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# Introduction to String Compactifications

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- **Cosmology**: PLANCK, South Pole Telescope, FAST ...

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⇒ **String Compactification**

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## Properties of Superstring

- Include Fermion
- Spacetime dimension  $D = 10$
- To remove tachyon, one need GSO-projection  $\Rightarrow$  **SUSY**

# Worldsheet action

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- Poincare invariant:  $X'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu X^\nu + a^\mu$
- World sheet reparameterization invariant:  $X'^\mu(\tau', \sigma') = X^\mu(\tau, \sigma)$  with word sheet metric  $h_{ab} = \frac{\partial \tau'^d}{\partial \tau^a} \frac{\partial \sigma'^c}{\partial \sigma^b} h'_{cd}$
- Weyl Invariance in 2D:  $X'^\mu(\tau, \sigma) = X^\mu(\tau, \sigma)$  with  $h'_{ab} = e^{2\omega} h_{cd} \Rightarrow (\tau, \sigma) \rightarrow (z, \bar{z}) \Rightarrow$  CFT with  $X(z, \bar{z})$
- 26 scalars  $X^\mu$  cancels the conformal anomaly  $\Rightarrow D = 26$

# Quantization I-Boundary Condition

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## General boundary condition

- Neumann:  $\partial X^r|_{\sigma=0,2\pi} = 0$  for  $r = 0, \dots, p$
- Dirichlet:  $\delta X^s|_{\sigma=0,2\pi} = 0$  for  $s = p+1, \dots, 9$
- Ramond:  $\psi^{\mu}(\sigma + 2\pi) = +\psi^{\mu}(\sigma)$
- Neveu-Schwarz:  $\psi^{\mu}(\sigma + 2\pi) = -\psi^{\mu}(\sigma)$

Diff b.c  $\Leftrightarrow$  Diff modes expansion. ( $z = e^{\tau+i\sigma}$ )

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- Ramond:  $\psi_L^{\mu}(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} d_n^{\mu} z^{-n-\frac{1}{2}}$
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## Spectrum

- Dynamical degrees of freedom  $\Rightarrow$  8 transverse directions  $\mu = 2, \dots, 9$   
Light-cone gauge
- NS ground state is tachyonic, R ground state is degenerate  $\Rightarrow$   
GSO-projection
- **GSO-Projection: Consistent with Modular Invariant** of Scattering Amplitude, Superconformal **anomaly free** in critical dimension **10D**

# 10D Type II Spectrum

Gluing left-moves and right-moves together: R-R, R-NS, NS-R, NS-NS sectors

NS-NS	$\tilde{b}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^\mu  0\rangle_{NS} \otimes b_{-\frac{1}{2}}^\nu  0\rangle_{NS}$ $8_v \otimes 8_v$	dilaton $\phi$ , B-field $B_{\mu\nu}$ , Graviton $g_{\mu\nu}$ $1 + 28 + 35$
R-R	$ a\rangle \otimes  b\rangle$	IIB: $C_0, C_2, C_4$
	$8_s \otimes 8_s$	$1 + 28 + 35_+$ $C_4$ self-dual
	$ a\rangle \otimes  \dot{a}\rangle$	IIA: $C_1, C_3$
	$8_s \otimes 8_c$	$8 + 56$
NS-R	$\tilde{b}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^\mu  0\rangle_{NS} \otimes  a\rangle$ $8_v \otimes 8_s$	dilatino, gravitino $8 + 56$

# 10D Type IIB Effective Action

In Einstein frame ( $g_{\mu\nu}^E = e^{-\phi/2} g_{\mu\nu}^s$ )

$$\begin{aligned} S_{IIB}^{(10D)} &= - \int \left( \frac{1}{2} R * 1 + \frac{1}{4} d\phi \wedge *d\phi + \frac{1}{4} e^{-\phi} H_3 \wedge *H_3 \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \int \left( e^{2\phi} dC_0 \wedge *dC_0 + e^\phi F_3 \wedge *F_3 + \frac{1}{2} F_5 \wedge *F_5 \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \int C_4 \wedge H_3 \wedge F_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_3 = d\hat{B}_2, \quad F_3 = dC_2 - C_0 dB_2$$

$$F_5 = dC_4 - \frac{1}{2} dB_2 \wedge C_2 + \frac{1}{2} B_2 \wedge dC_2.$$

where the self-dual condition  $*F_5 = F_5$  is imposed at EOM level.

# Five perturbative Superstring Theory

	SUSY	# of Real Supercharge
Heterotic $SO(32)$	$\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY in 10D	16
Heterotic $E_8 \times E_8$	$\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY in 10D	16
Type I string	$\mathcal{N} = 1$ SUSY in 10D	16
Type IIA / <b>IIB</b>	$\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY in 10D	32

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# Two Aspects of String Phenomenology

Two longstanding problems of realistic string model building

- **Global Issues:** Complete compact Calabi-Yau compactification with, moduli stabilization, tadpole cancellation and Freed-Witten anomaly cancellation, SUSY breaking, realizing dS solution and cosmology ...
- **Local Issues:** Local sets of lower dimensional D-branes, which are localised in some area of the Calabi-Yau and reproduce chiral spectrum, tree-level Yukawa couplings, gauge couplings ...

However, it is fair to say that models developed so far are still far from being realistic.

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- Neveu-Schwarz flux:  $H_3 = dB_2, dH_3 = 0.$
- Ramond flux:  $F_{p+1} = dC_p, dF_{p+1} = 0.$
- Metric flux:  $F_{ij}{}^k$  from T-dual of  $H_{ijk}$ .
- Non-geometric flux: T-duality with Buscher rules.

$$H_{ijk} \xleftarrow{T_k} F_{ij}{}^k \xleftrightarrow{T_j} Q_i{}^{jk} \xleftarrow{T_i} R^{ijk} .$$

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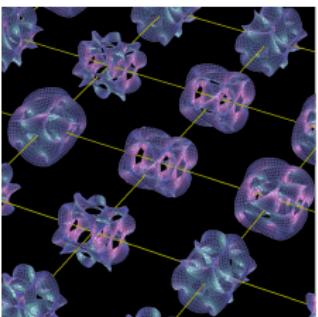
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4. Based on some concrete model study the particle phenomenology and cosmology

# Flux Compactification III

Four dimensional  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supersymmetry flux compactification:

- Het string on  $CY_3$
  - Type IIA/B on  $CY_3$  with orientifold (include Type I  $\cong$  Type IIB orientifold with  $O9$ -plane) ✓
  - F-theory on  $CY_4$
  - M-theory on  $CY_3 \times S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  or on  $\mathcal{M}^7$  with  $G_2$  holonomy
- ⇒ **Calabi-Yau** threefold  $CY_3$  or fourfold  $CY_4$ .



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[Calabi-Yau n-folds](#) is a complex n-dimentional compacted Kahler Manifold satisfied:

- Its first chern class vanish, i.e  $c_1(M) = 0 \in H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ .
  - The normal bundle  $K_M = \wedge^n T^*(1, 0)(M)$  is trivial since  $c_1(K_M) = -c_1(M)$
  - There exist a unique nowhere vanishing holomorphic n-form,  $\Omega_n \in \Omega^{n,0}(M)$ ,  $d\Omega_n = 0$
  - The Ricci tensor vanish, i.e.  $R_{mn} = 0$
  - The holonomy group of M is  $SU(n)$

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$$\begin{aligned} < \delta_\epsilon \text{Fermion} > &= < \nabla_M \epsilon > + < \dots, \text{Bosonic}, H_3, \dots > = 0. \\ < \nabla_M \epsilon > &\equiv \bar{\nabla}_M \epsilon = 0 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Global well defined Killing spinor, s.t.  $\bar{\nabla}_M \epsilon = 0$

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- If  $\eta$  is irreducible on  $X$ , **define** (1,1)-form  $J$  and (3,0)-form  $\Omega$  through  $\eta$ :

$$\eta_\pm^\dagger \gamma^{mn} \eta_\pm = \pm \frac{i}{2} J^{mn}, \quad \eta_-^\dagger \gamma^{mnp} \eta_+ = \frac{i}{2} \Omega^{mnp}, \quad \eta_+^\dagger \gamma^{mnp} \eta_- = \pm \frac{i}{2} \bar{\Omega}^{mnp},$$

$\Rightarrow dJ = 0, d\Omega = 0 \Rightarrow J$  is Kähler form and  $X$  is **Calabi-Yau threefold**

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Similarly

- Compactified with holonomy  $SU(2)$ ,  
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- Compactified on torus  $T^6 \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4$  in 4D
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  - Complex and dilaton moduli can be stabilized by background fluxes at **tree level**. Gukov/Vafa/Witten
  - Kähler moduli can be stabilized by **quantum correction (KKLT, Large Volume scenario)**. Kachru/Kallosh/Linde/Trivedi,

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R-R, two dilatino, two gravitino combined to one dilatino and one gravitino, provide  $56 + 8 = 64$  fermion d.o.f.  $\phi, g_{\mu\nu}$  provide  $35 + 1$  Bose d.o.f  $\Rightarrow C_2$  left, 28 d.o.f

# Orientifold III

Four dimensional orientifold invariant closed string fields.

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$C_4$	-	-	+

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$\tilde{D}^\alpha$  and  $\tilde{D}^a$  is a basis of  $H_+^{2,2}(X)$  and  $H_-^{2,2}(X)$ .

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# Closed Spectrum of Type IIB on $CY_3/\sigma$

chiral multiplets	$h_-^{2,1}$ $h_+^{1,1}$ $h_-^{1,1}$ 1	$\bar{U}^{\tilde{a}}$ $(t^\alpha, \rho_\alpha)$ $(b^a, c^a)$ $(\phi, C_0)$
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$\mathcal{N} = 1$  massless bosonic spectrum of Type IIB Calabi Yau orientifold with  $O3/O7$ –plane.

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**Supergravity form:** Kähler potential  $K$ , Holomorphic superpotential  $W$ , holomorphic gauge-kinetic coupling function  $f$ .

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with the tree-level superpotential, [Gukov](#), [Vafa](#), [Witten](#) . . .

$$W = \int_X G_3 \wedge \Omega_3.$$

- $K^{I\bar{J}}$  is the inverse of Kähler metric  $K_{I\bar{J}} = \partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$ ,
- Covariant derivative  $D_I W = \partial_I W + W \partial_I K$ .
- $D_a = [K_I + \frac{W_I}{W}] (T_a)_{IJ} \Phi_J$  with  $T_a$  here the gauge generator.

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To leading order, the low-energy tree-level Kähler potential is:

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Complex structure deformations do not mix with the other scalars

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- Freed-Witten anomaly:  $c_1(L) - i^* B + \frac{1}{2} c_1(K_{D_a}) \in H^2(D_a, \mathbb{Z})$   
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Scenario (LVS). Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, Becker, Becker, Haack, Louis, Balasubramanian, Berglund, Conlon, Quevedo

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## Quantum Correction II

NOT all D-brane instanton and gaugino condensation can contribute superpotential. (**Zero modes**)

- The instanton must have exact **two** zero modes ( **$O(1)$ -instanton**).  
Mathematically, the divisor  $D_a$  wrapped by the D-brane should be rigid.
  - **Necessary condition:**  $1 = \chi_0(D_a) := \sum_{p=0}^3 (-1)^p h^{p,0}(D_a)$
  - **Sufficient condition:**  $h^{0,0}(D_a) = 1, h^{0,p}(D_a) = 0 \quad p \geq 1$
- The same condition for gaugino condensation

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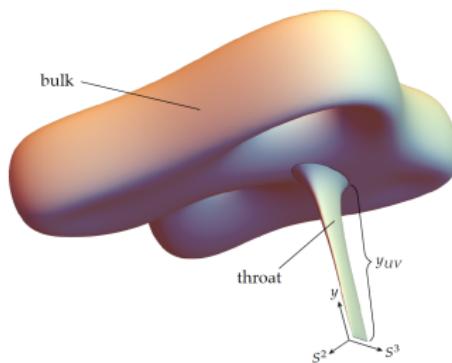
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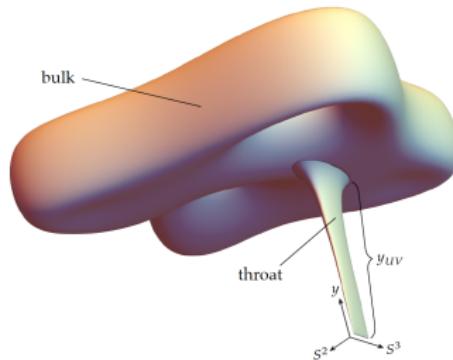
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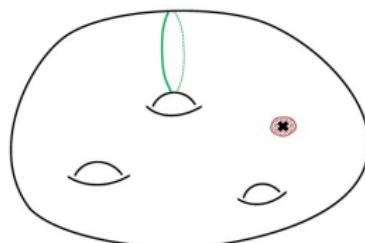
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Non-perturbative effects (**E3-instanton (E3 on 4-cycle  $\Sigma$ )/gaugino condensation (D7)**) stabilize the Kähler moduli  $T$ , leading to an AdS minimum  $V_{AdS}$ .

$$K = -3 \ln(T + \bar{T}), \quad W = W_0 + e^{-T}$$

$$V = e^K (K^{T\bar{T}} |\partial_T + K_T W|^2 - 3|W|^2)$$

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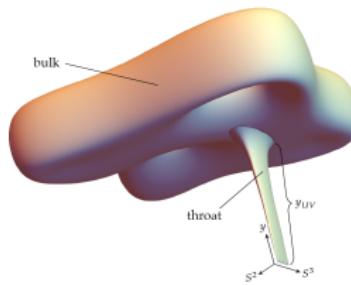


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Uplift to dS by placing **D3** in the throat tip, contribute  $V_{\text{uplift}} \sim e^{-K/g_s M}$ .

Meta-stable if uplift energy is not too large:

$$V_{\text{uplift}} \sim |V_{AdS}| \Rightarrow \text{Re}(T) \sim \frac{N}{g_s M^2}$$



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- $e^K \sim 1/\mathcal{V}^2$ , in large volume limit, the expansion of  $\alpha'$  is equivalent to large volume expansion, i.e.  $\delta V_{\alpha'} \sim \delta V_{\text{np}}$ ,  $\alpha'^3 \sim \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}^3}$ .

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- $D_\tau W = D_U W = 0 \Rightarrow \tau$  and  $U$  stabilised at  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}^2})$
- $0.1 \leq |W_0| \leq 100$  in general parameter space
- $C \sim \alpha'^3$ . If  $C > 0$ , the minimal condition for the second term:

$$\mathcal{V} \sim e^{a\tau_i} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau_i \geq 1$$

- We get the AdS minimal and uplift it in the same way as KKLT.

# Moduli Inflations

Requirements and subsequent attempts for a (semi)realistic inflationary model in string theoretic framework

- Moduli stabilization (and  $AdS$  to  $dS$  uplifting)
- Looking for available flat-directions
- UV sensitivity:  $\eta$  problem (protecting flatness against higher order operators)
- Consistent realization of cosmological observables from the point of view of present/future experimental constraints;
  - No. of e-foldings,  $N_e \sim \mathcal{O}(60)$
  - Almost scale invariant power spectrum,  $n_s \sim 1$
  - Signatures of non-Gaussianities,  $f_{NL\,local}$
  - tensor-to-scalar ratio,  $r$

# Outlook

- There are many things we didn't mention. Some of them are crucial.
- Particle Physics from intersection D-branes is not discussed here.
- Here it is the starting point to study string cosmology in Type IIB framework. How about other string theory?
- Non-geometric flux case?
- More mathematical issues.
- ...

*Thanks for your attention!*