



# Holographic duals of 2+1d QFT's with Minimal SUSY and Massive Fundamental Flavours

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# Talk Plan

- Review the holographic dual of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM-CS in  $2+1$  d.
- Sketch of construction of dual of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SQCD-CS with massive flavours in  $2+1$  d and implications.
  - Massless flavour, [Canoura, Merlatti, Ramallo](#), leads to IR singularity.
- Generate type-IIA solution with interpolating  $G_2$  structure.
  - NS5, D4, D2
  - A dual to a cascading higgsing  $\mathcal{N}=1$  quiver in  $2+1$  d?

# $\mathcal{N}=1$ SYM in 2+1 dimensions

$SU(N_c)$ : Gauge fields + Gauginos:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{SYM}} = \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left( -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 - i \bar{\lambda} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \lambda \right) + \frac{k}{4\pi} \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A + \bar{\lambda} \lambda \right)$$

Witten calculated the index on  $\mathbb{R} \times T^2$

$$k \geq \frac{N_c}{2} \Rightarrow \text{SUSY Unbroken}$$

$$k = \frac{N_c}{2} \Rightarrow \text{Single, Confining Vacuum}$$

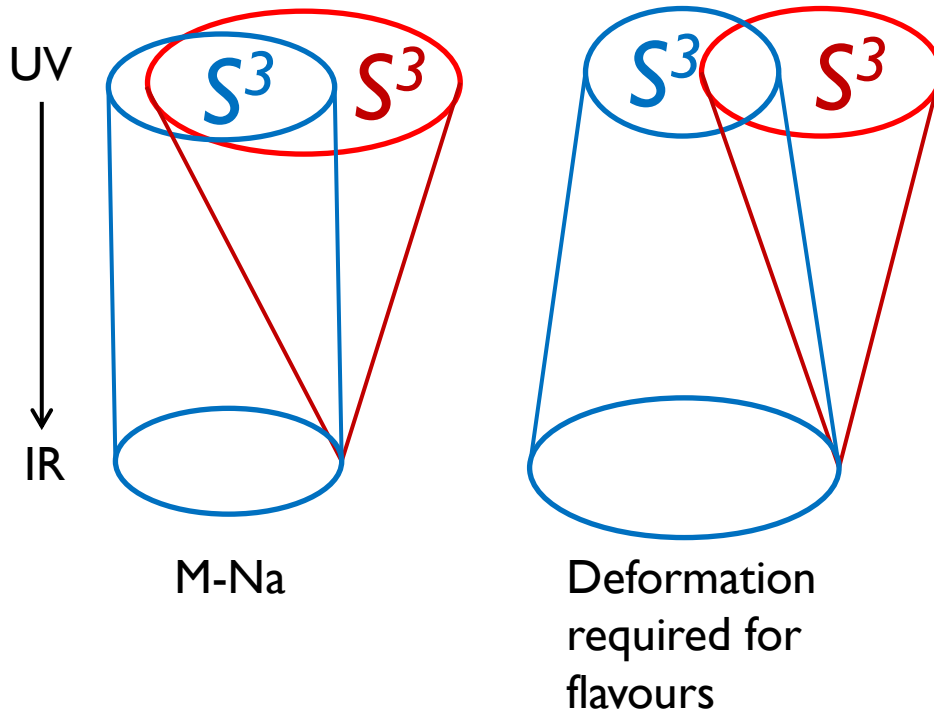
Holographic Dual: [Maldacena, Nastase 2001](#): D5 branes wrapping a 3 cycle



Dual field theory

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{\text{SYM}} + \underbrace{\int d^3x L_{\text{KK}}}_{\text{KK Tower}}$$

# The Maldacena-Nastase Solution



D5 branes wrap the intersection of the  $S^3$ 's

# The Maldacena-Nastase Solution

D5 branes wrapping a 3-cycle in a  $G_2$  Manifold.

$\mathbb{R}^{1,2} \times \mathbb{R} \times S^3 \times S^3$  - fibrated:

$$ds^2 = e^{\phi/2} N_c \left( \frac{dx_{1,2}^2}{N_c} + dr^2 + \frac{e^{2h}}{4} (\sigma^i)^2 + \frac{1}{4} (\omega^i - A^i)^2 \right)$$

SU(2) left invariant 1-forms:  $d\sigma^i = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma^j \wedge \sigma^k$ ;  $d\omega^i = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \omega^j \wedge \omega^k$

SU(2) Gauge field:  $A^i = \frac{1 + w(r)}{2} \sigma^i$

RR 3-form:  $F_3 = N_c \left( -\frac{1}{4} \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 (\omega^i - A^i) + \frac{1}{4} F^i \wedge (\omega^i - A^i) + H \right)$ ;  $dF_{(3)} = 0$

Let:

$$\rho = e^{2h}$$

Then:

$$w_{IR} = 1; \quad \phi_{IR} = \phi_0$$

$$\rho \rightarrow 0$$

$$w_{UV} \sim \frac{1}{\rho}; \quad \phi_{IR} \sim \rho$$

$$\rho \rightarrow \infty$$

# The Maldacena-Nastase Solution

D5 branes wrap:  $\Sigma = \{\sigma^i | \omega^i = \sigma^i\}$  [Canoura, Merlatti, Ramallo](#)

$\Sigma$  vanishes in the IR:  $F_{(3)} \Big|_{\Sigma} = 0 \implies$  Non singular

S<sup>3</sup>'s parameterised by  $\sigma^i$  and  $\omega^i$  are non vanishing:

Flux quantisation: 
$$-\frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2 T_5} \int_{\omega^i} F_3 = N_c$$

Probe D5:  $\Xi = (x, y, t, \sigma^i)$  [Maldacena, Nastase](#)

$$-\frac{1}{16\pi^3} \int_{\Xi} F_3 \wedge \text{tr}[\mathcal{A} \wedge d\mathcal{A} + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}] = -\frac{\tilde{k}}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,2}} \text{tr}[\mathcal{A} \wedge d\mathcal{A} + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A}]$$

$$\frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2 T_5} \int_{\sigma^i} F_3 = N_c \implies \tilde{k} = N_c$$

Need to integrate out KK states in IR:  $\implies k = \tilde{k} - \frac{N_c}{2} = \frac{N_c}{2}$

IR Gauge theory  $SU(N_c)_{\frac{N_c}{2}}$  in 2+1 d

# Adding Unquenched Massive flavours

$$\text{Veneziano limit: } N_c \rightarrow \infty; N_f \rightarrow \infty; \frac{N_c}{N_f} \sim 1$$

Add smeared flavour D5 branes

$$\Rightarrow \text{Back react on geometry; } \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_{\text{IIB}} + \mathcal{S}_{\text{branes}}; dF_{(3)} = \Xi_{(4)}$$

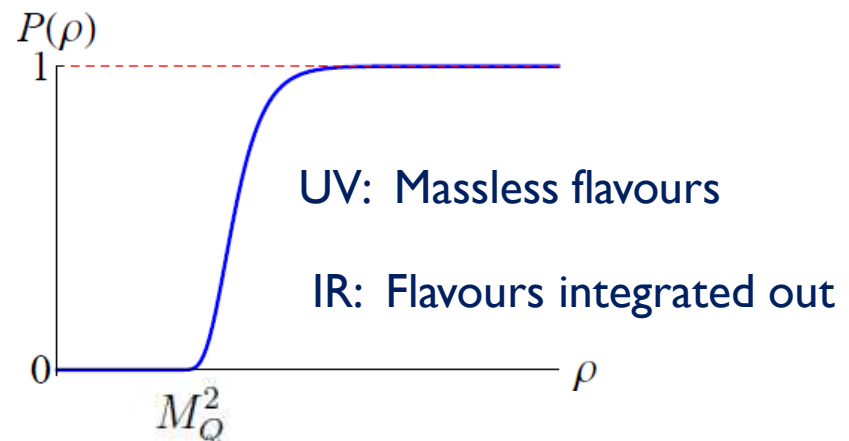
$$G_2 \text{ structure } \Rightarrow \text{Associative 3-form: } \Phi_{(3)}$$

$$\text{Calibration condition } \Rightarrow \text{SUSY cycle: } X^* \Phi_{(3)} = \sqrt{-\hat{g}} d\xi^3$$

$$\text{DBI+WZ: } \mathcal{S}_{\text{branes}} = -N_f \int e^{\phi/2} [e^{3/4\phi} \text{Vol}_3 \wedge \Phi_{(3)} - C_{(6)}] \wedge \Xi_{(4)}$$

Massive flavours, branes that don't reach the IR:

$$N_f \rightarrow P(\rho) N_f$$



# Adding Unquenched Massive Flavours

System gets modified: **NTM**

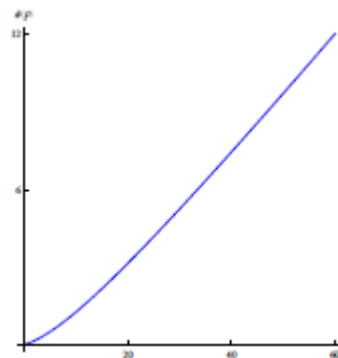
$$ds^2 = e^{\phi/2} N_c \left( \frac{dx_{1,2}^2}{N_c} + dr^2 + \frac{e^{2h}}{4} (\sigma^i)^2 + \frac{e^{2g}}{4} (\omega^i - A^i)^2 \right)$$

$$F_3 = N_c \left( -\frac{1}{4} \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 (\omega^i - B^i) + \frac{1}{4} (F^i + F_f^i(P, P')) \wedge (\omega^i - B^i) + H + H_f(P) \right)$$

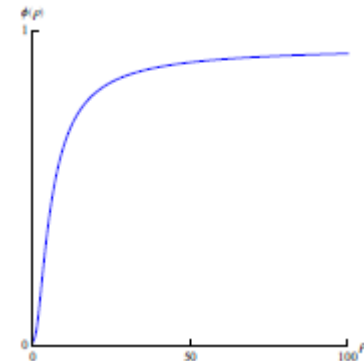
$$A^i = \frac{1}{2}(1+w)\sigma^i; \quad B^i = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma)\sigma^i$$

2 types of UV  
consistent with IR:  
-Linear Dilaton  
-Constant Dilaton

Canoura, Merlatti, Ramallo



Fundamental Flavours



Gauged Flavours

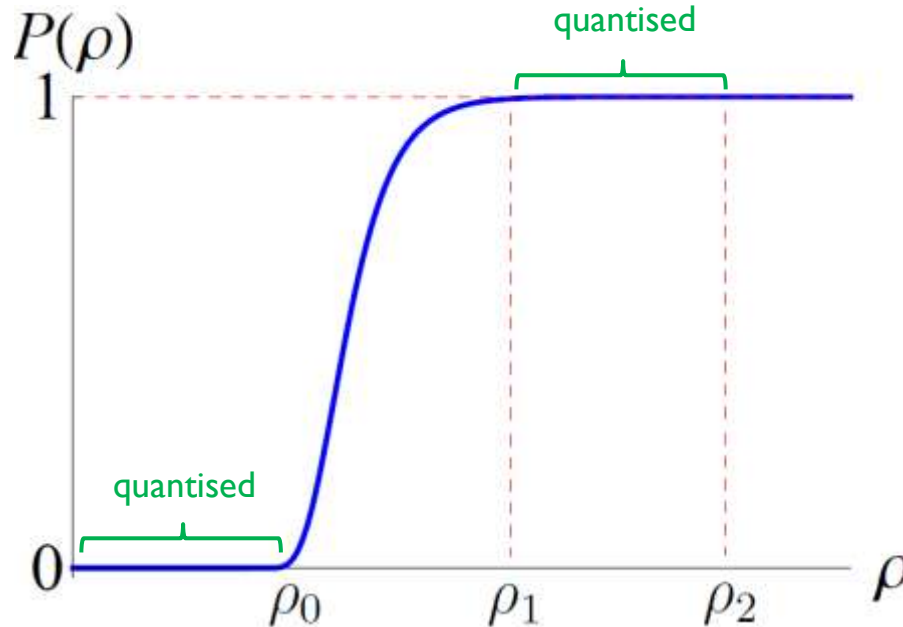
New 6d Chern-Simons term:  $\tilde{k} = N_c + \frac{3N_f}{2}(C-1)P.$

What about quantisation???



# The Chern-Simons level

Linear Dilaton case:



$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &\sim M_Q^2 \\ \rho_2 &\sim M_{KK}^2 \\ P(\rho_1) &\sim 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho \gg \rho_2$$

5+1 d field theory:

$$k = \tilde{k} = N_c + \frac{3N_f}{2}(C - 1)$$

$$\rho_1 < \rho < \rho_2$$

Integrate out KK modes,  
2+1 d field theory:

$$k = \frac{N_c}{2} + \frac{3N_f}{4}(C - 1)$$

$$\rho_0 < \rho < \rho_1$$

Interpolation region:

$$k = k(\rho)$$

$$\rho < \rho_0$$

Flavours integrated out induces  
shift in k

$$k = \frac{N_c}{2}$$

# On the field theory (linear Dilaton):

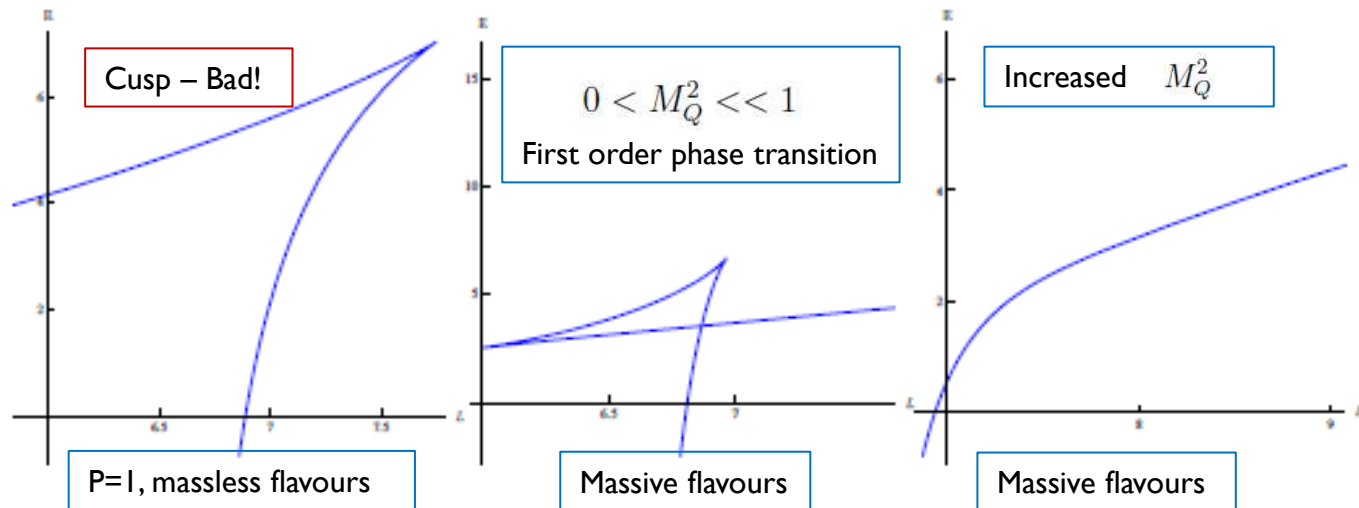
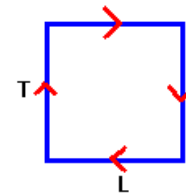
- $N_c < 2N_f$  Theory develops a Landau pole in the UV

$N_c \geq 2N_f$  Theory is asymptotically free.

cf: 3+1d SQCD

- Wilson Loops: Probe string suspended from UV

Rectangular Loop – quark, anti-quark potential:



Large  $L \Rightarrow$  IR:

$$E = e^{\phi_0} L + O\left(e^{-\sqrt{\frac{7}{24F_0^3}} N_c L}\right) \Rightarrow \langle W_C \rangle \propto e^{-e^{\phi_0} \text{Area}(C)} \Rightarrow \text{Confinement.}$$

# Rotated Type IIA Solution:

$G_2$  structure,  
Asymptotically  
constant Dilaton  
solution



Solution Generating  
Technique -Rotation



Type-IIA with NS5,  
D2, D4 branes,  
modified Dilaton and  
interpolating  $G_2$   
structure.

Gaillard, Martelli

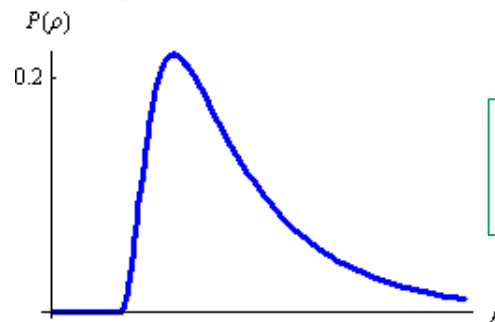
Result after further rescaling of coords:

$$ds_{\text{str}}^2 = N_c \left( H^{-1/2} s^{-1} dx_{1,2}^2 + H^{1/2} (dr^2 + \frac{e^{2h}}{4} (\sigma^i)^2 + \frac{e^{2g}}{4} (\omega^i - A^i)^2) \right); \quad s = e^{2g} \Big|_{\text{IR}}$$

$$H = 1 - \tanh \beta e^{2(\phi - \phi_\infty)}, \quad \text{New Dilaton couples to D2 branes: } e^{2\hat{\phi}} = \frac{sH^{1/2}}{\tanh \beta} e^{2(\phi_\infty - \phi)}$$

$$\text{Source for NS5 branes: } dH_{(3)} = \Xi_{(4)}; \quad dF_{(4)} = 0$$

Well behaved UV requires  
modified profile:



$G_2$  Analogue of BB of  
KS with addition scale

# Rotated Type IIA Solution:

Rescale:  $\rho \rightarrow \rho s$

Define:  $U = \sqrt{\rho} = e^h \Rightarrow$

$$ds_{\text{str}}^2 = \underbrace{U^2 dx_{1,2}^2 + \frac{dU^2}{U}}_{AdS_4} + \underbrace{\frac{(\sigma^i)^2}{12} + \frac{1}{9}(w^i - A^i)^2}_{\text{Tip of } G_2 \text{ cone}} + O\left(\frac{1}{sU^2}\right)$$

Limit:  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$

Additional limit:  $s \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$   $G_2$  analogue of KS with additional scale

Compare with interpolating SU(3) structure Conifold backgrounds

Maldacena, Martelli, Nunez, Piai, Ramallo ...

$$\mathcal{C} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{\Sigma} C_{(3)} \sim N_c U \quad \text{cf: Running } B_{(2)} \text{ in KS}$$

Suggests dual is a cascading, higgsing quiver

$$SU(\tilde{N}_c) \times SU\left(N_c + \tilde{N}_c + \frac{N_f}{2}\right) \quad \text{for} \quad \tilde{N}_c \sim c N_c$$

↓ Cascade

$$SU(N_c)$$

# Summary

- Dual of 2+1 d SCQD-CS with Massive flavours
  - Non singular IR
  - $N_c \geq 2N_f$ : Confinement and asymptotic freedom
  - $N_c < 2N_f$ : Landau pole in the UV
  - More can be learnt about field theory
- Generated new type IIA solutions
  - Speculate that its dual to a cascading higgsing quiver
  - More work on this is underway

# Rotation Details

Solution generating technique: Gaillard, Martelli

$$\text{Type IIA: } H_{(3)} \implies \text{Type IIA: } F_{(4)}; H_{(3)}$$

$$ds_{\text{str}}^2 = dx_{1,2}^2 + ds_7^2 \implies ds_{\text{str}}^2 = e^{2\Delta+2\phi/3} (dx_{1,2}^2 + ds_7^2)$$

SUSY Conditions of complicated system:

$$\Phi \wedge d\Phi = 0$$

$$d(e^{6\Delta} *_7 \Phi) = 0$$

$$d(e^{2\Delta+2\phi/3} \cos \zeta) = 0$$

$$2d\zeta - e^{-3\Delta} \cos \zeta d(e^{3\Delta} \sin \zeta) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \zeta} e^{-4\Delta+2\phi/3} *_7 d(e^{6\Delta} \cos \zeta \Phi) = H_{(3)}$$

$$\text{Vol}_3 \wedge d(e^{3\Delta} \sin \zeta) - \frac{\sin \zeta}{\cos^2 \zeta} e^{-3\Delta} d(e^{6\Delta} \cos \zeta \Phi) = F_{(4)}$$

$$\zeta = 0.$$

$$2\Delta = -2\phi/3$$

$$\Phi \wedge d\Phi = 0$$

$$d(e^{-2\phi} *_7 \Phi) = 0$$

$$e^{2\phi} *_7 d(e^{-2\phi} \Phi) = H_{(3)}$$

$$F_{(4)} = 0$$

S-duality;

$$\hat{\Phi} = \left(\frac{\cos \zeta}{c_1}\right)^3 \Phi^{(0)}; e^{3\hat{\Delta}} = \left(\frac{c_1}{\cos \zeta}\right)^2 e^{-\phi^{(0)}};$$

$$e^{2\hat{\phi}} = \frac{\cos \zeta}{c_1} e^{2\phi^{(0)}}; ds_7^2 = \frac{\cos^2 \zeta}{c_1^2} ds_7^{(0)2};$$

$$\sin \zeta = c_2 e^{-\phi^{(0)}};$$

SUSY conditions of IIB  
Solution with D5 branes  
in string frame