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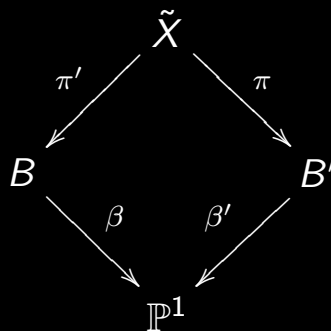
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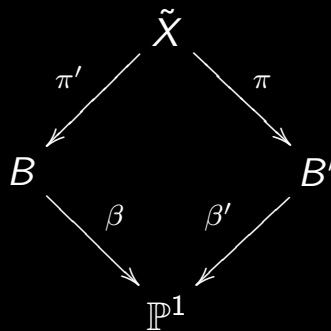
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- Automorphisms $\tau_{\tilde{X}} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ have the form $\tau_{\tilde{X}} = \tau_B \times_{\mathbb{P}^1} \tau_{B'}$
- Classification of $(\tilde{X}, F_{\tilde{X}})$ reduces to classification of (B, F_B) , for suitable groups of automorphisms F_B

We produced such a classification, and we obtained a large class of \tilde{X} with $F_{\tilde{X}}$ one of the following: [\[BD2\]B](#)

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 (\mathbb{Z}_3)^2, & \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, & \mathbb{Z}_6, & \mathbb{Z}_5, \\
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- Moduli stabilization?
- Higher order corrections?
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We list the automorphism groups by rank. For each group G we list its twist group $G_{\mathcal{T}}$, its shift part G_S (if non-empty), the Hodge numbers $h^{1,1}, h^{2,1}$ of a small resolution of X/G , the fundamental group $\pi_1(X/G)$, and the list of contributing sectors and their contribution. For the fundamental groups we use the abbreviations:

- A : the extension of \mathbb{Z}_2 by \mathbb{Z}^2 (so $H_1(X) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^3$)
- B : any extension of $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^2$ by \mathbb{Z}^6 (with various possible $H_1(X)$)
- C : \mathbb{Z}_2
- D : $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^2$

A shift element is denoted by a triple $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$, where $\epsilon_i \in E_i$ is a point of order 2, abbreviated as one of $0, 1, \tau, \tau 1 := 1 + \tau$. A twist element is denoted by a triple $(\epsilon_1 \delta_1, \epsilon_2 \delta_2, \epsilon_3 \delta_3)$, where $\epsilon_i \in E_i$ is as above and $\delta_i \in \{\pm\}$ indicates the pure twist part. A two-entry contribution (a, b) adds a units to $h^{1,1}$ and b units to $h^{2,1}$. When $b = 0$ we abbreviate (a, b) to the single entry contribution a .

	$G_{\mathcal{T}}$	sectors	contribution	$(h^{1,1}, h^{2,1})$	π_1
Rank 0:					
(0 - 1)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	0+, 0-, 0- 0-, 0+, 0- 0-, 0-, 0+	16 16 16	(51, 3)	0
(0 - 2)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 1-)$	0+, 0-, 0- 0-, 0+, 1-	8, 8 8, 8	(19, 19)	0
(0 - 3)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$	0+, 0-, 0-	8, 8	(11, 11)	A
(0 - 4)	$(1+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$			(3, 3)	B

Note: These are the four types of groups $G_{\mathcal{T}}$.

	G_T	G_S	sectors	contribution	$(h^{1,1}, h^{2,1})$	π_1
Rank 1:						
(1 - 1)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	(τ, τ, τ)	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 0-$ $0-, 0-, 0+$	8 8 8	(27, 3)	C
(1 - 2)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, \tau-)$	(τ, τ, τ)	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, \tau-$ $\tau-, \tau-, 0+$	4, 4 4, 4 4, 4	(15, 15)	0
(1 - 3)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 1-)$	(τ, τ, τ)	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 1-$	4, 4 4, 4	(11, 11)	C
(1 - 4)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$	(τ, τ, τ)	$0+, 0-, 0-$	4, 4	(7, 7)	A
(1 - 5)	$(1+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$	(τ, τ, τ)			(3, 3)	B
(1 - 6)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 0-$ $0-, 0-, 0+$ $\tau-, \tau-, 0+$	8 8 8 4, 4	(31, 7)	0
(1 - 7)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 1-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 1-$	4, 4 4, 4	(11, 11)	C
(1 - 8)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 0-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 1-, 0+$ $\tau-, \tau 1-, 0+$	4, 4 4, 4 4, 4	(15, 15)	0
(1 - 9)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$	4, 4	(7, 7)	A
(1 - 10)	$(1+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 0-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$	$1-, 1-, 0+$ $\tau 1-, \tau 1-, 0+$	4, 4 4, 4	(11, 11)	A
(1 - 11)	$(1+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 1+, 1-)$	$(\tau, \tau, 0)$			(3, 3)	B

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	G_T	G_S	sectors	contribution	$(h^{1,1}, h^{2,1})$	π_1
Rank 2:						
(2 - 1)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(1, 1, 1), (\tau, \tau, \tau)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 0-$ $0-, 0-, 0+$	4 4 4	(15, 3)	D
(2 - 2)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 1-)$	$(1, 1, 1), (\tau, \tau, \tau)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 1-$ $1-, 1-, 0+$	2, 2 2, 2 2, 2	(9, 9)	C
(2 - 3)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(1, 1, 1), (\tau, \tau, 0)$	$0+, 0-, 0-$ $0-, 0+, 0-$ $0-, 0-, 0+$ $\tau-, \tau-, 0+$	4 4 4 2, 2	(17, 5)	C

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(2 - 5)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, \tau-)$	$(1, 1, 1), (\tau, \tau, 0)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 2, 2 $0-, 0+, \tau-$ 2, 2	(7, 7)	D
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(2 - 8)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, \tau+, \tau-)$	$(1, 1, 1), (\tau, 1, 0)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 2, 2	(5, 5)	A
(2 - 9)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 4 $0-, 0+, 0-$ 4 $0-, 0-, 0+$ 4 $0+, 1-, 1-$ 4 $1-, 0+, 1-$ 4 $1-, 1-, 0+$ 4	(27, 3)	0
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(2 - 11)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, \tau+, \tau-)$	$(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 2, 2 $0+, 1-, 1-$ 2, 2	(7, 7)	A
(2 - 12)	$(\tau+, 0-, 0-), (0-, \tau+, \tau-)$	$(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)$	(3, 3)	B
(2 - 13)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(1, 1, 0), (\tau, \tau, 0)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 4 $0-, 0+, 0-$ 4 $0-, 0-, 0+$ 4 $1-, 1-, 0+$ 2, 2 $\tau-, \tau-, 0+$ 2, 2 $\tau 1-, \tau 1-, 0+$ 2, 2	(21, 9)	0
(2 - 14)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 1-)$	$(1, 1, 0), (\tau, \tau, 0)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 2, 2 $0-, 0+, 1-$ 2, 2	(7, 7)	D
Rank 3:				
(3 - 1)	$(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)$	$(0, \tau, 1), (0, \tau, 1), (\tau, 1, 0)$ $0+, 0-, 0-$ 2 $0-, 0+, 0-$ 2 $0-, 0-, 0+$ 2 $0+, \tau-, 1-$ 1, 1 $1-, 0+, \tau-$ 1, 1 $\tau-, 1-, 0+$ 1, 1	(12, 6)	0
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		sectors contribution		
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(3 - 4)	(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, τ -)	(1, 1, 0), (τ , τ , 0), (1, τ , 1) 0+, 0-, 0- 1, 1 0-, 0+, τ - 1, 1 0+, τ 1-, 1- 1, 1 τ 1-, 0+, τ 1- 1, 1	(7, 7)	C
(3 - 5)	(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)	(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (τ , τ , τ) 0+, 0-, 0- 2 0-, 0+, 0- 2 0-, 0-, 0+ 2 0+, 1-, 1- 2 1-, 0+, 1- 2 1-, 1-, 0+ 2	(15, 3)	C
(3 - 6)	(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, τ -)	(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (τ , τ , τ) 0+, 0-, 0- 1, 1 0-, 0+, τ - 1, 1 τ -, τ -, 0+ 1, 1 0+, 1-, 1- 1, 1 1-, 0+, τ 1- 1, 1 τ 1-, τ 1-, 0+ 1, 1	(9, 9)	0

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Rank 4:				
(4 - 1)	(0+, 0-, 0-), (0-, 0+, 0-)	(0, τ , 1), (τ , 1, 0), (1, 0, τ), (1, 1, 1) 0+, 0-, 0- 1 0+, τ -, 1- 1 0+, 1-, τ 1- 1 0+, τ 1-, τ - 1 0-, 0+, 0- 1 1-, 0+, τ - 1 τ 1-, 0+, 1- 1 τ -, 0+, τ 1- 1 0-, 0-, 0+ 1 τ -, 1-, 0+ 1 1-, τ 1-, 0+ 1 τ 1-, τ -, 0+ 1	(15, 3)	0

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