

# Two-dimensional lattice for four-dimensional $N = 4$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills

~ Hybrid Discretization ~



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# § 1 Introduction



## Supersymmetric Gauge Theory

- Natural extension of flat space-time. (philosophical importance)
- Necessary to unify the interactions. (phenomenological importance)
- Exact results in quantum field theory. (theoretical importance)  
(Seiberg-Witten theory, Dijkgraaf-Vafa theory, Nekrasov's formula, etc...)
- Gauge/Gravity duality
- Connection to superstring theory

**We need non-perturbative analysis.**

# Possible two ways for non-perturbative analysis

## 1. SUSY algebra

- strong algebraic constraint by supersymmetry
- exact analysis (Seiberg-Witten, Dijkgraaf-Vafa, Nekrasov's formula etc...)

Powerful enough to get exact results

but

We can see (usually) only a part of the theory.

## 2. Numerical computation by **non-perturbative regularization**

Typical example: Lattice QCD

Once SUSY gauge theory is regularized non-perturbatively • • •

① We can compute any physical quantity numerically in principle.

② **We obtain a “definition” of the theory.**

### Difficulty

It is difficult to keep *all* supersymmetry on a lattice.



We do not have enough symmetry to single out the continuum theory.



**Especially for 4d theory**, we need many fine tunings to take the continuum limit.  
(almost impossible to carry it out)



# non-perturbative formulations for SUSY gauge theories

## 1) 1d theories (matrix quantum mechanics)

- lattice formulations [S. Catterall, T. Wiseman \(2008\)](#)
- non-lattice formulations (momentum cutoff)

## 2) 2d theories

[M. Hanada, J. Nishimura, S. Takeuchi \(2007\)](#)

- **Sugino's lattice model** for

✓  $N=(2,2), (4,4)$  SYM [F. Sugino \(2002-2005\)](#)

✓  $N=(2,2)$  theory with matter [F. Sugino \(2008\)](#)

- Suzuki-Taniguchi lattice model for  $N=(2,2)$  SYM [H. Suzuki, Y. Taniguchi \(2005\)](#)

**2d  $N=(8,8)$  theory (matrix string theory) is missing.**

## 3) 3d theories

- lattice formulation for 3d  $N=1$  SYM [N. Maru, J. Nishimura \(1997\)](#)
- 3d  $N=8$  SYM on  $R \times \text{fuzzy } S^2$

## 4) 4d theories

[J.M. Maldacena, M.M. Sheikh-Jabbari, M. Van Raamsdonk \(2003\)](#)

- lattice formulation for  $N=1$  pure SYM [e.g. J. Nishimura \(1997\)](#)
- 4d large  $N$  (planar)  $N=4$  SYM on  $R \times S^3$   
[T. Ishii, G. Ishiki, S. Shimasaki, A. Tsuchiya \(2008\)](#)

**4d  $N=2$  and 4 SYM with finite rank gauge group is missing.**

## In this talk, I will give

1. a new lattice formulation for 2d  $N=(8,8)$   $U(N)$  SYM (matrix string theory)
2. a possible scenario to obtain 4d  $N=4$   $U(k)$  SYM from fuzzy  $S^2$  background of the 2d lattice theory.

# Plan of this talk



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# § 2 continuum 2d N=(8,8) SYM



Euclidean action

$$S_0 = \frac{2}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} F_{12}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu X^I)^2 - \frac{1}{4} [X^I, X^J]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \Psi^T (D_1 + \gamma_2 D_2) \Psi + \frac{i}{2} \Psi^T \gamma_I [X^I, \Psi] \right)$$

where  $\mu = 1, 2, \quad I, J = 3, 4, \dots, 10$ .

**fields**

$A_\mu$  : gauge field

$X^I$  : 8 scalar fields

$\Psi$  : 16-component spinor

**symmetries**

16 supersymmetries

SO(8) R-symmetry

REWRITE

**2 SUSY  $Q_\pm$**   
and  
 **$SU(2)_R$**   
become manifest



## Ffield redefinition (BTFT form)

$$X^I \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_i & (i = 3,4) \\ B_A & (A = 1,2,3) \\ C, \phi_+, \phi_- \end{cases} \quad \Psi \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \psi_{+\mu}, \rho_{+i}, \chi_{+A}, \eta_+ \\ \psi_{-\mu}, \rho_{-i}, \chi_{-A}, \eta_- \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{+\mu} \\ \psi_{-\mu} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{+A} \\ \chi_{-A} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ \\ -\eta_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} Q_+ \\ Q_- \end{pmatrix} : \text{SU}(2) \text{ doublets} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ C \\ -\phi_- \end{pmatrix} : \text{SU}(2) \text{ triplet}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\pm} A_{\mu} &= \psi_{\pm\mu}, & Q_{\pm} \psi_{\pm\mu} &= \pm i D_{\mu} \phi_{\pm}, & Q_{\mp} \psi_{\pm\mu} &= \frac{i}{2} D_{\mu} C \mp \tilde{H}_{\mu}, \\ Q_{\pm} \tilde{H}_{\mu} &= [\phi_{\pm}, \psi_{\mp\mu}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \psi_{\pm\mu}] \mp \frac{i}{2} D_{\mu} \eta_{\pm}, \\ Q_{\pm} X_i &= \rho_{\pm i}, & Q_{\pm} \rho_{\pm i} &= \mp [X_i, \phi_{\pm}], & Q_{\mp} \rho_{\pm i} &= -\frac{1}{2} [X_i, C] \mp \tilde{h}_i, \\ Q_{\pm} \tilde{h}_i &= [\phi_{\pm}, \rho_{\mp i}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \rho_{\pm i}] \pm \frac{1}{2} [X_i, \eta_{\pm}], \\ Q_{\pm} B_A &= \chi_{\pm A}, & Q_{\pm} \chi_{\pm A} &= \pm [\phi_{\pm}, B_A], & Q_{\mp} \chi_{\pm A} &= -\frac{1}{2} [B_A, C] \mp H_A, \\ Q_{\pm} H_A &= [\phi_{\pm}, \chi_{\mp A}] \pm \frac{1}{2} [B_A, \eta_{\pm}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \chi_{\pm A}], \\ Q_{\pm} C &= \eta_{\pm}, & Q_{\pm} \eta_{\pm} &= \pm [\phi_{\pm}, C], & Q_{\mp} \eta_{\pm} &= \mp [\phi_+, \phi_-], \\ Q_{\pm} \phi_{\pm} &= 0, & Q_{\mp} \phi_{\pm} &= \mp \eta_{\pm}. \end{aligned}$$

nilpotent  
up to  
gauge trans.

Action in  $Q_+Q_-$ -exact form

$$S_0 = Q_+ Q_- \mathcal{F}^{(0)}$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ -iB_A \Phi_A - \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{ABC} B_A [B_B, B_C] \right. \\ \left. - \psi_{+\mu} \psi_{-\mu} - \rho_{+i} \rho_{-i} - \chi_{+A} \chi_{-A} - \frac{1}{4} \eta_+ \eta_- \right\},$$

where

$$\Phi_1 = 2(-D_1 X_3 - D_2 X_4), \quad \Phi_2 = 2(-D_1 X_4 + D_2 X_3),$$

$$\Phi_3 = 2(-F_{12} + i[X_3, X_4])$$

## § 3 Plane-wave like mass deformation



We deform the theory s.t.

- ①  $Q_{\pm}$  and  $SU(2)_R$  are still symmetries of the deformed theory
- ② add **mass terms** to all scalars
- ③ add a **Myers term** to the triplet  $(\phi, \bar{\phi}, C)$

STEP 1: deform  $Q_{\pm}$  SUSY as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(A)} \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned} Q_{\pm} A_{\mu} &= \psi_{\pm\mu}, & Q_{\pm} \psi_{\pm\mu} &= \pm i D_{\mu} \phi_{\pm}, & Q_{\mp} \psi_{\pm\mu} &= \frac{i}{2} D_{\mu} C \mp \tilde{H}_{\mu}, \\ Q_{\pm} \tilde{H}_{\mu} &= [\phi_{\pm}, \psi_{\mp\mu}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \psi_{\pm\mu}] \mp \frac{i}{2} D_{\mu} \eta_{\pm} + \frac{M}{3} \psi_{\pm\mu}, \end{aligned} \right. \\
 \text{(X)} \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned} Q_{\pm} X_i &= \rho_{\pm i}, & Q_{\pm} \rho_{\pm i} &= \mp [X_i, \phi_{\pm}], & Q_{\mp} \rho_{\pm i} &= -\frac{1}{2} [X_i, C] \mp \tilde{h}_i, \\ Q_{\pm} \tilde{h}_i &= [\phi_{\pm}, \rho_{\mp i}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \rho_{\pm i}] \pm \frac{1}{2} [X_i, \eta_{\pm}] + \frac{M}{3} \rho_{\pm i}, \end{aligned} \right. \\
 \text{(B)} \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned} Q_{\pm} B_A &= \chi_{\pm A}, & Q_{\pm} \chi_{\pm A} &= \pm [\phi_{\pm}, B_A], & Q_{\mp} \chi_{\pm A} &= -\frac{1}{2} [B_A, C] \mp H_A, \\ Q_{\pm} H_A &= [\phi_{\pm}, \chi_{\mp A}] \pm \frac{1}{2} [B_A, \eta_{\pm}] \mp \frac{1}{2} [C, \chi_{\pm A}], + \frac{M}{3} \chi_{\pm A} \end{aligned} \right. \\
 \text{(C)} \quad & \left\{ \begin{aligned} Q_{\pm} C &= \eta_{\pm}, & Q_{\pm} \eta_{\pm} &= \pm [\phi_{\pm}, C] + \frac{2M}{3} \phi_{\pm}, \\ Q_{\mp} \eta_{\pm} &= \mp [\phi_{+}, \phi_{-}] \pm \frac{M}{3} C, & Q_{\pm} \phi_{\pm} &= 0, & Q_{\mp} \phi_{\pm} &= \mp \eta_{\pm} \end{aligned} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

Nilpotency

$$Q_{\pm}^2 = (\text{infinitesimal gauge transformation by } \pm\phi_{\pm}) \pm \frac{M}{3} J_{\pm\pm},$$

$$\{Q_{+}, Q_{-}\} = (\text{infinitesimal gauge transformation by } C) - \frac{M}{3} J_0.$$



STEP 2: add mass terms

$$S = \left( Q_+ Q_- - \frac{M}{3} \right) (\mathcal{F}_0 + \Delta\mathcal{F}) = S_0 + \Delta S$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_{A=1}^3 \frac{a_A}{2} B_A^2 + \sum_{i=3}^4 \frac{c_i}{2} X_i^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S = \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{2M^2}{81} (B_A^2 + X_i^2) - \frac{M}{2} C[\phi_+, \phi_-] + \frac{M^2}{9} \left( \frac{C^2}{4} + \phi_+ \phi_- \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2M}{3} \psi_{+\mu} \psi_{-\mu} + \frac{2M}{9} \rho_{+i} \rho_{-i} + \frac{4M}{9} \chi_{+A} \chi_{-A} - \frac{M}{6} \eta_+ \eta_- \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4iM}{9} B_3 (F_{12} + i[X_3, X_4]) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**N.B**

- S is  $Q_{\pm}$ -invariant:  $Q_{\pm} S = 0$ .
- When  $a_A, c_i \in (-\frac{2M}{3}, 0)$ , the scalars  $B_A, X_i$  have positive mass terms.

We set  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = -\frac{2M}{9}$ ,  $c_3 = c_4 = -\frac{4M}{9}$  in order to cancel as many terms as possible.

# Important result

① **fuzzy  $S^2$  is a classical configuration**

$$[\phi_+, \phi_-] = \frac{M}{3}C, \quad [C, \phi_{\pm}] = \pm \frac{2M}{3}\phi_{\pm}, \quad B_A = X_i = 0$$

② There is no scalar flat direction after the deformation.

**N.B**

- This configuration is  $Q_{\pm}$ -invariant:

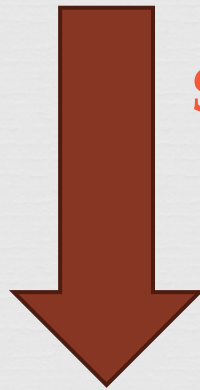
$$Q_{\pm}\eta_{\pm} = \pm [\phi_{\pm}, C] + \frac{2M}{3}\phi_{\pm}, \quad Q_{\mp}\eta_{\pm} = \mp [\phi_+, \phi_-] \pm \frac{M}{3}C,$$

- This deformation **softly** breaks the other 14 of 16 supersymmetries.

# § 4 Lattice formulation of the mass deformed 2d $N=(8,8)$ SYM

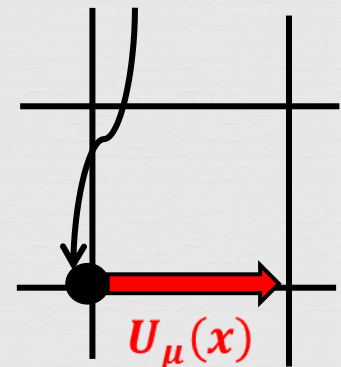


$Q_{\pm}$ -exact form of the continuum action



Sugino's construction  
of  
SUSY lattice

$X_i(x), B_A(x), \psi_{\pm\mu}(x)$  etc...



Lattice Action in  $Q_{\pm}$ -exact form

## Obtained lattice action:

$$||A|| \equiv \sqrt{\text{Tr}(AA^\dagger)}$$

$$S_{\text{lat}} = \begin{cases} (Q_+ Q_- - \frac{M_0}{3}) \mathcal{F}_{\text{lat}} & ||1 - U_{12}(x)|| < \epsilon \text{ for any } x \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Trivial latticization of  $\mathcal{F}$  :

$$\frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \rightarrow \frac{1}{g_0^2} \sum_x, \quad M \rightarrow M_0$$

necessary to single out  
the trivial vacuum

cf)

$$\mathcal{F}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{g_{2d}^2} \int d^2x \text{Tr} \left\{ -iB_A \Phi_A - \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{ABC} B_A [B_B, B_C] - \psi_{+\mu} \psi_{-\mu} - \rho_{+i} \rho_{-i} - \chi_{+A} \chi_{-A} - \frac{1}{4} \eta_+ \eta_- \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{A=1}^3 \frac{a_A}{2} B_A^2 + \sum_{i=3}^4 \frac{c_i}{2} X_i^2 \right\}$$

This action clearly preserves  $Q_{\pm}$  supersymmetries.



# Important properties

① fuzzy sphere configuration is still classical configuration keeping  $Q_{\pm}$ :

$$(\text{potential terms}) \ni \left( i[X_p(x), X_q(x)] + \frac{M_0}{3} \epsilon_{pqr} X_r(x) \right)^2$$

with  $C = 2X_8$ ,  $\phi_{\pm} = X_9 + iX_{10}$  ( $p, q, r = 8, 9, 10$ ).

② The flat directions of the scalar fields are lifted up with keeping  $Q_{\pm}$ .

③ We do not need any fine tuning in taking 2d continuum limit:

We can show that all possible relevant and marginal operators are forbidden by the  $Q_{\pm}$ -symmetry and  $SU(2)_R$  symmetry.



**We can now simulate Matrix String Theory on computer!**

N.B.

We have to keep  $M$  finite in taking the continuum limit.

We take  $M \rightarrow 0$  after that.

# § 5 4d N=4 U(k) SYM theory



Let us recall **deformed continuum 2d theory**

- ☞ The deformed theory has fuzzy sphere solution.
- ☞ Let us set  $N = (2n + 1)k$ . If we expand the action around the solution,

$$C = \frac{2M_0}{3} \hat{L}_3 \otimes 1_k, \phi_{\pm} = \frac{M_0}{3} (\hat{L}_1 \pm i\hat{L}_2) \otimes 1_k$$

we obtain **4d N=4 SYM on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times$  fuzzy  $S^2$** .

(UV cutoff =  $nM \equiv \Lambda$ , IR cutoff =  $M$ )

- ☞ We can obtain the 2d continuum theory without any fine tuning from the lattice theory.

# idea

lattice  
theory

**step 1**



continuum limit  
of the lattice theory

2d continuum theory  
around  
fuzzy sphere solution



4d theory ( $M \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $M \sim n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ )  
with

momentum cutoff  $\Lambda = Mn$   
non-commutative parameter  $\theta = Mn^2$

**step 2**



$\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\theta$ : fixed

4d N=4 SYM  
on  
 $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \text{fuzzy } \mathbb{R}^2$

- ✓ There is no problem in **step 1**.
- ✓ **Step 2** is OK at tree level.
- ✓ **Only the problem is whether quantum corrections appear or not.**

CLAIM: Any quantum correction disappears in **STEP 2**.

that is

**We can obtain the 4d theory without any fine-tuning.**

# Radiative correction

Superficial degrees of divergence of a graph  $E_B \cdots$  # of bosonic external lines  
 $E_F \cdots$  # of fermionic external lines

$$D = 4 - E_B - \frac{3}{2} E_F$$

The most severe UV divergences come from  $E_B = 2$  ( $\Lambda^2$ )  
(1-point function is forbidden by the  $Q_{\pm}$  symmetry.)

point

**The deformation parameter  $M$  is IR origin and is soft in 4d sense.**

possible structure of the divergent terms:

$$\left( A \cdot \Lambda^2 + O \left( M^p \left( \log \frac{\Lambda}{M} \right)^q \right) \right) \quad (p, q = 1, 2, \dots)$$

- The leading term is canceled because of the original 16 SUSY.
- The next leading terms vanish in the continuum limit:

$$M^p \left( \log \frac{\Lambda}{M} \right)^q \sim M^p (\log N)^q \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{since } M \propto N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 0.$$

**We obtain 4d N=4 U(k) SYM on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times$  noncommutative  $\mathbb{R}^2$  without any fine tuning!**



## FINAL STEP: Smooth commutative limit

In 4d N=4 SYM, it is believed that  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  limit is smooth.

Matusis-Susskind-Toumbas

**If we believe this conjecture, we obtain commutative  
4d N=4 SYM on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  without any fine tuning!**

# § 6 Conclusion and Future Works



1. We constructed a new lattice formulation of 2d  $N=(8,8)$  SYM theory(matrix string theory).
  - ✓ numerical approach to matrix string theory
  - ✓ application to black hole physics
2. We discuss a possible scenario to obtain 4d  $N=4$   $U(k)$  SYM from the 2d lattice theory.
  - ✓ We have to check the validity of the step 2 at least perturbatively.
  - ✓ AdS/CFT beyond SUGRA level !
3. We can use the same method to regularized 4d  $N=2$  SYM.
  - ✓ Many other applications to numerical analysis of SUSY gauge theories

## Strategy

① Lattice gauge fields are on links:  $A_\mu(x) \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}_\mu(x) = e^{iaA_\mu}$  and all other fields are on sites.

② Make all the lattice fields and coupling constants dimensionless by

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{scalars})^{\text{lat}} &= a(\text{scalars})^{\text{cont}}, & (\text{fermions})^{\text{lat}} &= a^{\frac{3}{2}}(\text{fermions})^{\text{cont}} \\ Q_\pm^{\text{lat}} &= a^{\frac{1}{2}}Q_\pm^{\text{cont}}, & g_0 &\equiv ag_{2d}, & M_0 &\equiv aM \end{aligned}$$

③ change the  $Q_\pm$ -transformation consistently.

④ The action is obtained through the Q-exact form of the continuum action.