

Holographic study of 3d YM-CS theory with defects

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① Introduction

3 dim YM-CS theory ($SU(\mathbf{N})_{\mathbf{k}}$ theory)

$$S = \int_{3\text{dim}} \frac{1}{g^2} \text{Tr}(F \wedge *F) + \frac{\mathbf{k}}{4\pi} \int_{3\text{dim}} \omega_3(A)$$

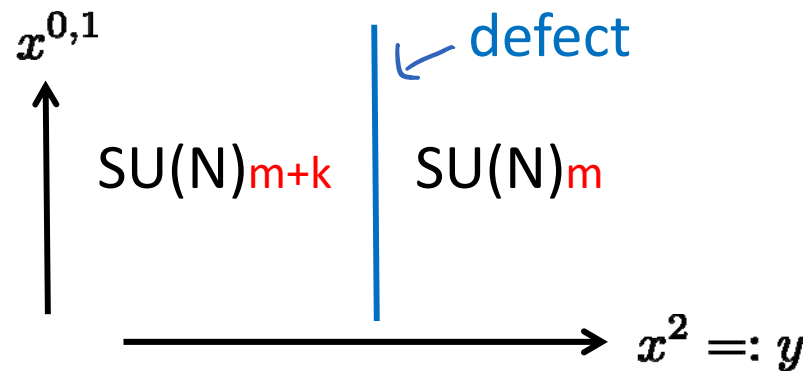
A: $SU(\mathbf{N})$ gauge field

$$\omega_3(A) = \text{Tr} \left(AdA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right) \quad \text{CS 3-form}$$

- $\mathbf{k}$ is an integer called “level”
- Low energy limit is the CS-theory
- U(1) case is used as an effective theory of FQH effect
- We consider large $\mathbf{N}$ with $\mathbf{k}$ and $g^2\mathbf{N}$ fixed
- level / rank duality $SU(\mathbf{N})_{\mathbf{k}} \leftrightarrow U(\mathbf{k})_{\mathbf{N}}$

Level changing defects

- Consider a 1+1 dim defect that changes the CS level.



- Note that the CS-term is *not* gauge invariant in this case:

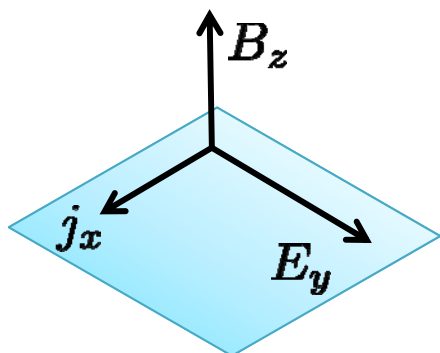
$$\delta_\lambda S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_{\text{defect}} \text{Tr}(\lambda dA)$$

- To cancel this anomaly, we put k chiral fermions on the defect:

$$S_\psi = \int_{\text{defect}} d^2x \psi_{-i}^\dagger (\partial_+ + A_+) \psi_{-i}^i \quad \begin{array}{l} \psi_{-i}^i \quad i = 1 \sim k \\ A_+ = A_0 + A_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{negative chirality} \\ \text{fermions} \end{array}$$

Motivation

* FQH states with edges



$$j_x = \sigma_{xy} E_y$$

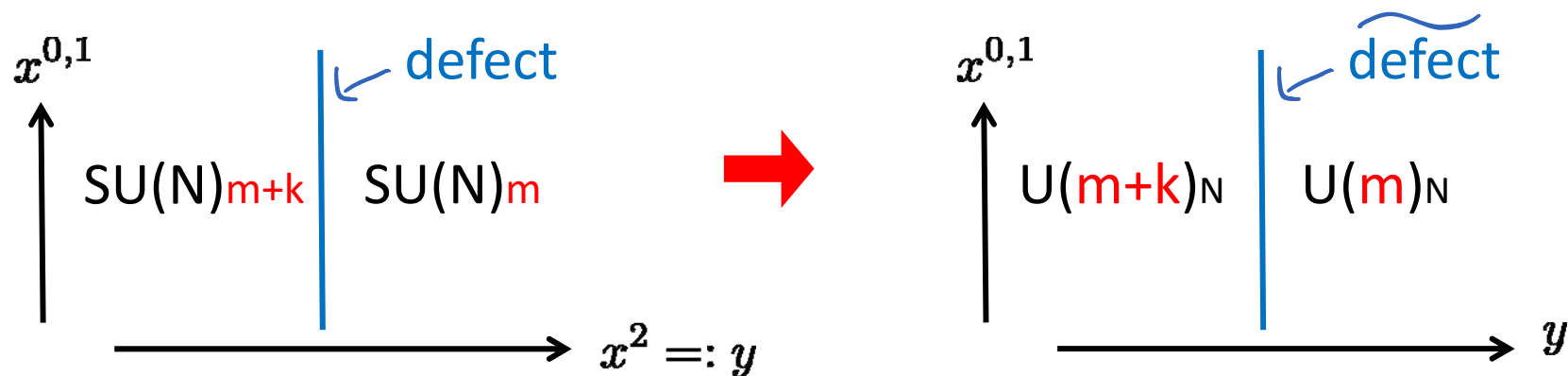
$$\nu = \frac{1}{m} \Rightarrow \text{effective theory: } U(1)_m \text{ CS-theory (Laughlin)}$$

Hall conductance

$$\downarrow \sigma_{xy} = \nu \frac{e^2}{h} \quad \nu \in \mathbb{Q}$$

effective theory: $U(1)_m$ CS-theory

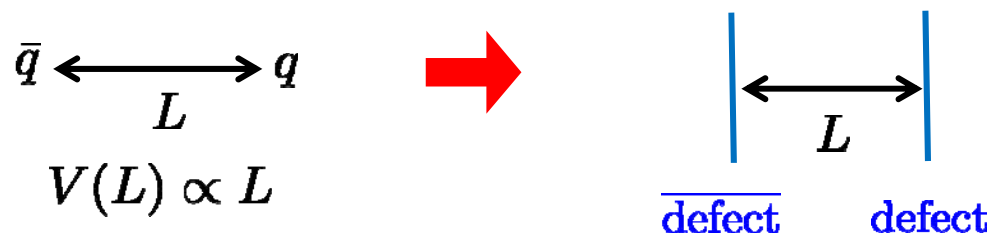
* level/rank duality with defects



How can we understand this?

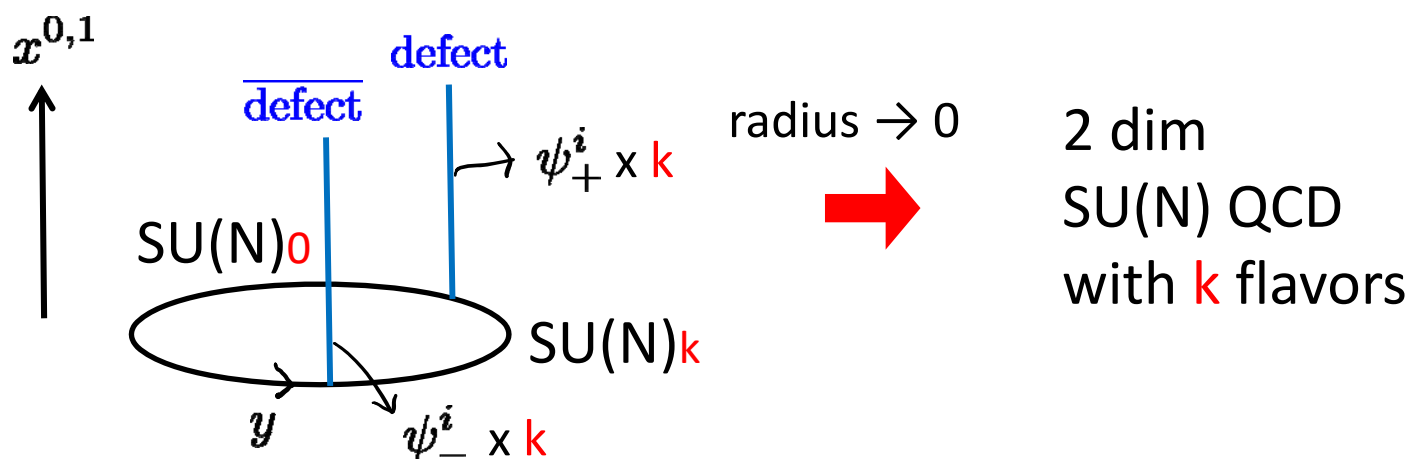
* possible new probe to study confinement ?

3 dim YM is a confining theory.



* Relation to 2 dim QCD

compactify y direction to S^1



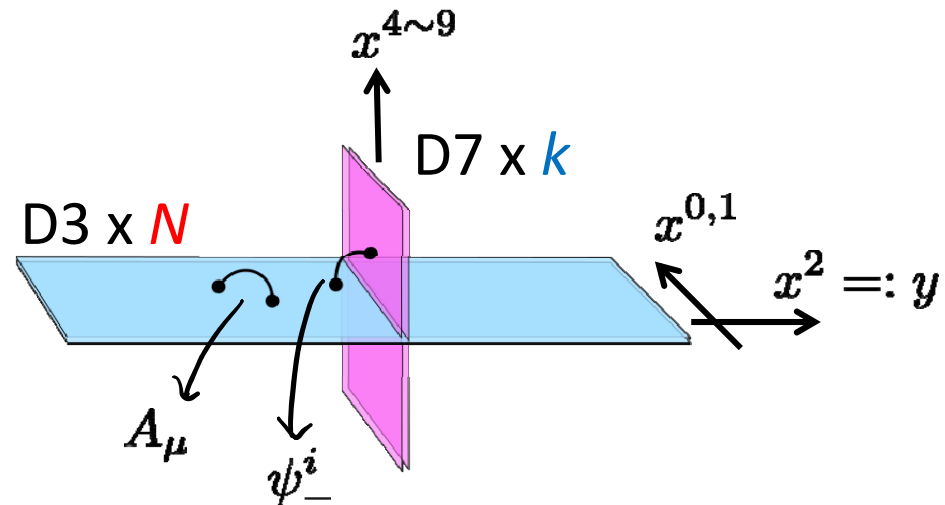
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② Brane configuration

$\overbrace{0\ 1\ 2}^{\mathbf{R}^{1,2}} \underbrace{3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9}_{S^1}$
 N D3 : 0 0 0 0
 k D7 : 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0



fermions are anti-periodic along the S^1

$\Rightarrow$ SUSY is completely broken

$\Rightarrow$ 3d YM + 2d chiral fermions on the defect + CS-term
(at low energy)

⊗ More precisely, we get

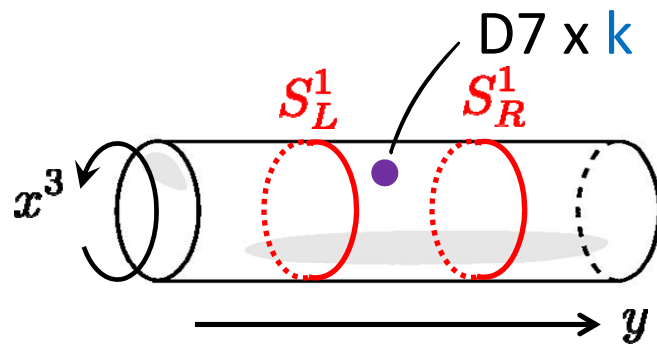
4d $N=4$ $SU(N)$ SYM on this S^1 + 2d fermions + CS-term

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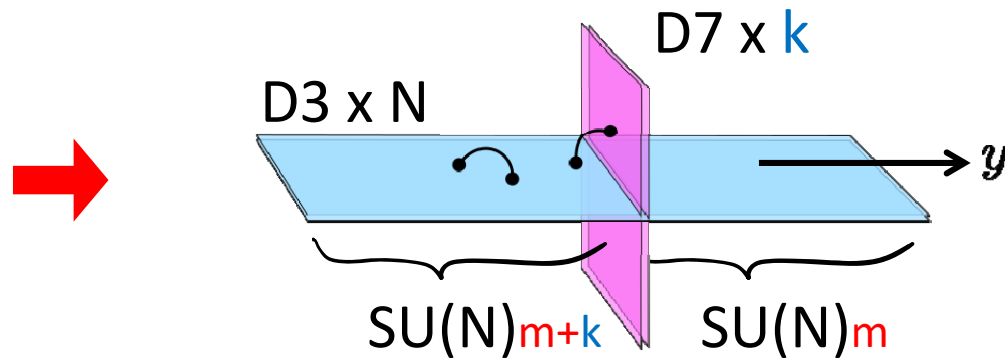
Chern-Simons term

$$S_{\text{CS}}^{\text{D3}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{4\text{dim}} C_0 \text{Tr} F^2 \sim \frac{1}{4\pi} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^1} dC_0 \right)}_{\text{CS level}} \int_{3\text{dim}} \omega_3(A)$$

RR 0-form



$$k = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S_L^1} dC_0}_{m+k} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S_R^1} dC_0}_m$$



③ Holographic description

D3 $\rightarrow$ “AdS₅-soliton” $\times S^5$

[Witten ‘98]

D7 $\rightarrow$ probe brane (assuming $k \ll N$)

[Karch-Katz ‘02]

Geometry

$\underbrace{\mathbf{R}^{1,2}}_{0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4} \underbrace{S^1}_{5} \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^6}_{6\ 7\ 8\ 9} \sim \{\overset{\text{radial}}{u}\} \times S^5$

N D3 : o o o o o

$\rightarrow$ “AdS₅-soliton” $\times S^5$

$\mathbf{R}^{1,2} \times x^{0,1,2} \times \left(\text{cylinder} \right) \times S^5$

 (Cylinder labels: u , x^3 , $u = u_0$)

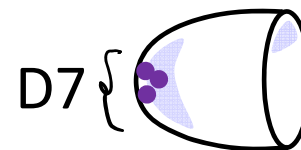
$$ds^2 = u^2(\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu + f(u)(dx^3)^2) + \frac{du^2}{u^2 f(u)} + d\Omega_5^2$$

$\uparrow$ $f(u) = 1 - \frac{u_0^4}{u^4}$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^5} dC_4 = N$$

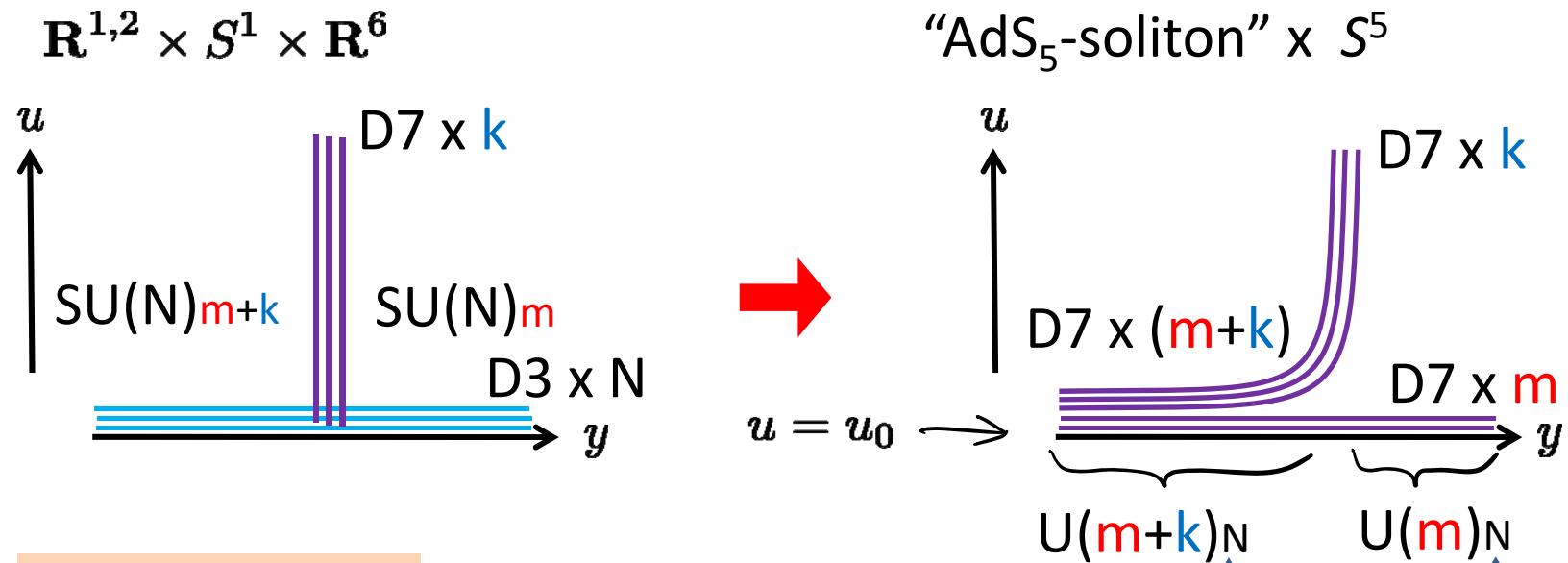
CS level

$$\text{CS level} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^1} dC_0 = \# \text{D7}$$



[Fujita-Li-Ryu-Takayanagi ‘11]

D7-brane configuration



CS-term on D7

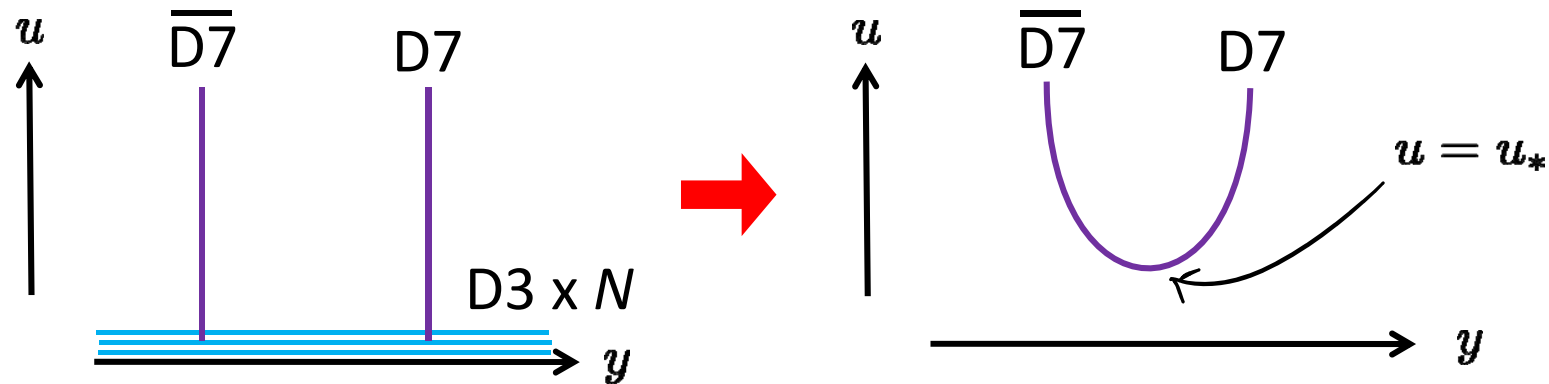
$$S_{\text{CS}}^{\text{D7}} \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^5} dC_4 \right) \int_{3\text{dim}} \omega_3(a)$$

gauge field on D7

⇒ Consistent with the level/rank duality!

[Fujita-Li-Ryu-Takayanagi '11]
(for the case without defect)

In the following, we mainly consider



Solution with $\partial_0 = \partial_1 = 0$

$$y(u) = c_y \int_{u_*}^u \frac{du'}{F(u')}$$

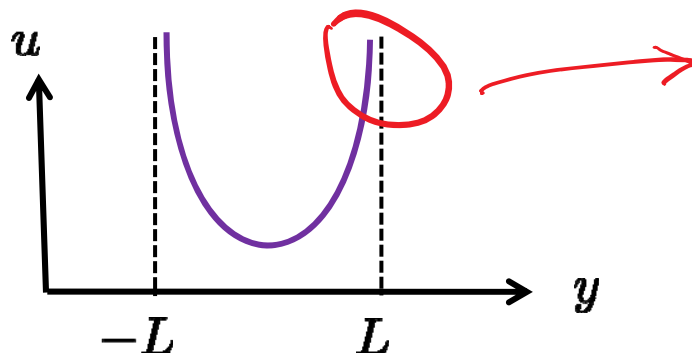
$$F(u) = \sqrt{(u^4 - u_0^4)(u^6 + u^4 c_+ c_- - c_y^2)}$$

$$a_{\pm} = a_0 \pm a_1 \quad \text{gauge field on D7}$$

$$a_{\pm}(u) = a_{\pm}^{(0)} \pm \frac{c_{\pm}}{8\pi\alpha'} \exp\left(\mp 4 \int_{u_*}^u du' \frac{u'^4}{F(u')}\right)$$

const. (+ pure gauge)

④ Defect operators



near $y \rightarrow L$, $u \rightarrow \infty$

$$y \sim L + \mathcal{O}(u^{-4})$$

$$a_+ \sim \mathcal{A}_+ + \mathcal{O}(u^{-4})$$

$$a_- \sim \mathcal{C}_- u^4 + \mathcal{O}(u^2)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_+ = a_+^{(0)}|_{\text{bdry}}, \quad \mathcal{C}_- = -\frac{N}{4\pi} \frac{c_-}{8\pi\alpha'} u_*^4 e^{-\xi(L)}$$

Dictionary

[Harvey-Royston '08]

↙ on-shell action (after holographic renormalization)

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta L} \sim \langle \mathcal{O}^{(3)} \rangle, \quad \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{A}_+} \sim \langle J_- \rangle, \quad \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{C}_-} \sim \langle \mathcal{O}_+^{(5)} \rangle$$

↑

dim 3 operator

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dim 5 operator

$$\mathcal{O}^{(3)} \sim \psi_-^\dagger F_{+y} \psi_-$$

$$J_- \sim \psi_-^\dagger \psi_-$$

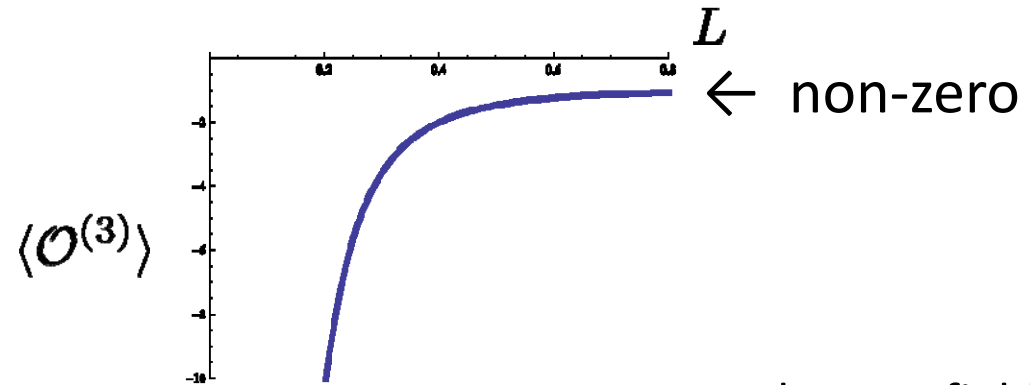
$$\mathcal{O}^{(5)} \sim \psi_-^\dagger F_{+y} F_{+y} \psi_-$$

Results (consistency check + prediction)

* condensation of $\mathcal{O}^{(3)}$

we can show

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{(3)} \rangle \neq 0$$



* anomaly

$$\langle J_- \rangle \propto a_-^{(0)}|_{\text{bdry}} \Rightarrow \partial_+ \langle J_- \rangle \propto \partial_+ a_-^{(0)}|_{\text{bdry}} = \partial_- \mathcal{A}_+$$

reproduces correct anomaly equation

external gauge field



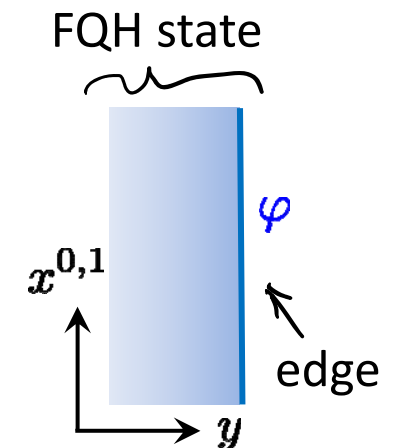
[Jensen '10, Yee-Zahed '11]

* edge modes

$a_{\pm}^{(0)}$ is the pure gauge part $\Rightarrow a_{\pm}^{(0)}|_{\text{bdry}} =: \partial_{\pm} \varphi$

For $\mathcal{A}_+ = 0$, we have $\partial_+ \varphi = 0 \Rightarrow$ chiral boson

This is an analog of an edge mode in FQH states.



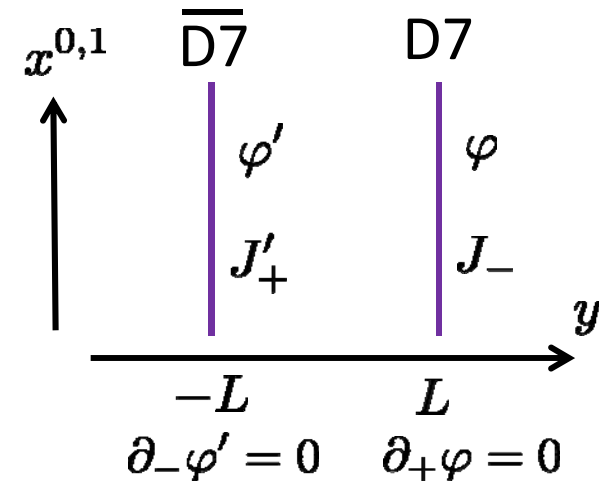
* chiral symmetry breaking

With two edges, we have two edge modes:

They satisfy (when $\mathcal{A}_{\pm} = 0$)

$$\langle J_- \rangle \propto \partial_- \varphi \quad \langle J'_+ \rangle \propto \partial_+ \varphi'$$

$U(1) \times U(1)'$ rotation $\leftrightarrow$ shift of φ & φ'



$\varphi + \varphi'$ can be shifted without changing the gauge field.

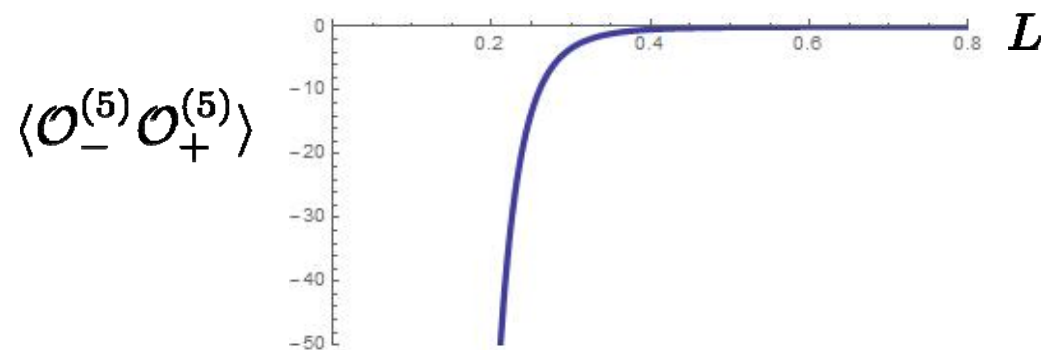
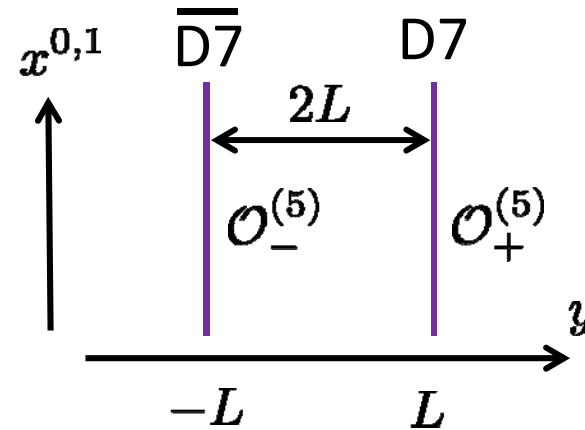
(Recall: $a_{\pm}^{(0)} =: \partial_{\pm} \phi$, $\phi|_{y \rightarrow L} = \varphi$, $\phi|_{y \rightarrow -L} = \varphi'$)

$\rightarrow$ sym breaking $U(1) \times U(1)' \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{diag}}$
 $\rightarrow$ reproduces chiral sym breaking in large N 2d QCD
 $\varphi - \varphi'$ is the Nambu-Goldstone mode

* 2 pt function for $\mathcal{O}_{\pm}^{(5)}$

operator at $y = +L$ source at $y = -L$

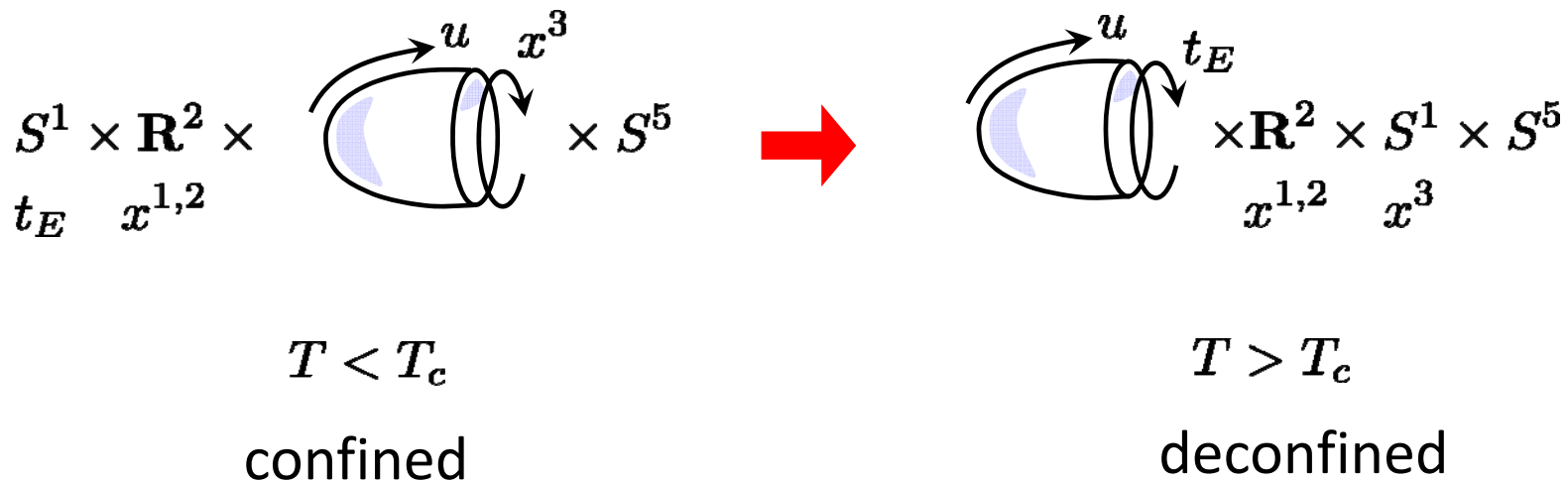
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \mathcal{C}_+} \left(\begin{array}{l} \langle \mathcal{O}_+^{(5)} \rangle \sim e^{-\alpha L} \mathcal{C}_+ \\ \text{(for large } L) \\ \langle \mathcal{O}_-^{(5)} \mathcal{O}_+^{(5)} \rangle \sim e^{-\alpha L} \\ \text{(averaged over } x^{0,1}) \end{array} \right)$$



5 Free energy & phase transition

Finite temperature

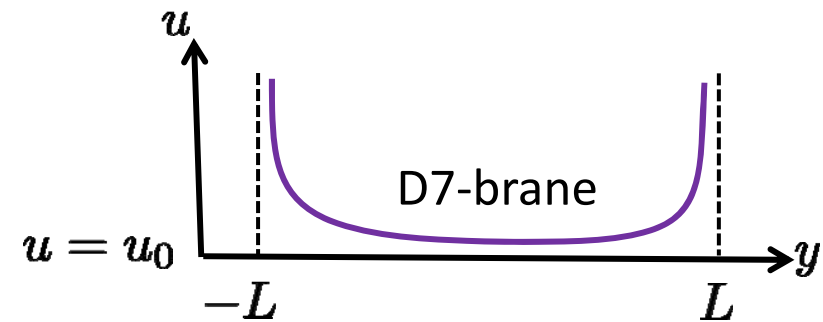
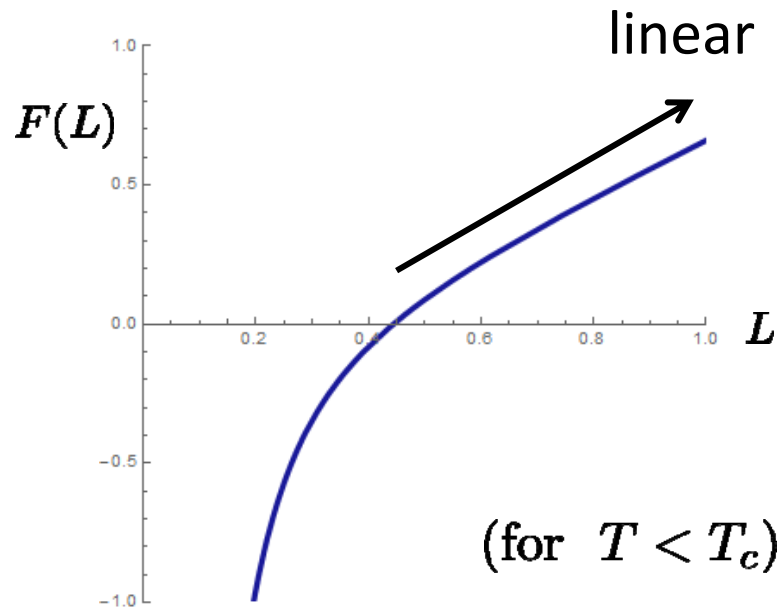
- * It is possible to introduce temperature by compactifying the Wick rotated time direction.
- * It is known that there is a critical temperature at which the geometry changes. [Witten '98, Kruczenski-Mateos-Myers-Winter '03, ...]



* We are interested in the L dependence of the free energy.

↙ on-shell action (after holographic renormalization)

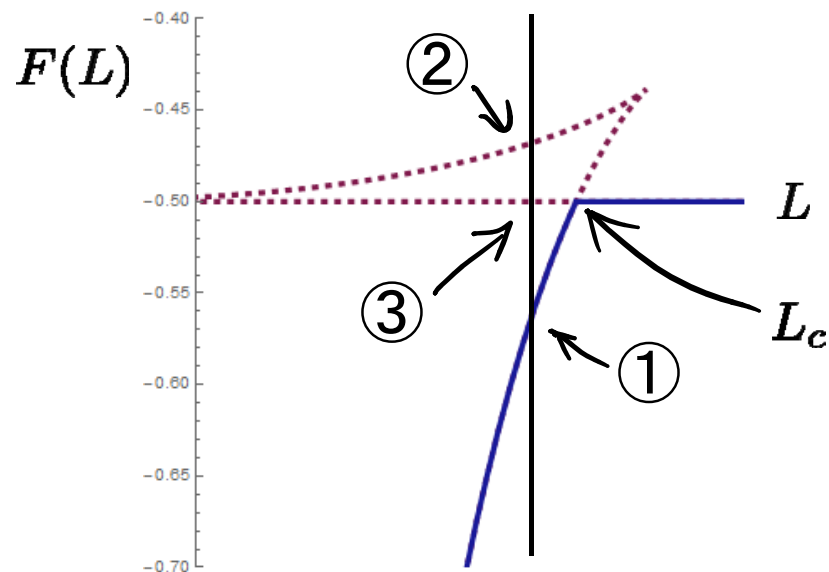
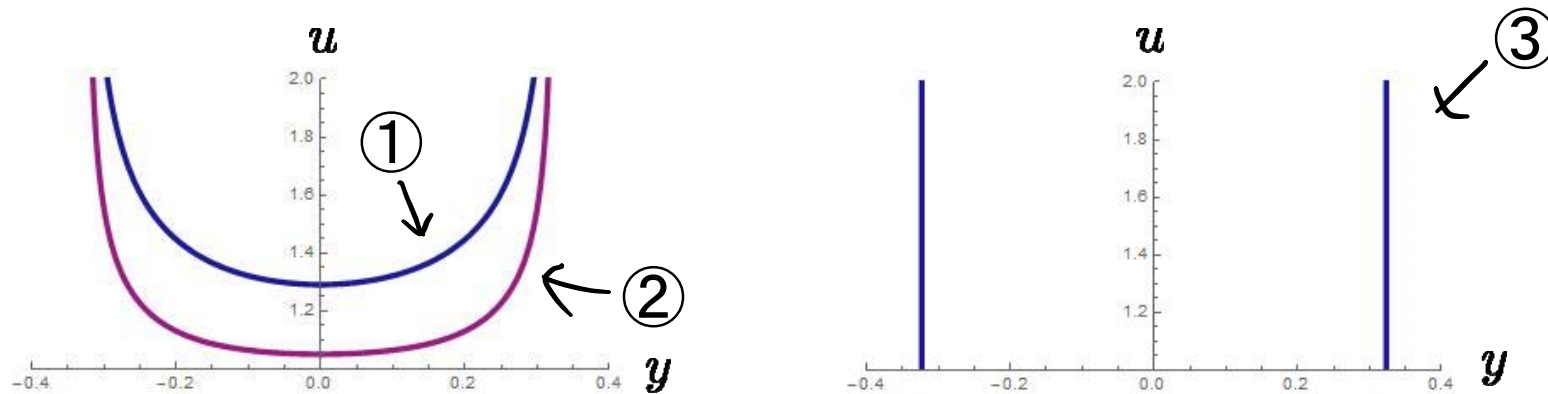
$$S \sim \beta F(L)$$



Linear behavior comes from the fact that D7-brane tension is non-zero at $u = u_0$.

Same origin as the linear behavior for the q - $\bar{q}$ potential.

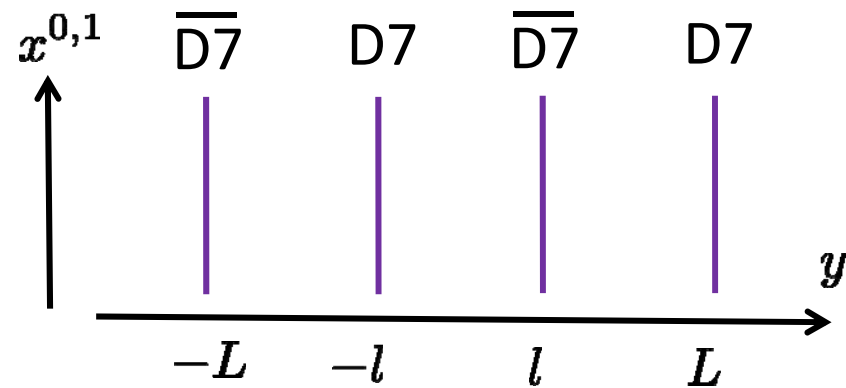
* For $T > T_c$ there are three solutions.



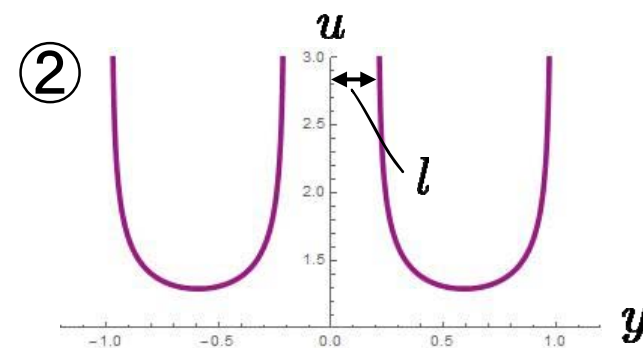
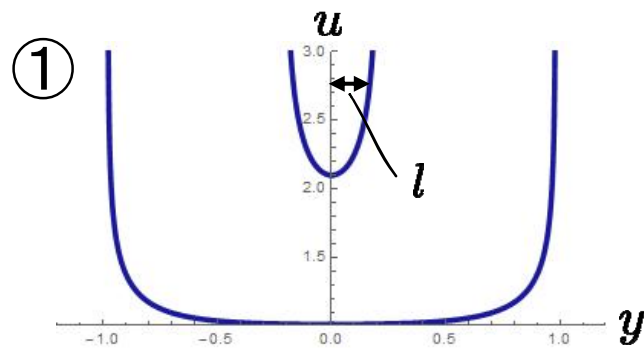
$L < L_c \Rightarrow$ ①
 $L > L_c \Rightarrow$ ③

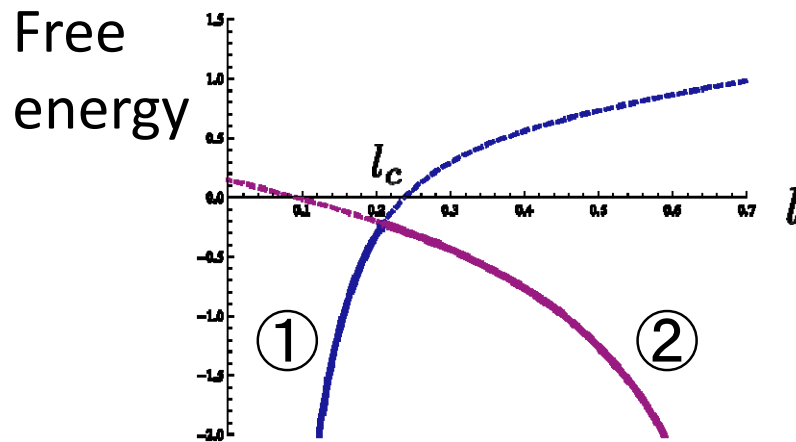
A case with 4 defects

Consider a case with 4 defects:



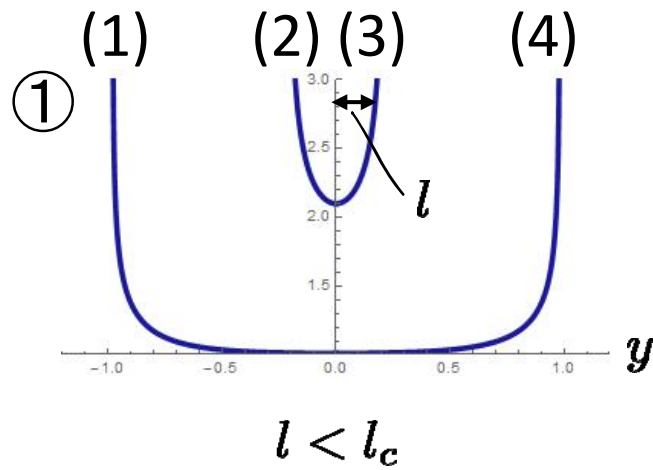
There are two solutions: ($T < T_c$)





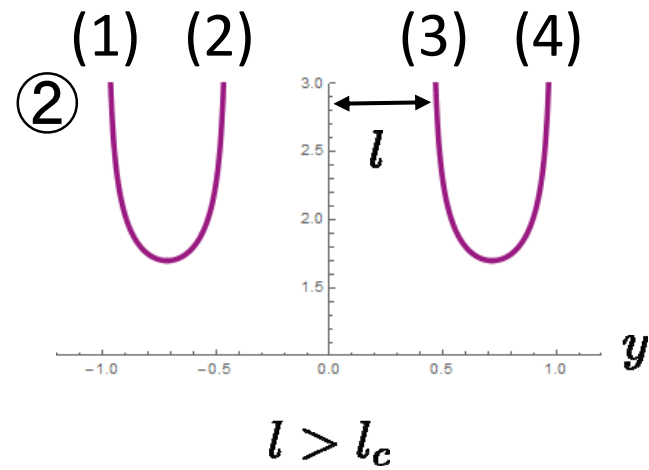
$$l < l_c \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$l > l_c \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{-}^{(5)}(1) \mathcal{O}_{+}^{(5)}(4) \rangle \neq 0$$

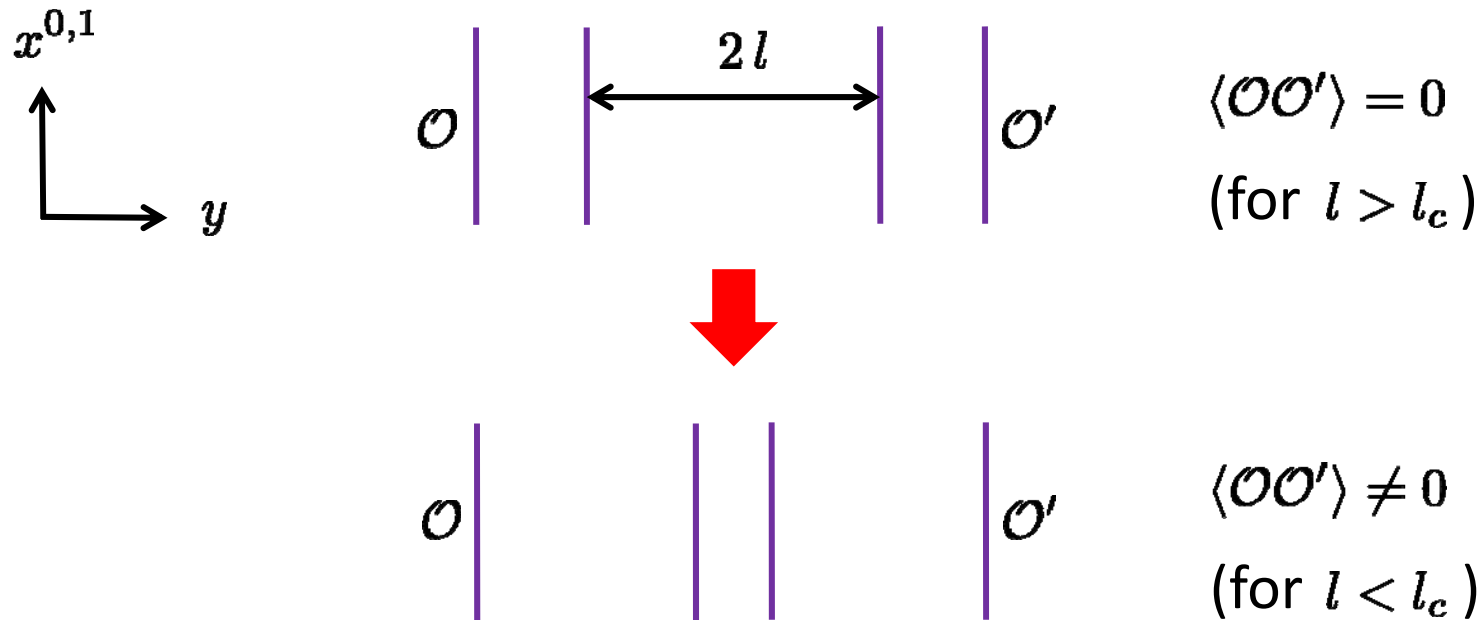
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{+}^{(5)}(2) \mathcal{O}_{-}^{(5)}(3) \rangle \neq 0$$



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{-}^{(5)}(1) \mathcal{O}_{+}^{(5)}(2) \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{-}^{(5)}(3) \mathcal{O}_{+}^{(5)}(4) \rangle \neq 0$$

In particular,

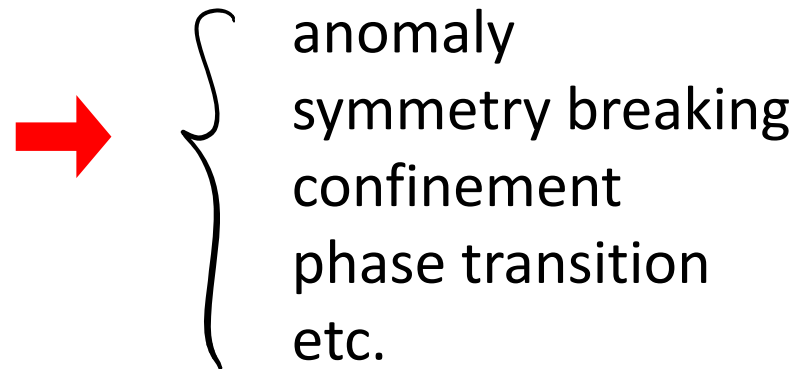


When l is small, the farthest pair starts to communicate!

Q Do you know any experiments that show similar behavior ?

⑥ **Summary & discussion**

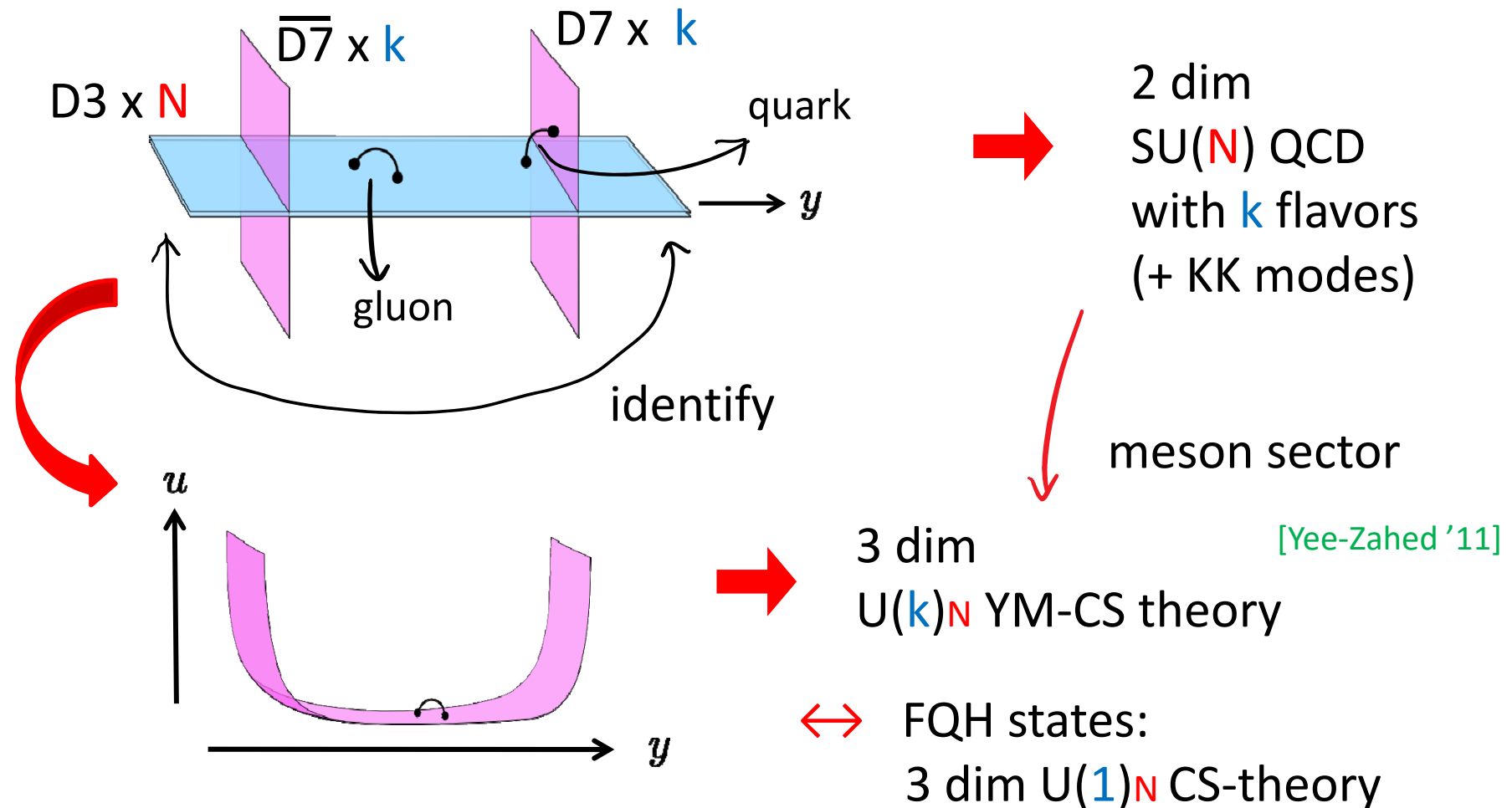
We studied “3d YM-CS theory with defects” using holography.



Q Any application to real world physics ?

2 dim QCD vs FQH states

compactify y direction to S^1



Dictionary

FQH states

QCD (2dim, large N)

Electric charge Q



Baryon number charge

Electron



Baryon

Quasiparticle with $Q=1/N$



Quark

gapless edge state



Nambu-Goldstone mode (Pion)

Q Any implications to 4 dim QCD ?

Thank you!