



## Conformal Field Theory

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## Motivation

- ▶ There exists a multitude of CFTs in spacetime dimensions  $d < 4$ .
- ▶ For  $d \geq 4$ , however, the list of known CFTs is very short (Banks, Zaks'82), unless supersymmetry enters the game.
- ▶ Allowing for non-unitary, logarithmic CFTs (Gurarie'93), an ample class of integrable theories in  $d = 4$  has been discovered in as a special double-scaling limit of  $\gamma$ -deformed  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang–Mills theory (Gürdoğan, Kazakov'16), later generalized to any dimension  $d$  (Kazakov, Olivucci'18).
- ▶ In the planar 't Hooft limit, the perturbation theory of such CFTs is dominated by a very limited number of Feynman diagrams represented by the regular square lattice, called fishnets.
- ▶ Apart from these Fishnet CFTs, a vast class of so-called Loom FCFTs was proposed in (Kazakov, Olivucci'22).
- ▶ This construction relies on the existence, for each such diagram, of an associated Baxter lattice (Zamolodchikov'80) – a collection of straight lines parallel to  $M$  directions that we dub *slopes*.
- ▶ In this work we study a class of Loom FCFTs with  $M = 4$  slopes that feature only quartic scalar vertices.

## Definition of Checkerboard CFT

- ▶ The Lagrangian of the theory is

$$\mathcal{L}^{(CB)} = N \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^4 \bar{Z}_j (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu)^{w_j} Z_j - \xi_1^2 \bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2 Z_3 Z_4 - \xi_2^2 Z_1 Z_2 \bar{Z}_3 \bar{Z}_4 \right],$$

where  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 = d$  and therefore the couplings  $\xi_{1,2}$  are dimensionless. The fields  $Z_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are in the adjoint representation of  $SU(N)$ .

- ▶ We introduce the following parametrization

$$w_1 = u + d - \Delta_+, \quad w_2 = -u + \Delta_-, \quad w_3 = u + \Delta_+, \quad w_4 = -u - \Delta_-.$$

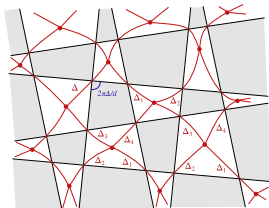
- ▶ It follows that the scaling dimensions of the fields  $\bar{Z}_j, Z_j$  are  $\Delta_j = \frac{d}{2} - w_j$ .
- ▶ While for generic  $w_j$ 's the Lagrangian is UV complete and the theory is finite, there are *special values*

$$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = \frac{d}{2} = \Delta_3 + \Delta_4 \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta_1 + \Delta_4 = \frac{d}{2} = \Delta_2 + \Delta_3.$$

when double-trace correlators of length-2 operators are divergent and the corresponding counterterm must be added

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dt}}^{(CB)} = \alpha(\xi_1, \xi_2) \text{Tr}(\bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2) \text{Tr}(Z_3 Z_4) + \bar{\alpha}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \text{Tr}(Z_1 Z_2) \text{Tr}(\bar{Z}_3 \bar{Z}_4).$$

## Propagators and vertices of Checkerboard CFT



- ▶ The propagators of the adjoint fields  $Z_k$  are

$$D_i(x) = \langle Z_i(x) \bar{Z}_i(0) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2} - w_i\right)}{4^{w_i} \pi^{\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma(w_i)} \frac{1}{(x^2)^{\frac{d}{2} - w_i}},$$

- ▶ Such a simple content of Feynman diagrams of the theory is a consequence of the non-Hermiticity, i.e. the *chirality*, because these vertices are absent

$$\text{Tr}[\bar{Z}_i \bar{Z}_{i+1} Z_{i+2} Z_{i+3}]^\dagger = \text{Tr}[\bar{Z}_{i+3} \bar{Z}_{i+2} Z_{i+1} Z_i].$$

- ▶ Checkerboard CFT can be viewed as a reduction of the Loom FCFT<sup>(4)</sup> with  $M = 4$  slopes if we keep only

$$\text{Tr}[v_1 X_3 Y_2 \bar{u}_1] \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Tr}[u_1 \bar{v}_1 \bar{X}_3 \bar{Y}_2]$$

and then identify the fields as follows

$$u_1 = Z_1, \quad \bar{v}_1 = Z_2, \quad X_3 = Z_3 \quad \text{and} \quad Y_2 = Z_4.$$

## Integrability of the correlators

- ▶ We will consider a class of  $2L$ -point functions obtained by complete point-split inside the two traces. A concrete instance of such correlator

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1, \dots, x_L) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x'_1, \dots, x'_L) \rangle,$$

where

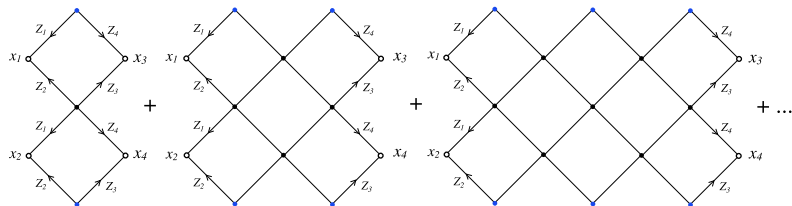
$$\mathcal{O}(x_1, \dots, x_L) = \text{Tr}[(Z_1 Z_2)(x_1) (Z_1 Z_2)(x_2) \dots (Z_1 Z_2)(x_L)],$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x'_1, \dots, x'_L) = \text{Tr}[(\bar{Z}_4 \bar{Z}_3)(x'_1) (\bar{Z}_4 \bar{Z}_3)(x'_2) \dots (\bar{Z}_4 \bar{Z}_3)(x'_L)].$$

- ▶ The Feynman diagrams for a given order  $n$  can be expressed as a power of a certain integral “graph-building” operator  $\hat{T}$ , acting on functions of  $L$  variables, say  $x_1, \dots, x_L$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . In practice, one of the  $L$  diagrams is expressed as the kernel of  $\hat{T}^n$ , namely

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(x_1, \dots, x_L | x'_1, \dots, x'_L) &= \\ &= \int \prod_{i=1}^L d^d y_i T_{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_L | y_1, \dots, y_L) T(y_1, \dots, y_L | x'_1, \dots, x'_L). \end{aligned}$$

## Integrability of correlators II



- ▶ The correlator at finite coupling results from the Bethe-Salpeter resummation, namely

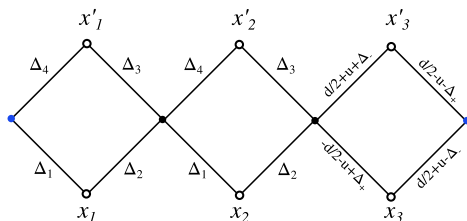
$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x_1, \dots, x_L) \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x'_1, \dots, x'_L) \rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} K(x_{1+j}, x_{2+j}, \dots, x_{L+j} | x'_1, \dots, x'_L),$$

with

$$K(x_1, \dots, x_L | x'_1, \dots, x'_L) = \xi_2^{2L} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (\xi_1^2 \xi_2^2)^{nL} T_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_L | x'_1, \dots, x'_L).$$

- ▶ The operator  $\hat{T}$  is the transfer matrix of a non-compact, homogeneous spin chain with  $SO(1, d+1)$  symmetry and periodic boundary conditions. Each of the  $L$  sites carries the infinite-dimensional representation of a scalar field with scaling dimension  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2$ .

## Integrability of correlators III



- ▶ The operator  $\widehat{T}$  is the trace over the auxiliary space (infinite-dimensional representation of dimension  $\Delta_0 = \Delta_1 + \Delta_4$ ) of a product of  $L$  solutions  $\widehat{R}_{0k}$  of the Yang–Baxter equation (Chicherin, Derkachev, Isaev'12), that is

$$\widehat{T} = \text{Tr}_0 \left[ \widehat{R}_{01} \widehat{R}_{02} \dots \widehat{R}_{0L} \right].$$

- ▶ The kernel of each of the operators  $\widehat{R}_{0k}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, L$  is

$$\begin{aligned} R(x_1, x_0 | x_{1'}, x_{0'}) &= \\ &= \frac{c}{(x_{10}^2)^{-u - \frac{d}{2} + \Delta_+} (x_{01'}^2)^{u + \frac{d}{2} + \Delta_-} (x_{1'0'}^2)^{-u + \frac{d}{2} - \Delta_+} (x_{0'1}^2)^{u + \frac{d}{2} - \Delta_-}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta_{\pm} = (\Delta_0 \pm (\Delta_1 + \Delta_2))/2$ , and

$$c = \prod_{j=1}^4 \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2} - w_j\right)}{4^{w_j} \pi^{\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma(w_j)}.$$

## Anomalous Dimensions for $L = 2$

- ▶ We derive the exact expression for the shortest four-point correlator in the Checkerboard CFT, and extract the anomalous dimension of lightest single-trace operator, which dominates the OPE  $s$ -channel,

$$\text{Tr}[Z_1 Z_2 Z_1 Z_2](x).$$

- ▶ One has

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Tr}[(Z_1 Z_2)(x_1)(Z_1 Z_2)(x_2)] \text{Tr}[(\bar{Z}_4 \bar{Z}_3)(x'_1)(\bar{Z}_4 \bar{Z}_3)(x'_2)] \rangle = \\ = K(x_1, x_2 | x'_1, x'_2) + K(x_1, x_2 | x'_2, x'_1) \end{aligned}$$

with

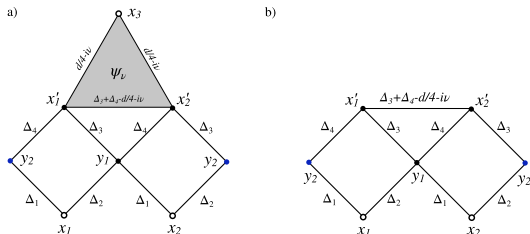
$$K(x_1, x_2 | x'_1, x'_2) = \xi_1^4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\xi_1^2 \xi_2^2)^{2n} T_{n+1}(x_1, x_2 | x'_1, x'_2).$$

- ▶ The kernel of the operator  $\hat{T}$  at  $L = 2$  takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} T(x_1, x_2 | x'_1, x'_2) = \\ = c^2 \iint \frac{d^d x_0 d^d x_{0'}}{(x_{10}^2)^{-u-\frac{d}{2}+\Delta_+} (x_{01'}^2)^{u+\frac{d}{2}+\Delta_-} (x_{1'0'}^2)^{-u+\frac{d}{2}-\Delta_+} (x_{0'1}^2)^{u+\frac{d}{2}-\Delta_-}} \\ \times \frac{1}{(x_{20'}^2)^{-u-\frac{d}{2}+\Delta_+} (x_{0'2'}^2)^{u+\frac{d}{2}+\Delta_-} (x_{2'0}^2)^{-u+\frac{d}{2}-\Delta_+} (x_{02}^2)^{u+\frac{d}{2}-\Delta_-}}. \end{aligned}$$



## Anomalous Dimensions for $L = 2$ II



- The spectral equation reads

$$\iint d^d x_1 d^d x_2 T(x_1, x_2 | x_1', x_2') \Psi_{\nu, S}(x_1', x_2'; x_3) = h(\nu, S) \Psi_{\nu, S}(x_1, x_2; x_3),$$

where  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  is the continuous label of principal series and  $S$  is the spin.

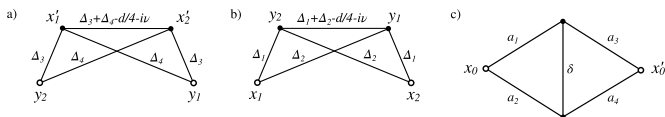
- For  $L = 2$  the eigenfunctions of  $\hat{T}$  are entirely determined by its conformal symmetry and  $\Psi_{\nu, S}(x_1', x_2'; x_3)$  is a conformal 3-point function between two scalars of dimension  $\Delta_+ - \Delta_- = \Delta_1 + \Delta_2$  and one symmetric traceless tensor of spin  $S$  with dimension in the principal series  $\Delta = d/2 + 2i\nu$  (Dobrev et al.'77, Polyakov'70, Fradkin, Palchik'78). The eigenfunction  $\Psi_\nu \equiv \Psi_{\nu, 0}$  has the form

$$\Psi_\nu(x_1, x_2; x_3) = C(\nu) (x_{12}^2)^{\frac{d}{4} + i\nu - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2} (x_{13}^2 x_{23}^2)^{-\frac{d}{4} - i\nu}.$$

- Sending  $x_3^2 \rightarrow +\infty$ , we obtain the eigenvalue

$$h(\nu) = (x_{12}^2)^{\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \frac{d}{4} - i\nu} \iint d^d x_1 d^d x_2 T(x_1, x_2 | x_1', x_2') (x_{1'2'}^2)^{\frac{d}{4} + i\nu - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2}.$$

## Anomalous Dimensions for $L = 2$ III



- It is convenient to factor the eigenvalue into the product of two terms  $h(\nu) = h_1(\nu)h_2(\nu)$ , because  $h_1(\nu)$  and  $h_2(\nu)$  are in fact the same function (Derkachev, Ivanov, Shumilov'23)

$$B(a_1, a_2, \delta) = \frac{(x_{00'}^2)^{\delta+2a_1+2a_2-d}}{4^{2d-2a_1-2a_2}\pi^{2d}} \left( \frac{\Gamma(a_1)\Gamma(a_2)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}-a_1\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}-a_2\right)} \right)^2 \\ \times \iint \frac{d^d x_1' d^d x_2'}{(x_{1'2'}^2)^\delta (x_{01'}^2)^{a_1} (x_{1'0'}^2)^{a_2} (x_{0'2'}^2)^{a_1} (x_{2'0}^2)^{a_2}},$$

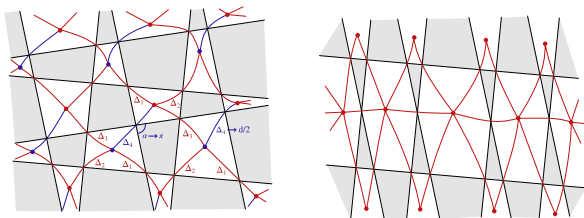
evaluated at different values of its parameters, i.e.

$$h_1(\nu) = B\left(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3 + \Delta_4 - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right), \quad h_2(\nu) = B\left(\Delta_3, \Delta_4, \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right).$$

- The insertion of a resolution of the identity reads

$$K(x_1, x_2 | x_1', x_2') = \\ = \sum_{S=0}^{+\infty} \int d\rho(\nu, S) \int d^d x_3 \Psi_{\nu, S}(x_1, x_2; x_3) \bar{\Psi}_{\nu, S}(x_1', x_2'; x_3) \frac{\xi_1^4 h(\nu, S)}{1 - \xi_1^4 \xi_2^4 h(\nu, S)}.$$

## FCFT with regular triangular graphs and ABJM reduction



- ▶ An interesting choice for the parameters is given by  $w_4 = -u - \Delta_- = 0$ .
- ▶ The Checkerboard CFT then turns into the anisotropic  $d$ -dimensional FCFT

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_d^{(CB)} = & \\ = N\text{Tr} \left[ \bar{Z}_1 (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu)^{u+d-\Delta_+} Z_1 + \bar{Z}_2 (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu)^{-2u} Z_2 + \bar{Z}_3 (-\partial_\mu \partial^\mu)^{u+\Delta_+} Z_3 \right. & \\ & \left. - \xi^2 \bar{Z}_3 \bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2 Z_3 Z_1 Z_2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

where the coupling constant is  $\xi^2 = \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2$ .

- ▶ This theory is a  $d$ -dimensional generalization of FCFT from (Caetano, Gürdoğan, Kazakov'18) stemming from the  $3d$  ABJM theory in the double scaling limit.
- ▶ This latter theory is recovered at the point  $d = 3$ ,  $u = -1/2$ , and  $\Delta_+ = 3/2$  or, equivalently,  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \Delta_3 = 1/2$ .

## ABJM $L = 2$ Fishnet

- ▶ Here we shall present the explicitly  $h(\nu)$ , i.e.  $h_1(\nu)$  and  $h_2(\nu)$  for the ABJM FCFT, namely

$$h_1(\nu) = B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 2 - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right), \quad h_2(\nu) = B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 1 - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right),$$

where  $\Delta = 3/2 + 2i\nu$  for  $d = 3$ .

- ▶ By utilizing the result of (Derkachev, Ivanov, Shumilov'23), we are able to calculate

$$h(\Delta) = \mathbf{I}_1 + \mathbf{I}_2 + \mathbf{I}_3$$

in the form of rather complicated sums depending on  $\Delta$ .

- ▶ However, we can solve the equation

$$h(\Delta) = \frac{1}{\zeta}, \quad \zeta = (\xi_1 \xi_2)^4$$

both in the weak coupling and numerically.

- ▶ The perturbative expansion suggests solving the equation above with  $\Delta = 2 + \gamma$  for small  $\gamma$ .

## ABJM $L = 2$ Fishnet II

- ▶ After a series of demanding calculations, we obtain the expansion in  $\gamma$

$$h = -\frac{1}{1024\pi^2\gamma} + \frac{1}{1024\pi^4} \left( \pi^2 + \pi^2 \log 2 - \frac{21}{2}\zeta_3 \right) - \\ - \frac{1}{1024\pi^4} \left( \pi^2 + \pi^2 \log 2 - \frac{21}{2}\zeta_3 + \frac{\pi^4}{40} + \frac{\log^4 2}{2} + 12\text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \gamma + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^2).$$

- ▶ One may notice a curious observation that the expression

$$\gamma(1 + \gamma)h = -\frac{1}{1024\pi^4} \left( \pi^2 - \left( \pi^2 \log 2 - \frac{21}{2}\zeta_3 \right) \gamma + \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{\pi^4}{40} + \frac{\log^4 2}{2} + 12\text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \gamma^2 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3) \right)$$

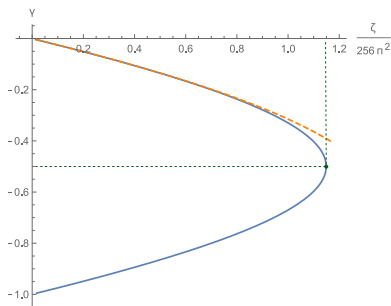
has uniform transcendentality.

- ▶ Solving the equation for the spectrum yields

$$\gamma = -\eta - \left( 1 + \log 2 - \frac{21\zeta_3}{2\pi^2} \right) \eta^2 - \left( 2 + 3 \log 2 - \frac{63\zeta_3}{2\pi^2} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\pi^2}{40} - \log^2 2 + \frac{\log^4 2}{2\pi^2} - \frac{21\zeta_3 \log 2}{\pi^2} + \frac{441\zeta_3^2}{4\pi^4} + \frac{12\text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\pi^2} \right) \eta^3 + \mathcal{O}(\eta^4).$$

where  $\eta = \zeta/(1024\pi^2)$ .

## ABJM $L = 2$ Fishnet III



- ▶ The perturbative expansion of the anomalous dimension is in complete agreement with the numerical calculation and, moreover, supports the hypothesis that  $h(\gamma)$  is even with respect to  $\gamma = 1/2$ .
- ▶ In addition, one can express the following function

$$\gamma(1 + \gamma)h = -\frac{1}{1024\pi^4} \left[ 12\mathfrak{L}_2 + 6\mathfrak{L}_1^2 + (12\mathfrak{L}_3 - 2\mathfrak{L}_1^3) \gamma + \left( 12\mathfrak{L}_4 + \frac{18}{5}\mathfrak{L}_2^2 + \frac{18}{5}\mathfrak{L}_2\mathfrak{L}_1^2 + \frac{7}{5}\mathfrak{L}_1^4 \right) \gamma^2 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3) \right]$$

solely in terms of the polylogarithms  $\mathfrak{L}_j = \text{Li}_j(1/2)$ .

## FCFT of BFKL Type From the Checkerboard

- ▶ Choosing the scaling dimensions  $\Delta_1 = -1 - u$ ,  $\Delta_2 = 1 + u$ ,  $\Delta_3 = 1 - u$ ,  $\Delta_4 = 1 + u$ , the corresponding Lagrangian reads

$$\mathcal{L}_d = N \text{Tr} \left[ \bar{Z}_1 (-\bar{\partial}\partial)^{u+2} Z_1 + \bar{Z}_2 (-\bar{\partial}\partial)^{-u} Z_2 + \bar{Z}_3 (-\bar{\partial}\partial)^u Z_3 + \bar{Z}_4 (-\bar{\partial}\partial)^{-u} Z_4 \right. \\ \left. - \xi_1^2 \bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2 Z_3 Z_4 - \xi_2^2 Z_1 Z_2 \bar{Z}_3 \bar{Z}_4 \right],$$

- ▶ For the selected choice of scaling dimensions, the R-matrix, reduces now to the following operator form

$$\hat{R}_{10}^{BFKL} = \frac{\Gamma(-1-u)\Gamma(1-u)}{4^{2+2u}\pi^2\Gamma(2+u)\Gamma(u)} \mathbb{P}_{01}(x_{10}^2)^{u+1}(p_0^2)^u(p_1^2)^u(x_{10}^2)^{u-1},$$

- ▶ The Taylor-expansion of  $\hat{R}$  around  $u = 0$  delivers at linear order a differential operator

$$\hat{R}_{ab}^{BFKL} = \frac{\Gamma(-1-u)\Gamma(1-u)}{4^{2+2u}\pi^2\Gamma(2+u)\Gamma(u)} \mathbb{P}_{ab}(x_{ab}^2)^{u+1}(\hat{p}_b^2)^u(\hat{p}_a^2)^u(x_{ab}^2)^{u-1} = \\ = \frac{\mathbb{P}_{ab}}{16\pi^2} \left( 1 + u \hat{h}_{ab}^{BFKL} + \mathcal{O}(u^2) \right),$$

whose explicit form is (Lipatov'93, Faddeev, Korchemsky'95)

$$\hat{h}_{ab}^{BFKL} = 2 \log(x_{ab}^2) + x_{ab}^2 \log(p_a^2 p_b^2) x_{ab}^{-2} - 4\psi(1) - 4 \log 2 - 2 = \\ = (p_a^{-2}) \log(x_{ab}^2) (p_a^2) + (p_b^{-2}) \log(x_{ab}^2) (p_b^2) + \log(p_a^2 p_b^2) - 4\psi(1) - 4 \log 2 - 2.$$

## FCFT of BFKL Type From the Checkerboard II

- ▶ The eigenvalue in the case of interest is then

$$\begin{aligned} h(\Delta) &= \\ &= \lim_{\Delta_+ \rightarrow 0} B \left( -1 - u + \Delta_+, 1 + u, 2 - \Delta_+ - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) B \left( 1 - u - \Delta_+, 1 + u, \Delta_+ - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{256\pi^4} \left[ 1 + 4u \left( -1 - 2\psi(1) + \psi \left( \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) + \psi \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) \right) + \mathcal{O}(u^2) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Writing  $\Delta = 1 + 2i\nu$ , the latter expression coincides, up to a constant coming from the relation between ordinary and holomorphic momentum operator  $p_a^2 = 4p_a^z p_a^{\bar{z}}$ , with the energy of the Pomeron state (Kuraev, Lipatov, Fadin'77, Balitsky, Lipatov'78), obtained in the Regge limit of QCD or in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory by

$$\omega(\nu) = 4 \left( 2\psi(1) - \psi \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\nu \right) - \psi \left( \frac{1}{2} - i\nu \right) \right).$$

- ▶ Let us introduce an effective coupling  $\eta$  through

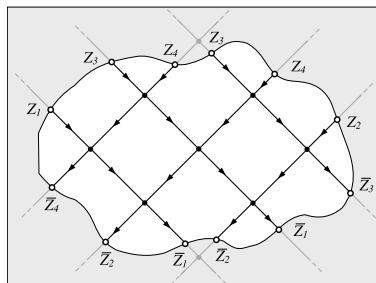
$$\xi_1 \xi_2 = 4\pi(1 - u\eta),$$

which we keep finite in the limit  $u \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \rightarrow 4\pi$ . We obtain in the limit  $u \rightarrow 0$  the equation for the spectrum of conformal dimensions  $\Delta(\eta)$  of exchange operators in BFKL FCFT (at  $L = 2$ )

$$\eta = \psi \left( \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) + \psi \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) - 2\psi(1) - 1 + \mathcal{O}(u).$$



## Single-trace correlators



- ▶ We consider single-trace correlators featuring a number  $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n$  of external fields grouped into  $n$  coinciding positions, which have the general form:

$$\frac{1}{N} \langle \text{Tr}[(\Phi_{1,1} \dots \Phi_{1,m_1})(x_1)(\Phi_{2,1} \dots \Phi_{2,m_2})(x_2) \dots (\Phi_{n,1} \dots \Phi_{n,m_n})(x_n)] \rangle .$$

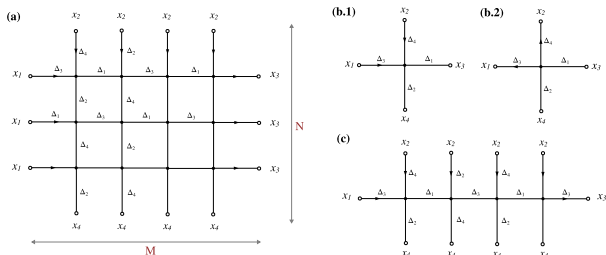
- ▶ The fields  $\Phi_{n,m}$  are chosen among  $Z_k, \bar{Z}_k$  and each pair of brackets (...) delimits a product of fields located at the same point and with open  $SU(N)$  indices, e.g.

$$(Z_1 Z_2 \bar{Z}_3 Z_1 Z_1 \dots \bar{Z}_2)_{ij}(x) = \sum_{a_1 \dots a_L} (Z_1)_{ia_1}(x)(Z_2)_{a_1 a_2}(x) \dots (\bar{Z}_2)_{a_L j}(x) .$$

## Rectangular and Diamond correlators

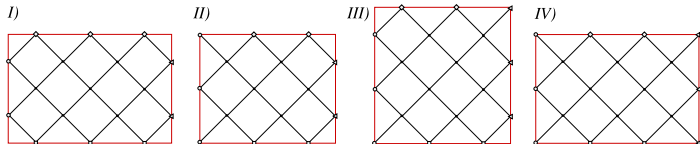
- ▶ For a rectangle of size  $2n \times 2m$  the corresponding correlator reads

$$I_{2n,2m} = \frac{1}{N} \langle \text{Tr}[(Z_1 Z_3)^n(x_1)(\bar{Z}_2 \bar{Z}_4)^m(x_4)(\bar{Z}_3 \bar{Z}_1)^n(x_3)(Z_4 Z_2)^m(x_2)] \rangle ,$$



- ▶ We realise the four-point Diamond correlator by labelling with  $x_i$  the position of external fields in clockwise order,

$$G_{m,n}^{(I)} = \frac{1}{N} \langle \text{Tr}[(\bar{Z}_4 Z_1)^m(x_1)(\bar{Z}_1 \bar{Z}_2)^n(x_4)(Z_2 \bar{Z}_3)^m(x_3)(Z_3 Z_4)^n(x_2)] \rangle .$$



## Conclusions and open problems

Summing up what was done:

- ▶ The Checkerboard Fishnet CFT introduced and studied in this work is one representative of a huge family of generalised, Loom FCFTs of arbitrary dimension.
- ▶ We presented a few analytic calculations of non-trivial physical quantities based on integrability and conformality of the Checkerboard CFT.
- ▶ We also showed that the graph-building operator in 2D, at a certain limit of the spectral parameter, reduces to Lipatov's Hamiltonian for reggeized gluons.

There are still many interesting questions related to the Checkerboard CFT:

- ▶ Using the techniques of quantum integrability one could try to compute these correlation functions exactly at any  $L$ , at all orders, close to (Derkachev, Korchemsky, Manashov'01, Lipatov, De Vega'01).
- ▶ It would be interesting to obtain the sigma-model representation for the Checkerboard fishnets with cylindrical topology, analogously to (Basso, Zhong'18, Basso et al.'19), and to establish the related TBA equations.
- ▶ Could one find a useful application of Yangian symmetry (Chicherin et al.'17, Kazakov, Levkovich-Maslyuk, Mishnyakov'23) for Checkerboard graphs?

Thanks for your attention!