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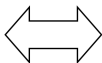
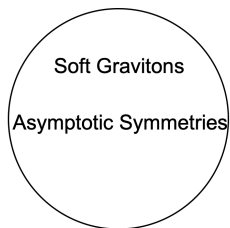
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M Theory in 11D flat space



Matrix Quantum Mechanics

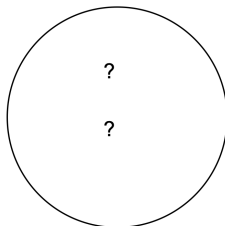


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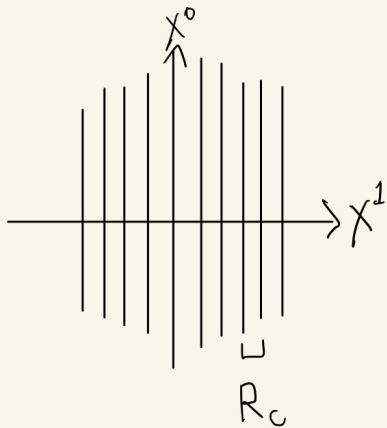
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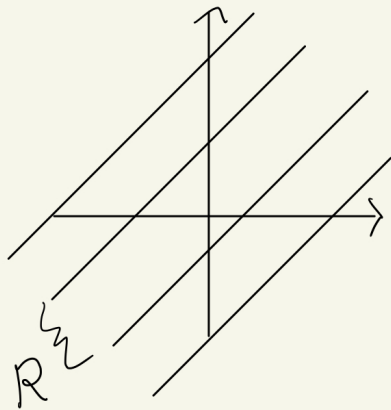
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- 4 Therefore, 11D gravitons in M-theory with momentum around compact direction are bound state clumps of D0 branes in 10D.

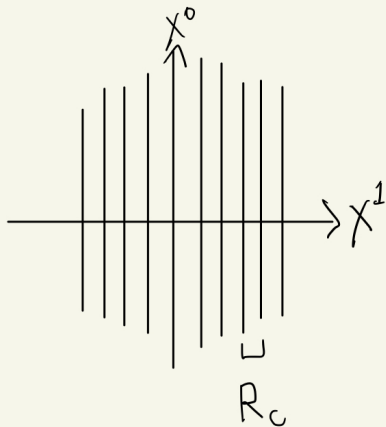
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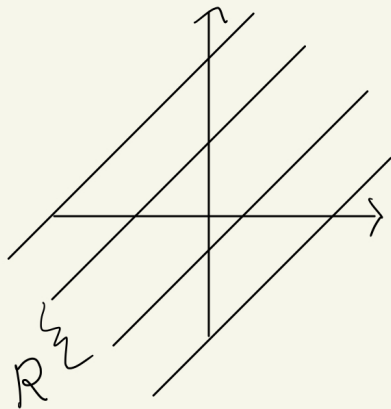
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If boost is big, recover whole space!

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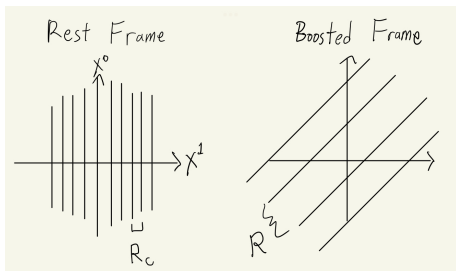
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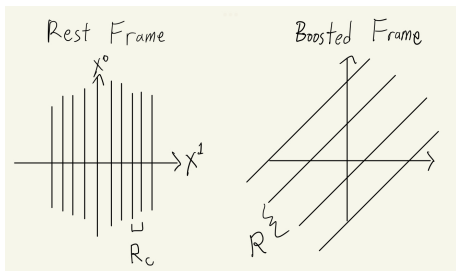
(polarization data stored in fermions)



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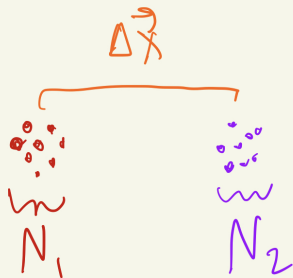
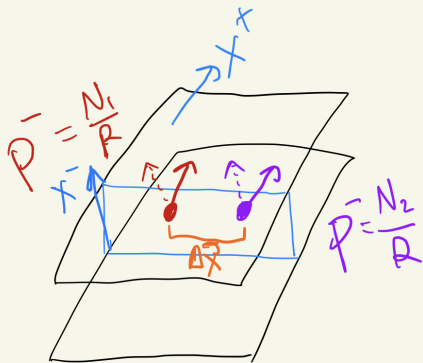


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Graviton with N units of momentum is bound state of N D0 branes. Because of heavy boosting, rest mass in 10D theory is huge, D0 branes are non relativistic, $P^\perp/M \ll 1$.



supergravitons

D0-branes

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$$H = \frac{R}{2} \text{Tr} \left[P^l P^l - \frac{1}{2(2\pi l_p^3)^2} [X^l, X^J][X^l, X^J] - \frac{1}{2\pi l_p^3} \Psi^T \Gamma^l [\Psi] \right]$$

with constraint on physical states to be $U(N)$ invariant

$$f_{ABC} (X_B^l P_C^l - \frac{i}{2} \Psi_B^\alpha \Psi_C^\alpha) |\psi_{\text{phys}}\rangle = 0$$

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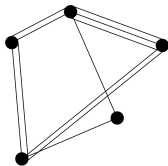
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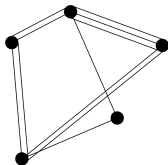
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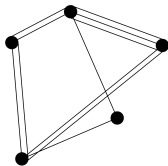
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- 5 This can be considered a theory of emergent spacetime if you like.

Attraction of far separated clumps comes from strings being in ground states with some associated ground state energy which depends on relative distance and velocity of clumps.

The Galillei Lie algebra has the generators

p^i	spatial translations
h	time translation
l_{ij}	rotations
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Note that this has the central element $[m x_{CM}^i, p^j] = im$. The Poincare lie algebra has the generators

P_i	transverse translations
$P_+ = H$	X^+ translation
P_-	X^- translation
L_{ij}	transverse rotations
L_{iz}	rotation in (x^i, z) plane
K_{0z}	boost in z -direction
K_{0i}	boost in x^i -direction.

The Galilei Lie algebra is a subalgebra of the Poincare Lie Algebra if we make the identifications

$$\begin{aligned}P_i &\longleftrightarrow p_i \\P_+ = H &\longleftrightarrow h \\P_- &\longleftrightarrow m \\L_{ij} &\longleftrightarrow l_{ij} \\B_i = \frac{K_{0i} - L_{zi}}{\sqrt{2}} &\longleftrightarrow mx_{CM}^i\end{aligned}$$

Note that the Galilean boosts B_i are (real) combinations of the conformal primary operators $L_1 \pm \bar{L}_1$.

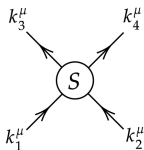
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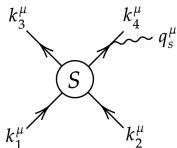
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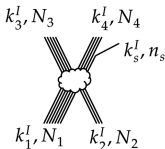
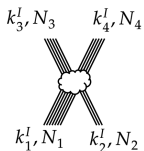
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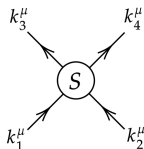
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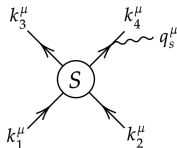
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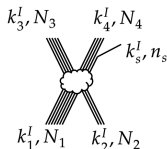
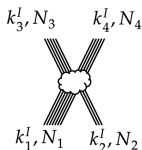
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soft graviton = D0 brane clump with few D0 branes

	M-theory	BFSS
Soft Limit	$\omega_s/\omega_j \rightarrow 0$	$N_s/N_j \rightarrow 0$
Leading Soft Term	$\frac{\kappa}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^s \sum_j \eta_j \frac{k_j^\mu k_j^\nu}{q_s \cdot k_j}$	$\kappa \sum_j \eta_j \frac{N_j}{N_s} e_{IJ} \mathcal{I}^{IJ}$
Subleading Terms	Expansion in $\frac{\omega_s}{\omega_j}$	Expansion in $\frac{1}{N}$
Asymptotic Symmetry	Supertranslations	Large gauge transformations of RR 1-form gauge field

Linking of infrared divergences— flat directions in the potential and soft gravitons

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soft part (adds soft graviton)

hard part (shifts hard particles)

$$q_s^\mu = \omega_s \hat{q}_s^\mu = \frac{\omega_s}{2} (1 + v_s^2, 2v_s^I, 1 - v_s^2).$$

$$\epsilon_{IJ}^{\mu\nu}(v) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_I^\mu \epsilon_J^\nu + \epsilon_I^\nu \epsilon_J^\mu) - \frac{1}{d} \delta_{IJ} \epsilon_K^\mu \epsilon^{K\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon_J^\mu(v) \equiv \partial_J \hat{q}_s^\mu$$

$$\epsilon_s^{\mu\nu} = e^{IJ} \epsilon_{IJ}^{\mu\nu}$$

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Therefore this is more like the soft *photon* theorem!

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Must only depend on “rays” in asymptotic region

$$\theta(t, \vec{x}) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \theta(t, \vec{x}) = \theta(\vec{x}/t)$$

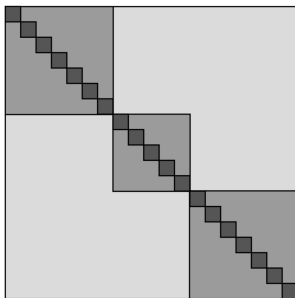
Can couple matrix model to background gauge field with the following coupling:

$$S_{RR}[C_\mu] = \int dt \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\partial_{l_1} \cdots \partial_{l_n} C_\mu(t, \vec{0})) I^{\mu(l_1 \cdots l_n)}$$

$$I^{\mu(l_1 \cdots l_n)} = \text{Tr}(\text{Sym}(I^\mu, X^{l_1}, \dots, X^{l_n})) + I_{\mathbb{F}}^{\mu(l_1 \cdots l_n)}$$

where

$$I^\mu = (\mathbf{1}/R, \dot{X}^I/R).$$



$t^{-1/2}$

t^0

t

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Very strange that supertranslations in 11D are completely captured by large *nonrelativistic* gauge transformations in 10D... Fascinating example of duality of non-trivial two-sided asymptotic symmetry

Thank you!