

Toda equation, $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs and Euclidean holography

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Continual Toda equation as a toolkit for studying:

Supergravity solutions:

- 1 11d SUGRA solutions with $SO(2,4) \times SO(3) \times U(1)_R$ isometry.
- 2 \nexists additional $U(1)$ symmetry – No smearing.
- 3 Explore the 11d landscape of qualitatively different solutions – qualitatively different SCFTs.

Euclidean holography:

- 1 4d WSD & Einstein metrics with a symmetry, i.e. Przanowski–Tod & Calderbank–Pedersen.
- 2 Fefferman–Graham expansion and boundary data.

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GRAVITY DUALS OF $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs

General M-theory solution which preserves four dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ superconformal symmetry, with $SO(2,4) \times SO(3) \times U(1)_R$ isometry, was constructed in [Lin–Lunin–Maldacena \(2004\)](#):

$$ds_{11}^2 = \kappa_{11}^{\frac{2}{3}} e^{2\lambda} \left(4 ds_{\text{AdS}_5}^2 + z^2 e^{-6\lambda} d\Omega_2^2 + \frac{4}{1-z\partial_z\Psi} (d\varphi + \omega)^2 - \frac{\partial_z\Psi}{z} \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j \right),$$

$$\omega = \omega_x dx + \omega_y dy, \quad \omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \partial_y \Psi, \quad \omega_y = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_x \Psi,$$

$$\gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j = dz^2 + e^\Psi (dx^2 + dy^2), \quad e^{-6\lambda} = -\frac{\partial_z \Psi}{z(1-z\partial_z \Psi)}, \quad G_4 = dC_3 = \kappa_{11} F_2 \wedge d\Omega_2,$$

$$F_2 = 2(d\varphi + \omega) \wedge d(z^3 e^{-6\lambda}) + 2z(1-z^2 e^{-6\lambda}) d\omega - \partial_z e^\Psi dx \wedge dy, \quad \kappa_{11} = \frac{\pi \ell_P^3}{2},$$

where $\Psi(x, y, z)$ satisfies the continual Toda equation:

$$\left(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 \right) \Psi + \partial_z^2 e^\Psi = 0,$$

where $z \in [0, z_c]$ and $z_c : e^\Psi \sim z_c - z, \quad \partial_z \Psi \rightarrow \infty$.

Regularity of the metric when S^2 shrinks to zero size, requires

$$z = 0 : \quad e^\Psi = \text{finite} \neq 0, \quad \partial_z \Psi = 0, \quad \partial_z \Psi / z = \text{finite} \neq 0.$$

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THE CONTINUAL TODA EQUATION

The molecule of Toda

$$H = \frac{1}{2} p_z^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{z-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} p_i^2 + e^{q_i - q_{i+1}} \right) \implies \ddot{\Psi}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{z-1} K_{ij} e^{\Psi_j} = 0,$$

$$\Psi_i(T) = q_i - q_{i+1}, \quad K_{i|i} = 2, \quad K_{i|i+1} = K_{i+1|i} = -1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, z-1, \quad z \in \mathbb{N}.$$

where K_{ij} is the Cartan matrix of the classical Lie algebra $A_{z-1} : SU(z)$.

The Toda field theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{z-1} K_{ij}^{-1} \partial \Psi_i \bar{\partial} \Psi_j + \sum_{i=1}^{z-1} e^{\Psi_i} \implies \partial \bar{\partial} \Psi_i = \sum_{j=1}^{z-1} K_{ij} e^{\Psi_j}, \quad q = \frac{1}{2} (x + iy), \quad \partial = \frac{\partial}{\partial q} = \partial_x - i \partial_y,$$

The infinite limit – Saveliev (1990)

$$z \rightarrow \infty, \quad K(z, z') = -\delta''(z - z') \implies \boxed{\partial \bar{\partial} \Psi + \partial_z^2 e^{\Psi} = 0}$$

METHODS FOR SOLVING TODA

Solutions for special cases

1 Separability:

$$e^{\Psi} = c_3 \frac{|\partial f|^2}{(1 - c_3 |f|^2)^2} \left(-z^2 + c_1 z + c_2 \right), \quad f = f(q),$$

Maldacena–Núñez (2000):

$$e^{\Psi} = 4 \frac{N^2 - z^2}{(1 - r^2)^2}, \quad r^2 = x^2 + y^2,$$

$$0 \leq z \leq N, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1.$$

2 Extra $U(1)$ symmetry:

$$\text{AdS}_7 \times S^4: \quad e^{\Psi} = \coth^2 \zeta, \quad r = \sinh^2 \zeta \sin^2 \vartheta, \quad z = \cosh^2 \zeta \cos^2 \vartheta,$$

and the Maldacena–Núñez solution.

EXTRA $U(1)$ – ELECTROSTATICS

Extra $U(1)$ symmetry – Ward’s transformation: [Ward \(1990\)](#)

$$(r, z, \Psi) \mapsto (\rho, \eta, \Phi) : \quad \ln r = \partial_\eta \Phi, \quad z = \rho \partial_\rho \Phi, \quad \rho = r e^{\Psi(r,z)/2},$$

where the Toda equation is “replaced” by a Poisson equation

$$\frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r \Psi) + \partial_z^2 e^\Psi = \delta(M_5) \implies \frac{1}{\rho} \partial_\rho (\rho \partial_\rho \Phi) + \partial_\eta^2 \Phi = \frac{\lambda(\eta) \delta(\rho)}{\rho}.$$

Boundary condition at $z = 0$: Infinite conducting plane with a charge density $\lambda(\eta)$

$$\Phi(\rho, \eta) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\eta_1 \lambda(\eta_1) G(\rho, \eta; \eta_1), \quad \lambda(\eta) = z(\rho = 0, \eta),$$

$$G(\rho, \eta; \eta_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + (\eta - \eta_1)^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + (\eta + \eta_1)^2}}, \quad G(\rho, \eta, \eta_1)|_{\eta=0} = 0.$$

MALDACENA–NÚÑEZ

The Toda potential

$$e^{\Psi} = 4 \frac{N^2 - z^2}{(1 - r^2)^2}, \quad z \in [0, N], \quad r \in [0, 1].$$

Ward's transformation $(r, z, \Psi) \mapsto (\rho, \eta, \Phi)$

$$\rho = \frac{2r \sqrt{N^2 - z^2}}{1 - r^2} \geq 0, \quad \eta = \frac{1 + r^2}{1 - r^2} z \geq 0, \quad \Phi = z - N \tanh^{-1} \frac{z}{N} + \frac{1 + r^2}{1 - r^2} z \ln r.$$

Its charge density at $\rho = 0$

$$\lambda(\eta) = z(\rho = 0, \eta) = \begin{cases} \eta, & 0 \leq \eta \leq N, \\ N, & \eta \geq N. \end{cases}$$

$AdS_7 \times S^4$

The Toda frame

$$e^\Psi = \coth^2 \zeta, \quad r = \sinh^2 \zeta \sin^2 \vartheta, \quad z = \cosh^2 \zeta \cos^2 \vartheta.$$

Ward's transformation $(r, z, \Psi) \mapsto (\rho, \eta, \Phi)$

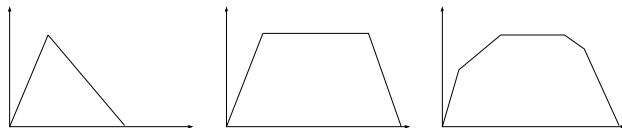
$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sinh 2\zeta \sin \vartheta, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{2} \cosh 2\zeta \cos \vartheta, \quad \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos \vartheta (1 + \cosh 2\zeta \ln r) + \ln \tan \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right).$$

Its charge density at $\rho = 0$

$$\lambda(\eta) = z(\rho = 0, \eta) = \begin{cases} 2\eta, & 0 \leq \eta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \eta + \frac{1}{2}, & \eta \geq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

ELECTROSTATICS AND BEYOND

Charge distributions with singularities – irregular punctures



Pathologies: ρ -small – smearing and ρ -large – conical singularities: $\mathbb{R}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k$.

Goal: Find Toda potentials which are not separable and depend on x, y, z .

Idea: Toda equation appears in Euclidean 4d metrics, i.e. RSD, Kähler and R=0, WSD and Einstein.

ELECTROSTATICS AND BEYOND

Genuine solutions known for four-dimensional instantons with only $SU(2)$ isometry.

Riemann self-dual by [Atiyah–Hitchin \(1985\)](#).

Kähler and $R = 0$ (WASD) by [Pedersen–Poon \(1990\)](#).

Weyl self-dual and Einstein by [Tod \(1994\)](#) & [Hitchin \(1995\)](#).

A toolkit for regular solutions in 11d SUGRA with only $SO(2, 4) \times SO(3) \times U(1)_R$ isometry:

- 1 Singular “Atiyah–Hitchin” metrics – [K. Sfetsos, P.M. Petropoulos and K.S. \(2013\)](#).
- 2 Pedersen–Poon metrics [K. Sfetsos, P.M. Petropoulos and K.S. \(2014\)](#).

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LEBRUN METRICS

Kähler metric with symmetry and $R = 0$ – WASD (canonical orientation)

LeBrun (1991)

$$d\ell_{\text{LeBrun}}^2 = V(d\varphi + A)^2 + V^{-1}(dz^2 + e^\Psi(dx^2 + dy^2)),$$

where the $R = 0$ and Kähler conditions translate to:

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) \Psi + \partial_z^2 (e^\Psi) = e^\Psi \nabla^2 \Psi = 0, \\ (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) V^{-1} + \partial_z^2 (V^{-1} e^\Psi) = 0, \\ A = \partial_x V^{-1} dy \wedge dz + \partial_y V^{-1} dz \wedge dx + \partial_z (V^{-1} e^\Psi) dx \wedge dy, \end{cases}$$

with Kähler form

$$J = (d\varphi + A) \wedge dz - V^{-1} e^\Psi dx \wedge dy, \quad dJ = 0.$$

Solutions usually involve electrostatics, i.e. two commuting isometries.

Going beyond using solutions with no commuting isometries.

FOLIATIONS WITH $SU(2)$ ISOMETRY

A four dimensional metric:

$$d\ell^2 = \Omega_1 \Omega_2 \Omega_3 dT^2 + \frac{\Omega_2 \Omega_3}{\Omega_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_3}{\Omega_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2}{\Omega_3} \sigma_3^2,$$

$$\sigma_1 + i\sigma_2 = -e^{i\psi} (i d\vartheta + \sin \vartheta d\varphi), \quad \sigma_3 = d\psi + \cos \vartheta d\varphi, \quad d\sigma_i = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_j \wedge \sigma_k,$$

$$\psi \in [-2\pi, 2\pi], \quad \vartheta \in [0, \pi], \quad \varphi \in [0, 2\pi].$$

The metric is invariant under the action of the Killing (right-invariant) fields

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi_1 = -\cos \varphi \cot \vartheta \partial_\varphi - \sin \varphi \partial_\vartheta + \frac{\cos \varphi}{\sin \vartheta} \partial_\psi, \\ \xi_2 = \sin \varphi \cot \vartheta \partial_\varphi - \cos \varphi \partial_\vartheta - \frac{\sin \varphi}{\sin \vartheta} \partial_\psi, \\ \xi_3 = \partial_\varphi \end{array} \right.$$

where $[\xi_i, \xi_j] = -\varepsilon_{ijk} \xi_k$ and $\nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i = 0$.

PEDERSEN–POON METRICS

General diagonal Kähler and $R = 0$ (Weyl anti-self-dual) metric with $SU(2)$ isometry.

Pedersen–Poon (1990)

$$d\ell^2 = \Omega_1 \Omega_2 \Omega_3 dT^2 + \frac{\Omega_2 \Omega_3}{\Omega_1} \sigma_1^2 + \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_3}{\Omega_2} \sigma_2^2 + \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2}{\Omega_3} \sigma_3^2,$$

$$\Omega_1' = \Omega_2 \Omega_3 - \alpha \Omega_1, \quad \Omega_2' = \Omega_1 \Omega_3 - \alpha \Omega_2, \quad \Omega_3' = \Omega_1 \Omega_2, \quad f' = \frac{df}{dT},$$

where α is a constant. For $\alpha = 0$ – RSD Belinski–Gibbons–Page–Pope metric (1979).

Their LeBrun frame

Tod (1995)

$$z = n_3 \Omega_3, \quad x = e^{\alpha T} n_2 \Omega_2, \quad y = e^{\alpha T} n_1 \Omega_1, \quad e^\Psi = e^{-2\alpha T}, \quad n_i = (s_\vartheta c_\psi, s_\vartheta s_\psi, c_\vartheta),$$

$$V = \frac{\Omega_2 \Omega_3}{\Omega_1} n_1^2 + \dots, \quad A_i dx^i = V^{-1} \left(\left(\frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_3}{\Omega_2} - \frac{\Omega_2 \Omega_3}{\Omega_1} \right) s_\vartheta s_\psi c_\psi d\vartheta + \frac{\Omega_1 \Omega_2}{\Omega_3} c_\vartheta d\psi \right).$$

APPLICATION IN 11D SUGRA

The axisymmetric solution

$$\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \frac{2\alpha w}{w^2 - 1}, \quad \Omega_3 = \frac{2\alpha w^2}{w^2 - 1}, \quad w = \alpha^{-1} e^{-\alpha r}.$$

The line charge density is regular if:

$$\exists t_1 : \quad \Omega_1(t_1) = 0, \quad \Omega_3(t_1) = 2\alpha, \quad \boxed{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^*}.$$

The generic non- $U(1)$ solution

$$\Omega_1 = \alpha w \cosh G, \quad \Omega_2 = \alpha w \sinh G, \quad \Omega_3 = -\alpha w \frac{dG}{dw},$$

$$\text{where : } \frac{d}{dw} \left(w \frac{dG}{dw} \right) = \frac{w}{2} \sinh(2G).$$

① It is regular at $z = 0$, i.e. $\vartheta = \pi/2$ or $\Omega_3(w_*) = 0$.

② There is a regular puncture at $w = 0$ & $\vartheta = 0$ if:

$$\boxed{N_5 = \frac{\alpha \zeta}{2}, \quad 0 \leq \zeta < 1}$$

Regularity demands in agreement: On the non- $U(1)$ solution and on the line charge density.

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PRZANOWSKI–TOD METRICS

W(A)SD and Einstein metrics with a symmetry – Przanowski (1991) – Tod (1997).

Conformal rescaling of LeBrun metrics:

$$d\ell_{\text{PT}}^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} d\ell_{\text{LeBrun}}^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left(V(d\varphi + A)^2 + V^{-1}(dz^2 + e^\Psi(dx^2 + dy^2)) \right),$$

where the upliftability condition reads:

$$2k^2V = 2 - z\partial_z\Psi,$$

with

$$R_{\mu\nu} = -3k^2g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \widehat{W}_2 = \star_4 \widehat{W}_2, \quad \widehat{W}_2 = \mathcal{R}_2 + k^2 e \wedge e.$$

Additional $U(1)$ isometry – electrostatic potential – Calderbank–Pedersen (2001)

$$F = F(\rho, \eta) = \sqrt{\rho} \partial_\rho \Phi : \quad \rho^2 (F_{\rho\rho} + F_{\eta\eta}) = \frac{3}{4} F.$$

For example $\sqrt{\rho}F = \sqrt{\rho^2 + \eta^2} - k^2$ yields H_4 .

PRZANOWSKI–TOD AND HOLOGRAPHY

Stationary solutions admit (locally at least) two commuting Killing isometries:

$$d\ell^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left(V(d\varphi + A)^2 + V^{-1}(dz^2 + e^\Psi(dr^2 + r^2 d\beta^2)) \right), \quad (V, A, \Psi) = \text{depend on } (r, z).$$

Double pole at $z = 0$ – Potential conformal boundary – Fefferman–Graham (FG) expansion near $z = 0$.

The Gaussian normal coordinates (R, ζ) centred at $z = 0$:

$$z(R, \zeta) = \frac{1}{R} \left(1 + \frac{a(\zeta)}{R} + \frac{b(\zeta)}{R^2} + \frac{c(\zeta)}{R^3} \right) + \dots, \quad \rho(R, \zeta) = \zeta + \frac{e(\zeta)}{R} + \frac{f(\zeta)}{R^2} + \frac{g(\zeta)}{R^3} + \dots$$

Recasting the metric in the FG gauge:

$$ds^2 = (\theta^R)^2 + \delta_{\mu\nu} \theta^\mu \theta^\nu, \quad \theta^R = N \frac{dR}{kR}, \quad \theta^\mu = N^\mu dR + \tilde{\theta}^\mu, \quad \mu = (\zeta, \varphi, \beta),$$

$$N = 1, \quad N^\zeta = 0, \quad A = A_\varphi(z, \rho) d\varphi,$$

yields a, b, c, e, \dots , regularity conditions and validity constraints for the FG gauge at $z = 0$:

$$V = 1/k^2, \quad z\partial_z \Psi = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_z (V^2 e^\Psi) = 0, \quad \partial_z A_\varphi = 0, \quad \dots$$

PRZANOWSKI–TOD AND HOLOGRAPHY

The boundary is odd-dimensional and there are no anomalies:

$$g = \delta_{\mu\nu} \frac{\tilde{\theta}^\mu}{kR} \frac{\tilde{\theta}^\nu}{kR} = g_{(0)} + \frac{1}{kR} g_{(1)} + \frac{1}{k^2 R^2} g_{(2)} + \frac{1}{k^3 R^3} g_{(3)} + \dots, \quad g_{(0)} = 1/k^2 R^2 ds^2|_{\partial\mathcal{M}}$$

Boundary data:

- ▶ Boundary metric:

$$g_{(0)} = (d\chi + a_\beta d\beta)^2 + \frac{e^\psi}{k^4} \left(dr^2 + r^2 d\beta^2 \right), \quad a_\beta := A_\beta(r, z)|_{z=0}, \quad \psi := \Psi(r, z)|_{z=0}$$

- ▶ Stress–energy momentum tensor:

$$T_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{3k}{16\pi G_N} g_{(3)}, \quad g_{(3)} = \# k^3 \left(-2(d\chi + a_\beta d\beta)^2 + \frac{e^\psi}{k^4} (dr^2 + r^2 d\beta^2) \right).$$

It is traceless and divergenceless; provided $\# = \text{constant} = -16M/k^2$.

- ▶ Integrability condition: Leigh, Petkou 07; de Haro 08; Mansi et al 08; Miskovic–Olea 09

$$\left(\pm C_{\mu\nu} - 8\pi G_N k^2 T_{\mu\nu} \right) dx^\mu dx^\nu = 0$$

QUATERNIONIC TAUB–NUT

The metric reads:

$$ds_{\text{bulk}}^2 = \frac{d\xi^2}{V(\xi)} + V(\xi) \left(d\varphi + 4n \sin^2 \vartheta/2 d\beta \right)^2 + (\xi^2 - n^2) \left(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \vartheta d\beta^2 \right),$$

$$V(\xi) = \frac{\xi - n}{\xi + n} \left(1 + k^2(\xi - n)(\xi + 3n) \right).$$

In Przanowski–Tod coordinates:

$$z = \frac{1}{\xi - n}, \quad r = \cot \vartheta/2, \quad A = 4n \sin^2 \vartheta/2 d\beta,$$

$$V = \frac{1 + 2nz}{k^2 + 4nk^2z + z^2}, \quad e^\Psi = 4 \frac{k^2 + 4nk^2z + z^2}{(1 + r^2)^2}.$$

The boundary data are built from:

$$e^\psi = \frac{4k^2}{(1 + r^2)^2}, \quad a_\beta = \frac{4n}{r^2 + 1}, \quad M = n(1 - 4k^2n^2),$$

the latter ensures the anti-self-duality and the regularity; nut at $\xi = n$ – locally R^4 in polar coordinates.

8D/7D HOLOGRAPHY

Self-duality in 8 Euclidean dimensions – octonions $f_{ab}{}^{cd}$.

- ① Riemann two-form: $\mathcal{R}_2 \in \mathbf{28}$ of $SO(8)$.
- ② $\mathbf{28} = \mathbf{21} \oplus \mathbf{7}$ under $Spin(7) \subset SO(8)$.
- ③ Self-duality and anti-self-duality corresponds to $P_{21} \mathcal{R}_2 = 0$ or $P_7 \mathcal{R}_2 = 0$, where:
B. De Wit–H. Nicolai (1984)

$$P_7 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\delta_{ab}{}^{cd} - \frac{1}{2} f_{ab}{}^{cd} \right), \quad P_{21} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\delta_{ab}{}^{cd} + \frac{1}{6} f_{ab}{}^{cd} \right),$$

$$P_7^2 = P_7, \quad P_{21}^2 = P_{21}, \quad P_7 + P_{21} = \delta_{ab}{}^{cd}, \quad P_7 P_{21} = P_{21} P_7 = 0.$$

- ④ In 8-dim the Riemann tensor splits to $\mathbf{336} = \mathbf{300} \oplus \mathbf{35} \oplus \mathbf{1}$ as:

$$\mathcal{S}_{21} = P_{21} \mathcal{R}_2 = W^{168} \phi_{21} + s^1 \phi_{21} + W^{105} \chi_7, \quad \mathcal{A}_7 = P_7 \mathcal{R}_2 = W^{27} \chi_7 + s^1 \chi_7 + S^{35} \phi_{21}.$$

- ⑤ “Quaternionic” spaces:

$$\begin{cases} S^{35} = 0, s^1 \neq 0, & \text{Einstein} \\ W^{27} = 0, & \text{Weyl self-dual} \end{cases}$$

- ⑥ Seven-dimensional boundary:

$$T_{\mu\nu} := \frac{\delta S_{7\text{-dim}}^{\text{CS}}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}},$$

integrability and generalized filling-in problem.

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DISCUSSION & OUTLOOK

Use of the Toda potential for studying:

- ▶ 11d supergravity solutions, which are regular and have no smearing.
- ▶ Toda frame thought Kähler metrics with $SU(2)$ isometry and $R = 0$.
- ▶ Emergence of an extra $U(1)$ symmetry – in agreement with electrostatic description.
- ▶ Quaternionic 4d-spaces with a symmetry and Euclidean holography.
- ▶ Going beyond the integrability condition.

Extensions to 8d/7d holography.

APPENDIX: $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs

A class of 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs can be viewed:

▶ As generalised quivers (elementary fields and strongly coupled field theories as building blocks).

Gaiotto (2009)

▶ By taking the IR limit of N M5 branes wrapping a two dimensional Riemann surface Σ_2 .

Maldacena–Núñez (2001)

- The geometry contains AdS_5 and S^4 fibered over Σ_2 .
- The fibration involves a twist preserving four dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY.
- Σ_2 may be sphere or torus or higher genus surface...
- Σ_2 has constant curvature and it is a quotient of hyperbolic space.
- Additional non-compact branes may intersect Σ_2 at points–punctures; z_c .

Maldacena–Núñez geometry

- ▶ M5 theory ($N \gg 1$) on Σ_2 flowing from UV to IR.
- ▶ At UV the geometry $\simeq AdS_7 \times S^4 \supseteq \mathbb{R}^4 \times \Sigma_2$, S^4 wrapped on $\Sigma_2 \implies 8$ supercharges.

APPENDIX: COMMENTS ON ELECTROSTATICS

Line charge density – related to the M5 sources

Gaiotto–Maldacena, Reid-Edwards–Stefanski (2011), Donos–Simon (2011) & Aharony–Berdichevsky–Berkooz (2012)

- ▶ Extra $U(1)$ isometry endows a smearing process with the typical validity limitations.
- ▶ Regularity of spacetime imposes constraints on $\lambda(\eta)$, arising from 4-flux quantisation on punctures.
 - $\lambda(\eta)$ is continuous and piecewise segment, i.e. $a_n\eta + q_n$, where $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 - Kinks occur at integer values of η .
 - $\lambda(0) = 0$ and $a_{n-1} - a_n = k_n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$
 - Metric singularity around that point $\simeq AdS_5 \times S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^4 / \mathbb{Z}_{k_n}$

Region of validity: $\rho_{\text{sm}} \ll \rho \ll \rho_{U(1)}$. An exception is the Maldacena–Núñez solution.

A class of 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFTs can be viewed as generalised quiver gauge theories

Gaiotto (2009)

- ▶ $\exists SU(\lambda_n)$ gauge group $\forall \lambda_n = \lambda(\eta)_{\eta=n} : \lambda_n \leq \lambda_{n+1} \leq N$ & $k_n := 2\lambda_n - \lambda_{n-1} - \lambda_{n+1} \geq 0$.
- ▶ $\forall \text{Kink}_{\eta=n}, \exists k_n = a_{n-1} - a_n$ fundamental hypermultiplets charged under the $SU(\lambda_n)$.
- ▶ In total, this is a quiver with gauge group $\prod_n SU(n)$ described at strong coupling by supergravity.

APPENDIX: ATIYAH–HITCHIN AND 11D SUGRA

A more complicated solution – K. Sfetsos, P.M. Petropoulos and K.S. (2013)

- 1 Riemann self-duality on foliations of Bianchi-IX.
- 2 Lagrange or Darboux–Halphen 1st-order differential systems.
$$\Omega_1' = \Omega_2\Omega_3 - \lambda\Omega_1(\Omega_2 + \Omega_3), \quad \lambda = 0, 1.$$
- 3 Darboux–Halphen possesses an $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ covariance.
- 4 Translational or Rotational Killing vectors.
- 5 Darboux–Halphen – rotational Killing vectors – continual Toda equation – LeBrun $V^{-1} = \partial_z\Psi$.
- 6 Regularity of the 11d metric yields irregular 4d metrics – Kretschmann scalar $\sim (\partial_z\Psi)^{-6}$.
- 7 Halphen (Atiyah–Hitchin) is a non-singular solution of the Darboux–Halphen $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ family.
- 8 We satisfy the b.c. for 11d regularity by transforming the Atiyah–Hitchin under this $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$.
- 9 There is no axisymmetric limit – electrostatics description is inapplicable.