Perturbing Flux Compactifications

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We will present a perturbative expansion scheme

for solving general boundary value problems in

IIB "ISD" (define latter) flux compactifications.

- 2 Triangularity of the Supergravity Equations
- 3 Explicit Solutions for Warped Throats

Applications



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Local model building: consider a system deep in a warped throat region of compactification.



Deep in the IR, it looks like the non-compact throat.



Zeroth order approximation:

replace warped region with a finite segment of an infinite throat geometry.



There will be deviations due to gluing into the bulk:



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In terms of angular harmonics on base \mathcal{B} (see A. Ceresole, G. Dall'Agata, R. D'Auria, S. Ferrara, hep-th/9907216, 9905226 for $T^{1,1}$).

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