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- 1 The references are not extensive.
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
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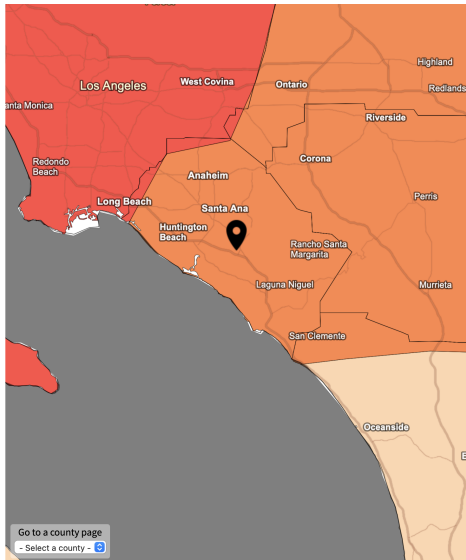
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# Sorry, no swampland

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	<p><b>D3 - Extreme Drought</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livestock need expensive supplemental feed; cattle and horses are sold; little pasture remains; fruit trees bud early; producers begin irrigating in the winter</li> <li>• Fire season lasts year-round; fires occur in typically wet parts of state; burn bans are implemented</li> <li>• Water is inadequate for agriculture, wildlife, and urban needs; reservoirs are extremely low; hydropower is restricted</li> </ul>	<p><b>4.31%</b> of Orange County (D3-D4)</p>
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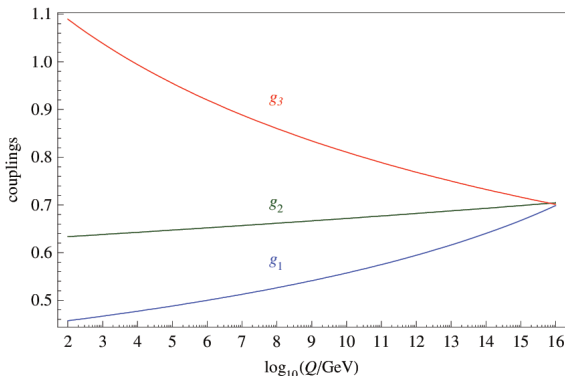
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- ☞ Ultimately a globally consistent stringy completion of the SM may give us crucial insights on the nature of dark matter (DM), inflation (or a mechanism that replaces it) etc. but we really have to be sure that the models we construct are not doomed right from the start



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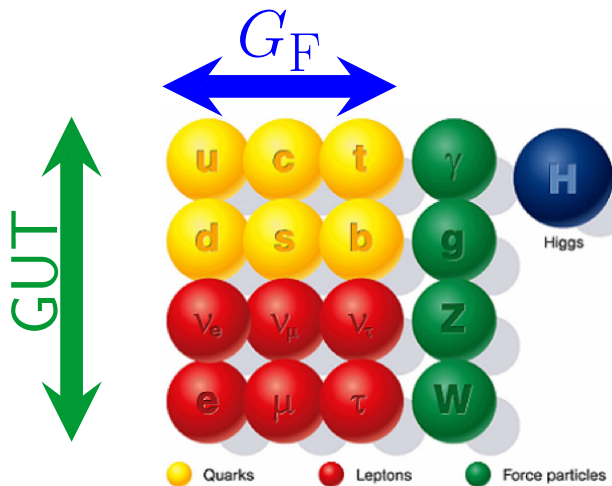
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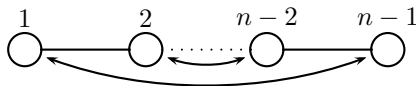
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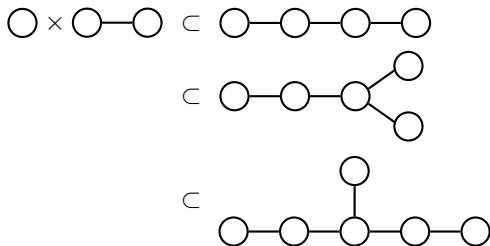
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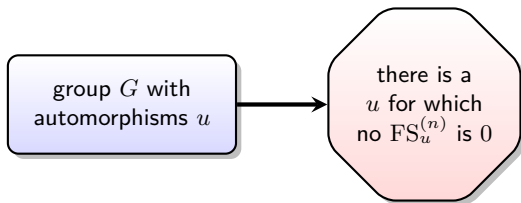
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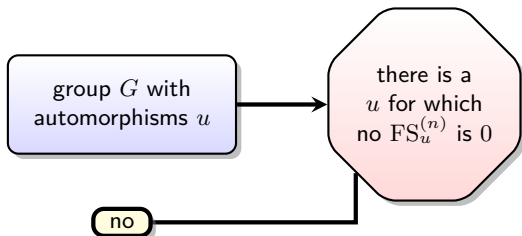
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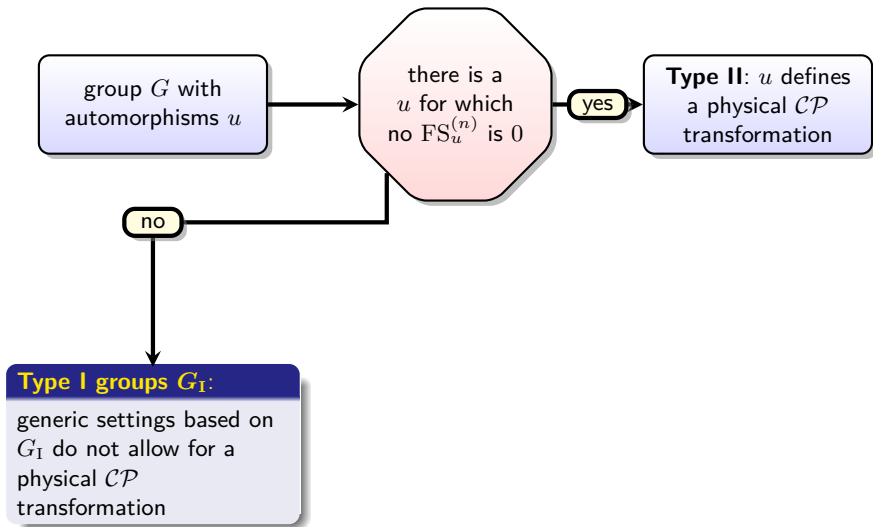


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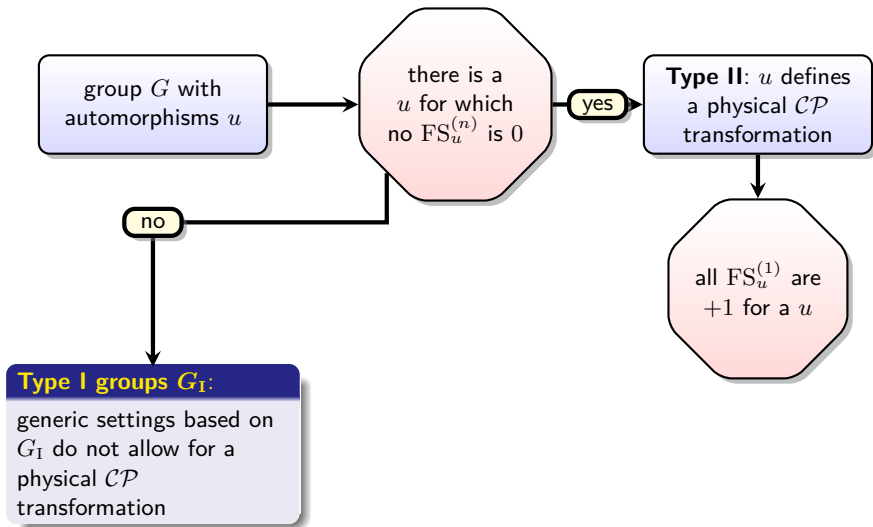
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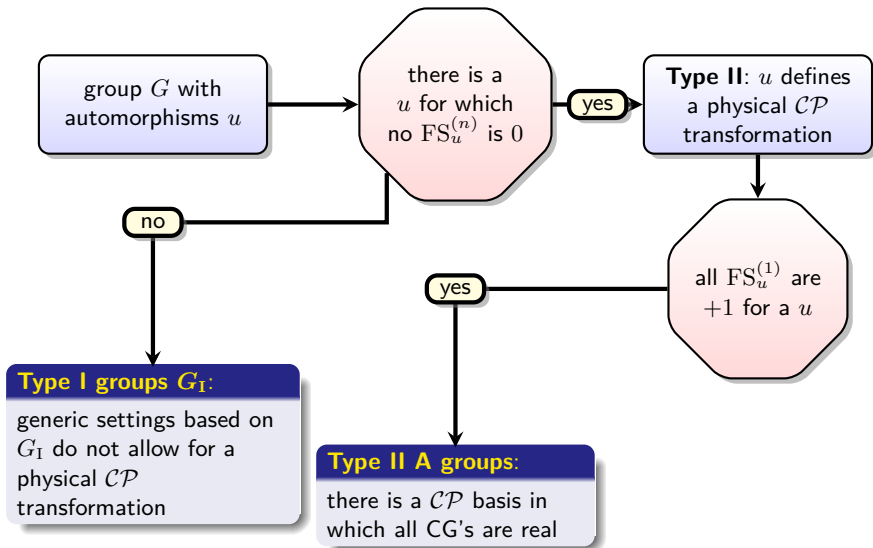
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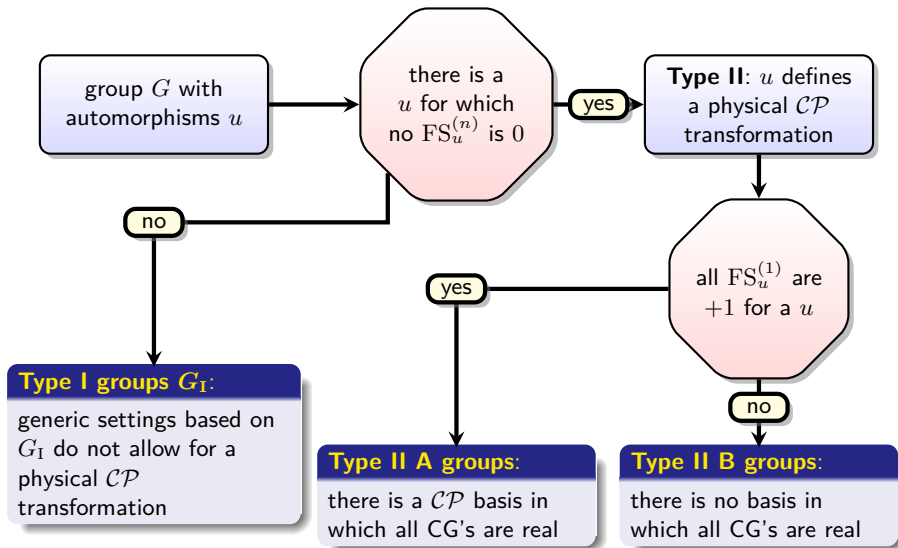
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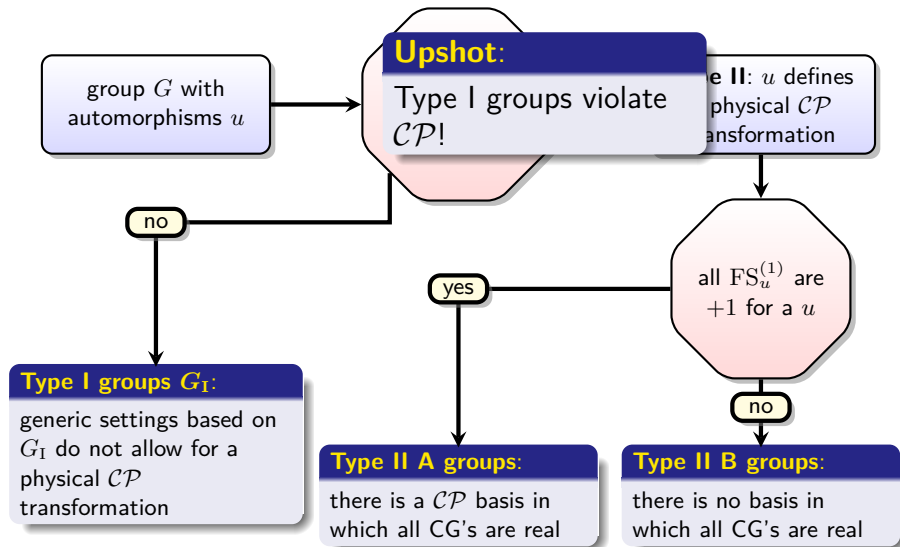
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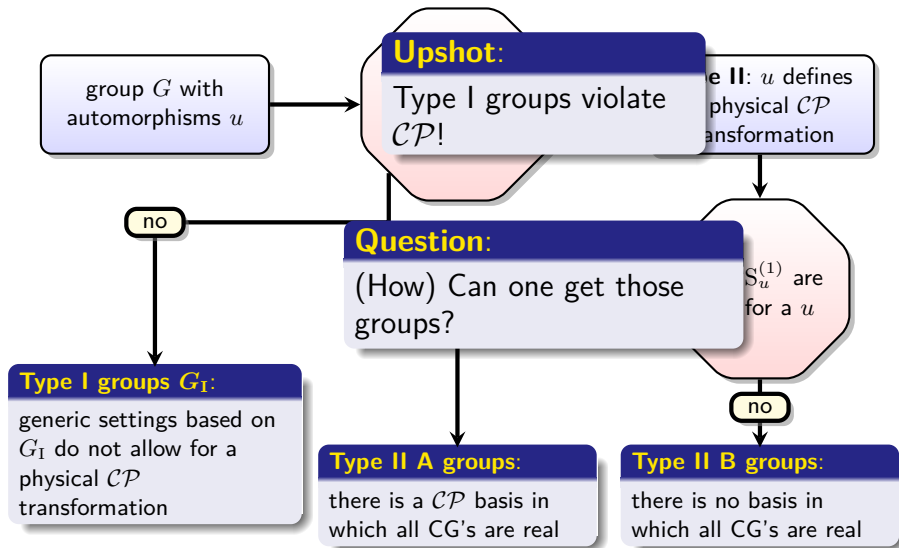
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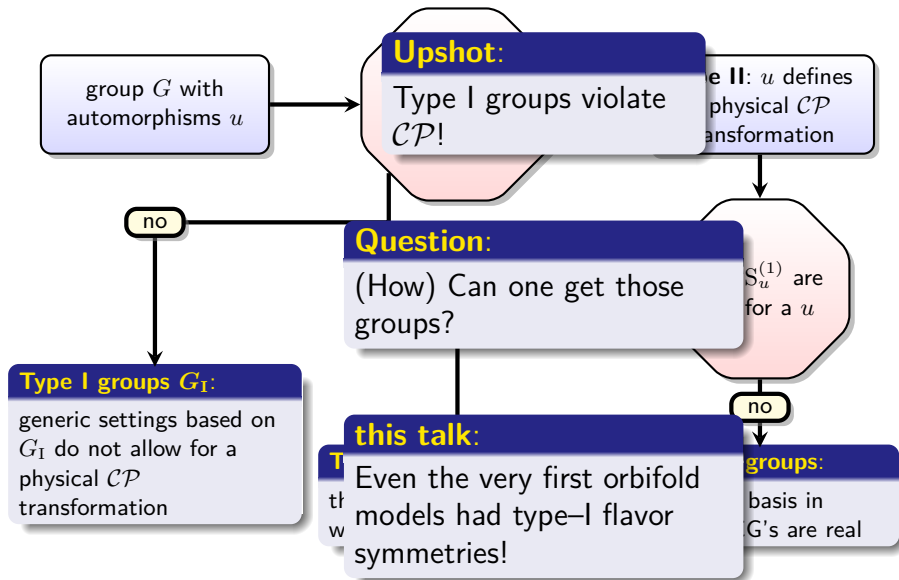
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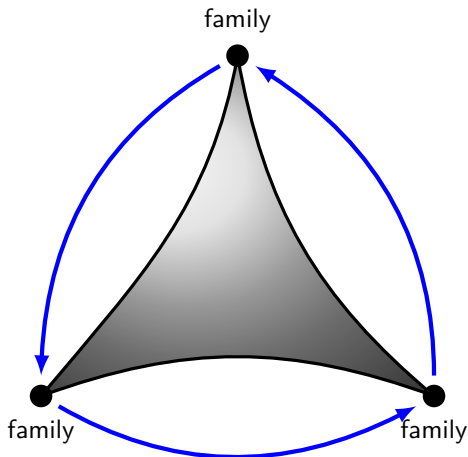
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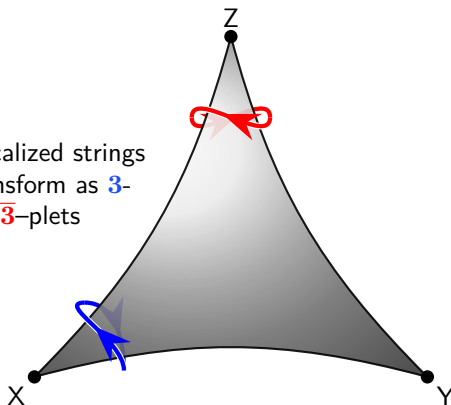
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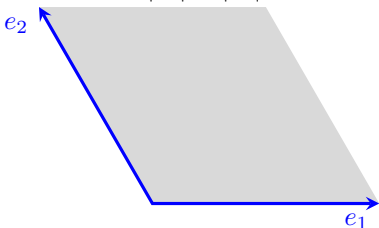




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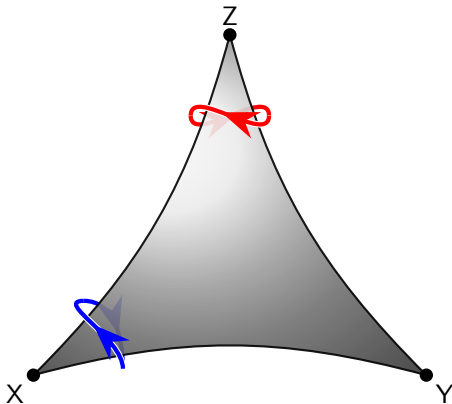
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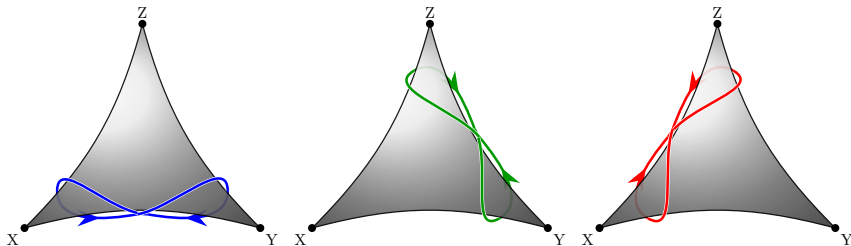
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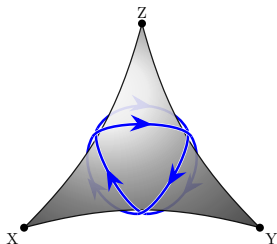
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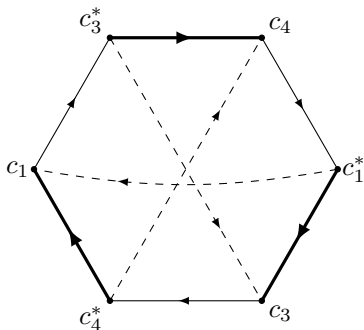
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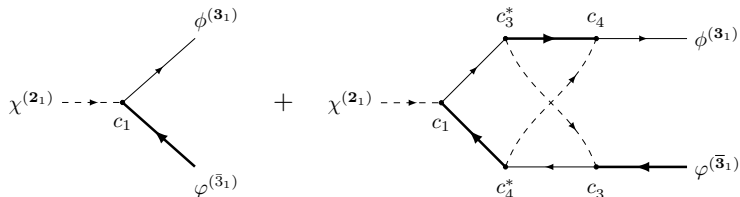
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▶ details

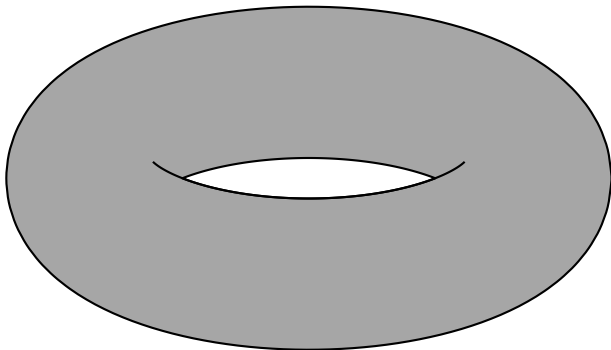
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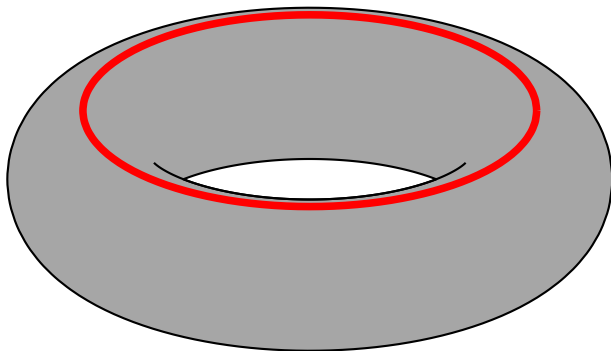




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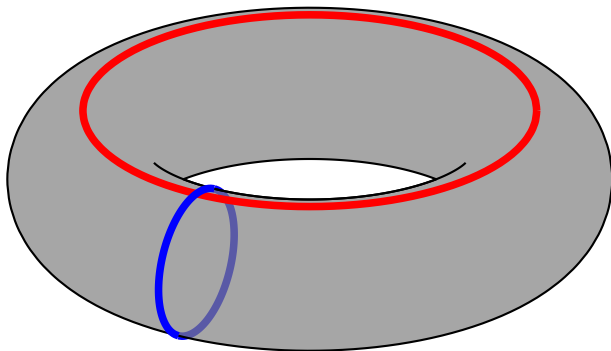
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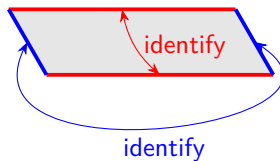


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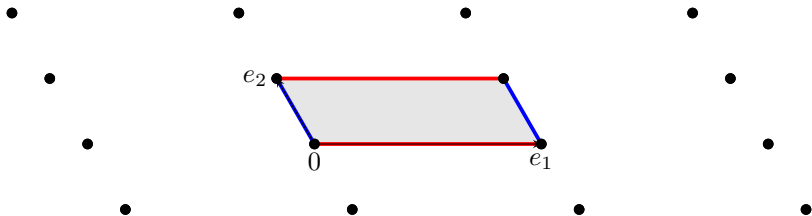
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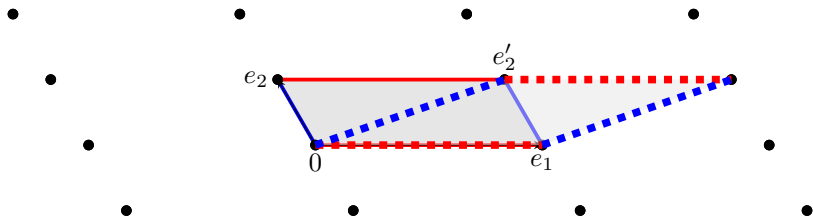
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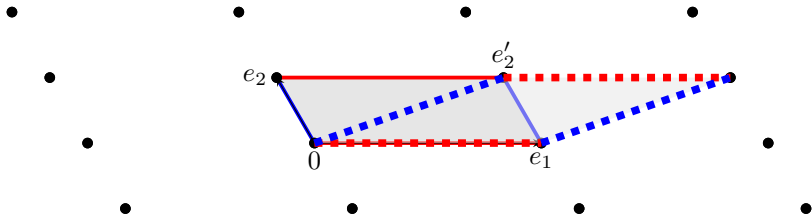
👉 torus is  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$ : two points in the plane get identified if they differ by a lattice translation

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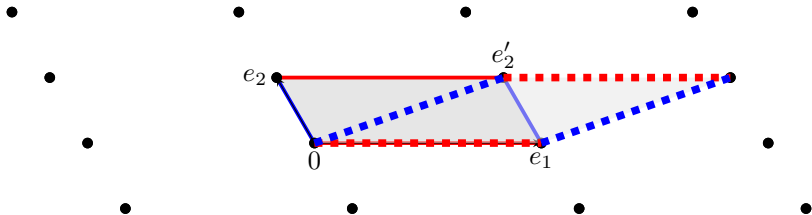
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- volume of fundamental domain stays the same  $\Leftrightarrow \det \gamma = 1 \curvearrowright$   
 $\gamma \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  (there is a superfluous sign, so  $\gamma \in \Gamma = \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})/\mathbb{Z}_2$ )

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and additional relations

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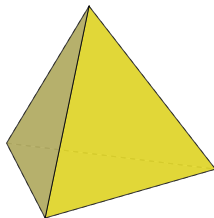
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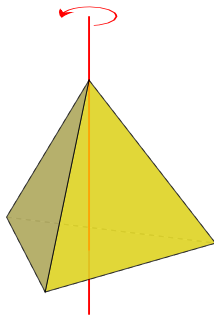


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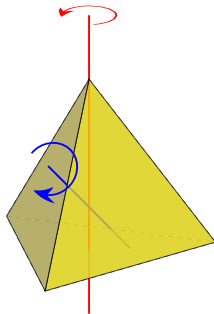


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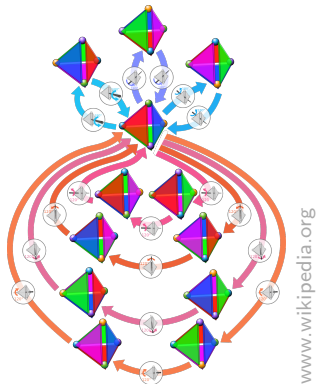


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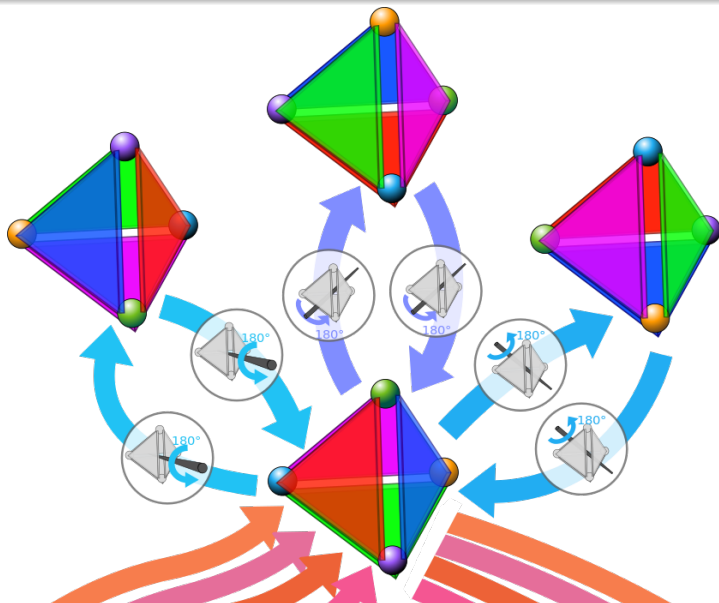
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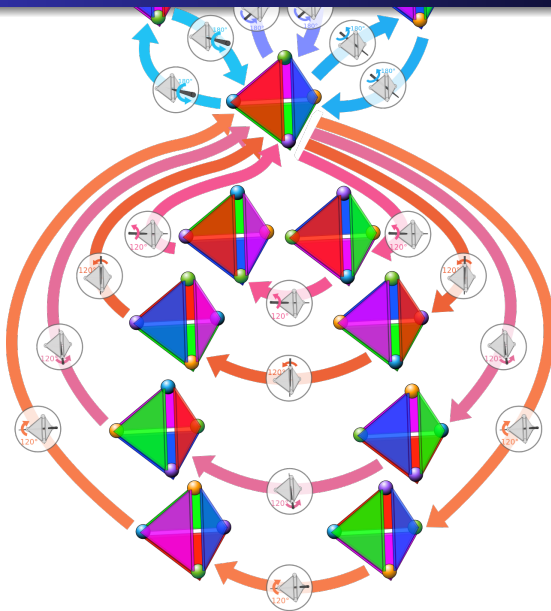


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➡ modular transformations in complex coordinates

$$\tau \xrightarrow{S} \frac{-1}{\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau \xrightarrow{T} \tau + 1$$

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What if Yukawa couplings are modular forms?

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$Y = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)^T$  w/  $Y_i$   
modular functions (unique)

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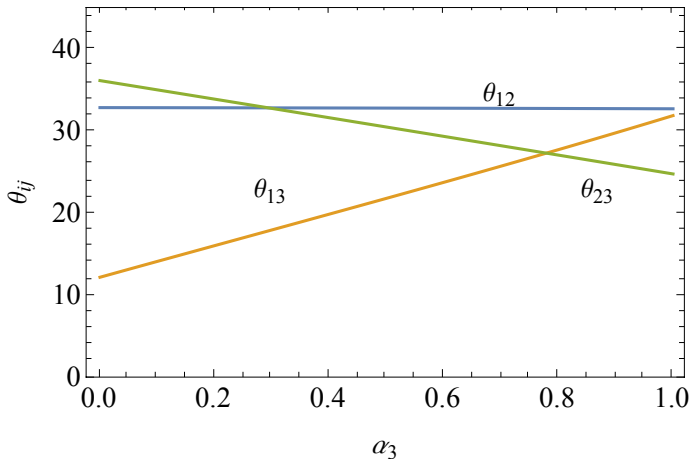
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Example of corrections in modular  $A_4$  model

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E.g. sensitivity to the  $\alpha_3$  coefficient

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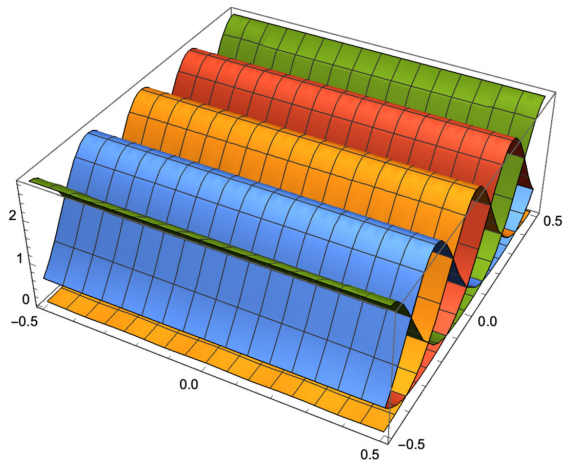


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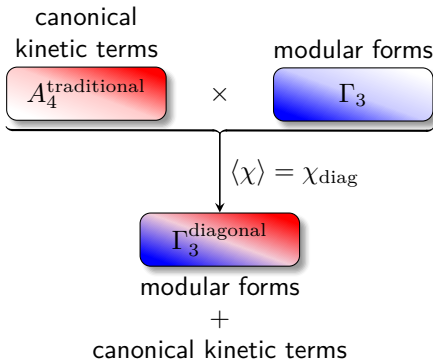
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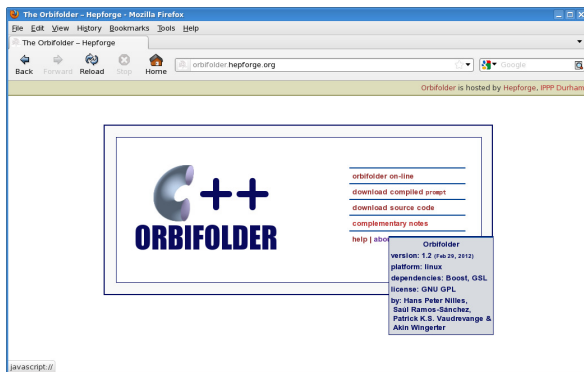
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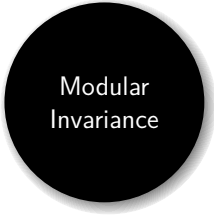
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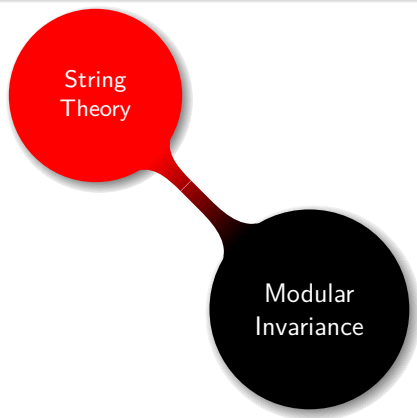
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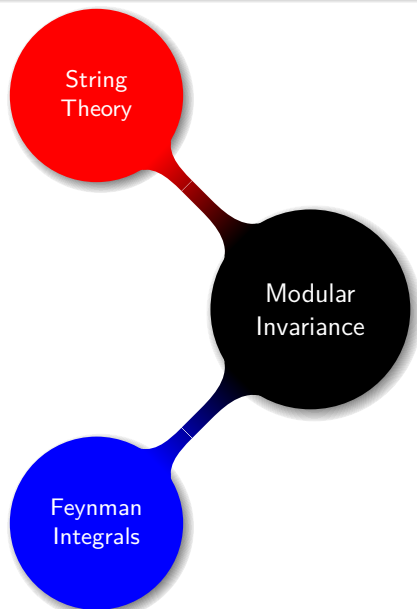
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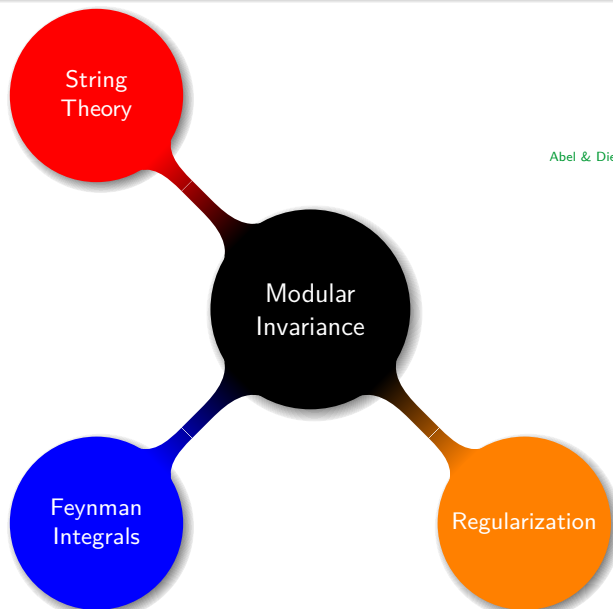




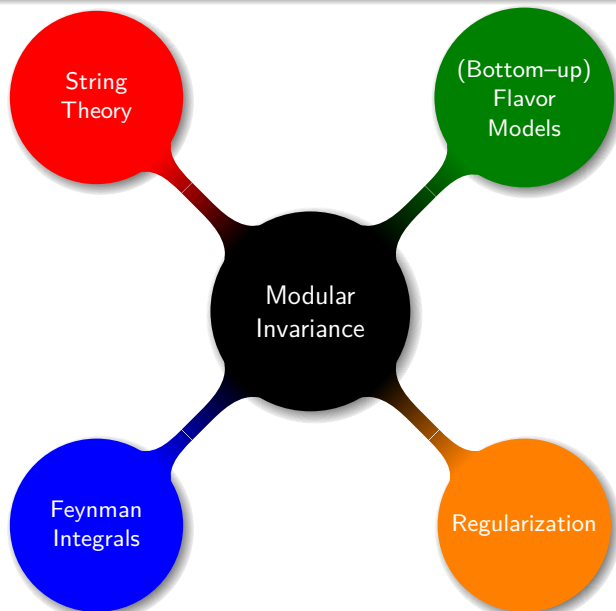
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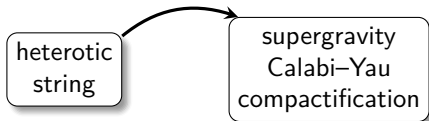
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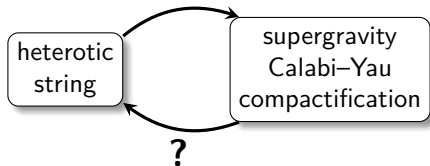




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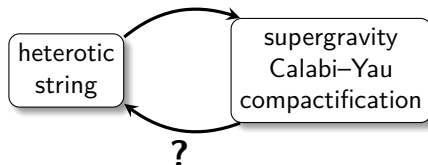


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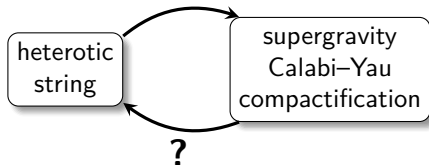
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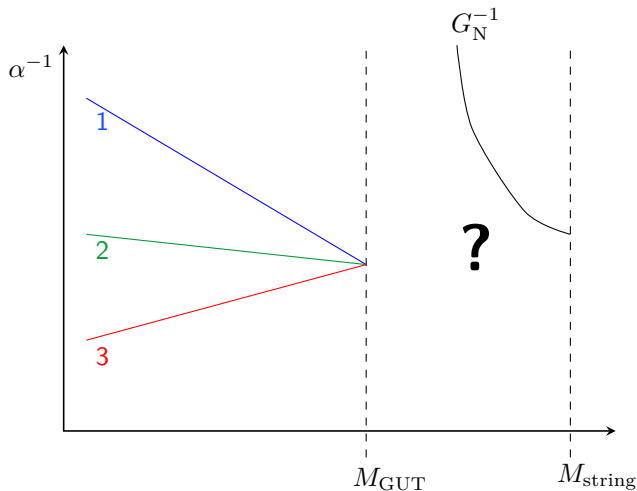
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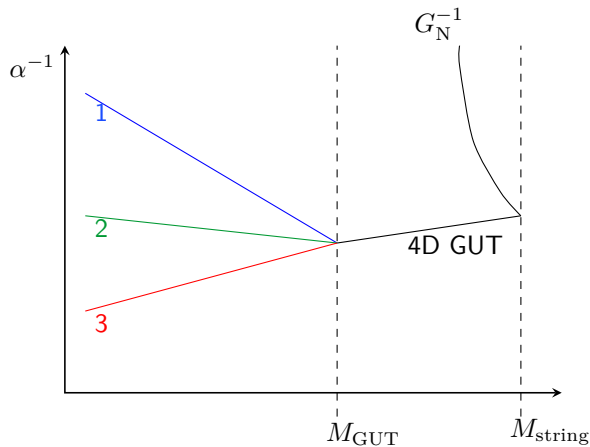
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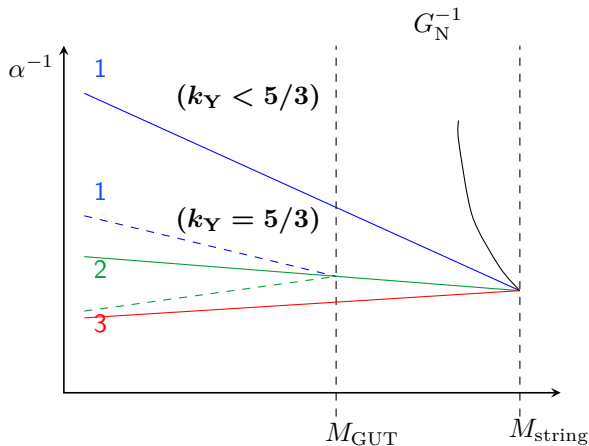
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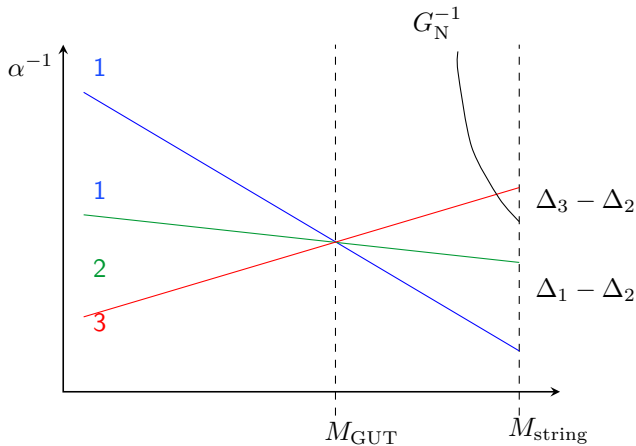
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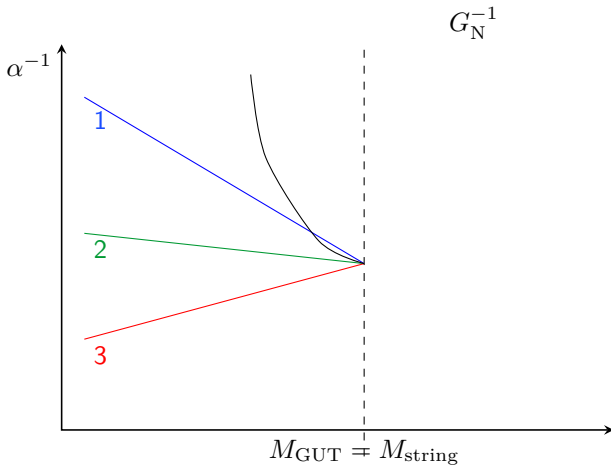
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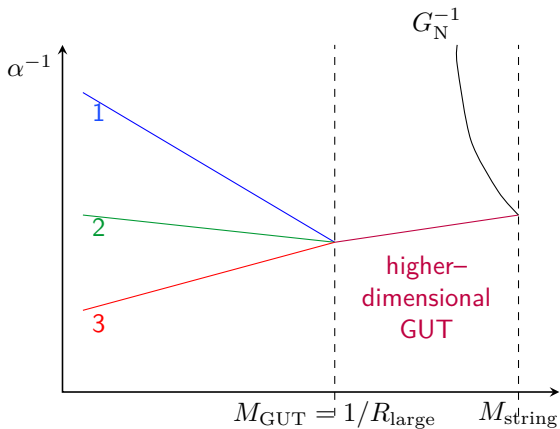
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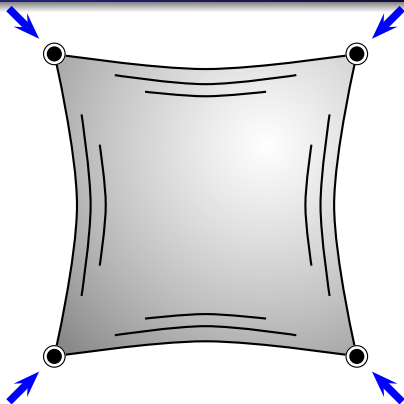


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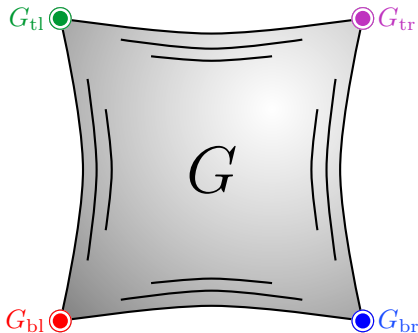


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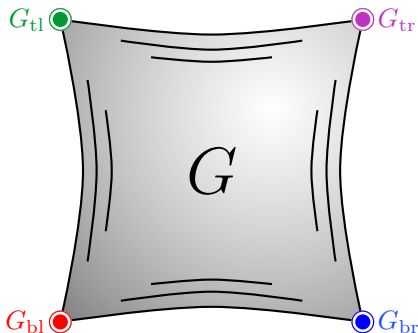
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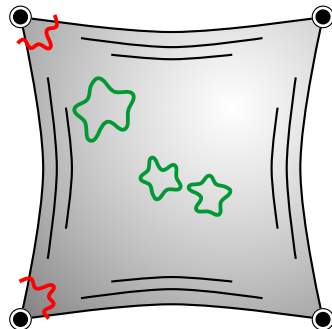
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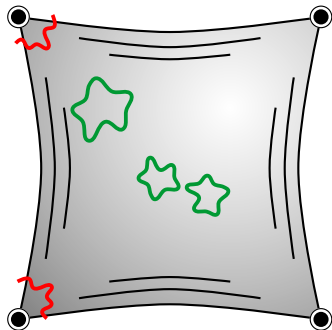
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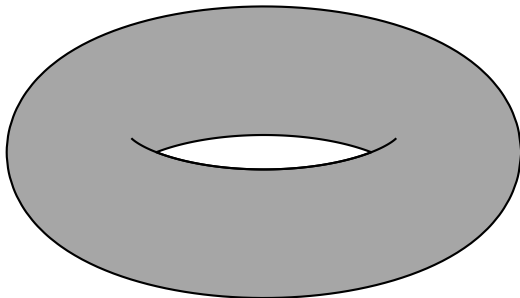
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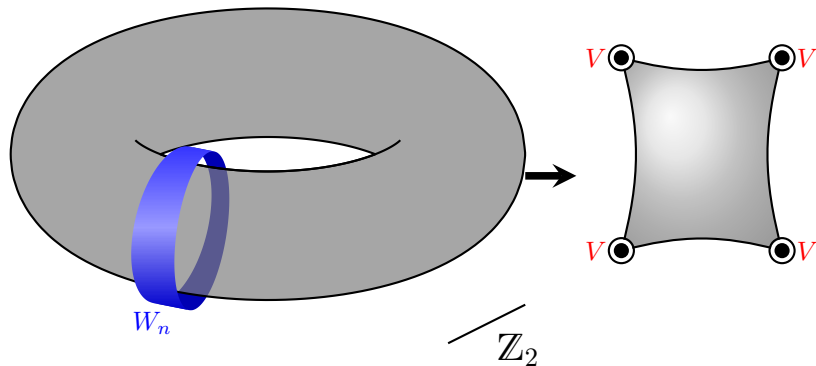
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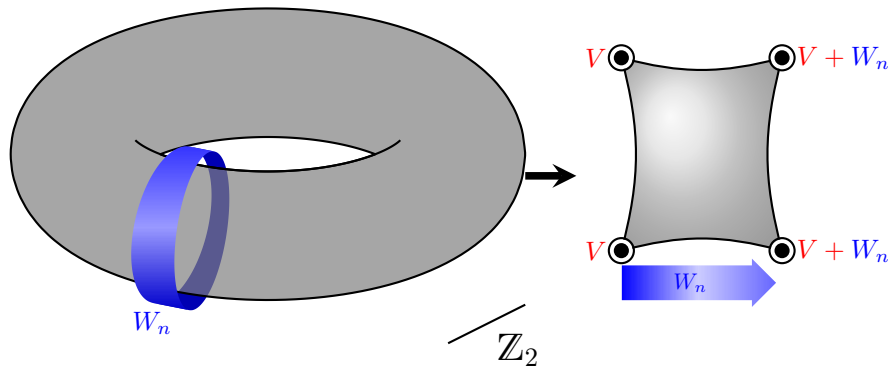
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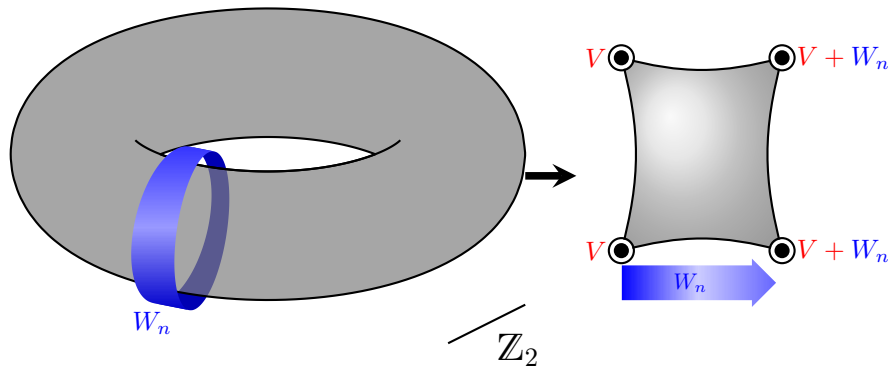
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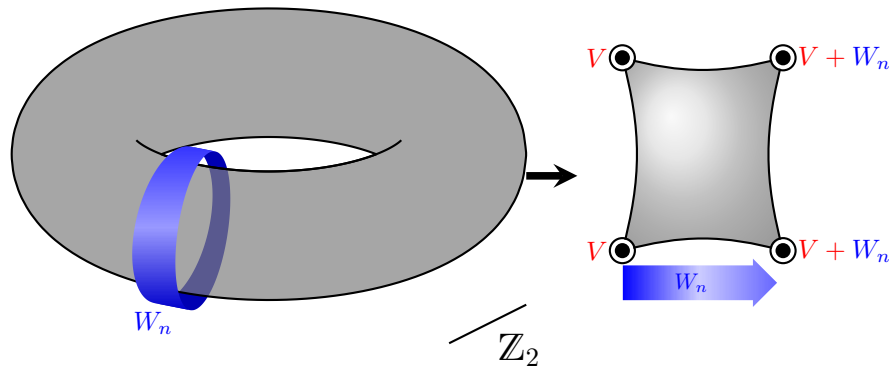
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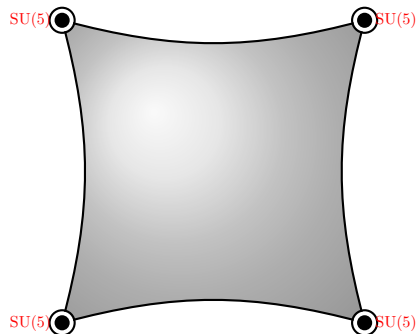
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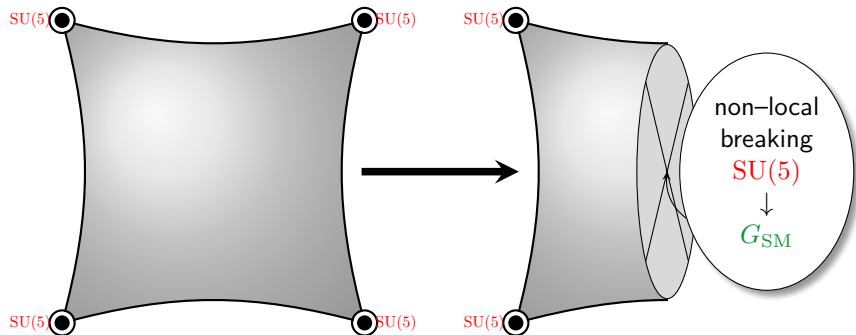


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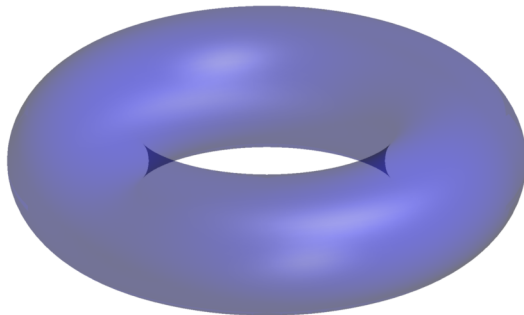
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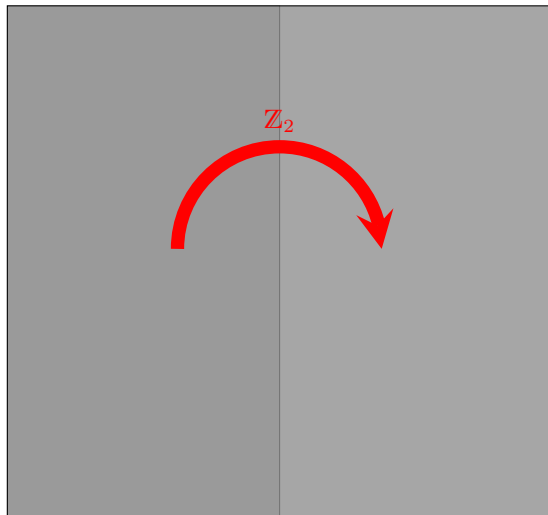
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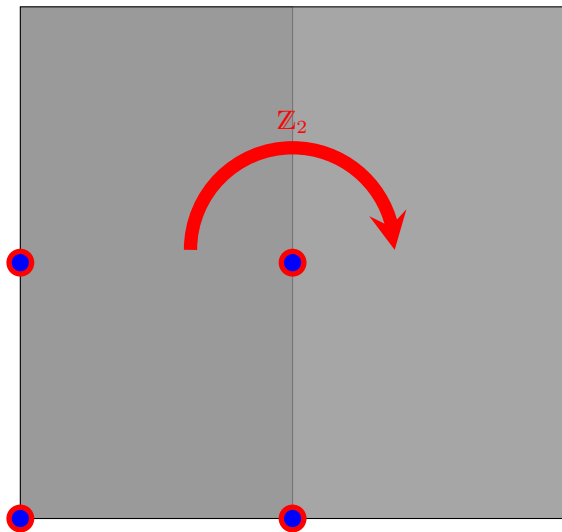
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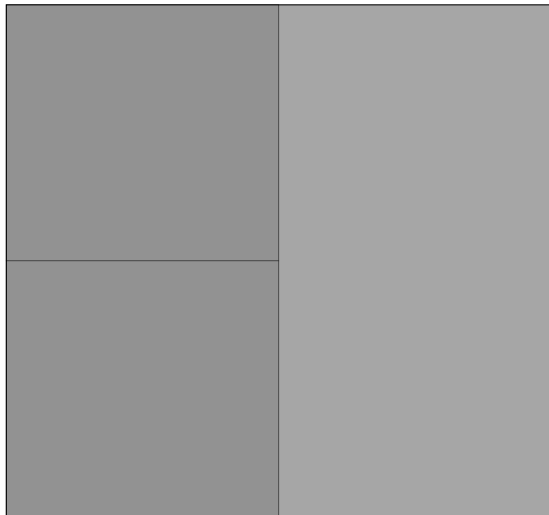


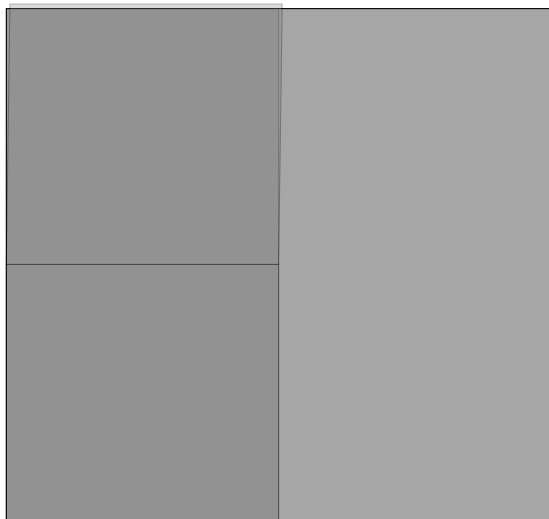
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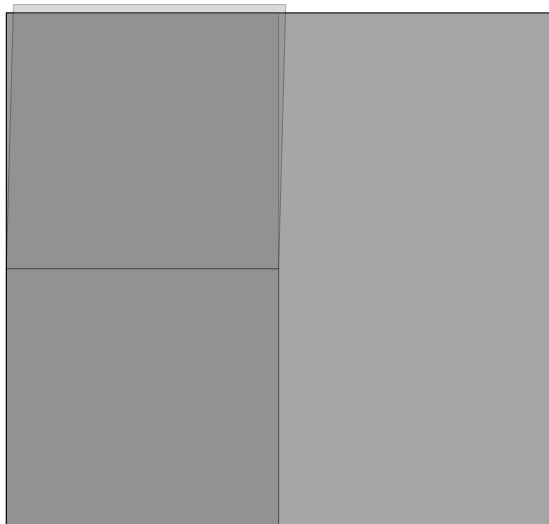
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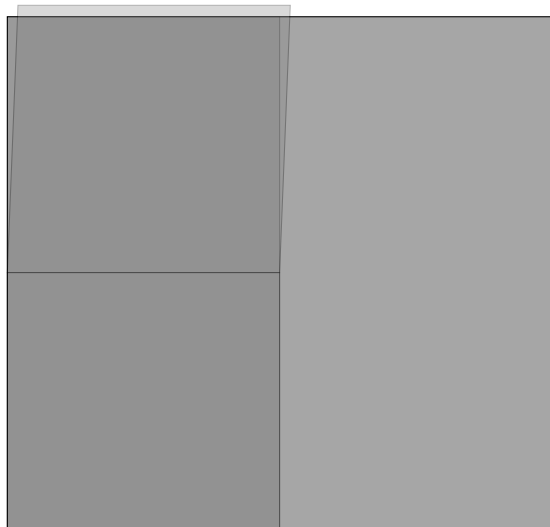


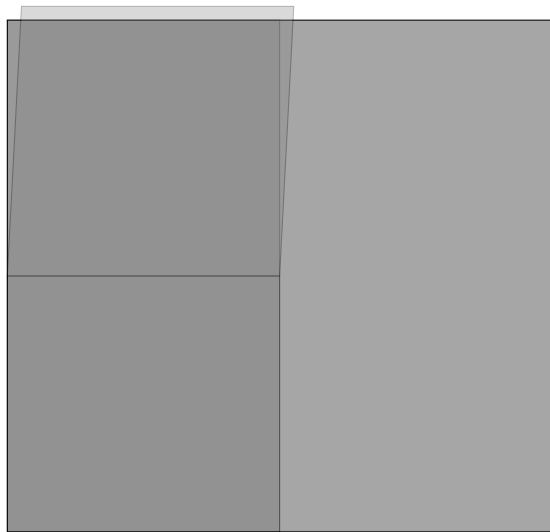
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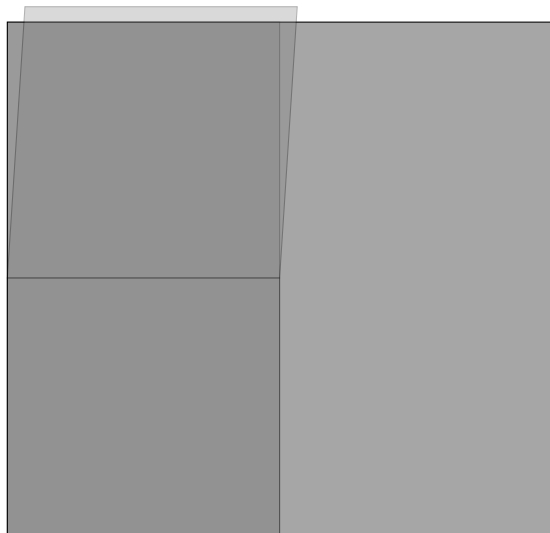
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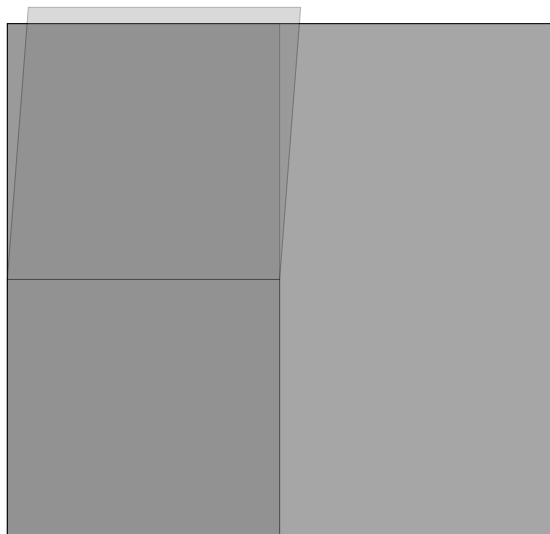
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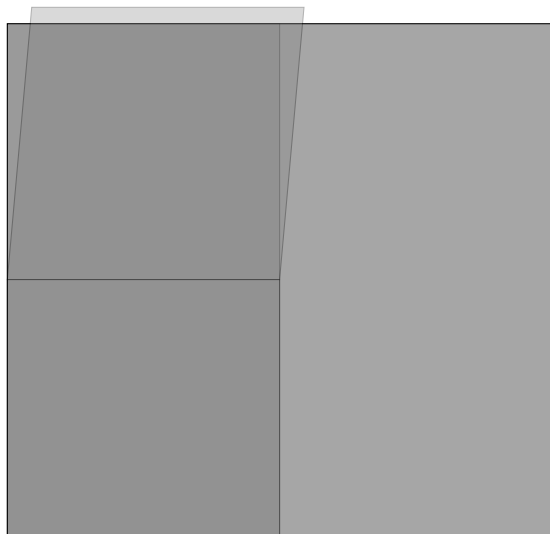
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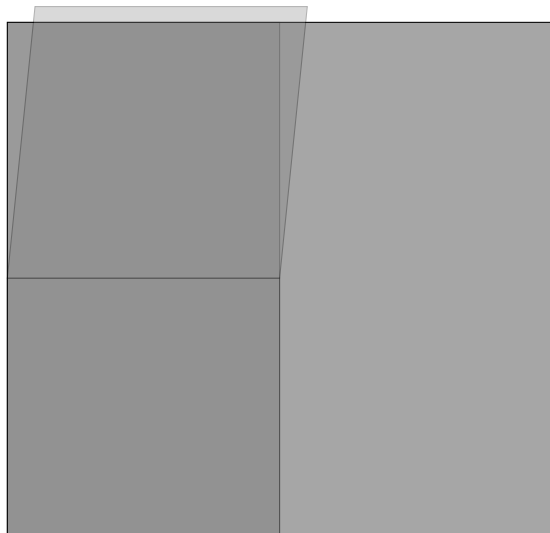
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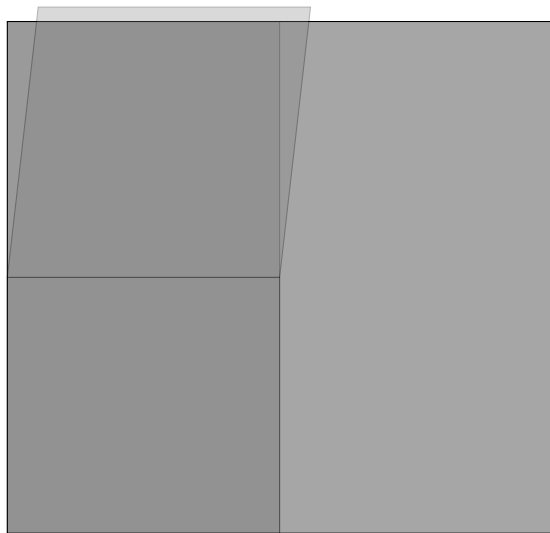
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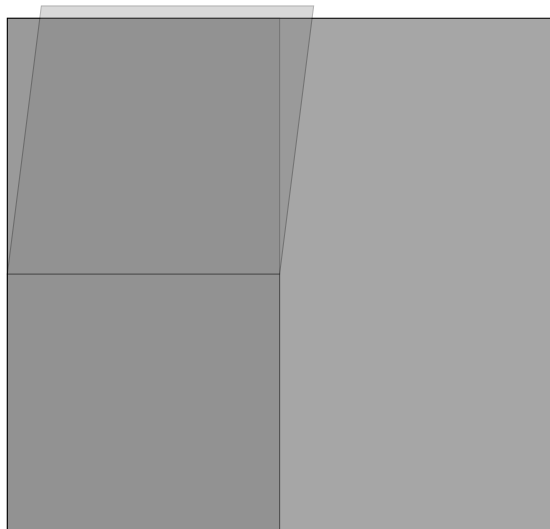
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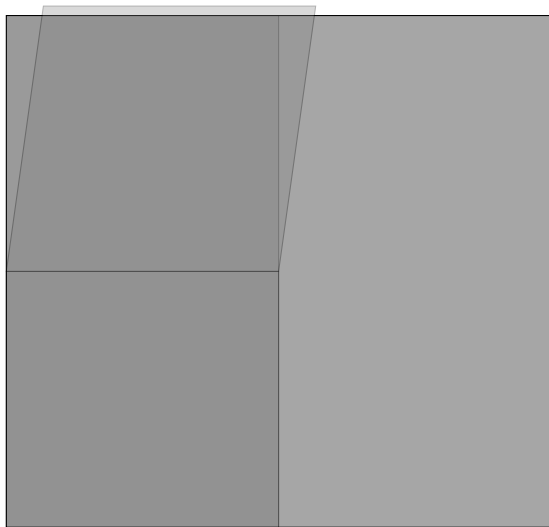


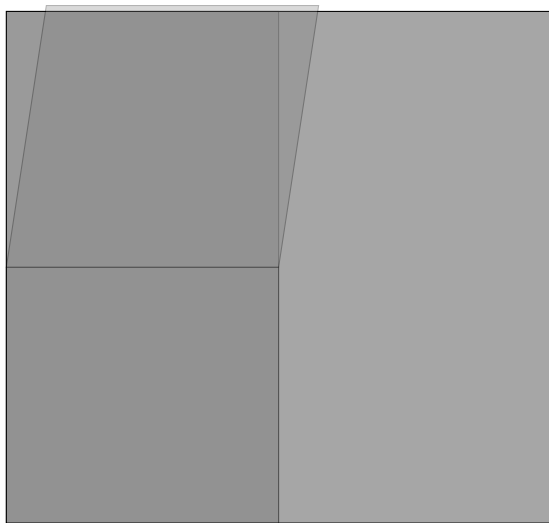
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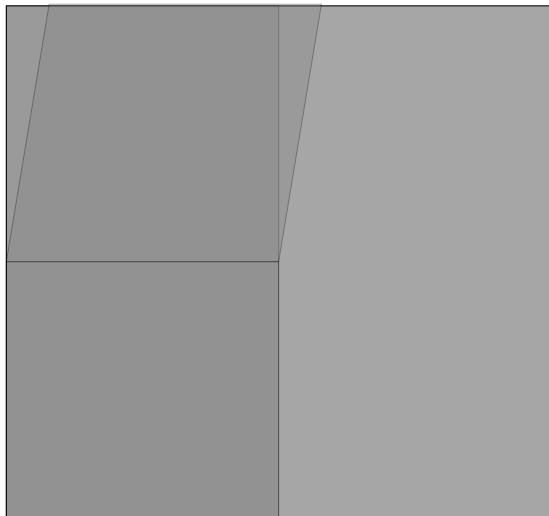
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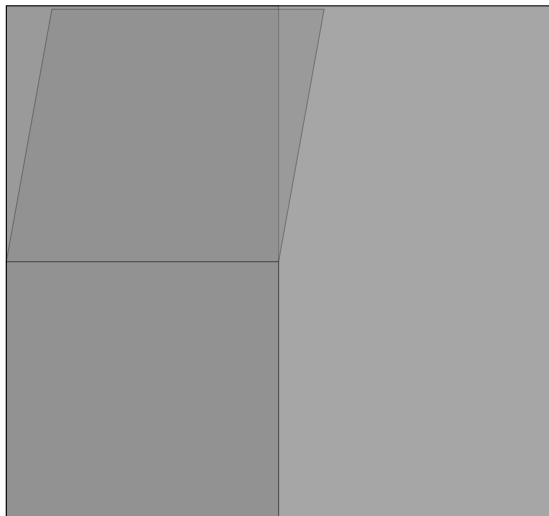
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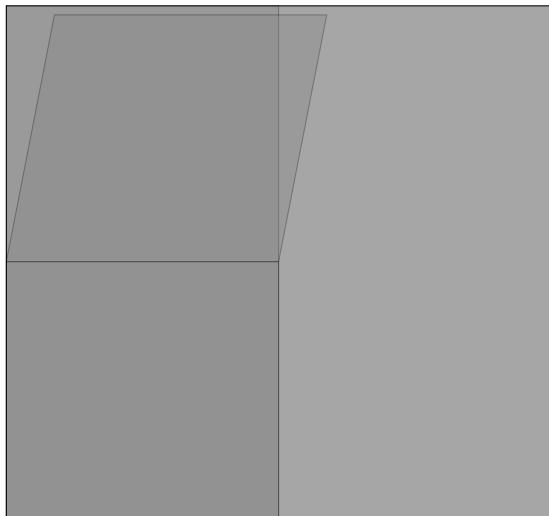
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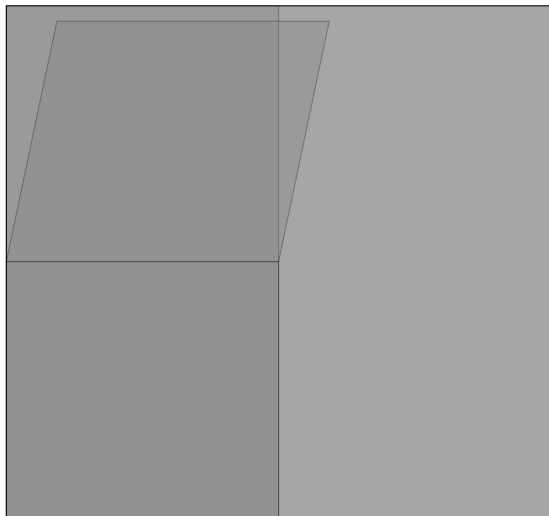
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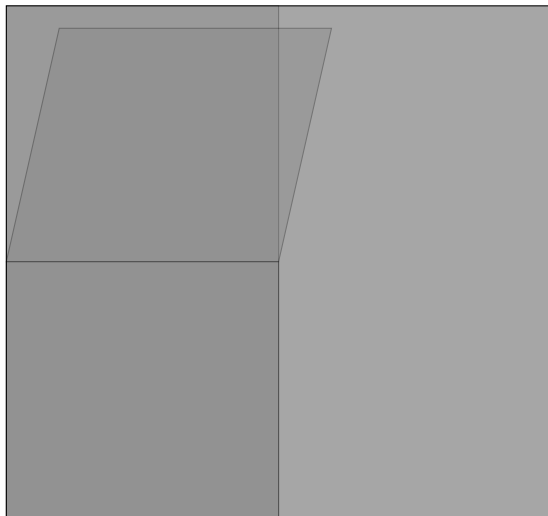
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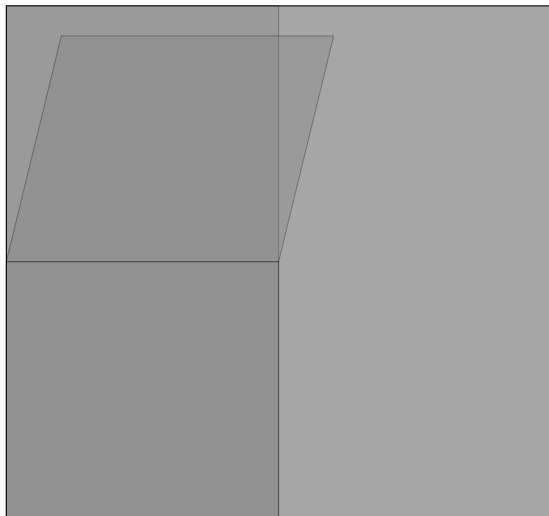
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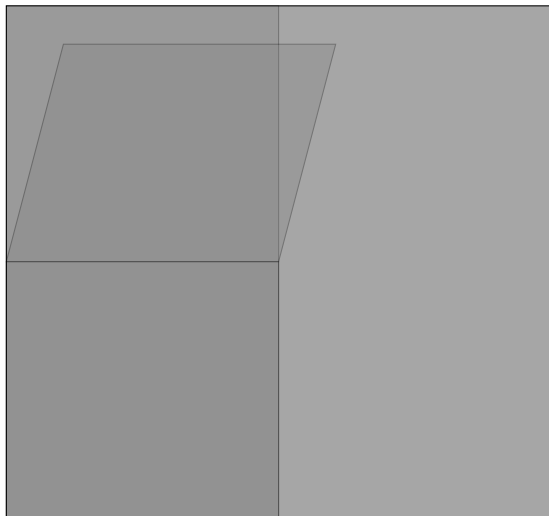


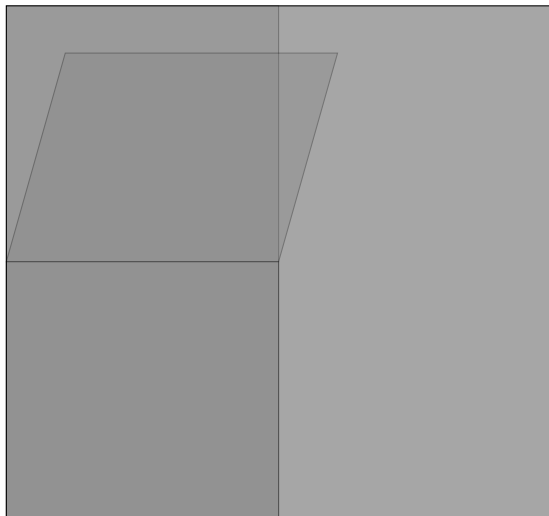
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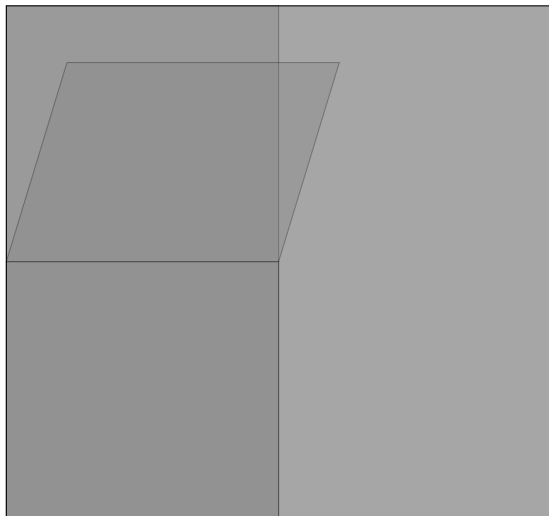
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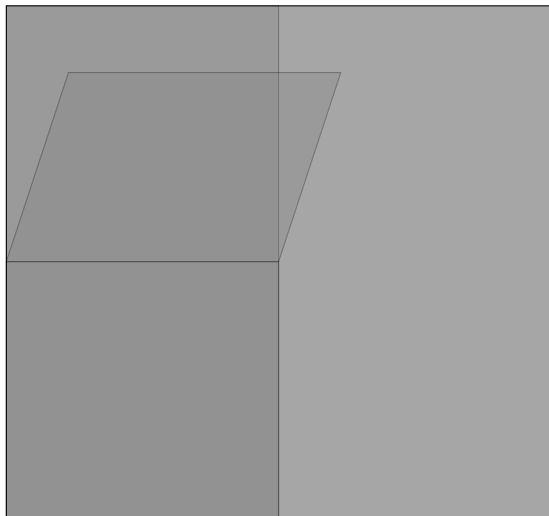
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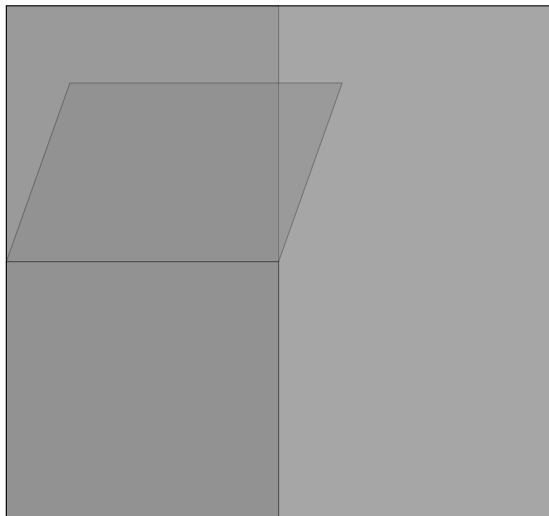
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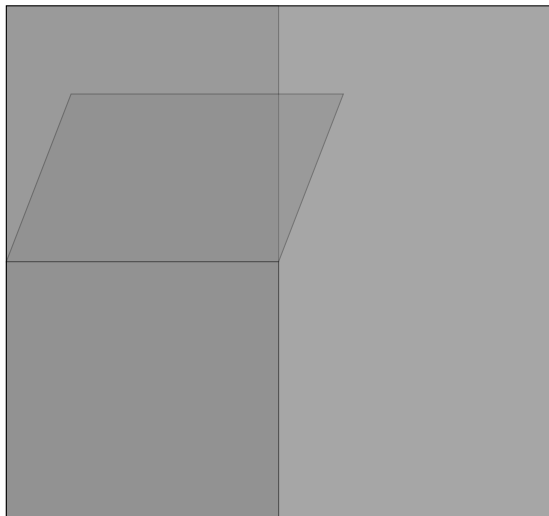
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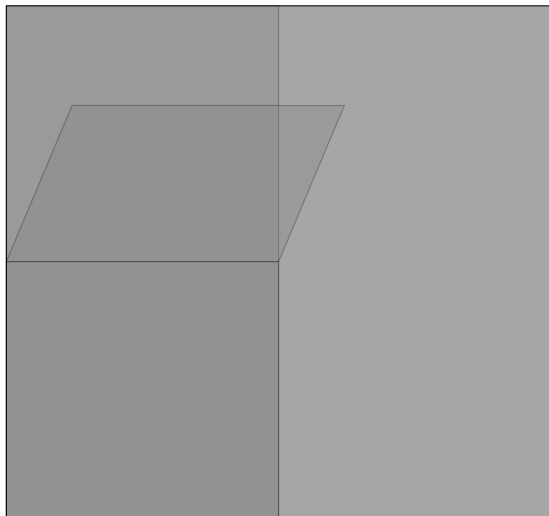
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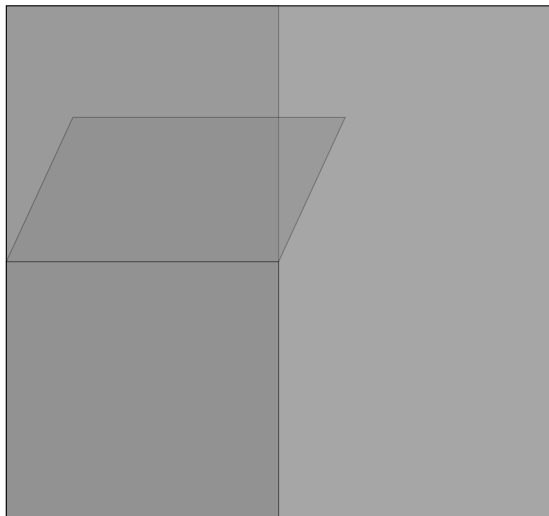
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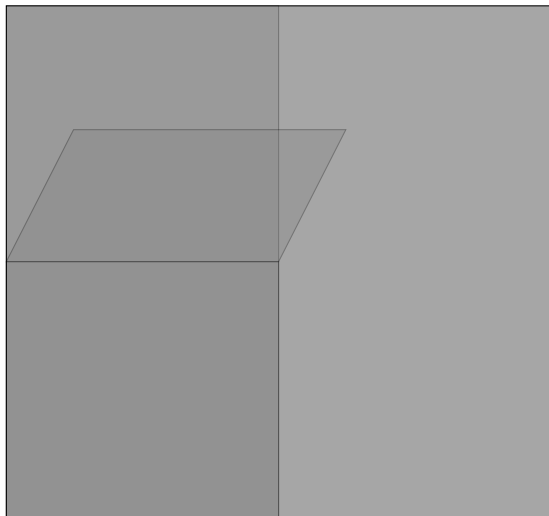


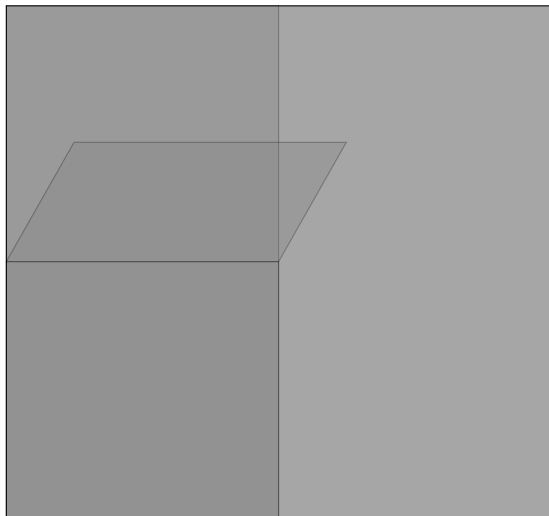
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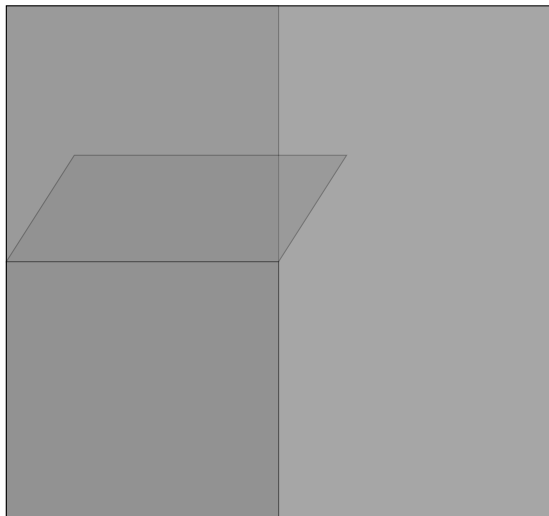
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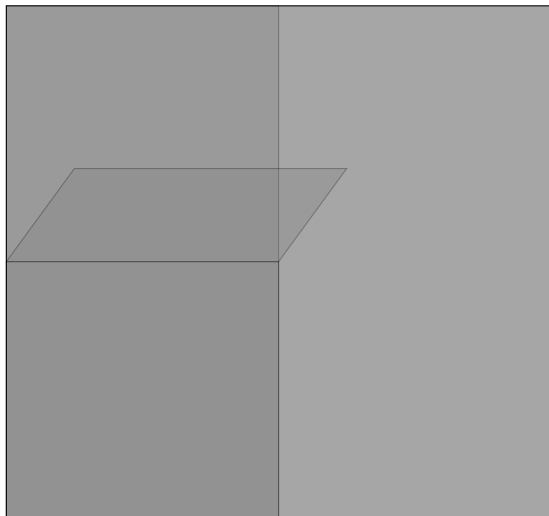
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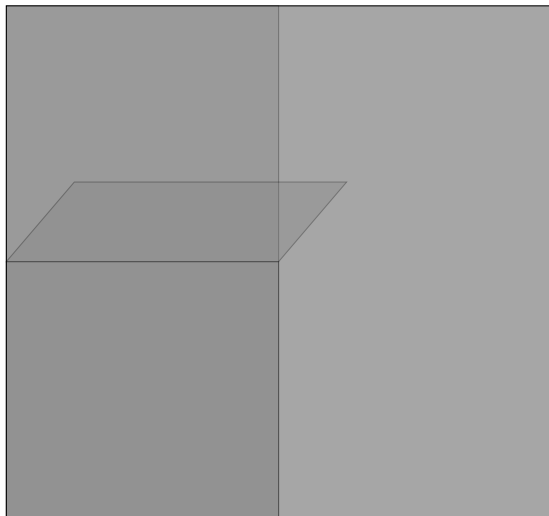
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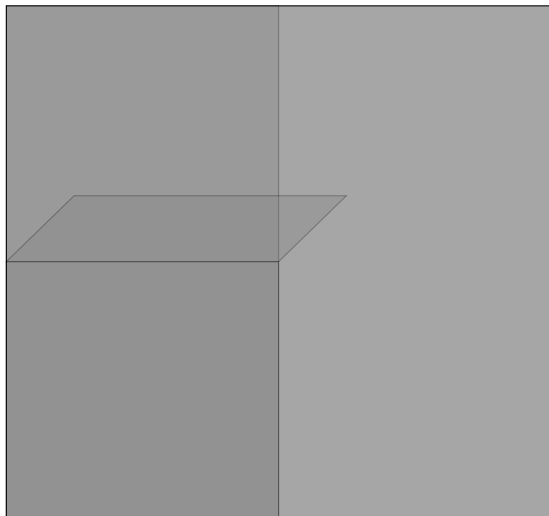
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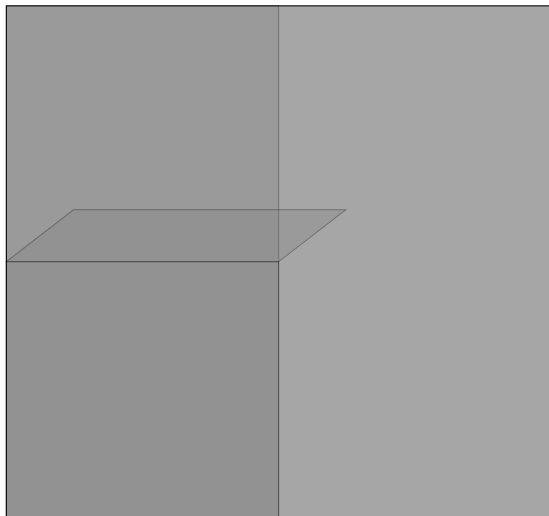
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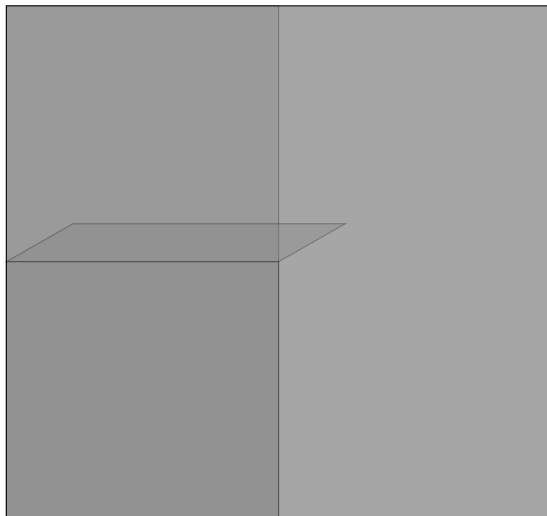
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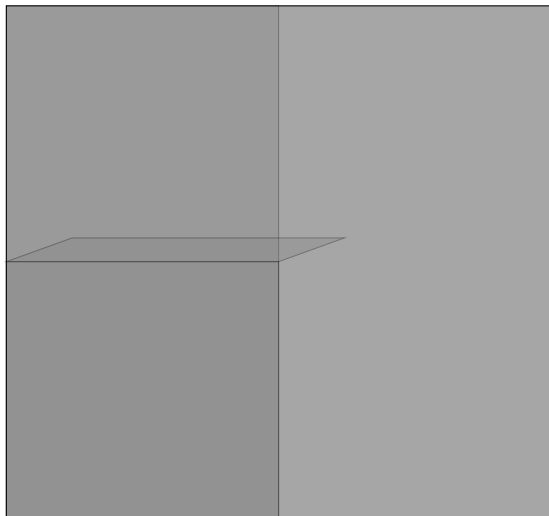


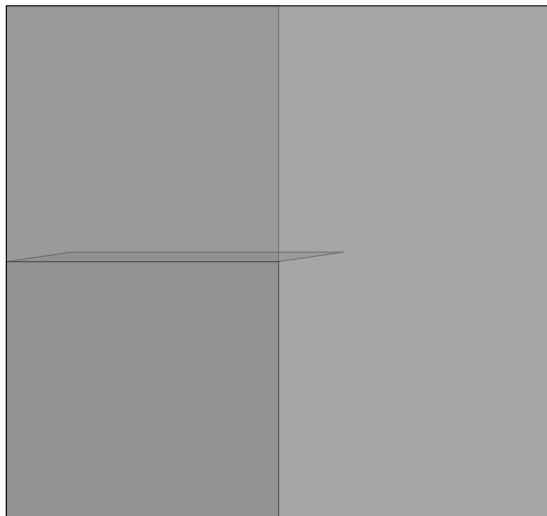
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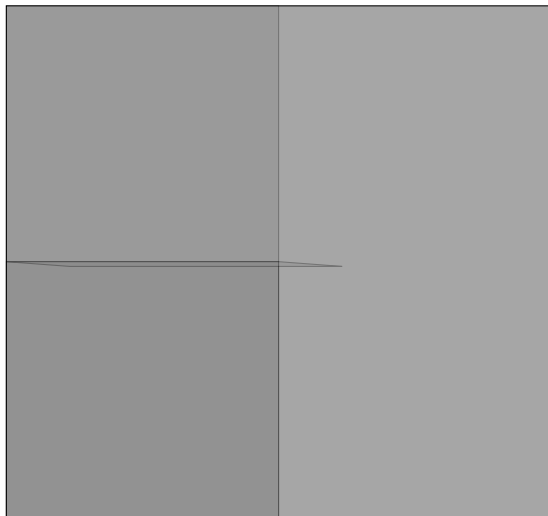
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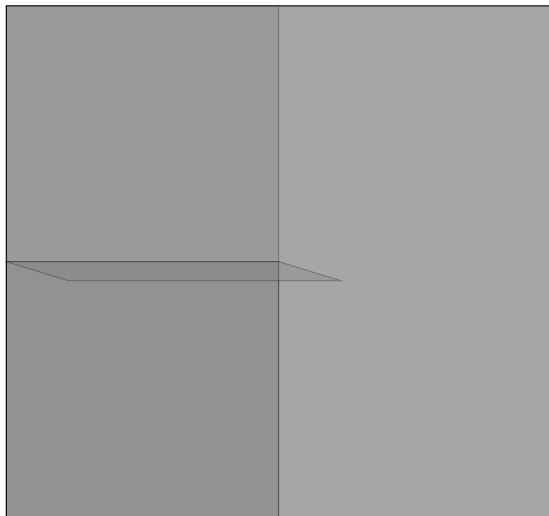
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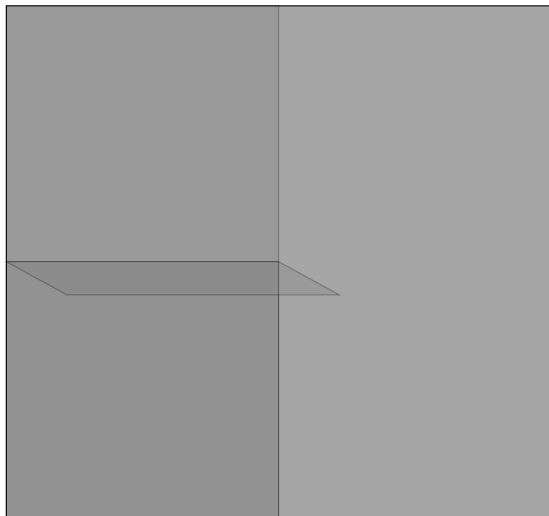
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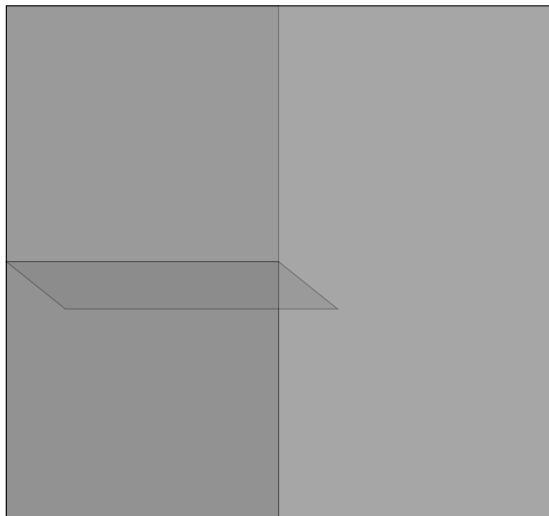
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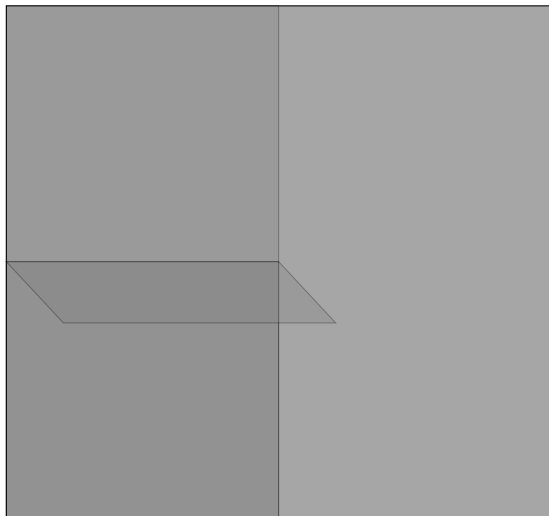
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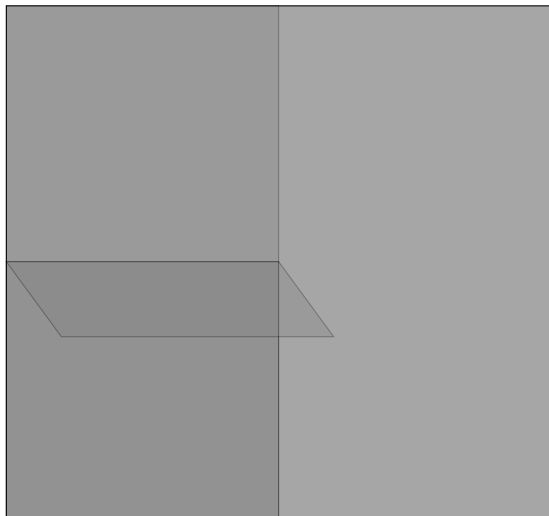
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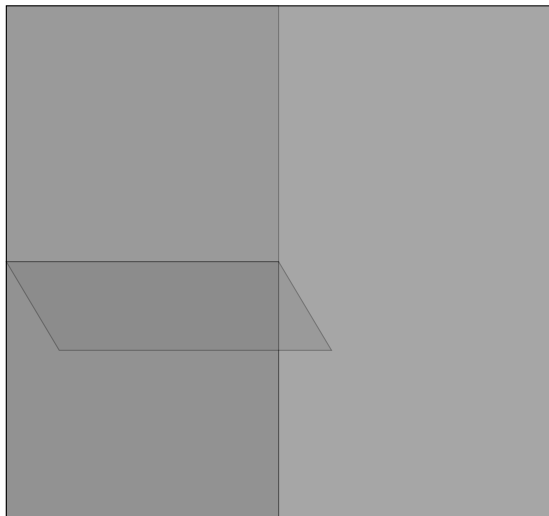


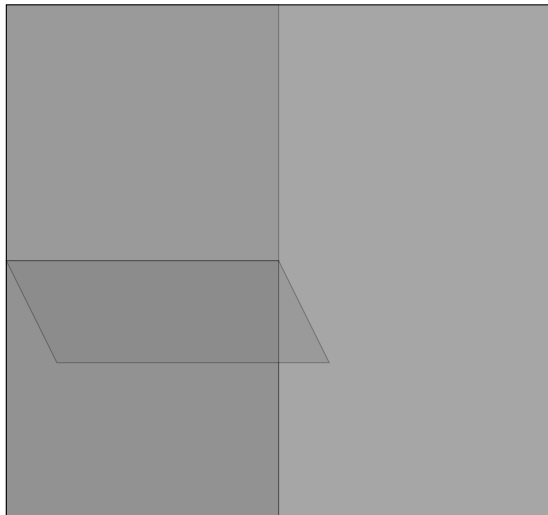
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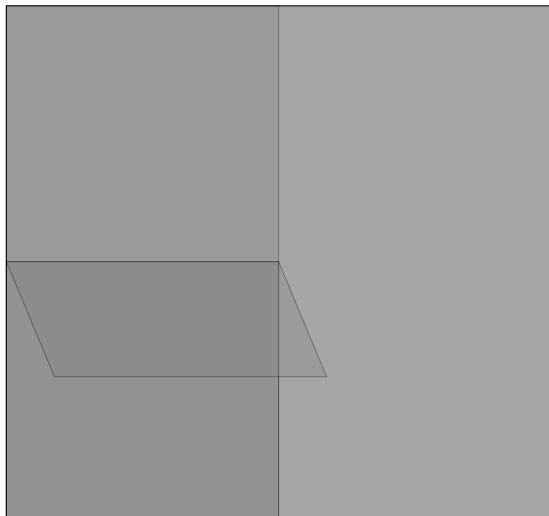
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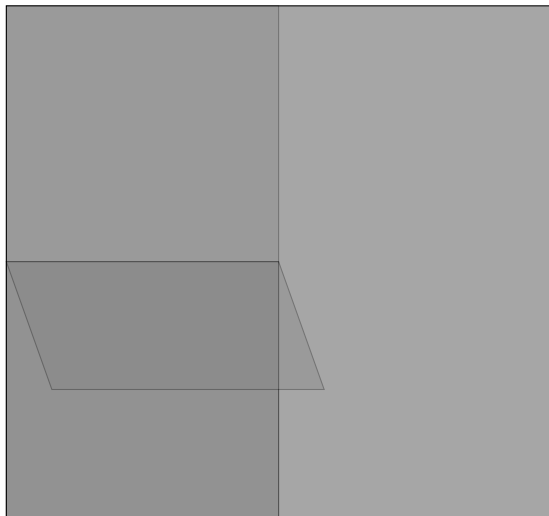
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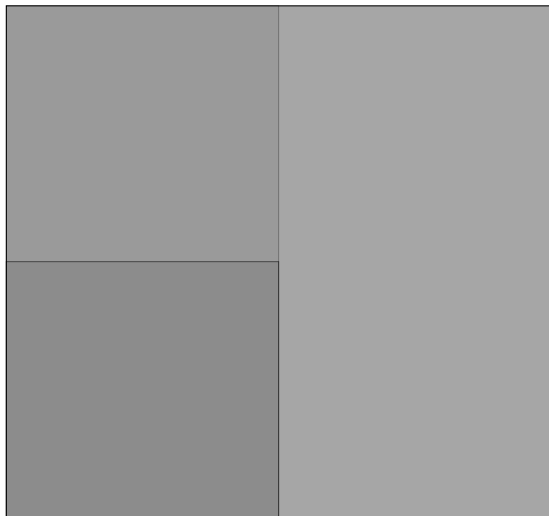
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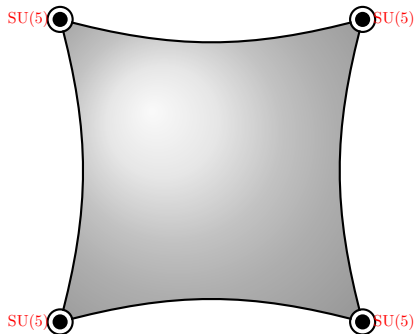
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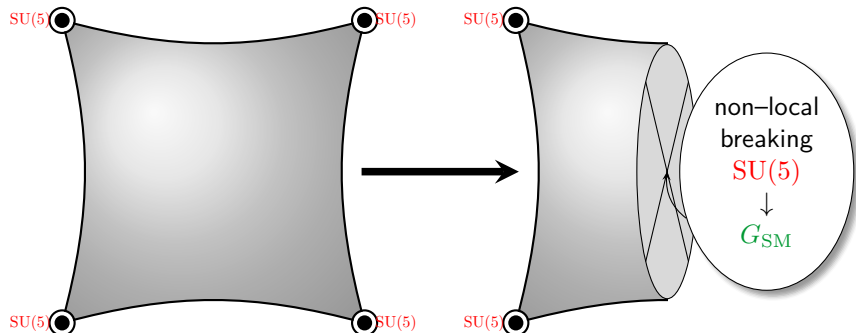
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analogous mechanism in CY MSSMs Bouchard & Donagi [2006]  
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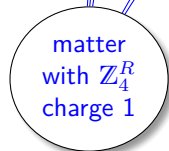
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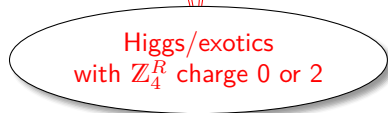
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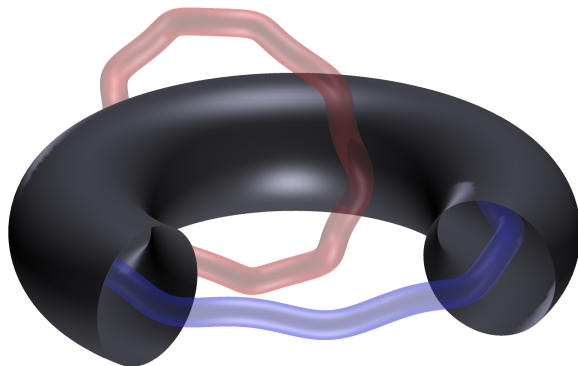
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Font, Ibáñez, Lüst & Quevedo [1990], Nilles & Olechowski [1990] . . .

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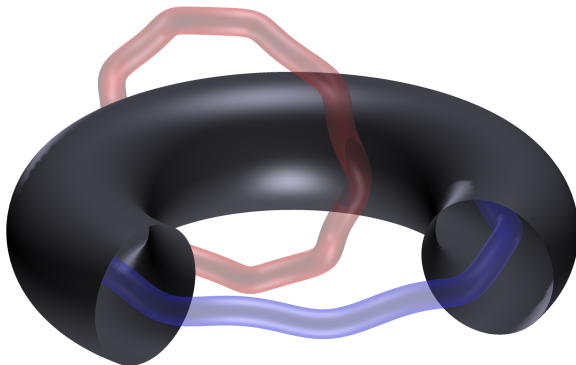
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cf. e.g. Dine & Kehayias [2010]

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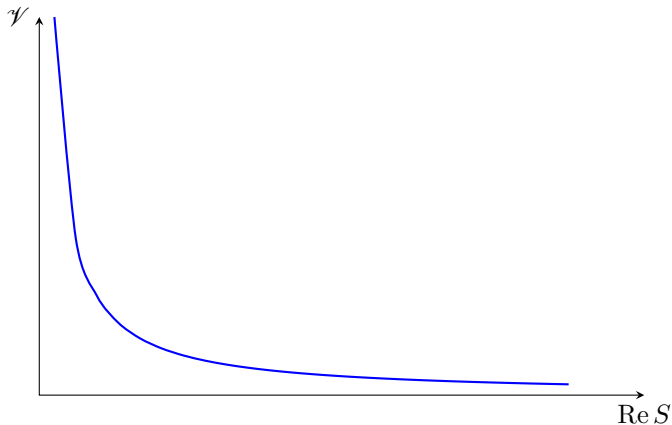
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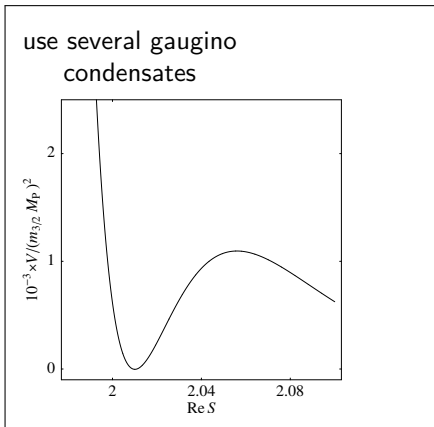
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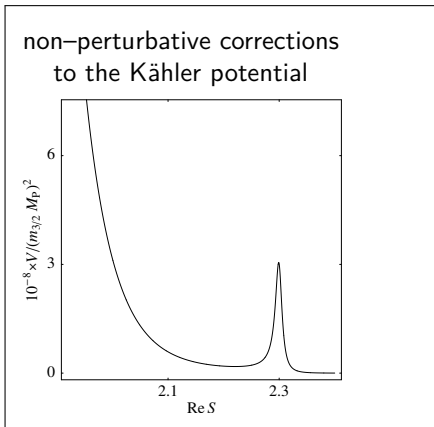


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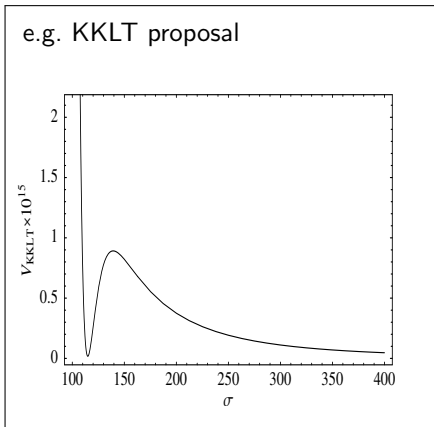


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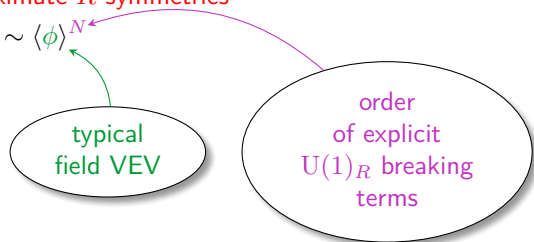
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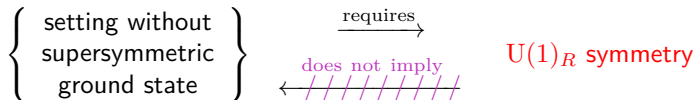
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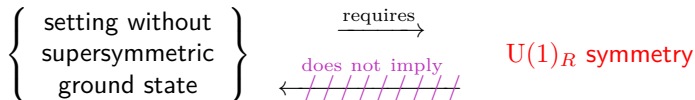


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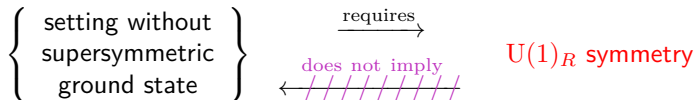
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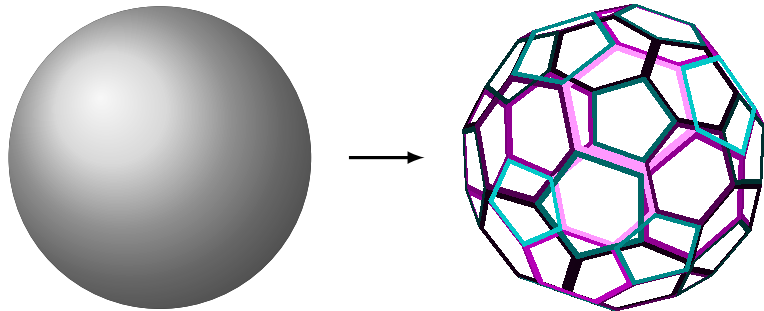
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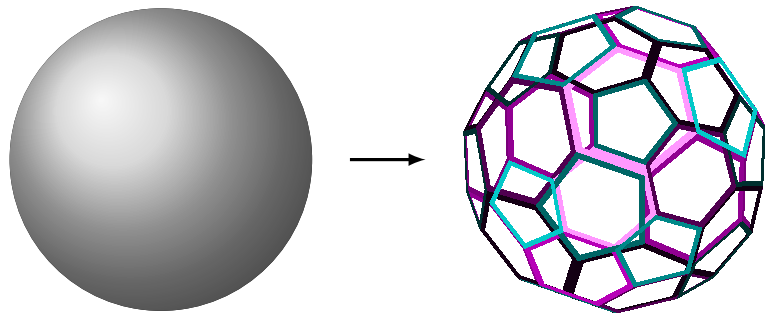
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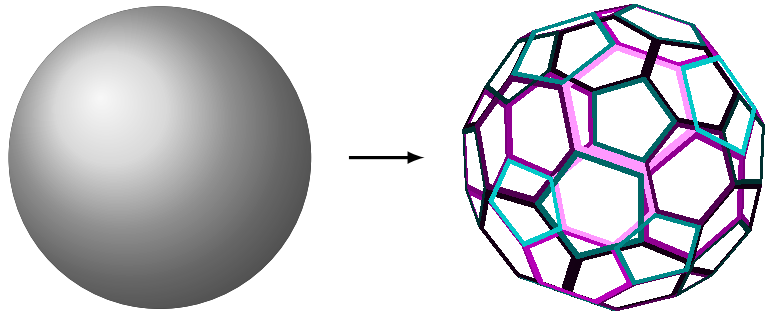
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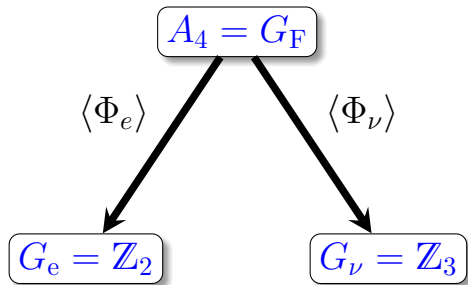
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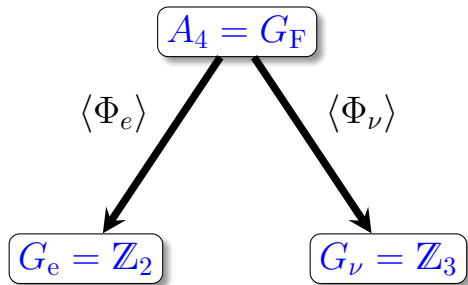
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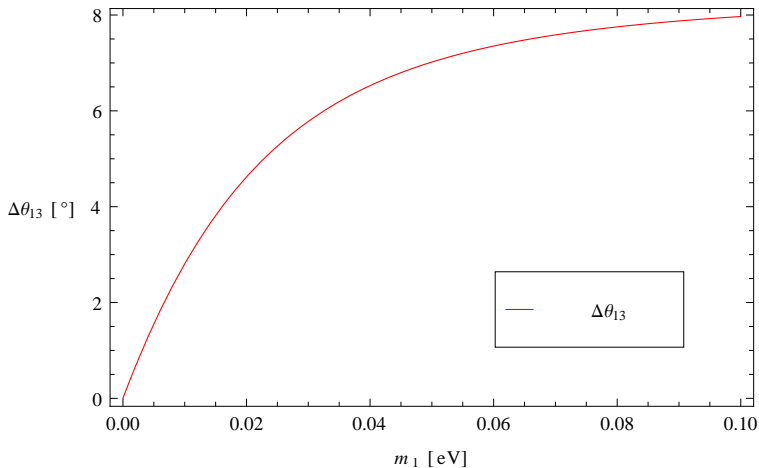
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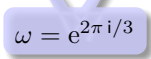
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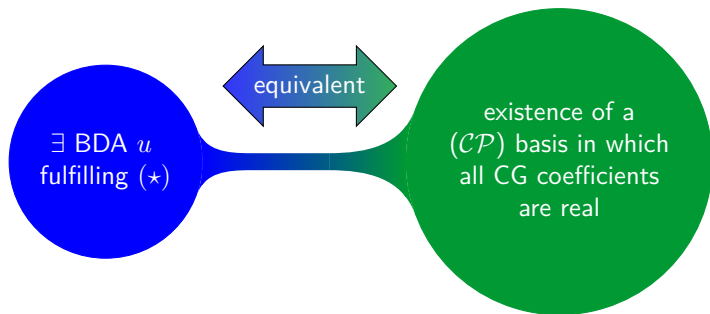
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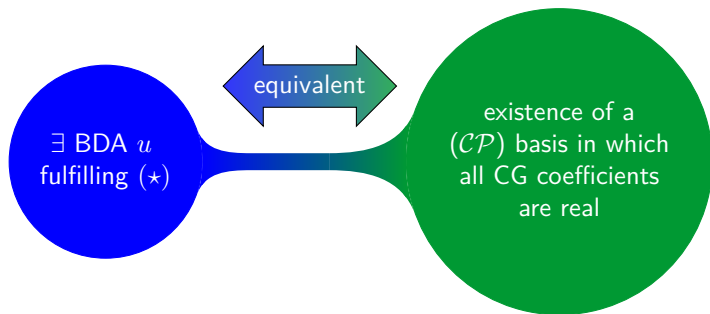
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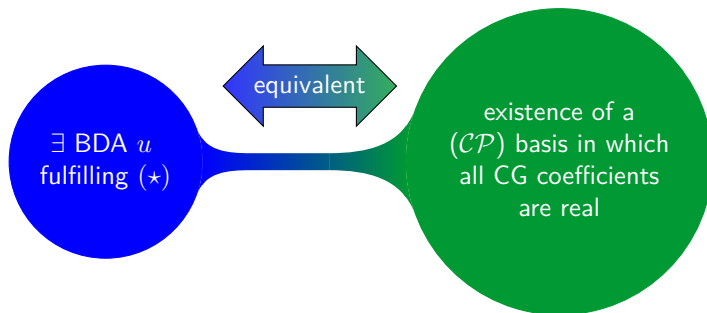
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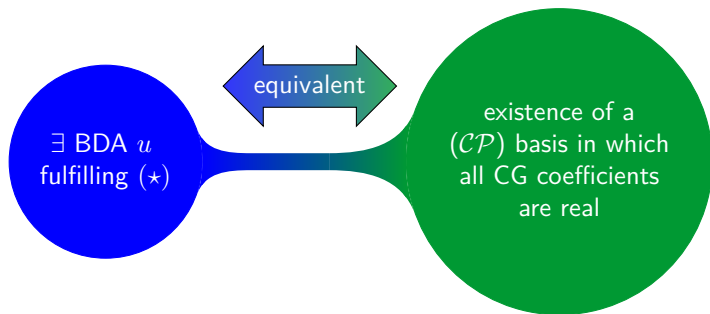
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$$\eta = \rho + \rho^2 + \rho^4 \text{ with } \rho := e^{2\pi i/7}$$



# SU(3) – CP vs. Out(T<sub>7</sub>)

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☞ T<sub>7</sub> character table

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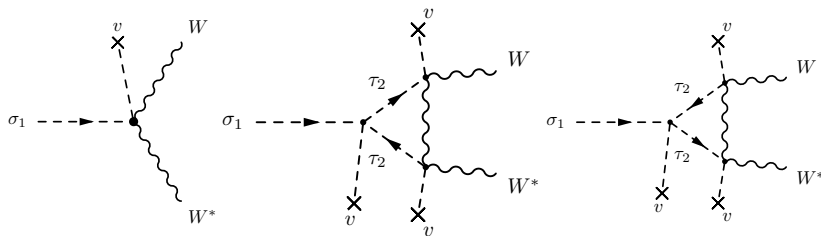


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👉 CP violation from interference between tree-level and 1-loop



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- One has to be careful with signs in modular transformations: metaplectic symmetries

Transformation laws for 4D superfields (for odd  $M$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi^{j,M}(z, \tau, 0) &\xrightarrow{S} \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{M}} \left( -\frac{\tau}{|\tau|} \right)^{1/2} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} e^{2\pi i j k / M} \psi^{k,M}(z, \tau, 0) \\
&= - \left( -\frac{\tau}{|\tau|} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \rho(S)_M^\psi \right]_{jk} \psi^{k,M}(z, \tau, 0) \\
\psi^{j,M}(z, \tau, 0) &\xrightarrow{T} e^{i\pi M \frac{\text{Im } z}{2 \text{Im } \tau}} e^{i\pi j(j/M+1)} \psi^{j,M}(z - 1/2, \tau, 0) \\
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# Transformation laws for Yukawa couplings

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{\hat{\beta}}(\tau) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{\hat{\beta}}(\tilde{\gamma}\tau) = \pm(c\tau + d)^{1/2} \rho_{\lambda}(\tilde{\gamma})_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{\hat{\beta}}(\tau)$$

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## bottom-line:

Magnetized tori with  $\lambda = \text{lcm}(\# \text{ of flavors})$  exhibit a  $\tilde{\Gamma}_{2\lambda}$  modular flavor symmetry

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