

# Gluon scattering amplitudes from gauge/string duality and integrability

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## Also,

- other aspects ?
  - gluon scattering amplitude/Wilson loops [this talk]
  - correlation fn.
  - quark – anti-quark potential/cusp anomalous dim.
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gluon scatt. amplitudes at strong coupling



[  $\Leftarrow$  AdS/CFT ]

minimal surfaces in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$



[  $\Leftarrow$  integrability ]

thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA) equations

In this talk,

- discuss maximally helicity violating (MHV) amplitudes/  
Wilson loops of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM at strong coupling
  - ↑↑ underlying 2D integrable models and CFTs
- derive analytic expansions  
around certain kinematic points  
[ regular polygonal Wilson loops ]



# Plan of talk

1. Introduction

2. Gluon scattering amplitudes at strong coupling  
[ amplitude  $\rightarrow$  min. surface ]

3. Minimal surfaces in AdS and integrability  
[ min. surface  $\rightarrow$  TBA ]

4. Analytic expansion of amplitudes at strong coupling  
[ AdS3 case, AdS4 case ]

5. Summary

## 2. Gluon scattering amplitudes at strong coupling

[Alday-Maldacena '07]

amplitudes of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  
at strong coupling

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AdS/CFT

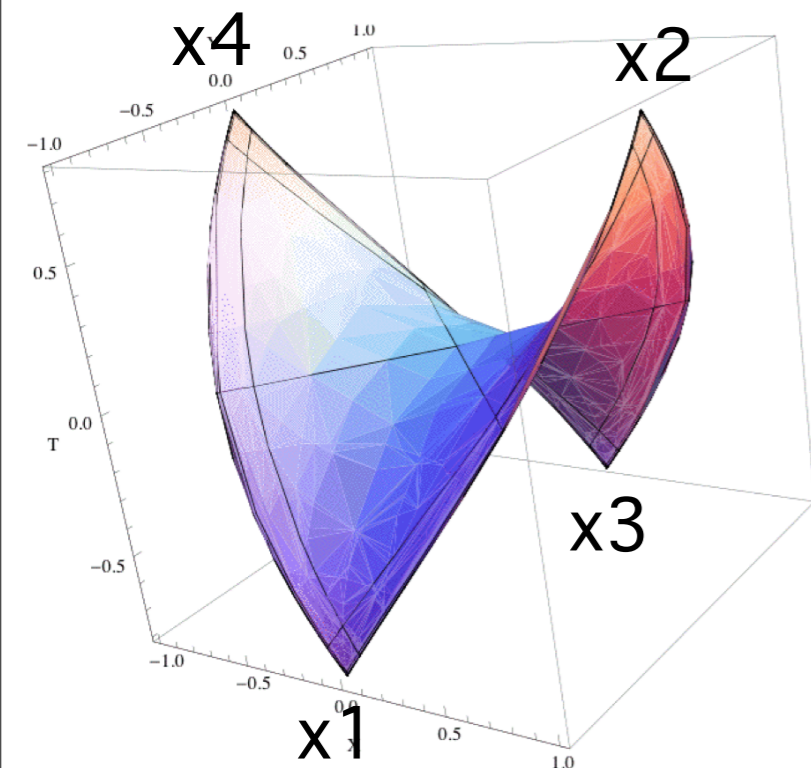
minimal surfaces  
in AdS

$$\mathcal{M} \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} (\text{Area})}$$

- $\mathcal{M}$  : scalar part of MHV amplitude
- $\lambda$  : 't Hooft coupling
- null boundary at AdS boundary

$$x_{i+1}^{\mu} - x_i^{\mu} = 2\pi k_i^{\mu} \quad (\text{momentum of particle})$$

$\Rightarrow$  n-pt. amplitude  $\approx$  n-cusp min. surface



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## Insights into SYM

- amplitudes  $\approx$  min. surfaces  $\approx$  Wilson loops [Drummond–Korchemsky–Sokatchev '07, Brandhuber–Heslop–Travaglini '07]
- **Remainder fn.** : deviation from BDS formula ( $n \geq 6$ )  
[Bern et al. '08, Drummond–Henn–Korchemsky–Sokatchev '08]
- dual conformal symm.  
 $\Rightarrow$  remainder fn. = fn. of **cross-ratios** of cusp. coord.  $x_a^\mu$   
[Drummond–Henn–Smirnov–Sokatchev '06, Drummond–Henn–Korchemsky–Sokatchev '07]

### 3. Minimal surfaces and integrability

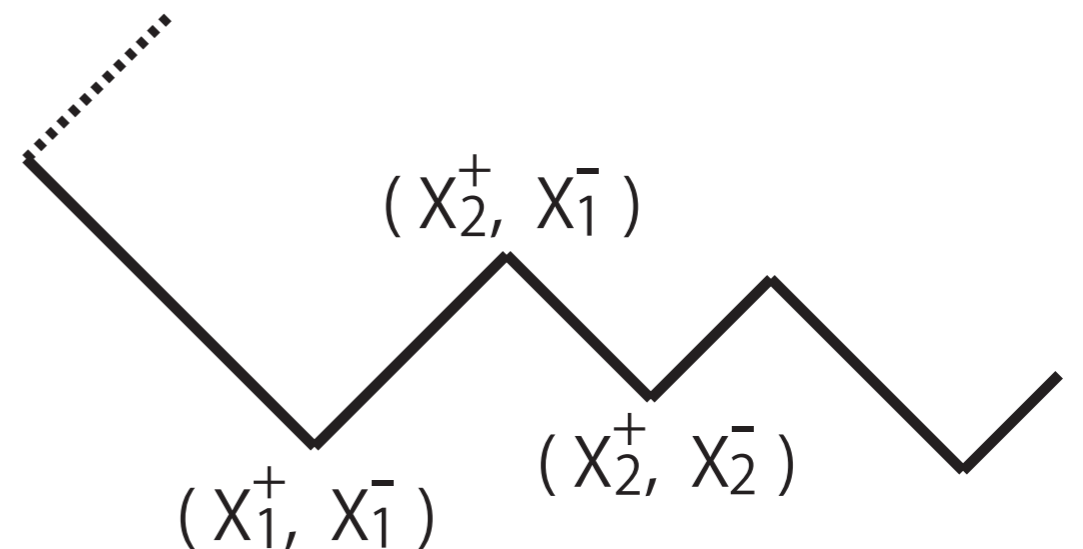
- difficult to construct min. surfaces w/ null bound. for  $n \geq 5$   
[cf. special 6-cusp sol., Sakai-Satch '09]
- but possible to obtain  $A(\text{area})$  w/o explicit solutions  
[Alday-Maldacena '09]
  - string e.o.m.  $\Rightarrow$  Hitchin system
  - “patching” 4-cusp sol.
  - analyzed min. surface in  $\text{AdS}_3$  (8pt.)
- amplitudes  $\Leftarrow$  thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA)

eq.  
[Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena '09, Alday-Maldacena-Sever-Vieira '10  
Hatsuda-Ito-Sakai-YS '10]

# Let us see this for 2n-cusp min. surface

in AdS3 following [Alday-Maldacena-Sever-Vieira '10]

- 4D external momenta in  $\mathbb{R}^{1,1}$
- # of cusps : even in AdS3 [mom. conservation]
- 2 light-cone coord.  $x^\pm$  at  $\partial(\text{AdS})$



# TBA eq. for AdS3 min. surface

[Alday-Maldacena-Sever-Vieira '10, also, Hatsuda-Ito-Sakai-YS '10]

- to compute amplitudes (2n-pt.), first need to solve

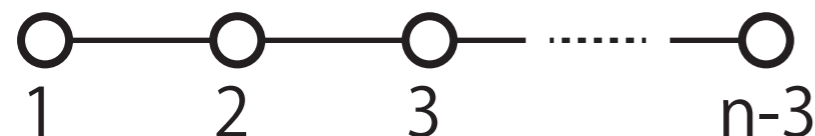
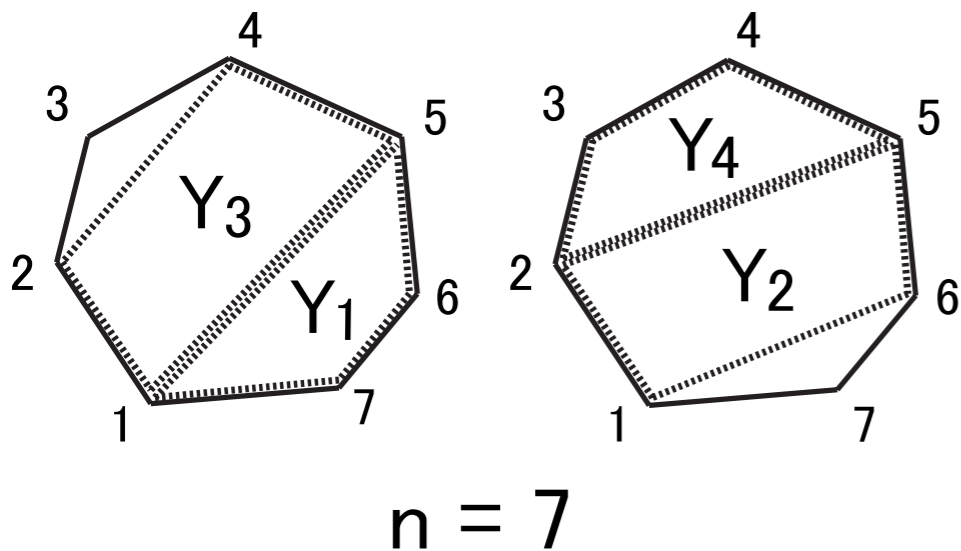
$$\log Y_s(\theta) = -m_s \cosh \theta + \sum_r K_{sr} * \log(1 + Y_r)$$

[ $s = 1, \dots, n-3$ ; real  $m_s$ ]

$$Y_0 = Y_{n-2} = 0$$

⇒ TBA eq. of hom. sine-Gordon model

[Hatsuda-Ito-Sakai-YS '10, cf. Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena '09]



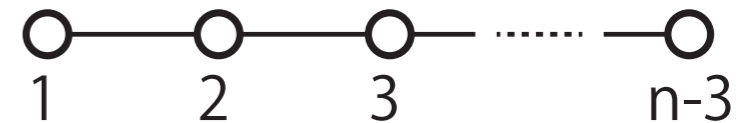
- $\theta$  : spectral parameter
- $Y_s$  : (extended) cross-ratios of  $x_a^\pm$   
 e.g. )  $Y_1(-\frac{\pi i}{2}) = \frac{x_{15}^+ x_{67}^+}{x_{56}^+ x_{17}^+}, \quad Y_1(0) = \frac{x_{15}^- x_{67}^-}{x_{56}^- x_{17}^-}$
- $m_s$  : complex (mass) param.  
 $\approx$  shape of surface  $\Leftrightarrow$  momenta
- $K_{sr} = I_{sr} / \cosh \theta$
- $I_{sr}$  : incidence matrix for  $A_{n-3}$

## Y-system

- using asymptotics, analyticity of Y-fn.  
TBA eqs. are transformed into algebraic eqs.

$$Y_s^+ Y_s^- = (1 + Y_{s+1})(1 + Y_{s-1})$$

$$\left[ Y_s^\pm(\theta) = Y_s\left(\theta \pm \frac{\pi i}{2}\right) \right]$$



## T-system

- Y-system is obtained from T-system for T-fn.

$$T_s^+ T_s^- = 1 + T_{s+1} T_{s-1}$$

$$\left[ Y_s = T_{s+1} T_{s-1} \right]$$

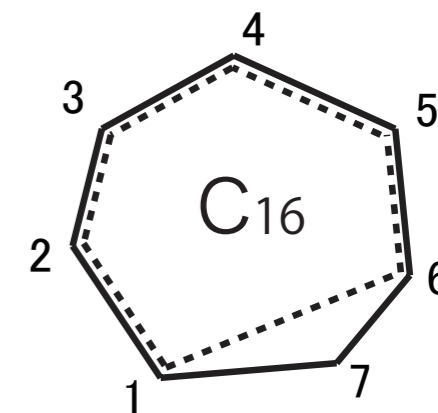


## Remainder function [overall coupling dependence : omitted]

- Once  $Y$ -fn. are obtained [  $n$  odd ]

$$R_{2n} := A \text{ [amp.] } - A_{BDS} \text{ [BDS formula]}$$

$$= \frac{7\pi}{12}(n-2) + A_{\text{periods}} + \Delta A_{BDS} + A_{\text{free}}$$



$$C_{16} = \frac{x_{23} x_{45} x_{16}}{x_{12} x_{34} x_{56}}$$

$$A_{\text{periods}} = -\frac{1}{4} m_r I_{rs}^{-1} \bar{m}_s$$

$$\Delta A_{BDS} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \log \frac{c_{i,j}^+}{c_{i,j+1}^+} \log \frac{c_{i-1,j}^-}{c_{i,j}^-}, \quad c_{i,j}^{\pm} = \frac{x_{i+2,i+1}^{\pm} x_{i+4,i+3}^{\pm} \cdots x_{j,i}^{\pm}}{x_{i+1,i}^{\pm} x_{i+3,i+2}^{\pm} \cdots x_{j,j-1}^{\pm}}$$

$$A_{\text{free}} = \sum_{s=1}^{n-3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} m_s \cosh \theta \log(1 + Y_s(\theta))$$

free energy of TBA system

⇒ non-trivial part :  $A_{\text{free}}$  ,  $\Delta A_{BDS}$  for given  $m_s$

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Any analytic results at strong coupling except  
 $m_s \rightarrow 0, \infty$  ??

⇒ we discuss expansions around CFT lim.

$$l = ML \rightarrow 0 \quad (m_s = M_s L = \tilde{M}_s ML)$$

[ M: mass scale, L: length scale ]

# 4. Analytic expansion at strong coupling

[Hatsuda-Ito-Sakai-YS '11, Hatsuda-Ito-YS '11]

- basis of the expansion :

TBA for AdS3  
2n-pt. amplitude

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HSG from  $\frac{\hat{s}u(n-2)_2}{[\hat{u}(1)]^{n-3}}$

[w/ imaginary resonance param.]

[Hatsuda-Ito-Sakai-YS '10]

- relation between T-fn. and g-function (boundary entropy)

[Bazhanov-Lukyanov-Zamolodchikov '94;

Dorey-Runkel-Tateo-Watts '99; Dorey-Lishman-Rim-Tateo '05]

- set  $m_s$  to be real to keep bd. integrability [Yang-Baxter eq.]

⇒ recovered after expansion

so as to maintain  $\mathbb{Z}_{2n}$ -symm. :  $x_i \rightarrow x_{i+1}$

# Homogenous sine-Gordon (HSG) model

[Fernandez Pousa-Gallas-Hollowood-Miramontes '96]

- start w/ coset CFT  $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(N)_k / [\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)]^{N-1}$   
[ for  $2n$ -cusp AdS3 min. surface  $N = n-2, k=2$  ]

- HSG model : integrable deformation of coset CFT

$$S_{HSG} = S_{\text{gWZNW}} + \beta \int d^2x \Phi$$

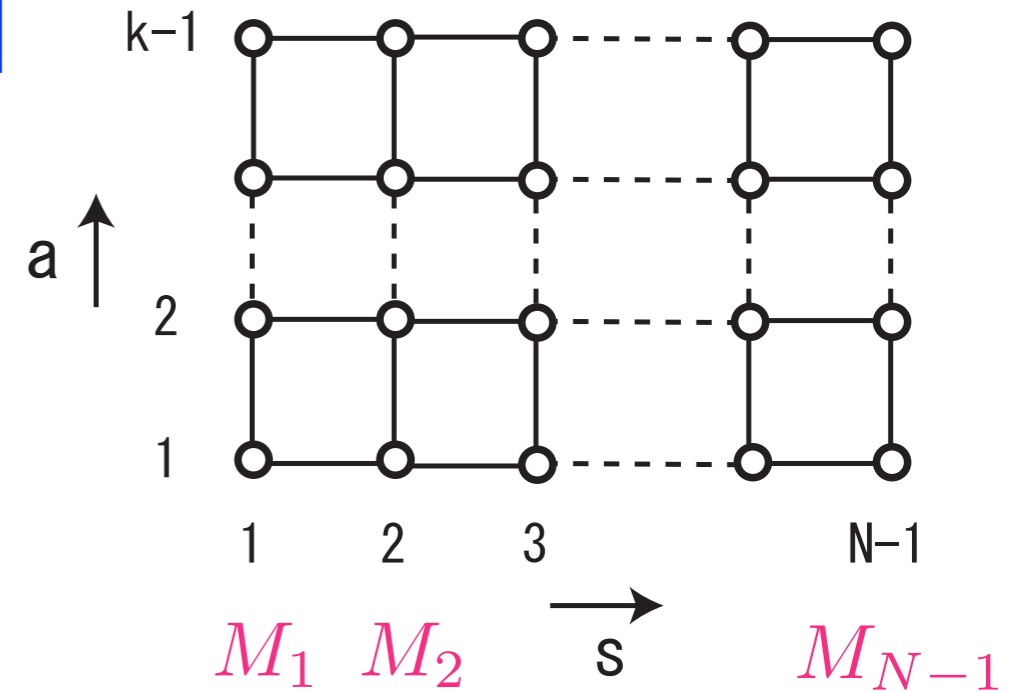
$\Phi$  : comb. of weight 0 adjoint op. [multi-param. deformation]

$$\Delta = \bar{\Delta} = \frac{N}{N+k}, \quad \beta = -\kappa M^{2(1-\Delta)}$$

- simplest case from  $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(2)_k / \widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  complex sine-Gordon/minimal  $A_{k-1}$  affine Toda

- spectrum [copies of min. affine Toda]

$$M_s^a = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi a}{k}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{k}} M_s, \quad M_s = M \tilde{M}_s$$



min. surface ← 2D integrable model ← CFT

## Expansion of $A_{\text{free}}$ : $[R_{2n} \sim A_{\text{free}} + \Delta A_{BDS}]$

- free energy around CFT limit  $\Leftarrow$  CFT perturbation
- for the case of  $2n$ -cusp min. surface in AdS3

$$A_{\text{free}} = \frac{\pi}{6} c_n + f_n^{\text{bulk}} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} f_n^{(k)} l^{\frac{4k}{n}}$$

$$c_n = \frac{(n-2)(n-5)}{n} \quad [\text{central charge}]$$

$$f_n^{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{4} m_r I_{rs}^{-1} m_s$$

$$f_n^{(k)} \Leftarrow \text{k-pt. fn. of } \Phi$$



$$\underline{\Delta A_{BDS}} \quad (\leftarrow c_{ij}^{\pm})$$

- can show cross-ratios  $c_{ij}^{\pm}$  : nothing but T-fn.

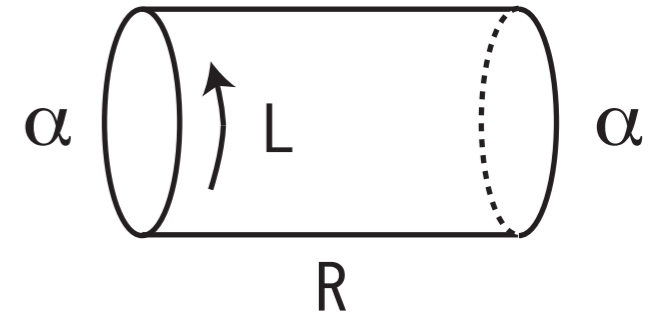
$$c_{ij}^+ = T_{|i-j|-1}^{[i+j]}(0), \quad c_{ij}^- = T_{|i-j|-1}^{[i+j+1]}(0)$$

$$\text{where } T_s^{[k]}(\theta) := T_s\left(\theta + \frac{\pi i}{2}k\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta A_{BDS} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \log \frac{T_{|i-j|-1}^{[i+j]}}{T_{|i-j-1|-1}^{[i+j+1]}} \log \frac{T_{|i-j-1|-1}^{[i+j]}}{T_{|i-j|-1}^{[i+j+1]}}$$

everything fits into language of 2D integrable model

## T-function $\Leftarrow$ g-function (boundary entropy)



- g-fn.  $\approx \log \mathcal{G}_{|\alpha\rangle}^{(0)}$

$$Z_{\langle\alpha|\alpha\rangle} = \langle\alpha|e^{-RH}|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \mathcal{G}_{|\alpha\rangle}^{(k)}(l) \right)^2 e^{-RE_k}$$

[counts ground state degeneracy]

- integral eq. for g-fn. is known :

similar to TBA eq. , including boundary contributions

[Dorey-Lishman-Rim-Tateo '05; Pozsgay '10; Woynarovich '10]

- comparing this w/ TBA eq. following

[Dorey-Runkel-Tateo-Watts '99; Dorey-Lishman-Rim-Tateo '05]

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{|s,C\rangle}^{(0)} / \mathcal{G}_{|1\rangle}^{(0)} = T_s \left( \frac{i\pi}{2} C \right)$$

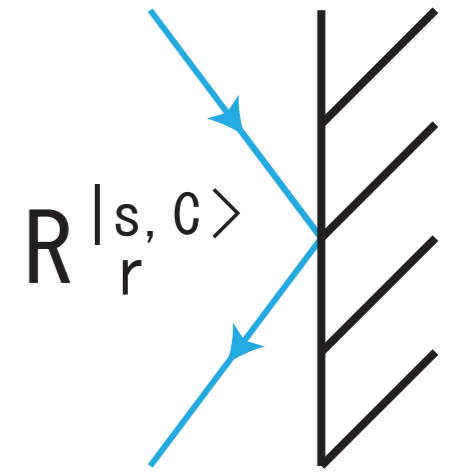
- boundaries  $\approx$  reflection factors

$|1\rangle$  : trivial boundary

$$|s, C\rangle : \Leftarrow R_r^{s, C}(\theta) = R_r^{1}(\theta) / Z_r^{s, C}(\theta)$$

[deforming factor]

[Sasaki '93]



- need to find  $Z_r^{s, C}$

- satisfying boundary bootstrap, unitarity, crossing symm.
- corresponding precisely to  $T_s$

$$\Rightarrow Z_r^{s, C}(\theta) := \left( (1 + C)_\theta (1 - C)_\theta \right)^{\delta_{sr}}$$

$$(x)_\theta := \frac{\sinh \frac{1}{2}(\theta + i\frac{\pi}{2}x)}{\sinh \frac{1}{2}(\theta - i\frac{\pi}{2}x)}$$

# Expansion of T-function

- periodicity  $\Leftarrow$  T-system

$$\Rightarrow T_s(\theta) = \sum_{p,q=0}^{\infty} t_s^{(p,q)} l^{(1-\Delta)(p+q)} \cosh\left(\frac{2p\theta}{n}\right)$$

- boundary CFT perturbation for g-fn. [Dorey-Runkel-Tateo-Watts '99; Dorey-Lishman-Rim-Tateo '05]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_s^{(2,0)}}{t_s^{(0,0)}} = -\frac{\kappa_n G(\tilde{M}_j) B(1-2\Delta, \Delta)}{2(2\pi)^{1-2\Delta}} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{3(s+1)\pi}{n})}{\sin(\frac{(s+1)\pi}{n})} \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\frac{\pi}{n})}{\sin(\frac{3\pi}{n})}} - \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\frac{3\pi}{n})}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{n})}} \right)$$

$$t_s^{(0,0)} = \frac{\sin(\frac{(s+1)\pi}{n})}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{n})}, \quad \langle \Phi(z)\Phi(0) \rangle = \frac{G^2(\tilde{M}_s)}{|z|^{4\Delta}}$$

[ given by modular S-matrix ]

- $t_s^{(2,0)}, t_s^{(0,4)} \Leftarrow t_1^{(2,0)} \propto \kappa_n G(\tilde{M}_s)$

T-system

# Expansion of 2n-pt. remainder function

Combining all,

$$R_{2n} = R_{2n}^{(0)} + l^{\frac{8}{n}} R_{2n}^{(4)} + \mathcal{O}(l^{\frac{12}{n}}) \quad \downarrow \text{regular polygon}$$

$$R_{2n}^{(0)} = \frac{\pi}{4n} (n-2)(3n-2) - \frac{n}{2} \sum_{s=1}^{(n-3)/2} \log^2 \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{(s+1)\pi}{n})}{\sin(\frac{s\pi}{n})} \right)$$

$$R_{2n}^{(4)} = \frac{\pi}{6} C_n^{(2)} \kappa_n^2 G^2(\tilde{M}_j) - \frac{n}{4} \left[ \sum_{s=1}^{(n-3)/2} A_{n,s} - 2 \left( \frac{t_{(n-3)/2}^{(2,0)}}{t_{(n-3)/2}^{(0,0)}} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \right]$$

$$A_{n,s} := \left[ \left( \frac{t_{s-1}^{(2,0)}}{t_{s-1}^{(0,0)}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{t_s^{(2,0)}}{t_s^{(0,0)}} \right)^2 \right] \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) - \frac{2t_{s-1}^{(2,0)} t_s^{(2,0)}}{t_{s-1}^{(0,0)} t_s^{(0,0)}} \\ + \left[ \left( \frac{t_{s-1}^{(2,0)}}{t_{s-1}^{(0,0)}} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{t_s^{(2,0)}}{t_s^{(0,0)}} \right)^2 - 4 \left( \frac{t_{s-1}^{(0,4)}}{t_{s-1}^{(0,0)}} - \frac{t_s^{(0,4)}}{t_s^{(0,0)}} \right) \right] \log \left( \frac{t_s^{(0,0)}}{t_{s-1}^{(0,0)}} \right)$$

$$C_n^{(2)} = 3(2\pi)^{\frac{2(n-4)}{n}} \gamma^2 \left( \frac{n-2}{n} \right) \gamma \left( \frac{4-n}{n} \right), \quad \gamma(x) = \Gamma(x)/\Gamma(1-x)$$

- fn. of  $t_1^{(2,0)} \propto \kappa_n G(\tilde{M}_s)$

## To further express amplitudes by momenta

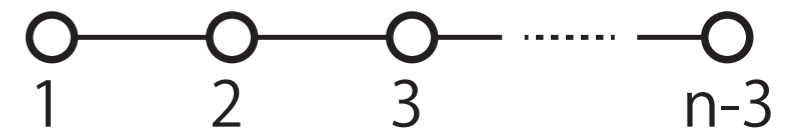
- need

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- this can be done for single mass cases

[Zamolodchikov '95; Fateev '94]

e.g.,

- $M_s = \delta_{s,1} M \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\text{su}}(2)_1 \oplus \hat{\text{su}}(2)_{n-3}}{\hat{\text{su}}(2)_{n-2}} = \mathcal{M}_{n-1,n}$

- $M_s = (\delta_{s,1} + \delta_{s,n-3}) M$  [minimal models]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\text{su}}(2)_1 \oplus \hat{\text{su}}(2)_{n/2-2}}{\hat{\text{su}}(2)_{n/2-1}} = \mathcal{M}_{n-2,n}$$



amplitudes along certain trajectories  
in momentum space



## 8-pt. remainder function [simplest for AdS3]

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- integral representation of 8-pt. remainder fn.

[Alday–Maldacena '09]

- HSG model  $\Rightarrow$  Ising model  
 $\Rightarrow$  all order expansion in  $l^2$

$$R_8 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} R_8^{(2k)}(\varphi) l^{2k} \quad [l = ML, m = l e^{i\varphi}]$$

$$R_8^{(0)}(\varphi) = \frac{5\pi}{4} - \frac{\log^2 2}{2}$$

$$R_8^{(2)}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{8\pi} - \frac{\log 2}{16}$$

$$R_8^{(4)}(\varphi) = \frac{2 \log 2 - 1}{1024} + \left( \frac{2 \log 2 + 3}{3072} - \frac{7\zeta(3)}{192\pi^3} \right) \cos 4\varphi$$

⋮

[Hatsuda–Ito–Sakai–YS '10]

# 10 pt. remainder function



- For 10-pt., these completely fix  $\kappa_n G \Leftrightarrow m_s$

$$R_{10} = R_{10}^{(0)} + R_{10}^{(4)} \cdot l^{8/5} + \mathcal{O}(l^{12/5}) \quad [ l = ML, m_s = \tilde{M}_s l ]$$

complex

$$R_{10}^{(0)} = \frac{39}{20} \pi - \frac{5}{2} \log^2 \left( 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{5} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{regular polygon}$$

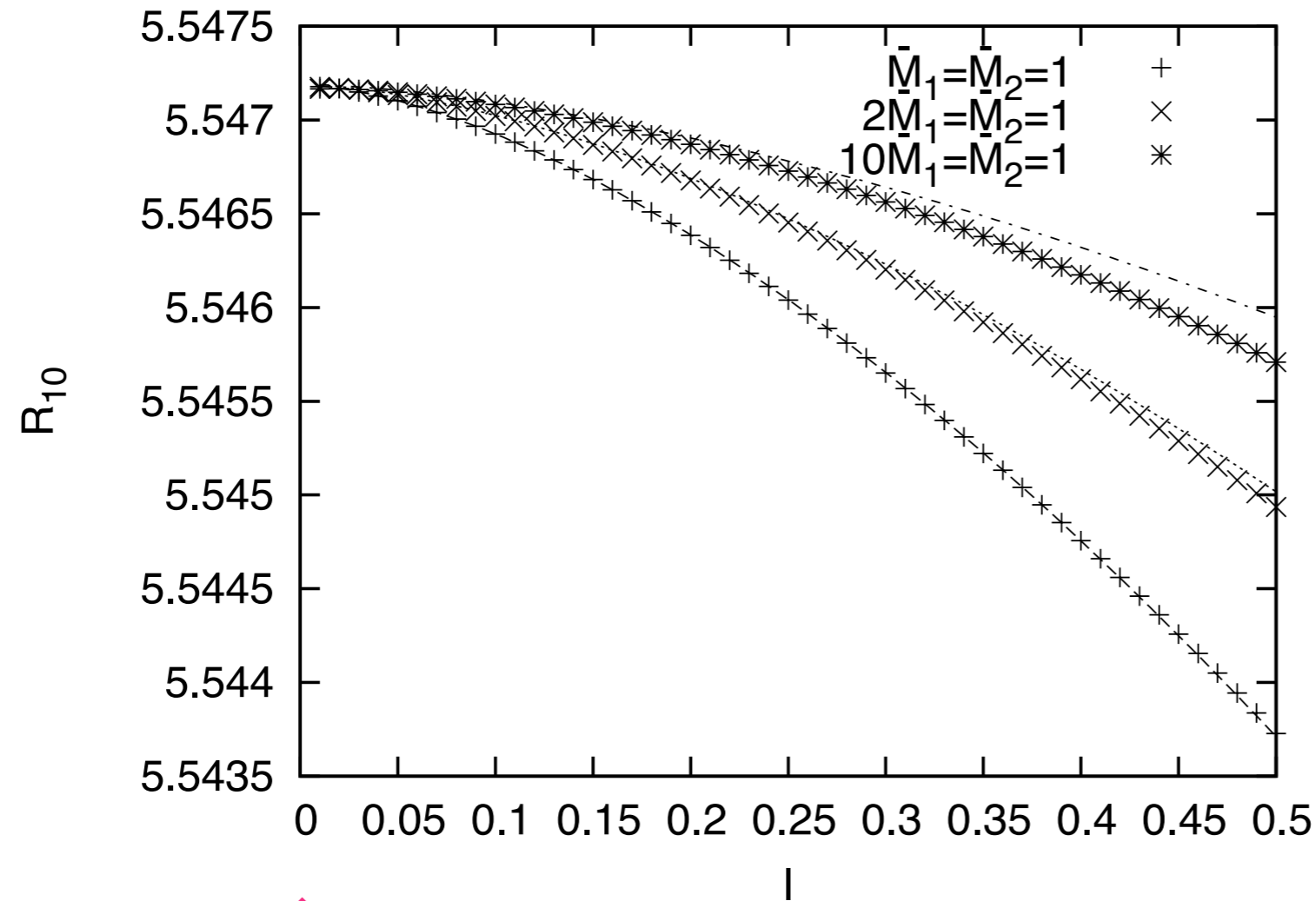
$$R_{10}^{(4)} = \left( -\frac{1}{5} \tan \frac{\pi}{5} + C_1 \right) \cdot |t_1^{(2,0)}|^2$$

$$t_1^{(2,0)} = C_2 (\tilde{M}_1^{4/5} + \tilde{M}_2^{4/5} - C_3 \tilde{M}_1^{2/5} \tilde{M}_2^{2/5})$$

$$C_1 = 20 \cos^4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{5} \right) \left( 1 - 5^{-1/2} \log \left( 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{5} \right) \right)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 6^{1/5}} \Gamma(-1/5) \left[ 10 \cos \frac{\pi}{5} \gamma(3/5) \gamma(4/5) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$C_3 = 2 - \left( \frac{3}{\pi^2} \right)^{1/5} \gamma(1/4)^{4/5}$$



$$(\varphi_1 = \pi/20, \varphi_2 = \pi/5)$$

↑ CFT lim.

$l$ -dependence of 10-pt. remainder function  $[m_s = \tilde{M}_s e^{i\varphi_s l}]$

- dashed lines :  $R_{10}^{(0)} + R_{10}^{(4)} l^{8/5}$
- good agreement w/ numerics

# 5. AdS4 minimal surfaces and W minimal models

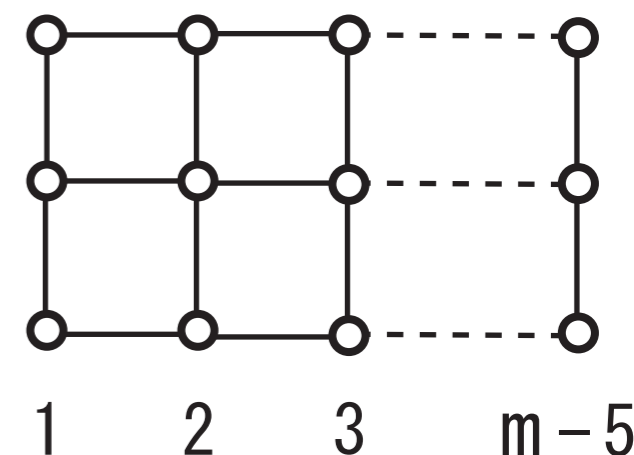
[ Hatsuda-Ito-YS, to appear ]

- Y-system for AdS4 m-cusp sol. [Alday-Maldacena-Sever-Vieira '10]

$$\frac{Y_{2,s}^- Y_{2,s}^+}{Y_{1,s} Y_{3,s}} = \frac{(1 + Y_{2,s+1})(1 + Y_{2,s-1})}{(1 + Y_{1,s})(1 + Y_{3,s})}$$

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TBA for AdS4  
m-pt. amplitude

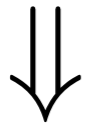
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HSG from  $\frac{\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(m-4)_4}{[\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)]^{m-5}}$

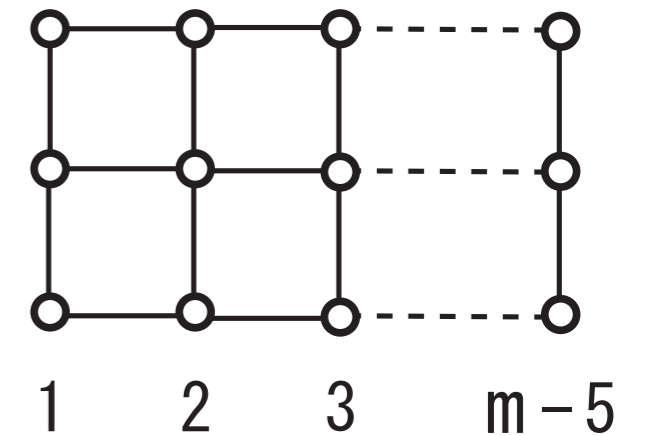
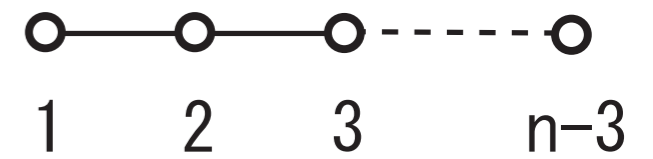
- simple iteration for numerics  
near CFT lim. does not seem to work, generally  
[cf. Castro Alvaredo–Fring '04]
- analytic expansion near CFT lim. : possible

# single mass cases

- AdS3 case:  $su(2)$  (non-)unitary cosets



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- in particular,

- $M_s = \delta_{s,1} M \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{su}(4)_1 \oplus \hat{su}(4)_{m-5}}{\hat{su}(4)_{m-4}} = W A_3^{(m-1,m)}$

- $M_s = (\delta_{s,1} + \delta_{s,m-5}) M$  [W-minimal models]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{su}(4)_1 \oplus \hat{su}(4)_{m/2-5}}{\hat{su}(4)_{m/2-4}} = W A_3^{(m-2,m)}$$

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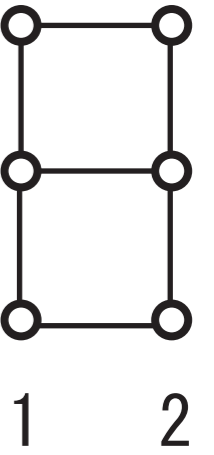
[simplest for AdS4/5]

[cf. Alday–Gaiotto–Maldacena '09]

- HSG model
  - ⇒ Z4 parafermion CFT
  - deformed by one relevant op. [no mixing]
- expansion near CFT limit agrees w/ partially numerical results in [Hatsuda–Ito–Sakai–YS '11]



## 7-pt. remainder function



- similarly to 10-pt. for AdS3,  
mass-coupling relation is completely determined

$$R_7 = R_7^{(0)} + R_7^{(4)} \cdot l^{16/7} + \mathcal{O}(l^{24/7}) \quad [l = ML, m_s = \tilde{M}_s l]$$

$$R_7^{(0)} = \frac{3}{7}\pi - \frac{7}{4} \left[ \log^2 \left( 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{7} + 1 \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{2 \cos \frac{\pi}{7}}{2 \cos \frac{\pi}{7} + 1} \right) \right]$$

$$R_7^{(4)} = (C_1 + C_2^2) \cdot |\kappa G|^2$$

$$\kappa G = \tilde{M}_1^{8/7} + \tilde{M}_2^{8/7} + C_3 \tilde{M}_1^{4/7} \tilde{M}_2^{4/7}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{\pi}{2(2\pi)^{2/7}} \gamma^2(3/7) \gamma(1/7)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{B(1/7, 3/7) \sin \frac{3\pi}{7}}{2(2\pi)^{1/7} \sin \frac{3\pi}{7}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{14}}{\sin \frac{5\pi}{14}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{5\pi}{14}}{\sin \frac{\pi}{14}}} \right)$$

$$C_3 = \left( \frac{2^{11} \pi^8}{3^2} \right)^{1/14} \left[ \gamma \left( \frac{4}{7} \right) \gamma \left( \frac{6}{7} \right) \gamma \left( \frac{1}{14} \right) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})} \right]^{8/7} - 2$$



# AdS5 case

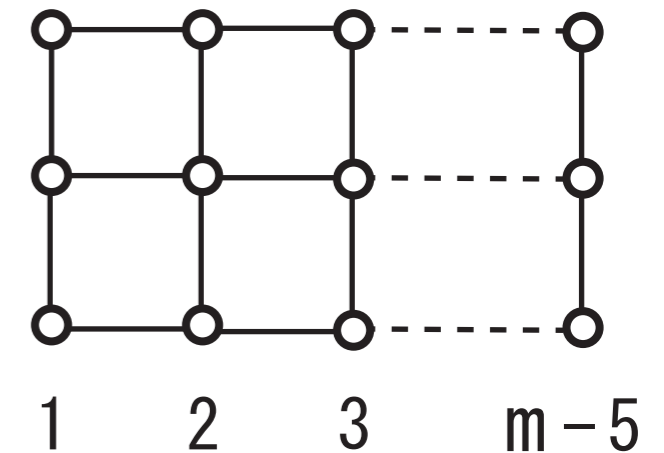
[Alday–Maldacena–Sever–Vieira '10]

- Y-system for AdS5 m-cusp sol.

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$$Y_{1,s} \neq Y_{3,s}$$

- $Y_{1,s}$  couples to  $Y_{3,s}$  on l.h.s. [“non-standard” Y-system]
- underlying integrable model: not identified yet

# 6. Comparison with 2-loop results

## AdS3 case

- analytic results at 2 loops: given for AdS3 amplitudes  
[Heslop-Khoze '10 ; Gaiotto-Maldacena-Sever-Vieira '11]
- for the same cross-ratios, have similar expansion

$$R_{2n}^{2\text{-loop}} = R_{2n}^{2\text{-loop}(0)} + l^{\frac{8}{n}} R_{2n}^{2\text{-loop}(4)} + \mathcal{O}(l^{\frac{12}{n}})$$

## rescaled remainder fn.

[Brandhuber-Heslop-Khoze-Travaglini '09]

- for comparison, useful to define

$$\bar{R}_{2n} := \frac{R_{2n} - R_{2n,\text{UV}}}{R_{2n,\text{UV}} - (n-2)R_6}$$

- normalized s.t.  $\bar{R}_{2n} \rightarrow 0 \quad (l \rightarrow 0)$   
 $\bar{R}_{2n} \rightarrow -1 \quad (l \rightarrow \infty)$

- dependence on  $m_s$  (momentum) :  
 encoded in  $\kappa_n G(\tilde{M}_s)$  at leading order

$\Rightarrow$  ratio of  $\bar{R}_{2n}$  : number

| 2n  | 8     | 10    | 12    | 14    | 16    | 18    | ... |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| $\bar{R}_{2n}^{\text{strong}} / \bar{R}_{2n}^{2\text{-loop}}$ | 1.026 | 0.984 | 0.961 | 0.946 | 0.937 | 0.930 | ... |

$$\Rightarrow 0.905 - 0.118/n \quad (n \gg 1)$$

close to 1

[not 1000, 0.0001 ... ]

any mechanism ?

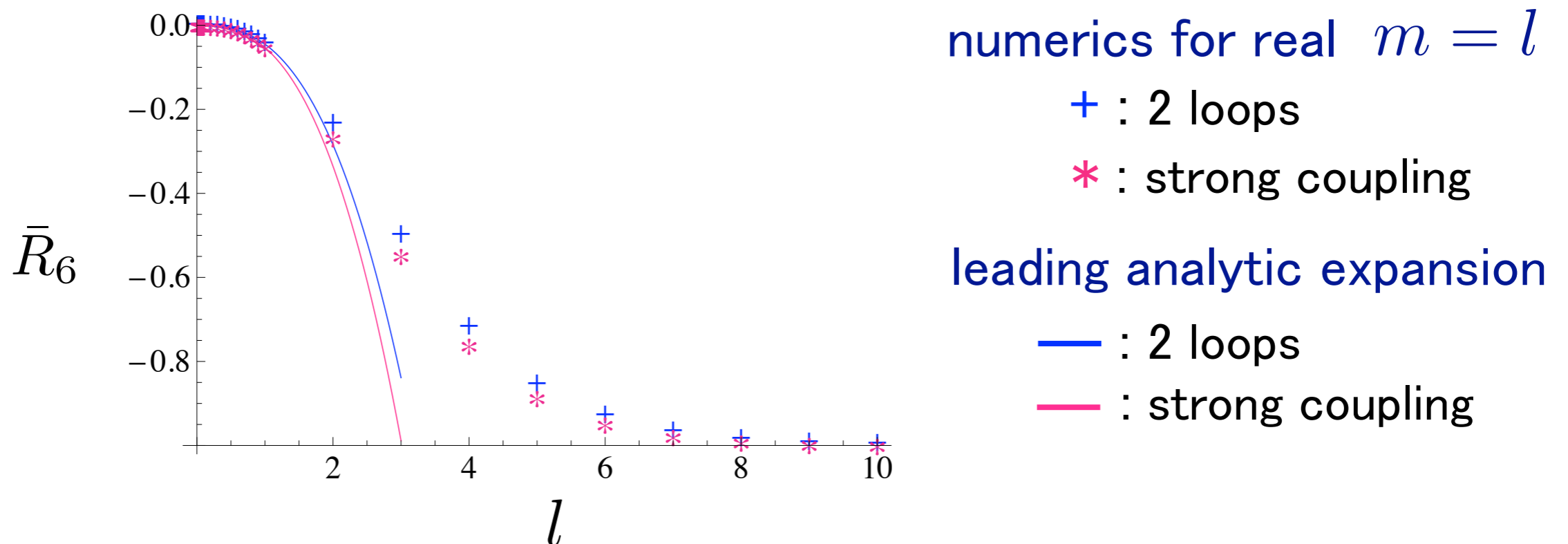
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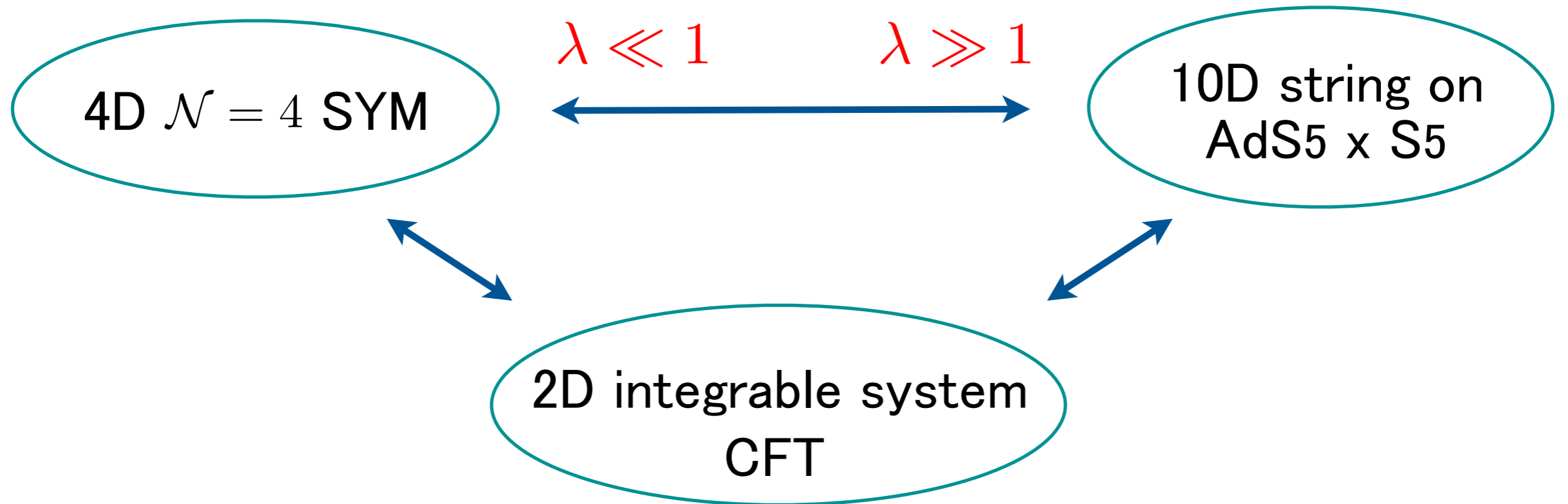
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- Underlying 2D integrable (HSG) model
  - ⇒ analytic expansions of amplitudes/Wilson loops around CFT lim. [regular polygon]
    - $A_{\text{free}} \Leftarrow$  bulk CFT perturbation
    - $\Delta A_{BDS} \Leftarrow$  T-function
    - T-/Y-fn.  $\Leftarrow$  g-fn.  $\Leftarrow$  boundary CFT perturbation

- Why minimal surface  $\Leftrightarrow$  TBA ? [cf. ODE/IM]  
T-function  $\Leftrightarrow$  g-function (boundary entropy) ?
- Why strong coupling  $\Leftrightarrow$  2 loops : close  
[ full structure of amplitudes ]
- General AdS5 case ?
- Strong coupling corrections ?  
[cf. Alday–Gaiotto–Maldacena–Sever–Vieira '10]  
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[  $\lambda$ : 't Hooft coupling ]