

# New Calabi-Yau 3-folds and their mirrors via conifold transitions

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## Work with

- V. **Batyrev** (Tübingen): ... **conifold transitions** //arXiv:0802.3376 [math.AG]
- —“—: **Integral cohomology** & mirror symmetry //arXiv:math.AG/0505432
- V. **Braun**, B.A. **Ovru**t (U.Penn) and E. **Scheidegger** (Augsburg)  
Worksheet instantons, **torsion curves**, non-perturbative superpotentials  
arXiv:hep-th/0703134, hep-th/0703182, 0704.0449 [hep-th]
- A. **Klemm** (Bonn), E. **Riegler** (Vienna) and E. **Scheidegger** (Augsburg)  
Topological strings, **CICYs** & threshold corrections //arXiv:hep-th/0410018

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# Content

- Motivation to **study the web** of Calabi-Yau manifolds
- **Geometry** and **Combinatorics**: Reflexive Polytopes
- **Torsion** in Cohomology: Fundamental  $\overset{\text{MS}}{\longleftrightarrow}$  Brauer group
- Beyond hypersurfaces: **Complete Intersections**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{more torsion in } H^* \\ \text{more general singularities} \end{array} \right.$   
 $\subseteq$  Reflexive Cones:  $\leftrightarrow$  classification **rigid CYs**
- **Beyond toric** CYs: **Mirror Pairs via Conifold** Transitions
  - Results: surprisingly many new CYs with small  $h_{11}$   
1-parameter case: topologies & PF operators
  - Construction: combinatorial  $\rightarrow$  **30241** cases with  $h_{11} \approx 4$
- ToDo, ToFindOut & ToApply

# Why should we classify Calabi-Yau 3-folds?

- **Math:** important part of the classification of 3-folds
- **Strings:** Model building
  - Heterotic: fundamental groups, torsion // symmetric CYs (?)
  - Orientifolds: exceptional divisors // more generic singularities (?)
  - F-theory: elliptic 4-folds //  $\exists$  too many: bottom up classification (?)
- **What do we know?**
  - only **examples** (finiteness ?); except: elliptic case [M. Gross]
  - but **Reid's phantasie:** connected by singular transitions
- **Toric hypersurfaces:**
  - + very numerous (largest known list)
  - + very convenient (combinatorics, MS)
  - very special !!!
  - + connected  $\Rightarrow$  use as backbone of the web

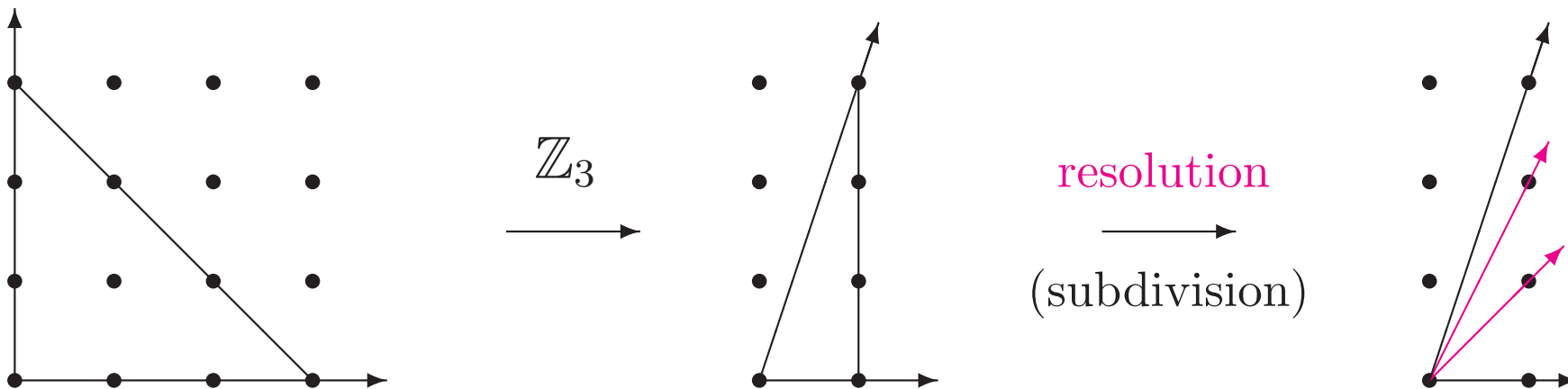
# Conifold transitions

- **Candelas**, Green, Hubsch '90: Other worlds are just around the corner
  - Greene, Morrison, **Strominger** '95: Black hole condensation / N=2 SUSY
  - Danielsson '07: ... landscape topography / N=1
  - w/Batyrev [0802.3376]:
    - **mirror to Candelas** et al., blow down  $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow$  flat deformation toric hypersurface  $\rightarrow$  reduce  $h_{11}$
    - **generalizing**: Batyrev, Ciocan-Fontanine, Kim, van Straten:  
**Mirror symmetry** for complete intersections in Grassmannians & *Flag manifolds* **via toric degenerations**
  - Combinatorial conditions:
    - 2-faces are minimal triangles or squares
    - smoothing condition: rank of matrix of linear relations
- 473 800 776 reflexive polyhedra: 4.5GB ... 1 day on desktop / 2-3 days on laptop
- 30241 new examples of (presumed) mirror pairs

# Geometry and combinatorics: hep-th/0612307

- **Quintic** in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ :  $z_0^5 + \dots + z_4^5 = 0$  **affine coord.**  $t_i = z_i/z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$   
**homogeneous polynomial**  $p(z) \Rightarrow f(t_j) = p(z_j)/z_i^d$  on patch  $U_i \cong \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\mathbb{C}^*$  scaling: line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(d)$ :  $g_{ij} = \left(\frac{z_i}{z_j}\right)^d$  ... monomial transition function
  - **quasi-homogeneous**: weighted projective  $W\mathbb{P}^n$
  - **multi-quasi-homogeneous**: **toric variety**  $\mathbb{P}_\Sigma$  (for simplicial fan)
- $f(t_i) = \sum_{\vec{m} \in \Delta \cap M} c_m t^{\vec{m}}$  **Newton polytope**  $\Delta \in M_{\mathbb{R}}$   
of **exponent vectors**  $\vec{m} \in M \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$
- affine coordinates  $t_i = \prod_j z_j^{v_{ij}}$ ,  $v_{ij} = \langle e_i, v_j \rangle \dots v_j \in N = M^*$
- Monomials:  $\xi_m = \prod_i t_i^{m_i} = \prod_j z_j^{\langle m, v_j \rangle}$  **polytope**  $\nabla = \langle v_j \rangle \subseteq N_{\mathbb{R}}$   
**fan**  $\Sigma$  of **cones over**  $\nabla$
- $\{f = 0\}$  is **Calabi-Yau**  $\Leftrightarrow \langle m, v_j \rangle \geq -1 \dots \nabla = \Delta^*$  **reflexive**

# Singularities: the $\mathbb{Z}_n$ quotient $\mathbb{C}[X, Y] / \mathbb{Z}_n : \begin{matrix} X \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/n} X \\ Y \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/n} Y \end{matrix}$



Invariant  $X^3, X^2Y, XY^2, Y^3$   
 $X^6, X^5Y, X^4Y^2, \dots$

$\tilde{X} = X^3,$   
 $\tilde{X}\tilde{Y} = X^2Y,$

$\tilde{X} = X_1, Y_1 = X_2, \dots, Y_3 = \tilde{Y}$   
 transition:  $Y_2 = Y_1/X_1, \dots$

**cheating:** subdivision of cone  $\sigma \subset N_{\mathbb{R}}$  with  $\sigma \in \Sigma$

new coordinates  $z_j$

**dual** to the cone  $\sigma^\vee \subset M_{\mathbb{R}}$  of monomials  $X, Y, \dots$

conifold:  $xy = zw \dots \sigma^\vee \in M_{\mathbb{R}}$  vs. triangulation of  $\sigma \in N_{\mathbb{R}}$ , cf. hep-th/0612307

## Theorem:

- $\mathbb{P}_\Sigma$  is smooth iff all cones are simplicial and unimodular
- $Vol(\theta_k) > 1$  for  $k$ -face  $\theta_k \in \Sigma \Leftrightarrow$  singularity of dimension  $n - k - 1$

because: # of vanishing homogeneous coordinates  $\Rightarrow$  e.g. facet  $\leftrightarrow$  point

# Toric (hypersurface) dictionary:

- hypersurface  $f_\Delta = 0$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\Delta$  is reflexive
- (toric) fibration  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  reflexive section of  $\nabla \subset N_{\mathbb{R}}$
- divisors  $\Leftrightarrow v_j \in \Sigma^{(1)}$
- Hodge numbers  $\Leftrightarrow$  lattice points on  $\theta_k$
- fundamental group  $\Leftrightarrow$  index of sublattices  $\langle \text{pt's} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$
- ...  $\Leftrightarrow$  ...

# Torsion in (co)homology w/V. Batyrev [math.AG/0505432]

- Universal coefficient theorem

$$\text{tor}(H_i(X, \mathbb{Z})) \cong \text{tor}(H^{i+1}(X, \mathbb{Z}))^*$$

- Poincaré duality:  $\text{tor}(H_i(X, \mathbb{Z})) \cong \text{tor}(H^{2d-i}(X, \mathbb{Z}))$

- 3-folds  $\Rightarrow$  two independent torsion groups:

$$\text{tor } H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{tor } H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})^* \text{ (related to fundamental group)}$$

$$\text{tor } H_2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{tor } H^3(X, \mathbb{Z})^* \text{ (topological Brauer group)}$$

**Conjecture:** The torsion subgroups of  $H^2$  and  $H^3$  are exchanged under the mirror involution

- verified for all 473 800 776 toric Calabi–Yau hypersurfaces: 16 + 16 cases:

$$\mathbb{P}^4[5]/\mathbb{Z}_5, \text{ elliptically fibered: } \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2[3, 3]/\mathbb{Z}_3 \text{ and } \mathbb{P}_{11133}[9]/\mathbb{Z}_3,$$

$$13 \times \pi_1(X) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ (elliptic-K3 fibered)}$$

- fundamental group  $\leftrightarrow$  index of sublattice  $\langle \text{codim-2 points} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$(\text{Brauer group})^2 \leftrightarrow \text{index of sublattice } \langle \text{codim-3 points} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

i.e. points on edges of  $\nabla$

# Torsion curves for the “Heterotic standard model”

with V. Braun, B. Ovrut and E. Scheidegger

- **Schoen CY: (3,3) parameter**, fiber product of two elliptic fibers over  $\mathbb{P}^1$
- complete intersection:  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  Batyrev-Borisov mirror
- free  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  phase (toric)  $\times \mathbb{Z}_3$  permutation (non-toric) group action
- Self-mirror!  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  torsion curves (spectral sequence computation)
- Application: **torsion curves cannot be holomorphic** vs. Beasley–Witten no-go single curve in homology class!  $\rightarrow$  SUSY breaking & moduli stabilization

## Lessons for CYs:

- need codimension  $> 1$  for having both fundamental + Brauer group
- for large torsion in  $H^*$  Candelas et al’s ’88 list of CICYs in products of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ’s is a good starting point (don’t need complicated polytopes)

# Apropos complete intersections

- $f_1 = \dots = f_r = 0 \Rightarrow$  Minkowski sum  $\Delta = \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_r$
- Batyrev-Borisov mirror duality:  $\nabla = \nabla_1 + \dots + \nabla_r$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_r & \Delta^* &= \langle \nabla_1, \dots, \nabla_r \rangle_{\text{conv}} \\ \nabla^* &= \langle \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_r \rangle_{\text{conv}} & \nabla &= \nabla_1 + \dots + \nabla_r \end{aligned}$$

$\langle \Delta_i, \nabla_j \rangle \geq -\delta_{ij}$

**Cayley trick:** CICY  $f_i = 0$   $\overset{\text{complement}}{\leftrightarrow}$  hypersurface  $\sum t_i f_i = 0$

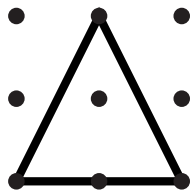
**Reflexive Gorenstein cones** of dimension  $n + r$  for  $CY_{n-r}$

$$\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}} \supseteq \tilde{\Delta} = \text{Conv}(e_i, \Delta_i) \quad \overset{\text{dual}}{\leftrightarrow} \quad \tilde{\nabla} = \text{Conv}(e_j, \nabla_j) \subseteq \tilde{N}_{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{R}^{n+r}$$

**Batyrev, Nill:** *Combinatorial aspects of mirror symmetry* [math/0703456]:

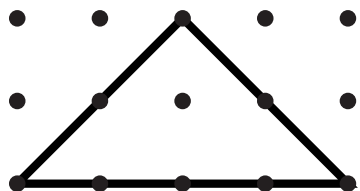
- Split Gorenstein cone  $\Rightarrow$  CY  $n - r$  fold (codimension  $r$ )
- **Rigid CY:** only one cone is split, the mirror is “generalized” CY
- $\exists$  classification algorithm (work in progress) in the **sense of 1990s**

# Nef partitions & Batyrev–Borisov duality



$\Delta^\circ \in N \rightarrow$  coordinates  $z_i$

sections  $\sim \sum_{m \in \Delta} \prod_i z_i^{\langle m, v_i \rangle}$



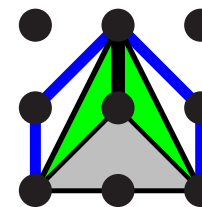
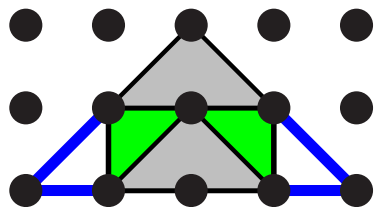
$\Delta \in M = N^* \rightarrow$  line bundles  $\leftrightarrow$  equations

$\Rightarrow$  CICY: decompose  $\Delta = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2$  (Minkowski sum)

V.V. Batyrev & L.A. Borisov [alg-geom/9412017]:

- NEF partitions: piecewise linear convex “support functions”  $\varphi_j(e_i) = \delta_{ij}$   
**numerically effective**  $\rightarrow$  ample line bundles
- combinatorial duality  $\leftrightarrow$  mirror symmetry ... **4 reflexive polytopes:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 & \langle \Delta_i, \nabla_j \rangle &= \begin{cases} \geq -1 & \text{if } i = j \\ \geq 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} & \Delta^* &= \langle \nabla_1, \nabla_2 \rangle \\ \nabla^* &= \langle \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \rangle & & & \nabla &= \nabla_1 + \nabla_2 \end{aligned}$$



# Mirror symmetry: duality extends to Hodge data

V.V.Batyrev, L.A.Borisov: alg-geom/9509009

$$\sum (-1)^{p+q} h_{pq} t^p \bar{t}^q = \sum_{I=[x,y]} \frac{(-)^{\rho_x} t^{\rho_y}}{(t\bar{t})^r} S(C_x, \frac{\bar{t}}{t}) S(C_y^*, t\bar{t}) B(I; t^{-1}, \bar{t})$$

- $C_x, C_y \in$  face lattice of Gorenstein cone spanned by  $(e_i, \Delta_i)$
- $B(I)$  encodes combinatorics of the sublattice  $I = [x, y]$  with  $x < y$
- $S(C_x, t) = (1 - t)^{\rho_x} \sum_{m \in C_x} t^{\deg(m)}$  related to the Ehrhart polynomial *nef.x* ( $\in$  PALP) by Erwin Riegler [math.AG/0103214, math.CS/0204356]:

Batyrev's formula for codimension  $r = 1$ : codim 1 - divisors do not intersect

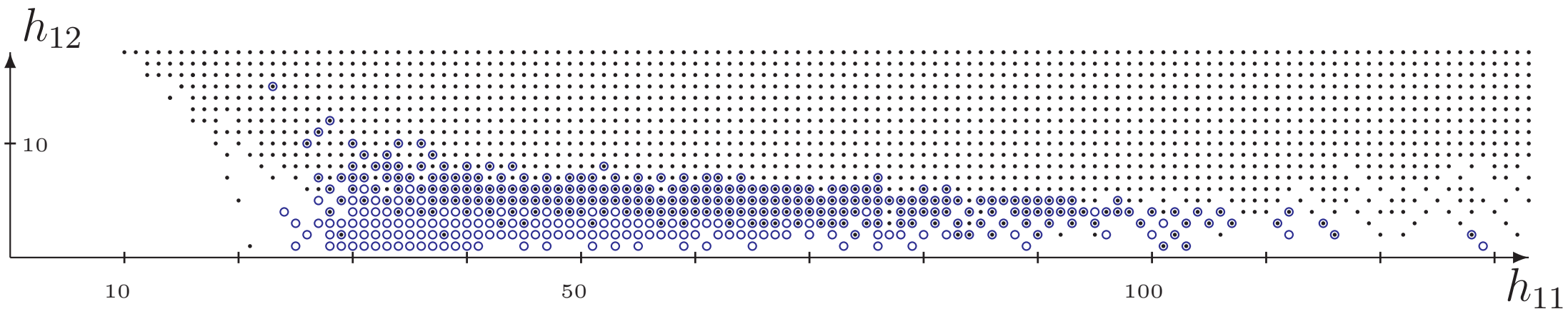
$$h_{11} = l(\Delta^*) - 1 - d - \sum_{cd(\theta^*)=1} l^*(\theta^*) + \sum_{cd(\theta^*)=2} l^*(\theta^*)l^*(\theta)$$

for  $r > 1$  a combinatorial characterization of intersecting divisors is missing !

# New CY mirror pairs from conifold transitions

w/ V. Batyrev arXiv:0802.3376 [math.AG]

- toric hypersurfaces  $\rightarrow$  curve of conifolds in ambient space  $\rightarrow$  2-faces
- don't triangulate  $\Rightarrow$  inherit (generically) isolated conifold singularities
- $473\,800\,776 \supseteq 198\,849$  polytopes:  $\forall$  2-faces are unimod  $\Delta$  or minimal  $\square$
- Smoothing condition: 30 241 mirror pairs (?) ... conjectured/suggest:  
flat deformation [Namikawa]  $\overset{MS}{\leftrightarrow}$  symplectic surgery [Smith, Thomas, Yau]



$h_{11} = 1$ : 8871 CYs with  $h_{12} = 21, 23-51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 65, 73, 76, 79, 89, 101, 103, 129$

210 smooth:  $h_{12} = 25, 28-41, 45, 47, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 65, 73, 76, 79, 89, 101, 103, 129$

$h_{11} = 2$ : 43080 CYs with  $h_{12} = 22, 24-80, 82-90, 96, 100, 102, 103, 111, 112, 116, 128$

3470 smooth:  $h_{12} = 26, 28-60, 62-68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 80, 82-84, 86, 88, 90, 96, 100, 102, 112, 116, 128$

$h_{11} = 3$ : ...

| $h_{11}$ | $\#(\Delta)_C$ | $\#(\Delta)_H$ | $\#(Euler)_C$ | $\#(Euler)_H$ | $\#(\text{diffeo. types})$ |
|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1        | 210            | 5              | 30            | 5             | 69                         |
| 2        | 3470           | 36             | 60            | 18            |                            |
| 3        | 11389          | 244            | 68            | 42            |                            |
| 4        | 10264          | 1197           | 72            | 87            |                            |
| 5        | 3808           | 4990           | 66            | 113           |                            |
| 6        | 815            | 17101          | 47            | 128           |                            |
| 7        | 140            | 50376          | 26            | 149           |                            |
| 8        | 35             | 128165         | 10            | 158           |                            |
| 9        | 3              | ...            |               |               |                            |

## Picard number $h_{11} = 1$

- Thm. (C.T.C. Wall): diffeomorphism type  $\leftrightarrow$  tripple intersections and linear form  $c_2 \cdot H_i$  (for torsion-free cohomology)
- 210 polytopes  $\rightarrow$  69 diffeomorphism types with 30 Euler numbers
- We computed 30 PF operators (of 109)
  - up to 13 different polytopes / CY
  - up to 5 different principal periods / CY !!!

**Conjecture** [hep-th/0410018]: equal instanton numbers,  
PF operators related by rational transformations  
(so far verified in all computable cases)

**Picard Fuchs operators:**  $\theta = t \frac{d}{dt}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \theta^4 + \frac{2}{29} t \theta(24\theta^3 - 198\theta^2 - 128\theta - 29) - \frac{4}{841} t^2 (44284\theta^4 + 172954\theta^3 + 248589\theta^2 + 172057\theta + 47096) \\
& - \frac{4}{841} t^3 (525708\theta^4 + 2414772\theta^3 + 4447643\theta^2 + 3839049\theta + 1275594) \\
& - \frac{8}{841} t^4 (1415624\theta^4 + 7911004\theta^3 + 17395449\theta^2 + 17396359\theta + 6496262) \\
& - \frac{16}{841} t^5 (\theta + 1)(2152040\theta^3 + 12186636\theta^2 + 24179373\theta + 16560506) \\
& - \frac{32}{841} t^6 (\theta + 1)(\theta + 2)(1912256\theta^2 + 9108540\theta + 11349571) \\
& - \frac{10496}{841} t^7 (\theta + 1)(\theta + 2)(\theta + 3)(5671\theta + 16301) - \frac{24529152}{841} t^8 (\theta + 1)(\theta + 2)(\theta + 3)(\theta + 4)
\end{aligned}$$

- The 210 polytopes for 1-parameter CYs have **up to 28 vertices!**
- The PF operators are mostly (except for 3) in the [list of CY-equations](#) by [G. Almkvist, C. van Enckevort, D. van Straten, W. Zudilin]

# ToDo

- Compute topologies and PF operators for small  $h_{11}$
- List Reflexive Gorenstein Cones ( $\Rightarrow$  CICYs):  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for small codim. !} \\ \rightarrow \text{stabilization ?} \end{array} \right.$
- Improve program interfaces: **PALP**  $\in$  **SAGE** (Softw.Alg.Geom.Experiment.)

# ToFindOut

- Combinatorics/geometry dictionary for CICYs and Conifold-CYs  
... including integral cohomology
- Study conifold transitions in CICYs and other singularities, ...

# ToApply

- Use for phenomenology
- Join the effort !