## 12/1/04

Final - Saturday, December 11, 7:00 PM

Painter Hall - 4.42 (NOT WELCH)

Review sheet for material since exam 4, will be posted this week.

Pic of the day: Saturn's moon, Dione



Extra credit sky-watch reports are due by 5 PM on Monday, December 6 (or earlier!!).

Office hours during finals week:

Dunham: M-F 3 - 5 PM (3 -4 Wednesday)

Wheeler: M-F 2 - 3 PM (or by appointment)

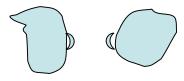
Special Office Hours: RLM 15.216B

Tuesday 4 - 5 PM

Thursday 5 - 6 PM

Hyperspace Perspectives (reflected in cubism?)

2D creature - another 2D creature sees the front



From 3D, we see front, back and *inside* simultaneously

In our 3D space we see the front of another 3D creature

A being living in a 4D hyperspace would see all of our surface, front and back, and our insides, all at once!

A 3D creature passing through a 2D Universe would start as a point, grow to a finite *area*, then decrease to a point and disappear.

A 3D creature passing through our 3D Universe would start as a point, grow to a finite *volume*, then decrease to a point and disappear.

## String Theory

Best current candidate for a quantum gravity "theory of everything."

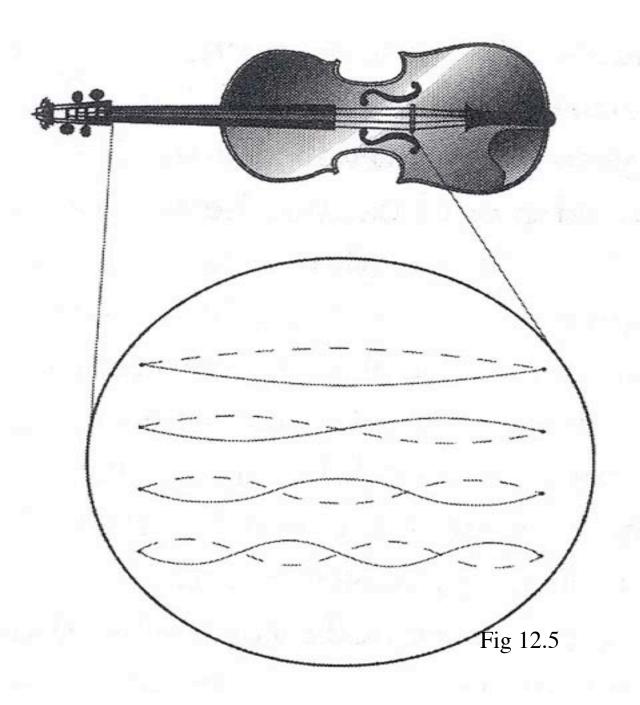
Particles like e-, p, n are not "points" but strings, loops that vibrate in different modes

The different modes of vibrations give all the well-known particles and *more* 

Can't make notes with grains of sand, but with strings, you have Mozart

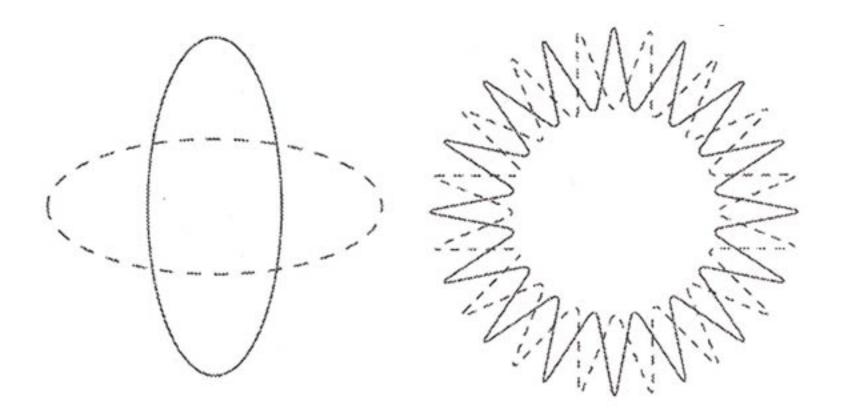
(or Tom Lehrer)

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One particle

A different particle



Same fundamental loop of string

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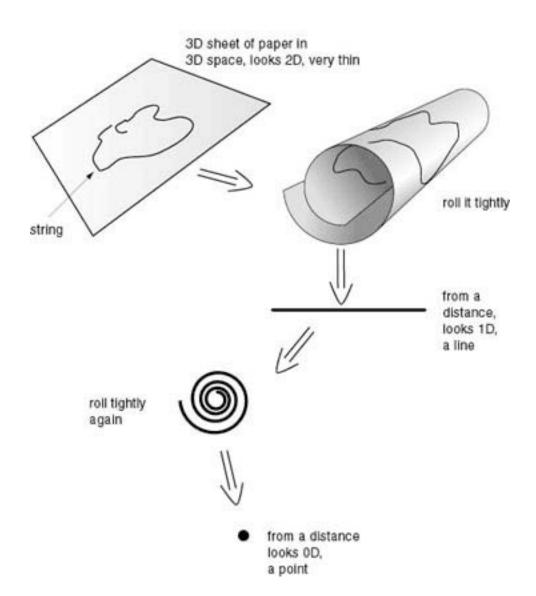
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3 big space dimensions + time

Other 7 dimensions "wrapped up" on "string length scale," not known precisely, somewhat larger than the Planck scale, but very tiny so we cannot easily "see."

Rubber band - 1D, paper - 2D (wrap rubber band in paper, make 1D, 0D spaces still containing the rubber band)

## Fig 12.3



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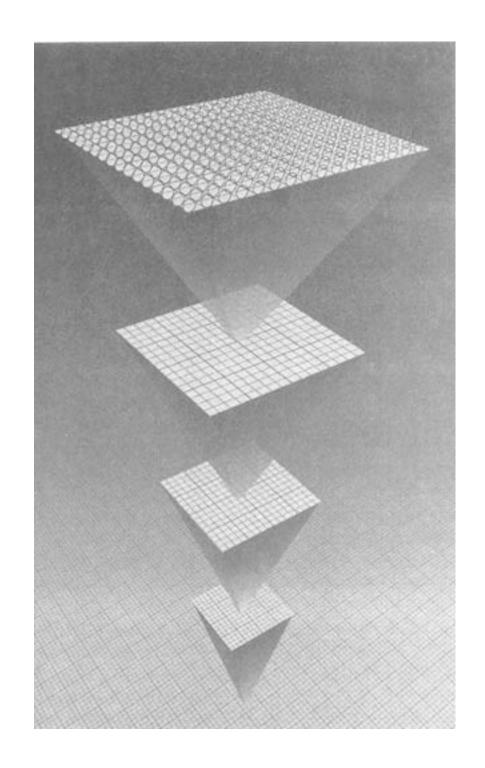
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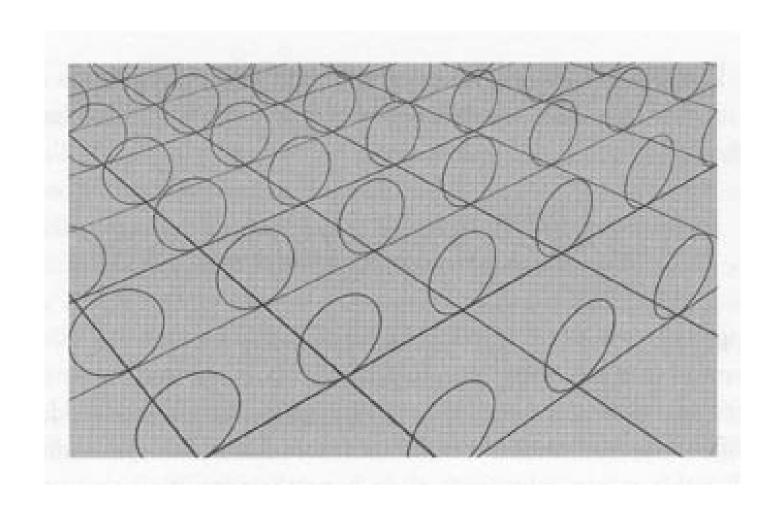
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Schematic illustrations of how tiny "wrapped up" extra dimensions could be associated with our 3D space - something like an embedding diagram of the higher dimensional space, so our 3D space is reduced to 2D and the higher dimensional wrapped spaces are reduced to 3D.

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At each point in the 2D space (not just at the intersections of grid lines), there is a little 1D loop of one wrapped up extra dimension.