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# Strings from Quivers

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## 1. Outline: Quivers and DLCQ

- In light-cone quantization of strings, it is often useful to compactify a null direction.

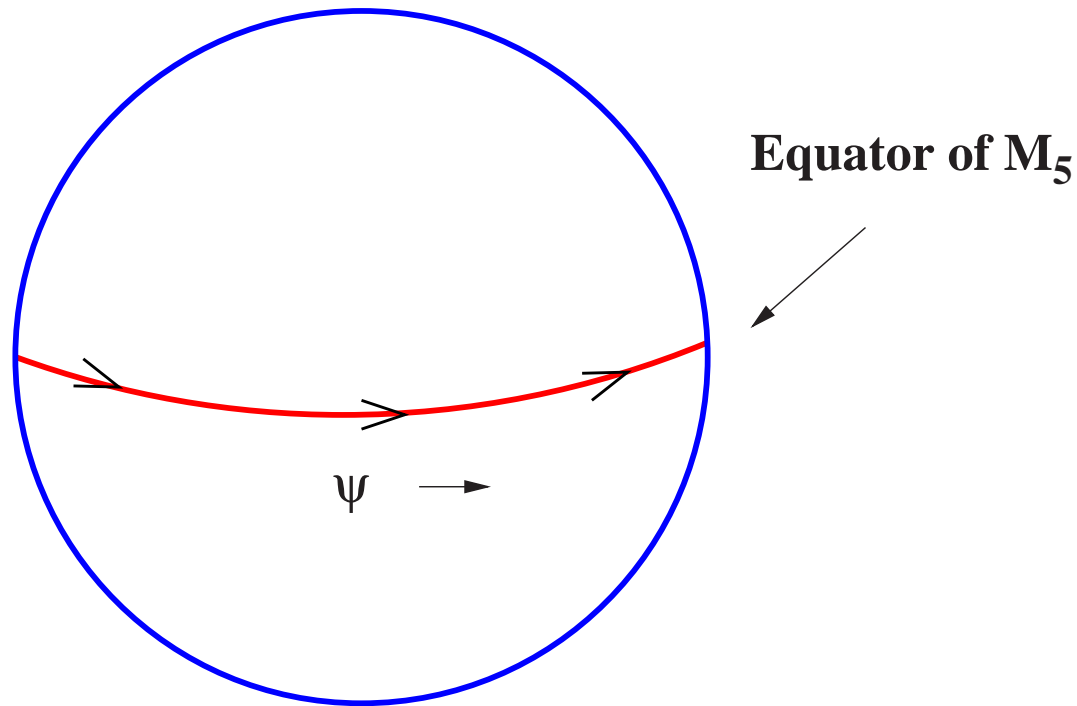
This leads to Discrete Light Cone Quantization (DLCQ) of the string theory.

In this description, the theory splits into sectors labelled by a discrete value of the quantized light-cone momentum.

Interacting strings carry these quantized light-cone momenta, with the minimal momentum being carried by a “string bit”.

Such a program, for the gauge theory/pp-wave correspondence, could lead to a better understanding of string interactions .

- The setting for the present talk is type IIB string theory, which admits supersymmetric solutions of the type  $AdS_5 \times M_5$  where  $M_5$  is a Sasaki-Einstein space.
- Unfortunately, the pp-wave metric, as usually derived from  $AdS_5 \times M_5$ , describes a **noncompact** null direction  $x^-$ .



- In this talk, I will show that there is a **novel scaling limit** of a particular AdS background, in which one ends up with a pp-wave with a **compact light-cone direction**.

The radius of the null direction is a **finite, controllable parameter** of this background.

- This particular AdS background has a dual **4d conformal gauge theory**. The above scaling limit will act on this gauge theory, leading to a dual **gauge theory/pp-wave pair**.
- In the gauge theory, our scaling limit will play a role similar to the now-familiar **double scaling limit** in the usual BMN picture:

$$N \rightarrow \infty, \quad J \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}} \text{ fixed}$$

except that our limit will be taken on the **theory** rather than on the **observables** under study.



- The gauge theory in question is an  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superconformal “moose” or “quiver” theory in the **large moose** limit.



- Several fascinating aspects of the gauge theory/pp-wave correspondence will emerge as we explore this background.

We will find gauge theory operators that can be identified with a string ground state in every sector of fixed DLCQ momentum  $k$ .

We will also find operators that describe modes of the string winding  $m$  times on the DLCQ direction.

These operators satisfy the relation

$$\sum_i n_i = L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = km$$

- The DLCQ theory can be T-dualized into a type IIA/M-theory background which describes a non-relativistic string/membrane bound in a harmonic-oscillator potential.

Thus, the gauge theory “deconstructs” nonrelativistic IIA/M-theory in this limit.

## 2. Setting: Large Quiver Theories and PP Wave Limit

- The gauge theory that we will study is obtained by placing  $N_1$   $D3$ -branes transverse to the 6-dimensional space  $R^2 \times (C^2/Z_{N_2})$ .
- The orbifold group  $Z_{N_2}$  acts on  $R^2 \times C^2$  by:

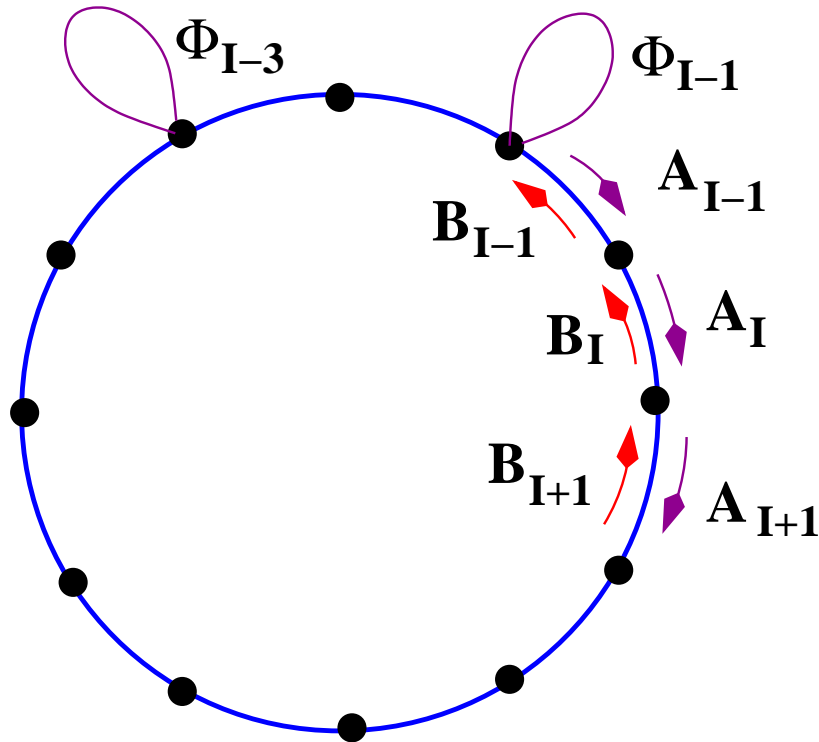
$$(z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (z_1, \omega z_2, \omega^{-1} z_3), \quad \omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N_2}}$$

- The theory on the brane world-volume is a  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superconformal field theory in four dimensions.
- The R-symmetry group is  $U(1)_R \times SU(2)_R$ .
- The gauge group is  $SU(N_1)^{(1)} \times SU(N_1)^{(2)} \times \dots \times SU(N_1)^{(N_2)}$ .
- The fields in the **vector multiplet** for each factor of the gauge group are denoted  $(A_{\mu I}, \Phi_I, \Psi_{aI})$ , with  $I = 1, 2, \dots, N_2$  and  $a = 1, 2$ .

- In addition, there are **hypermultiplets**  $(A_I, B_I, \chi_{aI})$ .
- For fixed index  $I$ , the  $A_I$  and  $B_I$  are bi-fundamentals of  $SU(N_1)^{(I)} \times SU(N_1)^{(I+1)}$ :

$$A_I : (1, \dots, N_1, \bar{N}_1, \dots, 1), \quad B_I : (1, \dots, \bar{N}_1, N_1, \dots, 1)$$

- This can be represented in a “**moose**” or “**quiver**” diagram:



- The holographic dual is type IIB string theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5/Z_{N_2}$ .
- The  $AdS_5$  space has a **radius** given by:

$$R^2 = \sqrt{4\pi g_s^B \alpha'^2 N_1 N_2}$$

where  $g_s^B$  is the type IIB string coupling.

- We are interested in a scaling limit when both  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  become large **together**, with the **ratio**  $N_1/N_2$  fixed.
- We will see that  $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$  is like the **“continuum limit”**  $J \rightarrow \infty$  (cf. Maldacena’s talk).

- To obtain the Penrose limit, one has to focus on the trajectory of a **lightlike worldline** based at the origin of  $AdS_5$ .
- Because of the **singular** nature of the compact manifold, the result depends on the choice of this trajectory.
- We parametrize the complex coordinates of the transverse space in terms of angles:

$$z_1 = R \sin \alpha e^{i\theta}, \quad z_2 = R \cos \alpha \cos \gamma e^{i\chi}, \quad z_3 = R \cos \alpha \sin \gamma e^{i\phi}$$

- The orbifold is obtained by demanding that  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  are periodic modulo  $2\pi$ , and in addition have a **combined periodicity** under

$$\chi \rightarrow \chi + \frac{2\pi}{N_2}, \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi - \frac{2\pi}{N_2}.$$

- Now we can write the metric of  $AdS_5 \times S^5 / \mathbb{Z}_{N_2}$ :

$$ds^2 = R^2 \left[ -\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\Omega_3^2 \right. \\ \left. + d\alpha^2 + \sin^2 \alpha d\theta^2 + \cos^2 \alpha (d\gamma^2 + \cos^2 \gamma d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \gamma d\phi^2) \right]$$

- To take the pp-wave limit, define new coordinates  $r, x, y$  by:

$$r = \rho R, \quad x = \alpha R, \quad y = \gamma R$$

and introduce the lightcone coordinates

$$x^+ = \frac{1}{2} (t + \chi), \quad x^- = \frac{R^2}{2} (t - \chi)$$

- In the limit  $R \rightarrow \infty$  the metric reduces to

$$ds^2 = -4dx^+ dx^- - (r^2 + x^2 + y^2) dx^{+2} + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_3^2 \\ + dx^2 + x^2 d\theta^2 + dy^2 + y^2 d\phi^2 \\ = -4dx^+ dx^- - \sum_{i=1}^8 (x^i)^2 dx^{+2} + \sum_{i=1}^8 dx^{i2}$$

- Although we obtained the standard pp-wave metric in the Penrose limit, there is actually an important difference: the lightlike direction  $x^-$  is **compact**.
- To see this, note that the combined periodicity of the angles  $\chi, \phi$  translates into the following periodicity on the new coordinates:

$$x^+ \rightarrow x^+ + \frac{\pi}{N_2}, \quad x^- \rightarrow x^- + \frac{\pi R^2}{N_2}, \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi - \frac{2\pi}{N_2}$$

- Since  $R^2 = \sqrt{4\pi g_s^B \alpha'^2 N_1 N_2}$ , we find that:

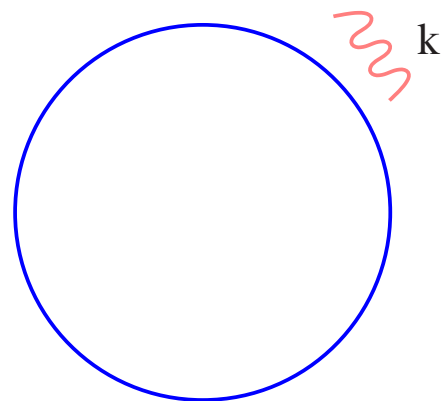
$$\frac{R^2}{N_2} = 2\alpha' \sqrt{\pi g_s^B \frac{N_1}{N_2}} \equiv 2R_-$$

Thus as  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty$  together,  $x^-$  is **periodic** with period  $2\pi R_-$ , where:

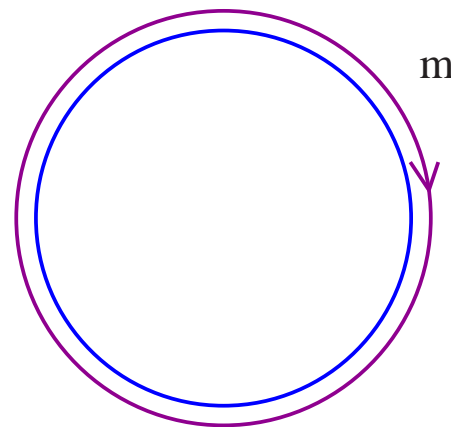
$$R_- \equiv \frac{\alpha'}{2} g_{\text{YM}} \sqrt{\frac{N_1}{N_2}}$$



- Since the lightlike direction  $x^-$  is periodic, the corresponding light-cone momentum  $p^+$  is quantized in units of  $\frac{1}{R_-}$ .
- In other words, we are doing a **Discrete Light-Cone Quantization (DLCQ)** of the string on a pp-wave background.
- As is well-known, the theory then splits into **sectors**, labelled by the discrete number of light-cone quanta  $k$ . This is always a **positive integer**.
- There can also be **winding modes** of the string on the null direction, which we label by an integer  $m$ .



Momentum



Winding

### 3. Proposal: Gauge Theory Description of DLCQ String

- We now address the construction of **string states** in the DLCQ pp-wave background starting from the moose/quiver gauge theory.
- The first step is to identify the desired quantum numbers. Recall that

$$H = 2p^- = \Delta - J_\chi$$

where  $J_\chi$  generates rotations of the angle  $\chi$  that appears in:

$$x^+ = \frac{1}{2}(t + \chi), \quad x^- = \frac{R^2}{2}(t - \chi)$$

- What is this generator in the gauge theory? It is easy to see that

$$J_\chi = N_2 J + J'$$

where

$$J : \quad A_I \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\beta}{2N_2}} A_I, \quad B_I \rightarrow e^{-\frac{i\beta}{2N_2}} B_I \quad (\text{global non-R symmetry})$$

$$J' : \quad A_I \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\beta}{2}} A_I, \quad B_I \rightarrow e^{\frac{i\beta}{2}} B_I \quad (\text{R-symmetry})$$

- Thus we have:

$$H = 2p^- = \Delta - N_2 J - J'$$

$$2p^+ = \frac{\Delta + N_2 J + J'}{R^2}$$

- Note that the fundamental fields have no **anomalous dimensions** in this theory. So the dimensions  $\Delta$  are their free-field values.
- Thus we find:

	$\Delta$	$J$	$J'$	$H$
$A_I$	1	$\frac{1}{2N_2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$B_I$	1	$-\frac{1}{2N_2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
$\Phi_I$	1	0	0	1
$\bar{A}_I$	1	$-\frac{1}{2N_2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	2
$\bar{B}_I$	1	$\frac{1}{2N_2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1
$\bar{\Phi}_I$	1	0	0	1

- Now we can construct the gauge theory operator that corresponds to the **ground state** of the dual string theory.
- It must have  $H = 0$ , therefore it has to be constructed out of the  $A_I$  alone.
- As these fields are bi-fundamentals, the **simplest** gauge-invariant operator that can be made out of them is:

$$\text{tr}(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_2})$$

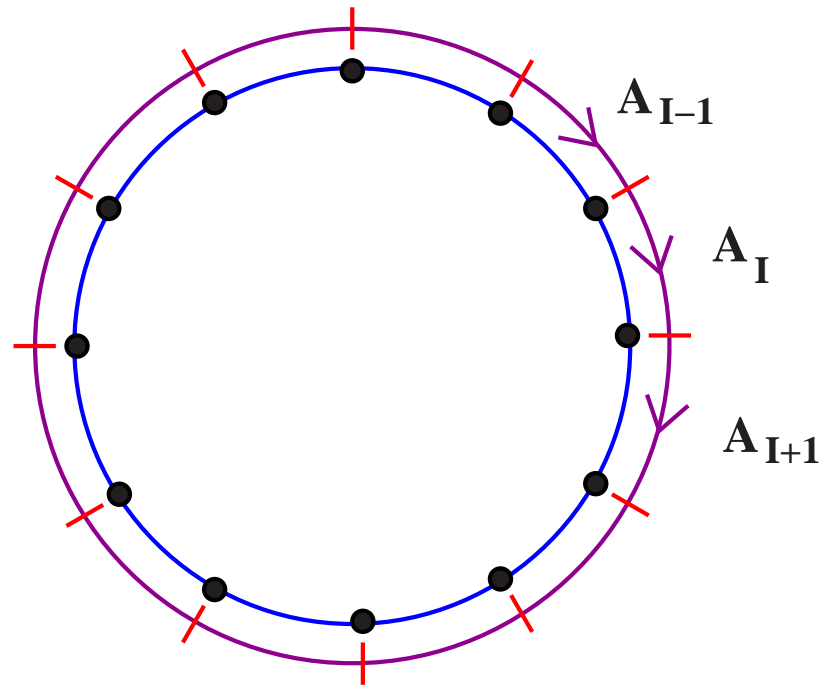
- This operator has  $H = 0$  and  $\Delta = N_2$ . This implies that

$$2p^+ = 2\frac{N_2}{R^2} = \frac{1}{R_-}$$

- Hence we can identify it with the **string ground state** in the sector with **one unit of DLCQ momentum** (and no winding):

$$|k = 1, m = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \text{tr}(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_2})$$

- Pictorially, this operator is a “string” of fields that are “winding” around the quiver diagram.



- But in the string theory this is a **momentum** state!

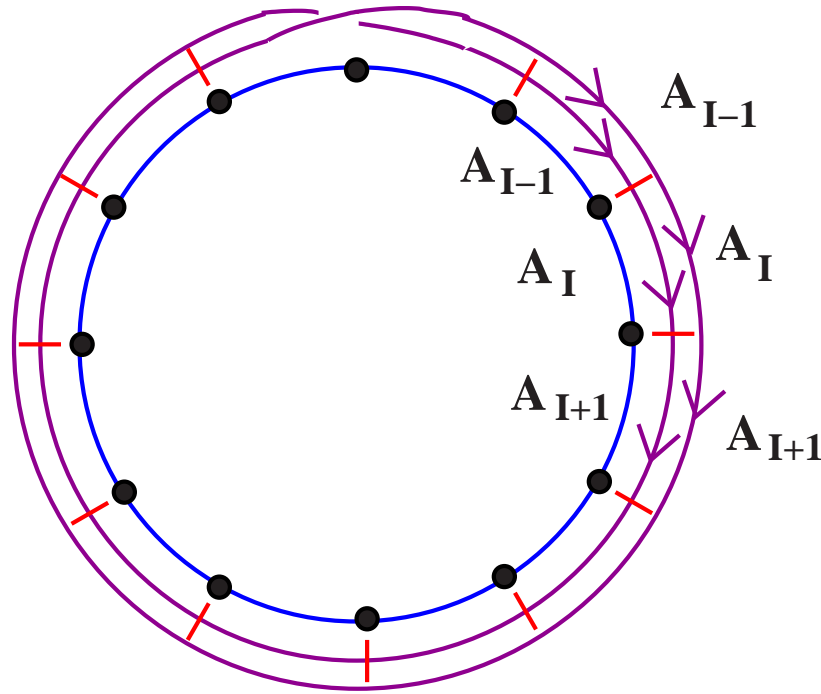
We will see later that this has a beautiful physical interpretation.

- Now it is easy to construct all the DLCQ momentum states. We have:

$$|k, m = 0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}^k}} \text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_2})^k$$

for any positive integer  $k$ . They all have  $H = 0$ .

- For example, the state  $|k = 2, m\rangle$  looks like:



- The next step is to construct the **zero-mode** string oscillator states. These should have light-cone Hamiltonian  $H = 1$ .
- From the table, it is clear that we can admit precisely **one** insertion of:

$$\Phi_I, \bar{\Phi}_I, B_I, B_I$$

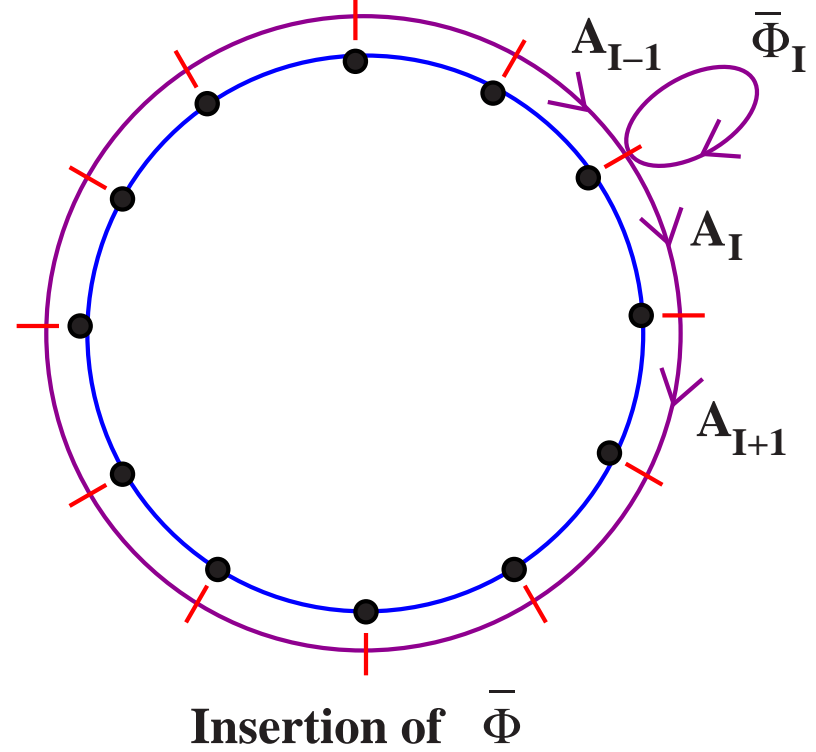
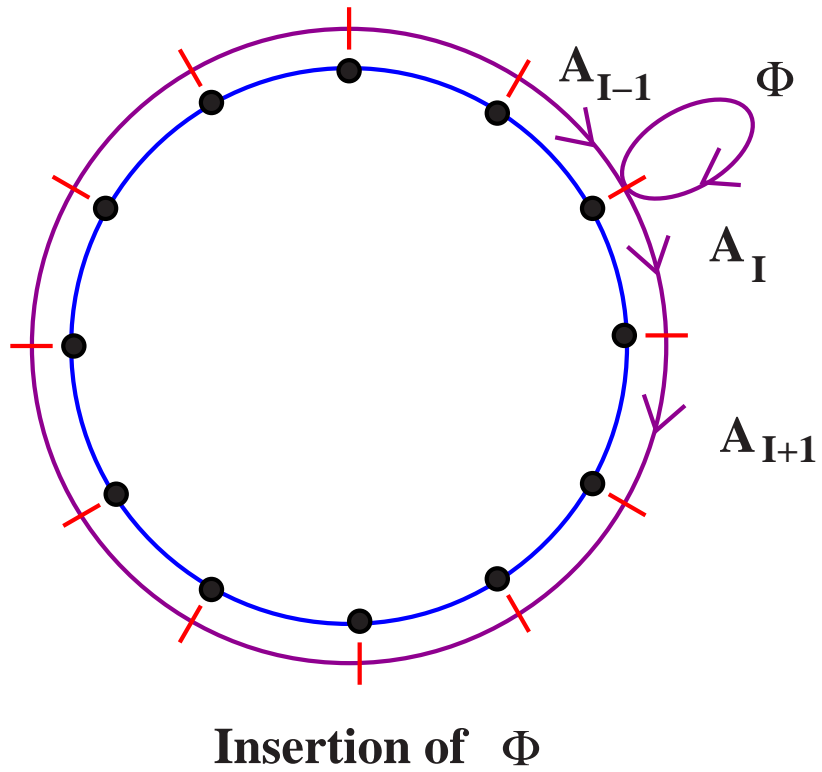
each of which has  $H = 1$ .

- The **representations** of these fields:

$$\Phi : \text{adjoint}, \quad B : \text{bi-fundamental}$$

constrain what gauge-invariant operators can be written down.

- Some of the  $H = 1$  operators constructed in this way are illustrated as follows:





- For example, on the  $k = 1$  DLCQ ground state we can build the operator:

$$\text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{I-1} \Phi_I A_I \cdots A_{N_2})$$

- Invariance under the orbifold group  $Z_{N_2}$  is achieved by summing over the insertion point. Thus we propose:

$$a_{\Phi,0}^\dagger |k = 1, m = 0\rangle \sim \sum_{I=1}^{N_2} \text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{I-1} \Phi_I A_I \cdots A_{N_2})$$

and similarly for  $\bar{\Phi}, A_I B_I, \bar{B}_I$ .

- Another four are given by:

$$\partial_i \text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_2})$$

Thus for  $k = 1$ , we have identified the 8 zero-mode bosonic oscillators of the string. For general  $k$ , the construction is analogous.

- String oscillators with **nonzero mode number** can be obtained by inserting phases.
- However, we will see that in our model, this automatically introduces **winding states** as well.
- In DLCQ string theories, it is well-known that the constraint  $L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = 0$  is replaced, in the sector of momentum  $k$  and winding  $m$ , by:

$$L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = km$$

- This leads to the identification:

$$a_{\Phi, m}^\dagger |k=1, m\rangle = \sum_{I=1}^{N_2} \text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{I-1} \Phi_I A_I \cdots A_{N_2}) \omega^{mI}$$

where

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N_2}}$$

- The general winding state in the sector of DLCQ momentum 1 is then:

$$\prod_{i=1}^M a_{\Phi, n_i}^\dagger |k=1, m\rangle = \sum_{l_M \geq \dots \geq l_2 \geq l_1}^{N_2} \text{tr} (A_1 \cdots A_{l_1-1} \Phi_{l_1} \cdots A_{l_i-1} \Phi_{l_i} A_{l_i} \cdots A_{N_2}) \omega^{\sum n_i l_i}$$

where the winding number  $m$  is defined as the sum of the mode numbers  $n_i$ :

$$m \equiv \sum_i n_i.$$

- The gauge theory operators that describe the sector with DLCQ momentum  $k > 1$  are generalizations of the above. For example,

$$a_{\Phi, n}^\dagger |k=2, m\rangle = \sum_{I=1}^{2N_2} \text{tr} (A_1 \cdots A_{I-1} \Phi_I A_I \cdots A_{N_2} A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_2}) \omega^{nI}$$

where now

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2N_2}} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \frac{n}{2}$$

It is easy to show that the above state vanishes for odd  $n$ , an important consistency check.

- We see that the **DLCQ winding states**, represented as gauge theory operators, look like **momentum states** on the large moose.
- And we already saw that the **DLCQ momentum states** look like **winding states** on the large moose.
- This is suggestive of **T-duality**.

## 4. Dual: Non-Relativistic Strings and Membranes

- One can gain more insight into our construction by performing a **T-duality** over the lightlike DLCQ direction.
- The periodicity of the  $x^-$  direction is a remnant of the combined periodicities in the angles  $\chi$  and  $\phi$ , exhibited earlier.
- Before taking the limit  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , the periodic direction was **space-like**. Hence one can perform a T-duality along this direction.
- Let us go back to the original  $AdS_5 \times S^5/Z_{N_2}$  metric and write down only the terms in the  $t$  and  $\chi$  directions (i.e., ignoring the **transverse space**):

$$ds^2 = R^2 \left[ -\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + \cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \gamma d\chi^2 \right]$$

- Now we make the original replacements for  $\chi, \rho, \alpha, \gamma$  in terms of the pp-wave-adapted coordinates:

$$x^- = \frac{R^2}{2} (t - \chi), \quad r = \rho R, \quad x = \alpha R, \quad y = \gamma R$$

- We **do not** yet take the limit  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , so the metric becomes:

$$ds^2 = R^2 \left( \cos^2 \frac{w}{R} \cos^2 \frac{y}{R} - \cosh^2 \frac{r}{R} \right) dt^2 - 4 \cos^2 \frac{w}{R} \cos^2 \frac{y}{R} dt dx^- \\ + \frac{4}{R^2} \cos^2 \frac{w}{R} \cos^2 \frac{y}{R} (dx^-)^2$$

- This procedure has introduced a small  $g_{--}$  in the metric, and we can now T-dualize. We end up with the metric:

$$ds^2 = -R^2 \cosh^2 \frac{r}{R} dt^2 + \frac{R^2}{\cos^2 \frac{w}{R} \cos^2 \frac{y}{R}} (dx^9)^2$$

along with a B-field and dilaton:

$$B_{t9} = -R^2, \quad g_s^A = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'} R}{R_- \cos \frac{w}{R} \cos \frac{y}{R}}$$

Here  $2x^9$  is the T-dual of  $x^-$ .

- Note that  $x^9$  now has period  $2\pi\frac{\alpha'}{R_-}$ , with as before:

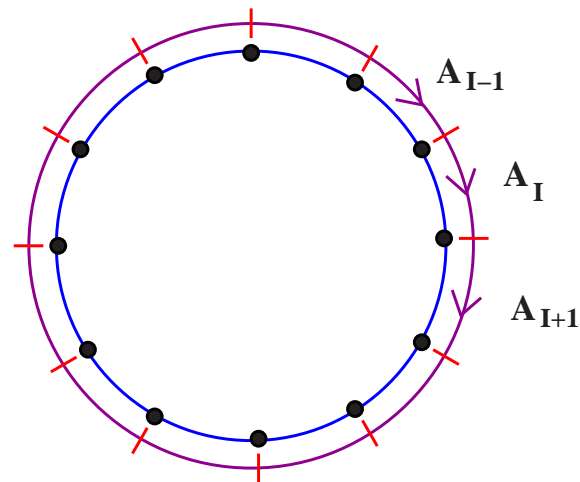
$$R_- = \frac{\alpha'}{2} g_{\text{YM}} \sqrt{\frac{N_1}{N_2}}$$

- There are also **Ramond-Ramond** fields that we do not write here.
- Evidently some components of the metric, and the  $B$ -field and string coupling, become **infinite** as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .
- However, string propagation on this background is finite. The reason is that the  $B$ -field is a **critical electric field** and cancels the leading divergent piece in the string world-sheet action:

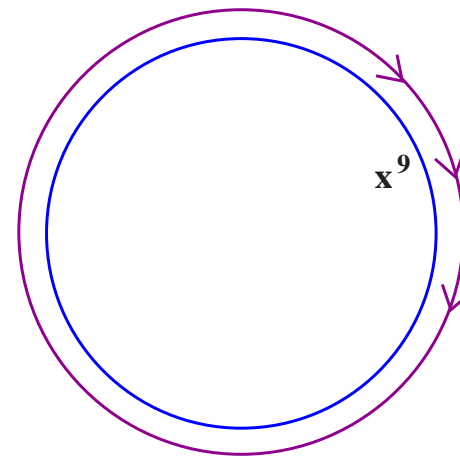
$$\sqrt{-\det(g)} + B = R^2 \frac{\cosh \frac{r}{R}}{\cos \frac{w}{R} \cos \frac{y}{R}} - R^2 \simeq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 (x^i)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right)$$

- This is just the **non-relativistic string** propagating in a background with a Newtonian potential of harmonic-oscillator type.

- It is well-known that in a critical electric field with the above scaling, closed strings winding in the direction of the field are **light**, while the others are **heavy**.
- So the non-relativistic closed string (NRCS) that we have arrived at, has only **positive windings** over the circle.
- The interpretation of our gauge-theory operators winding round the moose is now clear. **They are deconstructing these winding states of the NRCS:**



**Operators winding  
around moose**



**NR string winding  
around spatial circle**



- The string of  $A$ 's had **vanishing energy** for any winding number, like the **light winding strings** of NRCS theory.
- The string of  $\bar{A}$ 's winding the **other** way gives infinitely energetic states as  $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , like the NRCS strings winding the **wrong** way.
- Insertions of phases give the (quantized) **momentum** states of the NR closed string on  $x^9$ . These can have either sign of momentum.

## 5. Comments: Parameters and Couplings

(i) Effective 't Hooft coupling:

In the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  case, this is:

$$\lambda' = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N}{J^2}$$

In the quiver theory we expect:

$$N \rightarrow N_1 N_2, \quad J \rightarrow k N_2$$

hence

$$\lambda' = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_1}{k^2 N_2} = \left( \frac{2R_-}{k} \right)^2$$

where we recall that

$$R_- \equiv \frac{1}{2} g_{\text{YM}} \sqrt{\frac{N_1}{N_2}} \quad (\text{in } \alpha' = 1 \text{ units})$$

(ii) Genus expansion parameter:

In the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theory, this is:

$$g_2 = \frac{J^2}{N}$$

In the **quiver theory**, the corresponding object should be:

$$g_2 = k^2 \frac{N_2}{N_1} \sim \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

This can be checked directly by computing all-genus correlators in the **free** quiver gauge theory. For example, one finds:

$$\langle 0 | \text{tr} (A_1 A_2 \dots A_{N_2})^k \text{tr} (\bar{A}_{N_2} \bar{A}_{N_2-1} \dots \bar{A}_1)^{k'} | 0 \rangle = \frac{\delta_{k,k'}}{|x|^{2N_2}} \sum_{l=1}^k \left( \frac{\Gamma(N_1 + l)}{\Gamma(N_1 + l - k)} \right)^{N_2}$$

As  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty$  with fixed ratio, this reduces to:

$$\frac{\delta_{k,k'}}{|x|^{2N_2}} \times 2 \sum_{l=1}^{\frac{k}{2}} \cosh \left\{ \left( l - \frac{(k+1)}{2} \right) k \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right\}$$

This has an expansion in powers of

$$\left( \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right)^2$$

as expected.

## (iii) Effective coupling:

In the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theory there is a combination that describes the **effective coupling** between states of the same  $\Delta - J$  (at small  $\lambda'$ ):

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_2 \sqrt{\lambda'} = g_{\text{YM}} \frac{J}{\sqrt{N}}$$

The corresponding effective coupling in the **quiver** case would then be:

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_{\text{YM}} k \sqrt{\frac{N_2}{N_1}}$$

Let us compare this with the **type IIA NR closed string** coupling, given by the familiar (**NCOS**) formula:

$$g_{\text{NR}} = g_{\text{NCOS}}^2 = g_s^A \sqrt{\frac{\det(g + B)}{\det g}}$$

If we evaluate this on our background, we find a **spatially varying** coupling:

$$g_{\text{NR}} = \frac{g_s^B}{R_-} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^8 (x^i)^2}$$

- Since the string is trapped in a harmonic potential, the states are confined to a **finite region**, and the coupling constant will reduce to:

$$g_{\text{NR}} \sim \frac{g_s^B}{R_-} \sim g_{\text{YM}} \sqrt{\frac{N_2}{N_1}} = g_{\text{eff}}$$

We see that the **effective coupling among a subclass of gauge theory states** can be identified with the effective coupling between the winding NR closed strings.

- By taking this coupling to be large, we go over to **M-theory**. The wound NR string becomes a **non-relativistic membrane** wound over the  $x^9, x^{10}$  directions.

(iv) pp-wave mass parameter  $\mu$ :

In the **noncompact (usual) pp-wave** background, the parameter  $\mu$  can be scaled to any value by rescaling

$$x^+ \rightarrow \Lambda x^+, \quad x^- \rightarrow \Lambda^{-1} x^-$$

for some  $\Lambda$ .

It is also true that in a **flat-space DLCQ** background, the DLCQ radius can be scaled to any value (by the same procedure).

But in the **DLCQ pp-wave**, things are different. We can simultaneously change  $\mu$  and the DLCQ radius  $R_-$  by the above scaling, but not either one separately. This is why there is one physically relevant parameter.

### (v) Deconstruction:

The same quiver gauge theory that we have been discussing was studied last year in a different limit:  $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_1$  fixed, and  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ .

It was proposed that in this limit, taken along the Higgs branch, **two additional dimensions** are dynamically deconstructed and one ends up with the  $(2, 0)$  field theory. This arises as the decoupled theory on **M5-branes**.

We take  $N_1, N_2 \rightarrow \infty$  together with the near-horizon limit of the D3-branes. Also, we zoom in on a lightlike geodesic. This is similar to being in the Higgs branch, because we miss the orbifold singularity.

Our final result is a DLCQ pp-wave of radius  $\sim \sqrt{N_1/N_2}$ , or a Galilean string/membrane wrapped on a circle/torus of radius  $\sim \sqrt{N_2/N_1}$ .

It is not clear if conventional deconstruction can be obtained from this as  $N_2/N_1 \rightarrow \infty$ .



## 6. Conclusions

- **Large quiver** theories give a nontrivial generalization of the gauge/pp-wave correspondence. They describe the **Discrete Light Cone Quantization** of type IIB string theory on a pp-wave background.
- They also **deconstruct** the **non-relativistic** closed string/membrane. The operator wrapping the moose once is a **DLCQ string bit**.
- It is clearly of interest to study **string interactions** in this model. For small values of  $k$ , the formulae should be **simpler** and hopefully we can check more.
- Another open problem is to directly study the **non-relativistic string in a potential** and compare it with gauge theory.
- But there is a more important **conceptual** question: DLCQ is often associated to a **fundamental** formulation of a theory (as with **M(atrix) Theory**). Is there such a fundamental formulation – **M(oose) Theory** – hidden here?



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