QCD-like properties of anomalous dimensions in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM and ADS/CFT

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Shortly

Anomalous dimensions γ in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM play a crucial role in the AdS/CFT duality, and *integrability* offers new exceptional tools to calculate them at "many" loops.

In the case of the operators

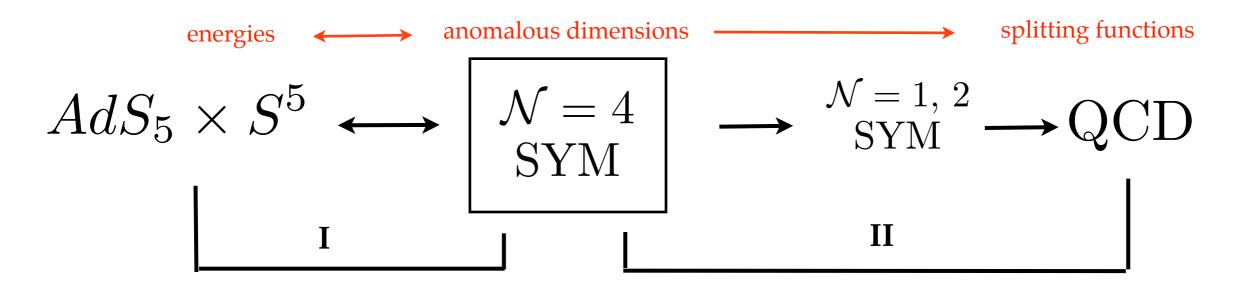
$$\operatorname{Tr}(\Phi \mathcal{D}^S \Phi ... \Phi)$$

the $\gamma(S)$ are expected to contain important *information* encoded in their dependence on the Lorentz spin *S*.

• The physical content of this information can be extracted by exploiting facts known for similar twist operators, arising in the **QCD** analysis of DIS. For twist two, $\gamma(S) \leftrightarrow$ splitting functions P(x).

► An analogue information is transmitted to **Strings**, and new predictions might then be available.

The central role of N=4 SYM *A triality*: from string theory to strong interactions



I. AdS/CFT duality conjecture [Maldacena, 97]

type IIB strings on $AdS_5xS^5 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N}=4$ Super Yang Mills in d=3+1

► Agreement of the underlying symmetry supergroup psu(2,2|4)

- Weak/strong coupling duality $\frac{4\pi\lambda}{N} = g_s, \qquad \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{R^2}{\alpha'}, \qquad (\lambda = N g_{\rm YM}^2)$
- Prediction $E_{\text{string}} = \Delta_{\text{CFT}}$
- ▶ Planar limit $N \to \infty \Rightarrow g_s = 0$ free string. Integrability!

II. Superconformal ($\beta = \theta$) vs. confined ($\beta < \theta$), SU(N) vs SU(3), adjoint vs fundam.

Also (III) AdS/QCD!

[Ratti, today] [Mazzanti, tomorrow]

Integrability

Integrable structures discovered on both sides of AdS/CFT (planar limit!).

Integrable CFT: *not in the sense of factorised space-time scattering!*

Observables of the theory: correlation functions of *gauge invariant local composite operators*

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(y)\rangle = \frac{1}{(x-y)^{2\Delta}}$$

scaling dimension: classical + anomalous $\mathcal{O} = \mathrm{Tr}(\mathcal{XYZF}_{\mu\nu}\Psi(\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{Z})...)$

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 + \gamma(\lambda)$$

It is integrable the evolution of the composite operators with the RG scale.

The planar dilatation operator \mathfrak{D} , measuring the scaling dimensions, maps to a spin chain Hamiltonian, $\mathfrak{D}(\lambda) = \mathfrak{D}_0 + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \lambda^{\ell} \mathcal{H}_{integrable}^{(\ell)}$ *integrable - thus solvable* by means of a Bethe Ansatz.

- Standard calculation of the two-point function
- Correspondence between operators and configurations of a spin chain

$$Tr(ZZ\Phi ZZZ\Phi\Phi...ZZ\Phi Z...) \equiv \bigwedge_{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow}$$

→ Dilatation operator in terms of two elementary operators acting on neighboring sites

$$\mathfrak{D}^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (1 - P_{i,i+1}) = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \mathcal{H}_{XXX}$$

Heisenberg spin chain, solvable via Bethe Ansatz.

$$e^{i p_k L} = \prod_{k \neq j=1}^M S(p_k, p_j) \qquad S(p_k, p_j) = \frac{u(p_i) - u(p_j) + i}{u(p_i) - u(p_j) - i}$$
$$u(p) = \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{p}{2} \qquad E = \sum_{k=1}^M 8 \sin^2 \frac{p_k}{2}$$

At three loops, Hubbard spin chain.

[Feverati, thursday]

Bethe techniques: also for *modified* N=4 SYM (e.g. orbifold) [Beisert, Roiban 04]

[Astolfi, VF, Grignani, Semenoff 06]

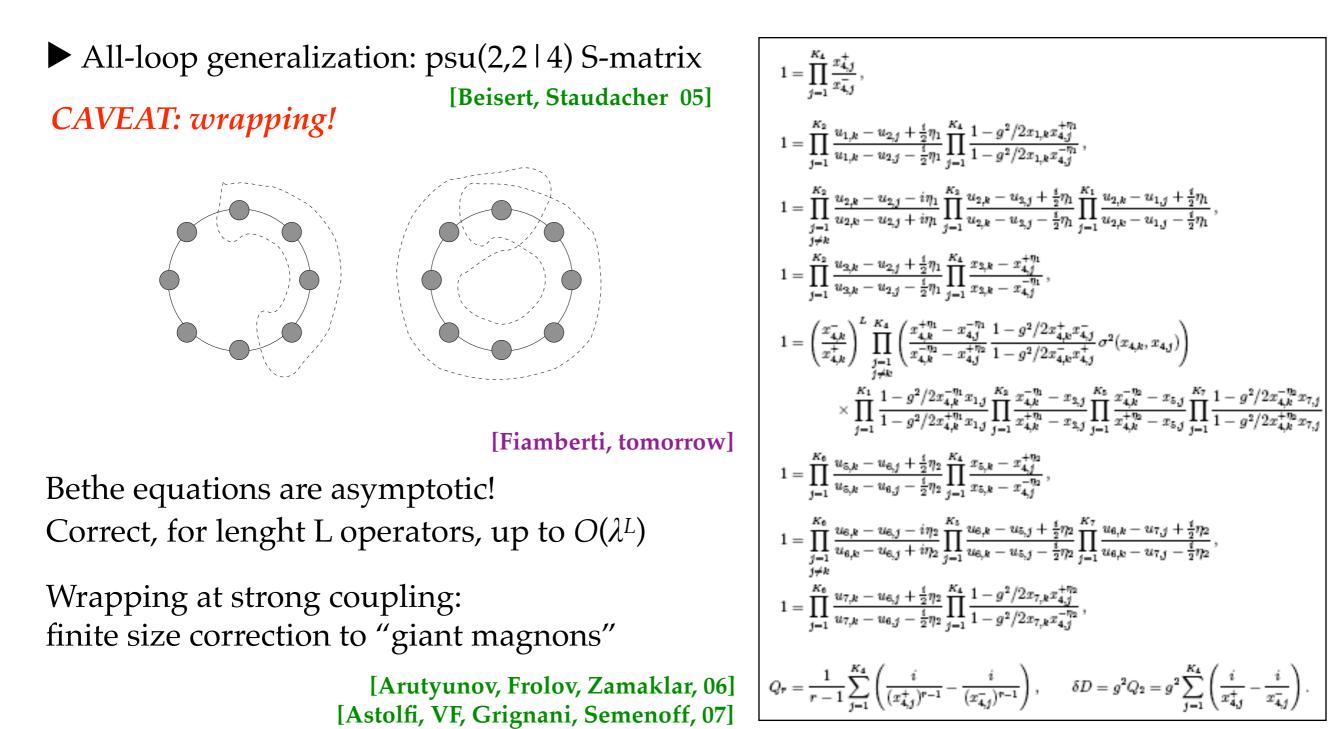
Natural generalisation: **spin chain with psu(2,2 | 4) group reprs on each site.**

[Bethe, 1931]

Solvability

Spectral problem: diagonalization of a suitable Hamiltonian. String: classical σ -model on AdS₅xS⁵ also solved by a Bethe-like (integral) eq.

Easier with S-matrices (scattering of the elementary excitations on the lattice hidden inside the trace operators!) constrained by the symmetry.



Remarkable outcomes

The large spin limit

• At

Spectacular interpolation weak/strong coupling: the scaling function/cusp anomaly

• QCD: logarithmic scaling in leading twist operators at large spin $S(x \rightarrow 1)$

 $\gamma(S) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha) \log S + \mathcal{O}(S^0)$ $\mathcal{O}_S = \bar{q}(\gamma_+ \mathcal{D}^+)^S q$

 Γ_{cusp} governs the renormalization of a Wilson loops evaluated over a closed contour with a cusp.

► SYM: Twist two operators in $sl(2) \subset psu(2,2|4)$ via Bethe Ansatz [Bombardelli, tomorrow]

$$\gamma(S) = f(\lambda) \log S + O(S^0)$$

weak coupling $f(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} - \frac{\lambda^2}{96\pi^2} + \cdots$

- ✓ Agreement with MHV n-point gluon amplitudes of N=4 SYM at four loops ! [Bern, Czakon, Dixon, Kosower, Smirnov, 06]
- At strong coupling $f(\lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \frac{3\log 2}{2\pi} + \cdots$

numerically [Benvenuti et al 07, Alday et al 07, Kostov et al 07, Beccaria VF 0703] analitically [Basso, Korchemsky 07]

 Agreement with two loops string calculations ! and *predictions* up to 40 loops..

[Roiban, Tseytlin 07]

Remarkable "byproducts"

- ► Wilson loops vs gluon scattering amplitudes at weak and strong coupling [Alday, Maldacena 07] [Korchemsky et al. 07, Bern et al. 08, ...]
- Generalised scaling function $f(\lambda, J)$

[Freyult Rej Staudacher 07, Roiban Tseytlin 07, Gromov 08, Fioravanti et al. 1& 2 08]

and natural outlook!

How the *triality* survives in the large spin expansion *beyond the leading order* ?

- ► Sectors other than sl(2)?
- ► Logarithmic scaling also at higher twist?
- Predictions for strings?

N=4 SYM and QCD interplay: I QCD-inspired closed formulas

Crucial to explore the different regimes $x \to 0, x \to 1$. Bethe eqs: highly non linear, complicated. Appropriate Ansatz for coefficients needed! [e.g. Operators with variable length Tr F^L] [Beccaria Forini, 0710]

Maximum transcendentality principle, KLOV [Kotikov, Lipatov, Onishchenko, Velizhanin, 04]

The N=4 *universal twist two anomalous dimension at* n *loops is a linear combination of harmonic sums of transcendentality* 2n - 1.

3-loop γ(S)_{uni} extracted from the "most transcendental terms" of the QCD result.
 [Moch, Vermaresen, Vogt, 04]
 ✓ Applied to the numbers coming from the Bethe eqs it works!

$$\gamma^{(1)}(S) = \sum_{|\tau|=1} c_{\tau} S_{\tau}(S) = c S_{1}(S)$$
(Nested) harmonic sums
$$\gamma^{(2)}(S) = \sum_{|\tau|=3} c_{\tau} S_{\tau}(S)$$

$$S_{a}(S) = \sum_{n=1}^{S} \frac{(\operatorname{sign}(a))^{n}}{n^{|a|}}$$

$$\gamma^{(3)}(S) = \sum_{|\tau|=5} c_{\tau} S_{\tau}(S)$$

$$S_{a,\mathbf{b}}(S) = \sum_{n=1}^{S} \frac{(\operatorname{sign}(a))^{n}}{n^{|a|}} S_{\mathbf{b}}(n)$$

Is it universal in twist (also twist 3)? and in flavor (also gauginos and gluons)?

Generalising KLOV:

- ► Twist-3 sl(2), three scalars $\mathcal{O}_S = \text{Tr}\mathcal{D}^S_+(\varphi)^3$ [Beccaria 07] Four-loop closed formula for $\gamma(S)$ in terms of $S_{a_1...a_n}(S/2)$ [Kotikov et al 07]
- Twist-3 sl(2|1), three gauginos $\mathcal{O}_S = \text{Tr}\mathcal{D}^S_+(\lambda)^3$ [Beccaria 07] Theorem $\gamma^{\lambda\lambda\lambda}(S) = \gamma_{\text{twist}-2}(S+2)$
- ► The most *complete* (and complicated) test of universality is the case of three gauge fields, closed only at one loop → representing the full psu(2,2 | 4).

$$\mathcal{O}_S = \mathrm{Tr}\mathcal{D}^S_+(A)^3$$
 [Beccaria 07]
[Beccaria, Forini 08]

- Identify the superconformal primary state to which apply the Bethe eqs.
- Violation / generalization of the KLOV principle.

$$\gamma_n = \sum_{\tau=0}^{2n-1} \gamma_n^{(\tau)}, \qquad \gamma_n^{(\tau)} = \sum_{k+\ell=\tau} \frac{\mathcal{H}_{\tau,\ell}(n)}{(n+1)^k}$$

Up to four loops!

$$\gamma_1 = 4S_1 + \frac{2}{n+1} + 4,$$

$$\gamma_2 = -2S_3 - 4S_1S_2 - \frac{2S_2}{n+1} - \frac{2S_1}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{2}{(n+1)^3} - 4S_2 - \frac{2}{(n+1)^2} - 8,$$

Harmonic sums evaluated in S/2+1.

N=4 SYM and QCD interplay: II $x \rightarrow 0$, *negative* spin *S* (BFKL equation)

The (analitically continued) anomalous dimension for twist two sl(2) operators *maximally violates, at four loops,* the BFKL prediction for the (Regge) poles

→ Breakdown of the Bethe eqs. at four loops

[Lipatov, Staudacher et al. 07]

N=4 SYM and QCD interplay: III $x \rightarrow 1$, *large* spin *S* (quasi elastic limit)

• *Leading* logarithmic behavior: *universal in twist and flavors for all gauge theories*!

 $\gamma(S) = 2\Gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha) \log S + \mathcal{O}(S^0)$ [Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky, 06]

- Subleading logarithmic behavior: much less clear!
 - MVV relations for twist two ops

[Moch, Vermaresen, Vogt, 04]

$$\gamma_{\sigma}(S) = A \log \bar{S} + B + C_{\sigma} \frac{\log \bar{S}}{S}$$
$$C_{\sigma} = -\frac{1}{2} \sigma A^{2}$$

Highly non trivial constraints, since *A*, *B*, *C* are functions of the coupling. Structural explanation: **revisiting the parton evolution** in the $x \rightarrow 1$ regime

Anomalous dimensions vs splitting functions

► DGLAP evolution equations for f_{σ} , parton distribution function (DIS) or fragmentation functions (e+e- annihilation into hadrons)

$$\frac{df_{\sigma}(x,Q^2)}{d\log Q^2} = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{\sigma}(z,\alpha_s) f_{\sigma}\left(\frac{x}{z},Q^2\right)$$
$$\frac{df_{\sigma}(S,Q^2)}{d\log Q^2} = \gamma \sigma(S) f_{\sigma}(S,Q^2) \qquad \gamma_{\sigma}(S) = \int_0^1 dx \, x^{N-1} P_{\sigma}(x)$$

The Mellin transforms of the space or time-like ($\sigma = \pm 1$) splitting function P_{σ} are anomalous dimensions \rightarrow in the space-like case, those of twist-2 operators.

- ▶ Proposal by Gribov-Lipatov: the two splitting functions *coincide* and
 - $P(x) = -x P\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ Broken in QCD beyond 1-loop GL reciprocity[Gribov, Lipatov, 72]
 [Curci, Furmansky, Petronzio, 80]

Proposal by Marchesini-Dokshitzer: Reciprocity Respecting Evolution Equations

$$\frac{df_{\sigma}(x,Q^2)}{d\log Q^2} = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \mathcal{P}(z,\alpha_s) f_{\sigma}\left(\frac{x}{z}, z^{\sigma}Q^2\right)$$

with a universal kernel ${\mathcal P}$.

✓ Verified at three loops for non singlet twist two

RREE

[Marchesini, Dokshitzer, Salam, 05]

[Mitov, Moch, Vogt 06]

RREE are solved by the non-linear relation

$$\gamma_{\sigma} = \mathcal{P}\left(S - \frac{1}{2}\sigma\gamma_{\sigma}(S)\right)$$

• If the kernel satisfies the GL reciprocity

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = -x \mathcal{P}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$
 or $\mathcal{P}(S) = f(S(S+1))$

✓ MVV relations for subleading terms are satisfied !

Generalized Reciprocity in N=4 SYM

The function
$$\mathcal{P}$$
 defined by $\gamma = \mathcal{P}\left(S + \frac{1}{2}\gamma(S)\right)$

is a reciprocity respecting (RR) kernel if its *large spin* expansion takes the form

$$\mathcal{P}(S) = \sum_{n} \frac{a_n (\log J)}{J^{2n}} \qquad \qquad J^2 = (S + Ls)(S + Ls - 1)$$

L: twist s: collinear spin = $\begin{vmatrix} \varphi & \lambda & A \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{vmatrix}$

[Basso, Korchemsky 06]

Checks of Reciprocity

► Step 1: solve for

$$\mathcal{P}(S) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \partial_S \right)^{k-1} [\gamma(S)]^k = \gamma - \frac{1}{4} (\gamma^2)' + \frac{1}{24} (\gamma^3)'' + \dots$$

As the anomalous dimension, *P* will be a perturbative series (weak coupling)

Step 2: Expand in large S, and check the parity invariance wrt J^2

Ex. twist two

$$\mathcal{P}_{1} = 8 \ln J + \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{J^{2}} - \frac{4}{15} \frac{1}{J^{4}},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{2} = -\frac{8}{3} \pi^{2} \ln J - 24\zeta_{3} + \left(8 - \frac{4\pi^{2}}{9}\right) \frac{1}{J^{2}} + \left(4 + \frac{4\pi^{2}}{45}\right) \frac{1}{J^{4}}$$

✓ All γ_S for twist-2 in QCD

[Basso, Korchemsky 06]

✓ Universal twist-2 in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

[Basso, Korchemsky 06]

✓ Twist-3 scalars, gauginos, gluons (in closed form!) in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

[Beccaria, Marchesini, Dokshitzer 07] [Beccaria 07] [Beccaria Forini 08]

It is an (empirical) evidence, but *what is its origin*?

Reciprocity and AdS/CFT

Anomalous dimensions of operators in N=4 SYM



Energies of semiclassical strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Classical sols of the AdS₅×S⁵ σ -model: states belonging to reprs of *SO*(2, 4) x *SO*(6). → Classified by 6 charges (*E*, *S*₁, *S*₂; *J*₁, *J*₂, *J*₃).

► Operators with large Lorentz spin correspond to *folded* strings rotating in AdS₃×S¹ and the *classical* result for the energy reproduces the logarithmic behavior!

$$E = S + rac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \log rac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$
 $S \gg \sqrt{\lambda}$ [Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov 02]

i.e. the behavior of the (classical + anomalous) dimension of twist two operators.

The energy organizes in the semiclassical expansion

$$E = \sqrt{\lambda} \left[E_0 + \frac{E_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{E_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right]$$

and its relation to the anomalous dimension is (supposed to be) $\gamma(S) = E - S - L$

The anomalous dimensions inherits the semiclassical expansion!

• Cusp anomaly ($\log S$): prediction from Bethe Eqs up to 40 quantum corrections!

$$f(\lambda) = \sqrt{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{3\log 2}{\pi\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{\mathcal{K}}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} - \left(\frac{27}{32}\zeta_3 + 3\operatorname{K}\log 2\right) \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^3} + \dots \right]$$

And the subleading terms?

Step 1. Reciprocity has to be rewritten $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}) = \sqrt{\lambda} \left| \mathcal{P}_0(\mathcal{S}) + \frac{\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{S})}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right|$

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}) = \sqrt{\lambda} \left[\mathcal{P}_0(\mathcal{S}) + \frac{\mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{S})}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{\mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{S})}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \cdots \right]$$

- Step 2. Reciprocity has to be checked!
 - ✓ Folded string for large twist L (only classical energy)
 ✓ Folded string for finite (small) twist

[Basso, Korchemsky 06] [work in progress]

Step 3. Reciprocity should give new predictions for loop corrections! [work in progress]

$$\begin{split} E - S &= \gamma(\mathcal{S}) &= f(\lambda) \log \mathcal{S} + f_1(\lambda) \frac{\log \mathcal{S}}{\mathcal{S}} + \dots \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda} \left(a_0 + \frac{b_0}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{c_0}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right) \log \mathcal{S} + \lambda \left(a_1 + \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{c_1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right) \frac{\log \mathcal{S}}{\mathcal{S}} + \dots \\ &b_1 = -\frac{3\log 2}{\pi^2 \sqrt{\lambda}}, \qquad c_1 = -\frac{K}{\pi} + \frac{9\log^2 2}{2\pi^2} \end{split}$$

Conclusions

CFT/

- ► Long range Bethe equations → multiloop anomalous dimensions.
- ► Closed formulas *QCD-inspired*
- ► Physical properties: BFKL singularities, reciprocity. Why?

/AdS

- Anomalous dimensions at strong coupling
- ► Reciprocity in AdS. Why?
- ► Predictions!

QCD

Complete solution of N =4 SYM should provide a "one-line-all-orders description" of the *major* part of QCD parton dynamics.

Outlook 1: The Konishi anomalous dimension

$$\gamma = 4 + 12\,\hat{\lambda} - 48\,\hat{\lambda}^2 + 336\,\hat{\lambda}^3 + \gamma_4\,\hat{\lambda}^4 + \dots$$

On the four loop contribution, there are many predictions

E.g.
$$\gamma_4 = -\frac{5307}{2} - 564\zeta_3$$
 [Lipatov, Staudacher et al. 07]

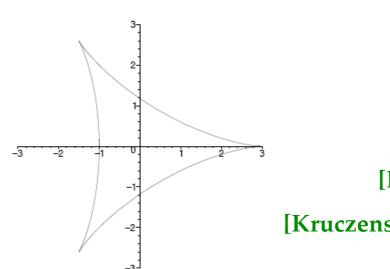
and two different results from a field theoretical calculation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \gamma_4 &=& -2584 + 384\,\zeta_3 - 1440\,\zeta_5 & \mbox{[Zanon et al. 07]} \\ \gamma_4 &=& -2607 - 28\,\zeta_3 - 140\,\zeta_5 & \mbox{[Mann Keeler 08]} \end{array}$$

Reciprocity (and BFKL) might give some hints.

Outlook 2: Spiky strings vs. higher twist

Proper correspondent to twist *L* operators are string configurations with *L* spikes



[Kruczenski. 04] [Kruczenski, Tseytlin 08]

Outlook 3: Hints for other universalities

In the large S expansion, the coefficients of the terms ln^mS/S^m look *independent on the flavor and on the twist*, only partially due to reciprocity.