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## *Gluon scattering in AdS from supersymmetric localization*

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Based on

arXiv: [2103.10440](#) [hep-th] with **LF Alday, C Behan, X Zhou**

arXiv: [2305.01016](#) [hep-th] with **C Behan, S Chester**

# Plan of the talk

Introduction

Gluons in AdS



# *Introduction*

# Long term goals

Solving  
an interacting QFT

Focus on  
**Gauge theories**  
(toy model for SM)

and  
**Conformal Field Theories**  
(chart space of QFTs)

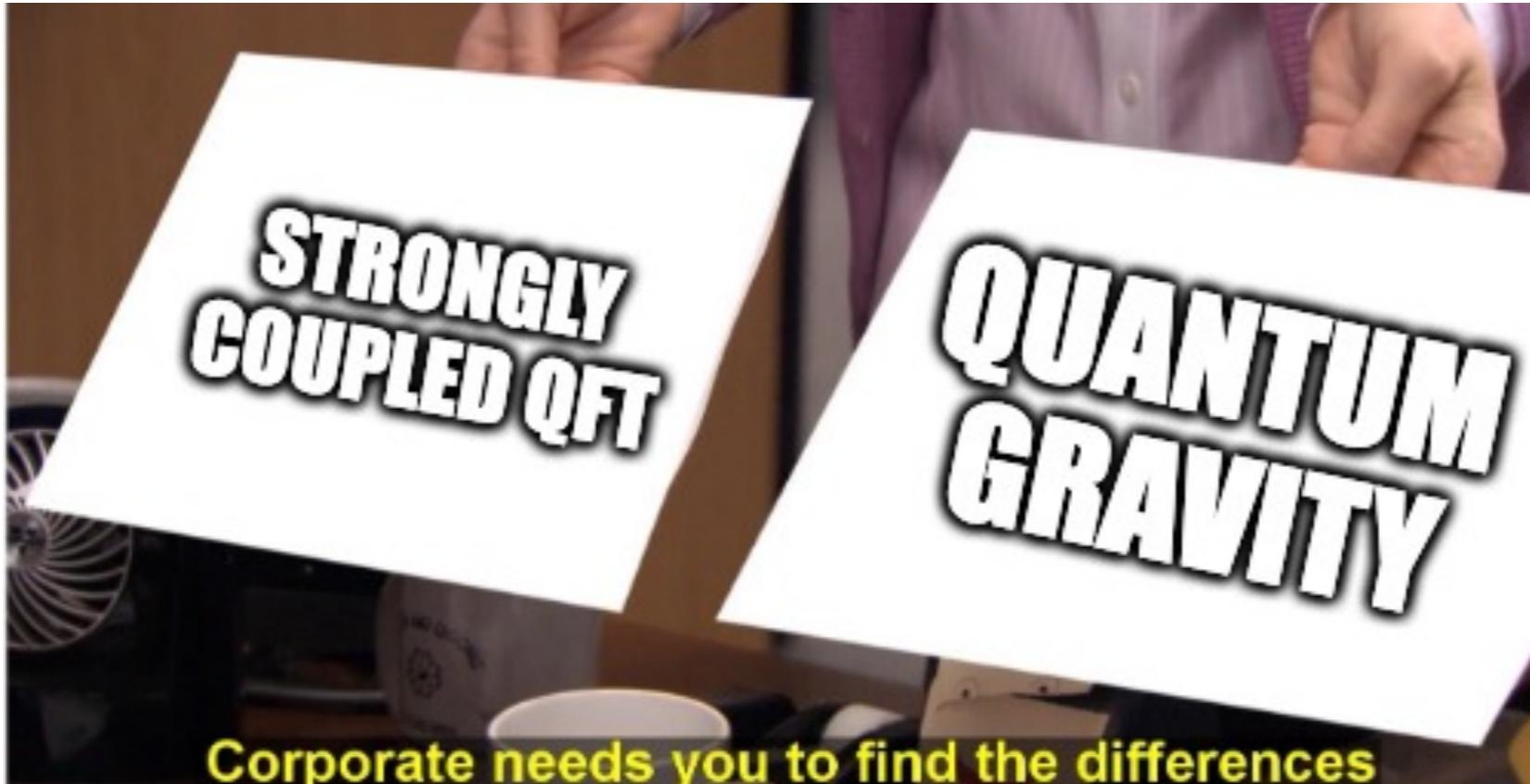
with a certain amount of  
**Supersymmetry**  
(more tractable)

Understanding  
quantum gravity

Focus on  
**Superstring theory**  
(UV complete model)

in the low energy limit:  
**10d supergravity**  
(Semiclassical)

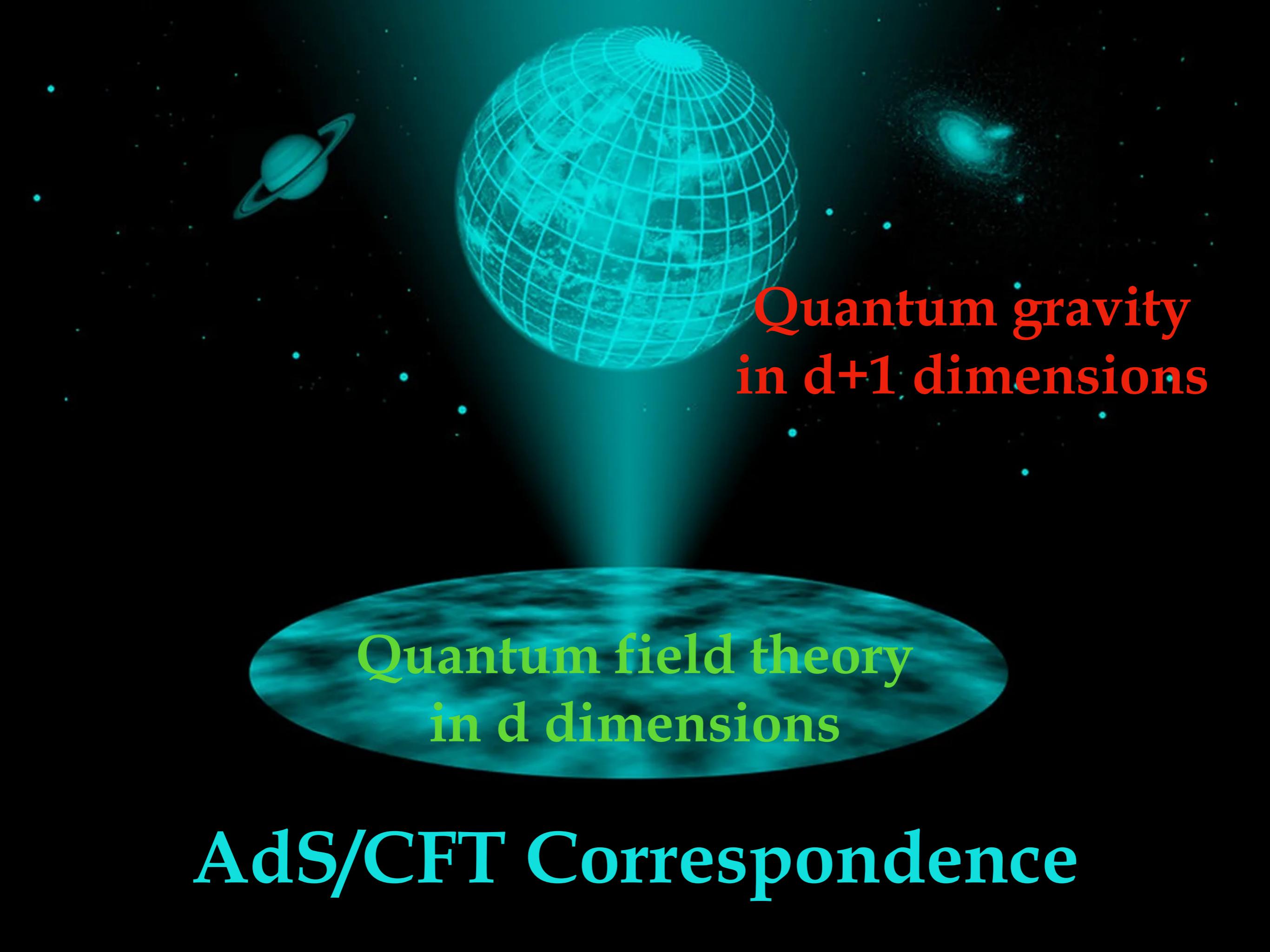
in particular  
**Supersymmetric solutions**  
(easier, interesting geometry)



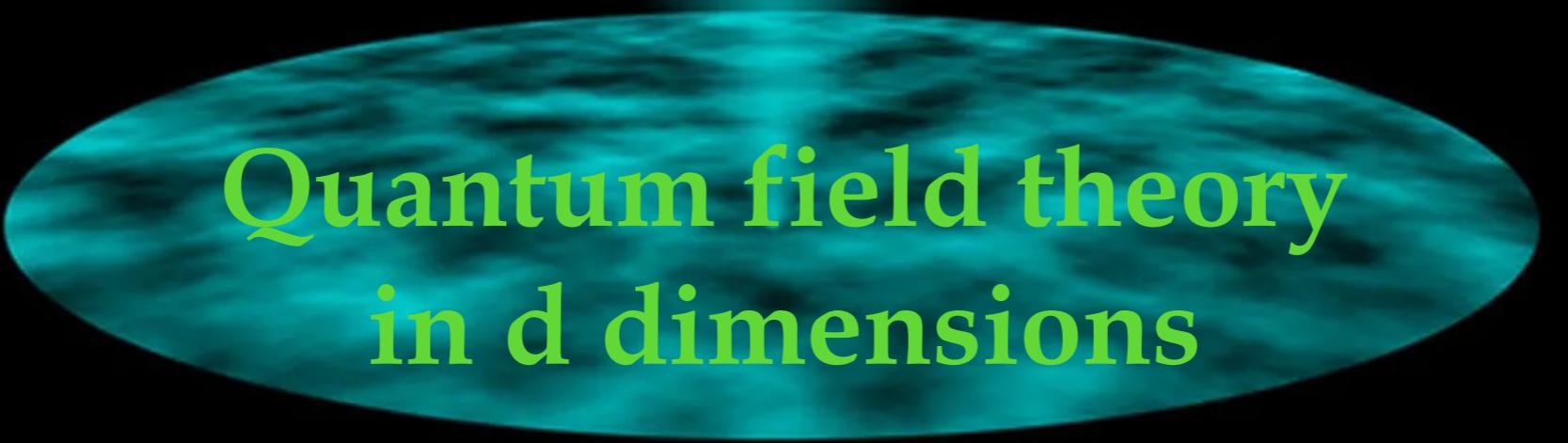
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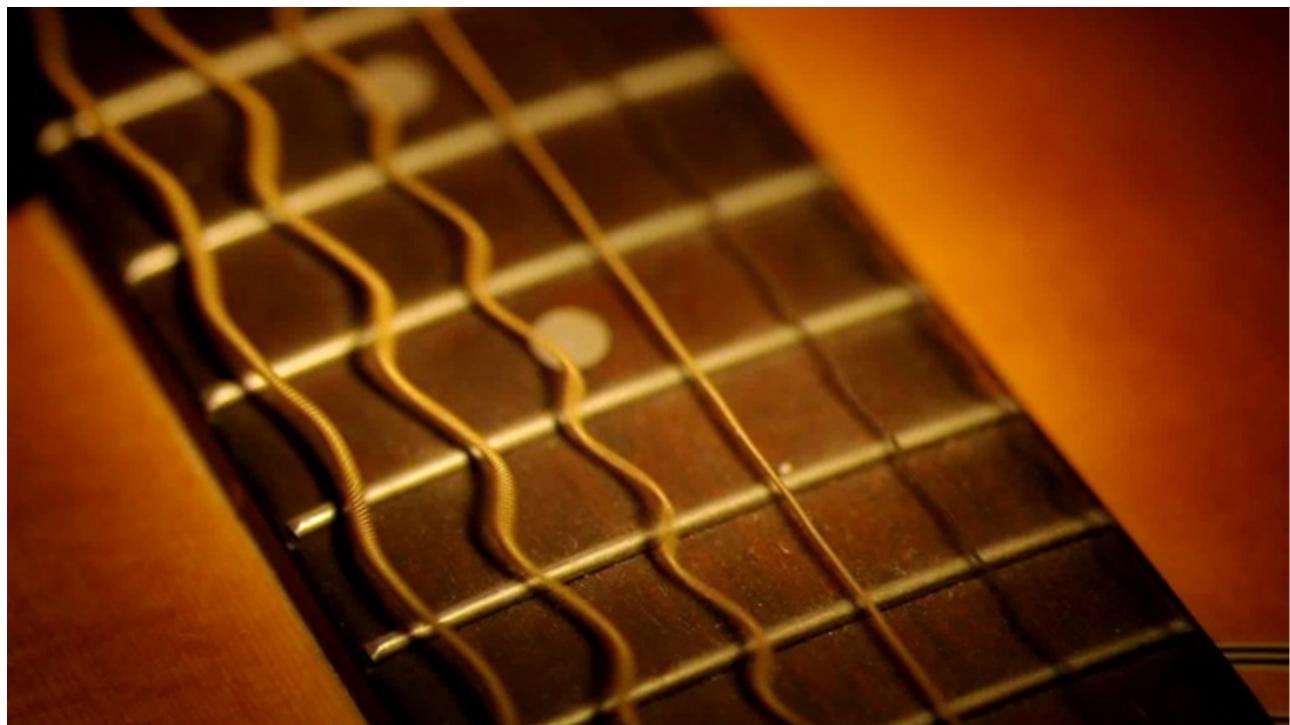
**Quantum gravity  
in  $d+1$  dimensions**



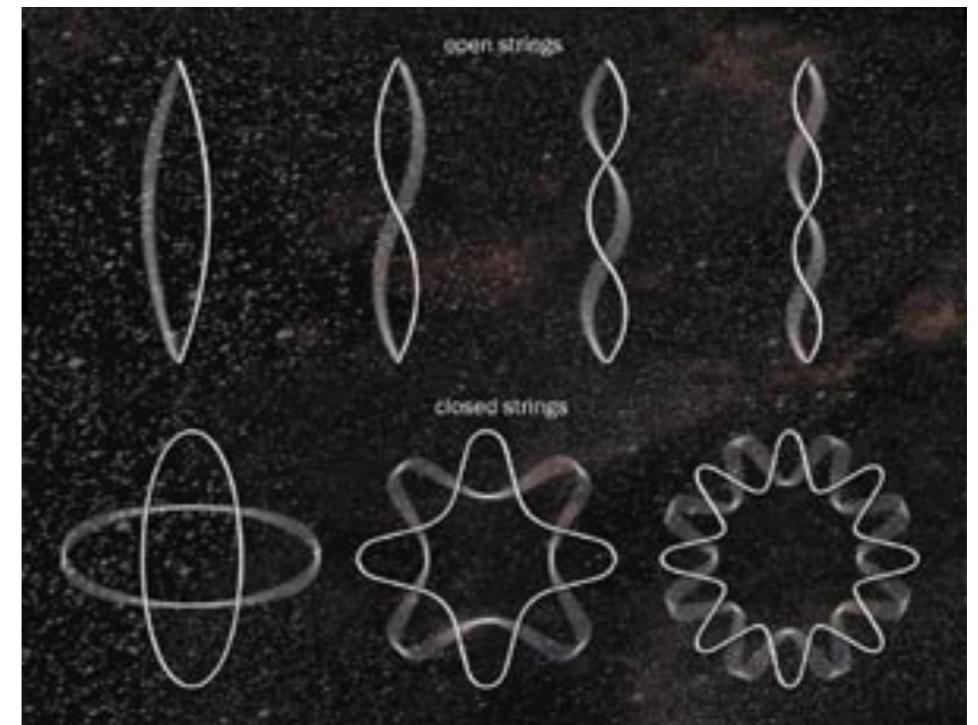
**Quantum field theory  
in  $d$  dimensions**

**AdS/CFT Correspondence**

# String theory



*Musical notes*



*Particles*

## Spectrum

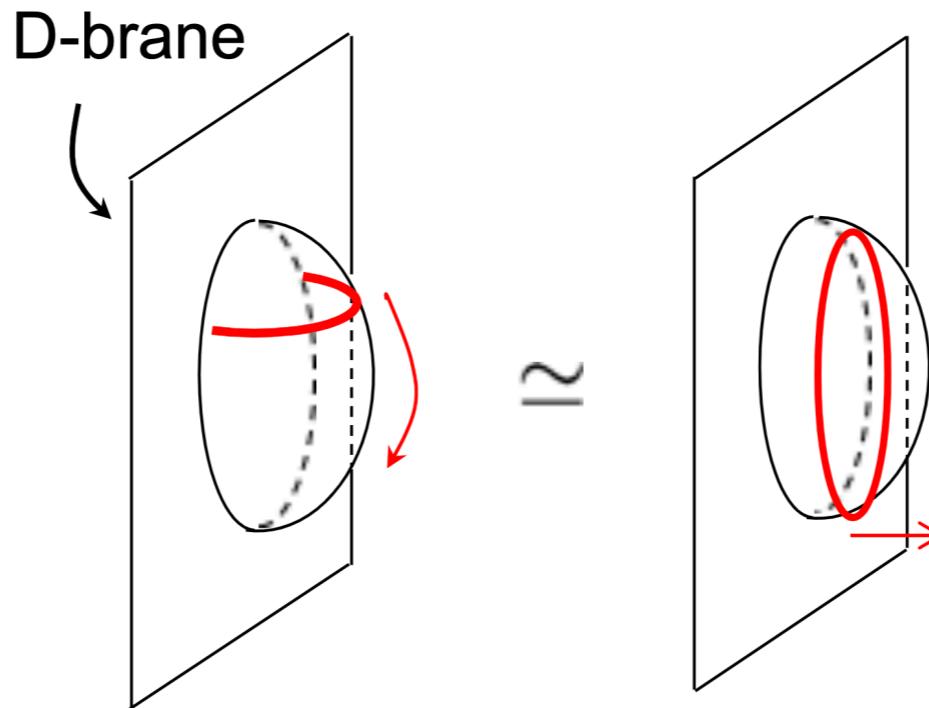
Massless sector ( $s \leq 1$  for open strings,  $s \leq 2$  for closed strings)

+

$\infty$  tower of massive higher spin fields

UV-complete model of quantum gravity

**Open strings**  
=  
**gauge theory**



**Closed strings**  
=  
**gravity**

*Gauge theory living on the brane*



*Propagation of gravity close to the brane*

## 4d N=4 Super Yang-Mills

$\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$

$SU(N)$  gauge theory, adjoint fields

$$A_\mu, \quad \Phi^{A=1,\dots,6}, \quad \psi^{\alpha=1,\dots,4}$$

$\mathcal{L}(A, \Phi, \psi)$  fixed by max susy

Solution of 10d IIB supergravity

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = T_{\mu\nu}(\text{matter})$$

Preserves maximal susy

$SO(4,2)$  conformal symmetry

$SO(4,2)$  isometry of  $\text{AdS}_5$

$SU(4)_R$  global symmetry

$SU(4) = SO(6)$  isometry of  $\text{S}^5$

Parameters  $g_{YM}, N$

$$g_s = \frac{g_{YM}^2}{4\pi^2}, \quad \ell_s = \lambda^{-1/4} = (g_{YM}^2 N)^{-1/4}$$

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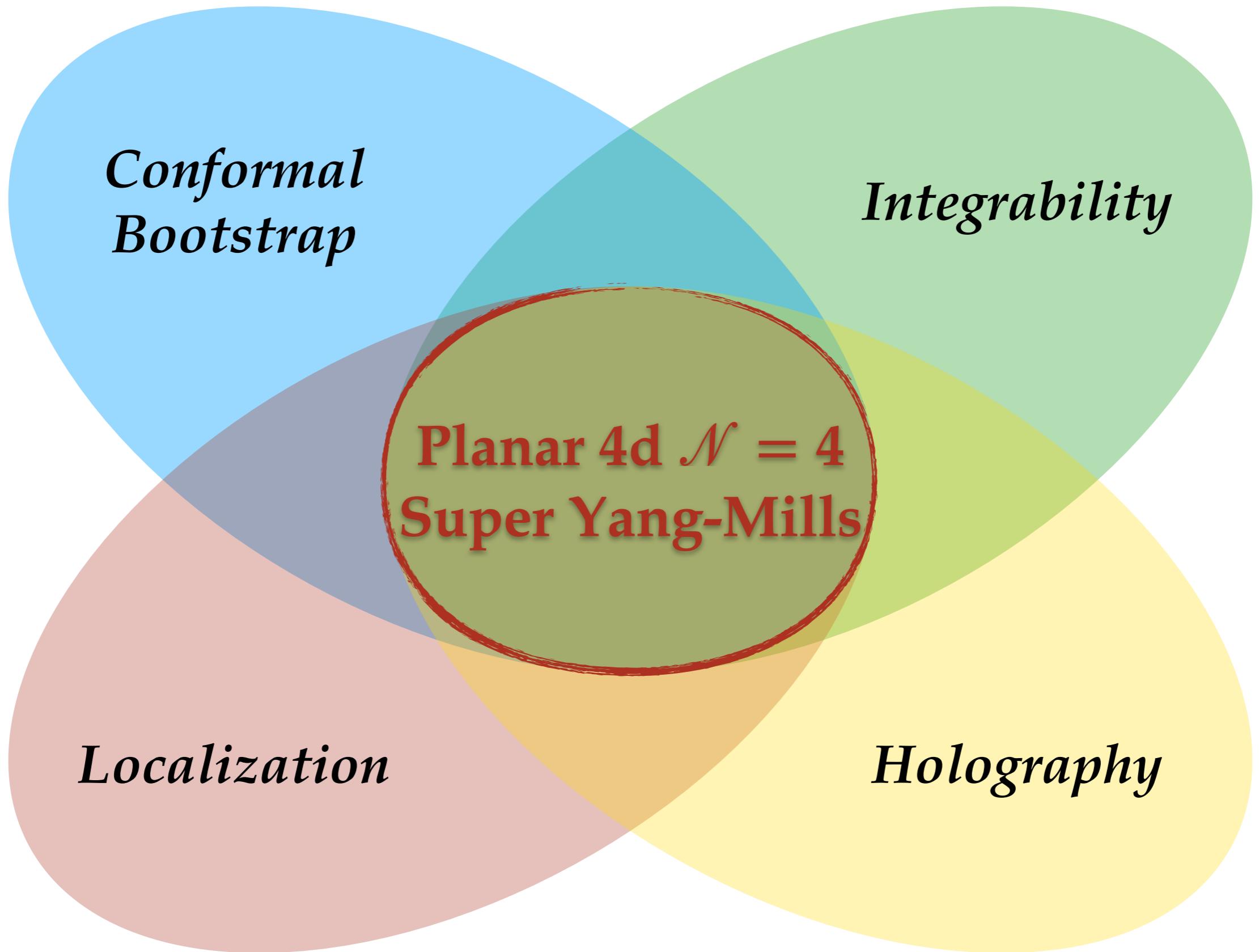
Well-understood for

't Hooft/planar limit

$$g_{YM} \rightarrow 0, \quad N \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

$g_s \rightarrow 0$  (no string loops)

$\ell_s \rightarrow 0$  (no HD corrections)



# More on the correspondence

$$ds^2(\text{AdS}_{d+1}) = \frac{dz^2 + ds^2(\mathbb{R}^{1,d-1})}{z^2} \longrightarrow \text{Conformal boundary at } z=0 \text{ where the dual CFT lives}$$

$$\langle e^{i \int_{\partial AdS} \bar{\phi} \mathcal{O}} \rangle_{CFT} = \int_{AdS} [d\phi] e^{i S[\phi]} \Big|_{\phi(\partial AdS) = \bar{\phi}}$$

CFT operators

Fields in AdS

*Scalar*

*Scalar*

*Conserved current*

*Gauge field*

*Stress tensor*

*Graviton*

# CFT correlators

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1)\mathcal{O}(x_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{x_{12}^{2\Delta}}$$

$\Delta$  : conformal dimension

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1)\mathcal{O}(x_2)\mathcal{O}(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{123}}{x_{12}^\Delta x_{13}^\Delta x_{23}^\Delta}$$

$C_{123}$  : OPE coefficients

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1)\mathcal{O}(x_2)\mathcal{O}(x_3)\mathcal{O}(x_4) \rangle = \frac{1}{x_{12}^{2\Delta} x_{34}^{2\Delta}} G(U, V)$$

$$U = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2} \quad V = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{24}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}$$

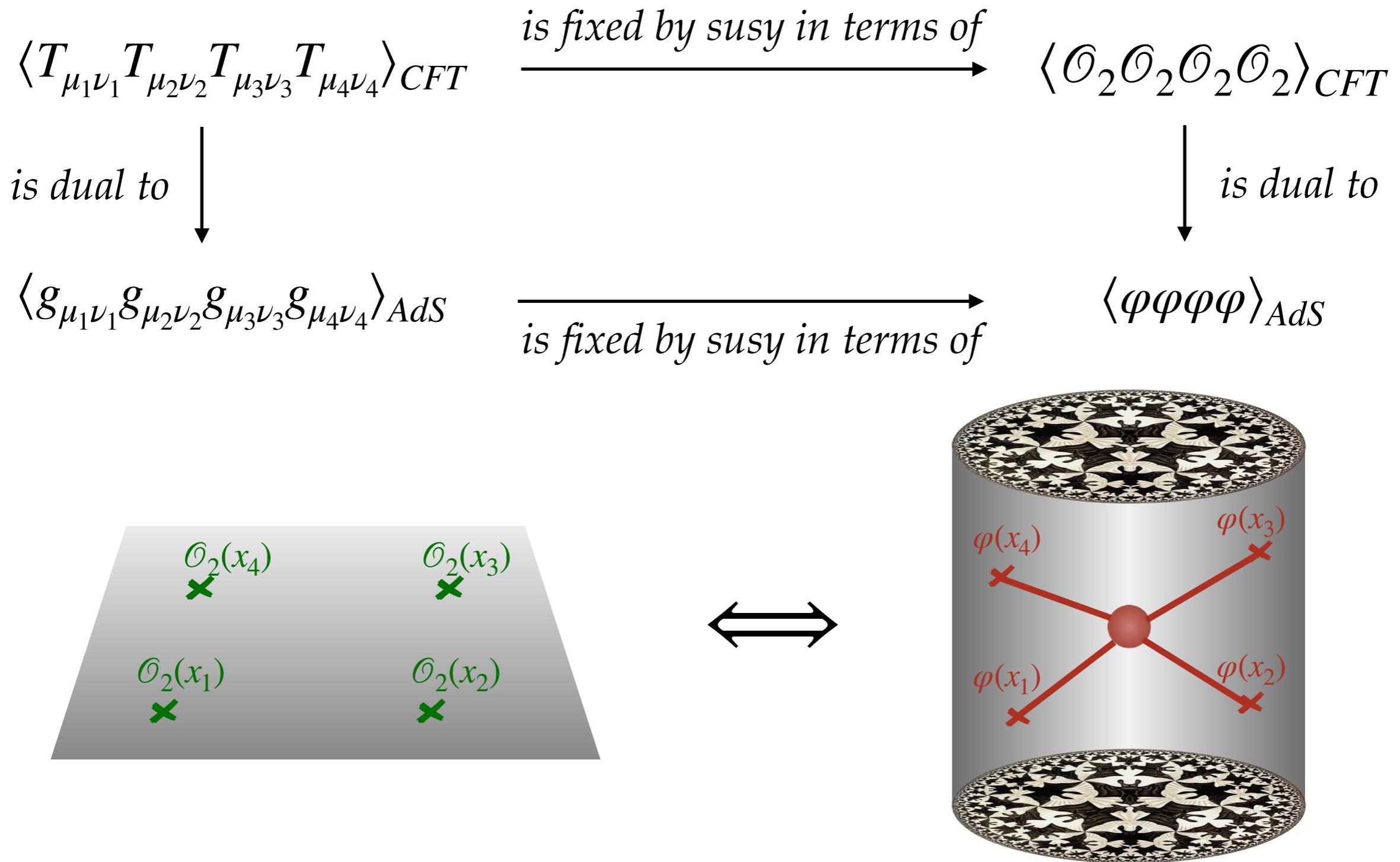
The function  $\mathbf{G}(U, V)$  :

*Is a dynamical object (equivalent of 4-pt scattering amplitude)*

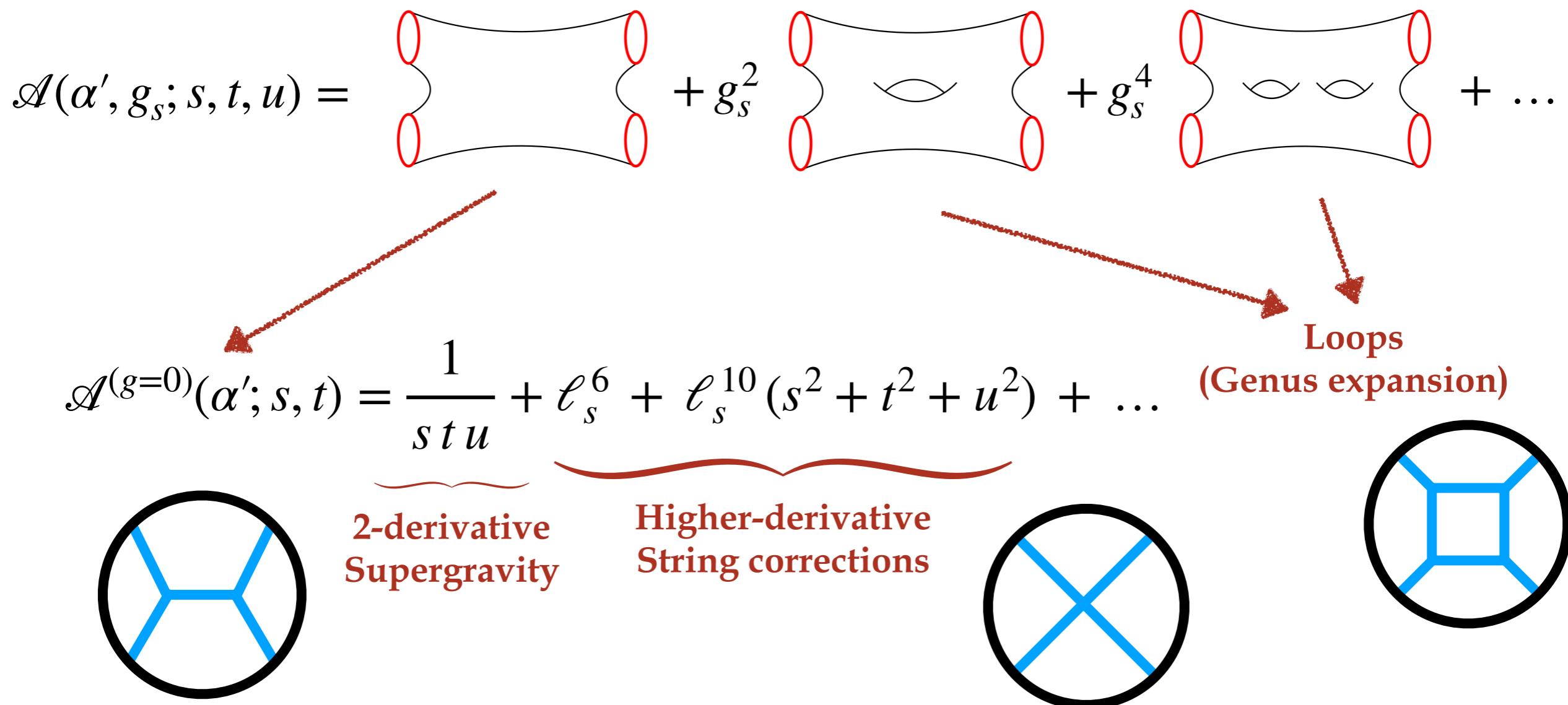
*Contains information about the spectrum and OPE coefficients*

*Must satisfy  $V^{2\Delta} G(U, V) = U^{2\Delta} G(V, U)$  : bootstrap equation*

# Graviton scattering



# The string theory S-matrix





**WAIT BUT WHY**

The logo features the words "WAIT BUT WHY" in large, bold, orange, rounded sans-serif letters. Small black stick figures are positioned around the letters: one stands on the top left of the 'W', another hangs from the top of the 'A' by a string, a third stands on the top right of the 'T', and a fourth stands on the top right of the 'Y'. A fifth figure is shown in mid-air with a paraglider above the 'W'.

# *Conformal field theory from gravity*

One would like to learn about **strongly-coupled QFTs**: very hard problem!  
We can focus on CFTs, but **analytic computations** are still challenging.

In AdS/CFT at large N we have a **weakly coupled supergravity description** in the bulk, which allows to access

- Strongly-coupled/**non-Lagrangian** CFTs
- **Non-protected CFT data**, otherwise hard even with Lagrangian

# *Gravity from conformal field theory*

AdS/CFT can be used as a definition of **quantum gravity in AdS**.

We can use **CFT techniques** to study

- The effect of **quantum gravity** in AdS
- **Effective actions** of string/M-theory perturbatively

## *Scattering amplitudes program in AdS*

For **scattering amplitudes in flat space**: rich story, plenty of interesting physical and mathematical **structures** hidden in Lagrangian description.

A natural question: **what happens in curved space?**  
Simplest case to look at is **AdS**.

- Generalizations of the **structures of flat space amplitudes**?  
*e.g.* color-kinematics duality, double copy, MHV limit, CHY formulae, ...
- **New hidden features** for AdS amplitudes?  
*e.g.* Parisi-Sourlas dimensional reduction, hidden conformal symmetry, ...

# How do we compute it?

In principle

Reduce  $\mathcal{L}_{10d}$  on internal space: gives **5d supergravity Lagrangian**  
*[massless gravity + KK modes]*



Extract “Feynman rules”



Add all the relevant **Witten diagrams** to obtain the result

In practice...

# Effective type IIB Lagrangian on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ : quartic interactions of graviton Kaluza-Klein modes

Arutyunov, Frolov hep-th/9912210

$k_1 + k_2 - 2$ . The non-renormalization of such correlation functions was proven in [54], and very recently checked to first order in perturbation theory in [55]. The non-renormalization theorem also implies the vanishing of the corresponding functions of extended CPOs and, since it is not difficult to show that there is no exchange diagram in this case, the corresponding "next-to-extremal" quartic couplings of scalars  $s'$  have to vanish too. It would be interesting to check this.

Note added.

We have recently shown that the relevant part of the gauged  $N = 8$ -dimensional supergravity action coincides with the action for the scalar  $s_2$  we found in the paper.

## 8 Appendix A

Here we collect the quartic couplings of the scalars  $s'$  representing our main result. The couplings are given by sums of terms depending on various independent  $SO(6)$  tensors. To simplify the presentation we sometimes use the following notations

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv k_1, \quad y \equiv k_2, \quad t \equiv k_3, \quad w \equiv k_4, \quad z \equiv k_5, \\ \delta &= (x+1)(y+1)(t+1)(w+1). \end{aligned}$$

All the  $SO(6)$  tensors are given by tenses of  $f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}$ , where  $F_I$  is a function of a coupling. The couplings with different functions of  $I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4$  are distinguished by the index  $a$ .

Quartic couplings of 4-derivative vertex

$$\begin{aligned} (A_1)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(4)} &= \frac{1}{48} f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4} (a_{123} a_{235} - a_{135} a_{234}), \\ (A_2)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(4)} &= -\frac{12}{\delta} (f_1 - f_2) (f_3 - f_4) f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(4)}, \\ (A_3)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(4)} &= -\frac{1}{\delta} (f_1 - 1) f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(4)}. \end{aligned}$$

Quartic couplings of 2-derivative vertices

$$\begin{aligned} (A_4)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)} &= \frac{5}{48k} f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4} (a_{123} a_{235} - a_{135} a_{234}), \\ (A_5)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)} &= -\frac{1}{16k} (k_1 - k_2) (k_3 - k_4) f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)}, \\ (S_1)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{16k} (137 - 80k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 2(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4)) \\ &\quad + 32(k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 2(k_1 + k_3 + k_4)) f_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)}, \\ (A_6)_{I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4}^{(2)} &= \frac{(k_1 - k_2) (k_3 - k_4)}{48} (40 - 12(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4) + 2(f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4)) \\ &\quad + 1428k^2 w^2 + 2736k^2 w^2 + 1344k^2 w^2 + 987w^2 + 4056w^2 - 2816w^2 + 1866w^2 \\ &\quad + 256k^2 w^2 - 1197w^2 + 1866w^2 + 192w^2 + 256k^2 w^2 + 72w^2 \\ &\quad - 35784w^2 - 56168w^2 - 11900w^2 - 3296w^2 + 1428w^2 + x + 208w^2 + 56168w^2 \\ &\quad - 53760w^2 + 7296w^2 ex + 4000w^2 ex + 144w^2 ex - 11900w^2 x + 7296w^2 x \\ &\quad + 1760w^2 w^2 + 104w^2 x^2 - 3296w^2 x + 4000w^2 x^2 + 104w^2 x^2 + 128w^2 x^2 \\ &\quad + 144w^2 x^2 + 208w^2 x + 1866w^2 x + 4000w^2 x^2 + 104w^2 x^2 + 128w^2 x^2 \\ &\quad + 173w^2 x^2 - 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# Tree level Witten diagram for $\varphi^4$ interaction with no derivatives, dual to

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta=4} \mathcal{O}_{\Delta=4} \mathcal{O}_{\Delta=4} \mathcal{O}_{\Delta=4} \rangle$$

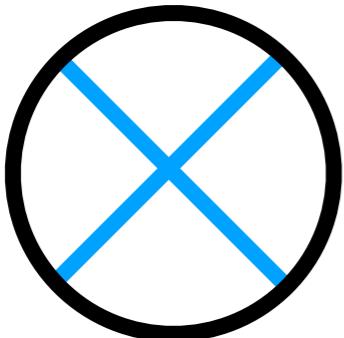
$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{(z - \bar{z})^6} \\
& 2 (26 z^2 - 13 z^3 + 88 z \bar{z} - 127 z^2 \bar{z} + 26 z^3 \bar{z} + 26 \bar{z}^2 - 127 z \bar{z}^2 + 88 z^2 \bar{z}^2 - 13 \bar{z}^3 + 26 z \bar{z}^3) + \\
& \frac{1}{(z - \bar{z})^8} 4 (\text{Log}[1 - z] + \text{Log}[1 - \bar{z}]) \\
& (25 z^3 - 28 z^4 + 6 z^5 + 185 z^2 \bar{z} - 388 z^3 \bar{z} + 222 z^4 \bar{z} - 28 z^5 \bar{z} + 185 z \bar{z}^2 - 848 z^2 \bar{z}^2 + \\
& 1032 z^3 \bar{z}^2 - 388 z^4 \bar{z}^2 + 25 z^5 \bar{z}^2 + 25 \bar{z}^3 - 388 z \bar{z}^3 + 1032 z^2 \bar{z}^3 - 848 z^3 \bar{z}^3 + \\
& 185 z^4 \bar{z}^3 - 28 \bar{z}^4 + 222 z \bar{z}^4 - 388 z^2 \bar{z}^4 + 185 z^3 \bar{z}^4 + 6 \bar{z}^5 - 28 z \bar{z}^5 + 25 z^2 \bar{z}^5) - \\
& \frac{1}{(z - \bar{z})^8} 4 (\text{Log}[z] + \text{Log}[\bar{z}]) (-6 z^4 + 3 z^5 - 96 z^3 \bar{z} + 111 z^4 \bar{z} - 22 z^5 \bar{z} - 216 z^2 \bar{z}^2 + \\
& 516 z^3 \bar{z}^2 - 292 z^4 \bar{z}^2 + 25 z^5 \bar{z}^2 - 96 z \bar{z}^3 + 516 z^2 \bar{z}^3 - 632 z^3 \bar{z}^3 + 185 z^4 \bar{z}^3 - \\
& 6 \bar{z}^4 + 111 z \bar{z}^4 - 292 z^2 \bar{z}^4 + 185 z^3 \bar{z}^4 + 3 \bar{z}^5 - 22 z \bar{z}^5 + 25 z^2 \bar{z}^5) + \frac{1}{(z - \bar{z})^9} \\
& 4 (6 z^4 - 6 z^5 + z^6 + 96 z^3 \bar{z} - 162 z^4 \bar{z} + 72 z^5 \bar{z} - 6 z^6 \bar{z} + 216 z^2 \bar{z}^2 - 672 z^3 \bar{z}^2 + 603 z^4 \bar{z}^2 - \\
& 162 z^5 \bar{z}^2 + 6 z^6 \bar{z}^2 + 96 z \bar{z}^3 - 672 z^2 \bar{z}^3 + 1168 z^3 \bar{z}^3 - 672 z^4 \bar{z}^3 + 96 z^5 \bar{z}^3 + 6 \bar{z}^4 - 162 z \bar{z}^4 + \\
& 603 z^2 \bar{z}^4 - 672 z^3 \bar{z}^4 + 216 z^4 \bar{z}^4 - 6 \bar{z}^5 + 72 z \bar{z}^5 - 162 z^2 \bar{z}^5 + 96 z^3 \bar{z}^5 + \bar{z}^6 - 6 z \bar{z}^6 + 6 z^2 \bar{z}^6) \\
& (\text{Log}[1 - z] \text{Log}[z] - \text{Log}[z] \text{Log}[1 - \bar{z}] + \text{Log}[1 - z] \text{Log}[\bar{z}] - \\
& \text{Log}[1 - \bar{z}] \text{Log}[z] + 2 \text{PolyLog}[2, z] - 2 \text{PolyLog}[2, \bar{z}])
\end{aligned}$$

# New tools to make progress



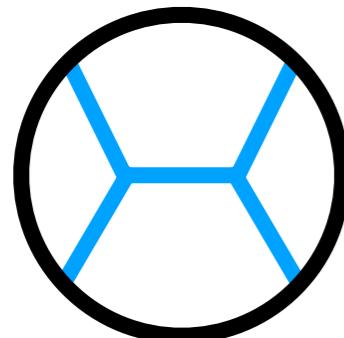
# Mellin space

$$\mathcal{G}(U, V) = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{dsdt}{(4\pi i)^2} U^{\frac{s}{2}} V^{\frac{t}{2}} \Gamma\left[\Delta - \frac{s}{2}\right]^2 \Gamma\left[\Delta - \frac{t}{2}\right]^2 \Gamma\left[\Delta - \frac{u}{2}\right]^2 \mathcal{M}(s, t)$$



Contact diagrams:  $\mathcal{L}_{AdS} \supset \partial^{2L} \phi^4$

$$\mathcal{M}(s, t) = \text{Poly}^{(L)}(s, t)$$

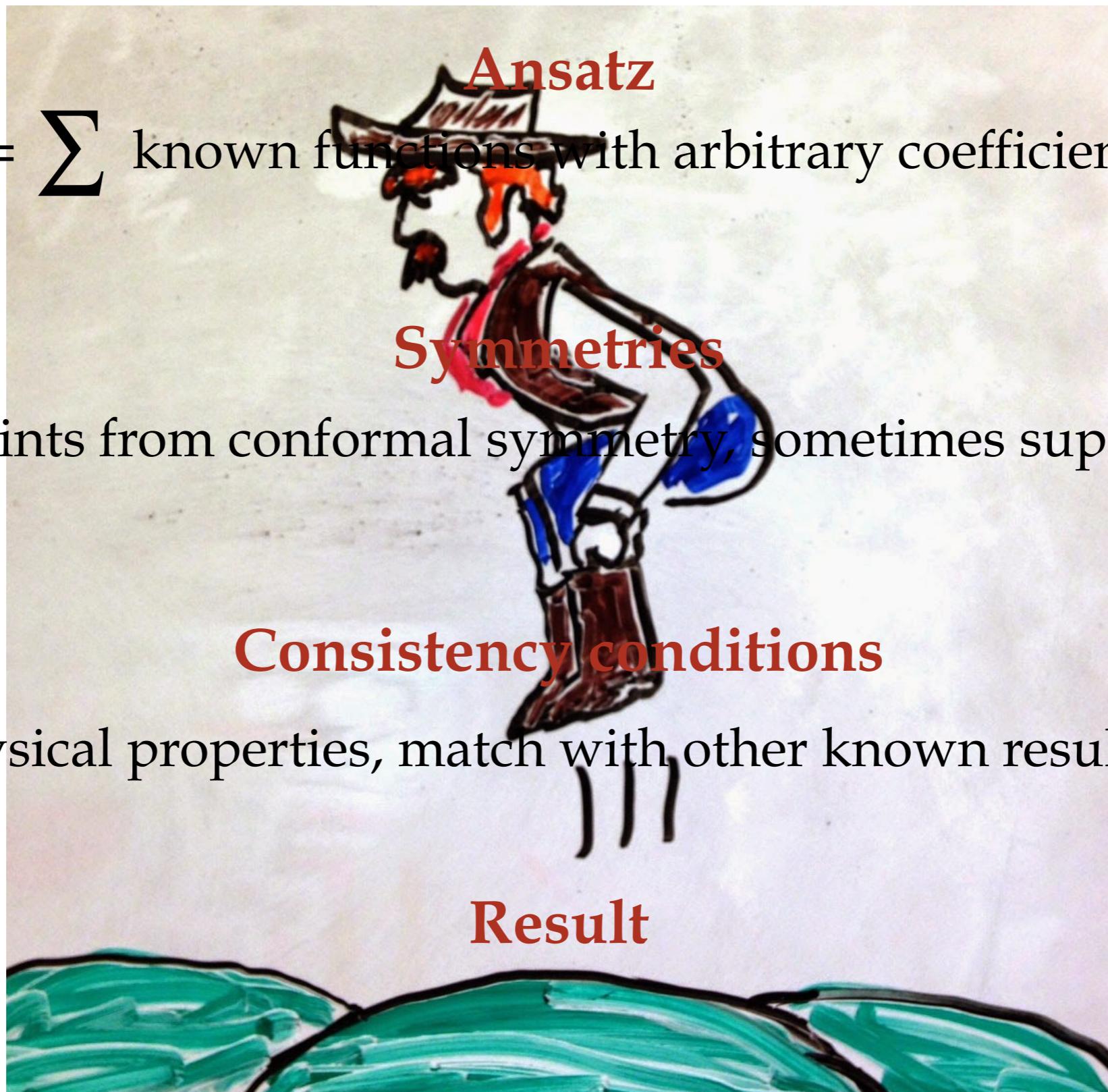


Exchange diagrams:  $\mathcal{L}_{AdS} \supset \phi^3$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\Delta, \ell}^{(s)}(s, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{Q_m^{(\ell)}(t, u)}{s - \Delta + \ell - 2m} + P^{(\ell-1)}(s, t)$$

# The conformal bootstrap

Observable =  $\sum$  known functions with arbitrary coefficients to be fixed



Use constraints from conformal symmetry, sometimes supersymmetry

Require physical properties, match with other known results, limits etc

# How far can we get?



## *Tree level*

Well understood

## *Loops*

Results at 1 and 2 loops, complicated non-analytic structure.  
Up to **renormalization ambiguities**

## *String corrections*

Contact terms: very simple results (polynomial).  
Up to **overall coefficients**

**What about the free  
parameters?**

# Supersymmetric localization

For all 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Lagrangian QFTs

$$Z = e^{-F} = \int [d\varphi] e^{iS[\varphi]} = \int [dU] e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g_{YM}^2} \text{tr } U^2} |Z_{\text{1-loop}}(U)|^2 |Z_{\text{inst}}(U, g_{YM})|^2$$

Deformations couple to stress tensor/conserved currents

$$\partial_m^4 F = \int [dU dV] G(U, V)$$

**Non-perturbative constraint on correlation functions**

# *Gluons in AdS*

# Summary

**Gluon scattering at tree level in models with 1/2-maximal supersymmetry**

*First example, across dimensions  $d=3,4,5,6$ , all KK modes*

**Localization at finite coupling for interesting 4d N=2 SCFT**

*Surprisingly simple partition function, including instantons*

**First two string corrections at finite string coupling**

*Analogue of Veneziano amplitude in  $AdS_5$*



# A simple D3-D7 system

D7 branes at  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  orientifold singularity, constant (arbitrary) axio-dilaton  
 $\leftrightarrow$  F-theory on  $K3 = T^4/\mathbb{Z}_2$ , with  $D_4$  singularities:  $SO(8)$  gauge group on D7  
Sen

*Probe with  $N$  D3 branes parallel to the D7:*

$AdS_5$										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D3	×	×	×	×						
D7	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		

$S^3 \subset S^5/\mathbb{Z}_2$

$AdS_5 \times S^5/\mathbb{Z}_2$  NH geometry, with D7 wrapping  $AdS_5 \times S^3$

Aharony, Fayyazuddin, Maldacena, Spalinski

# Field theory description

Aharony, Banks, Douglas, Seiberg, Sonnenschein, Theisen, Yankielowicz

D7 branes

$SO(8)$  vector multiplet:  $8d \ \mathcal{N} = 1$  SYM

World-volume theory on D3 branes

D3 (+O7)  $\rightarrow$   $USp(2N)$  adjoint vector + 1 antisymmetric hyper

D7  $\rightarrow$  8 fundamental half-hypers,  $SO(8)$  flavor symmetry

For  $N = 1$   $USp(2) \simeq SU(2) \rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 2$  SQCD

N.B. String theory background defined for any (constant)  $\tau$   
 $\rightarrow$  conformal manifold, Lagrangian description.

# Gluons in $AdS_5$

*Spectrum of  $AdS_5$  fields:*

The *supergravity* modes from the bulk  $\rightarrow$  1/4-BPS or longer reps  
( $AdS$  graviton and KK modes)

The *vector* multiplets living on D7 branes  $\rightarrow$  1/2-BPS reps  
( $AdS$  gluons and KK modes on  $S^3$ )

**1/2-BPS multiplets of  $4d \mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFTs:**

$\mathcal{O}_2^A$ : flavor current multiplet  $\leftrightarrow$   $AdS_5$  gluons

$\mathcal{O}_k^A$ : tower of short multiplets  $\leftrightarrow$  KK modes of D7 gluons on  $S^3$

$k \leftrightarrow$  rep  $\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{1}$  of  $SU(2)_R$ , or spin  $j_R = k/2$

# Gluon 4-pt functions

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_2^A(1) \mathcal{O}_2^B(2) \mathcal{O}_2^C(3) \mathcal{O}_2^D(4) \rangle = \text{Pref} \times G^{ABCD}(U, V; \alpha) = \text{Pref} \times \sum_{r \in \text{Adj} \times \text{Adj}} P_r^{ABCD} G_r(U, V; \alpha)$$

$$U = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad V = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\langle y_1, y_3 \rangle \langle y_2, y_4 \rangle}{\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \langle y_3, y_4 \rangle}$$

$$28 \otimes 28 = 1 \oplus 28 \oplus \underbrace{35_v \oplus 35_c \oplus 35_s}_{\text{Permuted by triality}} \oplus 300 \oplus 350$$

All 4-point functions in the flavor current multiplet fixed by  $G_r(U, V; \alpha)$   
 It also satisfies the **superconformal Ward identity**

$$G_r(U, V; \alpha) = G_r^{\text{protected}}(U, V; \alpha) + (1 - z\alpha)(1 - \bar{z}\alpha)\mathcal{G}_r(U, V)$$

$$M_r(s, t; \alpha) = \Theta \circ \mathcal{M}_r(s, t)$$

# Couplings & central charges

In  $\mathcal{L}_{AdS}$  gluons have a self-coupling given by

$$g_{YM,AdS}^2 \sim \frac{1}{k} \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

And a coupling to gravity given by

$$\frac{1}{G_N^{(5)}} \sim \frac{1}{c} \sim \frac{1}{N^2}$$

Aharony, Pawelczyk, Theisen, Yankielowicz  
Blau, Narain, Gava

*Gluon self-interactions dominate at leading order*

$\mathcal{O}(1/N)$  : pure gauge theory in  $AdS_5$  (+ string corrections)

$\mathcal{O}(1/N^2)$  : gluon loops and graviton exchange (+ string corrections)

# Perturbative expansion

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{N} \left( \text{Diagram A} + \frac{1}{\lambda'} \text{Diagram B} + \frac{1}{(\lambda')^{3/2}} \text{Diagram C} + \dots \right)$$

Gluon tree

Contact ( $\partial^4$ )

Contact ( $\partial^6$ )

$$+ \frac{1}{N^2} \left( \text{Diagram D} + \text{Diagram E} + \text{Diagram F} + \log \lambda' \text{Diagram G} + \dots \right)$$

Gluon loop

Graviton  
exchange

Contact ( $\partial^4$ )

Contact ( $\partial^4$ )

$$+ \mathcal{O}(1/N^3)$$

# Tree level

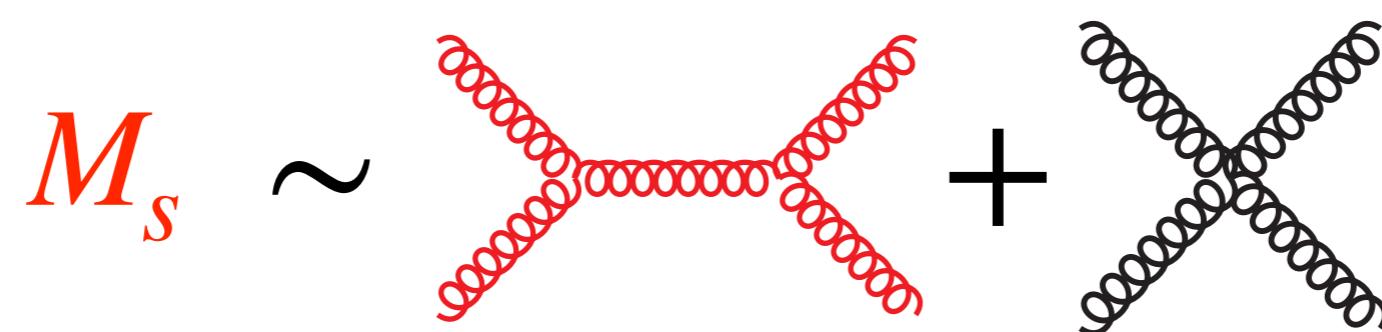
Alday, Behan, PF, Zhou

$$M = c_s M_s + c_t M_t + c_u M_u$$

$$c_s = f^{I_1 I_2 J} f^{J I_3 I_4}$$

$$c_t = f^{I_1 I_4 J} f^{J I_2 I_3}$$

$$c_u = f^{I_1 I_3 J} f^{J I_4 I_2}$$



$M_s$

**Exchange:** *full super-gluon multiplet.*

Fixed requiring same polar part as superblocks. Equivalently: MRV limit.

**Contact:** degree 0 as in flat space YM theory. Fixed by SCWI.

# Tree level, all dimensions

The same procedure can be applied to compute all  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{k_1} \mathcal{O}_{k_2} \mathcal{O}_{k_3} \mathcal{O}_{k_4} \rangle$   
**in a variety of theories with 8 (or 6) supercharges:**

SCFT	Holographic description	Global symmetry
E-string: $6d \mathcal{N} = 1$	M5 on end-of-the-world M9	$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times G_F$
Seiberg: $5d \mathcal{N} = 1$	D4-D8 system	$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times G_F$
$4d \mathcal{N} = 2$	D3 near F-theory singularities	$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_r \times G_F$

SCFT	Holographic description
$4d \mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM + flavors: $4d \mathcal{N} = 2$	D7 wrapping $AdS_5 \times S^3 \subset AdS_5 \times S^5$
$3d \mathcal{N} = 6$ ABJM + flavors: $3d \mathcal{N} = 3$	D6 wrapping $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{RP}^3 \subset AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$

**Alday, Behan, PF, Zhou**

**Interesting features**

*No contact terms when using Polyakov-Regge blocks,  
 Color-kinematics duality, Double copy relations ( $AdS_5$ ),  
 Hidden conformal symmetry in ( $AdS_5$ )*

# Gluon exchange

Alday, Behan, PF, Zhou

$$M = \frac{c_s n_s}{s - 2} + \frac{c_t n_t}{t - 2} + \frac{c_u n_u}{u - 2}$$

$$n_s = 4 - u - s\alpha \quad n_t = (1 - \alpha)(u + s\alpha - 4(1 + \alpha)) \quad n_u = \alpha(u + \alpha(s - 4))$$

$$c_s + c_t + c_u = 0 \quad n_s + n_t + n_u = 0$$

Equivalently:

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{(4 - s - t)} \left( \frac{c_s}{s - 2} - \frac{c_t}{t - 2} \right)$$

# Contact terms

Alday, Behan, PF, Zhou

These are just **polynomials** in  $s, t$  on which we impose **crossing symmetry**

*Reduced Mellin amplitude*

$$\mathcal{M}_r = \frac{a_0}{\lambda'} + \frac{1}{(\lambda')^{3/2}}(a_{10}s + a_{01}t) + \frac{1}{(\lambda')^2}(a_{20}^2 + a_{11}st + a_{02}t^2) + \dots$$

$\partial^4$

$\partial^6$

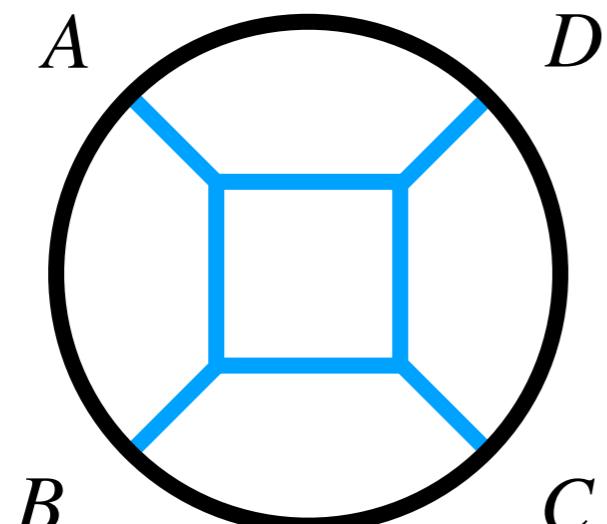
$\partial^8$

N.B. For  $d \neq 4$  higher-derivative corrections also affect OPE coefficients between super-gluons: contact+exchange. Similar to  $\text{AdS}_7 \times S^4$

# 1 loop

Alday, Bissi, Zhou

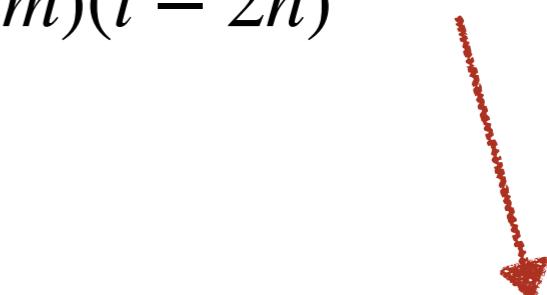
$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{k^2} [d_{st} \mathcal{B}_{st} + d_{su} \mathcal{B}_{su} + d_{tu} \mathcal{B}_{tu}]$$



Large  $s, t$ : 8d box integral in flat space

$$d_{st} = f^{IAJ} f^{JBK} f^{KCL} f^{LDI}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{st} = \sum_{m,n=2}^{\infty} \frac{c_{mn}}{(s-2m)(t-2n)} + a$$



Renormalization ambiguity

# Graviton exchange

Alday, Bissi, Zhou

$$M = \delta^{AB}\delta^{CD} M_s + \delta^{AD}\delta^{BC} M_t + \delta^{AC}\delta^{BD} M_u$$

$M_s$ : stress-tensor multiplet exchange + contact terms

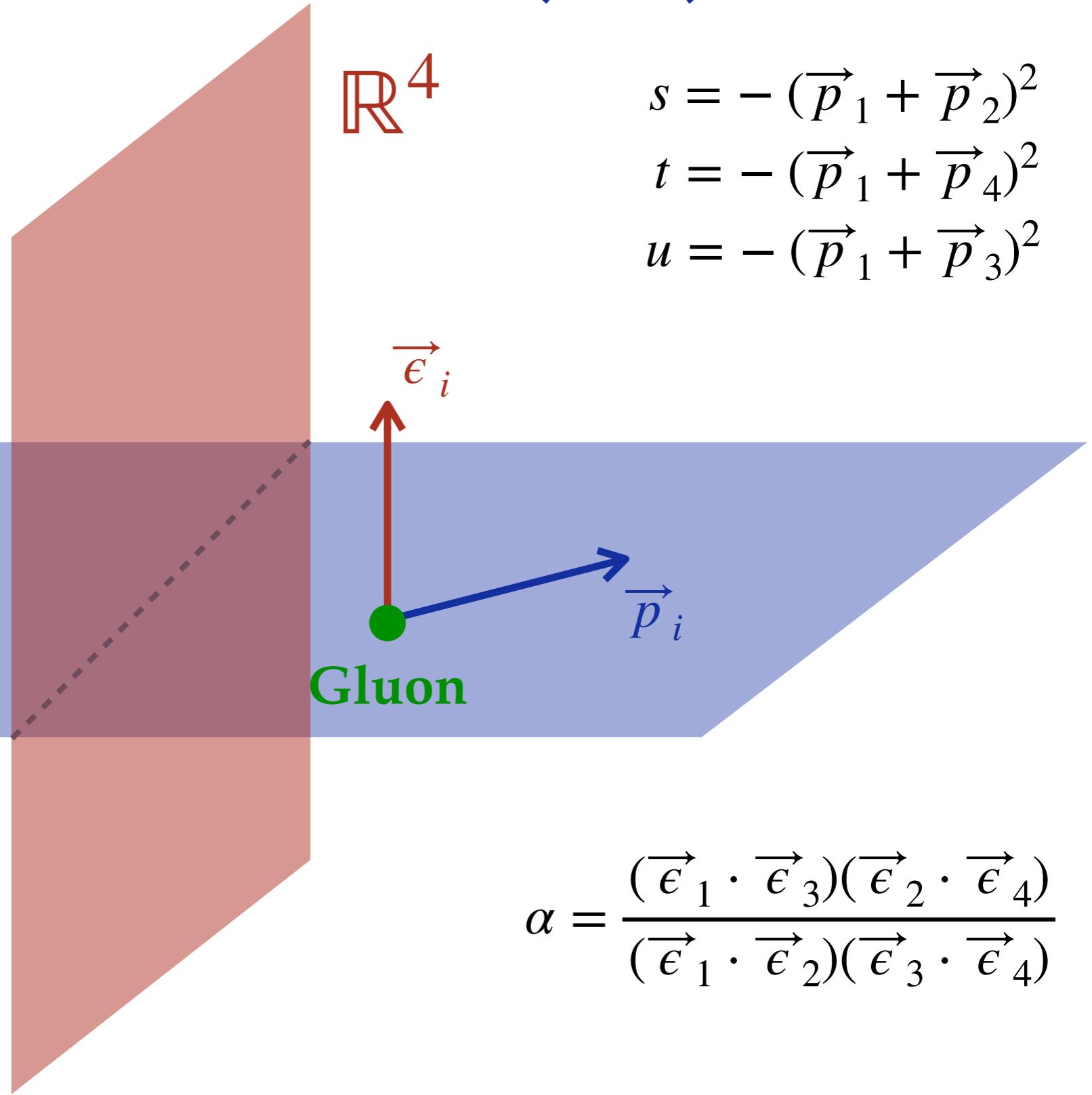
As for gluon exchange, fixed using **correct polar part + SCWI**

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{c} \left[ \frac{\delta^{AB}\delta^{CD}}{s-2} + \frac{\delta^{AD}\delta^{BC}}{t-2} + \frac{\delta^{AC}\delta^{BD}}{u-2} \right]$$

Note:  $\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle$  can be computed in other dimensions as well,  
but  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{k_1} \mathcal{O}_{k_2} \mathcal{O}_{k_3} \mathcal{O}_{k_4} \rangle$  is problematic due to degeneracies in exchanged reps

# Flat space limit (8d)

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t; \alpha)$$



**What are we missing?**

# Free parameters

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &= \frac{1}{N} \left( \text{Diagram A} + \frac{1}{\lambda'} \text{Diagram B} + \frac{1}{(\lambda')^{3/2}} \text{Diagram C} + \dots \right) \\ &\quad \text{Diagram B} \quad \text{Diagram C} \\ &+ \frac{1}{N^2} \left( \text{Diagram D} + \text{Diagram E} + \text{Diagram F} + \log \lambda' \text{Diagram G} + \dots \right) \\ &\quad \text{Diagram D} \quad \text{Diagram E} \quad \text{Diagram F} \quad \text{Diagram G} \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(1/N^3)\end{aligned}$$

# *Localization constraints*

# $\mathcal{N} = 2$ mass deformation

Chester

4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  flavor current multiplet:  $(J_\mu, \Sigma, \phi_{(\alpha\beta)}, \dots)$

$$\delta S \sim \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{m_A}{R_{S^4}} \phi^A + \dots$$

For gauge theories, **supersymmetric localization** allows to compute

$$F(m^A) = \log Z(m^A) = \log \langle e^{i\delta S} \rangle$$

Taking four derivatives

$$\partial_{m^A} \partial_{m^B} \partial_{m^C} \partial_{m^D} F \Big|_{m=0} = \left\langle \int d^4x_1 \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{R_{S^4}} \phi^A(x_1) \dots \int d^4x_4 \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{R_{S^4}} \phi^D(x_4) \right\rangle + \dots$$

# Integrated constraint

Chester

Ward identities: all four-point functions can be expressed in terms of  
 $\langle \phi^A \phi^B \phi^C \phi^D \rangle$

$$-\partial_{m^A} \partial_{m^B} \partial_{m^C} \partial_{m^D} (F - F^{\text{free}}) \Big|_{m=0} = k^2 \int dU dV \mathbf{f}(U, V) \sum_r P_r^{ABCD} \mathcal{G}_r^{\text{int}}(U, V)$$
$$\mathbf{f}(U, V) \sim \bar{D}_{1111}(U, V)$$

# constraints = # quartic Casimirs of  $G_F$

Note:  $F = F(m^A, \tau, \bar{\tau}) \Rightarrow$  non-perturbative constraint in the complexified coupling constant

$$G_F = SO(8)$$

In our model  $G_F = SO(8)$ : 3 quartic Casimirs. Set  $m_A = T_A^{ab} \mu_A$

### 3 independent constraints

$$\mathcal{F}_v = -4\partial_{\mu_1}^2 \partial_{\mu_2}^2 F|_{\mu=0}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c = -\partial_{\mu_1}^4 F|_{\mu=0} - \partial_{\mu_1}^2 \partial_{\mu_2}^2 F|_{\mu=0} + 2\partial_{\mu_1} \partial_{\mu_2} \partial_{\mu_3} \partial_{\mu_4} F|_{\mu=0}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_s = -\partial_{\mu_1}^4 F|_{\mu=0} - \partial_{\mu_1}^2 \partial_{\mu_2}^2 F|_{\mu=0} - 2\partial_{\mu_1} \partial_{\mu_2} \partial_{\mu_3} \partial_{\mu_4} F|_{\mu=0}$$

*Permuted by triality of  $SO(8)$*

# Large $N$ , large $\lambda$

[generalizing] Beccaria, Korchemsky, Tseytlin

Perturbative terms only

$$\mathcal{F}_v = 8 \log \lambda' + 4 \left( \frac{1}{N} - \frac{7}{48N^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c = \mathcal{F}_s = \frac{32\pi^2}{\lambda'} N + 8 \log(\lambda'/4) + 4 \left( \frac{1}{N} - \frac{7}{48N^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{(g'_{YM})^2} = \frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} + \frac{\log 2}{2\pi^2}$$

$\log \lambda' \leftrightarrow \log(s)$  present in one-loop result in flat space limit

$1/\lambda' \leftrightarrow$  first contact term ( $F_{\mu\nu}^4$  terms in DBI action)

The expressions are exact in  $1/\lambda'$

# Veneziano amplitude in AdS<sub>5</sub>

At order 1/N we have the analogue of the Veneziano amplitude in AdS

## Veneziano amplitude in flat space

$$\mathcal{A}^V = \frac{F_{st}}{st} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D) + \frac{F_{su}}{su} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D) + \frac{F_{tu}}{tu} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D)$$

$$F_{st} = \frac{\Gamma[1 - \alpha' s] \Gamma[1 - \alpha' t]}{\Gamma[1 - \alpha' s - \alpha' t]} \simeq 1 - s t \zeta(2) (\alpha')^2 + s t u \zeta(3) (\alpha')^3 + \dots$$

**( $\alpha'$ )<sup>2</sup> term:** matched with localization constraint alone.

**( $\alpha'$ )<sup>3</sup> term:** localization constraint + flat space limit.

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{\tilde{F}_{st}}{st} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D) + \frac{\tilde{F}_{su}}{su} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D) + \frac{\tilde{F}_{tu}}{tu} \text{tr}(T^A T^B T^C T^D)$$

$$\tilde{F}_{st} = \simeq 1 - \frac{24}{\lambda'} (s - 2)(t - 2) \zeta(2) + \frac{192}{(\lambda')^{3/2}} (s - 2)(t - 2)(u - 2) \zeta(3) (\alpha')^3 + \dots$$

# Large $N$ , finite $g_{YM}$

Including instantons at large  $N$

$$\mathcal{F}_v = g_v(\tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s) + \tilde{F}(N) = 8 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\theta_2(\tau_s)|^2] - 24 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\eta(\tau_s)|^2] + \tilde{F}(N)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c = g_c(\tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s) + \tilde{F}(N) = 8 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\theta_3(\tau_s)|^2] - 24 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\eta(\tau_s)|^2] + \tilde{F}(N)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_s = g_s(\tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s) + \tilde{F}(N) = 8 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\theta_4(\tau_s)|^2] - 24 \log[\sqrt{\tau_2} |\eta(\tau_s)|^2] + \tilde{F}(N)$$

$$\tilde{F}(N) = 8 \log(2\pi N) + 4 \left( \frac{1}{N} - \frac{7}{48N^2} + \dots \right)$$

$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  action  $\leftrightarrow$   $SO(8)$  triality

$$\tau_s = \tau_1 + i\tau_2 = \frac{\theta_{YM}}{\pi} + \frac{8\pi i}{(g'_{YM})^2}$$

$$S : \quad \tau_s \rightarrow -1/\tau_s \quad \quad \mathbf{35}_v \leftrightarrow \mathbf{35}_s$$

$$T : \quad \tau_s \rightarrow \tau_s + 1 \quad \quad \mathbf{35}_c \leftrightarrow \mathbf{35}_s$$

# Contact terms at finite $g_{YM}$

$\mathcal{M}^{(\partial^4)}$ : 4-derivative contact term, with 3 coefficients  $c_i(\tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s)$

$$\mathcal{M}_v^{(\partial^4)} = g_v + 8 \log(2\pi N) + \text{const}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_c^{(\partial^4)} = g_c + 8 \log(2\pi N) + \text{const}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_s^{(\partial^4)} = g_s + 8 \log(2\pi N) + \text{const}$$

$\mathcal{M}^{(\partial^6)}$ : 6-derivative contact term, with 5 coefficients  $c_i(\tau_s, \bar{\tau}_s)$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(\partial^6)} = E_{3/2}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) (s T_s^{ABCD} + t T_t^{ABCD} + u T_u^{ABCD})$$

Non-holomorphic Eisenstein series:

$$4\tau_2^2 \partial_\tau \partial_{\bar{\tau}} E_r(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = r(r-1) E_r(\tau, \bar{\tau})$$

# *Outlook*

Huang, Wang, Yang, Zhou

## More bootstrap

*Two-loops,  $\langle k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4 \rangle$  at one loop, contact terms and graviton exchange, other dimensions/theories, higher-point functions...*

Alday, Gonçalves, Zhou

## Veneziano amplitude in $AdS_5$

*Compute all string corrections to tree-level gluon scattering in  $AdS_5 \times S^3$ , along the lines of Shapiro-Virasoro in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$*

Alday, Hansen, Silva

## CK duality and DC in AdS

*So far only clear at tree level in  $AdS_5$ , what about other dimensions and/or subleading orders? Zhou*

## More with localization?

*Bootstrap results available for other rank  $N$  4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFTs, can we apply localization constraints? Behan*

*More numerical bootstrap + localization for general 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories? Chester*

*Thank you  
for the attention!*