

# Grassmannian integral for off-shell gauge invariant amplitudes and Willson line form factors in $N=4$ SYM.

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# N=4 SYM theory.

- N=4 SYM - one may hope that this theory is exactly solvable.
- Physical content - resembles perturbative part of QCD (massless QED without running of the coupling). Tree amplitudes identical to QCD.
- The correlation functions in this theory can be studied in the weak and strong regimes ( via AdS/CFT).
- The computation of anomalous dimensions of local operators in N=4 SYM in planar limit can be reduced to the problem of solving some integrable system.
- There are numerous results for perturbative expansions of amplitudes (S-matrix) with some results valid in all orders of PT (BDS ansatz for 4,5 points, collinear OPE).
- Some perturbative results for generalisations of amplitudes (form factors) with arbitrary number of on-shell states.
- N=4 SYM is perfect theoretical laboratory development and tests of new ideas, methods and representations for D=4 gauge theories

# N=4 SYM theory.

- Why we know so much about N=4 SYM now ?
- Proper variables - helicity spinors:

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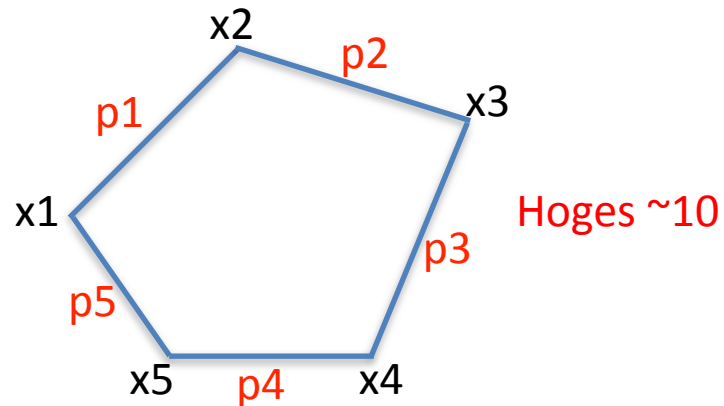
$$p_\mu^{(i)} \mapsto (\sigma^\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} p_\mu^{(i)} = \lambda_\alpha^{(i)} \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{(i)} \quad \lambda_\alpha \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\alpha^{(i)} \lambda_\beta^{(j)} \equiv \langle ij \rangle = \sqrt{(p_i + p_j)^2} e^{i\phi_{ij}} = \sqrt{s_{ij}} e^{i\phi_{ij}}, \quad \phi_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\langle ij \rangle)^* \equiv [ij]$$

- and momentum twistors:

$$Z_i^M = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i^\alpha \\ \mu_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu_i^{\dot{\alpha}} = x_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \lambda_{\alpha i}$$

$$p_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = x_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} - x_{i-1}^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$$



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- Why we know so much about N=4 SYM now ?
- Colour decomposition:

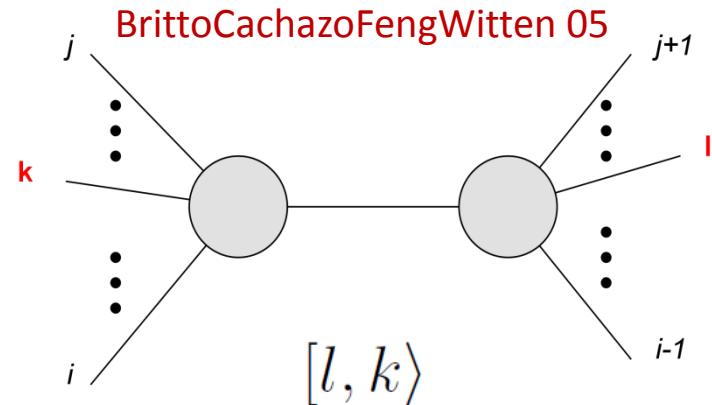
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$$\mathcal{A}_n^{(l)}(p_1^{\lambda_1} \dots p_n^{\lambda_n}) = g^{n-2} (g^2 N_c)^l \sum_{\sigma \in S_n / Z_n} \text{Tr}[\sigma(T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_n})] A_n(\sigma(p_1^{\lambda_1} \dots p_n^{\lambda_n})) + O(1/N_c)$$

- And BCFW recursion:

$$p_{(l)} = \lambda_{(l)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)} : \lambda_{(l)} \mapsto \lambda_{(l)} - z \lambda_{(k)}$$

$$p_{(k)} = \lambda_{(k)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} : \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} \mapsto \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} + z \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)}$$



- Also other methods which relies on general analytical properties of amplitudes (and the “on-shell” objects) rather than on some Lagrangian formulation et.s.

# N=4 SYM theory.

- Representation where all properties of amplitudes are manifest
- Relations between different BCFW representations.

Example:

$$\frac{A_6^{NMHV}}{A_6^{MHV}} = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] + [1, 2, 3, 5, 6] + [1, 3, 4, 5, 6] \quad \frac{A_6^{NMHV}}{A_6^{MHV}} = \mathbb{P}([1, 2, 3, 4, 5] + [1, 2, 3, 5, 6] + [1, 3, 4, 5, 6])$$

$$[a, b, c, d, e] = \frac{\hat{\delta}^4(\langle a, b, c, d \rangle \chi_e + \text{cycl.})}{\langle a, b, c, d \rangle \langle b, c, d, e \rangle \langle c, d, e, a \rangle \langle d, e, a, b \rangle \langle e, a, b, c \rangle} \quad \langle i, j, k, l \rangle = \epsilon_{ABCD} Z_i^A Z_j^B Z_k^C Z_l^D$$

- Yangian invariance of tree level amplitudes.
- Absence of spurious poles in amplitudes represented via BCFW recursion.
- Relation between coefficients before master integrals (leading singularities).
- ets.

# Integral over Grassmannian for amplitudes.

One of such remarkable ideas is representations of amplitudes and leading singularities in N=4 SYM in terms of Grassmannian integral and development of on-shell diagram formalism and geometrical interpretation (“amplituhedron”):

$$L_n^k[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{k \times n} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\delta^{k \times 2} (C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{k \times 4} (C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^{(n-k) \times 2} (C^\perp \cdot \lambda)}{(1 \cdots k) \cdots (n-1 \ n \cdots k-2)(n \ 1 \cdots k-1)}$$

On shell information about external particles

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$$A_{k,n}^{tree} = L_n^k[\Gamma_{tree}], \quad C \cdot C^\perp = \mathbf{1}$$

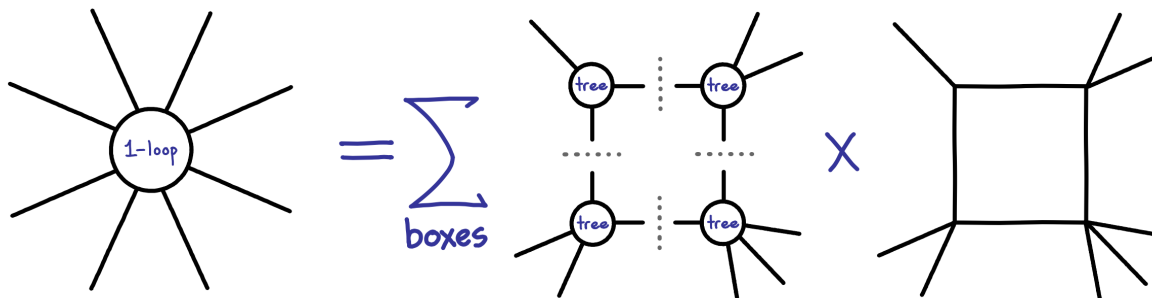
C - is nXk matrix - a point in Grassmannian

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This is multidimensional integral over multiple complex variables, which can be computed by residues. Different choices of integration contour gives different BCFW representations for tree amplitudes and leading singularities to all loop order (!). Also this is the most general form of rational Yangian invariant. And do not forget about twistor strings!

# About leading singularities ...

1-loop example. Roughly speaking leading singularities are coefficients before master integrals in loop corrections to the amplitudes.



l-loop example:

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$$\sum_{\text{graphs}} \left( \int_{\text{graphs}} \frac{d^{(k-2)(n-k-2)} \tau}{(12\dots k) \dots (n1\dots k-1)} \delta^4(C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \right) \times \text{box diagram}$$

The equation shows a sum over graphs of an integral over graphs of a fraction involving the dimension  $d^{(k-2)(n-k-2)}$ , a measure  $\tau$ , and a delta function  $\delta^4(C \cdot \tilde{\eta})$ , multiplied by a box diagram with four external lines and an ellipsis inside.

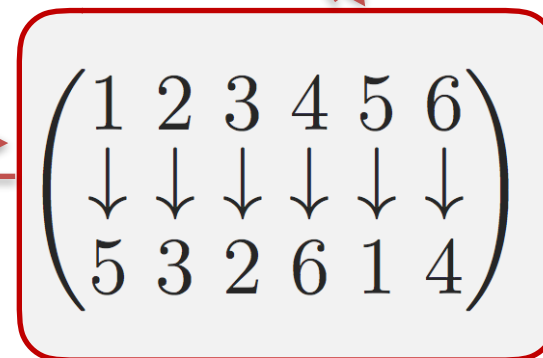
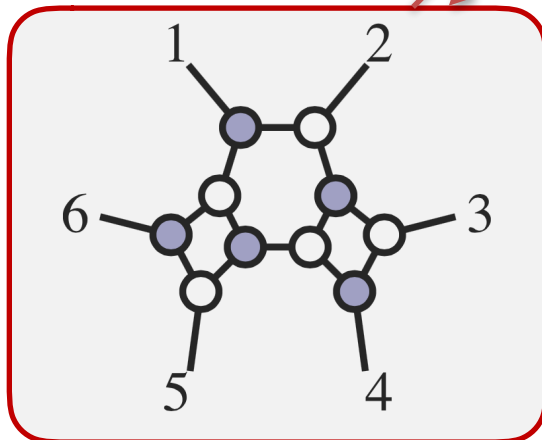
# Grassmannian integral, on shell diagrams and (decorated) permutations.

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{1}{M_1 \dots M_n} \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left( \sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \tilde{\lambda}_l \right) \delta^4 \left( \sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \eta_l \right) \times \prod_{b=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left( \sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{C}_{al} \lambda_l \right).$$

There is one to one correspondence between the following objects:

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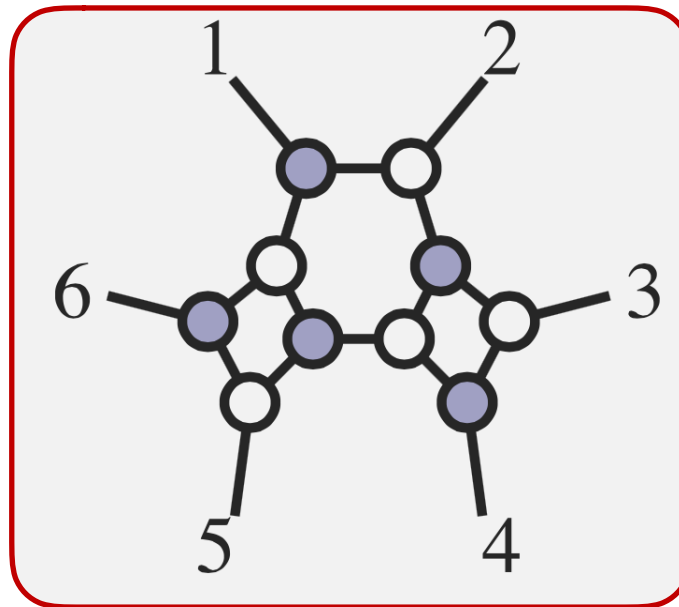


# Grassmannian integral, on shell diagrams and (decorated) permutations.

$$A_{3,0}(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}) = \int \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha_1 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_2 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \times \delta^2(\lambda_3 + \alpha_1 \lambda_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2) \times \delta^4(\eta_1 + \alpha_1 \eta_3) \delta^4(\eta_2 + \alpha_2 \eta_3),$$

$$A_{3,-1}(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}) = \int \frac{d\beta_1}{\beta_1} \frac{d\beta_2}{\beta_2} \delta^2(\lambda_1 + \beta_1 \lambda_3) \delta^2(\lambda_2 + \beta_2 \lambda_3) \times \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_3 + \beta_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \beta_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2) \times \delta^4(\eta_3 + \beta_1 \eta_1 + \beta_2 \eta_2).$$

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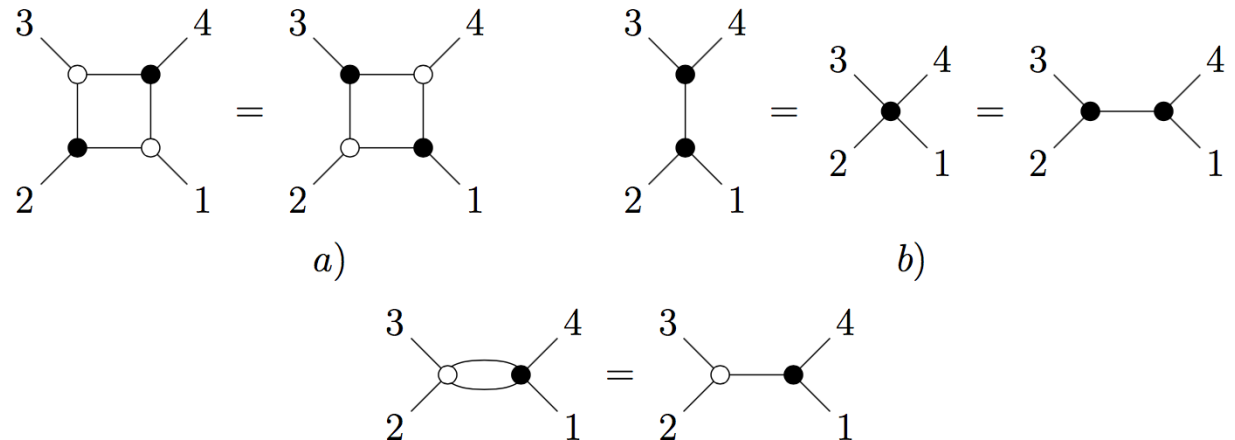
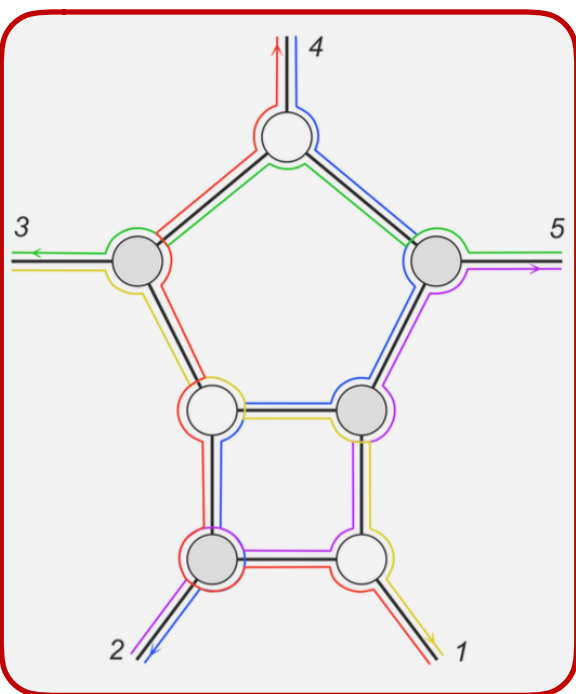


# Grassmannian integral, on shell top-cell diagram.

- Every Grassmannian integral can be reduced to:

$$\oint \frac{f_1}{f_1} \oint \frac{f_2}{f_2} \dots \oint \frac{f_d}{f_d} \delta^{k \times 2}(C(f_i) \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{k \times 4}(C(f_i) \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^{(n-k) \times 2}(C^\perp(f_i) \cdot \lambda)$$

- On shell diagrams are equivalent after:



Top-cell for NMHV<sub>5</sub>

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# Grassmannian integral and form factors.

- In general it is likely that:

$$\Omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma] = \sum_i \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{k \times n+2} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \text{Reg}^{(i)} \cdot \frac{\delta^{k \times 2} (C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{k \times 4} (C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^{(n+2-k) \times 2} (C^\perp \cdot \lambda)}{(1 \dots k) \dots (n-1 \ n \dots k-2)(n \ 1 \dots k-1)}$$

$$\text{Form factor}_n^{\text{tree}} = \Omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma_{\text{tree}}], \quad C \cdot C^\perp = \mathbf{1}$$

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- For example for stress tensor operator with light like momenta:

$$\Omega_n^{(k)}[\Gamma] = \sum_{j=4}^{k+1} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n+1 \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\text{Reg}_j^{R,(k)}}{M_1 \dots M_{n+1}} \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, j-1, q, j, \dots, n) +$$

$$+ \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n+1 \times k} C_{al}}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\text{Reg}_n^{L,(k)}}{M_1 \dots M_{n+1}} \delta^{4|4}(1, \dots, n, q),$$

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$$\text{Reg}_j^{R,(k)} = \langle q1 \rangle \frac{(kk+2 \ 3 \dots k)}{(13 \dots j-1 \ j+1 \dots n+1)} + \sum_{i=j}^{k+1} \langle qi \rangle \frac{(13 \ 4 \dots i \ i+2 \dots k+2)}{(13 \dots j-1 \ j+1 \dots n+1)}$$

$$\text{Reg}_n^{L,(k)} = \langle q1 \rangle \frac{(nn+1 \ 3 \dots k)}{(1n \ 3 \dots k)},$$

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# Gauge invariant off-shell amplitudes - Wilson line form factors.

- One can consider the following interesting objects.

$$\mathcal{W}_p^c(k) = \int d^4x e^{ix \cdot k} \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi g} t^c \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ \frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds p \cdot A_b(x + sp) t^b \right] \right\}$$

$$k_T^\mu(q) = k^\mu - x(q)p^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad x(q) = \frac{q \cdot k}{q \cdot p} \quad \text{and} \quad q^2 = 0$$

$$k_T^\mu(q) = -\frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{\langle p | \gamma^\mu | q \rangle}{[pq]} - \frac{\kappa^*}{2} \frac{\langle q | \gamma^\mu | p \rangle}{\langle qp \rangle} \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \frac{\langle q | \not{k} | p \rangle}{\langle qp \rangle}, \quad \kappa^* = \frac{\langle p | \not{k} | q \rangle}{[pq]}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{m+n} (1, \dots, m, (m+1)^* \dots (n+m)^*) =$$

$$\langle k_1, \epsilon_1, c_1; \dots; k_m, \epsilon_m, c_m | \mathcal{W}_{p_{m+1}}^{c_{m+1}}(k_{m+1}) \dots \mathcal{W}_{p_{n+m}}^{c_{n+m}}(k_{n+m}) | 0 \rangle$$

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# Gauge invariant off-shell amplitudes - Wilson line form factors.

• By the way it is also possible to consider:

$$\mathcal{A}_{0+n} (1^* \dots n^*) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{W}_{p_1}^{c_1}(k_1) \dots \mathcal{W}_{p_n}^{c_n}(k_n) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\mu \text{-----} \nu = \frac{-g^{\mu\nu}}{k^2}, \quad \text{-----} = \frac{1}{2p \cdot k}, \quad \text{---} = \frac{1}{\not{k}}, \quad \text{-----} = \frac{1}{k^2},$$

$$\text{-----} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ | \\ \text{-----} \\ \mu \end{array} = \sqrt{2} p^\mu,$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \\ | \\ \bullet \\ / \quad \backslash \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma^\mu,$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \\ | \\ \bullet \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 3 \quad 2 \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (p_2 - p_3)^\mu,$$

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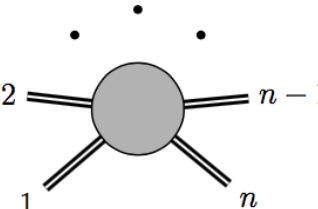
$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \bullet \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 3 \quad 2 \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(k_1 - k_2)^{\mu_3} g^{\mu_1 \mu_2} + (k_2 - k_3)^{\mu_1} g^{\mu_2 \mu_3} + (k_3 - k_1)^{\mu_2} g^{\mu_3 \mu_1}].$$

# Gauge invariant off-shell amplitudes - Wilson line form factors.

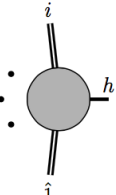
- Also version of BCFW recursion exists:

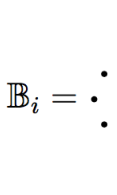
$$\hat{k}_i^\mu(z) \equiv k_i^\mu + ze^\mu = x_i(p_j)p_i^\mu - \frac{\kappa_i - [ij]z \langle i|\gamma^\mu|j \rangle}{2 [ij]} - \frac{\kappa_i^* \langle j|\gamma^\mu|i \rangle}{2 \langle ji \rangle},$$

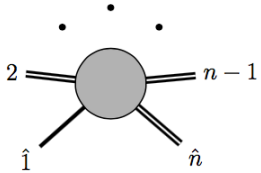
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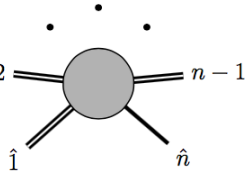


$$= \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \sum_h \mathbb{A}_{i,h} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \mathbb{B}_i + \mathbb{C} + \mathbb{D},$$



$$\mathbb{A}_{i,h} = \dots \frac{1}{k_{1,i}^2} \dots$$


$$\mathbb{B}_i = \dots \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot k_{i,n}} \dots$$


$$\mathbb{C} = \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \dots$$


$$\mathbb{D} = \frac{1}{\kappa_n^*} \dots$$

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# Gauge invariant off-shell amplitudes - Willson line form factors.

- Examples of answers:**

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$$A_{2,3+1}^*(1^+2^+3^-4^*) = \frac{1}{\kappa^*} \frac{\langle 3p \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 3p \rangle \langle p1 \rangle}.$$

k is related to total helicity of  
on shell particles:

total h. = m+2n -2k

m is the number of on-shell particles

n is the number of off-shell once.

$$A_{2,3+1}^*(1^-2^-3^+4^*) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{[3p]^4}{[12][23][3p][p1]}$$

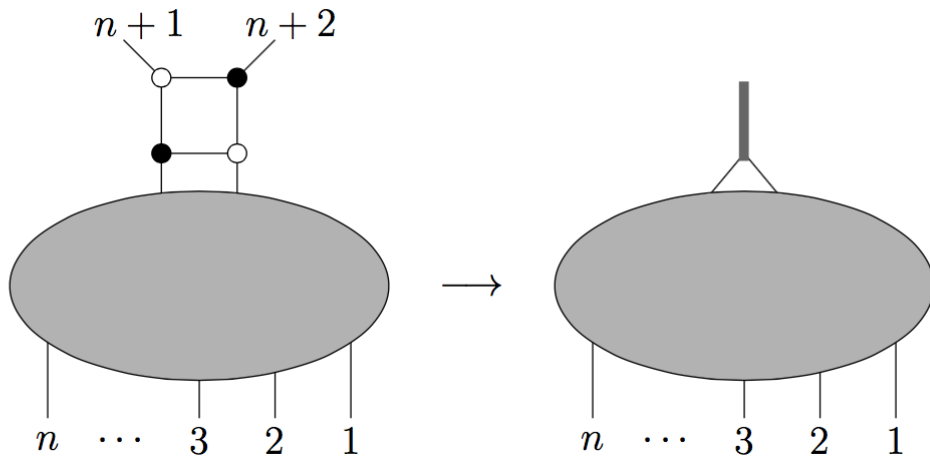
$$A_{3,4+1}^*(1^+2^+3^-4^-5^*) = \frac{1}{\kappa^*} \frac{\langle p|3+4|2 \rangle^3}{\langle p1 \rangle [23] [34] p_{2,4}^2 \langle 1|2+3|4 \rangle} + \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\langle 3|1+2|p \rangle^3}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle [4p] p_{1,3}^2 \langle 1|2+3|4 \rangle}.$$

$$A_{3,0+3}^*(1^*, 2^*, 3^*) = (1 + \mathbb{P}' + \mathbb{P}'^2) \frac{1}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_3} \frac{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle^3 [p_2 p_3]^3}{\langle p_2 | k_1 | p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_3 \rangle \langle p_1 | k_3 | p_2 \rangle}.$$

# ... what if ?

- **“Minimal off-shell amplitude”**:

$$A_{2,2+1}^*(1^*, 2, 3) = \frac{1}{\kappa_1^*} \prod_{A=1}^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_p^A} \left[ \frac{\delta^4(k + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \delta^8(\lambda_p \tilde{\eta}_p + \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\eta}_3)}{\langle p2 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 3p \rangle} \right]$$



- **Replace set of vertexes in proper on-shell diagram with “Minimal off-shell amplitude”.**

- **Or modify integrand such that:**

$$\Omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma_{tree}] \Big|_{\xi \mapsto \epsilon \xi} = \frac{1}{\kappa^*} L_{n+1}^k[\Gamma'_{tree}] + O(\epsilon).$$



# Conjecture and examples.

$$\Omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{k \times (n+2)} C'}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \text{Reg.} \frac{\delta^{k \times 2} (C' \cdot \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}) \delta^{k \times 4} (C' \cdot \underline{\tilde{\eta}}) \delta^{(n+2-k) \times 2} (C'^{\perp} \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(1 \cdots k) \cdots (n+1 \cdots k-2)(n+2 \ 1 \cdots k-1)}$$

with

$$\text{Reg.} = \frac{\langle \xi p \rangle (n+2 \ 1 \cdots k-1)}{\kappa^* (n+1 \ 1 \cdots k-1)},$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \underline{\lambda}_i = \lambda_i, & i = 1, \dots, n, & \underline{\lambda}_{n+1} = \lambda_p, & \underline{\lambda}_{n+2} = \xi \\ \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_i = \tilde{\lambda}_i, & i = 1, \dots, n, & \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_{n+1} = \frac{\langle \xi | k \rangle}{\langle \xi p \rangle}, & \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_{n+2} = -\frac{\langle p | k \rangle}{\langle \xi p \rangle} \\ \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_i = \tilde{\eta}_i, & i = 1, \dots, n, & \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_{n+1} = \tilde{\eta}_p, & \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_{n+2} = 0. \end{array}$$

$$A_{k,n+1}^* = \Omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma_{k,n+2}]$$

# Conjecture and examples.

- One can work also in momentum twistor variables:

$$\frac{A_{k,n+1}^*}{A_{2,n+1}^*} = \omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma_{k,n+2}],$$

$$\omega_{n+2}^k[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{(k-2) \times (n+2)} D}{\text{Vol}[GL(k-2)]} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p\xi \rangle}{\langle p1 \rangle} \frac{(n+2 \ 2 \ \dots \ k-2)}{(1 \ \dots \ k-2)}} \frac{\delta^{4(k-2)|4(k-2)}(D \cdot \mathcal{Z})}{(1 \ \dots \ k-2) \ \dots \ (n+2 \ \dots \ k-3)}$$

- Examples:

$$A_{3,3+1}^* = \frac{\langle \xi p \rangle}{\kappa^*} \int \frac{d^{3 \times 5} C'}{\text{Vol}[GL(3)]} \frac{(512)}{(412)} \frac{\delta^6(C' \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^8(C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^4(C'^{\perp} \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(123)(234)(345)(451)(512)}$$

$$C' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & c'_{14} = \frac{[15]}{[45]} & c'_{15} = \frac{[14]}{[45]} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & c'_{24} = \frac{[25]}{[45]} & c'_{25} = \frac{[24]}{[45]} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c'_{34} = \frac{[35]}{[45]} & c'_{35} = \frac{[34]}{[45]} \end{pmatrix} \quad [i5] = \frac{[i|k|p]}{\langle \xi p \rangle}, \quad [i4] = \frac{[i|k|\xi]}{\langle \xi p \rangle}, \quad [45] = \frac{k^2}{\langle \xi p \rangle}$$

$$k^2 = \kappa^* \kappa, \quad k|p\rangle = |p\rangle \kappa^*.$$

$$A_{3,3+1}^* = \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + k) \frac{\kappa^3}{[1p][p3][32][21]} \prod_{i=1}^3 \delta^4 \left( \tilde{\eta}_i + \frac{[pi]}{\kappa} \tilde{\eta}_p \right)$$

# Conjecture and examples.

$$\Omega_{4+1}^k[\Gamma] = \frac{\langle \xi p \rangle}{\kappa^*} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{3 \times 6} C'}{\text{Vol}[GL(3)]} \frac{(612)}{(512)} \frac{\delta^6(C' \cdot \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}) \delta^8(C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\eta}}) \delta^4(C'^{\perp} \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(123)(234)(345)(456)(561)(612)}$$

$$\Omega_{4+2}^3[\Gamma_{135}] \Big|_{\tilde{\eta}_3^4 \tilde{\eta}_4^4 \tilde{\eta}_5^4} = \{1\} + \{3\} + \{5\} = A_{3,4+1}^*(1^+ 2^+ 3^- 4^- 5^*)$$

- One can work also in momentum twistor variables:

$$\omega_{4+2}^3[\Gamma_{246}] = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p\xi \rangle \langle 1345 \rangle}{\langle p1 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}} [13456] + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p\xi \rangle \langle 1235 \rangle}{\langle p1 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle}} [12356] + [12345] = \frac{A_{3,4+1}^*}{A_{2,4+1}^*}$$

- Closed solution:

$$\omega_{n+2}^3[\Gamma_{3,n+2}] = \frac{A_{3,n+1}^*}{A_{2,n+1}^*} \quad \omega_{n+2}^3[\Gamma_{3,n+2}] = \sum_{i < j}^{n+2} c_j [1 \ i \ -1 \ i \ j \ -1 \ j].$$

$$c_{n+2} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p\xi \rangle \langle 1 \ i-1 \ i \ n+1 \rangle}{\langle p1 \rangle \langle i-1 \ i \ n+1 \ n+2 \rangle}}, \text{ and } c_j = 1 \text{ if } j < n + 2.$$

# What about multiple Willson line operators?

$$\mathcal{A}_{m+n}(1, \dots, m, (m+1)^* \dots (n+m)^*) = \langle k_1, \epsilon_1, c_1; \dots; k_m, \epsilon_m, c_m | \mathcal{W}_{p_{m+1}}^{c_{m+1}}(k_{m+1}) \dots \mathcal{W}_{p_{n+m}}^{c_{n+m}}(k_{n+m}) | 0 \rangle$$

- From general considerations possible answer may look like:

$$\Omega_{m+2n}^k[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{k \times (m+2n)} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \text{Reg.}(m+1, \dots, m+n) \times$$

$$\times \frac{\delta^{k \times 2}(C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}) \delta^{k \times 4}(C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\eta}}) \delta^{(m+2n-k) \times 2}(C^\perp \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(1 \dots k) \dots (m \dots m+k-1)(m+1 \dots m+k) \dots (m+2n \dots k-1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\lambda}_i &= \lambda_i, & i &= 1, \dots, m, & \underline{\lambda}_{m+2j-1} &= \lambda_{p_j}, & \underline{\lambda}_{m+2j} &= \xi_j, & j &= 1, \dots, n, \\ \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_i &= \tilde{\lambda}_i, & i &= 1, \dots, m, & \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_{m+2j-1} &= \frac{\langle \xi_j | k_{m+j} \rangle}{\langle \xi_j p_j \rangle}, & \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}_{m+2j} &= -\frac{\langle p_j | k_{m+j} \rangle}{\langle \xi_j p_j \rangle}, & j &= 1, \dots, n, \\ \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_i &= \tilde{\eta}_i, & i &= 1, \dots, m, & \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_{m+2j-1} &= \tilde{\eta}_{p_j}, & \underline{\tilde{\eta}}_{m+2j} &= 0, & j &= 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

- But what about Reg. function ?

# What about multiple Willson line operators?

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$$\text{Reg.}(m+1, \dots, m+n) = \prod_{j=1}^n \text{Reg}(j+m),$$

$$\text{Reg.}(j+m) = \frac{\langle \xi_j p_j \rangle}{\kappa_j^*} \frac{(2j+m \quad 2j+1+m \cdots 2j+k-1+m)}{(2j-1+m \quad 2j+1+m \cdots 2j+k-1+m)}$$

# What about multiple Willson line operators?

- Different verifications of the given above formula was performed. (-/-  $g^*g^*$ ), arbitrary number of + gluons and  $g^*,g^*$  etc. It is working!!
- Some examples:

$$\Omega_{1+4}^3 = \int \frac{d^{3 \times 5} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(3)]} \text{Reg.}(2) \text{Reg.}(3) \frac{\delta^{3 \times 2} (C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}) \delta^{3 \times 4} (C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\eta}}) \delta^{2 \times 2} (C^\perp \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(123)(234)(345)(451)(512)}$$

$$\text{Reg.}(2) = \frac{\langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle (345)}{\kappa_2^* (245)}, \quad \text{Reg.}(3) = \frac{\langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle (512)}{\kappa_3^* (412)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_1^4} \prod_{j=2}^3 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{p_j}^4} \Omega_{1+4}^3 &= \frac{\langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle}{\kappa_2^* \kappa_3^*} \frac{[p_2 p_3]^3 \kappa_2^{*3} \kappa_3^{*3} \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-3} \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-3}}{[1p_2] \kappa_2^* \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-1} \kappa_2 \kappa_2^* \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-1} \kappa_3 \kappa_3^* \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-1} [p_3 1] \kappa_3^* \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa_2 \kappa_3} \frac{[p_2 p_3]^3}{[1p_2][p_3 1]}. \end{aligned}$$

# What about multiple Willson line operators?

- Most exiting once. Correlation function  $\langle WWW \rangle$ :

$$\Omega_{0+6}^3[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{3 \times 6} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(3)]} \prod_{i=1}^3 \text{Reg.}(i) \frac{\delta^{3 \times 2}(C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\lambda}}) \delta^{3 \times 4}(C \cdot \underline{\tilde{\eta}}) \delta^{3 \times 2}(C^{\perp} \cdot \underline{\lambda})}{(123)(234)(345)(456)(561)(612)},$$

with

$$\text{Reg.}(1) = \frac{\langle p_1 \xi_1 \rangle}{\kappa_1^*} \frac{(234)}{(134)}, \quad \text{Reg.}(2) = \frac{\langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle}{\kappa_2^*} \frac{(456)}{(356)}, \quad \text{Reg.}(3) = \frac{\langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle}{\kappa_3^*} \frac{(612)}{(512)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{1\} &= \frac{\langle p_1 \xi_1 \rangle \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_2^* \kappa_3^*} \frac{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle^3 [p_2 p_3]^3 \kappa_2^{*3} \kappa_3^{*3} \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-3} \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-3}}{\kappa_3 \kappa_3^* \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-2} \langle p_1 \xi_1 \rangle \kappa_3^* \kappa_2^{*2} \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-2} \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_3 \rangle \langle p_1 | k_3 | p_2 \rangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_3} \frac{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle^3 [p_2 p_3]^3}{\langle p_2 | k_1 | p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_3 \rangle \langle p_1 | k_3 | p_2 \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\prod_{j=1,2,3}^3 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{p_j}^4} \Omega_{0+6}^3[\Gamma_{135}] = \{1\} + \{3\} + \{5\} = A_{3,0+3}^*(g_1^*, g_2^*, g_3^*)$$

# What about multiple Willson line operators?

- **Closed solutions:**

$$\frac{A_{3,m+2}^*(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m, (m+1)^*, (m+2)^*)}{A_{2,m+2}^*(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m, (m+1)^*, (m+2)^*)} = \omega_{m+4}^3[\Gamma_{tree}] = \sum_{i < j} c_{ij} [1_i - 1_{ij} - 1_j].$$

$c_{ij} = 0$ , if there are no  $m+3$  among  $i-1, i, j-1, j$ .

$$c_{m+3j} = 0,$$

$$c_{i,m+3} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_{m+1} \xi_{m+1} \rangle \langle 1_{i-1} m+2 \rangle}{\langle p_{m+1} p_{m+2} \rangle \langle 1_{i-1} m+3 \rangle}},$$

$$c_{i,m+4} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_{m+2} \xi_{m+2} \rangle \langle 1_{i-1} m+3 \rangle}{\langle p_{m+2} 1 \rangle \langle i-1 m+3 m+4 \rangle}},$$

$$c_{m+2,m+4} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_{m+1} \xi_{m+1} \rangle \langle 1_{m+1} m+3 m+4 \rangle}{\langle p_{m+1} p_{m+2} \rangle \langle 1_{m+1} m+2 m+4 \rangle}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_{m+2} \xi_{m+2} \rangle \langle 1_{m+1} m+2 m+3 \rangle}{\langle p_{m+2} 1 \rangle \langle m+1 m+2 m+3 m+4 \rangle}}.$$

$k=3$  is related to total helicity of on shell particles:  
 total h. =  $m+2n-2k$   
 $m$  is the number of on-shell particles  
 $n$  is the number of off-shell once.



# What about multiple Willson line operators?

- What we have left behind: Relation to integrable systems.

$$\mathcal{S}_+(n, i-1, i) = \frac{\langle ni \rangle}{\langle ni-1 \rangle \langle i-1i \rangle},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_-(n, i-1, i) = \frac{1}{[ni-1][i-1i][in]^3} \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_n[ii-1] + \eta_i[ni-1] + \eta_{i-1}[in])$$

$$(\mathcal{S}_+(n1n-1))^* X|_{sub.} = R(0)_{n1} R(0)_{nn-1} X \delta^2(\lambda_n),$$

$$\mathcal{S}_-(n1n-1) X|_{sub.} = R(0)_{n1} R(0)_{12} X \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_n) \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_n).$$

Where R's are R-matrixes of  $\mathfrak{gl}(4|4)$  spin chain

(Chicerin, Derkachov, Krichner, Staudacher et. all 13-14):

$$R_{12}(u) = \int \frac{dz}{z^{1-u}} \exp[-z(\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{x}_2)],$$

Where  $\mathbf{x}_i = (\lambda_i, \partial/\partial\tilde{\lambda}_i, \partial/\partial\eta_i)$  and  $\mathbf{p}_i = (\partial/\partial\lambda_i, -\tilde{\lambda}_i, -\eta_i)$ .  $L(u)$  matrix is given by

$$L(u) = u\mathbb{I} + \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{p}, \tag{B.147}$$

The subtleties with (pseudo)vacuum state for form factors. Form factors (in general) are eigenvectors of  $\text{Tr}(M)$  while amplitudes are eigenvectors of  $M$ .

$$\tag{B.146}$$

# Conclusions.

- **The set of variables and methods which initially was associated with on-shell scattering amplitudes can be successfully applied to all type of gauge invariant objects in N=4 SYM ???**
- **Twistor string description ?**
- **Proper description in terms of integrable system.**
- **More loops/legs !!**
- **Chern-Simons theory generalisation.**
- **...**

# Twistor String theory origins of Grassmannian representation.

- Let's consider the following

worldsheet model:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Sigma} W \cdot \bar{\partial}Z - Z \cdot \bar{\partial}W + aZ \cdot W$$

- “ambiTwistor string theory”

- Where our lambda's are now worldsheet fields:

$$Z = (\lambda_{\alpha}, \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}, \chi^r) \in \mathbb{T}$$

$$W = (\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\chi}) \in \mathbb{T}^*$$

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(1404.6219v2) ~14

- Then one can define the following vertex operators:

$$\mathcal{V}_a = \int \frac{ds_a}{s_a} \bar{\delta}^2 |_{\mathcal{N}} (\lambda_a - s_a \lambda | \eta_a - s_a \chi) e^{is_a [\mu \tilde{\lambda}_a]} J \cdot t_a$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_a = \int \frac{ds_a}{s_a} \bar{\delta}^2 (\tilde{\lambda}_a - s_a \tilde{\lambda}) e^{is_a (\langle \tilde{\mu} \lambda_a \rangle + \tilde{\chi}_r \eta_a^r)} J \cdot t_a$$

# Twistor String theory origins of Grassmannian representation.

- Then one can consider the correlation function of vertex operators:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\langle \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_1 \dots \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_k \mathcal{V}_{k+1} \dots \mathcal{V}_n \right\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \int \frac{1}{\text{Vol GL}(2, \mathbb{C})} \prod_{a=1}^n \frac{ds_a d\sigma_a}{s_a (\sigma_a - \sigma_{a+1})} \prod_{i=1}^k \bar{\delta}^2(\tilde{\lambda}_i - s_i \tilde{\lambda})$$

- $\mathcal{N}^k$  MHV amplitude in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM. 
$$\prod_{p=k+1}^n \bar{\delta}^{2|\mathcal{N}}(\lambda_p - s_p \lambda(\sigma_p), \eta_p - s_p \chi(\sigma_p)).$$

- In fact here are whole family of twistor string theories with correlation of the form:

$$\int_{\Sigma} d^{2n-4} \zeta \mu(\zeta) \prod_{\alpha} \delta^{4|4}(C_{\alpha a}^*(\zeta_I) \mathcal{W}_a)$$

Witten ~04  
Bercovits ~04  
Masson&Co ~13

- Which are related to tree amplitudes in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM and in  $\mathcal{N}=8$  SUGRA.