$AdS_6/CFT_5$  in Type IIB Part I: Warped  $AdS_6$  solutions and 5-brane webs

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# Introduction

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Theories in  $d > 4$  crucial part in general understanding of QFT. Often reduce to interesting  $d \leq 4$  theories  $\rightarrow$  new theories and dualities, geometric realizations of known dualities.

Defining interacting QFTs in  $d > 4$  challenging. In particular,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Yang-Mills theories non-renormalizable ( $\sim \sqrt{-g}R$  in  $d=4$ ).

Evidence from Strings, Branes and Gauge theories suggests many interacting  $d > 4$  QFTs exist, challenging perturbative arguments.

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Suitable superconformal algebras in  $d \leq 6$ ; maximal ones with  $16<sub>O</sub> + 16<sub>S</sub> = 32$  supercharges



- unique superconf. algebra  $F(4)$ ,  $16$  supercharges – strongly-coupled UV fixed points for large classes of gauge theories w/  $\rm 8_Q$  supercharges [Seiberg '96;...]
- no standard Lagrangian, existence from Coulomb branch analysis and string theory

Asymptotically safe gauge theories, exceptional global symmetries, dualities, parents to isolated  $4d$  theories, relations to  $6d, \ldots$ 

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Large classes of 5d SCFTs, with and without gauge theory deformations, quivers, flavors, Chern-Simons terms,. . .

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 $SU(3)$ ,  $CS = 0$ 



 $E_0$ , no global symmetry



 $SU(2)\times SU(2)\times SU(2)$  quiver



 $SU(2) + 1$  flavor

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General picture: any planar 5-brane junction realizes a 5d SCFT on the intersection point



Characterized entirely by external 5-brane charges. No standard Lagrangian. May or may not have gauge theory deformations.

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One well known  $AdS_6$  solution from type I' construction:

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$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n\vdots \\
\vdots \\
\vdots \\
\vdots \\
\vdots \\
08 + N_f \text{ D8}\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
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$$
\bullet \text{D4}
$$
\n
$$
\begin{array}{c}\nN \text{ D4 probing } O8 + N_f \text{ D8: } \text{USp}(N) \\
\text{with antisymmetric and } N_f \text{ flavors} \\
\end{array}
$$

 $\rightarrow$  warped  $\mathsf{AdS}_6\times \mathrm{S}^4$  in massive IIA [Brandhuber, Oz]

Locally unique [Passias], orbifolds dual to quiver gauge theories [Rodriguez-Gomez, Bergman], T-duals in IIB [Cvetic et al.; Lozano et al.]

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Part I: Warped  $AdS_6$  solutions in Type IIB (today) Part II:  $AdS_6/CFT_5$  – Tests and applications (next week)

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Warped  $AdS_6$  solutions in Type IIB

- $-$  Ansatz and general local  $AdS_6\times S^2\times \Sigma$  solution
- Global solutions on the disc and 5-brane webs
- Solutions with more general  $\Sigma$ ?
- Solutions with  $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$  monodromy  $\rightarrow$  7-branes

 $AdS_6$  solutions in Type IIB – ansatz and local solution –

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Remaining bosonic fields:  $C_{(4)} = 0$   $C_{(2)} \propto \text{vol}_{S^2}$   $\tau = \chi + ie^{-2\phi}$ 

With complex coordinate  $w$  on  $\Sigma$ 

$$
ds^{2} = f_{6}(w, \bar{w})^{2} ds^{2}_{AdS_{6}} + f_{2}(w, \bar{w})^{2} ds^{2}_{S^{2}} + 4\rho(w, \bar{w})^{2} |dw|^{2}
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$$
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Decomposing Killing spinors, reducing BPS eq. on  $AdS<sub>6</sub>$  and  $S<sup>2</sup>$  $\rightarrow$  coupled PDEs on  $\Sigma$  for supergravity fields & Killing spinors

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- Ad $\mathsf{S}_6{\times}\mathsf{S}^2$  gravitino eq.  $\rightarrow$  radii in terms of Killing spinors
- dilatino eq.  $\rightarrow$  3-form in terms of B, Killing spinors
- Killing spinors in terms of  $\rho^2$ ,  $B$ , holomorphic  $\partial_w {\cal A}_{\pm}$
- decouple and integrate remaining equations for  $\rho^2$ ,  $B$

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Arbitrary locally holomorphic

 $\mathcal{A}_+ : \Sigma \to \mathbb{C}$ 

yield metric functions  $f_6^2$ ,  $f_2^2$ ,  $\rho^2$ , axion-dilaton  $B$ , two-form field  $C$ and Killing spinors solving BPS eq.

 $SU(1, 1) \otimes \mathbb{C}$  transf. of  $\mathcal{A}_+$  induce  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  on supergravity fields

Explicit solution for supergravity fields:

$$
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$$

$$
\mathcal{C} = \frac{4i}{9} \left[ \frac{(1+R^2)\partial_w \mathcal{G} \partial_{\bar{w}} \bar{\mathcal{A}}_- - 2R \partial_{\bar{w}} \mathcal{G} \partial_w \mathcal{A}_+}{(1+R)^2 \kappa^2} - \bar{\mathcal{A}}_- - 2\mathcal{A}_+ \right]
$$

with composite quantities

$$
\kappa^2 = -|\partial_w \mathcal{A}_+|^2 + |\partial_w \mathcal{A}_-|^2 \qquad \partial_w \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}_+ \partial_w \mathcal{A}_- - \mathcal{A}_- \partial_w \mathcal{A}_+
$$
  

$$
\mathcal{G} = |\mathcal{A}_+|^2 - |\mathcal{A}_-|^2 + \mathcal{B} + \bar{\mathcal{B}} \qquad R + \frac{1}{R} = 2 + 6 \frac{\kappa^2 \mathcal{G}}{|\partial_w \mathcal{G}|^2}
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 $AdS_6$  solutions in Type IIB – global solutions –

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For 10d geometry w/o boundary, collapse  $S^2$  on  $\partial \Sigma$  (AdS<sub>6</sub> finite):

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Not all independent,  $\mathcal{G}|_{\text{int}(\Sigma)} > 0$  implied by the other conditions.

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$$
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$$

$$
Z_{+}^{\ell} = \sigma \prod_{n=1}^{L-2} (r_{\ell} - s_n) \prod_{k \neq \ell}^{L} \frac{1}{r_{\ell} - r_k}
$$

$$
\mathcal{A}_{-}(w) = -\overline{\mathcal{A}_{+}(\bar{w})} \quad \sum_{\ell} Z_{+}^{\ell} = 0
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$$
\mathcal{A}_+^0 Z_-^k - \mathcal{A}_-^0 Z_+^k + \sum_{\ell \neq k} Z^{[\ell, k]} \ln |p_\ell - p_k| = 0
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Solutions regular everywhere, except for possibly the poles. . .



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$$
\sum_{r_m}^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{r_m}}{\sum_{r_m}}
$$
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$$
dC_{(2)} \approx \frac{8}{3} Z_+^m \text{vol}_{\mathbb{S}^3} \qquad e^{-2\phi} \approx \frac{\sqrt{3} \kappa_m^2}{4 \operatorname{Re}(Z_+^m)^2} \frac{r}{\sqrt{|\ln r|}} \qquad \chi \approx \frac{\operatorname{Im}(Z_+^m)}{\operatorname{Re}(Z_+^m)}
$$

 $\sqrt{|\ln r|}$ 

$$
\sum_{r_m}^{\mathcal{V}} \theta
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\n
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$$

Entire near-pole solution matches  $(p, q)$  5-branes of  $[Lu, Roy 98]$ 

$$
q+ip\ \ \, \longleftrightarrow\ \ \, Z^m_+
$$

Solutions regular with isolated poles corresponding to 5-branes √

 $AdS<sub>6</sub>$  solutions in Type IIB – connection to 5-brane webs –









- external 5-branes explicitly  $(p, q)$  charge conserved
- parametrized by choice of residues mod charge cons.
- $AdS_6 + 16$  susies  $= F(4)$
- need  $L \geq 3$ , p and q charge



Supergravity solutions for fully localized 5-brane intersections

"Large  $N$ "

Classical supergravity:  $Z^\ell_+ \sim q_\ell + i p_\ell \in \mathbb{C}$ . Limit of string theory with large 5-brane charges  $\rightarrow$  effectively continuous.

Large numbers of like-charged coincident 5-branes at each pole



In particular: generally large D5 and NS5 brane charges.

# SCFT/gauge theory connections



 $\leftrightarrow$  4-pole solution with  $\ Z_+^1=-Z_+^3\sim iN$  ,  $\ Z_+^2=-Z_+^4\sim M$ 

large D5 and large NS5 charge  $\leftrightarrow$  large number of nodes in quiver deformation and (at least some) large-rank gauge groups

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Potential subtlety: s-rule constraints from 5-branes on 7-branes



Supergravity sol.  $\sim$  unconstrained junctions (details next week).

### Global solutions on the disc

Physically regular solutions for  $\Sigma =$ disc,  $L > 3$  poles on  $\partial \Sigma$ ,  $2L - 2$  real parameters = residues at poles with zero sum.

Poles required by regularity, correspond to  $(p, q)$  5-branes with  $q+ip\sim Z_+^\ell$ . Natural identification with 5-brane junctions.

Recipe for  $\Sigma$  w/ arbitrary numbers of handles and boundaries.

 $AdS_6$  solutions in Type IIB – More general Riemann surfaces? –

Construction of regular  $\kappa^2$  works for general Riemann surfaces. Boundary condition  $\mathcal{G}_{\partial\Sigma}=0$  not automatic.

Two natural options: (i) add handles (ii) add further boundaries

Technically more challenging. Charge distribution on doubled surface  $+$  Green's function  $\rightarrow \kappa^2$ , Green's functions not as simple.

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$$

Main challenge:  $G = 0$  on two boundaries  $\Rightarrow$  non-local condition.

Necessary for  $\mathcal{G}|_{\partial\Sigma}=0$ :  $\mathcal G$  constant along regular boundary segments, no monodromy around poles  $\sim$  local conditions.

This is sufficient for a single boundary component:

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$$

B defined up to integration constant  $\rightarrow$  use it to set  $\mathcal{G}=0$ .

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Encode branch cut structure in  $f=\sum_{i=1}^N\delta_i$ I  $\frac{i=1}{i}$  $n_i^2$  $\frac{n_i^2}{4\pi}\ln\bigg(\gamma_i\,\frac{w-w_i}{w-\bar w_i}$  $w - \bar{w}_i$ .

Differentials  $\partial \mathcal{A}_{\pm} = \partial \mathcal{A}_{\pm}^s + \eta_{\pm} f (\eta_{-} \partial \mathcal{A}_{+}^s - \eta_{+} \partial \mathcal{A}_{-}^s)$ ,  $\eta_{\pm} = p \mp iq$ .

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In general, on-shell action (=free energy) different from 4-pole solution w/o monodromy.

As  $D7 \to \partial \Sigma$  w/ fixed 5-brane charges, puncture turns into pole.

Consistent with 5-brane webs just shown. Confirmation: next week.

# Summary & Outlook



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Solutions regular everywhere except for isolated physically meaningful singularities.

Extension to solutions with parabolic  $SL(2,\mathbb{R})$  monodromy, for 5-brane junctions with (mutually local) 7-branes.

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