

## 9.2. In supergravity

$D_p$  world sheet  $\checkmark$   
( $p+1$ )-dim.  $\longleftrightarrow$  (target space)  
10-dim

$D_p$ -brane is a  $1/2$  BPS solution

remember only half of the Poincaré supercharges  $Q_\alpha$  contribute

Symmetries:  $P(p,1) = \mathbb{R}^{p,1} \times SO(p,1)$

$P(9,1)$  without  $D_p$   $\rightarrow$   $P(p,1)$  with  $D_p$   $\times$   $SO(9-p)$  translations  $\perp$  to  $D_p$  are broken

solution:  $ds^2 = H_p(r)^{-1/2} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + H_p(r)^{1/2} dy^i dy^i$

$$e^\phi = g_s H_p(r)^{(3-p)/4} \quad \text{and} \quad \square H_p(r) = 0$$

$$C_{(p+1)} = (H_p(r)^{-1} - 1) dx^0 \dots dx^p$$

$\Rightarrow$  harmonic function  $H_p(r) = 1 + \left(\frac{L_p}{r}\right)^{7-p}$

chosen such that  $r \rightarrow \infty \hat{=} 10$  dim. Minkowski space

## 10. The AdS/CFT correspondence

$\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM theory  
with gauge group  
 $SU(N)$  and  $(g_{YM})$

is dynamically  
equivalent to

type IIB superstring  
theory with  $l_s = \sqrt{\alpha'}$   
and  $(g_s)$  on  
 $AdS_5 \times S^5$  \*)

\*)  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  with curvature radius  $L$  and  $N$  units of  $F^{(5)}$  flux on the  $S^5$

$$g_{YM}^2 = 2\pi g_s \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{2g_{YM}^2 N}_{\lambda} = \frac{L^4}{\alpha'^2}$$

$\lambda$  ('t Hooft coupling)

dynamically equivalent = all physics of one description is mapped onto all of the other

limits:  $N=4$  SYM

IIB on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

•  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda$  fixed but arbitrary

classical string theory,  $g_s \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\alpha'}{L^2} \neq 0$

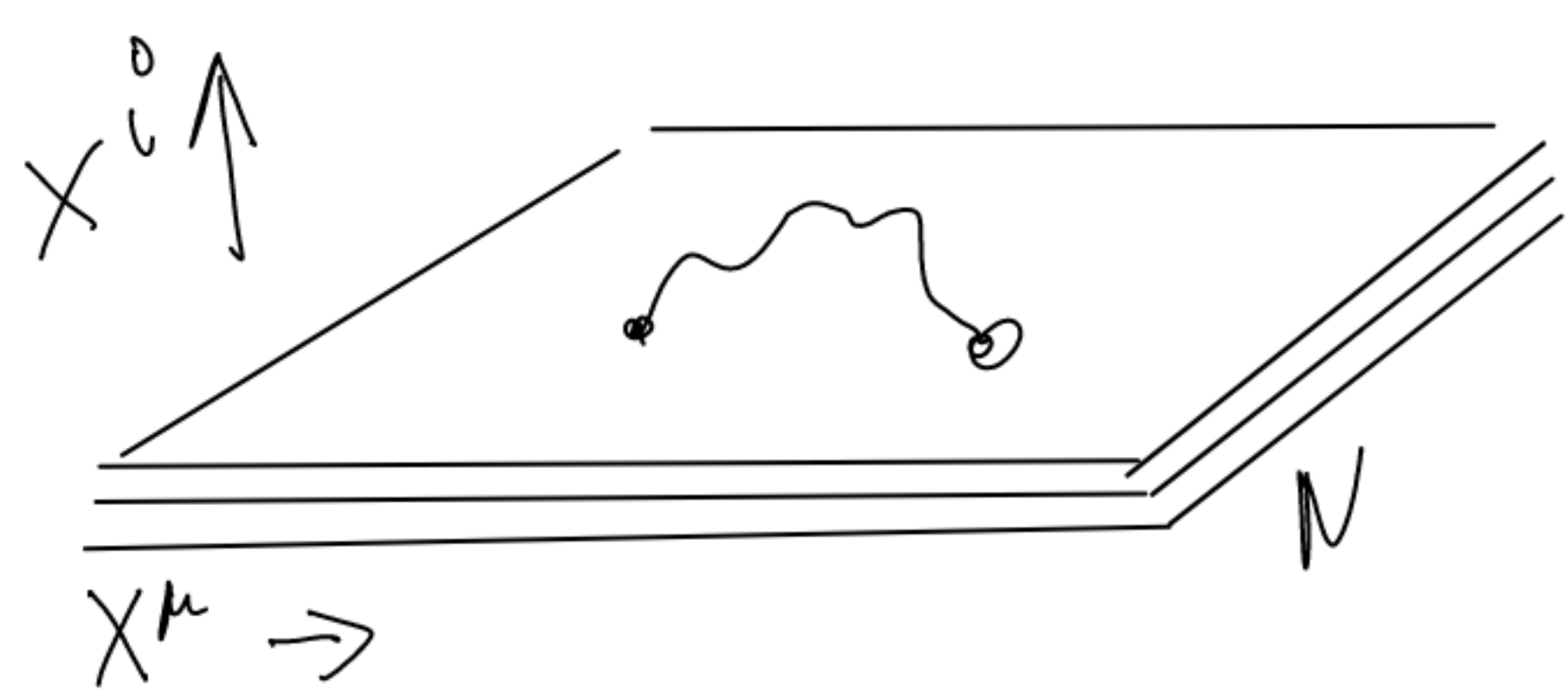
•  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

classical SUGRA,  $g_s \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\alpha'}{L^2} \rightarrow 0$

strong coupling  $\longleftrightarrow$  weak coupling

### 10.1. Near horizon limit of $N$ D3 branes

remember: a) open string perspective



$g_s \ll 1$  and  $E \ll \alpha'^{-1/2}$   
(only massless modes)

$\rightarrow$  4d SYM with gauge group  $U(N)$

bosons are  $A_\mu$  = longitudinal excitations

$\phi^i$  = transversal deformation of brane ( $i=1, \dots, 6$ )

and coupling  $\sim g_s N$  ( $\ll 1$  to be valid)

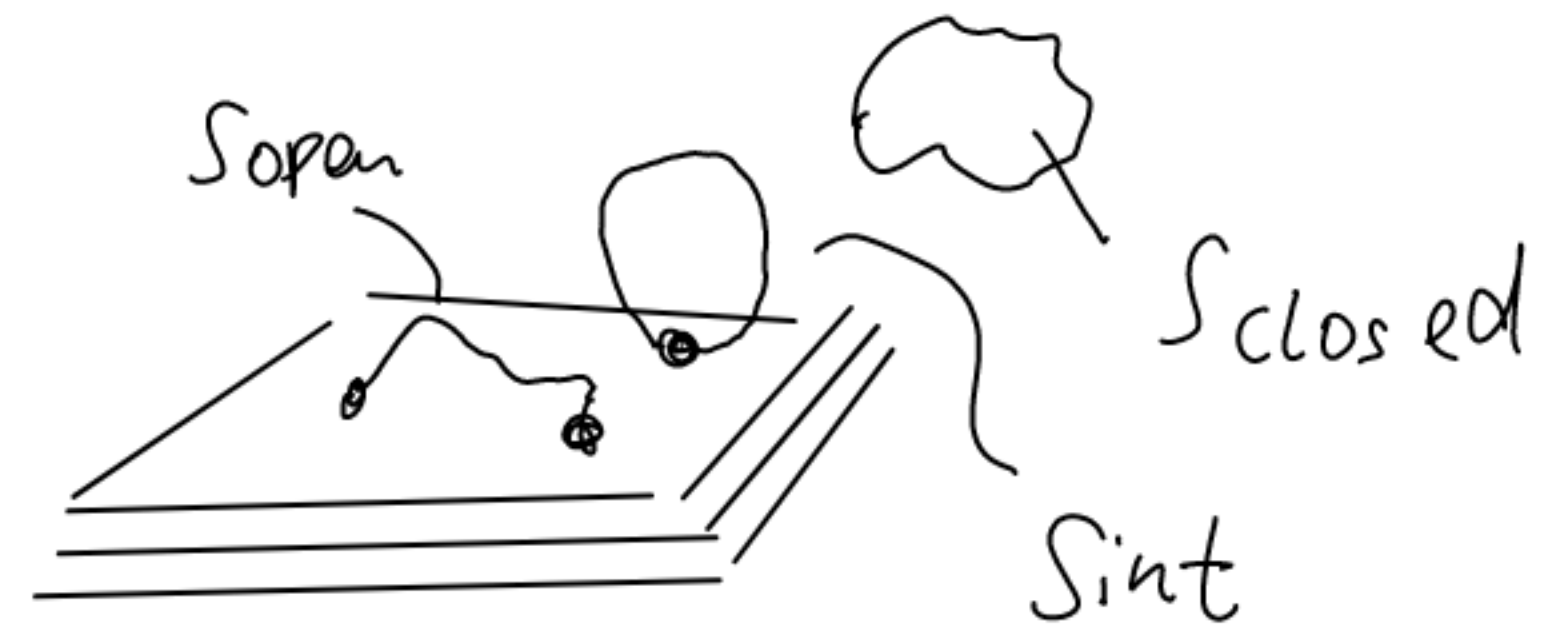
b) closed string perspective:

characteristic length scale  $L_3^4 / \alpha'^2 \gg 1$  with

$$L_3^4 = 4\pi g_s N \alpha'^2 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \underline{g_s \cdot N \gg 1}$$

## Decoupling limits

a)  $S = S_{\text{closed}} + S_{\text{open}} + S_{\text{int}}$



$$S_{\text{closed}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} (R + 4|\partial\phi|^2) + \dots$$

$\sim (2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4 g_s^2$  R-R fields

for  $g = \eta + \alpha' h$   $\sim -\frac{1}{2} \int d^{10}x \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$

Open and Int from SDBI

single D-brane

$$\begin{cases} S_{\text{open}} = -\frac{1}{2\pi g_s} \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi^i \partial_\nu \phi^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha') \right) \\ S_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{8\pi g_s} \int d^4x \phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots \end{cases}$$

for  $N$  D3's:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^i &= \phi^{ia} T_a, \quad A_\mu = A_\mu^a T_a \\ F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} &\rightarrow \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}), \quad \partial \rightarrow D \end{aligned}$$

and add the potential:  $V = \frac{1}{2\pi g_s} \sum_{ij} \text{Tr}[\phi^i, \phi^j]^2$

for  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$   $S_{\text{open}} =$  bosonic part of 4d max SYM  
with  $2\pi g_s = g_{\text{YM}}^2$

$S_{\text{closed}} =$  SUGRA in 10 dim. Minkowski space

$S_{\text{int}} = 0$  decoupling limit

b) remember 9.2 with  $H(r) = 1 + \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^4$

b1)  $r \gg L$

$H(r) \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  Minkowski

b2)  $r \ll L$

$H(r) \sim \frac{L^4}{r^4}$

distance to stack

near horizon or throat region

for b2) we find

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2) + L^2 ds_{S^5}^2, \quad z = \frac{L^2}{r}$$

AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>      unit S<sup>5</sup>

In the limit

$\alpha' \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{with} \quad u = \frac{r}{\alpha'} \quad \text{fixed}$

Maldacena limit

b1) and b2) decouple!

$$\frac{L^4}{r^4} = 4\pi g_s N \frac{\alpha'^2}{r^4} = 4\pi g_s \cdot N \frac{\alpha'^4}{r^4} \cdot \alpha'^{-2} \rightarrow \infty$$

const  $\rightarrow \infty$

we zoom in to the near horizon region

$\hat{=}$  near horizon limit

decoupling because of gravitational redshift

$$E_\infty = \sqrt{-g_{00}} E_r = H(r)^{-1/4} E_r$$

$$\sqrt{\alpha'} E_\infty \sim \frac{r}{L} \sqrt{\alpha'} E_r \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{because } r \ll L$$

observer @  $\infty$  sees: 1. String modes of IIB in AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>

2. Supergravity modes propagation in flat 10 dim Minkowski space

- Maldacena's conjecture
- a) • 4 d SYM  $U(N)$  • 10 d IIB SUGRA in  $\mathbb{R}^{9,1}$
- b) type IIB superstring theory on  $AdS^5 \times S^5$  • 10 d IIB SUGRA in  $\mathbb{R}^{9,1}$
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