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Effective couplings for brane & bundle moduli

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arXiv:0912.3265 [hep-th] with Peter Mayr, Johannes Walcher

arXiv:0909.1842 [hep-th], work in progress with Murad Alim, Michael Hecht, Peter Mayr, Adrian Mertens, Masoud Soroush

arXiv:0904.4674 [hep-th], arXiv:0808.0761 [hep-th] with Masoud Soroush

Introduction & Motivation

✓ Effective couplings

- Ingredients: Fluxes, D-branes, O-planes, bundles, F-theory scenarios
- Mirror symmetry + other dualities (e.g. F-theory/type II dualities, F-theory/heterotic dualities):
 - Compute couplings of N=1 low energy effective theories
- ▶ N=1 effective superpotential/Kähler potentials for type II/heterotic/F-theory compactifications
- Computation of non-perturbative corrections (D-instantons, space-time instantons) via dualities

✓ Topological strings, mirror symmetry & invariants

- Moduli spaces of classical geometries are identified with moduli space of quantum geometries
- Dualities to compute the partition function of the topological A-model
 - Extract (integer) invariants (GW Invariants, OV invariants, ...)
 - Topological disk partition function for branes in compact Calabi-Yau geometries
 - 4-fold GW invariants related to 3-fold OV invariants

Topological strings & Mirror Symmetry

✓ Mirror symmetry

<u>Topological B-model</u> Topological A-model Calabi-Yau Y Calabi-Yau X C.S. moduli space Kähler moduli space Bulk geometry closed string holomorphic maps const. maps (closed sector): mirror map **Classical** geometry Quantum geometry Genus 0 partition function/holomorphic prepotential Calabi-Yau X + Calabi-Yau Y + spec. Lagr. submanifold hol. vect. bundle (sheave) _ open-/closed string . Brane geometry with flat connection (open sector): mirror map **Classical obstructions Ouantum obstructions**

Disk partition function/holomorphic superpotential

✓ **Dualities:** Interplay with effective superpotentials from F- & Het. theory

Outline

- I. B-model for divisors in Calabi-Yau threefolds
- 2. Disk invariants via mirror symmetry
- 3. Dualities to F-theory & heterotic strings
- 4. Effective couplings
- 5. Conclusions

Closed-string mirror symmetry

✓ Complex structure moduli space of the B-model

• Variation of the holomorphic three form

$$(3,0)_Y \xrightarrow{\partial_z} (2,1)_Y \xrightarrow{\partial_z} (1,2)_Y \xrightarrow{\partial_z} (0,3)_Y$$
$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{PF}}(z,\partial_z)\Omega(z) \sim 0$$

Period integrals & N=2 special geometry

$$X(z) = \int_A \Omega(z) , \qquad \mathcal{F}_X(z) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial X} = \int_B \Omega(z) \qquad (A,B) \quad \text{symplectic basis of } H_3(Y)$$

 $\mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{PF}}(z,\partial_z)X(z) = 0 , \qquad \mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{PF}}(z,\partial_z)\mathcal{F}_X(z) = 0$

Quantum Kähler moduli space of the A-model

• Mirror map & flat periods

$$(X(z), \mathcal{F}_X(z)) = (1, t(z), \mathcal{F}_t(z), 2\mathcal{F}(z) - t(z)\mathcal{F}_t(z))$$

$$\mathcal{F}(z) \xrightarrow{z(t)} \mathcal{F}(t) = \mathcal{F}(z(t))$$



Complex structure moduli space $\Delta \Omega = \Delta z \, \partial_z \Omega$

Open-string mirror symmetry

Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens, Soroush, HJ; Aganagic, Beem

✓ B-model deformations: C.S. of the Calabi-Yau + (holomorphic) cycles



✓ Generalizations

- Intersecting divisors/branes
- Complex of line bundles/coherent sheaves & matrix factorizations

Intuition for the brane deformations

Mayr, Lerche, Warner; Louis, HJ



- Normal bundle sections correspond to infinitesimal deformations
- Holomorphic deformations depend on the complex structure of the ambient Calabi-Yau 3-fold

Open-closed deformation space

✓ Variation of mixed Hodge structure



✓ Relative cohomology

• Relative forms:

 $\Omega^*(\mathrm{CY}_3, D) \,=\, \left\{\, \theta \in \Omega^*(\mathrm{CY}_3) \,|\, \iota^* \theta = 0\,\right\}\,, \qquad \iota: D \hookrightarrow \mathrm{CY}_3$

• Relative 3-form cohomology:

 $H^{3}(CY_{3}, D) = \frac{\{d[\Omega^{3}(CY_{3}, D)] = 0\}}{d[\Omega^{2}(CY_{3}, D)]} \simeq H^{3}(CY_{3}) \oplus H^{2}_{var}(D)$

 $H^3(\mathrm{CY}_3, D) \ni \underline{\Theta} \simeq (\theta, \xi) \in H^3(\mathrm{CY}_3) \oplus H^2_{var}(D)$

• Unique relative holomorphic (3,0)-form:

 $\underline{\Omega} \simeq (\Omega, 0) \in H^{3,0}(CY_3, D)$





B-branes on the Mirror Quintic

Walcher; Morrison, Walcher; Soroush, HJ; Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens; Li, Lian, Yau

✓ Bulk and B-brane geometry

• Ambient space

 $[x_1:x_2:x_3:x_4:x_5] \in \mathbb{CP}^4/(\mathbb{Z}_5)^3$

• One complex structure modulus ψ , one deformation modulus ϕ

 $P(\psi) = x_1^5 + x_2^5 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5 - 5\psi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 \qquad Q(\phi) = x_5^4 - \phi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4$

Discrete moduli spaces symmetries



Picard Fuchs differential equations



✓ Variation of mixed Hodge structure of the relative 3-forms

$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell}(z, u, \theta_z, \theta_u) \,\underline{\Omega}(z, u) \sim 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{1} = \mathcal{L}_{1}^{bdry}\theta_{u} = \left(\theta_{z}^{3} + \frac{4z}{u}\prod_{k=1}^{3}(5\theta_{z} + \theta_{u} + k) + u\theta_{z}^{3}\right)\theta_{u}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2} = \mathcal{L}_{2}^{bdry}\theta_{u} = (\theta_{z} + \theta_{u}) + u\theta_{u}(4\theta_{1} + \theta_{2} + 1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{3} = \mathcal{L}_{3}^{bulk} + \mathcal{L}_{3}^{bdry}\theta_{u} = (\theta_{z} + \theta_{u})^{4} + \left(\frac{4z}{u}\theta_{u} - 5z(5\theta_{z} + \theta_{u} + 4)\right)\prod_{k=1}^{3}(5\theta_{z} + \theta_{u} + k)$$

• The subsystem is governed by the Picard-Fuchs system of the K3 Geometry

$$\mathcal{L}^{sub} = \theta_w + 4 w \prod_{k=1}^{4} (\theta_w + k) \qquad w = \frac{z}{u(1+u)^4}$$

<u>Remark</u>: Derivation of the GKZ System via toric geometry techniques is more economical

Gauss-Manin System & Integrability



✓ Relative cohomology basis from Griffiths transversality

$$\underline{\Theta} = \left(1, \theta_z, \theta_u, \theta_z^2, \theta_z \theta_u, \theta_z^3, \theta_z^2 \theta_u\right) \underline{\Omega}$$

✓ Gauss-Manin system

$$\nabla_{z}\underline{\Theta} = (\partial_{z} - M_{z})\underline{\Theta} = 0 \qquad \nabla_{w}\underline{\Theta} = (\partial_{w} - M_{w})\underline{\Theta} = 0$$

✓ Integrability

$$\partial_z M_w - \partial_w M_z + [M_z, M_w] = 0$$

Relative periods & flat coordinates

✓ Relative periods

$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell}(z, u, \theta_z, \theta_u) \underline{\Pi}^{\Sigma} = 0$$
, $\underline{\Pi}^{\Sigma} = \int_{\Gamma_{\Sigma}} \underline{\Omega}$, $\underline{\Gamma}_{\Sigma} \in H_3(CY_3, D)$

 \checkmark Solutions in the vicinity of the point of maximal unipotent monodromy

$$\underline{\Pi}_2 = \log u + \dots \qquad \underline{\Pi}_4 = \log^2 \cdot + \dots \qquad \underline{\Pi}_6 = \log^3 \cdot + \dots$$

 $\underline{\Pi}_0 = 1 + \dots \qquad \underline{\Pi}_1 = \log z + \dots \qquad \underline{\Pi}_3 = \log^2 \cdot + \dots \qquad \underline{\Pi}_5 = \log^3 \cdot + \dots$

✓ Flat coordinates & relative periods

$$\vec{\Pi}(t,\hat{t}) = \left(\frac{\underline{\Pi}_k}{\underline{\Pi}_0}\right) = \left(1 , t , \hat{t} , F_t(t) , W(t,\hat{t}) , F_0(t) , T(t,\hat{t})\right)$$

$$F_t = \partial_t \mathcal{F} \qquad F_0 = 2\mathcal{F}(t) - t \partial_t F(t) \qquad T(t,\hat{t}) = \int d\hat{t} \left(\frac{a}{2}W_{\hat{t}}^2 + b W_{\hat{t}}\right) d\hat{t}$$

- N=1 special geometry is less constraining than the N=2 special geometry
- Double logarithmic periods encode generating function of open-string disk invariants
- Topological metric required to determine the integral linear combination of periods

Obstructions & 5-brane charges

✓ Deformation of the 7-brane divisor

 $P(\psi) = x_1^5 + x_2^5 + x_3^5 + x_4^5 + x_5^5 - 5\psi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 \qquad Q(\phi) = x_5^4 - \phi x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4$

- By construction: bulk & boundary geometry are unobstructed
- Deformation parameters ψ and ϕ parametrize flat directions
- No effective superpotential for the deformations ψ and ϕ

Lüst, Mayr, Reffert, Stieberger; Louis, HJ; Gomis, Marchesano, Mateos; Martucci

✓ Obstructions through lower-dimensional 5-brane charges

• Lower dimensional brane charges induce effective superpotential

$$W = \int_{D} F \wedge \omega_{\zeta}(\psi, \phi)$$
$$\omega_{\zeta} = \zeta^{i}(\phi) \Omega_{ijk}(\psi) dz^{j} \wedge dz^{k}$$
$$F \in H^{2}_{var}(D, \mathbb{Z})$$



Large radius instanton expansion

Diaconescu, Florea; Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens, Soroush, HJ

Lagrangians in compact CY difficult

 $P_{Quintic}(\alpha) = p_1 \cdot p_4 + \alpha p_5$



• Special point in the (complex structure) moduli space

✓ D4-brane tensions at the degeneration locus

• Idea: D4-brane tension splits in the presence of the Lagarangian 6-brane

$$\mathcal{T}_{D4}(t) = -\frac{5}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(2875 \sum_k \frac{e^{2\pi i k t}}{k^2} + \dots \right) \xrightarrow{\alpha \to 0} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{T}_{D4}^+(t) = -2t^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1600 \sum_k \frac{e^{2\pi i k t}}{k^2} + \dots \right) + T_{open}(t,\hat{t}) \\ \mathcal{T}_{D4}^-(t) = -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1275 \sum_k \frac{e^{2\pi i k t}}{k^2} + \dots \right) - T_{open}(t,\hat{t}) \end{array}$$

• The (double-logarithmic) split tensions solve the Picard-Fuchs equations

$$\mathcal{L}_{\ell}(t,\hat{t}) \,\mathcal{T}_{D4}^{\pm}(t,\hat{t}) \,=\, 0$$

• Superpotential

$$W(t,\hat{t}) = \mathcal{T}_{D4}^+(t,\hat{t})$$

Katz

Ooguri Vafa invariants

Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens, Soroush, HJ

✓ Disk partition function multi-covering formula

$$W(t,\hat{t}) = \sum_{\substack{d,\ell\\k\geq 1}} \frac{n_{d,\ell}}{k^2} (e^{2\pi i t_1})^{d\,k} (e^{2\pi i t_2})^{\ell\,k} \qquad t = t_1 + t_2 \qquad \hat{t} = t_2$$
Ooguri Vafa invariants
$$\frac{n_2 = 0 \qquad 1 \qquad 2 \qquad 3 \qquad 4}{n_1 = 0 \qquad 0 \qquad 20 \qquad 0 \qquad 0 \qquad 0}$$

$$\frac{n_1 = 0 \qquad 0 \qquad 20 \qquad 0 \qquad 0 \qquad 0}{1 \qquad -320 \qquad 1600 \qquad 2040 \qquad -1460 \qquad 520}$$

$$\frac{1 \qquad -320 \qquad 1600 \qquad 2040 \qquad -1460 \qquad 520}{2 \qquad 13280 \qquad -116560 \qquad 679600 \qquad 1064180 \qquad -1497840}$$

$$\frac{3 \qquad -1088960 \qquad 12805120 \qquad -85115360 \qquad 530848000 \qquad 887761280}{4 \qquad 119783040 \qquad -1766329640 \qquad 13829775520 \qquad -83363259240 \qquad 541074408000}$$

c.f. disk invariants of involution branes: Walcher; Morrison, Walcher



F-theory & heterotic duality

Morrison, Vafa; Friedman, Morgan, Witten; Aspinwall, Morrison; Berglund, Mayr



✓ Fiberwise stable degeneration for Calabi-Yau fourfolds



Heterotic Bundles & spectral covers

Friedman, Morgan, Witten; c.f. Donagi's talk

\checkmark stable SU(n)-bundles on the elliptic curve

- *n* points on the elliptic curve: $p_1 + \ldots + p_n = 0$
- displacement of the *n* points \leftrightarrow (*n*-1) bundle moduli





- ✓ Spectral covers for elliptically fibered Calabi-Yau threefolds
 - *n*-fold spectral cover of the base $B \leftrightarrow \text{divisor } D$ of the Calabi-Yau Z_B
 - stable SU(n) bundle: Spectral Cover + holomorphic line bundle
 - (normal) displacement of the divisor D moduli ↔ bundle moduli



\checkmark Example: SU(2) bundle on the mirror quintic

elliptic fiber coordinates (cubic torus)

$$P(X_B) = p_0 + v^1 p_+ + v^{-1} p_-$$

$$p_0(Z_B) = Y^3 + X^3 + XYZ(stu + s^3 + t^3) - \psi Z^3(s^2 t^2 u^5)$$

$$p_+(D) = X^3 - \phi YXZ(stu)$$

$$p_- = \xi X^3$$
base coordinates

Mayr, Walcher, HJ

- ψ Calabi-Yau 3-fold modulus
- ϕ SU(2) bundle modulus
- ξ "stable degeneration modulus"

SU(2) bundle & Mirror Quintic

Curio, Donagi; Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens, Soroush, HJ; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

 $P(X_B) = Y^3 + X^3 + XYZ(stu + s^3 + t^3) - \psi Z^3(s^2t^2u^5) + v^1X(X^2 - \phi YZ(stu)) + v^{-1}\xi X^3$

$$h^{3,1} = 3$$
, $h^{1,1} = 299$, $h^{2,2} = 1252$, $h^{2,1} = 0$,
 $\chi(X_B) = \int_{X_B} c_4(X_B) = 1860$, $\chi(X_B) \mod 24 = 12$

$$\begin{array}{c} H^{3,0}(Z_B) \longrightarrow H^{2,1}(Z_B) \longrightarrow H^{1,2}(Z_B) \longrightarrow H^{0,3}(Z_B) \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ H^{4,0}(X_B) \longrightarrow H^{3,1}(X_B) \longrightarrow H^{2,2}_{hor}(X_B) \longrightarrow H^{1,3}(X_B) \longrightarrow H^{0,4}(X_B) \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ H^{2,0}(D) \longrightarrow H^{1,1}_{var}(D) \longrightarrow H^{0,2}(D) \end{array}$$

✓ Gauge symmetry breaking pattern

 $\frac{\chi}{24} = N + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{G \wedge G}{(2\pi i)^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_6 \times E_6 \to SU(5) \times E_6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad SU(2) \text{ bundle structure group}$

Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens; Grimm, Ha, Klemm, Klevers; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

- Heterotic 5-brane & small instanton examples
 - Divisors in the mirror Calabi-Yau threefold of $P^4(1, 1, 1, 6, 9)[18]$
 - Divisor deformation is independent of elliptic fiber coordinates



Superpotentials

Mayr, Walcher, HJ

F-Theory flux superpotential

$$W(X_B) = \int_{X_B} \Omega^{(4,0)} \wedge F^{(4)} = \sum_{\Sigma} N_{\Sigma} \int_{\gamma_{\Sigma}} \Omega^{(4,0)} = N_{\Sigma} \Pi^{\Sigma}(X_B)(S,t,\hat{t}) \qquad Z_A \longrightarrow X_A$$
$$\Pi(X_B)(S,t,\hat{t}) = \begin{cases} (1,S) \times \Pi(Z_B)(t) \\ \hat{t}, W(t,\hat{t}), T(t,\hat{t}) \end{cases} + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{2\pi i S}\right) \qquad \mathbb{CP}^1$$
$$\text{Mirror 4-fold } X_A$$

Type II orientifold flux/brane superpotential

$$W(Z_B, D) = \int_{Z_B} \Omega^{(3,0)} \wedge \left(F^{(3)} + S H^{(3)}\right) \\ + \hat{N} \int_{\substack{\gamma \\ \partial \gamma \neq 0}} \Omega^{(3,0)} + \mathcal{O}(e^{\frac{1}{g_s}})$$

Gukov, Vafa, Witten; Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski

- GVW flux superpotential + brane superpotentials
- geometric transitions

Witten; Berglund, Mayr; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

• D-Instanton corrections for type II OF geometries

Heterotic superpotential flux/bundle superpotential

$$W(Z_B, p_+) = \int_{Z_B} \Omega^{(3,0)} \wedge \left(H^{(3)} + dJ\right) + \int_{Z_B} \Omega^{(3,0)} \wedge \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{1}{2}A \wedge \bar{\partial}A + \frac{1}{3}A \wedge A \wedge A\right) + \mathcal{O}(e^{2\pi i S})$$

• NS-Flux + Geometric Flux superpotential

Strominger; Becker, Becker, Dasgupta, Green

Heterotic strings in generalized geometry backgrounds

Desgupta, Rajesh, Sethi; Becker, Tseng, Yau; Fu, Yau; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

Agreement with twisted K3 x T² generalized geometries

Witten; Morrison, Walcher

• Hol. Chern-Simons superpotential for bundle moduli

Thomas; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

Stable deg. limit of appropriate F-theory flux quanta

Kähler potential

Alim, Hecht, Mayr, Mertens, Soroush, HJ; Mayr, Walcher, HJ

✓ Kähler potential of the 4-fold moduli space

$$K(X_B) = -\log \int_{X_B} \Omega^{4,0} \wedge \bar{\Omega}^{4,0} = -\log \sum_{\gamma_{\Sigma},\gamma_{\Lambda}} \Pi^{\Sigma}(X_B) \eta_{\Sigma\Lambda} \bar{\Pi}^{\Lambda}(X_B)$$

✓ Kähler potential of the open-closed deformation space

Louis, HJ

Classical terms in agreement with dimensional reduction techniques

✓ Kähler potential of the bulk/geometric bundle deformation space

$$K(X_B) \xrightarrow{\text{bundle decoupling limit}} K(X_B) \xrightarrow{} K(Z_B, p_+) = -\log \left[-i \sum_{\underline{\gamma}_{\Sigma}, \underline{\gamma}_{\Lambda} \in H_3(Z_B, p_+)} \underline{\Pi}^{\Sigma}(Z_B, p_+) \underline{\eta}_{\Sigma\Lambda} \underline{\bar{\Pi}}^{\Lambda}(Z_B, p_+) \right] \qquad \underline{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta(Z_B) & 0 \\ 0 & i(\operatorname{Im} S)^{-1} \eta(D) \end{pmatrix}$$

• Classical terms are in (qualitative) agreement with dimensional reduction techniques

ALE Fibrations & Matrix factorizations

Eguchi, Warner, Yang

✓ Local 4-fold geometries



Mayr, Walcher, HJ

Curto, Morrison

Mayr

✓ Matrix factorizations in heterotic strings

Heterotic strings on 3-fold singularities ⇔ Moduli space of 2D field theories

• Matrix factorizations describe bundles of ADE singularities

Conclusions

✓ Techniques to compute effective couplings in N=1 theories:

- Picard-Fuchs equations for 7-brane geometries & spectral covers for bundle moduli
- Effective superpotential and Kähler potential couplings
- Duality to 4-fold geometries & relation to N=1 F-theory compactifications
- Non-perturbative worldsheet and D-instanton corrections via 4-fold dualities

✓ Open mirror symmetry & quantum corrections

- Disk invariants via open/closed string mirror symmetry
- D-instanton/large fiber corrections computable via duality chains

✓ Outlook

- Independent check of proposed quantum corrections
- More general brane and bundle geometries
- The role of matrix factorizations for bundles and heterotic strings