

# Toward a superpotential for the Papadopoulos–Tseytlin ansatz.

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## Introduction and motivation.

- Several illustrious solutions based on the **conifold**. Great insight into physics of strongly coupled gauge theories.
- Share some properties:
  - Poincaré symmetric in 4d  $\Rightarrow$  **Domain Wall**.
  - Preserve  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  **susy**.
  - Attainable from the **PT ansatz**. Known (empirical) superpotentials.
- Supersymmetrization of the PT ansatz. It's an  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  **gauged sugra**.
- Systematic, unifying picture for these solutions? Sugra origin for the superpotentials?

- We are led consider 1/4 BPS Domain Walls of 5d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  gauged sugra.
- Similar to how the FGPW flow was understood in  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  [Ceresole, Dall'Agata, Kallosh, Van Proeyen '01].
- A general, methodical procedure can give new solutions.
- If the sugra is a consistent truncation: solution of string theory!

# Domain Walls

- Start from

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_d^2} \int \left[ R - G_{xy}(\phi) d\phi^x \lrcorner d\phi^y - 2V(\phi) \right] *_d 1$$

- Gravity solutions with (d-1)-dimensional Poincaré invariance

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + a^2(r) \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

supported by radial-dependent scalars.

- Special class: **BPS**

$$V = \frac{d-2}{2} \left[ (d-2) G^{xy} \partial_x W \partial_y W - (d-1) W^2 \right]$$

- The quantity  $W$  is called (fake) **Superpotential**. Gives **1<sup>st</sup> order equations!**

$$\frac{a'}{a} = \pm W, \quad \phi^{x'} = \mp (d-2) G^{xy} \partial_y W$$

- The e.o.m.'s follow. Stability is ensured.
- In the sugra context, these are BPS equations coming from **vanishing of fermionic variations**.
- Conifold solutions are susy and admit superpotential. BPS Domain Walls of a suitable sugra?

# $\mathcal{N} = 4$ d=5 supergravity.

- The theory is characterized by the **number of vectors** and the **gauging**. Gravity multiplet  $\{g, 6 A, \sigma\}$  and vector-tensor multiplet  $\{A, 5 \Phi\}$ .
- The **scalar manifold** is

$$SO(1, 1) \times \frac{SO(5, n)}{SO(5) \times SO(n)}$$

- Gauging described by **embedding tensor** [Schön, Weidner '06];

$$\Theta \supset f^{MNR}, \quad \xi^{MN}, \quad \cancel{\xi^M}.$$

- Fermionic variations read schematically (in DW ansatz)

$$\delta\psi = \frac{a'}{a}\epsilon + P\epsilon$$

$$\delta\chi = \sigma'\epsilon + \partial_\sigma P\epsilon$$

$$\delta\lambda = \phi'_x\epsilon + D_x P\epsilon + K_x\epsilon$$

- Gauging information contained in the **gravitino shift matrix**

$$P = P(\sigma, \phi^x) \quad \supset \quad f^{MNR}, \quad \xi^{MN}$$

- Vanishing of variations will give:
  - Superpotential and **BPS equations**.
  - Projectors** describing the embedding of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  into  $\mathcal{N} = 4$ .
  - Algebraic constraints** involving the scalars.



- R-symmetry is  $USp(4) \simeq SO(5)$ . Choose preferred direction with a **vector**  $\mathcal{A}$  that breaks

$$SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4) \simeq SU(2)_+ \times SU(2)_-$$

- Simultaneously  $\mathcal{A}$  defines a **chirality**. Project to singlets under one of the  $SU(2)$ 's.
- We are left with one  $SU(2)$ , situation similar to the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  case.
- Distinguished  **$USp(4)$  matrix**  $P_{ab}$ . We can form a vector

$$\mathcal{A}^a \sim \epsilon^{abcde} P_{bc} P_{de}$$

- Gravitino variation solved by the **projectors**

$$\mathcal{A}\epsilon = \epsilon$$

that selects the  $SU(2)_+$  subspace, and

$$P\epsilon = W\epsilon = \frac{a'}{a}\epsilon$$

that singles out one of the residual spinors as required for **1/4 BPS**.

- The superpotential reads

$$W = \pm\sqrt{2 \operatorname{Tr} P^2 \pm X}$$

with

$$X = \sqrt{8[\operatorname{Tr} P^2]^2 - 16 \operatorname{Tr} P^4}$$

- Dilatino and gaugino variations yield BPS equations plus algebraic constraints ( $\partial_\sigma \mathcal{A} = 0 = \partial_\sigma(P/W) \dots$ ).

## Type IIB on squashed SE.

- Is an  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  sugra with 2 vectors [Cassani, Dall'Agata, AF '10], [Gauntlett, Varela '10].
- Explicit embedding tensor: we can construct P and the rest of the quantities.
- Reduces to 3 non-trivial modes:

$$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{W}^2), \quad (\textit{first}) \quad \text{Tr}(\mathcal{W}^2 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2) \quad (\textit{first and last})$$

- One has to kill the (irrelevant,  $\Delta = 8$ ) D-term source for AdS asymptotics.

- Most general DW based on SE takes the D3-brane form

$$ds^2 = h^{-1/2}(\rho) ds^2(M_4) + h^{1/2}(\rho) ds^2(M_6)$$

with transverse space

$$ds^2(M_6) = \frac{e^{2\rho}}{(1 - V_0 e^{-6\rho})^{2/3}} [d\rho^2 + \eta^2 + (1 - V_0 e^{-6\rho}) ds^2(B_{KE})]$$

- CY with blown-up 4-cycle at  $V_0$  [Benvenuti, Mahato, Pando-Zayas, Tachikawa '05].
- Reduces in appropriate limits to known solutions (GPPZ, [Benini, Canoura, Cremonesi, Nuñez, Ramallo '06])

## $T^{1,1}$ within the PT ansatz.

- Type IIB on  $T^{1,1}$  is  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  with 3 vectors [Cassani, AF '10], [Bena, Giecold, Graña, Halmagyi, Orsi '10].
- PT ansatz is a subsector of it (consistent truncation).
- Contains 2 fluxes  $\{P, Q\}$  and 9 scalars  $\{p, x, g, a, b, h_1, h_2, K, \chi\}$ . Some have nice geometric interpretation.
- Algebraic constraints can be used to put  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  in terms of the rest. Satisfied in the known susy solutions.
- Taking this into account

$$W = e^{-2p-2x-g} a S + e^{4p} S^{-1} [C + e^{-2x+\phi} P^2 (b - C) (b C - 1)]$$

with

$$C \equiv \frac{1 + a^2 + e^{2g}}{2a} \quad S \equiv \frac{\sqrt{a^4 + 2a^2(-1 + e^{2g}) + (1 + e^{2g})^2}}{2a}$$

- Can be thought of as a **superpotential for the baryonic branch** (supplemented with the algebraic constraints).
- Reduces to the ones given in PT in the pertinent limits except for [Pando-Zayas, Tseytlin '00]. It is **non-susy!**
- The susy superpotential is

$$W = e^{-2p-2x} \cosh y + e^{4p} + e^{4p-2x} \sqrt{e^{2x+\phi} P^2 \sinh^2 y + \frac{1}{4}[Q + P(f_1 - f_2)]^2}$$

Solution related to **fractional D3-branes** on the **resolved conifold**.

- Numeric solutions (IR singular). The uplifted projectors show **Myers effect**

$$\epsilon - \frac{1}{8} \Gamma^{0123} \Gamma^{AB} J_{AB} \epsilon = 0$$

$$\epsilon - i \Gamma^{0123} \left( \cos \beta \epsilon + \sin \beta \frac{1}{8} \Gamma^{AB} J_{AB} \epsilon^c \right) = 0$$

## Summary and conclusions.

- General construction of 1/4 BPS Domain Walls in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  sugra. **Unifying picture** for susy solutions on the conifold. **Superpotential** for the **baryonic branch**.
- **New solutions**: general SE and susy resolved conifold. Include modes outside PT.
- Inspiration for fake superpotentials and non-susy solutions.
- Application to other consistent truncations (Romans  $SU(2) \times U(1)$ ).
- Similar constructions in  $d=4$ .