

Probing boundary states at finite coupling

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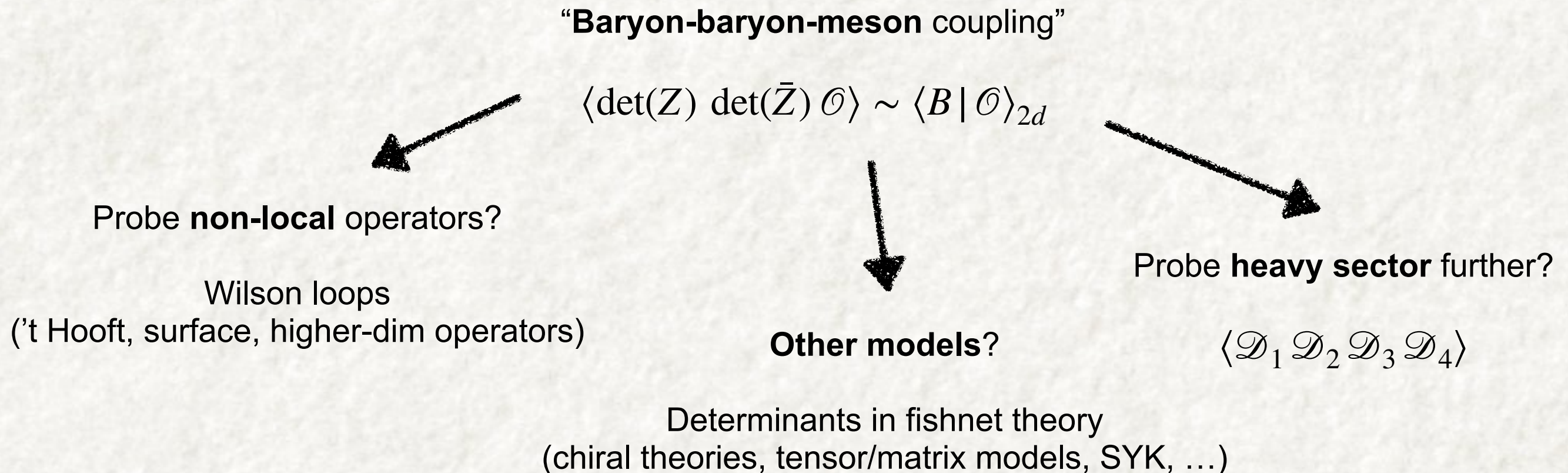
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Plan

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang Mills in 4d

- Feynman-diagram techniques $\longrightarrow$ small coupling
- AdS/CFT correspondence $\longrightarrow$ large coupling
- High symmetry content $\longrightarrow$ finite coupling

Theo lab for technological **transfer to QCD**, accessing **quantum gravity**, **defining QFT** operatively, ...



Probing Wilson loops

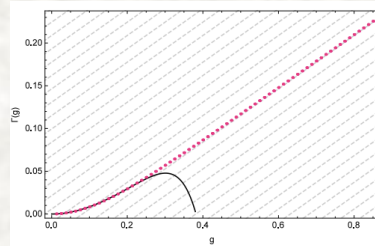
Determinants in SYM

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Conclusion

Wilson loops

integrability
with operator insertions on $\mathcal{W}$

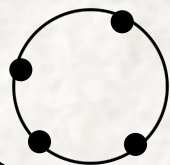


integrable spin chain [Drukker, Kawamoto 06]
TBA [Correa, Maldacena, Sever 12] [Drukker 12]
QSC [Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk 15]
3-pt via hexagon [Kim, Kiryu, Komatsu 17-18]

SUSY localization

if $\delta_{\text{SUSY}} \mathcal{W} = 0$

$\langle \mathcal{W} \rangle = \text{exact function in } \lambda, N$
[Erickson, Semenoff, Zarembo 00]
[Drukker, Gross 00] [Pestun 07]
 $\sim$ Bremsstrahlung radiation, ...



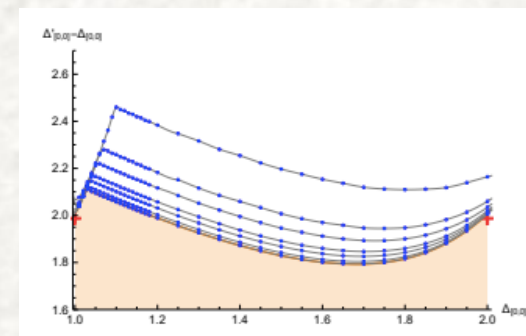
[Giombi, Roiban, Tseytlin 18]
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**Wilson
loops**

conformal bootstrap

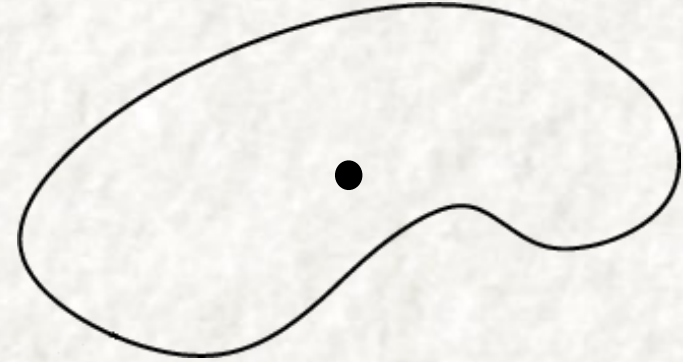
if $\delta_{\text{SO}(2,1)} \mathcal{W} = 0$

[Liendo, Meneghelli, Mitev 18]



Goal

$$\langle \mathcal{W} \mathcal{O} \rangle = ? \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{finite } \lambda \\ \text{via integrable bootstrap} \end{array}$$



SUSY Wilson loop

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{P} \left[e^{\int_0^1 \left(i A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + |\dot{x}| \theta^I \Phi_I \right) d\tau} \right]$$

$SL(2)$ operator

$\leftrightarrow$

spin-chain state

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{tr} \left(D_+^{S_1} Z \dots D_+^{S_L} Z \right)$$

$\leftrightarrow$

$$|S_1 \dots S_L\rangle$$

$$Y^I \Phi_I = \Phi^1 + i\Phi^2$$

$$\hat{D}, \Delta(\lambda)$$

$\leftrightarrow$

$$\text{integrable } \hat{H}, E(\lambda)$$

[Minahan, Zarembo 02]

Wilson loop $\sim$ IR, local probe $\sim$ UV.

Natural object to connect WL with integrability corpus for local operators.

Towards MPS in free theory

Question 1: find evidence that WL “preserves” integrability.

Reformulate $\langle \mathcal{W} | \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \langle \text{Matrix Product State} | \mathcal{O} \rangle$ and check selection rules

- Use **generating function** of $\mathcal{W}$ in rank- r antisymmetric repr.



(r boxes).

$$G(a_0) = \det \left(\mathbb{I} + e^{ia_0} \mathcal{P} \left[e^{\int_0^1 (iA \cdot \dot{x} + |\dot{x}| \theta \cdot \Phi) d\tau} \right] \right) = 1 + \mathcal{W}_{\square} e^{ia_0} + \mathcal{W}_{\square\square} e^{2ia_0} + \dots$$

[Hartnoll, Kumar 06]

- Integrating in 1d fermions $\chi^a(\tau)$

[Gomis, Passerini 06] [Hoyos 18]

$$\langle \mathcal{G} \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}A_\mu \mathcal{D}\Phi^I \mathcal{D}\chi \mathcal{D}\bar{\chi} \mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{1}{g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \text{tr} \left(\partial_\mu \Phi_I \partial_\mu \Phi_I + \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu \right) + i \int_0^1 d\tau \left[\bar{\chi}_a \left(i\partial_\tau + A \cdot \dot{x} - i|\dot{x}| \theta \cdot \Phi \right)_b^a \chi^b + a_0 \bar{\chi}_a \chi^a \right]}$$

- Integrating out A_μ and Φ^I and integrating in boson $\rho(\tau, \tau')$

Towards MPS in free theory

- Effective theory

$$\langle G\mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\rho \left\langle \mathcal{O}^{(\chi)}[\rho] \right\rangle_{\chi} e^{\textcolor{red}{N} S_{\text{eff}}[\rho]}$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}[\rho] = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^1 d\tau d\tau' \rho(\tau, \tau') \rho(\tau', \tau) + \text{Tr} \log \left[\delta(\tau - \tau') (\partial_{\tau'} - ia_0) - i\sqrt{2f(\tau, \tau')} \rho(\tau, \tau') \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{(\chi)} = \mathcal{O}^{(\chi)}[\rho; x, \theta; Y^I, \{S_i\}]$$

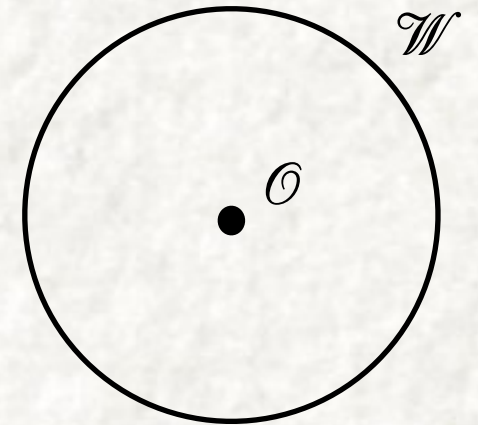
- Saddle-pt approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \langle G\mathcal{O} \rangle &\stackrel{\textcolor{red}{N} \gg 1}{=} \text{Tr} \left(M^{(S_1)} \dots M^{(S_L)} \right) \quad \text{w/} \quad \left(M^{(S_i)} \right)_{\tau_i \tau_{i+1}} \sim \text{function(al) of } x, \theta, Y, S_i \\ &= \langle \textcolor{red}{\text{MPS}} | \mathcal{O} \rangle = \left[\sum_{L'=0}^{\infty} \sum_{S'_1, \dots, S'_{L'}=1}^{\infty} \text{Tr} \left(M^{(S'_1)} \dots M^{(S'_{L'})} \right) \langle S'_1 \dots S'_{L'} | \right] | S_1 \dots S_L \rangle \end{aligned}$$

MPS has infinite bond dimension ($\sim$ index τ) due to WL.

Circle in free theory

- BPS operator $\text{tr}(\underbrace{Z \dots Z}_L)$



saddle-pt

$$\rho_n = \pi (2n + 1) - a_0 - \sqrt{[\pi (2n + 1) - a_0]^2 + \lambda}$$

residue theorem

$$\langle G \text{tr}(Z^L) \rangle = \sum_n (\dots) = \oint \frac{dx (1 - x^{-2})}{x^L} \tanh (\lambda (x + x^{-1}) - i a_0)$$

project on fund.

$$\langle \mathcal{W}_{\square} \text{tr}(Z^L) \rangle = \oint \frac{dx (1 - x^{-2})}{x^L} e^{\lambda (x + x^{-1})} = L I_L (\sqrt{\lambda}) = \text{localization result}$$

[Semenoff, Zarembo 01]

[Giombi, Pestun 09]

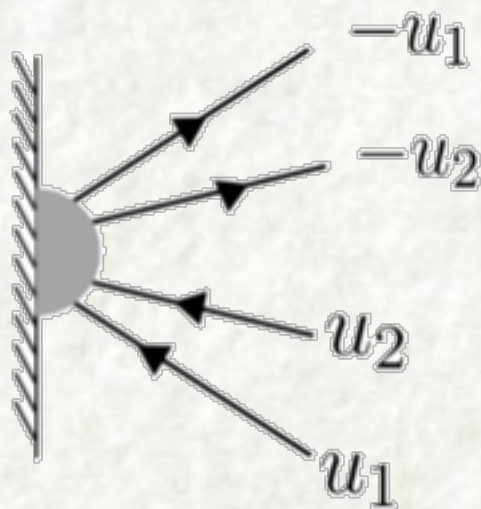
Circle in free theory

- non-BPS operator $\text{tr} \left(D_+^{S_1} Z \dots D_+^{S_L} Z \right)$

Scan over $\mathcal{O}$ and discover **selection rule**: $\langle G \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \langle \text{MPS} | u_1, -u_1, u_2, -u_2, \dots \rangle \neq 0$.

(reminder: Bethe roots u 's parametrize $\mathcal{O}$)

Selection rule hints at MPS as **integrable** boundary state
[Ghoshal, Zamolodchikov 93] [Pozsgay, Piroli, Vernier 17].



u 's $\sim$ momenta

Overlap $\sim$ reflection amplitude **with integrability signature**:

- no particle creation,
- momenta get flipped separately.

Integrable bootstrap

Question 2: uplift result to finite coupling

Intuition from AdS/CFT

$$\langle G \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \langle \text{MPS} | \mathcal{O} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{finite } \lambda} \langle B | \mathcal{O} \rangle = ?$$

$$\langle B | \text{cylinder} | \mathcal{O} \rangle = \text{circle with } \mathcal{O} \text{ and } \mathcal{W}$$

Strategy:

- ascertain $\langle B |$ is integrable boundary (basically done)
- $\langle B | \mathcal{O} \rangle_{L \gg 1}$ decomposes into $\langle B | u, -u \rangle$
- $SU(1|2)^2$ symmetry + integrability axioms
 $\rightarrow$ fix $\langle B | u, -u \rangle$ at finite λ
- $\langle B | u, -u \rangle$ is building block for $\langle B | \mathcal{O} \rangle_{L \gg 1}$
- $\langle B | u, -u \rangle$ is input for thermodynamic Bethe ansatz for finite L (not today)

Result

$$\langle B | u, -u \rangle \sim \frac{(u^2 + 1/4)^2}{(u^2 - (a + i/2)^2)(u^2 - (a - i/2)^2)} \times \dots$$

poles indicate **bound state** $\langle B' |$
 (boundary state - bulk particle) [[Ghoshal, Zamolodchikov 93](#)] [[Komatsu, Wang 20](#)]

axioms determine also $\langle B' | u, -u \rangle$

repeat and find infinite tower of bound states

$$\langle G \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle B^{(n)} | u, -u \rangle = \oint \frac{dx (1 - x^{-2})}{x^L} \tanh (\lambda (x + x^{-1}) - i a_0) \frac{Q(i/2) Q(-i/2)}{Q(u + i/2) Q(u - i/2)} (\dots) \det G^+$$

residue theorem

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} (x + x^{-1}), \quad Q(u) = \prod_k (u - u_k)$$

Result

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- hybrid of integrability/localization

$\det G^+ =$ Gaudin-like det $Q(u) =$ Baxter Q -functions

- bond dimension of MPS ($\lambda \ll 1$) = number of bound states $\langle B^{(n)} |$ (finite λ)

$\langle G \mathcal{O} \rangle$	$\langle \det Z \det \bar{Z} \mathcal{O} \rangle$	$\langle (\text{defect}) \mathcal{O} \rangle$
$\# = \infty$	$\# = 2$	$\# = k$
(here)	[Jiang, Komatsu, EV 19]	[de Leeuw, Kristjansen, Zarembo 15] [Komatsu, Wang 20]

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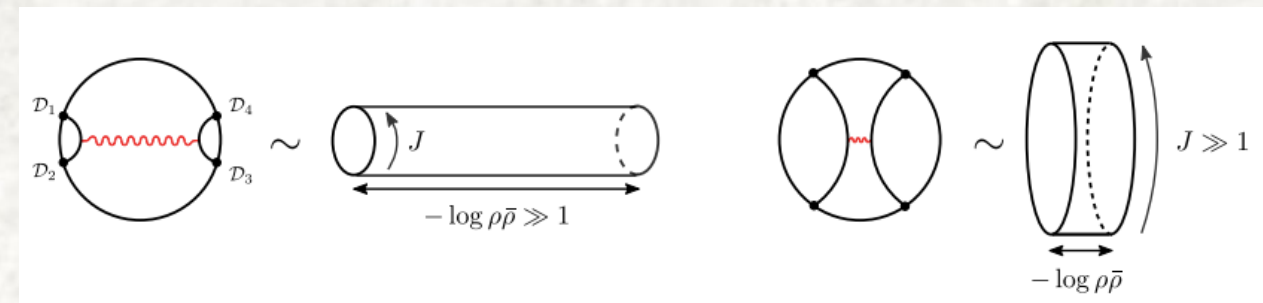
4-pt determinants

$$\langle \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \text{tr}(\dots) \rangle = \langle B | \Psi \rangle = \sqrt{\text{cylinder with blue and green caps}} = \sqrt{\langle B | \text{cylinder with blue cap} | \Psi \rangle \times \langle \Psi | \text{cylinder with green cap} | B \rangle}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \mathcal{D}_3 \mathcal{D}_4 \rangle_{\text{conn.}} \sim \text{cylinder with blue and green caps} \quad \text{finite cross-ratios} \rightarrow \text{finite cylinder length} \rightarrow \text{TBA would be hard}$$

Z_{cylinder} should exhibit phase transition at large N

- closed-string ch.: Hagedorn growth of states
- open-string ch.: tachyons in spectrum



cf. torus partition function at $T = T_{\text{Hagedorn}}$ [Atick, Witten 88] [Harmack, Wilhelm 17-18]

Result

Question 1: pert. data + dependence on cross-ratios

- include 1-loop interactions
- integrate out all fields
- ρ = Hermitian matrix
- eases combinatorics of diagrams

$$\langle \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \mathcal{D}_3 \mathcal{D}_4 \rangle = \int d\rho \left(1 + \lambda \left\langle \mathcal{O}_{1\text{-loop}}^{(\chi)}[\rho] \right\rangle_{\chi} + O(\lambda^2) \right) e^{-NS_{\text{eff}}[\rho]}$$

$$= \underbrace{f(u_1, u_2)}_{\text{saddle-pt I}} + \underbrace{f\left(\frac{1}{u_1}, \frac{u_2}{u_1}\right) u_1^N}_{\text{II}} + \underbrace{f(u_2, u_1) \left(\frac{u_1}{u_2}\right)^N}_{\text{III}}$$

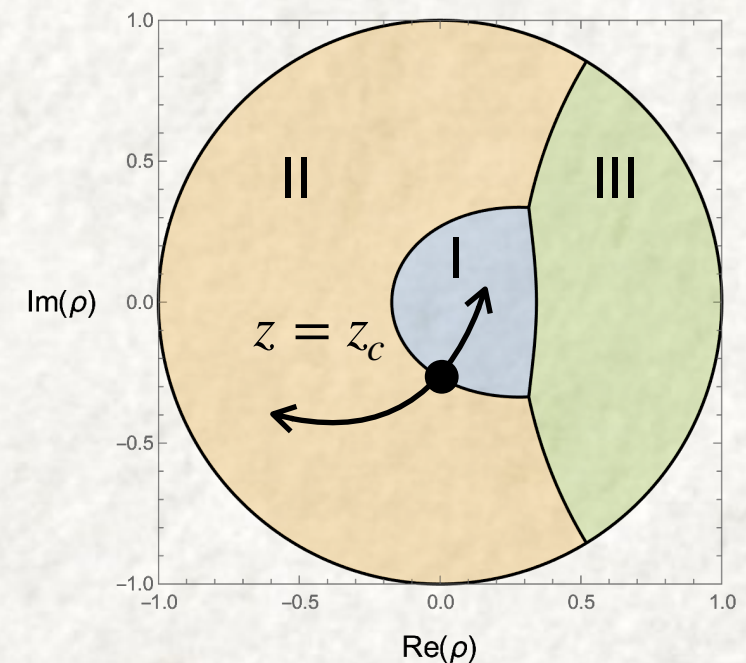
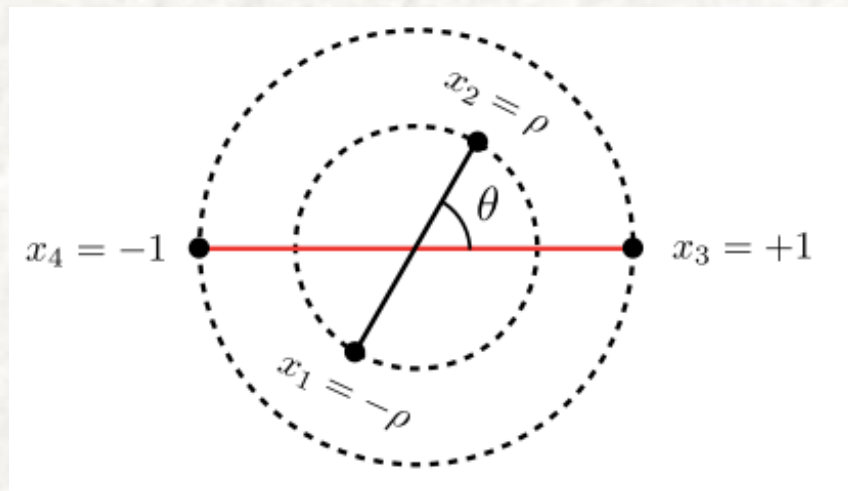
$$f(u_1, u_2) = \left[\frac{u_2}{(1-u_1)(u_2-u_1)} - \lambda \frac{\alpha^2 \bar{\alpha}^2 (z-\alpha)(z-\bar{\alpha})(\bar{z}-\alpha)(\bar{z}-\bar{\alpha})}{8\pi^2 (z\bar{z}-\alpha\bar{\alpha})^2} \frac{z\bar{z}(1-z)(1-\bar{z})F^{(1)}(z, \bar{z})}{[z\bar{z}(\alpha+\bar{\alpha}-1)-\alpha\bar{\alpha}(z+\bar{z}-1)]^2} + O(\lambda^2) \right] + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

$F^{(1)}$ = box master integral [[Usyukina, Davydychev 93](#)]

- Dominance of saddle-pts depends on $u_1 = \frac{z\bar{z}}{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}, \quad u_2 = \frac{(1-z)(1-\bar{z})}{(1-\alpha)(1-\bar{\alpha})}$.
- Cannot project dets onto single traces $\longrightarrow$ not derivable from 4-pt of 1/2-BPS operators of weight k
[\[Arutyunov, Sokatchev 03\]](#)
[\[Chicherin, Drummond, Heslop, Sokatchev 15\]](#)

Phase transition(s)

Question 2: while TBA is still missing, ET can detect phase transitions.



Possible phase transitions

- $z = z_c$: 2 saddle-pts have equal weight
- $z = z_H(\lambda)$: a fluctuation around saddle-pt becomes massless

(Partial) result

$O(\lambda^0)$: $z_H(\lambda) = z_c \rightarrow$ 2nd order

$O(\lambda^1)$: $z_H(\lambda) \stackrel{?}{=} z_c \rightarrow$ 1st/2nd order?

ρ -integrand and masses depend on regularisation choice.
Alternative formulation of effective theory?

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Goal and motivation

Fishnet theory = double-scaling limit of γ -deformed SYM [Gurdogan, Kazakov 15]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \sim \xi^2 \text{tr}(\bar{X}\bar{Z}XZ) + \underbrace{\text{tr}(\dots)\text{tr}(\dots)}_{\text{counterterms}}$$

No SUSY nor unitarity

Rare example of conformal, integrable in $d > 2$

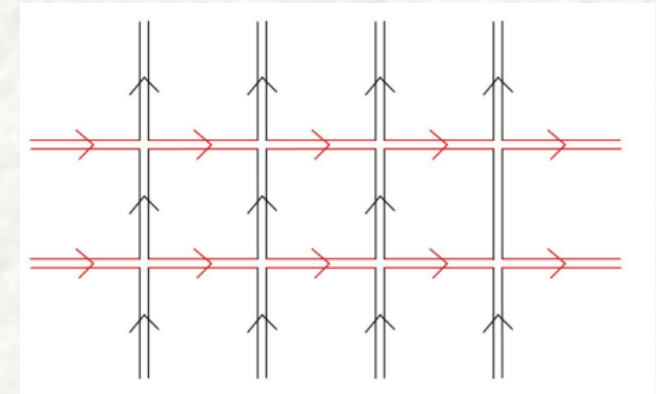
Goal:

$$\langle \det(Z) \det(\bar{Z}) \text{tr}(\dots) \rangle \longrightarrow \int d\rho \langle \text{tr}(\dots) \rangle_{\chi} e^{-NS_{\text{eff}}[\rho]} \longrightarrow \text{exact analytic } \{ \Delta_i, C_{ijk} \}$$

- All-loop diagrams, also with length-2 traces from dets.
- Conformal symmetry + graphs' iterative pattern, cf. [Grabner, Gromov, Kazakov, Korchemski 17] [Gromov, Kazakov, Korchemski 18] [Kazakov, Olivucci, Preti 19]

Motivation:

- Exact “baryons-mesons” coupling.
- Next candidates for QSC? Lesson for SYM?
- Strings and D-branes in holographic dual [Basso, Zhong 18] [Gromov, Sever 19]?



2-point functions

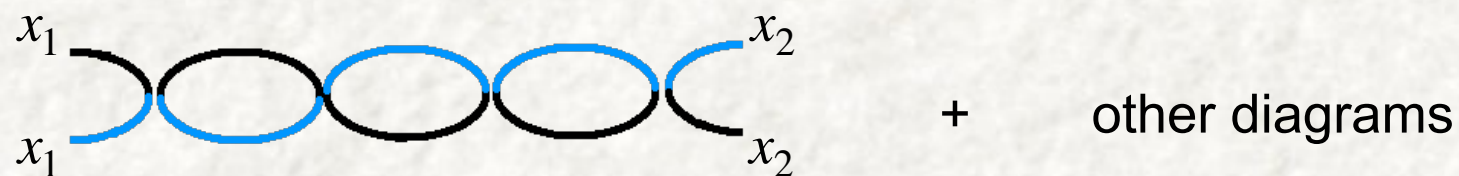
$$\langle \det \Phi(x) \det \Phi^\dagger(x) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{x^{2\Delta}}$$

- Protected

$$\Phi = Z \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta = N$$

- Non-protected

$$\Phi = X + Z, \bar{X} + Z \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta(\xi) \neq 0 \text{ \& in progress; } \sim \text{exact renormalised mass of baryons in QCD}$$



cf. [Grabner, Gromov, Kazakov 17]

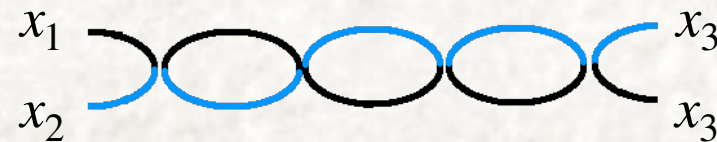
3-point functions

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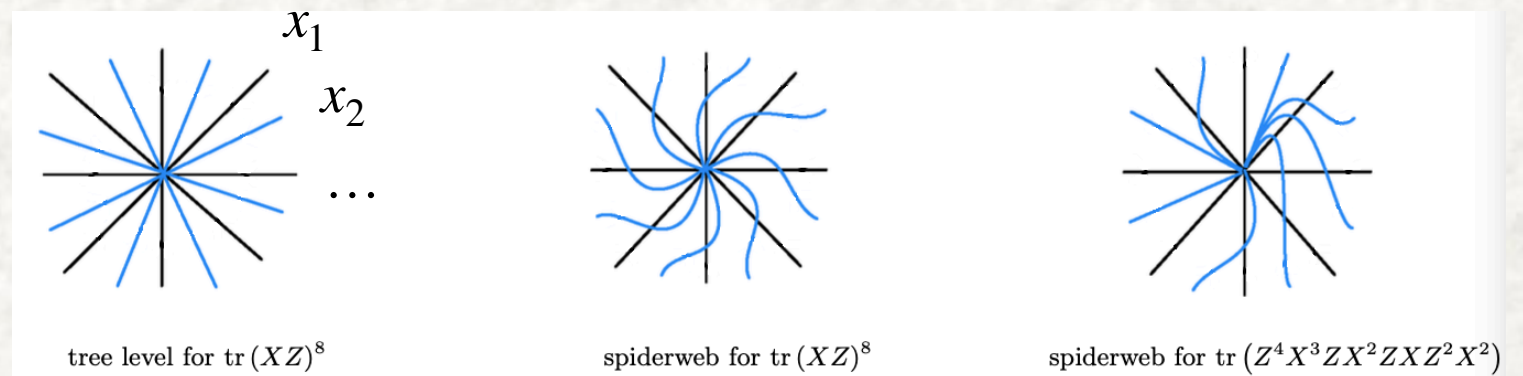
$$\langle \det Z(x_1) \det \bar{Z}(x_2) \text{tr}(Z(x_3)\bar{Z}(x_3))^L \rangle$$

- Non-protected

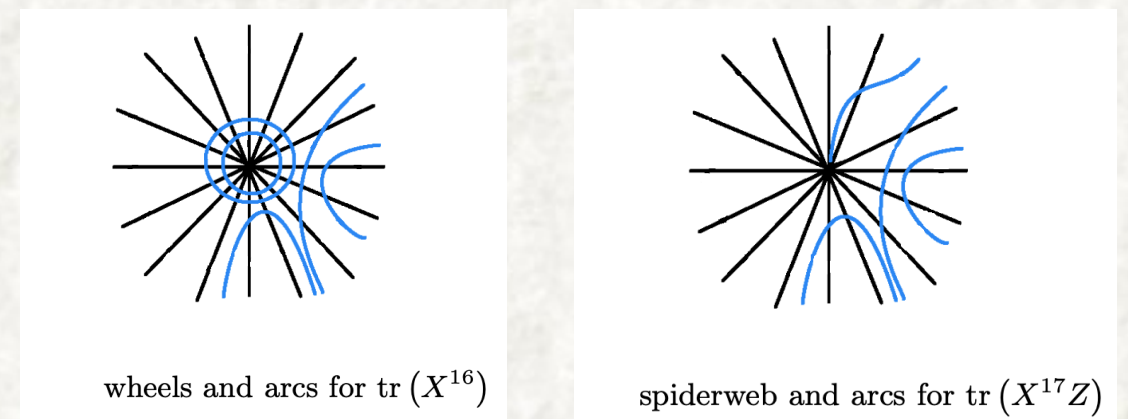
$$\langle \det(\bar{X} + Z)(x_1) \det \bar{Z}(x_2) \text{tr}(XZ)(x_3) \rangle$$



$$\langle \det(\bar{X} + Z)(x_1) \det \bar{Z}(x_2) \text{tr}(\dots)(x_3) \rangle$$



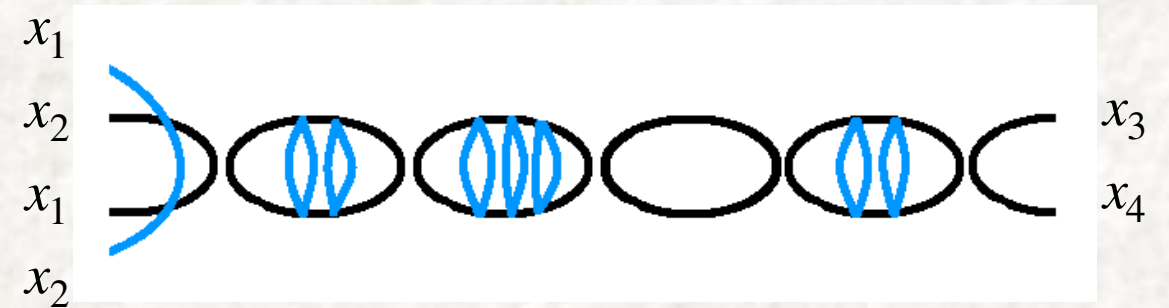
$$\langle \det(\bar{X} + Z)(x_1) \det(\bar{X} + \bar{Z})(x_2) \text{tr}(X^{L-M} Z^M)(x_3) \rangle$$



cf. [Caetano, Gurdogan, Kazakov 16]

4-point functions

$$\langle \det(\bar{X} + Z)(x_1) \det(\bar{X} + \bar{Z})(x_2) \text{tr}(X(x_3)X(x_4)) \rangle$$



$$\langle x_1, x_2 \mid \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\alpha_1^2 \hat{\mathcal{V}} + \xi^4 \hat{\mathcal{H}}_B \right)^n \hat{\mathcal{H}}_B \mid x_3, x_4 \rangle$$

$$\langle x_1, x_2 \mid \xi^4 \hat{\mathcal{H}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\alpha_1^2 \hat{\mathcal{V}} + \xi^4 \hat{\mathcal{H}}_B \right)^n \hat{\mathcal{H}}_B \mid x_3, x_4 \rangle$$

Graph-building kernels $\hat{\mathcal{V}}$, $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_B$ [Grabner, Gromov, Kazakov 17] and new $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$.

$$\langle \det(\bar{X} + Z)(x_1) \det(\bar{X} + \bar{Z})(x_2) \text{tr}(X(x_3)X(x_4)) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{x_{12}^{2N} x_{34}^2} \sum_{\Delta, S} C'_{\Delta, S} C_{\Delta, S} g_{\Delta, S}(z, \bar{z}) \quad \text{in progress}$$

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Correlator of (circular) WL and $SL(2)$ operator in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$\langle \mathcal{W} \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \langle B | \mathcal{O} \rangle \rightarrow$ assume *integrable* boundary state

$\rightarrow$ consistency conditions fix $\langle B | \mathcal{O} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{W} \mathcal{O} \rangle$ at finite coupling, $L \gg 1$

- Classify WLs $\sim$ integrable boundaries; WLs on S^2 [Drukker, Giombi, Ricci, Trancanelli 07]
- 't Hooft, surface operators, ...
- Relation to spectral-parameter deformation of WLs [Ishizeki, Kruczenski, Ziamas 11]
[Cooke, Dekel, Drukker, Trancanelli, EV 18]
- Classify solutions of axioms $\sim$ WLs

Conclusion

Quantitative remarks and phase transition(s) of 4-pt dets (2nd order, in free theory)

- ET without regularisation-choice ambiguity (use fermion bilinear in SYK?)
- Lagrangian insertion approach [[Chicherin, Drummond, Heslop, Sokatchev 15](#)]
- Kinematical limits
- Classical D-brane configuration
- Integrability in heavy sector

Det correlators in fishnet theory

- ET for heavy operators and WLs in 3d/4d chiral theories [[Caetano, Gurdogan, Kazakov 16](#)] [[Pittelli, Preti19](#)], tensor/matrix models, SYK, ...
- SoV formulation [[Cavaglia', Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk 21](#)]