

## AdS/CFT correspondence with applications

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Outline:

- 1) Gauge Field Theory
- 2) Derivation of AdS/CFT (Maldacena's conjecture)
- 3) Holographic Wilson loops
- 4) Holography: dictionary, correlators, ...
- 5) Applications: probe branes
- 6) Quantum Hall ferromagnetism

## Preamble about gauge fields

Notation:  $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, +1, +1, +1)$  $A_\mu(x) \in$  Fundam. up. of a Lie Algebra  $\sim$  gauge groups

slightly more compl.  $\xrightarrow{\text{SU}(N) \text{ or } U(N)}$   
 (in large  $N$  limit there aren't many diff.)

Therefore  $A_\mu(x)$  is a  $N \times N$  Hermitian matrix

$\hookrightarrow$  connection:  $\sim$  transf. of "coordinates"  
 change of phase of WAVE FUNCTION

$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_N \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \phi'(x) = g(x) \phi(x)$$

with  $g(x) \in U(N)$

Local coord. transf?  $\rightarrow$  covariant derivative

$$D_\mu \phi(x) = \partial_\mu \phi(x) - i A_\mu(x) \phi(x)$$

$$\text{then } D_\mu \phi \mapsto g(x) D_\mu \phi \Rightarrow A_\mu(x) \mapsto g(x) A_\mu(x) g^\dagger(x) - i \partial_\mu g(x) g^\dagger(x)$$

Covariant derivative ( $N \times N$  Hermitian matrix)  $\rightarrow$  CURVATURE:

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) = [D_\mu, D_\nu] = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i[A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$\mapsto g(x) F_{\mu\nu}(x) g^\dagger(x)$$

\* Lagrangians  $\rightarrow$  classical extrema have 0 curv. :

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) \quad \rightarrow \text{e.o.m. } F_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

What about coupling const?

$$\rightarrow \text{in front: } \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{important for loop expansion in } O(\frac{1}{g^{2n}})}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{in the transf: } \partial_\mu - iA_\mu \mapsto \partial_\mu - ig_{yn} A_\mu(x)$$

Why  $-\frac{1}{2}$  instead of  $-\frac{1}{4}$ ?

$$* A_\mu = \sum_{a=1}^{N^2} T^a A_\mu^a \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{ab} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \sum_a F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$$

\* otherwise treat  $A_\mu$  directly as a matrix and write  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Then choose the extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  according to the rep.

**PARALLEL TRANSPORT** (comparison between  $\phi(x)$  and  $\phi(y)$ )

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(y) \quad x \xrightarrow[C]{\phi(x)} \phi(y) \quad \text{and} \quad U_C(x,y) \phi(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow U_C(x,y) = P e^{i \int_C dt \dot{x}^\mu(z) A_\mu(x(t))}$$

↳ path ordered: n-th term in the expansion:

$$U_C(x,y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n!} P \int dt_1 \dot{x}^\mu A_\mu \dots \int dt_n \dot{x}^\mu(t_n) A_\mu(x(t_n))$$

P orders orders the (classical) matrices (not yet quant. ops.)  $\rightarrow \dot{x}^\mu(z) D_\mu U_C(x,y) = 0$  [covariantly const.]

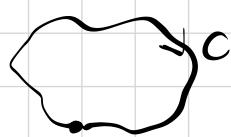
Gauge transf:  $U_c(x,y) \mapsto g(x) U_c(x,y) g^\dagger(y)$  ( $U_c$  is a  $N \times N$  unitary matrix)

→ now consider a loop:  $U_c(x,x) \mapsto g(x) U_c(x,x) g^\dagger(x)$  → the eigenvalues are gauge inv.

↙ average of the eigenvalues:  $\frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(U_c(x,x)) = \boxed{W_c}$

WILSON LOOP

$$W_c = \text{Tr} \left( e^{i \oint_C dx^{\mu}(z) A_{\mu}(x(z))} \right) \leftarrow \text{"diagnostic for the nature of the connection"}$$



↙ it does not depend on the base point

## QUANTIZATION OF GAUGE FIELDS

$$\langle W_c \rangle = \left\{ \int dA_{\mu} e^{i \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{2g_m^2} F_{\mu\nu}(x) F^{\mu\nu}(x) \right)} W_c \right\} \left\{ \int dA_{\mu} e^{i \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{2g_m^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)} \right\}^{-1}$$

(need to add ghosts in perturbation theory)

→ Use a diagnostic tool

$$\langle W_c \rangle = \int e^{-\sigma \text{Area}(c)} e^{-S_f \text{Perimeter}(c)} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{CONFINEMENT} \\ \text{DECONFINEMENT} \end{array} \Rightarrow \text{it depends on the scaling law!}$$

↓  
before quant. there is no dimensional const  $\Rightarrow \sigma, S_f$  must come from sth:

$\sigma$ : "string tension"

[if  $W_c$  indep. of  $c \Rightarrow$  only topological]

→ in 1+1 dim is solvable

in 1+2 it's already unsolvable

## Perturbation Theory

→ Taylor expand non quadratic terms (quad  $\Rightarrow$  gauge  $\Rightarrow$  OK)

~~> everything has to be renormalized:

$$g_{YM}^2 \left( \frac{k}{\mu} \right) = \frac{1}{\frac{11}{16} \ln \left( \frac{k^2}{\mu^2} \right)} \Rightarrow \text{ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM}$$

(non pert. at short dist.)

\* instantons do not work here...

\* CONFINING STRING:

$$\langle W_C \rangle = \sum_q \sum_X \underbrace{\mu(\{z\}, X)}_{\substack{\text{disk dep. measure} \\ \text{disk-like top.}}} e^{-\sigma A(z)} \Rightarrow \text{"stat. sum" over surfaces}$$

Euler characteristic ( $X=2-2g$ )



⇒ RELATION TO STRING THEORY → doesn't really work...

- Confinement → STRING TENSION
  - area law is OK semi-classical
- Regge trajectories ~~ we can see them! ~~ is there a string model underlying strong interac.
- Numerical → YM can be described by string models
- large  $N$  expansion → t'Hooft (1976)  $g_s = \frac{1}{N}$

~~ just evidence! No good models until AdS/CFT!

## AdS/CFT

Super YM theory  $\Rightarrow$  more fields

$$\langle W_C \rangle = \frac{\int [dA_\mu \dots] e^{i \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \dots \right)} W_C}{\int [dA_\mu \dots] e^{i \int d^4x (\dots)}}$$

### \* CONCRETE EXAMPLE

$N=4$  SYM theory

$\rightarrow$  add 6 dim  $\rightarrow$  type IIB superstrings on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  ( $N$  units of RR flux)

- const. curvature
- $R^4 = g_{YM}^2 N \lambda'$  (radius of  $S^5$  and  $AdS_5$ )  
 $\hookrightarrow (N \text{ of } SU(N))$

\* type IIB  $\leftrightarrow$  SYM are perfectly dual! [i.e.: SAME THEORY!]

$\Rightarrow$  R big (small curv)  $\Rightarrow g_{YM}$  is small

## → LARGE N PERTURBATION THEORY

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \text{Tr} \left\{ - \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial^\mu A^\nu + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\zeta}\right) (\partial_\mu A^\mu)^2 + \partial_\mu \bar{c} \partial^\mu c - i g_{YM} \partial_\mu \bar{c} [A^\mu, c] - \right. \\ & \left. - i g_{YM} \partial_\mu A_\nu [A^\mu, A^\nu] + \frac{1}{2} g_{YM}^2 [A_\mu, A_\nu] [A^\mu, A^\nu] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$c$  are  $N \times N$  non-Hermitian matrices

$\rightarrow$  keep fields as matrices!

we still have global  $U(N)$  sym.

$\rightarrow$  Feynman gauge:  $\zeta = 1$

$\rightarrow g_{YM}=0$ : "free field theory"

$$* \quad \langle A_\mu^{ab}(x) A_\nu^{cd}(y) \rangle_{g_{YM}=0} = \underbrace{\delta^{ad} \delta^{bc}}_{\delta^{ab} \delta^{cd}} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-i \eta_{\mu\nu}}{k^2 - i\epsilon} e^{ik_\mu(x-y)^\mu}$$

$$* \quad \langle C(x) \bar{C}(y) \rangle_{g_{YM}=0} = \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 - i\epsilon} e^{ik_\mu(x-y)^\mu}$$

N.B.:  $U(N) \rightarrow \delta^{ad} \delta^{bc}$   
 $SU(N) \rightarrow \delta^{ad} \delta^{bc} - \frac{1}{N} \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd} \Rightarrow$  same thing in  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit up to NLO

$\Rightarrow$  FAT GRAPH notation

$$\langle A_{\mu}^{ab}(x) A_{\nu}^{cd}(x) \rangle \left( = \begin{array}{c} \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} a \rightarrow d \\ b \leftarrow c \end{array}$$

if  $A_{\mu}$  are Lie field or matrices!  
Alg. notations!

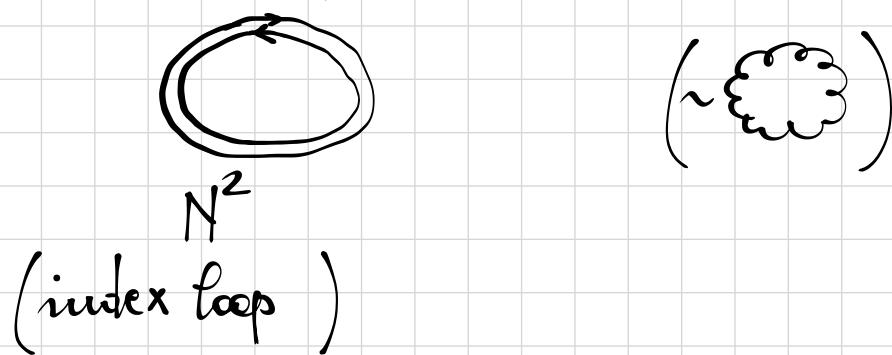
$$\langle C^{ab}(x) C^{cd}(y) \rangle = \begin{array}{c} a \rightarrow d \\ b \leftarrow c \end{array}$$

Even vertices can be written this way!



The usual Feynman diag. is the result of connecting vertices and propagators:

everytime we sum color indices then we get a factor  $N$



Then define:

$E$  = no. of internal lines

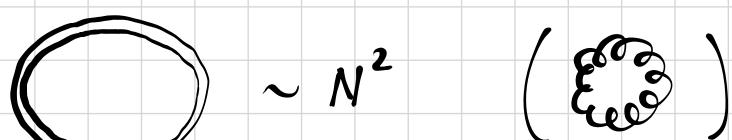
$V_3$  = no. of 3 pt. vert. "fat" lines

$V_4$  = no. of 4 pt. vert.

$F$  = no. of index loops

$E$  = no. ext. lines

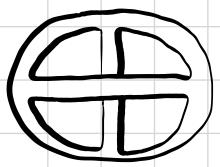
e.g.: VACUUM DIAGRAMS



$$\sim g_{YH}^2 N^3 = (g_{YH}^2 N) N^2 = \lambda N^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  PLANAR DIAGRAMS

$$\sim g_{YH}^6 N^5 = \lambda^3 N^2$$



$\sim N^0 \rightarrow \text{NON PLANAR DIAGRAM}$

(cannot draw it on a plane/sphere)

In particular they're behaviour is:

$\cancel{N^X}$  Euler char ( $X = 2 - 2g - \text{holes}$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{Planar} \rightarrow \text{sphere} \rightarrow N^2$

$\text{Non planar} \rightarrow \text{torus} \rightarrow N^0$

Consider the two point funct.:

$N^1 g_{ym}^2 \sim =\circlearrowleft \rightarrow \text{DISK: think of the rupture points as holes in the ext. of the sphere.}$

$N^0 g_{ym}^2 \sim =\circlearrowright \rightarrow \text{the rupture identify 2 holes as before but one is the interior and one ext.}$

In general:

$$N^F g_{ym}^{V_3} (g_{ym}^2)^{V_4}$$

$$X = F - E + V_3 + V_4$$

$L = (\text{no. of momentum } \int \text{ that remains after we used all } \delta \text{ functions}) = E - V_3 - V_4 + 1$

$$E + 2E = 3V_3 + 4V_4$$

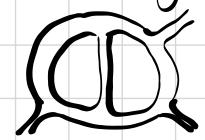
$$\Rightarrow N^F g_{ym}^3 (g_{ym}^2)^4 = \lambda^{L+E/2-1} N^{X-E/2} \quad (\lambda = g_{ym}^2 N)$$

## LARGE N LIMIT

$\epsilon = 0 \rightsquigarrow$  maximum Euler no.  $\Rightarrow$  sphere  $\chi = 2$

$\epsilon \neq 0 \rightsquigarrow$  "  $\Rightarrow$  sphere + hole  $\chi = 1$

put all ext. lines on  
the same face



↓

hole at  $\infty$  plane  $\rightarrow$  Planar limit (t'Hooft 1976)

Therefore in general:

$$A = \sum_{\chi} N^{\chi - \frac{g}{2}} \sum_L \lambda^{L + \frac{g}{2} - 1} \cdot (\text{Feynman diag.})$$

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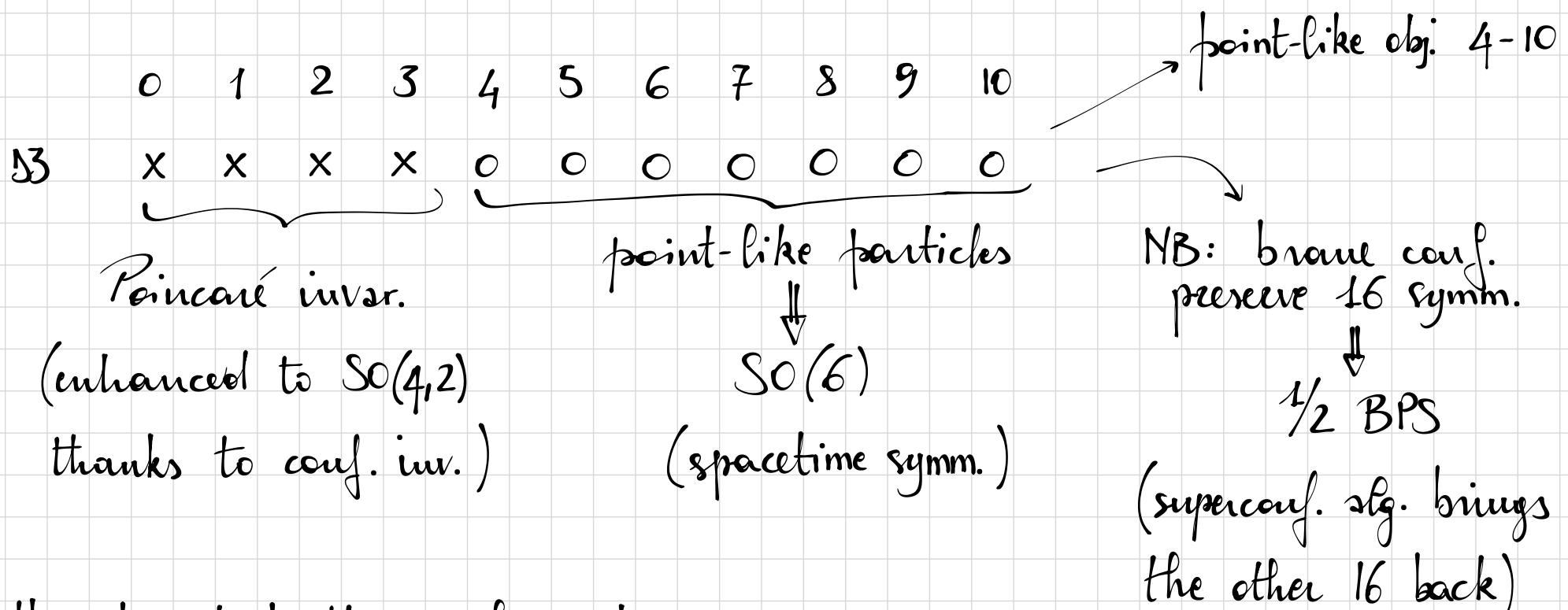
$\Rightarrow$  SYM  $\leftrightarrow$  String Theory

relation with string theory:  $N = 1/g_s$

## N coincident D3 branes in type IIB superstring theory

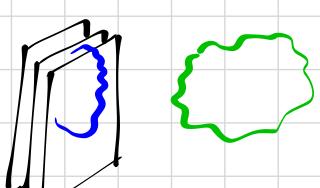
NB: odd dim D-branes  $\rightarrow$  type IIB

even dim D-branes  $\rightarrow$  type IIA



How to study the configurations?

WEAK COUPLING



$\Rightarrow$  in absence of coupl. the closed and open strc. do not interact

$\Rightarrow$  not interact  $\Rightarrow$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_s N \ll 1 \rightarrow \text{small interactions} \\ \alpha' \text{ s.t. at low energy everything is desc by SYM } \chi^2 = 4 \end{array} \right.$

STRONG COUPLING

\* black D3 brane:  $g_s N \gg 1$   
(SUGRA)

$$* S_{SG} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^7 \alpha'^4} \int d^10 x \sqrt{g} \left\{ e^{-2\phi} (R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2) - \sum_p \frac{2}{p(8-p)!} F_p^2 \right\}$$

Born-Infeld action at

$\rightarrow$  1st order + floating grav.

$\rightarrow$  desc by SYM  $\chi^2 = 4$

$\Rightarrow$  EXACT SOLUTION OF  $D=10$  SUGRA

Metric:  $ds^2 = H(r) \eta_{uv} dx^u dx^v + H(r) dx^m dx^m$  [BLACK D3-BRANE SOL.]

$$r = \sum x^m x^m$$

$$e^{2\phi} = g_s^2$$

$$F = (1 + *) dx^0 \wedge dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3 \wedge (1 - H(r))$$

$$H(r) = 1 + \frac{L^4}{r^4} \quad \text{where } L = 4\pi g_s N \alpha'^2$$

The quantum fluctuations lead to  $g_s N \gg 1$ :

$$\Rightarrow \text{low energy: } L^4 \gg \alpha'^2 \Rightarrow 4\pi g_s N \gg 1 \Rightarrow g_s N \gg 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{weak quantum gravity fluctuations: } L \gg L_{p,10} = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^7 J_s^2 \alpha'^4 \right]^{1/8}$$

("turn off quantum gravity at  
low energy")

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{N^{\frac{1}{4}} \gg 1}_{\downarrow}$$

we need LARGE  $N$

Now consider: NEAR HORIZON GEOMETRY

$$ds^2 = \frac{r^2}{L^2} \eta_{uv} dx^u dx^v + \frac{L^2}{r^2} dx^m dx^m \rightarrow AdS_5 \times S_5$$

$\Rightarrow$  symm. enhancement due to  $\begin{cases} \text{strong coupl.} \Rightarrow \text{near horizon} \\ \text{weak coupl.} \Rightarrow \text{superconf. symm.} \end{cases}$

What are the obs of the theory?

MALDACENA  $\rightarrow$  dual limits  $\begin{cases} \text{strong} \rightarrow \text{only near horizon gravitons on} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad AdS_5 \times S_5 \\ \text{weak} \rightarrow \text{decoupled gravitons from} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad SYM \end{cases}$

Therefore  $SYM \; \mathcal{W}=4 \longleftrightarrow \underbrace{AdS_5 \times S_5}_{}$

at small radius we can actually recover  
the entire string spectrum!

$\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM  $\longleftrightarrow$  IIB string on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

- \*  $L^2 = \sqrt{\lambda'} \alpha'$
- \*  $N$  units  $F_5$  flux =  $SU(N)$

} conjecture!

## EVIDENCE

- ~~~ both sides have the same symmetries  $PSU(2,2|4)$
- ~~~ multiplets MATCH
- ~~~ Protected correlation functions ARE IDENTICAL
- ~~~ Wilson loop, Localization
- ~~~ deformations from a fully supersymmetric YM can be found from string theory arguments
- ~~~ Integrability  $\Rightarrow$  anomalous dimensions

To compute correl. func. in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM :

$$\langle \partial_i(x_1) \partial_j(x_2) \rangle$$

$$[D, \partial_i(x)] = i(x^\mu \partial_\mu + \Delta_i) \partial_i(x) \quad (\text{dilations generator})$$

- \* What is the string dual to  $\partial_i(x)$
- \* Solve string theory (classical) with the b.c.
- \*  $\varphi_i(x) \rightarrow \varphi_0(x)$  at boundary of  $\text{AdS}_5$  ( $r \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$\Rightarrow Z_{\text{STRING}} [\varphi_i \rightarrow \varphi_0] = \langle e^{i \int \varphi_0(x) \partial(x)} \rangle$$

↓  
SOURCE!

i.e.:  $e^{i S_{\text{SOURCE}} [\varphi_i \rightarrow \varphi_0]}$

## Wilson Loop

$$W_C = \langle \text{Tr} P e^{i\oint A} \rangle$$

to compute all this beyond  
 → classical limit  
 we need to solve  
 string theory

$$\text{String Theory} \rightarrow W_C = \sum_x g_s^{-x} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \\ \oint \gamma = C}} u(\gamma, x) e^{-\sigma A[\gamma]}$$

$W=4$  SYM

Euclidean space

$$S = \int d^4x \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + D_\mu \phi^i D_\mu \phi^i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} [\phi^i, \phi^j]^2 + \text{fermions} \right\}$$

anti-Herm. in Euclidean space

$i = 1, \dots, 6 \Rightarrow 6$  scalar fields

$\phi, A_\mu$   $N \times N$  Hermitian matrices

$$\Rightarrow D_\mu \phi^i = \partial_\mu \phi^i - i g_{ym} [A_\mu, \phi^i]$$

↳ we're interested in  $SU(N)$ , but  $\sim U(N)$  for  
 $N \rightarrow \infty$  (the extra  $U(1)$  decouples)

NB: start from the minimum of the potential

$$\underset{i < j}{\text{min}} [\phi^i, \phi^j]^2 \longrightarrow \phi^i = 0 \text{ is a minimum!}$$

$\Downarrow$   
DEGENERATE!

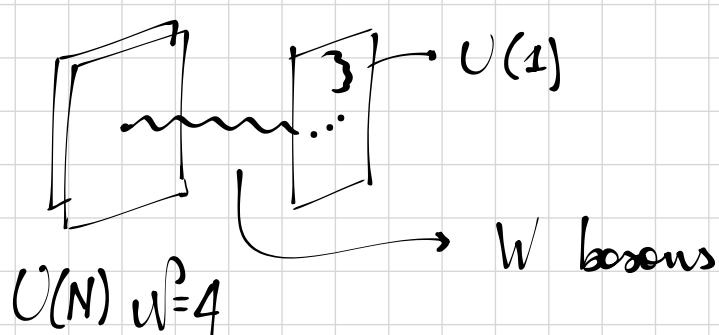
choose minimal Higgs mechanism

this condensate is still a  
 of the pot!  $[\phi^i, \phi^j]_{i < j}$

$$N+1 \text{ square matrix : } \phi_{N+1, N+1}^6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \\ & \phi^c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \langle \phi^c \rangle \neq 0$$

$$U(N+1) \mapsto U(N) \times U(1)$$

On the brane side:



We now have a tunable mass for the  $W$  bosons!

$\rightsquigarrow$  brane: no attractive force between stacks  $\Rightarrow$  more along flat direction!

NB:  $W$  bosons are charged:

$$[A_\mu]_{N+1, \alpha} = [W_\mu]_{\alpha} \rightarrow \text{index under the remaining } U(N)$$

$\Rightarrow$  fundam. rep.

$\rightsquigarrow$  under large  $N$ , fundam. rep. fields are "quenched"  
 $\rightarrow$  they contribute  $O(N)$  and NOT  $O(N^2) \Rightarrow$  throw away!

Prop / anspl for  $W$ -boson at large  $N$ : remaining

$$\mathcal{A} = \int [dx^\mu][dT] e^{-\int d\tau \left( \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2T} + m^2 T \right)} + i \int A \underset{U(1)}{\underset{\text{(suppressed)}}{\textcircled{A}}}$$

if interested in  $W_c$ : I can forget any  $W$  boson lines  
in  $\langle W \rangle$  since they will be suppressed!  $\rightarrow$  pull and excite of  $W$  boson strings

$$W[X^\mu] = \langle \text{Tr } P e^{i \int d\tau \dot{X}^\mu(\tau) A_\mu(\tau)} + \int d\tau |\dot{X}| \phi^6(x(\tau)) \rangle_{U(N) \text{ sym}}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $W$  bosons do not have back reaction!

because of this  
we can't really say  
that  $\langle W_c \rangle$  is related  
holonomy

$\rightarrow$  SEMICLASSICAL LIMIT

$$\mathcal{A} = \int [dx^\mu][dT] e^{-\int d\tau \left( \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2T} + m^2 T \right)}$$

c.o.m.:  $-\frac{\ddot{x}}{2T} = 0$

$$T = \frac{1}{4m^2} \int \dot{x}^2 d\tau$$

$$x^\mu(\tau) = (x_f - x_i)^\mu \frac{\tau}{T_p} + x_i^\mu$$

$$T = \frac{1}{4m} \frac{(x_f - x_i)^2}{T_p}$$

Then  $\mathcal{A} \sim e^{-m\sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}}$   $\rightsquigarrow$  can we improve it?

$\rightsquigarrow$  Add a term  $i \int A$  to the path integral:

$$-\frac{\ddot{x}^u}{2\tau} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x^u} W[x^u] = 0 \quad \text{s.t.: } \frac{\delta}{\delta x^u} W|_{\substack{\text{straight} \\ \text{line}}} = 0$$

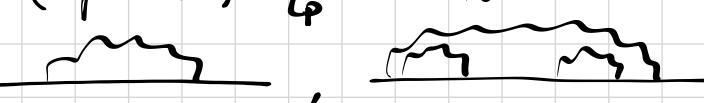
$\Rightarrow$  the straight line is a solution in the semiclassical lim:

$$A \sim e^{-m\sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}} \langle W(\text{straight line}) \rangle$$

$\hookrightarrow \infty$  to have gauge invariance

$\rightarrow$  PERTURBATIVE THEORY (small  $\lambda$ ): (Feynman gauge  $\{=1\}$ )

$$W[x^u] = N + N \frac{\lambda}{16\pi} \int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \frac{|\dot{x}(\tau_1)| |\dot{x}(\tau_2)| - \dot{x}(\tau_1) \cdot \dot{x}(\tau_2)}{(x(\tau_1) - x(\tau_2))^2} + \dots$$

if we plug  $x^u = (x_f - x_i)^u \frac{\tau}{\tau_f} + x_i^u$  in : the propagator cancels!!!  $\Rightarrow$   = 0

NB:  $\langle \text{Tr } e^{g_{YM} \int (iA + \phi)} \rangle =$  

 $= \text{Tr} \left\{ \mathbb{I} + g_{YM}^2 \int \langle (iA + \phi)(iA + \phi) \rangle + \dots \right\}$

SUSY allows the simplification of a lot of Feynman diagrams

where  $\langle A_u^{ab} A_v^{cd} \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} \delta_{uv} \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd}$

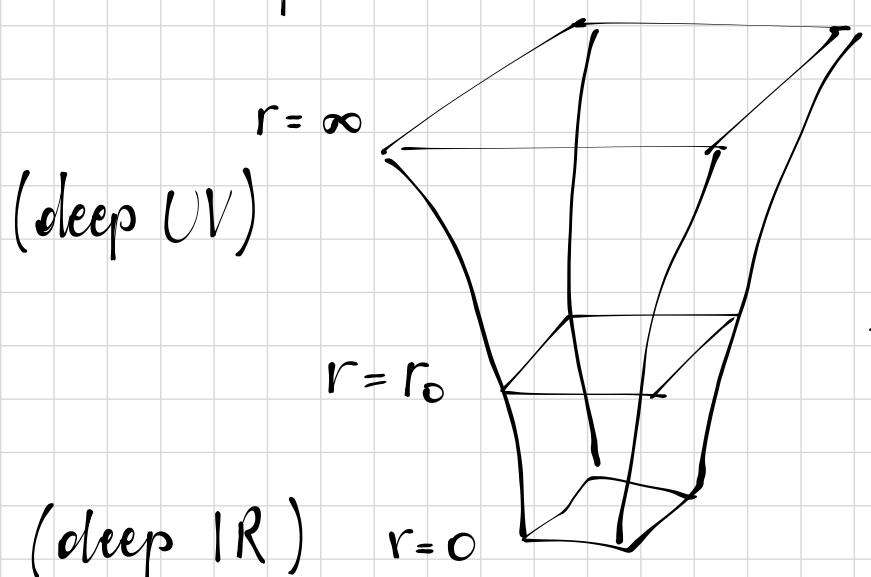
Then:  $A \sim N e^{-m\sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}}$

[It's a conjecture that this cancellations is OK for all orders!]

$\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM doesn't  
backreact  $\Rightarrow$  cancellation!  
(on a straight line)

What happens on strong coupling side?

→ separate branes in AdS space!



(deep IR)

$r = \infty$

$r = r_0$

$r = 0$

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + r^2 dx^{\mu 2} + d\Omega_5^2 \right)$$

\* branes live (in this case) at  $r=0$

↓  
when branes are separated  
the remaining brane is a

PROBE BRANE

large  $N \rightarrow$  switches off  
dynamics of gravity  
retaining the gravitational

field  $\Rightarrow$  PROBE: "feels" gravity → place it at  $(r=r_0)$   
and it will float there!

Why? → BORN- INFELD - ACTION

→ tension of D3-brane

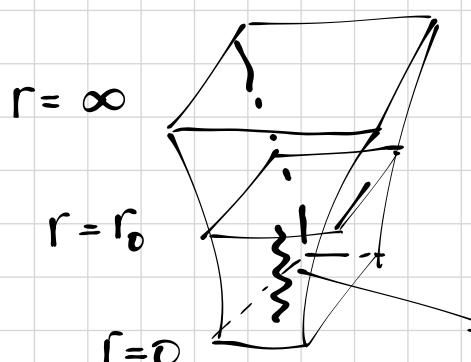
$$S = T_3 \int d^4x \left[ -\sqrt{-\det(g_{\mu\nu} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{\mu\nu})} + \omega_4 \right]$$

it doesn't fall thanks to RR charge

$$\omega_4$$

analogous to  $\langle \phi^6 \rangle \neq 0$

not changing the energy!



string σ model in AdS background

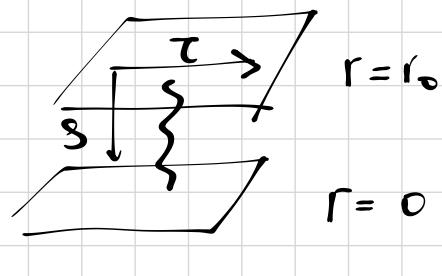
→ SEMICLASSICAL  $\Rightarrow$  only bosonic (i.e. no K-sym., no RR charges, etc.)

$$A = e^{-\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \text{Area}} \Rightarrow \text{embedding?}$$

consider W-brane on straight line

$$\Rightarrow X^{\mu} = (x_f - x_i)^{\mu} \frac{\tau}{\tau_r} + x_i^{\mu}$$

$$r = s$$



On the sphere it should look like a point!

$$x^m = r \hat{\theta}^m \quad \text{unit vector}$$

no  $d\Omega_S$ !

$$\rightarrow \text{Induced METRIC: } d\sigma^2 = L^2 \left( \frac{ds^2}{s^2} + s^2 \frac{(x_f - x_i)^2}{L_p^2} d\tau^2 \right)$$

$$\sqrt{g} = L^2 \frac{1}{L_p} \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad L^2 = \sqrt{\lambda} \alpha'$$

then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \text{Area} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} \alpha'}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_0^{r_0} d\tau \int_0^{r_0} ds \frac{1}{L_p} \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} r_0 \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}$$

Then

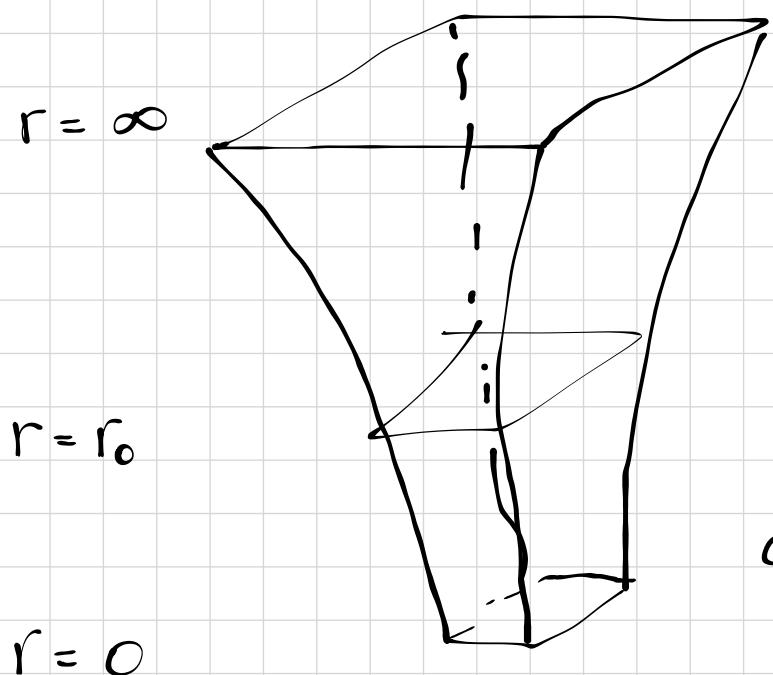
$$A_{\text{string}} = e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} r_0 \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}} \quad (\text{there would be } N \text{ if } \neq \text{disk})$$

$$A_{\text{field}} = e^{-m \sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}} N$$

$\Rightarrow$  they're if the mass of the  $W$  boson:

$$m = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} r_0$$

The picture is



$$\lambda \ll 1: \mathcal{W} \sim e^{-m\sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}}$$

$$\lambda \gg 1: \mathcal{W} \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}\sqrt{(x_f - x_i)^2}}$$

consistent with:  $m = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} r_0}{2\pi}$ ,  $W_{\text{line}}^{\text{straight}} = N$

One  $W$  boson is of course charged under the  $U(1)$  field on the probe brane.

\* Field POV:

$$S = \int d\tau \left[ \frac{\dot{x}^2}{4T} + m^2 T + \frac{F_{\mu\nu}}{2} x^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \right]$$

Landau orbits!

EUCLIDEAN

$$F_{12} = E$$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{\ddot{x}^\mu}{2T} + F^{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^\mu(\tau) = \frac{m}{E} (\cos(2\pi\tau), \sin(2\pi\tau), 0, 0)$$

$$T^2 = \frac{1}{4m^2} \int \dot{x}^2 d\tau$$

$$\rightarrow S = 2\pi \frac{m^2}{E} - 2\pi E \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{m}{E} \right)^2 = \pi \frac{m^2}{E}$$

use e.o.m.

Therefore:

$$\mathcal{W} = \int [dx^\mu] [dT] e^{-S} W[x^\mu]$$

technically it is  $-\frac{\ddot{x}^\mu}{2T} + F^{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu - \frac{\delta \ln W[x]}{\delta x^\mu} = 0$

$$\text{but } \frac{\delta}{\delta x^\mu} W \Big|_{\text{circle}} = 0$$

→ the circle is a valid semiclass. solution!

Then:

$$\mathcal{W}^{\text{semic.}} = e^{-\pi \frac{m^2}{E}} W[\text{circle}]$$

NB: perturbatively can be complicated  $\Rightarrow W[x^u]$  at 2<sup>nd</sup> order is not exactly computable.

Now we compute  $W$  perturbatively:

$$W = N \left\{ 1 + \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} \int dz_1 dz_2 \frac{|\dot{x}(\tau_1)| |\dot{x}(\tau_2)| - \vec{x}(\tau_1) \cdot \vec{x}(\tau_2)}{(x(\tau_1) - x(\tau_2))^2} + \dots \right\}$$

$$= \text{ALONG THE CIRCLE} = N \left\{ 1 + \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} \cdot \frac{2\pi^2}{2} + \dots \right\} =$$

$$= N \left\{ 1 + \frac{\lambda}{8} + \dots \right\}$$

e.g.:   $\Rightarrow$  becomes easier!  $\rightarrow$  MATRIX MODELS

$$\rightsquigarrow \langle W(\text{circle}) \rangle = \langle \text{Tr } e^\eta \rangle_\eta \rightarrow \text{MATRIX}$$

$$\hookrightarrow Z = \int d^N \eta e^{-\frac{S[\eta]}{\lambda}} \rightarrow \text{modified Bessel func.}$$

$$\text{LARGE } N: \langle W \rangle = N \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} I_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) \Rightarrow$$

With vertex?

$$\text{Diagram with vertex} + \text{Diagram with vertex} + \dots = O \text{ (assuming symm.)}$$

Now large  $N \rightarrow$  comparison with string order

$$\langle W \rangle \sim e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{I_n}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \lambda^{-\frac{n}{4}}$$

## String Theory Action

$$S = \frac{L^2}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d\sigma (r \partial X \cdot \bar{\partial} X + \frac{\partial r \bar{r}}{r^2})$$

$$\rightarrow r^2 (\partial X^\mu)^2 + \frac{(\partial r)^2}{r^2}$$

$$r^2 (\bar{\partial} X)^\mu + \frac{\bar{\partial} r}{r^2} = 0$$

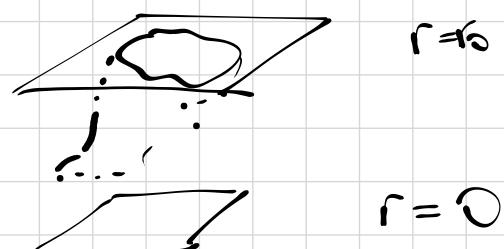
Then

$$\partial \bar{\partial} r = r^3 \partial X \cdot \bar{\partial} X + \frac{1}{r} \bar{\partial} r \bar{\partial} r$$

$$2(r \bar{\partial} X)$$

(AdS space)

+ b.c. containing  $F_{\mu\nu}$



$$\rightarrow \vec{X}(\tau, \sigma) = R (\cos(2\pi\tau), \sin(2\pi\tau), 0)$$

$$r(\tau, \sigma) = r_0$$

Find solution with symmetries only?

$$\vec{X} = \frac{\cosh(2\pi\sigma)}{\cosh(2\pi\sigma)} R (\cos(2\pi\tau), \sin(2\pi\tau), 0, 0)$$

$$r = r_0 \frac{\tanh 2\pi\sigma}{\tanh 2\pi\sigma} \rightarrow \sinh(2\pi\sigma) = \frac{1}{R r_0}$$

Plug everything back into the action:

$$S = \sqrt{(\underbrace{\lambda r_0}_W R)^2 + \lambda} - \sqrt{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi E R^2$$

$W$  boson mass

$$= \frac{\pi m^2}{E} - \sqrt{\lambda} - \frac{\lambda E}{4\pi\hbar^2} \xrightarrow{\text{in low energy limit}}$$

boundary condition!

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = e^{-\frac{\pi M^2}{E} + \sqrt{\lambda}} \rightarrow \text{Wilson loop contribution}$$

What about the term  $-\frac{\lambda E}{4\pi M^2}$  ?

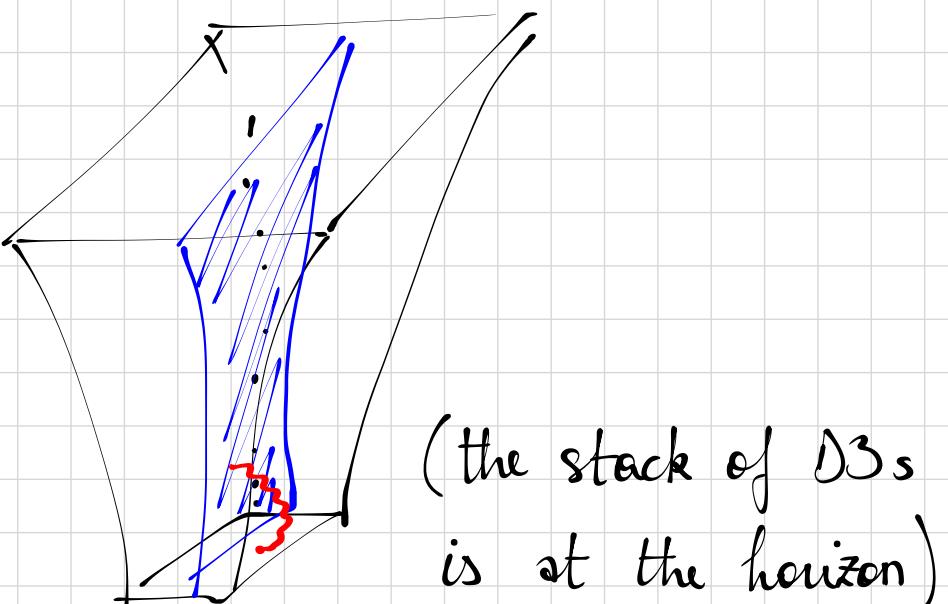
$$\Rightarrow E_c = \frac{2\pi m^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \Rightarrow \text{in Born-Infeld action: } \sqrt{\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)}$$

$\rightarrow E_c$  is the limit for brane stability:  
insert induced D3-brane metric and  
 $E_c$  in BI action to see!

## PROBE BRANES

\* Assume that the no. of probe branes  $N_F$  is such that:

$$N_F \ll N \\ (\text{no backreaction})$$



- Randall, Karch
- de Wolf, Freedman, Ooguri

Consider D3-branes and D5-branes:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D3	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
D5	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	0	0	0

$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  supersymmetric conf.

$\underbrace{\text{2+1-Poinc.}}_{\uparrow} \quad \underbrace{\text{SO(3)}}_{\text{SO(3)}}$

it's a defect field theory!

$\hookrightarrow$  enhanced to  $Osp(4|4)$

$$\begin{aligned} AdS_4 &\subset AdS_5 \\ (S^2) &\subset S^5 \\ \text{MAXIMAL} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^1)^2 + \dots + (x^6)^2 = 1$$

$$(x^1)^2 + \dots + (x^3)^2 = 1$$

$$\text{and } x^4, \dots, x^6 = 0$$

D-brane action (field theory):

$$S_D = \int d^3x \left\{ |D_\mu q|^2 - i\bar{\psi} D_\mu \psi \right\} + \text{interactions}$$

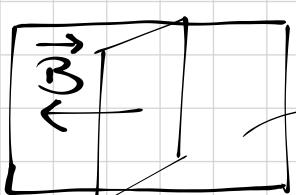
scalar  $\text{ISO}(2,1)$   
spinor  $\text{SO}(3)$

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global  $U(1)$  charge corresponding  
to the inserted D brane

see N. Evans et al.

[EM field on branes]



b-fundamentals of  
 $U(N)$  and  $U(N_F)$

index

$\Rightarrow$  if  $N_F > 1 \Rightarrow$  instead of  $U(1)$  we  
get  $U(N_F)$  flavor

bulk:  $W=4$  SYM

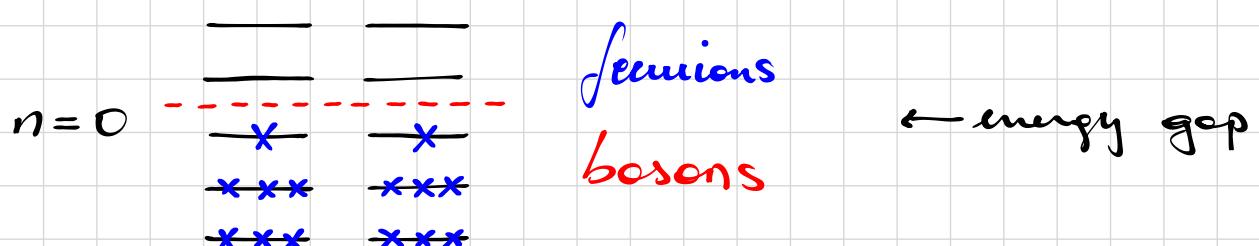
defect  $\Rightarrow S_D$  field theory lives there!

$\Rightarrow$  the D-brane pinches off and creates a gap with  
the others  $\Rightarrow$  strings have a minimum length  $\Rightarrow$  MASS  
GAP!  $\rightarrow$  chiral symmetry breaking

EM field + bos & ferm  $\Rightarrow$  Landau level :  $\omega_n = \sqrt{B(2n+1)}$  (boson)  
 $\omega_n = \pm \sqrt{B2n}$  (ferm.)

$\rightarrow$  SUSY is broken!

Low energy states :



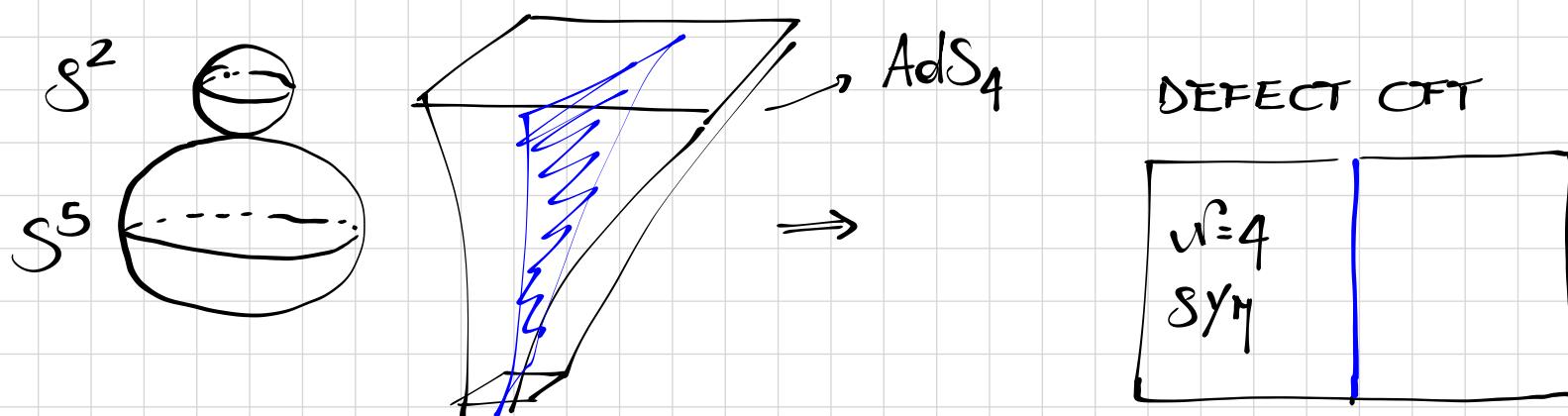
How to solve degeneracy?  $\Rightarrow$  symm. spin wave function (antisymm. in space)  $\Rightarrow$  aligned spin

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Let's consider again the same setup:



$$S_D = \int d^3x \left\{ |D_u q|^2 - i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \dots \right\}$$

[Finite T approach: AdS BH  $\rightarrow$  Hawking T]

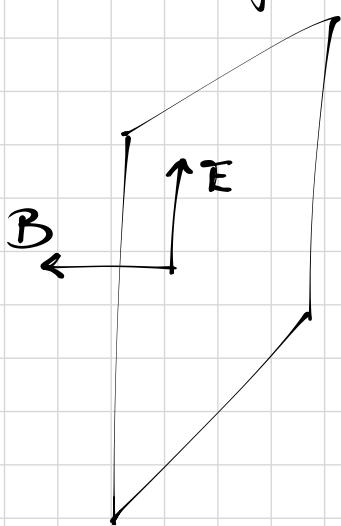
$$\Rightarrow S^2, S^5 \text{ have same radius: } \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i^2 = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i^2 = 1$$



the introduction of the brane breaks the symmetry.  
 $S_0(3)$  "  $\rightarrow$  4  
 $\widetilde{SO}(3)$  "  $\rightarrow$  9

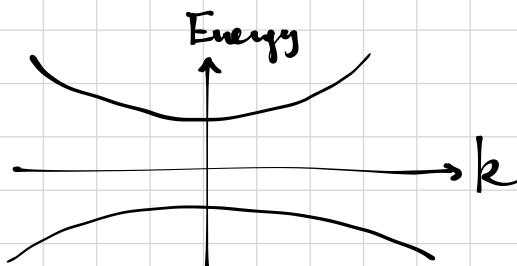
Now insert a magnetic field  $B$ : it "breaks" the defect  $\Rightarrow$  the brane shrinks  $\rightarrow$  the  $S^2$  cycle shrinks to a point.

Now insert an electric field:



the E field brings the brane towards the brane:

described by the brane



$\rightarrow$  the Electric field fills the gap

Probe brane  $\rightarrow$  no backreaction on  $AdS_5 \times S_5$

\* Geometry:  $\rightarrow$  DBI action is the effective action for open strings at disk level:

## Dicac - Born - Infeld action:

$$S_5 = \frac{T_s}{q_s} \int d^2\sigma \left\{ \sqrt{-\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + 2\pi\alpha' C^{(4)} \wedge F \right\}$$

from disk ampl.

induced metric  
from the embedding

Chen-Simon

$$T_5 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^5 \alpha'^3}, \quad 4\pi q_S = g^2 \gamma \pi$$

split  $S^5!$   
 $S^2$  on top!

$$\text{Now: } ds^2 = \sqrt{\lambda} x' \left[ r^2 (-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta (d\phi^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\psi^2) + \cos^2 \theta (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

thus D5-brane:  $(t, x, y, r, \theta, \phi)$ ,  $z = 0$

$$\Rightarrow d\sigma^2 = \sqrt{\lambda'} \alpha' \left[ r^2 (-dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2) + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} (1 + r^2 \varphi'(r)^2) + \sin^2 \varphi(r) (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 d\psi^2) \right]$$

# Gauge fields ?

find e.o.m.

$$2\pi \alpha' F = \sqrt{\lambda'} \alpha' \left[ \frac{d\alpha^{(r)}}{dr} dr \wedge dt + b dx \wedge dy \right]$$

$\Rightarrow \psi(r), a(r)$  will tell us everything we need!

Thus i

$$\mathcal{S} = - \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda} NN_5}{(2\pi)^3} V_{2+1} \int_0^\infty dr \ 2 \sin^2 q(r) \sqrt{b^2 + r^4} \cdot \sqrt{1 + r^2 q'(r) - a'(r)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(r) \text{ is cyclic} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{\delta S}{\delta a'(r)} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta S}{\delta a'(r)} = q_S \quad \text{simplify}$$

Then we plug it back in + Legendre transf.:

$$R_5 = S_5 - \int dr \alpha'(r) \frac{\delta S}{\delta \alpha'(r)}$$

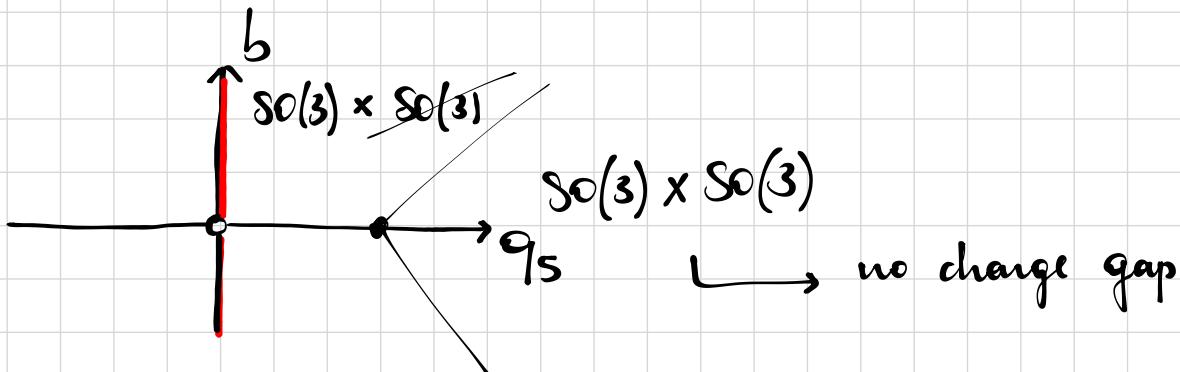
$$\rightarrow R_5 = -\frac{2\sqrt{\lambda} N N_5 V_{2+1}}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^\infty dr \sqrt{4\sin^2 q(r)(b+r^4) + q_5^2} \sqrt{1+r^2 q'(r)^2}$$

together with  $q(r \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

NB:  $b, q_5 = 0 \Rightarrow q = \text{const}$  is a sol.

$b$  ON  $\Rightarrow$  shows  $r \rightarrow 0$  behaviour

$q_5$  ON  $\Rightarrow$  there's a critical point where  $q = \text{const}$  works again



D7-brane  $\rightarrow$  wraps 2  $S^2$  inside  $S^5 \rightarrow$  at  $r = \infty$  one of those pinches off  $\rightarrow$  D5 b.c.

$$S_7 = \frac{T_7}{q_5} \int d\sigma^2 \left[ -\sqrt{-\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + \frac{(2\pi\alpha')^2}{2} C^{(4)} \wedge F \wedge F \right]$$

$$\rightarrow AdS_4 \times S^2 \times S^2$$

relevant CS term  
( $C^4 \sim \text{axion}$ )

~~~ does it compete with the D5 solution?

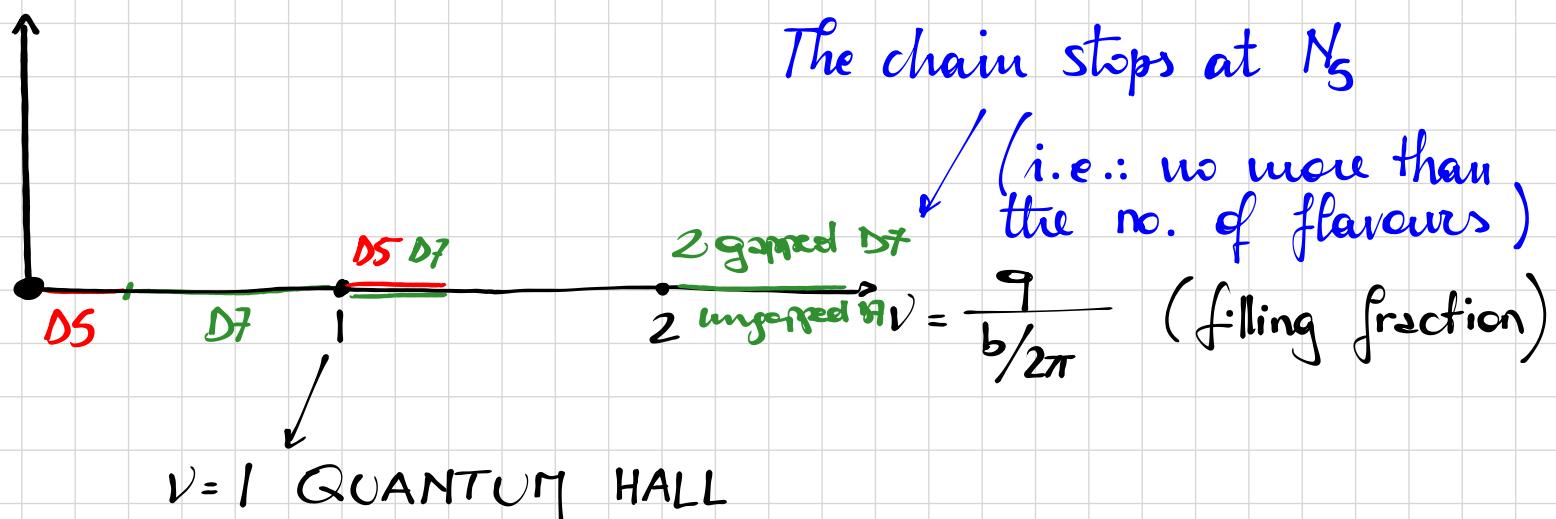
\* Ansatz for metric  $\rightarrow$  wraps one  $S^2$  more w.r.t. to previous D5

$$* C^{(4)} = \lambda \alpha'^2 \left[ r^4 dt \wedge dx \wedge dy \wedge dz + \frac{C(4)}{2} d\cos\theta \wedge d\phi \wedge d\cos\tilde{\theta} \wedge d\tilde{\phi} \right]$$

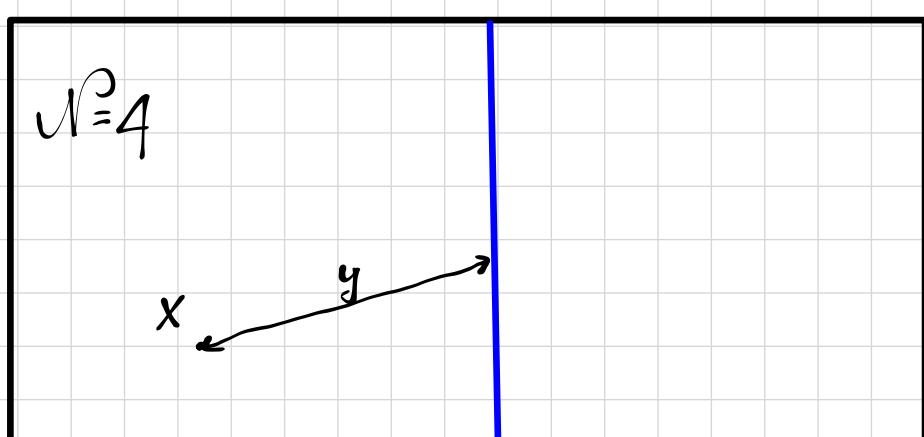
$$\text{where } C(q) = q - \frac{1}{4} \sin^4(q) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$R_7 = -\frac{2\lambda N}{(2\pi)^4} V_{2+1} \int_0^\infty dr \frac{\sqrt{4\sin^4 q (f^2 + 4\cos^4 q)(b^2 + r^2) + (q + 2bc)^2}}{\sqrt{1 + r^2 q'(r)}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\sin^4 q f^2(b + r^4) + q^2}}$$

D7-brane is lower in energy  $\rightarrow$  favored state



## DEFECT CFT



Operators:

$$O_I(x) \text{ in bulk} \quad [N=4 \text{ ops.}]$$

$$\hat{O}_I(x) \text{ on defect}$$

$$\Rightarrow [D, O_I(x)] = i(x^\mu \partial_\mu + \Delta_I) O_I(x)$$

$$[D, \hat{O}_I(x)] = i(x^\mu \partial_\mu + \hat{\Delta}_I) \hat{O}_I(x)$$

$\Rightarrow$  One point function:

$$\langle O_I(x) \rangle = \frac{C_I}{|y|^{\Delta_I}} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{distance from defect}}$$

R-symm:  $SO(6) \rightarrow SO(3) \times SO(3)$

$\Rightarrow$  CORR FUNC:

$$\langle O_I(x) \hat{O}_J(o) \rangle = \frac{c_{IJ}}{|y|^{\Delta_I - \Delta_J} (x^\mu x_\mu)^{\Delta_J}} \quad (\text{fixed by conf. sym.})$$

asymptotically this shouldn't depend on the defect

$$\underbrace{\langle O_I(x) O_J(x') \rangle}_{\langle O_I(x) \hat{O}_J(x') \rangle} = \frac{C_{IJ} f(\xi)}{|y|^{\Delta_I} |y'|^{\Delta_J}} \quad \text{where } \xi = \frac{(x-x')^\mu (x-x')_\mu}{4yy'}$$

$\mathcal{N}=4$  chiral primary operators

$$O_I(x) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_6} C_I^{i_1 \dots i_6} \langle 0 | \text{Tr} \phi^{i_1}(x) \phi^{i_2}(x) \dots \phi^{i_6}(x) | 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{irrep of } SO(6)} \frac{(8\pi^2)^{4/2}}{\lambda^{4/2} \sqrt{\Delta}}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  't Hooft coupl.

$$\text{Normalized s.t.: } \sum C_I^{i_1 \dots i_6} C_J^{i_1 \dots i_6} = \delta_{IJ}$$

$$\text{without defect } \langle O_I(x) O_J(y) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{IJ} \delta_{\Delta_I \Delta_J}}{|x-y|^{4\Delta_I + 4\Delta_J}}$$

$$\Rightarrow I \text{ has } \frac{(3+\Delta)(2+\Delta)^2(1+\Delta)}{12} \text{ values}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  superconformal primary

$$[O(x), S] = 0$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  chiral primary

$$[O(x), Q^\alpha] = 0 \text{ for some } \alpha$$

(for chiral  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  BPS  $\Rightarrow$  half of them)

$$\{Q, S\} = T + \Sigma + D$$

$\downarrow$  R-symm     $\downarrow$  Spin

$$\rightarrow \{S, [O, Q^\alpha]\} = 0 \rightarrow [O, T + \Sigma + D] = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  some  $T, \Sigma$  cancel the value of  $D$   
(conf. dim.)

$\Rightarrow C_J^{i_1 \dots i_6}$  form  $SO(6)$  sph. harmonics

$$\Rightarrow SO(6) : Y_I(\hat{x}) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_6} C_I^{i_1 \dots i_6} \hat{x}^{i_1} \dots \hat{x}^{i_6}$$

$(\hat{x} \in S^5)$

$$\rightarrow \nabla^i \hat{x}^j = \frac{1}{|x|} (\delta_{ij} - \hat{x}^i \hat{x}^j) \rightarrow -\vec{\nabla}^2 Y_I = \frac{\Delta_I(\Delta_I+4)}{x^2} Y_I$$

$$-\nabla^2 = -\frac{1}{x^5} \frac{d}{dx} x^5 \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{L_{ij}}{x^2} \rightarrow L_{ij} = -i(x_i \nabla_j - x_j \nabla_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow L_{ij} Y_I = \Delta(\Delta+4) Y_I$$

With  $S^5$  metric: (NB: 2 2-spheres fibered over an interval)

$$\rightarrow ds^2 = d\psi^2 + \cos^2\psi (\sin^2\theta d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) + \sin^2\psi (\sin^2\theta d\tilde{\theta}^2 + \sin^2\tilde{\theta} d\tilde{\phi}^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{\sin^2\psi \cos^2\psi} \frac{d}{d\psi} \sin^2\psi \cos^2\psi \frac{d}{d\psi} \right) Y_I = -\Delta(\Delta+4) Y_I$$

$$\text{call } z = e^{2i\psi} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\psi} = 2iz \frac{d}{dz}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ -\left( z \frac{d}{dz} \right)^2 + \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) \right] \frac{Y_I(z)}{z - \frac{1}{z}} = 0$$

$$Y_{IA}(z) = \frac{(-1)^{\Delta/2}}{2^{\frac{\Delta-1}{2}} \sqrt{(\Delta+1)(\Delta+2)}} \frac{z^{1+\frac{\Delta}{2}} - z^{-1-\frac{\Delta}{2}}}{z - \frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow \Delta \text{ even integer}$$

$\Rightarrow$  looks like an  $SU(2)$  character: (Taylor exp.)

$$Y_I(z) = \dots (z^{\Delta/2} + z^{\Delta/2-1} + \dots + z^{-\Delta/2})$$

$$Y_I(\psi) = \frac{(2+\Delta)!}{2^{\Delta+1/2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\Delta+1)(\Delta+2)}} \sum_{p=0}^{\Delta/2} \frac{(-1)^p \sin^{\Delta-2p}\psi \cos^{2p}\psi}{(2p+1)! (1+\Delta-2p)!}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  there's only one  $SO(3) \times SO(3)$  invariant!

$$\rightarrow i_1, \dots, i_\Delta = 1, 2, 3 \quad (\text{instead of } 1, \dots, 6)$$

Now go back to D3-D5' brane system:

Space:  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

D5-brane  
world volume:  $AdS_4 \times S^2$

D3-branes can end on D5 branes!

D5-brane +  $k$  units of magnetic flux

$N$  D3-branes       $N-k$  D3-branes

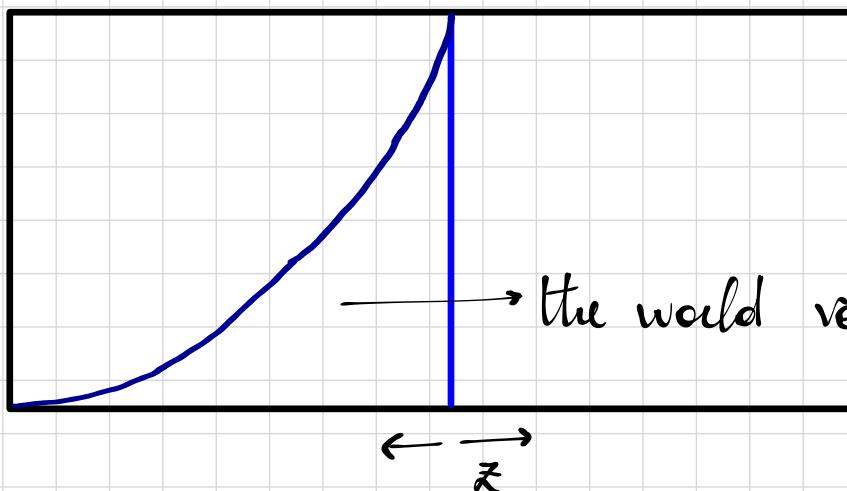
Magnetic fluxes help in the construction:

this time it's relevant!

$$S = \frac{T_s}{q_s} \int d^6\sigma \left\{ -\sqrt{-\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} + 2\pi\alpha' F \wedge C^{(4)} \right\}$$

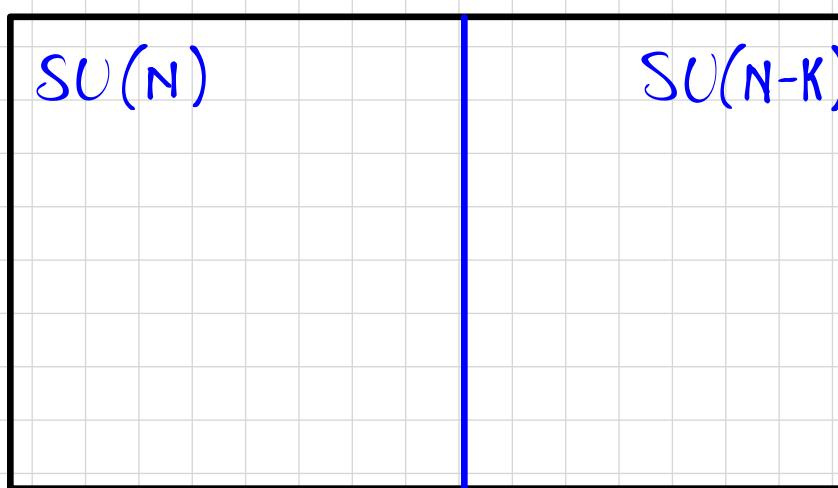
$\tau \rightarrow \infty$

$\tau = 0$



the world volume changes as  $z = \frac{K}{r}$   
but it's still  $AdS_4 \times S^2$

Now we have:



→ the definition of  
defect CFT is still  
an open problem!

we work in large  $K$  approx:  $\sqrt{\lambda} \ll K \ll N$  (ok because  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  small.)

→ the expansion over  $\frac{\lambda}{K^2}$  is

meaningful from both sides  $\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{K^2} \ll 1$

→ string theory is ≠ since  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  big

→ how to reproduce 1 pt funct?  $\Rightarrow$  TAD POLE

↔ condensate of 8th → HIGGS [cannot be const however]

$\mathcal{W}^4$  SYM:

$$A_\mu = 0$$

$$\lambda_0^\alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi_i - \sum_{j=1}^6 [\Phi_i, [\Phi_j, \Phi_i]] = 0 \quad (*)$$

dist from def.

$$\Rightarrow \text{SU}(N) \text{ change: } \sum_{i=1}^6 [\phi_i, \nabla^\mu \phi_i] = 0 \quad (**)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_i(y) = -\frac{1}{|y|} T_i^{K \times K} \oplus O^{(N-K) \times (N-K)} \xrightarrow{\text{SU}(2) \text{ matr.}}$$

$$\Phi_i = -\frac{1}{|y|} \begin{pmatrix} T_i & \begin{matrix} K \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ K \end{matrix} & O \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{sl}(N \times N) \Rightarrow \text{sol to } (*) \text{ and } (**)$$

the trace of such ops.

$$\rightarrow \langle O_I(x) \rangle = \frac{Y_I(0) (2\pi^2)^{\Delta/2}}{\sqrt{\Delta} \lambda^{\Delta/2}} (K^2 - 1)^{\Delta/2} K \frac{1}{|y|^\Delta} \quad (\Delta \text{ even integer})$$

STRING theory side:

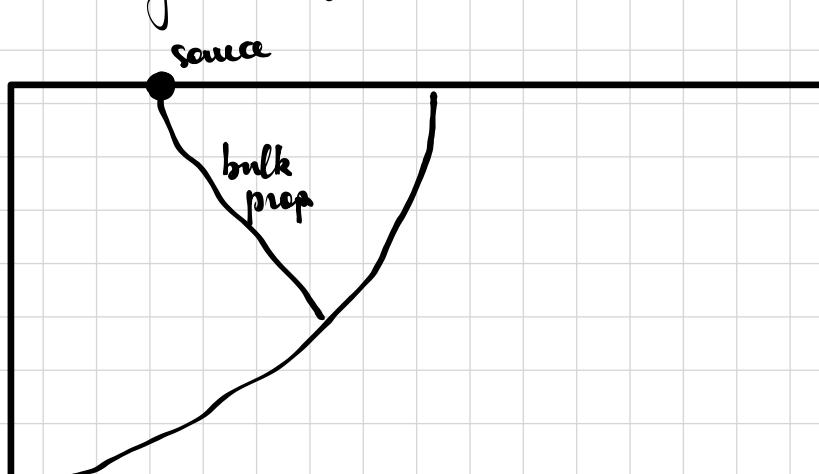
- dual of the chiral operator?

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{AdS}} = \frac{2\Delta(\Delta-1)}{\Delta+1} S g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{4}{\Delta+1} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu S$$

$$h_{\alpha\beta}^S = 2\Delta S g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$a_{\mu\nu\rho}^{\text{AdS}} = 4\sqrt{g^{\text{AdS}}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\eta} \nabla^\eta S$$

$\Rightarrow$  find Green funct. for scalar mode:



(arXiv: 1611.04603)

after a lot of struggle  
this was computed on gauge  
theory side

string theory naturally gives  
perturbative corrections

$$\langle O_I(x) \rangle = \frac{Y_I(0) (2\pi^2)^{\Delta/2}}{\lambda^{\Delta/2} \sqrt{\Delta}} - \frac{K^{\Delta+1}}{|y|^\Delta} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2 K^2} \left[ \frac{3}{2} + \frac{(\Delta-2)(\Delta-3)}{4(\Delta-1)} \right] + \dots \right)$$