

Some things I wish to emphasize  
 We discussed duality, in general and in  
 some examples. A "common denominator"  
 appears.

In principle the two dual descriptions

- have different degrees of freedom  
 [The fields used on both descriptions are not  
 necessarily the same - but they could be the same]

- But the global symmetries are the same  
 [local symmetries? not so!]

In the case of bosonization I should have emphasized are

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \Phi \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \Psi$$

Bosonic Fermionic

- "Inverts" <sup>Topological</sup> perturbation  $\rightarrow$  conformal <sup>interesting</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Classical  $\leftrightarrow$  Quantum

In the Maxwell  $\rightarrow$  Maxwell are no global symmetries

Let me tell you about a Duality that exemplifies these  
 Points.

This duality was conjectured by Seiberg  
 in 1994. It is NOT proven.

It cannot be obtained with the procedure  
 of gauging a global symmetry + imposing zero  $F_{\mu\nu}$  +

Interpreting "the other way around"

Mostly because it involves a non-Abelian gauge field

$\leadsto$  integrals of the form  $\int dx e^{\bar{\alpha}(kx^2 + px^4)} = ?$

$N=1$  SQCD

QCD  $\mathcal{L} = \text{tr} \{ F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi \} + \bar{\Phi} \not{D} \Phi$

$N=1$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_\mu &\rightarrow A_\mu, \lambda \\ \Psi_f &\rightarrow \phi_f, \psi_f \\ \bar{\Psi}_f &\rightarrow \bar{\phi}_f, \bar{\psi}_f \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 + \bar{\lambda} \not{D} \lambda + |\not{D}_\mu \phi|^2 + |\not{D}_\mu \bar{\phi}|^2 + \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \bar{\bar{\psi}} \not{D} \bar{\bar{\psi}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{V(\lambda, \psi, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\bar{\psi}})}$$

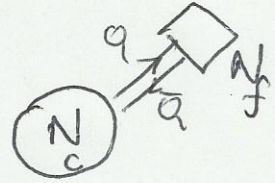
$\downarrow$   
 encodes the meson potential

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^4x \bar{q} e^{\not{V}} q + \bar{a} e^{-\not{V}} a + \int d^2x \omega_2 \omega^x + \int d^2x \bar{\omega}(\bar{q}, q)$$

# Seiberg Duality

## $N=1$ SUSY QFT

gauge  $SU(N_c)$  ;  $W_\alpha = (A_\mu, \lambda)$



flavor  $SU(N_f)$  ;  $Q = (q, \psi_q)$   
 $\bar{Q} = (\bar{q}, \bar{\psi}_q)$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \text{Tr} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2} |D_\mu q|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |D_\mu \bar{q}|^2 - i \bar{\psi}_q \not{D} \psi_q - i \bar{\bar{\psi}}_q \not{D} \bar{\psi}_q - i \bar{\lambda} \not{D} \lambda \right\}$$

|            | $SU(N_c)$       | $SU(N_f)$ | $SU(N_f)$ | $U(1)_R$      | $U(1)_B$ |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| $W_\alpha$ | adj             | 1         | 1         | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0        |
| $Q$        | $\square$       | $N$       | 1         |               | 1        |
| $\bar{Q}$  | $\bar{\square}$ | 1         | $N$       |               | -1       |



In the IR  $(N_f < \frac{3}{2} N_c)$   
 $(N_c + 1 < N_f)$

gauge  $SU(N_f - N_c)$

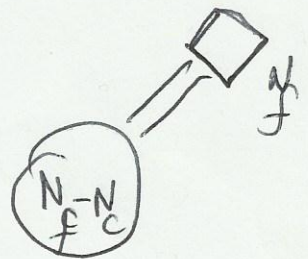
$W_\alpha = (\hat{a}, \hat{\lambda}_\alpha)$

flavor  $SU(N_f)$

$q = (q, \psi_q)$

$\bar{q} = (\bar{q}, \bar{\psi}_q)$

$M_b = (m, \chi_m)$



$$\mathcal{L} \sim \mathcal{L}_{\text{SQCD}} + \bar{q} M_b q$$

In this example we see all the "features"

Gauge Symmetries      Before  $SU(N_c)$       After  $SU(N_f - N_c)$

global      "       $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f) \times U(1)_B \times U(1)_E \longrightarrow$  some

field content

$A_\mu, \tilde{a}, \phi, \psi$   
 $\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}$

$a_\mu, \chi$

$q, \tilde{q}$

$\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}$

$M_0 = (m, f m)$

But it was conjectured that both QFT describe

the same IR Physics.

one duality that is VERY Special

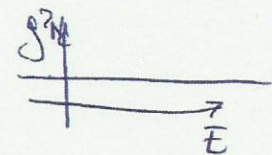
## Maldacena Conjecture

- equivalence between a 4d QFT (no gravity) and a Quantum theory of Gravity in a Space time.

-  $\frac{QFT}{N=4 SYM}$  with gauge group  $SU(N_c)$  in 4-dim  
 •  $A_\mu^a, 4 \times \lambda^a, 6 \times \phi^a$       $a: 1, \dots, N_c^2 - 1$

$SO(6) \sim SU(4)$  global Symmetry, 32 SUSY

$SO(1,3) \rightarrow SO(2,4)$  conformal

coupling  $\lambda = g^2 N_c = \text{constant}$   $\begin{cases} < 1 \\ > 1 \end{cases}$  

- Quantum Gravity: <sup>11D</sup> String theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$dS^2 = \alpha' \left\{ \frac{u^2}{R^2} (dx_{1,3}^2) + \frac{R^2}{u^2} du^2 + R^2 d\Omega_3^2 \right\}$$

$$R^4 = 4\pi^2 \alpha' N_c$$

$[u] = \text{Energy}$

$$F_5 = \frac{N_c}{c} (\text{Vol } S^2 + \text{Vol } AdS_3) \quad ; \quad \int F_5 = N_c$$

$$SO(6) \rightarrow S^5, \quad \text{32 SUSY}; \quad \lambda = g_s \frac{N_c}{c} = g_{SYM}^2 \frac{N_c}{c}$$

parameters

$$SO(2,5) \rightarrow AdS_5$$

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~~Discussion~~ Lecture 2

We have briefly presented the Maldacena Conjecture or AdS/CFT duality.

$N=4$  SYM  $\equiv$  #B String theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

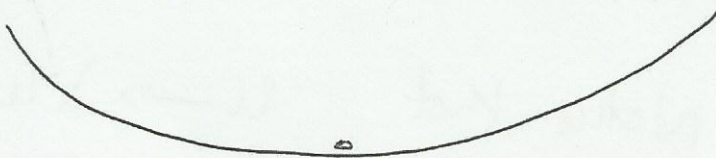
a couple of immediate comments


- Some global symmetries  $SO(6)$   
 $SO(2,4)$   
 $32$  SUSY

- Some parameters always in limit  $g_s \rightarrow 0$

$g_s N_c \leftrightarrow g_{YM}^2 N_c$   
 $R^4 / \alpha'^2 = 4\pi g_s N_c \leftrightarrow \lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$

- Notice that  $\alpha' \sim l_s^2$   
 $R \sim$  Length of Space  $\rightarrow R^4 / \alpha'^2 \begin{cases} \rightarrow \infty \\ \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$

If  $R^4 / \alpha'^2 \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$    
semi-classical ( $g_s \rightarrow 0$ )  
on a point particle limit ( $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ )  
of the full string theory  $\equiv$  Supergravity

If  $R^4 / \alpha'^2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$    
semi-classical ( $g_s \rightarrow 0$ ) but extended string  $\rightarrow$  Sigma Model II

Now, let us observe that in the

$$\begin{matrix} g_s \rightarrow 0 \\ R^2/\alpha' \rightarrow 0 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{semiclassical} \\ \text{point particle limit} \end{matrix} \quad \text{of the string theory} \equiv \quad \begin{matrix} \text{GFT} \\ \lambda = g^2 N \rightarrow \infty \end{matrix}$$

→ quite complicated (strongly interacting) problem in 4d GFT turns into a "classical" problem in string theory.

— Also vice versa

— Notice that if we write AdS as

$$dS^2_{\text{AdS}} = \alpha' \left\{ \frac{u^2}{R^2} dx_{1,3}^2 + \frac{R^2}{u^2} du^2 \right\} \rightarrow \begin{cases} R^2 = \pi g_s N \\ u = \frac{r}{\alpha'} \\ [u] = \text{Energy} \end{cases}$$

Notice that 
$$\begin{matrix} u \rightarrow \lambda u \\ x \rightarrow \frac{x}{\lambda} \end{matrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} u \\ x \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{with } d\lambda = 0$$

⇒ invariant metric. So this tells us that (AdS)  
large  $u \rightarrow$   
small distance in  $x$

large  $u \rightarrow$  large Energy in GFT. This will obviously play a role in non-conformal cases.

Finally notice that

$$R^4 \sim \lambda \xrightarrow{\text{fixed } R} \alpha' \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\frac{2k_{10}^2}{\alpha'^4} = \frac{\lambda^2}{N^2} = g_s^2 \longrightarrow \boxed{G_{10} \sim \frac{1}{N^2}}$$

Quantum gravity corrections  $\sim \frac{1}{N_c^2}$  } large  $N_c \rightarrow$  kills quantum gravity

classical string corrections  $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  } large  $\lambda$  kills classical string corrections



# Operative version of the Maldacena Conjecture

for a QFT person

$$Z_{\text{W=CSYM}}[\bar{J}_i] = \int D A_{\mu}^a D \phi^{\vec{a}} D \bar{\lambda}^a D \text{ghost} \exp \left[ - \int \mathcal{L}_{\text{W=CSYM}} d^4x + \int \bar{J}_i \sigma^i \right]$$

is the quantity of Interest.

The proposal by Gubser-Klebanov-Polyakov  
written (1998)

is that

Conjecture

$$Z_{\text{W=CSYM}}[\bar{J}_i] \equiv Z_{\text{#BSM theory on AdS}_5 \times S^5 \text{ with boundary conds } \bar{J}_i}[\Phi \rightarrow \bar{J}_i]$$

for on string theorist studying string on  $AdS \times S^5$

String fields

$$Z = \int D\Phi_i e^{-S_{IIB}}$$

bc that  $\Phi_i \rightarrow J_i$  on boundary.

Boundary of  $AdS \times S^5$

$$ds^2 = \frac{r^2}{z^2} \left\{ \frac{dx_{1,3}^2}{R^2} + \frac{R^2 du^2}{z^4} + \frac{R^2 d\Omega_5^2}{z^2} \right\}$$

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} ds^2 = \textcircled{dx_{1,3}^2}$$

Both  $Z_{AdS_{sym}}[J_i]$  and  $Z_{\#BString}[\Phi_i \rightarrow J_i]$  are very

difficult to compute. But if we are for example in the semiclassical  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  or point particle limit  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$  of the string one may approximate

$$Z_{\text{WF-4SYM}}[J_i] = e^{-S_{\text{HB}}[\Phi \rightarrow J_i]}$$

conjecture

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classical calculation

Very "intricate"  
quantity

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$$\lambda = R^4 / \alpha'^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$g_s \rightarrow 0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

complicated

"Simple"



Let us start one example (Maldacena 1998  
 Rey-Yee 1998)

Wilson Loop

$$\langle W \rangle = \langle P e^{\int_{\text{loop}} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu}} \rangle \equiv Z_{\text{Stuy}} \left[ \text{loop} \right] \sim e^{-S_{\text{Stuy}}}$$

Conjecture

with BC

$$S_{\text{Stuy}} = S_{\text{NG}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d\tau \sqrt{\det g_{\alpha\beta}}$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = G_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial \sigma^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial \sigma^{\beta}}$$

Calculate on  $\rightarrow$  any metric  
 $\rightarrow$  AdS<sub>5</sub> (Sonnenschein 1999)

Let us discuss the formalism of Wilson loops in a generic metric

$$dS^2 = -g_{tt} dt^2 + g_{xx} dx^2 + g_{pp} dp^2 + \dots$$

We prepare a configuration  
(as before)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \sigma \\ p &= \rho(\sigma) \\ t &= \tau \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$g_{\text{prep}} = G_{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu X^\alpha \partial_\nu X^\beta$$

$$dS^2_{\text{prep}} = g_{xx} \dot{\rho}^2 + g_{pp} \dot{\rho}^2$$

$$g_{\text{prep}} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{pp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{tt} & G_{tx} & G_{tp} \\ G_{tx} & G_{xx} & G_{xp} \\ G_{tp} & G_{xp} & G_{pp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow -\det g_{\text{prep}} = g_{tt} (g_{xx} + g_{pp} \rho'^2)$$

$$S_{\text{NG}} = \int \sqrt{g_{tt} g_{xx} + g_{tt} g_{pp} \rho'^2} d\sigma d\tau$$

define  $f^2 = g_{tt} g_{xx}$   
 $g^2 = g_{tt} g_{pp}$

$$S_{\text{NG}} = T \int d\sigma \sqrt{f^2 + g^2 \rho'^2}$$

1-d system in classical mechanics  $\rightarrow$  conserved energy

with the Nambu-Goto Action

$$S_{NG} = T \int d\sigma \int d\tau \sqrt{-\dot{X}^2 - g^2 \rho^2}$$

$$\rightarrow H = p \dot{\rho} - \mathcal{L}$$

$$H = -\frac{f^2}{\sqrt{f^2 + g^2 \rho^2}} \quad \text{constant} = -f(\rho) = -f_0$$

$\Rightarrow$  from here

$$\left[ \frac{d\rho}{dx} = \frac{f}{f_0} \frac{g}{\sqrt{f^2 - f_0^2}} \right] \Rightarrow$$

then the separation between  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  pair is

$$L_{\alpha\alpha} = 2 \int d\sigma = 2 \int_{\rho_0}^{\infty} d\rho \frac{f_0 g}{f \sqrt{f^2 - f_0^2}}$$

$$L_{\alpha\alpha}^{(\rho_0)} = 2 f_0 \int_{\rho_0}^{\infty} d\rho \frac{g}{f \sqrt{f^2 - f_0^2}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Let us now compute the Energy

$$E_{aa} = \int d\sigma \sqrt{f^2 + g^2} p^2$$

original NG Action

$$- 2 \int_0^\infty g(\rho) d\rho$$

mass of 2 straight strings

Using as derived above

$$\left[ \frac{dp}{df} = \frac{2f - 2f}{f} \right]$$

$$E_{a\bar{a}} = 2 f(\rho) \int_{p_0}^{p_1} \frac{2f - 2f}{f} dp$$

Notice:  $f(\rho) \neq 0$   
 $E \approx f(\rho) L_{\text{eff}}$   
 as component

Using the expression for  $L_{\text{eff}}$

$$E_{a\bar{a}} = f(\rho) \int_{p_0}^{p_1} \left[ f - \frac{2f - 2f}{f} \right] dp + 2 \int_{p_0}^{p_1} f dp$$