

# Hexagons, QSL and the Bottom bridge

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# Summary

- Hexagons are a powerful tool for computing structure constants.
- As it happens for the anomalous dimensions finite size effects (Wrapping) are difficult to control
- We will mainly focus on a particular contribution to the hexagons (Bottom bridge)

# Overview

- $N=4$  Super Yang-Mills (SYM)
- A Bit of Quantum Spectral Curve (QSC)
- Hexagons, Wrapping & some conjectures
- Results (5-loops from QSC)
- Conclusions

# Integrability in $N=4$ SU(N) SYM

- $d=4$  interacting CFT. Composed of:  
 $\{A^\mu, \bar{\Phi}^I, \Psi_\alpha^a, \bar{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}}{}^a\}$  all transforming in the Adjoint  $SU(N)$   
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- Theory is dual to String theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$
- Planar limit ( $N \gg 0$ ) the theory is integrable
- Supersymmetry + conformal invariance  $\Rightarrow$   $PSU(2,2|4)$

# $\gamma$ and $C_{ijk}$

- Given conformal invariance, we are interested into two quantities anomalous dimensions & structure const.

- $O(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \lambda x} \lambda^{-\Delta} O(\lambda x)$  scaling dimension ↑

if op is not protected this gets corrections!

- OPE expansion

$$O_i(x) O_j(y) \approx \sum_k C_{ijk} g(\Delta, x-y) O_k^{(x-y)}$$

structure constants  $\langle O_i O_j O_k \rangle = C_{ijk}/...$

- Higher points correlation functions can be reduced with OPE

# Spectrum

- In the planar limit we need to focus on single trace operators only:  $O(x) = \text{Tr}[\dots\dots]$

↳ field+derivatives  
of  $N=4$   
spin-chains

- Single trace operators, can be seen as with periodic boundary conditions

$$\text{Tr}[Z X Z Z Z Z X] \rightarrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow$$

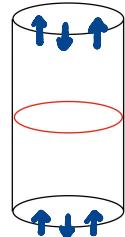
$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \longrightarrow & H \\ \gamma_n & \longrightarrow & E_n \end{array}$$

non-protected  
can have  $\gamma_n$

protected,  $\Delta$  is  
correct ( $\frac{1}{2}B\delta^2 - \text{Tr}[Z^4]$ )

# Spectrum of $N=5$

- Problem in trying to move up in perturbative order (away from large chains) are finite size corrections.

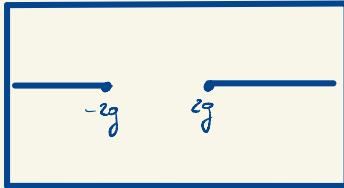
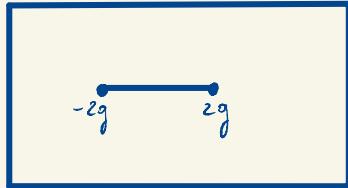


- TBA first solution for obtaining  $\gamma_n$  at finite coupling (complicated set of nested integral eq.)
- TBA  $\rightarrow$  Y-System  $\rightarrow$  T (hirata)  $\rightarrow$  QSC

# A Bit of QSC

- A non-perturbative approach to computing  $\Delta$ .
- 8 basic Q-functions

$$(P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 \mid Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4)$$



- Global information about the state is encoded into asymptotics ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ )
- Obtaining these functions is a R-H problem + finite difference eq.
- Can obtain T-matrices from combinations of Q-functions

- QQ-Relations :

$$Q_i = -P^\alpha Q_{\alpha i}^+, \quad Q^i = P_\alpha Q^{\alpha i+}$$

$$Q_{\alpha i}^+ - Q_{\alpha i}^- = P_\alpha Q_i \quad P_\alpha P^\alpha = 0 = Q_i Q^i \quad Q^{\alpha i} = -(Q_{\alpha i}^+)^*$$

- Two extra  $i$ -periodic functions

$M_{ab}, w_{ij} \leftarrow$  used for analytical continuation

P- $\mu$  System

$P_a, P^\alpha, \tilde{P}_a, \tilde{P}^\alpha$

$M_{ab}, \tilde{M}_{ab}$

$Q_{\alpha i}$

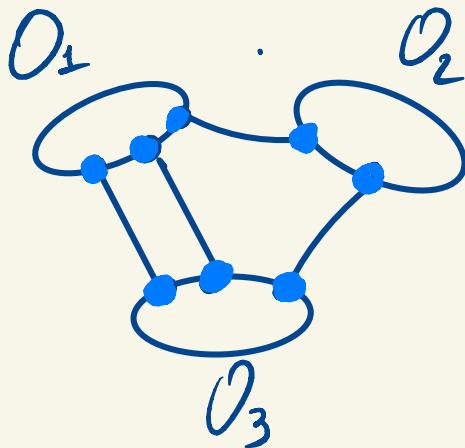
Q-w System

$Q_i, Q^i, \tilde{Q}_i, \tilde{Q}^i$

$w_{ij}, \tilde{w}_{ij}$

# Structure Constants

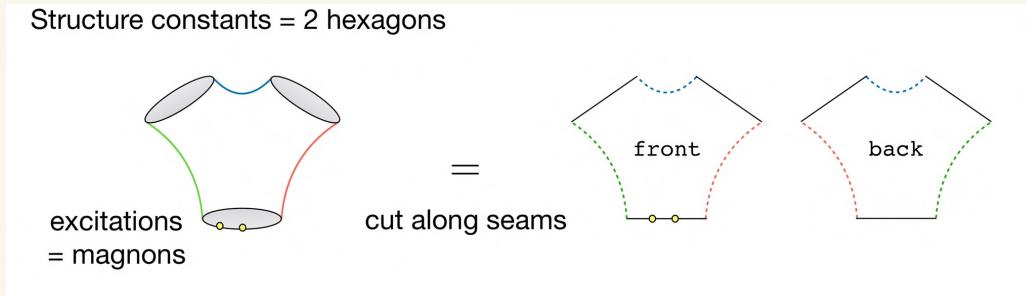
- As we have seen structure constants are associated with 3-point function:



- We will focus on the simplest case where only  $O_3$  is non-protected

# Hexagons

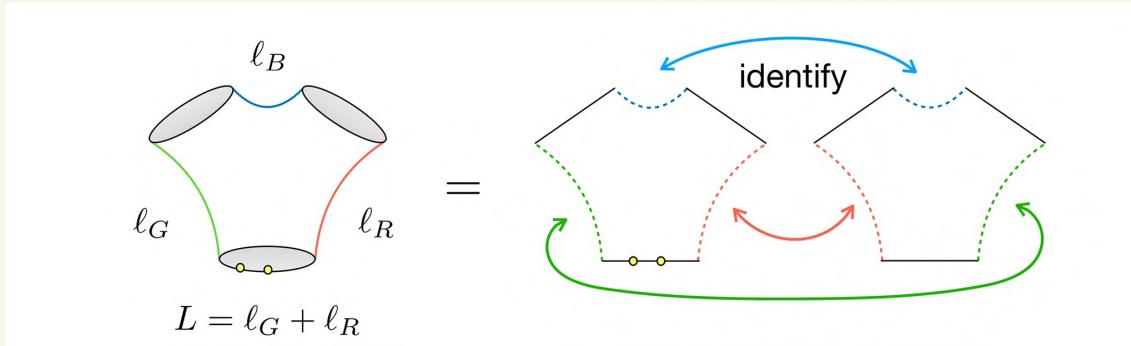
- Building blocks for correlation functions (single trace Op)



- Hexagon form factor conjecturally known to all loops, fixed by symmetry and form-factors axioms

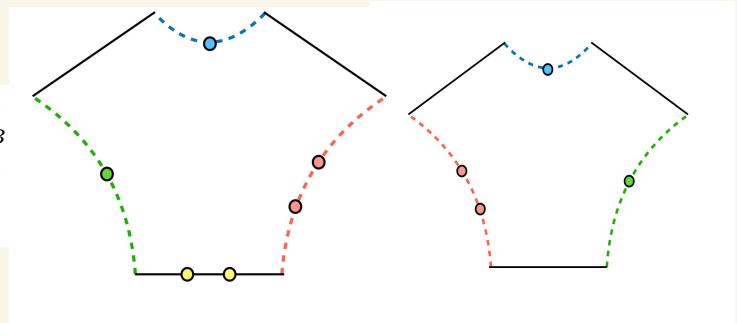
A hexagon with boundary points  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  at the bottom. An equals sign follows this diagram, and to the right is the expression  $= h(u_1, u_2)$ .

## • How does it work?

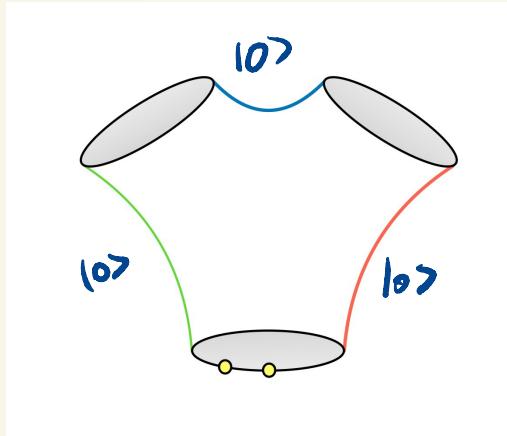


To obtain  $C_{ijk}$ , we need to sum over the  
3-mirror channels

$$\sum_{N_\text{green}, N_\text{red}, N_\text{blue}} e^{-\ell_G E_G - \ell_R E_R - \ell_B E_B}$$



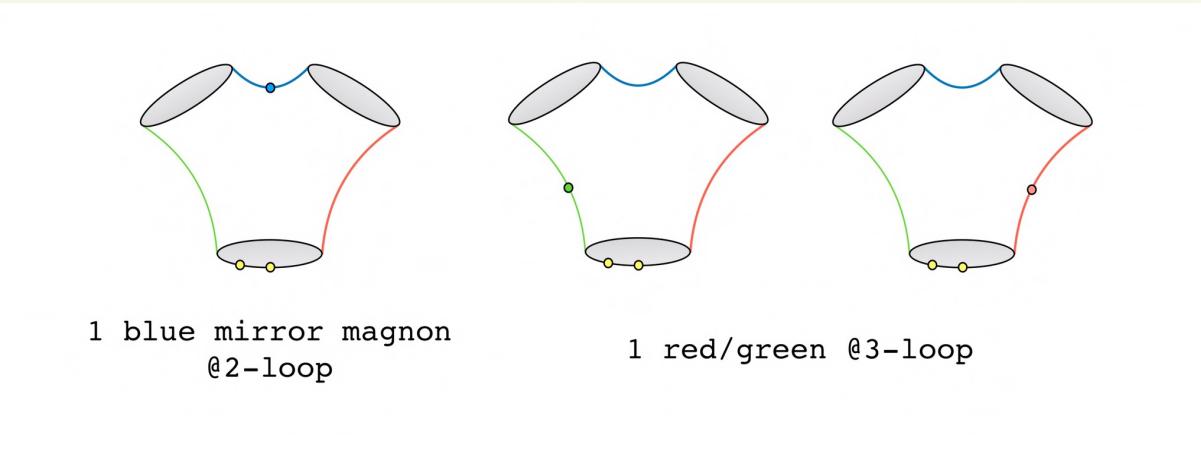
The asymptotic contribution, when we have 3-vacua



$$\approx \text{Gaudin}^{-1} \times \begin{matrix} \text{Sum over partitions} \\ \text{of Bethe roots} \end{matrix}$$

- for large enough bridges ( $\ell_g, \ell_r, \ell_b \gg 1$ ) we can suppress the other contribution.

The other contributions look like (we specialize to the "lowest" operator)

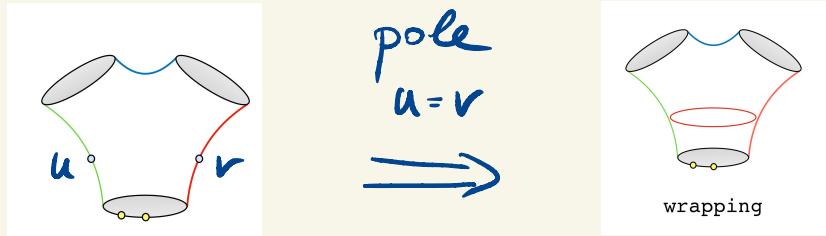


- Still under control, for example the first term

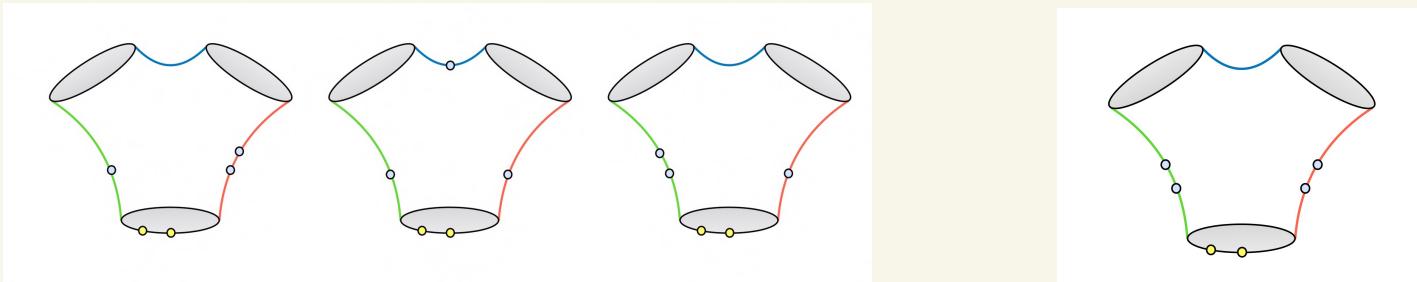
Asymptotic contribution  $\times \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} \int_{\partial D} \frac{T_\alpha(\bar{v}^\delta) M_\alpha(\bar{v}^\delta)}{(y^{[\alpha]} y^{[-\alpha]})^c \prod_j h_\alpha(\bar{v}^\delta, u_j)} \Rightarrow$

$36 g_3$  for Konishi

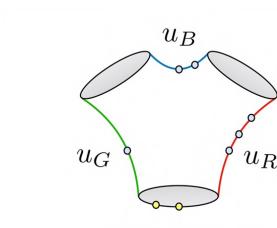
- At 5-loops we encounter the first divergence



- We get way more terms at the next orders.

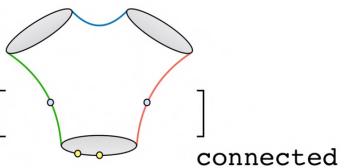
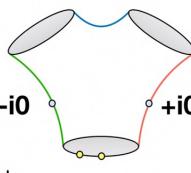
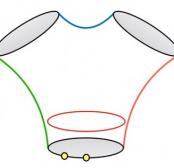


- Let us look at the bare integrand:

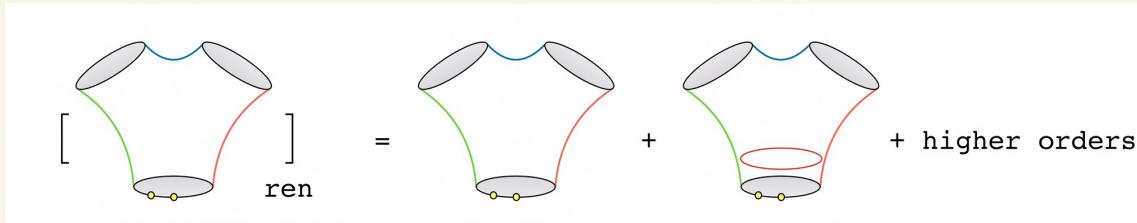


$$\frac{e^{-\ell_G E_G} W_G(u_G) e^{-\ell_B E_B} W_B(u_B) e^{-\ell_R E_R} W_R(u_R)}{\Delta(u_G, u_R)}$$

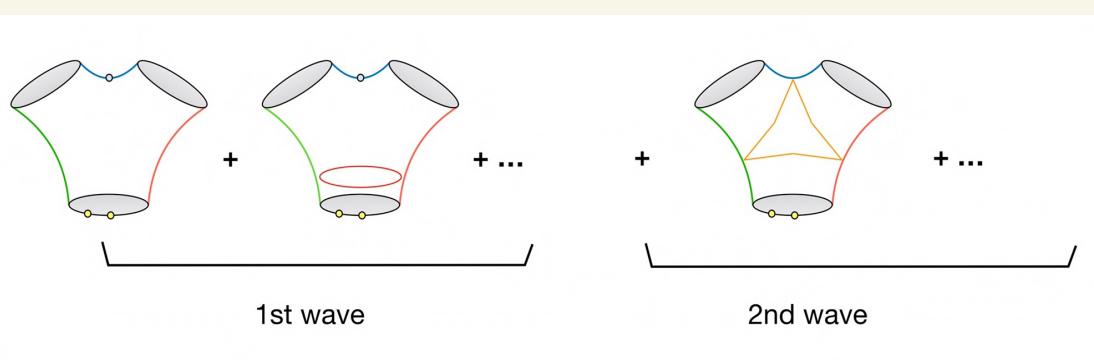
- divergence comes from  $\Delta(u_G, u_R)$ , we could shift the integration contour and add a contact term (proper derivation using form factors)

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	$+$	 Contact term: localized 1-fold integral

- In this process the contact term modifies the asymptotic contribution



- By doing the same procedure @ 3-loops discovered a new contribution



# Renormalized Integrand

We can now write down a renormalized version of our bare integrand

$$C_{ijk} = N \sum \int \frac{W_G W_B W_R}{\Delta_{GR}^{+io}}$$

$$W_{G,R}(u) = e^{-\ell_{G,R} E} \mathbb{T}_{+,-}(u^\gamma)$$

$$W_B(u) = e^{-\ell_B E} \mathbb{T}_-(u^{-\gamma}) + e^{-\ell_D E} \mathbb{T}_+(u^{+\gamma})$$

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$$e^{-LE} \mathbb{T}_+(u^\gamma) \mathbb{T}_-(u^\gamma) = \frac{Y(u^\gamma)}{1 + Y(u^\gamma)}$$

$$\mathbb{T}_+(u^\gamma) / \mathbb{T}_-(u^\gamma) = e^{i \int \partial_v \ln \Delta(v^\gamma, u^\gamma) \log(1 + Y(v^\gamma))}$$

# QSC-Integrand

- Using a relation between the different  $W_i$  we can write down:

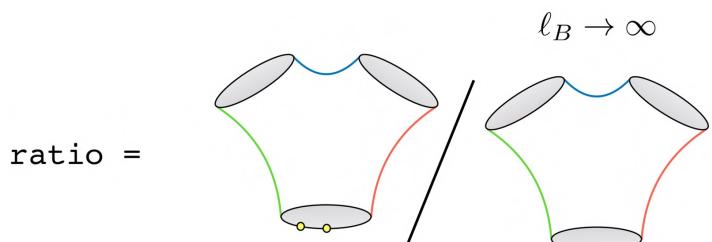
$$W_B \approx -\frac{Q_i^{(+\alpha)} Q^{(-\alpha)}}{y_i^{(+\alpha)} y^{(-\alpha)}} \mu_\alpha(v^r).$$

- $Q_i^{(+\alpha)} Q^{(-\alpha)}$  can be extracted perturbatively from the QSC.

# Match with perturbative data

$C_{ijk}$  for our "lowest" operator (Konishi) with two protected ones ( $\langle \text{Tr}[z^i] \text{Tr}[D^2 z^j] \text{Tr}[z^k] \rangle$ ) has been computed using perturbation theory (Feynman diagrams) up to 5-loops.

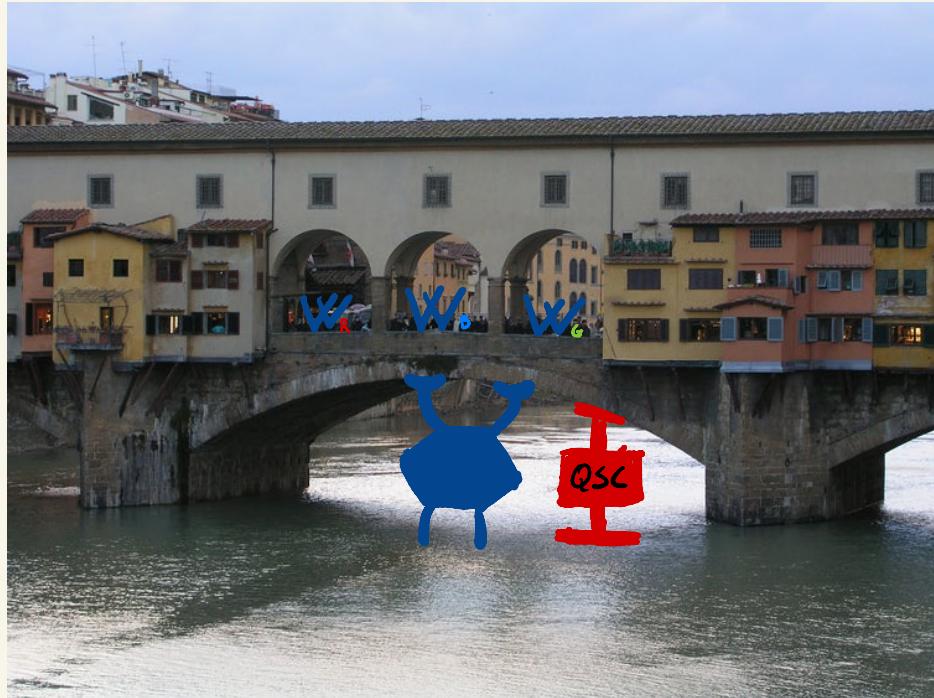
- We can extract the bottom contribution by:



Matches with  
⇒  $W_B$ !

# Conclusions

- Interpret "triple-wrapping" as new fundamental object in the Bottom bridge
- Constructed corrected integrand to account for new effect using QSC building blocks  
(Non trivial 5-loop check with perturbative data)
- We also have several strong coupling checks that support our conjectures. Some ideas also can be applied to adjacent bridges.



Thank you!