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# Anti-branes in string compactifications

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📌 Recent swampland conjectures imply **no de Sitter vacua in string theory!**

[Obied, Ooguri, Spodyneiko, Vafa `18]

[Dvali, Gomez `18]

[Ooguri, Palti, Shiu, Vafa `18]

📌 Popular KKLT-like de Sitter models:

- \* combines 10d and 4d EFT arguments
- \* crucially involves anti-branes

**Is there anything  
WRONG?**

📌 In this talk:

- \* 4d EFTs for anti-brane goldstino

[Bandos-LM-Sorokin-Tonin`16]

[Bandos-Heller-Kuzenko-LM-Sorokin`16]

- \* KKLT from 10d

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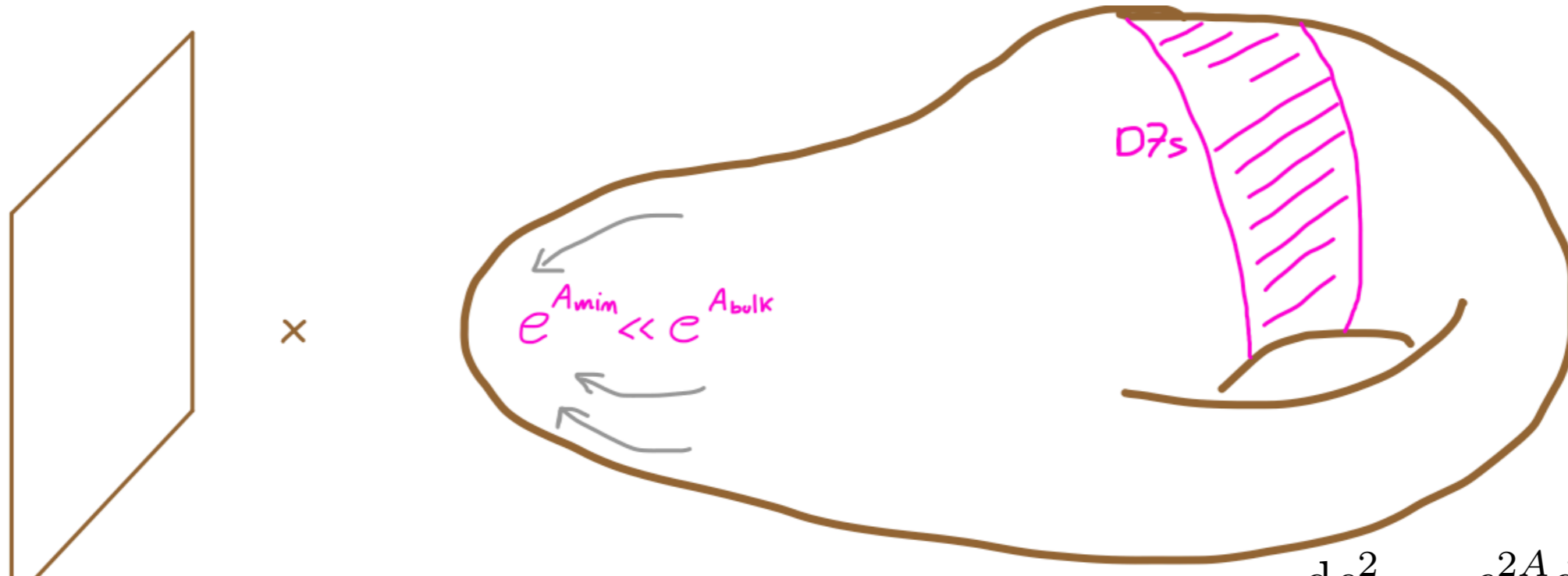
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Anti-branes, goldstino and EFTs

KKLT anti-brane ideology

[Kachru-Kalosh-Linde, Trivedi '03]

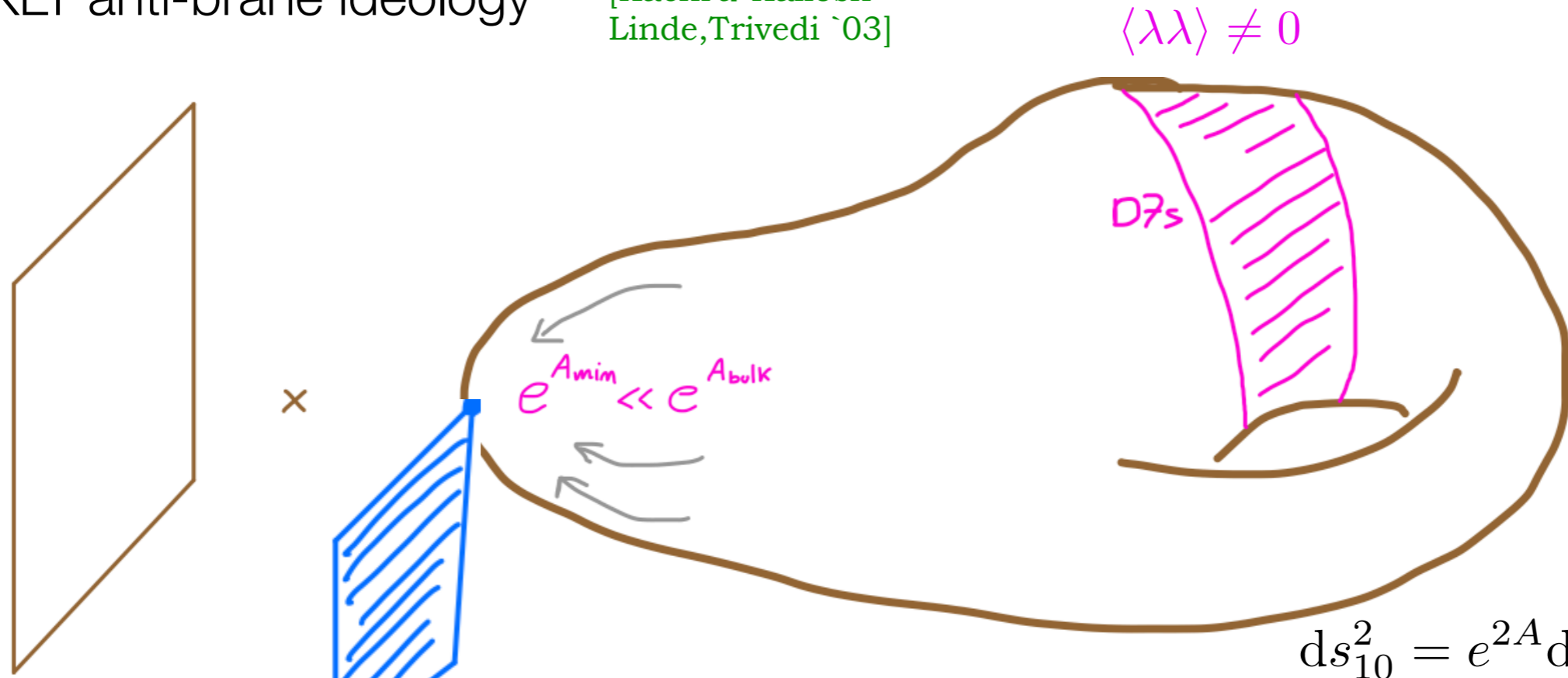


$\mathcal{N}=1$  AdS vacua

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_4^2 + e^{-2A} ds_6^2$$

KKLT anti-brane ideology

[Kachru-Kalosh-Linde, Trivedi '03]



$\bar{D}3$ -brane  $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{N}=0$  dS vacua

10d Q's

16 locally preserved

$\xrightarrow{\text{KK}}$

16 spont. broken  
at  $\Lambda_{st}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{KK}}$

4d Q's

0 (hidden susy  
broken at  $\Lambda_{KK}$ )

4 non-lin. realized

📌 4d EFT? by **probe** approach:

$$K = -3 \log(\text{Im } \rho)$$

$$W = W_0 + A e^{\frac{2\pi i \rho}{N}}$$

**N=1 SUSY EFT**

+

$$V_{\overline{D3}} = \frac{\mu^4}{(\text{Im } \rho)^2}$$

**KKL(MM)T '03**

[KKLT+ Maldacena & McAllister '03]

📌 Non-linear realizations through nilpotent superfield  $S^2 = 0$

$$K = -3 \log(\text{Im } \rho - S\bar{S})$$

$$W = W_0 + A e^{2\pi i \rho} + \mu^2 M_P S$$



$$V_{\overline{D3}} = \frac{\mu^4}{(\text{Im } \rho)^2}$$

[Ferrara-Kallosh-Linde '14]

(neglecting scalar and U(1) gauge field on  $\overline{D3}$ )

📌 Does it support probe result? **Not really!**

- \* basically any potential (and non-susy interaction) can be supersymmetrized!

📌 “Elementary” constrained superfields:

natural EFT in **4d** spontaneous SUSY-breaking

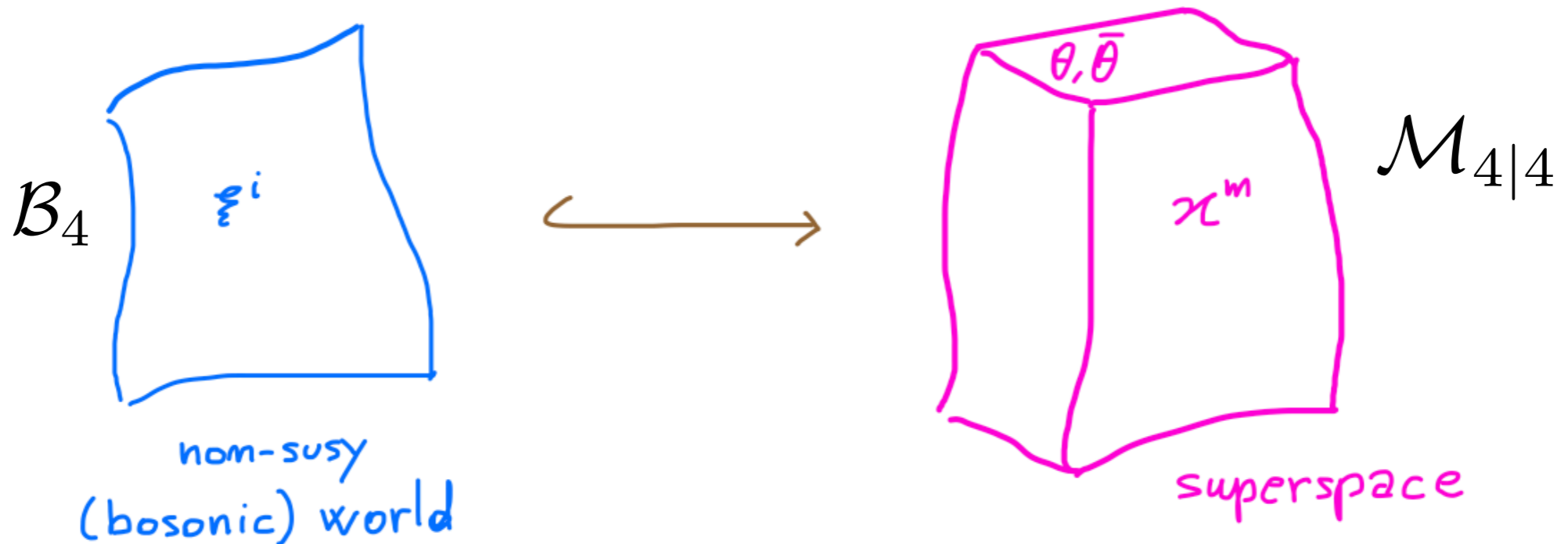
📌 Not the case in anti-brane models: alternative formulation?

**Goldstino brane**

[Bandos-LM-Sorokin-Tonin`16]

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# Goldstino Brane



- world-volume fields:  $z^M(\xi) = (x^m(\xi), \theta^\alpha(\xi), \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}}(\xi))$

  - \*  $\text{Diff}(\mathcal{B}_4) \longrightarrow x^m(\xi)$  pure gauge
  - \*  $\theta_\alpha(\xi) \longrightarrow$  Goldstino

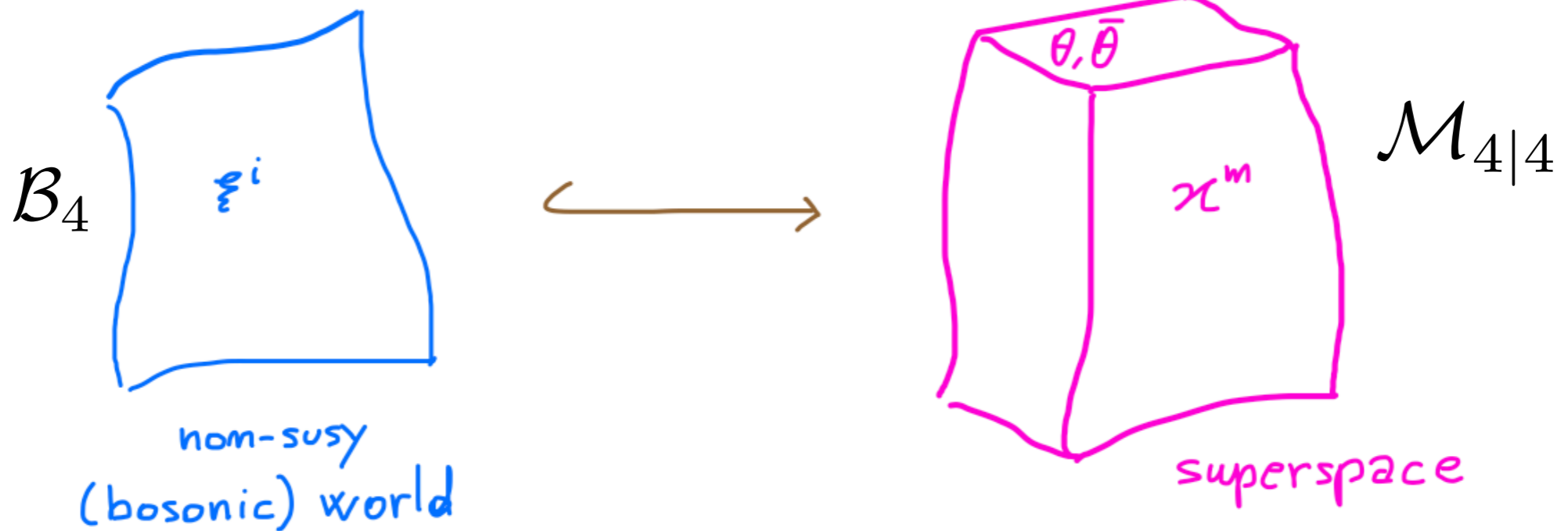
induced vielbein:  $e^a(\xi) = \partial_i z^M E_M^a(z(\xi)) d\xi^i$

Simplest brane action:  $S_G = -f^2 \int_{\mathcal{B}_4} d^4\xi \det e(\xi)$   $[f] = (\text{mass})^2$

\*  $\text{SDiff}(\mathcal{M}_{4|4}) + \text{local Lorentz} \longrightarrow (\text{local}) \mathcal{N} = 1$



# Goldstino Brane



📌 Simplest example: flat superspace

\*  $E^a = \delta_m^a dx^m + i\theta\sigma^a d\bar{\theta} - i d\theta\sigma^a \bar{\theta}$

\* static gauge:  $x^m(\xi) = \delta_i^m \xi^i$

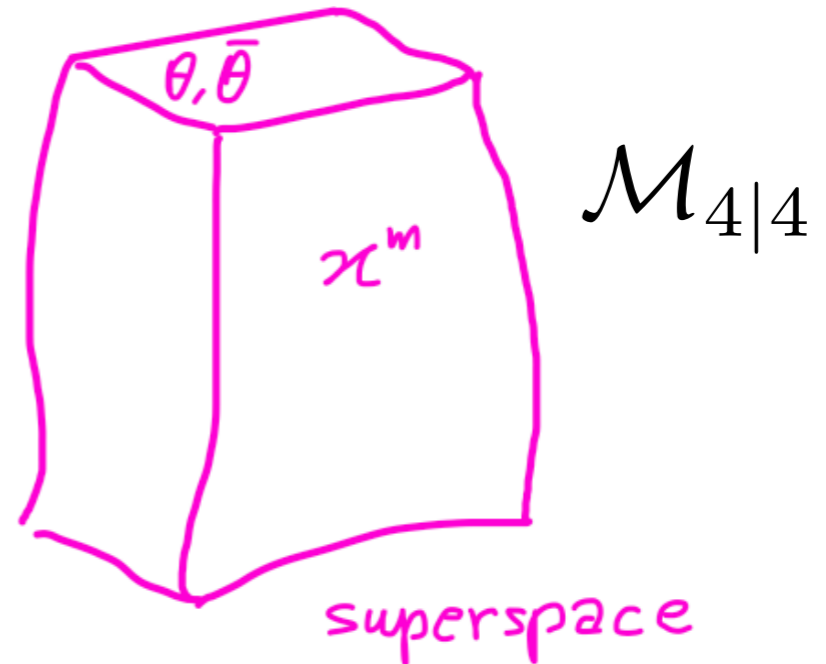
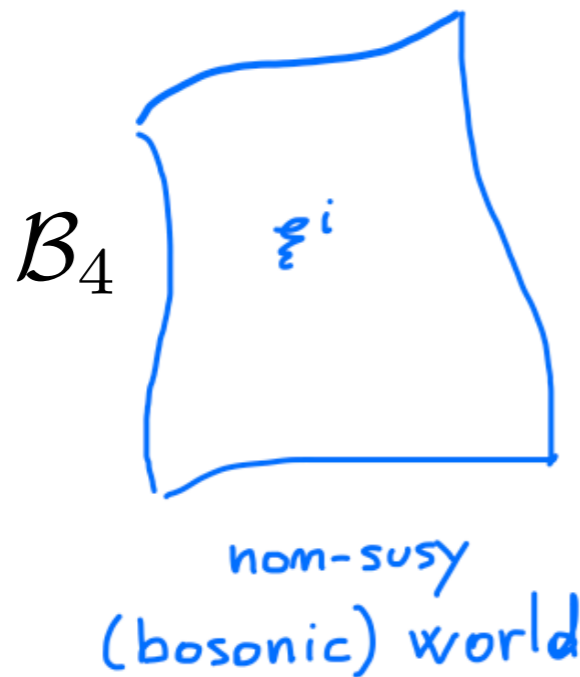
\* canonical goldstino:  $\chi^\alpha(x) \equiv f\theta^\alpha(x)$

\*  $e^a = \delta_m^a dx^m + i f^{-2} (\chi\sigma^a d\bar{\chi} - d\chi\sigma^a \bar{\chi})$

\*  $S_G = -f^2 \int_{\mathcal{B}_4} d^4\xi \det \mathbf{e}(\xi) = -f^2 + i\bar{\chi}\not{\partial}\chi + \dots \equiv \mathcal{L}_{VA}$

Volkov-Akulov  
goldstino action!

# Goldstino Brane



• Coupling to **supergravity** immediate:

$$S = -3M_{\text{P}}^2 \int d^4x d^4\theta E + 2 \left( W_0 \int d^4x d^2\theta \mathcal{E} + \text{c.c.} \right) - f^2 \int d^4\xi \det \mathbf{e}(\xi)$$

$$= M_{\text{P}}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2} R - \bar{\psi}_m \gamma^{mnp} \nabla_n \psi_p + W_0 \bar{\psi}_m^{\text{R}} \gamma^{mn} \psi_n^{\text{R}} + \dots \right) - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( f^2 - \frac{3|W_0|^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2} \right)$$

bulk

$\Lambda > 0$

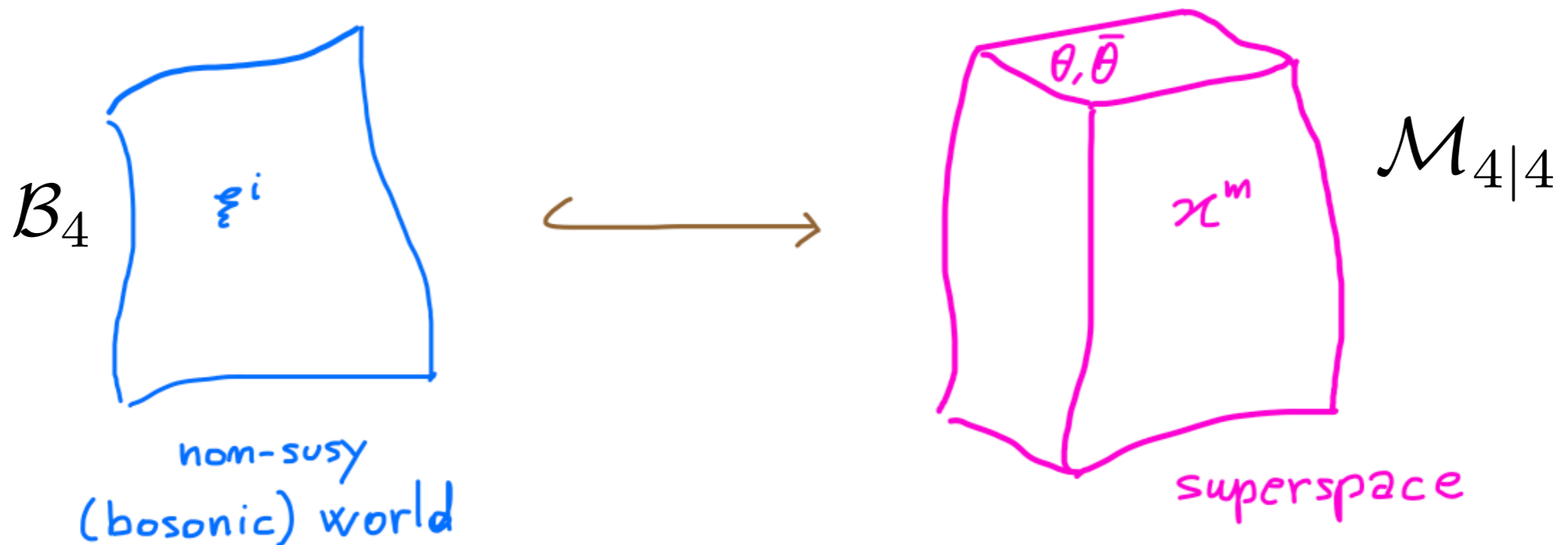
if  $f^2 > \frac{3|W_0|^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2}$

$$- \int \left( \bar{\chi} \not{\nabla} \chi + f \bar{\chi} \gamma^m \psi_m + \frac{W_0}{M_{\text{P}}^2} \bar{\chi} \chi + \dots \right)$$

brane

bulk WZ  
+ static gauge

# Goldstino Brane



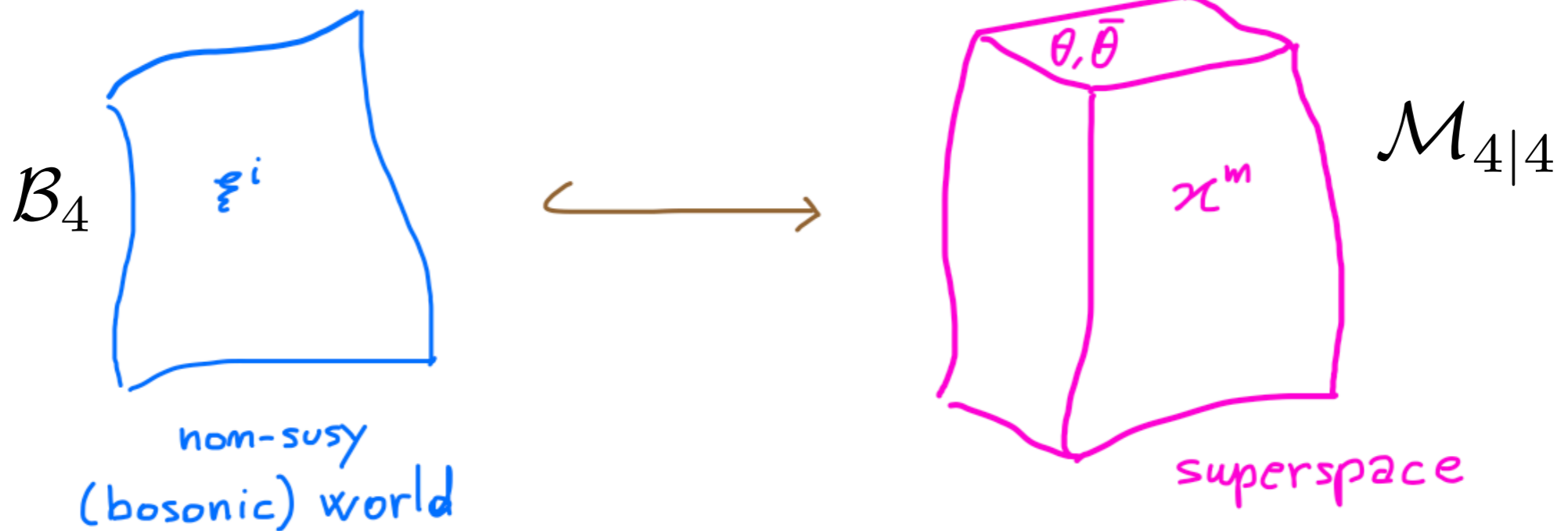
 Coupling to **NON-supersymmetric matter**, e.g. world-volume scalar  $\varphi(\xi)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= - \int d^4 \xi \det \mathbf{e}(\xi) (g^{ij} \partial_i \varphi \partial_j \varphi + V(\varphi)) \\
 &= - \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} [g^{mn} \partial_m \varphi \partial_n \varphi + V(\varphi)] + (\text{goldstino+gravity multiplet})
 \end{aligned}$$


 bulk WZ  
 + static gauge

can be applied to scalars and vector on  
 $\overline{\text{D3}}$  in KKLT

# Goldstino Brane



 Coupling to supersymmetric matter:

$$\Phi(z) = \phi(x) + \theta\psi(x) + \dots \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Phi(z(\xi)) = \phi(x(\xi)) + f^{-1}\chi(\xi)\psi(x(\xi)) + \dots$$

$$S_G = - \int V(\Phi(z(\xi))) \det \mathbf{e}(\xi) \quad \text{E.g.} \quad V_{D3} = \frac{\mu^4}{(\text{Im} \rho)^2} \quad \text{in KKLT}$$

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} V(\phi) + (\text{goldstino} + \text{gravity} \ \& \ \text{matter multiplets})$$


 bulk WZ  
 + static gauge

any potential can be directly supersymmetrized!

- 📌 Main point, so far: Goldstino brane as natural EFT for anti-branes
  - \* geometrizes (compensator) Stückelberg trick [Delacretaz-Gorbenko-Senatore `16]
  - \* manifest “brany” nature (GS-formulation)
  - \* natural coupling of brane non-susy and bulk susy matter
  - \* immediate generalization to  $d \neq 4$  models

application to Carlo’s constructions?

📌 Nice... but a lot of freedom!

📌 Matching with UV-theory?

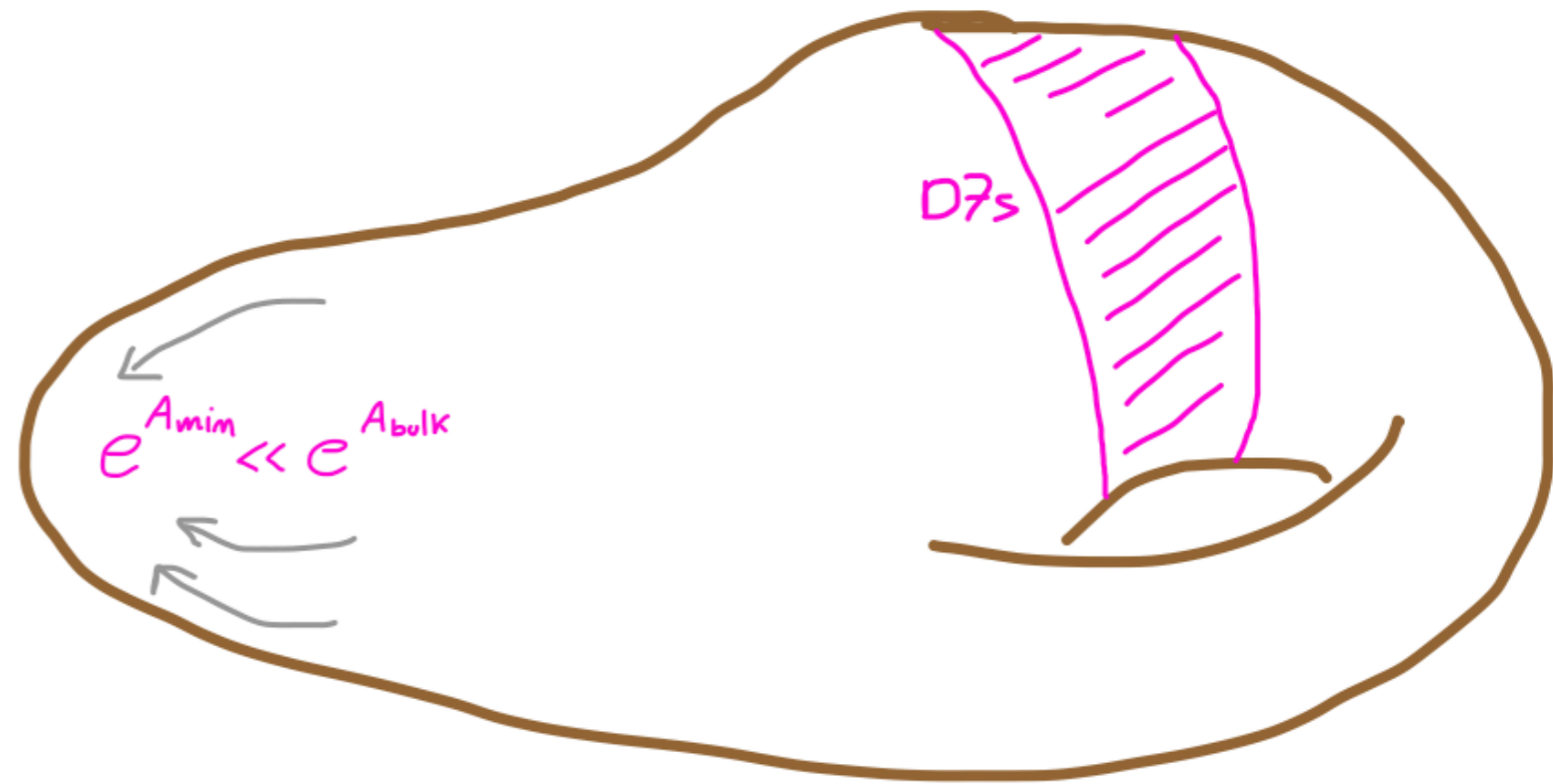
Back to string compactifications

# The KKLT scenario

• Tree-level solution

[Giddings-Kachru-Polchinski '01]

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_4^2 + e^{-2A} ds_6^2$$



• 4d EFT:

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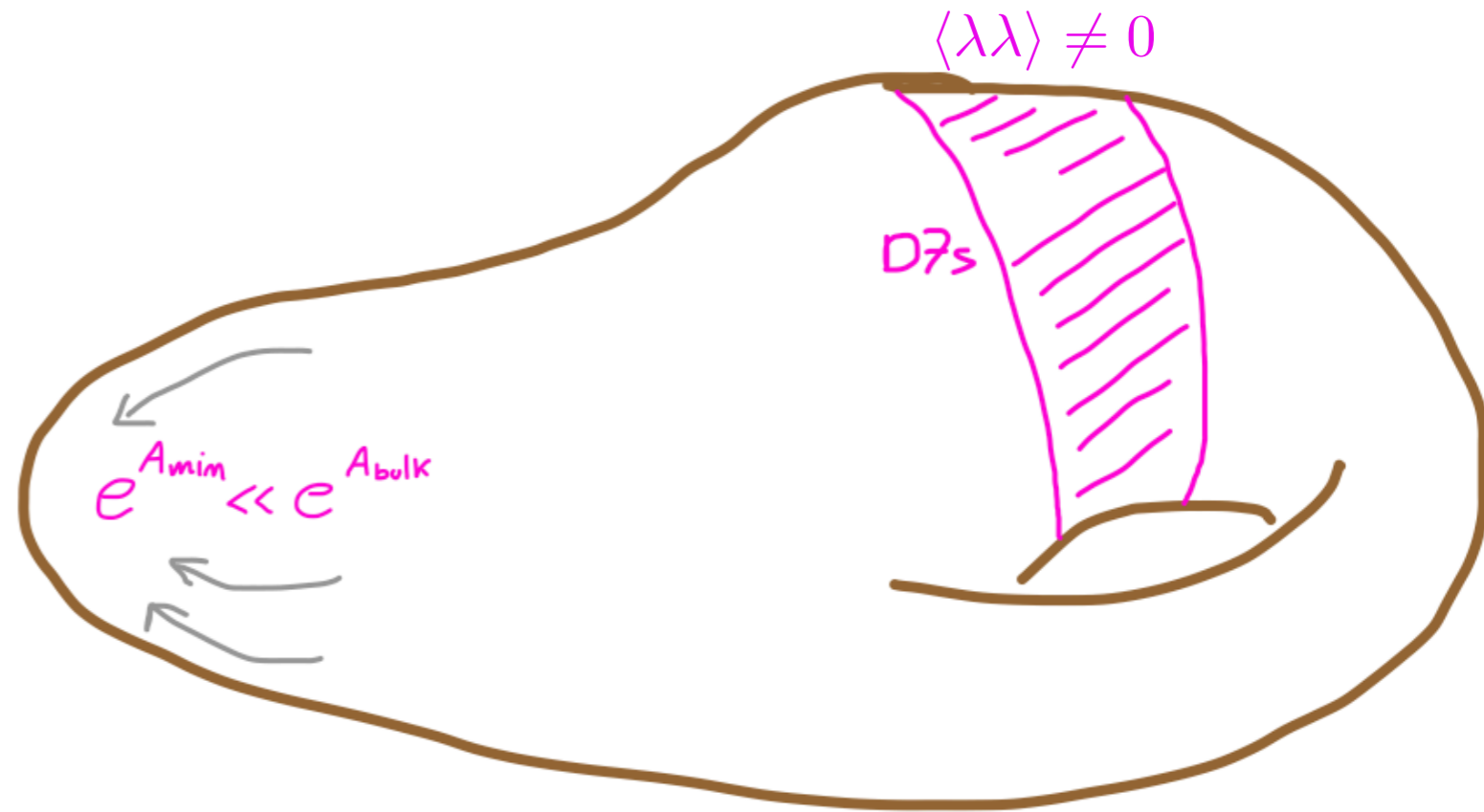
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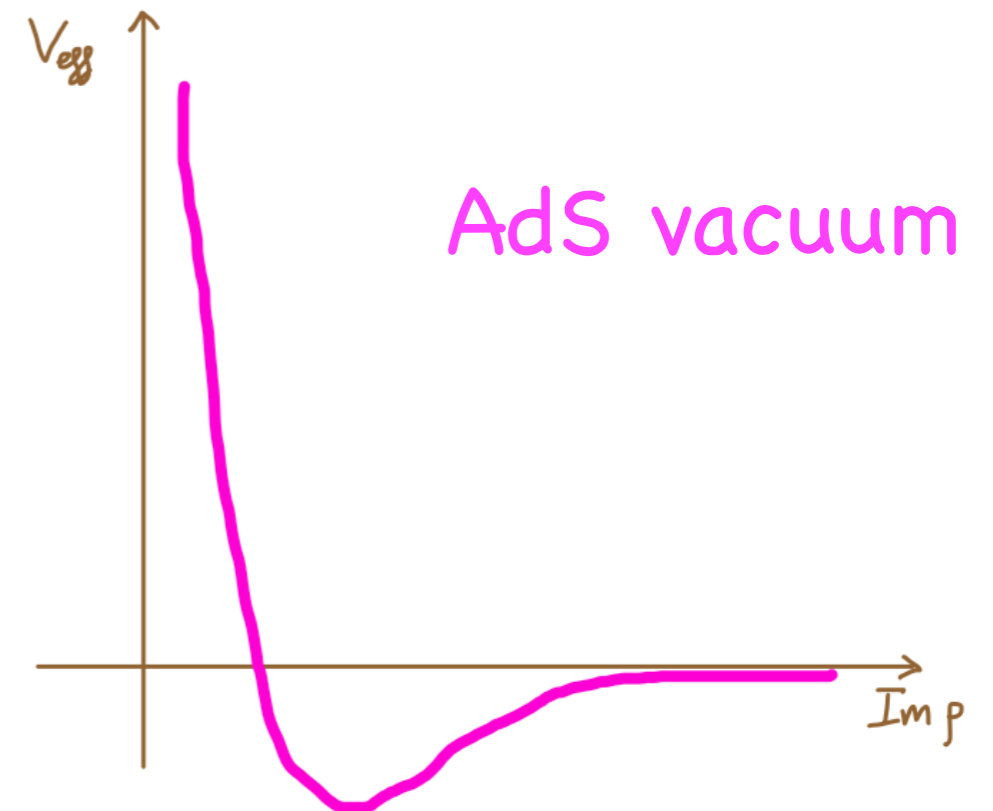
• 4d EFT:  $K = -3 \log(\text{Im } \rho)$

$$W = W_0 + \mathcal{A} e^{\frac{2\pi i \rho}{N}}$$



under control if:  $\langle \text{Im } \rho \rangle \sim \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left| \frac{\mathcal{A}}{W_0} \right| \gg 1$

$$|W_0| \sim e^{-\frac{2\pi \langle \text{Im } \rho \rangle}{N}} \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\langle V \rangle| \sim e^{-\frac{4\pi \langle \text{Im } \rho \rangle}{N}} \ll 1$$

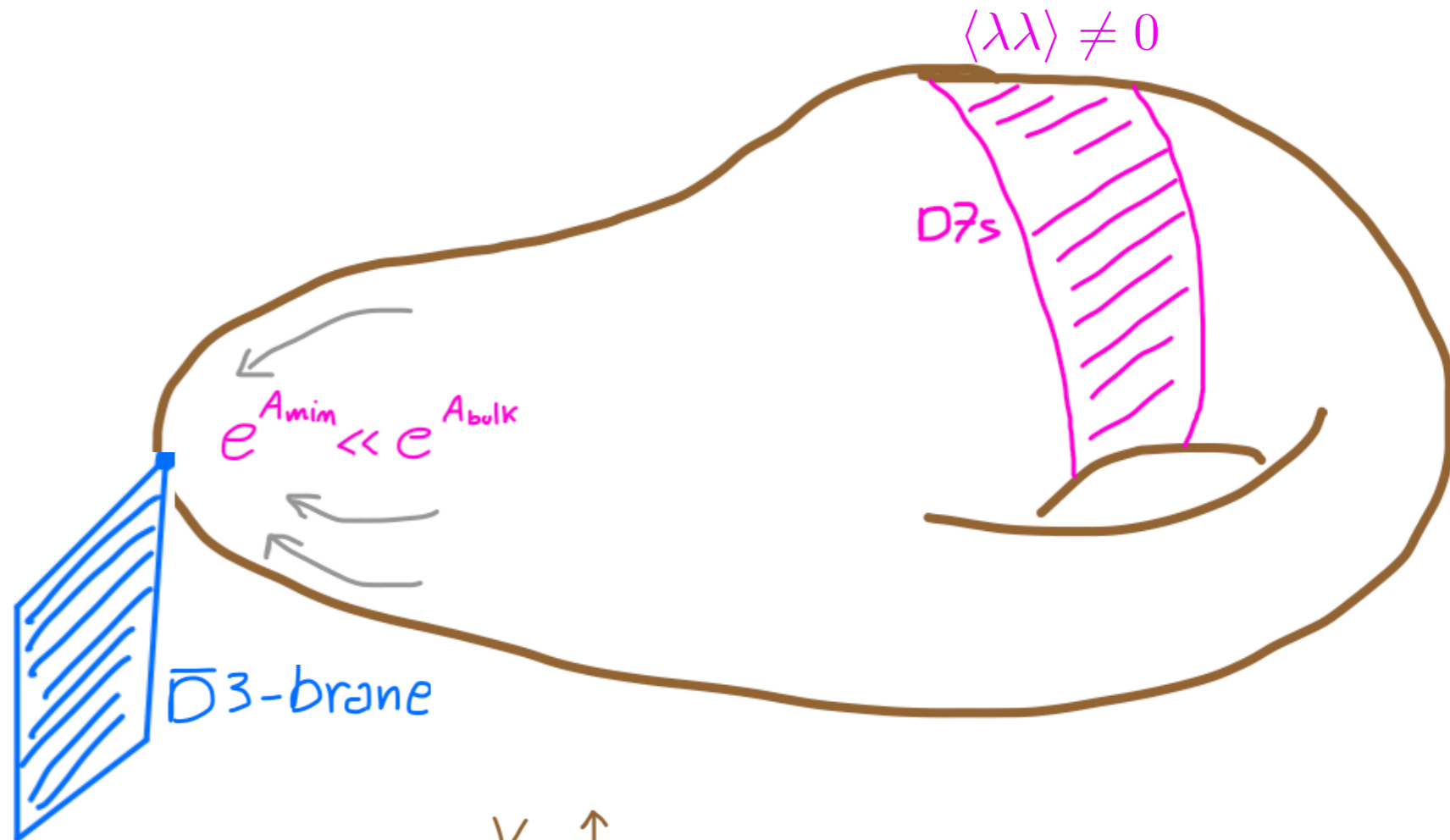




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• Tree-level solution + gaugino condensate + anti-D3-brane

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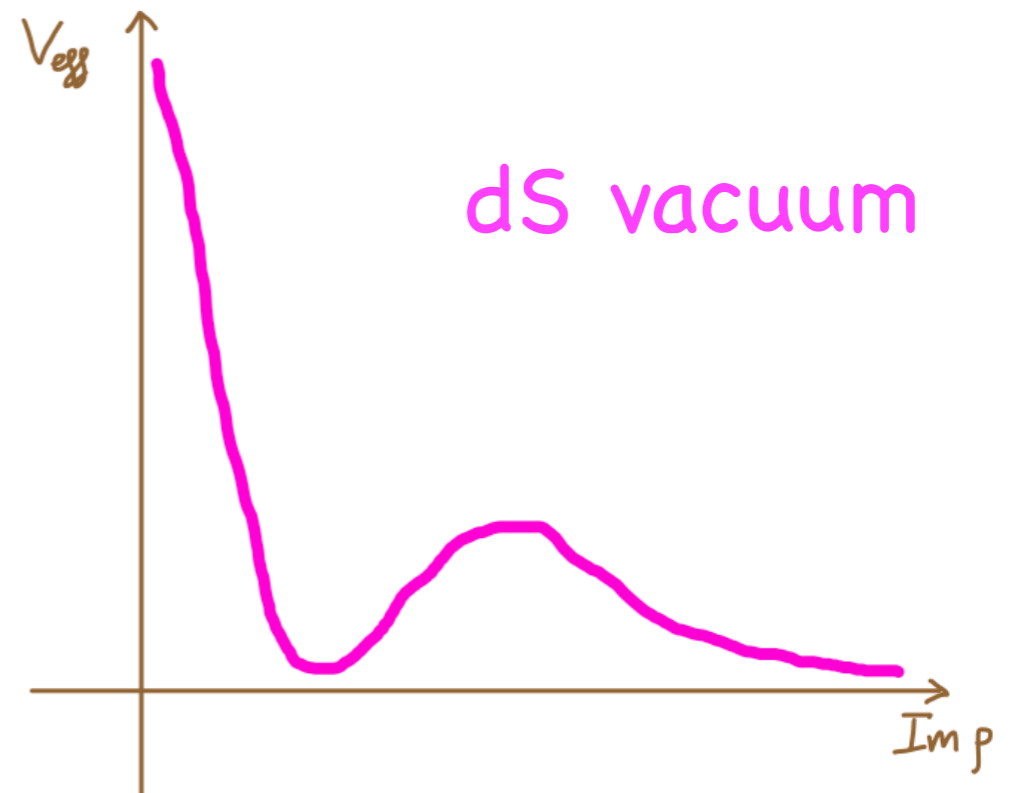


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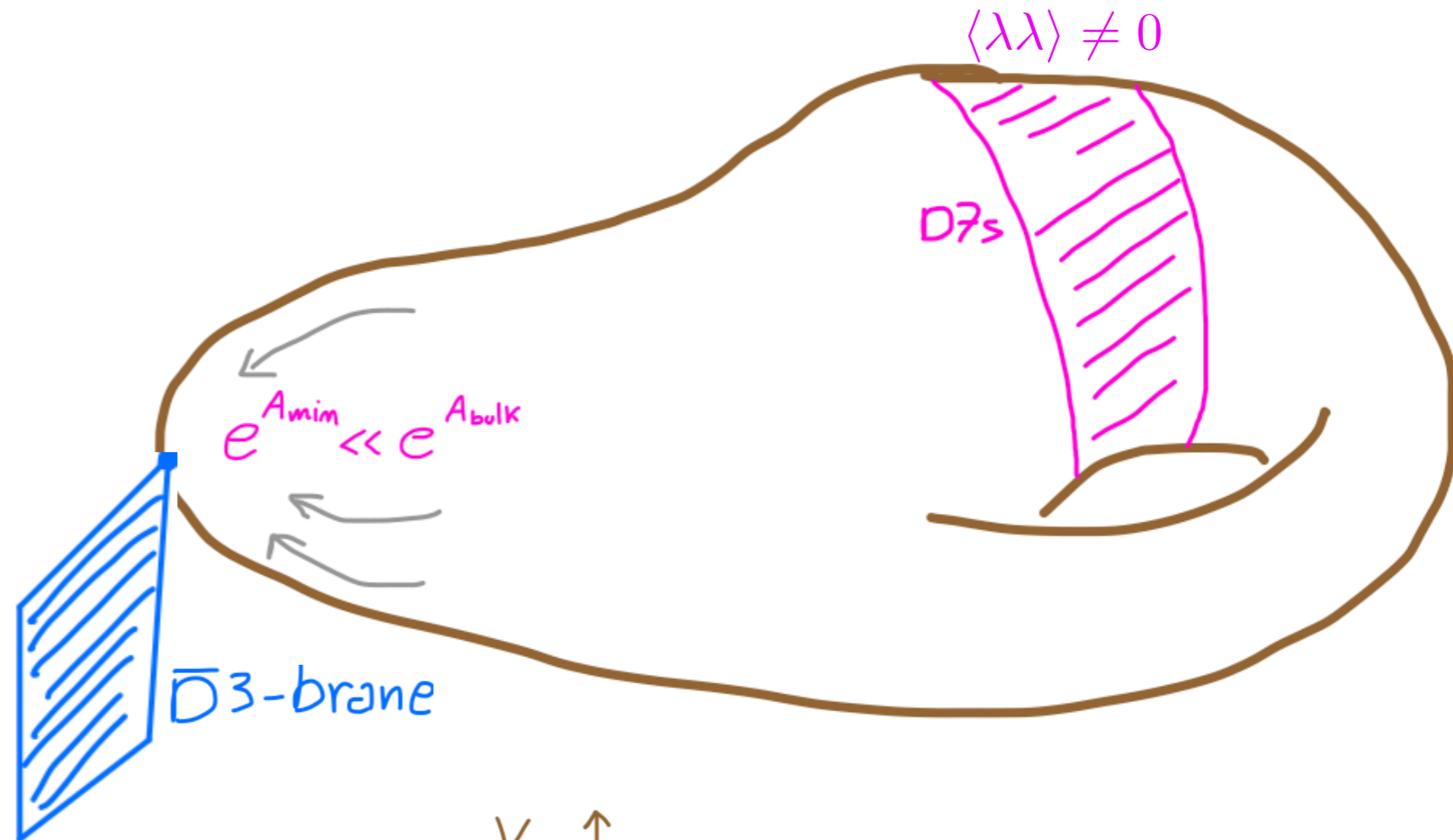
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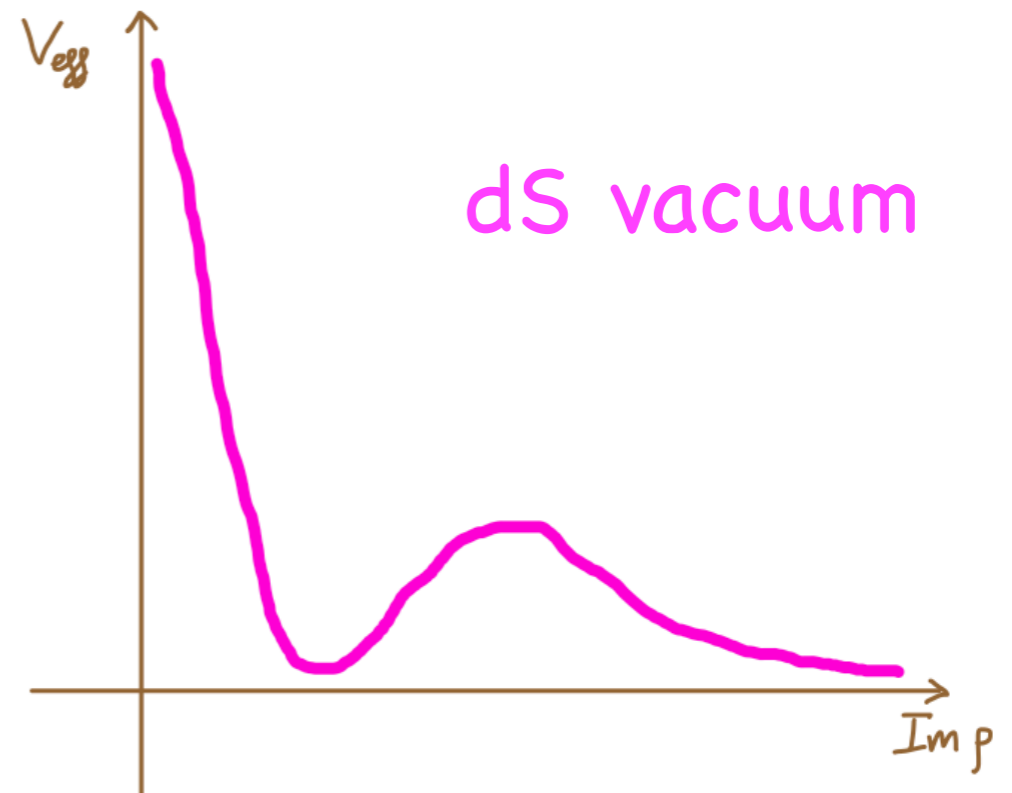
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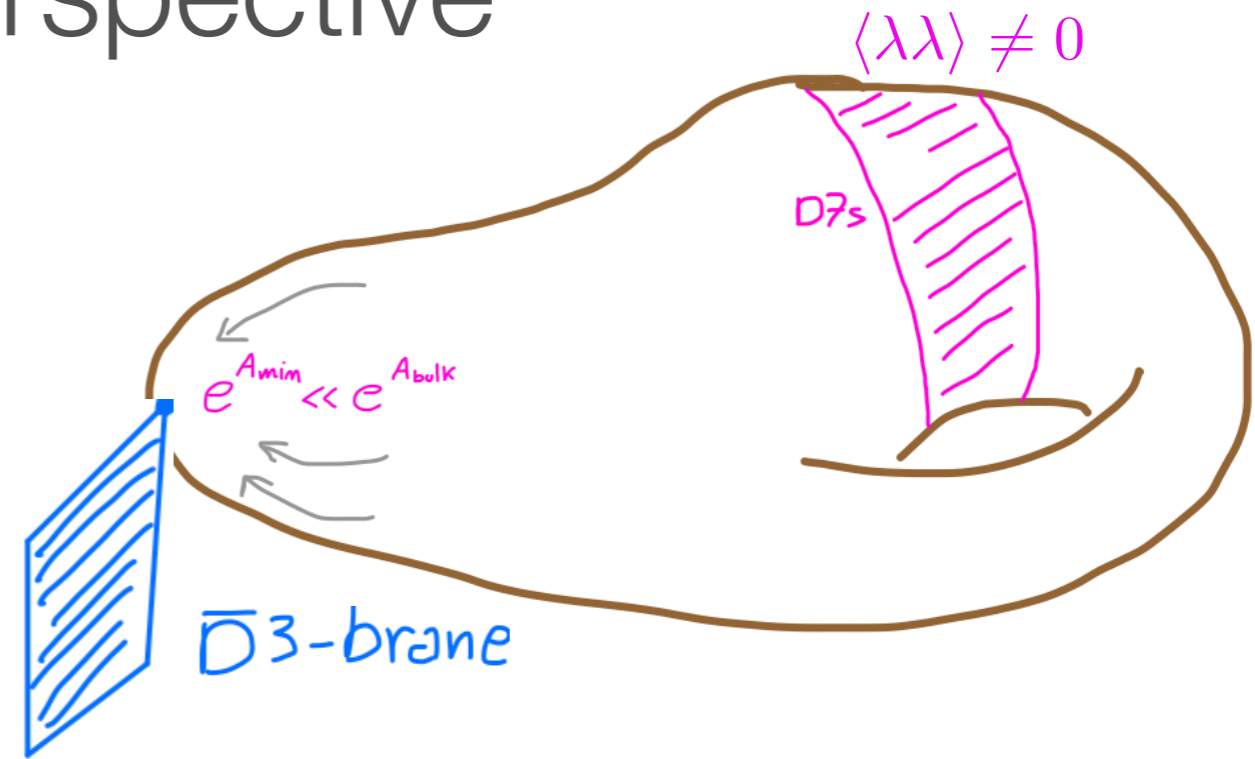
Matching with 10d?



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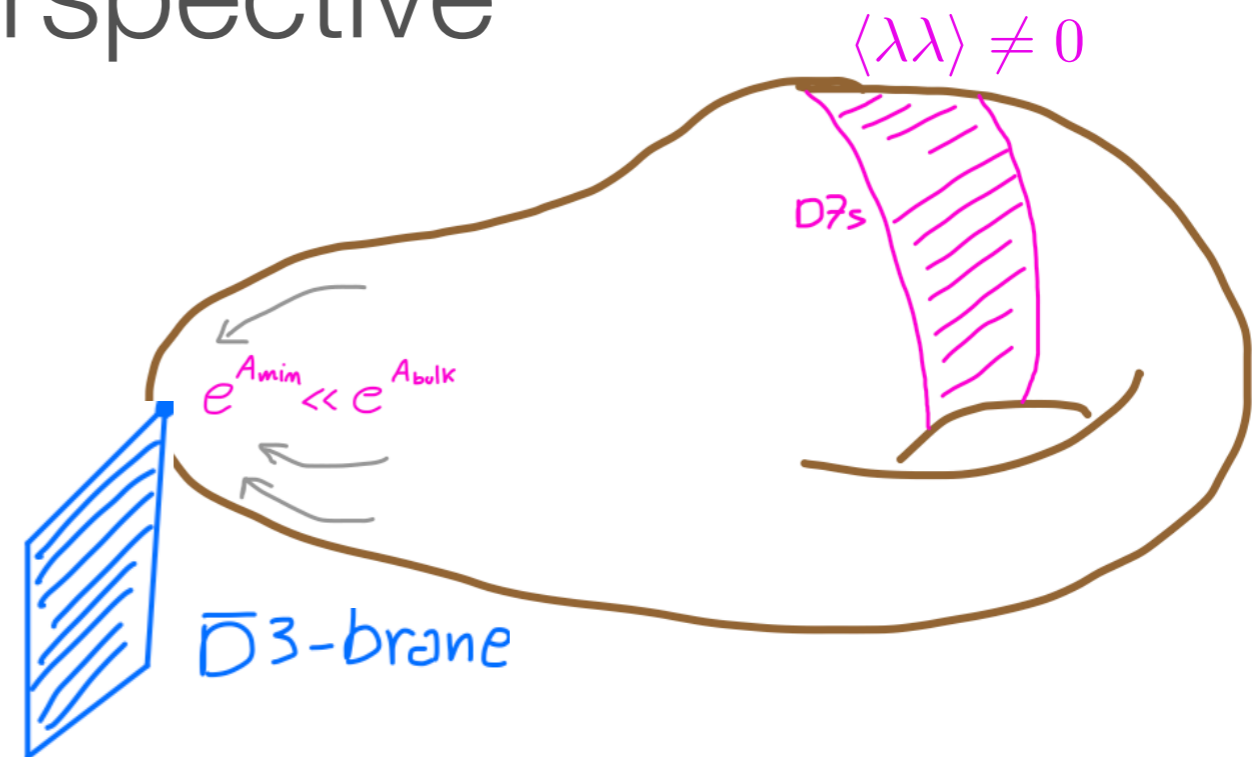
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$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_4^2 + e^{-2A} ds_6^2$$

📌 Strategy:

\* compute 10d:  $T_{MN} = T_{MN}^{\text{susy}} + T_{MN}^{\langle \lambda\lambda \rangle} + T_{MN}^{\overline{\text{D3}}}$

bulk + D7s  
↗

\* integrated 10d EoM:  $M_P^2 \mathcal{R}_4 = - \int d\text{vol}_6 (e^{-4A} g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} + \dots)$

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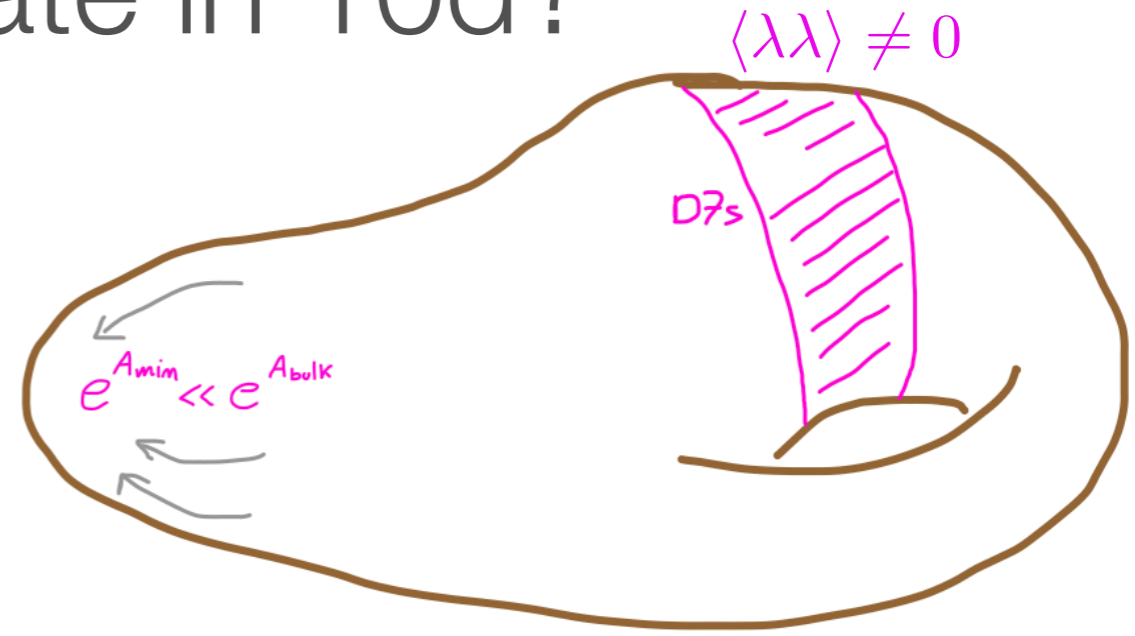
$$4V_{\text{eff}} = 4 \left( V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{bulk}} + V_{\text{eff}}^{\langle \lambda\lambda \rangle} + V_{\text{eff}}^{\overline{\text{D3}}} \right)$$

# Gaugino condensate in 10d?

## Localized gaugino coupling

[Dymarsky, L.M. '10]

[Kachru, Kim, McAllister, Zimet '19]



$$S_{D7} \supset \int d^4\sigma \int_{\Sigma} \text{dvol}_{\Sigma} \lambda\lambda (G_3 + \dots) \cdot (\Omega + \dots) + \int d^4\sigma \int_{\Sigma} \text{dvol}_{\Sigma} |\lambda\lambda|^2 \Omega \cdot \Omega$$

integrating over  
internal space

$$\lambda\lambda \rightarrow \langle \lambda\lambda \rangle \sim e^{\frac{2\pi i \rho}{N}}$$

+ back-reaction (?)

[Kachru, Kim,  
McAllister, Zimet '19]

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{\langle \lambda\lambda \rangle} = M_{\text{P}}^4 e^K \left[ \overbrace{(K^{\rho\bar{\rho}} K_{\rho} W \partial_{\bar{\rho}} \bar{W} + \text{c.c.})} + \overbrace{K^{\rho\bar{\rho}} \partial_{\rho} W \partial_{\bar{\rho}} \bar{W}} \right]$$

$$= M_{\text{P}}^4 e^K (K^{\rho\bar{\rho}} D_{\rho} W D_{\bar{\rho}} \bar{W} - 3|W|^2)$$

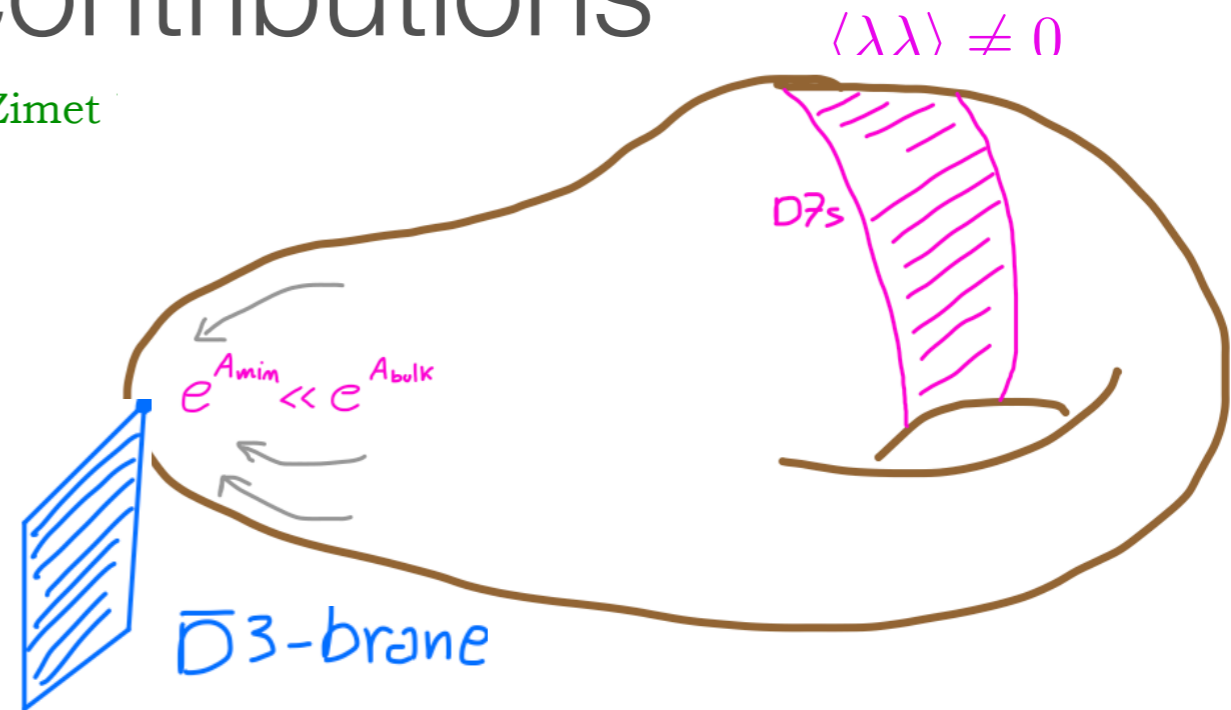
with  $W = W_{\text{KKLT}} = \int \Omega \wedge G_3 + A e^{\frac{2\pi i \rho}{N}}$

# Summing 10d contributions

[Kachru, Kim, McAllister, Zimet]

Localized gaugino coupling

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{\langle\lambda\lambda\rangle} = V_{\text{KKLT}}^{\text{susy}}$$



Anti D3-brane:  $V_{\text{eff}}^{\overline{D3}} = V_{\text{KKLT}}^{\overline{D3}} + (\text{subleading})$

probe

$\overline{D3} + \langle\lambda\lambda\rangle$  backreaction

Hence:  $V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{KKLT}}^{\text{susy}} + V_{\text{KKLT}}^{\overline{D3}}$

10d-4d match!

[Kachru, Kim, McAllister, Zimet '19]

SUSY completion through Goldstino brane or  $S^2 = 0$

# Conclusion

- Goldstino brane as efficient and natural way to parametrize anti-brane EFT contributions
- Main weakness: very unconstrained
- Main (technical) issue: 10d-4d matching
- Promising recent progress, but details to be clarified
- dS from anti-branes require further inspection

📌 E.g. More accurate probe potential from wEFT: [LM`14-`16]  $e^{-4A} = a + e^{-4A_0}$

$$V_{\text{D3}} = \frac{M_{\text{P}}^4}{(\text{Im } \rho)^3 \left(1 + \frac{e^{-4A_0^{\text{min}}}}{\text{Im } \rho}\right)}$$

$e^{-4A_0^{\text{min}}} \ll \text{Im } \rho$  → corrected KKLT

$e^{-4A_0^{\text{min}}} \gg \text{Im } \rho$  → KKLMNT

[Bandos-Heller-Kuzenko-LM-Sorokin`16]