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Holographic compactifications of $6d (1,0)$ theories from massive IIA supergravity

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6d SCFT's

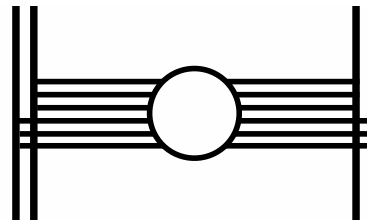
| interacting QFT's in $d > 4$ dimensions known to exist due to string/M-theory

prominent example: 6d (2, 0) SCFT capturing the dynamics of N coincident M5-branes

no known Lagrangian | $\sim N^3$ degrees of freedom

certain 6d (1, 0) SCFT's from M5-branes on orbifolds; another example from

NS5-D6-D8 brane intersections [Hanany, Zaffaroni '97] [Brunner, Karch '97]



Compactifying the 6d theories

interesting phenomena upon **compactification**

| (2,0) theory: M5-branes wrapping supersymmetric cycles

many examples: Riemann surfaces \subset CY_3 , associative 3-cycles \subset G_2 -manifolds, Kähler 4-cycles \subset CY_4 ,

Cayley 4-cycles \subset Spin(7)-manifolds ... [Maldacena, Nùñez '00] [Acharya, Gauntlett, Kim '01] [Gauntlett, Kim, Waldram '01]

★ novel SCFT $_{d \leq 4}$'s – e.g. class \mathcal{S} SCFT $_4$'s [Gaiotto '09] – and AdS $_{d+1}$ gravity duals

★ the covariant derivative of the supersymmetry parameters on the worldvolume is **twisted** by the normal bundle connection

can we expect similar phenomena for the (1,0) theories?

we take a step **on the gravity side**

AdS₇ solutions of massive IIA supergravity

infinitely many analytic [Apruzzi, Fazzi, Rosa, Tomasiello '13] [Apruzzi, Fazzi, AP, Rota, Tomasiello '15]

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_{\text{AdS}_7}^2 + ds_{M_3}^2, \quad ds_{M_3}^2 = dr^2 + \frac{1}{16} e^{2A} (1 - x^2) ds_{S^2}^2$$

$$H = - (6e^{-A} + F_0 e^{\phi} x) \text{vol}_{M_3}, \quad F_2 = \frac{1}{16} e^{A-\phi} \sqrt{1-x^2} (F_0 e^{A+\phi} x - 4) \text{vol}_{S^2}$$

$A = A(r)$, $\phi = \phi(r)$, $x = x(r)$; determined by a single function $\beta(y)$ subject to an ODE

$$(q^2)' = \frac{2}{9} F_0, \quad q \equiv -\frac{4y\sqrt{\beta}}{\beta'}, \quad \left(dr = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \frac{e^{3A}}{\sqrt{\beta}} dy \right)$$

.dual 6d (1,0) SCFT's

engineered by NS5-D6-D8 brane intersections [Gaiotto, Tomasiello '14] The isometry of S^2 corresponds to the $SU(2)$ R-symmetry

AdS₇ solutions of massive IIA supergravity

.a simple case

$$\beta = \frac{8}{F_0}(y - y_0)(y + 2y_0)^2$$

The metric on M_3 reads

$$ds_{M_3}^2 = \sqrt{-\frac{y_0}{6F_0}} \left(\frac{d\tilde{y}^2}{(1 - \tilde{y})\sqrt{\tilde{y} + 2}} + \frac{4(1 - \tilde{y})(\tilde{y} + 2)^{3/2}}{3(8 - 4\tilde{y} - \tilde{y}^2)} ds_{S^2}^2 \right), \quad \tilde{y} \equiv \frac{y}{y_0} \in [-2, 1]$$

Near the endpoints

$$ds_{M_3}^2 = \begin{cases} \lim_{\tilde{y} \rightarrow 1} d\rho^2 + \rho^2 ds_{S^2}^2 & \text{regular endpoint} \\ \lim_{\tilde{y} \rightarrow -2} \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}} (d\rho^2 + \rho^2 ds_{S^2}^2) & \text{D6 brane} \end{cases}$$

flux quantization $\int_{S^2}(F_2 - F_0 B) = n_{D6} \Rightarrow y_0 = -\frac{3}{8} \frac{n_{D6}^2}{F_0}$

.free energy

$$\mathcal{F}_{0,6} = \frac{512}{45} \pi^4 n_{D6}^2 N^3, \quad N = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int H$$

AdS₇ solutions of massive IIA supergravity

.general case

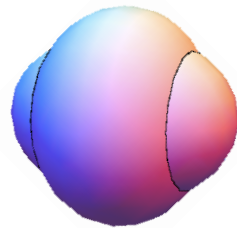
$$\beta = \frac{y_0^3}{b_2^3 F_0} \left(\sqrt{\hat{y}} - 6 \right)^2 \left(\hat{y} + 6\sqrt{\hat{y}} + 6b_2 - 72 \right)^2, \quad \hat{y} \equiv 2b_2 \left(\frac{y}{y_0} - 1 \right) + 36$$

$b_2 < 12$: a D6 stack at each endpoint

$b_2 > 12$: a D6 stack at one endpoint, an O6 singularity at the other

$b_2 = 12$: simple case

★ additional D8 branes wrapping the S^2 at a fixed $y = y_{D8}$, as F_0 discontinuities



AdS₅ and AdS₄ compactifications

| It is possible to compactify the AdS₇ solutions to AdS₄ [Rota, Tomasiello '15] and AdS₅ [Apruzzi, Fazzi, AP, Tomasiello '15] on quotients of hyperbolic spaces

$$ds_{10}^2 = X^{\frac{15}{2}} e^{2A} ds_7^2 + X^{\frac{5}{2}} \left(dr^2 + \frac{1}{16} \frac{e^{2A}(1-x^2)}{w} Ds_{S^2}^2 \right), \quad w \equiv X^5(1-x^2) + x^2$$

$$ds_7^2 = \begin{cases} ds_{\text{AdS}_5}^2 + \frac{1}{3} ds_{\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma}^2 \\ ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + \frac{4}{5} ds_{\mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma}^2 \end{cases} \quad X^5 = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{5}{8} \end{cases} \quad \Gamma \subset \begin{cases} \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \\ \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \end{cases}$$

- ★ the S^2 metric is “twisted” by the spin connection of \mathbb{H}^2 or \mathbb{H}^3
- ★ can be obtained by a simple map

$$e^{2A} \rightarrow X^{\frac{15}{2}} e^{2A}, \quad r \rightarrow X^{\frac{5}{4}} r, \quad x \rightarrow \frac{x}{w}, \quad e^\phi \rightarrow X^{\frac{5}{4}} \frac{e^\phi}{\sqrt{w}}$$

.detour

AdS₅ solutions of massive IIA supergravity

| [Apruzzi, Fazzi, AP, Tomasiello '15] classification of supersymmetric AdS₅ × M₅ solutions

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_{\text{AdS}_5}^2 + ds_{M_5}^2$$

★ supersymmetry ⇒ system of differential equations for an identity structure

local metric determined

$$ds_{M_5}^2 = ds_{\mathcal{C}}^2 + \frac{1}{9} b^2 D\psi^2 + \frac{e^{-6A+2\phi}}{b^2} \left[b^2 (e^{-2A} dx^2 + e^{2A} dy^2) + (a_2 e^{-A} dx + a_1 e^A dy)^2 \right]$$

$$b^2 = 1 - a_1^2 - a_2^2, \quad a_1 = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-3A+\phi} y, \quad D\psi = d\psi + \rho$$

.properties

- $\xi = 3 \partial_\psi$ generates the U(1) R-symmetry
- S¹ fibered over \mathcal{C}

★ solutions characterized by 3 functions $\{a_2, \phi, A\}$ of 4 variables subject to 6 PDE's

AdS₅ solutions of massive IIA supergravity

| assumptions

- $ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} [ds_{\text{AdS}_5}^2 + ds_{\Sigma}^2(x_1, x_2)] + ds_{M_3}^2$
- no dependence on x_1, x_2

| consequences

- Σ has constant curvature \rightarrow compact Riemann surface Σ_g
- The PDEs reduce to an ODE for a single function

★ For zero Romans mass we recover known solutions:

[Maldacena, Núñez '00] [Bah, Beem, Bobev, Wecht '12] [Itsios, Núñez, Sfetsos, Thompson '13]

★ For non-zero Romans mass:

- a couple of globally problematic solutions
- the $\text{AdS}_5 \times \mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$ solutions presented earlier

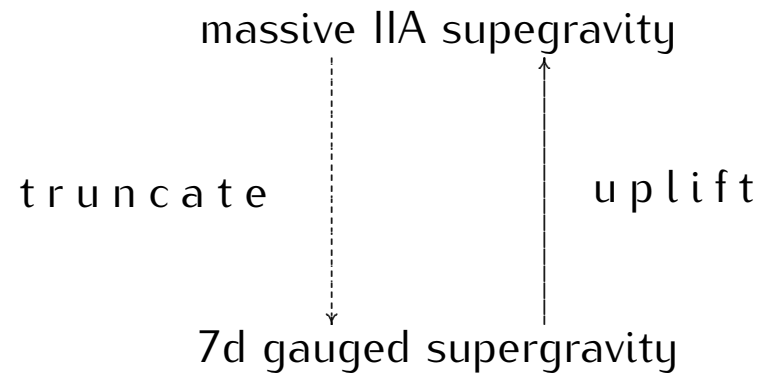
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.advance

| study asymptotically anti-deSitter solutions e.g. holographic RG flows

convenient to work in lower dimensions; construct a **consistent truncation**

[AP, Rota, Tomasiello '15]



The compactification solutions hint a reduction Ansatz

- introduce 7d **SU(2) gauge vector fields**, gauging the isometry of S^2
- promote X to a 7d **scalar field**

7d minimal gauged supergravity

[Townsend, van Nieuwenhuizen '83] [Mezincescu, Townsend, van Nieuwenhuizen '84]

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_7 = & R - \frac{1}{2} * d\varphi \wedge d\varphi - V(\varphi) * 1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} * \mathcal{F}_4 \wedge \mathcal{F}_4 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} * \mathcal{F}_2^i \wedge \mathcal{F}_2^i \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2^i \wedge \mathcal{F}_2^i \wedge \mathcal{A}_3 - h \mathcal{F}_4 \wedge \mathcal{A}_3 + \text{fermions } (\psi_\mu^a, \lambda^a)\end{aligned}$$

where $V(\varphi)$ is the scalar potential

$$V(\varphi) = 2h^2 e^{-\frac{8}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} - 4\sqrt{2}hge^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} - 2g^2 e^{\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi}$$

for $\frac{g}{h} > 0$ two extrema:

- $e^{-\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{g}{h}$ supersymmetric max.
- $e^{-\frac{5}{\sqrt{10}}\varphi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{g}{h}$ non-supersymmetric min.

★ obtained as a consistent truncation of M-theory on S^4 [Lü, Pope '99]

Consistent truncation: equations of motion

reduction Ansatz Neveu-Schwarz sector

$$\ell^{-1} ds_{10}^2 = \frac{1}{8} g^2 X^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{2A} ds_7^2 + X^{\frac{5}{2}} ds_{M_3}^2, \quad ds_{M_3}^2 = dr^2 + \frac{1}{16} \frac{e^{2A}(1-x^2)}{w} Ds_{S^2}^2, \quad \left(\ell \equiv \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{g^3} \right)$$

$$Ds_{S^2}^2 \equiv \sum_i (dy^i + \epsilon^{ijk} y^j g \mathcal{A}^k)^2, \quad \{y^i \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y^i y^i = 1\}$$

$$\text{dilaton: } e^{2\Phi} = \ell \frac{X^{\frac{5}{2}}}{w} e^{2\phi}$$

$$\text{NS-NS potential: } \ell^{-1} B = \frac{1}{16} \frac{e^{2A} x \sqrt{1-x^2}}{w} \text{vol}_2 - \frac{1}{2} e^A dr \wedge (\omega - \frac{1}{2} y^i \mathcal{A}^i), \quad (d\omega = -\frac{1}{2} \text{vol}_2)$$

Consistent truncation: equations of motion

substitute the reduction Ansatz in the 10d equations of motion

$$\text{NS-NS sector} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Einstein equations} \\ \text{e.o.m. of } X \end{cases} \quad \text{R-R sector} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{e.o.m. of } \mathcal{A}^i \\ \text{e.o.m. of } \mathcal{A}_3 \end{cases}$$

identified with the e.o.m. of 7d minimal gauged supergravity

$$X = \exp\left(\frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{10}}\right), \quad h = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

for any solution β : **universal**

↪ any solution of 7d minimal gauged supergravity can be uplifted on M_3 to an exact solution of 10d massive IIA supergravity

Consistent truncation: supersymmetry

is **supersymmetry preserved** by the uplifting process?

reduction Ansatz for the supersymmetry parameters schematically

$$\epsilon_1 \sim \xi \otimes \chi_1 + \bar{\xi}^c \otimes \chi_1^c, \quad \epsilon_2 \sim \xi \otimes \chi_2 - \bar{\xi}^c \otimes \chi_2^c$$

ξ : 7d spinor | χ_1, χ_2 spinors on M_3

$$\chi_1 = -ie^{\frac{A}{2}} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}\sigma_3} e^{i\frac{\alpha}{2}\sigma^3} \chi_{S^2}, \quad \chi_2 = e^{\frac{A}{2}} e^{-i\frac{\alpha}{2}\sigma^3} \chi_{S^2}, \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{x}{w}$$

★ vanishing 10d fermion susy variations \Rightarrow set of equations for ξ

\rightsquigarrow any spinor ξ such that the 7d fermion supersymmetry variations vanish can be uplifted so that the 10d fermion supersymmetry variations vanish as well

Holographic RG flows

.domain wall solutions

$$ds_7^2 = e^{2f_1(r)}(dr^2 + ds_{\mathbb{R}^{5-d,1}}^2) + e^{2f_2(r)}ds_{\Sigma_d}^2$$

asymptotically $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f_1 \sim \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f_2 \sim \log r$: AdS₇ with $\mathbb{R}^{5-d,1} \times \Sigma_d$ boundary

preserved supersymmetry \rightsquigarrow ODE's for f_1 , f_2 and X

numerical solutions for $d = 2, 3$ [Acharya, Gauntlett, Kim, '01] [Maldacena, Núñez '00] [Bah, Beem, Bobev, Wecht '12]

$$\begin{array}{c} AdS_7 \\ \updownarrow \\ AdS_{(7-d)} \times \Sigma_d \end{array}$$

.free energy

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_{0,6-d}}{\mathcal{F}_{0,6}} = X_{\text{IR}}^{20} \text{Vol}(\Sigma_d)$$

AdS₃ solutions

new supersymmetric AdS₃ solutions of massive IIA supergravity
dual to (0, 1) and (0, 2) SFCT₂'s

$$\dots \mathcal{N} = 1 \text{ AdS}_3 \times \mathbb{H}^4 \dots$$

$$ds_7^2 = \frac{2}{g^2} X^{-2} \left(ds_{\text{AdS}_3}^2 + \frac{4}{7} ds_{\mathbb{H}^4}^2 \right), \quad X^5 = \frac{7}{12}, \quad \mathcal{F}_4 = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{g^3} \text{vol}_{\mathbb{H}^4}$$

- SU(2) gauge field \equiv self-dual component of the SO(4) spin connection

$$\dots \mathcal{N} = 2 \text{ AdS}_3 \times M_4 \dots$$

$$ds_7^2 = \frac{2}{g^2} X^{-2} \left(ds_{\text{AdS}_3}^2 + \frac{4}{3} ds_{M_4}^2 \right), \quad X^5 = \frac{4}{3}, \quad \mathcal{F}_4 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{g^3} \text{vol}_{M_4}$$

- M_4 : Kähler–Einstein of $R = -4$
- U(1) gauge field \equiv U(1) component of the U(2) spin connection

Conclusions and Outlook

.conclusions

- AdS_4 and AdS_5 solutions of massive IIA supergravity dual to field theories in three and four dimensions which are twisted compactifications of 6d (1,0) SCFT's
- universal consistent truncation of massive IIA supergravity, to 7d minimal gauged supergravity; any solution of the lower-dimensional theory uplifts to a 10d solution; supersymmetry is preserved in this process

.future work

- The Kaluza–Klein spectrum of the $AdS_7 \times M_3$ backgrounds, beyond the massless modes, can be used to analyse the spectrum of operators of the dual SCFT's

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