

On Scale Separation & a Membrane/Potential Correspondence

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Seminar Series on String Phenomenology

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Outline

1. Scale separation in a class of Type II orientifolds
 - (i) The Swampland, Scale separation and the ADC
 - (ii) A Type IIA toroidal example
 - (iii) A Type IIB toroidal example
2. Membranes and the Flux Potential
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 - (ii) Interactions between membranes
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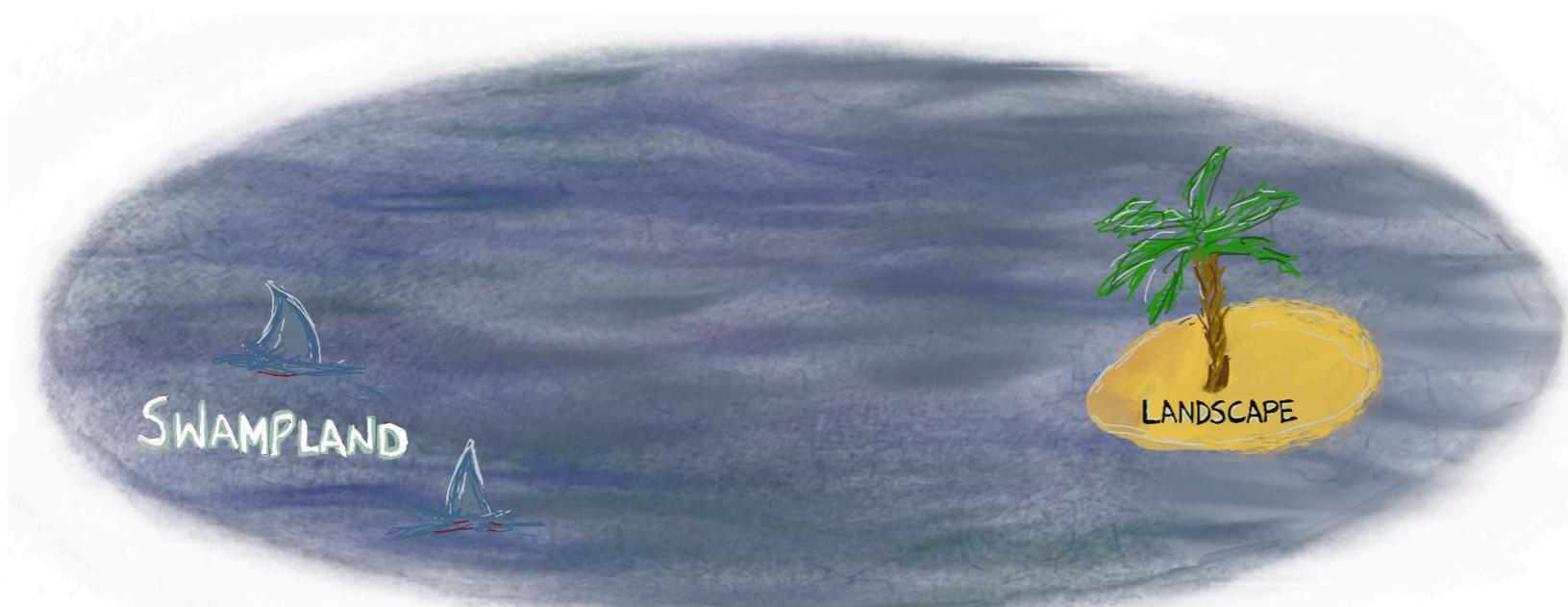
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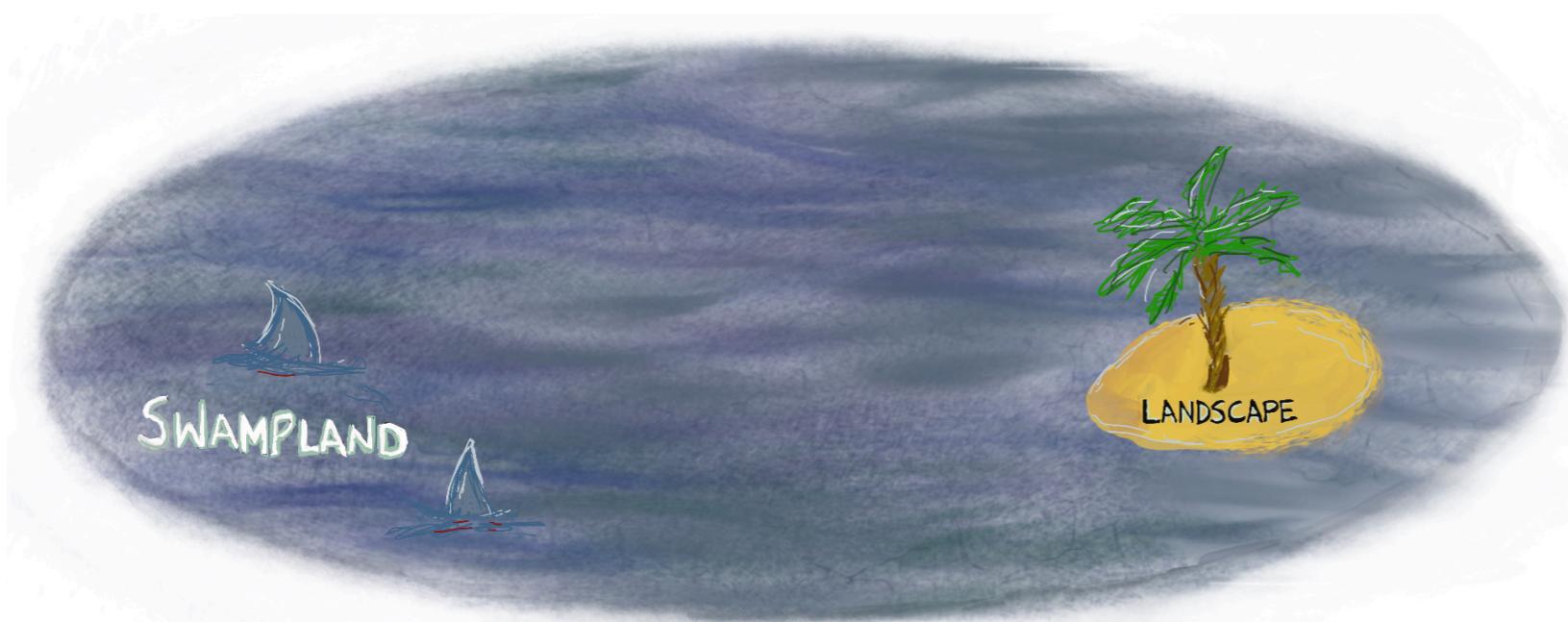


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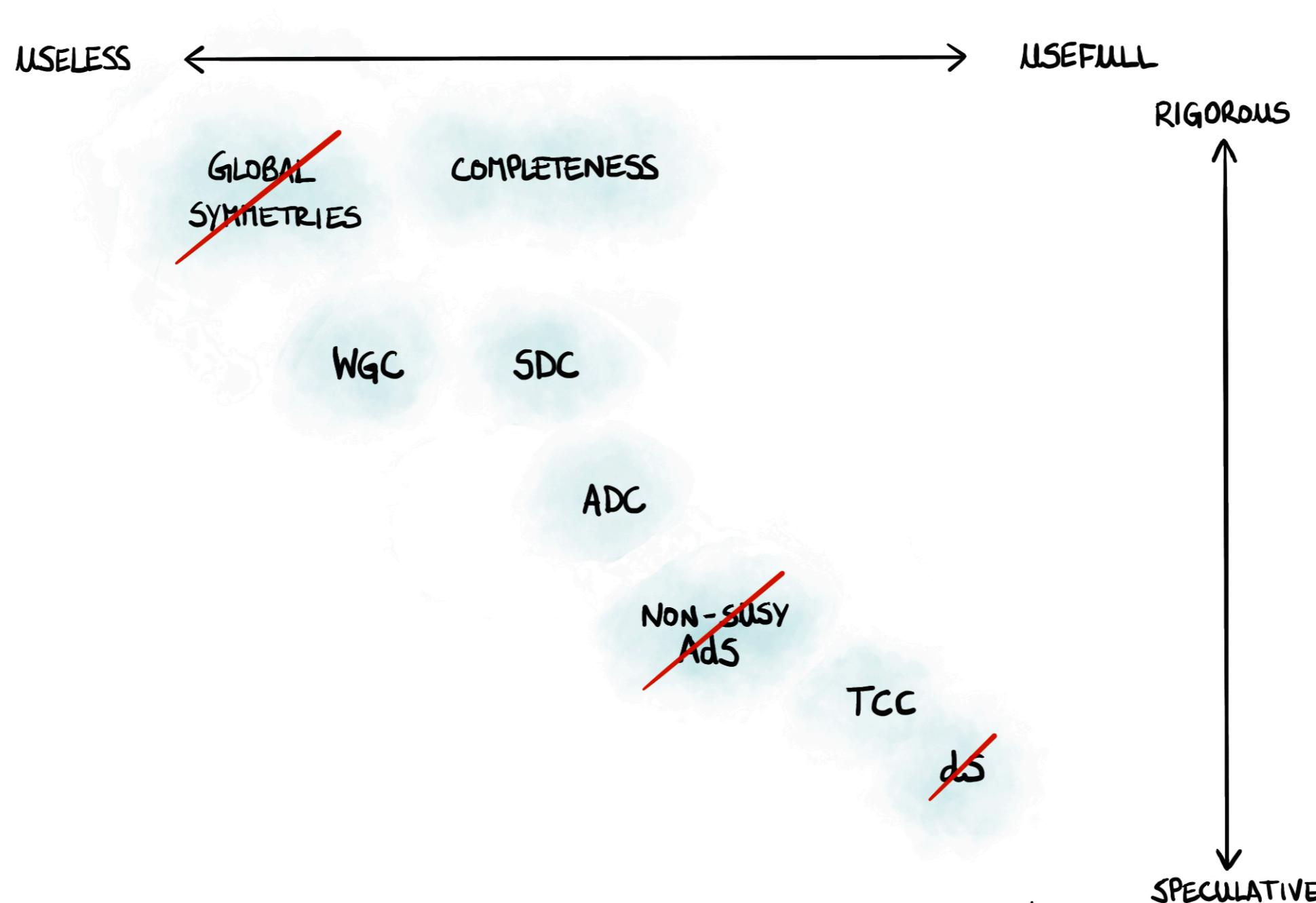
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Quantum Gravity Conjectures

The Swampland Conjectures



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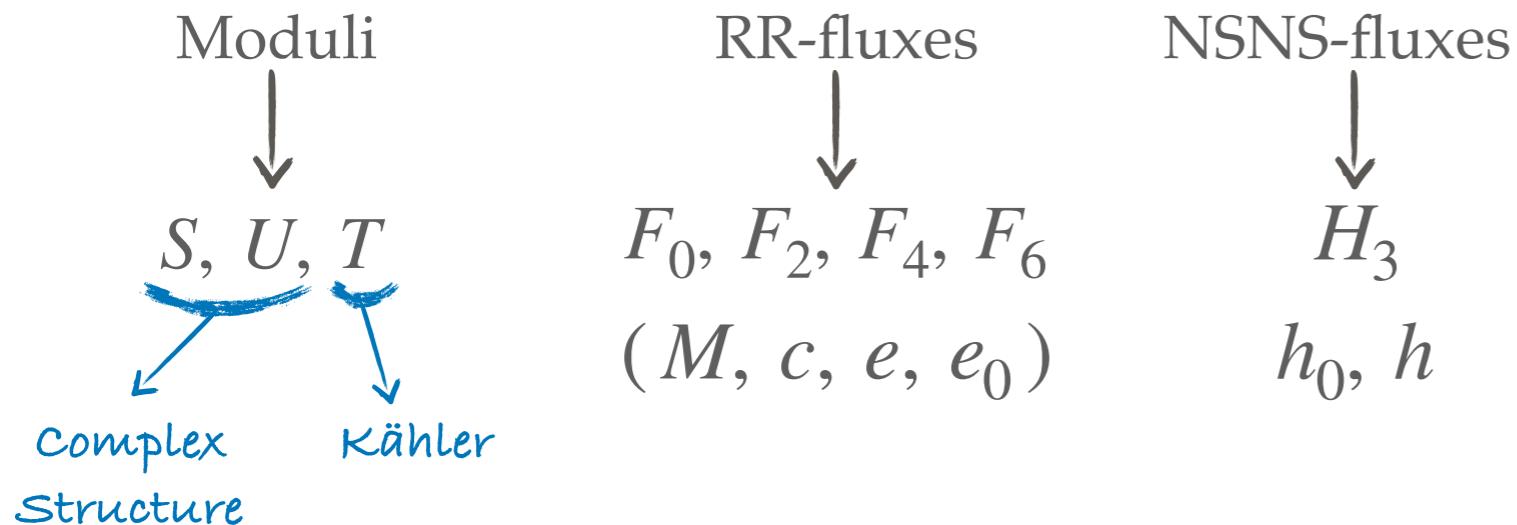
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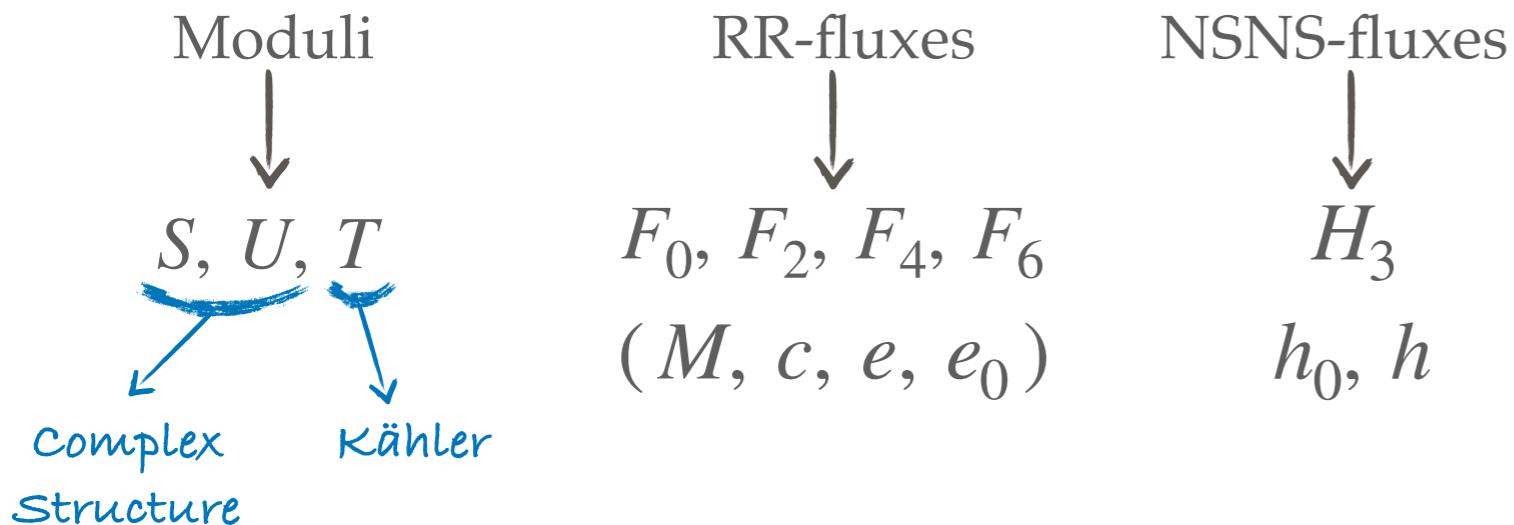
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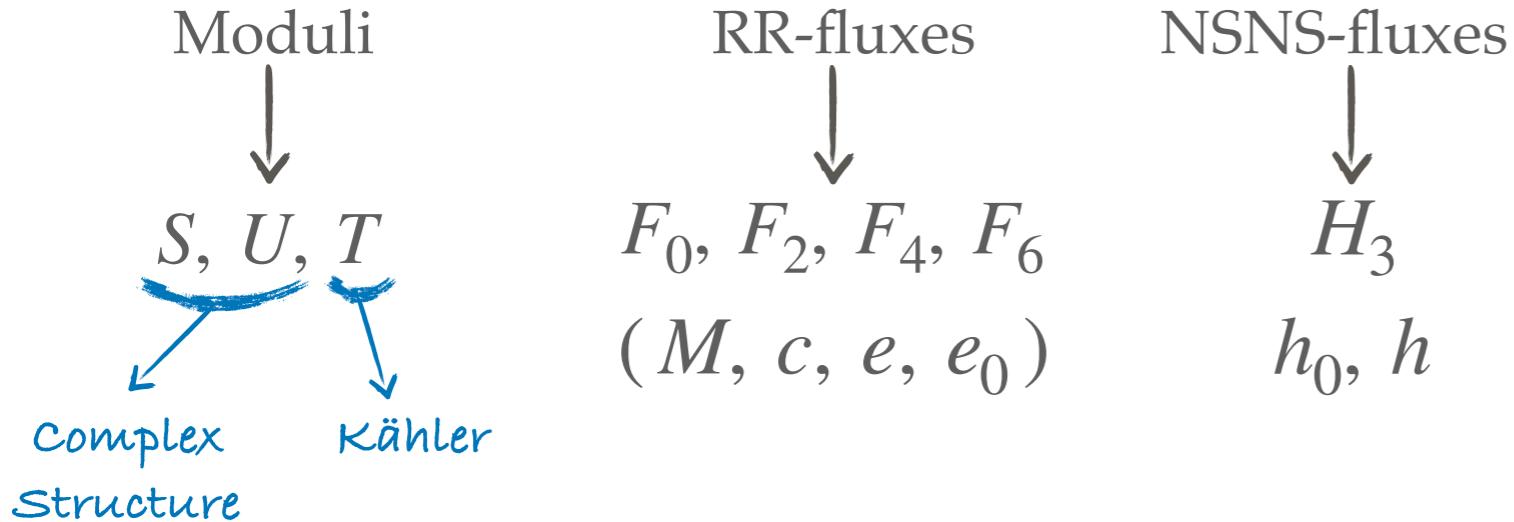
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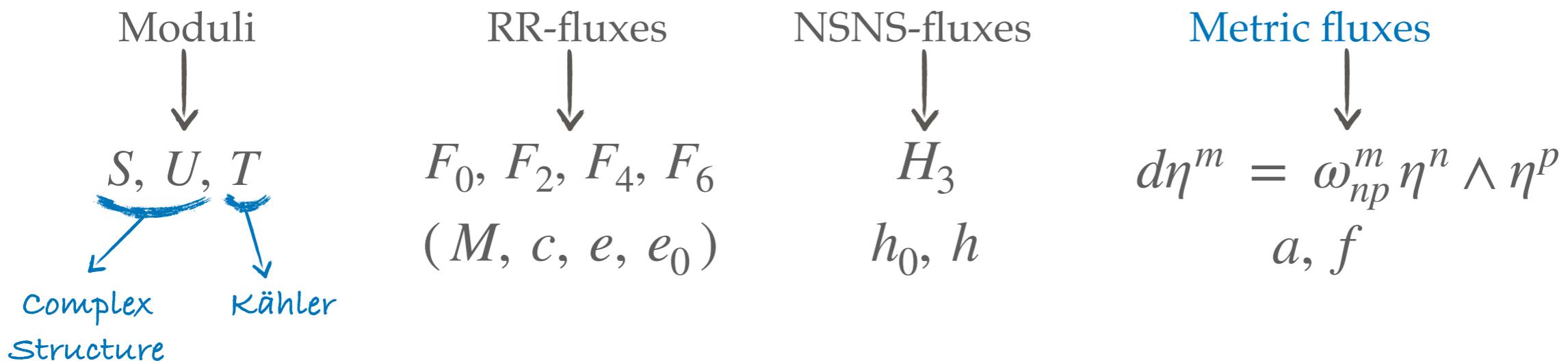
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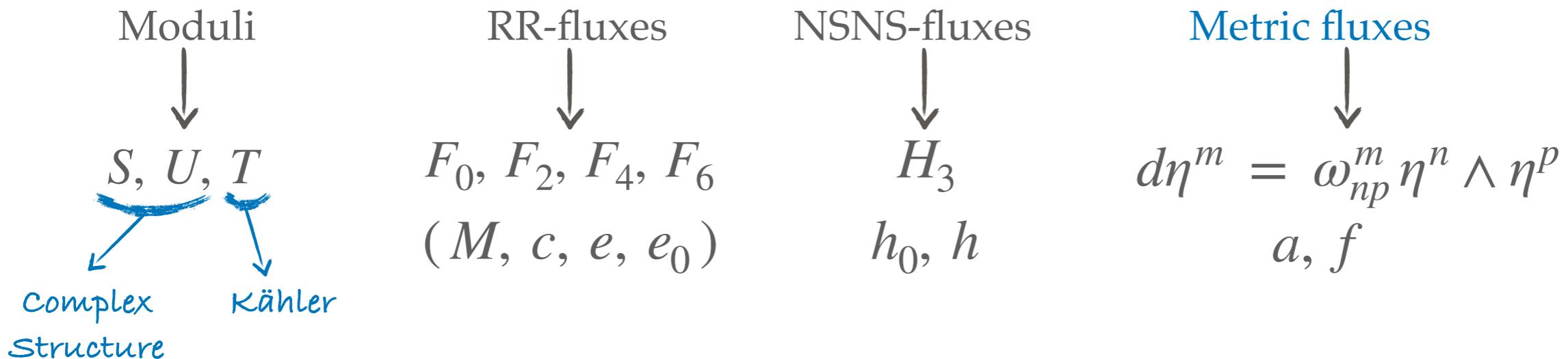
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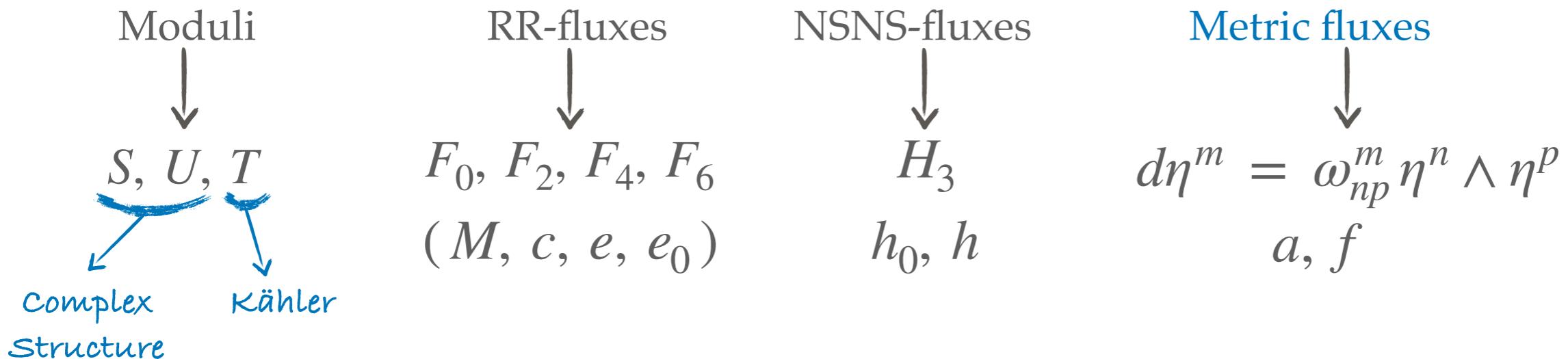
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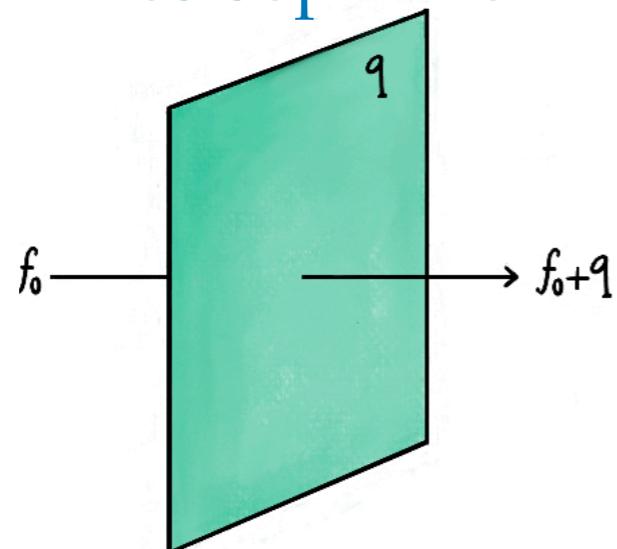
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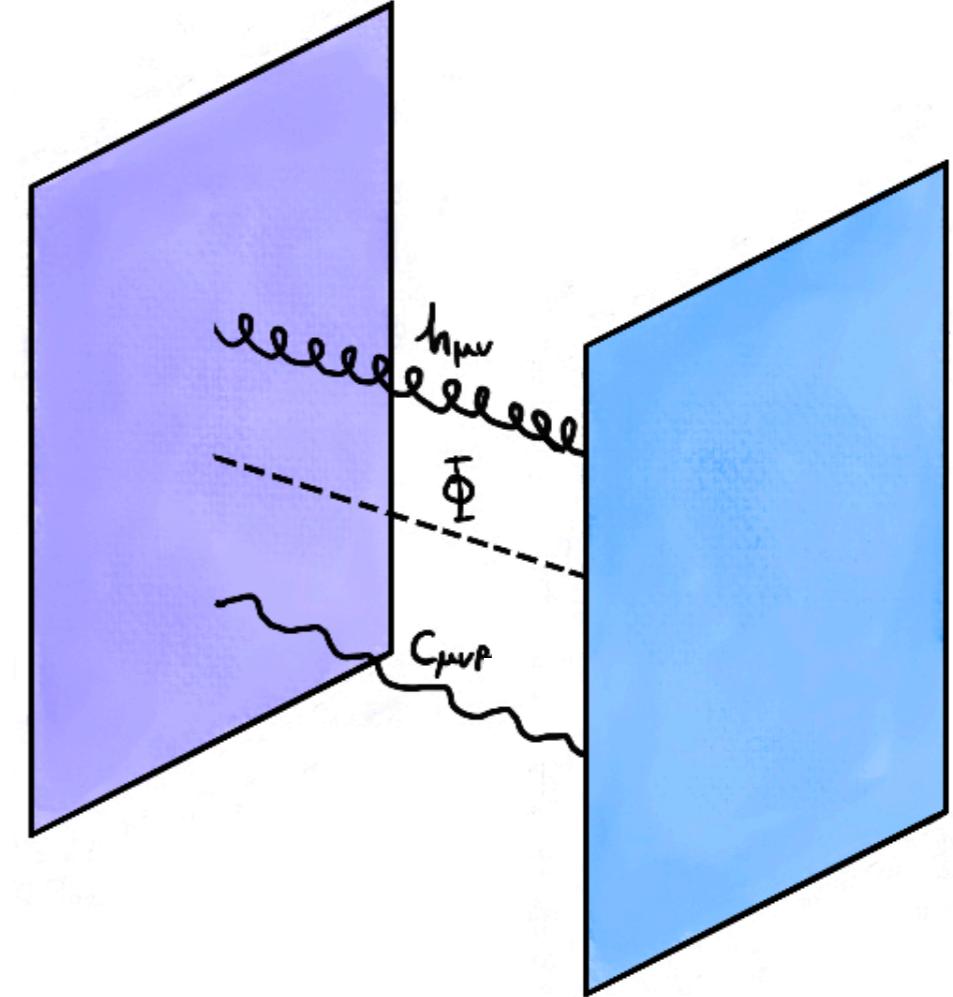
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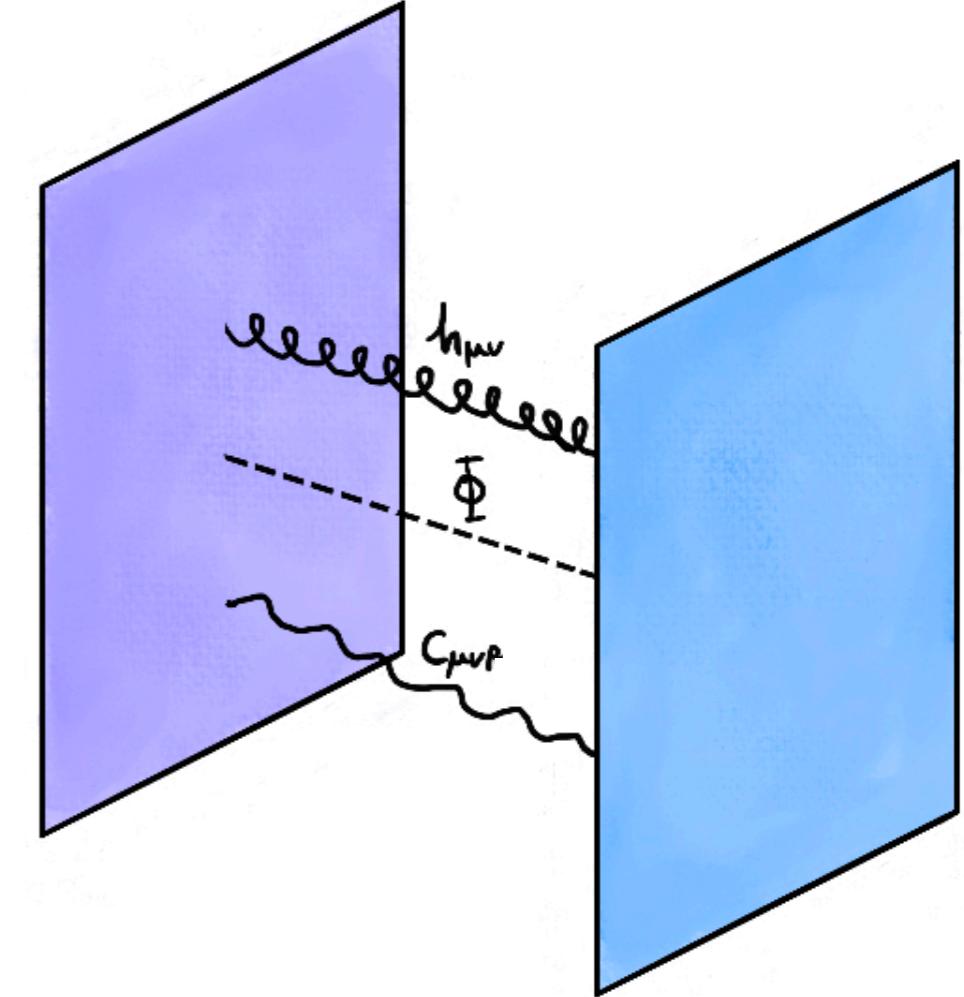
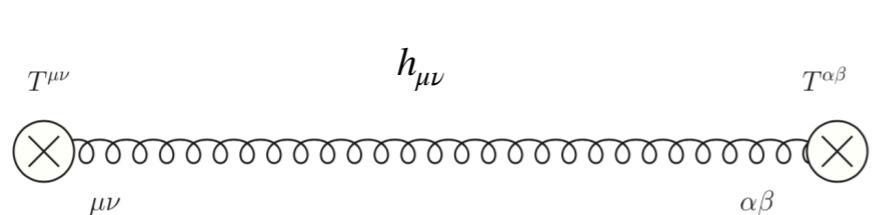
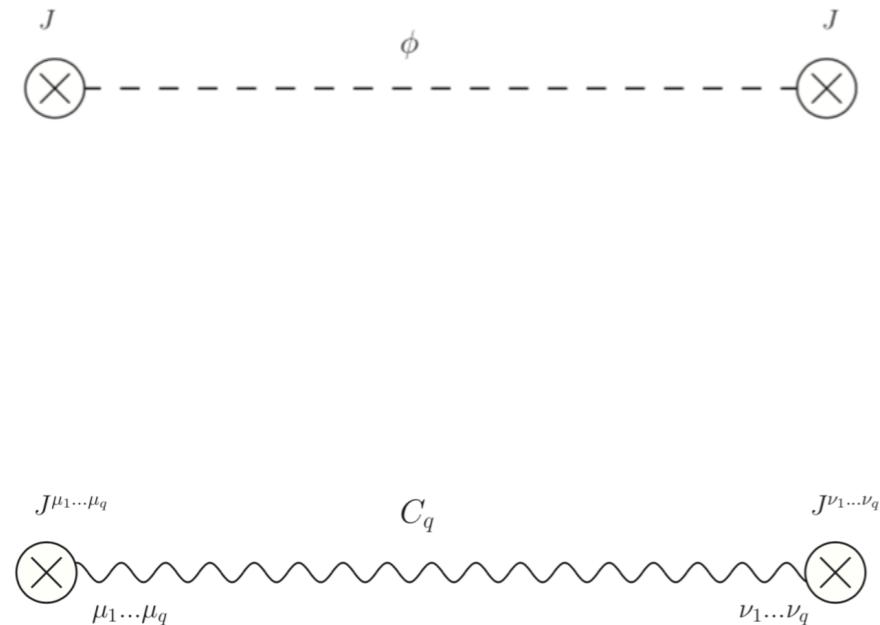
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$$T = 2e^{K/2} |W|$$

- QUESTION:** Can we interpret the different contributions to the scalar potential in terms of interactions between the membranes which source the corresponding fluxes?

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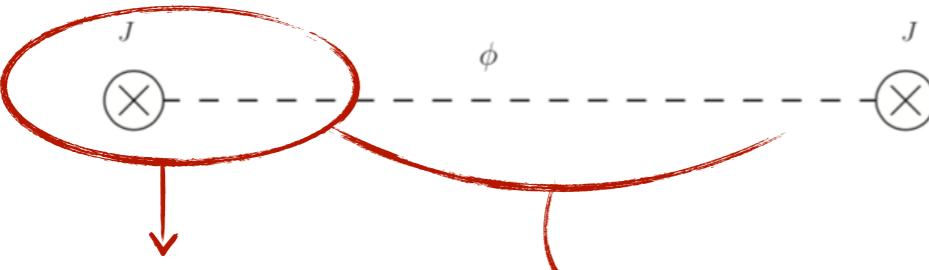


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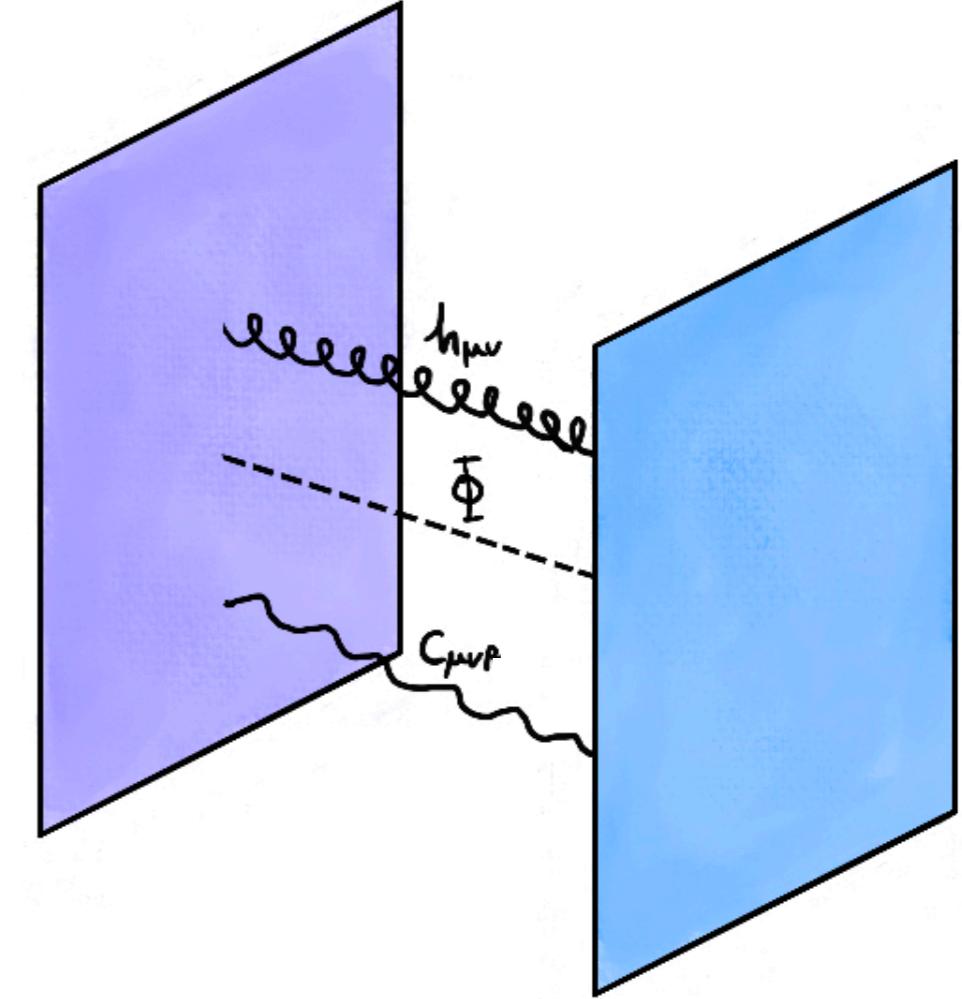
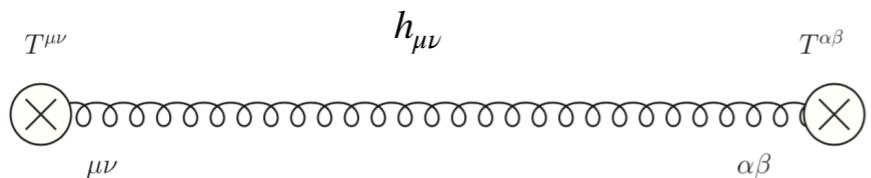
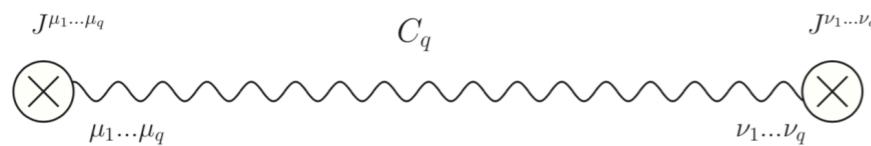
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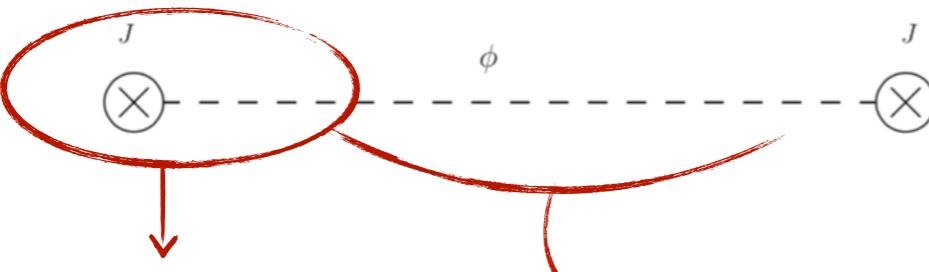


Diagram showing a red oval representing a membrane with a current density J and a scalar field ϕ interacting with another membrane.

$$S_{\text{mem}} = - \int_{WV} d^3\xi \sqrt{|g_{ab}|} T(\Phi^I, \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{J}})$$

$$S_{\Phi, \text{kin}} = \frac{1}{\kappa_4^2} \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x K_{IJ} \partial_\mu \Phi^I \partial^\mu \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{J}}$$

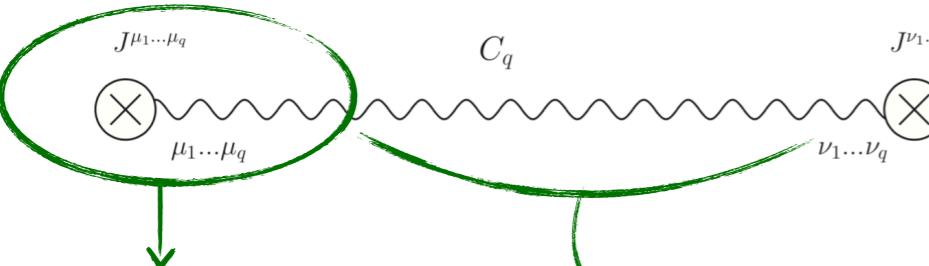


Diagram showing a green oval representing a membrane with a 3-form field C_3 interacting with another membrane.

$$S_{CS} = Q \int_{WV} C_3$$

$$S_{3, \text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int Z_{AB} F^A \wedge *F^B$$

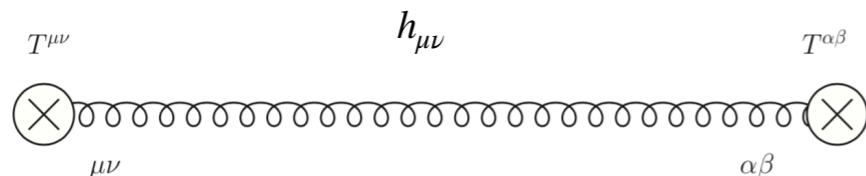


Diagram showing a membrane with a metric tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$ interacting with another membrane.

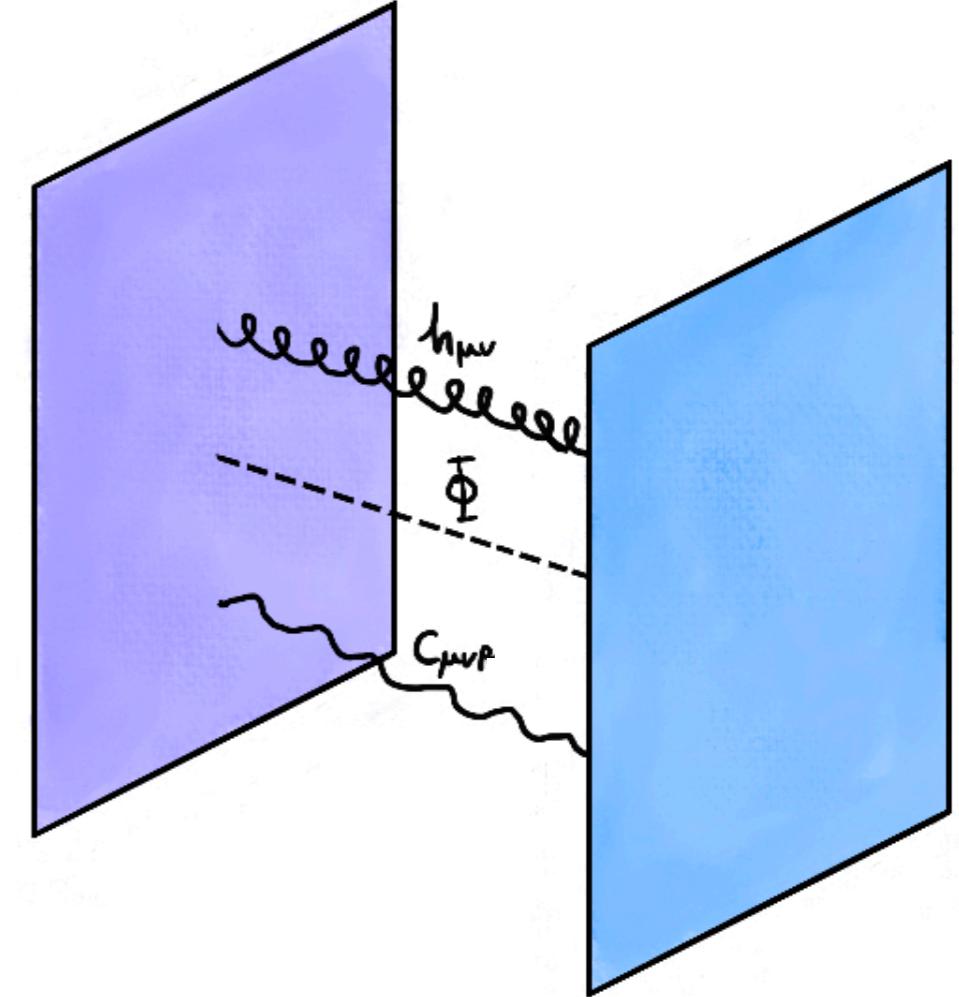
$$T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$T^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\mu\nu$$

$$\alpha\beta$$

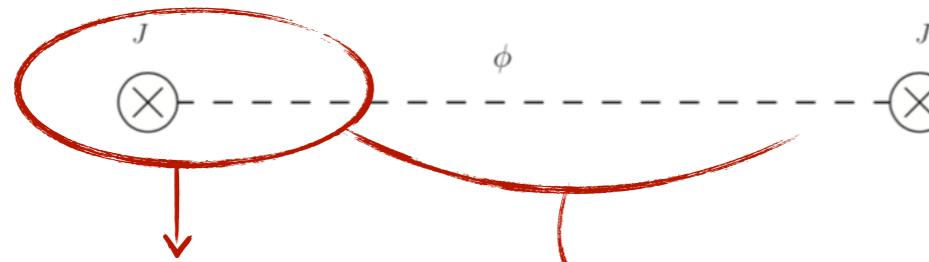


$$V = \frac{Z^{AB}}{2} q_A q_B$$

$$V = e^K \left(K^{I\bar{J}} D_I W D_{\bar{J}} \bar{W} - 3 |W|^2 \right)$$

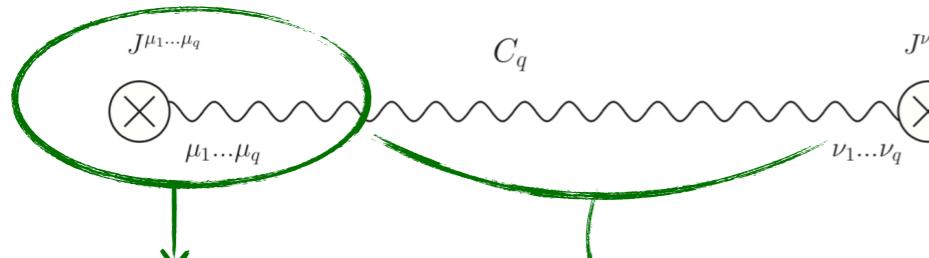
Membranes and the Flux Potential

 Calculate the following interactions



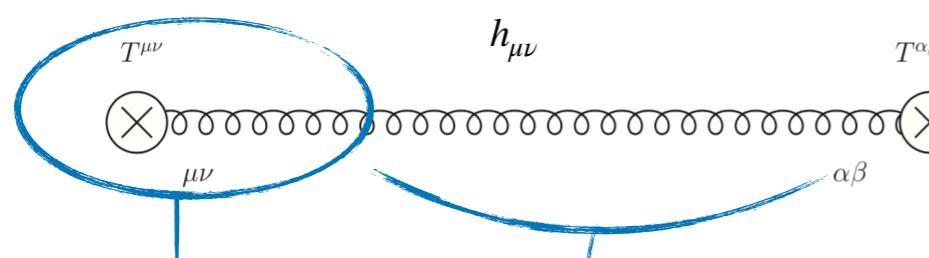
$$S_{\text{mem}} = - \int_{WV} d^3\xi \sqrt{|g_{ab}|} T(\Phi^I, \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{J}})$$

$$\rightarrow S_{\Phi, \text{kin}} = \frac{1}{\kappa_4^2} \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x K_{IJ} \partial_\mu \Phi^I \partial^\mu \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{J}}$$



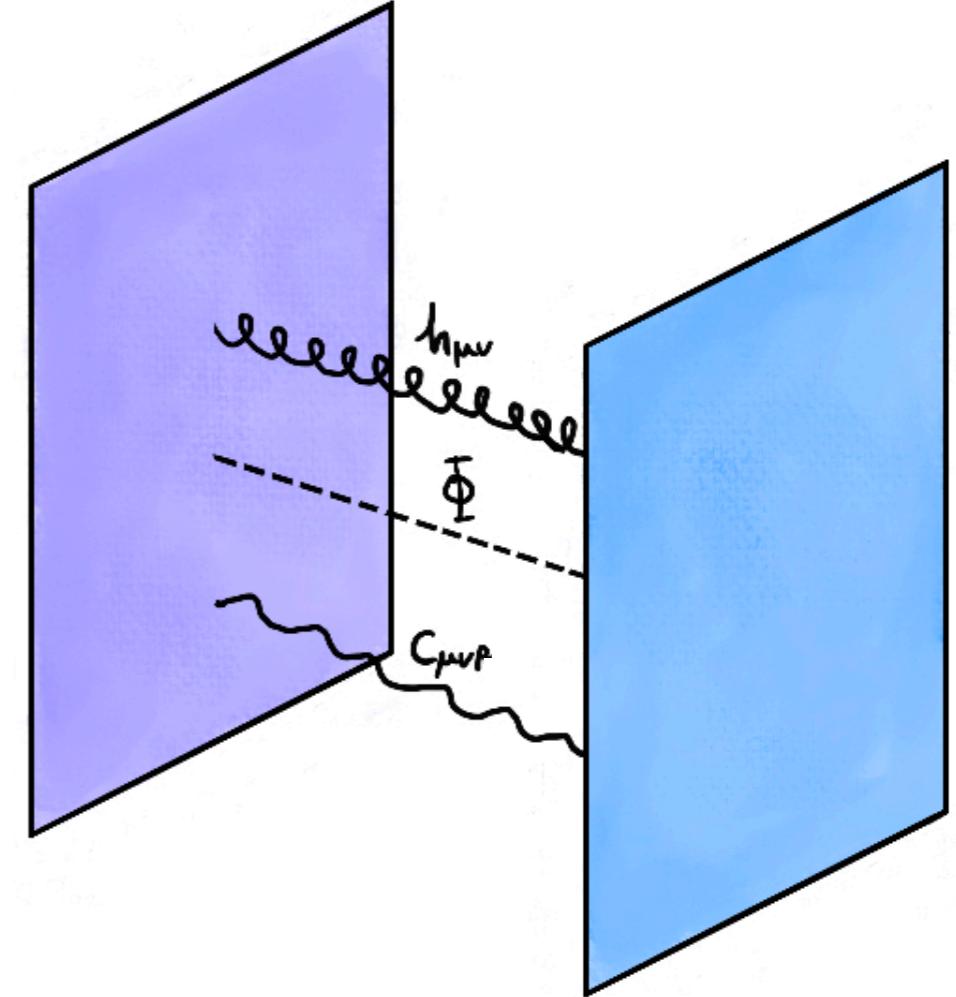
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$$\rightarrow S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^Dx \sqrt{-g} R$$

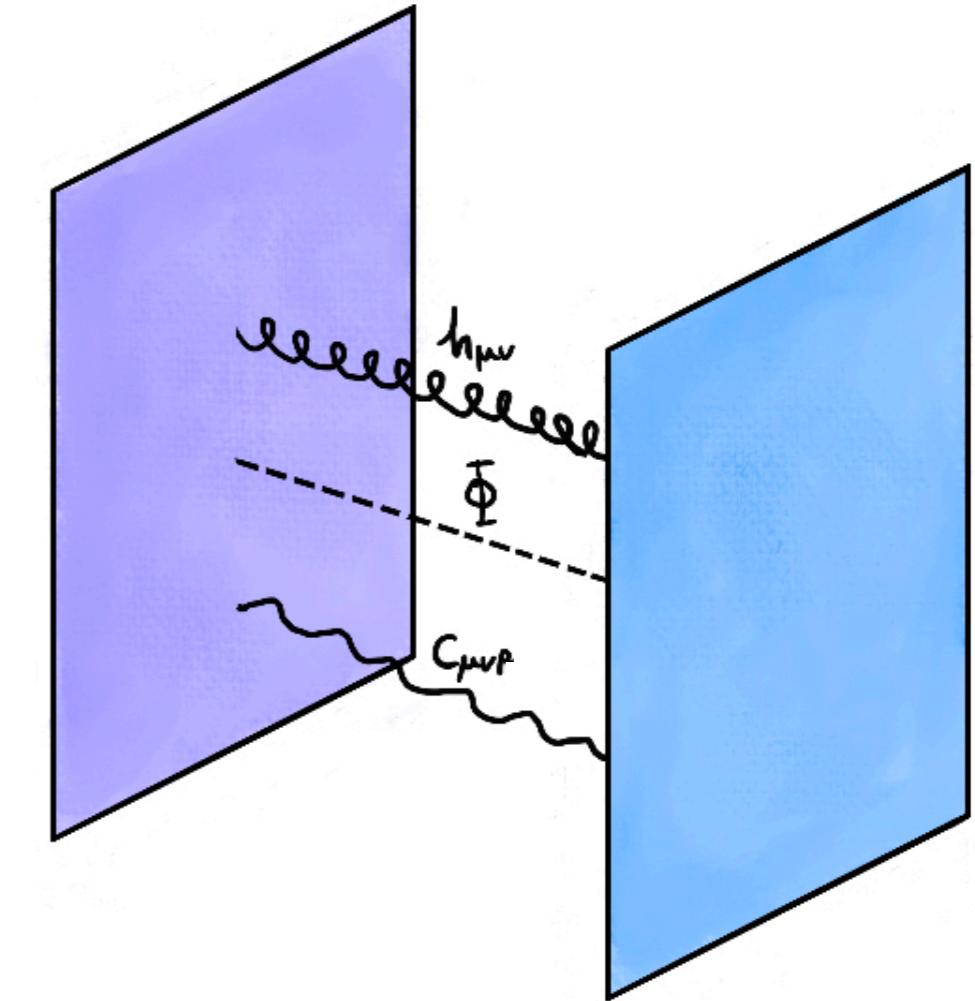
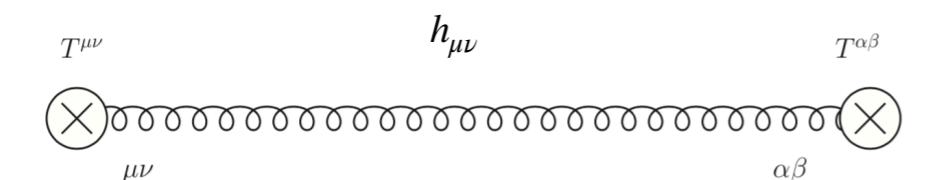
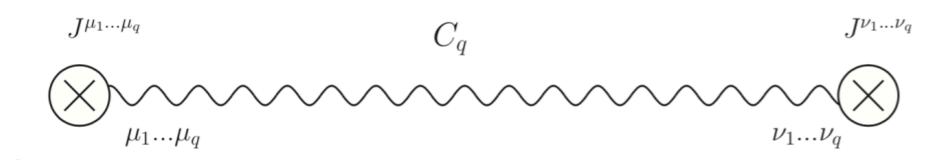
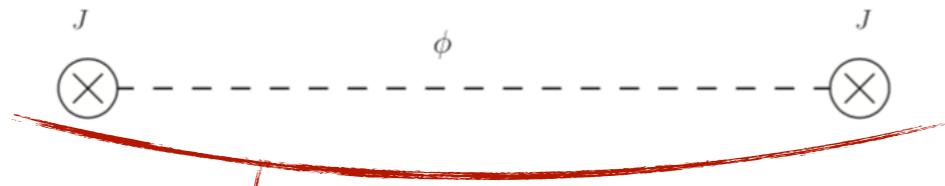


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Membranes and the Flux Potential

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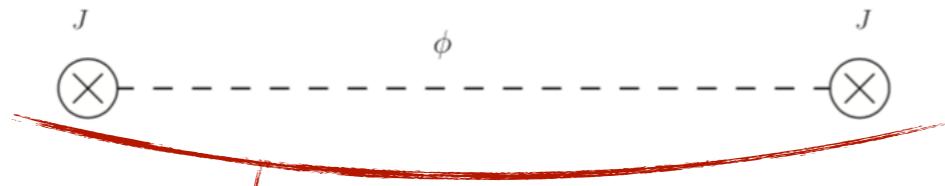


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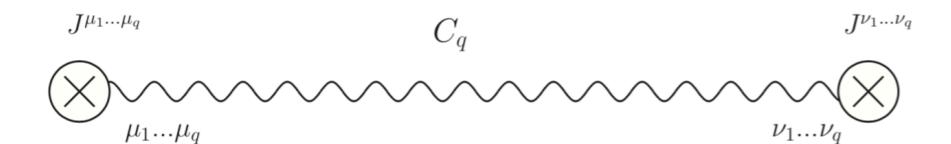
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Membranes and the Flux Potential

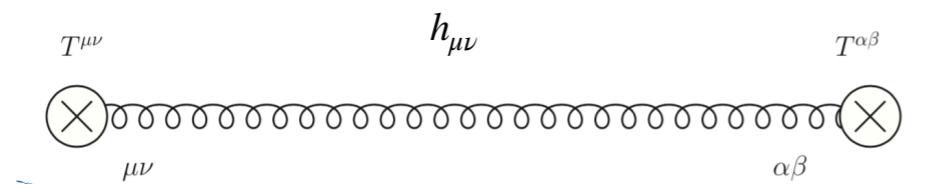
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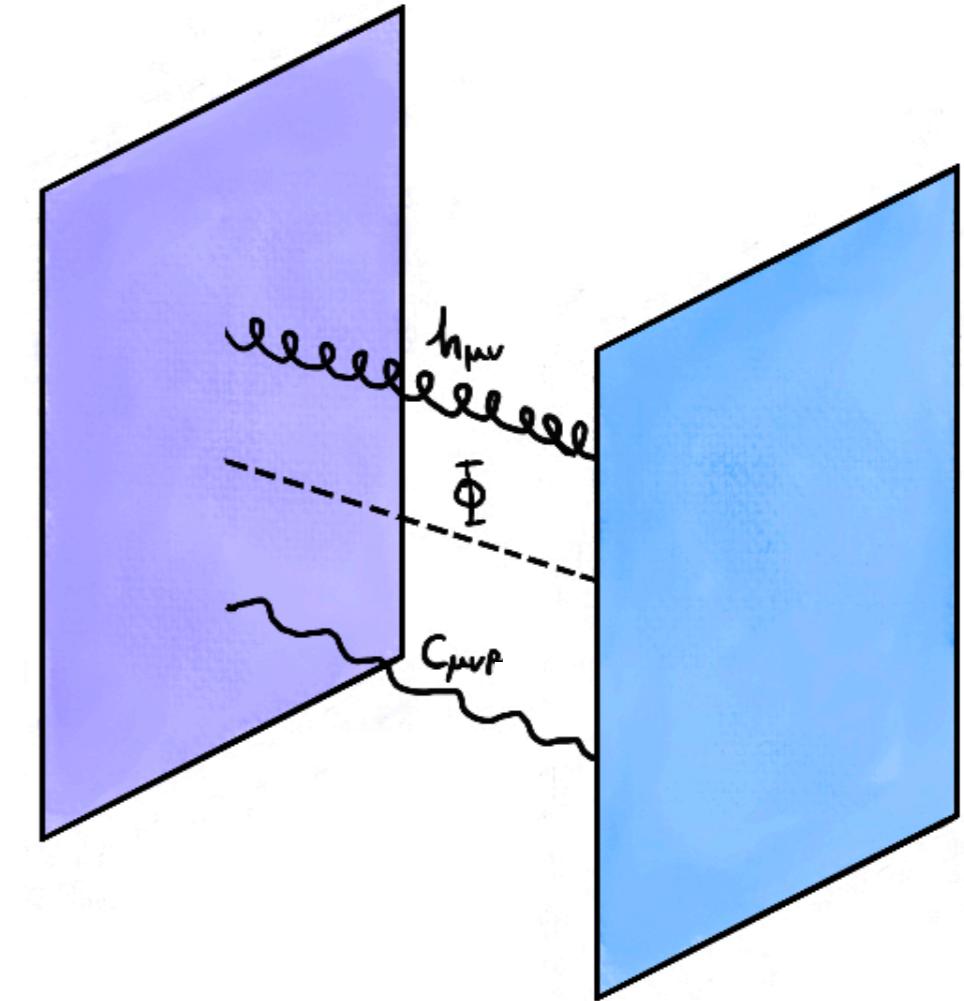
$$\rightarrow -e^K K^{I\bar{J}} D_I W D_{\bar{J}} \bar{W}$$



$$\rightarrow \sim \frac{1}{2} Z^{AB} Q_A Q_B$$



$$\rightarrow \sim 3e^K |W|^2$$



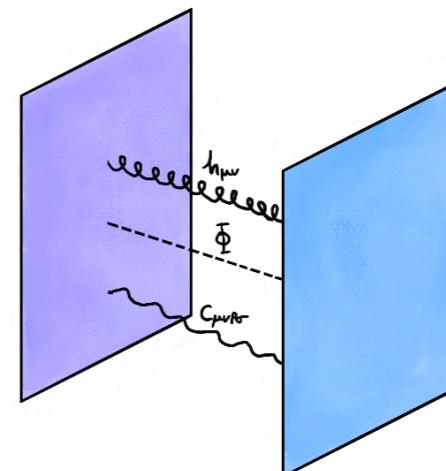
Scalar Potential = Membrane interaction

Relations between Conjectures

[See Lanza, Marchesano, Martucci, Valenzuela '20]

Conclusions

1. Corrections from internal backreaction (in this class of models) \longrightarrow Scale Separation disappears / ADC is fulfilled
2. Equivalence between $N=1$ flux induced scalar potential and BPS membrane interactions
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Potential relations between Conjectures



A large, colorful word cloud centered around the words "thank you" in various languages. The word "thank" is in red, "you" is in yellow, and "you" is in green. The background is white with a subtle grid pattern. The surrounding text is in different colors and sizes, representing numerous languages from around the world.