



The string dual of free $N=4$ SYM

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AdS/CFT correspondence

The **relation** between the parameters of string theory on AdS and the dual CFT is

$$\left(\frac{R}{l_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^4 = N \quad g_{\text{string}} = g_{\text{YM}}^2 \quad \left(\frac{R}{l_s}\right)^4 = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N = \lambda$$

AdS radius in Planck units

AdS radius in string units

't Hooft parameter



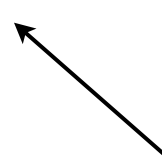
Tensionless limit

In particular, **weakly coupled gauge theory** corresponds to the **tensionless regime** of string theory

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large



small

$$l_s \rightarrow \infty$$

'tensionless strings'

[Sundborg '01] [Witten '01]
[Sezgin, Sundell '01]



Tensionless limit

This is the regime where AdS/CFT becomes perturbative:

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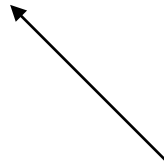
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**Could it have a free
worldsheet description?**



AdS3 review

For example, in the 3d case, the AdS/CFT duality relates string theory on

$$\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3 \times T^4$$

to a CFT that is on the same moduli space of CFTs as the symmetric orbifold theory

$$\text{Sym}_N(T^4) \equiv (T^4)^N / S_N$$

[Maldacena '97], see e.g. [David et.al. '02]



AdS3 review

The analogue of free SYM is the symmetric orbifold theory itself. It has a **tensionless (k=1) string dual** with $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3$ worldsheet theory described by

4 symplectic bosons & 4 free fermions



free field realisation of $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_1$

hybrid formalism of
[Berkovits, Vafa, Witten '99]

Physical degrees of freedom come from **spectrally flowed representations**: matches precisely with single particle spectrum of **dual symmetric orbifold**.

[Eberhardt, MRG, Gopakumar '18]



AdS5 proposal

Similarly, **free N=4 SYM in 4d** should be dual to tensionless strings on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$: we **propose** `twistorial' worldsheet description via

8 symplectic bosons & 8 free fermions



free field realisation of $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)_1$

similar to twistor string of [Berkovits '04]

Key ingredient: **spectrally flowed representations.**

Natural quantisation leads to a `reduced model' whose spectrum matches exactly that of free N=4 SYM.



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Hybrid formalism

[Berkovits, Vafa, Witten '99]

AdS3 theory at $k=1$ best described in **hybrid formalism**:
for pure NS-NS flux, hybrid string consists of WZW
model based on

$$\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_k$$

together with the (topologically twisted) sigma model
for T4. For generic k , **this description agrees with the
NS-R description** a la Maldacena-Ooguri.

[Troost '11], [MRG, Gerigk '11]
[Gerigk '12]



Free field realisation

The level $k=1$ theory has a **free field realisation**

$$\mathfrak{u}(1, 1|2)_1 \cong \begin{cases} 4 \text{ symplectic bosons } \xi^\pm, \eta^\pm \\ 4 \text{ real fermions } \psi^\pm, \chi^\pm \end{cases}$$

with

$$\{\psi_r^\alpha, \chi_s^\beta\} = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{r,-s}$$

$$[\xi_r^\alpha, \eta_s^\beta] = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \delta_{r,-s}$$

Generators of $\mathfrak{u}(1, 1|2)_1$ are bilinears in these free fields.

In order to reduce this to $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_1$ one has to **gauge by the 'diagonal' $\mathfrak{u}(1)$ field**

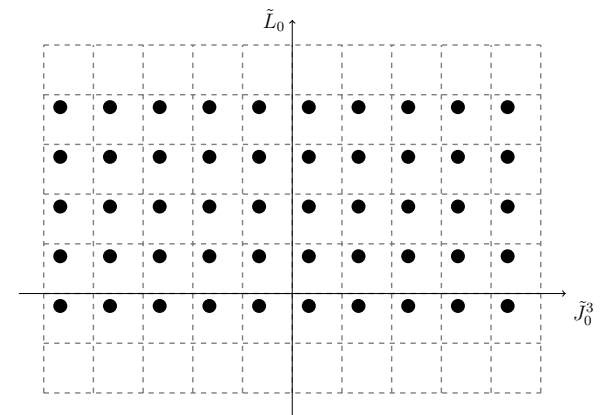
$$Z = \frac{1}{2}(\eta^- \xi^+ - \eta^+ \xi^- + \chi^- \psi^+ - \chi^+ \psi^-) .$$

Free field realisation

The only highest weight representations are:

- ▶ NS sector: all fields half-integer moded
- ▶ R sector: all fields integer moded

Here positive modes annihilate ground state.



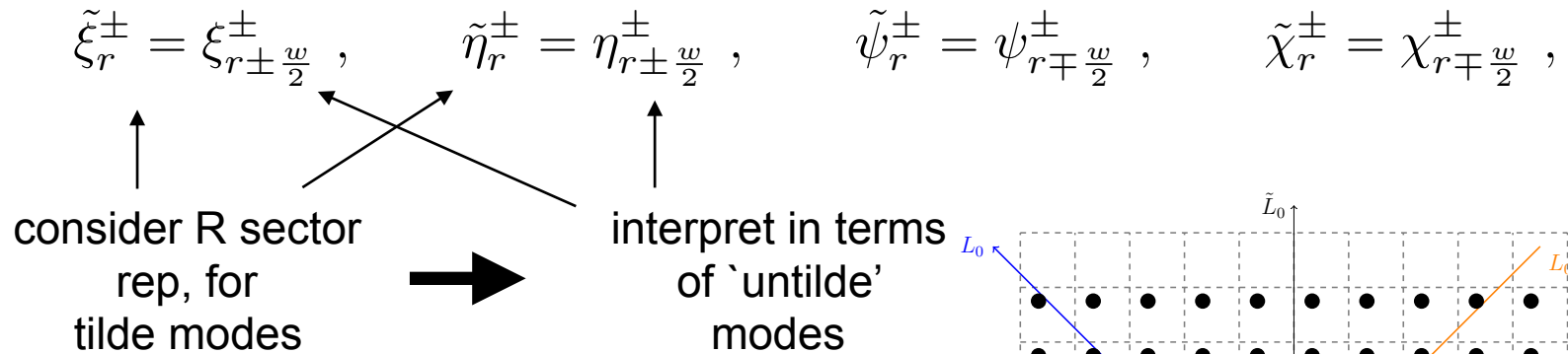
In **R sector**, ground states form representation of zero modes: **'singleton' representation** of $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)$.

Spectral flow

The worldsheet spectrum consists of R-sector rep, together with **spectrally flowed images**.

[Henningson et.al. '91]
[Maldacena, Ooguri '00]

Spectral flow:



For $w > 1$: **not highest weight representation** any longer.

[Spectral flow of NS-sector: R-sector.]



Physical spectrum

Since $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_1$ has many (!) null-vectors, it has effectively only 2 bosonic + fermionic oscillator degrees of freedom.

Thus after imposing the physical state conditions, only the degrees of freedom of \mathbb{T}^4 survive, and we **get exactly the** (single-particle) **spectrum** of

$$\text{Sym}_N(\mathbb{T}^4)$$

in the large N limit, where **w-cycle twisted sector** comes from **w spectrally flowed sector**.

[Eberhardt, MRG, Gopakumar '18]

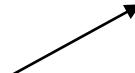
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Correlators

The **worldsheet correlators localise** to those configurations that admit **holomorphic covering map**

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n V_{h_i}^{w_i}(x_i; z_i) \right\rangle = \sum_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma} \delta(z_i \text{ compatible with cov. map } \Gamma)$$

$$\Gamma(z) = x_i + a_i(z - z_i)^{w_i} + \dots \quad (z \sim z_i)$$


After integral over worldsheet moduli recover

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} d\mu(z_i) \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n V_{h_i}^{w_i}(x_i; z_i) \right\rangle = \sum_{\Gamma} \tilde{c}_{\Gamma} \cong \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{h_i}^{w_i}(x_i) \right\rangle$$


[Eberhardt, MRG, Gopakumar '19]
 [Dei, MRG, Gopakumar, Knighton '20]
 [Gopakumar @ Strings 2020]

symmetric orbifold correlators
 [Lunin, Mathur '00]
 [Pakman, Rastelli, Razamat '09]



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Ansatz for worldsheet

Given the structure of the free field realisation for the case of $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3$, we have proposed that the dual to free N=4 SYM in 4d should be described by a worldsheet theory consisting of

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

8 symplectic bosons

8 real fermions

They generate $\mathfrak{u}(2, 2|4)_1$. After removing again an overall $\mathfrak{u}(1)$, we get $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)_1$: guarantees that dual spacetime theory has the correct symmetry.



Ansatz for worldsheet

More concretely, the worldsheet theory consists of what can be interpreted as **components of ambitwistor fields**

see also [Berkovits '04]

$$\begin{aligned} Y_I &= (\mu_\alpha^\dagger, \lambda_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger, \psi_a^\dagger) & \alpha, \dot{\alpha} \in \{1, 2\} \\ Z^I &= (\lambda^\alpha, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}, \psi^a) & a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \end{aligned}$$

with defining relations

$$\begin{aligned} [\lambda_r^\alpha, (\mu_\beta^\dagger)_s] &= \delta_\beta^\alpha \delta_{r,-s} , & [\mu_r^{\dot{\alpha}}, (\lambda_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger)_s] &= \delta_{\dot{\beta}}^{\dot{\alpha}} \delta_{r,-s} , \\ \{\psi_r^a, (\psi_b^\dagger)_s\} &= \delta_b^a \delta_{r,-s} . \end{aligned}$$



Free fields on worldsheet

The bilinears

$$\mathcal{J}_J^I =: Y_J Z^I : \quad \begin{aligned} Y_I &= (\mu_\alpha^\dagger, \lambda_{\dot{\alpha}}^\dagger, \psi_a^\dagger) \\ Z^I &= (\lambda^\alpha, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}, \psi^a) \end{aligned}$$

generate $\mathfrak{u}(2, 2|4)_1$, and in order to obtain $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)_1$ we need to gauge by the overall $\mathfrak{u}(1)$ field

$$\mathcal{C} = \frac{1}{2} Y_I Z^I = \frac{1}{2} (\mu_\gamma^\dagger \lambda^\gamma + \lambda_{\dot{\gamma}}^\dagger \mu^{\dot{\gamma}} + \psi_c^\dagger \psi^c) .$$

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

This is the current algebra version of **oscillator construction** of $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)$ which enters into **spin chain** discussion.

see e.g. [Beisert thesis], [Alday, David, Gava, Narain '06]



Spectral flow

As in the case for AdS_3 , all non-trivial aspects come from **spectral flow** where now

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\tilde{\lambda}^\alpha)_r &= (\lambda^\alpha)_{r-w/2} , & (\tilde{\lambda}^\dagger_{\dot{\alpha}})_r &= (\lambda^\dagger_{\dot{\alpha}})_{r-w/2} , \\
 (\tilde{\mu}^{\dot{\alpha}})_r &= (\mu^{\dot{\alpha}})_{r+w/2} , & (\tilde{\mu}^\dagger_\alpha)_r &= (\mu^\dagger_\alpha)_{r+w/2} , \\
 (\tilde{\psi}_r^a) &= \psi_{r-w/2}^a , & (\tilde{\psi}_r^\dagger) &= (\psi_{r+w/2}^\dagger) & (a = 1, 2) , \\
 (\tilde{\psi}_r^b) &= \psi_{r+w/2}^b , & (\tilde{\psi}_r^\dagger) &= (\psi_{r-w/2}^\dagger) & (b = 3, 4) .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{AdS}_3: & \mathcal{J}_0^3 - \mathcal{K}_0^3 \\
 \text{AdS}_5: & \mathcal{D}_0 - \mathcal{R}_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Starting from the usual NS-sector representation, the **'untilded' modes** act as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_r^{\dot{\alpha}} |0\rangle_w &= (\mu^\dagger_{\dot{\alpha}})_r |0\rangle_w = (\psi_{1,2}^\dagger)_r |0\rangle_w = \psi_r^{3,4} |0\rangle_w = 0 , & (r \geq \frac{w+1}{2}) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



Wedge modes

Since

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$$\mu_r^{\dot{\alpha}}, (\mu_{\alpha}^{\dagger})_r, (\psi_{1,2}^{\dagger})_r, \psi_r^{3,4}, \quad (-\frac{w-1}{2} \leq r \leq \frac{w-1}{2})$$

as well as the 'out-of-the-wedge' modes

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Postulate: physical state conditions (N=4 critical string)
remove all out-of-the-wedge modes. [MRG, Gopakumar '21]

Retain only **generalised zero modes = wedge modes**.
cf. [Dolan, Goddard '07], [Nair '08]

[For AdS₃ this postulate leads to 'compactification-independent' spectrum.]



Wedge modes

On the resulting (wedge) Fock space, we furthermore need to impose the **residual gauge conditions**

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

$$\mathcal{C}_n \phi = 0 \quad (n \geq 0) \quad (L_0 + pw)\phi = 0 \quad (p \in \mathbb{Z}) .$$



similar to Virasoro condition
in light-cone gauge

$$L_0 \sim -2p^- p^+$$

with

$$2p^- = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} N_n \sqrt{\mu^2 + \frac{n^2}{(\alpha' p^+)^2}} \sim N_{\text{tot}} \quad \text{and} \quad p^+ \cong w$$

[Berenstein, Maldacena, Nastase '02]

ground state $|0\rangle_w$
gives rise to
 $(0, 0; [0, w, 0])_w$
BMN vacuum



Key ingredients

Resulting spectrum reproduces exactly that of free N=4 SYM in 4d in planar limit.

More specifically, wedge modes can be thought of as momentum modes of **w position space generators**

$$\hat{Z}^I_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{w}} \sum_{r=-(w-1)/2}^{(w-1)/2} Z_r^I e^{-2\pi i \frac{rj}{w}} \quad (j = 1, \dots, w) ,$$

and similarly for $(\hat{Y}_I)_j$. These position modes then satisfy

$$[\hat{Z}_{j_1}^I, (\hat{Y}_J^\dagger)_{j_2}]_{\pm} = \delta_J^I \delta_{j_1, j_2} .$$



Key ingredients

The residual gauge conditions imply

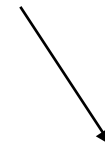
$$C_n \phi = 0 \quad (n \geq 0)$$



at each site j : $\hat{C}_j = 0$

singleton rep

$$(L_0 + pw)\phi = 0 \quad (p \in \mathbb{Z}) .$$



cyclic invariance

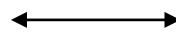
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w -spectrally
flowed sector



$$\text{Tr} \left(\underbrace{S_1 \cdots S_w}_{w \text{ letters}} \right)$$

$$S_i = \{ \partial^s \phi^i, \partial^s \Psi_{\alpha a}, \partial^s \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}, \partial^s \mathcal{F}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \}$$

String bit picture!

$$\hat{Y} = (\hat{\mu}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}, \hat{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dagger}, \hat{\psi}_a^{\dagger}), \quad \hat{Z} = (\hat{\lambda}^{\alpha}, \hat{\mu}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \hat{\psi}^a)$$

twistor-valued string bits

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]



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Conclusions and Outlook

The **free field realisation** of the $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3$ worldsheet theory dual to the symmetric orbifold suggests a **natural generalisation to $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$** .

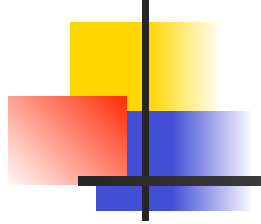
With some assumptions about the structure of the physical state conditions, we have managed to reproduce the exact single-trace spectrum **of free SYM in 4d from our worldsheet model**.

This opens the door for a proof of the AdS/CFT correspondence for this most relevant case.



Future directions

- ▶ Understand physical state condition from first principles.
[MRG, Gopakumar, Naderi, Sriprachyakul, in progress]
- ▶ Study structure of correlation functions for AdS_5 .
[MRG, Gopakumar, Knighton, Maity, in progress]
- ▶ Analyse perturbation away from free case.
- ▶ Study $\mathfrak{hs}(2, 2|4)$ higher spin & Yangian symmetry
from worldsheet perspective. cf [Beisert, Bianchi, Morales, Samtleben '04]
- ▶ Explore novel (BMN-like) perspective on N=4 spectrum.
- ▶ Relation of correlators of twistor-like variables
to hexagon approach. cf [Basso, Komatsu, Vieira '15]
- ▶ ...



Thank you!



Extra slides



Explicit states

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

From this worldsheet perspective, the physical states all seem to be generated by **DDF-like operators**

$$S_m^{\mathbf{a}} \equiv (S_I^J)_m = \sum_{r=m-\frac{w-1}{2}}^{\frac{w-1}{2}} (Y_I)_r (Z^J)_{m-r}$$

interesting algebraic structure similar to Yangian

In particular, zero modes generate $\mathfrak{u}(2, 2|4)$: physical states fall into representations of $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)$.

Acting on ground state $|0\rangle_w$ generate full **BPS multiplet**

$$L_0 = 0 : \quad \left(\underbrace{(0, 0)}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)} ; \underbrace{[0, w, 0]}_{\mathfrak{su}(4)} \right)_w \longleftarrow \mathcal{D}_0 \text{ eigenvalue}$$



Explicit states

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

▶ $w=0$: only the vacuum state survives — **1** in SYM

▶ $w=1$: wedge modes = zero modes: BPS singleton representation — absent in $su(N)$.

▶ $w=2$: $L_0 = 0$: BPS rep. $(0, 0; [0, 2, 0])_2$

$L_0 = -2$: **Konishi multiplet** $(0, 0; [0, 0, 0])_2$

generated from hwv $|K\rangle = (\psi_1^\dagger)_{\frac{1}{2}} (\psi_2^\dagger)_{\frac{1}{2}} \psi_{\frac{1}{2}}^3 \psi_{\frac{1}{2}}^4 |0\rangle_2 \sim S_1^a S_1^b |0\rangle_2$

$L_0 = -2p$: **hs multiplet** $(p-1, p-1; [0, 0, 0])_{2p}$

generated from hwv $\prod_{i=1}^{2p-2} (\mu_{\alpha_i}^\dagger)_{\frac{1}{2}} \mu_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\alpha_i} |K\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{2p-2} S_1^{\alpha_i \dot{\alpha}_i} |K\rangle$

Explicit states

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

► $w=3$: structure is quite complicated...

but we have enumerated the low-lying states and compared to the $N=4$ SYM spectrum (for $\mathcal{D}_0 \leq 4$)

Δ	(j, \bar{j})	$SU(4)$	\mathcal{O}
2	(0,0)	$[0,0,0]+[0,2,0]=1+20$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{(i_1} \phi^{i_2)}$
3	(0,0)	$[0,1,0]+[0,3,0]=6+50$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{(i_1} \phi^{i_2} \phi^{i_3)}$
	(0,0)	$[0,0,2]+[0,0,2]=10,+10_c$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{i_1} \phi^{i_2} \phi^{i_3}$
	(0,0)	$[2,0,0]+[0,0,2]=10,+10_c$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B + \text{h.c.}$
	(1,0)	$[0,1,0]=6$	$\text{Tr } F_{\alpha\beta} \phi^i$
	(1,0)	$[0,1,0]=6$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B$
	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^*$	$[1,0,1]=15$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{i_1} \partial_{\mu} \phi^{i_2}$
$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^*$	$[0,0,0]+[1,0,1]=1+15$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B$	
4	(0,0)	$[0,0,0]+[0,2,0]+[0,4,0]=1+20+105$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{(i_1} \phi^{i_2} \phi^{i_3} \phi^{i_4)}$
	(0,0)	$[0,0,0]+[0,2,0]+[2,0,2]=1+20+84$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{i_1} \phi^{(i_2} \phi^{i_3}) \phi^{i_4}$
	(0,0)	$[1,0,1]+[0,1,2]+[2,1,0]=15+45,+45_c$	$\text{Tr } \phi^{i_1} \phi^{i_2} \phi^{(i_3} \phi^{i_4)}$
	(0,0)	$2([000]+[1,0,1]+[0,2,0])=2(1+15+20)$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B + \text{h.c.}$
	(0,0)	$[1,0,1]+[0,1,2]+[2,1,0]=2+15+45,+45_c$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B \phi^i + \text{h.c.}$
	(0,0)	$2[0,0,0]=2$	$\text{Tr } F^2, \text{Tr } F\tilde{F}$
	(1,0)	$[000]+[1,0,1]+[0,2,0]=1+15+20$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B \phi^i$
	(1,0)	$[1,0,1]+[2,1,0]=15+45_c$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B \phi^i$
	(1,0)	$[0,0,0]+[1,0,1]+[0,2,0]=1+15+20$	$\text{Tr } F_{\alpha\beta} \phi^{i_1} \phi^{i_2}$
	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	$2[1,1,1]+2[0,1,0]=2+6+2+64$	$\text{Tr } \partial_{\mu} \phi^{(i_1} \phi^{i_2)} \phi^{i_3}$
	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	$4[010]+2[0,0,2]+2[2,0,0]+2[1,1,1]=4+6+2+10,+2+10,+2+64$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \lambda_{\beta}^B \phi^i, \text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \phi^i \lambda_{\beta}^B$
	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^*$	$[2,0,0]=10_c$	$\text{Tr } \lambda_{\alpha}^A \partial_{\mu} \lambda_{\beta}^B$
	$(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^*$	$[0,1,0]=6$	$\text{Tr } \partial_{\mu} (F_{\alpha\beta}) \phi^i$
	(2,0)	$[0,0,0]=1$	$\text{Tr } F_{(\alpha\beta} F_{\gamma\delta)}$
	(1,1)*	$[0,0,0]=1$	$\text{Tr } F_{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}$
	(1,1)*	$[0,0,0]+[0,2,0]=1+20$	$\text{Tr } \partial_{\mu} \phi^{(i_1} \partial_{\nu} \phi^{i_2)}$
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and answer reproduces intricate spectrum of BPS & non-BPS $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)$ multiplets.

Table 3: $N=4$ SYM at $\lambda = 0$. Brackets denote antisymmetrization. Parentheses denote complete symmetrization when traces cannot appear. Double parentheses denote complete symmetrization not excluding traces.

from [Bianchi, Morales, Samtleben, '03]



Physical states for AdS3

As a **consistency check** we have also imposed this **wedge construction** in the case of AdS_3 .

reproduces a **subset of `compactification independent` states**, e.g. the BPS state is the `upper` BPS state in the $(w-1)$ -cycle twisted sector

$$\bar{\psi}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^1 \bar{\psi}_{-\frac{1}{2}}^2 |\text{BPS}_{\text{lower}}\rangle^{(w-1)}$$

\uparrow
 $h = j = \frac{w-2}{2}$

[MRG, Gopakumar '21]

with

$$h = j = \frac{w}{2}$$

\uparrow
zero'th cohomology of 4d manifold

see e.g. [David et.al. '02]