

# Handling Handles: Non-Planar AdS/CFT Integrability

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# Non-Planar Processes: Idea

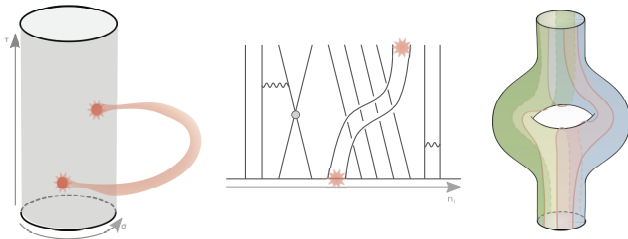
**Hexagonalization:** Works for planar (4,5)-point functions [Fleury '16] [Fleury '17]  
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**Extend to non-planar processes?**

- ▶ Fix worldsheet topology
- ▶ Dissect into planar hexagons
- ▶ Glue hexagons (mirror states)

**Simple Proposal:**

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle^{\text{full}} = \frac{1}{N_c^{n-2}} \sum_g \frac{1}{N_c^{2g}} \sum_{\text{graphs (genus } g)} \prod_c d_c^{\ell_c} \sum_{\text{mirror states}} \mathcal{H}_1 \mathcal{H}_2 \mathcal{H}_3 \dots \mathcal{H}_F$$



# Sum over Graphs: Cutting the Torus

**Sum over propagator graphs:** Split into

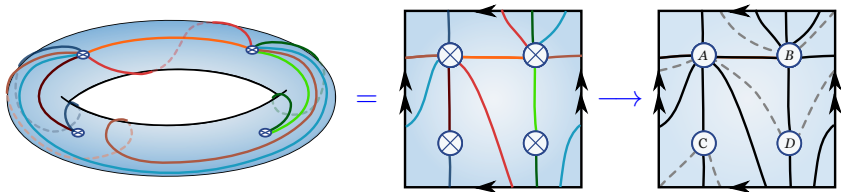
- ▶ Sum over graphs with non-parallel edges ( $\equiv$  “bridges”)
- ▶ Sum over distributions of parallel propagators on bridges

**Torus with four punctures:** *How many hexagons/bridges?*

Euler:  $F + V - E = 2 - 2g$ .

Our case:  $g = 1$ ,  $V = 4$ ,  $E = \frac{3}{2}F \Rightarrow F = 8$ ,  $E = 12$ .

→ **Construct** all genus-one graphs with 4 punctures and **up to** 12 edges.



Propagators may populate  $< 12$  bridges and still form a genus-one graph. Such graphs will contain **higher polygons** besides hexagons.

→ **Subdivide** into hexagons by inserting **zero-length bridges (ZLBs)**

# Maximal Graphs

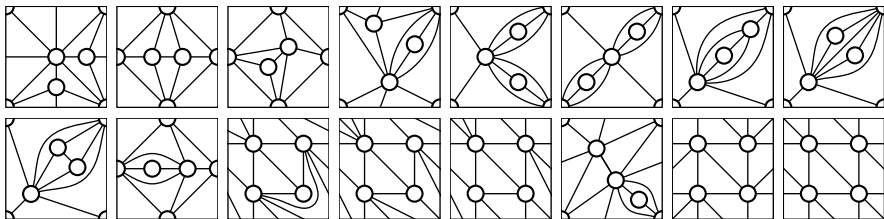
**Focus on Maximal Graphs:** Graphs with a maximal number of edges.

- ▶ Adding any further edge would increase the genus
- ▶ Maximal graphs  $\Leftrightarrow$  triangulations of the torus.

**Construction:**

- ▶ **Manually:** Add one operator at a time, in all possible ways.
- ▶ **Computer algorithm:** Start with the empty graph, add one bridge in all possible ways, iterate.  $\rightarrow$  **Systematic.**

**Complete list of maximal graphs:**



# Submaximal Graphs

**Submaximal graphs:** Graphs with a **non-maximal** number of edges.

- ▶ Obtained from maximal graphs by deleting bridges.
- ▶ Number of genus-one graphs by number of bridges:

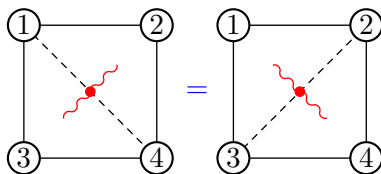
#bridges:	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	$\leq 4$
#graphs:	7	28	117	254	323	222	79	11	0

## Hexagonalization:

Submaximal graphs contain **higher polygons** (octagons, decagons, ...).

- ▶ Must be subdivided into hexagons by zero-length bridges.
- ▶ Subdivision is not physical: Can pick any (flip invariance):

[Fleury '16  
Komatsu]



# The Data: Kinematics

Half-BPS operators:

$$Q_i^k \equiv \text{Tr}[(\alpha_i \cdot \Phi(x_i))^k], \quad \Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_6), \quad \alpha_i^2 = 0.$$

For equal weights  $(k, k, k, k)$ : Expand in  $X, Y, Z$ :

$$X \equiv \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \cdot \alpha_4}{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2} = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \text{---} \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \text{---} \textcircled{4} \end{array}, \quad Y \equiv \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ | \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{2} \\ | \\ \textcircled{4} \end{array}, \quad Z \equiv \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \quad \textcircled{2} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \textcircled{3} \quad \textcircled{4} \end{array}.$$

Focus on  $Z = 0$  (polarizations):

[ Arutyunov Sokatchev '03 ] [ Arutyunov, Penati '03 Santambrogio, Sokatchev ]

$$G_k \equiv \langle Q_1^k Q_2^k Q_3^k Q_4^k \rangle_{\text{loops}} = R \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} \mathcal{F}_{k,m} X^m Y^{k-2-m}$$

Supersymmetry factor:  $R = z\bar{z}X^2 - (z + \bar{z})XY + Y^2$

**Main data:** Coefficients  $\mathcal{F}_{k,m} = \mathcal{F}_{k,m}(g; z, \bar{z})$

$$\text{Cross ratios: } z\bar{z} = s = \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad (1-z)(1-\bar{z}) = t = \frac{x_{23}^2 x_{14}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}.$$

# The Data: Quantum Coefficients

Data Functions: Correlator coefficients:

$$\mathcal{F}_{k,m} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} g^{2\ell} \mathcal{F}_{k,m}^{(\ell)}(z, \bar{z}), \quad \text{'t Hooft coupling: } g^2 = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N_c}{16\pi^2}.$$

One and two loops: Two ingredients: **Box integrals**

$$F^{(1)}(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^4 x_5}{x_{15}^2 x_{25}^2 x_{35}^2 x_{45}^2} = \text{[Box Diagram]},$$

$$\frac{F^{(2)}(z, \bar{z})}{x_{14}^2} = \frac{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}{(\pi^2)^2} \int \frac{d^4 x_5 d^4 x_6}{x_{15}^2 x_{25}^2 x_{45}^2 x_{56}^2 x_{16}^2 x_{36}^2 x_{46}^2} = \text{[Box with Diamond Diagram]},$$

& Color factors:

$$C_{k,m}^i \in \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{[Four diagrams with vertices 1, 2, 3, 4 and internal lines]} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_k}), \quad \text{[Vertex with lines]} = f_{ab}^c$$

# The Data: Color Factors

To obtain non-planar corrections: Need to **expand color factors**.

$$C_{k,m}^i = N_c^{2k} k^4 \left( \bullet C_{k,m}^i + \circ C_{k,m}^i N_c^{-2} + \mathcal{O}(N_c^{-4}) \right), \quad i \in \{a, b, c, d\},$$

Compute by **brute force**:

$k$	$m$	$\frac{1}{2} \circ C_{k,m}^{1,U}$	$\frac{1}{2} \circ C_{k,m}^{1,SU}$	$\circ C_{k,m}^{a,U}$	$2 \circ C_{k,m}^{b,U}$	$\frac{1}{2} \circ C_{k,m}^{c,U}$	$\circ C_{k,m}^{d,U}$	$\circ C_{k,m}^{a,SU}$	$2 \circ C_{k,m}^{b,SU}$	$\frac{1}{2} \circ C_{k,m}^{c,SU}$	$\circ C_{k,m}^{d,SU}$
2	0	1	1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1
3	0	1	9	-5	-2	-1	-1	-9	-18	-9	-9
3	1	1	9	0	3	-1	-1	0	-5	-9	-9
4	0	-5	13	-7	10	5	5	-25	-26	-13	-13
4	1	-12	24	4	15	13	14	-23	-21	-23	-22
4	2	-5	13	0	21	5	5	0	3	-13	-13
5	0	-23	9	-1	46	23	23	-33	-18	-9	-9
5	1	-51	13	31	47	55	59	-33	-17	-9	-5
5	2	-51	13	39	76	55	59	-9	12	-9	-5
5	3	-23	9	0	63	23	23	0	31	-9	-9
6	0	-61	-11	20	122	61	61	-30	22	11	11
6	1	-126	-26	92	107	135	144	-8	7	35	44
6	2	-159	-59	139	187	175	191	39	87	75	91
6	3	-126	-26	110	201	135	144	35	101	35	44
6	4	-61	-11	0	139	61	61	0	89	11	11

also:  $k = 7, 8, 9$ . All color factors are **quartic polynomials** in  $m$  and  $k$ .



# The Data: Result

$$\mathcal{F}_{k,m}^{(1),U}(z, \bar{z}) = -\frac{2k^2}{N_c^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left[ \frac{17}{6}r^4 - \frac{7}{4}r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] k^4 + \left[ \frac{9}{2}r^2 - \frac{13}{8} \right] k^3 + \left[ \frac{1}{6}r^2 + \frac{15}{8} \right] k^2 - \frac{1}{2}k \right] \right\} F^{(1)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{k,m}^{(2),U}(z, \bar{z}) = & \frac{4k^2}{N_c^2} \left[ \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left[ \frac{17}{6}r^4 - \frac{7}{4}r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] k^4 + \left[ \frac{9}{2}r^2 - \frac{13}{8} \right] k^3 + \left[ \frac{1}{6}r^2 + \frac{15}{8} \right] k^2 - \frac{1}{2}k \right] \right\} F^{(2)} \right. \\ & + \left\{ \frac{t}{4} + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left( \left[ \frac{7}{2}r^2 - \frac{1}{8} \right] k^2 + \frac{5}{8}k - \frac{1}{4} \right) s_+ - r \left( \left[ \frac{17}{6}r^2 - \frac{7}{8} \right] k^3 + 3k^2 - \frac{13}{12}k \right) s_- \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \left( \left[ \frac{29}{24}r^4 - \frac{11}{16}r^2 + \frac{15}{128} \right] k^4 + \left[ \frac{17}{8}r^2 - \frac{21}{32} \right] k^3 - \left[ \frac{23}{24}r^2 - \frac{39}{32} \right] k^2 - \frac{9}{8}k + \frac{1}{2} \right) t \right] \right\} \left( F^{(1)} \right)^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ r \left\{ \left[ \frac{7}{6}r^2 - \frac{1}{8} \right] k^3 + \frac{3}{2}k^2 + \frac{10}{3}k \right\} F_{C,-}^{(2)} \right. \\ & \left. + \left\{ \left[ \frac{5}{4}r^2 - \frac{19}{48} \right] k^3 + \left[ \frac{3}{2}r^2 + \frac{7}{8} \right] k^2 + \frac{1}{3}k \right\} F_{C,+}^{(2)} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 + \frac{(k-1)(k^3 + 3k^2 - 46k + 36)}{12N_c^2} \right\} (s\delta_{m,0} + \delta_{m,k-2}) \left( F^{(1)} \right)^2 \\ & \left. + \left\{ 1 + \frac{(k-2)_4}{12N_c^2} \right\} \left( \delta_{m,0} F_{z-1}^{(2)} + \delta_{m,k-2} F_{1-z}^{(2)} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $r = (m+1)/k - 1/2$ .

$\mathcal{F}_{k,m}$ : Coefficient of  $X^m Y^{k-2-m}$ .

# First Test: Large $k$ : Data and Graphs

Focus on leading order in large  $k \rightarrow$  several simplifications:

**Data:**  $\mathcal{F}_{k,m}^{(1),U}(z, \bar{z}) = -\frac{2k^2}{N_c^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left[ \frac{17}{6}r^4 - \frac{7}{4}r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] k^4 + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right] \right\} F^{(1)},$

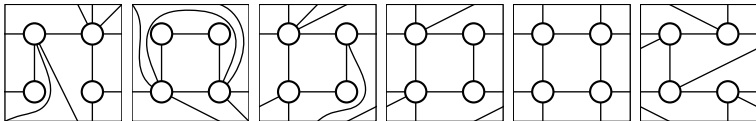
$$\mathcal{F}_{k,m}^{(2),U}(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{4k^2}{N_c^2} \left\{ \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left[ \frac{17}{6}r^4 - \frac{7}{4}r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] k^4 + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right] \right\} F^{(2)} \right. \\ \left. + \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \left[ \left[ \frac{29}{6}r^4 - \frac{11}{4}r^2 + \frac{15}{32} \right] k^4 + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right] \right\} \frac{t}{4} (F^{(1)})^2 \right\}.$$

**Combinatorics** of distributing propagators on bridges:

Sum over distributions of  $m$  propagators on  $j + 1$  bridges  $\rightarrow m^j / j!$

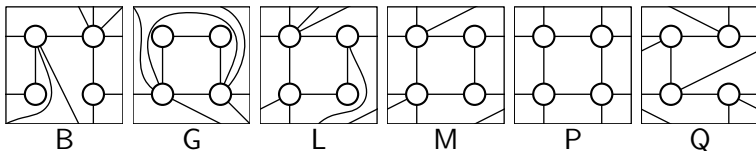
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  Only graphs with maximum bridge number contribute.
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  All bridges carry a large number of propagators.

**Graphs:**  
( $Z = 0$ )



# First Test: Large $k$ : Graphs and Labelings

Graphs:

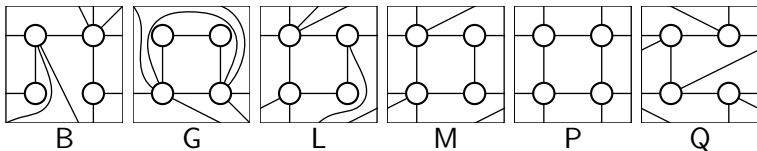


Sum over labelings:

Case	Inequivalent Labelings (clockwise)	Combinatorial Factor
B	$(1, 2, 4, 3), (2, 1, 3, 4), (3, 4, 2, 1), (4, 3, 1, 2)$	$m^3(k - m)/6$
B	$(1, 3, 4, 2), (3, 1, 2, 4), (2, 4, 3, 1), (4, 2, 1, 3)$	$m(k - m)^3/6$
G	$(1, 2, 4, 3), (3, 4, 2, 1)$	$m^4/24$
G	$(1, 3, 4, 2), (2, 4, 3, 1)$	$(k - m)^4/24$
L	$(1, 2, 4, 3), (3, 4, 2, 1), (2, 1, 3, 4), (4, 3, 1, 2)$	$m^2/2 \cdot (k - m)^2/2$
M	$(1, 2, 4, 3), (2, 1, 3, 4), (1, 3, 4, 2), (3, 1, 2, 4)$	$m^2(k - m)^2/2$
P	$(1, 2, 4, 3)$	$m^2(k - m)^2/2$
Q	$(1, 2, 4, 3)$	$m^2(k - m)^2$

# First Test: Large $k$ : Octagons

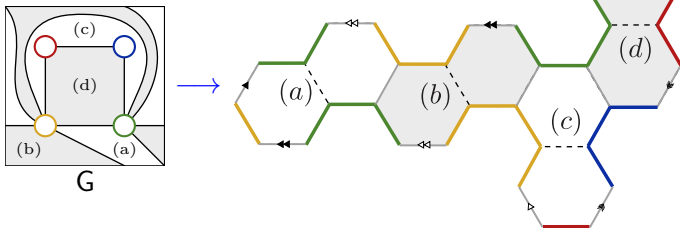
Graphs:



All graphs consist of only **octagons**!

Split each octagon into two **hexagons** with a zero-length bridge.

*Example:*



# First Test: Large $k$ : Mirror Particles

## Loop Counting:

Expand mirror measure  $\mu(u) \sim e^{-\ell \tilde{E}(u)}$  and hexagons  $\mathcal{H}$  in coupling  $g$   
→  $n$  particles on bridge of size  $\ell$ :  $\mathcal{O}(g^{2(n\ell+n^2)})$

All graphs consist of octagons framed by parametrically large bridges  
→ Only excitations on zero-length bridges inside octagons survive

## Excited Octagons:

$n$  particles on a zero-length bridge →  $\mathcal{O}(g^{2n^2})$

→ Octagons with 1/2/3/4 particles start at 1/4/9/16 loops

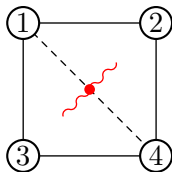
## Octagon 1–2–4–3 with 1 particle:

$$\mathcal{M}(z, \alpha) = \left[ z + \bar{z} - (\alpha + \bar{\alpha}) \frac{\alpha \bar{\alpha} + z \bar{z}}{2\alpha \bar{\alpha}} \right] \cdot \left( g^2 F^{(1)}(z) - 2g^4 F^{(2)}(z) + 3g^6 F^{(3)}(z) + \dots \right)$$

For  $Z = 0$ : R-charge cross ratios

$$\alpha = z \bar{z} X/Y \text{ and } \bar{\alpha} = 1.$$

[Fleury '16] [TB, Caetano, Fleury  
Komatsu] [Komatsu, Vieira '18]



# First Test: Large $k$ : Match and Prediction

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## We are Done:

Sum over graph topologies and labelings (with bridge sum factors),  
Sum over one-particle excitations of all octagons.

⇒ Result **matches data** and **produces prediction** for higher loops!

## Summing all octagons gives:

$$\mathcal{F}_{k,m}^U(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\text{torus}} = -\frac{2k^6}{N_c^4} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &g^2 \left[ \frac{17}{6} r^4 - \frac{7}{4} r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] F^{(1)} \quad \checkmark \text{ match} \\ &- 2g^4 \left[ \left[ \frac{17}{6} r^4 - \frac{7}{4} r^2 + \frac{11}{32} \right] F^{(2)} + \left[ \frac{29}{6} r^4 - \frac{11}{4} r^2 + \frac{15}{32} \right] \frac{t}{4} (F^{(1)})^2 \right] \quad \checkmark \text{ match} \\ &+ g^6 \left[ [\dots] F^{(3)} + [\dots] (F^{(2)}) (F^{(1)}) + [\dots] (F^{(1)})^3 \right] \quad \text{prediction!} \\ &+ \mathcal{O}(g^8) + \mathcal{O}(1/k) \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

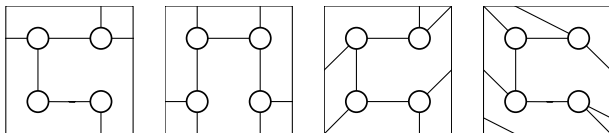
## More Tests: $k = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

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### Small and finite $k$ :

Few propagators  $\rightarrow$  Fewer bridges  $\rightarrow$  Graphs with fewer edges  
 $\Rightarrow$  Graphs composed of not only octagons, but bigger polygons

Example: Graphs for  $k = 3$ :



### Hexagonalization:

Each  $2n$ -gon: Split into  $n - 2$  hexagons by  $n - 3$  zero-length bridges.

### Loop Expansion: Much more complicated!

All kinds of excitation patterns already at low loop orders

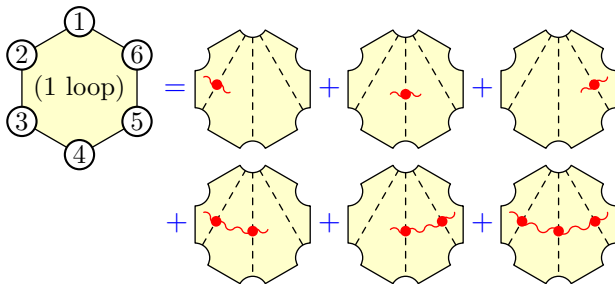
- ▶ Single particles on several adjacent zero-length (or  $\ell = 1$ ) bridges
- ▶ Strings of excitations wrapping around operators

# Finite $k$ : One Loop: Sum over ZLB-Strings

**Restrict to one loop:** Only single particles on one or more adjacent zero-length bridges contribute.

⇒ Excitations confined to **single polygons** bounded by propagators.

**For each polygon:** Sum over all possible one-loop strings:



One-strings: **understood** ✓

Longer strings: **need to compute!**



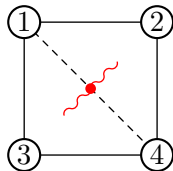
# Two-String: Result

**One-String:** Can be written as

$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)}(z, \alpha) = m(z) + m(z^{-1}),$$

with building block

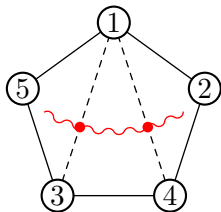
$$m(z) = m(z, \alpha) = g^2 \frac{(z + \bar{z}) - (\alpha + \bar{\alpha})}{2} F^{(1)}(z, \bar{z})$$



**Two-string:** Despite complicated computation, simplifies to

[Fleury '17  
Komatsu]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{(2)}(z_1, z_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) &= m\left(\frac{z_1 - 1}{z_1 z_2}\right) + m\left(\frac{1 - z_1 + z_1 z_2}{z_2}\right) \\ &\quad + m(z_1(1 - z_2)) - m(z_1) - m(z_2^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$



with the same building block  $m(z)$ !

# Finite $k$ : Results

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**Done!** Sum over all graphs, expand all polygons to their one-loop values.

Numbers of labeled  
graphs with assigned  
bridge sizes:

$k$ :	2	3	4	5
$g = 0$ :	3	8	15	24
$g = 1$ :	0	32	441	2760

**Result:** For  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$ :

Matches the  $U(N_c)$  data  $\mathcal{F}_{k,m}$ , up to a copy of the planar term!

$$\mathcal{F}_{k,m} : \text{Result} = \underbrace{(\text{torus data})}_{\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark} + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \underbrace{(\text{planar data})}_{???$$

*What does this mean??*  $\Rightarrow$  Puzzle.

Difference between  $U(N_c)$  and  $SU(N_c)$ ?  $\rightarrow$  No

Operator normalizations?  $\rightarrow$  No

Need to include planar graphs on the torus? If yes, how?

# Finite $k$ : Stratification

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We are computing a **worksheet process**.

The string amplitude involves integration over moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ .

**Sum over graphs:** Reminiscent of moduli space integration.

This can be made more precise:

Moduli space  $\Leftrightarrow$  space of **metric ribbon graphs**  $\text{RGB}_{g,n}^{\text{met}}$ .

**Metric Ribbon Graphs with labeled Boundary:**

Regular graphs, but edges at each vertex have definite ordering.

Double-line notation defines  $n$  oriented **boundary components** (faces).

Faces define compact oriented surface of definite **genus**  $g$ .

Assign **length**  $\ell_j \in \mathbb{R}_+$  to each edge.

**Bijection:** Via Strebel theory:

$$\mathcal{M}_{g,n} \times \mathbb{R}_+^n \longleftrightarrow \text{RGB}_{g,n}^{\text{met}} = \coprod_{\Gamma \in \text{RG}_{g,n}} \frac{\mathbb{R}_+^{e(\Gamma)}}{\text{Aut}_{\partial}(\Gamma)}$$

## Finite $k$ : Stratification

**Discretization:** Need to be careful at the boundaries of the space. Do not overcount/undercount. Boundary of torus moduli space: All bridges traversing a handle reduce to zero size  $\rightarrow$  handle gets pinched.

This problem has been considered before in the context of matrix models.

[Deligne  
Mumford '69]  
[Chekhov  
1995]

**Resolution:** In the sum over graphs, include planar graphs drawn on the torus. This leads to some overcounting. Compensate by subtracting planar graphs with two extra fictitious zero-size operators. *Stratification*.

$$\Rightarrow + \left( \text{Diagram 1} - \left( \text{Diagram 2} = \text{Diagram 3} \right) \right)$$

Including these contributions indeed accounts for the (planar)/ $N_c^2$  term!

$\Rightarrow$  Now have a complete match for  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

# Summary & Outlook

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**Summary:** Method to compute higher-genus terms in  $1/N_c$  expansion.

- ▶ **Sum** over free graphs, **decompose** into planar hexagons, **integrate** over mirror states.
  - ▶ Large  $k$ : Only octagons, match at two loops, three-loop prediction
  - ▶ Match for various finite  $k \rightarrow$  stratification
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**Outlook:** There are many things to do that we currently explore:

- ▶ Study more examples: Higher loops / genus, more general operators
- ▶ Understand details/implications of stratification beyond one loop
- ▶ Connect to recent supergravity loop computations at strong coupling? [\[Aharony, Alday '16\]](#) [\[Alday, Bissi\]](#) [\[Alday\]](#) [\[Aprile, Drummond, Heslop\]](#)  
[\[Bissi, Perlmutter\]](#) [\[Perlmutter '17\]](#) [\[Bissi '17\]](#) [\[Paul '17, '17, '17, '18\]](#)
- ▶ Promising: Large  $k$  at higher genus: Only octagons.  
Speculate: Resum  $1/N_c$ ?