

# Weyl-Orbifold Anomalies and Soliton masses

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## GARYFEST



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I feel very lucky, and honored, to be here for this celebration  
of Gary's brilliant career and achievements



Gary is the closest approximation,  
within our community,  
to a **Renaissance** man

Knows (almost) everything and interested in everything



before its time !

Brunelleschi's  
self-supporting dome

Linear A



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his Schwarzschild radius



## Gary's papers: word occurrence in titles

**black hole 65**  
metric 36 (geometry 23)

**branes 35**  
quantum 31  
(anti) de Sitter 18

**solitons 17**

**string 17**  
gravity 15  
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**moduli 6**  
Euclidean 6  
Born-Infeld 6  
Carroll 4

**Gibbons-Manton** metric  
for N monopoles

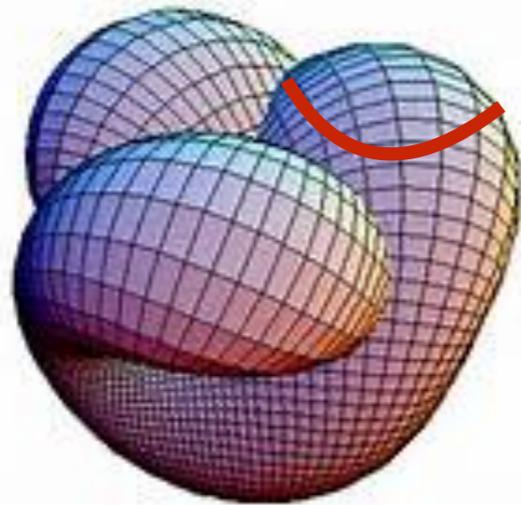
Attractor-mechanism  
for BHs (flux compact)

# 1. Introduction

Today's talk will be about a famous moduli space:

that of **Calabi-Yau manifolds**

and its associated solitons: **wrapped D-branes**



$$\times \mathbb{R}^{1,3}$$

$$\simeq$$

**Our world ?**

Moduli ( $\lambda$ ) : massless scalar fields; metric determines eff. action

D-branes: solitons with  $\lambda$  - dependent mass and charge

Computing  $g_{I\bar{J}}(\lambda)$  and  $M_s(\lambda)$  is time-honored problem  
in physics and mathematics.

Gromov-Witten invariants



Recent progress in **susy field theories** has opened a new  
avenue for the solution of these problems.

They are related to 2D Weyl anomalies, which shows in turn  
that they can be computed by the technique of **localization**

Pestun 2007



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Benini, Cremonesi 1206.2356

Doroud, Gomis, Le Floch, Lee 1206.2606

Based on dictionary:

Target space

Calabi-Yau

moduli  $\lambda^I$   
moduli space

metric

wrapped brane

mass

worldsheet

N=(2,2) SCFT

marginal deformations  
superconformal manifold

Zamolodchikov metric

boundary conditions  $\Omega$

bnry degeneracy  $g^\Omega$

Affleck, Ludwig

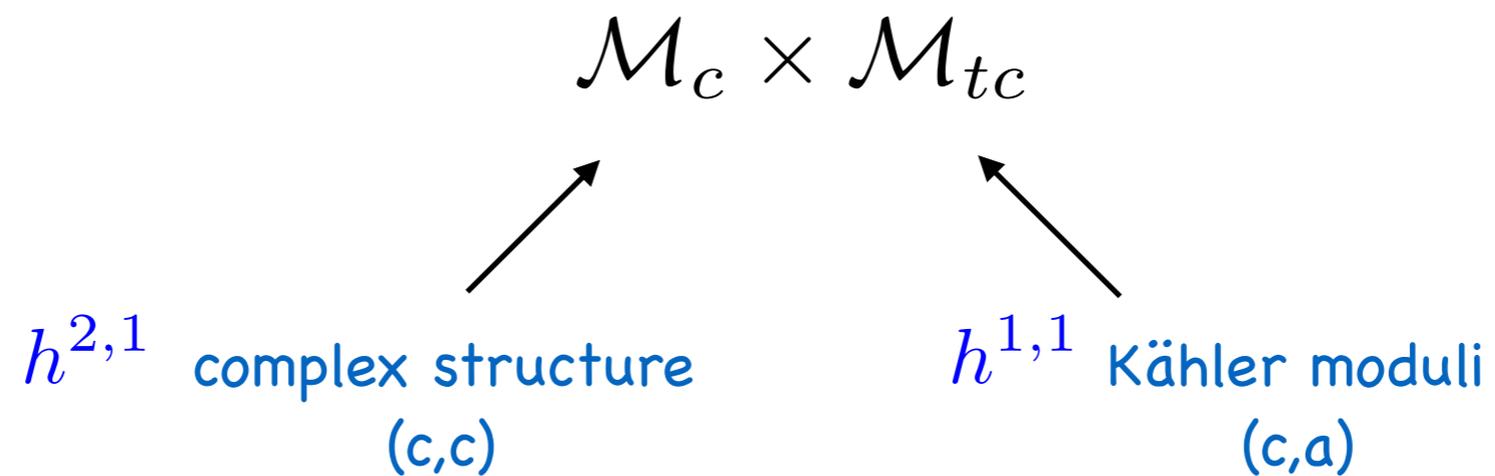
New way to compute r.h.s.

More precisely :

This CY moduli space is known to **factorize locally**:

but see [arXiv:1611.03101](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.03101)

Gomis, Komargodski, Ooguri, Seiberg, Wang



What is the metric on this moduli space ?

Strong constraints from  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry of  
type-II string theory compactified on CY3:

*IIA* :  $h^{1,1}$  *vector*       $h^{2,1} + 1$  *hyper*

*IIB* :  $h^{2,1}$  *vector*       $h^{1,1} + 1$  *hyper*

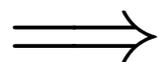


special Kähler



quaternionic

The string coupling is a hyper, while the volume is a Kähler modulus



metric on complex-structure m.s. is **classical**

metric on Kähler m.s. has **instanton** corrections



Gromov-Witten invariants

It has been shown that the Kähler m.s. metric is computed by the **partition function on the 2-sphere**

$$Z(S^2) = \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{c/3} e^{-K(\lambda, \bar{\lambda})} \quad g_{I\bar{J}} = \partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} K$$

Conjectured by Jockers, Kumar, Lapan, Morrison, Romo (1208.6244)

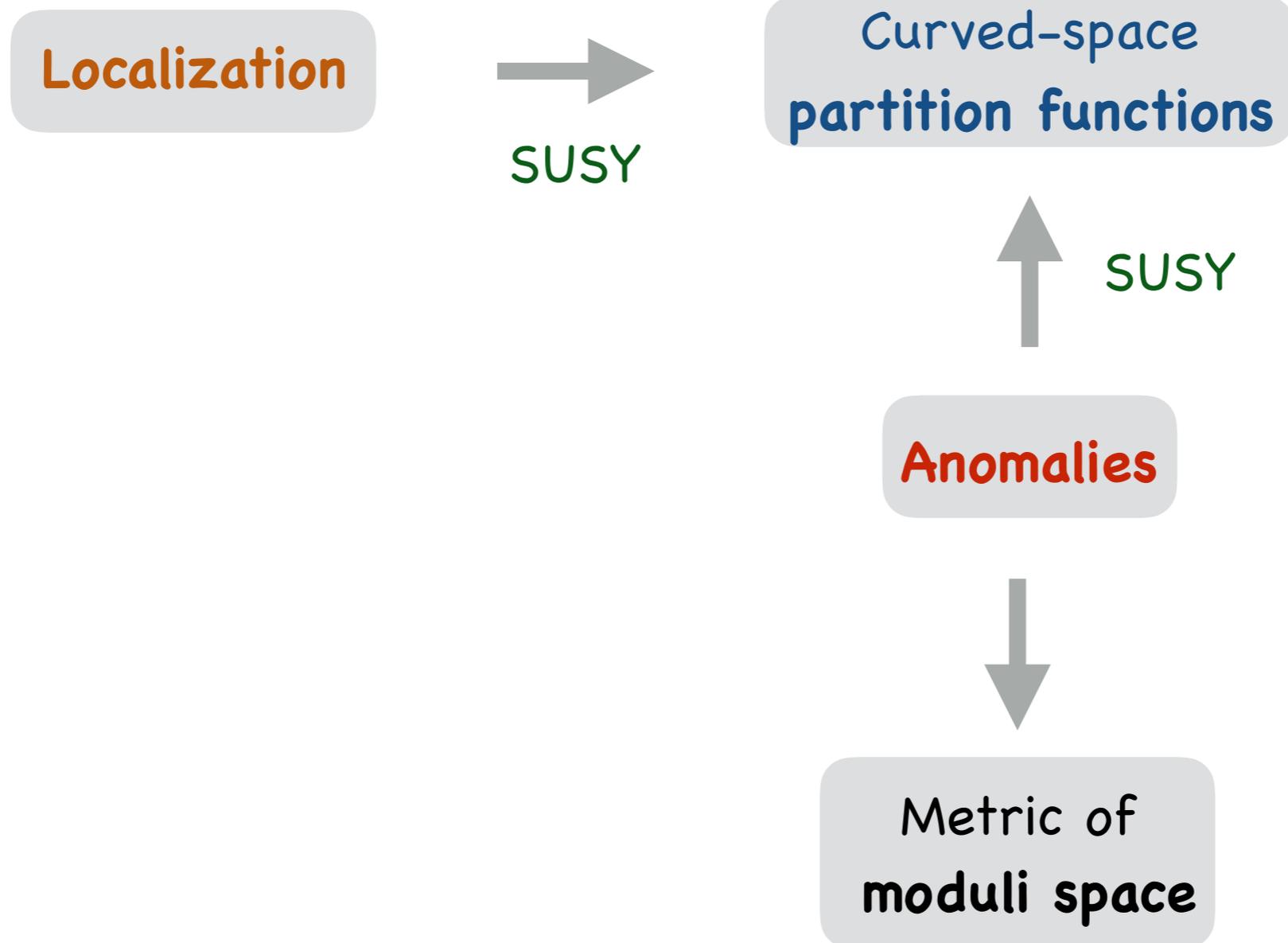
Shown with help of tt\* eqns by Gomis + Lee (1210.6022)

Last year: Gomis, Komargodski, Hsin, Schwimmer, Seiberg, Theisen (1509.08511)

gave an elegant new proof based on a "new kind" of **Weyl anomaly**

Osborn '91

This is a powerful circle of ideas with non-trivial corollaries and generalizations to higher D:





With **Daniel Plencner** we generalized  
this line of argument to the **hemisphere**

arXiv: 1612.06386

We show in particular that the hemisphere partition function computes  
the second important piece of geometric data:

The **central charge**  $C^\Omega(\lambda)$ , and the **mass** of CY D-branes.

Honda + Okuda 1308.2217

Hori + Romo 1308.2438

Sugishita + Terashima 1308.1973

Rest of this talk:

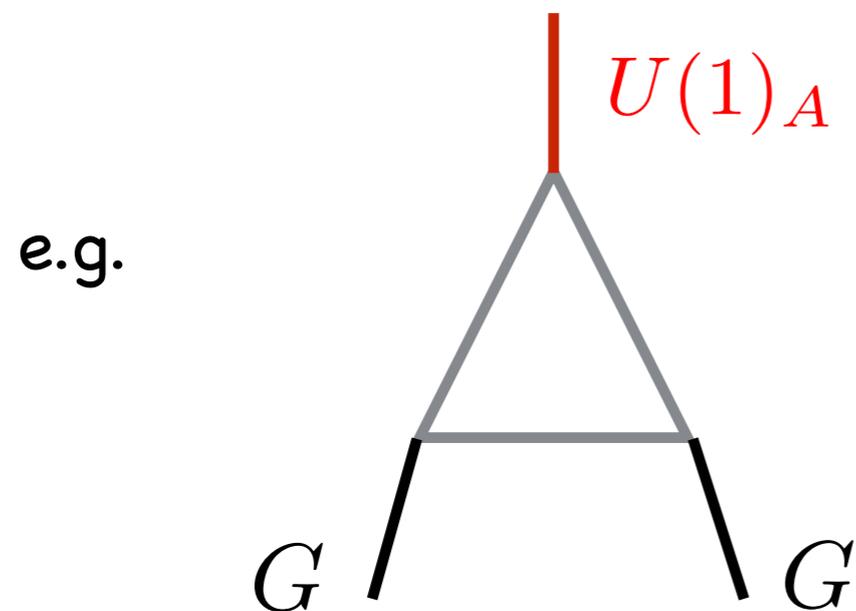
- 2 Superconformal manifolds & Anomalies
- 3 Corollaries for  $\mathcal{Z}(S^2)$  and CY moduli space
- 4 Extension to Boundaries and D-brane mass/charge
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## 2. "Mixed" super-Weyl anomalies

Anomalies imply non-conservation in correlation functions:

$$\langle \partial_\mu j^\mu \mathcal{O}_1(p_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}_n(p_n) \rangle \neq 0$$

When r.h.s. proportional to momenta: non-conservation only  
in presence of **spacetime-dependent background fields**



$$\implies \partial_\mu j_A^\mu = F \wedge F$$

axial charge violated by  
instantons, cf 't Hooft  
matching conditions

For chiral anomalies: background is gauge or gravitational

For trace (Weyl) anomaly, can be **exactly-marginal couplings**:

Osborn '91

Osborn, Petkou '93

In 2D the 2-point function of marginal operators reads:

Zamolodchikov metric

anomaly

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_I(z) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{\bar{J}}(w) \rangle = g_{I\bar{J}} \mathcal{R} \frac{1}{|z-w|^4} = g_{I\bar{J}} \frac{1}{2} (\partial \bar{\partial})^2 [\log(|z-w|^2 \mu^2)]^2$$

differential regularization of distribution

Turn on space-dependent couplings  $\lambda^I$  :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \log \mu} \sim \int_z \int_w \lambda^I(z) \bar{\lambda}^{\bar{J}}(w) \frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu} \langle \mathcal{O}_I(z) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{\bar{J}}(w) \rangle \sim \int \partial_\mu \lambda^I \partial^\mu \bar{\lambda}^{\bar{J}} g_{I\bar{J}}$$

Anomaly is **invisible for constant couplings**. But supersymmetry relates it to a term that does not vanish when  $\partial_\mu \lambda^I = 0$

Gomis et al (1509.08511)

This term can be removed by non-susy local counterterm;

but **SUSY gives it universal meaning**

## Technical details:

To  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  SCFTs have  $U(1)_V \times U(1)_A$  R-symmetry.

In computing the anomaly we choose to preserve the **vector-like** symmetry, so we must couple it to the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supergravity in which this symmetry is gauged by a field  $V^\mu$

Closset + Cremonesi (1404.2636)

In superconformal gauge:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\sigma} \eta_{\mu\nu}, \quad V^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu a$$

Classically  $\sigma$  and  $a$  decouple, but in the quantum theory they don't due to the **Weyl** and **axial** anomalies.

Supersymmetry places these fields in a **twisted-chiral multiplet**

$$\Sigma(y^\mu) = (\sigma + ia) + \theta^+ \bar{\chi}_+ + \bar{\theta}^- \chi_- + \theta^+ \bar{\theta}^- w$$

with components functions of  $y^\pm = x^\pm \mp i\theta^\pm \bar{\theta}^\pm$

The tc field obeys  $\bar{D}_+ \Sigma = D_- \Sigma = 0$

where 
$$D_\pm = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^\pm} - i\bar{\theta}^\pm \partial_\pm, \quad \bar{D}_\pm = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}^\pm} + i\theta^\pm \partial_\pm.$$

It is useful to also promote the **marginal couplings to vevs of tc fields**

$$\Lambda^I = \lambda^I(y^\pm) + \dots, \quad \bar{\Lambda}^I = \bar{\lambda}^I(\bar{y}^\pm) + \dots \quad \text{Seiberg}$$

so as to make the susy of the anomaly manifest.

The anomaly  $iA(\delta\Sigma) := \delta_\Sigma \log \mathcal{Z}_V(M)$  is the susy invariant

$$A_{\text{closed}} := A^{(1)} + A^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_M d^2x \int d^4\theta \left[ \frac{c}{6} (\delta\Sigma \bar{\Sigma} + \delta\bar{\Sigma} \Sigma) - (\delta\Sigma + \delta\bar{\Sigma}) K(\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}) \right]$$

Gomis et al (1509.08511)

This obeys **Wess-Zumino** consistency  $\delta_\Sigma A(\delta\Sigma') - \delta_{\Sigma'} A(\delta\Sigma) = 0$

and can be integrated with the result:

$$\log \mathcal{Z}_V \supset \frac{i}{4\pi} \int_M d^2x \int d^4\theta \left[ \frac{c}{6} \Sigma \bar{\Sigma} - (\Sigma + \bar{\Sigma}) K \right] .$$

super-Liouville

super-Osborn '91

Expand in components:

$$A^{(1)} = -\frac{c}{12\pi} \int_M d^2x \left[ \delta\sigma \square\sigma + \delta a \square a + \frac{1}{2}(\delta w \bar{w} + \delta \bar{w} w) + \partial^\mu b_\mu^{(1)} \right] + \text{fermions} ,$$

$$A^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_M d^2x \left[ \delta\sigma (\partial_\mu \lambda^I \partial^\mu \bar{\lambda}^{\bar{J}}) \partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} K - \frac{1}{2} K \square \delta\sigma - (\partial^\mu \delta a) \mathcal{K}_\mu + \partial^\mu b_\mu^{(2)} \right]$$

where  $\mathcal{K}_\mu := \frac{i}{2} (\partial_I K \partial_\mu \lambda^I - \partial_{\bar{I}} K \partial_\mu \bar{\lambda}^{\bar{I}})$  ← Kahler one-form



(Cohomologically) **non-trivial**, real anomalies



Variation of **local invariant counterterm**

$$\sim \int \sqrt{g} R^{(2)} K(\lambda, \bar{\lambda})$$

The first term in  $A^{(2)}$  is the **scale anomaly in the 2-point function**

as follows from  $\delta\sigma = -\delta \log \mu$  ,  $\partial\bar{\partial} \log |z|^2 = \pi\delta^{(2)}(z)$

and  $\partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} K = g_{I\bar{J}}$

 **contact term**

The non-vanishing term for constant couplings is the **red** one

It could be removed by **change of scheme** in bosonic theory,  
but supersymmetry relates it to the non-trivial **blue** terms !

Similar remark made previously for 4D Casimir energy by

**Assel, Cassani, Di Pietro, Komargodski, Lorenzen, Martelli 1503.05537**

### 3. Some corollaries

Integrating the anomaly for constant couplings gives

$$\int_{S^2} K \square \sigma = -4\pi K \implies Z_V^E(S^2) = \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{c/3} e^{-K(\lambda, \bar{\lambda})}$$

so the 2-sphere free energy computes the Kähler potential on the SCFT2 moduli space (both chiral and twisted chiral)

#### A puzzle

$Z_V^E(S^2)$  not invariant under **Kähler-Weyl** transformations

$$K'(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) = K(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) + H(\lambda) + \bar{H}(\bar{\lambda})$$

## Resolution

The difference amounts to change of **renormalization scheme**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\text{KW}} A^{(2)} &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_M d^2x \int d^4\theta (\delta\Sigma + \delta\bar{\Sigma})H + c.c. \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_M d^2x \int d\theta^+ d\bar{\theta}^- (\bar{D}_+ D_- \delta\bar{\Sigma})H + \int_M d^2x (\partial^\mu Y_\mu) + c.c.\end{aligned}$$

**twisted F-term** **curvature superfield**

$$\mathcal{R} = \bar{D}_+ D_- \bar{\Sigma} = -\bar{w} + \theta^+ \bar{\theta}^- \partial_+ \partial_- (\sigma - ia) + \dots$$

So **local, susy and diffeo-invariant counterterm** compensates the Kähler-Weyl (gauge) transformation !

## An interesting conjecture

Gomis et al (1509.08511)

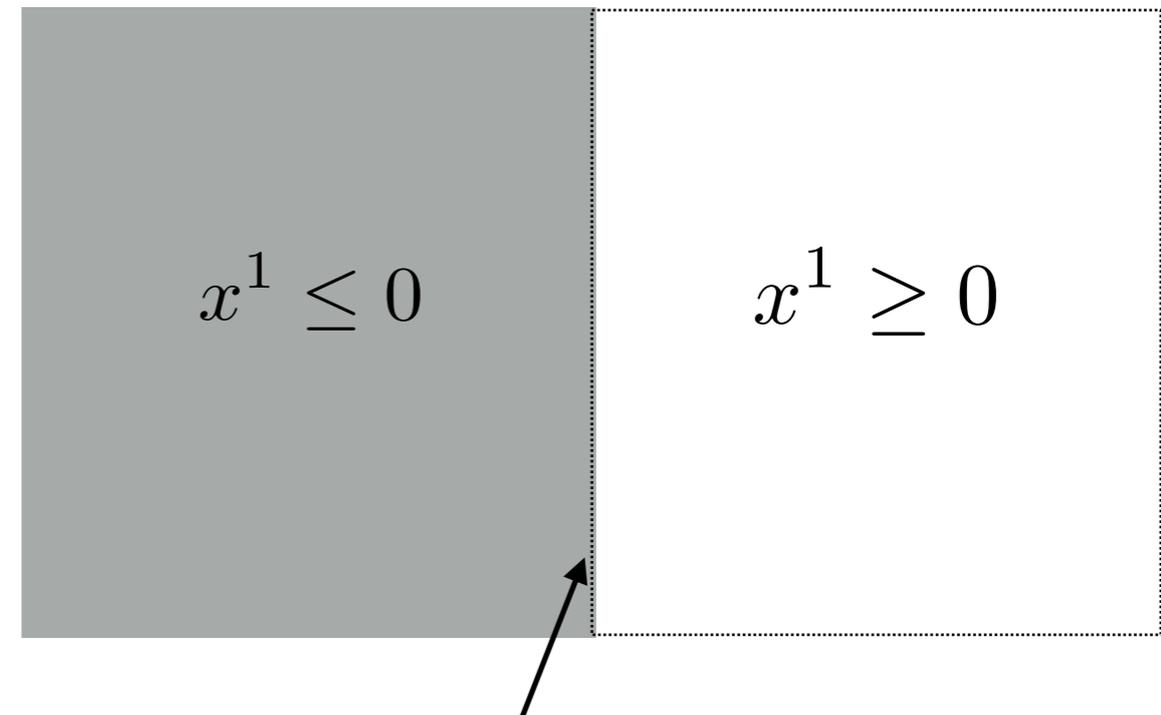
If the moduli space had non-vanishing Kähler class one could pick  $\lambda^I(x)$  such that  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is non-trivial 2-cycle

Then there would be no global renormalization scheme !

Way out: **Moduli space has Kähler class = 0**

## 4. Boundary anomaly

Consider half space:



boundary condition  $\Omega$

One-point functions of marginal operators:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_I(x) \rangle_{\Omega} = d_I^{\Omega} \mathcal{R} \frac{1}{|x_1|^2} = d_I^{\Omega} \partial_1^2 [\Theta(-x^1) \log |x^1 \mu|]_{\Omega}$$

For susy-preserving (B-type) boundary conditions, the 1pt-function coefficients are not independent. They are related to a **holomorphic boundary charge**  $c^\Omega(\lambda)$

$$\frac{c_I^\Omega}{c^\Omega} = \partial_I(K + \log c^\Omega)$$

Ooguri, Oz, Yin '96

Argument: vacuum projection of boundary state

$$\Pi_{\text{vac}} |\Omega\rangle\rangle := c^\Omega |0\rangle_{\text{RR}} + \sum_I c_I^\Omega |I\rangle_{\text{RR}}$$

is flat section of the improved connection  $\nabla - C$  on moduli space  
structure constants of chiral ring

Our result: prove these relations from Weyl-Osborn anomaly, and show that hemisphere p.f. computes bnry charge

$$\mathcal{Z}_+(D^2) = \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{c/6} c^\Omega(\lambda) , \quad \mathcal{Z}_-(D^2) = \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{c/6} c^\Omega(\bar{\lambda}) .$$

Under Kähler Weyl transformations  $c^\Omega \rightarrow c^\Omega e^F$

The **boundary entropy** is the scheme-independent combination

$$g^\Omega = \frac{|c^\Omega|}{e^{-K/2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{Z}_+(D^2)\mathcal{Z}_-(D^2)}{\mathcal{Z}(S^2)}}$$

In string-theory compactifications,  $g^\Omega$  and  $c^\Omega$  are the **mass** and **RR charge** of the 1/2 BPS D-brane states



dyons in field-theory limits

**These follow from worldsheet anomalies !**

## Technical details:

3 steps in calculation:

➔ Take into account the divergence terms in  $A_{\text{closed}}$

$$b_{\mu}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4}(\partial_{\mu}\delta\sigma)\sigma - \frac{3}{4}\delta\sigma\partial_{\mu}\sigma + \frac{1}{4}(\partial_{\mu}\delta a)a - \frac{3}{4}\delta a\partial_{\mu}a$$

$$b_{\mu}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{4}(\partial_{\mu}\delta\sigma)K - \frac{1}{4}\delta\sigma\partial_{\mu}K .$$

➔ Add 'minimal' boundary term needed for susy

➔ Extra boundary-superinvariant additions  
using formalism of **boundary superspace**



## Reference boundary completion

Consider the D-term :

$$\int_M d^2x \int d^4\theta \mathcal{S} = \int_M d^2x [\mathcal{S}]_{\text{top}}$$

top component

The **type-B susy** generator is  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{susy}} = \epsilon (Q_+ + Q_-) - \bar{\epsilon} (\bar{Q}_+ + \bar{Q}_-)$

where  $Q_{\pm} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^{\pm}} + i\bar{\theta}^{\pm} \partial_{\pm}$  ,  $\bar{Q}_{\pm} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}^{\pm}} - i\theta^{\pm} \partial_{\pm}$

The transformation of the D-term is a **total derivative**

$$\Delta_{\text{susy}}[\mathcal{S}]_{\text{top}} = \int d^4\theta \mathcal{D}_{\text{susy}} \mathcal{S} = i\epsilon \int d^4\theta (\bar{\theta}^+ \partial_+ \mathcal{S} + \bar{\theta}^- \partial_- \mathcal{S}) + c.c.$$

We want to write as the susy transformation of a boundary term.

Standard manipulations give:

$$\Delta_{\text{susy}}[\mathcal{S}]_{\text{top}} = -\Delta_{\text{susy}}(\partial_1[\mathcal{S}]_{\text{bnry}}) + \partial_0 Y$$

with 
$$[\mathcal{S}]_{\text{bnry}} = -\frac{i}{2}([\mathcal{S}]_{\theta+\bar{\theta}-} - [\mathcal{S}]_{\theta-\bar{\theta}+}) - \frac{1}{4}\partial_1[\mathcal{S}]_{\emptyset}$$

so that

$$I_D(\mathcal{S}) := \int d^2x [\mathcal{S}]_{\text{top}} + \int dx^0 [\mathcal{S}]_{\text{bnry}}$$

is our susy-invariant standard completion.

For the case of interest, the integrated superfield is  $\delta\mathcal{S}$

with 
$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{c}{6} \Sigma \bar{\Sigma} - (\Sigma + \bar{\Sigma}) K \right]$$



## Boundary superspace

Hori (hep-th/0012179)

$$x^+ = x^-, \quad \theta \equiv e^{-i\beta} \theta^+ = e^{i\beta} \theta^-, \quad \bar{\theta} \equiv e^{i\beta} \bar{\theta}^+ = e^{-i\beta} \bar{\theta}^-$$

Restrictions of bulk superfields, e.g.

$$\Sigma|_{\partial M} = \sigma + ia + \theta \bar{\chi}_+ + \bar{\theta} \chi_- + \theta \bar{\theta} [w - i\partial_1(\sigma + ia)]$$

Usual D-term and F-term integrals of bnry superfields are invariant

Brunner + Hori (hep-th/0303135)

**WZ-consistency, locality and parity covariance** leads to ansatz for

boundary-superinvariant contribution to anomaly:

$$\int dx^0 [\mathcal{B}]_{\theta\bar{\theta}} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{B} = \frac{i}{8\pi} \left[ \# \frac{c}{12} (\Sigma^2 - \bar{\Sigma}^2) + \bar{\Sigma} G^\Omega(\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}) - \Sigma G^\Omega(\bar{\Lambda}, \Lambda) \right] \Big|_{\partial M}$$

$$\text{and reality condition} \quad G^\Omega(\bar{\Lambda}, \Lambda) = [G^\Omega(\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda})]^*$$

## Collecting everything:

$$A_{\text{open}} = \int_M d^2x [\delta\mathcal{S}]_{\text{top}} + \int_{\partial M} dx^0 ([\delta\mathcal{S}]_{\text{bnry}} + [\delta\mathcal{B}]_{\theta\bar{\theta}})$$

where

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{c}{6} \Sigma \bar{\Sigma} - (\Sigma + \bar{\Sigma}) K \right]$$

$$[\mathcal{S}]_{\text{bnry}} = -\frac{i}{2} ([\mathcal{S}]_{\theta+\bar{\theta}-} - [\mathcal{S}]_{\theta-\bar{\theta}+}) - \frac{1}{4} \partial_1 [\mathcal{S}]_{\emptyset}$$

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 central-charge anomaly

 Weyl-Osborn anomaly

cf Polchinski; Solodukhin for higher D

Susy Ward identity:  $\langle \int \delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{sugra}} \int \delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCFT}} \rangle = 0$  if  $\delta \bar{\Sigma} = \bar{\Lambda}^I = 0$

$\implies$  no terms propto  $\delta \Sigma \Lambda^I$

$\implies$   $G^\Omega(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) = K(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}) + 2 \log c^\Omega(\lambda)$

**Kähler-Weyl** covariance (up to local counterterms) requires

$c^\Omega := e^{h^\Omega}$  section of **holomorphic line bundle**

$$K \rightarrow K + H + \bar{H} \qquad h^\Omega \rightarrow h^\Omega - H$$



final ingredient: susy hemisphere

..... Seiberg, Festuccia 1105.0689

$$A_{\text{open}} \supset \delta \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2x \left[ \square(\sigma - ia)h^\Omega + \square(\sigma + ia)\bar{h}^\Omega \right] + \frac{i}{4\pi} \int dx^0 \left[ \bar{w} h^\Omega - w \bar{h}^\Omega \right] \right\}$$



integrated anomaly subtracted so as to vanish for infinitesimal disk depends only the holomorphic boundary charge, plus the auxiliary field of the metric.

**Killing-spinor equations imply**

$$w = 2i \frac{\zeta^-}{\zeta^+} \partial_z (\sigma + ia + \log \zeta^-) = 2i \frac{\bar{\zeta}^+}{\bar{\zeta}^-} \partial_{\bar{z}} (\sigma + ia + \log \bar{\zeta}^+),$$

$$\bar{w} = -2i \frac{\zeta^+}{\zeta^-} \partial_{\bar{z}} (\sigma - ia + \log \zeta^+) = -2i \frac{\bar{\zeta}^-}{\bar{\zeta}^+} \partial_z (\sigma - ia + \log \bar{\zeta}^-).$$

where the unbroken superconformal symmetries are

$$\epsilon_+ = \epsilon \zeta^-(z), \quad \epsilon_- = -\epsilon \zeta^+(\bar{z}), \quad \bar{\epsilon}_+ = \bar{\epsilon} \bar{\zeta}^-(z), \quad \bar{\epsilon}_- = -\bar{\epsilon} \bar{\zeta}^+(z)$$

Two solutions for hemisphere with B-type bnrly condition:

$$\begin{aligned} (+) : \quad & \zeta^- = 1, \quad \zeta^+ = \bar{z}, \quad \bar{\zeta}^- = z, \quad \bar{\zeta}^+ = 1, \\ (-) : \quad & \zeta^- = z, \quad \zeta^+ = -1, \quad \bar{\zeta}^- = 1, \quad \bar{\zeta}^+ = -\bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

Supersymmetric hemispheres with B-type bnrly condition:

$$\sigma = -\log(1 + z\bar{z}) + \text{constant} , \quad a = 0$$

$$(+) : w = \bar{w} = -\frac{2i}{1 + z\bar{z}} , \quad (-) : w = \bar{w} = \frac{2i}{1 + z\bar{z}}$$

which implies

$$Z_+(D^2, \Omega) = \mathcal{Z}_0 c^\Omega(\lambda) , \quad Z_-(D^2, \Omega) = \mathcal{Z}_0 c^\Omega(\bar{\lambda}) .$$

qed

## 5. Summary + outlook

Computed the super-Weyl anomaly for  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$  models on a surface with boundary generalizing the result of Gomis, Komargodski, Hsin, Schwimmer, Seiberg, Theisen (1509.08511)

Not only the **Kähler potential** but also the brane **charge & mass** are given by an ('Osborn-type') anomaly. They can be computed by localization

Extension to higher dimensions and other co-dimension defects

**Many thanks to the organizers**



**and congratulations to Gary !**