

# The Importance of Being Rigid

## D6-Brane Model Building on $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}'_6$ with Discrete Torsion

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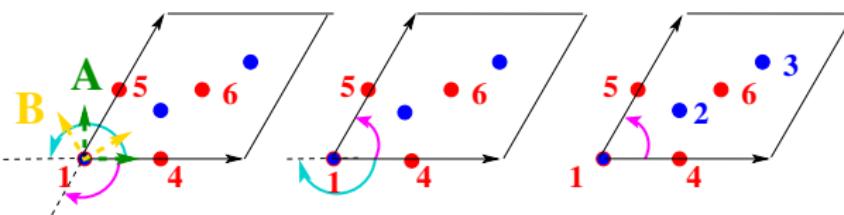
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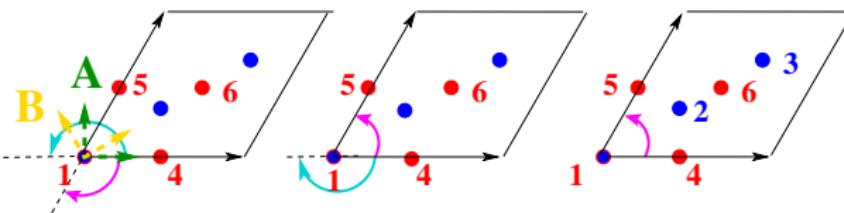
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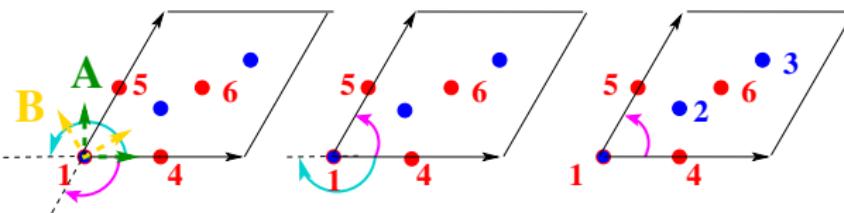
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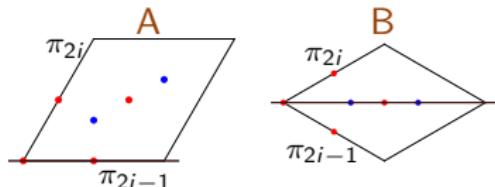
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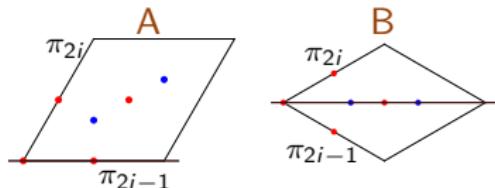
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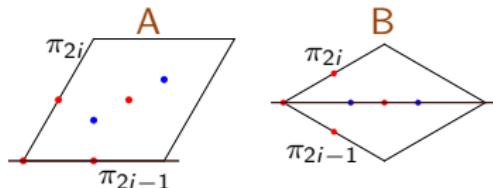
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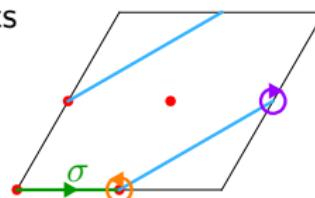
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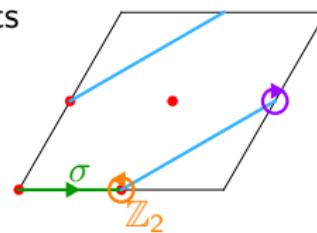
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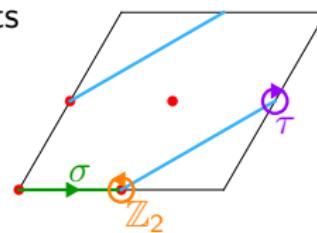
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$$\begin{aligned} b_{SU(N)} &= N_a (-3 + \varphi^{\text{Adj}_a}) + \frac{N_a}{2} (\varphi^{\text{Sym}_a} + \varphi^{\text{Anti}_a}) + (\varphi^{\text{Sym}_a} - \varphi^{\text{Anti}_a}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{b \neq a} \frac{N_b}{2} (\varphi^{(N_a, \bar{N}_b)} + \varphi^{(N_a, N_b)}) \end{aligned}$$

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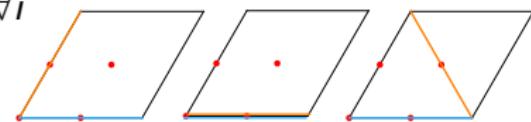
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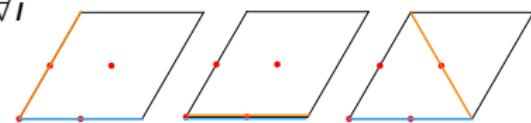
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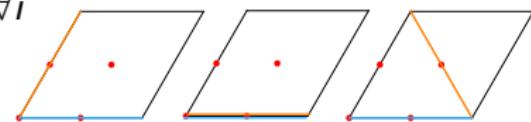
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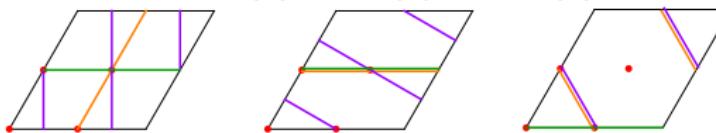
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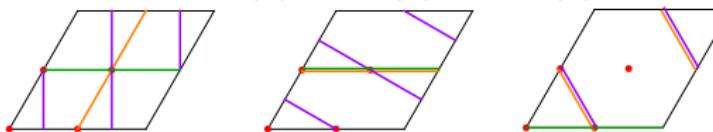
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Useful for model building:  $SU(2) \sim USp(2)$

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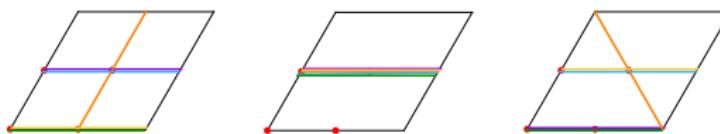
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