

# Modular symmetry in Type IIB flux vacua

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# Motivation

- Quark sector (Weak mixing):

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$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97446 \pm 0.00010 & 0.22452 \pm 0.00044 & 0.00365 \pm 0.00012 \\ 0.22438 \pm 0.00044 & 0.97359^{+0.00010}_{-0.00011} & 0.04214 \pm 0.00076 \\ 0.00896^{+0.00024}_{-0.00023} & 0.04133 \pm 0.00074 & 0.999105 \pm 0.000032 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Lepton sector (Large mixing):

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$$|U|_{3\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.799 \rightarrow 0.844 & 0.516 \rightarrow 0.582 & 0.141 \rightarrow 0.156 \\ 0.242 \rightarrow 0.494 & 0.467 \rightarrow 0.678 & 0.639 \rightarrow 0.774 \\ 0.284 \rightarrow 0.521 & 0.490 \rightarrow 0.695 & 0.615 \rightarrow 0.754 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is the principle to control flavors of quarks/leptons ?  
It gives us a hint of beyond SM

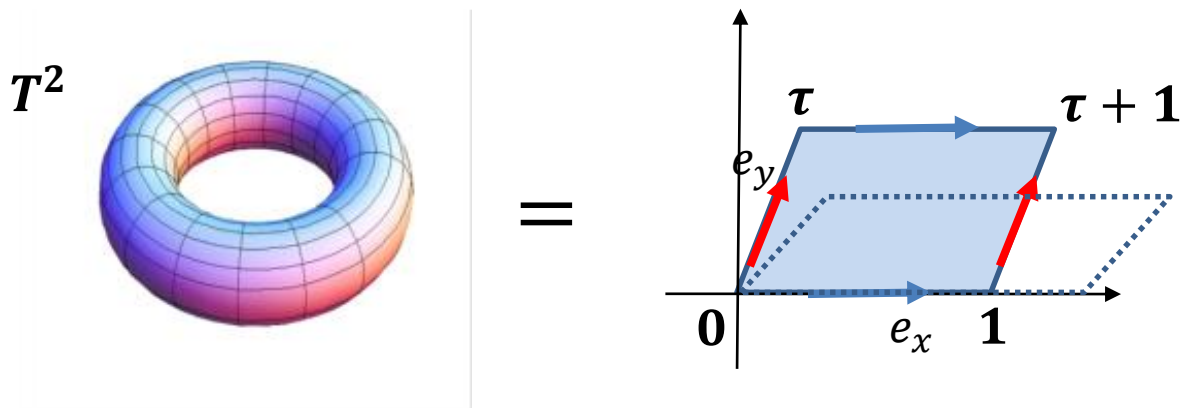
# Non-abelian discrete flavor symmetry

- Non-Abelian discrete flavor symmetries (such as  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$ ,  $A_4$ ,  $A_5$ )
  - Useful to reproduce the data, in particular, the lepton sector
- Discrete flavor models require the existence of gauge singlet scalars (so-called flavons) whose VEVs determine the flavor structures.

$$y_{ij}(\Phi) Q_i H U_j$$

- Alternative approach to derive such flavor symmetries ?
  - Modular symmetry

# $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ modular symmetry



$\tau \equiv e_y/e_x$  : modulus parameter of  $T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\Lambda$

- Lattice vectors are related under the modular trf.:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e'_y \\ e'_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_y \\ e_x \end{pmatrix} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad ad - bc = 1$$

$SL(2, Z)$  modular trf.

$$\tau \equiv \frac{e_y}{e_x} \rightarrow \tau' \equiv \frac{e'_y}{e'_x} = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} = R(\tau)$$

Two generators :  $S : \tau \rightarrow -1/\tau$

$$T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$$

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## Non-abelian discrete groups in $SL(2, Z)$ modular group

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- $SL(2, Z)$  modular group includes finite non-abelian discrete groups
  - After imposing  $T^N = 1$ ,

$$S_3, A_4, S_4, A_5 \text{ for } N = 2, 3, 4, 5$$

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- Differences between flavon models and modular flavor models
  - Yukawa couplings have non-trivial representations under modular flavor symmetries
  - Modulus VEV breaks the modular flavor symmetry

## Congruence subgroups

$$SL(2, \mathbf{Z}) \simeq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, ad - bc = 1 \right\} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\Gamma(N) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbf{Z}) \mid \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1(\text{mod } N) & 0(\text{mod } N) \\ 0(\text{mod } N) & 1(\text{mod } N) \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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After compactifying on toroidal background (orientifold), we would obtain the modular invariant effective action.

Question :

Discrete modular group in the string effective action ?

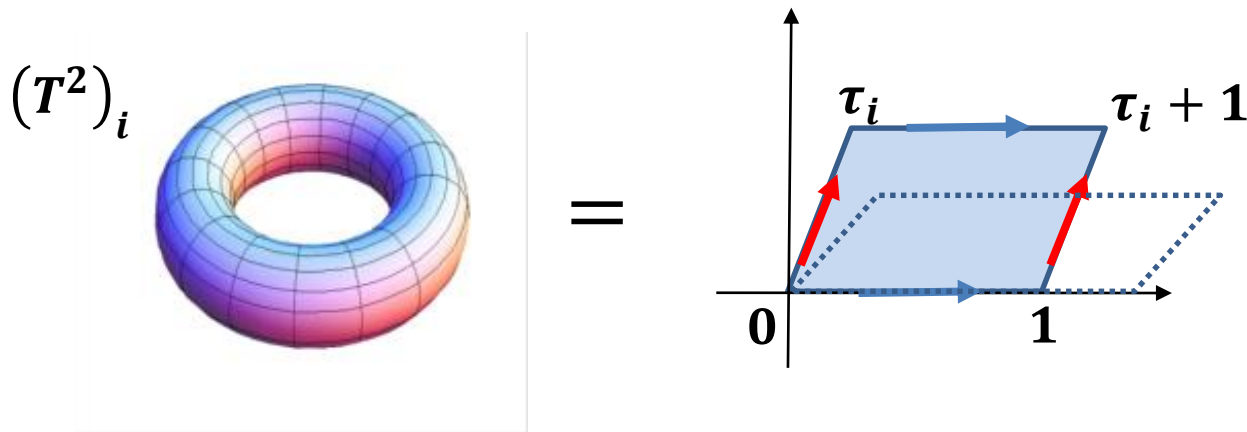


# ○ **Modular Symmetry in Type IIB flux vacua**

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Keyword : Flux compactification

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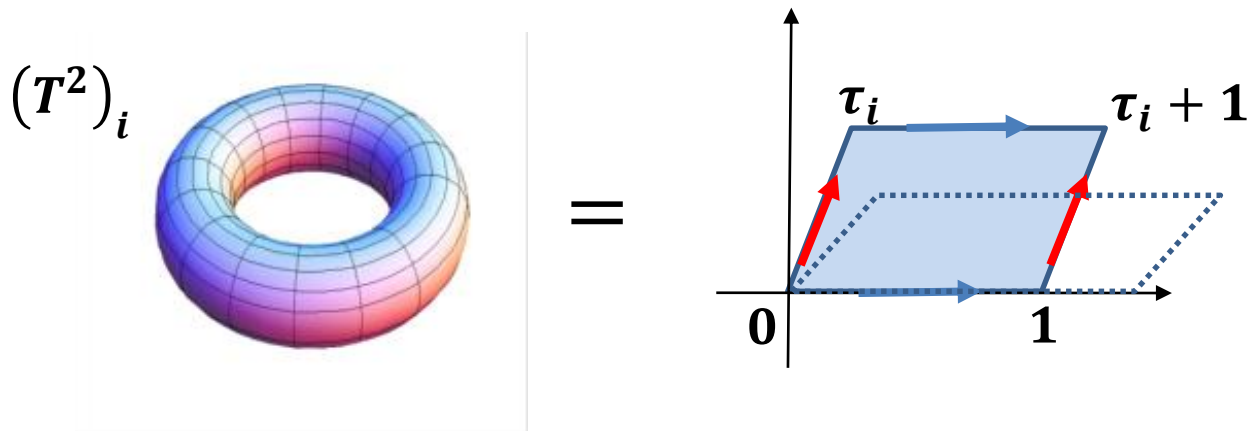
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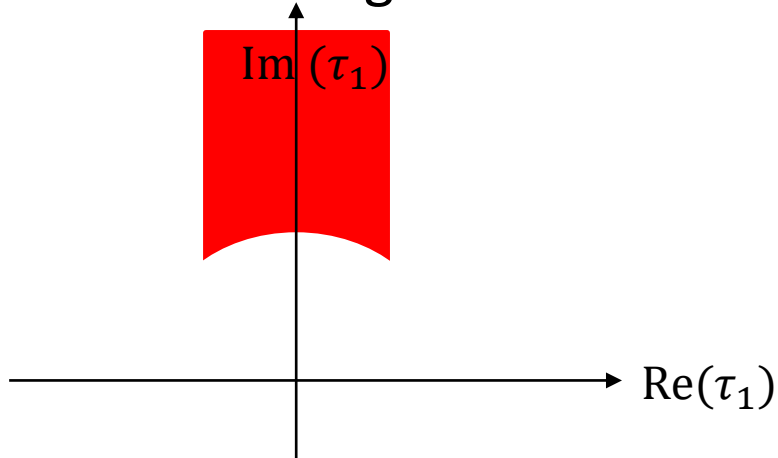
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When  $M = 1$ , the moduli space is enlarged to  $0 \leq \text{Re}(\tau_1) \leq N$  due to  $0 \leq \text{Re}(\tau_2) \leq 1$

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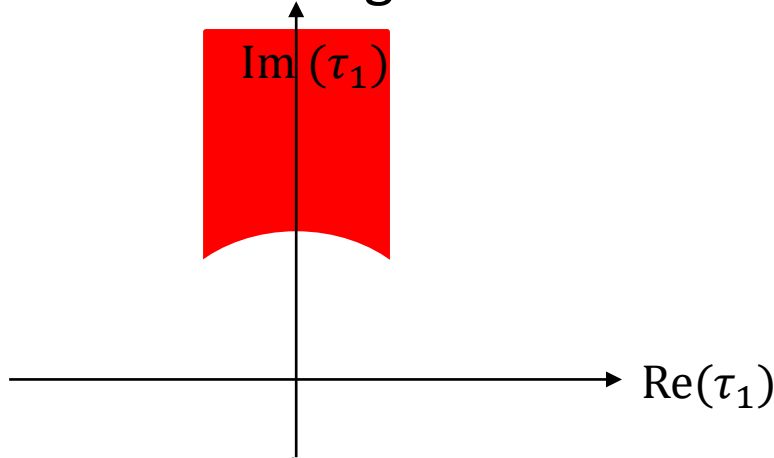


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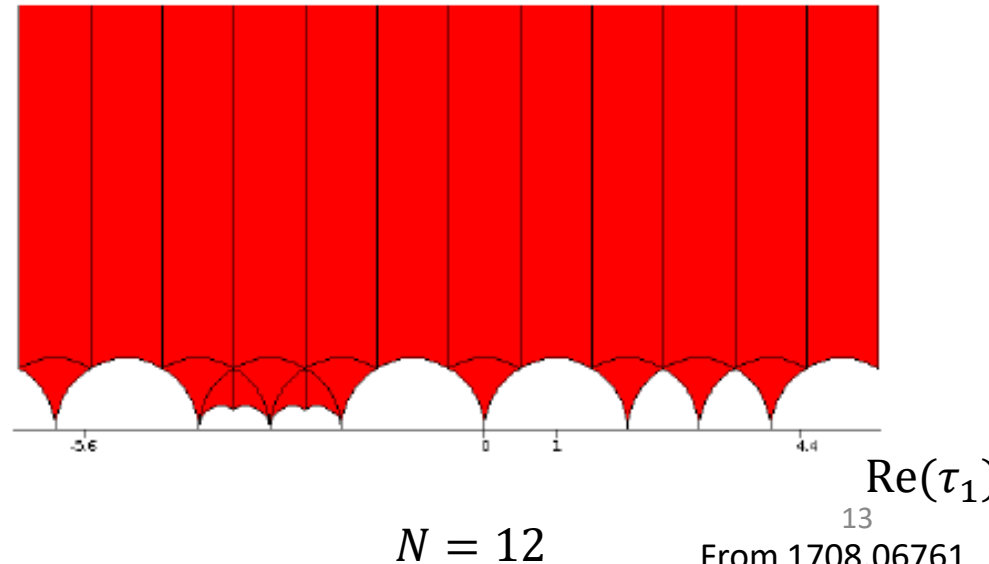
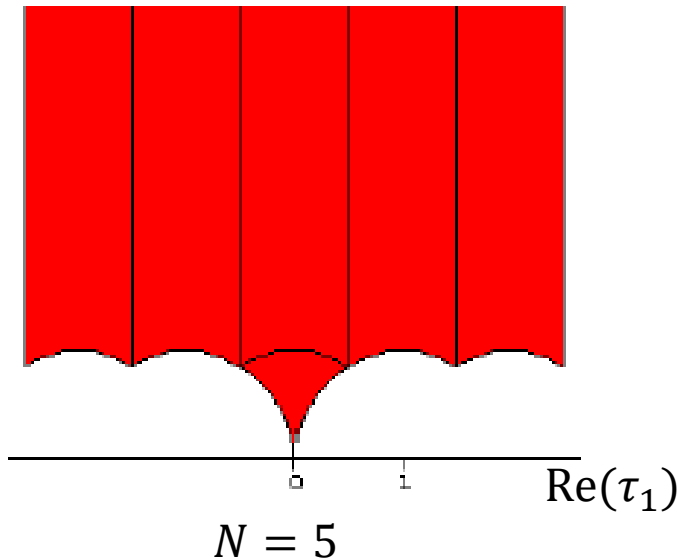
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- When we introduce the flux  $N$  ( $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(N)$ )  $R_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & N \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



# Consistency conditions for fluxes

- Cancellation condition of D3-brane charge:

$$\int C_4$$

$$\int_{CY} C_4 \wedge G_3 \wedge \overline{G}_3$$

$$32 - 2n_{D3} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4(\alpha')^2} \int H_3 \wedge F_3 = c^0 b_0 + c^{ii} b_{ii} - d_{ii} a^{ii} - d_0 a^0$$

$$MN = 32 - 2n_{D3} \leq 32$$

- Fluxes are even integers:

(3-cycle volume on  $T^6$  is divided by the corresponding cycle on  $T^6/Z_2$ )

$$M, N \in 2\mathbb{Z}$$

- Possible congruence subgroups on  $T^6/Z_2$

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$$\{\Gamma^{(1)}, \Gamma^{(2)}\}$$

$$\{\Gamma_0(2), \Gamma^0(2)\}, \{\Gamma_0(3), \Gamma^0(3)\}, \{\Gamma_0(4), \Gamma^0(4)\}$$

Table 1. Possible congruence subgroups of  $\{SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_1, SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_2\}$

- What happened when we consider D-brane configurations accommodating the SM?



# $T^6 / (\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2)$ Toroidal Orientifolds with D3/D7-branes

- Possible congruence subgroups of  $\{SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_1, SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_2\}$

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- Quantization condition of fluxes

$$M, N \in 4\mathbf{Z}$$

- Cancellation conditions of D-brane charges severely constrain the possible congruence subgroups

## Conclusion

- Discrete modular group can be realized in the EFT of Type IIB string on toroidal orientifolds with fluxes
  - severely constrained by **the quantization of fluxes** and **cancellation conditions of D-brane charges**

## Discussion

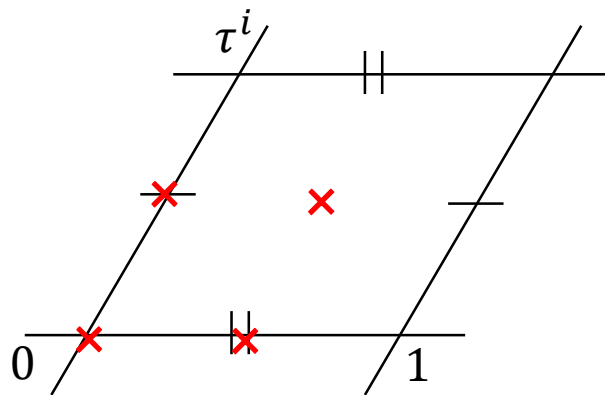
- Higher-dimensional orbifold ( $T^4$  or  $T^6$  etc.)  
(Discrete groups of  $SL(4, \mathbf{Z})$  and  $SL(6, \mathbf{Z})$  ?)
- Modular symmetry beyond toroidal orbifold ?

# $T^6 / Z_2$ Toroidal Orientifold

- Coordinates on  $T^6 \simeq T_1^2 \times T_2^2 \times T_3^2$

$$x^i, y^i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \quad \text{with} \quad x^i \equiv x^i + 1, \quad y^i \equiv y^i + 1$$

$T_i^2$  :  
( $i=1,2,3$ )



- $\tau^i$  parametrizes the shape of torus (complex structure moduli)

- $Z_2 : (x^i, y^i) \rightarrow -(x^i, y^i)$

64 O3-planes at 64 fixed points of  $Z_2$  action

# $T^6 / \mathbb{Z}_2$ Toroidal Orientifold

- Background three-form fluxes :

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 \alpha'} F_3 = \underline{a}^0 \alpha_0 + \underline{a}^{ij} \alpha_{ij} + \underline{b}_{ij} \beta^{ij} + \underline{b}_0 \beta^0,$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 \alpha'} H_3 = \underline{c}^0 \alpha_0 + \underline{c}^{ij} \alpha_{ij} + \underline{d}_{ij} \beta^{ij} + \underline{d}_0 \beta^0,$$

$\alpha_*, \beta^*$ : Basis of  $H^3(T^6, \mathbb{Z})$

e.g.,  $\alpha_0 = dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3$

Flux quanta (Input data)

- Flux-induced scalar potential, depending on  $\tau^i$  and axio-dilaton  $S$

$$V_{\text{flux}} = \frac{1}{4\kappa_{10}^2 (\text{Im } S)} \int_{T^6} G_3 \wedge^* G_3 \quad G_3 = F_3 - SH_3$$

# $T^6 / (\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2)$ Toroidal Orientifold

- Coordinates on  $T^6 \simeq T_1^2 \times T_2^2 \times T_3^2$   $z^i = x^i + \tau^i y^i$

$$\theta : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, -z_2, z_3), \quad \theta' : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (z_1, -z_2, -z_3)$$

$$\mathcal{R} : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, -z_2, -z_3).$$

- 64  $O3$ -planes at 64 fixed points of  $\mathcal{R}$
- 4  $O7_1$ -planes at the fixed locus of  $\mathcal{R}\theta'$
- 4  $O7_2$ -planes at the fixed locus of  $\mathcal{R}\theta\theta'$
- 4  $O7_3$ -planes at the fixed locus of  $\mathcal{R}\theta$

# $T^6 / (\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2)$ Toroidal Orientifold

- Magnetized D(3+2n)-branes

$$\frac{m_a^i}{2\pi} \int_{T_i^2} F_a^i = n_a^i.$$

(D3-, D5-, D7-, D9-branes can consider 0, 1, 2, 3 nonvanishing fluxes)

- # of chiral zero-modes at the intersection of D-branes

$$I_{ab} = \prod_{i=1}^3 (n_a^i m_b^i - n_b^i m_a^i),$$

# $T^6 / (\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2)$ Toroidal Orientifold

- Cancellation conditions of D-brane charges

$$D3 : \sum_a N_a n_a^1 n_a^2 n_a^3 + \frac{1}{2} N_{\text{flux}} = 16,$$

$$D7_1 : \sum_a N_a n_a^1 m_a^2 m_a^3 = -16,$$

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- Fluxes are quantized in multiples of 4 (without discrete torsion)  
(due to the  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  orbifold)

$$M, N \in 4\mathbf{Z}$$