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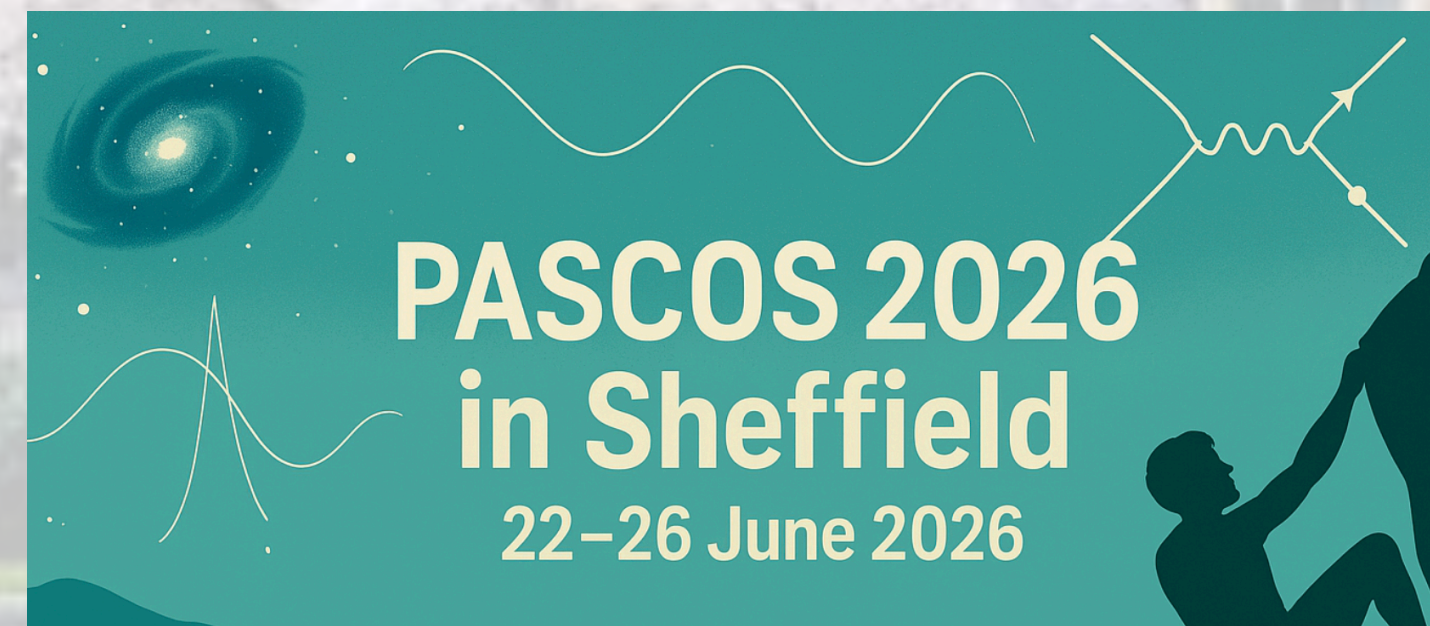


# Quark hierarchies and spontaneous CP violation from Siegel modular forms

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from a work in collaboration with M. Carducci, D. Meloni, J.T. Penedo

[arXiv:2604.21979]



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Particle Physics is “finished”, but not understood

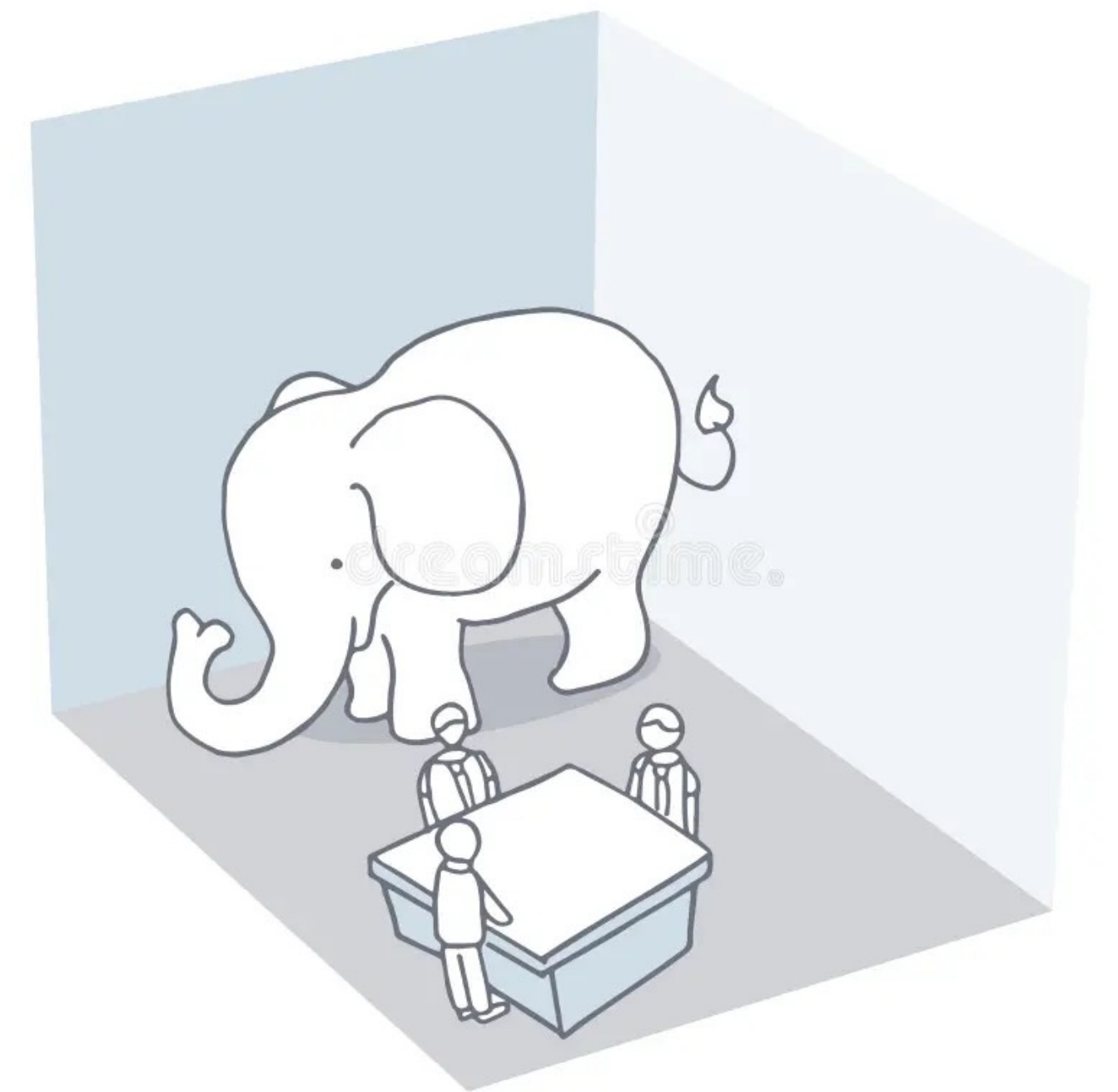
$$\mathcal{L}^{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{gauge} + \mathcal{L}_{higgs} + \sum_{d,i} c_i^{[d]} \frac{\mathcal{O}_i^{d \geq 5}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \quad ?$$

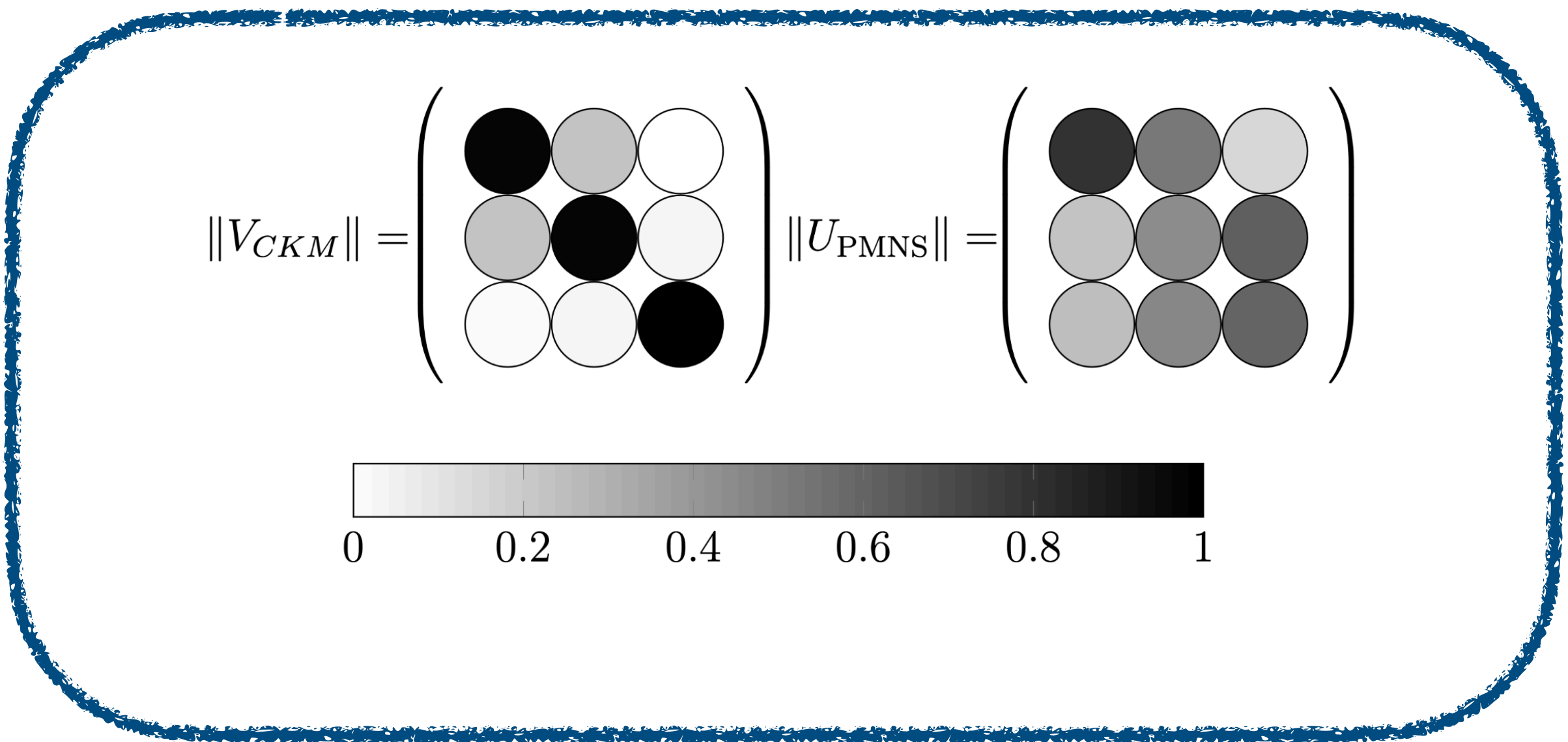
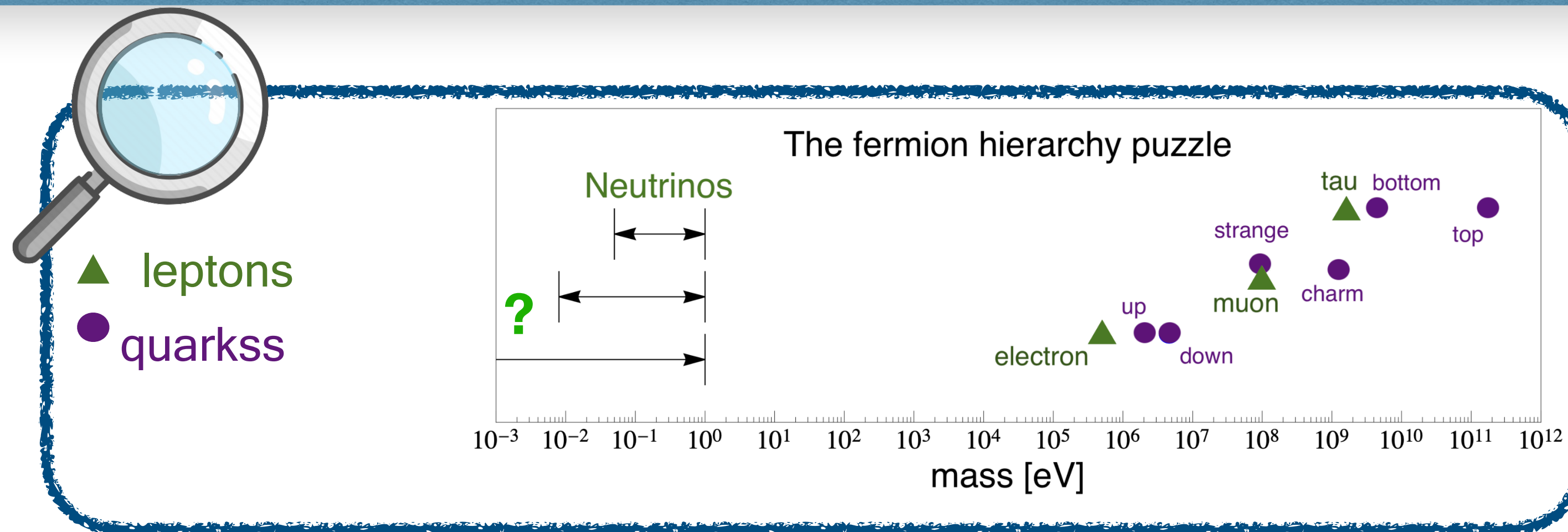
Why the fermion replicas?

$U(3)^5$  symmetry

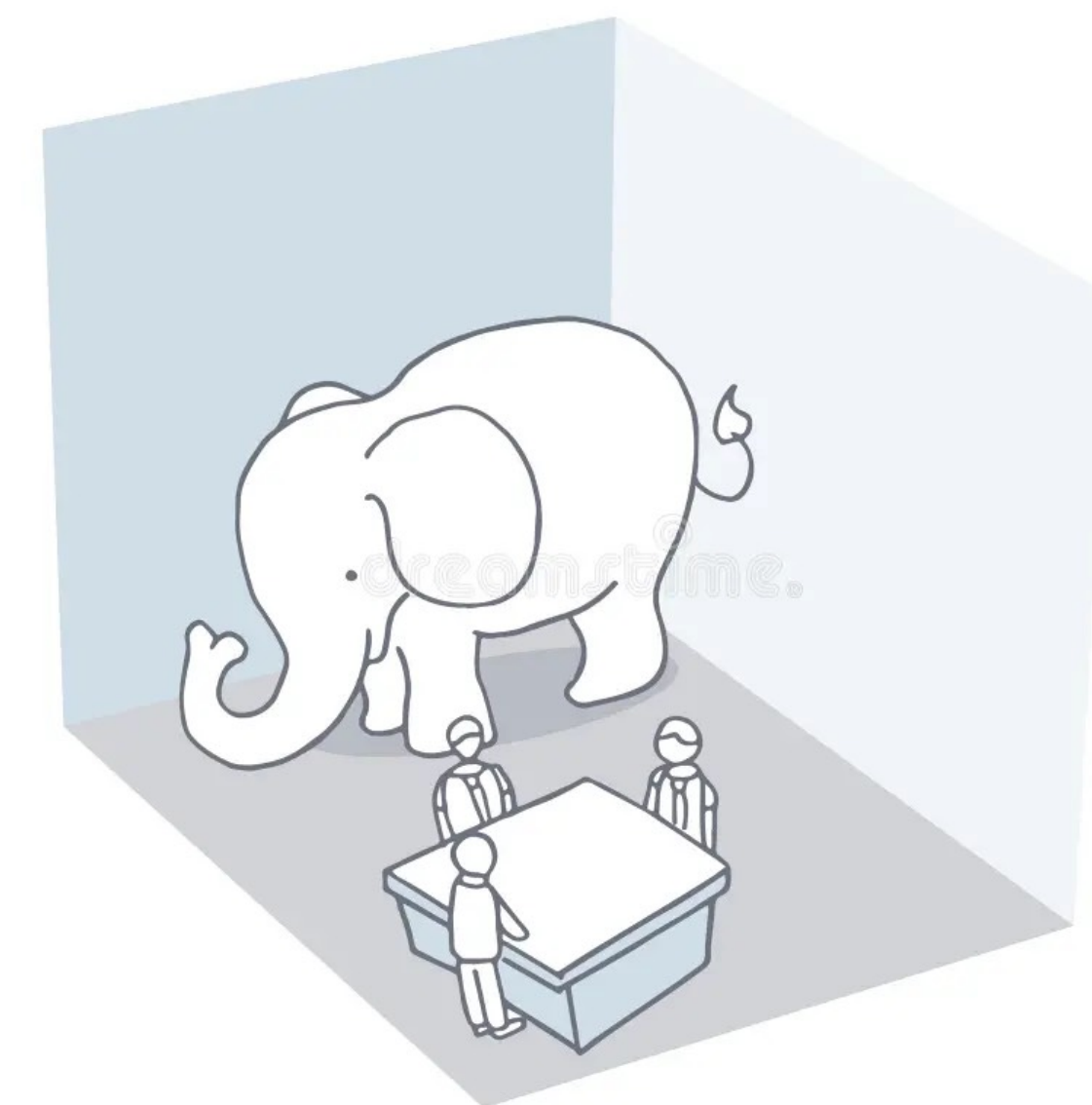
precision  $\gtrsim 10\%$

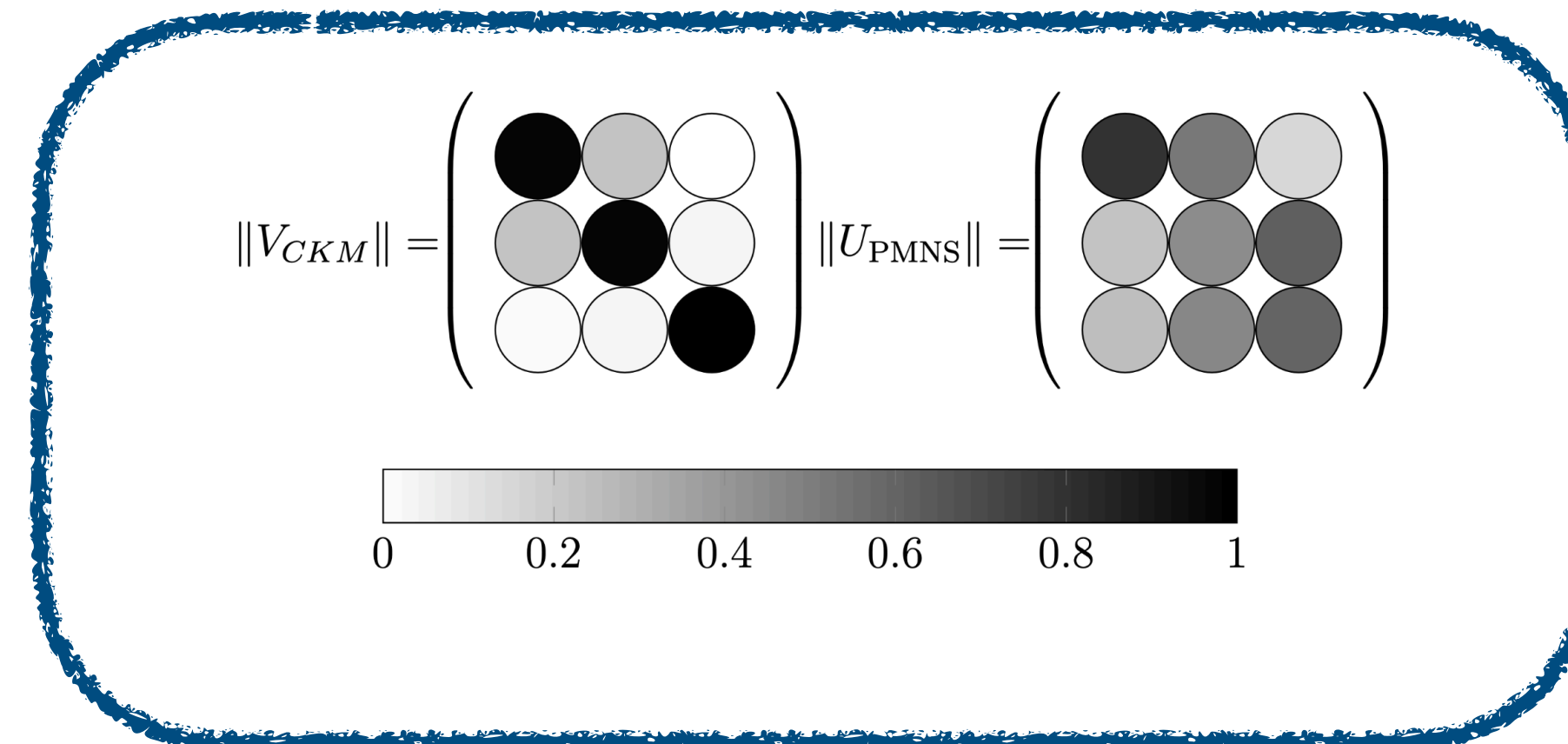
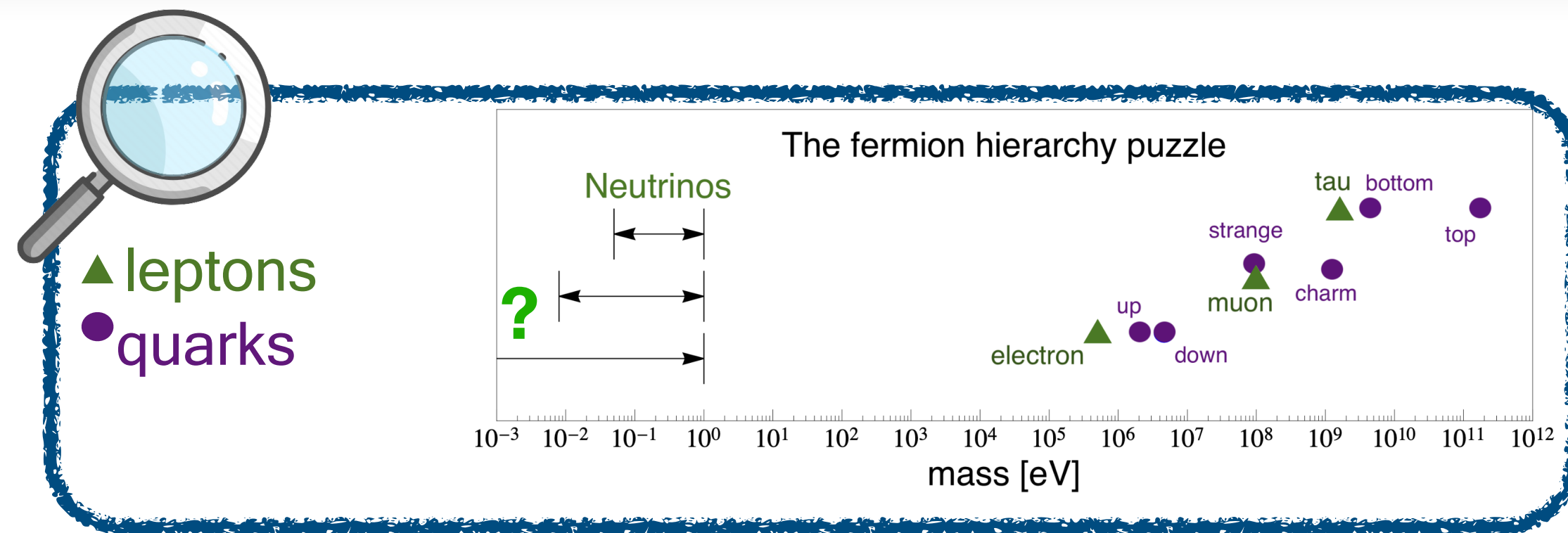
Many free parameters;  
 lack of calculability;  
 hierarchy problem of the Higgs;  
 and so on...





The peculiar breaking of  $U(3)^5$  tells us Nature **did not** “just throw” dice

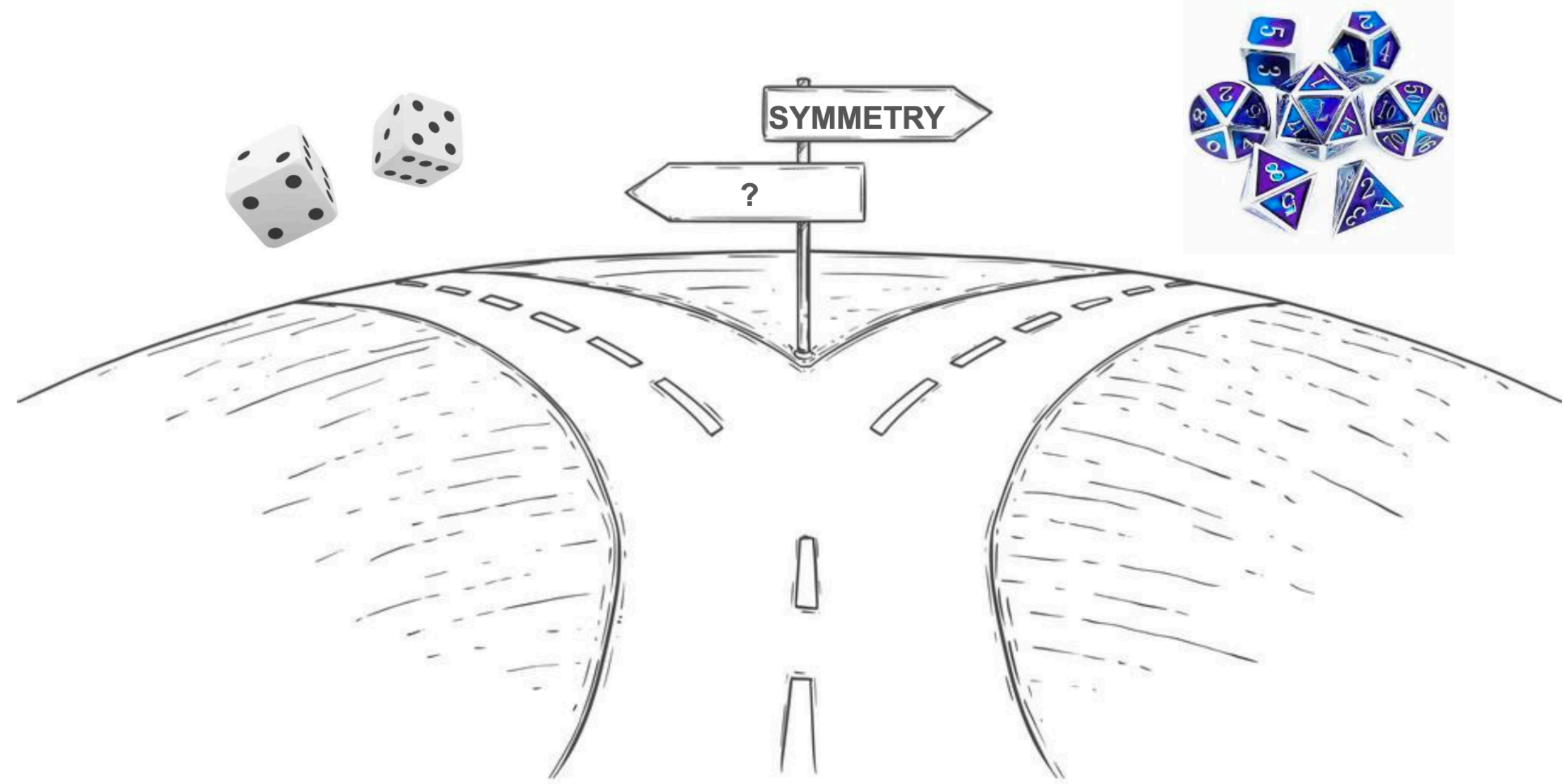
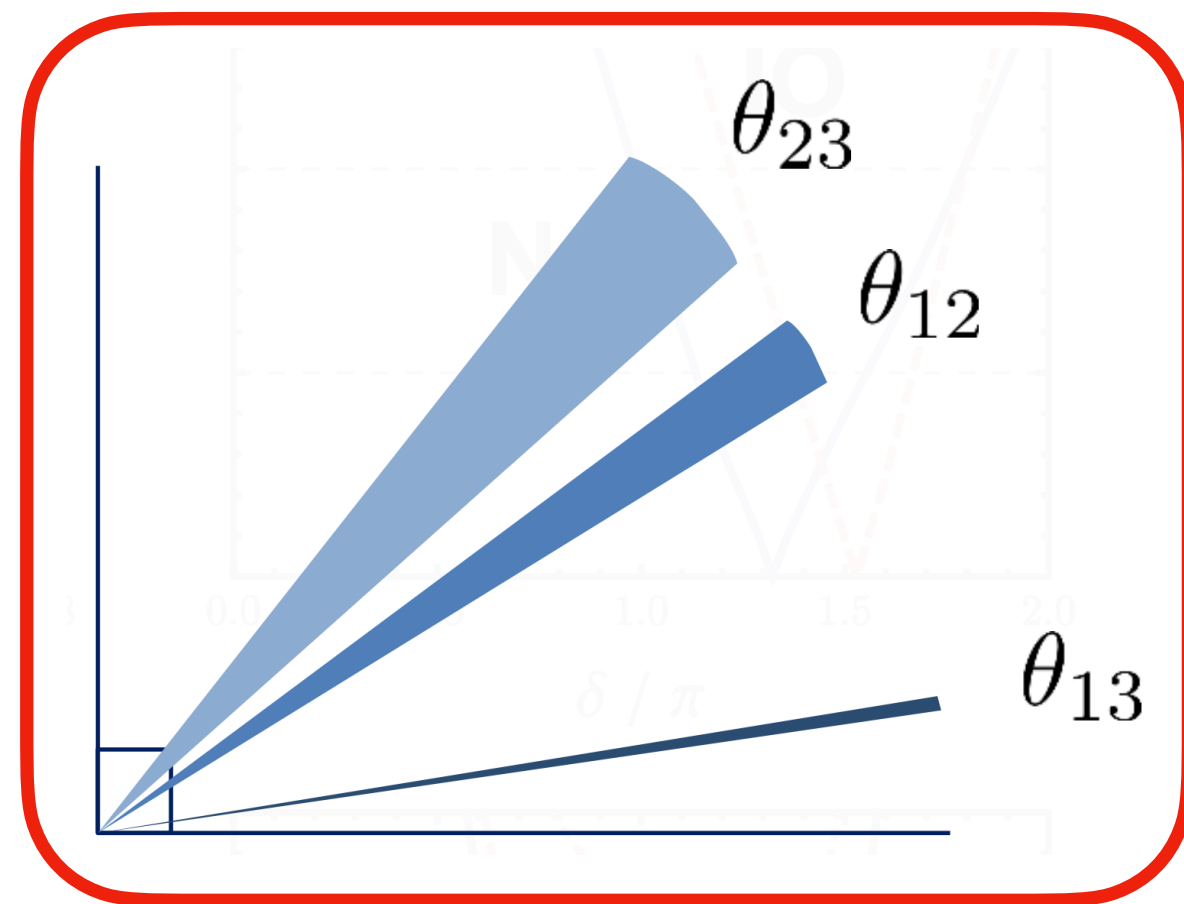
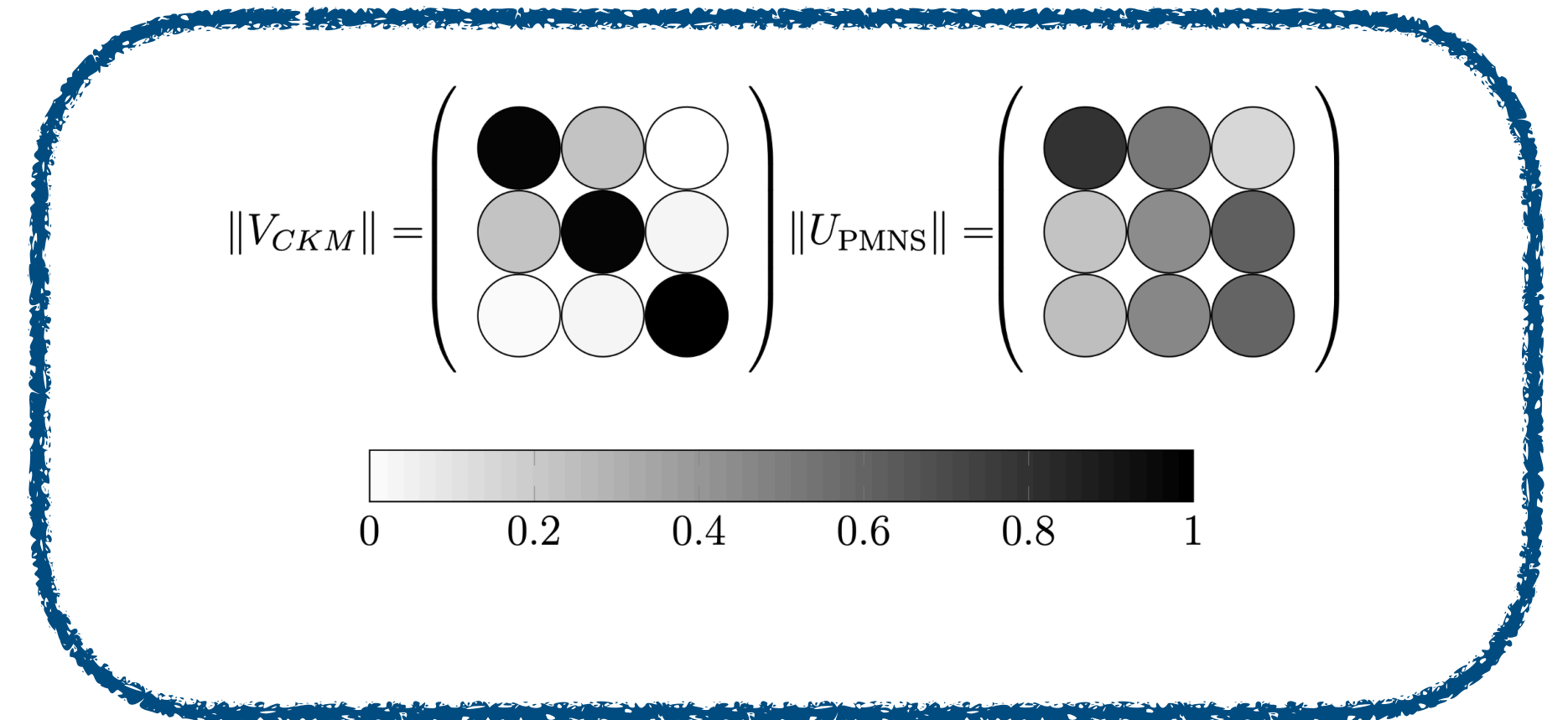
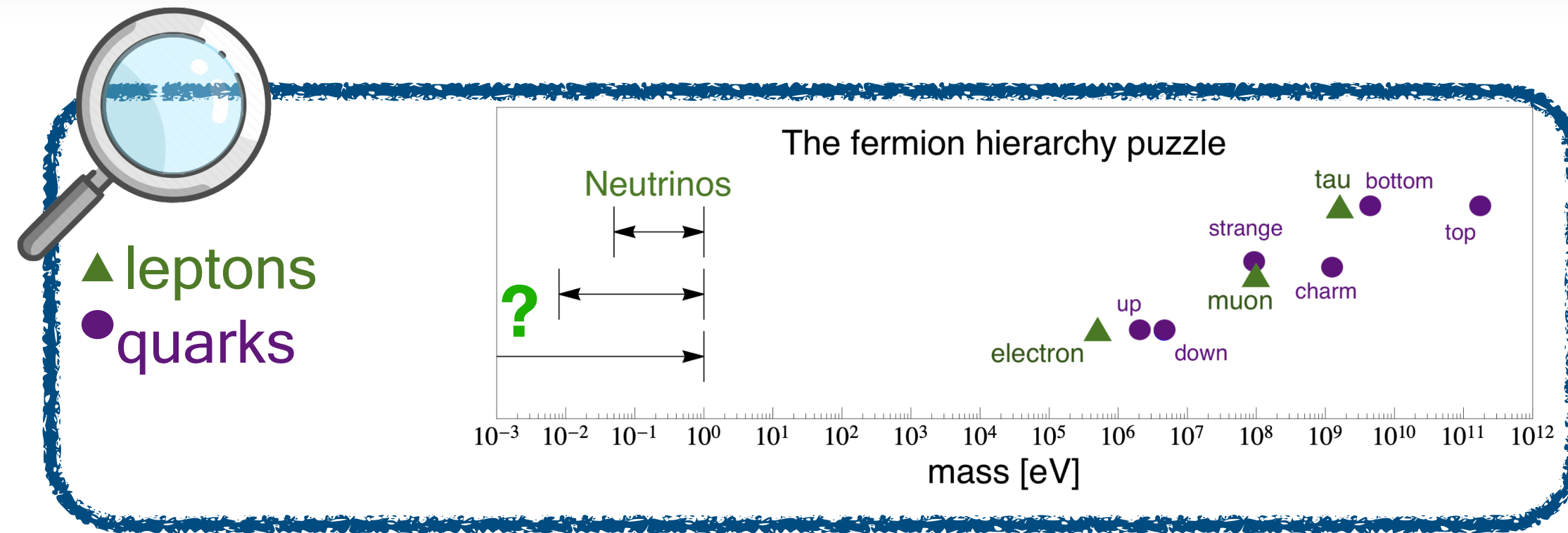


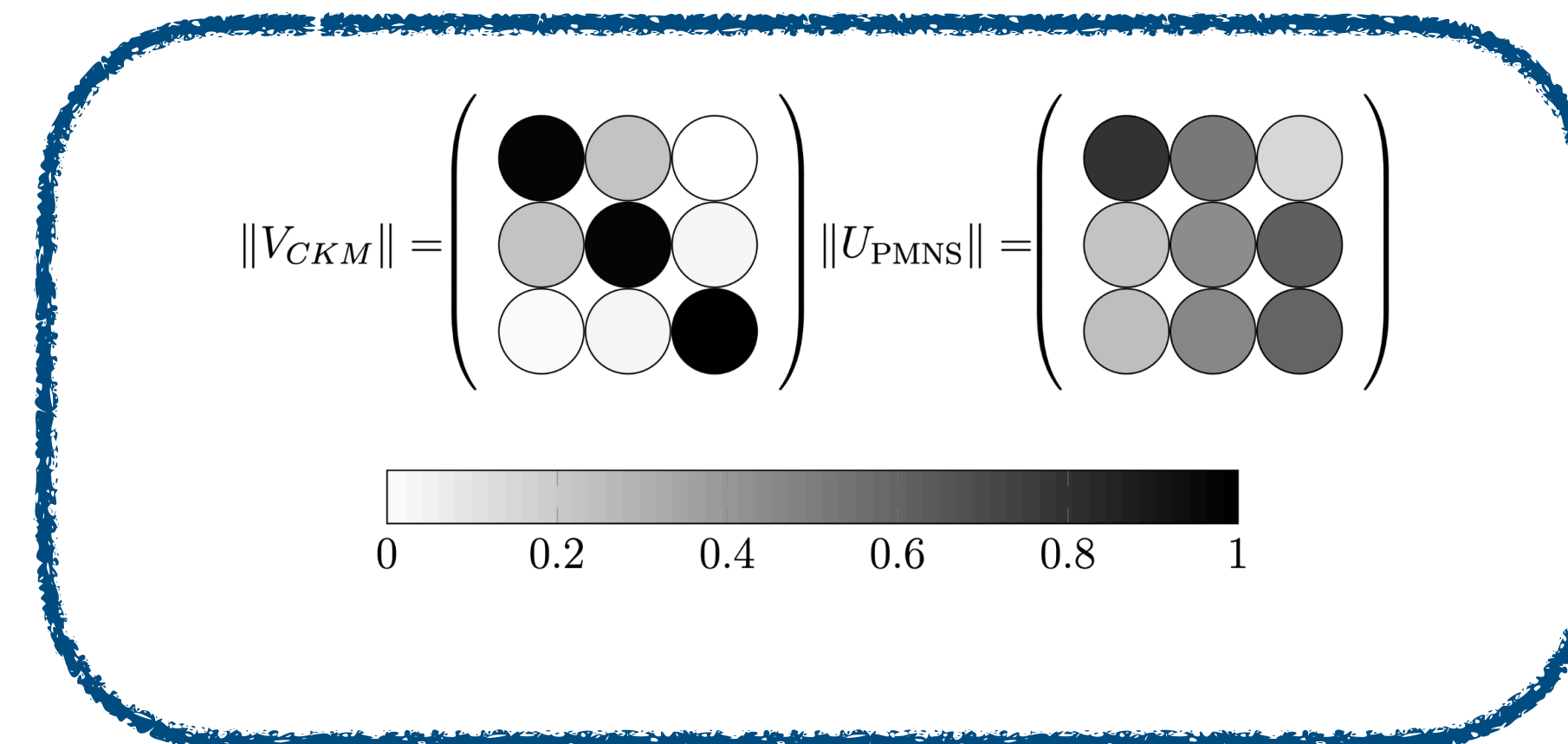
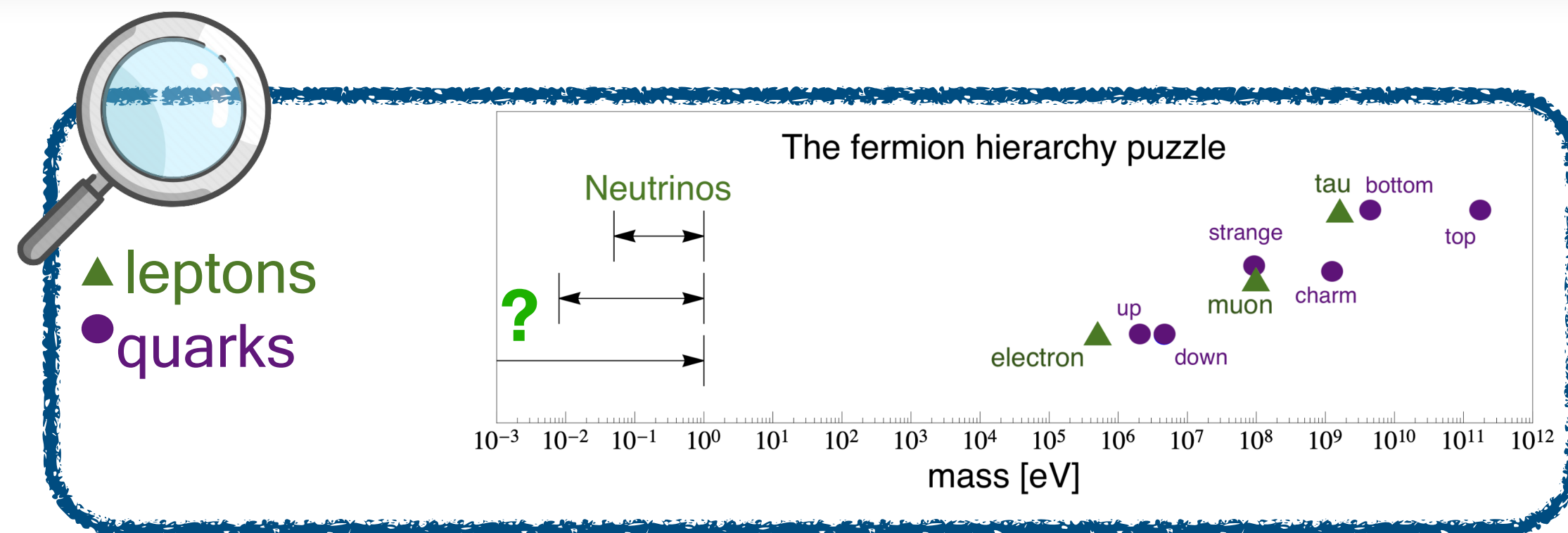


<sup>1</sup> “Asked what single mystery, if he could choose, he would like to see solved in his lifetime, Weinberg doesn’t have to think for long: he wants to be able to explain the observed pattern of quark and lepton masses.” From *Model Physicist*, CERN Courier, 13 October 2017.



[Steven Weinberg, 2013]





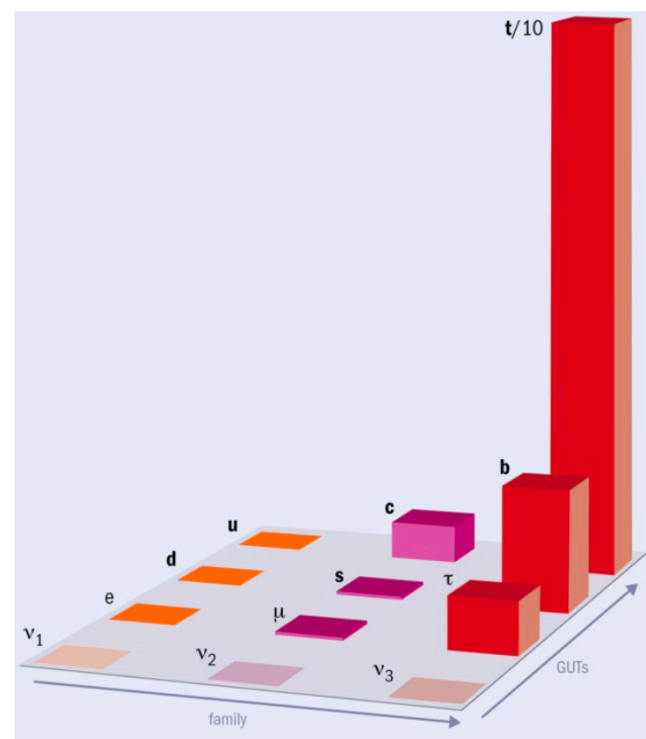
New physics is **not immediately testable**

But these puzzles could teach us **new ways of understanding what we have**

► Many examples in the history of Physics...

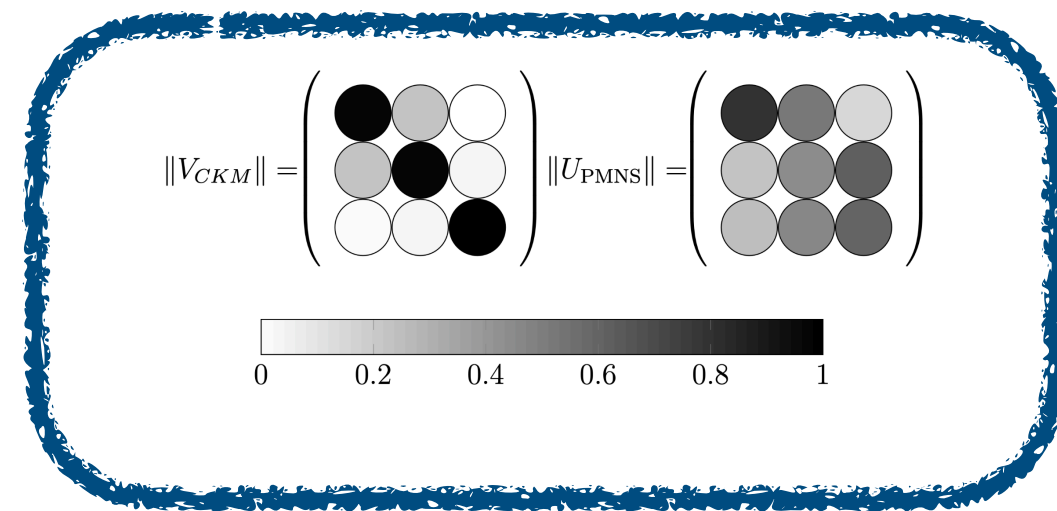
Can multiple aspects of flavour be explained by a **single** mechanism?

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e.g. Froggatt-Nielsen mechanism

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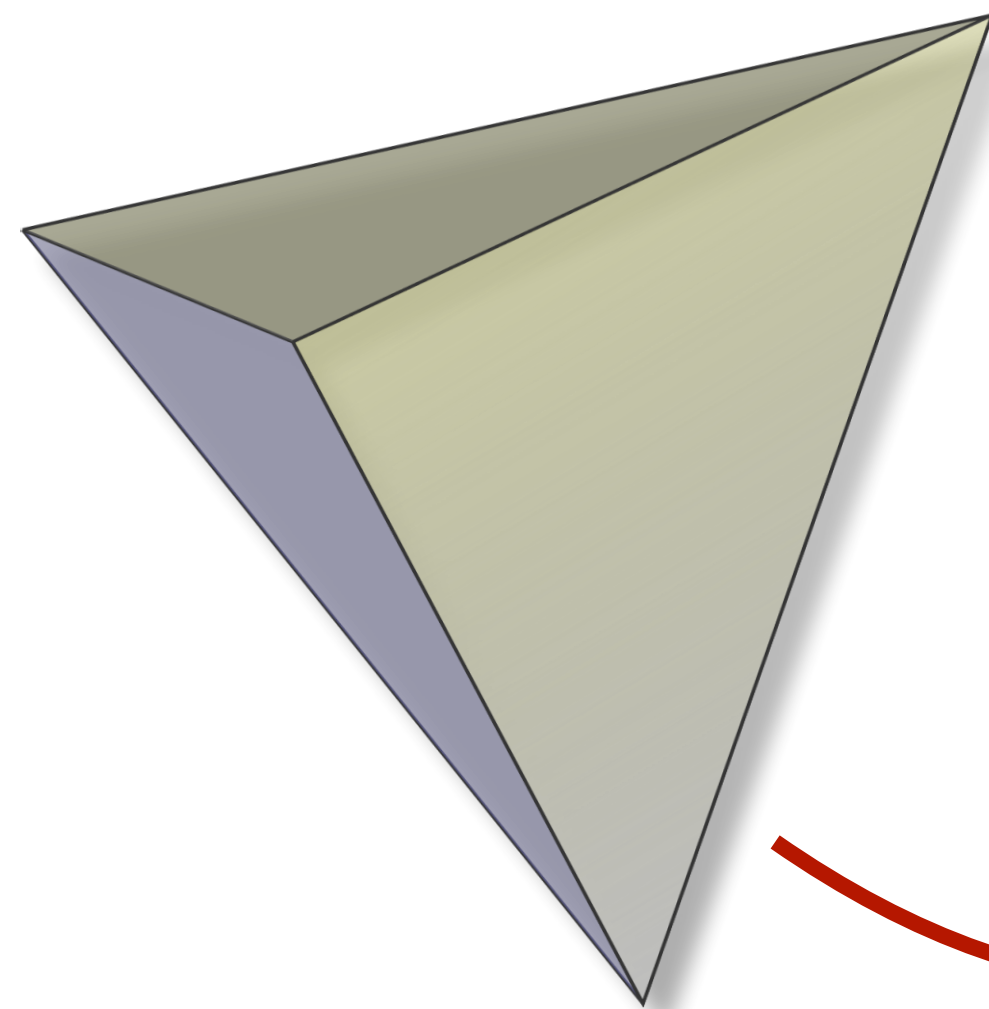
e.g. discrete or continuous flavour symmetries

$$\left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle}{\Lambda} \right)^{n_{ij}} Q_i H_u u_j^c + \dots$$

Flavour symmetry breaking  
 $\langle \varphi \rangle$  is **engineered**

Neutrino data was compatible with discrete rotations!

Harrison, Perkins, Scott  
Phys.Lett.B 530 (2002) 167



EFT with scalar “flavons”  $\phi_i$

$$\mathcal{W}_{Yukawa} \supset \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} E^c (L\phi_i)_1 H_d$$

$$U_{\text{TBM}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{13} = 0 \quad \theta_{12} \simeq 35^\circ \quad \theta_{23} = 45^\circ$$

Flavour rotation under  $G_{\text{sym}} \sim \{S_3, A_4, S_4, \dots\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_e \\ L_\mu \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} L_e + \sqrt{2}L_\mu \\ \sqrt{2}L_e - L_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

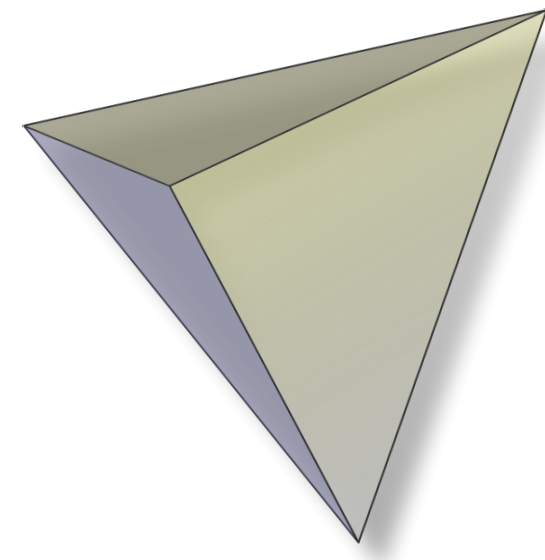
Altarelli, Feruglio

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and more...



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Tri-bimaximal  
compatible with data  
until 2012

## Shortcomings of the traditional approach

✗  $U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_{\text{TBM}}^0 + \dots \text{ corrections}$

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$\theta_{13} = 0$   
Automatic

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$\theta_{13} \approx 8.5^\circ?$

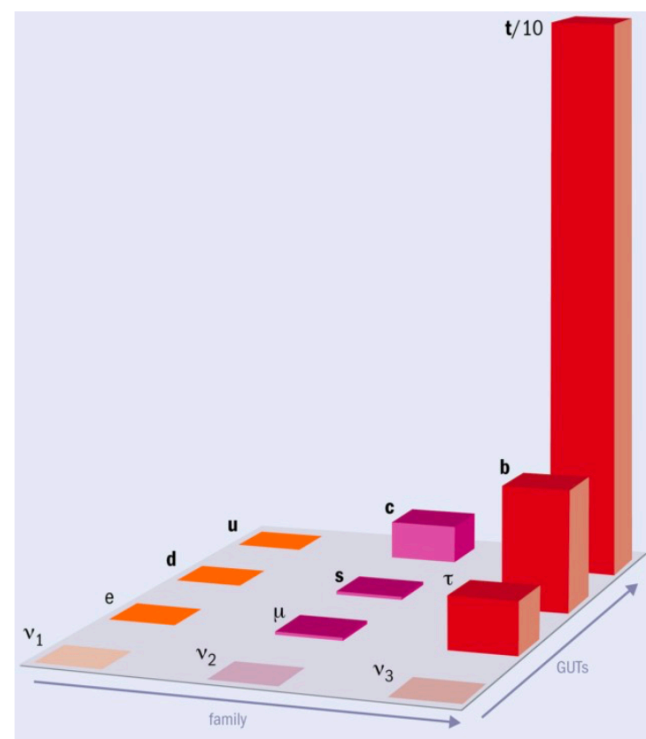
↘  $\delta\theta_{23}, \delta\theta_{12} \approx 8.5^\circ$

✗  $V(\phi_i) \rightarrow \text{Mess!}$

✗  $\alpha_i \quad \gamma_i \quad \beta_i$   
 $\rho_i \quad \sigma_i \quad \eta_i$   
 $\epsilon_i \quad \alpha_i \quad \beta_i \quad \gamma_i$

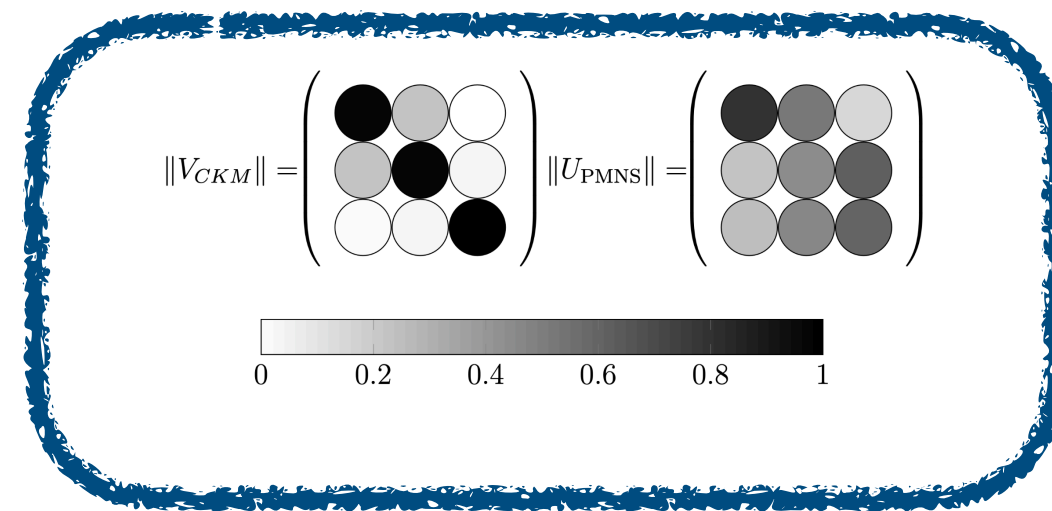
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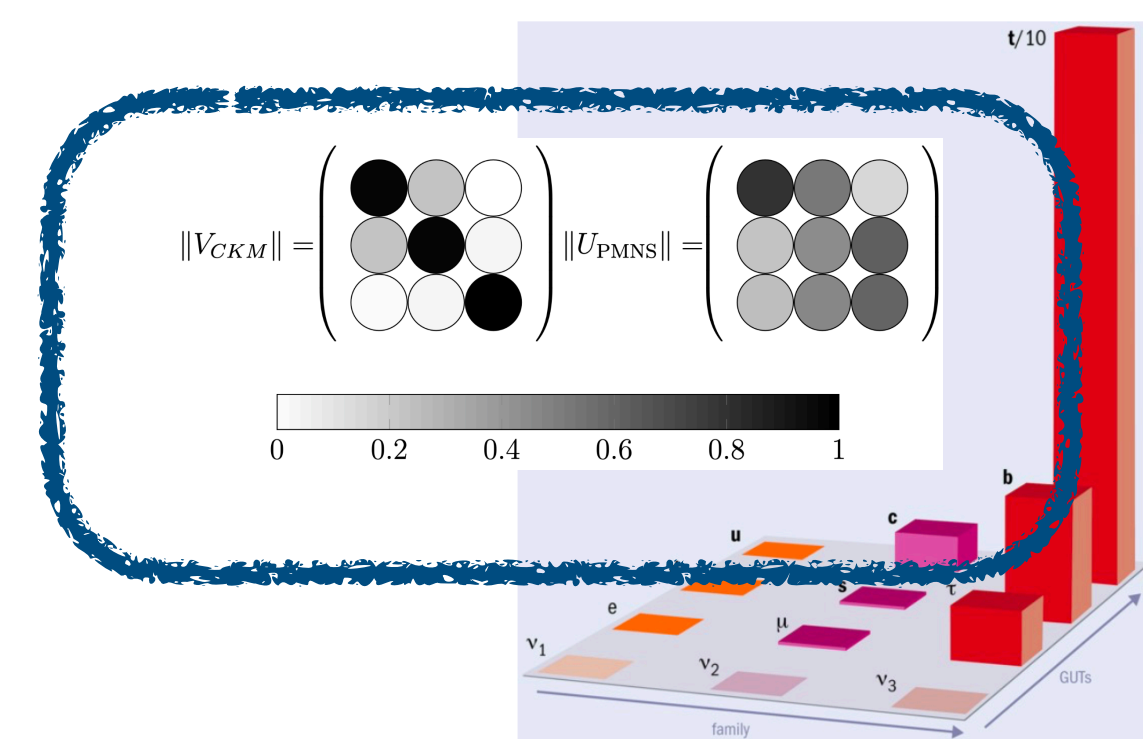
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An alternative:



with the SAME mechanism

## Can multiple aspects of flavour be explained by a single mechanism?

### Some biases:

- ▶ Mass hierarchies **MUST** be explained simultaneously with the mixings
- ▶ SUSY as the most immediate extension of SM
- ▶ String-inspired
- ▶ CP should be spontaneously violated

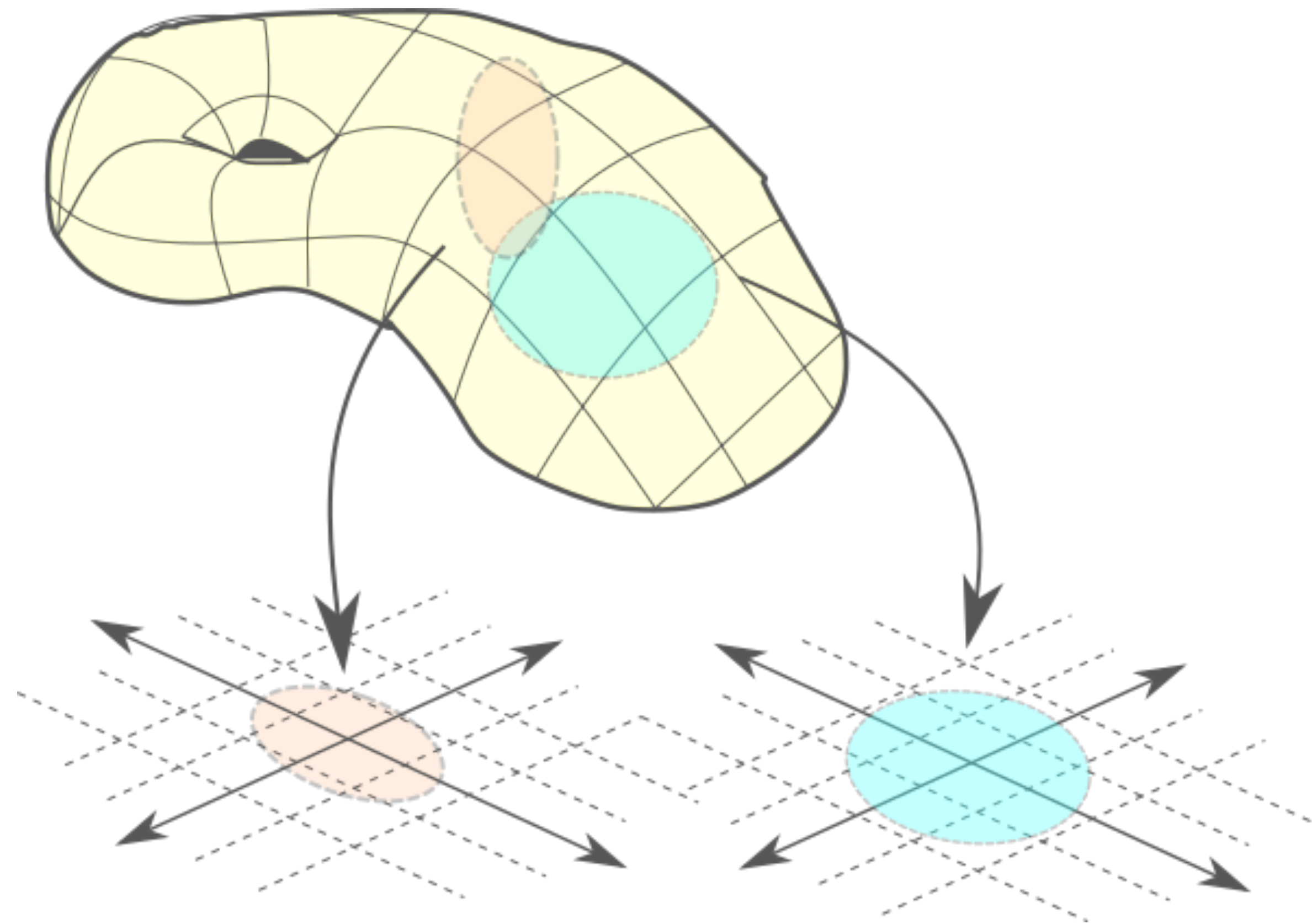
**Formidable  
task!**

If you think you're going in circles...

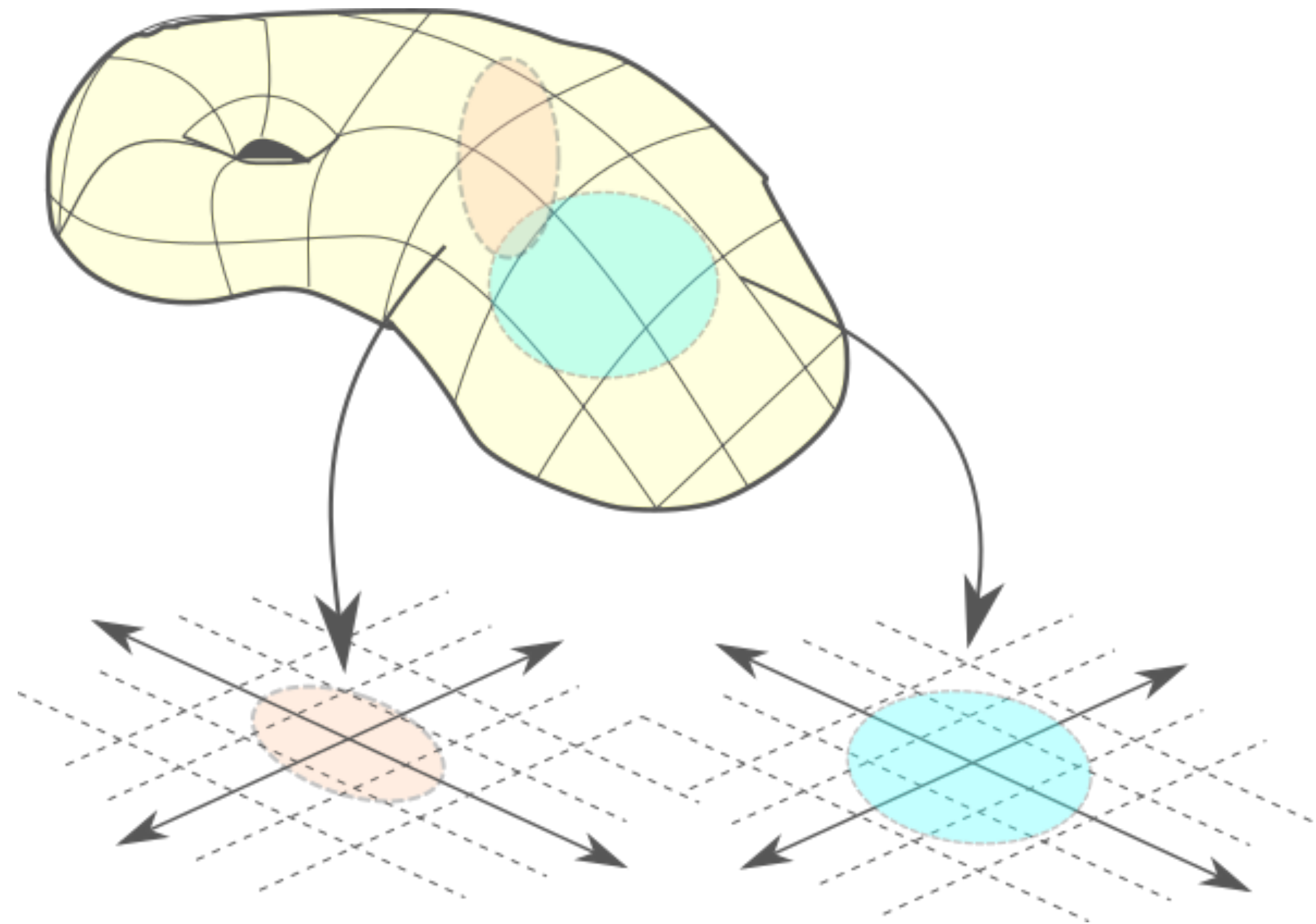


Change your perspective





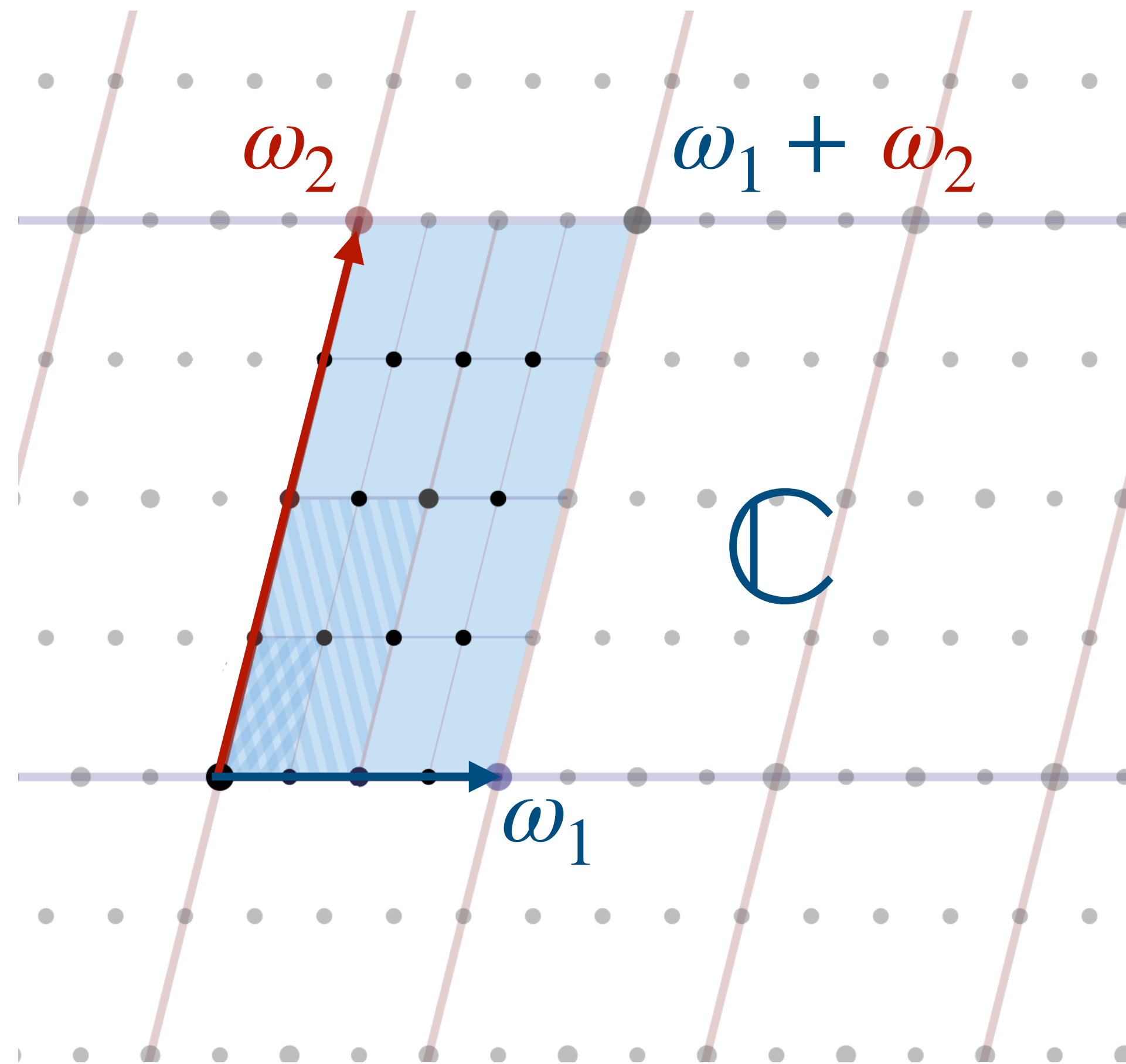
Fix the structure of  
the symmetry-  
breaking vacuum  
**FIRST**



$\varphi$  breaks flavour  
symmetry

$$\text{VEV} = \langle \varphi \rangle$$

takes **geometrically**  
**constrained** values



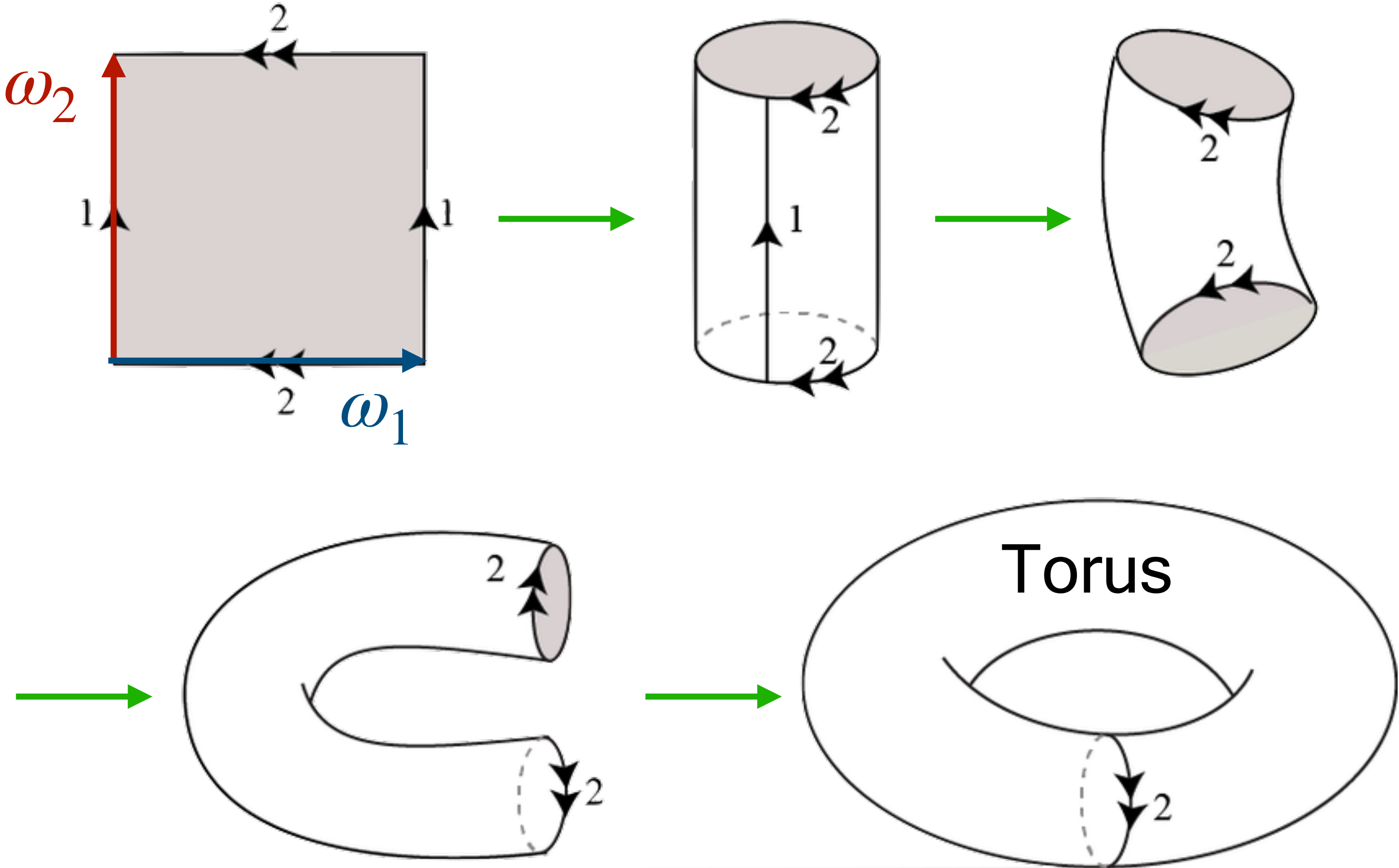
Change lattice basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega'_1 \\ \omega'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

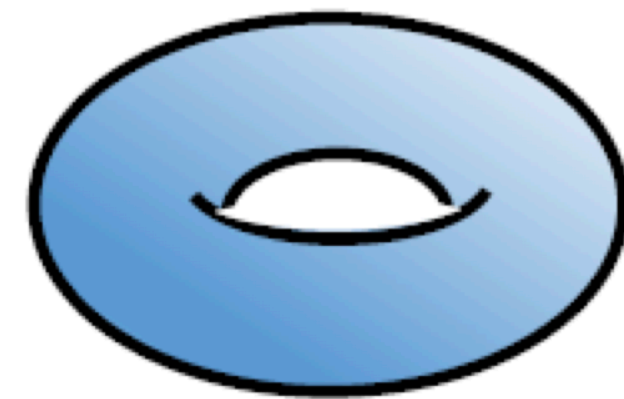
$$ad - bc = 1$$

Area unchanged



“Shape” of the Torus

$$\tau \equiv \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \in \mathbb{C}$$



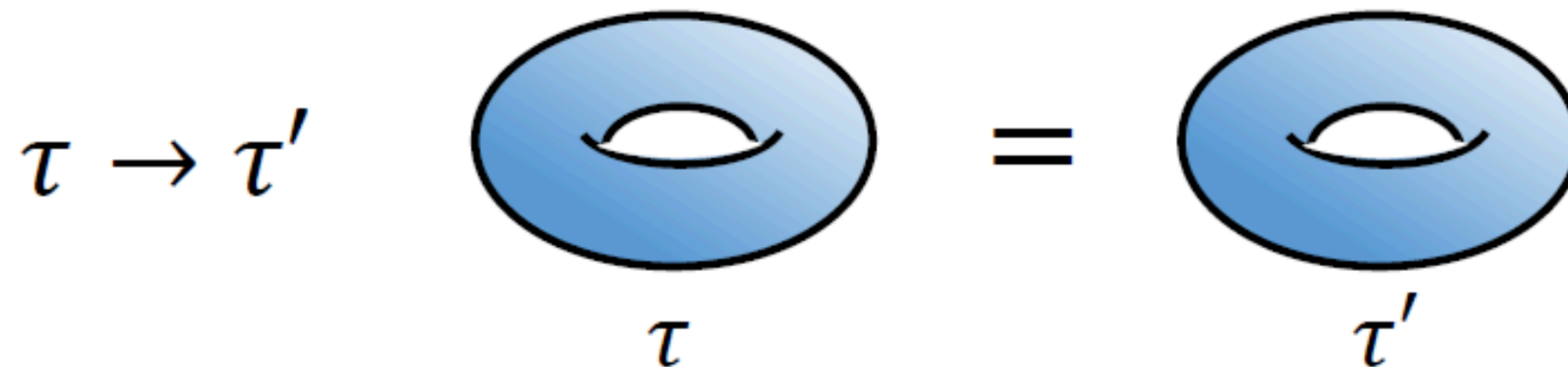
$$\tau = \tau_1$$



$$\tau = \tau_2$$

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$$\tau \longrightarrow \tau' = \frac{a\omega_2 + b\omega_1}{c\omega_2 + d\omega_1} \equiv \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$$



Shape UNCHANGED

[1706.08749]

Ferruccio

Feruglio

$\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \equiv \text{Modular group} \equiv \Gamma$

$$\tau \xrightarrow{\gamma} \tau' = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(y_{jk} \bar{L}_j H \ell_{Rk} + \text{h.c.})$$

[1706.08749]

Ferruccio  
Feruglio

$\Gamma$

$\langle \tau \rangle \equiv \text{VEV}$

MAIN IDEA:

Yukawa couplings  
are modular forms  
in the UV theory

$$y_{jk} \rightarrow Y(\tau)$$

non-linearly realized symmetry!

$$M_e \sim \sum_i \alpha_i \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(\tau) & f_{12}(\tau) & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & f_{33}(\tau) \end{pmatrix}$$

$f_{ij} \equiv$  pre-determined functions of  $\tau$

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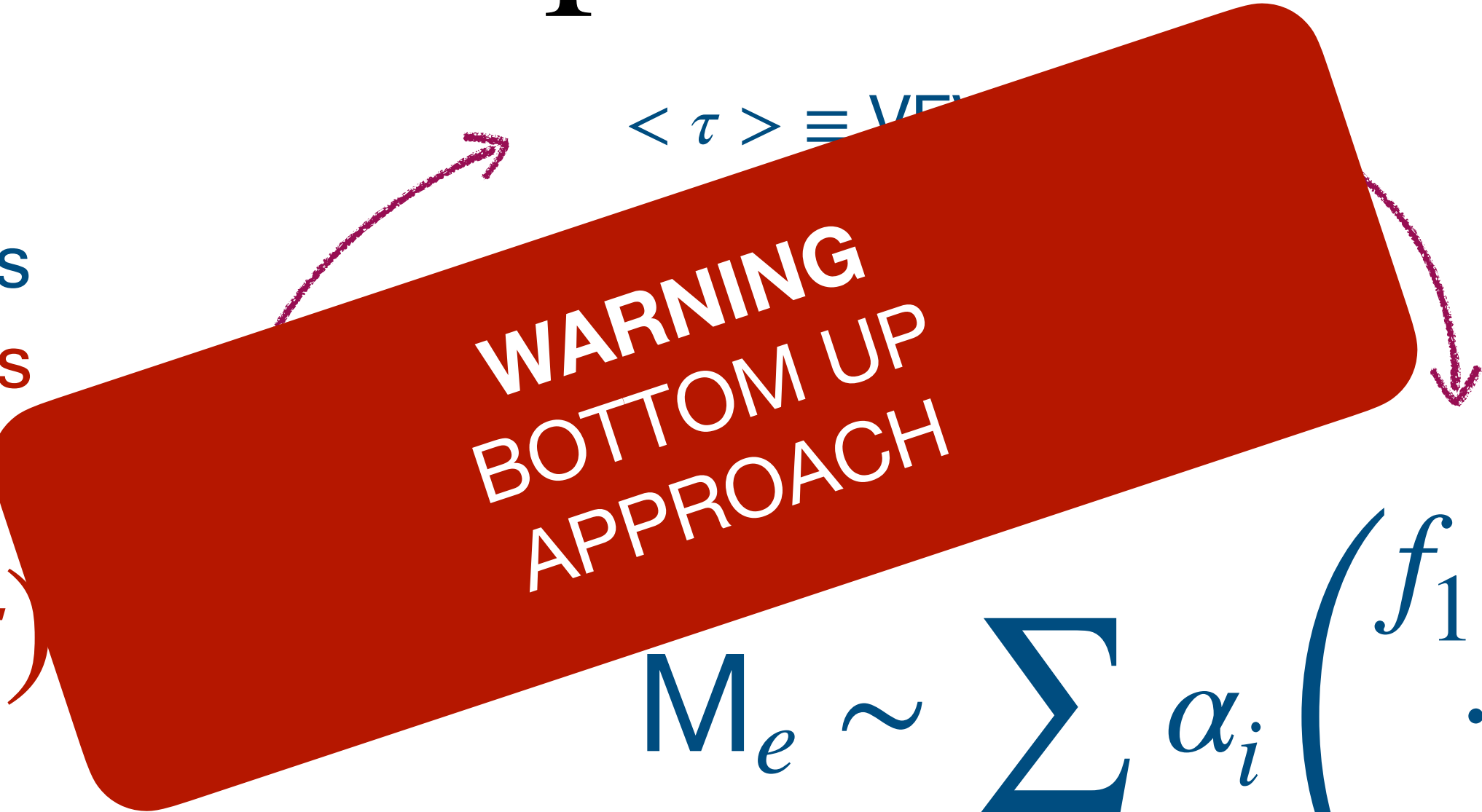
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$\Gamma$

$\langle \tau \rangle \equiv \sqrt{F}$

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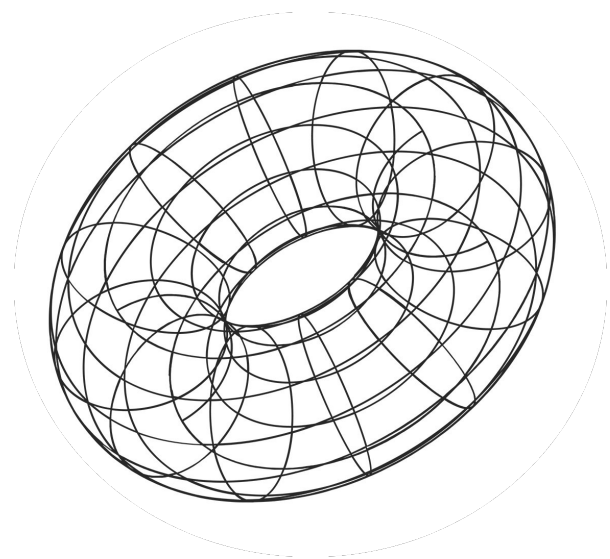


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$$\int d^4x d^6y \mathcal{L}_{10D} \implies \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{EFT}$$

What is a modular form?  $Y(\tau)$

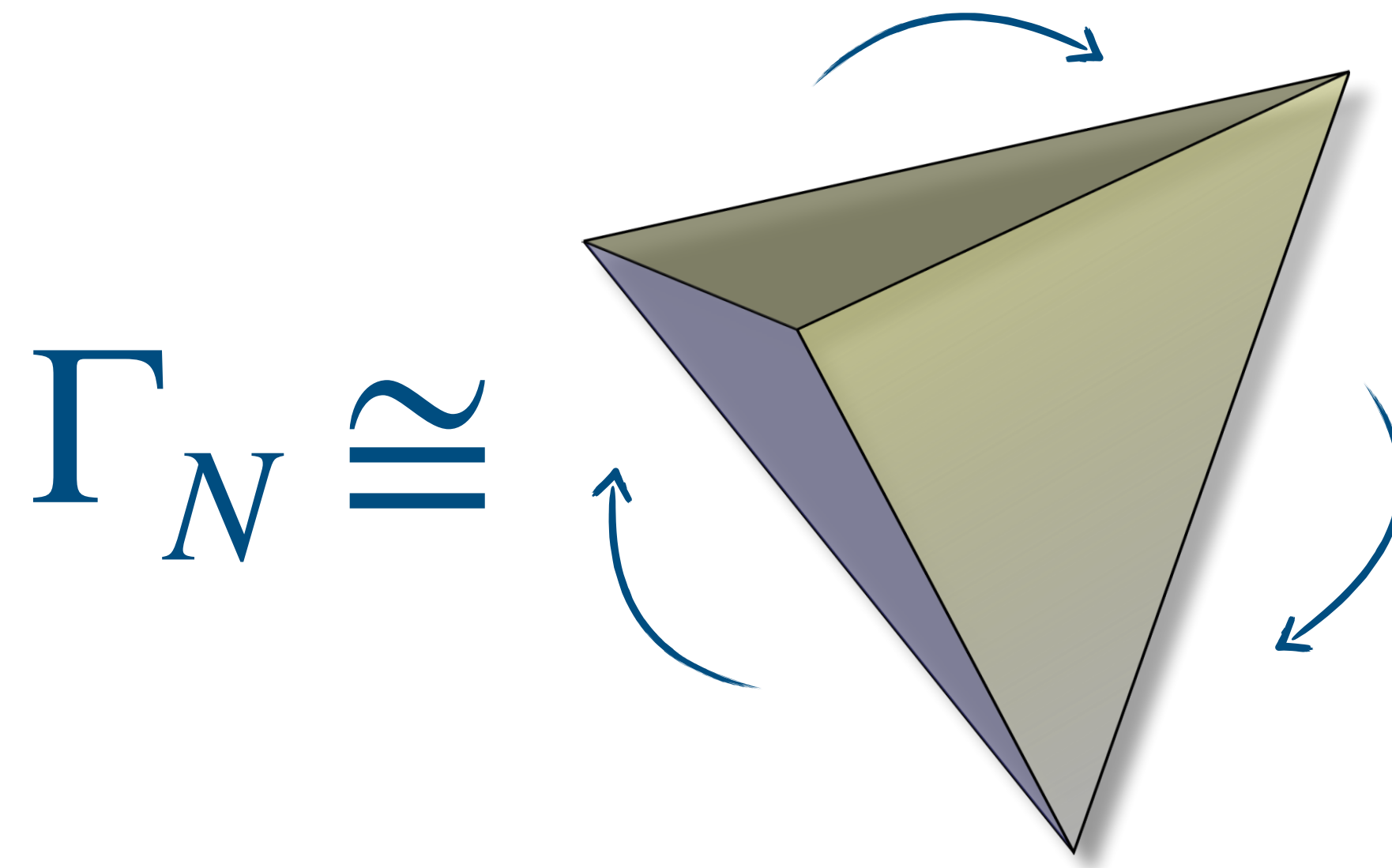
►  $Y(\gamma(\tau)) = (c\tau + d)^k Y(\tau)$       Holomorphic in:  $\{\tau \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) > 0\}$

► “Weight”  
 $k > 0$

Very  
constraining!

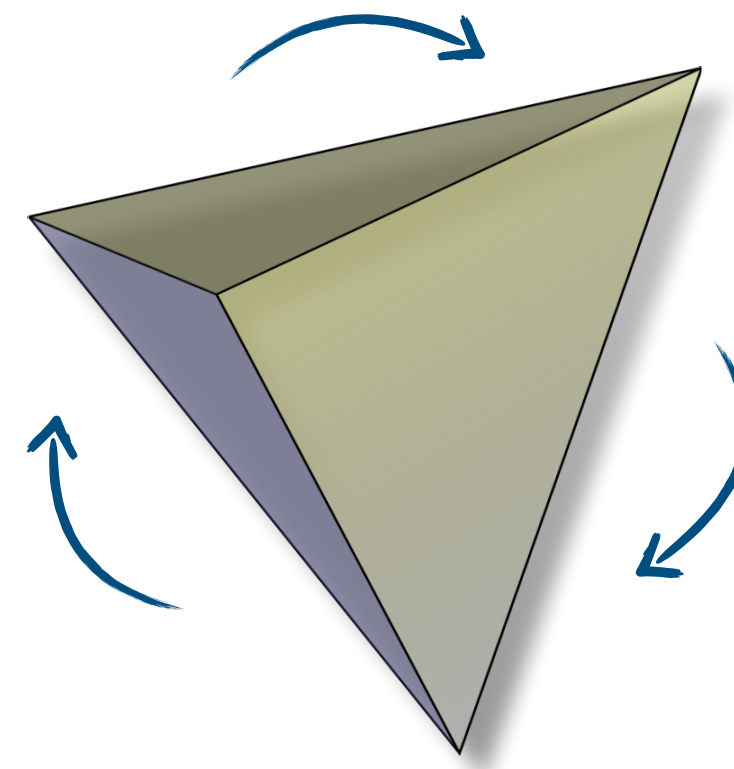
The modular group exists  
in a **FINITE** and  
**DISCRETE** version

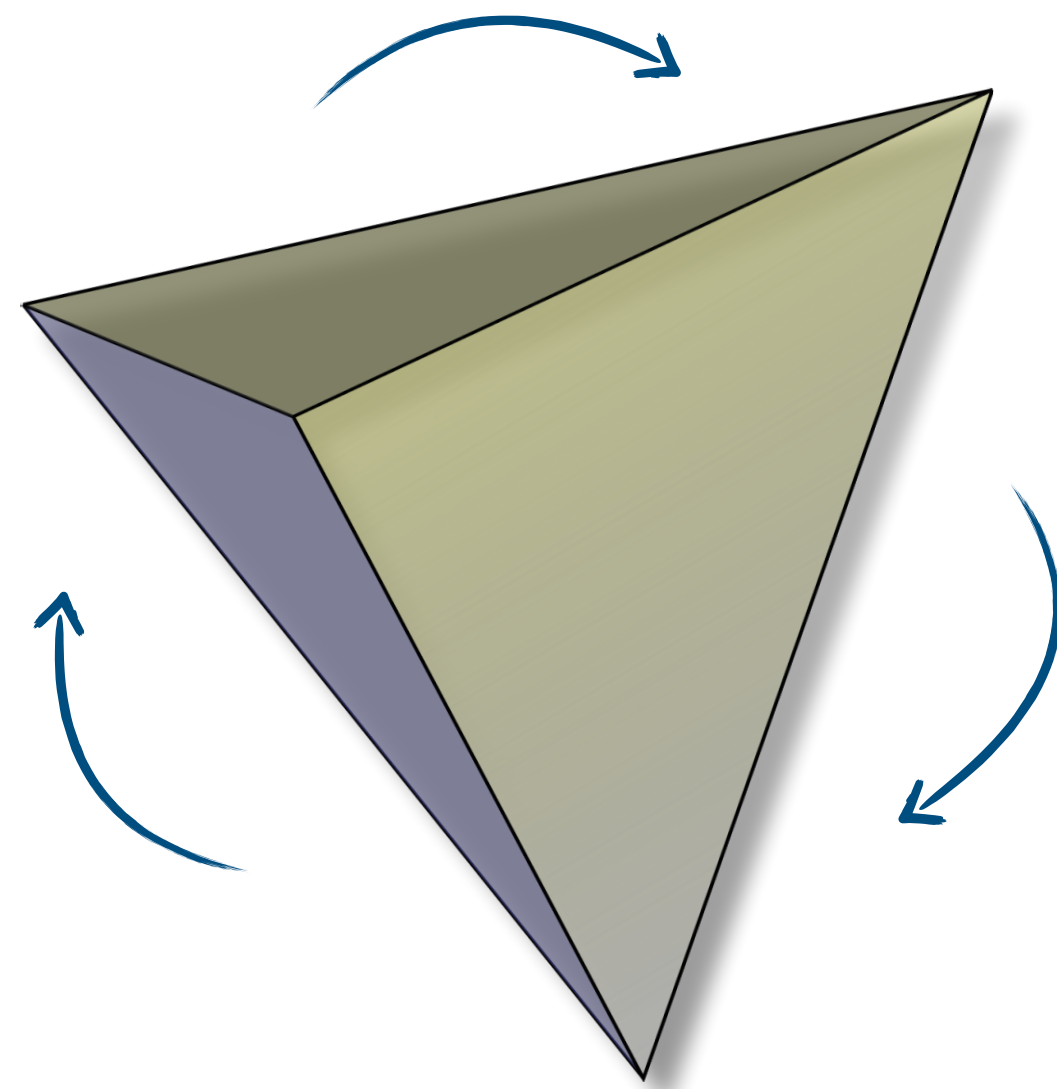
A finite version of  $\Gamma$  describes flavour  
Feruglio's Ansatz



$$\Gamma(N) = \{\gamma \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma \equiv 1_2 \pmod{N}\}$$

$$\Gamma_N = \Gamma / \Gamma(N) \cong$$





**Example**

Flavour  
rotation under  
 $\Gamma_N \cong \{S_3, A_4, S_4, \dots\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^3 \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e + \sqrt{2}\psi_\mu \\ \sqrt{2}\psi_e - \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Modular factor

Weight  $k = 3$

$$\mathcal{W}(\Phi) = \sum (Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \varphi^{(I_1)} \dots \varphi^{(I_n)})_{\mathbf{1}}$$

Modular invariance if;

$$\begin{cases} \rho \otimes \rho_{I_1} \otimes \rho_{I_2} \dots \otimes \rho_{I_n} \supset \mathbf{1} & \longrightarrow \text{Usual} \\ k_Y = k_{I_1} + k_{I_2} + \dots + k_{I_n} & \longrightarrow \text{Novelty} \end{cases}$$

$$Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau) \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{k_Y} \rho(\gamma) Y_{I_1 \dots I_n}(\tau)$$

$$\varphi^{(I)} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_I} \rho^{(I)}(\gamma) \varphi^{(I)}$$

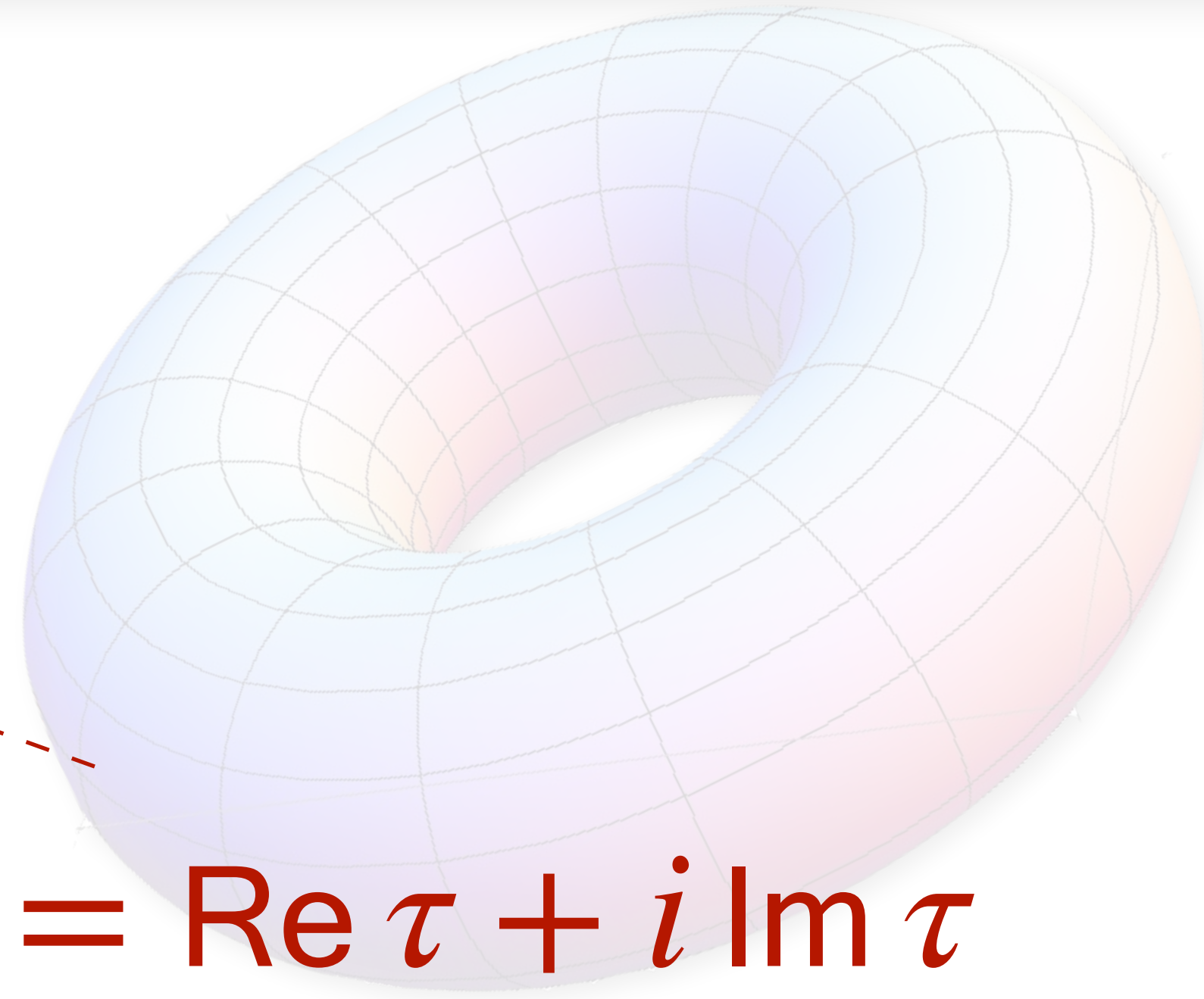
Yukawa: modular forms of weight  $k_Y$

Superfields with modular charges  $-k_I$

$$(c\tau + d)^{k_Y} (c\tau + d)^{-\sum k_{I_n}} = 1$$

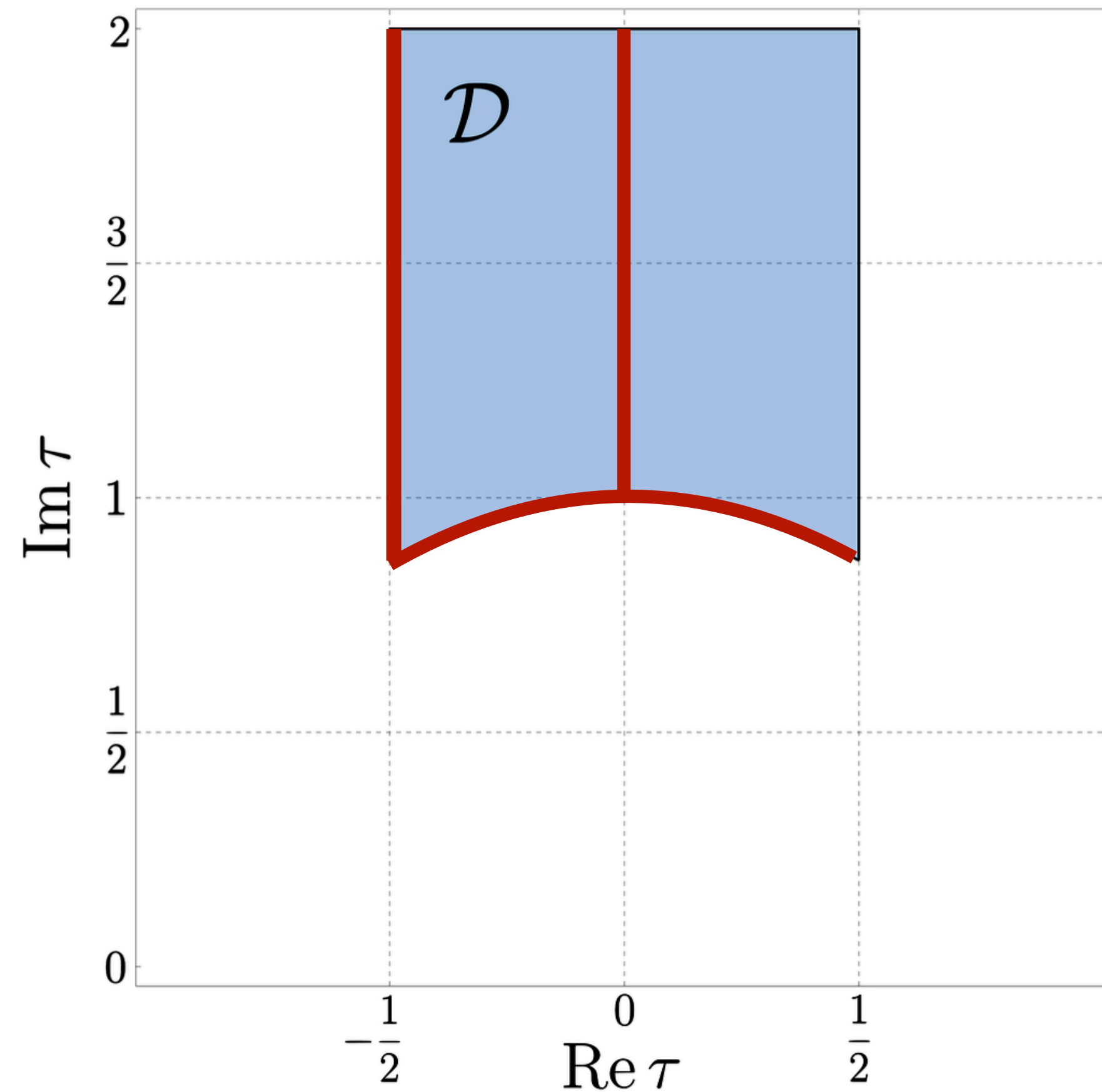
$$Y(\tau) \sim \sum_n^{\infty} e^{2\pi i n \tau}$$

$$\tau = \text{Re } \tau + i \text{Im } \tau$$



- ✓  $\tau$  controls fermion masses
- ✓  $\tau$  controls fermion mixing

- ✓  $\tau$  controls  $\delta_{CP}$



▶ Every  $\tau \notin \mathcal{D}$  can be mapped in  $\tau' \in \mathcal{D}$  through  $\Gamma$  transformation

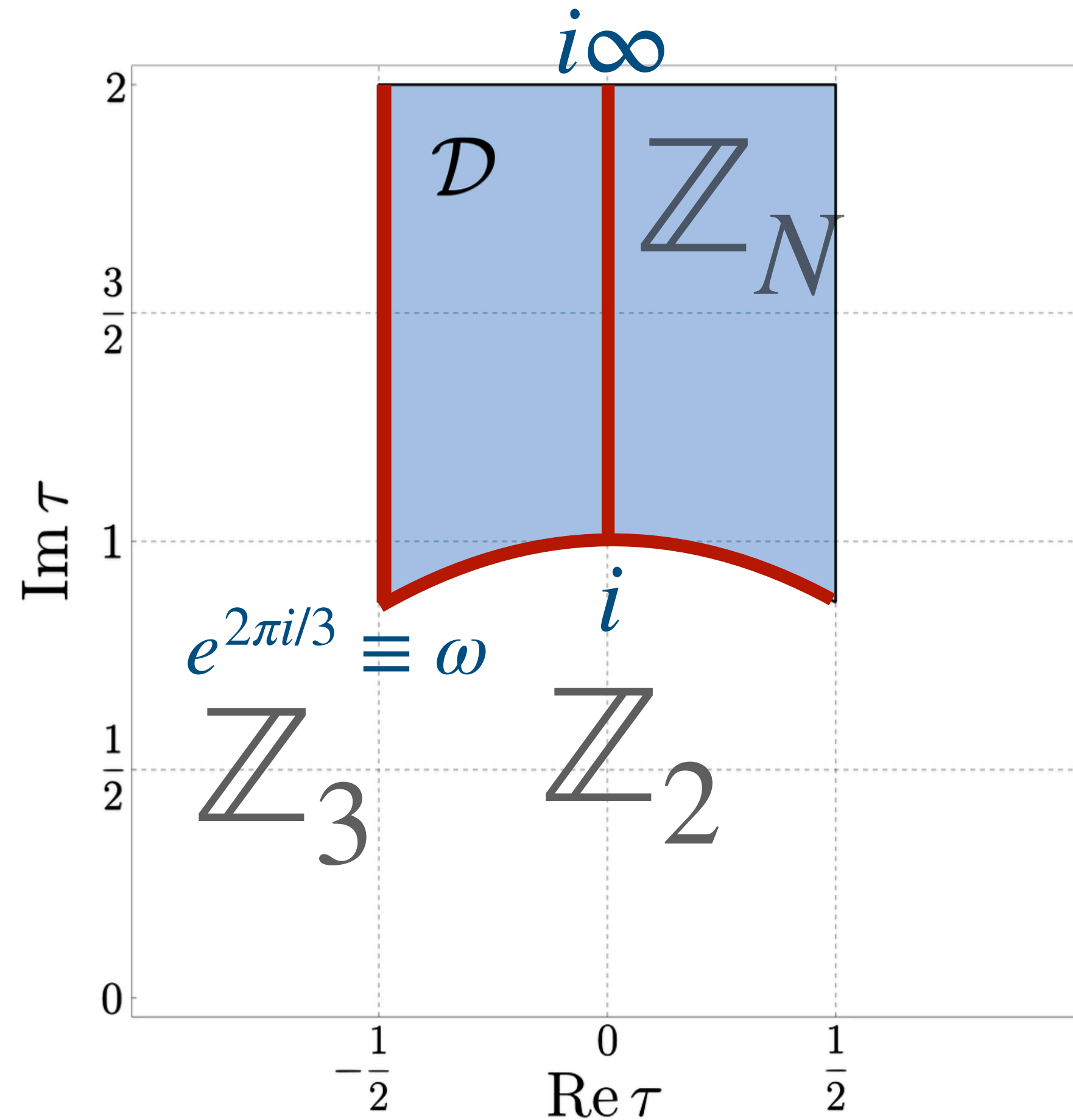
▶ **CP conserving values**

P. Novichkov, J. Penedo, S. Petcov, A. Titov

*Journal of High Energy Physics* **2019** no. 7, (Jul, 2019)

Only source of CPV in the model is the VEV of  $\tau$

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \tau \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } \tau > 0, |\text{Re } \tau| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |\tau| \geq 1 \right\}$$



JHEP 04 (2021) 206 Novichkov, Penedo, Petcov

Modular-Proximity-Induced-Hierarchies (MPIH)

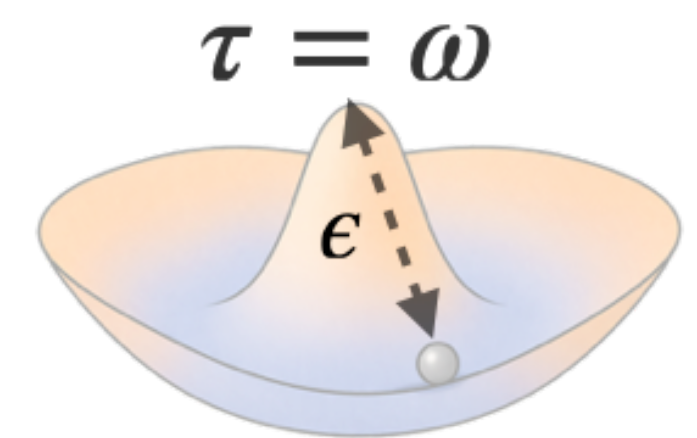
$$\epsilon \sim |\tau - \tau_{sym}|$$

►  $\tau = \tau_{sym}$

$$\epsilon = |\tau - \tau_{sym}| > 0$$

$$M \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow M \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon^{\dots} & \epsilon^{\dots} \\ \epsilon^{\dots} & \epsilon^{\dots} & \epsilon^{\dots} \\ \epsilon^{\dots} & \epsilon^{\dots} & \epsilon^{\dots} \end{pmatrix}$$

►  $m_\ell = m_\tau(1, \epsilon, \epsilon^3)$



► The pattern depends on both  $\Gamma'_N$  and the weights

# Everything from $\epsilon$ ?

[2505.21405]

Granelli, Meloni, Parriciatu, Penedo, Petcov

$m_\nu \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$   
Smallness of light  
neutrino masses

$$m_e/m_\mu \simeq \frac{1}{200}$$

$$m_\mu/m_\tau \simeq \frac{1}{17}$$

$$\epsilon \equiv |\tau - \tau_{sym}|$$

$$\Delta M \sim |\epsilon|^r \times M.$$

L-conserving for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

CP conserving (in gCP mode)

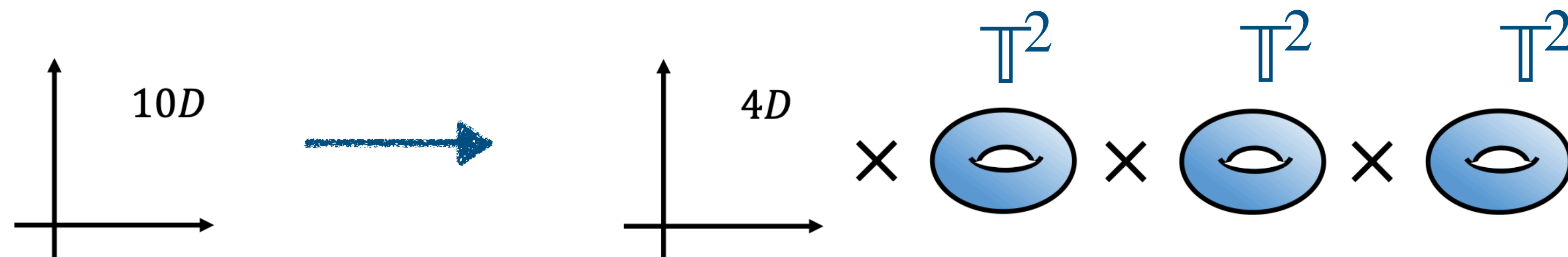
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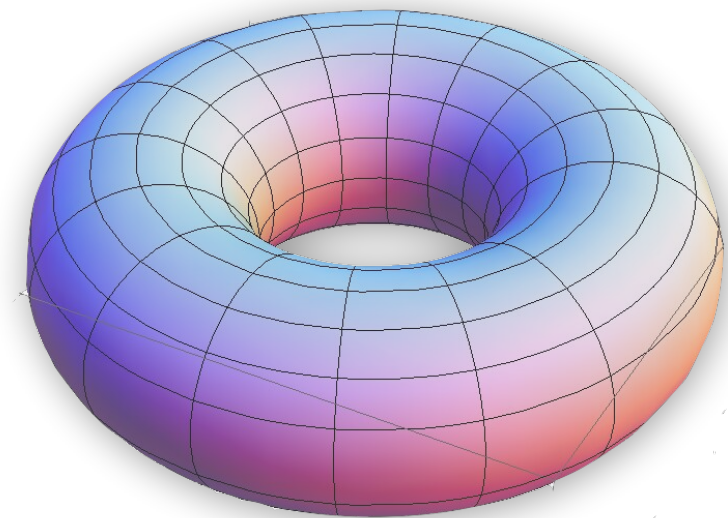

As the quarks teach us,  
this is **NOT** desirable [2307.14410]

$$\delta_{CP}^{CKM} \sim 69^\circ$$



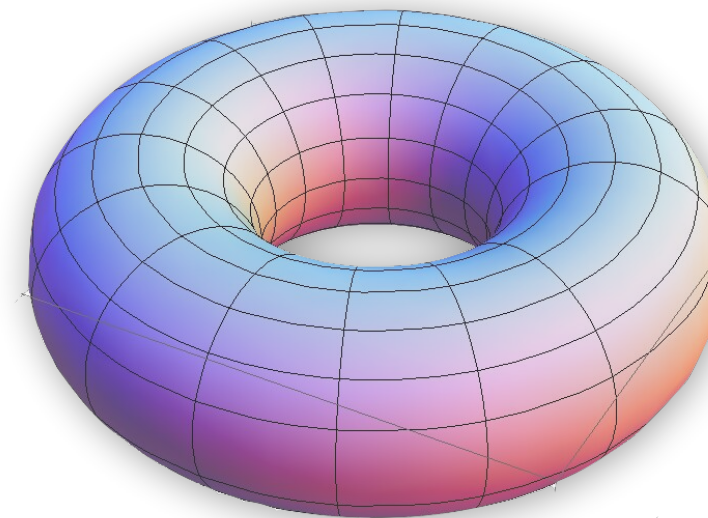
One modulus is just a toy model?

## Multiple moduli?



Mass hierarchies  
 $\tau_1 \sim \{\omega, i, i\infty\}$

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CP violation  
 $\tau_2 \in \mathcal{D}$

OR

genus 2

[2010.07952]

Ding, Feruglio, Liu



$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_3 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Two rings to rule them all...**

Carducci, Meloni, Parriciatu, Penedo

[arXiv:2604.21979]

Symplectic symmetry 

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_3 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})} \tau' = (A\tau + B)(C\tau + D)^{-1}$$

$$\det \operatorname{Im} \tau > 0 \quad , \quad \operatorname{Tr} \operatorname{Im} \tau > 0$$

$$Y(\gamma(\tau)) = [\det(C\tau + D)]^k Y(\tau)$$

Siegel modular forms

A second ansatz needed 

$$\Gamma(n) = \{ \gamma \in SL(4, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma \equiv 1_4 \pmod{n} \}$$

$$|\Gamma_n| = n^{10} \prod_{p|n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{p^4} \right)$$



$$|\Gamma_2| = |\Gamma_4| = 720 \quad , \quad |\Gamma_3| = 51840 \quad , \quad |\Gamma_5| = 9.36 \times 10^6$$

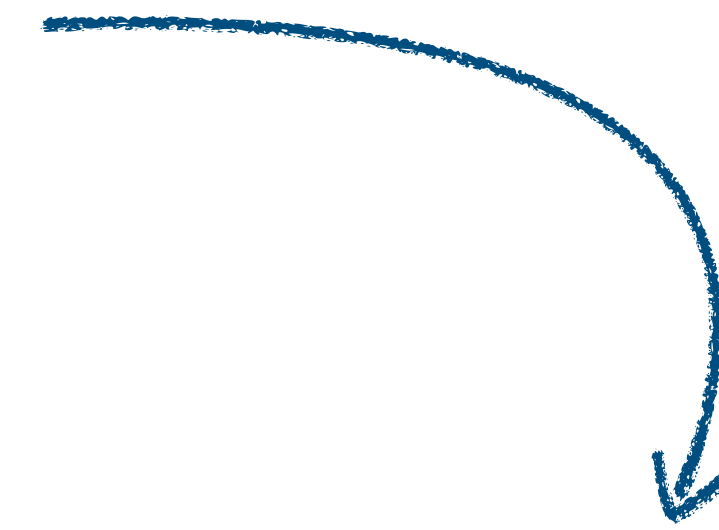


$\Gamma_2 \cong S_6$     lowest irrep is **5**...

**Need additional constraints!**

Consider  $H \subset Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$

$$H\tau = \tau, \quad \tau \in \Sigma$$

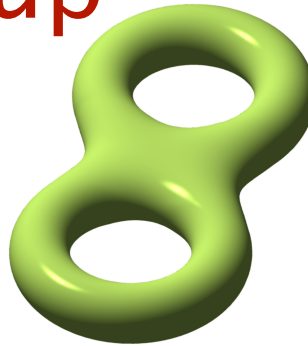


Invariant region of genus 2

Choose  $N(H)$  as the flavour  
modular group

Genus 2 ansatz



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$$N_n(H) = N(H)/N(H, n)$$

Now suited for flavour model building!

everything from genus 1 is now generalizable: gCP, MPIH...

	Fixed region $\Sigma$	Stabilizer $\bar{H} \equiv H/\{\pm 1\}$	$N_2(H)$
dimension two	$\mathcal{T}_1: \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$(S_3 \times S_3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$
	$\mathcal{T}_2: \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_3 \\ \tau_3 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$S_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
dimension one	$\mathcal{O}_1: \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	$D_6$
	$\mathcal{O}_2: \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	$S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$
	$\mathcal{O}_3: \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$D_6$
	$\mathcal{O}_4: \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$D_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$
	$\mathcal{O}_5: \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & \tau_1/2 \\ \tau_1/2 & \tau_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$S_3$	$S_3 \times S_3$
dimension zero	$\mathcal{Z}_1: \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & \zeta + \zeta^{-2} \\ \zeta + \zeta^{-2} & -\zeta^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_5$	$\mathbb{Z}_5$
	$\mathcal{Z}_2: \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \frac{1}{2}(\xi - 1) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\xi - 1) & \xi \end{pmatrix}$	$S_4$	$S_4$
	$\mathcal{Z}_3: \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$	$(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$D_4$
	$\mathcal{Z}_4: \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$	$S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$	$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times S_3$
	$\mathcal{Z}_5: \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$D_6$	$D_6$
	$\mathcal{Z}_6: \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$	$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$

available  
flavour groups

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

$$\xi = \frac{1}{3}(1 + i2\sqrt{2})$$

$$\zeta = e^{2\pi i/5}$$

Generalizing MPIH mechanism:

$$d(\tau_{(g)}, \tau'_{(g)}) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^g \ln^2 \frac{1 + \sqrt{\lambda_k}}{1 - \sqrt{\lambda_k}} \right)^{1/2}$$

This distance

leaves invariant

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr} (Y^{-1} d\tau_{(g)} Y^{-1} d\bar{\tau}_{(g)})$$

this genus 2 metric

$$\mathcal{D}_g(\tau_{(g)}, \tau'_{(g)}) = (\tau_{(g)} - \tau'_{(g)})(\tau_{(g)} - \bar{\tau}'_{(g)})^{-1}(\bar{\tau}_{(g)} - \bar{\tau}'_{(g)})(\bar{\tau}_{(g)} - \tau'_{(g)})^{-1}$$

this cross-ratio

and  $\lambda_k$  are eigenvalues of

“Trajectories” at genus 2

$\Sigma \rightsquigarrow \Sigma^*$	$H_0^*/\langle H \rangle$	$\Delta \dim$
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	2
$\mathcal{T}_1$	$D_4$	2
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{Z}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	2
$\mathcal{O}_1$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{O}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_1$	$S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$	2
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{Z}_4$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	2
$\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	1
$\mathcal{O}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	1
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{Z}_5$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	2
$\mathcal{O}_5$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_1$	$\mathbb{Z}_6$	2
$\mathcal{O}_1 \quad \mathcal{Z}_6$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	1
$\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_1 \quad \mathcal{O}_1$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_1 \quad \mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	1
$\mathcal{T}_1 \quad \mathcal{O}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{O}_3$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{O}_4$	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	1
$\mathcal{T}_2 \quad \mathcal{O}_5$	1	1

check the residual symmetries!

We restrict to subspace

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Here  $\Gamma \cong (S_3 \times S_3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$

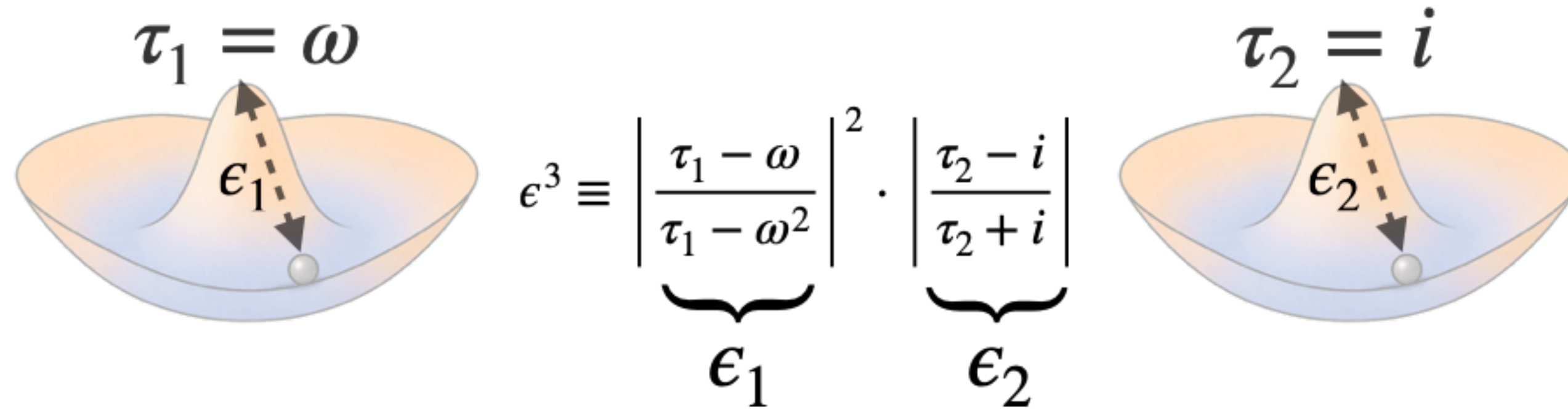
Left quarks

$$Q \sim \mathbf{2} \oplus \mathbf{1}_a$$

Right quarks

$$u^c, d^c \sim \mathbf{1}_a \oplus \mathbf{1}_b \oplus \mathbf{1}_c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\arg(\epsilon_1) \neq \arg(\epsilon_2)$$

More complex  
phases available  
for CP violation!

$$M_{quarks} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \bullet & & \\ & \bullet & \\ & & \bullet \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \epsilon & \\ & & \epsilon^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{CKM} = \mathbb{1} + \epsilon V_1 + \epsilon^2 V_2 + \dots$$

$$Y_u = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(Y_2^{(10)})_2 & \alpha_2(Y_{2,1}^{(12)})_1 + \alpha_3(Y_{2,2}^{(12)})_1 & \alpha_4(Y_2^{(10)})_1 \\ -\alpha_1(Y_2^{(10)})_1 & \alpha_2(Y_{2,1}^{(12)})_2 + \alpha_3(Y_{2,2}^{(12)})_2 & \alpha_4(Y_2^{(10)})_2 \\ 0 & \alpha_5 Y_1^{(10)} & \alpha_6 Y_1^{(8)} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Y_d = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1(Y_2^{(10)})_1 & \beta_2(Y_{2,1}^{(12)})_2 + \beta_3(Y_{2,2}^{(12)})_2 & \beta_4(Y_2^{(10)})_1 \\ -\beta_1(Y_2^{(10)})_2 & \beta_2(Y_{2,1}^{(12)})_1 + \beta_3(Y_{2,2}^{(12)})_1 & \beta_4(Y_2^{(10)})_2 \\ 0 & \beta_5 Y_1^{(10)} & \beta_6 Y_1^{(8)} \end{pmatrix},$$

Mostly  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  parameters from the fit

Existence of a viable model is  
non-trivial, **very constrained!**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{VEV} \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ 0 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 & \epsilon & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon \\ 0 & \epsilon & \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_1 \sim \epsilon_2 \equiv \epsilon$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \quad m_{up} \sim (1, \epsilon, \epsilon^3) \quad m_{down} \sim (1, \epsilon^2, \epsilon^2)$$

$$\epsilon \sim 10^{-2} \sim \lambda^2$$

$$|V| \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \mathcal{O}(10^2)|\epsilon|^2 & \mathcal{O}(10)|\epsilon| & \mathcal{O}(10)|\epsilon|^2 \\ \mathcal{O}(10)|\epsilon| & 1 - \mathcal{O}(10^2)|\epsilon|^2 & |\epsilon| \\ \mathcal{O}(10^2)|\epsilon|^2 & |\epsilon| & 1 - \mathcal{O}(10)|\epsilon|^2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(|\epsilon|^3),$$

$$J_{\text{CP}} = |\text{Im}(V_{11}^* V_{12} V_{21} V_{22}^*)| \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3) |\epsilon|^4. \quad \text{First time!}$$

Just a proof of concept...

The road is still long...



Thank you for the attention

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# BACKUP SLIDES



# Fit results of 2604.21979

Region	$\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathcal{Z}_4$	$\mathcal{Z}_6$	Region	$\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathcal{Z}_4$	$\mathcal{Z}_6$
$\tau_1$	$\omega + 0.047$	$\omega + 0.072$	$\omega + 0.019$	$y_u/y_t$	$5.383 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5.396 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.304 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$\tau_2$	$-0.196 + 2.220 i$	$-0.537 + 0.927 i$	$0.029 + 0.996 i$	$y_c/y_t$	$2.674 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.650 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.687 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\alpha_1/\alpha_5$	-0.751	-0.388	-0.286	$y_d/y_b$	$6.711 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.185 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$7.370 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\alpha_2/\alpha_5$	56.00	1.205	-12.08	$y_s/y_b$	$1.367 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.406 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.359 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\alpha_3/\alpha_5$	1.303	-7.124	-3.685	$\theta_{12}$	$2.274 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.275 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.273 \cdot 10^{-1}$
$\alpha_4/\alpha_5$	1.594	-1.178	-0.464	$\theta_{13}$	$3.167 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.770 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.201 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\alpha_6/\alpha_5$	0.035	0.188	0.067	$\theta_{23}$	$3.784 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.150 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.562 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_1/\beta_6$	-1.209	0.076	-0.076	$\delta_{\text{CP}}$	1.211	1.204	1.217
$\beta_2/\beta_6$	0.034	-55.42	0.206	$ \epsilon_1 $	0.027	0.042	0.011
$\beta_3/\beta_6$	0.046	0.977	14.05	$ \epsilon_2 $	-	0.040	0.015
$\beta_4/\beta_6$	30.22	7.492	0.291	$\chi_{\text{min}}^2$	0.11	1.41	0.97
$\beta_5/\beta_6$	2.444	0.223	-0.084				
$v_u \alpha_5, \text{ GeV}$	15.30	16.04	23.23				
$v_d \beta_6, \text{ GeV}$	0.370	0.250	0.462				

Mostly  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  parameters from the fit

# Modular symmetry protected seesaw

- ▶ Charged-leptons mass hierarchies controlled by the same  $\epsilon$  which breaks L-symmetry, and gives  $m_\nu \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta M \neq 0$ !

Model	Group	$\tau_{\text{sym}}$	$L$	$E^c$	$N^c$	$\Delta M$
A	$A_4$	$\omega$	$(\mathbf{1}, +2) \oplus (\mathbf{1}', +4) \oplus (\mathbf{1}'', +6)$	$(\mathbf{3}, 0)$	$(\mathbf{3}, 0)$	$\sim m_\nu$
B			$(\mathbf{1}', +1) \oplus (\mathbf{1}'', +3) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, +5)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$\sim \epsilon M$
C	$S'_4$	$i\infty$	$(\hat{\mathbf{1}}, +2) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, +3) \oplus (\hat{\mathbf{1}}, +4)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$\sim \epsilon^2 M$
D			$(\hat{\mathbf{1}}', +2) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, +3) \oplus (\hat{\mathbf{1}}', +4)$			

Let's focus on this



Notation:  $\psi \sim (\rho, k_\psi)$

## An example: model C

Group  
 $\Gamma'_4 \simeq S'_4$

$L$	$E^c$	$N^c$	$\Delta M$
$(\hat{\mathbf{1}}, +2) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, +3) \oplus (\hat{\mathbf{1}}, +4)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$(\mathbf{3}, +1)$	$\sim \epsilon^2 M$

$$\tau_{sym} \simeq i\infty$$

$$M_R = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (Y_2^{(2)})_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (Y_2^{(2)})_2 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (Y_2^{(2)})_1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (Y_2^{(2)})_1 & (Y_2^{(2)})_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_D = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_1 & g_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_3 & g_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_2 \\ g_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_1 & g_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_3 & g_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_2 \\ g_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_1 & g_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_3 & g_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

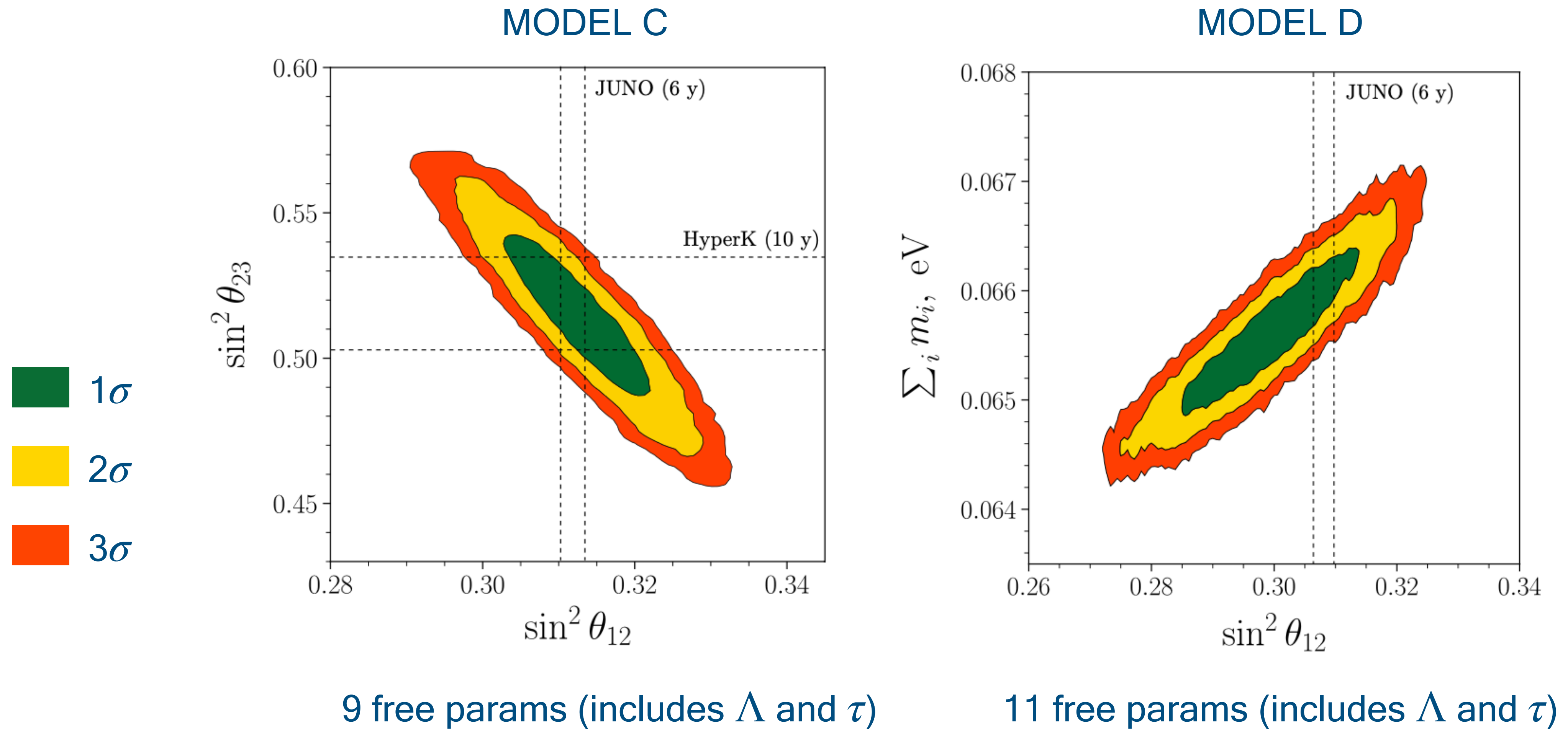
$$\epsilon \sim q^{1/4} = e^{i\pi\tau/2}$$

$$Y_e = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_1 & \alpha_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_3 & \alpha_1 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(3)})_2 \\ \alpha_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_1 & \alpha_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_3 & \alpha_2 (Y_{\mathbf{3}}^{(4)})_2 \\ \alpha_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_1 & \alpha_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_3 & \alpha_3 (Y_{\hat{\mathbf{3}}'}^{(5)})_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

L-conserving for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

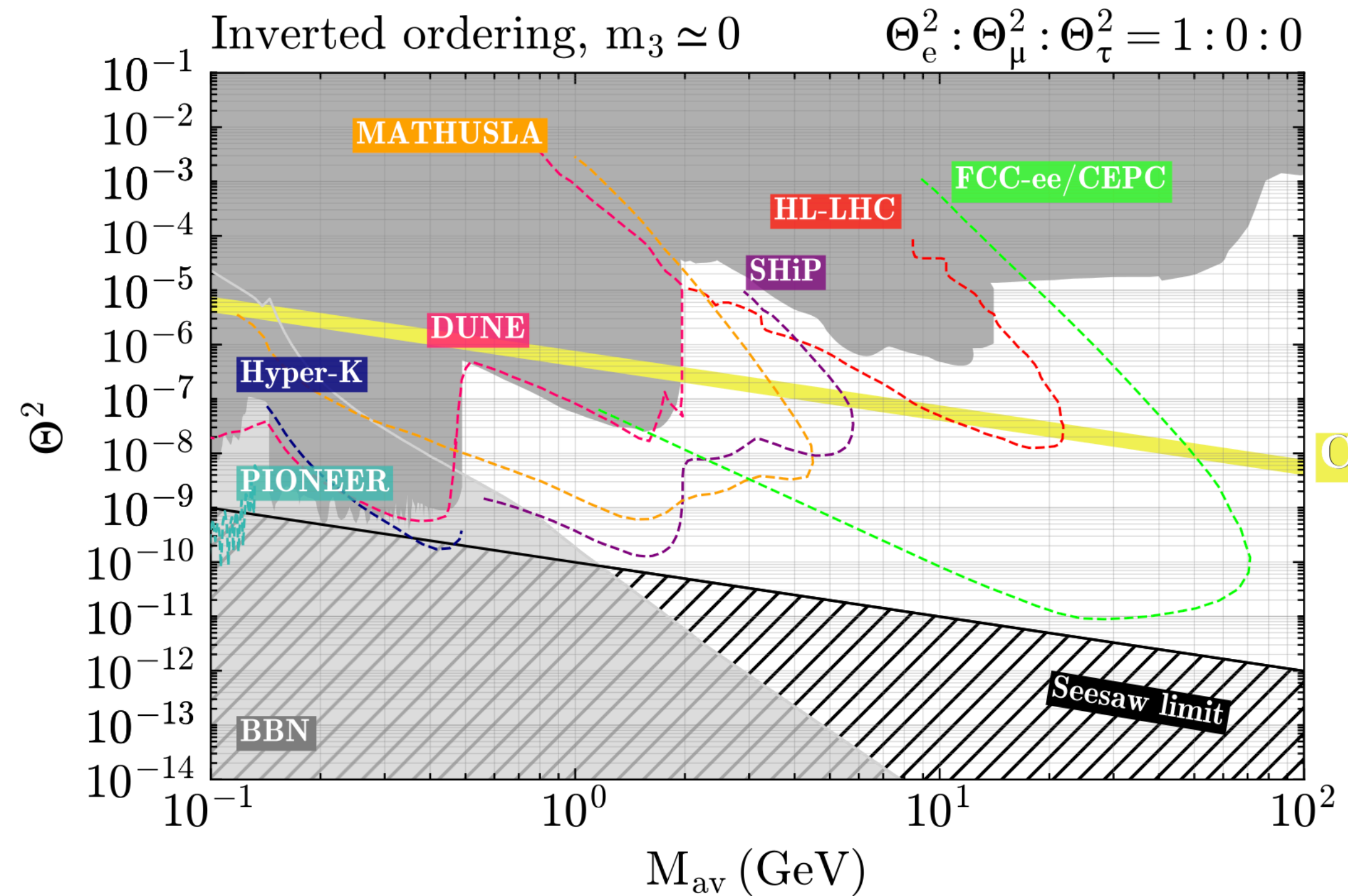
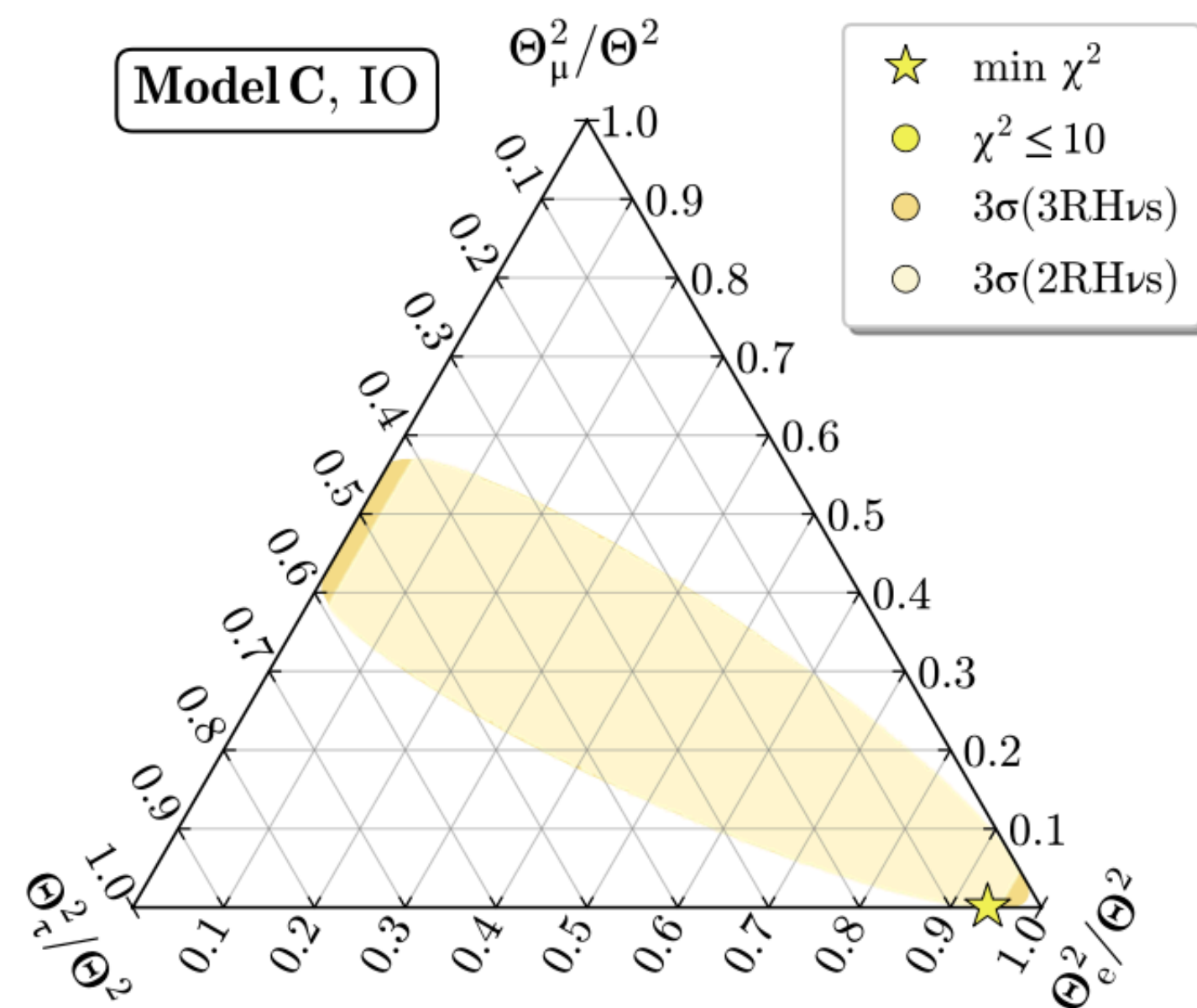
# Correlations and pheno



# Pheno: model C (Inverted Ordering)

$$\Theta_{\alpha j} \equiv v_u \hat{Y}_{\alpha j} / M_j.$$

$$\Theta_{\alpha}^2 \equiv \sum_{j=1}^3 |\Theta_{\alpha j}|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta^2 \equiv \sum_{\alpha=e, \mu, \tau} \Theta_{\alpha}^2.$$



$$M_{av} = \frac{\sum_i M_i}{3}$$

# The numerics of the benchmarks

Model (ordering)	A (NO)	B (NO)	C (IO)	D (NO)
$\text{Re } \tau$	$-0.472^{+0.017}_{-0.028}$	$-0.475^{+0.036}_{-0.024}$	$[-1/2, +1/2]$	$[-1/2, +1/2]$
$\text{Im } \tau$	$0.892^{+0.019}_{-0.042}$	$0.912^{+0.015}_{-0.062}$	$2.55^{+0.07}_{-0.04}$	$2.54^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$
$\hat{\alpha}_2/\hat{\alpha}_1$	$-0.286^{+0.674}_{-0.106}$	$0.590^{+0.125}_{-0.083}$	$-0.593^{+0.102}_{-0.078}$	$1.25^{+0.34}_{-0.44}$
$\hat{\alpha}_{3(1)}/\hat{\alpha}_1$	$-0.160^{+0.145}_{-0.481}$	$-0.0502^{+0.0501}_{-0.1540}$	$0.0339^{+0.0026}_{-0.0024}$	$0.0531^{+0.0062}_{-0.0081}$
$\hat{\alpha}_{3,2}/\hat{\alpha}_1$	$0.0202^{+0.0094}_{-0.0514}$	$-0.0185^{+0.0037}_{-0.0062}$	—	$0.158^{+0.025}_{-0.032}$
$\hat{g}_2/\hat{g}_1$	$0.712^{+0.052}_{-0.076}$	$0.219^{+0.011}_{-0.008}$	$0.0799^{+0.0137}_{-0.0125}$	$7.1^{+15.0}_{-2.2}$
$\hat{g}_{3(1)}/\hat{g}_1$	$0.491^{+0.196}_{-0.461}$	$0.336^{+0.062}_{-0.161}$	$13.2^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$	$0.0985^{+0.0197}_{-0.0984}$
$\hat{g}_{3,2}/\hat{g}_1$	$0.214^{+0.119}_{-0.551}$	$0.289^{+0.018}_{-0.020}$	—	$-0.21^{+0.17}_{-5.60}$
$v_d \hat{\alpha}_1, \text{ GeV}$	$0.594^{+0.070}_{-0.121}$	$0.363^{+0.047}_{-0.055}$	$0.176^{+0.005}_{-0.007}$	$0.161^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$
$v_u^2 \hat{g}_1^2/\Lambda, \text{ eV}$	$0.0328^{+0.0145}_{-0.0070}$	$0.0568^{+0.0192}_{-0.0120}$	$0.00032^{+0.00005}_{-0.00003}$	$0.0104^{+0.0053}_{-0.0094}$
$m_e/m_\mu$	$0.0048^{+0.0006}_{-0.0005}$	$0.0047^{+0.0006}_{-0.0005}$	$0.0048^{+0.0005}_{-0.0006}$	$0.0049^{+0.0004}_{-0.0006}$
$m_\mu/m_\tau$	$0.0560^{+0.0115}_{-0.0114}$	$0.0571^{+0.0114}_{-0.0121}$	$0.0577^{+0.0109}_{-0.0134}$	$0.0580^{+0.0108}_{-0.0113}$
$r$	$0.0297^{+0.0022}_{-0.0021}$	$0.0297^{+0.0023}_{-0.0021}$	$0.0300^{+0.0023}_{-0.0021}$	$0.0299^{+0.0019}_{-0.0021}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.307^{+0.034}_{-0.030}$	$0.308^{+0.032}_{-0.030}$	$0.312^{+0.019}_{-0.018}$	$0.308^{+0.024}_{-0.033}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.0220^{+0.0017}_{-0.0014}$	$0.0221^{+0.0014}_{-0.0014}$	$0.0222^{+0.0016}_{-0.0014}$	$0.0220^{+0.0017}_{-0.0013}$
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.506^{+0.067}_{-0.065}$	$0.507^{+0.065}_{-0.062}$	$0.519^{+0.049}_{-0.058}$	$0.507^{+0.070}_{-0.051}$

# The numerics of the benchmarks

Model (ordering)	A (NO)	B (NO)	C (IO)	D (NO)
$m_1, \text{ eV}$	$< 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-4}$	$0.0491^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$0.0054^{+0.0009}_{-0.0010}$
$m_2, \text{ eV}$	$0.00864^{+0.00028}_{-0.00029}$	$0.00865^{+0.00029}_{-0.00028}$	$0.0499^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	$0.0102^{+0.0005}_{-0.0006}$
$m_3, \text{ eV}$	$0.0501^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$	$0.0501^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$	$< 10^{-4}$	$0.0504^{+0.0002}_{-0.0002}$
$\Sigma_i m_i, \text{ eV}$	$0.0588^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$0.0588^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$0.0990^{+0.0003}_{-0.0004}$	$0.0660^{+0.0015}_{-0.0015}$
$m_{\beta\beta}, \text{ meV}$	$1.49^{+0.31}_{-0.28}$	$1.49^{+0.27}_{-0.28}$	$17.8^{+1.7}_{-1.8}$	$1.69^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$
$\delta$	$\simeq 0, \pi$	$\simeq 0$	$\simeq 0$	$\simeq \pi$
$\alpha_{21(23)}$	$\simeq \pi$	$\simeq \pi$	$\simeq 0$	$\simeq \pi$
$\alpha_{31}$	—	—	—	$\simeq 0$
$\Delta M$	$0.0416^{+0.0019}_{-0.0018} \text{ eV}$	$(0.149^{+0.051}_{-0.034}) M$	$(0.003^{+0.015}_{-0.003}) M$	$(0.010^{+0.014}_{-0.010}) M$
$ \epsilon(\tau) $	$0.0218^{+0.0047}_{-0.0046}$	$0.0292^{+0.0076}_{-0.0067}$	$0.0182^{+0.0013}_{-0.0018}$	$0.0184^{+0.0039}_{-0.0034}$
$(m_e/m_\tau)/ \epsilon ^{2,3}$	$0.563^{+0.167}_{-0.111}$	$0.317^{+0.123}_{-0.088}$	$45.8^{+3.1}_{-3.1}$	$44.9^{+19.4}_{-16.0}$
$(m_\mu/m_\tau)/ \epsilon $	$2.57^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	$1.96^{+0.20}_{-0.24}$	$3.16^{+0.39}_{-0.52}$	$3.14^{+0.20}_{-0.37}$
$\min N\sigma$	0.412	0.411	0.548	0.552
max par. ratio	49.6	54.1	165	71.8
min(max par. ratio)	32.1	40.5	133	55.2

# Potential shortcomings

## Bottom-up problems

Kähler potential

Normalisation of the modular forms

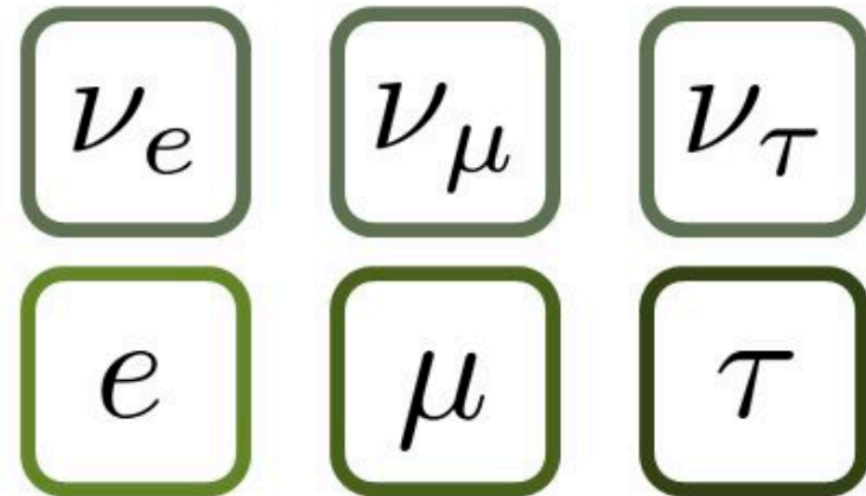
Modulus stabilization



SUSY-dependent theory



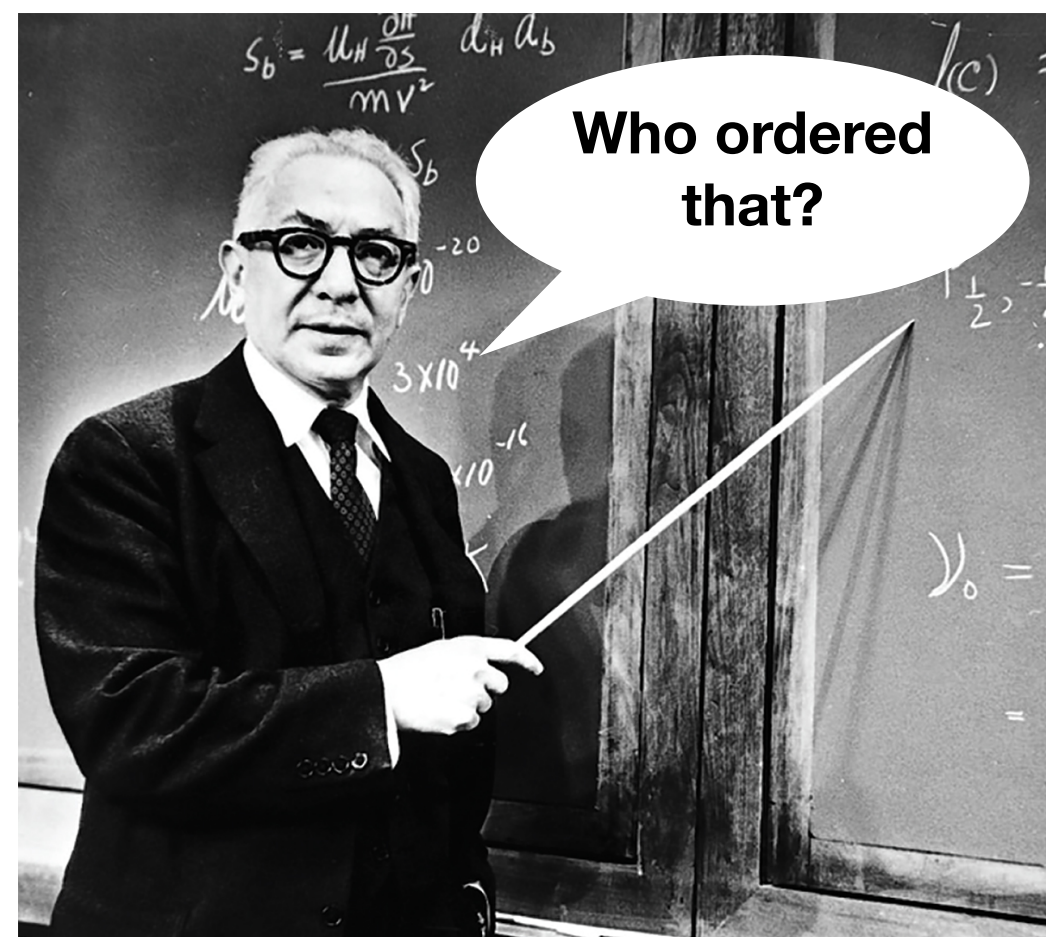
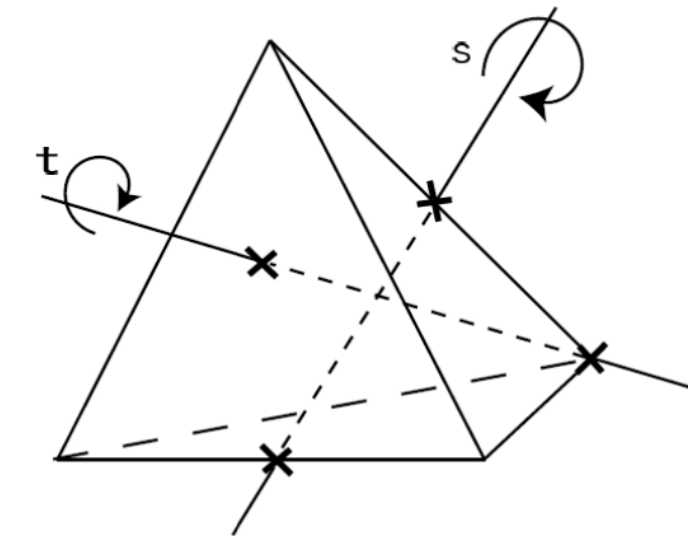
Three “copies”, different masses



non-abelian discrete symmetries

$$S_3 \quad A_4 \quad S_4 \quad A_5 \dots\dots$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{Yukawa} \supset \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda} E^c (L\phi_i)_1 H_d$$



Isidor I. Rabi

$$U_{TBM} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Tri-bimaximal compatible with data until 2012

$$\theta_{13} = 0 \quad \theta_{12} \simeq 35^\circ \quad \theta_{23} = 45^\circ$$

Not zero

F. P. An *et al.*, “Observation of electron-antineutrino disappearance at daya bay,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **108** (Apr, 2012)

# The Modular symmetry approach

## Modular-invariant SUSY action

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \left[ \int d^4x \int d^2\theta \mathcal{W}(\Phi) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

Kähler potential

Superpotential

$$\sigma \equiv \Lambda_\tau \tau$$

- ▶ Gives the kinetic terms after the modulus acquires a VEV
- ▶ A minimalistic form is chosen

- ▶ Holomorphic function of superfields
- ▶ Encodes the Higgs Yukawa interactions

The superfields transform as:

$$\begin{cases} \tau \rightarrow \gamma(\tau) = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \\ \varphi^{(I)} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^{-k_I} \rho^{(I)}(\gamma) \varphi^{(I)} \end{cases}, \quad \text{with } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_N$$

Action is invariant if, under  $\Gamma_N$ :

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{W}(\Phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{W}(\Phi) \\ K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) \rightarrow \underbrace{K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + f(\Phi) + f(\bar{\Phi})}_{\text{Kähler transformation}} \end{cases}$$

$\theta, \bar{\theta}$  Grassmann spinor coordinates  
 $\Phi = (\tau, \varphi)$  Chiral superfields  
 $\varphi$  Usual matter supermultiplets  
 $\rho(\gamma)$  Unitary representation of  $\Gamma_N$

# The Kähler potential...

- ▶ Minimalist choice for the Kähler

$$K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) = -h\Lambda_\tau^2 \log(-i\tau + i\bar{\tau}) + \sum_I (-i\tau + i\bar{\tau})^{-k_I} |\varphi^{(I)}|^2$$

$\Lambda_\tau \equiv$  dimensions of mass

Satisfies  $K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) \rightarrow K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + f(\Phi) + f(\bar{\Phi})$  under  $\Gamma_N$

$h \equiv$  positive constant

- ▶ In a bottom-up approach, this is just a choice

- ▶ Corrections of the Kähler potential can spoil the predictivity of the model

M.-C. Chen, S. Ramos-Sánchez, and M. Ratz, “A note on the predictions of models with modular flavor symmetries,” *Physics Letters B* **801** (Feb, 2020) 135153.

- ▶ This question is an open one

# The Modular symmetry approach

## The group generators

▶ Finite modular group can be defined:  $\Gamma_N \equiv \bar{\Gamma}/\bar{\Gamma}(N)$

$$\Gamma(N) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \mid \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

subgroups of  $\Gamma$   $N=1,2,3\dots$ called “level”

$$\bar{\Gamma} \equiv \Gamma/\{\pm \mathbb{1}\}$$
$$\bar{\Gamma}(N) \equiv \Gamma(N)/\{\pm \mathbb{1}\}$$

▶ Generators S and T of the modular group  $\Gamma_N$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \text{S} & \text{T} \\ \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} & \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1 \end{array} \quad S^2 = T^N = (ST)^3 = \mathbb{1}$$

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

▶  $S_3$  Generators S and T satisfy:

$$S^2 = T^2 = (ST)^3 = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\rho(S) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(\rho(S))^2 = \mathbb{I}, \quad (\rho(S)\rho(T))^3 = \mathbb{I}, \quad (\rho(T))^2 = \mathbb{I},$$

# Backup slides

## Numerical procedure

- ▶ Define a “figure of merit”, i.e. chi-square for every set of parameters  $l(p_i) \equiv \sqrt{\chi^2(p_i)}$

$$\chi^2(p_i) = \sum_{j=1}^6 \left( \frac{q_j(p_i) - q_j^{\text{b-f}}}{\sigma_j} \right)^2$$

$$p_i = \{ \tau, \beta/\alpha, \gamma/\alpha, \dots, g'/g, g_p/g, \dots \}$$

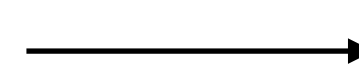
$$q_j = \{ \sin^2 \theta_{12}, \sin^2 \theta_{13}, \sin^2 \theta_{23}, m_e/m_\mu, m_\mu/m_\tau, r \}$$

- ▶ Define a “potential” with a given temperature  $T$  and a threshold

$$V(p_i) = \begin{cases} l(p_i) & , \quad l(p_i) \leq l_{\text{max}} \\ +\infty & , \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

P. P. Novichkov, J. T. Penedo, S. T. Petcov, and A. V. Titov,  
“Modular  $S_4$  models of lepton masses and mixing,” (2019)

- ▶ At iteration “ $t$ ”, generate a new point from a Gaussian centred on the previous one



Accept the new point with a probability given by:

$$P_\alpha = \min[1, \exp(V(p_i^{(t)}) - V(p_i'))/T]$$

# Non-standard interactions

## tests of modulus couplings

G-J. Ding, FF,  
2003.13448

non standard neutrino interactions

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

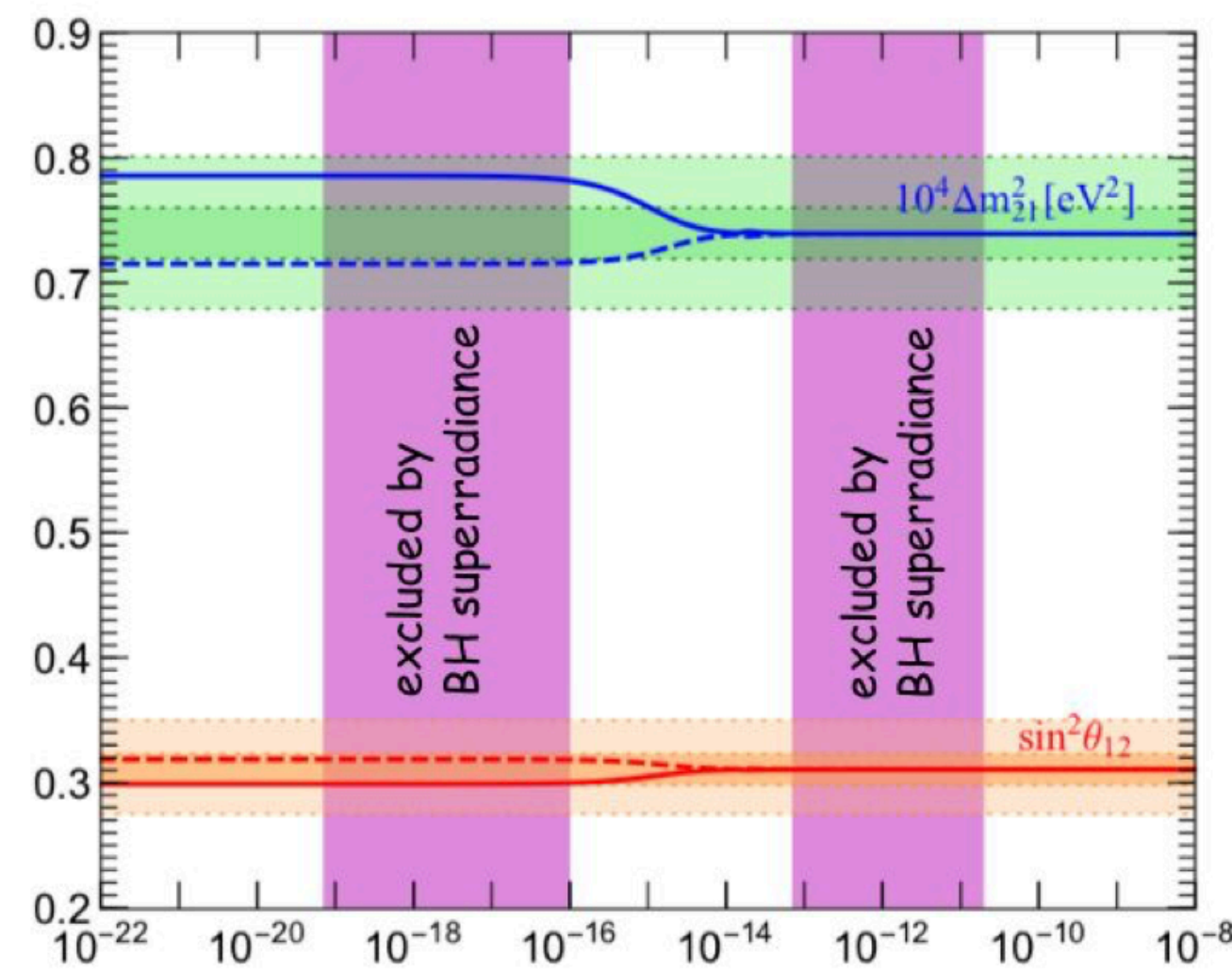
$$\tau = \langle \tau \rangle + \frac{\varphi_u + i \varphi_\nu}{\sqrt{2}}$$

in medium with non-zero electron number density

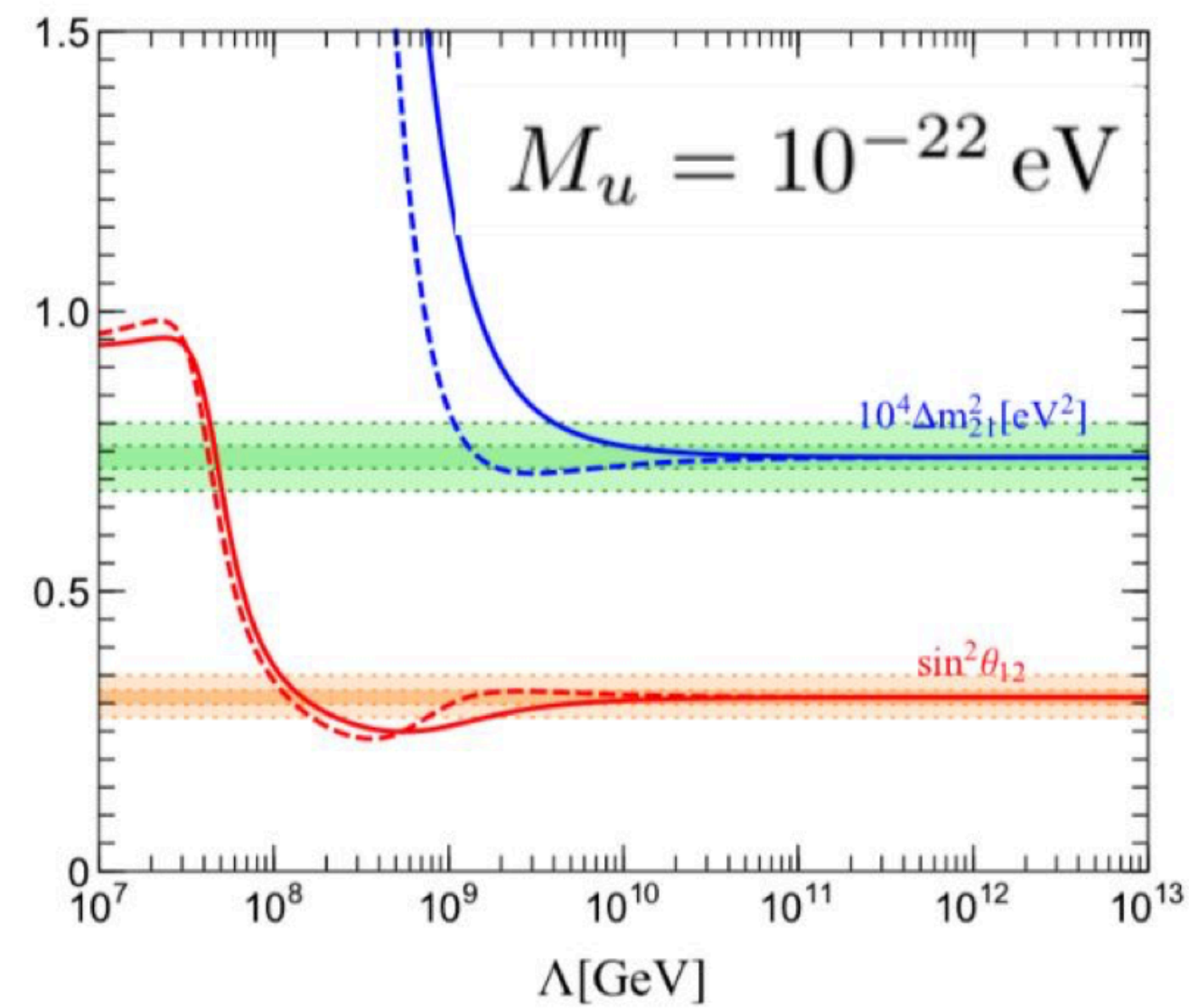
small, unless the modulus is very light

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

in the sun:



$$\Lambda = 5 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV} \quad \begin{matrix} M_u [\text{eV}] \\ [\text{modulus VEV}] \end{matrix}$$



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