

Supersymmetric S-folds

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Outlook

- Electric-magnetic duality in $N=8$ supergravity
- Supersymmetric S-folds



Electric-magnetic duality in $N=8$ supergravity

Electric-magnetic deformations

- Uniqueness historically inherited from the connection with NH geometries of branes and SCFT's

Type IIB : $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ (D3-brane \sim N=4 SYM in 4d) [Maldacena '97]

M-theory : $\text{AdS}_4 \times S^7$ (M2-brane \sim ABJM theory in 3d)

[Aharony, Bergman, Jafferis, Maldacena '08]

- N=8 supergravity in 4D admits a **deformation parameter** c yielding **inequivalent** theories. It is an **electric/magnetic** deformation

$$D = \partial - g (A^{\text{elec}} - c \tilde{A}_{\text{mag}})$$

g = 4D gauge coupling
 c = **deformation param.**

[Dall'Agata, Inverso, Trigiante '12]

- There are two generic situations :


1) Family of $\text{SO}(8)_c$ theories : $c = [0, \sqrt{2} - 1]$ is a continuous parameter

2) Family of $\text{CSO}(p,q,r)_c$ theories : $c = 0$ or 1 is an (on/off) parameter

[Dall'Agata, Inverso, Marrani '14]

The questions arise:

- Does such an electric / magnetic deformation of 4D maximal supergravity enjoy a string / M-theory origin, or is it just a 4D feature ?
- For deformed 4D supergravities with supersymmetric AdS_4 vacua, are these AdS_4 / CFT_3 -dual to any identifiable 3d CFT ?

 M-theory

electric / magnetic
deformation



higher-dimensional
origin



Holographic
AdS₄/CFT₃ dual ?



Obstruction for SO(8)_c , *cf.* [de Wit, Nicolai '13]

[Lee, Strickland-Constable, Waldram '15]



(massive) Type IIA

electric / magnetic
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$$g c = \hat{F}_{(0)} = k / (2\pi\ell_s)$$

[AG, Jafferis, Varela '15]



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Dyonically-gauged $[SO(1,1) \times SO(6)] \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{12}$ supergravity

- ❖ **Higher-dimensional** origin as Type IIB on $S^1 \times S^5$ [Inverso, Samtleben, Trigiante '16]
- ❖ New AdS_4 vacuum with **N=4 & SO(4)** symmetry [Gallerati, Samtleben, Trigiante '14]
- ❖ **Holographic expectation:** N=4 interface SYM with SO(4) symmetry
 - Janus-like (varying dilaton) solutions : $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{R} \times M_5$ [Bak, Gutperle, Hirano '03 (N = 0)]
 $M_5 = S^2 \times S^2 \times I$ [Clark, Freedman, Karch, Schnabl '04]
[D'Hoker, Ester, Gutperle '07, '07 (N = 4)]
[Gaiotto, Witten '08]
[Assel, Tomasiello '18 (N = 3 , 4)]
- ❖ Classification of (original) interface SYM theories

N=4 & SO(4)

N=2 & SU(2) × U(1)

N=1 & SU(3)

N=0 & SO(6)

[D'Hoker, Ester, Gutperle '06 (N = 1 , 2 , 4)]

Question : *Simple analytic* holographic duals for the N = 0, 1, 2 theories?

Strategy : *Bottom-up* approach

A truncation : $SU(3)$ invariant subsector

[Warner '83]

- **Truncation** : Retaining the fields and couplings which are invariant (singlets) under the action of a subgroup $SU(3) \subset G$
 - Gravitini : $8 \rightarrow 1 + 1 + 3 + \bar{3} \Rightarrow N = 2 \text{ SUSY}$
 - Scalars fields : $70 \rightarrow 1 (\times 6) + \text{non-singlets} \Rightarrow 6 \text{ real scalars } (\varphi, \chi, \phi, \sigma, \zeta, \tilde{\zeta})$
 - Vector fields : $56 \rightarrow 1 (\times 4) + \text{non-singlets} \Rightarrow \text{vectors } (A^0, A^1; \tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1)$
- $N = 2$ gauged supergravity with $G = SO(1, 1)_m \times U(1)_e$ with 1 vector & 1 hypermultiplet

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{scalar}} = \frac{SU(1, 1)}{U(1)} \times \frac{SU(2, 1)}{U(2)}$$

AdS₄ vacua ($c \neq 0$)

[AG, Sterckx '19]

❖ N=0 & SO(6) vacuum [1 free parameter]

$$\chi = \text{free} \quad , \quad e^{-\varphi} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{2}} \quad , \quad e^{2\phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \quad , \quad \sigma \in (-1, 1) \quad , \quad |\vec{\zeta}|^2 = 0$$

... it turns out to be perturbatively **unstable !!**

❖ N=1 & SU(3) vacuum [2 free parameters]

$$\chi = 0 \quad , \quad e^{-\varphi} = \frac{\sqrt{5}c}{3} \quad , \quad e^{2\phi} = \frac{6}{5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \quad , \quad \sigma \in (-1, 1) \quad , \quad |\vec{\zeta}|^2 = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{1-\sigma^2}$$

... the compact U(1)_e symmetry broken by $|\vec{\zeta}|^2 \neq 0$ (charged)

Next step : Uplift to Type IIB on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{S}^5$ using E₇₍₇₎-EFT

[Hohm, Samtleben '13]

N = 0 & N = 1 supersymmetric S-folds

[AG, Sterckx '19]

$$ds_{10}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{Y} e^\varphi ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + \sqrt{Y} e^{-2\varphi} d\eta^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{Y}} [ds_{\text{CP}^2}^2 + Y \eta^2]$$

$$\tilde{F}_5 = \left(4 + \frac{6(1-Y)}{Y} \right) Y^{\frac{3}{4}} (1 + \star) \text{vol}_5$$

$$\mathbb{B}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathbf{b}^\beta = -\frac{1}{2} Y^{-1} A^\alpha{}_\beta \epsilon^{\beta\gamma} H_{\gamma\delta} \Omega^\delta$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma m_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta$$

with $Y = 1 + \frac{1}{4} e^{2\phi} |\vec{\zeta}|^2$ and $A^\alpha{}_\beta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & \sinh \eta \\ \sinh \eta & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}$

[Bak, Gutperle, Hirano '03] **unstable !!**

[(hyperbolic) SO(1,1)-twist over S¹ ↔ -ST^k monodromy (k > 2)]

N=0 & SO(6)

$$m_{\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sigma \\ -\sigma & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}^\beta = 0 \quad Y = 1$$

**No untwisted limit !!
(genuinely dyonic)**

N=1 & SU(3)

$$m_{\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sigma \\ -\sigma & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}^\beta \neq 0 \quad Y = \frac{6}{5}$$

N = 2 supersymmetric S-folds

[AG, Sterckx, Trigiante to appear]

Symmetry : $SU(2) \times U(1)_\sigma$

(genuinely dyonic)

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-1} [ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + d\eta^2 + d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \cos^2 \theta (\sigma_2^2 + 8 \Delta^4 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2))]]$$

$$\Delta^{-4} = 6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_5 = & 4 \Delta^4 \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta (1 + \star) \left[3 d\theta \wedge d\phi \wedge \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \wedge \sigma_3 \right. \\ & \left. - d\eta \wedge (\cos(2\phi) d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \sin(2\phi) d\phi) \wedge \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \wedge \sigma_3 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{B}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathbf{b}^\beta \quad \text{with}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta \left[(\sin \phi d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) d(\sin \phi)) \wedge \sigma_2 + \sin \phi \frac{4 \sin(2\theta)}{6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)} \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_3 \right] \\ \mathbf{b}_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta \left[(\cos \phi d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) d(\cos \phi)) \wedge \sigma_2 + \cos \phi \frac{4 \sin(2\theta)}{6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)} \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_3 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} = 2 \Delta^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi & -\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(\theta) \sin(2\phi) \\ -\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(\theta) \sin(2\phi) & 1 + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusions

- ❖ Dyonic $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity with $ISO(7)$ and $[SO(1,1) \times SO(6)] \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{12}$ gaugings connected to **massive IIA** reductions on S^6 and **type IIB** reductions on $S^5 \times S^1$
- ❖ **Type IIB (S-folds)**: 3d interface SYM theories with various (super) symmetries
[$-ST^k$ monodromy ($k > 2$)]

$\mathcal{N} = 0$ & $SO(6)$
unstable !!

$\mathcal{N} = 1$ & $SU(3)$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ & $SU(2) \times U(1)$

- ❖ Brane set-up (7 branes)? , RG flows? , non-abelian T-duals?

Grazas !

Thank you !

Extra material

$E_{7(7)}$ -EFT

[momentum, winding, ...]

- Space-time : external ($D=4$) + **generalised internal** ($Y^{\mathcal{M}}$ coordinates in **56** of $E_{7(7)}$)

Generalised diffs = ordinary internal diffs + internal gauge transfos

[Coimbra, Strickland-Constable, Waldram '11]

• Generalised Lie derivative built from an $E_{7(7)}$ -invariant **structure Y -tensor**

$$\mathbb{L}_\Lambda U^{\mathcal{M}} = \Lambda^{\mathcal{N}} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} U^{\mathcal{M}} - U^{\mathcal{N}} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} \Lambda^{\mathcal{M}} + Y^{\mathcal{MN}}{}_{\mathcal{PQ}} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} \Lambda^{\mathcal{P}} U^{\mathcal{Q}} \quad \text{[no density term]}$$

Closure requires a **section constraint** : $Y^{\mathcal{PQ}}{}_{\mathcal{MN}} \partial_{\mathcal{P}} \otimes \partial_{\mathcal{Q}} = 0$

Two maximal solutions : M-theory (**7** dimensional) & Type IIB (**6** dimensional)

[massless theories]

$y^{i=1\dots5}$ (elec) , \tilde{y}_1 (mag)

E₇₍₇₎-EFT

[Hohm, Samtleben '13]

- E₇₍₇₎-EFT action [$\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - \mathbb{L}_{A_\mu}$]

$$S_{\text{EFT}} = \int d^4x d^{56}Y e \left[\hat{R} + \frac{1}{48} g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_\mu \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} \mathcal{D}_\nu \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{MN}} - \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{MN}} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\mathcal{N}} \right. \\ \left. + e^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{top}} - V_{\text{EFT}}(\mathcal{M}, g) \right]$$

with *field strengths* & *potential term* given by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\mathcal{M}} = 2 \partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]}{}^{\mathcal{M}} - [A_\mu, A_\nu]_{\text{E}}{}^{\mathcal{M}} + \text{two-form terms} \quad (\text{tensor hierarchy})$$

$$V_{\text{EFT}}(\mathcal{M}, g) = -\frac{1}{48} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} \partial_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{KL}} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{KL}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} \partial_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{KL}} \partial_{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{NK}} \\ - \frac{1}{2} g^{-1} \partial_{\mathcal{M}} g \partial_{\mathcal{N}} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} g^{-1} \partial_{\mathcal{M}} g g^{-1} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} g - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{MN}} \partial_{\mathcal{M}} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mathcal{N}} g_{\mu\nu}$$

- **Two-derivative** potential : **ungauged** N=8 D=4 SUGRA when $\Phi(x, Y) = \Phi(x)$

Generalised Scherk-Schwarz reductions

[Hohm, Samtleben '14]

[Baguet, Hohm, Samtleben '15]

+ 50% people in this workshop

- SL(8) twist (geometry) :

$$(U^{-1})_A{}^B = \left(\frac{\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\rho}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\hat{\rho}^{-2} c \tilde{y}_1 \\ 0 & \delta^{ij} + \hat{K} y^i y^j & -\lambda \hat{\rho}^2 y^i & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \hat{\rho}^2 y^j \hat{K} & \hat{\rho}^4 & 0 \\ -\hat{\rho}^{-2} c \tilde{y}_1 & 0 & 0 & \hat{\rho}^{-4} (1 + \tilde{y}_1^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

- EFT fields = Twist \times 4D fields :

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x, Y) = \rho^{-2}(Y) g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN}(x, Y) = U_M{}^K(Y) U_N{}^L(Y) M_{KL}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu{}^M(x, Y) = \rho^{-1} A_\mu{}^N(x) (U^{-1})_N{}^M(Y)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha}(x, Y) = \rho^{-2}(Y) U_\alpha{}^\beta(Y) B_{\mu\nu\beta}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu M}(x, Y) = -2 \rho^{-2}(Y) (U^{-1})_S{}^P(Y) \partial_M U_P{}^R(Y) (t^\alpha)_R{}^S B_{\mu\nu\alpha}(x)$$

- Type IIB fields = EFT fields :

$$G^{mn} = G^{1/2} \mathcal{M}^{mn} ,$$

$$\mathbb{B}_{mn}{}^\alpha = G^{1/2} G_{mp} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{M}^p{}_{n\beta} ,$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{6} G \left(\mathcal{M}^{mn} \mathcal{M}_{m\alpha n\beta} + \mathcal{M}^m{}_{k\alpha} \mathcal{M}^k{}_{m\beta} \right) ,$$

$$C_{klmn} = -\frac{1}{4} G^{1/2} G_{k\rho} \mathcal{M}^\rho{}_{lmn} + \frac{3}{8} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{B}_{k[l}{}^\alpha \mathbb{B}_{mn]}{}^\beta$$