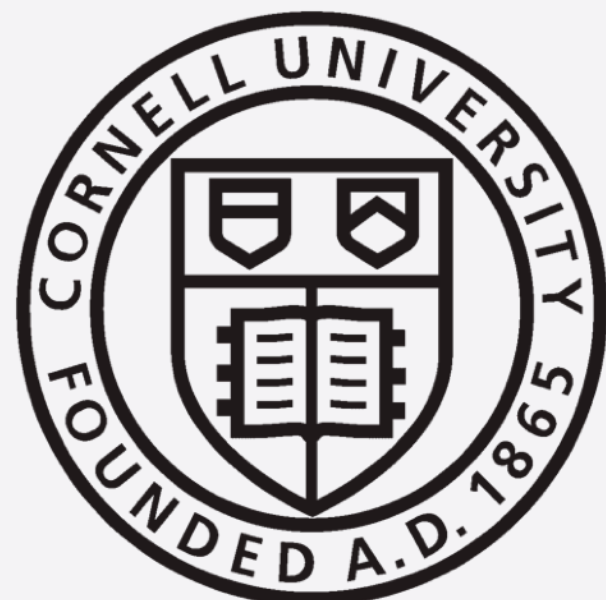




Exploring new corners of the string landscape



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Upshot

Numerical minimisation:

How do we find critical points in string theory?

based on work with

- Dubey, Krippendorf: [2306.06160](#)
- Ebel, Krippendorf: [2307.15749](#)
- Krippendorf: [2308.15525](#)

CONJECTURE

There must be more out there than just KKLT, LVS, DGKT, ...
One way forward is to make vacua construction more systematic using numerical methods.

Numerical optimisation:

How do we select EFTs from string theory?

based on work with

- MacFadden, Sheridan: [2403.XXXX](#)

Type IIB orientifold flux compactifications

Notation and convention

Consider Type IIB superstring theory on a CY orientifold X with O3/O7-planes and scalar fields:

complex structure moduli $z^a, a = 1, \dots, h_-^{2,1},$

Kähler moduli $T_\alpha, \alpha = 1, \dots, h_+^{1,1}$,

axio-dilaton $\tau = c + \mathrm{i}s$

In the 4D EFT, the **F-term scalar potential** for these fields is defined by

$$V_F = e^K (K^{I\bar{J}} D_I W D_{\bar{J}} \bar{W} - 3 |W|^2) \quad , \quad D_I W = \partial_I W + (\partial_I K) W \quad , \quad K_{I\bar{J}} = \partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} K \quad , \quad K = -2 \log(\mathcal{V}) + \dots \quad , \quad \mathcal{V} = \text{Vol}(X)$$

in terms of a Kähler potential K and the superpotential W .

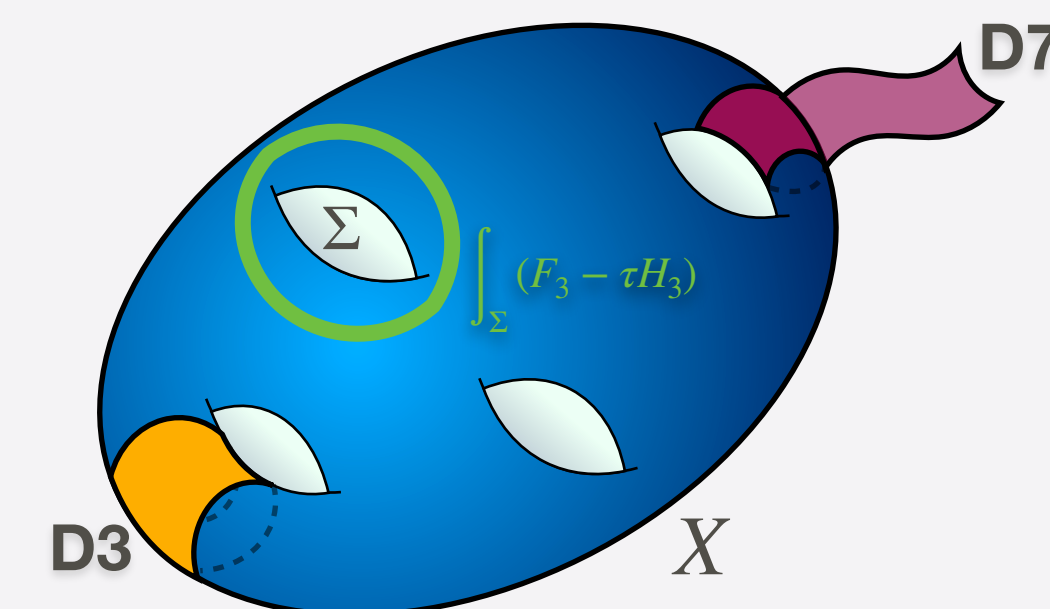
The superpotential receives contributions from two sources

$$W(z, \tau, T) = W_{\text{flux}}(z, \tau) + W_{\text{np}}(z, \tau, T) \quad , \quad W_{\text{flux}}(z, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_X (F_3 - \tau H_3) \wedge \Omega(z) \quad , \quad W_{\text{np}}(z, \tau, T) = \sum_D A_D(z, \tau) e^{-\frac{2\pi}{c_D} T_D}$$

Fluxes have to satisfy D3-tadpole cancellation condition

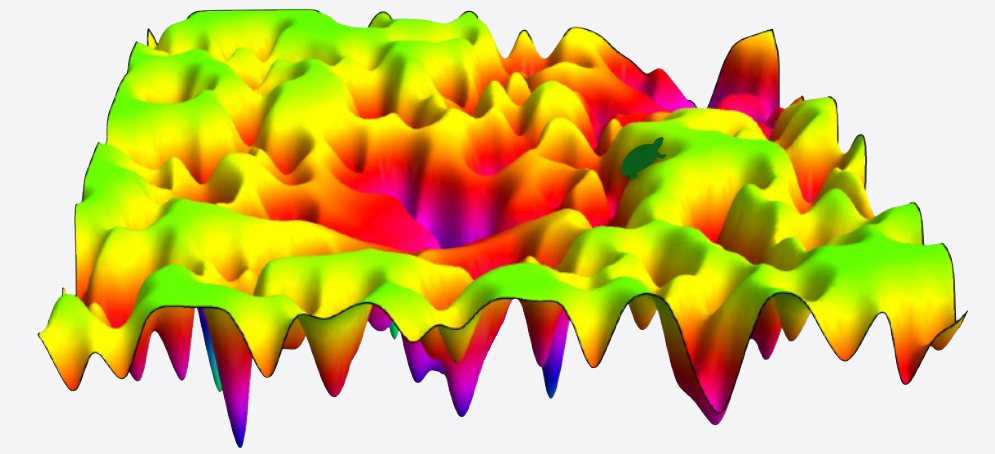
$$N_{\text{flux}} + N_{D3} - \bar{N}_{D3} = \mathcal{Q}_{D3} \quad , \quad N_{\text{flux}} = \int_Y H_3 \wedge F_3$$

with Q_{D3} depending on localised sources like D7-branes and O3/O7-planes.



The string theory landscape

Numerical minimisation in string compactifications



Bousso et al.: [hep-th/0004134](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0004134)

Susskind: [hep-th/0302219](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0302219)

We want to find critical points of the potential

$$V_F(z, \tau, T) = \frac{V_{\text{Flux}}(z, \tau)}{\mathcal{V}^2} + V_{\text{rest}}(z, \tau, T)$$

but this is hard...

Challenges

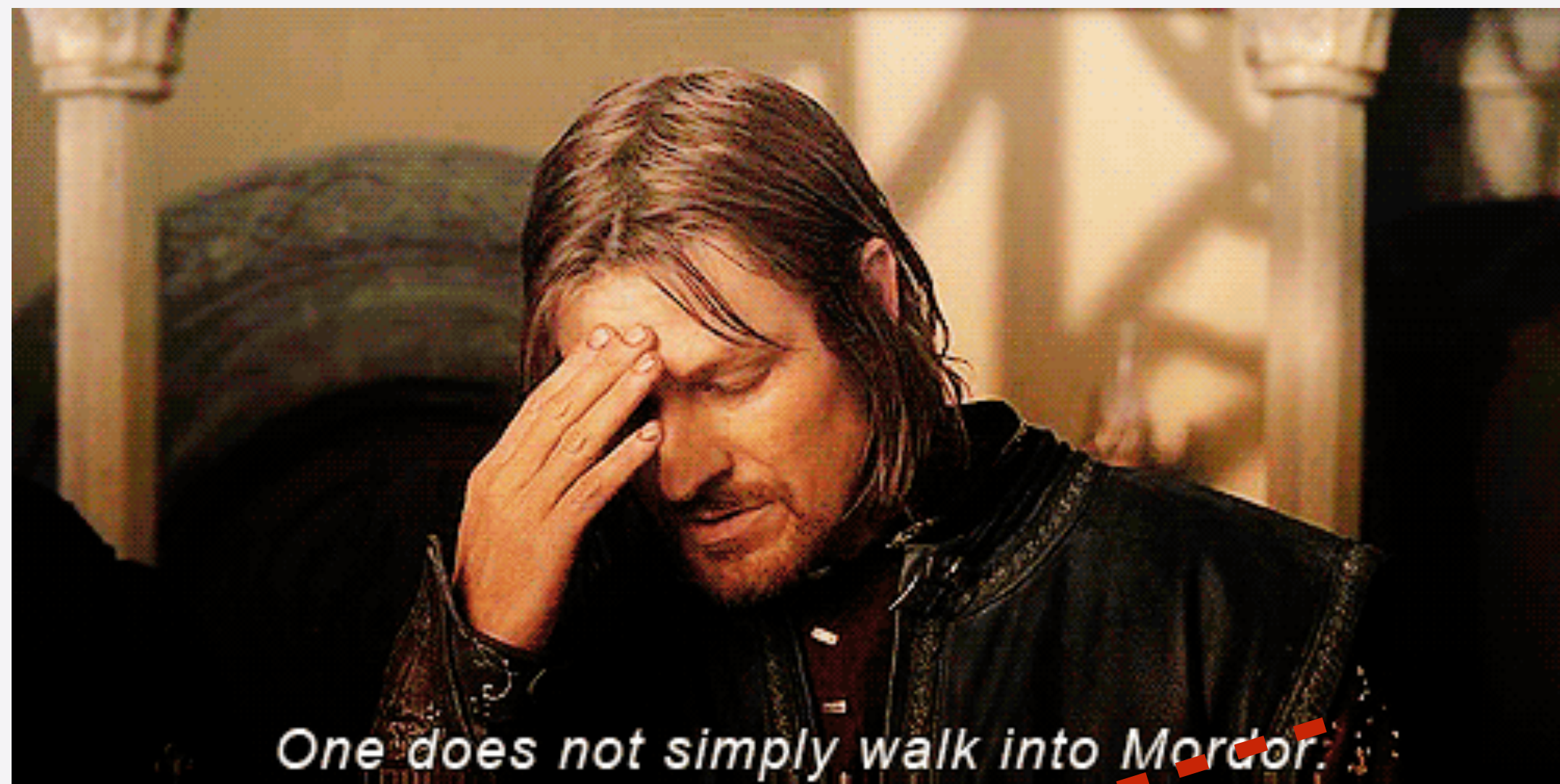
A. Need to solve coupled system of equations in $\mathcal{O}(100)$ **scalar fields**

$$z^a, a = 1, \dots, h_-^{1,2} \quad , \quad T_\alpha, \alpha = 1, \dots, h_+^{1,1}$$

B. Not any solution suffices $\Rightarrow$ **constrained optimisation problem**:

1. $z^a, T_\alpha \in \mathcal{M}$ take values in **field** or **moduli space** $\mathcal{M}$
2. **truncation** on spectrum and contributions justified?
3. **perturbative control** guaranteed? E.g. couplings small?

C. $\rho_{\text{vac}} > 0$ requires SUSY breaking in a controlled way. **How?**



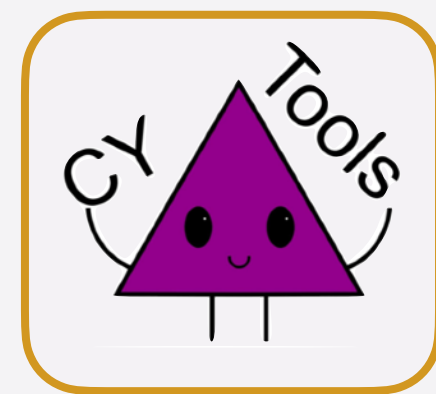
the landscape.

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A framework for constructing EFTs from string theory

[Dubey, Krippendorf, AS: [2306.06160](#)]

Topological data



Demirtas et al. [2211.03823](#)



Potentials

K, W

auto-diff

EFT properties

$V, \partial_I \partial_J V, M_{3/2}, \dots$

Model construction

CY data from CYTools
as input

EFT module

Auto-differentiation to
compute EFT from K, W

Sampling module

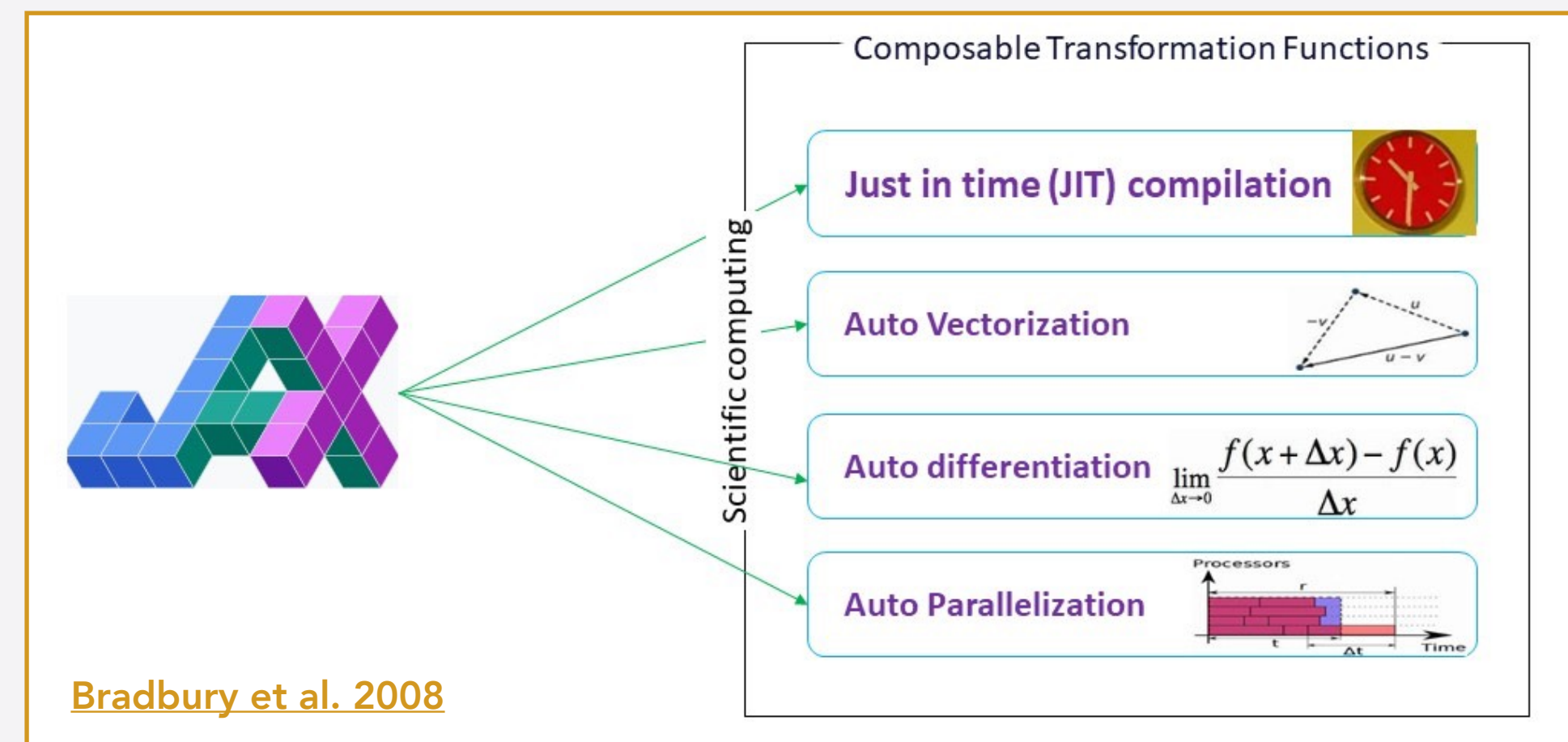
Choice of initial guesses
for fields and parameters

Optimisation module

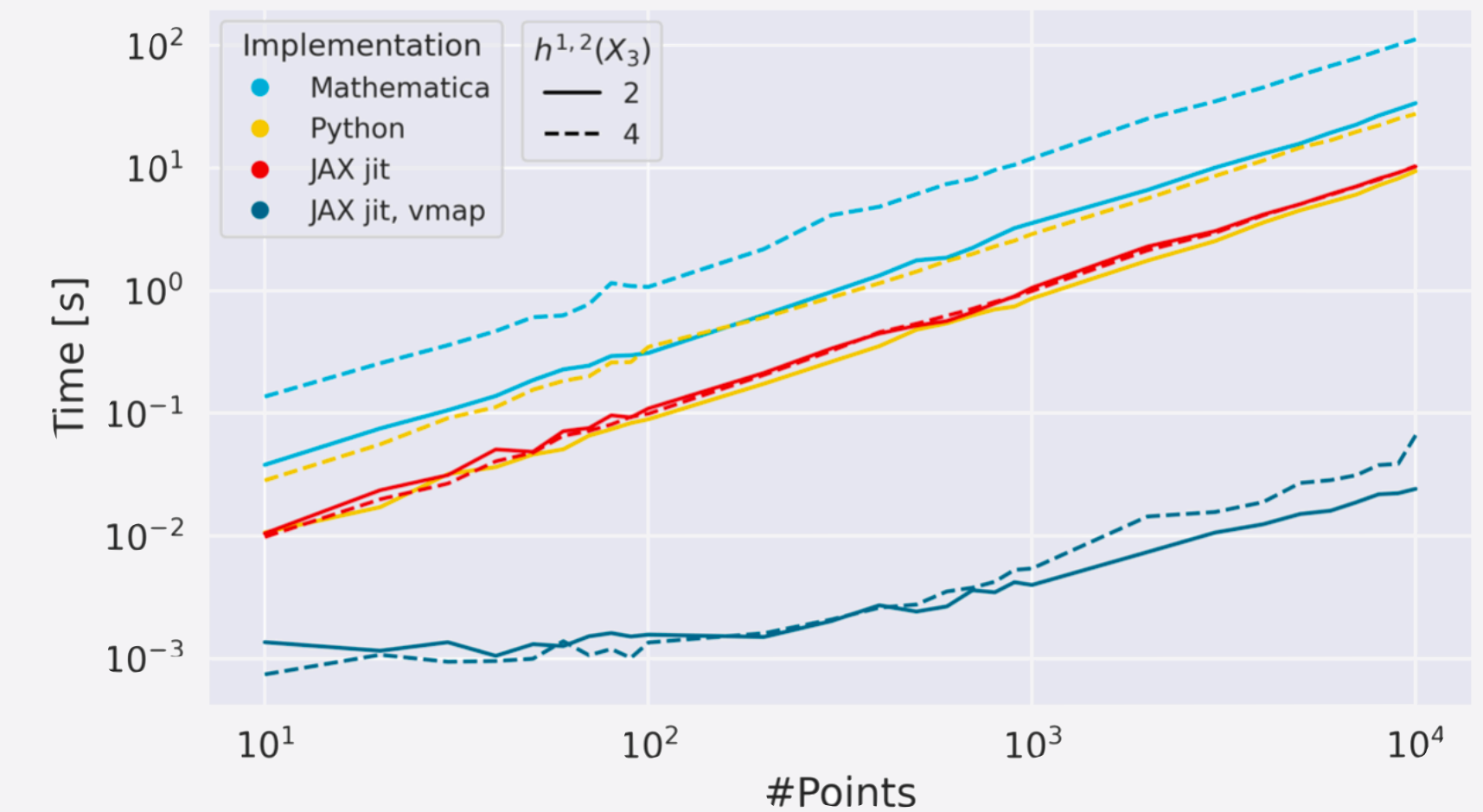
Find minima by solving $\partial_I V = 0$
using numerical optimiser

Filter module

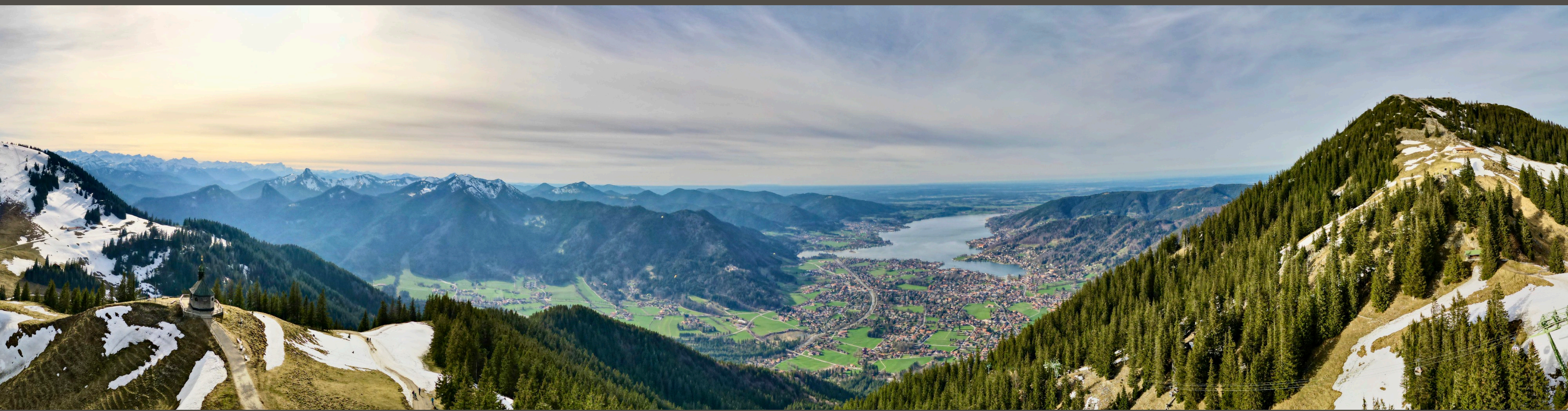
Consistency of truncation
and absence flat directions



Timing for evaluating ∂W



Orders of magnitude speed improvements!



I will present one particular use case: **flux vacua at Large Complex Structure (LCS)**.

But our framework is able to

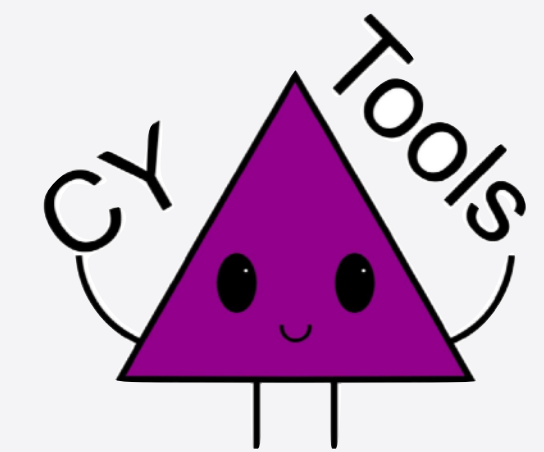
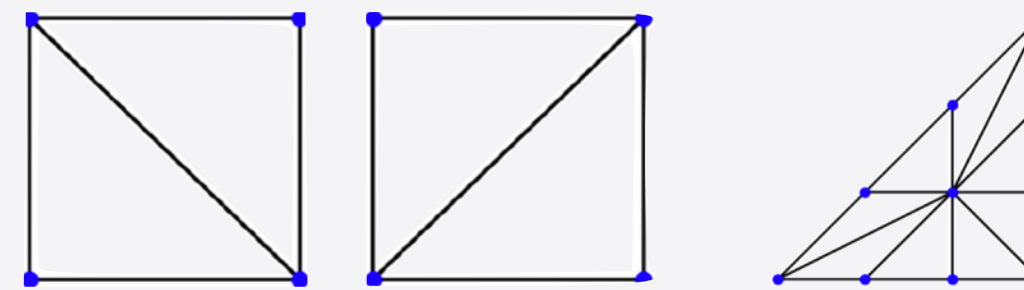
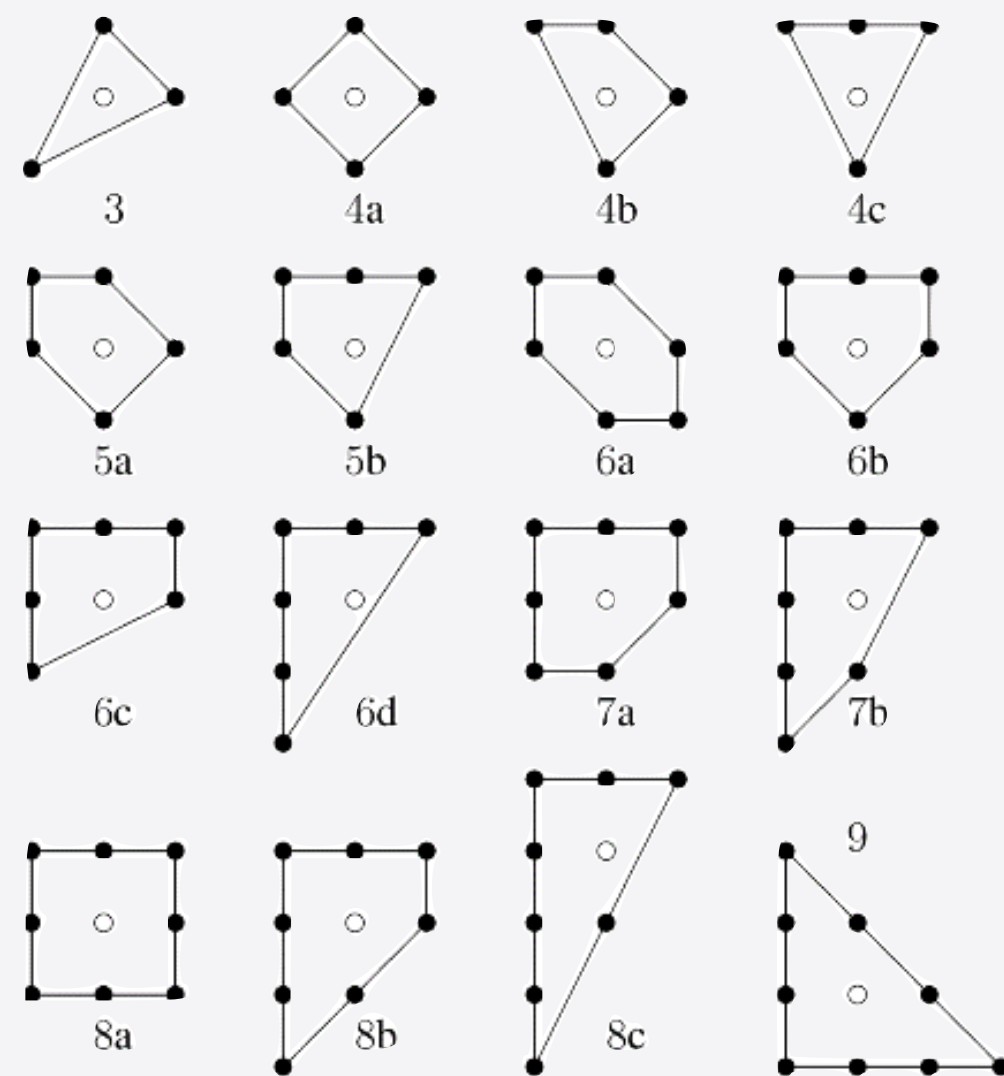
- add Kähler moduli (work in progress)
- find vacua for all CICYs (work in progress with Cicoli, Krippendorf, Piantadosi)
- work with general periods away from LCS (please help...)
- F-theory compactifications
- ...



Model construction

Scan for Geometries and Orientifolds

We will work with mirror pairs of CY₃ hypersurfaces $X, \widetilde{X}$
in toric varieties $V, \widetilde{V}$
obtained from triangulations of 4D polytopes Δ°, Δ



Demirtas, Rios-Tascon,
McAllister [2211.03823](#)

In our constructions:

- * holomorphic orientifold projections following [\[Moritz 2305.06363\]](#).
- * only $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -involutions $x \rightarrow -x$ with O3/O7-planes such that $h_-^{1,1} = h_+^{1,2} = 0$.
- * the D3-tadpole is simply $Q_{D3} = h^{1,1} + h^{2,1} + 2$.

473,800,776 reflexive polytopes in 4D Kreuzer,
Skarke (KS) [\[hep-th/0002240\]](#)

Model construction

Flux vacua at Large Complex Structure (LCS)

The flux superpotential in terms of the **period vector** $\vec{\Pi}$ and the **pre-potential** $F = F(z)$ is given by

$$W_{\text{flux}}(\tau, z^a) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_X (F_3 - \tau H_3) \wedge \Omega(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \vec{\Pi}^\top \cdot \Sigma \cdot (\vec{f} - \tau \vec{h}) \quad , \quad \vec{\Pi} = (2F - z^a F_a, F_a, 1, z^a) \quad , \quad F_a = \partial_a F$$

We compute $F(z)$ explicitly at LCS using mirror symmetry following [Hosono et al. [hep-th/9406055](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9406055)]

$$F(z) = F_{\text{poly}}(z) + F_{\text{inst}}(z) \quad , \quad F_{\text{poly}}(z) = -\frac{1}{3!} \tilde{\kappa}_{abc} z^a z^b z^c + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{a}_{ab} z^a z^b + \frac{1}{24} \tilde{c}_a z^a + \frac{\zeta(3) \chi(\widetilde{X})}{2(2\pi i)^3} \quad , \quad F_{\text{inst}}(z) = -\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^3} \sum_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathcal{M}(\widetilde{X})} \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}} \text{Li}_3\left(e^{2\pi i \tilde{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{z}}\right)$$

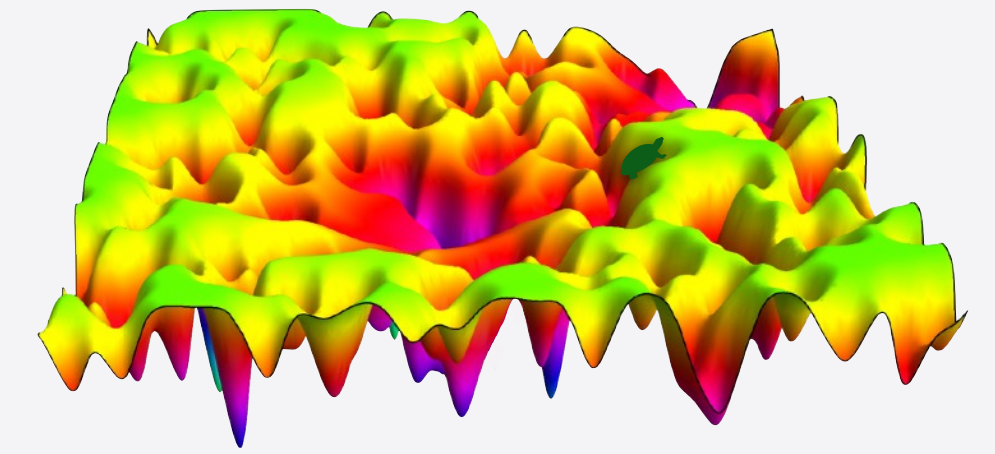
in terms of (see [Demirtas et al. [2303.00757](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.00757)] for recent computational advances)

$$\tilde{c}_a = \int_{\widetilde{X}} c_2(\widetilde{X}) \wedge \tilde{\beta}_a \quad , \quad \tilde{a}_{ab} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} \tilde{\kappa}_{aab} & a \geq b \\ \tilde{\kappa}_{abb} & a < b \end{cases} \quad , \quad \chi(\widetilde{X}) = \int_{\widetilde{X}} c_3(\widetilde{X}) \quad , \quad \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}}} = \text{genus zero GV invariants}$$

[Gopakumar, Vafa [hep-th/9809187](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9809187)]

The string theory landscape

Flux vacua revisited



Bousso et al.: [hep-th/0004134](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0004134)

Susskind: [hep-th/0302219](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0302219)

Focussing on the complex structure sector, the F-flatness conditions imply

$$D_{\bar{\tau}}W = D_{\bar{z}^a}W = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle V_{\text{Flux}} \rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Minkowski vacua}$$

This implies that the flux G_3 is **imaginary self-dual (ISD)** [GKP [hep-th/0105097](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0105097)]

$$\star_6 G_3 = iG_3 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad f_I = (\mathcal{M}(z^i, \bar{z}^i) \Sigma s + c)_{IJ} h^J, \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

in terms of ISD matrix $\mathcal{M}(z^i, \bar{z}^i)$ (see also talk by Erik).

HOW CAN WE EFFICIENTLY GENERATE
SUCH VACUA NUMERICALLY?

Some earlier searches:

Numerical analysis (so far mainly at low $h^{1,2}$):

- $h^{1,2} = 1$: [Plauschinn et al. [2310.06040](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.06040)]
- $h^{1,2} = 2$: [Martinez-Pedrera et al. [1212.4530](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.4530)]
- $h^{1,2} = 3$: [Cicoli et al. [1312.0014](https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.0014)]
- ...

Analytic approximations for special flux choices:

- PFVs [Demirtas et al. [1912.10047](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.10047)]
- Type IIB1/2 [Coudarchet et al. [2212.02533](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.02533), [2304.04789](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.04789)]
- ...

Sampling Module

Random vs. ISD Sampling

For alternative sampling techniques, see [Denef et al. [hep-th/0404257](#), Louis et al. [1208.3208](#)]

HOW DO WE EFFICIENTLY FIND CRITICAL POINTS OF THE FLUX POTENTIAL?

We have to sample flux quanta and initial guesses:

- **Random sampling:** Sample fluxes $\vec{F} = (f_a, h^b) \in \mathbb{Z}^N$ uniformly and solve $D_{z^a} W = 0$ for the moduli z^a
- **ISD sampling:** Sample **half of the fluxes** n^J plus initial points z_0^i, τ_0 and fix other fluxes $\tilde{m}_I$ by the ISD condition

$$\tilde{m}_I = \Lambda_{IJ}^{(0)} n^J, \quad \Lambda_{IJ}^{(0)} = \Lambda_{IJ}(z_0^i, \bar{z}_0^i, \tau_0) \quad \text{see also [Tsagkaris, Plauschinn [2207.13721](#)]}$$

In general, rounding becomes necessary

$$\tilde{m}_I \in \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{rounding}} m_I = \tilde{m}_I + \delta m_I \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{shift}} \langle z^i \rangle = z_0^i + \delta z^i, \quad \langle \tau \rangle = \tau_0 + \delta \tau$$

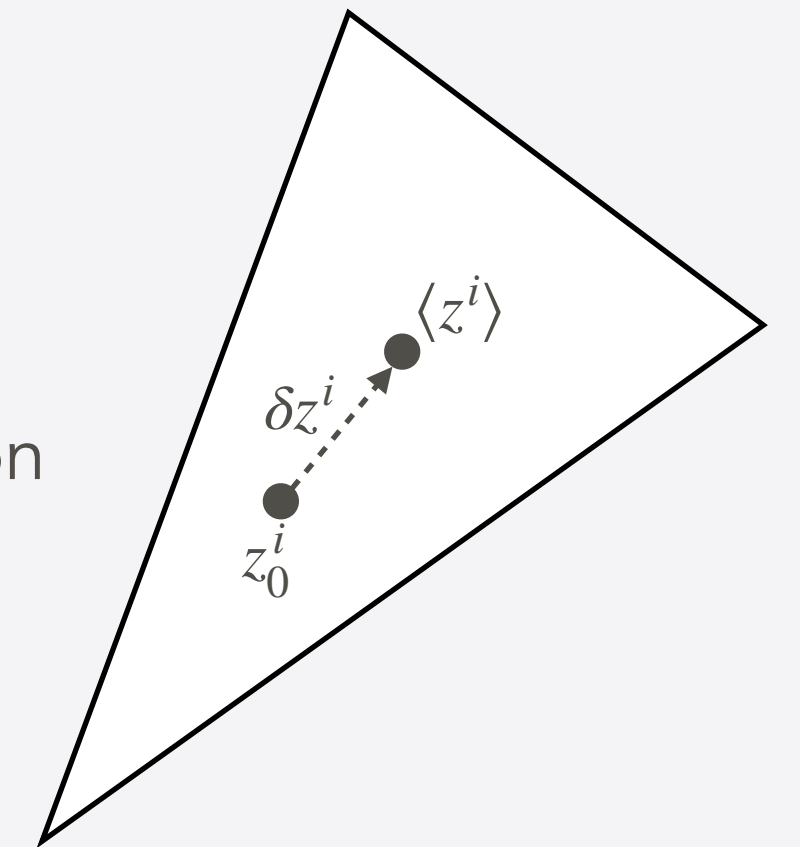
shifting the true moduli VEVs $\langle z^i \rangle, \langle \tau \rangle$ away from the initial guess.

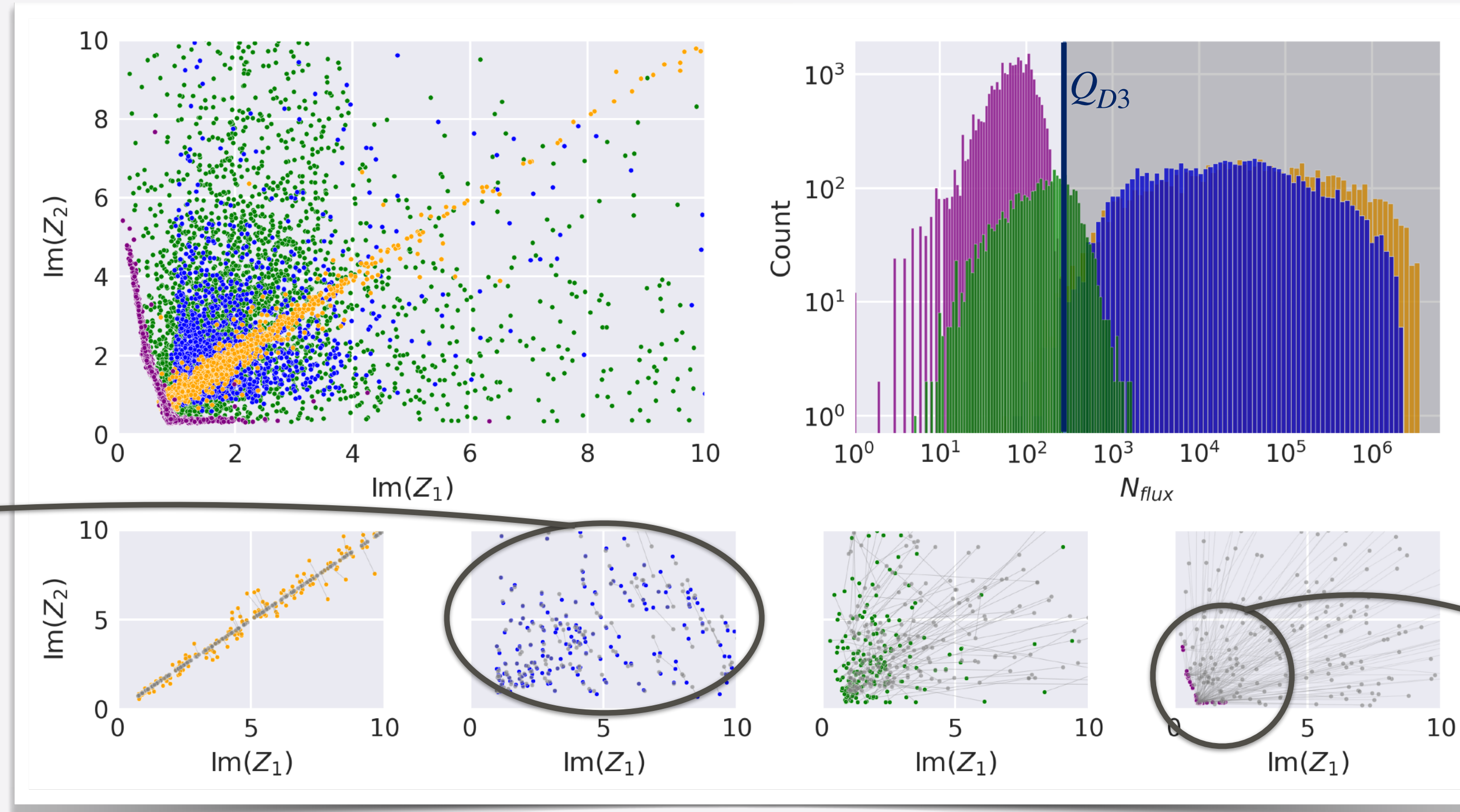
We solve the ISD conditions for given choices of fluxes and starting points using the python package `scipy.optimize`!

Example: We can choose n^J to be the NSNS 3-form fluxes h^J , then

$$\tilde{f}_I = \Lambda_{IJ}^{(0)} h^J, \quad \Lambda_{IJ}^{(0)} = \mathcal{M}(z_0^i, \bar{z}_0^i) \Sigma \text{Im}(\tau_0) + \text{Re}(\tau_0)$$

where $\tilde{f}_I$ are (continuous) RR 3-form fluxes.





Shifts δz^i small
 $\langle z^i \rangle = z_0^i + \delta z^i$

MORE EFFICIENT SAMPLING STRATEGY

Sampling method:

- tip, ISD₊
- cone, ISD₊
- cone, random
- cone, ISD₋

Random sampling leads to clustering near boundary, see e.g. [Martinez-Pedrera et al. [1212.4530](#)]!

Including GVs up to degree 10.

Optimisation module

ISD optimiser — Part 1

CAN WE SOLVE ISD CONDITIONS MORE EFFICIENTLY?

From ISD sampling, we obtain

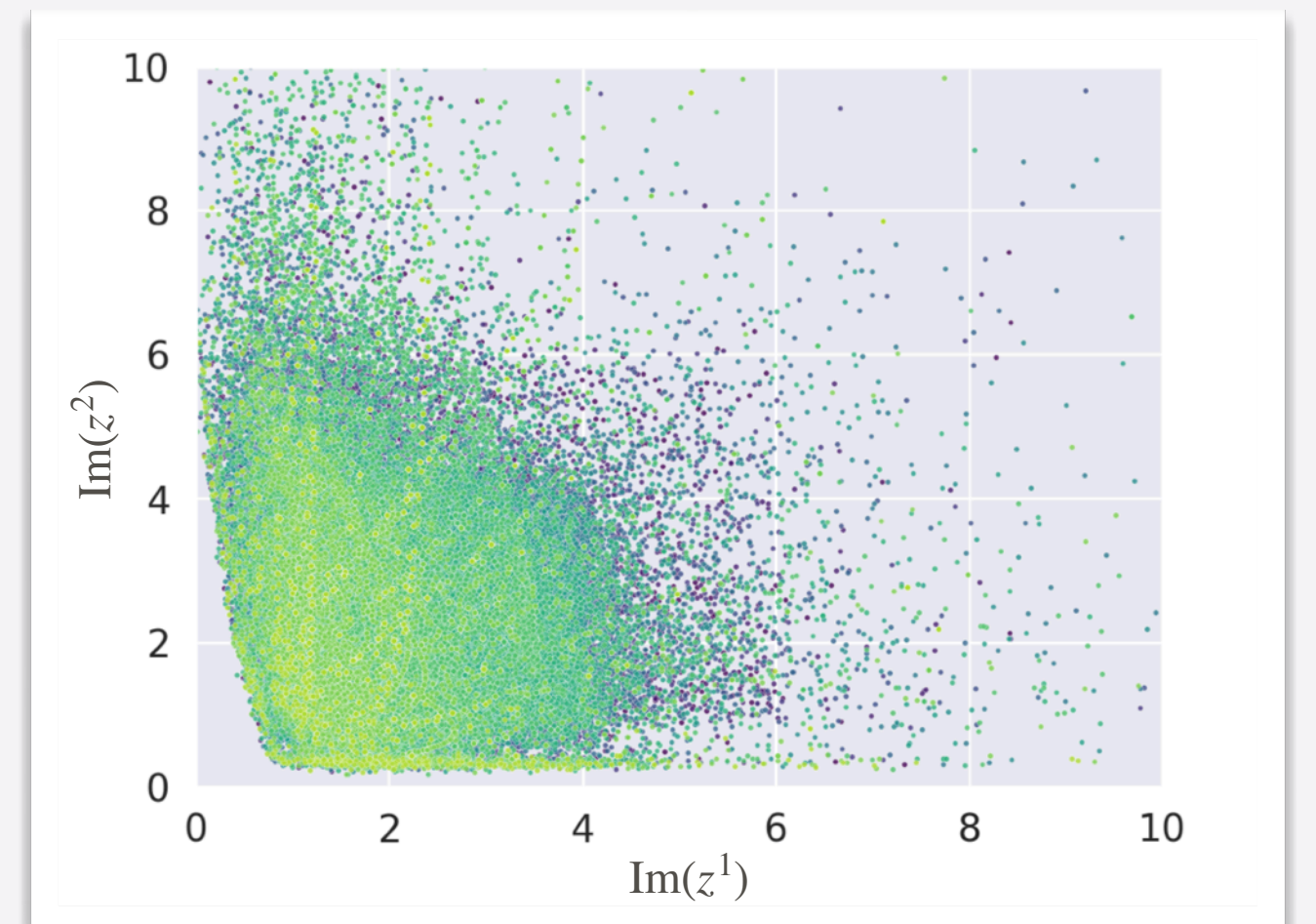
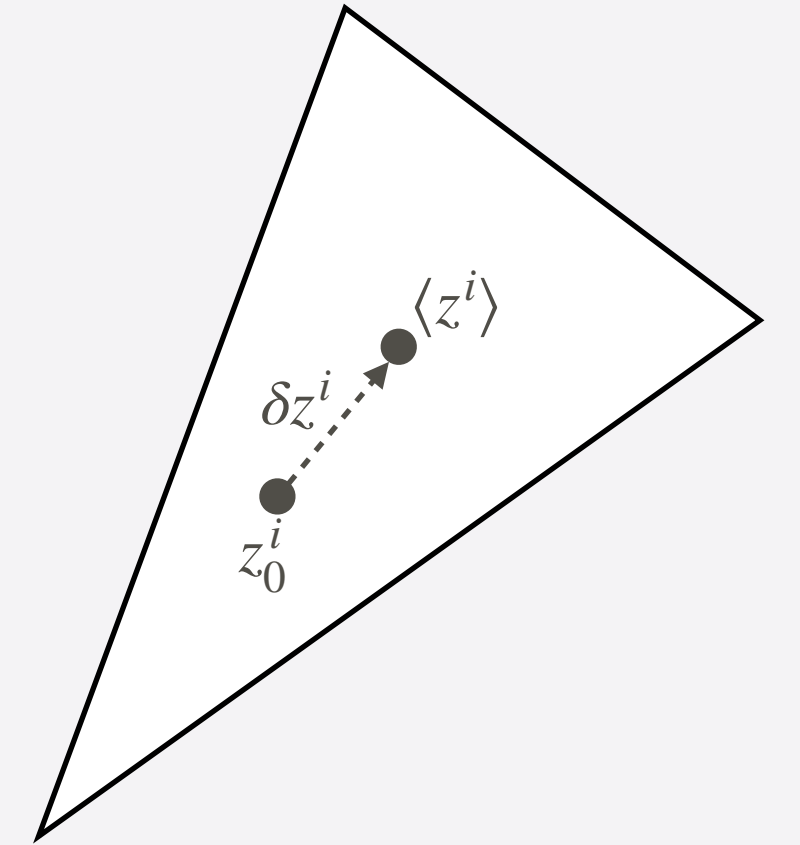
$$\tilde{m}_I = \Lambda_{IJ}^{(0)} n^J \in \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\text{rounding}} m_I = \tilde{m}_I + \delta m_I \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{shift}} \langle z^i \rangle = z_0^i + \delta z^i, \quad \langle \tau \rangle = \tau_0 + \delta \tau$$

We can estimate the shifts $\delta z^i, \delta \tau$ in the moduli by solving the **linearised ISD equation**:

$$m_I = \Lambda_{IJ}(\langle z^i \rangle, \langle \bar{z}^i \rangle, \langle \tau \rangle) n^J \Rightarrow \delta m_I = \left(\delta z^k \partial_{z^k} \Lambda_{IJ} + \delta \bar{z}^k \partial_{\bar{z}^k} \Lambda_{IJ} + \delta \tau \partial_{\tau} \Lambda_{IJ} \right) \Big|_{z_0^i, \tau_0} n^J + \dots$$

This idea can be used to **iteratively solve ISD condition** which is advantageous because

- constraints like **tadpole cancellation** or **Kähler cone hyperplanes** can be easily included
- JAX-compatible (in particular **differentiable** and **parallelisable**)
- works for **general** choices of fluxes



Optimisation module

ISD optimiser — Part 2

Performance comparison for $h^{2,1} = 2$:

100 nodes each with 32 cores to
find **24,882 solutions** in **75,000 hours**
using homotopy continuation

[Martinez-Pedrera et al. [1212.4530](#)]

VS.

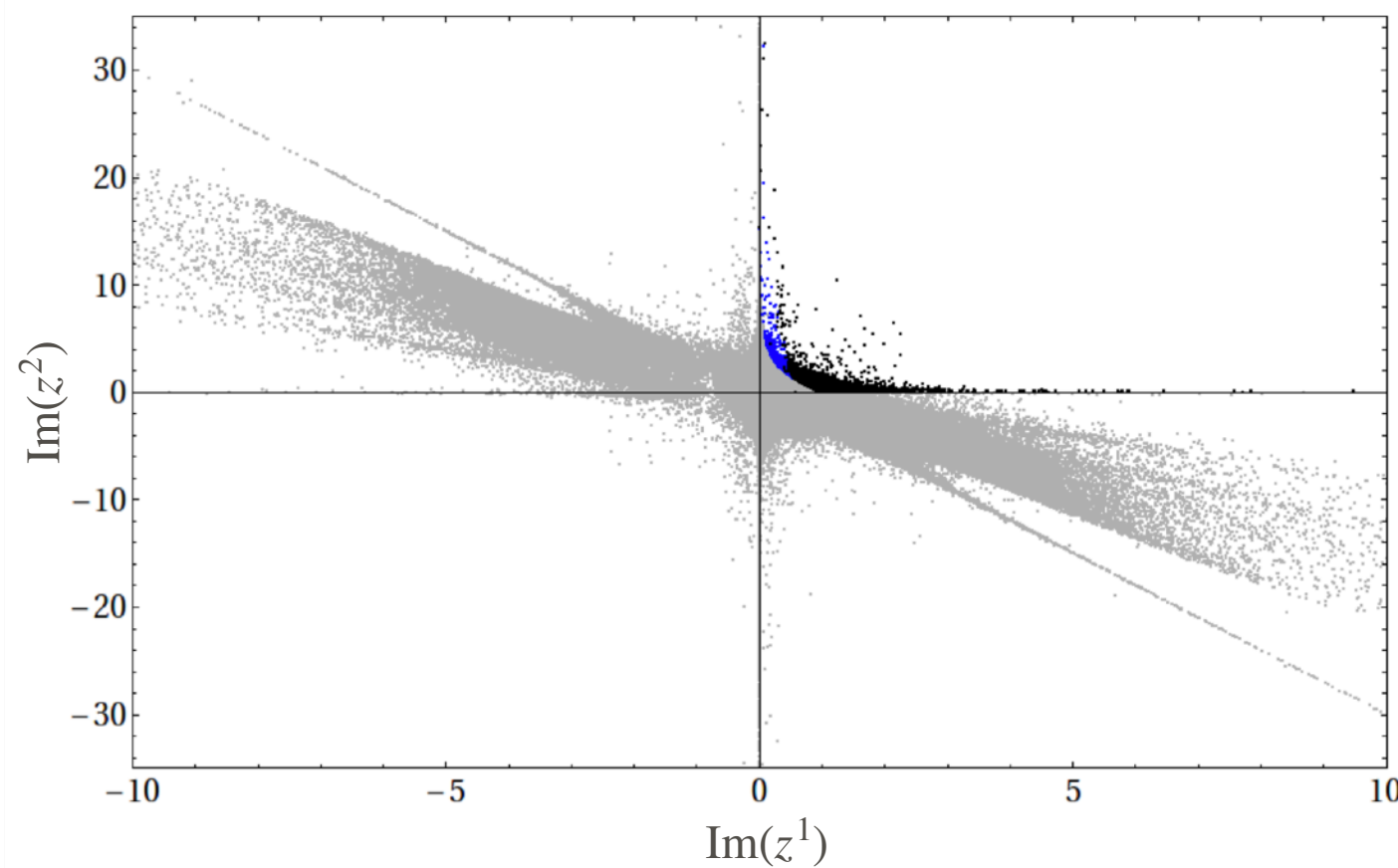
4 cores with 5GB of memory
33,019 solutions in **45 minutes**
using `scipy.optimize`

[Dubey, Krippendorf, AS [2306.06160](#)]

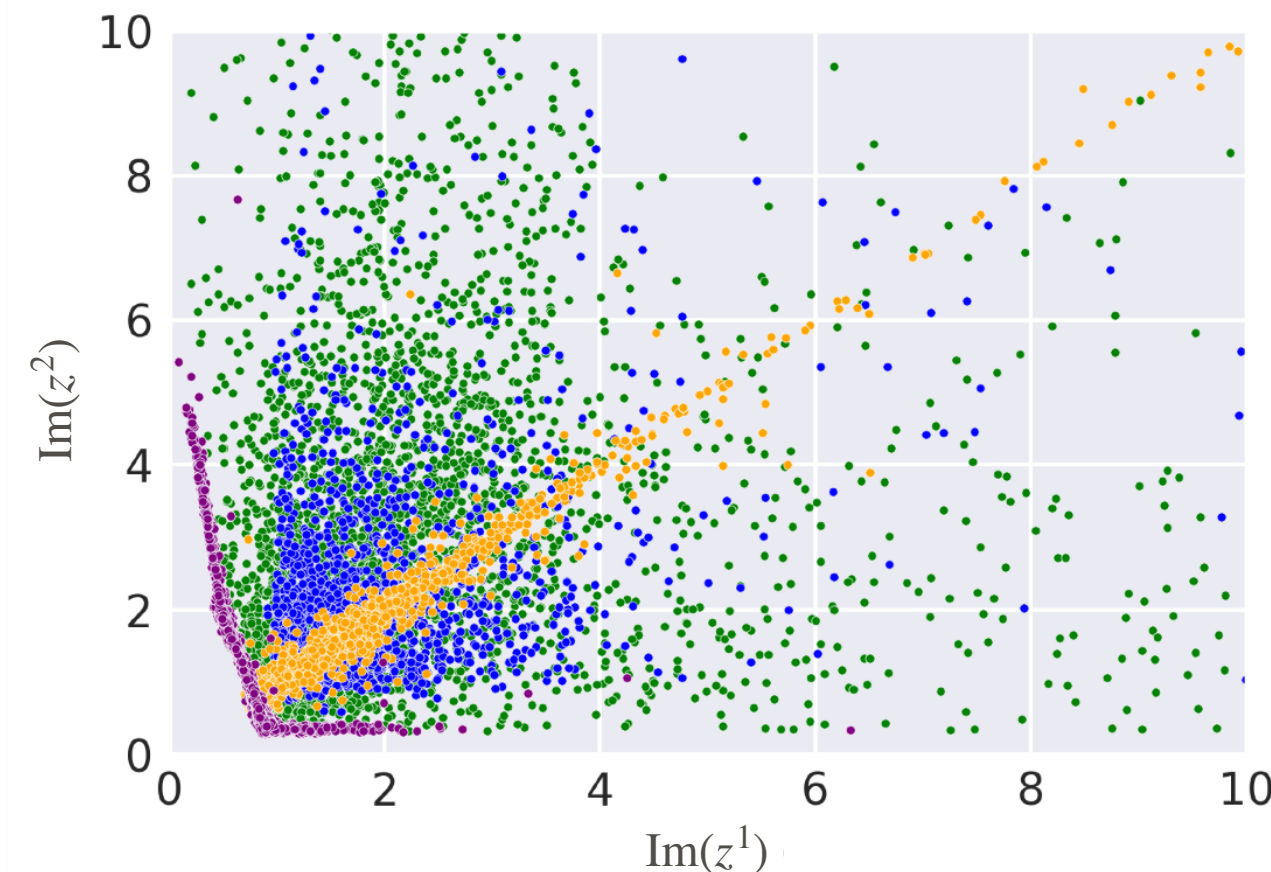
VS.

2 cores with 200MB of memory
94,157 solutions in **<1 minute**
using ISD optimiser

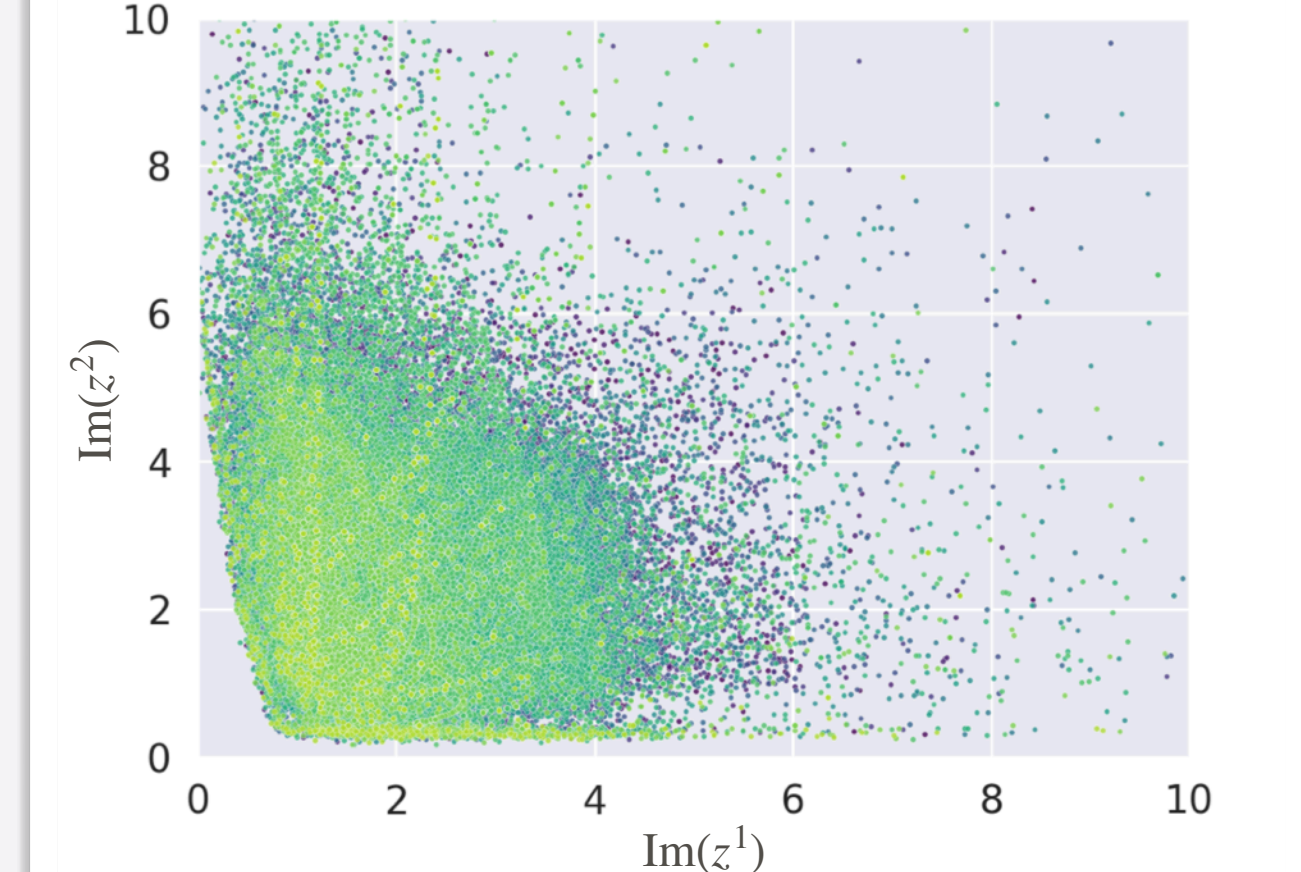
[work in progress]



“Classical” and dimensionally reduced.



Including GV solutions up to degree 10.



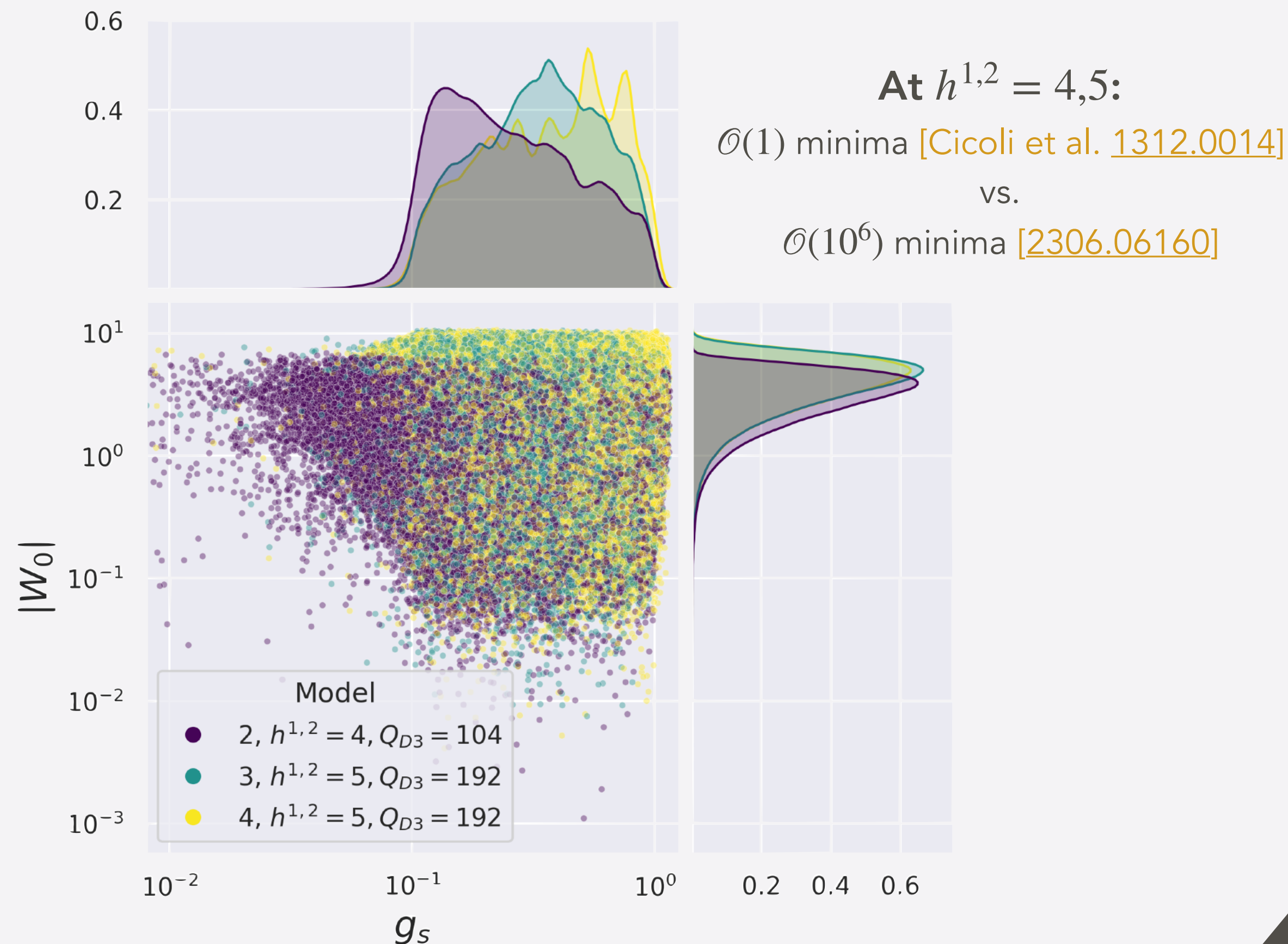
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Numerical results — $h^{1,2} \geq 4$

[Dubey, Krippendorf, AS: [2306.06160](#)]

GENERATE LARGE DATABASES OF STRING VACUA IN NEW REGIMES



Scaling behaviour at larger $h^{1,2}$

$h^{1,1}$	$h^{1,2}$	Q_{D3}	success rate	#vacua
213	5	220	50%	1,370,842
244	10	256	16%	498,545
399	15	416	7%	168,291
350	20	372	< 1%	36
245	25	272	< 1%	1

Success rate decreases rapidly because

- high dimensionality means slower evaluation time
- harder to perform numerical optimisation
- field space $\mathcal{M}$ becomes narrower [[Demirtas et al. 1808.01282](#)]

In the future, we should be able to test the **tadpole conjecture** [[Bena et al. 2010.10519](#)]...

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Landscape distributions

[Ebelt, Krippendorf, AS: [2307.15749](#)]

GOAL: PROBE DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE STRING LANDSCAPE

Motivation: Understanding such distributions is important to narrow down regimes with desirable features.

As a first test, we study the distribution of

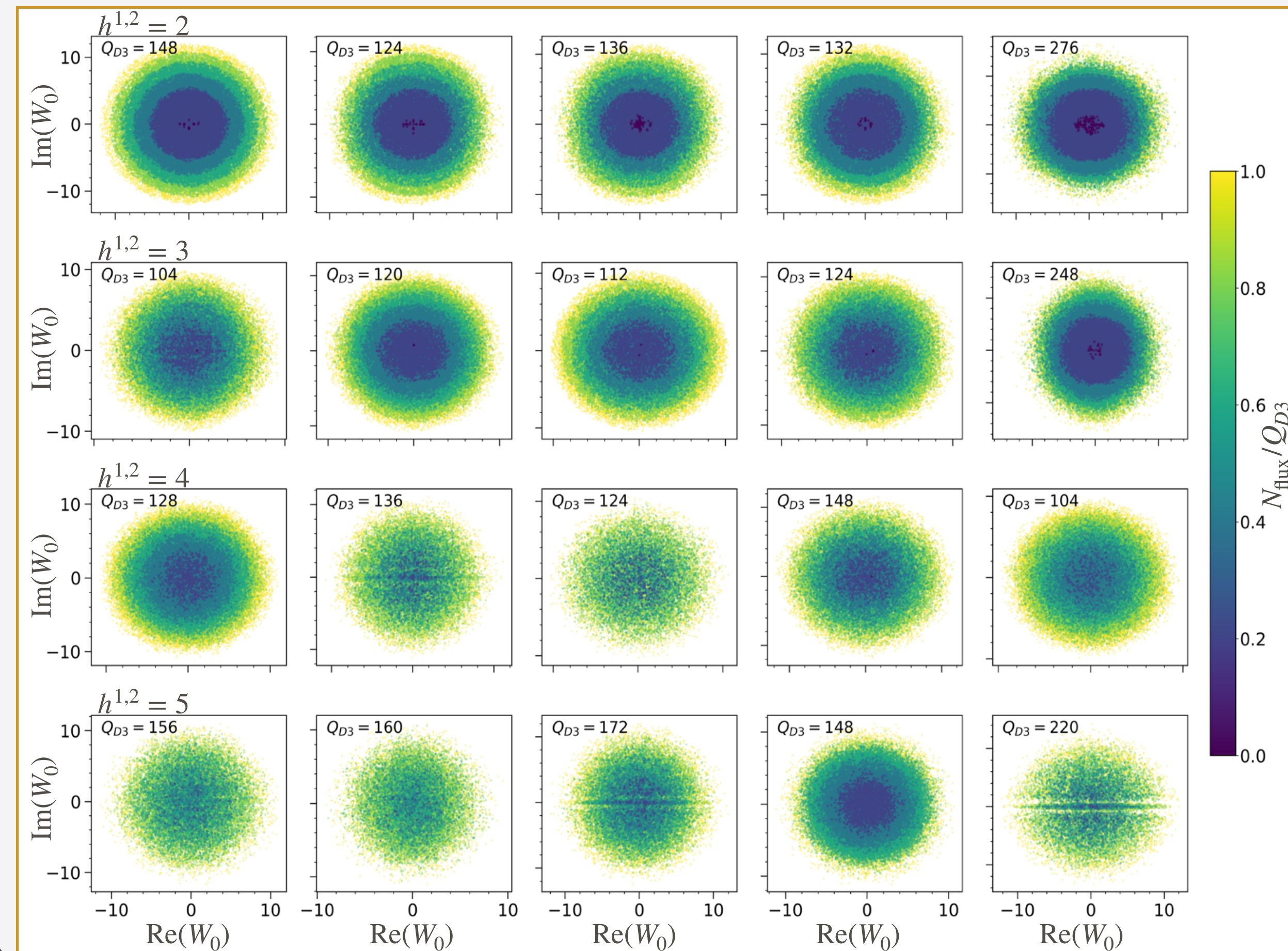
$$W_0 = \langle e^{K/2} W \rangle$$

which sets e.g. the gravitino mass.

Observations:

- A normal distribution is a good fit for W_0 in our datasets
- Color coding by N_{flux}/Q_{D3} reveals non-trivial scaling of the width with N_{flux}
- In agreement with expectation of [Denef, Douglas [hep-th/0404116](#)]
- However seems to be in disagreement with [Plauschinn et al. [2310.06040](#)]

20 geometries with $h^{1,2} = 2,3,4,5$ and $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ solutions each



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Supersymmetry Breaking and de Sitter uplifts — Part 1

[Krippendorf, AS: [2308.15525](#)]

QUESTION: HOW CAN WE FIND SOLUTIONS WITH $\rho_{\text{vac}} > 0$?

Recall the expression for the full potential:

$$V_F(z, \tau, T) = \frac{V_{\text{Flux}}(z, \tau)}{\mathcal{V}^2} + V_{\text{rest}}(z, \tau, T) \quad V_{\text{Flux}} = e^{K_{cs}} K^{a\bar{b}} D_a W D_{\bar{b}} \bar{W}$$

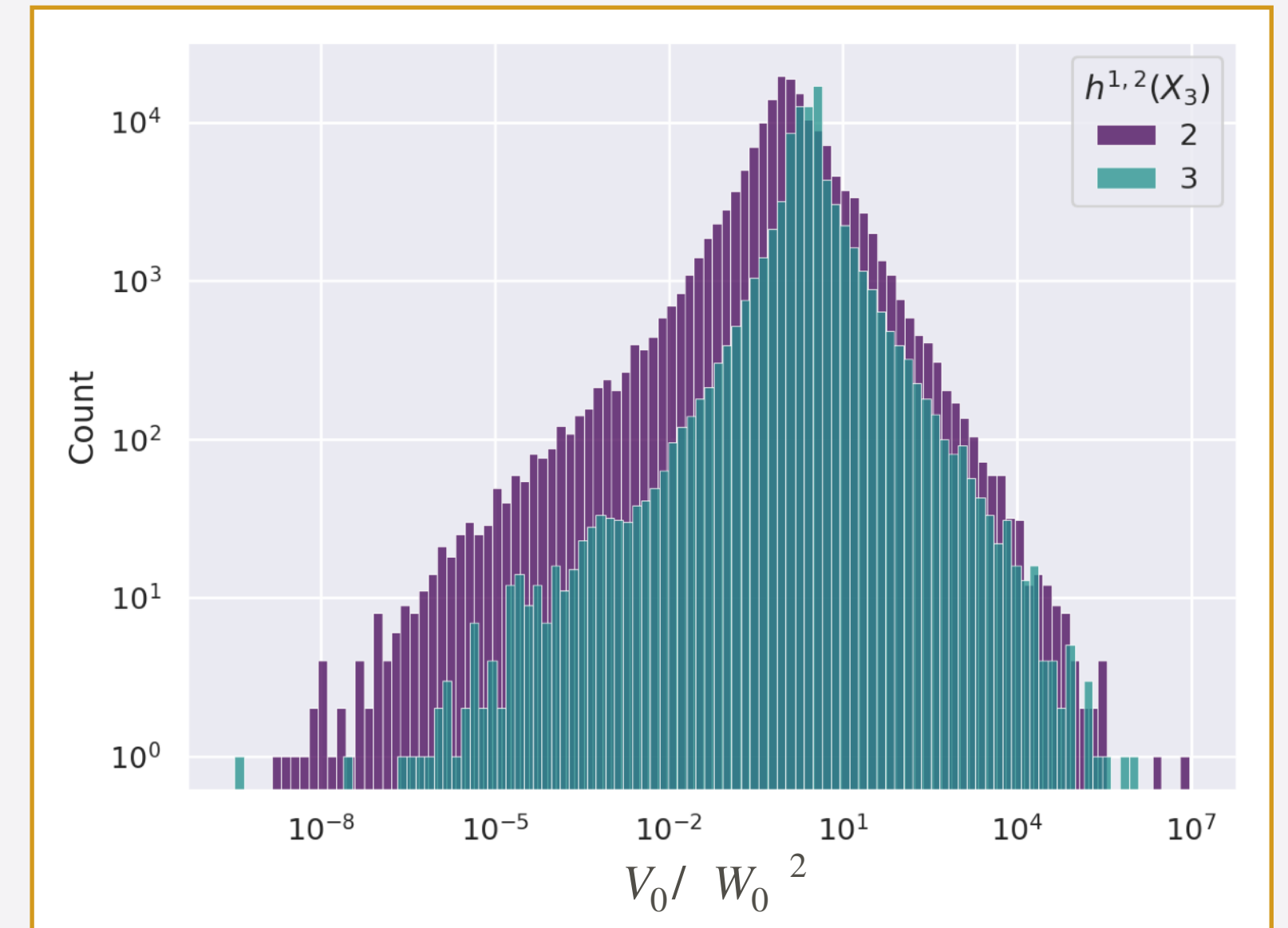
Idea: If we find solutions with $V_0 = \langle V_{\text{Flux}}(z, \tau) \rangle > 0$, we might be able to find minima with positive cosmological constant $\langle V(z, \tau, T) \rangle > 0$.

[Saltman, Silverstein [hep-th/0402135](#)]

Comments:

- These solutions break supersymmetry since $D_{z^a} W \neq 0$ for some z^a
- Provided that SUSY breaking effects from $V_{\text{Flux}}(z)$ are suitably small, the full potential can have a metastable minimum $\rho_{\text{vac}} > 0$ [Marsh et al. [1411.6625](#), [1707.01095](#), Hebecker et al. [2012.00010](#)]
- We know almost nothing about solution space, see however [Douglas et al. [hep-th/0411183](#)]

Can search for such solutions easily in our framework by using $\partial_{z^a} V_{\text{Flux}} = 0$ for the optimisation target



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Supersymmetry Breaking and de Sitter uplifts — Part 2

[Krippendorf, AS: [2308.15525](#)]

Question: Do the distributions for SUSY and non-SUSY solutions show different characteristics?

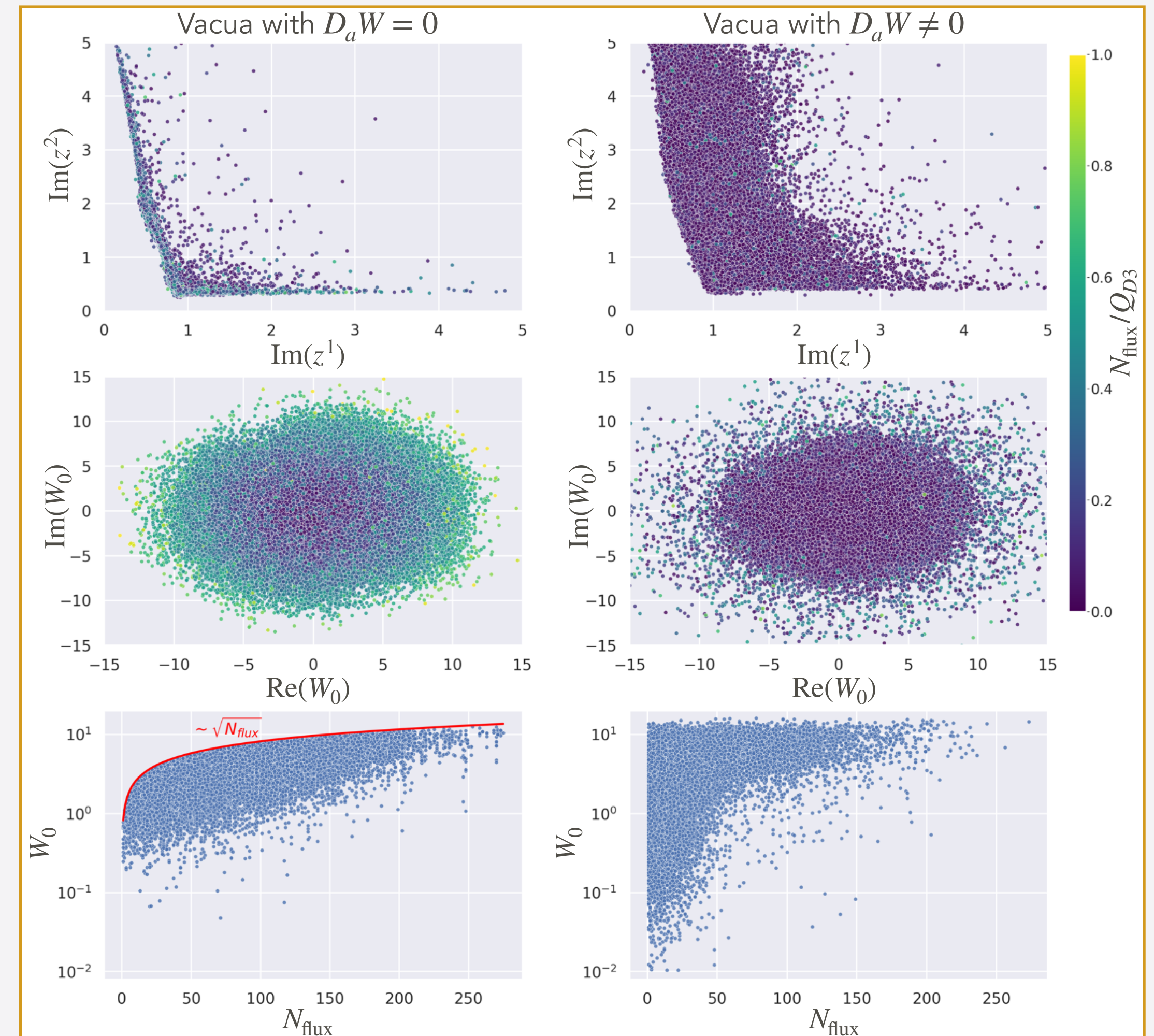
Distributions show differences:

- SUSY condition forces moduli VEVs closer to the boundary of moduli space, while non-SUSY solutions probe the far interior
- W_0 distribution for non-SUSY solutions shows no strong correlations with N_{flux}
- SUSY solutions are strongly bounded in the W_0 direction

Future directions:

How are the underlying flux quanta distributed in their corresponding charge lattice?

[Krippendorf, AS, Shiu, Yip: work in progress]



Beyond flux vacua

Leading order EFT for Kähler moduli

work in progress

We work with scalar potentials of the form

$$V_F = e^K \left(K^{I\bar{J}} D_I W D_{\bar{J}} \bar{W} - 3 |W|^2 \right), \quad W(z, \tau, T) = W_{\text{flux}}(z, \tau) + \sum_D A_D(z, \tau) e^{-\frac{2\pi}{c_D} T_D}$$

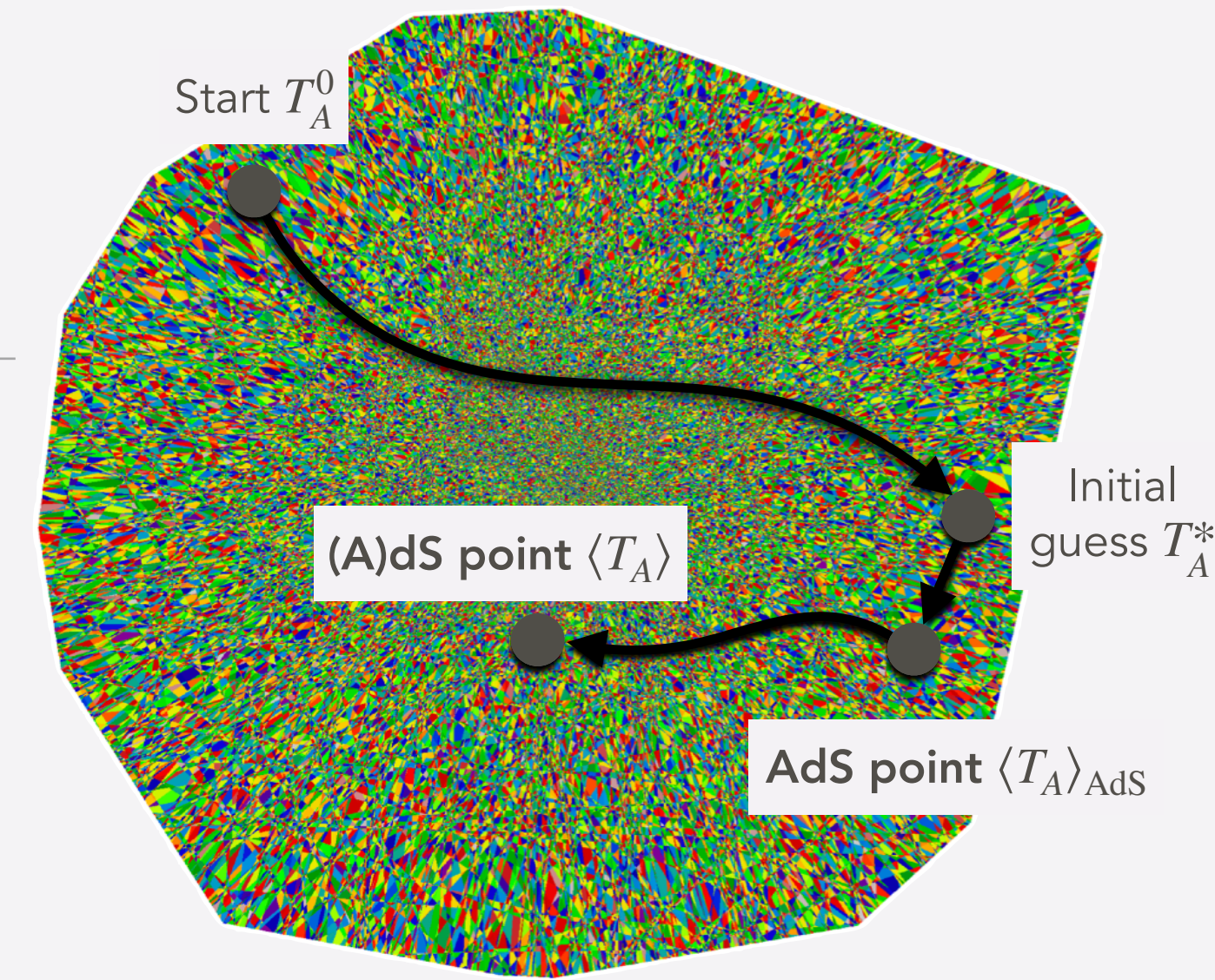
At leading order, we include $(\alpha')^3$ [Becker et al. [hep-th/0204254](#)] and worldsheet instanton (WSI) [Robles-Llana et al. [hep-th/0612027](#)] corrections

$$K_{\text{l.o.}} = -2 \log \left[\frac{1}{6} \kappa_{ABC} t^A t^B t^C - \frac{\zeta(3) \chi(X)}{4(2\pi)^3} + \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{M}(X)} \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{q}} \left(\text{Li}_3 \left((-1)^{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{q}} e^{-2\pi \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{t}} \right) + 2\pi \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{t} \text{Li}_2 \left((-1)^{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{q}} e^{-2\pi \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{t}} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$T_A^{\text{l.o.}} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{ABC} t^B t^C - \frac{\chi(D_A)}{24} + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{M}(X)} q_i \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{q}} \text{Li}_2 \left((-1)^{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{q}} e^{-2\pi \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{t}} \right) + i \int_X C_4 \wedge \omega_A$$

Using a pipeline similar to [Dubey, Krippendorf, AS: [2306.06160](#)], we reproduced the (LVS, KKLT, or hybrid) minima of [AbdusSalam et al.

[2005.11329](#)] at $h^{1,1} = 2, 3$.

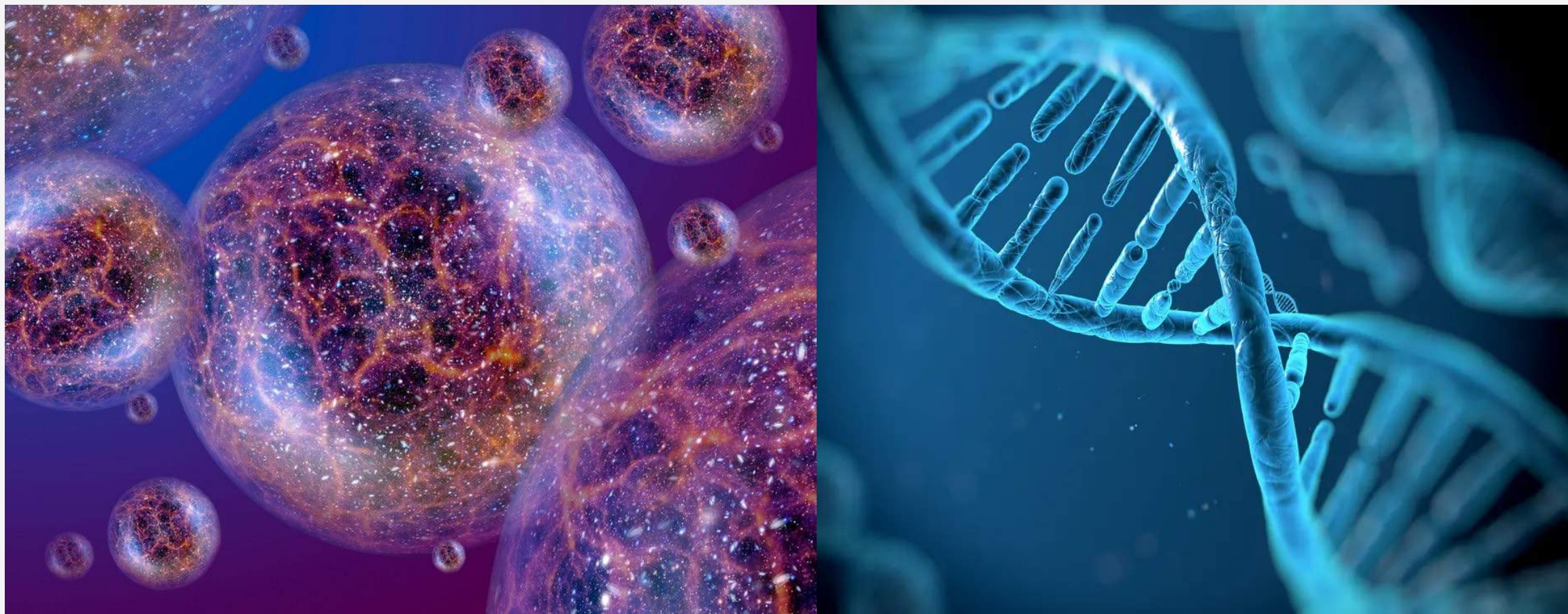


WE CAN EASILY INCLUDE MIXING BETWEEN ALL MODULI OR
PARAMETRIZE UNKNOWN $\mathcal{N} = 1$ CORRECTIONS.

The DNA of toric Calabi-Yau threefolds

A Genetic Algorithm (GA) for polytope triangulations

[MacFadden, AS, Sheridan: 2403.XXXX]



The String Genome Project

GARY SHIU, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Talk by Gary at [String Data 2021](#)

MOTIVATION: CAN STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION BE USED
TO SEARCH FOR DESIRABLE CY GEOMETRIES?

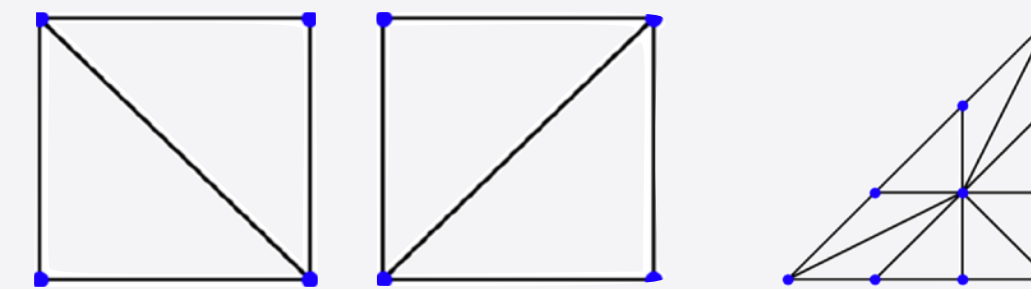
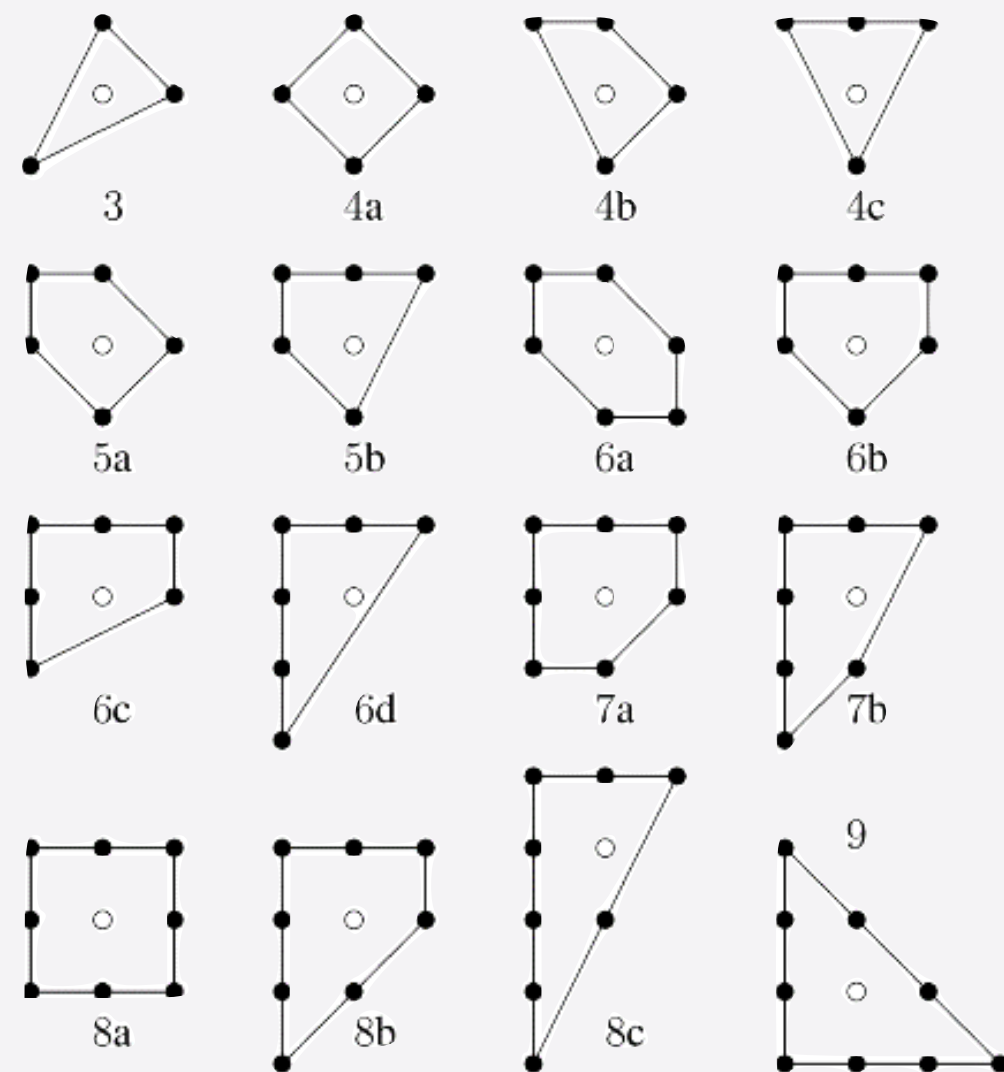
Earlier work on applications of GAs in string phenomenology

- **Flux vacua:** Cole, (Krippendorf), AS, Shiu [1907.10072](#), [2111.11466](#)
- **Intersecting branes:** Loges, Shiu [2112.08391](#)
- **Reflexive Polytopes:** Berglund et al. [2306.06159](#)
- ...

Calabi-Yau threefolds from polytope triangulations

Batyrev's construction

Any **fine, regular, star** triangulations (FRSTs) of a 4D reflexive polytope Δ° defines a Calabi-Yau hypersurface. [Batyrev [alg-geom/9310003](https://arxiv.org/abs/alg-geom/9310003)]

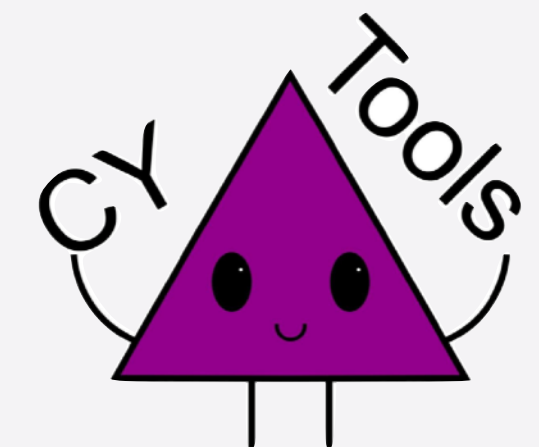


The number of FRSTs is expected to be huge [Demirtas et al. [2008.01730](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.01730)]

$$\#\text{FRSTs} \lesssim 10^{928}$$

473,800,776 reflexive polytopes in 4D Kreuzer,
Skarke (KS) [[hep-th/0002240](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0002240)]

WHICH FRSTs ARE PREFERRED FOR
STRING MODEL BUILDING?



Demirtas, Rios-Tascon,
McAllister [2211.03823](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.03823)

Generating homotopy inequivalent CY threefolds

Two-face inequivalent triangulations

Recent studies of diffeomorphism classes of CY threefolds
[with Gendler et al. [2310.06820](#), Chandra et al. [2310.05909](#)]

GENERAL FACT: CALABI-YAU HYPERSURFACES ARE DETERMINED
BY INDUCED TRIANGULATIONS OF TWO-FACES.

Wall's theorem [[Wall 1966](#)]

We enumerate all **fine, regular triangulations (FRTs)** of two-faces Θ_i° , $i = 1, \dots, n$, of a given reflexive polytope Δ° .

By assigning random IDs c_i to each FRTs, we define the **DNA** or **chromosome** $\mathcal{C}$ of a CY as

$$\mathcal{C} = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$$

We **lift** a choice of two-face triangulations $\mathcal{C}$ to a **full triangulation** $\mathcal{T}$ of Δ° following [[MacFadden 2309.10855](#)].

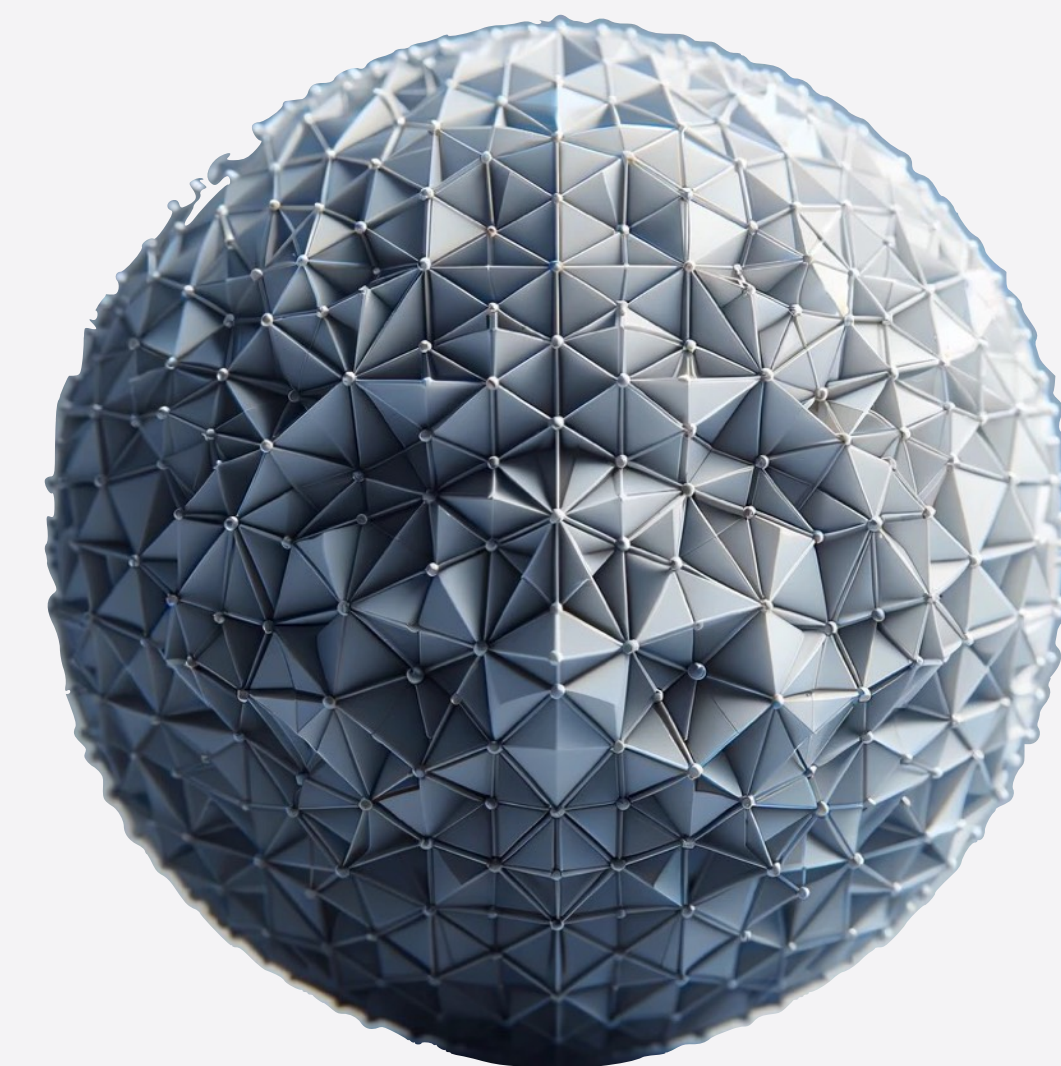
Comments:

- relevant enumeration is that of FRTs of two-faces
- $\mathcal{T}$ is not always an FRST (regularity is problem)
- efficient construction which removes redundancies

The number of **two-face inequivalent** FRSTs is bounded by [[Demirtas et al. 2008.01730](#)]

$$\#\text{FRSTs} \lesssim 10^{928} \rightarrow \#\text{2-face inequivalent FRSTs} \lesssim 10^{428}$$

Our encoding avoids these trivial redundancies when relating FRSTs to CY threefolds.



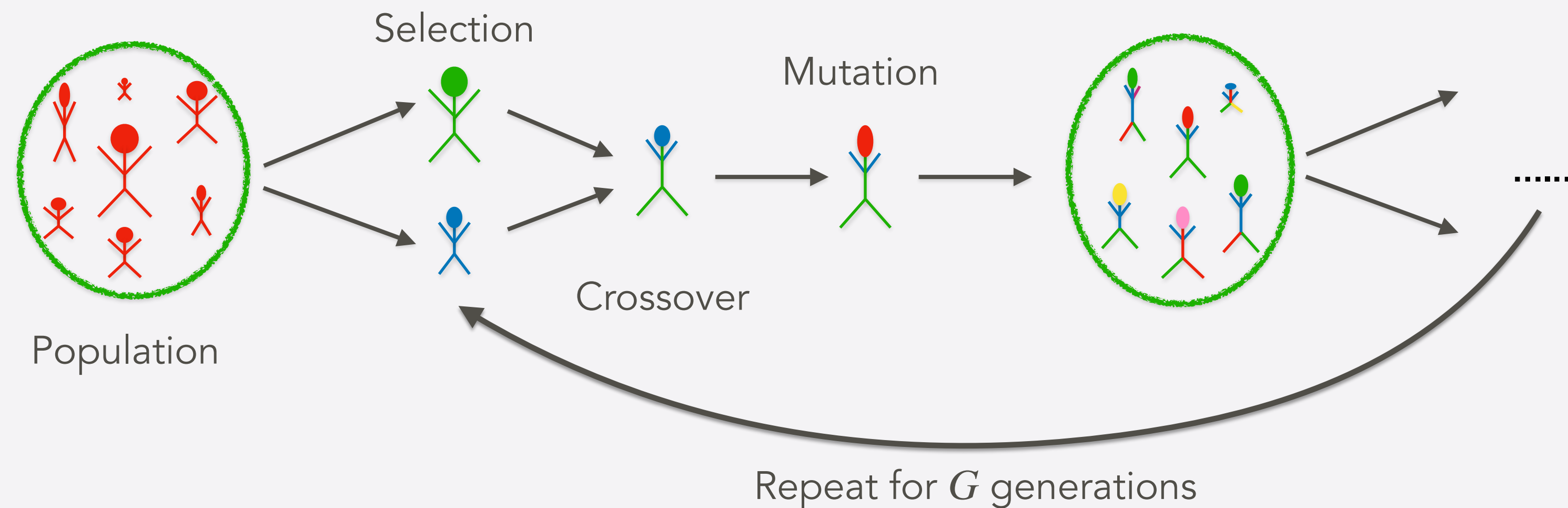


Genetic Algorithms (GAs)



Algorithms from natural evolution

Stochastic search method based on natural selection processes:



For polytope triangulations:

- Population of CYs $\{\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_P\}$ encoded by DNAs $\mathcal{C}_i = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$
- Crossover: exchange two-face FRTs
- Mutation: randomly alter two-face FRTs



GA results

Axion decay constants in string theory — Part 1

The Lagrangian for the C_4 axions ϕ^a reads

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{K_{ab}}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi^a)(\partial^\mu \phi^b) - \sum_I \Lambda_I^4 \left(1 - \cos(2\pi Q_{Ia} \phi^a) \right)$$

Let us focus on the decay constant f of the **lightest axion**.

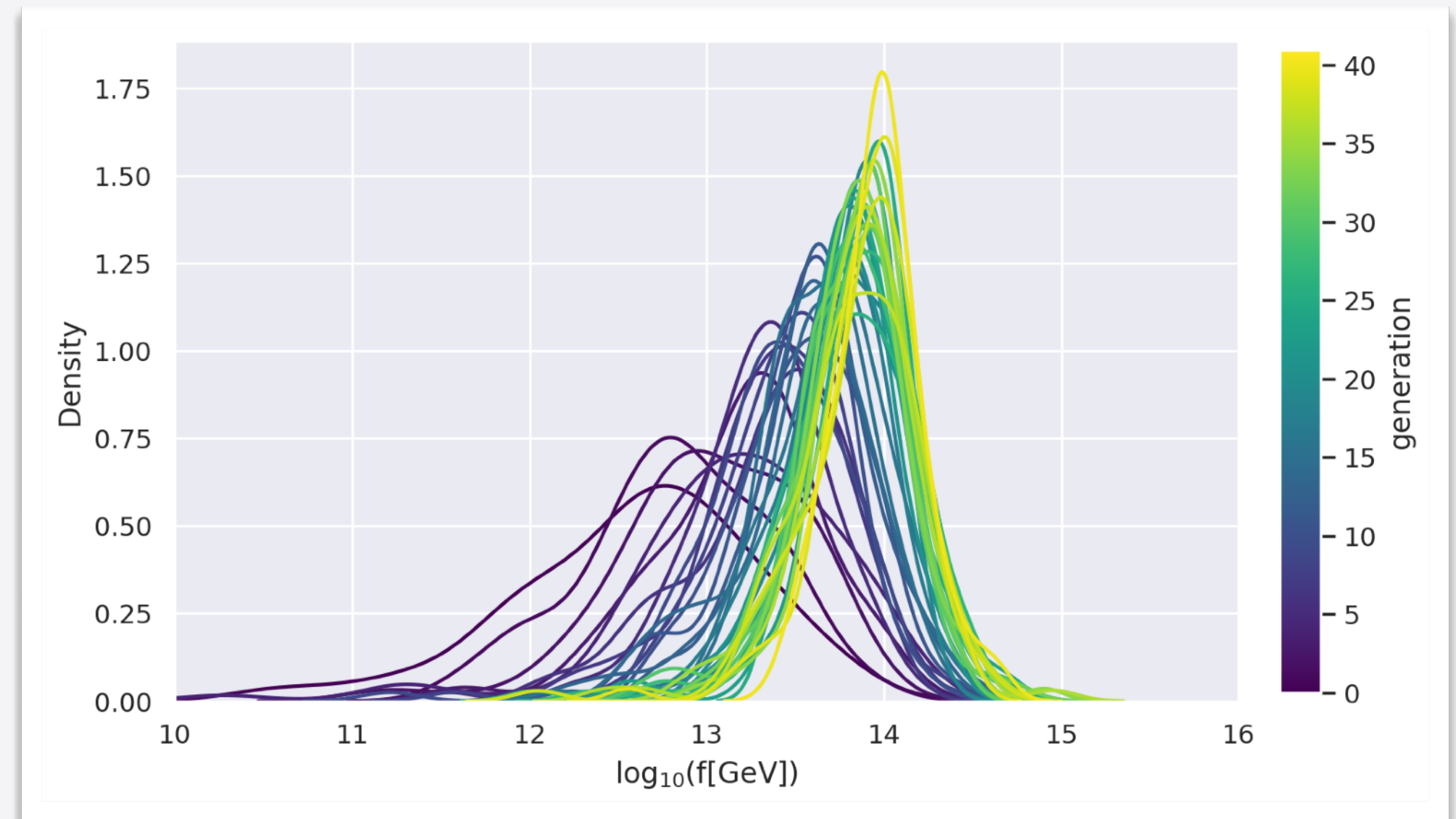
For string model building, we typically want f to be in a certain range.

Here, we want to find CY threefolds leading to $f_* = 10^{14}\text{GeV}$ at a particular point in moduli space.

We choose a polytope Δ° with $(h^{1,1}, h^{1,2}) = (60, 4)$ whose **search space is bounded by**
#2-face ineq. FRSTs $\lesssim 3.3 \times 10^{36}$

We run the GA with a population of size $P = 100$ for $G = 40$ generations.

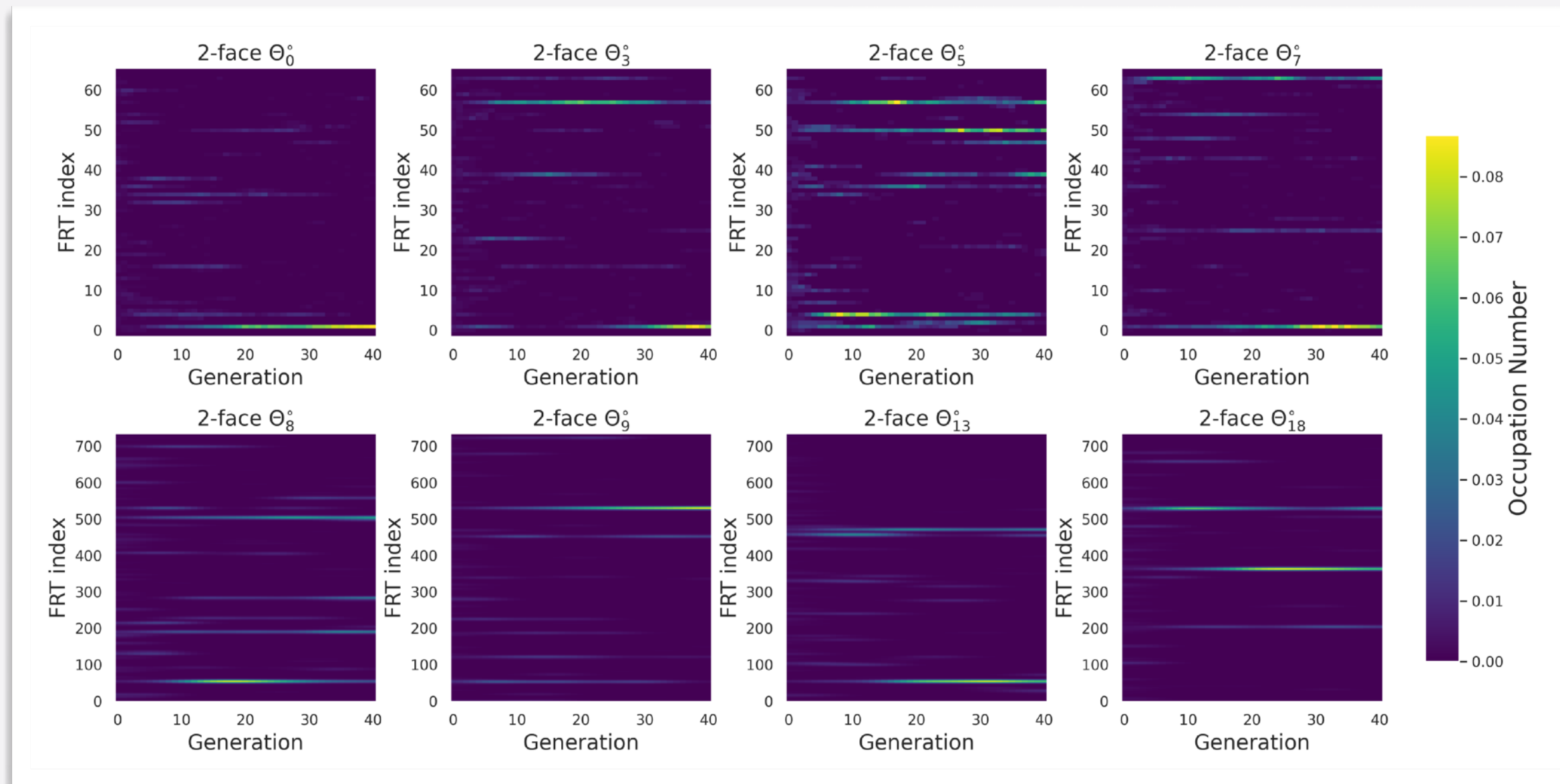
Distributions of axion decay constants



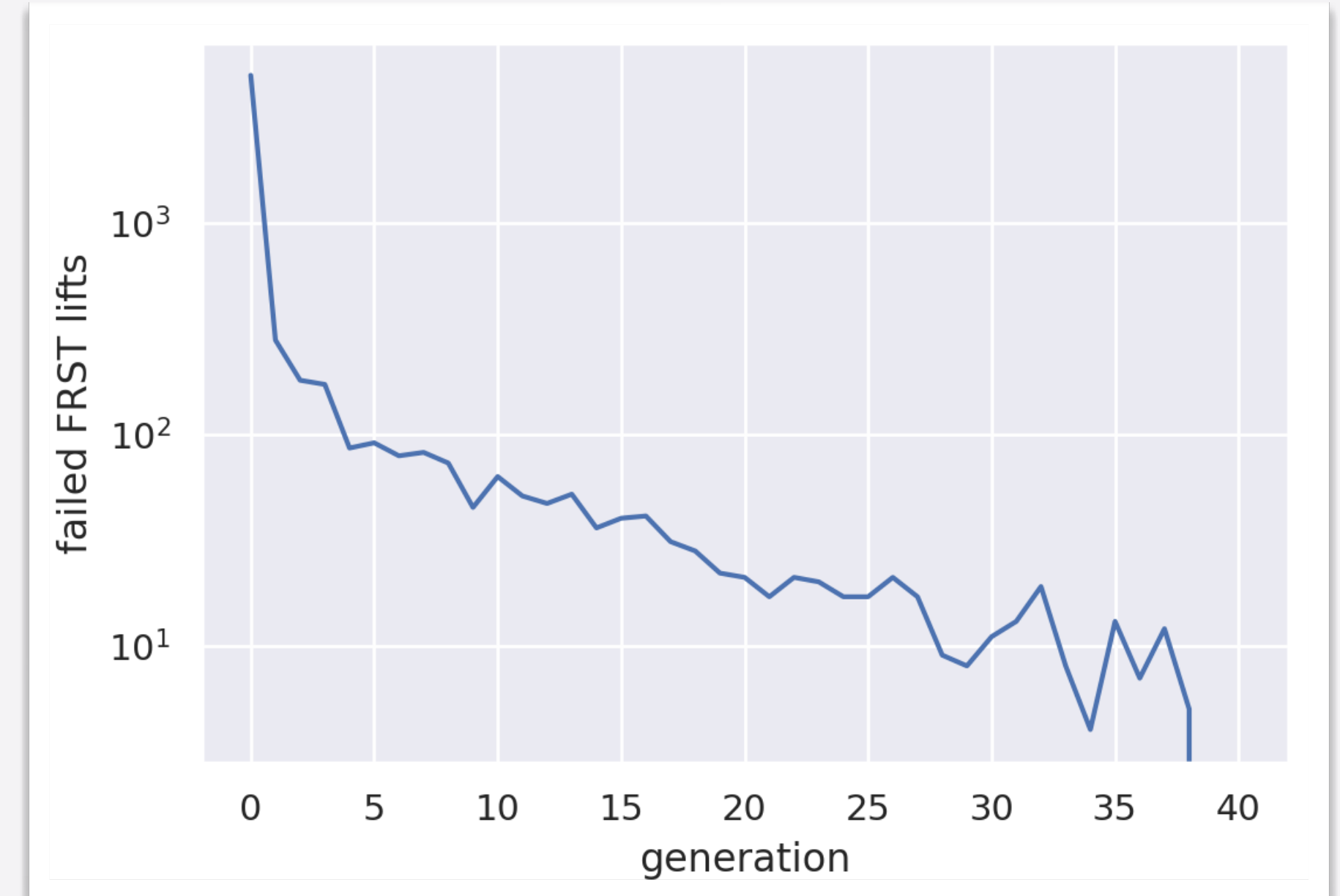
GA results

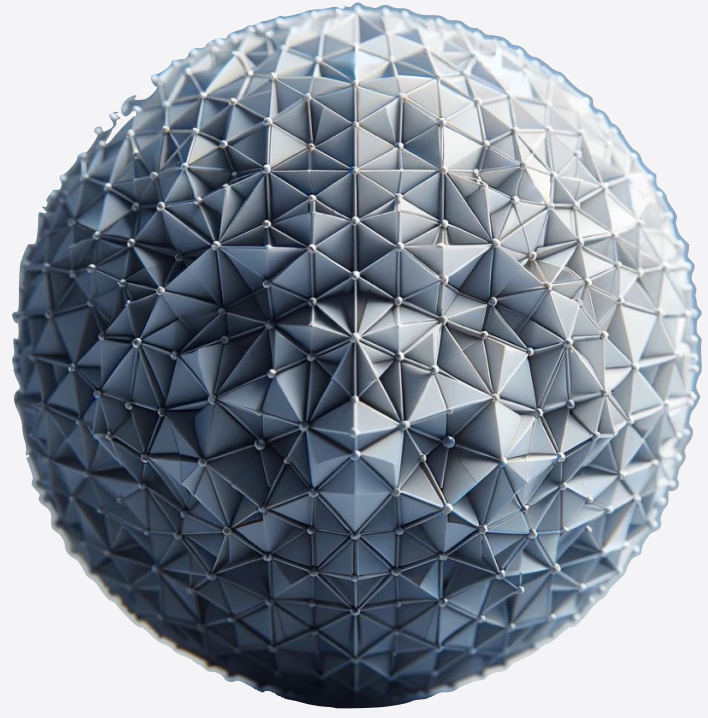
Axion decay constants in string theory — Part 2

Structure in the distributions of two-face FRTs

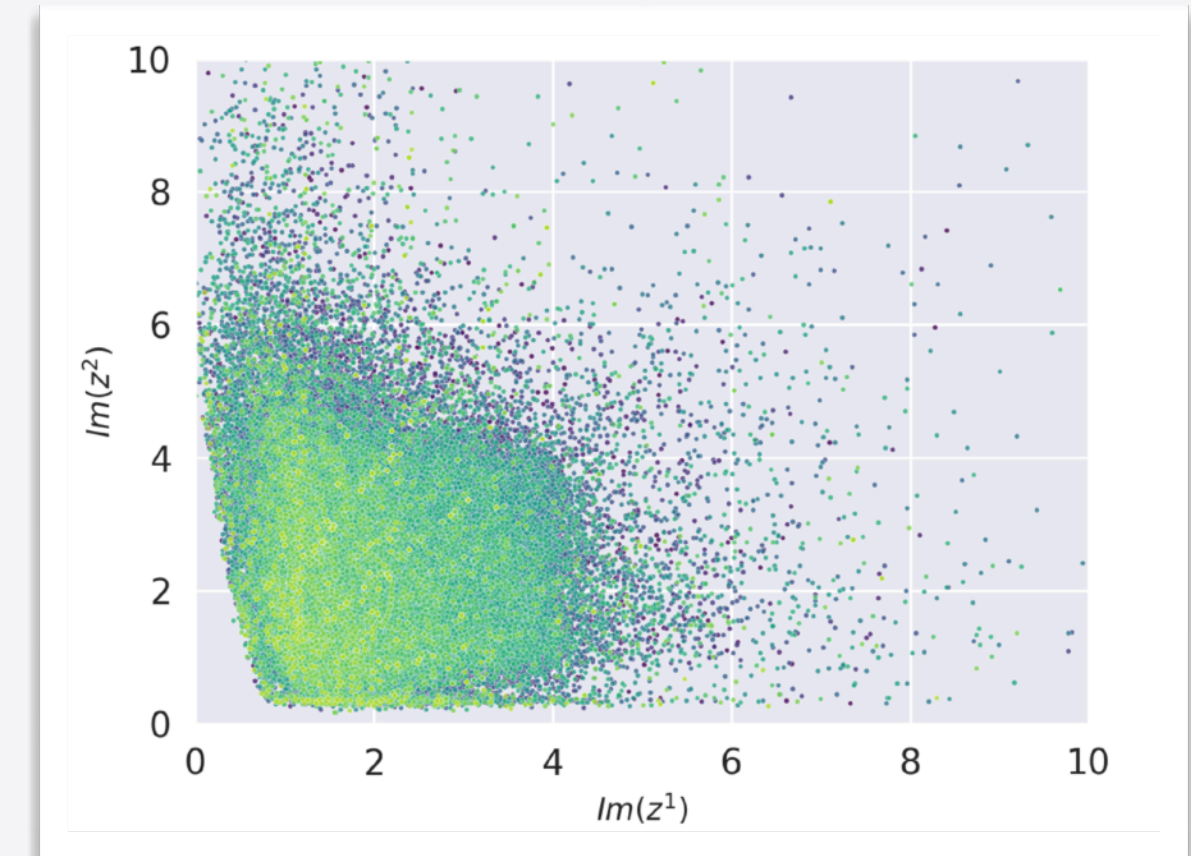


Learning progress of the GA





Conclusions



Main takeaways:

1. Generation of critical points is completely automated even at $h^{p,q} > 1$
2. Distributions of EFT quantities and sampling biases can be studied
3. SUSY-breaking flux vacua can be efficiently constructed → useful for uplifts? [Saltman, Silverstein [hep-th/0402135](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0402135)]
4. GA can help us finding and selecting Calabi-Yau manifolds based on physics constraints

Future directions:

1. Include general corrections to understand the **vacuum structure**,
2. Compare with **exact methods** (see talk by Thomas G.) and **exhaustive searches** (see talk by Erik), and
3. Study **models of particle physics/cosmology** in these setups.



An aerial photograph of a Swiss landscape. In the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees covers a hillside. On the left, a large, historic stone castle with multiple towers and battlements sits atop the forest. Beyond the forest, a sprawling town with numerous houses and buildings is visible. In the background, a large, calm blue lake stretches across the valley. The town and lake are surrounded by rolling green hills and mountains. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds. The sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Thank you!