

# Extended Gauge Theory Deformations from Flux Backgrounds

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# 0.0 Our motivation

- String theory is a good laboratory for various gauge theories
- Stringy realization of some supersymmetric gauge theories

[e.g. Witten '97]

# 0.1 Our method = probe brane

- Construct different gauge theories from the same deformed background.
  - *where to embed a brane, dim. of the brane*
  - *a web via S/T-duality*
  - *~~old-fashioned but simple~~*
  - *understand microscopic descriptions*

Recently, in another group,

[Choi, Fernández-Melgarejo, Sugimoto '17,'18]

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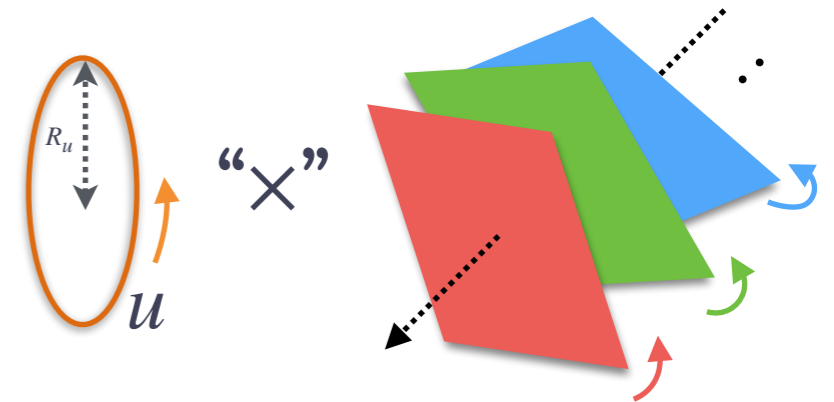
- **Calculation of Seiberg-Witten prepotentials** [Nekrasov '02]
- **Some correspondences**
  - **4d-2d** [Alday, Giotto, and Tachikawa '10]
  - **Gauge/Bethe** [Nekrasov, Shatashvili '09]
- **Topological amplitudes** [Antoniadis, Hohenegger, Narain, Taylor '10, Moskovic and Assi '16]  
[Angelantonj, Ignatios, Samsonyan '17]

etc...

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- Calculation of Seiberg-Witten prepotentials [Nekrasov '02]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Ru \simeq Ru + 2\pi R \\ \theta_i \simeq \theta_i + \varepsilon_i Ru \end{array} \right.$$



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[Hellerman, Orlando, and Reffert '11, '12]

## T-dual of $\Omega$ -background:

Start from 10d locally flat bgr:

$$ds_{10}^2 = -(dx^0)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^4 dx^i dx^i + du^2 + \sum_{j=1}^2 d\rho_j^2 + \rho_j^2 \theta_j^2$$

no  $\Phi$

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**non-zero  $\Phi$  and  $B_2$**

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$$\begin{aligned}
 ds_{10}^2 &= -(dx^0)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^4 dx^i dx^i + \sum_{j=6}^9 dx^I dx^I \\
 &\quad + \frac{d\tilde{u}^2 - U_I U_J dx^I dx^J}{1 + U^K U_K} \\
 B_2 &= \frac{U_I dx^I}{1 + U^J U_J} \wedge d\tilde{u} \\
 \Phi &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + U^I U_I) \quad U_I dx^I = \varepsilon_1(x^6 dx^7 - x^7 dx^6) + \varepsilon_2(x^8 dx^9 - x^9 dx^8) \\
 &\quad = \frac{1}{2} \omega_{IJ} x^I dx^J \\
 &\quad \omega_{IJ} \text{ : anti-symmetric matrix}
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**Today:**  $\varepsilon_i$  **NOT** on the probe brane

but we obtain a **different** type of gauge theories (not mass-deformed)

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# **2. Geometric Engineering**

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**Point:**

In[1] = NSNS 3-form flux in IIA  
Out[1] = RR 3-form field in IIA



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*M*-theory Lift

w/ three-form

Reduce on  $x^4$

IIA: non-zero  $\Phi$  and  $C_3$

T-duality

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IIA: no  $\Phi$  but non-zero  $C_4$

T-dualities

IIA: non-zero  $\Phi$  and  $C_2$

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$\Omega$ -deformation then T-duality

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon$$

IIA: locally *flat*, no  $\Phi$ , no  $B_2$

Lift  $+ x^{10}$



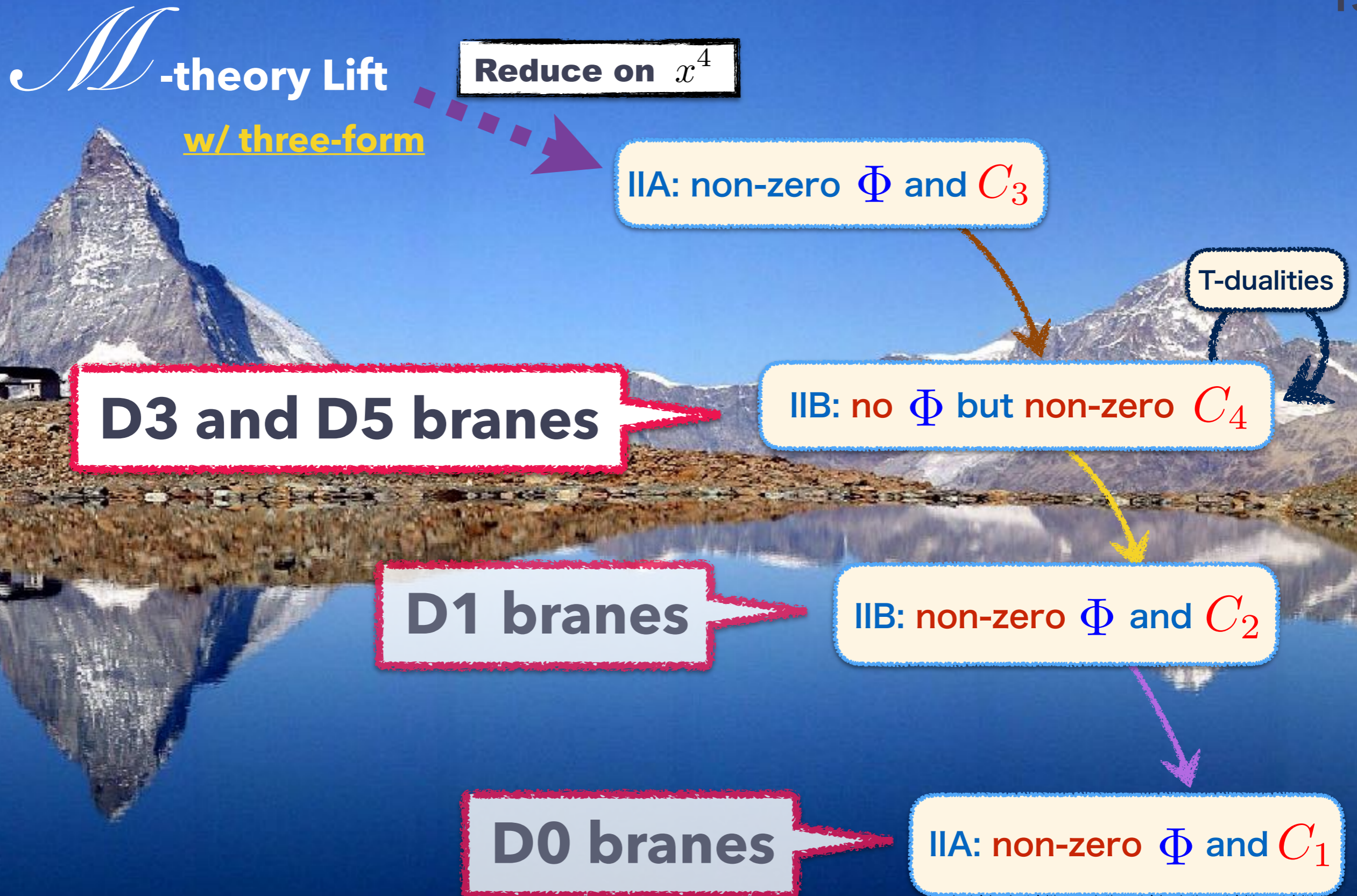
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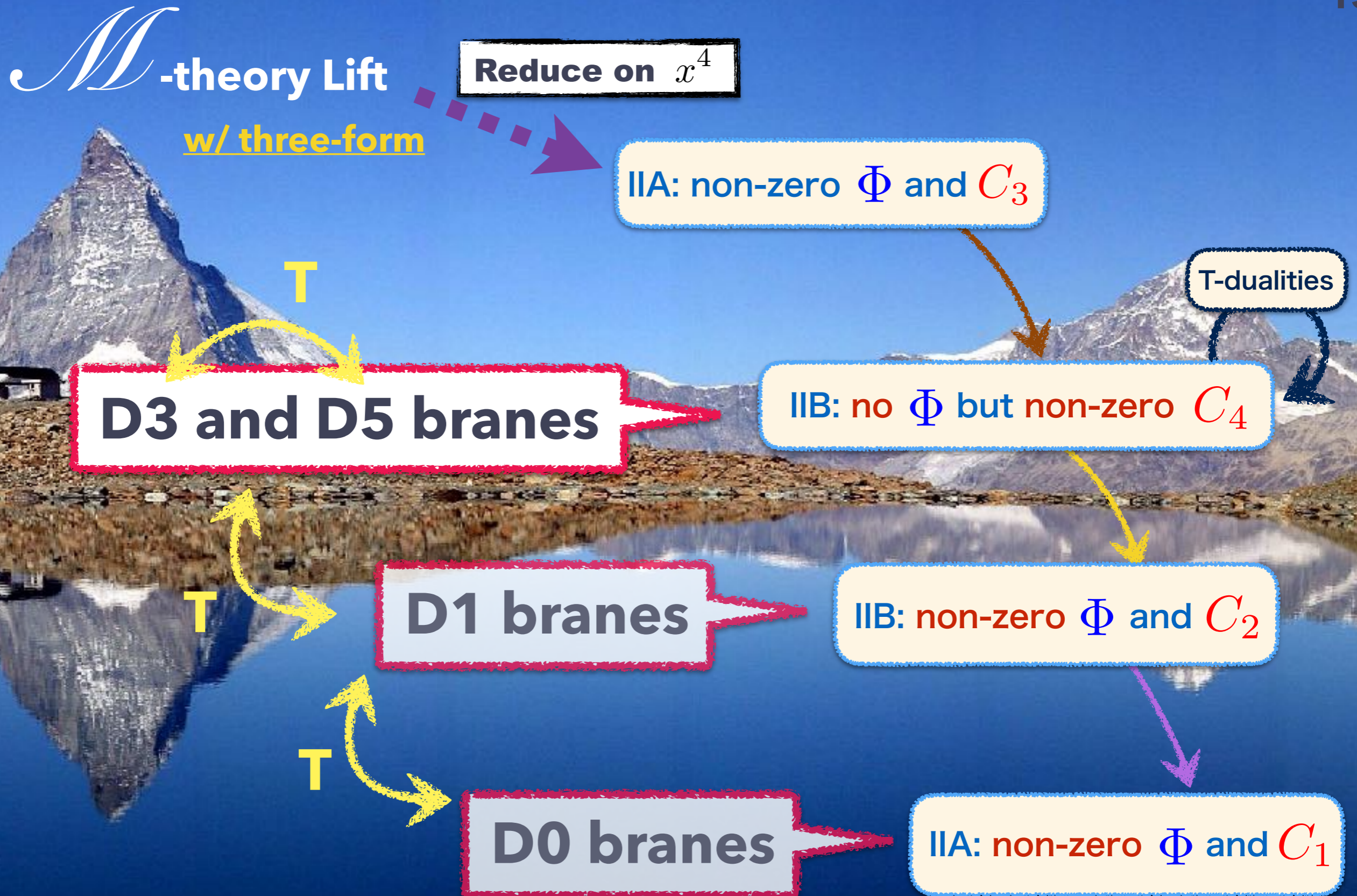
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## 2.4.1 Representative: Background w/ RR four-form (for D5)

Index notation:  $(x^{\alpha}, x^{\beta}, x^a, x^b, x^I, x^J)$   
 $(x^0, x^1, x^5, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^6, x^7, x^8, x^9)$   $\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag}(-, +, +)$

$$ds_{10}^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^{\alpha} dx^{\beta} + g_{ab} dx^a dx^b + g_{IJ} dx^I dx^J$$

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$$U_I = \frac{1}{2} \omega_{JI} x^J$$



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$$\omega_{IJ} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\varepsilon & 0 & 0 \\ \varepsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \varepsilon \\ 0 & 0 & -\varepsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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anti-self-dual for  $\star_6$

↓ anti-self-dual for  $\star_4$

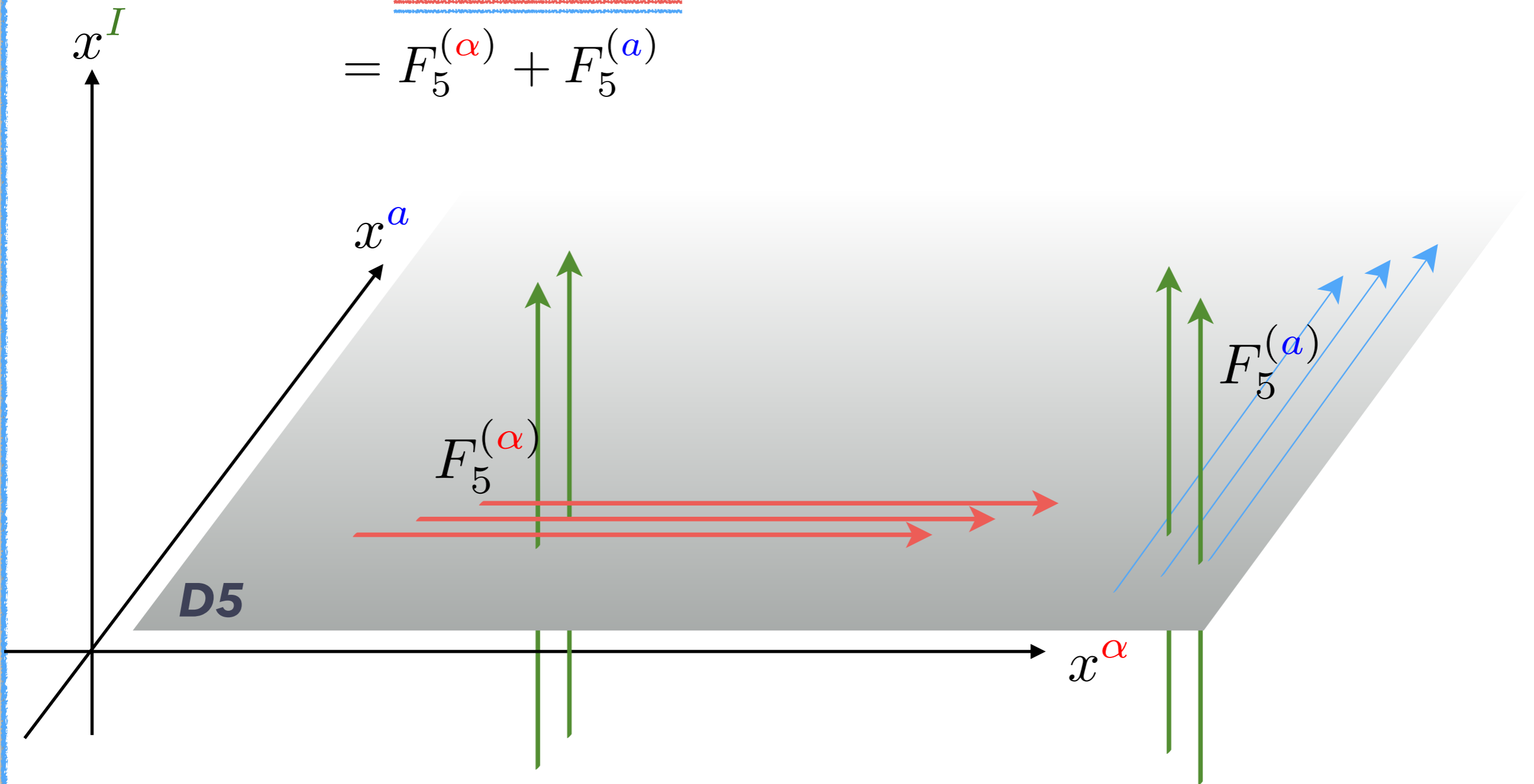
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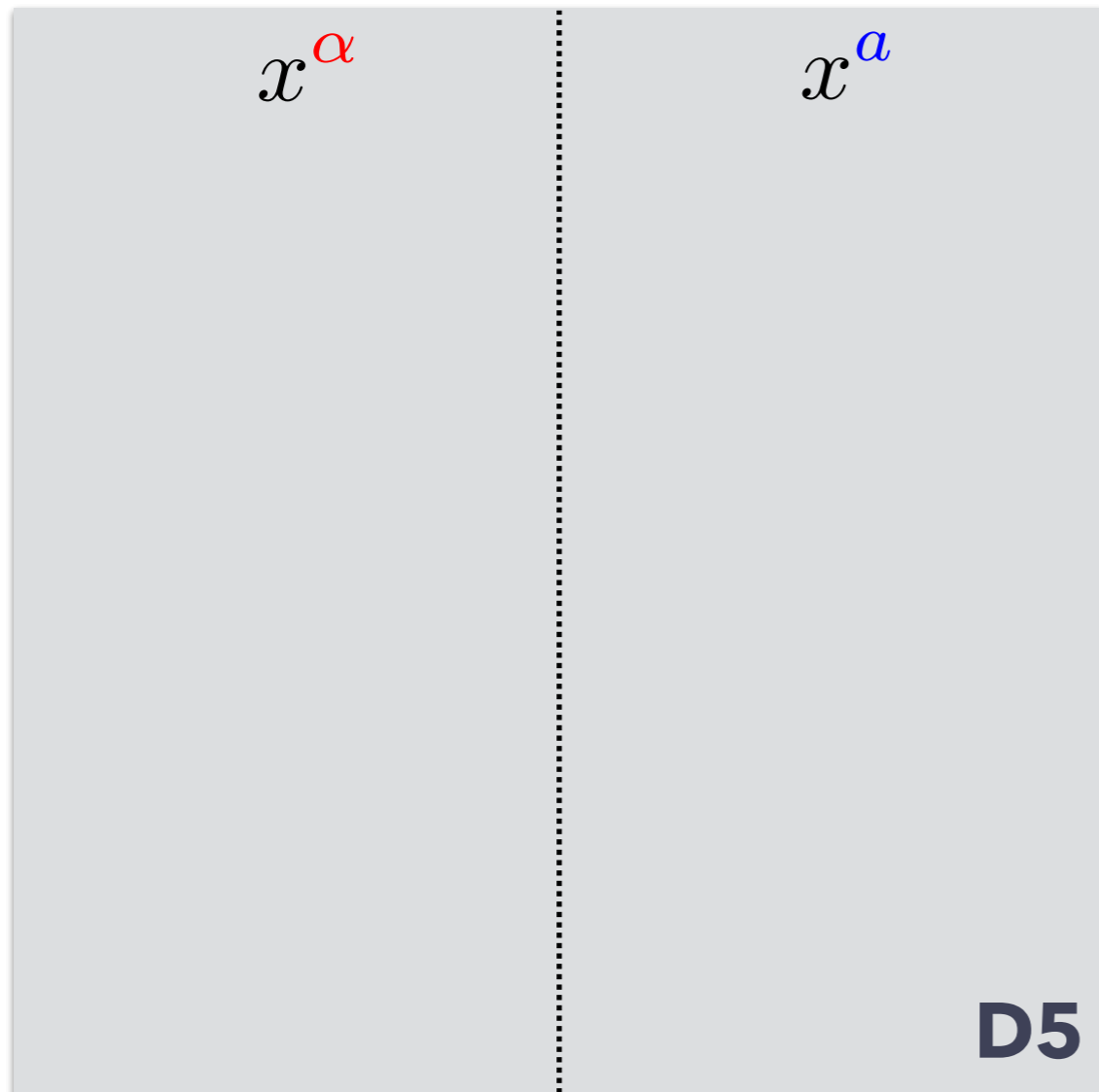


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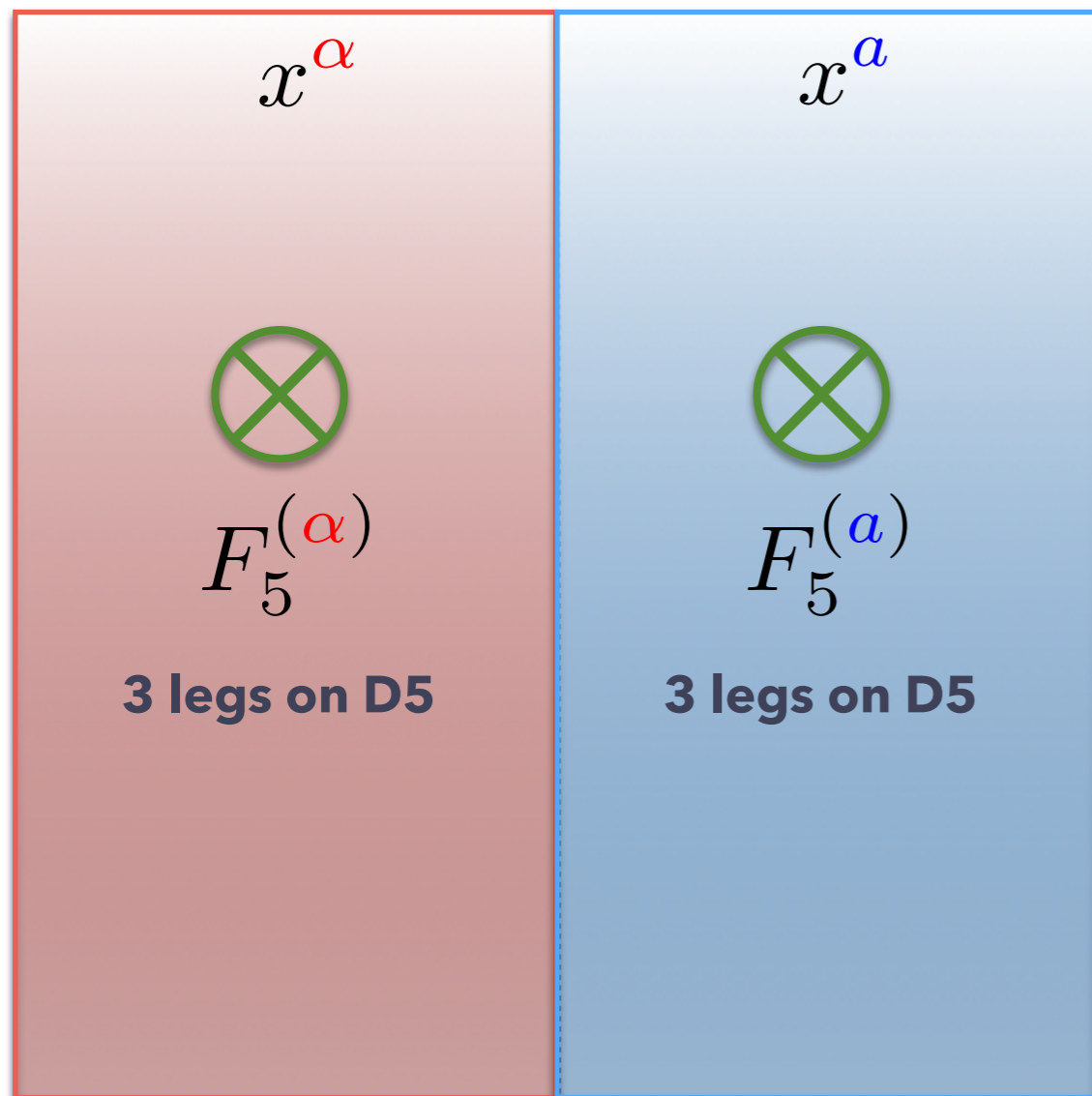
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→ 6d susy gauge theory  
w/ three-dim. defects

## 2.4.3 Expect two-dim. defect"s" on D3

$$F_5 = \frac{1}{3!} \omega_{IJ} dx^I \wedge dx^J \wedge (\underbrace{dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge dx^2}_{\bullet \bullet \bullet} + \underbrace{dx^3 \wedge dx^4 \wedge dx^5}_{\bullet \bullet \bullet})$$

$$= F_5^{(\alpha)} + F_5^{(\beta)}$$

$dx^2, dx^5$  : not on D3

$(x^0, x^1)$

$(x^3, x^4)$

**D3**

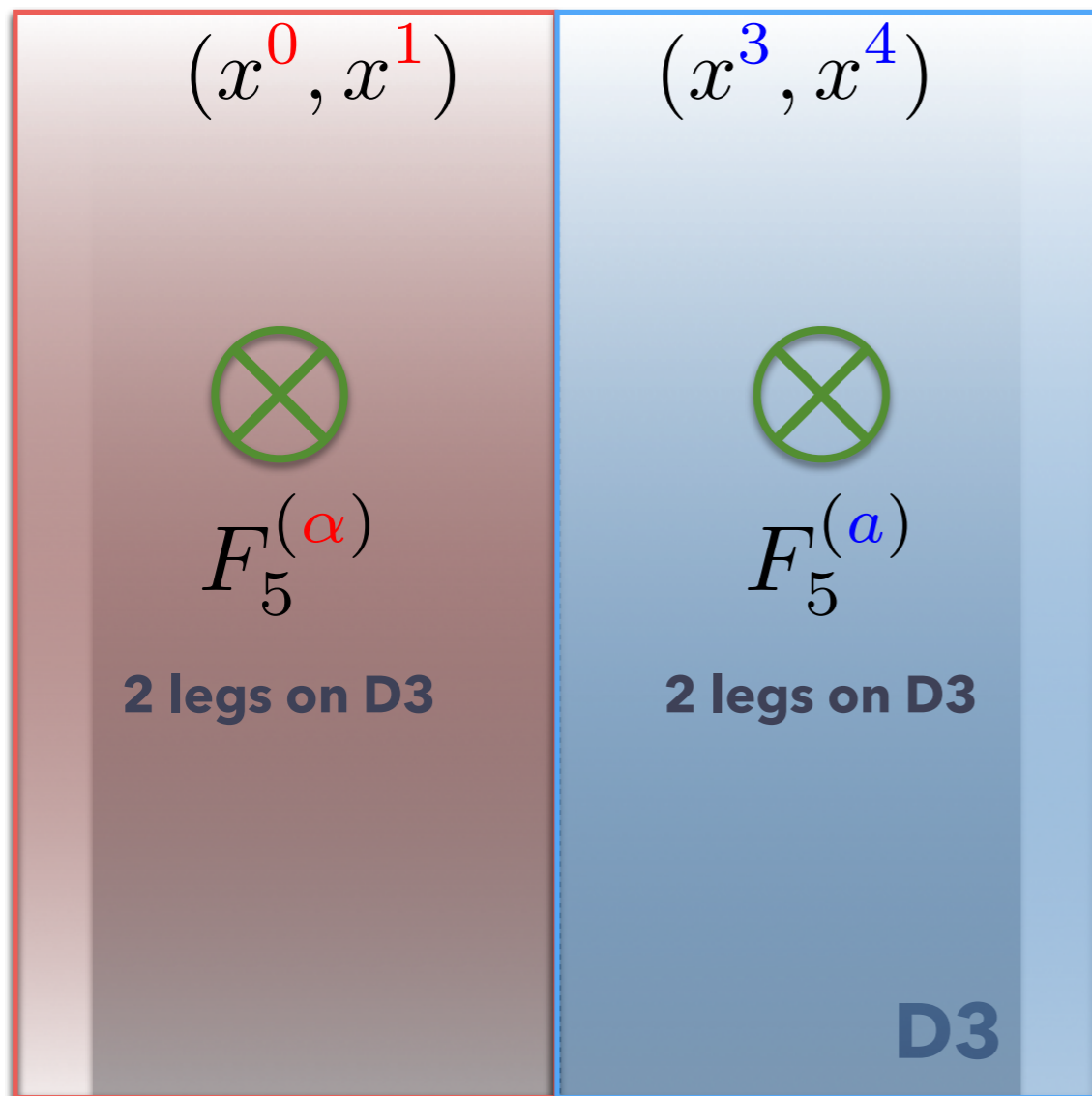
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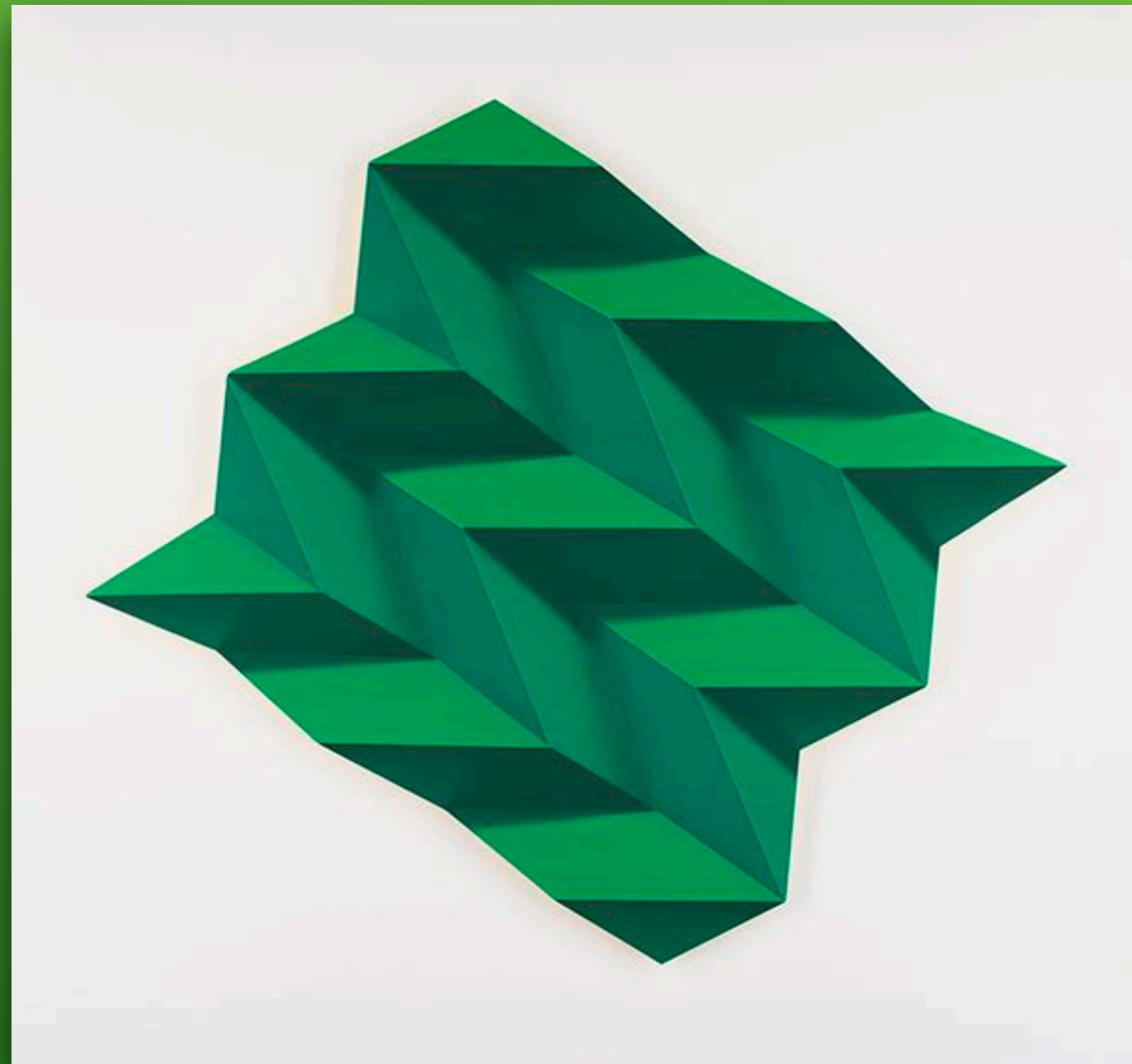
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→ 4d susy gauge theory  
w/ two-dim. defects



### **3. Supersymmetric D-brane actions**

## 3.0 Simple method (for abelian case)

- Take the static embedding (simple).
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[Martucci, Rosseel, Van den Bleeken and Van Proeyen '05]

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In particular, at  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$  only the CS-term  $\uparrow$  contributes.

Leading correction of deform.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{D3:} & \int P[C_4] \\ \mathbf{D5:} & \int P[C_4] \wedge F_2 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{D1:} & \int P[C_2] \\ \mathbf{D0:} & \int P[C_1] \end{array} \right.$



## 2.4.4 Warm-up: D0-brane in $x^0$ (~1d defect)

Let us start from a D0-brane embedded in

$$ds_{10}^2 = \Delta \left\{ -\underline{(dx^0)^2} + (dx^1)^2 \right\} + \sum_{I,J=2}^9 \left( \Delta \delta_{IJ} - \frac{U_I U_J}{\Delta} \right) dx^I dx^J$$

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☆ The  $\varepsilon_m$  part can be interpreted as a connection, obtained by gauging the U(1) symm. for  $Z^m$ :

$$A_\mu = \delta_\mu^0$$

This looks like a time-like Wilson line with a constant vev ( $i\varepsilon_m$ ).

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$$S_{D5}^{(B)} = \int d^6x - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu X^I \partial^\mu X^I - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \mathcal{A}_\mu \omega_{IJ} X^J \partial^\mu X^I$$

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Recall the abelian case: using a non-constant  $\epsilon(X)$ , the susy transformations are given by

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Also, recall that the undeformed transformations in the non-abelian case have vanishing terms in the abelian limit:

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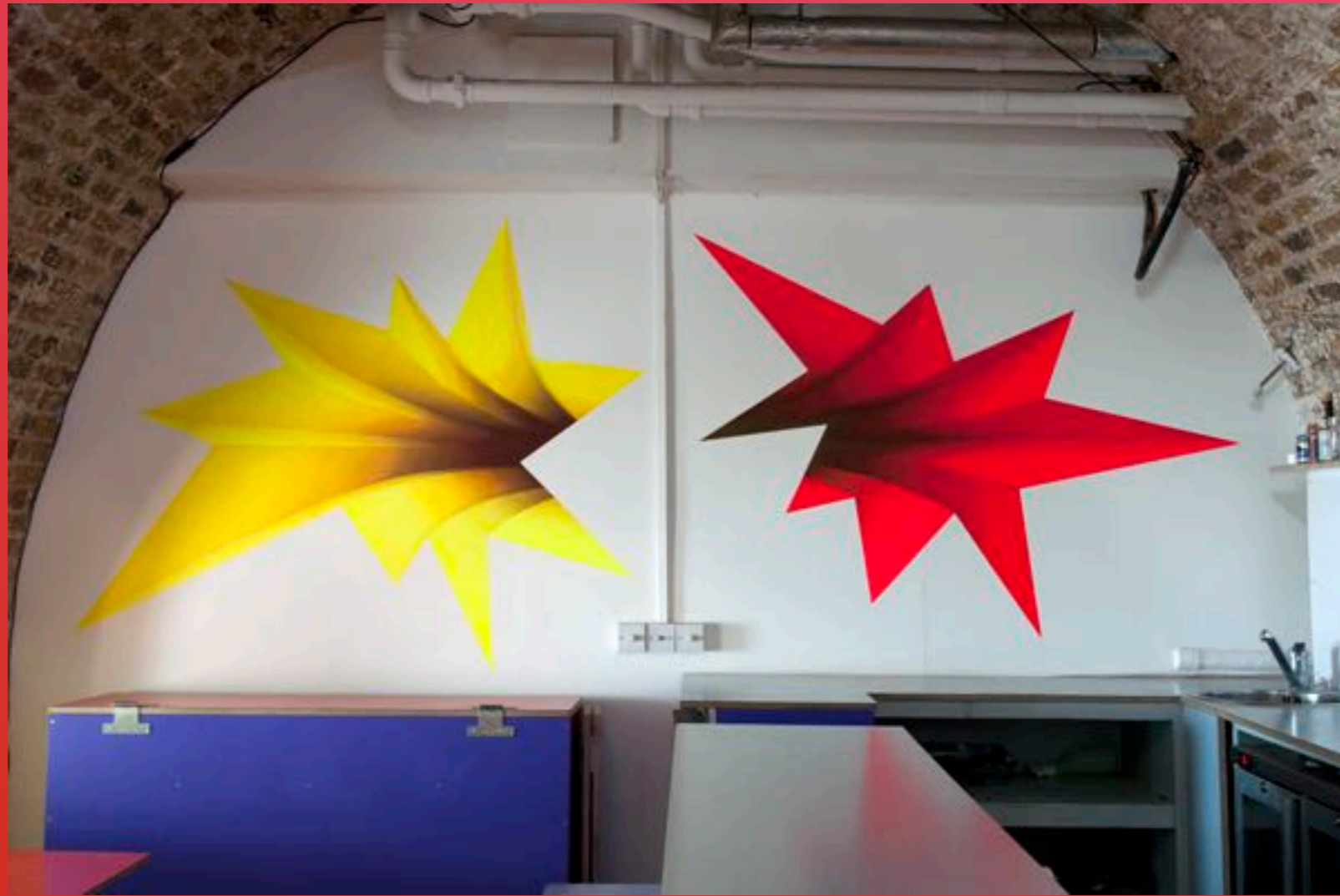
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- ☆ The effect of deformation was absorbed into the connections and 2 scalars  $X^i$  look undeformed.
- ☆ Again, for the boson, it was proven that the covariant derivative includes only the first order  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ .
- ☆ Susy transformations are also obtained by dimensional reduction. The Killing spinor is subject to the same projection:  $\omega_{IJ} \Gamma^{IJ} \epsilon = 0$ , 8 conserved charges.

(non-abelian action is omitted.)

# 4. Thoughts



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# Defects...?



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**Not quite:** for the D3-brane case,

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$$\mathcal{J}_D^{(2)IJ} = d\mathcal{J}_R^{(1)IJ}$$



could be seen as deforming the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{undeformed}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{undeformed}} + \mathcal{B}_D^{(2)IJ} \wedge \mathcal{J}_D^{(2)IJ}$$

**but** this form does **not** yield a term in the form of (3-form x 3-form) for D5.

## 4.2 That's why...

**Extended Gauge Theory**  
**Deformations**  
**from**  
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**Higher-dimensional  
Defects  
from  
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# 5. Summary / Outlook

## 5.1 Summary

- **Constructed R-R flux backgrounds using  $\Omega$ -deform.**
- **Focused on the microscopic descriptions of supersymmetric gauge theories realized from various branes: they turned out to have the structure of **twisted covariant derivative**.**

At the full orders: Boson: OK, but Fermion: **not clear**. Also, higher derivatives?

D5: connection containing the field strength. Relation to [Ganor, '17] ?

- **The effect of deformations:**

{	D0 $\rightarrow$ a line defect
	D3 $\rightarrow$ 2d defects
	D5 $\rightarrow$ 3d defects ...

$\rightarrow$  Extracting (2d/3d) surface operators from the Lagrangian is not clear: **How?**

- **How do we connect with the literatures of susy gauge theories?**  
: missing, idk



**Thank you!**

