Some \$\ell\$-adic properties of modular forms with quadratic nebentypus and \$\ell\$-regular partition congruences

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Abstract: In this talk, we discuss a framework for studying \$\ell\$-regular partitions by defining a sequence of modular forms of level \$\ell\$ and quadratic character which encode their \$\ell\$-adic behavior. We show that this sequence is congruent modulo increasing powers of \$\ell\$ to level 1 modular forms of increasing weights. We then prove that certain modules generated by our sequence are isomorphic to certain subspaces of level 1 cusp forms of weight independent of the power of \$\ell\$, leading to a uniform bound on the ranks of those modules and consequently to \$\ell\$-adic relations between \$\ell\$-regular partition values. This generalizes earlier work of Folsom, Kent and Ono on the partition function, where the relevant forms had no nebentypus, and is joint work with Mostafa Ghazy.