



# Supersymmetric Wilson loops and the Bremsstrahlung function in ABJ(M) Theories

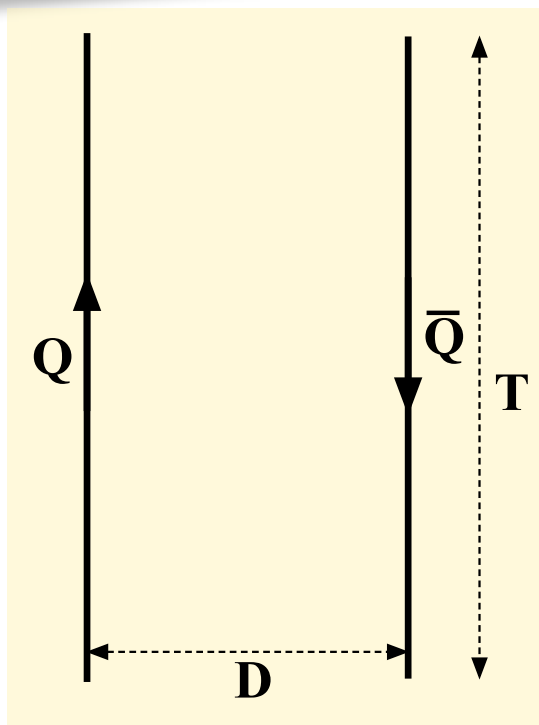
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# Motivations and Introduction



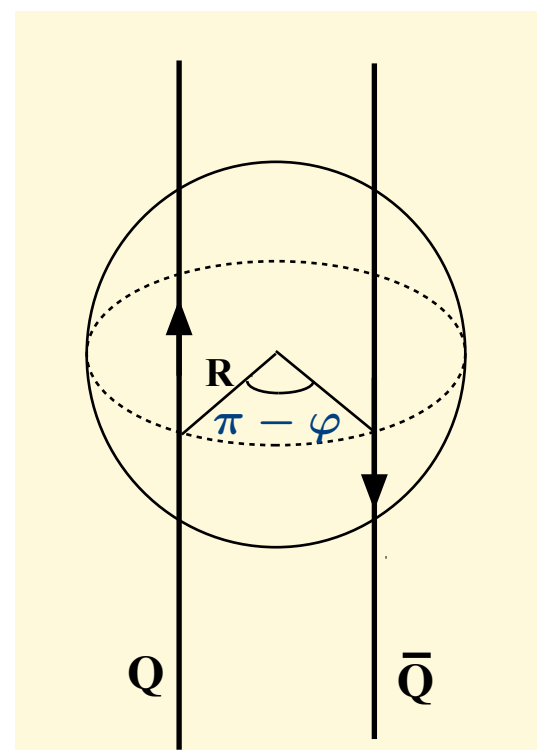
- $Q\bar{Q}$  potential in gauge theories is captured by the holonomy of a suitable gauge connection along anti-parallel lines:  **$T \gg D$**

$$\mathcal{W} \simeq e^{-T V(\lambda, D)} \quad [\lambda = g^2 N]$$

- In a conformally invariant field theory the dependence on  $D$  is trivial (fixed by symmetry)

$$V(\lambda, D) = \frac{V(\lambda)}{D}$$

the function  $V(\lambda)$  carries the only non-trivial information.



- Theory on the cylinder: Two probe charges on the big circle of the sphere separated by  **$\delta = \pi - \varphi$**

$$\mathcal{W} \simeq e^{-\frac{T}{R} V(\lambda, \varphi)}$$

flat space

$\delta \rightarrow 0$

( $R\delta$  finite)

$$\frac{1}{R} V(\lambda, \varphi) \sim \frac{V(\lambda)}{R\delta}$$

# Relation with cusp physics:

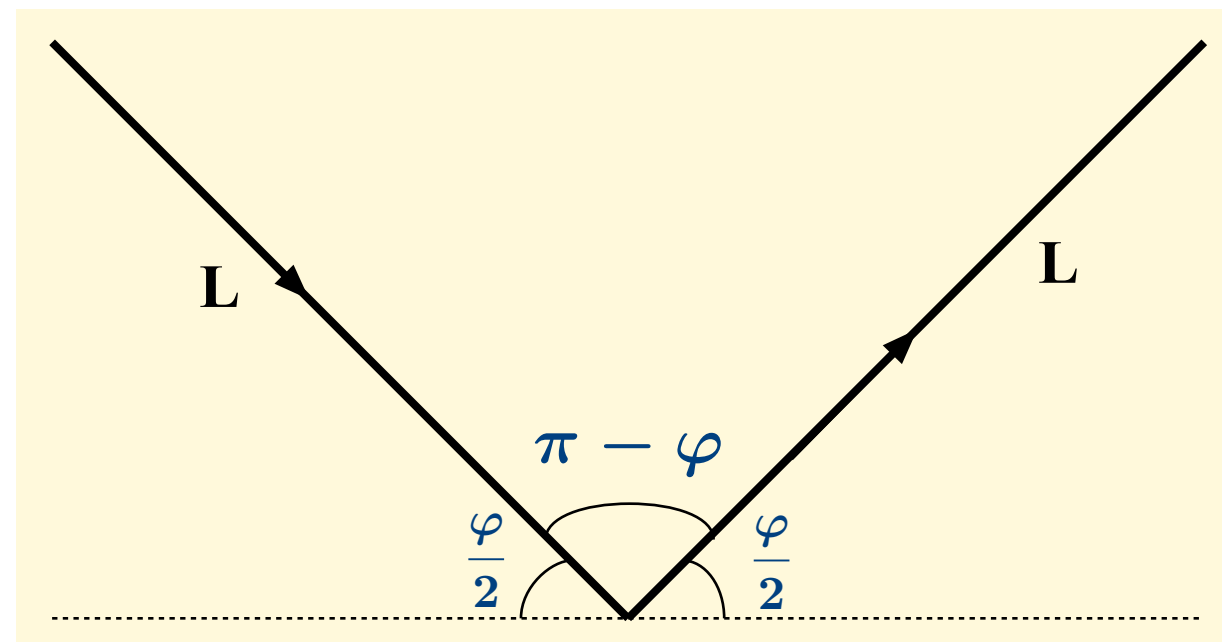
By means of the exponential map the parallel lines configuration is mapped to a cusp-like one:

$$\mathcal{W} \simeq e^{-\log\left(\frac{L}{\epsilon}\right)\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi)}$$

$$\frac{T}{R} = \log\left(\frac{L}{\epsilon}\right)$$

L=Length of the edges  
(IR cut-off)

$\epsilon$ =UV cut-off



$$V(\lambda, \varphi) = \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi)$$

$$\varphi \rightarrow i\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, i\varphi) \sim \varphi \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}^{\infty}(\lambda)$$

Universal cusp anomaly

$$\delta = \pi - \varphi \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi) \sim \frac{V(\lambda)}{\delta}$$

Q $\bar{Q}$  potential

$$\varphi \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi) \sim -\varphi^2 B(\lambda)$$

Bremsstrahlung function

## Bridge between Integrability and Wilson loops:

In N=4 SYM these connections among potential, cusp and  $B(\lambda)$  has been used to connect Integrability and Wilson loops:

- ▶ A set of TBA equations for  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\varphi)$  (and its generalizations) were written by [Correa, Maldacena, Sever \(2012\)](#) and [Drukker \(2012\)](#) (building upon BFT/GKV/AF).
- ▶ Analytic results were obtained in different limits: in particular  $B(\lambda)$  was obtain in closed form

## Bridge between Integrability and Localization:

In N=4 SYM:

- ▶ The Bremsstrahlung function  $B(\lambda)$  was computed by means of Localization results [[Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever, 2012](#)].
- ▶ Surprisingly one is able to extract some Non-BPS observables starting from BPS results: first deviation from BPS condition

# Remark: Deforming the observable

[Drukker, Forini 2011]  
[Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever 2012]

$$\vec{n}_1 = \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, 0 \right)$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, -\sin \frac{\theta}{2}, 0 \right)$$

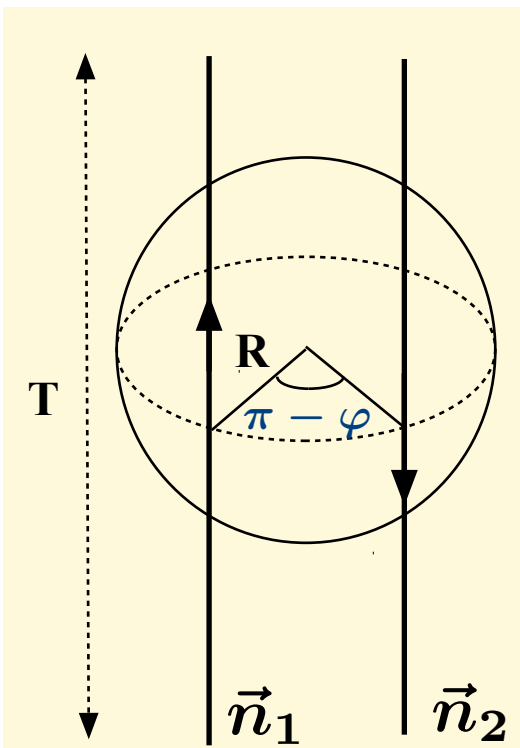
R-symmetry deformation:

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{Tr} \left[ \text{P exp} \left( \oint A_\mu dx^\mu + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\phi} ds \right) \right] \simeq$$

$$\simeq \exp \left[ -\frac{T}{R} V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) \right]$$

$V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$  is called Generalized Potential

Via the usual exponential map  $t = \log r$ , we can also define a generalized cusp and show that  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) = V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$



For  $\theta^2 = \varphi^2$  this configuration turn out to be BPS and

$$V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \varphi^2 = \theta^2$$

namely

$$V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) = (\varphi^2 - \theta^2) B(\lambda) + \dots$$

The Bremsstrahlung function  $B(\lambda)$  can be also extracted by considering the small  $\theta$  behaviour

# $B(\lambda)$ from the latitude on $S^2$

[Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever 2012]

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{Tr} \left[ \text{P exp} \left( \oint A_\mu dx^\mu + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\phi} ds \right) \right]$$

where scalar couplings are given by

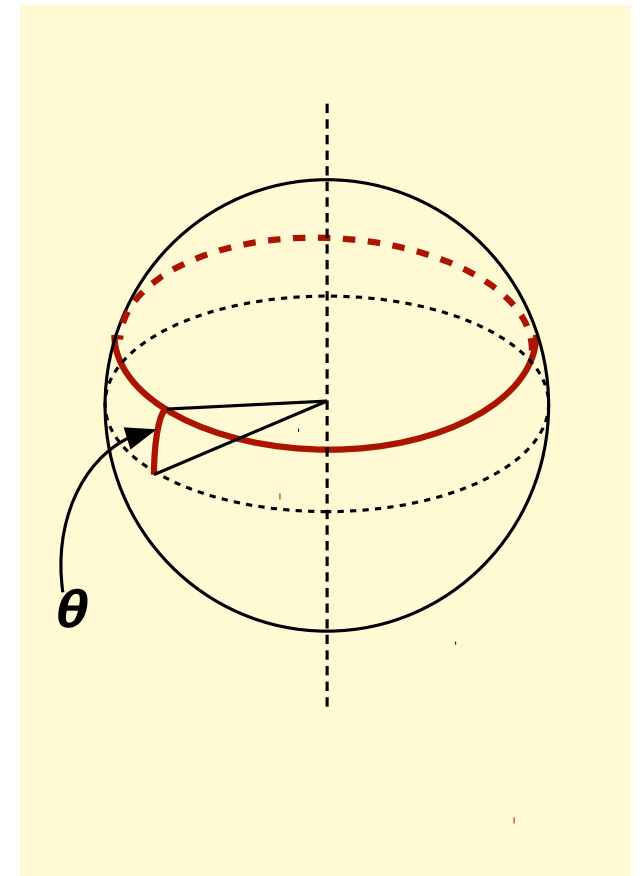
$$n_1 + in_2 = \sin \theta e^{i\tau} \quad n_3 = \cos \theta$$

Exploiting the fact that the straight line and the circle are related by a conformal transformation, one can show that

$$B(\lambda) = - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log W_{\text{lat.}} \Big|_{\theta=0}$$

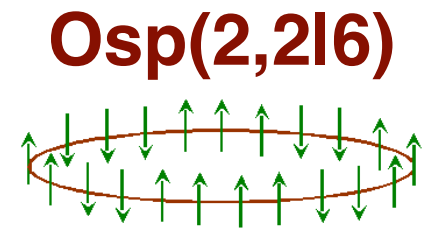
$W_{\text{lat.}}$  can be computed in closed form by exploiting localization techniques:  
[Drukker 2006; Drukker, Giombi, Ricci, Trancanelli, 2007, 2008; Pestun 2009]

$$W_{\text{lat.}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \theta} I_1(\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \theta) \quad \longrightarrow \quad B(\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} I_2(\sqrt{\lambda})}{I_1(\sqrt{\lambda})}$$



The goal is to extend some of these results and relations to ABJ(M) theories:

- In ABJM theories, as in N=4 SYM, the anomalous dimensions of composite operators are computed by an integrable auxiliary spin chain [Gromov, Vieira 2008]
- Many results can be extracted through localization [Kapustin, Willett , Yaakov, 2009; Marino, Putrov 2009; Marino, Putrov, Drukker 2010.....]



**An additional interesting reason:** In the integrability approach the key-ingredient is dispersion relation of the magnon moving on the chain:

$$\epsilon(p) = \sqrt{1 + 4h^2(\lambda) \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$$

The function  $h(\lambda)$ , introduced by [Nishioka, Takayanagi 2008; Gaiotto, Giombi, Yin 2008; Grignani, Harmark, Orselli 2008], is not (completely) fixed:

$$h^2(\lambda) \simeq \lambda^2 - \frac{2\pi}{3}\lambda^4 + O(\lambda^6) \quad \lambda \ll 1, \quad h(\lambda) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right). \quad \lambda \gg 1$$

[Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Sieg, 2009; Leoni, Mauri, Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Santambrogio, Sieg, Tartaglino Mazzucchelli 2010]

CHMS' suggestion:

1. Compute exactly  $B(\lambda)$  through localization
2. Compute exactly  $B(\lambda)$  through integrability
3. Compare and extract  $h(\lambda)$

Recently a conjecture on the exact form of  $h(\lambda)$  was put forward by [Gromov and Sizov \(2014\)](#). It is implicitly given by

$$\lambda = \frac{\sinh 2\pi h(\lambda)}{2\pi} {}_3F_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, \frac{3}{2}; -\sinh^2 2\pi h(\lambda) \right)$$

The conjecture is obtained from two “unrelated” calculation:

- (a) “slope-function” as exact solution of the ABJM spectral curve (integrability) [[Cavaglià, Fioravanti, Gromov, Tateo 2014](#)]
- (b) 1/6 BPS circular Wilson loop (localization) [[Marino, Putrov, 2010](#); [Drukker, Marino, Putrov, 2010](#)]

This conjecture was verified at strong coupling up to two loops [[Bianchi, Bianchi, Forini, Bres, Vescovi 2014](#)]



### Step 1:

- (A) Construct the cusped Wilson loop for ABJM theories
- (B) Check its behaviour and consistency (Exponentiation)
- (C) Extract perturbatively  $\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$ ,  $V(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$  and  $B(\lambda)$

### Step 2:

Construct a more general family of supersymmetric Wilson loops (only the line and the maximal circle was known):

General classes of BPS loops on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $S^2$

### Step 3:

- (A) Evaluation of latitude on  $S^2$
- (B) Use the results on the latitude to conjecture the form of  $B(\lambda)$  to all orders.

# Short review of Wilson loops in ABJ(M)

## ABJ(M) Theory dictionary:

1. Gauge symmetry  $U(N) \times U(M)$  : 2 Chern-Simons of levels  $(k, -k)$
2. Matter: 4 Complex scalar  $\mathbf{Z}_I$  and 4 Dirac spinors  $\psi_I$  in the bifundamental
3. Non gauge couplings: Yukawa  $\mathbf{Z}^2 \psi^2$ ; sextic scalar potential
4. 12 Poincaré +12 Superconformal supercharges; String dual: IIA on  $AdS_4 \times CP^3$

## ABJ(M) two types of Wilson loops:

1. Locally 1/6 BPS Wilson loops: [Drukker, Plefka, Young 2009; Chen, Wu 2009]

$$\mathcal{W}_{N,M} = \text{Tr}_{N,M} \left[ \text{P exp} \left( \oint \mathcal{A}_{N,M} \right) \right] \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_N &= A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} M_J^I Z_I \bar{Z}^J \\ \mathcal{A}_M &= \hat{A}_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} \bar{M}^I{}_J \bar{Z}^J Z_I \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{M}_J^I = \bar{\mathbf{M}}^I{}_J = \text{diag}(1,1,-1,-1)$  for the circle or the line [or locally in general]. They possess  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  R-symmetry.

This dual is not dual to the fundamental string in  $AdS_4 \times CP^3$

## 2. Locally 1/2 BPS Wilson loops: [Drukker Trancanelli 2009]

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{P exp} \left( -i \int_{-T}^T \mathcal{L}(\lambda) d\lambda \right) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_N & -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\kappa}} \eta_I \bar{\Psi}^I \\ \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\kappa}} \Psi_I \bar{\eta}^I & \mathcal{A}_M \end{pmatrix}$$

- (A) But  $M_J^I = \bar{M}^I_J = \text{diag}(-1,1,1,1)$  for the circle or the line [or locally in general].
- (B) Here  $\mathcal{L}$  is an auxiliary super-connection living the Lie algebra of  $U(N|M)$
- (C) They possess  $U(1) \times SU(3)$  symmetry: Dual to the fundamental string in  $AdS_4 \times CP^3$
- (D) Bosonic spinor coupling  $\eta_I, \bar{\eta}^I$
- (E) SUSY invariance  $\longleftrightarrow$   $\delta \mathcal{L} = DG$  (Super-gauge transformation of  $U(N|M)$ )

# The generalized cusp in ABJ(M) theory

[Griguolo, Marmiroli, Martelloni, Seminara 2012]

Two local 1/2 BPS lines

$$M_I(\theta) = M_{II}(-\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \frac{\theta}{2} & \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

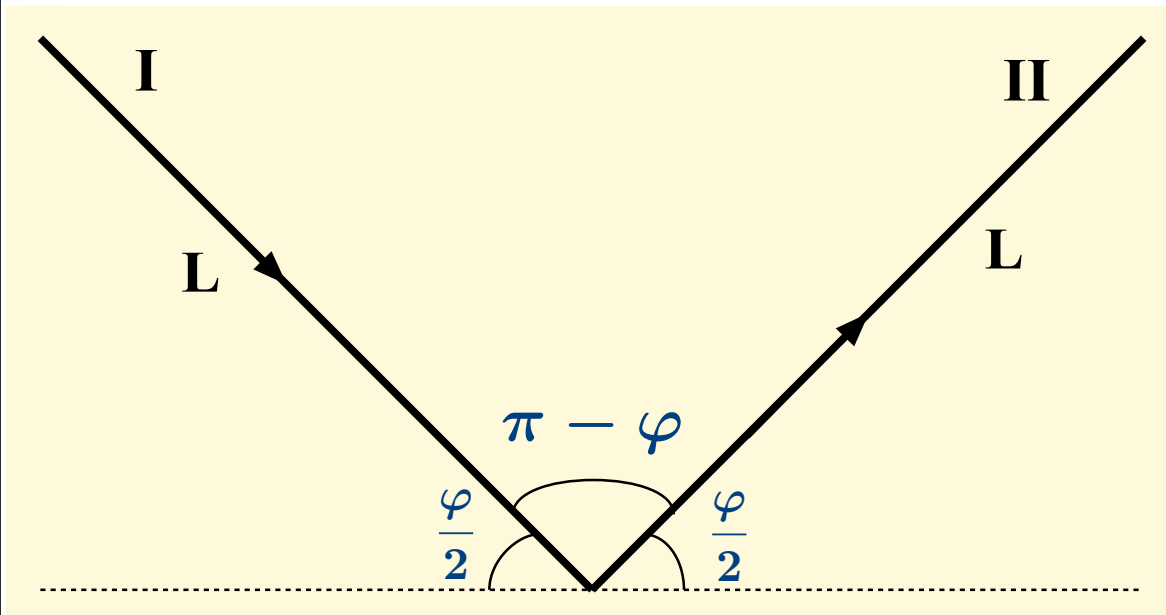
$$(\eta_J^\alpha)_I = (\eta_J^\alpha)_{II}(-\theta, -\varphi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{4} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{4} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{\varphi}{4}} & e^{-i\frac{\varphi}{4}} \end{pmatrix}$$

► BPS condition:  $\theta^2 = \varphi^2$  [No BPS configuration for a bosonic cusp]

$$\mathcal{W} = N_+ \exp \left( \Gamma_+(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}, \varphi, \theta) \right) + N_- \exp \left( \Gamma_-(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}, \varphi, \theta) \right)$$

► Two loop results for ABJM:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_N = & \left( \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} \right) N \left( \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)}{4\pi^{3/2-\epsilon}} \right) (\mu L)^{2\epsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}} - 1 \right) - 2 \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}} \log \left( \sec \left( \frac{\varphi}{2} \right) + 1 \right) + \log 4 \right] + \\ & + \left( \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} \right)^2 N^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)}{4\pi^{3/2-\epsilon}} \right)^2 (\mu L)^{4\epsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \left( \cos \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}} - 1 \right) + O(1) \right] \end{aligned}$$



## Remarks on the perturbative analysis:

- The perturbative result is consistent with the BPS condition  $\theta^2 = \varphi^2$  up to two loops:

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\lambda, \pm\varphi, \varphi) = 0$$

- The result is consistent with a double exponentiation
- The light-like limit yields the correct universal cusp anomaly at two loops:

$$\Gamma_{\text{cusp}} = N^2/k^2 + \dots$$

- The  $Q\bar{Q}$  potential can be extracted by taking  $\theta=0, \delta = \pi - \varphi \rightarrow 0$  ( $N=M$ )

$$V_N(L) = \frac{N}{\kappa} \frac{1}{L} - \left(\frac{N}{\kappa}\right)^2 \frac{1}{L} \log \frac{T}{L}$$

- The Bremsstrahlung function at two loops ( $N=M$ ):

$$B(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{8} + O(\lambda^3)$$

# New Supersymmetric Wilson loops in ABJ(M) theory

[Cardinali, Griguolo, Martelloni, Seminara 2012]

We start from the super-connection:

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_N & -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\kappa}} \eta_I \bar{\Psi}^I \\ \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\kappa}} \Psi_I \bar{\eta}^I & \mathcal{A}_M \end{pmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow$$

The local  $U(1) \times SU(3)$  is realized by choosing a direction

$$\mathbf{n}_I(\tau)$$

and by selecting the following ansatz for the couplings:

$$\eta_I^\alpha(\tau) = n_I(\tau) \eta^\alpha(\tau), \quad M_J^I = \delta_J^I - 2n_J(\tau) \bar{n}^I(\tau),$$

If we impose that the supersymmetry variation can be rewritten as a super-gauge transformation:

$$\delta_{\text{susy}} \mathcal{L}(\tau) = \mathfrak{D}_\tau G \equiv \partial_\tau G + i\{\mathcal{L}, G\},$$

we find two set of constraints for the superconformal spinor  $\bar{\Theta}^{IJ} = \bar{\theta}^{IJ} - (x \cdot \gamma) \bar{\epsilon}^{IJ},$

$$\text{Algebraic Constraints} \quad \begin{cases} \epsilon_{IJKL} (\eta \bar{\Theta}^{IJ}) \bar{n}^K = 0 \\ n_I (\bar{\eta} \bar{\Theta}^{IJ}) = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Differential Constraints} \quad \begin{cases} \bar{\Theta}^{IJ} \partial_\tau \bar{\eta}^K \epsilon_{IJKL} = 0 \\ \bar{\Theta}^{IJ} \partial_\tau \eta_I = 0 \end{cases}$$

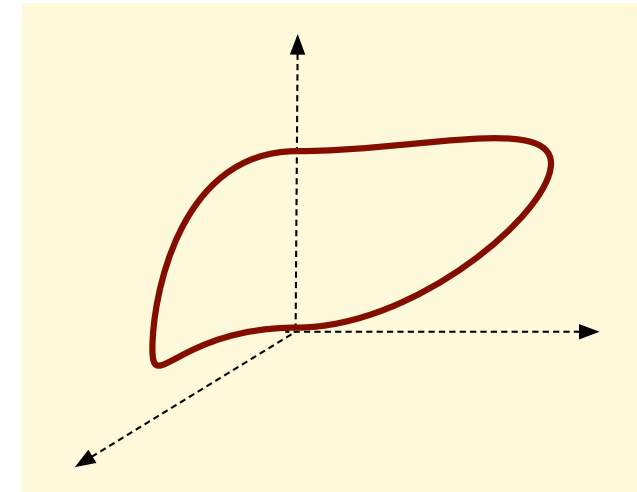
## Two sets of significant solutions:

- **Zarembo-like Wilson loops:** Contours of arbitrary shape in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . They possess only Poincaré supercharges ( $\epsilon^{IJ}=0$ ). They are generically 1/12 BPS:

$$\eta_I^\alpha = i s_I^\beta \left( \mathbb{1} + \ell \frac{\dot{x} \cdot \gamma}{|\dot{x}|} \right)_\beta^\alpha$$

$$M_K^J = \ell \left( \delta_K^J - 2i s_K \bar{s}^J - 2i \ell \frac{\dot{x}^\mu}{|\dot{x}|} s_K \gamma_\mu \bar{s}^J \right).$$

$$\bar{s}_\beta^I s_I^\alpha = \frac{1}{2i} \delta_\beta^\alpha.$$

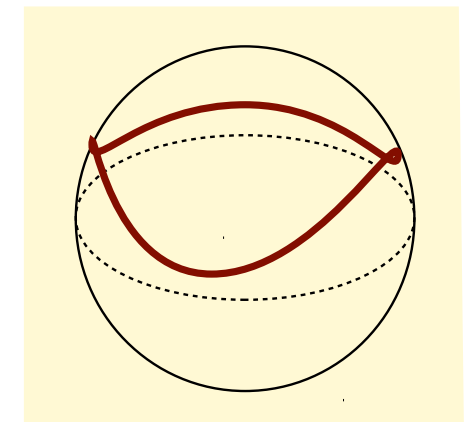


- **Wilson loops on  $S^2$  (DGRT-like):** Contours of arbitrary shape on  $S^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . They are generically 1/12 BPS:

$$[ U = \cos \alpha \mathbb{1} + i \sin \alpha (x^\mu \gamma_\mu) ]$$

$$\eta_I^\beta = \frac{i}{r_0} e^{\frac{i}{2} \ell (\sin 2\alpha) s} \left[ s_I U^\dagger \left( \mathbb{1} + \ell \frac{\dot{x} \cdot \gamma}{|\dot{x}|} \right) \right]^\beta,$$

$$M_K^J = 2i s_K U^\dagger \left( \mathbb{1} + \ell \frac{\dot{x} \cdot \gamma}{|\dot{x}|} \right) U \bar{s}^J$$

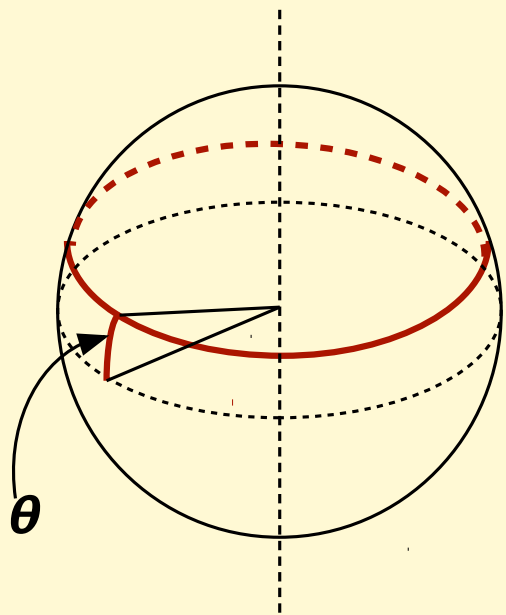


**Tricky point:** Fermionic couplings and thus the super-gauge transformation obey non-trivial boundary conditions on the closed loop  $\Rightarrow$  **Twist matrix  $\mathcal{T}$**

$$\mathcal{W} = \text{P exp} \left( \oint \mathcal{L} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{quantity}]{\text{invariant}} \text{STr}(\mathcal{W}\mathcal{T}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{i}{4}(\sin 2\alpha)L} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{i}{4}(\sin 2\alpha)L} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Supersymmetric Latitude in ABJ(M)

[Bianchi, Griguolo, Leoni, Penati, Seminara 2014]



$$\nu = \sin 2\alpha \cos \theta$$

- **Perturbative computation:** very technical but still possible analytically. It requires a careful use of the Dimensional Reduction
- **Susy:** the loop is 1/6 BPS and it possesses a 1/12 BPS bosonic avatar.
- **Exploring the relation with the Bremsstrahlung function**

**Couplings:**

$$\mathcal{M}_I^J = \begin{pmatrix} -\nu & e^{-i\tau} \sqrt{1-\nu^2} & 0 & 0 \\ e^{i\tau} \sqrt{1-\nu^2} & \nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_I^\alpha \equiv \frac{e^{\frac{i\nu\tau}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1+\nu} \\ -\sqrt{1-\nu} e^{i\tau} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_I (1, -ie^{-i\tau})^\alpha$$

**Quantity to compute:**

$$W[\Gamma] = \frac{\text{STr}(\mathcal{WT})}{\text{STr}(\mathcal{T})} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{i\pi\nu}{2}} \mathbb{1}_N & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{i\nu\pi}{2}} \mathbb{1}_M \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nu=1$ : we must recover the 1/2 BPS circle

$\nu=0$ : Zarembo-Latitude



## Relation of the fermionic latitude with its bosonic counterpart:

We can also define a merely bosonic counterpart of the fermionic latitude. It is given in terms of the  $U(N)$  connection:

$$\mathcal{L}_b \equiv A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{2\pi i}{k} |\dot{x}| \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_J^I C_I \bar{C}^J \quad \text{with} \quad \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_J^I = \begin{pmatrix} -\nu & e^{-i\tau} \sqrt{1-\nu^2} & 0 & 0 \\ e^{i\tau} \sqrt{1-\nu^2} & \nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

analogously we can introduce a  $U(M)$  connection. Both connections define supersymmetric Wilson loops ( $W_B, \hat{W}_B$ ) which are 1/12 BPS and they share common super-symmetries with the fermionic loop.

If one defines:

$$\mathbf{W}_B(\nu) \equiv \frac{\left[ N e^{-\frac{\pi i \nu}{2}} W_B(\nu) - M e^{\frac{\pi i \nu}{2}} \hat{W}_B(\nu) \right]}{\text{STr}(\mathcal{T})}$$

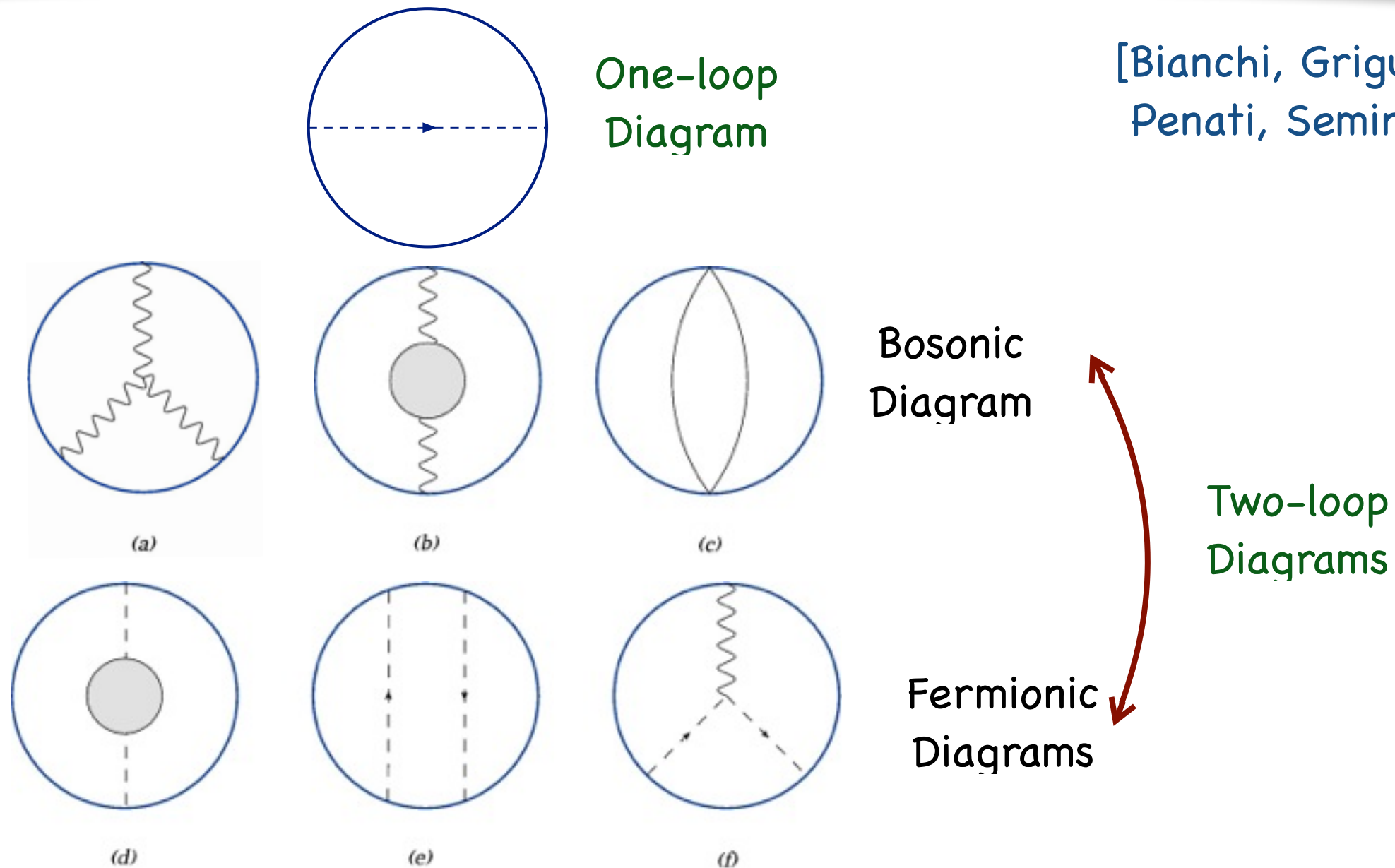
one can show the following cohomological relation between these loops:

$$\mathcal{W}_F - \mathbf{W}_B = Q(V)$$

Similar to what happens in the case of the 1/2 BPS circle [Drukker, Trancanelli 2009].

# Perturbative analysis of the latitude:

[Bianchi, Griguolo, Leoni, Penati, Seminara 2014]



$$\langle W_F(\nu) \rangle_0 = e^{-\frac{i\pi\nu(N-M)}{k}} \frac{\left[ N e^{-\frac{i\pi\nu}{2} + \frac{i\pi\nu N}{k}} \langle W_B(\nu) \rangle_0 - M e^{\frac{i\pi\nu}{2} - \frac{i\pi\nu M}{k}} \langle \hat{W}_B(\nu) \rangle_0 \right]}{\text{STr}(\mathcal{T})}$$

$$\langle W_B(\nu) \rangle = 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{k^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1 + \nu^2)MN - \frac{N^2 - 1}{6} \right] + \mathcal{O}(k^{-3})$$

$$\langle \hat{W}_B(\nu) \rangle = 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{k^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1 + \nu^2)MN - \frac{M^2 - 1}{6} \right] + \mathcal{O}(k^{-3})$$

The additional phases are expected and they have a simple interpretation for  $\nu=1$

**Framing**

- Can we relate this latitude to the Bremsstrahlung function?  
Let us apply (blindly) the same receipt of N=4 SYM in the case N=M

$$B_{1/2}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \partial_\nu \log \langle W_F(\nu) \rangle_0 \Big|_{\nu=1}$$

exploiting the two-loop perturbative results we can immediately find

$$B_{1/2}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{8} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3)$$

in perfect agreement with the two-loop computation of the cusp!

- If we express the  $B_{1/2}(\lambda)$  in terms of the bosonic loops  $\mathbf{W}_B$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}_B$

$$B_{1/2}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left[ \partial_\nu \log \left( \underbrace{\langle W_B(\nu) \rangle_\nu + \langle \hat{W}_B(\nu) \rangle_\nu}_{\text{[even powers in } \lambda \text{]}} \right) \Big|_{\nu=1} - \frac{i\pi}{2} \frac{\langle W_B(1) \rangle_1 - \langle \hat{W}_B(1) \rangle_1}{\langle W_B(1) \rangle_1 + \langle \hat{W}_B(1) \rangle_1} \right]_{\text{[odd powers in } \lambda \text{]}}$$

we can predict the subsequent term in the expansion:

$$B_{1/2}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{48} \lambda^3 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5)$$

Checking in progress [Bianchi,  
Griguolo, Mauri, Penati, Seminara]

## An all order conjecture for $B_{1/2}(\lambda)$ :

Maldacena and Lewkowycz (2013) were able to propose an exact expression for a “putative”  $B_{1/6}(\lambda)$  based on  $n$ -winding  $1/6$  BPS circular Wilson loop.

In their analysis they argue that it is possible to trade the derivative with respect to their relevant geometric parameter (the squashing of the sphere  $b$ ) with a derivative with respect to the winding  $n$  of the loop.

Let us assume that this can be done also in our case:

$$\partial_\nu \log \left( \langle W_B(\nu) \rangle_\nu + \langle \hat{W}_B(\nu) \rangle_\nu \right) \Big|_{\nu=1} = \partial_n \log \left( \langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle + \langle \hat{W}_n^{1/6} \rangle \right) \Big|_{n=1}$$

We discover that

$$\partial_n \log \left( \langle W_n^{1/6} \rangle + \langle \hat{W}_n^{1/6} \rangle \right) \Big|_{n=1} = 0$$

and we obtain the following simple all-order formula in terms of the  $1/2$  BPS circle:

$$B_{1/2}(\lambda) = -\frac{i}{8\pi} \frac{\langle W^{1/6} \rangle_1 - \langle \hat{W}^{1/6} \rangle_1}{\langle W^{1/6} \rangle_1 + \langle \hat{W}^{1/6} \rangle_1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{48} \lambda^3 + \frac{\pi^4}{60} \lambda^5 - \frac{841\pi^6}{40320} \lambda^7 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^9) & \text{weak coupling} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{4\pi} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} - \frac{1}{96\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\lambda}} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-1}) & \text{strong coupling} \end{cases}$$

The leading term at strong coupling is in agreement with [Forini, Giangreco Marotta Puletti, Sax 2012] and [Aguilera-Damia, Correa, Silva 2014]. The subleading as well (Correa et al. 2015)!!

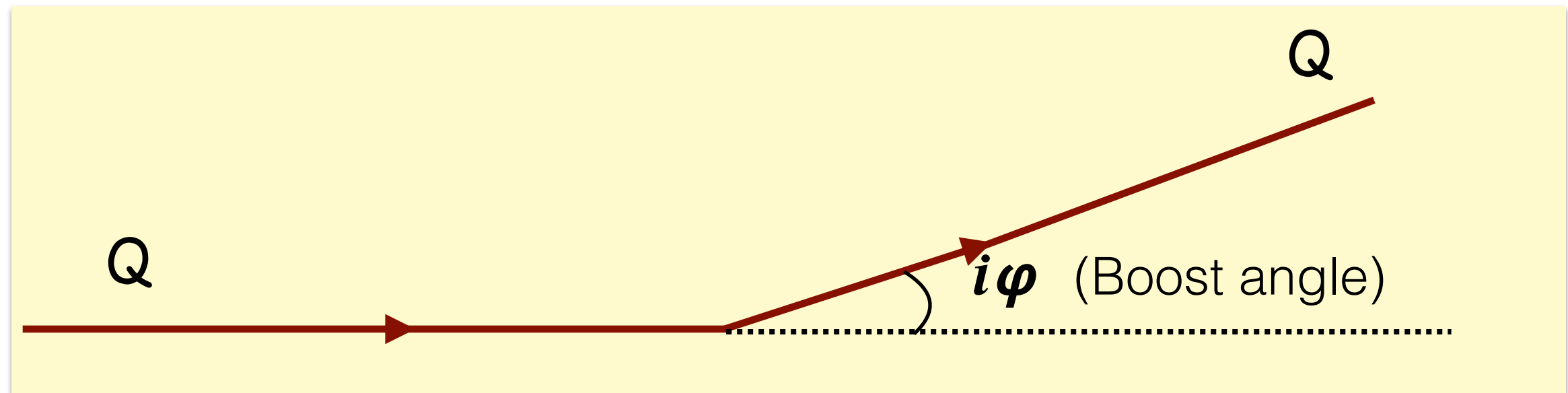
## Conclusions and Outlook:

- ▶ Reviewed the the connection between localisation and integrality
- ▶ Shown how to define the generalised cusp in ABJ(M) theories and computed up to 2-loops
- ▶ Introduced two new families of Susy Wilson loop in ABJ(M)
- ▶ Discussed the latitude in ABJ(M) and evaluated at 2-loops.
- ▶ Using the result on the latitude, we propose an all order expression for  $B_{1/2}(\lambda)$  in ABJM theories.
- ▶ Further checks: 3-loop weak coupling computation (Milano-London) and 1-loop strong coupling computation (Berlin-Iceland) [in progress]

Resumming ladders (Parma-Nordita) [DONE!]

- ▶ Compute the exact expression of the ABJM latitude through localization [dream...]
- ▶ Compute  $B_{1/2}(\lambda)$  through TBA, compare with the localization result, determine  $h(\lambda)$

# Physical meaning of $B\lambda$



The function  $B(\lambda)$  is related to the amount of power radiated by a slowly moving probe charge.

$$\Delta E = 2\pi B(\lambda) \int dt \, \dot{v}^2$$

$$[\text{In QED } 2\pi B \mapsto \frac{2}{3}e^2]$$