

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking in three-Higgs-doublet $S_3$ -symmetric models

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# Motivation for three Higgs doublets

Three fermion generations may suggest three doublets

Interesting scenario for dark matter

Possibility of having a discrete symmetry and still having spontaneous CP violation

Rich phenomenology

# Motivation for imposing discrete symmetries

Symmetries reduce the number of free parameters leading to (testable) predictions

Symmetries help to control HFCNC

Example: NFC, no HFCNC due to  $Z_2$  symmetry(ies)

Example: MFV suppression of HFCNC, BGL models

Symmetries are needed to stabilise dark matter

# Three Higgs doublet models with $S_3$ Symmetry

(extended to flavour)

*Despite*

**many works aiming at explaining neutrino masses and leptonic mixing**

Ma, Koide, Kubo, Mondragon, Rodriguez-Jauregui, Chen, Wolfenstein, Mohapatra, Nasri, Yu, Harrison, Scott, Frigerio, Grimus, Lavoura, Branco, Silva-Marcos...

**several works addressing masses and mixing in the quark sector**

Harari, Haut, Weyers, Meloni, Teshima, Melic, Canales, S Salazar, Velasco-Sevilla ,...

**a lot of work already done analysing the Higgs potential**

Derman, Tsao, Pakvasa, Sugawra, Wyler, Branco, Gerard, Grimus, Das, Dey, Bhattacharyya, Leser, Pas, Ivanov, Nishi...

**inert dark matter candidates from  $S_3$  3HDM considered**

Fortes, Machado, Montano, Pleitez...

***Interesting open questions still remain!***

# The Scalar potential

$S_3$  is the permutation group involving three objects,  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$

$$V_2 = -\lambda \sum_i \phi_i^\dagger \phi_i + \frac{1}{2} \gamma \sum_{i < j} [\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j + \text{hc}]$$

$$V_4 = A \sum_i (\phi_i^\dagger \phi_i)^2 + \sum_{i < j} \{C(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_i)(\phi_j^\dagger \phi_j) + \bar{C}(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j)(\phi_j^\dagger \phi_i) + \frac{1}{2} D[(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j)^2 + \text{hc}]\} \\ + \frac{1}{2} E_1 \sum_{i \neq j} [(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_i)(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j) + \text{hc}] + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq i, j < k} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} E_2 [(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j)(\phi_k^\dagger \phi_i) + \text{hc}] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} E_3 [(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_i)(\phi_k^\dagger \phi_j) + \text{hc}] + \frac{1}{2} E_4 [(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_j)(\phi_i^\dagger \phi_k) + \text{hc}] \right\}$$

Derman, 1979

**here all fields appear on equal footing**

**this representation is not irreducible, for instance, the combination**

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3$$

**remains invariant, it splits into two irreducible representations,**

**doublet and singlet:**  $\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}, h_S$

# Decomposition into these two irreducible representations

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**This definition does not treat equally  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ , they could be interchanged**

**Notice similarity with tribimaximal mixing:**

**Harrison, Perkins and Scott, 1999**

$$(F =) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

**The matrix F diagonalizes the democratic matrix,  $\Delta$**

$$F'^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} F' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**The democratic mass matrix can be obtained from  $S_3$  flavour symmetries**

$$\mathbf{S}_{3L} \times \mathbf{S}_{3R}: \quad M_l = \lambda' \Delta \quad ; \quad M_D = \lambda \Delta \quad ; \quad M_R = \mu (\Delta + a \mathbb{I})$$

**Very interesting alternative, democratic with phases (USY)**

# The scalar potential in terms of fields from irreducible representations

$$V_2 = \mu_0^2 h_S^\dagger h_S + \mu_1^2 (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_4 = & \lambda_8 (h_S^\dagger h_S)^2 + \lambda_5 (h_S^\dagger h_S) (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2) + \lambda_1 (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2)^2 \\ & + \lambda_2 (h_1^\dagger h_2 - h_2^\dagger h_1)^2 + \lambda_3 [(h_1^\dagger h_1 - h_2^\dagger h_2)^2 + (h_1^\dagger h_2 + h_2^\dagger h_1)^2] \\ & + \lambda_6 [(h_S^\dagger h_1) (h_1^\dagger h_S) + (h_S^\dagger h_2) (h_2^\dagger h_S)] \\ & + \lambda_7 [(h_S^\dagger h_1) (h_S^\dagger h_1) + (h_S^\dagger h_2) (h_S^\dagger h_2) + \text{h.c.}] \\ & + \lambda_4 [(h_S^\dagger h_1) (h_1^\dagger h_2 + h_2^\dagger h_1) + (h_S^\dagger h_2) (h_1^\dagger h_1 - h_2^\dagger h_2) + \text{h.c.}] \end{aligned}$$

Das and Dey

**no symmetry under the interchange of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$**

**however there is symmetry for  $h_1 \rightarrow -h_1$**

**equivalent doublet representation** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**now there is symmetry for  $\chi_1 \leftrightarrow \chi_2$**

**In the special case  $\lambda_4 = 0$  the potential has SO(2) symmetry:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \textbf{Danger: massless scalar!}$$

# Alternative choice of irreducible representations

$S_3$  has three irreducible representations, doublet, singlet and pseudo singlet,  $h_A$

Take  $S_3$  doublet and  $h_A$

No direct translation into initial fields  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3$

New potential (only term in  $\lambda_4$  changes):

$$V_2 = \mu_0^2 h_A^\dagger h_A + \mu_1^2 (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2), \quad (2.75a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_4 = & \lambda_1 (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2)^2 + \lambda_2 (h_1^\dagger h_2 - h_2^\dagger h_1)^2 + \lambda_3 [(h_1^\dagger h_1 - h_2^\dagger h_2)^2 + (h_1^\dagger h_2 + h_2^\dagger h_1)^2] \\ & + \lambda_4 [(h_A^\dagger h_2)(h_1^\dagger h_2 + h_2^\dagger h_1) - (h_A^\dagger h_1)(h_1^\dagger h_1 - h_2^\dagger h_2) + \text{h.c.}] + \lambda_5 (h_A^\dagger h_A)(h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2) \\ & + \lambda_6 [(h_A^\dagger h_1)(h_1^\dagger h_A) + (h_A^\dagger h_2)(h_2^\dagger h_A)] + \lambda_7 [(h_A^\dagger h_1)(h_A^\dagger h_1) + (h_A^\dagger h_2)(h_A^\dagger h_2) + \text{h.c.}] \\ & + \lambda_8 (h_A^\dagger h_A)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.75b)$$

reduces to the same potential we had before with  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  interchanged, no new physics!



# Constraining the potential by the vevs

## Possibility of SCPV - real parameters

### Let us start with real vacua (no CP violation)

#### Three minimisation conditions:

can be solved to give  $\mu_0^2$  and  $\mu_1^2$  in terms of the quartic coefficients:

$$\mu_0^2 = \frac{1}{2w_S} [\lambda_4(w_2^2 - 3w_1^2)w_2 - (\lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + 2\lambda_7)(w_1^2 + w_2^2)w_S - 2\lambda_8w_S^3], \quad (4.2a)$$

$$\mu_1^2 = -\frac{1}{2} [2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(w_1^2 + w_2^2) + 6\lambda_4w_2w_S + (\lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + 2\lambda_7)w_S^2], \quad (4.2b)$$

$$\mu_1^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ 2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(w_1^2 + w_2^2) - 3\lambda_4(w_2^2 - w_1^2)\frac{w_S}{w_2} + (\lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + 2\lambda_7)w_S^2 \right]. \quad (4.2c)$$

Eqs (4.2b) and (4.2c) obtained dividing by  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  respectively

$$\lambda_4 = 4A - 2(C + \bar{C} + D) - E_1 - E_2 + E_4 = 0$$

#### Consistency requires:

- for  $w_1 = 0$  the corresponding derivative is zero - no clash
- or else  $\lambda_4(3w_2^2 - w_1^2)w_S = 0$  i. e.,  $\lambda_4 = 0$  or  $w_1 = \pm\sqrt{3}w_2$  or  $w_S = 0$ .
- for  $w_S = 0$ . special condition:  $\lambda_4w_2(3w_1^2 - w_2^2) = 0$ , i. e., in addition:  
 $\lambda_4 = 0$  or  $w_2 = \pm\sqrt{3}w_1$ , or else  $w_2 = 0$ .

# SSB, real vacua, residual symmetries

Derman, Tsao Phys. Rev. D20 (1979) 1207:

$$(x, x, x) S_3;$$

$$(x, x, y) S_2;$$

$$(x, y, z) = (x, -x, 0) S_2$$

$$\lambda_4 \neq 0$$

Translation into doublet singlet notation

$$(x, x, x) \rightarrow (0, 0, w_S) \quad w_1 = 0 \text{ (also verifies } w_1 = \pm\sqrt{3}w_2)$$

$$(x, -x, 0) \rightarrow (w_1, 0, 0) \quad w_S = 0 \text{ together with } w_2 = 0.$$

$$(x, 0, -x) \rightarrow (w_1, w_2, 0) \quad w_S = 0 \text{ together } w_2 = \sqrt{3}w_1$$

$$(0, x, -x) \rightarrow (w_1, w_2, 0) \quad w_S = 0 \text{ together with } w_2 = -\sqrt{3}w_1$$

$(x, x, y)$  translates into  $(0, w_2, w_S)$ ; consistency condition:  $w_1 = 0$ .

$(x, y, x)$  translates into  $(w_1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}w_1, w_S)$ ; consistency condition:  $w_1 = -\sqrt{3}w_2$

$(y, x, x)$  translates into  $(w_1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}w_1, w_S)$ ; consistency condition:  $w_1 = \sqrt{3}w_2$

For  $\lambda_4 = 0$   $SO(2)$  symmetry implies  $(x, y, z)$  possible solution

Vacuum	$\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3$	$w_1, w_2, w_S$	Comment
R-0	0, 0, 0	0, 0, 0	Not interesting
R-I-1	$x, x, x$	0, 0, $w_S$	$\mu_0^2 = -\lambda_8 w_S^2$
R-I-2a	$x, -x, 0$	$w, 0, 0$	$\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_1^2$
R-I-2b	$x, 0, -x$	$w, \sqrt{3}w, 0$	$\mu_1^2 = -\frac{4}{3}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2$
R-I-2c	$0, x, -x$	$w, -\sqrt{3}w, 0$	$\mu_1^2 = -\frac{4}{3}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2$
R-II-1a	$x, x, y$	0, $w, w_S$	$\mu_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_4 \frac{w_2^3}{w_S} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_a w_2^2 - \lambda_8 w_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2 + \frac{3}{2}\lambda_4 w_2 w_S - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_a w_S^2$
R-II-1b	$x, y, x$	$w, -w/\sqrt{3}, w_S$	$\mu_0^2 = -4\lambda_4 \frac{w_2^3}{w_S} - 2\lambda_a w_2^2 - \lambda_8 w_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2 - 3\lambda_4 w_2 w_S - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_a w_S^2$
R-II-1c	$y, x, x$	$w, w/\sqrt{3}, w_S$	$\mu_0^2 = -4\lambda_4 \frac{w_2^3}{w_S} - 2\lambda_a w_2^2 - \lambda_8 w_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2 - 3\lambda_4 w_2 w_S - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_a w_S^2$
R-II-2	$x, x, -2x$	0, $w, 0$	$\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) w_2^2, \lambda_4 = 0$
R-II-3	$x, y, -x - y$	$w_1, w_2, 0$	$\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) (w_1^2 + w_2^2), \lambda_4 = 0$
R-III	$\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3$	$w_1, w_2, w_S$	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_a (w_1^2 + w_2^2) - \lambda_8 w_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) (w_1^2 + w_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_a w_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0$

$$\lambda_a = \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + 2\lambda_7,$$

$$\lambda_b = \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 - 2\lambda_7.$$

# Complex vacua

Table 2: Complex vacua. Notation:  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $-1$  for C-III-d and C-III-e, respectively;  $\xi = \sqrt{-3 \sin 2\rho_1 / \sin 2\rho_2}$ ,  $\psi = \sqrt{[3 + 3 \cos(\rho_2 - 2\rho_1)] / (2 \cos \rho_2)}$ . With the constraints of Table 4 the vacua labelled with an asterisk (\*) are in fact real.

	IRF (Irreducible Rep.)	RRF (Reducible Rep.)
	$w_1, w_2, w_S$	$\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3$
C-I-a	$\hat{w}_1, \pm i\hat{w}_1, 0$	$x, xe^{\pm \frac{2\pi i}{3}}, xe^{\mp \frac{2\pi i}{3}}$
C-III-a	$0, \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$y, y, xe^{i\tau}$
C-III-b	$\pm i\hat{w}_1, 0, \hat{w}_S$	$x + iy, x - iy, x$
C-III-c	$\hat{w}_1 e^{i\sigma_1}, \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, 0$	$xe^{i\rho} - \frac{y}{2}, -xe^{i\rho} - \frac{y}{2}, y$
C-III-d,e	$\pm i\hat{w}_1, \epsilon \hat{w}_2, \hat{w}_S$	$xe^{i\tau}, xe^{-i\tau}, y$
C-III-f	$\pm i\hat{w}_1, i\hat{w}_2, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho} \pm ix, re^{i\rho} \mp ix, \frac{3}{2}re^{-i\rho} - \frac{1}{2}re^{i\rho}$
C-III-g	$\pm i\hat{w}_1, -i\hat{w}_2, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{-i\rho} \pm ix, re^{-i\rho} \mp ix, \frac{3}{2}re^{i\rho} - \frac{1}{2}re^{-i\rho}$
C-III-h	$\sqrt{3}\hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \pm \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$xe^{i\tau}, y, y$ $y, xe^{i\tau}, y$
C-III-i	$\sqrt{\frac{3(1+\tan^2 \sigma_1)}{1+9 \tan^2 \sigma_1}} \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_1},$ $\pm \hat{w}_2 e^{-i \arctan(3 \tan \sigma_1)}, \hat{w}_S$	$x, ye^{i\tau}, ye^{-i\tau}$ $ye^{i\tau}, x, ye^{-i\tau}$
C-IV-a*	$\hat{w}_1 e^{i\sigma_1}, 0, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho} + x, -re^{i\rho} + x, x$
C-IV-b	$\hat{w}_1, \pm i\hat{w}_2, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho} + x, -re^{-i\rho} + x, -re^{i\rho} + re^{-i\rho} + x$
C-IV-c	$\sqrt{1 + 2 \cos^2 \sigma_2} \hat{w}_2,$ $\hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho} + r\sqrt{3(1 + 2 \cos^2 \rho)} + x,$ $re^{i\rho} - r\sqrt{3(1 + 2 \cos^2 \rho)} + x, -2re^{i\rho} + x$
C-IV-d*	$\hat{w}_1 e^{i\sigma_1}, \pm \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_1}, \hat{w}_S$	$r_1 e^{i\rho} + x, (r_2 - r_1)e^{i\rho} + x, -r_2 e^{i\rho} + x$
C-IV-e	$\sqrt{-\frac{\sin 2\sigma_2}{\sin 2\sigma_1}} \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_1},$ $\hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho_2} + re^{i\rho_1} \xi + x, re^{i\rho_2} - re^{i\rho_1} \xi + x,$ $-2re^{i\rho_2} + x$
C-IV-f	$\sqrt{2 + \frac{\cos(\sigma_1 - 2\sigma_2)}{\cos \sigma_1}} \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_1},$ $\hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$re^{i\rho_1} + re^{i\rho_2} \psi + x,$ $re^{i\rho_1} - re^{i\rho_2} \psi + x, -2re^{i\rho_1} + x$
C-V*	$\hat{w}_1 e^{i\sigma_1}, \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, \hat{w}_S$	$xe^{i\tau_1}, ye^{i\tau_2}, z$

# Constraints

Vacuum	Constraints
C-I-a	$\mu_1^2 = -2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\hat{w}_1^2$
C-III-a	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_b\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)\hat{w}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_b - 8\cos^2\sigma_2\lambda_7)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = \frac{4\cos\sigma_2\hat{w}_S}{\hat{w}_2}\lambda_7$
C-III-b	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_b\hat{w}_1^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)\hat{w}_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_b\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0$
C-III-c	$\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2),$ $\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0, \lambda_4 = 0$
C-III-d,e	$\mu_0^2 = (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)\frac{(\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2)^2}{\hat{w}_S^2} - \epsilon\lambda_4\frac{(\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2)(\hat{w}_1^2 - 3\hat{w}_2^2)}{4\hat{w}_2\hat{w}_S}$ $-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \epsilon\lambda_4\frac{\hat{w}_S(\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2)}{4\hat{w}_2} - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_7 = \frac{\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2}{\hat{w}_S^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) - \epsilon\frac{(\hat{w}_1^2 - 5\hat{w}_2^2)}{4\hat{w}_2\hat{w}_S}\lambda_4$
C-III-f,g	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_b(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_b\hat{w}_S^2, \lambda_4 = 0$
C-III-h	$\mu_0^2 = -2\lambda_b\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)\hat{w}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_b - 8\cos^2\sigma_2\lambda_7)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = \mp\frac{2\cos\sigma_2\hat{w}_S}{\hat{w}_2}\lambda_7$
C-III-i	$\mu_0^2 = \frac{16(1-3\tan^2\sigma_1)^2}{(1+9\tan^2\sigma_1)^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)\frac{\hat{w}_2^4}{\hat{w}_S^2} \pm \frac{6(1-\tan^2\sigma_1)(1-3\tan^2\sigma_1)}{(1+9\tan^2\sigma_1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}\lambda_4\frac{\hat{w}_2^3}{\hat{w}_S}$ $-\frac{2(1+3\tan^2\sigma_1)}{1+9\tan^2\sigma_1}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -\frac{4(1+3\tan^2\sigma_1)}{1+9\tan^2\sigma_1}(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\hat{w}_2^2 \mp \frac{(1-3\tan^2\sigma_1)}{2\sqrt{1+9\tan^2\sigma_1}}\lambda_4\hat{w}_2\hat{w}_S$ $-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_7 = -\frac{4(1-3\tan^2\sigma_1)\hat{w}_2^2}{(1+9\tan^2\sigma_1)\hat{w}_S^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) \mp \frac{(5-3\tan^2\sigma_1)\hat{w}_2}{2\sqrt{1+9\tan^2\sigma_1}\hat{w}_S}\lambda_4$

Vacuum	Constraints
C-IV-a*	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_1^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)\hat{w}_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_7 = 0$
C-IV-b	$\mu_0^2 = (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)\frac{(\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2)^2}{\hat{w}_S^2} - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_7 = -\frac{(\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2)}{\hat{w}_S^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$
C-IV-c	$\mu_0^2 = 2\cos^2\sigma_2(1 + \cos^2\sigma_2)(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)\frac{\hat{w}_2^4}{\hat{w}_S^2}$ $-(1 + \cos^2\sigma_2)(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -[2(1 + \cos^2\sigma_2)\lambda_1 - (2 + 3\cos^2\sigma_2)\lambda_2 - \cos^2\sigma_2\lambda_3]\hat{w}_2^2$ $-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = -\frac{2\cos\sigma_2\hat{w}_2}{\hat{w}_S}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3), \lambda_7 = \frac{\cos^2\sigma_2\hat{w}_2^2}{\hat{w}_S^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$
C-IV-d*	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_7 = 0$
C-IV-e	$\mu_0^2 = \frac{\sin^2(2(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2))}{\sin^2(2\sigma_1)}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)\frac{\hat{w}_2^4}{\hat{w}_S^2}$ $-\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{\sin 2\sigma_2}{\sin 2\sigma_1}\right)(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{\sin 2\sigma_2}{\sin 2\sigma_1}\right)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\hat{w}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_7 = -\frac{\sin(2(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2))\hat{w}_2^2}{\sin 2\sigma_1\hat{w}_S^2}(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$
C-IV-f	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{(\cos(\sigma_1 - 2\sigma_2) + 3\cos\sigma_1)\cos(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)}{2\cos^2\sigma_1}\lambda_4\frac{\hat{w}_2^3}{\hat{w}_S}$ $-\frac{\cos(\sigma_1 - 2\sigma_2) + 3\cos\sigma_1}{2\cos\sigma_1}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_2^2 - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -\frac{\cos(\sigma_1 - 2\sigma_2) + 3\cos\sigma_1}{\cos\sigma_1}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)\hat{w}_2^2$ $-\frac{3\cos 2\sigma_1 + 2\cos(2(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)) + \cos 2\sigma_2 + 4}{4\cos(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)\cos\sigma_1}\lambda_4\hat{w}_2\hat{w}_S - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = -\frac{\cos\sigma_1\hat{w}_S}{2\cos(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)\hat{w}_2}\lambda_4, \lambda_7 = -\frac{\cos(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)\hat{w}_2}{2\cos\sigma_1\hat{w}_S}\lambda_4$
C-V*	$\mu_0^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \lambda_8\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\mu_1^2 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\hat{w}_1^2 + \hat{w}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6)\hat{w}_S^2,$ $\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0, \lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_7 = 0$

# The case of $\lambda_4 = 0$

**Potential has additional continuous SO(2) symmetry**

$$\lambda_4 = 4A - 2(C + \bar{C} + D) - E_1 - E_2 + E_4 = 0$$

Derman (1979), “unnatural”

**Spontaneous breaking of this SO(2) symmetry leads to massless particles**

**Possible solution: break the symmetry softly, the most general quadratic potential can be written:**

$$V = \mu_0^2 h_S^\dagger h_S + \mu_1^2 (h_1^\dagger h_1 + h_2^\dagger h_2) + \mu_2^2 (h_1^\dagger h_1 - h_2^\dagger h_2) + \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 (h_2^\dagger h_1 + h_1^\dagger h_2) \\ + \mu_3^2 (h_S^\dagger h_1 + h_1^\dagger h_S) + \mu_4^2 (h_S^\dagger h_2 + h_2^\dagger h_S)$$

# Complex vacua, Spontaneous CP Violation

Table 1: Spontaneous CP violation

Vacuum	$\lambda_4$	SCPV	Vacuum	$\lambda_4$	SCPV	Vacuum	$\lambda_4$	SCPV
C-I-a	X	no	C-III-f,g	0	no	C-IV-c	X	yes
C-III-a	X	yes	C-III-h	X	yes	C-IV-d	0	no
C-III-b	0	no	C-III-i	X	no	C-IV-e	0	no
C-III-c	0	no	C-IV-a	0	no	C-IV-f	X	yes
C-III-d,e	X	no	C-IV-b	0	no	C-V	0	no

**Next we present a few illustrative examples. Important tool:**

most general CP transformation

$$\Phi_i \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} U_{ij} \Phi_j^*$$

together with assumption that vacuum is invariant

$$\text{CP}|0\rangle = |0\rangle$$

leads to the following condition

$$\mathcal{L}(U\phi) = \mathcal{L}(\phi) \quad U_{ij} \langle 0|\Phi_j|0\rangle^* = \langle 0|\Phi_i|0\rangle$$

## Vacuum C-I-a

$$U_{ij} \langle 0 | \Phi_j | 0 \rangle^* = \langle 0 | \Phi_i | 0 \rangle$$

$$x, x e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}, x e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$$

geometrical phases

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**CP is conserved**

**calculable non-trivial phases, fixed by symmetry of V, no explicit dependence on parameters of the potential.**

G. C. Branco, J. M. Gerard and W. Grimus (1984)

## Vacuum C-III-c

$$\hat{w}_1 e^{i\sigma_1}, \hat{w}_2 e^{i\sigma_2}, 0$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

**SO(2) rotation**

$$\begin{pmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(a e^{i\delta_1}, a e^{i\delta_2}, 0)$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{\hat{w}_1^2 - \hat{w}_2^2}{2\hat{w}_1 \hat{w}_2 \cos \sigma}$$

followed by overall phase rotation

$$(a e^{i\delta}, a e^{-i\delta}, 0)$$

**symmetry for interchange:**  $h'_1 \leftrightarrow h'_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a e^{i\delta} \\ a e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* = \begin{pmatrix} a e^{i\delta} \\ a e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**CP is conserved**

**Next: Two possible complex vacua discussed previously in the literature**



## Two possible complex vacua discussed previously in the literature

$$\hat{w}e^{i\sigma}, \quad \hat{w}e^{-i\sigma}, \quad \hat{w}_S \quad \text{Pakwasa and Sugawara, 1978} \quad (\text{PS})$$

$$\hat{w}e^{i\sigma}, \quad \hat{w}e^{i\sigma}, \quad \hat{w}_S \quad \text{Ivanov and Nishi, 2014} \quad (\text{IN})$$

$$\hat{w} \neq 0 \text{ and } \hat{w}_S \neq 0.$$

Both solutions require  $\lambda_4 = 0$  for consistency

The PS vacuum is requires  $\lambda_4 = 0$

therefore there is symmetry under the interchange of the components of the  $S_3$  doublet. As a result the Branco, Gerard, Grimus condition is verified

For the IN vacuum it is also possible to show that the allowed region of parameter space where this solution minimises the potential is such that no spontaneous CP violation occurs

# Final Remarks

**Models with three Higgs doublets have rich phenomenology**

## **Aims and challenges**

**Exploit possible dark matter candidates in this context, beyond cases where the singlet plays the role of the SM Higgs doublet**

**Study how to generate realistic fermion masses and mixing with the fermions transforming non trivially under  $S_3$**

**Look for viable models in the context of spontaneous CP violation**

**Look for interesting scenarios with the potential of being tested at the  
LHC**