# algebra, geometry, and Schroedinger atoms

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| Calabi-Yau ~ 1978                      | 1977 ~ | Supersymmetry                      |
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|  |        | (Denef)                            |
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| Wall-Crossing Conjecture~ 2008         | 2008 ~ | Konstevich-Soibelman Explained     |
| (Conjecture by Kontsevich & Soibelman) |        | (Gaiotto & Moore & Neitzke)        |
| •                                      |        |                                    |
| •                                      | 2011~  | KS Wall-Crossing proved            |
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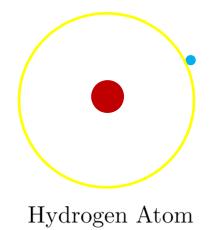
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a little bit of superstring theory particles from geometry / geometry from particles

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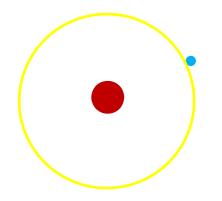
Balmer / Rydberg ~ 1880's





$$\lambda \sim 10^{-4} cm - 10^{-5} cm = 10000 \text{\AA} - 1000 \text{\AA}$$

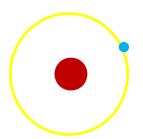
## Balmer / Rydberg



Hydrogen Atom'

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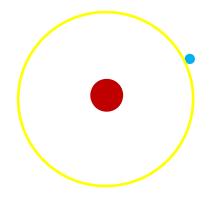
 $\Delta E$  :  $1 \sim 10 \ eV$ 



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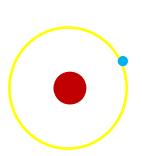


Hydrogen Atom'

$$n, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\longrightarrow \Delta E = E_0 \times \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

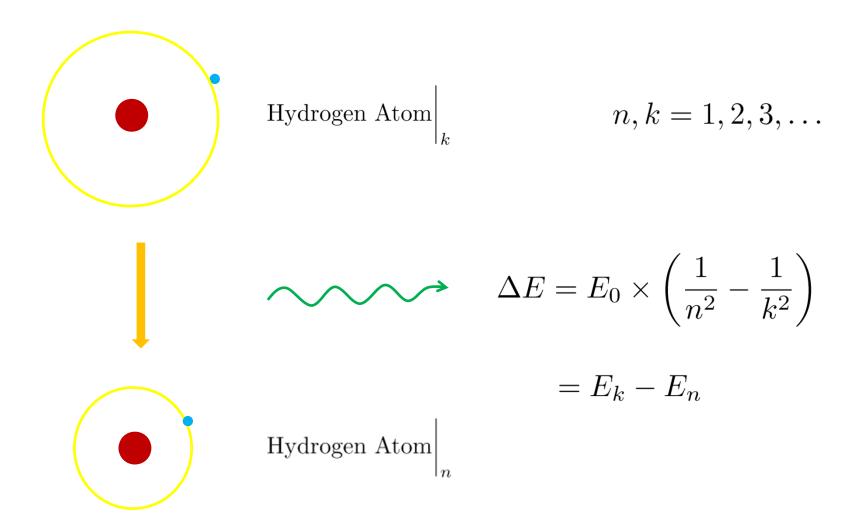
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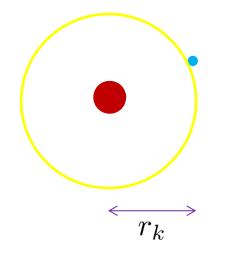
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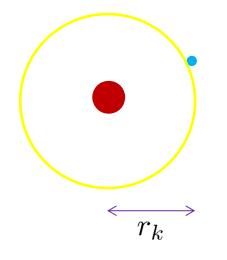
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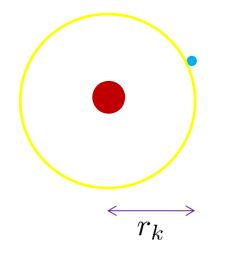
Bohr Atom ~ 1913



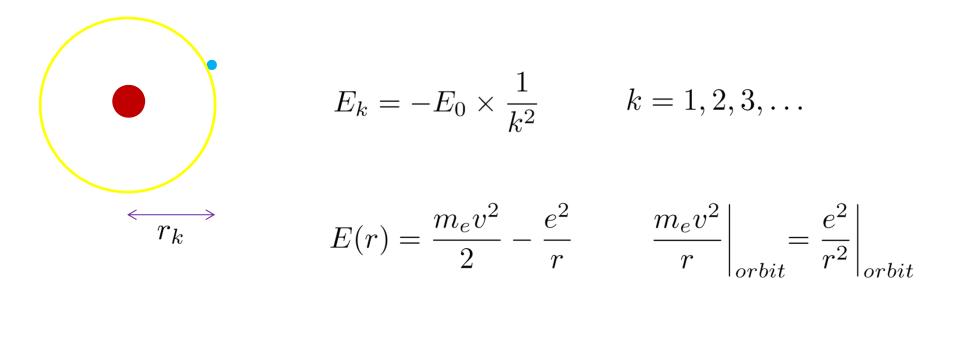
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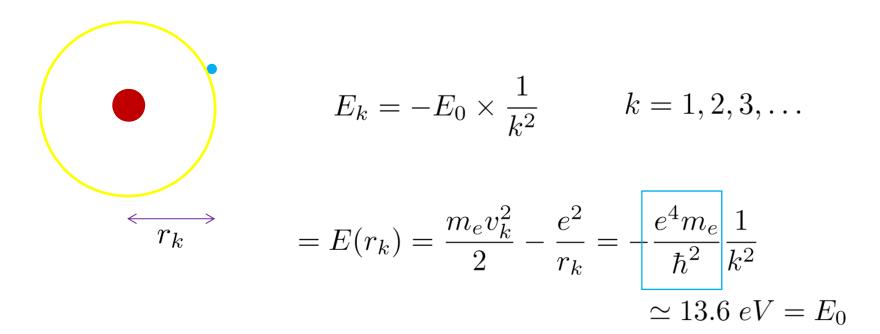
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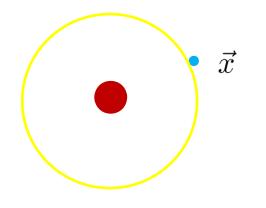


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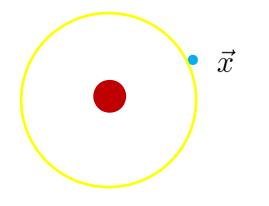
## Schroedinger ~ 1925



$$H|\Psi_{k,\ldots}\rangle = E_k|\Psi_{k,\ldots}\rangle$$

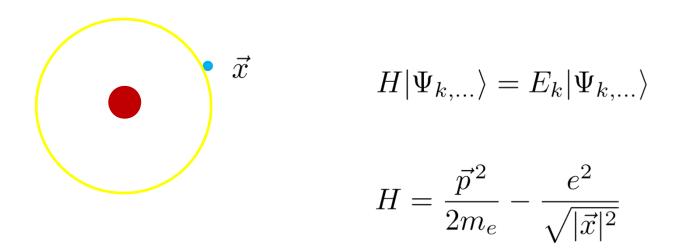
$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^{\,2}}{2m_e} - \frac{e^2}{\sqrt{|\vec{x}|^2}}$$

$$\vec{p}_{classical} = m_e \frac{d\vec{x}_{classical}}{dt}$$

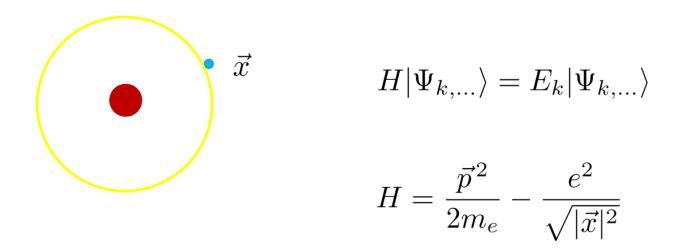


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$$[p_1, x^1] \equiv p_1 x^1 - x^1 p_1 = i\hbar$$
$$[p_2, x^2] = i\hbar$$
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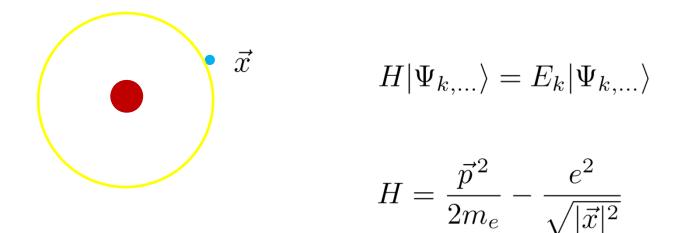


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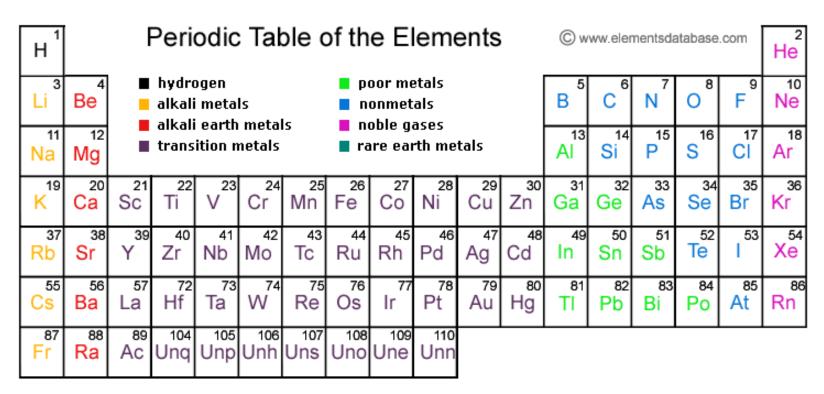


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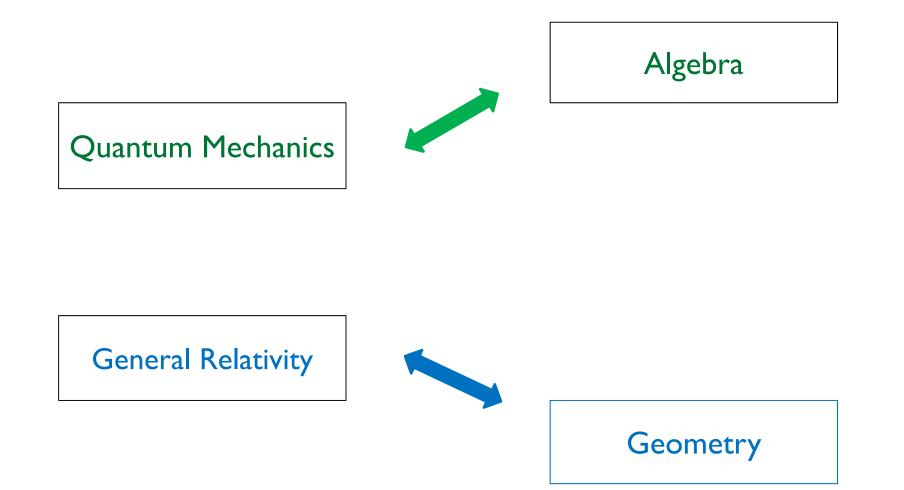
$$\tilde{K}_i = K_i \sqrt{\frac{m}{-2H}}$$

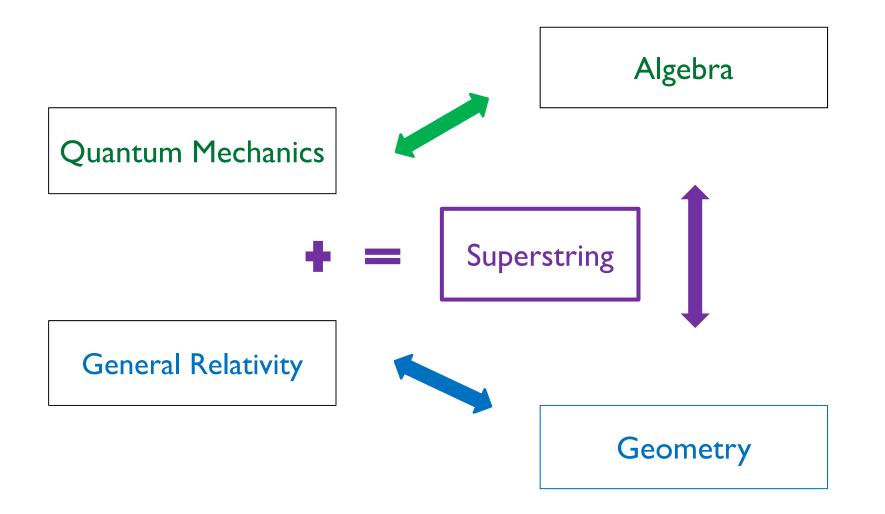


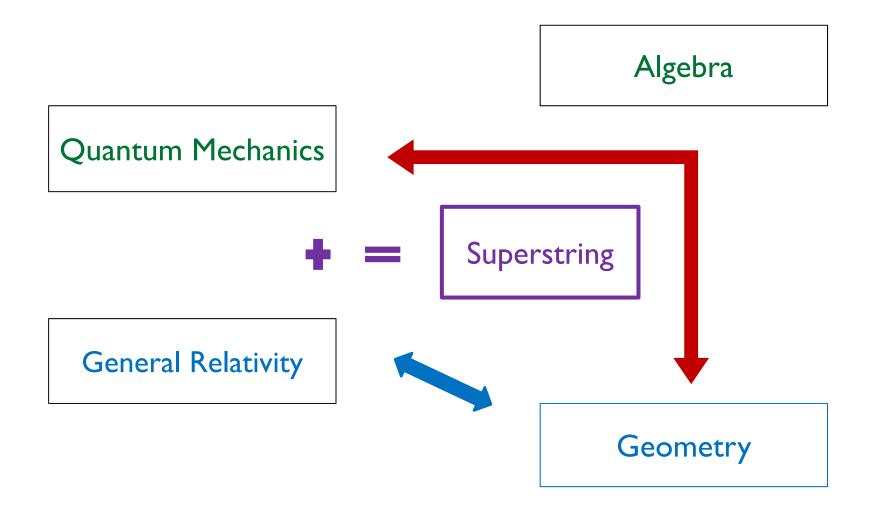
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's  
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's  
$$E_3 = -E_0/9 \simeq -1.5 \ eV \qquad 2 \times 9 \ \text{distinct} \ |\Psi_{3,\dots}\rangle$$
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| Ce       | 59       | 60      | 61       | 62       | Eu       | 64       | Tb       | 66       | 67       | 68        | 69 | 70        | 71 |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----|-----------|----|
| 58       | Pr       | Nd      | Pm       | Sm       | Eu       | Gd       |          | Dy       | Ho       | Er        | Tm | Yb        | Lu |
| 90<br>Th | 91<br>Pa | 92<br>U | 93<br>Np | 94<br>Pu | 95<br>Am | 96<br>Cm | 97<br>Bk | 98<br>Cf | 99<br>Es | 100<br>Fm |    | 102<br>No |    |

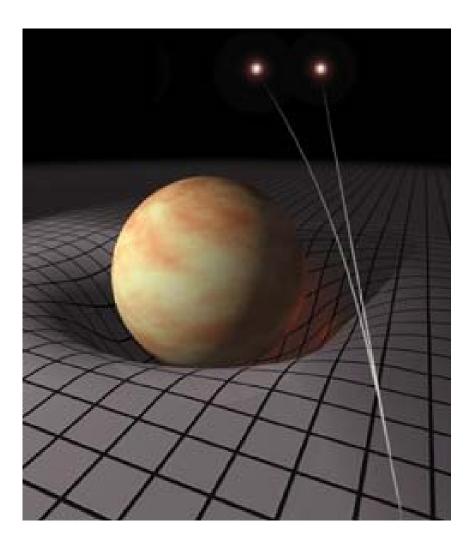






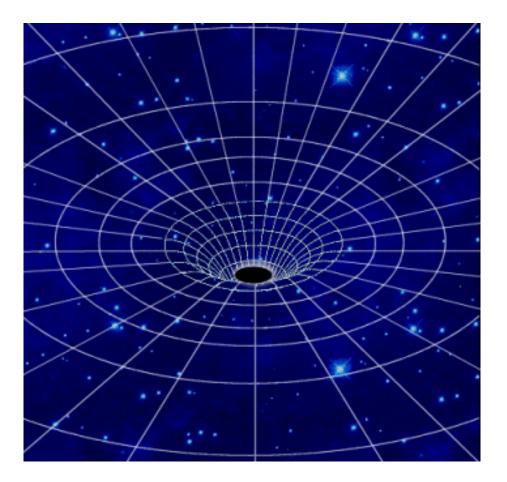
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## Einstein ~ 1915



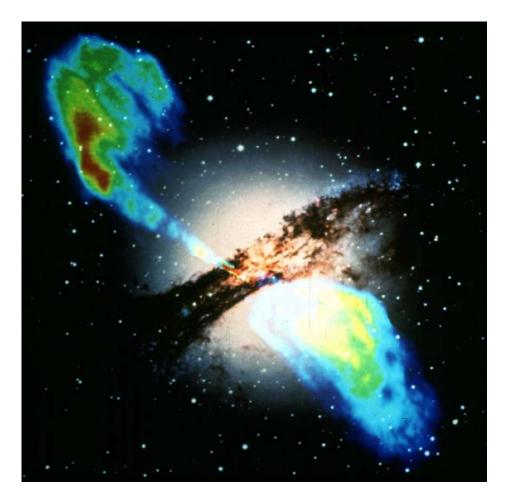
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Black Holes ~ 1915



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### Real Black Holes in Galactic Centers



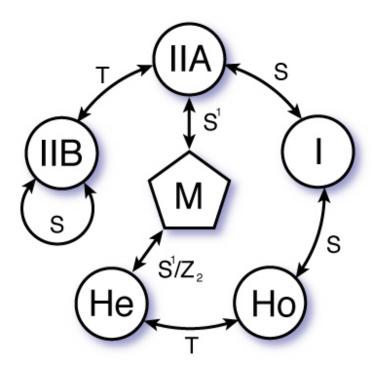
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Kaluza & Klein (~1921) asked :

can the world has more than 3 spatial dimensions or 4 spacetime dimensions with the extra directions curled up so small to be practically invisible and, if so, what are the physical consequences ?

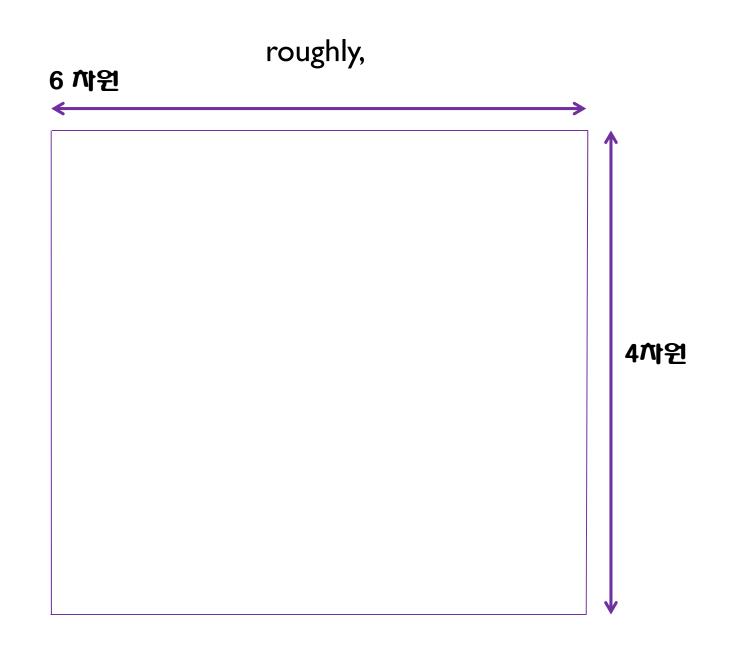
after all, space (& time) is supposed to curved

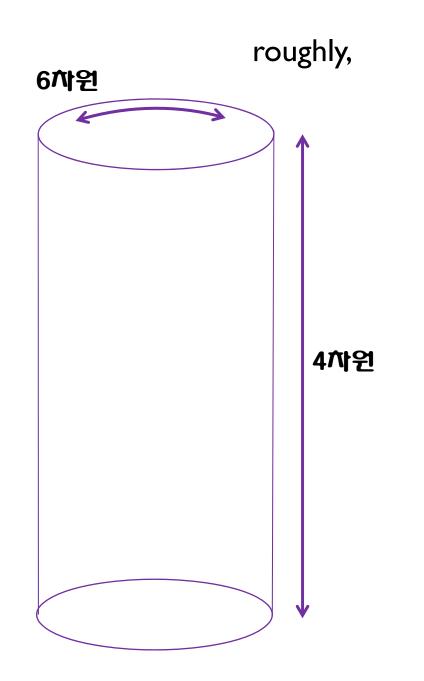
five superstring theories live in 10 dimensional spacetime

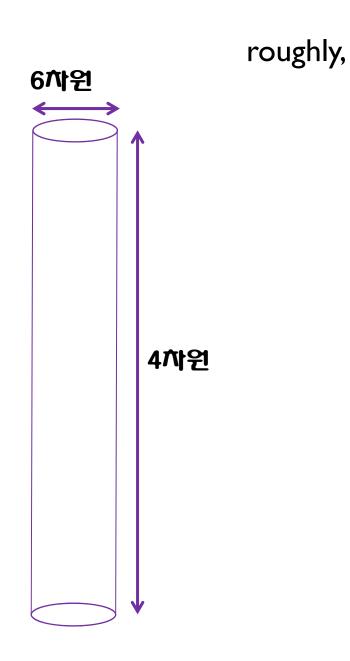


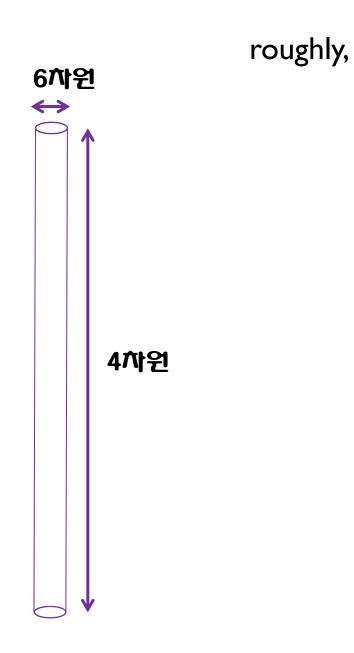
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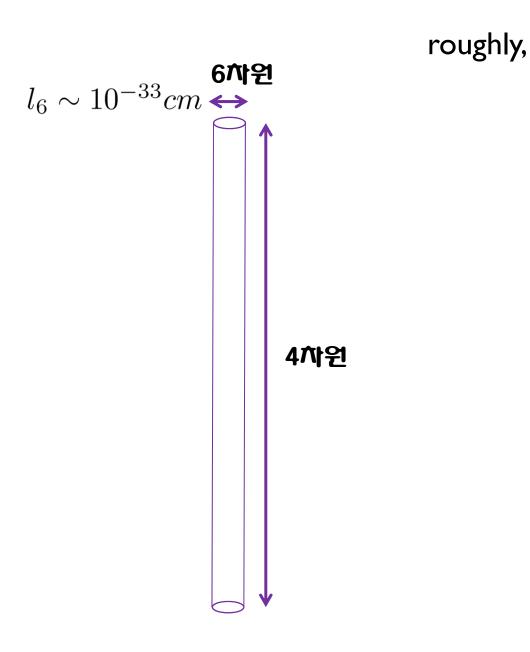
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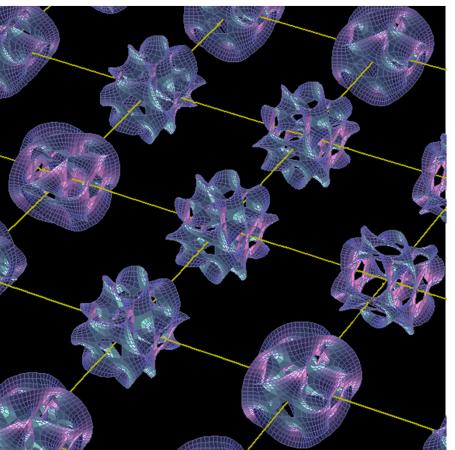








## that is, more precisely,



$$\rightarrow 10^{-13} cm \gg l_{size} > 10^{-33} cm$$

$$R_{AB} - \frac{1}{2}g_{AB}R = 8\pi\kappa_{9+1}^2 T_{AB}$$

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which implies .....

## a little bit of superstring theory

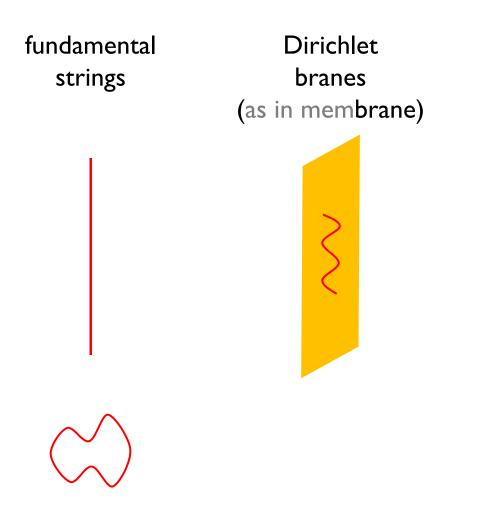
particles from geometry / geometry from particles

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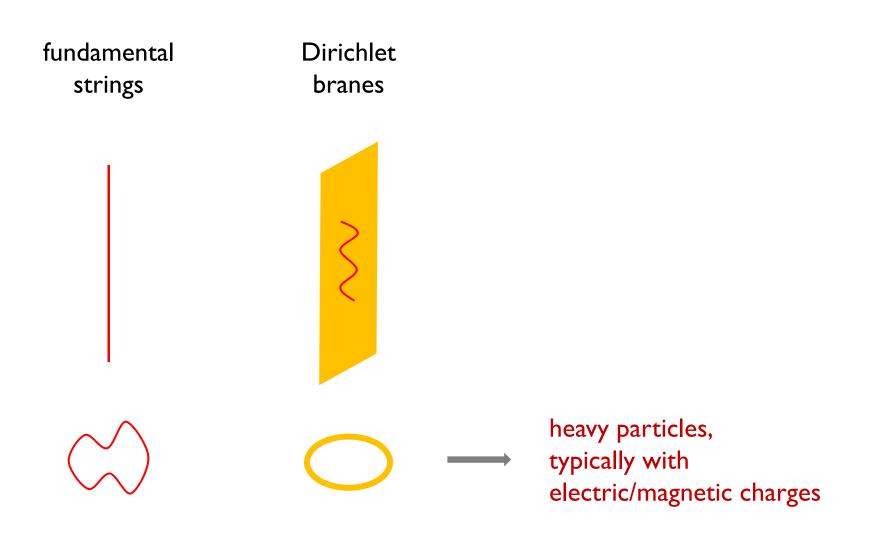
fundamental strings



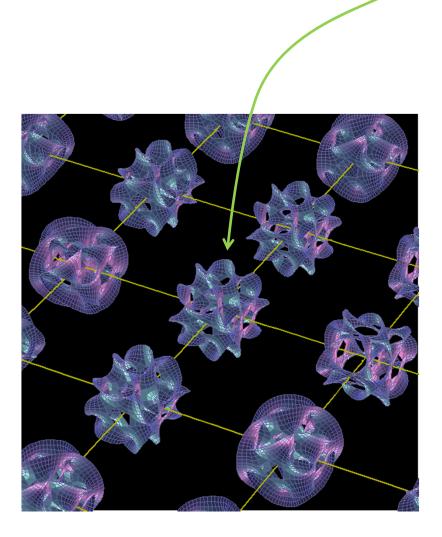
light particles some of which mediate "forces" such as gravity & electromagnetism basic building blocks in superstring theory



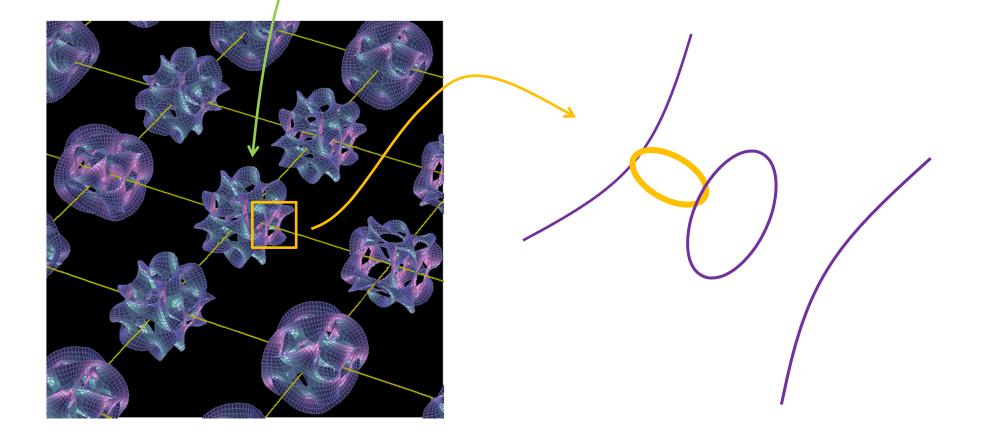
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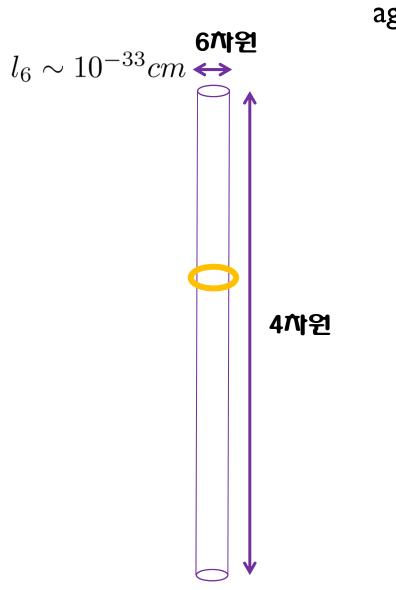


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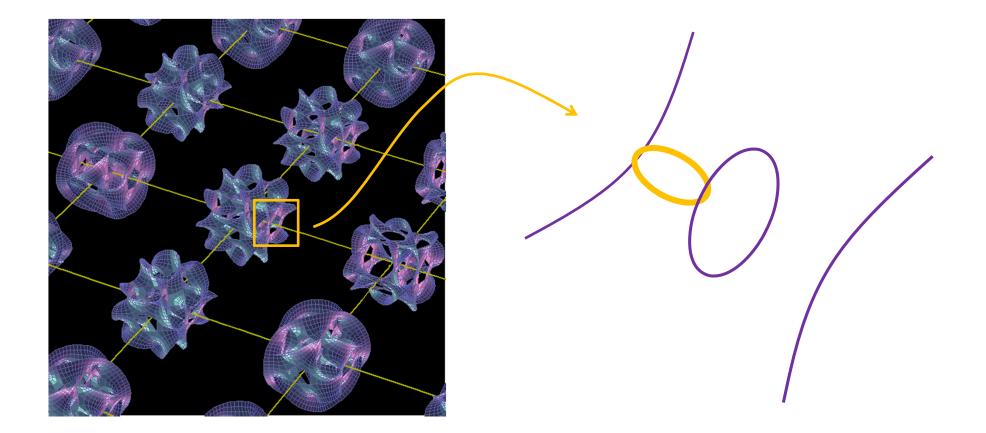
a particle located somewhere in our visible space = a wrapped brane in the hidden Calabi-Yau at that point

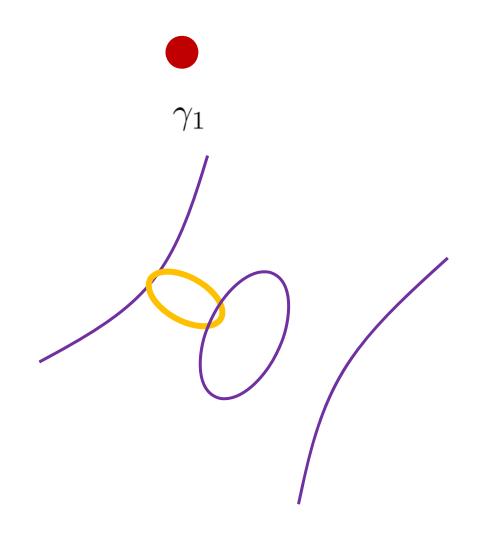


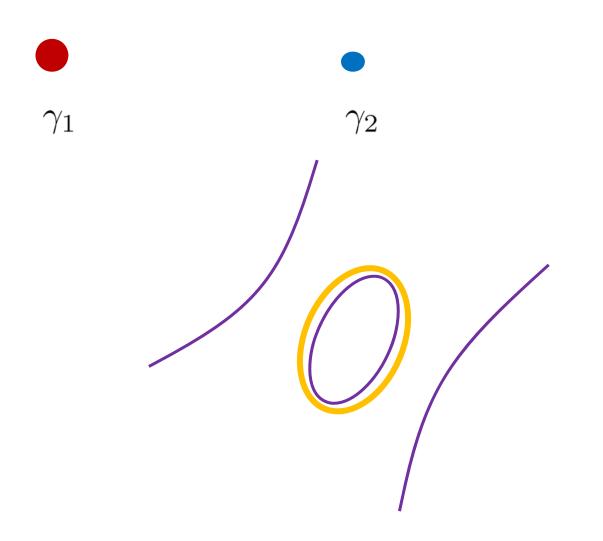


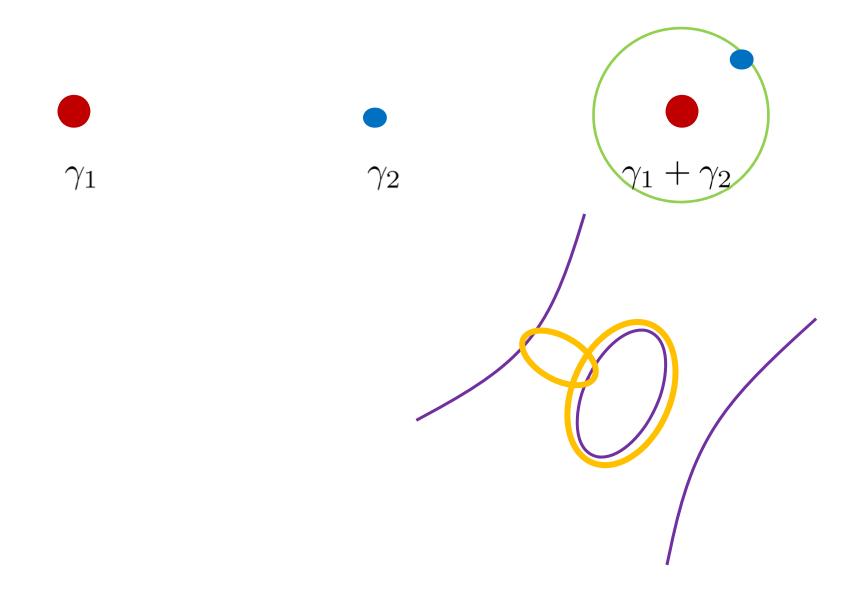
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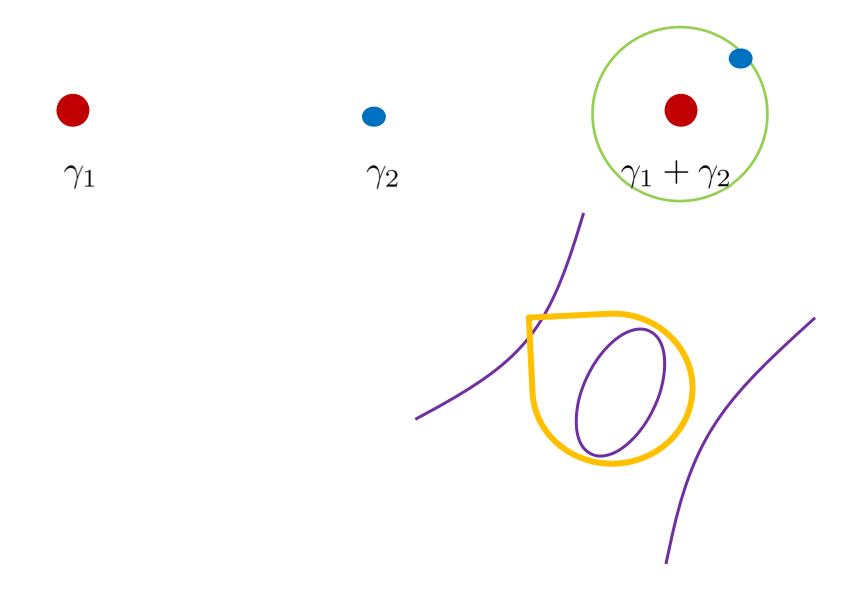
this means that we can actually detect geometry (loops, holes, cavities, .....) of the hidden 6D space by detecting what kind particles exist in visible 3D world



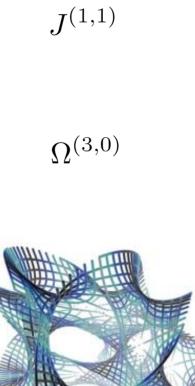


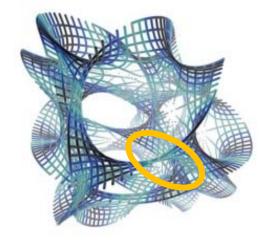






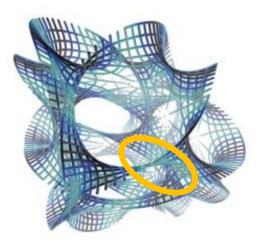
## excursion : Calabi-Yau manifold & calibrated 3-cycles

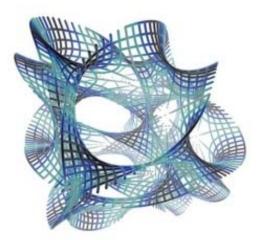




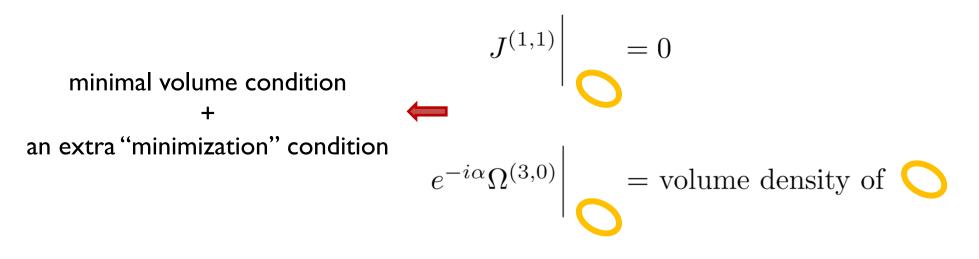
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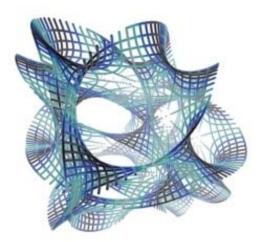
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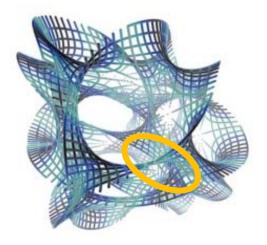




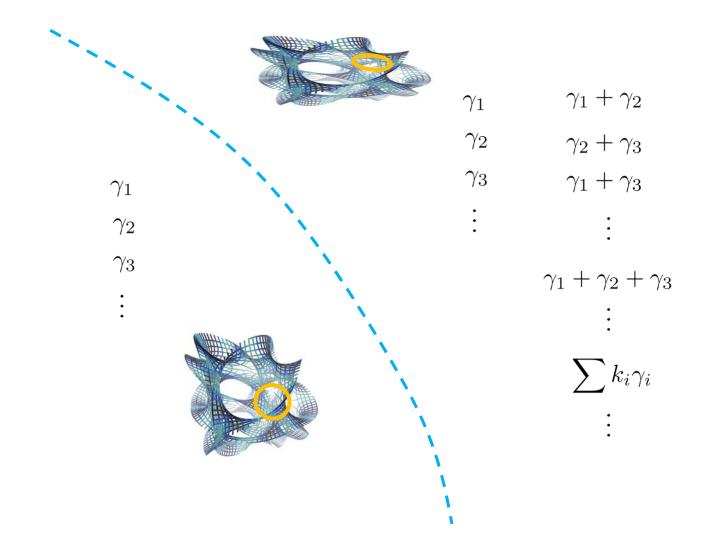
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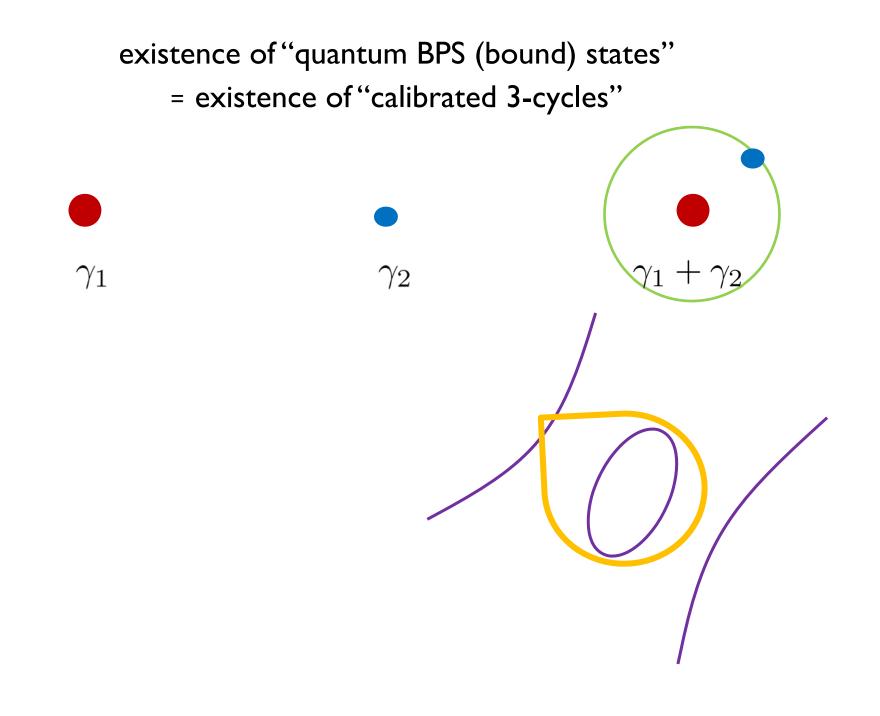




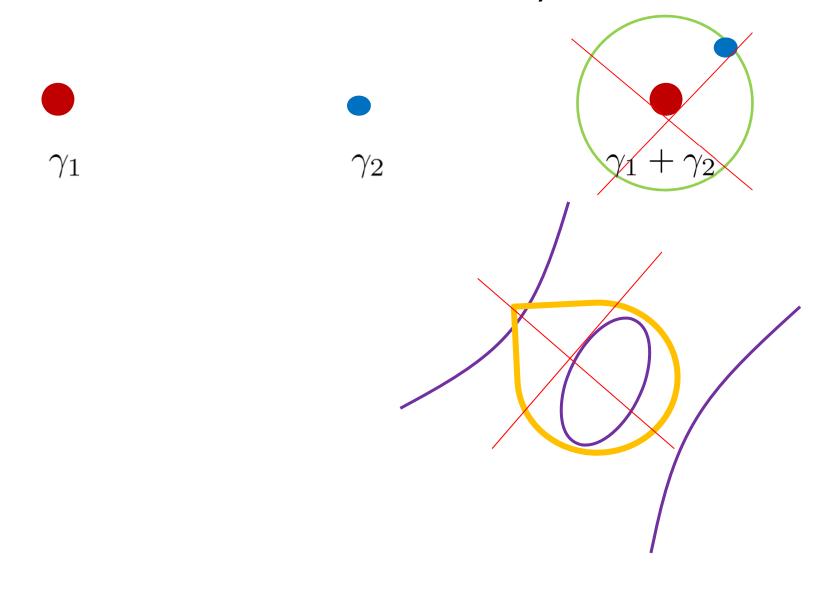


which is the reason why topology alone cannot guarantee existence of such cycles

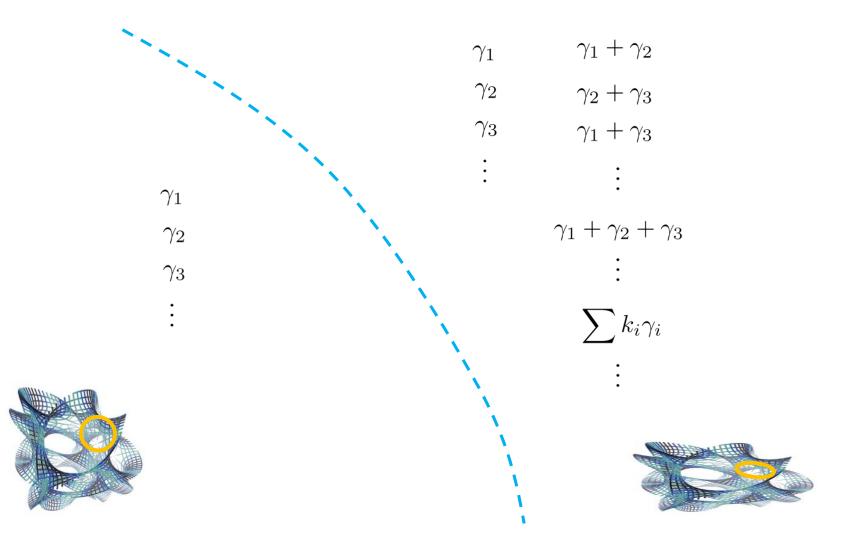




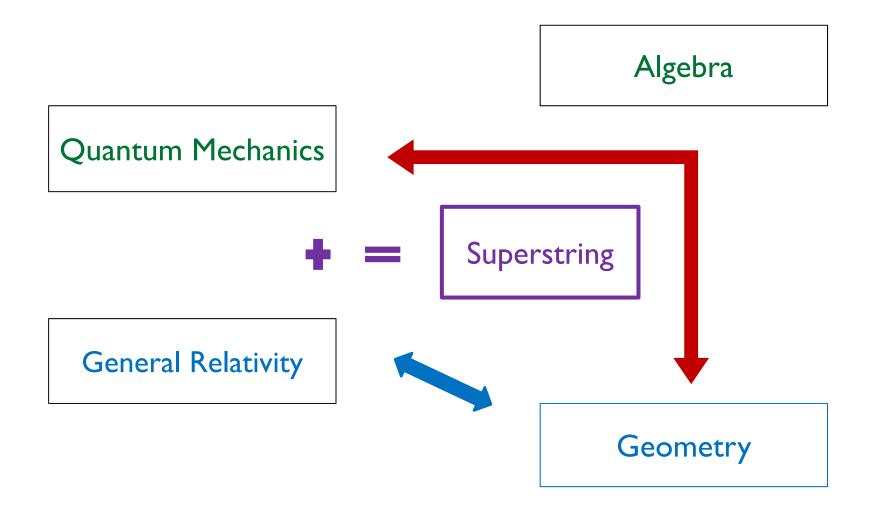
non-existence of "quantum BPS (bound) states"
= non-existence of "calibrated 3-cycles"



the answer depends on the precise shape/size of the Calabi-Yau



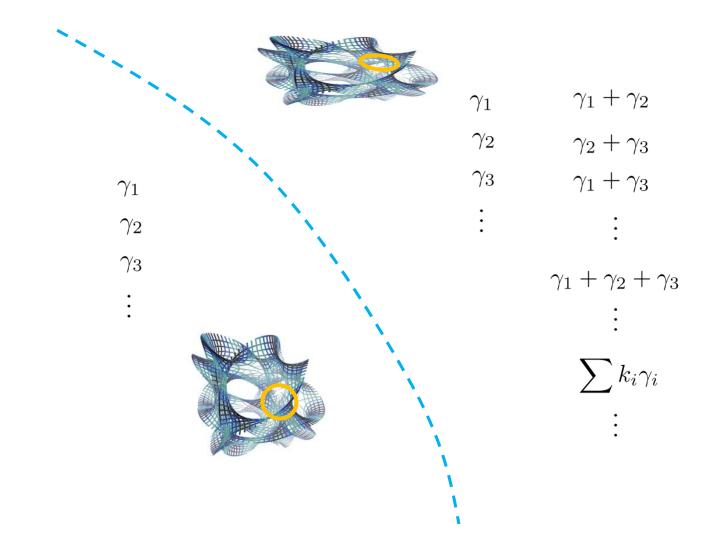
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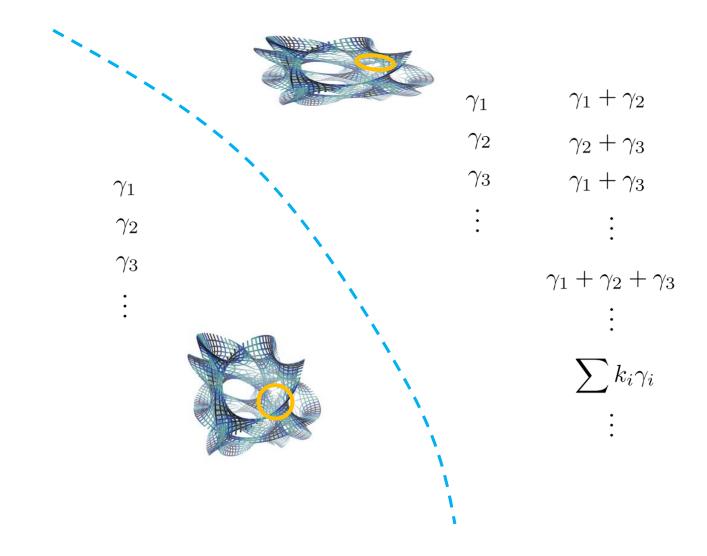
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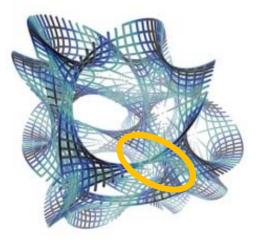


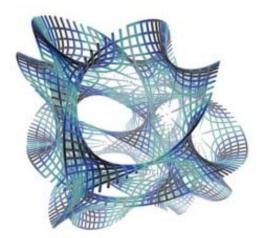
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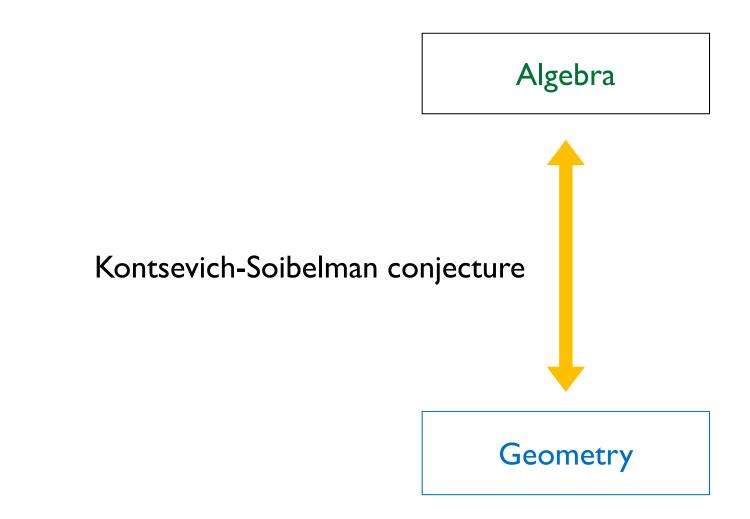


### Calabi-Yau manifold & calibrated 3-cycles

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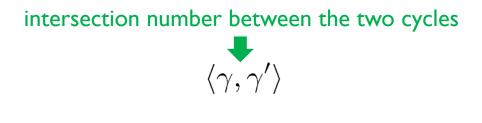
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#### mathematicians say, from 6d viewpoint



Euler number of the moduli space of the cycle



#### physicists say, from 4d viewpoint

Schwinger product 
$$\begin{array}{c} \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle = \langle (g, e), (g', e') \rangle = g \cdot e' - e \cdot g' \end{array}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> helicity trace = the "number" of species of such particles

$$\Omega(\gamma) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}_{\gamma} (-1)^{2J_3} (2J_3)^2$$
$$\to (-1)^{2l} \times (2l+1)$$

on [ a spin ½ + two spin 0 ]
x [ angular momentum l multiplet ]

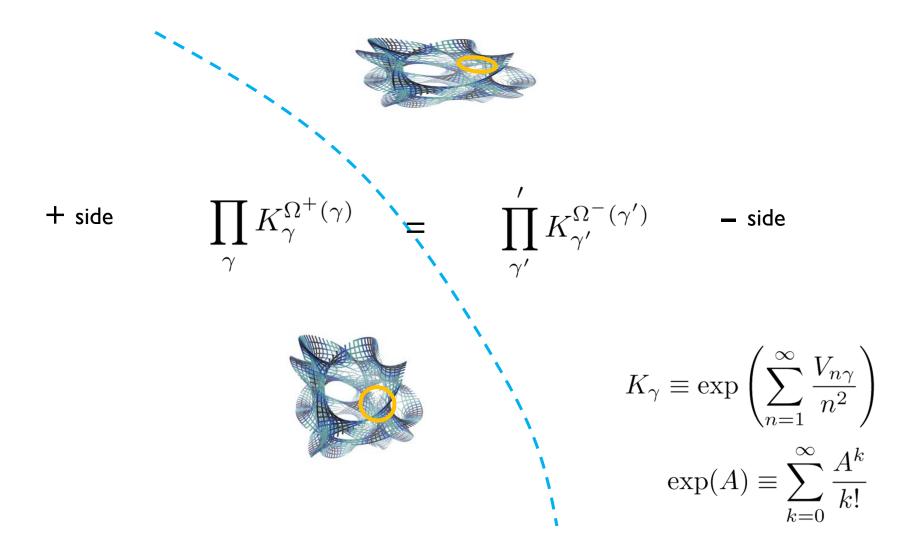
### an infinite dimensional representation of Kontsevich-Soibelman wall-crossing algebra

$$V_{\gamma}V_{\gamma'} - V_{\gamma'}V_{\gamma} = (-1)^{\langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle} \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle V_{\gamma+\gamma'} \qquad \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

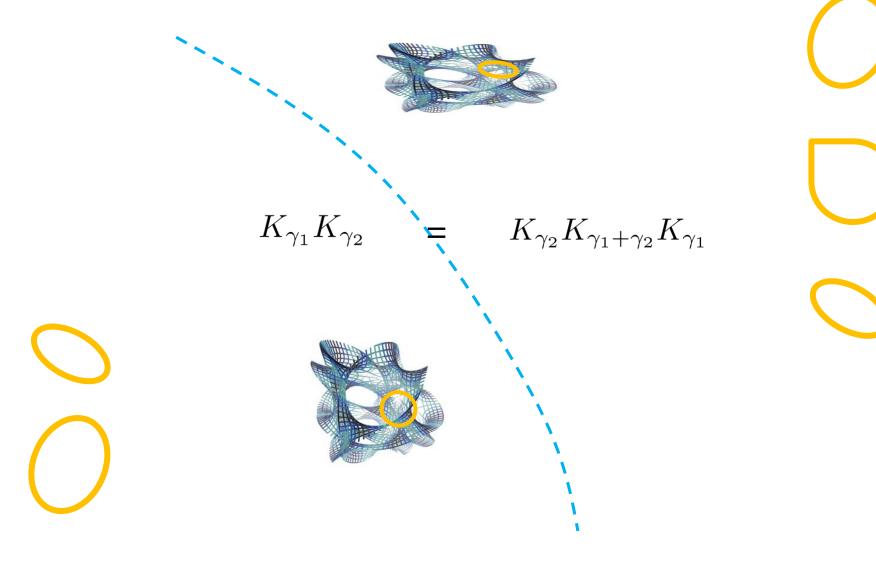
$$K_{\gamma} \equiv \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{V_{n\gamma}}{n^2}\right)$$

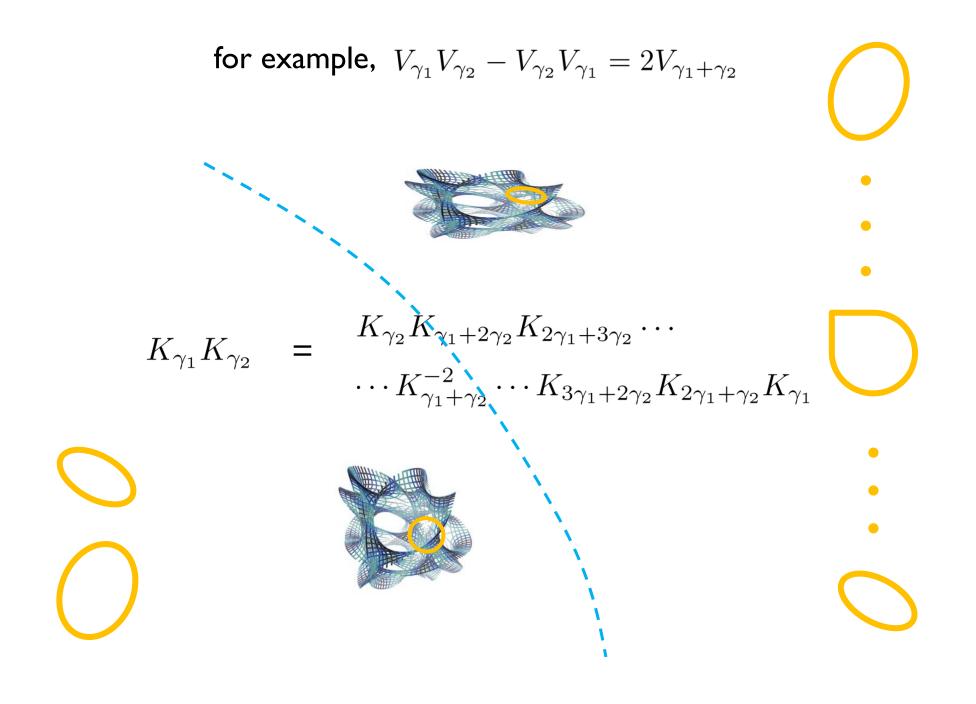
$$K_{\gamma} : X_{\alpha} \to X_{\alpha} (1 - \sigma(\gamma) X_{\gamma})^{\langle \gamma, \alpha \rangle}$$

the conjecture : given the left-hand-side, the right-hand-side is entirely determined via the algebraic identity as follows

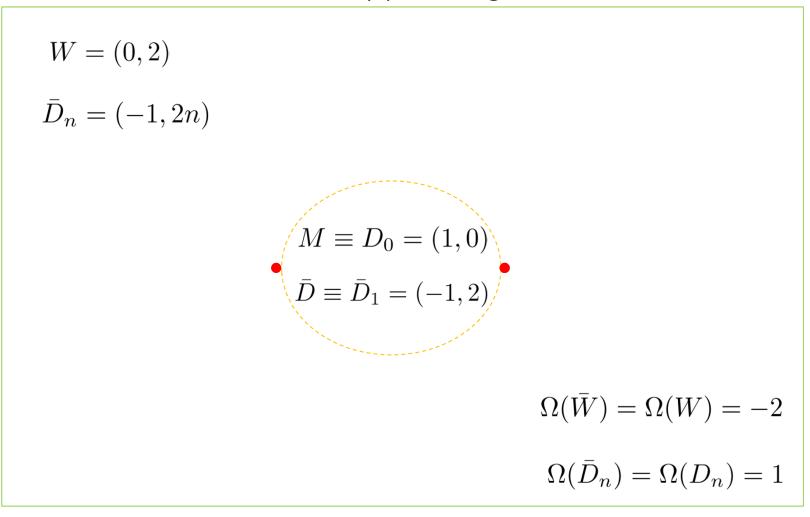


for example, 
$$V_{\gamma_1}V_{\gamma_2} - V_{\gamma_2}V_{\gamma_1} = -V_{\gamma_1+\gamma_2}$$



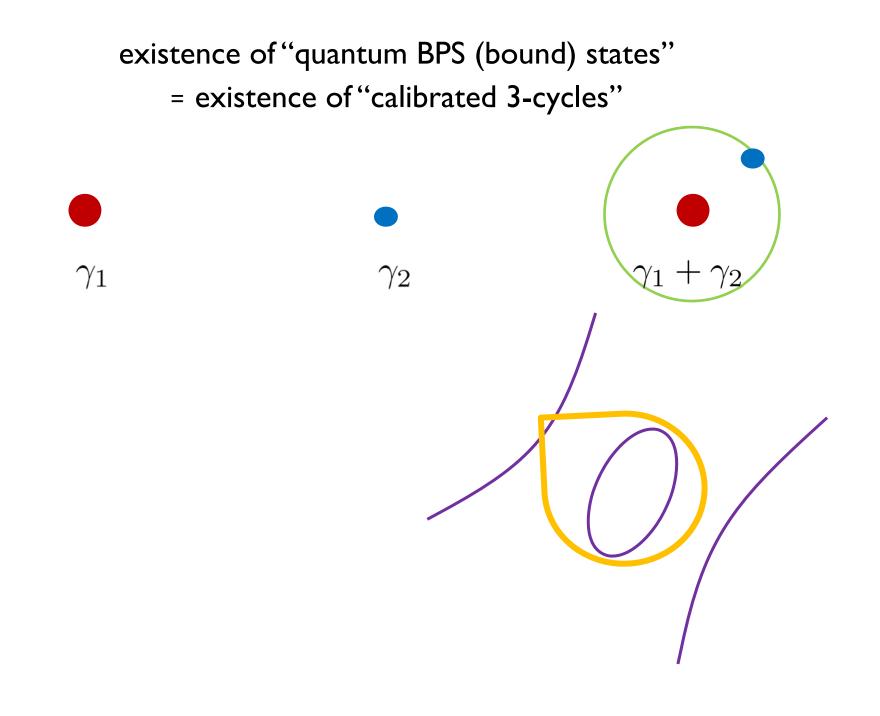


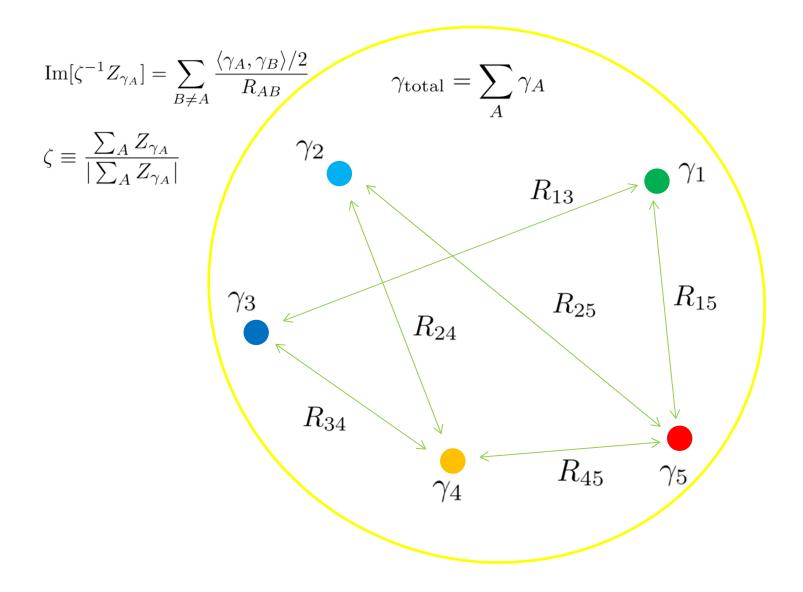
## which fits perfectly the wall-crossing prototype : D=4 N=2 SU(2) Seiberg-Witten



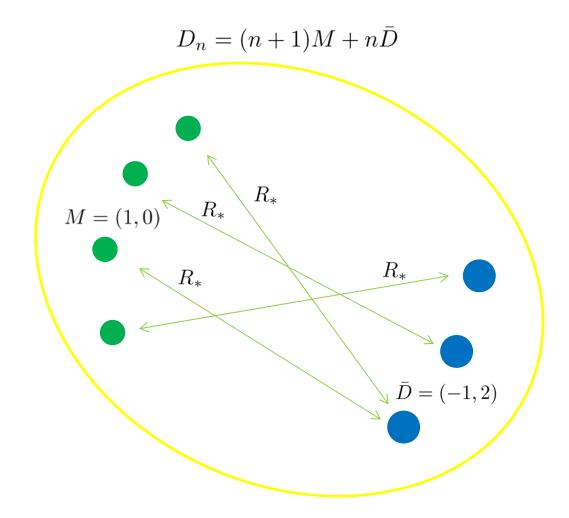
true ?

# how to see from BPS state building/counting?



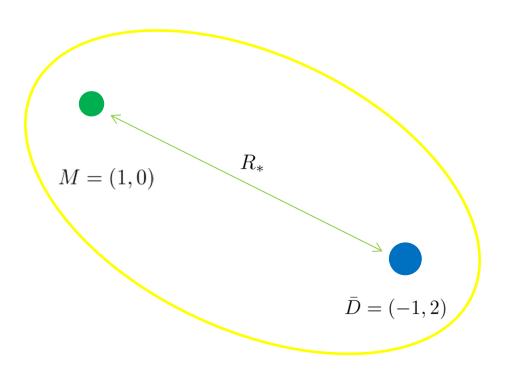


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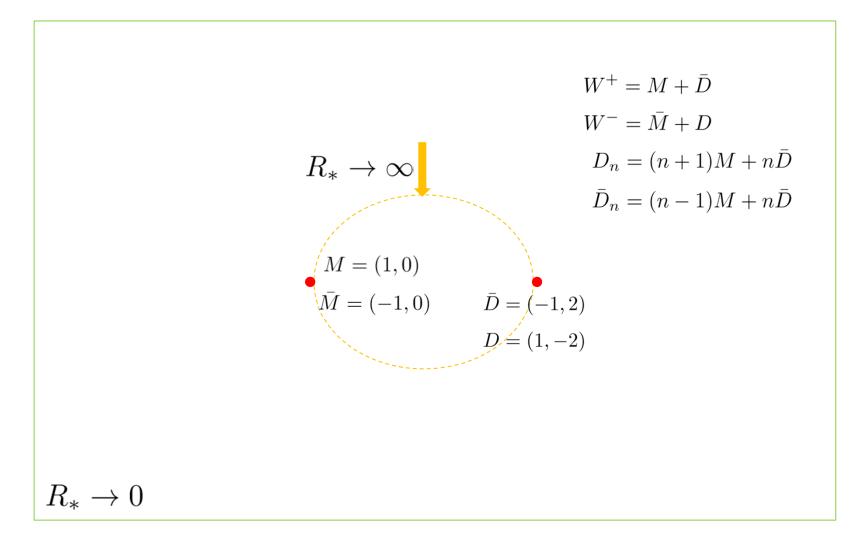


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 $W^+ = M + \bar{D}$ 



## wall-crossing $\leftarrow$ dissociation of supersymmetric bound states



thus, wall-crossing has a very simple and interpretation in the particle / quantum mechanics viewpoint as bound states becoming unbound

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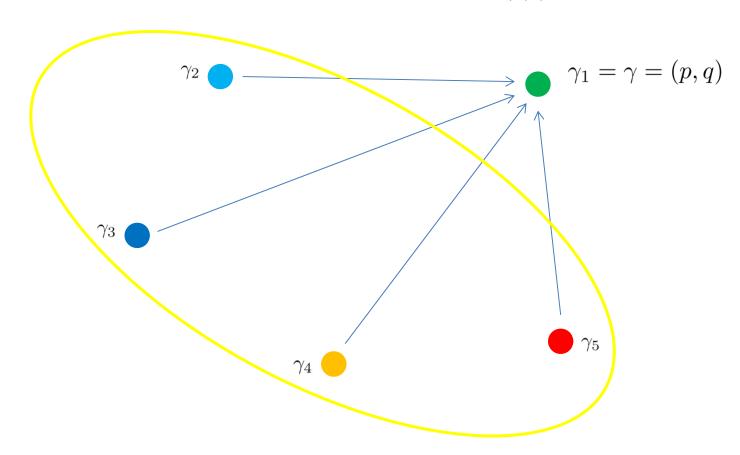
# quantum mechanics for many such charged particles Kim+Park+P.Y.+Wang 2011

$$\int dt \ \mathcal{L}_{kinetic} = \int dt \int d\theta^2 d\bar{\theta}^2 F(\hat{\Phi}^{Aa})$$
$$\int dt \ \mathcal{L}_{potential} = \int dt \int d\theta \ \left(i\mathcal{K}(\Phi)_A \Lambda^A - iW(\Phi)_{Aa} D\Phi^{Aa}\right)$$
$$\mathcal{K}_A = \operatorname{Im}[\zeta^{-1} Z_{\gamma_A}] - \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{\langle \gamma_A, \gamma_B \rangle/2}{|\vec{x}_A - \vec{x}_B|}$$
$$\vec{W}_A = \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{\langle \gamma_A, \gamma_B \rangle}{2} \ \vec{W}_{Dirac}^{4\pi}(\vec{x}_A - \vec{x}_B)$$

$$F(\vec{x}_A) \simeq \sum_A |Z_A| |\vec{x}_A|^2 = \sum_A m_A |\vec{x}_A|^2$$
 asymptotically

each dyon feels the rest via long-range tails

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma=(p,q)} \equiv \left[p^i \phi_D^i + q^i \phi^i\right] \Big|_{\gamma_{A'=2,3,4,\dots}}$$



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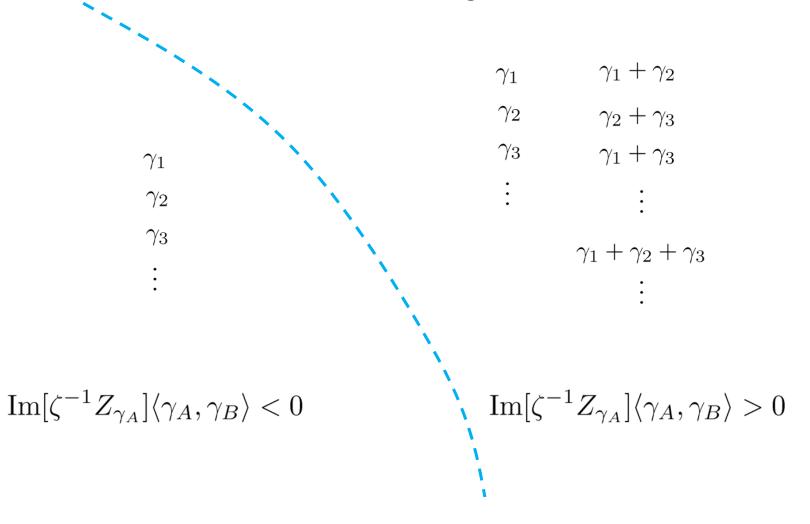
$$\mathcal{L}_{probe} = -|\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}|\sqrt{1 - \dot{\vec{x}}^2} + \operatorname{Re}[\zeta^{-1}\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}] - \dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \vec{W}$$

$$\simeq \frac{1}{2} |\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}| \dot{\vec{x}}^2 - \frac{(\mathrm{Im}[\zeta^{-1}\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}])^2}{2|\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}|} - \dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \vec{W}$$

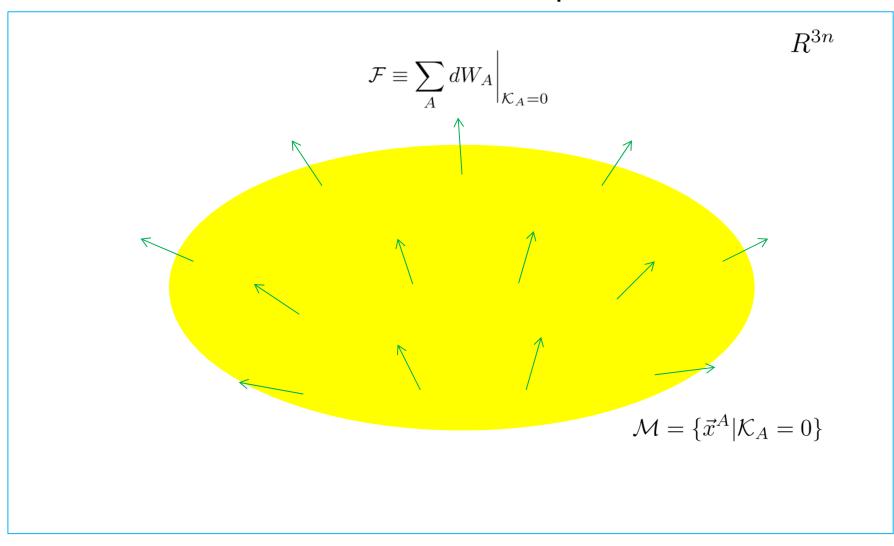
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$$\vec{\partial} \times \vec{W} \equiv \vec{\partial} \operatorname{Im}[\zeta^{-1}\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}]$$
$$\zeta^{-1}\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma} = |\mathcal{Z}_{\gamma}|e^{i\alpha}, \quad |\alpha| \ll 1$$

repulsive or attractive depending on a sign

thus, wall-crossing has a very simple and interpretation in the particle / quantum mechanics viewpoint as bound states becoming unbound



3n-dim dynamics  $\rightarrow$  3 + 2(n-1) dim nonlinear sigma model via deformation & localization that preserve the index



which reduces the problem to a N=1 Dirac index on the manifold  $\mathcal{K}_A = 0$  with Abelian magnetic fields Kim+Park+Wang+P.Y. 2011

3(n-1) bosons + 4(n-1) fermions  $\rightarrow 2(n-1)$  bosons + 2(n-1) fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{deformed}^{for \ index \ only} \bigg|_{L \to \infty} \to \mathcal{L}_{index}$$

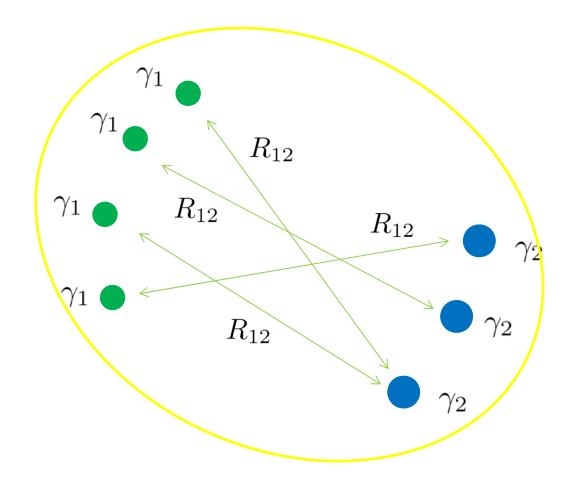
$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{index} &\simeq \frac{1}{2} \, g_{\mu\nu} \dot{z}^{\mu} \dot{z}^{\nu} - \dot{x}^{\mu} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{\mu} + \frac{i}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \psi^{\mu} \left( \dot{\psi}^{\nu} + \dot{z}^{\alpha} \Gamma^{\nu}_{\alpha\beta} \psi^{\beta} \right) + i \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \psi^{\mu} \psi^{\mu} \\ \mathcal{F} = d\mathcal{A} \equiv \sum_{A} dW_{A} \Big|_{\mathcal{K}_{A} = 0} \end{split}$$

## index theorem

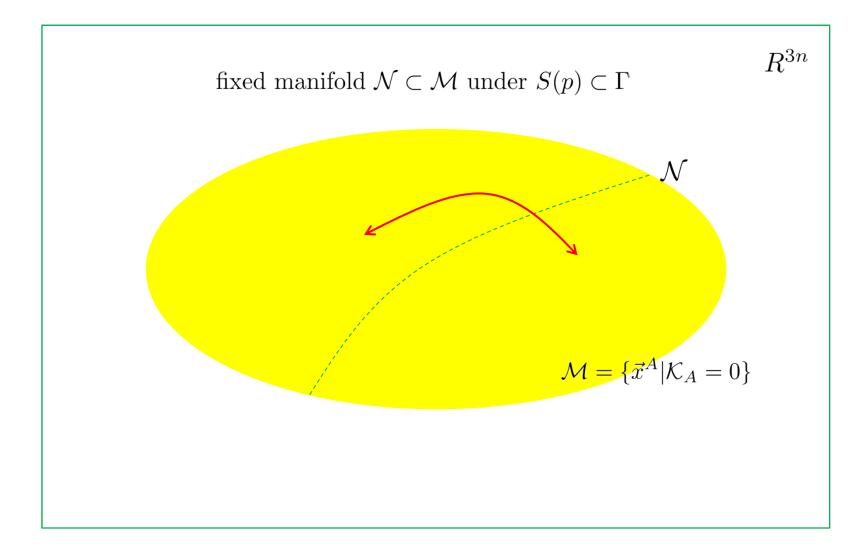
$$I_n(\{\gamma_A\}) = \operatorname{tr} \left[ (-1)^F e^{-\beta H} \right] = \operatorname{tr} \left[ (-1)^F e^{-\beta Q^2} \right]$$
$$= \int_{\mathcal{M} = \{\vec{x}_A \mid \mathcal{K}_A = 0\}} ch(\mathcal{F}) \wedge \operatorname{A}(\mathcal{M})$$
$$= \int_{\mathcal{M} = \{\vec{x}_A \mid \mathcal{K}_A = 0\}} ch(\mathcal{F}) \wedge \det \left( \frac{R/2}{\sinh(R/2)} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \sum_{A>B} \frac{\langle \gamma_A, \gamma_B \rangle}{2} \left. \mathcal{F}_{Dirac}^{4\pi} (\vec{x}_A - \vec{x}_B) \right|_{\mathcal{K}_A = 0}$$

Bose/Fermi statistics is essential



## incorporating Bose/Fermi statistics

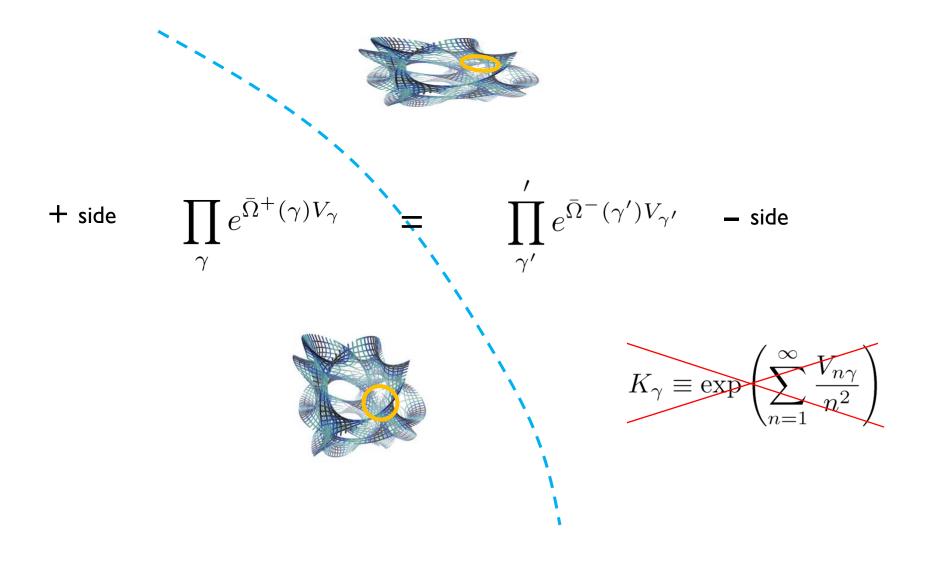


## universal wall-crossing formulae from quantum mechanics of BPS particles Kim+Park+P.Y.+Wang 2011

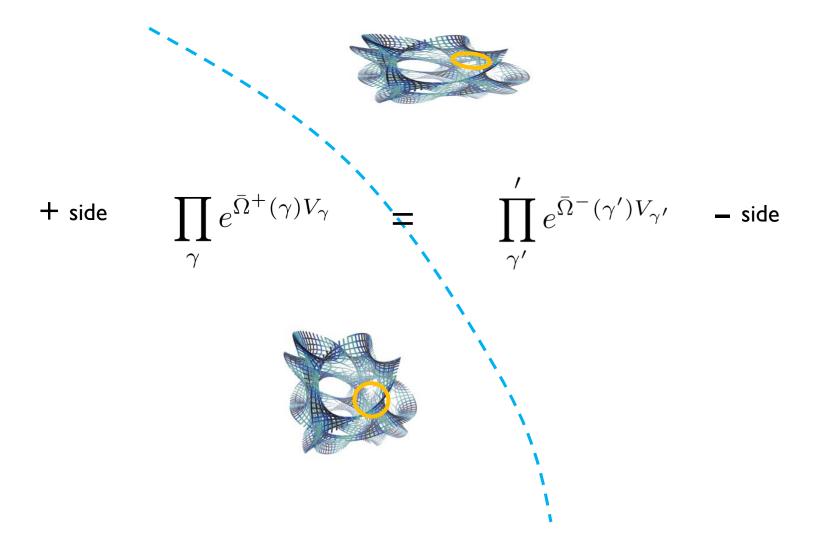
$$\begin{split} \bar{\Omega}^{-} \left( \sum \gamma_{A} \right) - \bar{\Omega}^{+} \left( \sum \gamma_{A} \right) &= (-1)^{\sum_{A > B} \langle \gamma_{A}, \gamma_{B} \rangle + n - 1} \frac{\prod_{A} \bar{\Omega}^{+}(\gamma_{A})}{|\Gamma|} \int_{\mathcal{M}} ch(\mathcal{F}) \\ &\vdots \\ &+ (-1)^{\sum_{A' > B'} \langle \gamma'_{A''}, \gamma'_{B'} \rangle + n' - 1} \frac{\prod_{A'} \bar{\Omega}^{+}(\gamma'_{A'})}{|\Gamma'|} \int_{\mathcal{M}'} ch(\mathcal{F}') \\ &\vdots \\ \bar{\Omega}(\gamma) &= \\ &\sum_{p \mid \gamma} \Omega(\gamma/p)/p^{2} \\ &\vdots \\ \end{split}$$

$$\sum_{A=1}^{n} \gamma_A = \dots = \sum_{A'=1}^{n'} \gamma'_{A'} = \dots = \sum_{A''=1}^{n''} \gamma''_{A''} = \dots$$

# which fits an alternate form KS algebra with $\bar{\Omega}(\Gamma) \equiv \sum_{p|\Gamma} \Omega(\Gamma/p)/p^2$



## and precisely reproduces answers from the conjectured Kontsevich-Soibelman Algebra



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Quantum Mechanics Counting = Kontsevich-Soibelman Conjecture

quantum physics count states, gravity makes geometry, and superstring theory combines quantum & gravity

quantum mechanics "count" geometry via superstring theory

→ quantum mechanical proof of the Kontsevich-Soibelman conjecture which solves, partially, a 30-year-old geometry problem geometry as mathematical tools for physics

string theory as physical tools for geometry