## Trace map on chiral Weyl algebras

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## Overview

- Chiral homology: derived conformal blocks
- Chiral Weyl algebras
- Trace map on chiral Weyl algebras

The spaces of conformal blocks of two-dimensional conformal field theories have many interesting properties and connections to many different areas of mathematics and physics.

There are spaces of derived conformal blocks (chiral homologies) and the usual conformal blocks are their degree 0 part.



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Here we briefly recall the notion of chiral homology (by Beilinson and Drinfeld). Suppose that the space of local operators in our two-dimensional conformal field theory  $T_{cft}$  can be described by a (quasi-conformal) vertex algebra  $V[T_{cft}]$ .

One can construct a vertex algebra bundle  $\mathcal{V}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}] \to X$  over a smooth Riemann surface X from  $V[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}]$ . This bundle is a left  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -module,i.e, a holomorphic ( $\infty$ -dim) vector bundle with a holomorphic connection.



From the left  $\mathcal{D}_X\text{-module}~\mathcal{V}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}]$ , we can get a right  $\mathcal{D}_X\text{-module}$ 

$$\mathcal{A}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}] := \mathcal{V}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}] \otimes \omega_X.$$

The vertex algebra bundle structure on  $\mathcal{V}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}]$  gets translated to the chiral algebra (in the sense of Beilinson and Drinfeld) structure on  $\mathcal{A}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}]$ .

Beilinson and Drinfeld construct a chain complex  $C^{ch}_{\bullet}(X, \mathcal{A}_X[\mathcal{T}_{cft}])$  which is a 2d chiral version of the usual Hochschild chain complex. The chiral homology is defined to be the homology of this complex

$$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{ch}}(X,\mathcal{A}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}]) := \mathcal{H}(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{ch}}_ullet(X,\mathcal{A}_X[\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cft}}])).$$

By [Rozenblyum,2021], there is no higher chiral homology in the usual rational WZW model. In fact, there is a general open question:

Let V be a rational VOA. For any curve X, we have the corresponding chiral algebra  $A_X$ . Is it true that all the higher chiral homologies of  $A_X$  vanish?

Beyond rational theories, one encounters

- dim  $H_0^{ch} = +\infty$  (chiral bosons).
- $H_{>0}^{ch} \neq 0$  (symplectic bosons).

Consider a holomorphic vector bundle E which is equipped with a symplectic pairing  $\langle -, - \rangle : E \otimes E \to \omega_X$ . Then the cohomology  $H^{\bullet}(X, E)$  has a (-1)-shifted symplectic pairing

$$\int_X \langle -, - \rangle : H^{\bullet}(X, E) \otimes H^{\bullet}(X, E) \to \mathbb{C}.$$

We denote the BV algebra  $\mathcal{O}(H^{\bullet}(X, E))$  by  $O_{E}$ .

The chiral quantum field theory (symplectic bosons) with Lagrangian

$$\int_X \langle \bar{\partial} \phi, \phi \rangle, \phi \in \mathcal{E} = \Omega^{0, ullet}(X, E).$$

The algebraic structure of quantum observables in this theory is captured by the **chiral Weyl algebra**  $A_E$  associated to E.

It is expected that

$$\int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{E} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{\hbar}\int_X \langle \bar{\partial}_E \phi, \phi \rangle} \mathcal{O}_1 \cdots \mathcal{O}_n \sim \text{Chiral homology of } \mathcal{A}_E.$$

If we take  $E = F \otimes \omega_X^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for a symplectic holomorphic vector bundle  $F, w(-, -) : F \otimes F \to \mathcal{O}_X$ . Then the chiral homology of  $\mathcal{A}_E$  forms a  $\mathcal{D}$ -module on the moduli space of bundles which quantizes the **Gaiotto Lagrangian** ([Gaiotto], [Hitchin], [Ginzburg and Rozenblyum]) inside the Hitchin moduli space.

## Theorem ([G])

The above path integral can be explicitly constructed as a map

 $\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_E}: C^{\operatorname{ch}}(X, \mathcal{A}_E) \to O_E$ 

and satisfying

 $(d + \Delta_{\rm BV})$ **Tr**<sub> $A_E$ </sub> = 0.

Furthermore, the chain map  $\mathbf{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}_{E}}$  is a quasi-isomorphism.

- ► The chiral homology (=BV cohomology of O<sub>E</sub>) is concentrated in degree • = dim H<sup>0</sup>(X, E).
- The same method applies to chiral bosons and symplectic Fermions (have infinite-dimensional chiral homology groups).
- The variation of the analytic torsion T(E) can be expressed as Tr<sub>A<sub>E</sub></sub>(J) for a current J.
- It is possible to generalize this to nonlinear symplectic bosons (chiral differential operators) and extend the Witten genera to higher genus curves.

## Thank you!

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## Resurgent large genus asymptotics of intersection numbers

j/w B. Eynard, E. Garcia-Failde, P. Gregori, D. Lewański arXiv: AG/2309.03143

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Enumerative problem:  $c_m = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{arrangements of } m \text{ distinct objects} \\ \text{into } m \text{ distinct boxes} \end{array} \right\}$ 

Solution: 
$$c_m = m! = \begin{cases} m \cdot c_{m-1} & m > 1\\ 1 & m = 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$\langle\!\langle \tau_{d_1}\cdots\tau_{d_n}\rangle\!\rangle = \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \prod_{i=1}^n \psi_i^{d_i} (2d_i+1)!! \qquad d_1+\cdots+d_n = 3g-3+n$$

- Compute the perturbative expansion of topological 2d gravity
- Feynman diagrams of the Airy matrix model
- Volumes of moduli spaces of metric ribbon graphs
- Building block for all tautological intersection numbers

Recursive solution: Virasoro constraints

Intersection numbers

Witten conjecture/Kontsevich theorem, early '90s:



Virasoro constraints/topological recursion.

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where  $p_0 = \#\{d_l = 0\}$ 

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• 
$$\widetilde{\varphi}(\hbar) = \sum_{m} a_{m} \hbar^{m} \xrightarrow{\text{Borel}} \widehat{\varphi}(s) = \sum_{m} \frac{a_{m}}{m!} s^{m}$$

• Suppose  $\widehat{\varphi}$  has log singularities  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$ :

$$\widehat{\varphi}(s) \sim -\frac{S_i}{2\pi} \widehat{\psi}_i(s-A) \log(s-A_i)$$

 $S_i$  are the Stokes constants,  $\widehat{\psi}_i(s) = \sum_m \frac{b_{i,m}}{m!} s^m$  are holomorphic

• Large *m* asymptotics:

$$a_{m} = \frac{S_{1}}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(m)}{A_{1}^{m}} \left( b_{1,0} + \frac{A_{1}}{m-1} b_{1,1} + \frac{A_{1}^{2}}{(m-1)(m-2)} b_{1,2} + \cdots \right) + \cdots + \frac{S_{n}}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(m)}{A_{n}^{m}} \left( b_{n,0} + \frac{A_{n}}{m-1} b_{n,1} + \frac{A_{n}^{2}}{(m-1)(m-2)} b_{n,2} + \cdots \right)$$

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### Darboux method: summary

### Upshot:

Borel plane singularities  $\implies$  large order asymptotics

- Fact 1: Borel plane sings are well-understood for exponential integrals
- Fact 2: Borel plane sings behave well under sums/products

Example:  $\operatorname{Ai}(x, \hbar) \cdot \operatorname{Bi}(x, \hbar)$ 

(the expansion coeff's of Ai and Bi are explicit, but the ones of Ai  $\cdot$  Bi are not)

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Take the generating series

$$W_n(x_1,\ldots,x_n;\hbar) = \sum_{g \ge 0} \hbar^{2g-2+n} \sum_{d_1,\ldots,d_n} \# \frac{\langle \langle \tau_{d_1} \cdots \tau_{d_n} \rangle \rangle}{x_1^{d_1} \cdots x_n^{d_n}}$$

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Example: n = 2

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where  $\operatorname{Ai}_{i} = \operatorname{Ai}(x_{i}, \hbar)$ ,  $\operatorname{Bi}_{i} = \operatorname{Bi}(x_{i}, \hbar)$ .

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Singularity strct} \\ \text{of } \widehat{\text{Ai}}, \widehat{\text{Bi}} \end{array} \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{Singularity strct} \\ \text{of } \widehat{W}_n \end{array}$$

•  $2n \log \text{ singularities } of \widehat{W}_n$ , located at

$$+rac{4}{3}x_i^{3/2}$$
 and  $-rac{4}{3}x_i^{3/2}$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,n$ 

- Stokes constants: S = 1
- Holom. funct multiplying the log:

(a) at  $+\frac{4}{3}x_i^{3/2}$ : replace each  $\widehat{Ai}_i$  with  $\widehat{Bi}_i$ (b) at  $-\frac{4}{3}x_i^{3/2}$ : replace each  $\widehat{Bi}_i$  with  $\widehat{Ai}_i$ 

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Norbury's intersection numbers (super WP/JT, BGW tau function):

$$\langle\!\langle \tau_{d_1} \cdots \tau_{d_n} \rangle\!\rangle^{\Theta} = \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \Theta_{g,n} \prod_{i=1}^n \psi_i^{d_i} (2d_i + 1)!!$$
  
=  $S \frac{2^n}{4\pi} \frac{\Gamma(2g - 2 + n)}{A^{2g - 2 + n}} \left( 1 + \frac{A}{2g - 3 + n} \alpha_1 + \cdots + \frac{A^k}{(2g - 3 + n)^k} \alpha_k + O(g^{-k-1}) \right)$ 

where:

• *S* = 2

Stokes constants of the **Bessel ODE** 

• *A* = 2

leading exp behaviour of  $K_0$ 

 α<sub>k</sub> polynomials in n and multiplicities of d<sub>i</sub> are computable from the asymptotic expansion coeffs of K<sub>0</sub>

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## Witten's *r*-spin intersection numbers (FJRW theory, top. gravity coupled to a WZW theory):

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$$\begin{split} \left\langle\!\left\langle\tau_{a_{1},d_{1}}\cdots\tau_{a_{n},d_{n}}\right\rangle\!\right\rangle^{r\text{-spin}} &= \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} C_{w}(a_{1},\ldots,a_{n}) \prod_{i=1}^{n} \psi_{i}^{d_{i}}(rd_{i}+a_{i})!_{(r)} \\ &= \frac{2^{n}}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(2g-2+n)}{r^{g-1-|d|}} \Bigg[ \frac{S_{r,1}}{|A_{r,1}|^{2g-2+n}} \left(\alpha_{0}^{(r,1)} + \frac{|A_{r,1}|}{2g-3+n} \alpha_{1}^{(r,1)} + \cdots\right) \\ &+ \cdots \\ &+ \frac{S_{r,\lfloor\frac{r-1}{2}\rfloor}}{|A_{r,\lfloor\frac{r-1}{2}\rfloor}|^{2g-2+n}} \left(\alpha_{0}^{(r,\lfloor\frac{r-1}{2}\rfloor)} + \frac{|A_{r,\lfloor\frac{r}{2}\rfloor}|^{K}}{2g-3+n} \alpha_{1}^{(r,\lfloor\frac{r-1}{2}\rfloor)} + \cdots\right) \\ &+ \frac{\delta_{r}^{\text{even}}}{2} \frac{S_{r,\frac{r}{2}}}{|A_{r,\frac{r}{2}}|^{2g-2+n}} \left(\alpha_{0}^{(r,\frac{r}{2})} + \frac{|A_{r,\frac{r}{2}}|^{K}}{2g-3+n} \alpha_{1}^{(r,\frac{r}{2})} + \cdots\right) \Bigg] \end{split}$$

where  $S_{r,\alpha}$ ,  $A_{r,\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha_k^{(r,\alpha)}$  are obtained from the *r*-Airy ODE.

## Thank you for the attention!

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Weil–Petersson volumes satisfy the determinantal formula.

### Problem

Understand the WP quantum curve:

$$y^2 - {\sin^2(2\pi\sqrt{x})\over 4\pi^2} = 0$$
  $\xrightarrow{quantisation}$  ??

(aka wave/Baker-Akhiezer function)





# Modular Resurgent Structures and Spectral Traces of local $\mathbb{P}^2$

Based on arXiv:2404.11550 and arXiv:2404.10695 joint with C. Rella

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$$\phi_0(\hbar) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \hbar^n \in \mathbb{C}[\llbracket\hbar]]_1 \rightsquigarrow e^{-t}$$

- resurgent structures reveal certain properties of the original analytic function

$$\Phi_0(\hbar) \text{ analytic } \rightsquigarrow \phi_0(\hbar) \in \mathbb{C}[\![\hbar]\!]_1 \rightsquigarrow$$

of the Stokes constants are holomorphic quantum modular forms [VF -Rella]

Going beyond perturbation theory and characterizing analytic functions through their asymptotics

• Resurgence provides an effective tool to study perturbative expansions by computing sub-leading order contributions [Écalle]

 $f^{\omega}_{\hbar}\phi_{\omega}(\hbar)$  with  $\phi_{\omega}(\hbar) \in \mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]_{1}, \omega \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ 

• Among its different applications in mathematics and physics, it has been largely applied in **topological strings** [Alexandrov, Alim, Couso-Santamaría, Edelstein, Grassi, Gu, Iwaki, Kashani-Poor, Klemm, Mariño, Pasquetti, Pioline, Rella, Schiappa, Schwick, Teschner, Vonk, ...]

• Also particularly interesting is studying resurgence of the asymptotic expansions of analytic functions: indeed the

 $e^{-\frac{\omega}{\hbar}}\phi_{\omega}(\hbar)$  with  $\phi_{\omega}(\hbar) \in \mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]_1, \omega \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ 

• By studying the resurgent structure of the first fermionic spectral trace of local  $\mathbb{P}^2$  we show that the generating functions

*modular resurgent structures*  $\rightarrow$  *holomorphic quantum modular forms* 



# First fermionic spectral trace of local $\mathbb{P}^2$

The **Topological String/Spectral Theory correspondence** (TS/ST) identifies as non-perturbative completion of topological strings on toric CY 3-folds X the spectral determinant  $\Xi$  of certain quantum mechanical operators  $O_X$  built from the quantization of the mirror curve  $\Sigma_{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa \in \mathcal{M}_{cpx}$  [Grassi-Hatsuda-Mariño]

$$X = \mathcal{O}(-3) \to \mathbb{P}^2 \qquad \qquad \Sigma_{\kappa} = \{x, y \in \mathbb{C} \mid e^x + e^y + e^{-x-y} + \kappa = 0\} \text{ with } \kappa \in \mathbb{H}/\Gamma_1(3)$$
$$O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(x, y) := e^x + e^y + e^{-x-y}, \text{ where } [x, y] = i\hbar$$

- The spectral determinat  $\Xi(\kappa, \hbar) = \det(1 + \kappa O_{\mathbb{D}^2}^{-1})$  is an entire function of  $\kappa$  and it is analytic in  $\hbar$

$$Z(1,\hbar) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3b}} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{36}b^2 + \frac{\pi i}{12}b^{-2} + \frac{\pi i}{4}} \frac{(q^{2/3};q)_{\infty}^2}{(q^{1/3};q)_{\infty}} \frac{(e^{2\pi i/3};\tilde{q})_{\infty}}{(e^{-2\pi i/3};\tilde{q})_{\infty}^2}$$

with  $q = e^{2\pi i b^2} = e^{3i\hbar}$  and  $\tilde{q} = e^{-2\pi i/b^2} = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ , and where  $(a; q)_{\infty}$  is the q-Pochhammer symbol

## Non perturbative completion of the topological string free energies

• The *N*th **fermonic spectral trace**  $Z(N, \hbar)$  is defined as the expansion at the orbifold point:  $\Xi(\kappa, \hbar) = 1 + \sum Z(N, \hbar) \kappa^N$ N=1

> holomorphic/anti-holomorphic block  $\hbar \propto \tau^{-1}$

# Resurgent Structure of the asymptotics of log $Z(1,\hbar)$

Similar resurgent structures appear in both the strong/weak coupling regimes [Rella]

**Resurgence Structure** of *weak* asymptotics  $\phi(\hbar) \in \mathbb{C}[\![\hbar]\!]_1$ 

• Singularities are simple poles at  $\rho_m = \mathscr{A}_0 m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$ 

$$\mathscr{A}_0 = \frac{4\pi^2}{3}i$$

• Stokes constants  $\{S_m, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}\}$ 

L-function 
$$L_0(s) := \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}i} \sum_{m>0} \frac{S_m}{m^s} = \zeta(s)L(s+1,\chi_{3,2})$$

$$\Lambda_0(s) := -i \frac{3^{\frac{s}{2}-2}}{\pi^{s+1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}+1\right) L_0(s)$$

- **Resurgence Structure** of *strong* asymptotics  $\psi(\tau) \in \mathbb{C}[[\tau]]_1$
- Singularities are simple poles at  $\eta_m = \mathscr{A}_{\infty}m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$

$$\mathscr{A}_{\infty} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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 $\Lambda_0(s) = \Lambda_\infty(-s)$ 

## **Quantum Modularity**

Let  $q = e^{2\pi i y}$ , the generating functions of the Stokes constants in both regimes are defined respectively as follows

$$f_0(y) := \sum_{m>0} S_m q^m = 3 \log \frac{(e^{2\pi i/3} q; q)_\infty}{(e^{-2\pi i/3} q; q)_\infty}$$

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Recall that for local  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{cpx} \cong \mathbb{H}/\Gamma_1(3)$  and the free energies are quasi-modular functions for  $\Gamma_1(3)$ [Aganagic—Bouchard—Klemm, Coates—Iritani]

Modular properties of the generating functions of the Stokes constants

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## Modular Resurgent Structures

- The Borel transform of  $\tilde{f}$  has a tower of **singularities** at  $\zeta_n = \mathscr{A}n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$ , for some constant  $\mathscr{A} \in \mathbb{C}$ ullet
- For every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 0}$  the resurgent series at the singularity  $\zeta_n$  is the **Stokes constant**  $A_n \in \mathbb{C}$ •
- The Stokes constants  $A_n$  are the coefficients of an L-1 and which admits a meromorphic continuation

**Conjecture** [VF-Rella] Let  $f: \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{C}$  be a q-series with  $q = e^{2\pi i y}$ . If its asymptotic series  $\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}[[y]]_1$  as  $y \to 0$  and  $\mathfrak{T}(y) > 0$ has a modular resurgent structure, then f(y) is a holomorphic quantum modular form for  $\Gamma \subseteq SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

*modular resurgent structures ---- holomorphic quantum modular forms* 

## **Resurgent series coming from holomorphic quantum modular forms**

## **Definition** [VF-Rella] An asymptotic series $\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}[[y]]_1$ has a modular resurgent structure if the following conditions holds.

**function** 
$$L(s) = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{A_n}{n^s}$$
 analytic for  $\Re(s) > \alpha$ 

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## Correlators on ABJ(M) line-defects from string worldsheet on $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$ : The role of the Kalb-Ramond field

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## The ABJ(M) model and its gravitational dual

- Context: Precise example of AdS/CFT correspondence.
- ► ABJ(M): a 3-dimensional SCFT, precisely it is a *N* = 6 Super Chern-Simons gauge theory with matter, which gauge group is U<sub>k</sub>(N + ℓ) × U<sub>-k</sub>(N).

Aharony- Bergman-Jafferis-Maldacena, 2008 & Aharony- Bergman-Jafferis, 2008

- Large N limit: M-theory on  $AdS_4 \times S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$ .
- ▶ In a t'Hooft limit  $(N >> k^5 \to \infty \text{ and } \frac{N}{k} := \lambda$ , finite) is accessible a Type IIA String Theory description and the geometry collapses to  $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3$
- For ℓ ≠ 0 we need include a non-vanishing Kalb-Ramond field arround a non-trivial cycle CP<sup>1</sup> ⊂ CP<sup>3</sup>

$$rac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\mathbb{CP}^1}B^{(2)}=rac{\ell}{k}\,,\,\,\, ext{where}\,\,\,B^{(2)}=rac{\mathcal{B}}{2}dA\,.$$

This flat configuration couples with the end points of open strings.

## Wilson Lines as 1d Defect CFT

A Wilson Line is an non-local operator defined along an open curve:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{R}}[\mathcal{C}] = rac{1}{\dim(\mathcal{R})} \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{L}(\tau) d\tau} \right)$$

- A straight Wilson Line on a d-dimensional CFT partially breaks the conformal group: SO(2, 1) × SO(d − 1) ⊂ SO(2, d)
- For SCFT, there are some operators with an unbroken supersymmetry subgroup. Ex.: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub>-BPS WL in ABJ(M)

Drukker-Plefka-Young, 2009

$$\mathcal{L}(x(t)) = \left(egin{array}{cc} A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu(x) - rac{2\pi i}{k} \mathcal{M}_J^I ar{C}^J C_I & 0 \ 0 & \hat{A}_\mu \dot{x}^\mu(x) - rac{2\pi i}{k} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_I^J C^I ar{C}_J \end{array}
ight)$$

preserves a  $SO(2, 1) \times SO(2) \times SU(3) \times (4 \text{ supercharges})$ this is  $SU(1, 1|1) \times SU(2) \times SU(2) \subset OSP(6|4)$ 

## Correlators on a line defect

This 1-dimensional defect supported on the 3-dimensional background defines itself a CFT<sub>1</sub>. (Drukker, Kawamoto 2006) We can calculate:

$$\left\langle \mathcal{O}_{1}\left(t_{1}
ight)\cdots\mathcal{O}_{n}\left(t_{n}
ight)
ight
angle _{\mathcal{C}}=rac{\left\langle \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathcal{PO}_{1}\left(t_{1}
ight)\cdots\mathcal{O}_{n}\left(t_{n}
ight)e^{i\int_{\mathcal{C}}dt\mathcal{L}\left(t
ight)}
ight)
ight
angle }{\left\langle \mathcal{W}[\mathcal{C}]
ight
angle }$$

This n-point function are constrained by the conformal structure, for example:

$$\left\langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta}\left(t_{1}\right)\mathcal{O}_{\Delta}\left(t_{2}\right)\mathcal{O}_{\Delta}\left(t_{3}\right)\mathcal{O}_{\Delta}\left(t_{4}\right)\right\rangle _{\mathcal{C}}=rac{1}{\left(t_{12}t_{34}
ight)^{2\Delta}}G(u;\lambda),$$

where  $u = \frac{t_{12}t_{34}}{t_{13}t_{24}}$ 

## Gravitational dual to line defect

- Claim: This setup provides a correspondence AdS<sub>2</sub>/CFT<sub>1</sub>
- Using Holographic dictionary for Wilson Lines: Maldacena, 1998

$$\langle W(\mathcal{C}) 
angle = \mathcal{Z}_{ ext{open string}} \Big|_{\mathcal{C}} \simeq e^{-S_E[X_{cl},...]} \Bigg|_{X(z=0):\,\mathcal{C}}$$

Recall: 
$$AdS_4$$
:  $ds^2_{AdS_4} = \frac{dz^2 + dt^2 + dx_i dx_i^2}{z^2}$ 

For the straight line the dual worldsheet geometry is AdS<sub>2</sub>

- The edge of the open string take Dirichlet b.c on z = 0 and for the case of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> − BPS WL take Neumann b.c on a CP<sup>1</sup> ⊂ CP<sup>3</sup>
- d.o.f: In the bosonic sector there are
  - 6 massless scalars ( $\mathbb{CP}^3$  directions)
  - 2 massive complex scalars with m<sup>2</sup> = 2 associated with AdS<sub>4</sub> directions, (transverse to AdS<sub>2</sub> fluctuations).

(Correa, V. Giraldo-Rivera, G. Silva, 2020)

## Scalars fields in $AdS_2$ and the problem of b.c

- AdS/CFT dictionary:  $Z_{CFT_d}[J] = Z_{\text{strings on } AdS_{d+1}}[\phi]\Big|_{\text{b.c.}J(x)}$ (Witten, 1998)
  - ▶  $\mathcal O$  with scale dimension  $\Delta \longleftrightarrow \phi(x)$  with mass m such that

$$\Delta=rac{d}{2}\pmrac{d}{2}\sqrt{1+rac{4m^2}{d^2}}\,,$$
 in the range:  $-rac{d^2}{4}\leq m^2<-rac{d^2}{4}+1$ 

• Near boundary:  $\phi(x) = \alpha(x)z^{\Delta_-} + \beta(x)z^{\Delta_+}$ 

- For massless scalar in  $AdS_2$ :  $\phi(x) = \alpha(x) + \beta(x)z$
- Dirichlet b.c:  $\alpha(x) = J(x)$  fixed
- $\blacktriangleright$  Neumann b.c: eta(x)=J(x) fixed (Witten, 2001 T. Hartman, L. Rastelli, 2006 )
- Mixed b.c (compatible with susy and conformal symmetry)

 $\chi \dot{lpha} + eta = J(x)$  (Correa, V. Giraldo-Rivera, G. Silva, 2020)

Claim: We find that the Kalb-Ramond field coupled to the edge of open string at a  $\mathbb{CP}^1\subset\mathbb{CP}^3$  induced a kind of mixed b.c over the worldsheet fluctuations

## The action for semi-classical fluctuations

 $\blacktriangleright$  We will focus on the coordinates along a particular  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \subset \mathbb{CP}^3$ 

$$S_{\mathbb{CP}^1} = rac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int d^2 \sigma \sqrt{\det\left(g_{\mu
u} + \partial_\mu Y^A \partial_
u Y^A
ight)}$$

Parameterizing the transverse fluctuations around fixed direction of the  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  (defined by a vector  $n^A$ ) as  $Y^A = n^A + \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\lambda^{1/4}}y^A - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}}y^2n^A + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\lambda})$ , with  $n^Ay^A = 0$ 

The truncated action up to a boundary term its read as

$$\begin{split} S_{\mathbb{CP}^{1}} &= \int d^{2}\sigma\sqrt{g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} y^{A} \partial^{\mu} y^{A} + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} y^{A} y^{B} \partial_{\mu} y^{A} \partial^{\mu} y^{B} + \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{\lambda}} (\partial_{\mu} y^{A} \partial^{\mu} y^{A})^{2} - \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \partial_{\mu} y^{A} \partial^{\mu} y^{B} \partial_{\nu} y^{A} \partial^{\nu} y^{B} + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\lambda}) \right] \,. \end{split}$$

Obs.: This quartic terms gives the interaction vertex and play a crucial role.

## Mixed boundary conditions from Kalb-Ramond coupling

The imposition of Neumann boundary conditions requiring a boundary term added to the quadratic action:

$$ilde{S}^{(2)}_{\mathbb{CP}^1} = S^{(2)}_{\mathbb{CP}^1} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, \partial_z y^A y^A \big|_{z=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \delta \tilde{S}^{(2)}_{\mathbb{CP}^1} \right|_{\text{on-shell}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left. \delta(\partial_z \mathbf{y}^A) \mathbf{y}^A \right|_{z=0}$$

► The KR field is flat → coupling to the open string adds just a boundary term.

We are interesting in Neumann b.c over a  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ 

At quadratic order the

$$S_{\mathbb{CP}^{1}}^{(2)} = \int d^{2}\sigma \left( \sqrt{g} \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} y^{A} \partial^{\mu} y^{A} - \mathcal{B} \epsilon^{ABC} n^{A} \partial_{z} y^{B} \partial_{t} y^{C} \right) , (1)$$

► In addition de KR field leads to an extra quartic terms wich contributing as new interaction vertex  $-\mathcal{B}\epsilon^{ABC}\frac{1}{2}n^Ay^2\partial_z y^B\partial_t y^C$ 

The on-shell variation, together with the additional bdry. term becomes

$$\delta \tilde{S}_{\mathbb{CP}^1}^{(2)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, \delta \left( \partial_z y^A - \mathcal{B} \epsilon^{ABC} n^B \partial_t y^C \right) y^A \big|_{z=0} \, .$$

At classic the problem it is reduced to

$$\Box y^{A} = 0, \qquad \left(\partial_{z} y^{A} - \mathcal{B} \epsilon^{ABC} n^{B} \partial_{t} y^{C}\right)\Big|_{z=0} = J^{A}(t),$$

First step: find the Green function for this problem

$$G^{AB} = - \langle \mathbf{y}^{A} \mathbf{y}^{B} \rangle_{\mathbf{0},n} = (\delta^{AB} - n^{A} n^{B}) \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{s}}(\sigma, \sigma') + \epsilon^{ABC} n^{C} \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{a}}(\sigma, \sigma') \,,$$

and take the mean value over the  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ .

## 4-point function and the conformal structure

We compute explicitly the 4-point correlators in terms of the Green's function for our b.c. At non-trivial leading order (1/λ) we find:

$$\left\langle Y^{A}\left(t_{1}
ight)Y^{A}\left(t_{2}
ight)Y^{B}\left(t_{3}
ight)Y^{B}\left(t_{4}
ight)
ight
angle \propto rac{G_{\mathsf{S}}(\lambda,u)}{(t_{2}-t_{1})^{2\Delta}(t_{4}-t_{3})^{2\Delta}}$$

with 
$$\mathsf{G}^{(2)}_{\mathsf{S}}(u) = rac{4}{(1-\mathcal{B}^2)^2} \left[\log^2{(1-u)} + \pi^2 \mathcal{B}^2 \Theta(u-1)
ight] \,.$$

Is the conformal structure preserved in the next-to-leading order?

We need evaluate several diagrams, including bulk vertex and loops corrections

$$-\frac{1}{2}n^{A}\zeta^{2} \xrightarrow{1} \frac{1}{2}n^{A}\zeta^{2} - \frac{1}{2}\zeta^{2}n^{A} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^{2}n^{A}} - \frac{n^{A}\zeta^{2}}{2} \xrightarrow{n^{A}\zeta^{2}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{O} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{O} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{O} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{Q} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{Q} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}} \zeta^{A} \xrightarrow{\zeta^{A}}$$

## 4-point functions and conformal structure

► To avoid this complication at order  $1/(\sqrt{\lambda})^3$ , we can compute  $\partial_{t_1}\partial_{t_2}\partial_{t_3}\partial_{t_4} \langle Y^A(t_1)Y^A(t_2)Y^B(t_3)Y^B(t_4) \rangle$ .

Finally, we can compute explicitly

$$t_{12}^2 t_{34}^2 \partial_{t_1} \partial_{t_2} \partial_{t_3} \partial_{t_4} G_{\mathsf{S}}^{(3)} = P(u) + P\left(\frac{u}{u-1}\right) \,,$$

where

$$\begin{split} P(u) &= - \, \frac{8u^2}{(1-\mathcal{B}^2)^3} \left[ 4 + \log(u^2) \right] \\ &+ \frac{8}{(1-\mathcal{B}^2)^2} \left[ 2 + u + 2u^2 + \left( \frac{2}{u} - 1 + \frac{u^3}{(1-u)^3} \right) \log(u^2) \right] \\ &+ \frac{8}{(1-\mathcal{B}^2)} \left[ -d_2 + 32\pi f_1 \left( 1 + u^2 \right) \right] \,. \end{split}$$

In accordance with the conformal symmetry of the line, we observe that the anomalous terms cancel and we can determine the precise function of the cross-ratio. Furthermore, crossing symmetry is manifestly.

## Conclusions and Outlook

**For more details see:** Correa, D.H., Ferro, M.G. Giraldo-Rivera, V.I. "Mixed boundary conditions in AdS2/CFT1 from the coupling with a Kalb-Ramond field." J. High Energ. Phys. 2024, 141 (2024) [arXiv:2312.13258]

- The fluctuations on the open string dual to the 1/6 BPS bosonic Wilson line in the ABJ(M) model satisfy a boundary conditions mixing longitudinal and transverse derivatives, where the mixing parameter comes from the Kalb-Ramond field.
- As evidenced by the 4-point function obtained as a function of the cross-ratio, a 1/6 BPS bosonic Wilson line with local operator insertions in the ABJ(M) model constitutes a CFT<sub>1</sub>.

## Outlook

## Future directions:

- Try to use analytic bootstrap techniques to investigate its correlation functions. This works for the 1/2 BPS Wilson Line but our case is less symmetric.
- Inclusion of Green-Schwarz fermions in the world-sheet, to determine their boundary conditions and to compute fermionic 1-loop Witten diagrams.

Thanks!

## Partition function of Argyres-Douglas theories on the blowup

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## Argyres-Douglas theories

 $\mathcal{N}=2$  4d susy gauge theories low-energy theory is determined by the SW curve.

Argyres-Douglas (AD) theories are strongly coupled isolated 4d SCFTs, which appear as singularities of the Coulomb branch.



mutually non-local light d.o.f.  $\Rightarrow$  no known lagrangian description!

Usual localization techniques are difficult to apply...

Interesting informations on AD theories can be extracted using the theory of integrable systems.

Example:  $H_0$  theory (AD point of SU(2)  $N_f = 1, SU(3)$   $N_f = 0$ ).

## Painlevé - gauge theory correspondence

The SW curve is associated to an integrable system:

SW curve = Spectral curve

If we introduce a self-dual ( $\epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2 = \epsilon$ ) Omega background this system acquires a time dependence  $\Rightarrow$  Painlevé equations (SU(2)).

for SU(2) gauge theories, this gives the so called Painlevé-gauge theory correspondence:

- ▶ Painlevé time  $\leftrightarrow$  gauge coupling scale  $t = \Lambda e^{\epsilon s}$ ;
- ▶ Painlevé Hamiltonian  $H(q, p, t) \leftrightarrow$  Coulomb parameter u;
- ▶ Painlevé free parameters ↔ masses of the matter fields;
- ▶  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  (autonomous) limit  $\leftrightarrow$  SW theory

The map can be generalized to higher rank theories.



## Nekrasov partition function on the blowup

Consider the Nekrasov partition function on the blowup  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}^2$  of  $\mathbb{C}^2 \simeq \mathbb{R}^4$  with a surface observable  $\mathcal{I}$ on  $E \simeq \mathbb{C}P^1$  (exceptional divisor).



$$\hat{Z}_{Nek}(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,s) = \langle \Omega | e^{s\mathcal{I}(E)} | \Omega \rangle_{\hat{\mathbb{C}}^2}$$



## Autonomous limit

Taking the SW limit  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$  we obtain the following result

$$\lim_{\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2\to 0} \mathcal{B}(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,s) \propto e^{Ts^2}\sigma(s;g_2,g_3) ,$$

$$\swarrow$$
Contact term Weierstrass sigma

The result is universal. Informations about the theory are encoded in the elliptic invariants  $g_2 = g_2(u, \Lambda), g_3 = g_3(u, \Lambda)$  which define the Weierstrass parametrization of the SW curve:

$$y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2 x - g_3 \; ,$$

e.g. for AD  $H_0$ :  $g_2 = c$ ,  $g_3 = u$ .

The result is directly related to the integrable system:

SW blowup factor = autonomous tau function

 $\sigma$  is the tau function of the integrable system associated to SW.

## Equivariant Fintushel-Stern blowup formula

From Donaldson-Witten theory topological correlators on a 4-manifold X correspond to Donaldson invariants.

The blowup factor  $\mathcal{B}_{SW}$  gives then the relation between Donaldson polynomial of X and the ones of its blowup  $\hat{X} = X \# CP^2$ :

Fintushel-Stern blowup formula

Let  $\Phi_X(p, S)$  be the generating function of Donaldson polynomials  $\Phi^{\hat{X}}(p, \Sigma + sE) = B_{SW}(s, p)\Phi^X(p, \Sigma)$ 

The same reasoning can be applied in the NS Omega background:

 $\mathcal{B}_{SW}(s) o \mathcal{B}_{NS}(s,\epsilon)$ , Donaldson inv.  $o \mathsf{Equivariant}$  Donaldson inv.

## Equivariant Fintushel-Stern blowup formula

The blowup factor  $\mathcal{B}_{NS}(s, \epsilon)$  in the blowup formula for equivariant Donaldson invariants is given by the Painlevé tau function.

This a direct consequence of Nakajima-Yoshioka blowup relations (Notice: these relations exchange self-dual with NS).

## Blowup factor and local observables

The Weierstrass sigma  $\sigma$  admits the following expansion

$$\sigma(s; g_2, g_3) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} a_{nm} \left(\frac{g_2}{2}\right)^n (2g_3)^m \frac{s^{4n+6m+1}}{(4n+6m+1)!}$$

The result has a physical meaning [Moore & Witten]:

## Topological Operator/state correspondence

| Blowup is a local  |  |
|--------------------|--|
| change of topology |  |

Can be expressed as a sum of topological local operators = polynomials in u (and  $\Lambda$ ).

The same logic applies to the theory in the Omega background!

$$\mathcal{B}_{NS}(s,\epsilon_1) = \lim_{\epsilon_2 \to 0} \frac{\hat{Z}_{Nek}(s)}{Z_{Nek}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(u_{NS}(\epsilon_1),\Lambda,\epsilon_1) \frac{s^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Valid in all the moduli space  $\Rightarrow$  Can be applied to AD!

## **HRZ-like** expansions

This gives a natural ansatz for  $\tau$  as an expansion in s.

$$au(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n \frac{s^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

Interpretation of this expansion from the Painlevé equation side?

## HRZ-like expansions

 $\tau(0) = \mathcal{B}_{NS}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$  Expansion around a zero of  $\tau$ !

Mathematically, this expansion was first studied by Hone, Ragnisco and Zullo (HRZ) which found a way to determine the coefficients  $c_n$  recursively [Hone, Ragnisco & Zullo].

Comparing with the gauge theory we obtain the following dictionary:

- The position  $t_0$  of the zero of  $\tau$  is the coupling  $t_0 \propto \Lambda$
- ▶ The hamiltonian  $H_0$  is the Coulomb parameter,  $H_0 \propto u$ .
- s measures the displacement from the zero t<sub>0</sub>.

Initial conditions

Example: AD theory  $H_0$  (PI equation)

$$\frac{2n(n^2-1)(n-6)}{(n+1)!}c_n = -\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} P_{l+1,n-l+1}^4 c_l c_{n-l} + g_2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-4} c_l c_{n-l-4} - 2\epsilon \sum_{l=0}^{n-5} c_l c_{n-l-5} ,$$

$$P_{nm}^k = \frac{k!}{n!m!} \sum_{l=0}^k (-1)^l \binom{n}{l} \binom{m}{k-l} , \quad c_0 = 1, c_1 = 0 \text{ (gauge)}, c_6 = -6g_3 \text{ (resonance)} ,$$

$$c_N = \sum_{4m+6n+5l=N} a_{mnl} \left(\frac{g_2}{2}\right)^m (2g_3)^n \epsilon^l$$

Explicit values of the first coefficients ( $\alpha = g_2/2, \beta = 2g_3$ ):

| c[0]= 1                                     | C[11]= 216 β ε  |
|---|---|
| C[1]= 0                                     | c[12]= 69 $\alpha^3$ - 54 $\beta^2$   |
| C[2]= 0                                     | c[13]= -1650 $\alpha^2 \epsilon$  |
| c[3]= 0                                     | c[14]= 513 $\alpha^2 \beta$ + 18 774 $\alpha \epsilon^2$  |
| $C[4] = -\alpha$                            | c[15]= -18720 $\alpha \beta \epsilon$ - 78624 $\epsilon^3$  |
| c[5]= 6 ε                                   | c[16]= $321 \alpha^4 + 4968 \alpha \beta^2 + 144 144 \beta \epsilon^2$  |
| c[6]= -3 β                                  | $C[17] = -52488\alpha^3\epsilon - 89424\beta^2\epsilon$   |
| c[7]= 0                                     | c[18]= 33588 $\alpha^3 \beta$ + 14904 $\beta^3$ + 1112436 $\alpha^2 \epsilon^2$   |
| $C[8] = -9 \alpha^2$                        | $c[19]= -1358640 \alpha^2 \beta \epsilon - 8670816 \alpha \epsilon^3$   |
| C[9]= 84 α ε                                | c[20]= 160 839 $\alpha^5$ + 257 580 $\alpha^2 \beta^2$ + 15 053 040 $\alpha \beta \epsilon^2$ + 27 734 616 $\epsilon^4$ |
| $C[10] = -18 \alpha \beta - 294 \epsilon^2$ | 9/12  |

## Integrality

The coefficients of the HRZ-like expansion satisfy a recursion relation with rational coefficients.

However, some highly non-trivial cancellations arise and for all Painlevé equations the coefficients  $a_{mnl}$  seem to be actually integers!

- For σ this can be proved using the theory of Schur polynomials or elliptic curves [Ayano, Ônishi].
- For τ checked numerically to very high order (n ~ 100) but no proof.

## Conjecture

The coefficients are all integers and are related to counting of BPS states.

The coefficients are universal for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  but differ when  $\epsilon \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ They measure the coupling of the soliton (blowup) with gravity.

## Modularity and non-perturbative $Z_{Top}$

The HRZ-like expansion is given by  $g_2, g_3 \Rightarrow \text{modular invariant}$ .

From the IR theory this modularity arises because the blowup factor is a holomorphic function of u.

The modularity of  $\tau$  is directly related to holomorphic anomaly equations (BCOV)

| Topological string interpretation   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| au is a non-perturbative  | The theory is manifestly  |  |  |
| completion of $\Rightarrow$   | background independent  |  |  |
| topological string  | (= holomorphic $+$ modular).  |  |  |
| $\tau = Z_{Top}\left(a, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \Lambda e^{\epsilon s}\right) e^{-t}$ $\partial_{E_2}\tau = 0 \Leftrightarrow \partial_{E_2}Z_{Top} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\delta}$ | $\frac{1}{2}E_{2}x^{2}\sigma(x,g_{2},g_{3})\Big _{x=0},$<br>$\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial a^{2}}Z_{Top}.$ |  |  |

## Conclusions and future directions

- The HRZ-like expansion of τ corresponds to the topological OPE of B<sub>NS</sub> and is valid around any point of moduli space ⇒ We can apply to AD theories! Can we use similar techniques to compute other observables?
- In NS limit the blowup factor B<sub>NS</sub> corresponds exactly to the Painlevé tau function! What is B for generic Omega background? Tau function of Quantum Painlevé?
- Natural equivariant generalization of Fintushel-Stern blowup formula. Can we derive this geometrically? Does integrality have a topological origin?
- The SW blowup factor B<sub>SW</sub>(s) ~ σ(s) can be derived from the "u-plane integral" of Moore & Witten. Can we derive B<sub>NS</sub>(s, ε) from a "Quantum u-plane integral"?
- Modularity of \(\tau\) implies holomorphic anomaly equations! Can we use the expansion of \(\tau\) to fix the holomorphic ambiguity for compact CY3?

## Thank you for your attention