

UV origin of modular flavor symmetries



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- 🙄 This talk will not have extensive references to all activities that contribute to this exciting field, sorry!
- 🙄 I will suppress many details and focus on the big picture instead.
- 🙄 To fit the talk into the assigned slot I have to make tough choices and sweep certain crucial contributions and insights under the rug.

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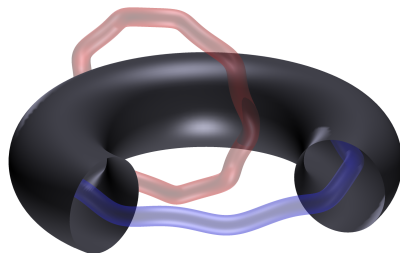


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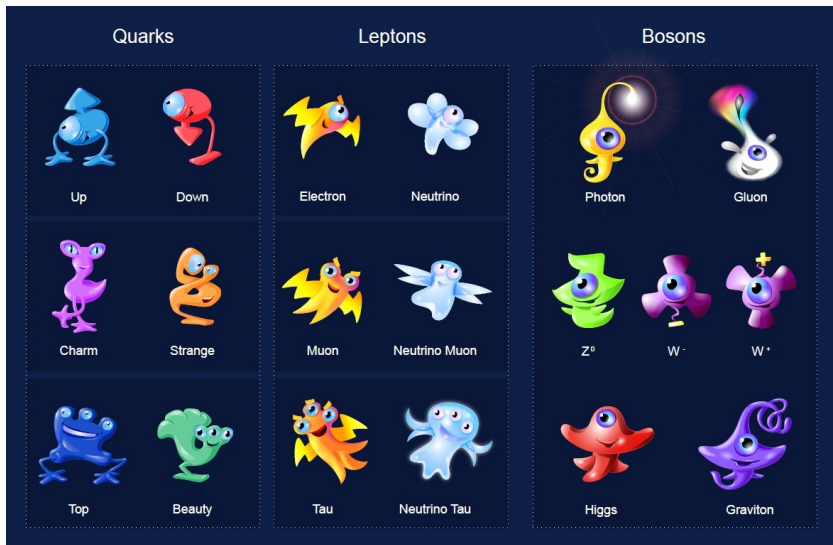


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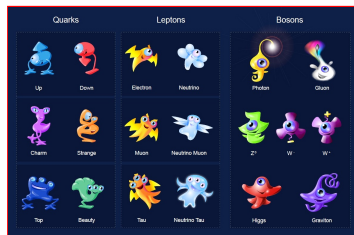
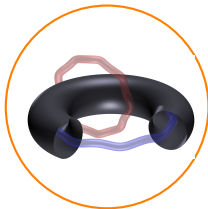
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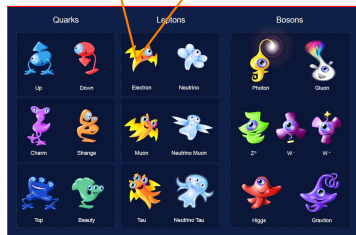
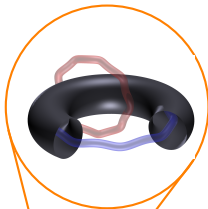
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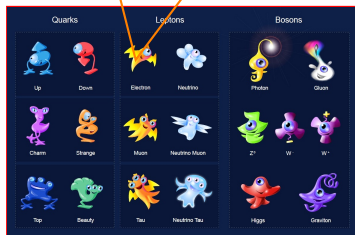
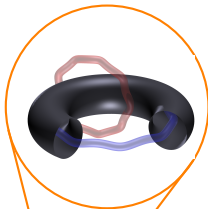
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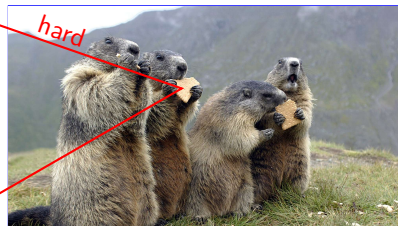
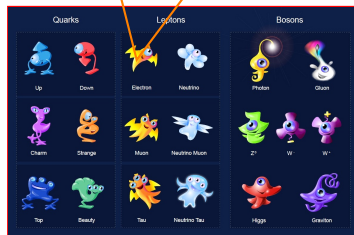
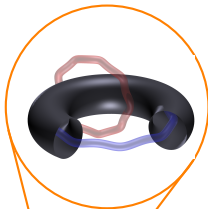
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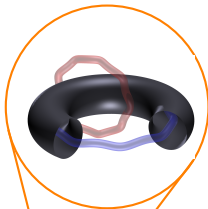
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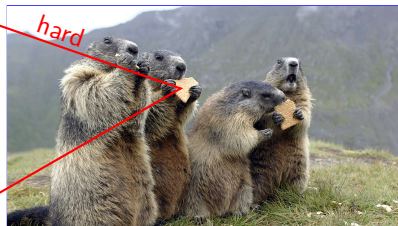
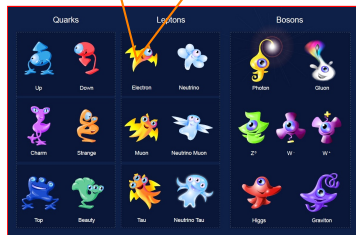
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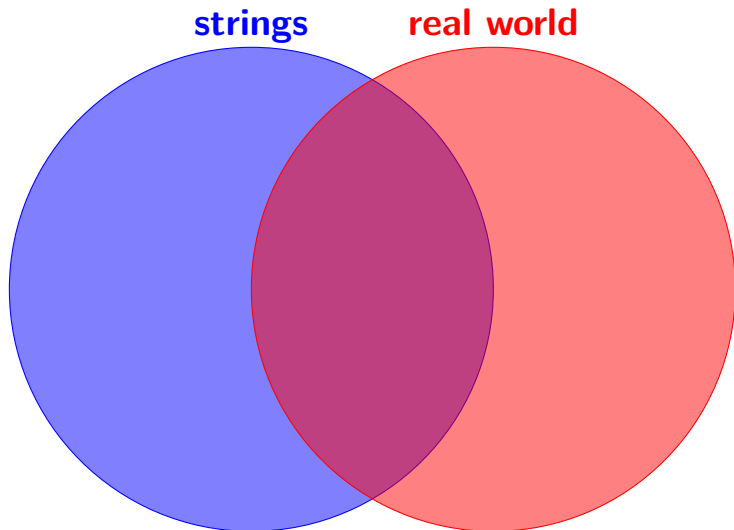
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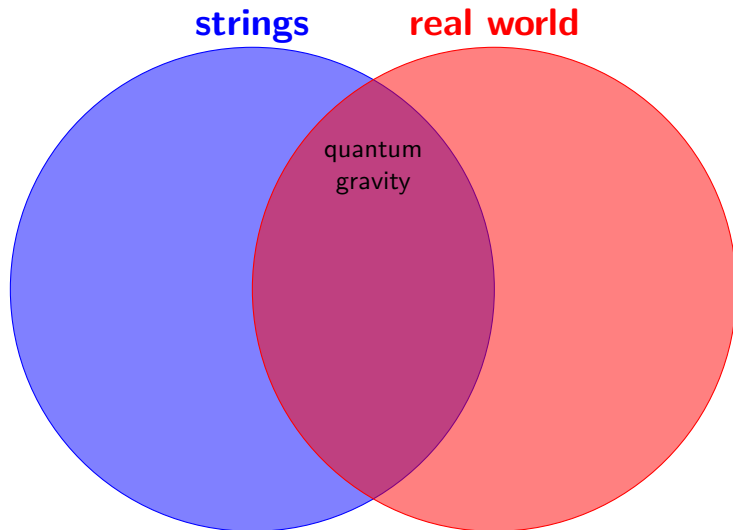
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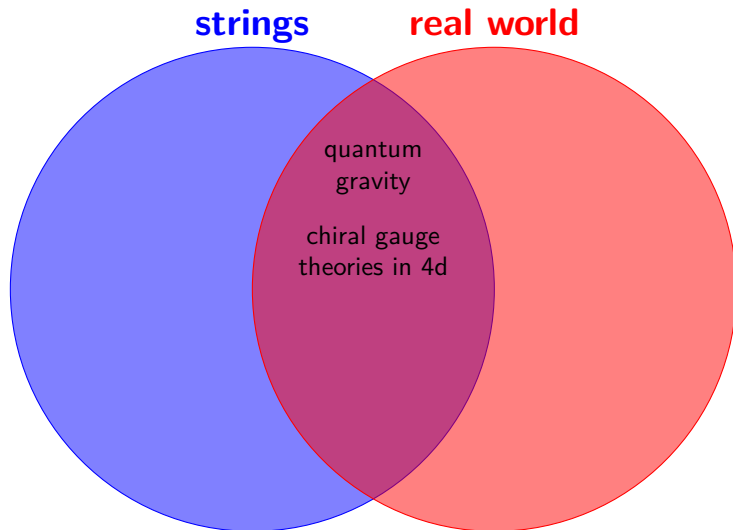
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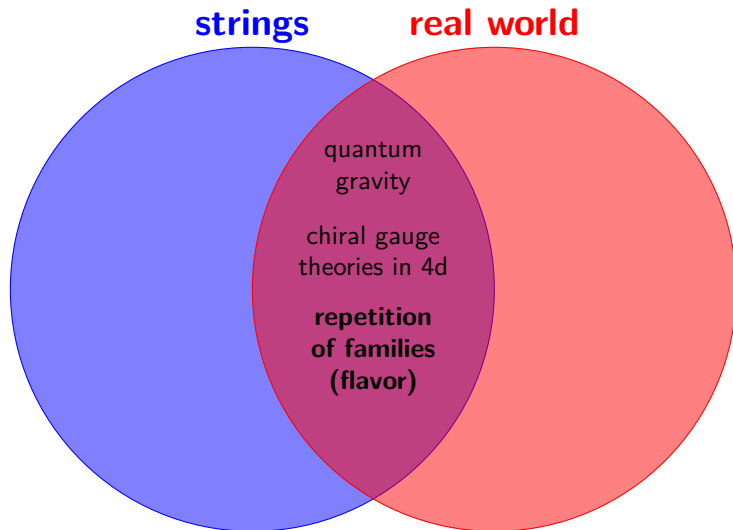
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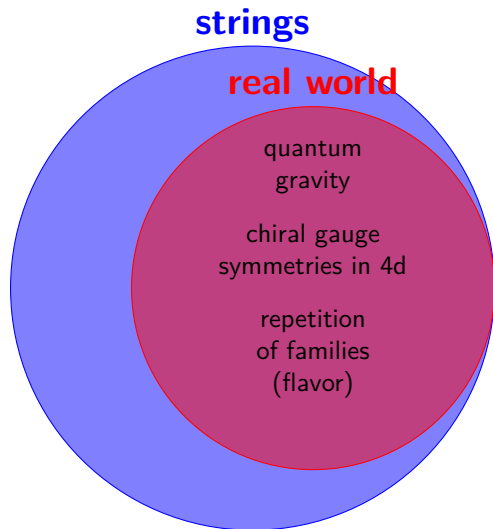
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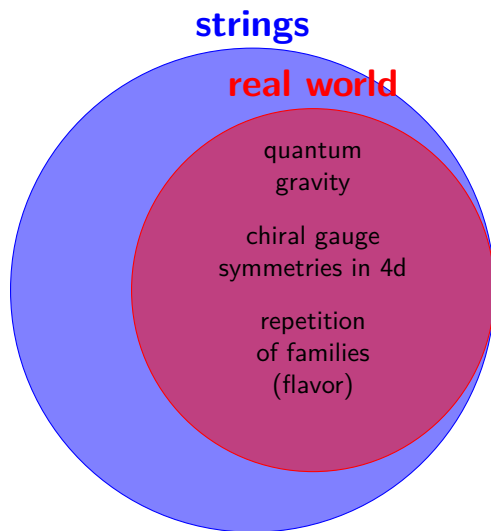
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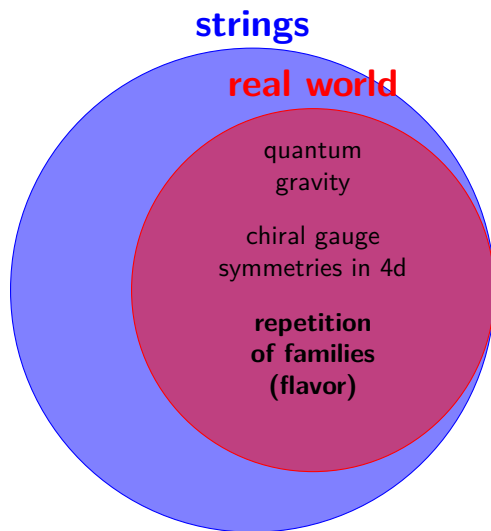
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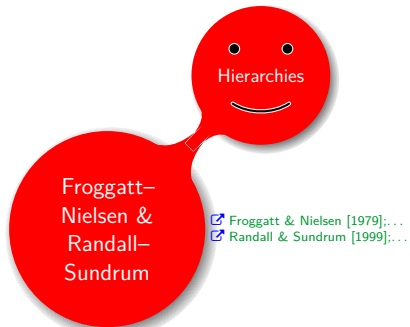
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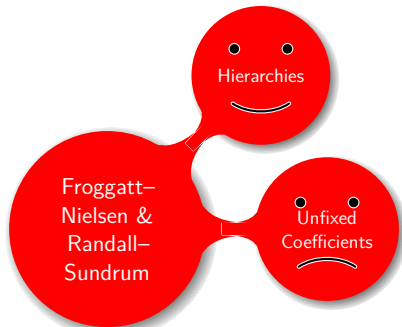
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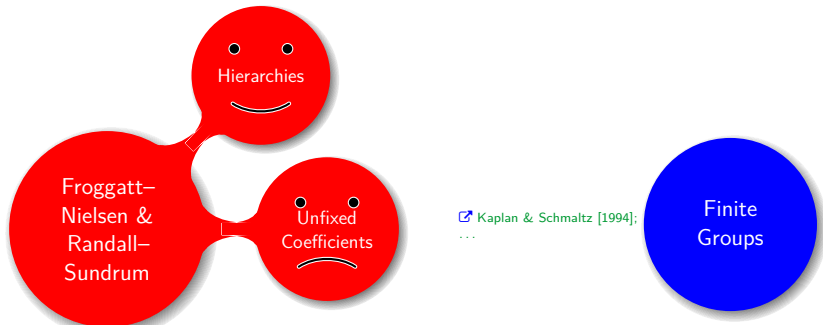
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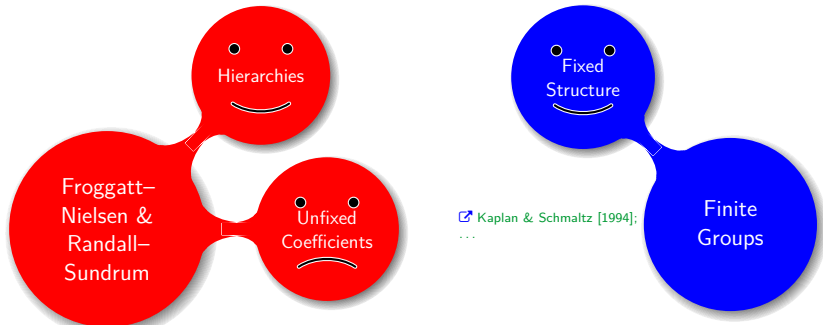
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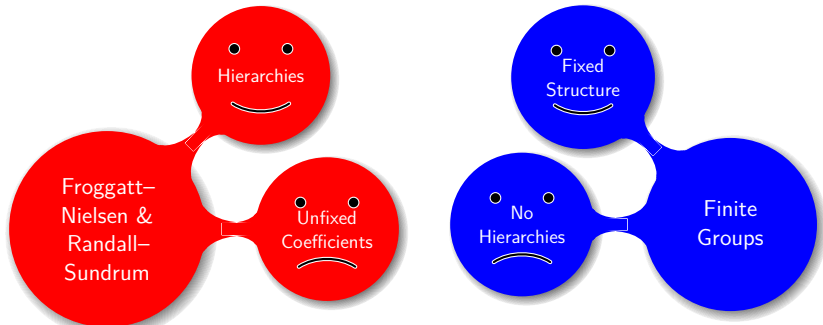
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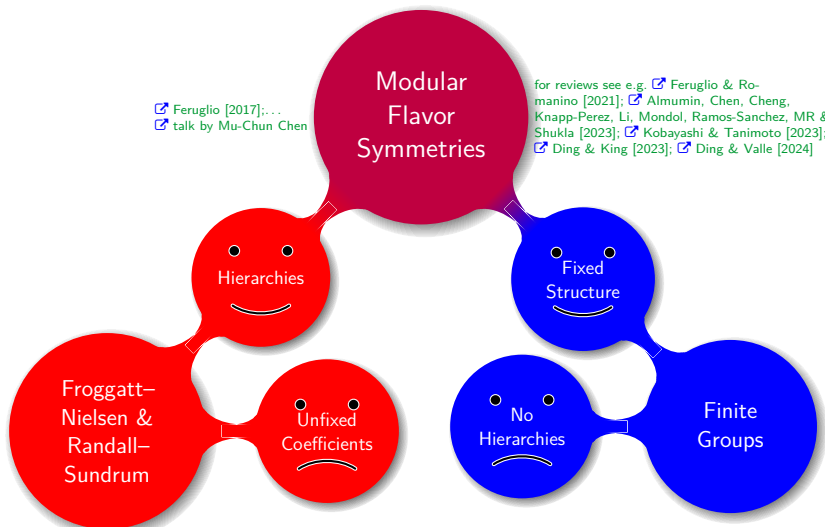
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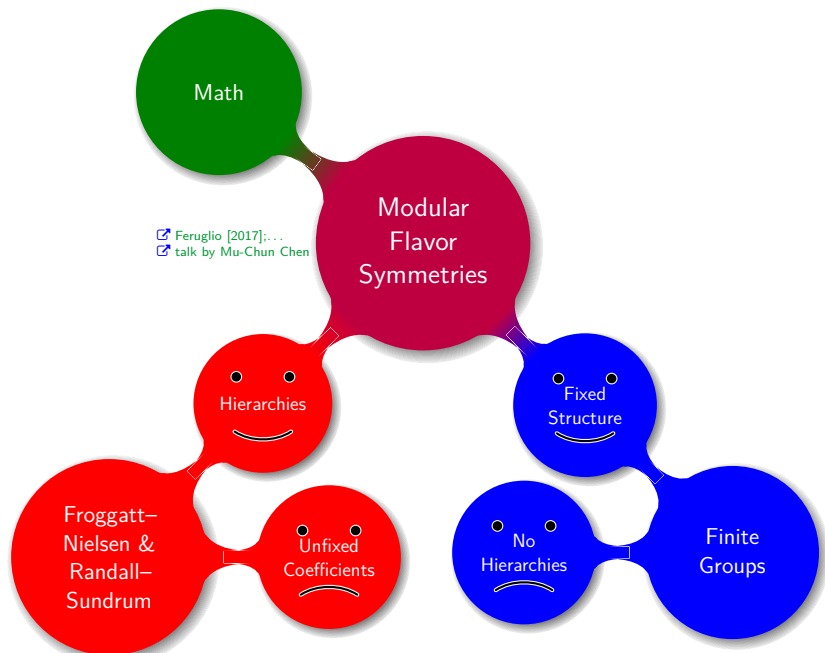


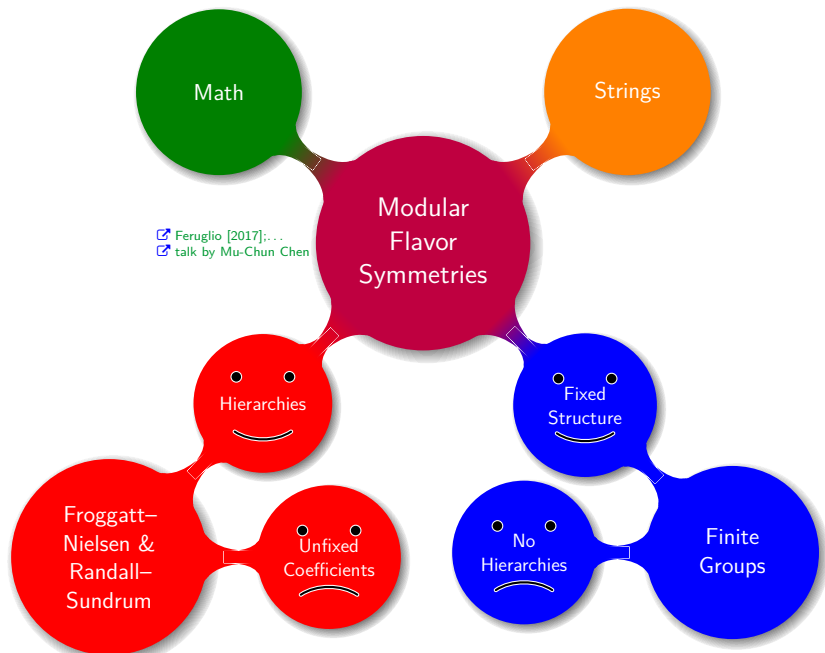
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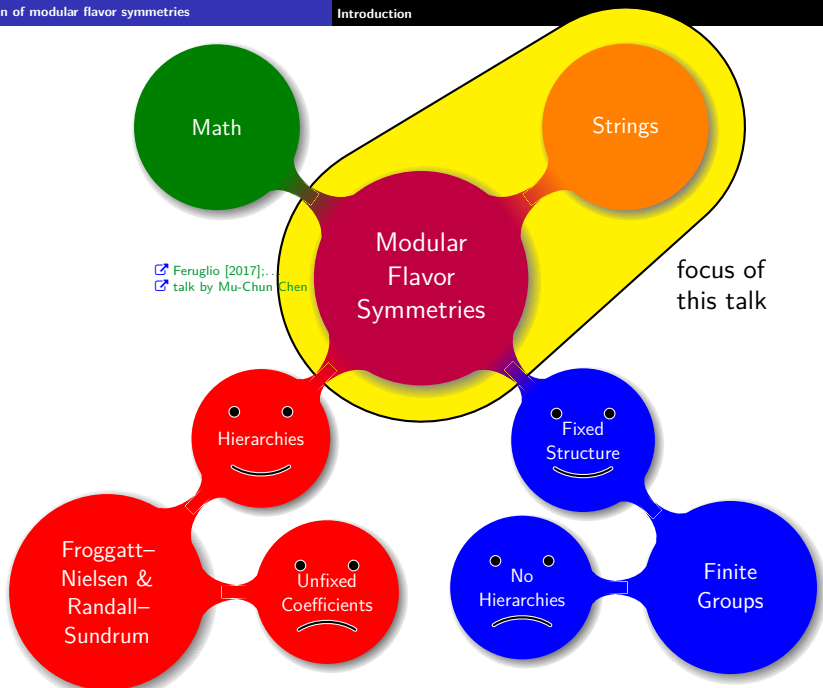


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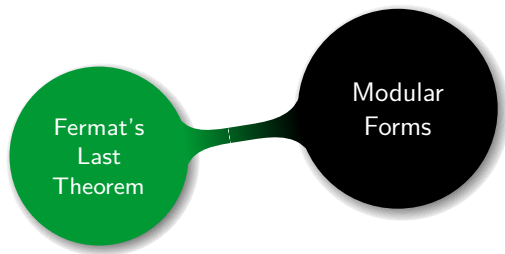
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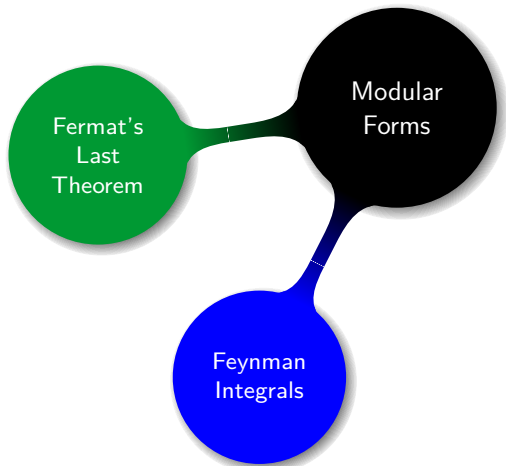
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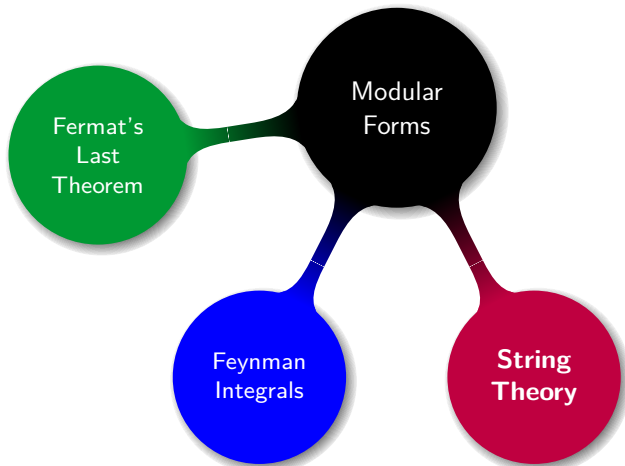
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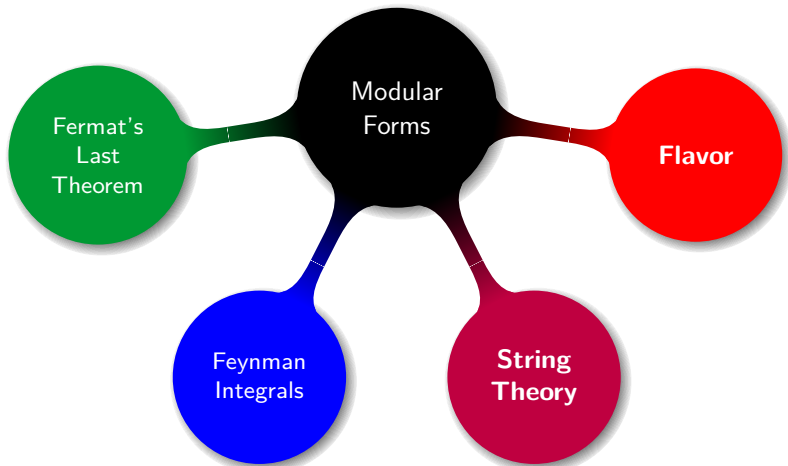
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see e.g. [🔗 D'Hoker & Kaidi \[2022\]](#) for an overview

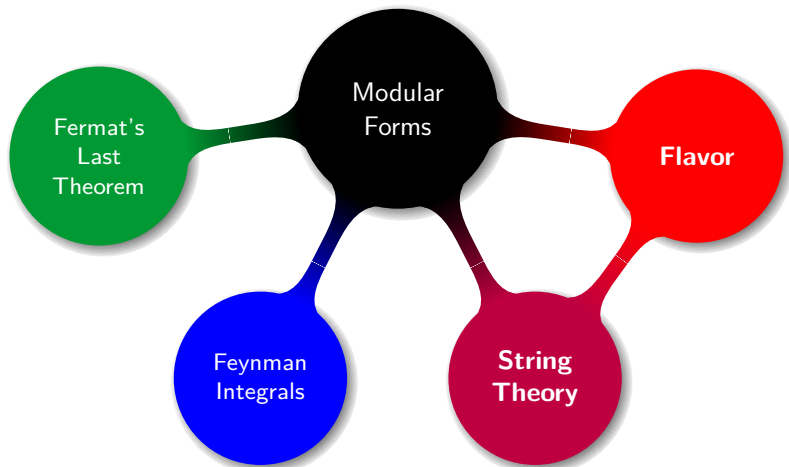
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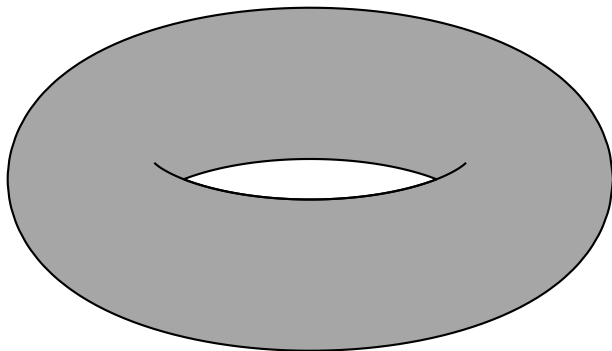
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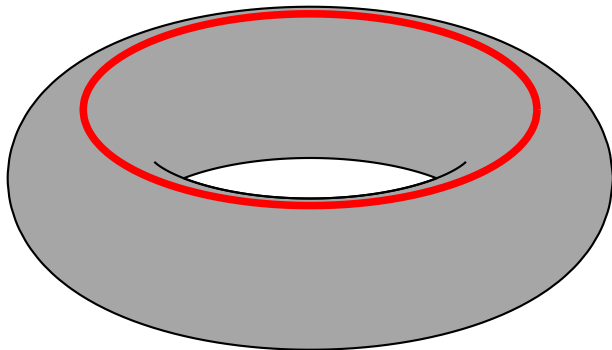
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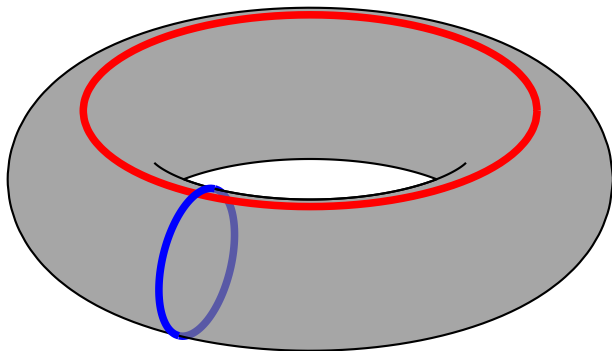
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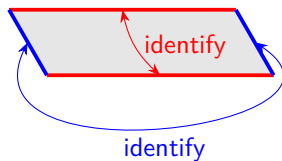


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- ➡ Torus can be thought of as a parallelogram (which emerges by cutting the torus open along the red and blue cycles)

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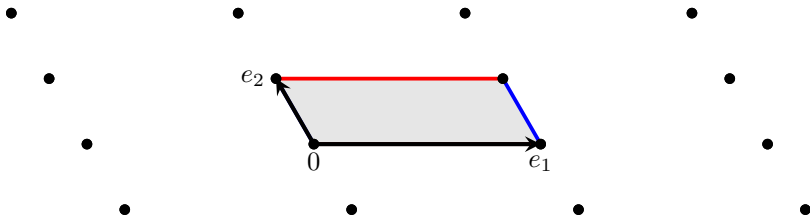
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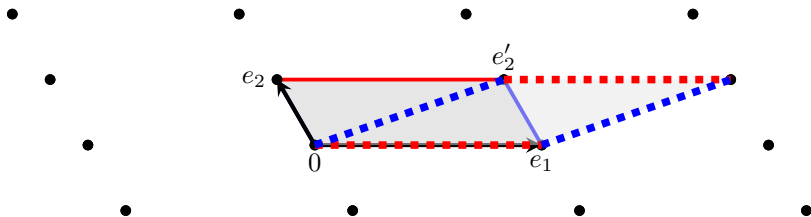
👉 Edges define basis vectors of a lattice

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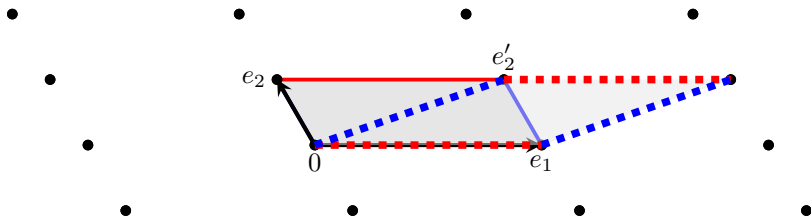
- Torus is $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$: two points in the plane get identified if they differ by a lattice translation

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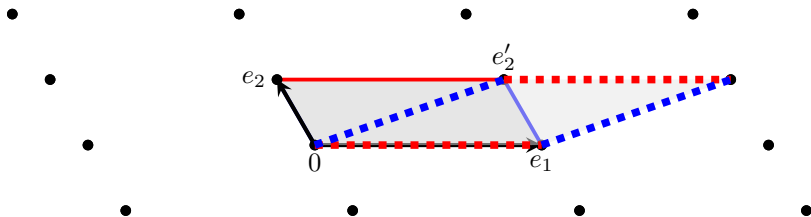


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- 👉 Volume of fundamental domain stays the same $\Leftrightarrow \det \gamma = 1 \curvearrowright$
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Modular flavor symmetries:

Identify finite groups with generators satisfying
 $\Gamma = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})/\mathbb{Z}_2$ relations

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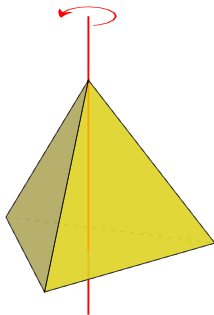
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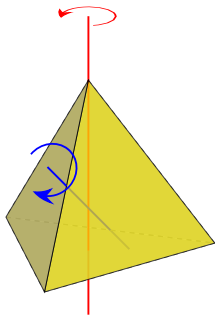
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representation matrix of e.g. Γ_N
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Restrictions may apply.
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E.g. modular A_4 model:

[Feruglio \[2017\]](#); cf. [talk by Mu-Chun Chen](#)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Lambda \\ \text{Re } \tau \\ \text{Im } \tau \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{predict}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ mass eigenvalues } m_i \\ 3 \text{ mixing angles } \theta_{ij} \\ 3 \text{ phases (1 Dirac \& 2 Majorana)} \end{array} \right.$$

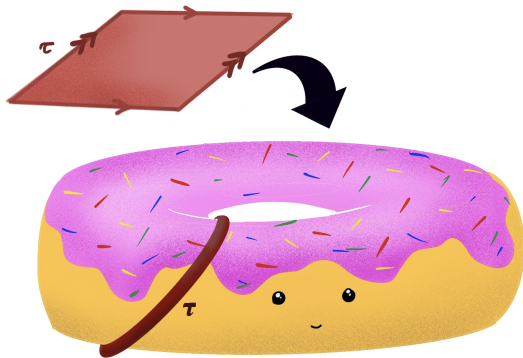
What do

Tori

have to do with

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???



Courtesy of Shreya Shukla

An instructive toy example

[Bachas \[1995a\]](#)

- 👉 We will discuss magnetized tori, which have a couple of interesting features:
- symmetries and chiral fermions which resemble the SM,
 - explicit tori so rather obvious modular symmetries,
 - field-theoretic description

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👉 We will discuss magnetized tori, which have a couple of interesting features:

- symmetries and chiral fermions which resemble the SM,
- explicit tori so rather obvious modular symmetries,
- field-theoretic description

[Bachas \[1995b\]](#)

👉 However, this scheme also has some disturbing aspects:

- problems with the vacuum energy,
- so far no model that comes close to the SM

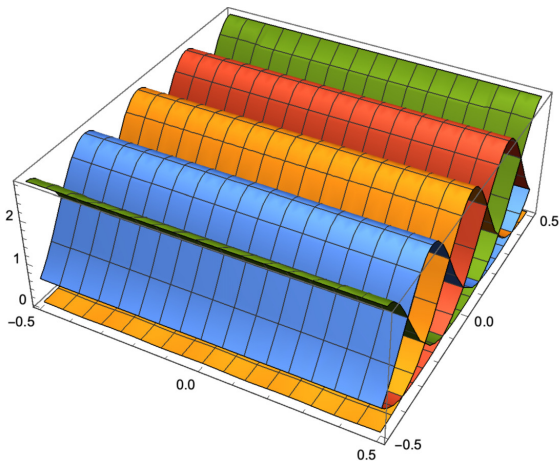
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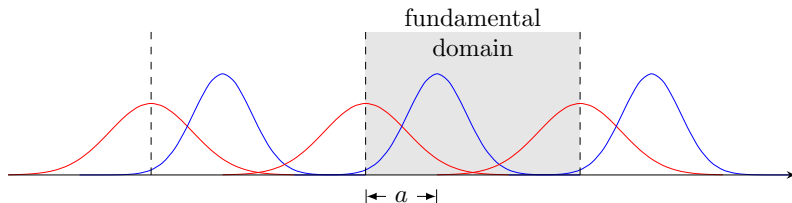
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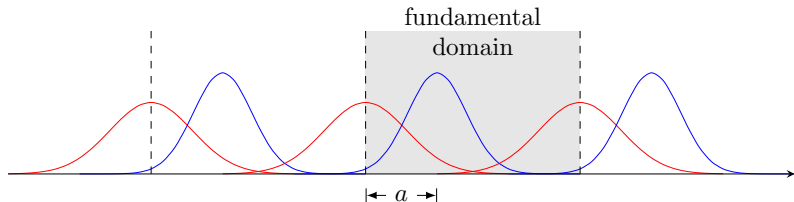
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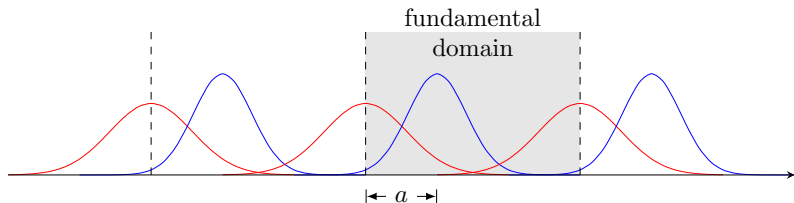
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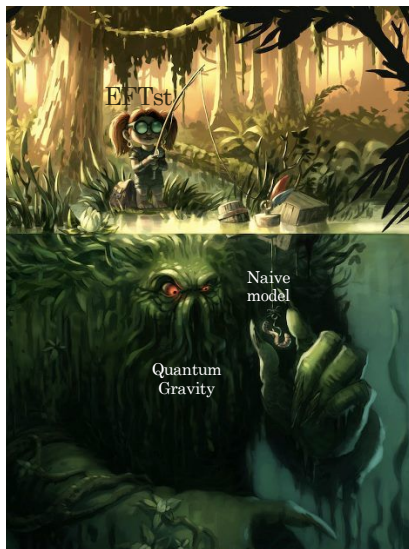
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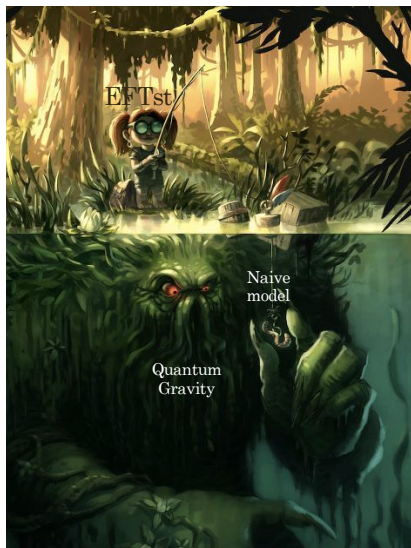
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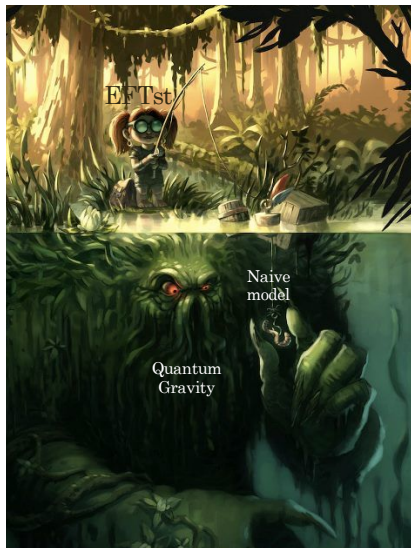
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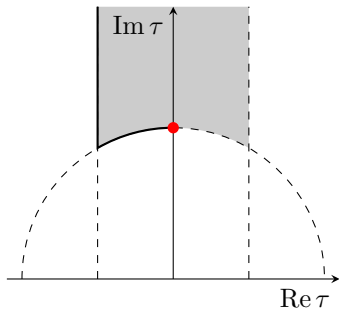
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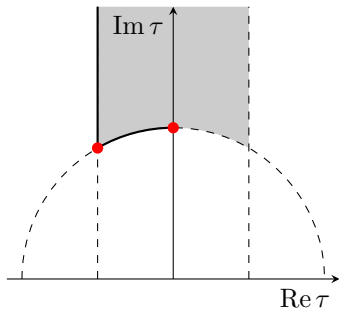
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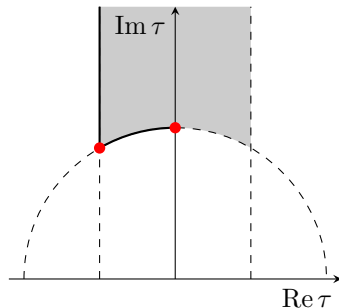
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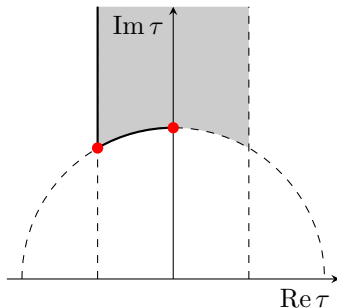
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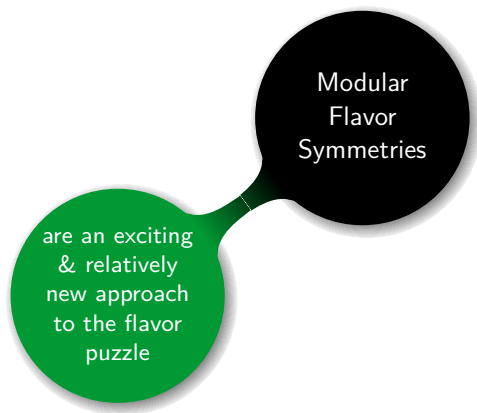
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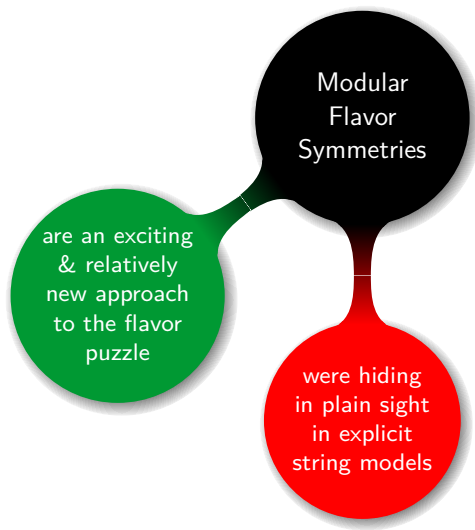
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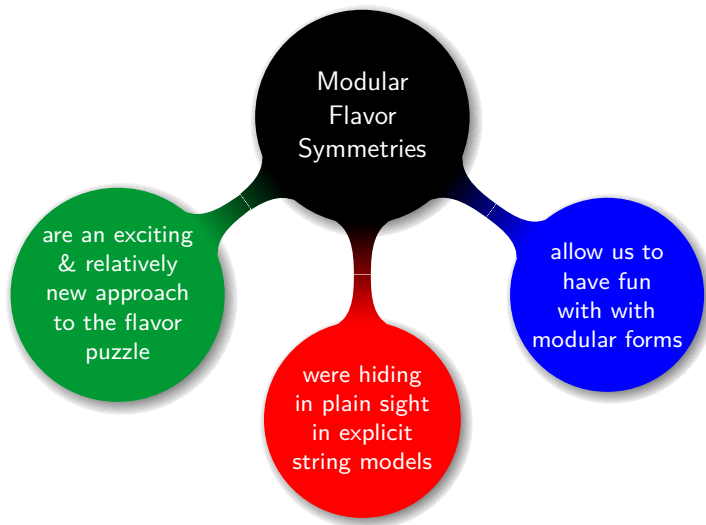
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cf.  talk by Mu-Chun Chen

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Outlook



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- more generally, does naive EFT work in more sophisticated settings?

loosely related to talks by [Krzysztof Jodlowski](#) & [Guilherme Guedes](#)

- can we find a good physics justification for using harmonic Maass forms?

[Qu & Ding \[2024\]](#)

- can we use, say, mock modularity for flavor?

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explicit strings, no proton decay, no dangerous exotics, consistent cosmology, . . .

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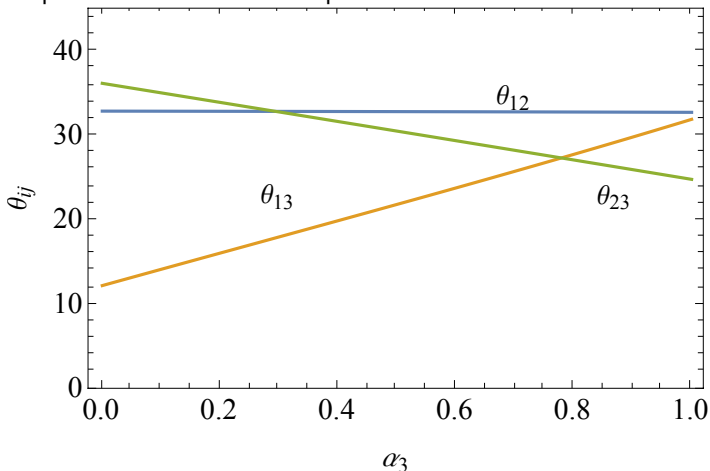
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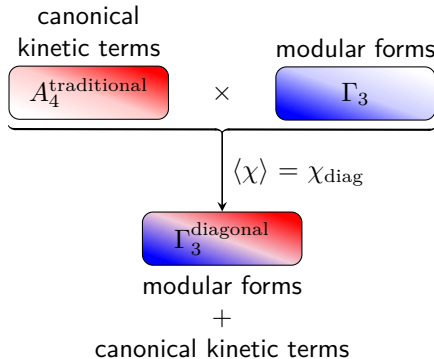
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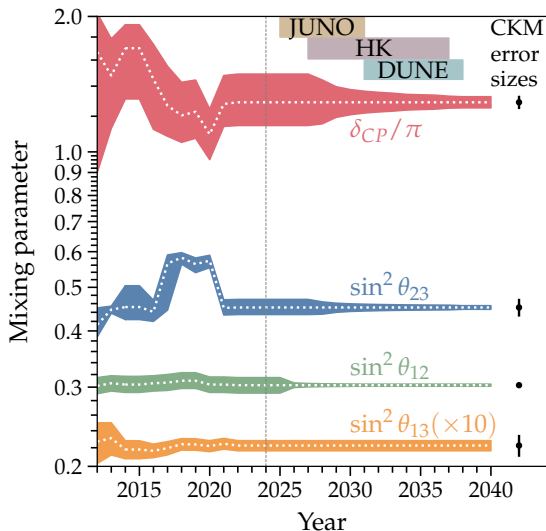
- Proof-of-principle solutions exist but are admittedly not too elegant

[Chen, Knapp-Pérez, Ramos-Hamud, Ramos-Sánchez, MR & Shukla \[2022\]](#)



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known modular functions of τ

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☞ Highly predictive:

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Predictions of the Feruglio model

[Esteban, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz & Zhou \[2020\]](#)
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NuFIT 5.2 (2022)

| | Inverted Ordering ($\Delta\chi^2 = 2.3$) | | |
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| | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$ | | |
| | 3σ range | | |
| without SK atmospheric data | $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ | $0.303^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$ | $0.270 \rightarrow 0.341$ |
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| | $\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ | $-2.498^{+0.032}_{-0.025}$ | $-2.581 \rightarrow -2.408$ |

Model predictions

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[Chang & Kuo \[2002\]](#)

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Hauptmodul of $\Gamma(3)$
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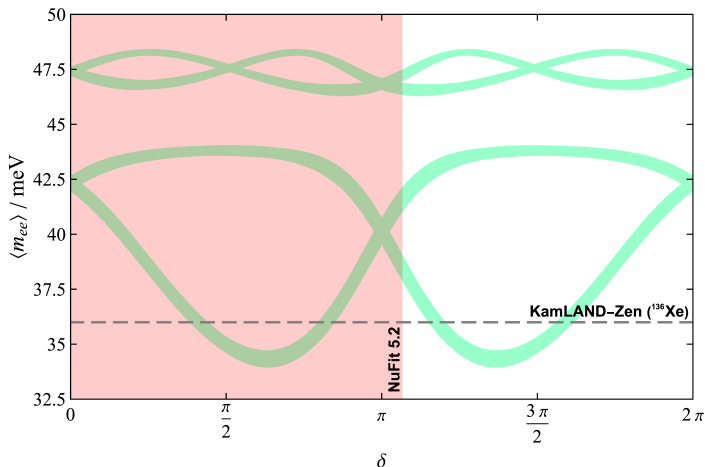
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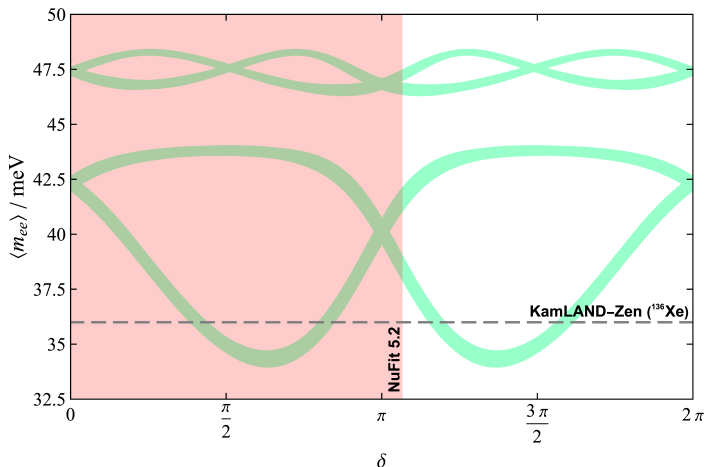
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➔ Imposing $I_{12} = -2$ and experimental constraints leaves one free parameter, e.g. δ

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👉 Imposing $I_{13} I_{23} = -32$ rules out the model for all τ

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