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COMMENTS ON THERMODYNAMICS OF  
SUPERSYMMETRIC MATRIX MODELS

based on

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th]].

## STRING-FIELD DUALITY

allows to obtain strong results for certain SUSY field theories at strong coupling

- Most known : AdS/CFT

### Circular Wilson loop

- exact result (all-order perturbative resummation)

$$\langle W \rangle_{\text{circle}} = \frac{2I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad (\lambda = g^2 N_c).$$

- on the string side

$$\langle W \rangle_{\text{circle}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{1}{\lambda^{3/4}} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{8\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \right].$$

- The leading term is obtained from the analysis of the  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  solution of 10D supergravity.

- string corrections.

- cusp anomalous dimension and many other wonders.

One of them: **Thermal internal energy**

$$E = \frac{\pi^2 N^2}{2} T^4 \left[ \frac{3}{4} + \frac{45}{32} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\lambda^{3/2}} + \dots \right]$$

(the coefficient in front of  $T^4$  is the coefficient in the Stefan-Boltzmann law).

- Derived via certain **black brane** solutions in 10D supergravity

- duality works also for other theories
- 1) Low-dimensional sisters of  $N = 4$  SYM.
- 2)  $3D$   $N = 6$  theories

The youngest (prettiest ?) sister:

### 10D SQM model

$$H = \frac{1}{2} E_i^a E_i^a + \frac{g^2}{4} f^{abe} f^{cde} A_i^a A_j^b A_i^c A_j^d + \frac{ig}{2} f^{abc} \lambda_\alpha^a (\Gamma_i)_{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\beta^b A_i^c ,$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, 9$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, N^2 - 1$ , and  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, 16$ .  $E_i^a$  are canonical momenta for the bosonic dynamic variables  $A_i^a$ ;  $\lambda_\alpha^a$  are Majorana fermion variables lying in the **16**-plets of  $SO(9)$ .

- Dimensionful coupling constant  $g^2$  gives an intrinsic energy scale

$$E_{\text{char}} \sim (g^2 N)^{1/3} \equiv \lambda^{1/3} .$$

## THERMODYNAMICS:

weak coupling at  $T \gg E_{\text{char}}$ ,

$$\langle E \rangle_T \propto \#_{\text{d.o.f.}} T$$

strong coupling at  $T \ll E_{\text{char}}$ ,

$$\left\langle \frac{E}{N^2} \right\rangle_{T \ll \lambda^{1/3}} \approx 7.41 \lambda^{1/3} \left( \frac{T}{\lambda^{1/3}} \right)^{14/5} \left[ 1 + O \left( \frac{T}{\lambda^{1/3}} \right)^{9/5} \right].$$

## Sketch of derivation

(Klebanov, Tseytlin, Kabat, Lifschytz, Hanada,  
Hyakutake, Nishimura, Takeuchi)

- **black hole** solution

$$ds_{\text{BH}}^2 = \frac{r^{7/2}}{R^{7/2}} \left[ -dt^2 \left( 1 - \frac{r_0^7}{r^7} \right) \right] + \frac{R^{7/2}}{r^{7/2}} \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{r_0^7}{r^7}} + r^2 d\Omega_8^2 \right]$$

$$e^{-2\phi(r)} \propto (r/R)^{21/2} \quad (\text{dilaton})$$

**BH entropy** = horizon volume

$$S_{\text{BH}} = V_{\text{horizon}} = e^{-2\phi(r_0)} \sqrt{-g}(r_0) \propto r_0^{9/2}$$

**$T_{\text{Hawking}}$**  = grav. accel. at horizon

$$T_{\text{Hawking}} \propto a_{\text{horizon}} \sim \left. \frac{dg_{00}}{dr} \right|_{r=r_0} \propto r_0^{5/2} .$$

Getting rid of  $r_0$ , we obtain

$$S \propto T^{9/5} \text{ and } \langle E \rangle_T \propto T^{14/5}$$

verified **numerically** on the QM side

(**Anagnostopoulos et al, 2007**)

**analytical** understanding ?

## A) Pure YM QM

- discrete spectrum with  $E_{\text{char}} \sim \lambda^{1/3}$
- $T \gg \lambda^{1/3} \longrightarrow \langle E \rangle_T \sim (3/4)N^2(D-2)T \quad (D = 4, 6, 10)$ 
  - $T \ll \lambda^{1/3} \longrightarrow \langle E \rangle_T \sim e^{-\lambda^{1/3}/T}$

## B) SYM QM with $D = 4, 6$

- Discrete spectrum like in pure YM theory.
- Vacuum valleys (  $[A_i, A_j] = 0$  ) and **continuous spectrum**
- **Infinite** contribution to the partition function:

$$Z = \int \frac{dpdx}{2\pi} E^{-\beta p^2/2} = L \sqrt{\frac{T}{2\pi}}$$



- In our case,  $(D-1)(N-1)$  degrees of freedom and

$$Z_{\text{cont}} \sim \left(\frac{T}{\mu}\right)^{(D-1)(N-1)/2}$$

( $\mu$  - infrared cutoff).

- When  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\mu$  fixed, it is suppressed compared to

$$Z_{\text{discr., highT}} \sim \left(\frac{T}{\lambda^{1/3}}\right)^{\frac{3}{4}N^2(D-2)},$$

- The same pattern for

$$\langle E \rangle_T = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z$$

as for pure YM.

C) SYM QM with  $D = 10$

- New feature: Normalized zero energy states
- For large  $\vec{A}$  along the valley,

$$\Psi(A_i, \lambda) \sim \frac{1}{|\vec{A}|^9}$$

- Characteristic size of  $\Psi$  estimated from  $H_{\text{eff}}$  on the valley (Okawa, Yoneya),

$$H_{\text{eff}}(N) = \sum_{n=1}^N |\vec{E}^n|^2 + \frac{15}{16} \sum_{n>m}^N \frac{|\vec{E}^n - \vec{E}^m|^4}{g^3 |\vec{A}^n - \vec{A}^m|^7} + \dots,$$

$$\vec{A} = \text{diag}(\vec{A}^1, \dots, \vec{A}^N) \text{ and } \vec{E} = \text{diag}(\vec{E}^1, \dots, \vec{E}^N).$$

- Comparison of two terms gives

$$A_{\text{char}}^2 \sim \frac{N^{2/9}}{g^{2/3}} \sim N^{5/9} \lambda^{-1/3}.$$

- At  $T > N^{-5/9} \lambda^{1/3}$ , this family gives the contribution

$$Z(T) \sim \exp \left\{ N^2 \left( \frac{T}{\lambda^{1/3}} \right)^{9/5} - N \right\},$$

which **REPRODUCES**

$$S \propto T^{9/5} \text{ and } \langle E \rangle_T \propto T^{14/5}$$

- exponential **fall-off** of  $\langle E \rangle_T$  at  $T < N^{-5/9} \lambda^{1/3}$ .

## TWO PROBLEMS

1) No numerical evidence for the growth of  $A_{\text{char}}^2$  with  $N$ .

2) String corrections to the strong coupling estimate  $\langle E \rangle_T \propto T^{14/5}$  become important at  $T \sim \lambda^{1/3} N^{-10/21}$  rather than  $T \sim \lambda^{1/3} N^{-5/9}$ .

$$\frac{10}{21} \neq \frac{5}{9}$$

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