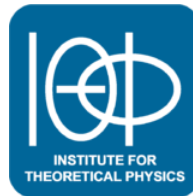


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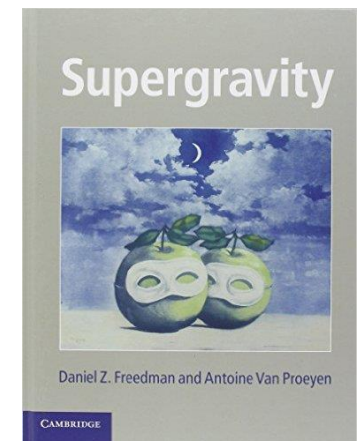
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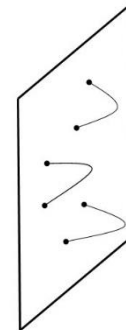
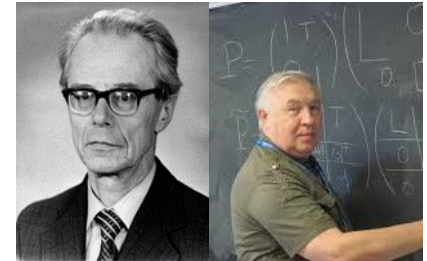
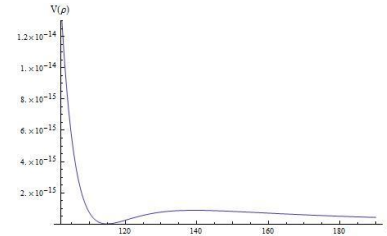
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“Supergravity, together with string theory, is one of the most significant developments in theoretical physics.”



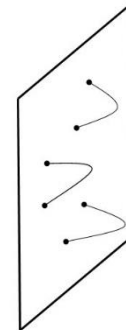
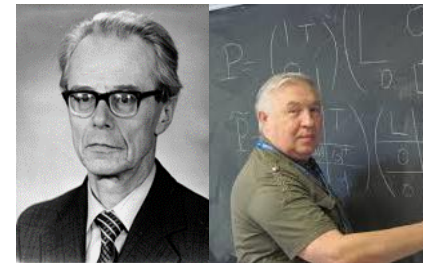
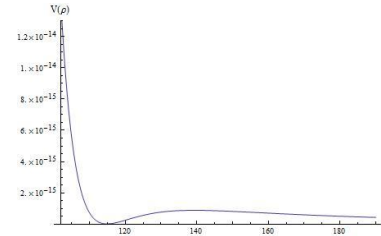
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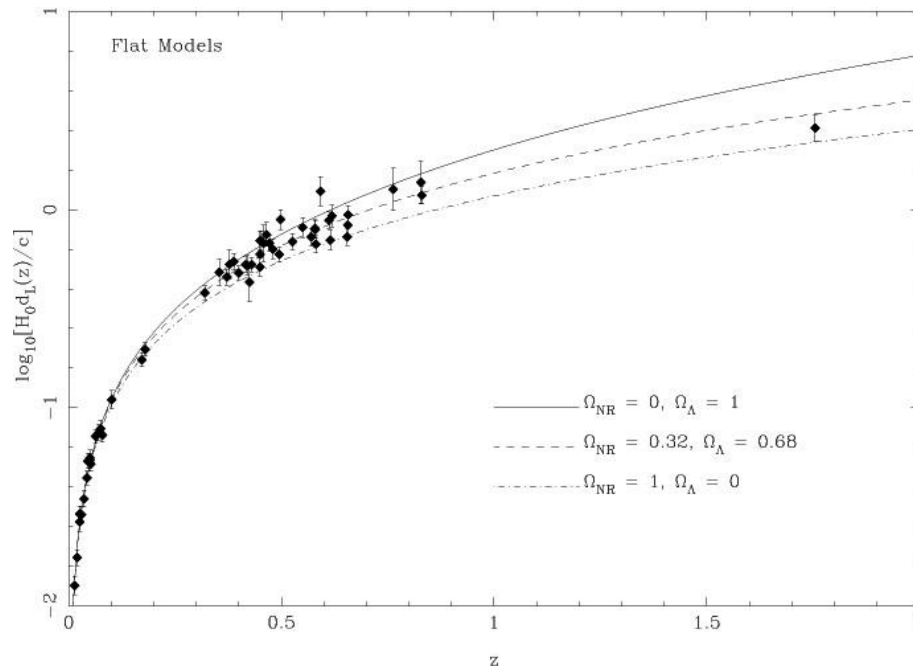
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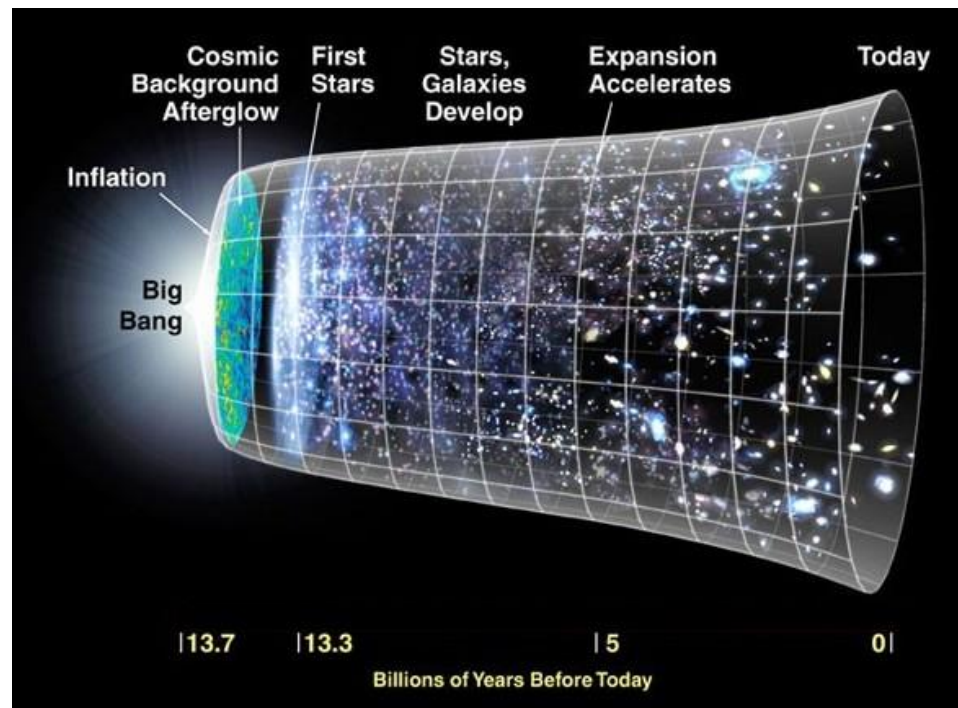
Accelerated expansion of our universe

In 1998 the **Supernova Cosmology Project** and the **High-Z Supernova Search Team** observed type Ia supernovae and found evidence for an accelerated expansion of our universe



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This discovery led to the 2011 Nobel Prize for Saul Perlmutter, Adam Riess and Brian Schmidt and the following picture of our universe



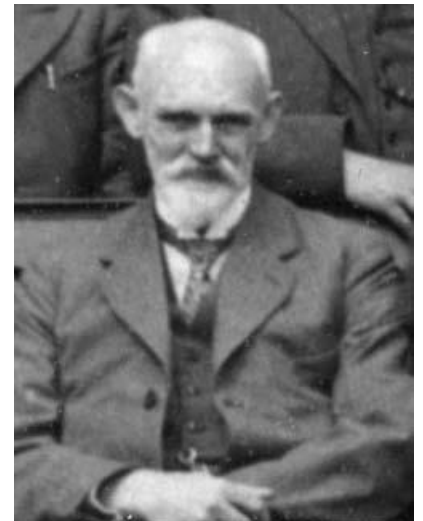
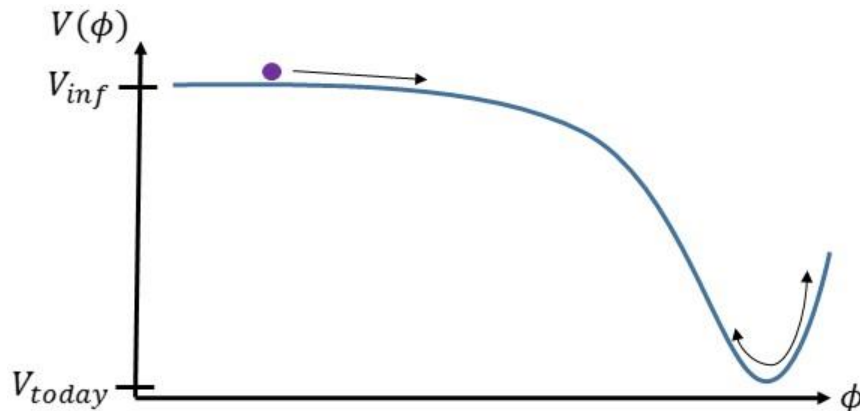
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The tremendous amount observational progress in the last decade has led to very stringent bounds. Combining results from the Planck Satellite with other astrophysical data leads to

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$$w = -1.006 \pm .045$$

dS vacua / Λ : $w = -1$



dS vacua in string theory

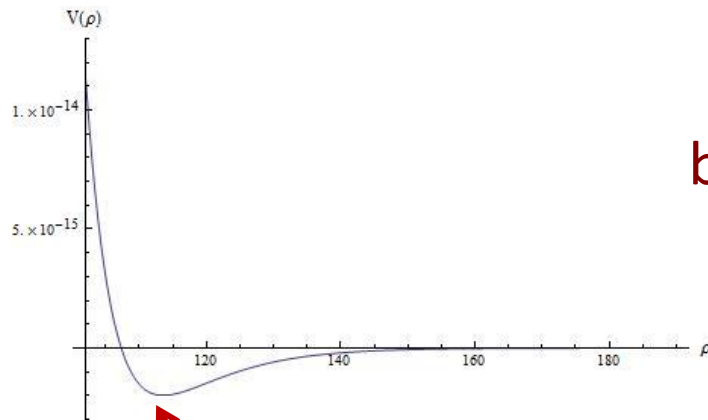
- The first dS vacua in string theory were constructed over a decade ago

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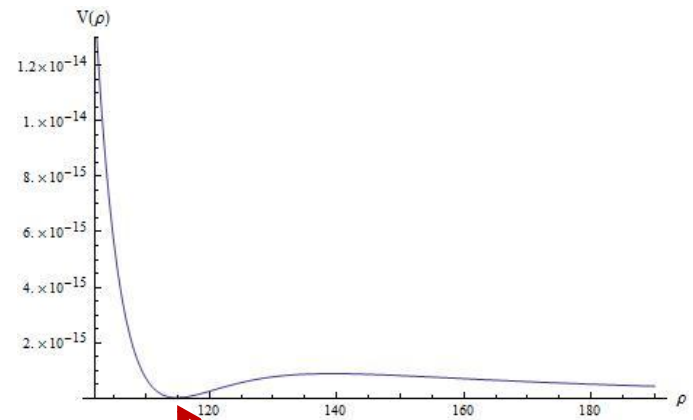
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- They were obtained via a two step procedure:



AdS vacuum

Adding an
anti-D3-
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dS vacuum

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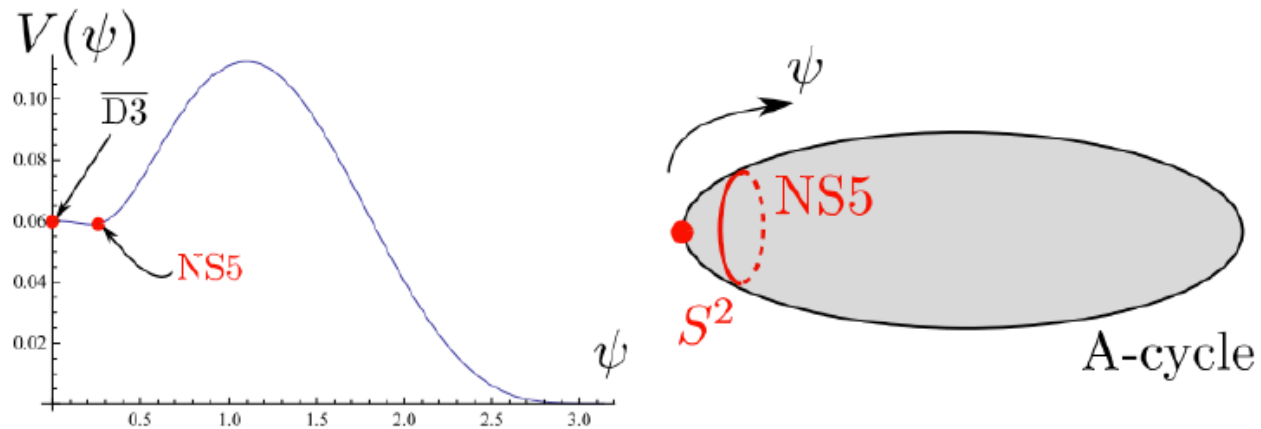
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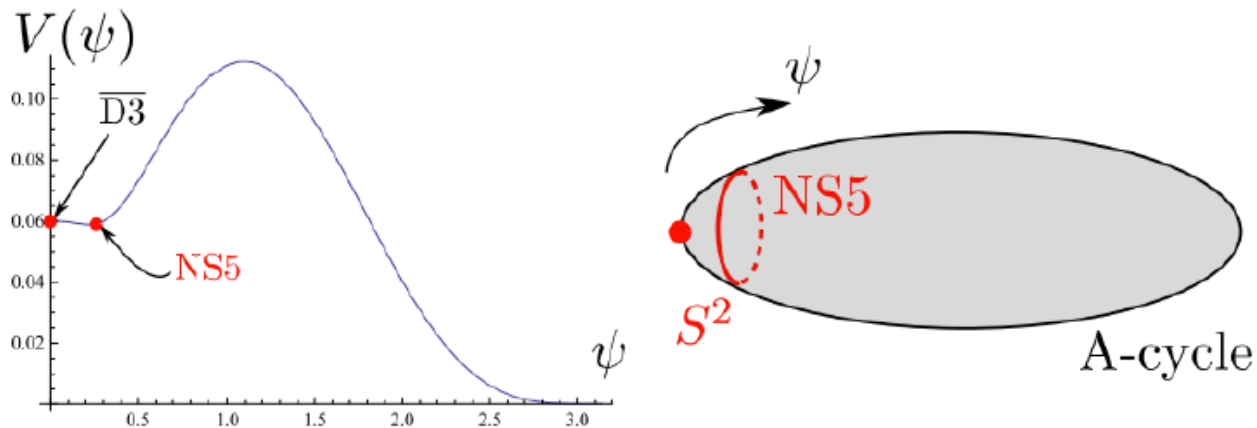
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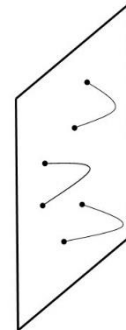
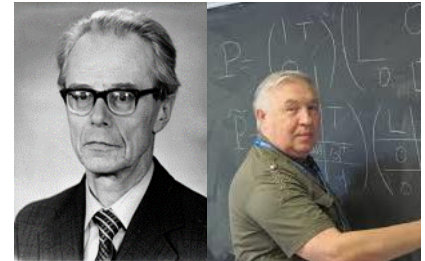
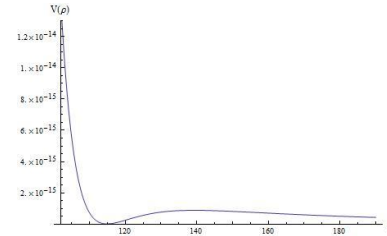
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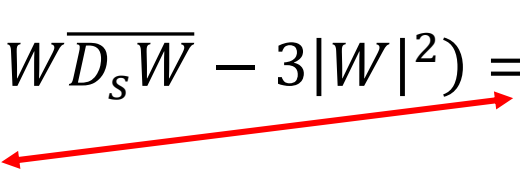
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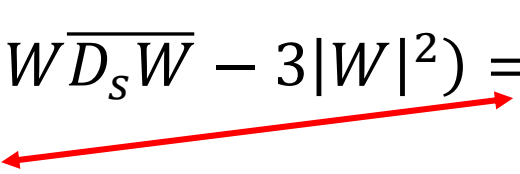
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- χ is the Goldstino and gets eaten by the gravitino

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- The fermionic part of the action is pretty complicated
- Constrained multiplets in local supersymmetry are different from global supersymmetry \Rightarrow lots of checks needed

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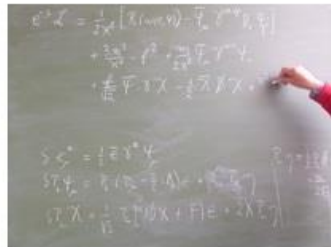
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Pure de Sitter supergravity

Circumventing a no-go theorem established in 1977 by nonlinearly realized supersymmetry, the authors construct for the first time a pure (without additional fields) $N = 1$ supergravity with positive cosmological constant. Besides the theoretical achievement, given the observational evidence for an accelerating universe, a simple version of de Sitter supergravity is of broad interest.

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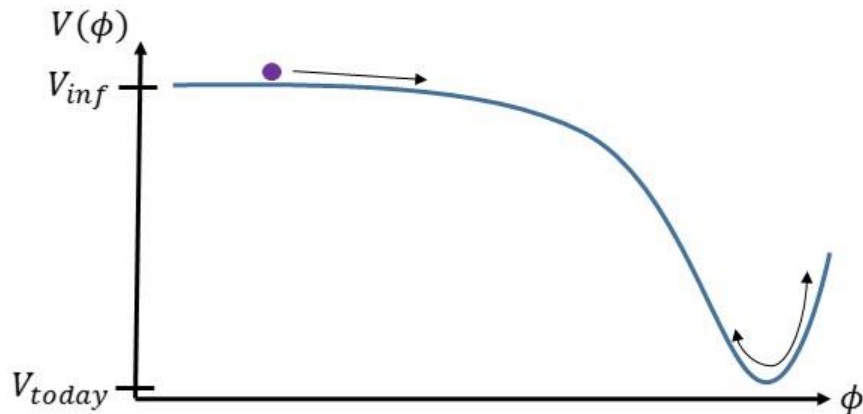
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- Very interesting possibilities for cosmological model building in supergravity, i.e. inflation and dS vacua



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Kallosch, Linde, TW 1602.07818

$$K = k(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + s \bar{s} + \sum U^i \bar{U}^i$$

$$W = g(\Phi) + s f(\Phi) + A_{ij} U^i U^j + B_{ijk}(s, \Phi) U^i U^j U^k + \dots$$

- There is a critical point at $U^i = 0$
- At this point the matter sector does not affect the inflationary sector at all
- All matter fields have a positive mass**, if $\partial_\Phi k = 0$ during

inflation: $\mu_i^2 = V + \frac{3}{4} |g(\Phi)|^2 + \left| \lambda_i \pm \frac{1}{2} g(\Phi) \right|^2 > 0$

Eigenvalues of A_{ij}

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- This nilpotent superfield also arises in string theory for example from anti-D3-branes in KKLT

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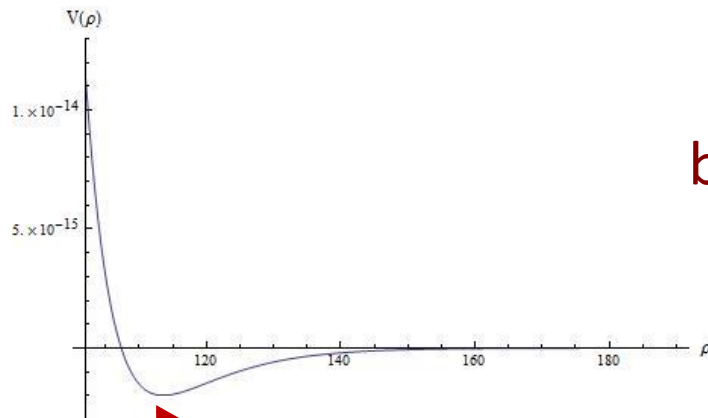
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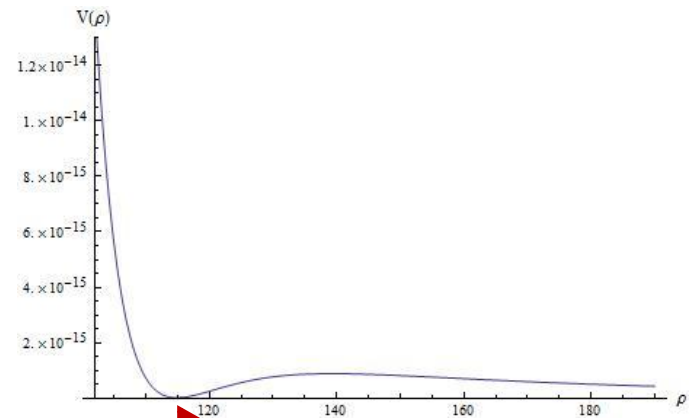
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dS vacua construction are often a two step procedure:



AdS vacuum

Adding an
anti-D3-
brane “uplift”



dS vacuum

dS vacua in string theory

- The uplifting term *seems* to explicitly break supersymmetry the 4D $N = 1$ SUSY:

$$V = e^K \left(K^{T\bar{T}} D_T W \overline{D_{\bar{T}} W} - 3|W|^2 \right) + \frac{\mu^4}{(T + \bar{T})^2}$$

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- How do we package the **uplift term** into K and W or a D-term?

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- A very interesting observation

Ferrara, Kallosh, Linde 1408.4096

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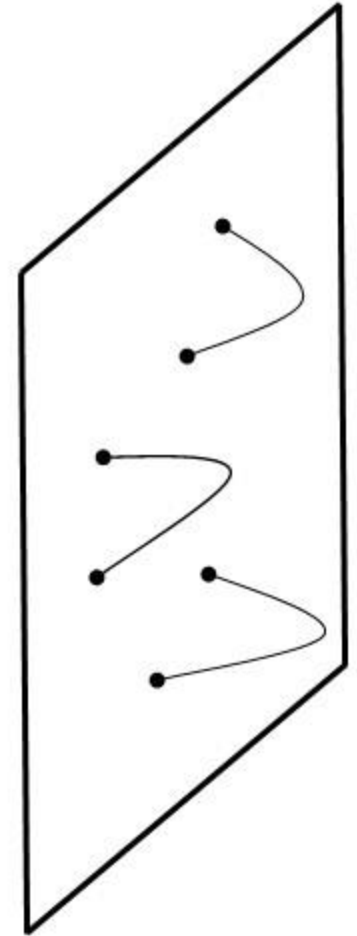
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- The second term is exactly what is expected for an **anti-D3-brane uplift!**
- Seems to hint at a **connection to D-branes**

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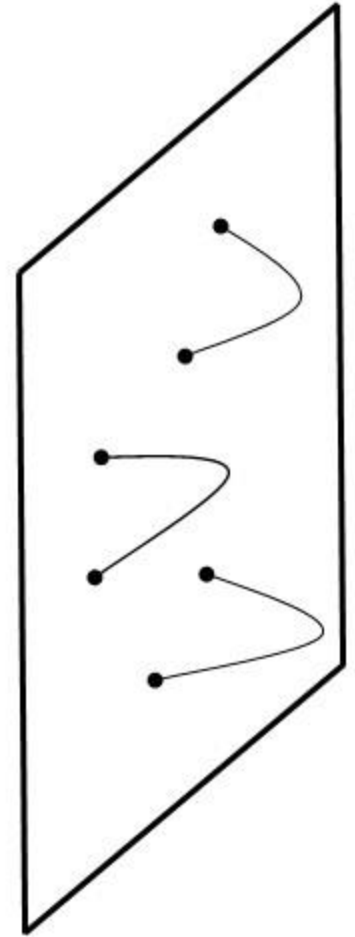
- The bosonic worldvolume fields are a **vector** A_μ and transverse **scalars** ϕ^i
- The fermionic degrees of freedoms are packaged into two 10d Majorana-Weyl **spinors** θ^1, θ^2
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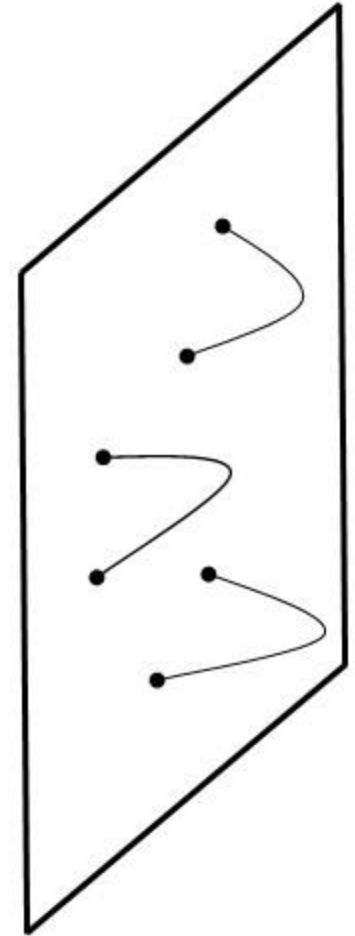
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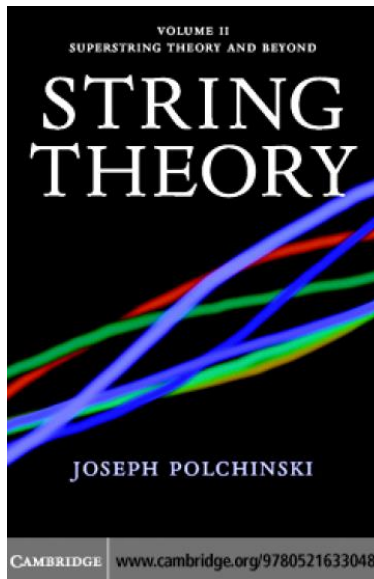
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momentum is measured by the integral of the corresponding current over the world-sheet boundary,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\partial M} ds \partial_n X'^0, \quad (13.2.3)$$

which up to normalization is just the (0 picture) vertex operator for the collective coordinate, with zero momentum in the Neumann directions.

We conclude by analogy that the D-brane also spontaneously breaks 16 of the 32 spacetime supersymmetries, the ones that are explicitly broken by the open string boundary conditions. The integrals

$$\int_{\partial M} ds \mathcal{V}'_\alpha = - \int_{\partial M} ds (\beta^9 \tilde{\mathcal{V}}')_\alpha, \quad (13.2.4)$$

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Aganagic, Popescu, Schwarz hep-th/9610249

$$S_{CS} = 0$$

- Connection to the nilpotent field but no difference between D3 and anti-D3 \leftrightarrow contrary to KKLT construction

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- The (2,1) flux gives a mass to the triplet λ^i

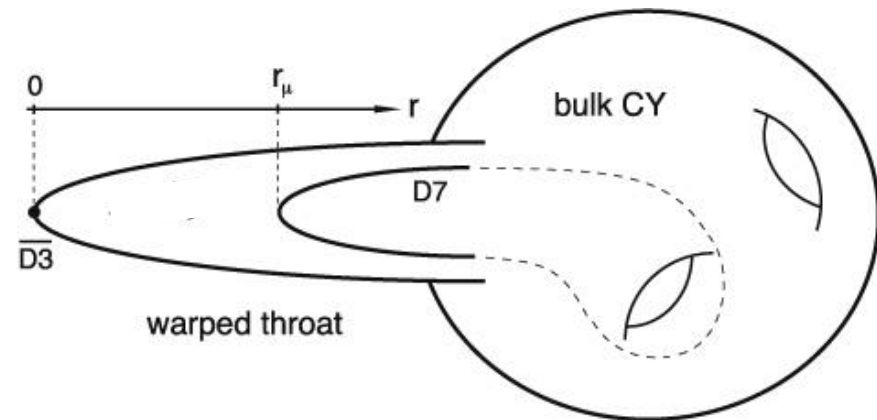
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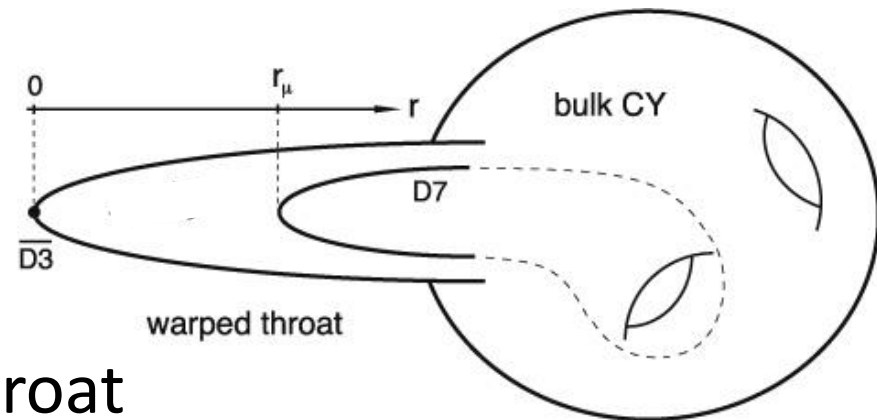
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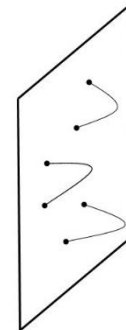
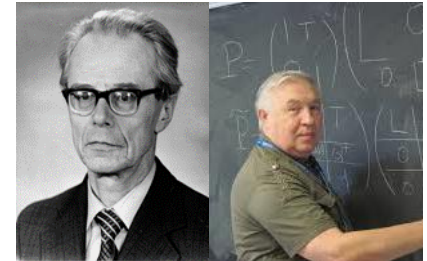
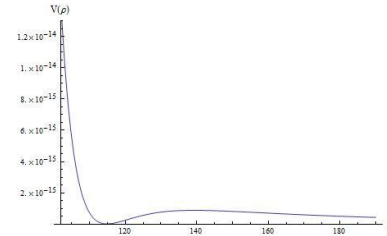
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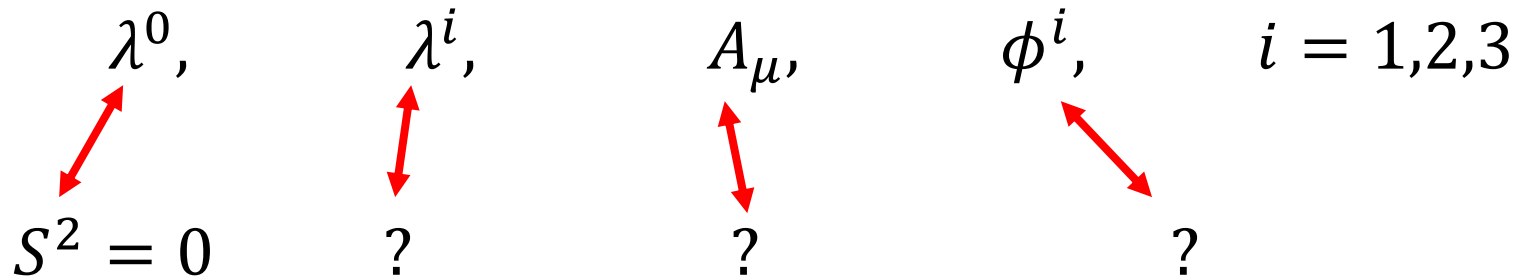
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$$S Y^i = 0, \quad S W_\alpha = 0, \quad S(\Phi - \bar{\Phi}) = 0, \quad \dots$$

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Vercnocke, TW 1605.03961

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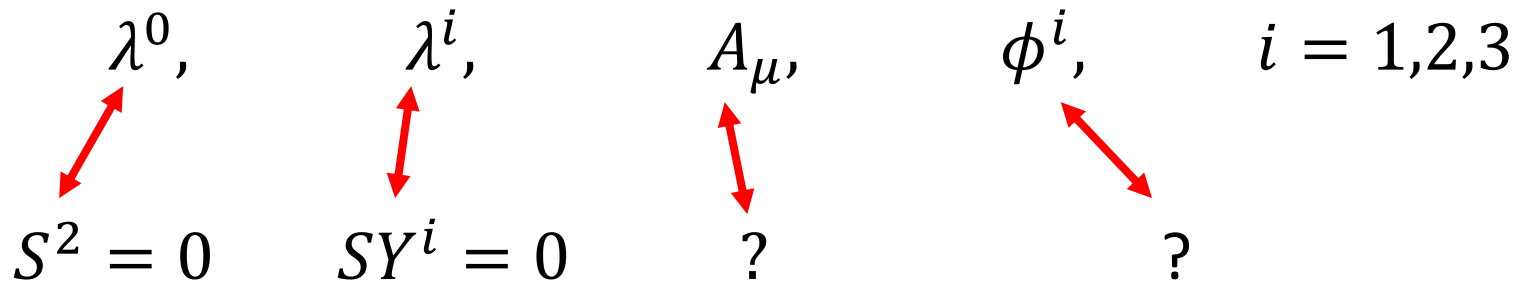
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Cecotti, Ferrara Phys. Lett. B 1987

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Gonzalez-Rey, Park, Rocek hep-th/9811130

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dS vacua in string theory

Side note:

- This anti-D3-brane uplift has been heavily debated in the last several years
 - In the supergravity limit, where one uses many anti-D3-branes ($g_s p \gg 1$) there seem to be issues
 - The case of a single anti-D3-brane works equally well as uplift and seems to be fine
- ⇒ Polchinski 1509.05710 and references therein

dS vacua in string theory

Side note 2:

- We do not need an anti-D3-brane uplift in order to get KKLT and LVS dS vacua
- One simple uplift alternative is a non-zero F^i in the complex structure direction

Silverstein, Saltmann hep-th/0402135

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