

# Spectrum of Holographic Wilson Loops

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# Introduction

- Wilson loops (WL) are an important class of gauge invariant non-local operators in QCD (**BFKL**).
- Wilson loops and amplitudes in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM
- In  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM the half BPS circular WL is captured by a Gaussian Matrix Model (Drukker, Gross; Erickson, Semenoff, Zarembo; Pestun).
- Summing ladders and other diagrammatic intuition.

$$W_R(C) = \text{Tr}_R P \exp \left( i \int_C ds (A_\mu \dot{x}^\mu + \phi_I \dot{y}^I) \right)$$

## Localization: Pestun

- (Topological String)/(String Theory) = ( $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM)/QCD
- Want  $\int \exp(S)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int \exp(S) &\longrightarrow \int \exp(S + tQV) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int \exp(S + tQV) &= \int \{Q, V\} \exp(S + tQV) \\ \{Q, V \exp(S + tQV)\} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- Independence of  $t$ , take  $t \rightarrow \infty \longrightarrow$  Classical plus one-loop.
- Localizes on a Gaussian action.

$$S = \frac{4\pi^2}{g_{YM}^2} r^2 a^2 \tag{2}$$

- $a$  is a constant matrix coming from  $\phi^I$ .
- $r$  is the radius of  $S^4$ .

- Significant progress in the holographic description of WL (Maldacena; Rey, Yee; Drukker, Gross, Semenoff Ooguri; Drukker, Fiol, Gomis, Passerini; Yamaguchi; Trancanelli; Kruczenski):
- The branes sum the interaction among strings.

Configuration	Representation of $SU(N)$
F1	Fundamental
D3	Symmetric
D5	Antisymmetric

- We did a semi-classical analysis for the D3-brane.
  - ▶ Exact results on the gauge theory side; precision tests of AdS/CFT.
  - ▶ Unifying picture in terms of SUSY for all cases.
  - ▶ Field theory is ahead (localization): Precision test

# Holographic Description of Wilson Loops

- For the D3-brane (Drukker, Fiol)

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( \cosh^2(u_k) ds_{AdS_2}^2 + \sinh^2(u_k) d\Omega_2^2 \right),$$

$$F = iL^2 \cosh(u_k) e^0 \wedge e^1.$$

*AdS<sub>2</sub> × S<sup>2</sup> worldvolume with electric flux.*

$$\sinh(u_k) = \frac{k\sqrt{\lambda}}{4N} \equiv \kappa.$$

- The bosonic part of the D3 brane action in the is given by

$$S_B = T_{D3} \int d^4\sigma \sqrt{\det(g + 2\pi\alpha'F)} - T_{D3} \int P[C_4].$$

- The D-brane provides a  $1/N$  expansion!  $T_{D3} = \frac{N}{2\pi^2 L^4}$

$$S_{circle} = -2N \left[ \kappa \sqrt{1 + \kappa^2} + \sinh^{-1} \kappa \right]$$

## How to organize the answer?

- Has the same bosonic symmetries as the field theory operator  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SO(3) \times SO(5)$ .
  - ▶  $(P_\mu, J_{\mu\nu}, D, K_\mu)$  of  $SO(4, 2)$
  - ▶ The subgroup preserved by the Wilson loop is generated by  $(P_0, J_{ij}, D, K_0)$ .
  - ▶  $J_{ij}$  span the  $SU(2) \simeq SO(3)$
  - ▶  $(P_0, K_0, D)$  form  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$
  - ▶  $n^I$  breaks the  $SO(6)$   $R$ -symmetry down to  $SO(5) \simeq USp(4)$
- Preserves half of the  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  supersymmetries  $OSp(4^*|4) \subset SU(2, 2|4)$ .
  - ▶  $OSp(4^*|4)$  has  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SO(3) \times SO(5)$  as its even subgroup and 16 fermionic generators

- We studied bosonic and fermionic fluctuations explicitly.

- ▶ Bosonic action:

$$S_{\phi}^{(2)} = \frac{T_{D3} \coth(u_k)}{2} \int d^4\sigma \sqrt{\hat{g}} \hat{g}^{\alpha\beta} \left( \partial_{\alpha} \hat{\phi}^{\hat{4}} \partial_{\beta} \hat{\phi}_{\hat{4}} + \partial_{\alpha} \hat{\phi}^{\hat{i}} \partial_{\beta} \hat{\phi}_{\hat{i}} \right),$$

$$S_a^{(2)} = \frac{T_{D3} \coth(u_k)}{4} \int d^4\sigma \sqrt{\hat{g}} \hat{g}^{\alpha\beta} \hat{g}^{\gamma\delta} f_{\alpha\gamma} f_{\beta\delta}.$$

Six massless scalars and a massless gauge field in  $AdS_2 \times S^2$ .

- ▶ Fermionic action:

$$S_{\Theta}^{(2)} = \frac{T_{D3} \coth(u_k)}{2} \int d^4\sigma \sqrt{\hat{g}} \bar{\Theta} \hat{\nabla} \Theta.$$

Four massless Weyl fermions in  $AdS_2 \times S^2$ .

- “Deformed”  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  geometry:

$$d\hat{s}^2 = L^2 \sinh^2(u_k) (ds_{AdS_2}^2 + d\Omega_2^2)$$



- We compactify on  $S^2$ :

2d field	4d origin	$SL(2, \mathbb{R})$	$SO(3)$	$SO(5)$	
Bosons	embedding in $AdS_5$	$l + 1$	$l$	<b>1</b>	$l \geq 0$
	embedding in $S^5$	$l + 1$	$l$	<b>5</b>	$l \geq 0$
	gauge field along $AdS_2$	$l + 1$	$l$	<b>1</b>	$l \geq 1$
	gauge field along $S^2$	$l + 1$	$l$	<b>1</b>	$l \geq 1$
Fermions	IIB spinor	$l + 1$	$l$	<b>4</b>	$l \geq \frac{1}{2}$

- Lowest lying modes: 6 massless and 6 massive (two triplets)
- This is quite different from the fundamental string: 8 lowest lying modes (five massless (Sphere) and three massive)

- The KK modes organize into multiplets of  $OSp(4^*|4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{j} &= (j+1, j, \mathbf{5}) \oplus (j + \frac{3}{2}, j + \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{4}) \oplus (j+2, j+1, \mathbf{1}) & j \geq 1, \\
 &\oplus (j + \frac{1}{2}, j - \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{4}) \oplus (j+1, j, \mathbf{1}) \\
 &\oplus (j, j-1, \mathbf{1}), \\
 \mathbf{0} &= (1, 0, \mathbf{5}) \oplus (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{4}) \oplus (2, 1, \mathbf{1}), & j = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SO(3) \times SO(5)$  content of supermultiplets.

# Holographic dual of $k$ -antisymmetric WL: D5 on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

- D5 brane with worldvolume  $AdS_2 \times S^4$  in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  and flux in its worldvolume.
- D5 brane wraps the  $S^4$  inside the  $S^5$ .

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( \cosh^2(u) ds_H^2 + \sinh^2(u) d\Omega_2^2 + du^2 + d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) d\Omega_4^2 \right), \quad (3)$$

- Classical solution: sits at  $\theta_k$
- Where  $k$  is the fundamental string charge on the brane

$$\theta = \theta_k, \quad k = \frac{2N}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \theta_k - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta_k \right), \quad (4)$$

$$2\pi\alpha' F = iL^2 \cos(\theta_k) e^0 \wedge e^1,$$

- Some fluctuations [Camino, Paredes and Ramallo]:

$$\theta = \theta_k + \xi, \quad F_{0r} = \cos(\theta_k) + f. \quad (5)$$

$$m_l^2 = \begin{cases} (l+3)(l+4) & \text{for } l = 0, 1, \dots \\ l(l-1) & \text{for } l = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

- Here  $l$  is related to the eigenvalue  $l(l+2)$  of the spherical harmonic on  $S^4$ .

- The full spectrum

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{triplet} = f + 1 &\longrightarrow m_{triplet}^2 = f(f + 1), & (7) \\
 h_{singlet1} = f + 2 &\longrightarrow m_{singlet1}^2 = (f + 1)(f + 2), \\
 h_{singlet2} = f &\longrightarrow m_{singlet2}^2 = (f - 1)f \\
 h_{singlet3} = f + 1 &\longrightarrow m_{singlet3}^2 = f(f + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

## One-loop Corrections

- Taking into account the  $SO(3) \times SO(5)$  quantum numbers, the partition function for one multiplet  $j \geq 1$  is

$$Z_B^{(j)} = \left[ \det \left( -\square + \frac{j(j+1)}{R^2} \right) \right]^{-5(2j+1)/2} \left[ \det \left( -\square + \frac{(j+1)(j+2)}{R^2} \right) \right]^{-(2j+3)/2} \\ \times \left[ \det \left( -\square + \frac{j(j+1)}{R^2} \right) \right]^{-(2j+1)/2} \left[ \det \left( -\square + \frac{(j-1)j}{R^2} \right) \right]^{-(2j-1)/2},$$

$$Z_F^{(j)} = \left[ \det \left( i\nabla + \frac{j+1}{R} \gamma \right) \right]^{4(j+1)} \left[ \det \left( i\nabla + \frac{j}{R} \gamma \right) \right]^{4j}.$$
(8)

(9)

# The Fundamental String

- In the case  $j = 0$  we have [Gross, Tseytlin]

$$Z_B^{(0)} = [\det(-\square)]^{-5/2} \left[ \det\left(-\square + \frac{2}{R^2}\right) \right]^{-3/2}, \quad (12)$$

$$Z_F^{(0)} = \left[ \det\left(i\nabla + \frac{1}{R}\gamma\right) \right]^4.$$

# The method (Straight String)

$$\det \left( -\square + \frac{j(j+1)}{R^2} \right) = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \det \left( -\sigma^2 \left( -p^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} \right) + j(j+1) \right). \quad (13)$$

- Solving the associated equation

$$\left[ -\sigma^2 \left( -p^2 + \partial_\sigma^2 \right) \pm p\sigma + j^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] \theta_j^{\pm p}(\sigma) = 0 \quad (14)$$

- In the interval  $[\epsilon, R]$  with initial conditions

$$\theta_j^{\pm p}(\epsilon) = 0 \quad \partial_\sigma \theta_j^{\pm p}(\epsilon) = 1 \quad (15)$$



# The (preliminary) Result

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln Z^{(j)} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_p \left( -5(2j+1) \ln [K_{j+1/2}(p\epsilon)] - (2j+3) \ln [K_{j+3/2}(p\epsilon)] \right. \\
 & - (2j+1) \ln [K_{j+1/2}(p\epsilon)] - (2j-1) \ln [K_{j-1/2}(p\epsilon)] \\
 & + 4(j+1) \ln \left[ \frac{K_{j+3/2}^2(p\epsilon) - K_{j+1/2}^2(p\epsilon)}{2(j+1)} \right] \\
 & \left. + 4j \ln \left[ \frac{K_{j+1/2}^2(p\epsilon) - K_{j-1/2}^2(p\epsilon)}{2j} \right] + 4(2j+1) \ln [p\epsilon] \right)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

## Divergences

$$\ln Z^{(j)} = \frac{T}{\epsilon} \left( -(2j+1) \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda \epsilon}{T} \right) + g \left( j, \frac{\Lambda \epsilon}{T} \right) \right) \quad (17)$$

- Where  $g(j, x)$  is finite as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $-T/\epsilon$  is the Euler characteristic of  $AdS_2$  with a cutoff  $\epsilon$
- The Euler characteristic is not Weyl invariant [Alvarez].
- The D-brane is a string? Not really.

# The Matrix Model

$$\langle F(X) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \Delta^2(x) F(x) \exp \left( -\frac{2N}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) \quad (18)$$

where

$$\Delta(x) = \det \left( x_i^{j-1} \right) \quad (19)$$

- The Vandermonde determinant.
- $P_j$  is any polynomial of order  $j$ .

$$\langle F(X) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{i=1}^N dx_i \det [P_{j-1}(x_i)]^2 F \left( \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2N}} x \right) \exp \left( -\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) \quad (20)$$

# The Fundamental WL: Exact Result

$$\langle \text{Tr} e^M \rangle = \frac{1}{N} L_{N-1}^1(-4N\lambda) \exp[2N\lambda] \quad (21)$$

- $L_{N-1}^1$  Associated Laguerre polynomial.
- You probably know this in the large  $N$  limit:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} L_{N-1}^1 \rightarrow (2/\sqrt{\lambda}) I_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) \quad (22)$$

## $k$ -wound string versus symmetric representation

- The  $k$ -wound string is computed by one integral:

$$F(X) = m_{(k)}(X) \rightarrow N e^{kx_1} \quad (23)$$

- For the  $k$ -symmetric representation:

$$F(X) = m_{(k)}(X) + m_{(k-1,1)}(X) + \dots \quad (24)$$

$$\rightarrow N e^{kx_1} + N(N-1)e^{(k-1)x_1+x_2} + \dots \quad (25)$$

- Master integral:

$$F(X) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i\right) \quad \sum_{i=1}^N w_i = k \quad (26)$$

# Formal Answer

- Defining

$$I_{ij}(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-(x-y)^2} P_{i-1}(x) P_{j-1}(x) \quad (27)$$

$$\left\langle \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i \right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N y_i^2 \right) \quad (28)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_N \\ j_1, \dots, j_N}} \epsilon^{i_1 \dots i_N} \epsilon^{j_1 \dots j_N} I_{i_1 j_1}(y_1) \cdots I_{i_N j_N}(y_N) \quad (29)$$

where

$$y_i = w_i \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{8N}} \quad (30)$$

# Comments

- We get a nice picture for F1 and D3 in terms of  $OSp(4^*|4)$  representations. The D5 seems to be consistent with this.
- Finding the 1-loop correction to the WL expectation value amounts to computing functional determinants.
- Similar calculation for the D5.
- Study other less symmetric WL.
- The cusp anomalous dimension in the fundamental from spinning string (Tseytlin, Roiban, Tirziu).
- Anti-symmetric representation of the cusp anomalous dimension [classical solution is known] (Armoni).