

# Phase Transitions in the BMN Matrix Model

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# 1. Introduction

## Motivation

Quantum theory of gravitation  String/M theory

But

String theory is defined **based on perturbation theory**.

We need **non-perturbative formulation**.



## Matrix Models

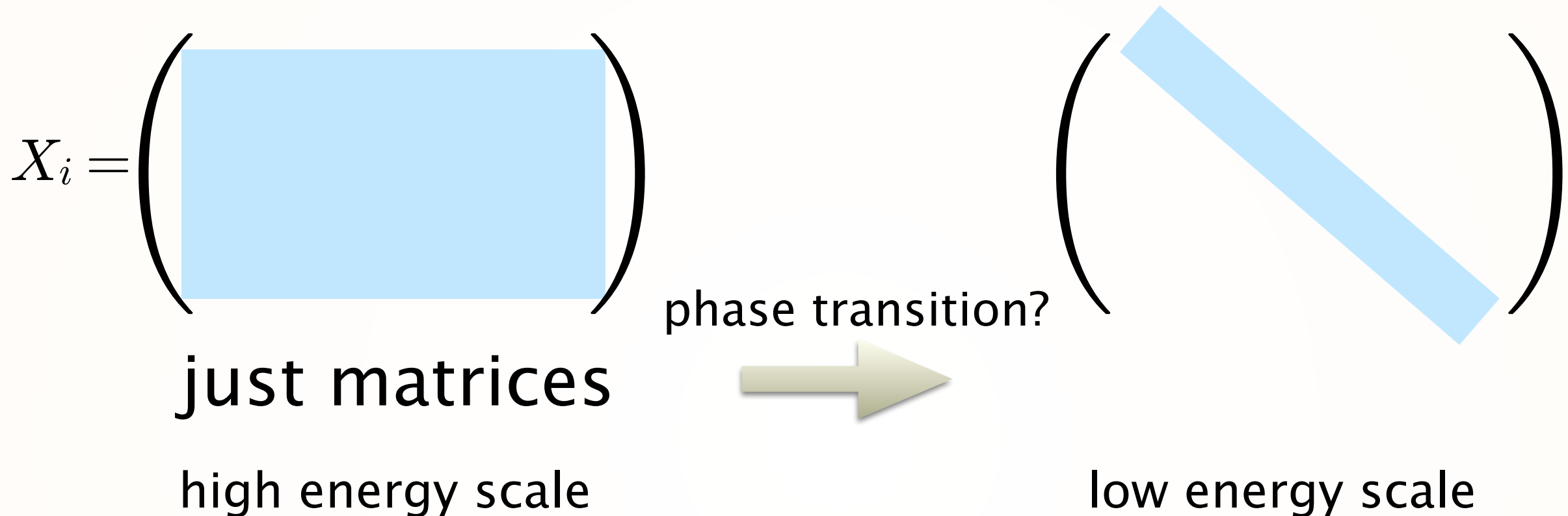
[Banks-Fischler-Shenker-Susskind '96,  
Ishibashi-Kawai-Kitazawa-Tsuchiya '96, ...]

- The target space is regularised by matrices.
- Branes are naturally included.
- Some matrix models have gauge/gravity duality.

**“Matrices = Strings”**

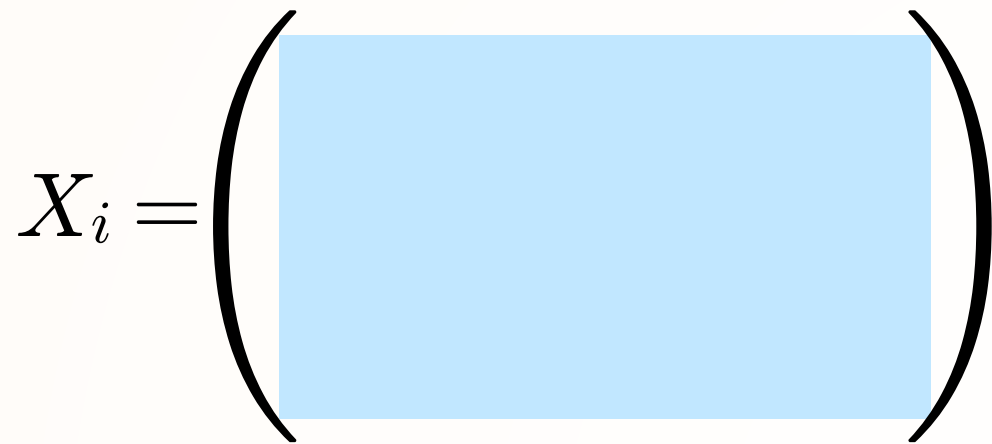
# 1. Introduction

## Emergent geometry in matrix models



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just matrices

high energy scale

phase transition?



geometry

low energy scale

We choose the temperature as the energy scale.

In this talk, we focus on the thermal BMN matrix model

# 1. Introduction

The action of membrane theory:

[deWit-Hoppe-Nicolai '88]

$$S = -T_{\text{M2}} \int d^3\sigma \sqrt{-\det[g_{MN}(X) \partial_\mu X^M \partial_\nu X^N]} + T_{\text{M2}} \int C_3$$

membrane area                      potential

plane-wave geometry:

$$g_{MN} dx^M dx^N = -2dx^+ dx^- + dx^i dx^i - \left( \frac{\mu^2}{9} x^a x^a + \frac{\mu^2}{36} x^m x^m \right) dx^+ dx^+$$

$$C_3 = \frac{\mu}{6} \epsilon_{abc} x^a dx^b dx^c dx^+ \quad \begin{matrix} i=1,\dots,9 \\ a=1,2,3 \\ m=4,\dots,9 \end{matrix}$$

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The action of membrane theory:

[deWit-Hoppe-Nicolai '88]

$$S = \frac{p^+}{8\pi} \int d^3\sigma \left[ (D_0 X^i)^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{9} (X^a)^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{36} (X^m)^2 - \frac{8\pi^2 T_{\text{M2}}^2}{(p^+)^2} \{X^i, X^j\}^2 \right] + T_{\text{M2}} \int d^3\sigma \mu X^1 \{X^2, X^3\}$$

$$D_0 X^i = \partial_0 X^i + \{A, X^i\}$$

Matrix regularisation

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \quad \{, \} \rightarrow \frac{-iN}{2} [, ]$$

$$X^i(\sigma^\mu) \rightarrow \hat{X}^i(\sigma^0) \quad A(\sigma^\mu) \rightarrow \frac{2}{N} \hat{A}(\sigma^0)$$

$$S = \frac{p^+}{2N} \int d\sigma^0 \text{Tr} \left[ (D_0 X^i)^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{9} (X^a)^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{36} (X^m)^2 + \frac{c^2}{2} [X^i, X^j]^2 - 2ic\mu X^1 [X^2, X^3] \right]$$

$$D_0 X^i = \partial_0 X^i - i[A, X^i]$$

$$c = \frac{2\pi N T_{\text{M2}}}{p^+}$$

**Bosonic BMN model**

plane-wave geometry:

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Rescale  $X^i$  and  $\sigma^0$  to  $\tilde{X}^i$  and  $t$

$$a,b=1,2,3, \quad m,n=4,\dots,9$$

Action of the BMN matrix model:

$$S = N \int dt \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (D_t \tilde{X}^a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (D_t \tilde{X}^m)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\mu}{3} \epsilon_{abc} \tilde{X}^c - i [\tilde{X}^a, \tilde{X}^b] \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{X}^a, \tilde{X}^n]^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4} [\tilde{X}^m, \tilde{X}^n]^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{72} \tilde{X}^m \tilde{X}^m + \text{fermions} \right]$$

- Symmetry:  $\tilde{SU}(2|4) \supset R \times SO(3) \times SO(6)$  [Berenstein-Maldacena-Nastase '02]

- Obtained by dimensional reduction of 4D  $\mathcal{N}=4$  super Yang-Mills   
  1D super quantum mechanics

Vacua:  $SU(2)$  generators

$$\tilde{X}^a = -\frac{\mu}{3} (\mathbf{1}_{N_2} \otimes L_a^{[N_5]})$$

$$\tilde{X}^m = 0$$

$L_a^{[N_5]}$ : representation matrix of dim.  $N_5$

$N_2$ : multiplicity of this rep.

Number of M5-branes

Number of M2-branes

[Maldacena-SheikhJabbari-Raamsdonk '02]



# 1. Introduction

## BMN matrix model

- Matrix regularisation of super-membrane theory on the plane-wave background

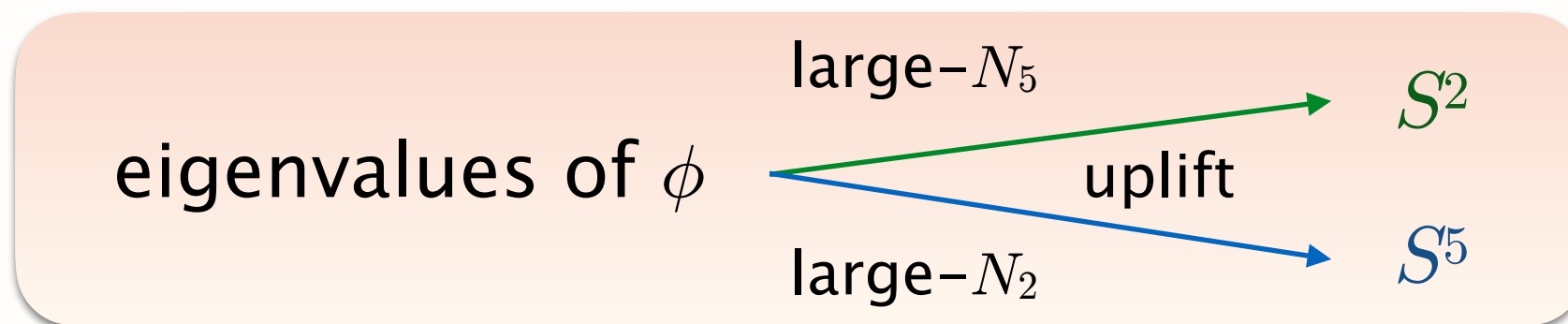
➔ Nonperturbative formulation of M-theory (11D SUGRA)

[deWit-Hoppe-Nicolai '88, Banks-Fischler-Shenker-Susskind '96]

- ♦ M2-brane realisation: fuzzy 2-sphere
- ♦ M5-brane realisation:  $SO(6)$  part (quantum effect)

A BPS sector realises their geometries at strong coupling.

[Y.A.-Ishiki-Shimasaki-Terashima '17]



$\phi$ : a BPS operator considered to be the low energy moduli

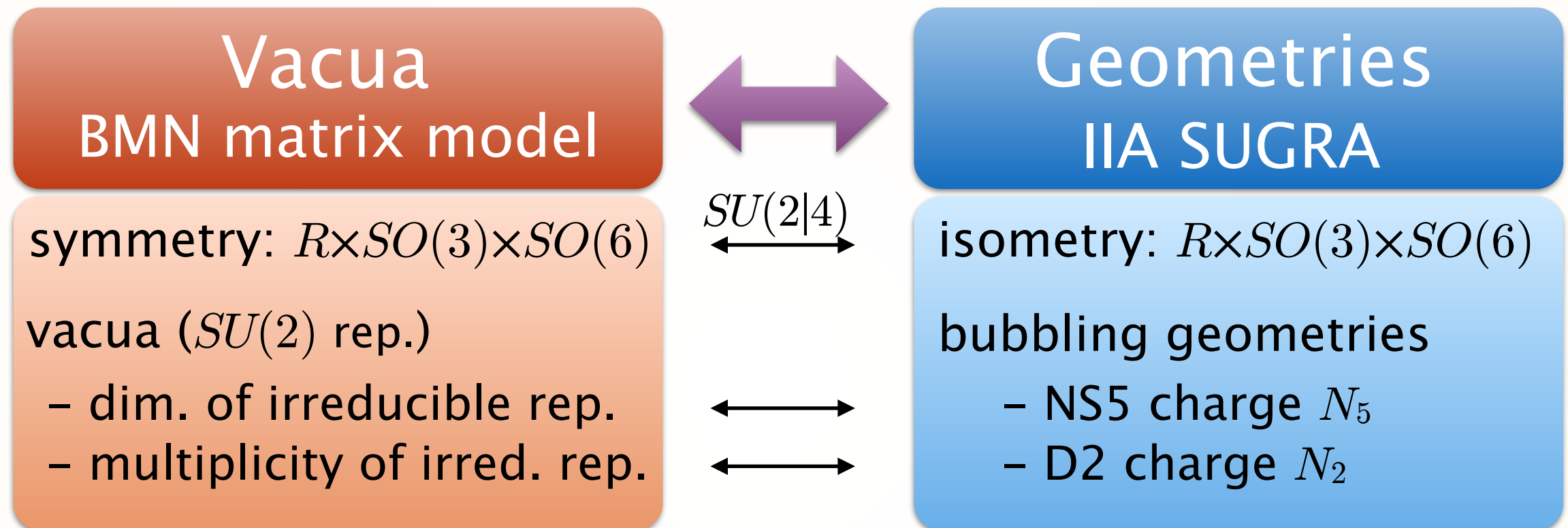
[Goro's talk]

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## BMN matrix model

[Lin-Lunin-Maldacena '04, Lin-Maldacena '05]

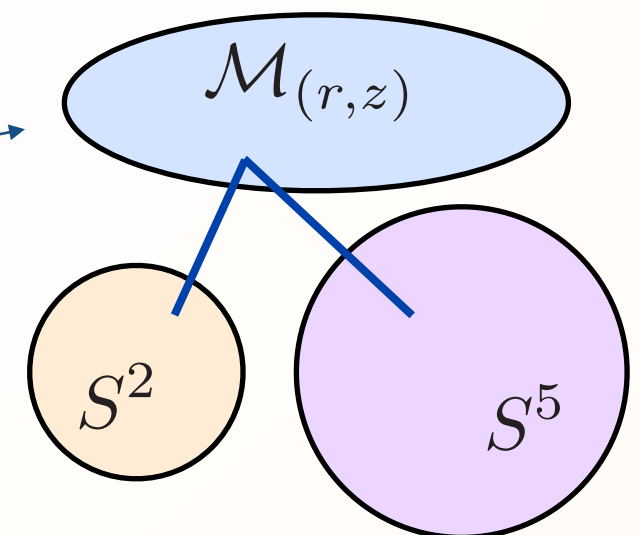
- Gauge/gravity dual to IIA SUGRA on bubbling geometries



Part of Einstein equation was obtained by  $\phi$  in the BMN model.

nontrivial part in terms of the isometry

[Y.A.-Okada-Ishiki-Shimasaki '14]



# 1. Introduction

We have some understanding of the emergent geometries.

Can we see the emergence as we decrease the temperature?

Let's look at phase transitions.

## 2. Deconfinement phase transition

There is a “deconfinement” phase transition at large- $N$ .

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F}{N^2} \begin{cases} = 0 & ; \text{confined} \\ \neq 0 & ; \text{deconfined} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{[Furuuchi-Schreiber-Semenoff '03,} \\ \text{Hadizadeh-Ramadanovic-Semenoff-Young '04]} \end{array}$$

$F$ : free energy

At large  $\mu$ , the theory becomes gauged harmonic oscillators.

One-loop integration

$$\begin{aligned} \beta F &= \sum_{i,j} \left( 3 \ln \left| 1 - e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{3} + i\theta_{ij}} \right| + 6 \ln \left| 1 - e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{6} + i\theta_{ij}} \right| - 8 \ln \left| 1 + e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{4} + i\theta_{ij}} \right| \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j \neq i} \ln \left| 1 - e^{i\theta_{ij}} \right| \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \underline{1 - 3e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{3}} - 6e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{6}} + 8(-)^n e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{4}}} \right\} |u_n|^2 \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{N}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \text{diag}\left(\frac{\theta_1}{\beta}, \dots, \frac{\theta_N}{\beta}\right) \quad \theta_{ij} := \theta_i - \theta_j \quad u_n := \sum_{j=1}^N e^{in\theta_j}$$

## 2. Deconfinement phase transition

$$\beta F = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \underline{1 - 3e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{3}} - 6e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{6}} + 8(-)^n e^{-n\frac{\beta\mu}{4}}} \right\} |u_n|^2 \right)$$

Gross-Witten  
transition

positive at low enough temperatures  $\longrightarrow$   $|u_n| = 0$   
 $F = 0$

$1 - 3e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{3}} - 6e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{6}} - 8e^{-\frac{\beta\mu}{4}} < 0 \longrightarrow |u_1| > 0$   
 $F \sim O(N^2)$   
[Furuuchi-Schreiber-Semenoff '03]

Critical temperature of the deconfinement transition:

$$T_c = \beta_c^{-1} = \frac{\mu}{12 \ln 3} \left( 1 + \frac{2^6 \cdot 5}{3\mu^3} + O(\mu^{-6}) \right)$$

$P = u_1/N$  is the order parameter.  
(Polyakov loop)

coming from higher loops  
[Spradlin-Raamsdonk-Volovich '04,  
Hadizadeh-Ramadanovic-Semenoff-Young '04]

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## 2. Deconfinement phase transition

[Costa-Greenspan-Penedones-Santos '14]

At small  $\mu$  and high temperatures,  
the dual geometry is approximated by a non-extremal black-0 brane:

$$ds_{11}^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{r_0^7}{r^7}} + r^2 d\Omega_8^2 + \frac{R^7}{r^7} dz^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_0^7}{r^7}\right) \left(2dz - \frac{r_0^7}{R^7} dt\right) dt$$

It must asymptote to the plane-wave geometry with  $R \times SO(3) \times SO(6)$ .

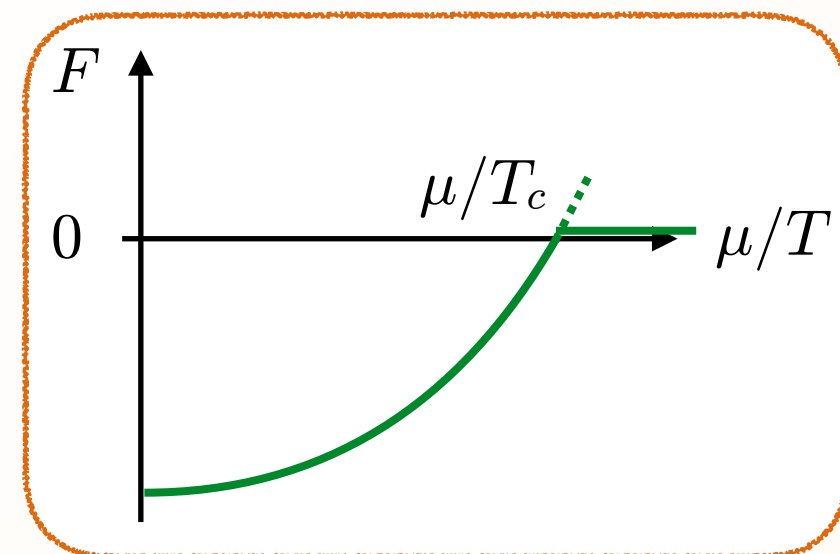
By regularity being imposed, the geometry dual to the thermal BMN  
with  $U(1)_M \times R \times SO(3) \times SO(6)$  isometry,  
with perturbative  $\mu$ -deformation, and  
with the **simplest horizon topology** ( $S^1 \times S^8$ )

was computed.

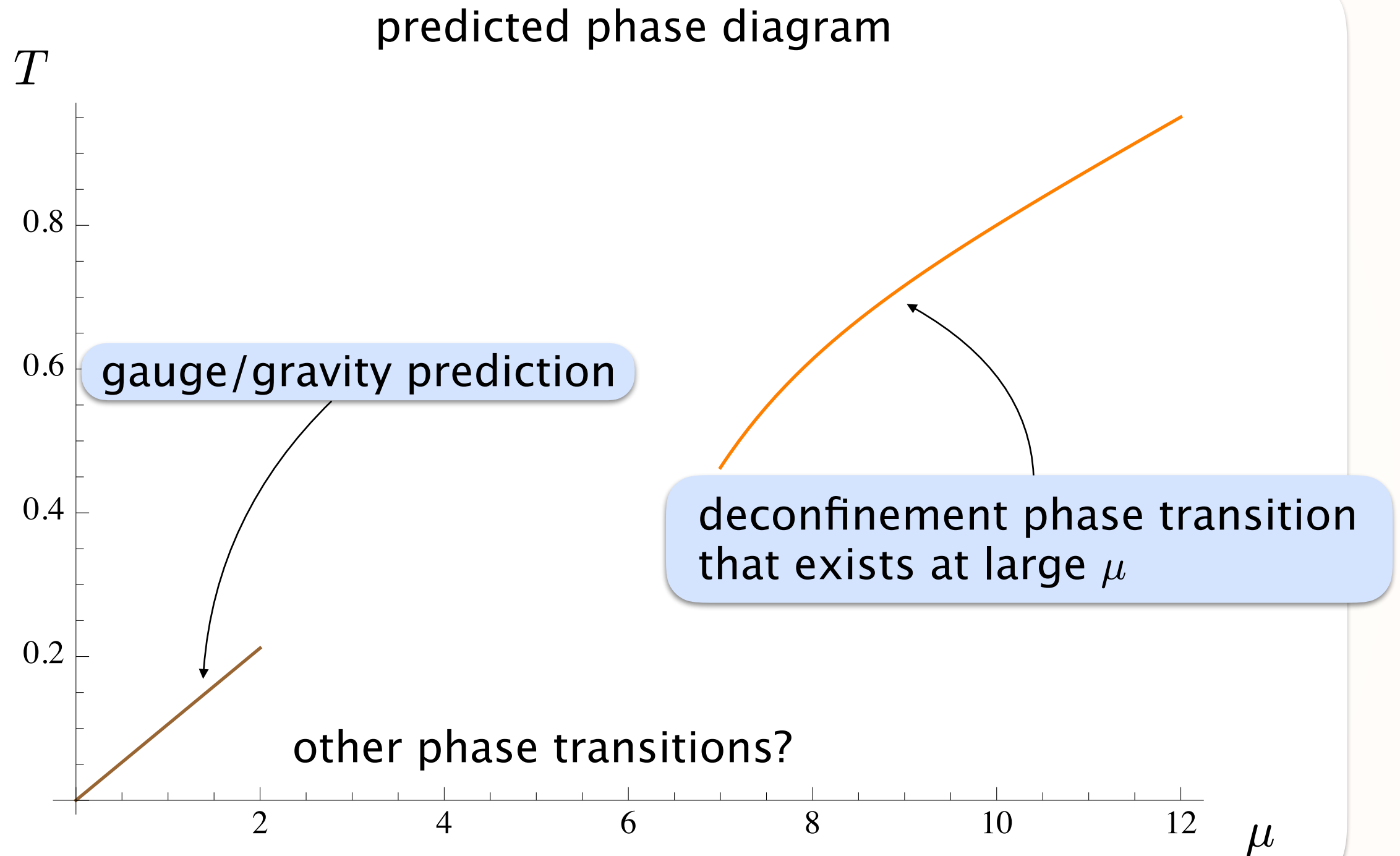
$\leftrightarrow$  trivial vac.  $X_a=0$

Critical temperature from the gravity side:

$$\frac{T_c}{\mu} = 0.105905(57)$$



## 2. Deconfinement phase transition



It should have a rich structure at low temperatures, which should reflect geometrical information.

# 3. Lattice simulation

## Computer simulations for Matrix theories

### BFSS model ( $\mu=0$ )

- Consistency with  $E \sim T^{14/5}$ , no confinement phase transition  
[Anagnostopoulos–Hanada–Nishimura–Takeuchi '07, Catterall–Wiseman '07, '08]
- $\alpha'$  (low- $T$ ) correction (non-lattice) [Hanada–Hyakutake–Nishimura–Takeuchi '08]
- Quantum ( $1/N$ ) correction (non-lattice)[Hanada–Hyakutake–Ishiki–Nishimura '13]
- Further consistency checks of gravity prediction (lattice)  
[Kadoh–Kamata '15, Filev–O'Connor '15]
- Reproduced the coeff. in the first term:  $E = 7.41 T^{14/5}$  (lattice)  
[Berkowiz–Rinaldi–Hanada–Ishiki–Shimasaki–Vranas '16]

### BMN model

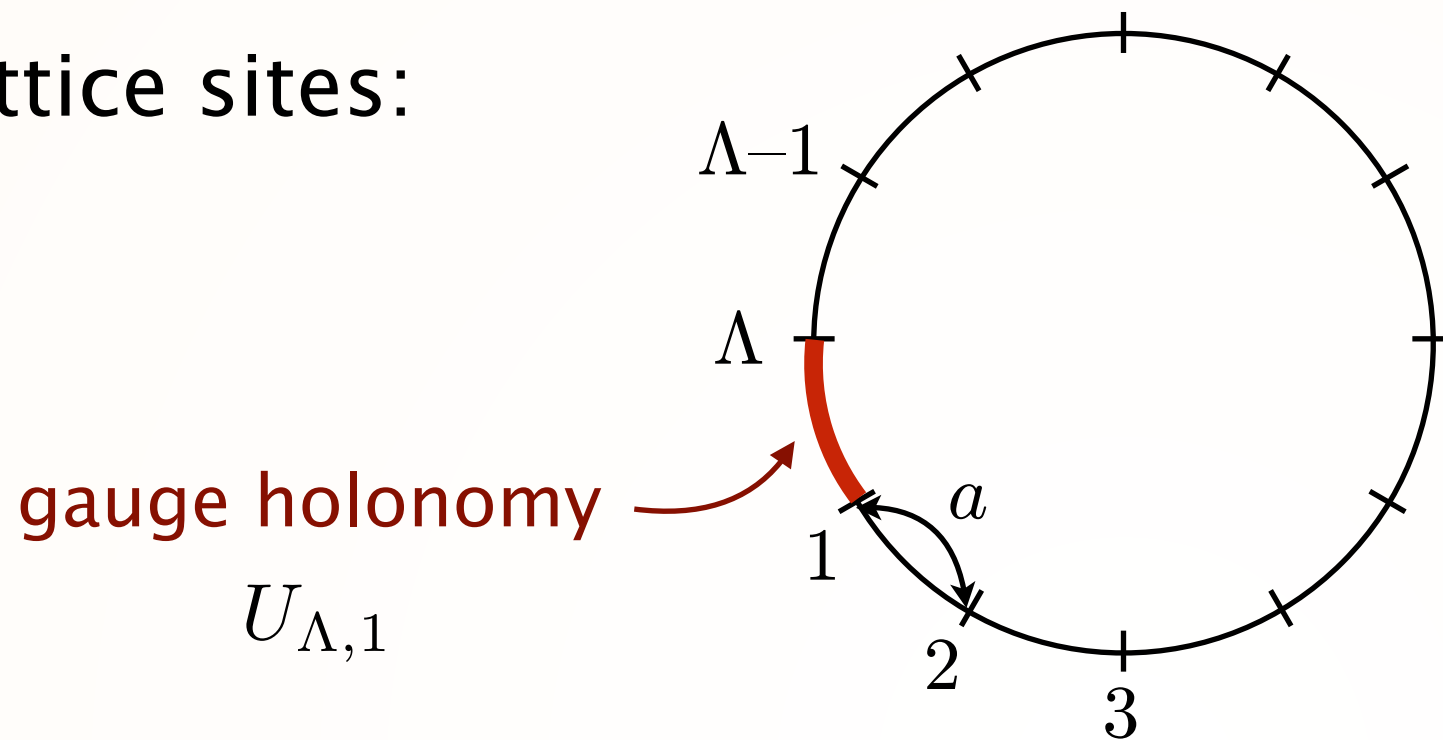
- Observed the deconfinement phase transition [Catterall–Anders '10]



# 3. Lattice simulation

[Denjoe's talk]

Lattice sites:



The gauge field at the other links is 0.

$$U_{n,n+1} = 1$$

Discretisation of derivatives:

- Third-order accuracy.
- To avoid fermionic doublers, we use a **Wilson mass term**.

$$D_\tau + r a^{2n-1} \Sigma \Delta^n$$

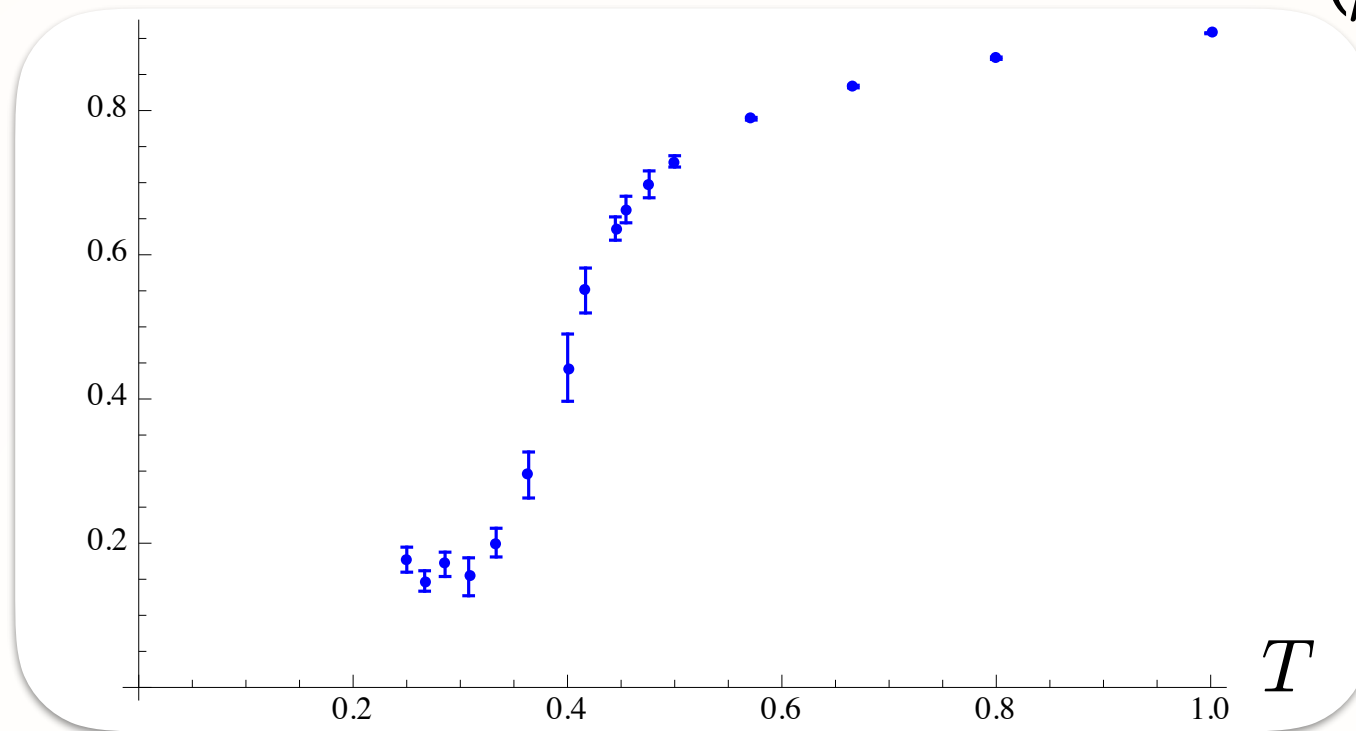
※ We choose  $\Sigma = i\gamma^{456}$  (not in the  $SO(3)$ -directions)  
so that the dispersion relation doesn't have a term linear in  $\mu$ .

# 3. Lattice simulation

( $\mu=5$ ,  $\Lambda=24$ ,  $N=11$ )

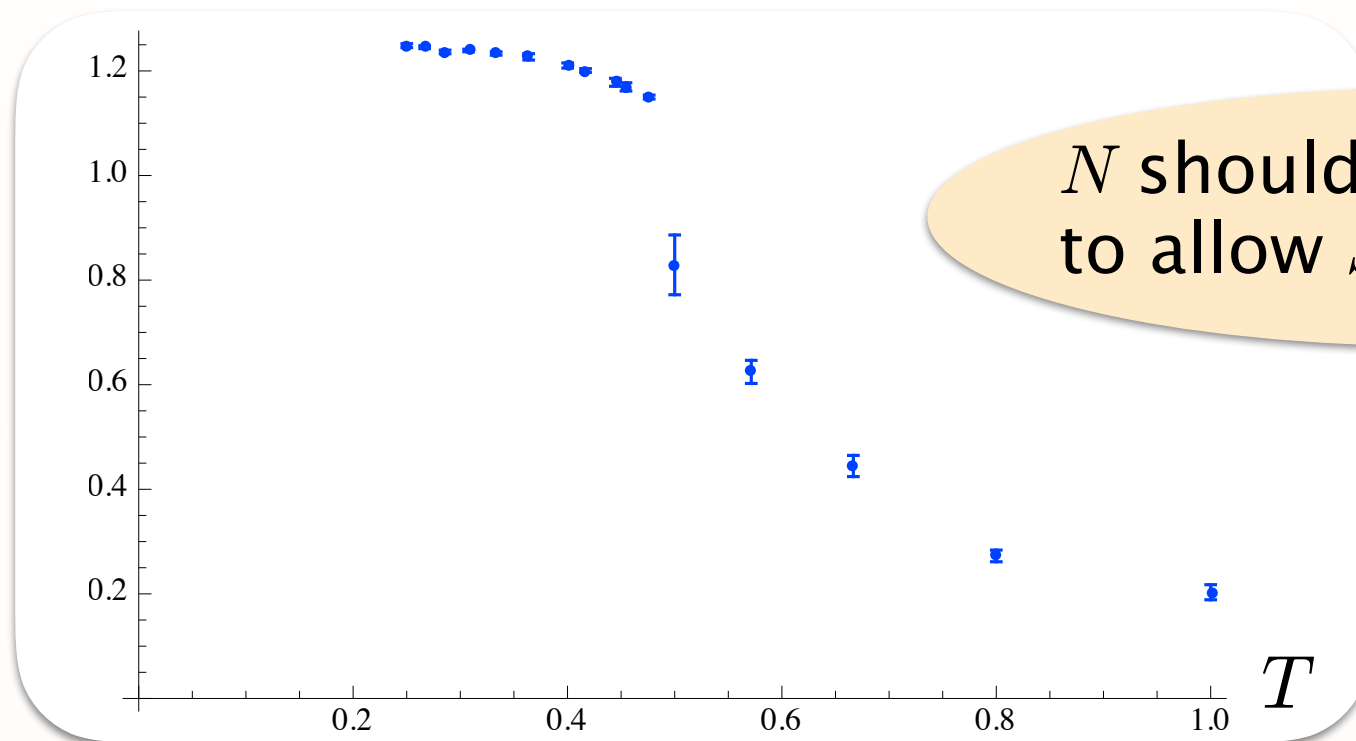
Polyakov loop:

$$\langle |P| \rangle$$



Myers term:

$$\sim \langle \text{Tr} (iX_1[X_2, X_3]) \rangle$$



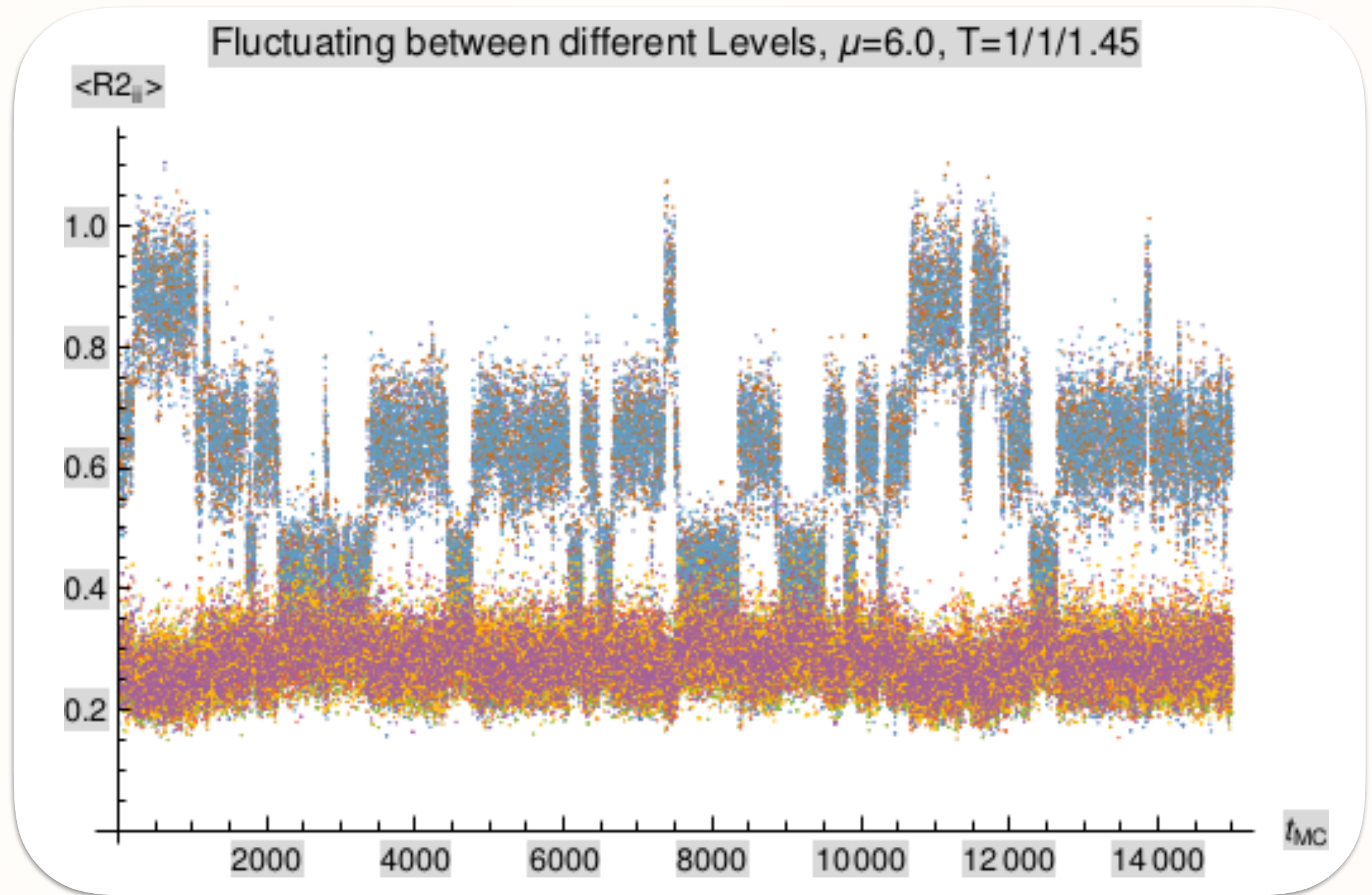
$N$  shouldn't be so large to allow  $SO(3)$  transition.

※  $SO(3)$  Casimir is also good to detect the transition.

# 4. Lattice simulation

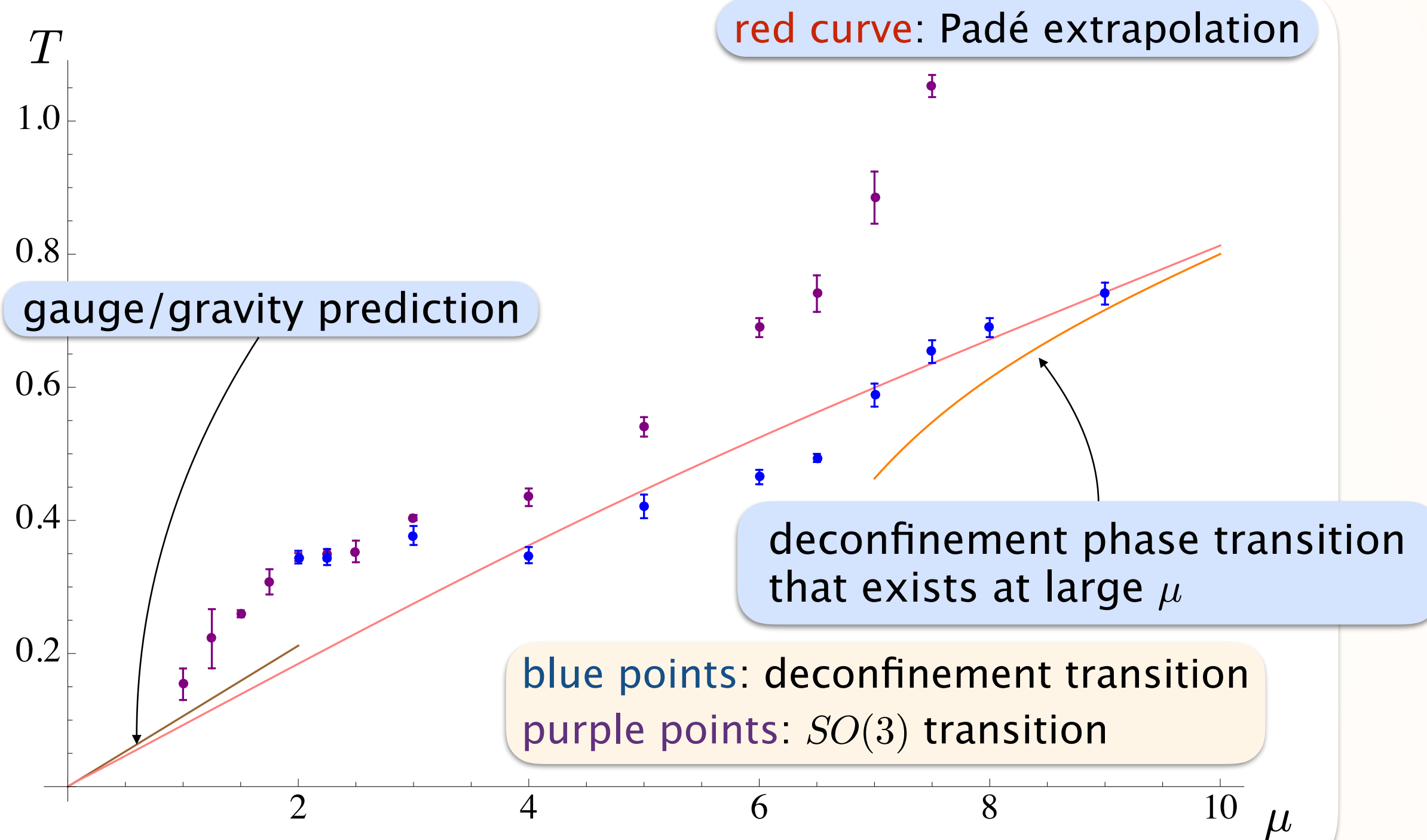
$$\sim \text{Tr}[X_i X_i] / N$$

$$(\mu=6, \beta=1.45, \Lambda=24, N=8)$$



# 3. Lattice simulation

( $\Lambda=24$ ,  $N=8$ )



The simulation results agree with theoretical predictions.

# 4. Summary and Discussion

- We observed two phase transitions: the **deconfinement transition** and the  **$SO(3)$  transition**.  
They don't merge at least finite  $\Lambda$  and  $N$  at  $2 \lesssim \mu \leq 7.5$ .

## Geometrical interpretation:

- Is the  $SO(3)$  transition “M5  $\rightarrow$  M2” or “no geometry  $\rightarrow S^2$ ”?

## Gauge/gravity:

- The critical temperature of the deconfinement transition looks dependent on  $SU(2)$  rep. By keeping the state at the trivial vacuum  $X_a=0$ , we may get the deconfinement transition much closer to the gravity prediction.
- The gravity dual at zero temperature has many bubbling solutions, which correspond to vacua in the BMN model. We expect **a richer structure at lower temperatures**, which should reflect geometrical information.