

# **Amplitudes and hidden symmetries in N=2 Chern-Simons Matter theory**

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## Based on

K.I, S.Jain, P.Nayak, V.Umesh, [arXiv :1710.04227](#) (**BCFW**)

K.I, S.Jain, S.Majumdar, P.Nayak, T.Neogi, T.Sharma, R.Sinha, V.Umesh,  
[arXiv : 1711.02672](#) (**Dual Superconformal symmetry**)

K.I, S.Jain, P.Nayak, T.Sharma, V.Umesh, [arXiv : 1712.nnppq](#) (**Yangian**)

## References:

K.I, S.Jain, S.Mazumdar, S.Minwalla, V.Umesh, S.Yokoyama, [arXiv: 1505.06571](#), JHEP 1510 (2015) 176.

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# **Part I**

# **Introduction**

# N=2 Chern-Simons matter theory

- General renormalizable  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory with one fundamental multiplet

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{N}=2}^L = \int d^3x & \left[ -\frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} \text{Tr} \left( A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho - \frac{2i}{3} A_\mu A_\nu A_\rho \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi - \mathcal{D}^\mu \bar{\phi} \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi + \frac{4\pi^2}{\kappa^2} (\bar{\phi} \phi)^3 + \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} (\bar{\phi} \phi)(\bar{\psi} \psi) + \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} (\bar{\psi} \phi)(\bar{\phi} \psi) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- The theory exhibits a **strong-weak self duality** under the duality map

$$\kappa' = -\kappa , \quad N' = |\kappa| - N + 1 , \quad \lambda' = \lambda - \text{Sgn}(\lambda)$$

- K.I, Jain, Mazumdar, Minwalla, Umesh, Yokoyama** 2 → 2 scattering amplitudes to all orders in the 't Hooft coupling.
- In the (**non-anyonic**) symmetric, anti-symmetric and adjoint channels of scattering the **amplitude is tree-level exact to all orders in  $\lambda$ .**
- In the (**anyonic**) singlet channel the coupling dependence is **extremely simple**.

# $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitude to all orders in $\lambda$

- Tree level super amplitude

$$T_{\text{tree}} = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle} \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^4 p_i\right) \delta^2(Q)$$
$$\delta^2(Q) = \sum_{i < j=1}^n \langle ij \rangle \eta_i \eta_j$$

- **All loop** super amplitude

$$T_{\text{all-loop}}^{\text{non-anyonic}} = T_{\text{tree}}$$

$$T_{\text{all-loop}}^{\text{anyonic}} = N \frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda} T_{\text{tree}}$$

$$S^{\text{non-anyonic}} = I + i T_{\text{all-loop}}^{\text{non-anyonic}}$$

$$S^{\text{anyonic}} = \cos(\pi\lambda) I + i T_{\text{all-loop}}^{\text{anyonic}}$$

- Passes all consistency checks: **Unitarity and Duality**

# Motivation

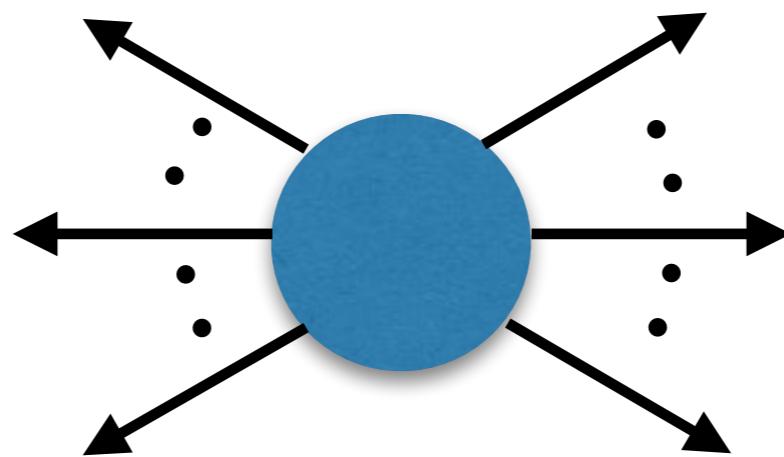
- Why is the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  particle scattering in the non-anyonic channels **tree level exact**? and why does it have a very **simple coupling dependence in anyonic channel**?
- Maybe some **powerful symmetry** that protects the amplitude from renormalization.
- Is it possible to compute **all loop  $m \rightarrow n$  scattering amplitudes** in the  $N=2$  theory at least in the planar limit?
- Does the **non-renormalization** results of the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering continue to persist for arbitrary higher point amplitudes?
- What are the **generalization of the crossing rules** for the anyonic channels in an arbitrary  $m \rightarrow n$  scattering.
- These computations would **test the duality** in regions un-probed by large  $N$  perturbation theory yet.

# What we do

- As a first step towards the all loop  $m \rightarrow n$  scattering, is it possible to write down **arbitrary  $m \rightarrow n$  tree level amplitudes** ?
- We are able to achieve this via **BCFW recursions** **K.I, Jain, Nayak, Umesh**
- As a first step towards thinking about higher point loop amplitudes we identify a **hidden symmetry** in the  $2 \rightarrow 2$  amplitude computed earlier that might explain the non-renormalization.
- This symmetry is known as **dual superconformal symmetry**.  
**K.I, Jain, Majumdar, Nayak, Neogi, Sharma, Sinha, Umesh**
- The superconformal symmetry and dual superconformal symmetry together generate an infinite dimensional symmetry known as the **Yangian**.  
**K.I, Jain, Nayak, Sharma, Umesh, to appear**
- If this is true for all higher point amplitudes, This suggests that the theory we are dealing with may be **integrable!**

## Part II

# All tree level amplitudes



- K.I, S.Jain, P.Nayak, V.Umesh, [arXiv :1710.04227](#)

# BCFW recursions in 2+1 dimensions

- Recursion relations enable to construct **n point tree level scattering amplitudes from lower point tree level amplitudes.**

Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten

- Central idea:
  - Tree level amplitudes are **continuously deformable** analytic functions of momenta.
  - Only type of singularities that can appear at tree level are **simple poles**.
  - One can **reconstruct amplitudes** for generic scattering kinematics knowing its behavior in **singular kinematics**.
  - In these singular regions **amplitudes factorize** into causally disconnected amplitudes with fewer legs, connected by an **intermediate onshell state**.
- We will focus on situation where the external particles are massless.

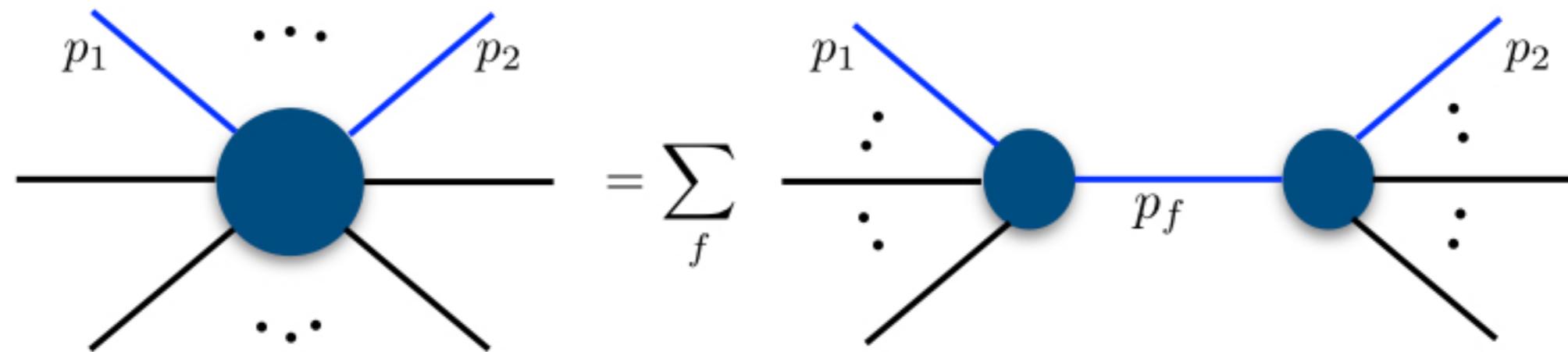
# BCFW recursions in 2+1 dimensions

- Promote the amplitude into a one complex parameter family of amplitudes

$$A(z) = A(p_1, \dots, p_i(z), p_{i+1}, \dots, p_l(z), \dots, p_{2n})$$

- The necessary and sufficient conditions are:

- The momentum deformation should preserve on-shell conditions and momentum conservation.
- The amplitude should be asymptotically well behaved under the deformation.



- A higher point amplitude factorizes into lower point amplitudes!

# Preserving the onshell conditions

- In 3d the momentum shift is non-linear in  $z$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\lambda}_1 \\ \hat{\lambda}_2 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{z+z^{-1}}{2} & -\frac{z-z^{-1}}{2i} \\ \frac{z-z^{-1}}{2i} & \frac{z+z^{-1}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_i \rightarrow \frac{p_{ij}}{2} + qz^2 + \tilde{q}z^{-2} \quad q^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4}(\lambda_2 + i\lambda_1)^\alpha(\lambda_2 + i\lambda_1)^\beta$$
$$p_j \rightarrow \frac{p_{ij}}{2} - qz^2 - \tilde{q}z^{-2} \quad \tilde{q}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4}(\lambda_2 - i\lambda_1)^\alpha(\lambda_2 - i\lambda_1)^\beta.$$

- The momentum deformations **preserve the onshell conditions**

$$p_i^2 = 0, p_j^2 = 0$$

$$q \cdot \tilde{q} = -\frac{1}{4}p_i \cdot p_j, \quad q + \tilde{q} = \frac{1}{2}(p_i - p_j), \quad q \cdot p_{ij} = 0, \quad \tilde{q} \cdot p_{ij} = 0$$

# Asymptotic behavior

- Onshell susy methods, encode the **component amplitudes into a superamplitude.**
- **Susy ward identities** relate various component amplitudes and reduce the number of independent amplitudes.
- Susy also ensures that **if the independent component amplitudes are well behaved then the entire superamplitude is well behaved.**
- Using two independent methods we showed that the superamplitude is well behaved
  - **Background field expansion.** Arkani-Hamed, Kaplan
  - **Explicit Feynman diagram computation** of component amplitudes.
- The recursion formula then follows from **Cauchy residue theorem.**

# The recursion formula for an arbitrary $2n$ point amplitude

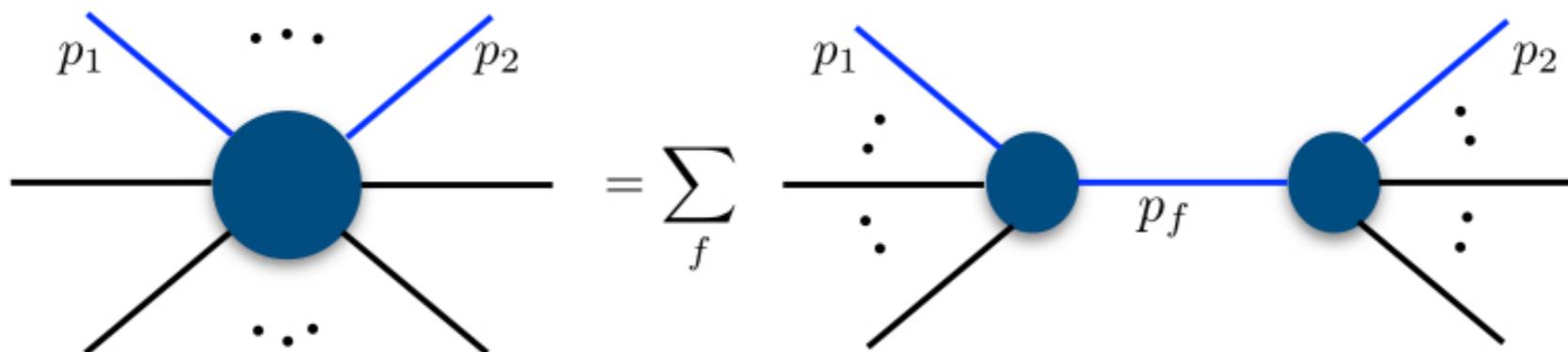
- Write a contour integral representation for the amplitude

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_{z=1}} \frac{dz}{z-1} A(z)$$

- Deform the contour to  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , If  $A(z)$  has no poles, the integral vanishes

$$A(z=1) = - \sum_{\text{poles: } z^i} \text{Res}_{z=z^i} \frac{A(z)}{z-1}$$

- remember that all the deformed momenta satisfy the onshell conditions!

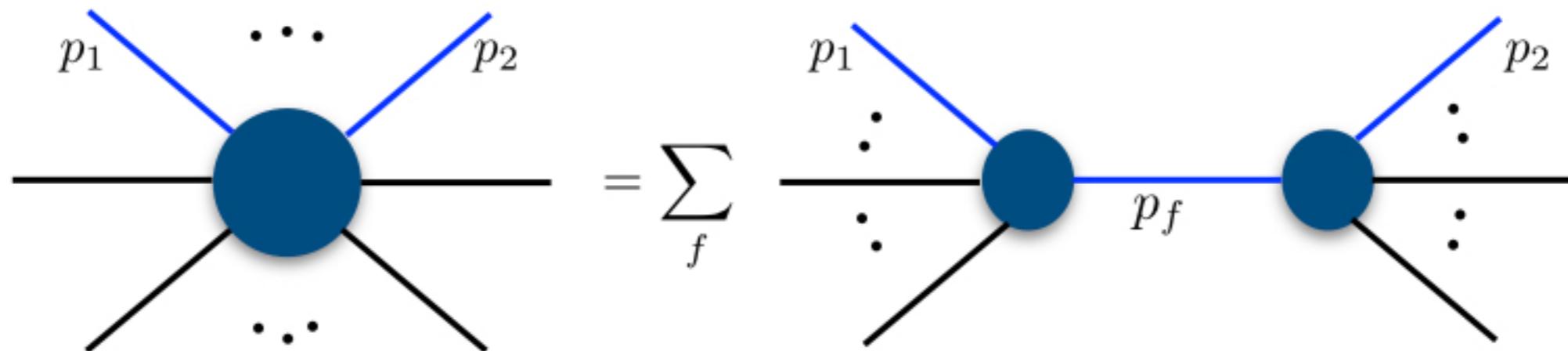


$$A(z=1) = - \sum_f \sum_{\text{poles: } z_f^i} \text{Res}_{z=z_f^i} \frac{1}{z-1} \frac{A_L(p_1 \dots p_i(z), \dots p_n) A_R(p_{n+1} \dots p_j(z), \dots p_{2n})}{\hat{p}_f^2(z)}$$

- We have used the fact that at **tree level the only possible singularities** are **simple poles**!

# The recursion formula for arbitrary $2n$ point superamplitude

$$A_{2n}(z = 1) = \sum_f \int \frac{d\theta}{p_f^2} \left( z_{a;f} \frac{z_{b;f}^2 - 1}{z_{a;f}^2 - z_{b;f}^2} A_L(z_{a;f}, \theta) A_R(z_{a;f}, i\theta) + (z_{a;f} \leftrightarrow z_{b;f}) \right)$$



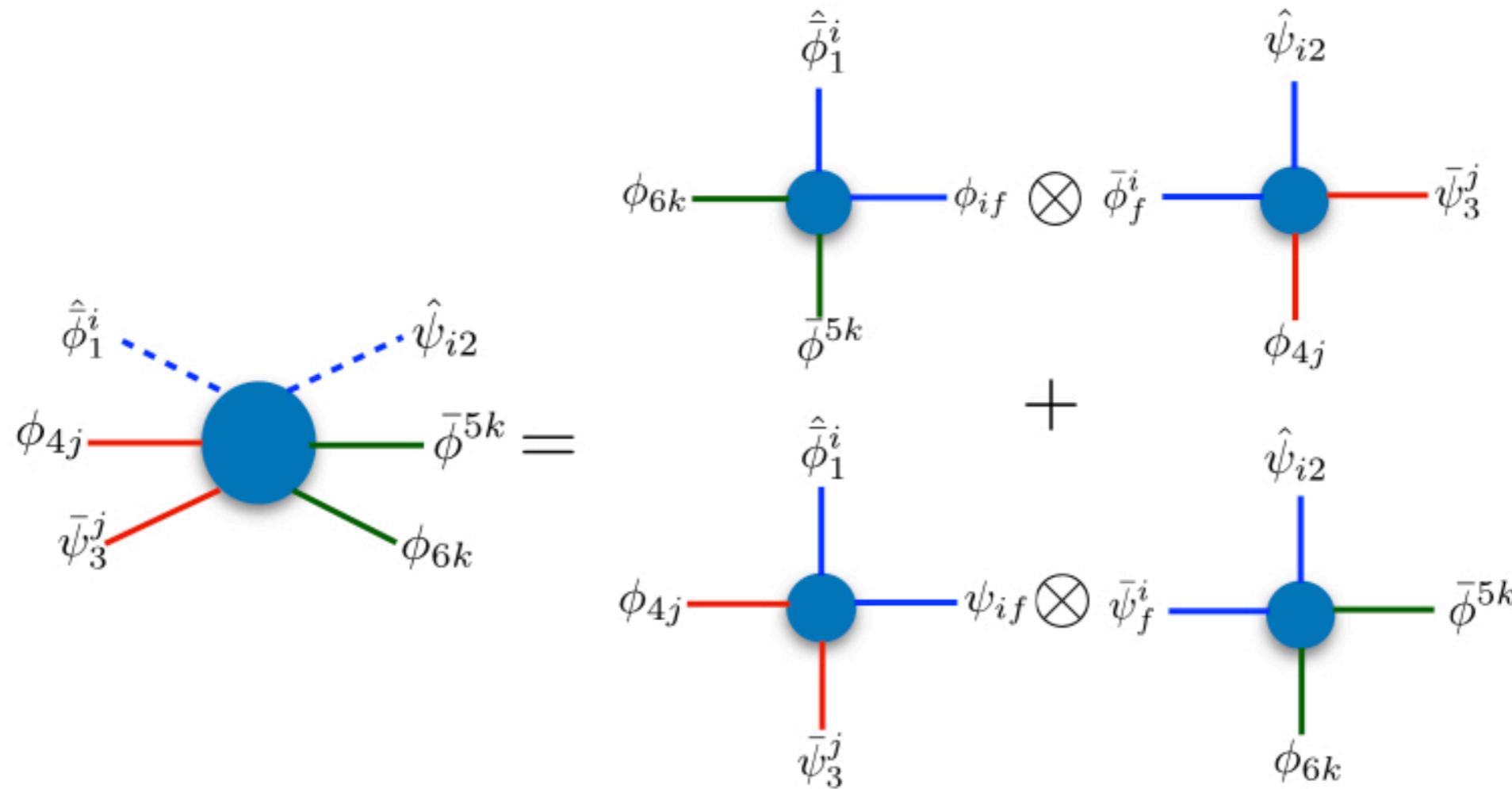
- $z_{a;f}, z_{b;f}$  are zeroes of  $p_f^2(z) = 0$
- The formula can be recursively applied to write down any **higher point superamplitude in terms of products of the four point superamplitude.**

# Eg: Six point amplitude as product of four point amplitudes

$$\langle \bar{\phi}_1 \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \phi_4 \bar{\phi}_5 \phi_6 \rangle =$$

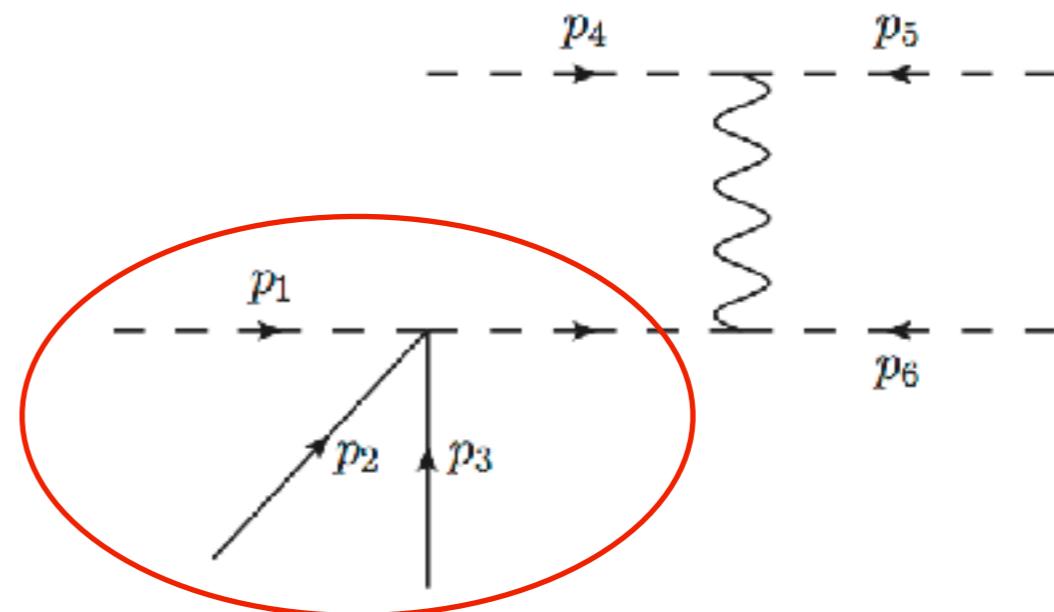
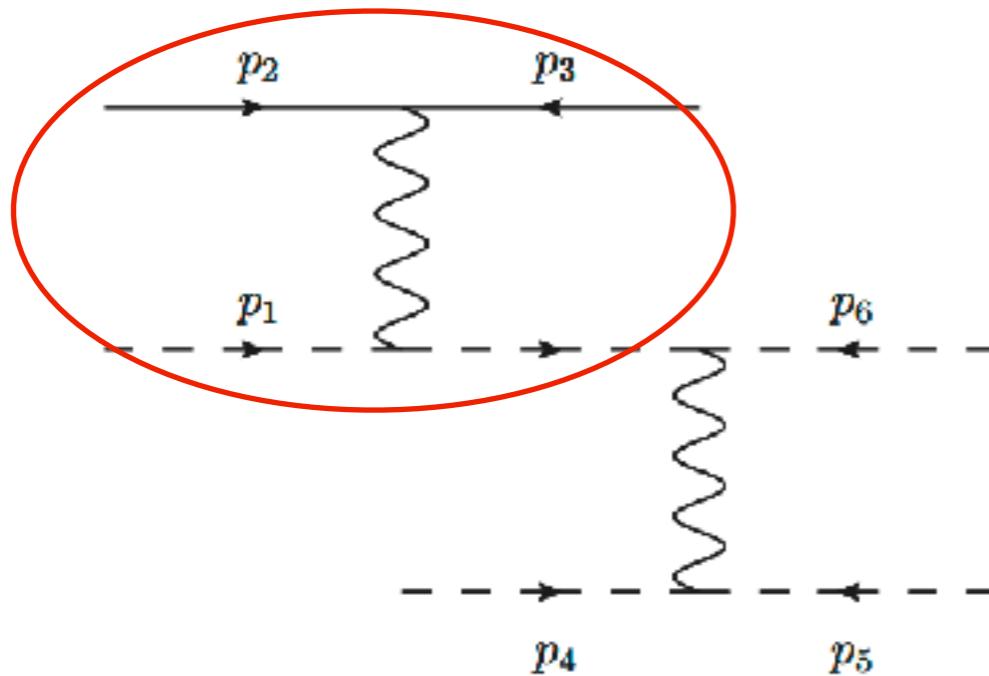
$$\left( z_{a;f} \frac{z_{b;f}^2 - 1}{z_{a;f}^2 - z_{b;f}^2} \langle \hat{\bar{\phi}}_1 \hat{\phi}_f \bar{\phi}_5 \phi_6 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} \langle \hat{\bar{\phi}}_{(-f)} \hat{\psi}_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \phi_4 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} + (z_{a;f} \leftrightarrow z_{b;f}) \right) \frac{i}{p_f^2} \Big|_{p_f=p_{234}}$$

$$+ \left( z_{a;f} \frac{z_{b;f}^2 - 1}{z_{a;f}^2 - z_{b;f}^2} \langle \hat{\bar{\phi}}_1 \hat{\psi}_f \bar{\psi}_3 \phi_4 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} \langle \hat{\bar{\psi}}_{(-f)} \hat{\psi}_2 \bar{\phi}_5 \phi_6 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} + (z_{a;f} \leftrightarrow z_{b;f}) \right) \frac{i}{p_f^2} \Big|_{p_f=p_{256}}$$



# Eg: Six point amplitude: Asymptotic behavior

- The **Asymptotic behavior involves very precise cancellations of divergences** in the Feynman diagram approach.
- For eg, the process  $\langle \bar{\psi}_1 \phi_2 \bar{\phi}_3 \psi_4 \bar{\phi}_5 \phi_6 \rangle$  gets contribution from 15 diagrams.
- 5 of them are well behaved, the remaining 10 are **individually divergent**, However the **divergences cancel pair wise**.
- Typical cancellations are between



$$\sim -\frac{8\pi^2 iz}{\kappa^2} \frac{\langle q3 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle \langle 46 \rangle}{p_{45}^2 p_{123}^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right), \quad \sim \frac{8\pi^2 iz}{\kappa^2} \frac{\langle q3 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle \langle 46 \rangle}{p_{45}^2 p_{123}^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$$

# Recursion relations for non-supersymmetric theories!

- BCFW does not apply to the **non-susy CS coupled to fermions/bosons** since the amplitudes **do not have good asymptotic behavior**.
- It is possible to extract the recursion relations for non-susy fermionic/bosonic CS matter theories from the N=2 results!! Eg:
  - At **tree level**, the Feynman diagrams for an **all fermion amplitude are same** for susy/non-susy theory.
  - **Susy ward identity**: The four point super amplitude is completely specified by one function, choose it to be the four fermion amplitude.
  - Use this information recursively in the BCFW formula!
- An arbitrary higher point tree level amplitude in the fermionic CS matter theory can be entirely written in terms of **4 fermion amplitude**.

# Recursion relations for non-supersymmetric theories!

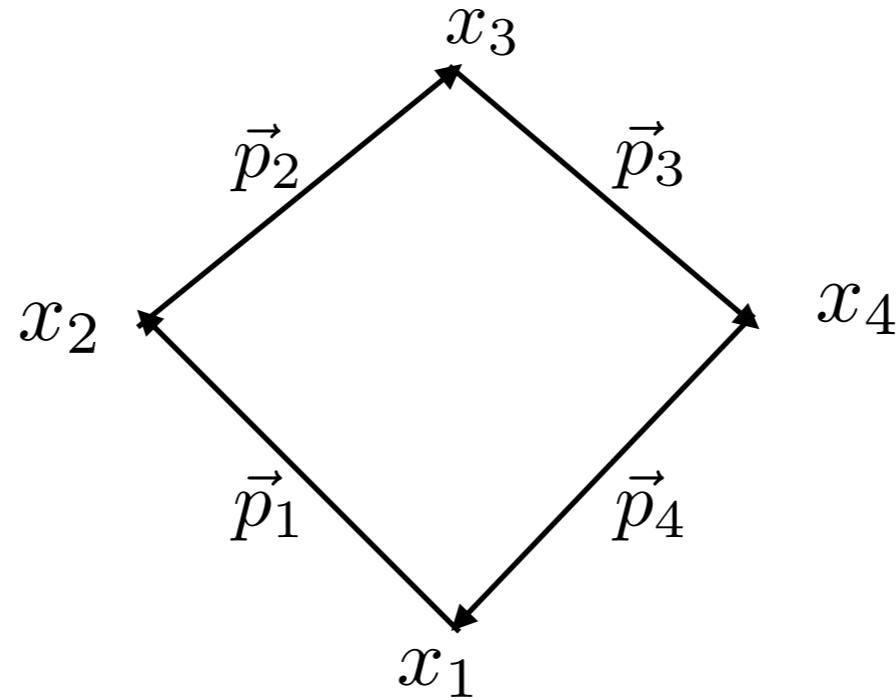
$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \bar{\psi}_1 \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \psi_4 \bar{\psi}_5 \psi_6 \rangle = & \\
& \left( z_{a;f} \frac{z_{b;f}^2 - 1}{z_{a;f}^2 - z_{b;f}^2} \left[ -\frac{z_{a;f}^2 + 1}{2z_{a;f}} + i \frac{z_{a;f}^2 - 1}{2z_{a;f}} \frac{\langle \hat{1}4 \rangle}{i \langle \hat{f}4 \rangle} \frac{\langle \hat{f}6 \rangle}{\langle \hat{2}6 \rangle} \right] \right. \\
& \quad \times \langle \hat{\bar{\psi}}_1 \hat{\psi}_f \bar{\psi}_3 \psi_4 \rangle \langle \hat{\bar{\psi}}_{(-f)} \hat{\psi}_2 \bar{\psi}_5 \psi_6 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} \\
& \quad \left. + (z_{a;f} \leftrightarrow z_{b;f}) \right) \frac{i}{p_f^2} \Big|_{p_f = p_{234}} \\
& \\
& - \left( z_{a;f} \frac{z_{b;f}^2 - 1}{z_{a;f}^2 - z_{b;f}^2} \left[ -\frac{z_{a;f}^2 + 1}{2z_{a;f}} + i \frac{z_{a;f}^2 - 1}{2z_{a;f}} \frac{\langle \hat{1}6 \rangle}{i \langle \hat{f}6 \rangle} \frac{\langle \hat{f}4 \rangle}{\langle \hat{2}4 \rangle} \right] \right. \\
& \quad \times \langle \hat{\bar{\psi}}_1 \hat{\psi}_f \bar{\psi}_5 \psi_6 \rangle \langle \hat{\bar{\psi}}_{(-f)} \hat{\psi}_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \psi_4 \rangle_{z_{a;f}} \\
& \quad \left. + (z_{a;f} \leftrightarrow z_{b;f}) \right) \frac{i}{p_f^2} \Big|_{p_f = p_{256}}
\end{aligned}$$

# Main highlights

- We obtained **BCFW recursion relations for arbitrary  $m \rightarrow n$  tree level scattering amplitudes** in  $N=2$  Chern-Simons matter theory.
- We were also able to extract the **recursions for non-supersymmetric Chern-Simons theory coupled to fundamental fermions**.
- Similar exercise can also be done for the bosonic theory.
- We saw an explicit example of the recursions for a **six point amplitude as a product of four point amplitudes**.
- The recursions can be iteratively applied to write **all higher point amplitudes in terms of products of four point amplitudes**.

## Part III

# Hidden symmetry: Dual superconformal invariance



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# Dual variables

- The dual variables realize momentum conservation linearly in the  $x$  variables

$$x_{i,i+1}^{\alpha\beta} = x_i^{\alpha\beta} - x_{i+1}^{\alpha\beta} = p_i^{\alpha\beta} = \lambda_i^\alpha \lambda_i^\beta$$

$$\theta_{i,i+1}^\alpha = \theta_i^\alpha - \theta_{i+1}^\alpha = q_i^\alpha = \lambda_i^\alpha \eta_i$$

- momentum and supermomentum conservation imply

$$P^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i p_i^{\alpha\beta} = x_{n+1}^{\alpha\beta} - x_1^{\alpha\beta} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^\alpha = \sum_i q_i^\alpha = \theta_{n+1}^\alpha - \theta_1^\alpha = 0.$$

- The four point super amplitude in dual space

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle} \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^4 p_i\right) \delta^2(\mathcal{Q}) \xrightarrow[\text{dual space}]{} \mathcal{A}_4 = \sqrt{\frac{x_{1,3}^2}{x_{2,4}^2}} \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

- Goal is to show that this is invariant under the superconformal symmetry in the dual variables.

# Superconformal algebra in dual space

- The N=2 superconformal algebra in **dual space** is generated by

$$\{P_{\alpha\beta}, M_{\alpha\beta}, D, K_{\alpha\beta}, R, Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_\alpha, S_\alpha, \bar{S}_\alpha\}$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\alpha\beta}}, \quad D = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( x_i^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\alpha\beta}} + \frac{1}{2} \theta_i^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i^\alpha} \right),$$

$$Q_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i^\alpha}, \quad \bar{Q}_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\beta\alpha}},$$

$$M_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( x_{i\alpha}{}^\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\gamma\beta}} + \frac{1}{2} \theta_{i\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i^\beta} \right), \quad R = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i^\alpha}$$

- The remaining generators can be expressed using the inversion operator

$$I[x_i^{\alpha\beta}] = \frac{x_i^{\alpha\beta}}{x_i^2}, \quad I[\theta_i^\alpha] = \frac{x_i^{\alpha\beta} \theta_{i\beta}}{x_i^2}$$

$$K_{\alpha\beta} = IP_{\alpha\beta}I, \quad S_\alpha = IQ_\alpha I, \quad \bar{S}_\alpha = I\bar{Q}_\alpha I.$$

# Dual superconformal invariance N=2 vs ABJM

- Note that the **delta functions for N=2 transform under the inversion** as

$$I \left[ \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5) \right] = x_1^4 \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

- Whereas in the **N=4 and ABJM case, the corresponding delta function is invariant under the inversion!**

$$A_{ABJM}^{(4)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_{1,3}^2 x_{2,4}^2}} \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(6)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

$$\tilde{K}^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}_{ABJM}^{(4)} = \left( K^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^4 \Delta_j x_j^{\alpha\beta} \right) \mathcal{A}_{ABJM}^{(4)} = 0 , \quad \Delta_i = \{1, 1, 1, 1\}$$

Gang, Huang, Koh, Lee, Lipstein

- So **it was expected that the superamplitude in the N=2 theory would not have any dual superconformal invariance** at all.
- However, in the N=2 case, **dual superconformal invariance, still works but the weights become non-homogeneous.**

# Dual superconformal invariance of the superamplitude

- The four point amplitude in the N=2 theory is

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = \sqrt{\frac{x_{1,3}^2}{x_{2,4}^2}} \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

- In this form the **translation, Lorentz invariance and supersymmetry invariance of the amplitude is manifest.**
- The amplitude is just a function of the square differences in the x variable.
- Under Dilatations it transforms as a eigenfunction of weight 4.
- Under R symmetry it transforms as eigenfunction of weight 2.
- To show the dual superconformal invariance it is sufficient to show the invariance under  $K_{\alpha\beta}, S_\alpha, \bar{S}_\alpha$

# Dual superconformal invariance of the superamplitude

$$K_{\alpha\beta} [\mathcal{A}_4] = I P_{\alpha\beta} I [\mathcal{A}_4]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= I \sum_{i=1}^4 \partial_{i\alpha\beta} \left[ x_1^4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2^2 x_4^2}{x_1^2 x_3^2}} \mathcal{A}_4 \right] \\ &= I \left[ -\frac{1}{2} x_1^4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2^2 x_4^2}{x_1^2 x_3^2}} \left( 3 \frac{x_1^{\alpha\beta}}{x_1^2} + \frac{x_2^{\alpha\beta}}{x_2^2} + \frac{x_4^{\alpha\beta}}{x_4^2} - \frac{x_3^{\alpha\beta}}{x_3^2} \right) \mathcal{A}_4 \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( 3x_1^{\alpha\beta} + x_2^{\alpha\beta} + x_4^{\alpha\beta} - x_3^{\alpha\beta} \right) \mathcal{A}_4 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^4 \Delta_j x_j^{\alpha\beta} \right) \mathcal{A}_4 \quad \text{w/ } \{\Delta_j\} = \{3, 1, -1, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

- So the invariance under  $K_{\alpha\beta}, S_\alpha, \bar{S}_\alpha$

$$\tilde{K}^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{A}^{(4)} = \left( K^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^4 \Delta_j x_j^{\alpha\beta} \right) \mathcal{A}^{(4)} = 0 \quad \tilde{\bar{S}}_\alpha [\mathcal{A}_4] = \left( \bar{S}_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^4 \Delta_j \theta_{j\alpha} \right) \right) [\mathcal{A}_4] = 0$$

$$S_\alpha [\mathcal{A}_4] = I Q_\alpha I [\mathcal{A}_4] = I Q_\alpha \left[ x_1^4 \sqrt{\frac{x_2^2 x_4^2}{x_1^2 x_3^2}} \mathcal{A}_4 \right] = 0.$$

# Dual superconformal invariance at all loops

- We showed that the function  $A_4$  is dual superconformal invariant!

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = \sqrt{\frac{x_{1,3}^2}{x_{2,4}^2}} \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

- The tree level superamplitude is dual superconformal invariant.

$$T_{tree} = \frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \mathcal{A}_4$$

- The all loop results computed in K.I, Jain, Mazumdar, Minwalla, Umesh, Yokoyama are also dual superconformal invariant.

$$T_{sym}^{all \ loop} = T_{Asym}^{all \ loop} = T_{Adj}^{all \ loop} = T_{tree}$$

$$T_{sing}^{all \ loop} = N \frac{\sin \pi \lambda}{\pi \lambda} T_{tree}$$

- Now that we know this symmetry exists, can we reverse the argument and do an S matrix bootstrap to fix the general structure of the amplitude?

# Constraining amplitudes from dual superconformal symmetry

- The **four point amplitude in momentum space** can be interpreted as a **four point correlator in dual space**, then dual conformal invariance fixes

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{x_{12}^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2} x_{34}^{\Delta_3+\Delta_4}} \left( \frac{x_{24}}{x_{14}} \right)^{\Delta_1-\Delta_2} \left( \frac{x_{14}}{x_{13}} \right)^{\Delta_3-\Delta_4} f(u, v, \kappa, \lambda) \\ & u = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad v = \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $x_{ij}^2 = p_i^2 = 0$ , the correlator is understood in the limit

$$\frac{u}{v} \Big|_{onshell} = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2} \Big|_{onshell} = \frac{p_1^2 p_3^2}{p_2^2 p_4^2} \Big|_{onshell} = \text{constant}$$

- If dual superconformal symmetry is exact it fixes the momentum (x) dependence completely\*

$$f(u, v, \kappa, \lambda) = g(\kappa, \lambda)$$

# Constraining amplitudes from dual superconformal symmetry

- In general the S matrix could get complicated functions with poles and branch cuts.
- If dual conformal invariance is an exact symmetry at loop level then no such behavior appears.
- Non trivial momentum dependence could still appear from  $x_{i,j}^{\Delta}$  when  $\Delta$  gets correction from loops.
- This can give rise to log dependence for instance, However these do not appear if there are no IR divergences.
- **If we assume that there are no IR divergences (none seen in the calculation), and that the dual conformal invariance is an exact symmetry, then the momentum dependence is fixed.**

# 4 point amplitude as a free field correlator in dual space

- Recall that  $\{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3, \Delta_4\} = \frac{1}{2}\{4 - 1, 1, -1, 1\}$
- The factor of 4 is due to momentum+supermomentum conservation and can be removed.  $I \left[ \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5) \right] = x_1^4 \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$
- With this identification the operator dimensions are

$$\tilde{\Delta}_1 = \Delta_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \Delta_4 = \frac{1}{2}$$

- The four point correlator in dual space gets fixed to (cancellations in limiting sense)

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle = g(\kappa, \lambda) \sqrt{\frac{x_{13}^2}{x_{24}^2}}$$

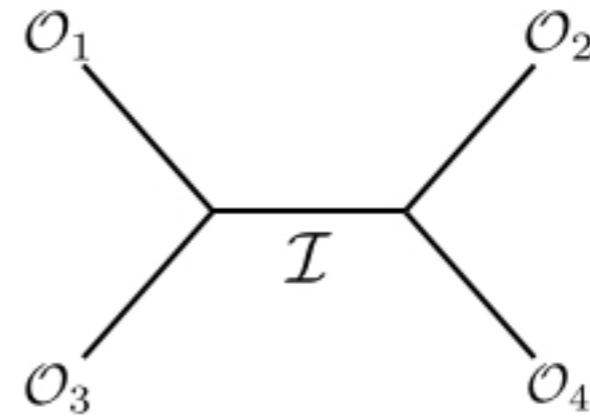
- Same as the amplitude without the delta functions!

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = \sqrt{\frac{x_{1,3}^2}{x_{2,4}^2}} \delta^{(3)}(x_1 - x_5) \delta^{(2)}(\theta_1 - \theta_5)$$

# 4 point amplitude as a free field correlator in dual space

- In a general CFT, in the **double light cone limit, only Identity operators are expected to contribute!**
- In the channel where  $(\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_3)$  and  $(\mathcal{O}_2, \mathcal{O}_4)$  are brought together

$$\tilde{\Delta}_1 = \Delta_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$$
$$\Delta_2 = \Delta_4 = \frac{1}{2}$$



- The four point amplitude can be accounted for by an **identity exchange**.
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_4(x_4) \rangle$$
$$= c_1 c_2 \sqrt{\frac{x_{13}^2}{x_{24}^2}}$$
- This suggests  $g(\kappa, \lambda) = c_1 c_2$ .
- It would be interesting to understand the CFT interpretation of these operators, and also to see what happens in the cross channel.

# **Part III**

# **Summary**

# Summary

- We started with a goal of computing **arbitrary  $m \rightarrow n$  tree level scattering amplitudes** in  $U(N)$   $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Chern-Simons matter theories with fundamental matter.
- We achieved this via **BCFW recursion relations**, this enabled us to express arbitrary  $n$  point amplitudes as products of four point amplitudes!
- We saw an explicit example where the six point amplitude is expressed as a product of two four point amplitudes via two factorization channels.
- The non-susy amplitudes do not satisfy the BCFW requirements.
- However we were able to use the fact that the four point superamplitude in the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory is specified by one function and that the tree level amplitudes are identical to the non-susy case to write recursions for the non-susy theory as well.
- We saw an explicit example for the six fermion amplitude in the fermion coupled Chern-Simons theory.

# Summary

- We showed that the **all loop  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering amplitude** computed in **K.I, Jain, Mazumdar, Minwalla, Umesh, Yokoyama** is **dual superconformal invariant**.
- Thus **dual superconformal symmetry is all loop exact**, at least for the 4 point amplitude.
- The presence of dual conformal symmetry then allows us to interpret the **amplitude in momentum space as a correlator in dual space**.
- We argued that **if dual conformal symmetry was an exact symmetry it fixed the momentum dependence of the amplitude completely**.
- We interpreted the four point amplitude in dual space as a free field correlator where the identity operator exchange accounted for it.
- However, **general principles such as unitarity, duality and dual conformal symmetry are insufficient to fix the overall coupling dependence**.

# Yangian Symmetry

- The presence of the **superconformal and dual superconformal symmetries indicate a Yangian symmetry** in the amplitude.
- A Yangian algebra is an associative Hopf Algebra generated by
$$[J^A, J^B] = f_C^{AB} J^C, [J^A, Q^B] = f_C^{AB} Q^C$$
- $J^A$  take values in a Lie group G, both  $J^A$  and  $Q^A$  are constrained to obey the Serre relations in addition to Jacobi Identity.

$$[Q^A, [Q^B, J^C]] + [Q^B, [Q^C, J^A]] + [Q^C, [Q^A, J^B]] = \frac{1}{24} f^{ADK} f^{BEL} f^{CFM} f_{KLM} \{J_D, J_E, J_F\}$$

$$[[Q^A, Q^B], [J^C, Q^D]] + [[Q^C, Q^D], [J^A, Q^B]] = \frac{1}{24} (f^{AGL} f^{BEM} f_K^{CD} + f^{CGL} f^{DEM} f_K^{AB}) \\ \times f^{KFN} f_{LMN} \{J_G, J_E, J_F\}$$

- Under repeated commutations the Q's generate an infinite dimensional Symmetry algebra.

# Yangian Symmetry in N=2 Chern-Simons theory

- The Yangian has a basis (labelled by levels)

$$\mathcal{J}_0^A = J^A, \quad \mathcal{J}_1^A = Q^A, \dots, \quad \mathcal{J}_n^A$$

$$[\mathcal{J}_{(0)}^A, \mathcal{J}_{(0)}^B] = f_{\phantom{C}C}^{AB} \mathcal{J}_{(0)}^C \quad [\mathcal{J}_{(0)}^A, \mathcal{J}_{(1)}^B] = f_C^{AB} \mathcal{J}_{(1)}^C$$

- The generators  $\mathcal{J}_n^A$  are “n local” operators. The infinite dimensional symmetry is generated by commutators of  $\mathcal{J}_n^A$ .
- For the N=2 theory the spacetime superconformal symmetry is  $Osp(2|4)$

$$\mathcal{J}_{(0)}^A = \{p_{\alpha\beta}, m_{\alpha\beta}, d, k_{\alpha\beta}, r, q_\alpha, \bar{q}_\alpha, s_\alpha, \bar{s}_\alpha\}$$

- A general ansatz for the Level 1 generators **Kazakov et al.**

$$\mathcal{J}_{(1)}^A = \frac{1}{2} f_{BC}^A \sum_{j < k} \mathcal{J}_{j,(0)}^C \mathcal{J}_{k,(0)}^B + \sum_k v^l \mathcal{J}_{l,(0)}^A$$

- The dual generators K and S when restricted to onshell superspace map to Level 1 Yangian generators of the spacetime superconformal algebra.

$$K_{\alpha\beta}(\lambda_\alpha, \eta) \equiv p_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}$$

$$\bar{S}_\alpha(\lambda_\alpha, \eta) \equiv \bar{q}_\alpha^{(1)}$$

- The remaining restricted dual generators have a trivial automorphism to Level 0 generators of the spacetime superconformal algebra.

# Yangian Symmetry in N=2 Chern-Simons theory

- Note that  $K, S$  commute!, so how does the infinite dimensional algebra appear?

$$K_{\alpha\beta}(\lambda_\alpha, \eta) \equiv p_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}$$

$$\bar{S}_\alpha(\lambda_\alpha, \eta) \equiv \bar{q}_\alpha^{(1)}$$

- The remaining Level 1 generators are obtained by commuting  $K$  with the  $\mathcal{J}_{(0)}^A$
- These remaining Level 1 (other than  $[K,S]$ ) generate the Level 2 upon commutation and so on.
- The Yangian works exactly the same way as it did for N=4 SYM and ABJM.
- The Yangian invariance of the amplitude then boils down to the statement

$$\mathcal{J}_{(0)}^A \mathcal{A}_4 = 0 , \quad \mathcal{J}_{(1)}^A \mathcal{A}_4 = 0 , \implies \gamma \mathcal{A}_4 = 0,$$

- Thus **superconformal and dual superconformal symmetries generate a Yangian symmetry!**



We are happy together!

# Thank you!!

So are you!

You are excluded!



And you!

You too!

Anyone?

