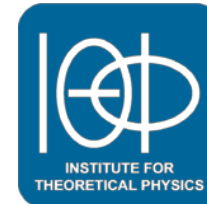


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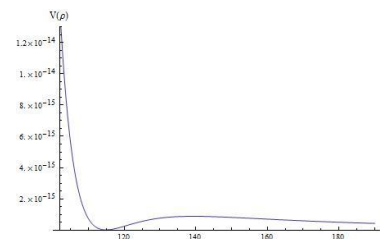
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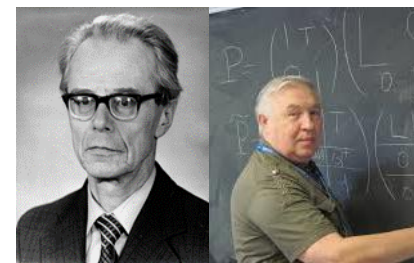
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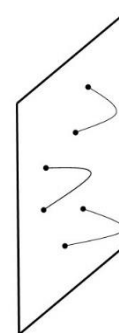
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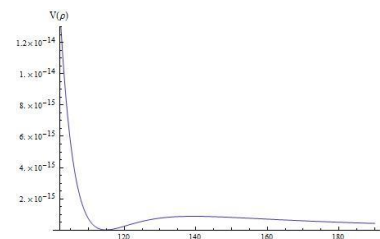
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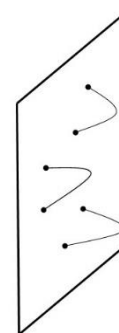
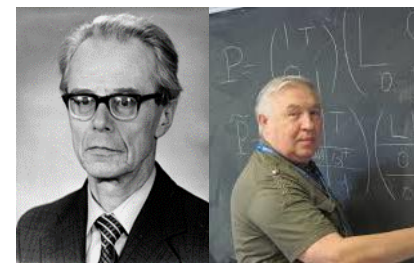
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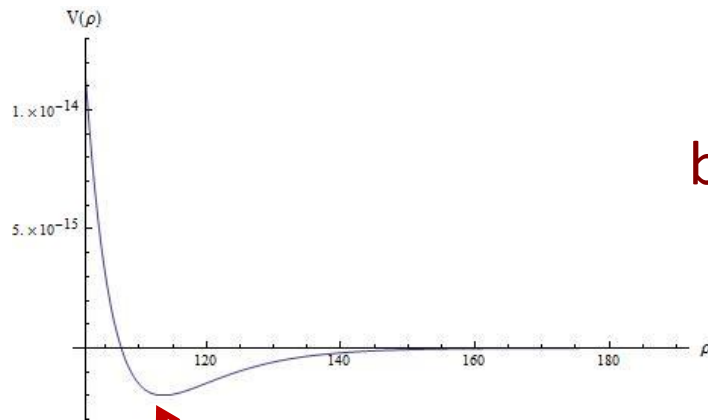
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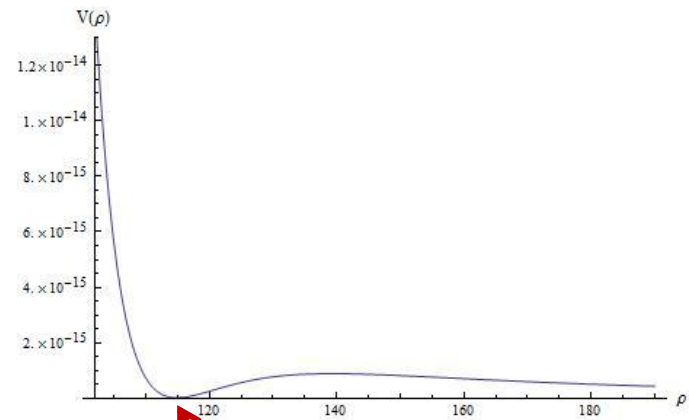
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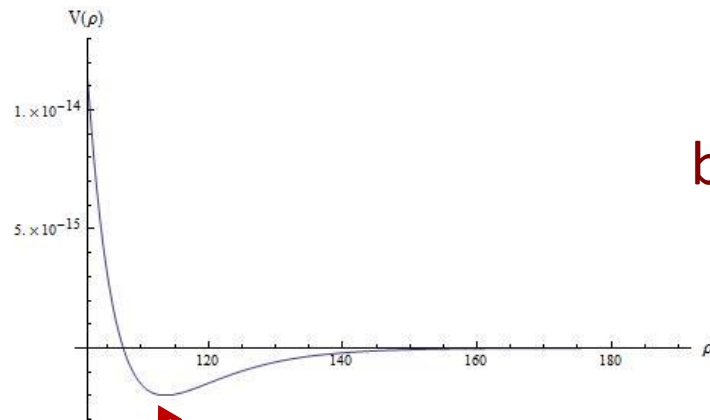
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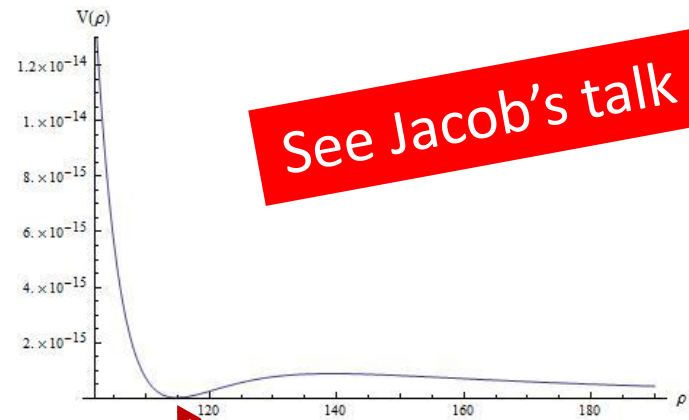
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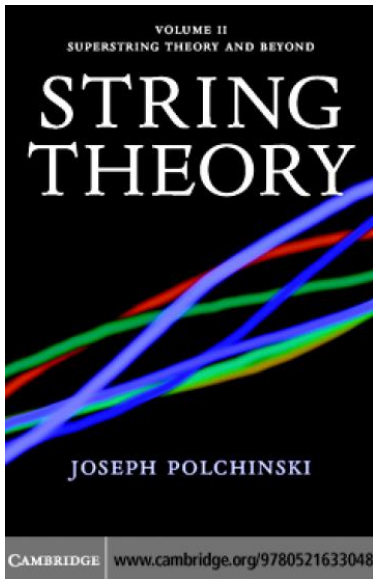
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- Can we package the **uplift term** into K , W or D ?

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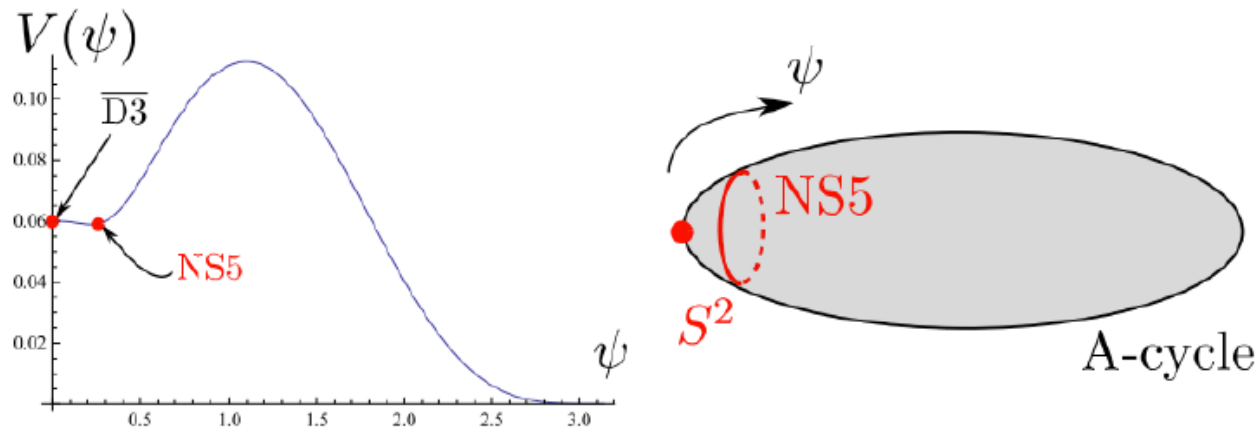
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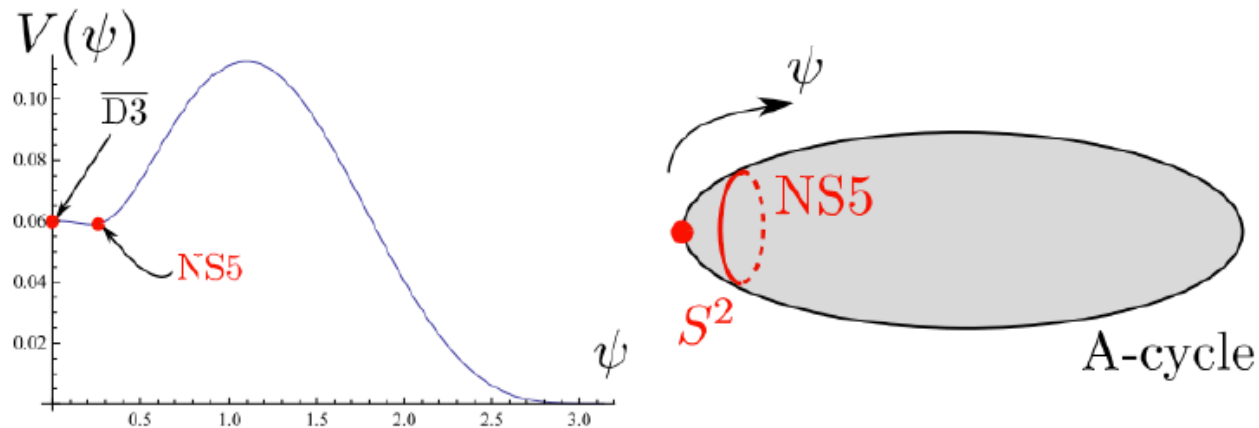
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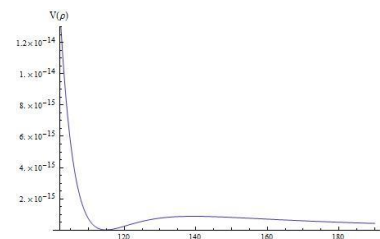
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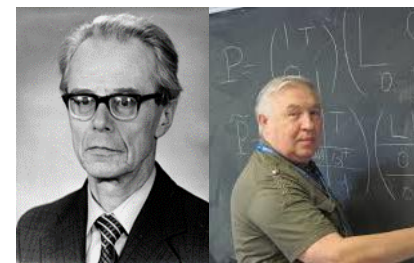
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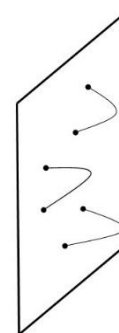
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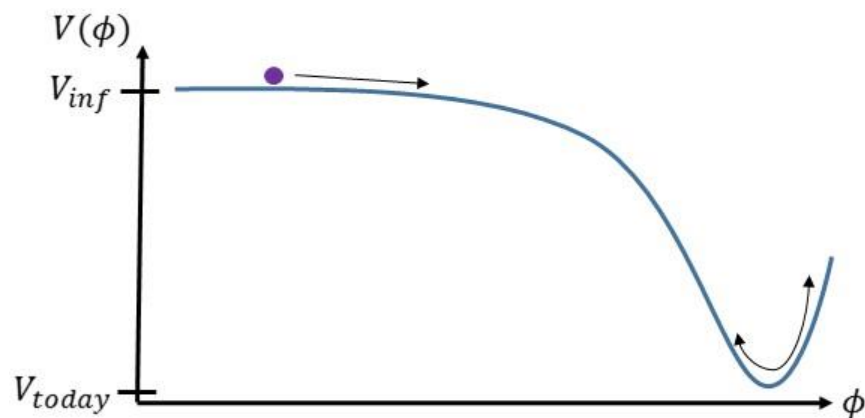
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Inflation in supergravity

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See Marco's talk

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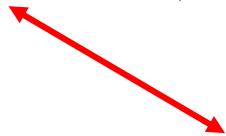
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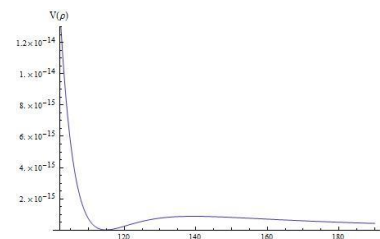
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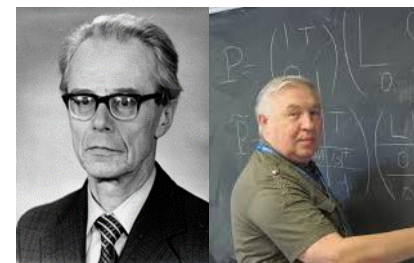
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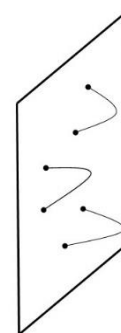
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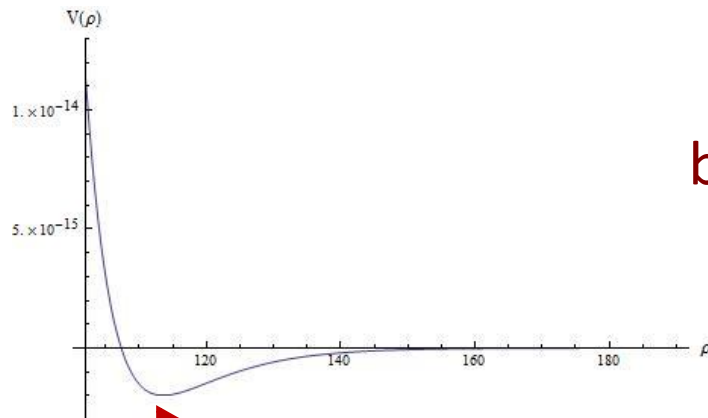
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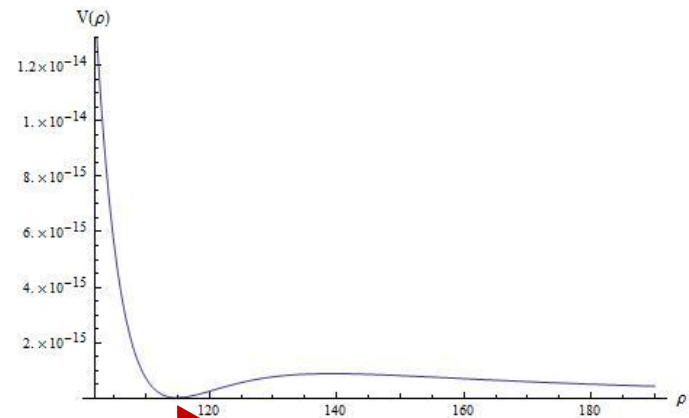
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- Seems to hint at a **connection to D-branes**

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- This nilpotent superfield also arises in string theory for example from anti-D3-branes in KKLT and LVS

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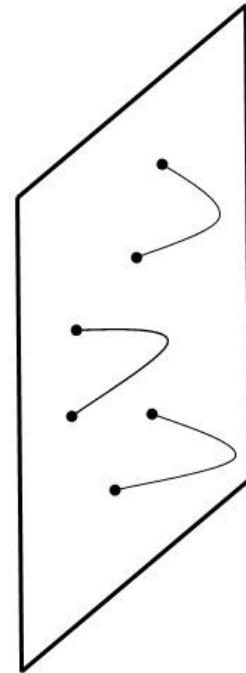
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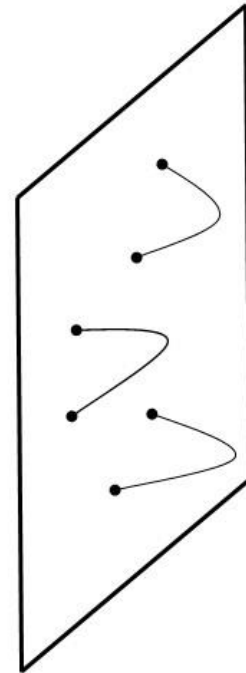
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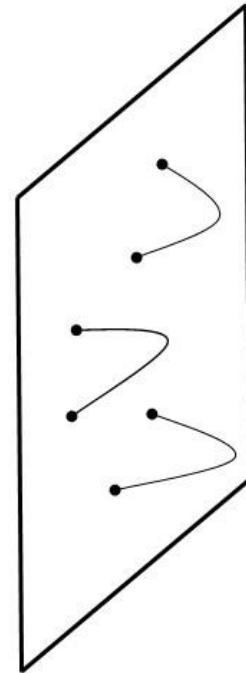
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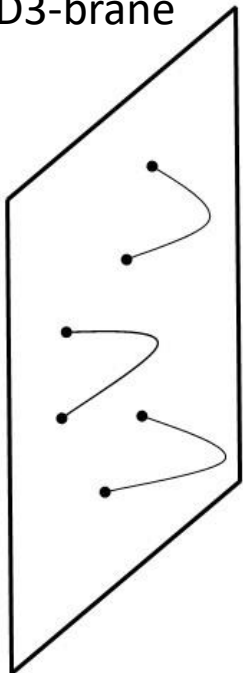
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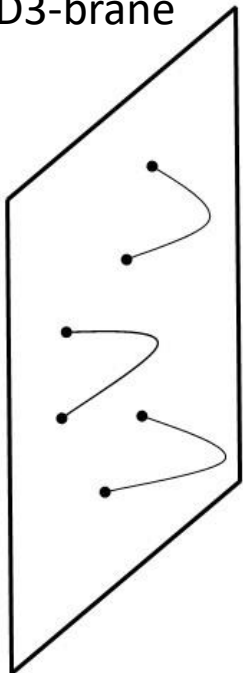
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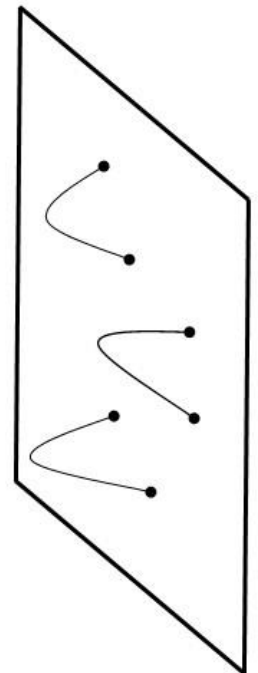
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anti-D3-brane



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$$K = -\log(\tau + \bar{\tau}) - 3\log(U + \bar{U}) \\ -3\log\left[(T + \bar{T})\left(1 - \frac{S\bar{S}}{3(\tau + \bar{\tau})(U + \bar{U})^3} - \frac{\delta_{i\bar{i}}Y^i\bar{Y}^{\bar{i}}}{3(U + \bar{U})^3}\right)\right]$$

$$W = \int G_3 \wedge \Omega + \sqrt{2T_3} S + h_{ij}(\tau)Y^iY^j$$

- $h_{ij}(\tau) \propto G_{2,1}^{ISD}$ gives a mass to the λ^i contained in Y^i

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