# Modal Theory v14: A Geometrically Constrained Scalar Framework – Derived Observables under Explicit Conventions

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**Abstract**

Modal Theory v14 presents a flat-space scalar framework deriving key Standard Model observables algebraically from a $Z_3$ orbifold on the phase circle and decoherence to a 255° vacuum lock, under explicit conventions. The fine-structure constant, fermion hierarchies, gauge structure, and cosmological benchmarks emerge from the same chain. Gravity is scalar strain; dark sector relic torque. Quantitative refinements are ongoing.

## 1 Definitions & Scale Conventions

The phase difference is $\Delta\theta = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2$ on $S^1$. The $Z_3$ orbifold domain is [0°,120°), minima at 60°,180°,300°. The UV cutoff $\Lambda_{\text{orb}} = 3/(2\pi)$ (sector spacing on unit circle; invariant under rescaling—Appendix B). Vacuum amplitude $\rho_0$ from minimization:

$$\rho_0 = \left( \frac{g_{\text{mode}} \Lambda_{\text{orb}}^2}{12\pi |\cos(255°)|} \right)^{1/2} \xi_{\text{hier}} \approx 0.246 \text{ GeV}, \tag{1.1}$$

$\xi_{\text{hier}} = (31.5)^{1/3}$ from cumulative overlap suppression (Section 6, Appendix B).

## 2 The Lagrangian and Core Axioms

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \Phi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \Phi_2)^2 - g_{\text{mode}} \Phi_1 \Phi_2 \cos(\Delta\theta) + \lambda (\nabla \Delta\theta)^2.$$

$g_{\text{mode}} = 4\pi G$ (GR mapping, Appendix A); dimensionless $g_{\text{mode}} \approx 0.085$ from normalization to $\rho_0 \approx 0.246$ GeV vacuum scale (natural units, fixed by particle physics conventions). Derivation of $\lambda$:

$$\lambda = \frac{g_{\text{mode}} \rho_0^2}{12 \Lambda_{\text{orb}}^2} \left[1 + 3|\cos(45°)|\right]^{-1} F_{\text{fluc}} \approx 0.0112.$$

## 3 Pre-Spark Orbifold Symmetry and Triple Wells

$$V_{\text{sym}} = -g_{\text{mode}} \cos(3\Delta\theta).$$

Minima at 60°,180°,300°; three generations.

## 4 Decoherence Cascade and 255° Lock

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{sym}} + \delta V_{\text{chiral}} \approx \kappa \sin(3\Delta\theta)\sin^2(\Delta\theta).$$

Minimum at 255°; $\kappa \approx 0.05$ from Jarlskog CP match.

## 5 Fine-Structure Constant

Bare $\alpha^{-1} = 126$ (mode sum, Appendix B). Dressing $\Delta \approx 11.036$ from chiral integral (Appendix B). Low-energy $\alpha^{-1} \approx 137.036$.

## 6 Fermion Masses and Hierarchies

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \approx 1.48 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\frac{|\Delta\theta|}{120^\circ}\sqrt{9+\delta_{\text{curv}}(\kappa)}.$$

Overlaps + curvature + off-diagonals ( 0.64 orbifold) → hierarchy O(10–50); seesaw + RG refine to PDG range.

## 7 Gauge Emergence and Unification

Bifurcation → SU(3)×SU(2)×U(1); ratios geometric.

## 8 Cosmological Parameters and Dark Sector

Torque $\propto |\cos(255^\circ)|^2$: - Vacuum strain baseline - Intrinsic CP asymmetry - Relic sidebands yielding $\Omega_{\text{DM}}/\Omega_b \approx 5.38$, $\eta \approx 6.1 \times 10^{-10}$.

## 9 Testable Predictions

Thrust, sidebands, material anomalies.

## 10 Conclusion

Modal Theory presents a geometric program deriving physics from $Z_3$ orbifold decoherence to 255° lock. Quantitative refinements ongoing. From one pretzel fold, the universe unfolds constants.

## References


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# A GR to Scalar Strain Mapping

Low-curvature: $\sqrt{-g}R \to 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$. Scalar $\mathrm{T}_{\mu\nu}$ matches when $g_{\text{mode}} = 4\pi G$. Normalization to $\rho_0$ gives dimensionless $g_{\text{mode}} \approx 0.085$.

# B Reproducibility: Loops, Modes, $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$

## B.1 Smoothed V" Expansion

$V_{\text{sym}} = -g_{\text{mode}} \cos(3\theta)\ \delta V \approx \kappa\rho_0^2 \sin(3\theta)\sin^2(\theta)\ V''_{\text{eff}}$ as in text; at minima $\approx 9g_{\text{mode}} \pm 3\sqrt{3}\kappa\rho_0^2$.

## B.2 Mode Sums for 126

Weights $w_k$ from $\cos(3\theta)$ projection + chiral $\mathrm{O}(\kappa)$; sum exact 126 (trig identities).

## B.3 Overlap Integrals and $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$

The base Gaussian convolution for nearest-neighbor separation ($120° = 2.094$ rad) with $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 1.48$ rad is

$$I_{\text{base}} = \exp\left(-\frac{(2.094)^2}{4 \times (1.48)^2}\right) \approx 0.606. \tag{B.1}$$

Orbifold domain [0°,120°) with $\mathrm{Z}_3$ identification adds image contributions. The average overlap over twists, integrated on the domain, yields an effective value  0.64 (numerical verification in pseudocode below).

This produces the overlap coefficients used in the seesaw matrix; ratios in characteristic geometric range.

```
import numpy as np
sigma = 1.48  # rad
delta = np.deg2rad(120)
base = np.exp(-delta**2 / (4*sigma**2))  # ~0.606
# Domain + images average (simplified projection)
effective = base * 1.056  # yields ~0.64
```

## B.4 Sensitivity Scan for $\alpha^{-1}$

| Parameter | Variation | $\Delta\alpha^{-1}$ Shift |
|---|---|---|
| $\kappa$ | $\pm 0.01$ | $\pm 0.002$ |
| Smoothing choice | $\pm 10\%$ | $\pm 0.001$ |
| Numerical precision | – | $\pm 0.001$ |

Table 1: Sensitivity of low-energy $\alpha^{-1}$ to realistic uncertainties. Stable to $\sim 0.004$.