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(see also [\[Hohenegger, Kirsch\]](#), [\[Hikida, Li, Takayanagi\]](#), [\[Gaiotto, Jafferis\]](#),
[\[Myers, Thomson\]](#), [\[Fujita, Li, Ryu, Takayanagi\]](#),...)

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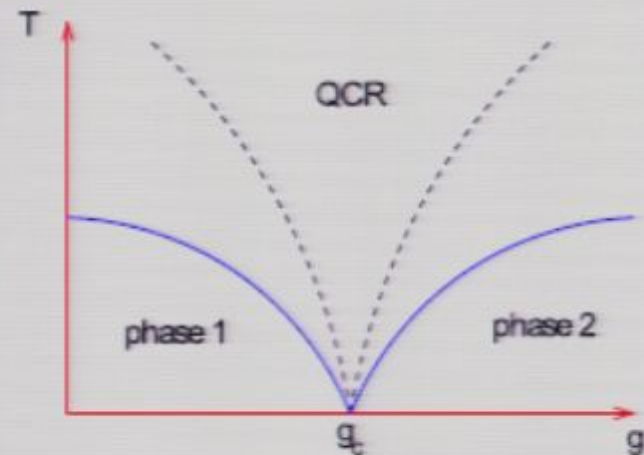
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Quark-gluon plasma (QGP)

- observed at RHIC
- behaves as a liquid \rightarrow Hydrodynamics
- inputs for hydrodynamic description
 - thermodynamics (equation of state)
 - transport coefficients (shear and bulk viscosity, charge diffusion constant, conductivities)

Condensed matter systems

- consider condensed matter systems near quantum critical points
- quantum critical theory is scale invariant and often strongly coupled



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AdS/CFT dualities

- map strongly coupled gauge theories to weakly coupled gravity theories
- For some strongly-coupled system Gauge/gravity dualities are the only way to compute certain observables

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

[Kovtun, Son, Starinets, '03]

In most AdS/CFT systems, the CFT is

- supersymmetric,
- a non-Abelian gauge theory.
- Fields only in adjoint representation of the gauge group

Adding Flavor

Flavor fields are important

- QGP / RHIC: quarks
- Condensed matter systems: "electrons"

For AdS_5/CFT_4

Procedure to add flavors highly developed

many successes: Meson Spectra, Thermodynamics, Phase diagram, Chiral Symmetry Breaking, Hydrodynamics, Condensed matter physics (Quantum Hall Effect, Superfluids), ...

For AdS_4/CFT_3

- CFT was discovered only recently
- Adding flavors poorly developed

Adding Flavor

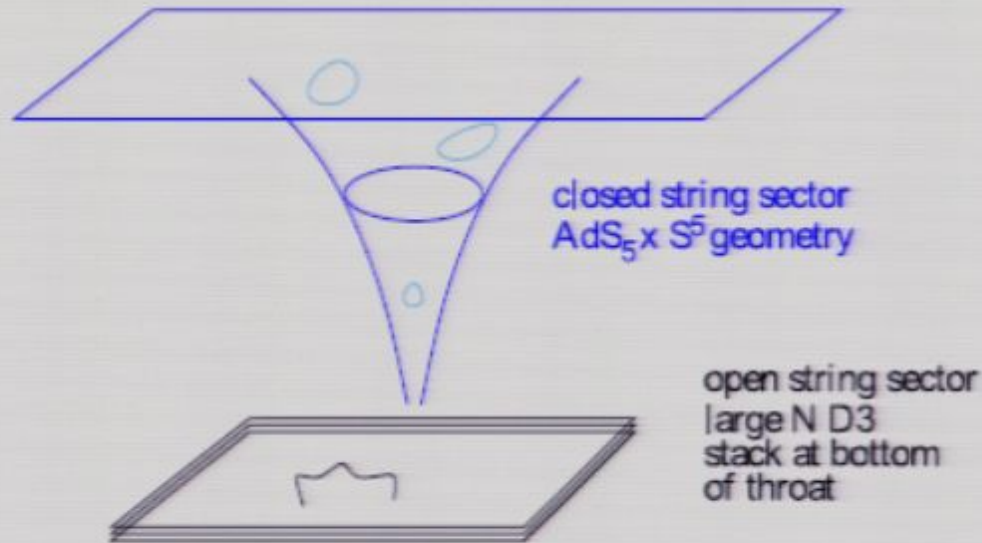
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AdS5/CFT4



Duality

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ $SU(N_c)$ SYM in 4d \longleftrightarrow IIB String Theory in
asympt. $AdS_5 \times S^5$ [Maldacena, '97]

$N_c \gg 1, \lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c \gg 1$ \longleftrightarrow SUGRA reliable

source and vev of op. \longleftrightarrow boundary asym. of gravity field

partition function $Z = e^{-S_{\text{sugra, on-shell}}}$ [Witten '98]

Adding Flavor

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Possible Dp - brane stacks (1/2 BPS intersections)

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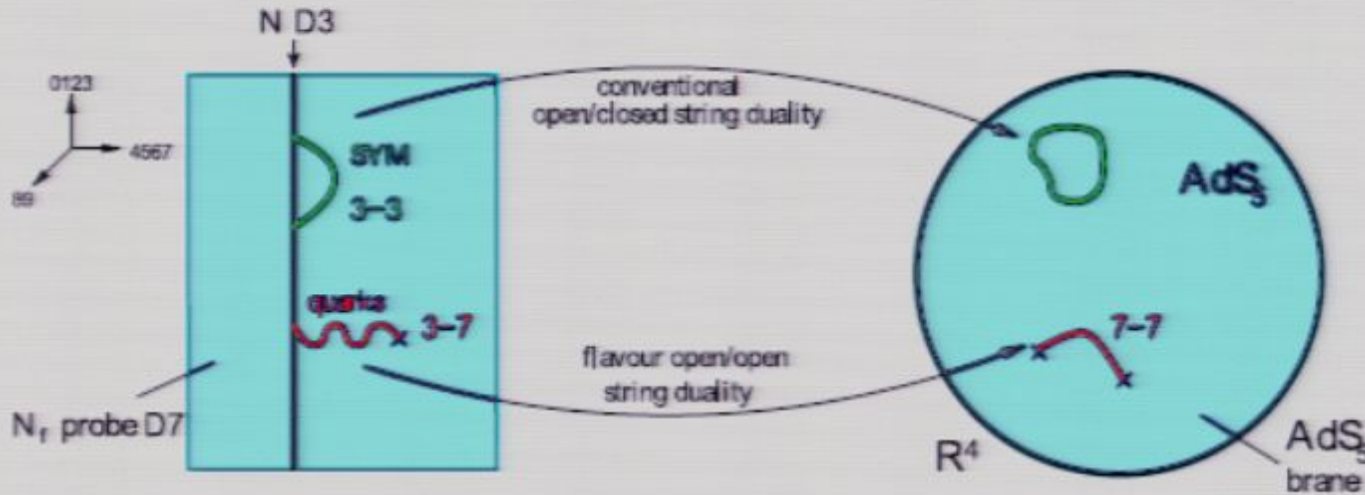
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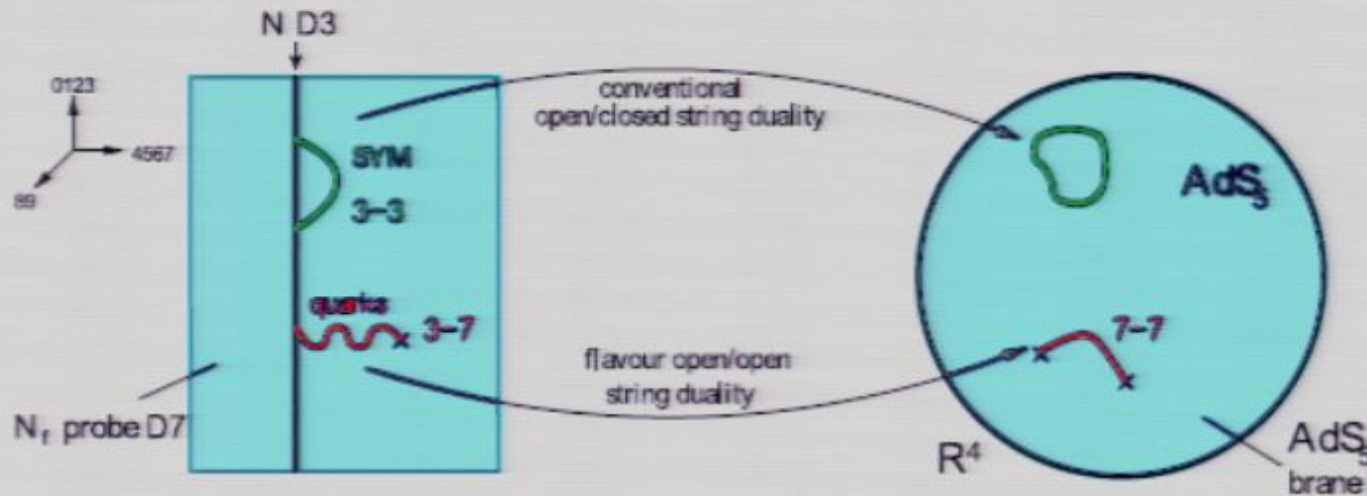
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field content of D3/D7 setup

$\mathcal{N} = 2$	components	spin	$SU(2)_\Phi \times SU(2)_\mathcal{R}$	$U(1)_\mathcal{R}$	Δ	$U(N_f)$	$U(1)_B$
(Φ_1, Φ_2) hyper	X^4, X^5, X^6, X^7	0	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	0	1	1	0
	λ_1, λ_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$	-1	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	0
(Φ_3, W_α) vector	$X_V^A = (X^8, X^9)$	0	(0, 0)	+2	1	1	0
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(Q, \tilde{Q}) fund. hyper	$q^m = (q, \tilde{q})$	0	$(0, \frac{1}{2})$	0	1	N_f	+1
	$\psi_i = (\psi, \tilde{\psi}^\dagger)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	(0, 0)	∓ 1	$\frac{3}{2}$	N_f	+1

Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Im} \left[\tau \int d^4\theta \left(\text{tr}(\bar{\Phi}_I e^V \Phi_I e^{-V}) + Q_r^\dagger e^V Q^r + \tilde{Q}_r^\dagger e^{-V} \tilde{Q}^r \right) \right. \\ \left. + \tau \int d^2\theta (\text{tr}(W^\alpha W_\alpha) + W) + \text{c.c.} \right],$$

where the superpotential W is $W = \text{tr}(\epsilon_{IJK} \Phi_I \Phi_J \Phi_K) + \tilde{Q}_r (m_q + \Phi_3) Q^r$.

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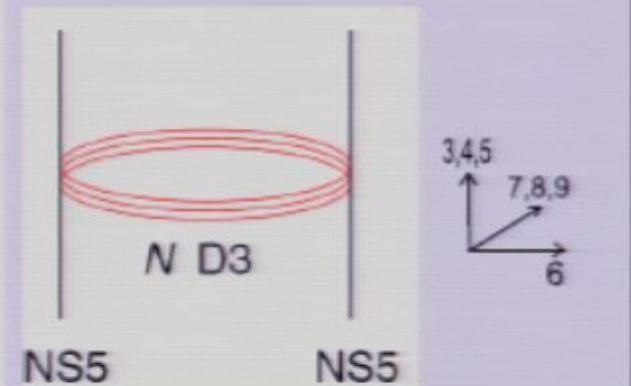
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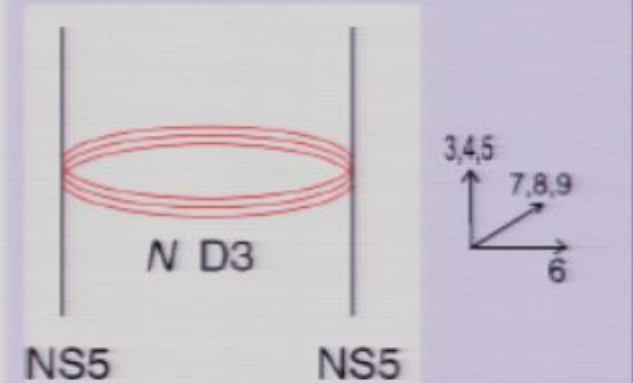
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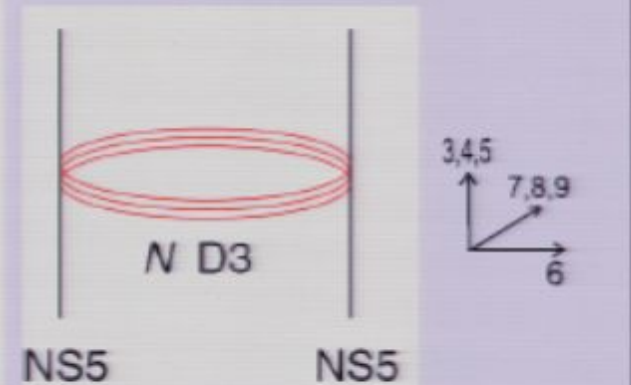
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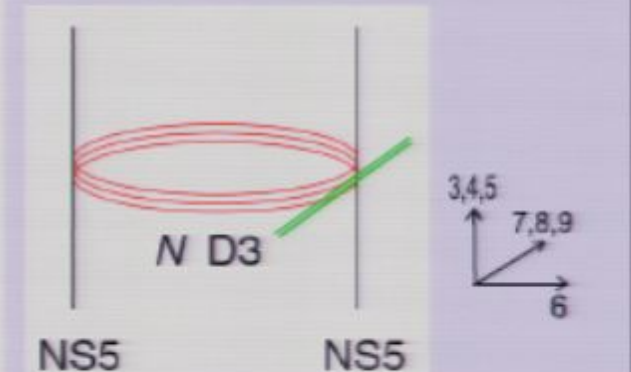
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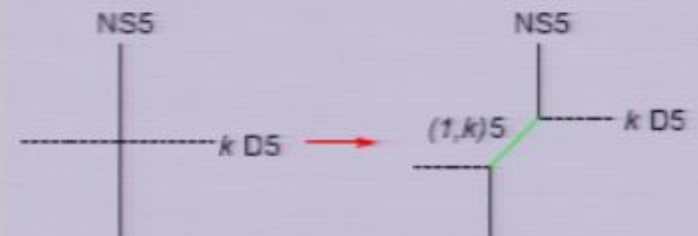
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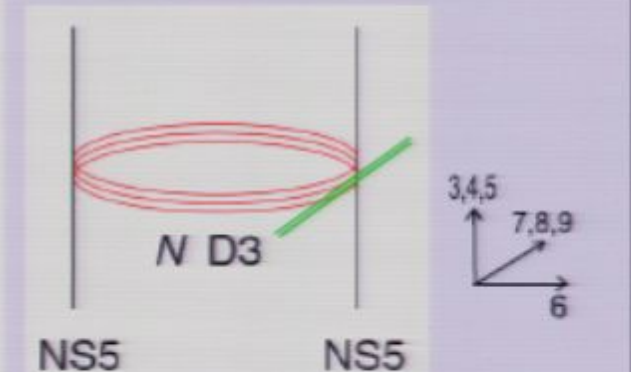
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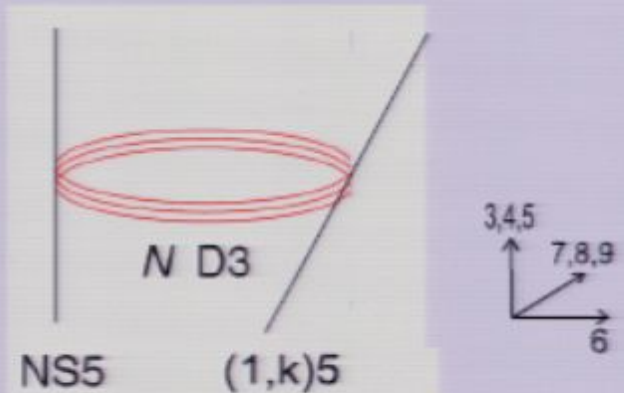
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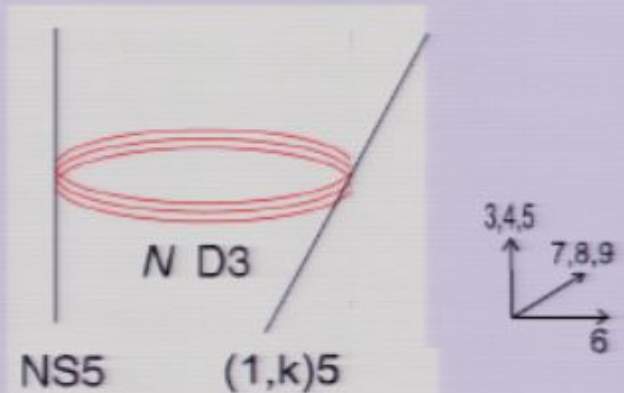
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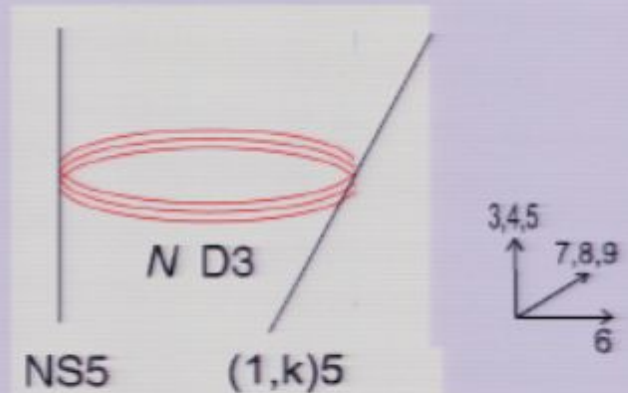
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$(1, k)5$	•	•	•	$[3, 7]_\theta$	$[4, 8]_\theta$	$[5, 9]_\theta$	-	-	-	-

Low – Energy Field Theory

- Chern-Simons term generated
- $\mathcal{N} = 3$ $U(N_c)_k \times U(N_c)_{-k}$ Yang-Mills theory with a Chern-Simons term
- 4 massless bifundamental matter fields (A_a, B_a)

IIB Picture



M2–Brane Theory: Uplift to M-theory (Step 3)

T–Dualize in x^6 –direction

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
N D2	•	•	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KK	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	-	-	-
KK + D6 flux	•	•	•	$[3, 7]_\theta$	$[4, 8]_\theta$	$[5, 9]_\theta$	-	-	-	-

Lift to M-theory

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
N M2	•	•	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
X_8				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

where X_8 is the intersection of two KK monopoles.

Field Theory

Still $\mathcal{N} = 3$ SYM + CS + matter

M2–Brane Theory: Near–Horizon Limit (Step 4)

Enhancement to $\mathcal{N} = 6$ supersymmetry.

Gravity side

- X_8 has singularity; near singularity spacetime locally C^4/Z_k .
- take "near-horizon" limit: discard all geometry except the singularity

Field Theory side

- low–energy limit
- write effective theory at scales below $\sim g_{YM}^2 k$
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- $\mathcal{N} = 6$ supersymmetric.

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Add in type IIB flavor branes and follow the four steps

Supersymmetric flavor branes in type IIB

Type IIB	Type IIA	M theory	codim	wrapping	SUSY	SUSY (anti)
D1	D2	M2	2	0(7)	2	2
D3	D2	M2	0	0126	6	0
D3	D4	M5	1	01(37)	3	3
D3	D4	M5	1	01(38)	2	2
D3	D2	M2	2	0(34)6	2	2
D3	D2	M2	2	06(78)	2	2
D5	D6	KK	0	012(347)	2	2
D5	D6	KK	0	012(349)	4	2
D5	D6	KK	0	012789	6	0
D5	D4	M5	1	013456	3	3
D5	D4	M5	1	01(378)6	2	2
D5	D4	M5	1	01(389)6	3	3
D5	D6	KK	2	0(34)789	2	2
D7	D6	KK	0	0126(3478)	2	4
D7	D6	KK	0	0126(3479)	2	2
D7	D8	M9	1	01345789	3	3

Codimension zero Flavor, Step 1

Consider for example D5–Brane in 012789 direction. [Hohenegger, Kirsch], [Hikida, Li, Takayanagi], [Gaiotto, Jafferis]

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N_f D5	•	•	•	-	-	-	-	•	•	•

- 2+1 dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 4$ supersymmetry
- Action of Flavor degrees in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superspace

$$S_{fl} = \int d^3x d^4\theta \left(\bar{Q} e^V Q + \tilde{Q} e^{-V} \bar{\tilde{Q}} \right) + \int d^3x d^2\theta \tilde{Q} \Phi Q,$$

where (V, Φ) is the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Vector Multiplet

Codimension zero Flavor, Step 1

Add NS5–Branes

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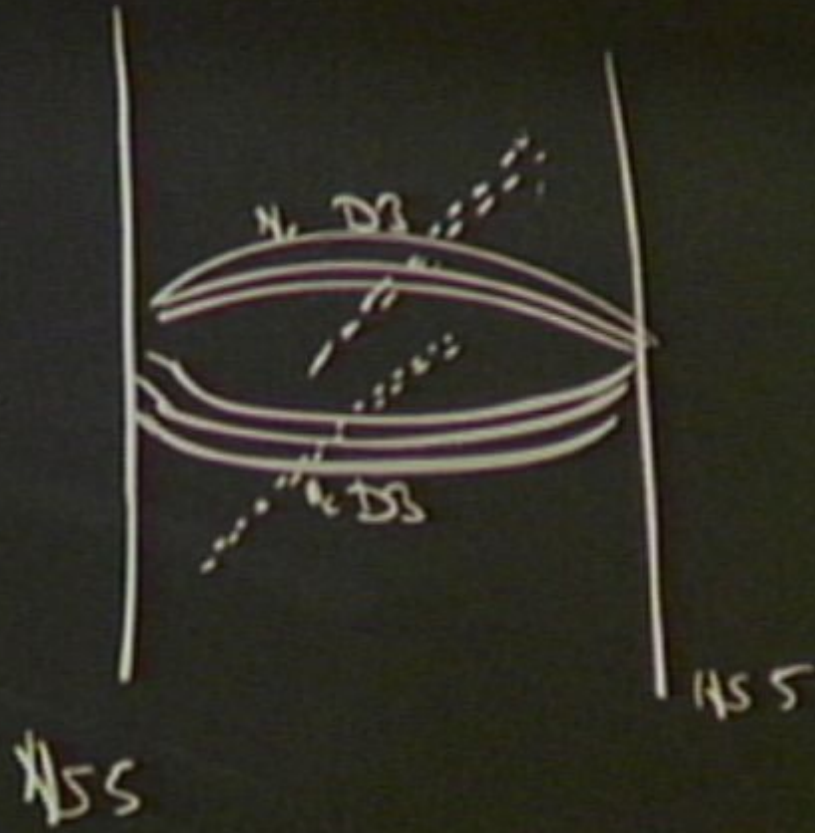
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 \Rightarrow massless flavor in each gauge group.

$$S_{fl} = \int d^3x d^4\theta \left(\bar{Q}_k e^{V_k} Q_k + \tilde{Q}_k e^{-V_k} \bar{\tilde{Q}}_k \right) + \int d^3x d^2\theta \tilde{Q}_k (-1)^k \Phi_k Q_k,$$



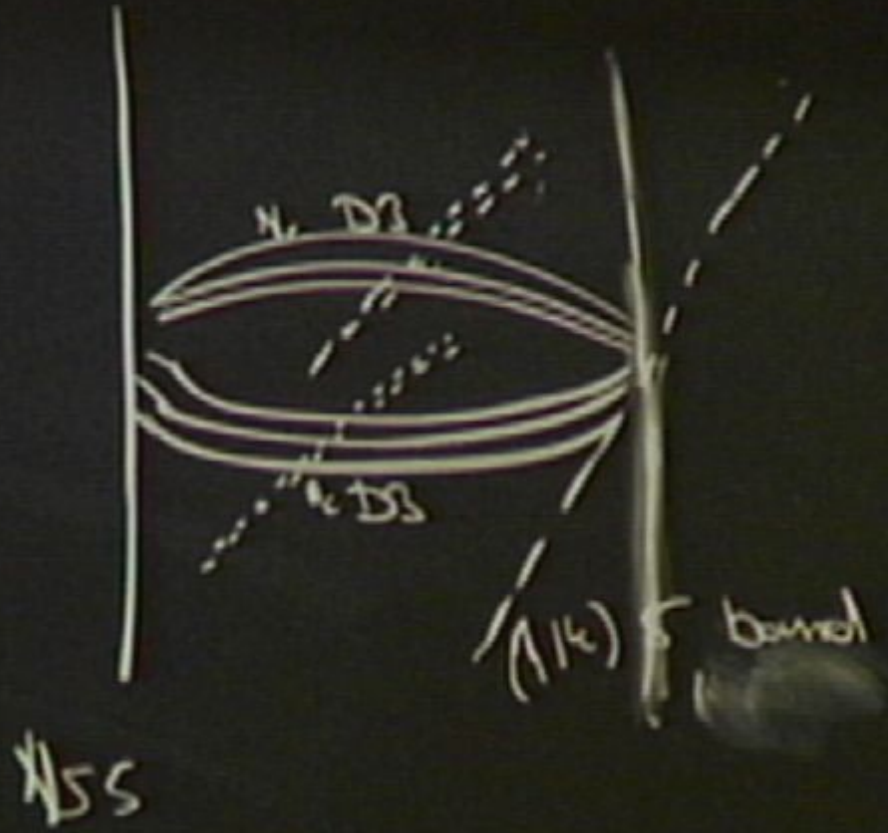
Codimension zero Flavor, Step 2+3

$(1, k)5$ -Brane

- Supersymmetry broken to $\mathcal{N} = 3$.
- Flavor action unchanged

T-duality along x_6 and Lift to M-theory

- type IIA configuration:
 $N_f D5 \rightarrow N_f D6$ -Branes.
- M-theory configuration:
 $N_f D6 \rightarrow KK$ -Monopole associated with M-theory circle.
- action S_{fl} unchanged.



Codimension zero Flavor, Step 4

Gravity side

- zoom in on C^4/Z_k .
- For $N_c \gg k^5$: KK–Monopole wrapping a three cycle on S^7/Z_k .
- For $N_c \ll k^5$: D6–Brane wrapping $AdS_4 \times RP^3$.
- preserves 12 supercharges, i.e. $\mathcal{N} = 3$ in 2+1 dimensions, as well as $U(1)_b$ and $SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_D \simeq SO(4) \subset SO(6)_R$

Field theory side

- Determine effective theory valid on scales $\ll g_{YM}^2 k$.
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 \Rightarrow No such terms! $\Rightarrow S_{fl}$ unchanged.
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[Gaiotto, Yin '07]

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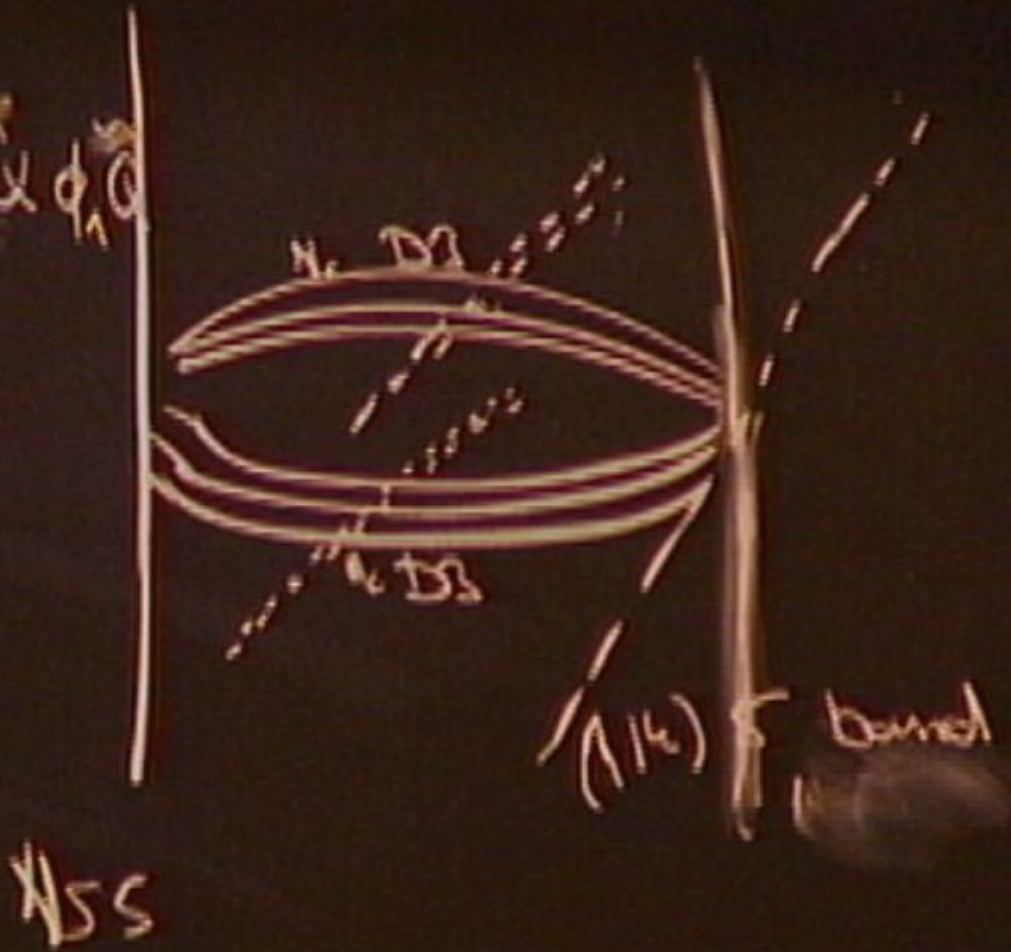
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$$W \sim T_0(\phi_1^2) + Q\phi_1\phi_2$$



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[Harvey, Royston '08]

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$N_f D7$	•	•	-	•	•	•	-	•	•	•
1 NS5	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	-	-	-

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Generalizations

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The flavor branes in type IIB give rise to other field theories, which we studied in [arXiv: 0909.3845](https://arxiv.org/abs/0909.3845).

- A D3-brane in type IIB (D4-brane in type IIA, M5-brane in M-theory) \rightarrow codimension one, non-chiral, $\mathcal{N} = (3, 3)$ flavor fields.
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$SU(4)_{\mathcal{R}}$ equivalence

Different D_p -Branes in IIB become the same object in M-Theory (e.g. $D5$ -Brane in 012789 and $\overline{D7}$ -Brane in 01263478)

\Rightarrow The same dual field theory

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