

Asian Winter School Lectures

Top Down Approach to Symmetries in QFT + Gravity.

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Outline:

- 1) Motivation / Engineering QFTs.
- 2) Symm Ops + Heavy Defects
- 3) SymTFT + Generalizations
- 4) $G_N \neq 0$ (+ Falsifying strings).

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Lecture I

Motivation / Engineering QFTs.

Global Symmetry in QFT

- selection rules
- constraints
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Absent in Gravity!

Recently (Since 2014)

Generalizations

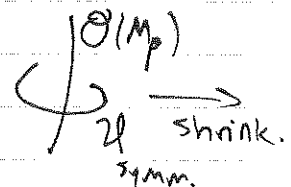
p-form symms
 higher-gp symms.

non-invertible symms.

"categorical" symms.

p-form symm.

$$\mathcal{G}(M_p) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'(M_p)$$



Questions:

Given a QFT, what are its symms? ...

Compute this @ strong coupling?

What happens when $G_N \neq 0$?

Aim: Use strings to answer these questions!

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Stringy QFTs.

Recall: Pert strings in 10D.

M-th in 11D.

Basic Setup:

$$M_{\text{full}} = \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^{d-1,1}}_{\text{QFT}} \times \overline{X}$$

↑ extra-dim. Geometry.

Susy in d dim \Rightarrow constraints on X .

Simple solution: \exists Killing spinor on X : $\nabla_{\Gamma} \epsilon = 0$.

\Rightarrow Calabi-Yau.

Non-Susy often unstable, but also interesting!

$G_N \rightarrow 0?$...

$$d_{\text{tot}} = d + \dim X$$

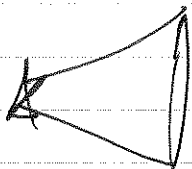
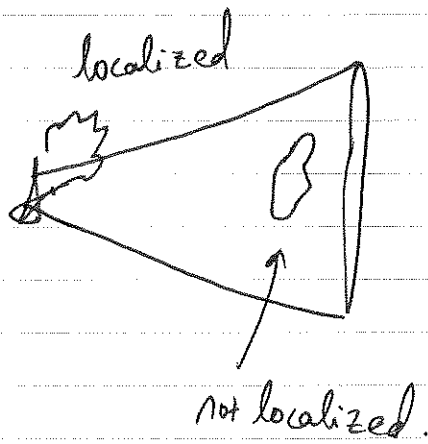
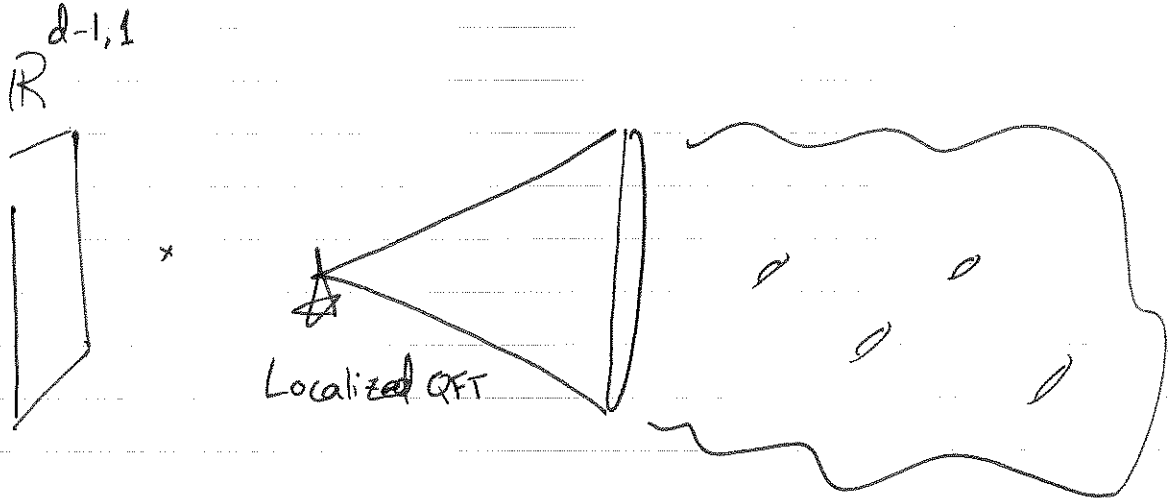
$$\frac{1}{G_{d_d}} \int \sqrt{g_{\text{High}}} R_{\text{High}} \longrightarrow \frac{\text{Vol}(X)}{G_{d_d}} \int \sqrt{g_{\text{Low}}} R_{\text{Low}}$$

$$G_d \sim \frac{G_{d_d}}{\text{Vol}(X)} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } \text{Vol}(X) \rightarrow \infty.$$

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Making a QFT?

Localized Singularities.



examples:

• D-branes filling $R^{d-1,1}$ + pt of X .

$$\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$$

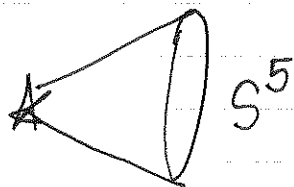
$$\mathbb{C}^3/\Gamma$$

⋮

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Example: Engineering $\mathcal{N}=4$ Super Yang-Mills.

$U(N)$: IB + ND3's on $\mathbb{R}^{3,1} \times \mathbb{C}^3$
////// pt.



$\mathcal{N}=4$: 16 Real \mathcal{Q} 's? why?...

$$\int_{S^5} F_5 = N$$

IB has 32 real \mathcal{Q} 's $2 \times 16_{\text{MW}}$.

\mathbb{C}^3 preserves all of it.

D3 breaks translations. Since $\{\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}'\} \sim \mathcal{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 32 = 16.$$

What about other groups? ...

SO + Sp via orientifolds.

E_6 ? E_7 ? E_8 ? ...

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Example: Engineering 7D=1 Super Yang-Mills.

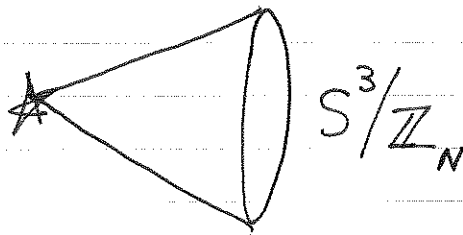
Consider: M-theory on $R^{6,1} \times \mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_N$.

Review: ~~...~~ Acharya Gukov '04

$\Omega_{\mathbb{C}^2} = dz_1 \wedge dz_2$. Preserve Ω for SUSY \Rightarrow 16 Q's $\frac{1}{2} \times 32$.

$$(z_1, z_2) \sim (\omega z_1, \omega^{-1} z_2) \quad \omega = e^{2\pi i / N}$$

Fixed points: $z_1 = z_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ singularity:



"Blowing up"

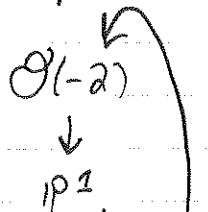
$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & & \\ & & 1 & \dots & \\ & & & \dots & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cap \text{pairing.}$$



plx line bundle...

is a $\mathbb{C}P^1$

$-2 \Rightarrow$ Normal bundle...



$$\int \frac{F}{2\pi} = -2$$

u(1) gauge theory \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* gauge theory.

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M-th has C_3 .

$$\int dC_3 \sim * dC_3$$

$$C_3 = A_1^a \wedge w^a$$

↙ 2-form paired with IP^1

$$\int_{IP^1_b} w^a = \delta^a_b.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{get } U(1)^{N-1}.$$

But More... M^2 on curves \Rightarrow W bosons!

$$M_W = \text{Vol}(IP^1) \rightarrow 0 \text{ symm restored.}$$

Example: $N=2$.

$$\overbrace{-2} \Rightarrow U(1) + W^+ + W^- \Rightarrow SU(2)$$

$$\overbrace{-2} \times \overbrace{-2} \Rightarrow U(1)^2 + \begin{bmatrix} * & & \\ \cdot & * & \\ \cdot & \cdot & * \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow SU(3).$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow SU(N).$$

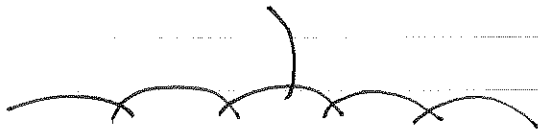
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A nice generalization:

$\Gamma \subset SU(2)$ a finite subgroup.

ADE classification!

Example E_6 singularity:



$$A: \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/N} & \\ & e^{-2\pi i/N} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D: \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\pi/k-2} & \\ & e^{-i\pi/k-2} \end{bmatrix} \oplus \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_6: \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\pi/2} & \\ & e^{-i\pi/2} \end{bmatrix} \oplus \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/8} & e^{2\pi i/8} \\ e^{2\pi i/8} & e^{2\pi i/8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_7 \quad E_6 \text{ gens} \oplus \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/8} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2\pi i/8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_8 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/5} & \\ & e^{-2\pi i/5} \end{bmatrix} \oplus \frac{1}{e^{2\pi i/5} - e^{-2\pi i/5}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2\pi i/5} & -2\pi i/5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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IIA on \mathbb{C}^2/Γ ?

well, M-theory $S^1 \Rightarrow$ IIA (small S^1).

so, IIA on \mathbb{C}^2/Γ : 6D SYM. (7D SIMONS!)

$$W = (1, 1)$$
$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ Q_L & Q_R \end{array}$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow A_1$$

+ D2 on $\mathbb{P}^1 \Rightarrow W^\pm$ etc. $M_w \sim \text{Vol}(\mathbb{P}^1)$.

IIB on \mathbb{C}^2/Γ ?

well, $C_4^+ \rightarrow B_2^- \Rightarrow$ string. (wrapped D3).



Tension $\sim \text{Vol}(\mathbb{P}^1)$.

$$F_5 = *F_5 \quad H_3 = -*H_3$$

$$C_4 = B_2 \wedge \omega_2$$

$$\int \omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 = -2 \text{ etc...}$$

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$u=4$ SYM Revisited!

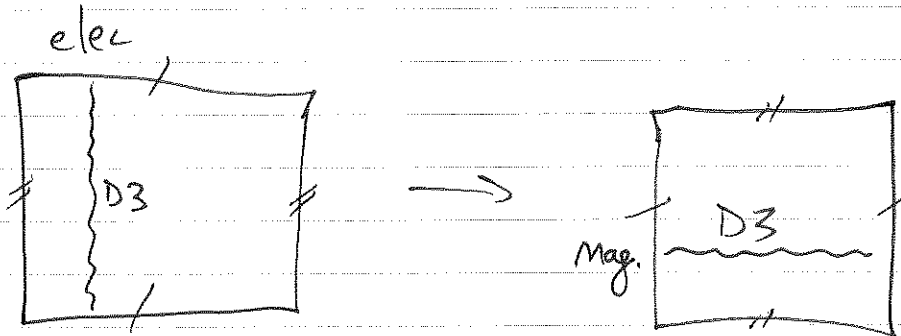
Vafa '97

Type II on $\mathbb{R}^{3,1} \times T^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$
ADE.

\downarrow
 $u=4$ SYM G_{ADE}

II B? $\frac{4\pi i}{g^2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi} = \tau_{\text{of } T^2}$

$\tau \rightarrow -1/\tau$ of $T^2 \Rightarrow S$ -Duality!



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Many Many More Examples...

Another one:

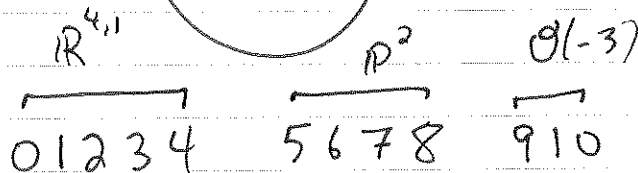
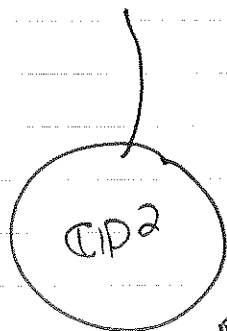
M-theory on $\mathbb{R}^{4,1} \times \mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$

$\Omega = dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge dz_3$ $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \sim (\omega z_1, \omega z_2, \omega z_3)$

$\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$

Blowup:

$\mathcal{O}(1-3)$



string M5

x x x x x x x x

Vol(\mathbb{P}^2) ~ Tension string

particle M2

x x x x

Vol(\mathbb{P}^1) ~ $M_{particle}$

$\Rightarrow E_0$ SCFT as Vol(\mathbb{P}^2) $\rightarrow 0$

\mathbb{C}^3/Γ

$\Gamma \subset SU(3)$

$dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge dz_3$ invariant!

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Great!

Now What? ...

Properties of these theories?

Symmetries of these theories? ...

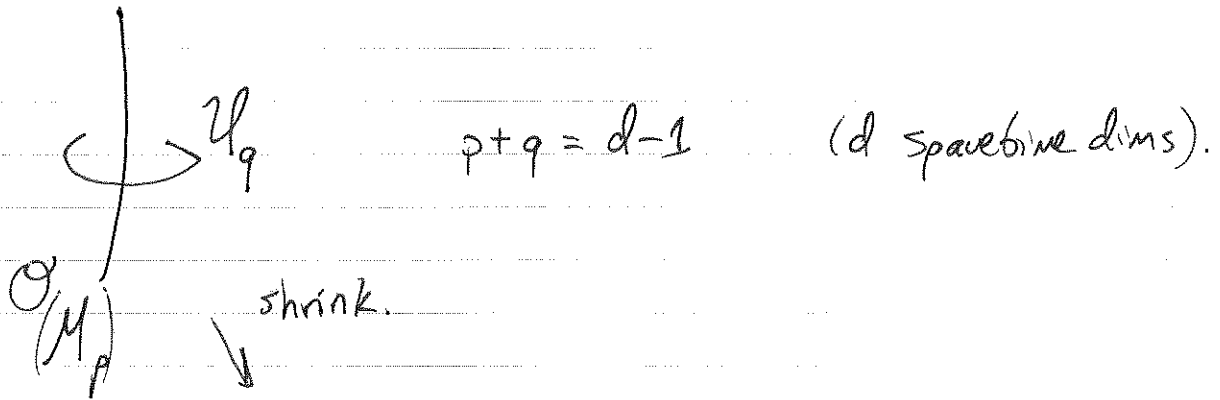
What about $G_N \neq 0$? ...

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Lecture II

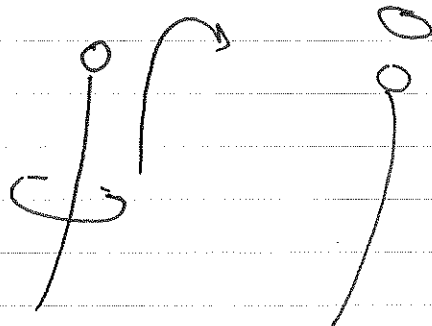
Top. Symm. Ops + Heavy Defects

$\mathcal{O}(M_p)$ + p-form symm:



$g^{(Z_q)}$ transformed...

Note:



No action!

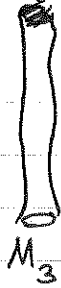
p-form symm broken.

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Magnetic Version:

							r	S^3/\mathbb{Z}_N
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8 9
∇	D4	x	x	x			x	x

mag states...



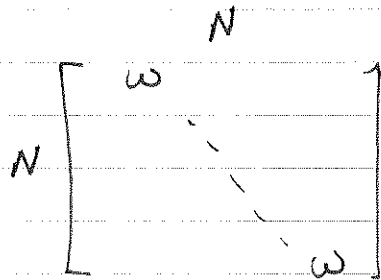
M_3

wrapped D4's.

$$H_2(X, 2X) / H_2(X)$$

$SU(N)/\mathbb{Z}_N$, excluding all elec. Wilson lines...

\mathbb{Z}_N subgroup:



$$\omega = e^{2\pi i/N}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_N^{(3)}$ actyon ∇ -Holt / 3-defects.

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Computing: $H_2(X, \partial X) / H_2(X)$.

Relative Homology:

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(\partial X) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X, \partial X) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial X) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$X = \mathbb{C}^2 / \Gamma \quad ? \quad \partial X = S^3 / \Gamma$$

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(X) \rightarrow H_2(X, \partial X) \rightarrow H_1(\partial X) \rightarrow 0$$

$$H_2(X, \partial X) / H_2(X) \cong H_1(\partial X) = \text{Ab}[\pi_1(\partial X)].$$

$$= \text{Ab}[\Gamma].$$

$SU(N)$	$\mathbb{S}D_{2n}$		E_6	E_7	E_8
\downarrow	\downarrow				
\mathbb{Z}_N	\mathbb{Z}_4	$\mathbb{Z}_2 + \mathbb{Z}_2$	\mathbb{Z}_3	\mathbb{Z}_2	1
	nodd	neven			

$$G_{\text{elec}} \cong G_{\text{elec}} / \mathbb{Z}_2$$

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Defect Group:

Del Zotto JSH Park Rudelius '14
Albertini Del Zotto Garcia Etxebarria Hussein '20
Morrison Schafer-Nameki Willett '20

$$\mathbb{D} = \left(\begin{array}{c} + \\ \oplus \\ k \end{array} \right) \mathbb{D}^{(k)} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbb{D}^{(k)} = \left(\begin{array}{c} + \\ \oplus \\ \text{charged } p\text{-branes} \\ m \end{array} \right) \frac{H_{m+1}(X, \mathbb{Z})}{H_{m+1}(X)}$$

In our case:

$$\mathbb{D}_{D2} \oplus \mathbb{D}_{D4} \quad \mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_N^{(3)} \quad (\hat{x} \text{ vs } \hat{p} \text{ basis})$$

pick commuting fluxes (just D2 or D4) \Rightarrow "polarization"

$$\downarrow T^2$$

4D $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM.

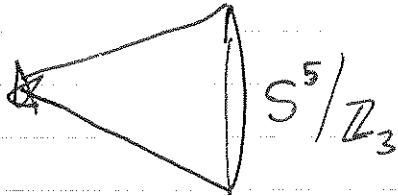
$$\mathbb{D}_{D2} = \mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)} \xrightarrow{6D} \mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)el} \quad \text{Wilson lines}$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{D4} = \mathbb{Z}_N^{(3)} \xrightarrow{4D} \mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)mag} \quad \text{+ Hooft lines.}$$

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Strongly Coupled Example:

M-th on $\mathbb{R}^{4,1} \times \mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$ $(z_1, z_2, z_3) \sim (\omega z_1, \omega z_2, \omega z_3)$.



$H_1(S^5/\mathbb{Z}_3) = \mathbb{Z}_3$ $H_2 = 0$

$H_3(S^5/\mathbb{Z}_3) = \mathbb{Z}_3$ $H_4 = 0$.

			r	$\overbrace{S^5/\mathbb{Z}_3}^{6\ 7\ 8\ 9\ 10}$	
	0 1 2 3 4	5			
M2	x	x	x		\Rightarrow Line Defect $\mathbb{Z}_3^{(1)}$
M5	xx	x	xxx		\Rightarrow String Defect $\mathbb{Z}_3^{(2)}$...

Obstruction to $\mathbb{Z}_3^{(2)}$! Anomaly from $C_3 \wedge G_4 \wedge G_4$

\downarrow
 B_2^3 (symTFT...)

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Symmetry Operators

Warmup: consider p-brane's potential: C_{p+1} .

$$S = \int \# F_{p+2} \wedge * F_{p+2}$$

$$F_{p+2} \sim dC_{p+1}$$

$$\widetilde{F}_{q+2} \sim dC_{q+1}$$

$$= \int \# F_{p+2} \wedge \widetilde{F}_{q+2}$$

Equal time commutator:

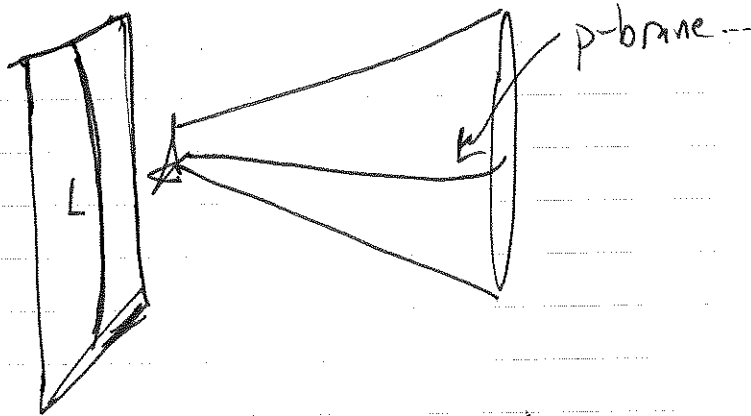
$$[C_{i_1 \dots i_{p+1}}(\vec{x}), \widetilde{F}_{j_{p+2} \dots j_{d-1}}(\vec{y})] = i \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{d-1}}$$

spatial.
↓

$$e^{i m \int C_{p+1}} \xrightarrow{e^{i \eta \int \widetilde{F}_{q+2}}} e^{i m \eta}$$

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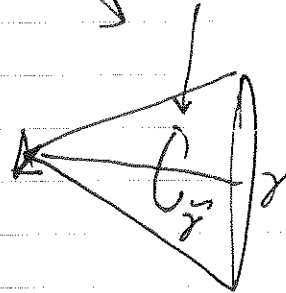
our case: (finite symmetry)



need
it to link



Need it to link.



⇒ Link in spacetime + in $\mathcal{D}X$.

$$e^{i \int F} = e^{i \int C_{q+1}} \Rightarrow \text{insert mag dual on linkings!}$$

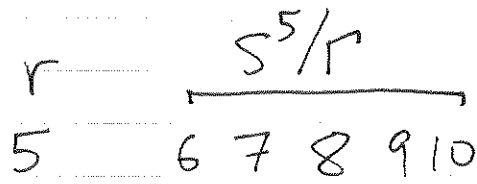
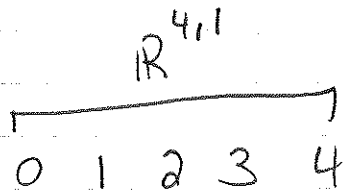
6D SYM: $\mathbb{R}^{5,1} \times \mathbb{C}/\Gamma$

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
\mathcal{W}	D2							x		x	
\mathcal{U}	D4			x	x	x	x				x

← not radial ⇒ No stress energy

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Another Example: M-th on \mathbb{C}^3/Γ



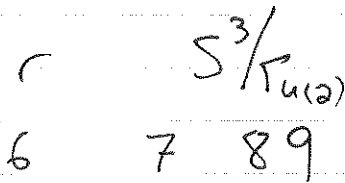
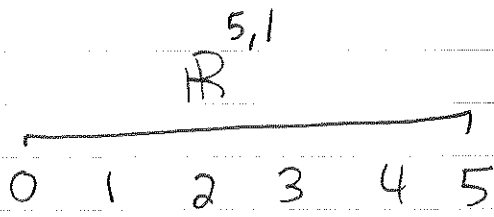
W: M2 x

x x

U: M5 x x x

x x x

6D SCFTs: $\mathbb{R}^{5,1} \times (\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma_{U(2)})$ (+ 7-branes).



D3 x x

x x

D3' x x x

x

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SymmOp + Worldvolume TFT!

Consider D_p -brane wrapped on $\tilde{L} \times \tilde{\gamma}$:

$$S_{WZ}^{(\text{topological})} = \int_{\tilde{L} \times \tilde{\gamma}} (C_{p+1} + C_{p-1} + \dots) e^{\int_{\tilde{L} \times \tilde{\gamma}} \mathbb{F}_2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{A}(TS)}{\hat{A}(NS)}}$$

$\mathbb{F}_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 - B_2$

$$\mathcal{U}[\tilde{L} \times \tilde{\gamma}, \overline{\Phi}_{\text{bik}}] = \int [dA] e^{2\pi i S_{WZ}[A, \overline{\Phi}_{\text{bik}}]}$$

$\mathbb{F}_2 = dA$ locally.

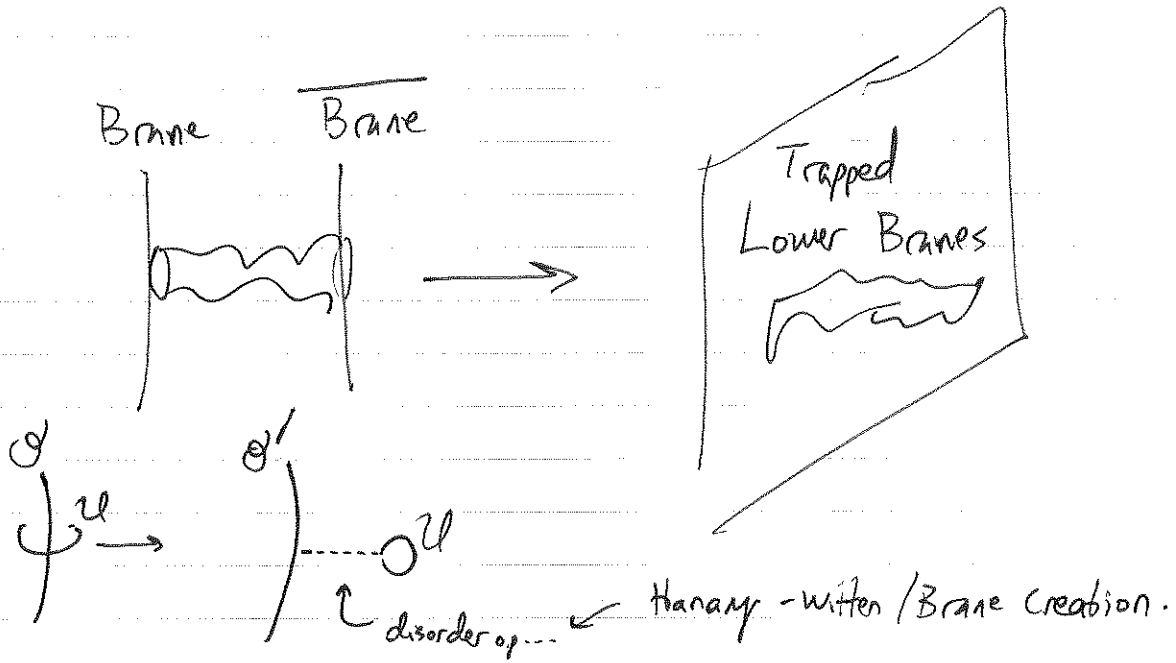
↓ into QFT...

$$\mathcal{U}[\tilde{L}, \varphi_{\text{bikQFT}}] = \int [da] e^{2\pi i S_{\text{TFT}}[a, \varphi_{\text{bikQFT}}]}$$

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Note: $\mathcal{U}^\dagger \mathcal{U} = \mathbb{I} + \dots$ (typically)

Non-invertible...



Hanany-Witten / Brane Creation.

Top Down Examples:

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Garcia Etxebarria '22

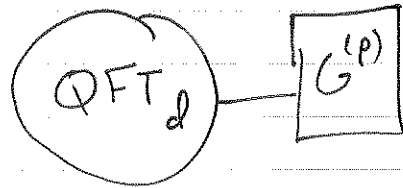
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Lecture III

SymTFTs + their Generalizations.

Consider:



Something we might like to calculate:

$$Z[M_d, B_{p+1}] = \int [d\psi] e^{i S[\psi, B_{p+1}]} \quad (\text{plugin } p=0 \text{ + 0-form symm})$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 d -manifold \uparrow bkgnd p -form \wedge potential. $(p+1)$ -form

or maybe:

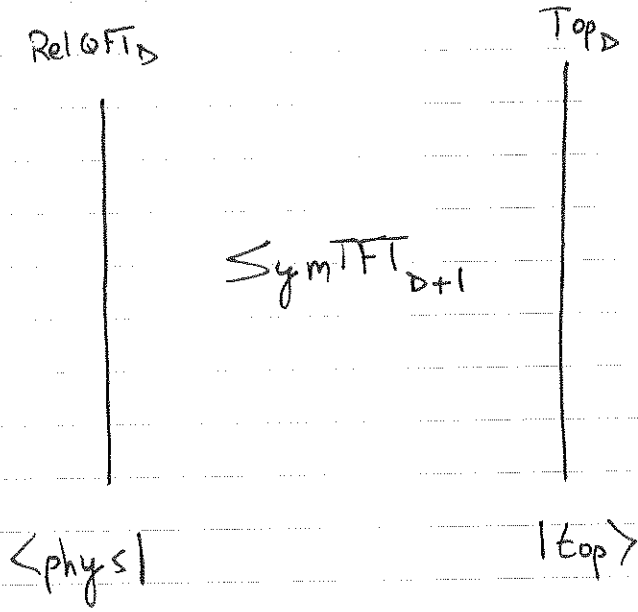
$$\langle \dots \mathcal{O} \dots \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\psi e^{i S} \dots \mathcal{O} \dots$$

Consider: $SU(N)$ Gauge theory: $SU(N)$ vs $SU(N)/\mathbb{Z}_N$

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 more configurations
 admissible.
 (fewer restrictions).

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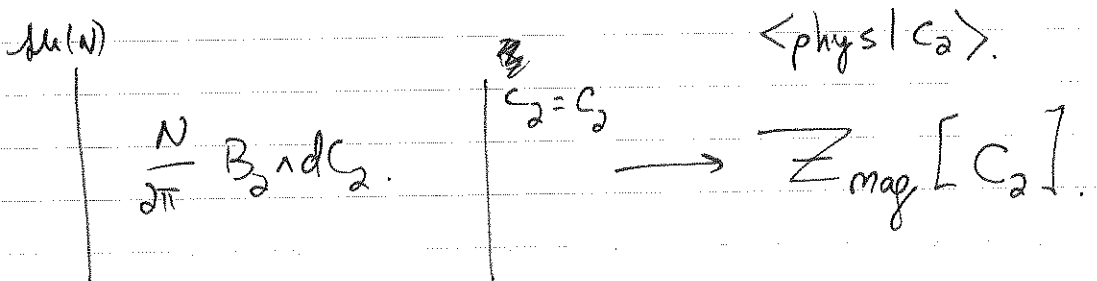
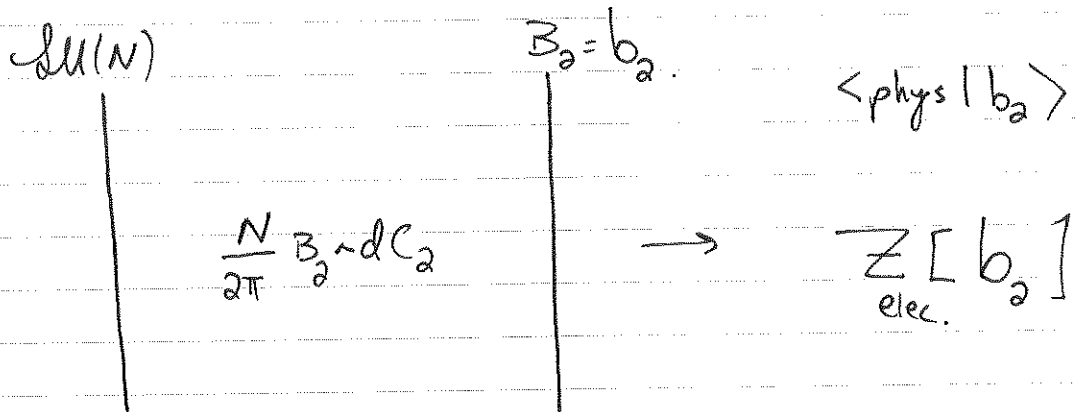
Familiar from the study of anomalies in QFT.
 Helpful to extend to $D+1$ -dim. system.



Freed Teleman '12
 Freed Moore Teleman '22
 Kaidi Nardoni Zafar Zheg '23

'SymTFT' name:
 Apruzzi; Bonetti Garcia Etxebarria
 Hosseini Schafer-Nameki '21

Example: 4D $SU(N)$ $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)el} + \mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)mag}$
 $B_2^{el} \quad C_2^{mag}$



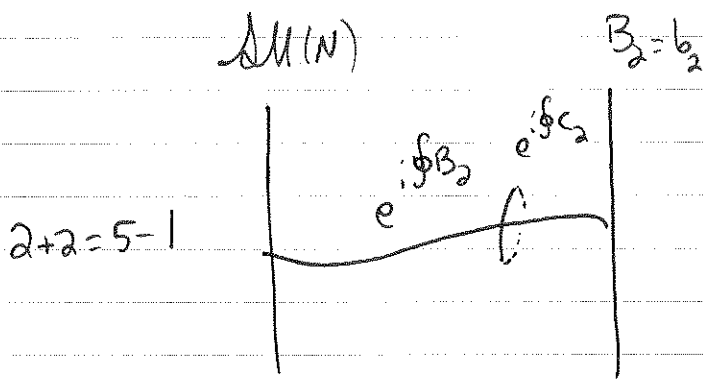
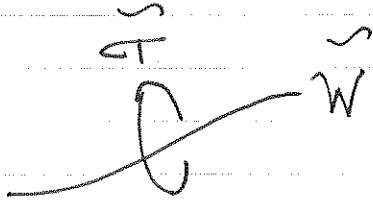
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$$\frac{N}{2\pi} \int_{5D} B_2 \wedge dC_2 \quad \text{TFT:}$$

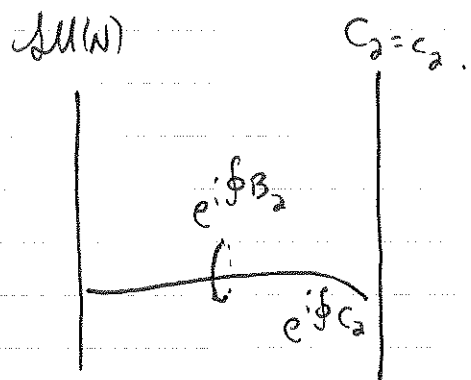
Equal-time commutator: $[B_{i_1 i_2}(\vec{x}), C_{i_3 i_4}(\vec{y})] = \frac{2\pi i}{N} \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \delta^3(\vec{x}-\vec{y})$

$$e^{i\oint B_2} + e^{i\oint C_2}$$

$$\overleftarrow{W} \overrightarrow{T} = e^{2\pi i/N} \overleftarrow{T} \overrightarrow{W}$$



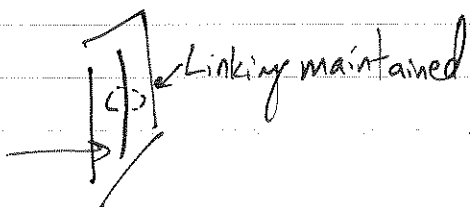
elec.



mag.

$1+2=4-1$

\tilde{W}

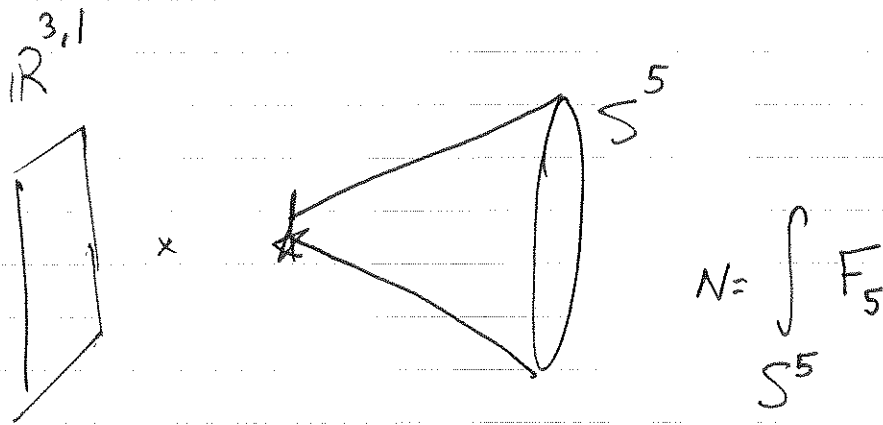


defect: extend
in bulk.
symmop: stays same.

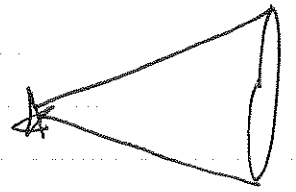
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Stringy Picture:

4D $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM via N D3's on $\mathbb{R}^{3,1} \times \mathbb{C}^3$.



$\mathcal{L}_{\text{IIB}}^{\text{top}} \Rightarrow \int F_5 \wedge B_2 \wedge F_3$



Aharony-Witten '98

Witten '98

JSH Tzani '17

Apruzzi Bonetti Garcia Etxebarria

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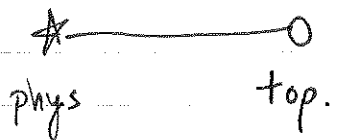
Schofer-Nameki '21

Note: F1/NS5. why now B_2/C_2 paired??

EOM:

$$|dB_2|^2 + |dC_2|^2 + F_5 \wedge B_2 \wedge dC_2$$

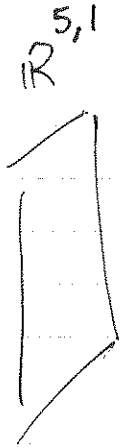
$$\Rightarrow d * dB_2 \sim F_5 \wedge dC_2$$



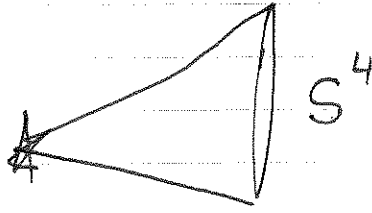
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Another Example:

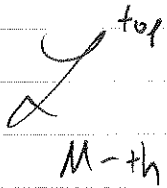
6D $W=(2,0)$ SCFT via N M5's on $\mathbb{R}^{5,1} \times \mathbb{R}^5$.



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$$N = \int_{S^4} G_4$$



$$\int_{11D} C_3 \wedge G_4 \wedge G_4$$



$$\frac{N}{4\pi} \int_{7D} C_3 \wedge dC_3$$

2-form symmet of 6D SCFT!

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An example without fluxes?

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M-th on $\mathbb{R}^{6,1} \times \mathbb{C}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_N$.

Start:

$$\int G_4 \wedge G_7 + C_3 \wedge G_4 \wedge G_4.$$

Use Camara Ibanez Marheinec '11:

Introduce gen of $\mathbb{Z}_N = H^2(S^3/\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})$ via

$$(\alpha_2, \beta_1) \text{ with: } N\alpha_2 = d\beta_1 + d^\dagger\beta_1 = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_N \text{ gauging } \int \alpha_2 \wedge \beta_1 = 1 \text{ mod } N.$$

$$G_4 = (dA_1 + NB_2) \wedge \alpha_2 + dB_2 \wedge \beta_1$$

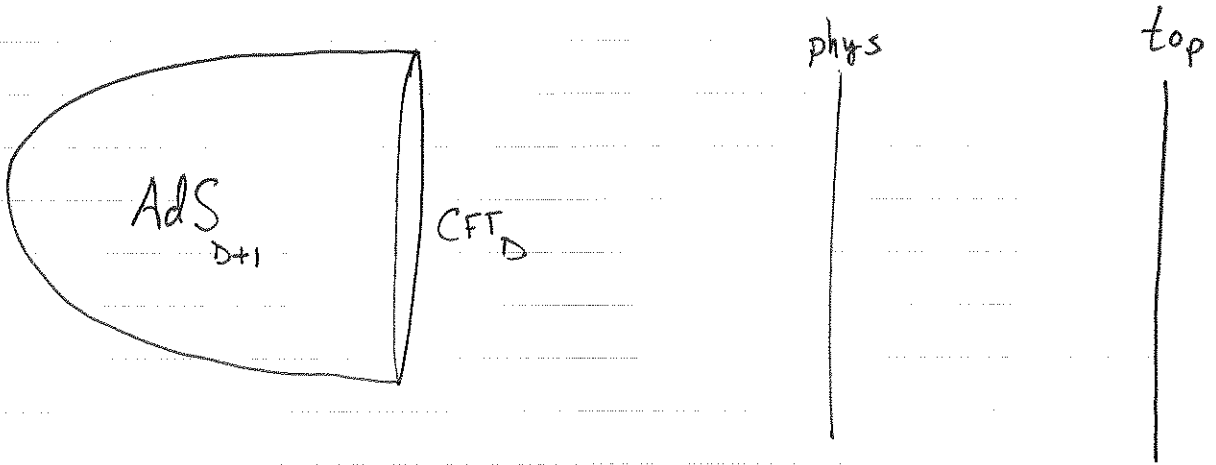
$$G_7 = (dA_4 + NC_5) \wedge \alpha_2 + dC_5 \wedge \beta_1.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int G_4 \wedge G_7 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^3/\mathbb{Z}_N} \alpha_2 \wedge \beta_1 \int_{8D} dA_1 \wedge dC_5 + NB_2 \wedge dC_5 - dB_2 \wedge dA_4 - NdB_2 \wedge C_5$$

$$\rightarrow N \int B_2 \wedge dC_5. \quad (\text{drop two derivative terms})$$

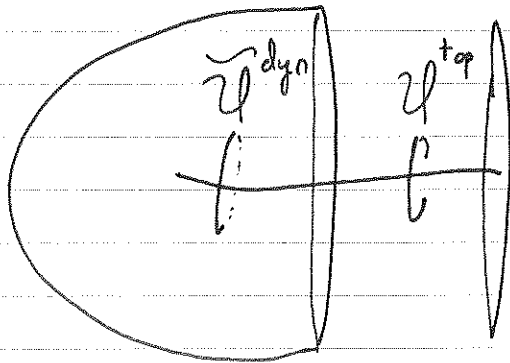
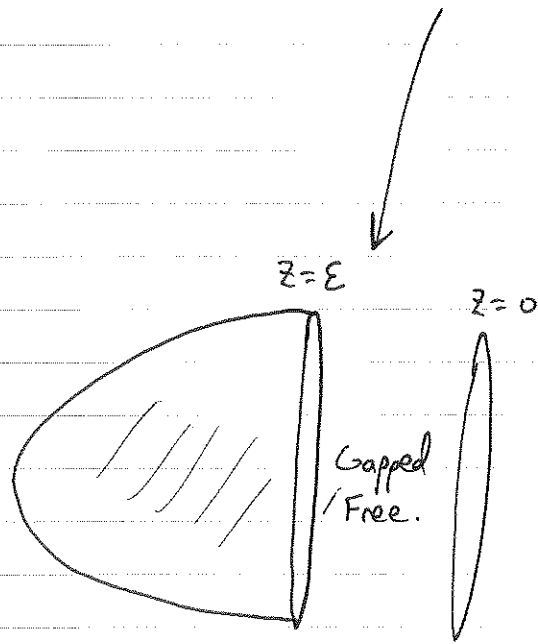
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Holography vs SymTFT:



Poincaré: $ds^2 = l^2 \frac{ds_{QFT}^2 + dz^2}{z^2}$

conf @ry @ z=0.



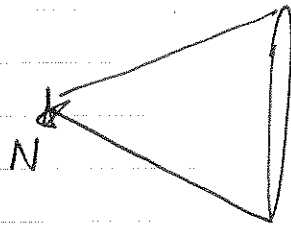
$$S_{brane} = S_{DBI} + S_{WZ} \quad S_{DBI} \sim \int d^p \xi \sqrt{-\det h} \sim \frac{T_p}{z^{p+1}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow S_{WZ} \text{ dominates!}$

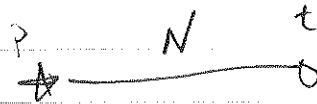
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Generalizations.

N D3's \Rightarrow

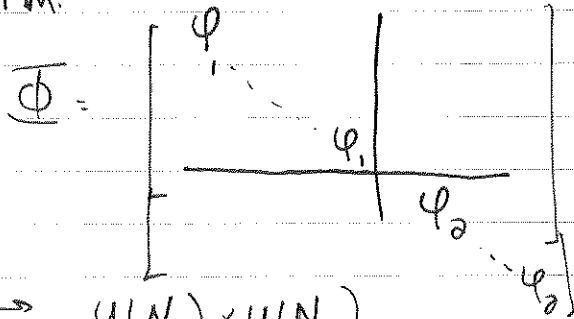


$$\int_{S^5} F_5 = N$$

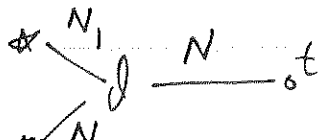
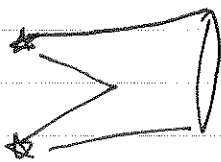
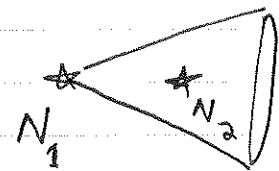
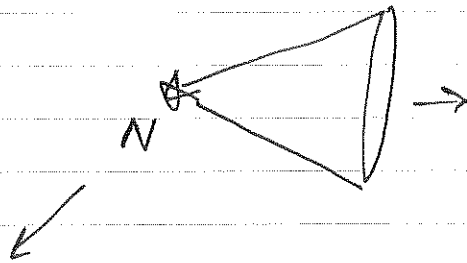


$$\frac{N}{2\pi} \int B_2 dC_2$$

Deform:



$$U(N) \rightarrow U(N_1) \times U(N_2)$$



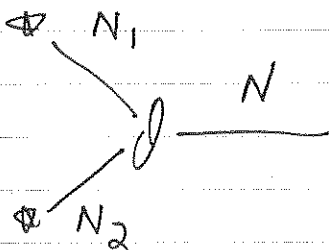
J: Non-topological Junction.

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Junction Example.

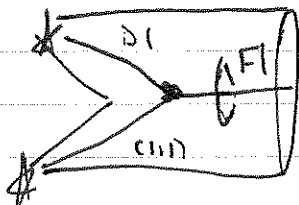
$$SU(N) \supset \frac{SU(N_1) \times SU(N_2) \times U(1)}{\mathbb{Z}_L}$$

$$L = \text{lcm}(N_1, N_2) = \frac{N_1 N_2}{\text{gcd}(N_1, N_2)}$$



$$\frac{N_1}{g} B_2^{(N_1)} \Big|_d = \frac{N_2}{g} B_2^{(N_2)} \Big|_d = \frac{N}{g} B_2^{(N)}$$

J has $u(1)$ vector multiplet...

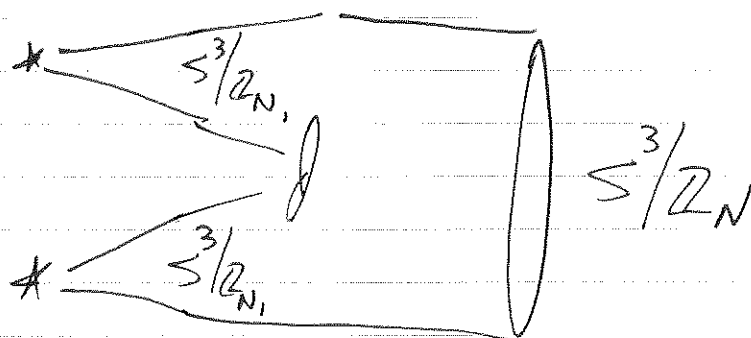


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via Geometry?

6D SYM via type IIA on $\mathbb{R}^{5,1} \times \mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_N$.

$$\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_N: \quad y^2 = x^2 + w^N \rightarrow y^2 = x^2 + (w-w_1)^{N_1} (w-w_2)^{N_2}$$



$$H_* (S^3/\mathbb{Z}_N) = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_N, 0, \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_* \left((S^3/\mathbb{Z}_{N_1}) \cup_{S^1_H} (S^3/\mathbb{Z}_{N_2}) \right) = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_g, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^2$$

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Glue along Hopf circle (Mayer-Vietoris)

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Strongly Coupled Example

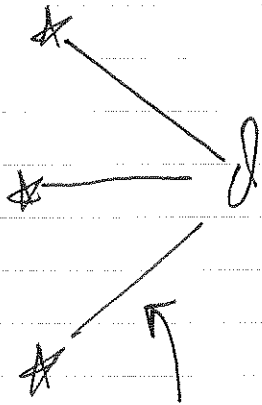
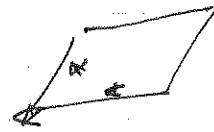
Gluing $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$ theories. (S^3/\mathbb{Z}_3 br)

$$(\mathbb{C}^2 \times T^2)/\mathbb{Z}_3$$

$$\tau^2$$

$$\tau = e^{2\pi i/6}$$

T^2/\mathbb{Z}_3 has 3 fixed points:



$(S^3 \times T^2)/\mathbb{Z}_3$ @ boundary.

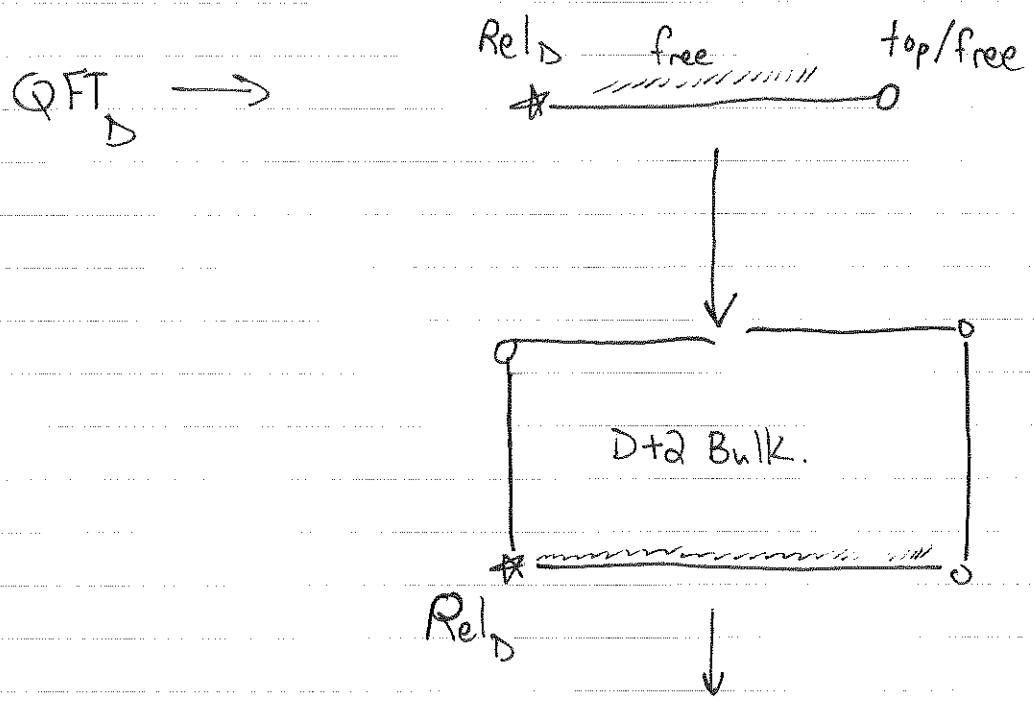
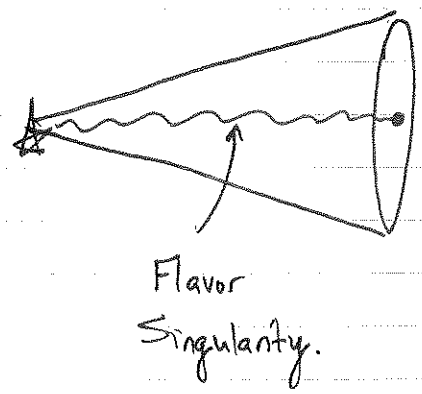
$$\frac{3}{2\pi} \int B_2 \wedge dC_3 + \frac{9}{(2\pi)^2} \int B_2 \cup B_2 \cup B_2$$

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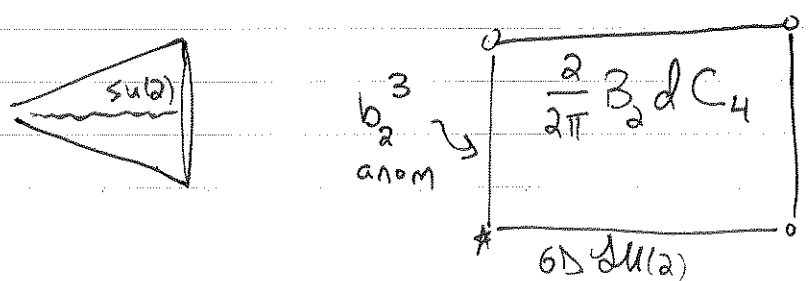
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Common Situation:



Example: $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_4 \quad (z_1, z_2, z_4) \sim (\omega z_1, \omega z_2, \omega^2 z_4)$

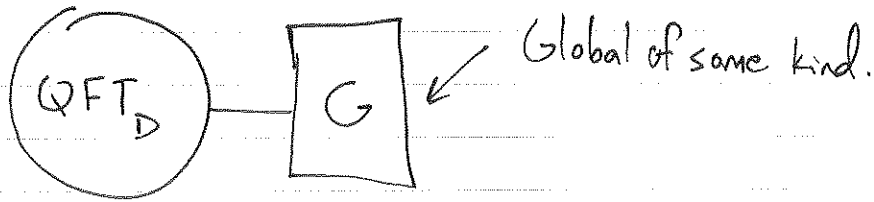


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Lecture IV

$G_N \neq 0$ + Branes...

So far:

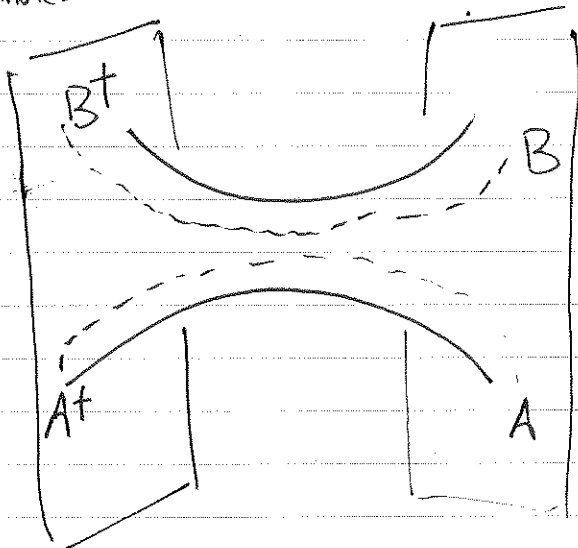


$G_N \neq 0$?

Love: No Global Symms!



wormholes:

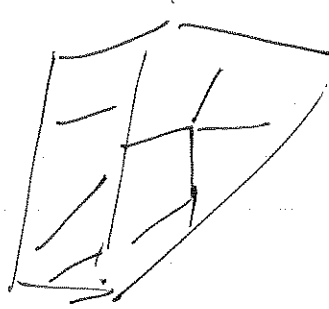


- \Rightarrow
- 1) Gauged
 - 2) Broken

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Gauging a finite p-form symm:

$\mathcal{Z}^{top}_{d-1-p}$ sumover network



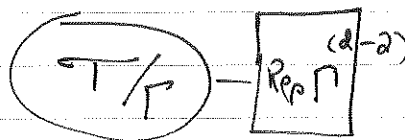
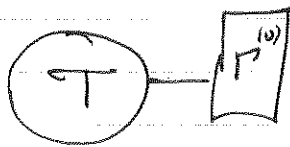
Example: Abelian \mathbb{Z}_N .

Bkgnd field B_{p+1} + path $f \hat{=} \mathbb{Z}[B_{p+1}]$

$$\tilde{\mathbb{Z}}[C_{q+1}] = \int dB_{p+1} \mathbb{Z}[B_{p+1}] e^{i \int B_{p+1} C_{q+1}}$$

\Rightarrow Now have q-form symm! $q = d-2-p$.

Example: Γ a finite group Bhardwaj Tachikawa 17



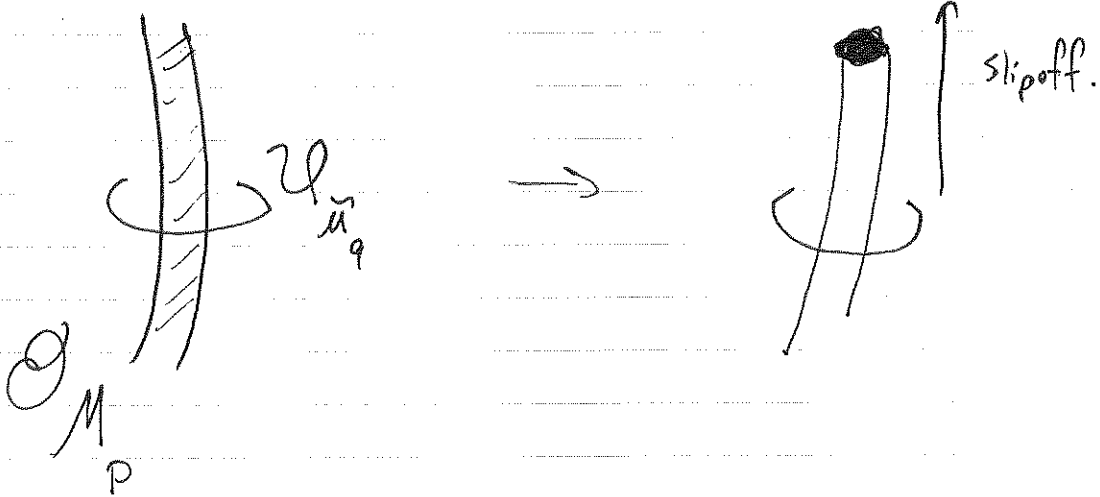
$$R_a \otimes R_b = \sum_c N_{ab}^c R_c$$

Label
Symm
ops...

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Breaking a finite p-form symm:

Add New states:



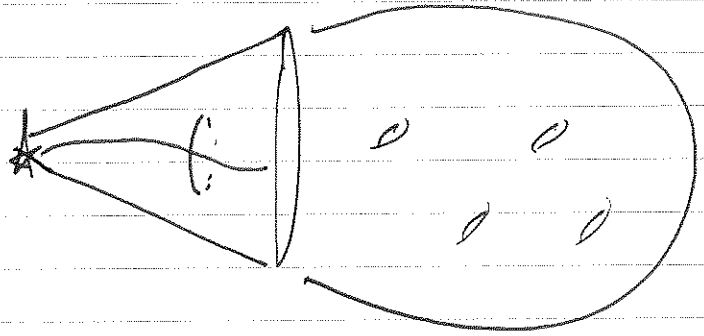
pure $SU(N)$ has $\mathbb{Z}_N^{(1)el}$

$SU(N) + \mathbb{F}_\square$ doesn't ...

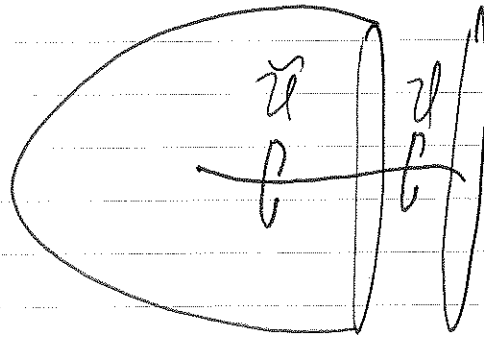
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Top Down Approaches

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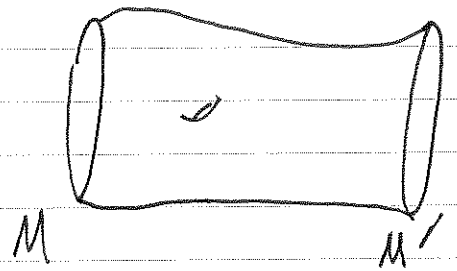


2) Holography

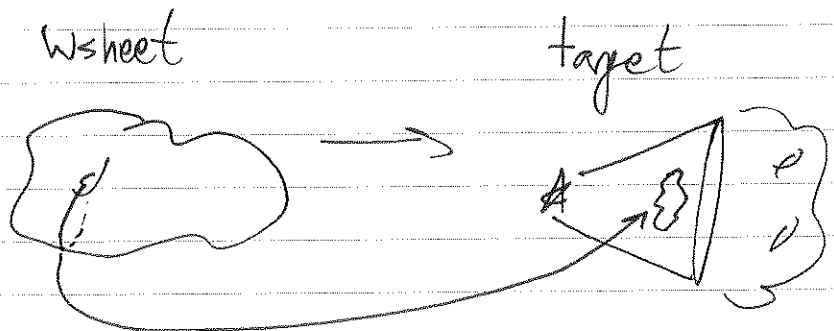


3) Bordisms:

$$\int_{\Sigma_*} \Omega_6 = 0$$



4) Worksheet:



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Main Idea:

$$G_N = 0$$

\mathcal{U}^{top}



$$G_N \neq 0$$

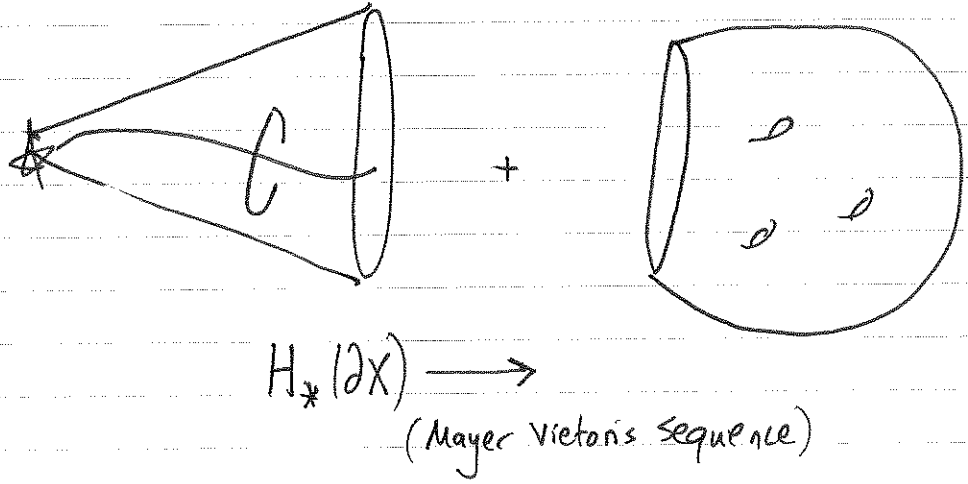
\mathcal{U} dynamical

may or may not
be stable ...

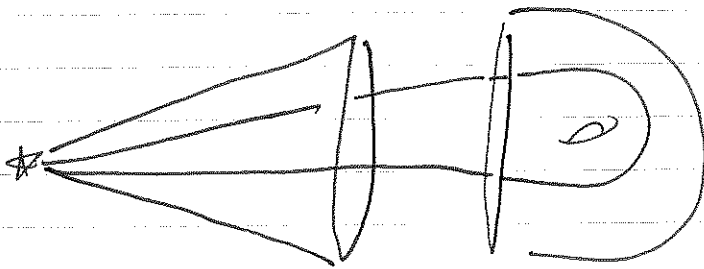
Will check this in Approaches 1) + 2).

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Approach 1:

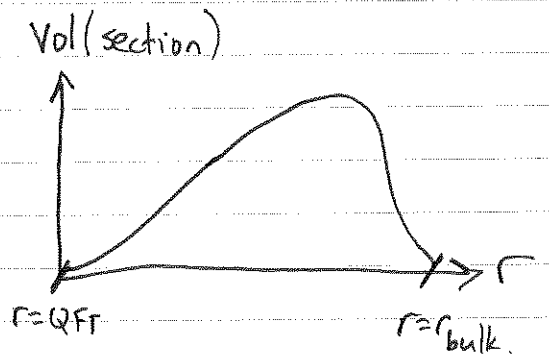
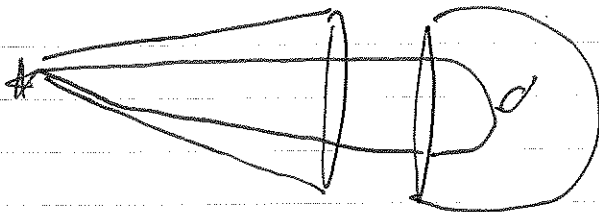


Defect Persists:



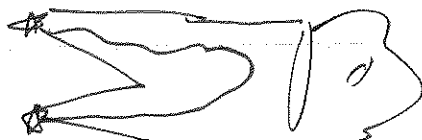
Tension is now finite! $\text{Vol}(\text{cycle}) \Rightarrow \text{Tension} < \infty$.

Defect Disappears (might be metastable)



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Defect is shared



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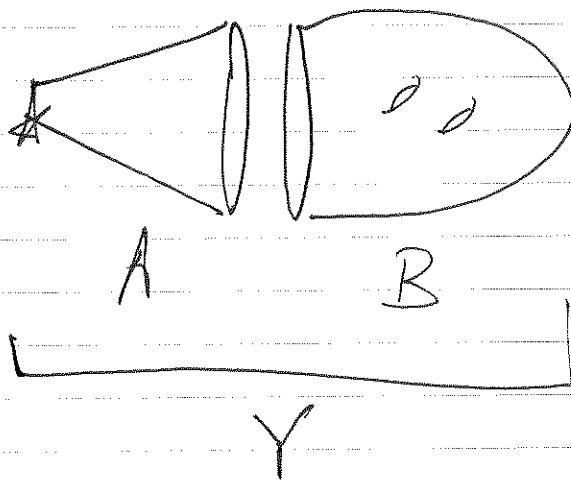
Mayer-Vietoris Sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(Y) \rightarrow H_n(A \cap B) \rightarrow H_n(A) \oplus H_n(B) \rightarrow$$

$$H_n(Y) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A \cap B) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A) \oplus H_{n-1}(B) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\xrightarrow{\varphi_{n+1}} \mathbb{M} \xrightarrow{\varphi_n} \mathbb{M} \rightarrow$$

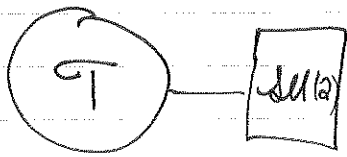
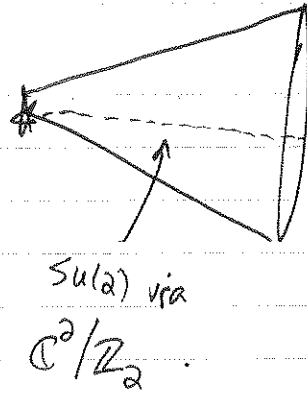
$$\ker \varphi_n = \operatorname{im} \varphi_{n+1}$$



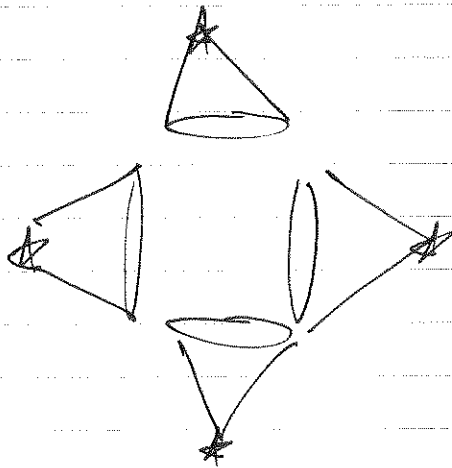
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Example: $\mathbb{R}^{4,1} \times T^6/\mathbb{Z}_4$ (5D theory)

$\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_4$



Gluing:



$(\mathbb{C}^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times T^2)/\mathbb{Z}_2$

\Rightarrow $SU(2)_{diag}$ gauged.

$T^6/\mathbb{Z}_4 \Rightarrow 16 T^2$'s

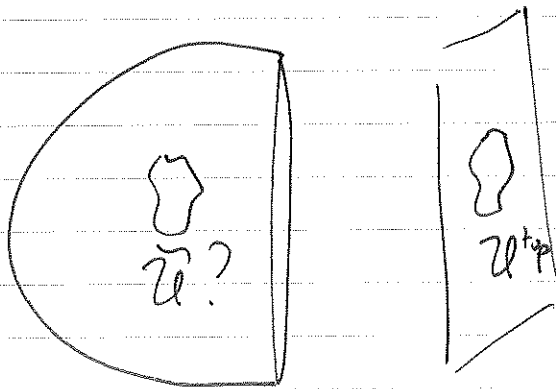
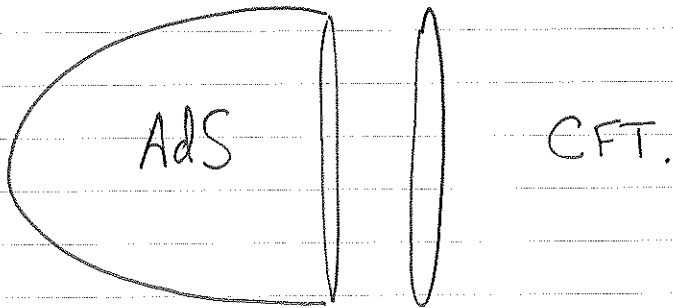
gauge gp:

$$U(1)^5 \times \frac{[\mathbb{Z}_2^3 \times (\mathbb{Z}_4 \times SU(2))/\mathbb{Z}_2]^4 \times SU(2)^6}{\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

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Approach 2:



Bulk Reconstruction

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta g^{MN}} \neq 0. \Rightarrow \text{Tension} \quad \text{JSH Hubner Muelia 24}$$

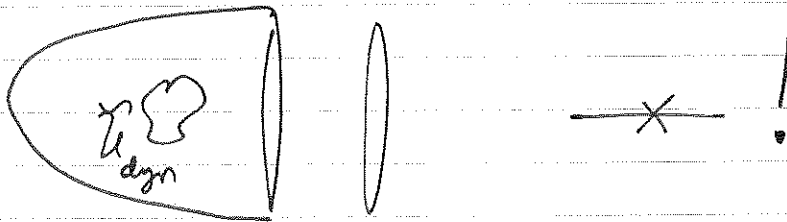
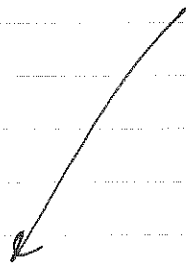
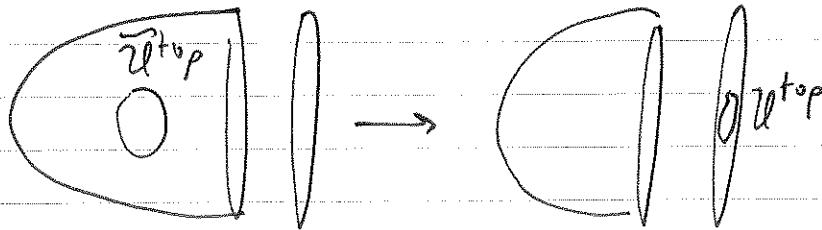
$D_p \rightarrow$ Symm Ops.

New Branes. $\leftarrow \overset{?}{\bullet} \text{---} C, R\text{-symm}, \dots$

See also Swagland Cobordism Conjecture.

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\Rightarrow No Global Symms!



Also works w/ s/region s/region duality!

JJH Hubner Murdia '24

... Harlow Ooguri ... '18 (definitions, splittability ...?)

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Bonus: Falsifying Strings @ a Collider

Baumgart JPH
Christias Hicks '24

just n -plet scenario:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\chi} (i\not{D} - M) \chi + \text{Nothing Else!}$$

χ in real n -dim rep of $SU(2)_L$ $\chi = \chi^c$ (Majorana)

$n=5$: $\square\square\square$

$M \ll M_{\text{string}}$

Pheno Motiv² ($M=13.6$ TeV) Minimal Dark Matter!
Cirilli Fornengo Strumia '05

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Why so hard? ...

$$\text{---} \circ \text{---} \Rightarrow \square, \square\square, \square\square\square, \square \times \bar{\square} \dots$$

two tensor indices, at best.

Stringy GUTs?

$$E_8 \rightarrow \underset{\text{GUT}}{SU(5)} \times \underset{\perp}{SU(5)}$$

$$248 \rightarrow (24, 1) + (1, 24) + (10, 5) + (5, \bar{10}) + (\bar{10}, \bar{5}) + (\bar{5}, 10)$$

Free Fermions?

$$SU(2)_k$$

$$c = \frac{3k}{k+2}$$

$$h_j = \frac{j(j+1)}{k+2} \quad \begin{matrix} j=2 \\ k=4? \end{matrix}$$

$h_{j+1} < h_j$ still there!

Composites:

$$\chi_{\square\square\square} \sim \psi_{\square} \psi_{\square} \psi_{\square} \psi_{\square} + \text{pions} \dots$$

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Limits: recast from ATLAS searches---

	M	
n=3	735 GeV	$\mathcal{L} = 136 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
5	675 GeV	
7	625 GeV	
9	400 GeV	

		scaling up:
n=3	800 GeV	$\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
5	800 GeV	
7	650 GeV	
9	475 GeV	

LHC collider only reaches so far!

Need higher $E_{\text{cm}} = \sqrt{s}$!