

# Chiral limit of $N=4$ SYM and ABJM and integrable Feynman graphs

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based on work in progress with O. Gürdogan and V. Kazakov

# Introduction

- Planar N=4 SYM and ABJM are all-loop integrable - extensively checked but never proven.
- Class of marginal deformations:
  - Exact Leigh-Strassler or  $\beta$ -deformation, preserves some SUSY
  - $\gamma$ -deformation (three parameters), not exact in general, breaks SUSY.

All of these preserve **Integrability!**

New parametric family of higher dimensional integrable field theories

They depend on the coupling + twist parameters

**Idea:** play with these new parameters, to kill interacting terms in the Lagrangian



**Simpler field theories,  
with easier perturbation theory.  
Easier to prove integrability!**

# $\gamma$ -deformation

[Frolov, Lunin, Maldacena]

- Involves 3 parameters  $\gamma_k$  ( $\gamma_k = \beta$ ,  $\beta$ -deformation)
- Given two fields  $A, B$ :

$$[A, B] \rightarrow [A, B]_\gamma = e^{i\gamma_k Q_i^A Q_j^B \epsilon^{ijk}} AB - e^{-i\gamma_k Q_i^A Q_j^B \epsilon^{ijk}} BA$$

Cartan charges of the  $SU(4)$  R-symmetry group

R-symmetry is broken:  $SU(4) \rightarrow U(1)^3$

# Why is Integrability preserved?

At one-loop, in any compact subsector the untwisted dilatation operator,

$$\mathcal{D} \sim Id - P$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{i,i+1} \text{tr}[\dots ZZ \underset{i}{XYZ} \dots] = \text{tr}[\dots ZZXYZ \dots] - \text{tr}[\dots ZZYXZ \dots]$$

For the twisted theory,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}} \sim Id - \tilde{P} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{twisted permutation} \\ \text{involving the phases } e^{i\gamma_k} \end{array}$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  is still integrable (ie. generated by an R-matrix satisfying the Yang-Baxter equation) [Beisert, Roiban'05]

Deformation based on conserved charges  $\rightarrow$  all-loop integrability is equally preserved

# $\gamma$ -deformed Lagrangian

Lagrangian is now a function of  $g$  and  $\gamma_k$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{int} = N_c \text{tr} & \left[ \frac{g}{4} \{ \phi_i^\dagger, \phi^i \} \{ \phi_j^\dagger, \phi^j \} - g e^{-i\epsilon^{ijk} \gamma_k} \phi_i^\dagger \phi_j^\dagger \phi^i \phi^j \right. \\ & - e^{-\frac{i}{2} \gamma_j^-} \bar{\psi}_j \phi^j \bar{\psi}_4 + e^{+\frac{i}{2} \gamma_j^-} \bar{\psi}_4 \phi^j \bar{\psi}_j + i\epsilon_{ijk} e^{\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{jkm} \gamma_m^+} \psi^k \phi^i \psi^j \\ & \left. - e^{+\frac{i}{2} \gamma_j^-} \psi_4 \phi_j^\dagger \psi_j + e^{-\frac{i}{2} \gamma_j^-} \psi_j \phi_j^\dagger \psi_4 + i\epsilon^{ijk} e^{\frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{jkm} \gamma_m^+} \bar{\psi}_k \phi_i^\dagger \bar{\psi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Double scaling limit [Gurdogan, Kazakov'15]

$$\begin{aligned} q_i &\equiv e^{-i\frac{\gamma_i}{2}} \rightarrow \infty && \text{with } \xi_i \equiv gq_i \text{ finite} \\ g &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Chiral limit: parameters are complex hence resulting theories will be non-unitary

# Double-scaled Lagrangian from N=4 SYM

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = & N_c \text{tr} \left[ \xi_1^2 \phi_2^\dagger \phi_3^\dagger \phi_2 \phi_3 + \xi_2^2 \phi_3^\dagger \phi_1^\dagger \phi_3 \phi_1 + \xi_3^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_2^\dagger \phi_1 \phi_2 \right. \\
 & + i\sqrt{\xi_2 \xi_3} (\psi^3 \phi^1 \psi^2 + \bar{\psi}_3 \phi_1^\dagger \bar{\psi}_2) \\
 & + i\sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_3} (\psi^1 \phi^2 \psi^3 + \bar{\psi}_1 \phi_2^\dagger \bar{\psi}_3) \\
 & \left. + i\sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2} (\psi^2 \phi^3 \psi^1 + \bar{\psi}_2 \phi_3^\dagger \bar{\psi}_1) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Gauge fields decouple with the  $g \rightarrow 0$  limit

$\xi_i = \xi$  strong  $\beta$ -deformation with  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUSY

$$\xi_1 = \xi_2 = 0, \quad \xi_3 = \xi$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{N_c}{2} \text{tr} (\partial^\mu \phi_1^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_1 + \partial^\mu \phi_2^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_2 + 2\xi^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_2^\dagger \phi_1 \phi_2)$$

# Double-scaled Lagrangian from ABJM

In ABJM, the twisted theory depend on the coupling  $\lambda = \frac{N}{k}$  and 3 twist parameters.

$$q_i \equiv e^{-i\gamma_i} \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \quad q_3 \equiv e^{-i\gamma_3} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\xi_i \equiv q_i \lambda^{2/3} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \quad \xi_3 \equiv \frac{q_3}{\lambda^{2/3}} \text{ fixed.}$$

One gets a  $\phi^6$  type scalar Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = N_c \text{Tr} \left[ -\partial_\mu Y_1^\dagger \partial^\mu Y^1 - \partial_\mu Y_2^\dagger \partial^\mu Y^2 - \partial_\mu Y_4^\dagger \partial^\mu Y^4 \right. \\ \left. + (4\pi)^2 \frac{\xi_1 \xi_2}{\xi_3} Y^1 Y_4^\dagger Y^2 Y_1^\dagger Y^4 Y_2^\dagger \right]$$

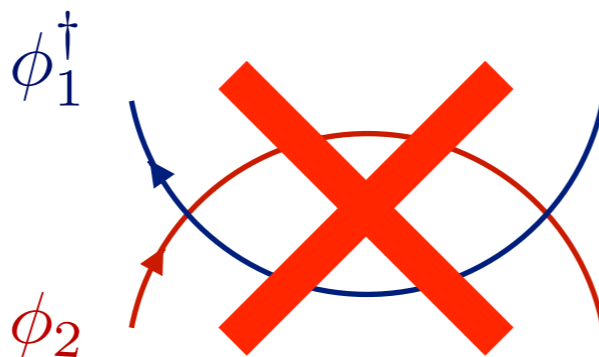
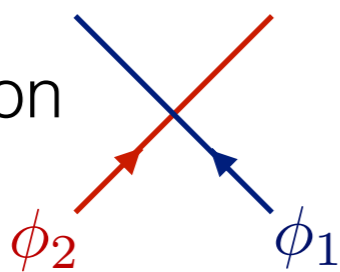


# Let us focus on the 4D bi-scalar model

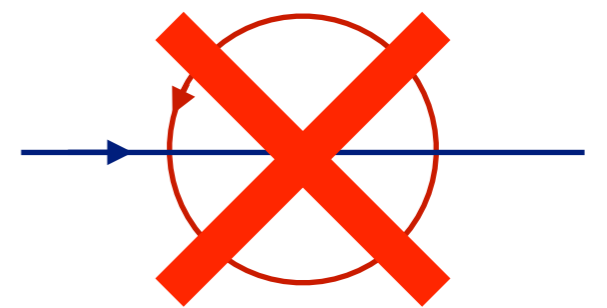
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- Non-unitary theory
- No gauge fields
- No supersymmetry
- What about conformal symmetry?

single interaction vertex

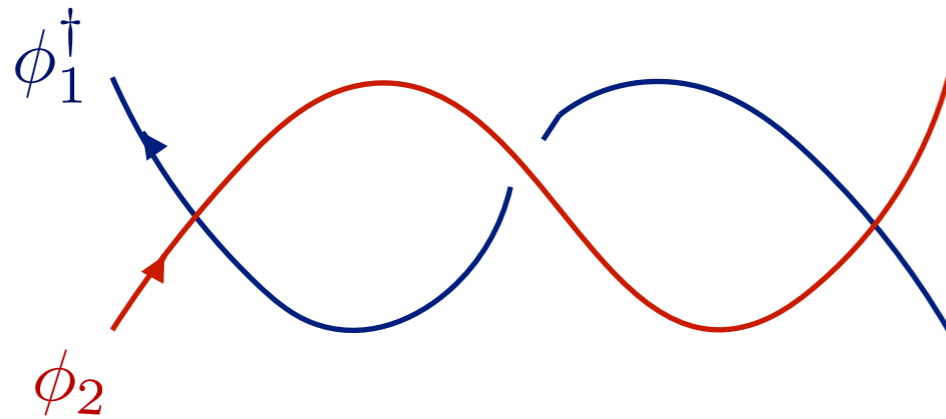


at large N,  
no coupling renormalization



at large N,  
no mass renormalization

# At $1/N \dots$



allowed, of order  $1/N$

—> New divergences that cannot be absorbed in the renormalization of operators. **Need counterterms of the form trace-trace:** [Fokken, Sieg, Wilhelm'13,16]

$$\frac{\eta_{ij}}{N} \text{Tr} \phi_i \phi_j^\dagger \text{Tr} \phi_i \phi_j^\dagger + \frac{\tilde{\eta}_{ij}}{N} \text{Tr} \phi_i \phi_j \text{Tr} \phi_i^\dagger \phi_j^\dagger + \dots$$

$$\beta_\xi = \mathcal{O}(1/N)$$

$$\beta_\eta = \mathcal{O}(\xi) \leftarrow \text{run even at large } N!$$

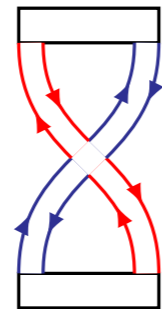
Conformal symmetry broken even in the planar limit!

# How badly is it broken?

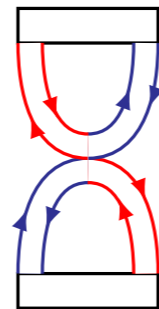
Two point functions of single traces with  $L > 2 \rightarrow$  double trace couplings are subleading in  $N$ :

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x) \mathcal{O}_j(0) \rangle_L \sim (x^2)^{-L-\gamma}$$

But, for  $L=2$ , **double traces are important**,



and



same order in  $N$

Two point functions for  $L=2$  do not have the conformal behaviour.

These  $L=2$  states play the role of **tachyons** in  $\gamma$ -twisted dual string theory. At strong coupling, these tachyons have been identified. [\[Rastelli, Pomoni'08\]](#)

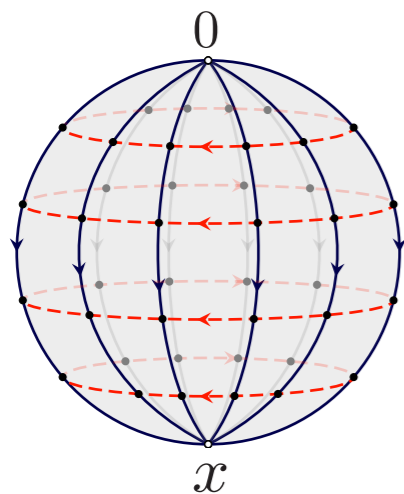
# Diagrammatics of the bi-scalar model

Focus on two point functions of single trace operators in the **conformal sector** ( $L > 2$ ).

Simplest operator so-called BMN vacuum  $\text{Tr}[\phi_1^L]$

$$\langle \text{Tr}[\phi_1^\dagger{}^L](x) \text{Tr}[\phi_1^L](0) \rangle \sim (x^2)^{-L-\gamma_{\text{vac}}}$$

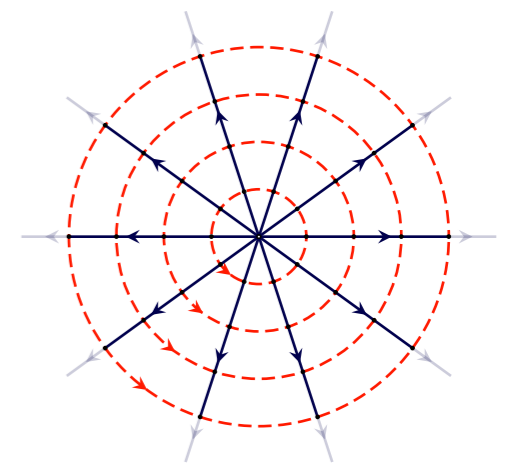
$\gamma_{\text{vac}}$  is not zero, but rather given by wrapping corrections



amputation of one external operator



wheel graphs



- 1 wheel [Broadhurst, '80]

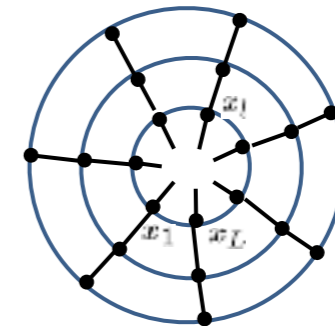
- 2 wheels from the integrability based solution of  $\gamma$  twisted

[Ahn et al., '11] [Gurdogan, Kazakov, '15]

# A glimpse on the origin of Integrability

- ‘Hamiltonian’ generating the wheel graphs (fishnet lattice)

$$\hat{H}_L = \xi^{2L} \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{1}{(x_{l+1} - x_l)^2} \prod_{l=1}^L \Delta_{x_l}^{-1}$$



- Conformal symmetry easily checked, e.g. covariant under inversion
- Integrability: Hamiltonian commutes with conformal transfer matrix:

$$[\hat{H}_L, t(u)] = 0, \quad \text{with } t(u) = \text{Tr}[R_1(u) \dots R_L(u)]$$

$$\text{Lax operator } R(u) = uI \otimes I + T(M_{ab}) \otimes M^{ab}$$

physical space in principal series irreps of  $SL(4)$

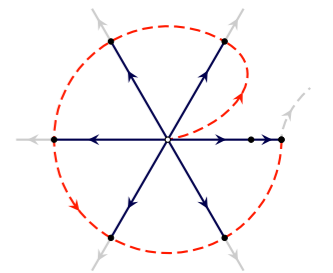
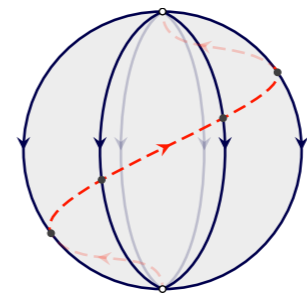
conformal generators

- The Hamiltonian stems from  $t(u)$  at a particular value of the spectral parameter! This proves integrability at least for this operator = fishnet lattice. [Zamolodchikov, '80]
- Other operators: modification of boundary conditions.
- Still fishnet in the bulk!

# Excited states

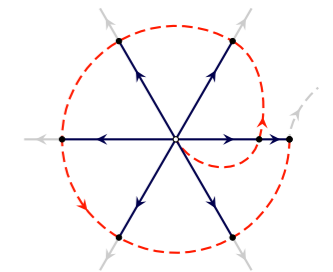
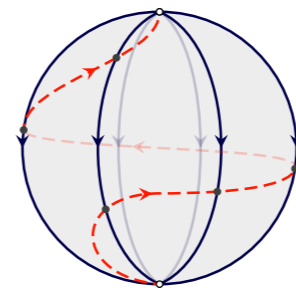
1 magnon states:  $\text{Tr}[\phi_1 \phi_1 \dots \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_1 \dots \phi_1]$

For L bigger than the loop order:



ladder diagrams

Including wrapping:



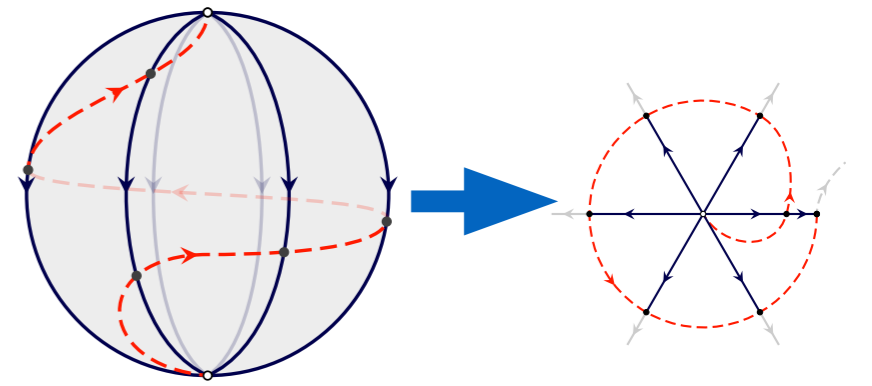
spiral diagrams

Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz:  $e^{ipL} = q_3^{-2L}$

$$\gamma = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + 4g^2 \sin(p/2)^2} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 4\xi_3^2}$$

Resummation of ladder diagrams [Broadhurst, '93, Gross, Mikhailov, Roiban' 02]

# Spiral graphs



For these operators,  $\text{Tr}[\phi_1 \phi_1 \dots \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_1 \dots \phi_1]$

strongly  $\beta$ -deformed = strongly  $\gamma$ -deformed  
 (They are given by the same graphs in both theories)

Anomalous dimension is exactly known

(including wrapping) in  $\beta$ -deformed theory by TBA:

[Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk, '10]

$$(\delta\gamma)_{\text{wrap}} = 4\xi^{2L} \sum_{k=3}^{L-1} \binom{2(-k + L[k/2] - 1)}{L - k} \zeta(2(-k + L + [k/2] - 1) + 1)$$

We can easily predict this integral in dim-reg

wrapping integral = ladder integral up to  $1/\epsilon$  (by exponentiation)

+  $1/\epsilon$  term fixed by anomalous dimension from TBA

# N-magnon states

$$\text{Tr}[\phi_1^{L-N} \phi_2^N] \quad \text{for } L \gg 1 \text{ (asymptotic regime)}$$

- So-called  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  subsector of  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM
- In  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM, magnons are characterised by set of rapidities  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\}$  satisfying Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz equations [\[Beisert, Eden, Staudacher, '05\]](#)
- The anomalous dimension is then given by the sum of  $N$  dispersion relations evaluated on these solutions.

$$\gamma = ig \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{x^+(u_j)} + \frac{1}{x^-(u_j)} \right)$$



# N-magnon states II

- In order to get the double scaling limit of the Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz, the rapidities are analytically continued to the mirror sheet.

$$\xi_3^{2L} = \left(u_k^2 + 1/4\right)^L \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq l}}^N \frac{u_k - u_i + i}{u_k - u_i - i} \sigma_0^{m,m}(u_k, u_i)^2$$

- With the ‘dressing phase’ given by

$$\sigma_0^{m,m}(u, v)^2 = \frac{(4v^2 + 1) \Gamma(iu + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(iu + \frac{3}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - iv) \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - iv) \Gamma(-iu + iv + 1)^2}{(4u^2 + 1) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - iu) \Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - iu) \Gamma(iv + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(iv + \frac{3}{2}) \Gamma(iu - iv + 1)^2}$$

- The anomalous dimension is:  $\gamma = \sum_{k=1}^N i \left( u_k + \frac{i}{2} \right)$

# What can we say about integrals?

Consider N=2 states and their (bare) 2-point function

$$\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \mathcal{O}_\alpha(x) \mathcal{O}_\beta(0) \rangle$$

Only 1 diagram for each pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  at a given loop order



Say at four loops for L=5:

$$\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta} \Big|_{\xi^8} = \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{Diagram 1} & \text{Diagram 2} \\ \hline \text{Diagram 3} & \text{Diagram 4} \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$$

Spectrum provides relations between integrals

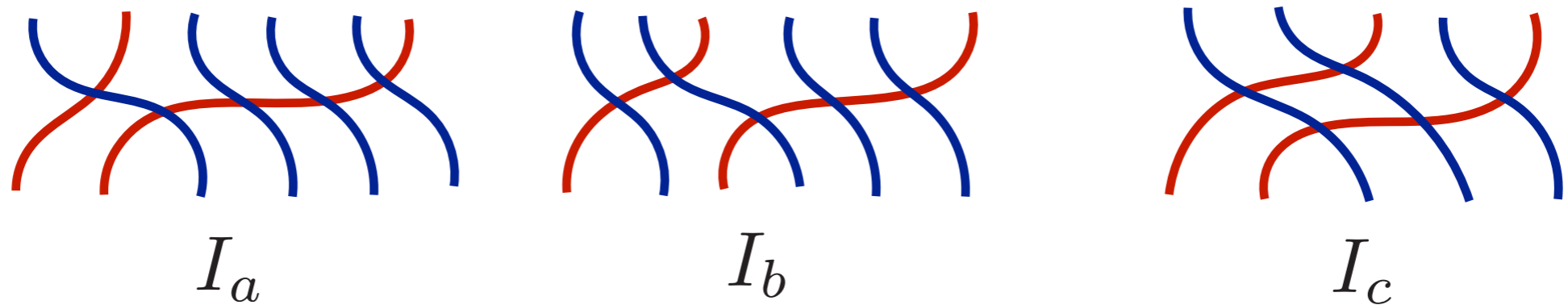
Spectrum + input of lower loop integrals + 



fixes completely  and  up to  $1/\epsilon$  term

# Predictions at five-loops

Spectrum provides relations between these 5-loop integrals and lower loop ones



Spectrum + input lower loop integrals fixes everything up to a constant. The nontrivial part are  $1/\epsilon$  terms:

$$I_b|_{1/\epsilon} = -I_a|_{1/\epsilon} - \frac{160\zeta(3)}{9} + \frac{53\pi^4}{72} - \frac{187}{5} - \frac{25\pi^2}{12}$$

$$I_c|_{1/\epsilon} = I_a|_{1/\epsilon} + \frac{418\zeta(3)}{45} + \frac{121\pi^4}{360} + \frac{2\pi^2}{9} - \frac{112}{5}$$

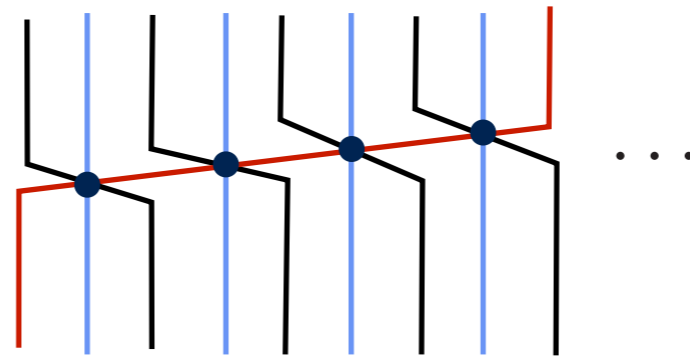
# About ABJM

Same set of ideas apply for DS limit in ABJM

In particular for single excited states  $\text{Tr}[(Y^1 Y_4^\dagger)^{L-1} (Y^2 Y_4^\dagger)]$

$$\gamma = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 4\xi^2}$$

Resums 3D ladders



Also Bethe Ansatz for the states  $\text{Tr}[(Y^1 Y_4^\dagger)^{L-N} (Y^2 Y_4^\dagger)^N]$

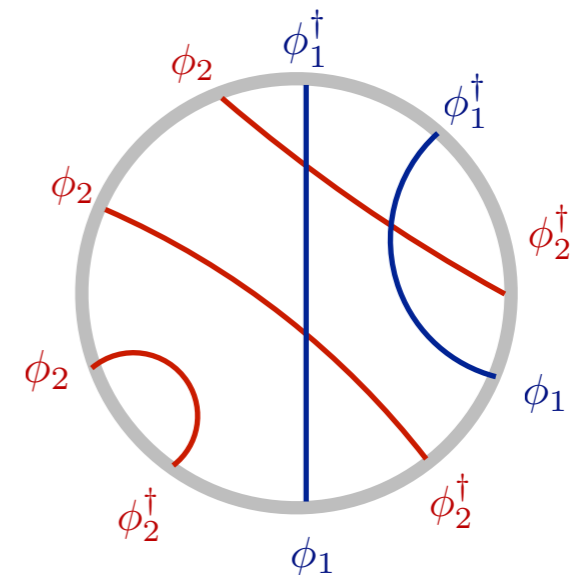
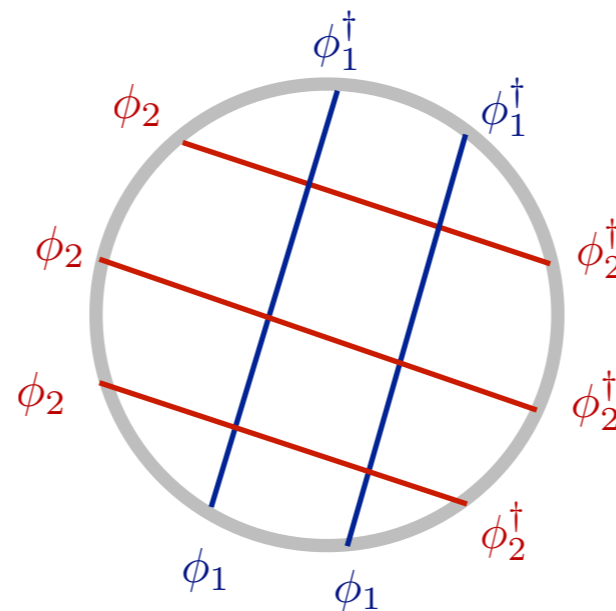
$$\xi^{-L} (u_j^2 + 1/4)^L = \prod_{j \neq k}^N \left[ \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i} \sigma_0^{m,m}(u_k, u_j) \right]$$

Can be used for 3D Feynman integrals

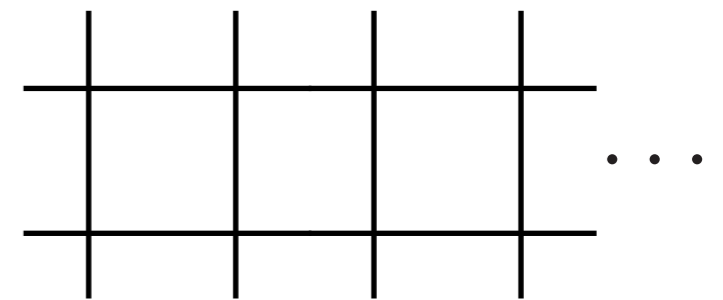
# Other observables

**Scattering amplitudes:** for a given ordering of external fields in the disk  
-> single Feynman diagram

Whenever there are loops:



Only boxes are allowed



Amplitudes are **finite** and manifestly **dual conformal invariant!**

**Three point functions:** simple perturbation theory. Hexagon program for bi-scalar model? [Basso, Komatsu, Vieira, '15]

# Conclusions

- New 4D and 3D integrable field theories.
- Shed light on the origins of Integrability. First explicit demonstration of all-loop integrability in a corner of  $N=4$  SYM - related to fishnet graphs.
- How to take the DS limit at the level of the Quantum Spectral Curve?
- Can we derive from first principles Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz and/or Quantum Spectral Curve?
- Structure constants, scattering amplitudes, four-point functions?
- Can integrability further help in computing more integrals?
- Integrability to compute beta function?
- Dual string theory?

**Thank you!**