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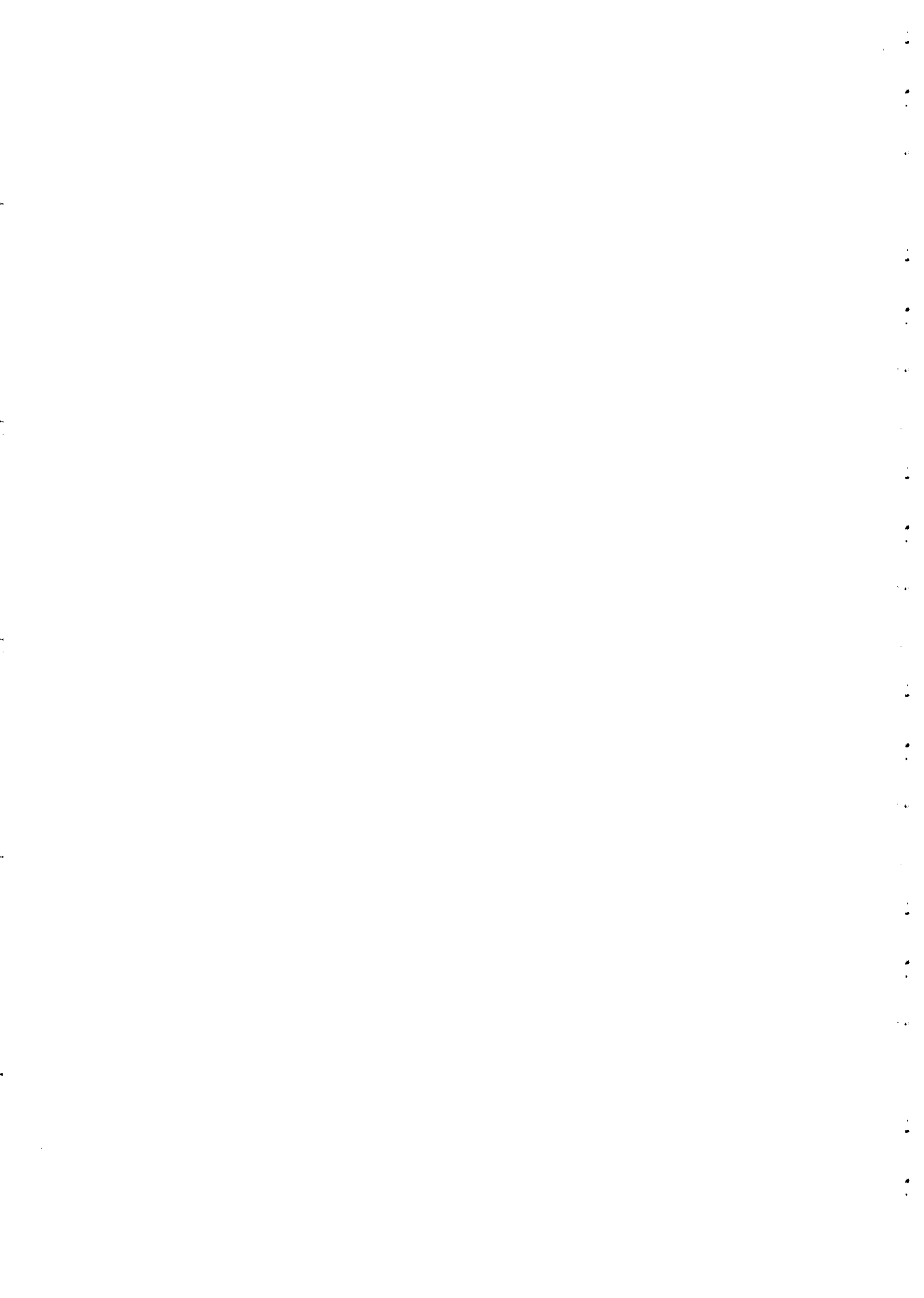
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**THE LARGE N LIMIT OF FIELD THEORIES AND GRAVITY**

Lectures III, IV & V

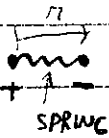
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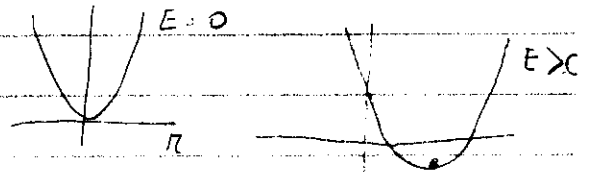
# MYERS EFFECT

- BRANES IN TRANSVERSE RR OR NS-NS FIELDS EXPAND
- ELECTRIC DIPOLES

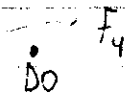


→ IN AN ELECTRIC FIELD THIS NEUTRAL OBJECT → EXPAND

$$V(R) = \frac{1}{2} k R^2 - q E R$$



- D0 BRANE IN AN  $F_4$  FIELD STRENGTH



$$F_4 = F_{0123}$$

FIRST  $F_4 = 0$

• THINK OF D0 AS A COLLAPSED D2.

$$S_{D2} = \int dt d^2x_2 \sqrt{-\det(\eta_{\mu\nu} - F_{\mu\nu})}$$

$$\int F = M = \text{D0 - CHARGE}$$

$$S_{D2} = \int dt d^2x_2 \sqrt{M^2 + m^2}$$

THIS IS MINIMIZED IF  $r=0$

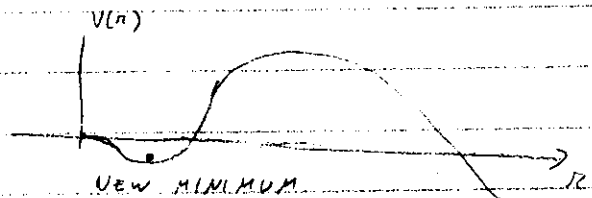
ENERGY  $\sim M \rightarrow$  D0 BRANE

Now  $F_4 = \int dt \epsilon_{ijk}$

$$S_{D2} = \int dt \left[ \sqrt{r^4 + M^2} - \int_{B_3 \times \text{TIME}} F_4 \right]$$

$$S_{D2} = \int dt \left[ \sqrt{r^4 + M^2} - \beta r^3 \right]$$

$$V_{\text{min}} \sim -\beta^4 M^3$$



THE CORRECT ANALYSIS FOR SMALL  $r$

D0 BRANES

$\rightarrow r_{\text{min}} = \beta M \Rightarrow$  THIS ANALYSIS IS VALID IF  $r_{\text{min}} \gg \beta^2$

NEW COUPLINGS TO D-BRANES

$$\int_{D_2} A_{0...p} \wedge F_{p+1} \xrightarrow{\text{T-DUALITY}} \int_{D_2} A_{0...p+1} \cdot [X_I, X_J]$$

MORE PRECISELY

$$H_3^{RR} = \beta \epsilon_{3ijk} \Rightarrow B_2^{RR} = \epsilon_{ijk} X^k$$

NEW COUPLING ON D0

$$S_{\text{int}} = \beta \int dt \text{Tr} \left( \epsilon_{ijk} X^k [x^i, x^j] \right)$$

WE CAN NOW MINIMIZE  
THE POTENTIAL ON Dφ BRANES

$$V = \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_{i,j} [X^i, X^j]^2 \right] + f \epsilon_{ijkl} \text{Tr} (X_i [X_j, X_k])$$

↑  
USUAL

EQUATIONS OF MOTION

$$[X^i, [X^j, X^k]] + f \epsilon^{ijkl} [X^j, X^k] = 0$$

ASSUME  $[X^i, X^j] = -f \epsilon^{ijkt} X^k$        $X^i \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)$  REPRESENTATION  
 $X^i = f \cdot J^i$

→ SOLUTION

NOTICE THAT IF WE CONSIDER COMMUTING MATRICES → WE ALWAYS HAVE  $V > 0$ , BUT WITH THE NON COMMUTING MATRICES WE CAN HAVE  $V < 0$ .

→ THE POTENTIAL IS SMALLEST IF WE CHOOSE A REPRESENTATION WITH MAXIMAL DIMENSION:

$$2j+1 = N$$

$$[X^i, X^j]^2 \sim f^4 (J^i)^2 \implies \text{Tr} (J^2) \sim j(j+1)(2j+1) \sim N^3$$

$$V_{\text{min}} \sim f^4 N^3$$

(AS WE OBTAINED ABOVE)

THEORY ON D2 → NON COMMUTATIVE GAUGE THEORY (THERE IS NO F FIELDS) → THE MATRICES ARE A DESCRIPTION OF THE NON COMMUTATIVE SPHERE

# BRANES MOVING:

GRAVITON MOVING ON CONSTANT  $F_{ijkl}$  IN M-THEORY

→ DLCQ IN DIRECTION 1.

$h E_{ijkl}$   $ijkl = 1, 2, 3, 4$

→ D GRAVITON → Dφ

F → NS 3-FORM CHARGE  $H_{ijk} = H_{234}$

$$\int (B_{IJ} + [X_I, X_J])^2 \text{ in BE}$$

→ COUPLING ~  $B_{IJ} \cdot [X^I, X^J]$

IF  $B_{IJ} = h E_{IJ} \wedge X^K$  → SAME EFFECT

⇒ Dφ → EXPAND TO SPHERICAL D2 BRANE IN DIRECTIONS ~~1234~~ 234

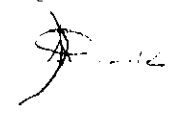
⇒ M2 BRANE IN M-THEORY

⇒ BACKGROUND IN 11-D IS NOT LORENTZ INVARIANT ⇒

⇒ GET AN "ELECTRIC" FIELD WHEN WE BOOST

$F_{0234}$  → MAKES THE GRAVITON EXPAND INTO ~~1234~~  
AN M2

• IF WE HAVE  $AdS_7 \times S_4$  WITH LARGE ANGULAR MOMENTUM → BECOME M2 BRANES



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## • D1-D5 system

$$ds^2 = Z_1^{-1/2} Z_5^{-1/2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + Z_1^{1/2} Z_5^{1/2} dx^i dx^i + Z_1^{1/2} Z_5^{-1/2} dy^m dy^m$$

$$Z_1 = 1 + \frac{Q_1}{V r^2} \quad (\text{I AM OMITTING } \alpha' \text{'S \& } \pi' \text{'S})$$

$$Z_5 = 1 + \frac{Q_5}{r^2}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{g} (Q_5 V + Q_1)$$

WE CAN HAVE  $Q_1 < 0$  IN THESE FORMULAS

→ NOT THE SAME AS REPLACING BY ANTI BRANES

• E.g. K3 → INTERNAL SPACE

⇒ D5 → INDUCED (-) D1 BRANE CHARGE

$$Q_1 \geq -Q_5$$

$$Q_1 = -Q_5 \rightarrow \text{NO EXPLICIT D1'S}$$

LOW ENERGY THEORY ON D5

→  $U(Q_5)$   $\mathcal{N}=2$  SYM WITHOUT ADJOINT HYPERS.

→ GO TO D2 - D6 TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH IR. STABILITY (SO THAT WE HAVE A MODULI SPACE)

$$ds^2 = z_2^{-1/2} z_6^{-1/2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + z_2^{1/2} z_6^{1/2} dx^i dx^i + V^{1/2} z_2^{1/2} z_6^{-1/2} ds_{k3}^2$$

$$z_2 = 1 - \frac{gN}{2V} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$z_6 = 1 + \frac{gN}{2V}$$

$$V(r) = V \frac{z_2}{z_6}$$

REPULSION SINGULARITY:

$$\textcircled{1} z_2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow G_{00} \rightarrow \infty$$

→ grav. POTENTIAL

CONSIDER D6 PROBE

$$S = \int e^{\uparrow} (V(r) - 1) + \int C_7 - \int C_3$$

↑  
VOLUME

EXPAND IN VELOCITIES

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{POSITION DEPENDENT TERMS} + N^2 \left( V - 1 - \frac{gN}{r} \right)$$

$V=1$  = SELF DUAL VOLUME

→ SET  $V > 1$  AT  $\infty$  SO THAT TENSION IS POSITIVE

AT SOME  $r_e$  → TENSION BECOMES ZERO

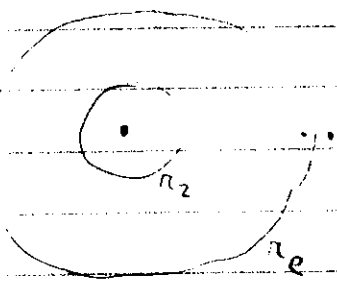
$$r_e = \frac{2V}{V-1} \uparrow \pi_2$$

$$r_e > r_2 = \frac{gN}{2V}$$

$r_e$  OF REPULSION SINGULARITY

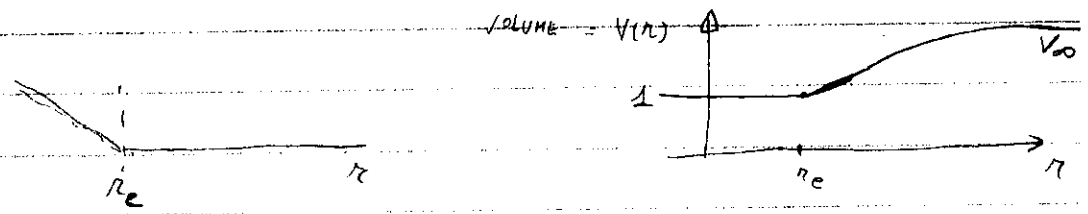


AT THIS POINT THE TENSION VANISHES AND IF WE WANT TO CONTINUE



$$\rightarrow |V z_2 - \mu_2 z_0|$$

$\Rightarrow$  NO MORE CANCELLATION OF FORCES  $\Rightarrow$  POTENTIAL



$\Rightarrow$  WE CANNOT BRING D6 BRANES CLOSER THAN  $r_e$

$\Rightarrow$  FLAT GEOMETRY INSIDE

$\rightarrow$  INSIDE THIS FLAT GEOMETRY  $V = V_0 = 1 \rightarrow$  TENSIONLESS BRANE?

$\rightarrow$  WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT AT THIS VOLUME WE HAVE AN ENHANCED SU(2) GAUGE SYMMETRY (COMING FROM D4 WRAPPING THE  $K_2$ ). THE D6 IS A MAGNETIC MONOPOLE

IN THIS THEORY  $\rightarrow$  HAS SOME SIZE  $\rightarrow$  CORE OF THE MONOPOLE  $\rightarrow$  RESTORED GAUGE SYMM  $\Rightarrow$  THE PROBE EXPANDS AS WE APPROACH  $r_e$

$\rightarrow$  RESOLUTION OF THE SINGULARITY

• MASS DEFORMATIONS OF N=1 SYM.

• ADD OPERATOR  $\Delta_3 = \gamma\gamma + (\Phi[\Phi, \Phi])$

→ MASS FERMIONS → MASS FOR BOSONS

&

• SUSY DEFORMATION

$\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM  $\rightarrow W = \text{Tr} ([\phi_1, \phi_2] \phi_3)$

$\phi_1 = X_1 + iX_2$   
 $\phi_2 = X_3 + iX_4$   
etc.

ADD  $\dagger$

$\Delta W = m \text{Tr} (\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2)$

(NOTICE THAT THIS ADD TERMS IN THE BOSONIC LAGRANGIAN OF THE FORM

$\text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{[X, X]^2}_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ SYM}} + X[X, X] + m^2 X^2 \right]$

THE THEORY HAS ISOLATED VACUA  
SUSY MINIMA

$\partial_i W = 0$

$\Rightarrow [\phi_i, \phi_j] = -m \epsilon_{ijk} \phi_k$

$\phi_i = 0 \rightarrow$  ONE VACUUM

$\phi_i =$  SU(2) REPRESENTATIONS

• EACH VACUUM  $\rightarrow \sum_{d=1}^N dk_d = N$   
 $\downarrow$   
 NUMBER OF COPIES OF  $d$ -DIMENSIONAL  
 $SU(2)$  REPRESENTATION.

• HIGGS VACUUM  $\rightarrow SU(N)$  TOTALLY BROKEN,  $k_d = 1$

• MASSIVE VACUUM  $\rightarrow$  NO UNBROKEN  $U(1)$

• COULOMB VACUA  $\rightarrow$  SOME UNBROKEN  $U(1)$ 'S

• LARGE NUMBER OF VACUA  $\rightarrow$  NUMBER  $\sim e^{\text{const.} \sqrt{N}}$

• THE MASS DEFORMATION OF  $N=4$  SYM

$\rightarrow$  CORRESPONDS TO TURNING ON A COMBINATION

OF  $H_{RR}$  &  $H_{NS}$

$$G_3 = \hat{\alpha} H_{RR} - \hat{\alpha} H_{NS}$$

• FERMION MASSES

$$\lambda_a \propto \epsilon \in SU(4) \quad \text{with } \lambda_a \lambda_b$$

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow SU(3)$$

$$4 \times 4 = 10 \text{ OF } SO(6)$$

$\rightarrow m \rightarrow \bar{10} \rightarrow$  SELF DUAL TENSOR IN 6-D (COMPLEX)  
 $\times \Gamma_{mns} = iT$

$$\frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 10 \text{ COMPLEX COMPONENTS}$$

if dual by

SO WE SEE THAT THE MASS TERM TRANSFORM

AS  $T_{mn}$ .

A MORE PRECISE ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT IN OUR CASE WE HAVE

$$T_{\bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}} = T_{i j k} = T_{\bar{i} \bar{j} \bar{k}} = m E_{ijk}$$

$$*_6 T = -\epsilon T$$

→ FERMION MASS TERM → ASSOCIATED WITH LOWEST KK HARMONIC OF T.

D3 T FIELD

WE HAVE D3 BRAVES IN A CONSTANT T FIELD.

→ MYERS EFFECT ⇒ GROWS TO D5 BRAVES, IN THIS SUSY CASE ALL D5 BRAVES HAVE EQUAL ENERGIES; (i.e. → SINGLE D5 OR MULTIPLE D5) IT CAN ALSO GROW INTO NS5 BRAVES

## PROPOSED SUPERGRA SOLUTION

EG. SPHERICALLY DS in 789  $S^2$  ( $H_{1,2} = H_{1,2}^*$ )

(OR AN NS-5 ALONG 456)

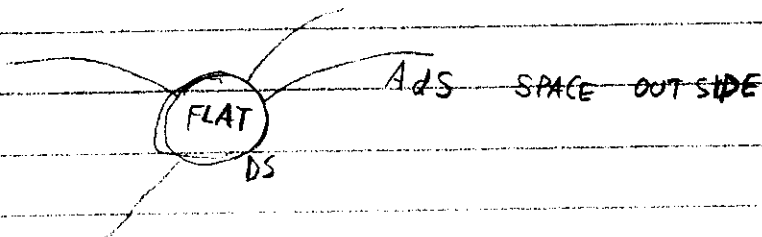
→ START FROM D3'S → ARRANGE THEM ON THE

HIGGS BRANCH SO THAT THEY ARE ON THIS

$S^2$  → PERTURB THE SOLUTION PUTTING  $\phi_3 \neq 0$

→ NEAR THE BRANES → LOOK FOR DS TYPE SOLUTION.

END RESULT:



SINGULARITY GETS RESOLVED BY THE PRESENCE OF A BRANE.

• IT IS AN NS-5 IN THE CASE OF  $\phi = 0$

• IT IS AN NS-5 IN THE CASE OF  $\phi \neq 0$

•  $SL(2, R)$  WZW & strings in  $AdS_3$

•  $AdS_3 \times$  SOMETHING

WITH NS-BACKGROUND  $H_3 = kE_3 =$  VOLUME FORM IN  $AdS_3$

• WHY?

• UNDERSTAND STRINGS ON CURVED SPACE-TIMES

•  $g$  FACTOR IS NONTRIVIAL

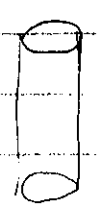
• "EXACTLY SOLVABLE"

• BLACK HOLES  $\rightarrow$  BTZ  $\rightarrow$   $AdS_3/\mathbb{Z}$  QUOTIENTS

$\rightarrow$  UNDERSTAND STRINGS & HORIZONS

• HERE ALL WE WILL DO WILL BE TO DESCRIBE THE SPECTRUM.

•  $AdS_3 \rightarrow SL(2, R)$  GROUP MANIFOLD  $\rightarrow$  MULTIPLE COVER



$\uparrow$  TIME = NON-COMPACT

• WE WILL WORK IN GLOBAL COORDINATES

$\rightarrow$  UNDERSTAND THE CASE WITH NO HORIZON FIRST

•  $S = k \int Tr [g^{-1} \partial_x g g^{-1} \partial_y g] + k S_{WZ}$

IN  $AdS_3 \times S^3 \times K$

$k = \#$  of NS 5

WE TAKE

$Q_1 = \#$  of FUND STRINGS

$$g_{string}^2 \sim \frac{k}{Q_1} \rightarrow 0$$

• LARGE  $Q_1$  LIMIT

### SPECTRUM

IN GENERAL IN WZW MODELS

• CURRENT ALGEBRAS  $J_m^a, \bar{J}_m^a$

$$J_R^a(x^+) \sim Tr [T^a \partial_+ g g^{-1}]$$

$$\bar{J}_L^a(x^-) \sim Tr [T^a g^{-1} \partial_- g]$$

• SYMMETRY

$$g \rightarrow h_L(x^+) g h_R(x^-)$$

• SPECTRUM IN THE QUANTUM THEORY

$$[J_m^a, J_m^b] = f^{abc} J_{m+m}^c + km \eta^{ab} J_{m+m}$$

• HIGHEST WEIGHT REPRESENTATIONS

$$J_m^0 |\psi\rangle = 0 \quad m > 0$$

$J_0^0 |\psi\rangle \rightarrow$  REPRESENT OF THE  $J_0^0$  ALGEBRA

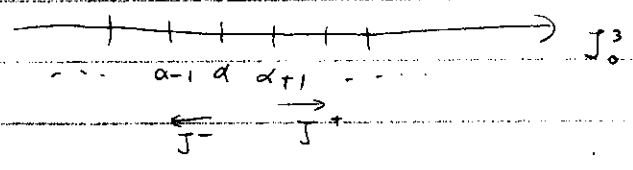
• IN  $SL(2, R)$ :

• REPRESENTATIONS OF  $SL(2, R)$

→ FUNCTIONS ON  $AdS_3$  ( $\mathcal{L}_2(AdS_3)$ )

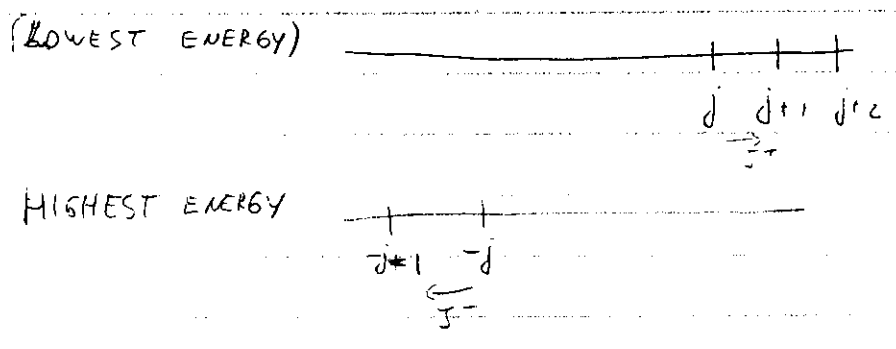
- CASIMIR  $-J_0^2 + J_1^2 + J_2^2 = C_2$        $J^\pm = J_1 \pm iJ_2$
- $J_0^3 =$  ENERGY IN  $AdS_3$  ANG. MOM.       $J_{0R}^3 = E+l$  ,  $J_{0L}^3 = E-l$
- CONTINUOUS

$$C_2 = -\frac{1}{4} + s^2$$



• DISCRETE

$$C_2 = -j(j-1)$$



CASIMIR → LAPLACIAN ON WAVE FUNCTIONS

- DISCRETE → OBEY BREITENCOHNER FREEDMAN BOUND  $m^2 > 1$
- CONTINUOUS → TACHYONS DO NOT OBEY ↑



SPECTRUM → START WITH THE ABOVE AS HIGHEST WEIGHT REPRESENTATIONS

$J_{-m}^3 |j\rangle$  → CREATES NEGATIVE MOM STATES  
TEMPORAL OSCILLATIONS

SHOULD BE REMOVED BY THE VIRASORO CONDITIONS

$$L_m |\psi\rangle = \epsilon_{m,0} |\psi\rangle$$

$$L_m = L_m^{(SLE)} + L_m^{\text{INTERNAL CFT}}$$

$L_m^{(SLE)} = \frac{k-2}{4} :J_a J_a:$  (WE DO THE BOSONIC STRINGS FROM NOW ON)

• CONT

$$L_0 = 1 - \frac{j(j+1)}{k-2} + N + h = 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{TACHYONS}$$

• DISCR

$$-\frac{j(j-1)}{k-2} + N + h = 1 = 0 \approx -\frac{j^2}{k} + N + h = 0$$

UP TO FACTORS OF ORDER 1

$$j \sim \sqrt{k(N+h)}$$

↓  
COMPARE TO  
MASS OF THE PARTICLE

$$-p_0^2 + \vec{p}^2 + N + h \sim 0$$

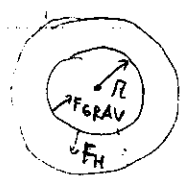
• AFTER IMPOSING THE VIRASORO CONDITIONS  
GHOSTS ARE REMOVED IF

$$0 < j < \frac{k}{2}$$

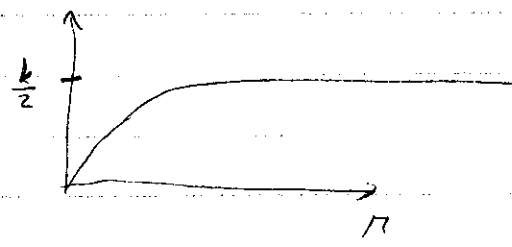
• PUZZLE → WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THIS BOUND?  
• WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A STATE WITH  
HIGHER MASS?

• RELATED PUZZLE :

WHERE ARE THE LONG STRINGS



$$E(r) \sim$$



• FINITE ENERGY BARRIER FOR THE STRING TO  
ESCAPE TO INFINITY.

→ DUE TO THE ELECTRIC H<sub>ort</sub> FIELD

• WHERE ARE THESE STATES IN THE SPECTRUM?

• SYMMETRY OF THE WZW

• USUAL  $h_L(x^+) g h_R(x^-)$   $h_L$  &  $h_R \rightarrow$  PERIODIC FUNCTIONS OF  $6 \rightarrow 6 + 2\pi$

• NEW:  $e^{i\omega \sigma_2 x^+} g e^{i\omega \sigma_2 x^-}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 TOPOLOGICALLY NONTRIVIAL IN THE GROUP.

• CALLED SPECTRAL FLOW

• ON THE CURRENTS

$$\tilde{J}_m^3 = J_m^3 - \frac{k}{2} \omega \delta_{m,0}$$

$$\tilde{J}_m^\pm = J_{m \pm \omega}^\pm$$

• VIRASORO GENERATORS

$$\tilde{L}_n = L_n + \omega J_n^3 - \frac{k}{4} \omega^2 \delta_{n,0}$$

• HOW DOES THIS ACT?

• FIRST UNDERSTAND IT CLASSICALLY.

• START WITH A SIMPLE SOLUTION

$$g \sim e^{i\sigma_2 \frac{(x^+ + x^-)}{c} \frac{\omega}{4}}$$



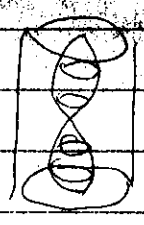
$$T_{++}^{SL(2)} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{k}$$

$$T_{++} = 0 = -\frac{\alpha^2}{k} + h = 0 \quad \text{MASS SHELL COND.}$$

ACT WITH GLOBAL ISOMETRIES



ACT WITH SPECTRAL FLOW



$$w=1$$

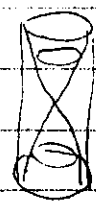
SPACELIKE GEODESICS



$$T_{++}^{SL(2)} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{k}$$

→ NEVER OBEY MASS SHELL COND.

SPECTRAL FLOW



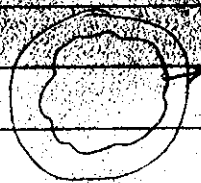
LONG STRINGS

$$T_{++}^{SL(2)} = \tilde{T}_{++} - w J_0^3 + \frac{k}{2} w^2$$

$$T_{++}^{SL(2)} + h = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow J_0^3 = \frac{k}{4} w + \frac{1}{w} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{k} + h \right)$$

→ CORRECT ENERGY OF A LONG STRING



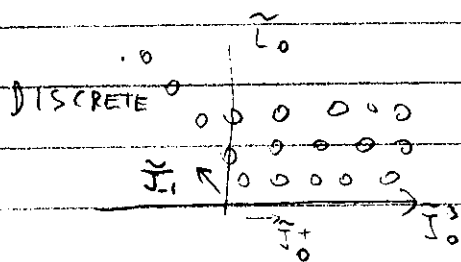
$d \rightarrow$  MOMENTUM IN RADIAL DIRECTION

• DO THIS IN THE QUANTUM THEORY

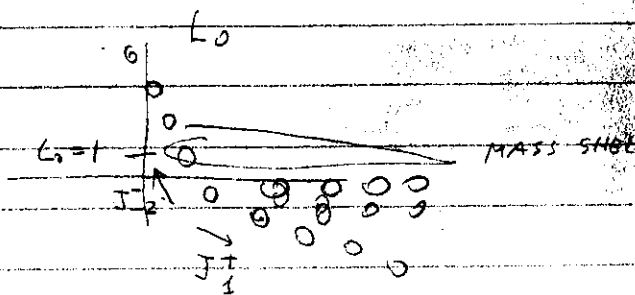
• START WITH USUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF  $\tilde{J}_m^a$

→ VIEW THEM AS REPRESENTATIONS OF

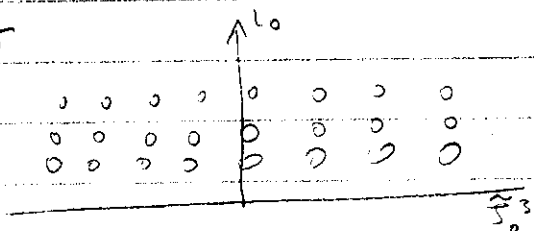
$$J_m^a$$



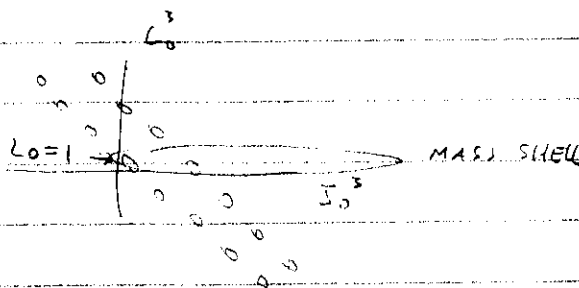
SPECT. FLOW



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→



• FIND FOR CONTINUOUS

$$J_0^3 = \frac{k\omega}{4} + \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{4} + S^2}{k-2} + \nu + k - 1 \right)$$

• DISCRETE

$$J_0^3 = \frac{k\omega}{4} + \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{-\tilde{J}(\tilde{J}-1)}{k-2} + \nu + k - 1 \right) = \frac{k}{2}\omega + \tilde{J} + q$$

SPECT. FLOW  
ORIGINAL  $\tilde{J}$   
↓  
INTEGER SHIFT FROM  $\tilde{J}$

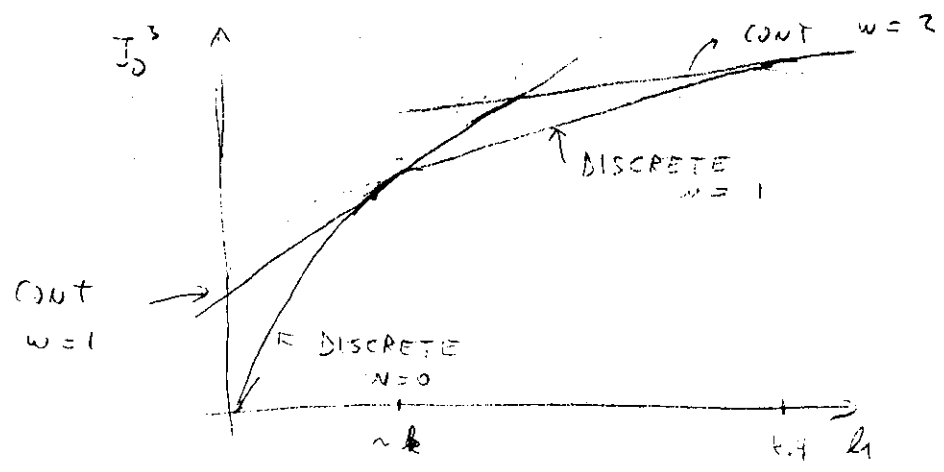
→ DETERMINE  $\tilde{J}$

→ RESTRICT

$$\frac{1}{2} < \tilde{J} < \frac{k}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

NEW CONDITION.

→ ALLOWS MASSIVE STATES ABOVE  $J_0^3 \sim k$



• WE RESOLVED THE PUZZLES

WE HAVE NOW CALCULATED INDEPENDENTLY THE  
ONE LOOP PARTITION FUNCTION AND WE FOUND  
PRECISE AGREEMENT WITH THIS SPECTRUM

WE COULD CALCULATE SCATTERING AMPLITUDES  
INVOLVING THESE LONG STRINGS.

