

# QUANTUM SPECTRAL CURVE AND CORRELATORS IN $N=4$ SYM

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# N=4 SUPER YANG-MILLS

Highly nontrivial CFT in 4d

$$S = \frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 + (D_\mu \Phi_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} [\Phi_i, \Phi_j]^2 + \text{fermions} \right\}$$

At large  $N_c$  exact solution may be possible due to integrability

$N_c \rightarrow \infty$  ,  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$  is fixed – 't Hooft coupling

Some motivation:

- Solvable gauge theory in 4d
- Directly related to QCD in some limits (BFKL)
- Understanding AdS/CFT duality

Balitsky, Fadin,  
Kuraev, Lipatov

# MOTIVATION


CFT  study correlators


$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \text{Tr}(\Phi_1 \Phi_2 \Phi_3 \dots)(x)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \mathcal{O}(y) \rangle = \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2\Delta}}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{123}}{|x_1-x_2|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2-\Delta_3} |x_1-x_3|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_3-\Delta_2} |x_2-x_3|^{\Delta_2+\Delta_3-\Delta_1}}$$

$\Delta_i(\lambda)$  and  $C_{ijk}(\lambda)$  are key observables

  
spectrum

  
structure constants

# MOTIVATION

Quantum Spectral Curve (QSC) – very powerful method to compute the [spectrum](#) in planar N=4 SYM

Based on [integrability](#)

Gromov, Kazakov,  
Leurent, Volin 2013

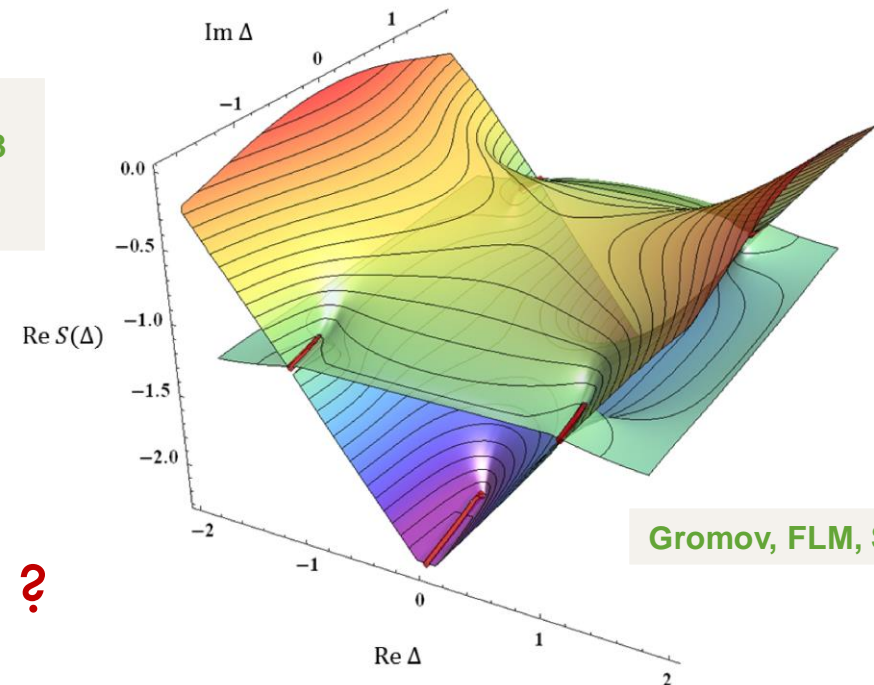
10+ loops at weak coupling,  
numerics with 60-digit precision,  
BFKL, ...

Marboe, Volin 14-17  
Alfimov, Gromov, Kazakov 14,18  
Gromov, FLM, Sizov 14, 15  
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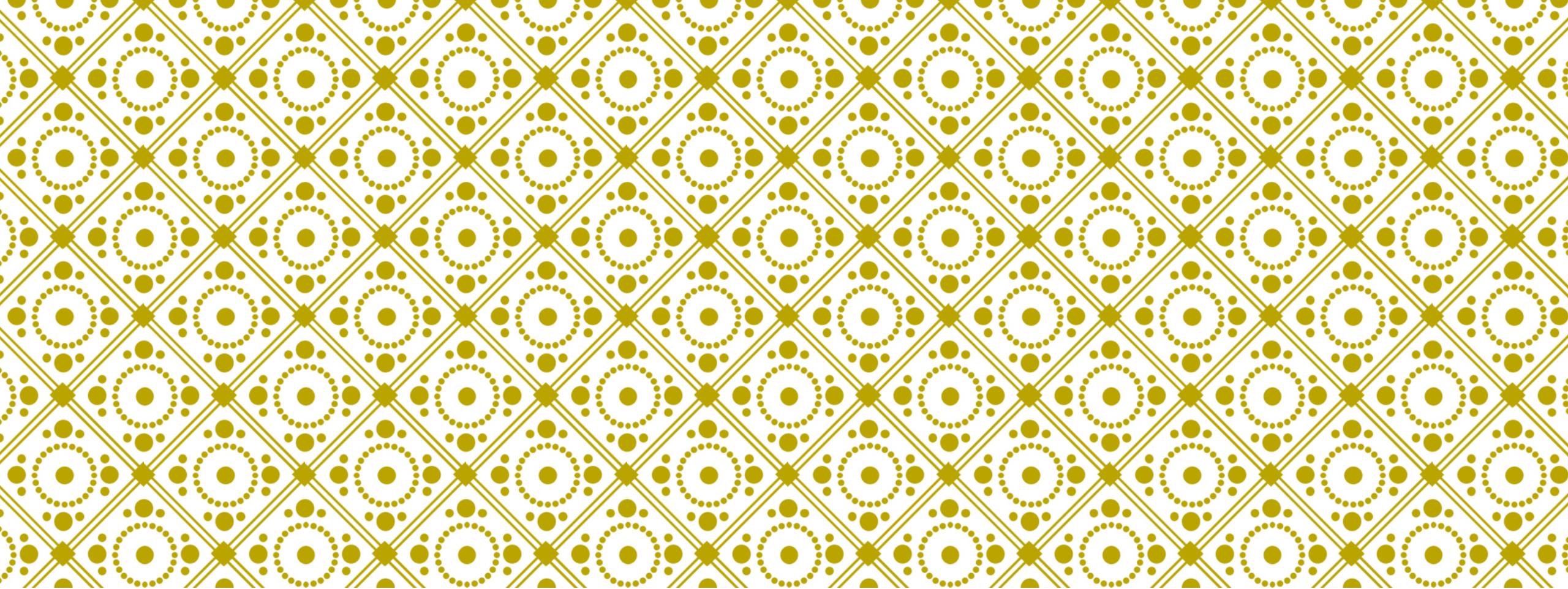
Also nonlocal operators,  
q-q potential

Gromov, FLM 15, 16

Is there an analog for 3-pt correlators ?



Gromov, FLM, Sizov 15



# QUANTUM SPECTRAL CURVE (QSC)

See 1708.03648 [Gromov]  
for an introduction

# INSPIRING EXAMPLE

Harmonic oscillator:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\psi''(x) + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$

$$\psi(x) = e^{-\frac{m\omega x^2}{2\hbar}} Q(x) \quad , \quad Q(x) \equiv \prod_{i=1}^N (x - x_i) \quad \psi_2 \simeq x^{-N-1} e^{+\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar} x^2}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(x) & \psi_1'(x) \\ \psi_2(x) & \psi_2'(x) \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{is a constant}$$

# XXX SPIN CHAINS

Starting point: Baxter equation

$$T(u)Q(u) + (u + i/2)^L Q(u - i) + (u - i/2)^L Q(u + i) = 0$$

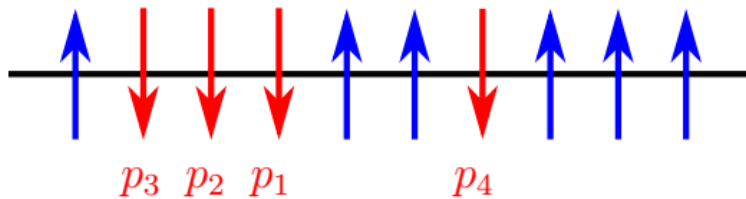
Two solutions: polynomials

$$Q_1 \sim u^N$$

$$Q_1 = \prod (u - u_i)$$

second solution (for the same T)

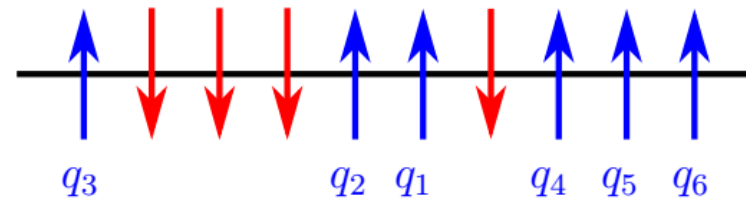
$$Q_2 \sim u^{L-N}$$



L-spins, N-spins up, L-N down

Equivalent description:

$$\begin{vmatrix} Q_1 \left( u + \frac{i}{2} \right) & Q_2 \left( u + \frac{i}{2} \right) \\ Q_1 \left( u - \frac{i}{2} \right) & Q_2 \left( u - \frac{i}{2} \right) \end{vmatrix} = u^L$$



Easy to generalize to SU(3):

$$\begin{vmatrix} Q_1(u+i) & Q_2(u+i) & Q_3(u+i) \\ Q_1(u) & Q_2(u) & Q_3(u) \\ Q_1(u-i) & Q_2(u-i) & Q_3(u-i) \end{vmatrix} = u^L$$

# GENERALIZATION TO N=4 SYM

Two main ingredients:

- QQ-relations

$$\begin{vmatrix} Q_1\left(u + \frac{i}{2}\right) & Q_2\left(u + \frac{i}{2}\right) \\ Q_1\left(u - \frac{i}{2}\right) & Q_2\left(u - \frac{i}{2}\right) \end{vmatrix} = u^L$$

$$su(2) \rightarrow psu(2, 2|4)$$

$$(Q_1, Q_2) \rightarrow (\underbrace{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4}_{S^5} | \underbrace{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4}_{AdS_5})$$

- Analyticity

$Q_1$  - polynomial

$Q_2$  - polynomial

In N=4 SYM polynomials are replaced by analytic functions with cuts and monodromy condition

QQ-relations + monodromy = Quantum Spectral Curve

Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 2013



# BAXTER EQUATION

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i^{[+4]} D_0 - Q_i^{[+2]} \left[ D_1 - P_a^{[+2]} P^a^{[+4]} D_0 \right] + Q_i \left[ D_2 - P_a P^a^{[+2]} D_1 + P_a P^a^{[+4]} D_0 \right] \\ - Q_i^{[-2]} \left[ \bar{D}_1 + P_a^{[-2]} P^a^{[-4]} \bar{D}_0 \right] + Q_i^{[-4]} \bar{D}_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$D_0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} P^{1[+2]} & P^{2[+2]} & P^{3[+2]} & P^{4[+2]} \\ P^1 & P^2 & P^3 & P^4 \\ P^{1[-2]} & P^{2[-2]} & P^{3[-2]} & P^{4[-2]} \\ P^{1[-4]} & P^{2[-4]} & P^{3[-4]} & P^{4[-4]} \end{pmatrix} \quad D_1 = \det \begin{pmatrix} P^{1[+4]} & P^{2[+4]} & P^{3[+4]} & P^{4[+4]} \\ P^1 & P^2 & P^3 & P^4 \\ P^{1[-2]} & P^{2[-2]} & P^{3[-2]} & P^{4[-2]} \\ P^{1[-4]} & P^{2[-4]} & P^{3[-4]} & P^{4[-4]} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve this equations => spectrum of anomalous dimensions of all local (and not only) operators

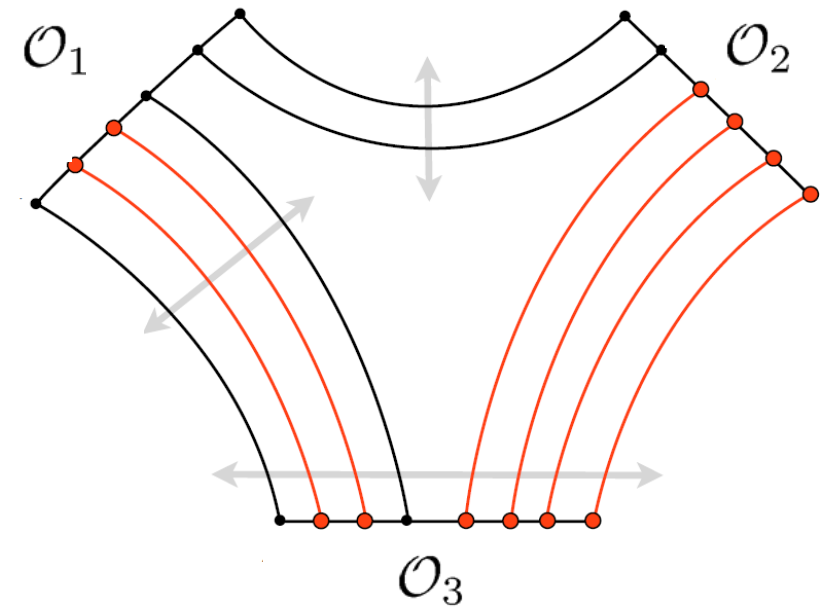
The Q-functions should correspond to wavefunction in separated variables

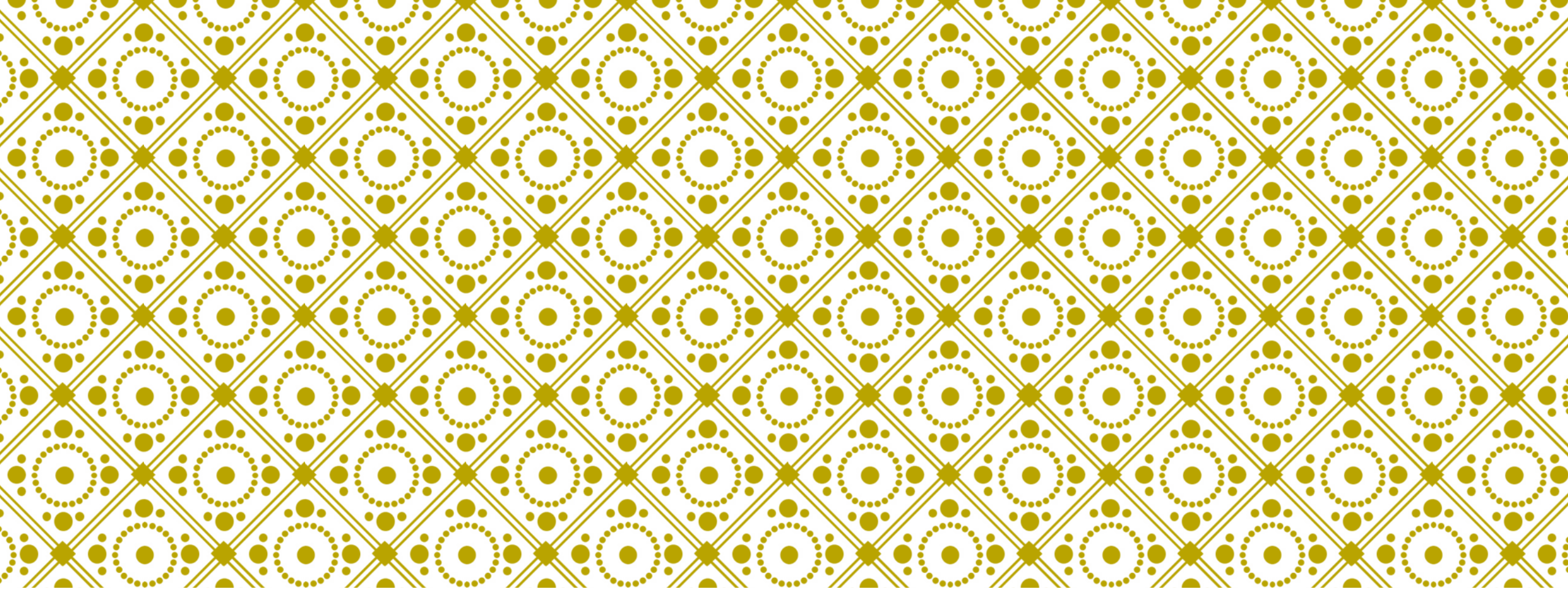
$$\Psi \sim Q(x_1)Q(x_2) \dots Q(x_n)$$

The 3pt correlators should be some scalar product of 3 Q-functions

Indeed we will see this explicitly!

Instead of local operators we look at [Wilson lines](#),  
can compute an [all-orders](#) 3pt correlator



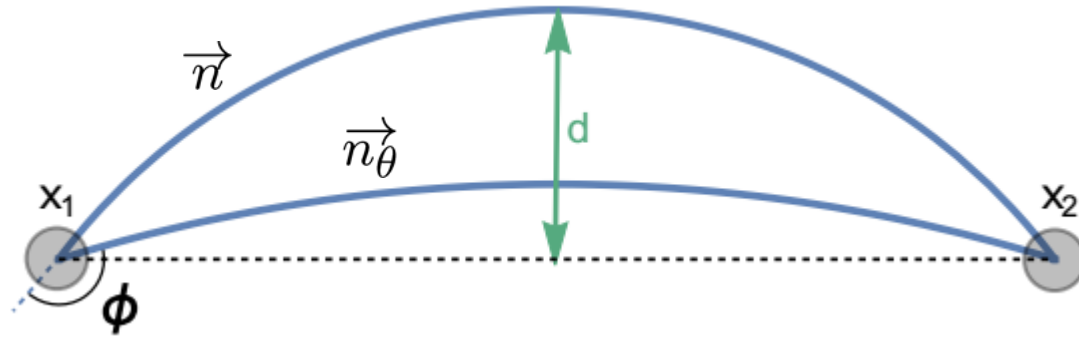


# SET-UP: WHAT WE ARE GOING TO COMPUTE

# CUSPED WILSON LINE IN N=4 SYM

Similar to a 2pt function

$$\langle W \rangle \sim \left( \frac{\Lambda_{IR}}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^\Delta$$



$$W = \text{Tr } \mathcal{P} \exp \int dt \left[ iA \cdot \dot{x} + \vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{n} |\dot{x}| \right]$$

Drukker, Forini 11  
Drukker 12  
Correa, Maldacena, Sever 12

## Parameters:

- Cusp angle  $\phi$
- Angle  $\theta$  between the couplings to scalars on two rays  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}_\theta = \cos \theta$
- 't Hooft coupling  $\lambda$

Described by the  
same QSC !

Gromov, FLM 15

7-loop result. The term of order  $\hat{g}^{14}$  in  $\frac{\Omega}{4\pi}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1048576L^6}{45} + \frac{524288}{9}L^5\pi^2T + \frac{6815744L^5}{15} + \frac{262144}{9}L^4\pi^4T^2 - 65536L^4T\zeta_3 + \frac{40632320}{9}L^4\pi^2T \\
& - \frac{15007744}{9}L^4\pi^2 + 2752512L^4 + \frac{131072}{81}L^3\pi^6T^3 + 65536L^3\pi^2T^2\zeta_3 + \frac{655360}{3}L^3T^2\zeta_5 \\
& + \frac{12255232}{9}L^3\pi^4T^2 - \frac{64159744}{135}L^3\pi^4T - 65536L^3T\zeta_3 + \frac{13303808}{3}L^3\pi^2T + \frac{3407872L^3\zeta_3}{9} \\
& - \frac{11141120}{9}L^3\pi^2 + \frac{15073280L^3}{3} + \frac{2080768}{45}L^2\pi^4T^3\zeta_3 - \frac{499712}{3}L^2\pi^2T^3\zeta_5 - 129024L^2T^3\zeta_7 \\
& + 32768L^2\pi^6T^3 - \frac{2828288}{405}L^2\pi^6T^2 - 36864L^2T^2\zeta_3^2 + \frac{11444224}{3}L^2\pi^2T^2\zeta_3 + 20480L^2T^2\zeta_5 \\
& + \frac{2351104}{3}L^2\pi^4T^2 - \frac{7610368}{9}L^2\pi^2T\zeta_3 - 40960L^2T\zeta_5 - \frac{27344896}{45}L^2\pi^4T + 1671168L^2T\zeta_3 \\
& - 3817472L^2\pi^2T + \frac{7221248L^2\pi^4}{45} + 2555904L^2\zeta_3 + \frac{17096704L^2\pi^2}{9} - \frac{6914048L^2}{3} + \frac{8192}{9}L\pi^6T^4\zeta_3 \\
& - \frac{133120}{3}L\pi^4T^4\zeta_5 + 369152L\pi^2T^4\zeta_7 - 628992LT^4\zeta_9 + \frac{1176832L\pi^8T^3}{42525} + \frac{210944}{3}L\pi^2T^3\zeta_3^2 \\
& - 71680LT^3\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 30720LT^3\zeta_{6,2} + \frac{7872512}{15}L\pi^4T^3\zeta_3 - 1899520L\pi^2T^3\zeta_5 + 867328LT^3\zeta_7 \\
& + \frac{212992}{27}L\pi^6T^3 - \frac{1150976}{15}L\pi^4T^2\zeta_3 + 665600L\pi^2T^2\zeta_5 - 268800LT^2\zeta_7 + \frac{2378752}{405}L\pi^6T^2 \\
& + 43008LT^2\zeta_3^2 + \frac{757760}{3}L\pi^2T^2\zeta_3 - 1587200LT^2\zeta_5 - \frac{14838784}{9}L\pi^4T^2 - \frac{2152448L\pi^6T}{2835} \\
& - 163840LT\zeta_3^2 + \frac{24051712}{9}L\pi^2T\zeta_3 + 364544LT\zeta_5 + \frac{390412288}{405}L\pi^4T + 2457600LT\zeta_3 \\
& - \frac{39706624}{9}L\pi^2T - \frac{5324800}{9}L\pi^2\zeta_3 + \frac{1998848L\zeta_5}{5} - \frac{34199552L\pi^4}{225} + \frac{9797632L\zeta_3}{3} \\
& + \frac{61534208L\pi^2}{81} - \frac{23560192L}{3} - \frac{11264}{105}\pi^6T^5\zeta_5 + \frac{73216}{5}\pi^4T^5\zeta_7 - 285120\pi^2T^5\zeta_9 \\
& + 1271952T^5\zeta_{11} - \frac{10544\pi^{10}T^4}{93555} + \frac{91136}{9}\pi^4T^4\zeta_3^2 - \frac{520832}{3}\pi^2T^4\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 179424T^4\zeta_5^2 \\
& + 361088T^4\zeta_3\zeta_7 + \frac{16768}{3}\pi^2T^4\zeta_{6,2} - 26432T^4\zeta_{8,2} + \frac{65536}{45}\pi^6T^4\zeta_3 - 63488\pi^4T^4\zeta_5 \\
& + 401408\pi^2T^4\zeta_7 - 508032T^4\zeta_9 + \frac{5137792\pi^6T^3\zeta_3}{2835} - 768T^3\zeta_3^3 + 30976\pi^4T^3\zeta_5 \\
& - \frac{941632}{3}\pi^2T^3\zeta_7 + \frac{2211904T^3\zeta_9}{3} - \frac{142816\pi^8T^3}{14175} + \frac{1183232}{3}\pi^2T^3\zeta_3^2 - 337664T^3\zeta_3\zeta_5
\end{aligned}$$

Gromov, FLM 2016

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Double scaling limit:  $\theta \rightarrow i\infty, g \rightarrow 0,$

Ericksson, Semenoff, Zarembo

$$\hat{g} \equiv g \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \text{fixed} \quad (\text{for some fixed } \phi)$$

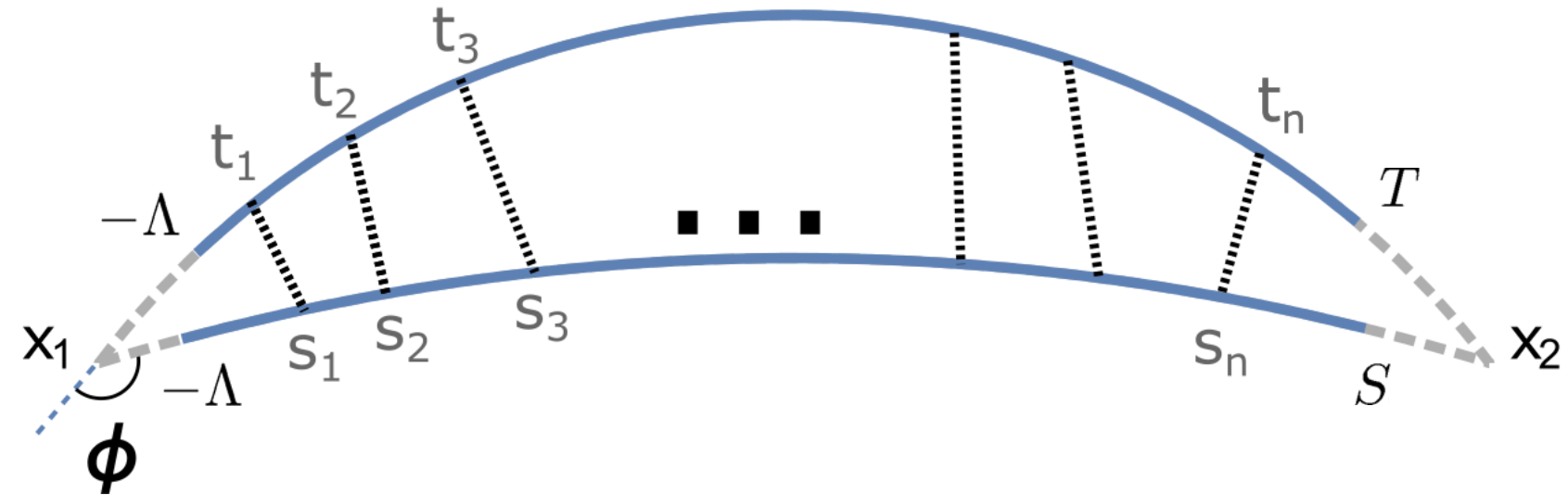
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Similar to SYK model

$$T \equiv \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} = & \hat{g}^2 + \\ & \hat{g}^4 [16L - 8] + \\ & \hat{g}^6 \left[ 128L^2 + L \left( 64 + \frac{64\pi^2 T}{3} \right) - 112 - \frac{8\pi^2}{3} + 72T\zeta_3 \right] + \\ & \hat{g}^8 \left[ \frac{2048L^3}{3} + \frac{1024}{3} \pi^2 L^2 T + 2048L^2 + LT \left( 768\zeta_3 + \frac{2176\pi^2}{3} \right) + \left( -768 - \frac{640\pi^2}{3} \right) L \right. \\ & \left. + T^2 (128\pi^2 \zeta_3 - 760\zeta_5) + T \left( 384\zeta_3 - 640\pi^2 + \frac{32\pi^4}{9} \right) + \frac{1664\zeta_3}{3} + \frac{1216\pi^2}{9} - 1280 \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$L \equiv \log \sqrt{8e^\gamma \pi \hat{g}^2}$$

$$G(\Lambda, S, T) = \sum_n$$


The diagram illustrates a propagator  $G(\Lambda, S, T)$  as a sum over  $n$  internal interactions. It features two blue curved lines representing particle paths. The upper path starts at  $x_1$  and ends at  $x_2$ , with intermediate points  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_n$ . The lower path starts at  $x_1$  and ends at  $x_2$ , with intermediate points  $s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n$ . Dotted lines connect  $t_i$  to  $s_i$  for  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . The paths are labeled  $S$  and  $T$  at their endpoints. A dashed line segment connects  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , with a label  $\phi$  and a curved arrow indicating an angle. The parameter  $\Lambda$  is shown near the start of the paths.

$$W = \text{Tr } \mathcal{P} \exp \int dt \left[ iA \cdot \dot{x} + \vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{n} |\dot{x}| \right]$$

Gauge fields drop out,  
only scalars remain

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}_\theta = \cos \theta \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\partial_S \partial_T G = 2\hat{g}^2 \frac{|\dot{x}(S)| |\dot{x}(T)|}{|x(S) - x(T)|^2} G$$

propagator  
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Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$\partial_S \partial_T G = 2\hat{g}^2 \frac{|\dot{x}(S)||\dot{x}(T)|}{|x(S)-x(T)|^2} G$$



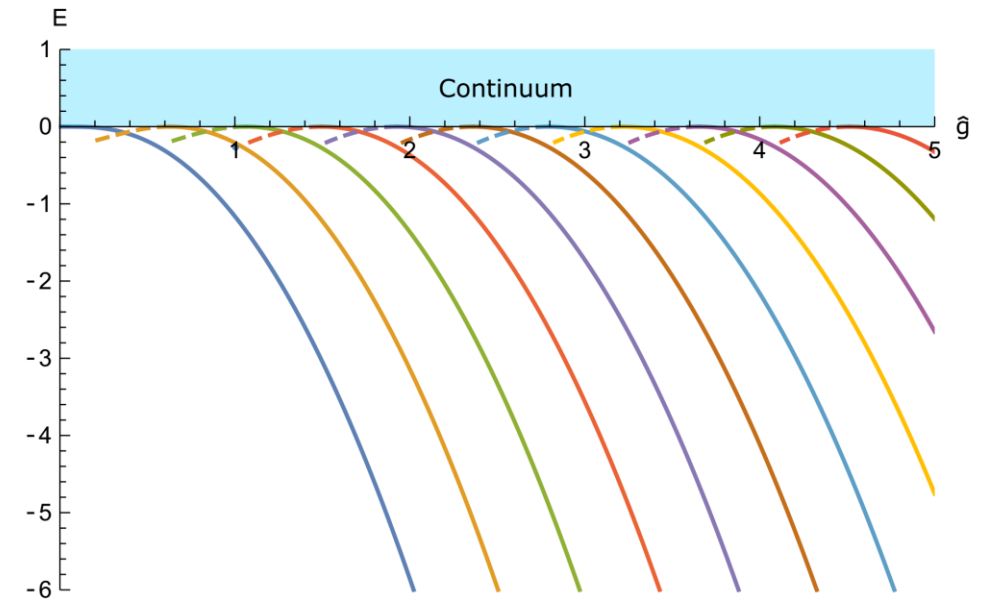
$$\frac{1}{4}\partial_y^2 \tilde{G} = \partial_x^2 \tilde{G} + \frac{2\hat{g}^2}{\cosh x + \cos \phi} \tilde{G}$$

We get Schrodinger equation

$$\left[ \partial_x^2 - \frac{2\hat{g}^2}{\cosh x + \cos \phi} \right] F_n(x) = \frac{1}{4} E_n F_n(x)$$

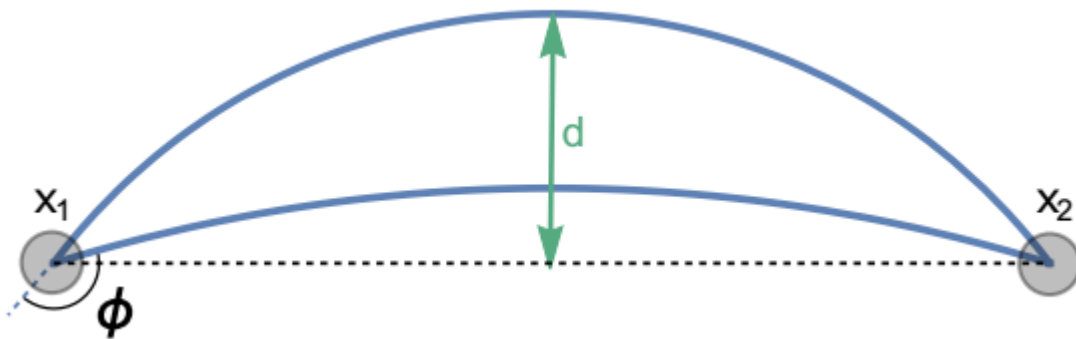
$$x = S - T, \quad y = \frac{S+T}{2}$$

$$G = \sum_n c_n F_n(x) e^{-\sqrt{-E_n} y}$$



Scaling dimension  $\longleftrightarrow$  Ground state energy

$$\Delta_0 = -\sqrt{-E}$$



So the 2-pt function is  $\frac{2F_0^2(0)}{\Delta_0} \left( \frac{\epsilon}{x_{12}} \right)^{2\Delta_0}$

We see the correct conformal spacetime dependence

Ericksson, Semenoff, Zarembo 2000  
Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 2018



Next: 3-point correlator

$$W_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet, \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2}}{x_{12}^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2} x_{13}^{\Delta_1 - \Delta_2} x_{23}^{\Delta_2 - \Delta_1}} (L_{123})^{\Delta_1} (L_{231})^{\Delta_2} \left( c_0 |_{\Delta_1, \phi_1} \right) \left( c_0 |_{\Delta_2, \phi_2} \right) \mathcal{N}_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet},$$

Where

$$\mathcal{N}_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\bullet} = 2\hat{g}_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 ds \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \frac{F_{\Delta_1, \phi_1}(-\delta x_1 + s - t) F_{\Delta_2, \phi_2}(-\delta x_2 - T_{12}(s)) e^{-\frac{s+t}{2} \Delta_1 - \frac{T_{12}(s)}{2} \Delta_2}}{\cosh(s - t - \delta x_1) + \cos \phi_1}$$

Where

$$e^{T_{12}(s)} = \frac{(1 - e^s)}{1 - e^s \frac{\cos \phi_3 - \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}{\cos \phi_3 - \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}}.$$

Where

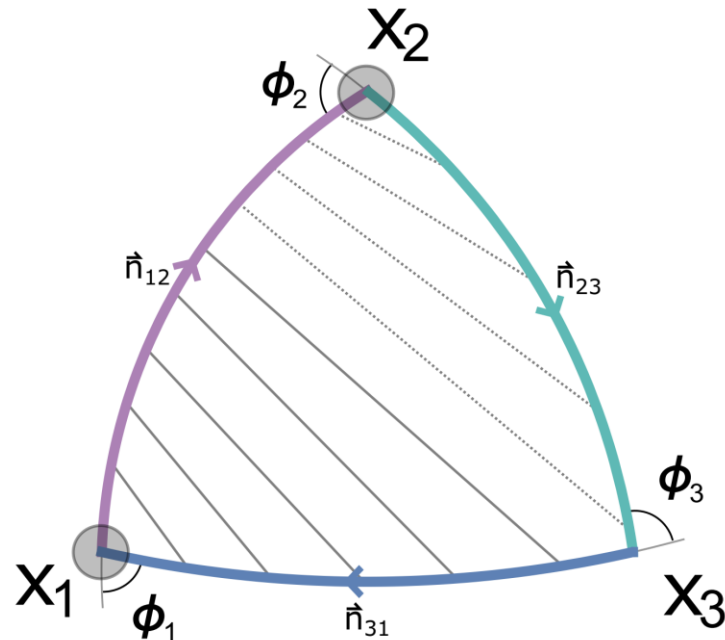
$$L_{123} = \frac{\sqrt{\sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3) \sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3)}}{\sin \phi_1}$$

Where

$$\delta x_1 = \log \frac{\sin \left( \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3) \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3) \right)}$$

Where

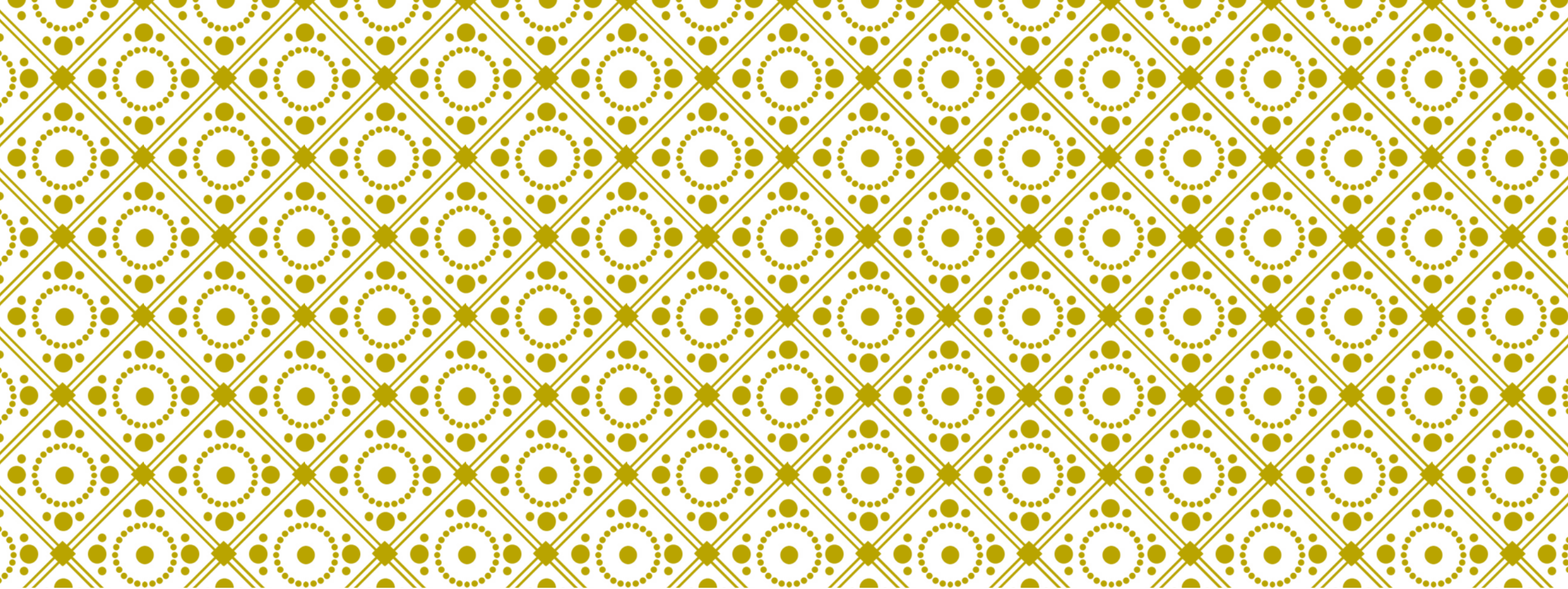
$$c_n = -\frac{2F_n(0)}{\Delta_n}$$



We keep two couplings  $\hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_2$   
while  $\hat{g}_3 = 0$

$$\hat{g}_k \equiv g \cos \frac{\theta_k}{2}$$

How to simplify  
this mess ???



**LET'S USE INTEGRABILITY**

Ladder limit: only scalar fields survive, half of QSC disappears

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}_i^{[+4]} D_0 - \mathbf{Q}_i^{[+2]} \left[ D_1 - \mathbf{P}_a^{[+2]} \mathbf{P}^a^{[+4]} D_0 \right] + \mathbf{Q}_i \left[ D_2 - \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}^a^{[+2]} D_1 + \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}^a^{[+4]} D_0 \right] \\ - \mathbf{Q}_i^{[-2]} \left[ \bar{D}_1 + \mathbf{P}_a^{[-2]} \mathbf{P}^a^{[-4]} \bar{D}_0 \right] + \mathbf{Q}_i^{[-4]} \bar{D}_0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

P-functions become trivial and the general Baxter equation reduces to

$$\left( -2u^2 \cos \phi + 2\Delta u \sin \phi + 4\hat{g}^2 \right) q(u) + u^2 q(u - i) + u^2 q(u + i) = 0$$

$$q_i(u) = \mathbf{Q}_i(u)/\sqrt{u}$$

$$q_1 \sim M_1 e^{\phi u} u^\Delta, \quad q_4 \sim M_4 e^{-\phi u} u^{-\Delta}, \quad u \rightarrow \infty$$

Quantization condition (comes from analyticity of QSC):

$$\Delta = -\frac{2\hat{g}^2}{\sin \phi} \frac{q_1(0)\bar{q}'_1(0) + \bar{q}_1(0)q'_1(0)}{q_1(0)\bar{q}_1(0)}$$

Direct relation with the wave functions by Mellin transform

$$F(z) = -i e^{-\Delta z/2} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{q_1(u)}{u} e^{w_\phi(z) u} du, \quad c > 0, \quad \text{where} \quad e^{iw_\phi(z)} = \left( \frac{\cosh \frac{z-i\phi}{2}}{\cosh \frac{z+i\phi}{2}} \right)$$

Baxter equivalent to Schrodinger

Now we plug this into the result we got from diagrams

$$\mathcal{N}_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\circ} = 2\hat{g}_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 ds \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \frac{F_{\Delta_1, \phi_1}(-\delta x_1 + s - t) F_{\Delta_2, \phi_2}(-\delta x_2 - T_{12}(s)) e^{-\frac{s+t}{2} \Delta_1 - \frac{T_{12}(s)}{2} \Delta_2}}{\cosh(s - t - \delta x_1) + \cos \phi_1}$$

The structure constant simplifies drastically!

This is our main result

q-function  
for zero coupling

$$C_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\circ} = (K_{123})^{\Delta_1} (K_{213})^{\Delta_2} \frac{\int_1 q_1 q_2 e^{-\phi_3 u} \frac{du}{2\pi i u}}{\sqrt{\int_1 q_1 q_1 \frac{du}{2\pi i u}} \sqrt{\int_1 q_2 q_2 \frac{du}{2\pi i u}}},$$

$$K_{123} = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3)}{\sin \phi_1}$$

Get scalar product of 3 q-functions – precisely the kind of result expected from separation of variables

At 1 loop we reproduce the result of a direct calculation

$$(C^{\bullet\bullet\circ}) = 1 + \hat{g}_1^2 F_{123} + \hat{g}_2^2 F_{213} + \dots$$

$$F_{123} = \frac{1}{\sin \phi_1} \left[ 2i \left( \text{Li}_2(e^{-2i\phi_1}) - \text{Li}_2(e^{-i\phi_1 - i\phi_2 + i\phi_3}) + \text{Li}_2(e^{i\phi_1 - i\phi_2 + i\phi_3}) \right) - \frac{i\pi^2}{3} \right. \\ \left. + 2(\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3) \log \left( \frac{1 - e^{-i\phi_1 - i\phi_2 + i\phi_3}}{1 - e^{i\phi_1 - i\phi_2 + i\phi_3}} \right) - 4\phi_1 \log \left( \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3)}{\sin \phi_1} \right) \right]$$

In the limit of straight lines we get

$$\langle q_1 q_2 e^{-\phi_3 u} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 + 1)}$$

$$C_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\circ}|_{\phi_i=0} = \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma(1-2\Delta_1)\Gamma(1-2\Delta_2)}}{\Gamma(1-\Delta_1-\Delta_2)}$$

Matches direct all-loop calculation of [\[Kim, Kiryu, Komatsu, Nishimura 2017\]](#) !

$$\langle f(u) \rangle \equiv \left(2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2}\right)^\alpha \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} f(u) \frac{du}{2\pi i u} \quad , \quad c > 0$$

Would be interesting to compare with other approaches for 3pt functions  
(e.g. “hexagons”)

[Basso, Komatsu, Vieira 15] [Fleury, Komatsu 16]

Very recently: expect integrability beyond large  $N_c$  as well !

[Caetano, Bargheer, Fleury, Komatsu, Vieira 17]

Rewriting the Baxter equation in operator form:

$$\hat{O} \equiv \frac{1}{u} [(4\hat{g}^2 - 2u^2 \cos \phi + 2\Delta u \sin \phi) + u(u - i)D^{-1} + u(u + i)D] \frac{1}{u} \quad \hat{O}q(u) = 0 .$$

We find that the operator is “self-adjoint”:

$$\int_{|} q_1(u) \hat{O} q_2(u) du = \int_{|} q_2(u) \hat{O} q_1(u) du$$

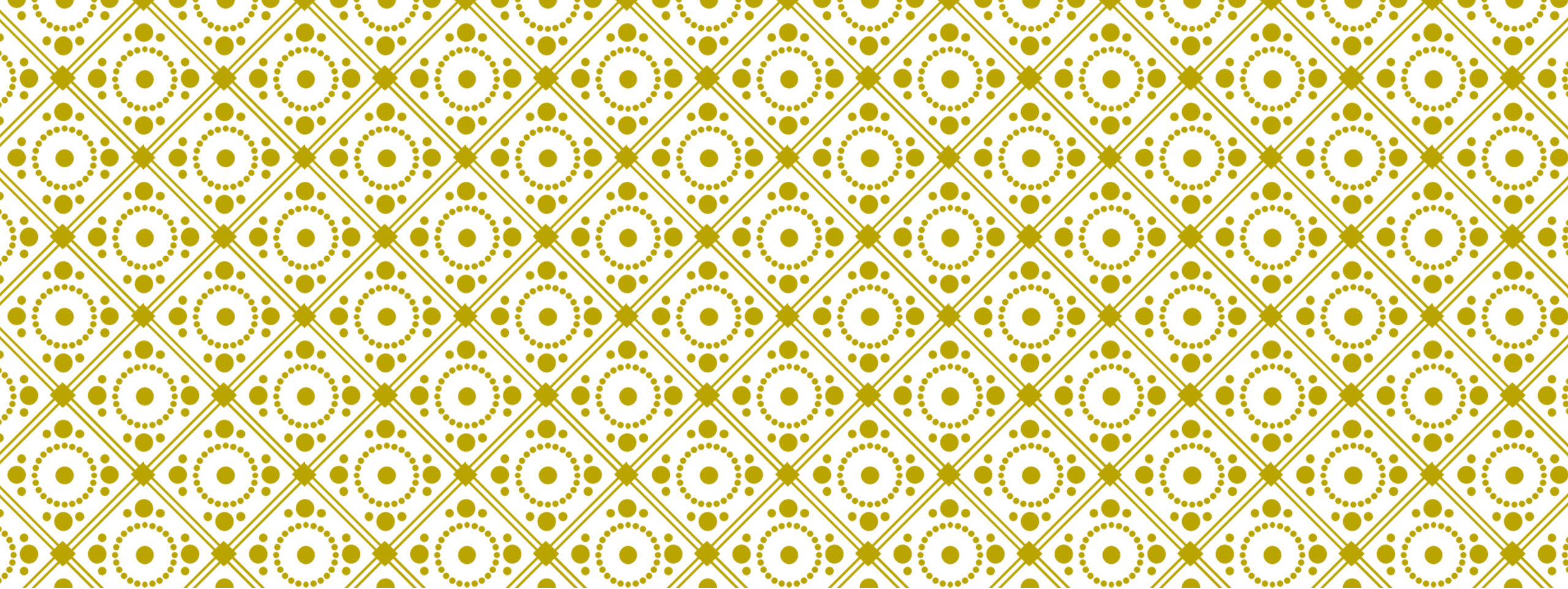
Immediate consequences:

- Two solutions with different  $\Delta$  are orthogonal:  $0 = \int_{|} q_1(u) (\hat{O}_1 - \hat{O}_2) q_2(u) du = (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2) 2 \sin \phi \int_{|} \frac{q_1(u) q_2(u)}{u} du$
- Closed equation for the derivative of  $\Delta$  w.r.t. the coupling:  $-\frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial \Delta}{\partial \hat{g}^2} = \frac{\langle q^2 \frac{1}{u} \rangle}{\langle q^2 \rangle}$

Can be considered as a correlator of two cusps with Lagrangian,  
has very similar form to the 3-cusp correlator!

$$\langle f(u) \rangle \equiv \left( 2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \right)^\alpha \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} f(u) \frac{du}{2\pi i u} , \quad c > 0$$





**EXCITED STATES**

excited states  $\longleftrightarrow$

local operators (scalars)  
inserted at the cusps

Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 2018

At weak coupling we found:

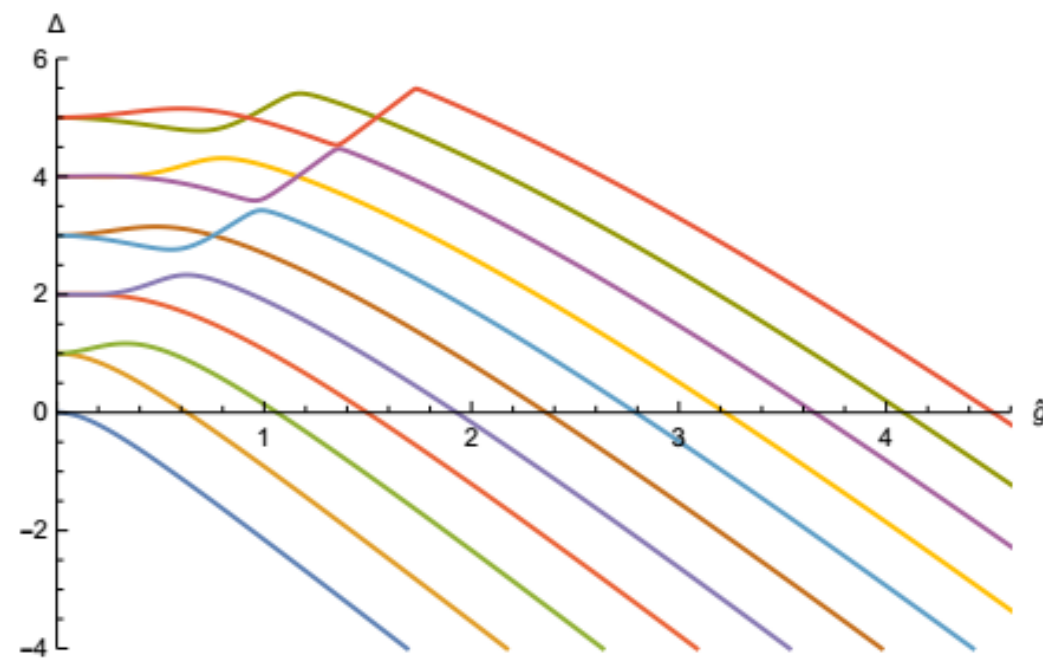
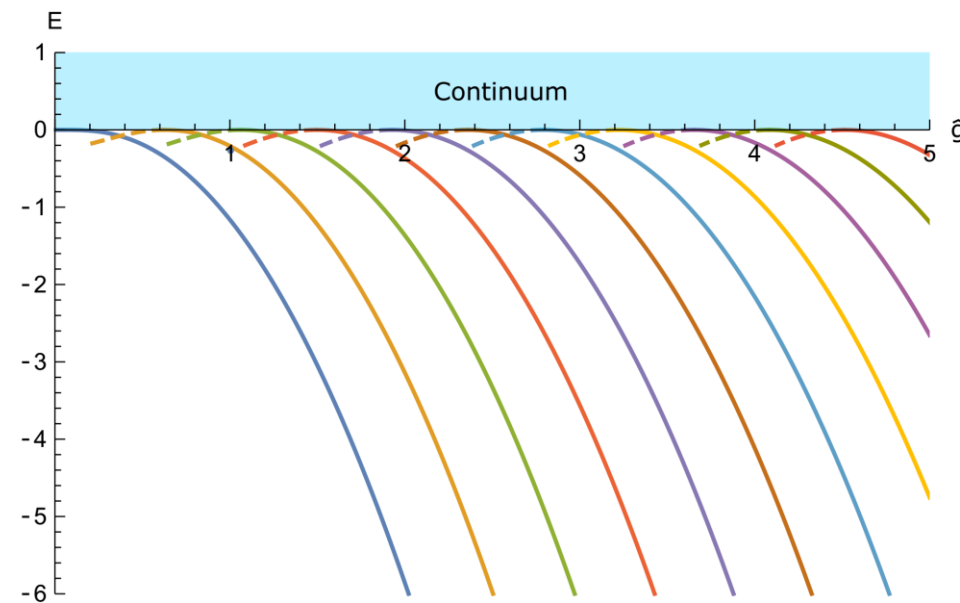
$$\Delta_{L,\pm} = L \pm \frac{4 \sin L\phi}{L \sin \phi} \hat{g}^2 + \dots,$$

At strong coupling we found:

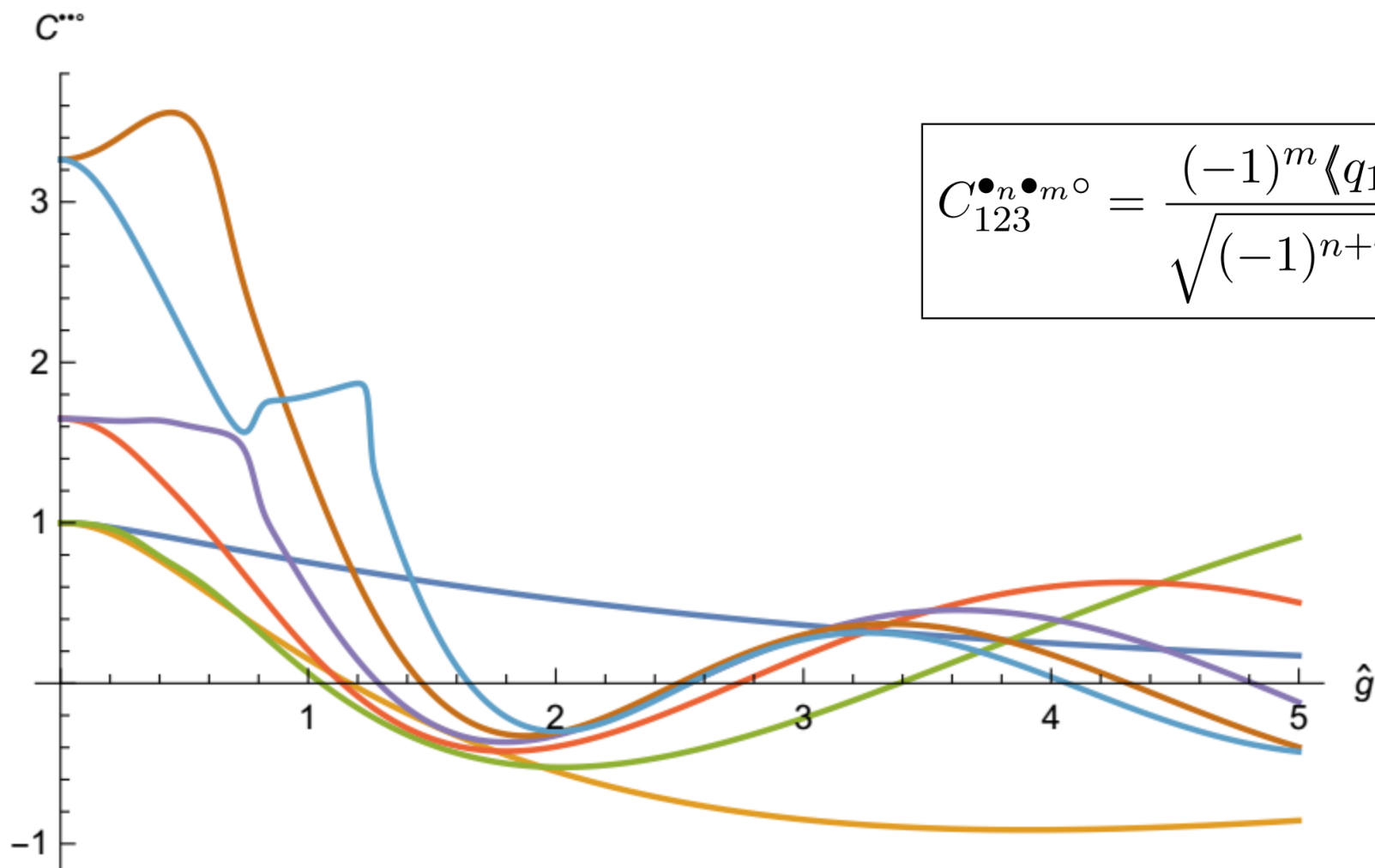
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_n}{2 \sec\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)} = & -g + \frac{2n+1}{4} + \frac{(2n^2+2n+1) \cos \phi - 2n^2 - 2n - 3}{64g} \\ & + (2n+1) \sin^2\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \frac{(n^2+n+1) \cos \phi - n^2 - n + 11}{512g^2} + \mathcal{O}(g^{-3}) \end{aligned}$$

Matches perturbation theory

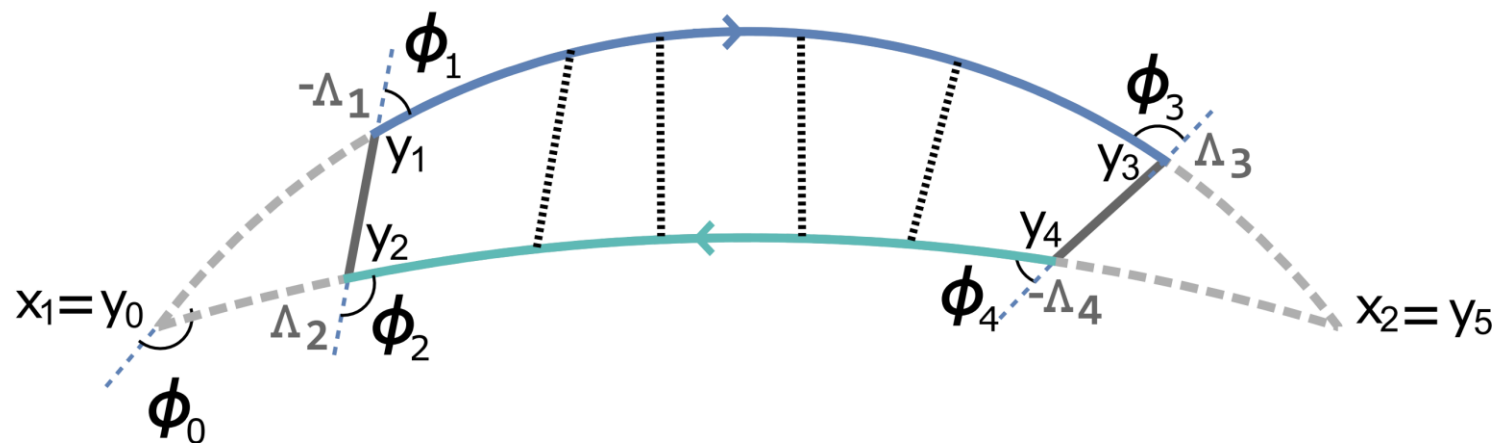
[Brüser, Caron-Huot, Henn 2018] at two loops



The 3-cusp correlator is given by just the same formula!



$$C_{123}^{\bullet_n \bullet_m \circ} = \frac{(-1)^m \langle q_{1,n} q_{2,m} e^{-\phi_3 u} \rangle}{\sqrt{(-1)^{n+m} \langle q_{1,n}^2 \rangle \langle q_{2,m}^2 \rangle}}$$

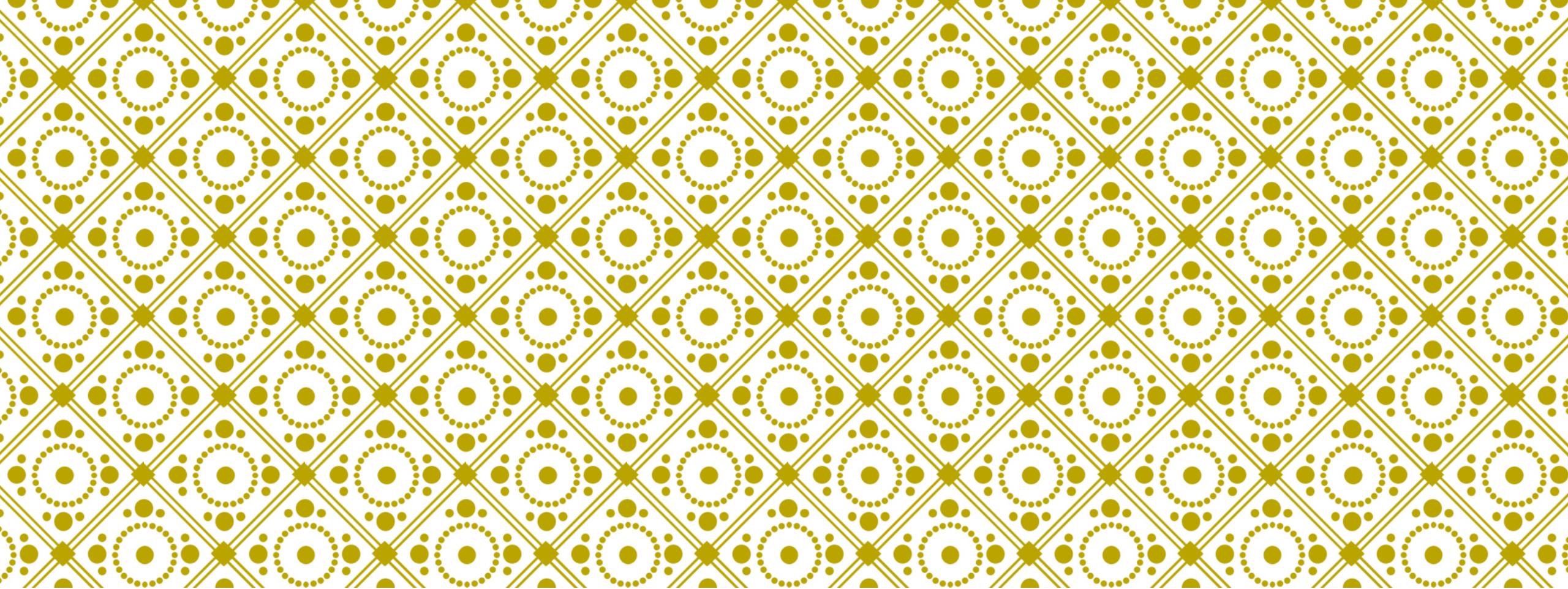


$$G(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3, \Lambda_4) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{012}^{\bullet n \circ \circ} C_{043}^{\bullet n \circ \circ} \left( \frac{e^{-2\Lambda}}{L_{043} L_{012}} \right)^{\Delta_n}$$

We can identify structure constants in the 4pt function

Crossing equation? Conformal bootstrap?

$$L_{abc} = \frac{\sqrt{\sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_a + \phi_b - \phi_c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(\phi_a - \phi_b + \phi_c)}}{\sin \phi_a}$$



# INTEGRABLE FISHNET THEORY

We worked in the ladders limit for the [Wilson line](#)

A very similar limit can be realized at the level of [local operators](#)

[Gamma-deformed N=4 SYM](#):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = N_c g^2 \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{4} \{ \phi_i^\dagger, \phi^i \} \{ \phi_j^\dagger, \phi^j \} - e^{-i\epsilon^{ijk} \gamma_k} \phi_i^\dagger \phi_j^\dagger \phi^i \phi^j \right) + \text{gauge fields} + \text{fermions}$$

$\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  are 3 deformation parameters

Remains [conformal](#)  
and [integrable](#)

Beisert, Roiban 05  
Gromov, FLM 10  
Arutyunov, de Leeuw, Tongeren 13  
Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 15

[Double scaling limit](#): strong twist, weak coupling

$$g \rightarrow 0, \quad e^{-i\gamma_j/2} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \xi_j = g e^{-i\gamma_j/2} - \text{fixed}, \quad (j = 1, 2, 3.)$$

Just like the ladders limit

Result known as [fishnet theory](#)

Gauge fields decouple, remain only [scalars + fermions](#) [Gurdogan, Kazakov 15](#)

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

**No susy but  
still solvable !**

(at large N)

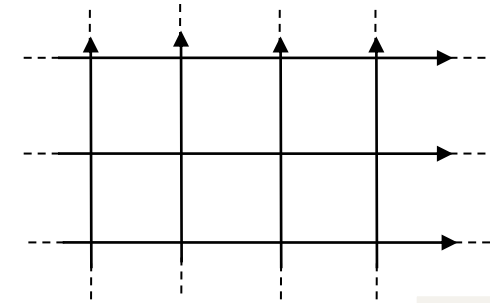
Simplest case: theory with **two**  $N \times N$  scalar fields

$$\mathcal{L}[\phi_1, \phi_2] = \frac{N}{2} \text{tr} \left( \partial^\mu \phi_1^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_1 + \partial^\mu \phi_2^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_2 + 2\xi^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_2^\dagger \phi_1 \phi_2 \right).$$

Baby version of N=4 SYM

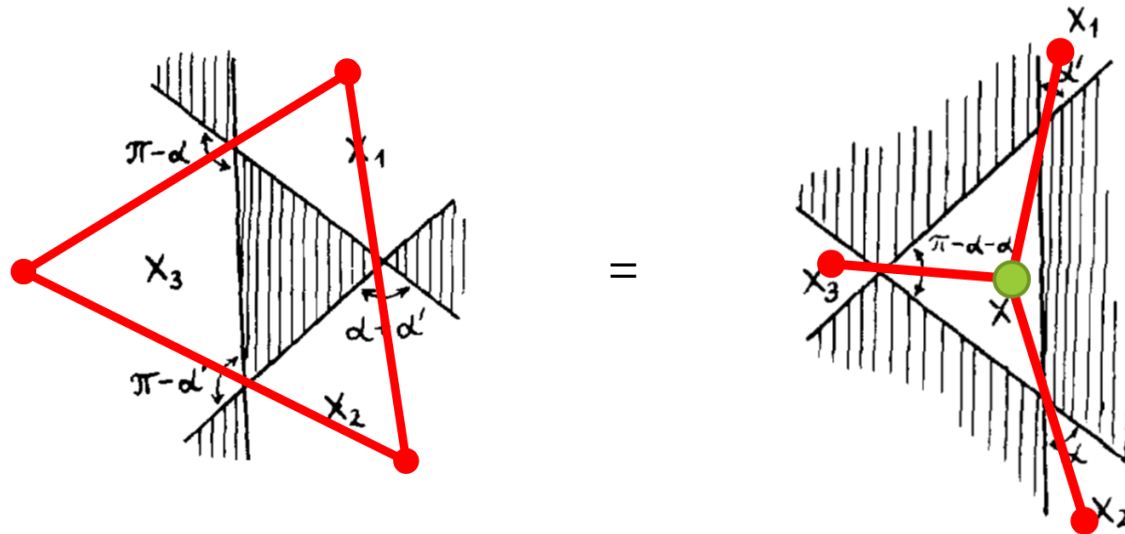
Gurdogan, Kazakov 15

Observables given by “fishnet” graphs



Zamolodchikov 81

**Yang-Baxter equation** at the level of diagrams



Possible due to **star-triangle** relation  
with  $m=0$  propagators

$$\int \frac{d^D x_0}{|x_{10}|^{2a} |x_{20}|^{2b} |x_{30}|^{2c}} = \frac{V(a, b, c)}{|x_{12}|^{D-2c} |x_{23}|^{D-2a} |x_{31}|^{D-2b}},$$

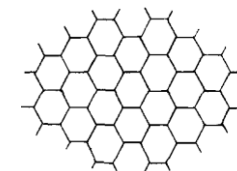
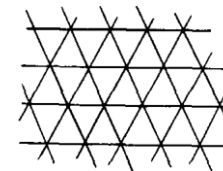
$$a + b + c = D, \quad x_{ij} \equiv x_i - x_j$$

$$V(a, b, c) = \pi^{D/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{D}{2} - a) \Gamma(\frac{D}{2} - b) \Gamma(\frac{D}{2} - c)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b) \Gamma(c)}$$

Can use integrability to compute individual Feynman graphs

Unique possibility to see **origins** of integrability in **gauge theory**

Analogues are known in **3d** and **6d**



QSC is inherited from N=4 SYM

Previously developed methods [Gromov, FLM, Sizov 15] are very efficient for spectrum

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_3 - 3 = & -12\zeta_3\xi^6 + (189\zeta_7 - 144\zeta_3^2)\xi^{12} \\
 & + \xi^{18} \left( -1944\zeta_{8,2,1} - 3024\zeta_3^3 - 3024\zeta_5\zeta_3^2 + 6804\zeta_7\zeta_3 + \frac{198\pi^8\zeta_3}{175} + \frac{612\pi^6\zeta_5}{35} + 270\pi^4\zeta_7 + 5994\pi^2\zeta_9 - \frac{925911\zeta_{11}}{8} \right) \\
 & + \xi^{24} \left( -93312\zeta_3\zeta_{8,2,1} + \frac{10368}{5}\pi^4\zeta_{8,2,1} + 5184\pi^2\zeta_{9,3,1} + 51840\pi^2\zeta_{10,2,1} - 148716\zeta_{11,3,1} - 1061910\zeta_{12,2,1} \right. \\
 & + 62208\zeta_{10,2,1,1,1} - 77760\zeta_3^4 - 145152\zeta_5\zeta_3^3 - \frac{576}{7}\pi^6\zeta_3^3 - 864\pi^4\zeta_5\zeta_3^2 - 2592\pi^2\zeta_7\zeta_3^2 + 244944\zeta_7\zeta_3^2 \\
 & + 186588\zeta_9\zeta_3^2 + \frac{9504}{175}\pi^8\zeta_3^2 - 2592\pi^2\zeta_5^2\zeta_3 + \frac{29376}{35}\pi^6\zeta_5\zeta_3 + 298404\zeta_5\zeta_7\zeta_3 + 12960\pi^4\zeta_7\zeta_3 + 287712\pi^2\zeta_9\zeta_3 \\
 & - 5555466\zeta_{11}\zeta_3 + \frac{2910394\pi^{12}\zeta_3}{2627625} + 57672\zeta_5^3 - 71442\zeta_7^2 + \frac{13953\pi^{10}\zeta_5}{1925} + \frac{7293\pi^8\zeta_7}{175} - \frac{19959\pi^6\zeta_9}{5} \\
 & \left. + \frac{119979\pi^4\zeta_{11}}{2} + \frac{10738413\pi^2\zeta_{13}}{2} - \frac{4607294013\zeta_{15}}{80} \right) + O(\xi^{30})
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

For operator  $\text{tr}(\phi_1\phi_1)$  get all-loop result

Grabner, Gromov, Kazakov, Korchemsky 17

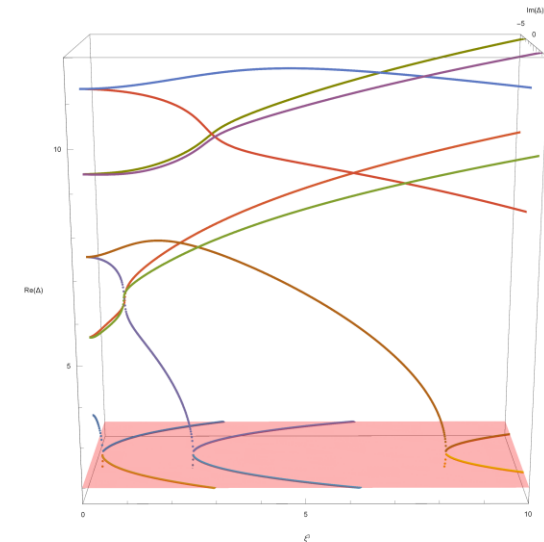
$$(\Delta - 4)(\Delta - 2)^2\Delta = 16\xi^4 \quad C_{123} = \frac{1}{\pi^4(-\Delta^2 + 4\Delta - 2)} \frac{\Gamma(-\Delta + 4)\Gamma^2(\Delta/2)}{\Gamma^2(-\Delta/2 + 4)\Gamma(\Delta - 1)}$$

Very similar to Wilson lines correlators!

$$C_{123}^{\bullet\bullet\circ}|_{\phi_i=0} = \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma(1-2\Delta_1)\Gamma(1-2\Delta_2)}}{\Gamma(1-\Delta_1-\Delta_2)}$$

Hope to see similar structure,  
i.e. scalar product of Q-functions [in progress]

Gromov, Kazakov,  
Korchemsky, Negro, Sizov 17



Extension to theory with  
scalars + fermions is underway

Kazakov, FLM, Olivucci, Preti  
in progress

Dual string model - ???



# CONCLUSIONS

- All-loop  $C_{123}$  **strikingly simplifies** in terms of Q-functions
- A lot to do: **beyond ladders, more insertions, fishnet theory, ...**
- Related structures seen in **localization** [Giombi, Komatsu 18]
- Surprising simplifications for  $SU(N)$  **spin chains** give extra hope [Gromov, FLM, Sizov 16,18]
- Algebraic / rep theory interpretation of  $\int q_1 q_2 q_3$  ?
- Can we bootstrap the **full** 3-pt structure constant ?

