

# Quantum strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ and gauge-string duality

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- Review
- Quantum string corrections to dimension of “short” operators  
[ R. Roiban, AT, to appear]

**Summary:** planar  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM     $\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_c$

cusp anomalous dimension

$$f(\lambda \ll 1) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda}{48} + \frac{11\lambda^2}{2^8 \cdot 45} - \left( \frac{73}{630} + \frac{4(\zeta(3))^2}{\pi^6} \right) \frac{\lambda^3}{2^7} + \dots \right]$$

$$f(\lambda \gg 1) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{3 \ln 2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{K}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} - \dots \right]$$

BES integral equation: any number of terms in expansions known  
 anomalous dimension of Konishi operator

$$\gamma(\lambda \ll 1) = \frac{12\lambda}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{4\lambda}{(4\pi)^2} + \frac{28\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^4} \right.$$

$$\left. + [-208 + 48\zeta(3) - 120\zeta(5)] \frac{\lambda^3}{(4\pi)^6} + \dots \right]$$

$$\gamma(\lambda \gg 1) = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + \frac{b}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right]$$

$b$  - leading correction to mass of “lightest”  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string state  
 higher order terms? integral equation for  $\gamma$ ?

## AdS/CFT:

progress largely using limited tools of  
supergravity + classical probe actions

To go beyond: understand quantum string theory in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

## Problems for string theory:

- find spectrum of states:  
energies/dimensions as functions of  $\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_c$
- construct vertex operators: closed and open (?) strings
- compute their correlation functions – scattering amplitudes
- compute expectation values of Wilson loops
- generalizations to simplest less supersymmetric cases

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“tree-level”  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring = planar  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

Recent remarkable progress in quantitative understanding

interpolation from weak to strong ‘t Hooft coupling

based on/checked by perturbative gauge theory (4-loop in  $\lambda$ )

and perturbative string theory (2-loop in  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  ) “data”

and (strong evidence of) exact integrability

string energies = dimensions of local  $\text{Tr}(\dots)$  operators

$$E(\sqrt{\lambda}, C, m, \dots) = \Delta(\lambda, C, m, \dots)$$

$C$  - “charges” of  $SO(2, 4) \times SO(6)$ :  $S_1, S_2; J_1, J_2, J_3$

$m$  - windings, folds, cusps, oscillation numbers, ...

Operators:  $\text{Tr}(\Phi_1^{J_1} \Phi_2^{J_2} \Phi_3^{J_3} D_+^{S_1} D_\perp^{S_2} \dots F_{mn} \dots \Psi \dots)$

Solve supersymmetric 4-d CFT

= Solve string in curved R-R background (2-d CFT):

compute  $E = \Delta$  for **any**  $\lambda$  (and any  $C, m$ )

Problem: perturbative expansions are **opposite**

$\lambda \gg 1$  in perturbative string theory

$\lambda \ll 1$  in perturbative gauge theory

weak-coupling expansion convergent – defines  $\Delta(\lambda)$

need to go beyond perturbation theory: integrability

Last 7 years – remarkable progress for subclass of states:

“semiclassical” string states with large quantum numbers

dual to “long” SYM operators (canonical dim.  $\Delta_0 \gg 1$ )

[BMN 02, GKP 02, FT 03,...]

$E = \Delta$  – same (in some cases !) dependence on  $C, m, \dots$

with coefficients = **“interpolating” functions** of  $\lambda$

**Current status:**

1. “Long” operators = strings with large quantum numbers:

Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz (ABA) [Beisert, Eden, Staudacher 06]

firmly established (including non-trivial phase factor)

2. “Short” operators = general quantum string states:

Partial progress based on improving ABA by

“Luscher corrections” [Janik et al 08]

Attempts to generalize ABA to TBA [Arutyunov, Frolov 08]

Very recent (complete ?) proposal for underlying “Y-system”

[Gromov, Kazakov, Vieira 09]

To justify from **first principles**

need better understanding of quantum

$AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring theory:

1. Solve string theory on a plane  $R^{1,1} \rightarrow$

**relativistic** 2d S-matrix  $\rightarrow$  asymptotic BA for the spectrum

2. Generalize to finite-energy closed strings – the theory on  $R \times S^1$

$\rightarrow$  TBA (cf. integrable sigma models)

Reformulation in terms of currents with Virasoro conditions solved

(“Pohlmeyer reduction”) is promising approach

[Grigoriev, AT 07; Roiban, AT 09]

## Superstring theory in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

bosonic coset  $\frac{SO(2,4)}{SO(1,4)} \times \frac{SO(6)}{SO(5)}$

generalized to supercoset  $\frac{PSU(2,2|4)}{SO(1,4) \times SO(5)}$  [Metsaev, AT 98]

$$S = T \int d^2\sigma \left[ G_{mn}(x) \partial x^m \partial x^n + \bar{\theta} (D + F_5) \theta \partial x \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\theta} \theta \bar{\theta} \theta \partial x \partial x + \dots \right]$$

$$\text{tension } T = \frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

Conformal invariance:  $\beta_{mn} = R_{mn} - (F_5)_{mn}^2 = 0$

Classical integrability of coset  $\sigma$ -model (Luscher-Pohlmeyer 76)

true for  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring [Bena, Polchinski, Roiban 02]

Progress in understanding of implications of (semi)classical  
integrability [Kazakov, Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo 04,...]

## 1-loop quantum superstring corrections

[Frolov, AT; Park, Tirziu, AT, 02-04, ...]

used as an input data to fix 1-loop term

in strong-coupling expansion of the phase  $\theta(\lambda)$  in ABA

[Beisert, AT 05; Hernandez, Lopez 06]

## 2-loop quantum superstring corrections

[Roiban, Tirziu, AT; Roiban, AT 07]

- check of finiteness of the GS superstring
- implicit check of integrability of quantum string theory
- non-trivial confirmation of BES phase in ABA

[Basso, Korchemsky, Kotansky 07]

## Gauge states vs string states: principles of comparison

1. compare states with same global  $SO(2, 4) \times SO(6)$  charges

e.g.,  $(S, J)$  – “sl(2) sector” –  $\text{Tr}(D_+^S \Phi^J)$

$J = \text{twist} = \text{spin-chain length}$

2. assume no “level crossing” while changing  $\lambda$

min/max energy  $(S, J)$  states should be in correspondence

### Gauge theory:

$$\Delta \equiv E = S + J + \gamma(S, J, m, \lambda) ,$$

$$\gamma = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda^k \gamma_k(S, J, m)$$

fix  $S, J, \dots$  and expand in  $\lambda$ ;

then may expand in large/small  $S, J, \dots$

### Semiclassical string theory:

$$E = S + J + \gamma(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{J}, m, \sqrt{\lambda}) ,$$

$$\gamma = \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^k} \tilde{\gamma}_k(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{J}, m)$$

fix semiclassical parameters  $\mathcal{S} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ ,  $\mathcal{J} = \frac{J}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ ,  $m$

and expand in  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

To match in general will need to resum – beyond ABA

Various special limits studied:

(i) “Fast strings” – “locally-BPS” long operators

GT:  $J \gg 1, \frac{S}{J} = \text{fixed}$

ST:  $\mathcal{J} \gg 1, \frac{\mathcal{S}}{\mathcal{J}} = \text{fixed}$

[BMN; Frolov, AT03; Beisert, Minahan, Staudacher, Zarembo03]

$$E = S + J + \frac{\lambda}{J} \left[ h_1\left(\frac{S}{J}, m\right) + \frac{1}{J} h_2\left(\frac{S}{J}, m\right) + \dots \right] + \dots$$

(ii) “Slow long strings” – long non-BPS operators [GKP02]

GT:  $\ln S \gg J \gg 1$

ST:  $\ln \mathcal{S} \gg \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J} = 0 \text{ or } \mathcal{J} = \text{fixed}$

$$E = S + f(\lambda) \ln S + \dots$$

$$f(\lambda \gg 1) = a_1 \sqrt{\lambda} + \dots, \quad f(\lambda \ll 1) = c_1 \lambda + \dots$$

(iii) “Fast long strings”

GT:  $S \gg J \gg 1, j \equiv \frac{J}{\ln S} = \text{fixed}$

ST:  $\mathcal{S} \gg \mathcal{J} \gg 1, \ell \equiv \frac{\mathcal{J}}{\ln \mathcal{S}} = \text{fixed} = \frac{j}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

[Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky 06; Frolov, Tirziu, AT 06;...]

Key example of “long” operators –  $\text{Tr}(\Phi D_+^S \Phi)$

dual to **spinning string**

Folded spinning string in flat space:

$$X_1 = \epsilon \sin \sigma \cos \tau, \quad X_2 = \epsilon \sin \sigma \sin \tau$$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dX_i dX_i = -dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\phi^2$$

$$t = \epsilon \tau, \quad \rho = \epsilon \sin \sigma, \quad \phi = \tau$$

$$\text{tension } T = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

energy  $E = \epsilon \sqrt{\lambda}$  and spin  $S = \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \sqrt{\lambda}$  – Regge relation:

$$E = \sqrt{2\sqrt{\lambda} S}$$

Folded spinning string in  $AdS_5$ :

[Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov 02]

$$ds^2 = -\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\phi^2$$

$$t = \kappa \tau, \quad \phi = w\tau, \quad \rho = \rho(\sigma)$$

$$\sinh \rho = \epsilon \operatorname{sn}(\kappa \epsilon^{-1} \sigma, -\epsilon^2), \quad 0 < \rho < \rho_{\max}$$

$$\coth \rho_{\max} = \frac{w}{\kappa} \equiv \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}}$$

$\epsilon$  measures length of the string

$$\kappa = \epsilon {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; -\epsilon^2\right)$$

classical energy  $E_0 = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_0$  and spin  $S = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{S}$

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = \epsilon {}_2F_1\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; -\epsilon^2\right), \quad \mathcal{S} = \frac{\epsilon^2 \sqrt{1 + \epsilon^2}}{2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; 2; -\epsilon^2\right)$$

solve for  $\epsilon$  – analog of Regge relation

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = \mathcal{E}_0(\mathcal{S}), \quad E_0 = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_0\left(\frac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)$$

short/long string – flat space/AdS interpolation:

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\mathcal{S} \ll 1) = \sqrt{2\mathcal{S}} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0(\mathcal{S} \gg 1) = \mathcal{S} + \frac{1}{\pi} \ln \mathcal{S} + \dots$$

$\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \infty$ : folds reach the boundary ( $\rho = \infty$ )

solution drastically simplifies: length  $\kappa \sim \ln \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \infty$

$$t = \kappa\tau, \quad \phi \approx \kappa\tau, \quad \rho \approx \kappa\sigma, \quad \kappa \sim \epsilon \sim \ln \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \infty$$

$E = S$  from massless end points at AdS boundary (null geodesic)

$E - S \approx \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln S$  from tension/stretching of the string

quantum superstring corrections to  $E$  respect  $S + \ln S$  form:

### Semiclassical string theory limit

$$1. \quad \lambda \gg 1, \quad \mathcal{S} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \text{fixed}; \quad 2. \quad \mathcal{S} \gg 1$$

$$E = S + f(\lambda) \ln S + \dots,$$

$$f(\lambda \gg 1) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{a_2}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right]$$

$a_n$ -Feynmann graphs of 2d CFT –  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring

$a_1 = -3 \ln 2$ : Frolov, AT 02

$a_2 = -K$ : Roiban, AT 07

$K = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^2} = 0.915$  (2-loop  $\sigma$ -model integrals)

Gauge theory: dual operators

$\text{Tr}(\Phi D_+^S \Phi)$ ,  $\Delta - S - 2 = O(\lambda)$

same  $\ln S$  asymptotics of anomalous dimensions

from symmetry argument [Alday, Maldacena 07]

Perturbative gauge theory limit:

1.  $\lambda \ll 1$ ,  $S = \text{fixed}$ ;      2.  $S \gg 1$

$$\Delta - S - 2 = f(\lambda) \ln S + \dots$$

$$f(\lambda \ll 1) = c_1 \lambda + c_2 \lambda^2 + c_3 \lambda^3 + c_4 \lambda^4 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left[ \lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{48} + \frac{11\lambda^3}{2^8 \times 45} - \left( \frac{73}{630} + \frac{4(\zeta(3))^2}{\pi^6} \right) \frac{\lambda^4}{2^7} + \dots \right]$$

$c_n$  are given by Feynmann graphs of 4d CFT – N=4 SYM

$c_3$ : Kotikov, Lipatov, et al 03;

$c_4$ : Bern, Czakon, Dixon, Kosower, Smirnov 06;

String and gauge limits are formally different

but leading  $\ln S$  term is universal →

single  $f(\lambda)$  provides smooth interpolation

Remarkably, both expansions are reproduced from

single BES integral equation for  $f(\lambda)$

[strong coupling expansion:

numerical – Benna, Benvenuti, Klebanov, Scardicchio 07;

analytic – Basso, Korchemsky, Kotansky 07]

both expansions thus known in principle to any order

exact expression for  $f(\lambda)$  from BES equation?

asymptotic nature of strong-coupling expansion:

non-perturbative  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\lambda}}$  terms [BKK]

fixed by  $AdS_5 \rightarrow S^5$ ,  $\sqrt{\lambda} \rightarrow -\sqrt{\lambda}$  symmetry ?

## Subleading terms in large $S$ expansion

string has large but finite length: does not reach boundary

$$E_0(S \gg 1) = S + a_0 \ln S + a_1 + \frac{1}{S}(a_2 \ln S + a_3) \\ + \frac{1}{S^2}(a_4 \ln^2 S + a_5 \ln S + a_6) + O\left(\frac{\ln^3 S}{S^3}\right)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi}, \quad a_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln(8\pi) - 1, \dots$$

coeffs of  $\frac{\ln^k S}{S^k}$  happen to be related to coeff of  $\ln S$ :

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2}a_0^2, \quad a_4 = -\frac{1}{8}a_0^3, \dots$$

according to “functional relation” [Basso, Korchemsky 06]

$$E - S = f(E + S) = a_0 \ln(S + \frac{1}{2}a_0 \ln S + \dots) + \dots$$

Why? In near-boundary limit for large  $S$

string end moves along nearly null line at the boundary:

pp-wave limit – cusp anomaly as “pp-wave anomaly”

pp-wave limit effectively establishes contact with  
collinear conformal group in the boundary theory  
[Kruczenski, AT 08; Ishizeki, Kruczenski, Titziu, AT 08]

Some of coefficients in large  $S$  expansion are related  
due to reciprocity property in gauge theory  
true also at strong coupling  
[Basso, Korchemski 06; Beccaria, Forini, Tirziu, AT 08]

Comparison of semiclassical string theory expansion  
to large  $S$  gauge theory expansion:  
$$E = S + f(\lambda) \ln S + h(\lambda) + O\left(\frac{1}{S}\right)$$
  
 $f$  and  $h$  are controlled by infinite length limit – ABA  
but subleading coefficients require knowledge of  
wrapping / finite size corrections  
comparison in general will require resummation of the series

## Dimensions of short operators = energies of quantum string states:

progress in understanding spectrum of conformal dimensions  
of planar  $N = 4$  SYM or spectrum of strings in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$   
based on quantum integrability

Spectrum of states with large quantum numbers –  
solution of ABA equations

key example: cusp anomaly function

Recent proposal of how to extend this to “short” states  
with any quantum numbers – TBA or “Y-system” approach  
so far not checked/compared to direct quantum string results

**Aim:** compute leading  $\alpha' \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  correction to dimension of  
“lightest” massive string state dual to

Konishi operator in SYM theory

– data for checking future (numerical) prediction of “Y-system”

## Konishi operator:

operators (long multiplet) related to singlet  $[0, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}^2$  by susy

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 + \gamma(\lambda), \quad \Delta_0 = 2, \frac{5}{2}, 3, \dots, 10$$

– same anomalous dimension  $\gamma$

singlet eigen-state of anom. dim. matrix with **lowest** eigenvalue  
examples:

$$\text{Tr}(\bar{\Phi}_i \Phi_i), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad \Delta_0 = 2$$

$$\text{Tr}([\Phi_1, \Phi_2]^2) \text{ in } su(2) \text{ sector } \Delta_0 = 4$$

$$\text{Tr}(\Phi_1 D_+^2 \Phi_1) \text{ in } sl(2) \text{ sector } \Delta_0 = 4$$

Weak-coupling expansion of  $\gamma(\lambda)$ :  $\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_c$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\lambda) = & 12 \left[ \frac{\lambda}{(4\pi)^2} - 4 \frac{\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^4} + 28 \frac{\lambda^3}{(4\pi)^6} \right. \\ & \left. + [-208 + 48\zeta(3) - 120\zeta(5)] \frac{\lambda^4}{(4\pi)^8} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

[Fiamberti,Santambrogio,Sieg,Zanon; Bajnok,Janik; Velizhanin 08]

Finite radius of convergence ( $N_c = \infty$ ) – if we could sum up  
and then re-expand at large  $\lambda$  – what to expect? (cf.  $f(\lambda)$ )

AdS/CFT duality: Konishi operator dual to  
“lightest” among massive  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string states

large  $\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{R^2}{\alpha'}$ :

– “small” string at center of  $AdS_5$  – in **nearly flat** space

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda \gg 1 : \quad & \Delta(\Delta - 4) = 4\sqrt{\lambda} + a + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \\ & \Delta - 2 = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + \frac{b}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right], \quad b = \frac{1}{8}(a + 4)\end{aligned}$$

$a$  = first correction to mass of dual string state

Evidence below:  $a = -4, \quad b = 0$

Flat space case:

$$m^2 = \frac{4(n-1)}{\alpha'}, \quad n = \frac{1}{2}(N + \bar{N}) = 1, 2, \dots, \quad N = \bar{N}$$

**n = 1**: massless IIB supergravity (BPS) level

l.c. vacuum  $|0\rangle$ :  $(8+8)^2 = 256$  states

**n = 2**: first massive level (many states, highly degenerate)

$$[(a_{-1}^i + S_{-1}^a)|0\rangle]^2 = [(8+8) \times (8+8)]^2$$

in  $SO(9)$  reps:

$$([2, 0, 0, 0] + [0, 0, 1, 0] + [1, 0, 0, 1])^2 = (44 + 84 + 128)^2$$

$$\text{e.g. } 44 \times 44 = 1 + 36 + 44 + 450 + 495 + 910$$

$$84 \times 84 = 1 + 36 + 44 + 84 + 126 + 495 + 594 + 924 + 1980 + 2772$$

switching on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  background fields lifts degeneracy

states with “lightest mass” at 1-st excited level

should correspond to Konishi multiplet

string spectrum in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  :

long multiplets  $\mathcal{A}_{[k,p,q](j,j')}^\Delta$  of  $PSU(2, 2|4)$

highest weight states:  $[k, p, q](j, j')$  labels of  $SO(6) \times SO(4)$

Remarkably, flat-space string spectrum can be re-organized  
in multiplets of  $SO(2, 4) \times SO(6) \subset PSU(2, 2|4)$   
[Bianchi, Morales, Samtleben 03]

$SO(4) \times SO(5) \subset SO(9)$  rep.

lifted to  $SO(4) \times SO(6)$  rep. of  $SO(2, 4) \times SO(6)$

Konishi long multiplet

$$\widehat{T}_1 = (1 + Q + Q \wedge Q + \dots)[0, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$$

determines the KK “floor” of 1-st excited string level

$$H_1 = \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} [0, J, 0]_{(0,0)} \times \widehat{T}_1$$

One expects for scalar massive state in  $AdS_5$

$$(-\nabla^2 + m^2)\Phi + \dots = 0$$

$$\Delta(\Delta - 4) = (mR)^2 + O(\alpha') = 4(n-1)\frac{R^2}{\alpha'} + O(\alpha')$$

$$\Delta = 2 + \sqrt{(mR)^2 + 4 + O(\alpha')}$$

$$\Delta(\lambda \gg 1) = \sqrt{4(n-1)\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

[Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov 98]

e.g., for first massive level:

$$n = 2 : \quad \Delta = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots$$

Subleading corrections?

Comparison between gauge and string theory states non-trivial:

GT ( $\lambda \ll 1$ ): operators built out of free fields,  
canonical dimension  $\Delta_0$  determines states that can mix  
ST ( $\lambda \gg 1$ ): near-flat-space string states built out of  
free oscillators, level  $n$  determines states that can mix

meaning of  $\Delta_0$  at strong coupling?

meaning of  $n$  at weak coupling?

1. relate states with same global charges;
2. assume “non-intersection principle” [Polyakov 01]:  
no level crossing for states with same quantum numbers  
as  $\lambda$  changes from strong to weak coupling

## Approaches to computation of corrections to string masses:

### (i) semiclassical approach:

identify short string state as small-spin limit of  
semiclassical string state

– reproduce the structure of strong-coupling corrections  
to short operators

[ Frolov, AT 03; Tirziu, AT 08]

### (ii) vertex operator approach:

use  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string sigma model perturbation theory to find  
leading terms in anomalous dimension of corresponding  
vertex operator

[Polyakov 01; AT 03]

(iii) space-time effective action approach:

use near-flat-space expansion and NSR vertex operators  
to reconstruct  $\alpha' \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  corrections to corresponding  
massive string state equation of motion

[Burrington, Liu 05]

(iv) “light-cone” quantization approach:

start with light-cone gauge  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string action  
and compute corrections to energy of  
corresponding flat-space oscillator string state

[Metsaev, Thorn, AT 00 ]

## Semiclassical expansion: spinning strings

$$E = E\left(\frac{J}{\sqrt{\lambda}}, \sqrt{\lambda}\right) = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_0(\mathcal{J}) + \mathcal{E}_1(\mathcal{J}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \mathcal{E}_2(\mathcal{J}) + \dots$$

in “short” string limit  $\mathcal{J} \ll 1$

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \sqrt{\mathcal{J}} (a_{0n} + a_{1n}\mathcal{J} + a_{2n}\mathcal{J}^2 + \dots)$$

expansion valid for  $\sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \frac{J}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  fixed:  $J \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \gg 1$

but if knew all terms in this expansion – could express  $\mathcal{J}$   
in terms of  $J$ , fix  $J$  to finite value and re-expand in  $\sqrt{\lambda}$

$$E = \sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}J} \left[ a_{00} + \frac{a_{10}J + a_{01}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{a_{20}J^2 + a_{11}J + a_{02}}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} + \dots \right]$$

to trust the coeff of  $\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^n}$  need coeff of up to  $n$ -loop terms

e.g. classical  $a_{10}$  and 1-loop  $a_{01}$  sufficient to fix  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  term

[cf. “fast string” expansion  $\mathcal{J} \gg 1$  [Frolov, AT 03]: for fixed  $J$   
positive powers of  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  – need to resum]

Example: circular rotating string in  $S^5$  with  $J_1 = J_2 = J$ :

cf. Konishi descendant with  $J_1 = J_2 = 2$ :  $\text{Tr}([\Phi_1, \Phi_2]^2)$

try represent it by “short” classical string with same charges

flat space  $R_t \times R^4$ : circular string solution

$$x_1 + ix_2 = a e^{i(\tau+\sigma)}, \quad x_3 + ix_4 = a e^{i(\tau-\sigma)}$$

$$E = \sqrt{\frac{4}{\alpha'} J}, \quad J = \frac{a^2}{\alpha'}$$

this solution can be directly embedded into

$R_t \times S^5$  in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  [Frolov, AT 03] :

string on *small* sphere inside  $S^5$ :  $X_1^2 + \dots + X_6^2 = 1$

$$X_1 + iX_2 = a e^{i(\tau+\sigma)}, \quad X_3 + iX_4 = a e^{i(\tau-\sigma)},$$

$$X_5 + iX_6 = \sqrt{1 - 2a^2}, \quad t = \kappa\tau$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}_1 = \mathcal{J}_2 = a^2, \quad \mathcal{E}^2 = \kappa^2 = 4\mathcal{J}$$

Remarkably, exact  $E_0$  is just as in flat space

$$E_0 = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{E} = \sqrt{4\sqrt{\lambda} J}, \quad J = \sqrt{\lambda} \mathcal{J}$$

[cf. another (unstable) branch of  $J_1 = J_2$  solution with  $\mathcal{J} > \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$E_0 = \sqrt{J^2 + \lambda} = \sqrt{\lambda} \left( 1 + \frac{J^2}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \right)$$

**1-loop quantum string correction to the energy:**

sum of bosonic and fermionic fluctuation frequencies ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

Bosons (2 massless + massive):

$$AdS_5 : \quad 4 \times \quad \omega_n^2 = n^2 + 4\mathcal{J}$$

$$S^5 : \quad 2 \times \quad \omega_{n\pm}^2 = n^2 + 4(1 - \mathcal{J}) \pm 2\sqrt{4(1 - \mathcal{J})n^2 + 4\mathcal{J}^2}$$

Fermions:

$$4 \times \quad \omega_{n\pm}^{2f} = n^2 + 1 + \mathcal{J} \pm \sqrt{4(1 - \mathcal{J})n^2 + 4\mathcal{J}}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ 4\omega_n + 2(\omega_{n+} + \omega_{n-}) - 4(\omega_{n+}^f + \omega_{n-}^f) \right]$$

expand in small  $\mathcal{J}$  and do sums (UV divergences cancel)

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{J}}} \left[ -\mathcal{J} - [3 + \zeta(3)]\mathcal{J}^2 - \frac{1}{4} [5 + 6\zeta(3) + 30\zeta(5)]\mathcal{J}^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$E = E_0 + E_1 = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}J} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{3J}{4(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} (1 + 2\zeta(3)) + \dots \right]$$

if we could interpolate to finite  $J = J_1 = J_2 = 2$   
 that would suggest for Konishi state

$$E = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right]$$

But: above still valid for large  $E$  and  $J$ ;  
 need to account for quantization of c.o.m. modes – reinterpret as

$$\begin{aligned} E(E-4) &= 4\sqrt{\lambda}(J-1) - 4 + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \\ J = 2 : \quad E-2 &= 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + 0 + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

same result will be found by different methods below

## Spectrum of quantum string states from target space anomalous dimension operator

Flat space:  $k^2 = m^2 = \frac{4(n-1)}{\alpha'}$

e.g. leading Regge trajectory  $(\partial x \bar{\partial} x)^{S/2} e^{ikx}$ ,  $n = S/2$

spectrum in (weakly) curved background:

solve marginality (1,1) conditions on vertex operators

e.g. scalar anomalous dimension operator  $\hat{\gamma}(G)$

on  $T(x) = \sum c_{n...m} x^n ... x^m$  or on coefficients  $c_{n...m}$

differential operator in target space

found from  $\beta$ -function for the corresponding perturbation

$$I = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2 z [G_{mn}(x) \partial x^m \bar{\partial} x^n + T(x)]$$

$$\beta_T = -2T - \frac{\alpha'}{2} \hat{\gamma} T + O(T^2)$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \Omega^{mn} D_m D_n + \dots + \Omega^{m...k} D_m ... D_k + \dots$$

$$\Omega^{mn} = G^{mn} + p_1 \alpha' R^{mn} + O(\alpha'^3)$$

$p_1 = 0, \dots$  in DR;  $\Omega^{\dots\dots} \sim \alpha'^n R_{\dots\dots}^p H_{\dots\dots}^q$

Solve  $-\widehat{\gamma} T + m^2 T = 0$ : diagonalize  $\widehat{\gamma}$

similarly for massless (graviton, ...) and massive states

e.g.  $\beta_{mn}^G = \alpha' R_{mn} + O(\alpha'^3)$

gives Lichnerowicz operator as anomalous dimension operator

$$(\widehat{\gamma} h)_{mn} = -D^2 h_{mn} + 2R_{mknl} h^{kl} - 2R_{k(m} h_{n)}^k + O(\alpha'^3)$$

Massive string states in curved background:

$$\int d^D x \sqrt{g} \left[ \Phi_{\dots} (-D^2 + m^2 + X) \Phi_{\dots} + \dots \right]$$
$$m^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha'}(n-1), \quad X = R_{\dots\dots} + O(\alpha')$$

case of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  background

$$R_{mn} - \frac{1}{96}(F_5 F_5)_{mn} = 0, \quad R = 0, \quad F_5^2 = 0$$

leading-order term in  $X$  should vanish for scalar state

leading  $\alpha'$  correction to **scalar** string state mass =0 (?!)

$$\begin{aligned} [-D^2 + m^2 + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}})]\Phi &= 0 \\ \Delta &= 2 + \sqrt{4(n-1) + 4 + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}})} \\ \Delta_{(n=2)} &= 2 + 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + O(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

prediction (?) for leading term in strong-coupling expansion  
of **singlet** Konishi state dimension

... but possible subtleties... 10d scalar vs singlet state...

What about **non-singlet** Konishi descendant states ?

## How to find $\hat{\gamma}$ : Effective action approach

derive equation of motion for a massive string field  
in curved background from quadratic effective action  $S$   
reconstructed from flat-space NSR S-matrix

Example: totally symmetric NS-NS 10-d tensor  
– state on leading Regge trajectory in flat space

symmetric tensor  $\Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2n}}$  ( $m^2 = \frac{4(n-1)}{\alpha'}$ )  
in metric+RR background

$$L = R - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5!} F_5^2 + O(\alpha'^3) - \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \Phi D^\mu \Phi + m^2 \Phi^2) + \sum_{k \geq 1} (\alpha')^{k-1} \Phi X_k(R, F_5, D) \Phi + \dots$$

assumption:  $\alpha' n R \ll 1$ , i.e.  $n \ll \sqrt{\lambda}$ :

small massive string in the middle of  $AdS_5$ :

near-flat-space expansion should be applicable

then eq. for  $\Phi$  to leading  $\alpha'$  order [Burrington, Liu 05]

$$[-D^2 + m^2 + X_1 + O(\alpha')] \Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2n}} = 0$$

$$\Phi X_1 \Phi = c_1 \Phi_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_{2n}} R^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \mu_2 \nu_2} \Phi_{\nu_1 \nu_2}^{\mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}}$$

$$+ c_2 \Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2n}} F^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_5} F^{\mu_2 \nu_2}_{\alpha_3 \dots \alpha_5} \Phi_{\nu_1 \nu_2}^{\mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}}$$

$$+ c_3 \Phi_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_{2n}} F^{\mu_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_5} F^{\nu_1}_{\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_5} \Phi_{\nu_1}^{\mu_2 \dots \mu_{2n}}$$

$$c_1 = n^2, \quad c_2 = -\frac{1}{4!}, \quad c_3 = -\frac{1}{4 \times 4!}$$

check: reproduces eq for graviton perturbation around

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4 \times 4!} (F_5 F_5)_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

*AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup> background:*  $R_{ab} = -\frac{4}{R^2} g_{ab}$ ,  $R_{mn} = \frac{4}{R^2} g_{mn}$

$\mu, \nu, \dots = 0, 1, \dots, 9$ ;  $a, b, \dots$  in *AdS<sub>5</sub>* and  $m, n, \dots$  in *S<sup>5</sup>*

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2n}} (-D^2 + m^2) \Phi^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2n}}$$

$$+ \frac{n^2}{R^2} (\Phi_{a_1 a_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}} \Phi^{a_1 a_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}} - \Phi_{m_1 m_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}} \Phi^{m_1 m_2 \mu_3 \dots \mu_{2n}}) + \dots$$

background is direct product – can consider particular tensor with  $S$  indices in *AdS<sub>5</sub>* and  $K$  indices in *S<sup>5</sup>*:

end up with anomalous dimension operator

$$[-D^2 + (m^2 + \frac{K^2 - S^2}{2R^2})]\Phi = 0, \quad D^2 = D_{AdS_5}^2 + D_{S_5}^2 \\ m^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha'}(n - 1) = \frac{2}{\alpha'}(S + K - 2), \quad 2n = S + K$$

symmetric transverse traceless tensor – highest-weight state –  
 Young table labels  $(\Delta, S, 0; J, K, 0)$ ,  $J \geq K$   
 extract  $AdS_5$  radius  $R$  and set  $\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{R^2}{\alpha'}$

$$(-D_{AdS_5}^2 + M^2)\Phi = 0$$

$$M^2 = 2\sqrt{\lambda}(S + K - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(K^2 - S^2) + J(J + 4) - K$$

For symmetric traceless rank  $S$  tensor in  $AdS_5$ :

$$\Delta - 2 = \sqrt{M^2 + S + 4} \\ = \sqrt{2\sqrt{\lambda}(S + K - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(S + K - 2)(K - S) + J(J + 4) + 4 + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}})}$$

To summarize:

condition of marginality of (1,1) vertex operator

for  $(\Delta, S_1, S_2; J_1, J_2, J_3) = (\Delta, S, 0; J, K, 0)$  state

$$0 = -\sqrt{\lambda}(S + K - 2) + \frac{1}{2}[\Delta(\Delta - 4) + \frac{1}{2}S(S - 2) - \frac{1}{2}K(K - 2) - J(J + 4)] + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}})$$

BPS level  $n = \frac{1}{2}(S + K) = 1$ :  $J = K + J'$ ,  $J' = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$S = 2, K = 0$ :  $\Delta = 4 + J'$ ;  $K = 2, S = 0$ :  $\Delta = 6 + J'$ ; etc

**First massive level**:  $n = \frac{1}{2}(S + K) = 1$

case of minimal dimension shift

$S = 4, K = J = 0$ : dual to  $\Delta_0 = 6$  Konishi state  $[0, 0, 0]_{(2,2)}$

$$\Delta - \Delta_0 = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda} + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}})} = 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + O(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}) \right]$$

what about other states in Konishi multiplet?

## Vertex operator approach [Polyakov 01; AT 03]

$$I = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\xi G_{mn}(x) \partial x^m \bar{\partial} x^n + \dots \text{ perturbed by}$$

$$V(f) = f_{m_1 \dots m_s}(x) \partial^{k_1} x^{m_1} \dots \bar{\partial}^{k_h} x^{m_s}$$

compute the renormalization of  $f_{m_1 \dots m_j}$  and set  $\beta_f = \hat{\gamma}f + \dots = 0$

$$\hat{\gamma}f = [2 - J + \frac{1}{2}\alpha' D^2 + \sum c_k \alpha'^k (R \dots)^n \dots D^p]f = 0$$

diagonalize “anomalous dimension” operator

but  $\hat{\gamma}$  for generic  $f$  and  $G$  not known even to  $\alpha'$  order

calculate anomalous dimensions from “first principles”

superstring theory in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  :

$$I = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \left[ \partial N_p \bar{\partial} N^p + \partial n_k \bar{\partial} n_k + \text{fermions} \right]$$

$$N_+ N_- - N_u N_u^* - N_v N_v^* = 1, \quad n_x n_x^* + n_y n_y^* + n_z n_z^* = 1$$

$$N_\pm = N_0 \pm i N_5, \quad N_u = N_1 + i N_2, \dots, \quad n_x = n_1 + i n_2, \dots$$

construct marginal (1,1) operators in terms of  $N_p$  and  $n_k$

e.g. vertex operator for dilaton sugra mode

$$V_J(\xi) = (N_+)^{-\Delta} (n_x)^J \left[ -\partial N_p \bar{\partial} N^p + \partial n_k \bar{\partial} n_k + \text{fermions} \right]$$

$$N_+ \equiv N_0 + iN_5 = \frac{1}{z}(z^2 + x_m x_m) \sim e^{it}$$

$$n_x \equiv n_1 + i n_2 \sim e^{i\varphi}$$

$$0 = 2 - 2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} [\Delta(\Delta - 4) - J(J + 4)] + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

i.e.  $\Delta = 4 + J$  (BPS)

candidate operators for states on leading Regge trajectory:

$$V_J(\xi) = (N_+)^{-\Delta} (\partial n_x \bar{\partial} n_x)^{J/2}, \quad n_x \equiv n_1 + i n_2$$

$$V_S(\xi) = (N_+)^{-\Delta} (\partial N_u \bar{\partial} N_u)^{S/2}, \quad N_u \equiv N_1 + i N_2$$

+ fermionic terms

+  $\alpha' \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  terms from diagonalization of anom. dim. op.

how they mix with ops with same charges and dimension?

in general  $(\partial n_x \bar{\partial} n_x)^{J/2}$  mixes with singlets

$$(n_x)^{2p+2q} (\partial n_x)^{J/2-2p} (\bar{\partial} n_x)^{J/2-2q} (\partial n_m \partial n_m)^p (\bar{\partial} n_k \bar{\partial} n_k)^q$$

$S^5 = SO(6)/SO(5)$  sigma model

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2\xi \partial n_m \bar{\partial} n_m , \quad n_m n_m = 1$$

$$\dot{g} = -\epsilon g + 4g^2 + 4g^3 + \dots , \quad g \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \frac{\alpha'}{R^2} , \quad \epsilon = d - 2$$

running is cancelled if embedded into  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string  $\sigma$ -model  
ops. for states on leading Regge trajectory

$$O_{\ell,s} = f_{k_1 \dots k_\ell m_1 \dots m_{2s}} n_{k_1} \dots n_{k_\ell} \partial n_{m_1} \bar{\partial} n_{m_2} \dots \partial n_{m_{2s-1}} \bar{\partial} n_{m_{2s}}$$

their renormalization studied before [Wegner 90]

renormalization of composite operators to leading order in  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

use “pairing rules” (and ignore “on-shell” operators):

$$\langle AB \rangle = \langle A \rangle B + A \langle B \rangle + \langle A, B \rangle$$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \int d^2\xi d^2\xi' \langle n_k(\xi), n_m(\xi') \rangle \frac{\delta A}{\delta n_k(\xi)} \frac{\delta B}{\delta n_m(\xi')}$$

$$\langle A(n) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int d^2\xi d^2\xi' \langle n_k(\xi), n_m(\xi') \rangle \frac{\delta^2 A}{\delta n_k(\xi) \delta n_m(\xi')}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\langle n_k \rangle = -\frac{5}{2} I n_k, \quad \langle n_k, n_l \rangle = -I(n_k n_l - \delta_{kl}), \quad I = -\frac{1}{2\pi\epsilon} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\langle n_k, \partial n_l \rangle = -I \partial n_k n_l, \quad \langle n_k, \bar{\partial} n_l \rangle = -I \bar{\partial} n_k n_l,$$

$$\langle \partial n_k, \partial n_l \rangle = I n_k n_l \partial n_m \partial n_m, \quad \langle \bar{\partial} n_k, \bar{\partial} n_l \rangle = I n_k n_l \bar{\partial} n_m \bar{\partial} n_m,$$

$$\langle \partial n_k, \bar{\partial} n_l \rangle = -I (\bar{\partial} n_k \partial n_l - \delta_{kl} \partial n_m \bar{\partial} n_m)$$

$$\langle (\partial n_k \bar{\partial} n_k) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle (\partial n_k \partial n_k) \rangle = -4I \partial n_k \partial n_k, \quad \langle (\bar{\partial} n_k \bar{\partial} n_k) \rangle = -4I \bar{\partial} n_k \bar{\partial} n_k$$

simplest case:  $f_{k_1 \dots k_\ell} n_{k_1} \dots n_{k_\ell}$  with traceless  $f_{k_1 \dots k_\ell}$   
 same anom. dim.  $\hat{\gamma}$  as its highest-weight rep  $V_J = (n_x)^J$

$$\hat{\gamma} = 2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} [5J + J(J-1)] + \dots = 2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} J(J+4) + \dots$$

scalar spherical harmonic that solves Laplace eq. on  $S^5$

similarly for  $AdS_5$  or  $SO(2, 4)$  model:

replacing  $n_x^J$  and  $\partial n_m \bar{\partial} n_m$  with  $N_+^{-\Delta}$  and  $\partial N^p \bar{\partial} N_p$ , with

$$J = -\Delta \text{ and } g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\text{e.g. dimension of } n_x^J \partial n_m \bar{\partial} n_m: \hat{\gamma} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} J(J+4) + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$\text{dimension of } N_+^{-\Delta} \partial N^p \bar{\partial} N_p: \hat{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \Delta(\Delta-4) + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

example of scalar higher-level operator:

$$N_+^{-\Delta} [(\partial n_k \bar{\partial} n_k)^r + \dots], \quad r = 1, 2, \dots$$

[Kravtsov, Lerner, Yudson 89; Castilla, Chakravarty 96]

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -2(r-1) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} [\Delta(\Delta-4) + 2r(r-1)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2} \left[ \frac{2}{3}r(r-1)(r-\frac{7}{2}) + 4r \right] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$r = 1$ : ground level

fermionic contributions should make  $r = 1$  exact zero of  $\hat{\gamma}$

$r = 2$ : first excited level

candidate for singlet Konishi state  $\Delta_0 = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\Delta-4) &= 4\sqrt{\lambda} - 4 + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right), \\ \Delta - \Delta_0 &= 2\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

same as for  $(S = 4, K = 0)$  Konishi state with  $\Delta_0 = 6$

Operators with two spins  $J, K$  in  $S^5$ :

$$V_{K,J} = N_+^{-\Delta} \sum_{u,v=0}^{K/2} c_{uv} M_{uv}$$

$$M_{uv} \equiv n_y^{J-u-v} n_x^{u+v} (\partial n_y)^u (\partial n_x)^{K/2-u} (\bar{\partial} n_y)^v (\bar{\partial} n_x)^{K/2-v}$$

highest and lowest eigen-values of 1-loop anom. dim. matrix

$$\hat{\gamma}_{\min} = 2 - K + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} [\Delta(\Delta - 4) - \frac{1}{2} K(K + 10) - J(J + 4) - 2JK] + O(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2})$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_{\max} = 2 - K + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} [\Delta(\Delta - 4) - \frac{1}{2} K(K + 6) - J(J + 4)] + O(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2})$$

fermions may alter terms linear in  $K$

$K = 4$ : first massive level – Konishi state

identify operators with right representations

– more evidence for  $b = 0$

[R.Roiban, AT, in progress]

## Conclusions

Beginning of understanding  
quantum string spectrum in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$   
= spectrum of “short” SYM operators

more progress expected soon  
aiding/checking integrability approach

Happy Birthday Misha!

Thank you for your inspiration, insight and help!

## Long Konishi multiplet

$$\Delta_{0 \ min} = 2, \ [m, n, k](s, s') = [0, 0, 0](0, 0)$$

$SO(6)$  and  $SO(4)$  labels

[Andrianopoli,Ferrara 98; Bianchi,Morales,Samtleben 03]

$\Delta_0$	
2	$[0, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$
$\frac{5}{2}$	$[0, 0, 1]_{(0, \frac{1}{2})} + [1, 0, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)}$
3	$[0, 0, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [0, 0, 2]_{(0,0)} + [0, 1, 0]_{(0,1)+(1,0)} + [1, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [2, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$
$\frac{7}{2}$	$[0, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, 1) + (\frac{3}{2}, 0)} + [0, 1, 1]_{(0, \frac{1}{2}) + (1, \frac{1}{2})} + [1, 0, 0]_{(0, \frac{1}{2}) + (0, \frac{3}{2}) + (1, \frac{1}{2})} + [1, 0, 2]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)}$ $+ [1, 1, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, 1)} + [2, 0, 1]_{(0, \frac{1}{2})}$
4	$[0, 0, 0]_{(0,0) + (0,2) + (1,1) + (2,0)} + [0, 0, 2]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [0, 1, 0]_{2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [2, 0, 2]_{(0,0)}$ $+ [0, 1, 2]_{(1,0)} + [0, 2, 0]_{2(0,0) + (1,1)} + [1, 0, 1]_{(0,0) + 2(0,1) + 2(1,0) + (1,1)} + [1, 1, 1]_{2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [2, 0, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})}$
6	$[0, 0, 0]_{3(0,0) + 3(1,1) + (2,2)} + [0, 0, 2]_{3(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})} + [0, 1, 0]_{4(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + 2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) + 2(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) +}$ $+ [0, 1, 2]_{(0,0) + 2(0,1) + 2(1,0) + (1,1)} + [0, 2, 0]_{3(0,0) + (0,1) + (0,2) + (1,0) + 3(1,1) + (2,0)} + [0, 2, 2]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})}$ $+ [0, 3, 0]_{2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [0, 4, 0]_{(0,0)} + [1, 0, 1]_{(0,0) + 3(0,1) + 3(1,0) + 4(1,1) + (1,2) + (2,1)} + [1, 0, 3]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [0,$ $+ [1, 1, 1]_{4(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + 2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) + 2(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [1, 2, 1]_{(0,0) + (0,1) + (1,0)} + [2, 0, 0]_{3(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2})}$ $+ [2, 0, 2]_{(0,0) + (1,1)} + [2, 1, 0]_{(0,0) + 2(0,1) + 2(1,0) + (1,1)} + [2, 2, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [3, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [4, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$
$\frac{17}{2}$	$[0, 0, 1]_{(0, \frac{1}{2}) + (0, \frac{3}{2}) + (1, \frac{1}{2})} + [0, 1, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, 1)} + [1, 0, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, 1) + (\frac{3}{2}, 0)} + [1, 0, 2]_{(0, \frac{1}{2})}$ $+ [1, 1, 0]_{(0, \frac{1}{2}) + (1, \frac{1}{2})} + [2, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)}$
9	$[0, 0, 0]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [0, 0, 2]_{(0,0)} + [0, 1, 0]_{(0,1) + (1,0)} + [1, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})} + [2, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$
$\frac{19}{2}$	$[0, 0, 1]_{(\frac{1}{2}, 0)} + [1, 0, 0]_{(0, \frac{1}{2})}$
10	$[0, 0, 0]_{(0,0)}$