

Smearing and unsmearing KKLT AdS vacua

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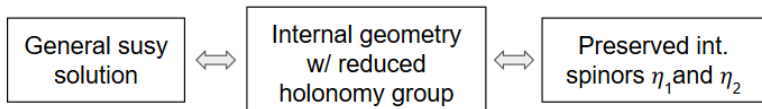
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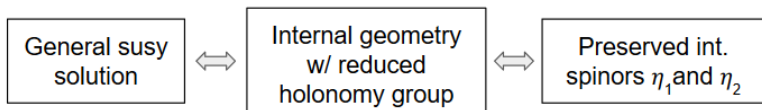
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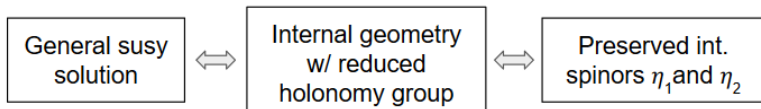


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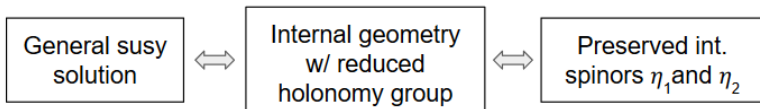


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These can be obtained as F- and D-flatness for [Koerber, Martucci 07,08]

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while for μ and $G_3 = F_3 + ie^{-\phi}H$ we have

$$\mu = 0, \quad G_3 \wedge \Omega = 0, \quad (i - \star_6)G_3 = 0,$$

so that G_3 must be ISD and without a (0,3) component.

Effect of the gaugino condensate

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including the source from the gaungino mass [Graña, NK, Retolaza 20]

$$S_{\lambda\lambda} = \int d^4x \left(\frac{i}{2} f \bar{\lambda}_+ \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu \lambda_+ + \frac{1}{2} m_\lambda \bar{\lambda}_- \lambda_+ + c.c. \right),$$

$$m_\lambda = -\frac{i}{8\pi} \int_{M_6} \delta^{(0)}[\Sigma_4] e^A \langle \Psi_-, F + i d_H (e^{-\phi} \text{Re } \Psi_+) \rangle.$$

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This system is consistent with the superpotential W_{gcg} since

$$\begin{aligned}\langle W_{\text{gcg}}^{\text{loc}} \rangle &= -4 \int_{M_6} \langle \langle S \rangle \delta^{(2)}[\Sigma_4], e^{-\phi} \text{Re} \Psi_+ \rangle + \\&\quad + i \int_{M_6} \langle e^{3A-\phi} \Psi_-, e^{-3A} \delta^{(0)}[\Sigma_4] \text{Re}[\langle \bar{S} \rangle \Psi_-] \rangle = 0,\end{aligned}$$

Hence, W_{gcg} contains all relevant ingredients.

(similar to geometric transitions as described in [Martucci, Dymarsky 10])

KKLT from Smearing the gaugino condensate

Smearing D7s gaugino condensate as

$$\delta^{(2)}[\Sigma_4] \rightarrow \gamma e^{2A-\phi} J, \quad \delta^{(0)}[\Sigma_4] \rightarrow 3\gamma e^{2A-\phi},$$

reproduces 4d EFT KKLT results **exactly**. (small μ and (0,3) flux)

Localized solution at first order

Expanding modified Susy Eqs and flux BIs in $\langle \lambda \lambda \rangle$ [KKMZ 19]

Divergencies in the on-shell action

Bulk contribution exactly computable using [Lüst et al 08] even **without knowing the full localized solution**. Gives prediction for on-shell λ^4 terms in D7 action. Results similar to [Hamada et al 18-21].

Thank you! Any questions?