

4-dimensional String Islands from Asymmetric Orbifolds

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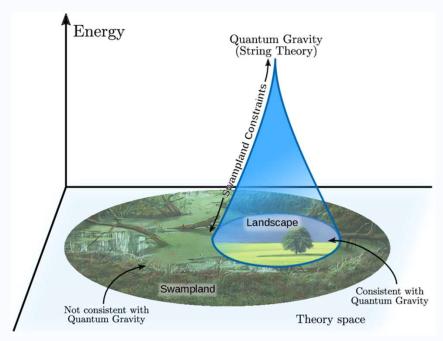
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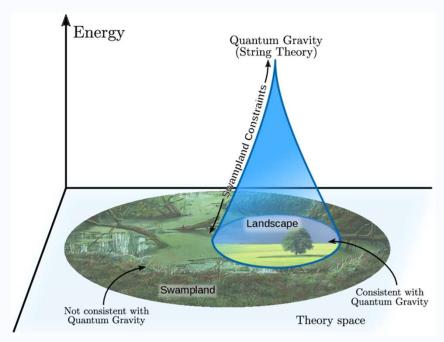
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Phenomenologically relevant theories:

- 4d
- Moduli
- Supersymmetry?
- Rank of the gauge group

[Acharya, Douglas; 06]



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Asymmetric Orbifolds

No moduli (except the (axi)dilaton) Reduced Rank Still some SUSY left

ISLANDS



In this talk:

focus on type IIB on the torus, T^6/Z_9 asymmetric orbifolds

DH islands from Lie algebra lattices [Dabholkar, Harvey; 98]

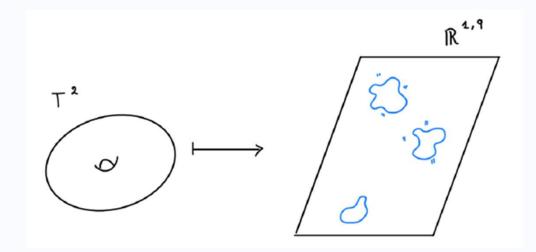
Main result: archipelago of 3 islands!



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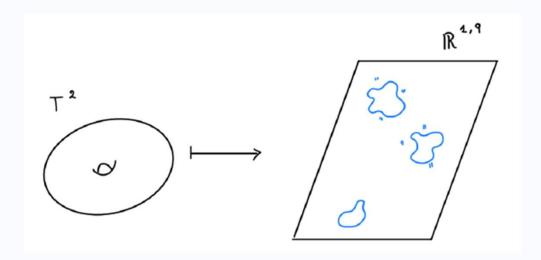
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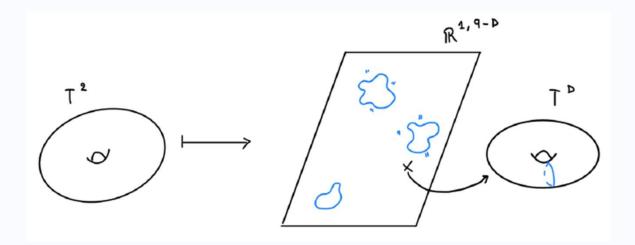
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Toroidal Compactification

$$\Sigma \mapsto R^{1,9-D} \times T^D$$



Strings propagate on $R^{1,9-D}$ and have dofs that can wind and vibrate on T^D : changes the spectrum.

States with quantised momenta and winding, taking values in a Lorentzian evenself-dual lattice $\Gamma_{D,D}$

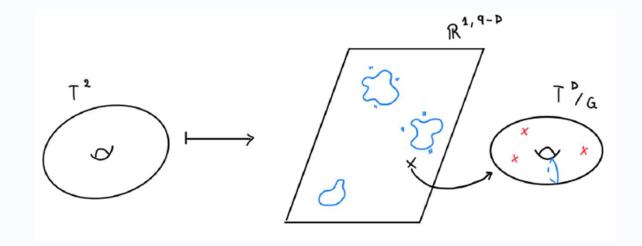
$$Z = \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\tau_2}\eta\bar{\eta}\right)^{8-D}} \frac{1}{(\eta\bar{\eta})^4} \left(\sum_{p,r \in v} - \sum_{p,r \in s} \right) q^{\frac{1}{2}p^2} \bar{q}^{\frac{1}{2}r^2} \frac{1}{\eta^D\bar{\eta}^D} \sum_{(P_L,P_R)} q^{\frac{1}{2}P_L^2} \bar{q}^{\frac{1}{2}P_R^2}$$

$$(P_L, P_R) \in \Gamma_{D,D}$$



Toroidal Orbifolds

$$\Sigma \mapsto R^{1,9-D} \times T^D/G$$



Intuitively: all the closed string states invariant under *G* will survive, the others are projected out

We mod out by an automorphism G of T^D

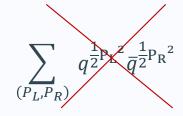
- = identify points on T^D
- = gauging a global symmetry



But there is more than that!

Twisted sectors: strings that are open on T^D , but are closed on T^D/G . These sectors can be pictured as living at the fixed points under the G-action: GS degeneracy \mathcal{F} .

These states cannot move freely on T^D/G because of the twisting conditions.

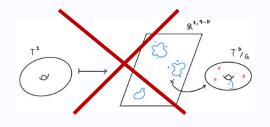


More precisely:

$$Z = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{k,l} Z(g^k, g^l) \qquad \qquad Z(g^k, g^l) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(g^l q^{L_0(g^k)} \, \overline{\mathbf{q}}^{\overline{\mathbf{L}}_0(g^k)}\right)$$



Asymmetric Orbifolds [Narain, Samradi, Vafa; 87]

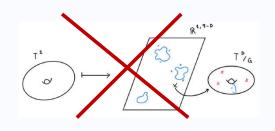


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DH island construction [Dabholkar, Harvey; 98]:

- 1. Type IIB on T^D : go to a point in the moduli space where $\Gamma_{D,D}=(P_L,P_R)$, $P_{L,R}\in \Lambda_w(\mathfrak{g})$ and $P_L-P_R\in \Lambda_r(\mathfrak{g})$. $\Lambda_{r,w}$ root/weight lattice of \mathfrak{g} rank D simple Lie algebra
- 2. This means that the Weyl group W(g) is an isometry of $P_{L,R}$ separately!



- 3. We choose a generator Θ of Z_n and act asymmetrically: $\Theta = (\Theta_L, 0)$
- 4. L-movers are completely rotated, but the sublattice $I = (0, \Lambda_r)$ survives! Action of Z_n on the lattice vectors defined up to a phase:

$$g: |P_L, P_R> \longrightarrow e^{2\pi i P \cdot v} |\Theta_L P_L, P_R>$$
$$g: |p> \longrightarrow e^{2\pi i p \cdot v_f} |p>$$

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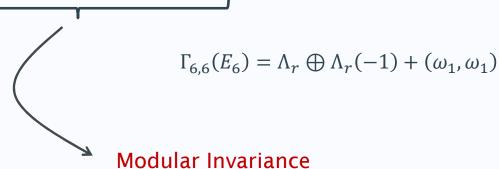


Our work

[Dabholkar, Harvey; 98] claim that there is a Type IIB T^6/Z_9 island with $\mathfrak{g}=E_6$ leading to $\mathcal{N}=4$ pure sugra in 4d.

$$p \cdot p' = 2Z$$
 $Vol(\Gamma_{6,6}) = 1$

We built the Lorentzian even self-dual lattice using the gluing construction [Nikulin; 80]:





The Gram matrix



The partition function

$$Z = Z_X Z_{\overline{\psi}} Z_{\psi\Gamma}$$

Non-compact bosons

$$Z_X = \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\tau_2}\eta\bar{\eta}\right)^2}$$

R-moving fermions

$$Z_{\overline{\psi}} = \frac{1}{(\eta \overline{\eta})^4} (\sum_{r \in v} - \sum_{r \in s}) \overline{q}^{\frac{1}{2}r^2}$$

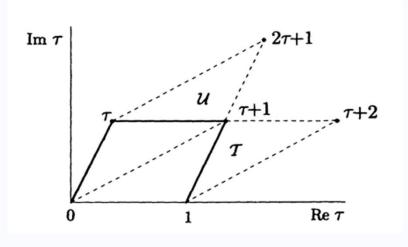
L-moving fermions + compact bosons

$$Z_{\psi\Gamma} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k,l} Z(g^k, g^l)$$
Orbifold action is only here

Compute the untwisted sector $Z(1, g^l)$ and then use modular invariance!

Picture: [Di Francesco, Mathieu, Sénécal; 80]





$$T: \tau \longrightarrow \tau + 1$$

$$S: \tau \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$U = TST$$

Coprime sectors (l, 9) = 1:

$$Z(1,g^l) \xrightarrow{S} Z(g^l,1) \xrightarrow{T^k} Z(g^l,g^{lk})$$

 g^3 , g^6 sectors:

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, $\tau = \tau_1 + i \tau_2$, $\eta = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$

$$\vartheta\begin{bmatrix}\alpha\\\beta\end{bmatrix} = \eta e^{2\pi i \alpha \beta} q^{\frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + q^{n+\alpha - \frac{1}{2}} e^{2\pi i \beta}\right) \left(1 + q^{n-\alpha - \frac{1}{2}} e^{-2\pi i \beta}\right) \qquad \qquad \hat{\vartheta}\begin{bmatrix}\alpha\\\beta\end{bmatrix} = e^{-2\pi i \alpha \beta} \vartheta\begin{bmatrix}\alpha\\\beta\end{bmatrix}$$

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Consistency of the worldsheet CFT \implies $9v \in \Lambda_r$

Island (removing moduli) $\exists v \notin \Lambda_w$



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The Spectrum

The partition function can be expanded as a series:

$$Z = n_{1B} - n_{1F} + (n_{2B} - n_{2F})(q\bar{q})^{1/9} + (n_{3B} - n_{3F})(q\bar{q})^{2/9}$$

Importance of *v* for removing massless states!

Type IIB on
$$T^6$$
 Our asymmetric orbifold
$$(\pm 2) + 8(\pm 3/2) + 28(\pm 1) + 56(\pm 1/2) + 70(0)$$

$$(\pm 2) + 4(\pm 3/2) + 6(\pm 1) + 4(\pm 1/2) + 2(0)$$
 axidilaton
$$\mathcal{N} = 8 \text{ gravity multiplet}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ gravity multiplet}$$

If we set v = 0 we enhance SUSY and recover the toroidal compactification.



Computed the spectrum up to order $(q\bar{q})$

Organised all the states into 4d $\mathcal{N}=4$ multiplets

Found 3 different spectra corresponding to the following shift vectors

 v_1

 v_2, v_3

 v_4, v_5, v_6

3 ISLANDS!

New points in the moduli space, inaccessible to standard string compactifications!



Summary and Outlook

- An archipelago of 3 T^6/Z_9 islands (Helicity Supertraces) [Dabholkar, Harvey; 98], [Mizoguchi; 01], [Baykara et al; 25]
- Ongoing work: landscape of heterotic 4d islands using Niemeier lattices
 [Aldazabal et al; 25]
- Goal: classify the landscape of type IIB 4d islands.
- S-dual of these islands?
- Connection to $AdS_5 \times S_5$ via the AdS/CFT correspondence?



THANK YOU



Extra Slides



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Operator interpretation: $Z(g^k, g^l)$ entails the action of the operator g^l on each fixed point. So that the overall factor can be interpreted as the trace. We choose the following actions

$$g^0$$
: (1,1,1)

$$g^2$$
: $(1, e^{2\pi i/3}, e^{2\pi i/3})$

$$g^1:(1,e^{-2\pi i/3},e^{-2\pi i/3})$$

$$g^1g^2 = g^0$$
 Z₃ structure