

# Recent results for Holographic Three-Point Functions

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# Correlation Functions in CFT

[ Osborn, Petkou  
Ann.Phys., 9307010 ]

The space-time dependence of two- and three-point functions of **Scalar Conformal Primary Operators** is fixed by conformal symmetry:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_I(x_1) \mathcal{O}_J(x_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{IJ}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_I + \Delta_J}}$$

Here sits the  
interesting data!

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_I(x_1) \mathcal{O}_J(x_2) \mathcal{O}_K(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{IJK}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_I + \Delta_J - \Delta_K} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_J + \Delta_K - \Delta_I} |x_{31}|^{\Delta_K + \Delta_I - \Delta_J}}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_I(x_1) \mathcal{O}_J(x_2) \mathcal{O}_K(x_3) \mathcal{O}_L(x_4) \rangle = \underbrace{C_{IJKL} f\left(\frac{x_{12}x_{34}}{x_{13}x_{24}}, \frac{x_{12}x_{34}}{x_{14}x_{23}}\right)}_{\text{cross-ratio function}} \prod_{i < j} \frac{1}{|x_{ij}|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \frac{1}{3}\Delta}}$$

follows from  $\{\Delta_J\}$  and  $\{C_{IJK}\}$  and OPE

# $\xi \Delta_J$ from Integrability (@ $N=\infty$ )

[ Minahan, Zarembo ]	[ Bena, Polchinski, Roiban ]	
[ JHEP, 0212208 ]	[ Phys.Rev., 0305116 ]	
[ Beisert, Staudacher ]	[ Beisert, Eden, Staudacher ]	[ many maaaaany more ]
[ Nucl.Phys., 0504190 ]	[ J.Stat.Mech., 0610251 ]	[ XYZ, yymmnnn ]
[ Arutyunov, Frolov ]	[ Gromov, Kazakov, Vieira ]	[ Bombardelli, Fioravanti, Tateo ]
[ JHEP, 0901.1417 ]	[ Phys.Rev.Lett., 0901.3753 ]	[ J.Phys., 0902.3930 ]
		[ Arutyunov, Frolov ]
		[ JHEP, 0903.0141 ]
		[ Beisert et. al. ]
		[ 1012.3982 ]

Solve<sup>#</sup>  $Y_{1,0}(u_{4,j}) = -1$  and plug in<sup>#</sup> ...

$$\Delta_J = J + \sum_j \epsilon(u_{4,j}) + \sum_{a=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{du}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \epsilon_a^*}{\partial u} \ln(1 + Y_{a,0}^*(u))$$

<sup>#</sup> Well, it's actually not that easy, and you probably don't want to see the full form of the  $Y$ 's and their relations.



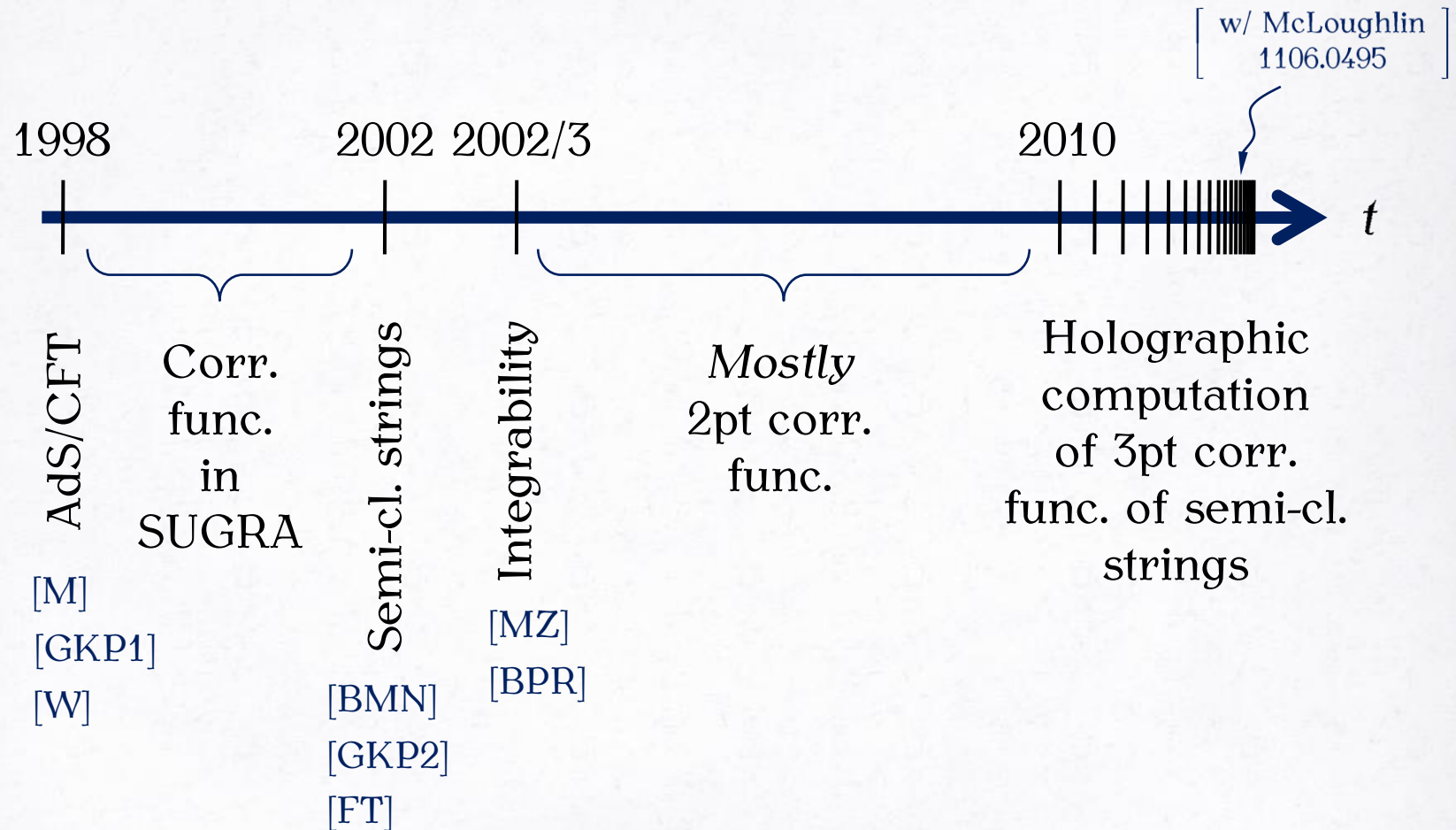
# $\{C_{IJK}\}$ from Integrability

The goal—or rather the *dream*—would be to find:

Solve  $Z_{2,1,0}(v_{4,k,\ell}) = -2$  and plug in ...

$$C_{IJK} = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta_I \Delta_J \Delta_K}}{N} + \sum_{k,\ell} \delta(v_{4,k,\ell}) + \sum_{a,b=0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dv}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \delta_{a,b}^*}{\partial v} \exp(1 - Z_{a,b,0}^*(v))$$

# Overview and Plan of the Talk



# AdS/CFT and Holography

[ Maldacena  
Adv.Theor.Math.Phys., 9711200 ]

[ Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov  
Phys.Lett., 9802109 ]

[ Witten  
Adv.Theor.Math.Phys., 9802150 ]

## CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

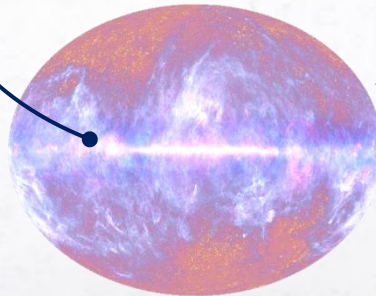
- AdS HAS A BOUNDARY AT INFINITY

$$Z_{\text{GRAV.}}(\phi \rightarrow \phi_0|_{\text{BOUNDARY}}) = \langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_0(x) \mathcal{O}(x)} \rangle_{\text{FIELD THEORY}}$$

[ GUBSER, KLEBANOV  
POLYAKOV; WITTEN ]

RÜCK VISWANATHAN  
FRIEDMAN MATHUR  
MATUSIS RASTELLI  
LEE MINWALLA RANGAMANI  
SEIBERG

(Slide taken from Maldacena's talk at Strings '98)



# Holographic Computation

$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Maldacena} \\ \text{GKP} \\ \text{Witten} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Freedman, Mathur,} \\ \text{Matusis, Rastelli} \\ \text{Nucl.Phys., 9804058} \end{array} \right]$
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Poincare coordinates  $ds^2 = \frac{dz^2 + d\vec{x}^2}{z^2}$

Bulk scalar field  $\phi(z, \vec{x})$  with mass  $m^2 = \Delta(\Delta - 4)$

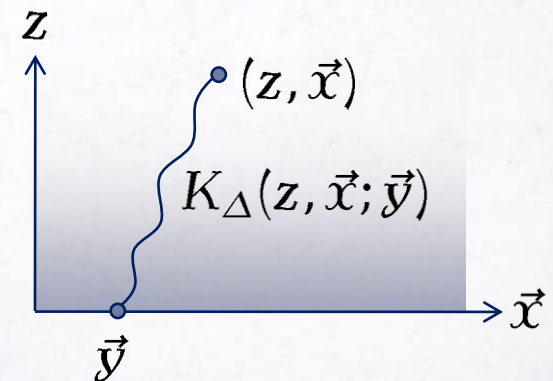
Boundary condition  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \phi(z, \vec{x}) = z^{4-\Delta} \phi_0(\vec{x})$

Bulk-to-boundary propagator

$$K_{\Delta}(z, \vec{x}; \vec{y}) = \mathcal{N}_{\Delta} \left( \frac{z}{z^2 + (\vec{x} - \vec{y})^2} \right)^{\Delta}$$

$$\phi(z, \vec{x}) = \int d^4 y K_{\Delta}(z, \vec{x}; \vec{y}) \phi_0(\vec{y})$$

$$Z_{\text{gravity}}[\phi_0] = e^{-S_{\text{gravity}}[\phi_0]} \stackrel{!}{=} Z_{\text{gauge}}[\phi_0]$$





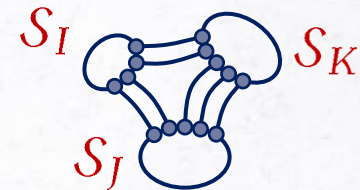
# SUGRA / CPO Approximation

Lee, Minwalla  
Rangamani, Seiberg  
Adv.Theor.Math.Phys., 9806074

Supergravity ("Massless string modes")  $\leftrightarrow$  Chiral Primary Operators

SYM: Chiral primary operator

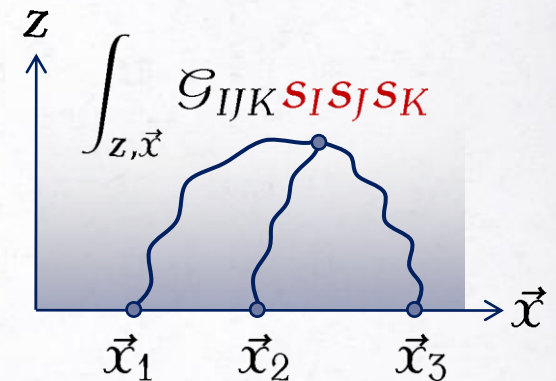
$$\mathcal{S}_I = C_I^{i_1, \dots, i_k} \text{tr } \phi_{i_1} \cdots \phi_{i_k} \quad \text{SO(6) irrep}$$



SUGRA: Dual scalar field

$$h_{\alpha\beta} \sim g_{\alpha\beta} Y_I \mathcal{S}_I + \dots \quad (\text{Graviton})$$

$$a_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \sim \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon} \nabla^\epsilon Y_I \mathcal{S}_I + \dots \quad (5\text{-form})$$



SYM @  $\lambda=0$  and SUGRA @  $\lambda=\infty$  :

$$\langle \mathcal{S}_I(x_1) \mathcal{S}_J(x_2) \mathcal{S}_K(x_3) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sqrt{\Delta_I \Delta_J \Delta_K} \langle C_I C_J C_K \rangle}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_I + \Delta_J - \Delta_K} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_J + \Delta_K - \Delta_I} |x_{31}|^{\Delta_K + \Delta_I - \Delta_J}}$$

$\leadsto$  Non-renormalisation theorems (result is true for any  $\lambda$ )

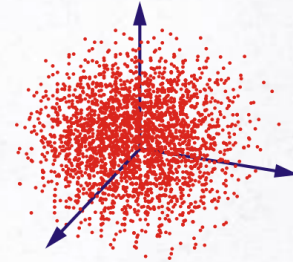


# Stringy States / Non-CPO Operators

*Massive string modes*  $\leftrightarrow$  *Unprotected operators*

- Konishi operator  $\leftrightarrow$  First excited string level

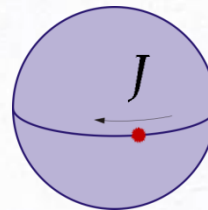
$$\text{tr } \phi_i \phi_i \qquad \Delta = \begin{cases} 2 + \frac{3}{4\pi^2} \lambda + \frac{3}{16\pi^4} \lambda^2 + \dots \\ 2\sqrt[4]{\lambda} - 2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt[4]{\lambda}} + \dots \end{cases}$$



*Semi-classical strings*  $\leftrightarrow$  *Operators with large charges/spin*

- BMN operator  $\leftrightarrow$  nearly point-like string orbiting  $S^5$

$$\sum_{p=0}^J e^{2\pi i p n/J} \text{tr } \phi_1 Z^p \phi_2 Z^{J-p}$$

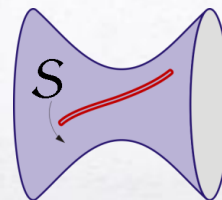


$$J \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$$

Berenstein,  
Maldacena, Nastase  
JHEP, 0202021

- GKP operator  $\leftrightarrow$  Folded string spinning on  $\text{AdS}_5$

$$\text{tr } Z D^S Z + \text{permutations}$$



$$S \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$$

Gubser,  
Klebanov, Polyakov  
Nucl.Phys., 0204051

# Two-point Functions

The “trick” for computing  $\{\Delta_J\}$  was to compute NOT DIRECTLY:

$$\langle \bar{\mathcal{O}}_J(\vec{x}_1) \mathcal{O}_J(\vec{x}_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{|\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2|^{2\Delta_J}}$$

but to compute:

- Eigenvalues of the dilatation operator

[ Beisert  
Phys.Rept., 0407277 ]

$$\mathcal{D}\mathcal{O}_J = \Delta_J \mathcal{O}_J$$

- String energies in semi-classical quantization [ Tseytlin  
Int.J.Mod.Phys., 0209116 ]

$$\Delta_J = J + E_{\text{light-cone}}$$

because these computations can be re-phrased  
in the language of integrable spin chains.

[ Minahan, Zarembo  
JHEP, 0212208  
Arutyunov, Frolov, Staudacher  
JHEP, 0406256 ]

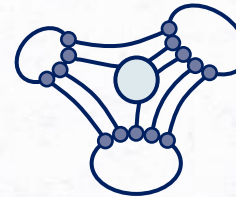
# Three-point Functions in SYM

- BMN operators. Straightforward Feynman diagram computations.

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Kristjansen, Plefka,} \\ \text{Semenoff, Staudacher} \\ \text{Nucl.Phys., 0205033} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Constable, Freedman,} \\ \text{Headrick, Minwalla} \\ \text{JHEP, 0205089} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Chu, Khoze,} \\ \text{Travaglini} \\ \text{JHEP, 0206005} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Beisert, Kristjansen, Plefka,} \\ \text{Semenoff, Staudacher} \\ \text{Nucl.Phys., 0208178} \end{array} \right]$
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- Spin-chain approach. Integrability.

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Roiban,} \\ \text{Volovich} \\ \text{JHEP, 0407140} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Alday, David,} \\ \text{Gava, Narain} \\ \text{JHEP, 0502186} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Alday, David,} \\ \text{Gava, Narain} \\ \text{JHEP, 0502186} \end{array} \right]$
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 $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Constable, Freedman,} \\ \text{Headrick, Minwalla} \\ \text{JHEP, 0209002} \end{array} \right]$ 

- Recent data collection.

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Georgiou, Gili, Russo} \\ \text{JHEP, 0907.1567} \end{array} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Grossardt, Plefka} \\ \text{1007.2356} \end{array} \right]$	$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{CPO}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{CPO}} \mathcal{O}_{\text{non-CPO}} \rangle \leftrightarrow \Delta_{\text{non-CPO}}$
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- Algebraic Bethe ansatz approach.

 $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Escobedo, Gromov,} \\ \text{Sever, Vieira} \\ \text{1012.2475, 1104.5501} \end{array} \right]$ 

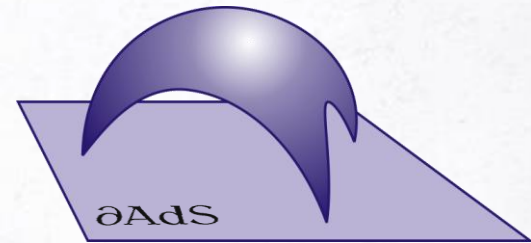
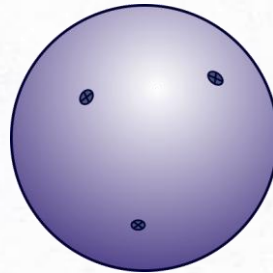
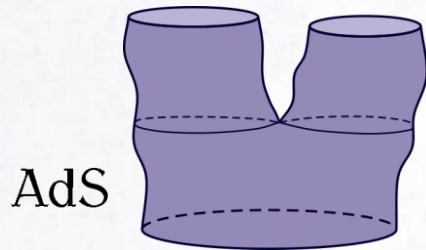
Label Operators by Bethe roots. Free theory.  
Combinatorics. Including Long-Long-Short.

# Correlation Functions from Strings

String amplitude

$\neq$

Correlation function



[ Peeters, Plefka, Zamaklar  
JHEP, 0410275 ]

Splitting of spinning strings in  $\mathbb{R} \times S^5$

[ Murchikova  
1104.4804 ]

Splitting of spinning strings in  $AdS_3$

[ Vicedo  
1105.3868 ]

Splitting of any string in  $\mathbb{R} \times S^3$

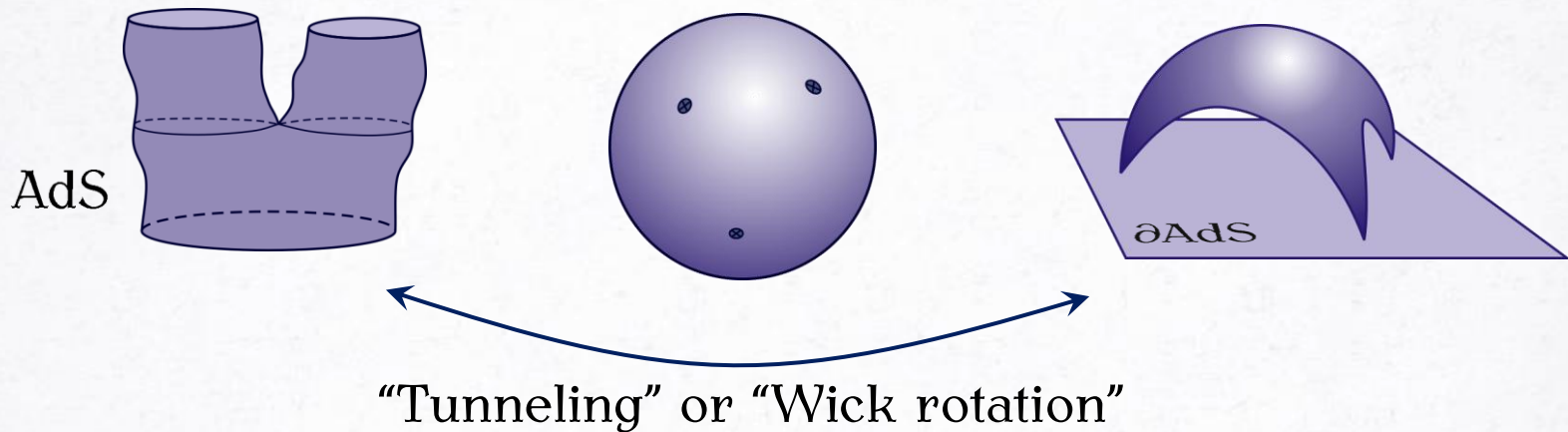


# Correlation Functions from Strings

String amplitude

$\neq$

Correlation function



[ Dobashi, Shimada, Yoneya  
Nucl.Phys., 0209251 ] Holography in the BMN limit  $J \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$

WKB:  $\phi(z) \sim e^{iS(z)}$   $S(z) = \pm \int^z \sqrt{\lambda\omega^2 - J^2/z'^2} dz' \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow 0} \pm iJ \ln z$

Imaginary momentum  $\Rightarrow$  Wick rotate, or allow complex solutions

[ Tsuji  
Prog.Theor.Phys., 0606030 ] Two point correlator as tunneling amplitude

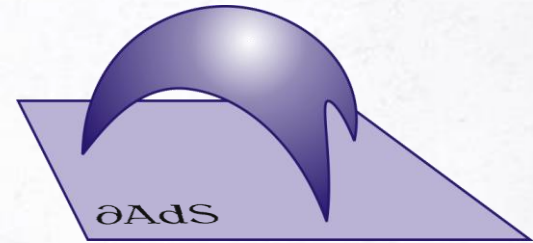
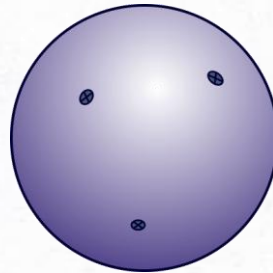
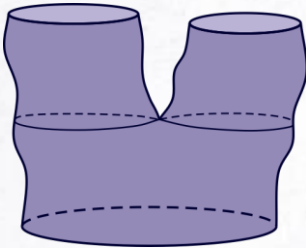
# Correlation Functions from Strings

String amplitude

$\neq$

Correlation function

AdS



[ Janik, Surowka,  
Wereszczynski  
JHEP, 1002.4613 ]

Convolution with wave-functions,  $e^{i \int p dx}$ , changes  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\mathcal{H}$

[ Bak, Chen, Wu  
1103.2024 ]

Legendre transformation to Routhian

[ Buchbinder, Tseytlin  
JHEP, 1005.4516 ]

Vertex operator insertions on world-sheet in conf. gauge

[ Buchbinder  
JHEP, 1002.1716 ]

Virasoro constraints  $\leftrightarrow$  Marginality condition

[ TK, McLoughlin  
1106.0495 ]

Vertex operators as boundary actions in LC gauge.  
Virasoro constraints build in.

# Vertex Operators

Def.: Marginal perturbation of string sigma model.

General structure:  $e^{i \text{ Charge} \cdot \text{Coordinate}} \text{Polynomial}(\text{Coordinates})$

Flat-space example:  $e^{ik \cdot X} (\partial X \cdot \bar{\partial} X)^{S/2}$

AdS: Global  $\leftrightarrow$  Poincaré  $\leftrightarrow$  Embedding coordinates

$$e^{iEt} \longleftrightarrow \left( \frac{z}{z^2 + \vec{x}^2} \right)^\Delta \longleftrightarrow (Y_+)^{-\Delta}$$

Semiclassical vertex operators in AdS:  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Polyakov} \\ \text{Int.J.Mod.Phys., 0110196} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tseytlin} \\ \text{Nucl.Phys., 0304139} \end{array} \right]$

$$V_J^{\text{dilaton}} = (Y_+)^{-\Delta} (X_x)^J (\partial Y_M \bar{\partial} Y^M + \partial X_k \bar{\partial} X_k) + \dots \leftrightarrow \text{tr}(F_{\mu\nu}^2 Z^J + \dots)$$

$$V_J^{\text{primary}} = (Y_+)^{-\Delta} (X_x)^J \left( \frac{\partial \vec{x} \cdot \bar{\partial} \vec{x} - \partial z \bar{\partial} z}{z^2} - \partial X_k \bar{\partial} X_k \right) + \dots \leftrightarrow \text{tr}(Z^J)$$

$$V_S^{\text{Regge}} = (Y_+)^{-\Delta} (\partial Y_x \bar{\partial} Y_x)^{S/2} + \dots$$

$$V_J^{\text{Regge}} = (Y_+)^{-\Delta} (\partial X_x \bar{\partial} X_x)^{J/2} + \dots$$



# Heavy-Heavy-Light

Two semiclassical strings + one massless/light string



Hybrid formulation of String theory and Supergravity

[ Tseytlin  
Phys.Lett. 1990 ]

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \int \mathcal{D}\mathbb{X} \mathcal{D}\Phi \dots e^{-S_{\text{str}}[\mathbb{X}, \Phi] - S_{\text{sugra}}[\Phi]} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{CPO dual}} \quad \partial\mathbb{X}^M \partial\mathbb{X}^N g_{MN}(\mathbb{X}, s) e^{\varphi/2} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{Dilaton}}$$

[ Zarembo  
JHEP, 1008.1059 ]

Folded spinning string + CPO dual.  
Also  $1 \ll J \ll \sqrt{\lambda}$

[ Costa, Monteiro,  
Santos, Zoakos,  
JHEP, 1008.1070 ]

Various strings + Dilaton.  
Also gauge theory.

$$C_{HH\mathcal{L}} \sim \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \delta \Delta_H(\lambda, J)$$

[ Roiban, Tseytlin  
Phys.Rev., 1008.4921 ]

Various combinations  $\langle V_{H_1} V_{H_2} V_{L_1} V_{L_2} V_{L_3} V_{L_4} \dots \rangle$

**Heavy-heavy-light activity:** Spinning strings, Giant magnon, Giant graviton, Wilson loops, Winding, Finite-size, ...

[ Hernandez J.Phys., 1011.0408 ]	[ Ryang JHEP, 1011.3573 ]	[ Arnaudov, Rashkov Phys.Rev., 1011.4669 ]	[ Georgiou JHEP, 1011.5181 ]	[ Park, Lee 1012.3293 ]	[ Buchbinder, Tseytlin JHEP, 1012.3740 ]	[ Bissi, Kristjansen, Young, Zoubos 1103.4079 ]
[ Bak, Chen, Wu 1103.2024 ]	[ Arnaudov, Rashkov, Vetsov 1103.6145 ]	[ Hernandez 1104.1160 ]	[ Bai, Lee, Park 1104.1896 ]	[ Alday, Tseytlin 1105.1537 ]	[ Ahn, Bozhilov 1105.3084 ]	[ Lee, Park 1105.3279 ]



# Light-Cone Approach

[ TK, McLoughlin  
1106.0495 ]

- Integrate out world-sheet metric components, which are Lagrange multipliers for Virasoro constraints.

[ Callan, McLoughlin,  
Swanson  
Nucl.Phys., 0404007 ]

- Fix AdS-light-cone gauge  $x^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x^3 \pm ix^0)$

[ Metsaev, Thorn, Tseytlin  
Nucl.Phys., 0009171 ]

$$x^+ = \tau \quad p_- = s$$


- Effective path integral for physical degrees of freedom

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbb{X}^A \mathcal{D}\mathbb{p}^A ds (\dots) e^{-\underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} d\tau \left[ \mathbb{p}_A \dot{\mathbb{X}}^A + s \dot{\mathbb{X}}^- - \mathcal{H}_{lc}(\mathbb{p}_A, \mathbb{X}^A, s) \right]}_{\text{"World-sheet bulk action"} S}}$$

“World-sheet bulk action”  $S$

- Semiclassical vertex operators supply world-sheet boundary action

$$V \sim (..\mathbb{X}..)^\mathcal{Q} \quad \text{so that} \quad V e^{-S} = e^{-(S+\mathcal{B})} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{B} = -\ln V$$


 $\sim \sqrt{\lambda}$

# Toy Model with Boundary Action

Consider the phase space action  $S = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} d\tau \left[ p\dot{x} - \mathcal{H}(p, x) \right]$

and add a “vertex operator”  $V_Q(\tau) = e^{-Qx(\tau)}$  to either end of  $[\tau_1, \tau_2]$

This yields the boundary action:

$$\mathcal{B} = - \sum_{i=1,2} \ln V_{Q_i}(\tau_i) = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} d\tau \sum_{i=1,2} Q_i x(\tau) \delta(\tau - \tau_i)$$

Take the variation of the total action:  $\delta(S + \mathcal{B}) = 0$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta p} : \quad \dot{x} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta p} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x} : \quad -\dot{p} - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta x} + (-p + Q_1)\delta(\tau - \tau_1) + (p + Q_2)\delta(\tau - \tau_2) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Bulk eq. of motion & Bdry conditions:  $p(\tau_1) = Q_1 \quad p(\tau_2) = -Q_2$

# Classical Two-point Function

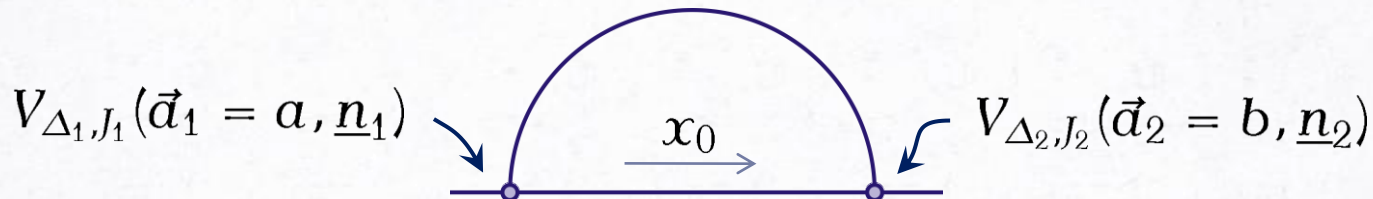
Vertex operator:

$$V_{\Delta,J}^{\text{BMN}}(\vec{a}, \underline{n}) = \left( \frac{|\underline{z}|}{\underline{z}^2 + (\vec{x} - \vec{a})^2} \right)^\Delta \left( \frac{\underline{n} \cdot \underline{z}}{|\underline{z}|} \right)^J$$

Insertion point in AdS  $\rightarrow$   $\vec{a}$

vector in  $\mathbb{R}^6 = \mathbb{Z} \otimes S^5$   $\rightarrow$   $\underline{n}$

specifies plane of rotation  
e.g.  $\underline{n} = (1, i, 0, 0, 0, 0)$



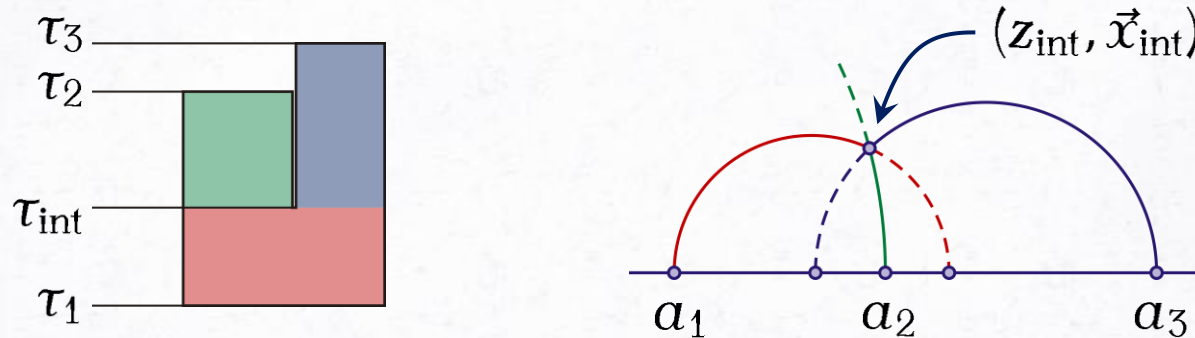
Saddle point solution:  $\underline{z}_{\text{cl}} = \frac{1}{2}(x_0 - a)e^{-\phi}\underline{n}^* + \frac{1}{2}(b - x_0)e^{\phi}\underline{n}$

if and only if  $J_1 = \Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = -J_2$  and  $\underline{n}_1 = \underline{n}_2 = \underline{n}$

$$\langle V_1 V_2 \rangle_{\text{cl}} = \underbrace{1}_{e^{-\mathcal{S}}} \times \underbrace{\frac{e^{-\phi J_1}}{(b-a)^{\Delta_1}} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow a} \left( \frac{x_0 - a}{b - x_0} \right)^{\frac{\Delta_1 - J_1}{2}}}_{e^{-\mathcal{B}_1}} \times \underbrace{\frac{e^{-\phi J_2}}{(b-a)^{\Delta_2}} \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow b} \left( \frac{b - x_0}{x_0 - a} \right)^{\frac{\Delta_2 + J_2}{2}}}_{e^{-\mathcal{B}_2}} = \frac{1}{|b - a|^{2\Delta}}$$

# Classical Three-point Function

Saddle point solution of bulk and boundary action is given by the combination of three geodesics



The bulk action evaluates again to zero on the classical solution.

The boundary action evaluates to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{extremal} \quad \underline{n}_1 = \underline{n}_2 = \underline{n}_3 \quad \mathcal{B} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \ln \left( \frac{z_{\text{int}}}{z_{\text{int}}^2 + (\vec{x}_{\text{int}} - \vec{d}_i)^2} \right)^{\Delta_i} + (\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 - \Delta_3) \varphi_{\text{int}} \\ \text{non-extremal} \quad \underline{n}_1 \not\parallel \underline{n}_2 \not\parallel \underline{n}_3 \quad \mathcal{B} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \ln \left( \frac{z_{\text{int}}}{z_{\text{int}}^2 + (\vec{x}_{\text{int}} - \vec{d}_i)^2} \right)^{\Delta_i} \end{aligned}$$

intersection point  
on the sphere



# Classical Three-point Function

Need to solve

$$\delta \mathcal{B} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \ln \left( \frac{z_{\text{int}}}{z_{\text{int}}^2 + (\vec{x}_{\text{int}} - \vec{d}_i)^2} \right)^{\Delta_i}$$

[ Dobashi, Yoneya  
Nucl.Phys., 0406225 ]

“It is easy to convince oneself that, for generic configurations of three boundary points, there is **no solution** to these equations.”

[ Janik, Surowka,  
Wereszczynski  
JHEP, 1002.4613 ]

“Now we have to find the saddle point w.r.t.  $\vec{x}$  and  $z$ . This is **very difficult**, if not **impossible**, to do explicitly.”

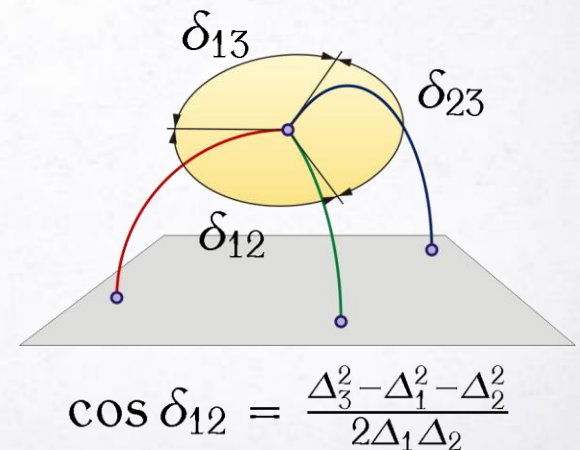
[ Minahan  
to appear ]

“I found it **anyway!**”

$$\vec{x}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{23}^2 \vec{d}_1 + \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{13}^2 \vec{d}_2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \vec{d}_{12}^2 \vec{d}_3}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{23}^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{13}^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \vec{d}_{12}^2}$$

$$z_{\text{int}} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} |\vec{d}_{23}| |\vec{d}_{13}| |\vec{d}_{12}|}{\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{23}^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \vec{d}_{13}^2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \vec{d}_{12}^2}$$

with  $\alpha_1 = \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - \Delta_1$  etc.



# Classical Three-point Function

The minimum of the boundary action is thus

$$\langle V_1 V_2 V_3 \rangle_{\text{cl}} = e^{-\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_1^{\alpha_1} \alpha_2^{\alpha_2} \alpha_3^{\alpha_3} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}}{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3} (\alpha_3 + \alpha_1)^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_1}}}}{|\vec{d}_1 - \vec{d}_2|^{\alpha_3} |\vec{d}_1 - \vec{d}_3|^{\alpha_2} |\vec{d}_2 - \vec{d}_3|^{\alpha_1}}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - \Delta_1 = J_2 + J_3 - J_1$  etc.

This agrees with  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Lee, Minwalla} \\ \text{Rangamani, Seiberg} \\ \text{Adv.Theor.Math.Phys., 9806074} \end{array} \right]$  for  $J \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$

# What else?

[ TK, McLoughlin  
1106.0495 ]

- *Quantum fluctuations*

- AdS light-cone gauge particularly nice for semi-cl. quantization

- Fluctuation expansion  $X^M = X_{\text{cl.}}^M + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{\lambda}} \tilde{X}^M$

- $\tau$ -dependent redefinition of the fluctuations, then redefinition of  $\tau$

$$S_{\text{fl}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{\tau} \left( \dot{\tilde{X}}^2 + \tilde{X}'^2 + \mu^2 \tilde{X}^2 \right) \quad \mu = \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

- Plane-wave action for fluctuations on each segment—incl. fermions

- *Circular winding string*

- Vertex operators from [ [Buchbinder](#)  
JHEP, 1002.1716 ] and [ [Ryang](#)  
JHEP, 1011.3573 ] ,  
although quite different, give same classical answer.

- Now, contribution from world-sheet bulk *and* boundary action

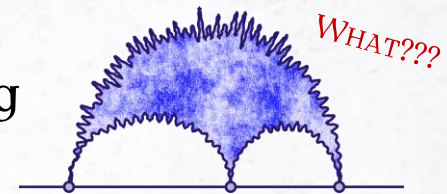
# Summary

Want to find the *structure constants*  $\{C_{IJK}\}$ ,  
or rather *a neat method for computing them*.

Supergravity



Quantum String



Semi-classical Strings

