

⊗ Type II A Orientifolds with Intersecting
D6-branes



M-theory on Compact Singular
 G_2 Holonomy Spaces

⊗ Employ Conformal field theory technique
to quantize string theory

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calculate physical excitation (particles
& interactions among them



Particle physics implications
(Standard Model & Grand Unified
Model) in $D=4$ & $N=1$ Super-
metry

Outline

- 1 Essential steps in construct 9
Type IIA orientifolds w/ intersecting D6 branes
- 2 Relationship to M th on G_2
- 3 Specific construct on $(T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2))$ orientifold,
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SM GUT
- 4 CFT of couplings

w/ G. Striu & A. Uranga

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(original $T^6/(Z_2 \times Z_2)$ - orientifold w/ D6: 0107166

3 family Standard Model, & 4-family GUT)

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(relationship to M-theory on G_2)

w/ G Striu & I Papadimitriou

(systematic search for 3 family GUT) hep th/0212177

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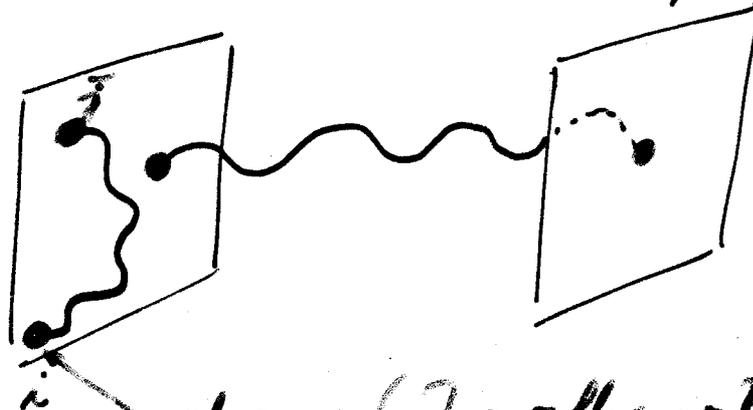
(More 3-family SMs)

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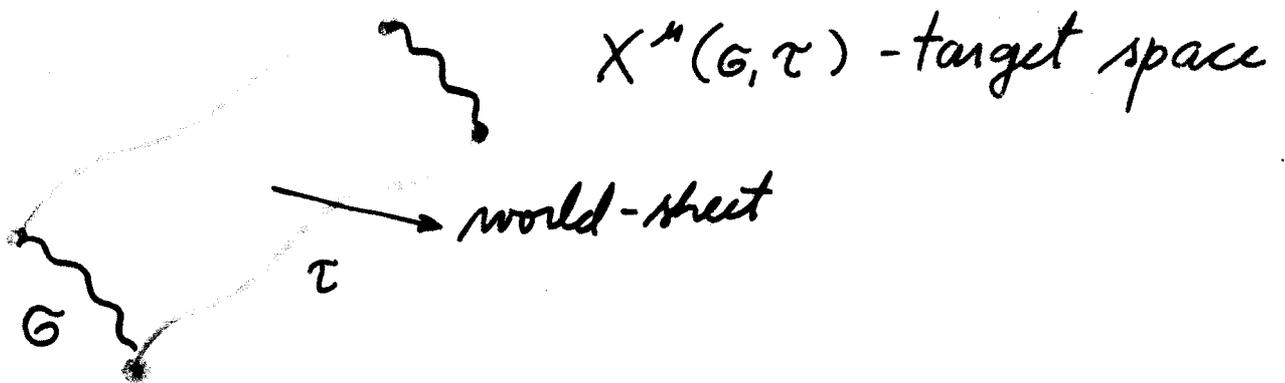
(conformal field theory coupling calculation)

(A) D-brane - boundary of open strings



$D=10$

change (2,3 - then - Poincaré factors)



D_p-brane $\mu = 1, \dots, p+1$ Neumann $\mu = p+2, \dots, 10$ Dirichlet

bound. cond. $X^\mu(\sigma=0)$ $X^\mu(\sigma=\pi)$

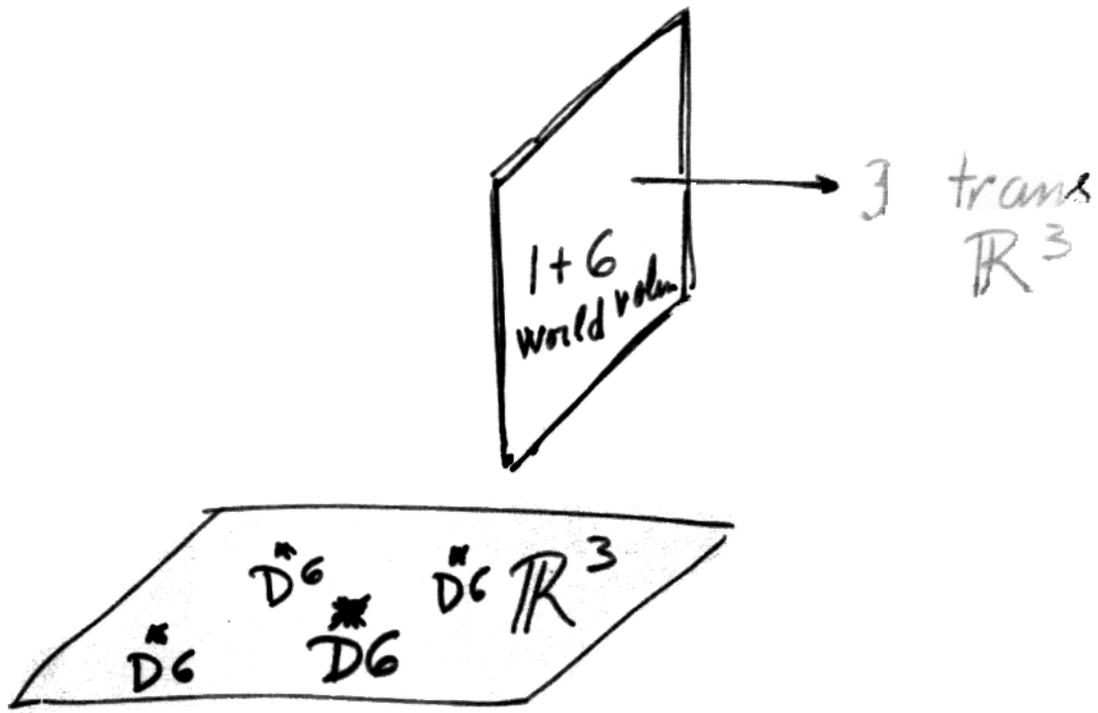
Quantization of string theory -

(Nambu-Goto action w/ conformal invariance)
 eqs. for X \rightarrow free field theory w/ Neum. & Dirichlet b.c.

\downarrow
 2d conformal field theory techniques

B) D_p -brane source for $C_{(p+1)}$ potential
 $dC_{(p+1)} = F_{(p+2)} * F_{(8-p)}$
 (field strength)
 Ramond-Ramond sector

D6 $C_{(7)} = F_{(8)} = * F_{(2)}$
 (magnetic source of $F_{(2)}$)



Type IIA String-theory on

$$\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times X_6 + \text{D6-branes}$$

(Calabi-Yau
threefold)

$$D=4 \quad N = \frac{1}{2} \text{ supersymmetry}$$



intersection of 3-cycles

D6-branes wrap 3-cycles $\Pi_a \subset X_6$

Π_a - Special Lagr.

Spectrum: 4 dim.: gravity (closed string spectrum)

4 dim.: gauge degrees

N_a - # of branes wrapping Π_a

$$\prod_a U(N_a)$$



4 dim.: chiral superfields (MATTER)

$$I_{ab} = [\Pi_a] \cdot [\Pi_b] \sum_{\text{channel class } \Gamma \in \text{hom}(a,b)} I_{ab}(\square_a, \bar{\square}_b)$$

intersection number



Global consistency conditions

D6-brane - source for $C_{(7)}$

g_s for $C_{(7)}$ \rightarrow Gauss law for charge conservation

$$\sum N_a [\Pi_a] = 0$$

cannot satisfy unless

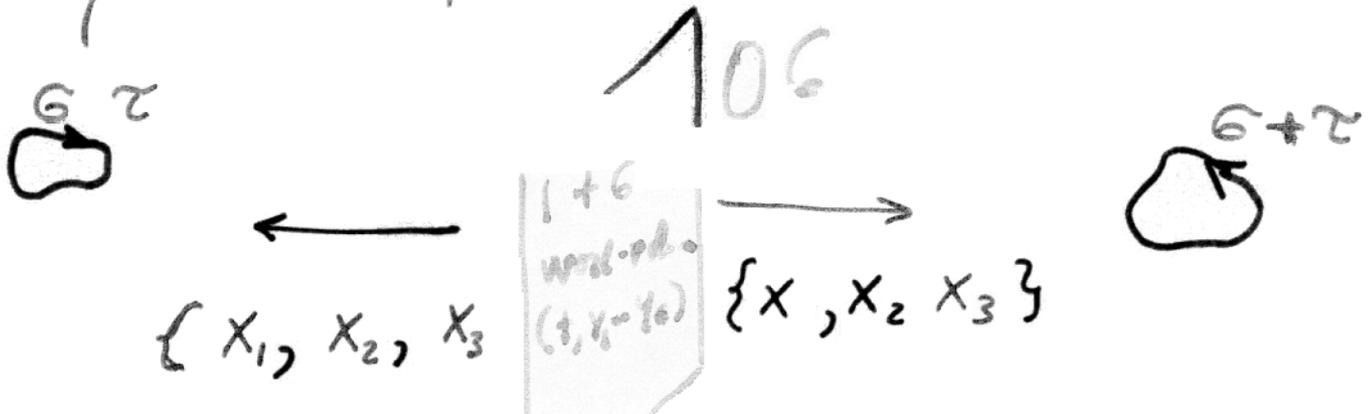
add anti-branes \rightarrow ~~break~~ SUSY

add orientifold (O6) planes

ΩR sym string action

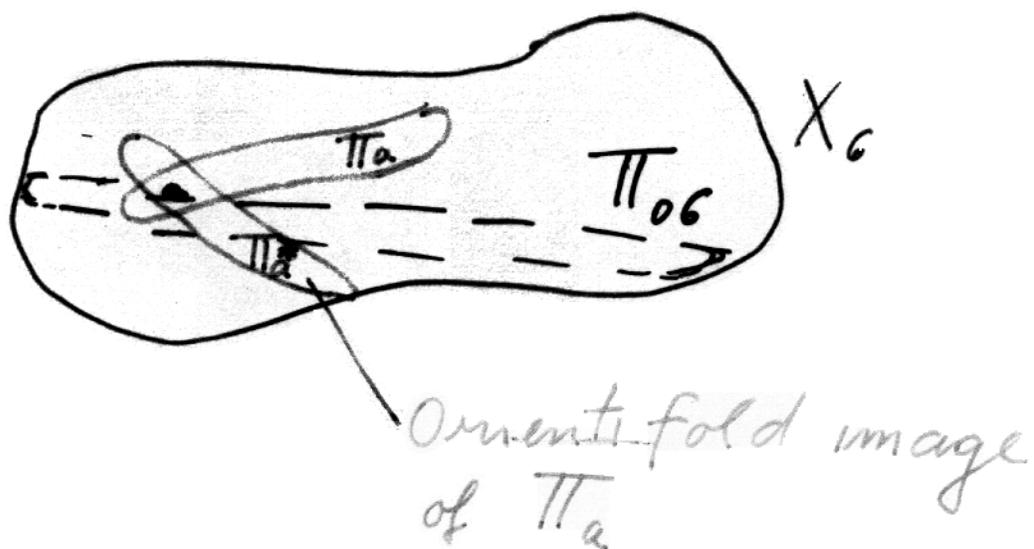
Ω world sheet parity projection $X^\mu(6+\tau) \rightarrow X^\mu(6-\tau)$

space time reflection $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (-x_1, x_2, x_3)$



Negative tension (4) units of T₆ brane charge

Consistency condition (+ a d.pole cancellation)



$$\sum_a N_a [\pi_a] + \sum_a N_a [\pi_a^*] - 4[\pi_{06}] = 0$$

global charge conservation

(subtle ties for the spectrum)

$$\begin{array}{l} I_{ab} + I_{a^*b^*} \\ I_{ab} + I_{ab} \\ I_{aa^*} + I_{aa} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\square_a \square_b) \\ (\square_a \square_b) \\ (\square_a + \square_a) \end{array}$$

Relation to M-theory on singular, compact G_2

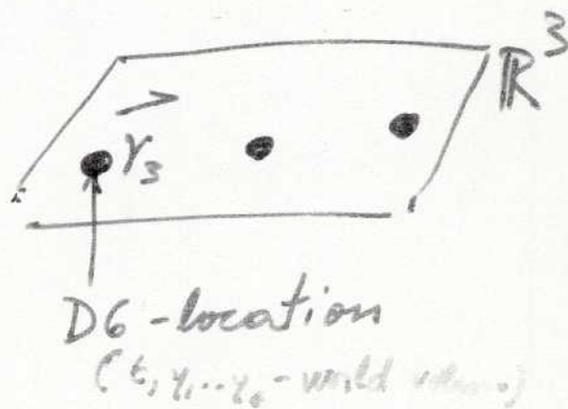
D=10: Type IIA w/ D6-branes:

$$ds_{10}^2 = U^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-dt^2 + d\vec{y}_6^2 + U d\vec{r}_3^2 \right)$$

$$\vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}_3} \times \vec{A} = \nabla U \quad (F_{\mu_1 \mu_2})$$

$$l^{-2} \phi = U^{3/2} \sim g_s^{-2}$$

$$U = 1 + \sum_{I=1}^N \frac{4m}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_I|}$$



KK reduction \updownarrow lift on S^1

M-th (D=11 Supergr.) w/ metric-only (geometry?)

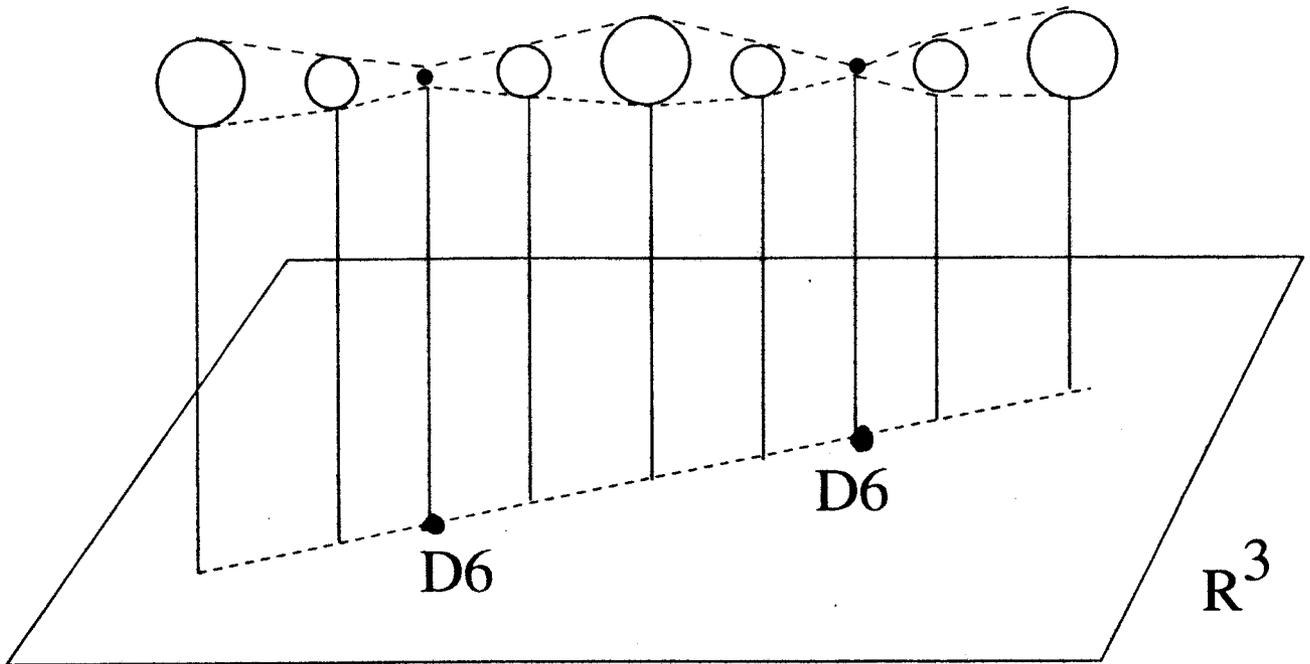
$$ds_{11}^2 = l^{-\frac{1}{6} \phi} ds_{10}^2 + l^{\frac{4}{3} \phi} (d\theta + \vec{A} d\vec{r}_3)^2$$

R_{S^1} - radius of circle

$$= \left(-dt^2 + d\vec{y}_6^2 \right) + ds_{TN}^2$$

$\mathbb{R}^{(1,6)} \times (\text{Taub-Nut})$

co-dimension 4-singularity in M-theory



$$ds_{TN}^2 = U^{-1} \left(dx^4 + \vec{\omega} \cdot d\vec{r} \right)^2 + U d\vec{r}^2$$

$$U = 1 + \sum_{I=1}^N \frac{4m}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_I|}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\omega} = -\nabla U$$

D=10 Type IIA w/ O6-plane (negative tension)

KK \updownarrow lift

M-theory w/ metric only
 $\mathbb{R}^{1,6} \times$ (Atiyah-Hitchin) Stribenz & Witten

Type IIA on X_6 (CY₃)

w/ D6 branes wrapping 3 cycles $\Pi_a \subset X_6$ } D=4
N=1

&
O6 plane wrapping 3 cycles $\Pi_{O6} \subset X_6$ } SUSY

KK reduction \updownarrow lift on S^1

M-theory w/ metric only - pure geometry:
 $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times$ (G₂ holonomy)

G₂: Hyperkähler fibered over each component of C

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{ U \Pi_a \cup \Pi_{O6} \}$$

Singularities of G_2

Witten
Acharya & Witten
w/ Shiu & Uranga

Type IIA on $X_6 \rightarrow$ Man G_2

D6: $\frac{N \quad D6}{\text{---}}$

\rightarrow co-dimension 4-sing.

$SU(N)$

A_{N-1}

Vector fields $\underline{Adj N}$

Intersections $\frac{N \quad D6}{\text{---}}$

\rightarrow co-dimension 7-sing

unfolding of
Katz & Vafa

$SU(N+M)$

A_{N+M-1}

$\downarrow Adj_{N+M}$

\downarrow

$SU(N) \times SU(M) \quad A_N \times A_{M-1}$

$Adj N, A_{N+M}$

$(\square_N^+ \bar{\square}_M)$

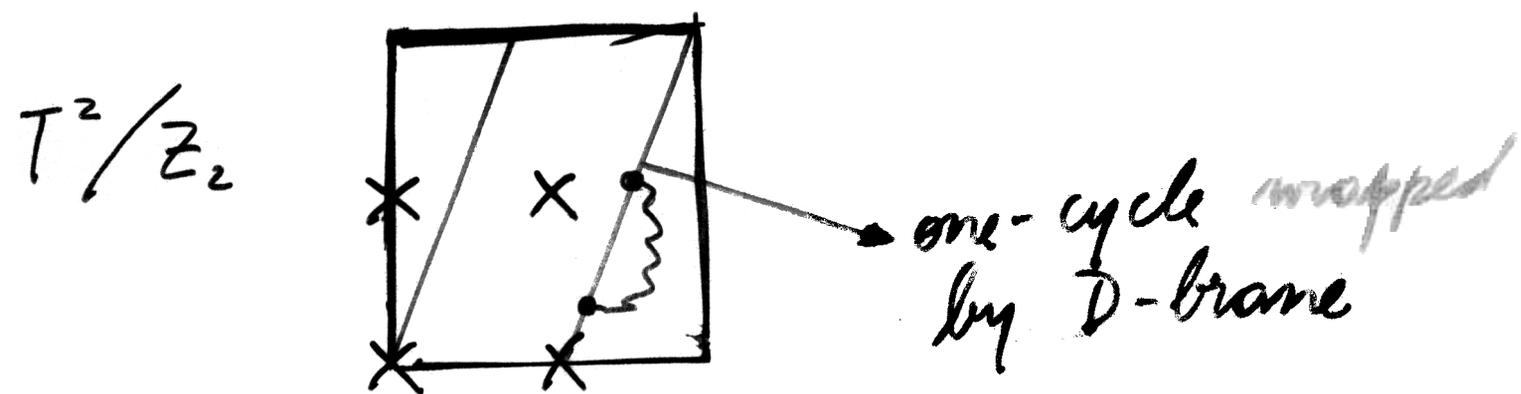
$(\square_N, \bar{\square}_M)$
chiral fermions

$M \quad D6$

Explicit constructions

$X_6 =$ orbifold $(T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{Z}_M))$

- ⊗ Flat, compact spaces w/
isolated conical singularities
w/ discrete $SU(3)$ holonomy

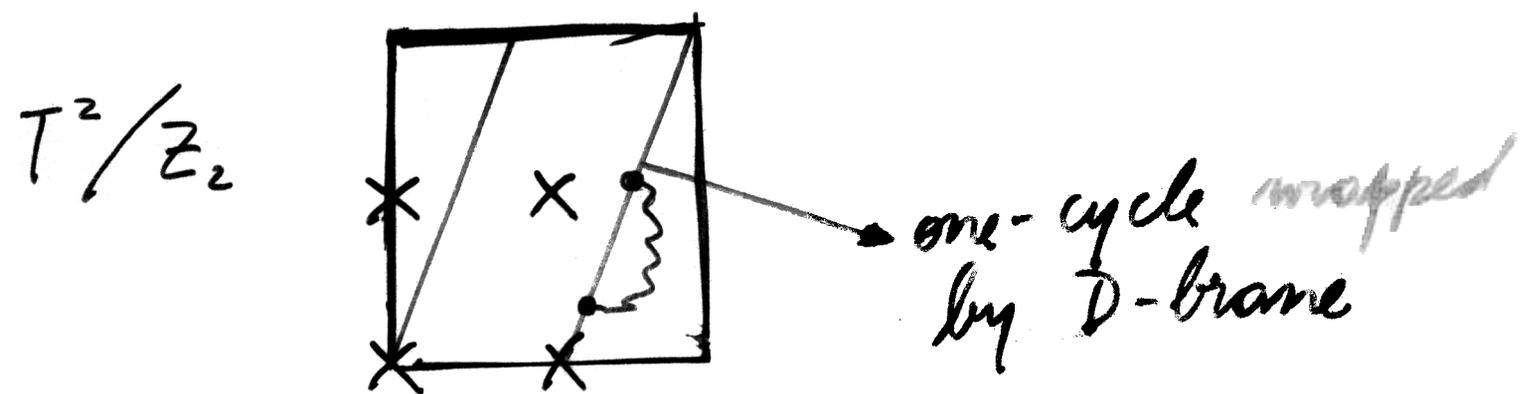


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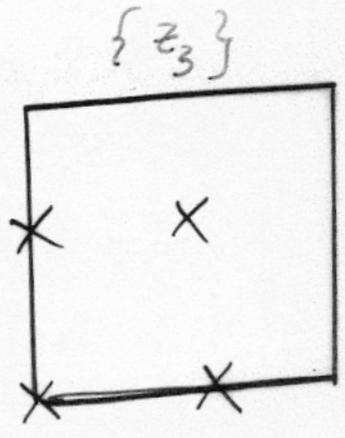
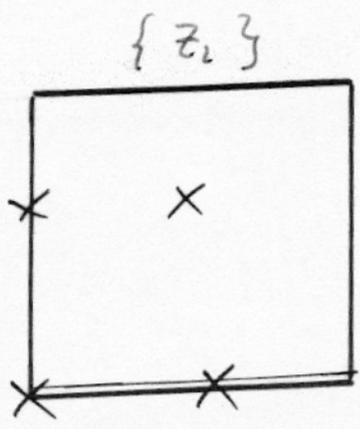
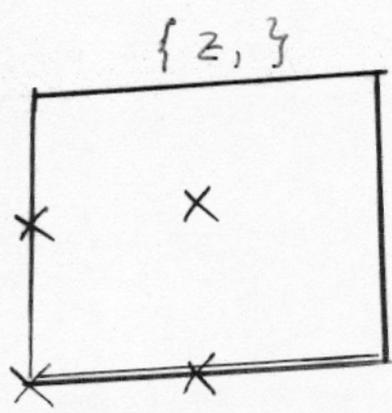
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Type II A w/ intersecting D6-branes

Model Highlights: w/ Shiu & Wang '06

$T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ orbifold

$$T^6 = T^2 \times T^2 \times T^2$$



$$(\mathbb{Z}_2)_1 : \theta : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, -z_2, +z_3)$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_2)_2 : \omega : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, z_2, -z_3)$$

$$\Omega R : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3)$$

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worldsheet
parity projection

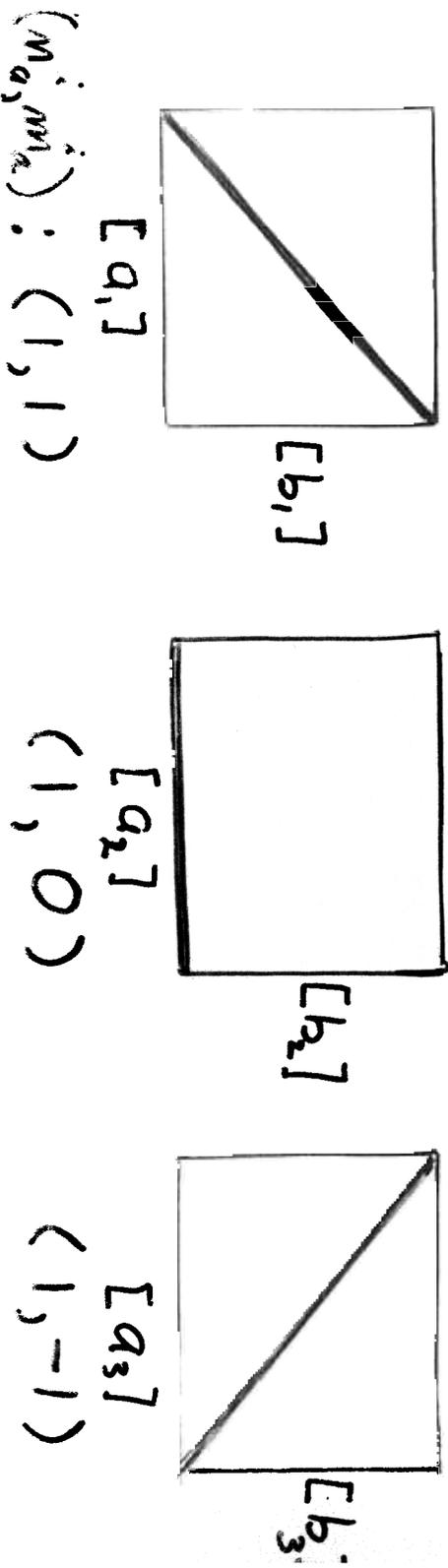
\bar{z}_2 projection O_6 -plane

Intersecting D6-branes:

Wrap 3-cycles of $T^6 = T^2 \otimes T^2 \otimes T^2$

$$[\Pi_a] \equiv \prod_{i=1}^3 [\Pi_{a_i}]$$

homology class of 3-cycles \otimes homology class of 1-cycle on each T^2



Wrapping numbers

$$[\Pi_{a_i}] = \prod_{j=1}^3 (m_a^i [a_j] + m_b^i [b_j])$$

$$[N_a, \{m_a^i, m_b^i\}]$$

Orientifold image $\{m_a^i\} \rightarrow \{-m_a^i\}$

Consistency Conditions

(i) Cancellat of Ramond-Ramond tadpoles
Blumenhagen et al.

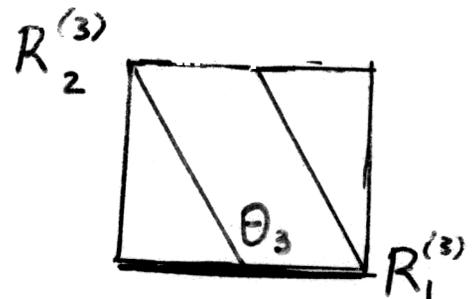
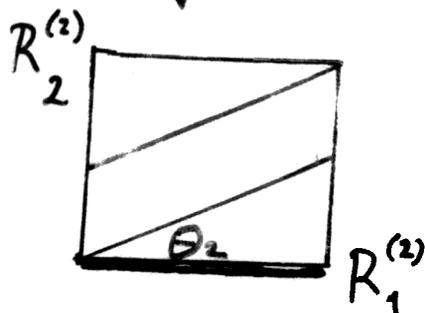
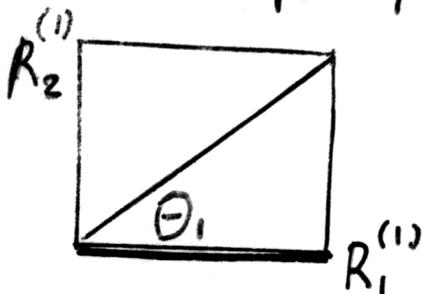
"D6-brane charge & orientifold image" =

= "Orientifold charge & $Z_2 \times Z_2$ images"

$$\sum_a N ([\Pi_a] + [\Pi_{a'}]) = 4([\Pi_{O_6}] + \sum_{i=\theta, \omega, \theta\omega} [\Pi_{\sigma^i}])$$

$$\sum_a N_a m_a^1 m_a^2 m_a^3 = 16 \quad \sum_a N_a m_a^2 m_a^3 = 16$$

(ii) Supersymmetry



$$\Theta_1 + \Theta_2 + \Theta_3 = 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{m_1}{m_1} \chi_1\right) + \tan\left(\frac{m_2}{m_2} \chi_2\right) + \tan\left(\frac{m_3}{m_3} \chi_3\right)$$

$$\chi_i \equiv \frac{R_2^{(i)}}{R_1^{(i)}}$$

original

set

$$= \{ (\theta_1, \theta_1, 0); (\theta_2, 0, \theta_2); (0, \theta_3, \theta_3) \}$$

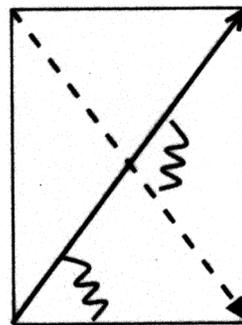
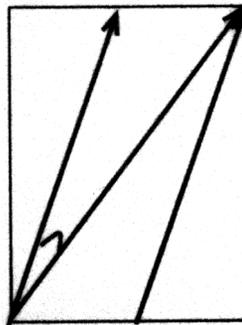
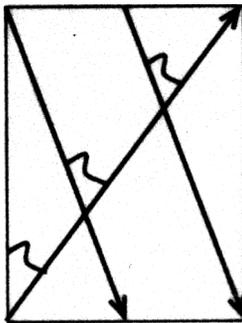
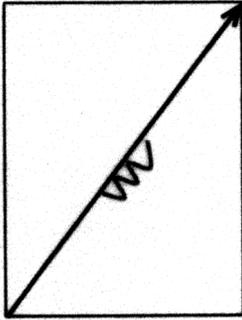
constraint on
 $\chi_1 : \chi_2 : \chi_3$

Open String Spectrum - Key ingredient

$$\begin{aligned} a: N=6 & : U(3) \\ b: N=4 & : U(2) \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} a: N=6 \\ b: N=4 \end{aligned}} \right\} U(2)_L \times U(3)_C$$

$$U(N) \xrightarrow{\theta} U(N/2) \times U(N/2) \xrightarrow{\omega} U(N/2)$$

+ 3 Adjoint chiral multiplets



$$I_{ab} = \prod_{i=1}^3 (n_a^i m_b^i - m_a^i n_b^i)$$

chiral multiplets in $(\square, \bar{\square})$

$$I_{ab} = 3: 3 \times (\underbrace{3}_{\sim}, \underbrace{2}_{\sim})$$

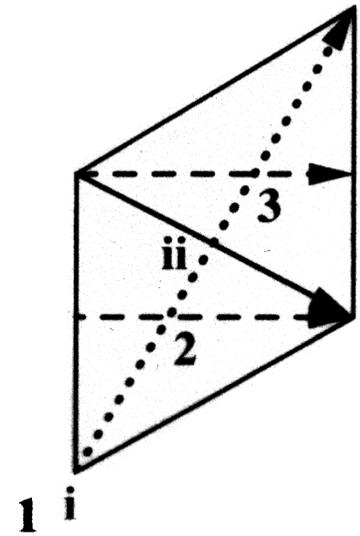
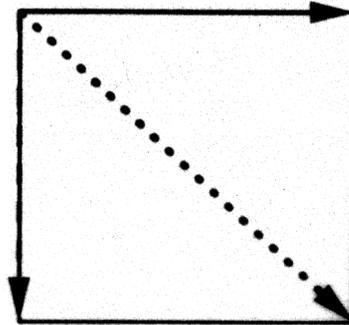
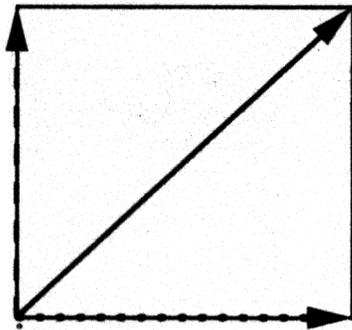
(3 copies of left-handed quarks!)

I_{ab} chiral multiplets in (\square, \square)

$$\frac{1}{2} (I_{aa'} - \frac{4}{2k} I_{a,O6}) \quad \square \square$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (I_{aa'} + \frac{4}{2k} I_{a,O6}) \quad \square \square$$

Building Blocks of the SM branes



$U(1)_8$ (A_1 -branes)

$U(2)_L$ (B_1 -branes)

$U(3)_C$ (C'_1 -branes)

(1, 2, 3)-Higgs Fields

(i, ii)-Left-Handed Quarks

Phenomenology

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$SM \times U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_{T_{3c}} \times \text{"Hidden Sector"}$
 STANDARD MODEL "HIDDEN SECTOR"

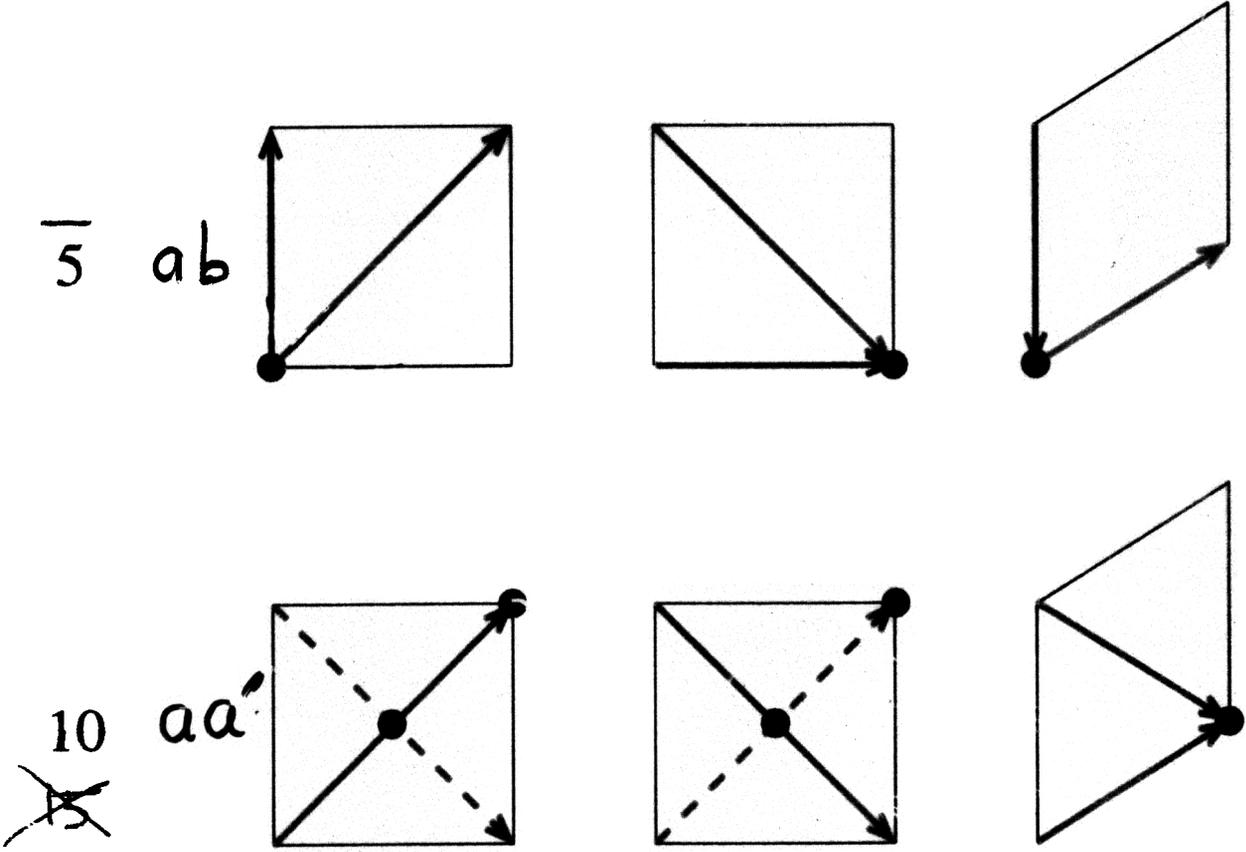
Sector	$U(3) \times U(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(4)$	Q_3	Q_1	Q_2	Q_8	Q'_8	Q_Y	$Q_8 - Q'_8$	Field
$A_1 B_1$	$3 \times 2 \times (1, \bar{2}, 1, 1, 1)$	0	0	-1	± 1	0	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$	± 1	H_U, H_D
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$A_1 C_1$	$2 \times (\bar{3}, 1, 1, 1, 1)$	-1	0	0	± 1	0	$\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$	1, -1	U, D
	$2 \times (\bar{3}, 1, 1, 1, 1)$	-1	0	0	0	± 1	$\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$	-1, 1	U, D
	$2 \times (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$	0	-1	0	± 1	0	1, 0	1, -1	E, ν_R
	$2 \times (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$	0	-1	0	0	± 1	1, 0	-1, 1	E, ν_R
$B_1 C_1$	$(3, \bar{2}, 1, 1, 1)$	1	0	-1	0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	Q_L
	$(1, \bar{2}, 1, 1, 1)$	0	1	-1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	L
$B_1 C_2$	$(1, 2, 1, 1, 4)$	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	\downarrow 3 families of quarks & leptons \uparrow
$B_2 C_1$	$(3, 1, 2, 1, 1)$	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	
$B_1 C'_1$	$2 \times (3, 2, 1, 1, 1)$	1	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	Q_L
	$2 \times (1, 2, 1, 1, 1)$	0	1	1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	L
$B_1 B'_1$	$2 \times (1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	
	$2 \times (1, 3, 1, 1, 1)$	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	

TABLE I. Chiral Spectrum of the open string sector in the three-family model. Notice that we have not included the aa sector, even though it is generically present in the model. As explained in the text, the non-chiral pieces in the ab , ab' and aa' sectors are generically not present.

$\chi : \chi_2 : \chi_3 = 1 : 3 : 2$ (susy)

GUT Model

Consider an $SU(5)$ model. Chiral multiplets in the $\mathbf{10}$ representation can come from the intersection of a stack of branes with its orientifold image.



Therefore, all three angles θ_1 , θ_2 and θ_3 are non-zero.

a : $SU(5)$
families $\{ 5 \text{ \& } 10 \}$

Georgi-Glashow
GUT model!

Couplings in open string sector

States at intersections

(Conformal field theory techniques)

w/ Papadimitriou

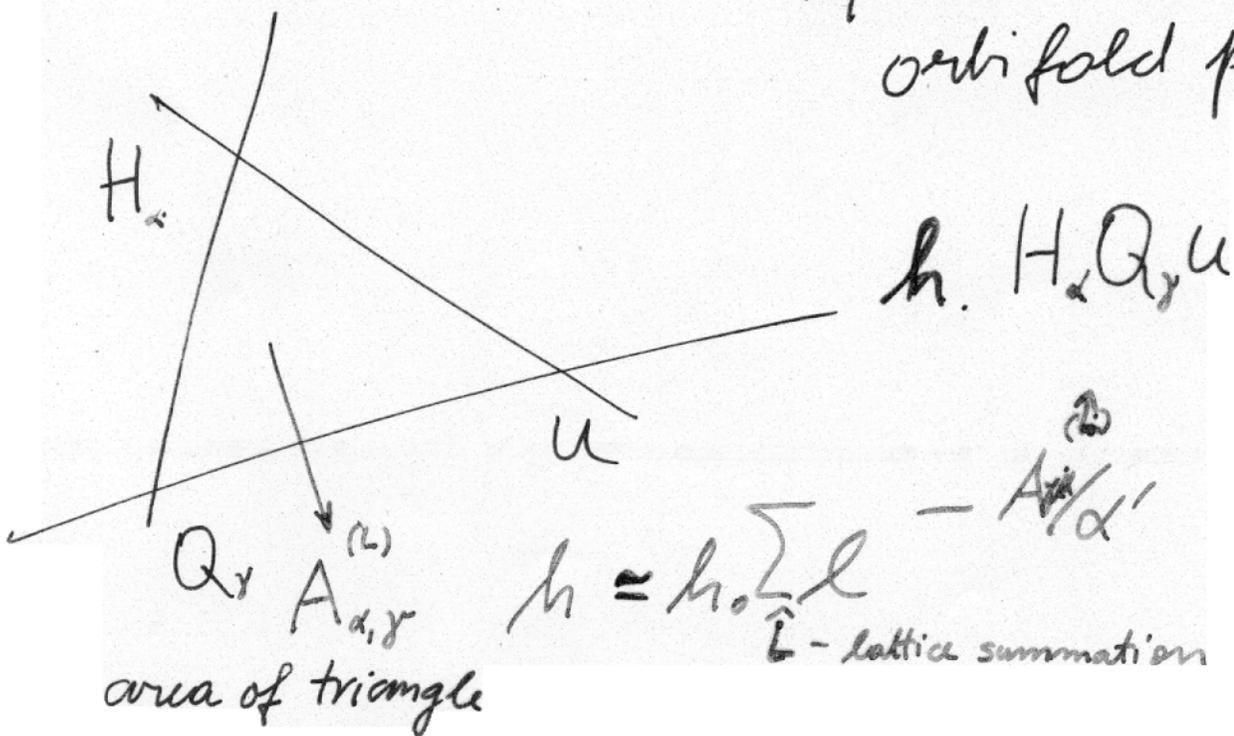
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4 point amplitudes 4 field contact terms

* 3 point amplitudes Yukawa couplings

Determine classical ($A_{\alpha,\gamma}^L$) & quantum (h) exact result)

concrete application: D6-branes on T^6
w/ orientifold & orbifold projection



Solution: $\langle G_\nu(0) G_\nu(x) G_\nu(1) G_\nu(\infty) \rangle =$
 $Z_{qu} Z_{cl}$

$$Z_{qu} = \text{const.} [x(1-x)]^{-\nu(1-\nu)} [F(x)F(1-x)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$Z_{cl} = \sum_{m_1, m_2} l^{-S_{cl}(m_1, m_2)}$$

$$S_{cl} = \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \sin \pi \nu F(x) F(1-x) \left[\left(\frac{m_1 L_1}{F(x)} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_2 L_2}{F(1-x)} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$F(x) = B(\nu, 1-\nu) F(\nu, 1-\nu; 1; x)$$

\uparrow Euler Beta f. \uparrow hypergeom. func.

$$L_i = \sqrt{(m_i R_1)^2 + (m_i R_2)^2}$$

$$\sin \pi \nu = \frac{I_{12} R_1 R_2}{L_1 L_2} = \frac{I_{12} \chi}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2} \chi \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2}}$$

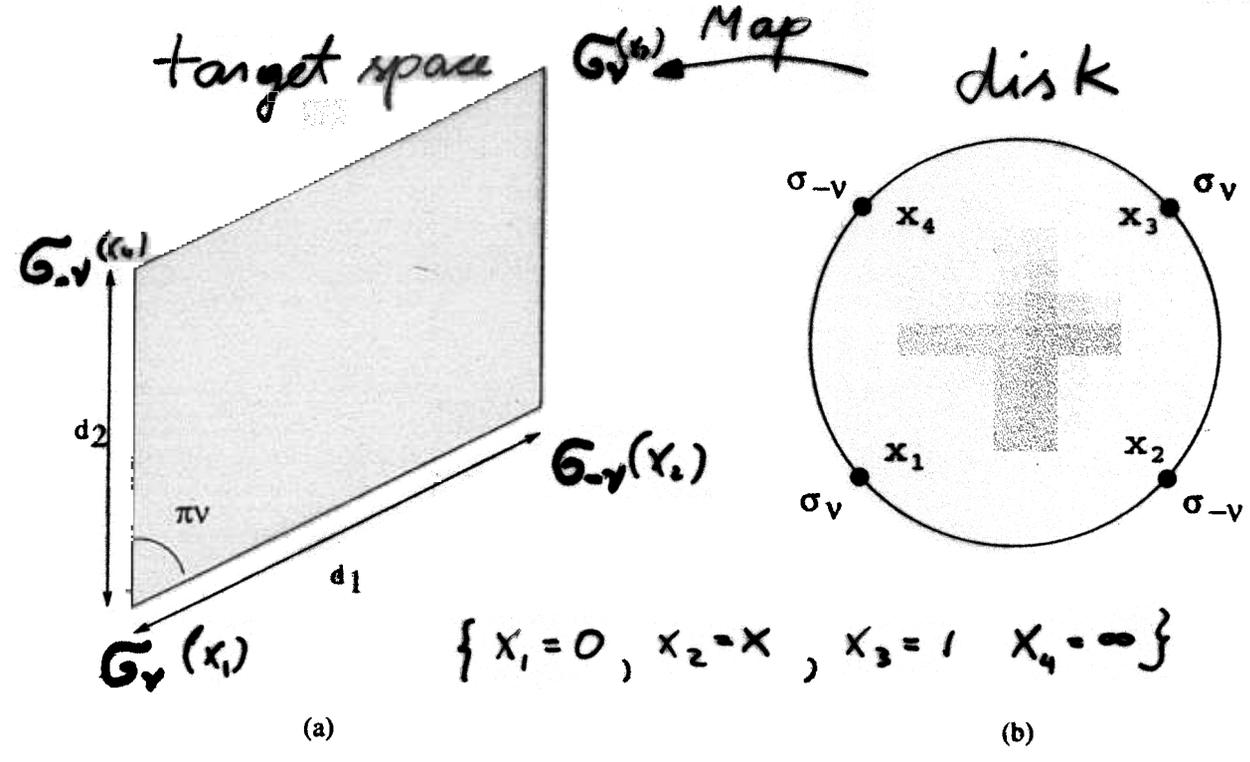
length of cycle

$$I_{12} = |m_1 m_2 - m_2 m_1| \quad \chi \equiv \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

\uparrow intersection no.

$$\text{const.} = 2\pi \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\sin \pi \nu}} \quad \left(\text{factorizing on } x \rightarrow 1; \text{ s-channel exchange of } A_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

$$Z \equiv \langle G_\nu(x_1) G_{-\nu}(x_2) G_\nu(x_3) G_{-\nu}(x_4) \rangle$$



$$\{x_1=0, x_2=x, x_3=1, x_4=\infty\}$$

FIG. 1: Target space: the intersection of two parallel branes separated by respective distances d_1 and d_2 and intersecting at angles $\pi\nu$ (Figure 1a). World-sheet: a disk diagram of the four twist fields located at $x_{1,2,3,4}$ (Figure 1b). The calculation involves a map from the world-sheet to target space.

$$X = X_{ce} + X_{qu}$$

$$Z = Z_{qu} \cdot Z_{ce}$$

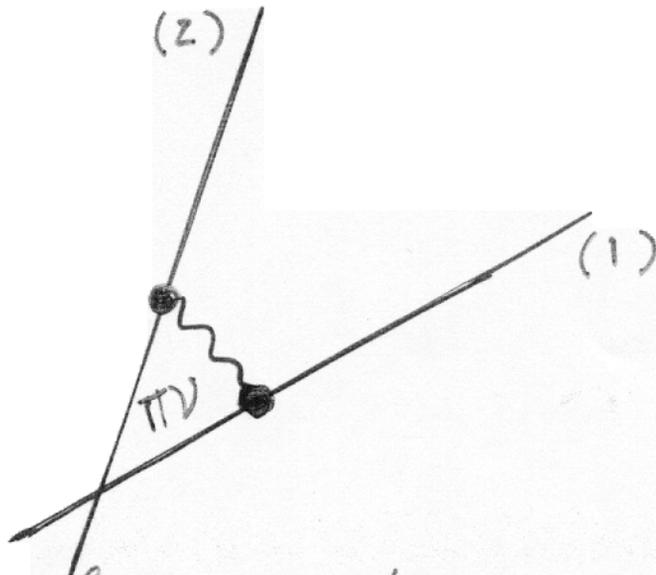
via stress energy method

$\sum_i \ell - S_{cl}$
 $(X_i - \text{classical solutions})$

(Dixon, Friedman, Martinec & Shenker, 1983)

Highlights

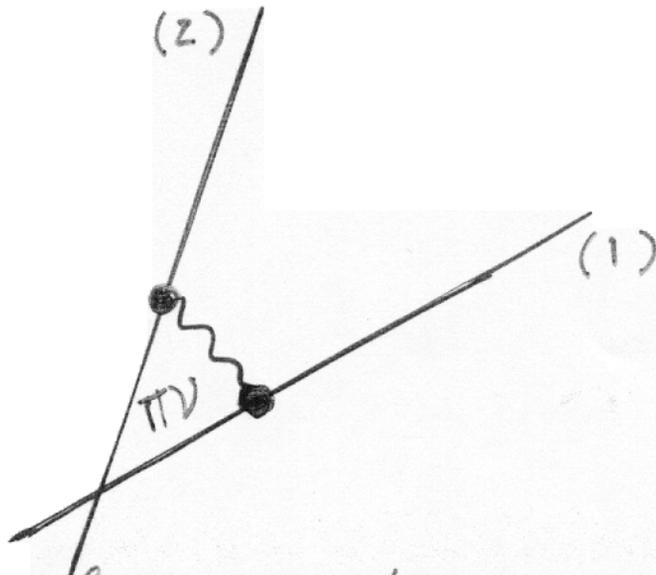
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$$Z \equiv \langle G_\nu(x_1) G_{-\nu}(x_2) G_{-\lambda}(x_3) G_\lambda(x_4) \rangle$$

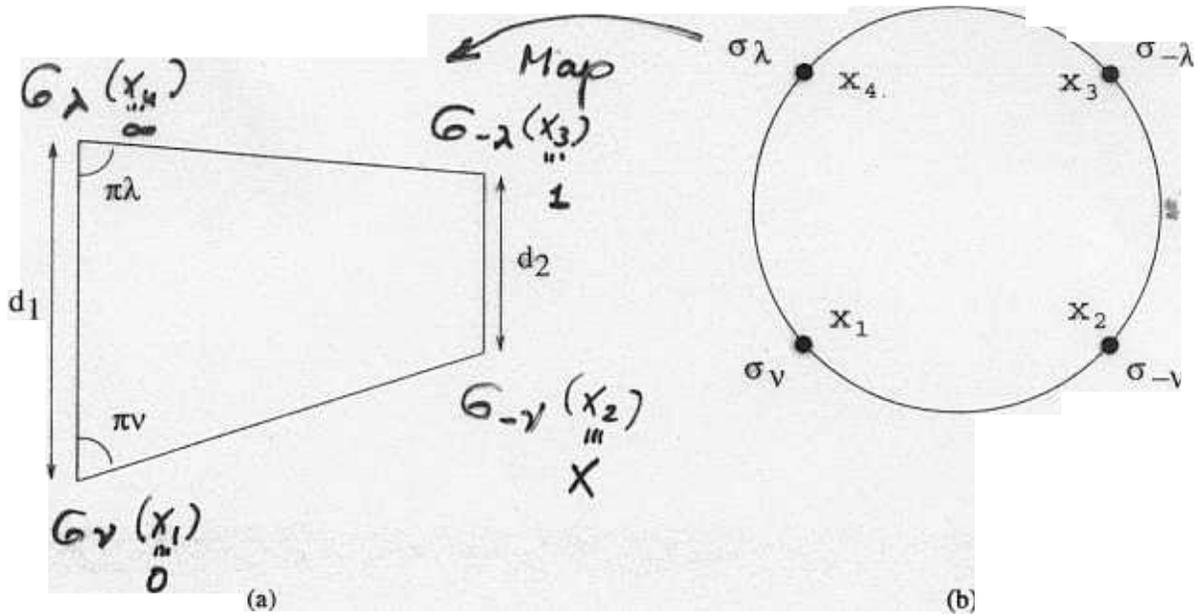


FIG. 2: Target space: the intersection of two branes intersecting respectively with the two parallel branes at angles $\pi\nu$ and $\pi\lambda$, respectively (Figure 2a). World-sheet: a disk diagram of the four twist fields located at $x_{1,2,3,4}$ (Figure 2b). The calculation involves a map from the world-sheet to target space, allowing for a factorization on three-point function.

$$Z = Z_{qu} \cdot Z_d$$

Analogous technique (more complicated boundary conditions)

$$Z_{qu} \cdot \int_{\mathcal{D}} S_d \quad (S_d \text{ regular as } x \rightarrow 1 \text{ (} d_2 \rightarrow 0))$$

Factorization on:

$$\langle G_\lambda(x_1) G_{-\nu-\lambda}(x_3) G_\lambda(x_4) \rangle$$

Yukawa coupling

Three point amplitude

$$Z_3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \Pi \langle G_{\nu} | G_{-\nu}(x) G_{\lambda_1}(\cdot) G_{\lambda_2}(\infty) \rangle$$

$$\circledast \quad 2\pi \prod_{i=1}^3 \sqrt{\frac{4\pi B(\nu_i, 1-\nu_i)}{B(\nu_i, \lambda_i) B(\nu_i, 1-\nu_i-\lambda_i)}} \sum_{\{m_i\}} \ell \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 A(m_i)}{2\pi\alpha'}$$

(m_i) area of triangle formed by 3 intersecting branes in i -th T^2

$S_{\text{cl}} A(m)$ studied in detail
 Cremades, Ibanez & Marchesano
 hep-th/0302105
 (c.f. Abel & Owen hep-th/030224)

includes both $Z_{\text{qu}} & \neq \ell$

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 further study

Outlook - "G₂ phenomenology"

- (i) Systematize orientifold constructions within $T^6/(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ orbifolds
- systematic SU(3) GUT: w/ Shiu & Papadimitriou
 - more standard models: w/ Papadimitriou
 - other orbifolds (cycle recombination needed)
 - T^6/\mathbb{Z}_4 Blumenhagen, Görglich & Ott
 - $T^6/(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ Honecker
 - other CY_3 :

- (ii) Couplings: CFT techniques *
- Yukawa couplings

4-point couplings - proton decay in GUT
(four-fermi couplings
Klebanov & Witten'
M.C. (work in progress)

* Applications more general