

# D-branes on Calabi Yau Manifolds

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## Plan:

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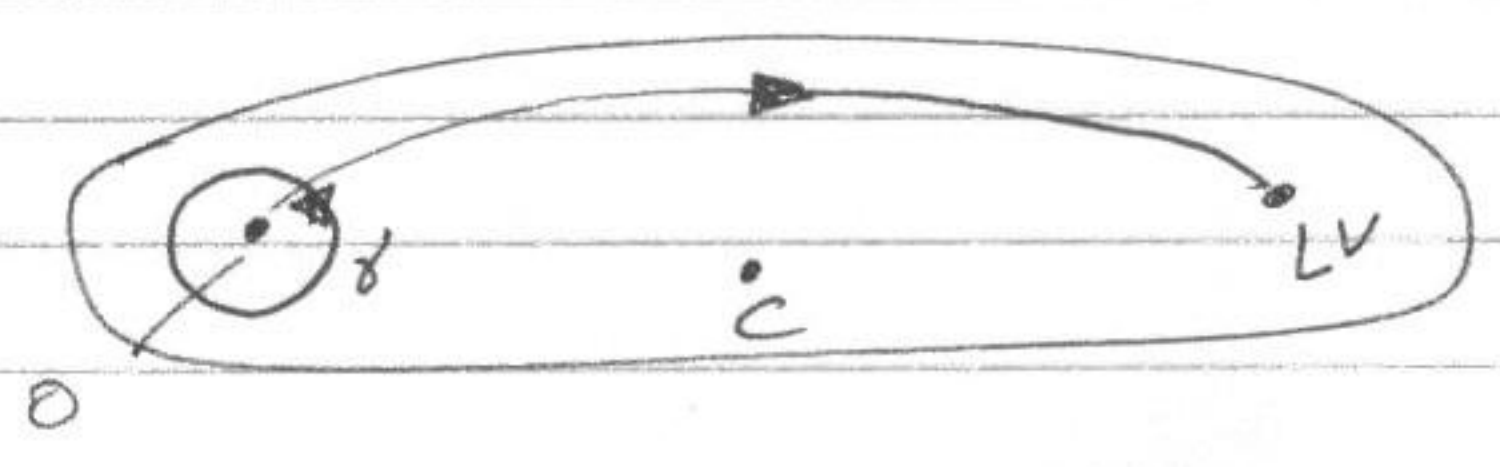
Credits: Douglas, Fiol, Römelsberger, Brunner, Lawrence, Aspinwall, Jayaraman, Tonasiello, Senkar, Hori, Vafa, Lerche, Kaste, Lazarou, Hofman, .....  
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These branes must be related to B-branes on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . What is their identification?

Subtlety: The periods and hence central charges are multivalued functions of the complexified Kähler modulus.

They undergo monodromy as we move in Kähler moduli space.

e.g.



$$\gamma: B_i \rightarrow B_{i+1} \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \text{ action.}$$

Keeping in mind that the answer depends on the path chosen, for the path shown above vector bundle

- $B_1 \rightsquigarrow$  a 4-brane wrapping  $\mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ .
- $B_2 \rightsquigarrow$  "4 branes"  $\rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2} \otimes \mathcal{O}(\oplus)$
- $B_3 \rightsquigarrow$  "4 branes"  $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^2}^2$

Note: chern classes  $\leftrightarrow$  RR charge

- $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$   $\rightarrow$  4-brane with charge 1
- $ch_0 = 1$   $\rightarrow$   $n_4 = 1, n_2 = 0, n_0 = 0$

Example 2 Quintic = degree 5 hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^4$ .

- Useful to note that  $\mathbb{P}^4 =$  blowup of  $\mathbb{C}^5/\mathbb{Z}_5$ .
- Natural to first consider fractional branes on  $\mathbb{C}^5/\mathbb{Z}_5$
- Obtain branes on  $\mathbb{P}^4$
- and then restrict to the quintic.

Nice result: The results match boundary states in the Gepner model [Recknagel-Schomerus] Douglas, .....

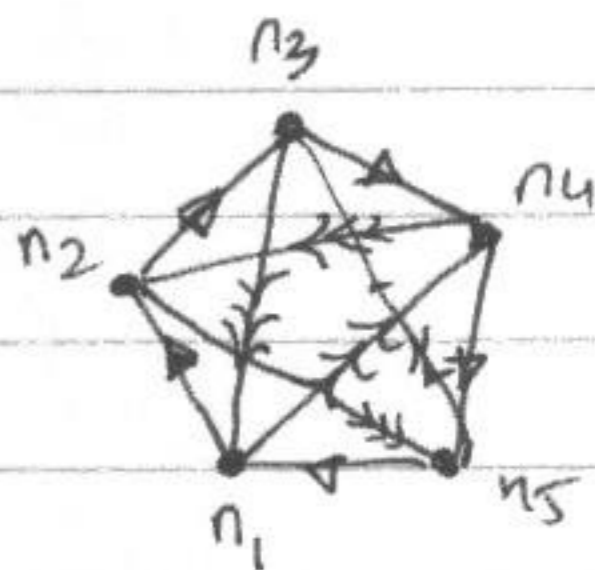
Fractional branes on  $\mathbb{C}^5/\mathbb{Z}_5$ : (no central charge restriction for this)

- $(B_1 \ B_2 \ B_3 \ B_4 \ B_5)$

(at LV)  $B_i = (-)^{i-1} \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^4}^{i-1} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(i-1)$  [Douglas-Fiol-Römelsberger]

rk (1 4 6 4 1)

- Natural set of branes  $(n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \ n_4 \ n_5)$



links:  
 $X_{a,a+1}^i$   
 $Y_{\alpha,\alpha+3}^{[ijk]}$   
 $Z_{a,a}$

w/ superpotential

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{tr} (X^i X^j Y^{klm}) \epsilon_{ijklm}$$

- $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  corresponds to D0-brane on  $P^4$ .

RESTRICTING TO THE QUINTIC

Quintic is a ~~3-dim~~ 3-dim complex mfd.

$\Rightarrow$  it has 4 RR charges. (couple to D0, 2, 4, 6 brane)

But we have ~~5~~ 5 charges from  $(B_1 \dots B_5)$

$\Rightarrow$  they cannot be independent after restriction to the quintic.

The Relation:  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  is a 0 brane on  $P^4$ .

$\Rightarrow$  it has no RR charge on quintic.

"null vector" in the lattice of RR charges given by  $n_i [B_i]$

Implications:  $[ ] \leftarrow$  K-theory classes / RR charges

$$[1, 1, 1, 0, 0] + [0, 0, 0, 1, 1] = 0$$

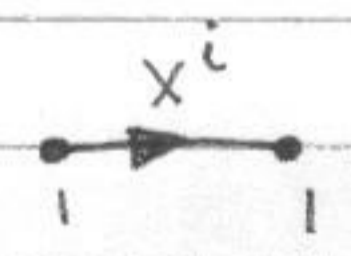
expect  $[1, 1, 1, 0, 0] = - [0, 0, 0, 1, 1]$

on the quintic

Similarly  $[1, 1, 1, 1, 0] = - [0, 0, 0, 0, 1]$

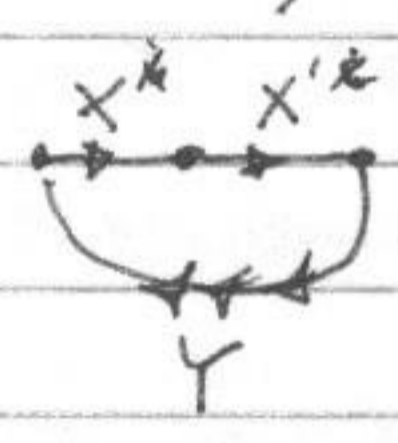
Can we prove these equivalences?

Consider I (1, 1, 0, 0, 0)



no superpotential.

II: (0, 0, 1, 1, 1)



$$W = X^i X'^j Y^{klm} \epsilon_{ijklm}$$

Counting <sup>dim of</sup> moduli space.

look for sol<sup>n</sup>s of ~~W~~ dW = 0.

• (I) no ~~moduli~~ superpotential.

$X^i$  are all moduli  $i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$$5 - 1 = 4 // \uparrow \text{D-term conditions.}$$

• II dW = 0

$$X^i X'^j = 0$$

$$X^i Y^{klm} \epsilon_{ijklm} = 0$$

$$X^{ii} Y^{klm} \epsilon_{ijklm} = 0.$$

a sol<sup>n</sup>:  $X = X_0^i Y = 0$   
 $\delta_{i,1}$

Consider iaf. def. about  $sol^n$ .

$$X^i = X_0^i + x^i$$

$$X'^i = X_0^i + x'^i$$

$$Y^{ijk} = 0 + y^{ijk}$$

linearized eq. EDM.

$$X_0^{[i} x^{j]} - X_0^{[i} x'^{j]} = 0$$

$$X_0^i y^{jkl} \epsilon_{ijklm} = 0$$

Let  $X_0^i = \delta^{ij}$

$sol^n$   ~~$x^i \in \mathbb{R}^4$~~   $x = x'$  — 4 moduli as before

$y_{ilm} = 0$  — 6 ~~moduli~~ moduli.

10 moduli

Clearly, the moduli spaces are not the same.

Why? No input from the restriction. So the

calc. is essentially a statement on  $\mathbb{P}^4$  where we know they ~~are~~ are not the same.

Put in the restriction?

~~⊆~~ How?

Consider the top-B model. Here things are "independent" of Kähler moduli. However, complex str. moduli can appear.

[Douglas, SG, Jayaraman & Tomasiello]

Claim: The cubic superpotential  $W$  is deformed to a higher order one by complex moduli. We saw that complex moduli appear via.

$$W = C_{ijklm} z^i z^j z^k z^l z^m$$

Try to write a term involving  $X^i, Y^{ijk}, E_{ijklm}, C_{ijklm}$ . That is a single trace — "closed loops in the quiver".

~~$C_{ijklm}$~~

$$\Delta W \sim E_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} C_{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4 j_5} X^{j_1} X^{j_2} Y^{i_1 i_2 i_3 j_4 j_5} X^{i_4} X^{i_5}$$

Sextic term.

In fact, this lifts the extra six moduli that came from the  $y$ 's.

• This is an explicit <sup>an non-trivial</sup> realisation of a conjecture that lifting of ~~moduli~~ moduli can be described via a superpotential [Douglas].

• Might seem obvious from ~~thinking~~ our studies of D-brane probes but seems to have interesting mathematical consequences as well!

• However, not all ~~extra~~ moduli are ~~also~~ lifted (when necessary) by this potential.

The explicit calculation

$$\bar{\Phi}^i = \phi + \theta^+ \psi_+ + \theta^- \psi_- + \theta^2 F$$

Consider <sup>(2,1)</sup> an LG model with 5 chiral fields  $\phi^i$

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^4\theta K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \int d^2\theta W(\Phi) + c.c.$$

In the top-B model (after twisting).

$\mathcal{L}_{top/bulk} = \int d^2\theta W(\Phi) + \mathbb{Q}$ -exact pieces.

Choose  $W(\Phi) = \frac{1}{5} C_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} \phi^{i_1} \phi^{i_2} \phi^{i_3} \phi^{i_4} \phi^{i_5}$

Fields	$\phi$	$z \equiv \psi_+ - \psi_-$	$\xi \equiv \psi_+ + \psi_-$	$F$
Ghost nos.	$0 + \frac{2}{5}$	$-1 + \frac{2}{5}$	$-1 + \frac{2}{5}$	$-2 + \frac{2}{5}$

$U(1)$  is shifted by ~~using~~ quasi-hom. of  $W$ .

$\text{cham } [W(\Phi)]_1 = \frac{2}{5} \times 5 = 2 //$

LG model with boundary (B-type b.c.s)

only possible b.c.  $\xi$

$$\begin{cases} \phi^i = 0 \\ z^i = 0 \end{cases}$$

Warner  
SG, Jayarama,  
Sarkar

Boundary observables:

$$\Xi^i \equiv \xi^i - 2\bar{\theta}_i \partial_y \phi^i - \theta^2 \partial_x \xi^i$$



One can check  $\{Q, \xi^i\} = 0$  <sup>fermionic</sup>

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{bdry}}^{\text{top}} = \int d^4 \Theta \left( X^i \bar{\Xi}^i + Y^{ijk} \bar{\Xi}^i \bar{\Xi}^j \bar{\Xi}^k + Z \bar{\Xi}^1 \bar{\Xi}^2 \bar{\Xi}^3 \bar{\Xi}^4 \bar{\Xi}^5 \right)$$

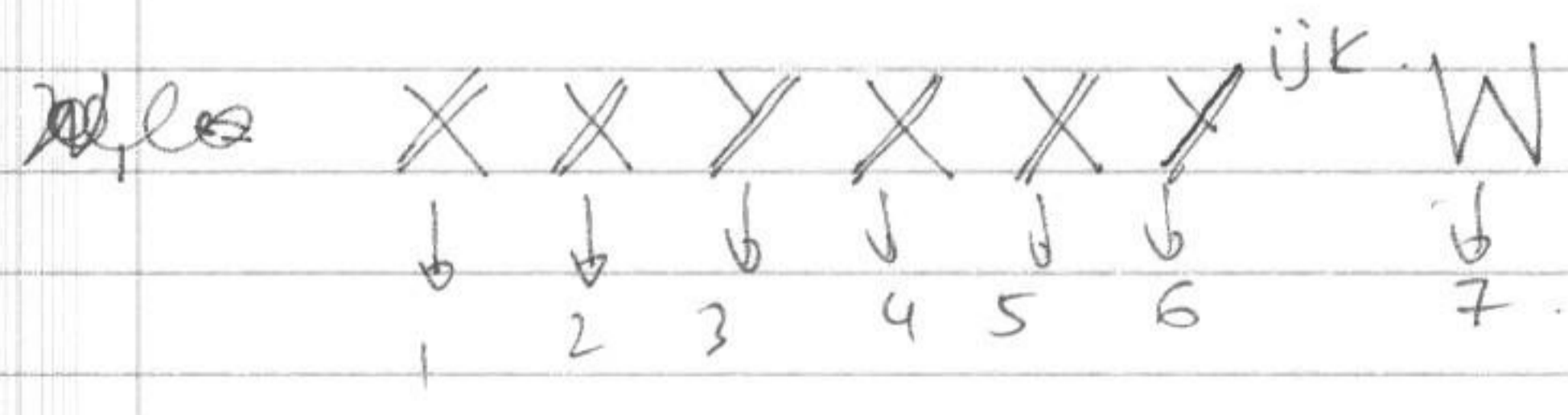
odd terms are projected out by GSO.

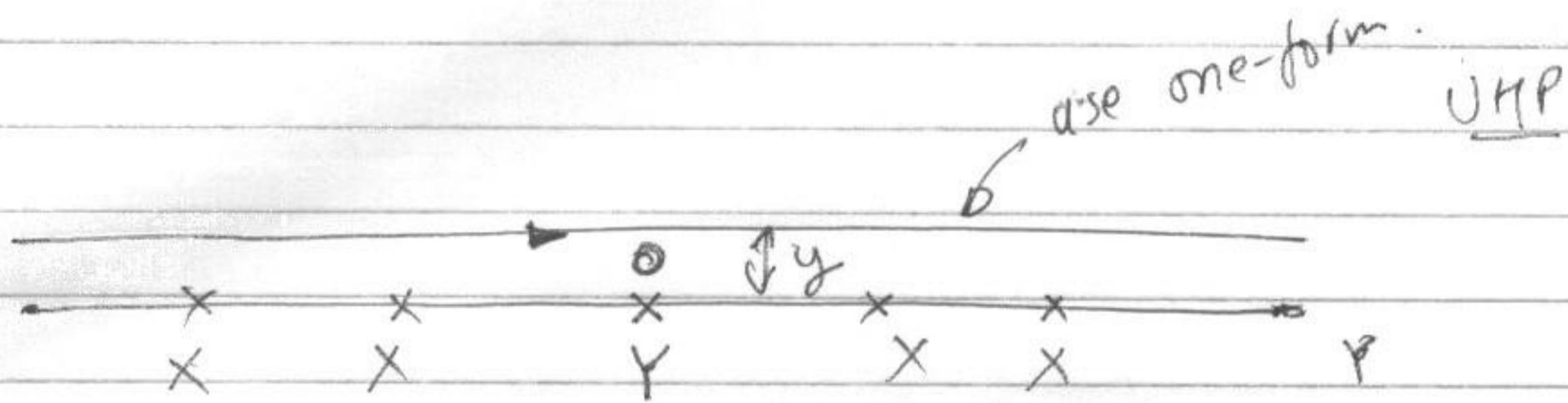
$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{top}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{top}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{boundary}}^{\text{top}}$$

$X^i, Y^{ijk}$  ... are  $5 \times 5$  matrices reflecting CP Factors for the 5 fractional branes.

$$W_0 = \text{tr} (X^i X^j Y^{klm}) \epsilon_{ijklm} \quad \boxed{\text{cubic}}$$

$\bar{\Xi}^i$  scales ghost number + zero mode  $\sim \xi^{ijklm}$





$SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  partially fixed by set where one  $y \rightarrow \infty$   
 $y \rightarrow 0$ .

• scaling remains

• Remaining integrals to be carried out

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 X^5 \\ 1 \text{ bulk} \\ \hline 5 \text{ moduli} \end{array}$$

• ~~scaling~~ scaling  $\Rightarrow$  answer must be independent of 'y'

• Integrations can be explicitly done. and answer is non-zero and agrees with our expectation.

• This is the first in an infinite series whose structure is clear. However, integrals are not obviously calculable.

These are related to the ~~definition~~ fact that closed strings (moduli) appear as deformations of the  $A_{\infty}$ -algebra of open-string operators

## Conclusion / Issues

- ① Ignored issues of stability : topological vs physical branes.
  - II-stability ; flow of gradings . . .
  - spectrum of physical branes.
  - [Douglas: spec. of top. branes  $\sim$  derived category of . . .]
  - have some ~~general~~ <sup>understandi</sup> of gross features of decay.
- ② Changes in choices of branes: related to gen. Seiberg dualities.
- ③ Detailed structures of D branes
- ④ Orientifolds w/ branes  
fluxes (?)

—  $\alpha$  —

## Motivation + Goals

- What is the spectrum of (BPS) D-branes?
- How does it depend on various moduli?

e.g. what happens when the  $CY3$  ~~has~~ has a size of string scale? ( $\alpha'$ -corrections are important).

- Given a D-brane, what is its (super)potential?

- Extended Mirror Symmetry [Kontsevich; Vafa]  
 $\begin{matrix} \text{type IIB on } CY3 \\ + \text{ D-branes} \end{matrix} \xleftrightarrow{\text{mirror}} \begin{matrix} \text{type IIA on } CY3 \\ + \text{ D-branes} \end{matrix}$

- Lessons for  $\mathcal{N}=1$  gauge theories and more generally,  $\mathcal{N}=1$  supersymmetric compactifications.

## 2 Calabi-Yau Manifolds at Large Volume

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### Calabi-Yau Factology (CY3)

- Ricci-Flat (Kähler) manifolds with  $SU(3)$  hol. [ $\Omega = \text{holomorphic 3 form}$ ]
- type II compactifications lead to  $N=2$  <sup>supergravity</sup> in  $d=4$ .

- Spectrum: CY3 w/ Hodge nos.  $h_{1,1} + h_{2,1}$   
 Common: Supergravity Multiplet; Universal Hypermult.
 

	type IIA	type IIB
<u>Complex str</u>	$h_{1,2}$ hypermultiplets	$h_{1,1}$ hypermultiplets
<u>Kähler</u>	$h_{1,1}$ vector multiplets	$h_{2,2}$ vector multiplets

- So two kinds of scalars appear - those from hypermultiplets + those from vector multiplets. They do NOT mix.

Moduli space =  $\text{Kähler moduli space} \times \text{Complex str. moduli space}$

- Special Geometry (vector multiplets in IIA, say)

Kähler metric is given by  $F(X^A)$   $A=0, \dots, h_{1,2}$

$$K = -\ln i (X^A \bar{F}_A - \bar{X}^A F_A)$$

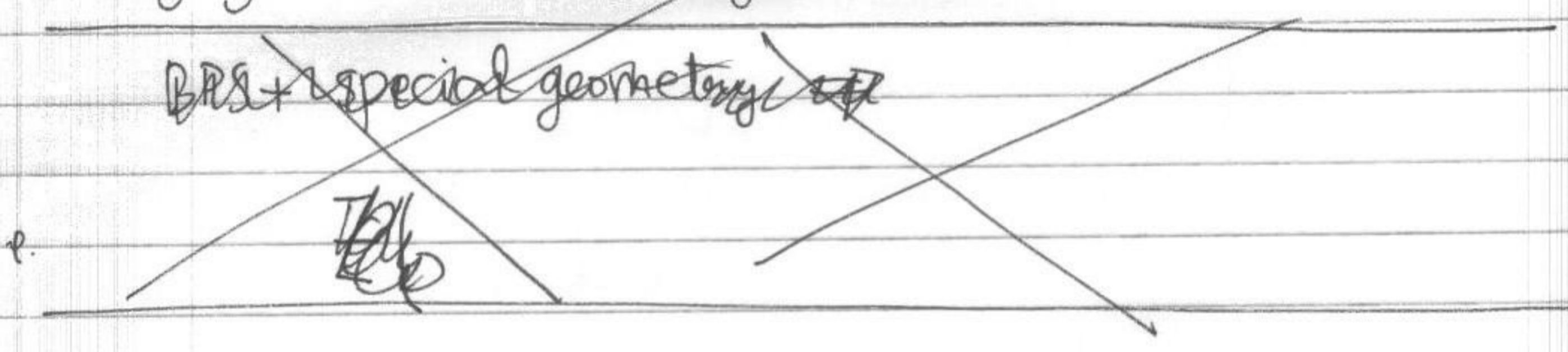
$$X^A = \int_{\gamma_A} \Omega \quad ; \quad F_A = \int_{\gamma_B} \Omega$$

"periods"

$$\Pi^i = \begin{pmatrix} X^A \\ F_A \end{pmatrix}$$

# D-branes on large Calabi-Yau manifolds

- Useful to think of them as BPS objects carrying ~~RR~~ RR charge.



- To be concrete, consider SPACE FILLING branes.

In IIA : has D6-branes in flat space and one can (hopefully) wrap 3-cycles of the C3 preserving  $\frac{1}{2}$  supersymmetry.

<p><u>In IIB</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>D9 branes wrapping full C43</li> <li>D7 branes wrapping 4 cycle</li> <li>D5 branes wrapping 2 cycles.</li> <li>D3 branes localised at a point</li> </ul>	<p>D(3+2p) branes wrap 2p cycles.</p>
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- Spacetime susy preservation  $\Rightarrow$

3 cycles  $\rightarrow$  SPECIAL LAGRANGIAN.

$$\text{Im}(e^{i\alpha} \Omega)|_{\Sigma} = 0$$

$$\omega|_{\Sigma} = 0$$

for even cycles.  $\rightarrow$  cycles must be holomorphic.

- Central charge. [Ferrara et al.] (type IIA)

$$Z(e_A, m^B) \propto (e_A X^A + m^B F_B)$$

### 3. WORKSHEET ASPECTS

spacetime

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However, the description is ~~not~~ limited to cases when the CY3 is large. Useful to have an intrinsic worldsheet description.

Polchinski: D-branes are "conformally invariant boundary conditions" i.e., they are objects on which an open-string can end.

• Recall, <sup>nonlinear sigma models for</sup> CY3 compactifications have (2,2) supersymmetry on the worldsheet.  $\hat{c}=3$

worldsheet  $\mathcal{Q}_L, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_L, j_L = i\sqrt{\hat{c}} \partial\phi_L$

$\mathcal{Q}_R, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_R, j_R = i\sqrt{\hat{c}} \bar{\partial}\phi_R$

$\Omega_L \sim e^{\frac{i}{2}\sqrt{\hat{c}}\phi_L} ; \Omega_R \sim e^{\frac{i}{2}\sqrt{\hat{c}}\phi_R}$   
hol 3-form.

• Presence of a boundary breaks translation inv.  
 $\Rightarrow$  some supersymmetry must necessarily be broken as well.

#### TWO INEQUIVALENT WAYS (Ooguri, Oz, Yin ; Warner)

$\Omega_L = e^{i\phi/\alpha'} \Omega_R$   $\frac{\sqrt{\hat{c}}}{2}\phi = \psi$  Dirichlet b.c.

$j_L = -j_R$  A-type (compatible with A-twist)

or  $(\partial + \bar{\partial})\phi = \partial + \bar{\partial}(\phi_L + \phi_R) = 0$  "Dirichlet"

$j_L = +j_R$  B-type

$(\partial - \bar{\partial})\phi = 0$  "Neumann"

• More detailed analysis leads to the following conditions.

① The submanifold  $\Sigma$  on which a ~~1/2~~ string can end must be minimal

$$\beta_{\varphi}(\hat{n}^i) = \text{tr}(K_{ab}^i) = 0 \quad \text{(Leigh)}$$

one-loop beta  $f^n$  for (normal) scalars.

② A-type ~~used~~ supersymmetry  $\Rightarrow \Sigma = \text{Lagrangian}$

B-type supersymmetry  $\Rightarrow \Sigma = \text{holomorphic submanifold.}$

① + ②  $\Rightarrow$  sL for IIA  
 hol. submfd for IIB. || same as spacetime analysis!

• Worldvolume spectrum. (has  $N=1$  supersymmetry).

scalars  $\in N\Sigma$   
(chiral mult.)

A-type  
gauge fields are flat.

B-type  
 $F^{(2,0)} = F^{(0,2)} = 0$   $\triangleleft$  consequence of B-type susy.

$$F^{(1,1)} \wedge \omega^{n-1} = c \omega^n$$

**DUY** eqns.

Mirror Symmetry.

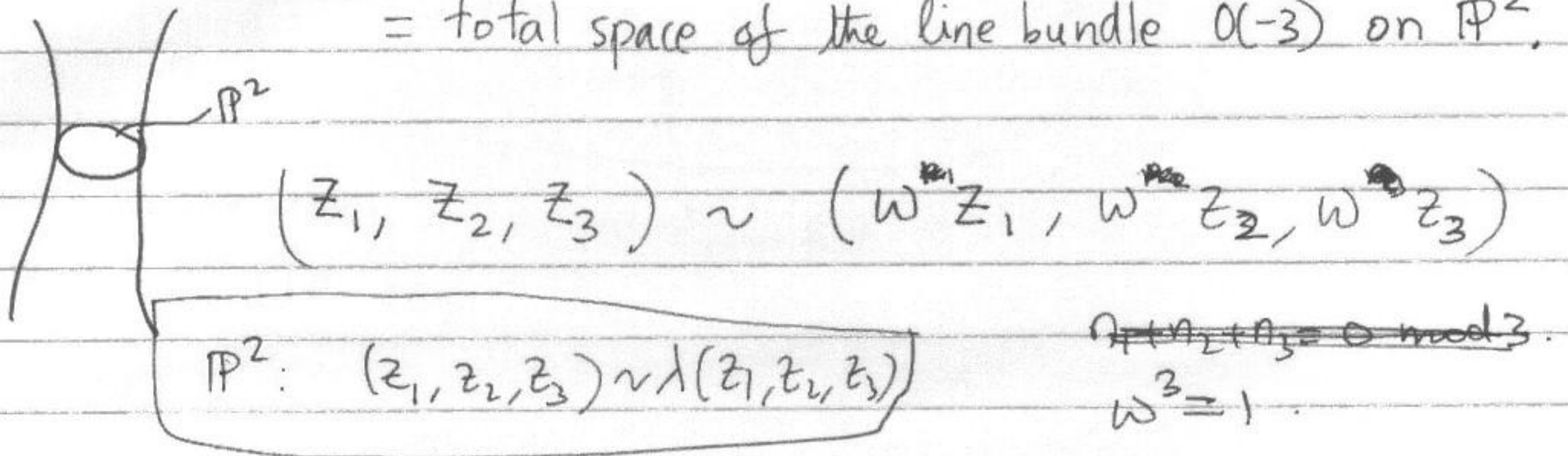
Gauge fields are hol. connections on v.b.s



In order to be concrete and specific, we will now specialise to the case of B-branes in two examples.

(i) The blowup of  $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$ . [non-compact CY3]

= total space of the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}(-3)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .



(ii) The Quintic

$$\mathbb{P}^4: (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) \sim \lambda(z_1, \dots, z_5)$$

The Quintic is given by the hypersurface given by an arbitrary degree five polynomial in  $\{z_i\}$ .

$$W(z_i) = \sum c^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_5} = 0$$

$$\frac{5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 14 \times 9 = 126 \text{ parameters.}$$

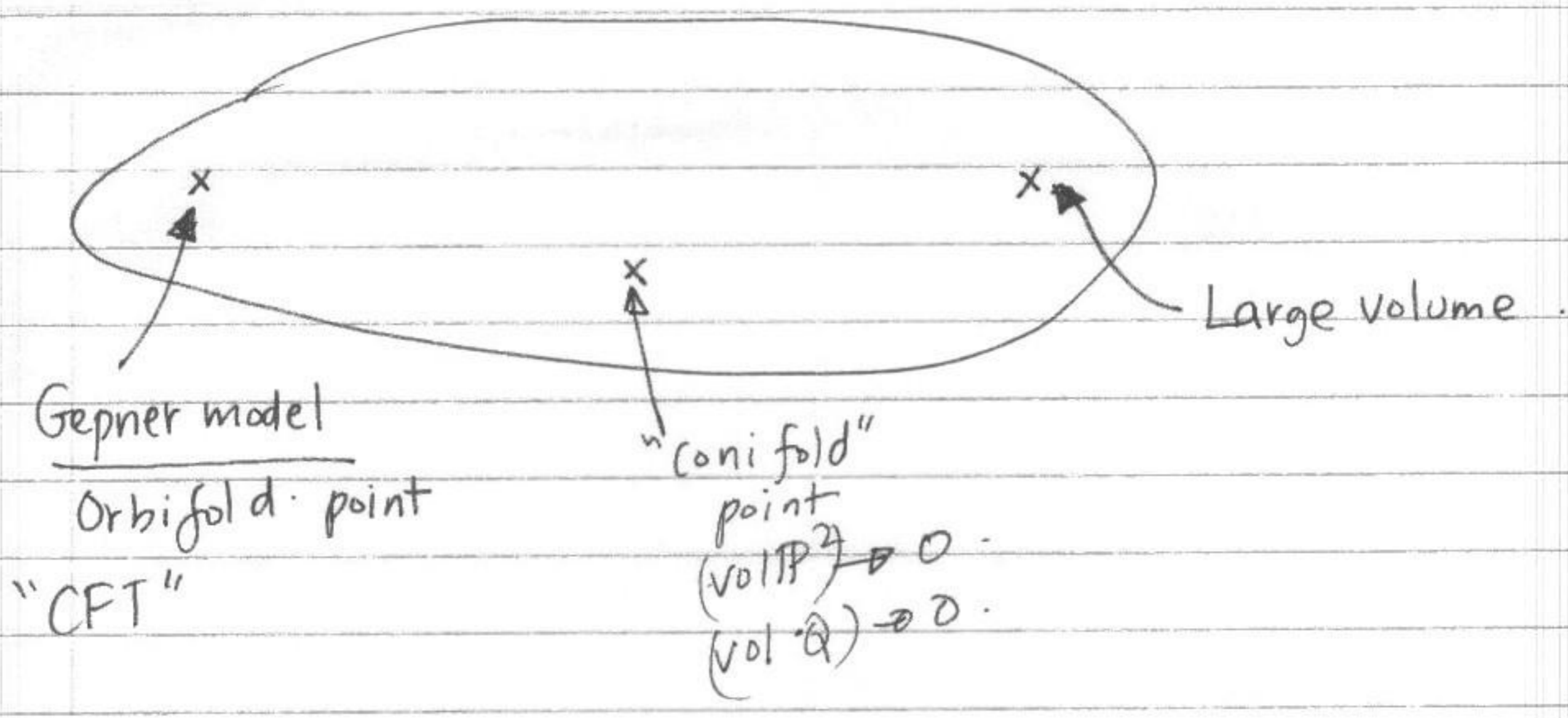
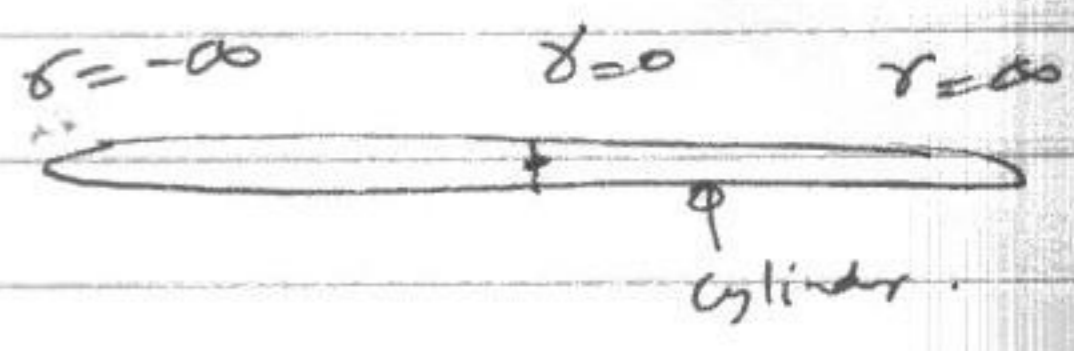
less 25  $GL(5)$  redefs.

101 parameters [complex moduli].

Both cases have one Kähler modulus:

the size of the  $\mathbb{P}^2$  / size of the quintic.

The Kähler moduli space is similar in both cases.



~~For the quintic: the Ricci flat metric is not known.~~

- The quintic as a CFT i.e., Gepner model is given by 5 copies of  $k=3$  minimal models. ( $N=2$ )
- Another related construction is as an LG orbifold.
  - 5 ~~chiral~~ <sup>(2,2)</sup> chiral <sup>(anti-chiral)</sup> superfields.  $\phi (\bar{\phi})$
  - superpotential of degree  $\phi$ :  $W(\phi) = C^{i_1 \dots i_5} \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \dots \phi_{i_5}$
  - ~~Theory has~~
  - The CFT is obtained as an IR fixed point
  - Prop. of the chiral operators can be obtained in the top. B-model.

Example 1

D-branes on  $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$  (Douglas-Moore)


- Basic branes: "Fractional Branes"

$B_1, B_2, B_3$

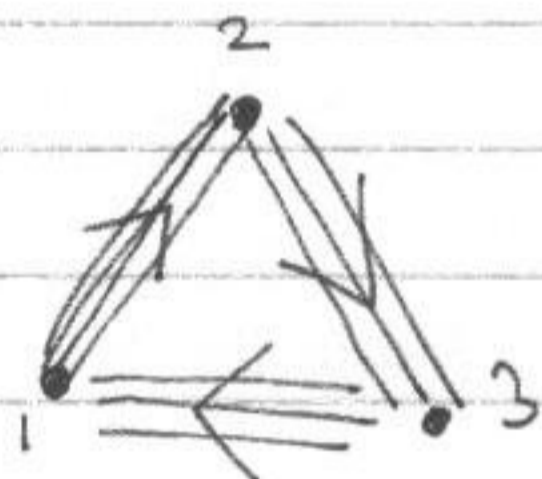
- Each preserves diff. supersymm. in spacetime.

Massless.

- Spectrum of open strings connecting them.

 (i) for  $i=j$  ~~one~~ abelian vector mult.

(ii) ~~for~~ chirals in  $(i, i+1)$



~~near~~ (near the orbifold limit)

Implies: • The set of branes  $\mu$  are given by  $(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ .  $n_i > 0$

$\mathbb{Z}_3$ -sym

•  $\mathcal{W} = \text{tr} \left( \begin{matrix} X_{1,2}^i & X_{2,3}^j & X_{3,1}^k \end{matrix} \right)$

superpotential

$n_1 \times n_2$  matrix       $n_2 \times n_3$  matrix       $n_3 \times n_1$  matrix

- $(1, 1, 1)$  corresponds to a zero brane (pure D3 brane in spacetime)
- The set of physical branes =  $\theta$ -stable objects.