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Polygon Amplitudes at High Energies

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Gauge Theory as an Integrable System



Motivation and Programme

Goal: Interpolation of scattering amplitudes in N = 4 SYM theory from weak to strong coupling

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \mathcal{A}_n^{(0)} e^{F_n^{\text{BDS}}(s,t;\epsilon,\lambda) + R_n(s,t;\lambda)}$$

Only remainder function $R_n = R_n(u)$ remains to be found
cross ratios

1. From successful interpolation of anomalous dimensions

→ String theory in AdS can provide decisive input

2. In perturbative N = 4 SYM amplitudes simplify in HE limit

Still very interesting: physically relevant, BFKL, BKP integrability
global information, boundary data [→ Dixon's talk]

→ Understand R in HE limit within string theory on AdS

Main Results

Main Insight: HE limit of remainder R at $a = \infty$ is determined by IR limit of 1D q-integrable system

Simplification: TBA integral eqs \rightarrow algebraic BA eqs

$n = 6$: [Bartels,Kotanski,VS]

$n > 6$: [Bartels,VS,Sprenger]

Exploit this insight to compute remainder fct R^∞ in HE limit

$n = 6$ [Bartels,Kotanski,VS,Sprenger]

$$R_6^{\infty, \text{MRL}}(u, w) \sim \mathcal{R}^\infty(u, w) := \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} e_2 \left(\ln(1 - u) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln |w|^2}{\ln |1 + w|^4} \right)$$

$n = 7$ [Bartels,VS,Sprenger]

$$R_{7, \varrho_3}^{\infty, \text{MRL}} \sim \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_1, w_1) + \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_2, w_2)$$

\leftrightarrow [Bartels,Kormilitzin,Lipatov, Prygarin] ; [Golden,Spradlin]

Plan

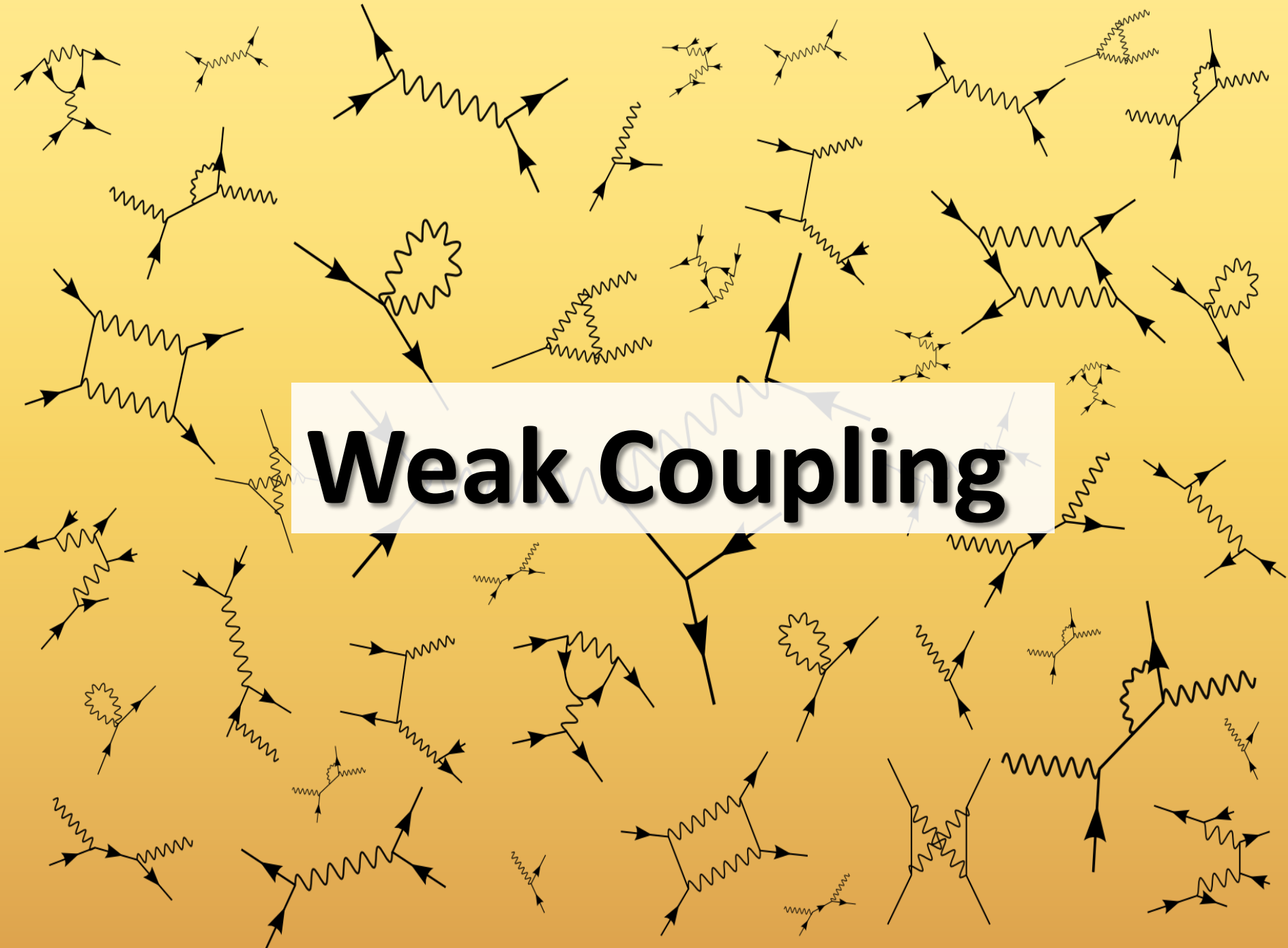
1. Multi-Regge kinematics & regions
2. The remainder function R in MRL **brief review**
3. MRL of Thermodynamic Bubble Ansatz **= Bethe Ansatz**
4. Results for $n = 6, 7$ gluons
5. Conclusions and outlook

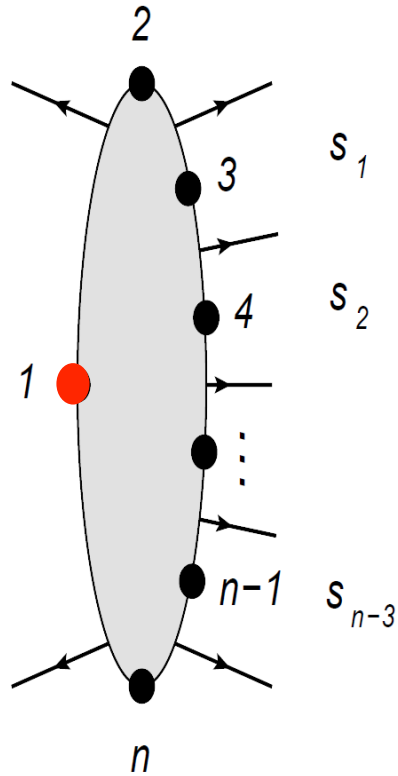
Based on work with Jochen Bartels, (Jan Kotanski), Martin Sprenger

[arXiv:1009.3938](https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.3938), [arXiv:1207.4204](https://arxiv.org/abs/1207.4204), [arXiv:1311.1512](https://arxiv.org/abs/1311.1512), [arXiv:1405.3658](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.3658)

and on discussions with Yasuyuki Hatsuda, Andrey Kormilitzin

Weak Coupling





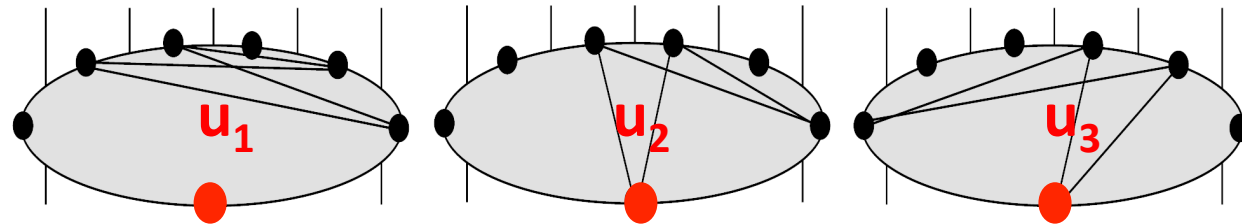
2 \rightarrow n-2 Multi-Regge limit

Is the limit $s_r \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$- x_{1,r+2}^2 =: t_r \quad \frac{x_{r+1,r'+3}^2}{s_r \cdots s_{r'}} =: \eta_{rr'}$$

remain finite $r = 1, \dots, n-3$

$\sigma = 1, \dots, n-5$



In terms of $3n-15$ cross ratios: $u_{1\sigma} \rightarrow 1$ $u_{2\sigma}, u_{3\sigma} \rightarrow 0$

$$\left[\frac{u_{2\sigma}}{1 - u_{1\sigma}} \right]^{\text{MRL}} =: \frac{1}{|1 + w_\sigma|^2} \quad \left[\frac{u_{3\sigma}}{1 - u_{1\sigma}} \right]^{\text{MRL}} =: \frac{|w_\sigma|^2}{|1 + w_\sigma|^2}$$


Multi-Regge Regions

BDS formula produces correct MRL in Eucl. region

$$R(u_{1\sigma}, u_{2\sigma}, u_{3\sigma})_{\varrho_e}^{\text{MRL}} = 0 \quad s_r > 0$$

$$\varrho_e = (+ + \cdots +)$$

Multi-Regge regions are labeled by $\varrho = (\text{sign} s_r)$



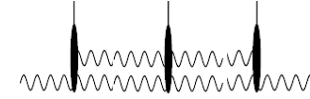
$$\varrho_1 = (- + - +) \quad \varrho_2 = (+ - + -) \quad \varrho_3 = (- + + -)$$

Upon analytic continuation to $\varrho \neq \varrho_e$, $u_{1\sigma}$ winds

around $u_{1\sigma} = 1 \rightarrow R$ may pick up cut contributions

$$Li_2\left(1 - \frac{1}{u_1'}\right) R(u_{1\sigma}, u_{2\sigma}, u_{3\sigma})_{\varrho}^{\text{MRL}} \neq 0 \quad \tau i \log(1 - u_1) + 2\pi^2$$

Cut contributions in MRL - form



Cut contributions are labeled by $P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m)$

$$m = n - 5$$

$$|p_\sigma - p_{\sigma+1}| \leq 1, \quad p_\sigma \geq 1$$

BFKL eigenvalue

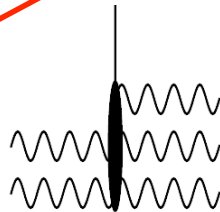
$$\mu(\nu, n; w) = (-1)^n \left(\frac{w}{\bar{w}}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} |w|^{2i\nu} \quad F_p(n, \nu; u, w) = \omega_p(\nu, n) \left(\log(1-u) + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{|w|^2}{|1+w|^4} \right)$$

$$C_P(u_\sigma, w_\sigma) = i \frac{a}{2} \sum_{n_\sigma} \int \frac{d^m \nu_\sigma}{(2\pi)^m} \prod_{\sigma=1}^m \mu(\nu_\sigma, n_\sigma; w_\sigma) e^{-F_{p_\sigma}(\nu_\sigma, n_\sigma; u_\sigma, w_\sigma)} \times$$

$$u_\sigma = u_{1\sigma}$$

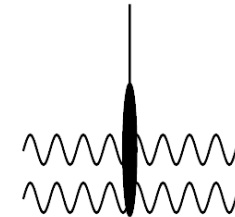
$$\times \Phi_{1p_1}(\nu_1, n_1) \left(\prod_{\sigma=1}^{m-1} \Phi_{p_\sigma p_{\sigma+1}}(\nu_\sigma, n_\sigma | \nu_{\sigma+1}, n_{\sigma+1}) \right) \Phi_{p_m 1}(\nu_m, n_m)$$

Impact factors



$\phi_{2,3}$

production vertices



$\phi_{2,2}$

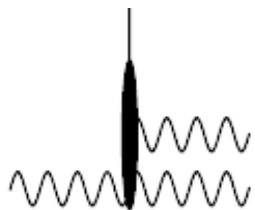
Results on Building Blocks ω, ϕ

$\omega_p(v,n) \sim$ lowest Eigenvalue of BFKL/BKP Hamiltonian
on open $SL(2)$ spin chain of length p in $SL(2)$ rep (v,n)

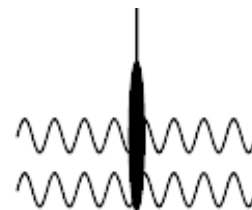
ω_2 up to N^2LLA [Fadin,Lipatov] . [Dixon,Drummond,Duhr,Pennington]

Hamiltonian known in $NLLA$ for $p > 2$ [Bartels,Lipatov,Fadin,Vacca]

Simplest impact factors & production vertices in LLA



[Bartels,Lipatov,
Sabio-Vera]
 N^3 : [Dixon et al.]



[Bartels,Kormilitzin,
Lipatov, Prygarin]

Sufficient to construct MRL of R in all regions, $n=6,7$

Building the Remainder

Cut (and pole) contributions used to build Remainder

e.g.

$$(e^{R+i\pi\delta})^{\text{MRL}} = \cos \pi\omega_0 + i \frac{a}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{w}{w^*}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int \frac{d\nu}{\nu^2 + \frac{n^2}{4}} |w|^{2i\nu} \Phi(\nu, n) \left((u_1 - 1) \frac{|w|}{|1+w|^2} \right)^{-\omega(\nu, n)}$$

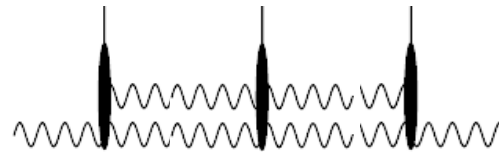
[Bartels, Lipatov, Sabio Vera] [Fadin, Lipatov]

↔ [Caron-Huot]

Similarly, for n=7:



$$Q_3 = (- + + -)$$



$$P = (2, 2)$$

[Bartels, Kormilitzin, Lipatov, Prygarin]

In general several cuts P may contribute to one region ρ

need to construct case by case

Consistency of amplitude imposes strong constraints

New (almost Feynman free) computational technique [Bartels ..]



Strong Coupling

Strong Coupling TBA

[Alday,Gaiotto, Maldacena][Alday,Maldacena,Sever,Vieira]

R = free energy of 1D quantum system involving $3n-15$

particles $[m_A, C_A]$ with integrable interaction $[K_{AB} \leftrightarrow S_{AB}]$

complex masses \downarrow chemical potentials \downarrow rapidity \downarrow

$$1 \quad \log Y_A(\theta) = p_A(\theta) + \sum_B \int d\theta' K_{AB}(\theta - \theta') \log (1 + Y_B(\theta'))$$

$(a, s) \quad a = 1, 2, 3; \quad s = 1, \dots, n - 5$ `particle densities`

$$2 \quad \text{Compute } A_{\text{free}}(m, C) = \sum_A \int d\theta |m_A| \cosh \theta \log (1 + Y_A(\theta))$$

$$3 \quad \text{Solve } u_{\alpha\sigma} = \left. \frac{Y_{A_{\alpha\sigma}}}{1 + Y_{A_{\alpha\sigma}}} \right|_{\theta=\theta_{\alpha\sigma}} \text{ for } (m(u), C(u)) \text{ and determine}$$

$$R_n^\infty = A_{\text{free}}(u) + \dots$$

MRL = Large Mass Limit

gauge theory

1D quantum system

Multi-Regge regime reached when [Bartels, VS, Sprenger]

$$m_s e^{i(s-1)\frac{\pi}{4}} \rightarrow \infty$$

4D MRL = 2D IR

while keeping C_s and $v_s = \text{Im} \left(m_s e^{i(s-1)\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)$ fixed

Rough idea: Cross ratios assume MRL values $u_1 \rightarrow 1; u_2, u_3 \rightarrow 0$

$\Leftrightarrow Y_A \rightarrow 0$ using that $u_{\alpha\sigma} = Y_{A_{\alpha\sigma}} (1 + Y_{A_{\alpha\sigma}})^{-1} \Big|_{\theta=\theta_{\alpha\sigma}}$

$$\ln Y_A = p_A(\theta) = -m_A \cosh(\theta) + C_A$$

Remainder function vanishes in MRL $R_{n,\rho_e}^{\infty, \text{MRL}} = 0$

vacuum energy vanishes for infinite masses

Cut contributions = excitation energies

gauge theory

1D quantum system

Upon analytic continuation of system parameters, one may create excitations ← sols. of $Y(\theta) = -1$ crossing contour

compare ↑↓

[Dorey, Tateo]

Upon analytic continuation of the kinematic invariants, one may pick up cut contributions ← s. above

In MRL (1D low energy limit), excitations contribute a sum of bare energies to remainder R (\leftrightarrow free energy)

Multi-Regge Bethe Ansatz

In MRL: TBA \rightarrow BA for rapidities θ of bare excitations

$$1 \quad \theta_\mu^{(A)}, \mu = 1, \dots, N_A \quad \kappa = -\text{sign}(\text{Im}\theta)$$

$$e^{p_A(\theta_\mu^{(A)})} = \prod_B \prod_{\nu=1}^{N_B} S_{AB}(\theta_\mu^{(A)} - \theta_\nu^{(B)})^{\kappa_\nu^{(B)}}$$

From solution of BA equations compute the energy

$$2 \quad A_{\text{free}} \sim \sum_A \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_A} \tilde{\kappa}_\nu^{(A)} |m_s| \sinh(\theta_\nu^{(A)})$$

$$3 \quad \text{Solve } u_{\alpha\sigma} = \frac{Y_{A\alpha\sigma}}{1 + Y_{A\alpha\sigma}} \Big|_{\theta=\theta_{\alpha\sigma}} \text{ for } (m(u), C(u)) \text{ \& \underline{compute } } R$$

$$\text{with } \log Y_A(\theta) = p_A(\theta) - \sum_B \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_B} \kappa_\nu^{(B)} \log S_{AB}(\theta - \theta_\nu^{(B)})$$

Example: The n = 6 solution

Relevant BA solution for region $\rho = (- + -)$

has

$$N^{(1)} = 0, N^{(2)} = 0, N^{(3)} = 2$$

Input from numerics

Symmetry \Rightarrow

$$\theta_* = \theta_{\nu=1}^{(3)} = -\theta_{\nu=2}^{(3)}$$

$$S_1(\theta) = i \frac{1 - ie^\theta}{1 + ie^\theta}$$

BA for θ_*

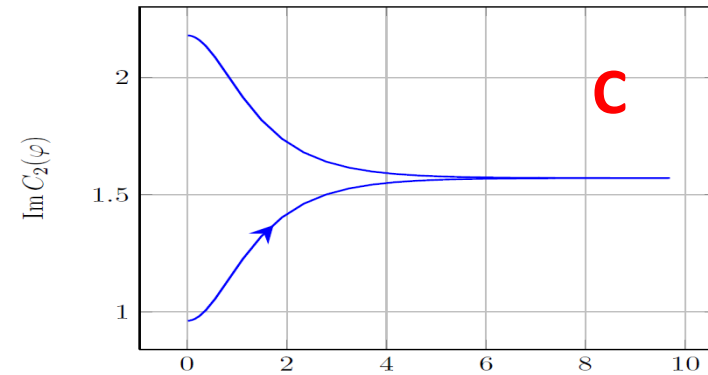
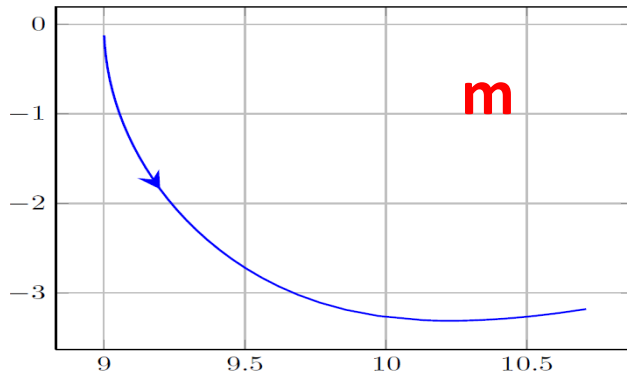
$$e^{p_3(\theta_*)} = \frac{1}{S_1(-2\theta_*)} = S_1(2\theta_*) \Rightarrow \theta_\nu^{(3)} = \pm i \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{(-+-)}^{\infty, \text{MRL}}(u_1, w) \sim \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} e_2 \left(\ln(1 - u_1) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln |w|^2}{\ln |1 + w|^4} \right)$$

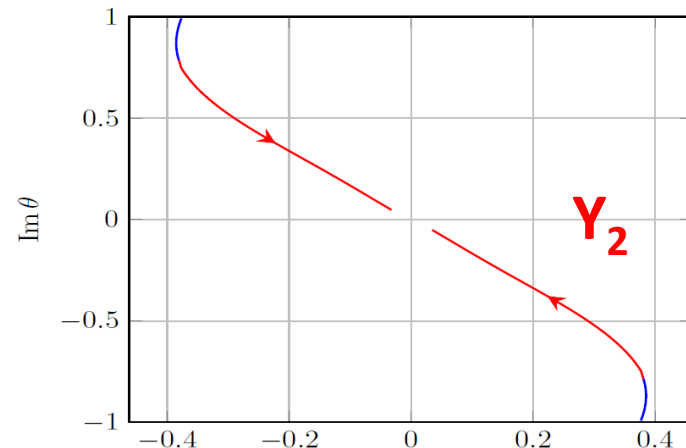
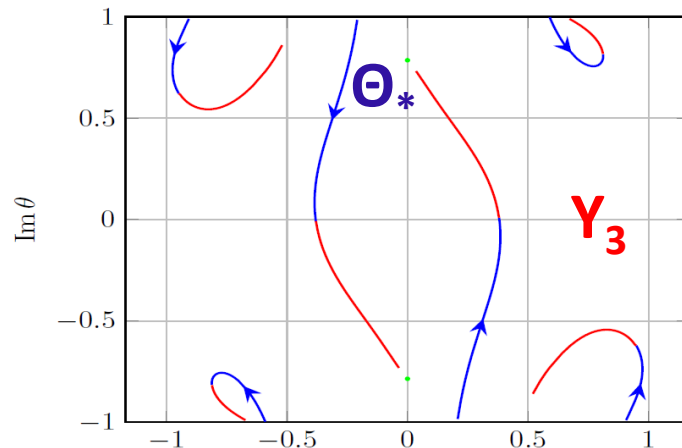
$$e_2 = -\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) \sim -.53$$

Remarks on Numerics $n = 6$

Variation of system parameters m, C to reach $\rho = (- + -)$



Movement of solutions for $Y_3(\theta) = -1$ and $Y_2(\theta) = -1$ along path

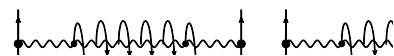
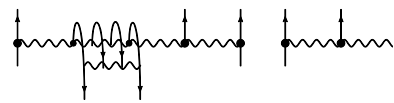


The n = 7 Remainder Function

Now computed for three of four non-trivial regions

expressed through

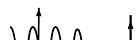
same as in n=6



$$\rho_1 = (- + - +)$$

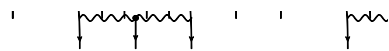
$$\mathcal{R}^\infty(u, w) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} e_2 \left(\ln(1 - u_1) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln |w|^2}{\ln |1 + w|^4} \right)$$

$$R_{7,\rho_1}^{\infty \text{ MRL}} + i\pi \delta_{7,\rho_1} = \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_{a1})$$



$$\rho_2 = (+ - + -)$$

$$R_{7,\rho_2}^{\infty \text{ MRL}} + i\pi \delta_{7,\rho_2} = \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_{a2})$$



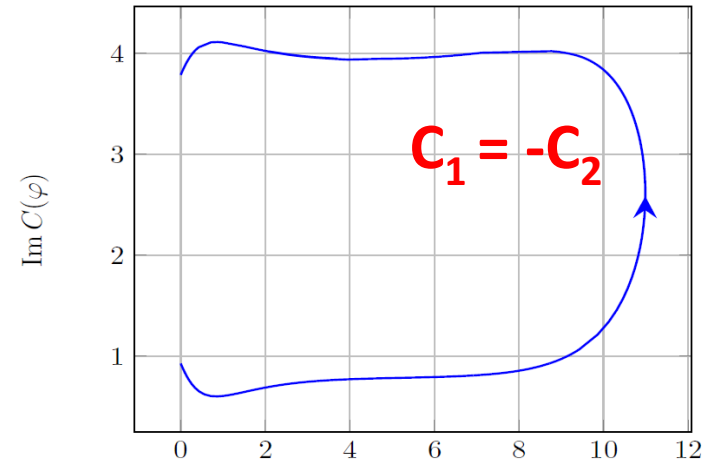
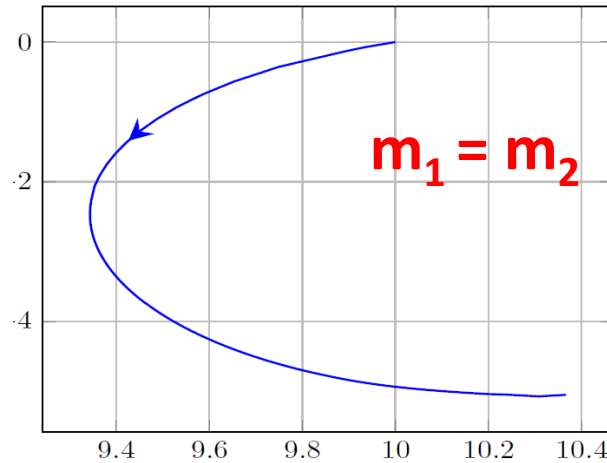
$$\rho_3 = (- + + -)$$

$$R_{7,\rho_3}^{\infty \text{ MRL}} + i\pi \delta_{7,\rho_3} = \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_{a1}) + \mathcal{R}^\infty(u_{a2})$$

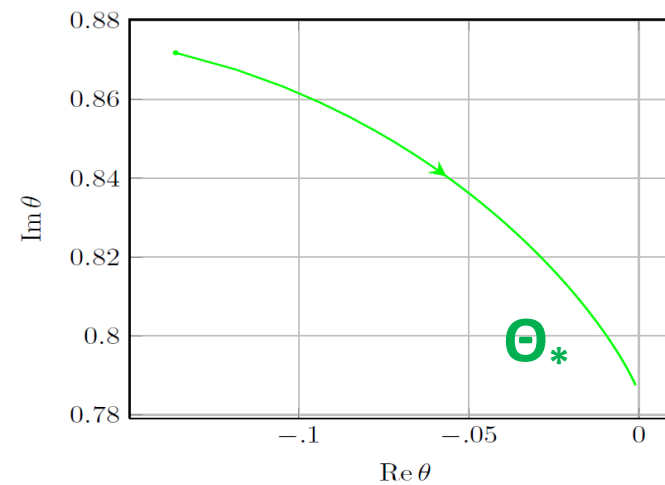
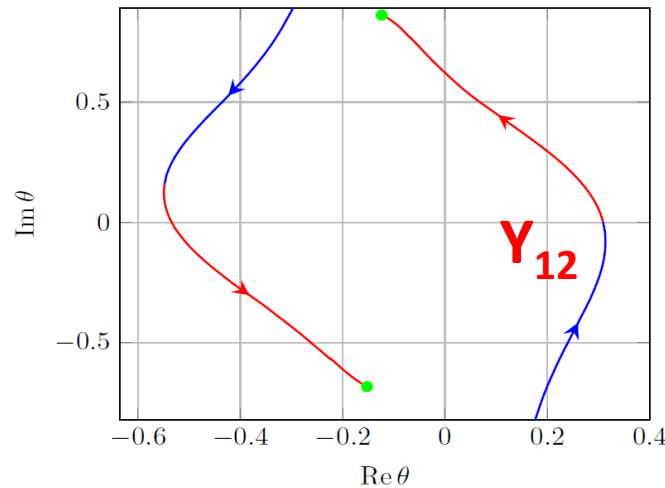
Consistent with factorization in N=4 SYM!

Remarks on Numerics $n = 7$

Variation of system parameters m, C to reach $\rho = (- ++ -)$



Movement of solutions for $Y_{12}(\theta) = -1$ along path (sim for Y_{31})



Conclusions and Outlook

R_n simplifies in MRL at weak and at strong coupling

Strong coupling simplifications possess nice physics

interpretation: MRL = IR limit of TBA

Fourth region for $n = 7$? Several cuts P contribute?



Case $n = 8$? Weak coupling: *work in progress* [Bartels et al.]

At strong coupling: New number e_3 should appear! $\leftrightarrow \omega_3$

Interpolation between weak and strong coupling? [Basso, Caron-Huot, Sver]

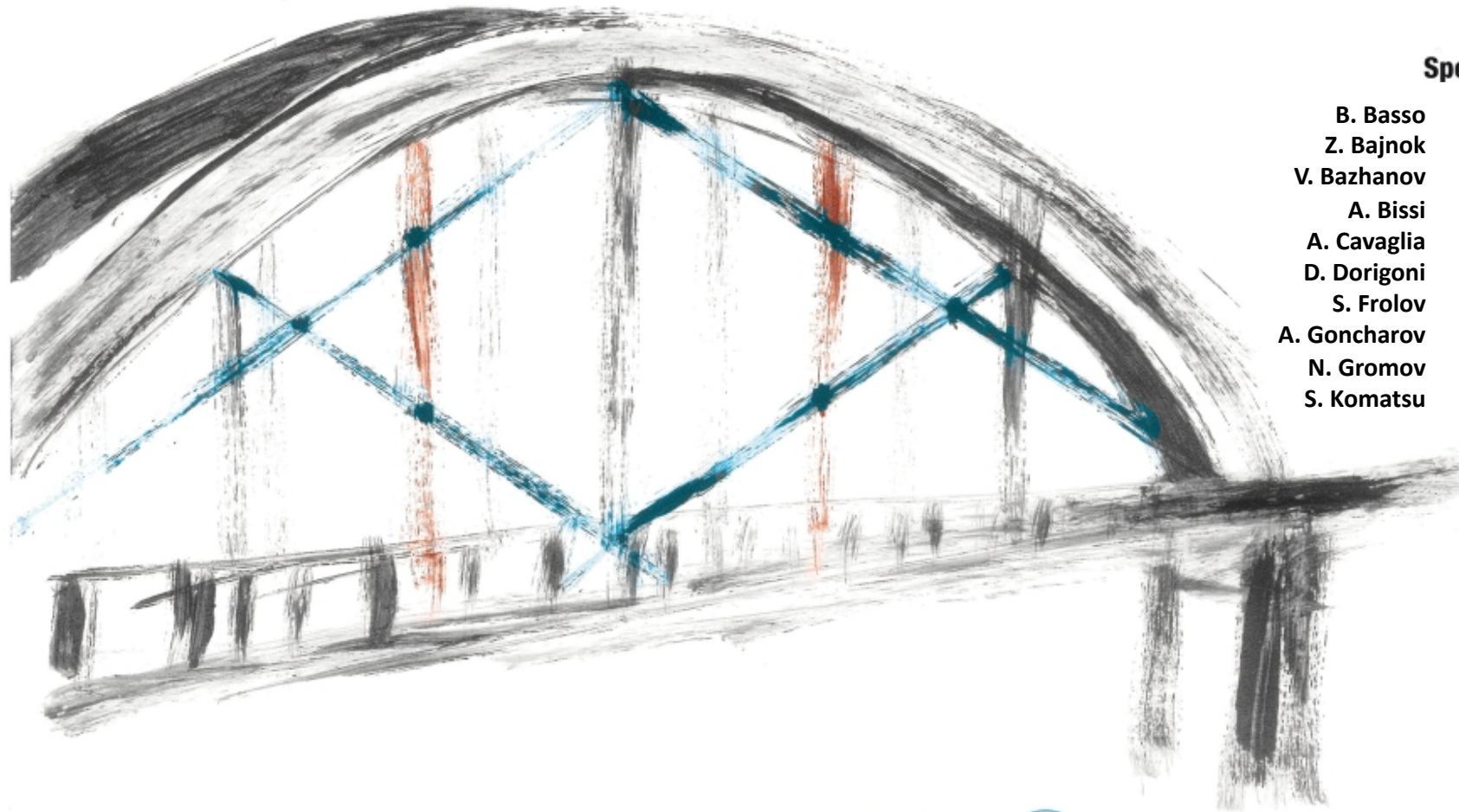
Relation between MRL and OPE & collinear limit? [Hatsuda]

→ Basso's talk

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