

$N=2^*$ Super Yang-Mills on a Lattice

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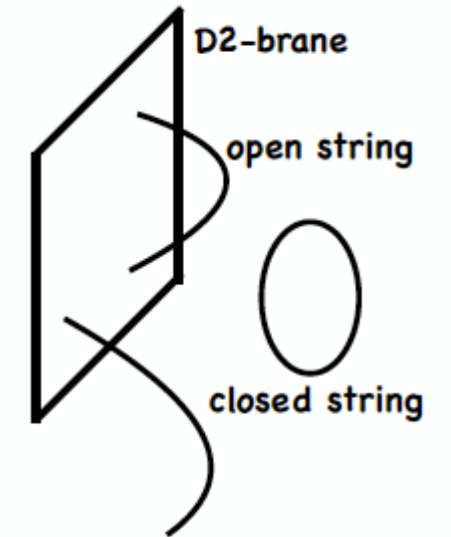
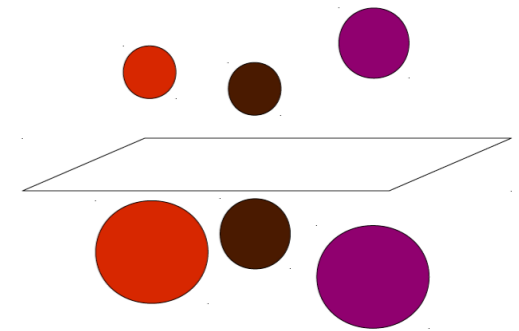
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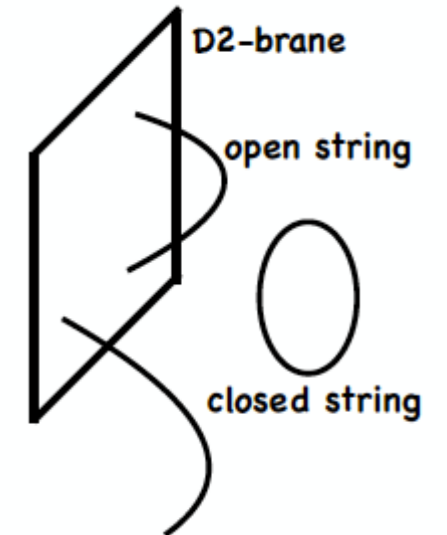
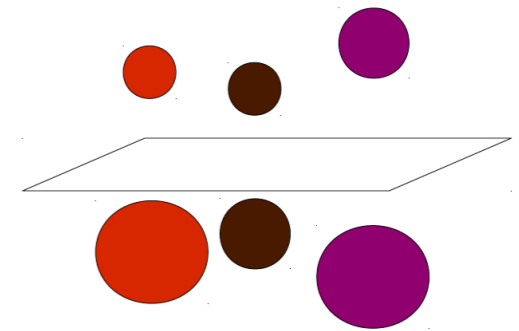
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- [arXiv: 1710.10172 \[hep-lat\]](#)
- [arXiv: 1710.11390 \[hep-lat\]](#)



OUTLINE

- N=4 Supersymmetric Yang-Mills
- Operator Deformation and N=2* SYM
- Lattice Formulation
- Gravitational Dual
- Some Results from SUGRA
- Conclusions and Future Directions



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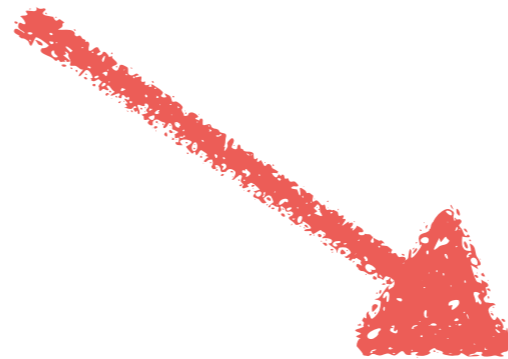
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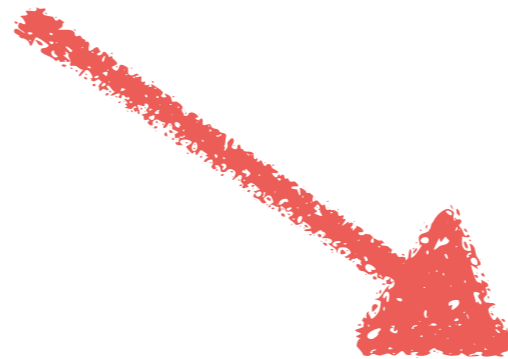
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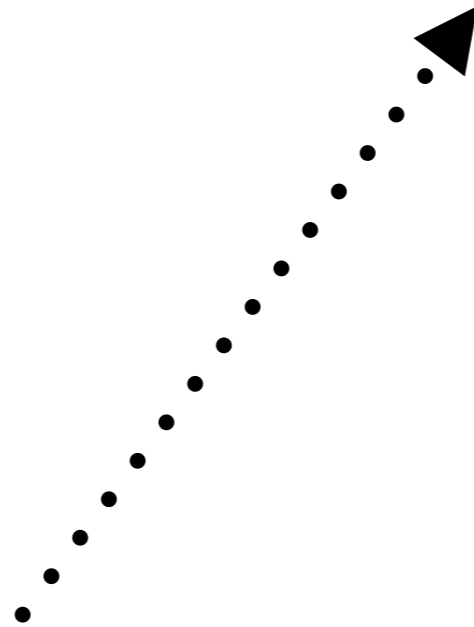
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Lower dimensional versions - well explored on the lattice

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**Simplest case:
D0 brane system**

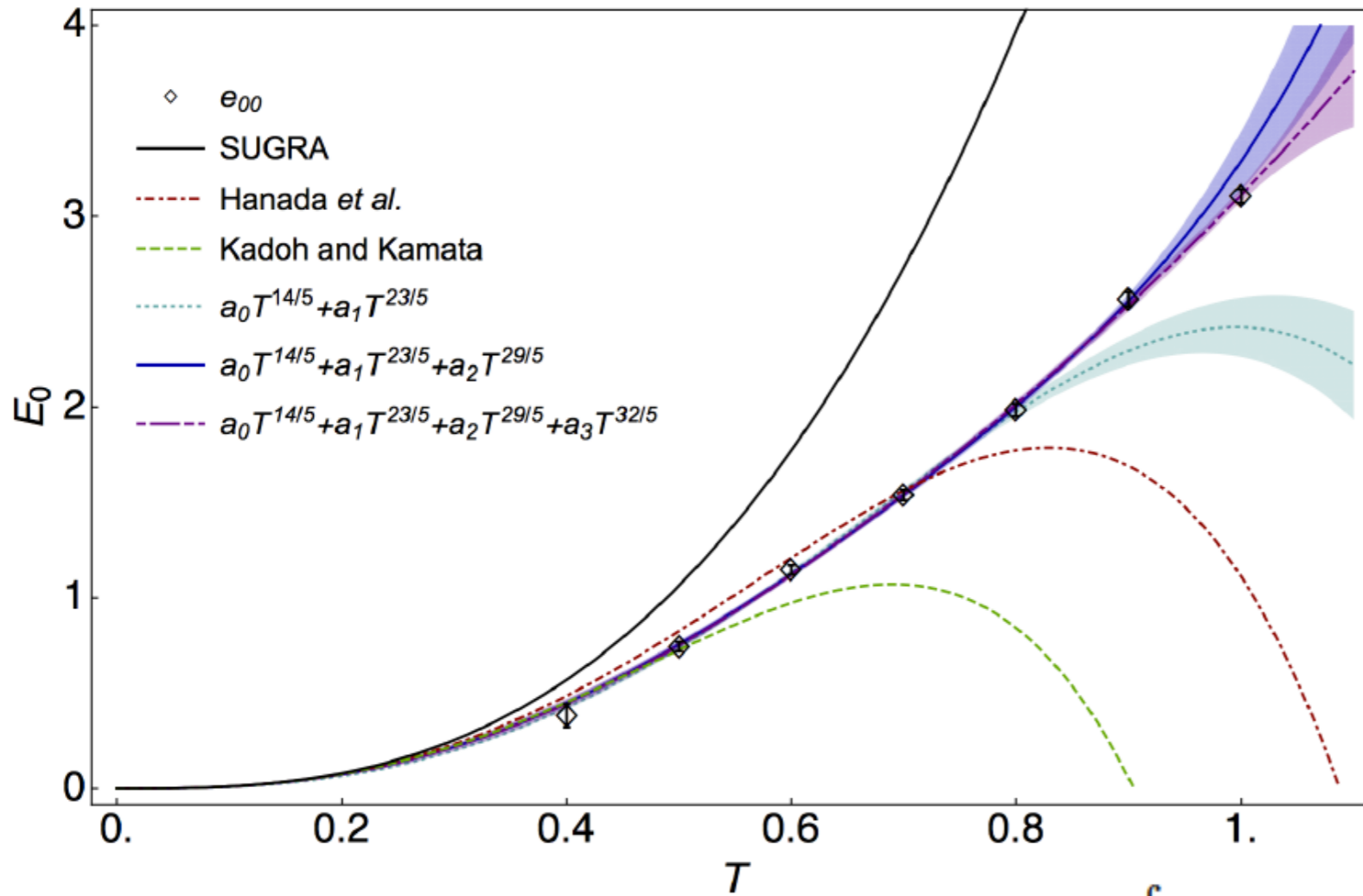


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MCMS Collaboration (2016)

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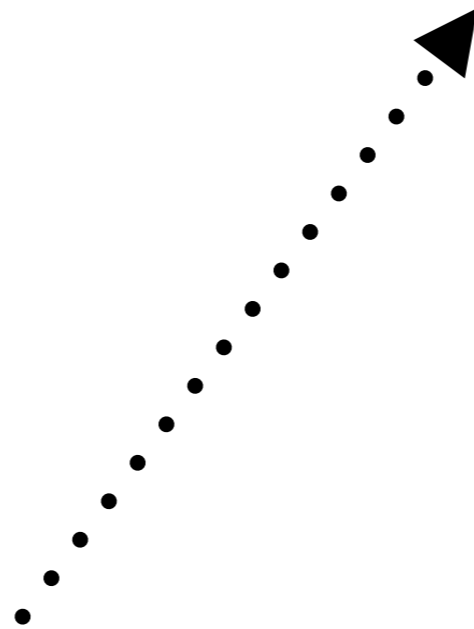
$$\frac{1}{N^2} E_{gravity} = 7.41 T^{2.8} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{N^2} 5.77 T^{0.4}}_{\text{quantum gravity}}$$

Fit to **lattice** data:

	free	a_0 fixed		free	b_0 fixed
a_0	7.4 ± 0.5	7.41	b_0	-5.8 ± 3.0	-5.77
a_1	-9.7 ± 2.2	-10.0 ± 0.4	b_1	-3.4 ± 5.7	-3.5 ± 2.0
a_2	5.6 ± 1.8	5.8 ± 0.5			

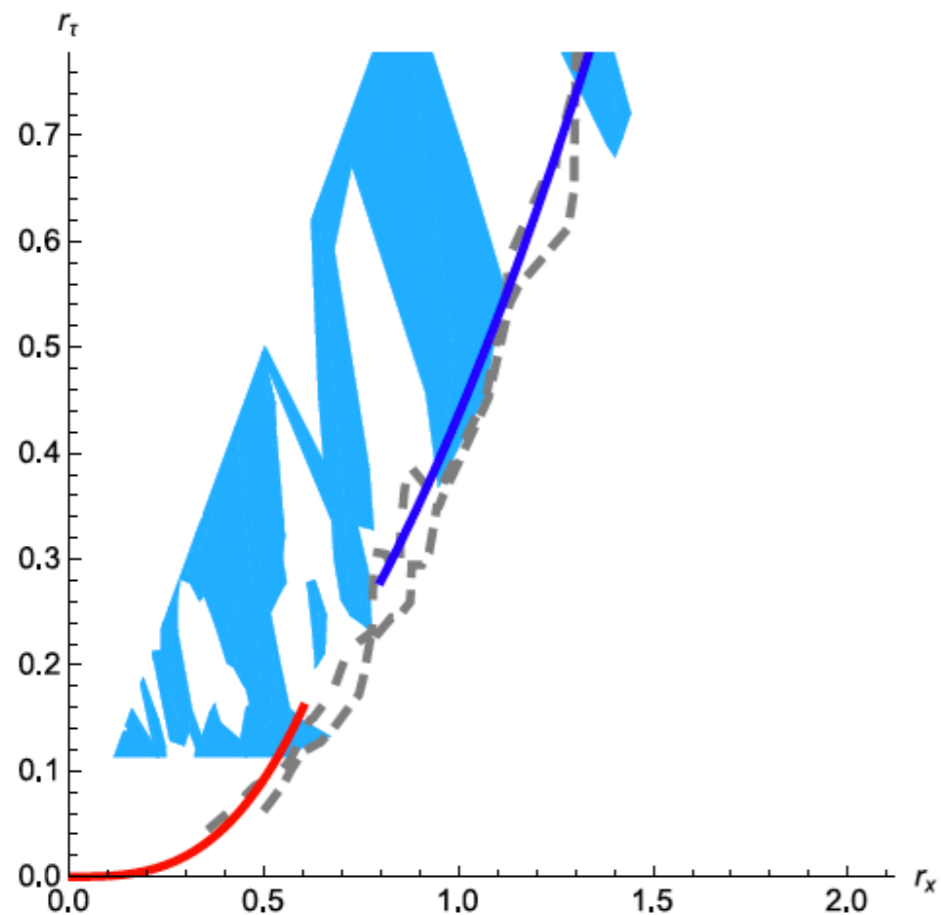
$$\frac{E}{N^2} = \frac{(a_0 T^{14/5} + a_1 T^{23/5} + a_2 T^{29/5} + a_3 T^{32/5} \dots)}{N^0} + \frac{(b_0 T^{2/5} + b_1 T^{11/5} + \dots)}{N^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^4}\right)$$

A bit more involved case: D1 brane system



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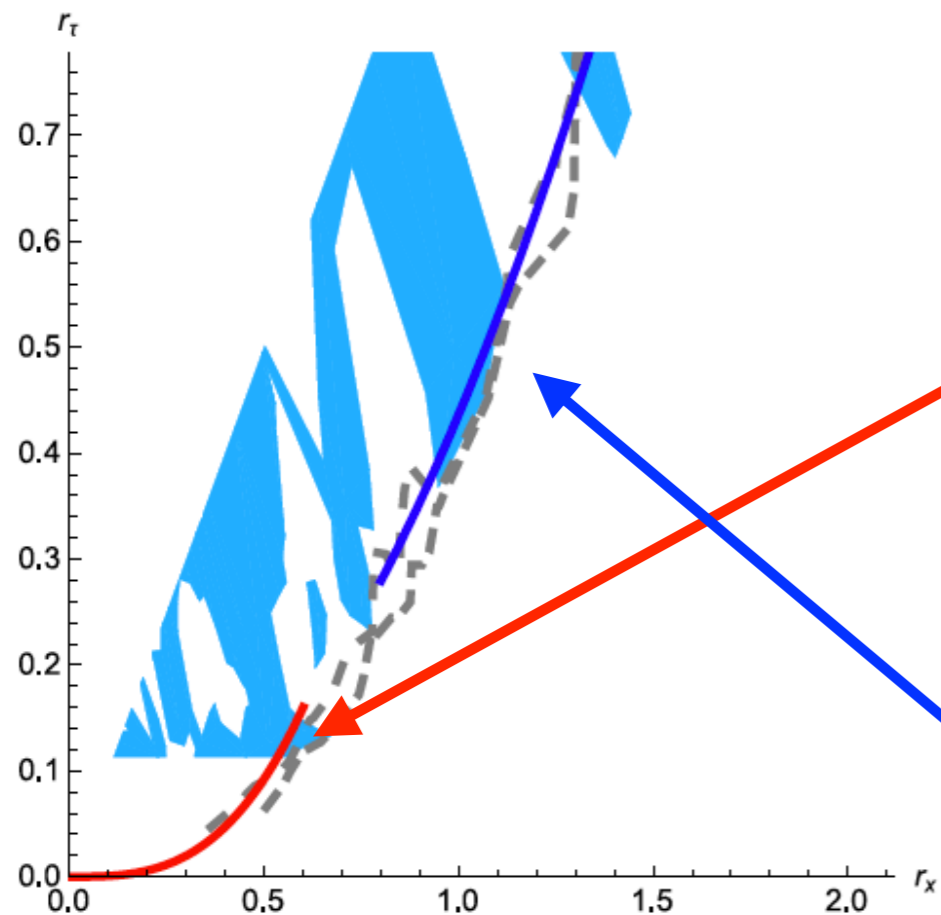
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Maximally Supersymmetric Yang-Mills

Need for testing gauge-gravity duality in [higher dimensions](#)

D2 branes?

D3 branes?

Other exotic realizations?

Maximally Supersymmetric Yang-Mills in 4D

Field content: A **vector multiplet** and 3 **chiral multiplets**

$$V \longrightarrow A_\mu, \lambda_{4\alpha}, \bar{\lambda}^4_{\dot{\alpha}}$$
$$\Phi_s, \Phi^{\dagger s} \longrightarrow \phi_s, \lambda_{s\alpha}, \phi^{\dagger s}, \bar{\lambda}^s_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

Global symmetry group

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)$$

Euclidean Lorentz symmetry

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \simeq SO(4)$$

Internal symmetry

$$SO(6) \simeq SU(4)$$

Mass Deformation: $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM Theory

Introduced by **Polchinski and Strassler** ([hep-th/0003136](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0003136))

“The string dual of a confining four-dimensional gauge theory”

A mass deformation of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory

Combine 2 chiral multiplets \longrightarrow $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplet

Action

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=2^*} = S_{\mathcal{N}=4} + S_m$$

Mass deformation:

$$S_m = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr} \left(-m\lambda_1^\alpha \lambda_{2\alpha} - m\bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}^1 \bar{\lambda}^{2\dot{\alpha}} + m^2 \phi_1 \phi_1^\dagger + m^2 \phi_2 \phi_2^\dagger \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{2}m\phi_3 [\phi_1, \phi_1^\dagger] - \sqrt{2}m\phi_3 [\phi_2, \phi_2^\dagger] \right. \\ \left. - \sqrt{2}m\phi_3^\dagger [\phi_1, \phi_1^\dagger] - \sqrt{2}m\phi_3^\dagger [\phi_2, \phi_2^\dagger] \right)$$

$\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM Theory

Convenient to express mass deformation using 2 operators

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\phi_1 \phi_1^\dagger + \phi_2 \phi_2^\dagger - 2\phi_3 \phi_3^\dagger \right)$$

dimension 2



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_3 = & 2 \left(-\lambda_1^\alpha \lambda_{2\alpha} - \bar{\lambda}^1_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\lambda}^{2\dot{\alpha}} \right. \\ & \left. -\sqrt{2}\phi_3[\phi_1, \phi_1^\dagger] - \sqrt{2}\phi_3[\phi_2, \phi_2^\dagger] - \sqrt{2}\phi_3^\dagger[\phi_1, \phi_1^\dagger] - \sqrt{2}\phi_3^\dagger[\phi_2, \phi_2^\dagger] \right) \\ & + \frac{2}{3}m \left(\phi_1 \phi_1^\dagger + \phi_2 \phi_2^\dagger + \phi_3 \phi_3^\dagger \right) \end{aligned}$$

dimension 3



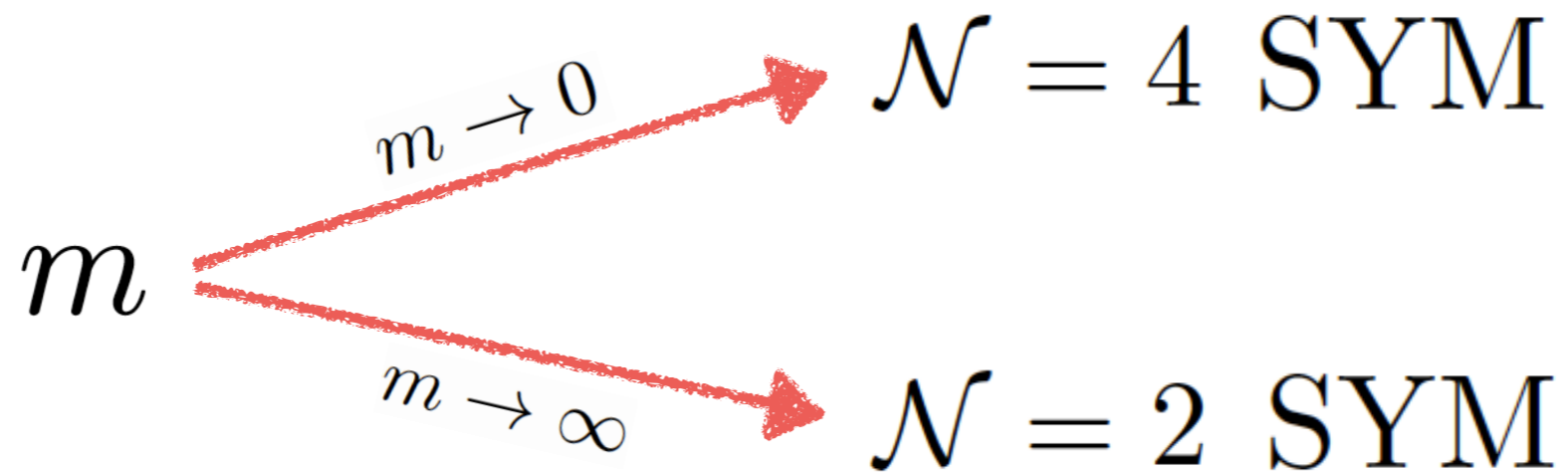
Correspond to turning on **bosonic** and **fermionic** scalars in dual gravitational theory

$\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM Theory

Action

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=2^*} = S_{\mathcal{N}=4} - \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x m^2 \text{Tr } \mathcal{O}_2 - \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x m \text{Tr } \mathcal{O}_3$$

Soft SUSY breaking induced by mass terms



UV

IR

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM can be twisted in 3 different ways

- 1.) Half twist
- 2.) Vafa-Witten twist
- 3.) Geometric Langlands twist

Given by how we *embed* $SO(4)$ in $SO(6)$

Twisted and untwisted theories are *equivalent* on flat \mathbb{R}^4

We will make use of **Vafa-Witten twist**

E. Witten and C. Vafa, [Nucl. Phys. B431 (1994) 3-77]
“A Strong Coupling Test of S-Duality”

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Before twist

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)$$

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$$(SU(2) \times SU(2) \times U(1))/\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset SU(4)$$

Before twist

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)$$

twist

After twist

$$SU(2)'_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_F$$

$$SU(2)'_L = \text{diag} \left(SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_I \right)$$

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Twisted fields of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Twisted fields

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu &\longrightarrow A_\mu, \\ \lambda_{u\alpha} &\longrightarrow \eta, \zeta, \chi_{\mu\nu}, \psi_{\mu\nu}, \\ \bar{\lambda}^u_{\dot{\alpha}} &\longrightarrow \psi_\mu, \chi_\mu, \\ \phi_{uv} &\longrightarrow B_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \bar{\phi}, C \end{aligned}$$



Twist gives 2 scalar supercharges: Q and \tilde{Q}

$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 A_\mu &= 2\sqrt{2}D_\mu\phi, \\ Q^2 X &= 2\sqrt{2}[X, \phi] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Q}^2 A_\mu &= -2\sqrt{2}D_\mu\bar{\phi}, \\ \tilde{Q}^2 X &= -2\sqrt{2}[X, \bar{\phi}] \end{aligned}$$

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Q supersymmetry transformations

$$QA_\mu = -\psi_\mu,$$

$$Q\psi_\mu = -2\sqrt{2}D_\mu\phi,$$

$$Q\phi = 0,$$

$$Q\bar{\phi} = \sqrt{2}\eta,$$

$$Q\eta = -2[\phi, \bar{\phi}],$$

$$Q\chi_{\mu\nu} = 2H_{\mu\nu},$$

$$QH_{\mu\nu} = -\sqrt{2}[\phi, \chi_{\mu\nu}],$$

$$QC = \sqrt{2}\zeta,$$

$$Q\zeta = -2[\phi, C],$$

$$Q\chi_\mu = 2H_\mu,$$

$$QH_\mu = -\sqrt{2}[\phi, \chi_\mu],$$

$$QB_{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{2}\psi_{\mu\nu},$$

$$Q\psi_{\mu\nu} = -2[\phi, B_{\mu\nu}].$$

Similar transformations for \tilde{Q}

Vafa-Witten Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Action takes following form

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=4} = Q\tilde{Q} \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \mathcal{F}$$

Action potential

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Tr} \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} B_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{24\sqrt{2}} B_{\mu\nu} [B_{\mu\rho}, B_{\nu\rho}] - \frac{1}{8} \chi_{\mu\nu} \psi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{8} \psi_{\mu} \chi_{\mu} - \frac{1}{8} \eta \zeta \right)$$

Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 2^* \text{SYM}$

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$$Q \longrightarrow Q^{(m)}$$

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Modified Q and \tilde{Q}
transformations

$$\begin{aligned} (Q^{(m)})^2 A_\mu &= 2\sqrt{2}D_\mu\phi, \\ ((Q^{(m)})^2 X &= 2\sqrt{2}[X, \phi] + 2\sqrt{2}m\alpha X \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha = 1$ for

$$\zeta, \chi_\mu, \psi_{\mu\nu}, C, H_\mu, B_{\mu\nu}$$

$\alpha = 0$ for rest of fields

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{(m)} A_\mu &= -\psi_\mu, \\ Q^{(m)} \psi_\mu &= -2\sqrt{2}D_\mu\phi, \\ Q^{(m)} \phi &= 0, \\ Q^{(m)} \bar{\phi} &= \sqrt{2}\eta, \\ Q^{(m)} \eta &= -2[\phi, \bar{\phi}], \\ Q^{(m)} C &= \sqrt{2}\zeta, \\ Q^{(m)} \zeta &= -2[\phi, C] + 2mC, \\ Q^{(m)} \chi_\mu &= 2H_\mu, \\ Q^{(m)} H_\mu &= -\sqrt{2}[\phi, \chi_\mu] + \sqrt{2}m\chi_\mu, \\ Q^{(m)} B_{\mu\nu} &= \sqrt{2}\psi_{\mu\nu}, \\ Q^{(m)} \psi_{\mu\nu} &= -2[\phi, B_{\mu\nu}] + 2mB_{\mu\nu}, \\ Q^{(m)} \chi_{\mu\nu} &= 2H_{\mu\nu}, \\ Q^{(m)} H_{\mu\nu} &= -\sqrt{2}[\phi, \chi_{\mu\nu}]. \end{aligned}$$

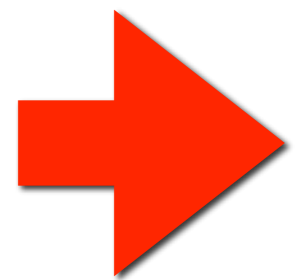
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Twisted action of $\mathcal{N} = 2^* \text{SYM}$

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=2^*} = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr} Q^{(m)} \Psi^{(m)}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{(m)} = \text{Tr} & \left(\chi_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} H_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{8} [B_{\mu\rho}, B_{\nu\rho}] - \frac{1}{4} [C, B_{\mu\nu}] \right] \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \psi_{\mu} (D_{\mu} \bar{\phi}) - \frac{1}{4} \eta [\phi, \bar{\phi}] + (\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{W} + \mathcal{Y}) \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \zeta [C, \bar{\phi}] - \frac{1}{4} \psi_{\mu\nu} [B_{\mu\nu}, \bar{\phi}] + \mathcal{T} \\ & \left. + \chi_{\mu} \left[-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (D_{\mu} C) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (D_{\nu} B_{\nu\mu}) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$



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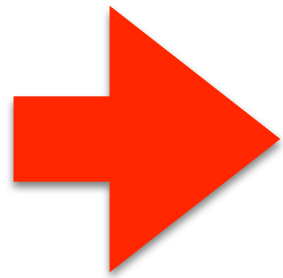
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$$\mathcal{V} = -\frac{1}{4}m \left((\psi_{12} - i\psi_{23})(B_{12} + iB_{23}) + (\psi_{13} - i\zeta)(B_{13} + iC) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \frac{i}{4} \left(-\psi_{12}[\bar{\phi}, B_{23}] + \psi_{23}[\bar{\phi}, B_{12}] + \eta[B_{12}, B_{23}] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \frac{i}{4} \left(-\psi_{13}[\bar{\phi}, C] + \zeta[\bar{\phi}, B_{13}] + \eta[B_{13}, C] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{4} \left((\chi_1 - i\chi_2)(H_1 + iH_2) + (\chi_3 + i\chi_4)(H_3 - iH_4) \right)$$



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Twist of $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM

Mass deformation (twisted theory)

$$S_m = \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr} \left[-\frac{1}{2} m^2 B_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 C^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} m \phi \left([B_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}] + [C, C] \right) - \frac{1}{2} m \bar{\phi} \left([B_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}] + [C, C] \right) \right. \\ \left. + i m \phi \left([B_{12}, B_{23}] + [B_{13}, C] \right) + i m \bar{\phi} \left([B_{12}, B_{23}] + [B_{13}, C] \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{i m}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{12} \psi_{23} + \psi_{13} \zeta) - \frac{i m}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_1 \chi_2 - \chi_3 \chi_4) \right]$$

Mass deformation (untwisted theory)

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BTFT Form of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Appropriate for lattice:

Balanced Topological Field Theory Form (BTFT)

of action

R. Dijkgraaf and G. Moore [[Commun.Math.Phys. 185 \(1997\) 411-440](#)]

Introduce 3-vectors: $\vec{\Phi}$, \vec{B} , \vec{H} , $\vec{\psi}$, $\vec{\chi}$

$$\Phi_A \equiv 2 \left(F_{A4} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ABC} F_{BC} \right)$$

Action potential

$$\mathcal{F} = \left(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} B_A \Phi_A - \frac{1}{24\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_{ABC} B_A [B_B, B_C] - \frac{1}{8} \chi_A \psi_A - \frac{1}{8} \psi_\mu \chi_\mu - \frac{1}{8} \eta \zeta \right)$$

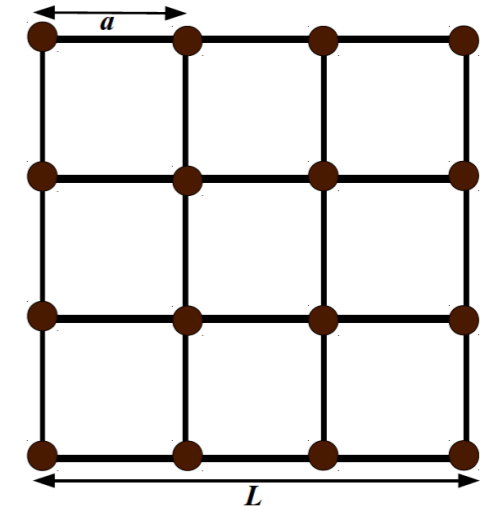
Lattice Formulation of $\mathcal{N} = 2^* \text{SYM}$

Use discretization prescription by **Sugino**

F. Sugino, [[JHEP 0401 \(2004\) 015](#)]

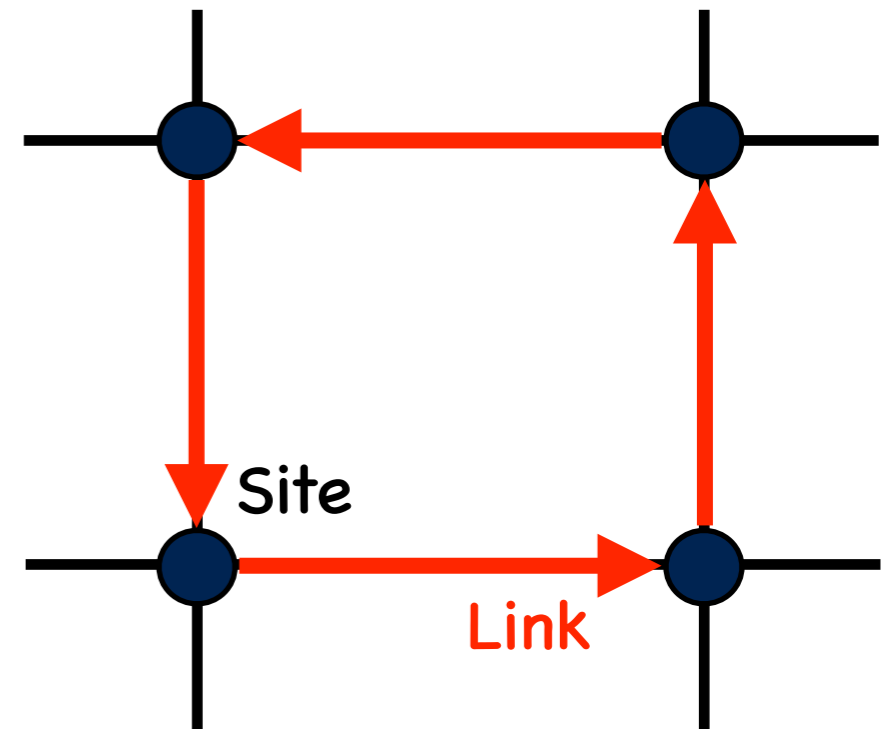
Gauge field on links

$$U_{\mu}(\mathbf{n}) \equiv U(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n} + \mu) = e^{A_{\mu}(\mathbf{n})},$$
$$U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{n} - \mu) \equiv U(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n} - \mu) = e^{-A_{\mu}(\mathbf{n})}$$



All other fields on sites

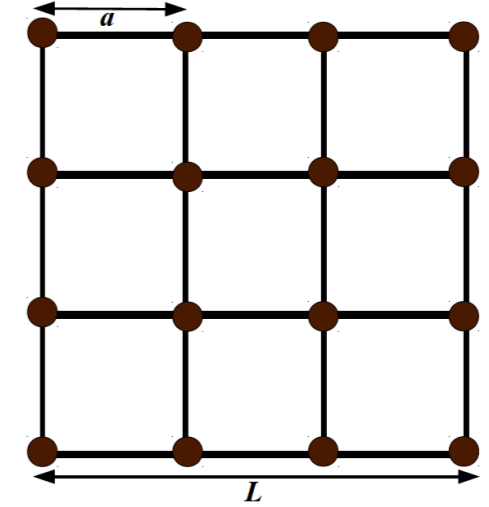
Makes lattice theory **local**, **gauge invariant** and **doubler free**



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Field strength on lattice - functional of link fields

$$\Phi_A = -\left(U_{A4}(\mathbf{n}) - U_{4A}(\mathbf{n}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{B,C=1}^3 \epsilon_{ABC} (U_{BC}(\mathbf{n}) - U_{CB}(\mathbf{n})) \right)$$



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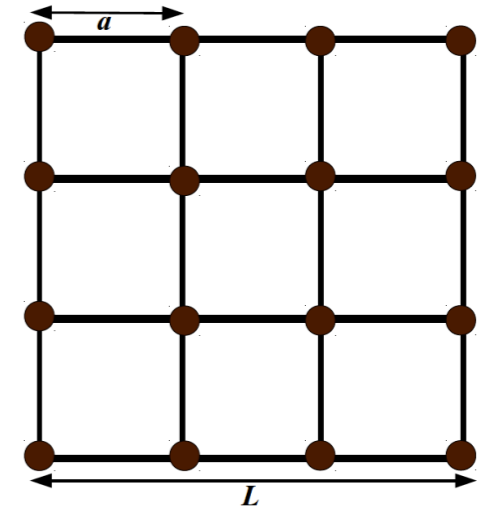
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Straightforward to write down lattice action

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=2^*} = \beta_L \sum_{\mathbf{n}} Q^{(m)} \Psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{n})$$

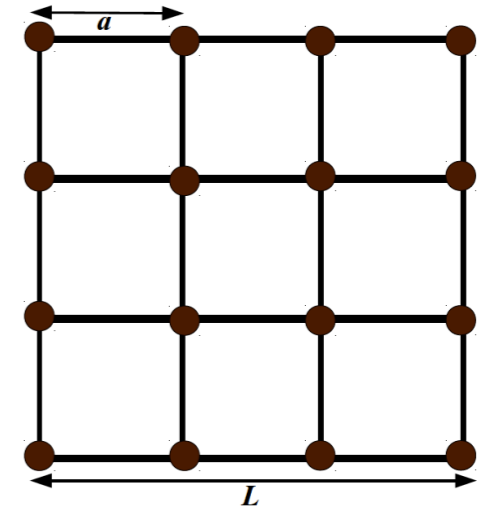
Local, doubler free, gauge invariant, twisted SUSY invariant

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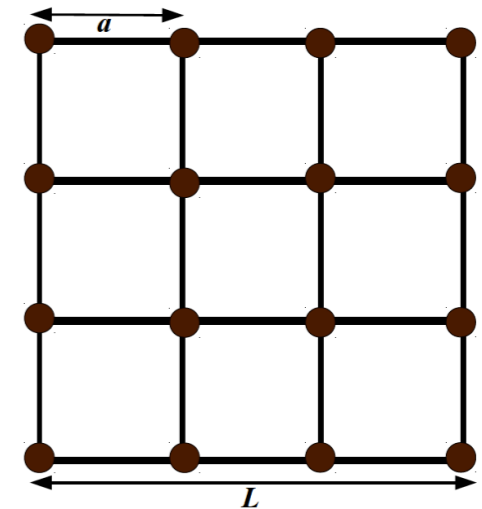


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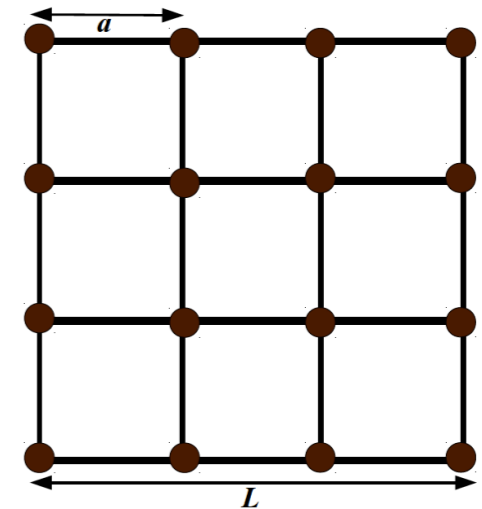
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Standard Wilson:

$$\frac{1}{2g_0^2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Tr} \left[2 - U_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{n}) - U_{\nu\mu}(\mathbf{n}) \right]$$

$$U_{\mu\nu} = \mathbb{I}_N$$

unique minimum

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Could resolve by adding **standard Wilson term** - softly breaks SUSY

Another option of imposing **admissibility conditions** - preserves SUSY

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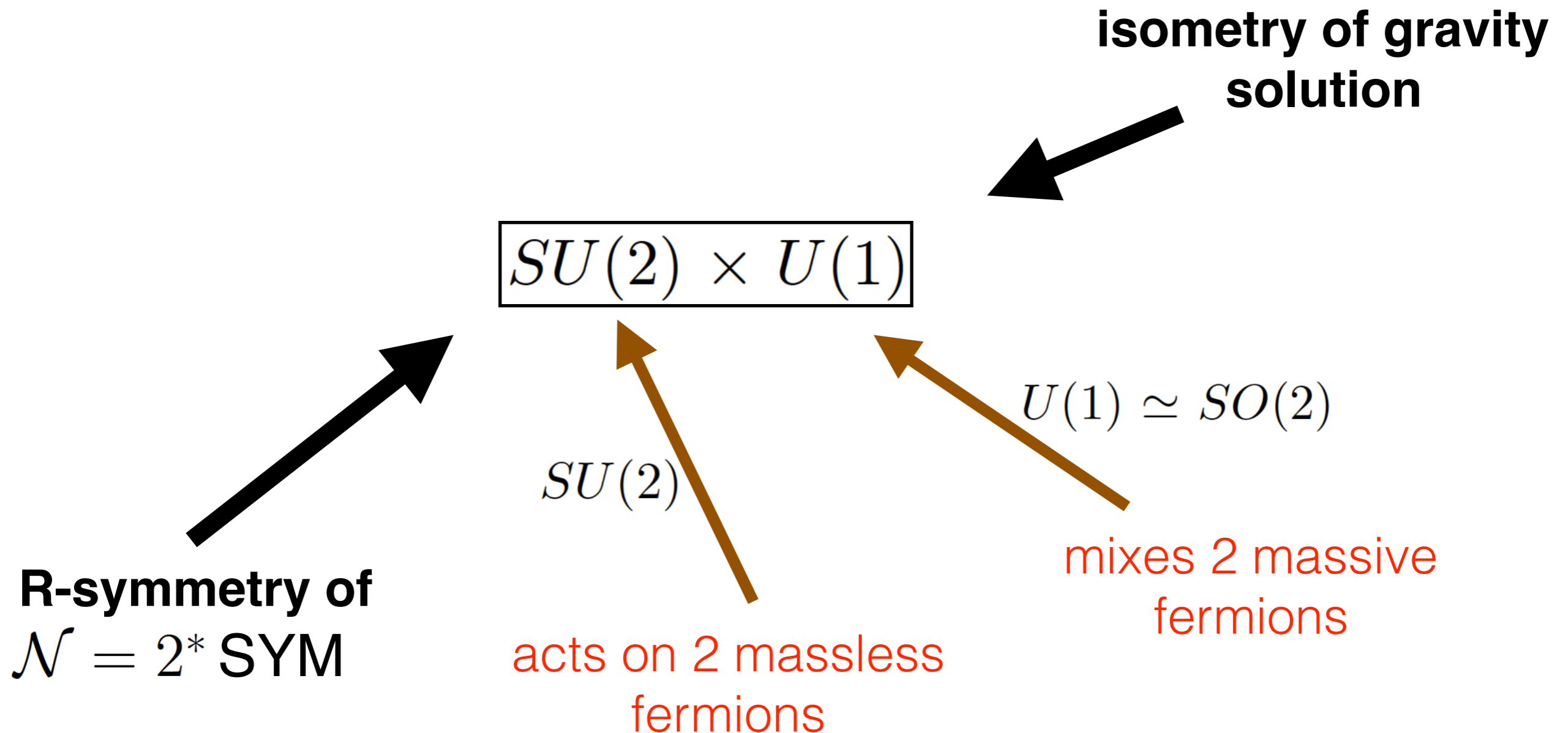
$$SU(2) \times U(1)$$

**R-symmetry of
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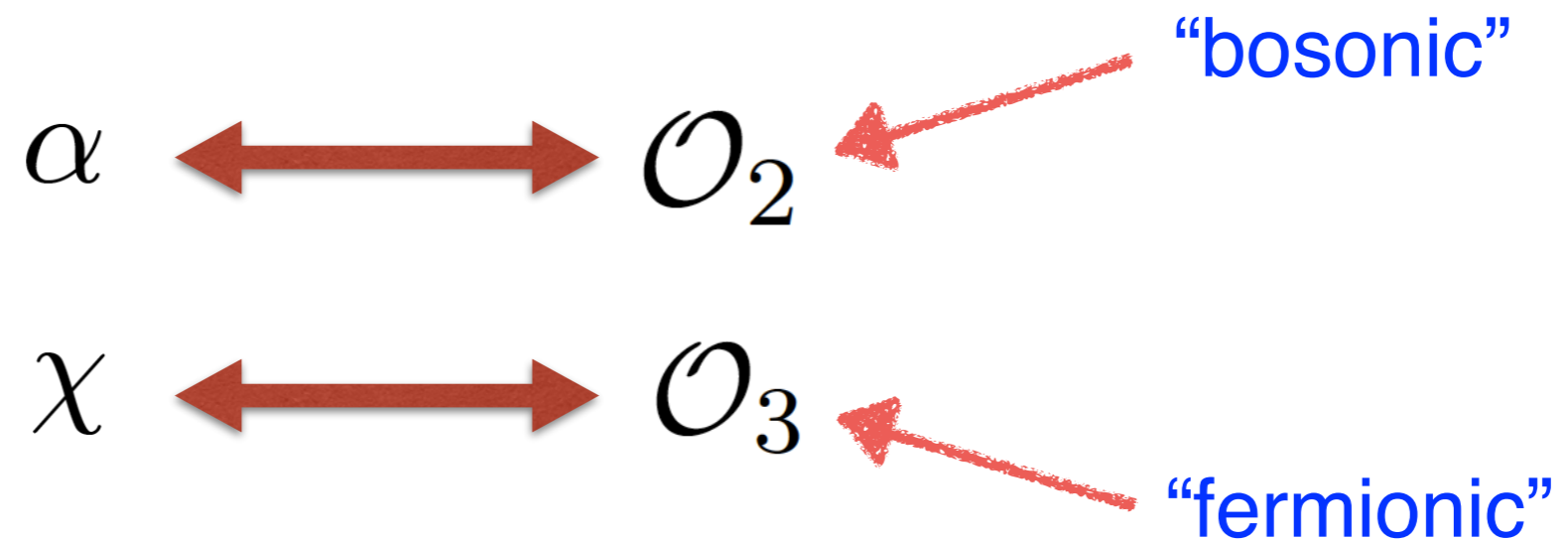


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Results from SUGRA

How can we use lattice $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM construction to test duality?

Pilch-Warner solution at finite temperature

Constructed by **Buchel, Peet and Polchinski**

[Phys. Rev. D63 (2001) 044009]

SUGRA geometry was numerically solved

Buchel, Deakin, Kerner and Liu, [Nucl. Phys. B784 (2007) 72]

Pressure

$$p = \frac{\pi^2}{8} N_c^2 T^4 f(m/T)$$

Entropy density

$$S/\mathcal{V} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} N_c^2 T^3 \sigma(m/T)$$

scaling function



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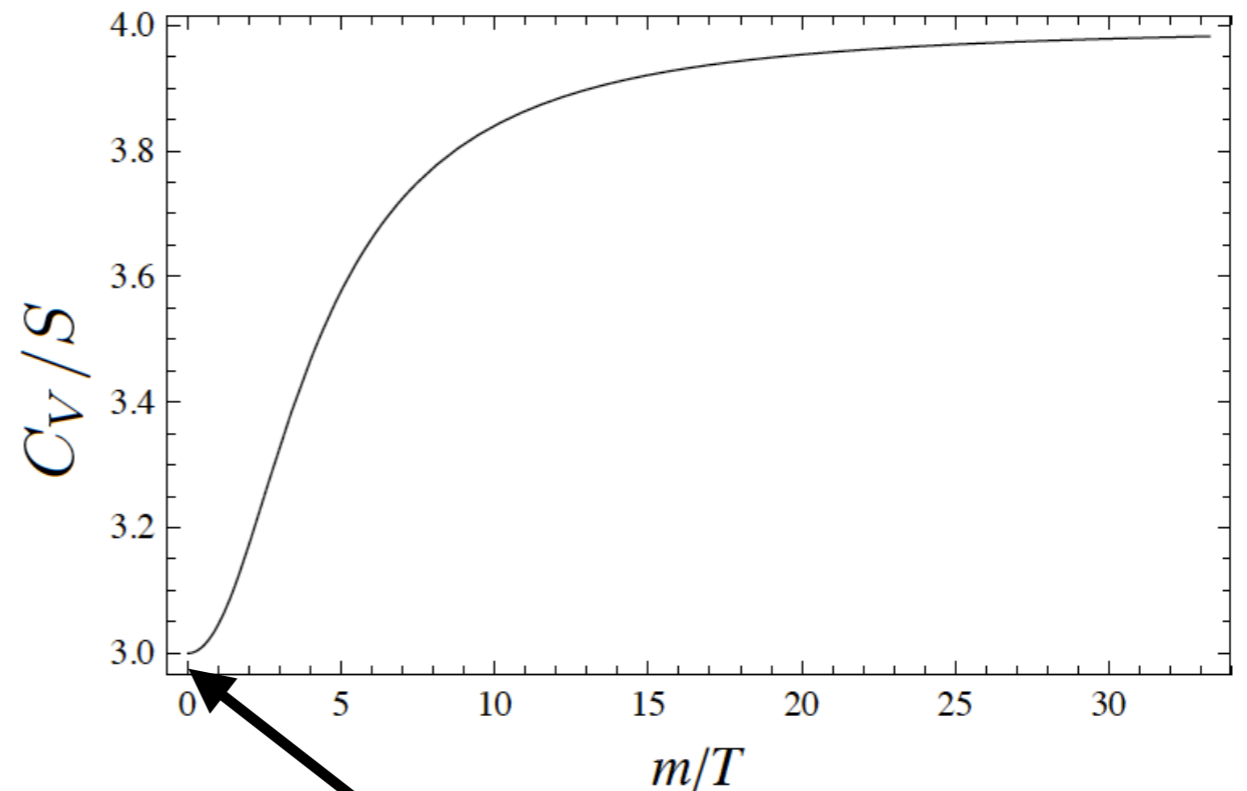
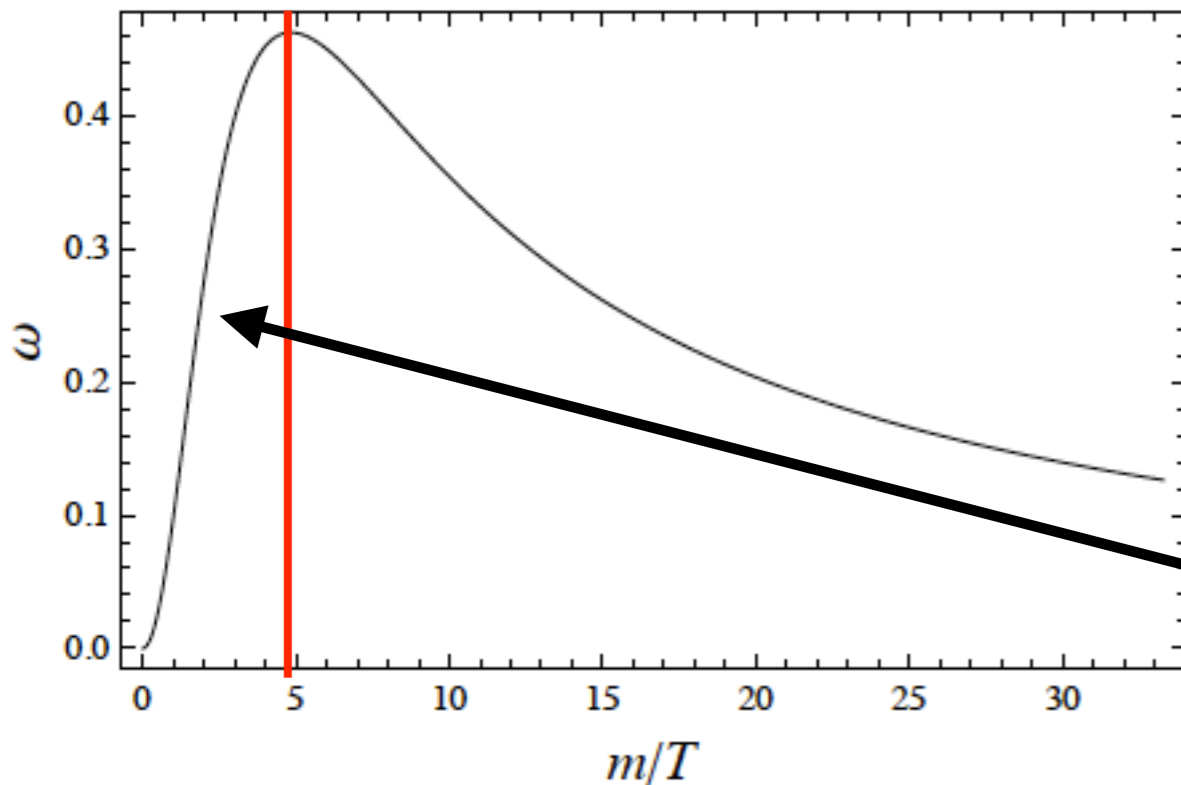
Equation of state

$$\epsilon - 3p = N_c^2 T^4 \omega(m/T)$$

Hoyos, Paik and Yaffe, [JHEP 1110 (2011) 062]

$$\omega = \frac{\pi^2}{2} (\sigma - f) = -\frac{\pi^2}{8} \frac{m}{T} f'$$

Related to **speed of sound**



Required by **conformal invariance**

Plasma is cool. Low probability for massive fields excitation

Conclusions and Future Directions

- Presented lattice formulation of $N=2^*$ super Yang-Mills
 - Could simulate thermodynamics
 - Could test gauge-gravity duality in non-conformal setting
- Study finite temperature properties
 - First law of thermodynamics in AdS/CFT setting
 - Thermal phases in the theory
- Need to enumerate symmetries of lattice theory
- Study renormalization and fine tuning
- Sign problem in lattice simulations?

More things to do!

THANK YOU!