

Applications of non-invertible selection rules to flavor physics

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Selection rules are fundamental principles in quantum systems and quantum field theory, determining whether certain couplings are allowed or forbidden. Conventionally, selection rules are associated with conservation laws originating from a certain group-like symmetry. However, it has been found that non-invertible selection rules also appear in quantum field theory and string theory. In this talk, I will discuss an application of non-invertible selection rules, derived from a fusion algebra, to particle physics, specifically, the flavor structure of quarks and leptons [1,2,3]. I will also introduce such non-invertible selection rules in type II intersecting/magnetized D-brane models [4] and heterotic string theory on Calabi–Yau threefolds [5].

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