

# Fishnet Four-point Integrals: Integrable Representations and Thermodynamic Limits

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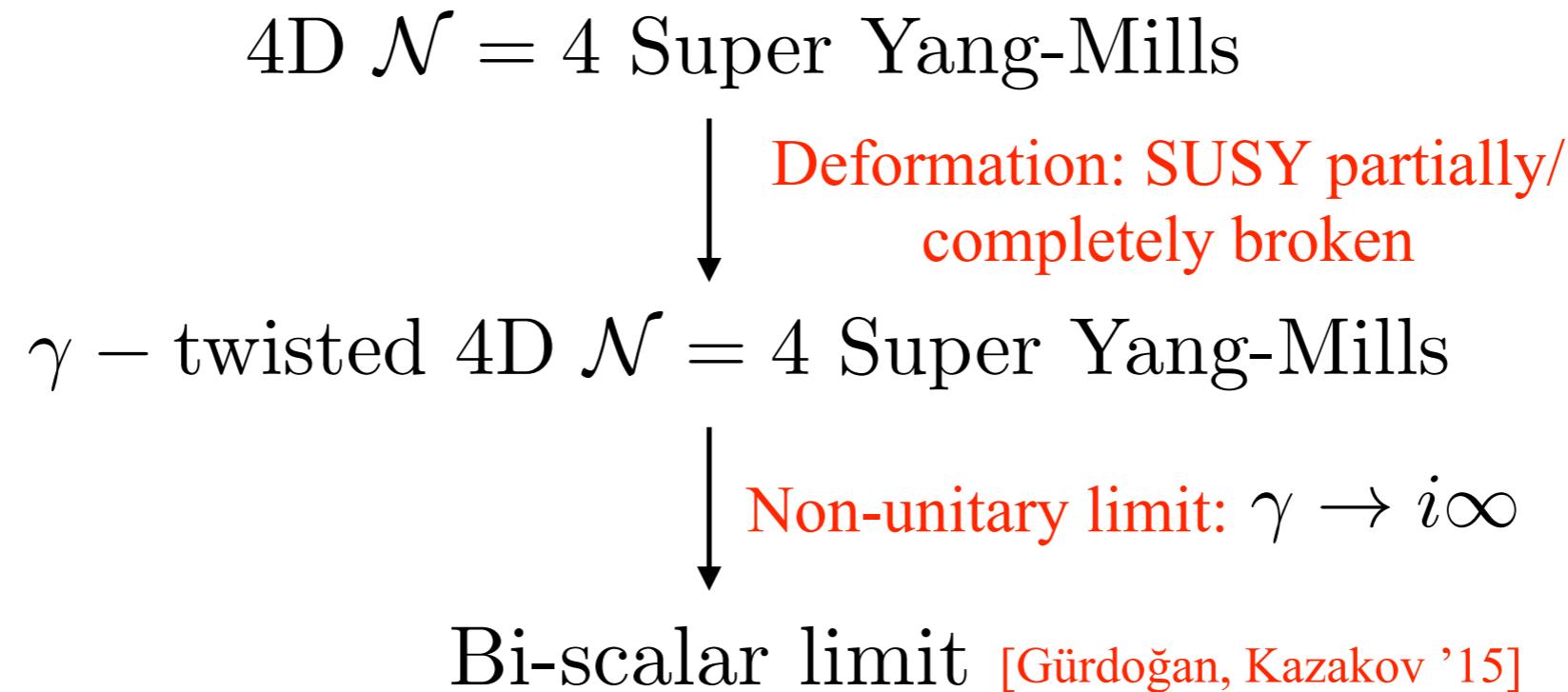
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# Fishnet from N=4 SYM



## ❖ As a consequence,

General case, see  
[Caetano, Gürdoğan, Kazakov '16]

- Gluons and gauginos decouple
- Gauge symmetry  $\rightarrow$  flavour symmetry

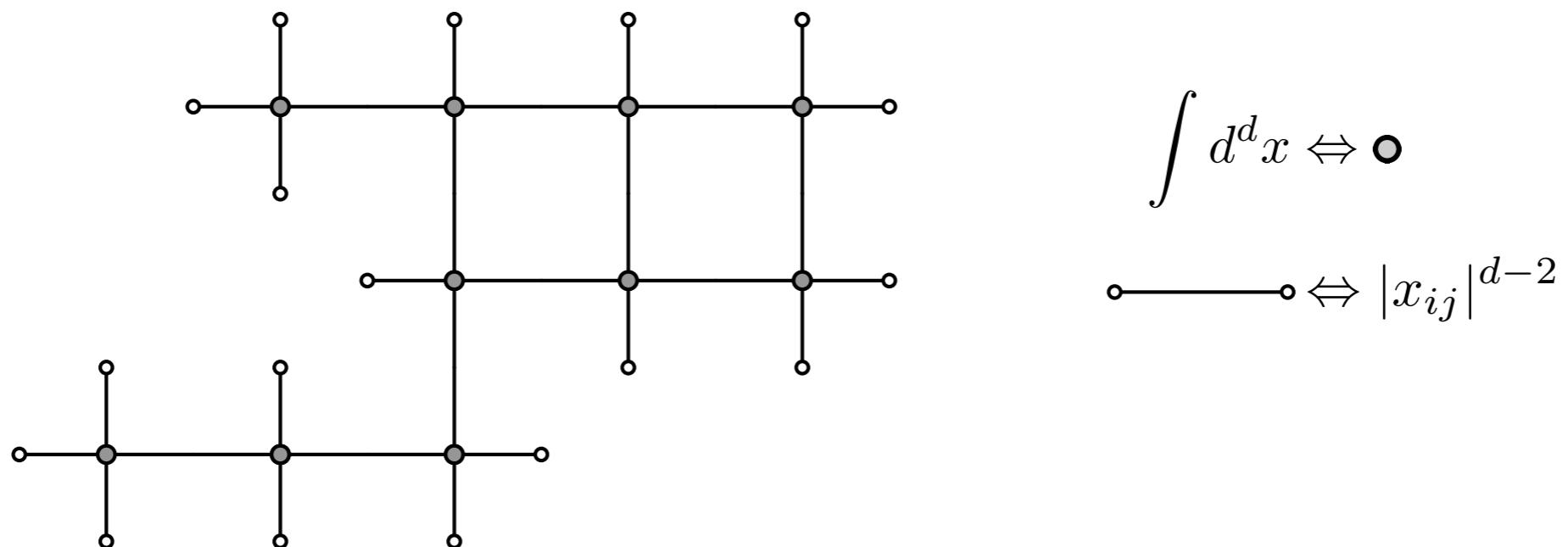
# Lagrangian & Feynman Diagram

- ❖ Chiral, non-unitary theory in 4D [Gürdoğan, Kazakov '15]

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

- ❖ 1-1 correspondence: correlator and fishnet Feynman diagram

$$K(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle \text{Tr}[\chi_1(x_1) \dots \chi_n(x_n)] \rangle. \quad \chi_k \in \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_1^\dagger, \phi_2^\dagger\}$$



# Why Fishnet?

- ❖ **Planar N=4 SYM is integrable, but**
  - Integrability is a bit mysterious
  - “Bootstrap” approach: S-matrix->QSC, Hexagon
- ❖ **Fishnet**
  - Integrability is proven
  - Use integrability techniques to shed light on N=4

# Continuum Limit & Holography

## ❖ Lessons from the AdS/CFT dictionary:

- Coupling & curvature:  $\lambda = N_c g_{YM}^2 = R_{AdS}^4 / \ell_s^4$
- Extremal twisting process:  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$
- String in *highly curved* AdS?

## ❖ How to study the holographic dual?

- Starting point: sum over planar Feynman diagrams [’t Hooft ’74]
- String sigma model description

# Large Fishnet

## ❖ When the size of fishnet graphs size become large

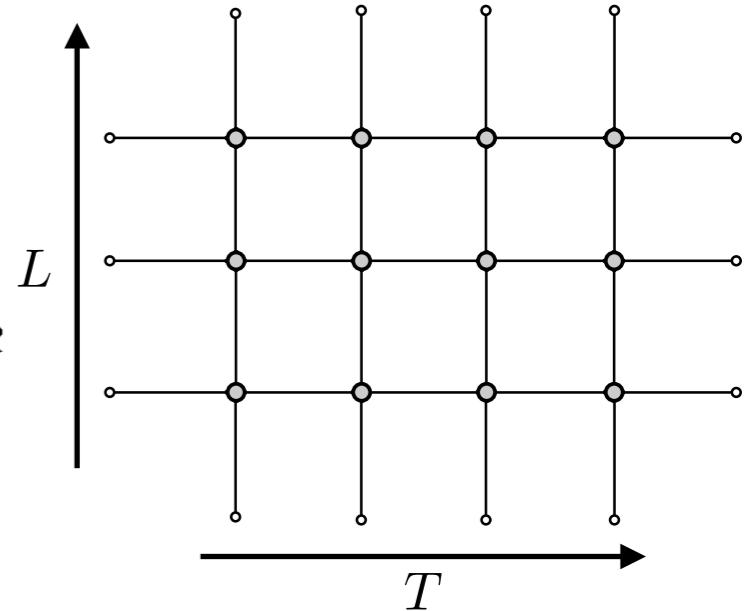
- Integrable [Zamolodchikov '80] [Chicherin,Kazakov,Loebbert,Muller,DLZ'16]  
[Isaev '03] [Gromov,Kazakov,Korchemsky,Negro,Sizov'17]
- Large size limit:  $L, T \rightarrow \infty$

“FISHING-NET” DIAGRAMS AS A COMPLETELY INTEGRABLE SYSTEM

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- Thermodynamical scaling

$$\log Z_{L,T} = -LT \log g_{cr}^2, \quad g_{cr} = \frac{\Gamma(3/4)}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(5/4)} \simeq 0.76$$

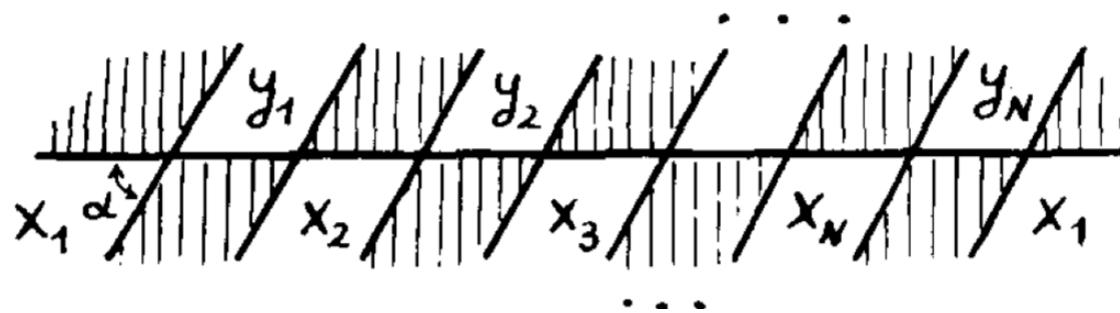
- Critical coupling: graphs become *dense*, continuum limit

# Zamolodchikov's Wisdom

## ❖ Large fishnet as an integrable lattice system

- Propagator  $G(x - x'|\alpha) = A(\alpha)|x - x'|^{-\Delta(\alpha)} . \quad \Delta(\alpha) = \mathcal{D} (1 - \alpha/\pi) ,$

- Transfer matrix :



- Thermodynamical scaling:

$$f(\alpha) + f(\pi + \alpha) = \log Q(\alpha) , \quad f(\alpha) = f(\pi - \alpha) , \quad (17)$$

$$Q(\alpha) = \Gamma^2(\mathcal{D}/2)/\Gamma(\mathcal{D}/2 - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}/2 + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi) .$$

$$e^{-f(\alpha)} = \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}/2 + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}/2)}{\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}/2 - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}/2)} .$$

# Zamolodchikov's Wisdom II

## ❖ How to derive & solve such functional equations?

Details in my thesis [DLZ '19]

- Thermodynamical scaling: “inversion trick” follows from star-triangle

$$f(\alpha) + f(\pi + \alpha) = \log Q(\alpha), \quad f(\alpha) = f(\pi - \alpha), \quad (17)$$

$$Q(\alpha) = \Gamma^2(\mathcal{D}/2)/\Gamma(\mathcal{D}/2 - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}/2 + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi).$$

- Solution: iteration

$$e^{-f(\alpha)} = \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}/2 + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}/2)}{\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l + \mathcal{D}/2 - \mathcal{D}\alpha/2\pi)\Gamma(\mathcal{D}l - \mathcal{D}/2)}.$$

$$\tilde{f}_0(\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\mathcal{D}}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\mathcal{D}}{2} + \frac{\mathcal{D}\alpha}{2\pi})} \quad \tilde{f}_1(\alpha) = \tilde{f}_0(\alpha)\tilde{f}_0(\pi - \alpha). \quad \tilde{f}_3(\alpha) = \tilde{f}_0(\alpha) \frac{\tilde{f}_0(\pi - \alpha)}{\tilde{f}_0(\pi + \alpha)} \frac{1}{\tilde{f}_0(2\pi - \alpha)}.$$

- $\infty$  steps + normalization gives the answer

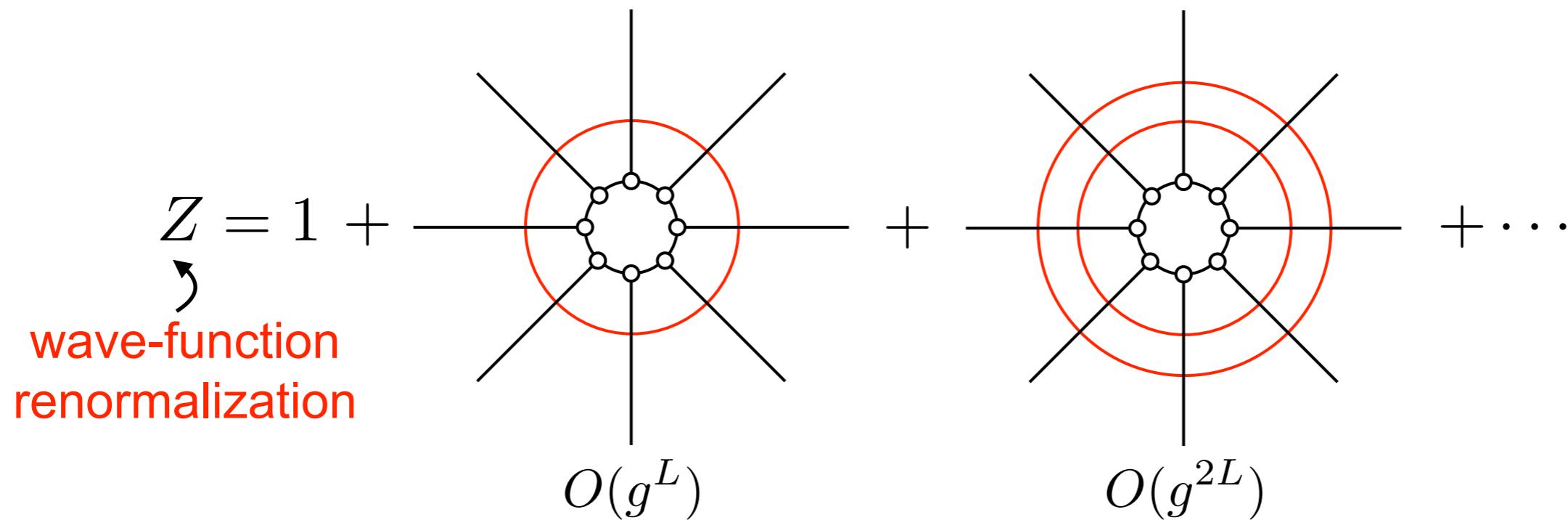
- To get  $g_{cr}$ , use integral representation of  $\log \Gamma$

# Fishnet from 2pt Function

- ❖ **Probe:** scaling dimension of BMN vacuum operator  $\Delta(\text{tr}\phi_1^L)$

$$\Delta = L + \gamma \quad \text{Protected until the wrapping order}$$

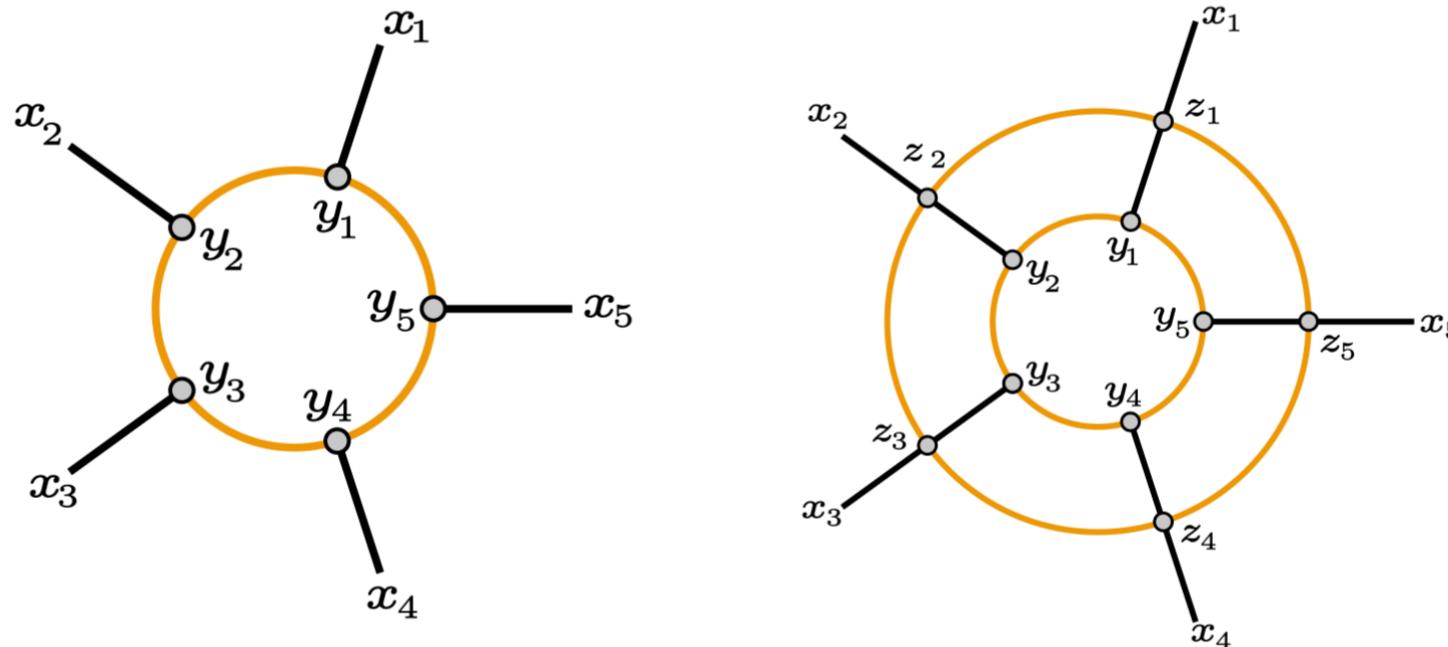
- ❖ **Perturbative Analysis:** wheel diagrams



$$\log Z \sim -\gamma \times \log \Lambda_{UV} \sim -\gamma \times R$$

# Wheel Diagrams I: Closed Channel

- ❖ **Viewpoint I:** graph-building operator
- ❖ **Graph-building operator:** integral operator with kernel



- ❖ **Technical difficulties:** L=2, OK, L>2, hard  
non-compact spin chain; need SOV for conformal group?

[Gromov,Kazakov,Korchemsky,Negro,Sizov '17]

[Kazakov,Olivucci '17]

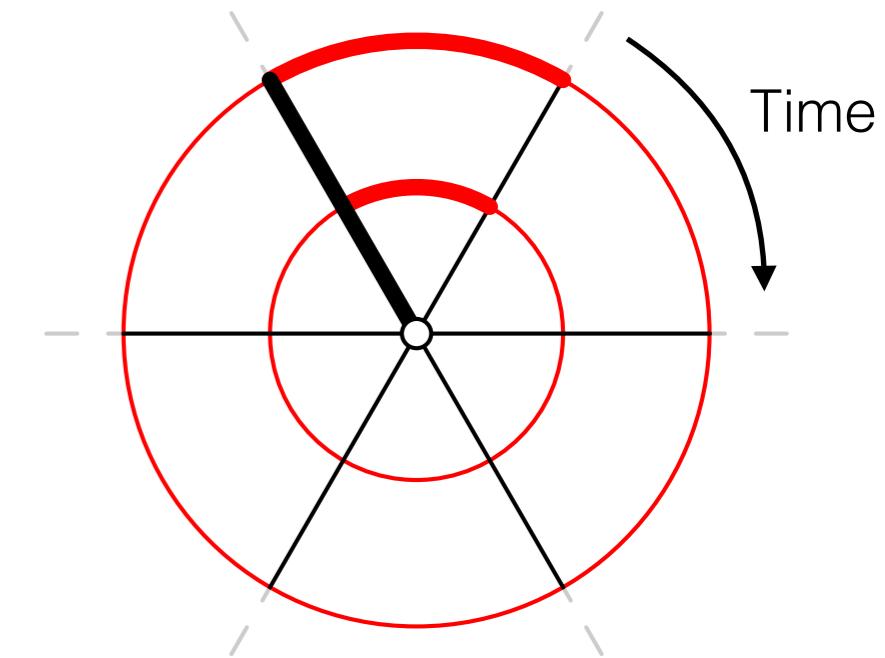
[Grabner,Gromov,Kazakov,Korchemsky '17]

[Gromov,Sever '19 '20]

# Wheel Diagrams II: Open Channel

- ❖ **Viewpoint II:** “mirror” graph-building operator
- ❖ **Graph-building operator:** “slicing” the wheel
- ❖ **Magnon:** integrability description
  - **Magnon:**  $\phi_1$  propagators
  - Effective 1D problem:  $\mathbb{R}^D \cong \mathbb{R}_+ \times S^{D-1}$   
 $r = e^\sigma$     $O(D)$
  - **“Space”:** radial direction
  - **“Time”:** angular direction
  - Time evolution: repeated action of  $\Gamma_N$

More details,  
see my IGST 2020 talk



# Thermodynamical Bethe Ansatz

- ❖ Eigenfunction of  $\Gamma_{N=2} \Rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{a,b}$
- ❖ Integrability allows us to compute the free energy

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta = L - 2 \sum_{a \geq 1} \int \frac{du}{2\pi} \mathbf{Y}_a(u) - \sum_{a \geq 1} \int \frac{du}{2\pi} \mathbf{Y}_a^2(u) \\ - 2 \sum_{a,b \geq 1} \int \frac{dudv}{(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{Y}_a(u) \mathcal{K}_{a,b}(u, v) \mathbf{Y}_b(v) + O(\mathbf{Y}^3)\end{aligned}$$

- ❖ Physical meaning:

- Coupling constant  $\leftrightarrow$  fugacity  $h = \log g^2$  [Derkachov,Kazakov,Olivucci '18]  
[Basso,Ferrando,Kazakov,DLZ '19]
- Boltzmann weight:  $\mathbf{Y}_a(u) = a^2 e^{Lh - L\epsilon_a(u)} \ll 1$  [Derkachov,Olivucci '19'20'21]  
[Derkachov,Ferrando,Olivucci '21]
- Magnon energy:  $\epsilon_a(u) = \log(u^2 + a^2/4)$
- Scattering kernel:  $\mathcal{K}_{a,b}(u, v) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \log \mathbb{S}_{a,b}(u, v)$

# Large Fishnet from TBA

- ❖ **Boltzmann weight is non-vanishing on a finite support**

$$Y_a(u) = a^2 e^{Lh - L\epsilon_a(u)} \quad \epsilon_a(u) = \log(u^2 + a^2/4)$$

- $L$  goes to infinity: the exponent must be positive! Smallest one ( $a = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow h > \log \epsilon_1(u=0) = \log 1/4$$

[Basso, DLZ '18]

$$\Leftrightarrow g > 1/2$$

[Basso,Ferrando,Kazakov,DLZ '19]

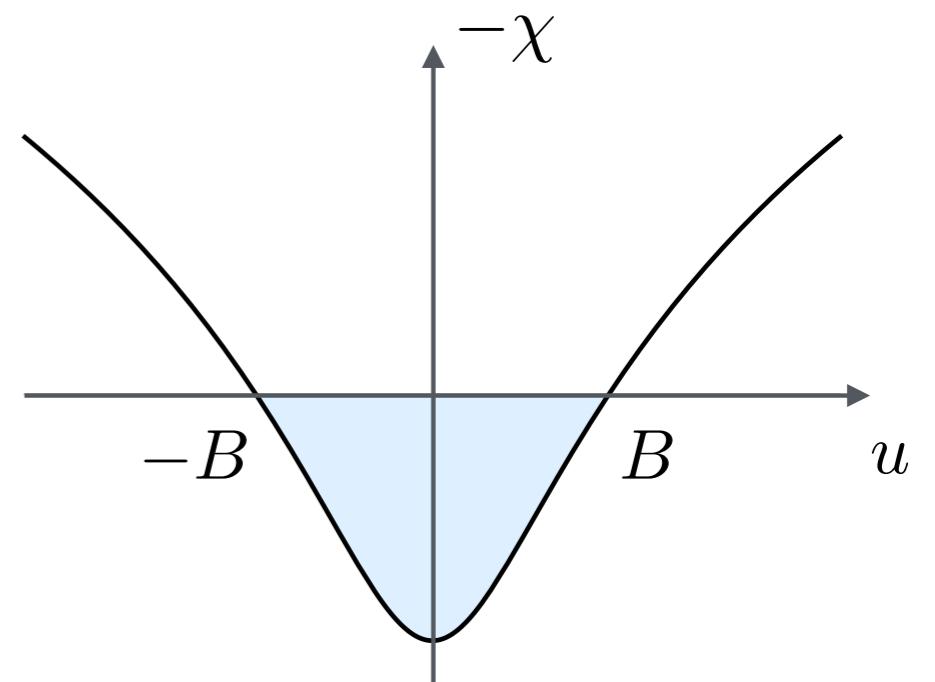
- Finite support:  $h - \epsilon_a(u) \geq 0$

- ❖ **Fermi sea: chemical potential**

$$h = \log g^2$$

> the “mass gap”

$$> \log \epsilon_1(u=0) = \log 1/4$$



# Large Scale Limit

## ❖ TBA linearises

$$\frac{\Delta}{L} = f(h) = 1 - \int_{-B}^B \frac{du}{\pi} \chi(u)$$

$$\chi(u) = C - \epsilon(u) + \int_{-B}^B \frac{dv}{2\pi} \mathcal{K}(u-v) \chi(v) \quad \chi(\pm B) = 0$$

- Scattering Kernel:  $\mathcal{K}(u) = 2\psi(1+iu) + 2\psi(1-iu) + \frac{2}{u^2+1}$
- Renormalized chemical potential:  $C = h - \int_{-B}^B \frac{du}{2\pi} k(u) \chi(u)$

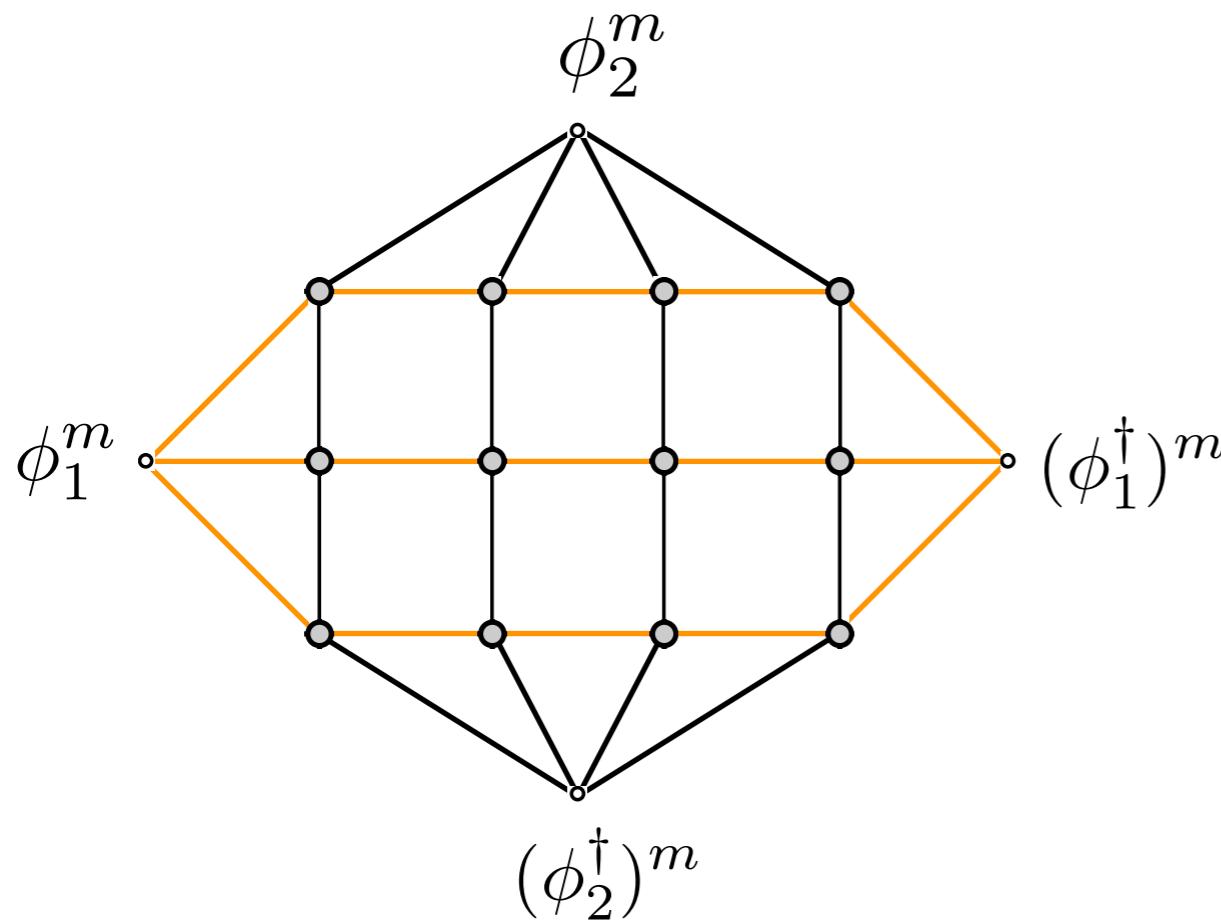
## ❖ Critical regime: $B \rightarrow \infty$

- We recovered Zamolodchikov's result:  $g_{cr} = \frac{\Gamma(3/4)}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(5/4)} \simeq 0.76$

# Fishnet from 4pt Function

- ❖ **New probe:** 4pt function [Basso, Dixon 17']

- 2pt vs 4pt: open vs periodic boundary conditions



$$G_{m,n}(\{x_i\}) = \frac{g^{2mn}}{(x_{12}^2)^n(x_{34}^2)^m} \times \Phi_{m,n}(u, v),$$

$$\Phi_{m,n} = \left[ \frac{(1-z)(1-\bar{z})}{z-\bar{z}} \right]^m I_{m,n}(z, \bar{z}),$$

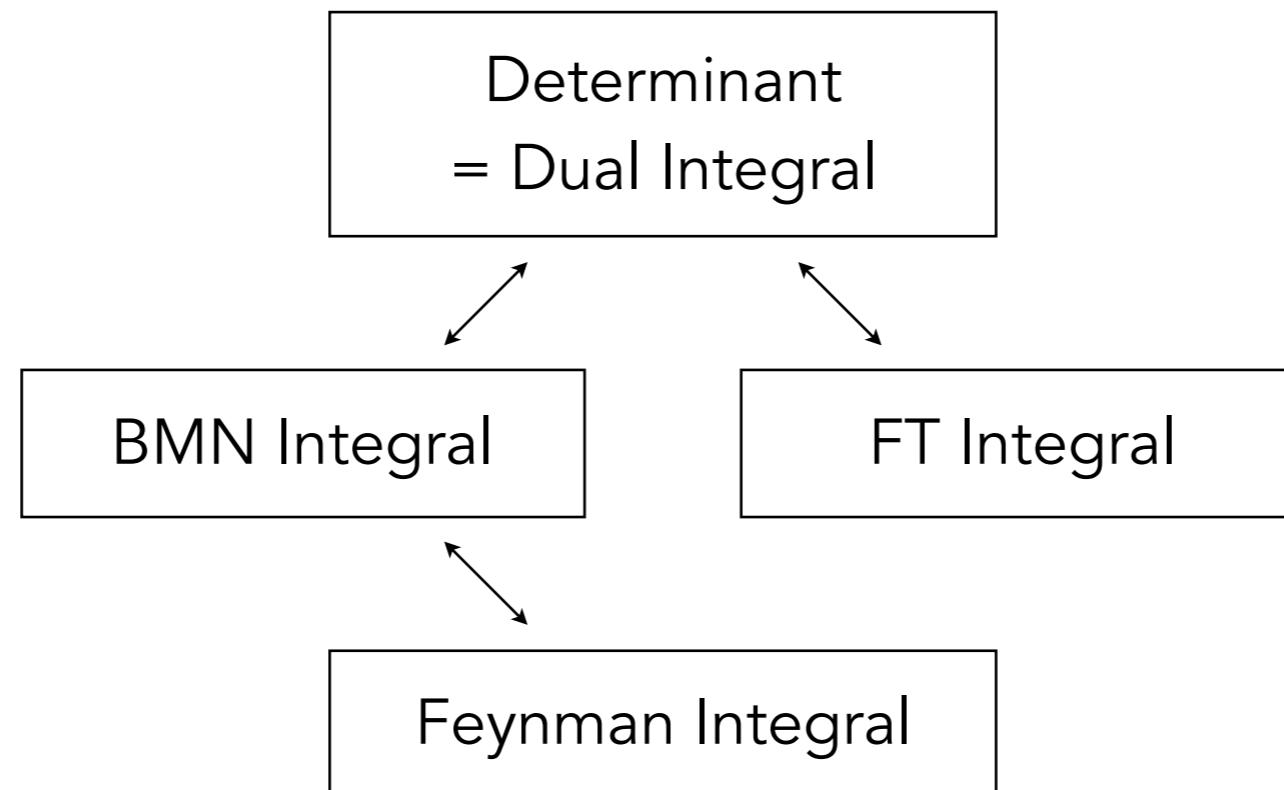
$$u = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2} \equiv \frac{z\bar{z}}{(1-z)(1-\bar{z})},$$

$$v = \frac{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2} \equiv \frac{u}{z\bar{z}},$$

# Fishnet from 4pt Function

## ❖ Three equivalent representations

- BMN integral: from Hexagonlization
- Flux-tube integral: from null Wilson loop, pentagon
- Determinant: from analyticity of dual amplitude; bootstrap



# Det & Dual Integral

## ❖ Basso-Dixon result:

- 4pt in terms of determinant of ladder: ( $m = 1$  special case)

$$I_{m,n} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \det_{1 \leq i,j \leq m} (M_{i+j+n-m-1})$$

$$M_p = p!(p-1)!L_p(z, \bar{z}),$$

$$L_p(z, \bar{z}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=p}^{2p} \frac{j![-\log(z\bar{z})]^{2p-j}}{p!(j-p)!(2p-j)!} [\text{Li}_j(z) - \text{Li}_j(\bar{z})] & \text{if } p \geq 1, \\ \frac{z - \bar{z}}{(1-z)(1-\bar{z})} & \text{if } p = 0, \end{cases}$$

[Usyukina,Davydychev '93]

- Determinant of ladder  $\leftrightarrow$  dual integral: integral transformation

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{Dual}} = \frac{1}{2^m m! \mathcal{N}} \prod_{i=1}^m \int_{|\sigma|}^{\infty} \frac{dx_i x_i (x_i^2 - \sigma^2)^{n-m}}{\cosh \frac{1}{2}(x_i + \varphi) \cosh \frac{1}{2}(x_i - \varphi)} \prod_{i < j}^m (x_i^2 - x_j^2)^2,$$

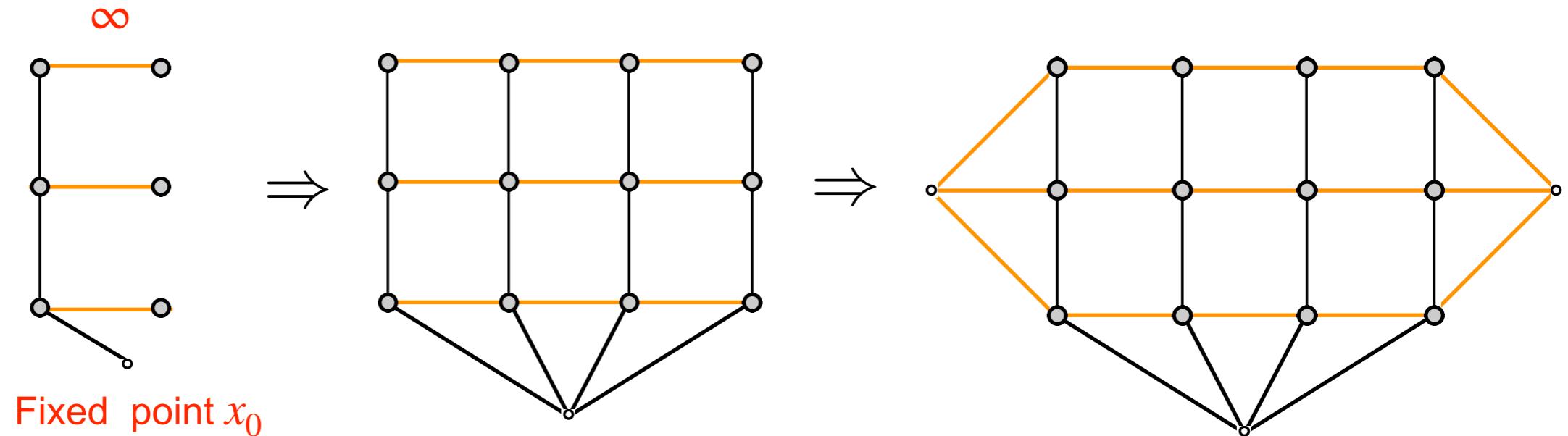
[Basso, Dixon, Kosower, Krajenbrink, DLZ '21]  $z = -e^{\sigma+\varphi}, \quad \bar{z} = -e^{\sigma-\varphi},$

- Strategy: integral rep of Li  $\rightarrow$  integral rep of ladders

# Feynman to BMN

## ❖ SOV approach

- Graph building operator  $\mathbb{B}$



- Eigenfunction: “pyramid” type with 3-sphere harmonics

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{BMN}} = \frac{1}{m!} \prod_{\ell=1}^m \sum \frac{a_\ell \chi_\ell(z)}{(u_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2/4)^{m+n}} \prod_{i < j}^m [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i - a_j)^2] [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i + a_j)^2]$$

$$\chi_\ell(z) \equiv (z\bar{z})^{-\mathbf{i}u_\ell} \left( (z/\bar{z})^{\frac{1}{2}a_\ell} - (\bar{z}/z)^{\frac{1}{2}a_\ell} \right)$$

# BMN to Dual

## ❖ Pfaffian = Det?

- Difficulties: BMN: sum+int vs Dual: int + int

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{BMN}} = \frac{1}{m!} \prod_{\ell=1}^m \sum_z \frac{a_\ell \chi_\ell(z)}{(u_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2/4)^{m+n}} \prod_{i < j}^m [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i - a_j)^2] [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i + a_j)^2]$$

- Attempt I: change of variables  $\xi_{2\ell-1} = u_\ell + \mathbf{i}a_\ell/2$ ,  $\xi_{2\ell} = u_\ell - \mathbf{i}a_\ell/2$ ,

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{BMN}} = \frac{\mathbf{i}^m}{m!} \prod_{\ell=1}^m \sum_z \frac{\chi_\ell(z)}{(\xi_{2\ell-1}\xi_{2\ell})^{m+n}} \times \Delta_{2m}(\xi), \quad I_{m,n}^{\text{BMN}} = \mathbf{i}^m \text{pf } B$$

$$B_{ij} = \sum_{\ell} \frac{\chi_\ell(z)}{(\xi_{2\ell-1}\xi_{2\ell})^{m+n}} (\xi_{2\ell-1}^{i-1} \xi_{2\ell}^{j-1} - \xi_{2\ell-1}^{j-1} \xi_{2\ell}^{i-1}).$$

- BMN = Pfaffian of  $2m \times 2m$  matrix B, hard to see ladder/det

# BMN to Dual II

## ❖ Power of Mellin-Barnes

- Idea: convert sum to integral

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{BMN}} = \frac{1}{m!} \prod_{\ell=1}^m \sum_z \frac{a_\ell \chi_\ell(z)}{(u_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2/4)^{m+n}} \prod_{i < j}^m [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i - a_j)^2] [(u_i - u_j)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a_i + a_j)^2]$$

- MB representation  $\xi_{2\ell-1} = u_\ell + \mathbf{i}a_\ell/2, \quad \xi_{2\ell} = u_\ell - \mathbf{i}a_\ell/2,$

$$\sum_{a=1}^{\infty} (-1)^a (e^{a\varphi} - e^{-a\varphi}) f(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[ \frac{1}{e^{\varphi-x} + 1} - \frac{1}{e^{-\varphi-x} + 1} \right] \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{da}{2\pi\mathbf{i}} f(a) e^{-ax},$$

- Natural appearance of  $x$  variable,  $\xi$  now becomes independent
- Straightforward reduction of  $2m \times 2m$  matrix to  $m \times m$
- Remark:** Can apply to *anisotropic* fishnet, need to replace  $u^2 + a^2$ , works until the very last step

# Flux-tube to Dual

## ❖ Flux tube integral

- Very similar to  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  SOV

$$I_{m,n}^{\text{FT}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} \frac{du}{m!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{dv}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{e^{2iu_i\sigma_1}}{\cosh(\pi u_i)} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{e^{2iv_j\sigma_2}}{\cosh(\pi v_j)} \\ \times \Delta_m(u) \Delta_m(\tanh(\pi u)) \Delta_n(v) \Delta_n(\tanh(\pi v)) \prod_{i,j}^{m,n} \frac{\tanh(\pi u_i) - \tanh(\pi v_j)}{u_i - v_j},$$

- Even harder: rational + hyperbolic Vandermonde mixing
- Idea: 1) use proper matrix representation (Cauchy + Vandermonde)
  - 2) disentangle interaction by Schwinger parametrization
- And work harder!

# Large Dual Integral

## ❖ Saddle point of large dual integral

- Interacting potential: log repulsive + linear confining  $V \approx -\frac{1}{\beta} \log x^2 + \frac{|x|}{m}$ ,
- Saddle point equation for root density

$$0 = \frac{1}{x} - 2\pi + \int_a^b \frac{4x\rho(y)dy}{x^2 - y^2}, \quad \forall x \in (a, b),$$

- Equation known: O(-2) model/SL(2) spin chain/classical spinning string [Kostov'97]
- Density: elliptic function of 3rd kind [Beisert,Minahan,Staudacher,Zarembo'03]
- Free energy: Integrate density; hard to perform

# Large BMN Integral

## ❖ Saddle point of BMN integral

- Interacting potential:  $a=1$  dominance  $V_a(u) = (m+n) \log(u^2 + a^2/4)$
- Saddle point equation for root density

$$0 = \frac{(k+1)u}{u^2 + 1/4} - \int_{-B}^B dv \rho(v) \left[ \frac{u-v}{(u-v)^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{u-v} \right],$$

- Using resolvent method to solve; similar to

[Hoppe '89]

[Kazakov, Kostov, Nekrasov'03]

- Resolvent:  $R(u) = \int_{-B}^B \frac{dv \rho(v)}{u-v}$        $r(u) = \frac{k+1}{u} - \int_{-B}^B dv \frac{2(u-v)\rho(v)}{(u-v)^2 + 1/4}.$

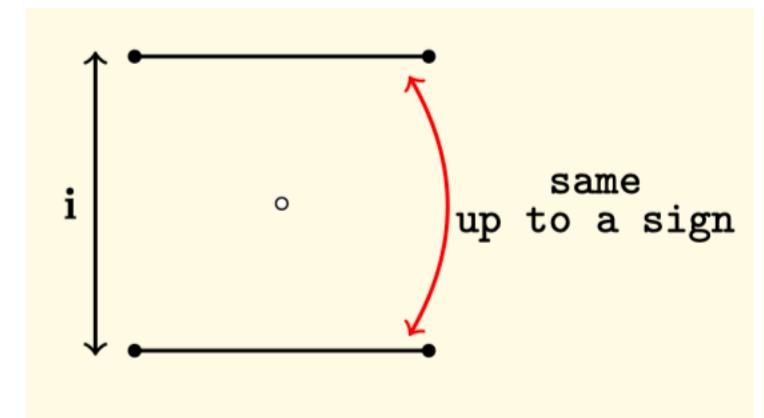
$$r(u) = \frac{k+1}{u} - (R(u + \mathbf{i}/2) + R(u - \mathbf{i}/2)),$$

- Why  $r$ ? saddle point eqn simplifies  $r(u + \mathbf{i}/2 - \mathbf{i}0) + r(u - \mathbf{i}/2 + \mathbf{i}0) = 0$ ,

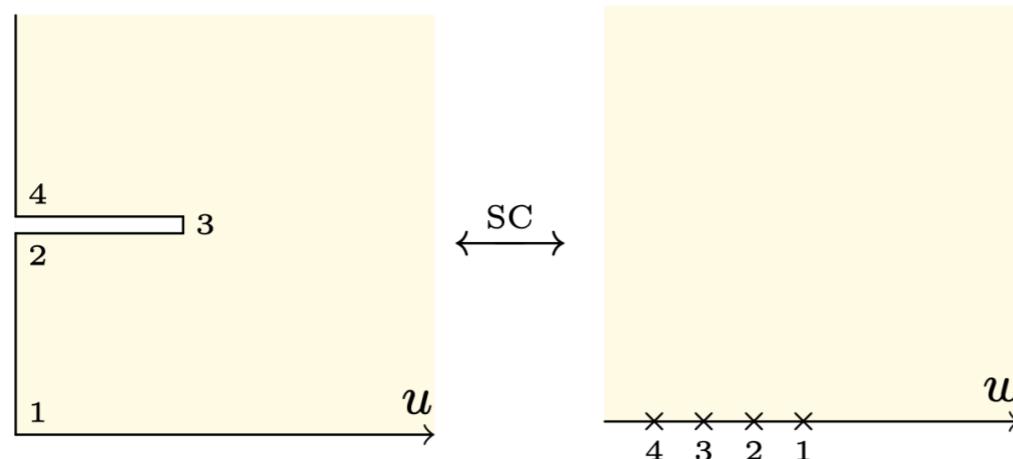
# Large BMN Integral

❖ **Properties of resolvent**  $r(u) = \frac{k+1}{u} - \int_{-B}^B dv \frac{2(u-v)\rho(v)}{(u-v)^2 + 1/4}.$

- Two cuts & pole at origin and infinity



- Key idea: use conformal map to map the region to UHP



$u$	$w$
$u_1 = 0$	$w_1 = 0$
$u_2 = \frac{i}{2} - i0$	$w_2$
$u_3 = \frac{i}{2} + B$	$w_3$
$u_4 = \frac{i}{2} + i0$	$w_4$
$\infty$	$\infty$

- Solve Riemann-Hilbert problem in the w plane

# Large Basso-Dixon

[Basso, Dixon, Kosower, Krajenbrink, DLZ '21]

## ❖ Two ways to solve the same problem

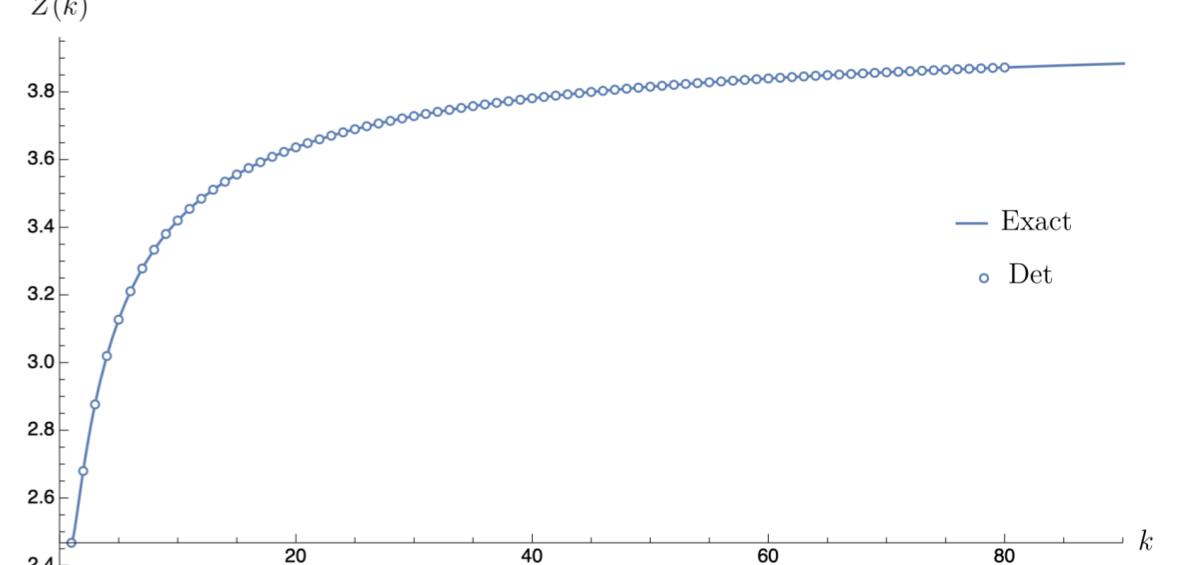
- 1) BMN 2) Dual integral (Det)
- Still, one has to integrate the density to get free energy  $F = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln I_{m,n}}{mn}$
- Magically: take linear combination of two equations we can solve free energy

$$F(k) = \log \pi^2 + k \log \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - q}}{2} \right) + \frac{(k - 1)^2}{2k} \log K(q) + \frac{1}{k} \log \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - q}}{2} \right) - \frac{(k + 1)^2}{2k} \log E(q),$$

$$k = \frac{E(q) + \sqrt{1 - q}K(q)}{E(q) - \sqrt{1 - q}K(q)}$$
$$k = n/m \in (1, \infty)$$

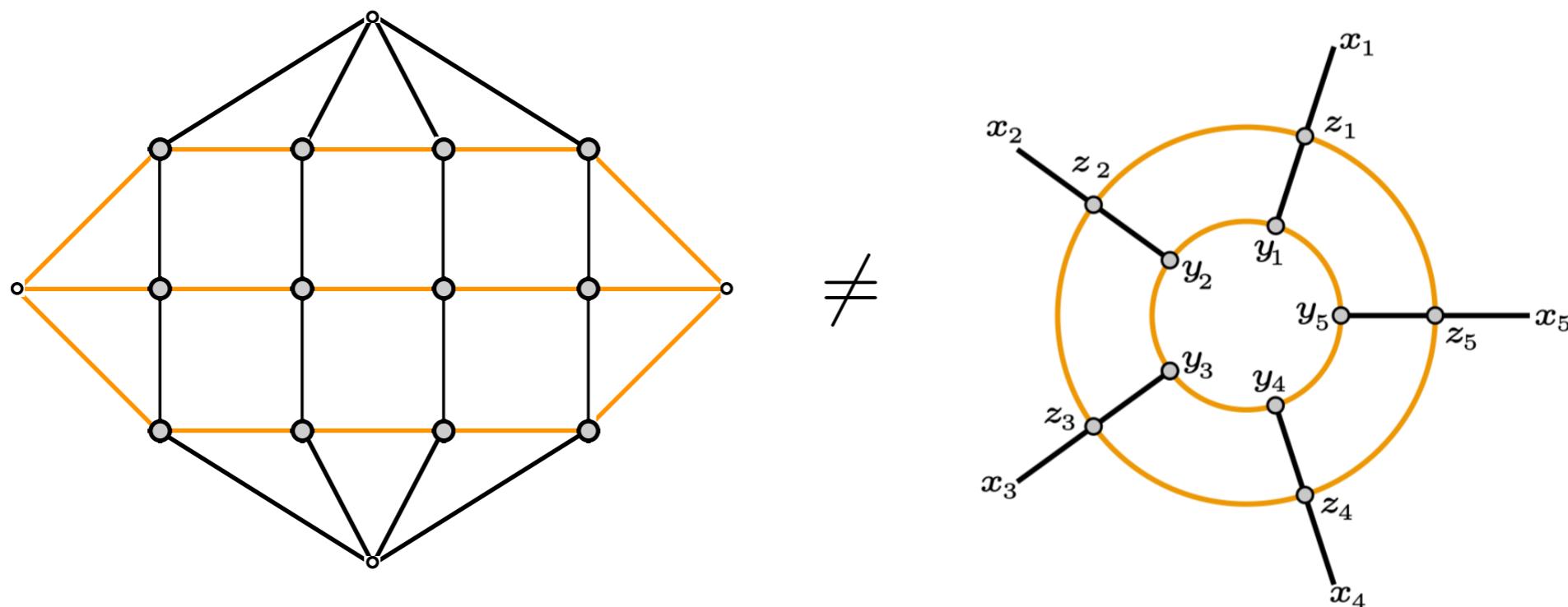
- Matches with large det numerics

For further generalizations, see [Kostov '23]



# Large Basso-Dixon II

- ❖ **Puzzle:**  $F(k)$  is always greater than Zamolodchikov result!
- $F(k)$  is monotonic with  $k$ , shape-dependent
- $F(1) = \log \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right]$
- Zamolodchikov's result is always smaller than  $F$



# Some Other Examples

## ❖ Other models exhibit similar phenomena

- Boundary conditions affects the **bulk** free energy
- 6-vertex model, PBC vs domain wall BC
- DWBC: determinant
- Arctic curve of domino tilings (special case of 6v)

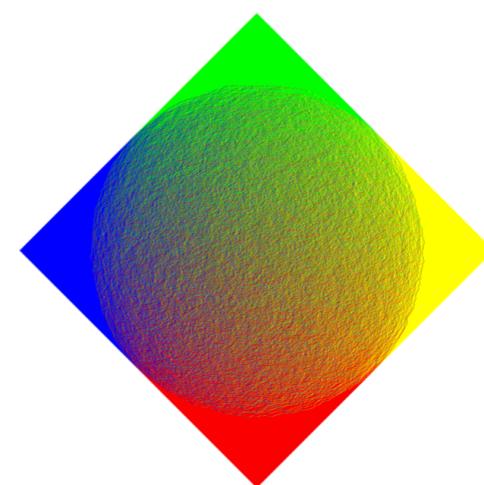
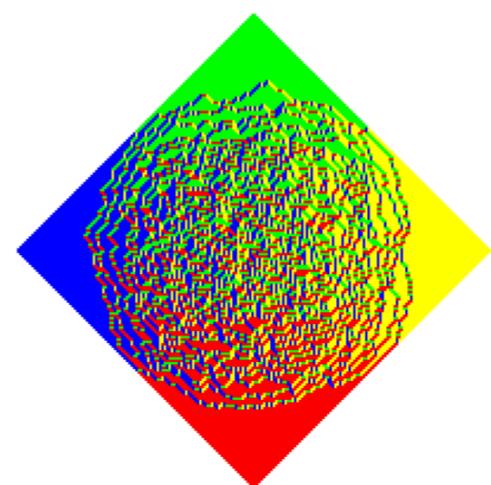
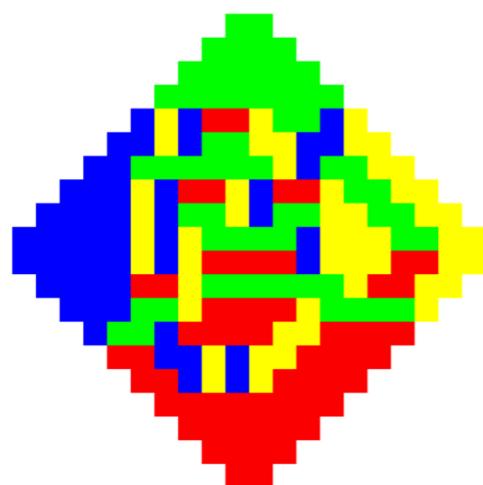
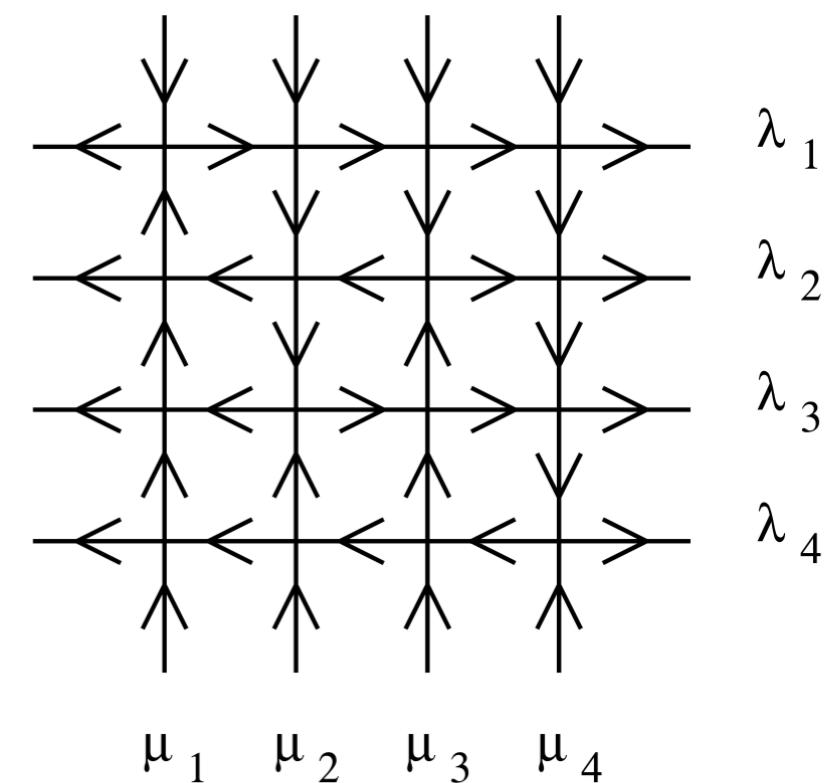


Figure 6: Configurations of an AD of order 10, 100 and 1000 (from left to right), generated by the shuffling algorithm.

[Korepin,Zinn-Justin'00]  
[Zinn-Justin'19]  
[Colomo,Pronko'10]



Frozen phase coexist with melting phase

Picture from 2301.00600

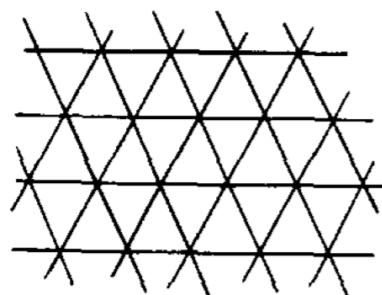
# Summary

## ❖ Analytical result for large fishnet

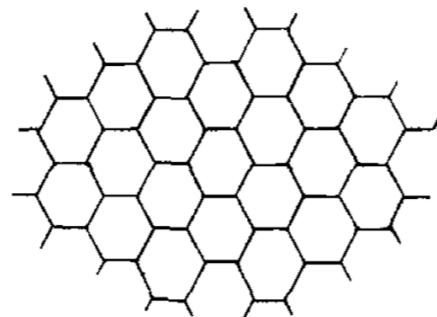
- From 2pt function: agrees with Zamolodchikov
- From 4pt function: 1) greater than Zamolodchikov 2) shape-dependence
- Boundary condition is very important in this case
- Why? Unclear, need to know more examples
- Direct integrability proof à la Zamolodchikov, boundary integrable state?
- Implications on the holographic side?

# Outlook

- ❖ Generalization: fishnets: 3d/6d, “brickwalls”, “looms”



(a)



(b)

[Kazakov,Olivucci,Preti '19]

[Pittelli,Preti '19]

[Kazakov,Olivucci '22]

[Alfimov,Ferrando,Kazakov,Olivucci '23]

[Kade,Staudacher '23 '24]

- ❖ Large fishnet from fishchain [Gromov, Sever 19' 20']

- ❖ Boundary integrability: K-matrix/inversion

- ❖ Conformal field theory approach to fishnet

- ❖ Other ways to compute large fishnet? Yangian?

See e.g. Mishnyakov and Loebbert's talk

Thank you!