# QUANTUM SPECTRAL CURVE

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## Integrability in gauge theory



### N=4 SYM

The "simplest" generalization of QCD:

$$S = \frac{1}{4g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \ldots) \quad \text{Plus extra scalar fields} \quad \Phi_1, \ldots, \Phi_6$$
  
and fermions  
Parameters:  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N_c$  and  $N_c = \infty$ 

#### Symmetries:

Conformal:



## New type of the Integrable structure

Baxter equation for the spectrum of SU(2) XXX spin chain

$$T(u)Q(u) + (u + i/2)^{L}Q(u - i) + (u - i/2)^{L}Q(u + i) = 0$$

Two solutions: polynomial  $Q_1 \sim u^S$  and  $Q_2 \sim u^{L-S}$ 

Satisfy Wronskian relation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} Q_1 \left( u + \frac{i}{2} \right) & Q_2 \left( u + \frac{i}{2} \right) \\ Q_1 \left( u - \frac{i}{2} \right) & Q_2 \left( u - \frac{i}{2} \right) \end{vmatrix} = u^L$$

 $Q_1$  - polynomial  $Q_2$  - polynomial

$$Q_1 = \prod_{i=1}^{S} (u - u_i) , \ u_i = \frac{1}{2} \cot q_i$$

By itself has finite set of solutions! Gives the spectrum of the theory:  $E = \partial_u \log Q_1 |_{u=i/2}$ 



$$Q_2 = \prod_{i=1}^{L-S} (u - v_i) , \quad v_i = \frac{1}{2} \cot p_i$$

### New type of the Integrable structure

Whereas the Baxter is already quite complicated for SU(3) The QQ-formulation remains simple:

$$\begin{vmatrix} Q_{1}(u+i) & Q_{2}(u+i) & Q_{3}(u+i) \\ Q_{1}(u) & Q_{2}(u) & Q_{3}(u) \\ Q_{1}(u-i) & Q_{2}(u-i) & Q_{3}(u-i) \end{vmatrix} = u^{L}$$

 $Q_1$  - polynomial

 $Q_2$  - polynomial

 $Q_3$  - polynomial

All conserved charges are encoded into:

$$T(u) = \begin{vmatrix} Q_1(u+2i) & Q_2(u+2i) & Q_3(u+2i) \\ Q_1(u) & Q_2(u) & Q_3(u) \\ Q_1(u-i) & Q_2(u-i) & Q_3(u-i) \end{vmatrix}$$

## <u>New type of the Integrable structure</u>

Two main ingredients:

• QQ-relations

$$(Q_1, Q_2) \rightarrow psu(2, 2|4)$$
  
 $(Q_1, Q_2) \rightarrow (\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{P}_3, \mathbf{P}_4|\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2, \mathbf{Q}_3, \mathbf{Q}_4)$   
 $S^5 \qquad AdS_5$ 

• Analyticity

 $Q_1$  - polynomial  $Q_2$  - polynomial

What are the analytic properties of the Q's at finite coupling?

## **Motivation from classics**

[Bena, Polchinski, Roiban]

String world-sheet action:

$$S = g \int \operatorname{str}(J^{(2)} \wedge *J^{(2)} - J^{(1)} \wedge J^{(3)})$$

Flat connection  $\mathcal{A}(u) = J^{(0)} + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4g^2}} J^{(2)} - \frac{2g}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4g^2}} * J^{(2)} + \dots$ 



$$\Omega(u,\tau) = \operatorname{Pexp} \oint \mathcal{A}_{\sigma} d\sigma$$

Eigenvalues of the monodromy matrix:

$$\underbrace{\left(e^{ip_{1}}, e^{ip_{2}}, e^{ip_{3}}, e^{ip_{4}}\right)}_{\mathbf{S}^{5}} \underbrace{e^{iq_{1}}, e^{iq_{2}}, e^{iq_{3}}, e^{iq_{4}}}_{\mathbf{A}dS_{5}}$$
Giving (WKB approximation):  

$$\mathbf{P}_{a} \sim \exp\left(-\int^{u} p_{a}(v)dv\right) , \quad \mathbf{Q}_{i} \sim \exp\left(-\int^{u} q_{i}(v)dv\right) ,$$

Analytic properties: [Dorey, Vicedo]  $\oint p(u)du = \mathbb{Z}$ 



# New type of the Integrable structure [N.G., Kazakov, Leuren, Volin]

Simplest analyticity assumptions:

 $\mathbf{P}_{a}$ 



$$\mathbf{P}_a \simeq u^{\mathrm{R-charge}} , \ u \to \infty$$

Charges in S<sup>5</sup> are integer





Charges in AdS<sub>5</sub> contain anom.dimension

### <u>New type of the Integrable structure</u>







Deduce gluing condition:

[N.G., Sizov, Levkovich-Maslyuk]

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_a = \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_b$$





Standard QQ-relations



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# Numerical Solution of the Spectral Problem

# **QSC** and **P-functions**

Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 2013,14









 $c_{a,n}$  are the main parameters in our numerics

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a(u) = \sum_{n=M_a}^{\infty} c_{a,n} x^n$$

# Convergence



## Konishi anomalous dimension

$\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi}$	$\Delta_{S=2}(\lambda)$	$\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi}$	$\Delta_{S=2}(\lambda)$
0.1	4.115506377945221056840042671851	0.2	4.418859880802350962250362876243
0.3	4.826948662284842304671283425271	0.4	5.271565182595898008221528540034
0.5	5.712723424787739030626966875973	0.6	6.133862814488691819595425762346
0.7	6.531606077852440195886557953690	0.8	6.907504206024567515828872789717
0.9	7.2641695874391127748396398539	1	7.60407071704738848334286555
1.1	7.9292942641568451632186264	1.2	8.241563441147703542676050
1.3	8.54230287229506674486342	1.4	8.8326999393163090494514
1.5	9.11375404891588560886	1.6	9.386314656368554140399
1.7	9.65111042653013781471	1.8	9.9087717085593508789
1.9	10.1598480131615473641	2	10.4048217434405061127
2.1	10.6441190951617575972	2.2	10.878118797537726796
2.3	11.107159189584305149	2.4	11.331544000504529107
2.5	11.551547111042160297	2.6	11.76741650605722239
2.7	11.97937757952067741	2.8	12.18763591669137588
2.9	12.3923796509149519	3	12.5937814717988565
3.1	12.7920003457144898	3.2	12.9871829973986392
3.3	13.1794651919629055	3.4	13.368972849208144
3.5	13.555823016292914	3.6	13.740124720157966
3.7	13.921979717391474	3.8	14.101483156227149
3.9	14.278724162943763	4	14.45378636296056
4.1	14.62674834530641	4.2	14.79768407780976
4.3	14.96666327925592	4.4	15.13375175384302
4.5	15.29901169250472	4.6	15.4625019450274
4.7	15.6242782663505	4.8	15.7843935399844
4.9	15.942897981092	5	16.099839321454

# Quark – anti-quark potential

## Cusped Wilson line in N=4 SYM

 $W = \operatorname{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp \int dt \left[ iA \cdot \dot{x} + \vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{n} \left| \dot{x} \right| \right]$ 



Parameters:

- Cusp angle  $\phi$
- Angle  $\theta$  between the couplings to scalars on two rays
- 't Hooft coupling  $\lambda$

# Flat space limit



In the singular limit  $\phi \to \pi$  we get the flat space potential

$$\Delta = -\frac{\Omega(\lambda,\theta)}{\pi - \phi}$$



String theory prediction [Drukker, Forini 11]

$$\Gamma_{\rm cusp}\left(\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}, \theta = \frac{4\pi}{10}, g\right) \simeq 0.3122892 \ g - 0.0410591 + \frac{0.00073853}{g} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{g^2}\right) \qquad \qquad \Gamma_{\rm cusp}^{\rm classical} \simeq 0.3122881g.$$

# Weak coupling: results

NG, F Levkovich-Maslyuk 2016

We have computed the first 7 orders of the expansion

$$\begin{split} \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} &= \hat{g}^2 + \\ &\hat{g}^4 \left[ 16L - 8 \right] + \\ &\hat{g}^6 \left[ 128L^2 + L \left( 64 + \frac{64\pi^2 T}{3} \right) - 112 - \frac{8\pi^2}{3} + 72T\zeta_3 \right] + \\ &\hat{g}^8 \left[ \frac{2048L^3}{3} + \frac{1024}{3} \pi^2 L^2 T + 2048L^2 + LT \left( 768\zeta_3 + \frac{2176\pi^2}{3} \right) + \left( -768 - \frac{640\pi^2}{3} \right) L \\ &+ T^2 \left( 128\pi^2 \zeta_3 - 760\zeta_5 \right) + T \left( 384\zeta_3 - 640\pi^2 + \frac{32\pi^4}{9} \right) + \frac{1664\zeta_3}{3} + \frac{1216\pi^2}{9} - 1280 \right] + \dots \\ &\hat{g} \equiv g \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \ , \ T \equiv \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \ , \ L \equiv \log \sqrt{8e^\gamma \pi \hat{g}^2} \end{split}$$

Pefect match with known results (first 3 orders and partial data at higher loops)

+ new simple formula for subleading logs to all orders

Ericksson, Semenoff, Szabo, Zarembo 2000; Pineda 2007; Drukker, Forini 2011; Stahlhofen 2012; Correa, Henn, Maldacen, Sever 2012; Bykov, Zarembo 2012; Prausa, Steinhauser 2013;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{g}^{2n+2} \frac{16^n L^n}{n!} \times \\ & \left( 1 + \frac{3n^2 - 5n}{4L} + \pi^2 T \frac{n^2 - n}{12L} + \mathcal{O}(1/L^2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

7-loop result. The term of order  $\hat{g}^{14}$  in  $\frac{\Omega}{4\pi}$  is given by

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1048576L^6}{45} + \frac{524288}{9} L^5 \pi^2 T + \frac{6815744L^5}{15} + \frac{262144}{9} L^4 \pi^4 T^2 - 65536L^4 T \zeta_3 + \frac{40632320}{9} L^4 \pi^2 T \\ - \frac{15007744}{9} L^4 \pi^2 + 2752512L^4 + \frac{131072}{81} L^3 \pi^6 T^3 + 65536L^3 \pi^2 T^2 \zeta_3 + \frac{655360}{3} L^3 T^2 \zeta_5 \\ + \frac{12255232}{9} L^3 \pi^4 T^2 - \frac{64159744}{135} L^3 \pi^4 T - 65536L^3 T \zeta_3 + \frac{1330380}{3} B^3 \pi^2 T + \frac{3407872L^3 \zeta_3}{9} \\ - \frac{11141120}{9} L^3 \pi^2 + \frac{15073280L^3}{3} + \frac{2080768}{45} L^2 \pi^4 T^3 \zeta_3 - \frac{499712}{3} L^2 \pi^2 T^3 \zeta_5 - 129024L^2 T^3 \zeta_7 \\ + 32768L^2 \pi^6 T^3 - \frac{2828288}{405} L^2 \pi^6 T^2 - 36864L^2 T^2 \zeta_3^2 + \frac{11444224}{3} L^2 \pi^2 T^2 \zeta_3 + 20480L^2 T^2 \zeta_5 \\ + \frac{2351104}{3} L^2 \pi^4 T^2 - \frac{7610368}{9} L^2 \pi^2 T \zeta_3 - 40960L^2 T \zeta_5 - \frac{27344896}{45} L^2 \pi^4 T + 1671168L^2 T \zeta_3 \\ - 3817472L^2 \pi^2 T + \frac{7221248L^2 \pi^4}{45} + 2555904L^2 \zeta_3 + \frac{17096704L^2 \pi^2}{9} - \frac{6914048L^2}{3} + \frac{8192}{9} L \pi^6 T^4 \zeta_3 \\ - \frac{133120}{3} L \pi^4 T^4 \zeta_5 + 369152L \pi^2 T^4 \zeta_7 - 628992L T^4 \zeta_9 + \frac{1176832L \pi^8 T^3}{42525} + \frac{210944}{3} L \pi^2 T^3 \zeta_3^2 \\ - 71680L T^3 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 + 30720L T^3 \zeta_{6,2} + \frac{7872512}{15} L \pi^4 T^3 \zeta_3 - 1899520L \pi^2 T^3 \zeta_5 + 867328L T^3 \zeta_7 \\ + \frac{212992}{27} L \pi^6 T^3 - \frac{1150976}{15} L \pi^4 T^2 \zeta_3 + 665600L \pi^2 T^2 \zeta_5 - 268800L T^2 \zeta_7 + \frac{273752}{215} L \pi^6 T^2 \\ + 43008L T^2 \zeta_3^2 + \frac{757760}{3} L \pi^2 T^2 \zeta_3 - 1587200L T^2 \zeta_5 - \frac{14838784}{9} L \pi^4 T^2 - \frac{2152448 L \pi^6 T}{2835} \\ - 163840L T \zeta_3^2 + \frac{24051712}{9} L \pi^3 T \zeta_3 + 364544L T \zeta_5 + \frac{390412288}{90412288} L \pi^4 T + 2457600L T \zeta_3 \\ - \frac{39706624}{9} L \pi^2 T - \frac{5324800}{9} L \pi^2 \zeta_3 + \frac{1998848L \zeta_5}{5} - \frac{34199552L \pi^4}{3} + \frac{9797632L \zeta_3}{3} \\ - \frac{163840E L \tau^2}{9} - \frac{23560192L}{3} - \frac{11264}{5} \pi^6 T^5 \zeta_5 + \frac{73216}{5} \pi^6 T^5 \zeta_7 - 285120 \pi^2 T^5 \zeta_9 \\ + 1271952T^5 \zeta_{11} - \frac{10544\pi^{10}T^4}{93555} + \frac{91136}{9} \pi^4 T^4 \zeta_3^2 - \frac{50832}{3} \pi^2 T^4 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 + 179424 T^4 \zeta_5^2 \\ + 361088T^4 \zeta_3 \zeta_7 + \frac{16768}{3} \pi^2 T^4 \zeta_{6,2} - 26432T^4 \zeta_8, 2 + \frac{65533}{55} \pi^6 T^4 \zeta_3 - 63488\pi^4 T^4 \zeta_5 \\ + 401408\pi^2 T^4 \zeta_7 - 508032T^4 \zeta_9 + \frac{5137792\pi^6}{3} \pi^3 - 7$$

NG, F Levkovich-Maslyuk 2016

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## **Numerical solution**

We adapted the efficient algorithm of NG, F Levkovich-Maslyuk, Sizov 2015



# **Ladders limit**

Double scaling limit  $\theta \to i\infty, g \to 0, \frac{g}{e^{i\theta/2}} = \text{fixed}$ 

Selects only ladder diagrams

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} &= \hat{g}^2 + \\ &\hat{g}^4 \left[ 16L - 8 \right] + \\ &\hat{g}^6 \left[ 128L^2 + L \left( 64 + \frac{64\pi^2 T}{3} \right) - 112 - \frac{8\pi^2}{3} + 72T\zeta_3 \right] + \\ &\hat{g}^8 \left[ \frac{2048L^3}{3} + \frac{1024}{3} \pi^2 L^2 T + 2048L^2 + LT \left( 768\zeta_3 + \frac{2176\pi^2}{3} \right) + \left( -768 - \frac{640\pi^2}{3} \right) L \\ &+ T^2 \left( 128\pi^2 \zeta_3 - 760\zeta_5 \right) + T \left( 384\zeta_3 - 640\pi^2 + \frac{32\pi^4}{9} \right) + \frac{1664\zeta_3}{3} + \frac{1216\pi^2}{9} - 1280 \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$T \equiv \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \to 0$$

$$\hat{g} \equiv g \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \text{fixed}$$

$$\Omega = \Omega(\hat{g})$$

$$L \equiv \log \sqrt{8e^{\gamma} \pi \hat{g}^2}$$

# Ladders limit

Double scaling limit  $\theta \to i\infty, g \to 0, \frac{g}{e^{i\theta/2}} = \text{fixed}$ 

Bethe-Salpeter techniques reduce sum of ladder diagrams to a Schrodinger problem for the ground state

$$-F''(z) - \frac{4\hat{g}^2}{z^2 + 1}F(z) = -\frac{\Omega^2}{4}F(z)$$

$$\hat{g} \equiv g \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \text{fixed}$$

Ericksson, Semenoff, Szabo, Zarembo 2000 Correa, Henn, Maldacen, Sever 2012

Captures all orders in  $\hat{g}$  including all finite-size effects

Can we get it from the QSC ?

## Ladders limit in the QSC

Great simplification as 4th order Baxter equation on  $Q_i$  factorizes

$$-2(2\hat{g}^2 - \Omega u + u^2)q_1(u) + u^2q_1(u-i) + u^2q_1(u+i) = 0$$

$$q_1(u) \equiv \mathbf{Q}_1(u) e^{\pm \pi u} / \sqrt{u}$$

The Schrodinger equation

$$-F''(z) - \frac{4\hat{g}^2}{z^2 + 1}F(z) = -\frac{\Omega^2}{4}F(z)$$

maps to this Baxter equation after a Mellin-type transform!

$$q_1(u) = 2u \int_{i}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\Omega z}{2}}}{z^2+1} \left(\frac{z+i}{z-i}\right)^{iu} F(z) dz$$

(similar to ODE/IM ?)



## Spectral curve for ABJM





Quantum Spectral Curve construction is known for ABJM theory

[A. Cavaglia, D. Fioravanti, N. G., R. Tateo]

Important difference is the position of the branch points:

SYM: 
$$\pm 2g(\lambda) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$
 abjm:  $\pm 2h(\lambda) = ?$ 

 $h(\lambda)$  enters into many important quantities: cusp dimension, magnon dispertion

## Finding Interpolation function h

In the near BPS limit we should be able to match with localization



Comparing cross-ratios of the branch points:  $\kappa = 4 \sinh(2\pi h)$ 

## Interpolation function h



## Is ABJ theory Integrable?

Integrability structure of ABJM is too rigid. Impossible to deform



[Cavaglia, N.G., Levkovich-Maslyuk]

$$h(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{ab+1}{a+b}\right)$$

 $\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_a^{1/a} \omega(Z) \frac{dZ}{Z} \ , \ \lambda_2 = +\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \oint_{-b}^{-1/b} \omega(Z) \frac{dZ}{Z} \qquad \qquad \omega(Z) = \log\left(\sqrt{(Z+b)(Z+1/b)} - \sqrt{(Z-a)(Z-1/a)}\right)$ 

#### Tests of the conjecture

[Drukker, Marino, Putrov]

1) Reality  

$$4e^{2\pi i(B-1/2)} = a + \frac{1}{a} + b + \frac{1}{b}, \quad 2\kappa e^{\pi i B} = a + \frac{1}{a} - b - \frac{1}{b}, \quad u = \frac{\kappa^2}{8} - \cos 2\pi B$$

$$h(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \log\left(u + \sqrt{u^2 - 1}\right)$$

2) Weak coupling

[Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Sieg]

[Leoni, Mauri, Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Santambrogio, Sieg, Tartaglino-Mazzucchelli]

$$h^{2}(\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2}) = \lambda_{1}\lambda_{2} - \frac{\pi^{2}}{6}\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}(\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2})^{2} + \frac{\pi^{4}}{360}\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}(\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2})^{2}(3\lambda_{1}^{2}+3\lambda_{2}^{2}+79\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2})$$

1) Partial weak coupling

[Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Sieg] [Bianchi, Lioni]

$$h^{2}(\lambda_{1},\lambda_{2}) = \frac{\lambda_{1}}{\pi} \sin\left(\pi\lambda_{2}\right) + \frac{\lambda_{1}^{2}}{3} \sin^{2}\left(\frac{\pi\lambda_{2}}{2}\right) \left(1 - 5\cos\left(\pi\lambda_{2}\right)\right)_{\text{[Honda]}}$$

2) Strong coupling

[Aharony, Hashimoto, Hirano, Ouyang]

$$h(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2}} - \frac{\log(2)}{2\pi} - \frac{e^{-2\pi\sqrt{2\hat{\lambda}}}\cos(2\pi B)}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\pi 2\sqrt{2\hat{\lambda}}}\right)$$
$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\left(B - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{24} = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 - \frac{1}{24}$$

## Seinberg-like symmetry

4) Expected symmetry duality between two gauge group

[Aharony, Bergman, Jafferis]

$$U(N_1)_k \times U(N_2)_{-k}$$
 and  $U(2N_2 - N_1 + k)_k \times U(N_1)_{-k}$   
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \rightarrow (2\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 + 1, \lambda_1)$ 



So the expression is clearly invariant

$$h(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \log\left(\frac{ab+1}{a+b}\right)$$
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# Conclusions

- More general systems with different symmetries?
- Classification of all consistent matching conditions is needed.
- How Qs are related to the wave functions? Applications for 3-point correlators?
- Relation to Integrability found in localization?
- Etc...

**BFKL regime** 

## BFKL regime

Important class of single trace operators:

 $trD^SZ^2$  + permutations

Spectrum for different spins:

[Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, -Itan `06]



In this regime SYM is undistinguishable from the real QCD

# Analytic structure at finite coupling





# BFKL in QCD

• At the LO:

Jaroszewicz, 1982 Lipatov 1986 Kotikov,Lipatov 2002

$$\chi(\gamma) = 2\Psi(1) - \Psi(\gamma) - \Psi(1 - \gamma), \quad \Psi(\gamma) = \Gamma'(\gamma) / \Gamma(\gamma)$$

• At NLO:

Kotikov,Lipatov 2002 Kotikov,Lipatov 2000

$$\begin{split} \delta(\gamma) &= -\left[ \left( \frac{11}{3} - \frac{2n_f}{3N_c} \right) \frac{1}{2} \left( \chi^2(\gamma) - \Psi'(\gamma) + \Psi'(1-\gamma) \right) - \left( \frac{67}{9} - \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{10}{9} \frac{n_f}{N_c} \right) \chi(\gamma) \right. \\ &\left. - 6\zeta(3) + \frac{\pi^2 \cos(\pi\gamma)}{\sin^2(\pi\gamma)(1-2\gamma)} \left( 3 + \left( 1 + \frac{n_f}{N_c^3} \right) \frac{2 + 3\gamma(1-\gamma)}{(3-2\gamma)(1+2\gamma)} \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \Psi''(\gamma) - \Psi''(1-\gamma) - \frac{\pi^3}{\sin(\pi\gamma)} + 4\phi(\gamma) \right] \,. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \phi(\gamma) &= -\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x} \left( x^{\gamma-1} + x^{-\gamma} \right) \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{t} \ln(1-t) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty (-1)^n \left[ \frac{\Psi(n+1+\gamma) - \Psi(1)}{(n+\gamma)^2} + \frac{\Psi(n+2-\gamma) - \Psi(1)}{(n+1-\gamma)^2} \right] \end{split}$$

# **BFKL regime**

 $S \rightarrow -1, g \rightarrow 0, \frac{g^2}{S+1} =$ fixed Resums contributions from all loop orders

N=4 SYM should give the highest transcendentality part of the QCD result

$$S = -1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g^{2n} \left[ F_n \left( \frac{\Delta - 1}{2} \right) + F_n \left( \frac{-\Delta - 1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$S_a(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{x} \frac{(\operatorname{sign}(a))^k}{k^{|a|}}$$

$$S_{a,b,c,\dots}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{x} (\operatorname{sign}(a))^k S_{b,c,\dots}(k)$$

Leading order

$$F_1(x) = -4S_1(x)$$

Reproduced from QSC in [Alfimov,Gromov,Kazakov 2014]

NLO 
$$F_2(x) = 4\left(-\frac{3}{2}\zeta(3) + \pi^2 \log 2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3}S_1(x) + 2S_3(x) + \pi^2 S_{-1}(x) - 4S_{-2,1}(x)\right)$$

NNLO  $F_3(x) = ?????$ 

# **Basis for NNLO**

Each term has transcendentality 5

harmonic sums with transcendentality up to 5, and constants:  $\pi, \log(2), \zeta(3), \zeta(5), \operatorname{Li}_4(1/2), \operatorname{Li}_5(1/2)$ 

In total 288 elements

We derive analytic constraints from QSC for expansion around poles at  $\Delta_0 = 1, 3, 5, 7, \ldots$ 

## **Our result: BFKL at NNLO**

$$\begin{split} S &= -1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g^{2n} \left[ F_n \left( \frac{\Delta - 1}{2} \right) + F_n \left( \frac{-\Delta - 1}{2} \right) \right] & \frac{1}{256} F_3 = \\ & -\frac{5S_{-5}}{8} - \frac{S_{-4,1}}{2} + \frac{S_{1}S_{-3,1}}{2} + \frac{S_{-3,2}}{2} - \frac{5S_{2}S_{-2,1}}{4} \\ & + \frac{S_{-4}S_1}{4} + \frac{S_{-3}S_2}{8} + \frac{3S_{3,-2}}{4} - \frac{3S_{-3,1,1}}{2} - S_1S_{-2,1,1} \\ & + S_{2,-2,1} + 3S_{-2,1,1,1} - \frac{3S_{-2}S_3}{4} - \frac{S_5}{8} + \frac{S_{-2}S_1S_2}{4} \\ & + \pi^2 \left[ \frac{S_{-2,1}}{8} - \frac{7S_{-3}}{48} - \frac{S_{-2}S_1}{12} + \frac{S_{1}S_2}{48} \right] & \text{Found from} \\ & \text{iterative solution of QSC} \\ & + \left[ 2\text{Li}_4 - \frac{\pi^2 \log^2 2}{12} + \frac{\log^4 2}{12} \right] (S_{-1} - S_1) - \pi^4 \left[ \frac{2S_{-1}}{45} - \frac{S_1}{96} \right] \\ & + \frac{\log^5 2}{60} - \frac{\pi^2 \log^3 2}{36} - \frac{2\pi^4 \log 2}{45} - \frac{\pi^2 \zeta_3}{24} + \frac{49\zeta_5}{32} - 2\text{Li}_5 \end{split}$$

Confirmed recently by an independent calculation by Caron-Huot, Herran