

# Comments on Scaling Limits of 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theories

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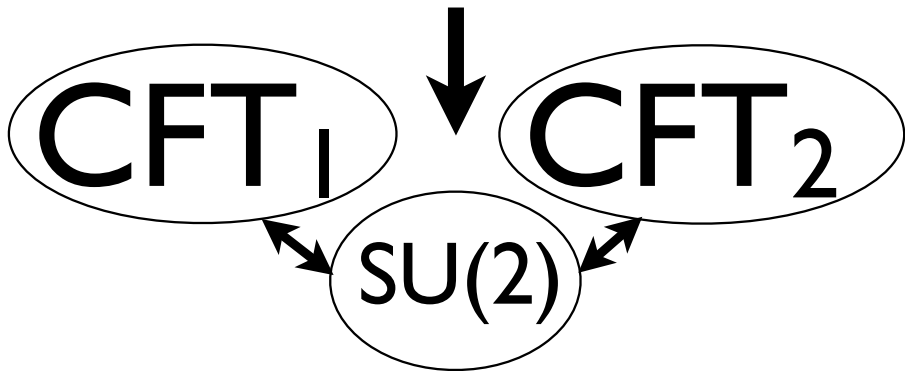
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- Instead I'd like to talk in detail about the structure of the low energy limit of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $\mathbf{SU}(N)$  with  $N_f = 2n$  flavors.
- I guess it's not so bad to recall the Seiberg-Witten theory.

# $N=2$ SUSY $SU(N)$ with $N_f$ flavors



It's a strange structure, but not that strange.

- Consider  $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  with a number of **doublets** and a number of **triplets**.

Doublets, taken alone, comprise a **free** CFT with  $\mathbf{SU}(2)_F$

Triplets, taken alone, comprise a **free** CFT with  $\mathbf{SU}(2)_F$

- So the theory is:  $\text{CFT}_1$  and  $\text{CFT}_2$  coupled via  $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  gauge bosons

The only difference here is that both  $\text{CFT}_1$  and  $\text{CFT}_2$  are **non-free**.

You can call them unparticle sectors if you like.

- We habitually think of field theory as gauge groups + **matter fields** ...
- but **matter fields** might not be free.
  
- In this case we had a conventional UV description which was a SUSY QCD,
- but there's no guarantee there is a conventional UV description either.
- **Just studying conventional field theories might not be enough.**



- I'm very sorry I didn't have time to put figures into the slides.
- I'll use the small whiteboard there to draw them.

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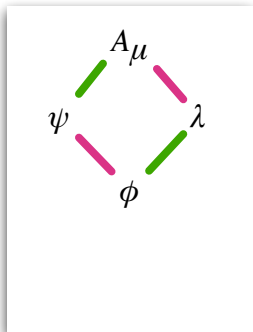
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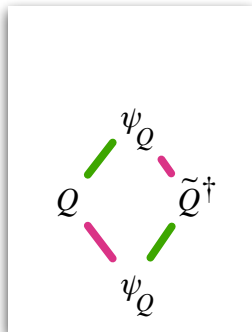
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vector multiplet

adjoint of  $G$

traceless  $N \times N$  matrix



hypermultiplet

some rep of  $G$

$N$ -dim column vector

- $\langle Q \rangle = \langle \tilde{Q} \rangle = 0$  for simplicity.

- $V(\phi) = \mathbf{tr}[\phi, \phi^\dagger]^2$

- Classically,  $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & & & \\ & a_2 & & & \\ & & a_3 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & a_N \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow V(\phi) = 0$

(n.b.  $\sum a_i = 0$ )

- $(N - 1)$ -dimensional **moduli space of vacua**.

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & & & \\ & a_2 & & & \\ & & a_3 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & a_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Classically,

- Masses of W-bosons :  $|a_i - a_j|$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset [A_\mu, \langle \phi \rangle][A^\mu, \langle \phi \rangle]$$

- $U(1)^{N-1}$  remains unbroken and massless
- Masses of the quarks :  $|a_i + m|$

$$W = \tilde{Q} \langle \phi \rangle Q + m \tilde{Q} Q = \sum_{i=1}^N (a_i + m) \tilde{Q}^i Q_i$$

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Classically,

- Masses of W-bosons :  $|a_i - a_j|$
- $\langle \text{tr } \phi^k \rangle = \sum a_i^k$ , or equivalently
- $\langle \text{det}(x - \phi) \rangle = x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + u_3 x^{N-3} + \dots + u_N$

where  $u_k = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k + \text{permutations}$ .

Quantum effect modifies this relation. But how?

Quantum mechanically,

- Writing  $\phi = \mathbf{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_N)$  **doesn't make much sense** because they are gauge dependent.
- W-boson masses are **physical**.  $\rightarrow$   
**Define**  $a_i$  so that W-boson masses are  $|a_i - a_j|$ .
- Vevs of operators are **physical**.  $\rightarrow$   
**Define**  $u_k$  so that  
$$\langle \mathbf{det}(x - \phi) \rangle = x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + u_3 x^{N-3} + \dots + u_N$$
- $u_k = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k + \text{permutations} + \mathbf{quantum corrections}$

What are these quantum corrections?



**ANSWER:** Take

$$\Sigma : y^2 = P(x)^2 - \Lambda^{2N-N_f} \prod_{k=1}^{N_f} (x + m_k)$$

where

$$P(x) = \langle \mathbf{det}(x - \phi) \rangle = x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + u_3 x^{N-3} + \dots + u_N$$

and the differential on it

$$\lambda = \frac{x}{2\pi i} d \mathbf{log} \frac{P(x) + y}{P(x) - y}$$

Then

$$a_i = \int_{A_i} \lambda.$$

This is **exact**.

(n.b.  $\lambda$  needs slight modification when  $N_f = 2N$ )

- **SU(2)** by [Seiberg-Witten] 1994
- **SU(N)** by [Argyres-Shapere], [Hanany-Oz] 1995
- done by combining  
correct guesses at a few singular points + holomorphy
- (Re)derived by performing the path integral by [Nekrasov] 2003.

Another interpretation [Witten] 1997, [Gaiotto] 2009:

- On a single M5 lives a **6d** theory.  
M2s ending on the M5 give **strings** on it.
- Put the theory on 2d  $\Sigma$ . Gives a 4d theory.
- The string tension is position-dependent,  $|\lambda|$ .
- A string wrapped on  $C$  has the mass

$$\int_C |\lambda| \geq \left| \int_C \lambda \right|$$

It's not just that  $a_i = \int_{A_i} \lambda$ . E.g.

- Choice of  $C$   $\rightarrow$  W-bosons, quarks, monopoles, dyons ...
- Which choice of  $C$  really gives rise to particles
- Whether that particle is a vector or a hyper or one with higher-spin ...

[Shapere-Vafa] 1999, [Gaiotto-Moore-Neitzke] 2008~

- When an electric particle goes around a magnetic particle, it gets the phase

$$\mathbf{exp}[2\pi i q_e q'_m]$$

- If the first particle has the charge  $(q_e, q_m)$  and the second  $(q'_e, q'_m)$  then

$$\mathbf{exp}[2\pi i (q_e q'_m - q'_e q_m)]$$

- The number  $q_e q'_m - q'_e q_m$  : **Dirac quantization pairing**
- If the first particle comes from  $C_1$  and the second  $C_2$ ,

$$q_e q'_m - q'_e q_m = \#(C_1 \cap C_2)$$

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$\Sigma$  : ([Klemm-Lerche-Yankielowicz-Theisen], [Argyres-Faraggi], 1994)

$$\begin{aligned}y^2 &= P(x)^2 - \Lambda^{2N} \\ &= (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N + \Lambda^N) \times \\ &\quad (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N - \Lambda^N)\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N = (x - \underline{a}_1)(x - \underline{a}_2) \cdots (x - \underline{a}_N)$$

$\Lambda = 0$  : Doubles zeros at  $x = \underline{a}_i$   $\rightarrow$

Small  $\Lambda$  : Cuts between  $x = \underline{a}_i^\pm = \underline{a}_i \pm O(\Lambda^N)$

The differential was

$$\lambda = x d \mathbf{log}(P + y) / (P - y)$$

Close to  $x = \underline{a}_i$  it is

$$\lambda \sim \underline{a}_i dx / x$$

Therefore

$$a_i = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{A_i} \lambda \sim \underline{a}_i$$
$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{B_{ij}} \lambda \sim \frac{2N}{2\pi i} (\underline{a}_i - \underline{a}_j) \mathbf{log} \Lambda$$



W-bosons:

$$A_i - A_j : \quad a_i - a_j$$

**SU(2)** 't Hooft-Polyakov monopoles embedded using the  $(i, j)$ -th entry

$$B_{ij} : \quad (a_i - a_j) \frac{2N}{2\pi i} \mathbf{log} \Lambda.$$

Classically, the mass of the monopole is

$$\tau(a_i - a_j) \quad \text{where} \quad \tau = \frac{4\pi i}{g^2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$$

$$\rightarrow \quad \Lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \Lambda} \tau = \frac{2N}{2\pi i}$$

This correctly reproduces one-loop running from the vector multiplet,

$$b_0 = 2N.$$

What happens when  $\Lambda$  is very big?

$$y^2 = (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N + \Lambda^N) \times (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N - \Lambda^N)$$

Set

$$u_2 = \epsilon^2 \hat{u}_2,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$u_{N-1} = \epsilon^{N-1} \hat{u}_{N-1},$$

$$u_N = \Lambda^N + \epsilon^N \hat{u}_N$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 \sim 2\Lambda^N x^N + \text{small deformation.}$$

Electric & magnetic particles are both light.

[Argyres-Douglas] 1995, [Eguchi-Hori-Ito-Yang] 1996

$$y^2 \sim 2\Lambda^N x^N + \text{small deformation.}$$

- The differential is  $\lambda \sim x dy$  when  $x \sim 0$ .
- Cuts are at  $x \sim \epsilon \rightarrow y \sim \epsilon^{N/2} \rightarrow \int \lambda \sim \epsilon^{1+N/2}$ .
- $\int \lambda$  determines the physical mass.  $\rightarrow [\epsilon] = \frac{2}{N+2}$ .
- The scaling dimension is then  $[\hat{u}_k] = \frac{2k}{N+2}$ .
- Originally,  $u_k \sim \mathbf{tr} \phi^k$  and  $[u_k] \sim k$ .
- Dimensions got reduced by  $\frac{2}{N+2}$  !

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with the differential

$$\lambda = x d \mathbf{log} \frac{P + y}{P - y}$$

$\lambda$  has poles at  $x = m_i$  with residue  $m_i$ .

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When  $\Lambda \ll \underline{a}_i \ll m_k$ , there are two regions of the curve

- around  $x \sim m$
- around  $x \sim \underline{a}$   $\rightarrow$  almost the same as the pure case with

$$\Lambda'^{2N} = \Lambda^{2N-N_f} \prod_k m_k.$$

There are cycles  $C_{ik}$  with

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_{ik}} \lambda = a_i + m_k \quad : \quad \text{hypers}$$

What happens when  $\Lambda$  is very big? Let  $N_f = 2n$ , set  $m = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}y^2 &= P(x)^2 - \Lambda^{2N-2n} x^{2n} \\ &= (x^N + \cdots + u_{N-n} x^n + \cdots + u_N + \Lambda^{N-n} x^n) \times \\ &\quad (x^N + \cdots + u_{N-n} x^n + \cdots + u_N - \Lambda^{N-n} x^n)\end{aligned}$$

Set

$$u_{N-n} = \Lambda^{N-n}, \quad u_k = 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 = (x^N + 2\Lambda^{N-n} x^n) x^N$$

- You can proceed as in  $N_f = 0$ ...  
[Argyres-Plesser-Seiberg-Witten] 1994 [Eguchi-Hori-Ito-Yang] 1996
- But extra care is necessary when  $N_f \geq 4$ . ( $N_f = 2$  is OK).

- So, let's study the easiest case with  $N_f = 4$ ,  
i.e.  $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  with  $N_f = 4$ .
- Some aspects can be easily generalized to  $\mathbf{SU}(N)$  with  $N_f = 2N$ .
- Note that the one-loop beta function vanishes. Known to be vanishing even non-perturbatively.  $\tau$  is exactly marginal.

$$y^2 = (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N)^2 - f(\tau) \prod_{k=1}^{2N} (x - g(\tau)\mu - \mu_k)$$

- $f(\tau) = 1 - g(\tau)^2$  is a certain function of  $\tau$ .
- The mass of the  $i$ -th hyper is  $m_i = \mu + \mu_i$ ;  $\sum \mu_i = 0$ .
- $f \sim 0$  when the theory is weakly-coupled.
- $f \sim 1$  when the theory is very, very strongly-coupled.



So, let's study what happens when  $f = 1 - g^2 \sim 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}y^2 &= (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N)^2 - f(\tau) \prod_{k=1}^{2N} (x - g(\tau)\mu - \mu_i) \\&= (\tilde{x}^N + Ng\mu\tilde{x}^{N-1} + \dots + \tilde{u}_N)^2 - f(\tau) \prod_{k=1}^{2N} (\tilde{x} - \mu_i) \\&\sim \left(\frac{g^2}{2}\tilde{x}^N + Ng\mu\tilde{x}^{N-1} + \tilde{u}_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + \tilde{u}_N\right) \times \\&\quad (2\tilde{x}^N + Ng\mu\tilde{x}^{N-1} + \dots + \tilde{u}_N) + \sum_{k=2}^{2N} M_k \tilde{x}^{N-k}\end{aligned}$$

- Two zeros around  $x \sim 1/g \gg 0$
- $2N - 2$  zeros around  $x \sim O(1)$
- $\lambda \sim dx/x$  in the middle.

Let  $\lambda \sim a dx/x$  in the middle tube.

Middle tubular region

- particles of mass  $\pm 2a$   $\rightarrow$  W-boson of “magnetic” **SU(2)**

Region at  $x \sim 1/g$

- particles of mass  $\pm a \pm N\mu$   
 $\rightarrow$  a doublet hyper charged with magnetic **SU(2)** with mass  $N\mu$ .

Region at  $x \sim O(1)$

- ???

If we **originally have  $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  with  $N_f = 4$** , it can be better understood.

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- particles of mass  $\pm a + \mu_i - \mu_j$
- $\mu_i$  was in the 4-dim. rep of  $\mathbf{SU}(4)_F$
- $\mu_i - \mu_j$  are for the anti-sym. rep of  $\mathbf{SU}(4)_F$ ,  
i.e. the vector of  $\mathbf{SO}(6)_F$ .

## Originally:

**SU(2)** with four doublets,  
transforming as  $4_{+1} \oplus \bar{4}_{-1}$  under  $\mathbf{U}(1) \times \mathbf{SU}(4)$

## Strong-coupling limit:

**SU(2)** with one doublets + three doublets,  
transforming as  $1_{+2} \oplus 1_{-2} \oplus 6_0$  under  $\mathbf{SO}(2) \times \mathbf{SO}(6)$

[Seiberg-Witten], 1994

**Originally:**

**SU(2)** with four doublets,  
transforming as  $8_V$  under **SO(8)**

**Strong-coupling limit:**

**SU(2)** with four doublets  
transforming as  $8_S$  under **SO(8)**

[Seiberg-Witten], 1994

$\mathbf{SU}(N)$  with  $2N$  flavors in the strongly-coupled limit.

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- Some strange theory with  $\mathbf{SU}(2) \times \mathbf{SU}(2N)$  symmetry. Call it  $R_N$ .

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$SU(2)$  with one doublets of charge  $N$  under  $U(1)$ , plus the strange theory  $R_N$  with  $SU(2) \times SU(2N)$  symmetry.

- [Argyres-Seiberg] 2007 did  $N = 3$
- [Gaiotto] 2009 gave the general direction
- [Distler-Chacaltana] 2010 did this particular case

- $R_2$  is just three doublets. Has  $\mathbf{SU}(2) \times \mathbf{SO}(6) \sim \mathbf{SU}(2) \times \mathbf{SU}(4)$  symmetry.
- $R_3$  is the  $E_6$  theory of [Minahan-Nemeschansky], 1996. Note that  $E_6 \supset \mathbf{SU}(2) \times \mathbf{SU}(6)$ .
- $R_N$  for  $N \geq 4$  is, well,  $R_N$ .



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The dual is also conformal.

$$b_0 = 4 - 1 - R_N\text{'s contribution} = 0$$

→  $R_N$ 's contribution to  $b_0 = 3$ .

Let's come back to  $\mathbf{SU}(N)$  with  $N_f = 2n < 2N$ .  
 (This is the new thing; everything so far was a review!)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y^2 &= (x^N + u_2 x^{N-2} + \dots + u_N)^2 - \Lambda^{2N-2n} \prod_k (x - m_k) \\
 &= (\tilde{x}^N + \tilde{u}_1 \tilde{x}^{N-1} + \dots + \tilde{u}_N)^2 - \Lambda^{2N-2n} \tilde{x}^N - \sum_{k=2}^{2n} M_k x^k \\
 &= (\tilde{x}^N + \dots + \hat{u}_{N-n} x^n + \dots + \tilde{u}_N) \times \\
 &\quad (\tilde{x}^N + \dots + (2\Lambda^{N-n} + \hat{u}_{N-n}) x^n + \dots + \tilde{u}_N) - \sum_{k=2}^{2n} M_k x^k
 \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda = y d\tilde{x} / \tilde{x}^n$  when  $\tilde{x} \ll \Lambda$ . Let  $\tilde{y} = y / \tilde{x}^{n-1}$  so that  $\lambda = \tilde{y} d\tilde{x} / \tilde{x}$ .

For simplicity I'll drop all the hats and the tildes.

$$\begin{aligned}
y^2 = & \left[ x^{N-n+2} + \cdots + u_{N-n+1}x + u_{N-n+2} \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{u_{N-n+3}}{x} + \cdots + \frac{u_N}{x^{n-2}} \right] \times \\
& \left[ x^{N-n} + \cdots + (2\Lambda^{N-n} + u_{N-n}) \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{u_{N-n+1}}{x} + \cdots + \frac{u_N}{x^n} \right] - \sum_{k=2}^{2n} \frac{M_k}{x^{k-2}} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda = y \frac{dx}{x}.
\end{aligned}$$

We choose to scale as

$$u_1 \propto \epsilon, u_2 \propto \epsilon^2, \cdots, u_{N-n+2} \propto \epsilon^{N-n+2}$$

and

$$u_{N-n+2} \propto \delta^2, u_{N-n+3} \propto \delta^3, \cdots u_N \propto \delta^n; \quad M_k \propto \delta^k.$$

Therefore  $\epsilon^{N-n+2} = \delta^2$ , and  $\delta \ll \epsilon$ .

Around  $x \sim \delta$ , the curve is

$$y^2 = \left[ u_{N-n+2} + \frac{u_{N-n+3}}{x} + \dots + \frac{u_N}{x^{n-2}} \right] \times$$
$$\left[ 2 + \frac{u_{N-n+2}}{x^2} + \dots + \frac{u_N}{x^n} \right] - \sum_{k=2}^{2n} \frac{M_k}{x^{k-2}} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda = y \frac{dx}{x}.$$

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In fact this is the  $R_n$ .  $[\delta] = 1$ .

Around  $x \sim \epsilon$ , the curve is

$$y^2 = x^{N-n+2} + \cdots + u_{N-n+1}x + u_{N-n+2} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda = y \frac{dx}{x}.$$

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Depends only  $N - n$ .

In fact, it's just  $\mathbf{SU}(N - n + 1)$  with  $N_f = 2$  flavors studied by Eguchi-Hori-Ito-Yang.

(Note that  $N' = N - n + 1$ ,  $n' = 1$  and therefore  $N' - n' = N - n$ .)

Call it  $S_{N-n+1}$ .  $\epsilon^{N-n+2} = \delta^2$ .  $[\epsilon] = \frac{2}{N - n + 2}$ .

And there is the tube in  $\delta \ll x \ll \epsilon$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{W-boson with mass} & 2a \\ \text{Monopole with mass} & \frac{1}{2\pi i} a \mathbf{log} \frac{\epsilon}{\delta} \end{array}$$

Recall  $\epsilon^{N-n+2} = \delta^2$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} a \mathbf{log} \frac{\epsilon}{\delta} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} a \frac{N-n}{N-n+2} \mathbf{log} \delta$$

$$\rightarrow b_0 = -\frac{N-n}{N-n+2}.$$

$$b_0 = -\frac{N - n}{N - n + 2} = 4 - 3 - \frac{2(N - n + 1)}{N - n + 2}$$

from  $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  vector : +4

from  $R_n$  : -3

from  $S_{N-n+1}$  :  $-\frac{2(N - n + 1)}{N - n + 2}$

I explained how you get  $-3$  from  $R_n$ .

The last one was known in [Shapere-YT], 2007.

# Summary

$\mathcal{N} = 2$   $\mathbf{SU}(N)$   $N_f = 2n$  flavors at a very special choice of  $\langle \mathbf{tr} \phi^k \rangle$ :



- $\mathbf{SU}(2)$  coupled to
- $R_n$ : a part of the strong coupling dual of  $\mathbf{SU}(2n)$  with  $2n$  flavors
- $S_{N-n+1}$ : the low energy limit of  $\mathbf{SU}(N - n + 1)$  with  $2$  flavors

Exercises:

- $\mathbf{SU}(N)$  with  $2n + 1$  flavors ???
- $\mathbf{SO}(N)$ ?  $\mathbf{Sp}(N)$ ?
- I believe the structure is very generic