

Lecture 4: NHDM with non-abelian symmetries

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- 2 Symmetry breaking
- 3 Consequences of symmetry breaking

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The method which I will show is, in principle, applicable to any bSM model. However, it is rather difficult to go up to the end. The only example so far where it was successfully applied and led to non-trivial results is the **scalar sector of 3HDM** [Ivanov, Vdovin, 2013].

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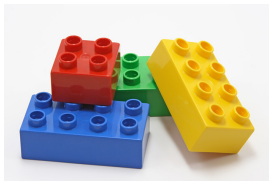
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Key step 1: if we have the full list of possible abelian groups a given model, then **any possible G can have only those groups and nothing else.**

These are “LEGO bricks” with which we will build a non-abelian model.



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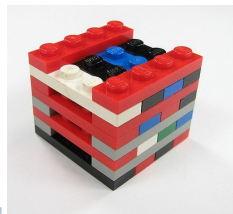
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So, various abelian subgroups A_1, A_2, \dots , can be [“oriented” differently](#) inside G . That's fine, we just need to take it into account when building group G .



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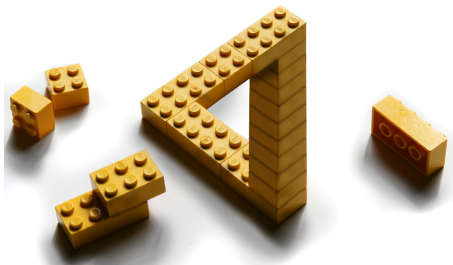
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This group-theoretic knowledge is HUGELY important, as it immediately gives the **structure of any G** :

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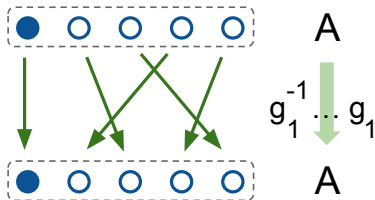
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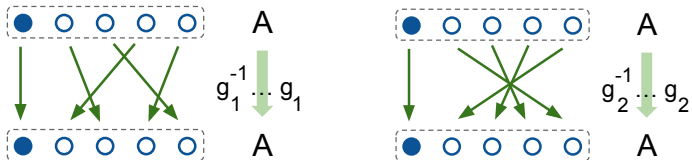
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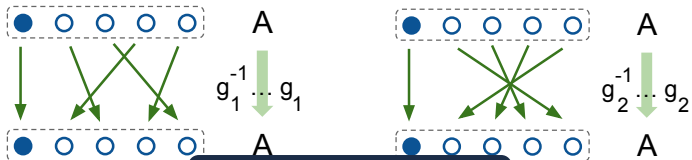
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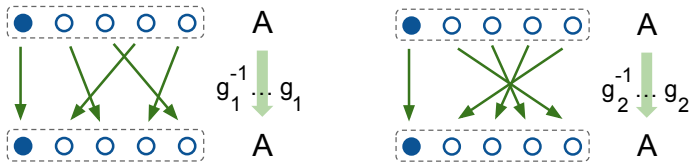
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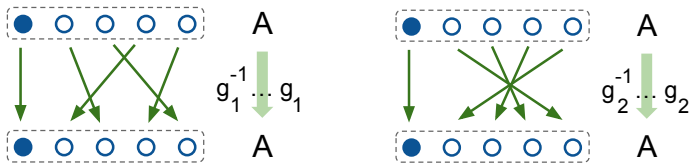


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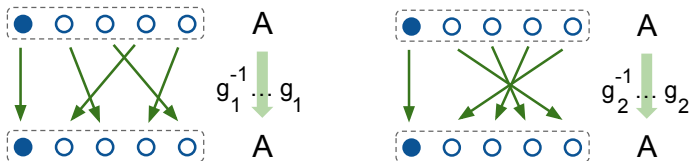
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$$S_3, \quad D_4, \quad A_4, \quad S_4, \quad \Delta(54)/\mathbb{Z}_3, \quad \Sigma(36).$$

This list is complete: trying to impose any other finite Higgs-family symmetry group on the 3HDM potential will lead to a potential symmetric under a continuous group.

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It is symmetric under the group called $\Sigma(36)$ generated by

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Example is again the vev alignment $(\omega, 1, 1)$ but for a less symmetric model $\Delta(54)$ 3HDM. In that case, generator d is absent, so that $(\omega, 1, 1)$ does not have gCP symmetry anymore.

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Overall summary

Until recently, the study of various phenomena offered by rich structure of 2HDM and NHDM was restricted to the domain of simplified models, isolated examples, numerical methods, haphazard ideas, or pure guess.

Now, little by little, there emerges a whole set of tools which make it possible to **study NHDM in a systematic way**.

Of course, the big question is how these methods and their results **meet the real world experimental data**. But at least we have a chance to study this question systematically.