

String/M theory Compactification and phenomenology

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5b: Low Energy Physics of
M theory on G_2 manifold

In dimension 7, there are only
two holonomy groups for
a simply connected, compact,
manifold, X_7 . (orientable).

$$\text{Hol}(X_7, g) = \text{SO}(7) \\ \text{or} \\ G_2$$

G_2 - holonomy

($\pi_1(X_7) = 0$
 X_7 compact)

If (X_7, g_x) have $\text{Hol}(g_x) = G_2$, then

- ① • \exists a parallel spinor, $D_{g_x} \eta = 0$
- ② • $\text{Ricci}(g_x) = 0$
- ③ • \exists a parallel 3-form φ , G_2 -invariant
- ④ • \exists a parallel 4-form $*\varphi$, G_2 -invariant
- ⑤ • $d\varphi = d*\varphi = 0$

Note: $\Lambda^3(\mathbb{R}^7) = 1 + 7 + 21 \cong \Lambda^4(\mathbb{R}^7)$ ←

Fact: ① \equiv ③ \equiv ④ \equiv ⑤

At any pt on X_7 , Q can be written (up to $GL(7, \mathbb{R})$ rotations) as

$$Q = dX_{125} + dX_{145} + dX_{136} - dX_{246} \\ + dX_{147} + dX_{237} - dX_{567}$$

(where $dX_{ijk} \equiv dX_i \wedge dX_j \wedge dX_k$)

So, $1 = Q_{125} = Q_{145} = Q_{136} = Q_{426} = Q_{147} = Q_{237} = Q_{657}$
and zero otherwise.

ΓQ_{ijk} can be regarded as structure constants of the Octonions, \mathbb{O} , so $T_{pt} X_7 \cong \text{Im } \mathbb{O}$

Metric moduli of G_2 -hol mfd

Perturb $g_x \rightarrow g_x + \delta g$

- $\delta g \in S_0^2(TX)$ has 27 components
- Irreducible under $SO(7) \rightarrow G_2$

$$\cdot \quad \Lambda^3(\mathbb{R}^7) = \langle \varphi \rangle + \mathbb{R}^7 + 27$$

$$\therefore \delta g \Leftrightarrow 3\text{-forms } \delta \varphi.$$

$$\boxed{\delta g_{ij} = \delta \varphi_i^{\kappa\tau} \varphi_{\kappa\tau j} + (j \leftrightarrow i)}$$

To first order in δg $\underline{\text{Ric}(g + \delta g) = 0} \Leftrightarrow \underline{\delta \varphi \in H^3(X, \mathbb{R})}$

So moduli space of G_2 structures
(at first order) $\cong H^3(X, \mathbb{R})$ is
harmonic 3-forms.

True to all orders. (see Joyce). OUP 2000

$\left(\dim H^p(X, \mathbb{R}) \equiv b_p \quad \begin{array}{l} p\text{-th Betti} \\ \text{number of } X \end{array} \right)$
is a topological invariant

Particle physics from G_2 -manifolds

Consider M-theory on $X_7 \times \mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ with metric $g_{10,1} = g(x) + \eta(\mathbb{R}^{3,1})$ where $\text{Hol}(g(x)) = G_2$ and η is flat.

If X is smooth (and large), we can use 11d supergravity to describe the low energy physics.

11d SUGRA fields $(C_3, g_{11}, \psi_{3/2})$
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 S^3 metric $S(TM)$
 gravitino

1. We fix a background solution of the E-L equations of the form

$$(C_3, g_{11}, \psi_{3/2}) = (0, g^0(x) + \eta(R^{3,1}), 0)$$

2. We perturb

3. We extract the zero modes

4. We integrate over $\int_X \sqrt{g^0} \mathcal{L}^{11d}$

5. We get left with $\int d^4x \mathcal{L}^{4d}$

The zero modes:

- From C_3 $b^2(x)$ U(1) gauge fields $A_i \in \Omega^1(M^{3,1})$
 $b^3(x)$ S^1 -valued scalars $a_i \in \Omega^0(M^{3,1})$
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 axions

- From g_{11} $b^3(x)$ scalars $S_i \in \Omega^0(M^{3,1})$
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 G_2 -moduli

- From $N_{3/2}$ $b^2(x)$ spinors $\psi_{3/2}^+ \in S^+(TM)$
 $b^3(x)$ spinors $\lambda_I \in S^+(M)$
 $\chi_i \in S^+(M)$

$(g^4 \text{ and } \psi_{3/2}^4)$ give the $N=1$ supergravity multiplet

(A_I, λ_I) give $b^2(x)$ vector multiplets

the a_i and s_i 's become \mathbb{R} and $\mathbb{I}m$ parts of $b^3(x)$ complex scalars $\boxed{Z_j = a_j + i s_j}$

(Z_j, X_j) give $b^3(x)$ "chiral" multiplets

The Z_j 's should be local coordinates on the complexified moduli space of G_2 manifolds.
 $\mathcal{M}_{G_2}(X, \mathbb{C}_3)$

$$z_j \sim \int_{\Sigma_j} C_3 + i \underbrace{Q_3}_{\uparrow \text{ } \zeta_2 \text{ form}}$$

are periods of a complexified ζ_2 3-form over a basis $\{\Sigma_j\}$ for $H_3(X)$.

The L^4 that we get from this has a metric on the moduli space, which is a Kähler metric with potential:

$$K(z, \bar{z}) = -3 \ln \int_X \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$$

- We would very much like to know the properties of this Kähler metric!
- Can we compute it approximately for the TCS G_2 -manifold?
- The components of the moduli space metric are homogeneous of degree minus two, so it looks like the metric has "negative curvature" in some sense that would be good to make precise.

In general, $N=1$ $d=4$ supergravity theories also depend on a superpotential $W(z_i)$, $\partial_j W = 0$, locally holomorphic. Witten/Bagger: W is a section of a line bundle $L \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{4n}$.

Because the $a_i = \text{Re } z_i$ is periodic,

$W = \text{zero}$, up to instanton effects.

- Instantons are associative submanifolds (suitably rigid)

There is also a third function, also holomorphic, called the gauge coupling function $f(z;)$.

For the $b^2(u(1))$ gauge fields their contribution to \mathcal{L}^4 is calculated to be:

$$d^{jIK} \text{Im} z_j F_I \wedge F_K + d^{jIK} \text{Re} z_j F_I \wedge F_K$$

where $d^{jIK} : H^3(X, \mathbb{Z}) \times H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \times H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

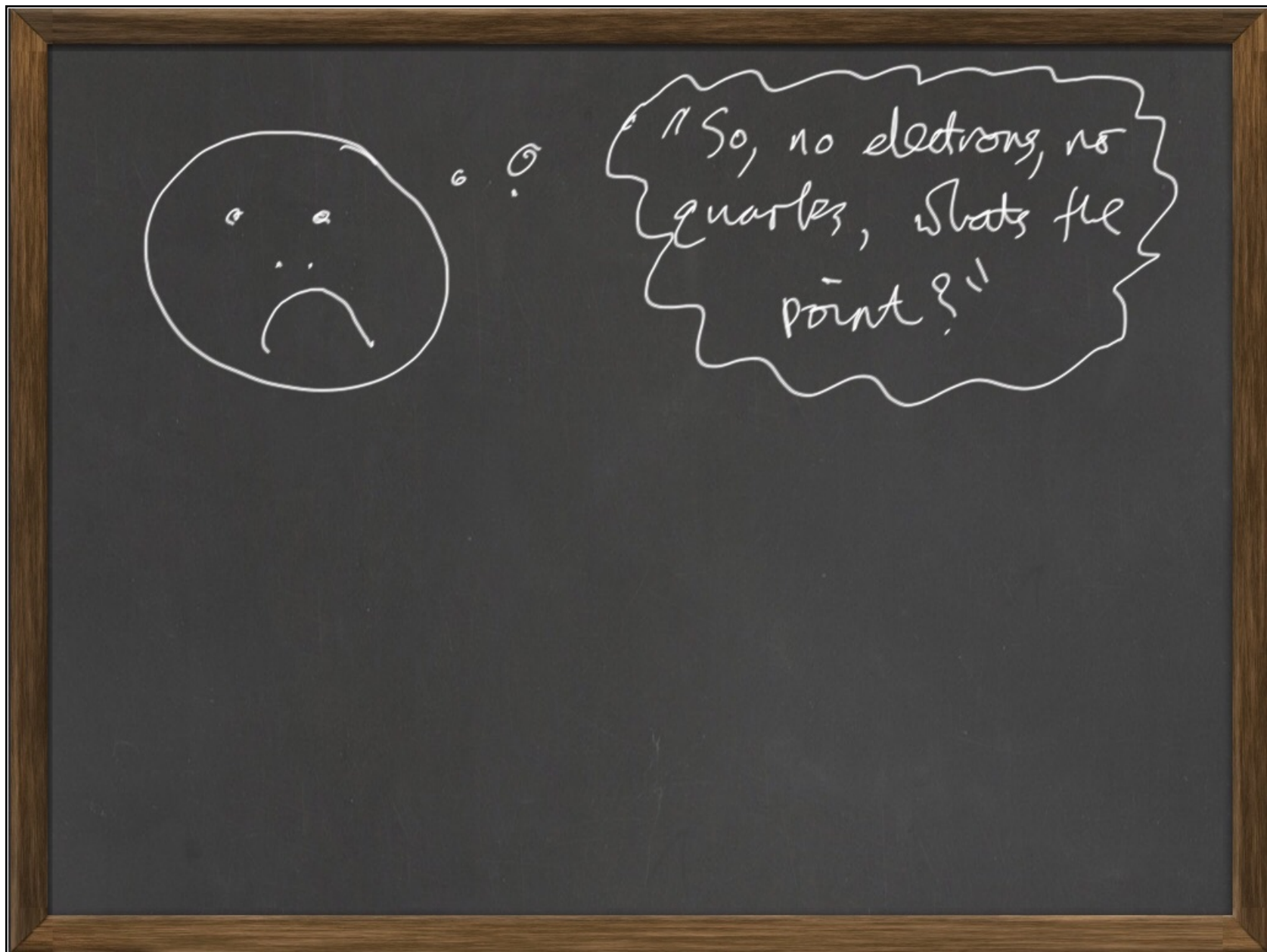
$$\int \alpha^j \wedge \beta^I \wedge \beta^K$$

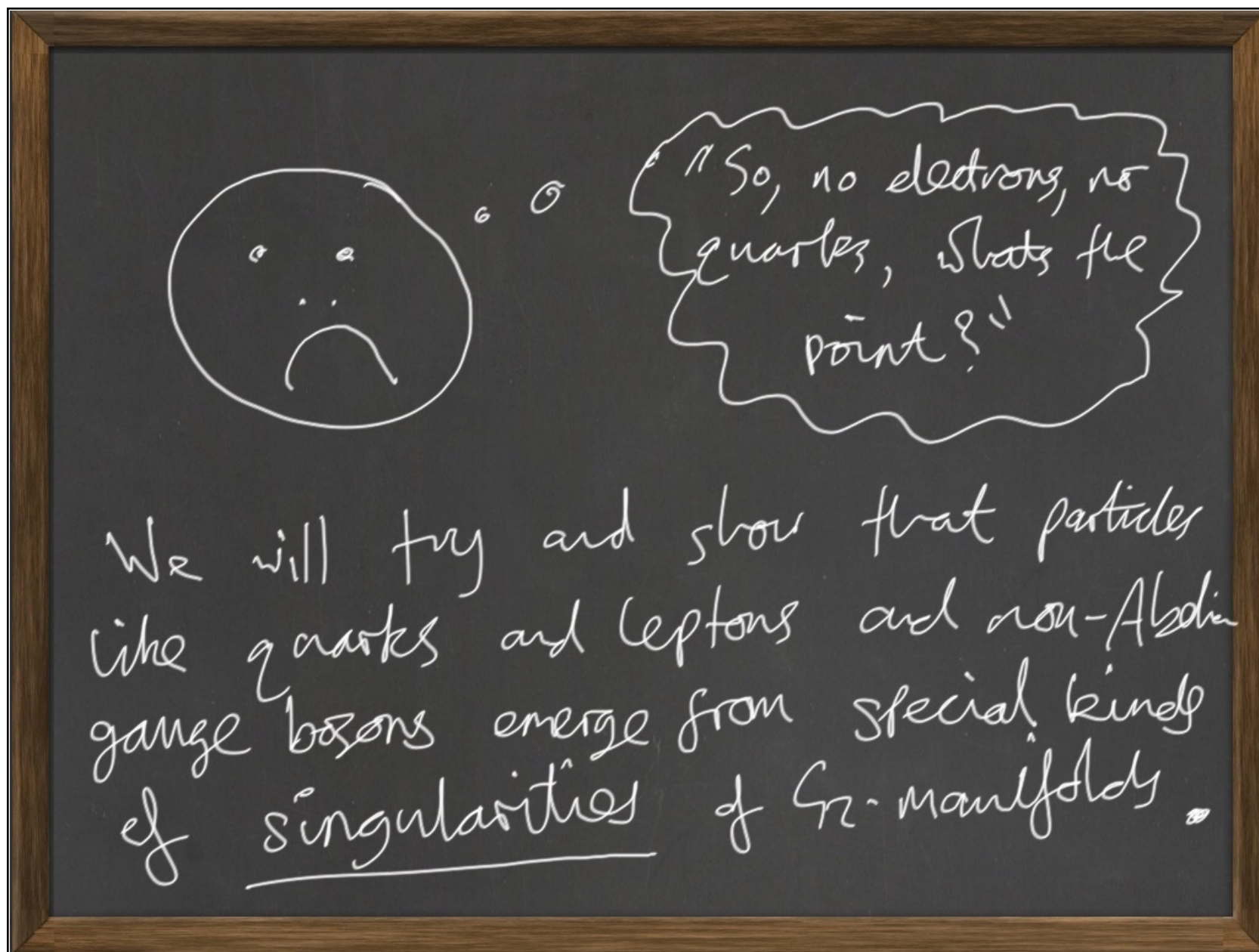
$$\text{So } f(z) = \int_X (c_3 + i c_4) \wedge \beta^I \wedge \beta^K$$

$\{\beta^I\}$ basis for $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$

Can ~~write~~ \mathbb{C}

The low energy physics is
 Gravity + $b^2(x)$ U(1)'s and
 • $b^3(x)$ neutral moduli multiplet
 • There are ~~no~~ light charged
 particles!
 • No non-Abelian
 gauge symmetries
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Yang-Mills Fields from codim 4 singularities

Consider a special case when
 $X = K3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ w product metric
 Then $M^{10,1} = X \times \mathbb{R}^{3,1} = K3 \times \mathbb{R}^{6,1}$, leading
 to a 6+1 d Lagrangian.

In this case the moduli space = space
 of Einstein metrics on $K3 = \frac{\mathbb{R}^+ \times SO(3,19)}{SO(3) \times SO(19)}$

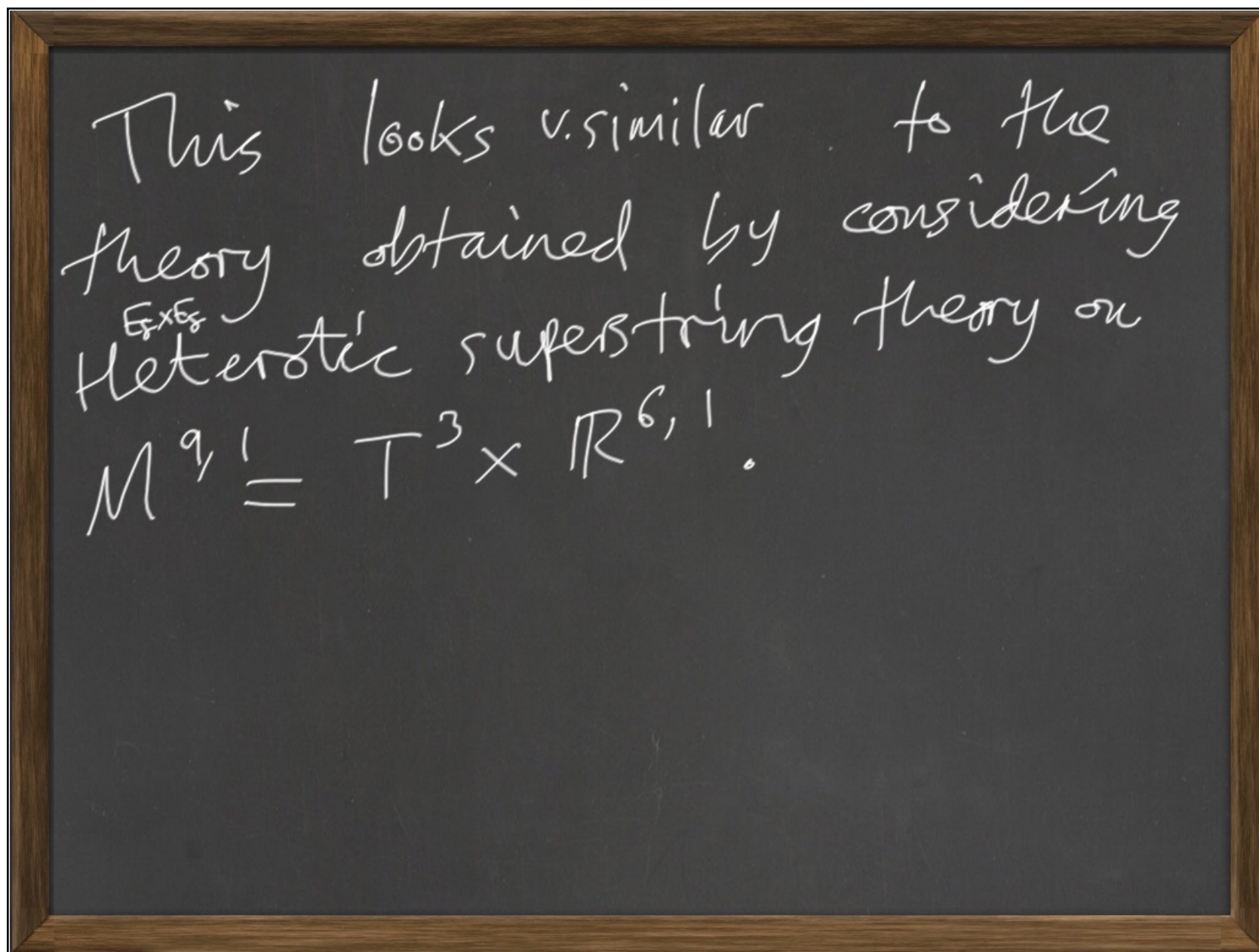
There are also 22 $U(1)$ gauge fields

$C_3 \}$ $b^2(K3)$ $U(1)$ gauge fields

$g_n \}$ 58 scalars = $(Vol(K3), \int_{\Sigma_\alpha} \omega_I \equiv \phi_{I\alpha})$

$\psi_{3/2} \}$ fermions which make everything supersymmetric

\nwarrow "SD cycles"



Massless Bose fields in Heter string on $T^3 \times \mathbb{R}^{6,1}$		
10d	5+5d	6+1d massless fields
dilaton $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^0(M^{10})$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ N \\ T \\ E \end{matrix}$	$\rightarrow 1 \text{ scalar } \in \mathbb{R}^1$
metric $g^{10} \in S^2 T^* M^{10}$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ A \\ T \\ E \end{matrix}$	$\rightarrow 6 \text{ scalars in } \frac{SL(3, \mathbb{R})}{SO(3)}$
B-field $B \in \mathbb{R}^2(M)$	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ A \\ T \\ E \end{matrix}$	$\rightarrow 3 \text{ scalars in } H^2(T^3, U(1))$
$E_8 \times E_8$ gauge field $A \in \mathbb{R}^1(\text{Lie}(E_8 \times E_8))$ $E \rightarrow M$ $E_8 \times E_8$ v bundle	$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ A \\ T \\ E \end{matrix}$	Flat $E_8 \times E_8$ connections on T^3 . The identity connected component is 48-dim ² and is $\frac{(\widehat{T^3})^{16}}{W(E_8 \times E_8)}$ $W(E_8 \times E_8)$ is Weyl group

So the moduli space is 58-dim²

$$58 = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \phi}}{1} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \frac{SL(3)}{SO(3)}}}{6} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ H^2(T^3)}}{3} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ (H_1(T^3))^{rk(E_8 \times E_8)}}}{48}$$

What about gauge bosons?

$\mathfrak{g}_n \longrightarrow U(1)^3$ from the 3 Killing vectors on T^3 .

$B \longrightarrow U(1)^3$ from the 3 harmonic 1-forms on T^3 .

$A \longrightarrow U(1)^{16}$ at generic points in space
of flat $E_8 \times E_8$ connections (1d comp)

So $U(1)^{22}$, as in M-theory on $K3$.

In fact, the heterotic moduli space on T^3 is also, locally
$$\frac{\mathbb{R}^+ \times SO(3, 19)}{SO(3) \times SO(19)}$$

- String dualities assert that the heterotic string on T^3 is equivalent to M theory on K^3 .
- Non-Abelian gauge symmetry is present in the string from the start

Non-Abelian symmetries in flat on T^3

The $U(1)^{16}$ gauge group is identified as the commutant of a generic flat connection on T^3 inside $E_8 \times E_8$.

But: at special codim 3 and 3n subspaces, the commutant enhances to non-Abelian groups

E.g. consider Flat $SU(2)$ connections on T^3 . These are globally

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{flat}}(SU(2), T^3) = \text{Hom}(\pi_1(T^3), SU(2)) = \frac{\hat{T}^3}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

At a general $pt \in \mathcal{M}$, the commutant of the flat connection is $T(SU(2)) = U(1)$

At the origin $(0,0,0)$, the commutant is the full $SU(2)$.

In general for $M_{\text{flat}}(E \times X E, T^3)$, one requires
 choosing at least one $U(1) \subset T(E \times E)$
 and the 3 holonomies of this connection
 must vanish in order to ENHANCE
 the GUTS SYMMETRY.
 ie codim 3 singularities

McKay Correspondence for M-theory on $K3$

$$H_2(K3, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \Gamma(E_8) \oplus \Gamma(E_8) \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{related to } (g, B, \varphi \text{ on } T^3)}$$

sig (19, 3) lattice.

*According to Heter/M duality, there is a codimⁿ 10 subspace of $\mathcal{M}(K3)_{\text{Heter}}$ which one is tempted to identify with $\mathcal{M}(E_8 \times E_8, T^3)_{\text{flat}}$. Coords $\phi_{I\alpha} = \int_{\Sigma_\alpha} \omega_I$ $\Sigma_\alpha \in \Gamma(E_8) \oplus \Gamma(E_8)$

M-branes

$dC_3 = G_4$ In the absence of branes
and $[G_4] = 0$ cob

$$dG_4 = 0$$

$$d\star G_4 = 0$$

M-branes are sources of currents

$$M5: \quad dG_4 = g_5 \delta_5(M^{5,1} \subset M^{10,1})$$

$$M2: \quad d\star G_4 = g_2 \delta_8(M^{2,1} \subset M^{10,1})$$

Near singularities of $\mathcal{M}_{\text{EINSTEIN}}(K3)$,

The $K3$ becomes singular and has codim 4 orbifold singularities. We can model these on orbifold singularities of the form $\mathbb{R}^4 / \Gamma_{\text{ADE}}$ where Γ_{ADE} is a finite subgroup of $SU(2) \subset SO(4)$ acting on $\mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ in the fundamental rep⁴.

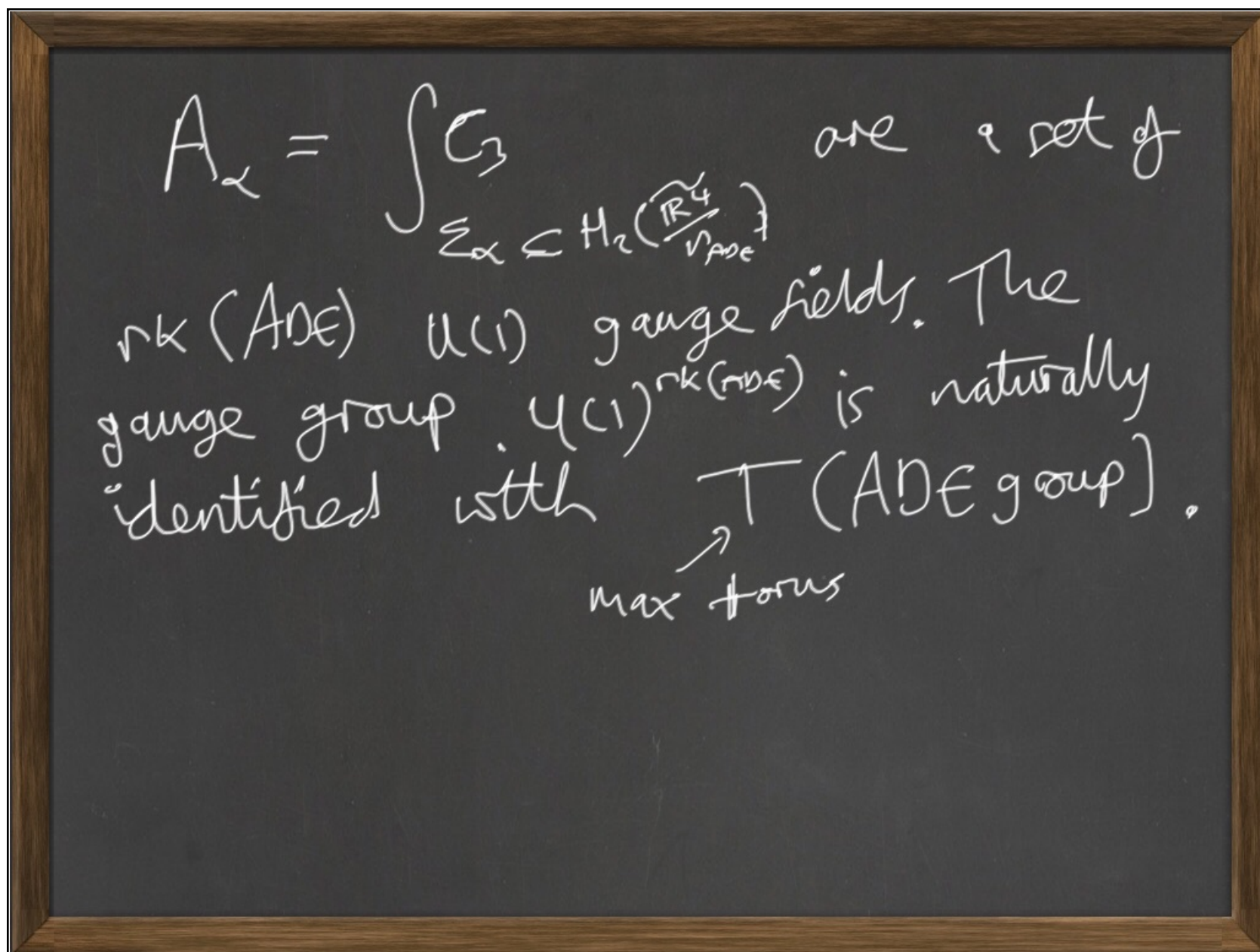
The flat metric on $\mathbb{R}^4 / \Gamma_{\text{ADE}}$ admits a desingularisation with a smooth hyperkähler metric

$\pi: \text{Smooth } \widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}_{ADE} \longrightarrow \text{Singular, flat } \mathbb{R}^4_{ADE}$

$\pi^{-1}(0)$ is a set of $\text{rk}(A-D-E)$
 S^2 's which intersect according
 to the Dynkin diagram of $A-D-E$.

$$H_2(\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}_{ADE}, \mathbb{Z}) = \text{Root lattice of ADE}$$

Intersection form = - Cartan matrix



Moreover, since $d \star G_4 = g_2 \delta_8(M^{2+1})$,

M2-branes wrapped on the $\Sigma_\alpha \subset H_2$
are like charged particles in $\mathbb{R}^{6,1}$:

$$d \star G_4 = \widetilde{\Sigma}_\alpha \wedge d \star_{\mathbb{R}^{6,1}} dA_\alpha = g_2 \delta_6(P^4) \wedge [\Sigma_\alpha]$$

$\widetilde{\Sigma}_\alpha = \text{Poincaré dual of } \Sigma_\alpha.$

Because $H_2(\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{ADE}}) = \text{root lattice ADE},$
These M2-branes, plus the $\text{rk}(\text{ADE})$ "photons"
have charges of the adjoint repⁿ of ADE.

We also get $3 \times r_K(ADE)$ moduli fields from the moduli space of Einstein metrics.

$$\int_{\Sigma_I} \omega_I \sim \phi_{I\alpha} \quad I=1,2,3$$

The wrapped M2-branes are "BPS" states whose masses are exactly given by the volumes of the exceptional S^2 's

$$\text{ie } \text{Mass}_I = |\phi_{I\alpha}|$$

\therefore At the origin of moduli space, we have a copy of the adjoint Rep^{adj} of ADE

which is MASSLESS.

- The whole system is also supersymmetric
- How do we describe this?
- * At the two derivative level, \exists a unique supersymmetric Lagrangian theory in $\mathbb{R}^{5,1}$ with non-Abelian gauge symmetry: 6+1 d Super Yang-Mills. ∇

∴ The physics of M -theory on
 $\left(\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{ADE}} \times \mathbb{R}^{6,1}, \omega_I \right)$ is described
 \uparrow
 $u = v$

by $(6+1)d$ Super-Yang-Mills
 theory with $G = A-D-E$ gauge
 symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L}^{6+1d} = -\frac{1}{4} \text{tr} F_\alpha * F_\alpha + i \bar{\lambda} \not{D}_A \lambda \\ + \sum_I D_A \Phi_I^\dagger D_A \Phi_I - \text{tr} [\Phi_I, \Phi_J]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &\in \Omega^1(\mathfrak{su}(Ade)) \\
 \Phi_I &\in \Omega^0(\mathfrak{su}(Ade) \otimes \mathbb{R}^3) \\
 \lambda &\in S(\mathfrak{su}(Ade) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

\exists $SU(2)$ global symmetry $(SU(2)_R)$
 The $SU(2)$ rotates the HK W's
 and the 3 Φ_I 's
 The λ 's take values in the fundamental of $SU(2)$

The vacua are described
by the set of

$$\Phi_I \in \mathcal{R}^0(\mathcal{L}(\text{ADE}) \otimes \mathbb{R}^3)$$

with $[\Phi_I, \Phi_J] = 0$

modulo gauge transforms.
ie a local description of
a flat ADE connection on T^3 .
[commuting triple]

This is exactly the moduli space of hyperkähler metrics on $\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{\text{free}}}$. (Kronheimer)

To obtain an identity connected flat A-D-E connection on T^3 , one simply exponentiates the 3 ϕ_I 's

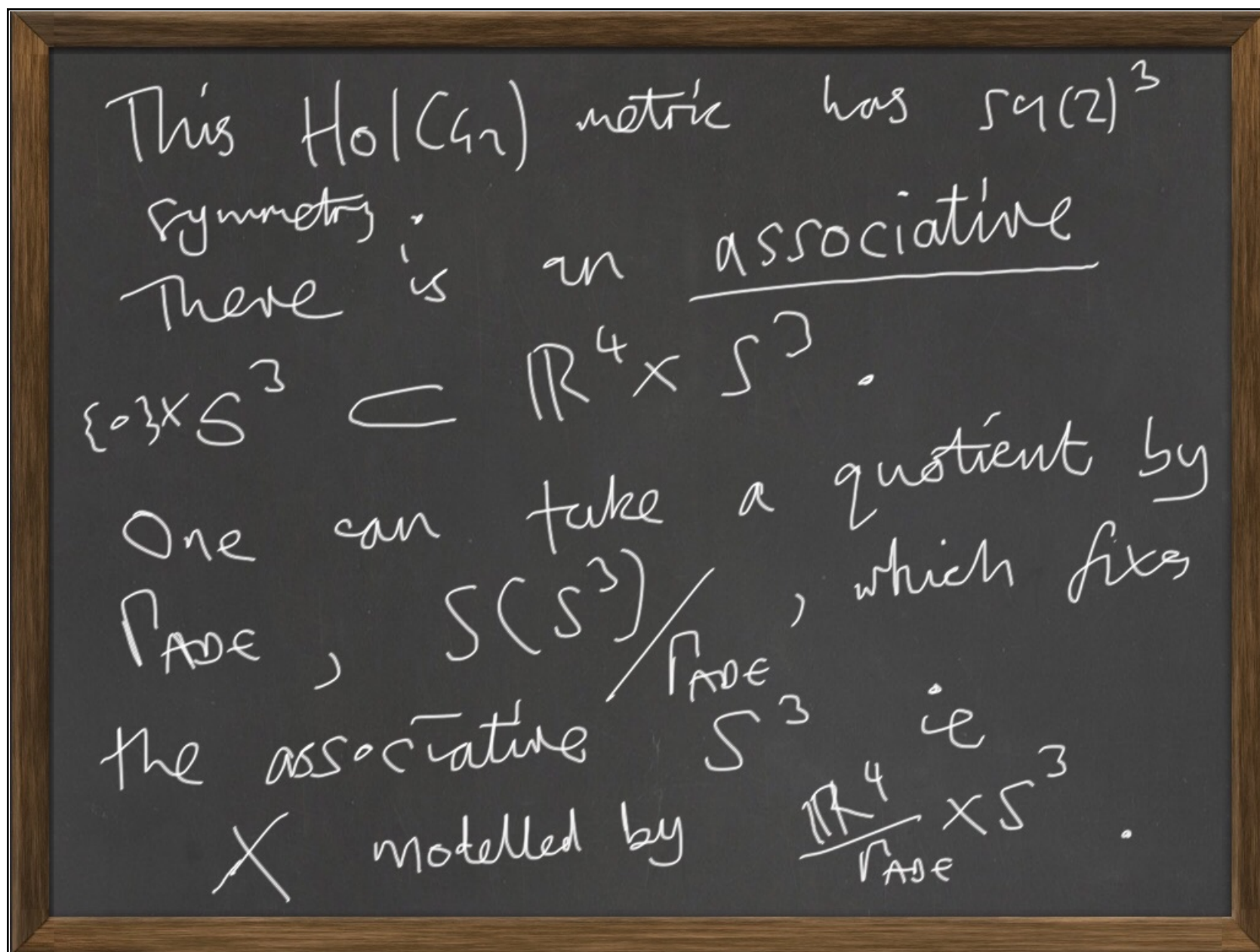
$$g_I = e^{i\Phi_I} \quad (e^{i\int \omega_I})$$

Non-Abelian symmetry in M-theory
on G_2 -manifolds X .

One can consider codim 4
 singularities in X .

These are supported on 3d subspaces
 $Q \subset X$.

Nice local model: Bryant-Salamon
 metric on $S(S^3) \cong \mathbb{R}^4 \times S^3$



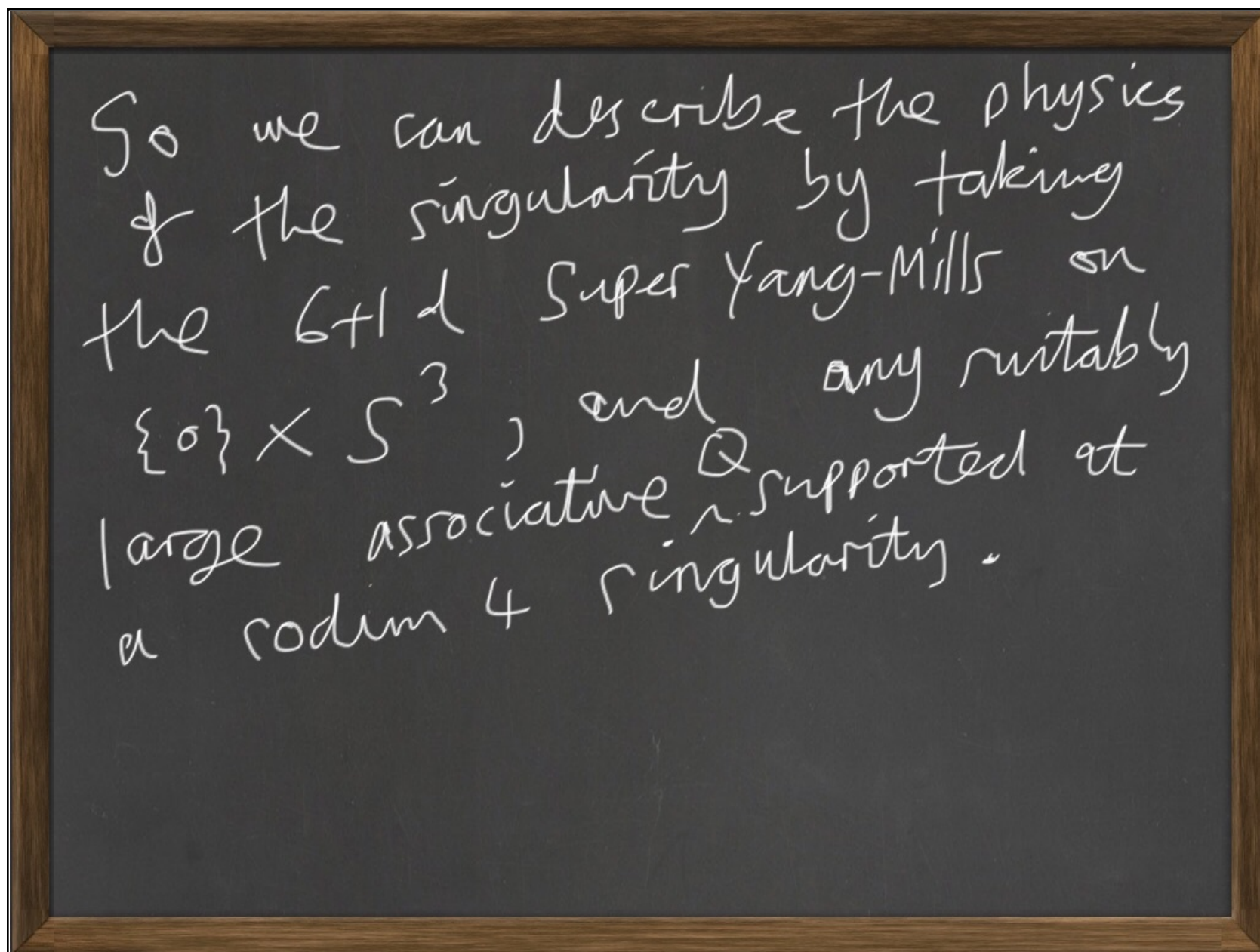
The volume of the associative S^3 is a free parameter.

In the large volume limit, the manifold gets flatter and flatter and looks more and more like $\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{R}^3$ locally.

$$\text{Vol}(S^3) \sim \frac{1}{g^2}$$

charge or gauge coupling \rightarrow

ie weak coupling limit in gauge theory!



Expanding in "harmonics",
 keeping only zero modes and
 integrating over Q , we find that:
 low energy physics of a
 codim 4 ADE singularity on Q
 is given by
 3+1 d Super Yang-Mills theory
 plus $b_1(Q)$ "chiral" multiplets on
 $(\Omega^0(\text{Lie}(ADE)), S^+(\text{Lie}(ADE)))$

Actually, precise statement is
chiral multiplets are the
moduli space of complex
flat $AD\epsilon_c$ connections on \mathbb{Q} .

Essentially, when we consider the 6+1 d Super Yang-Mills theory on $Q \times \mathbb{R}^{3,1} \subset X_7 \times \mathbb{R}^{3,1}$, the three scalars of the 6+1 d theory in flat spacetime, Φ_I , become components of a 1-form, $\underline{\Phi}$ on Q . $\underline{\Phi} \in \mathcal{R}'(Q, \text{Lie}(ADE))$

The components of the gauge field A on \mathcal{Q} then combine with Φ to give a complex ADE connection

$$\mathcal{A}_\sigma = A + i\Phi$$

The "BPS" or supersymmetry condition then assert that $F_{\mathcal{A}_\sigma}$ is flat and $d_A \Phi = 0$

i.e., stable, complex, flat connection

One expects to find situations in which there is a coassociative fibration over Q , where the fibres are diffeomorphic to the $\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}_{\Gamma_{ADE}}$.

(cf S. Donaldson)

If we assume the generic fiber is smooth, then we have a $U(1)^{\text{rk}(ADE)}$ gauge theory on Q .

There are $\text{rk}(ADE)$ complex
gauge fields A_α which are
essentially the integrals of the
complexified 3-form $C_3 + i\varphi$
over the 2-cycles in $\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}/\Gamma_{ADE}$

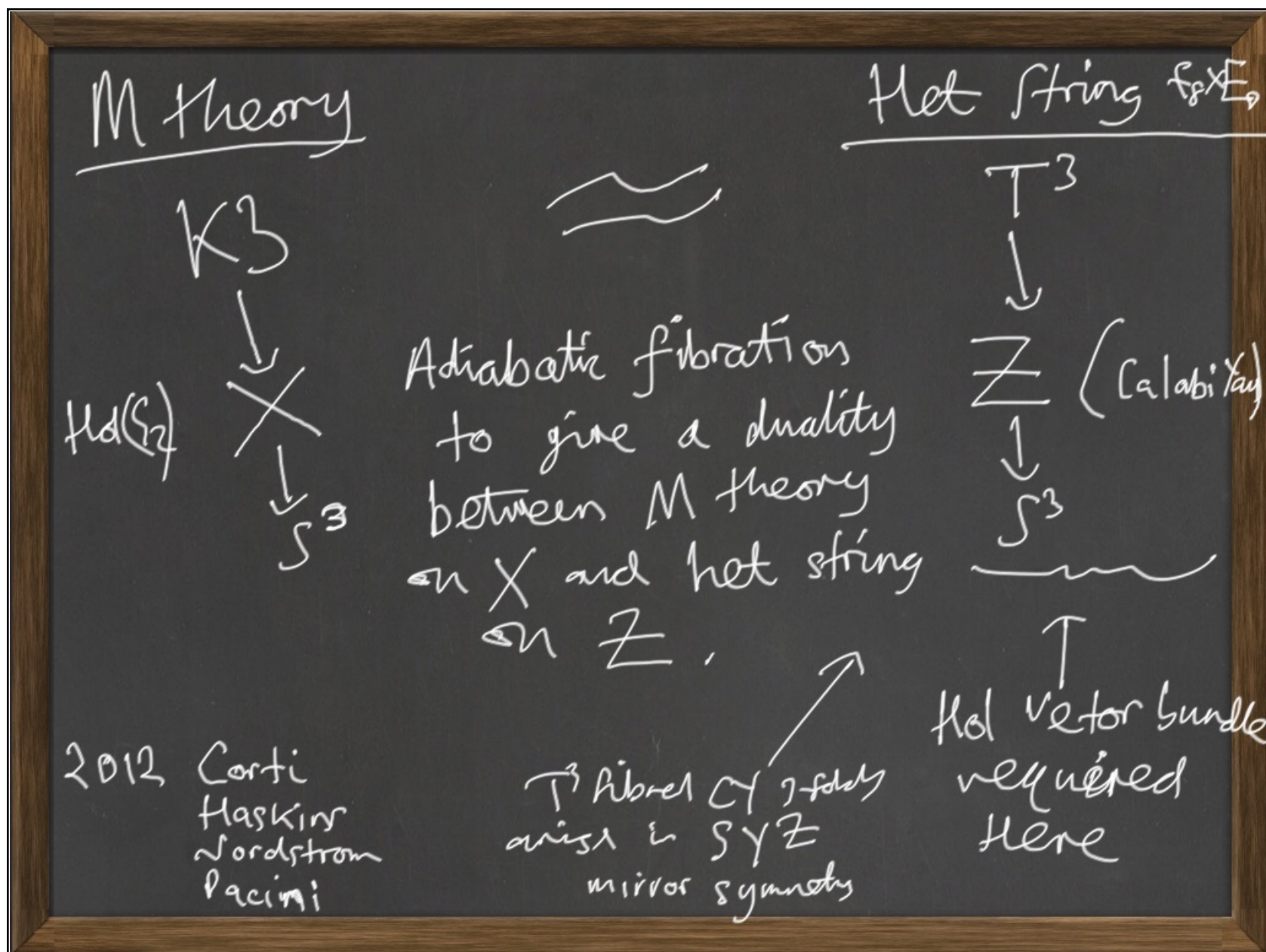
$$A_\alpha \sim \int_{\Sigma_\alpha} (C_3 + i\varphi)$$

Note that for the Cartan directions in $\text{Lie}(ADE)$, the one form Φ_x is both closed and co-closed and is presumably related to the 1-form discussed by Donaldson recently in "Adiabatic Co-associative Fibrations".

Chiral Fermions from Codim 7 Singularities

- We have seen that a key ingredient of the SM of particles, i.e. non-Abelian gauge fields, reside at codim 4 orbifold singularities.
- The other key ingredients are chiral fermions: fermions whose left and right handed components transform in different complex representations of G_{SM} .
- These have to arise from higher codimension singularities.

- One expects this to be codim 7, because lower codimension singularities will effectively give L and R spinors in the same repⁿ of S_n .
- We will motivate this study via duality with the heterotic string on T^3



Chiral fermions in Het String on \mathbb{Z}

- Data for the background:
 (\mathbb{Z}, g) - Calabi-Yau; $(E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$ $E \times E$ Hol vector bundle
 A - a Hermitian Yang-Mills connection on E with $c_2(E) = c_2(T\mathbb{Z})$.
- Chiral fermions arise from zero modes of the Dirac operator on \mathbb{Z} , coupled to the connection A .

$$\not{D}_A \psi = 0.$$

- We suppose Z is T^3 -fibered over a large S^3 , with small fibres, of length L .
- The Dirac equation on Z will have a contribution from $\not{D}A\psi|_{T^3}$ i.e the Dirac operator on the fibres, coupled to the connection restricted to the fibres.
- We do not have to worry about singular fibres in what follows!

- The restriction of the H/M eqs to the fibers, require the connection A to be flat on each fiber.
- This is expected from our discussion of M on $K3$ vs flat on T^3 .
- If \tilde{A} is a generic flat connection on T^3 , $\not{D}_{\tilde{A}} \psi$ has no zero modes, hence will have eigenvalues of order $1/L$

- But $\frac{1}{L} \gg$ any of the other terms in $\mathcal{D}_A \psi$ on \mathbb{Z} , hence we require zero modes from the $\mathcal{D}_A \psi|_{T^3}$ contribution.
- Zero modes of \mathcal{D}_A on T^3 arise precisely when A has non-Abelian commutant in $E_8 \times E_8$.
- These naturally occur at isolated points on the base S^3 .

So chiral fermions are localised at pts on S^3 above which the T^3 has a connection with "enhanced symmetry".

- In M theory, these are precisely the $K3$ fibers with ADE singularities.

- Lets describe the local models for these codim 7 singularities.

Ex 1: Bryant-Salamon Cone on $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{CP}^3$

$$\frac{\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}}{\mathbb{Z}_2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^+ / \mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{CP}^3 \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^3 / \mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{R}^3$$

$\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{CP}^3$ is a 3d family of "Eguchi-Hanson" 4-mflds. At the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 , the S^2 in $\frac{\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$ collapses so the fiber over this point is singular, $\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\mathbb{Z}_2}$, and the total space has a conical singularity.

$U(1) + 1$ fundamental

Conical, $dr^2 + r^2 g(\mathbb{CP}^3)$

$$\mathbb{C}^4 \cong \underline{\mathbb{H}^1} + \underline{\mathbb{H}^1}$$

2-Hypers

\mathbb{CP}^3

$\frac{\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4}}{\mathbb{Z}_2} \cong$ moduli space
of $N=2$ susy gauge
theory, $U(1)$ and
2 Hypers.

$$\begin{aligned}
 U(1) \quad F &\sim \text{quadratic hol polynomial} \\
 D &\sim \text{real quadratic} \\
 &\text{are moment maps of the} \\
 U(1) &\text{ action on } \mathbb{H} + \mathbb{H} \\
 \mathbb{C}^4 &\begin{cases} F \sim z_1 z_2 - z_3 z_4 \\ D \sim |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - |z_3|^2 - |z_4|^2 \end{cases} \\
 \frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\mathbb{Z}_2} &= \frac{\{F = D = 0\}}{U(1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex2 Conjectural $H_2/(G_2)$ metric on
 $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \text{IWCP}_{N,N+1}^3$:

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_{N+1}} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times \text{IWCP}_{N,N+1}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

↑ fibers are a partial resolution of
 $\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_{N+1}$ along the "N-th node"

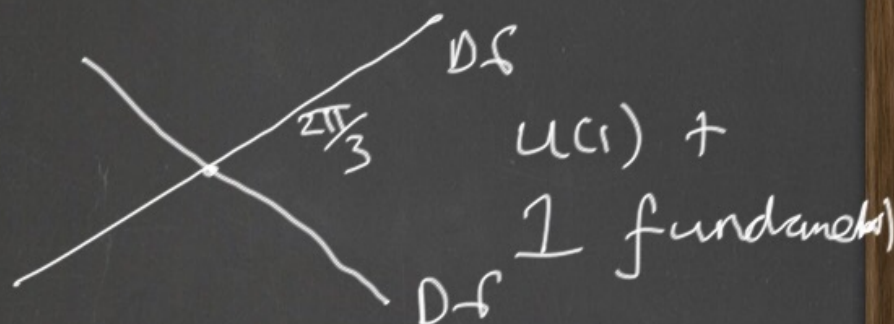
ie each fiber has an $\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_N$ orbifold
singularity and a non-zero 2-sphere. At
the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 the fiber is $\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_{N+1}$.

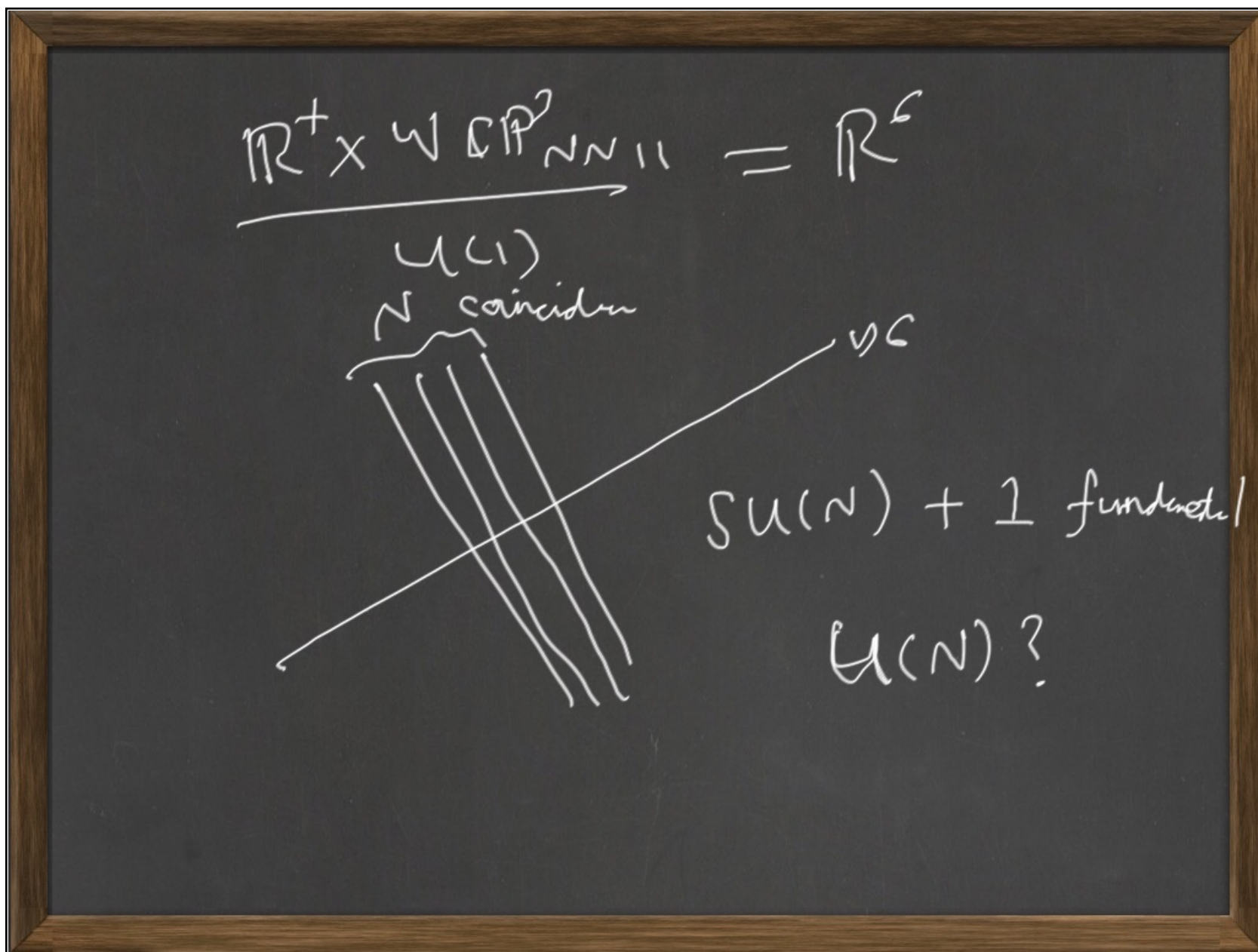
$$\frac{\mathbb{R}^7 \times \mathbb{CP}^3}{U(1)} \cong \mathbb{R}^6$$

Fixed pts of $U(1)$ are 2 \mathbb{R}^3 's
which intersect at $\{0\} \in \mathbb{R}^6$

• $U(1) \cong S^1 = \text{M theory circle}$

IIA picture is





In general, expect $\text{Hol}(S_2)$ metrics on:

1) Start with any flat orbifold

$$\mathbb{R}^4 / \Gamma_{\text{ADE}} \quad \text{with } \text{rk}(\text{ADE}) = k+1$$

2) The nodes on the "boundary" of the ADE Dynkin diagram correspond to 2-spheres in partial resolutions of $\mathbb{R}^4 / \Gamma_{\text{ADE}}$. Each of these nodes breaks ADE to a $\text{rk}(k)$ subgroup

- Each S^2 has three associated moment maps in Kronheimer's construction
- So we get a 3d family of partially resolved ALE spaces

$$\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{\text{rot}}} \longrightarrow \left(\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{\text{ADE}}}, \underline{M} \right) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

where the fibers each have an $\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_G}$ orbifold singularity.

" At the origin, the fiber becomes

$$\frac{\mathbb{R}^4}{\Gamma_{ADE}} \text{ of } \sqrt{k(k+1)}.$$

These 7d spaces are conjectured
to have holonomy G_2 metrics,
(BSA, Witten)

This establishes the picture of

- non-Abelian gauge symmetry
- chiral fermions

in M theory on G_2 .

Next; Yukawa couplings

A hand-drawn diagram on a black background showing a graph structure. A red line forms a cycle, labeled "3-cycle" with an arrow pointing to it. The cycle is composed of several segments, some solid and some dashed. The segments are labeled with numbers: "10", "5", and "10". The diagram also includes other dashed lines and a label $\mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_5$ in the bottom right corner.

→ gives a M2-brane instanton $S^4(S)$

generates a 5-10-10 Yukawa
 $y_{5,10,10} \sim e^{-V_{01}(E_3)}$

So all Yukawas have

$$|y| \sim e^{-\text{Vol}(\Sigma_3)}$$

for some Σ_3 .

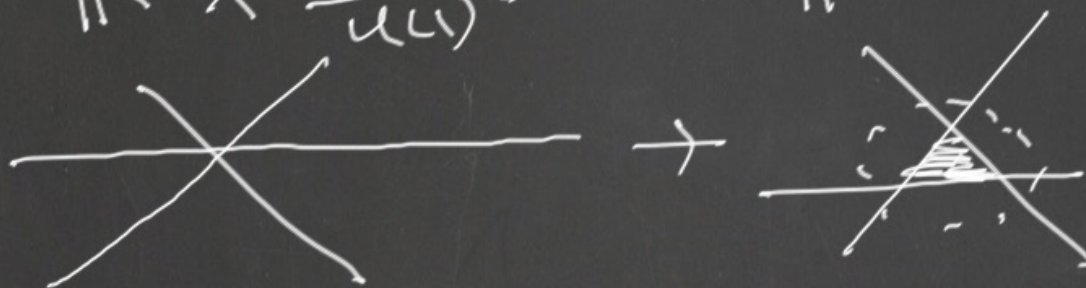
So, in M theory, Yukawas are naturally, exponentially hierarchical.

What about Y_{top} ?

Need $\text{Vol}(\Sigma_3) \sim O(1)$

ie 5, 10, 10 must be close together, or $\text{Vol}(\Sigma_3) \rightarrow 0$.

Ex $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \frac{\text{SU}(3)}{\text{U}(1)^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^6$



So, we have seen in both
heterotic and M theory
that

- non-Abelian gauge symmetry
- chiral fermions
- hierarchical Yukawas

arise naturally,

Seems to be a generic prediction
of string/M compactified to 3+1d!

