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## Constraints in smooth heterotic compactifications

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I will describe a number of non-trivial constraints that arise in smooth heterotic compactifications and can lead to the resulting 4-dimensional, N=1 effective theories being highly restricted in form. These include topological vanishings of heterotic tri-linear couplings, as well other aspects of the potential and constraints on how gauge symmetry is broken and what discrete symmetries can appear.

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