

# String Phenomenology



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# Outline & Plan

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## References:

Sometimes I will put references to the original works, sometimes to literature in which the things mentioned are explained well. You can click on the [references](#) to get dragged to the INSPIRE record. I apologize for having to suppress references. My selection of references does not imply a rating.

# Notes & Disclaimers

## Selection of topics:

String phenomenology is a vast field which is impossible to completely survey. These lectures focus on string constructions in which there is an explicit reference to strings. This does not mean that supergravity constructions are “bad”, it is only my interpretation of *string* phenomenology. I will also restrict the discussion on constructions which are not immediately ruled out.

# Outline

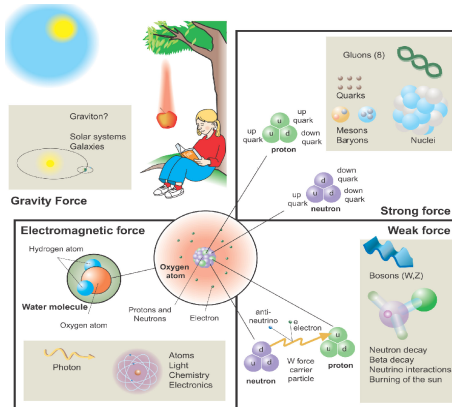
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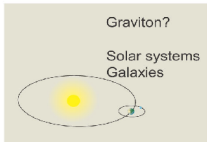


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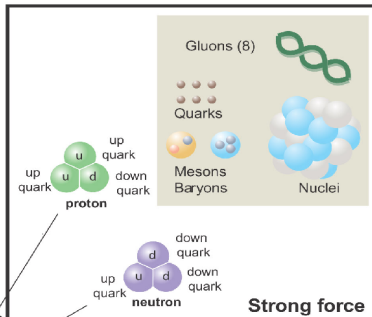
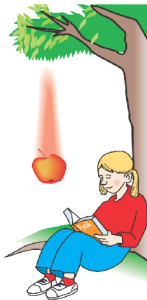
# standard model of particle physics

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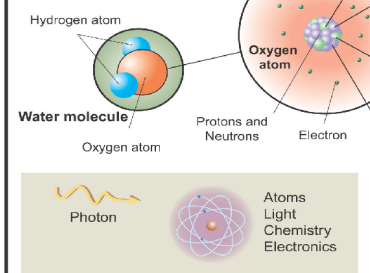




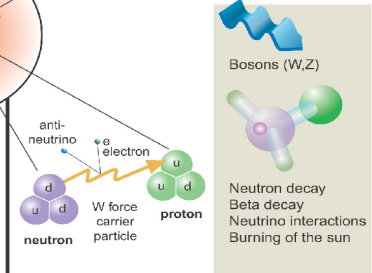
### Gravity Force



### Electromagnetic force



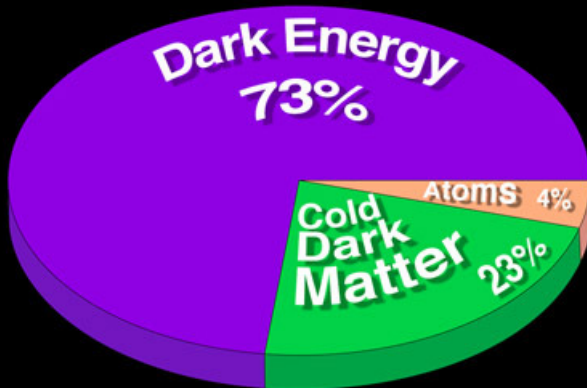
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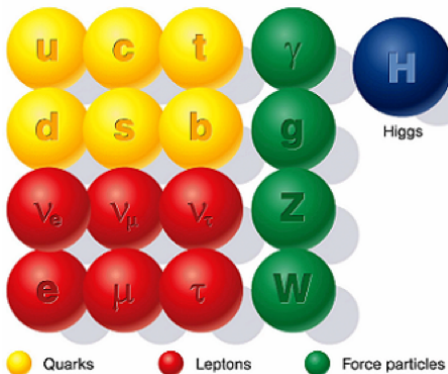
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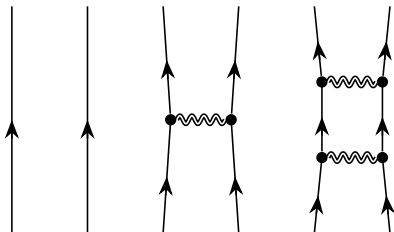
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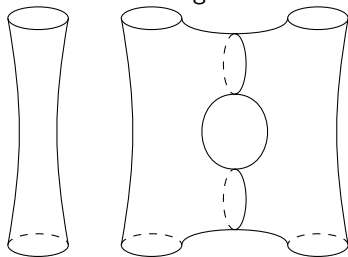
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- ➡ Currently unique answer: strings

QFT



Strings



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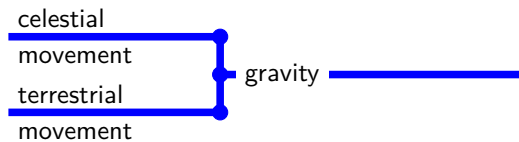
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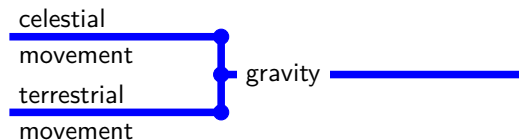
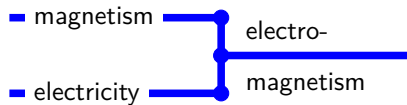
- ① **Gravity.**
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- ③ **Supersymmetry.**
- ④ **No free parameters.** Isn't that really the aim of model building: reduce the number of free parameters? The standard model has at least 26 continuous parameters, even before adding something like an inflaton or dark matter candidate.

# Unification of forces

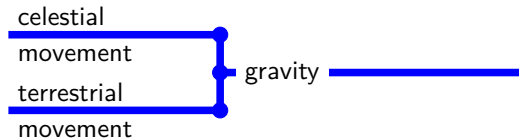
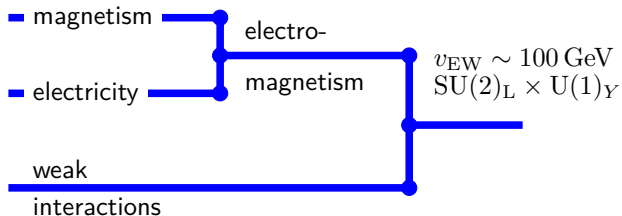
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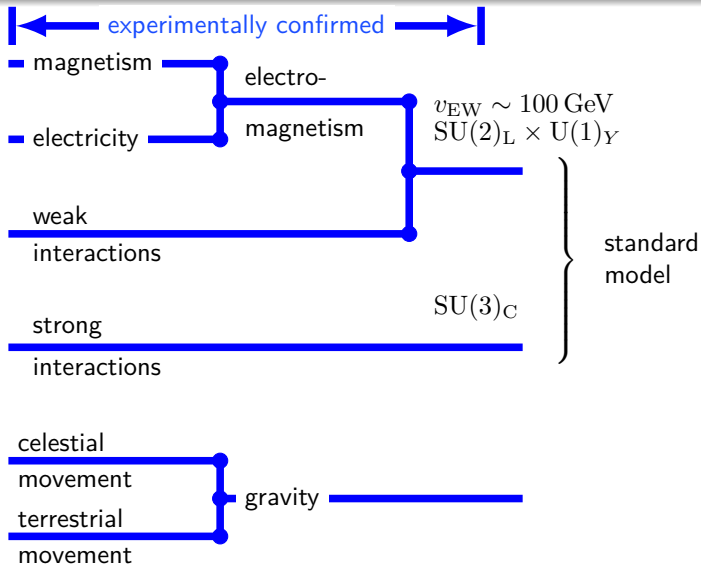
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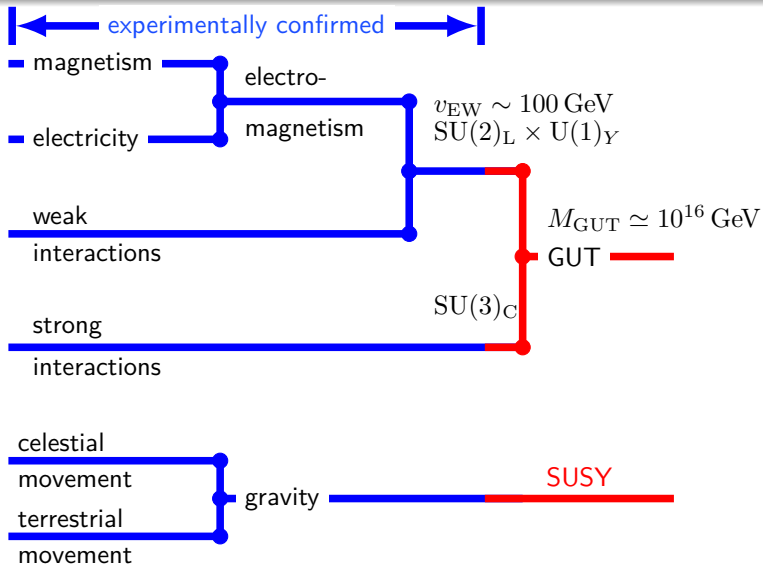


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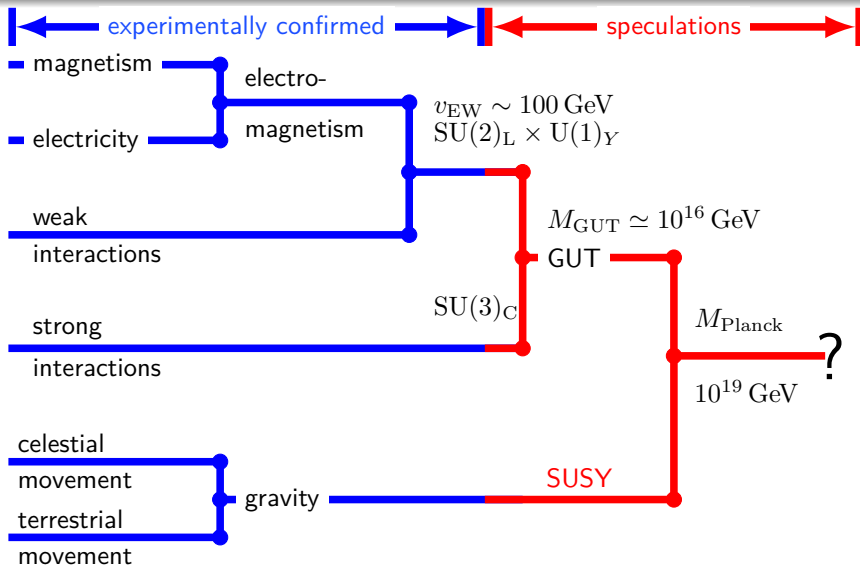




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# Forces in Nature

invariance  
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# Interactions

local U(1) rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos[\theta(x)] & \sin[\theta(x)] \\ -\sin[\theta(x)] & \cos[\theta(x)] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\Psi \rightarrow \exp[i\theta(x)] \Psi$$

e.g. electron

$$\psi_e \rightarrow \exp[i\theta(x) q_e] \psi_e$$

# Interactions

local SU(3) rotation : e.g. quark

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \end{pmatrix}$$



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local SU(2) rotation : e.g. lepton

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_\nu \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\nu \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix}$$

# Interactions

local SU(5) rotation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_\nu \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_q \\ \psi_\nu \\ \psi_e \end{pmatrix}$$

☞ all known (gauge) interactions can be unified in SU(5)

The structure

of the

standard model

hints at

unification

# One generation of standard model matter

left-handed quark doublets:  $q_L = \begin{pmatrix} q_r^\uparrow & q_g^\uparrow & q_b^\uparrow \\ q_r^\downarrow & q_g^\downarrow & q_b^\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$

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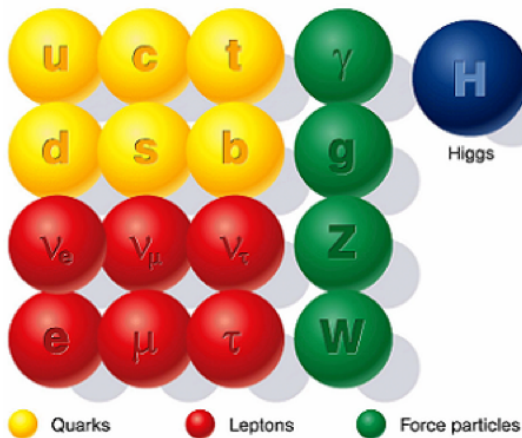
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# Grand Unification

... in 4 dimensions

# The standard model of particle physics



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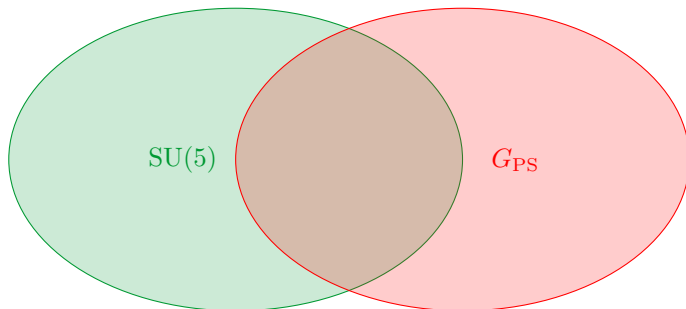
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# SO(10)

Asaka, Buchmüller &amp; Covi [2001]

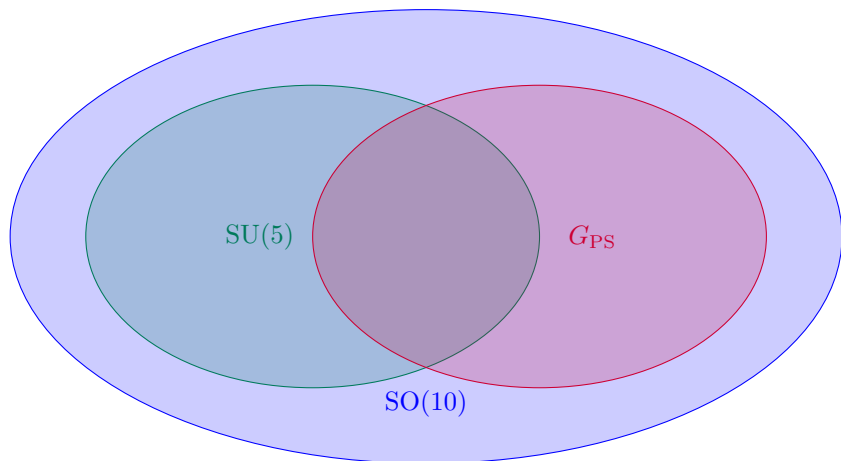
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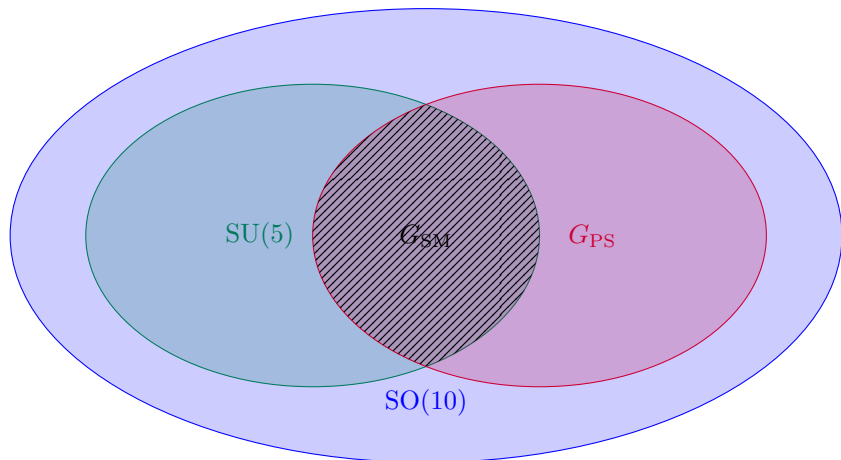
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# SU(5)

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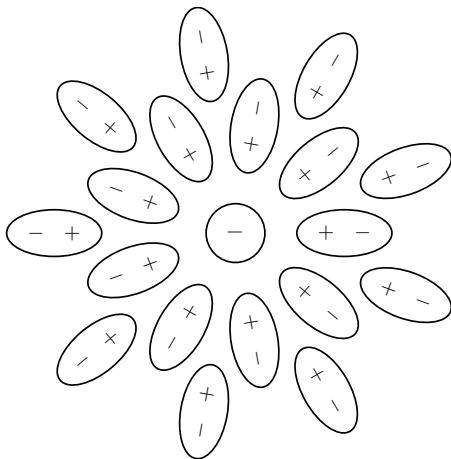
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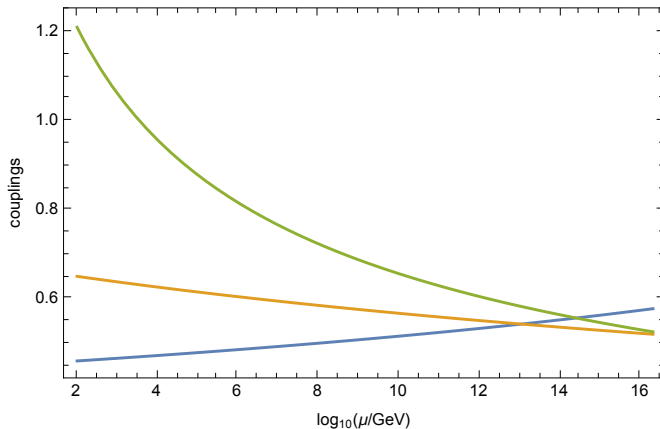
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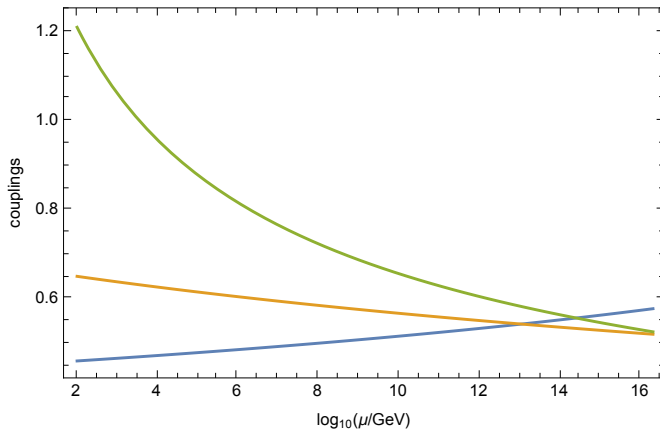
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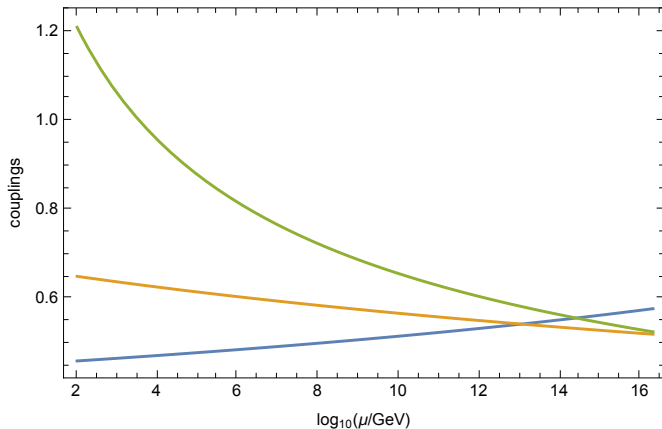


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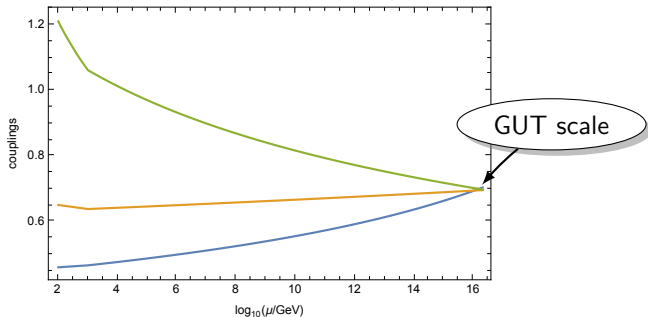
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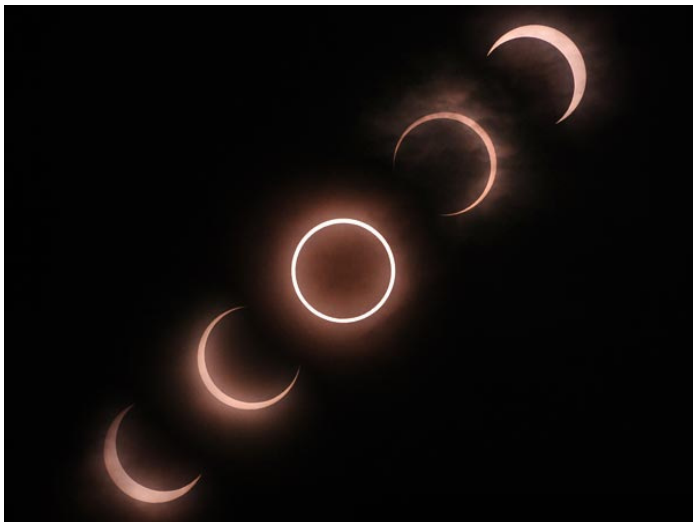
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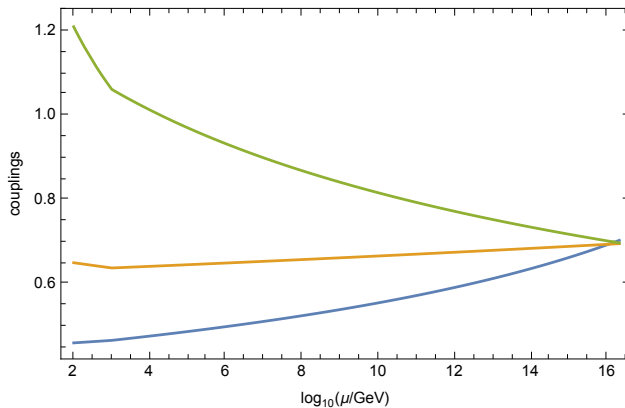
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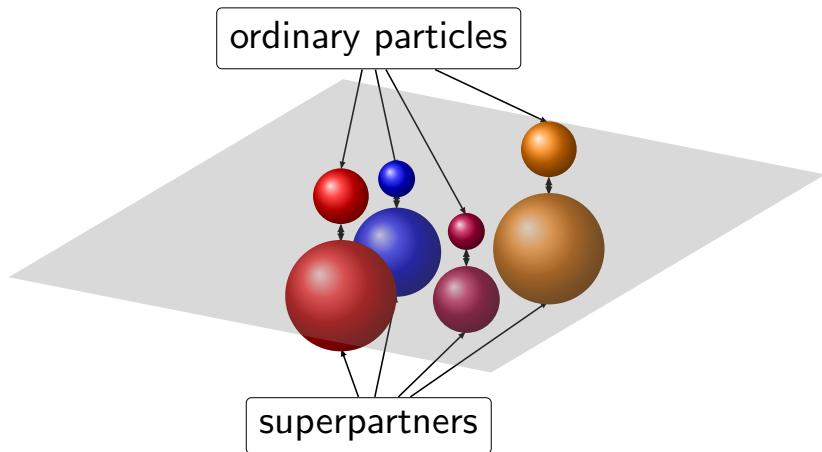
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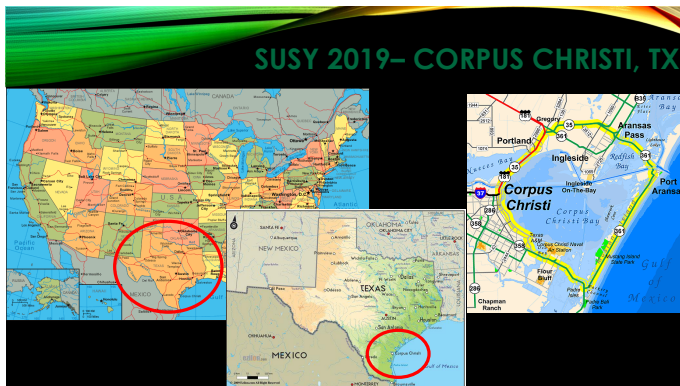
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see Raby [2009]

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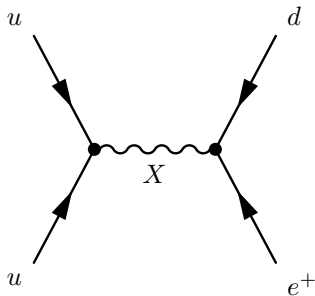
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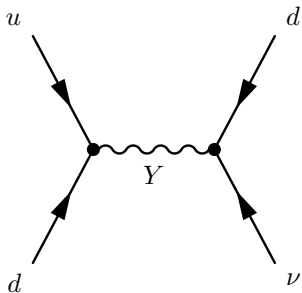
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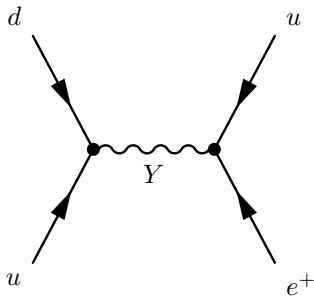
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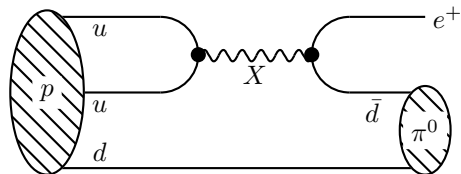
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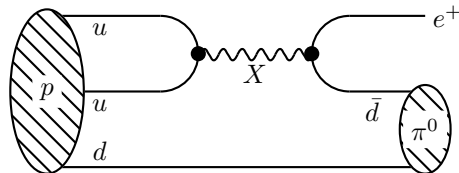
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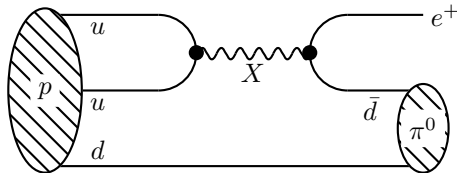
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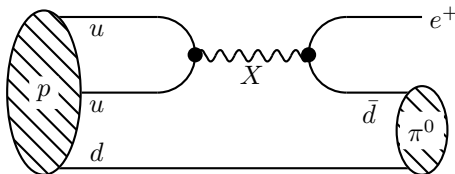


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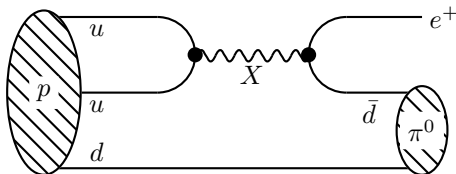
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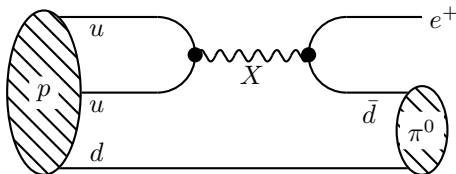
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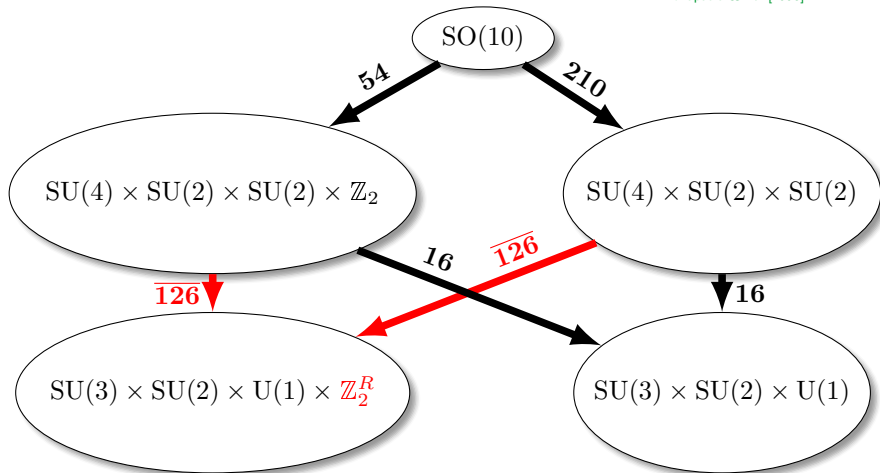
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Mohapatra &amp; Pal [1998]



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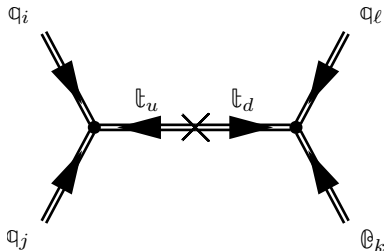
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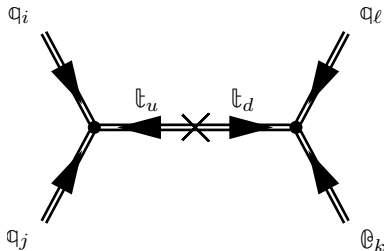
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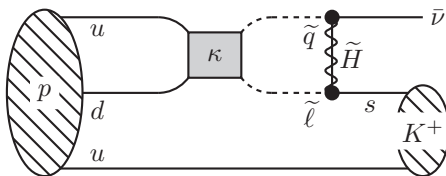
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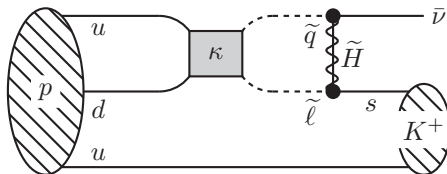
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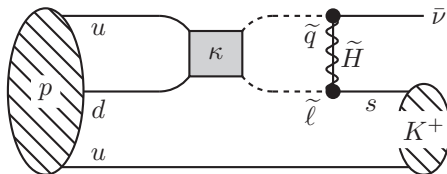
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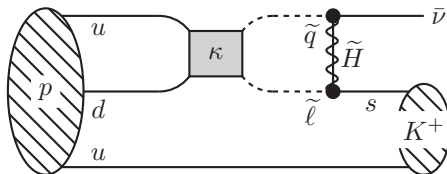


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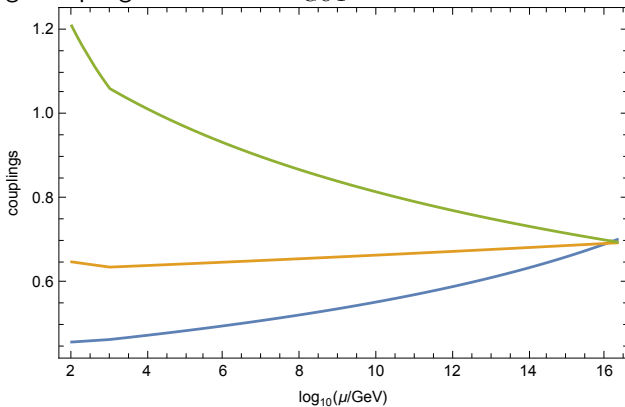
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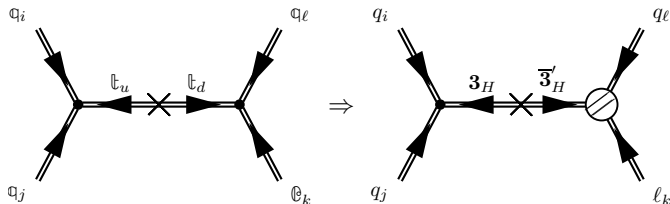
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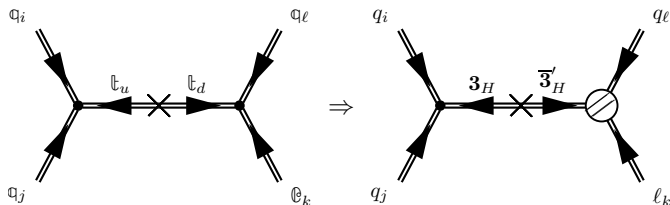
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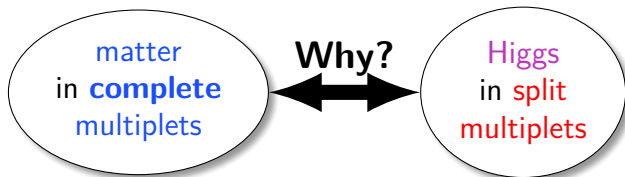
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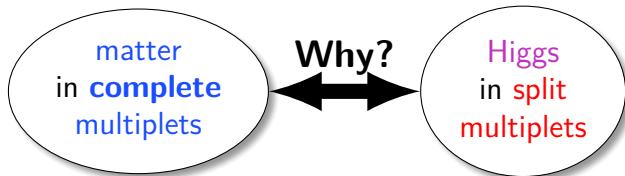


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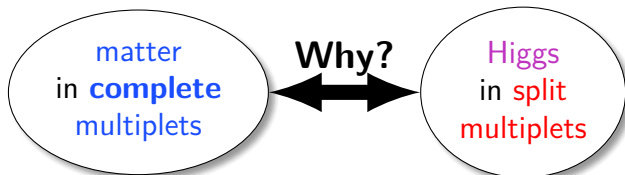
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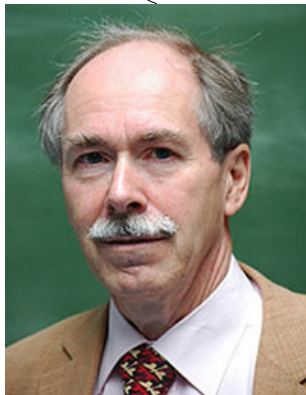
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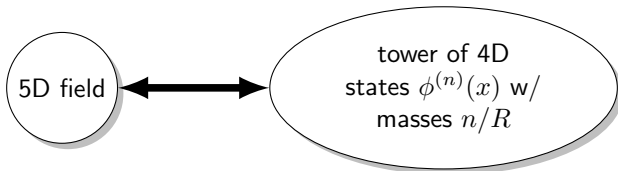
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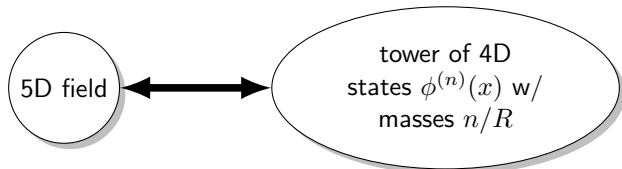




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Spinors in  $D$  dimensions

cf. Polchinski

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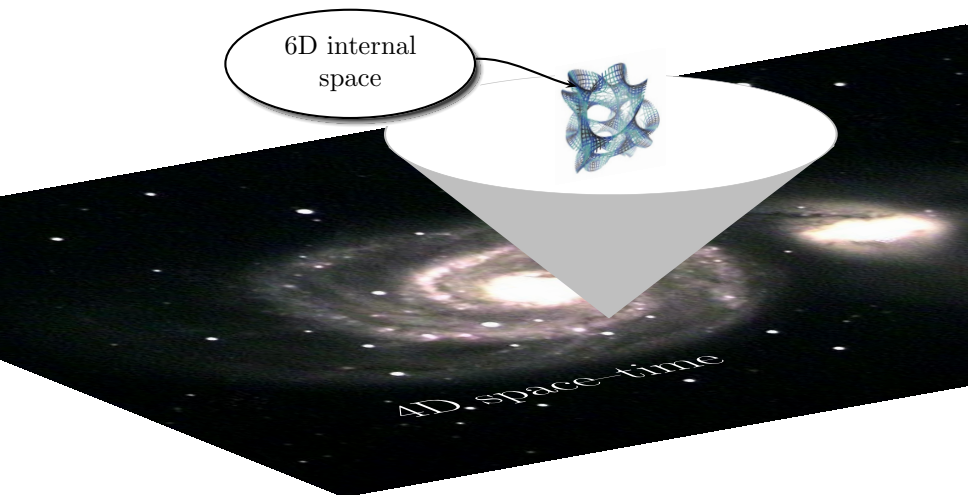
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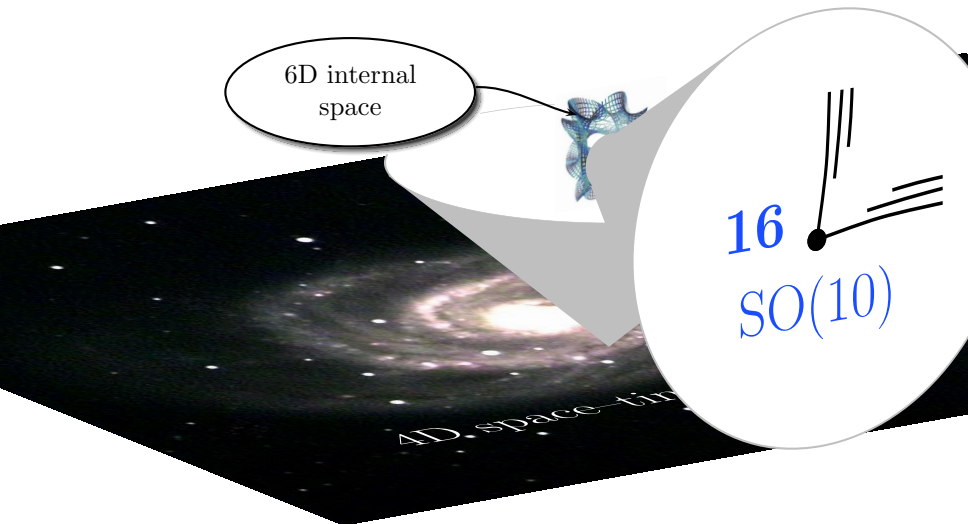


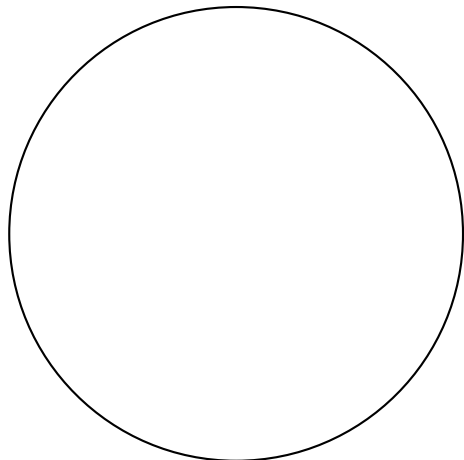
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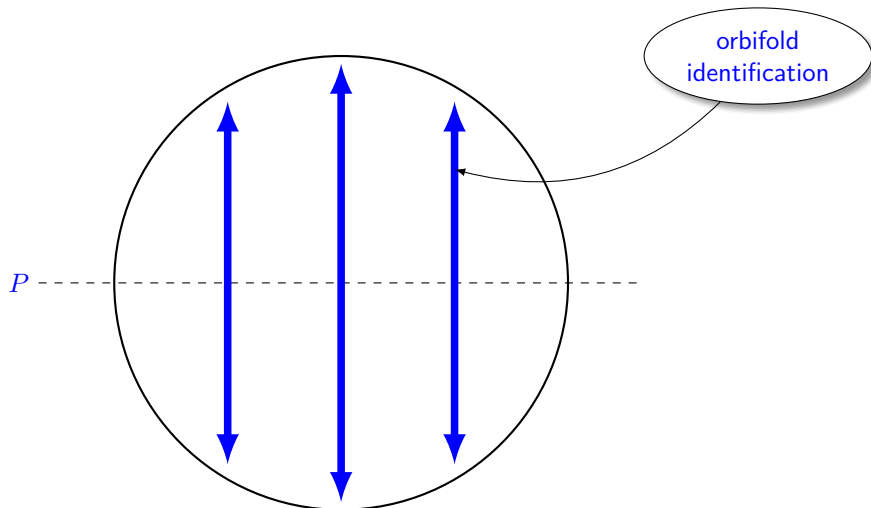
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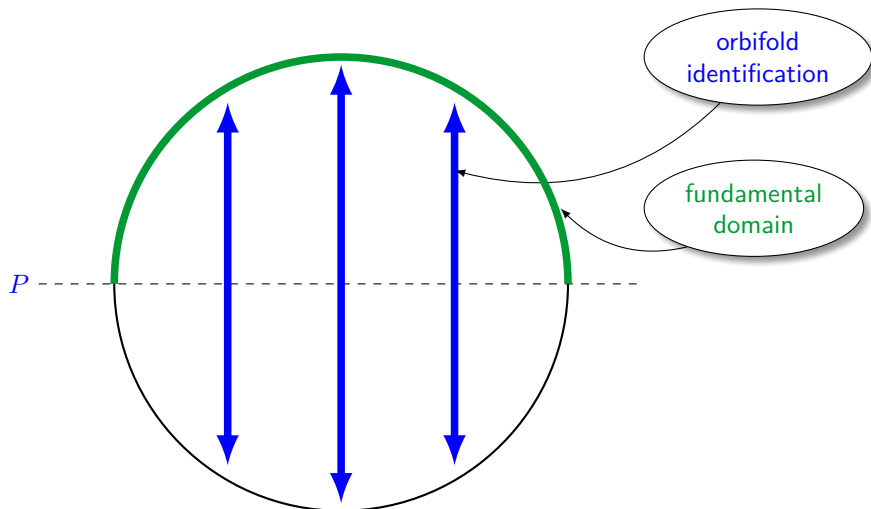


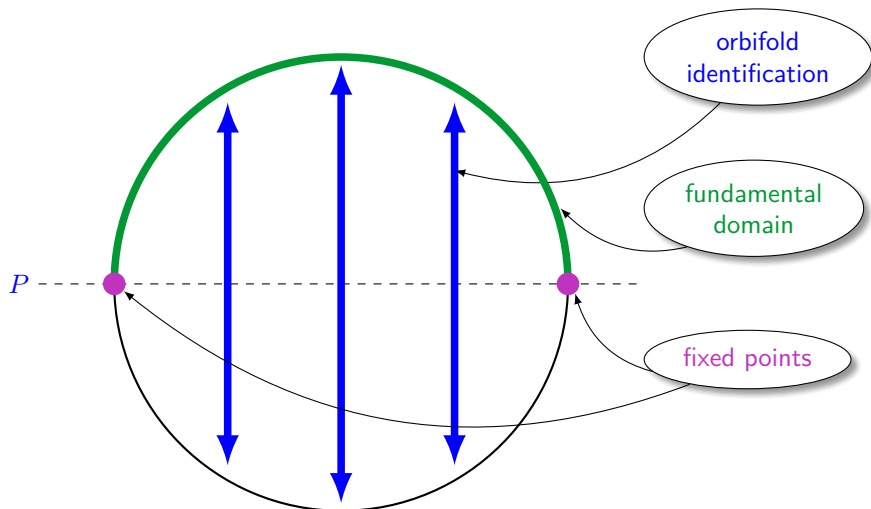
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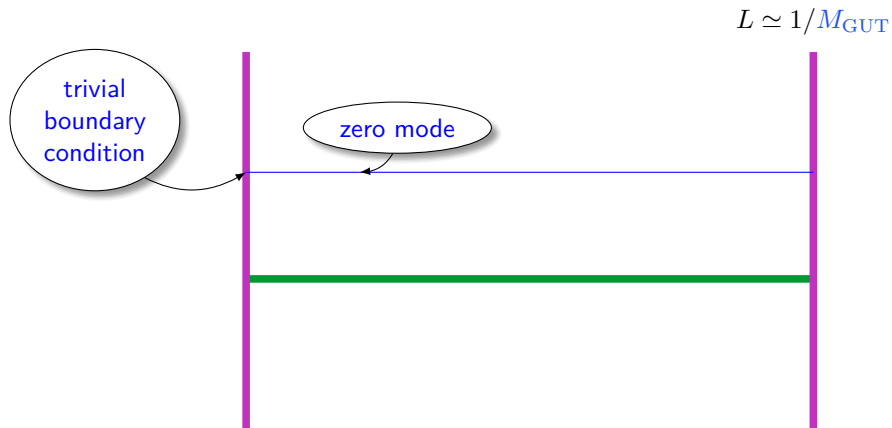
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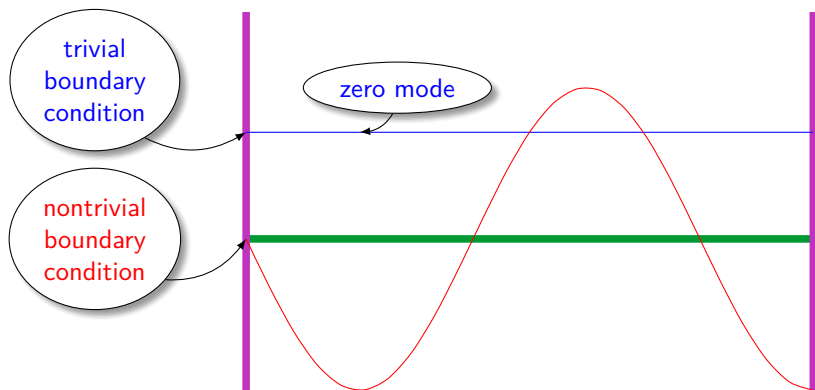
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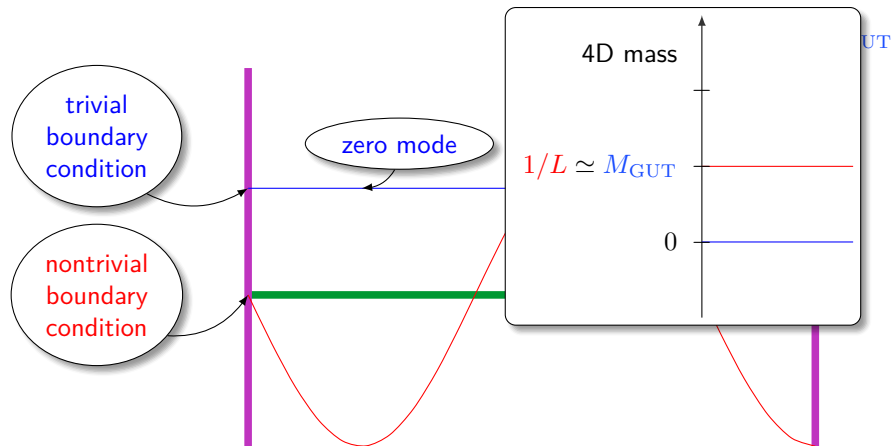
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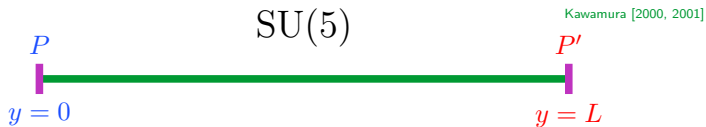
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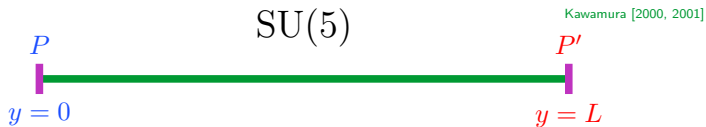


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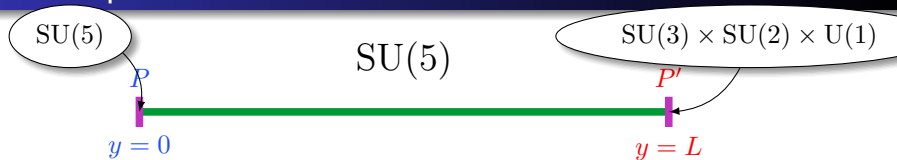


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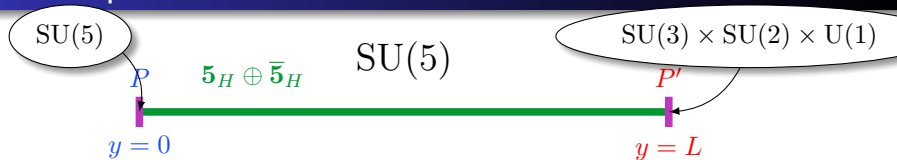


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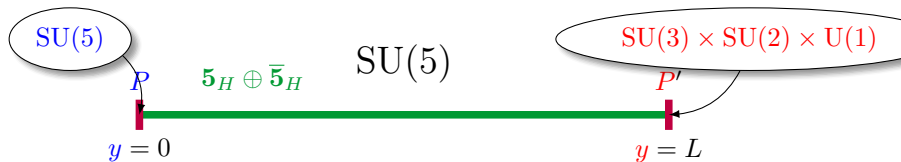
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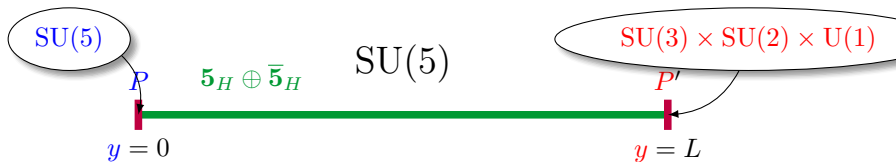
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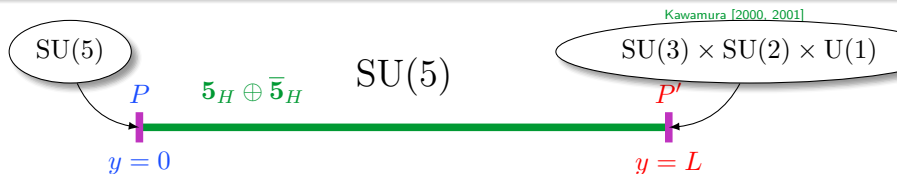
cf. Barbieri, Hall & Nomura [2001]

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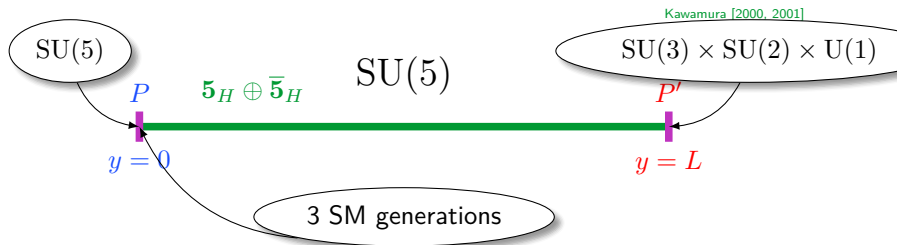
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Witten (1985)

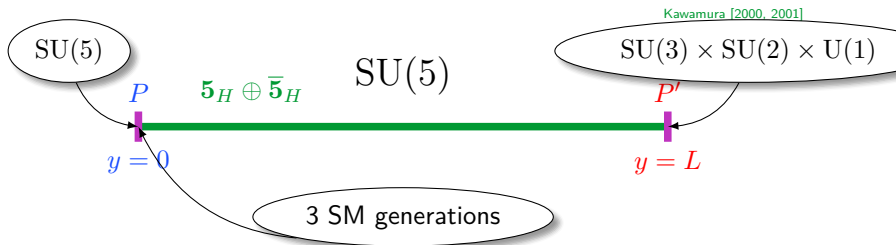
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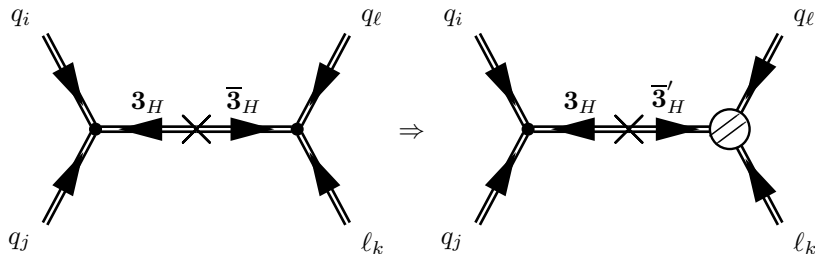
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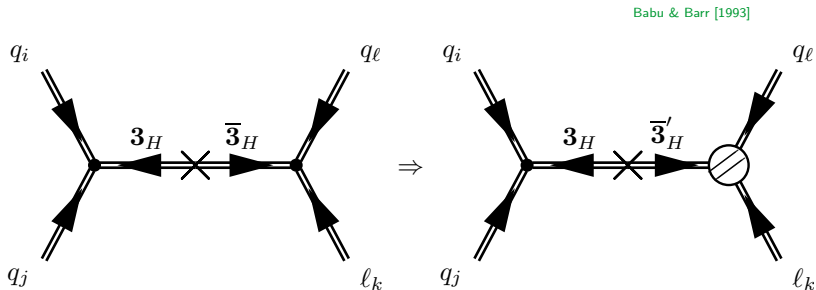
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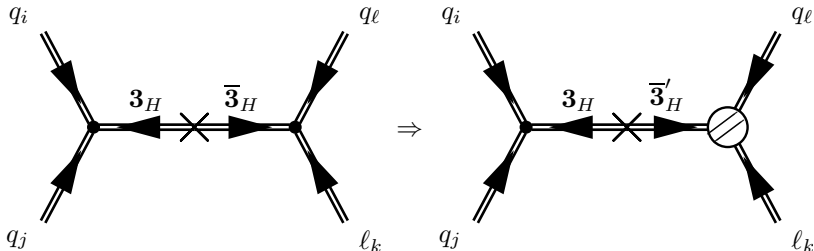
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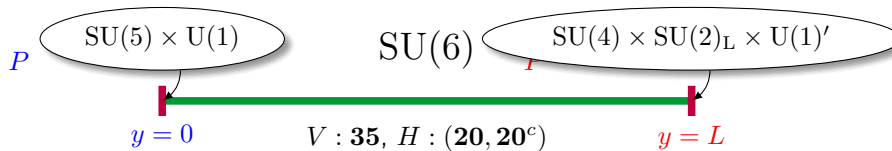
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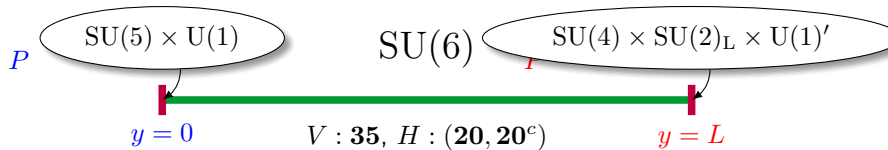
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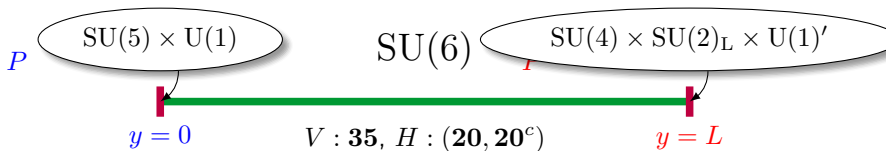
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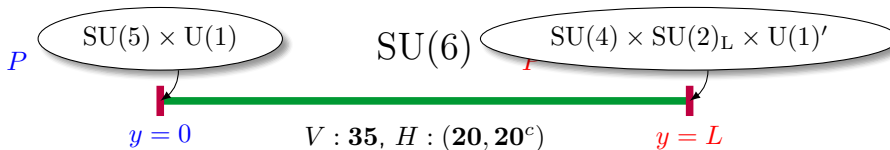
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## 5D example &amp; mode expansion

Burdman &amp; Nomura [2003]



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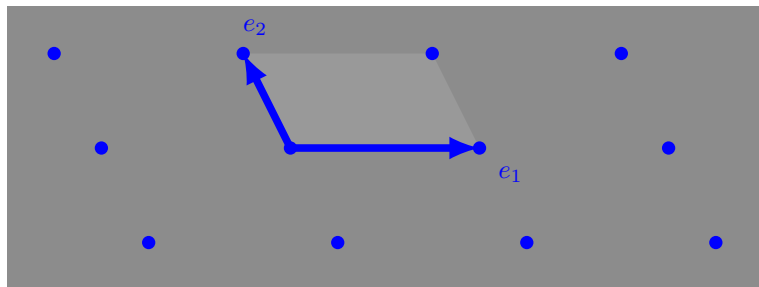
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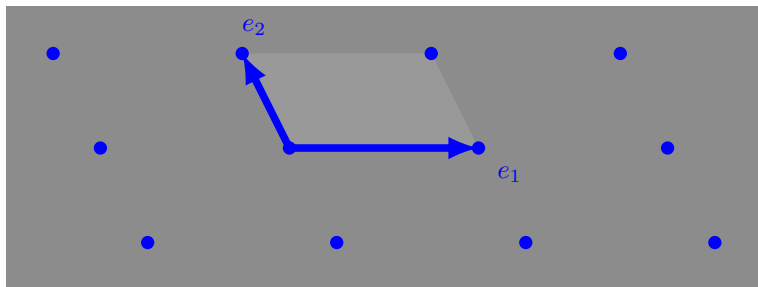
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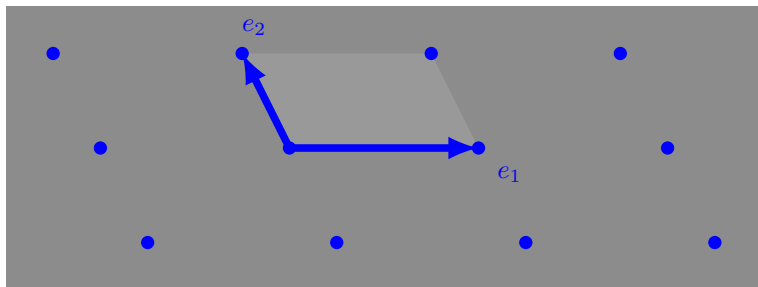
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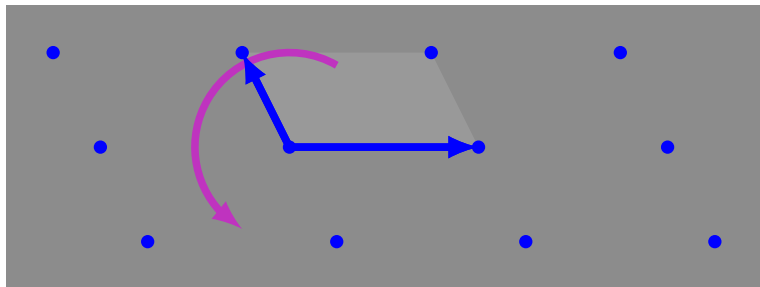
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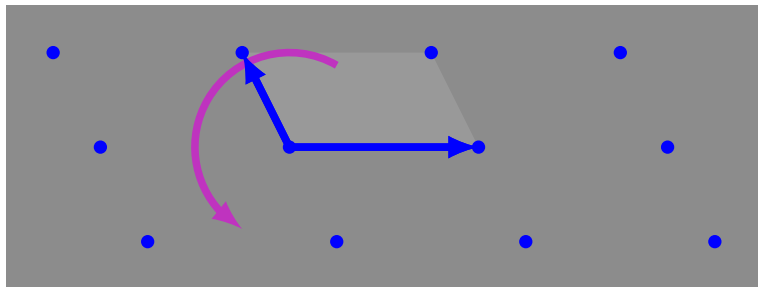
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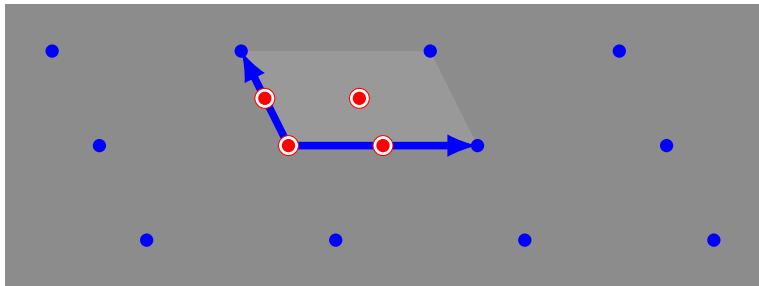
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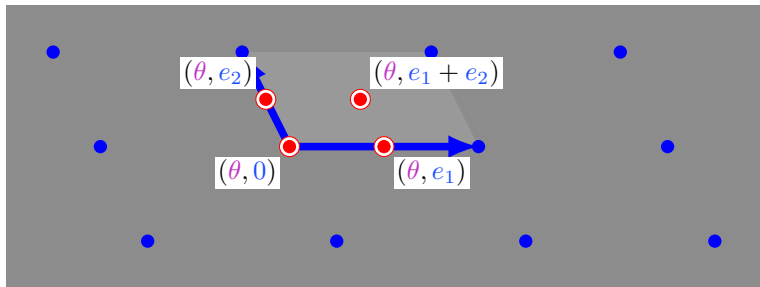
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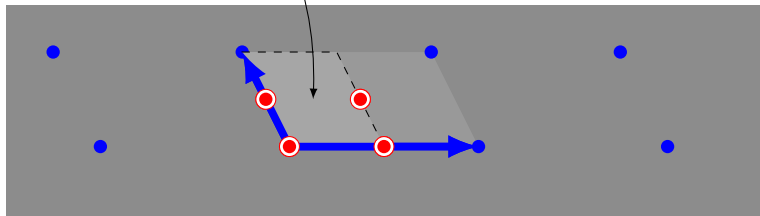
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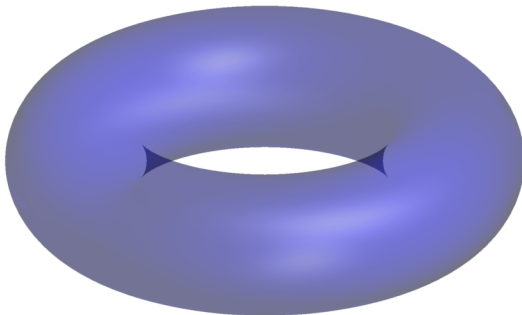
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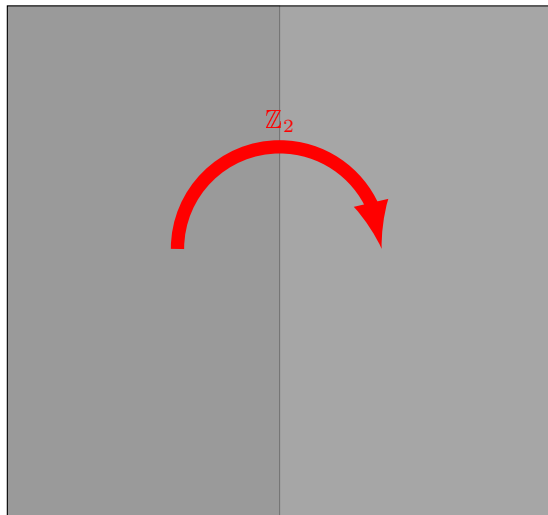


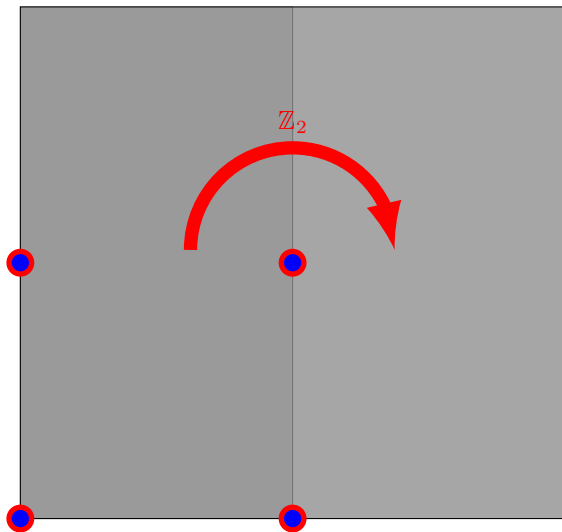
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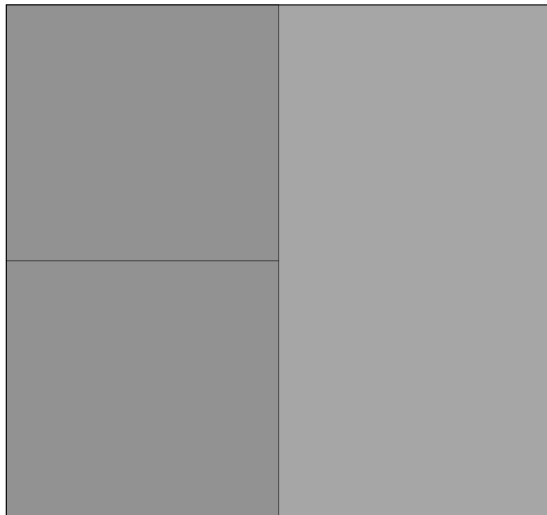


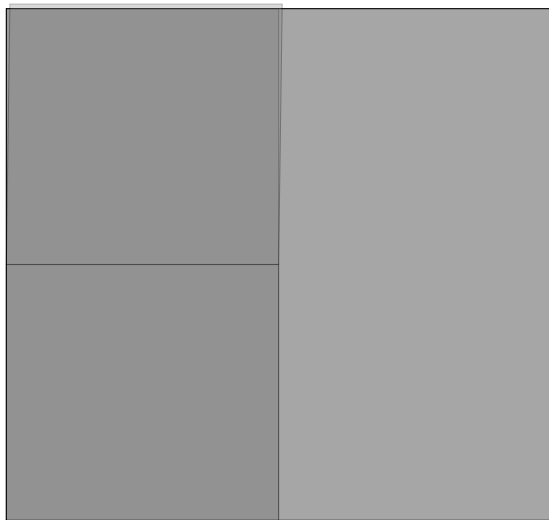
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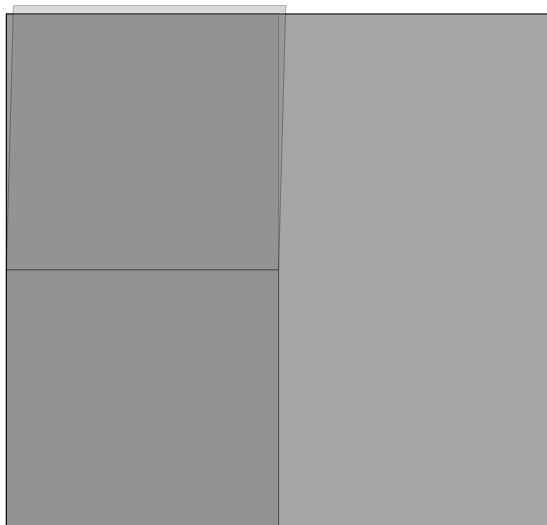
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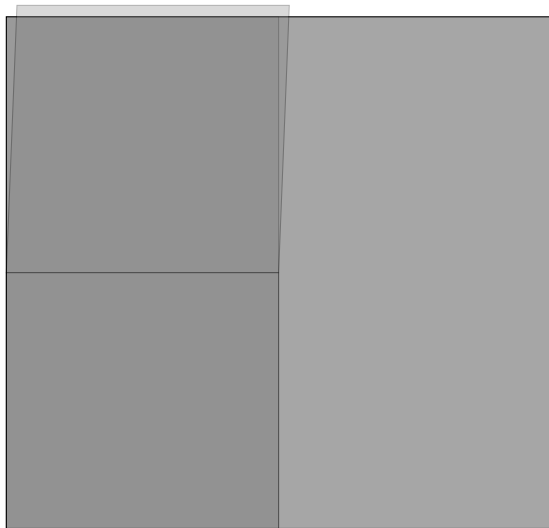
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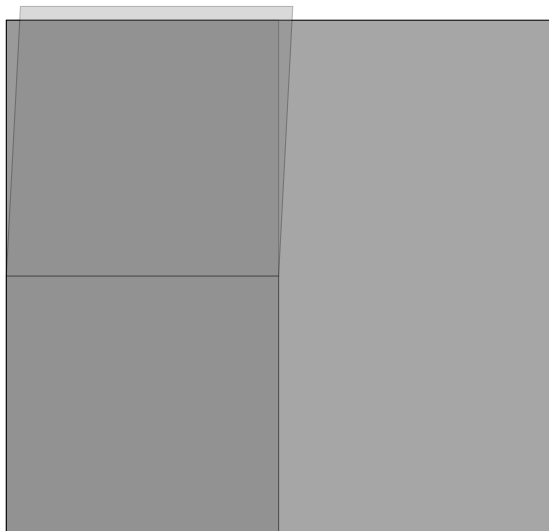


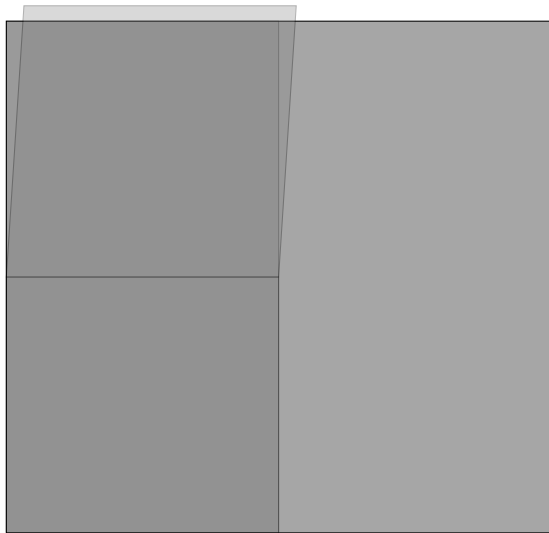
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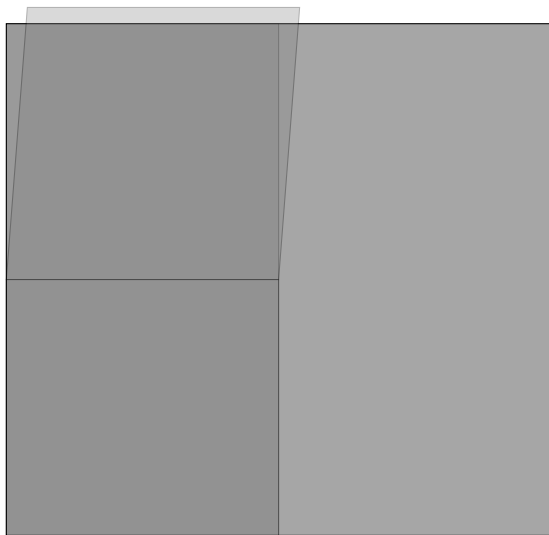
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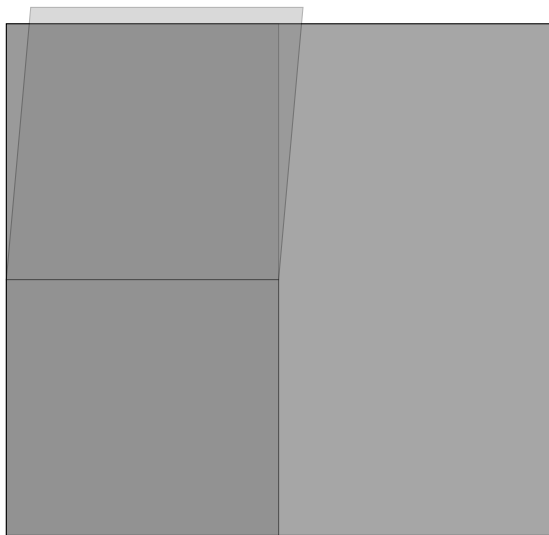
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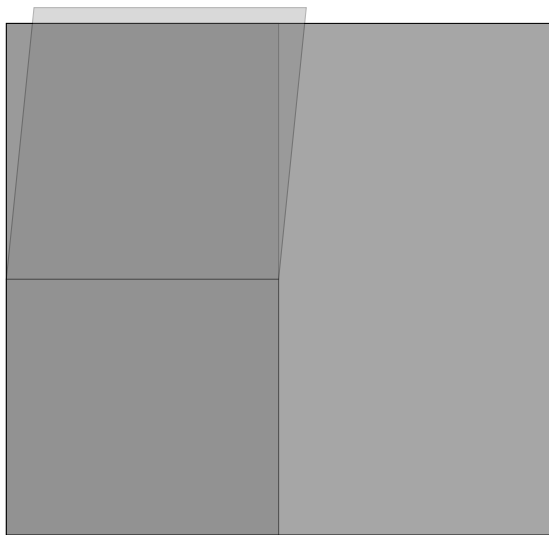
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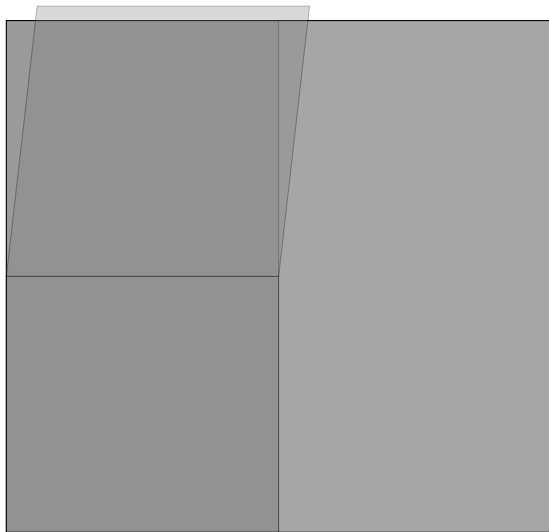
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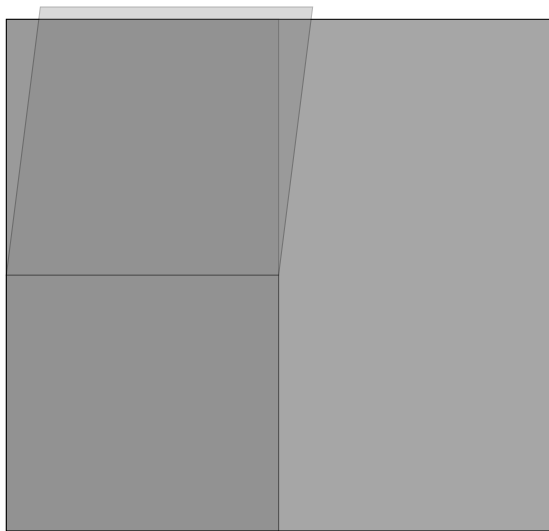
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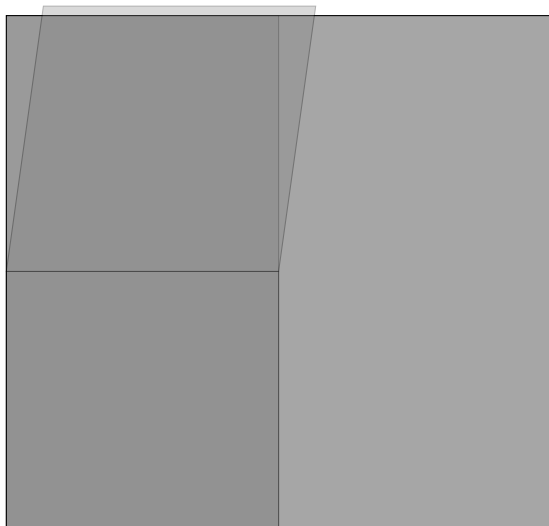
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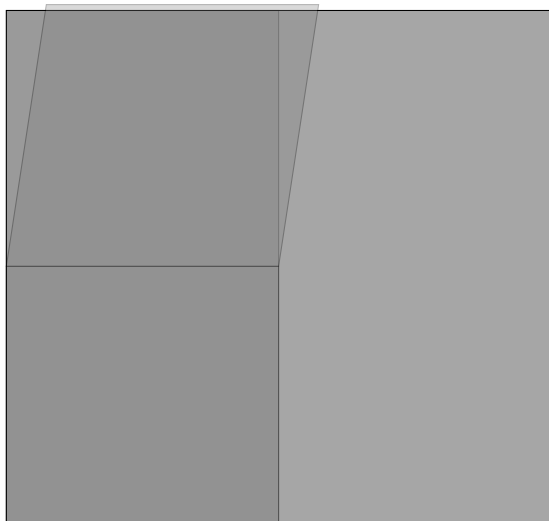


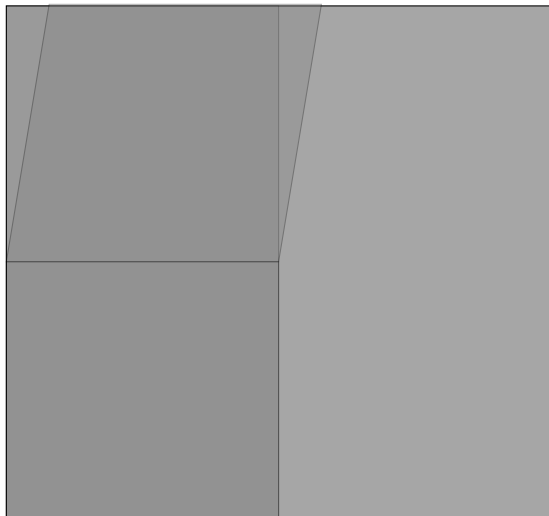
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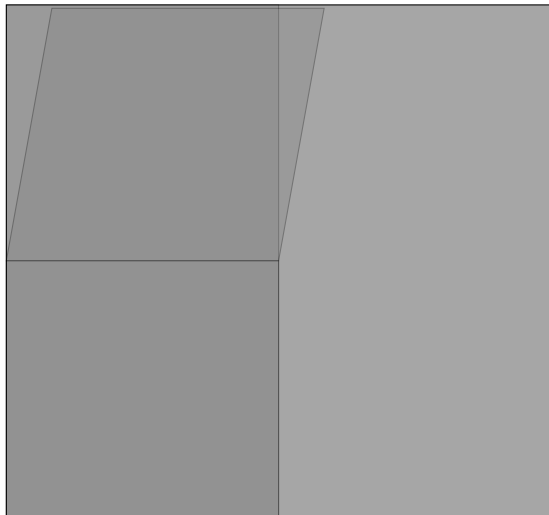
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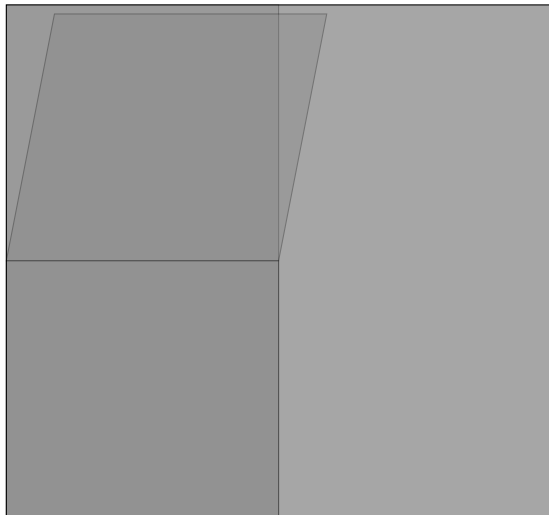
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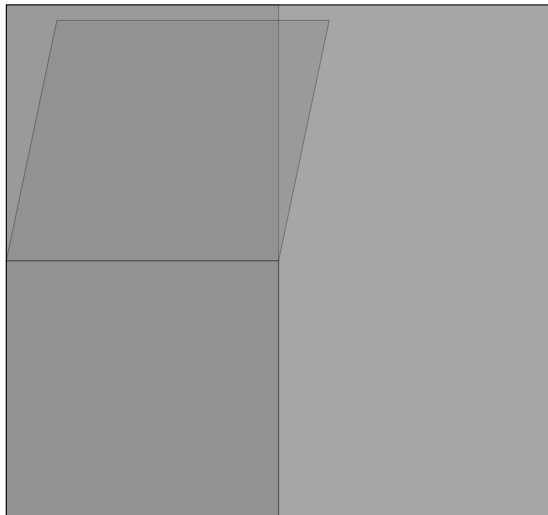
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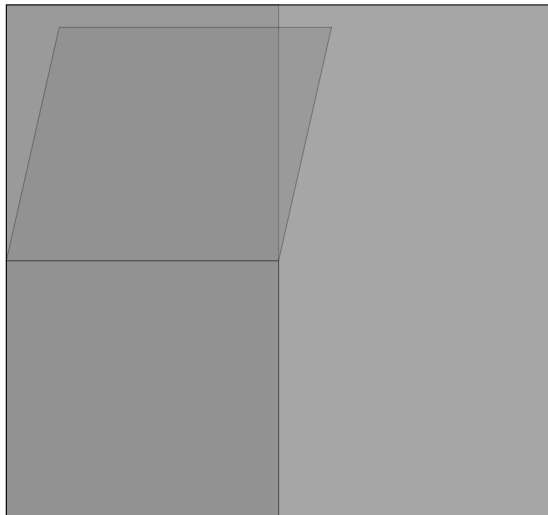
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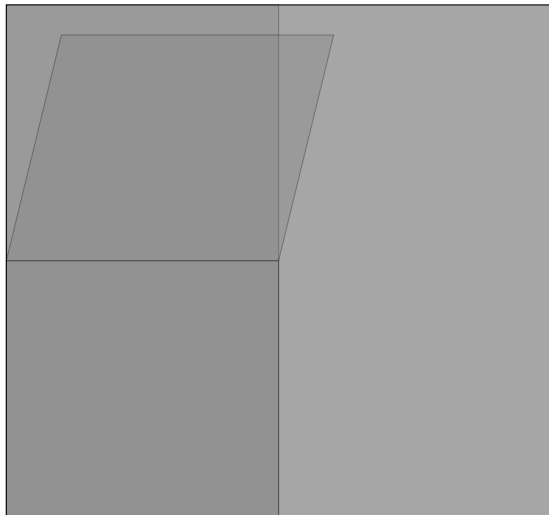
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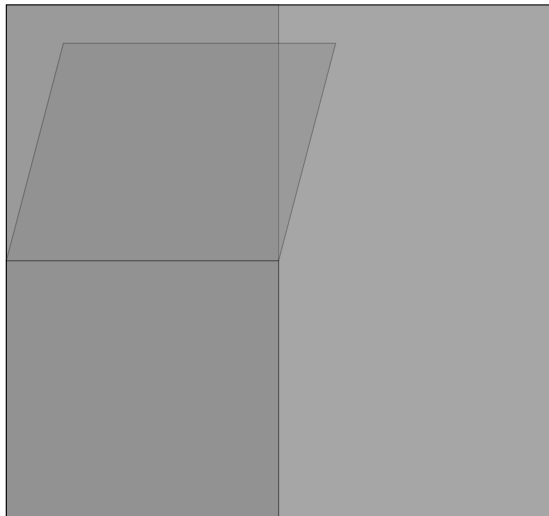
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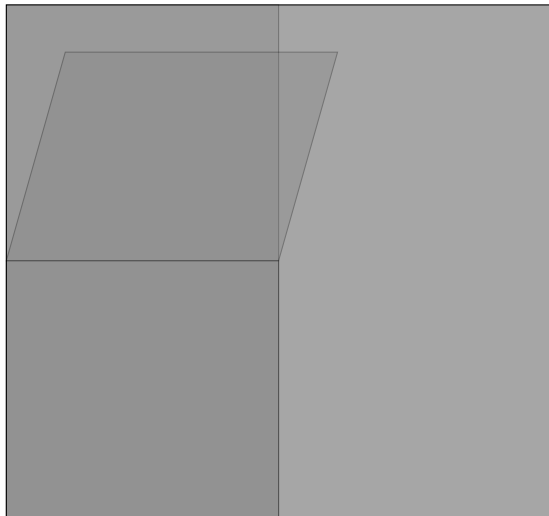


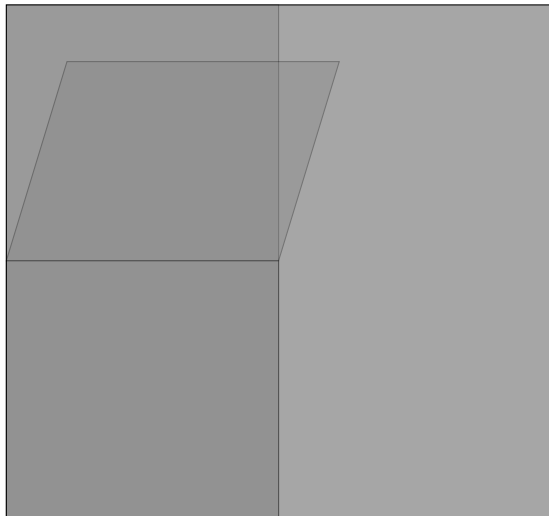
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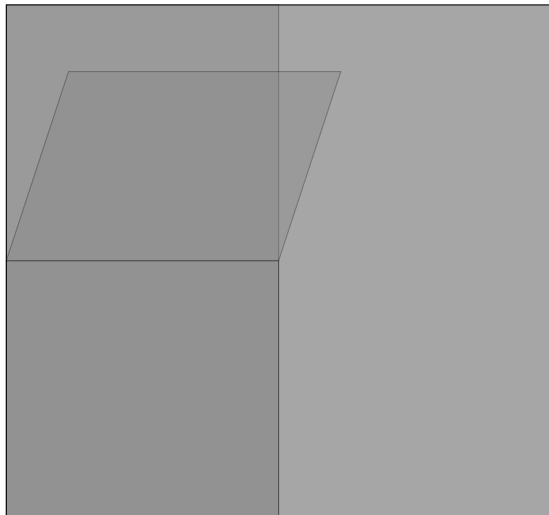
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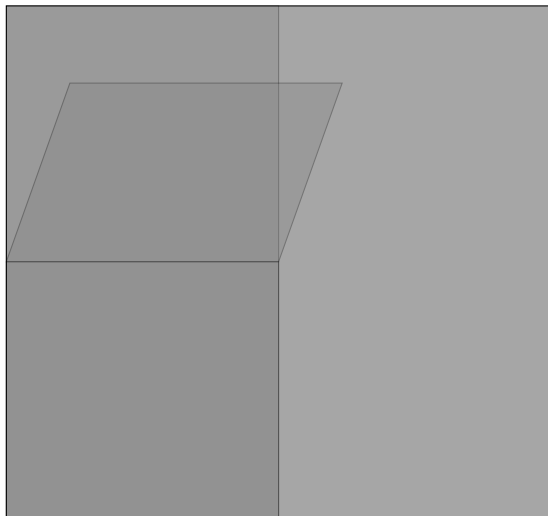
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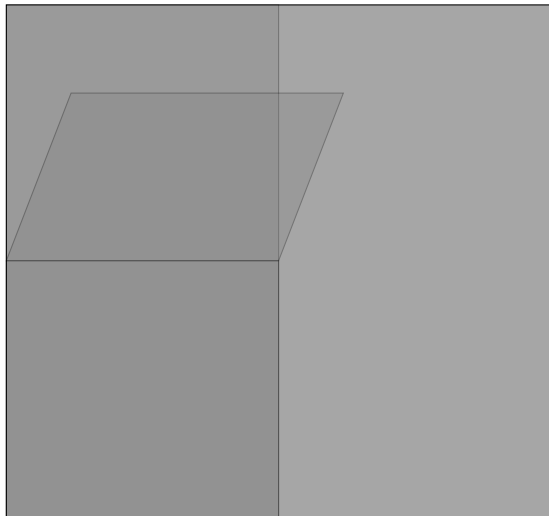
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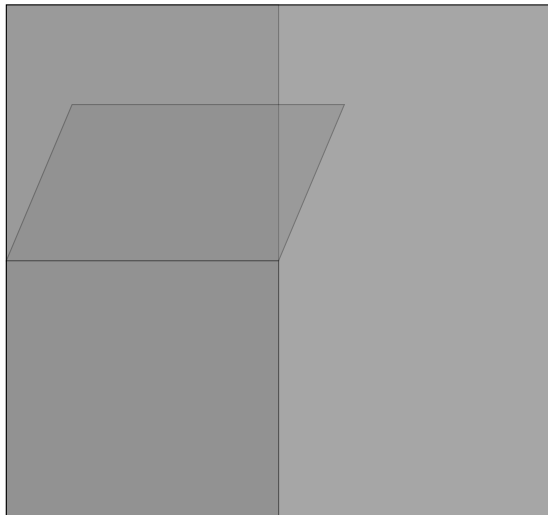
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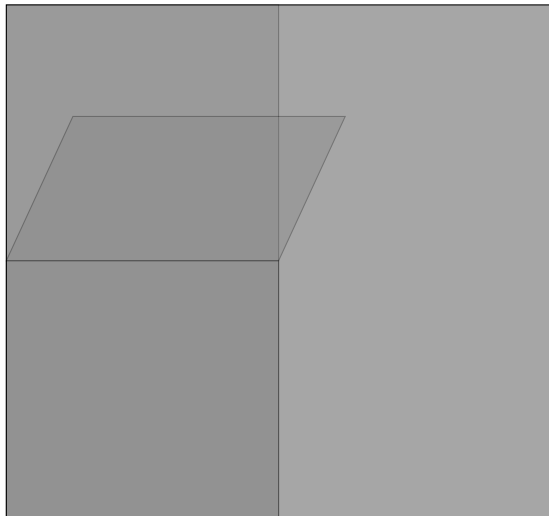
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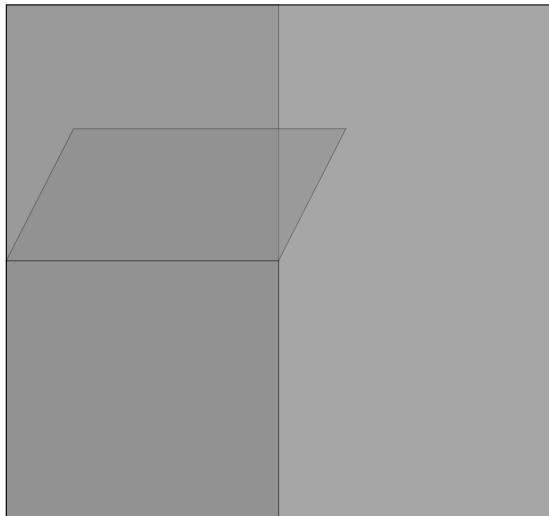
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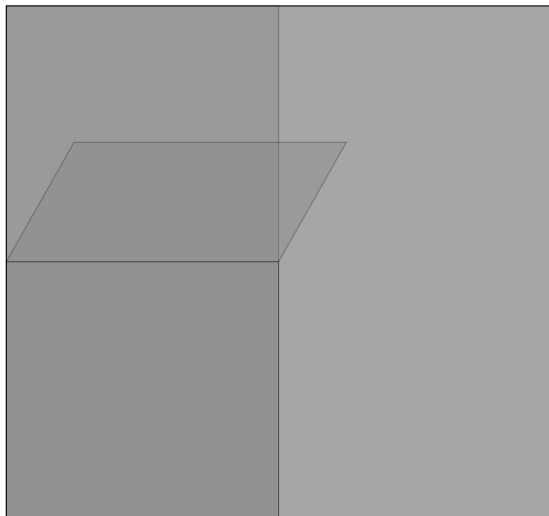


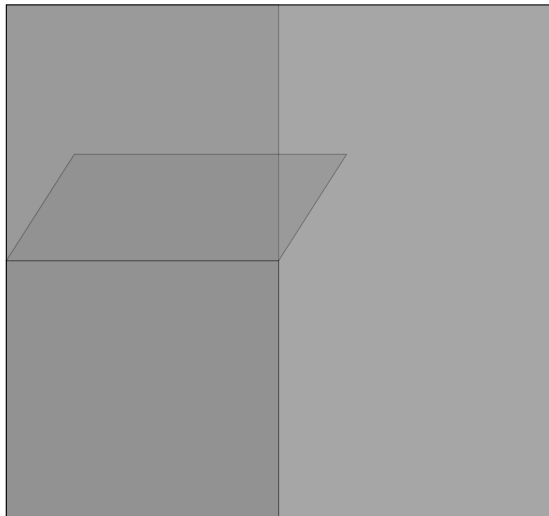
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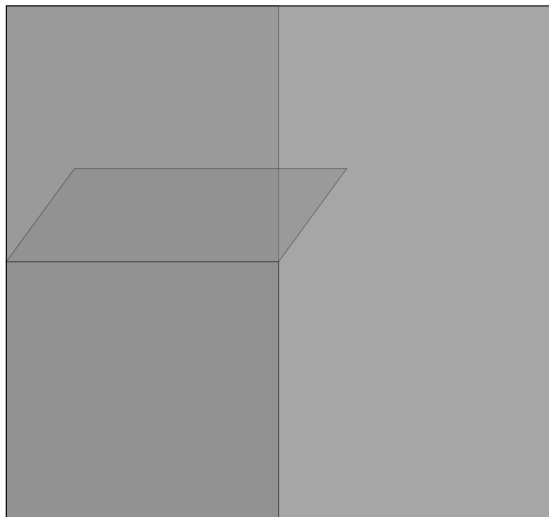
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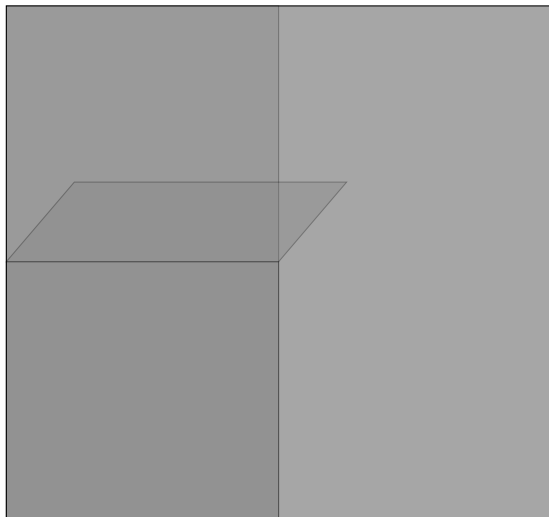
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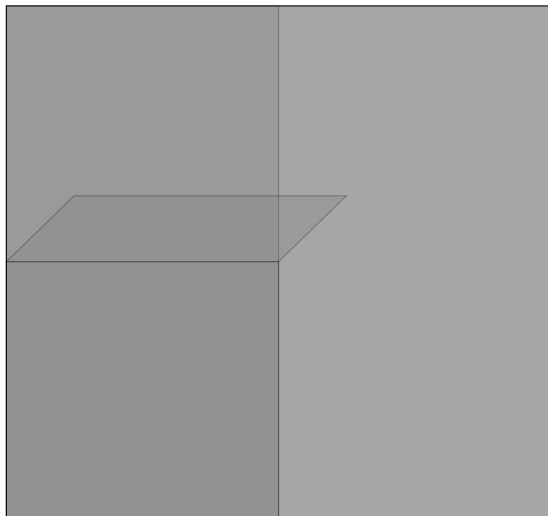
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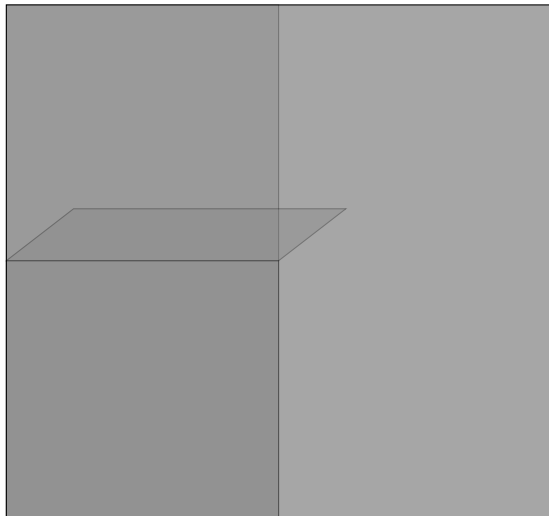
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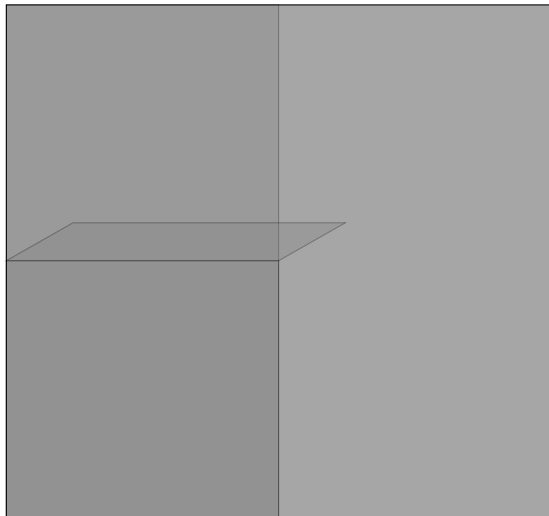
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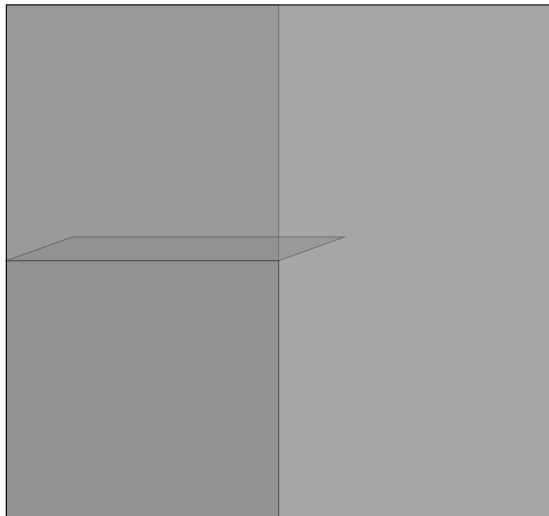
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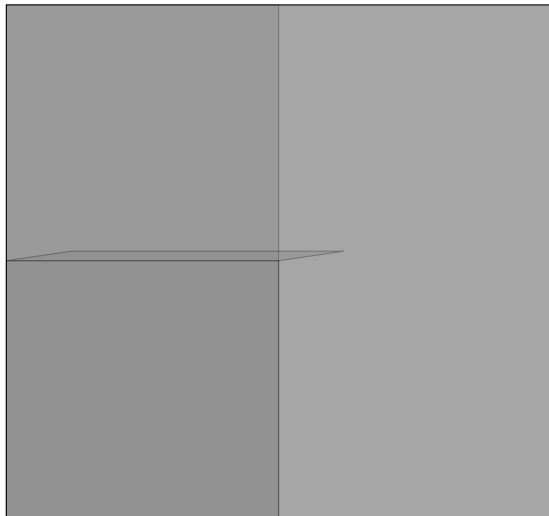


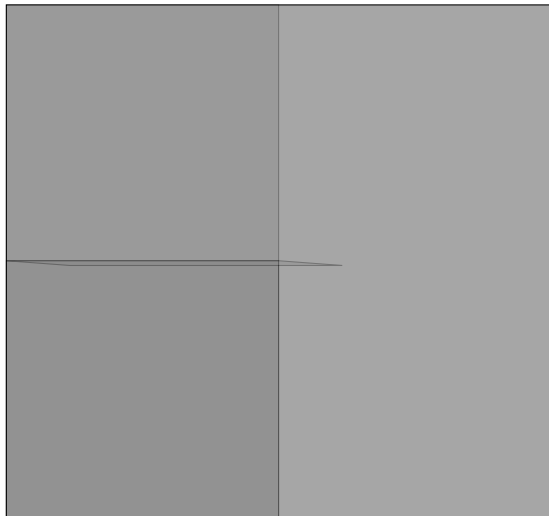
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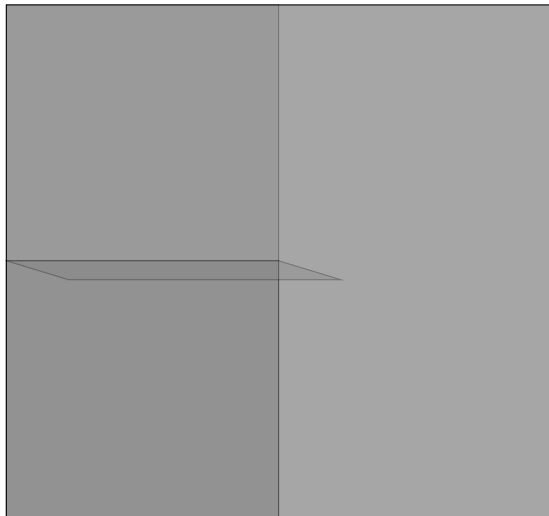
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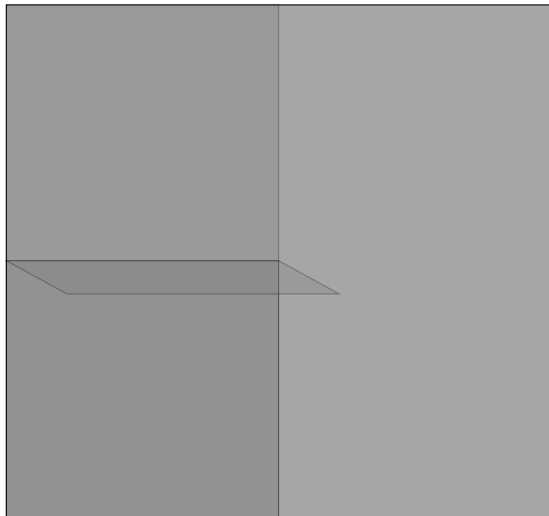
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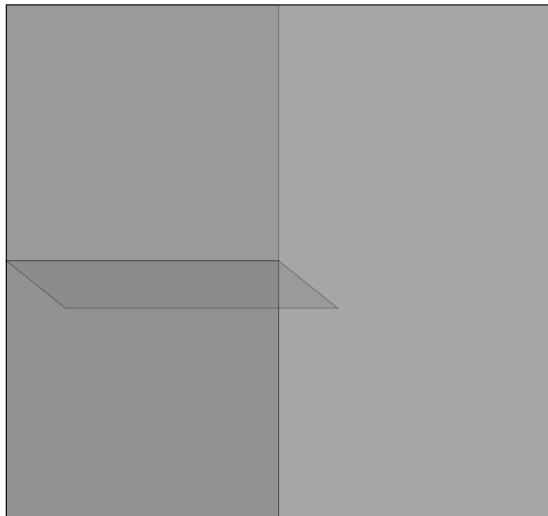
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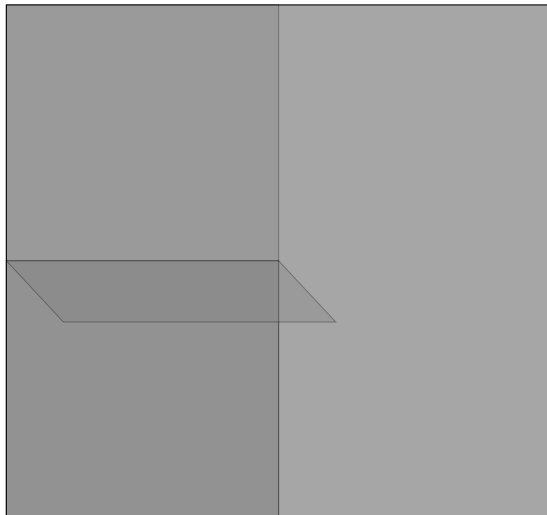
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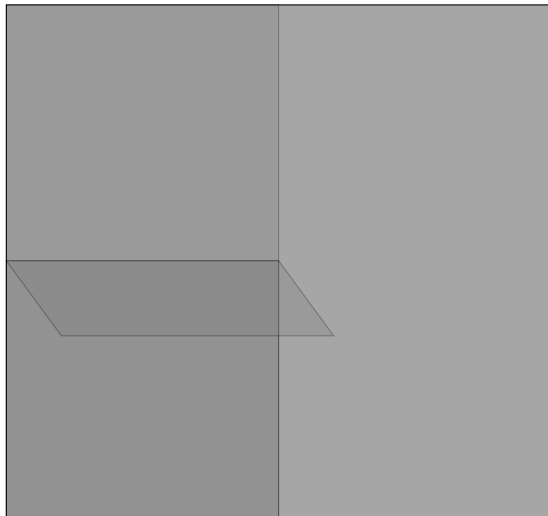
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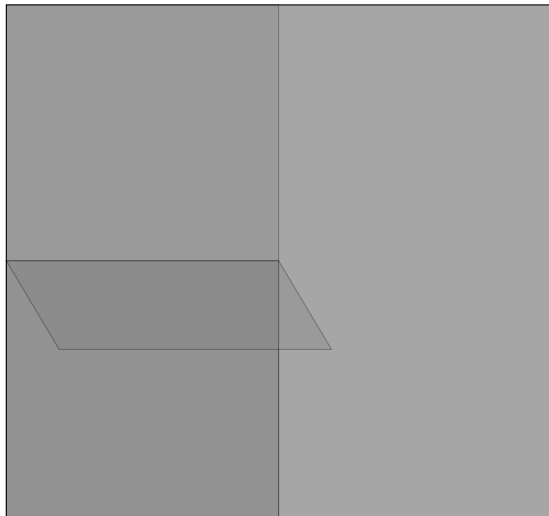
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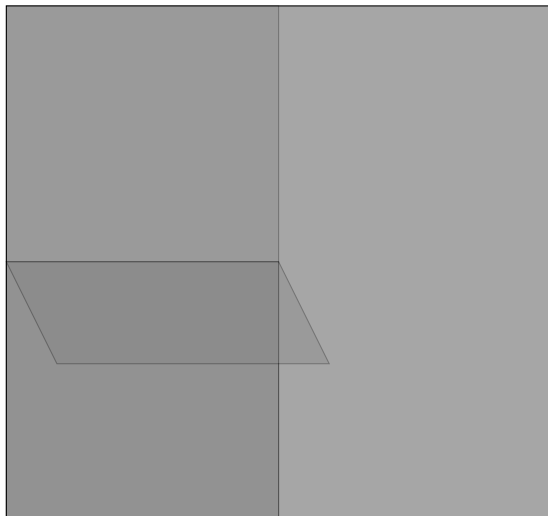


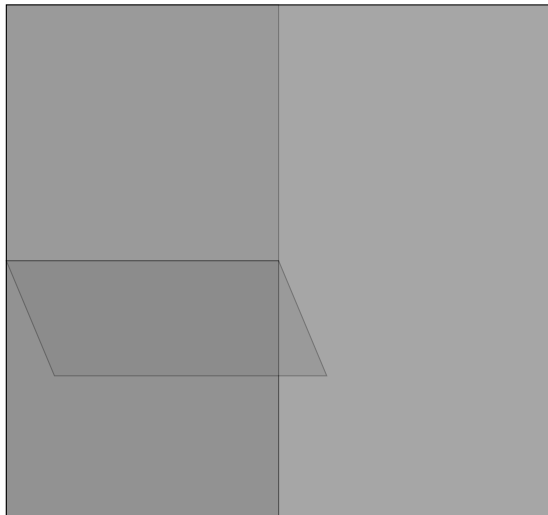
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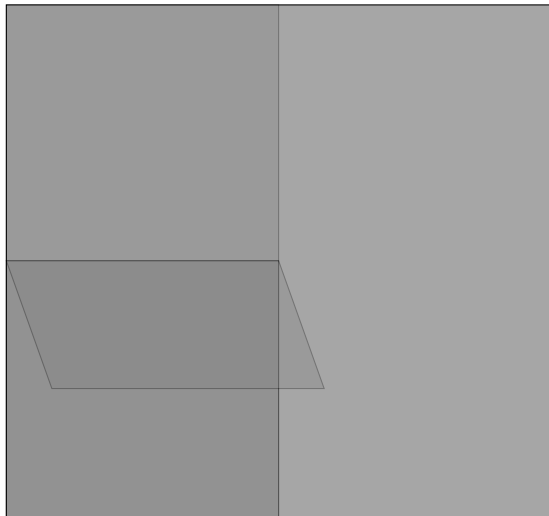
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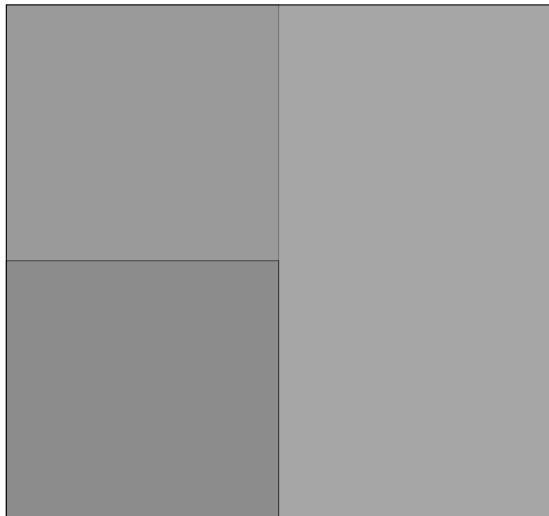
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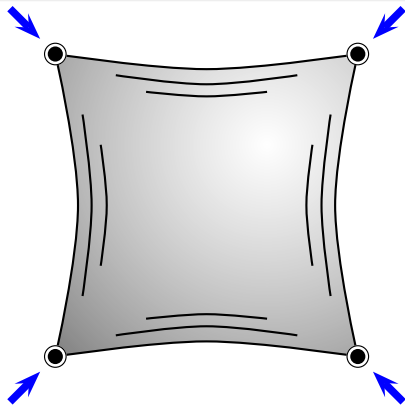
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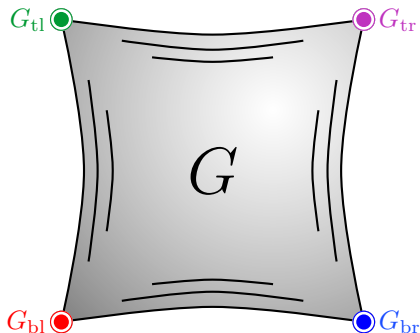
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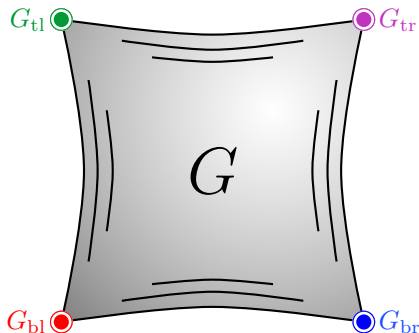


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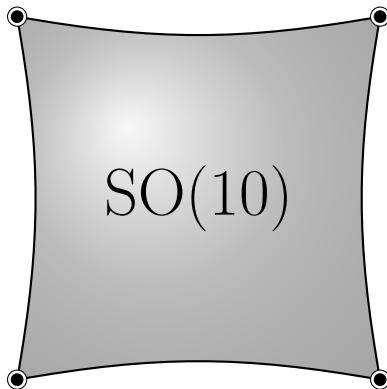
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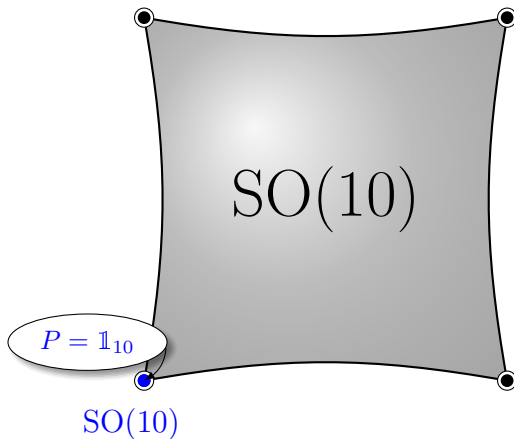
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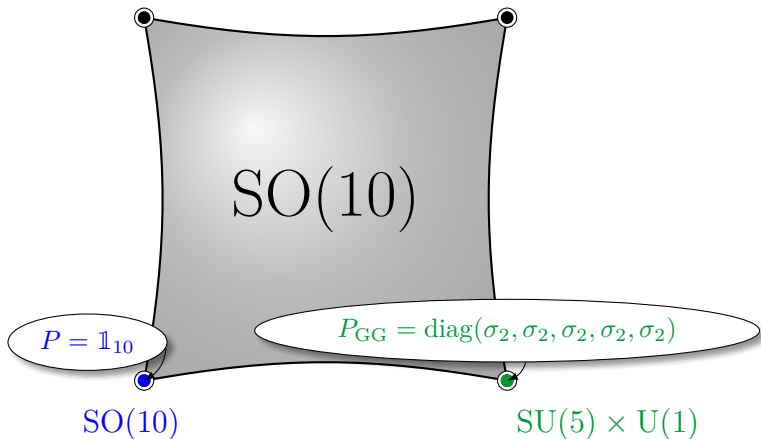
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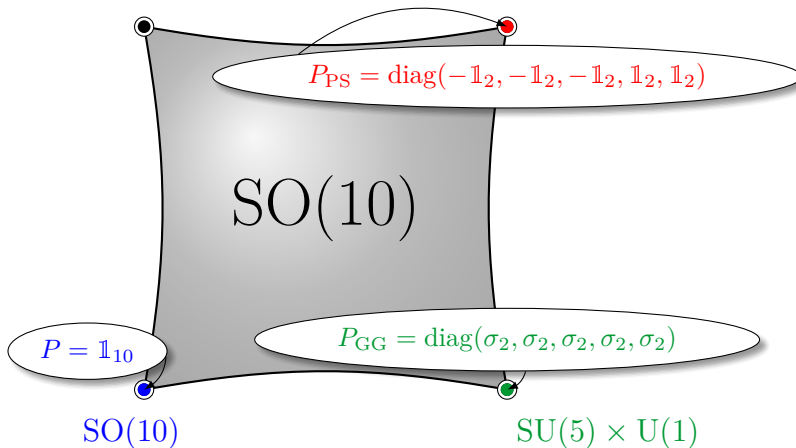
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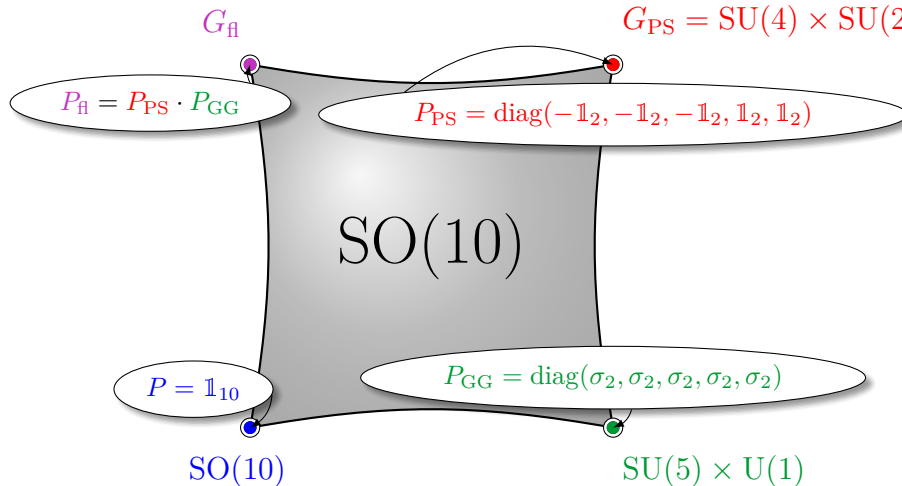
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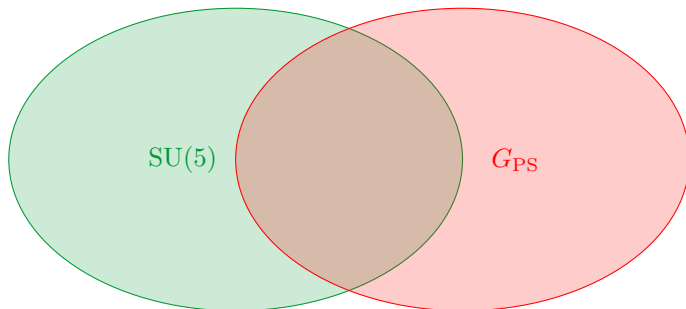




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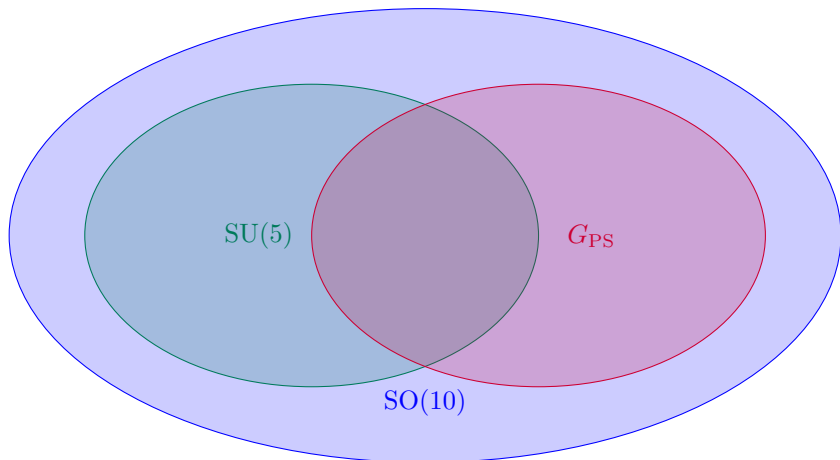
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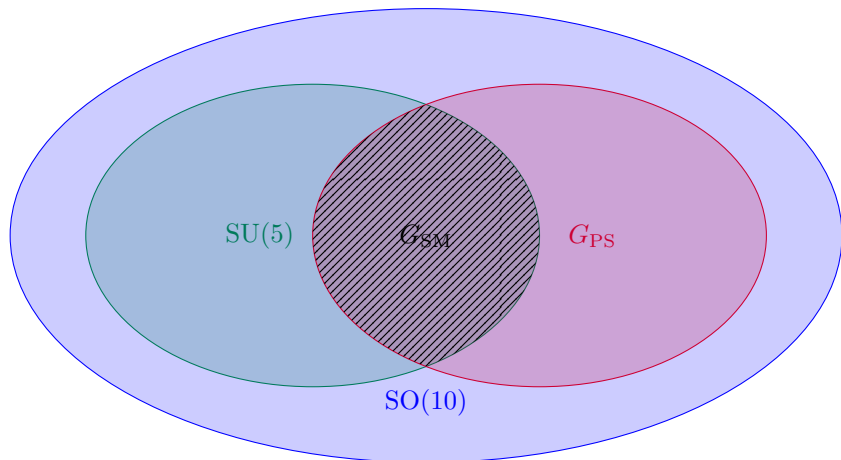
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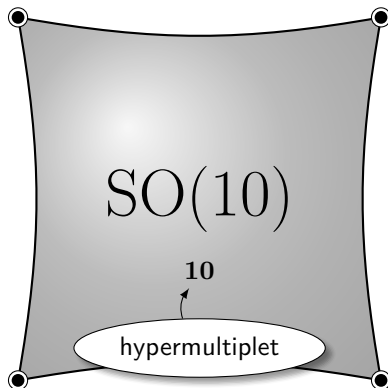
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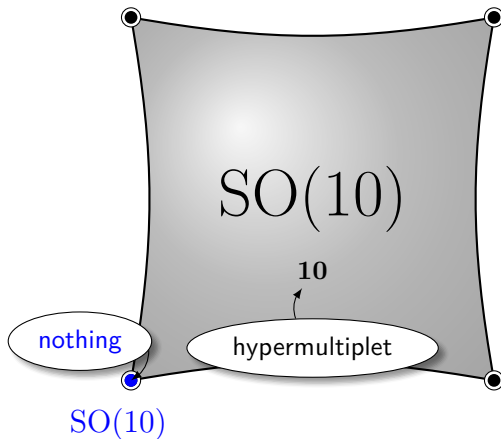
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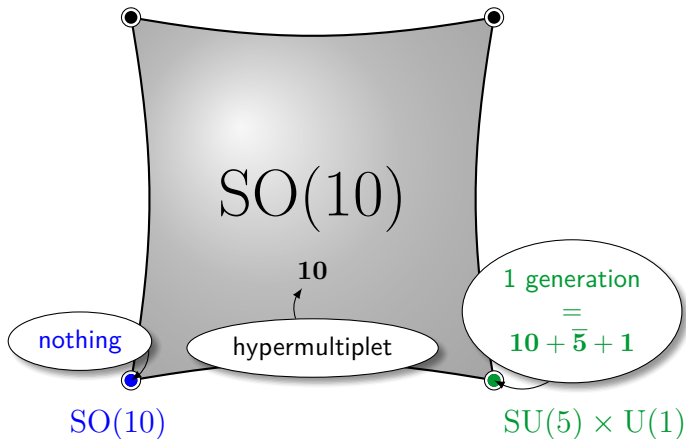
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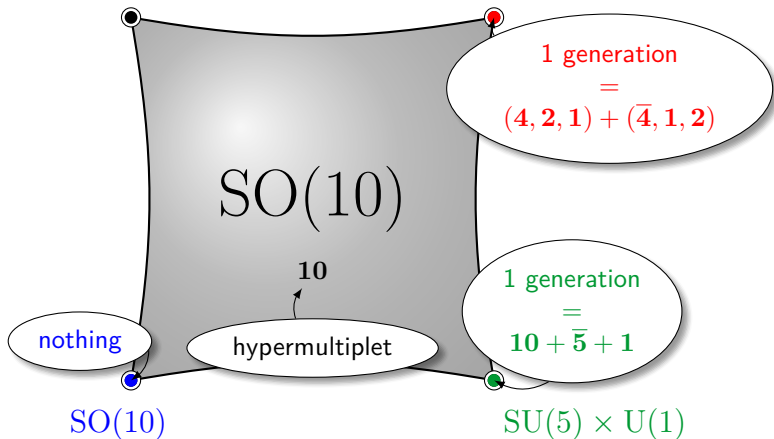
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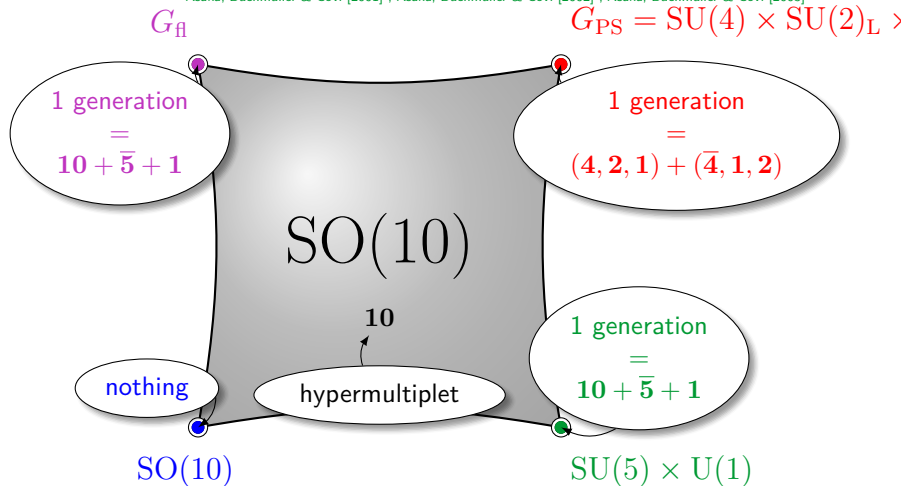
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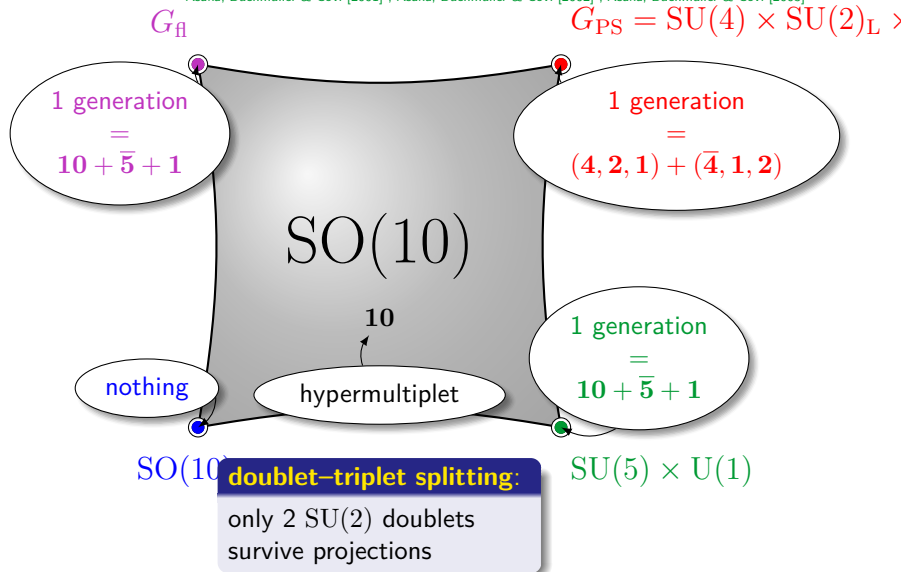
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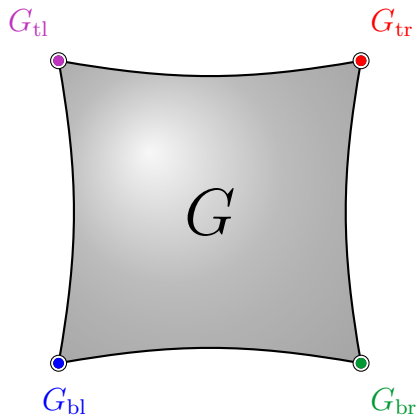


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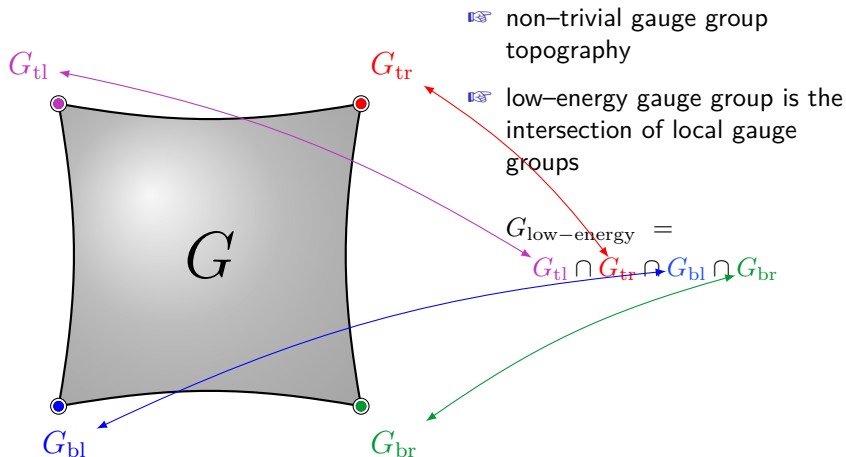


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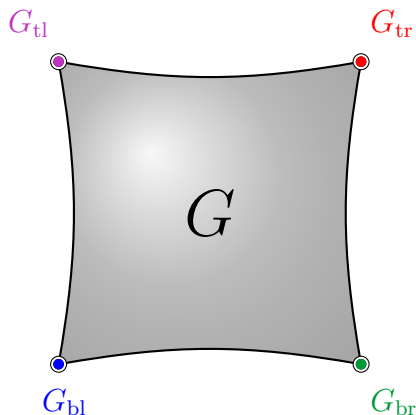


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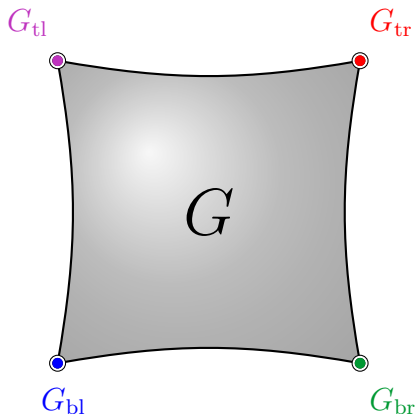


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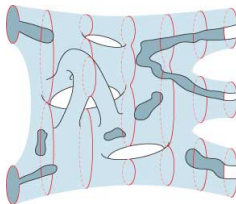
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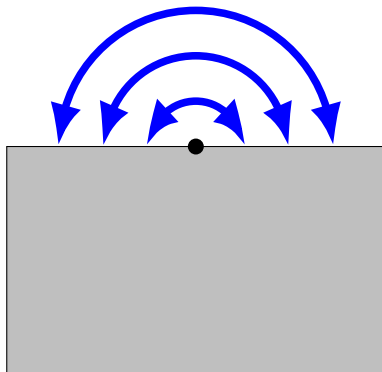
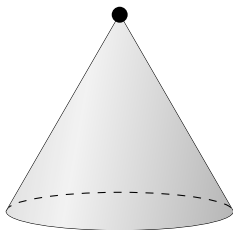
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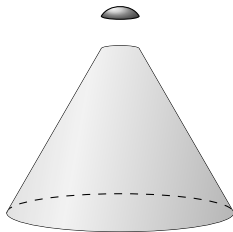
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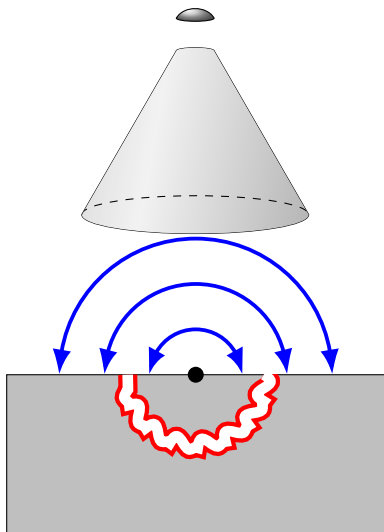
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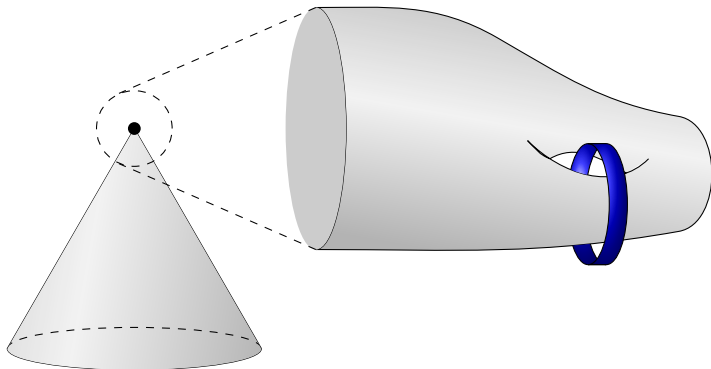
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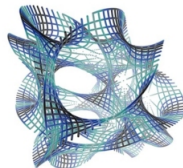


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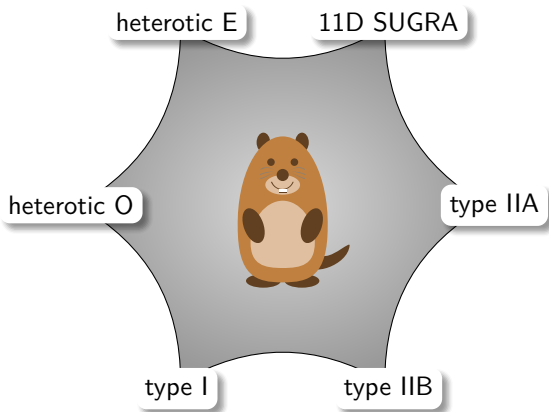
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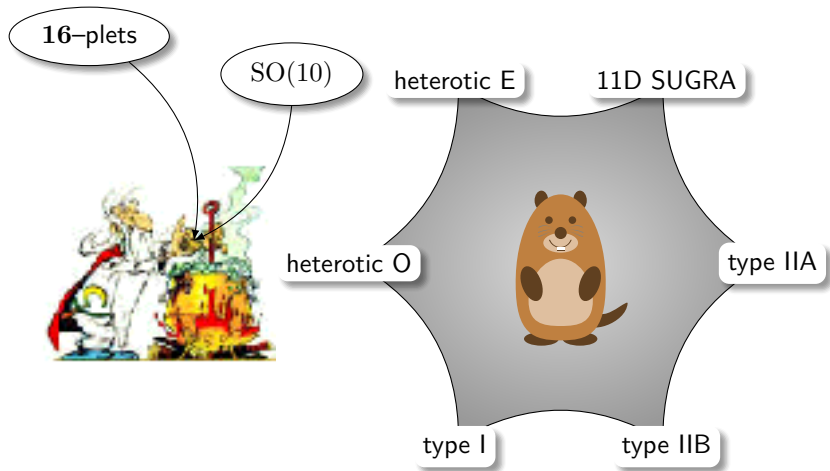
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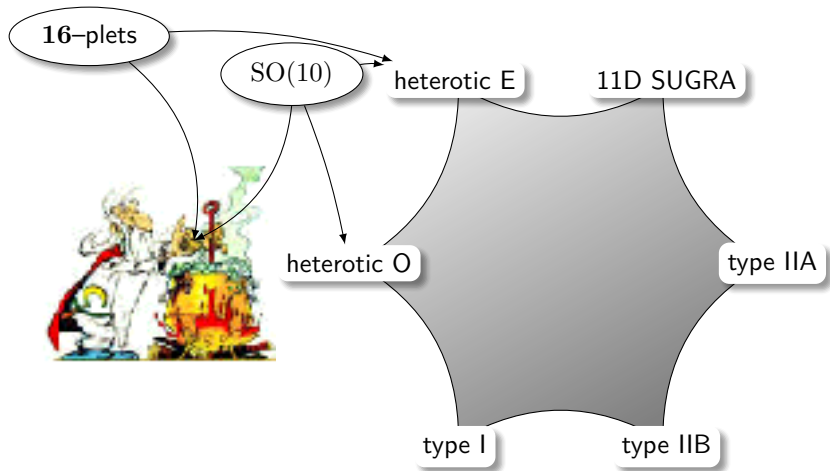
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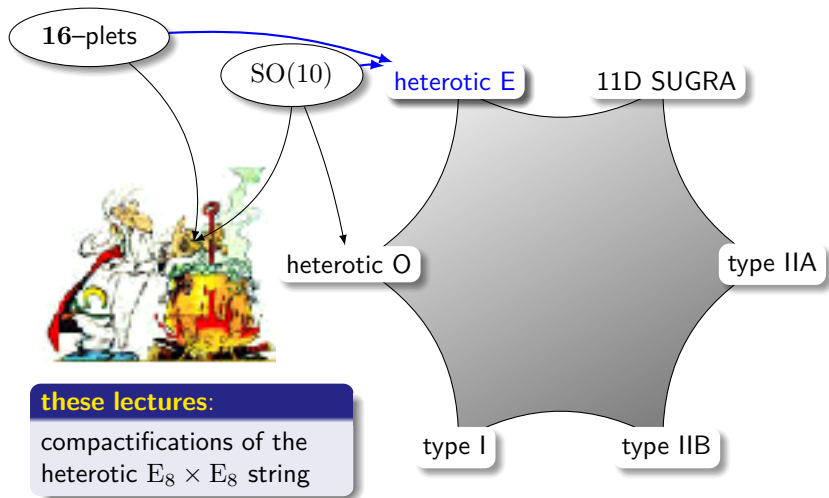
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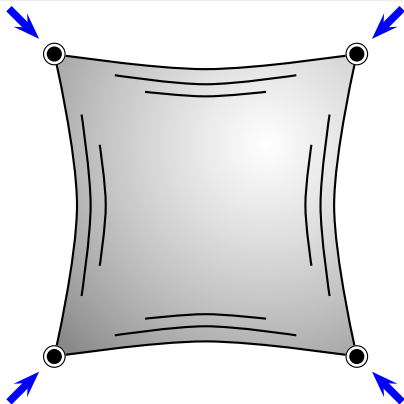
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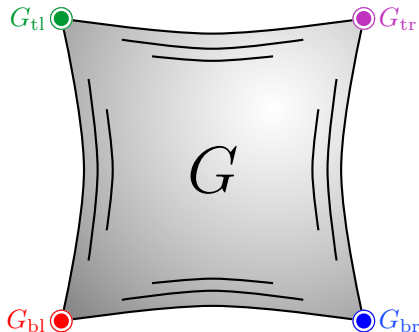
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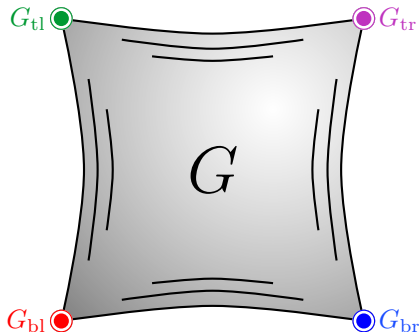
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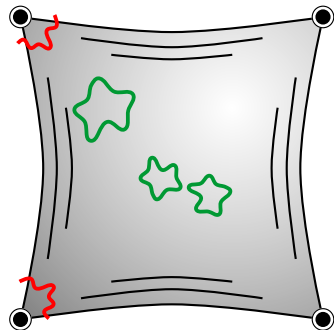
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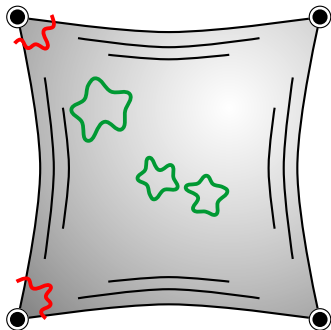
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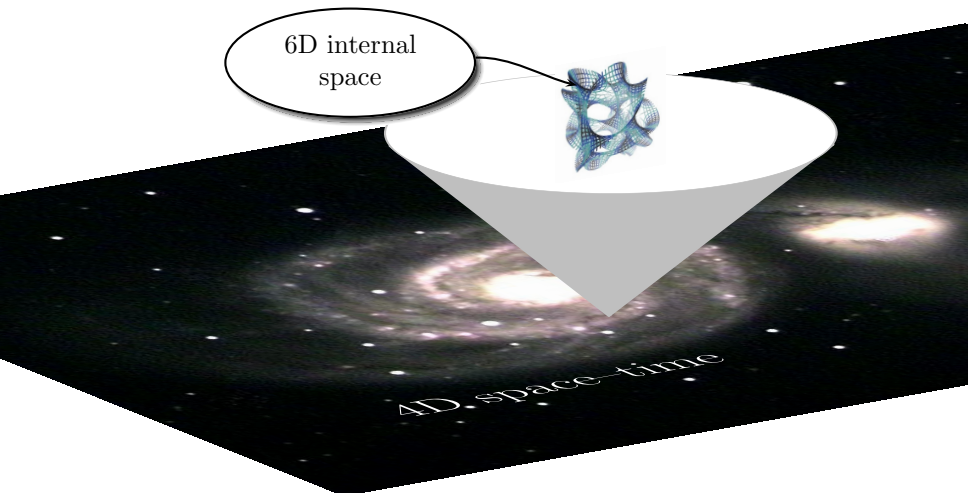


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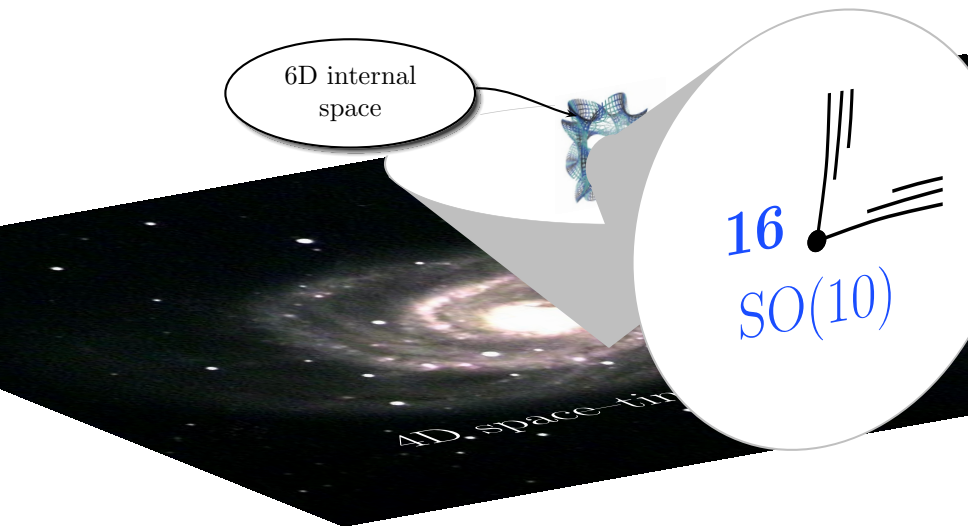


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Dixon, Harvey, Vafa & Witten [1985, 1986]  
Ibáñez, Nilles & Quevedo [1987b] ; ...

- has UV completion
- automatically consistent
- explain representations

## bottom-up

→ Orbifold GUTs

Kawamura [2000, 2001]  
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- simple geometrical interpretation
- shares many features with 4D GUTs

## combine both approaches

implement field-theoretic GUTs in orbifold compactifications of the heterotic string

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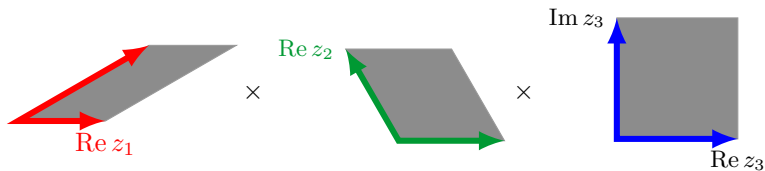


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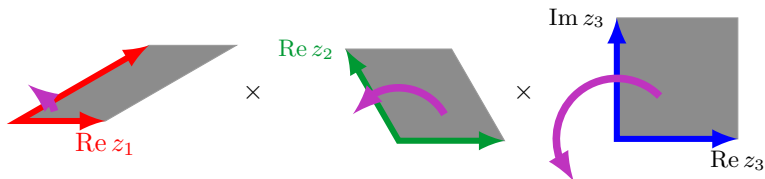


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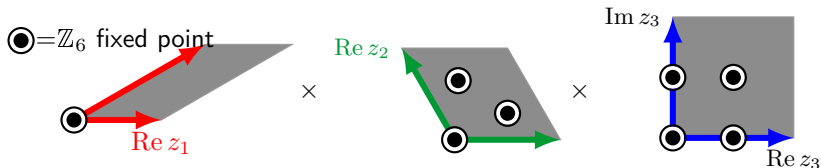
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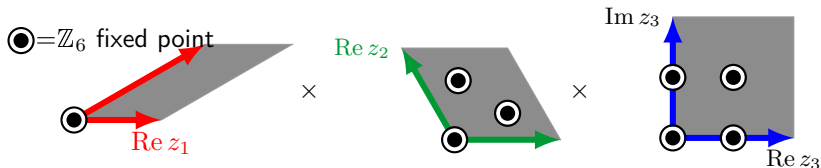
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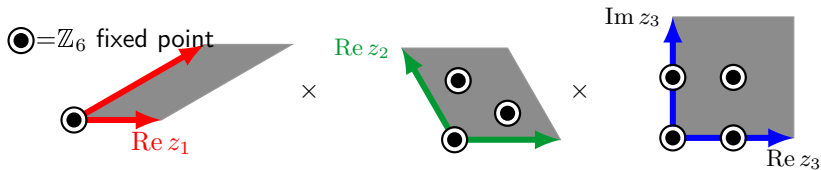
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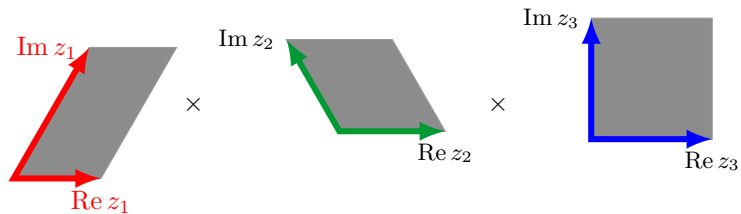
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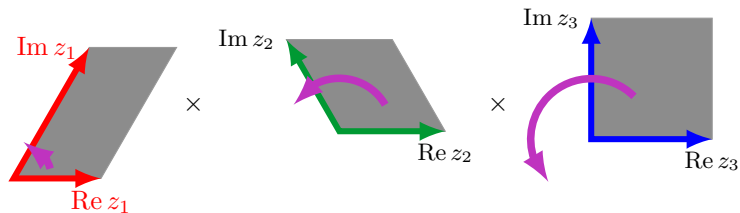
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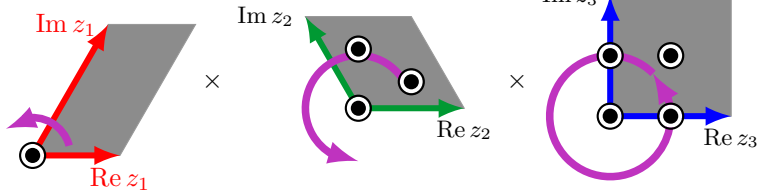
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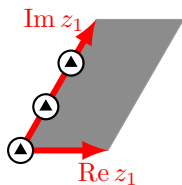


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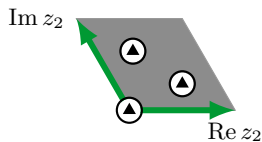
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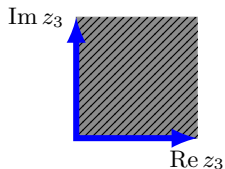
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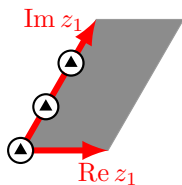
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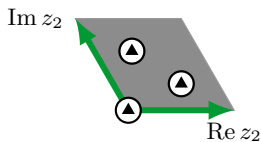
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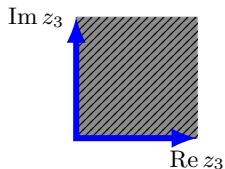
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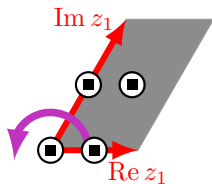


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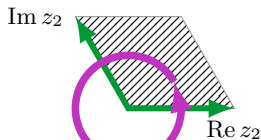


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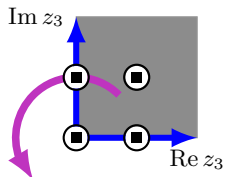
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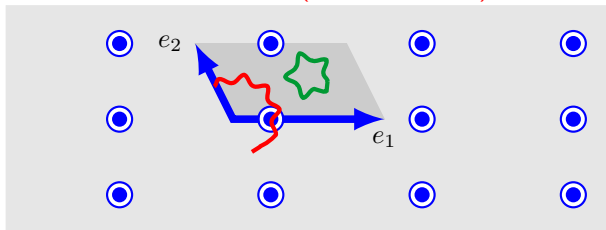
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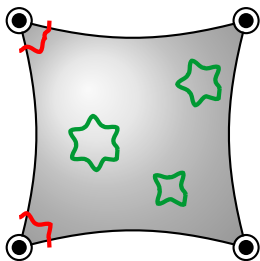
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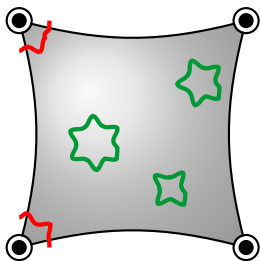
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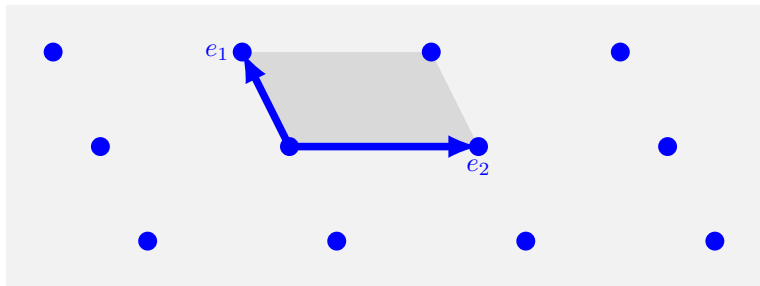
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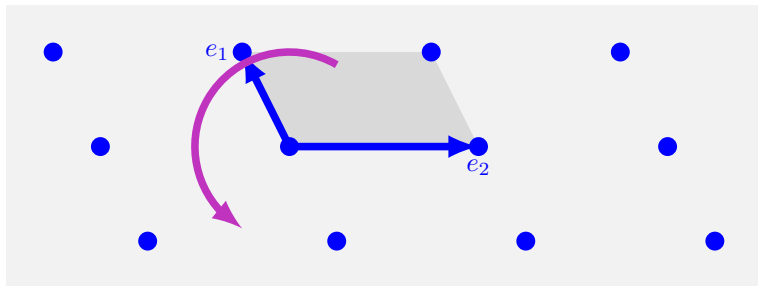
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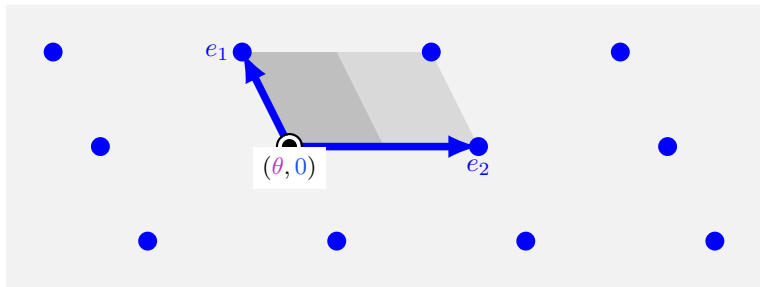
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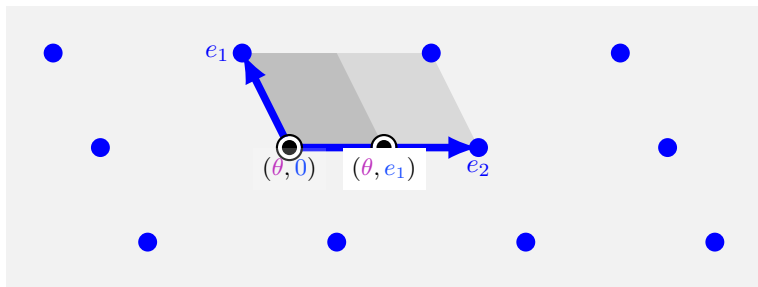
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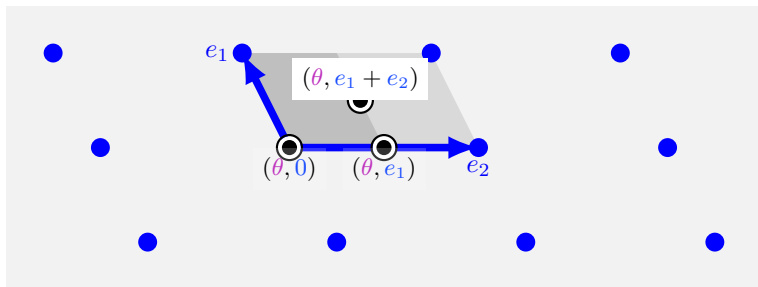
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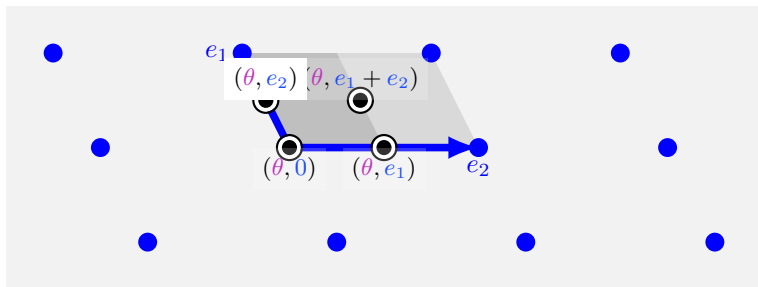




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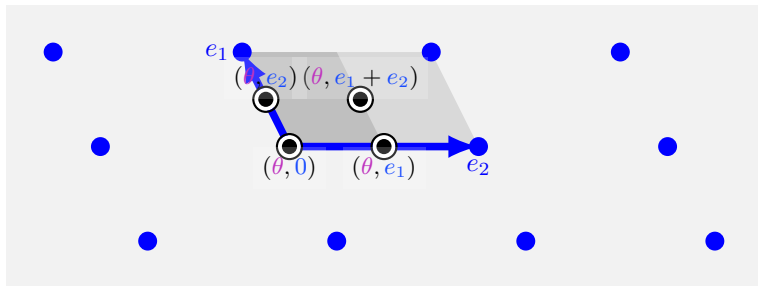
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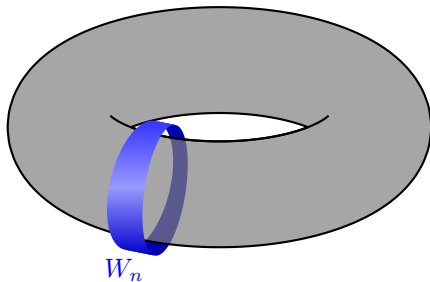
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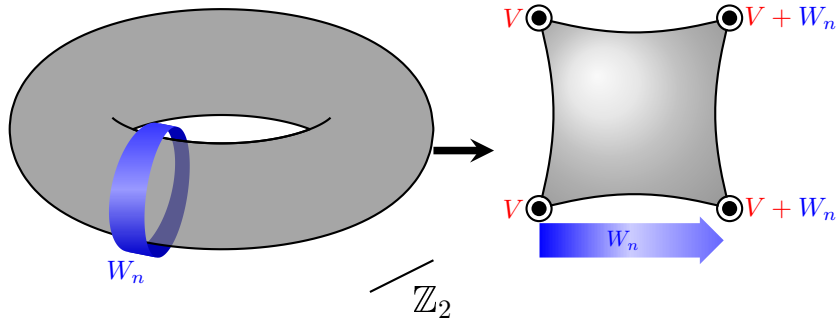


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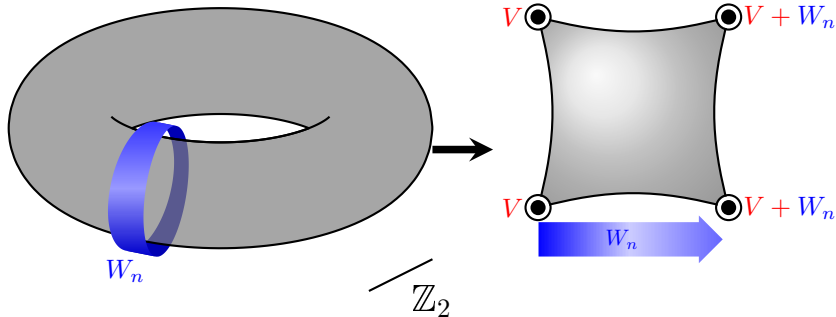




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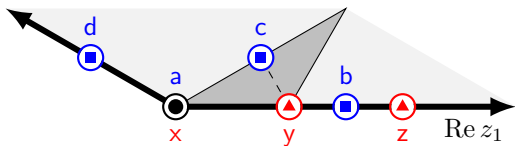
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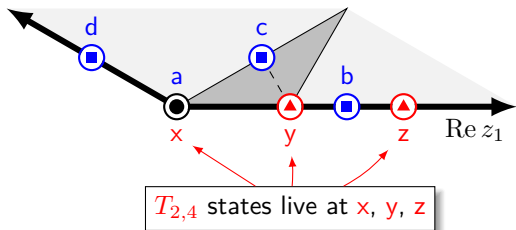
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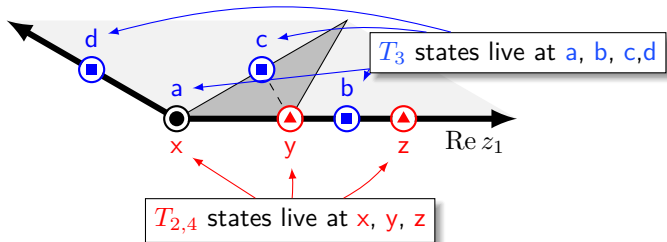
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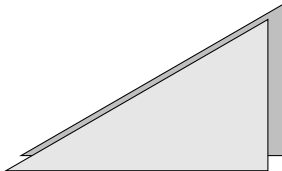


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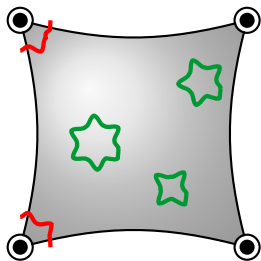
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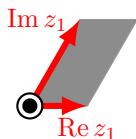
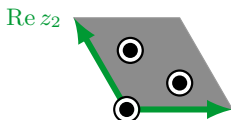
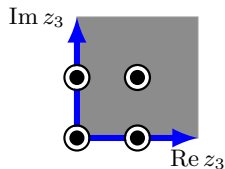

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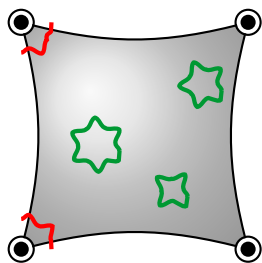
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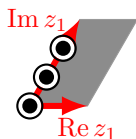
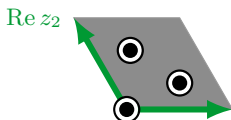
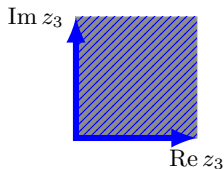

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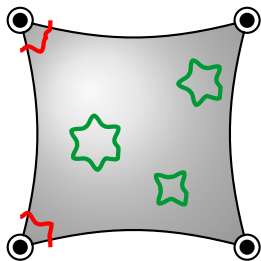
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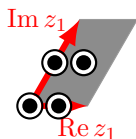
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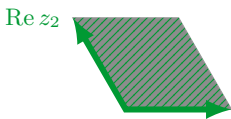
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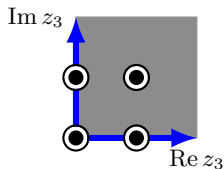
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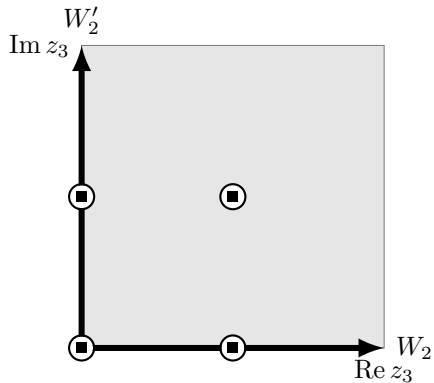


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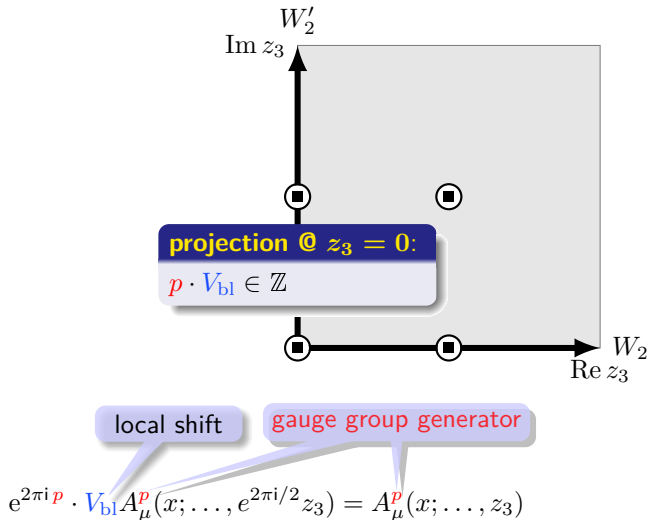
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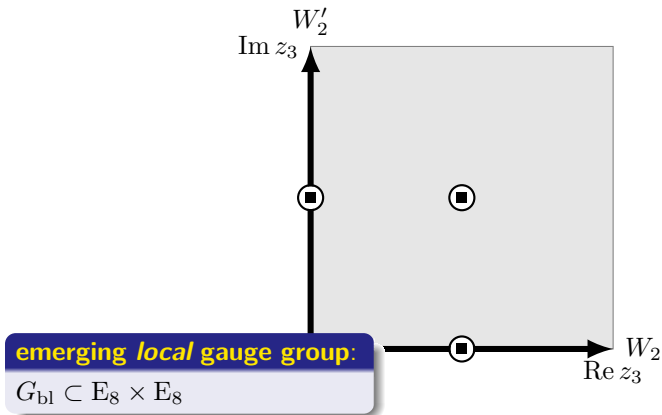
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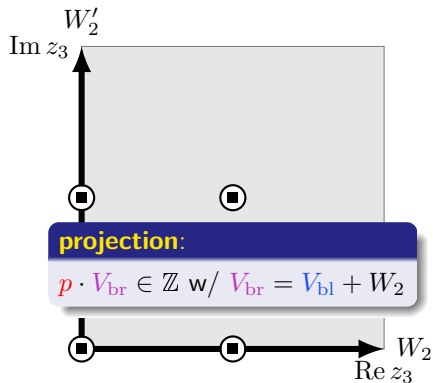
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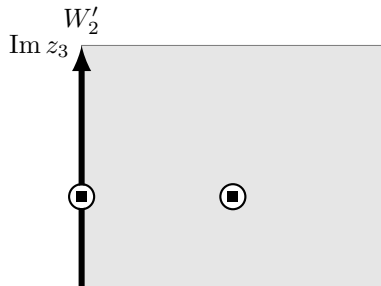
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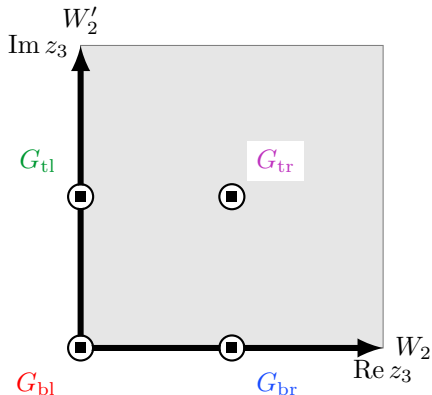


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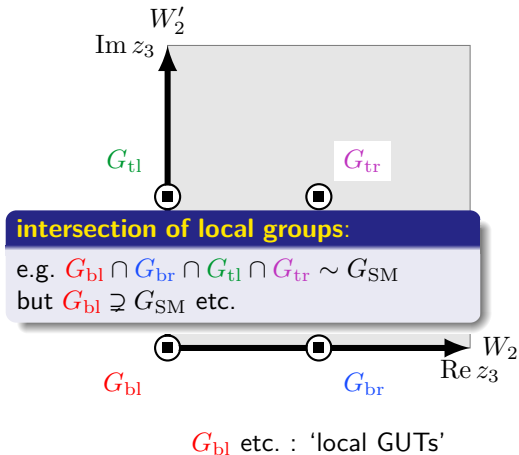
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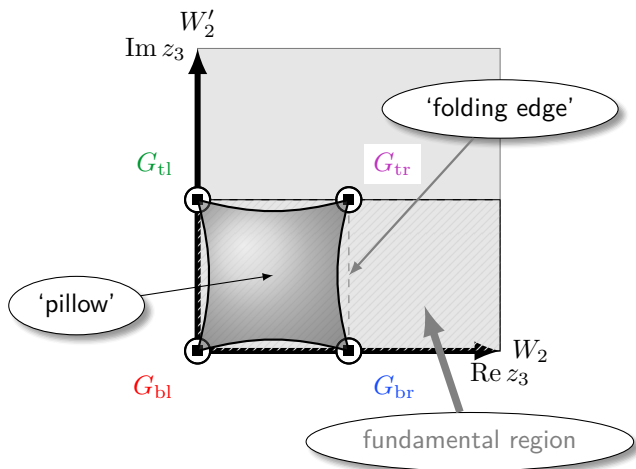
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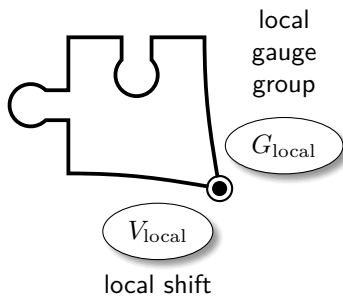


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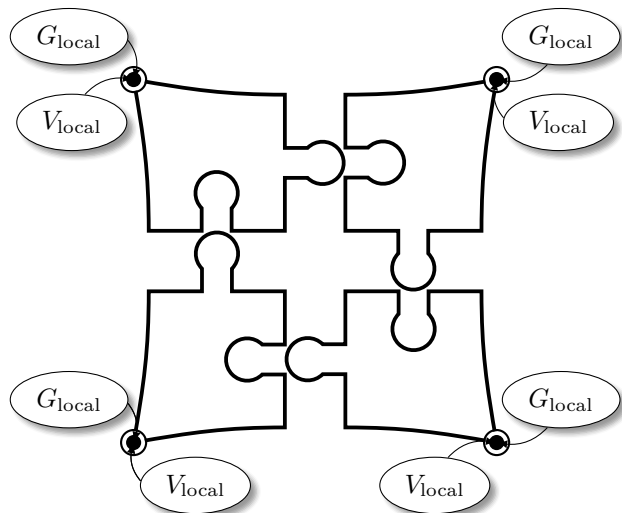


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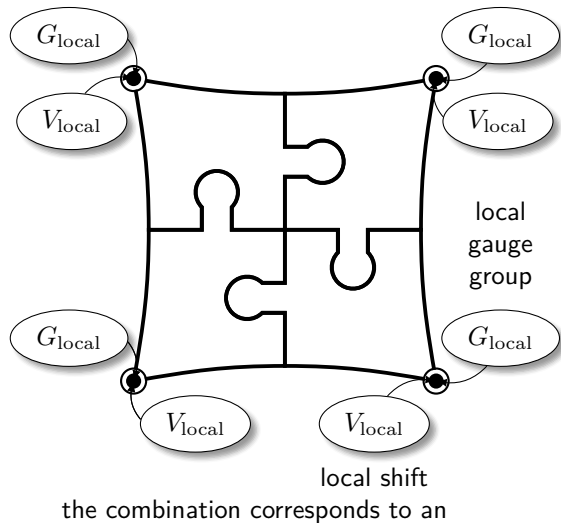


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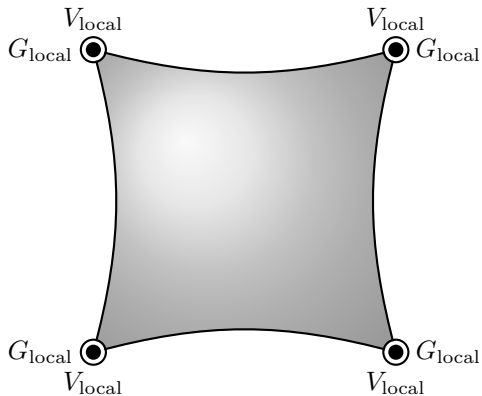


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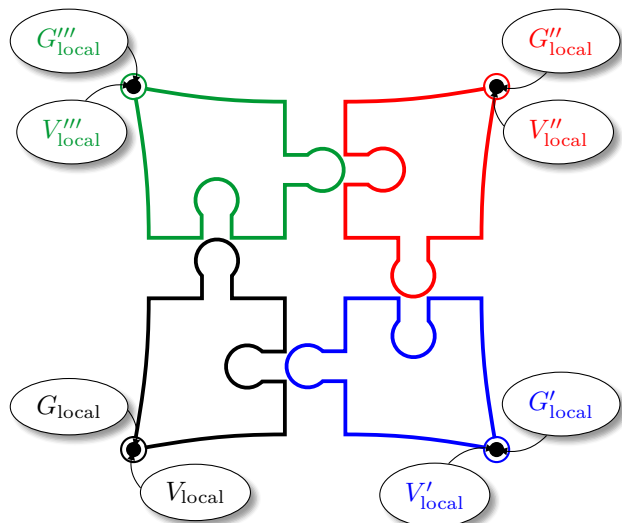


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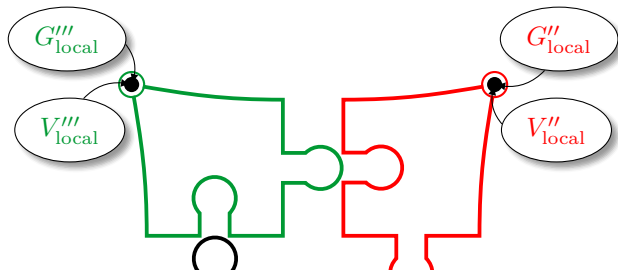
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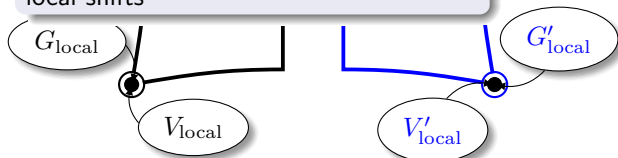
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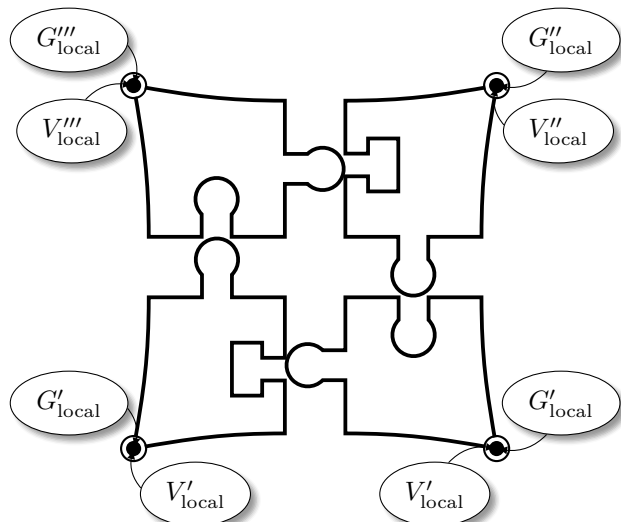
**bottom-line:**

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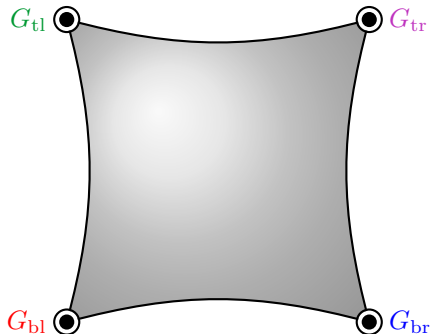
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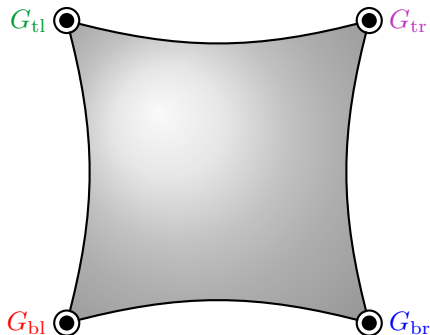
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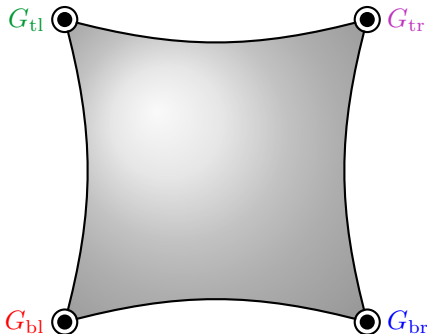
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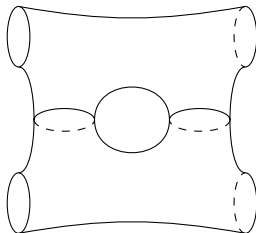


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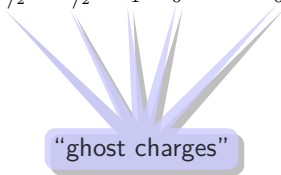
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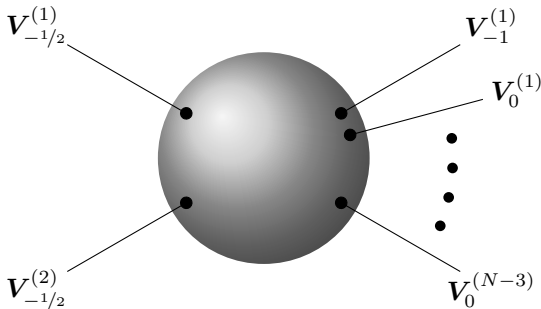
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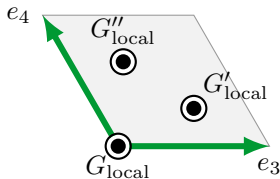
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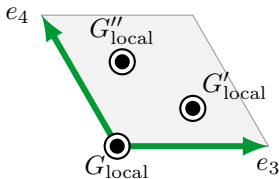
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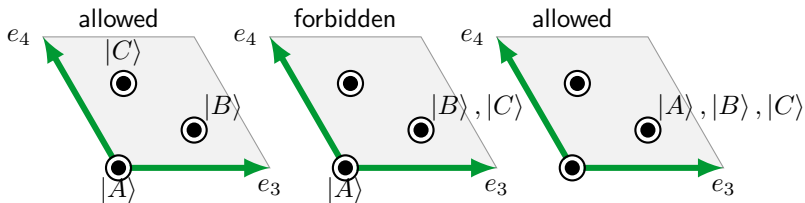
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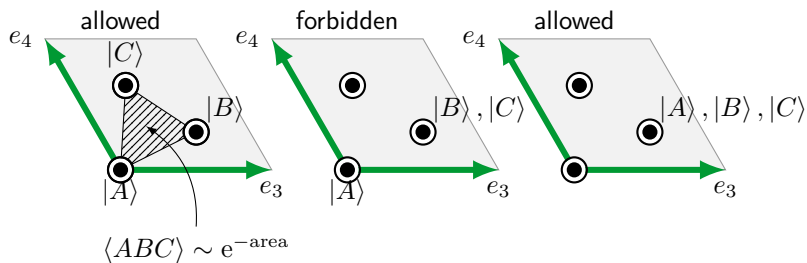
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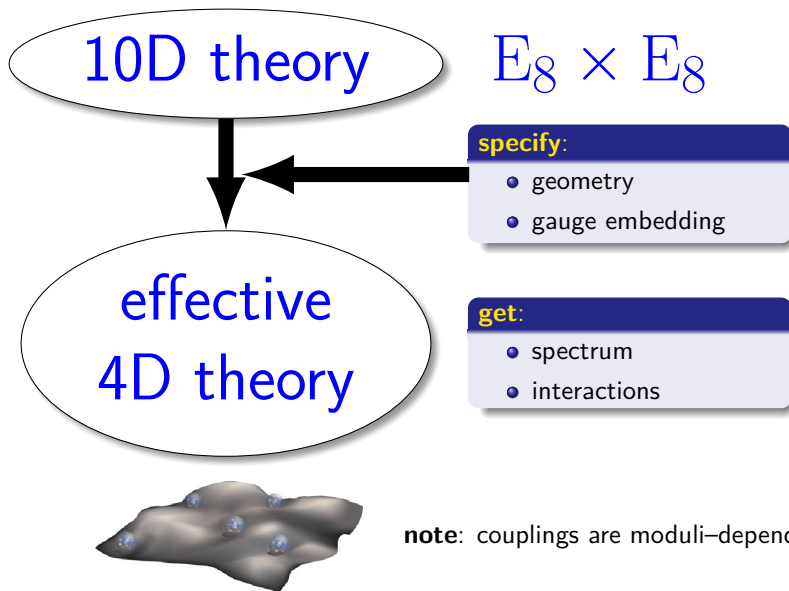
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## Construction of orbifold models: summary



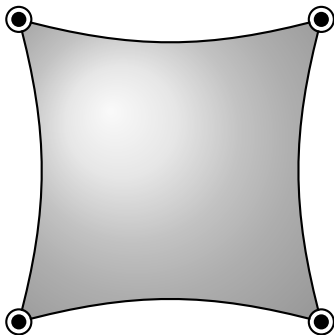
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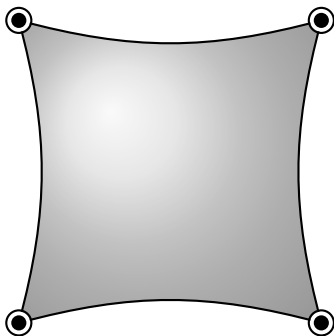
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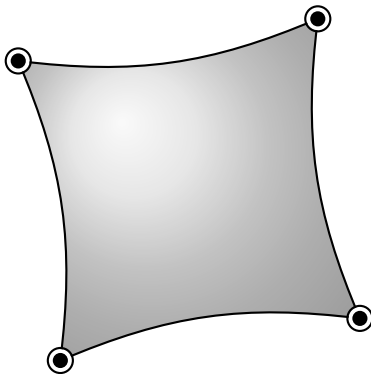
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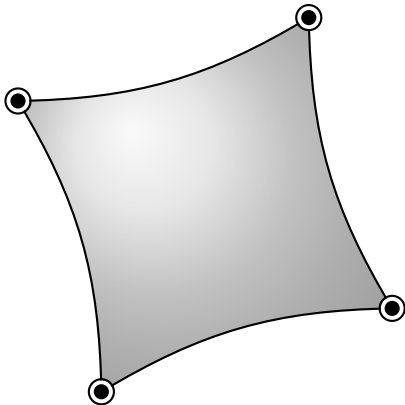
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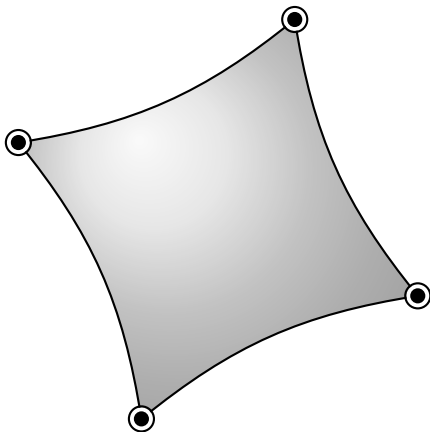
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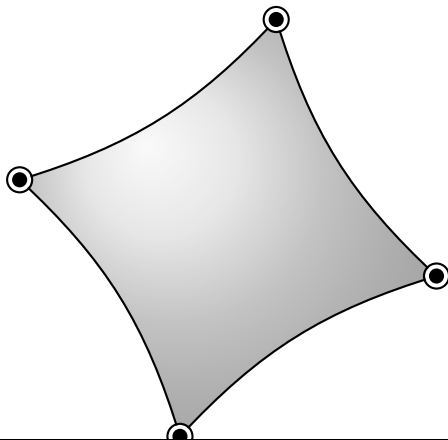




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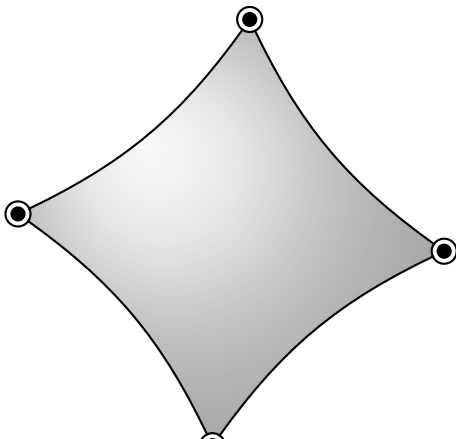
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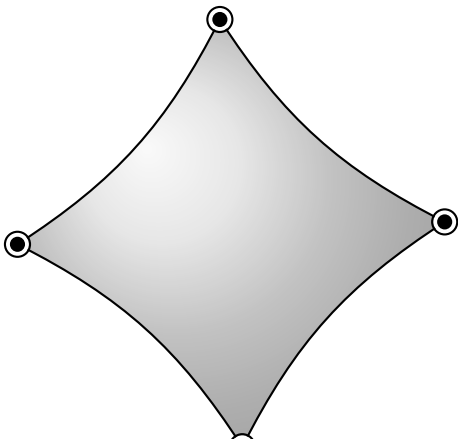
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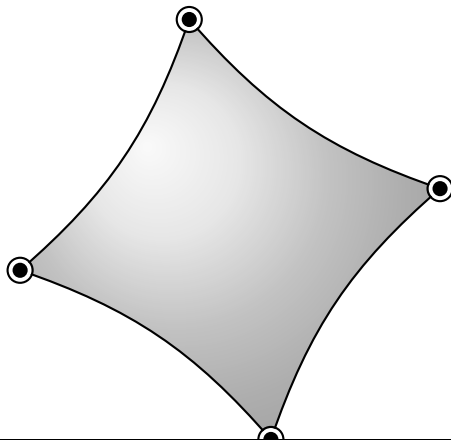
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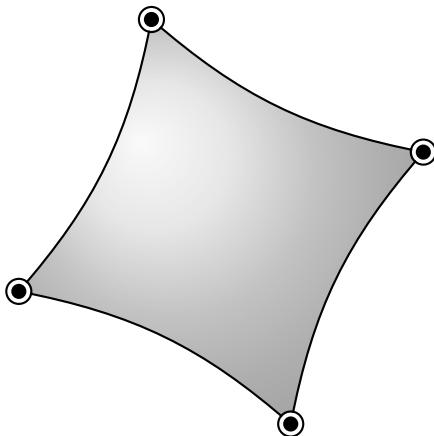
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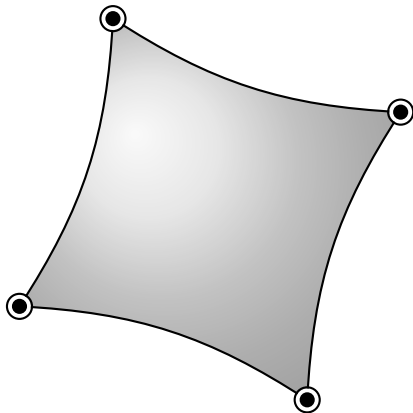
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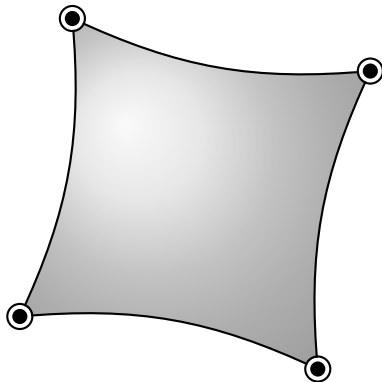
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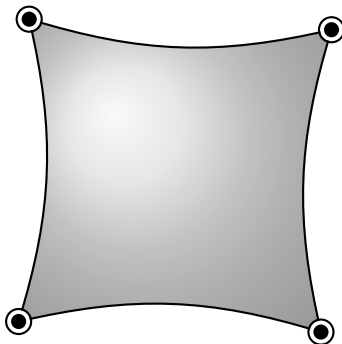
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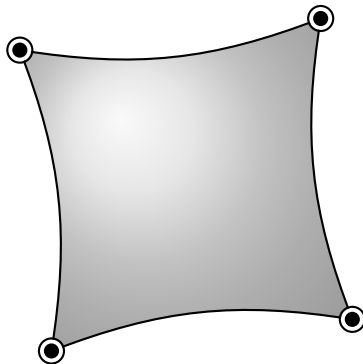




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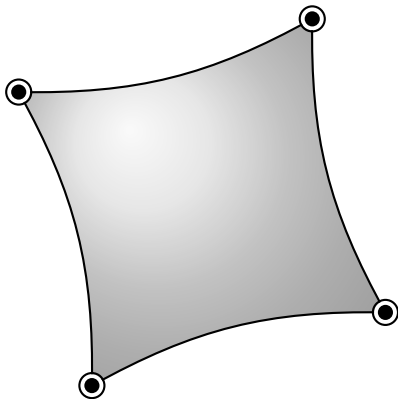
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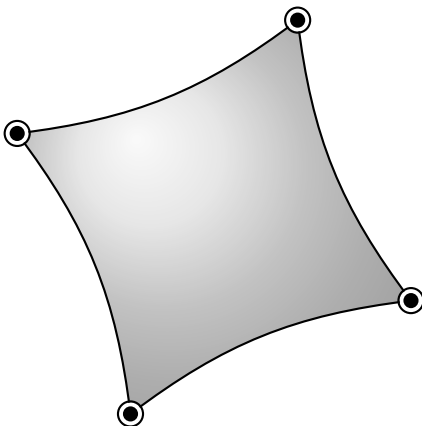
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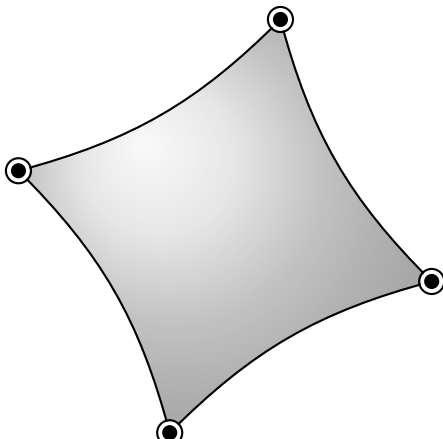
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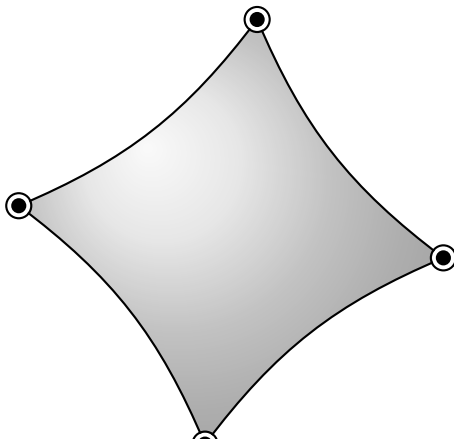
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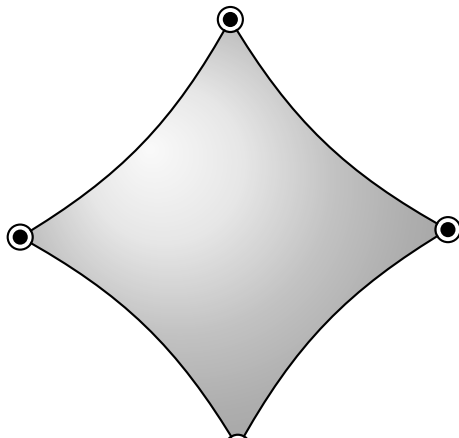
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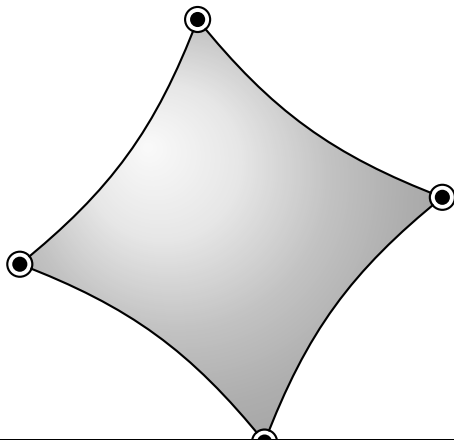
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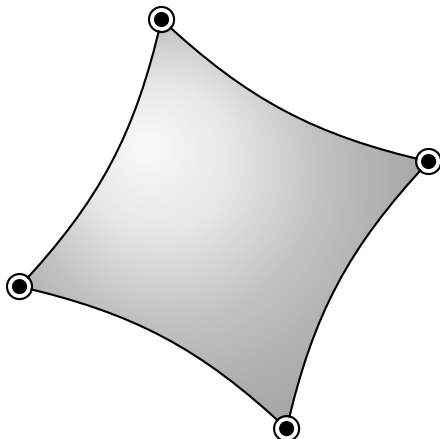
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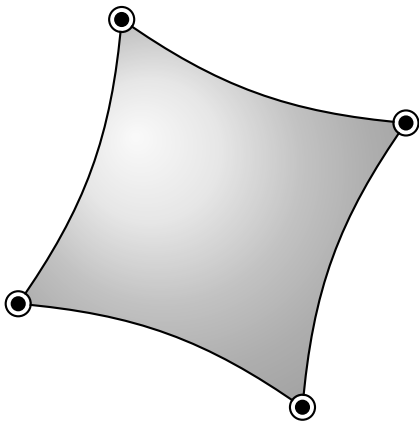




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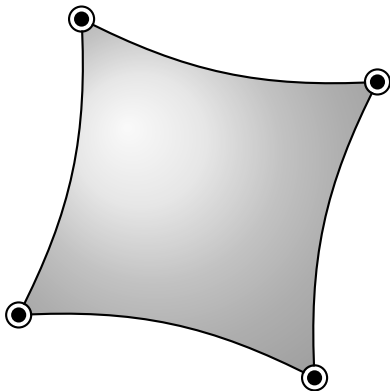
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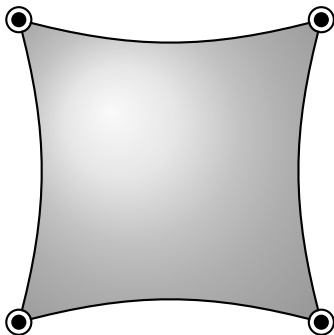
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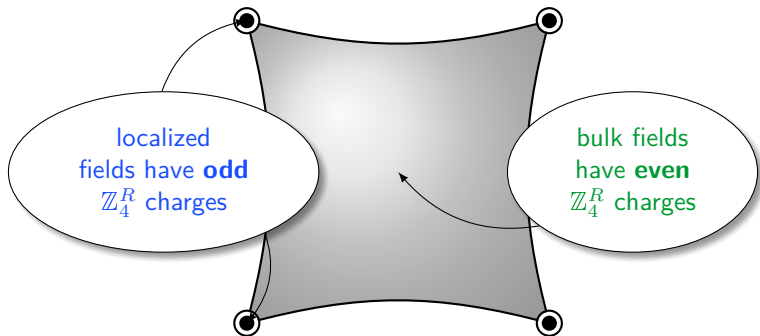
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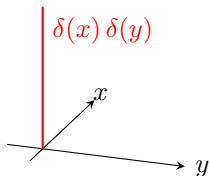
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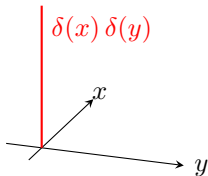


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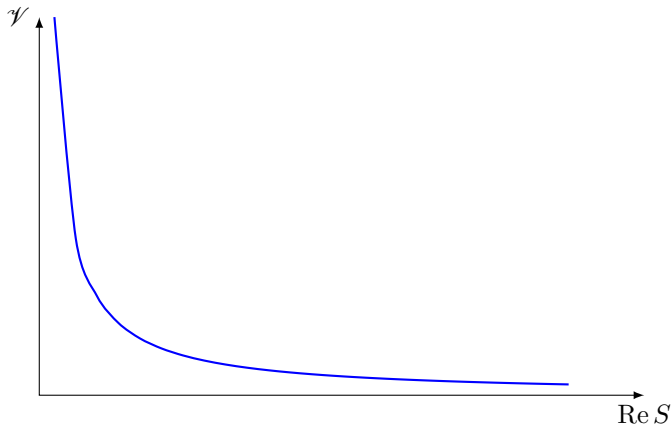
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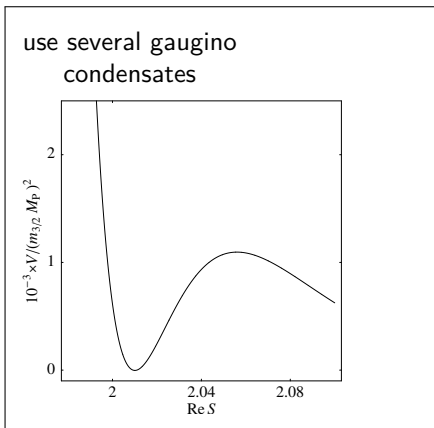
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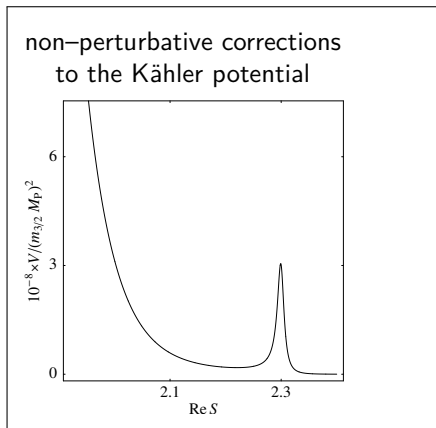


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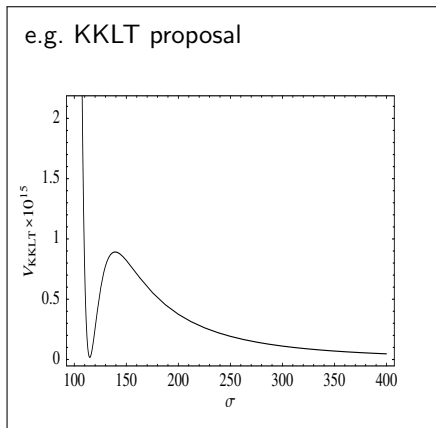


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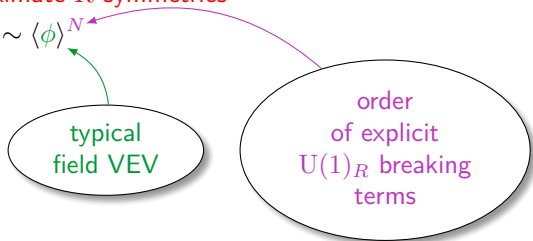
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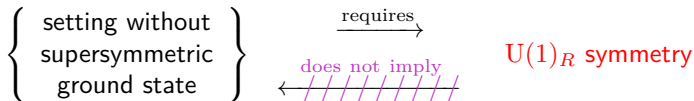
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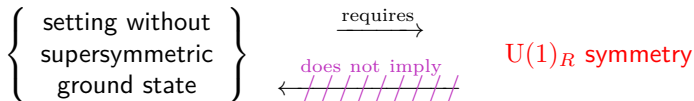


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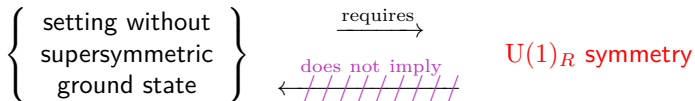
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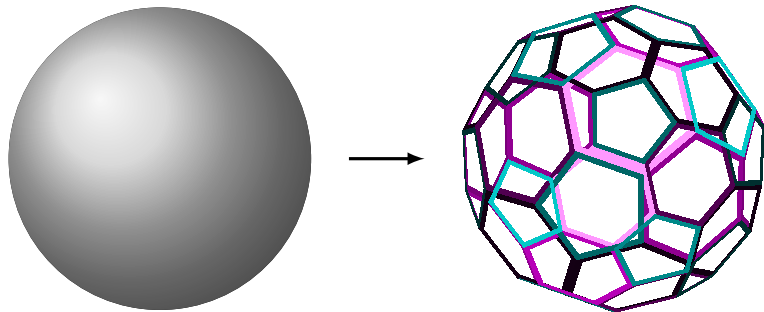
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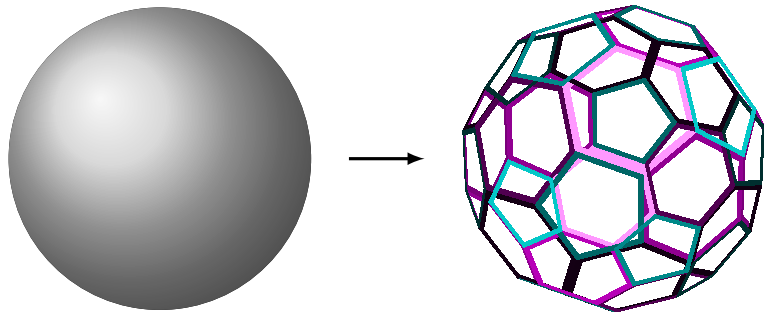
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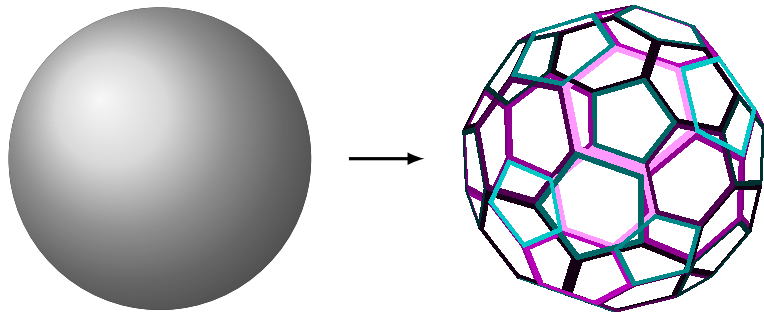
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**bottom-line:**

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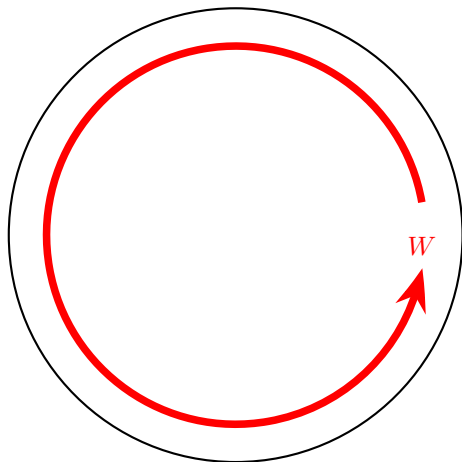


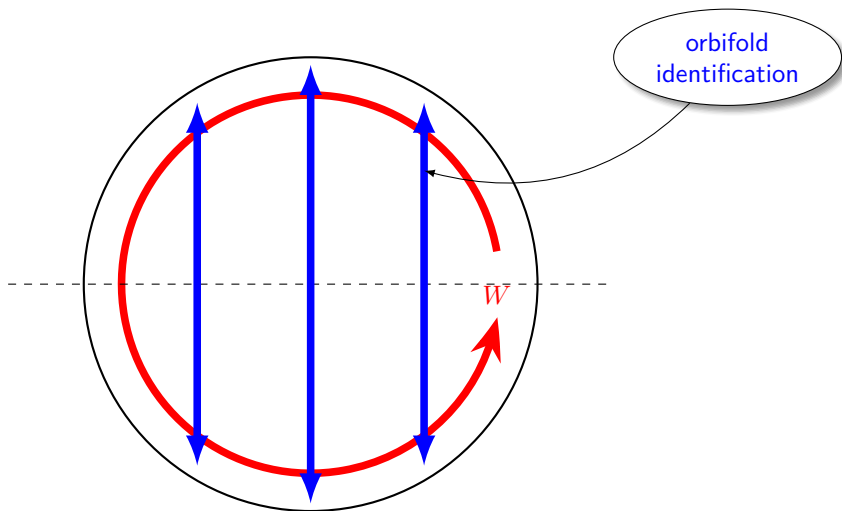
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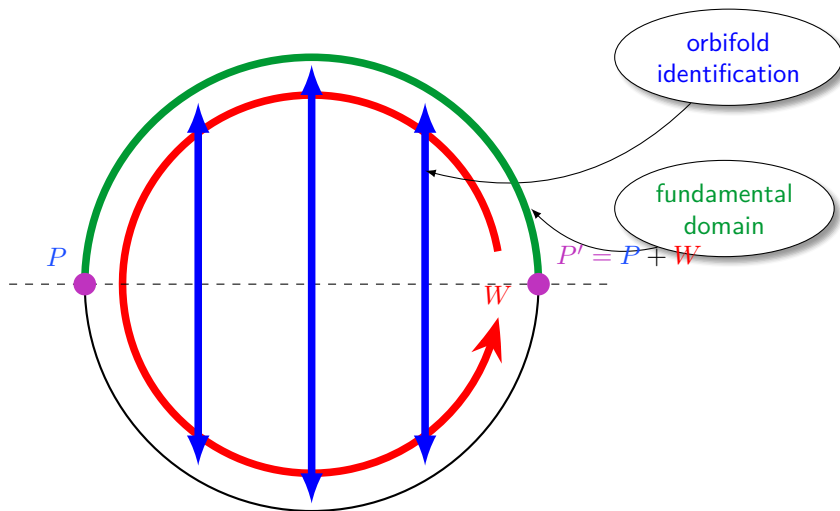
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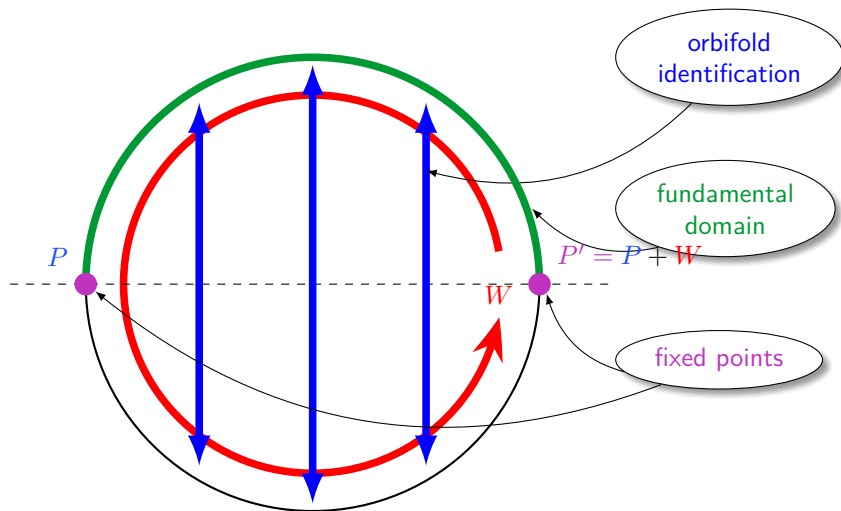
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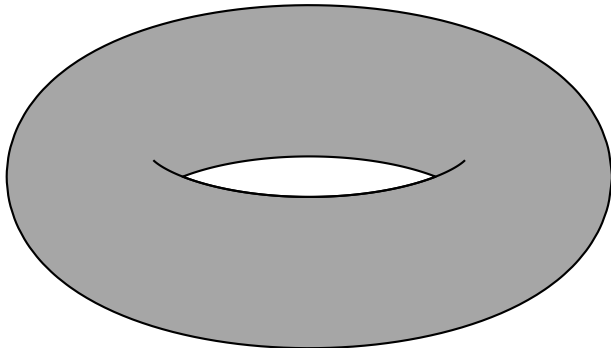
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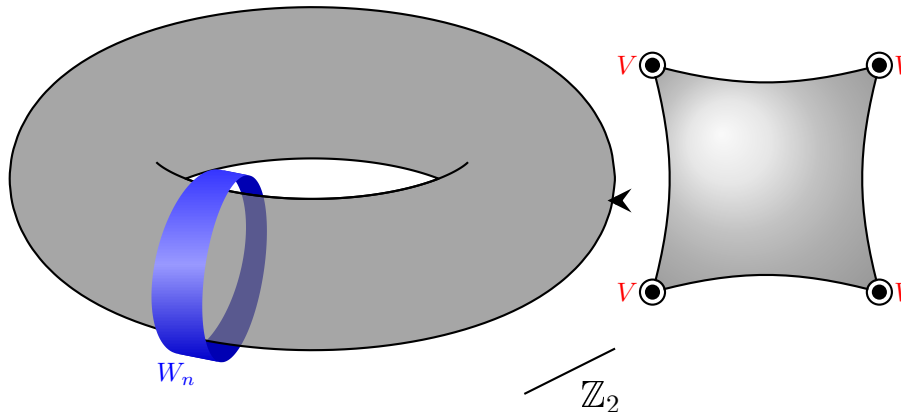


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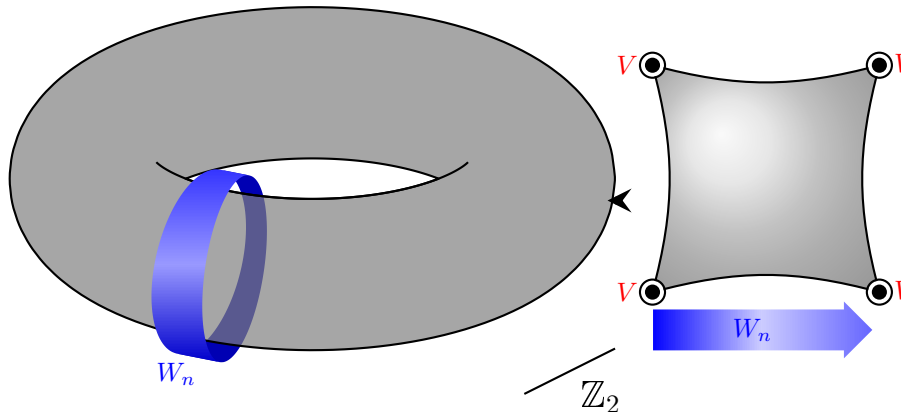
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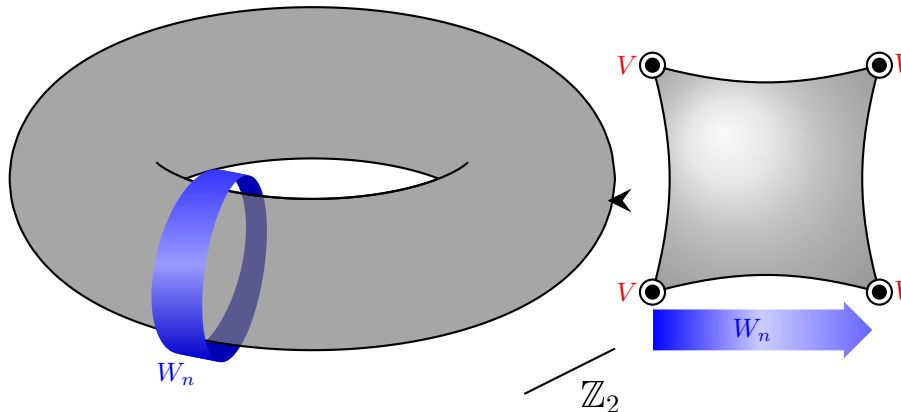
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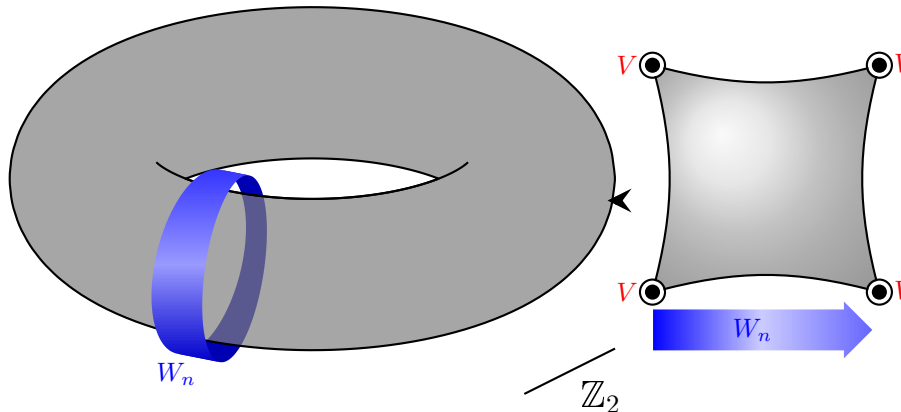


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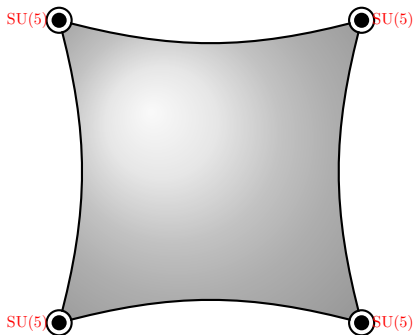
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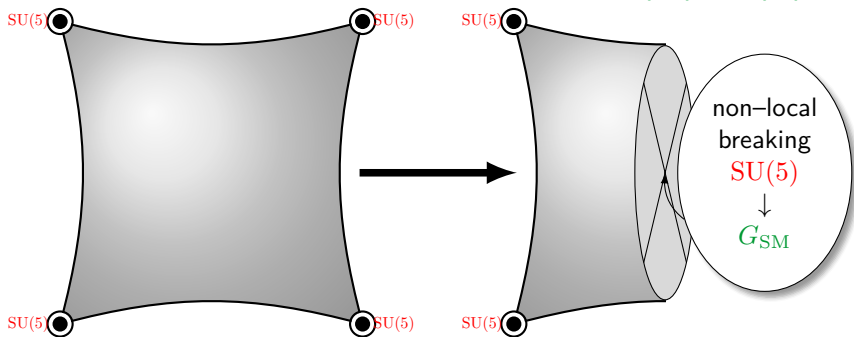


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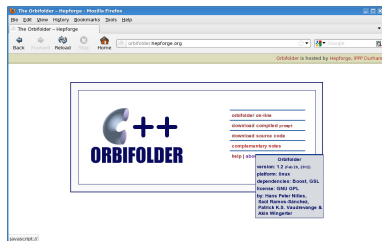
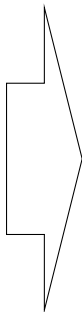
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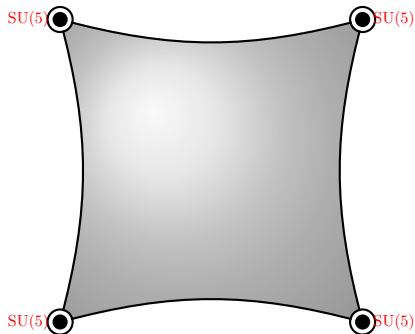
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Fischer et al. (in preparation)

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# $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ orbifold example

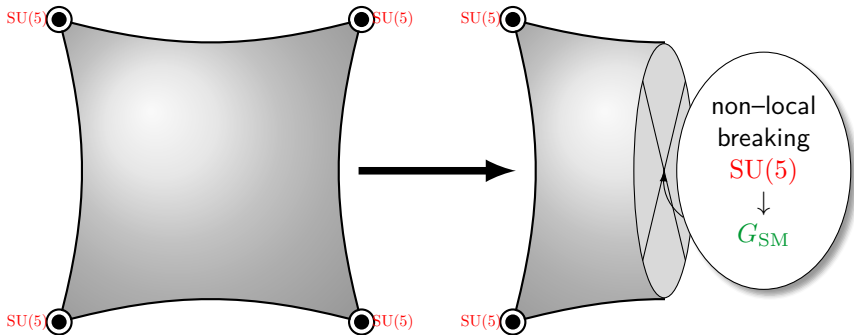
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analogous mechanism in CY MSSMs Bouchard & Donagi [2006]  
Braun, He, Ovrut & Pantev [2005]

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↷ (almost) no 'logarithmic running above the GUT scale'

Hebecker & Trappetti [2005] ; Anandakrishnan & Raby [2013]

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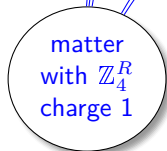
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spectrum = 3 × generation + vector-like

Spectrum and  $\mathbb{Z}_4^R$ 

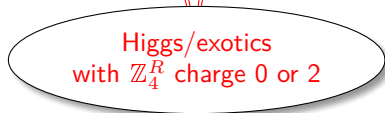
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$\mathbb{Z}_4^R$  : discriminate between



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☞ Many other good features:

- no fractionally charged exotics (i.e. all SM fields come from  $SU(5)$  representations)
- non-trivial full-rank Yukawa couplings
- gauge-top unification
- $SU(5)$  relation  $y_\tau \simeq y_b$  (but also for light generations)

$\mathbb{Z}_4^R$  summarized

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effective neutrino mass operator ✓

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forbidden by  $\mathbb{Z}_4^R$

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☞  $R$  parity violating couplings forbidden

☞  $\mu$  term of the right size

order parameter of  $R$  symmetry breaking =  $\langle \mathcal{W} \rangle \simeq m_{3/2}$

☞ proton decay under control

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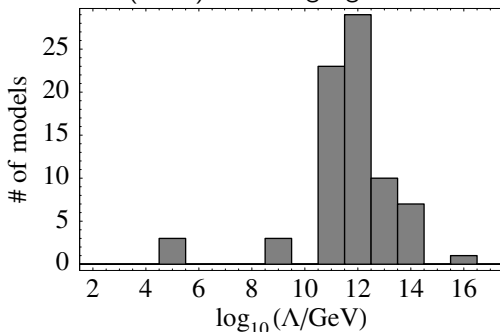
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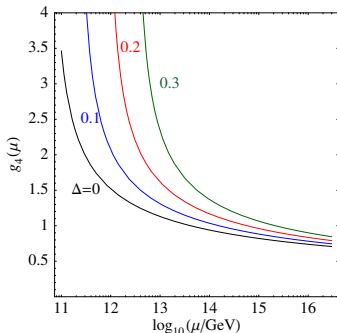
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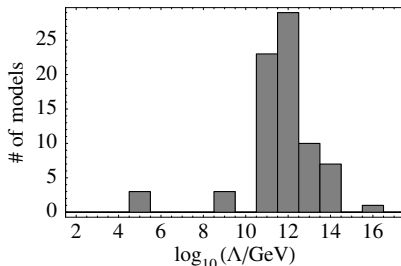
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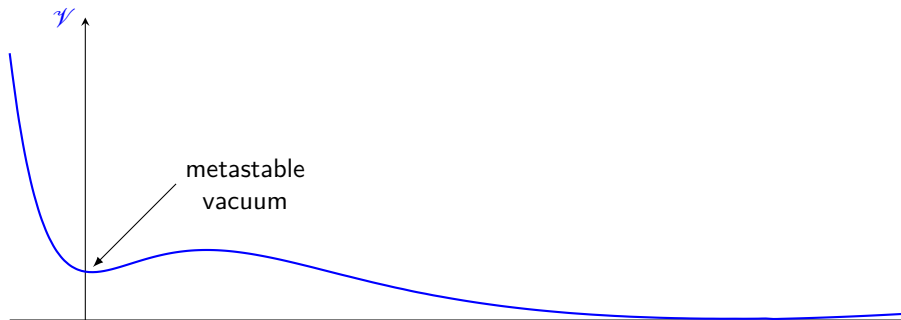
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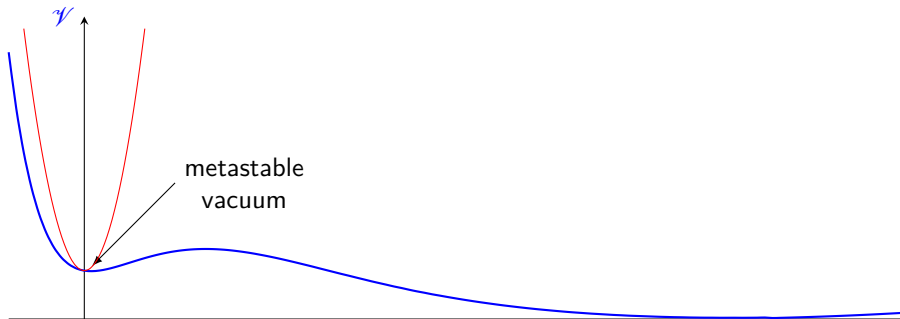
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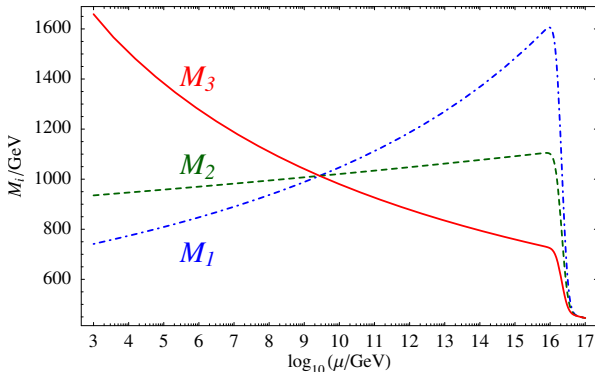
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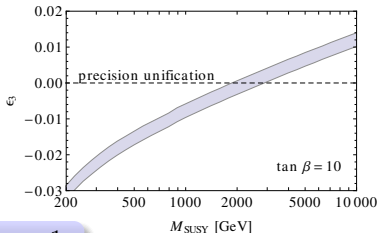
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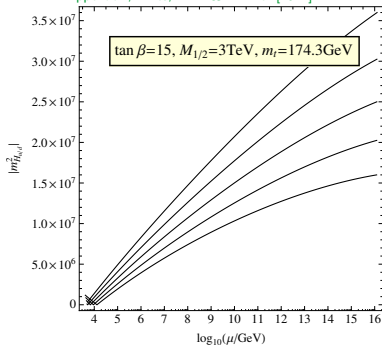
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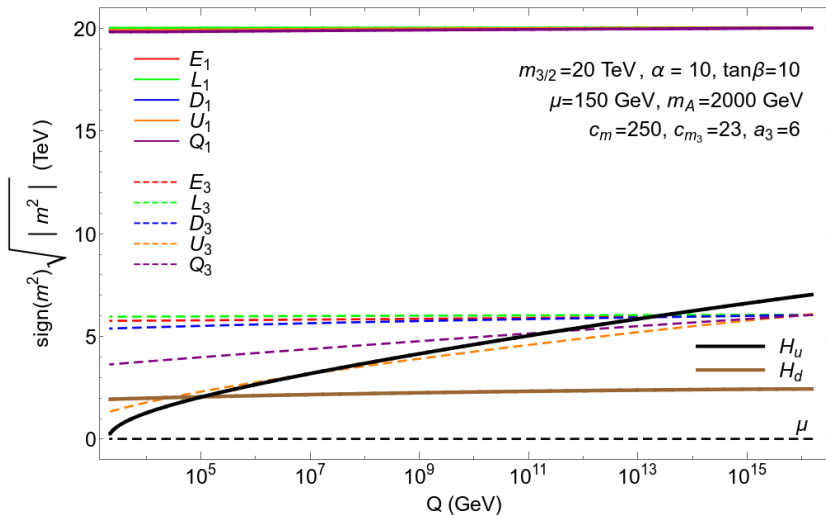
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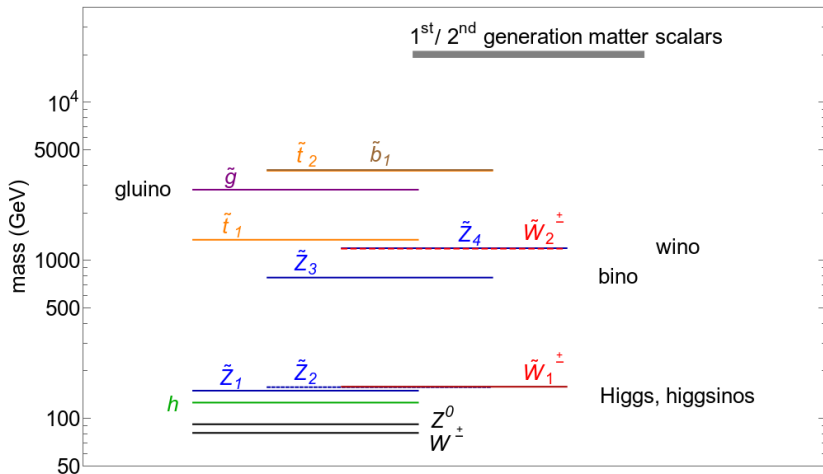
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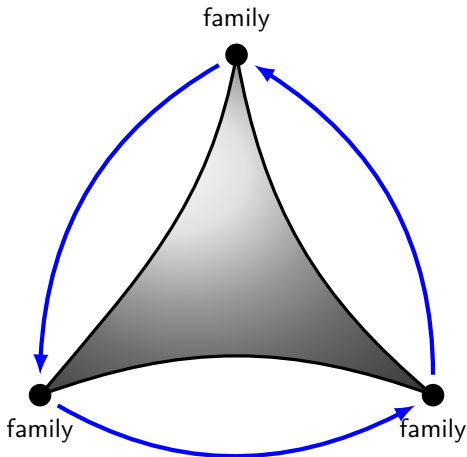
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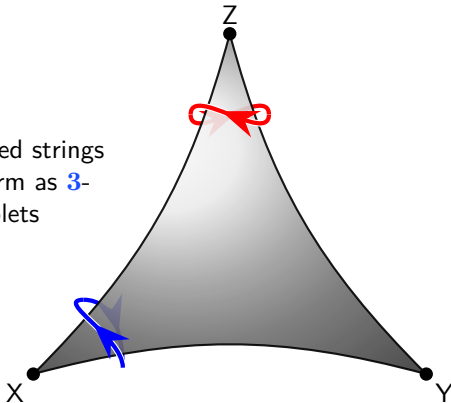
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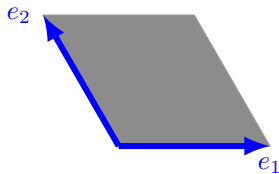
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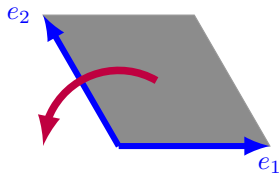
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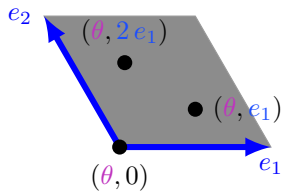
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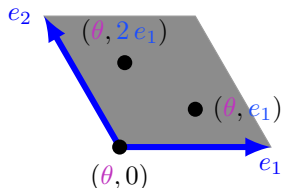
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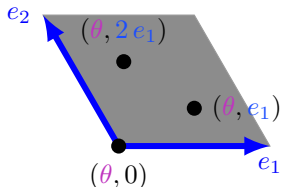
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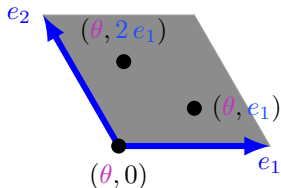
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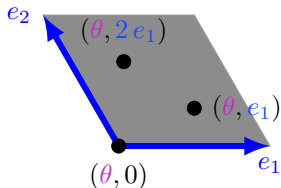
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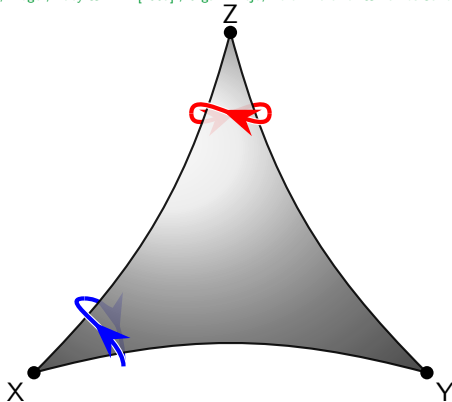
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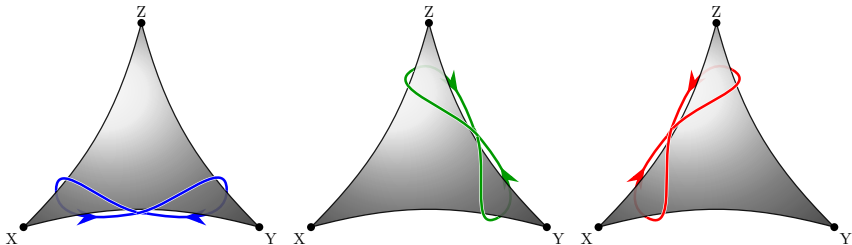
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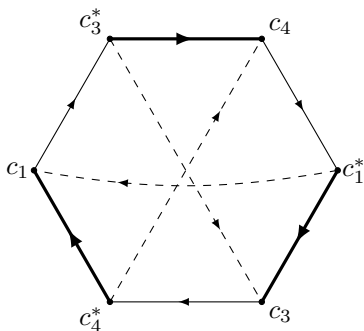




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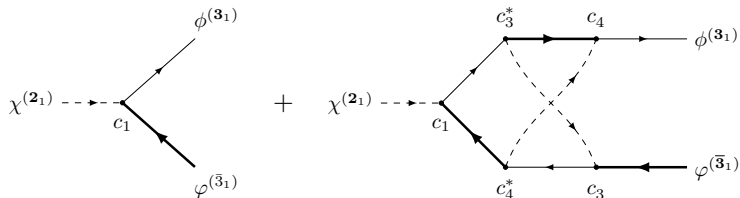
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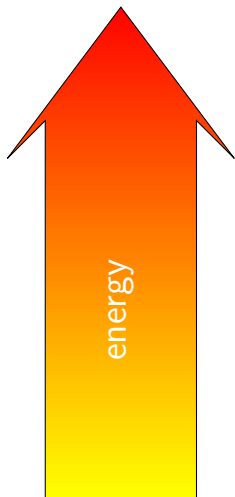
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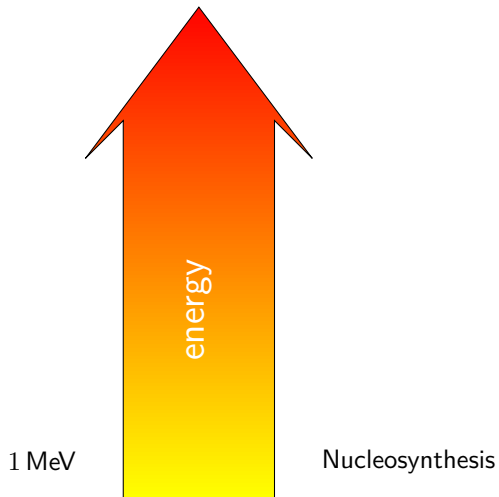
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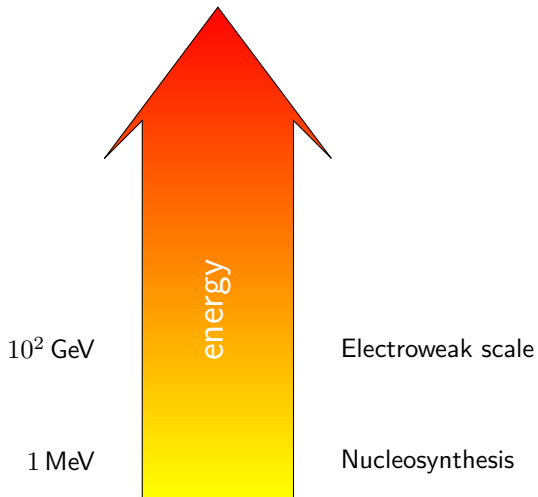
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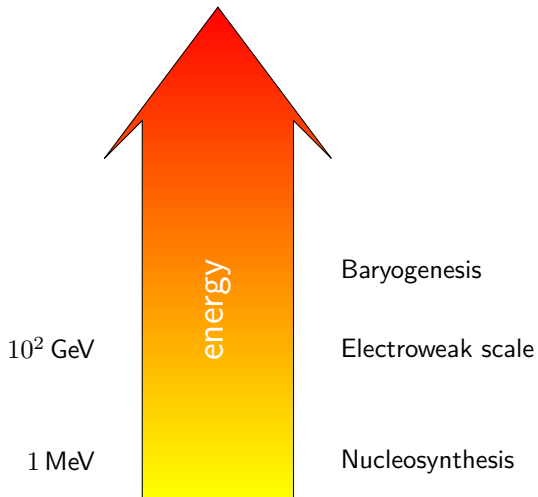


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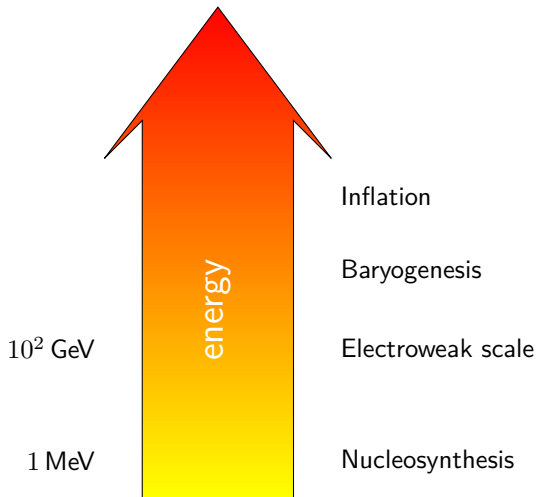




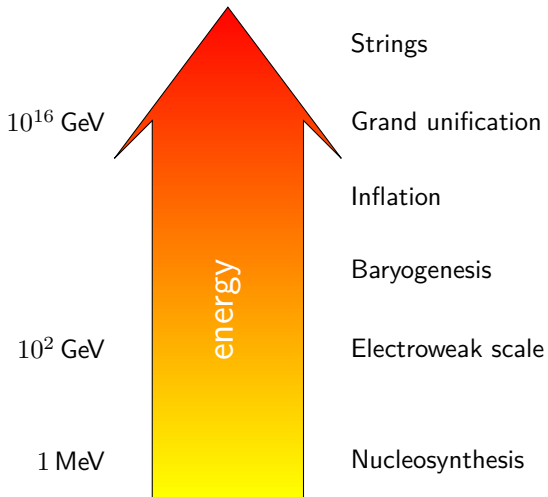
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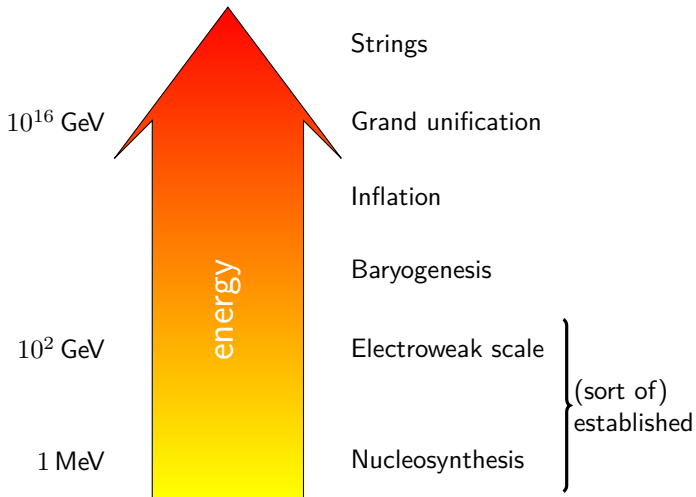
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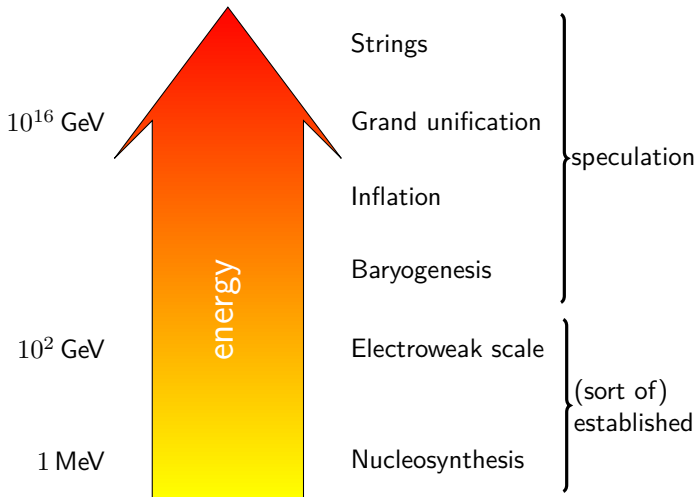
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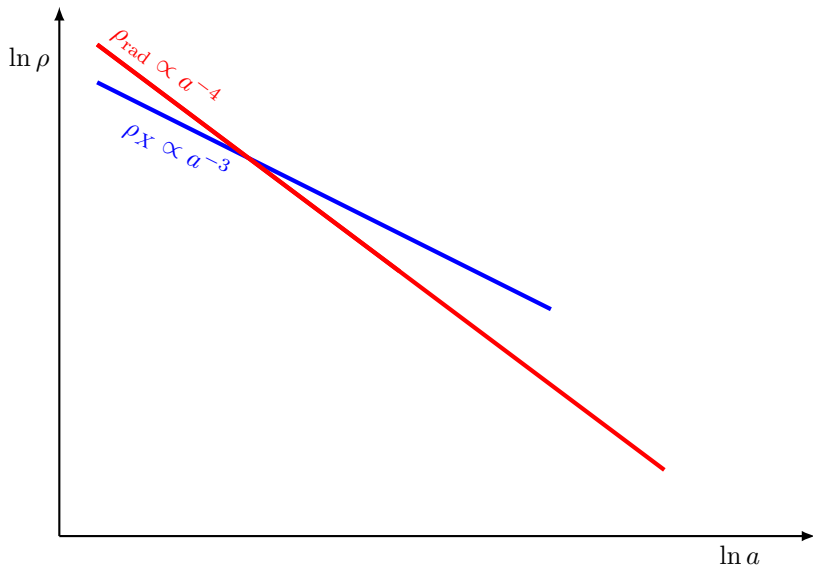
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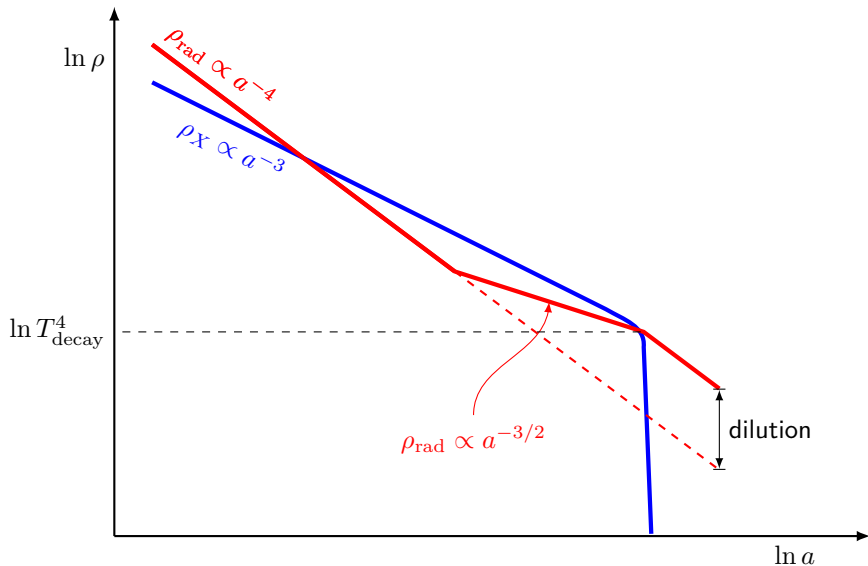
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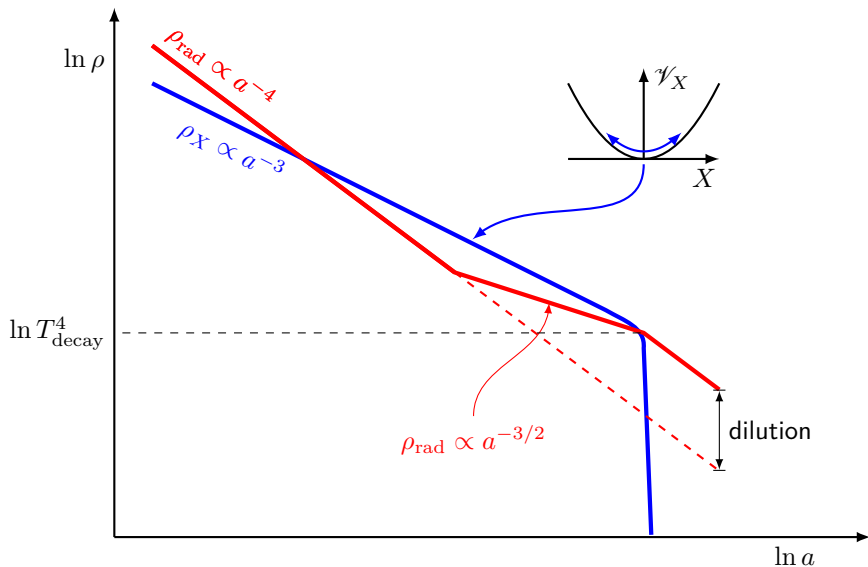




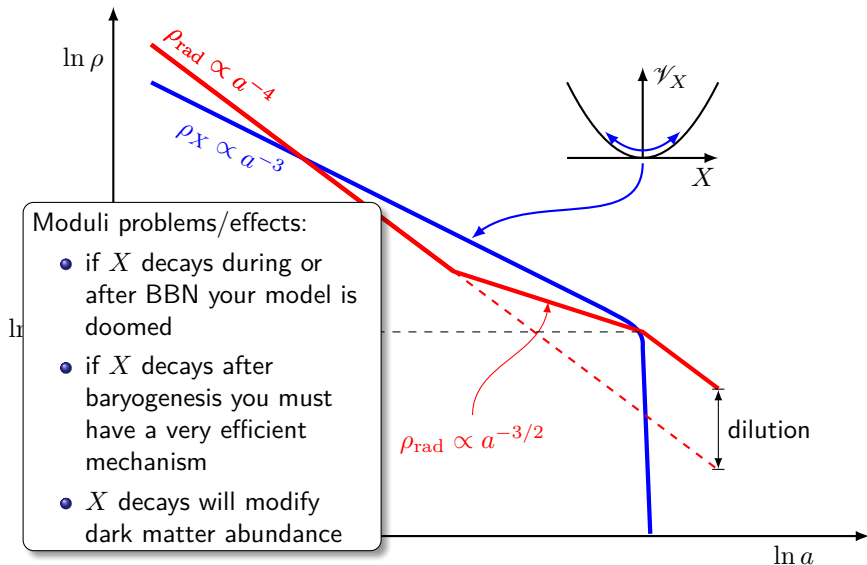
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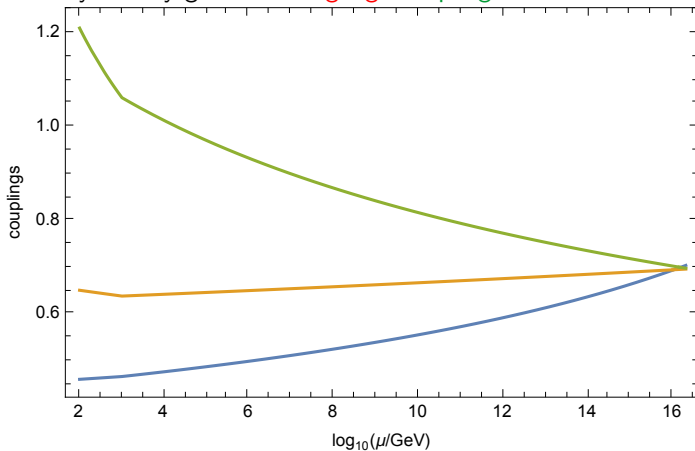


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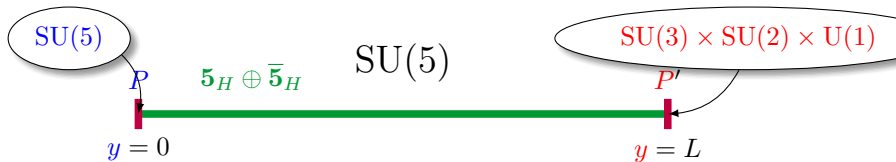
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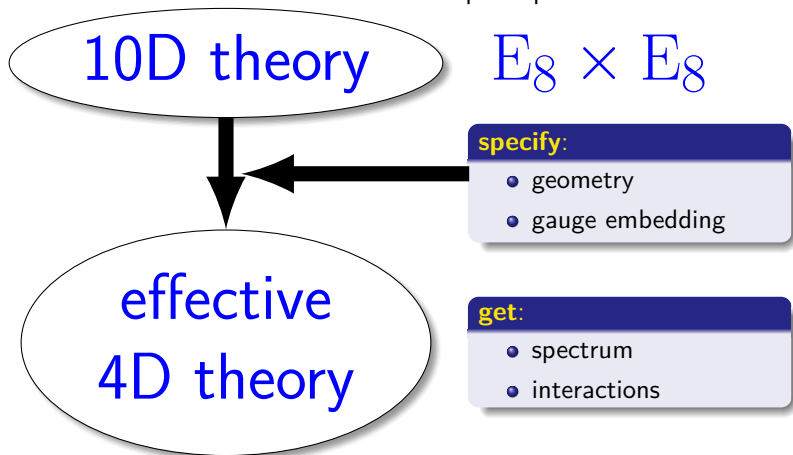
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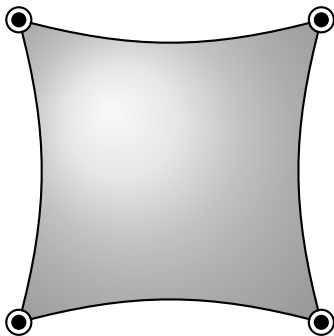
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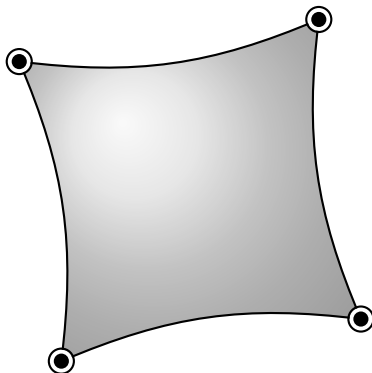
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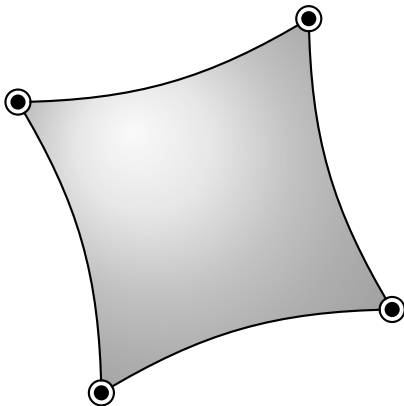
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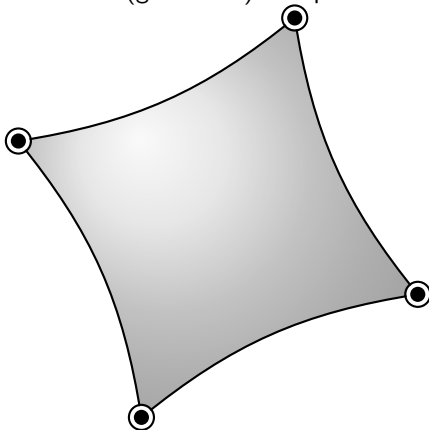
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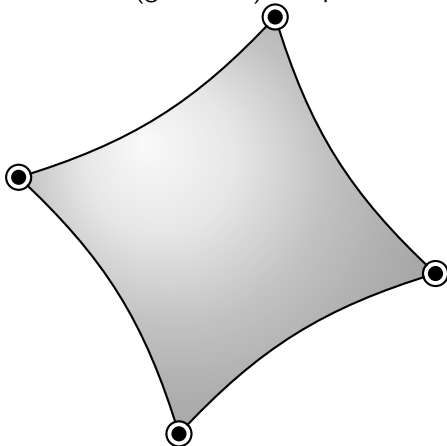
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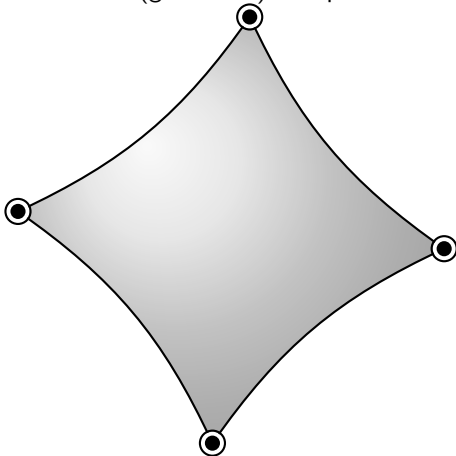
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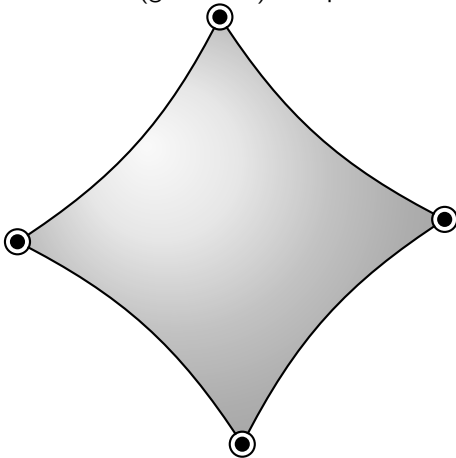
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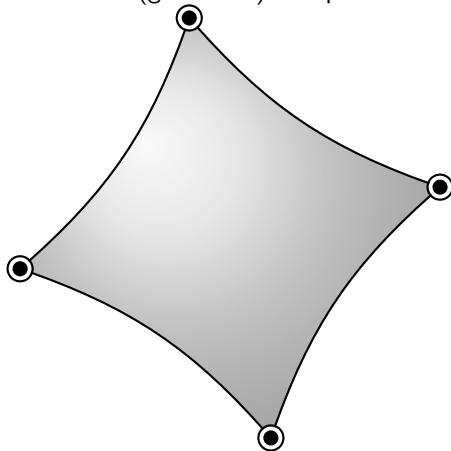
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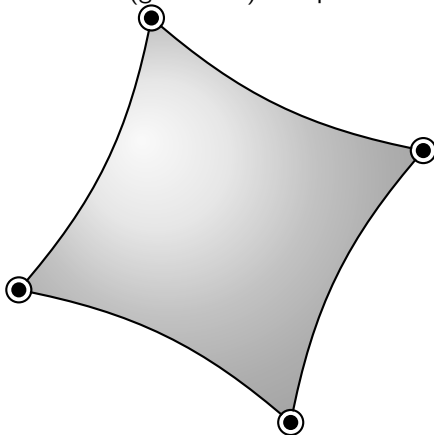
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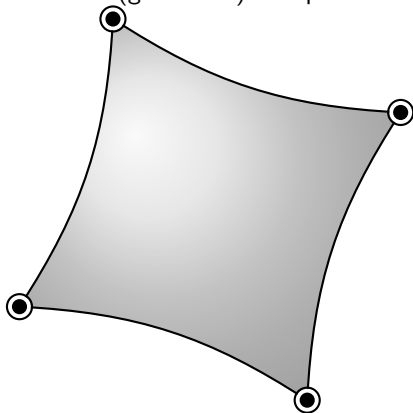
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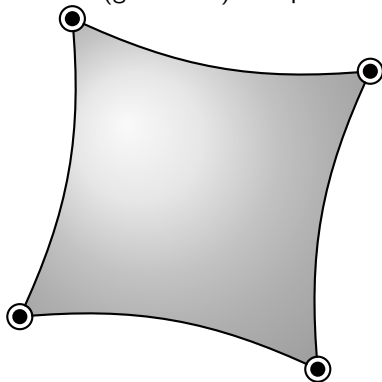
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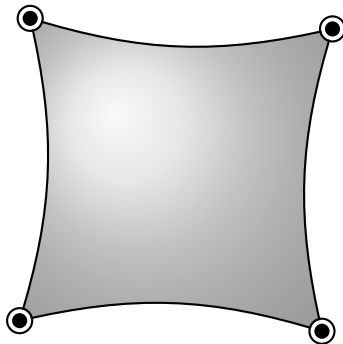
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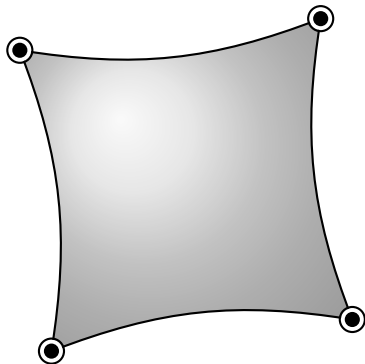
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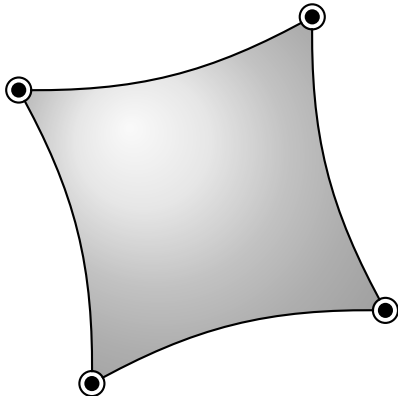
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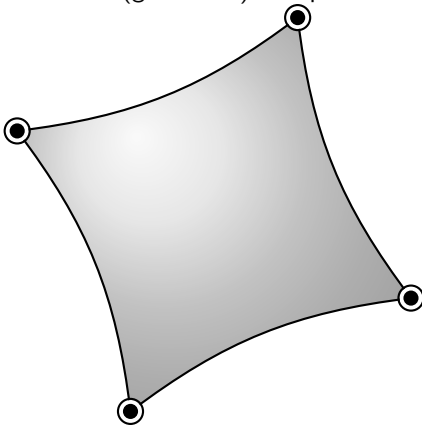
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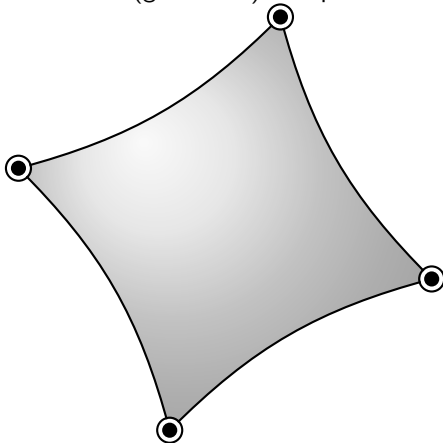
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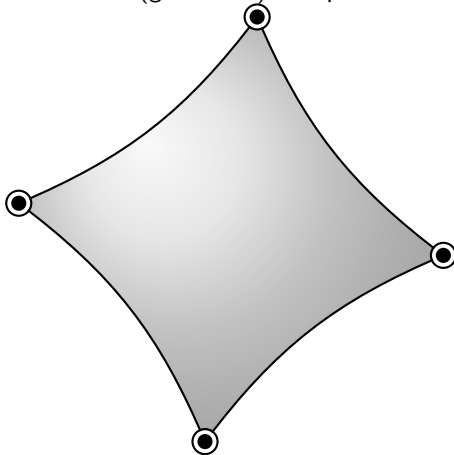
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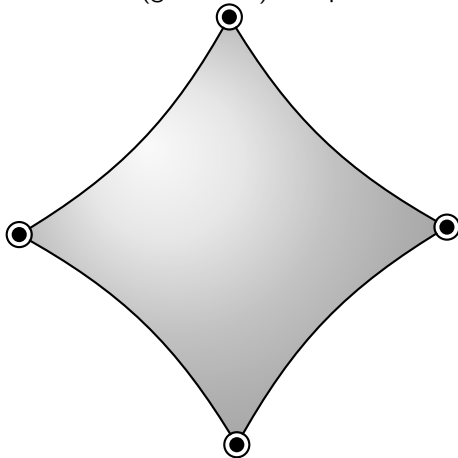
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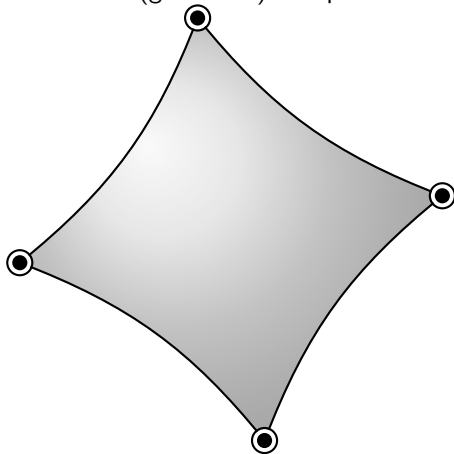
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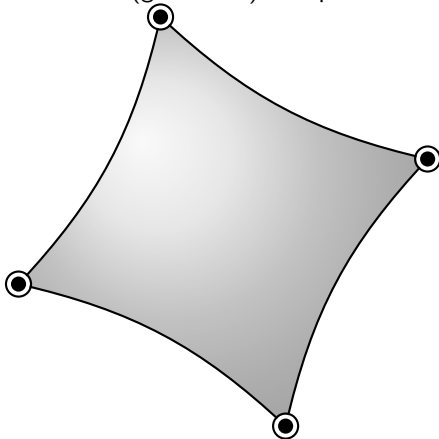
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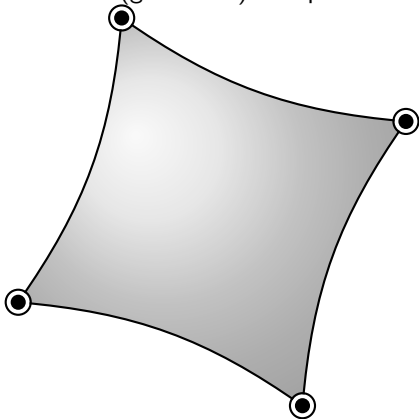
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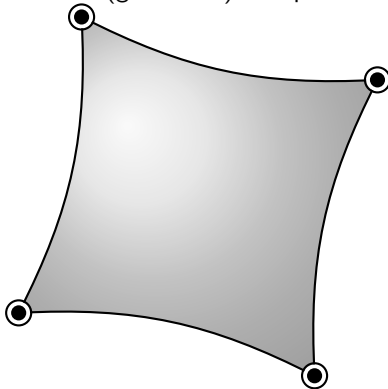
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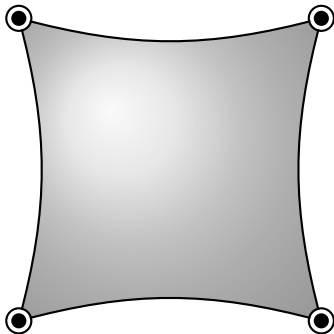
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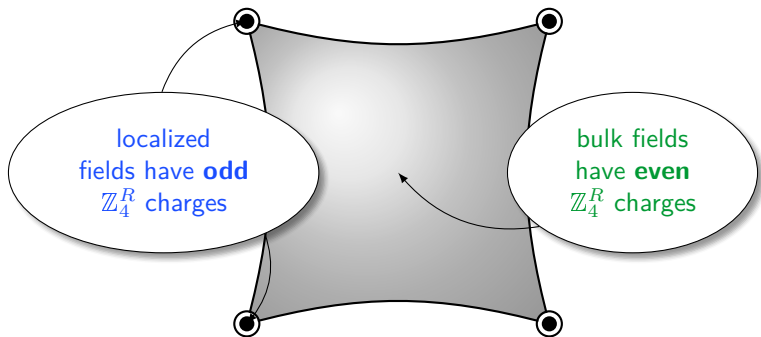
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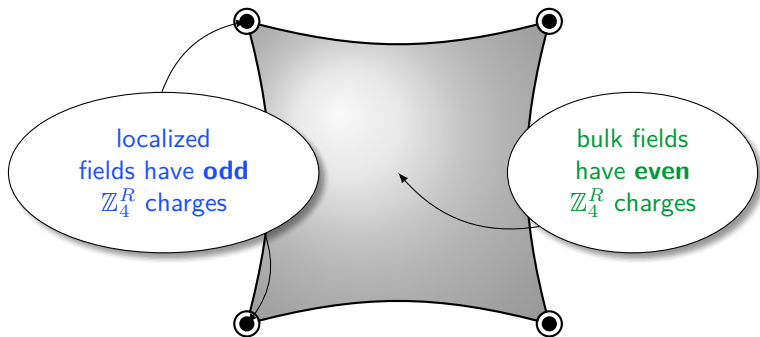
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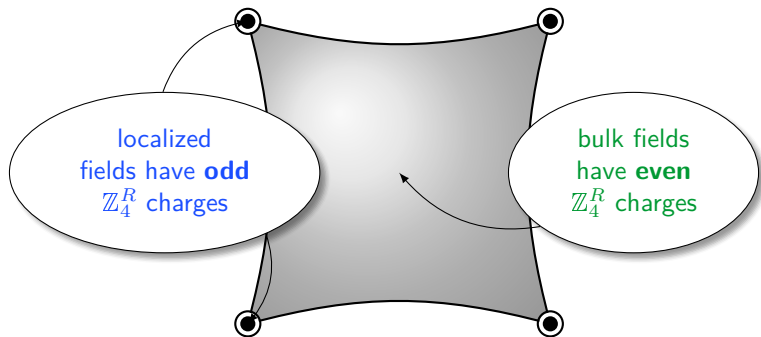
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exotics



Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sánchez, M.R., Vaudrevange & Wingerter [2007a]

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strong force



weak force

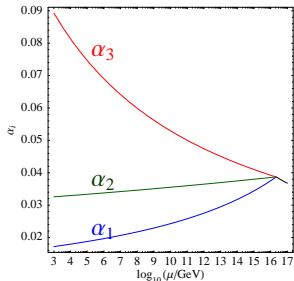


electromagnetism

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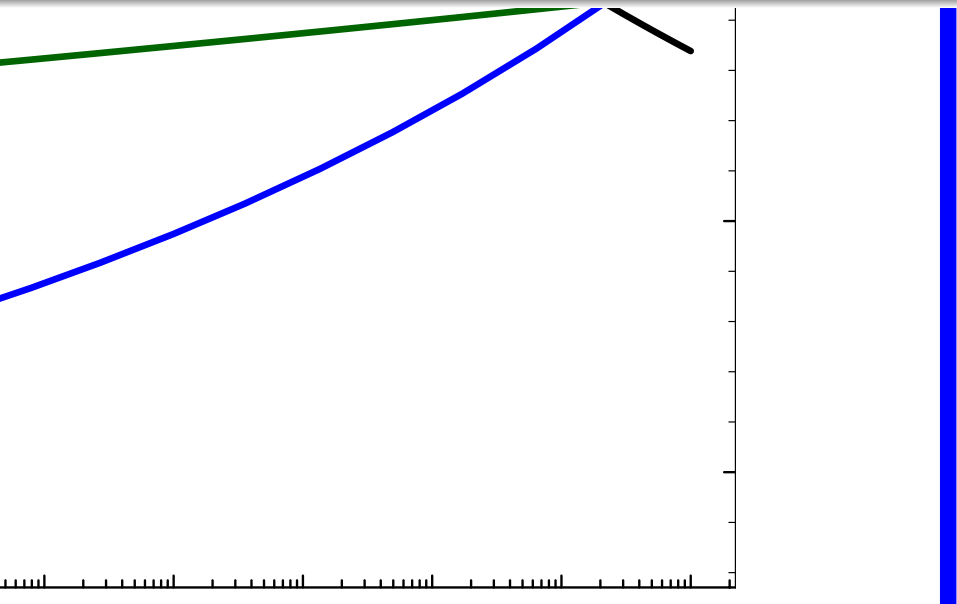
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Raby, M.R. & Schmidt-Hoberg [2010], Krippendorf, Nilles, M.R. & Winkler [2013]

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$$\cancel{\ell\ell\bar{e}} \quad \cancel{\ell H_u}$$

$\leadsto$  proton long-lived

$\leadsto$  DM stable

Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sánchez, M.R., Vaudrevange & Wingerter [2007b], Kappl, Petersen, Raby, M.R., Schieren & Vaudrevange [2011]

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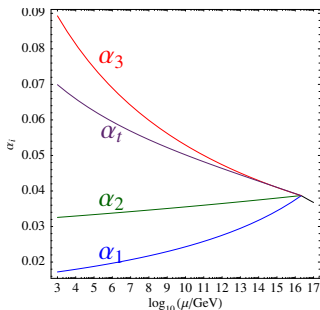


↪ suppressed  $\nu$  masses

Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, Ramos-Sánchez  
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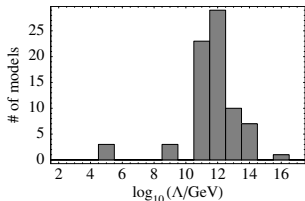


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Hosteins, Kappl, M.R. & Schmidt-Hoberg [2009]

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Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sánchez, M.R., Vaudrevange & Wingerter [2007a]



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$\langle \mathcal{W} \rangle \ll M_{\text{P}}^3$  from  
 approximate  $U(1)_R$   
 symmetries

$\leadsto$  light Higgs

Kappl, Nilles, Ramos-Sánchez, M.R., Schmidt-Hoberg & Vaudrevange [2009], Brümmer, Kappl, M.R. & Schmidt-Hoberg [2010]

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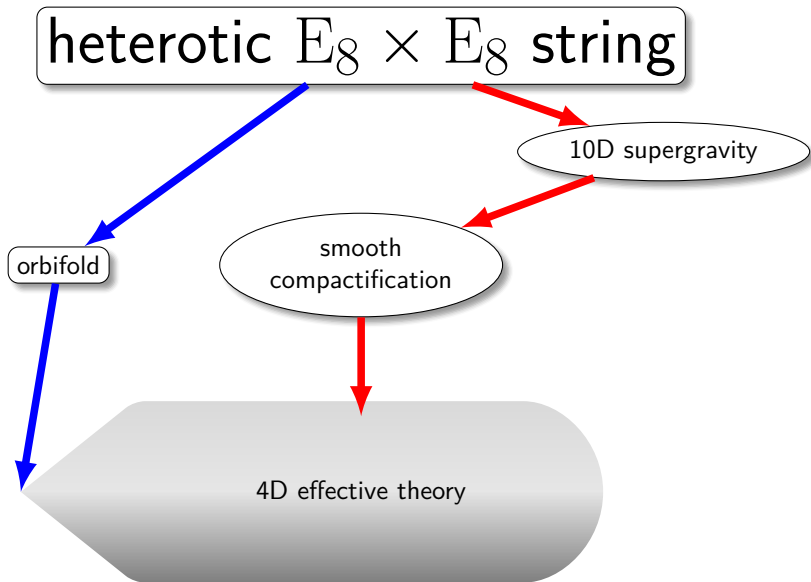
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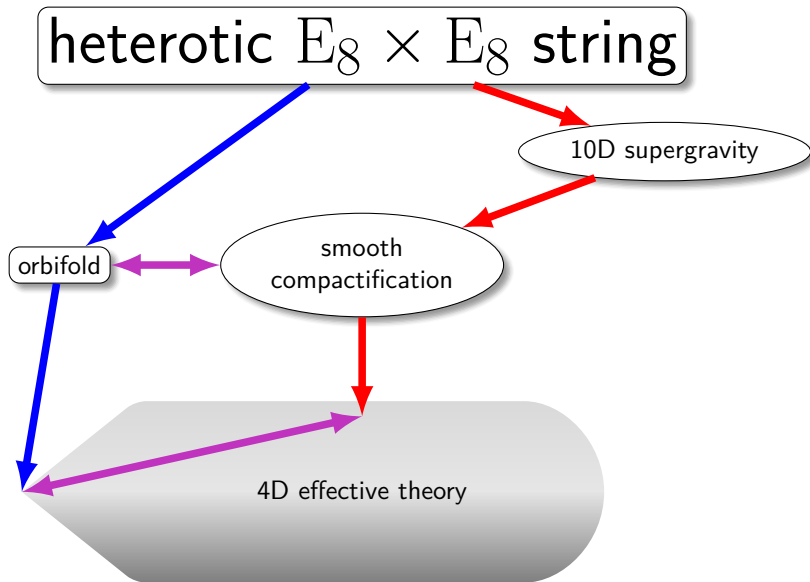
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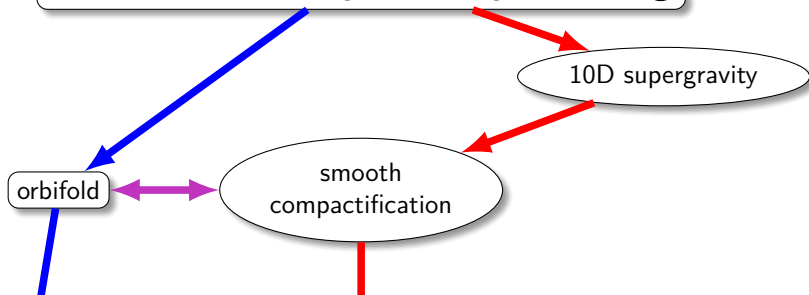


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“It is conceivable that one of the lessons of orbifolds will turn out to be that the moduli space of conformally invariant sigma models is “better” than that of the corresponding manifolds, and that the conformal sigma models remain smooth in limits (such as the orbifold limit) in which the corresponding manifolds become singular.”

Dixon, Harvey, Vafa & Witten [1986]

Thank you  
Ευχαριστώ  
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$$\chi \rightarrow U \cdot \chi \cdot U^T$$

SU(5) matrix

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# Unification of matter

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d^c \\ \ell \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{5}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} q \\ u^c \\ e^c \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbf{10}$$

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$$SU(5) \supset SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y = G_{SM}$$

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infinitesimal  $t_Y$  transformations of  $\bar{5}$ -plet

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normalization constant

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with

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} &= t_Y \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} t_Y^T \\ &= \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} u^c & q \\ -q^T & e^c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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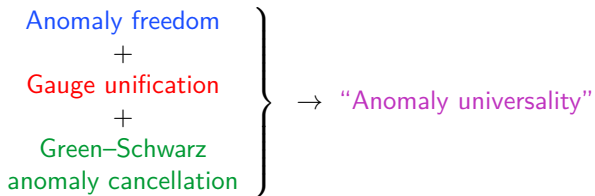
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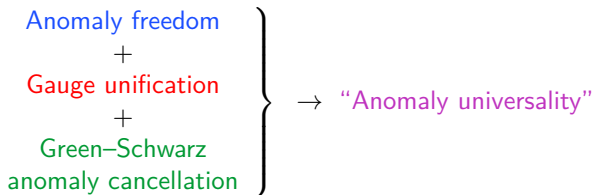
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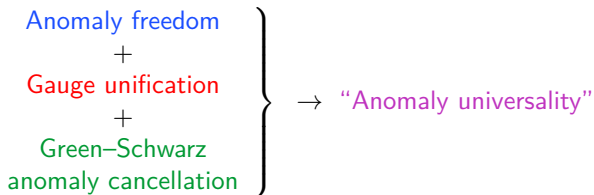
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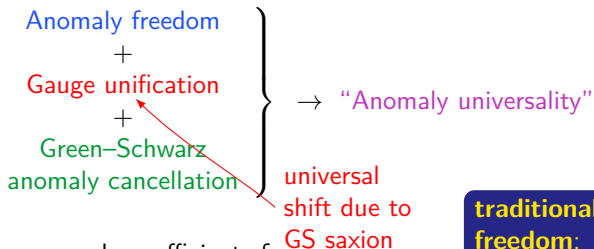
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Chamseddine & Dreiner [1996]
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cf. Goodman & Witten [1986]



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