

# $N=2^*$ Yang-Mills on the Lattice

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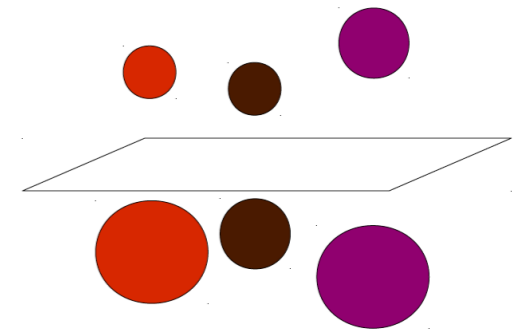
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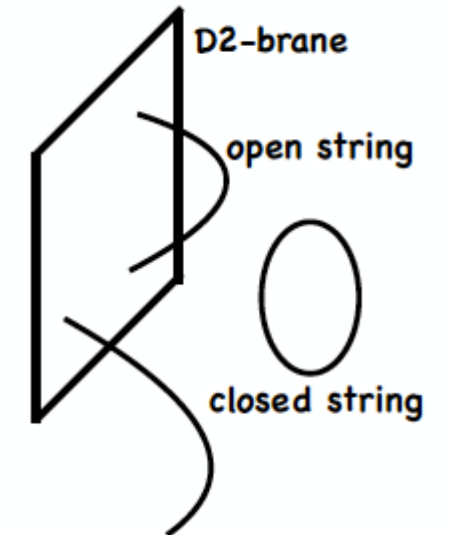
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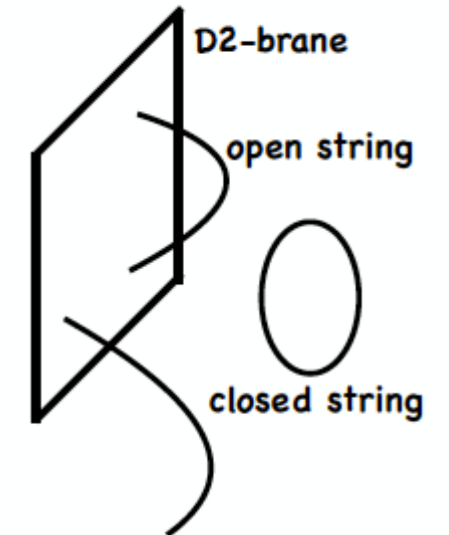
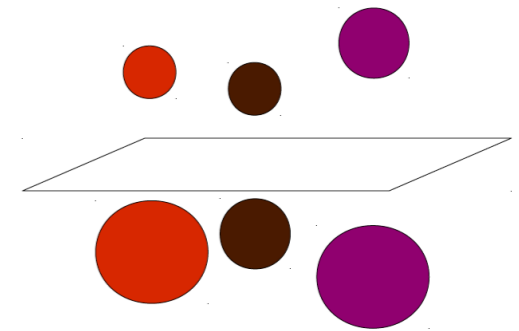
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# OUTLINE

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



# $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Theory in 4D

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A theory with **maximal** number of supersymmetries

Takes part in the **AdS/CFT** correspondence

Dual gravitational theory - **D3 brane geometry** on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Lower dimensional versions - well explored on the lattice

Catterall, Wiseman (2007-2010),  
Catterall, Joseph, Wiseman (2010),  
Hanada, Nishimura et al. (2007-2016),  
Kadoh, Kamata (2012-2016) ...

**Excellent validations** of gauge-gravity duality on the lattice

Need for testing gauge-gravity duality in **higher dimensions**

# $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM Theory in 4D

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

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

Global symmetry group

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

Euclidean Lorentz symmetry

Internal symmetry

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

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

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

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

Action

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

Mass deformation:

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

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

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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

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

dimension 3

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

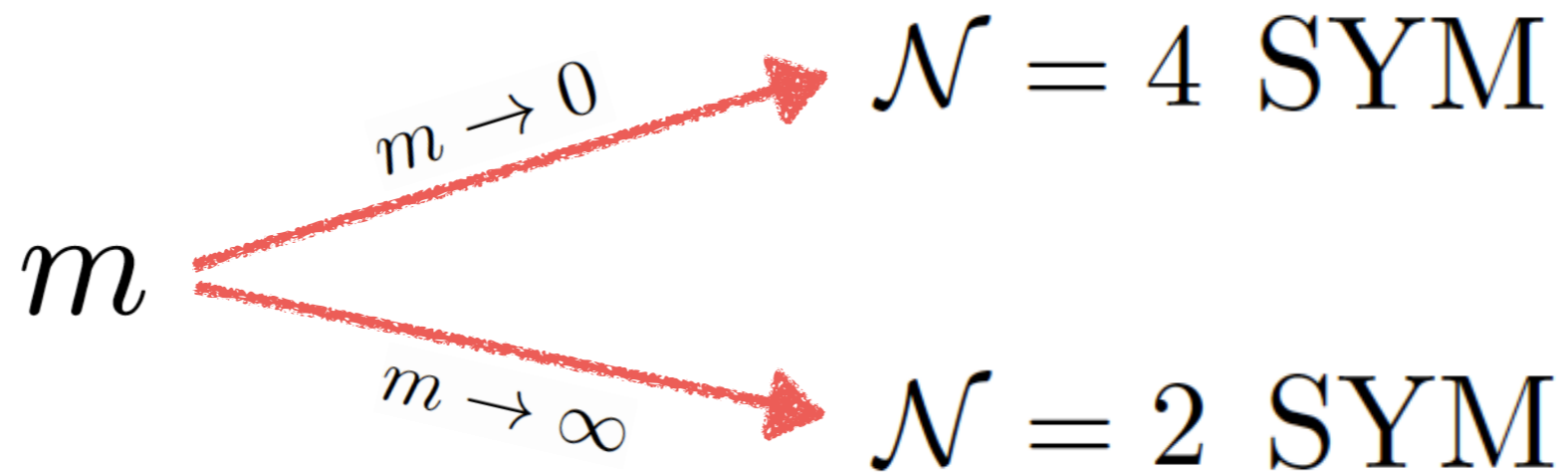
# $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ SYM Theory

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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





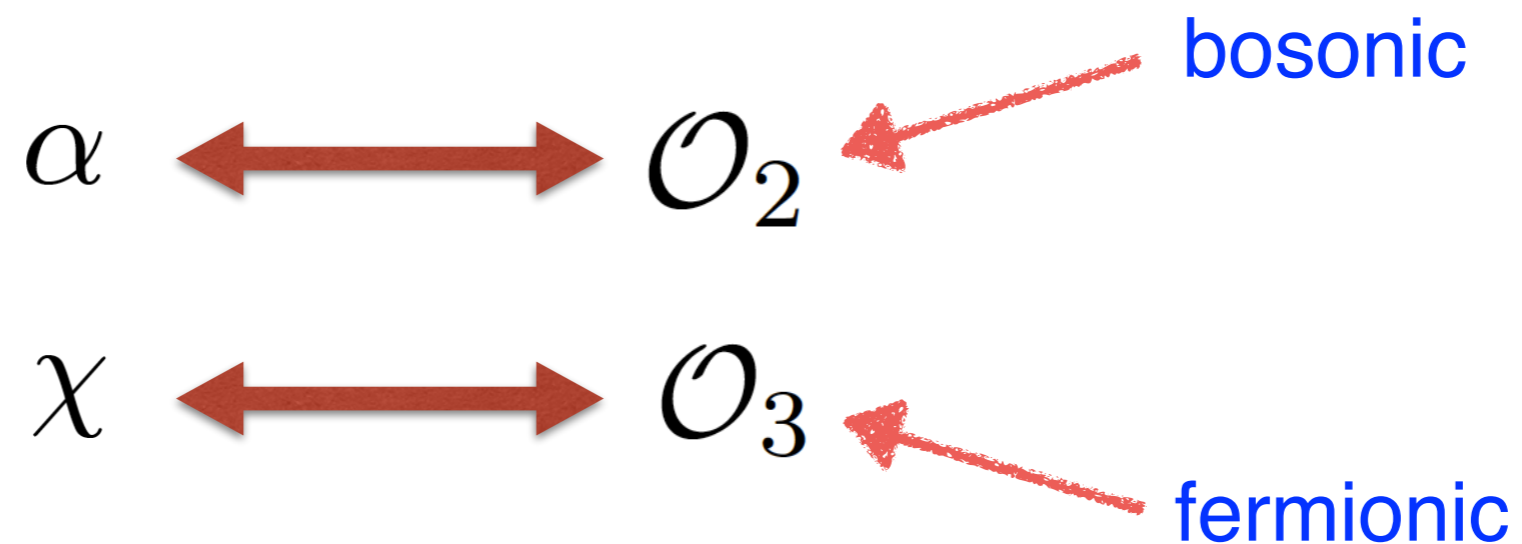
# Gravitational Dual

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Constructed by Pilch and Warner [Nucl. Phys. B594 (2001) 209-228]

A product of deformed  $AdS_5$  and a deformed five-sphere

Supergravity scalars:  $\alpha$  and  $\chi$



Supergravity action

$$I_5 = \frac{1}{4\pi G_5} \int_{\mathcal{M}_5} d\xi^5 \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{4} R - \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} \right)$$

# Gravitational Dual

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Supergravity action

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} = -3(\partial\alpha)^2 - (\partial\chi)^2 - \mathcal{P}$$

Potential

$$\mathcal{P} = \hat{g}^2 \left( \frac{1}{16} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \alpha} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial \chi} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{1}{3} W^2 \right)$$

Superpotential

$$W = -e^{2\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} e^{4\alpha} \cosh(2\chi)$$

# Some Results from Literature

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Finite temperature Pilch-Warner solution

Constructed by Buchel, Peet and Polchinski [[Phys. Rev. D63 \(2001\) 044009](#)]

$\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  plasma has been studied

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

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

Buchel and Liu [[JHEP 1311 \(2013\) 031](#)]

Much easier to implement **bosonic deformation**

*Consistent truncation* possible

$$m_f = 0, m_b \neq 0 \longleftrightarrow \chi = 0, \alpha \neq 0$$

# Some Results from Literature

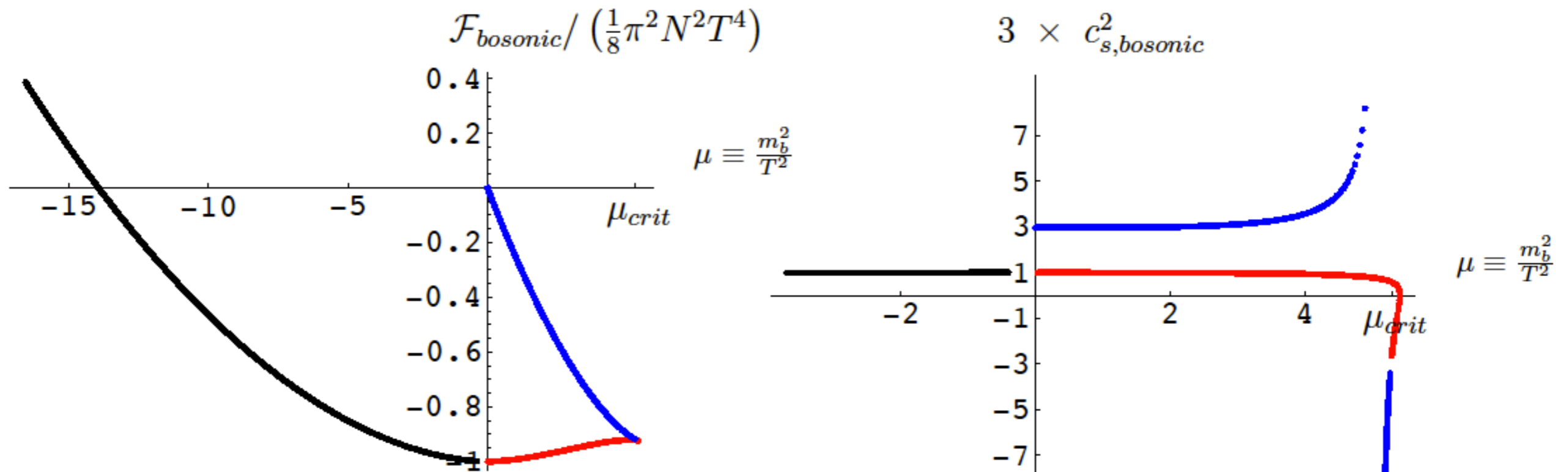
Free energy:  $\mathcal{F}_{bosonic}$

Speed of sound:  $c_{s,bosonic}^2$

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{E} - sT$$

$$c_s^2 = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \mathcal{E}}$$

$$c_{s, bosonic, red}^2(\mu = \mu^*) = 0$$



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# Going to the Lattice and Vafa-Witten Twist

Use a twisted version of the theory

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

- 1.) Half twist
- 2.) Vafa-Witten twist
- 3.) GL twist

Use Vafa-Witten twist [Nucl. Phys. B431 (1994) 3-77]

Global symmetry  
group

Twisted symmetry  
group

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4) \xrightarrow{\text{twist}} SU(2)'_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_F$$

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

# Vafa-Witten Twist

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

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

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

$$Q^2 X = 2\sqrt{2}[\phi, X] \qquad \tilde{Q}^2 X = -2\sqrt{2}[\bar{\phi}, X]$$

# Vafa-Witten Twist

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$Q$  supersymmetry transformations

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

$$Q\phi = 0,$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Similar transformations for  $\tilde{Q}$

# Vafa-Witten Twist

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Action takes following form

$$S = Q\tilde{Q} \frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \text{Tr } \mathcal{F}$$

Action potential

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



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

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Mass deformation (untwisted theory)

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

Using twisted variables:  $S_{\mathcal{N}=2^*} = S_{\mathcal{N}=4} + S_m$

$$S_m = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \operatorname{Tr} \int d^4x \left( m^2 \mathcal{O}_2 + m \mathcal{O}_3 \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = \frac{1}{3}(B_{\mu\nu}^2 + C^2 + 2\phi\bar{\phi}),$$

**bosonic**

**fermionic**

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = -4i(\psi_{12}\psi_{23} + \psi_{13}\zeta + \chi_1\chi_2 + \chi_3\chi_4) \\ + 2i(\phi[B_{12}, B_{23}] - \bar{\phi}[B_{12}, B_{23}] + \phi[B_{13}, C] - \bar{\phi}[B_{13}, C]) \\ - (\phi[B_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}] + \bar{\phi}[B_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}] + \phi[C, C] + \bar{\phi}[C, C]) \\ + \frac{2}{3}m(B_{\mu\nu}^2 + C^2 - \phi\bar{\phi}).$$

# Lattice Formulation

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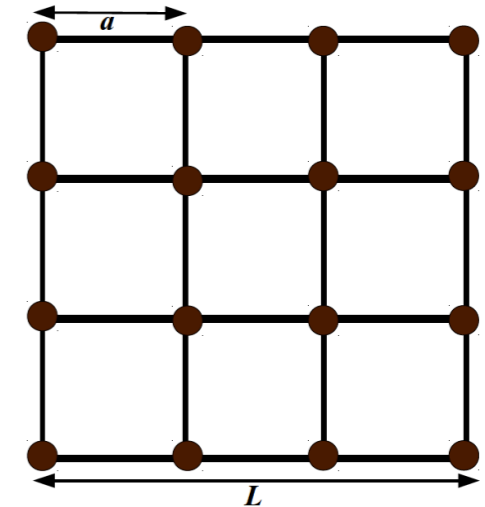
Use discretization prescription by Sugino F. Sugino [[JHEP 0401 \(2004\) 015](#)]

Gauge field on links

$$U_\mu(\mathbf{n}) = e^{A_\mu(\mathbf{n})}$$

All other fields on sites

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



Appropriate for lattice: **Balanced Topological Field Theory Form (BTFT)** of action

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

Field strength on lattice - functional of link fields

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

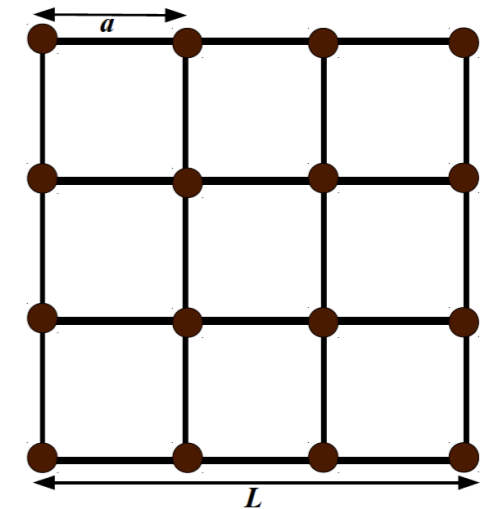
# Lattice Formulation

Straightforward to write down lattice action F. Sugino [JHEP 0401 (2004) 015]

Issue with vacuum degeneracy - need to be resolved

Twisted theory gauge action:

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



Standard Wilson:

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

$$U_{\mu\nu} = 1$$

unique minimum

$$U_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(\pm 1, \dots, \pm 1)$$

many classical vacua

Could resolve by adding standard Wilson term - softly breaks SUSY

# Lattice Formulation

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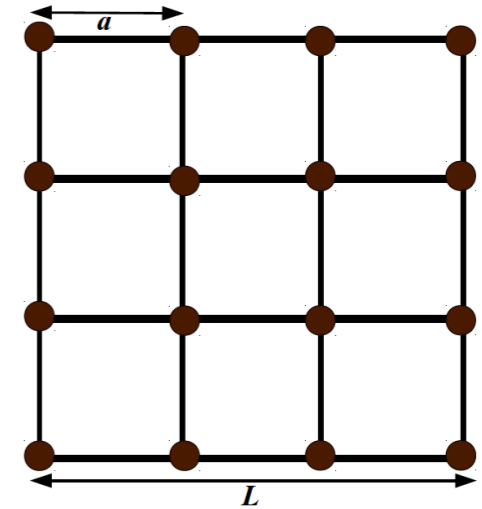
Goal - investigate finite temperature theory

With bosonic deformation

Lattice action

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=2^* \text{ bosonic}}^L = \beta_L Q \tilde{Q} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \text{Tr } \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{n}) + \beta_L m_L^2 \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \text{Tr } \mathcal{O}_2(\mathbf{n})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2(\mathbf{n}) = \frac{1}{3} \left( B_{\mu\nu}^2(\mathbf{n}) + C^2(\mathbf{n}) + 2\phi(\mathbf{n})\bar{\phi}(\mathbf{n}) \right)$$



Local, doubler free, gauge invariant, twisted Lorentz invariant

Gravitational dual has been investigated

Supergravity action

$$I_5 = \frac{1}{4\pi G_5} \int_{\mathcal{M}_5} d\xi^5 \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{4} R - \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} \right)$$

with  $\alpha$  turned on

# Conclusions and Future Directions

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- Presented lattice formulation of  $N=2^*$  super Yang-Mills
  - Bosonic deformation much easier to implement
  - Could simulate thermodynamics
  - Could validate gauge-gravity duality in non-conformal setting
- Need to enumerate symmetries of lattice theory
- Study renormalization and fine tuning
- Study finite temperature properties
  - First law of thermodynamics in AdS/CFT setting
  - Does the speed of sound vanish?  $c_s^2(\mu = \mu^*) = 0, \quad \mu \equiv \frac{m_b^2}{T^2}$
  - Thermal phases in the theory
- Sign problem?
- Dynamical/thermodynamic stability?

**THANK YOU!**