## Chapter 15: The Theory Formerly Known as String

#### Membranes or "Branes"

0-brane

1-brane

2-brane

#### Andy Strominger



p-branes

## Wrapped Branes

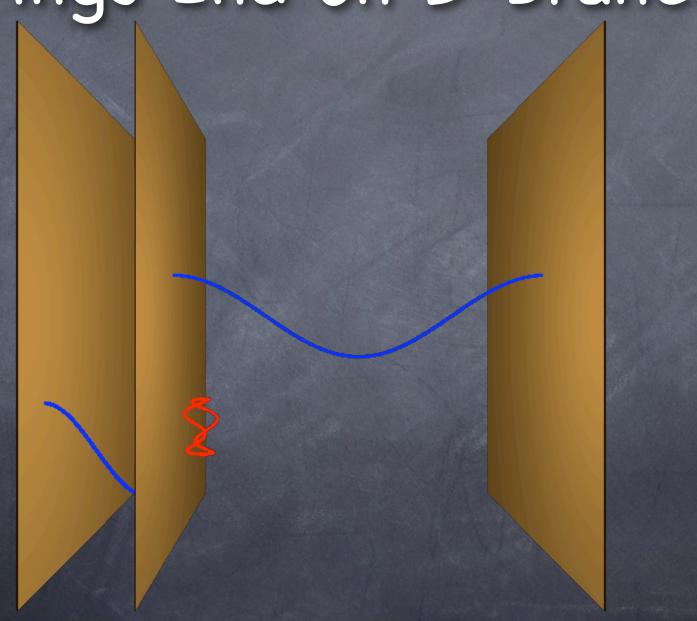
## Wrapped Branes

#### Joe Polchinski



D-branes

#### Strings End on D-Branes



#### Johann Peter Gustav Lejeune Dirichlet

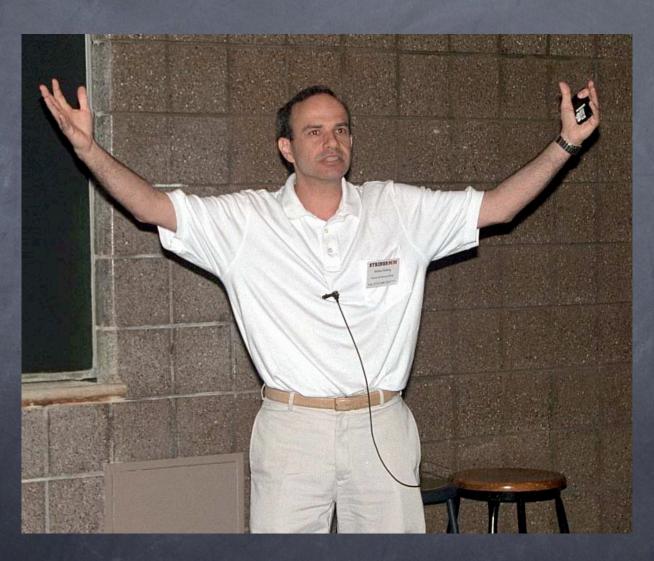


"le jeune de Richelet" = "the young chap from Richelet"

married Felix Mendelssohn's sister

the ends are stuck on the brane

## Seiberg



#### Seiberg Duality

two different gauge theories are equivalent at low energies

strong coupling

weak coupling

composite

elementary

Sen Duality



 $\uparrow M_{particle}$   $\downarrow M_{string}$ 

 $M_{particle}$ 

 $M_{string}$ 

# The Theory Formerly Known As String



11D Supergravity

Type IIA

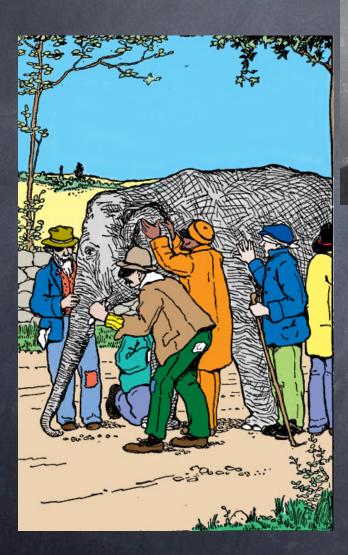
Type IIB

Heterotic E8xE8

Heterotic SO(32)

Type I

#### M Theory: 11 Dimensions





11D Supergravity

Type IIA

Type IIB

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Heterotic E8xE8

Heterotic SO(32)

Type I

### 11D Supergravity

Duff and Townsend

