



Near-Critical Behavior in Modular Flavor Models

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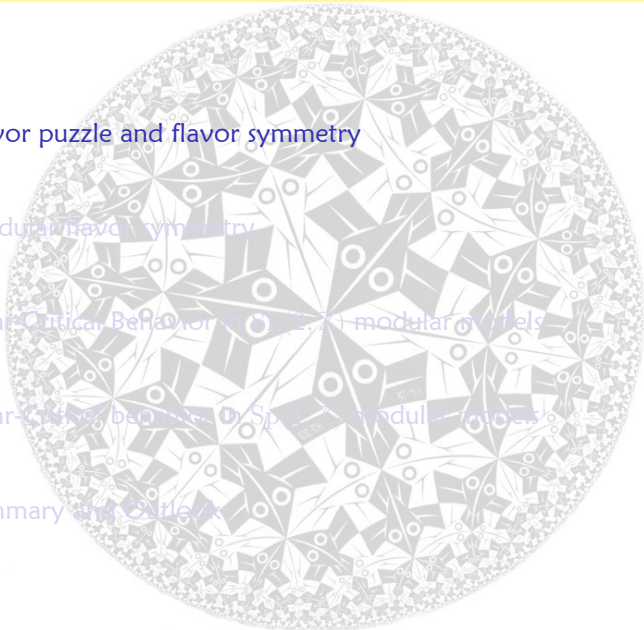
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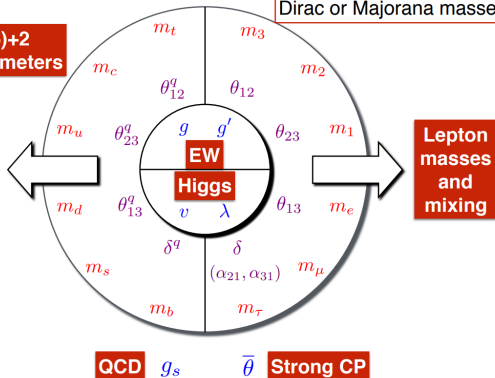


"Pizza pie" of SM

SM + massive neutrinos

24(26)+2
free parameters

Quark
masses
and
mixing



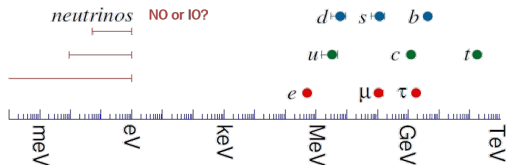
Lepton
masses
and
mixing

- ◇ 3 gauge couplings
- ◇ 2 Higgs parameters
- ◇ 1 QCD angle $\bar{\theta}$
- ◇ 12 fermions masses
- ◇ 8(+2) flavor mixing parameters

Most of the SM parameters are in the flavor sector!

(see talk by Chang, Omar ...)

- What is the origin of the hierarchies in the masses of leptons & quarks ?



- How to understand the flavor mixing patterns of leptons & quarks ?

PMNS

$$|U| = \begin{matrix} e \\ \mu \\ \tau \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{yellow} & \text{green} & \text{black} \\ \text{green} & \text{yellow} & \text{blue} \\ \text{black} & \text{blue} & \text{yellow} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

CKM

$$|V| = \begin{matrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} d & s & b \\ \begin{bmatrix} \text{yellow} & \text{green} & \cdot \\ \text{green} & \text{yellow} & \text{blue} \\ \cdot & \text{blue} & \text{yellow} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

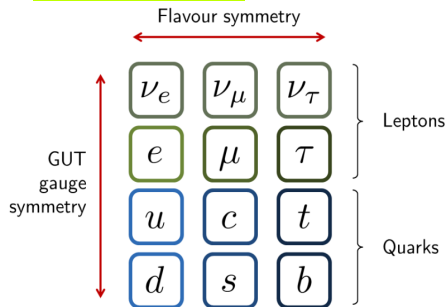
Remarks:

- In SM, the fermion masses and flavor mixing are determined by Yukawa coupling constants which are completely unconstrained
- No guiding principles
- Symmetries?



(see talk by Ramond and Ma)

- **Flavor symmetry**: Horizontal symmetry linking different families.



e.g.: (see talk by Chun, Mondragon and Chang)

- ◇ **Flavor transformation**:

$$\varphi \xrightarrow{g} \rho(g)\varphi$$

with $g \in G_f, \rho(g) \in \mathbf{Rep}(G_f)$.

- ◇ **Flavor group G_f** can be Abelian or non-Abelian, continuous Lie groups or discrete groups...

- Froggatt-Nielsen models: $G_f = U(1)_{\text{FN}}$. (Froggatt and Nielsen 1979)
- Non-Abelian finite flavor symmetry: $G_f = A_4, S_4, A_5 \dots$. (Feruglio and Romanino 2021)
- ☺ New game: **Modular (flavor) symmetries**
 - ⎧ Hierarchical structure
 - ⎩ Fixed flavor structure



- Flavor group $G_f = Z_3$
- Charged lepton diagonal, neutrino mass from Weinberg operator.
- One flavon ϕ_ν : nontrivial singlet of Z_3 (singlet of SM)
- The irreps assignments of fields: $\rho_L \sim \text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$, $\rho_{\phi_\nu} \sim \omega$, $\rho_H \sim 1$
 \implies neutrino mass Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{W}_\nu = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left[(HL) f \left(\frac{\phi_\nu}{\Lambda_f} \right) (HL) \right]_1 + \dots$$

\implies Neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu = \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \left[\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12}\epsilon^2 & a_{13}\epsilon \\ a_{12}\epsilon^2 & a_{22}\epsilon & a_{23} \\ a_{13}\epsilon & a_{23} & a_{33}\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon^3 \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12}\epsilon^2 & b_{13}\epsilon \\ b_{12}\epsilon^2 & b_{22}\epsilon & b_{23} \\ b_{13}\epsilon & b_{23} & b_{33}\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \right]$$

where the VEV of flavon $\langle \phi_\nu / \Lambda_f \rangle = \epsilon \ll 1$.

Mass spectrum: $m_1 : m_2 : m_3 = \mathcal{O}(1) : \mathcal{O}(1) : \mathcal{O}(1)$



- Flavor group $G_f = A_4$
- Charged lepton diagonal, neutrino mass from Weinberg operator.
- One flavon ϕ_ν : triplet of A_4 (singlet of SM)
- The irreps assignments of fields: $\rho_L \sim \mathbf{3}, \rho_{\phi_\nu} \sim \mathbf{3}, \rho_H \sim \mathbf{1}$

⇒ neutrino mass Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{W}_\nu = \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} [(HL)(HL)]_1 + \frac{\beta}{\Lambda_f} [(HL)\phi_\nu(HL)]_1 + \dots$$

⇒ Neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \left[\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\beta}{\Lambda_f} \begin{pmatrix} 2a & -c & -b \\ -c & 2b & -a \\ -b & -a & 2c \end{pmatrix} + \dots \right]$$

where the VEV alignment of flavon $\langle \phi_\nu \rangle = (a, b, c)^T$.

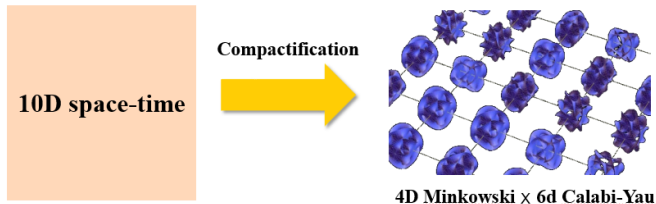
Take $\langle \phi_\nu \rangle = (1, 1, 1)^T$:

$$\text{Tri-bimaximal: } U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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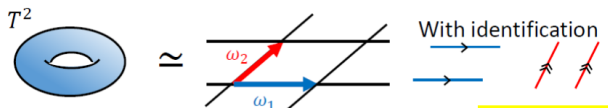
In string theory, extra dimension compactification leads to target-space

Modular symmetry (see talk by Saul Ramos-Sanchez)



$$S = \int d^4x d^6y \mathcal{L}_{10D} \Rightarrow \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, \tau_i)$$

Example: Torus compactification ($6D \rightarrow 4D$):





- The shape of a torus is characterized by complex structure modulus

$$\tau = \omega_1/\omega_2, \quad \text{Im}(\tau) > 0$$

which is in the complex upper half plane $\mathcal{H} = \langle \tau \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) > 0 \rangle$.

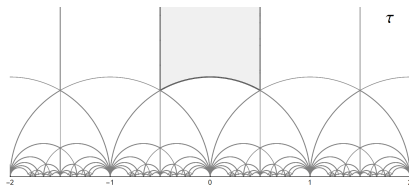
- The lattice (torus) is left invariant by modular transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega'_2 \\ \omega'_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 \\ \omega_1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$

where $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$

\Rightarrow **(Target-space) Modular symmetry!**

- The inequivalent moduli vacua: Fundamental domain $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{H}/\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$





- $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ has two generators satisfying $S^4 = (ST)^3 = 1, S^2T = TS^2$

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

They act on modulus by: $\tau \xrightarrow{S} -1/\tau, \tau \xrightarrow{T} \tau + 1$

- Principal congruence subgroup $\Gamma(N) \trianglelefteq \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\Gamma(N) = \left\{ \gamma \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

The quotients are finite modular groups: (Feruglio 2017; Liu and Ding 2019)

- ◇ $\Gamma_N \equiv \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \pm \Gamma(N) \cong \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_N) : \Gamma_2 \cong S_3, \Gamma_3 \cong A_4, \Gamma_4 \cong S_4, \Gamma_5 \cong A_5 \dots$
- ◇ $\Gamma'_N \equiv \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \Gamma(N) \cong \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_N) : \Gamma'_2 \cong S_3, \Gamma'_3 \cong T', \Gamma'_4 \cong S'_4, \Gamma'_5 \cong A'_5 \dots$

- **Modular forms (automorphic forms):** holomorphic functions in $\mathcal{H} \cup i\infty$ and

$$f_i(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^k f_i(\tau) \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma(N)$$

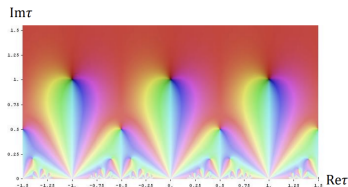
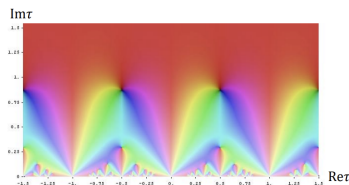
- Modular forms can be regarded as the generalization of periodic functions

$$f_i(\tau + 1) = f_i(\tau), \quad f_i(-1/\tau) = (-\tau)^k f_i(\tau)$$

- Some examples of modular forms

- Dedekind eta function $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$ with $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$
- Eisenstein series $E_k(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m,n \in \mathbb{Z}} (m\tau + n)^{-k}$ with $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

- Complex Arg plot for E_4 and E_6



- Modular forms span a **finite dimensional vector space** $\mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma(N))$, which is actually the **representation space** of finite modular group $\Gamma_N^{(l)}$:

$$f_i(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^k \rho_{ij}(\gamma) f_j(\tau), \quad \forall \gamma \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

where $\rho(\gamma) \in \mathbf{Rep}(\Gamma_N^{(l)})$ ($\ker(\rho) = \Gamma(N)$, $\text{Im}(\rho) \cong \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) / \ker(\rho)$)



As the low energy effective field theory of string compactification, the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY theory is a non-linear σ -model which contains moduli superfield τ and matter superfields φ_I .

- The action: (Ferrara et al. 1989; Feruglio 2017)

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

where

- ◇ Kähler potential (in minimal form):

$$\mathcal{K}(\varphi_I, \bar{\varphi}_I; \tau, \bar{\tau}) = -h\Lambda^2 \log(-i\tau + i\bar{\tau}) + \sum_I (-i\tau + i\bar{\tau})^{-k_I} |\varphi_I|^2$$

- ◇ Superpotential (in power series of φ_I):

$$\mathcal{W}(\varphi_I, \tau) = \sum_n Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \varphi_{I_1} \dots \varphi_{I_n}$$



- The **modular (flavor) transformation** of superfields are non-linear (Lauer, Mas, and

Nilles 1989; Feruglio 2017) :

$$\begin{cases} \tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \\ \varphi_I \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_I} \rho_I(\gamma) \varphi_I, \end{cases} \quad \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

where

- ◇ k_I : modular weight of matter field φ_I
 - ◇ ρ_I : unitary irreps of Γ_N (or Γ'_N) (Feruglio 2017; Liu and Ding 2019)
- Modular invariance of \mathcal{W} requires Yukawa couplings

$$Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \xrightarrow{\gamma} Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\gamma\tau) = (c\tau + d)^{k_Y} \rho_Y(\gamma) Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau),$$

with $k_Y = k_{I_1} + \dots + k_{I_n}$, $\rho_Y \otimes \rho_{I_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_{I_n} \ni \mathbf{1}$.

\Rightarrow Yukawa couplings are **modular forms!** $Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \in \mathcal{M}_{k_Y}(\Gamma(N))$

- Freedom of model building: $\varphi_I, k_I, \rho_I (\Gamma_N^{(l)})$
- For the given k_Y and ρ_Y , the modular forms space is finite-dimensional:
Only a finite number of possible Yukawa couplings !

e.g.:

(Liu and Ding 2019)

N	$\dim \mathcal{M}_k(\Gamma(N))$	$\Gamma_N (\Gamma'_N)$	Modular forms multiplets			
			$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k \geq 4$
2	$k/2 + 1 (k \in \text{even})$	$S_3 (S_3)$	—	$Y_2^{(2)}$	—	...
3	$k + 1$	$A_4 (T')$	$Y_2^{(1)}$	$Y_3^{(2)}$	$Y_2^{(3)}, Y_{2''}^{(3)}$...
4	$2k + 1$	$S_4 (S'_4)$	$Y_{\hat{3}'}^{(1)}$	$Y_2^{(2)}, Y_3^{(2)}$	$Y_{\hat{1}'}^{(3)}, Y_{\hat{3}}^{(3)}, Y_{\hat{3}'}^{(3)}$...
5	$5k + 1$	$A_5 (A'_5)$	$Y_6^{(1)}$	$Y_3^{(2)}, Y_{3'}^{(2)}, Y_5^{(2)}$	$Y_{4'}^{(3)}, Y_{6I}^{(3)}, Y_{6II}^{(3)}$...
...

(...; Kobayashi, Tanaka, and Tatsuishi 2018; Feruglio 2017; Penedo and Petcov 2019; Novichkov et al. 2019a; Ding, King, and Liu 2019; Liu and Ding 2019; Liu, Yao, and Ding 2021; Novichkov, Penedo, and Petcov 2021a; Wang, Yu, and Zhou 2021; Yao, Liu, and Ding 2020)

- All higher-dimensional operators in τ are completely determined
- No additional flavons other than the modulus τ
- Modular symmetry is spontaneously broken by modulus VEV $\langle \tau \rangle$ which is treated as a free parameter in bottom-up approach.



- Finite modular group: $\Gamma_3 \cong A_4 = \langle S, T \mid S^2 = (ST)^3 = T^3 = 1 \rangle$

- Irreps: $\mathbf{1}$, $\mathbf{1}'$, $\mathbf{1}''$, $\mathbf{3}$

- Irreps matrices of generators ($\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$):

$$\mathbf{1} : \rho(S) = 1, \quad \rho(T) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{1}' : \rho(S) = 1, \quad \rho(T) = \omega$$

$$\mathbf{1}'' : \rho(S) = 1, \quad \rho(T) = \omega^2$$

$$\mathbf{3} : \rho(S) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Tensor product:

$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}' \oplus \mathbf{1}'' \oplus \mathbf{3}_a \oplus \mathbf{3}_s$$

- There are only one triplet modular forms at lowest weight 2:

$$Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(2)}(\tau) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\eta'(\tau/3)}{\eta(\tau/3)} + \frac{\eta'((\tau+1)/3)}{\eta((\tau+1)/3)} + \frac{\eta'((\tau+2)/3)}{\eta((\tau+2)/3)} - \frac{27\eta'(3\tau)}{\eta(3\tau)} \right) \\ \frac{-i}{\pi} \left(\frac{\eta'(\tau/3)}{\eta(\tau/3)} + \omega^2 \frac{\eta'((\tau+1)/3)}{\eta((\tau+1)/3)} + \omega' \frac{\eta'((\tau+2)/3)}{\eta((\tau+2)/3)} \right) \\ \frac{-i}{\pi} \left(\frac{\eta'(\tau/3)}{\eta(\tau/3)} + \omega \frac{\eta'((\tau+1)/3)}{\eta((\tau+1)/3)} + \omega^2 \frac{\eta'((\tau+2)/3)}{\eta((\tau+2)/3)} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Modular forms of higher weight can be constructed by tensor product:

$$k = 4 : \quad \begin{cases} Y_1^{(4)} = Y_1^2 + 2Y_2Y_3 \\ Y_{1'}^{(4)} = Y_3^2 + 2Y_1Y_2 \\ Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1^2 - Y_2Y_3 \\ Y_3^2 - Y_1Y_2 \\ Y_2^2 - Y_1Y_3 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$k = 6 : \quad \dots$$



In this toy model, we assume (Feruglio 2017)

- Charged lepton diagonal, neutrino mass from Weinberg operator.
- Based on $\Gamma_3 \cong A_4$.
- The assignments of weights and irreps: $\rho_L \sim \mathbf{3}$, $\rho_{H_u} \sim \mathbf{1}$; $k_L = 1$, $k_{H_u} = 0$.
 \Rightarrow Modular invariant superpotential $\mathcal{W}_\nu = \frac{1}{\Lambda} [(H_u L) Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(2)}(\tau) (H_u L)]_{\mathbf{1}}$
 \Rightarrow Neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_1(\tau) & -Y_3(\tau) & -Y_2(\tau) \\ -Y_3(\tau) & 2Y_2(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) \\ -Y_2(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) & 2Y_3(\tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

Remarks:

- ◇ Modular flavor model is simple, complexity is hidden in modular forms.
- ◇ It looks like traditional A_4 model, but each entry are correlated.
- ◇ **3** free parameters Λ , $\text{Re}(\tau)$, $\text{Im}(\tau)$ determine **9** observables:
3 neutrino masses + **3** lepton mixing angles + **3** CP phases



- Unfortunately, this model is unrealistic due to its prediction θ_{13} too small:

NuFIT 5.2 (2022)

	Inverted Ordering ($\Delta\chi^2 = 2.3$)	
	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.303^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$	0.270 \rightarrow 0.341
$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	$33.41^{+0.75}_{-0.72}$	31.31 \rightarrow 35.74
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.578^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$	0.412 \rightarrow 0.623
$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	$49.5^{+0.9}_{-1.2}$	39.9 \rightarrow 52.1
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02219^{+0.00060}_{-0.00057}$	0.02047 \rightarrow 0.02396
$\theta_{13}/^\circ$	$8.57^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	8.23 \rightarrow 8.90
$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	286^{+27}_{-32}	192 \rightarrow 360
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	$7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 \rightarrow 8.03
$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	$-2.498^{+0.032}_{-0.025}$	-2.581 \rightarrow -2.408

without SK atmospheric data

- Best-fit value for τ :

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

- Model predictions:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.295$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.651$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.00447 \quad \text{☹}$$

$$\delta_{CP} = 279^\circ$$

$$\frac{\Delta m_{sol}^2}{\Delta m_{atm}^2} = 0.0292$$



The original $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ modular invariant theory has been extended to

- Include the odd weight modular forms, and $\Gamma_N \mapsto \Gamma'_N$. (Liu and Ding 2019)
- Include the rational weight modular forms, and $\Gamma'_N \mapsto \widetilde{\Gamma}_N$. (Liu et al. 2020)
- Reformulate in VVMFs, and $\Gamma_N \mapsto \Gamma/\text{Nor}$ (Liu and Ding 2022)
- Combine with the CP symmetry: $\tau \xrightarrow{CP} -\tau^*$ (Baur et al. 2019; Novichkov et al. 2019b)
- Eclectic flavor symmetry: tradition flavor \cup modular flavor (Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, and Vaudrevange 2020; Nilles, Ramos-Sanchez, and Vaudrevange 2020)

Minimal model building:

- The minimal lepton models (6 real input parameters). (Ding, Liu, and Yao 2023; Ding et al. 2023)
- The minimal quark models (8 real input parameters). (Ding et al. 2023)
- The minimal lepton + quark models (14 real input parameters) (Ding et al. 2023)

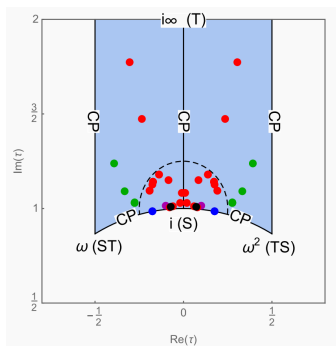
Other applications:

- Applying to solve Strong CP problem. (Feruglio, Strumia, and Titov 2023; Petcov and Tanimoto 2024; Penedo and Petcov 2024)
- Modular inflation. (Ding, Jiang, and Zhao 2024; King and Wang 2024)
- ...



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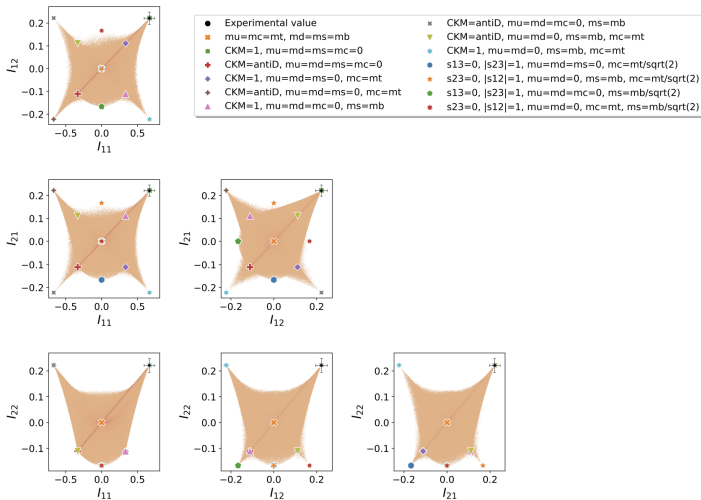
- Modular flavor models are elegant and simple, but also complicated.
 “Make things as simple as possible, but no simpler.—Albert Einstein”
- At present only numerical analysis, lack of (semi-)analytical understanding.
- The best-fit values of modulus shows a specific distribution : (Feruglio 2023a)



- Are there any model-independent features?

- There are no non-trivial residual flavor symmetries at low energy.
- Flavor observables close to a “special point” (in terms of flavor invariants)?

(Bento, Silva, and Trautner 2024)





- The modular form has q -expansion, and the first few terms are accurate enough for numerical calculation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 12q + 36q^2 + 12q^3 + 84q^4 + \dots \\ -6q^{1/3}(1 + 7q + 8q^2 + 18q^3 + 14q^4 + \dots) \\ -18q^{2/3}(1 + 2q + 5q^2 + 4q^3 + 8q^4 + \dots) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow i\infty} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6q^{1/3} \\ -18q^{2/3} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau} = e^{-2\pi \text{Im}\tau} e^{2\pi i \text{Re}\tau}$ (therefore $\tau \rightarrow i\infty \Rightarrow q \rightarrow 0$.)

- Neutrino mass matrix :

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_1 & -Y_3 & -Y_2 \\ -Y_3 & 2Y_2 & -Y_1 \\ -Y_2 & -Y_1 & 2Y_3 \end{pmatrix} \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 0} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -18q^{2/3} & -6q^{1/3} \\ -18q^{2/3} & -12q^{1/3} & -1 \\ -6q^{1/3} & -1 & -36q^{2/3} \end{pmatrix} \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} + \dots$$

- Define the new variable $\epsilon := q^{1/3} = e^{2\pi i\tau/3}$, then

$$M_\nu = \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -18\epsilon^2 & -6\epsilon \\ -18\epsilon^2 & -12\epsilon & -1 \\ -6\epsilon & -1 & -36\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon^3 \begin{pmatrix} 24 & 36\epsilon^2 & 42\epsilon \\ 36\epsilon^2 & 84\epsilon & -12 \\ 42\epsilon & -12 & -72\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \right]$$

It really mimics a traditional Z_3 flavor model in the vicinity of $i\infty$!
 (Notice that all the coefficients are fixed, not arbitrary, even not $\mathcal{O}(1)$)



Question: What is the origin of the patterns of mass matrices?

Answer: The linear sub-symmetry in modular flavor symmetry.

- Let us focus on the sub-symmetry $Z^T = \langle T \rangle \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$:

$$\begin{cases} \tau \xrightarrow{\gamma} \frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d} \\ \varphi_I \xrightarrow{\gamma} (c\tau+d)^{-k_I} \rho_I(\gamma) \varphi_I \end{cases} \supset \begin{cases} \tau \xrightarrow{T} \tau + 1 \\ \varphi_I \xrightarrow{T} \rho_I(T) \varphi_I \end{cases}$$

- Change the field variable $\tau \mapsto u = e^{2\pi i\tau/3}; \varphi_I \mapsto \varphi_I$:

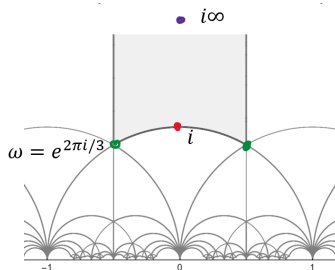
$$\begin{cases} u = e^{2\pi i\tau/3} \xrightarrow{T} \omega u \\ \varphi_I \xrightarrow{T} \rho_I(T) \varphi_I \end{cases}$$

The original sub-symmetry Z^T becomes a linear flavor symmetry

Fields	L_1	L_2	L_3	u
$\text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y$	$(2, -1/2)$	$(2, -1/2)$	$(2, -1/2)$	$(1, 0)$
$Z_3^T \subset \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$	1	ω	ω^2	ω

There are two other sub-symmetries in $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ that can be linearized.

■ Fixed points in moduli space and their stabilizer:



- ◆ Fixed points (critical points) τ_0 are invariant under their stabilizers G_0 :

$$\gamma_0 \tau_0 = \tau_0, \quad \gamma_0 \in G_0$$

Fixed Point τ_0	i	ω	$i\infty$
◆ Stabilizer G_0	Z_4^S	$Z_3^{ST} \times Z_2^{S^2}$	$Z^T \times Z_2^{S^2}$
Order of G_0	4	6	∞

■ Field redefinition and linearization of G_0 : (Feruglio et al. 2021; Novichkov, Penedo, and Petcov 2021b)

- ◆ $u := \frac{\tau - \tau_0}{\tau - \bar{\tau}_0}, \quad \Phi_I := (1 - u)^{k_I} \varphi_I, \quad \text{for } \tau_0 = i, \omega.$
- ◆ $u := e^{2\pi i \tau / N}, \quad \Phi_I := \varphi_I, \quad \text{for } \tau_0 = i\infty.$



$$\begin{cases} u \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} e^{i\theta_0} u \\ \Phi_I \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} \Omega_I(\gamma_0) \Phi_I \end{cases}$$

with

$$\theta_0 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}2\pi & \text{for } \gamma_0 = S \\ \frac{2}{3}2\pi & \text{for } \gamma_0 = ST \\ \frac{1}{N}2\pi & \text{for } \gamma_0 = T \end{cases}, \quad \Omega_I = \begin{cases} i^{k_I} \rho_I(S) & \text{for } \gamma_0 = S \\ \omega^{k_I} \rho_I(ST) & \text{for } \gamma_0 = ST \\ \rho_I(T) & \text{for } \gamma_0 = T \end{cases}$$

Remarks: Ω_I are still Reps of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, determined by (k_I, ρ_I) . It is actually the Rep decomposition of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ under G_0 .

- We can expand M around the fixed point $u = 0$:

$$M_{ij}(u) = m_{ij}^{(0)} + m_{ij}^{(1)} u + m_{ij}^{(2)} u^2 + m_{ij}^{(3)} u^3 + \dots$$

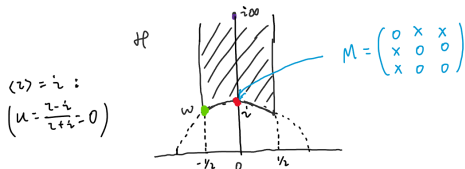
- Invariance of mass matrices under G_0 (where $\Omega := \Omega_{H_u} \Omega_L$):
e.g.:

$$M_\nu(u) \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} M_\nu(e^{i\theta_0} u) = \Omega^* M_\nu(u) \Omega^\dagger,$$

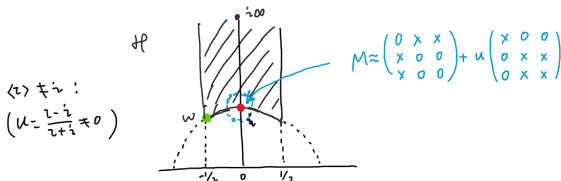
Universal scaling behavior near critical point



- The form of Ω_I determine the hierarchy pattern of mass matrix M .
- In the vicinity of critical point, namely $0 \approx |u| \ll 1$, only the leading term dominates : **Power law** (scaling behavior)
 - ◇ At the critical point $u = 0$ (i.e., $\tau = \tau_0$), linear symmetry G_0 is unbroken: G_0 -symmetric phase, where the flavor data will be unrealistic.



- ◇ Deviate a little bit from the critical point, $u \approx 0$, linear symmetry G_0 is broken: G_0 -broken phase, where realistic flavor data can be reproduced.





From the representations of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, we can list all possible Ω_I

- In the case of $G_0 = Z^T$ (base point $i\infty$), there are too many possibilities for $\Omega(T)$ and there is no complete classification yet, so we ignore this case.
- In the case of $G_0 = Z_4^S$ and $G_0 = Z_3^{ST} \times Z_2^{S^2}$ (base points i and ω), there are only a few cases of decomposition:

- ◇ Irreducible "triplets" : (Feruglio 2023a; Feruglio 2023b)

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(S) &= i^s \text{diag}(1, -1, -1) ; \\ \Omega(ST) &= \text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2) .\end{aligned}$$

- ◇ Reducible "doublets + singlets" : (Chen et al. 2024a)

- ◇
$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(S) &= i^{s_2} \text{diag}(1, -1, 0) + i^{s_1} \text{diag}(0, 0, 1) ; \\ \Omega(ST) &= \omega^{s_2} \text{diag}(1, \omega, 0) + \omega^{s_1} \text{diag}(0, 0, 1) .\end{aligned}$$

Mass matrix patterns near the critical point ω



(s_2, s_1)	M_{ee}	M_ν	M_ν^{-1}
(0, 0)	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & m_{13}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(10)} & m_{22}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(10)} \\ m_{13}^{(0)} & um_{23}^{(10)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & m_{13}^{(0)} \\ um_{12}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{22}^{(01)} & um_{23}^{(10)} \\ m_{13}^{(0)} & um_{23}^{(10)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & m_{13}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & um_{22}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} \\ m_{13}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$
(0, 1)	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & um_{13}^{(10)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & m_{22}^{(0)} & m_{23}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} & m_{23}^{(0)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & um_{13}^{(10)} \\ um_{12}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{22}^{(01)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} \\ um_{13}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} & \bar{um}_{33}^{(01)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & um_{22}^{(10)} & um_{23}^{(10)} \\ \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} & um_{23}^{(10)} & um_{33}^{(10)} \end{pmatrix}$
(0, 2)	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & m_{22}^{(0)} & um_{23}^{(10)} \\ um_{13}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} \\ um_{12}^{(10)} & \bar{um}_{22}^{(01)} & m_{23}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} & m_{23}^{(0)} & um_{33}^{(10)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & um_{13}^{(10)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & um_{22}^{(10)} & m_{23}^{(0)} \\ um_{13}^{(10)} & m_{23}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{33}^{(01)} \end{pmatrix}$
(1, 1)	$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}^{(0)} & um_{12}^{(10)} & m_{13}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{12}^{(01)} & m_{22}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{23}^{(01)} \\ m_{13}^{(0)} & um_{23}^{(10)} & m_{33}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{um}_{11}^{(01)} & m_{12}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} \\ m_{12}^{(0)} & um_{22}^{(10)} & m_{23}^{(0)} \\ \bar{um}_{13}^{(01)} & m_{23}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{33}^{(01)} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} um_{11}^{(10)} & m_{12}^{(0)} & um_{13}^{(10)} \\ m_{12}^{(0)} & \bar{um}_{22}^{(01)} & m_{23}^{(0)} \\ um_{13}^{(10)} & m_{23}^{(0)} & um_{33}^{(10)} \end{pmatrix}$
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Assuming the coefficients $m_{ij}^{(ab)}$ are $\mathcal{O}(1)$, There is a viable mass matrix pattern near i and near ω (where $\varepsilon = |u| \ll 1$):

τ	(s_2, s_1)	$M_{\nu}(0, 0)$	mass ordering	$\frac{\Delta m_{sol}^2}{\Delta m_{atm}^2}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
$\approx i$	(1, 1)	singular	NO	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))$	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
$\approx \omega$	(1, 2)	singular	NO	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))$	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$

Remarks:

- ◇ The viable reducible case (1, 1) around i is exactly the same as the successful pattern found in irreducible case ($s = 1$ or 3).
- ◇ The viable reducible case (1, 2) around ω is almost the same as the behavior of case (1, 1) near i . It does not exist in the irreducible case near ω .
- ◇ However, the assumption that $m_{ij}^{(ab)}$ are $\mathcal{O}(1)$ is not always true. [\(Chen et al. 2024a\)](#)



In the vicinity of critical point i (where $\varepsilon = \left| \frac{\tau-i}{\tau+i} \right|$):

Ω	Ω_c	Hierarchy
$\text{diag}(i, -i, -1)$	$\text{diag}(i, -i, -1)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(i, -i, i)$	$\text{diag}(i, -i, -i)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(i, -i, 1)$	$\text{diag}(i, -i, 1)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, -1, -1)$	$\text{diag}(1, -1, -1)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, -1, i)$	$\text{diag}(1, -1, -i)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, -1, 1)$	$\text{diag}(1, -1, 1)$	$(1, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(i, -i, -i)$	$\text{diag}(i, -i, -i)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(i, -i, i)$	$\text{diag}(i, -i, i)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
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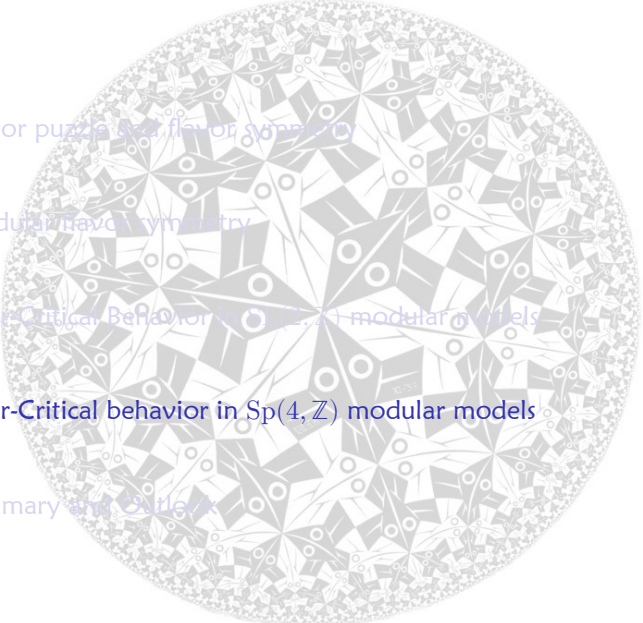


In the vicinity of critical point ω (where $\varepsilon = \left| \frac{\tau - \omega}{\tau - \omega^2} \right|$):

Ω	Ω_c	Hierarchy
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, 1)$	$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega)$	$\text{diag}(\omega, \omega^2, \omega^2)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega)$	$\text{diag}(\omega^2, 1, 1)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$	$\text{diag}(\omega, \omega^2, \omega)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$	$\text{diag}(\omega^2, 1, \omega^2)$	$(\varepsilon, 1, 1)$
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$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega)$	$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$	$(\varepsilon^2, 1, 1)$
$\text{diag}(1, \omega, \omega^2)$	$\text{diag}(\omega, \omega^2, \omega^2)$	$(\varepsilon^2, 1, 1)$
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 - 5 Summary and Outlook



- String compactifications down to 4D naturally produce many moduli
- The natural generalization of $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ modular invariance is $\mathrm{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z})$ Symplectic modular invariance.
- (non-compact) Moduli space: Siegel upper half plane

$$\mathcal{H}_g = \{\tau \in \mathrm{GL}(g, \mathbb{C}) \mid \tau^T = \tau, \mathrm{Im}(\tau) > 0\}$$

- (Siegel) symplectic modular group $\mathrm{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z})$:

$$\mathrm{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \mid \gamma^T J \gamma = J \text{ with } J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_g \\ -\mathbb{1}_g & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

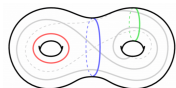
- Action of $\mathrm{Sp}(2g, \mathbb{Z})$ on τ and φ_I :

$$\begin{cases} \tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau = (A\tau + B)(C\tau + D)^{-1} \\ \varphi_I \rightarrow \det(C\tau + D)^{-k_I} \rho_I(\gamma) \varphi_I \end{cases}$$

Remark: At genus $g = 1$, $\mathrm{Sp}(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$.

- Moduli (three components τ_1, τ_2, τ_3):

$$\mathcal{H}_2 = \left\{ \tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_3 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \middle| \det(\text{Im}(\tau)) > 0, \text{tr}(\text{Im}(\tau)) > 0 \right\}$$



- ◇ $\tau_3 = 0$: $\mathcal{H}_2 \simeq 2$ factorized tori;
- ◇ $\tau_3 \neq 0$: $\mathcal{H}_2 \simeq$ generic Riemann surface of genus 2;

- The simplest non-Abelian finite modular group is $\Gamma_{2,2} \cong S_6$, which has **no 3-d irreps to accommodate 3 families of fermions!**

- Restrict to (invariant) subspace Σ of \mathcal{H}_2 (Symmetry $\text{Sp}(4, \mathbb{Z}) \mapsto N(H)$):

- ◇ Two dimensional:
$$\begin{cases} \Sigma_1 : \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, & \Gamma_{2,2} \mapsto (S_3 \times S_3) \rtimes Z_2 \\ \Sigma_2 : \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_3 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}, & \Gamma_{2,2} \mapsto S_4 \times Z_2 \end{cases}$$

- ◇ One dimensional:
$$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_1/2 \\ \tau_1/2 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Unlike the $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, the fundamental domain \mathcal{F}_2 of the $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ is very complicated and cannot be visualized.
- There **six** inequivalent fixed points in \mathcal{F}_2 , **four** of which are also in the subspace Σ_2 :

#	Fixed points τ_0	Residual symmetry in $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$	$G_0 =$ Residual symmetry in $N(H)$
1.	$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta & \zeta + \zeta^{-2} \\ \zeta + \zeta^{-2} & -\zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	Z_{10}	—
2.	$\begin{pmatrix} \eta & \frac{1}{2}(\eta - 1) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\eta - 1) & \eta \end{pmatrix}$	$GL(2, 3)$	D_4 ($\tau \in \Sigma_2$)
3.	$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$	$(Z_4 \times Z_4) \rtimes Z_2$	$\begin{cases} (Z_4 \times Z_4) \rtimes Z_2 & (\tau \in \Sigma_1) \\ D_4 \circ Z_4 & (\tau \in \Sigma_2) \end{cases}$
4.	$\begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$	$(Z_6 \times Z_6) \rtimes Z_2$	$\begin{cases} (Z_6 \times Z_6) \rtimes Z_2 & (\tau \in \Sigma_1) \\ D_4 \times Z_3 & (\tau \in \Sigma_2) \end{cases}$
5.	$\frac{i\sqrt{3}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$(Z_6 \times Z_2) \rtimes Z_2$	D_4 ($\tau \in \Sigma_2$)
6.	$\begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$	$Z_{12} \times Z_2$	$Z_{12} \times Z_2$ ($\tau \in \Sigma_1$)

where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/5}$, $\eta = \frac{1}{3}(1 + i2\sqrt{2})$, $\omega = -1/2 + i\sqrt{3}/2$. Unlike the case in $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$, the residual symmetry G_0 in $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ are all non-Abelian!



- Field redefinition (A generalization from the case of $g = 1$): (Ding, Feruglio, and Liu 2024)

$$u := e^{-i\alpha}(\tau - \tau_0)(\tau - \bar{\tau}_0)^{-1}$$

$$\Phi_I := [\det(1 - e^{i\alpha}u)]^{k_I} \varphi_I,$$

where α is a constant.

- The new fields transform linearly under their respective stabilizer G_0 .

E.g.: For fixed point #5: $u := \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ u_3 & u_1 \end{pmatrix} = (\tau - \tau_0)(\tau - \bar{\tau}_0)^{-1}$.

Under the generators a, b of $G_0 = D_4$:

$$u_1 \xrightarrow{a} -u_1, \quad u_1 \xrightarrow{b} +u_1, \quad u_1 \sim \mathbf{1}'_-$$

$$u_3 \xrightarrow{a} +u_3, \quad u_3 \xrightarrow{b} +u_3, \quad u_3 \sim \mathbf{1}_+.$$

- The matter fields also transform linearly under G_0 : $\Phi_I \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} \Omega_I(\gamma_0) \Phi_I$



- There are **168** irreducible triplets of $N(H)$
- Triplet decomposition ($\Omega(\gamma_0)$) under respective G_0 :

Fixed points	#2	#3	#4	#5
Linearized G_0	D_4	$D_4 \circ Z_4$	$D_4 \times Z_3$	D_4
Triplet decomposition Ω	$\begin{cases} \mathbf{1}_- \oplus \mathbf{1}'_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}'_+ \\ \mathbf{1}_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}'_- \oplus \mathbf{1}'_- \\ \mathbf{1}'_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}_- \oplus \mathbf{1}_- \\ \mathbf{1}'_- \oplus \mathbf{1}_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}_+ \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \mathbf{1}_{+++} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-+-} \\ \mathbf{1}_{-+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+++} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+++} \\ \mathbf{1}_{+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{--+} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{--+} \\ \mathbf{1}_{--+} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-} \\ \mathbf{1}_{+++} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{---} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{---} \\ \mathbf{1}_{---} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+++} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+++} \\ \mathbf{1}_{++-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-} \\ \mathbf{1}_{+-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{++-} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{++-} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \mathbf{1}_{++0} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{++1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{++2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{+-0} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{+-2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{-+0} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-+1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{-+2} \\ \mathbf{1}_{--0} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{--1} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{--2} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} \mathbf{1}_- \oplus \mathbf{1}'_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}'_+ \\ \mathbf{1}_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}'_- \oplus \mathbf{1}'_- \\ \mathbf{1}'_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}_- \oplus \mathbf{1}_- \\ \mathbf{1}'_- \oplus \mathbf{1}_+ \oplus \mathbf{1}_+ \end{cases}$

- We do not consider the other reducible representations such as “2 + 1”.
- We consider the local $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY, then the superpotential is allowed to be modular covariant: $\mathcal{W} \sim$ singlets \mathbf{r}_s .



- Near each critical point, the respective mass matrix patterns depends only on Ω and \mathbf{r}_s . (Not sensitive to Ω)
- In the vicinity of critical points # 2, # 3, and # 5, there is a common viable lepton mass matrix pattern:

$$M_{\bar{e}e}(u, \bar{u}) \approx \begin{pmatrix} y_{11}^0 & y_{12}x & y_{13}x \\ y_{12}^*x & y_{22}^0 & y_{23}^0 \\ y_{13}^*x & y_{23}^0 & y_{33}^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\nu^{-1}(u, \bar{u}) \approx \begin{pmatrix} x_{11}x & x_{12}^0 & x_{13}^0 \\ x_{12}^0 & x_{22}x & x_{23}x \\ x_{13}^0 & x_{23}x & x_{33}x \end{pmatrix}$$

where $x = u_3$ for #2, and $x = u_1$ for #3 & #5

- The predictions for neutrino oscillation parameters (where $\varepsilon_i = |u_i| \ll 1$)

τ	\mathbf{r}_s	$M_\nu(0,0)$	mass ordering	$\frac{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
$\approx \begin{pmatrix} \eta & \frac{1}{2}(\eta-1) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\eta-1) & \eta \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{1}'_-$	singular	NO	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_3^3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_3))$	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_3^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
$\approx \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{1}_{-+-}$ $\mathbf{1}_{-++}$	singular	NO	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1^3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1))$	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$
$\approx \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbf{1}'_-$	singular	NO	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1^3)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1))$	$\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_1^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)$

- This viable pattern is the same as the one found in $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$.

- 1 Flavor puzzle and flavor symmetry
- 2 Modular flavor symmetry
- 3 Near-Critical Behavior in $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ modular models
- 4 Near-Critical behavior in $Sp(1, \mathbb{Z})$ modular models
- 5 Summary and Outlook



- Modular flavor symmetry provides a very attractive solution for flavor puzzle.
- Universal near-critical behavior exist for $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ modular invariant models.
 - ◇ Those linearized symmetries determine the behavior of modular models near the corresponding critical points.
 - ◇ The near-critical behavior appears as power law for the flavor observables in terms of linearized modulus (i.e., “order parameter”).
 - ◇ There are only a few different near-critical patterns in a large number of models (universality).
- Near-critical behavior provides a good description of flavor parameters in SM.
- For lepton mass models, we identify a common viable mass matrix pattern in $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ and $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ modular-invariant models.



- ? The classification of near-critical behavior can be extended to the case of $i\infty$ and also applies to the quark sector (Working in progress...)
- ? What is the origin of near-critical ? (moduli stabilization)
- ? Beyond near-criticality: Observables as holomorphic modular invariants (Chen et al. 2024b) (See talk by Xueqi)
- ? Beyond $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ (even $Sp(2g, \mathbb{Z})$) modular symmetry. (Working in progress...)
- ? Get more insight from string theory. (See talk by Saul)
- ? Is there a “flavor moonshine” ?
- ? ...

- Monster moonshine: Modular functions \Leftrightarrow Monster group \mathbb{M} .

$$j(\tau) = (1) q^{-1} + 744 + (1 + 196883) q + (1 + 196883 + 21296876) q^2 + \dots$$
- Flavor parameters are directly related to modular forms. So is there **Flavor Moonshine** ? (Monster behind Flavor?)
- Three types of "miracles" for mass hierarchy:

Type	Rank[$M_\psi(\varepsilon = 0)$]	Mass hierarchy	Possible asymptotic regions
I	1	$c_1 \varepsilon^m : c_2 \varepsilon^n : c_3$	$\tau \approx i\infty$
II	2	$c_1 \varepsilon^n : c_2 : c_3$	$\tau \approx i\infty, i$
III	3	$c_1 : c_2 : c_3$	$\tau \approx i\infty, i, \omega$

where c_i come from (ε -expansion coefficients of) modular forms and (C-G coefficients of) finite modular group !

- A dream: Realistic modular flavor model with One-Parameter (τ) ! (Working in progress...)
- Golden Mass Relation or Koide formula from Flavor moonshine? (a hint in talk by Omar)

Flavor observables (RG-invariants) as some modular functions ! (Chen et al. 2024b)

- Feruglio's A_4 model (also see talk by Xueqi)

$$M_e = u v_d \text{diag}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma),$$
$$M_\nu = (-i\tau + i\bar{\tau}) \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_1(\tau) & -Y_2(\tau) & -Y_3(\tau) \\ -Y_2(\tau) & 2Y_3(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) \\ -Y_3(\tau) & -Y_1(\tau) & 2Y_2(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \frac{v_u^2}{\Lambda}$$
$$= U_{\text{PMNS}}^* \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3) U_{\text{PMNS}}^\dagger$$

- The RG invariants $I_{ij}(\tau) := \frac{M_{ii}M_{jj}}{M_{ij}^2}$ are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{12}(\tau) &= -2 \\ I_{13}(\tau) &= -2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}j_3(\tau)\right)^3 \\ I_{23}(\tau) &= 16 \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}j_3(\tau)\right)^{-3} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow I_{13}I_{23} = -32$$

where $j_3(\tau) = \eta(\tau/3)^3 \eta(3\tau)^{-3}$ is the Hauptmodul of $\Gamma(3)$.

$$\text{☺ } I_{23}(\tau) = 432q - 6480q^2 + 73872q^3 - 725328q^4 + 6503328q^5 + \dots$$












Thank you for your attention!











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Backup



“There are five elementary arithmetical operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and . . . modular forms.”——Martin Eichler

Modular forms appear almost everywhere:

- As tools to solve problems in number theory.
- Play a key role in proving Fermat's last theorem.
- As a bridge connecting various math structures: Langlands Program
- Monster moonshine $j(\tau) = q^{-1} + 744 + 196884q + 21493760q^2 + \dots$
- Sphere-packing problem in dimension 8 and 24.
- Everywhere in string theory and mathematical physics
- Feynman integral
- **Flavor physics**
- ...

- Lepton mass model (neutrinos mass originate from the Type-I seesaw)
- The matter fields content and their modular charges:

Fields	$E_{1,2,3}^c$	$L_{1,2,3}$	$N_{1,2,3}^c$	$H_{u,d}$
$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$	(1, 1)	(2, -1/2)	(1, 0)	(2, $\pm 1/2$)
$\Gamma_4' \cong S_4'$	$\hat{\mathbf{2}} \oplus \hat{\mathbf{1}}'$	$\mathbf{3}$	$\mathbf{3}$	$\mathbf{1}$
$-k_I$	4	-1	1	0

- Modular invariant superpotential:

$$\mathcal{W}_e = \alpha \left(Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)} E_D^c L \right)_1 H_d + \beta \left(Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}}^{(3)} E_D^c L \right)_1 H_d + \gamma \left(Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}}^{(3)} E_3^c L \right)_1 H_d$$

$$\mathcal{W}_\nu = g (N^c L)_1 H_u + \Lambda \left(Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}}}^{(2)} (N^c N^c)_{\mathbf{2},s} \right)_1$$

- Charged lepton and neutrino mass matrices:

$$M_e = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}',1}^{(3)} & -\alpha Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}',3}^{(3)} + \sqrt{3}\beta Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},2}^{(3)} & -\alpha Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}',2}^{(3)} + \sqrt{3}\beta Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},3}^{(3)} \\ -2\beta Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},1}^{(3)} & \sqrt{3}\alpha Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}',2}^{(3)} + \beta Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},3}^{(3)} & \sqrt{3}\alpha Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}',3}^{(3)} + \beta Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},2}^{(3)} \\ \gamma Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},1}^{(3)} & \gamma Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},3}^{(3)} & \gamma Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}},2}^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} v_d$$

$$M_D = g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} v_u, \quad M_N = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}},1}^{(2)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}},2}^{(2)} & -Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}},1}^{(2)} \\ 0 & -Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}},1}^{(2)} & \sqrt{3}Y_{\hat{\mathbf{2}},2}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}.$$



- Light neutrino masses ($M_\nu = -M_D^T M_N^{-1} M_D$):

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{|2Y_{2,1}^{(2)}|} \frac{g^2 v_u^2}{\Lambda}, \quad m_2 = \frac{1}{|Y_{2,1}^{(2)} - \sqrt{3}Y_{2,2}^{(2)}|} \frac{g^2 v_u^2}{\Lambda}, \quad m_3 = \frac{1}{|Y_{2,1}^{(2)} + \sqrt{3}Y_{2,2}^{(2)}|} \frac{g^2 v_u^2}{\Lambda}.$$

- The product of charged lepton masses:

$$m_e m_\mu m_\tau = \det [M_e(\tau)] = -96\sqrt{6}v_d^3\gamma(\beta^2 - 3\alpha^2)\eta^{18}(\tau)$$

- The numerical best-fit values of input parameters:

$$\langle \tau \rangle = -0.193773 + 1.08321i, \quad \beta/\alpha = 1.73048 (\approx \sqrt{3}), \quad \gamma/\alpha = 0.27031$$

$$\alpha v_d = 244.621 \text{ MeV}, \quad g^2 v_u^2 / \Lambda = 29.0744 \text{ meV}$$

- The lepton masses and flavor mixing parameters are predicted:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.328920, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0218499, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.506956, \quad \delta_{CP} = 1.34256\pi$$

$$\alpha_{21} = 1.32868\pi, \quad \alpha_{31} = 0.544383\pi, \quad m_e/m_\mu = 0.00472633, \quad m_\mu/m_\tau = 0.0587566$$

$$m_1 = 14.4007\text{meV}, \quad m_2 = 16.7803\text{meV}, \quad m_3 = 51.7755\text{meV}$$

$$m_\beta = 16.8907\text{meV}, \quad m_{\beta\beta} = 9.25333\text{meV}$$



The 1-d, 2-d and 3-d irreps (with finite image) of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$:

- 1 $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ has **12** one-dimensional irreps

$$\mathbf{1}_p : \quad \rho_{\mathbf{1}_p}(S) = i^p, \quad \rho_{\mathbf{1}_p}(T) = e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}p},$$

with $p = 0, \dots, 11$

- 2 $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ has **54** two-dimensional irreps with finite image, determined by $\rho(T) = \text{diag}(e^{2\pi i r_1}, e^{2\pi i r_2})$ (Mason 2008)

e.g.: $(r_1, r_2) = (3/4, 1/4), (5/6, 1/3), (0, 1/2) \dots$

- 3 $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ has **> 156** three-dimensional irreps with finite image, also determined by $\rho(T) = \text{diag}(e^{2\pi i r_1}, e^{2\pi i r_2}, e^{2\pi i r_3})$

e.g.: $(r_1, r_2, r_3) = (0, 1/3, 2/3), (0, 1/4, 3/4), (1/7, 2/7, 4/7) \dots$

The assignments of three generations of matter fields (e.g., e^c, μ^c, τ^c) have three structures: **3** or **$2 \oplus 1$** or **$1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1$** .

The list of finite modular groups Γ/Nor with order < 78 :

Normal subgroups			Finite modular groups Γ/Nor	
Index	Label	Additional relators	Group structure	GAP Id
6	$\Gamma(2) \equiv N_{[6,1]}$	T^2	S_3	[6, 1]
12	$N_{[12,1]}$	$S^2 T^2$	$Z_3 \rtimes Z_4 \cong 2D_3$	[12, 1]
	$\pm\Gamma(3) \equiv N_{[12,3]}$	S^2, T^3	A_4	[12, 3]
18	$N_{[18,3]}$	$ST^{-2}ST^2$	$S_3 \times Z_3$	[18, 3]
24	$\Gamma(3) \equiv N_{[24,3]I}$	T^3	T'	[24, 3]
	$N_{[24,3]II}$	$S^2 T^3$		
	$\pm\Gamma(4) \equiv N_{[24,12]}$	S^2, T^4	S_4	[24, 12]
	$N_{[24,13]}$	$S^2, (ST^{-1}ST)^2$	$A_4 \times Z_2$	[24, 13]
36	$N_{[36,6]}$	$S^3 T^{-2} ST^2$	$(Z_3 \rtimes Z_4) \times Z_3$	[36, 6]
42	$N_{[42,1]I}$	$T^6, (ST^{-1}S)^2 T ST^{-1} ST^2$	$Z_7 \times Z_6$	[42, 1]
	$N_{[42,1]II}$	$T^6, ST^{-1} ST (ST^{-1} S)^2 T^2$		
48	$N_{[48,28]}$	$S^2 T^4$	$2O$	[48, 28]
	$N_{[48,29]}$	$T^8, ST^4 ST^{-4}$	$GL(2, 3)$	[48, 29]
	$\Gamma(4) \equiv N_{[48,30]}$	T^4	$A_4 \times Z_4 \cong S'_4$	[48, 30]
	$N_{[48,31]}$	$(ST^{-1}ST)^2$	$A_4 \times Z_4$	[48, 31]
	$N_{[48,32]}$	$S^2 (ST^{-1}ST)^2$	$T' \times Z_2$	[48, 32]
	$N_{[48,33]}$	$T^{12}, ST^3 ST^{-3}$	$((Z_4 \times Z_2) \rtimes Z_2) \rtimes Z_3$	[48, 33]
54	$N_{[54,5]}$	$T^6, (ST^{-1}ST)^3$	$(Z_3 \times Z_3) \rtimes Z_6$	[54, 5]
60	$\pm\Gamma(5) \equiv N_{[60,5]}$	S^2, T^5	A_5	[60, 5]
72	$N_{[72,42]}$	$T^{12}, ST^4 ST^{-4}$	$S_4 \times Z_3$	[72, 42]
	$\pm\Gamma(6) \equiv N_{[72,44]}$	$S^2, T^6, (ST^{-1}STST^{-1}S)^2 T^2$	$A_4 \times S_3$	[72, 44]
...

The group presentation: $\Gamma/\text{Nor} = \langle S, T \mid S^4 = (ST)^3 = \text{“relators”} = 1, S^2 T = T S^2 \rangle$.



- The general Kähler potential:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) &= -\log(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau})) + \sum_{\varphi} \varphi^{\dagger} K_{\varphi}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \varphi \\ &= -\log\left(2\text{Im}\left(\frac{\tau_0 - u\bar{\tau}_0}{1-u}\right)\right) + \sum_{\Phi} \Phi^{\dagger} \hat{K}_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u}) \Phi \end{aligned}$$

- Move to the canonical basis of Kähler potential (i.e. kinetic terms):

$$\Phi \mapsto \tilde{\Phi} = Z_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u})\Phi \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{K}_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u}) = Z_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u})^{-1\dagger} Z_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u})^{-1}$$

where the matrix Z_{Φ} transform as $Z_{\varphi} \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} \Omega_{\Phi} Z_{\varphi} \Omega_{\Phi}^{\dagger}$ under G_0 .

- ✓ The mass matrices get the anti-holomorphic contribution:

$$M(u) \mapsto \tilde{M}(u, \bar{u}) = Z_{\Phi}^T(u, \bar{u}) M(u) Z_{\Phi}(u, \bar{u})$$

- ✓ The transformation law of new fields $\tilde{\Phi}_I$ remains **unchanged**.

- We can expand M around the fixed point $u = 0$:

$$M(u, \bar{u}) = m^{(00)} + m^{(10)}u + m^{(01)}\bar{u} + m^{(20)}u^2 + m^{(11)}u\bar{u} + m^{(02)}\bar{u}^2 + \dots$$