

# Scanning the Heterotic String Landscape

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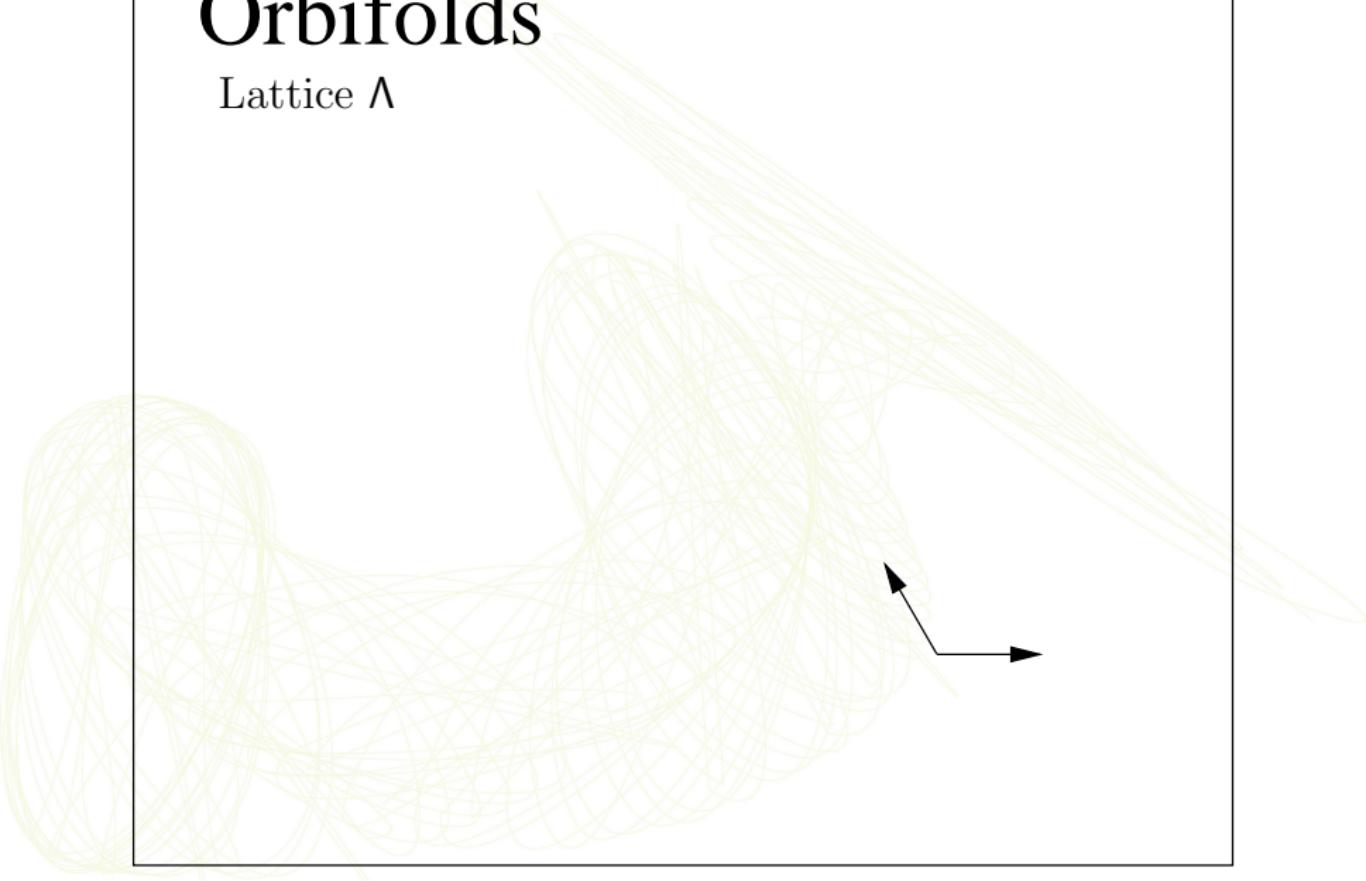
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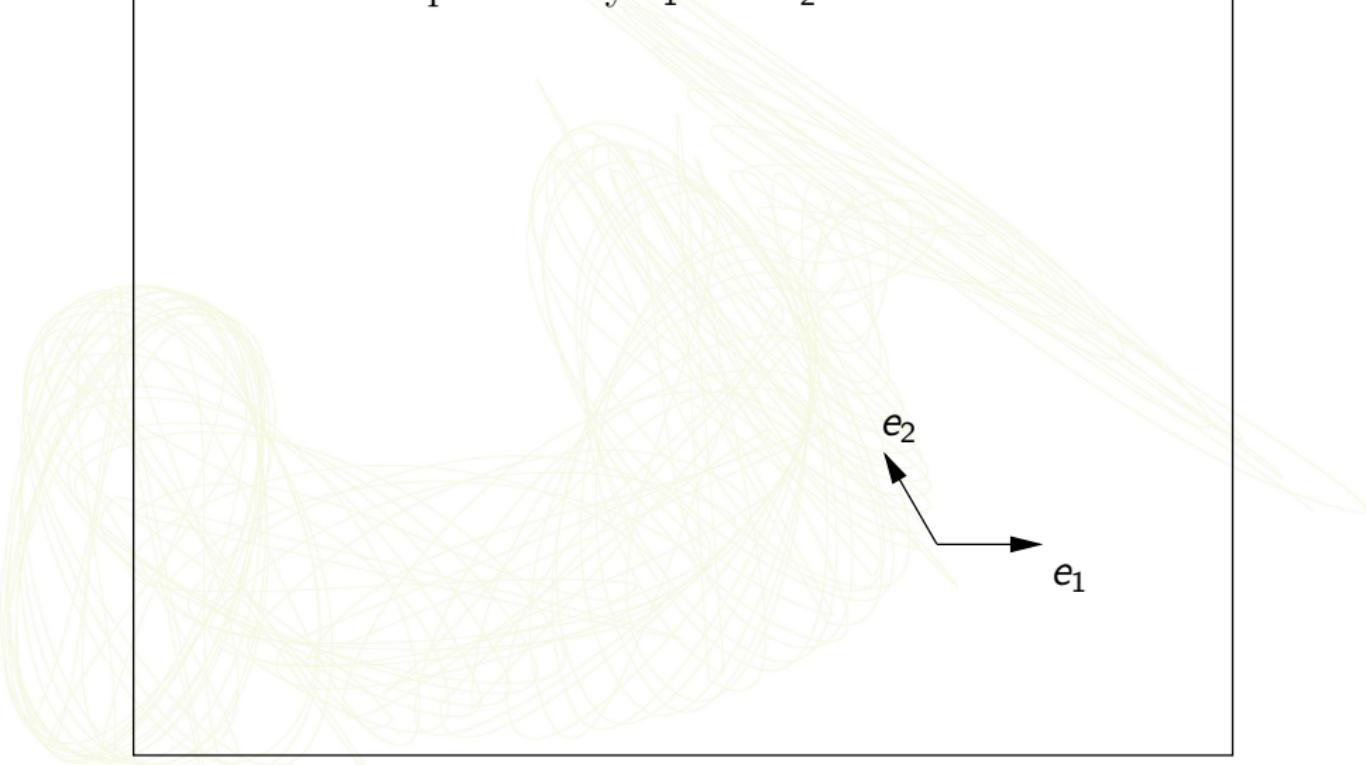
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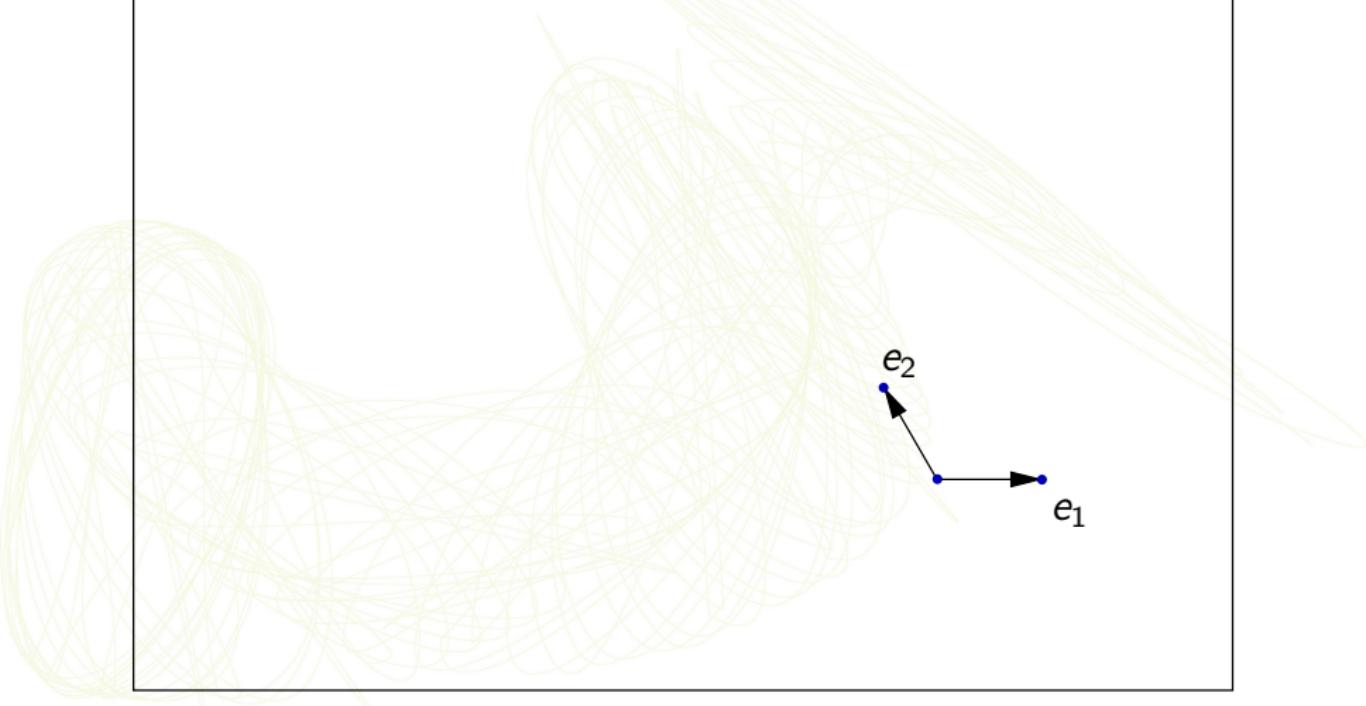
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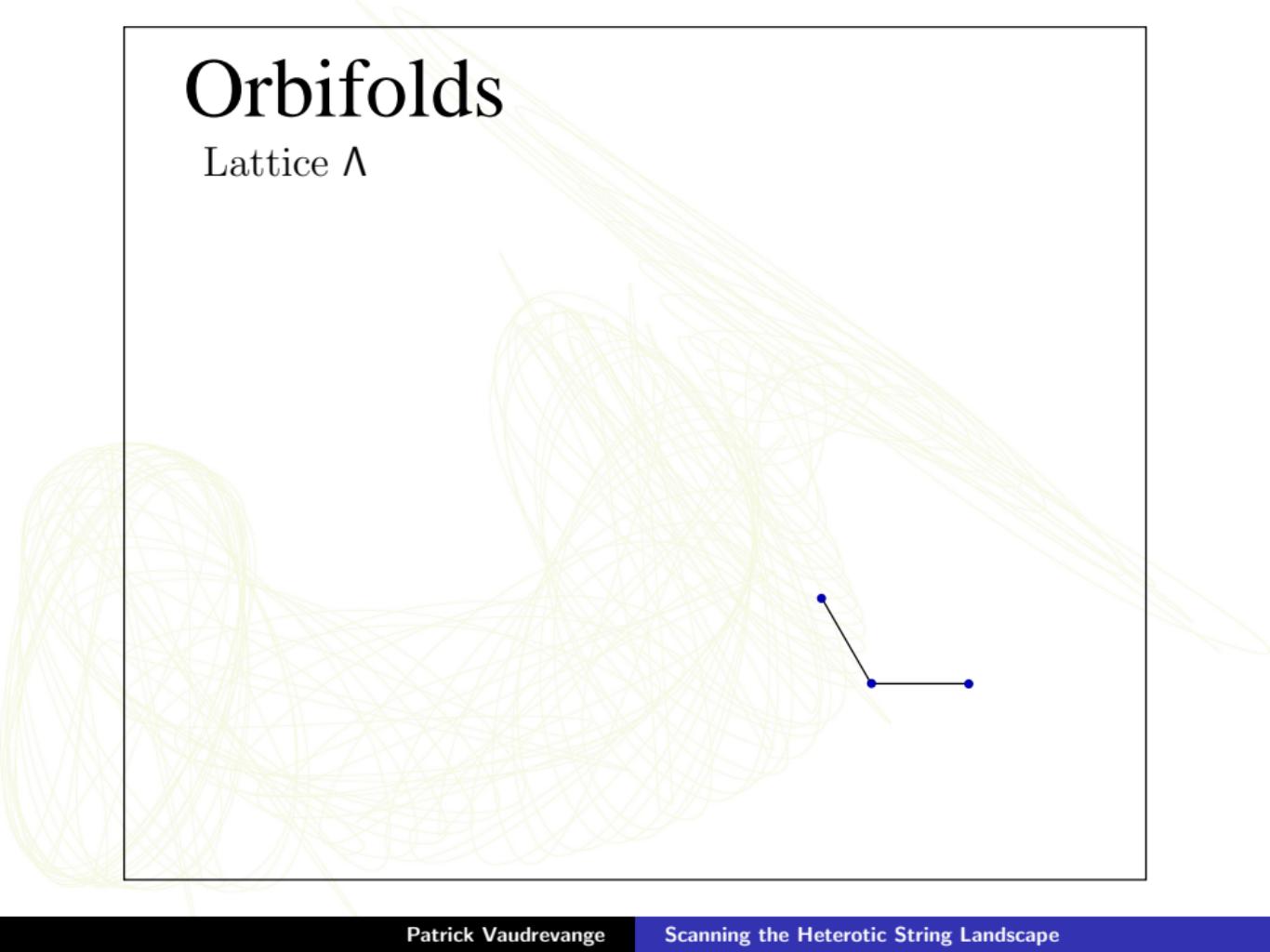
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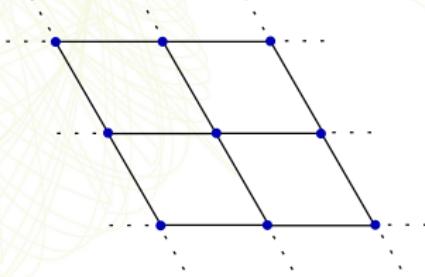
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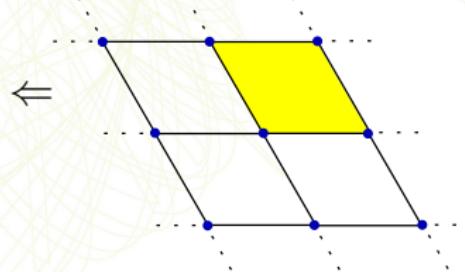
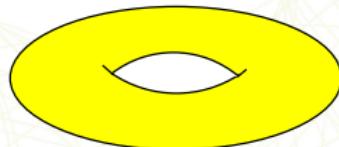
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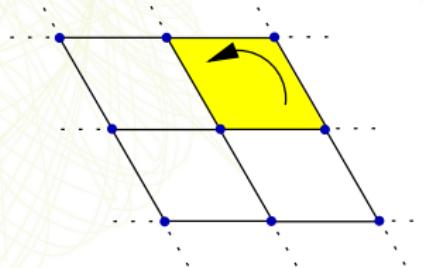


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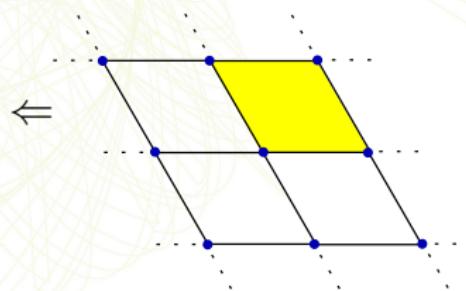
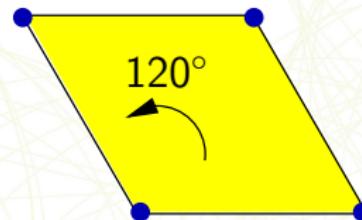


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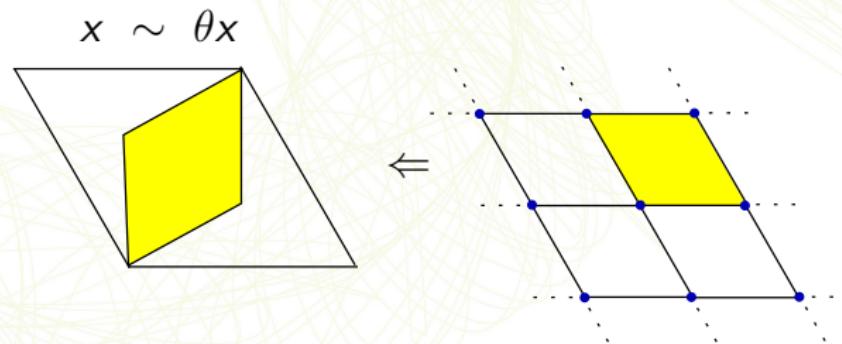


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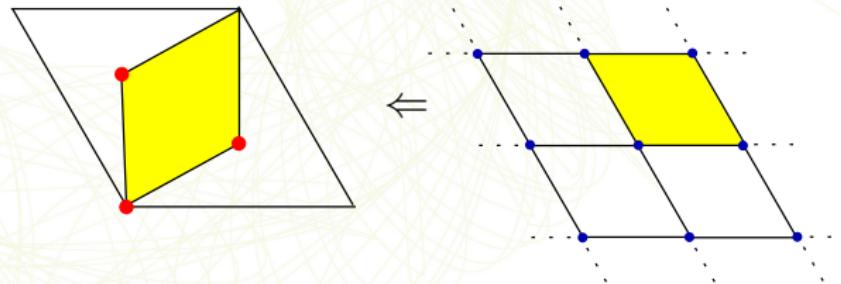


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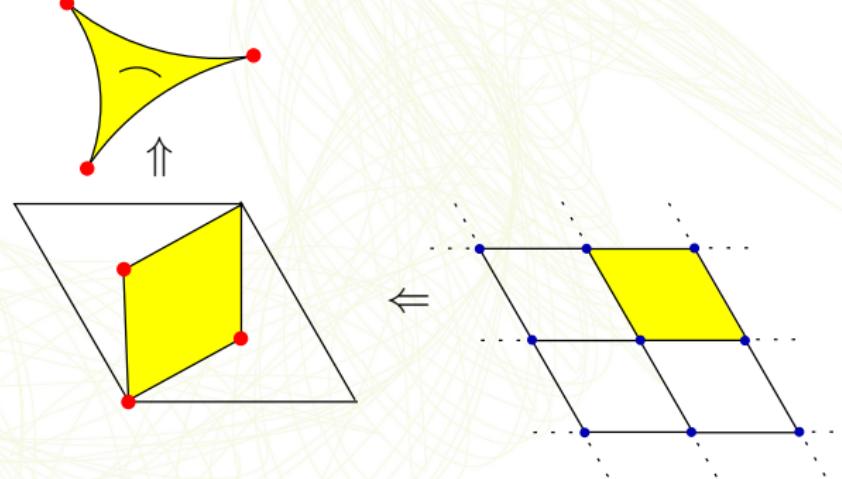


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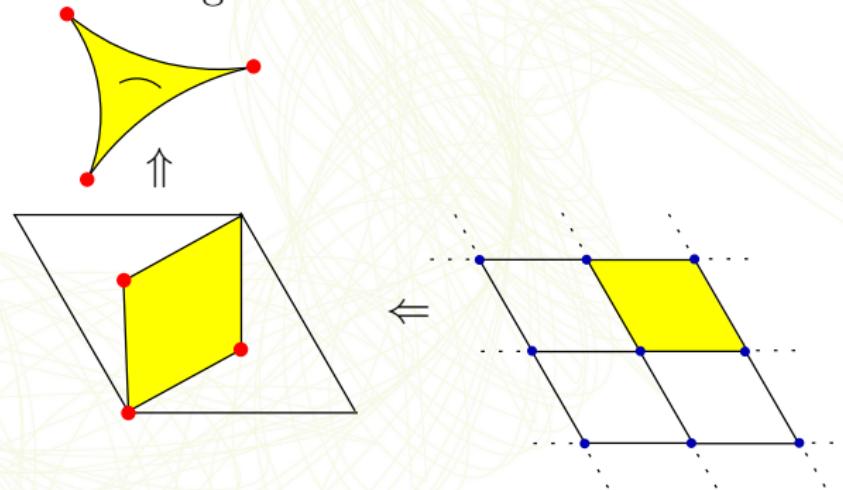
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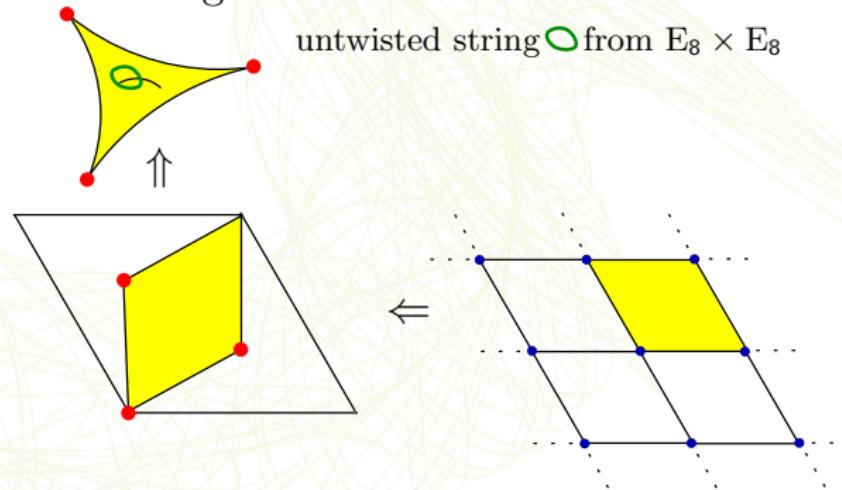
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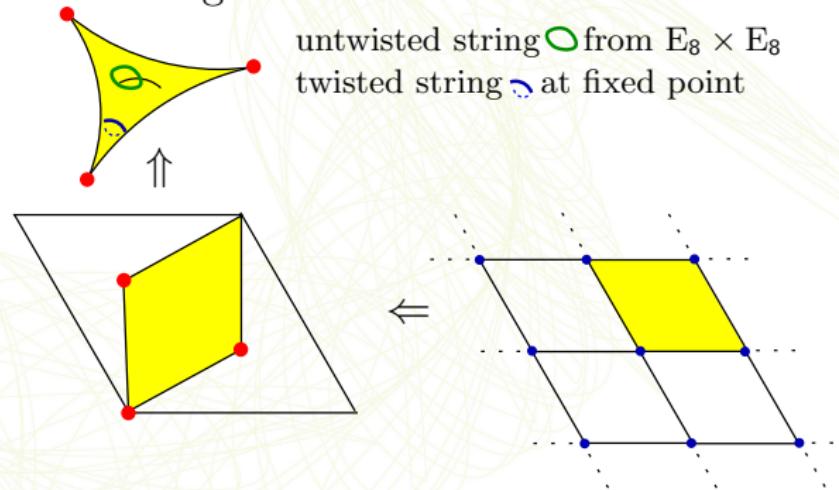
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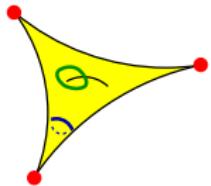
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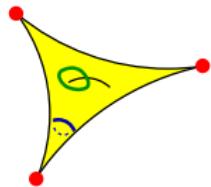
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Example in 2d:

1) 17 different tilings

2)  $P = \mathbb{Z}_N$  with  $N = 2, 3, 4, 6$

E.g. no  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  in 2d



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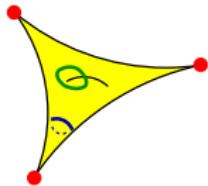
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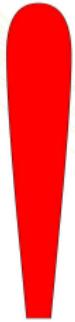
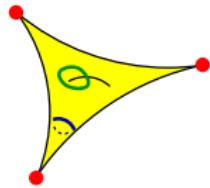
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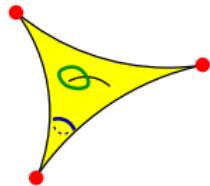
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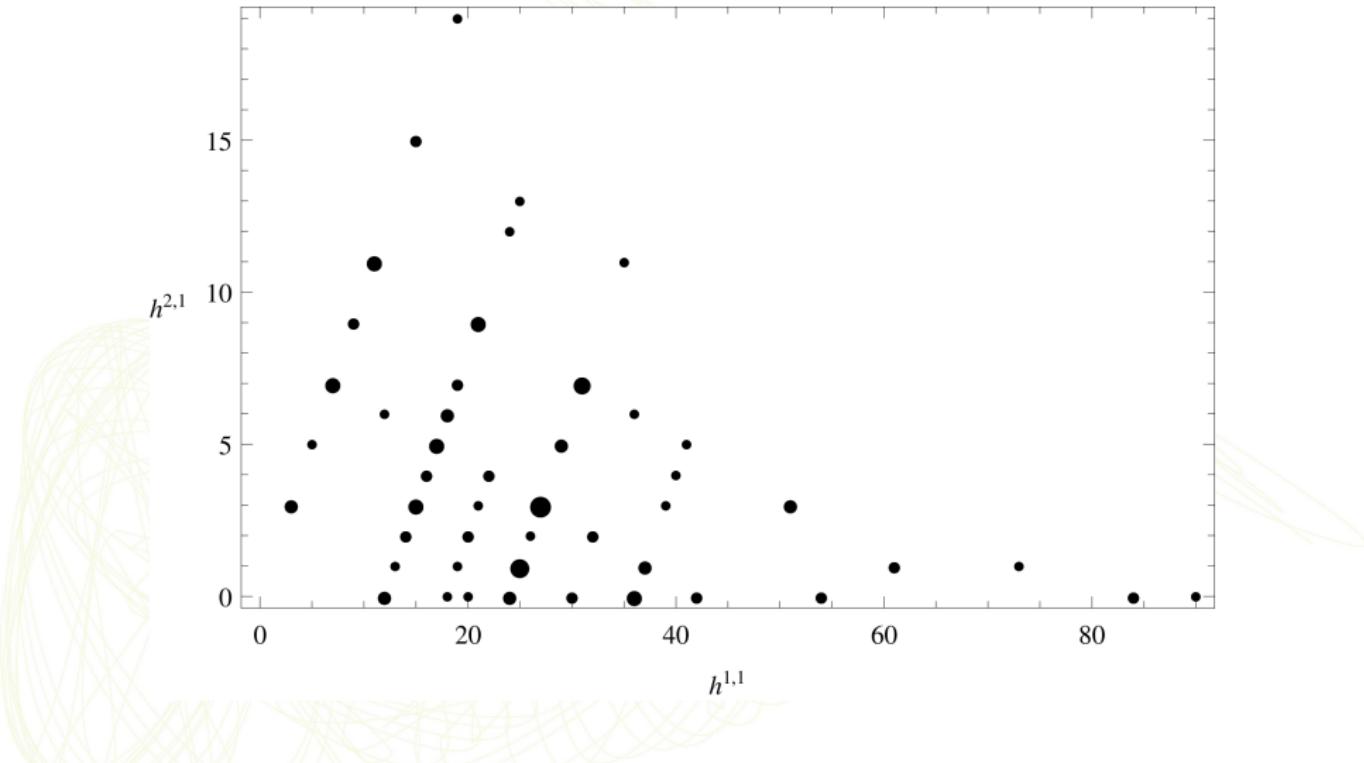
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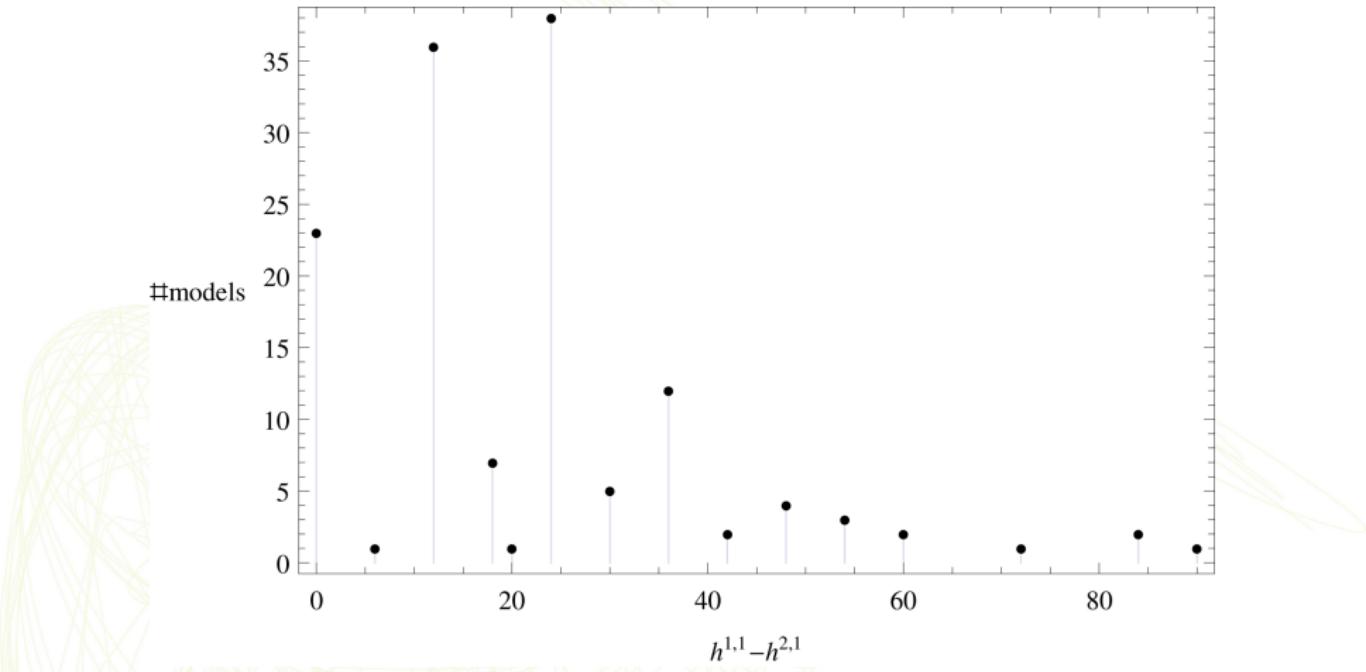


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- ▶  $h^{1,1} - h^{2,1}$  always divisible by six
- ▶ Only exception:  $(h^{1,1}, h^{2,1}) = (20, 0)$
- ▶ No geometry with three generations  
⇒ discrete Wilson lines needed for three generations
- ▶ computer program “orbifolder” to create and analyse orbifold models with abelian  $P$

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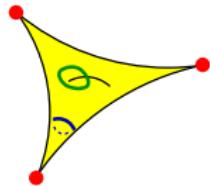
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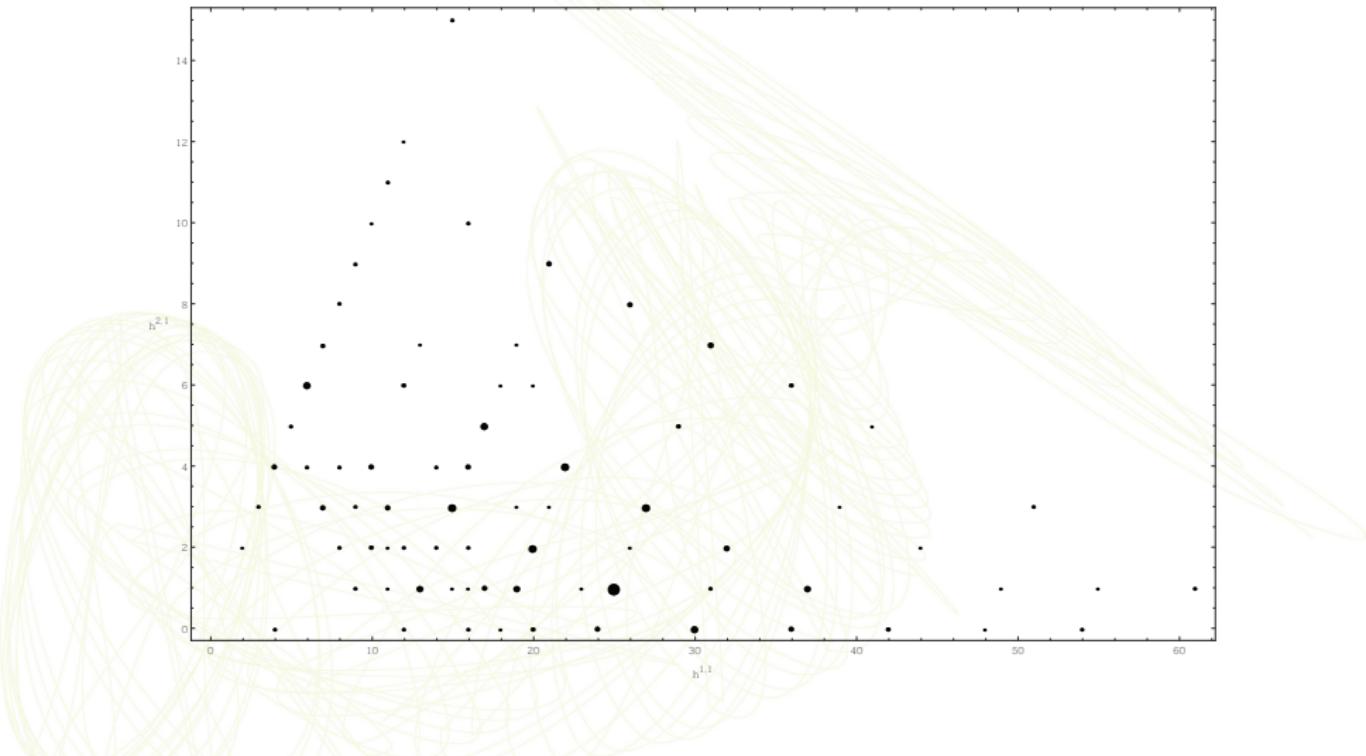
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| untwisted moduli<br>( $h_{\mathbf{U}}^{(1,1)}, h_{\mathbf{U}}^{(2,1)}$ ) | non-abelian point groups   |
|--|--|
| (2,2)  | $S_3, D_4, D_6$  |
| (2,1)  | $QD_{16}, (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times S_3, (\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2,$<br>$\text{GL}(2, 3), \text{SL}(2, 3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$   |
| (2,0)  | $\mathbb{Z}_8 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times S_3, \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_8, \text{SL}(2, 3)-\text{I}, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times D_4,$<br>$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times Q_8, (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_3 \times (\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4), \mathbb{Z}_6 \times S_3,$<br>$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \text{SL}(2, 3), \mathbb{Z}_3 \times ((\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2), \text{SL}(2, 3) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4$ |
| (1,1)  | $A_4, S_4$   |
| (1,0)  | $T_7, \Delta(27), \mathbb{Z}_3 \times A_4, \Delta(48), \Delta(54), \mathbb{Z}_3 \times S_4, \Delta(96),$<br>$\Sigma(36\phi), \Delta(108), \text{PSL}(3, 2), \Sigma(72\phi), \Delta(216)$   |

## $h^{2,1}$ vs. $h^{1,1}$ for non-abelian orbifold geometries



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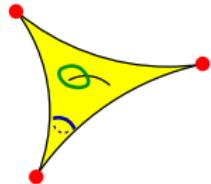
## Number of generations for all orbifold geometries

- ▶ 65 orbifold geometries with  $h^{1,1} = h^{2,1}$   
⇒ always non-chiral using standard heterotic CFT
- ▶ Magnetized orbifolds to create chirality in blow-up

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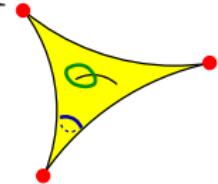
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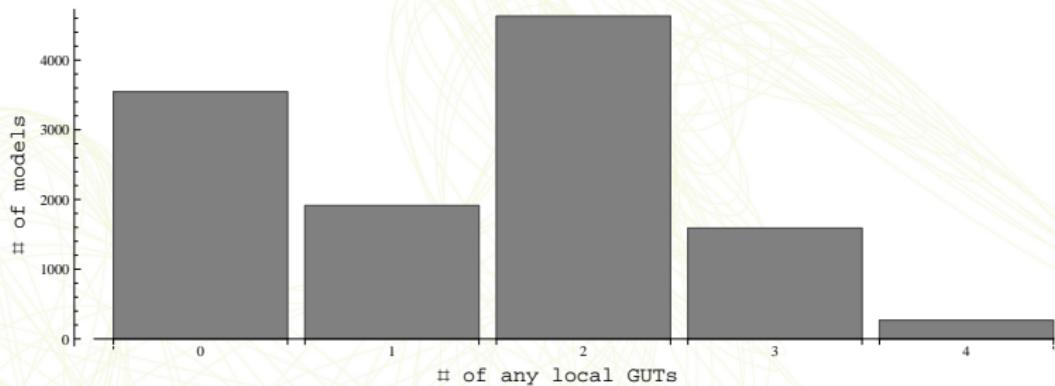
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| $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$             | (1,1)  | 1466                       | 3                                     | 11   | 529  | 921  | 5        | 1   |
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## Local GUTs

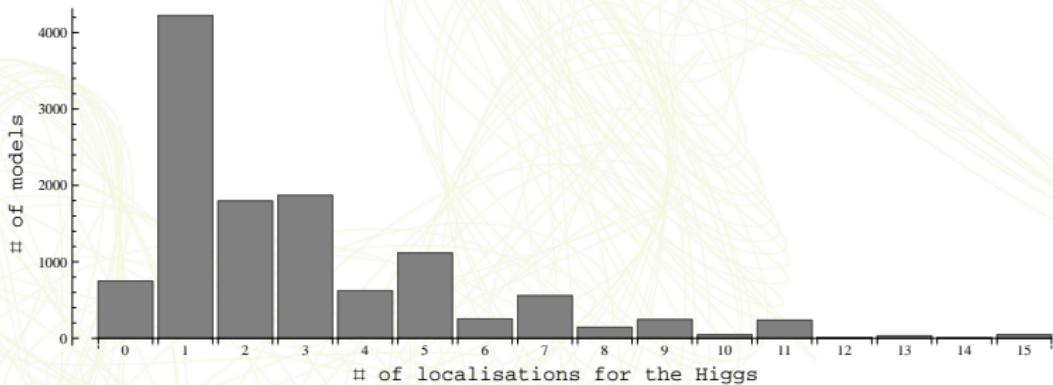
Fixed point with local GUT (e.g. SO(10) or SU(5)) and localized matter representation:



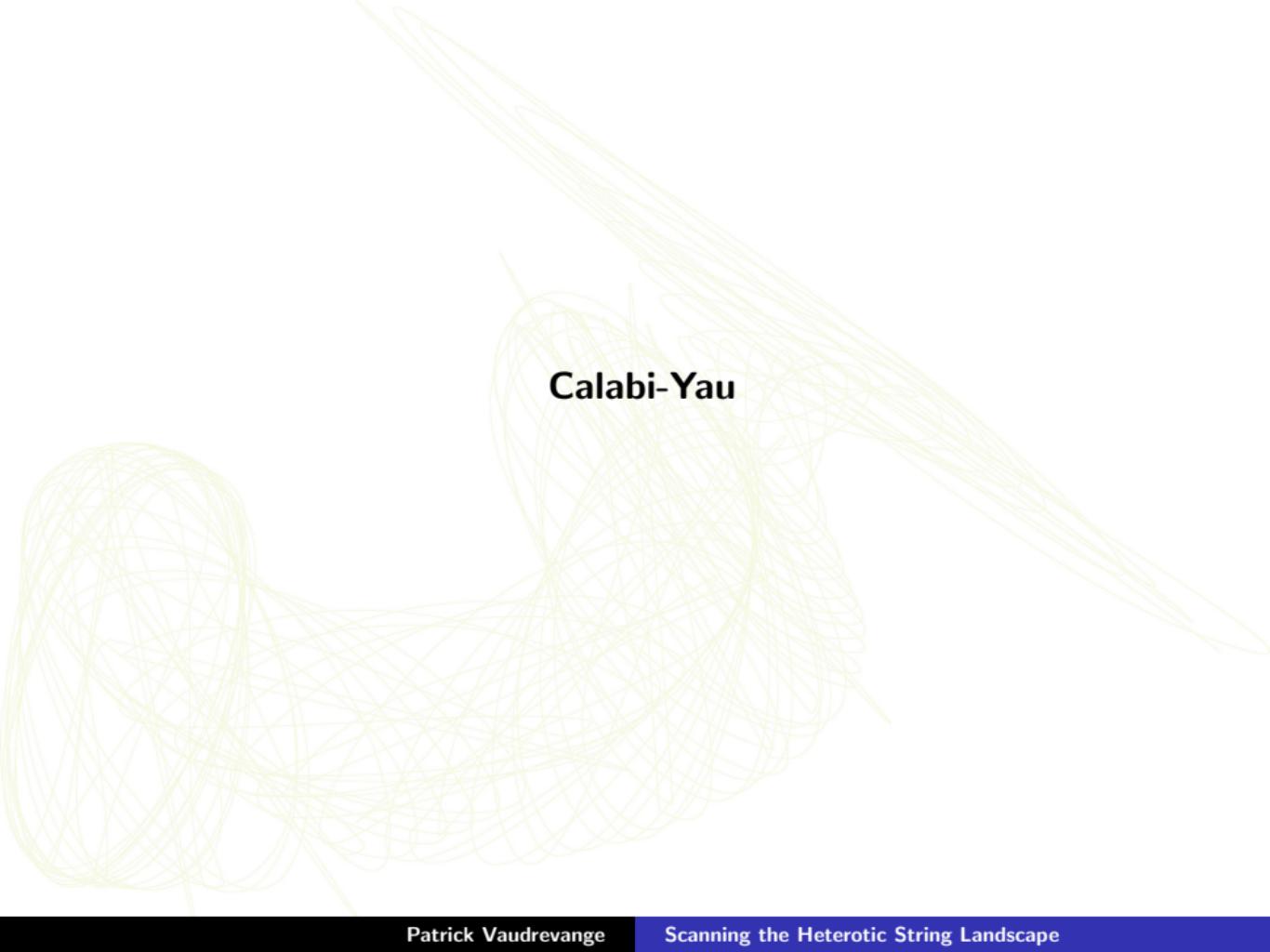
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## # Locations with split multiplets for Higgs

- ▶ Higgs in split GUT representation
- ▶ Origin? Location in higher dim. where GUT group is broken, i.e. 10d bulk



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The background consists of several overlapping wireframe spheres, rendered in a light yellow or gold color. These spheres are oriented at various angles, creating a sense of depth and perspective. Some spheres are more prominent in the foreground, while others are partially obscured by those behind them.

## Calabi-Yau

## Complete Intersection Calabi-Yau: CICY 7862

Candelas, Dale, Lutken, Schimmrigk - 1987

- ▶ CY  $X$  described as hypersurface in product of projective spaces
- ▶ Hodge numbers  $h_{11} = 4$  and  $h_{21} = 68$   
⇒ four divisors:  $D_i, i = 1, \dots, h_{11} = 4$
- ▶ Non-vanishing triple intersection numbers and second Chern classes:

$$\kappa_{ijk} = \int_X D_i D_j D_k = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad c_{2i} = \int_{D_i} c_2 = 24$$

for  $i \neq j \neq k \neq i$  from 1 to  $h_{11} = 4$

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- ▶ Given the five vectors  $k_{(a)}$  the corresponding line bundle vectors in the observable  $E_8$  are

$$V'_i = (a_i^5, b_i, c_i, d_i)$$

(Exponent 5 indicates 5-times repetition)

- ▶ Using

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ b_i \\ c_i \\ d_i \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k_{(1)}^i \\ k_{(2)}^i \\ k_{(3)}^i \\ k_{(4)}^i \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, h_{11}$

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- ▶ Integrated BLs of the Kalb-Ramond field in the presence of NS5 branes:

$$\begin{aligned} N_i &= N'_i + N''_i \\ N'_i &= c_{2i} + \kappa_{ijk} V'_j \cdot V'_k \\ N''_i &= c_{2i} + \kappa_{ijk} V''_j \cdot V''_k \end{aligned}$$

for all divisors  $D_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, h_{11} = 4$ .

- ▶ BLs  $\Rightarrow$  anomaly cancellation in the 4D EFT
- ▶ Unbroken SUSY requires  $N_i \geq 0$
- ▶ We will choose  $V''_i$  such that  $N_i = 0$ , i.e.  $N''_i = -N'_i$
- ▶ Chiral part of the 4D matter spectrum: multiplicity operator:

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{6} \kappa_{ijk} H_i H_j H_k + \frac{1}{12} c_{2i} H_i$$

evaluated on each root  $p$  of  $E_8 \times E_8$  using  $H_i(p) = V_i \cdot p$   
(and checked with cohomCalg)

Blumenhagen, Jurke, Rahn, Roschy - 2010

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## Conclusion

- ▶ Complete classification of orbifold geometries with  $\mathcal{N} \geq 1$  SUSY (Abelian and non-Abelian)
- ▶ ⇒ 520 orbifold geometries
- ▶ Useful tool for abelian  $P$ : “orbifolder”
- ▶ The OrbifoldLandscape: ≈ 12000 MSSM-like models
- ▶ Lessons:
  - ▶ Location of matter: local GUTs
  - ▶ Location of Higgs: 10d bulk
  - ▶ Discrete flavor symmetries
- ▶ Calabi-Yau case:
  - ▶ MSSM like-models
  - ▶ Hidden  $E_8$ : infinite set of models? At the boundary of the Kähler cone?