

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ Supersymmetry and $U(1)$ -Duality

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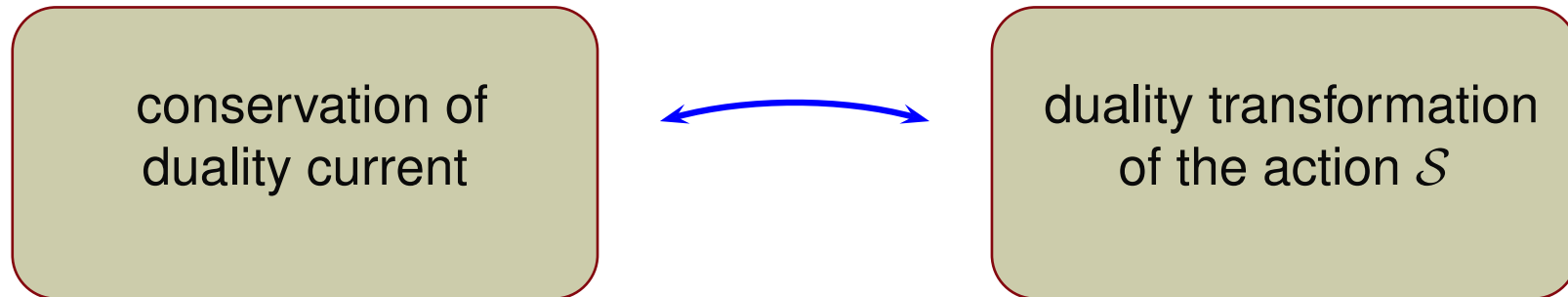
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Motivation

- How to deform an action \mathcal{S} without breaking its symmetries?
- Which deformations can be added in a way, such that duality symmetry can be restored order by order in a deformation parameter?
- Why: duality symmetries might play a role in explaining UV-properties of supergravities
- main tool:



This talk:

- formalize the way to obtain duality-invariant theories starting from an initial deformation
- apply the formalized method to abelian $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric gauge theory

From Maxwell to Born-Infeld

- duality symmetry in $U(1)$ gauge theory
- twisted self-duality constraint
- how to obtain a duality invariant action starting from a deformation?
- Born-Infeld example

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ gauge theory and $U(1)$ -duality

- $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theories
- different sources of deformation
- $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Born-Infeld action

Duality symmetry in $U(1)$ gauge theory

Rotating the electric and magnetic fields

$$\delta \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

in the source-free *Maxwell equations*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \mathbf{B} &= -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \partial_t \mathbf{D} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{E} \quad , \quad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{B}$$

leaves the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2)$$

unchanged, but alters the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{E}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2).$$

Duality symmetry in $U(1)$ gauge theory

In the presence of matter, the equations are still valid

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \mathbf{B} &= -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \partial_t \mathbf{D} &= \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0\end{aligned}$$

however,

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) \quad , \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E})$$

are *non-linear*.

- which (duality) transformations leave the above non-linear system invariant?
- how can one generalize to different (supersymmetric) theories with more fields?

Duality symmetry in $U(1)$ gauge theory

More precisely: search for theories admitting a Lagrangian formulation

varying the usual Maxwell Lagrangian for matter with respect to the gauge potential leads to

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B})}{\partial \mathbf{E}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B})}{\partial \mathbf{B}}.$$

Prepare for treating more general theories: switch to four-component notation:

$$\{\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}\} \rightarrow \{F, \tilde{F}, G, \tilde{G}\}$$

leads to the (constitutive) relation:

$$\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(F)}{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}$$

where $\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G_{\rho\sigma}$.

Describe duality transformation as *Legendre-transformation*:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(F, G) = \mathcal{L}(F) - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} \partial_\rho \tilde{A}_\sigma \quad \text{where} \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \tilde{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \tilde{A}_\mu$$

The above Legendre transformation is a duality rotation *if and only if* the symmetry condition is met. Otherwise one obtains just a different formulation of the theory.

Duality symmetry in $U(1)$ gauge theory

Shall be preserved under duality:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} &= 0 && \text{Bianchi identities} \\ \partial_\mu \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} &= 0 && \text{equations of motion}\end{aligned}$$

General duality rotations

$$\delta \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix}$$

exchanges the role of Bianchi identity and the equation of motion.

Too general:

- the functional form of shall not change, i.e.

$$\tilde{G}'^{\mu\nu} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(F')}{\partial F'_{\mu\nu}} \quad \text{where} \quad F' = F + \delta F, \quad G' = G + \delta G$$

- deformed theory shall reduce to Maxwell in the weak field limit ($F^4 \ll F^2$)

Under those conditions: $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SO(2, \mathbb{R})$, maximal connected Lie group of duality rotations in pure non-linear electromagnetism

[Aschieri, Ferrara]
Zumino]

Thus, the infinitesimal duality transformations to consider read:

$$\delta \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ -B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix}$$

Equivalent formulation: Noether-Gaillard-Zumino (NGZ) current conservation:

$$F\tilde{F} + G\tilde{G} = 0$$

[Gibbons
Rasheed]

[Gaillard
Zumino]

Formulation is not symmetric in field F and G : find a more general language.

Define:

$$T = F - iG \quad \bar{T} = F + iG$$

and their self-dual and anti-self-dual components

$$T^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(T \pm i\tilde{T}) \quad \bar{T}^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{T} \pm i\tilde{\bar{T}})$$

Maxwell theory in vacuum:

$$T^+ = F^+ - iG^+ = 0 \quad \text{is equivalent to} \quad F\tilde{F} + G\tilde{G} = 0$$

Best known deformation of Maxwell *Born-Infeld theory*:

[Born
Infeld]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{BI}} = g^{-2} \left(1 - \sqrt{\Delta} \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta = 1 + 2g^2 \left(\frac{F^2}{4} \right) - g^4 \left(\frac{F\tilde{F}}{4} \right)$$

with dual field \tilde{G}

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(F)}{\partial F_{\rho\sigma}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \left(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{g^2}{4} (F\tilde{F}) F_{\mu\nu} \right).$$

Short calculation: $F\tilde{F} + G\tilde{G} = 0$.

However, there is a different formulation in form of the *non-linear constraint*: [Schrödinger]

$$T^+ + \frac{g^2}{16} \frac{\bar{T}^+ (T\tilde{T})^2}{(T^-)^2} = 0 \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{Sch}}(T) = 4 \frac{T^2}{(T\tilde{T})}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{Sch}} = -\mathcal{L}_{\text{Sch}}^* .$$

- one can readily recover the Born-Infeld action from this constraint.
- constraint contains complete information about the theory.

How can one construct an action from an initial deformation?

[Bossard][Carrasco, Kallosh]
[Nicolai][Roiban]

$$\begin{aligned} T^+ &= 0 && \text{Maxwell} \\ T^+ + \frac{g^2 \bar{T}^+ (T\tilde{T})^2}{16 (T^-)^2} &= 0 && \text{Born-Infeld} \end{aligned}$$

Information about the deformation is contained in the constraint.

How to obtain the constraint and the corresponding action?

- start from a deformation $\mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+, g)$ invariant under the classical (unperturbed) equations of motion
- set

$$T^+ = \frac{\delta \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+, \lambda)}{\delta \bar{T}^+}.$$

- solve the above equation iteratively (e.g. in terms of the dual field). Start from the classical solution. Ensure validity of the NGZ constraint in every step.
- reconstruct the action using $\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(F)}{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}$.

Consider the following ansatz for a deformation:

$$\mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{8g^2} \left(\frac{1}{4} g^4 (\bar{T}^-)^2 (T^-)^2 \right)^{n+1}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^+ = \frac{g^2}{16} \bar{T}_{\mu\nu}^+ (T^-)^2 \left[1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left(\frac{1}{4} g^4 (\bar{T}^+)^2 (T^-)^2 \right)^n \right],$$

where $a_n = \frac{d_n}{n+1}$ and $a_0 = 1 + d_0$.

Constraining the the coefficients to yield the Born-Infeld action leads to

$$\mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+, g) = \frac{6}{g^2} \left(1 - {}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}; \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; -\frac{1}{27} g^4 (\bar{T}^+)^2 (T^-)^2\right) \right)$$

- infinite number of deformations necessary to reproduce Born-Infeld
- method allows application to other sources and in other theories
- the hypergeometric function leading to the Born-Infeld theory satisfies a hidden fourth-order constraint

\Rightarrow apply to $\mathcal{N} = 2$ abelian gauge theory

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric theory

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ superspace: $\mathcal{Z}^A = (x^a, \theta_i^\alpha, \bar{\theta}_{\dot{\alpha}}^i)$

Chiral and antichiral superfield strength \mathcal{W} and $\bar{\mathcal{W}}$ satisfy Bianchi identities

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}^{ij} \mathcal{W} &= \bar{\mathcal{D}}^{ij} \bar{\mathcal{W}} & \text{where } \mathcal{W} &= \bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 \mathcal{D}^{ij} V_{ij} \\ & & \bar{\mathcal{W}} &= \mathcal{D}^4 \bar{\mathcal{D}}^{ij} V_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

in terms of the unconstrained prepotential V_{ij} .

Write duality transformation as a Legendre transformation

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{inv}} = \mathcal{S}[\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}}] - \frac{i}{8} \int d^8 \mathcal{Z} \mathcal{W} \mathcal{M} + \frac{i}{8} \int d^8 \bar{\mathcal{Z}} \bar{\mathcal{W}} \bar{\mathcal{M}},$$

which is only valid if

$$i\mathcal{M} = 4 \frac{\delta}{\delta \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{S}[\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}}] \quad \text{and} \quad i\bar{\mathcal{M}} = 4 \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\mathcal{W}}} \mathcal{S}[\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}}].$$

Duality transformation: $\delta \mathcal{W} = B \mathcal{M} \quad \delta \bar{\mathcal{W}} = -B \mathcal{W}$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ Noether-Gaillard-Zumino-condition:

$$\int d^8 \mathcal{Z} (\mathcal{W}^2 + \mathcal{M}^2) = \int d^8 \bar{\mathcal{Z}} (\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2 + \bar{\mathcal{M}}^2),$$

Construction of duality-compatible action for $\mathcal{N} = 2$ -theories

Define objects similar to the Maxwell case:

$$\begin{aligned} T^+ &= \mathcal{W} - i\mathcal{M} & \bar{T}^+ &= \mathcal{W} + i\mathcal{M} \\ T^- &= \bar{\mathcal{W}} - i\bar{\mathcal{M}} & \bar{T}^- &= \bar{\mathcal{W}} + i\bar{\mathcal{M}} \end{aligned}$$

with infinitesimal rotations

$$\delta \begin{pmatrix} T^+ \\ \bar{T}^+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} iB & 0 \\ 0 & -iB \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T^+ \\ \bar{T}^+ \end{pmatrix} \quad \delta \begin{pmatrix} T^- \\ \bar{T}^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} iB & 0 \\ 0 & -iB \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T^- \\ \bar{T}^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ Noether-Gaillard-Zumino-condition:

$$\int d^8 \bar{\mathcal{Z}} \bar{T}^+ T^+ - \int d^8 \mathcal{Z} \bar{T}^- T^- = 0$$

In analogy to the Maxwell case, consider deformation sources:

[Broedel, Carrasco, Ferrara]
Kallosh, Roiban]

$$T^+ = \frac{\delta \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+)}{\delta \bar{T}^+} \quad \bar{T}^- = \frac{\delta \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+)}{\delta T^-}$$

Thus, the NGZ constraint reads:

$$0 = \int d\bar{Z} \bar{T}^+ \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{T}^+} \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+) - \int dZ T^- \frac{\delta}{\delta T^-} \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+)$$

which translates into

$$\left(\bar{T}^+ \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{T}^+} - T^- \frac{\delta}{\delta T^-} \right) \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+).$$

\Rightarrow *measures the charge under a duality transformation.*

How to efficiently solve

[Bossard][Nicolai] [Broedel, Carrasco, Ferrara] [Kallosh, Roiban]

$$T^+ = \frac{\delta \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+)}{\delta \bar{T}^+} \quad \bar{T}^- = \frac{\delta \mathcal{I}(T^-, \bar{T}^+)}{\delta T^-} \quad ?$$

Ansatz:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda^n \mathcal{M}^{(n)}(\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}})$$

Any higher orders can be obtained recursively (\mathcal{I} is of order λ):

$$\mathcal{M}^{(n)} \equiv \lambda^{-n} \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{T}^+} \mathcal{I} \left[T^- (\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{M}^{(n-1)}), \bar{T}^+ (\bar{\mathcal{W}}, \bar{\mathcal{M}}^{(n-1)}) \right] - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda^j \mathcal{M}^{(j)} \right)$$

with $\lambda^{m>n} \rightarrow 0$.

From a solution to the above equation one can reconstruct a duality invariant action:

$$\mathcal{S} = i \int d^8 \mathcal{Z} \mathcal{W} \sum_{n=0} \frac{\lambda^n}{8(n+1)} \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}}] + \text{h.c.}$$

(follows from integrating the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ -analogue of $\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(F)}{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}$)

Various actions of Born-Infeld type for $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theories have been constructed.

[Ketov] [Bellucci, Ivanov
Krivonos] [Kuzenko
Theisen]

Here: Kuzenko/Theisen proposal with an additional condition beyond NGZ:

$$\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{Z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{Z}) + \sigma + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{W}, \overline{\mathcal{W}})$$

Susy analogue of the $D3$ -brane shift symmetry of the transverse coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{BI}} &= \mathcal{S}_{\text{free}} + \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}} \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}} &= \frac{1}{8} \int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ \mathcal{W}^2 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2 \left[\lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left(\mathcal{D}^4 \mathcal{W}^2 + \overline{\mathcal{D}}^4 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2 \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{\lambda^3}{4} \left((\mathcal{D}^4 \mathcal{W}^2)^2 + (\overline{\mathcal{D}}^4 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2)^2 \right) + 3(\mathcal{D}^4 \mathcal{W}^2)(\overline{\mathcal{D}}^4 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2) \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\lambda^2}{9} \mathcal{W}^3 \square \overline{\mathcal{W}}^3 + \frac{\lambda^3}{6} \left((\mathcal{W}^3 \square \overline{\mathcal{W}}^3) \overline{\mathcal{D}}^4 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^2 + (\overline{\mathcal{W}}^3 \square \mathcal{W}^3) \mathcal{D}^4 \mathcal{W}^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\lambda^3}{144} \mathcal{W}^4 \square^2 \overline{\mathcal{W}}^4 + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{W}^{10}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

What are the sources reproducing this particular action up to the given order?

Example 1

Let us have look to a first deformation:

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = a \lambda \int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} (T^-)^2 (\bar{T}^+)^2$$

leads to the equation

$$\mathcal{M} = -i \mathcal{W} + 2a \lambda i \left(\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 (\bar{\mathcal{W}} - i \bar{\mathcal{M}})^2 \right) (\mathcal{W} + i \mathcal{M})$$

Solving iteratively yields:

$$\mathcal{M}^{(0)} = -i \mathcal{W},$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(n)}|_{n>0} = (-2)^{5-n} a \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{q=0}^{n-(1+l)} \alpha(l, q; n) \bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 [\bar{\mathcal{M}}^{(n-(1+q+l))} \bar{\mathcal{M}}^{(q)} \mathcal{M}^{(l)}]$$

with

$$\alpha(q, l; n) \equiv \xi_2(q) \xi_2(l) \xi_2(n - l - q - 1).$$

$$\xi_2(x)|_{x>0} \equiv (-2)^x / 2,$$

$$\xi_2(x)|_{x=0} \equiv 1.$$

Example 1 - continued

$$\mathcal{M} = -i\mathcal{W} + 16ai\lambda\mathcal{W}\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4(\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2) - \frac{i}{2}(16a)^2\lambda^2\mathcal{W}\left(\left(\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4(\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2)\right)^2 + 2\mathcal{D}^4\left(\mathcal{W}^2\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2\right)\right)$$

which results in the action

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}_1^{\text{int}} = \int d^{12}z\mathcal{W}^2\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2 & \left\{ -2a\lambda + 16a^2\lambda^2(\mathcal{D}^4(\mathcal{W}^2) + \bar{\mathcal{D}}^4(\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2)) \right. \\ & - 128a^3\lambda^3\left((\mathcal{D}^4(\mathcal{W}^2))^2 + 2\mathcal{D}^4\left(\mathcal{W}^2\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2\right) + (\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4(\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2))^2 + 2\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4\left(\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2\mathcal{D}^4\mathcal{W}^2\right)\right) \\ & \left. + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)\right\}\end{aligned}$$

Examples 2,3,4

Deformation	Action
$b \lambda^2 \int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} (T^-)^3 \square (\bar{T}^+)^3$	$\int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ -4b\lambda^2 \left(\mathcal{W}^3 \square (\bar{\mathcal{W}}^3) + \bar{\mathcal{W}}^3 \square (\mathcal{W}^3) \right) + \dots \right\}$
$c \lambda^3 \int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} (T^-)^4 \square^2 (\bar{T}^+)^4$	$\int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ -16c\lambda^3 \left(\mathcal{W}^4 \square \left(\square (\bar{\mathcal{W}}^4) \right) + \bar{\mathcal{W}}^4 \square \left(\square (\mathcal{W}^4) \right) \right) \dots \right\}$
$d \lambda^2 \int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} (T^-)^2 (\bar{T}^+)^2 \times$ $\bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 ((T^-)^2) \mathcal{D}^4 ((\bar{T}^+)^2)$	$\int d^{12} \mathcal{Z} \left\{ -16d\lambda^3 \left(\mathcal{D}^4 [\mathcal{W}^2 \bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 (\bar{\mathcal{W}})^2] + \bar{\mathcal{D}}^4 [\bar{\mathcal{W}}^2 \mathcal{D}^4 (\mathcal{W})^2] \right) + \dots \right\}$

- choosing $a = -2^{-4}$, $b = -2^{-6}3^{-2}$, $c = -2^{-12}3^{-2}$ and $d = 2^{-10}$ one recovers the first terms in the BI action with $D3$ -brane condition.
- deformations and coefficients for the next order $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{W}^{10})$ reproducing the action of Bellucci, Ivanov and Krivonos have been published today

[Bellucci, Ivanov] [Krivonos] [Carrasco] [Kallosh]

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