

# Flux & Hall states in Chern-Simons Matter theories with flavor

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# Summary

Motivation

Flavored ABJM with zero & finite temperature

Holographic dictionary - Running mass


ABJ & induced flux on probe D6-branes

Meson spectrum & breaking of the parity

Quantum Hall state

# Motivation I

- Electrons at low  $T$  & strong magnetic field display a **quantized** Hall conductivity that develops a series of **plateaus**  $\Rightarrow \frac{e^2}{h} \nu$ 

filling  
fraction 

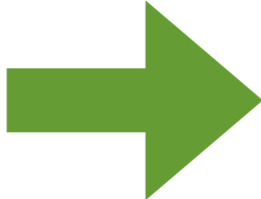
$$\nu = \frac{\text{charge density}}{\text{magnetic flux}}$$
- Aspects of the FQHE involve strongly coupled dynamics  $\Rightarrow$  AdS/CFT
- Top down (& bottom up) models for (F)QHE exist:  $D3/D7'$  &  $D2/D8$
- **Novel realization**: Addition of flavor branes with an internal flux (parity break) in the backreacted ABJM  $\Rightarrow$  Lots of advantages
- (Backreacted) ABJM is analytic background with good IR & UV

## Motivation II

- **Internal flux**  $\rightarrow$  WZ  $\Rightarrow \int_{\Sigma_{D6}} \hat{C}_1 \wedge \underbrace{F \wedge F}_{\text{internal}} \wedge \underbrace{F}_{\text{external}} \sim \int_{AdS_4} F \wedge F$
- Axionic term in  $AdS_4 \Rightarrow$  Parity break  $\Rightarrow$  CS term on the boundary
- ABJ insight  $\Rightarrow$  specific choice of the internal flux
- Dependence of the filling fraction on the number of flavors
- (Further) expectations: striped phases, anyons...

# ABJM Chern-Simons-matter theories

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- describes the dynamics of multiple M2-branes at a  $\mathbb{C}^4/\mathbb{Z}_k$  singularity
- Chern-Simons matter theory in 2+1 dim with gauge group  $U(N)_k \times U(N)_{-k}$
- $\mathcal{N} = 6$  SUSY &  $\lambda \sim \frac{N}{k}$   rank of the gauge group  
CS level
- When  $N$  &  $k$  are large  $\xRightarrow{\text{type IIA}}$   $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$  + fluxes with **24** SUSYs
- Massless quarks  $\Rightarrow$  D6-branes extending in the  $AdS_4$  & wrapping an  $\mathbb{RP}^3 \subset \mathbb{CP}^3$

# Unquenching ABJM with smeared flavor

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Write the  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$  & the RR 2-form as

$$ds_{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3}^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[ ds_{\mathbb{S}^4}^2 + (dx^i + \epsilon^{ijk} A^j x^k)^2 \right]$$

$\mathbb{S}^2$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{S}^4$  with  $A^i \rightarrow SU(2)$  instanton on  $\mathbb{S}^4$

$\mathcal{S}^i \rightarrow$  (rotated) basis of one-forms along  $\mathbb{S}^4$   
 $E^i \rightarrow$  one-forms along the  $\mathbb{S}^2$  fiber

$$F_2 = \frac{k}{2} \left( E^1 \wedge E^2 - (\mathcal{S}^4 \wedge \mathcal{S}^3 + \mathcal{S}^1 \wedge \mathcal{S}^2) \right)$$

Squash the metric & the RR 2-form as

$$T = \frac{3r_h}{4\pi}$$

$$ds^2 = L^2 ds_{BH_4}^2 + ds_6^2$$

$$ds_6^2 = \frac{L^2}{b^2} \left[ q ds_{\mathbb{S}^4}^2 + (E^1)^2 + (E^2)^2 \right]$$

Deformation  
parameter

$$\eta \equiv 1 + \frac{3N_f}{4k}$$

$q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$  internal squashing

$b \rightarrow$  relative  $AdS_4/\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$  squashing

$$F_2 = \frac{k}{2} \left[ E^1 \wedge E^2 - \eta (\mathcal{S}^4 \wedge \mathcal{S}^3 + \mathcal{S}^1 \wedge \mathcal{S}^2) \right]$$

# Dilaton & RR 4-form

$$e^{-\phi} = \frac{b}{4} \frac{\eta + q}{2 - q} \frac{k}{L}$$

$$F_4 = \frac{3kb}{4} \frac{\eta + q}{2 - q} L^2 \Omega_{AdS_4}$$

The new  $AdS_4$  radius is  $\longrightarrow L^4 = 2\pi^2 \frac{N}{k} \frac{(2 - q) b^4}{q(q + \eta q - \eta)}$

Regime of validity  $L \gg 1, \quad e^\phi \ll 1$

$\frac{N_f}{k} \sim 1 \longrightarrow N^{\frac{1}{5}} \ll k \ll N$  (same as in the unflavored case)

$N_f \gg k \longrightarrow N^{\frac{1}{5}} \ll N_f \ll N$

# Flavor effects - Quark-antiquark potential

Computation of the wilson loop  
dual to a hanging string  
in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

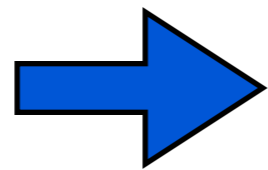
$$V_{q\bar{q}} = -\frac{Q}{d}$$

$$Q = \frac{4\pi^2 L^2}{[\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})]^4}$$

Maldacena & Rey

ABJM with flavor

$$Q = \frac{4\pi^3 \sqrt{2\lambda}}{[\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})]^4} \sigma$$



$$\sigma = \frac{1}{4} \frac{q^{\frac{3}{2}} (\eta + q)^2 (2 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(q + \eta q - \eta)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

Series expansion

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{3}{8} \frac{N_f}{k} + \frac{9}{64} \left(\frac{N_k}{k}\right)^2 + \dots$$

**Dynamical quarks screen the Coulomb interaction**



# Embedding of a massive D6-brane probe

D6 extends in  $x^\mu$ ,  $r$  &  $\mathbb{RP}^3$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2 \text{ directions inside } \mathbb{S}^4 \\ -1 \text{ direction inside } \mathbb{S}^2 \end{array} \right.$



Write the  $\mathbb{S}^2$  metric as  $ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$

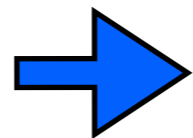
D6 extends in  $\varphi$  with a profile in  $\theta(r)$



Introduce new Cartesian-like coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= r^b \sin \theta \\ R &= r^b \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

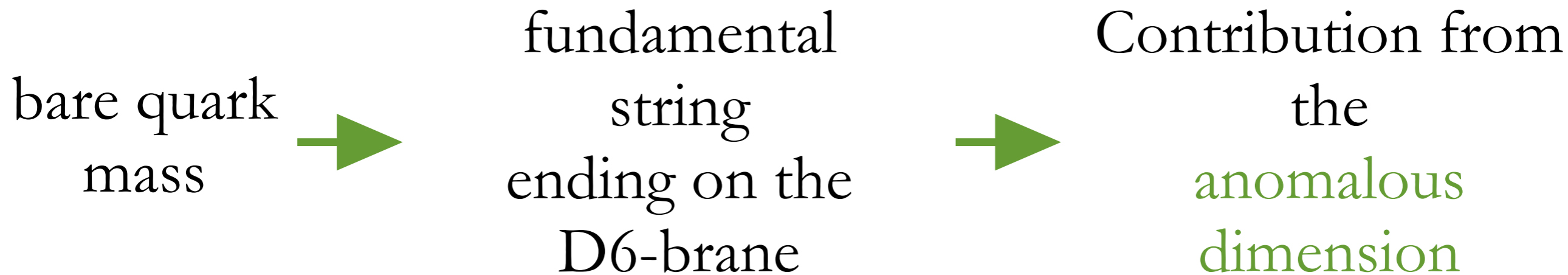
Generic embedding  
in the UV



$$R(\rho) \sim m + \frac{c}{\rho^{\frac{3}{b}-2}}$$

SUSY embeddings  $R = m$  &  $c = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta(r) = \frac{m}{r^b}$

# Holographic dictionary - running mass



Mass anomalous dimension in the unquenched ABJM  $\Rightarrow \gamma_M = b - 1$

$m_q$  will run with the scale due to the quark loops according to the Callan-Symanzik equation

$\hookrightarrow$  Holographic realization

$$\frac{m_q \sqrt{\alpha'}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \approx \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2} b} m_0 \Lambda^{-\gamma_m} \rightarrow \frac{\partial m_q}{\partial \log \Lambda} = -\gamma_m m_q$$

Callan-Symanzik equation

# ABJ & induced flux on probe D6-branes

Axionic term in  $AdS_4 \Rightarrow$  CS term on the bdy  $\Rightarrow$  QHE  $\Rightarrow$  Hall states



Internal flux induced in ABJ  $\Rightarrow U(N + M)_k \times U(N)_{-k}$  with broken parity

- $N_f = 0$ : the worldvolume gauge field can be understood as induced by the flat  $B_2$  of the bulk

$$B_2 \sim \frac{M}{k} J \quad \& \quad \int_{\mathbb{CP}^1} B_2 = (2\pi)^2 \frac{M}{k}$$

- $N_f \neq 0$ : induced metric of the internal 3-cycle for a MN embedding

$$\frac{ds_7^3}{L^2} = \frac{1}{b^2} \left[ q d\alpha^2 + q \sin^2 \alpha d\beta^2 + \sin^2 \theta (d\psi + \cos \alpha d\beta)^2 \right]$$

$S_*^2$



collapses at the tip for  $\theta = 0$

Non collapsing  $S_*^2$  at the tip of the brane  $r = r_*$



Turn on a flux through  $S_*^2$   
with quantization condition

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{S_*^2} F = \frac{2\pi M}{k}$$

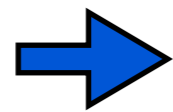
**Ansatz**  $\rightarrow F_{int} = dA$  with  $A = L^2 a(r) (d\psi + \cos\alpha d\beta)$



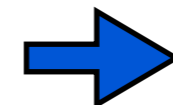
flux function determined  
through the quantization

$$a(r_*) = -\frac{\pi M}{kL^2} = -Q$$

BPS equations +  
kappa symmetry



$\mathcal{N}=1$  SUSY solution



$$\begin{aligned} \cos\theta(r) &= \left(\frac{r_*}{r}\right)^b \\ a(r) &= -Q \left(\frac{r_*}{r}\right)^{\frac{b}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

# Meson spectrum & parity violation

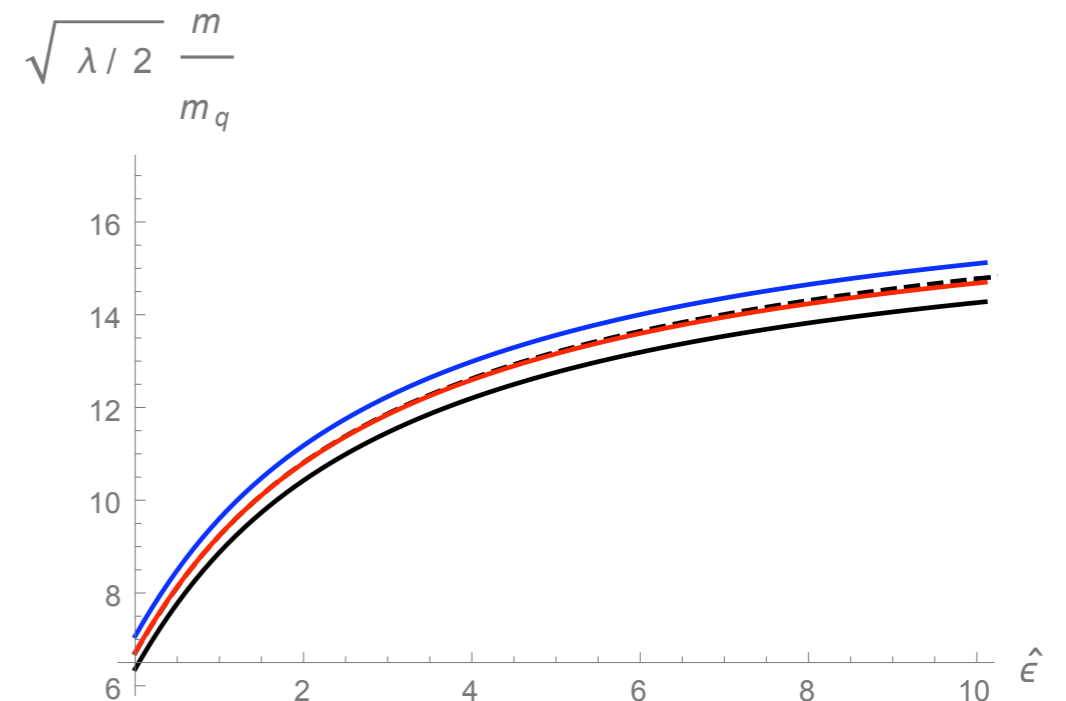
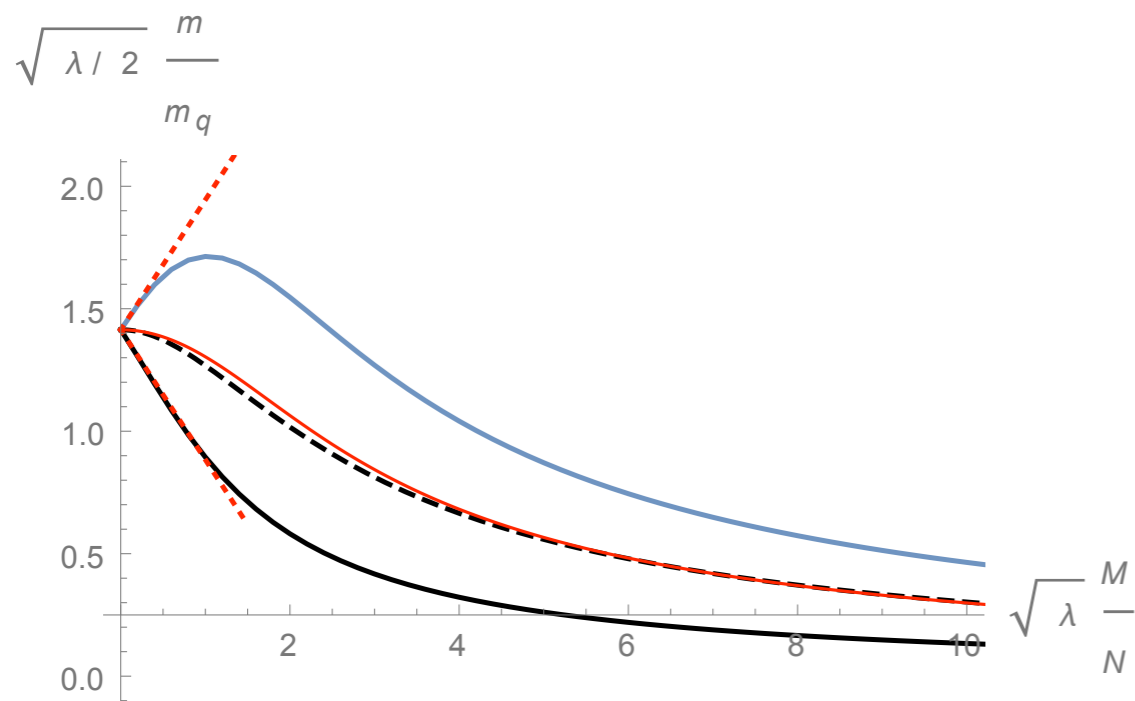
$M \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  parity violation  $\Rightarrow$  meson signature

Focus on the vector mesons

$\Rightarrow \delta A_\mu = \xi_\mu e^{ik_\nu x^\nu} R(r)$  for  $\mu = 0, 1, 2$

$\xi_\mu$ : polarization vector

$\chi_\pm = \sqrt{1 - \frac{k^2}{\omega^2}} \xi_1 \pm i\xi_2 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \chi_+ = 0 & \& \chi_- \neq 0 \\ \chi_- = 0 & \& \chi_+ \neq 0 \end{matrix}$



# E, B, charge density & currents

Motivation: contact with **CMT** and particularly **QHE**



$$A = L^2 \left[ a_0(r) dt + (Et + a_x(r)) dx + (Bx + a_y(r)) dy + a(r) (d\psi + \cos \alpha d\beta) \right]$$



There is a **SUSY** analytical solution with 1 supercharge!!!

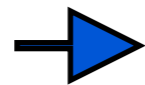
$$E = B, \quad a_x(r) = 0, \quad \cos \theta(r) = \left( \frac{r_*}{r} \right)^b, \quad a(r) = -Q \left( \frac{r_*}{r} \right)^{\frac{b}{q}}$$

$$a'_0(r) = -a'_y(r) = (4 - 3b) \frac{b^2}{q} Q B r^{2(b-2)} \frac{r^2 - r_*^2}{r^{2b} - r_*^{2b}}$$



General EOM are invariant under  $SO_+(1, 1)$  symmetry transformations

In terms of  
boundary variables



$$\begin{pmatrix} E \\ B \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\gamma \begin{pmatrix} E \\ B \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad \begin{pmatrix} d \\ j_y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_\gamma \begin{pmatrix} d \\ j_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{M}_\gamma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \gamma & \sinh \gamma \\ \sinh \gamma & \cosh \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

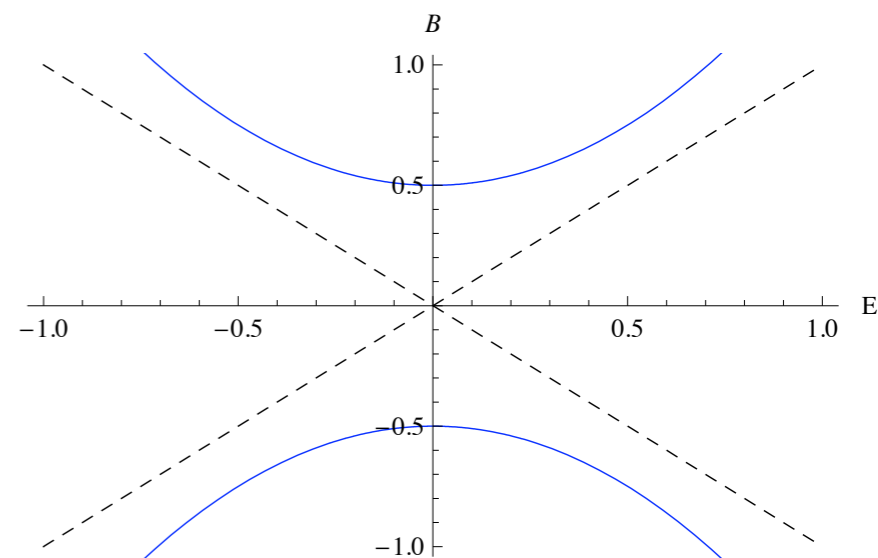


$$Q_1 \equiv E^2 - B^2, \quad Q_2 \equiv d^2 - j_y^2 \quad \& \quad Q_3 \equiv B d - E j_y$$



Regularity at the tip:  $\frac{d}{B} = \frac{j_y}{E} = I(r_*)$

$$Q_2 = Q_3 I(r_*) = -Q_1 I(r_*)^2$$



# Quantum Hall State

Internal flux + EM fields  $\rightarrow$  Non-vanishing  $\int \hat{C}_1 \wedge F \wedge F \wedge F$



Regularity at the tip:  $\frac{d}{B} = \frac{j_y}{E} = I(r_*)$

Calculate the conductivities  $\rightarrow$

$$\sigma_{xx} = 0 \quad \& \quad \sigma_{xy} = \frac{N\sigma}{2\pi\sqrt{2\lambda}} \frac{j_y}{E} = \frac{\nu}{2\pi}$$

Filling fraction  $\rightarrow$

$$\nu = \frac{M}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{3N_f}{4k} \int_{r_*}^{\infty} \cos \theta(r) \frac{a'(r)}{Q} dr \right]$$



SUSY

Flavor correction: can be thought as intrinsic disorder due to the dynamical flavors

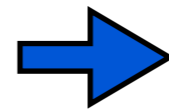
$$\nu = \frac{M}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{3N_f}{8k} (1 - \gamma_m) \right]$$



## Future directions

- Massive backreacted ABJM

ABJM in the IR



Massless backreacted  
ABJM in the UV

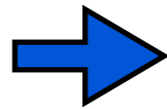


flow of the filling fraction

$$\nu_{IR} = \frac{M}{2} \Rightarrow \nu_{UV} = \frac{M}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{3N_f}{4k} \int_{r_*}^{\infty} \cos \theta(r) \frac{a'(r)}{Q} dr \right]$$

- Backreacted ABJM at finite T - Thermodynamics

1st order PT



MN embedding = incompressible Hall phase  
BH embedding = metallic compressible phase

- Alternative quantization: Hall fluid to anyon superfluid