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The S_3 flavour symmetry: quarks, leptons and Higgs sectors

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We present a brief overview of the minimal S_3 invariant extension of the Standard Model in which the concept of flavour is extended to the Higgs sector by introducing in the theory three Higgs fields which are $SU(2)$ doublets. The mass matrices of quarks and leptons are reparametrized in terms of their eigenvalues, thus allowing to express all entries in the mixing matrices, V_{CKM} and U_{PMNS} , in terms of mass ratios, and from a numerical analysis, in excellent agreement with the most recent experimental data. In the leptonic sector the $S_3 \times Z_2$ symmetry implies a non-vanishing and sizeable reactor mixing angle, $\theta_{13} \sim 9.2^\circ$, in very good agreement with experimental data.

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