

# Massive AdS (Super)Gravity & Holography



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# A Higgs mechanism for Gravity ?

Fierz - Pauli 1939

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Van Dam, Veltman, Zakharov 1970

Vainshtein 1972

Boulware, Deser 1973

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Arkani-Hamed, Georgi, Schwartz 2002

't Hooft; Chamseddine, Mukhanov; ...

de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley 2011

Hassan, Rosen 2011

A question with a long history:

cf. (spin-1) gauge theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{tr} \left[ -\frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + v^2 (A_\mu - U^\dagger \partial_\mu U)(A^\mu - U^\dagger \partial^\mu U) \right]$$

$U$  : three [for SU(2)] **scalar Stueckelberg fields**

Breakdown of perturbative unitarity at

$$E \sim v = m/g$$

Restore with **Higgs particle**:

$$\Phi = U \begin{pmatrix} v + \textcircled{h} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For (spin-2) gravity:

Stueckelberg fields :

massless vector + scalar

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massive vector

Geometric interpretation from **bimetric** theories (two Universes + interaction):

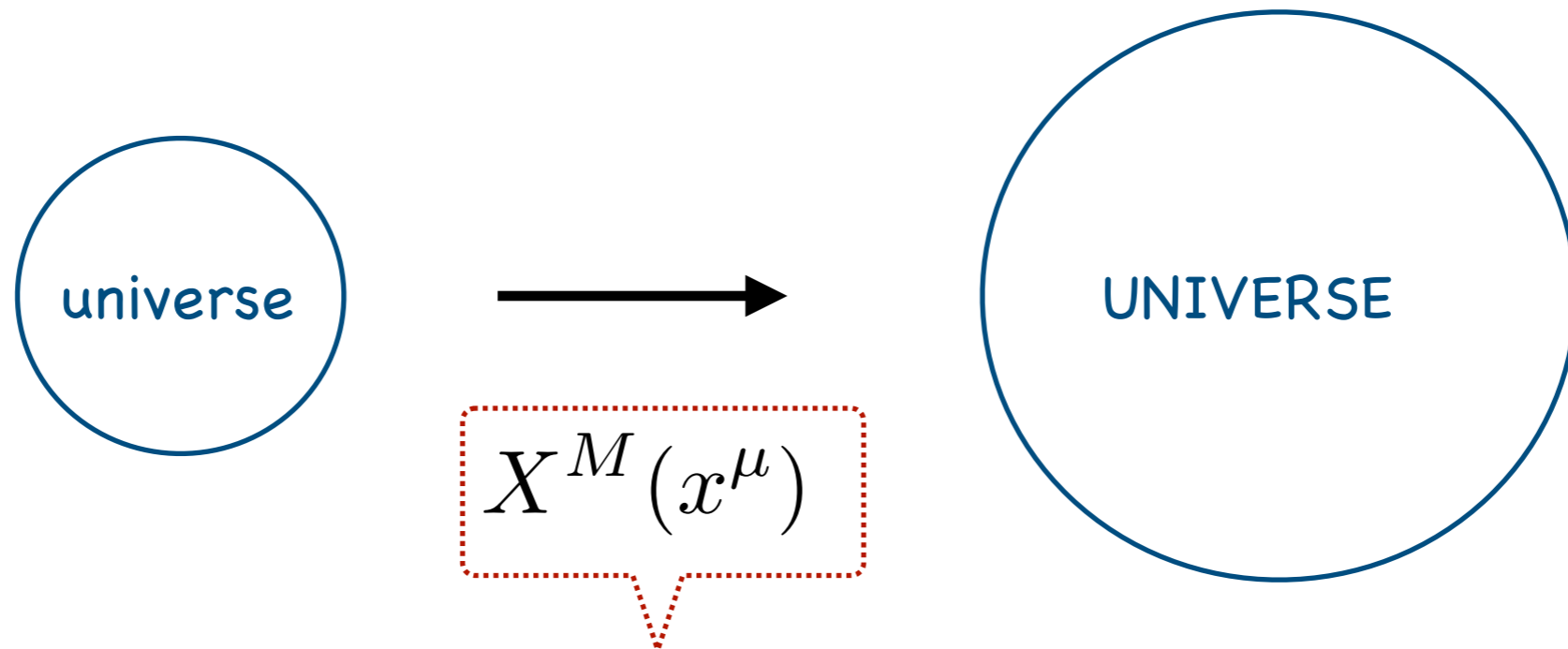
$$S_{\text{bm}} \sim m_{\text{Planck}}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{g} [R(g) + \lambda] + M_{\text{Planck}}^2 \int d^4X \sqrt{G} [R(G) + \Lambda]$$

$$+ m^2 m_{\text{Planck}}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{g} f(g^{\mu\nu} \hat{G}_{\mu\nu})$$

where  $\hat{G}_{\mu\nu} = G_{MN}(X) \partial_\mu X^M \partial_\nu X^N$

Mixing two massless gravitons : one massless & one massive

In the limit  $M_{\text{Planck}} \rightarrow \infty$  the massless one decouples  
and we are left with **massive gravity**.



Four Stueckelberg scalars

In consistent effective theory one of these should drop out.

This happens in the **dRGT** [3 parameter] action

Ultimate breakdown scale in Minkowski :  $E_{\star} = (m^2 m_{\text{Planck}})^{1/3}$

Tension with GW data:

LIGO quotes  $m \leq 10^{-23} \text{ eV}$

$$E_{\star} \sim 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$$

Analog of 'Higgs particle' ? Need quantum (UV) embedding

Have found one (but) for **AdS** (super)gravity

  
technical control ?

# Massive AdS supergravities

Particle states in  $\text{AdS}_{d+1}$  form representations of the

conformal group  $\text{SO}(2, d) \supset \mathbb{R} \times \text{SO}(d)$

energy      ang.mom.

Lowest-lying (in  $d = 3$ ): spin  $s$ , energy  $\Delta$

Corresponding unitary representation denoted  $[s]_{\Delta}$

**Massless** particles for  $s > \frac{1}{2}$  :  $\Delta = s + 1$

$[s]_{\Delta}$  is a **short** representation



At the unitarity threshold,  $\Delta \rightarrow s + 1$

$$\boxed{[s]_{\Delta}} \rightarrow \boxed{[s]_{s+1}} \oplus \boxed{[s-1]_{s+2}}$$

Long

Short

Stueckelberg

For spin 2 :

$$[2]_{3+\epsilon} \rightarrow [2]_3 \oplus [1]_4 \quad \text{Stueckelberg = massive vector}$$

Massless graviton + 'Goldstone'



Massive graviton

## Supersymmetry:

Conformal group  $\longrightarrow$  **Superconformal group**

e.g.  $SO(2,3) \rightarrow Osp(4|N)$

$$d \leq 6$$

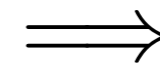
Nahm 1978

Goldstone multiplet  $\longrightarrow$

Goldstone **supermultiplet**

includes spin 3/2

**Absolutely protected** massless supergravitons  
[short spin-2 supermultiplets]



$$d \leq 4$$
$$N \leq \frac{1}{2} \max$$



**ruled out**

$$\text{AdS}_{D>5}$$

$$N > \frac{1}{2} \max$$

	Susy	$\mathfrak{g}$	Massless graviton
AdS <sub>7</sub>	$\mathcal{N}=(2,0)$	$\mathfrak{osp}(8^* 4)$	$D_1[0, 0, 0]_4^{(0,2)}$
	$\mathcal{N}=(1,0)$	$\mathfrak{osp}(8^* 2)$	$B_3[0, 0, 0]_4^{(0)}$
AdS <sub>6</sub>	$\mathcal{N} = 1$	$\mathfrak{f}(4)$	$B_2[0, 0]_3^{(0)}$
AdS <sub>5</sub>	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2 4)$	$B_1\bar{B}_1[0; 0]_2^{(2,0,2)}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 3$	$\mathfrak{su}(2, 2 3)$	$B_1\bar{B}_1[0; 0]_2^{(1,1;0)}$
AdS <sub>4</sub>	$\mathcal{N} = 8$	$\mathfrak{osp}(8 4)$	$B_1[0]_1^{(0,0,0,2)}$ or $(0,0,2,0)$
	$\mathcal{N} = 7$	$\mathfrak{osp}(7 4)$	$B_1[0]_1^{(0,0,2)}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 6$	$\mathfrak{osp}(6 4)$	$B_1[0]_1^{(0,1,1)}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 5$	$\mathfrak{osp}(5 4)$	$B_1[0]_1^{(1,0)}$

Table 1: The  $\text{AdS}_D$  supergravities for which the massless graviton is in an absolutely protected representation. We list the number of supersymmetries, the superconformal algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and the absolutely protected representation in the notation of ref. [9]. The list includes all cases in  $D > 5$  dimensions, and all cases with more than half-maximal supersymmetry for reasons explained in the main text. The table has redundancies: when the massless graviton is protected for given  $(D, \mathcal{N}_0)$  it is also protected for all  $(D, \mathcal{N} > \mathcal{N}_0)$ .

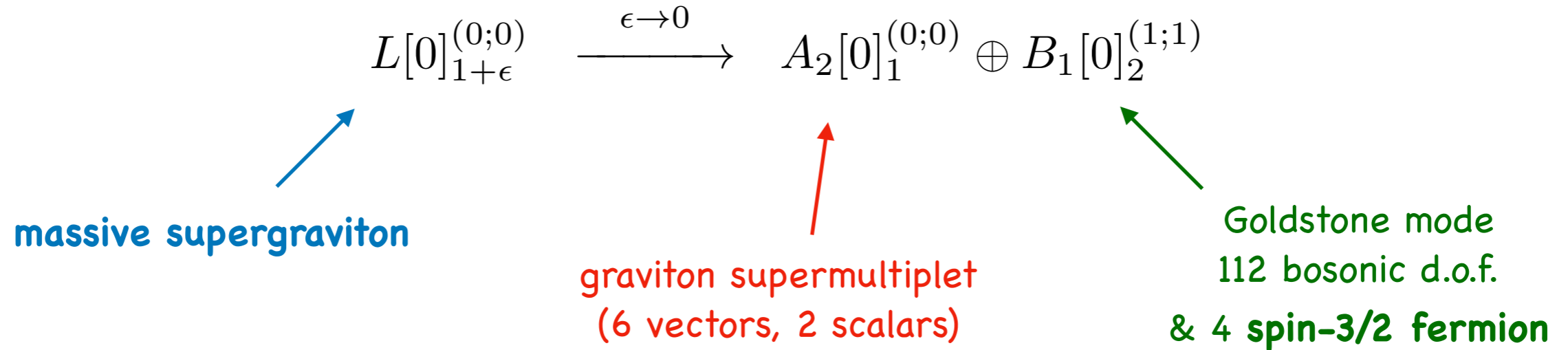
## kinematically allowed Msugras

	Susy	Multitrace	Massless graviton	Stueckelberg
AdS <sub>5</sub>	$\mathcal{N}=2$	no	$A_2 \bar{A}_2 [0; 0]_2^{(0;0)}$	$B_1 \bar{B}_1 [0; 0]_4^{(4;0)} \oplus (A_2 \bar{B}_1 [0; 0]_3^{(2;2)} \oplus \text{cc})$
	$\mathcal{N}=1$	yes	$A_1 \bar{A}_1 [1; 1]_3^{(0)}$	$L \bar{A}_2 [1; 0]_{7/2}^{(1)} \oplus \text{cc}$
AdS <sub>4</sub>	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	no	$A_2 [0]_1^{0,0}$	$B_1 [0]_2^{(2,2)}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 3$	no	$A_1 [1]_{3/2}^{(0)}$	$A_2 [0]_2^{(2)}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 2$	yes	$A_1 \bar{A}_1 [2]_2^{(0)}$	$L \bar{A}_1 [1]_{5/2}^{(1)} \oplus \text{cc}$
	$\mathcal{N} = 1$	yes	$A_1 [3]_{5/2}$	$L [2]_3$

Table 2: The AdS supergravities for which the graviton multiplet can obtain a mass by gauging a global symmetry of the dual SCFT. The alternative ‘multi-trace mechanism’ is only possible for  $N_Q \leq 4$  supercharges. The superconformal algebras are  $\mathfrak{su}(2, 2|\mathcal{N})$  in  $d = 4$  and  $\mathfrak{osp}(\mathcal{N}|4)$  in  $d = 3$ . The two right-most columns list the massless graviton and the Stueckelberg multiplets in the notation of ref. [9]. The massive graviton multiplets contain  $2^{N_Q-1}$  bosonic and  $2^{N_Q-1}$  fermionic states.

### 3.3 Stueckelberg multiplets

Case of N=4, D=4 supergraviton :



bosons :  $[0]_1^{(0;0)} \oplus [0]_2^{(0;0)} \oplus [1]_2^{(1;0) \oplus (0;1)} \oplus [2]_3^{(0;0)}$   
 fermions :  $[1/2]_{\frac{3}{2}}^{(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})} \oplus [3/2]_{\frac{5}{2}}^{(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})}$

bosons :  $[0]_2^{(1;1)} \oplus [1]_3^{(1;1) \oplus (1;0) \oplus (0;1)} \oplus [0]_3^{(2;0) \oplus (0;2) \oplus (1;0) \oplus (0;1) \oplus (1;1) \oplus (0;0)}$   
 $\oplus [1]_4^{(0;0) \oplus (1;0) \oplus (0;1)} \oplus [0]_4^{(1;1) \oplus (0;0)} \oplus [0]_5^{(0;0)}$

fermions :  $[1/2]_{\frac{5}{2}}^{(\frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{2}) \oplus (\frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}) \oplus (\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})} \oplus [3/2]_{\frac{7}{2}}^{(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})} \oplus [1/2]_{\frac{7}{2}}^{(\frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{2}) \oplus (\frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}) \oplus 2(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})} \oplus [1/2]_{\frac{9}{2}}^{(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2})}$

A technical challenge :

Construct N=4, D=4 massive AdS supergravity

$$m \ll \frac{1}{\ell_{\text{AdS}}}$$

NB1: The extra spin-3/2 Goldstones **NOT** part of 4d gauged supergravity

But part of (gauged) N=8 sugra

CB, Severin Luest in progress

NB2: Massive N=4 supergravity in Minkowski with higher-R terms by

Ferrara, Kehagias, Dieter Luest 2018

# Holographic duals

## DICTIONARY:

### CFT

energy-momentum tensor

$$t_{ij}$$

dimension  $\Delta$

conserved  $\partial^i t_{ij} = 0$

leaking  $\partial^i t_{ij} = V_j$

### gravity

graviton  $h_{\mu\nu}$

mass  $m$

massless

Stueckelberg

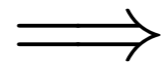
$$\Delta(\Delta - 3) = m^2 \ell_{\text{AdS}}^2$$

## BIMETRIC DUAL :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{cft}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{CFT}} + \delta\mathcal{L}$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = 0 \text{ (decoupled)} \implies t_{ij}, T_{ij} \text{ separately conserved}$$
$$\implies \text{two massless gravitons}$$

'small' coupling



$$\frac{t_{ij} + T_{ij}}{\sqrt{c + C}}$$

total conserved

$$\frac{Ct_{ij} - cT_{ij}}{\sqrt{C^2c + c^2C}}$$

$$\Delta = 3 + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

$$C \rightarrow \infty$$

limit of massive gravity



## TWO 'MECHANISMS' :

### 1. Double trace

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \lambda \operatorname{tr}(o)\operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{O})$$

'quantum' in gravity

CFT perturbation theory:

$$\epsilon = \# \lambda^2 \left( \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{C} \right)$$

Kiritsis 2006

Aharony, Clark, Karch 2006

Kiritsis, Niarchos 2008

Relevant/marginal deformations

$\implies$

$$N \leq \frac{1}{4} \max$$

Superpotential deforms

$$\delta W = \phi\Phi$$

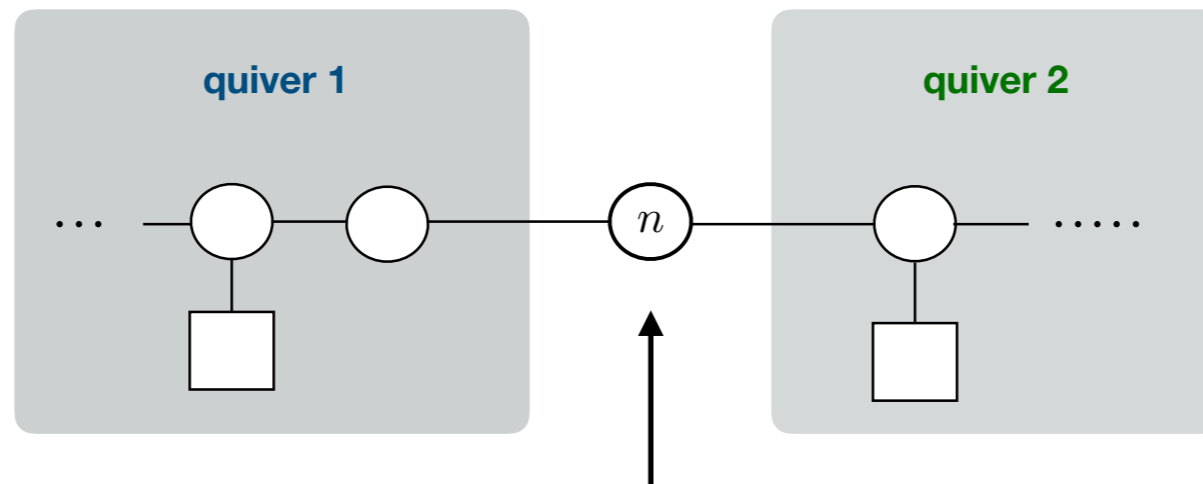
Stueckelberg superfield

$$\phi D_\alpha \Phi - \Phi D_\alpha \phi$$

CB 1905.05039

## 2. Gauge mediation

gauge common global symmetry



**low- $n$  or weakly-coupled**  
U( $n$ ) messenger gauge field

Allowed by

$$N = \frac{1}{2} \max$$

$$N = 2, d = 4$$

$$N = 4, d = 3$$

Stueckelberg in

(conserved current)  $\otimes$  (free vector)

multiplet

# String theory embedding

The embedding uses a well-studied class of

$N = 4$  AdS<sub>4</sub>/SCFT<sub>3</sub> dual pairs

On CFT side: 'good linear-quiver' theories with IR fixed points

Hanany, Witten 1996

Gaiotto, Witten 2008

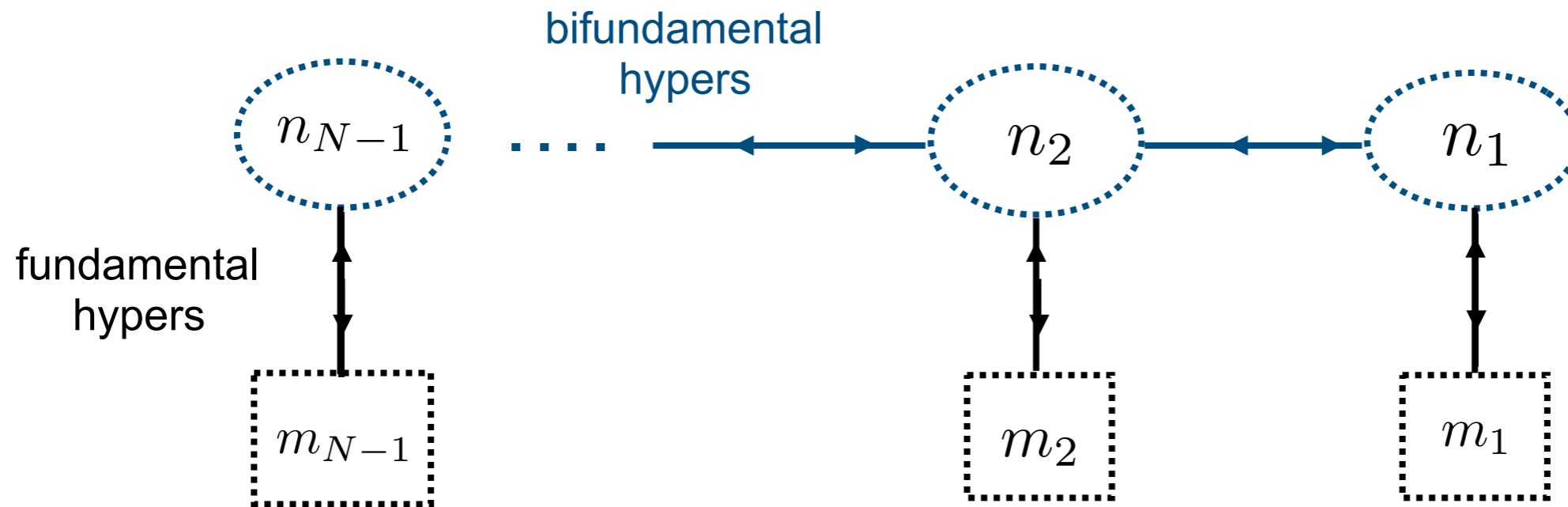
The quiver describes the **gauge group** and **hypermultiplet** content

masses = FI terms = 0; gauge couplings flow to  $\infty$

no other free parameters

The field content of the (Lagrangian) theory is determined by a quiver diagram:

A-type quiver



**Gauge group:**  $U(n_1) \times U(n_2) \times \cdots \times U(n_{N-1})$

**Flavor symmetry:**  $[U(m_1) \times U(m_2) \times \cdots \times U(m_{N-1})] / U(1)$

On gravity side: Exact IIB solutions and holographic dictionary known

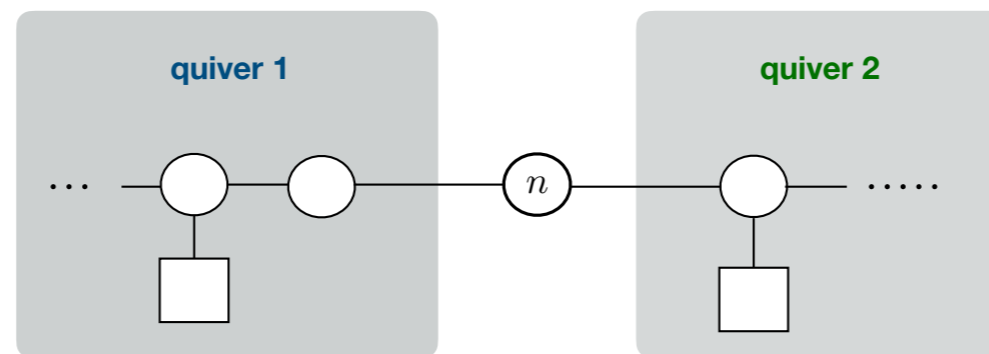
D'Hoker, Estes, Gutperle 2007

Aharony, Berdichevsky, Berkooz, Shamir 2011

Assel, CB, Estes, Gomis 2011

Gauge-group ranks =  $f(\text{brane charges}) \longrightarrow$  continuous in supergravity

Step 1: Compute the geometry in the degeneration limit  $n \rightarrow 0$



Step 2: Compute the spin-2 Kaluza-Klein spectrum

cf CB, Estes 2011

## Graviton mass

$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{1}{3} m^2 \ell_{\text{AdS}}^2 = \lambda_{\text{eff}}^2 \left( \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{C} \right)$$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{n^2}{4\pi^4} \frac{\tanh^3 \delta\phi}{|\delta\phi - \tanh \delta\phi|}$$

$\delta\phi$  : dilaton variation of  
two universes

$$\frac{n^2}{c} \sim \frac{\text{d.o.f. mediator}}{\text{d.o.f. universe}}$$

$m\ell_{\text{AdS}}$  can be made **parametrically small**

Breakdown of Stueckelberg theory:

$$E_{\star} \sim \left( \frac{m m_{\text{Planck}}}{\ell_{\text{AdS}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Spins  $< 2$  do not help (?)

Tower of spin-2 or more must come down in  $m \rightarrow 0$  limit

**Non BPS spin-2** modes (in Janus throat) shown indeed to condense

visible in CFT ? bootstrap ?

Similar phenomenon for double-trace coupling ?

# Conclusions & Outlook

- Massive AdS  $N=4$ ,  $D=4$  supergravity can be UV completed  
(part of the landscape)
- Construct the Lagrangian; deform  $N=8$  ?
- Embedding for  $D=5$  ? (class-S theories)
- Minkowski ? Phenomenology ?