

Phases of torsional linear models

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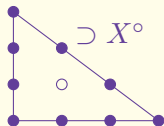
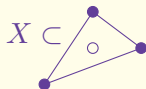
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Motivations: (0,2) explorations

* (2,2) GLSMs & Calabi–Yau manifolds

- ◇ framework for CY/LG correspondence
- ◇ mirror symmetry for hypersurfaces & complete intersections
- ◇ (sub)space of deformations & monomial divisor mirror map



* (0,2) linear models

- ◇ e.g. mirror symmetry involves HYM bundle $(X, \mathcal{E}) \longleftrightarrow (X^\circ, \mathcal{E}^\circ)$
- ◇ most of the focus: (0,2) deformations of (2,2) theories

$$\mathcal{E} \simeq T_X$$

- ◇ more general bundles? some mirror pairs from LG phase of GLSMs

* (0,2) GLSM constructions compromised by bundle stability

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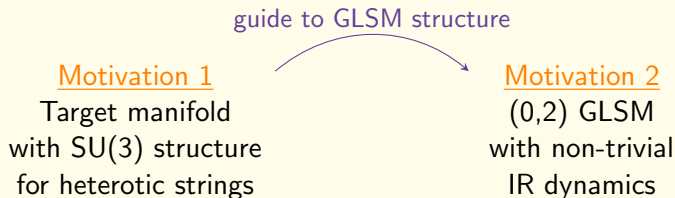
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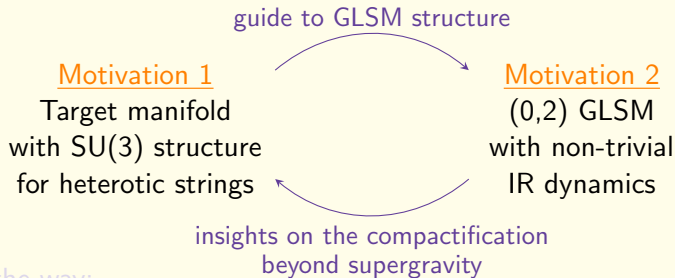
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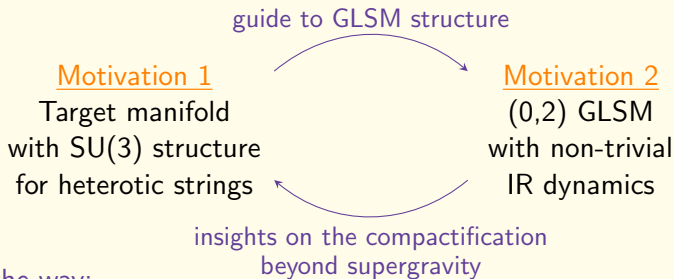
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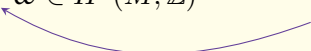
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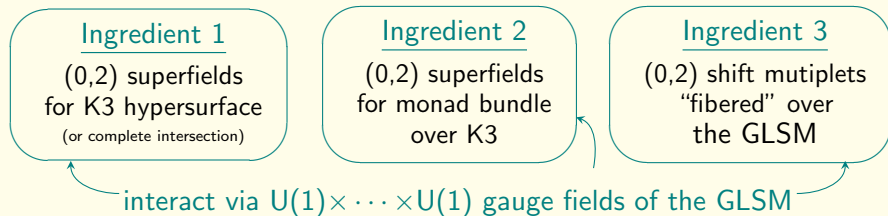
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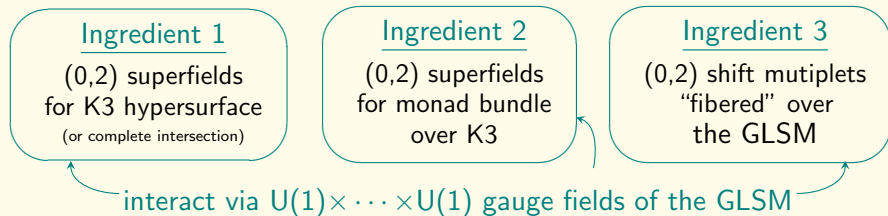
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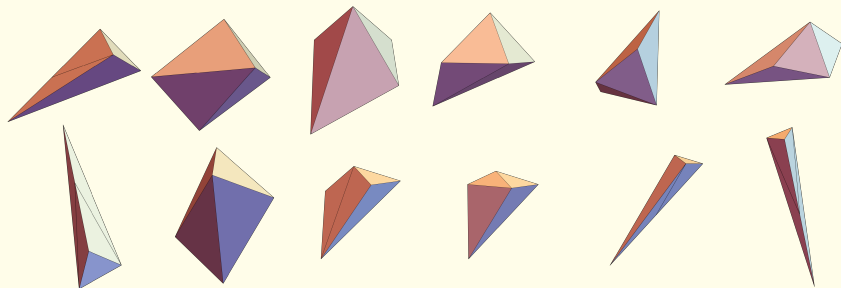
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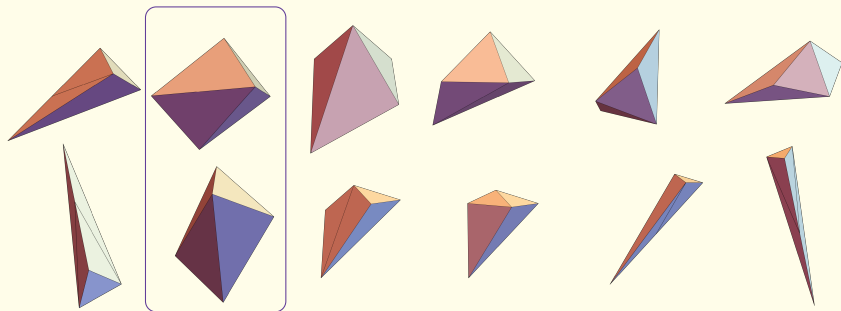
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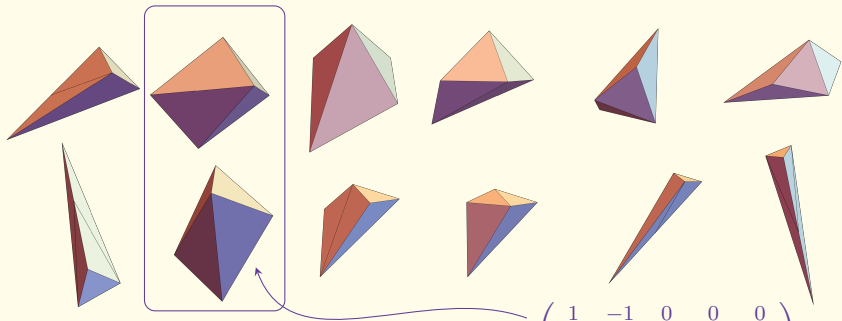
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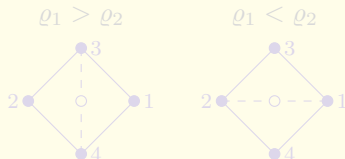
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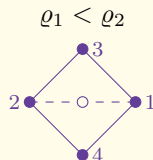
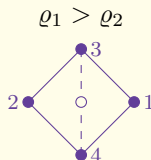
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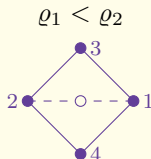
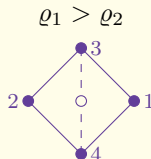
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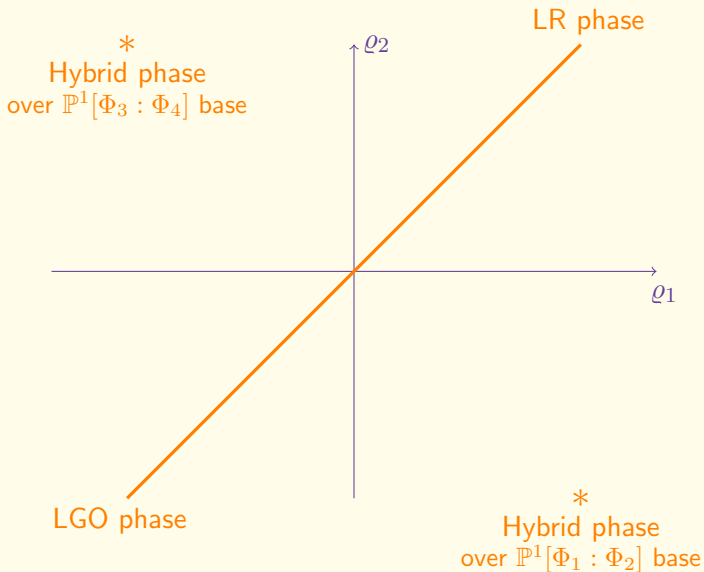
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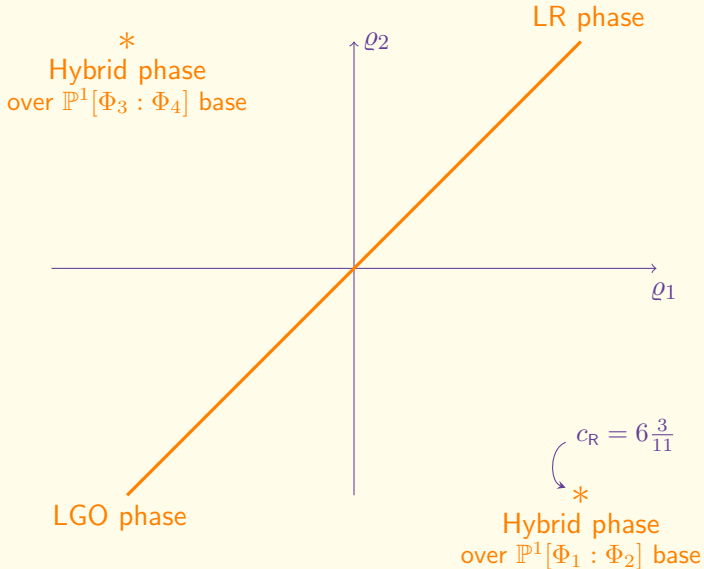
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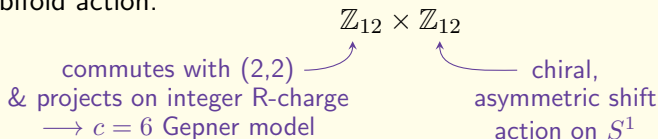
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