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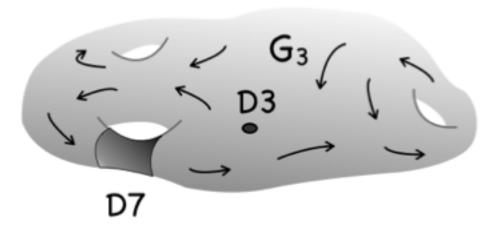
Herraez, Ibañez, F.M., Zoccarato [1802.05771]





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 - Warped Calabi-Yau geometry → neglected in the large volume limit
 Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski '01



taken from Ibañez & Uranga '12

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 Microscopic intuition for V → 10d sugra: quantised internal fluxes whose contribution to the vacuum energy depends on the CY moduli

$$S_{IIB} = -\frac{1}{4\kappa_{10}^2} \int_{X_{10}} e^{-2\phi} |H_3|^2 + |\tilde{F}_3|^2 + \dots$$

$$\tilde{F}_3 = F_3 - C_0 H_3$$

$$\tau = C_0 + ie^{-c_0}$$

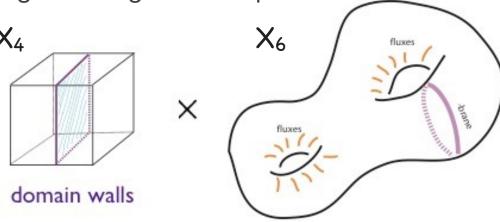
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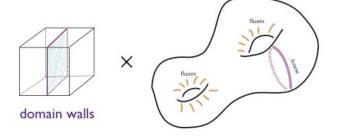
4d description: set of 4d Domain Walls generating the flux quanta

$$F_4^A = dC_3^A$$

4d 4-form field strength



4-forms and fluxes



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 - Bousso-Polchinski

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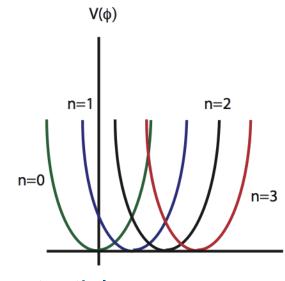
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 $\int d^4x \, |F_4|^2 + |d\phi|^2 + \phi F_4$

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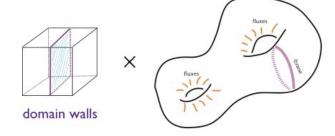
 $V = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 f_\Phi^2 (n+\phi)^2 \quad \text{\tiny n=0} \label{eq:V}$

Feng et al. '00 G. Dvali et al. '04-13



multi-branched potential, jump by crossing DW

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Question:

What can we learn from the structure of 4-forms in 4d string compactifications?

The type IIA potential

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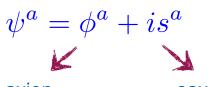
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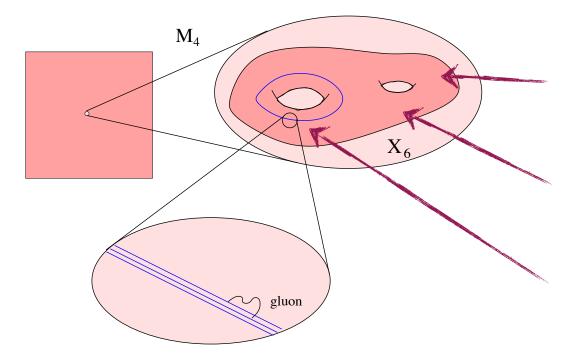
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axion

saxion



$$b = \int_{\pi_2} B_2$$
 B-field

$$c = \int_{\pi_p} C_p \quad \text{RR potential}$$

$$a = \int_{\pi_1} A \qquad \text{ D-brane }$$
 Wilson line

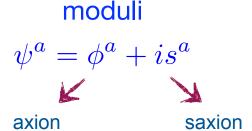
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- Internal RR fluxes F₀, F₂, F₄, F₆
- Internal H₃ flux



Louis & Micu'02

Kachru & Kashani-Poor'04

Grimm & Louis'04

Grimm & Lopes'11

Kerstan & Weigand'11



K real function of s^a
W holomorphic on ψ

(4d 4-forms contribute to a part of V)

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Integrating out the 4-forms by solving their eom:

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• In this basis the ϱ 's are quantised fluxes and arise as integration constants

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Louis & Micu'02

Farakos et al. 17

• The potential displays a triple factorisation:

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$$\vec{q} \qquad \vec{\rho}$$

Marolf'00

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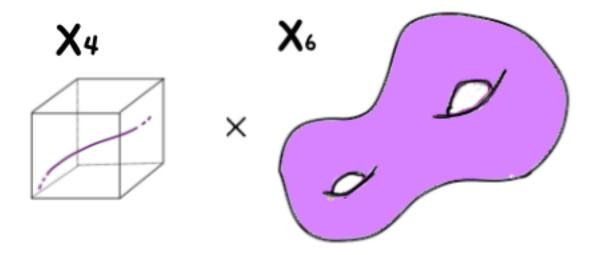
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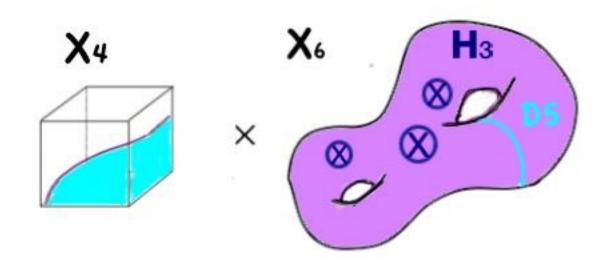
- In 4d, the entries ρ_A are axion polynomials invariant under a discrete shift symmetry. This protection makes them the basic building blocks of V.
- Things become more transparent once we understand the matrix **R**...

Understanding R

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- Macroscopically: C₀ axion lifted by a potential generated by H₃

$$W = \int_{X_6} (F_3 - \tau H_3) \wedge \Omega \qquad \text{V depends on } \tilde{F}_3 = F_3 - C_0 H_3$$

$$\tau = C_0 + i e^{-\phi} \qquad \text{cures FW} \qquad \text{anomaly} \qquad \text{axion coupled} \qquad \text{to D7-brane}$$

$$V \sim G^{ab}(f - c_0 h)_a (f - c_0 h)_b$$

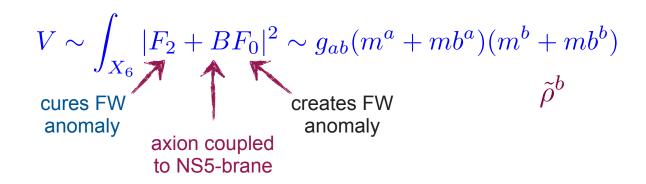
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For instance: F₀ creates FW anomaly cancelled by D6 DW (~ F₂)



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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Can be encoded} \\ \text{in a matrix:} \\ P_a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\delta}_a^t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{K}_{abc} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vec{\delta}_a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \text{F}_6 \sim \text{D2}_{\text{DW}} \\ \text{F}_4 \sim \text{D4}_{\text{DW}} \\ \text{F}_2 \sim \text{D6}_{\text{DW}} \\ \text{F}_0 \sim \text{D8}_{\text{DW}} \\ \text{anomaly} \end{array}$$

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- Alternatively: R describes the internal DW charges induced by the B-field
 - → Charge monodromy matrix

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R and discrete shift symmetries

We have that

$$\vec{\rho} = \mathbf{R} \, \vec{q} = e^{-\phi^a P_a} \, \vec{q}$$

Axions of unit period

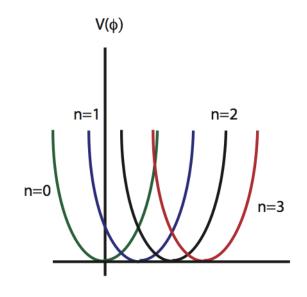
$$\phi^a \sim \phi^a + n^a, \quad n^a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\vec{\phi} + \vec{n}) = \mathbf{R}(\vec{\phi}) \cdot e^{-n^a P_a}$$

Compensated by a shift of flux quanta so that ρ remains invariant

$$\vec{q} \longrightarrow \vec{q}' = e^{n^a P_a} \vec{q}$$

- Generalisation of the discrete symmetry in KS
- Multi-branched scalar potential



p and the superpotential

- Since the discrete shift symmetry is of gauge nature, the superpotential W
 is also invariant under it
- In fact W and ρ_A contain the same information (in the large volume limit):

$$W = \Pi^{t}(\psi) \cdot \vec{q}$$

In our case:

7aylor & Vafa'99

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$$W = e_0 - e_a T^a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}_{abc} m^a T^b T^c - m \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{K}_{abc} T^a T^b T^c$$
$$\Pi^t = (1, -T^a, \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}_{abc} T^a T^b, -\frac{1}{6} \mathcal{K}_{abc} T^a T^b T^c)$$

$$W = \left[\mathbf{R}(\phi)^{t-1} \Pi(\psi) \right]^t \cdot \vec{\rho} = \left[\Pi(s) \right]^t \cdot \vec{\rho} = e^{is^a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^a}} \left[\Pi^t(0) \cdot \vec{\rho} \right] \equiv e^{is^a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^a}} \rho_0$$

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inv. & flux independent no exponential dep. in ϕ

holomorphicity of W

$$\rho_0 = e_0 - b^a e_a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}_{abc} m^a b^b b^c - \frac{m}{6} \mathcal{K}_{abc} b^a b^b b^c$$

$$V = \frac{1}{8} \vec{q}^t \mathbf{R}^t \mathbf{Z}^{-1} \mathbf{R} \vec{q}$$
 saxions axions fluxes

- The axion-dependent matrix \mathbf{R} defining the invariants ρ_A is specified by discrete, topological data of the compactification. In particular by the FW anomalies developed by 4d string defects.
- In particular, each 4d string corresponds to an integer valued, nilpotent matrix P_a that acts on fluxes and axions and leaves the ρ_A invariant

$$\mathbf{R} = e^{-\phi^a P_a}$$

See also 7. Valenzuela's talk

• This generalises the discrete shift symmetry and multi-branched structure of the KS potential. The corrections to V must be functions of ρ_A and not of V. In principle there could be a correction of the form

$$\kappa^{ABC} \rho_A \rho_B \rho_C$$

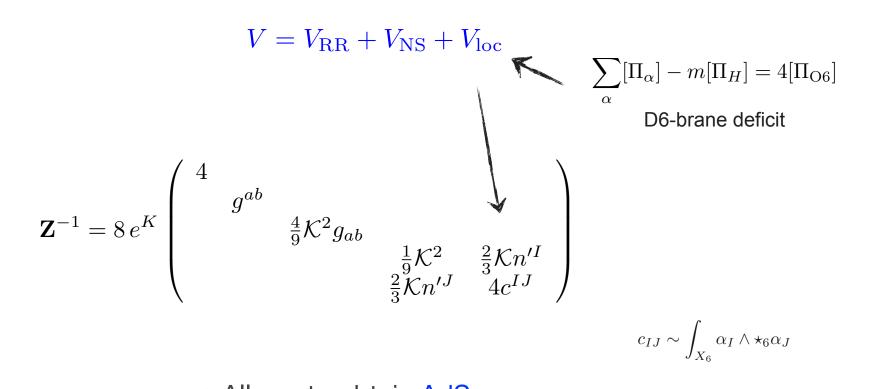
- All this information is gathered in a master polynomial $\rho_0 = W|_{s=0}$
- All these results hold when we add NS-fluxes and D6-branes...

Generalisations

Adding H₃ flux

$$V = \frac{Z^{AB}}{8} \varrho_A \varrho_B$$

- New 4d strings get FW anomalies (D4's) \leftrightarrow new axions enter V : $\xi^K = \int_{\Lambda_k} C_3$
- Z larger and no longer definite positive



→ Allows to obtain AdS₄ vacua

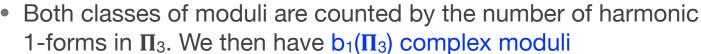
Adding D6-branes

New fluxes: n_F, n_aⁱ

3-cycle deformations X

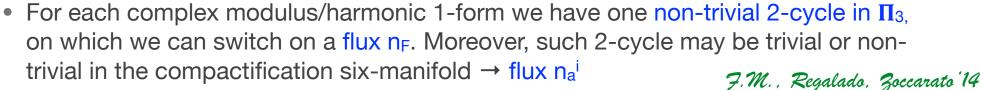
New fields

Wilson lines A

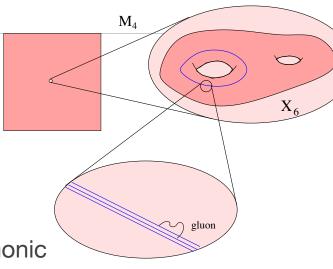


$$\Phi = \int_{\Sigma_2} J_c - \int_{\pi_1} A = T^a f_a - \theta$$

$$J_c = B + iJ = T^a \omega_a$$



$$W = e_0 - e_a T^a + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}_{abc} m^a T^b T^c - m \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{K}_{abc} T^a T^b T^c - h_K N^K - \underbrace{\Phi^i (n_{Fi} - n_{ai} T^a)}_{}$$



 π_a

ido, Zoccarato 14 Parta et al. 16

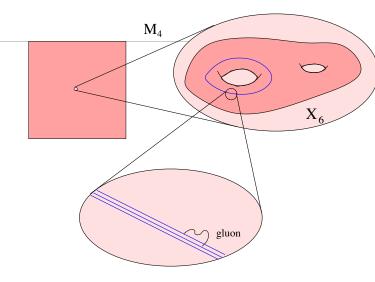
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The structure of the potential is

$$V = V_{\text{RR}+\text{CS}} + V_{\text{NS}} + V_{\text{DBI}} + V_{\text{loc}}$$

which again can be rewritten as

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 saxions axions fluxes



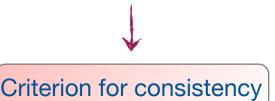
- R depends on the 4d axions b^a , $\hat{\theta}^i = b^a f^i_a \theta^i$, $\xi^K = \operatorname{Re} N^K = \xi'^K (\dots)$
- Z⁻¹ not always invertible

Metric fluxes

- One can also consider type IIA with RR, NS and metric fluxes
- Example worked out: Z₂ x Z₂ orientifold
- Everything works the same $V=\frac{1}{8}\,\vec{q}^t\,\mathbf{R}^t\mathbf{Z}^{-1}\,\mathbf{R}\,\vec{q}$ with q_A now containing the metric fluxes saxions axions fluxes
- **Z**⁻¹ obtained from standard N=1 formula is a priori not invertible: only when the Bianchi identities for the fluxes are imposed
 - V_{4d} SUGRA matches V

Villadoro & Zwirner '05

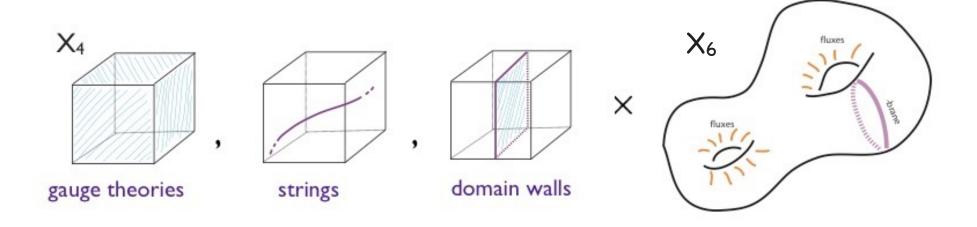
– Z⁻¹ is invertible (needed for 4-form formalism)



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- Microscopically, this comes from gauge invariance (gauge inv. fluxes, FW, HW)
- Macroscopically, this translates into a discrete shift symmetry that relates different branches of the scalar potential V, and defines the invariants ρ_A that any flux-dependent quantity must defend on, even after UV corrections
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