Stabilizing Massless Fields in Landau-Ginzburg Models

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Based on 2406.xxxx Becker, MR, Sengupta, Walcher, Wrase

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where, L

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$G_{(1)}^{[8,8]}$	14	0	0	0	0
$G_{(1)}^{[12,12]}$	22	0	0	0	0
$G_{(2)}^{[12,12]}$	26	0	0	0	0
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- The $2^6/\mathbb{Z}_4$ orientifold with tadpole charge 40 could give a way out.
- This model has 91 moduli including the axio-dilation.
- The tadpole conjecture does not imply that all 91 moduli cannot be stabilized ($40 \times 3 = 120 > 91$).
- For example, we find solutions with mass matrix rank of 84 (out of 91) moduli.

- Motivation
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Contents

- Moduli stabilization is possible with higher order terms in the superpotential.
- the interiors of moduli space.
- Stay tuned!

Summary

• Non-geometric LG Models are promising tools for the Swampland program.

• Tadpole Conjecture appears to hold in non-geometric models (for now) in

Thank you!

Moduli Stabilization and the Swampland $G_{3} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \left(\Omega_{1,1,1,1,2,1,2,1,2} - \Omega_{1,1,1,1,2,1,2,2,1} - \Omega_{1,1,1,1,2,2,1,1,2} - \Omega_{1,1,1,1,2,2,1,2,1} \right)$

- Mass matrix rank = 16

 $\partial_{\tilde{a}}W = 0$

where \tilde{a} runs over the 16 massive fields can be solved to get,

$$t_a = t_{a(1)} + t_a$$

[Becker et al '22]

• The already massive fields can be fixed order by order with no ambiguity. That is,

 $t_{a(2)} + t_{a(3)} + \dots$

• Solving the quadratic order constraints from the cubic order terms for the massless fields leads to six new stabilized directions.

$$t_{20} = t_{20(1)} +$$

- Several branches of solutions. Need to be careful to not overfix.
- An exhaustive search is cumbersome and maybe even impossible.
- Progress towards classifying the various solutions.
- General patterns and symmetry arguments?

 $t_{20(2)} + \dots$

[Becker et al '23]

Review of Non-Geometric LG Models

- Similarly we can indentify the cohomology and homology bases starting from the building block of the $2^6/\mathbb{Z}_4$ model, $W_{ws} = x^4$.
- A cohomology basis is given by the RR ground states of the minimal model $|l\rangle$ with l = 1, 2, 3. A homology basis is given by V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3 with $V_0 + V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 0$.
- The overlap integral between the cycles and RR ground states is then calculable,

$$\langle V_n | l \rangle = \int_{V_n} x^{l-1} e^{-x^4} dx = \frac{1}{4} \Gamma\left(\frac{l}{4}\right) (1 - \omega^l) \omega^{ln} \qquad \text{[Hori et al '00]}$$

with l = 1,2,3, n = 0,1,2,3 and $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}}$

Review of Non-Geometric LG Models

- The $2^6/\mathbb{Z}_4$ model has $h^{(2,1)} = 90$ and $h^{(1,1)} =$

1. For
$$\Omega_{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_6} \in H^{(2, -1)}$$

2. For
$$\Omega_{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_6} \in H^{(3,0)}$$
, $\sum_i l_i = 6$

• The orientifold involution we will work with is

$$\sigma:(x_1,x_2\ldots,x_6)\to e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}}(x_1,x_2\ldots,x_6)$$

which has an orientifold charge of 40 that has to be canceled by fluxes.

$$= 0. \qquad \left(W_{2^6} = \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^4, g : x_i \to e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4}} x_i \right)$$

• The RR ground states of the model are labelled by $\Omega_{\mathbf{l}}$ where $\mathbf{l} = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_6)$ with $l_i = 1, 2, 3$ -

(),
$$\sum_{i} l_i = 10.$$

[Becker et al '06]
Moduli Stabilization and the Swampland

• A flux choice that gives 84 massive fields,

$$\begin{split} G_{3} &= -\frac{1}{2}\Omega_{1,1,3,3,1,1} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,2,1,1,3,2} - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,2,2,3,1,1} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,2,3,1,1,2} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,3,1,1,2,2} + \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{1,2,1,1,3,2} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,3,2,1,1,2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{1,3,2,2,1,1} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right)\Omega_{1,3,3,1,1,1} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,1,1,1,3,2} - \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{2,1,2,3,1,1} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,1,3,1,1,2} \\ &- \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,1,3,2,1,1} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,2,1,1,2,2} + \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{2,2,1,1,3,1} - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,2,1,3,1,1} \\ &- \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,2,2,1,1,2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,2,3,1,1,1} + \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{2,3,1,1,2,1} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{2,3,1,2,1,1} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right)\Omega_{2,3,2,1,1,1} + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{3,1,2,2,1,1} - \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{3,1,3,1,1,1} + \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{3,2,1,1,2,1} \\ &- \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{3,1,2,1,1,2} - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{3,1,2,2,1,1} - \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{3,1,3,1,1,1} + \frac{1}{2}i\Omega_{3,2,1,1,2,1} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}\right)\Omega_{3,2,2,1,1,1} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{3,3,1,1,1,1} \end{split}$$