



# ETW brane networks for Calabi-Yau moduli

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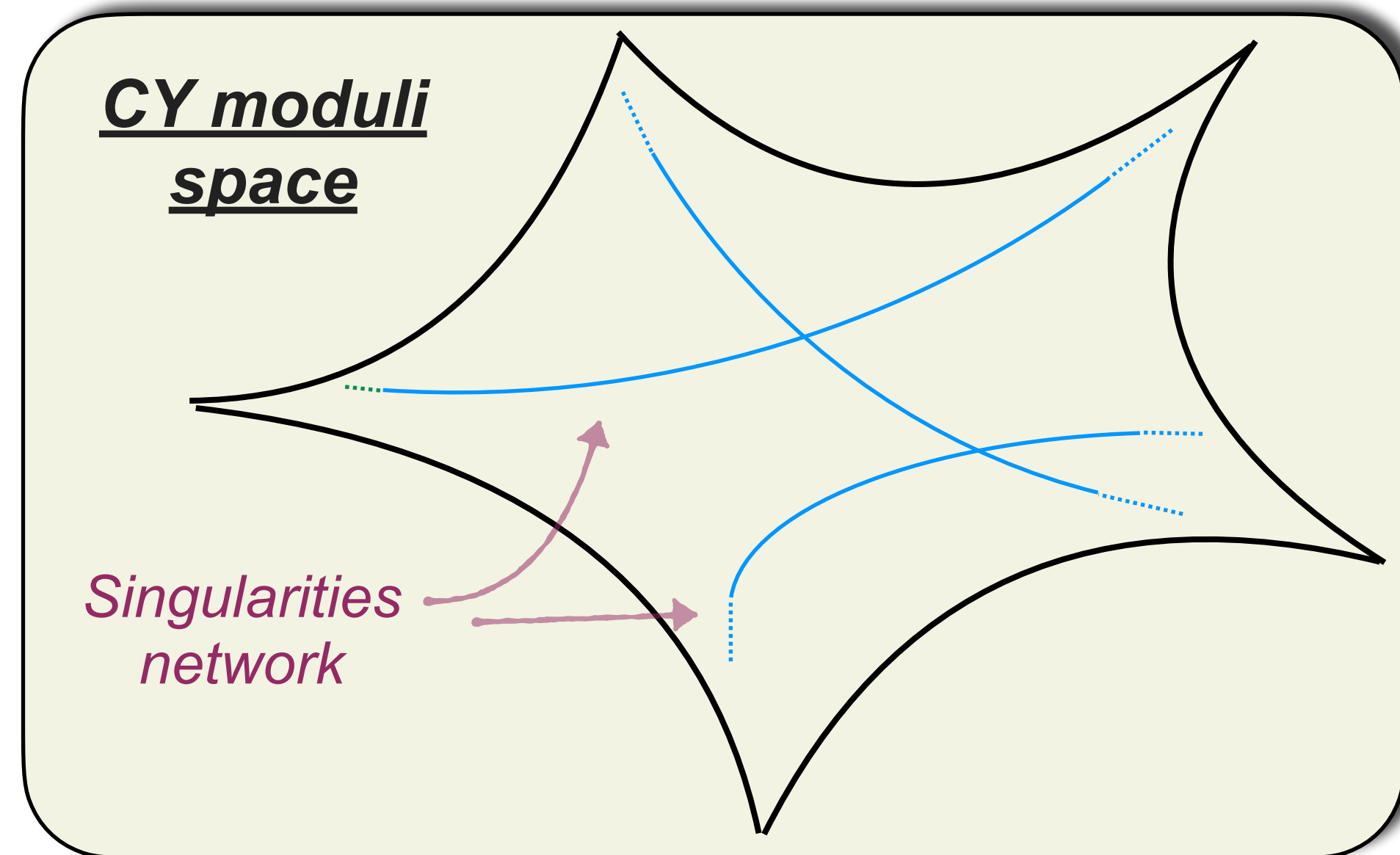
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and also [2312.16286](#) with [A. Uranga](#) and [A. Makridou](#)  
[2203.11240](#) with [A. Uranga](#), [J. Huertas](#),  
[M. Delgado](#) and [J. Calderon-Infante](#)

# Motivations and techniques:

→ To provide spacetime realizations for the **network of infinite distance singularities** in the complex structure moduli space of Calabi-Yau compactifications



- Calabi-Yau compactifications provide a rich landscape of phenomenological interesting vacua;
- Infinite distance limits are the natural arena for testing many of the Swampland conjectures in a physically under control configuration;
- There exists a very powerful mathematical classification of these limits in terms of asymptotic Hodge theory

**Techniques:** (a) Construction of the spacetime effective actions for the relevant moduli near the network of infinite distance singularities using the information encoded in the asymptotic Hodge structure of the moduli space;

(b) Computation of the Dynamical Cobordism solutions for these actions realizing networks of intersecting ETW branes in spacetime.

# Dynamical Cobordism to Nothing

[Buratti,(Calderon-Infante),Delgado,Uranga '21],

[R.A.,(Calderon-Infante),(Delgado),(Huertas), Uranga '22, '23]

[Blumenhagen, (Cribiori), Kneissl, (Makridou), (Wang), '22,'23]



NOTHING

$x$

END OF THE WORLD BRANE

$\phi$

Let us consider the following  $(n+1)$ -dim action:

$$S = \int d^{n+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{2}\partial\phi\partial\phi - V(\phi) \right\}$$

and look for solutions that:

- are spacetime dependent,
- show a Ricci **singularity** in the metric located at **finite** distance in spacetime,
- the scalar **diverges** when we approach to such singularity.

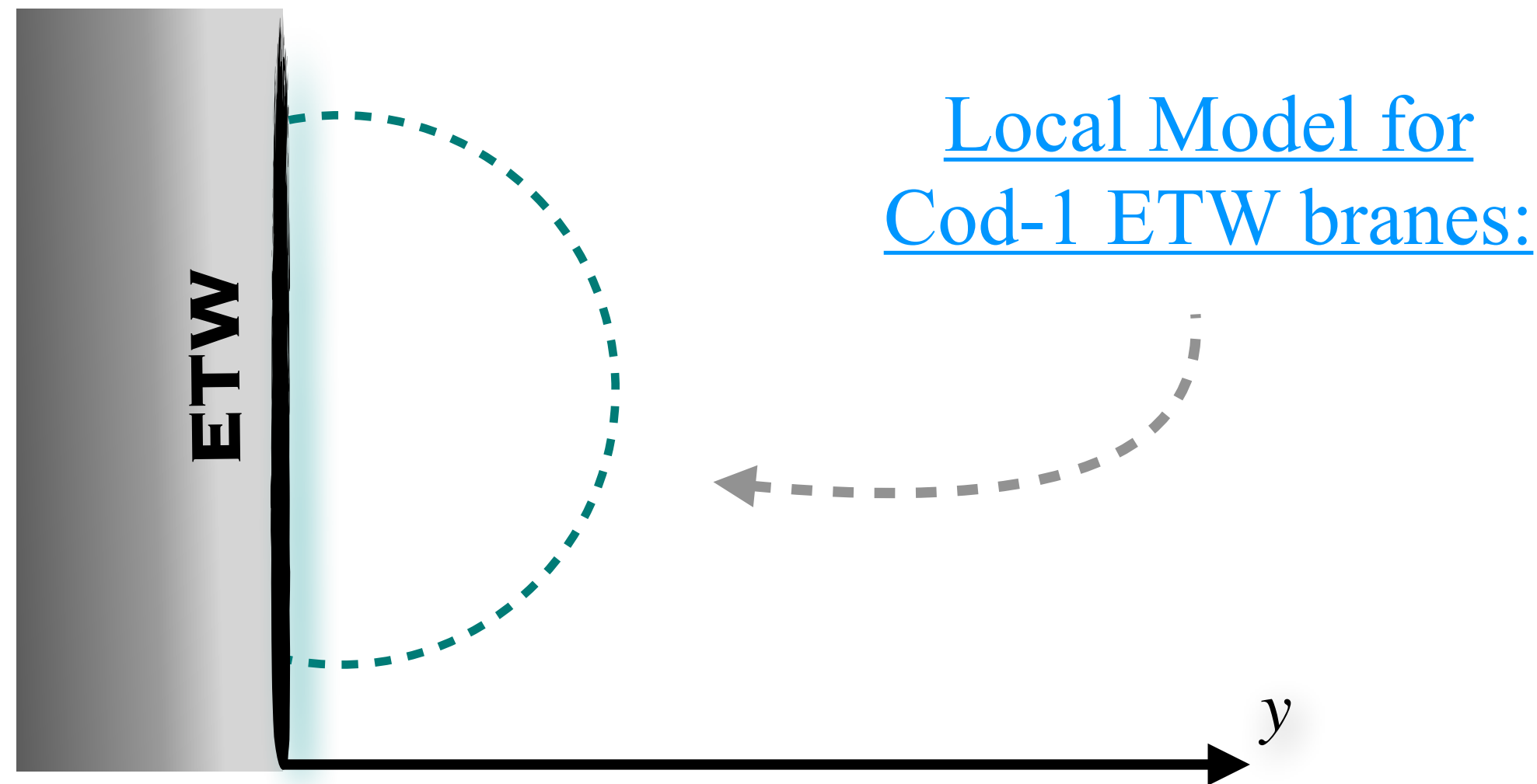
Dynamical Cobordism

Dynamical compactification

$y$

# End of The World branes

Are different kind of ETW branes already distinguishable at the level of effective theory?



- $\varphi(y) \simeq -\frac{2}{\delta} \log y$
  - $ds_{n+1}^2 = e^{-2\sigma(y)} ds_n^2 + dy^2$
- with  $\sigma(y) \simeq \pm \frac{4}{(n-1)\delta^2} \log y$

controlled by the following class of potentials:

$$V(\phi) \simeq -cae^{\delta\phi}$$

At fixed spacetime dimension, the only parameter specifying the kind of ETW-brane is the critical exponent:

$$\delta = 2\sqrt{\frac{n}{n-1}(1-a)}$$

Microscopic defect	$n + 1$	$\delta$	$a$
<i>Bubble of Nothing</i>	4	$\sqrt{6}$	0
<i>D2 brane</i>	4	$\sqrt{14/7}$	20/21
<i>D2/D6 on <math>T^4 \times S^2</math></i>	4	$\sqrt{2}$	2/3

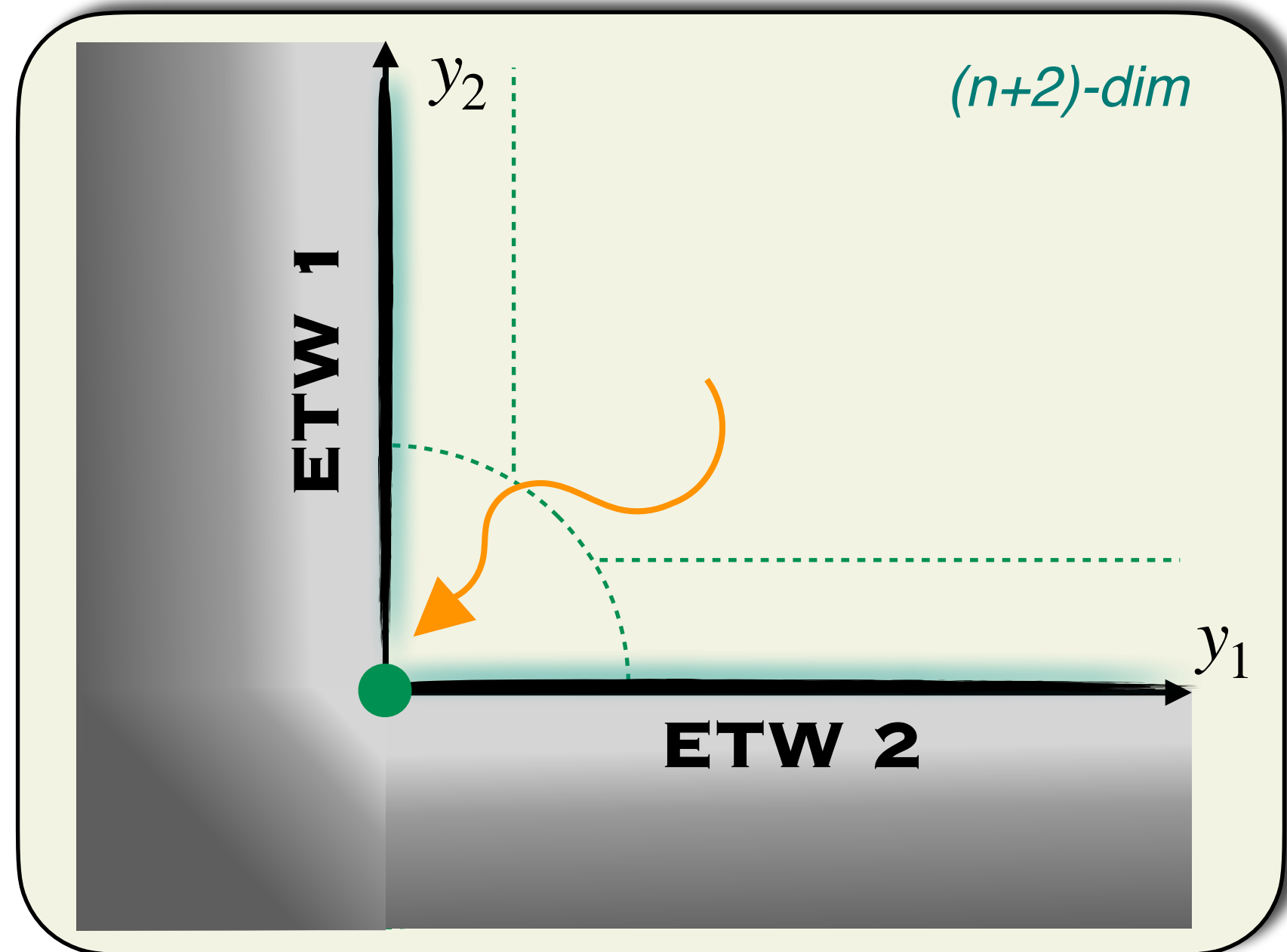
# Intersecting ETW branes

[R.A., Makridou, Uranga, '23]



→ Generalization of the previous analysis to explore corners of the moduli/field spaces parameterized by multiple scalars that explode simultaneously

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Solutions describing two intersecting cod-1 ETW branes:

- $\varphi_1(y_1) = -\frac{2}{\delta_1} \log y_1$
  - $\varphi_2(y_2) = -\frac{2}{\delta_2} \log y_2$
  - $ds_{n+2}^2 = e^{-2\sigma_1(y_1)-2\sigma_2(y_2)} ds_n^2 + e^{-2\sigma_2(y_2)} dy_1^2 + e^{-2\sigma_1(y_1)} dy_2^2$
- with  $\sigma_1(y_1) = \pm \frac{4}{n\delta_1^2} \log y_1$  and  $\sigma_2(y_2) = \pm \frac{4}{n\delta_2^2} \log y_2$

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# CY moduli space

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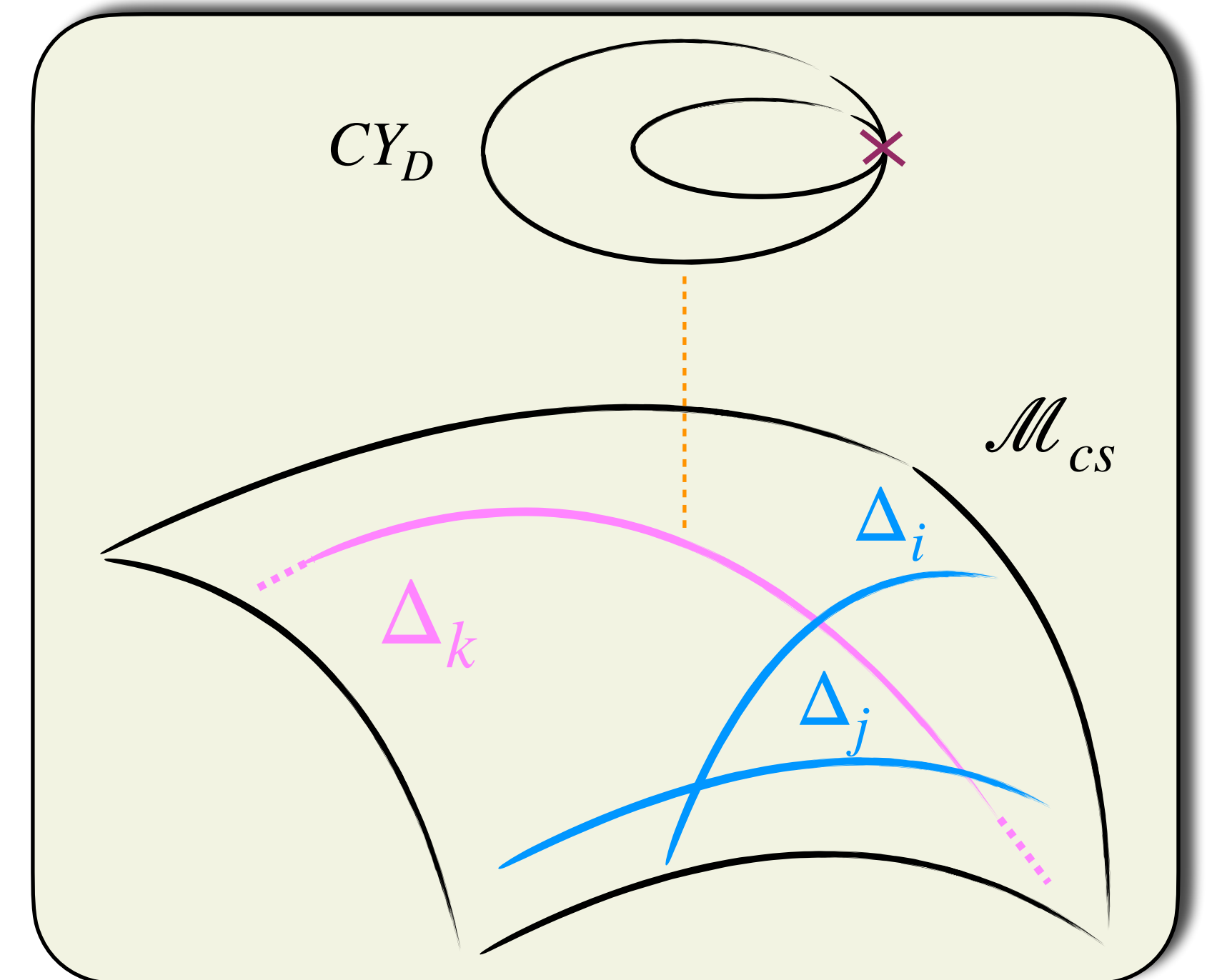
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Local set of coordinates  $\{\xi^i, t^k\}$  near the divisor  $\Delta_k$  s.t.:

$$t^k = a^k + is^k \mapsto const + i\infty$$

Nilpotent matrix of local monodromy:  $N_k = \log T_k^{(u)}$

**BULK**

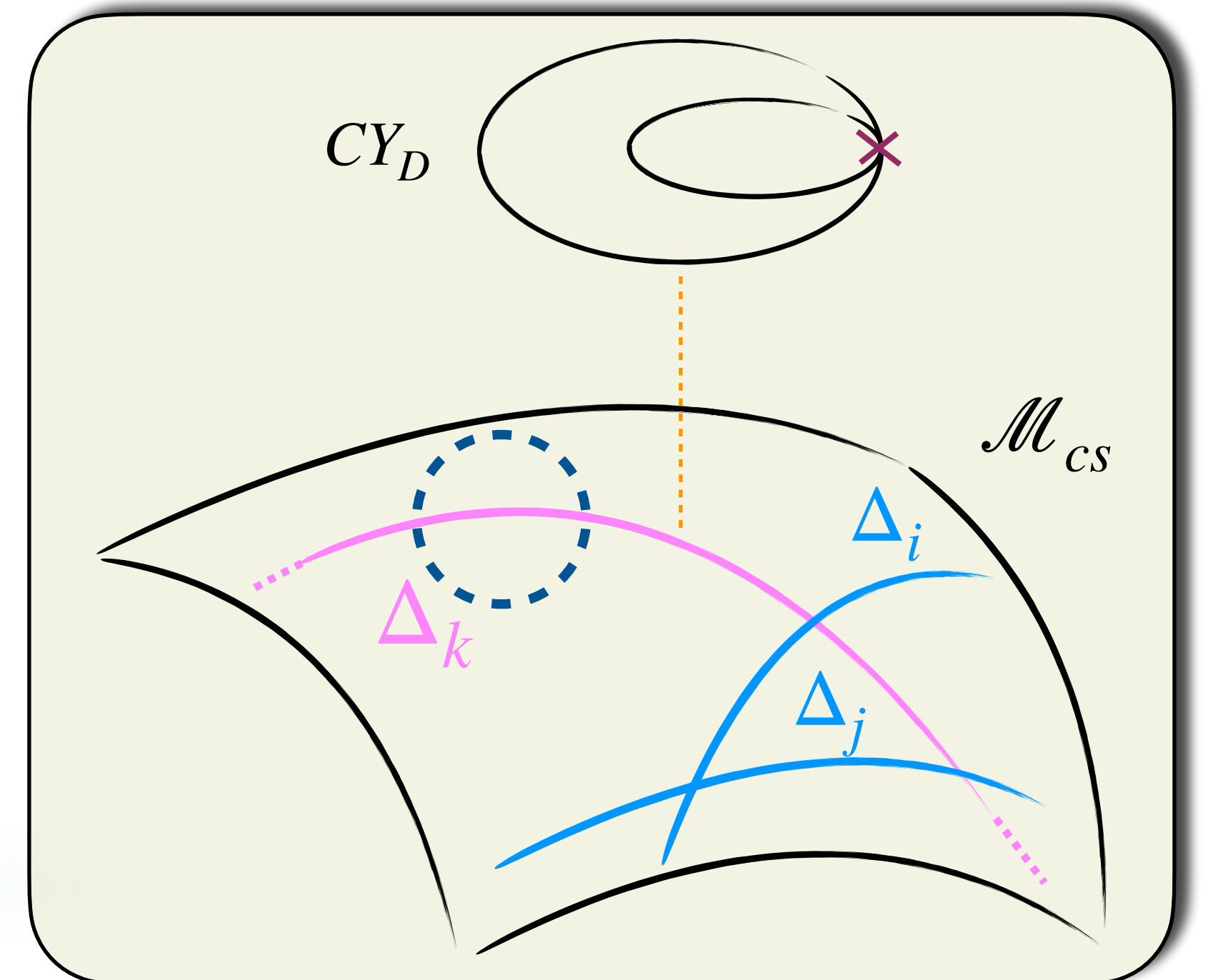
$$H^4(Y_4, \mathbb{C}) = \bigoplus_{D=p+q} H^{p,q}$$

Hodge decomposition

**ASYMPTOTIC SINGULARITIES**

$$\{I^{p,q}\} \text{ with } 0 \leq p + q \leq 8$$

Hodge-Deligne splitting



# Singularities classification (for $h^{3,1} = 2$ )

[Grimm, Li, Valenzuela, '19]

Classification of all the possible types of **singularities** in  $\mathcal{M}_{cs}$

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Classification of all the possible **Hodge-Deligne splittings** associated to all the possible singular divisors  $\Delta_k$

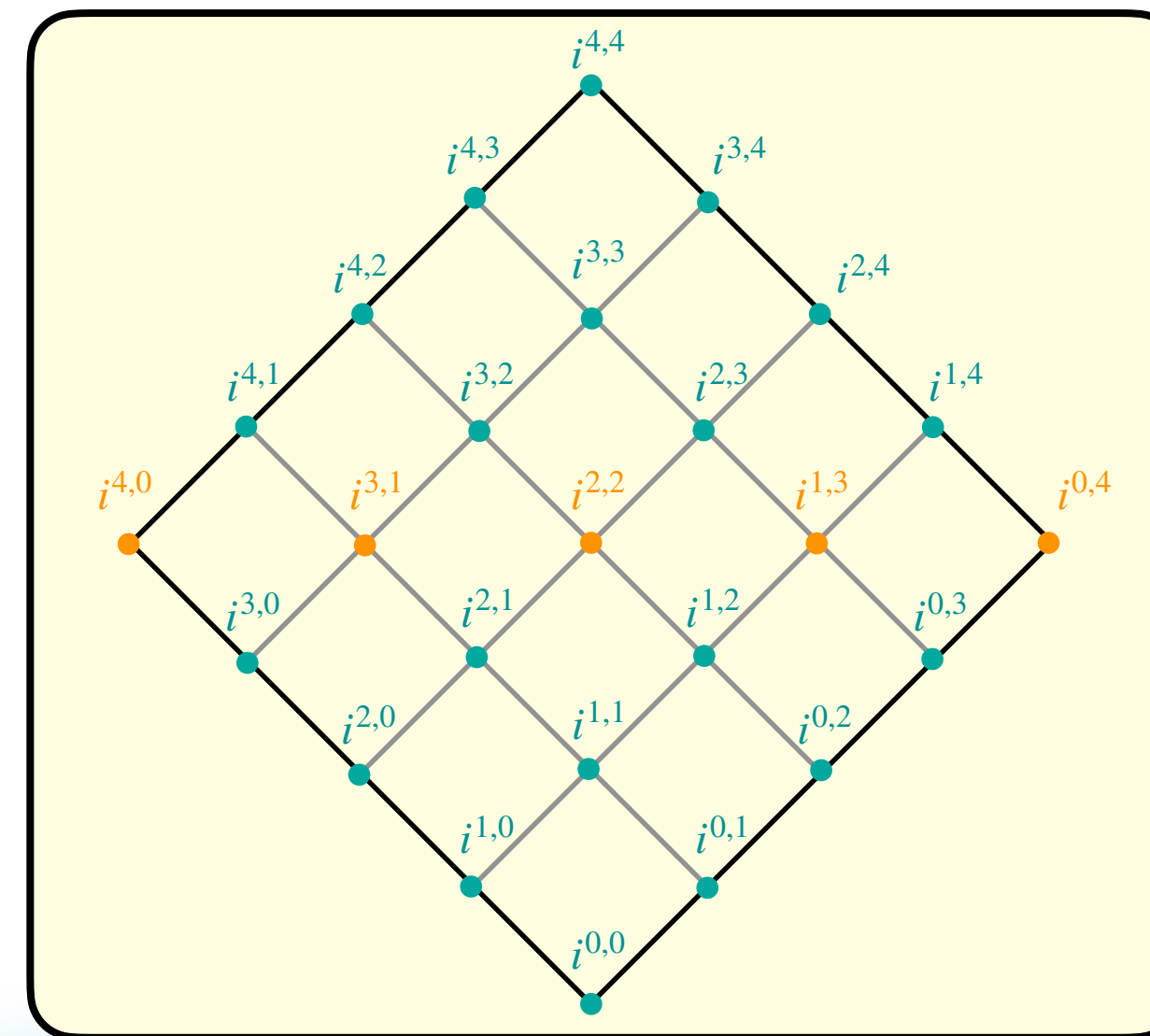
► **Type I :**  $I_{0,0}, I_{0,1}, I_{1,1}$   
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► **Type IV :**  $IV_{0,1}$

► **Type V :**  $V_{1,1}, V_{1,2}, V_{2,2}$



**Deligne diamond**

**Infinite distance in  $\mathcal{M}_{cs}$**



# Effective action

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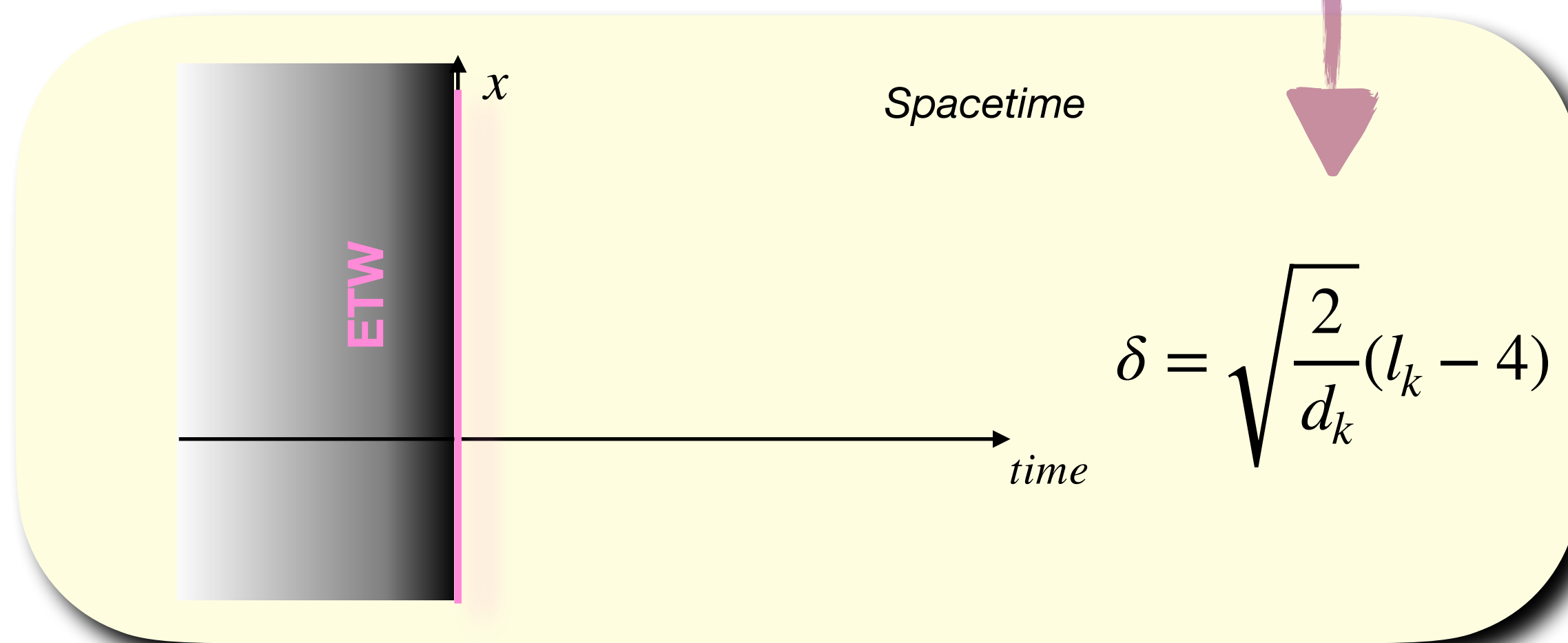
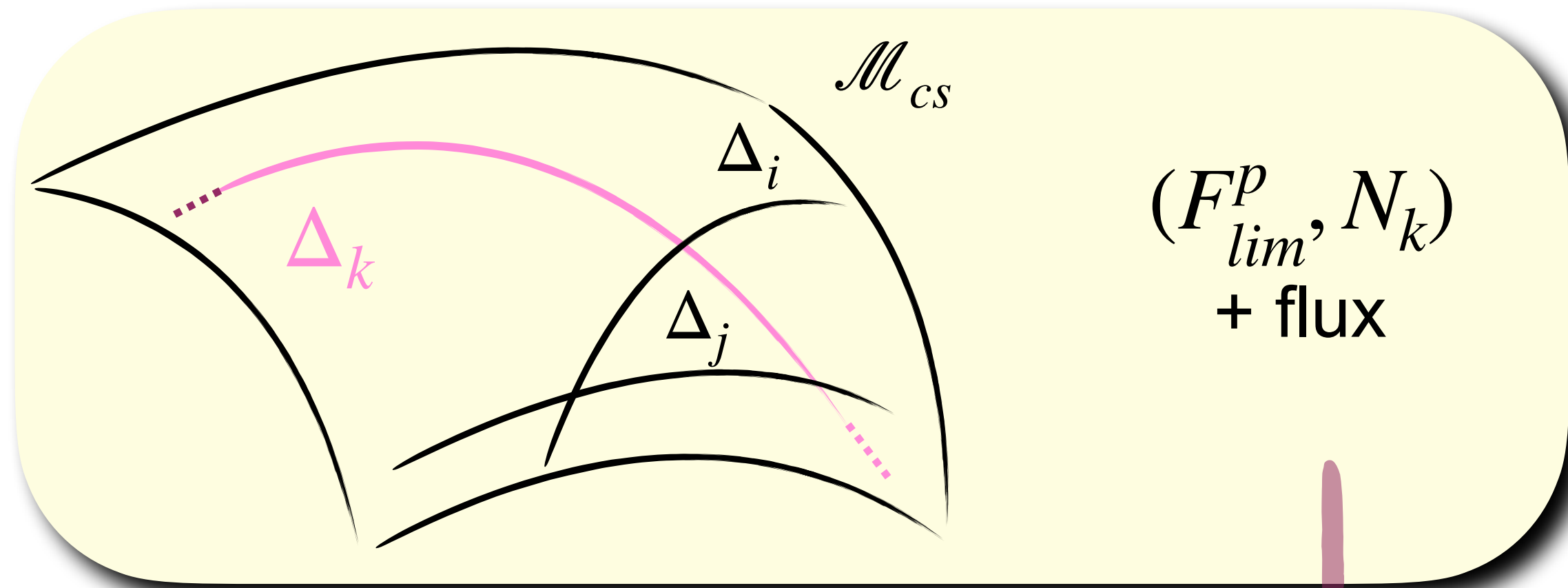
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→ Redefining the field:  $\phi_k = \sqrt{\frac{d_k}{2}} \log s_k$

# ETW branes for singular divisors

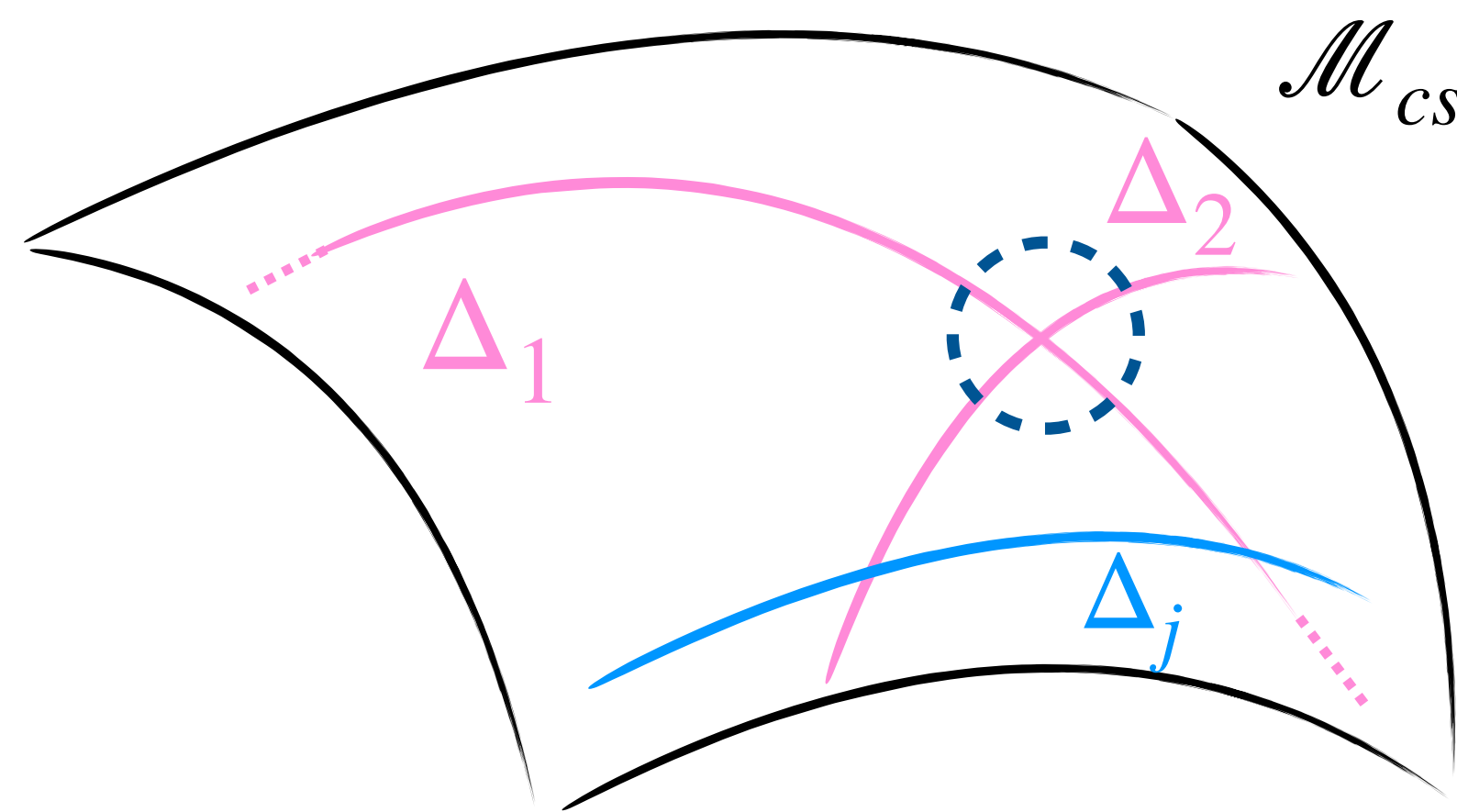
Applying Dynamical Cobordism techniques in the resulting three-dimensional effective action:

→ We can associate to each **singular divisor**  $\Delta_k \in \Delta$  a specific **ETW brane** in spacetime



Type	$d_k$	$l_k$	$\delta$	Type	$d_k$	$l_k$	$\delta$
$II_{0,0}$	1	5	$+\sqrt{2}$	$II_{0,1}$	1	5	$+\sqrt{2}$
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$IV_{0,1}$	3	5	$+\sqrt{6}/3$	$IV_{0,1}$	3	7	$+\sqrt{6}$
$V_{1,1}$	4	6	$+\sqrt{2}$	$V_{1,1}$	4	8	$+2\sqrt{2}$
$V_{1,2}$	4	5	$+\sqrt{2}/2$	$V_{1,2}$	4	6	$+\sqrt{2}$
$V_{1,2}$	4	8	$+2\sqrt{2}$	$V_{2,2}$	4	6	$+\sqrt{2}$
$V_{2,2}$	4	8	$+2\sqrt{2}$				

# Effective action at the enhancements



Admissible enhancements:

[Grimm, Li, Valenzuela, '19]

$Type(\Delta_1) \longrightarrow Type(\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2)$

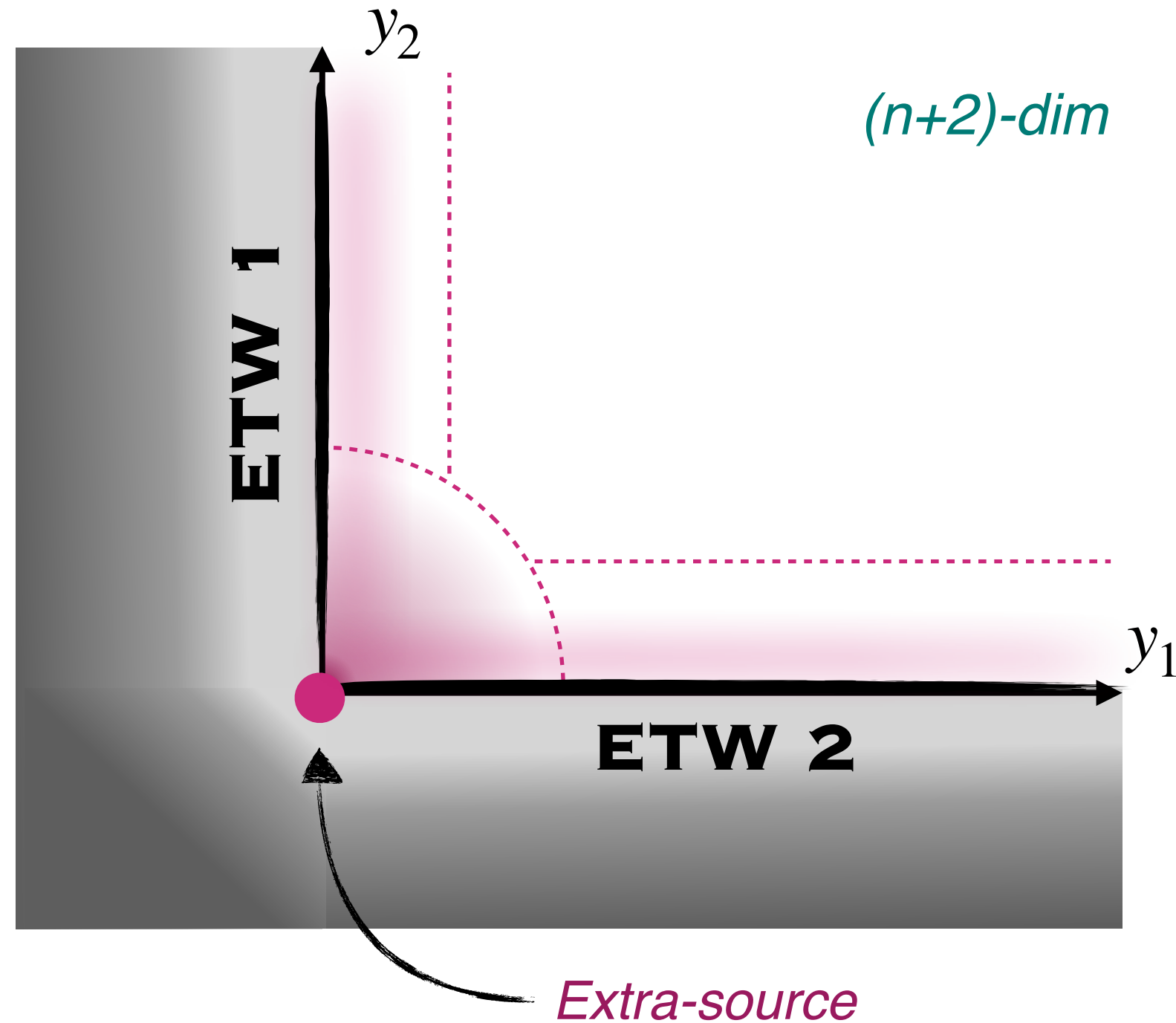
The effective action for the relevant scalars  $s_1 \mapsto \psi_1$  and  $s_2 \mapsto \psi_2$  is:

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- Diagonal kinetic metric
- Single potential term

The class of **Dynamical Cobordism** solutions we computed in [2312.16286] is not valid for this action.

# Beyond the conformal flatness



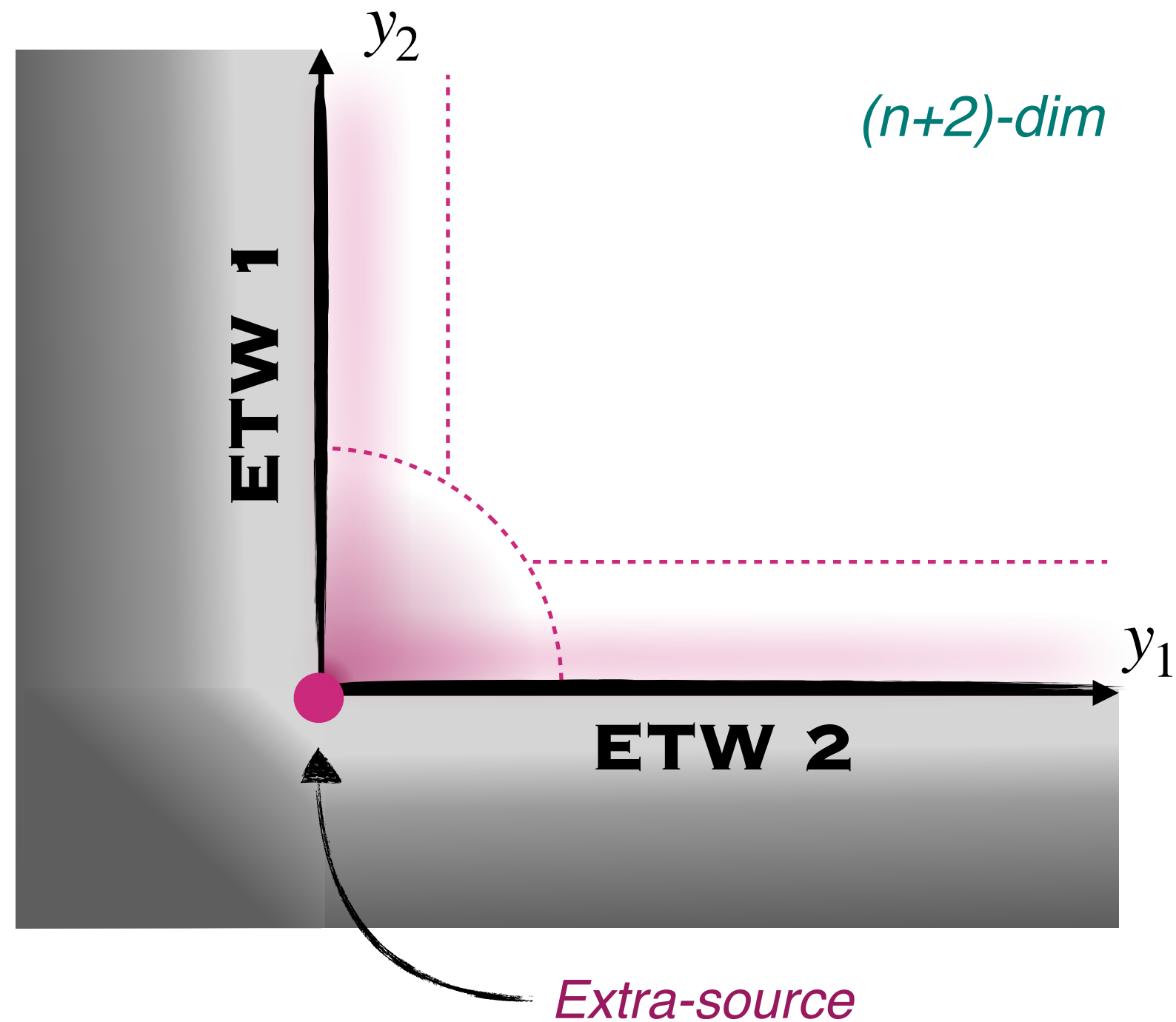
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- $\psi_2 = -\sqrt{a_2 n \left( 1 + \frac{a_2(a_1 n - 1)^2}{a_1(a_1 + a_1 n - 2)} \right)} \log y_2$
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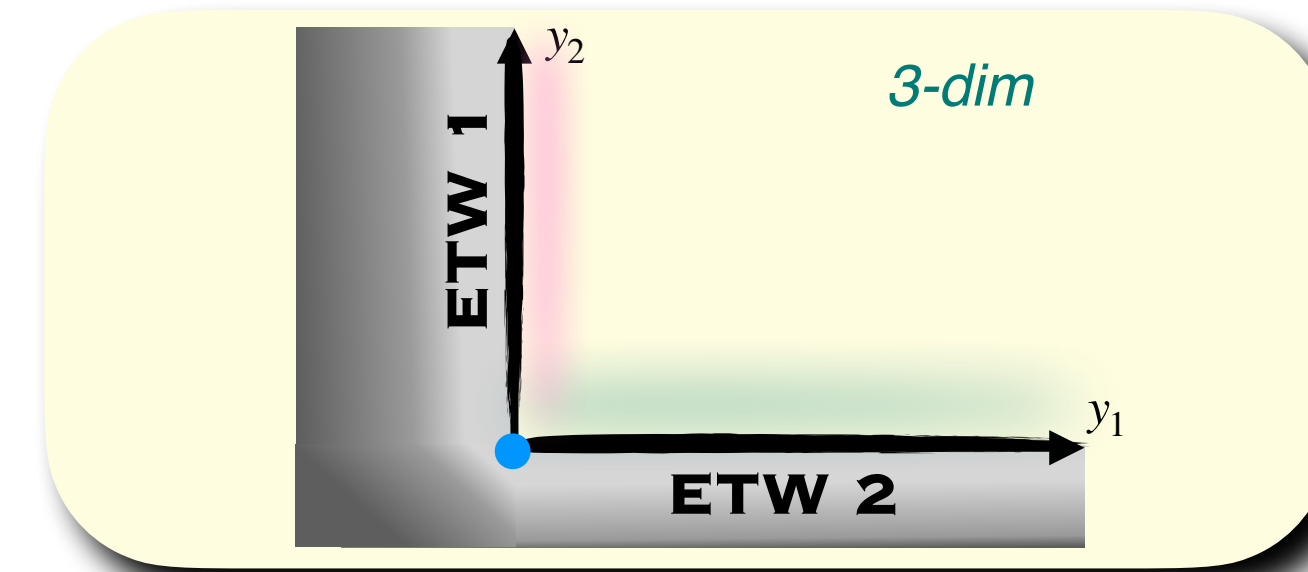
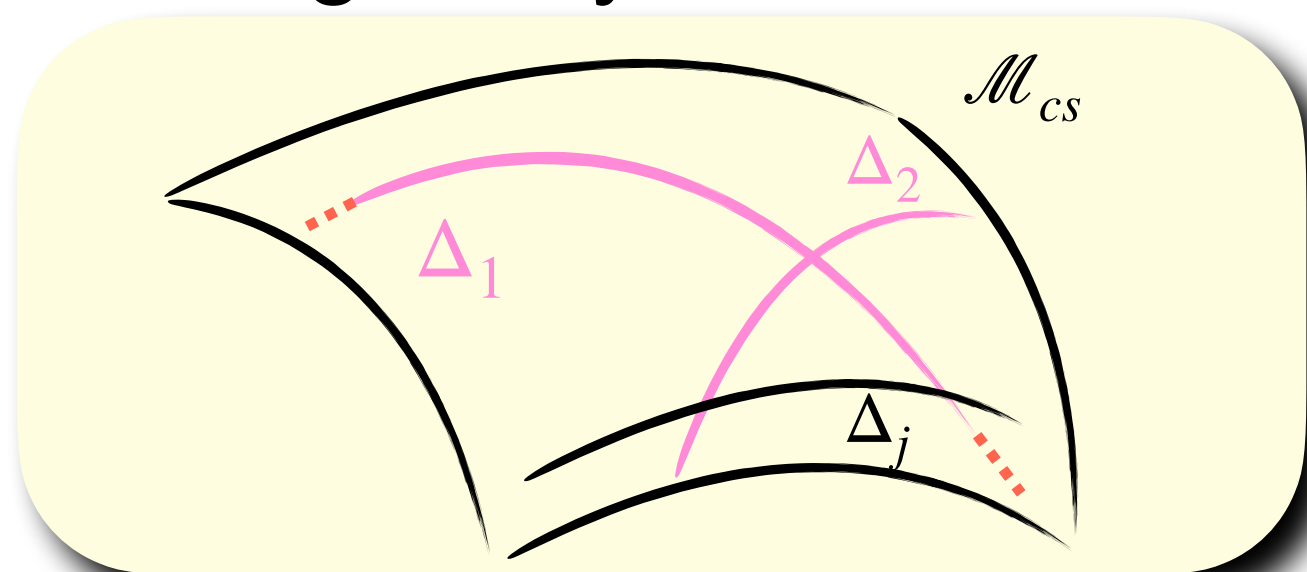
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We can provide a spacetime realization for each **enhancement** as an **intersection of two ETW branes**: where the first brane represents the first singular divisor and the second brane represents the enhanced singularity





# Conclusions

- I reviewed [Dynamical Cobordism solutions](#) describing codimension-1 boundaries in spacetime and the configurations realized through their intersection
- I constructed a [new class of solution](#) ... the propriety of [conformal flatness](#) in the spacetime metric. The new solution still admits an interpretation in terms of intersection of two codimension-1 ETW brane with a possible additional extra-source localized in the codimension-2 intersection locus.
- I associated to each [singular divisor](#)  $\Delta_k \in \Delta$  in  $\mathcal{M}_{CS}$  classified in terms of asymptotic Hodge theory, a specific [ETW brane](#) in spacetime classified in terms of the critical exponent.
- I provided a spacetime realization for some of the admissible [enhancements](#) in  $\Delta$  in terms of [intersecting ETW branes](#).

The intersecting configurations of ETW branes are the building blocks able to probe the network of infinite distance singularities in the Calabi-Yau moduli space.



*Thank you!*