

# Flat deformations of type IIB S-folds

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Based on 2103.12652 + work in progress with Colin Sterckx

See recent works by: Arav, Bobev, Cheung, Gauntlett, Gautason, Giambrone, Malek, Pilch, Roberts, Rosen, Samtleben, Suh, Trigiante and van Muiden.



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# Outlook

- S-folds in 10D
- S-folds in 4D
- Flat deformations
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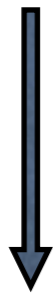
S-folds in 10D

# Type IIB S-folds

[ Hull, (Çatal-Özer) '04, ('03) ]  
 [ Inverso, Samtleben, Trigiante '16 ]

10D: type IIB SUGRA solutions

$$\text{AdS}_4 \times S^1 \times S^5$$

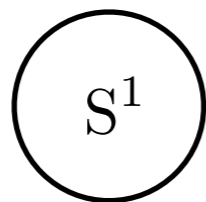


5D: SO(6) gauged SUGRA

[  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \Leftrightarrow$  (hyperbolic)  $SO(1,1) \subset SL(2)_{\text{IIB}}$  twist = monodromy ]



$$\eta \sim \eta + T$$



$$A^\alpha_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & \sinh \eta \\ \sinh \eta & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathfrak{M}_{S^1} = A^{-1}(\eta)A(\eta + T) = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh T & \sinh T \\ \sinh T & \cosh T \end{pmatrix}$$

**No untwisted limit !!**

4D: [SO(1,1) × SO(6)] × R<sup>12</sup> gauged SUGRA

$$\text{AdS}_4$$



# N=0 & SO(6) S-fold

[ AG, Sterckx '19 ]

Flavour : SO(6) ~ S<sup>5</sup>

$$ds_{10}^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + \frac{1}{2} d\eta^2 + ds_{S^5}^2$$

$$\tilde{F}_5 = 4(1 + \star) \text{vol}_5$$

$$\mathbb{B}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathbf{b}^\beta = 0$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# N=1 & SU(3) S-fold

[ Lüst, Tsimpis '09 (local form) ]

[ AG, Sterckx '19 ]

Flavour : SU(3) ~ CP<sup>2</sup>

$$ds_{10}^2 = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{10} ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}} d\eta^2 + \left[ \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} ds_{\text{CP}^2}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} \eta^2 \right]$$

$$\tilde{F}_5 = 3 \left( \frac{6}{5} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} (1 + \star) \text{vol}_5$$

$$\mathbb{B}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathbf{b}^\beta = \epsilon^{\alpha\delta} (A^{-t})_\delta{}^\gamma H_{\gamma\beta} \Omega^\beta \quad [\text{charged under } U(1)_\eta]$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# N=2 & SU(2) x U(1) S-fold

Flavour: SU(2) ~ S<sup>2</sup>

[AG, Sterckx, Trigiante '20]

R-symmetry: U(1)

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-1} \left[ ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + d\eta^2 + d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \cos^2 \theta (\sigma_2^2 + 8 \Delta^4 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_3^2)) \right]$$

$$\Delta^{-4} = 6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)$$

$$\tilde{F}_5 = 4 \Delta^4 \sin \theta \cos^3 \theta (1 + \star) \left[ 3 d\theta \wedge d\phi \wedge \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \wedge \sigma_3 \right. \\ \left. - d\eta \wedge \left( \cos(2\phi) d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \sin(2\phi) d\phi \right) \wedge \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \wedge \sigma_3 \right]$$

$$\mathbb{B}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathbf{b}^\beta \quad \text{with}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta \left[ \left( \sin \phi d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) d(\sin \phi) \right) \wedge \sigma_2 + \sin \phi \frac{4 \sin(2\theta)}{6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)} \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_3 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta \left[ \left( \cos \phi d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) d(\cos \phi) \right) \wedge \sigma_2 + \cos \phi \frac{4 \sin(2\theta)}{6 - 2 \cos(2\theta)} \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_3 \right]$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{m}_{\gamma\delta} = 2 \Delta^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi & -\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \sin(2\phi) \\ -\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \sin(2\phi) & 1 + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

# N=4 & SO(4) S-fold

[ Inverso, Samtleben, Trigiante '16 ]

R-symmetry : SO(4)  $\sim$  S<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  S<sup>2</sup>

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{-1} \left[ ds_{\text{AdS}_4}^2 + d\eta^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1-r^2} + \Delta^4 (3-2r^2) r^2 d\Omega_1^2 + \Delta^4 (1+2r^2) (1-r^2) d\Omega_2^2 \right]$$

$$\Delta^{-4} = (1+2r^2)(3-2r^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_5 &= \frac{6\Delta^4}{8(1-r^2)} \mathcal{Z}^p d\mathcal{Y}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^r \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^r \\ &\quad + 3\Delta^4 \mathcal{Z}^p \mathcal{Y}^{[p} d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^{r]} \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^r \wedge d\eta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{16} \sqrt{|g|} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu \wedge dx^\rho \wedge dx^\sigma \wedge \left( d\eta - \frac{4}{3} \mathcal{Y}^p d\mathcal{Y}^p \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{H}^\alpha = A^\alpha{}_\beta \mathfrak{h}^\beta &= \frac{(V_- A)^\alpha}{1+2r^2} \varepsilon_{pqr} d\mathcal{Y}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Y}^q \wedge \left( \frac{(3+2r^2)}{3(1+2r^2)} d\mathcal{Y}^r - \mathcal{Y}^r d\eta \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{(V_+ A)^\alpha}{3-2r^2} \varepsilon_{pqr} d\mathcal{Z}^p \wedge d\mathcal{Z}^q \wedge \left( \frac{(5-2r^2)}{3(3-2r^2)} d\mathcal{Z}^r + \mathcal{Z}^r d\eta \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{\alpha\beta} = (A^{-t})_\alpha{}^\gamma \mathfrak{m}_{\gamma\delta} (A^{-1})^\delta{}_\beta$$

$$\text{with } \mathfrak{m}_{\gamma\delta} = \frac{\Delta^2}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 3+2r^2 & -4r^2 \\ -4r^2 & 3+2r^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## S-folds as limiting Janus solutions



Janus solutions  $AdS_4/CFT_3$  dual to interfaces of  $SYM_4$

[ D'Hoker, Ester, Gutperle '06 (  $N = 1, 2, 4$  ) ]



**SUSY interfaces of  $SYM_4$  are classified !!**

$N=1$  &  $SU(3)$

$N=2$  &  $SU(2) \times U(1)_R$

$N=4$  &  $SO(4)_R$

Within a category with fixed amount of supersymmetry (i.e. fixed  $r$ ), we shall principally be interested in the theory which has *maximal internal symmetry*, since other theories with the same amount of supersymmetry but less internal symmetries may be viewed as perturbations of the former by BPS operators that further break the internal symmetry.



## S-folds in 4D

# [ SO(1,1) × SO(6) ] ⋈ R<sup>12</sup> gauged maximal supergravity

- N=8 SUGRA : metric + 8 gravitini + 28 vectors + 56 dilatini + 70 scalars  
(s = 2)      (s = 3/2)      (s = 1)      (s = 1/2)      (s = 0)

**E<sub>7(7)</sub> / SU(8)**  
coset space

- Deformation parameter  $c$  yielding inequivalent theories: electric/magnetic

$$D = \partial - g (A^{\text{elec}} - c \tilde{A}_{\text{mag}})$$

$g$  = 4D gauge coupling  
 $c$  = deformation param.

[ Dall'Agata, Inverso, Trigiante '12 ]

- Two inequivalent cases :

$$c = 0 : A^{\alpha}_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad c \neq 0 : A^{\alpha}_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \eta & \sinh \eta \\ \sinh \eta & \cosh \eta \end{pmatrix}$$

# A truncation : $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ invariant sector

[ AG, Sterckx, Trigiante '20 ]

- **Truncation** : Retaining the fields and couplings which are invariant (singlets) under a  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$  action  $\rightarrow$  **N = 1 supergravity coupled to 7 chiral multiplets  $z_i$**

$$z_i = -\chi_i + i y_i \quad (y_i > 0)$$

- The model :

[ upper half-plane ]

$$K = - \sum_{i=1}^7 \log[-i(z_i - \bar{z}_i)]$$

$$W = 2g [ z_1 z_5 z_6 + z_2 z_4 z_6 + z_3 z_4 z_5 + (z_1 z_4 + z_2 z_5 + z_3 z_6) z_7 ] + 2gc(1 - z_4 z_5 z_6 z_7)$$

[ dyonic gauging ]

- AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua :

**N=0 & SO(6)**

**N=1 & SU(3)**

**N=2 & SU(2) × U(1)**

**N=4 & SO(4)**

$\rightarrow$  Most symmetric AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua within **multi-parametric families !!**



# N=0 family of AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua with U(1)<sup>3</sup> symmetry

- Location : [ 3 free parameters ]

$$z_{1,2,3} = c \left( -\chi_{1,2,3} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = z_7 = i$$

- AdS<sub>4</sub> radius  $L^2 = -3/V_0$  & scalar mass spectrum :

[ BF unstable ]

$$V_0 = -2\sqrt{2}g^2c^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 L^2 = & 6(\times 2), \quad -3(\times 2), \quad 0(\times 28), \\ & -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}\chi^2(\times 2), \\ & -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}(\chi - 2\chi_i)^2(\times 2) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ & -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2}\chi_i^2(\times 4) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ & -3 + 6\chi_i^2(\times 2) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\ & -3 + \frac{3}{2}(\chi_i \pm \chi_j)^2(\times 2) \quad i < j, \end{aligned}$$

- Flavour symmetry enhancements :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{U}(1)^3 & \rightarrow \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)^2 \rightarrow \text{SU}(3) \times \text{U}(1) \rightarrow \text{SO}(6) \\ \chi_i = \chi_j & \quad \chi_1 = \chi_2 = \chi_3 \quad \chi_{1,2,3} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# N=1 family of AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua with U(1)<sup>2</sup> symmetry

- Location : [ 2 free parameters :  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \chi_i = 0$  ]

$$z_{1,2,3} = c \left( -\chi_{1,2,3} + i \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = z_7 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (1 + i\sqrt{5})$$

- AdS<sub>4</sub> radius  $L^2 = -3/V_0$  & scalar mass spectrum :

$$V_0 = -\frac{162}{25\sqrt{5}} g^2 c^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m^2 L^2 = & 0(\times 28), \quad 4 \pm \sqrt{6}(\times 2), \quad -2(\times 2), \\
 & -\frac{14}{9} + 5\chi_i^2 \pm \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{4 + 45\chi_i^2}(\times 2) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\
 & -\frac{14}{9} + \frac{5}{4}\chi_i^2 \pm \frac{1}{6} \sqrt{16 + 45\chi_i^2}(\times 2) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\
 & \frac{7}{9} + \frac{5}{4}\chi_i^2(\times 2) \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \\
 & -2 + \frac{5}{4}(\chi_i - \chi_j)^2(\times 2) \quad i < j,
 \end{aligned}$$

- Flavour symmetry enhancements :

$$\mathbf{U(1)^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{SU(2)} \times \mathbf{U(1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{SU(3)}$$

$$\chi_i = \chi_j$$

$$\chi_{1,2,3} = 0$$

# N=2 family of AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua with U(1) x U(1) symmetry

- Location : [ 1 free parameter ]

$$z_1 = -\bar{z}_3 = c \left( -\chi + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \quad z_2 = ic, \quad z_4 = z_6 = i \quad \text{and} \quad z_5 = z_7 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + i)$$

- AdS<sub>4</sub> radius  $L^2 = -3/V_0$  & scalar mass spectrum :

$$V_0 = -3g^2 c^{-1},$$

$$m^2 L^2 = 0(\times 30), \quad 3 \pm \sqrt{17}(\times 2), \quad -2(\times 4), \quad 2(\times 6), \quad -2 + 4\chi^2(\times 6) \\ -1 + 4\chi^2 \pm \sqrt{16\chi^2 + 1}(\times 2), \quad \chi^2 \pm \sqrt{\chi^2 + 2}(\times 8),$$

- Flavour symmetry enhancement :

$$\mathbf{U(1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{SU(2)}$$

$$\chi = 0$$

# N=4 AdS<sub>4</sub> vacuum with SO(4) symmetry

[ Gallerati, Samtleben, Trigiante '14 ]

[ AG, Sterckx, Trigiante '20 ]

- Location :

$$z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = ic \quad \text{and} \quad z_4 = z_5 = z_6 = -\bar{z}_7 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + i)$$

- AdS<sub>4</sub> radius  $L^2 = -3/V_0$  & scalar mass spectrum :

$$V_0 = -3g^2 c^{-1},$$

$$m^2 L^2 = 0(\times 48), \quad 10(\times 1), \quad 4(\times 10), \quad -2(\times 11)$$

- **No free parameters** within the  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ -invariant sector



## Flat deformations

# Axion-like deformations in 10D

[ AG, Sterckx '21 ]

$S^5$  metric : 
$$d\hat{s}_{S^5}^2 = d\alpha^2 + \cos^2 \alpha d\theta_1^2 + \sin^2 \alpha ( d\beta^2 + \cos^2 \beta d\theta_2^2 + \sin^2 \beta d\theta_3^2 )$$

$$\theta'_1 = \theta_1 + g \chi_1 \eta \quad , \quad \theta'_2 = \theta_2 + g \chi_2 \eta \quad , \quad \theta'_3 = \theta_3 + g \chi_3 \eta$$

... so axions induce a fibration on  $S^5$  when moving around  $S^1$  characterised by a **non-trivial monodromy**

$$h(T) = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & & \\ & h_2 & \\ & & h_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad h_i = \exp \left( i \chi_i \sigma_2 T \right) \in \text{SO}(2)$$

symmetry

$$\chi_i \rightarrow \chi_i + n_i \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

**Global** breaking of symmetries of  $S^5$   $\rightarrow$  matching patterns of symmetry breaking @  $\text{AdS}_4$  vacua !

[ see Malek's talk ]

❖ KK spectrum at the  $N=2$  S-fold periodic under  $\chi \rightarrow \chi + 2\pi/T$

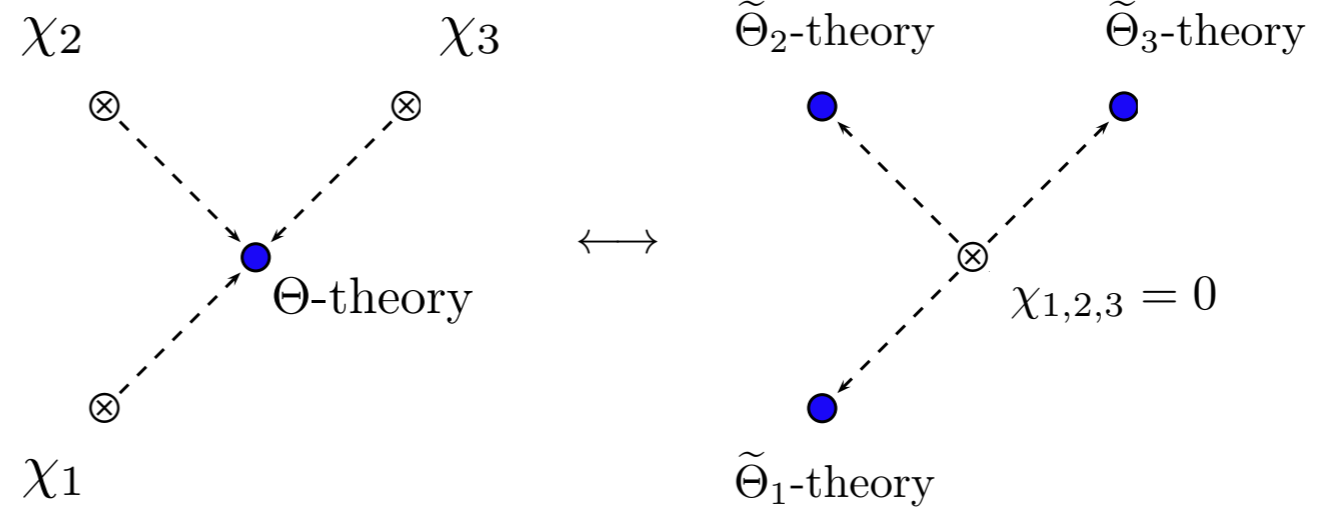
[ Giambrone, Malek, Samtleben, Trigiante '21 ]

# Axion-like deformations in 4D

[ AG, Sterckx (in progress) ]

- $E_{7(7)} / SU(8)$  scalar coset :

[ homogeneous space ]



$$\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta^{[SO(1,1) \times SO(6)] \times \mathbb{R}^{12}} + (\delta\Theta)^{\text{CSS}}(\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, 0)$$

- CSS twist from 5D to 4D :

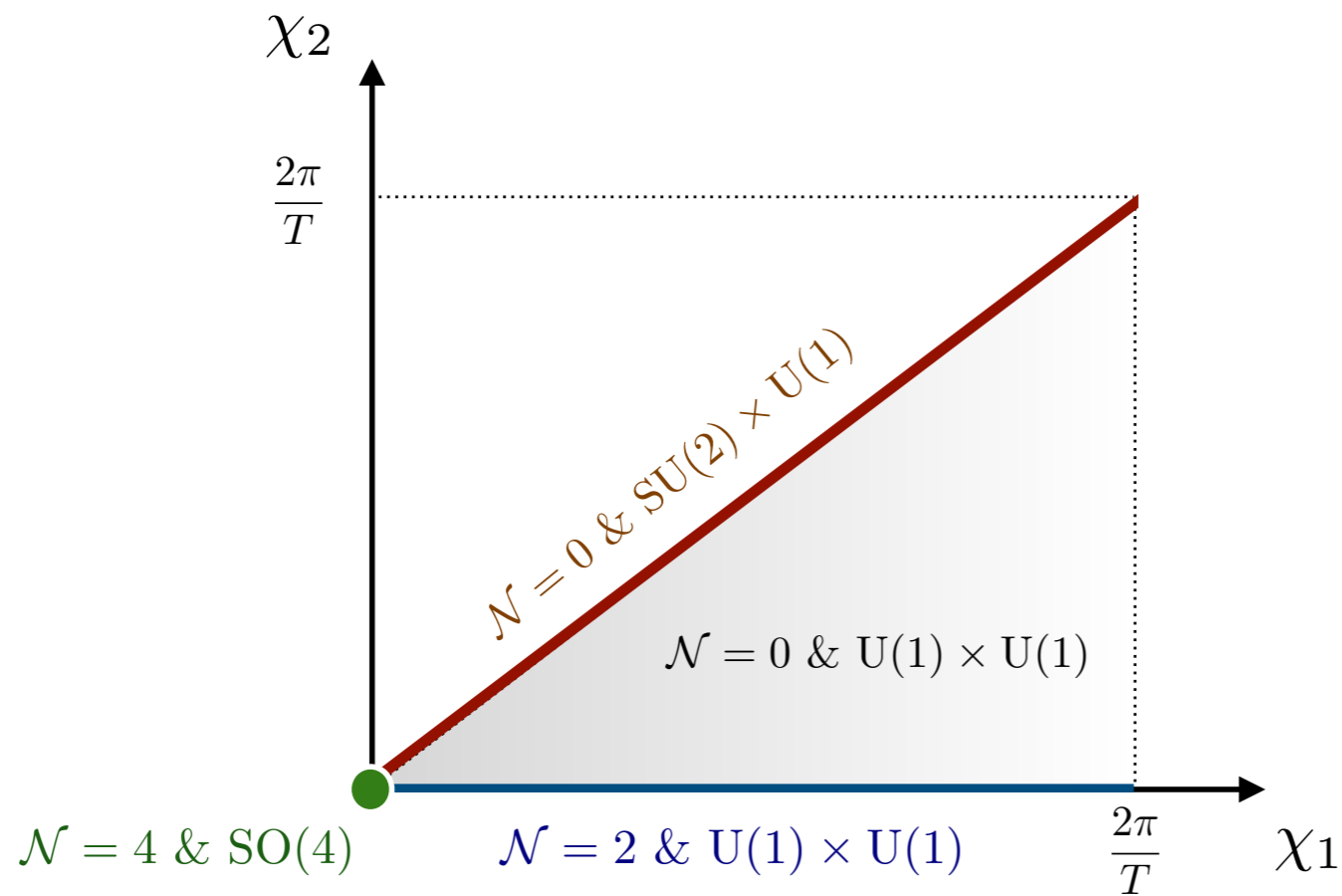
[ “Flat” gauging :  $V = 0$  ]

$$\chi^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \chi_1 & & & & \\ -\chi_1 & 0 & & & & \\ & & 0 & \chi_2 & & \\ & & -\chi_2 & 0 & & \\ & & & & 0 & \chi_3 \\ & & & & -\chi_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(2)^3 \subset \mathfrak{so}(6) \subset \mathfrak{usp}(8)$$

[ Cremmer, Scherk, Schwarz '79 (ungauged 5D) ]

# Flat deformations of the $\mathcal{N}=4$ & $SO(4)$ S-fold

- CSS twist from 5D to 4D :  $\chi^{ij} = 12\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \chi_1 & \chi_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \chi_2 & \chi_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\chi_1 & -\chi_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\chi_2 & -\chi_1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(2)^2 \subset \mathfrak{so}(4)$
- Two-parameter family of S-folds :  
[not  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ -invariant]



**Discrete sym:**  $\chi_i \leftrightarrow -\chi_i$  ,  $\chi_1 \leftrightarrow \chi_2$

Non-susy & perturbatively **stable**  
(at the lower-dimensional supergravity level)

[ Bobev, Gautason, van Muiden '21 ]



# Future directions

- ❖ Compactness of  $\chi_{1,2}$ 
  - ↗ Type IIB uplift :  $S^5$  monodromies
  - ↘ KK spectra at the flat-deformed N=4 & SO(4) S-folds
- ❖ Higher-dimensional stability vs AdS Swampland Conjecture [ Ooguri, Vafa '17 ]
- ❖ Oxidation of AdS<sub>4</sub> vacua with  $\chi^{ij} \neq 0$  to 5D & one-form deformations of SYM
  - [ Bobev, Gautason, Pilch, Suh, van Muiden '19, '20 ]
  - [ Arav, (Cheung), Gauntlett, Roberts, Rosen '21 ]
- ❖ Application to other (half-)maximal supergravities

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thanks !!