)} := \varphi_{\text{eff}}^{(A,B)} / \Lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}^{(A,B)}} \quad \text{such that} \quad \tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff}}^{(A,B)} := \left(\tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff},1}^{(A,B)}, \tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff},2}^{(A,B)}, 1 \right)^T.$$

Finally, we can define the parameters

$$\alpha_i^{(f)} := \sqrt{\lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)}} \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff},i}^{(A,f)} \rangle, \quad \beta_i^{(f)} := \sqrt{\lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)}} \langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\text{eff},i}^{(B,f)} \rangle,$$

and one can show that

$$\lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} A_{ij}^{(f)} = \alpha_i^{(f)} \alpha_j^{(f)}, \quad \lambda_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} B_{ij}^{(f)} \approx \beta_i^{(f)} \beta_j^{(f)}.$$

Note: All this is very specific to Models of type A.

Numerical analysis: fit to quark & lepton data

Parameters:

parameter	best-fit value
superpotential	$\text{Im} \langle T \rangle$ 3.195
	$\text{Re} \langle T \rangle$ 0.02279
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{u,1} \rangle$ $2.0332 \cdot 10^{-4}$
	$\langle \vartheta_{u,1} \rangle$ 1.6481
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{u,2} \rangle$ $6.3011 \cdot 10^{-2}$
	$\langle \vartheta_{u,2} \rangle$ -1.5983
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,1} \rangle$ $-4.069 \cdot 10^{-5}$
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{e,2} \rangle$ $5.833 \cdot 10^{-2}$
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,1} \rangle$ $1.224 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	$\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{\nu,2} \rangle$ -0.9857
Λ_ν [eV]	0.05629

Kähler potential

α_1^u	-0.94917
α_2^u	0.0016906
α_3^u	0.31472
α_1^d	0.95067
α_2^d	0.0077533
α_3^d	0.30283
α_1^q	-0.96952
α_2^q	-0.20501
α_3^q	0.041643

Imposed constraints:

- $\kappa_{\varphi_{\text{eff}}}^{(f)} = 1 \forall f,$
- $\alpha_i^{(f)} = \beta_i^{(f)} \forall f, i,$
- $\alpha_i^{(f)} \in \mathbb{R}.$

Observables:

	observable	model best fit	exp. best fit	exp. 1σ interval
quark sector	m_u/m_c	0.00193	0.00193	$0.00133 \rightarrow 0.00253$
	m_c/m_t	0.00280	0.00282	$0.00270 \rightarrow 0.00294$
	m_d/m_s	0.0505	0.0505	$0.0443 \rightarrow 0.0567$
	m_s/m_b	0.0182	0.0182	$0.0172 \rightarrow 0.0192$
	ϑ_{12} [deg]	13.03	13.03	$12.98 \rightarrow 13.07$
	ϑ_{13} [deg]	0.200	0.200	$0.193 \rightarrow 0.207$
	ϑ_{23} [deg]	2.30	2.30	$2.26 \rightarrow 2.34$
	δ_{CP}^q [deg]	69.2	69.2	$66.1 \rightarrow 72.3$
	m_e/m_μ	0.00473	0.00474	$0.00470 \rightarrow 0.00478$
	m_μ/m_τ	0.0586	0.0586	$0.0581 \rightarrow 0.0590$
lepton sector	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.303	0.304	$0.292 \rightarrow 0.316$
	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0225	0.0225	$0.0218 \rightarrow 0.0231$
	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.449	0.450	$0.434 \rightarrow 0.469$
	δ_{CP}^ℓ/π	1.28	1.28	$1.14 \rightarrow 1.48$
	η_1/π	0.029	-	-
	η_2/π	0.994	-	-
	J_{CP}	-0.026	-0.026	$-0.033 \rightarrow -0.016$
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m_i [eV]	m_1 [eV]	0.0042	< 0.037	-
	m_2 [eV]	0.0095	-	-
	m_3 [eV]	0.0504	-	-
	$\sum_i m_i$ [eV]	0.0641	< 0.120	-
	$m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]	0.0055	< 0.036	-
	m_β [eV]	0.0099	< 0.8	-
	χ^2	0.11		

Possible lessons for bottom-up model building

Empirical observations:

- Modular flavor symmetries do not arise alone;
They are generically accompanied by (partly overlapping!)
 - “traditional” discrete flavor symmetries (& flavons),
 - discrete (non-Abelian) R symmetries,
 - \mathcal{CP} -type symmetries.

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- Modular weights of matter fields are fractional,
Modular weights of (Yukawa) couplings are integer.
- Modular weights are 1 : 1 “locked” to all other flavor symmetry representations.

Conjecture: This may be a general top-down feature !?

for other known examples, see

[Ishiguro, Kobayashi, Otsuka '21], [Kikuchi, Kobayashi, Uchida '21]
[Almumin, Chen, Knapp-Pérez, Ramos-Sánchez, Ratz, Shukla '21]

Many open questions

- Extra tori? → Metaplectic groups
[Ding, Feruglio, Liu '20 & '21], [Nilles, Ramos-Sanchez, AT, Vaudrevange '21]
- Other possible realistic string configurations?
“Size of the ‘landscape’ ”?
- Moduli stabilization?
- Flavon potential?
- Restrictions on Kähler potential?

see [Chen, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz '19]
[Chen, Knapp-Perez, Ramos-Hamud, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Shukla '21]

Summary

- There are explicit models of heterotic string theory that reproduce, at low energies, the
 $\text{MSSM} + (\text{modular}) \text{ flavor symmetry} + \text{flavons.}$
- The complete flavor symmetry can unambiguously be derived by the **outer automorphisms** of the Narain space group.
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- This symmetry is broken by
 - Expectation values of the moduli, e.g. $\langle U \rangle, \langle T \rangle$.
 - Expectation values of the flavon fields.
- (Approximate) residual symmetries are common, and can help to naturally generate hierachies in masses and mixing matrix elements.
- We have identified one example for a model that can give a successfull fit to the observed SM flavor structure.



Thank You

Backup slides

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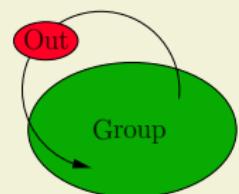
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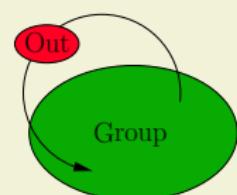
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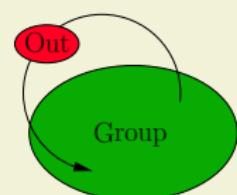
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[Fallbacher, AT, '15]

[Holthausen, Lindner, Schmidt, '13]

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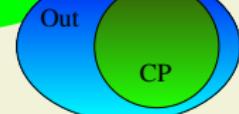
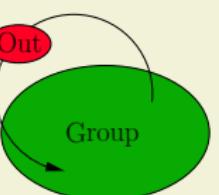
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E.g.: Physical CP trafo
is a special case of this!
 $r \mapsto r' = r^*$

[Fer, AT, '15]
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Flavor and Modular Symmetries

Feruglio: “Are neutrino masses modular forms?” [Feruglio '17]

General (bottom-up) idea:

- Supersymmetric (say $N = 1$) theory.
- Ask for **modular invariance**:

[Ferrara, Lüst, (Shapere), Theisen '89(x2)]

$$\tau \mapsto \gamma\tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} , \quad \varphi^{(I)} \mapsto (c\tau + d)^{-k_I} \rho^{(I)}(\gamma)\varphi^{(I)} .$$

$$\gamma := \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(N) , \quad \{a, b, c, d\} \in \mathbb{Z} , \quad \Phi := (\tau, \varphi) .$$

- *EITHER* $W(\Phi)$, $K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$ invariant (K up to Kähler transf.),
OR compensating against each other. →global SUSY
→SUGRA
- In any case, Yukawa couplings must be *modular forms*:

$$W(\Phi) = \sum_n Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \varphi^{(I_1)} \dots \varphi^{(I_n)} ,$$

$$Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \mapsto Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\gamma\tau) \stackrel{!}{=} \left[e^{i\alpha(\gamma)} \right] (c\tau + d)^{k_Y(n)} Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau)$$

- $\tau \rightarrow \langle \tau \rangle$ breaks modular symmetry $\iff \tau$ takes rôle of flavon!

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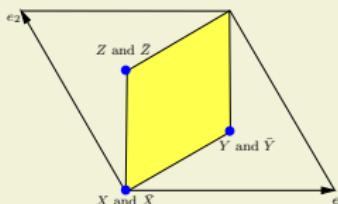
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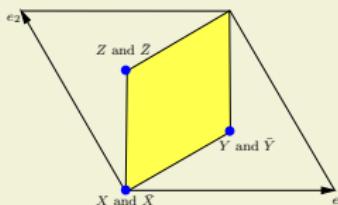
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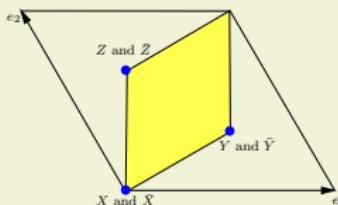
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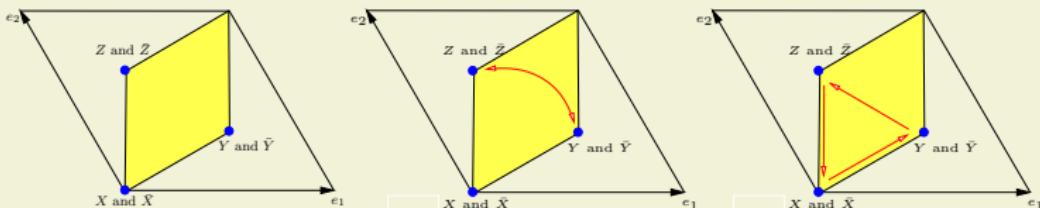
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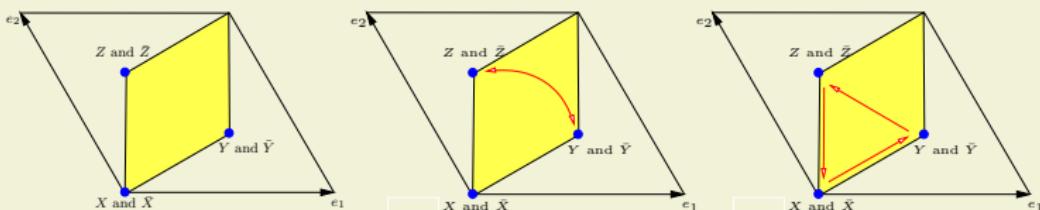
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New insight: Flavor symmetries are given by **outer automorphisms** of the Narain lattice space group!

[Baur, Nilles, AT, Vaudrevange '19]

In this way we can unambiguously compute them in the top-down approach.

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$$S_{\text{Narain}} := \langle (\Theta, 0), (\mathbb{1}, E_i) \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, 2D\} \rangle.$$

Flavor symmetries from top-down perspective

The “whole” story: **Narain lattice** formulation of heterotic string theory:

[Narain '86], [Narain, Samardi, Witten '87], [Narain, Sarmadi, Vafa'87], [Groot Nibbelink, Vaudrevange '17]

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$$g \xrightarrow{h} h g h^{-1} \stackrel{!}{\in} S_{\text{Narain}}, \quad \hat{\Sigma}^T \hat{\eta} \hat{\Sigma} = \hat{\eta}.$$

\curvearrowleft Solve **consistency conditions** to find all **Outs**.

The **outer automorphisms** of S_{Narain} include: [Baur, Nilles, AT, Vaudrevange '19 (2x)]

- fixed-point permutation symmetry (S_3 in previous example),
- “space group selection rules” [Hamidi and Vafa '86]
- target space modular transformations (incl. T-duality),
- “ \mathcal{CP} -like” transformations.

Details of representations

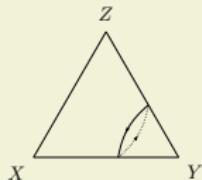
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SU(3) _c	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
SU(2) _L	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
U(1) _Y	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$-1/2$	1	0	$1/2$	$-1/2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\Delta(54)$	3₂	3₂	3₂	3₂	3₂	3₂	1	1	3₂	3₂	3₂	1	1	1	1	1
T'	$2' \oplus 1$	1	1	$2' \oplus 1$	$2' \oplus 1$	$2' \oplus 1$	1	1	1	1	1					
\mathbb{Z}_9^R	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Vectorlike exotic matter:

#	irrep	labels	#	irrep	labels
101	(1, 1)₀	s_i			
51	(1, 1)_{-1/3}	V_i	51	(1, 1)_{1/3}	\bar{V}_i
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9	(3, 1)_{1/3}	\bar{D}_i	9	(3, 1)_{-1/3}	D_i
8	(1, 2)_{-1/6}	W_i	8	(1, 2)_{1/6}	\bar{W}_i
2	(3, 1)_{-2/3}	\bar{U}_i	2	(3, 1)_{2/3}	U_i
4	(3, 1)₀	Z_i	4	(3, 1)₀	\bar{Z}_i
1	(3, 1)_{-1/3}	Y	1	(3, 1)_{1/3}	\bar{Y}

Transformation of massless matter fields

sector	matter fields Φ_n	electic flavor group $\Omega(2)$								\mathbb{Z}_9^R
		modular T' subgroup				n	traditional $\Delta(54)$ subgroup			
bulk	Φ_0	1	1	1	0		1	1	1	+1
	Φ_{-1}	1	1	1	-1		1'	1	1	-1
θ	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	2' \oplus 1	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-2/3$	$-2/3$	3₂	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$+\rho(C)$
	$\Phi_{-5/3}$	2' \oplus 1	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	$-5/3$		3₁	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$-\rho(C)$
θ^2	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	2'' \oplus 1	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	3̄₁	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$-\rho(C)$
	$\Phi_{+2/3}$	2'' \oplus 1	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	$+2/3$		3̄₂	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$+\rho(C)$
super-potential	\mathcal{W}	1	1	1	-1		1'	1	1	-1
										3



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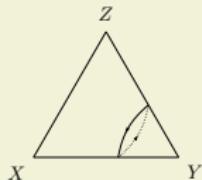
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Transformation of massless matter fields

sector	matter fields Φ_n	electic flavor group $\Omega(2)$								\mathbb{Z}_9^R R
		modular T' subgroup			n	traditional $\Delta(54)$ subgroup				
		irrep s	$\rho_s(S)$	$\rho_s(T)$		irrep r	$\rho_r(A)$	$\rho_r(B)$	$\rho_r(C)$	
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	3_2	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$+\rho(C)$	1
	$\Phi_{-5/3}$	$2' \oplus 1$	$\rho(S)$	$\rho(T)$	-5/3	3_1	$\rho(A)$	$\rho(B)$	$-\rho(C)$	-2
θ^2	$\Phi_{-1/3}$	$2'' \oplus 1$	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	-1/3	$\bar{3}_1$	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$-\rho(C)$	2
	$\Phi_{+2/3}$	$2'' \oplus 1$	$(\rho(S))^*$	$(\rho(T))^*$	+2/3	$\bar{3}_2$	$\rho(A)$	$(\rho(B))^*$	$+\rho(C)$	5
super-potential	\mathcal{W}	1	1	1	-1	1'	1	1	-1	3



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

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$$\rho(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(C) = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \rho(S)^2.$$

Example: Breakdown of $H(3, 2, 1)$ at $\langle T \rangle = \omega$

$H(3, 2, 1)$ subgroup	branchings		subgroup generator(s)	corresponding vevs	
	$\Phi_{-2/3}$	$\Phi_{-5/3}$		$\langle \Phi_{-2/3} \rangle$	$\langle \Phi_{-5/3} \rangle$
$S_3^{(2)} \times \mathbb{Z}_3^{(3)}$	$\mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2}_c$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}_c$	C, $AB^2A, AB^2AR(ST)$	-	$(\omega^2, 1, 1)^T$
$\mathbb{Z}_3^{(2)} \times \mathbb{Z}_3^{(3)}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega,1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2,\omega}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2,1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega,\omega^2}$	$AB^2A, AB^2AR(ST)$	$(\omega^2, 1, 1)^T$	$(\omega^2, 1, 1)^T \oplus \langle \Phi_{-1} \rangle$
$\mathbb{Z}_3^{(3)}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$AB^2AR(ST)$	$(0, 1, -\omega^2)^T$ $+ \alpha(1, 0, -\omega^2)^T$	$(1, -1, 0)^T$ $+ \alpha(0, -\omega, 1)^T$
$S_3^{(1)}$	$\mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{2}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{2}$	C, A	-	$(1, 1, 1)^T$
$\mathbb{Z}_3^{(1)}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	A	$(1, 1, 1)^T$	$(1, 1, 1)^T \oplus \langle \Phi_{-1} \rangle$
\mathbb{Z}_6	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-\omega}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega$	$B^2ACR^2(ST)^2$	$(1, -1, 0)^T$	$(1, 1, -2\omega^2)^T$
$\mathbb{Z}_3^{(3)}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$AB^2AR(ST)$	$(0, 1, -\omega^2)^T$ $+ \alpha(1, 0, -\omega^2)^T$	$(1, -1, 0)^T$ $+ \alpha(0, -\omega, 1)^T$
$\mathbb{Z}_3^{(4)}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_\omega \oplus \mathbf{1}_{\omega^2}$	$BR(ST)^2$	$(1, a, b)^T$	$(1, a, b)^T$
\mathbb{Z}_2	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1}$	$\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-1}$	C	$(0, 1, -1)^T$ (preserves $\mathbb{Z}_6^{(2)T}$)	$(1, 0, 0)^T$ $+ \alpha(0, 1, 1)^T$

Representation matrices of the flavor group of twisted matter fields $\Phi_{-2/3}$ and $\Phi_{-5/3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{-2/3} : \quad & \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, \omega}(A) = \rho(A), \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, \omega}(B) = \rho(B), \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, \omega}(C) = \rho(C), \\ & \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, \omega}(R) = e^{2\pi i/9} \mathbb{1}_3, \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_2, \omega}(ST) = e^{2\pi i 2/9} \rho(ST), \quad \text{and} \\ \Phi_{-5/3} : \quad & \rho_{\mathbf{3}_1, \omega}(A) = \rho(A), \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_1, \omega}(B) = \rho(B), \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_1, \omega}(C) = -\rho(C), \\ & \rho_{\mathbf{3}_1, \omega}(R) = e^{-4\pi i/9} \mathbb{1}_3, \quad \rho_{\mathbf{3}_1, \omega}(ST) = e^{2\pi i 5/9} \rho(ST). \end{aligned}$$

Narain vielbein

The Narain vielbein can be parameterized as (in absence of Wilson lines)

$$E := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-T}}{\sqrt{\alpha'}} (G - B) & -\sqrt{\alpha'} e^{-T} \\ \frac{e^{-T}}{\sqrt{\alpha'}} (G + B) & \sqrt{\alpha'} e^{-T} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this definition of the Narain vielbein, e denotes the vielbein of the D -dimensional geometrical torus \mathbb{T}^D with metric $G := e^T e$, e^{-T} corresponds to the inverse transposed matrix of e , B is the anti-symmetric background B -field ($B = -B^T$), and α' is called the Regge slope.

World-sheet modular invariance requires E to span even, self-dual lattice $\Gamma = \{E \hat{N} \mid \hat{N} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2D}\}$ with metric η of signature (D, D) . Consequently, one can always choose E such that

$$E^T \eta E = \hat{\eta}, \quad \text{where} \quad \eta := \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\eta} := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Transformation of moduli

To compute the transformation properties of the moduli T and U we use the generalized metric $\mathcal{H} = E^T E$. As the Narain vielbein depends on the moduli $E = E(T, U)$ so does the generalized metric $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(T, U)$. It transforms as

$$\mathcal{H}(T, U) \xrightarrow{\hat{\Sigma}} \mathcal{H}(T', U') = \hat{\Sigma}^{-T} \mathcal{H}(T, U) \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}.$$

This equation can be used to read off the transformations of the moduli

$$T \xrightarrow{\hat{\Sigma}} T' = T'(T, U) \quad \text{and} \quad U \xrightarrow{\hat{\Sigma}} U' = U'(T, U).$$

For a two-torus \mathbb{T}^2 , the generalized metric in terms of the torus moduli reads

$$\mathcal{H}(T, U) = \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im} T \operatorname{Im} U} \begin{pmatrix} |T|^2 & |T|^2 \operatorname{Re} U & \operatorname{Re} T \operatorname{Re} U & -\operatorname{Re} T \\ |T|^2 \operatorname{Re} U & |TU|^2 & |U|^2 \operatorname{Re} T & -\operatorname{Re} T \operatorname{Re} U \\ \operatorname{Re} T \operatorname{Re} U & |U|^2 \operatorname{Re} T & |U|^2 & -\operatorname{Re} U \\ -\operatorname{Re} T & -\operatorname{Re} T \operatorname{Re} U & -\operatorname{Re} U & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Explicit generators of $\Omega(2)$ for $\mathbb{T}^2/\mathbb{Z}_3$

$\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})_T$ modular generators S and T arise from rotational outer automorphisms and act on the modulus via

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

Reflectional outer automorphism corresponding to $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\mathcal{CP}}$ \mathcal{CP} -like transformation:

$$K_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho(S) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(T) = \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

The traditional flavor symmetry $\Delta(54)$ is generated by two translational outer automorphisms of the Narain space group A and B, together with the \mathbb{Z}_2 rotational outer automorphism C := S².

$$\rho(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(B) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(C) = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \rho(S)^2,$$