

# String Geometries for Heterotic MSSM models

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# Motivation

- String theory requires 10 spacetime dimensions
- We only perceive 4 dimensions  $\Rightarrow$  compactify 6 dimensions
- **Compactification geometry** influences 4d **particle content**
- **Orbifold** compactifications of heterotic string have proven to yield quasi-realistic models
- MSSM-like models constructed for
  - $\mathbb{Z}_{6-II}$  orbifold  
[Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2006-2008]
  - $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2,free}$   
[Blaszczyk, Groot Nibbelink, Ratz, FR, Trapletti, Vaudrevange, 2010]
- **Advantage: Exact CFT** calculations possible

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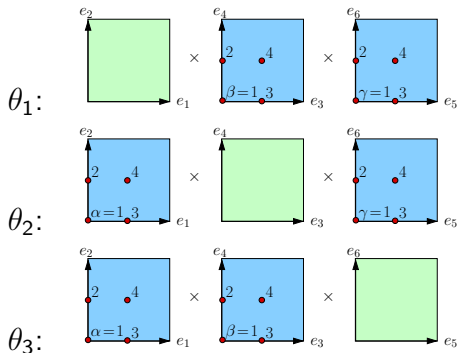
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- Transition from Orbifolds to CYs via blowup:
  - CY **more generic** compactification
  - CY is **non-singular**
  - Blowup can **decouple exotics**, **break** down **gauge group**, ...
  - Blowup **needed** to **cancel FI from anomalous  $U(1)$**  on orbifold

## Question

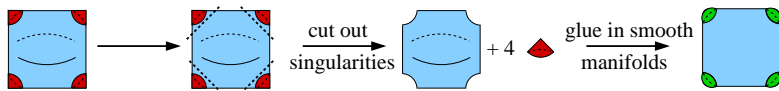
How are physical quantities on the Orbifold and the CY related?

# $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2,\text{free}}$

- Compactify 6 dimensions on 3 tori
- Orbifold acts as reflection



# Blowing up orbifolds



- **Blowup** generated by **giving vevs** to orbifold fields
- Blowup breaks all GGs (including  $U(1)$ s) under which blowup modes are charged
- Singularities replaced by **smooth hypersurfaces** (exceptional cycles)
- Additional **Kähler moduli**  $b_r$  **parameterize the geometry** of these cycles
- Imaginary part of complexified Kähler parameter give **axions**  $\beta_r$
- These model-dependent axions **cancel**  $U(1)$  anomalies in blowup [Groot Nibbelink, Held, FR, Trapletti, Vaudrevange, 2009]

# Blowing up $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2,\text{free}}$ orbifolds

- On the **Orbifold**, we have **local GUTs** ( $SU(5)$ ,  $SO(10)$ )
- Breaking GUTs by  $U(1)_Y$  **flux**  $\Rightarrow$  **Stückelberg mass** for  $U(1)_Y$  **via GS**
- Break GUT differently  $\Rightarrow$  **Freely acting involution**  $\mathbb{Z}_{2,\text{free}}$
- Blowup of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  with **6 SM generations** constructed

## Heterotic model with Abelian fluxes

CY models with 3 (6 before  $\mathbb{Z}_{2,\text{free}}$ ) models constructed!

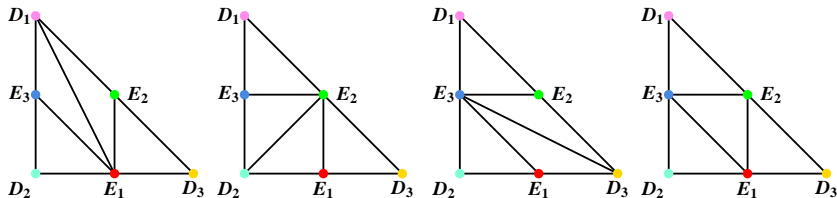
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# Toric diagram

To describe **blowup**:

- Replace 48 fixed **tori** by exceptional **divisors**
- Choose **triangulation** at 64 fixed tori intersections
- Problem:  $\mathcal{O}(10^{33})$  choices

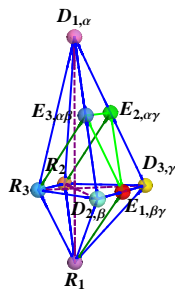
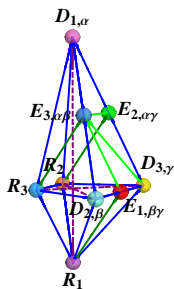
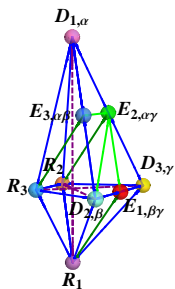
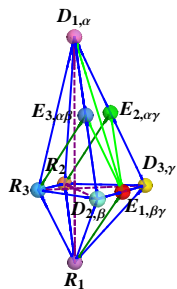


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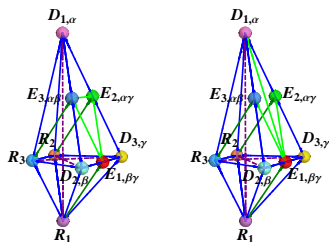
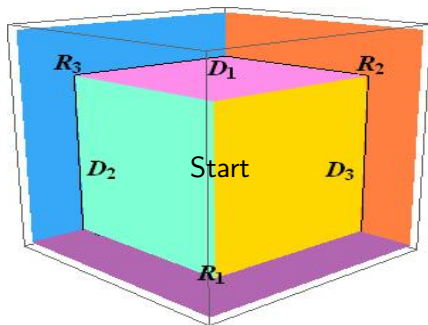
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# Blowup procedure

- 1 **Gauge flux** on CY given by **Abelian** line bundles:  
$$\mathcal{F} = V_r E_r^I H_I$$
- 2 **Line bundle** vectors  $V_r$  correspond to **orbifold shifted momenta**  $P_r$
- 3 **Gauge flux** has to satisfy the **Bianchi identities**  
$$\int \text{tr} \mathcal{F}^2 - \text{tr} \mathcal{R}^2 = 0$$
- 4 Use **index theorem** to compute CY **spectrum**

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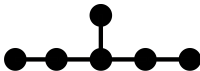
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Mass terms arise from non-perturbative contributions



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## Extra states

Higgsing  $\Rightarrow$  states rendered massive in Blowup  
Non-perturbative corrections  $\Rightarrow$  states massive or massless in Blowup