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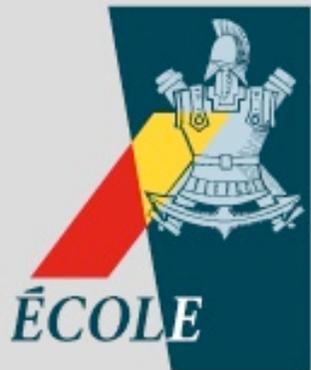
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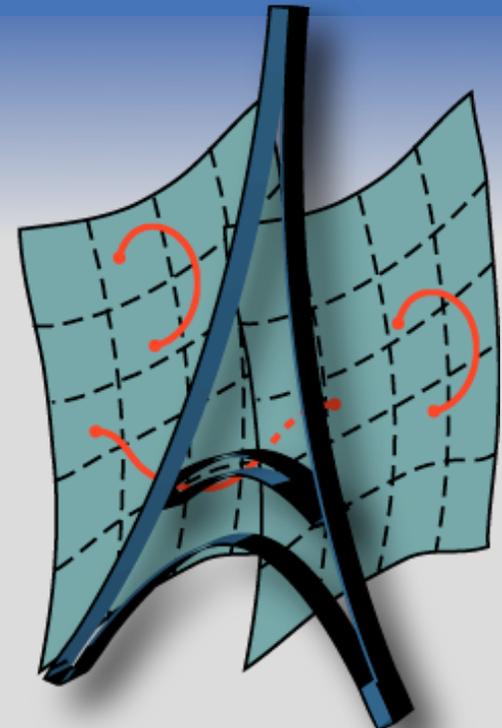
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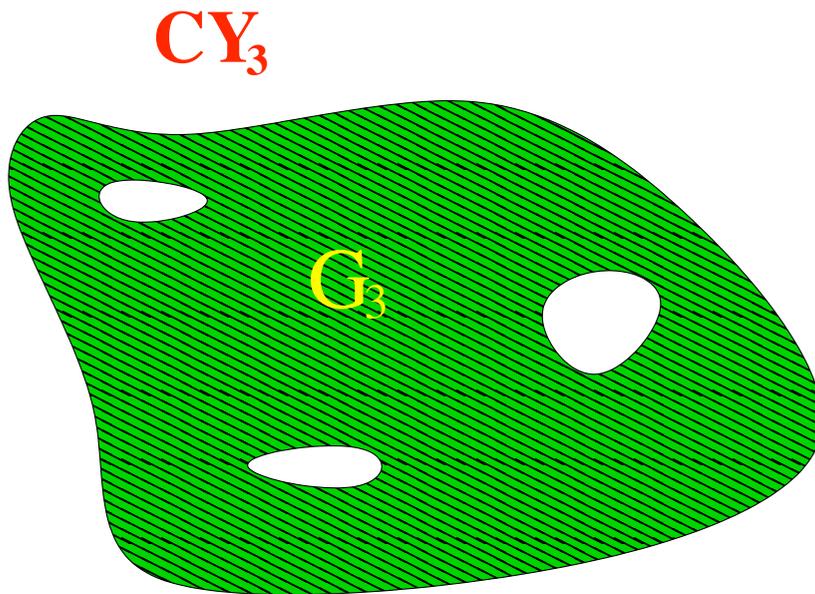
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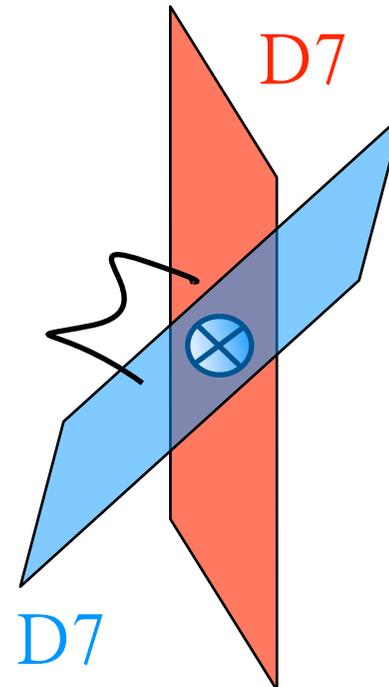
- ✿ Two popular lines of research in type II vacua are

Closed strings: Flux vacua



Moduli stabilization
de Sitter vacua
Inflation
Warping
...

Open strings: D-brane models



Chirality
MSSM/GUT spectra
Yukawa couplings
Instanton effects
...

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- ✿ Some overlapping research has shown that **fluxes** can have interesting **effects on D-branes**

- ✦ Soft-terms/moduli stabilization

Cámara, Ibáñez, Uranga '03

Lüst, Reffert, Stieberger '04

Gomis, F.M., Mateos '05

...

- ✦ D-terms and superpotentials

Martucci '06

- ✦ Instanton zero mode lifting

Tripathy, Trivedi '05

Saulina '05

Kallosh, Kashani-Poor, Tomasiello '05

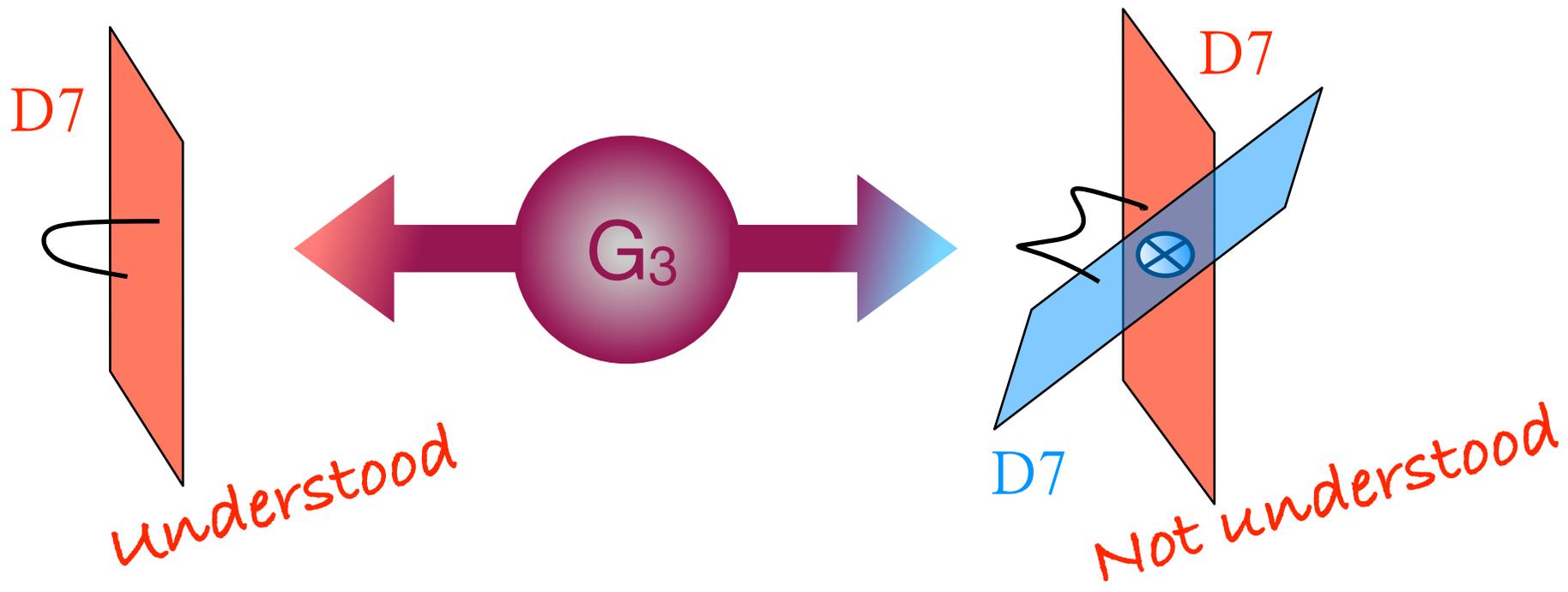
- ✦ Warping effects

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Shiu's Talk

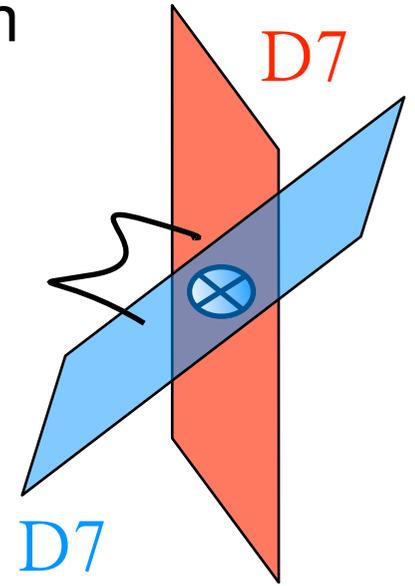
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The problem

- ✿ The **chiral sector** of a D-brane model arises from **open strings** with twisted boundary conditions
- ✿ We do not know the precise **effect of fluxes** and warping microscopically
 - ◆ **CFT** tricky because of RR flux
 - ◆ Full D-brane action not available beyond **U(1)** gauge **theories**

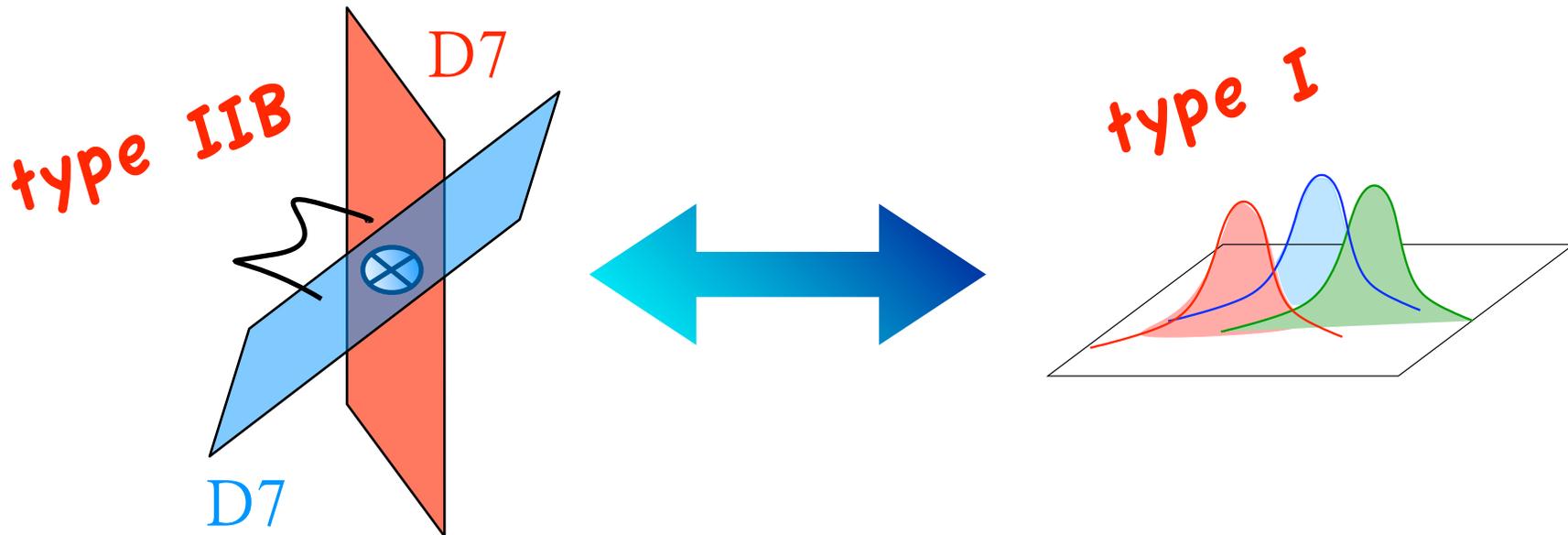


The strategy

Idea:

Consider Type I/Heterotic strings
in the field theory limit

- ✿ Twisted open strings can be understood as wavefunctions
- ✿ Their coupling to fluxes can be read from the 10D action



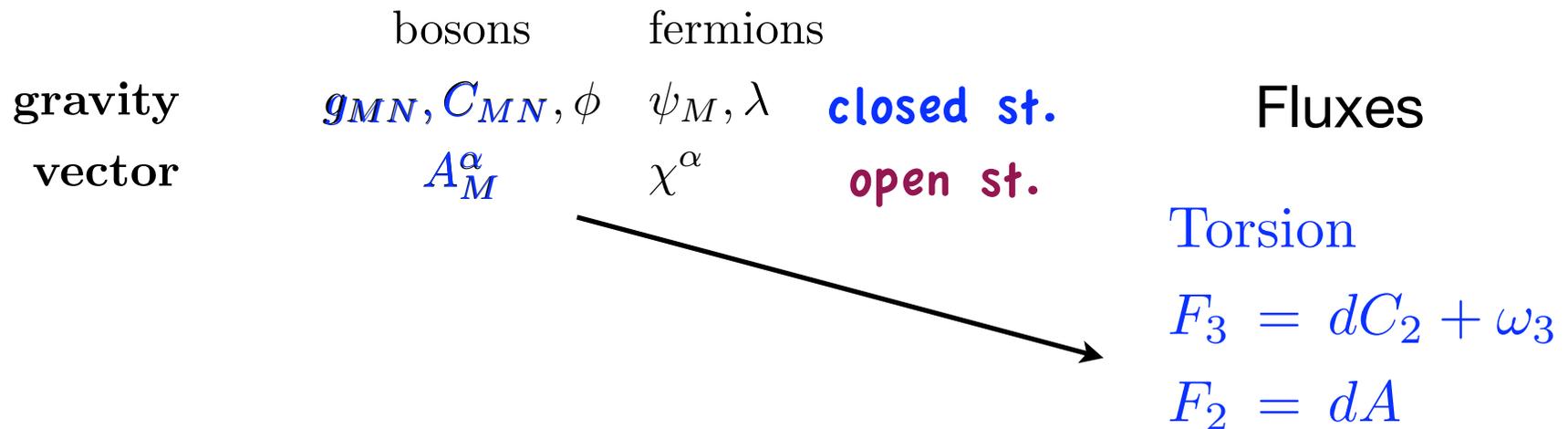
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Fluxes

Torsion

$$F_3 = dC_2 + \omega_3$$

$$F_2 = dA$$

Open string e.o.m.

$$\left(\mathcal{D} + \frac{1}{4} e^{\phi/2} F_3 \right) \chi = 0$$

$$D_K F^{KP} - \frac{e^{\phi/2}}{2} F_{MN} F^{MNP} = 0$$

Type I flux vacua

- ✿ The gravity **background** is of the form

$$ds^2 = Z^{-1/2} ds_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3}}^2 + ds_{\mathcal{M}_6}^2$$

with \mathcal{M}_6 an **SU(3)-structure** manifold (\rightarrow forms J_{mn}, Ω_{mnp})

such that

$$\begin{aligned} Ze^\phi &\equiv g_s = \text{const.} \\ g_s^{1/2} e^{\phi/2} F_3 &= *_{\mathcal{M}_6} e^{-3\phi/2} d(e^{3\phi/2} J) \\ d(e^\phi J \wedge J) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hull '86

Strominger '86

If \mathcal{M}_6 is complex $\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}=1$ SUSY vacuum

Schulz '04

If \mathcal{M}_6 is not complex $\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}=0$ no-scale vacuum

Cámara & Graña '07

Lüst, F.M., Martucci, Tsimpis '08

Twisted tori

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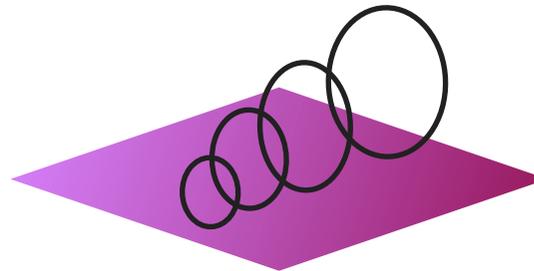
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Π_2 : fiber

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They can be described as:

i) S^1 bundles



ii) Coset manifolds

$\Gamma \backslash G$

G : nilpotent Lie group

Γ : discrete subgroup

- Parallelizable
- Explicit metric

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For instance:

$$ds^2_{B_4} = \sum_{m=1,2,4,5} (R_m dx^m)^2$$

$$ds^2_{\Pi_2} = [(R_3 dx^3)^2 + (R_6 \tilde{e}^6)^2]$$

$$F_3 = -N(dx^1 \wedge dx^2 + dx^4 \wedge dx^5) \wedge \tilde{e}^6 - g_s^{-1} *_T dZ^2$$

$$\tilde{e}^6 = dx^6 + \frac{M}{2}(x^1 dx^2 - x^2 dx^1 + x^4 dx^5 - x^5 dx^4)$$

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$$\exp(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathcal{H}_5 \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$G = \exp(\mathfrak{g})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_6 = \Gamma_{\mathcal{H}_5} \backslash \mathcal{H}_5 \times \mathbb{Z} \backslash \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_6 = \Gamma \backslash G$$

(For $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1$)

Dimensional reduction

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- ✿ We can **expand** the bosonic fields as

$$B(x^\mu, x^i) = b_\mu(x^\mu) \mathbf{B}(x^i) dx^\mu + \sum_m b^m(x^\mu) [\langle \mathbf{B}^m \rangle + \xi^m](x^i) e_m \quad U(n_\alpha) \text{ Adj.}$$

$$W(x^\mu, x^i) = w_\mu(x^\mu) \mathbf{W}(x^i) dx^\mu + \sum_m w^m(x^\mu) \Phi^m(x^i) e_m \quad (\bar{n}_\alpha, n_\beta) \text{ bif.}$$

... and similarly for fermions

Laplace and Dirac eqs.

❖ The e.o.m for the adjoint fields read ($Z \rightarrow 1$)

$$\hat{\partial}_a \hat{\partial}^a B = -m_B^2 B \quad \text{gauge bosons}$$

$$\left(\Gamma^a \hat{\partial}_a + \frac{1}{2} f P_+^{B_4} \right) \chi_6 = m_\chi \mathcal{B}_6^* \chi_6^* \quad \text{fermions}$$

...

scalars

$$P_+^{B_4} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \Gamma_{B_4}) \quad \mathcal{B}_6 = \text{6D Maj. matrix}$$

❖ For bifundamental fields:

$$\hat{\partial}_a \rightarrow \hat{\partial}_a - i(\langle B_m^\alpha \rangle - \langle B_m^\beta \rangle)$$

see Cámara's Talk

Recap

- ❖ We want to understand the effect of **fluxes on non-Abelian gauge theories**
- ❖ Nice framework: **type I/heterotic flux vacua** → **10D field theory**
- ❖ Simplest examples in terms of **twisted tori**
- ❖ The effect of fluxes appears in the modified **Dirac** and **Laplace equations**. For adjoint fields and $Z \rightarrow 1$:

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Gauge Bosons

❖ Laplace equation

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❖ In our example:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 \hat{\partial}_1 &= \partial_{x^1} + \frac{M}{2} x^2 \partial_{x^6} & R_4 \hat{\partial}_4 &= \partial_{x^4} + \frac{M}{2} x^5 \partial_{x^6} \\ R_2 \hat{\partial}_2 &= \partial_{x^2} - \frac{M}{2} x^1 \partial_{x^6} & R_5 \hat{\partial}_5 &= \partial_{x^5} - \frac{M}{2} x^4 \partial_{x^6} \\ R_3 \hat{\partial}_3 &= \partial_{x^3} & R_6 \hat{\partial}_6 &= \partial_{x^6} \end{aligned}$$

If B does **not** depend on $x^6 \Rightarrow \hat{\partial}^a = \partial_a \Rightarrow B = e^{2\pi i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \quad \vec{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5)$

If B **depends on** x^6 like $e^{2\pi i k_6 x^6} \Rightarrow$ eq. of a W-boson in a **magnetized** T^4 ,
with magnetic flux $k_6 M$

$$F_2^{\text{cl}} = k_6 M (dx^1 \wedge dx^2 + dx^4 \wedge dx^5)$$

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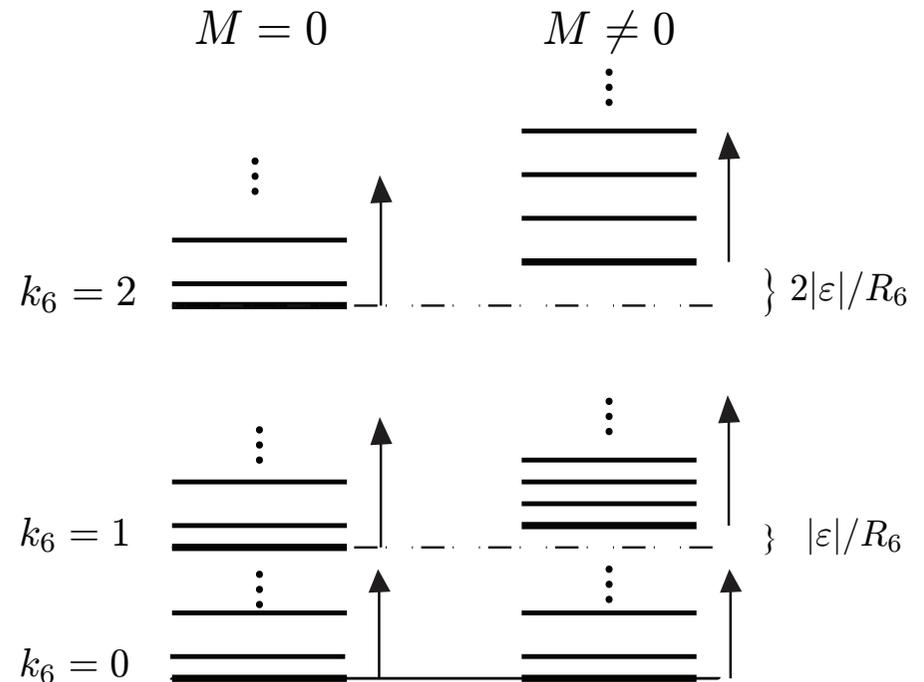
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$$m_B^2 = \frac{|k_6 M|}{\pi R_1 R_2} (n+1) + \left(\frac{k_6}{R_6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k_3}{R_3}\right)^2$$



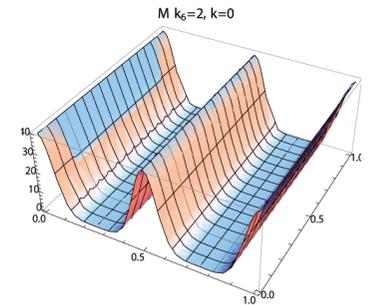
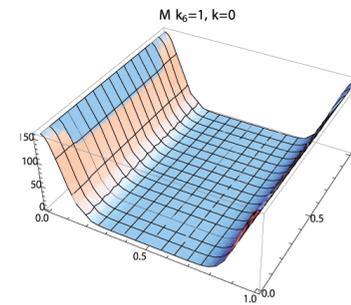
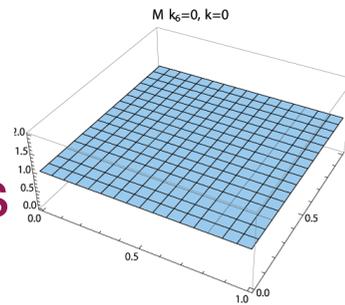
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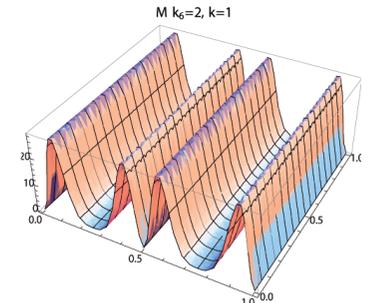
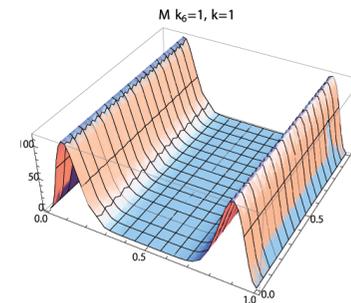
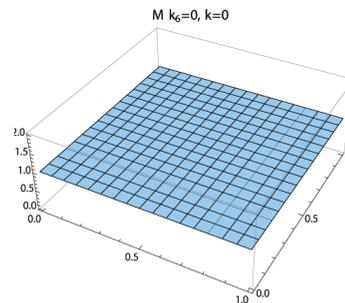
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❖ Wavefunctions are **localized**



Group Manifolds

- ❖ While the **previous example** was quite **simple**, one can solve the Laplace eq. for **more general manifolds** of the form $\Gamma \backslash G$
- ❖ A natural object to consider is the **non-Abelian Fourier transform**

$$\hat{f}_{\vec{\omega}} \varphi(\vec{s}) = \int_G B(g) \pi_{\vec{\omega}}(g) \varphi(\vec{s}) dg$$

unirrep of G

auxiliary Hilbert space \mathcal{H}

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 - ◆ Let us consider the function

$$B_{\vec{\omega}}^{\varphi, \psi}(g) = (\pi_{\vec{\omega}}(g)\varphi, \psi)$$

- ◆ Note that

$$\Delta (\pi_{\vec{\omega}}(g)\varphi, \psi) = (\pi_{\vec{\omega}}(g)\pi_{\vec{\omega}}(\Delta)\varphi, \psi)$$

← scalar product in \mathcal{H}

- ◆ So we can take $\Psi = \delta$ -function and φ eigenfunction
- ◆ Finally we can impose Γ -invariance via

$$B_{\vec{\omega}}(g) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \pi_{\vec{\omega}}(\gamma g)\varphi(\vec{s}_0)$$

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- ❖ By construction, we have a **correspondence** of **unirreps** of G and families of **wavefunctions** in $\Gamma \backslash G$
- ❖ Previous example $\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{2p+1}$ **Heisenberg group** $\cong (\vec{x}, \vec{y}, z)$

$$\pi_{k'_z} u(\vec{s}) = e^{2\pi i k'_z [z + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} / 2 + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{s}]} u(\vec{s} + \vec{x}) \longrightarrow \text{fiber KK modes}$$

$$\pi_{\vec{k}'_x, \vec{k}'_y} = e^{2\pi i (\vec{k}'_x \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{k}'_y \cdot \vec{y})} \longrightarrow \text{base KK modes}$$

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All entries of the matrix commute \Rightarrow standard diagonalization

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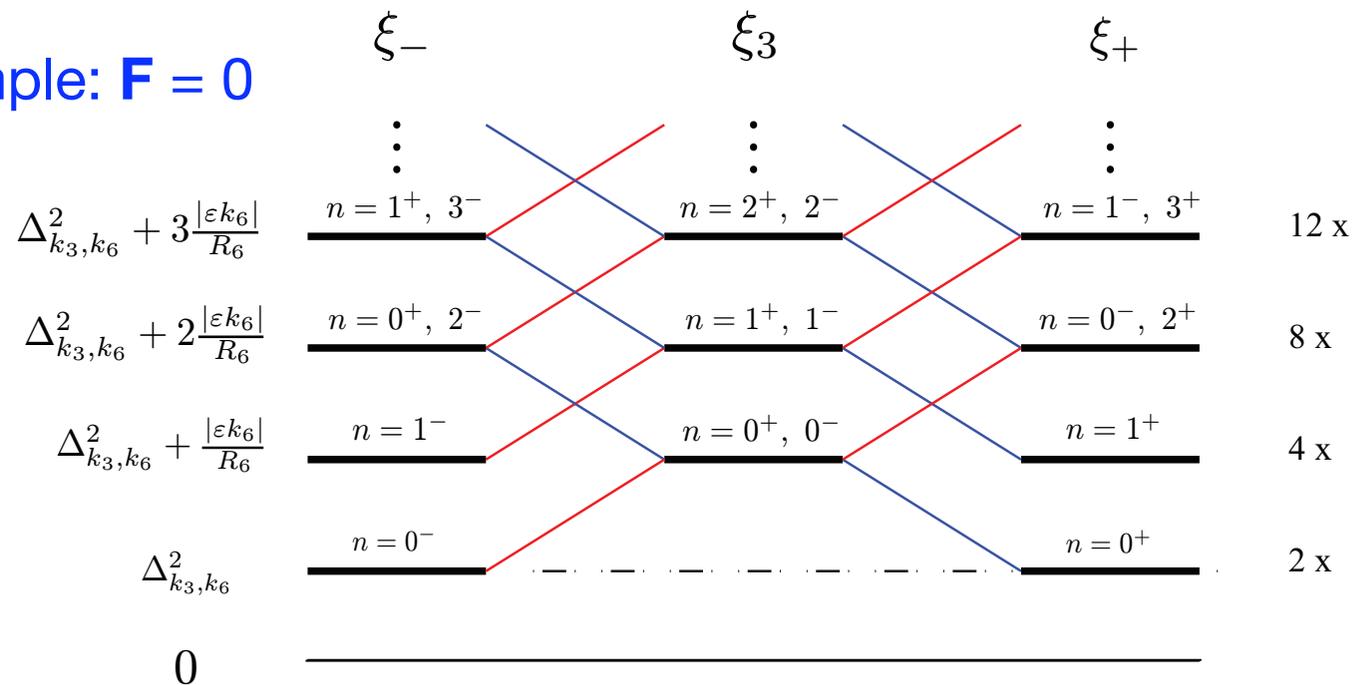
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Eigenvectors:

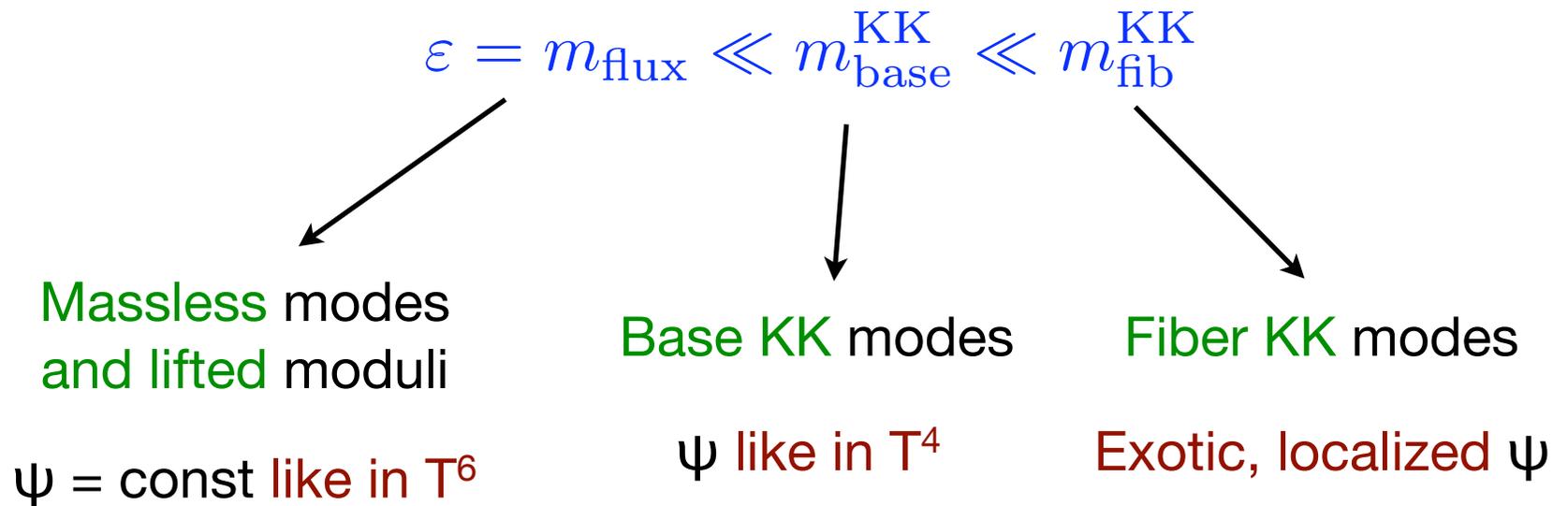
$$\xi_3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^1} \\ \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^2} \\ \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^3} \end{pmatrix} B \quad \xi_\pm \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\partial}_{z^3} \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^1} + m_{\xi_\pm} \hat{\partial}_{z^2} \\ \hat{\partial}_{z^3} \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^2} - m_{\xi_\pm} \hat{\partial}_{z^1} \\ \hat{\partial}_{z^3} \hat{\partial}_{\bar{z}^3} + m_{\xi_\pm}^2 \end{pmatrix} B$$

$$m_{\xi_3}^2 = m_B^2$$

$$m_{\xi_\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\varepsilon_\mu \pm \sqrt{\varepsilon_\mu^2 + 4m_B^2} \right)^2$$

Recap II

- ✿ We have computed the **spectrum of KK modes** in several type I vacua based on **twisted tori**
- ✿ If one assumes the **hierarchy** $\text{Vol}_{B_4}^{1/2} \gg \text{Vol}_{\Pi_2}$ then one has



About warping

- ❖ In the above we have **assumed** a **constant warping**
- ❖ One can check that $\nabla_{T^4}^2 Z^2 = -\varepsilon^2 + \dots$
- ❖ So **for** $\text{Vol}_{B_4}^{1/2} \gg \text{Vol}_{\Pi_2}$ we have $\varepsilon \ll m_{\text{base}}^{\text{KK}}$ and $Z = \text{const.}$ is a **good approximation**
- ❖ However, **for** $\text{Vol}_{B_4}^{1/2} \simeq \text{Vol}_{\Pi_2}$ we have
 - ◆ **Warping** effects
 - ◆ **Fiber** modes more **localized** \Rightarrow should dominate

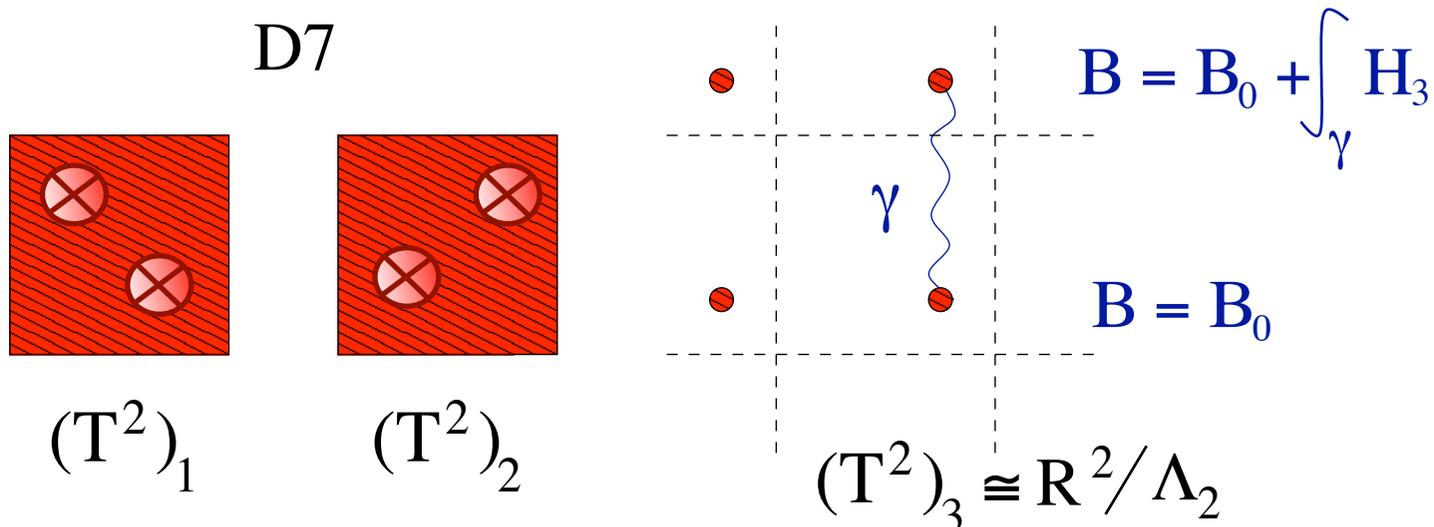
Type IIB T-dual

- ✿ We can take our models to **type IIB** by **T-duality** on the fiber coordinates:

N D9-branes
KK mode on $B_4 \simeq (T^2)_1 \times (T^2)_2$
KK mode on $\Pi_2 \simeq (T^2)_3$

\longrightarrow

N D7-branes
KK mode on $(T^2)_1 \times (T^2)_2$
Winding mode on $(T^2)_3$



Conclusions

- ❖ We have considered **type I flux vacua** in order to see the **effect of fluxes on open strings** via field theory calculations
- ❖ Assuming constant Z , one can compute exactly the massless and massive **spectrum of wavefunctions** for models based on **twisted tori** and group quotients $\Gamma \backslash G$
- ❖ The techniques used here for adjoint fields **also** work for **bifundamental chiral multiplets** *see Cámara's Talk*
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...hint for a **CFT** computation?