

GLSM Description of Heterotic Compactification Spaces

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Based on: [\[Blaszczyk,Groot Nibbelink,FR: 1111.5852\]](#)

Motivation

String theory promising candidate for unified description of **fundamental forces**.

- **Orbifold** model building **successful** in producing quasi-realistic models [Blaszczyk, Buchmüller, Groot Nibbelink, Hamaguchi, Kim, Kyaе, Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, FR, Trapletti, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, ...]
- But: **Target space dynamics** (anomalies) and **phenomenology** (breaking of GG, decoupling of exotics) **requires vevs** for twisted states \Rightarrow **SUGRA approximation** on resolution space [Blaszczyk, Cabo Bizet, Groot Nibbelink, Ha, Held, Honecker, Klevers, Nilles, Plöger, FR, Trapletti, Vaudrevange, Walter, ...]
- Effort to match the theories
 - On the level of **anomalies**
[Blaszczyk, Cabo Bizet, Groot Nibbelink, Nilles, FR, Trapletti]
 - On the level of **GLSMs** [Groot Nibbelink]

Outline

- 1 GLSMs and Orbifolds
- 2 Example T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 : GLSM resolution
- 3 Exploring the moduli space

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Gauged linear sigma models

- Here: $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$ **gauge theory** with GG $U(1)^N$ on 2D **WS**
- The **fields** on the **WS** correspond to **coordinates** in **TS**
- The $U(1)$ charges correspond to weights of toric spaces
- The **F-terms** cut out the **target space** manifold (here: CY)
- The **D-terms** specify the **geometric phase** of the theory
- The **FI-parameters** correspond to **Kähler moduli**

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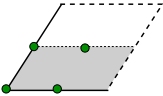
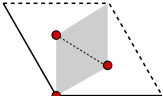
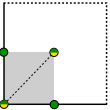
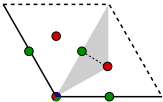
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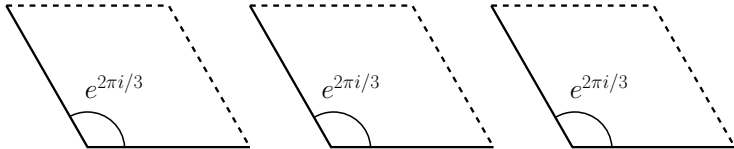
Different 2-tori

Point Group	Geometry	extra n -volution	projective embedding
\mathbb{Z}_2		$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\mathbb{CP}^3_{1111}[2, 2]$
\mathbb{Z}_3		\mathbb{Z}_3	$\mathbb{CP}^2_{111}[3]$
\mathbb{Z}_4		\mathbb{Z}_2	$\mathbb{CP}^2_{112}[4]$
\mathbb{Z}_6		—	$\mathbb{CP}^2_{123}[6]$

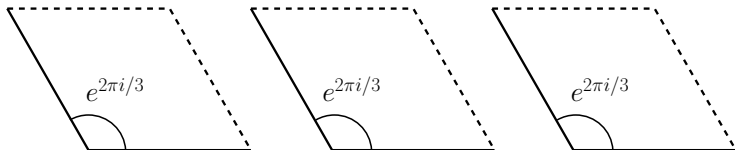
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Example

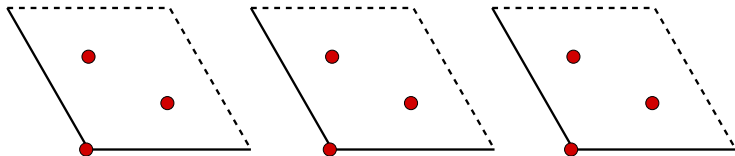
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- ② Divide out $\mathbb{Z}_3 \Rightarrow 27$ fixed points



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F-terms:

$$\sum_{\rho=1}^3 z_{i\rho}^3 = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$c_i z_{i\rho}^2 = 0, \quad i, \rho = 1, 2, 3$$

D-terms:

$$\sum_{\rho=1}^3 |z_{i\rho}|^2 - 3|c_i|^2 = a_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

Geometry:

 a_i : sizes of tori $a_i > 0 \Rightarrow c_i = 0$ (assume this case for now) $z_{i\rho}$: torus coordinate $u \in \mathbb{C}$: $z_{i\rho} \leftrightarrow \wp(u), \wp'(u)$

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$$|z_{11}|^2 + |z_{21}|^2 + |z_{31}|^2 - 3|x_{111}|^2 = b_{111}$$

Geometry:

b_{111} : sizes of exceptional cycles

$b_{111} < 0 \Rightarrow x_{111} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \langle x_{111} \rangle$ generates \mathbb{Z}_3 with 27 FP $z_{11} = z_{21} = z_{31} = 0$

$b_{111} > 0 \Rightarrow x_{111} = 0$ possible, FP $z_{11} = z_{21} = z_{31} = 0$ forbidden \Rightarrow smooth

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Summary of the procedure:

To build an orbifold/resolution **GLSM** model

- 1 Choose tori description appropriate for orbifold action
- 2 Introduce exceptional divisors to smoothen the singularities
- 3 Set FI parameters $a \gg 0 > b$ to study orbifold or $a \gg b > 0$ to study blowup
- 4 Construct inherited divisors and linear equivalences
- 5 Read off intersection numbers

In this way, the resolution phase can be studied using a GLSM which can be smoothly connected to the orbifold.

The procedure confirms the results of previous approaches which proceeded via polytopes and gluings. [Lust,Reffert,Scheidegger,Stieberger]

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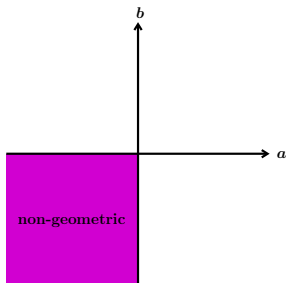
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For simplicity: Set $a_i = a$ and $b_{\rho\rho\rho} = b$.



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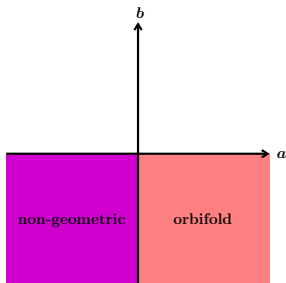
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$$\langle c_i \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{3}, \quad \langle x_{\rho\rho\rho} \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{3}, \quad z_{i\rho} = 0$$

Target space is a **point**.



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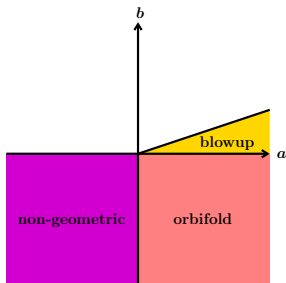
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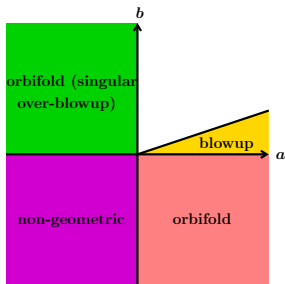
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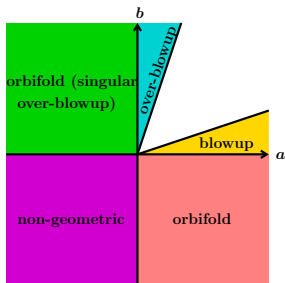
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Note complete symmetry of the model under

$$x_{\rho\rho\rho} \leftrightarrow c_i, \quad z_{i\rho} \leftrightarrow z_{\rho i}, \quad a_i \leftrightarrow b_{\rho\rho\rho}$$

$$\langle c_i \rangle > 0, \quad x_{\rho\rho\rho} = 0, \quad \langle z_{i\rho} \rangle \geq 0$$

Target space again T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 orbifold, with roles of x and c exchanged.



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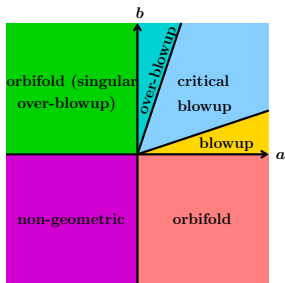
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Target space is the **resolution CY** of the “other” T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 orbifold.



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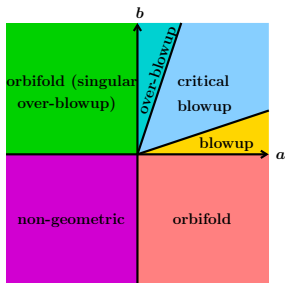
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$a > 0$, $b \in [\frac{a}{3}, 3a]$:

$$\langle c_{i \neq \rho} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \langle x_{\rho\rho\rho} \rangle \geq 0, \quad \langle z_{i\rho} \rangle \geq 0$$

Target space is **hybrid phase** with blowup limits for $b \downarrow \frac{a}{3}$ and $b \uparrow 3a$.



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Note that in general

- The **dimension** of the **TS** can **jump** between the phases
- There can be **flop-transitions** also “outside” the **CY**
- There can be several **distinct singular phases** [Aspinwall, Greene, Morrison, Plesser, ...]

There is a vast (moduli) space to be explored!

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