

Vacuum stability in open string models with broken supersymmetry

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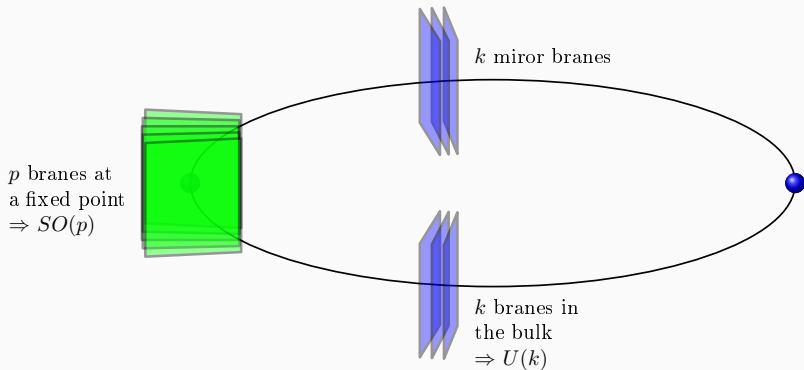
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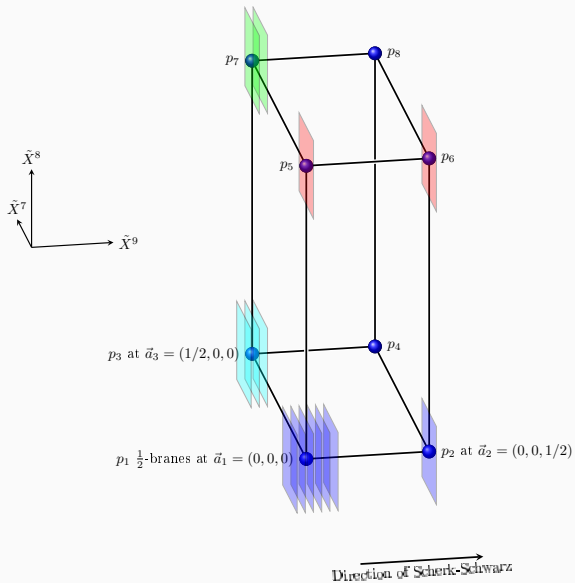
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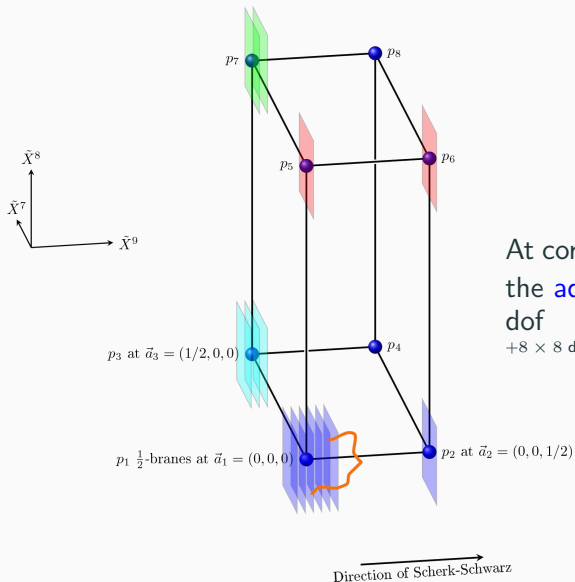
→ a single brane at a fixed point is **frozen**

→ produces a trivial group factor schematically written $SO(1)$

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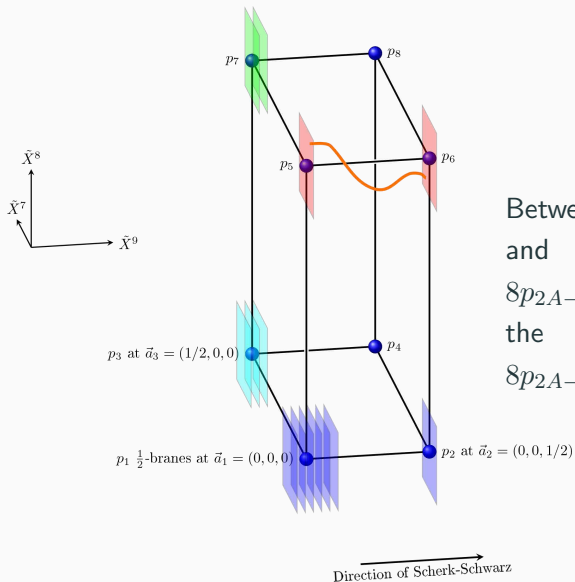


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At corner p_A , 8 bosons in
 the adjoint $\Rightarrow 8 \frac{p_A(p_A-1)}{2}$
 dof
 +8 \times 8 dof from the closed string sector

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Between corners p_{2A-1}
 and p_{2A} , δp_{2A} and
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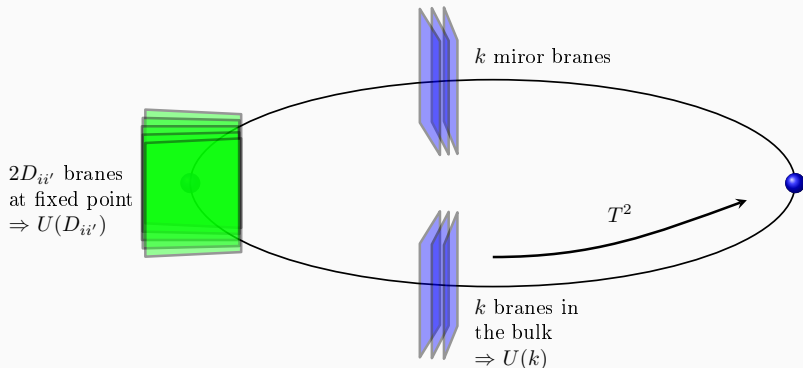
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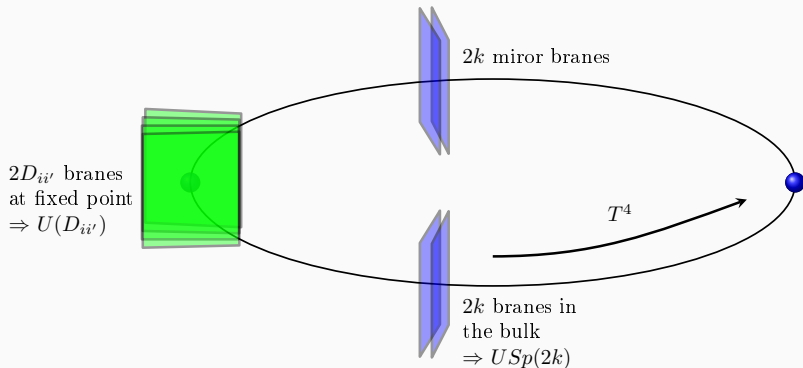
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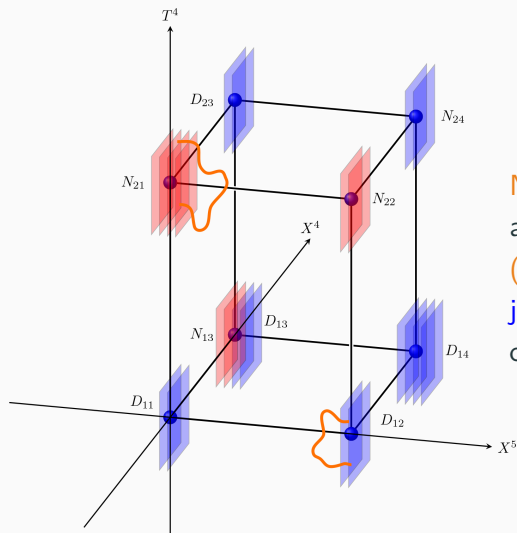
Along the T^4 : The orbifold cuts again half of the dof



→ Branes are always in pairs $\Rightarrow N_{ii'} = 2n_{ii'}$ and $D_{ii'} = 2d_{ii'}$

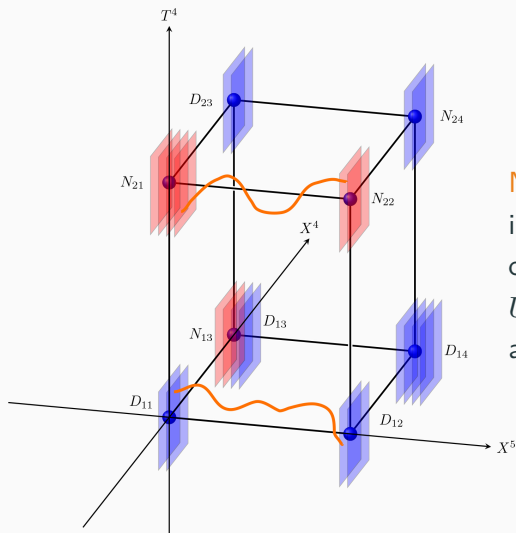
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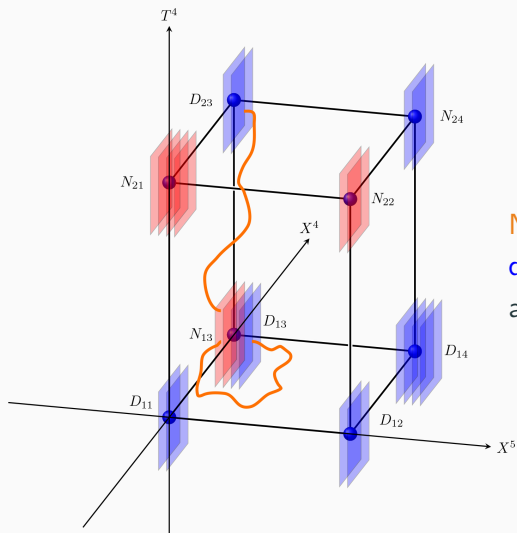
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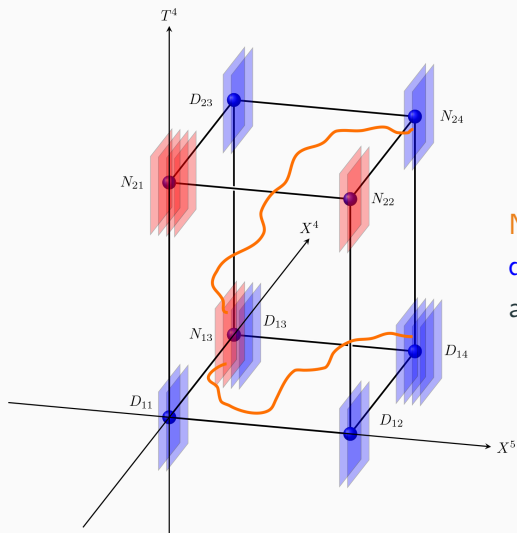
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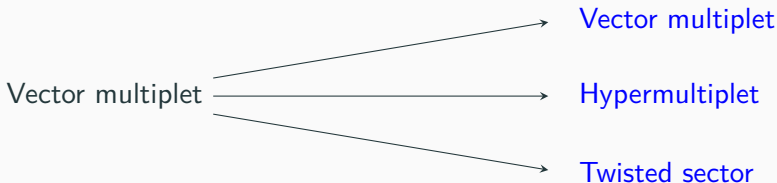
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Thank you for your attention!

Annulus partition function with discrete WL

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & + (V_4 O_4 - O_4 V_4) (R_{ii'}^N R_{ij'}^N + R_{ii'}^D R_{ij'}^D) \left(\frac{2\eta}{\theta_2} \right)^2 + 2N_{ii'} D_{jj'} (O_4 C_4 + V_4 S_4) \left(\frac{\eta}{\theta_4} \right)^2 \\
 & + 2e^{4i\pi \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j} R_{ii'}^N R_{jj'}^D (O_4 C_4 - V_4 S_4) \left(\frac{\eta}{\theta_3} \right)^2 \left. \right] \frac{P_{\vec{m}' + \vec{a}_{i'} - \vec{a}_{j'}}^{(2)}}{\eta^4} \\
 & - \left[(S_4 S_4 + C_4 C_4) \left(N_{ii'} N_{jj'} \frac{P_{\vec{m} + \vec{a}_i - \vec{a}_j}^{(4)}}{\eta^4} + D_{ii'} D_{jj'} \frac{W_{\vec{n} + \vec{a}_i - \vec{a}_j}^{(4)}}{\eta^4} \right) \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Möbius partition function with discrete WL

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M} = & -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2^3} \left\{ \left[(\hat{V}_4 \hat{O}_4 + \hat{O}_4 \hat{V}_4) \left(N_{ii'} \frac{P_{\vec{m}}^{(4)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} + D_{ii'} \frac{W_{\vec{n}}^{(4)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & - (N_{ii'} + D_{ii'}) (\hat{V}_4 \hat{O}_4 - \hat{O}_4 \hat{V}_4) \left. \left. \left(\frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\hat{\theta}_2} \right)^2 \right] \frac{P_{\vec{m}'}^{(2)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} \right. \\
 & - \left[(\hat{C}_4 \hat{C}_4 + \hat{S}_4 \hat{S}_4) \left(N_{ii'} \frac{P_{\vec{m}}^{(4)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} + D_{ii'} \frac{W_{\vec{n}}^{(4)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - (N_{ii'} + D_{ii'}) (\hat{C}_4 \hat{C}_4 - \hat{S}_4 \hat{S}_4) \left(\frac{2\hat{\eta}}{\hat{\theta}_2} \right)^2 \right] \frac{P_{\vec{m}'+\vec{a}'_s}^{(2)}}{\hat{\eta}^4} \right\}
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Massless spectrum

Bosons:

$$\begin{aligned} & V_4 O_4 \left[n_{ii'} \bar{n}_{ii'} + d_{ii'} \bar{d}_{ii'} \right] \\ & + O_4 V_4 \left[\frac{n_{ii'}(n_{ii'} - 1)}{2} + \frac{\bar{n}_{ii'}(\bar{n}_{ii'} - 1)}{2} + \frac{d_{ii'}(d_{ii'} - 1)}{2} + \frac{\bar{d}_{ii'}(\bar{d}_{ii'} - 1)}{2} \right] \\ & + \frac{O_4 C_4}{2} \left[(1 - e^{4i\pi \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j}) (n_{ii'} d_{j i'} + \bar{n}_{ii'} \bar{d}_{j i'}) + (1 + e^{4i\pi \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j}) (n_{ii'} \bar{d}_{j i'} + \bar{n}_{ii'} d_{j i'}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Fermions:

$$\begin{aligned} & C_4 C_4 \left[n_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{n}_{i(2i')} + \bar{n}_{i(2i'-1)} n_{i(2i')} + d_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{d}_{i(2i')} + \bar{d}_{i(2i'-1)} d_{i(2i')} \right] \\ & + S_4 S_4 \left[n_{i(2i'-1)} n_{i(2i')} + \bar{n}_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{n}_{i(2i')} + d_{i(2i'-1)} d_{i(2i')} + \bar{d}_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{d}_{i(2i')} \right] \\ & + \frac{S_4 O_4}{2} \left[(1 - e^{4i\pi \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j}) (n_{i(2i'-1)} d_{j(2i')} + n_{i(2i')} d_{j(2i'-1)} + \bar{n}_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{d}_{j(2i')} + \bar{n}_{i(2i')} \bar{d}_{j(2i'-1)}) \right. \\ & \left. + (1 + e^{4i\pi \vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j}) (n_{i(2i'-1)} \bar{d}_{j(2i')} + n_{i(2i')} \bar{d}_{j(2i'-1)} + \bar{n}_{i(2i'-1)} d_{j(2i')} + \bar{n}_{i(2i')} d_{j(2i'-1)}) \right] \end{aligned}$$