

# **Branes in extended spacetime**

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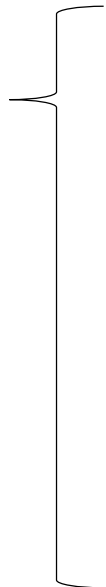
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# Introduction (1/2)

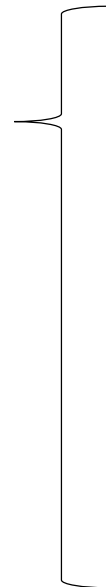
There exist various branes in **String** / **M-theory** :

## String theory:



- Wave
- F-string
- Dp-branes
- NS5-brane
- KK monopole
- .....

## M-theory:



- Wave
- M2-brane
- M5-brane
- KK monopole
- M9-brane
- .....

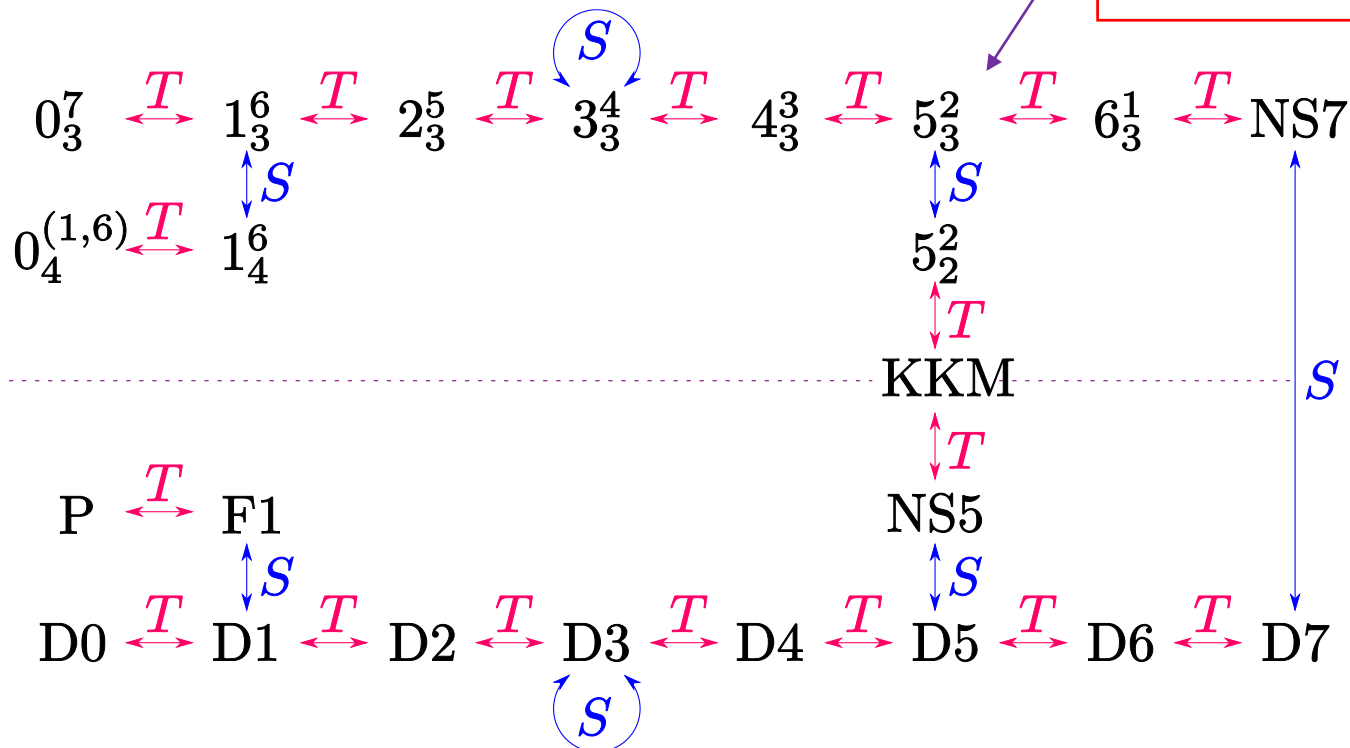
# Introduction (2/2)

When String / M-theory is **compactified on a torus**, there is the **U-duality symmetry**.

**Various branes** are related by **U-duality**!

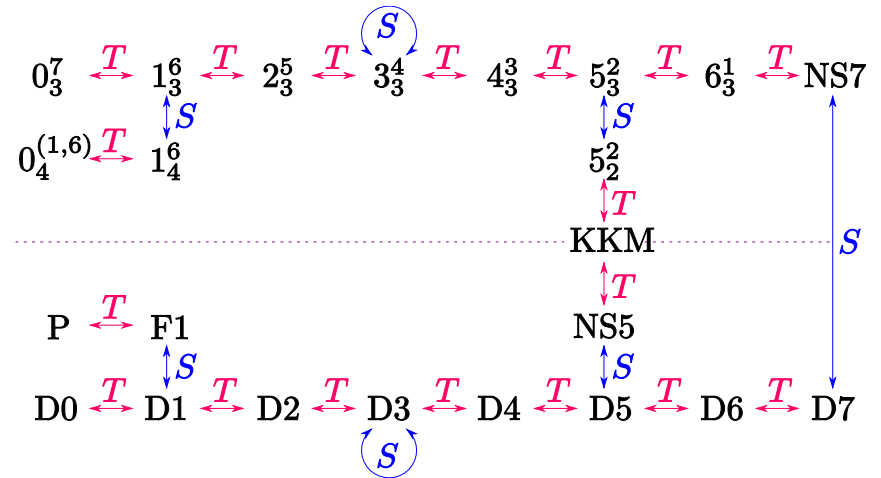
E.g. type II string on a **7-torus**:

Exotic branes  
[Yata-san,  
Kimura-san's talk]



# Motivation

We expect  
all these branes  
are a **single object**.



However, known actions for branes have **different forms**:

$$S_{F1} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_2} G_{ij} dX^i \wedge *dX^j + \int_{\Sigma_2} B_2 .$$

$$S_{Dp} = - \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} d^{p+1}\sigma \sqrt{-\det(G + B_2 - F_2)} + \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} e^{B_2 - F_2} \wedge C .$$

$$S_{KKM} = - \int_{\Sigma} d^6\sigma e^{-2\phi} k^2 \sqrt{-\det(G_{\mu\nu} D_\alpha X^\mu D_\beta X^\nu)} + \dots$$

We want to find a **single action** that reproduces **these**.

[\* We consider only **bosonic** action for a **single brane**]

# Main Result

**\* We have **not succeeded yet** in reproducing all actions from **a single action**.**

**Our proposed action** for a  $p$ -brane has the form,

$$S = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{p+1} \right).$$

quadratic part  
is **common**  
**to all branes**  
(U-duality inv.)

this part depends  
on the brane  
(U-duality inv.)

Our approach is based on  
the geometry in **Extended Field Theories**;  
**Double / Exceptional Field Theory.**

# **Extended Field Theories (brief sketch)**

# Extended Field Theories

We **extend the spacetime dimensions**  
in order to make the duality covariance manifest.

★ Double Field Theory [Siegel '93; Hull, Zwiebach '09; ...]

- manifestly **T-duality covariant**  
formulation of supergravity

$x^i$   
↓ doubled  
 $(x^i, \tilde{x}_i)$

↓ generalization

★ Exceptional Field Theory [West '03; Hillmann '09;  
Berman, Perry '11;  
Hohm, Samtleben '13;...]

- manifestly **U-duality covariant**  
formulation of supergravity

$x^i$   
↓ much more  
dimensions  
 $(x^i, y_{ij}, \dots)$

# basic idea (1/4)

## Analogy to the Kaluza-Klein theory

4 dim. Einstein-Maxwell theory :  $\int d^4x \left[ R(g) - \frac{1}{2} |dA_1|^2 \right] .$

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★ We **extend** the spacetime into 5dim. :  $(x^I) = (x^\mu, x^5).$

5 dim. **generalized** metric

$$G_{IJ} = E^A{}_I E^B{}_J \eta_{AB}, \quad (E^A{}_I) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{e^a_\mu} & 0 \\ e^5_\mu A_\mu & e^5_5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4 dim

Metric  $\leftarrow$  metric + gauge field

5D gravitational action  $\int d^5x R(G) .$   $\xrightarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^5} = 0}$   $\int d^4x \left[ R(g) - \frac{1}{2} |dA_1|^2 + \dots \right] .$

★ 5 dim. diffeo.  $\ni$

4 dim. diffeo.

Gauge sym. of  $A_1$



# basic idea (2/4)

## Double Field Theory

$$\int d^d x \, e^{2\phi} \left[ R(G) + 4|d\phi|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |d\mathbf{B}_2|^2 \right].$$

**doubled** spacetime :  $(x^I) = (x^i, \tilde{x}_i)$  [Duff '89; Tseytlin '90; Siegel '93]  
**(2d dim)** ↗ **winding/dual coords.**

**generalized metric :**  
 $\mathcal{M}_{IJ} = E^A{}_I E^B{}_J \eta_{AB}, \quad (E^A{}_I) = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{e_i^a} & 0 \\ (e^{-1})^i_a \mathbf{B}_{ij} & (e^{-1})^i_a \end{pmatrix}.$  ↖ **d dim**

$$\int d^{2d} x \, e^{-2d} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \xrightarrow[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_i} = 0]{} \int d^d x \, e^{2\phi} \left[ R(G) + 4|d\phi|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |d\mathbf{B}_2|^2 \right].$$

[Siegel '93; Hohm, Hull, Zwiebach '10; Jeon, Lee, Park '10]

★ **2d dim. generalized diffeo.**  $\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{d dim. diffeo : } x^i \rightarrow x^i + v^i \\ \text{Gauge sym. of } \mathbf{B}_2 : \\ B_2 \rightarrow B_2 + d\tilde{v} \end{array} \right.$   
 $(V^I) = (v^i, \tilde{v}_i)$

# basic idea (3/4)

## Exceptional Field Theory

$S_{11d-SUGRA}$  (bosonic)

$$\mathbb{R}^{11-d} \times T^d$$

$$(x^M) = (x^\mu, x^i)$$

external

internal extended

exceptional spacetime :  $(x^\mu, x^i, \underbrace{y_{i_1 i_2}, y_{i_1 \dots i_5}, \dots}_{(x^I)})$  [Duff, Lu '90; West '03]

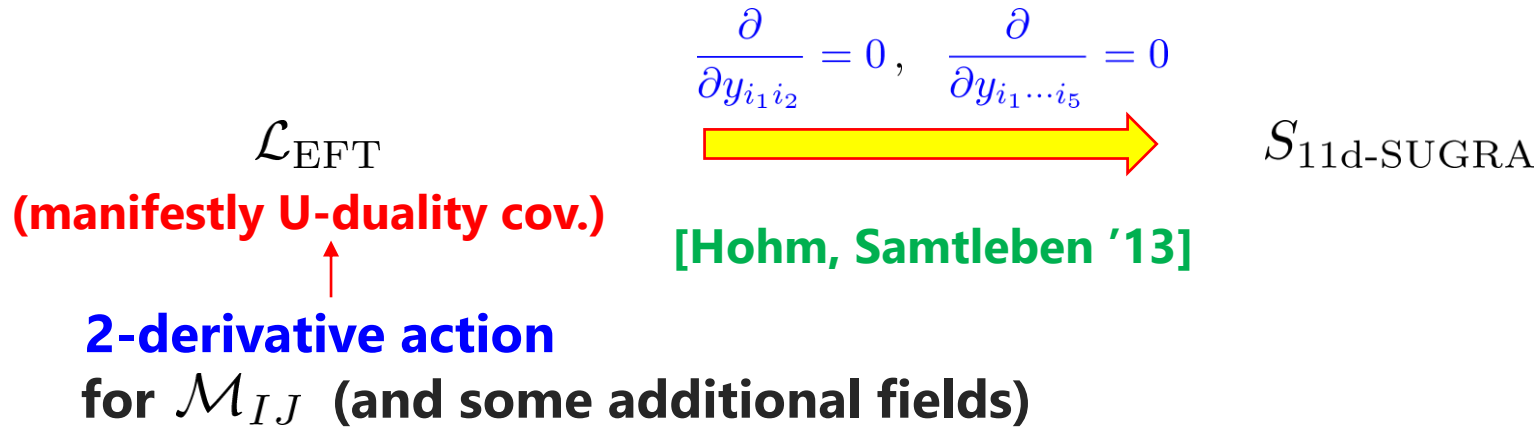
	$T^4$	$T^5$	$T^6$	$T^7$	$T^8$
<b>dimension</b> $x^I$	10	16	27	56	248
<b>duality group</b>	SL(5)	SO(5, 5)	E <sub>6</sub>	E <sub>7</sub>	E <sub>8</sub>

generalized metric : [Duff, Lu '90; Berman, Perry '11;  
Berman, Godazgar, Perry, West '12; ....]

$$\mathcal{M}_{IJ} = E^A{}_I E^B{}_J \eta_{AB}, \quad (E^A{}_I) = \begin{pmatrix} e_i^a & 0 & \dots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-1})_a^{i_1 i_2} C_{i_1 i_2 j} & (e^{-1})_{a_1 a_2}^{i_1 i_2} & \dots \\ \dots C_{i_1 \dots i_5 j} \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}.$$

# basic idea (4/4)

## Exceptional Field Theory



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★ generalized diffeo.  $\ni$   $(V^I) = (v^i, \tilde{v}_{i_1 i_2}, \tilde{v}_{i_1 \dots i_5}, \dots)$

$d$  dim. diffeo :  $x^i \rightarrow x^i + v^i$

Gauge sym. of  $C_3$  :  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + d\tilde{v}_2$

$C_6$  :  $C_6 \rightarrow C_6 + d\tilde{v}_5$

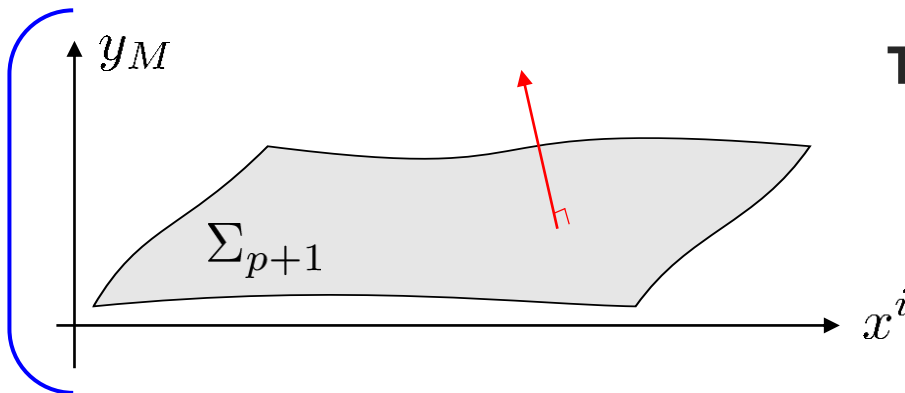
# **Branes in extended spacetime**

**[arXiv:1607.04265, YS, Shozo Uehara]**

# General construction

Let us consider a certain Extended spacetime

- ★ with gen. coords.  $(x^I) = (x^i, y_M)$ , gen. metric  $\mathcal{M}_{IJ}(x)$
- ★ We consider a  $(p+1)$ -dimensional worldvolume that has the **intrinsic metric**  $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma)$ .
- ★  $(x^I) = (x^i, y_M) \iff$  **1-form:**  $\mathcal{P}^I(\sigma) = (\text{d}X^i(\sigma), \mathcal{P}_M(\sigma))$   
coords. on  $d$ -torus  **$d$  scalars** **auxiliary fields**
- ★ worldvolume **gauge fields** :  $\{A_q(\sigma)\}$



These describe the **embedding**  
of the  $p$ -brane into  
the **Extended spacetime**.

[Asakawa, Sasa, Watamura '12;  
Rey, YS '15]

# Action (1/2)

Fields :

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma), X^i(\sigma), \mathcal{P}_M(\sigma), \{A_q(\sigma)\}$$

$$\{A_q(\sigma)\}$$

only here

Action :

$$S = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{p+1} \right).$$

only here

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma)$$

manifestly invariant under

- duality transf.
- generalized diffeo.

target diffeo.

+ gauge trsf. of  $p$ -form pot.

$\Omega_{p+1}$  : depends on the brane.

$p$ -brane associated with  
a winding coord.  $y_{i_1 \dots i_p}$

$$dX^{i_1 \dots i_p} \equiv \frac{dX^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dX^{i_p}}{\sqrt{p!}}$$

$$\Omega_{p+1} \sim \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_p} \wedge dX^{i_1 \dots i_p} \quad (p+1)\text{-form}$$

$$\Omega_{p+1} = \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_p} \wedge dX^{i_1 \dots i_p} + \dots$$

include gauge fields  $\{A_q(\sigma)\}$  such that  $\Omega_{p+1}$  is inv. under generalized diffeo.

# Action (2/2)

Fields :

$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma), X^i(\sigma), \mathcal{P}_M(\sigma), \{A_q(\sigma)\}$$

Action :

$$S = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{p+1} \right).$$

manifestly invariant under

- **duality transf.**
- **generalized diffeo.**

invariant under

- ~~**duality transf.**~~
- **generalized diffeo.**

Duality **non-invariance** is reasonable :

E.g.  $\Omega_{2+1}$  **generic duality trsf.**  $\Omega_{5+1}$   
 2-brane  a certain brane, such as a 5-brane

$\Omega_{p+1}$  should transform **covariantly** under **duality trsf.**  
 (although, so far, the covariance is not clear to me).

# Applications

$$S = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Sigma_{p+1}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{p+1} \right).$$

doubled spacetime:

$p = 1$  ↓

standard **string** action (skip)

action for an **exotic brane** (skip)

$$S_{\text{WZ}} \sim \int \beta^{ij} d\tilde{X}_i \wedge d\tilde{X}_j.$$

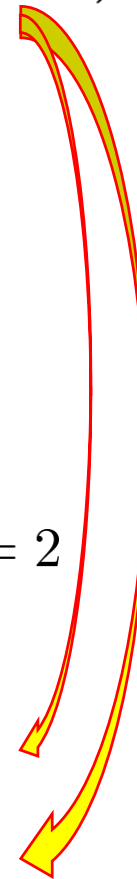
$E_6$  exceptional spacetime (27 dim):

(non-)standard **membrane** action

**non-standard M5-brane** action

$p = 2$

$p = 5$





# $E_6$ exceptional spacetime

generalized coords.

$$(x^I) = (x^i, y_{i_1 i_2}, y_{i_1 \dots i_5}) . \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\mathcal{P}^I) = (dX^i, \mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2}, \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_5}) .$$

**27 dims. = 6 + 15 + 6** **6** **21 auxiliary fields**

generalized metric :  $\mathcal{M}_{IJ} = \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{KL} L^K{}_I L^L{}_J$

$$(\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{IJ}) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} G_{ij} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G^{i_1 i_2, j_1 j_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G^{i_1 \dots i_5, j_1 \dots j_5} \end{pmatrix} ,$$

$$(L^I{}_J) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \delta_j^i & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} C_{i_1 i_2 j} & \delta_{i_1 i_2}^{j_1 j_2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}!} (C_{i_1 \dots i_5 j} - 5 C_{[i_1 i_2 i_3} C_{i_4 i_5] j}) & \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}!} \delta_{[i_1 i_2}^{j_1 j_2} C_{i_3 i_4 i_5]} & \delta_{i_1 \dots i_5}^{j_1 \dots j_5} \end{pmatrix} .$$

$$\delta_{i_1 \dots i_q}^{j_1 \dots j_q} \equiv \delta_{[i_1}^{j_1} \dots \delta_{i_q]}^{j_q} , \quad G^{i_1 \dots i_q, j_1 \dots j_q} \equiv \delta_{k_1 \dots k_q}^{i_1 \dots i_q} G^{k_1 j_1} \dots G^{k_q j_q} .$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{aligned} \Omega_3 &\equiv \mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2} \wedge dX^{i_1 i_2} + 3 F_3 , \\ \Omega_6 &\equiv \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_5} \wedge dX^{i_1 \dots i_5} + \mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2} \wedge dX^{i_1 i_2} \wedge F_3 + 6 F_6 . \end{aligned} \right.$$

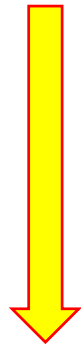
**(gauge inv. combinations)**

# membrane case (1/2)

Our action for a membrane :

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \int_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_3 \right). \quad \Omega_3 \equiv \mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2} \wedge dX^{i_1 i_2} + 3 \overset{\text{red}}{F}_3.$$

$\overset{\text{red}}{F}_3 = dA_2$



**eliminate the auxiliary fields**  $\mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2}, \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_5}$ .

$$S = \frac{1}{6} \int_{\Sigma} G_{ij} dX^i \wedge * dX^j - \frac{1}{6} \int_{\Sigma} G_{i_1 i_2, j_1 j_2} dX^{i_1 i_2} \wedge * dX^{j_1 j_2} + \int_{\Sigma} (C_3 - F_3).$$

# membrane case (2/2)

$$S = \frac{1}{6} \int_{\Sigma} G_{ij} dX^i \wedge *dX^j - \frac{1}{6} \int_{\Sigma} G_{i_1 i_2, j_1 j_2} dX^{i_1 i_2} \wedge *dX^{j_1 j_2} + \int_{\Sigma} (C_3 - F_3) .$$



**apparently different**

**membrane action**

[Bergshoeff, Sezgin, Townsend '87]

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} (G_{ij} dX^i \wedge *dX^j - *1) + \int_{\Sigma} C_3 .$$

**e.o.m. for the intrinsic metric**  $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$  ,

$$h_{\alpha\beta} \equiv G_{ij} \partial_{\alpha} X^i \partial_{\beta} X^j = \frac{\det h}{\det \gamma} (\gamma h^{-1} \gamma)_{\alpha\beta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{\alpha\beta} = h_{\alpha\beta} .$$

**eliminate**  $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$

$$S = - \int_{\Sigma} d^3\sigma \sqrt{-\det h} + \int_{\Sigma} C_3 - \int_{\partial\Sigma} A_2 .$$

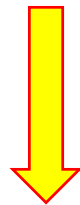
# 5-brane case

Our action for a 5-brane:

$$S = \frac{1}{6} \int_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_6 \right).$$

$$\Omega_6 = \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_5} \wedge dX^{i_1 \dots i_5} + \mathcal{P}_{ij} \wedge dX^{ij} \wedge F_3 + 6 F_6.$$

$$F_3 = dA_2 \quad F_6 = dA_5$$



**eliminate the auxiliary fields**  $\mathcal{P}_{i_1 i_2}, \mathcal{P}_{i_1 \dots i_5}$ .

$$S = -\frac{1}{12} \int_{\Sigma} d^6 \sigma \left[ \sqrt{-\gamma} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} h_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{\det h}{\sqrt{-\gamma}} \theta^{\alpha}_{\beta} (h^{-1} \gamma)^{\beta}_{\alpha} \right] \\ + \int_{\Sigma} \left( C_6 - \frac{1}{2} H_3 \wedge C_3 - F_6 \right),$$

**3-form potential in 11d SUGRA**

$$h_{\alpha\beta} \equiv G_{ij} \partial_{\alpha} X^i \partial_{\beta} X^j, \quad H_3 \equiv F_3 - C_3,$$

$$\theta^{\alpha}_{\beta} \equiv \left[ 1 + \frac{\text{tr}(H^2)}{6} \right] \delta^{\alpha}_{\beta} - \frac{1}{2} (H^2)^{\alpha}_{\beta}.$$

# 5-brane case (linear)



**eliminate**  $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$  ( $\gamma_{\alpha\beta} \neq h_{\alpha\beta}$  in this case)

$$S = - \int_{\Sigma} d^6\sigma \sqrt{-h} \frac{\text{tr}(\theta^{\frac{1}{2}})}{6} + \int_{\Sigma} \left( C_6 - \frac{1}{2} H_3 \wedge C_3 - F_6 \right).$$

**(not a known action)**

In the **weak-field approximation** for  $H_3$ ,

$$S \sim - \int_{\Sigma} d^6\sigma \sqrt{-h} + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Sigma} H_3 \wedge *_h H_3 + \int_{\Sigma} \left( C_6 - \frac{1}{2} H_3 \wedge C_3 - F_6 \right).$$

[Bergshoeff, de Roo, Ortin '96]

**e.o.m. for  $A_2$**   $\Rightarrow d(*_h H_3 - C_3) = d(*_h H_3 + H_3) = 0.$

consistent with the **linearized self-duality relation:**

$$H_3 = - *_h H_3.$$

# 5-brane case (non-linear)

At the non-linear level,  
e.o.m. for the gauge field  $A_2$  becomes

$$\partial_\alpha \mathcal{E}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} = 0, \quad \mathcal{E}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial H_{\alpha\beta\gamma}}.$$

$$S = \int_\Sigma d^6\sigma \mathcal{L} = \int_\Sigma \left[ -d^6\sigma \sqrt{-h} \frac{\text{tr}(\theta^{\frac{1}{2}})}{6} + C_6 - \frac{1}{2} H_3 \wedge C_3 - F_6 \right].$$

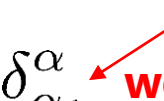
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$$\mathcal{E}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial H_{\alpha\beta\gamma}} = -\frac{1}{12} \left[ \mathcal{C}^{[\alpha}{}_\delta H^{\beta\gamma]\delta} - (*_h C_3)^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \right].$$

$$\mathcal{C}_\alpha{}^\beta \equiv \frac{\text{tr}(\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{3} \delta_\alpha^\beta - (\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}})_\alpha{}^\beta.$$

consistent with the **non-linear self-duality relation**:

$$\delta_{\alpha_1}^\alpha \mathcal{C}_{[\alpha_1}{}^\alpha H_{\alpha_2\alpha_3]\alpha} = -(*_h H_3)_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3}.$$


 **weak field**

# 5-brane case (known result)


Our result:  $\mathcal{C}_{[\alpha_1}{}^\alpha H_{\alpha_2\alpha_3]\alpha} = -(*_h H_3)_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3} \cdot$

$$\mathcal{C}_\alpha{}^\beta \equiv \frac{\text{tr}(\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{3} \delta_\alpha^\beta - (\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}})_\alpha{}^\beta \cdot$$

Known result: [Howe, Sezgin '97; Howe, Sezgin, West '97; Sezgin, Sundell '98]


$$C_{[\alpha_1}{}^\alpha H_{\alpha_2\alpha_3]\alpha} = -(*_h H_3)_{\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3}$$

$$C_\alpha{}^\beta = K^{-1} \left\{ \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{12} \text{tr}(H^2) \right] \delta_\alpha^\beta - \frac{1}{4} (H^2)_\alpha{}^\beta \right\}, \quad K \equiv \sqrt{1 + \frac{\text{tr}(H^2)}{24}} \cdot$$

From the non-linear self-duality relation,  
we can show  $C_\alpha{}^\beta = \mathcal{C}_\alpha{}^\beta$ .  **Consistent!**

# Summary

- We proposed a simple action,

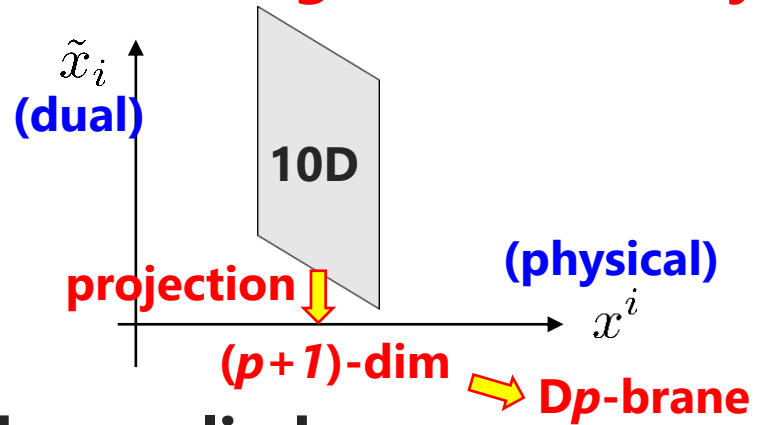
$$S = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_{\Sigma} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{p+1} \right).$$

- In the **doubled** spacetime, the action reproduces the conventional string sigma model action.
- In the **exceptional** spacetime (for  $E_6$  EFT), we considered the following cases:
  - $\Omega_3 \rightarrow$  membrane action (**not conventional** but **equivalent**)
  - $\Omega_6 \rightarrow$  M5-brane action (**at least at the linearized level**)  
It will be equivalent even at the **non-linear level**.
- We can also consider actions for **exotic branes**.



# A goal of this project

According to [Hull '05; Asakawa, Sasa, Watamura '12],  
Dp-brane can be interpreted as **a single 10-dim. object**  
in the **doubled spacetime**:



I expect a similar idea can be applied  
to **all branes that are connected by the U-duality chain**.  
Namely, all branes will be **a single 10?/11?-dim. object**  
in the **exceptional spacetime**, and the action is given by

$$S \sim \int_{\Sigma_{10?11?}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{IJ} \mathcal{P}^I \wedge * \mathcal{P}^J - \Omega_{10?11?} \right).$$

projection ↓

(p+1)-dim → p-brane



I want to find  
this  $\Omega$