


# The geometry of Romans mass

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# Introduction

String theory:

metric  $g$  accompanied by many antisymmetric fields

"RR fluxes"  $F_k \in \Lambda^k T^* M_{10}$

IIA:  $k$  even

IIB:  $k$  odd

In particular,  $F_0$  is called "Romans mass"

[Romans '86;  
Polchinski '95]

For  $F_0 = 0$ , strongly coupled IIA develops 11<sup>th</sup> dimension

[Witten '95]

For  $F_0 \neq 0$ ?

In this talk we study  $F_0$ 's effects on **classical**  $\text{AdS}_4 \times M_6$  solutions.

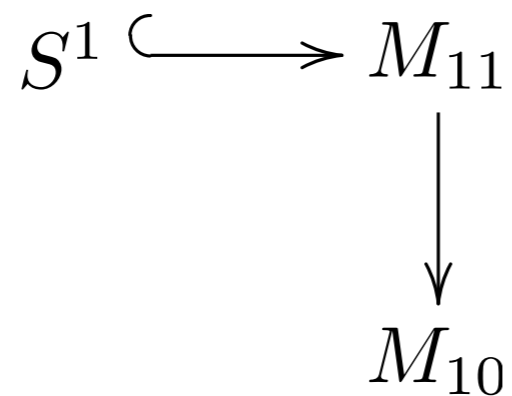
Why  $\text{AdS}_4$ ?

- they are easier to find than Minkowski solutions
- they have CFT (holographic) duals

In particular, we will study  
**supersymmetric** solutions

With  $F_0 = 0$ :

All vacua come from  
IId supergravity



IId solutions on  $M_{11}$



IOd solutions on  $M_{10}$

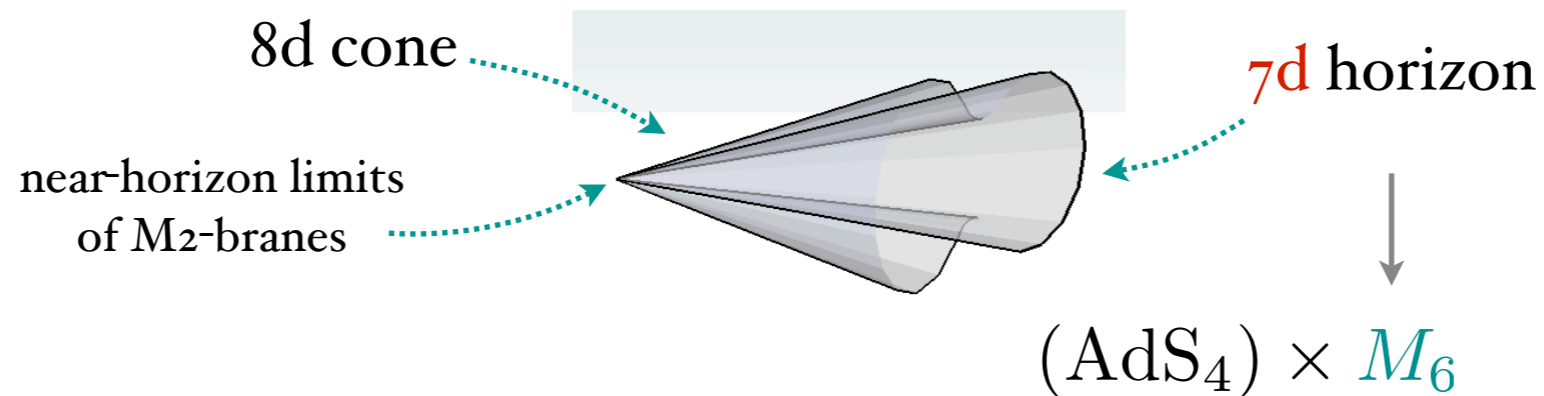
with

- $c_1 = F_2$  (RR 2-flux)  
[Chern class]

- size of  $S^1 = e^\phi$   
[dilaton]

	8d cone	7d horizon
$\mathcal{N} = 3$	hyperKähler	weakly $G_2$
$\mathcal{N} = 2$	Calabi-Yau	Sasaki-Einstein
$\mathcal{N} = 1$	Spin(7) hol.	3-Sasakian

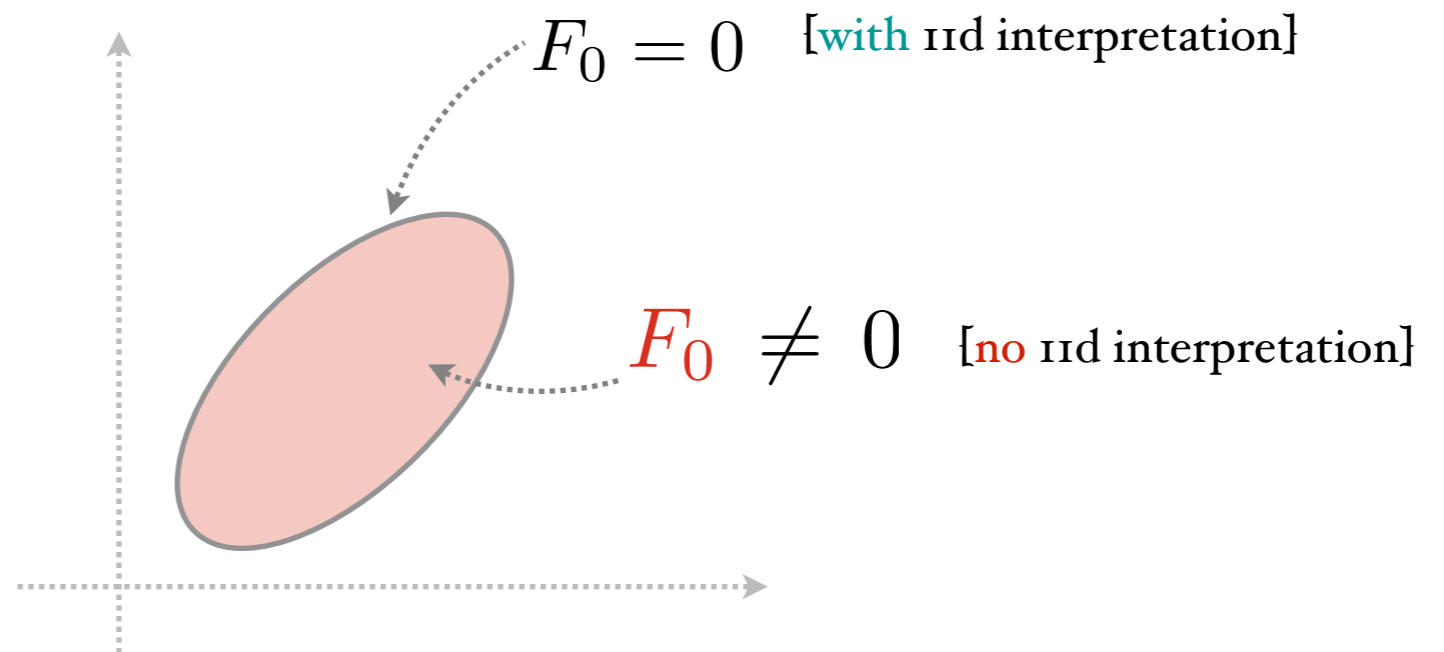
the IID solutions originate  
from “M2” membranes:



With  $F_0 \neq 0$ : no such a relation to iid

Recently: introducing  $F_0$  has produced **many** new solutions

An example of  
a phenomenon  
we'll see:



# Plan

- (Generalized Complex) Geometry of AdS supersymmetric solutions
- An Ansatz:  $SU(3)$  structure solutions
- Comments on the general case

# Supersymmetry

We look for solutions  $\text{AdS}_4 \times M_6$  in type II supergravity

‘Vacuum’:

- metric is 'warped product':  $ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A} ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + ds_{M_6}^2$
- fluxes don't break symmetries:  $F = f + \text{vol}_{\text{AdS}_4} \wedge *_6 f$

and **closed** three-form  $H$   diff. forms on  $M_6$

such that  $(d - H \wedge) f = 0$ .



susy equations contain susy parameters  $\epsilon_{1,2}$  type II

decompose:  $\epsilon_{1,2} = \zeta \otimes \eta_{1,2} + \text{c.c.}$

4d
6d

- each  $\eta$  defines **almost** complex structure:

$$I^m_n = \eta^\dagger \gamma^m_n \eta$$

$$(I^2 = -1)$$

- $I$  is hermitian:  $gI \equiv J$  is antisymmetric.

[U(3) structure on  $M_6$ .]

metric

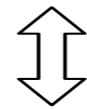
- Chern class  $c_1(I) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists \Omega_{3,0}$

$$\Omega_{mnp} = \eta^t \gamma_{mnp} \eta$$

[SU(3) structure on  $M_6$ .]

- they also satisfy  $3i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} = 4J^3$ .

Two  $SU(3)$  structures  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  on  $TM_6$



better to  
work with:

$SU(3) \times SU(3)$  structure on  $TM_6 \oplus T^*M_6$

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Two differential forms  $\Phi_{1,2}$  obeying algebraic conditions:

[Hitchin '02; Gualtieri '04]

1. each  $\Phi$  is pure:

[ $\text{Ann}(\Phi) \subset T \oplus T^*$  has dimension 6]

2. Compatibility:  $(\Phi_1, X \cdot \Phi_2) = 0$   
 $(\Phi_1, X \cdot \bar{\Phi}_2) = 0 \quad \forall X \in T \oplus T^*$

[ $X \cdot = \{1\text{-form} \wedge, \text{vector} \lrcorner\}$ ]

The map

$$(\eta_1, \eta_2) \mapsto (\Phi_1, \Phi_2) \quad \text{is given by}$$

$$\Phi_1 = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^\dagger$$

$$\Phi_2 = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^t$$

Example:

('SU(3) structure')

$$\Phi_1 = e^{-iJ}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \Omega$$

[ when  $\eta_1 = \eta_2$  ]

1.  $\text{Ann}(e^{-iJ}) = \{v \lrcorner + i(v \lrcorner J) \wedge, \forall v \in T\}$        $\text{Ann}(\Omega) = \{T_{1,0}^* \wedge, T_{0,1} \lrcorner\}$
2.  $(\Omega, \alpha \wedge e^{-iJ}) = -i \Omega \wedge v \wedge J = 0.$

the susy equations on  $\Phi_{1,2}$  now read

[suppressed a few details]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_H \Phi_1 = -2\mu \operatorname{Re} \Phi_2 \\ d_H \operatorname{Im} \Phi_2 = -3\mu \operatorname{Im} \Phi_1 + *f \end{array} \right.$$

[recall:  $H, f$  fluxes]

$$d_H = d - H \wedge$$

[Graña, Minasian, Petrini, AT '06]

for some constant  $\mu (= -\sqrt{\Lambda_{\text{AdS}_4}})$

# SU(3) structure

We now use

$$\Phi_1 = e^{-iJ}$$

$$\Phi_2 = \Omega$$

in

$$d_H \Phi_1 = -2\mu \operatorname{Re} \Phi_2$$

$$d_H \operatorname{Im} \Phi_2 = -3\mu \operatorname{Im} \Phi_1 + *f$$

('SU(3) structure')

$$H + idJ = 2\mu e^{-i\theta} \operatorname{Re} \Omega$$

$$F_0 = 5\mu \cos(\theta)$$

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$$\text{Hence } F_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

but  $F_0 \neq 0$  allows any  $\theta$

All the geometric conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} dJ &= \alpha \operatorname{Re}\Omega & i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} &= \frac{3}{4} J^3 \\ \Delta \operatorname{Re}\Omega &= \beta \operatorname{Re}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Example:  $\operatorname{AdS}_4 \times S^7$  (round)

[Hopf]

$\operatorname{AdS}_4 \times \mathbb{C}P^3$  (Fubini-Study)

[Nilsson, Pope'84;  
Watamura'84;  
Sorokin, Tkach, Volkov'85]

we know we should have a  
IIA solution on this space.

Usually on  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  : Fubini-Study (Kähler, Einstein)  $I_{FS}, g_{FS}$

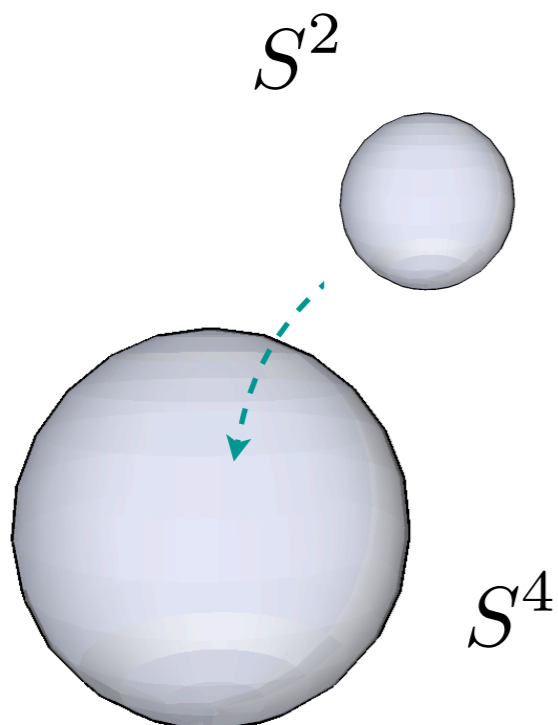
It can't be useful for us:

- susy  $\Rightarrow dJ \propto \text{Re}\Omega \Rightarrow I$  not integrable  
 $(1,1)$   $(3,0) + (0,3)$

- $I_{FS}$  has no globally defined  $(3,0)$ -form:  $\nexists \Omega_{FS}$

We need a different almost complex structure  $I$ .

$\mathbb{C}P^3$  is a sphere fibration.



not

$$I_{\text{FS}} = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & \\ & I_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

integrable

$$c_1 = 4$$



$$\nexists \Omega_{\text{FS}}$$

but

$$I_{\text{susy}} = \begin{pmatrix} -I_2 & \\ & I_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

not integrable

$$c_1 = 0$$

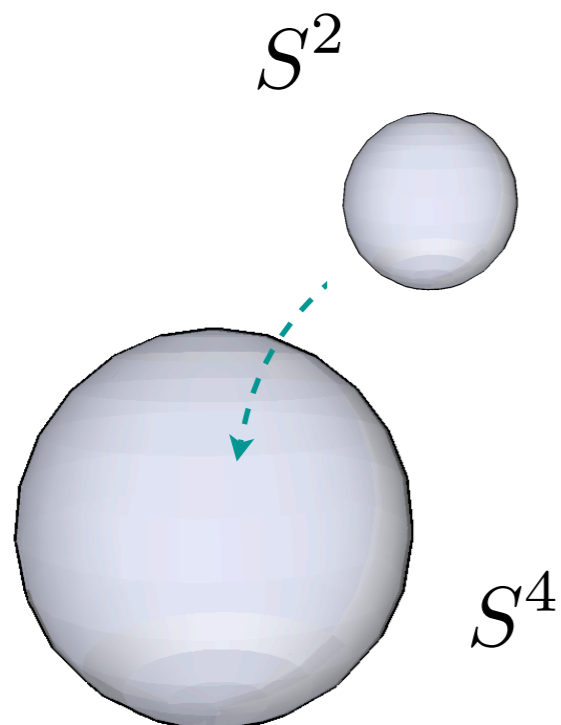


$$\exists \Omega_{\text{susy}}$$

[Eells, Salamon '85]

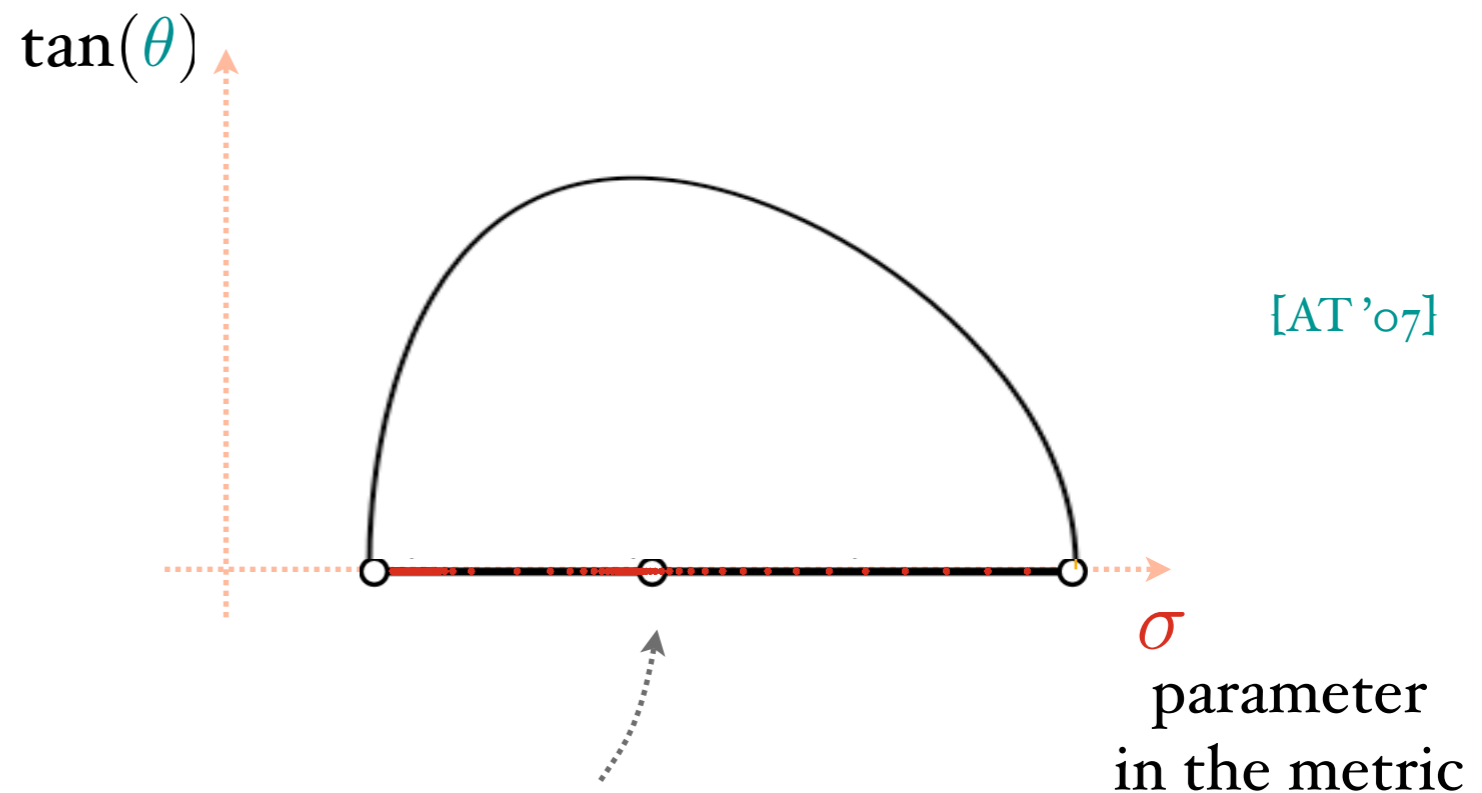


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supersymmetry equations  
boil down to:

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{(\sigma - \frac{2}{5})(2 - \sigma)}}{\sigma + 2}$$



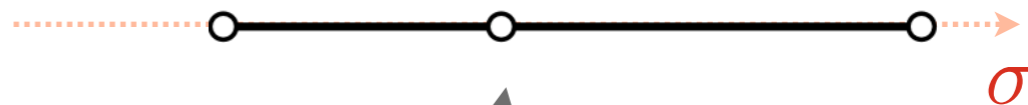
nearly Kähler

[Behrnd-Cvetic '04]

$\sigma$   
parameter  
in the metric

nearly Kähler:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dJ = \alpha \operatorname{Re}\Omega \\ d\operatorname{Im}\Omega = -\frac{2}{3}\alpha J^2 \end{array} \right.$

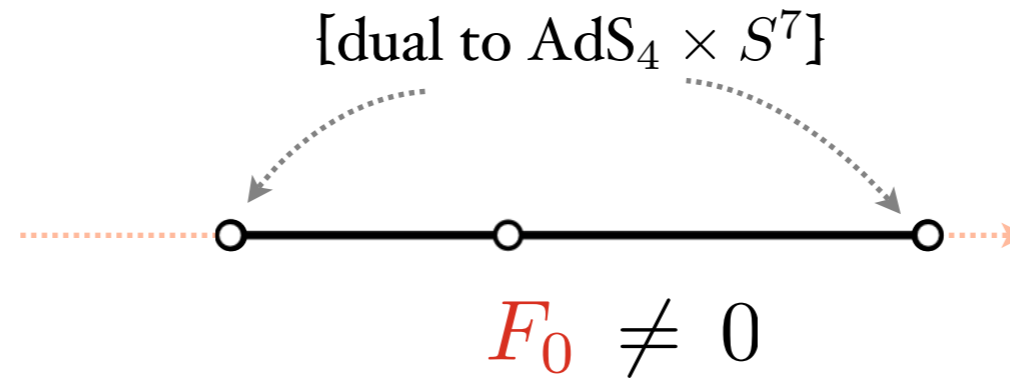
in a sense, this is the closest  
one can get to a Calabi-Yau



nearly Kähler

[Behrnd-Cvetic '04]

Bottom line for  $\text{AdS}_4 \times \mathbb{C}P^3$ :

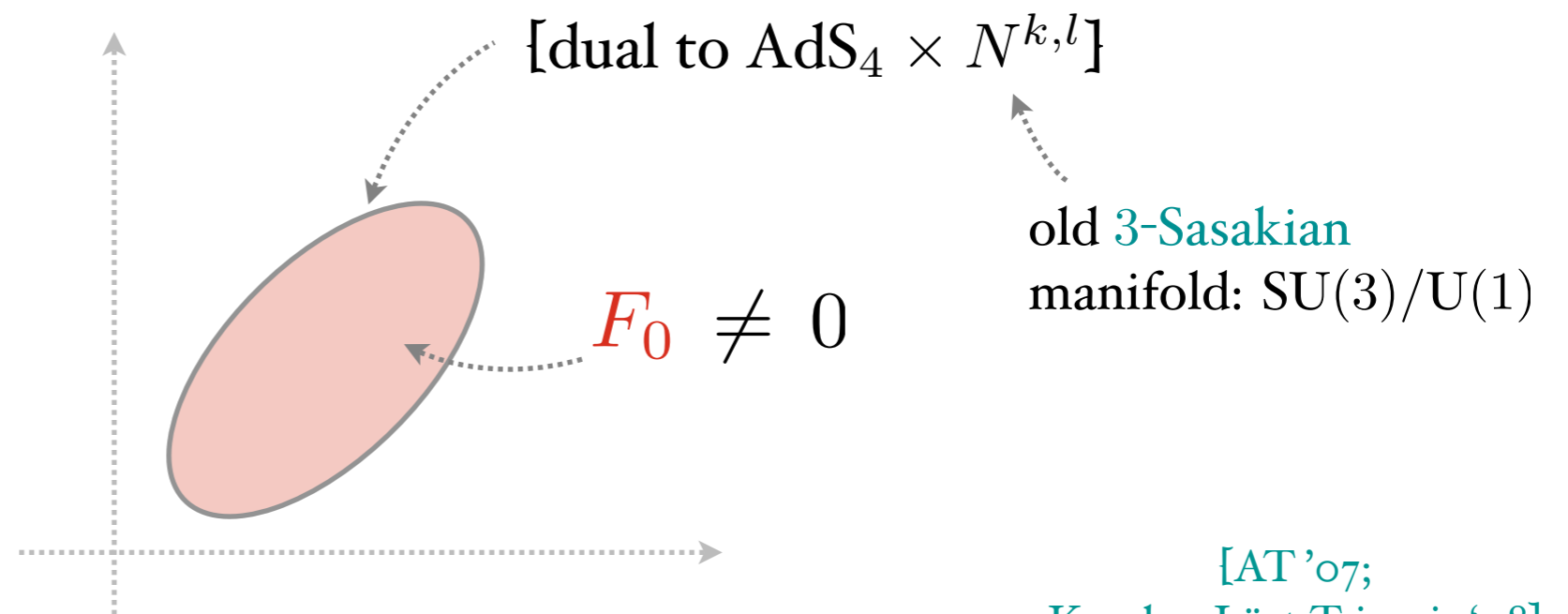


[AT'07]

Another example:

$\text{AdS}_4 \times \mathbb{F}(1, 2; 3)$ :  
“flag manifold”

two relevant parameters  
in the metric



[AT'07;  
Koerber, Lüst, Tsimpis '08]

Open  
question:

Does this happen for all 3-Sasakian manifolds?

# The general case

$$\text{Supersymmetry: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_H \Phi_1 = -2\mu \text{Re}\Phi_2 \\ d_H \text{Im}\Phi_2 = -3\mu \text{Im}\Phi_1 + *f \end{array} \right.$$

The SU(3) structure Ansatz  $\Phi_1 = e^{i\theta} e^{-iJ}$  is not exhaustive.  
 $\Phi_2 = \Omega$

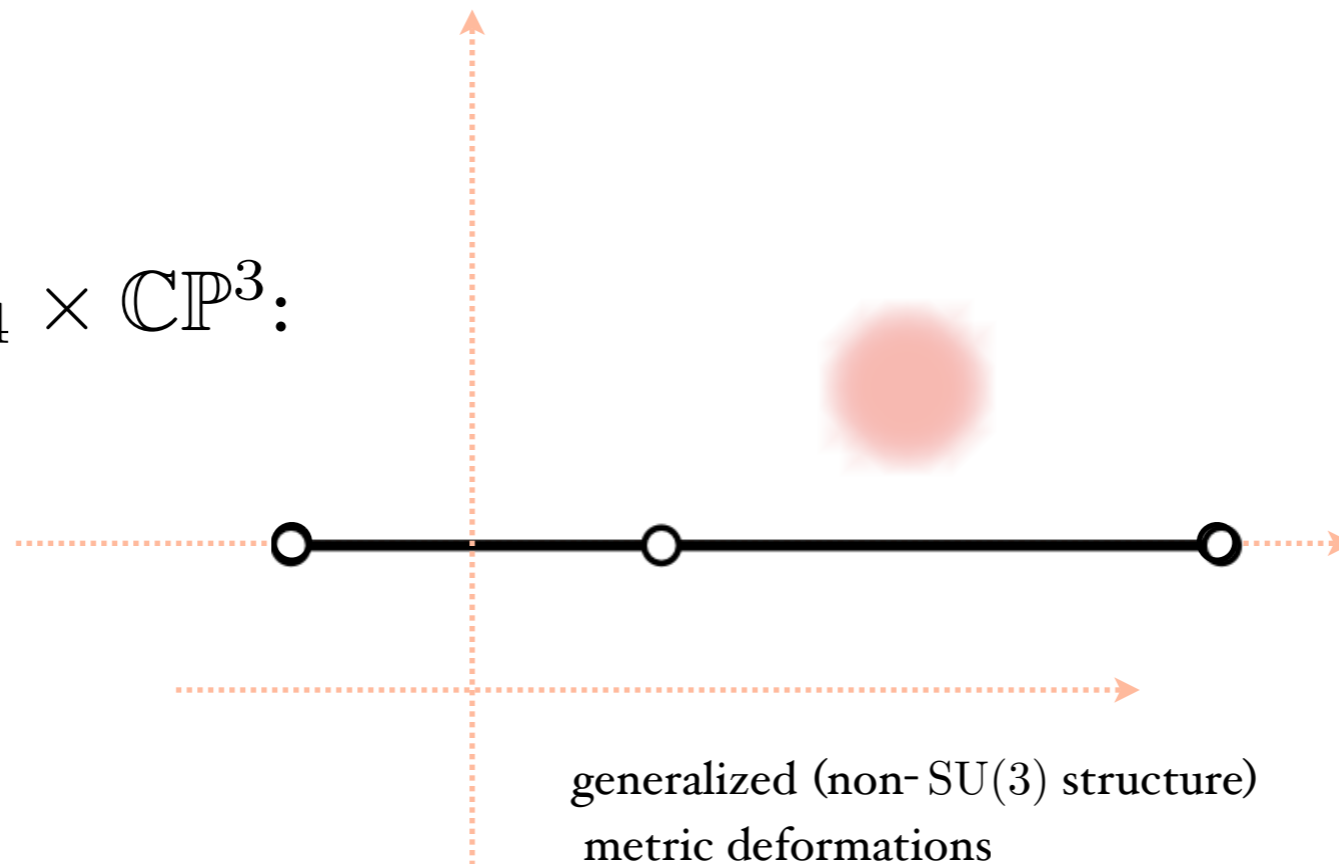
For example:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} F_0 \neq 0 \\ \& \\ \text{extended (i.e. } \mathcal{N} > 1 \text{) susy} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{not SU(3)}$

⇒ we should also consider **general**  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  ( $SU(3) \times SU(3)$  structure)

General solution to algebraic conditions is known;  
but differential equations are hard

Example:

again on  $AdS_4 \times CP^3$ :



[Gaiotto, AT '09]

so far, only  
**perturbative** analysis

- all-orders (numerical)  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  solution

on  $\text{AdS}_4 \times M_{111}$

$$S^2 \hookrightarrow M_{111}$$

$$\downarrow \\ \mathbb{CP}^2$$

[Petrini,Zaffaroni '09]

- in turn, generalized to  $\text{AdS}_4 \times Y_6$

$$\text{SE}_5 \hookrightarrow Y_6$$

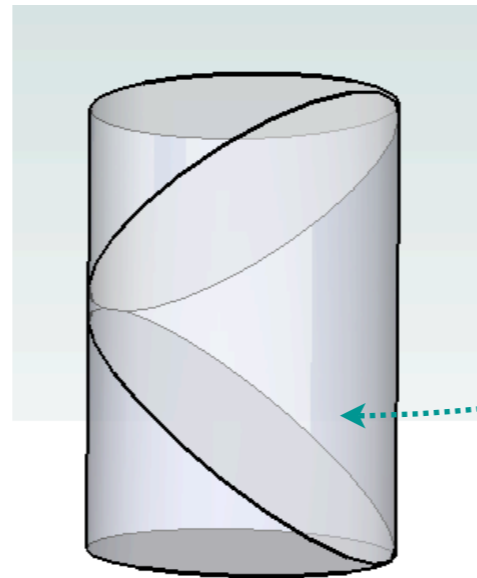
$$\downarrow \\ I$$

[Lüst, Tsimpis '09]

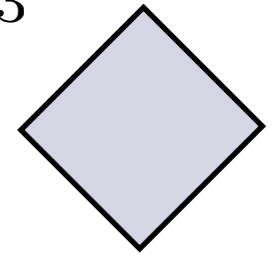
Fortunately, there is an argument that predicts **many** such solutions!

In string theory,

$AdS_4 \times M_6$  solutions  
are dual to



conformal field theories in  
Minkowski<sub>3</sub>



It has been found recently that these CFTs are

[Aharony, Bergman,  
Jafferis, Maldacena '08]

Chern-Simons theories with  $G_{\text{gauge}} = \prod_{i=1}^n U(N_i)$

[+ various matter fields]

But:  $F_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i$

[Gaiotto, AT '09;  
Fujita, Li, Ryu, Takayanagi '09]

In most cases,  $F_0 \neq 0$  does not seem to destroy the CFT.

# Conclusions

- $F_0$  enhances the supersymmetric geometry of IIA sugra.
- Some examples explicitly known.
- AdS/CFT seems to predict rich many new examples.