

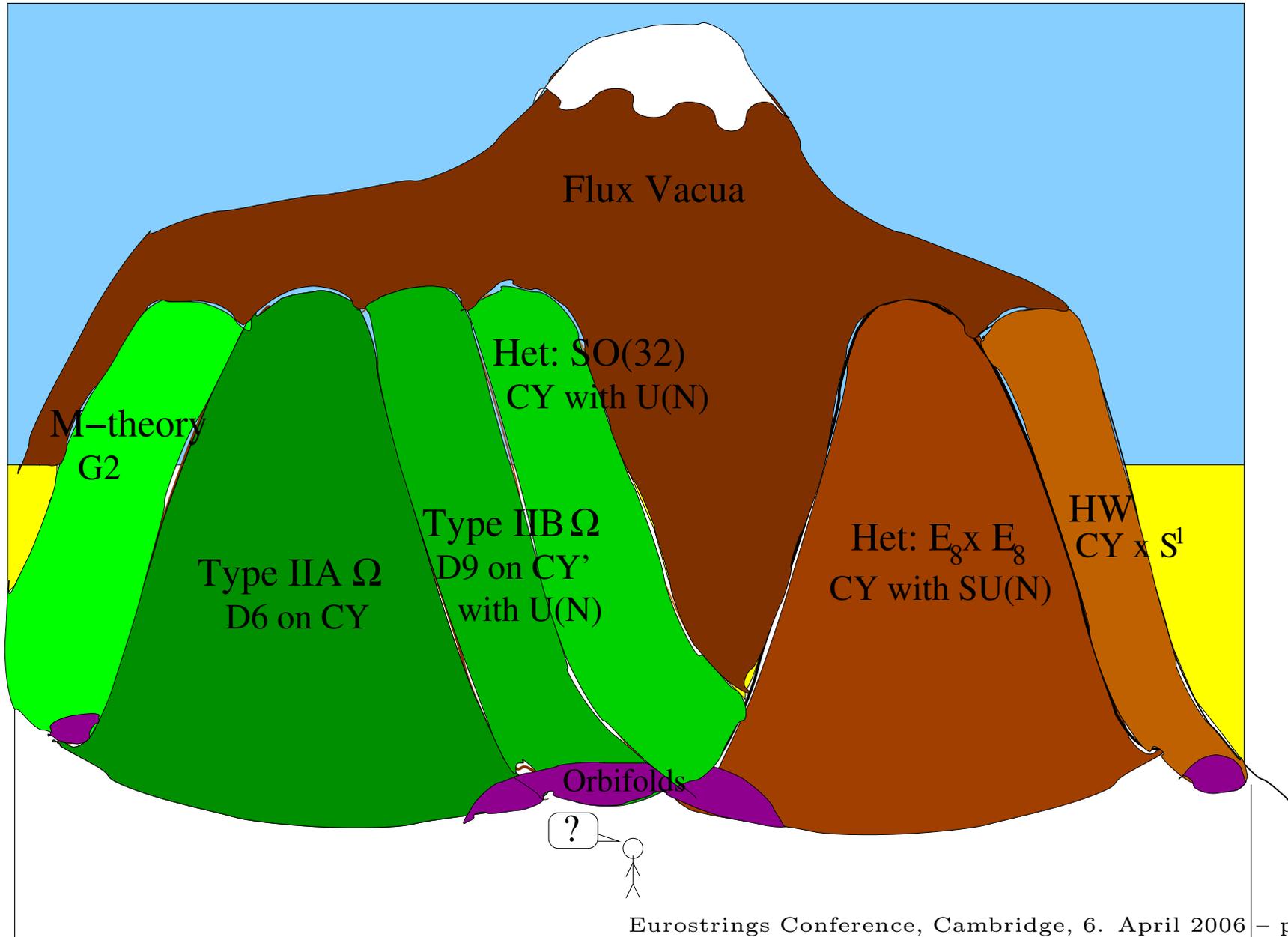
# Moduli Stabilization and Entropy Maximization in Type II Calabi-Yau compactifications

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- zero cosmological constant,  $\Lambda = 0$ , (Minkowski vacua),
- positive cosmological constant,  $\Lambda > 0$ , (dS vacua)

and with various possibilities for the low-low energy matter fields (gauge bosons, quarks, leptons, ...).

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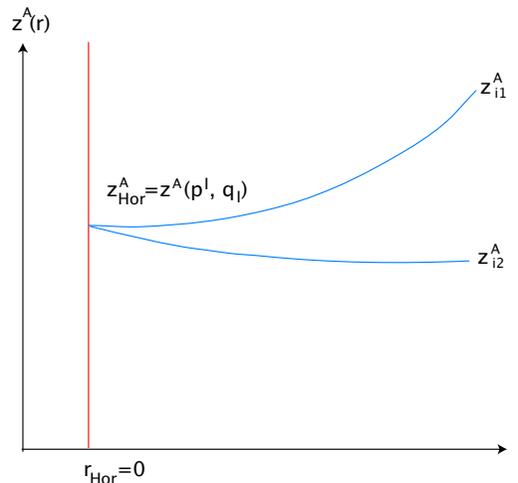
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$$|\psi(\phi)|^2 = e^{\mathcal{S}(\phi)},$$

and see if  $|\psi|^2$  is peaked, i.e. has maxima, at vacua with good phenomenological properties.

# Entropy of string (flux) vacua

Use correspondence between flux vacua and attractor mechanism for supersymmetric black holes: **moduli are fixed at the horizon of supersymmetric black holes:**



(H. Ooguri, C. Vafa, E. Verlinde (2005)):

Probability distribution for (5-form) AdS flux vacua (in 2 dimensions):

$$\text{HH wave function : } |\Psi_{p,q}|^2 \sim \exp(\mathcal{S}), \quad \mathcal{S} = \frac{A_{\text{horizon}}}{4}$$

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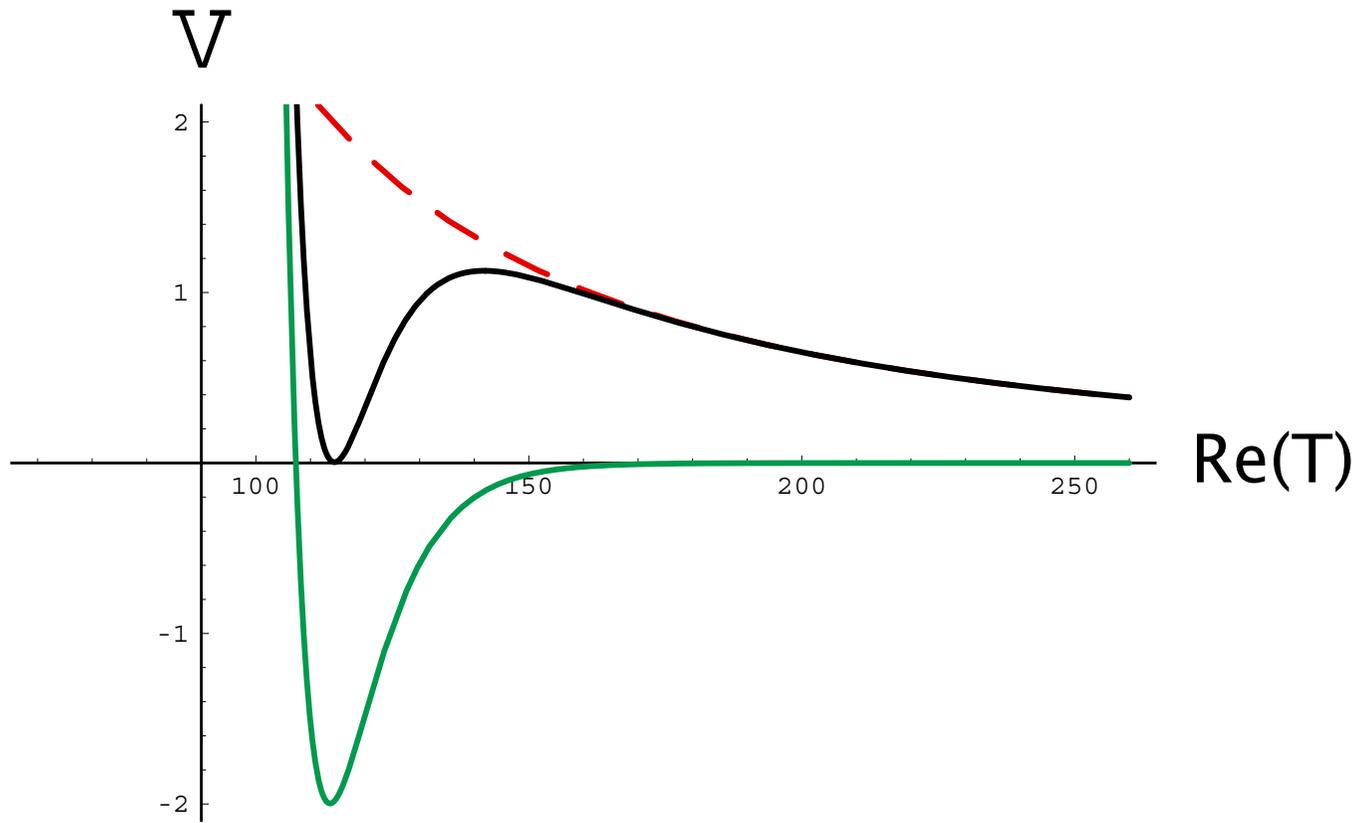
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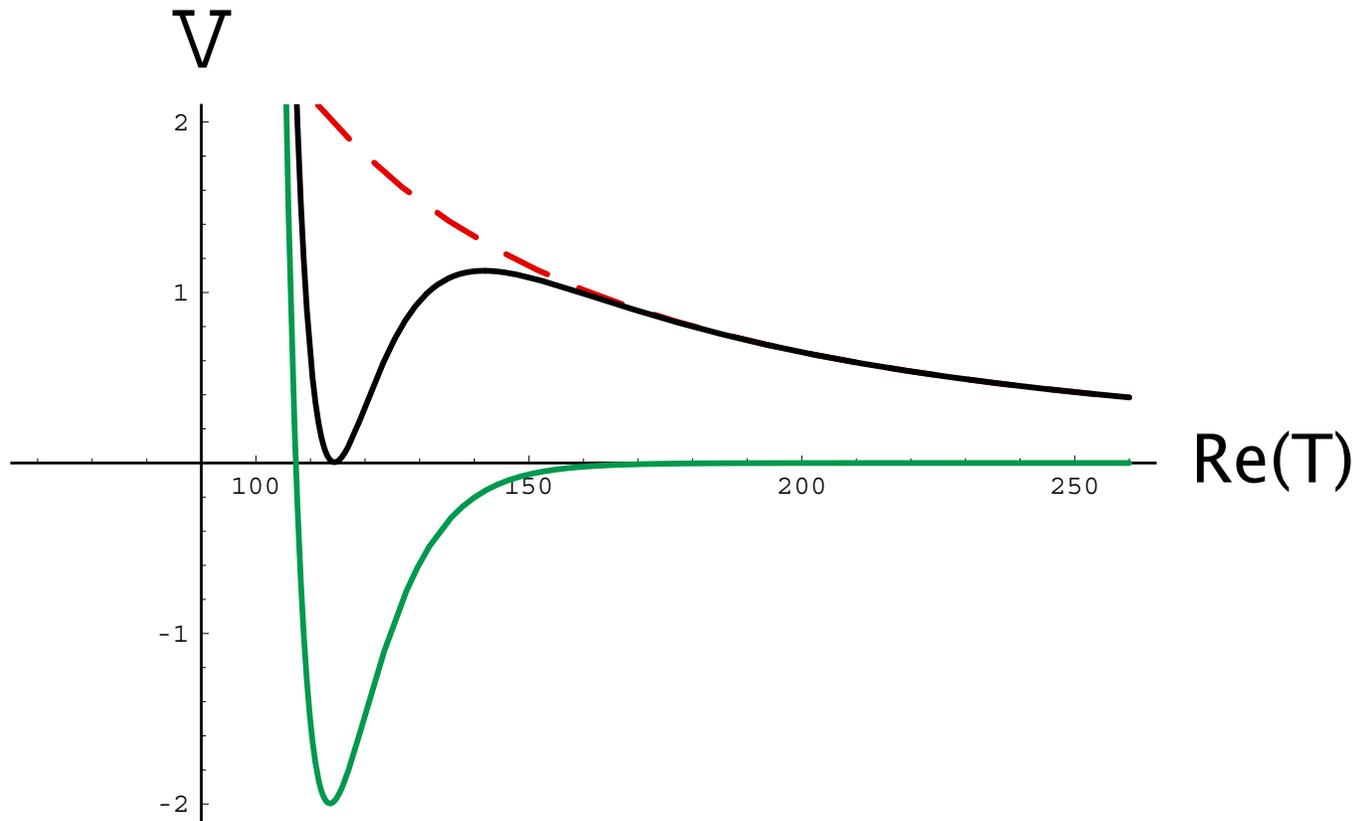
This form of the up-lift requires that the AdS vacuum is “stable” in the sense that all scalar masses are positive definite (stronger requirement than Breitenlohner/Freedman bound):

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_i \partial \bar{\phi}_j} > 0, \quad (\phi_i, \phi_j = S, T, U)$$

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Closed string moduli space:

- $h^{(1,1)}$  Kähler moduli  $T^i$  (size),
- $h^{(2,1)}$  complex structure moduli  $U^i$  (shape),
- dilaton  $S = e^{-\phi_{10}} + iC_0$ .

**Moduli stabilization:** Dilaton and complex structure moduli are stabilized via background fluxes (Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski):

$$G_3 = F_3 + iSH_3, \quad F_3 = dC_2, \quad H_3 = dB_2.$$

**Flux superpotential** (Gukov, Vafa, Witten; Taylor, Vafa):

$$W_{flux} = \kappa_{10}^{-2} \int_X G_3 \wedge \Omega.$$

**Kähler moduli** are stabilized via non-perturbative effects.

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Two possible origins for the non-perturbative superpotential:

- Euclidean D3-brane instantons wrapping internal 4-cycles (divisors)

$$W_{np} = g_i e^{-2\pi V_i}$$

- Gaugino condensation in the world volume of D7-branes wrapped on internal 4-cycles

$$W_{np} = g_i e^{-\frac{2\pi V_i}{b_i}}$$

Condition for existence of non-vanishing non-perturbative superpotential (F/M-theory) (Witten):

$$\chi(\text{wrapped divisor}) = h^{(0,0)} - h^{(0,1)} + h^{(0,2)} - h^{(0,3)} = 1$$

Zero modes may change in the presence of 3-form fluxes and/or O-planes!

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Effective  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  superpotential:

$$W = W_{flux}(S, U^i) + W_{np}(T^i) = \kappa_{10}^{-2} \int_X G_3 \wedge \Omega + \sum_i g_i e^{-h_i T^i}.$$

Scalar potential:

$$V = e^{\kappa_4^2 K} \left( |D_S W|^2 + \sum_i |D_{T^i} W|^2 + \sum_i |D_{U^i} W|^2 - 3|W|^2 \right)$$

Impose SUSY condition:

$$D_i W = \partial_i W + \kappa_4^2 W \partial_i K = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_0, T_0^i, U_0^i$$

Generically the SUSY vacua with fixed moduli are AdS:

$$V_0 = -3e^{\kappa_4^2 K_0} |W_0|^2.$$

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Type IIB orientifolds that allow for tadpole cancellation:

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$Z_{6-II}^{(3)}$	3	1	28	6
$Z_{6-II}^{(4)}$	3	1	22	0
$Z_7$	3	0	21	0
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Kählerpotential for untwisted moduli at the orbifold point:

$$K = -\log(S + \bar{S}) - \sum_i \log(T^i + \bar{T}^i) - \sum_i \log(U^i + \bar{U}^i).$$

Superpotential for untwisted moduli at the orbifold point:

$$W = (a_0 - ia_1 S)(b_0 + \sum_i b_i U^i + \sum_i c_i \prod U^k / U^i + d_0 \prod U^k) + \sum_i g_i e^{-h_i T^i}.$$

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Go to smooth Calabi-Yau with resolved singularities!

( $Z_2 \times Z_2$ : F. Denef, M. Douglas, B. Florea, A. Grassi, S. Kachru, hep-th/0503124; all orbifolds: S. Reffert, E. Scheidegger, hep-th/0512287; D. Lüst, S. Reffert, E.

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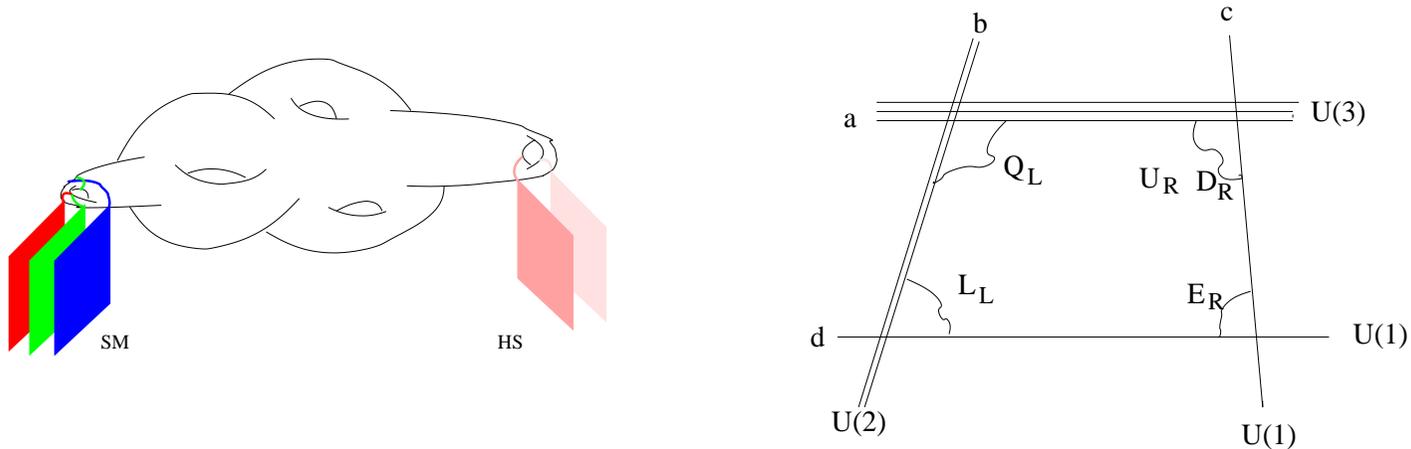
- Supersymmetric **Minkowski vacua** with  $W_{vac} = 0$  and  $D_W = 0 \Rightarrow$  These are automatically stable vacua; however one needs more complicated race-track superpotentials that may not lift all flat directions.

J. Blanco-Pillado, R. Kallosh, A. Linde, hep-th/0511042; D. Krefl, D. Lüster, hep-th/0603211))

# Statistics of D-brane vacua

Now consider the open strings on the D-branes (D7-branes with  $F$ -flux in IIB resp. D6-branes at angles in IIA) on top of flux vacua:

- Possibility of getting the spectrum of the MSSM. Standard Model D-brane quiver:



- Computation of soft masses. (D. Lüst, S. Reffert, S. Stieberger)

Now one has to solve the supersymmetry condition for D-branes (vanishing D-terms) plus the constraints from RR tadpoles and K-theory!

# Statistics of D-brane vacua

Statistical survey of  $1.66 \cdot 10^8$  susy D-brane models on  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  orientifold. (R. Blumenhagen, F. Gmeiner, G. Honecker, D. Lüst, T. Weigand, [hep-th/0411173](http://hep-th/0411173),[0510170](http://hep-th/0510170); see also T. Dijkstra, L. Huiszoon, A. Schellekens)

Restriction	Factor
gauge factor $U(3)$	0.0816
gauge factor $U(2)/Sp(2)$	0.992
No symmetric representations	0.839
Massless $U(1)_Y$	0.423
Three generations of quarks	$2.92 \times 10^{-5}$
Three generations of leptons	$1.62 \times 10^{-3}$
<u>Total</u>	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$

Only **one in a billion** models give rise to an MSSM like four stack D-brane vacuum.

# Probability distribution of flux vacua

(G.L. Cardoso, D. Lüst, J. Perz, [hep-th/0603211](#); related work: Gukov, Saraikin, Vafa, [hep-th/0509109](#); Fiol, [hep-th/0602103](#); Belluci, Ferrra, Marrani, [hep-th/0602161](#))

Is it possible to assign a probability distribution  $|\psi|^2$  to the string vacua to decide which of the many vacua is the most likely one?

## Probability of the MSSM?

Consider  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  closed string flux vacua without  $D$ -branes at particular points in their moduli spaces, where additional states become massless:

- Additional vector multiplets ( $\beta > 0$ ): **Asymptotic freedom!**
- Additional hypermultiplets ( $\beta < 0$ ): **Infrared freedom!**

Which of the two possibilities is more likely?

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Ooguri, Vafa, Verlinde (hep-th/0502211):

Instead of 3-form fluxes consider IIB on  $S^2 \times CY$  with Ramond 5-form fluxes through  $S^2 \times \Sigma_3$  ( $\Sigma_3 \subset CY$ )  $\implies$  Superpotential:

$$W = \int_{S^2 \times CY} (F_5 \wedge \Omega), \quad F_5 = \omega \wedge F_3.$$

SUSY conditions:  $D_A W = 0 \implies AdS_2$  vacua!

$$p^I = \text{Re}(C X^I), \quad X^I = \int_{A_I} \Omega, \quad p^I = \int_{S^2 \times A_I} F_5, \quad I = 0, \dots, h^{(2,1)}$$

$$q_I = \text{Re}(C F_I), \quad F_I = \int_{B^I} \Omega, \quad q_I = \int_{S^2 \times B^I} F_5$$

Complex structure moduli:  $z^A = X^A / X^0$   
( $A = 1, \dots, h^{(2,1)}$ ).

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These are just the attractor equations of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SUSY black holes!

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ black hole	$\mathcal{N} = 1$ landscape
D3-branes wrapped around $\Sigma_3$	$F_5$ through $S^2 \times \Sigma_3$
Black hole charges $(q_I, p^I)$	5-form fluxes $(q_I, p^I)$
Central charge $Z(z)$	Superpotential $W(z)$
Stabilization cond. $D_A Z = 0$	Supersymmetry cond. $D_A W = 0$
Entropy $\mathcal{S}$	Cosmological constant $ V_0 $
Near horizon geometry $AdS_2 \times S^2$	Vacuum space $AdS_2 \times S^2$

Probability wave function:  $|\psi_{p,q}(z, \bar{z})|^2 = e^{\mathcal{S}_{p,q}(z, \bar{z})}$ .

The attractor eqs.  $p^I = \text{Re}(Y^I)$  and  $q_I = \text{Re}(F_I(Y))$  provide a non-unique map between fluxes/charges and moduli

$$z^A = Y^A / Y^0.$$

This non-uniqueness can be resolved by fixing one pair of  $(p, q)$ -charges, i.e. by fixing  $Y^0$ .

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Entropy at the two-derivative level:

$$\mathcal{S} = \pi i \left( \bar{Y}^I F_I^{(0)}(Y) - Y^I \bar{F}_I^{(0)}(\bar{Y}) \right) = \pi |Y^0|^2 e^{-G(z, \bar{z})}.$$

One modulus example with a singularity at  $V \rightarrow 0$  (conifold):

$$F^{(0)}(V) = -i(Y^0)^2 \left( \frac{\beta}{2\pi} V^2 \log V + a \right), \quad V = -iz^1 = -iY^1/Y^0$$

$$e^{-G(V, \bar{V})} = 4 \operatorname{Re} a - \frac{\beta}{2\pi} (V + \bar{V})^2 - \frac{2\beta}{\pi} |V|^2 \log |V|.$$

It follows that  $\operatorname{Re} a > 0$  (large black holes).

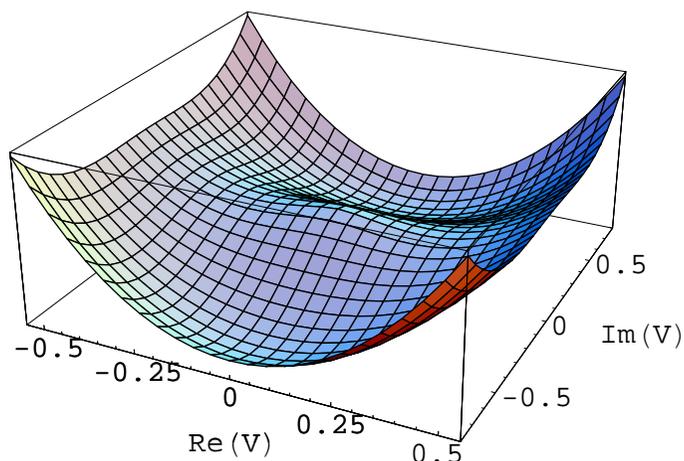
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Positivity of the Kähler metric:

$$g_{V\bar{V}} \approx \frac{\beta}{\pi} e^{G_0} \log|V|^2 > 0 \quad \beta < 0.$$

Together with the gauge coupling constant  $g^{-2} \approx \frac{\beta}{4\pi} \log|V|^2$ , we see that the corresponding gauge theory is infrared free ( $\beta = (n_V - n_H)/2$ )!

From this we finally get that the entropy exhibits a maximum at  $V = 0$  (in agreement with Fiol):



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Entropy with higher curvature interactions:

(Cardoso, de Wit, Mohaupt (1998))

$$\mathcal{S} = \pi \left( i \left( \bar{Y}^I F_I(Y, \Upsilon) - Y^I \bar{F}_I(\bar{Y}, \bar{\Upsilon}) \right) + 4 \operatorname{Im} (\Upsilon F_\Upsilon) \right), \quad (\Upsilon = -64)$$

Perturbative expansion:

$$F(Y, \Upsilon) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} F^{(g)}(Y) \Upsilon^g .$$

$F^{(1)}$  for one modulus example near  $V = 0$ :

$$F^{(1)} \approx -\frac{i}{64 \cdot 12\pi} \beta \log V$$

Maximum of entropy gets enhanced by Wald term!

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The higher  $F^{(g)}$  are divergent with alternating coefficients:

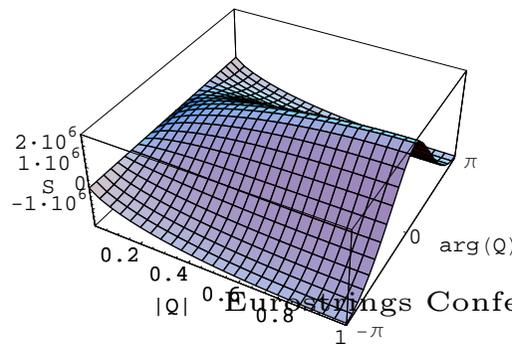
$$F^{(g)}(Y) = i \frac{A_g}{(Y^0)^{2g-2} z^{2g-2}} \quad (g > 1).$$

However the full non-perturbative prepotential is known from the topological partition function: (Gopakumar, Vafa (1998))

$$F(Y, \Upsilon) = \frac{i\Upsilon}{128\pi} F_{\text{top}} = \frac{i\Upsilon}{128\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \log(1 - q^n Q),$$

where  $g_{\text{top}}^2 = -\frac{\pi^2 \Upsilon}{16(Y^0)^2}$ ,  $q = e^{-g_{\text{top}}}$ ,  $Q = e^{-2\pi V}$ .

For real  $g_{\text{top}}$  the entropy has again a maximum:



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## OSV Free energy:

Entropy as a Legendre transformation:

$$S = E - L,$$

Free energy

$$E = 4\pi \operatorname{Im} F, \quad Z_{\text{top}} = e^{-F_{\text{top}}},$$

and where  $L$  is given by

$$L = \pi q_I \phi^I = 4\pi \operatorname{Im} F_I \operatorname{Re} Y^I$$

At the conifold point the entropy is maximized, however the free energy has a local minimum!

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