

# Circular Wilson loop operator and master field

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# Introduction

- BPS objects have played important roles in study of AdS/CFT correspondence

**string(SUGRA) in a weakly curved background**



**Strongly coupled gauge theory**

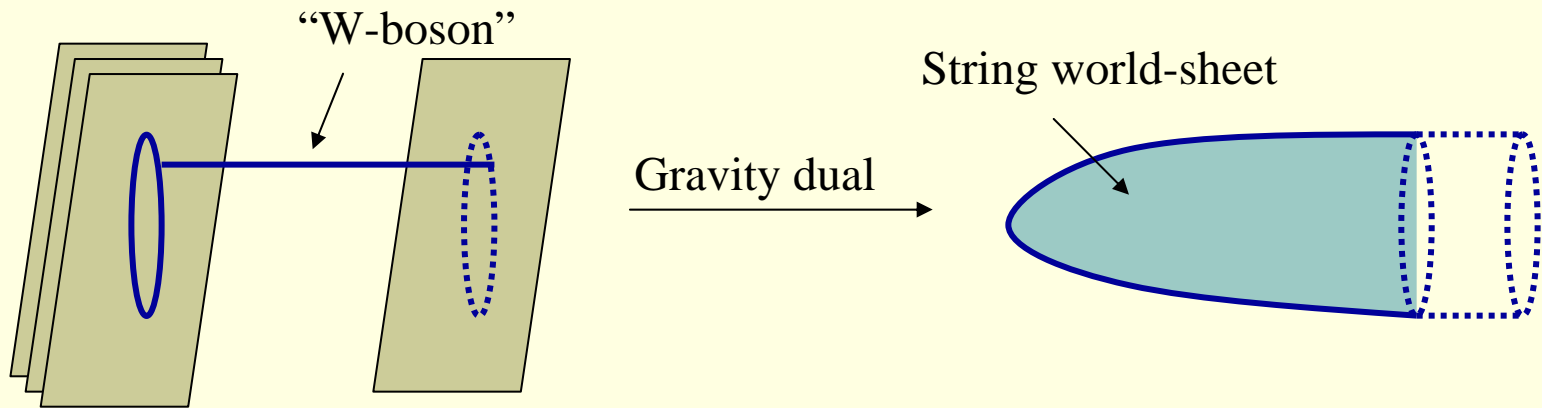
BPS objects will not get corrected by quantum effects

e.g. chiral primaries  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n} \text{Tr}(\Phi^{i_1} \dots \Phi^{i_n})$

Today, we are going to look at different types of BPS objects.

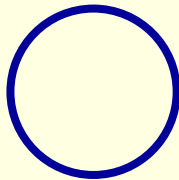
# Introduction (continued)

In AdS/CFT correspondence, Wilson loops correspond to string (D-brane) world volume:

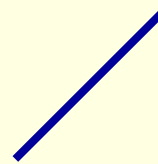


$$\langle W(C) \rangle = e^{-S_{\text{string}}}$$

Wilson loop operators in N=4 super Yang-Mills may preserve some of supersymmetry.



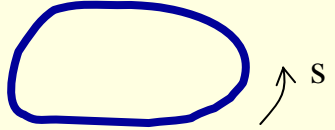
Circular loop



Straight line

# Wilson loops in $\mathcal{N}=4$ super Yang-Mills

Wilson loop operators in SYM:

$$W(C) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} P \exp \left[ \oint ds \left( iA_\mu(x(s)) \dot{x}^\mu(s) + \Phi_i(y(s)) \dot{y}^i(s) \right) \right]$$


In general, the existence of the loop breaks some of the symmetry of vacuum.

However, if the loop has a particular shape, it may preserve some of them.

**SUSY transformation:**

$\delta_1 A_\mu = \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_\mu \varepsilon_1,$ $\delta_1 \Phi_i = \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_i \varepsilon_1$ Poincare SUSY	$\delta_2 A_\mu = \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_\mu (\Gamma_\nu x^\nu) \varepsilon_2,$ $\delta_2 \Phi_i = \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_i (\Gamma_\nu x^\nu) \varepsilon_2$ superconformal
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$$\delta W(C) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} P \int ds \bar{\Psi} \left( i\Gamma_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \Gamma_i \dot{y}^i \right) \varepsilon e^{\oint iA + \Phi} \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 + \Gamma_\mu x^\mu \varepsilon_2$$

BPS condition:  $(i\Gamma_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \Gamma_i \dot{y}^i) \varepsilon = 0$

$\dot{x}^2 = \dot{y}^2$  A half of  $\varepsilon$  locally solves the equation. (local BPS condition).

$$\longrightarrow \dot{y}^i = \theta^i |\dot{x}| \quad \theta^2 = 1$$

# Supersymmetric Wilson loops

When  $\theta$  is constant, we find two half-BPS solutions:

(Zarembo, Drukker, ...)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Straight line: } x^\mu(s) = (s, 0, 0, 0) \\ \theta^i = \delta^{i5} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} (i\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_5)\varepsilon_1 = 0, \\ (i1 + \Gamma_{15})\varepsilon_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Circular loop: } x^\mu(s) = (R\cos s, R\sin s, 0, 0) \\ \theta^i = \delta^{i5} \end{array} \longrightarrow \varepsilon_1 = iR\Gamma_{125}\varepsilon_2$$

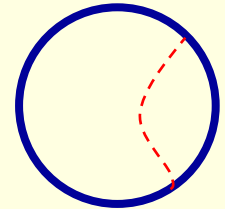
These loops preserve  $SL(2, R) \times SO(3) \subset SO(5, 1)$  symmetry as well.

# Circular Wilson loops and matrix model

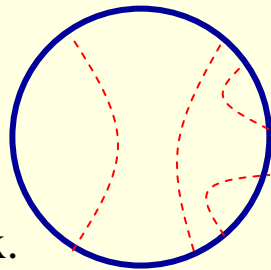
Perturbative calculation of the expectation value of a circular Wilson loop.

$$\langle W(C) \rangle = 1 + \frac{1}{2N} \iint ds_1 ds_2 \text{Tr} \left\langle \left( iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu(s_1) + \Phi_i \theta^i(s_1) | \dot{x} \right) \left( iA_\nu \dot{x}^\nu(s_2) + \Phi_j \theta^j(s_2) | \dot{x} \right) \right\rangle + \text{higher}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(g^2 N) = \frac{N}{4} \iint ds_1 ds_2 \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \underbrace{\frac{-\dot{x}(s_1) \cdot \dot{x}(s_2) + |\dot{x}(s_1)| |\dot{x}(s_2)|}{|\dot{x}(s_1) - \dot{x}(s_2)|^2}}_{=1/2} = \frac{N}{4} \frac{g^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \iint ds_1 ds_2 = \frac{\lambda}{8}$$



$\mathcal{O}(\lambda^n)$ :



# of planar graphs

$$= \frac{(\lambda/4)^n}{(2n)!} A_n$$

- Planar
- Ladder approx.

$A_n$  can be calculated by Gaussian matrix model:

$$A_n = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} M^{2n} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int dM \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} M^{2n} e^{-\frac{N}{2} \text{Tr} M^2}$$

$$\langle W(C) \rangle_{N=4\text{SYM}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda/4)^n}{(2n)!} A_n = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} M} \right\rangle_{\text{Gaussian}} = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^M \right\rangle_{MM}$$

(Erickson-Semenoff-Zarembo)

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{MM} = \frac{1}{Z} \int dM \mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{2N}{\lambda} \text{Tr} M^2}$$

# Multiply wound loops and eigenvalue

If a circular loop goes around the same path  $k$  times

→ Consider the following partition function with a single trace operator

$$Z_k = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM} = \frac{1}{Z_0} \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \frac{1}{N} \sum_i e^{kx_i} e^{-\frac{2N}{\lambda} \sum_i x_i^2} = \frac{1}{Z_0} \int \prod dx_i e^{-S_{eff}}$$

$$S_{eff} = \underbrace{\frac{2N}{\lambda} \sum_i x_i^2 - \sum_{i<j} \ln |x_i - x_j|^2}_{O(N^2)} - \underbrace{kx_N}_{O(k) \sim O(N)}$$

Eigenvalue distribution



Define the eigenvalue distribution function  $\rho(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \delta(x - x_i) + \frac{1}{N} \delta(x - x_N)$

$O(N^2)$ : semi-circle  $\rho_0(x) = \frac{2}{\pi\lambda} \sqrt{\lambda - x^2}$

$O(N)$ : effective action for  $x_N$   $N^{-1}S(x_N) = \frac{x_N^2}{\lambda} - 2 \int_{-\sqrt{\lambda}}^{\sqrt{\lambda}} dx \rho(x) \ln|x - x_N| - \frac{k}{N} x_N$

$$\frac{\partial S_{eff}(x_N)}{\partial x_N} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad x^* = \sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1 + \frac{k^2 \lambda}{16N^2}} = \sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1 + \kappa^2} \quad \kappa = \frac{k\sqrt{\lambda}}{4N}$$

(S. Yamaguchi)

# Resolvent

To determine the eigenvalue distribution with having this loop operator, consider the expectation value of the resolvent:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_k(z) &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \right\rangle_{kMM} \equiv \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM} \\
 &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \right\rangle_{MM}^0 \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^0 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^{\text{cyl}} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

By employing the loop equation (SD eq.),

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^{\text{cyl}} \cong \frac{k}{N^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^0$$

By Laplace transformation,

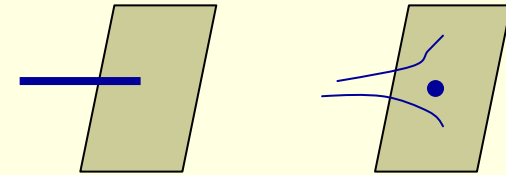
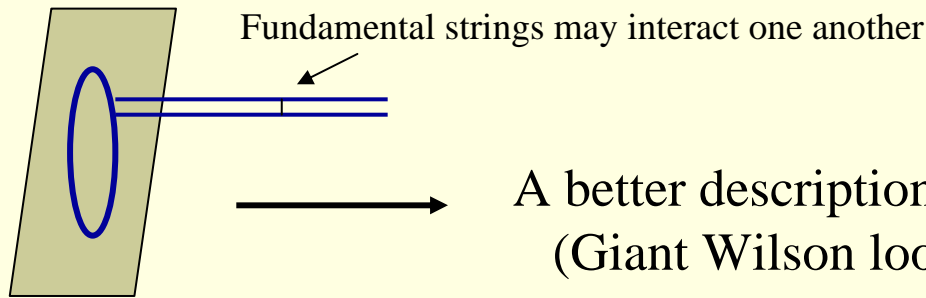
$$\frac{k}{N^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^0 = \frac{k}{N^2} \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{(k+p)M} \right\rangle_{MM}^0$$

So  $1/N$  correction (isolated pole) comes from a **merged loop**.

Note: to this order the resolvent is given by  $R_k(z) = \frac{2}{\lambda} \left( z - \sqrt{z^2 - \lambda} \right) + \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{z - x^*}$



# Wilson loops as D3-brane



A better description is given by D3-brane  
(Giant Wilson loop)

Solution for the circular loop: **(Drukker-Fiol)**

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{\sin^2 \eta} (d\eta^2 + \cos^2 \eta d\psi^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\Omega_2^2) + L^2 d\Omega_5^2$$

**Ansatz**

$$\eta(\rho), A_\psi(\rho)$$

$$S_{D3} = T_{D3} \int e^{-\phi} \sqrt{\det(g + 2\pi\alpha' F)} - T_{D3} \int P[C_4]$$

$$= 2N \int d\rho d\theta \frac{\sin \theta \sinh^2 \rho}{\sin^4 \eta} \left[ \sqrt{\cos^2 \eta (1 + \eta'^2) + (2\pi\alpha')^2 \frac{\sin^4 \eta}{L^4} F_{\psi\rho}^2} - \left( \cos \eta + \eta' \sin \eta \frac{\sinh \rho - \cosh \rho \cos \theta}{\cosh \rho - \sinh \rho \cos \theta} \right) \right]$$

Solution of the equations of motion:

( $k$ : number of strings (flux))

$$\sin \eta = \kappa^{-1} \sinh \rho$$

$$F_{\psi\rho} = \frac{ik\lambda}{8\pi N \sinh^2 \rho} \quad \left( \kappa = \frac{k\sqrt{\lambda}}{4N} \right)$$

Induced metric:  $ds_{D3}^2 = \frac{L^2}{\sin^2 \eta} \left( \frac{1 + \kappa^2}{1 + \kappa^2 \sin^2 \eta} d\eta^2 + \cos^2 \eta d\psi^2 \right) + L^2 \kappa^2 d\Omega_2^2 \quad (AdS_2 \times S^2)$

# Boundary terms

Needs to add the **boundary terms**

$$S_B = -\int \eta P_\eta - \int A_\psi \Pi$$

(Drukker-Gross-Ooguri)

$$\begin{array}{c} \eta, A_\psi \\ \updownarrow \\ P_\eta, \Pi \end{array}$$

Near the boundary, the world-volume extends infinitely.

→ to cancel divergence (fundamental string)

At the boundary, need to fix  $P_\eta, \Pi$  (Dirichlet b.c.)

$\Pi=k$  : number of fundamental string

Legendre transformation: 
$$\delta(S + S_B) = \int (\text{e.o.m.}) - \int (\eta \delta P_\eta + A_\psi \delta \Pi)$$

Now the action becomes the functional of  $P_\eta$  and  $\Pi$

$$S + S_B|_{\text{sol}} = -2N \left( \kappa \sqrt{1 + \kappa^2} + \sinh^{-1} \kappa \right)$$

$$\langle W(\text{circle}) \rangle_{N=4\text{SYM}} = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM} \cong e^{S+S_B|_{\text{sol}}}$$

**holds for large  $\lambda$**

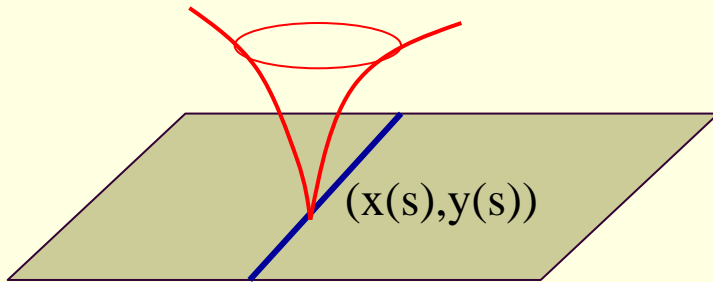
(Drukker-Fiol)

# Boundary condition for D3-Wilson loop

(S.K.-Kuroki-Miwa)

We have added the boundary terms,  $S_B = -\int \Phi_i P_{\Phi_i} - \int A_\mu \Pi^\mu$   $\Phi_i = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{L^2}{Y^i}$

At the boundary, we need to impose **boundary conditions** on P and  $\Pi$ .



Near boundary, D3 world-volume need to shrink down to be one dimensional.

→ Factorized  $S^2$  part

We propose

$$\int_{S^2} \Pi^\mu \Big|_{\text{boundary}} = ik \dot{x}^\mu(s) \quad \int_{S^2} P_{\Phi_i} \Big|_{\text{boundary}} = k \dot{y}^i(s)$$

$$S_B = -k \int ds \left( iA_\mu \dot{x}^\mu(s) + \Phi_i \dot{y}^i(s) \right)$$

- Reparametrization invariant
- Charge balance condition of Callan-Maldacena string

# Gauge theory resolvent from D3-brane

(S.K.-Kuroki-Miwa)

In the gauge theory side,  $1/N$  correction (**an isolated pole**) appears as the contribution from a merged loop:

$$R^{\text{pole}}(z) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^0 = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{(k+p)M} \right\rangle_{MM}^0$$

We would like to evaluate the r.h.s by using D3-brane.

—————> D3-brane with  $(k+p)$ -flux

$$\frac{k}{N^2} \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{(k+p)M} \right\rangle_{MM} = \frac{k}{N^2} \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} e^{-S_{DBI} - S_{WZ} - S_B(k+p)} \Big|_{\text{classical sol.}}$$

$$S_B = -\int \eta P_\eta - \int A_\psi \Pi$$

$$S_\eta = -\eta_0 \int P_\eta = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi\eta_0} \int_{S^2} P_\Phi = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\eta_0} (k+p)$$

$$S_\Pi = -\int d\psi i\Pi A_\psi = -i(k+p) \int d\psi A_\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \sqrt{\Phi_i \Phi_i} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \frac{L^2}{y} \\ \eta^2 P_\eta &= -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} P_\Phi \quad y \approx \eta \end{aligned}$$

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Perform Laplace transformation w.r.t.  $p$

$$R^{\text{pole}}(z) = \frac{k}{N^2} e^{-S_{DBI} - S_{WZ} - S_B(k)} \frac{1}{z - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\eta_0} + i \int d\psi A_\psi}$$

$$= \frac{k}{N^2} e^{-S_{D3}} \frac{1}{z - x^*} \cong \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{z - x^*}$$

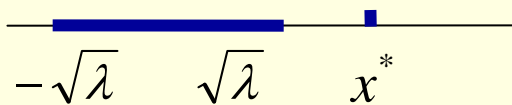
classical sol.

$$i \int d\psi A_\psi = i \int d\psi d\rho F_{\psi\rho}$$

$$= -\frac{k\lambda}{4N} \int d\rho \frac{1}{\sinh\rho}$$

$$= -\sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1+\kappa^2} + \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\eta_0} + \mathcal{O}(\eta_0)$$

Eigenvalue distribution



It reproduce the correct position of the isolated pole

$$x^* = \sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1 + \frac{k^2 \lambda}{16N^2}} = \sqrt{\lambda} \sqrt{1 + \kappa^2} \quad \kappa = \frac{k\sqrt{\lambda}}{4N}$$

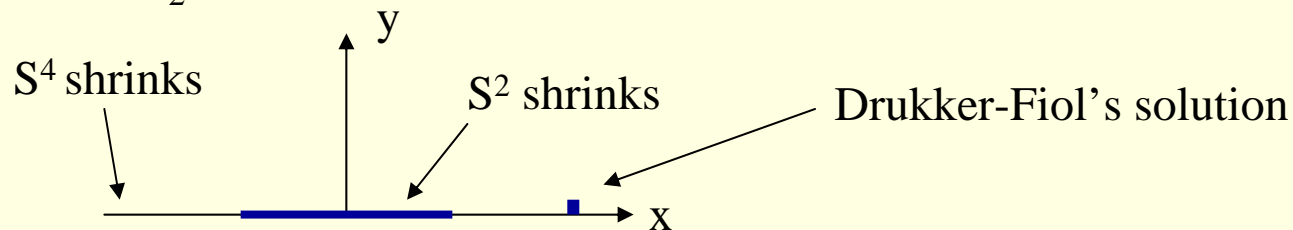
# Conclusion

- The isolated eigenvalue of the matrix model is identified with the electric flux of the D3-brane solution.
- We propose boundary conditions for D3-brane solution.

## Another approach:

- Bubbling Wilson loop (Yamaguchi, Lunin, Okuda-Trancanelli, ...)

$AdS_2 \times S^2 \times S^4$  over a two-plane (x,y).









$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{pM} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM} = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{pM} \right\rangle_{MM} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM} + \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{pM} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}^{\text{cylinder}} + \dots$$

$$= \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{pM} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \right\rangle_k = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \frac{1}{z-M} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty dp e^{-pz} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{pM} \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} e^{kM} \right\rangle_{MM}$$

$$Z = \Phi_1 + i\Phi_2, \quad X = \Phi_3 + i\Phi_4$$