

# (Discretized) Minimal Surface in AdS

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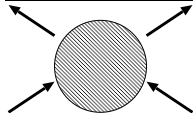
# Introduction

AdS/CFT Correspondence

$N = 4$   $U(N)$  SYM  $\iff$  type IIB Superstrings on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

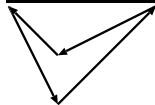
Gluon Scattering Amplitudes [Alday-Maldacena]

gluon scattering



weak(strong)

Wilson loop

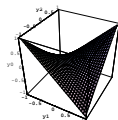


weak(strong)

T-dual

Minimal surface

in AdS



AdS/CFT strong(weak)

# Gluon Scattering Amplitudes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

the BDS conjecture Bern-Dixon-Smirnov, Anastasiou-Bern-Dixon-Kosower

Planar  $L$ -loop,  $n$ -point amplitude (recursive structure)

$$A_n^{(L)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) = A_n^{(0)}(k_1, \dots, k_n) \mathcal{M}_n^{(L)}(\epsilon)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_n(\epsilon) \equiv 1 + \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \lambda^L \mathcal{M}_n^{(L)}(\epsilon)$$

IR divergence: Dimensional regularization ( $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mathcal{M}_n(\epsilon) &= \frac{A_2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{A_1}{\epsilon} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{16} f(\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{i,i+1}} \right) \right)^2 - \frac{g(\lambda)}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{i,i+1}} \right) + \frac{f(\lambda)}{4} F_n^{(BDS)} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\lambda) = 4 \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} f_0^{(l)} \lambda^l: \text{ cusp anomalous dimension}$$

$$g(\lambda) = 2 \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{f_1^{(l)}}{l} \lambda^l: \text{ collinear anomalous dimension}$$

For  $n = 4$

$$F_4^{BDS} = \frac{1}{2} \log^2 \left( \frac{s}{t} \right) + \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

# Test of the BDS conjecture (Weak Coupling)

- loop calculations ( $n \leq 5$ ) BDS, ...
- Dual conformal invariance: determines  $n \leq 5$  amplitudes
- Gluon amplitude/Wilson loop duality at weak coupling  
Drummond-Henn-Korchemsky-Sokatchev
- Discrepancy in 6-point 2-loop amplitude  
Bern-Dixon-Kosower-Roiban-Spradlin-Volovich  
Drummond-Henn-Korchemsky-Sokatchev

$$\ln M_6^{MHV} = \ln W(C_6) + \text{const.}, \quad F_6^{WL} = F_6^{BDS} + R_6(u), \quad R_6 \neq 0$$

- remainder function  $R_n(u)$ :  $F_n = F_n^{BDS} + R_n$   
Non-trivial dependence on the cross-ratios ( $3n - 15$ )

$$u_{ij,kl} = \frac{x_{ij}^2 x_{kl}^2}{x_{ik}^2 x_{jl}^2}, \quad (x_{ij}^2 = t_i^{[j-i]})$$

For  $n = 6$ ,  $u_{13,46}$ ,  $u_{24,15}$ ,  $u_{35,26}$  are independent cross ratios.

# Minimal Surface in AdS

$AdS_5$ : embedding coordinates in  $\mathbf{R}^{2,4}$ : isometry  $SO(2,4)$

$$-Y_{-1}^2 - Y_0^2 + Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + Y_3^2 + Y_4^2 = -1$$

Poincaré coordinates:  $(y^\mu, r)$   $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$$Y^\mu = \frac{y^\mu}{r}, \quad Y_{-1} + Y_4 = \frac{1}{r}, \quad Y_{-1} - Y_4 = \frac{r^2 + y_\mu y^\mu}{r}$$

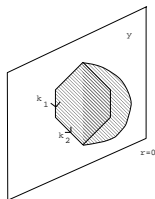
Action in conformal gauge:

$$S = \frac{R^2}{2\pi} \int d^2z \frac{\partial y^\mu \bar{\partial} y_\mu + \partial r \bar{\partial} r}{r^2}$$

Euler-Lagrange equation + boundary condition

- ends at  $r \rightarrow 0$  (AdS boundary)
- $y^\mu$ : light-like segments

$$\mathcal{M}_n \sim \exp(-S[y, r])$$



$S[y, r] =$  Area of the minimal surface (Plateau problem)

# Alday-Maldacena's Solution (4pt amplitude)

Alday-Maldacena arXiv:0705.0303

- $AdS_3$  constraint:  $Y_3 = Y_4 = 0$

$$r^2 - (y^0)^2 + (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 = 1$$

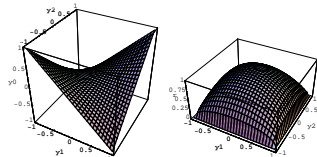
- static gauge:  $r = r(y^1, y^2)$ ,  $y^0 = y^0(y^1, y^2)$
- dimensional regularization  $D = 3 - 2\epsilon$
- conformal boost:  $s = t \rightarrow$  general  $(s, t)$

4-point amplitude ( $s = t$ ):  $s = -(k_1 + k_2)^2$ ,  $t = -(k_1 + k_4)^2$   
boundary condition:

$$r(\pm 1, y_2) = r(y_1, \pm 1) = 0,$$

$$y_0(\pm 1, y_2) = \pm y_2, \quad y_0(y_1, \pm 1) = \pm y_1$$

$$y_0 = y_1 y_2, \quad r = \sqrt{(1 - y_1^2)(1 - y_2^2)}$$



$$S_4 = \ln \mathcal{M}_4 \quad f(\lambda) \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$$

## minimal surface (2)

- Euler-Lagrange eqs. with  $AdS_d$  constraint (de Vega Sanchez)  
Static gauge, Pohlmeyer reduction  
Sinh-Gordon eq. ( $AdS_3$ ) Jevicki-Jin-Kalousios-Volovich  
 $B_2$  Toda ( $AdS_4$ ) Burrington-Gao, Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena  
Hitchin equation  $G = SU(4)$  with  $Z_4$  automorphism  
Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena
- divergent at cusps
  - dimensional regularization ( $D = 3 - 2\epsilon$ )
  - radial cutoff regularization ( $r \geq r_c$ )
- Solutions:
  - Sinh-Gordon eq. 8-pt ( $AdS_3$ ) Alday-Maldacena  
Hitchin eq. 6-pt ( $AdS_5$ ) Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena
  - power series solution Itoyama-Mironov-Morozov, Jevicki-Jin
  - Numerical Solution Dobashi-KI-Iwasaki

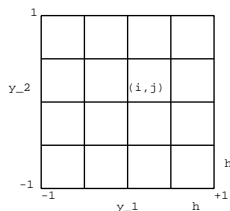


# Discretized Minimal Surfaces in AdS

- discretization

- square lattice with spacing  $h = \frac{2}{M}$

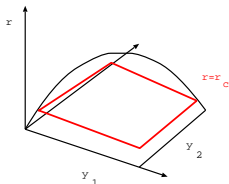
- $(i, j)$  ( $i, j = 0, \dots, M$ )  
 $y_0[i, j] = y_0(-1 + hi, -1 + hj)$   
 $r[i, j] = r(-1 + hi, -1 + hj).$



- $2(M - 1)^2$  nonlinear simultaneous equations for  $y_0[i, j]$  and  $r[i, j]$

- action  $S^{dis}[r_c] = \sum_{r[i, j] \geq r_c} L[i, j] h^2$   
radial cut-off regularization

- $M = 520$  (Dobashi-KI-Iwasaki, Dobashi-KI)
- $AdS_3$  constraint: single eom for  $y_0$   
 $M = 1200$



# Minimal surface: 4-point amplitude (Exact solution)

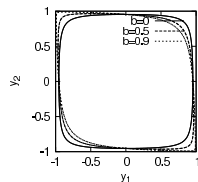
$$(s, t) \text{ solution: } -(2\pi)^2 s = -8a^2/(1-b)^2, \quad -(2\pi)^2 t = -8a^2/(1+b)^2$$

$$S_4[r_c, b] = \int_S dy_1 dy_2 L, \quad L = \frac{1}{(1-y_1^2)(1-y_2^2)}$$

$S$ : region surrounded by the cut-off curve  $C$

$$r_c^2 = (1-y_1^2)(1-y_2^2) \frac{1}{(1+by_1y_2)^2}$$

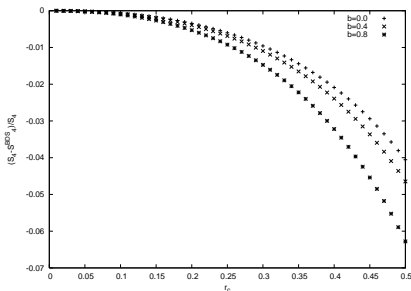
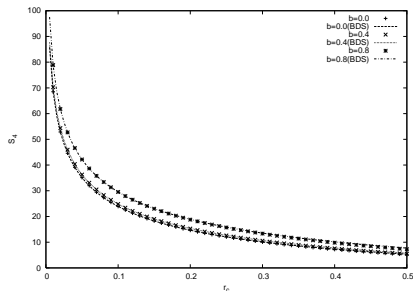
Expand around  $r_c = 0$



$$S_4[r_c, b] = \frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{r_c^2}{-8\pi^2 s} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{r_c^2}{-8\pi^2 t} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{s}{t} \right) \\ + a_0 + a_1 r_c^2 \log(r_c^2) + a_3 r_c^2 + O(r_c^4 \log r_c^2) \quad a_0 = -3.289\dots$$

$$F_4^{BDS} = -\frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{s}{t} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{3} = -\frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{s}{t} \right) - 3.28987\dots$$

# Exact Formula vs the BDS Formula (finite $r_c$ correction)



$$S_4[r_c, b] \text{ and } S_4^{BDS}[r_c, b]$$

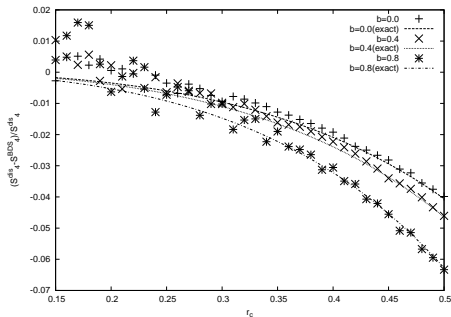
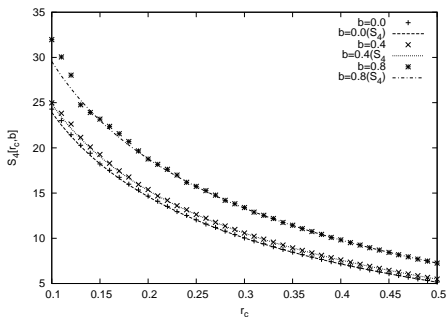
$$(S_4 - S_4^{BDS})/S_4$$

The BDS formula ( $b$ :conformal boost parameter)

$$S_4^{BDS}[r_c, b] = \frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{r_c^2(1-b)^2}{16} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \log^2 \left( \frac{r_c^2(1+b)^2}{16} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{1+b}{1-b} \right)^2 \right\}^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

# Numerical check of the BDS formula: 4-pt amplitude

$M = 520$  Dobashi-KI



$S[r_c, b]$  vs  $S^{dis}[r_c, b]$

$(S_4^{dis} - S_4^{BDS})/S_4^{dis}$

- $(S_4^{dis} - S_4)/S_4^{dis} \sim 0.1\%$  ( $b = 0.4, r_c = 0.3$ )
- Finite  $r_c$  correction  $\leq 6\%$
- numerical error becomes large  $r_c \leq 0.2$  (and large  $b$ )

$$\tilde{S}_n[r_c] = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \log \frac{r_c^2}{-8\pi^2 s_{i,i+1}} \right)^2 + F_n + a_0 + a_1 r_c^2 \log r_c^2 + a_2 r_c^2 + O(r_c^4 \log r_c^2)$$

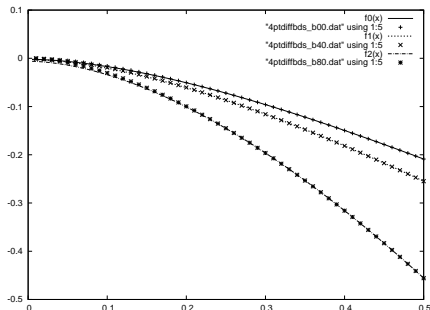
$$F_n = -\frac{1}{2} F_n^{BDS} + R_n(u_{ij,kl})$$

- remainder function:  $R_n$
- finite  $r_c$  correction  $\sim a_0 + a_1 r_c^2 \log r_c^2 + a_2 r_c^2$

# 4pt amplitudes (2)

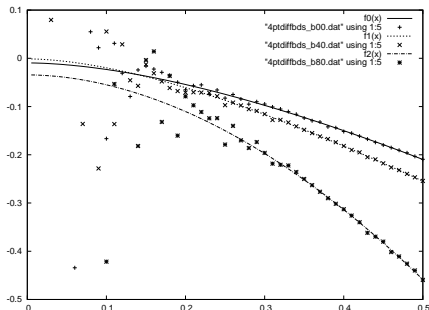
$r_c$  correction KI, K. Iwasaki, work in progress

$$S_4[r_c, b] - S_4^{BDS}[r_c, b] \sim a_0 + a_1 r_c^2 \log(r_c^2) + a_2 r_c^2$$



$$S_4^{exact}[r_c, b] - S_4^{BDS}[r_c, b]$$

$$a_0 \sim -0.0014$$

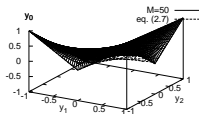


$$S_4^{dis} - S_4^{BDS} (M = 1200)$$

$$a_0 \sim -0.01$$

# higher-point amplitudes

## 6-point solution1

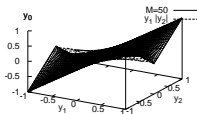


$$(u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = 1)$$

$$a_0 = -1.25$$

- rectangular solution (nontrivial  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ )
- regular hexagon, octagon

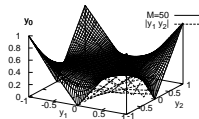
## 6-point solution2



$$(u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = 1)$$

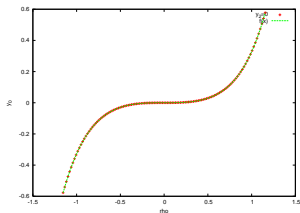
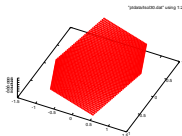
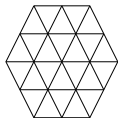
$$a_0 = -1.27$$

## 8-point



$$u_{ij,kl}: \text{constant}$$

$$a_0 = 1.15$$



# Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz and the Remainder Function

embedding coordinates  $Y$ : ( $Y^2 = -1$ )

action:

$$S = \int d^2z \{ \partial Y \bar{\partial} Y + \lambda(Y^2 + 1) \}$$

EOM+Virasoro Constraints

$$\partial \bar{\partial} Y + (\partial Y \bar{\partial} Y) Y = 0, \quad (\partial Y)^2 = (\bar{\partial} Y)^2 = 0$$

orthonormal basis  $q = (Y, B_1, B_2, B_3, e^{-\alpha/2} \partial Y, e^{-\alpha/2} \bar{\partial} Y)$   $e^\alpha \equiv \partial Y \bar{\partial} Y$   
EOM  $\iff$   $SU(4)$  Hitchin eqs. with  $\mathbf{Z}_4$ -symm (Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena)

$$[D_z, D_{\bar{z}}] + [\Phi_z, \Phi_{\bar{z}}] = 0, \quad D_z \Phi_{\bar{z}} = 0, \quad D_{\bar{z}} \Phi_z = 0$$

$$\Phi_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\alpha/2} v_I \sigma^I \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\alpha/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_z = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -\partial \alpha + d_{IJ} \sigma^{IJ} & 0 \\ 0 & \partial \alpha + d_{IJ} \sigma^{IJ} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_I = B_I \partial^2 Y, \quad d_{IJ} = \partial B_I B_J$$



- boundary condition ( $z \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$A_z \sim \frac{m}{z} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} P(z)^{1/4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -iP(z)^{1/4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -P(z)^{1/4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & iP(z)^{1/4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$P(z) = \partial^2 Y \bar{\partial}^2 Y = z^{n-4} + \dots$  for  $n$  sided polygon:  $w = \int P^{1/4}(z) dz$

- linear problem:  $(D_z + \zeta^{-1} \Phi_z) \psi = 0$ ,  $(\bar{D}_{\bar{z}} + \zeta \Phi_{\bar{z}}) \psi = 0$   
( $\zeta$ : spectral parameter)
- Asymptotic behavior of  $\psi$  shows the Stokes phenomena
- cross ratio are given by the Stokes data  $b_i$ , monodromy  $\mu = e^{i\phi}$
- $\mathcal{X}_a[\zeta]$ : function of  $b_i[\zeta]$  whose asymptotic behavior is uniform  
( $\mathcal{X}_a \sim \exp(Z_a/\zeta)$   $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ ) **Gaiotto-Moore-Neitzke**
  - Daurboux coordinates of moduli space of N=2 theories on  $R^3 \times S^1$
  - WKB-analysis:  $\mathcal{X}_a \sim \exp(\frac{1}{\zeta} \oint P^{1/4} dz)$
  - $\mathcal{X}_a$  has dicontinuites along some rays and obeys TBA-like equations

## remainder function: 6-point amplitudes

- $P(z) = z^2 - m$ , parameters  $Z = |Z|e^{i\psi}$ ,  $\mu = e^{i\phi}$
- $e^{\epsilon(\theta)} = \mathcal{X}_1[e^\theta]$ ,  $e^{\tilde{\epsilon}(\theta)} = \mathcal{X}_1\mathcal{X}_3[e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}e^\theta]$  obey the TBA eqs of the  $A_3$  integrable theory
- cross ratios  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ : functionals of  $\epsilon(\theta)$  and  $\tilde{\epsilon}(\theta)$

Remainder function

$$R_6 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{1}{8} \log^2 u_i + \frac{1}{4} \text{Li}_2(1 - u_i) \right) - |Z|^2 - A_{free} + \text{const.}$$

Free energy of the  $A_3$  system

$$A_{free} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\theta 2|Z| \cosh \theta \log(1 + e^{-\epsilon}\mu) \left(1 + \frac{e^{-\epsilon}}{\mu}\right) + 2\sqrt{2}|Z| \cosh \theta \log(1 + e^{-\tilde{\epsilon}})$$

$u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = u$  (conformal point,  $\mu$ : chemical potential)

$$R_6(u, u, u) = -\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{3\pi} \phi^2 + \frac{3}{8} (\log^2 u + 2\text{Li}_2(1 - u)), \quad u = \frac{1}{4 \cos^2(\phi/3)}$$

# TBA equation for $A_3$ theory

Klassen-Melzer mass  $m_{\tilde{\epsilon}} = 2\sqrt{2}|Z|$ ,  $m_{\epsilon_1} = m_{\epsilon_2} = 2|Z|$

$$\epsilon(\theta) = 2|Z| \cosh \theta + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int d\theta' \frac{\cosh(\theta - \theta')}{\cosh 2(\theta - \theta')} \log(1 + e^{-\tilde{\epsilon}})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\theta' \frac{1}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \log(1 + \mu e^{-\epsilon}) \left(1 + \frac{e^{-\epsilon}}{\mu}\right)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}(\theta) = 2\sqrt{2}|Z| \cosh \theta + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int d\theta' \frac{1}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \log(1 + e^{-\tilde{\epsilon}})$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int d\theta' \frac{\cosh(\theta - \theta')}{\cosh 2(\theta - \theta')} \log(1 + \mu e^{-\epsilon}) \left(1 + \frac{e^{-\epsilon}}{\mu}\right)$$

comparison with other calculations

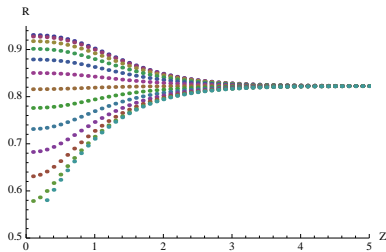
2-loop Anastasiou-Brandhuber-Heslop-Khoze-Spence-Travaglini

$$R_6\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) = 0.930933, \quad R_6^{2-loop} = 1.08916$$

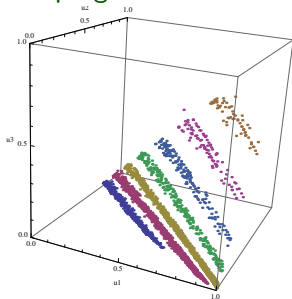
$$R_6(1, 1, 1) = 0.523599, \quad R_6^{2-loop} = -2.706, \quad R_6^{dis} = -1.25$$

# Remainder function at $(u_1, u_2, u_3)$

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$(|Z|, R)$  graph for various  $\phi$



plot of  $(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  with fixed  $R = 0.9, 0.85, \dots, 0.6$

- Solve TBA equation numerically
- $R(|Z|e^{i\psi}, \mu = e^{i\phi})$ ,  $R$  is independent of  $\psi$
- small  $Z$ : mass perturbation of  $\mathbf{Z}_4$ -parafermion  $SU(2)_4/U(1)$
- large  $Z$ :  $(u_1, u_2, u_3) = (1 - u_3, 0, u_3)$  colinear limit

# $n$ -point amplitudes

To determine the remainder function for  $n$ -point amplitudes, we need to

- find TBA equations
- solve them perturbatively or numerically

Minimal surface with  $2n$  light-like polygonal boundary

$AdS_3$ -constraints:  $P(z) = p(z)^2$  ( $p(z) = z^{n-3} + \dots$ )

- $n = 4$  TBA eq. becomes trivial **Alday-Maldacena**
- $n = 5$  TBA eqs. :  $SU(3)_2/U(1)^2$
- $n = 6$  TBA eqs. :  $SU(4)_2/U(1)^3$

general  $n$ :  $SU(n-2)_2/U(1)^{n-3} \simeq (SU(2)_1)^{(n-2)}/SU(2)_{n-2}$

homogeneous Sine-Gordon model **Castro-Alvaredo-Fring-Korff-Miramantos**

- conformal point  $p(z) = z^{n-3}$  (regular  $2n$ -gon)  $A_{free} = \frac{\pi}{6}c$ ,  
 $c = \frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{n}$
- The number of deformation parameters:  $2n - 6$
- $AdS_5$ :  $SU(n-4)_4/U(1)^{n-5} = (SU(4)_1)^{n-4}/SU(4)_{n-4}$

- Numerical solutions of Minimal surface in  $AdS$  are quantitatively in good agreement with exact solutions.
  - application to non-AdS geometry
  - calculation of remainder function (large  $M$ )
- Minimal surfaces in  $AdS$  with light-like boundary can be solved by TBA eqs.  
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  - solve them perturbatively or numerically
- relation to Wall Crossing Formula, Seiberg-Witten, 2d CFT

Happy Birthday, Kazama-san!