# Non-singlet baryons in gauge/ gravity duality

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#### Motivation:

Non-singlet baryons are predicted in N=4 SYM by the AdS/CFT correspondence. Do they exist also in more realistic gauge theories?

#### How:

Analyze the holographic description in various backgrounds with reduced supersymmetries and/or confining

- Reduced SUSY:  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$ , Lunin-Maldacena  $\beta$ deformed, Frolov multi- $\beta$  deformed
- Confining: Maldacena-Nuñez

#### **Results:**

- Non-singlet baryons exist in all these backgrounds
- Same number of quarks in all  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$  Einstein manifolds with 5-form flux, independent of SUSY
- More restricted number of quarks in MN
- Stable against fluctuations
- Non-singlet baryons at finite 't Hooft coupling

(Based on arXiv:1203.6817, D. Giataganas, Y.L., M. Picos, K. Siampos)

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#### I.I. Gauge/gravity (holographic) correspondence

The gauge/gravity correspondence states that some gauge theories in flat space at strong (weak) coupling are dual to weakly (strongly) coupled string theories with one extra dimension.

Possibility to apply string theory techniques to strongly coupled systems (quark-gluon plasma, condensed matter systems).

Possibility to learn something about quantum gravity by studying low dimensional systems with a holographic description (concrete realization of QG and spacetime as emergent phenomena).

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For each field in the 5 dim bulk  $\leftrightarrow$  Operator in the dual CFT Hard..

Easier for certain operators due to their symmetries.

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They are also (p+1)-dimensional hypersurfaces on which fundamental strings can end  $\Rightarrow$ 

Dynamics determined at weak coupling by open string perturbation theory  $\Rightarrow$  U(I) gauge theory (U(N) for a system of Dp-branes).



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 $\leftrightarrow$  Dual to N=I SCFTs arising from a stack of D3-branes sitting at the tip of the CY cone

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 $\beta$  deformed Lunin-Maldacena backgrounds: Exactly marginal deformations of  $AdS_5 \times S^5 \rightarrow$ 

 $AdS_5 \times S_{deformed}^5$ , dual to a N=I SCFT exactly marginal deformation of N=4 SYM

Frolov: Natural extension depending on three deformation parameters dual to a N=0 SCFT

Replace AdS by asymptotically AdS (CFT perturbed by relevant operators), add fractional branes,...  $\rightarrow$ 

Confining backgrounds (Klebanov-Strassler, Maldacena-Nuñez)

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What happens in less supersymmetric and/or confining backgrounds? And at finite 't Hooft coupling?

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Consider a uniform distribution of strings on an  $\mathbb{M}_p$  shell Non-SUSY but we can ignore the backreaction

In the probe brane approach:  $S = S_{Dp} + S_{NF1}$ :

$$S_{NF1} = -N T_{F1} \int dt \, dr \sqrt{|\det P(G)|}$$

with  $\tau = t$   $\sigma = r$  and the AdS direction  $\rho = \rho(r)$ 

$$S_{Dp} = -T_p \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{M}_p} d^{p+1} \xi \sqrt{\left|\det P(G + 2\pi F - B)\right|}$$

In  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$ :

$$ds^{2} = \frac{\rho^{2}}{R^{2}} dx_{1,3}^{2} + \frac{R^{2}}{\rho^{2}} d\rho^{2} + R^{2} ds_{Y_{5}}^{2}$$
$$R^{4} = \frac{4\pi^{4} N g_{s}}{\text{Vol}(Y_{5})}, \qquad F_{5} = 4 R^{4} (1+*) d\text{Vol}(Y_{5})$$

Bulk equation of motion:

$$\frac{\rho^4}{\sqrt{\frac{\rho^4}{R^4} + {\rho'}^2}} = c$$

Boundary equation of motion:  $\frac{\rho_0'}{\sqrt{\frac{\rho_0^4}{R^4} + {\rho_0'}^2}} = \frac{T_5 R^4 \operatorname{Vol}(Y_5)}{NT_{F1}}$ 

Define 
$$\sqrt{1-\beta^2} = \frac{T_5 R^4 \operatorname{Vol}(Y_5)}{NT_{F1}}$$
 with  $\beta \in [0,1]$ 

The two equations can be combined into:

$$\frac{\rho^4}{\sqrt{\frac{\rho^4}{R^4} + {\rho'}^2}} = \beta \,\rho_0^2 \,R^2$$

Integrating: Size of the configuration:

$$L = \frac{R^2}{\rho_0} \int_1^\infty dz \frac{\beta}{z^2 \sqrt{z^4 - \beta^2}}$$

**On-shell energy:** 

$$E = E_{Dp} + E_{NF1} = NT_{F1}\rho_0 \left(\sqrt{1-\beta^2} + \int_1^\infty dz \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^4 - \beta^2}}\right)$$

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As a function of L:

$$E_{\rm bin} = -f(\beta) \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{L}$$
 with  $f(\beta) \ge 0$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  The configuration is stable
  - $E_{\rm bin} \sim 1/L$  dictated by conformal invariance
  - $E_{\rm bin} \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$  non-trivial prediction for the non-perturbative regime of the gauge theory

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(Brandhuber, Itzhaki, Sonnenschein, Yankielowitz'98; Imamura'98)

# Stable against fluctuations for $0.813 N \le k \le N$ (Sfetsos, Siampos'08)



#### 4.1. The classical solution

#### The boundary equation of motion changes:

$$\frac{\rho_0'}{\sqrt{\frac{\rho_0^4}{R^4} + {\rho_0'}^2}} = \frac{T_5 R^4 \operatorname{Vol}(Y_5)}{k T_{F1}} + \frac{N - k}{k} \le 1$$

 $\Rightarrow 5N/8 \le k \le N$ . For k = 5N/8 the baryon reduces to free quarks

Same for all  $Y_5$ , independent on SUSY

In fact, same bound for beta and multi beta deformed

Same analysis in Maldacena-Nuñez:  $3N/4 \le k \le N$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Non-singlet states in non-SUSY or confining backgrounds

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Expand the Nambu-Goto action to quadratic order and study the zero mode problem  $\leftrightarrow$  Critical curve in the parametric space separating the stable and unstable regions

Stability reduced to an eigenvalue problem of the general Sturm-Liouville type

Instabilities emerge from longitudinal fluctuations of the strings

For  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$  and beta deformed:

Bound for the number of F-strings coming from stability:

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$$F = \mathcal{N}J$$
 with  $J = \frac{1}{2}d\sigma$  the Kähler form  
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 $\beta \le 1 \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{N}_{\max} \iff \beta = 0$ 

#### Binding energy:

$$E_{\rm bin} = NT_{F1}\rho_0 \left(\sqrt{1-\beta^2} + \int_1^\infty dz \left[\frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^4-\beta^2}} - 1\right] - 1\right)$$

- $E_{\rm bin}$  negative and decreases monotonically with  $\beta$
- $E_{\rm bin} = 0$  for  $\beta = 0$  (N free radial strings stretching from  $\rho_0$  to  $\infty$  plus a Dp-brane at  $\rho_0$ )



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#### Micro description:

# DI's expanding into a fuzzy $M_4$ . Only known for the $S^5$ (Janssen, Y.L., Rodriguez-Gomez'06) and the $T^{1,1}$

#### Myers dielectric effect (an example):

n D0's in a constant RR  $F_4$ :

$$\int d\tau \operatorname{STr}(i_X i_X C^{(3)}) = -\frac{1}{3} \int d\tau \operatorname{STr}(X^j X^i X^k) F_{0ijk}^{(4)} + \dots$$

 $F_{0ijk}^{(4)} = 2f\epsilon_{ijk} \rightarrow$  Ground state: n D0's expanded into a fuzzy  $S^2$ 

$$X^{i} = \frac{f}{2}J^{i}, \qquad [J^{i}, J^{j}] = 2i\epsilon^{ijk}J^{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{3} (X^{i})^{2} = (\frac{f}{2})^{2} (n^{2} - 1)\mathbb{I} = R^{2} \mathbb{I}$$



 $C_3$  dipole moment  $\Rightarrow$  Fuzzy D2-brane

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