

# Integrability and Exact results in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ gauge theories

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# Motivation: The success story for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

Possible to compute observables in the **strong coupling regime** and in some cases to even obtain **Exact results** (for any value of the coupling).

- **AdS/CFT** (gravity/sigma model description)
- **Integrability** (The spectral problem is solved) at large  $N_c$
- **Localization** (Exact results: e.x. Circular WL) for any  $N_c$

Which of these properties/techniques are transferable to **more realistic gauge theories** in 4D with less SUSY?

**Localization** works for  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories (Pestun)

The **path integral** localizes to (a Matrix model) an **ordinary integral**!

$$Z_{S^4} = \int [D\Phi] e^{-S[\Phi]} = \int da |\mathcal{Z}(a)|^2$$

An example of exact observable:

$$W(\lambda) = 2 \frac{I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{\lambda}{8} + \frac{\lambda^2}{192} + \frac{\lambda^3}{9216} + \dots & \lambda \ll 1 \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \lambda^{-\frac{3}{4}} e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots & \lambda \gg 1 \end{cases}$$

the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM **circular Wilson loop** in the planar limit.

- Even if the observable cannot be written in a **closed form**, one can always **expand** both from the weak and from the strong coupling.

# Integrability (only in the planar limit)

- **Perturbation theory**: integrable spin chain (Minahan, Zarembo, ...).
- **Gravity side**: integrable 2D sigma model (Bena, Polchinski, Roiban, ...)
- The spectral problem is solved  $\forall \lambda$  (Gromov, Kazakov, Vieira, ...).
- Now other observables: scattering amplitudes, correlation functions. ...

Integrability: 2-body problem  $\rightarrow$   $n$ -body problem

**Exact result** ( $\forall \lambda$ ) is due to **symmetry**:

- The dispersion relation  $\Delta - |r| = \sqrt{1 + h(g) \sin^2(\frac{p}{2})}$   
and the 2-body **S- matrix**

are fixed due to the  $SU(2|2) \subset PSU(2, 2|4)$  symmetry (Beisert).

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories we also have it:  $SU(2|2) \subset SU(2, 2|2)$ !

**AdS duals** only for a sparse set of 4D theories:

- $D3$  branes in **critical string theory**. (e.g. orbifolds)
- Adjoint and bifundamental matter. (Flavors in the **probe** approx.)

It has been argued that:

- $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SQCD in the Seiberg **conformal** window is dual to  $6d$  non-critical backgrounds of the form  $AdS_5 \times S^1$ .  
(Klebanov-Maldacena, Fotopoulos-Niarchos-Prezas, Murthy-Troost,...)
- $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCQCD is dual to  $8d$  *non-critical* string theory in a background with an  $AdS_5 \times S^1$  factor (Gadde-EP-Rastelli)

Checked at the level of the **chiral spectrum**.

For non-protected quantities there is nothing to compare with!

Discover the string from the “**bottom up**”.

$$AdS_5 \times S^1 \times \mathcal{M}$$

- Probe the  $AdS_5 \times S^1$  factor of the geometry: **purely gluonic sector**
- Probe the compact  $S^1 \times \mathcal{M}$  factor: **sectors with quarks**

$$f_1(g^2) = \frac{R_{AdS}^4}{(2\pi\alpha')^2}, \quad f_2(g^2) = \frac{R_{S^1}^4}{(2\pi\alpha')^2}, \quad f_3(g^2) = \frac{R_{\mathcal{M}}^4}{(2\pi\alpha')^2}$$

using:

- Perturbation theory
- The spin chain description (Symmetry and Integrability)
- Localization

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- 1 Every  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superconformal gauge theory has a **purely gluonic**  $SU(2, 1|2)$  sector **integrable in the planar limit**

$$H_{\mathcal{N}=2}(g) = H_{\mathcal{N}=4}(\mathbf{g})$$

- 2 The **Exact Effective coupling** (relative **finite renormalization** of  $g$ )

$$\mathbf{g}^2 = f(g^2) = g^2 + g^2 (Z_{\mathcal{N}=2} - Z_{\mathcal{N}=4})$$

we compute using localization

$$W_{\mathcal{N}=2}(g^2) = W_{\mathcal{N}=4}(\mathbf{g}^2)$$

- 3 AdS/CFT: **effective string tension**  $f(g^2) = T_{\text{eff}}^2 = \left( \frac{R^4}{(2\pi\alpha')^2} \right)_{\text{eff}}$

Obtain any observable classically in the factor  $AdS_5 \times S^1$  of the geometry by replacing  $g^2 \rightarrow f(g^2)$ .

# Outline of the rest of the talk

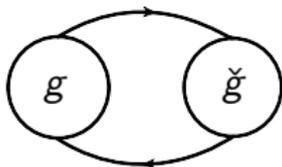
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# Review

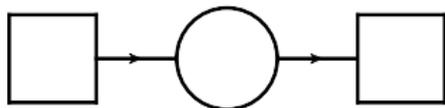
# $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SuperConformal QCD (SCQCD)

- ADE classification  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFT: finite/affine Dynkin diagrams

**One parameter family  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFT:** product gauge group  $SU(N) \times SU(N)$  and **two exactly marginal couplings**  $g$  and  $\check{g}$  (Gadde-EP-Rastelli)



- For  $\check{g} \rightarrow 0$  obtain  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCQCD with  $N_f = 2N$



- For  $\check{g} = g$  one finds the well-known  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  orbifold of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM, with an  $AdS_5 \times S^5/\mathbb{Z}_2$  gravity dual (Kachru-Silverstein, Lawrence-Nekrasov-Vafa, ...)

# $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SuperConformal QCD (SCQCD)

$$U(1)_r \times SU(2)_R$$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector multiplet **adjoint** in  $SU(N)$ :

$$\lambda_\alpha^1 \begin{matrix} A_\mu \\ \phi \end{matrix} \lambda_\alpha^2, \quad \lambda^{\mathcal{I}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^1 \\ \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{I} = 1, 2$$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  hypermultiplet **fundamental** in  $SU(N)$  and  $U(N_f)$ :

$$q_i \begin{matrix} \psi_{\alpha i} \\ (\tilde{\psi}_\alpha)_i^\dagger \end{matrix} (\tilde{q})_i^*, \quad Q^{\mathcal{I}} = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ \tilde{q}^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_f$$

$$\beta = \frac{g_{YM}^3}{16\pi^2} (N_f - 2N) \text{ when } N_f = 2N \text{ exactly marginal coupling!}$$

It should have an *AdS* dual description with  $\lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N \longrightarrow \left( \frac{R_{AdS}}{l_{st}} \right)^4$ .

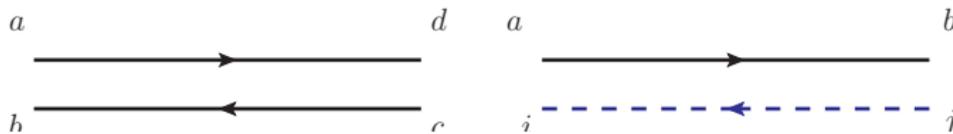
The theory admits a *Veneziano* expansion:

$$N \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad N_f \rightarrow \infty$$

with  $\frac{N_f}{N}$  and  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$  kept fixed.

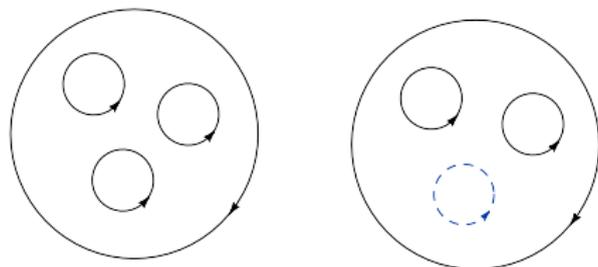
(Veneziano 1976)

Generalized double line notation:



# Consequences of the Veneziano expansion

The two diagrams are of the same order  $N \sim N_f$



Operators will mix:

$$\mathcal{O} \sim \text{Tr}(\phi^\ell \bar{\phi}) + \text{Tr}(\phi^{\ell-1} q_i \bar{q}^i)$$

Closed string states  $\rightarrow$  “**generalized single-trace**” operators

$$\text{Tr}(\phi^{k_1} \mathcal{M}^{\ell_1} \phi^{k_2} \dots \phi^{k_n} \mathcal{M}^{\ell_n}), \quad \mathcal{M}_b^a \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} q^a_i \bar{q}_b^i, \quad a, b = 1, \dots, N$$

# One parameter family of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCFT $SU(N) \times SU(N)$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector multiplet adjoint in  $SU(N)$ :  $(\phi, \lambda_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{I}}, \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta})^a_b$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  vector multiplet adjoint in  $SU(N)$ :  $(\check{\phi}, \check{\lambda}_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{I}}, \check{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha\beta})^{\check{a}}_{\check{b}}$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  hypermultiplet **bifundamental** in  $SU(N)$  and  $SU(N)$ :

$$\left( Q^{\mathcal{I}}, \psi_{\alpha}, \tilde{\psi}_{\alpha} \right)^{\hat{\mathcal{I}} a}_{\check{a}} \quad \hat{\mathcal{I}} = 1, 2 \quad SU(2)_L$$

For  $\check{g} \rightarrow 0$ :  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCQCD *plus* a decoupled free vector multiplet.  
**symmetry enhancement:**  $SU(2)_L \times SU(N) \rightarrow U(N_f = 2N)$ ,  $(\hat{\mathcal{I}}, \check{a}) \rightarrow i$

# Constructing the Spin Chain

## $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$\forall$  site hosts a “letter” from the single **ultrashort singleton** multiplet:

$$V_F = \mathcal{D}^n \left( X, Y, Z, \bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \lambda_\alpha^A, \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}^A, \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta}, \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \right)$$

The **state space**  $\forall$  lattice site is  $\mathcal{V}_\ell = V_F$  and the total space is  $\otimes_\ell^L \mathcal{V}_\ell$ .

## $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCQCD

The **state space** at each lattice site is  $\infty$ -dim, spanned by

$$\mathcal{V}_\ell = \{ \mathcal{V}, \bar{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{H}, \bar{\mathcal{H}} \}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{D}^n \left( \phi, \lambda_\alpha^I, \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta} \right)_b^a, \quad \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{D}^n \left( Q^I, \psi, \bar{\psi} \right)_i^a$$

The color index structure imposes **restrictions** on the total space  $\otimes_\ell^L \mathcal{V}_\ell$ :

$$\cdots \phi \phi Q \check{\phi} \check{\phi} \cdots \check{\phi} \check{\phi} \bar{Q} \phi \phi \cdots$$

# Elementary excitations come from the vector multiplet

## $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- Choice of **vacuum**  $\text{tr} Z^\ell$  with  $\Delta - r = 0$  (= *magnon number*).
- $8 + 8$  **elementary excitations** with  $\Delta - r = 1$ :

$\lambda_\alpha^A, X, \bar{X}, Y, \bar{Y}, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$  with  $A = 1, \dots, 4$  the  $SU(4)$  index.

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# “Regularizing” $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SCQCD by gauging the flavor

- Consider the  $SU(N) \times SU(N)$   $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFT (SCQCD  $\check{g} \rightarrow 0$ )  
 $\check{g}/g$  should be thought of as a **regulator**.

- We **regularize by inserting  $\check{\phi}$ s between the  $Q$ s** giving the dimeric impurities the possibility to split:

$$\cdots \phi \phi \color{blue}{Q} \color{green}{\check{\phi}} \color{green}{\check{\phi}} \cdots \color{green}{\check{\phi}} \color{green}{\check{\phi}} \color{blue}{\bar{Q}} \phi \phi \cdots$$

- Now the  $Q$ s can move independently

$$\Delta - r = 1$$

and can be interpreted as **elementary excitations!**

- Back to  $8 + 8$  **elementary excitations** with  $\Delta - r = 1$ :

$$\boxed{Q^{\mathcal{I}\hat{\mathcal{I}}}, \lambda_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{I}} \text{ and } \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}}$$
 with  $\mathcal{I}$  the  $SU(2)_R$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{I}}$  the  $SU(2)_L$  index.

# Beisert's all loop Scattering Matrix

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

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- These magnons transform in the fundamental of  $SU(2|2)$

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- The two-body S-matrix is fixed by Beisert's centrally extended  $SU(2|2) \times SU(2|2)$  symmetry. (Beisert)

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$$2\mathcal{C}_{Q, \psi} = \sqrt{1 + 2(\mathbf{g} - \check{\mathbf{g}})^2 + 8\mathbf{g}\check{\mathbf{g}} \sin^2\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right)}$$

$$(\mathbf{g} - \check{\mathbf{g}})^2 = f_1(\mathbf{g}, \check{\mathbf{g}}) = (\mathbf{g} - \check{\mathbf{g}})^2 + \dots$$

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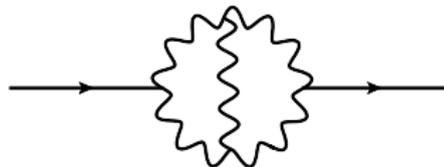
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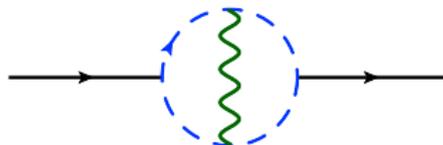
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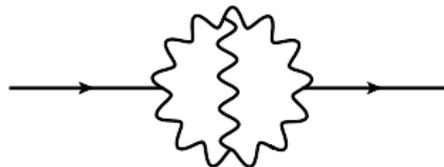
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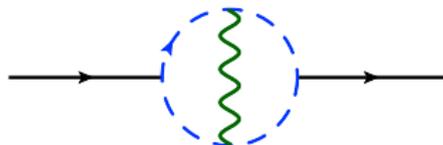
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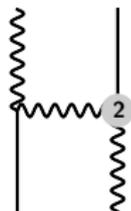
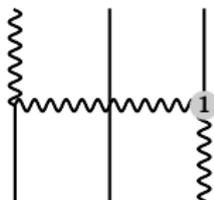
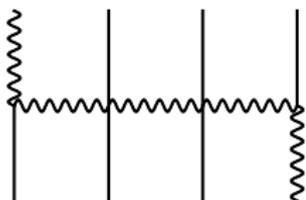
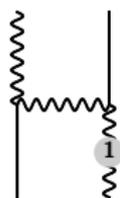
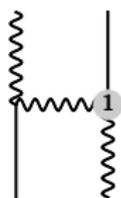
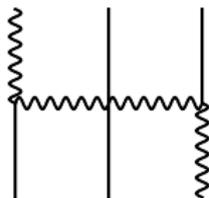
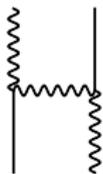
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**Novel Regularization prescription:** (Arkani-Hamed-Murayama)

For every individual  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  diagram subtract its  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  counterpart.



$$H_{\mathcal{N}=2}^{(3)}(\lambda) - H_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{(3)}(\lambda) \sim H_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{(1)}(\lambda) \quad \Rightarrow \quad H_{\mathcal{N}=2}^{(3)}(\lambda) = H_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{(3)}(f(\lambda))$$

with  $f(\lambda) = \lambda + c\lambda^3$

# Operator renormalization in the Background Field Gauge

**Background Field Method:**  $\varphi \rightarrow A + Q$

where  $A$  the classical background and  $Q$  the quantum fluctuation

$$g_{bare} = Z_g g_{ren}, \quad A_{bare} = \sqrt{Z_A} A_{ren}, \quad Q_{bare} = \sqrt{Z_Q} Q_{ren}, \quad \xi_{bare} = Z_\xi \xi_{ren}$$

In the Background Field Gauge  $Z_g \sqrt{Z_A} = 1$  and  $Z_Q = Z_\xi$

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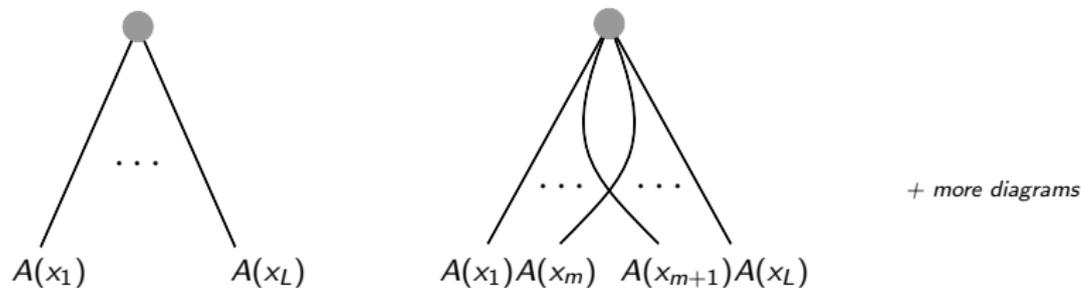
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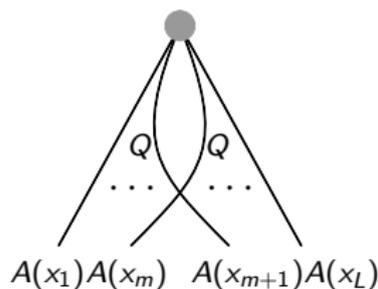
In the Background Field Gauge  $Z_g \sqrt{Z_A} = 1$  and  $Z_Q = Z_\xi$

- Compute  $\langle \mathcal{O}(y) A(x_1) \cdots A(x_L) \rangle$  for  $\mathcal{O} \sim \text{tr}(\varphi^L)$ .



Wick contract  $\mathcal{O}_i^{ren}(Q_{ren}, A_{ren}) = \sum_j Z_{ij} \mathcal{O}_j^{bare}(Z_Q^{1/2} Q, Z_A^{1/2} A)$

## Background Field Method: No $Q$ 's outside, no $A$ 's inside!



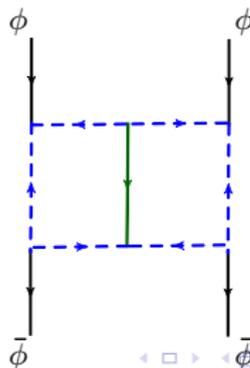
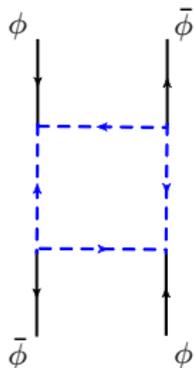
- $\langle QQAA \rangle$  renormalize as  $Z_Q^{2/2} Z_A^{2/2} \langle QQAA \rangle$
- The  $Q$  propagators as  $Z_Q^{-1}$
- the  $\mathcal{O}^{ren}$  has two more  $Z_Q^{1/2}$
- **all  $Z_Q$  will cancel  $\forall$  individual diagram** (We knew it - **gauge invariance!**)
- Only  $Z = Z_g^2 = Z_A^{-1}$ , the combinatorics the same as in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$ :

$$H_{\mathcal{N}=2}(g) = H_{\mathcal{N}=4}(\mathbf{g}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{g}^2 = f(g^2, \check{g}^2) = g^2 + g^2 (Z_{\mathcal{N}=2} - Z_{\mathcal{N}=4})$$

# New non-Holomorphic vertices cannot contribute

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{ren. tree} + \Gamma_{new} = \int d^4\theta \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{W}) + c.c. + \int d^4\theta d^4\bar{\theta} \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{W}, \bar{\mathcal{W}})$$

- $\Gamma_{ren. tree}$ : **vertex** and **self-energy renormalization**  
all encoded in  $Z = Z_g^2 = Z_A^{-1}$
- $\Gamma_{new}$ : New non-Holomorphic vertices cannot contribute due to the **non-renormalization theorem** (Fiamberti, Santambrogio, Sieg, Zanon)



# Localization and Exact Effective couplings

# Pestun Localization on the sphere

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_N)$$

$$Z_{S^4} = \int [da] |Z_{Nek}(a, \epsilon_1 = r^{-1}, \epsilon_2 = r^{-1})|^2$$

$\epsilon_{1,2} = r^{-1}$  omega deformation parameters serve as an **IR regulator**

$$\log(Z_{Nek}(a, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)) \sim -\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2} \mathcal{F}(a)$$

- The **UV divergences** on the sphere are the same as those on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

The circular wilson loop can be computed

$$W(g) = Z_{S^4}^{-1} \int [da] \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_i e^{2\pi a_i} \right) |Z_{Nek}(a, r^{-1})|^2$$

and is given by a matrix model calculation.

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  the matrix model is Gaussian ([Erickson, Semenoff, Zarembo](#))

$$W_{\mathcal{N}=4}(g) = \frac{I_1(4\pi g)}{2\pi g}$$

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories we have a more complicated multi-matrix model

$$W_{\mathcal{N}=2}(g, \check{g}) = W_{\mathcal{N}=4}(f(g, \check{g}))$$

$$f(g, \check{g}) = \begin{cases} g^2 + 2(\check{g}^2 - g^2) \left[ 6\zeta(3)g^4 - 20\zeta(5)g^4(\check{g}^2 + 3g^2) \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^{10}) \\ \frac{2g\check{g}}{g+\check{g}} + \mathcal{O}(1) \end{cases}$$

- Checked with Feynman diagrams calculation (up to 4-loops)



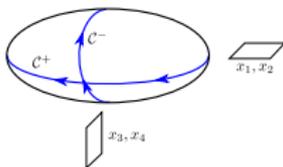
- Agrees with AdS/CFT ([Gadde-EP-Rastelli](#)) ([Gadde-Liendo-Rastelli-Yan](#))

# Hama-Hosomichi Localization on the ellipsoid

Deformation parameter  $b = \sqrt{\frac{r_1}{r_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}}$

$$Z_{S_b^4} = \int [da] |Z_{Nek}(a, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)|^2$$

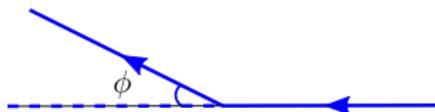
- The **UV divergences** on the ellipsoid are the same as those on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- Two parameter **IR regularization**



Two supersymmetric wilson loops  $\langle W_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{\pm}(g^2; b) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi g b^{\pm 1}} + \mathcal{O}((b-1)^2)$

$$\langle W_{\mathcal{N}=2}^+(g^2; b) \rangle = \langle W_{\mathcal{N}=4}^+(f(g^2, b)) \rangle$$

# Cusp anomalous dimension and Bremsstrahlung function



Analytically continue to Minkowski signature  $\phi = i\varphi$ :

$$W_\varphi \sim e^{-\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\varphi) \log \frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}}} \quad \text{with } \Lambda_{\text{UV}} \text{ and } \Lambda_{\text{IR}} \text{ the UV and IR cutoff.}$$

- For big  $\varphi$ : light-like cusp anomalous dimension

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\varphi) \sim K\varphi$$

leading log behavior of the anomalous dims of finite twist operators

$$\Delta - S \sim K \log S \quad \text{as } S \rightarrow \infty$$

- For small  $\varphi$ :

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\varphi) = B\varphi^2 + \mathcal{O}(\varphi^4)$$

$B \propto$  the energy emitted by an uniformly accelerating probe quark

# Bremsstrahlung function from localization

Follow (Lewkowycz-Maldacena) and (Fiol-Gerchkovitz-Komargodski)

$$B = \pm \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{d}{db} \log \langle W^\pm(b) \rangle \Big|_{b=1}$$

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 4$

$$B_{\mathcal{N}=4}(g^2) = \frac{g I_2(4g\pi)}{\pi I_1(4g\pi)}$$

- For  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories we have a more complicated multi-matrix model

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The same up to four-loops and the leading term in strong coupling!

# Discrepancies from 5-loops and scheme dependence

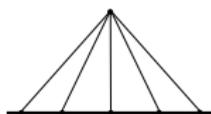
$$\Delta f = f_B - f_W \sim \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \propto \zeta(2)$$

- Discrepancies depend on **how we cut-off the low energy momenta**

Five loops: order  $g^{10}$

$$f_W^{(5)} = 2(g_2^2 - g_1^2)g_1^4 \left[ 70\zeta(7)(g_2^4 + 5g_1^2g_2^2 + 8g_1^4) - 2(6\zeta(3))^2(g_2^4 - g_1^2g_2^2 + 2g_1^4) - 40\zeta(2)\zeta(5)g_1^4 \right]$$

We compute on sphere, or on ellipsoid some fields become massive:  
**scheme dependence due to IR regularization!**



$$= -14\zeta(7) - 12\zeta(3)\zeta(4) + 36\zeta(2)\zeta(5)$$

# Conclusions

# Conclusions and outlook

- $\forall$  observable in the purely gluonic  $SU(2, 1|2)$  sector ( $AdS_5 \times S^1$ )  
take the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  answer and replace  $g^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{g}^2 = f(g^2) = \frac{R^4}{(2\pi\alpha')^2}$

We need more data! (EP-Mitev), (Leoni-Mauri-Santambrogio) and (Fraser)

$\Gamma_{cusp}(\varphi, g^2) = \Omega(\varphi, K(g^2))$  (Grozin-Henn-Korchemsky-Marquard)

Use the “**Exact correlation functions**” (Baggio-Niarchos-Papadodimas).

- Similar story for:
  - asymptotically conformal  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories (massive quarks) and
  - $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SCFTs in 4D (EP-Roček)
  - theories in 3D: compare ABJ with ABJM (localization powerful in 3D)

# Conclusions and Lessons

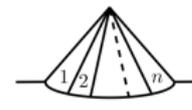
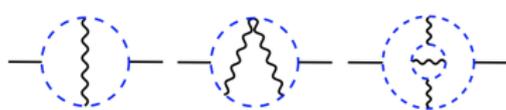
- Lesson: Think of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  **SYM** as a **regulator!** (A.Hamed-Murayama)  
The **integrable**  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  **model** knows all about the **combinatorics**.  
For  $\mathcal{N} = 2$ : **relative finite renormalization** encoded in  $\mathbf{g}^2 = f(g^2)$ .

- Even explicit calculation the **Feynman diagrams** is **not so hard**:

**Only** calculate the **difference**:

$$\mathbf{g}^2 = f(g^2) = g^2 + g^2 (Z_{\mathcal{N}=2} - Z_{\mathcal{N}=4})$$

**Only** very particular **finite** integrals:


$$= 2 \binom{2n-1}{n} \zeta(2n-1) \frac{1}{p^2}$$

(Broadhurst)

# Thank you!