# RS strings, Jet substructure and thoughts on MC4BSM

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#### Outline

- RS strings
- Jet substructure: discovering the buried Higgs.
- Thoughts on MC4BSM.

# RS and strings.

M. Reece and LTW, arXiv:1003.5669

#### **Confining Strings in RS**

- I will be discussing Randall-Sundrum constructions with at least the SM electroweak gauge fields in the bulk
- This is dual to gauging global symmetries of some confining, technicolor/compositeHiggs -like theory
- KK modes are typically considered in RS models.
- Such a theory should have confining strings
- How heavy are they? Should they be part of the lowenergy effective theory?

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- Light string states ~ TeV
  - Higher spin, Regge-like.
  - Studied examples:

spin 2 excitations of SM gauge boson: Perelstein & Spray, arXiv:0907.3496 spin 3/2 excitations the top quark: Hassanain, March-Russell, and Rosa, arXiv:0904.4108

#### The Short Version of this work

- Two known arguments -- avoiding a Landau pole and completing the confining phase transition -- imply a bound of loosely N < 10.</li>
- In AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>, the AdS curvature radius scales as  $R^4 = 4\pi g_s N I_s^4$ , so the bound on N bounds (Strassler; Hassanain et al; Perelstein & Spray)

$$\frac{m_{\rm str}}{m_{\rm KK}} = \frac{R_{\rm AdS}}{l_s} \le N^{1/4} \sim 10^{1/4}$$

• Our goal: explain these arguments in detail, extend them to various examples.

Not no-go theorem. Arguments for why the light string states should generically present.

Avoiding Landau Poles

The two-point function of the global symmetry current computes its contribution to the running of  $SU(2)_{L}$  in the SM:

$$\int d^4x \ e^{-iq \cdot x} \left\langle J_{\mu}(0) J_{\nu}(x) \right\rangle_{CFT} = -\frac{b_{CFT}}{16\pi^2} \left( q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_{\mu} q_{\nu} \right) \log q^2,$$
$$\frac{8\pi^2}{g^2(Q^2)} = \frac{8\pi^2}{g^2(\Lambda_X^2)} + (b_{SM} + b_{CFT}) \log \frac{\Lambda_X}{Q}$$

In most examples,  $b_{CFT} \sim N$  (from fields in the bifundamental of color and flavor).

Set by  $b_{CFT} = 8\pi^2 R/g_5^2$  in 5D theory.



**Figure 1:** Bound on  $b_{CFT}$  as a function of the scale  $\Lambda$  below which we forbid a Landau pole.

#### GUT-scale hierarchy:

$$b_{CFT} \leq \frac{8\pi^2}{g^2(M_Z)} \frac{1}{\log 10^{12}} + \frac{10}{3} \approx 10. \longrightarrow \mathbf{N} < \mathbf{O}(10)$$



- If the SM gauge bosons are composite -- e.g. emerging from Seiberg duality at the bottom of some cascade -such bounds do not apply. (Interpret Landau pole as hint of duality.) Different scenario.
- If b<sub>CFT</sub> is order-one, as in some M5 brane models (Gaiotto-Maldacena), this bound does not apply.

semi-realistic model?

#### Cosmology

- If RS is a good description, expect the confinement/ deconfinement transition to be of Hawking-Page type.
- $T > T_c$ : thermal plasma, dual to AdS-Schwarzschild.
- $T < T_c$ : hadronization, dual to AdS on thermal circle
- Phase transition is first-order.

#### Cosmology

- Critical temperature:  $T_c \sim 2^{1/4}/(\pi z_{\rm IR})$ . (Herzog) Scale of KK modes, not string modes.  $m_{\rm KK} \simeq z_{\rm IR}^{-1}$
- Entropy density  $O(N^2)$  at high temperatures and O(I) at low temperatures.
  - The phase transition is slow (Creminelli et al.; Randall & Servant; Kaplan, Schuster, & Toro)
- Similarly: change in vacuum energy  $O(N^2)$

$$\Delta E_{vac} = \frac{16M_5^3 R_{AdS}^3}{z_{IR}^4} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} c \frac{1}{z_{IR}^4}$$

## Cosmology

- The danger is the "empty universe problem," explained clearly in this context by Kaplan, Schuster, and Toro.
- Rate of bubble nucleation:

$$\Gamma \sim \frac{1}{z_{\rm IR}^4} e^{-\mathcal{O}(N^2)}$$

• If  $\Gamma < H^4$ , bubbles never meet, and the transition never completes.

#### The Bound

- We can't calculate the bounce action that takes us from thermal AdS to AdS-Schwarzschild. (Approximations exist for Goldberger-Wise stabilization.)
- In general,  $N^2$  replaced with central charge c

$$a_0 z_{IR}^{-4} \exp^{-a_1 c} > c^2 z_{IR}^{-8} M_{Pl}^{-4}$$

• (Unknown order-one numbers  $a_0, a_1$ )

$$c \lesssim \frac{1}{a_1} \left( 4 \log(M_{Pl} z_{IR}) + \log a_0 - 2 \log c \right)$$

$$c \sim N^2 \le 140$$
, if  $a_1 = 1$ 

#### Summary of Bounds

- These are two known bounds, comparably strong:  $b_{CFT} \sim N < 10$  and  $c \sim N^2 < 140$ .
- We will see that the string scale is related to these numbers raised to small fractional powers, so is tightly bounded.
- Both of these numbers turn out to be very geometric
- Bound on c is more generic (b<sub>CFT</sub>~I in M5 examples), but could avoid if the universe has never reheated above a temperature > TeV

#### 4d vs 5d Masses

- We're interested in ratios of masses of 4d states (heavy string modes and light Kaluza-Klein modes)
- Our proxy for this is the ratio of length scales in the bulk theory.

$$\frac{m_{\rm str}}{m_{\rm KK}} \simeq \frac{R_{\rm AdS}}{l_s}$$

 KK masses set by z<sub>IR</sub><sup>-1</sup>, location of the IR wall, "warped down" from RAdS<sup>-1</sup>. String masses set by warped-down string scale at IR wall.

We went through various examples and arguments of the implications of bCFT bound and cosmology bound on this ratio.

#### $R_{AdS}$ vs. $I_s$ in N=4 SYM

- Before looking at more examples, let's remind ourselves of AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>, where  $R_{AdS}^4 = 4\pi g_s N I_s^4$ .
- What's happening here can be thought of as moduli stabilization: need to fix the radius of the S<sup>5</sup> compactification.
- Two terms in potential: curvature ~ 1/R<sup>2</sup> and flux ~ g<sub>s</sub><sup>2</sup>N<sup>2</sup>/Vol(S<sup>5</sup>)<sup>2</sup>, in string units.
- Comparable size at minimum, sets  $R_{AdS}$ .

#### c Bound and Geometry

Assuming we start with 10d string theory, reduce to 5d AdS to obtain a Planck scale:

$$M_5^3 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^7 g_s^2 l_s^8} \text{Vol}_{M_5}.$$

Read off the central charge from the  $\langle TT \rangle$ correlator as  $c = 2\pi^2 M_5^3 R_{AdS}^3$ :

$$c = \left(\frac{R_{\text{AdS}}^4}{8\pi l_s^4 g_s}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_{M_5}}{\pi^3}\right)$$

Here  $v_{M5}$  is the volume of  $M_5$  in units of  $R_{AdS}$ .

#### c Bound, Numerically

- We see that c is expressed in terms of  $(R_{AdS}/I_s)$ , the number we wish to bound, along with  $g_s < I$  (by S-duality) and  $v_{M5}$ .
- Smaller size of the internal manifold, i.e., small compared to the AdS space, larger mstr/mkk =RAds/ls.

$$c = \left(\frac{R_{\text{AdS}}^4}{8\pi l_s^4 g_s}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_{M_5}}{\pi^3}\right)$$

• Normalize using AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>:  $V_{S^5} = \pi^3$ 

$$\frac{m_{\rm str}}{m_{\rm KK}} \lesssim \left(140 \times 64\pi^2 \frac{\pi^3}{v_{M_5}}\right)^{1/8} \approx 4.2 \left(\frac{\pi^3}{v_{M_5}}\right)^{1/8}$$

#### **b**CFT Bound and Geometry

For the Landau pole bound on  $b_{CFT}$ , we need gauge fields in the bulk. There are different routes to this, but let's focus on D7 branes (Karch-Katz).

These must wrap a 3-manifold  $M_3 \subset M_5$ .

$$S_{\rm DBI} = -\tau_7 \int d^8 \sigma \, {\rm tr} \sqrt{-\det(G_{\alpha\beta} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{\alpha\beta})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{g_5^2} = R_{\text{AdS}} \times \frac{\text{Vol}_{M_3}}{g_7^2} = \frac{v_{M_3}}{2\pi^2} \frac{2\pi^2}{2g_s(2\pi)^5} \left(\frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{l_s}\right)^4$$

#### **b**CFT Bound, Numerically

The bulk gauge coupling determines the coefficient in the  $\langle J J \rangle$  correlator and hence  $b_{CFT}$ :

$$b_{CFT} = 8\pi^2 \frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{g_5^2} = \frac{v_{M_3}}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{l_s}\right)^4 \frac{1}{4\pi g_s}$$

Similarly to what we found for c, we have expressed  $b_{CFT}$  in terms ( $R_{AdS}/I_s$ ), the number we wish to bound, along with  $g_s < I$  and  $v_{M3}$ .

$$\frac{m_{\rm str}}{m_{\rm KK}} \lesssim \left(4\pi g_s \frac{2\pi^2}{v_{M_3}} \left(\frac{8\pi^2}{g^2(m_Z^2)} \frac{1}{\log(\Lambda_{UV}/\Lambda_{TC})} + \frac{10}{3}\right)\right)^{1/4} \lesssim 3.3 \left(g_s \frac{2\pi^2}{v_{M_3}}\right)^{1/4}$$

#### Orbifolds

- One way to reduce the volume of the internal geometry is to orbifold it.
- S<sup>5</sup> can be thought of as a circle fibered over CP<sup>2</sup>; mod out by Z<sub>k</sub> subgroup
- Doesn't change AdS<sub>5</sub> part of geometry: same R<sub>Ads</sub>/I<sub>s</sub>, but b<sub>CFT</sub>, c lower by factor of k.
- Heavier strings at no cost?

#### Orbifolds

- However, run into a limit: size of the fiber shrinks from R to R/k, becomes  $I_s$  eventually
- Bound:  $k < N^{1/4}$ .
- Our bound on N was strict enough that this gives us only a small improvement.

#### The Weak Gravity Conjecture

- Interesting argument from weak gravity: add UV brane, go on branch with one D3 brane a distance  $R_{AdS}$  in the bulk, apply bound  $m_W < g M_{Pl}$  (Arkani-Hamed, Motl, Nicolis, Vafa '06)
- Find that this means a bound on size of internal space, Vol<sub>d</sub> >  $g_s R_{AdS} I_s^{d-1}$
- Examples with fluxes generically have a stronger Vol<sub>d</sub> >  $g_s N R_{AdS} I_s^{d-1}$ .

#### Weak-Gravity Saturation

- Suppose we knew a construction that saturates the weak-gravity bound  $Vol_d > g_s R_{AdS} I_s^{d-1}$  (we don't)
- It would have  $c_{sat} \sim (R_{AdS}/I_s)^4$ . (Contrast  $(R_{AdS}/I_s)^8$  in AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup>) Similarly for  $b_{CFT}$
- Would be intrinsically interesting, plus the best route to decoupling strings. Does it exist?

#### **Precision Electroweak**

- One advantage of an RS description of a stronglycoupled sector is that quantities are calculable, e.g. the S, T, U parameters.
- Light strings could give O(I) corrections, but probably don't change conclusions about viability.
  - E.g., custodial symmetry still protects T.
- It could give additional contributions to S-parameter comparable from those of the KK-mode.
  - Change preferred model parameters.

#### Stringy States

- What sort of states do we expect?
- Higher-spin W and Z bosons.
- Fermions model-dependent; possibly spin-3/2 top, bottom, etc.
- KK modes on internal directions.
- Higher-spin "KK gravitons" (closed strings)
- A whole zoo; challenging spectroscopy.



# Jet substructure

#### Jet substructure.

- On very general grounds, we expect the TeV new physics states to have significant coupling to the W, Z, and top quark.
- When produced at TeV-scale energies, they have a large boost.



## Hiding Higgs.

• Alternative decay channels can dramatically change Higgs search strategy.

 $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau, \ 4b, \ \overline{b}b\overline{\tau}\tau$ 

For example: P. Graham, A. Pierce, J. Wacker, hep-ph/0605162 M. Carena, T. Han, G. Huang, C. Wagner, arXiv:0712.2466

 $h \to aa \to c\bar{c}c\bar{c}$ , "charming"?  $h \to aa \to gggg$ , "buried"! For example: B. Bellazzini, C. Csaki, A. Falkowski, A. Weiler, arXiv:0910.3210, arXiv:0906.3026

• Why can new jet technology help?



#### Usefulness of the variables.



A. Falkowski, D. Krohn, J. Shelton, A. Thalapillil, and LTW, in progress.

#### Encouraging results.

#### (rates in fb)

jet mass	$\rightarrow$

Cut	Range	S [fb]	B[fb]	S/B	$S/\sqrt{B} @ 100 {\rm ~fb^{-1}}$
$p_T$	$> 200 { m GeV}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{1}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^4$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.9
$m_j$	$90 \leftrightarrow 110 { m ~GeV}$	$1.0\cdot 10^1$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{3}$	$9.5\cdot10^{-3}$	3.1
$\alpha$	> 0.7	$5.1 \cdot 10^0$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{2}$	$1.9\cdot 10^{-2}$	3.1
$\beta$	$< 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$3.1 \cdot 10^{0}$	$2.7\cdot 10^{-1}$	4.7

**Table 2:**  $m_H = 100 \text{ GeV}, R = 1.0$ 

2 subjets

$$\alpha = \min\left[\frac{m(j_1)}{m(j_2)}, \frac{m(j_2)}{m(j_1)}\right]$$

radiation pattern

$$\beta = \frac{p_T(j_3)}{p_T(j)}.$$



# Top jet substructure, 2-finding:



Jet clustering history is approximately the inverse of parton shower.

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

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#### J. Thaler and LTW, arXiv:0806.0023.



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 Combined cuts on jet mass and z can enhance further the signal with respect to the background. O(100) enhancement of the signal.

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#### More jet shape variables.

- Top decay is more like 3-body. Span a "plane" perpendicular to the jet axis.
  - Transverse sphericity, or "planar flow"





# Better reconstruction of the jet shape



- Can be used to further improve top tagging. An additional factor of several possible.
- Interesting to compare with improved QCD calculation, using modern technologies such as SCET.

# Thoughts on MC4BSM as a user/theorist.



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- And, I am happy to become a service provider, of course for my own models, but also for other models.

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# Using planar flow to identify top jets.



- $1 \rightarrow 3$  is not very well modeled by parton shower.
- Also affected by contamination from underlying events.

# Resummation & Concavity: Stringless Argument

- Resumming one-gluon exchanges and extrapolating to large  $\lambda$  gives  $-\sqrt{\lambda} / r$  Coulomb potential (Erickson, Semenoff, Zarembo)
- Bachas: static potential is concave
- Long distances:  $V(r) \sim \sigma r$  (confinement)
- Assume Coulomb until  $r \sim z_{IR}$
- Learn:  $m_{\rm str} z_{\rm IR} \sim \sqrt{\sigma} z {\rm IR} < \lambda^{1/4}$

# S-Parameter

- One example of a challenge for RS modelbuilding is the S-parameter. Strings will change it by an unknown order-one amount.
- Approaches: either use composite Higgs,
  (ν/Μ<sub>KK</sub>) small (still viable)
- Or: Higgsless limit, tune fermion profiles ("delocalization") to cancel S: still viable, just different tuning.

# 4d vs 5d masses

• Another way to see this: for a bulk mass  $m_5^2$  in units of  $R_{AdS}$  (for a scalar with Dirichlet b.c., for convenience), 4d masses are zeroes of  $J_{V}(m_{4d}z_{IR})$  with

$$\nu = \sqrt{4 + m_5^2 R_{\rm AdS}^2}$$

- The first such zero goes as:  $\left(\nu + 1.856\nu^{1/3} + \mathcal{O}(1)\right)$
- Thus  $m_{4d} z_{IR} \sim m_{5d} R_{AdS}$  at large  $m_{5d}$