

# **NOVEL REPRESENTATION OF INTEGRATED CORRELATORS IN $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUPERSYMMETRIC YANG-MILLS**

**(WITH ARBITRARY CLASSICAL GAUGE GROUP)**

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**Earlier work with large  $N$**  Chester, MBG, Pufu, Wang, Wen arXiv:1912.13365 and arXiv:2008.02713

**See also:** Binder, Chester, Pufu, Wang, arXiv:1902.06263, Chester, Pufu, arXiv:2003.08412, Chester, arXiv:1908.05207  
Alday, Chester, Hanson, arXiv:2110.13106 Collier, Perlmutter arXiv:2201.05093

**SUPERSYMMETRIC LOCALIZATION** will be used in order to determine the exact form of certain **INTEGRATED CORRELATION FUNCTIONS** in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills (SYM) theory (arbitrary classical gauge group -  $SU(N)$ ,  $SO(N)$ ,  $USp(2N)$ )

- **NON-LOCAL SUPERSYMMETRIC OBSERVABLES.**

ALTHOUGH **INTEGRATION AVERAGES OVER THE SPATIAL DEPENDENCE** THESE CORRELATORS ARE OF GREAT INTEREST:

- Make S-duality (Montonen-Olive duality) manifest. **MODULAR INVARIANCE.**
- Predict SYM perturbation theory results to all orders – **BOTH PLANAR AND NON-PLANAR – FOR ALL VALUES OF  $N$ .**
- Include detailed form of infinite set of **INSTANTON** and **ANTI-INSTANTON** contributions.
- The large- $N$  expansion reproduces known facts about the low energy expansion of holographically dual IIB superstring.

Consider **integral of the correlator** of four superconformal primary operators of  $\mathcal{N} = 4, SU(N)$

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \sim \int \prod_{i=1}^4 dx_{i\mu}(\{x_r\}) \langle O_2(x_1) O_2(x_2) O_2(x_3) O_2(x_4) \rangle$$

coupling constant  
 $\tau = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + i \frac{4\pi}{g^2}$

## THE MAIN RESULT

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\pi t \frac{|m+n\tau|^2}{\tau_2}} B_N(t) dt$$

$$B_N(t) = \frac{\mathbb{Q}_N(t)}{(1+t)^{2N+1}} \text{ where } \mathbb{Q}_N(t) \text{ is a rational polynomial of order } (2N-1).$$

**SATISFIES LAPLACE DIFFERENCE EQUATION – RELATES SU(N) TO SU(N+1) AND SU(N-1):**

$$(\Delta_\tau - 2) \mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = N^2 [\mathcal{G}_{N+1}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \mathcal{G}_{N-1}(\tau, \bar{\tau})] - N [\mathcal{G}_{N+1}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - \mathcal{G}_{N-1}(\tau, \bar{\tau})]$$

where  $\Delta_\tau = \tau_2^2 (\partial_{\tau_1}^2 + \partial_{\tau_2}^2)$  is the hyperbolic laplacian.

**THIS IS AN EXACT FORMULA FOR ALL VALUES OF  $(\tau, N)$**

In this talk I will motivate these expressions and describe some of their remarkable properties.

and then describe the generalization to arbitrary classical gauge groups, **SO(2N), SO(2N+1), USp(2N).**

# SUPERSYMMETRIC LOCALIZATION

- $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  supersymmetric YM  $\rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4$  in the limit in which the mass of hypermultiplet in adjoint rep. vanishes

$$\mathcal{N} = 2^* \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{N} = 4$$

- The  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  partition function on  $S^4$  is determined by **supersymmetric localization**. [Pestun arXiv:0712.2824]

- Localized partition function** of  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  with  $SU(N)$  gauge group is a  $(N - 1)$ -dimensional integral over the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}(N)$ .  $SU(N)$  hermitian matrix model (**integrate over VEV's of coulomb branch vector multiplet**).

$$Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau}) = \int d^N a \delta\left(\sum_i a_i\right) \prod_{i < j} (a_i - a_j)^2 e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g_{YM}^2} \sum_j a_j^2} \mathcal{Z}_{pert}(m, a_i) |\mathcal{Z}_{inst}(m, a_i, \tau)|^2$$

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mass parameter
Vandermonde determinant
Perturbative factor
Nekrasov instanton partition function

$\mathcal{Z}_{pert}(m, a_i)$  is the one-loop determinant factor and is expressed in terms of a standard function (the **BARNES G-FUNCTION**)

$\mathcal{Z}_{inst}(m, a_i)$  describes Coulomb branch instantons at the south pole and anti-instantons at the north pole of  $S^4$ . (Express as a sum of Young diagrams)

[Nekrasov]

- The partition function of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM  $Z_N(0, \tau, \bar{\tau}) = 1$
- But the  $m = 0$  limit of derivatives of  $Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})$  with respect to  $m$  may be nontrivial as we will see.



# THE $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ PARTITION FUNCTION

$$Z(m, \tau, \bar{\tau}) = \int d^{N-1} a_i \prod_{i < j} \frac{a_{ij}^2 H^2(a_{ij})}{H(a_{ij} - m) H(a_{ij} + m)} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g_{YM}^2} \sum_i a_i^2} |Z_{inst}(m, \tau, a_{ij})|^2,$$

**PERTURBATIVE**

$$H(z) = e^{-(1+\gamma)z^2} G(1+iz) G(1-iz)$$

Barnes G-function

$$\log G(1+z) = \frac{z}{2} \log 2\pi - \left( \frac{z + (1+\gamma)z^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\zeta(k)}{k+1} z^{k+1}$$

**INSTANTON TERMS:**

The Nekrasov instanton partition function: contribution from instantons at North Pole and anti-instantons at South Pole of  $S^4$

$$Z_{inst}(m, \tau, a_{ij}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i k \tau} Z_{inst}^{(k)}(m, a_{ij}) \quad \text{Fourier sum (sum over instanton number)}$$

Using Nekrasov's result we have for **k INSTANTONS**:

$$Z_{inst}^{(k)}(m, a_{ij}) = \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{2m^2}{m^2+1} \right)^k \oint \prod_{I=1}^k \frac{d\phi_I}{2\pi} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(\phi_I - a_i)^2 - m^2}{(\phi_I - a_i)^2 + 1} \prod_{I < J}^k \frac{\phi_{IJ}^2 (\phi_{IJ}^2 + 4) (\phi_{IJ}^2 - m^2)^2}{(\phi_{IJ}^2 + 1) ((\phi_{IJ} - m)^2 + 1) ((\phi_{IJ} + m)^2 + 1)}$$

where the integration contour circles the poles in a particular **(and complicated)** manner **(sum of Young diagrams)**.

# INTEGRATED FOUR-POINT CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

- Superconformal primary of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  stress tensor multiplet.

$$O_2(x, Y) = \text{tr}(\phi_{I_1} \phi_{I_2}) Y^{I_1} Y^{I_2} \quad I_1, I_2 = 1, \dots, 6 \quad Y \cdot Y = 0 \quad \text{Encodes } SU(4) \text{ quantum numbers}$$

- Four-point correlator of superconformal primaries,

$$\langle O_2(x_1) O_2(x_2) O_2(x_3) O_2(x_4) \rangle = \langle O_2(x_1) O_2(x_2) O_2(x_3) O_2(x_4) \rangle_{\text{free}} + \mathcal{I}_4(x_i, Y_i) \mathcal{T}_N(U, V, \tau, \bar{\tau})$$

free correlator

determined by symmetries [Eden, Petkou, Schubert, Sokatchev]

- Correlator is not supersymmetric but **integrated** correlator is [Binder, Chester, Pufu, Wang]

$$\mathcal{G}_N^i(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \int dU dV \mu^i(U, V) \mathcal{T}_N(U, V, \tau, \bar{\tau}) \quad U = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad V = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2} \quad \text{cross ratios}$$

where the measure  $\mu^i(U, V)$  is designed to preserve supersymmetry,

Two examples of measures

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_N^1(\tau, \bar{\tau}) &= -\frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dr \int_0^\pi d\theta \frac{r \sin^2 \theta}{U^2} \mathcal{T}_N(U, V, \tau, \bar{\tau}) \quad U = 1 + r^2 - 2r \cos \theta, \quad V = r^2 \\ \mathcal{G}_N^2(\tau, \bar{\tau}) &= -\frac{96}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dr \int_0^\pi d\theta \frac{r \sin^2 \theta}{U^2} \bar{D}_{1111}(U, V) (\mathcal{T}_N(U, V, \tau, \bar{\tau}) + \mathcal{T}_{\text{free}}(U, V)) \end{aligned} \right.$$

box diagram

# RELATION TO LOCALISED $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$ PARTITION FUNCTION

- Correlators are obtained by four derivatives acting on  $Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})$  the partition function of the  $\mathcal{N} = 2^*$  theory on  $S^4$

$$\mathcal{G}_N^1(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \tau_2^2 \partial_\tau \partial_{\bar{\tau}} \partial_m^2 \log Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m=0} \quad \text{Considered in this talk}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_N^2(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \partial_m^4 \log Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m=0} \quad \text{NOT Considered in this talk}$$

- Equality with integrated correlators on  $R^4$  shown in [Binder, Chester, Pufu, Wang, arXiv:1902.06263]

Uses supersymmetric Ward identities and accounts for operator mixing on  $S^4$ .

- Analysis of  $\mathcal{G}_N \equiv \mathcal{G}_N^1$  is complicated.

- Consider the exact perturbation expansion for many values of  $N$ .

- Consider the exact 1-instanton contribution for many values of  $N$ .

- Generalise to the k-instanton contribution.

Only Young diagrams in the Nekrasov partition function with a single rectangular  $k = p \times q$  block contribute (up to “partial transpositions”).[Chester, MBG, Pufu, Wang, Wen]

- Leads to a remarkably simple conjectured expression for  $\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau})$

## 2 DIM. LATTICE REPRESENTATION

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\pi t \frac{|m+n\tau|^2}{\tau_2}} B_N(t) dt$$

where  $B_N(t) = \frac{\mathbb{Q}_N(t)}{(1+t)^{2N+1}}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_N(t)$  is a rational polynomial of order  $(2N - 1)$ .

- $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  invariance is manifest:  $\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$   $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ad - bc = 1$   
 [Montonen-Olive]

Relates theories at different values of coupling constant – holographic image of S-duality in type IIB superstring.

- It is important that  $B_N(t) = \frac{1}{t} B_N(1/t)$ , as well as  $\int_0^\infty B_N(t) dt = \frac{N(N-1)}{4}$  and  $\int_0^\infty B_N(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt = 0$ .

e.g.  $SU(2)$ :  $B_2(t) = \frac{9t^3 - 30t^2 + 9t}{(1+t)^5}$   $SU(3)$ :  $B_3(t) = \frac{18t^5 - 99t^4 + 126t^3 - 99t^2 + 18t}{(1+t)^7}$

- General  $N$ :

$$\mathbb{Q}_N(t) = -\frac{1}{4} N(N-1)(1-t)^{N-1}(1+t)^{N+1} \left[ (3 + (8N + 3t - 6)t) P_N^{(1,-2)}(z) + \frac{3t^2 - 8Nt - 3}{t+1} P_N^{(1,-1)}(z) \right]$$

where  $z = \frac{1+t^2}{1-t^2}$  and  $P_N^{(\alpha,\beta)}(z)$  is a JACOBI polynomial.

# PERTURBATION EXPANSION

't Hooft expansion  $a = \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{4\pi^2} = \frac{N}{\pi} \tau_2^{-1}$

First non-planar contribution

$$\mathcal{G}_{N,0}(\tau_2) = (N^2 - 1) \left[ \frac{3 \zeta(3) a}{2} - \frac{75 \zeta(5) a^2}{8} + \frac{735 \zeta(7) a^3}{16} - \frac{6615 \zeta(9) (1 + \frac{2}{7} N^{-2}) a^4}{32} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{114345 \zeta(11) (1 + N^{-2}) a^5}{128} - \frac{3864861 \zeta(13) (1 + \frac{25}{11} N^{-2} + \frac{4}{11} N^{-4}) a^6}{1024} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{32207175 \zeta(15) (1 + \frac{55}{13} N^{-2} + \frac{332}{143} N^{-4}) a^7}{2048} + \mathcal{O}(a^8) \right],$$

- Coefficients are RATIONAL MULTIPLES OF ODD ZETA VALUES.
- Recall the UNINTEGRATED CORRELATOR has very complicated dependence on cross ratios involving polylogs,

e.g.  $L = 1, 2$

$$f^{(L)}(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{r=0}^L \frac{(-1)^r (2L - r)!}{r! (L - r)! L!} \log^r(z \bar{z}) (\text{Li}_{2L-r}(z) - \text{Li}_{2L-r}(\bar{z})) \quad z\bar{z} = U \quad (1-z)(1-\bar{z}) = V$$

- The INTEGRATED CORRELATOR is much simpler. The coefficients can be compared with calculations from Feynman diagrams. [Belokurov and Usyukina, 1983] [Usyukina, 1991] [Wen and Zhang 2022]

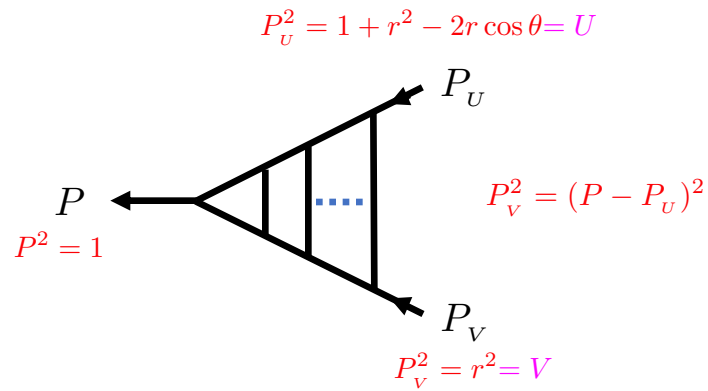
- NON-PLANAR CORRECTIONS BEGIN AT FOUR LOOPS – as is known from Feynman perturbation theory. Interesting pattern of non-planarity determined to arbitrary order.

[Eden, Heslop, Korchemsky, Sokatchev] [Boels, Kniehl, Tarasov, Yang] [Fleury and Pereira]

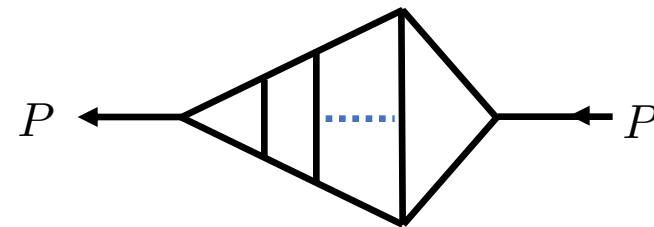
# INTEGRATED PERTURBATIVE (LADDER) DIAGRAMS

Cross-ratios  $U = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2} = 1 + r^2 - 2r \cos \theta$        $V = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{14}^2}{x_{23}^2 x_{24}^2} = r^2$

Integrated correlation function  $\int_0^\infty dr \int_0^\pi d\theta r^3 \sin^2 \theta \frac{\mathcal{T}'_N(U, V)}{UV}$        $\mathcal{T}'_N(U, V) = \mathcal{T}_N(U, V) \frac{V}{U}$



$\ell$  - loop ladder diagram  
**unintegrated** correlator



$(\ell + 1)$  - loop ladder diagram  
**integrated** correlator  
= rational  $\times \left( \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{4\pi^2} \right)^\ell \zeta(2\ell + 1)$

Calculation of ladder diagrams at arbitrary order. [Belokurov and Usyukina, 1983, Usyukina, 1991]

# DIFFERENTIAL RECURRENCE RELATION

- Using the differential recurrence relation of Jacobi functions we find that

$$t \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (t B_N(t)) = N(N-1)B_{N+1}(t) - 2(N^2-1)B_N(t) + N(N+1)B_{N-1}(t)$$

recall  $\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\pi t \frac{|m+n\tau|^2}{\tau_2}} B_N(t) dt$

- From which one can show that the integrated correlator satisfies a

## LAPLACE DIFFERENCE EQUATION:

$$(\Delta_\tau - 2) \mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = N^2 [\mathcal{G}_{N+1}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \mathcal{G}_{N-1}(\tau, \bar{\tau})] - N [\mathcal{G}_{N+1}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - \mathcal{G}_{N-1}(\tau, \bar{\tau})]$$

where  $\Delta_\tau = \tau_2^2 (\partial_{\tau_1}^2 + \partial_{\tau_2}^2)$  is the hyperbolic laplacian.

- Since  $\mathcal{G}_1 = 0$  this equation determines  $\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau})$  for all  $N > 2$  In terms of  $\mathcal{G}_2(\tau, \bar{\tau})$ .
- Solutions can be expressed in terms of NON-HOLOMORPHIC EISENSTEIN SERIES

# NON-HOLOMORPHIC EISENSTEIN SERIES

$$E(s, \tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{1}{\pi^s} \sum_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)} \frac{\tau_2^s}{|m + n\tau|^2s} = \sum_{(m,n) \neq (0,0)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty e^{-t\pi \frac{|m+n\tau|^2}{\tau_2}} t^{s-1} dt = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{F}_k(s; \tau_2) e^{2\pi i k \tau_1} \quad s \in \mathbb{C}$$

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Fourier modes

Modular function  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) : \tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$   
 $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \quad ad - bc = 1$

- Zero mode  
(perturbative)

$$\mathcal{F}_0(s; \tau_2) = \frac{2\zeta(2s)}{\pi^s} \tau_2^s + \frac{2\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2}) \zeta(2s - 1)}{\pi^s \Gamma(s)} \tau_2^{1-s}$$

$(4\pi/g_{YM}^2)^s$                        $(g_{YM}^2/4\pi)^{s-1}$   
**PERTURBATIVE (singular)**                      **PERTURBATIVE**

**TWO POWER-BEHAVED TERMS**

- Non-zero modes  
(instantons)

$$\mathcal{F}_k(s; \tau_2) = \frac{4}{\Gamma(s)} |k|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \overset{\text{divisor sum}}{\sigma_{1-2s}(|k|)} \sqrt{\tau_2} \overset{\text{Bessel}}{K_{s-\frac{1}{2}}}(2\pi|k|\tau_2), \quad k \neq 0 \quad \sigma_r(k) = \sum_{d|k} d^r$$

$\underset{\tau_2 \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} (\dots) e^{-2\pi|k|\tau_2}$                       **characteristic of INSTANTON or ANTI-INSTANTON**

- LAPLACE EIGENVALUE EQUATION**  $(\Delta_\tau - s(s-1)) E(s; \tau, \bar{\tau}) = 0$



# EXPRESSION FOR INTEGRATED CORRELATOR

Formal Infinite sum of Eisenstein series (with integer-index)

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{N(N-1)}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} c_N(s) E(s, \tau, \bar{\tau})$$

where the coefficients are given by

$$B_N(t) = \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} c_N(s) \frac{t^{s-1}}{\Gamma(s)} \quad \text{with} \quad B_N(t) = \frac{1}{t} B_N(1/t)$$

e.g. for  $SU(2)$

$$c_2(s) = \frac{(-1)^s}{2} (s-1)(1-2s)^2 \Gamma(s+1)$$

- **PERTURBATIVE TERMS.:** Infinite sum of  $\tau_2^s = (4\pi/g_{YM}^2)^s$  terms  $\equiv$  infinite sum of  $\tau_2^{1-s} = (g_{YM}^2/4\pi)^{s-1}$  terms! after Borel resummation
- **INSTANTON CONTRIBUTIONS**

e.g.  $k = 1$  in  $SU(2)$

$$\mathcal{G}_{2,k=1}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = e^{2\pi i \tau} \left[ 12y^2 - 3\sqrt{\pi} e^{4y} y^{3/2} (1+8y) \operatorname{erfc}(2\sqrt{y}) \right]$$

$$\underset{g_{YM}^2 \rightarrow 0}{\sim} e^{2\pi i \tau} \left[ -\frac{3}{8} + \frac{9}{32y} - \frac{135}{512y^2} + \frac{315}{1024y^3} + \dots \right]$$

$$y = \pi \tau_2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{g_{YM}^2}$$

General  $k = \hat{m}n$  and  $N$

$$\mathcal{G}_{N,k}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\hat{m} \neq 0, n \neq 0 \\ \hat{m}n = k}} e^{2\pi(-|k|\tau_2 + ik\tau_1)} \int_0^\infty \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{|\hat{m}|}{\sqrt{t}} - |n|\sqrt{t} \right)^2 \pi \tau_2 \right] \sqrt{\frac{\tau_2}{t}} B_N(t) dt.$$

# LARGE- $N$ EXPANSION

## 't Hooft Expansion

SUPPRESSES INSTANTONS SO  
duality is not manifest

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \sim \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} N^{2-2g} \mathcal{G}^{(g)}(\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N = 4\pi\tau_2^{-1} N$$

't Hooft coupling

### 1. Small- $\lambda$ expansion

Proportional to  $N^2$   $\nearrow$   
**PLANAR DIAGRAMS**

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^{n+1} \zeta(2n+1) \Gamma(n + \frac{3}{2})^2}{\pi^{2n+1} \Gamma(n) \Gamma(n+3)} \lambda^n$$

Radius of convergence  $|\lambda| \leq \pi^2$

$$\text{BOREL SUM} = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} dw w^3 \frac{{}_1F_2\left(\frac{5}{2}; 2, 4; -\frac{w^2 \lambda}{\pi^2}\right)}{4\pi^2 \sinh^2(w)}$$

### 2. Large- $\lambda$ expansion

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) \sim \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n - \frac{3}{2}) \Gamma(n + \frac{3}{2}) \Gamma(2n+1) \zeta(2n+1)}{2^{2n-2} \pi \Gamma(n)^2 \lambda^{n+1/2}}$$

Not Borel summable

- Asymptotic series that is **not Borel summable**. Requires non-perturbative completion (**resurgence**)

$$\Delta \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) = i \left[ 8\text{Li}_0(e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}}) + \frac{18\text{Li}_1(e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}})}{\lambda^{1/2}} + \frac{117\text{Li}_2(e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}})}{4\lambda} + \frac{489\text{Li}_3(e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}})}{16\lambda^{3/2}} + \dots \right]$$

- The behaviour  $e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}}$  is characteristic of a **WORLD-SHEET INSTANTON** in string theory since  $e^{-2\sqrt{\lambda}} = e^{-2L^2/\alpha'}$
- Similar analysis for terms with higher powers of  $1/N^2$

# LARGE- $N$ EXPANSION

## Fixed - $g_{YM}^2$ Expansion

INSTANTONS NOT SUPPRESSED – S-duality is manifest.

- The  $1/N$  expansion is holographically related to the low energy expansion of the dual IIB superstring amplitude in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ .
- Substitute the large- $N$  expansion of  $B_N(t)$  (determined by the differential recurrence relation) :

Supergravity

$$\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \sim \frac{N^2}{4} - \frac{3N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2^4} E(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) + \frac{45}{2^8 N^{\frac{1}{2}}} E(\frac{5}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau})$$

$$+ \frac{3}{N^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ \frac{1575}{2^{15}} E(\frac{7}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) - \frac{13}{2^{13}} E(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) \right] + \frac{225}{N^{\frac{5}{2}}} \left[ \frac{441}{2^{18}} E(\frac{9}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) - \frac{5}{2^{16}} E(\frac{5}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{63}{N^{\frac{7}{2}}} \left[ \frac{3898125}{2^{27}} E(\frac{11}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) - \frac{44625}{2^{25}} E(\frac{7}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) + \frac{73}{2^{22}} E(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}) \right] + O(N^{-\frac{9}{2}}),$$

Extends the earlier analysis in [Chester, MBG, Pufu, Wang, Wen]

- Series of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -integer index Eisenstein series.
- Close connection to well-established BPS terms in low energy expansion of IIB superstring in flat space.
- Note the absence of terms with integer powers of  $1/N$ , such as the term of order  $d^6 R^4$ .  
Such terms arise in the  $1/N$  expansion of  $\mathcal{G}_N^2(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \partial_m^4 \log Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m=0}$ .

# INTEGRATED CORRELATORS FOR $SO(N)$ , $USp(N)$

[Dorigoni, MBG, Wen,  
arXiv:2202.05784]  
(See Alday, Chester and Hansen)

**GODDARD-NUYTS-OLIVE** duality of magnetic monopoles and electric charges (c.f. LANGLANDS)

(Correlators are not sensitive to global factors)

- SIMPLY-LACED Self-duality  $SU(N)$ ,  $SO(2N)$   $S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$   $T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$   
generate  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) : \tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}$   $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ad - bc = 1$

- NON SIMPLY-LACED  $SO(2N + 1)$ ,  $USp(2N)$   $\hat{S} : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2\tau}$   $T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$   
 $\hat{S}T\hat{S}$  and  $T$  generate  $\Gamma_0(2) : c = 0 \pmod{2}$   $\left(\frac{\text{long roots}}{\text{short roots}}\right)^2 = 2$

maps  $SO(2N + 1) \rightarrow SO(2N + 1)$  and  $USp(2N) \rightarrow USp(2N)$

$\hat{S}$  maps  $USp(2N) \leftrightarrow SO(2N + 1)$

Previously  $\mathcal{G}_N(\tau, \bar{\tau})$

INTEGRATED CORRELATOR  $\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}_{G_N}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \Delta_\tau \partial_m^2 \log Z_{G_N}(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m \rightarrow 0}$

RESULTS: BEAUTIFUL EXTENSION OF THE  $SU(N)$  CASE

- GNO duality explicit.
- Large-N limit gives results consistent with expected string theory results.
- Set of Laplace difference equations highly constrain results for all N.

# CORRELATORS WITH GENERAL CLASSICAL GAUGE GROUP $G_N$

$$\mathbb{C}_{G_N}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \sum_{(m,n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \int_0^\infty dt \left( B_{G_N}^1(t) e^{-t\pi \frac{|m+n\tau|^2}{\tau_2}} + B_{G_N}^2(t) e^{-t\pi \frac{|m+2n\tau|^2}{2\tau_2}} \right)$$

With :

- $SU(N), SO(2N)$  Invariance under  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  generated by  $S : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}, T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$

$$B_{SU(N)}^2(s) = B_{SO(2N)}^2(s) = 0$$

- $SO(2N+1), USp(2N)$ , Invariance under  $\Gamma_0(2)$  generated by  $\hat{S}T\hat{S}$  and  $T$ , where

$$\hat{S} : \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2\tau}, T : \tau \rightarrow \tau + 1 \quad \text{not } \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$B_{SO(2N+1)}^1(t) = B_{USp(2N)}^2(t), \quad B_{USp(2N)}^1(t) = B_{SO(2N+1)}^2(t)$$

- $\hat{S}$  Interchanges  $B_{G_N}^1$  with  $B_{G_N}^2$  GNO duality  $\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_{SO(2N+1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{USP(2N)}$

• **FORMAL EXPANSION**

$$\mathbb{C}_{G_N}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = -b_{G_N}(0) + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} [b_{G_N}^1(s) E(s; \tau, \bar{\tau}) + b_{G_N}^2(s) E(s; 2\tau, 2\bar{\tau})]$$

noting that

$$E(s; \tau, \bar{\tau}) \xrightarrow{\hat{S}} E\left(s; -\frac{1}{2\tau}, -\frac{1}{2\bar{\tau}}\right) = E(s; 2\tau, 2\bar{\tau})$$

$$B_{G_N}^i(t) = \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \frac{b_{G_N}^i(s)}{\Gamma(s)} t^{s-1} \quad i = 1, 2$$

# YANG-MILLS PERTURBATION EXPANSION

Expansion  
Parameters

$$a_{SU(N)} = \frac{Ng_{YM}^2}{4\pi^2}, \quad a_{SO(n)} = \frac{(n-2)g_{YM}^2}{4\pi^2}, \quad a_{USp(n)} = \frac{(n+2)g_{YM}^2}{8\pi^2} \quad n = 2N \text{ or } 2N + 1$$

Proportional to DUAL COXETER NUMBERS

Central charge  $\mathbb{C}_{G_N}^{pert}(\tau_2) = -4c_{G_N} \left[ \frac{3\zeta(3)a_{G_N}}{2} - \frac{75\zeta(5)a_{G_N}^2}{8} + \frac{735\zeta(7)a_{G_N}^3}{16} - \frac{6615\zeta(9)(1+P_{G_N,1})a_{G_N}^4}{32} \right.$

$$+ \frac{114345\zeta(11)(1+P_{G_N,2})a_{G_N}^5}{128} - \frac{3864861\zeta(13)(1+P_{G_N,3})a_{G_N}^6}{1024}$$

$$\left. + \frac{32207175\zeta(15)(1+P_{G_N,4})a_{G_N}^7}{2048} + \mathcal{O}(a_{G_N}^8) \right],$$

$$c_{SU(N)} = \frac{N^2 - 1}{4},$$

$$c_{SO(n)} = \frac{n(n-1)}{8},$$

$$c_{USp(n)} = \frac{n(n+1)}{8}.$$

e.g.  $SO(n)$

$$P_{SO(n),1} = -\frac{n^2 - 14n + 32}{14(n-2)^3}, \quad P_{SO(n),2} = -\frac{n^2 - 14n + 32}{8(n-2)^3}$$

$$P_{SO(n),3} = -\frac{12n^4 - 221n^3 + 1158n^2 - 2432n + 1856}{22(n-2)^5}$$

$$P_{SO(n),4} = -\frac{2(342n^5 - 7217n^4 - 48841n^3 - 153938n^2 + 239232n - 149920)}{715(n-2)^6}$$

• **The “planar” pieces are identical for all gauge groups.**

• Non-planar terms first enter at four loops.

• The transformation  $(N, g_{YM}^2) \leftrightarrow (-N, -g_{YM}^2)$  **Symmetry of**  $\mathbb{C}_{SU(N)}(\tau_2)$

**Interchanges**  $\mathbb{C}_{SO(2N)}(\tau_2)$  **and**  $\mathbb{C}_{USp(2N)}(\tau_2)$

# LAPLACE DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

$$\Delta_{\tau} \mathbb{C}_{SO(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2c_{SO(n)} \left[ \mathbb{C}_{SO(n+2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2 \mathbb{C}_{SO(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \mathbb{C}_{SO(n-2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \right] \\ n = N \text{ or } 2N \quad - n \mathbb{C}_{SU(n-1)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + (n-1) \mathbb{C}_{SU(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = 0.$$

$$\Delta_{\tau} \mathbb{C}_{USp(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2c_{USp(n)} \left[ \mathbb{C}_{USp(n+2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - 2 \mathbb{C}_{USp(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \mathbb{C}_{USp(n-2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \right] \\ + n \mathbb{C}_{SU(n+1)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau}) - (n+1) \mathbb{C}_{SU(n)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau}) = 0$$

- Identities  $\mathbb{C}_{SO(3)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \mathbb{C}_{SU(2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}), \quad \mathbb{C}_{SO(4)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = 2 \mathbb{C}_{SU(2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}), \quad \mathbb{C}_{SO(6)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \mathbb{C}_{SU(4)}(\tau, \bar{\tau})$

- All integrated correlators can be related to  $SU(N)$  correlators, and hence to the  $SU(2)$  case.

e.g. 
$$\mathbb{C}_{SO(7)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \left[ \frac{8}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(2)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) - \frac{12}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(3)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \frac{3}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(4)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) + \frac{4}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(5)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \right] \\ + \left[ \frac{3}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(2)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau}) - \frac{12}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(3)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau}) + \frac{8}{5} \mathbb{C}_{SU(4)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau}) \right],$$

# LARGE- $N$ EXPANSIONS

Expansion parameters  $\hat{N}_{SU(N)} = N$        $\hat{N}_{SO(n)} = \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$        $\hat{N}_{USp(n)} = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$        $n = 2N \text{ or } 2N + 1$

- 't Hooft expansion  $\mathbb{C}_{G_N}(\lambda) \sim \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} (\hat{N}_{G_N})^{2-2g} f_{G_N}^{(g)}(\lambda_{G_N})$

where  $\lambda_{SU(N)} := g_{YM}^2 N$ ,       $\lambda_{SO(n)} := g_{YM}^2 \left( \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$ ,       $\lambda_{USp(n)} := g_{YM}^2 \left( \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right)$

$= g_{YM}^2 \times$  **RAMOND-RAMOND FLUX**

in HOLOGRAPHICALLY DUAL STRING THEORY in  $AdS_5 \times S^5/Z_2$  (orientifold)

- Fixed-  $g_{YM}^2$

$$2\mathbb{C}_{SO(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{(2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^2}{4} - \frac{3(2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2^4} E\left(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) + \frac{45(2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^8} E\left(\frac{5}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right)$$

$$+ (2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left[ \frac{4725}{2^{15}} E\left(\frac{7}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) - \frac{111}{2^{13}} E\left(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) \right] + (2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^{-\frac{5}{2}} \left[ \frac{99225}{2^{18}} E\left(\frac{9}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) - \frac{3825}{2^{16}} E\left(\frac{5}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) \right]$$

$$+ (2\hat{N}_{SO(n)})^{-\frac{7}{2}} \left[ \frac{245581875}{2^{27}} E\left(\frac{11}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) - \frac{10749375}{2^{25}} E\left(\frac{7}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) + \frac{40239}{2^{22}} E\left(\frac{3}{2}; \tau, \bar{\tau}\right) \right] + O(\hat{N}_{SO(n)}^{-\frac{9}{2}}).$$

- Furthermore  $\mathbb{C}_{USp(n)}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \sim \mathbb{C}_{SO(n)}(2\tau, 2\bar{\tau})$  with  $\hat{N}_{SO(n)} \rightarrow \hat{N}_{USp(n)}$

- Coefficients of highest-index Eisenstein series at each order same as in  $\mathbb{C}_{SU(N)}(\tau, \bar{\tau})$  expansion.



# COMMENTS

- We have determined the functional form of the integrated correlators  $\frac{1}{4} \mathbb{C}_{G_N}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \Delta_\tau \partial_m^2 \log Z_{G_N}(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m \rightarrow 0}$  for all values of  $N$  and  $\tau = \theta/2\pi + i 4\pi/g_{YM}^2$

- Also generalization to Maximal  $U(1)$ -violating  $n$ -point correlators.

(Dorigoni, MBG, Wen arXiv:2202.05784)

e.g.  $\int \prod_{i=1}^{m+4} dx_i \langle O_2(x_1) O_2(x_2) O_2(x_3) O_2(x_4) \overbrace{O_\tau(x_5) \dots O_\tau(x_{m+4})}^m \rangle$  Modular weight  $w = m$

- Extension to the second correlator  $\mathcal{G}_N^2(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \partial_m^4 \log Z_N(m, \tau, \bar{\tau})|_{m=0}$  (to be completed)

Large- $N$  expansion [Chester, MBG, Pufu, Wang, Wen] involves integer powers of  $1/N$  with coefficients that are “generalised Eisenstein series” satisfying

$$(\Delta_\tau - r(r+1))\mathcal{E}(r, s_1, s_2; \tau, \bar{\tau}) = -E(s_1, \tau, \bar{\tau}) E(s_2, \tau, \bar{\tau})$$

which arose in the discussion of the  $d^6 R^4$  term in the low energy expansion of type IIB string theory.

- Is there a generalization to higher derivatives w.r.t  $m$  - to determine the complete  $m$ -dependence??
- These results add to our knowledge of superstring scattering amplitudes in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  expanded around the large-radius (flat-space) and low energy limits.
- Many possible extensions to other models such as ABJM and to exceptional gauge groups.