BPS States in the Duality Web of the Omega deformation

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Motivation

The Omega background was introduced by Nekrasov as a way of regularizing the 4d instanton partition function and reproducing the results of Seiberg and Witten.

Many applications:

In limit $\epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2 \propto g_s$, partition fn is the same as for topological string (for $\epsilon_1 \neq \epsilon_2$, refined top. string)

In the Nekrasov Shatashvili limit $\epsilon_1 = 0$, related to quantum integrable models with $\hbar = \epsilon_2$

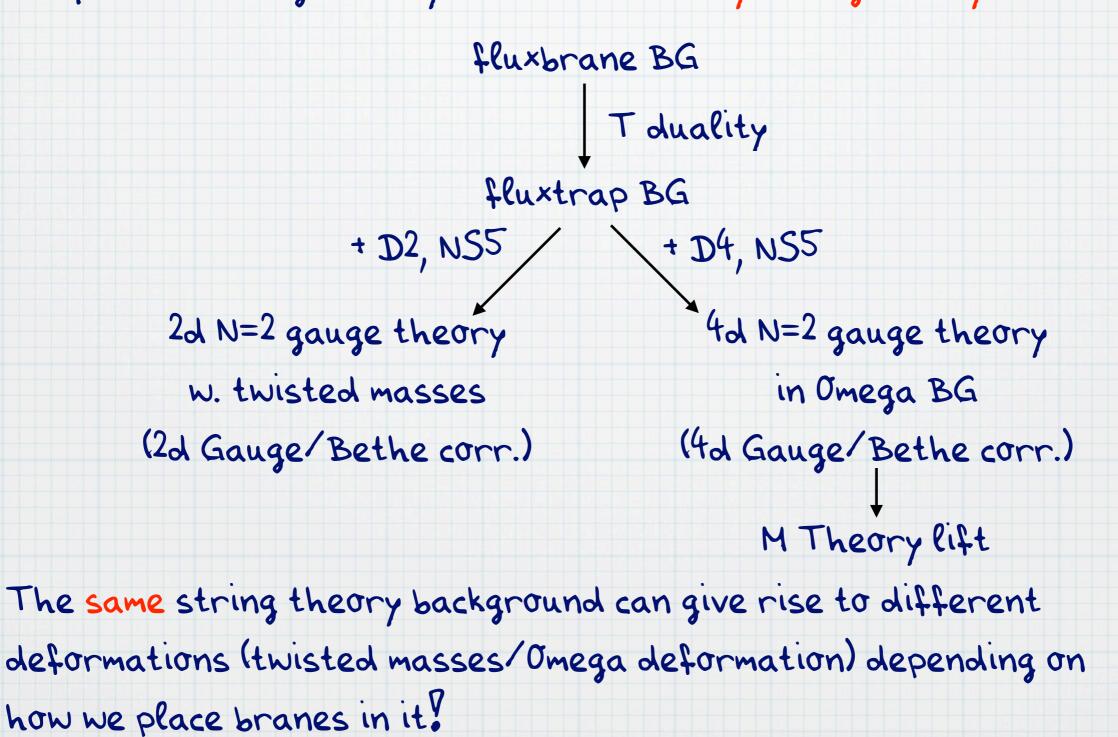
Compactification of 6D (2,0) theory in Omega BG leads to AGT

All of the above can be understood via string theory by placing branes into a geometrical deformation of the bulk corresponding to the Omega BG?



Overview

Gauge/Bethe correspondence relates susy gauge theories in 2d/4d to (quantum) integrable systems. Find/study string theory realization?





Overview

Start from M theory lift of background. Study different limits of (2,0) theory in 6d. Why (2,0) theory? (2,0) in 6d on $M_4 \times \Sigma$ compactify on Σ compactify on $M_4 = S^4$ 4d SYM in Omega BG Liouville field theory (2d) AGT Here: (2,0) in 6d on $\mathbb{R}^4_\Omega \times T^2$ in fluxtrap

compactify on T^2 compactify on angular directions of \mathbb{R}^4_Ω

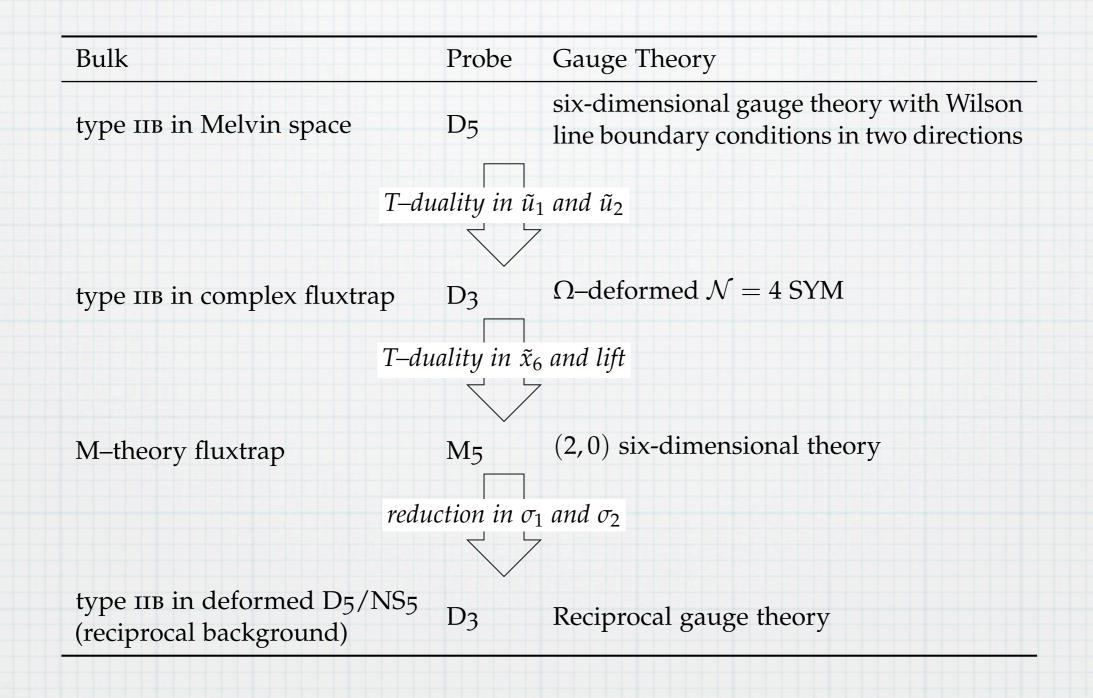
4d N=4 SYM in Omega BG reciprocal field theory (4d)

Theories are realized via a chain of dualities.

Study BPS states in this duality web.









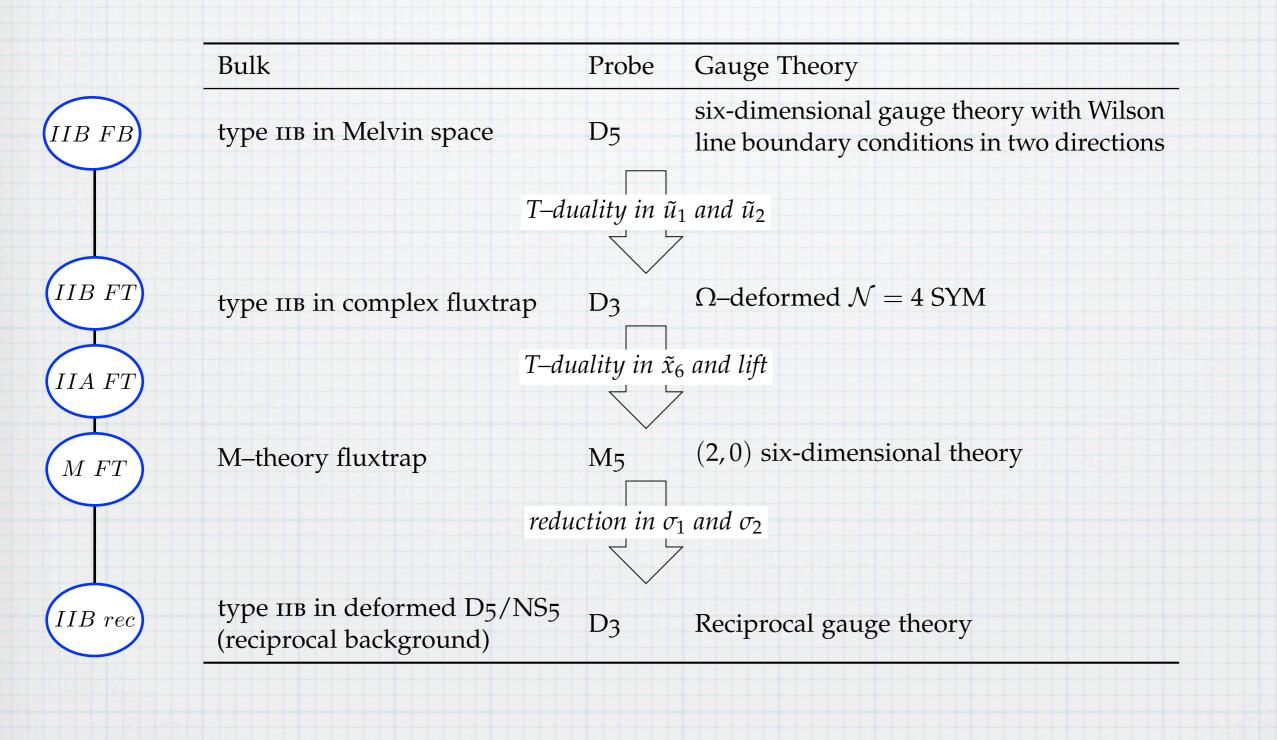
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A Chain of Dualities



A Chain of Dualities



A Chain of Dualities: Bulk Fluxbrane background with two independent deformation IIB FB parameters, one purely real, the other purely imaginary $\rho_1(\theta_1), \rho_2(\theta_2), \rho_3, \theta_3, \widetilde{x}_6, x_7, \widetilde{u}_1, \widetilde{u}_2$ $\chi_8 = \widetilde{R}_1 \widetilde{u}_1 ,$ IIB FT $\widetilde{x}_9 = \widetilde{R}_2 \ \widetilde{u}_2$ $\theta_1 \simeq \theta_1 + 2\pi \, k_2 \,,$ $\theta_2 \simeq \theta_2 + 2\pi k_3$ IIA FT impose identifications fluxbrane parameter $\begin{cases} \widetilde{u}_2 \simeq \widetilde{u}_2 + 2\pi ,\\ \theta_2 \simeq \theta_2 + 2\pi\epsilon_2 \widetilde{R}_2 ,\\ \theta_3 \simeq \theta_3 - 2\pi\epsilon_2 \widetilde{R}_2 , \end{cases}$ $\begin{cases} \widetilde{u}_1 \simeq \widetilde{u}_1 + 2\pi ,\\ \theta_1 \simeq \theta_1 + 2\pi\epsilon_1 \widetilde{R}_1 ,\\ \theta_3 \simeq \theta_3 - 2\pi\epsilon_1 \widetilde{R}_1 , \end{cases}$ M FT

IIB red

This corresponds to the well known Melvin or fluxbrane background.

Introduce new angular variables

 $\theta_1 = \phi_1 + R_1 \epsilon_1 \widetilde{u}_1 ,$ $\theta_2 = \phi_2 + R_2 \epsilon_2 \widetilde{u}_2 ,$ $\theta_3 = \phi_3 - R_1 \epsilon_1 \widetilde{u}_1 - R_2 \epsilon_2 \widetilde{u}_2 .$



 $IIB \ FB$

IIA FT

M FT

IIB rec

A Chain of Dualities: Bulk

T dualize \widetilde{u}_1 and \widetilde{u}_2 into u_1 and u_2 Fluxtrap background

 $\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 = \psi$ Coordinate change:

$$\rho_1, \phi_1, \rho_2, \phi_2, \rho_3, \psi, \tilde{x}^6, x^7, x_8 = \frac{\alpha'}{\tilde{R}_1} u_1, x_9 = \frac{\alpha'}{\tilde{R}_2} u_2$$

Study the limit $\rho_3 << \rho_1, \rho_2$

Before T duality, locally, the metric was still flat, but some of the rotation symmetries were broken globally.

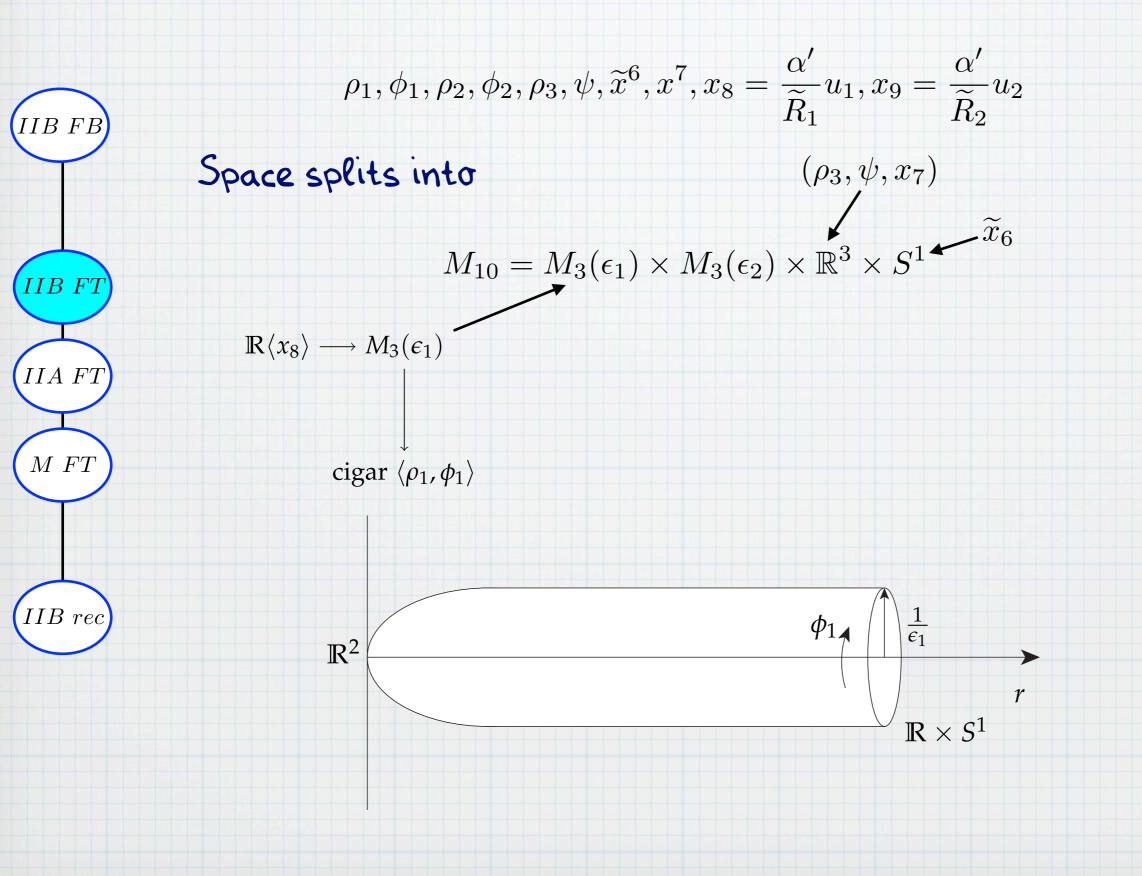
not anymore flat

Bulk fields

 $ds^{2} = d\rho_{1}^{2} + \frac{\rho_{1}^{2} d\phi_{1}^{2} + dx_{8}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}} + d\rho_{2}^{2} + \frac{\rho_{2}^{2} d\phi_{2}^{2} + dx_{9}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}} + d\rho_{3}^{2} + \rho_{3}^{2} d\psi^{2} + d\tilde{x}_{6}^{2} + dx_{7}^{2} ,$ $B = \epsilon_1 \frac{\rho_1^2}{1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2} \,\mathrm{d}\phi_1 \wedge \mathrm{d}x_8 + \epsilon_2 \frac{\rho_2^2}{1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2} \,\mathrm{d}\phi_2 \wedge \mathrm{d}x_9 \,, \qquad B \text{ field has appeared}$ creates a potential that localizes $e^{-\Phi} = \sqrt{(1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2) (1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2)}$ instantons A quarter of the original supersymmetries are preserved.



A Chain of Dualities: Bulk





IIB FT

IIA FT

M FT

 $IIB \ rec$

A Chain of Dualities: Bulk

Now we want to lift to M theory. First T dualize in \widetilde{x}_6 to IIA,

(IIB FB) then lift: $\rho_3 << \rho_1, \rho_2$

 $\mathrm{d}s^{2} = \left(\Delta_{1}\Delta_{2}\right)^{2/3} \left[\mathrm{d}\rho_{1}^{2} + \frac{\epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma_{1}^{2} + \frac{\mathrm{d}x_{8}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}} + \mathrm{d}\rho_{2}^{2} + \frac{\epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma_{2}^{2} + \frac{\mathrm{d}x_{9}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma_{2}^{2} + \frac{\mathrm{d}x_{$

 $+ d\rho_3^2 + \rho_3^2 d\psi^2 + dx_6^2 + dx_7^2 + (\Delta_1 \Delta_2)^{-4/3} dx_{10}^2 ,$

$$A_{3} = \frac{\epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma_{1} \wedge \mathrm{d}x_{8} \wedge \mathrm{d}x_{10} + \frac{\epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}}{1 + \epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma_{2} \wedge \mathrm{d}x_{9} \wedge \mathrm{d}x_{10}$$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{\phi_i}{\epsilon_i} \qquad \Delta_i^2 = 1 + \epsilon_i^2 \rho_i^2 \qquad x_{10} = x_{10} + 2\pi R_{10}$$

Symmetric under exchange $\{\rho_1, \phi_1, x_8, \epsilon_1\} \leftrightarrow \{\rho_2, \phi_2, x_9, \epsilon_2\}$

Origin of S duality covariance in final BG.

Return to IIA by reducing on σ_1 : backreaction of the near horizon limit of a D6 brane in the fluxtrap



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A Chain of Dualities: Bulk

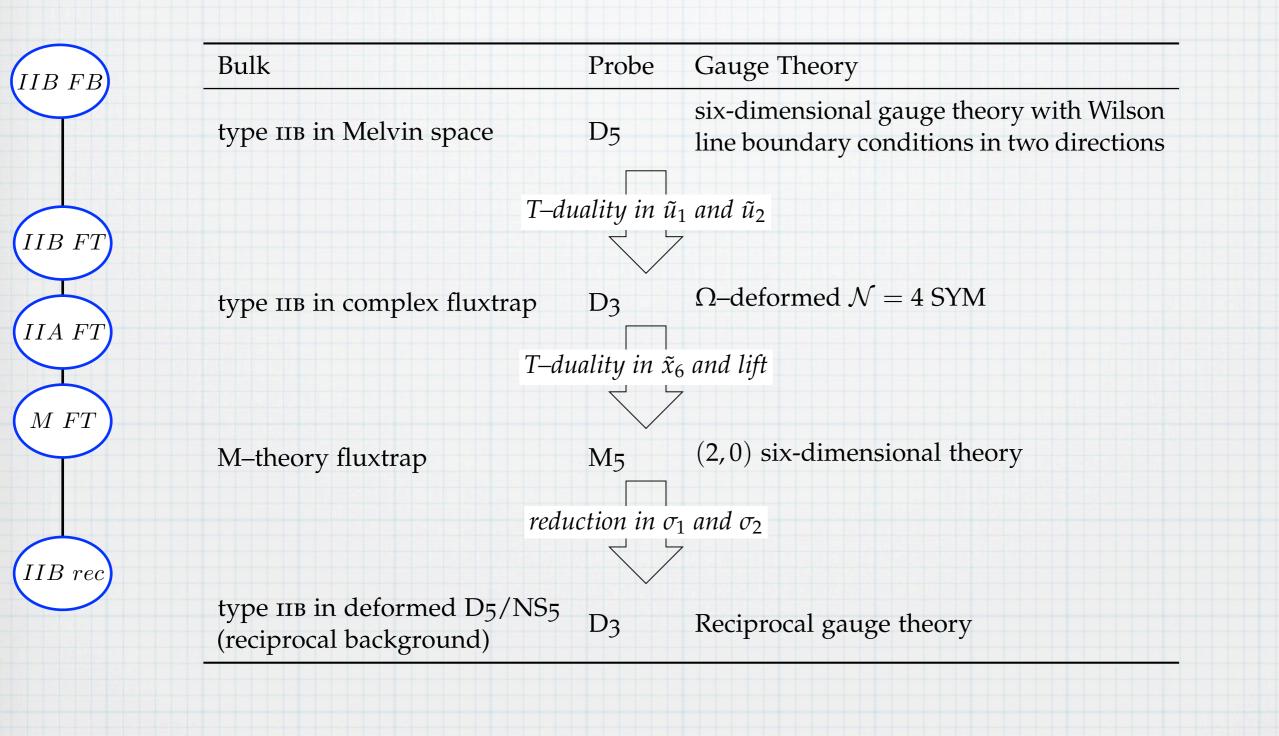
Last step: T duality in σ_2

$$\begin{split} \text{IIB FB} & \text{d}s^2 = \epsilon_1 \rho_1 \sqrt{1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2} \left[\text{d}\rho_1^2 + \text{d}\rho_2^2 + \frac{\text{d}\tilde{\sigma}_2^2}{\epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2 \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2} + \text{d}\rho_3^2 + \rho_3^2 \,\text{d}\psi^2 + \text{d}x_6^2 + \text{d}x_7^2 + \\ & + \frac{\text{d}x_8^2}{1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2} + \frac{\text{d}x_9^2}{1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2} + \frac{\text{d}x_{10}^2}{(1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2)(1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2)} \right] , \\ \text{IIB FT} & B = \frac{\epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2}{1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2} \,\text{d}x_8 \wedge \text{d}x_{10} , \qquad \text{from NS5} \\ e^{-\Phi} = \frac{\epsilon_2 \rho_2}{\epsilon_1 \rho_1} \sqrt{\frac{1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2}{1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2}} , \qquad \text{from D5} \\ C_2 = \frac{\epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2}{1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2} \,\text{d}x_9 \wedge \text{d}x_{10} & \tilde{\sigma}_2 = \tilde{\sigma}_2 + 2\pi\alpha' \epsilon_2 \end{split}$$

The bulk is the backreaction of the near horizon limit of an NSS and a D⁵ brane. String coupling constant: $g_{IIB}^{\text{rec}} = g_{IIA}^{\text{rec}} \ell_{1ec} \epsilon_{2} = \frac{\epsilon_{2}}{\epsilon_{1}}$ Under S duality, ϵ_{1} is exchanged with ϵ_{2} , which amounts to swapping the D⁵ with the NS5.



A Chain of Dualities: Branes





A Chain of Dualities: Branes

IIB	FB

Start from M5 brane extended in $(\rho_1, \rho_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, x_6, x_{10})$ $\mathbb{R}^2 \times T^2 \times T^2$

IIB F

IIA FT

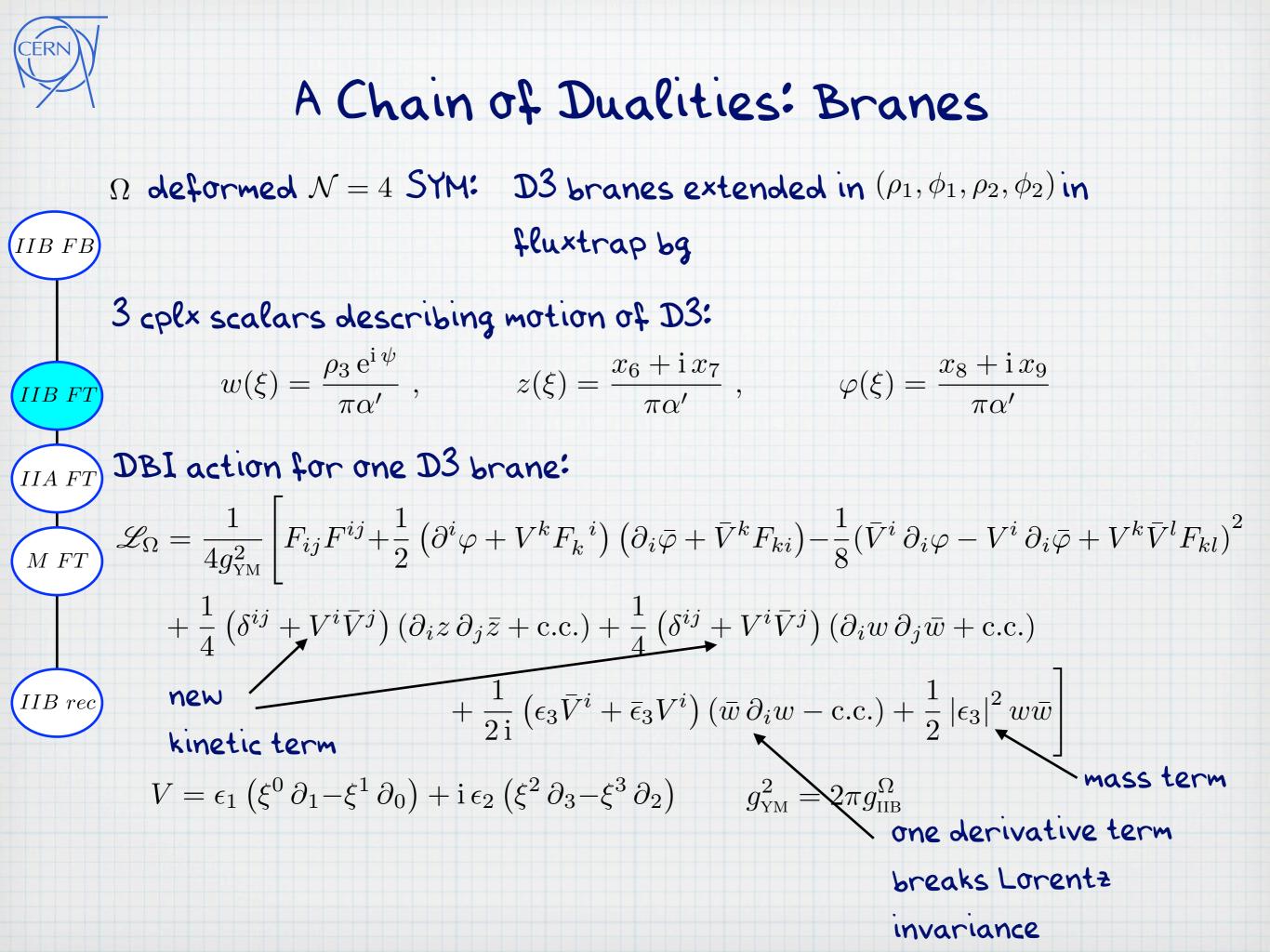
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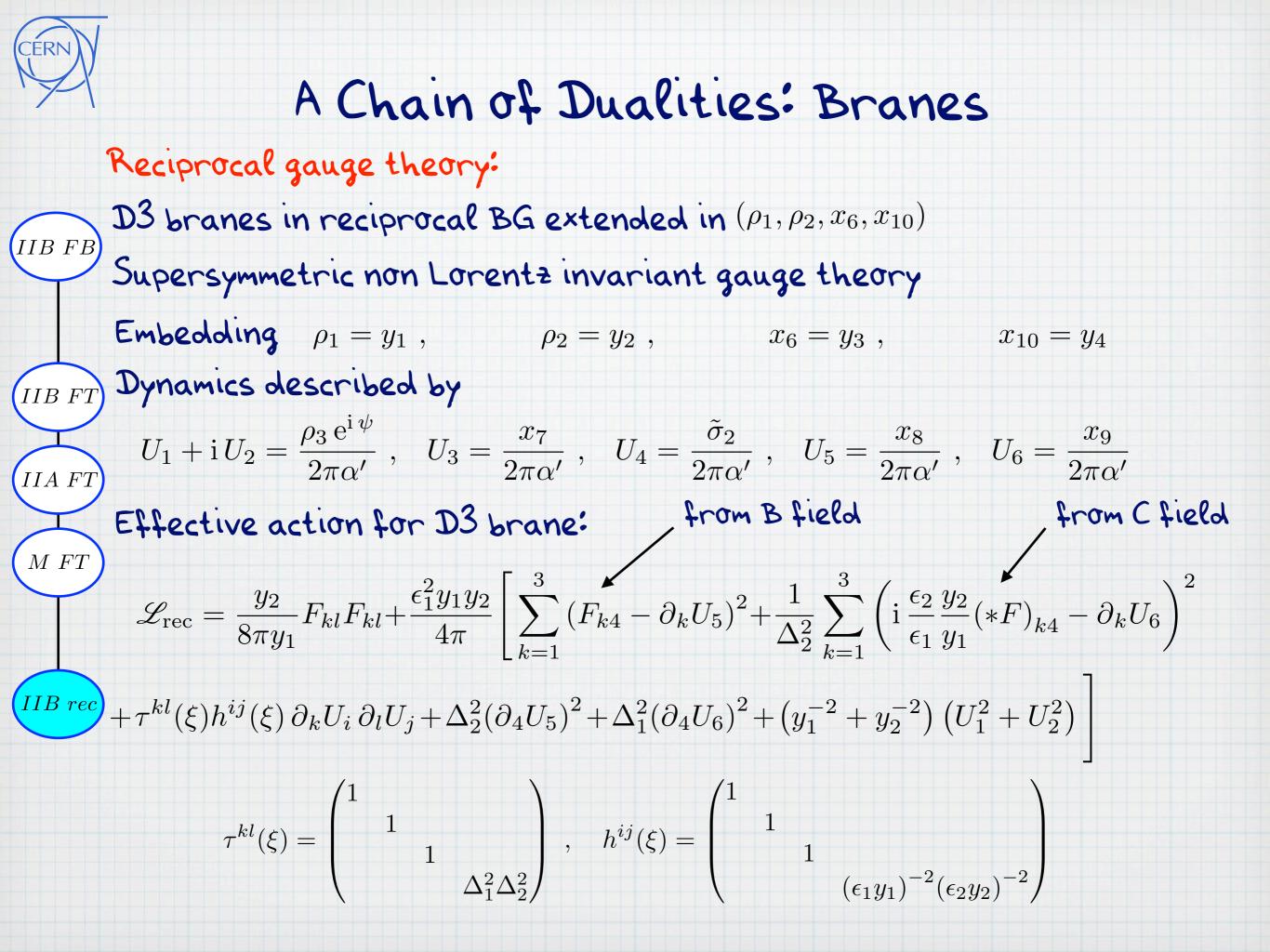
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 Ω deformed $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: D3 branes extended in $(\rho_1, \phi_1, \rho_2, \phi_2)$ in fluxtrap extended

Reciprocal gauge theory: D3 branes in reciprocal BG extended in $(\rho_1, \rho_2, x_6, x_{10})$

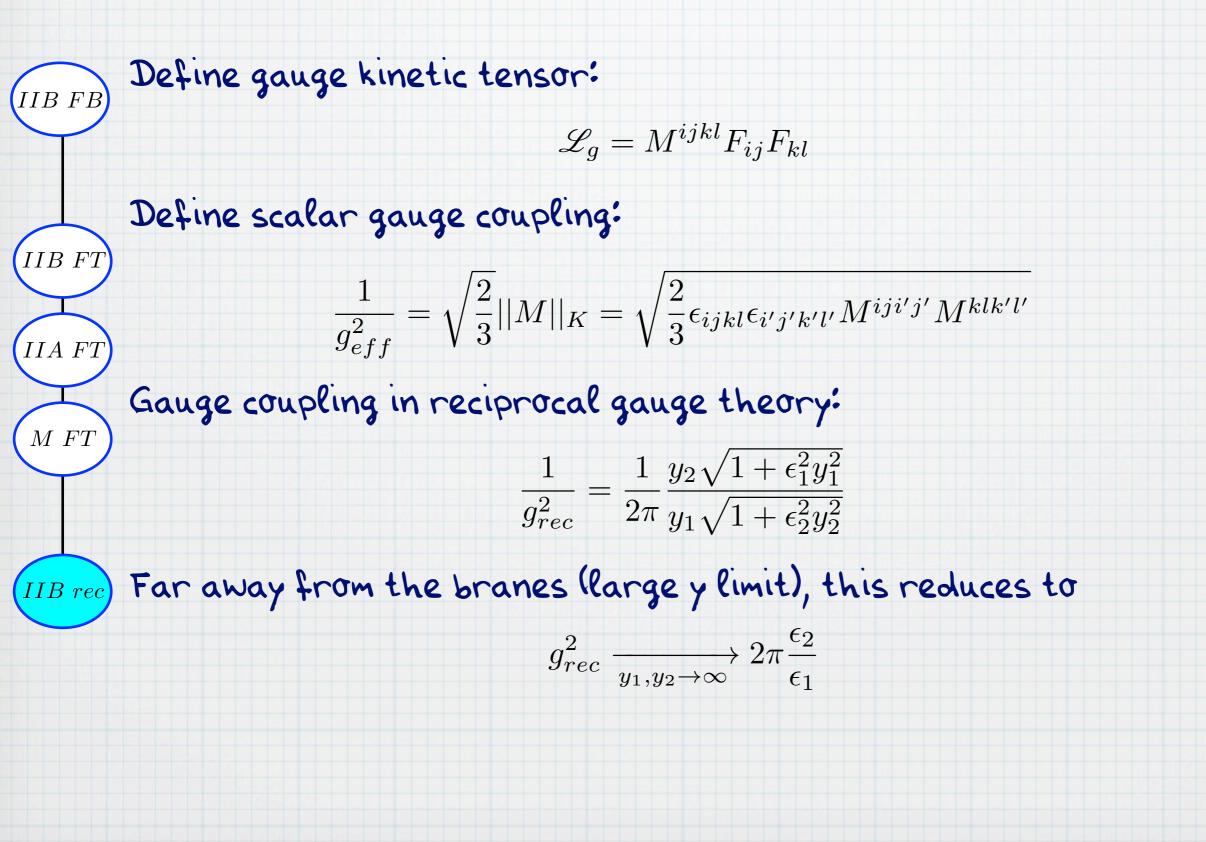
Effective 4D gauge theories on D3 branes in different duality frames/bulk backgrounds.

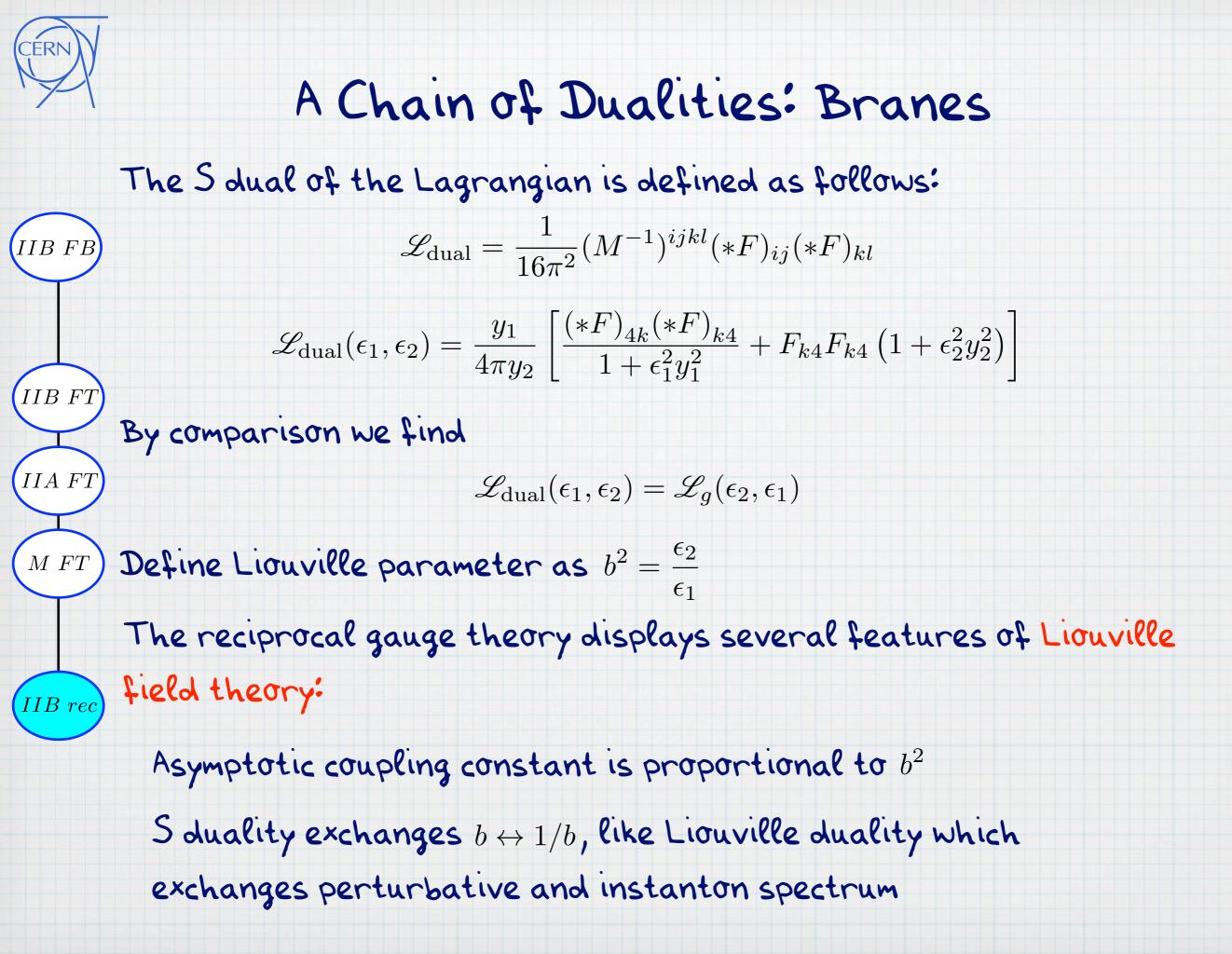






A Chain of Dualities: Branes







In Omega deformed SYM: 2 sets of BPS objects

IIB FB

IIB FT

IIA FT

M FT

BPS instanton configurations in IIB and particles in IIA, localized at the origin oscilloids

$$\mathscr{L} = -\mu_0 e^{-\Phi} = -\frac{1}{g_{IIA}^{\Omega} l_{\Omega}} \sqrt{(1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2) (1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2)}$$

 $E_{D0} = \frac{n_{D0}}{g_{IIA}^{\Omega} l_{\Omega}} \sqrt{(1 + \epsilon_1^2 \rho_1^2) (1 + \epsilon_2^2 \rho_2^2)}$

IIB rec

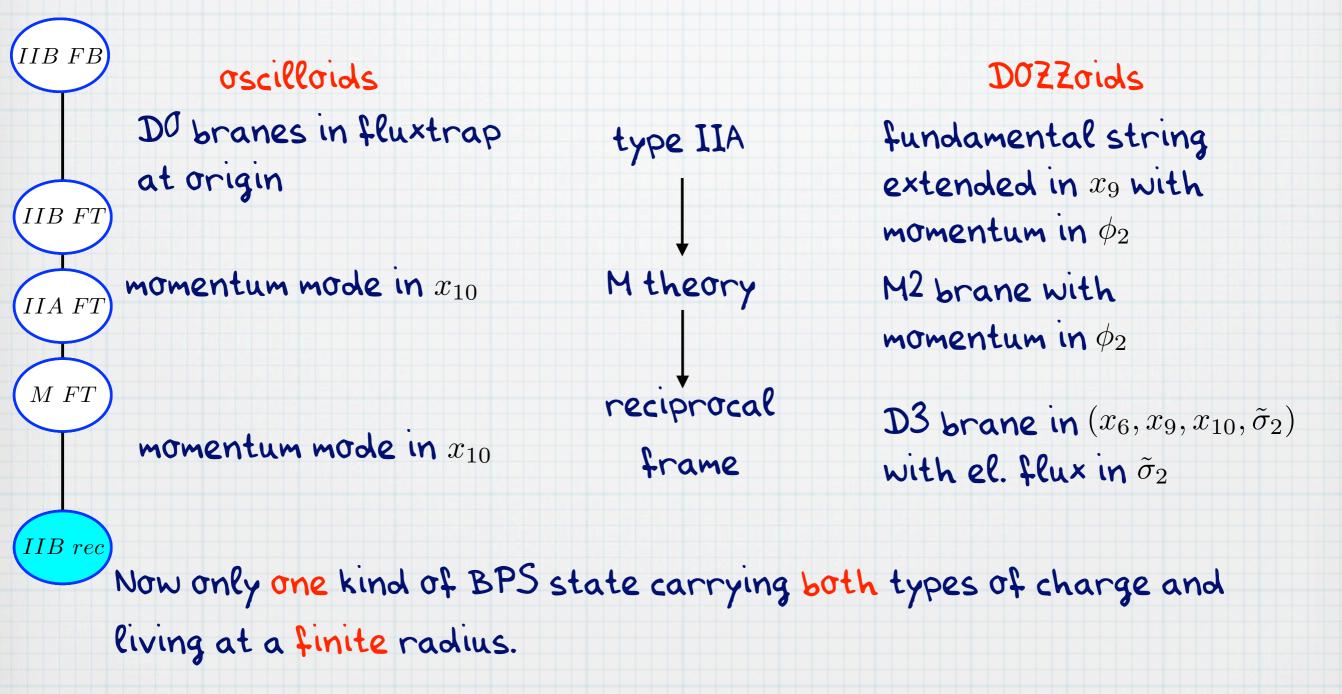
Give rise to the modular form defining the holomorphic factor of the Liouville partition function perturbative modes of the fundamental string stretching between two D4 branes carrying angular momentum along the $U(1) \times U(1)$ rotational isometries localized at infinity D0ZZoids

$$E^{2} = \left(\epsilon_{2}J_{2} - \frac{L_{2}}{2\pi\alpha'}\right) + \frac{J_{2}^{2}}{\rho_{2}^{2}}$$

Reproduce the holomorphic DOZZ factors of the Liouville partition function

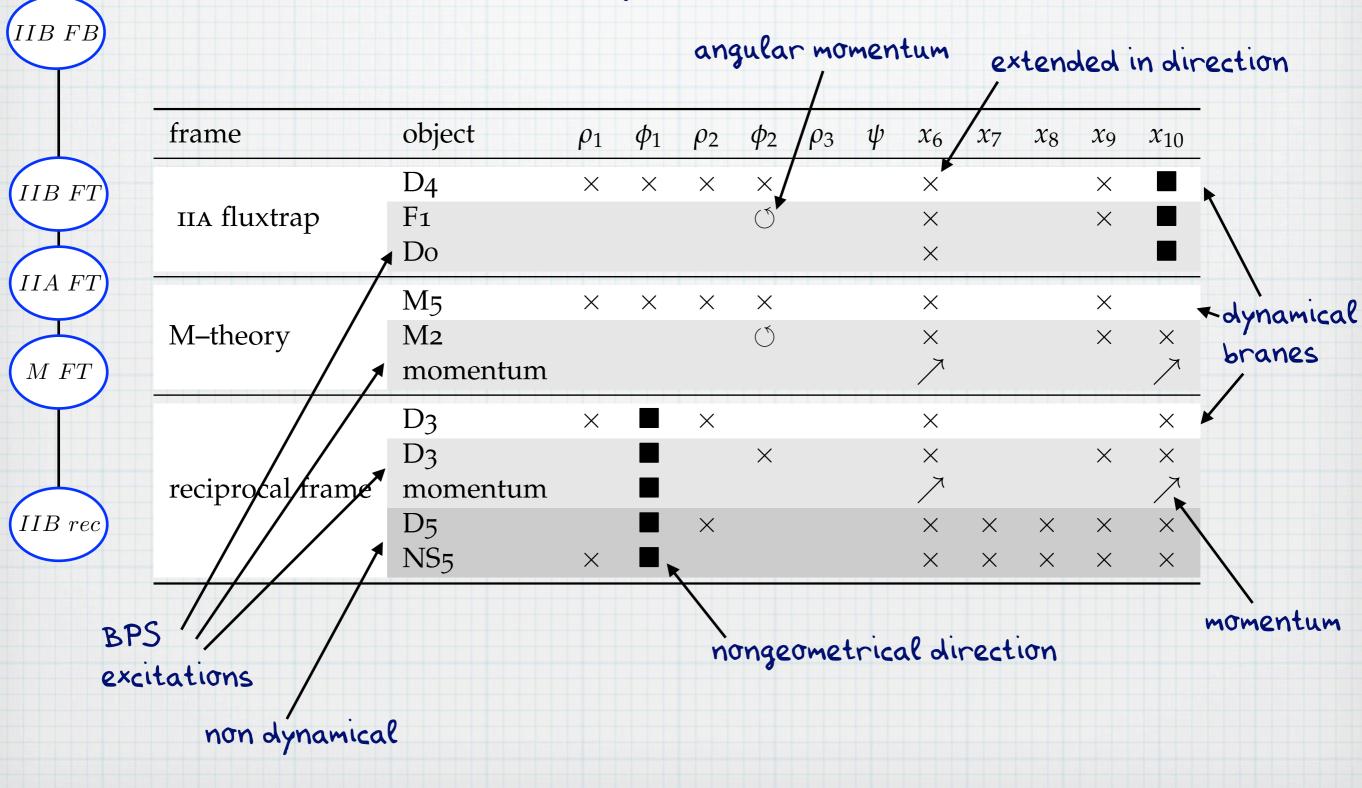


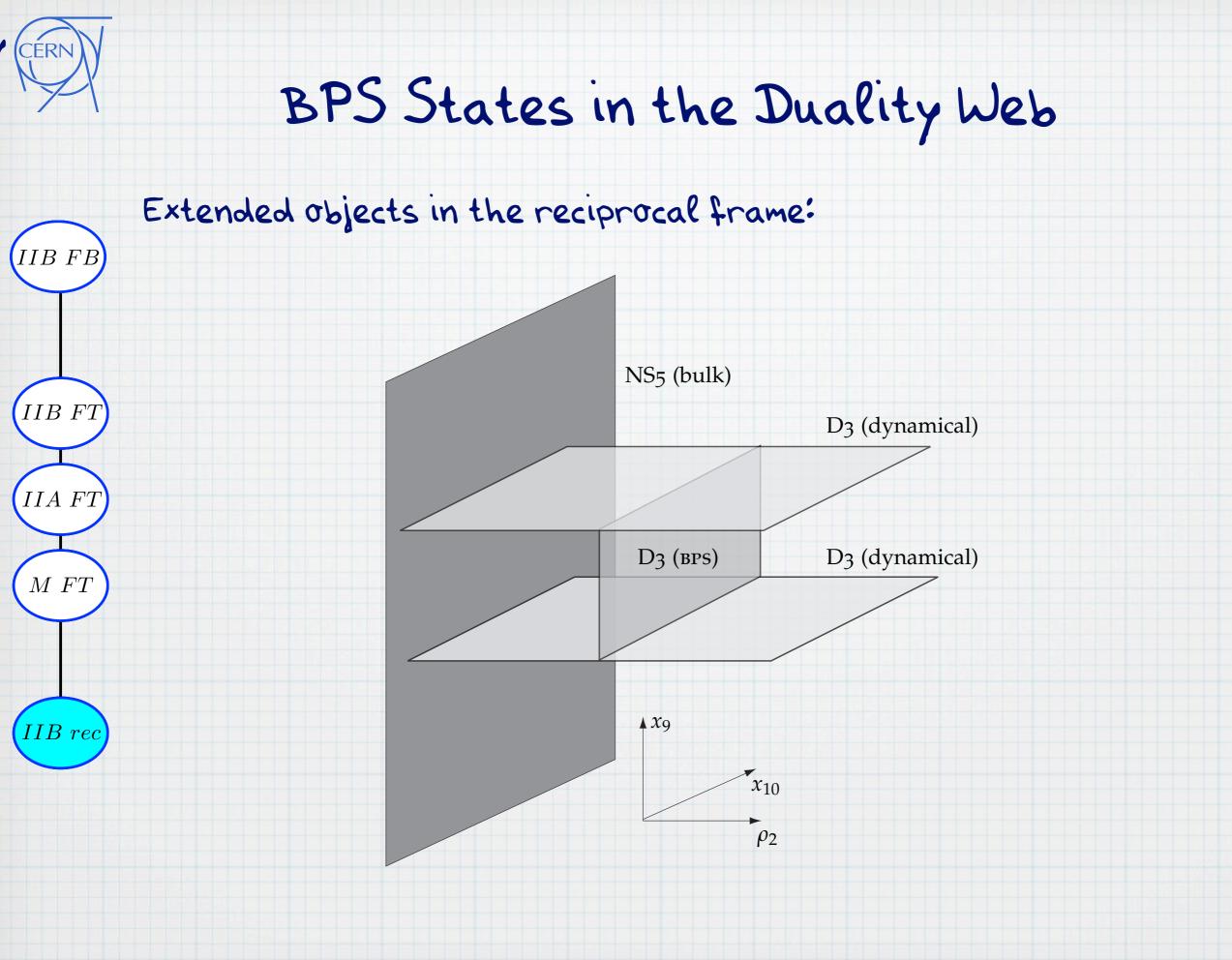
Follow BPS states along chain of dualities to reciprocal frame.





Follow the BPS states along the chain of dualities:





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IIA FT

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BPS States in the Duality Web

Introduce a D3 brane extended in $(x_6, x_9, x_{10}, \tilde{\sigma}_2)$ with an *IIB FB* electric field in $\tilde{\sigma}_2$, velocity v in x_{10} and another component of the electric field in x_{10} , which is required by the coupling of vin the DBI action.

$$x_{6} = i\zeta_{0} , \qquad x_{9} = \frac{L_{2}}{\pi R_{WS}}\zeta_{1} , \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{2} = 2\pi\alpha'\epsilon_{2}\frac{\zeta_{2}}{\kappa} , \quad x_{10} = \zeta_{3} + v\zeta_{0} , \quad x_{8} = 0 ,$$

 $\rho_1 = \text{const.}, \quad \rho_2 = \text{const.}, \quad \rho_3 = 0, \quad x_7 = 0$

$$F_{02} = \frac{1}{\kappa} f_{02} , \qquad \qquad F_{03} = \frac{1}{\kappa} f_{03}$$

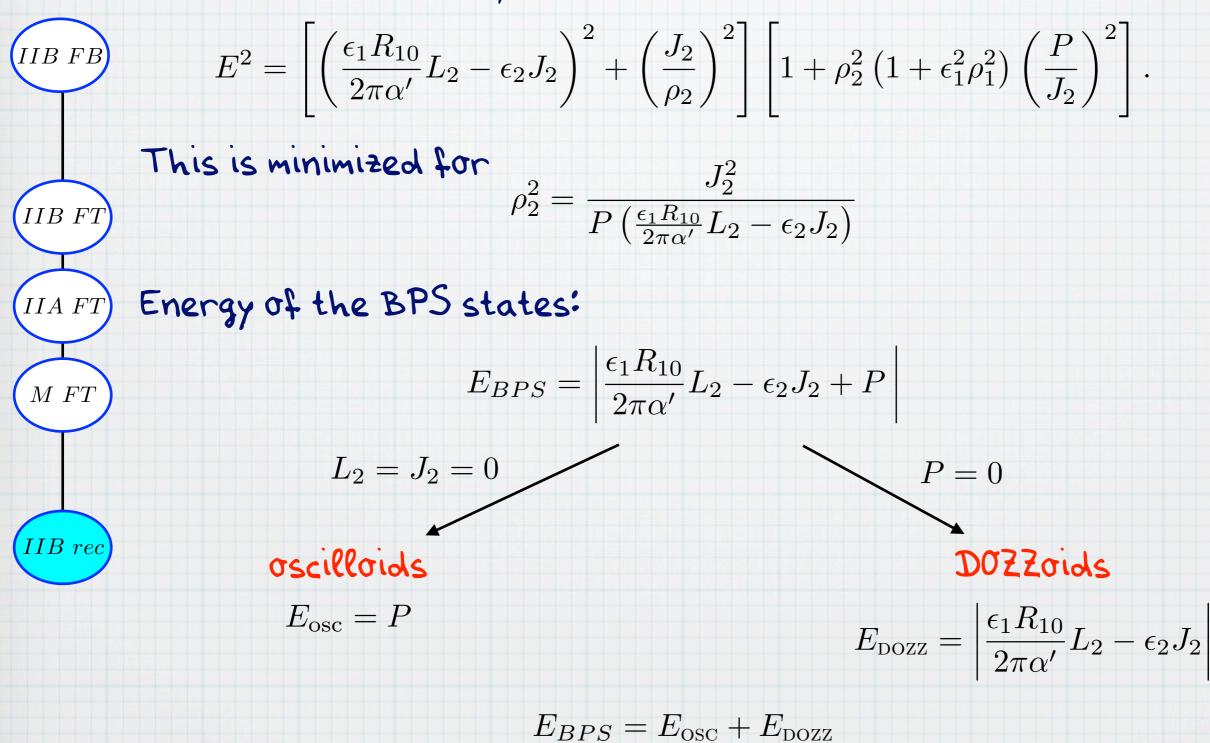
$$S = -\mu_3 \int d^4 \zeta e^{-\Phi} \sqrt{-\det(g + B + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + \mu_3 \int \exp(B + 2\pi\alpha' F) \wedge \sum_q C_q$$

 $=\frac{\epsilon_{1}L_{2}R_{10}}{2\pi\alpha'}\frac{\epsilon_{2}\rho_{2}^{2}\left(f_{02}+vf_{03}\right)-\sqrt{\left(1+\epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}\right)\left(1+\rho_{2}^{2}f_{03}^{2}\left(1+\epsilon_{1}^{2}\rho_{1}^{2}\right)\right)-\rho_{2}^{2}\left(f_{02}+vf_{03}\right)^{2}}{1+\epsilon_{2}^{2}\rho_{2}^{2}}$

$$J_2 = \frac{\delta S}{\delta f_{02}} , \qquad D_3 = \frac{\delta S}{\delta f_{03}} , \qquad P = \frac{\delta S}{\delta v}$$



From the Hamiltonian, we find



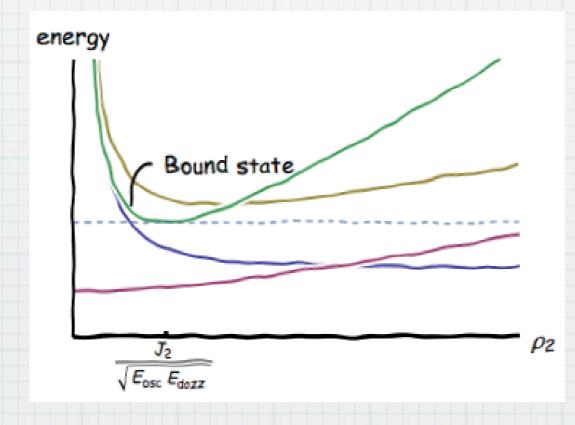


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BPS States in the Duality Web

States are only marginally stable with respect to their decay into separate oscilloids and DOZZoids. Any decay would have to tunnel over a barrier, since a state that is broken apart locally would have an energy that is strictly larger than the one of the bound state. Any such decay process would have to be nonperturbatively suppressed. (IA FT)











We described the Omega BG and its various limits via a fluxtrap BG in string theory.

Allows us to study different gauge theories of interest via string theoretic methods. Omega deformation and twisted mass deformation have same origin. Gives a geometrical interpretation for the Omega BG and its properties, such as localization etc. Understanding of relation between deformation parameters and

quantization of spectral curve.





Progress towards understanding the (2,0) theory in 6D in Omega BG. Studied two limits of (2,0) theory linked by a chain of dualities. Compactify on torus: Omega deformed N=4 SYM on \mathbb{R}^4 Compactify on angular directions: Reciprocal gauge theory on $\mathbb{R}^2_+ imes T^2$ Reciprocal gauge theory displays properties of Liouville field theory: Asymptotic coupling constant is proportional to $b^2 = \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}$ S duality exchanges $b \leftrightarrow 1/b$, like Liouville duality which exchanges perturbative and instanton spectrum Important step towards realization of Liouville theory from string theory.





BPS states appearing on the SYM side of the AGT correspondence: fundamental strings and D⁰ branes in type IIA fluxtrap

Reciprocal frame: D3 branes carrying both electric fields and momentum in the 10 direction, localized at a finite value of the radial direction

Two distinct types of states localized in different positions (the origin and infinity) in one duality frame.

States carrying both charges localized in one place in the other duality frame.

Presence of new phenomena which are only accessible via a microscopic description.



Outlook

The reciprocal theory is intrinsically four dimensional.

Aim: construct Liouville field theory as compactification of an M⁵ brane in M theory fluxtrap background.

Start from a geometry of the type $S_{\Omega}^4 \times \Sigma$ to be able to reduce on the 4d part and realize a 2d theory on the Riemann surface.

Thank you for your attention?