

# Deriving the Simplest Gauge/ String Duality

with Rajesh Gopakumar

- Part I: Open-Closed-Open Triality (arXiv: 2212.05999)
- Part II: The B-Model
- Part III: The A-Model

**Today's Focus:**

**Moments in the Gaussian Matrix Model  
as Stringy Correlators via OCO-Triality**

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# The Big Picture

## Holography as Open/Closed String Duality

Can we make 't Hooft's insight precise?

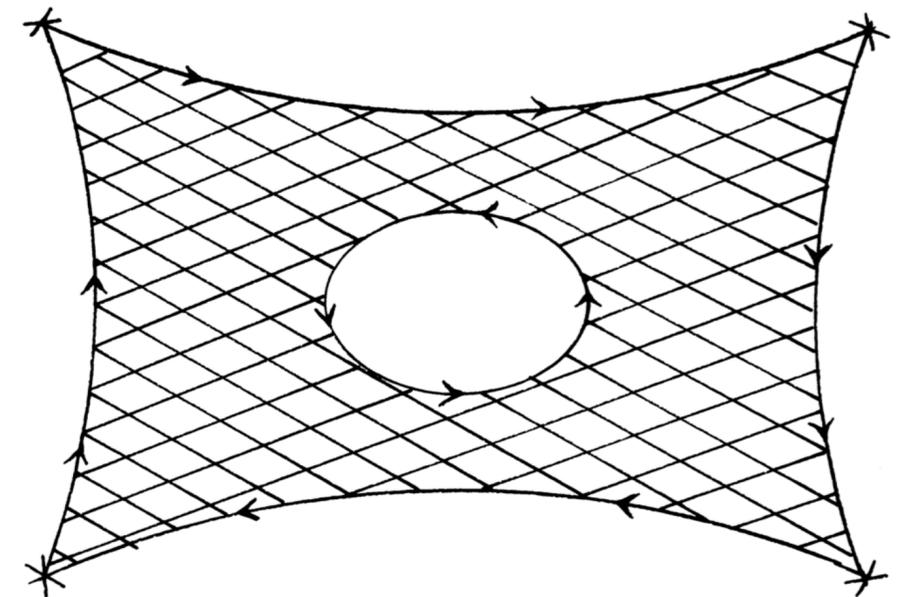
Closed String Description  
Riemann surfaces with marked points  
e.g. IIB on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Open String Description  
Matrices  
e.g.  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

Low-energy "Effective" Description  
GR + QFT  
e.g. QG in Anti-de Sitter

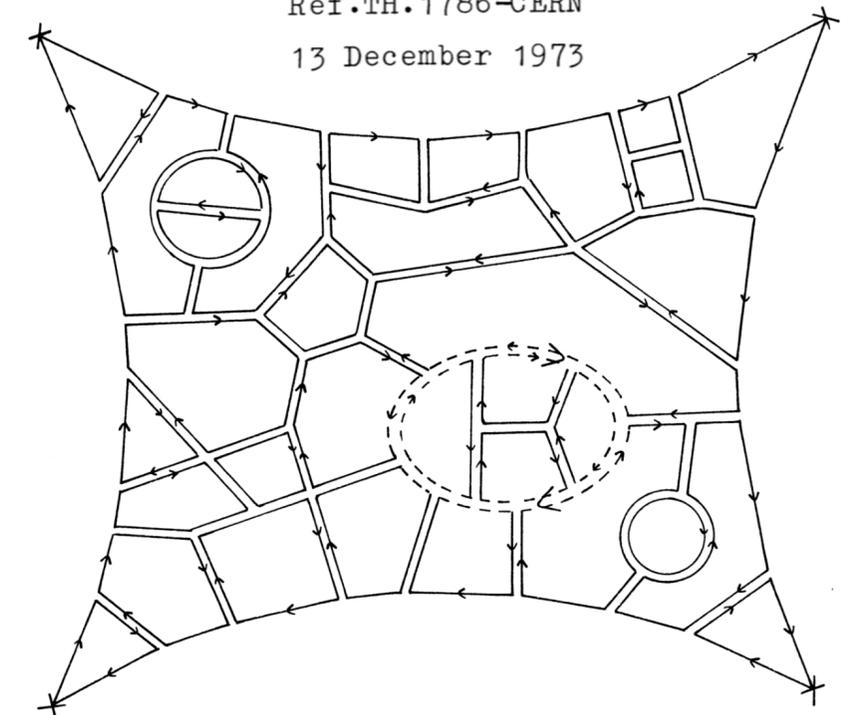
$$\int dM_{N \times N} e^{-\frac{N}{g} \text{Tr} V(M)} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Tr} M^{k_i}$$

[BIPZ'80]



(a)

Ref. TH.1786-CERN  
13 December 1973



- Figure 3 -

A PLANAR DIAGRAM THEORY FOR STRONG INTERACTIONS

G. 't Hooft  
CERN - Geneva

# Matrix Models and Strings

## What is new here?

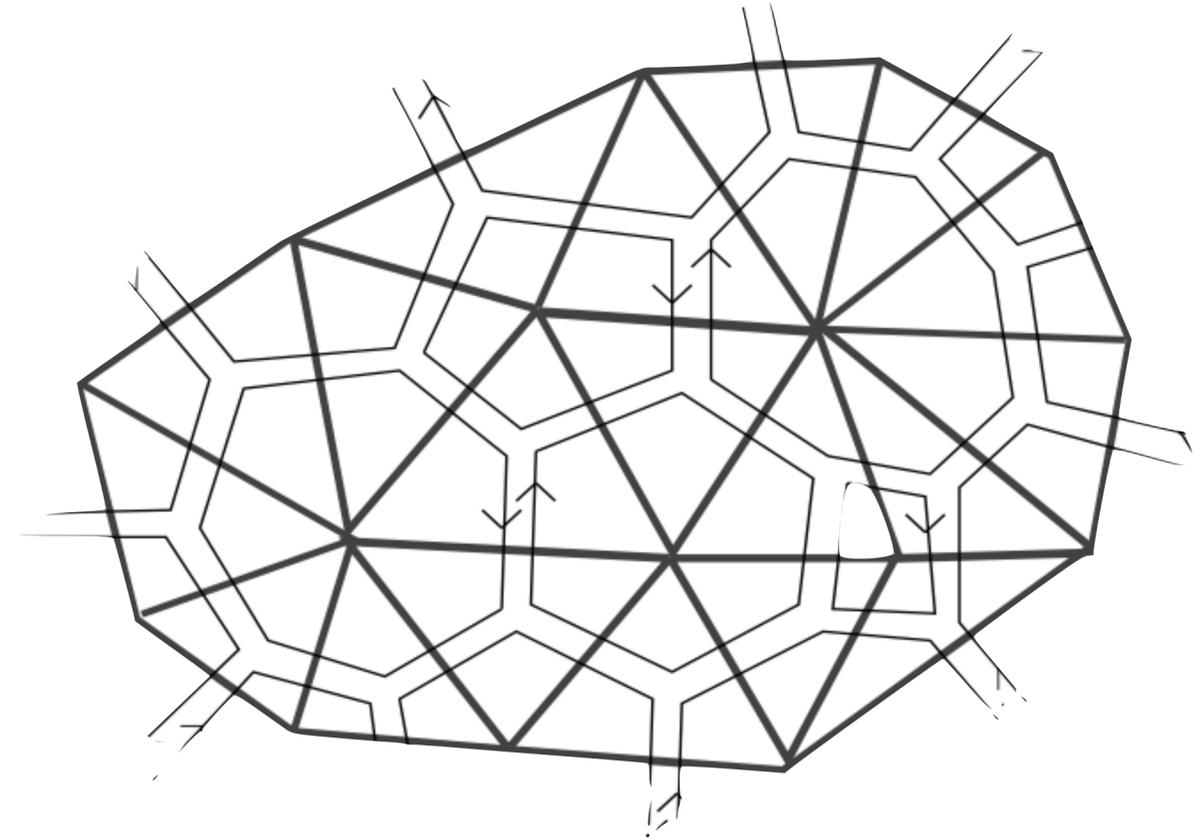
- **Previously focused on double-scaling limit:** Feynman diagrams as “latticization” of the worldsheet

[Cf. Gross-Migdal; Douglas-Shenker; Brezin-Kazakov]



***Not ‘t Hooft limit as in AdS/CFT!***

- **Dijkgraaf-Vafa:** matrix integrals from localized holomorphic Chern-Simons Theory (i.e. open string field theory on branes in non-compact CYs)



**Their proposal:** closed B-model string on spectral curve of matrix model?



***No worldsheet theory***  
***No operator dictionary/correlators***

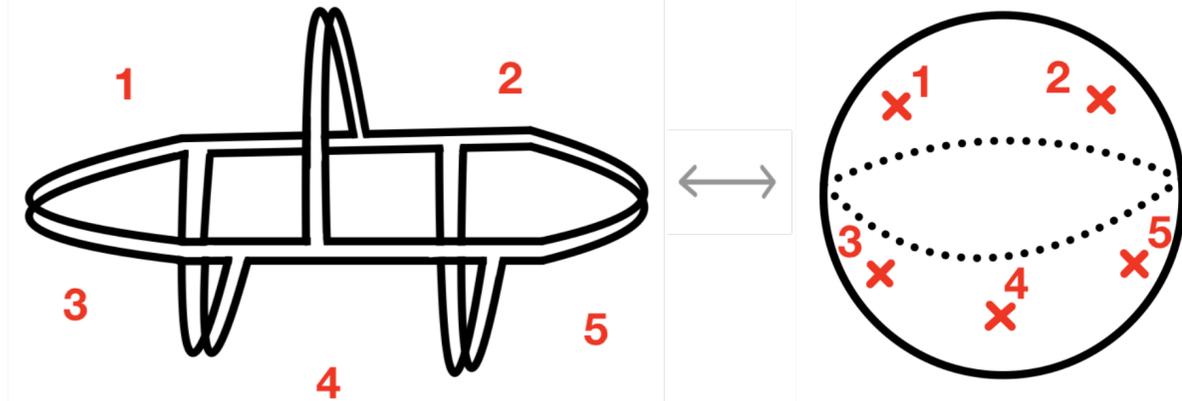
# Three Main Takeaways

How do large  $N$  gauge theories reorganize themselves into closed string theories?

**Use Strebel parametrization of  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n} \times \mathbb{R}_+^n$  (via lengths of edges)**

[Cf. Strebel, Kontsevich, Gopakumar]

**“Each gauge theory FD as a string worldsheet”**



What constitutes a derivation of open-closed duality?

We rewrite all correlators of traces exactly as integrals over  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$

**Open-Closed Operator dictionary:  $\text{Tr}M^k \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_k$**

Can we identify a world-sheet theory which gives rise to these moduli-space integrals?

**B-Model: Superpotential derived from matrix model spectral curve**

**A-Model: Twisted  $(SL(2, \mathbb{R})/U(1))_1$  coset model with momentum condensate**

# Today's Roadmap

## The Proposal

An equality of matrix and string correlators

## The Verification

OCO-Triality: 2 equivalent matrix models

OCO-Triality: the broader lessons

## The Derivation

*A-Model*: Lattice points on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$ , Belyi Maps & the BMN-limit

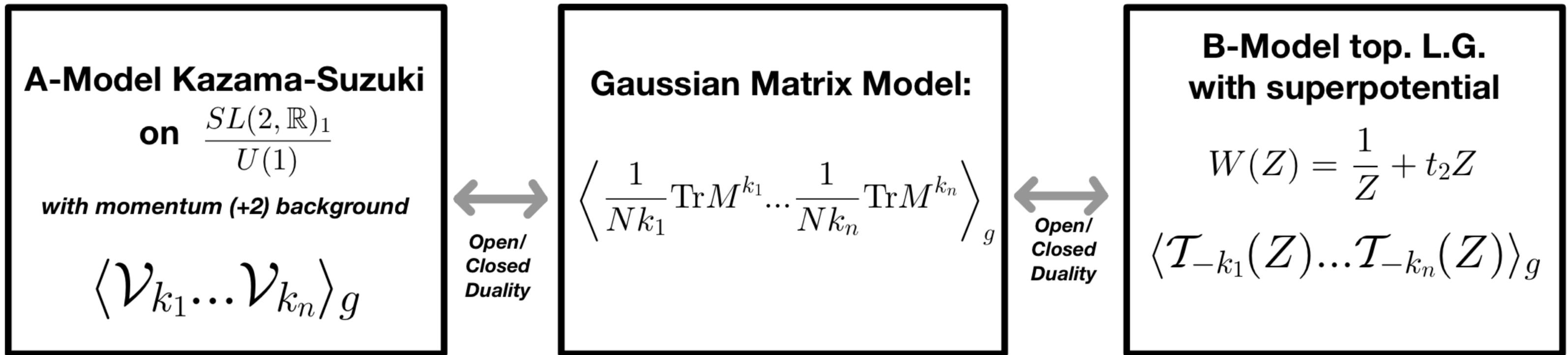
*B-Model*: Topological Recursion, Top. Matter + 2d gravity & the BMN-limit

# The Proposal

**Matrix Correlators as Stringy  $n$ -point Functions**

# Concrete String Dual to the Gaussian MM

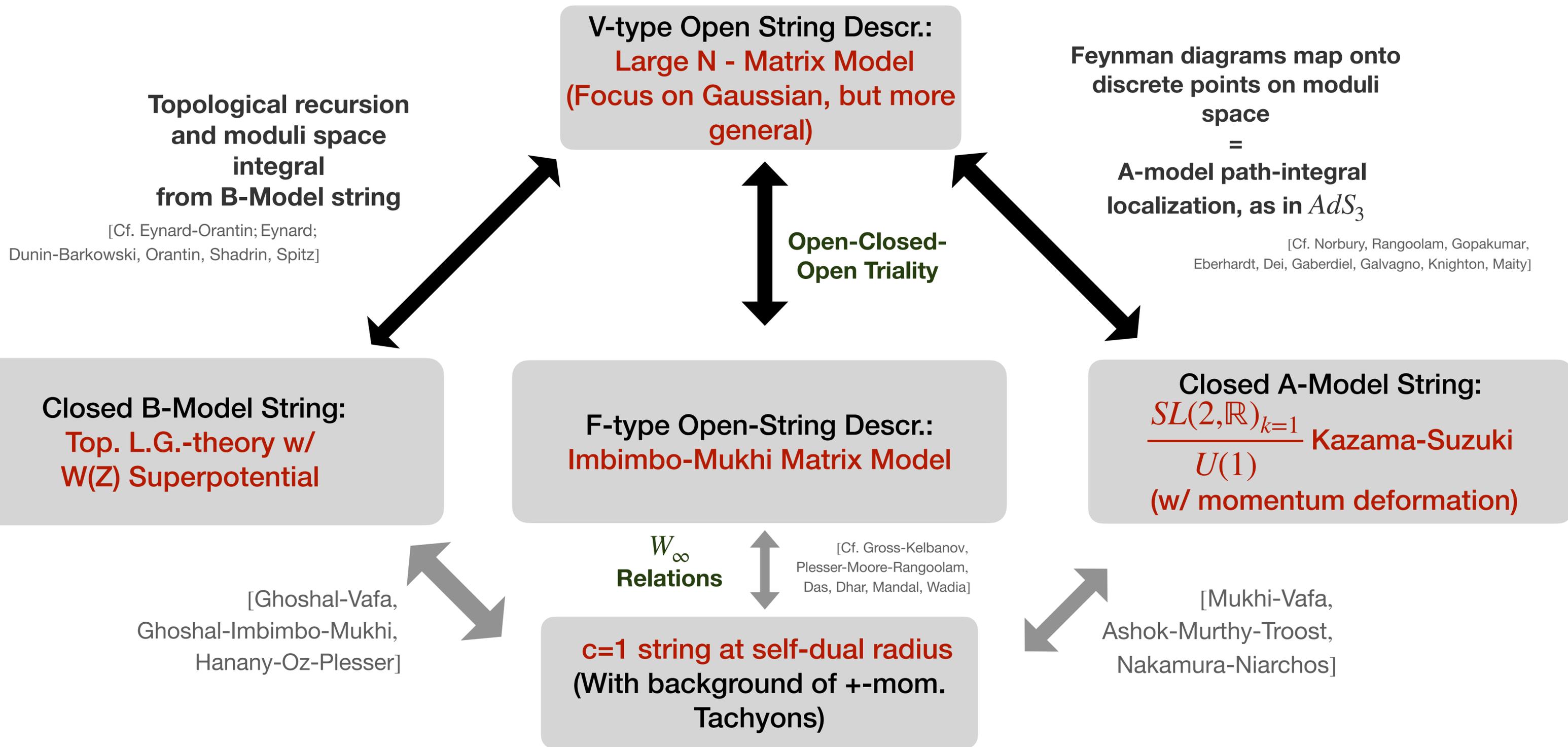
An explicit all-genus mapping of correlators



(Interacting theories correspond to further deformations of background)

# The Underlying Logic

## A web of dualities & papers

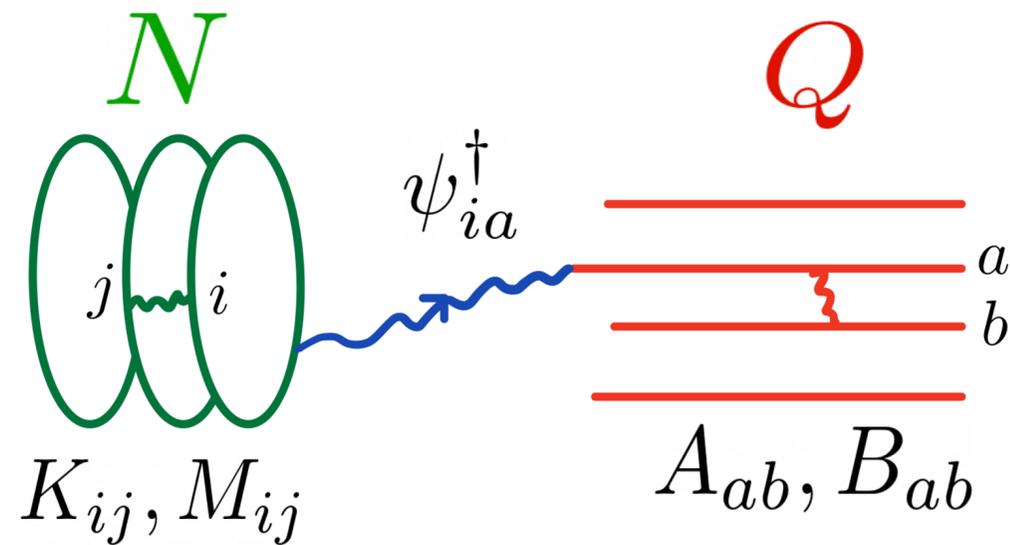


# The Verification

**An Equality of Matrix Integrals and the Appearance of the  $c=1$  String**

# A New Equality of 2 Matrix Integrals

## Open-Closed-Open Triality as Verification



$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \int dK dM_{N \times N} e^{+\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}(V(K) - K(M - Y))} \prod_{a=1}^Q \det(x_a - M) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{NQ}}{Z_Q} \int dA dB_{Q \times Q} e^{-\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}(V(A) + A(B - X))} \prod_{i=1}^N \det(y_i - B).
 \end{aligned}$$

Key Steps

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{Z_N} \int dK d\psi d\psi^\dagger e^{\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}_N(V(K) + KY) + \psi_{ia}^\dagger X_{ab} \psi_{ib}} \int dM e^{-\frac{1}{g} M_{ij} (K_{ji} - g \psi_{ia}^\dagger \psi_{ja})} \\
 &= \int dK d\psi d\psi^\dagger e^{\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}_N(V(K) + KY) + \psi_{ia}^\dagger X_{ab} \psi_{ib}} \delta \left( K_{ji} - g \psi_{ia}^\dagger \psi_{ja} \right) \\
 &= \int d\psi d\psi^\dagger e^{\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}_N V[(-g \psi \psi^\dagger)] + \psi_{ia}^\dagger (X_{ab} \delta_{ij} - \delta_{ab} Y_{ij}) \psi_{jb}}
 \end{aligned}$$

[Cf. Maldacena-Moore-Seiberg-Shih,  
 Aganagic-Dijkgraaf-Klemm-Marino-Vafa,  
 Goel - H. Verlinde,  
 Altland-Sonner]

“Color-Flavor Transformation”

$$\text{Tr}_N [(\psi \psi^\dagger)^k] = (-1)^{2k-1} \text{Tr}_Q [(\psi^\dagger \psi)^k]$$

→ Reverse Steps

$$A_{ba} = -g \psi_{ia}^\dagger \psi_{ib}$$

# The Imbimbo-Mukhi Matrix Model

## Traces as tachyon modes in c=1 at self-dual radius

[Cf. "Kontsevich-Penner-Model", Chekhov et al.,  
Bonora-Xiong, Moore-Plesser-Rangoolam]

$$\frac{1}{Z_N} \int dK dM_{N \times N} e^{-\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}(V_p(K) - KM - \dots)} \prod_{a=1}^Q \det(x_a - M)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_Q} \int dA dB_{Q \times Q} e^{+\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}(V_p(A) + A(B - X))} \prod_{i=1}^N \det(y_i - B)$$

$$\frac{1}{Z_N} \int dK dM_{N \times N} e^{+N \text{Tr}(V_p(K) - KM + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \bar{t}_k M^k)}$$

$$= \det(X)^{-N} \int dA_{Q \times Q} e^{-N \text{Tr}(V_p(A) - AX) - (N+Q) \text{Tr} \log(A)} \times (\text{Penner Model})$$

$$Z_{IM}(t_k, \bar{t}_k) = \det(X)^{-i\mu} \int dA_{Q \times Q} e^{+i\mu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k \text{Tr}(A^k) + i\mu \text{Tr}(AX) - (i\mu + Q) \text{Tr} \log(A)}$$

$N = i\mu$  **Genus-expansion = large N expansion**
 $\bar{t}_k = \frac{1}{k} \text{Tr}_Q (X^{-k})$

Exact Operator Dictionary:

$$\frac{1}{Nk} \text{Tr} M^k \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}_k} \leftrightarrow T_{-k}$$

Generating Function of "Tachyon" correlators in "c=1 2d-string theory" in large phase space

# All Genus 1-pt Function

A detailed sanity check

Gaussian Matrix Model  $\leftrightarrow$   $c=1$  string at self-dual radius with momentum +2 tachyon-background

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} M^{2n} \right\rangle_{\text{Gaussian}} = 2n \langle T_{-2n} \rangle_{t_2}$$

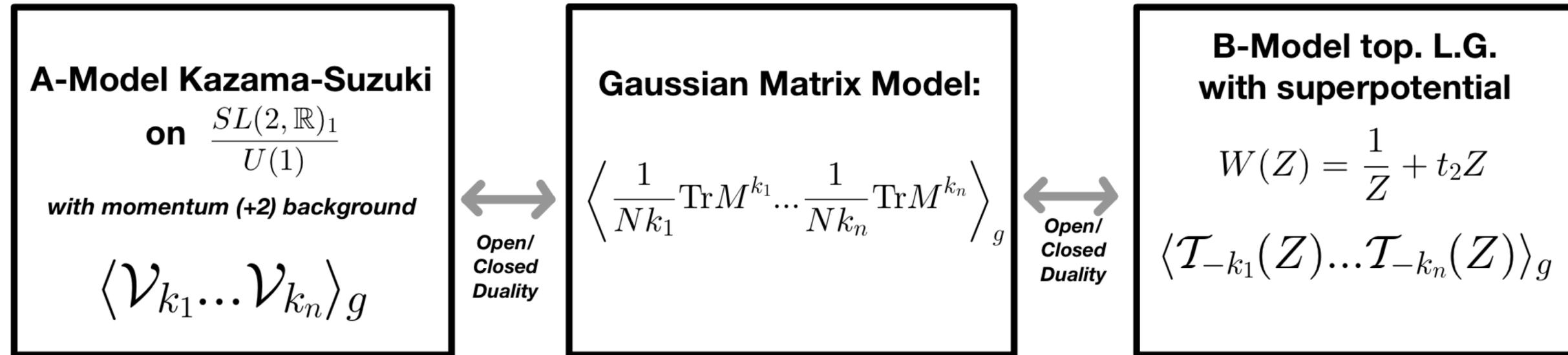


[Gopakumar-Mukhi ('95),  
–unpublished]

$$= \frac{1}{N^{2n+1}} \frac{1}{2n+1} \oint dz z^{-N} e^{-\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \partial_z^{2n+1} \left( z^N e^{+\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \right)$$

# How This Verifies Our Proposal

From  $c=1$  to A- and B-model string



$$T_{-k} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{V}_k = c e^{-\frac{(k-2)}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} e^{-i\frac{k}{\sqrt{2}}X}$$

[Mukhi-Vafa,  
Ashok-Murthy-Troost,  
Nakamura-Niarchos]

$$\frac{1}{Nk} \text{Tr} M^k \leftrightarrow T_{-k}$$

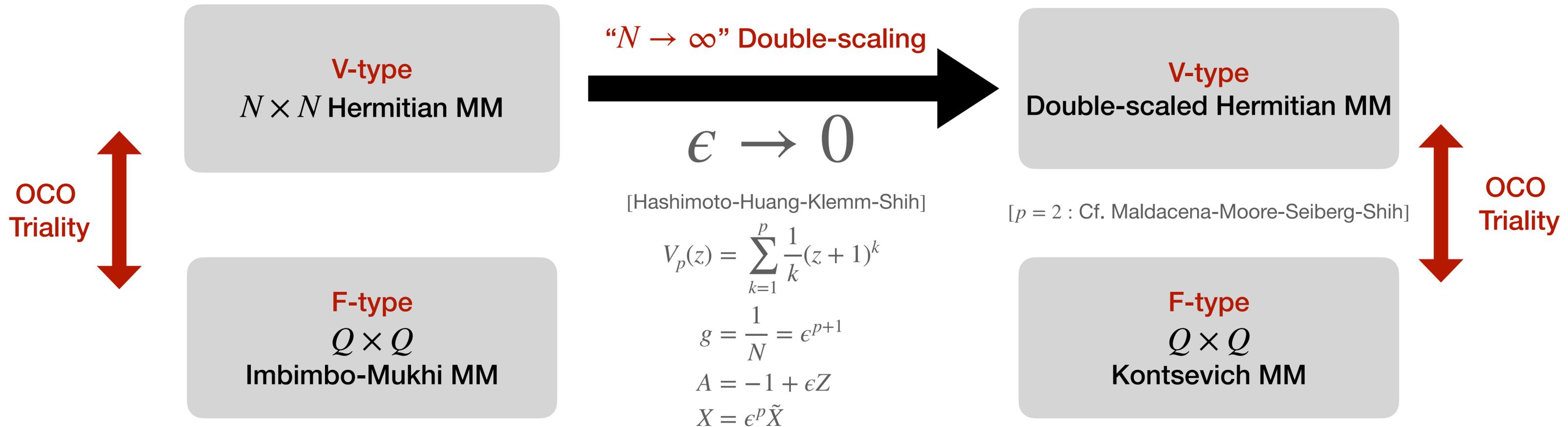
From duality with  $c=1$  string

$$T_{-k} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T}_{-k}(Z) \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} W(Z, t)^k \right)_-$$

[Ghoshal-Vafa,  
Ghoshal-Imbimbo-Mukhi,  
Hanany-Oz-Plesser]

# Role of double-scaling?

## Imbimbo-Mukhi vs. Kontsevich



$$Z_{IM} \propto \int dA_{Q \times Q} e^{-\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr} \left( V_p(A) - AX \right) - (N+Q) \text{Tr} \log(A)}$$

“N” Double-scaling  
Q fixed!

$$Z_{Kontsevich} \propto \int dZ_{Q \times Q} e^{\text{Tr} \left( \frac{Z^{p+1}}{p+1} + Z\tilde{X} \right)}$$

[Gaiotto-Rastelli]

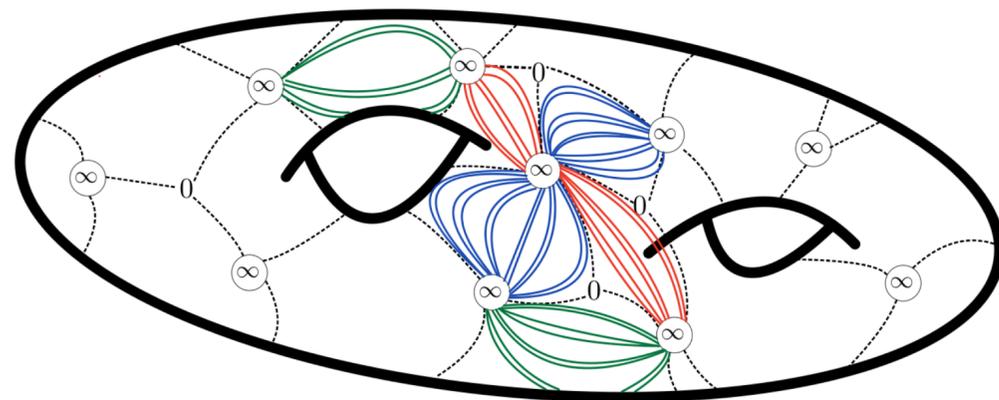
$p=2$ : OSFT  $c=28$  Liouville  $+c=-2$  on Q FZZT

# OCO-Triality beyond Matrix Models

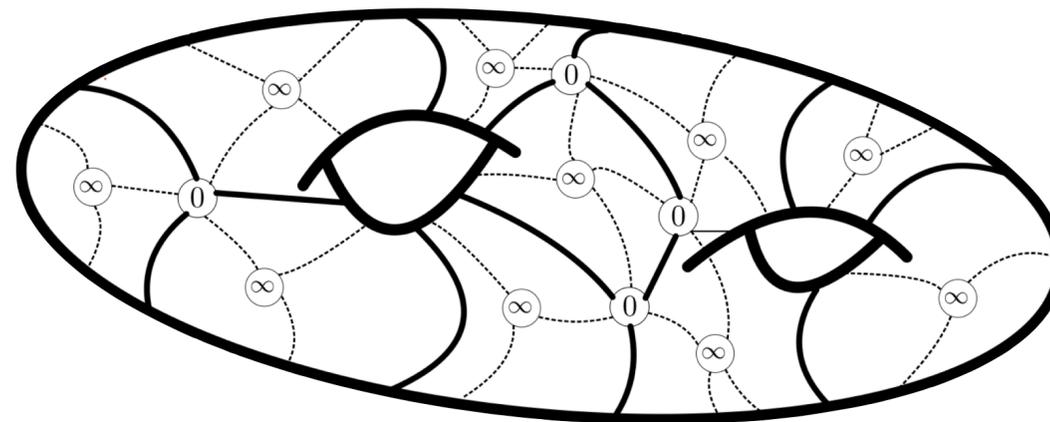
**2 ways to reconstruct closed strings from open ones**

# OCO-Triality as Graph Duality

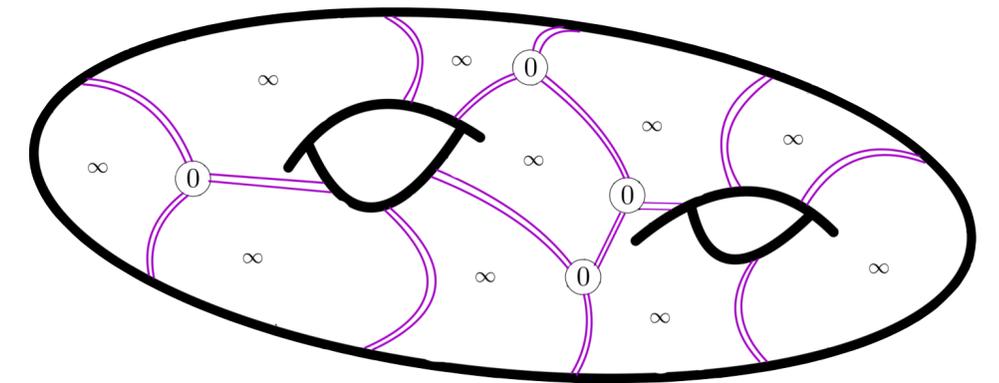
V/F-type: 2 ways to reconstruct closed strings from gauge theory FDs



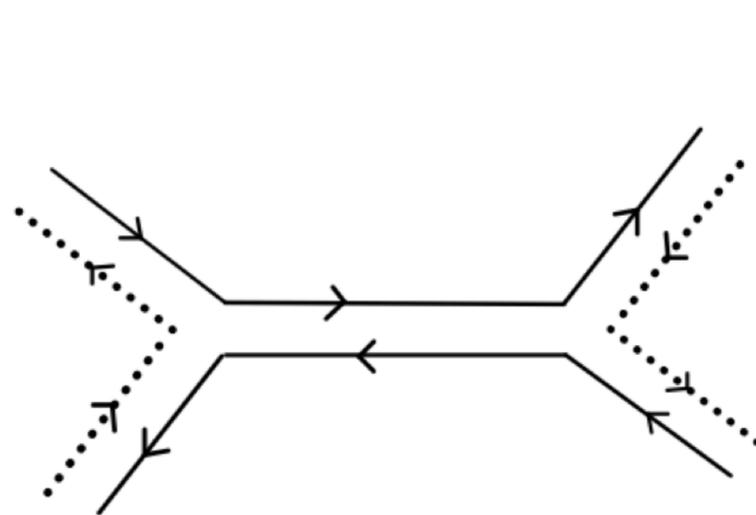
V-type Duality



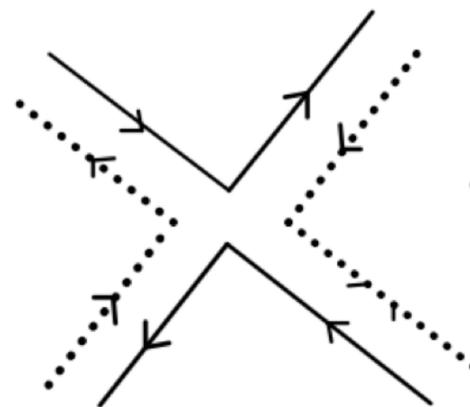
Closed String WS



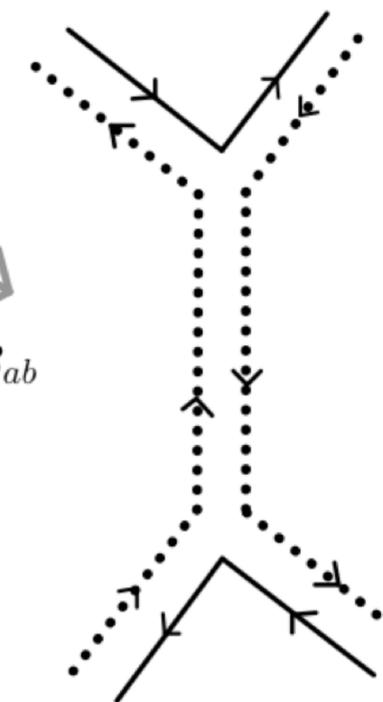
F-type Duality



integrate out  $M_{ij}$



integrate in  $B_{ab}$



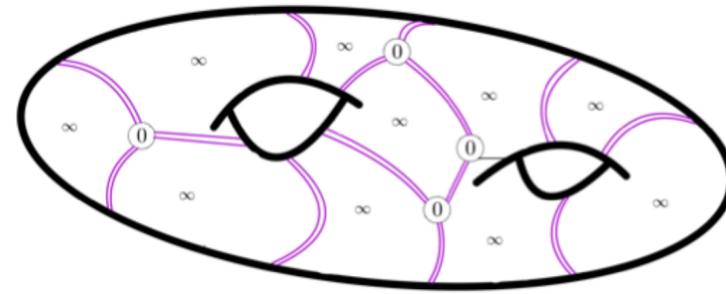
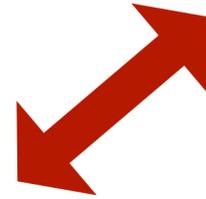
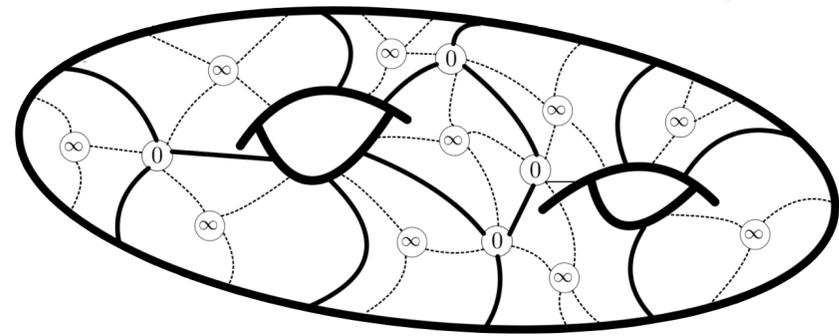
Edge  $\rightarrow$   
Dual Edge

# More on V- versus F-type

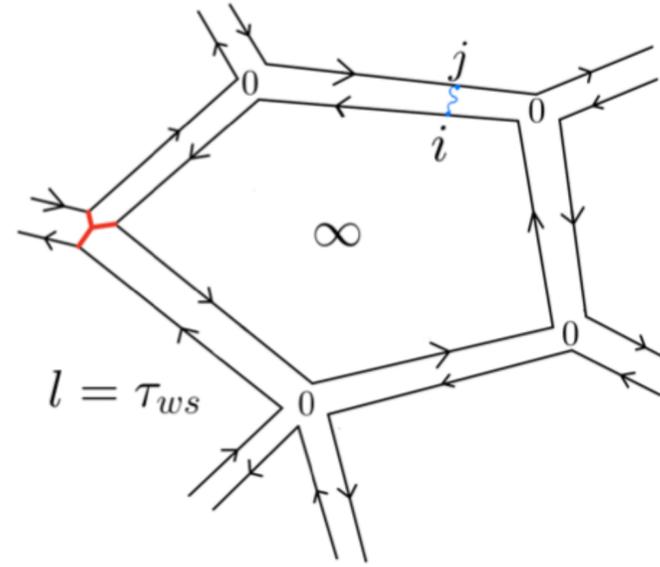
## Reconstructing closed strings from open string strips

Cf. Witten, Zwiebach

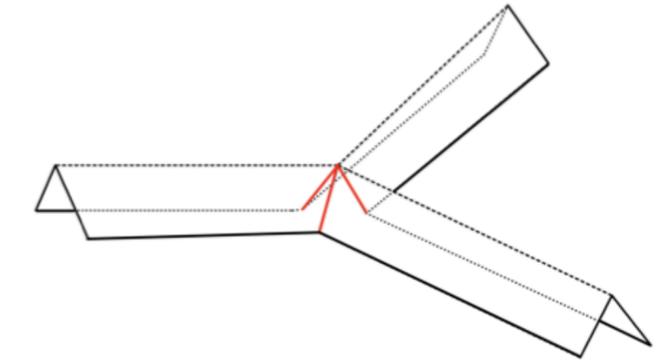
Closed String WS



(a) F-Dual Reconstruction

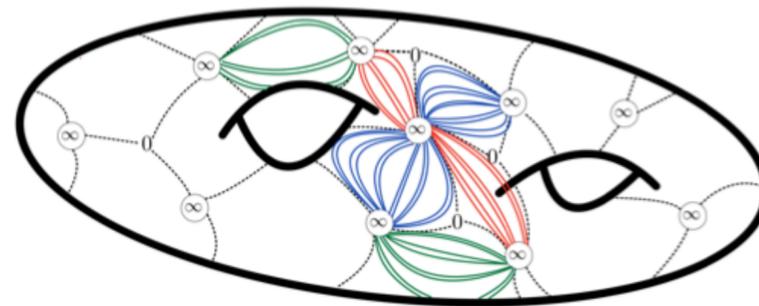


(b) Edges as open string strips

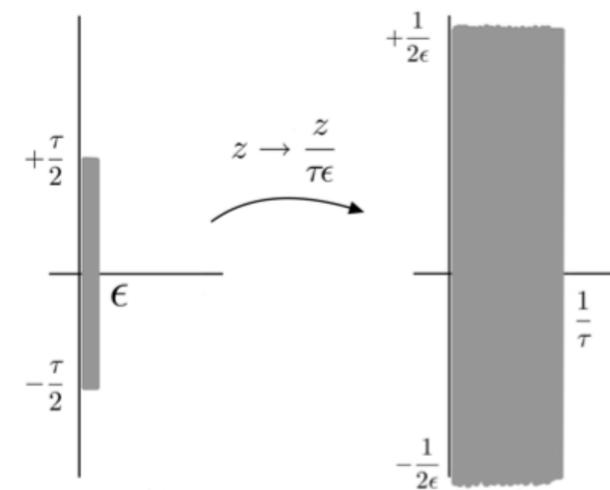


(c) Glueing 3 open strings along their midpoint

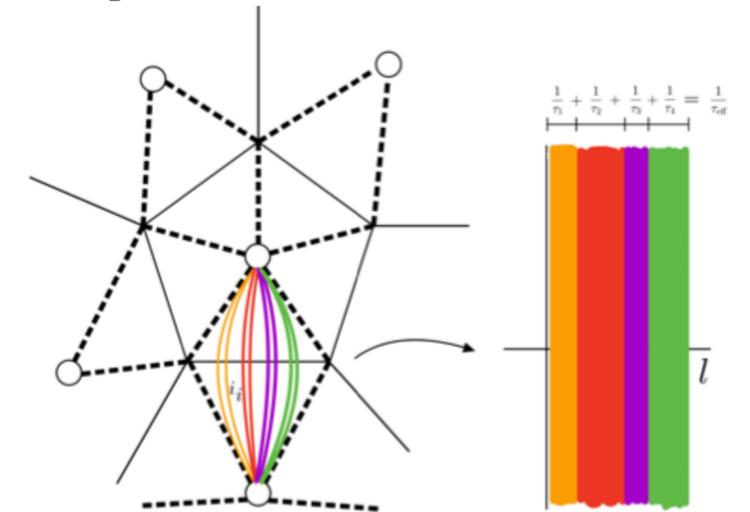
Cf. Gopakumar



(a) V-Dual Reconstruction



(b) From worldlines to open string strips



(c) Gluing homotopically equivalent ribbons ( string bits)

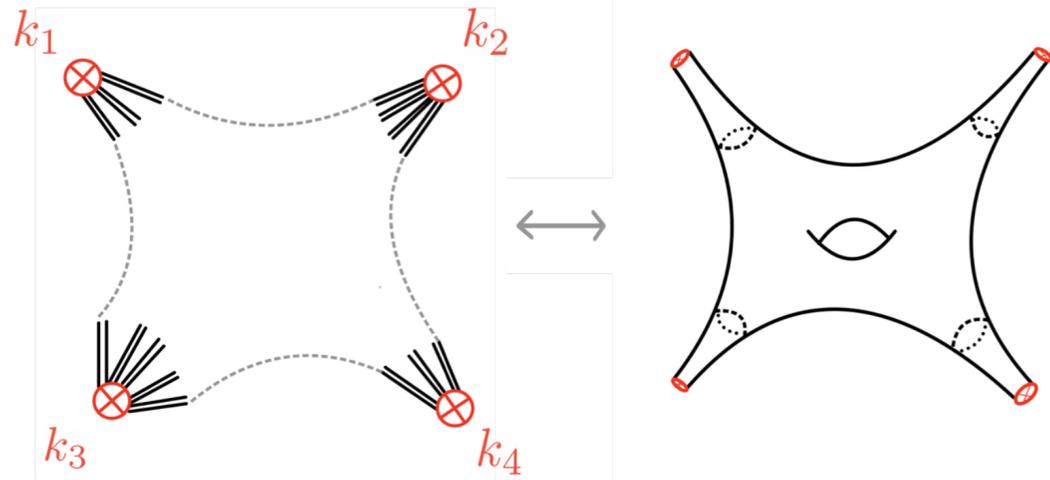
# V- and F-type Open/Closed String duality

Extending holographic duality to a triality

Vertex  
Type

E.g.

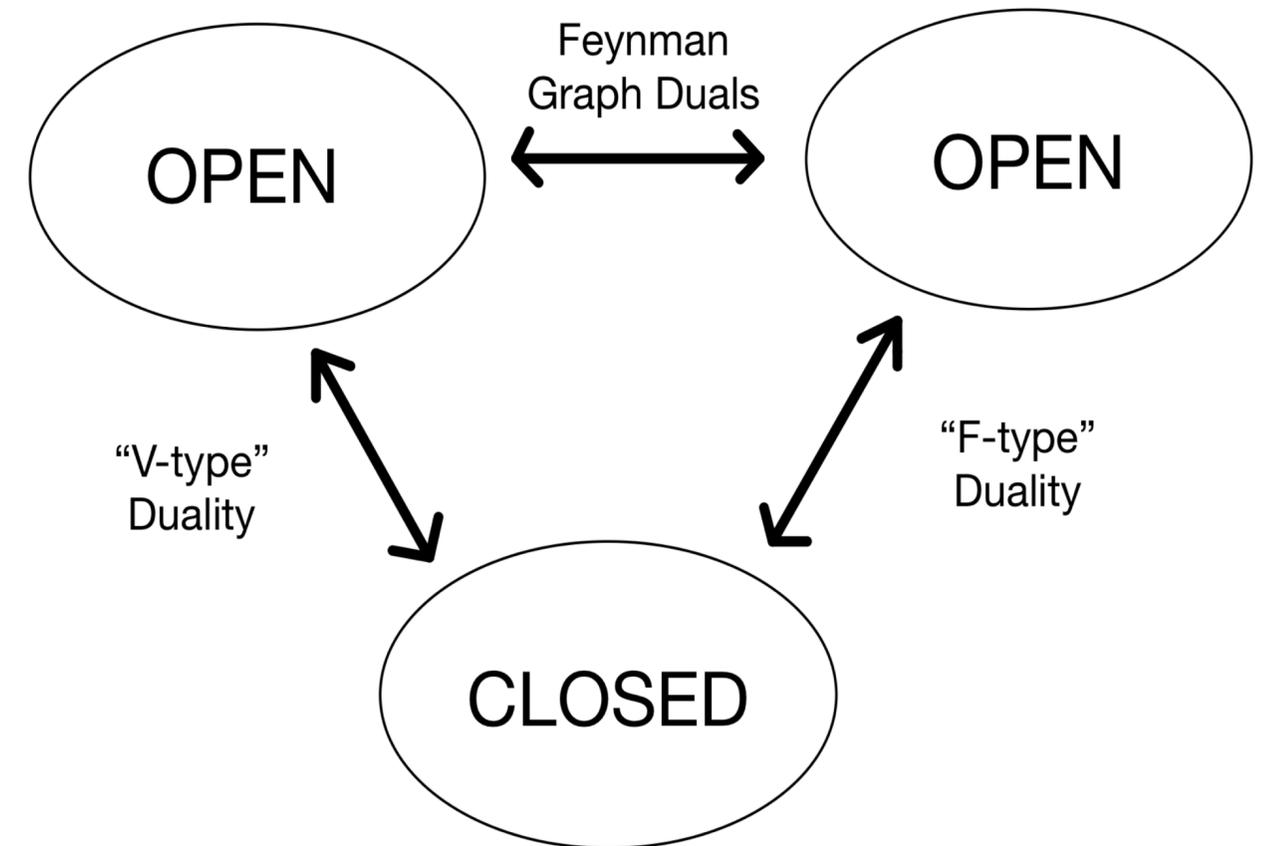
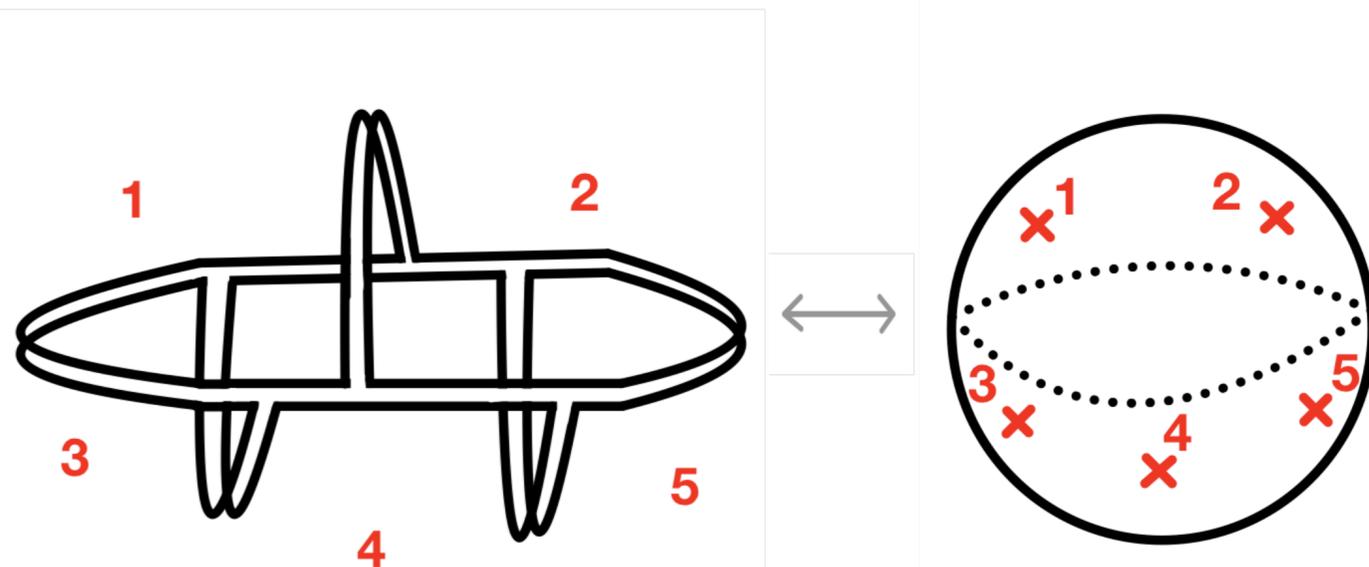
$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM



Face  
Type

E.g.

Gopakumar/  
Vafa duality



# The Derivation

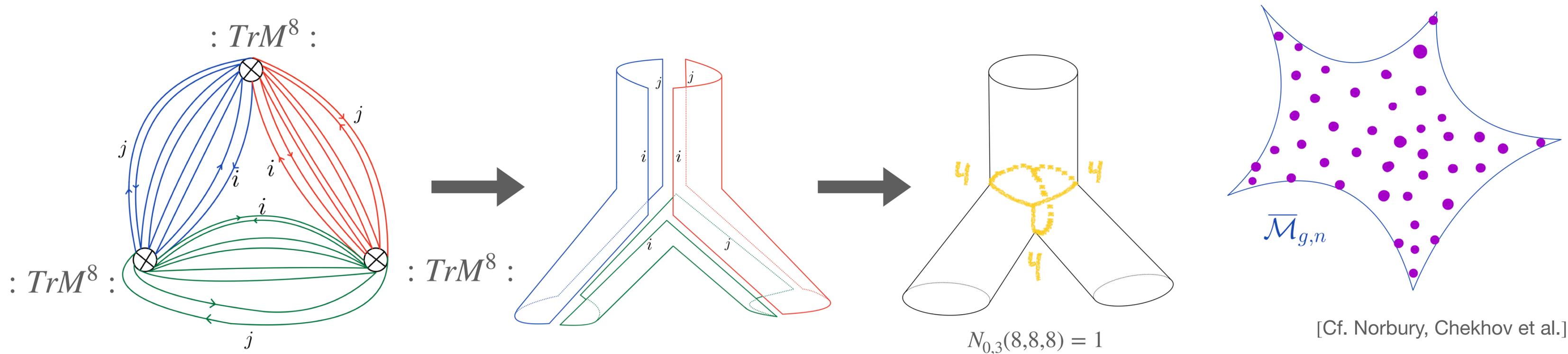
***Why do these closed string theories appear?***

# The A-Model

**How do we see the holomorphic maps from the WS to the TS from the matrix?**

# Putting V-Type Open/Closed Duality to the Test

→ Gaussian correlators count lattice points on moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$



$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{Nk_i} : TrM^{k_i} : \right\rangle_c^g = \text{Sum over integer length Strebel graphs} \equiv N_{g,n}(k_1, \dots, k_n)$$

**Explicit sanity checks:**  $\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^4 \frac{1}{N2k_i} : TrM^{k_i} : \right\rangle_c^{g=0} = N_{g=0,4}(k_1, \dots, k_4)$  &  $\left\langle \frac{1}{N2k_1} : TrM^{2k_1} : \right\rangle_c^{g=1} = N_{g=1,n}(2k_1)$

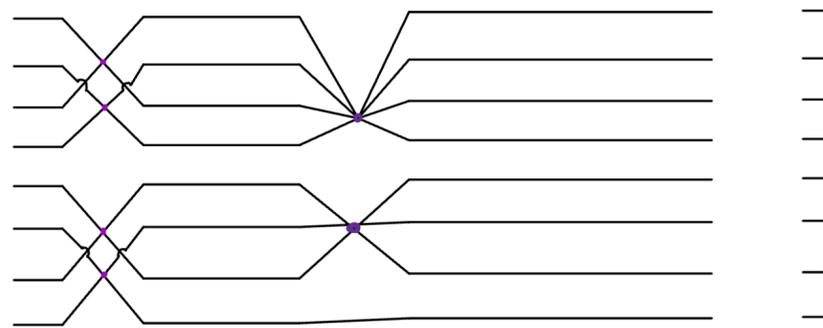
# From Wick Contractions to Belyi Maps

## Gaussian Correlators as Holomorphic Branched Covers

[Cf. Bauer-Itzykson; Rangoolam, de Mello Koch; Gopakumar; Dunin-Barkowski, Orantin, Popolitov, Shadrin]

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Tr} M^{2k_i} \right\rangle = \sum_{\alpha, \gamma \in \mathcal{S}_{2k}} \delta(\alpha \cdot \beta \cdot \gamma) N^{-k+C_\gamma}$$

$$k = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i$$



$\alpha \in (2)^k$   
**Wick Contractions**  
**= Edges**

$\beta \in (2k_1) \dots (2k_n)$   
**Cyclity of Traces**  
**= Vertices**

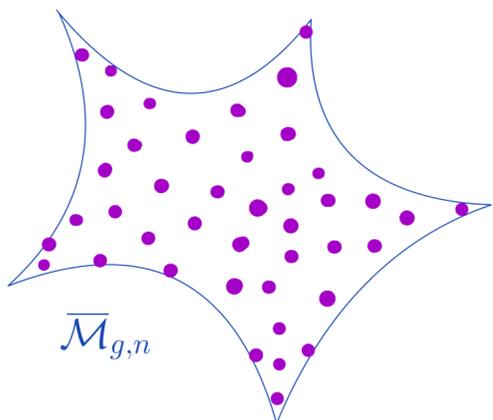
$\gamma = (\alpha \cdot \beta)^{-1}$   
**Closed index loop post Wick**  
**= Faces**



**Belyi Maps:** Holomorphic covering maps  $\Sigma_{g,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $2k$  with exactly three branch points  $(0, 1, \infty)$  and branching profile  $(2k_1, \dots, 2k_n)$  at  $\infty$ ;  $(2)^k$  branching at 1

**Belyi Thm:** Such Maps only exist for these integer points on  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  !

[Cf. Mulase-Penkava]



**Such localization on moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_{g,n}$  indeed already seen in  $\frac{SL(2, \mathbb{R})_1}{U(1)}$  string!**

[Cf. Eberhardt, Dei, Gaberdiel, Gopakumar, Knighton, Maity]

# The « BMN-Limit »

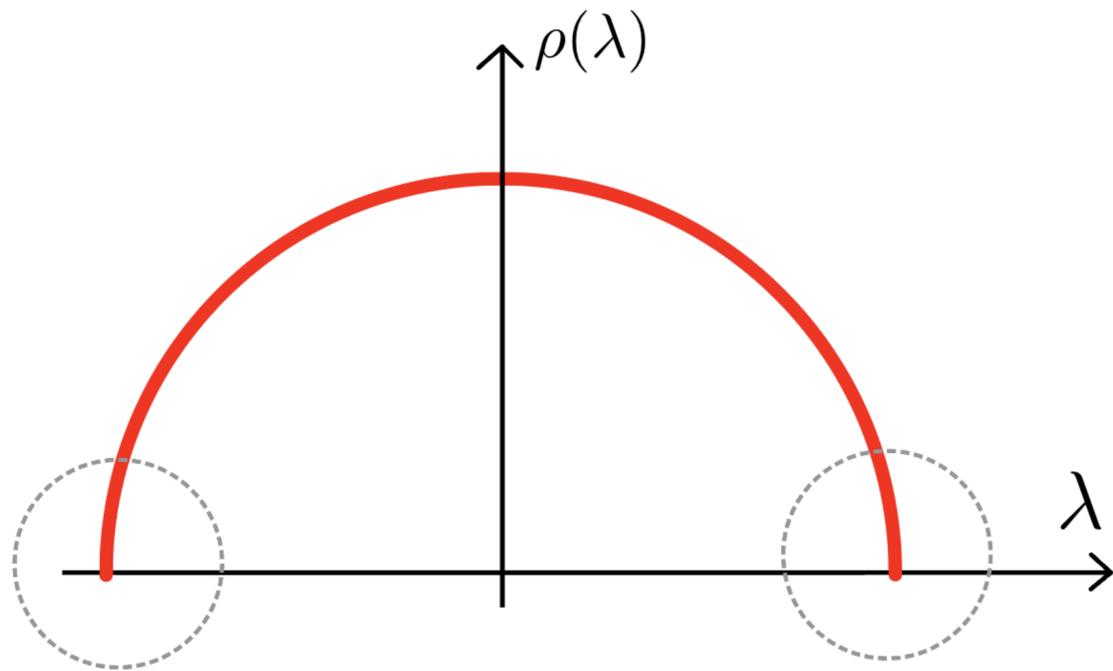
## A New Perspective on Double-Scaling

$$\omega_{\text{Kontsevich}} = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i^2 \psi_i$$

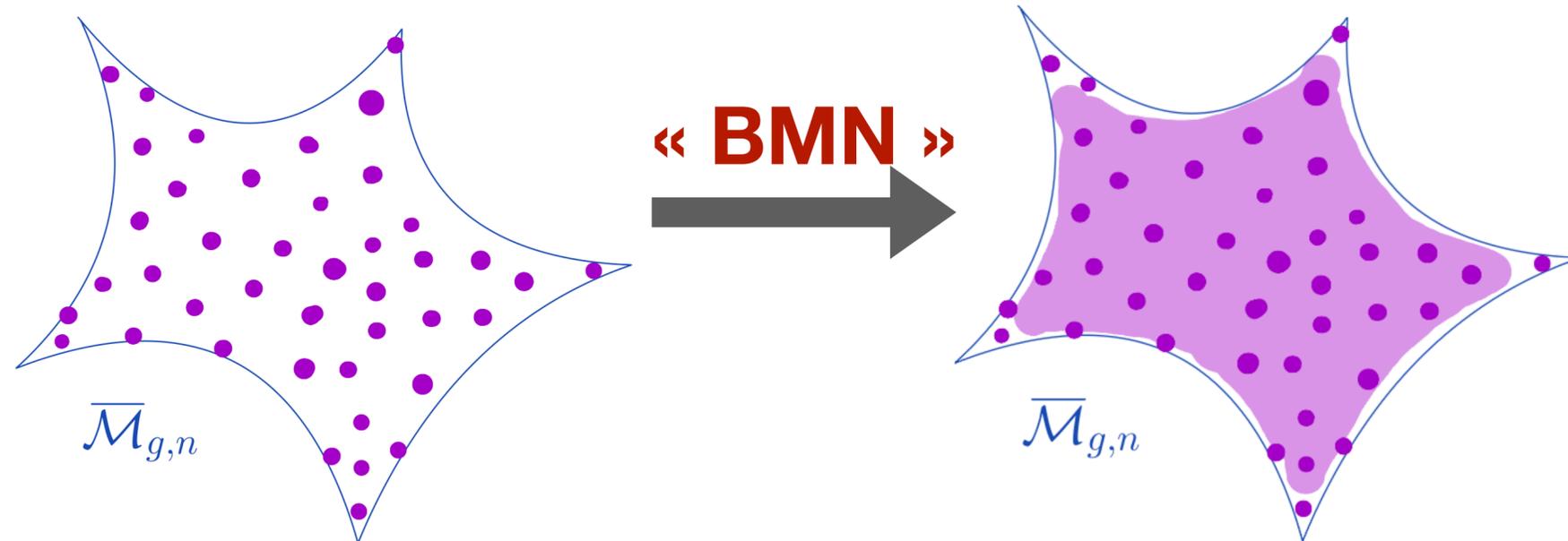
[Cf. Ehrhart, Norbury]

$$\lim_{k_i \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{N k_i} : \text{Tr} M^{2k_i} : \right\rangle_c = \lim_{k_i \rightarrow \infty} N_{g,n}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_n) \rightarrow \text{Vol}_{\text{Kontsevich}}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_n)$$

Pure 2d top gravity in BMN limit



Wigner Semicircle  $\leftrightarrow$  full AdS  
Edge Region (Airy)  $\leftrightarrow$  pp-Wave geometry



Cover all of moduli space!

# The B-Model

**How do we see the constant maps from the WS to the critical points of the super potential?**

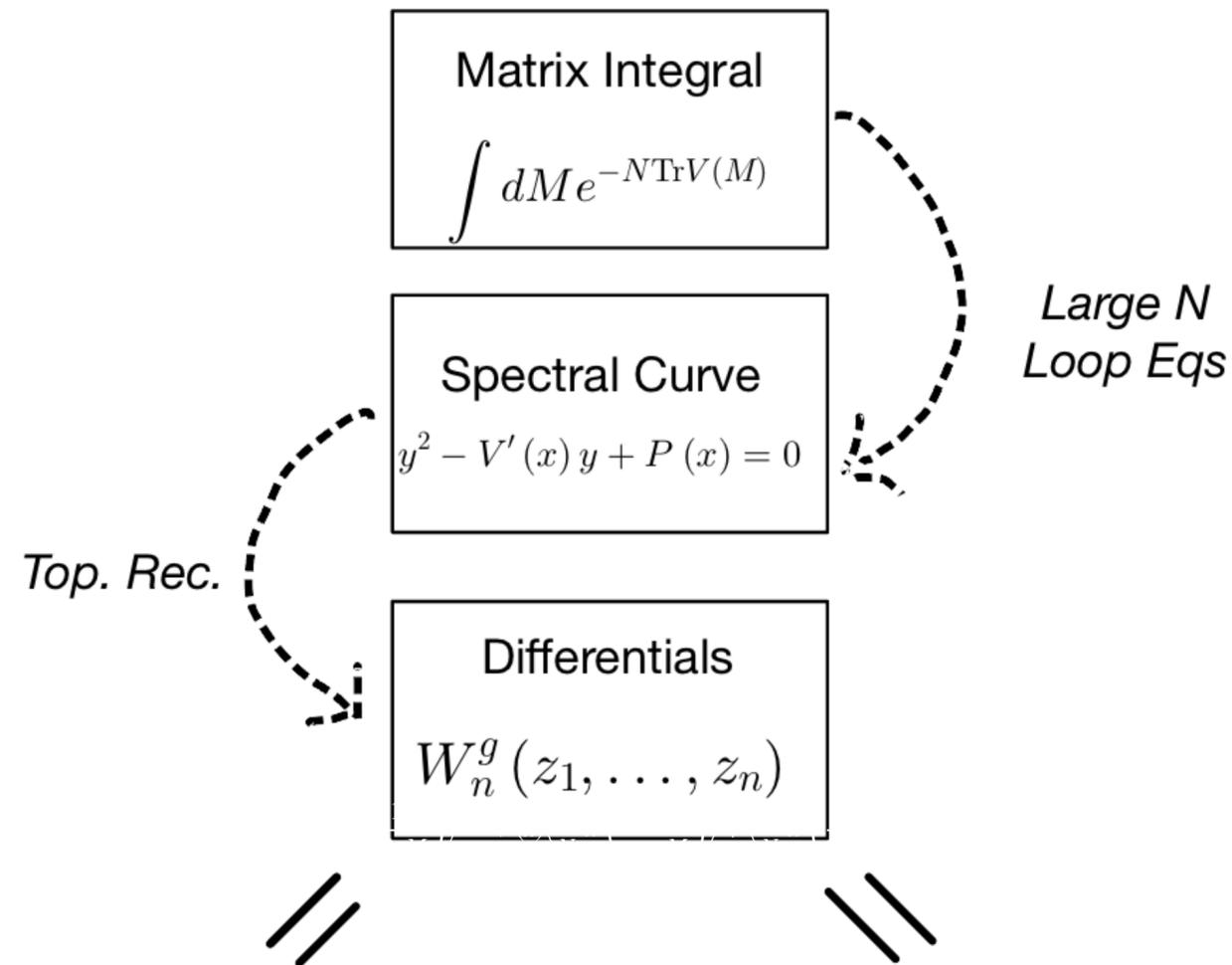
# Finding a B-Model in Disguise

## The Many Faces of Topological Recursion

[Cf. Eynard-Orantin; Eynard; DOSS

KS : Dijkgraaf-Vafa; Post, v.d. Heijden, E Verlinde

LG : Dunin-Barkowski, Norbury, Orantin, Popolitov, Shadrin]



Gaussian Model Spectral Curve

$$x = \frac{1}{y} + ty$$

Landau-Ginsburg Superpotential

$$W(Z) = \frac{1}{Z} + tZ$$

(Cf. Dijkgraaf-Vafa)

Branchpoints of Spectral Curve

$$dx = 0$$

Critical Points of Superpotential

$$dW = 0$$

*Topological Recursion*: Residues at branchpoints of spec curve  
*B-model string*: localization to constant maps into critical points of W

Integrate out matter first: moduli space integral & intersection numbers



Integrate out « gravity » first (cf. Losev): Top. Recursion as matter residue calculus with new contact terms

Origin of Dictionary

# CohFT Correlators

## Traces as Matter Primaries + Gravitational Descendants

$$\int dM_{N \times N} e^{-N \text{Tr} V(M)} \prod_{i=1}^N \text{Tr} M^{k_i}$$

Potential  
determines  
matter theory



large N expansion  
= genus expansion

$$\sum_g N^{2-2g-n} \sum_{\alpha_i, d_i} c_{\alpha_i, d_i}^{k_i} \int_{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \langle O_{\alpha_1} \cdots O_{\alpha_n} \rangle \prod_{i=1}^n \psi_i^{d_i}$$



Extra psi-class  
Insertions



Main tool: TR as CohFT  
(Eynard 2011 + DOSS 2014 + Giachetto Thesis+...)

# Matter Primaries =  
# Edges of Eigenvalue Distribution

Sanity Checks:  
g=0 3pt & 4pt, and g=1 1pt correlators from  
explicit moduli-space integrals

Very Explicit Universal Operator Dictionary!

$$\text{Tr} M^{2k} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{O}_+ \sum_{d=0}^{k-1} \frac{(2k)!}{(k-d)!(k-1-d)!} \psi^{2d} + \mathbf{O}_- \sum_{d=0}^{k-1} \frac{(2k)!}{(k-1-d)!(k-1-d)!} \psi^{2d+1}$$

# The BMN Limit - Take 2

« Washing Out the Matter Theory »

Reproduce Okounkov &  
Okounkov-Pandharipande!

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle \text{Tr} M^{2\kappa x_1} \dots \text{Tr} M^{2\kappa x_n} \rangle^{(g)}}{2^{2\kappa|x|} \kappa^{3g-3+3n/2}} = \frac{2^g}{(\pi)^{n/2}} \sum_{d_1+\dots+d_n=d_{g,n}} \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \psi_{\alpha}^{d_{\alpha}} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}} x_{\alpha}^{d_{\alpha}+1/2}$$

From our operator dictionary

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} : \text{Tr} M^k : \sim O_a \times e^{\frac{k^2}{2}\psi}$$

Maximize  $\psi$ -class insertions

$\leftrightarrow$

Decouples matter theory

$$\langle O_{\alpha_1} \dots O_{\alpha_n} \rangle^{TFT} \times \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,n}} \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_d c_{\mathbf{k}_i, d} \psi_i^d$$

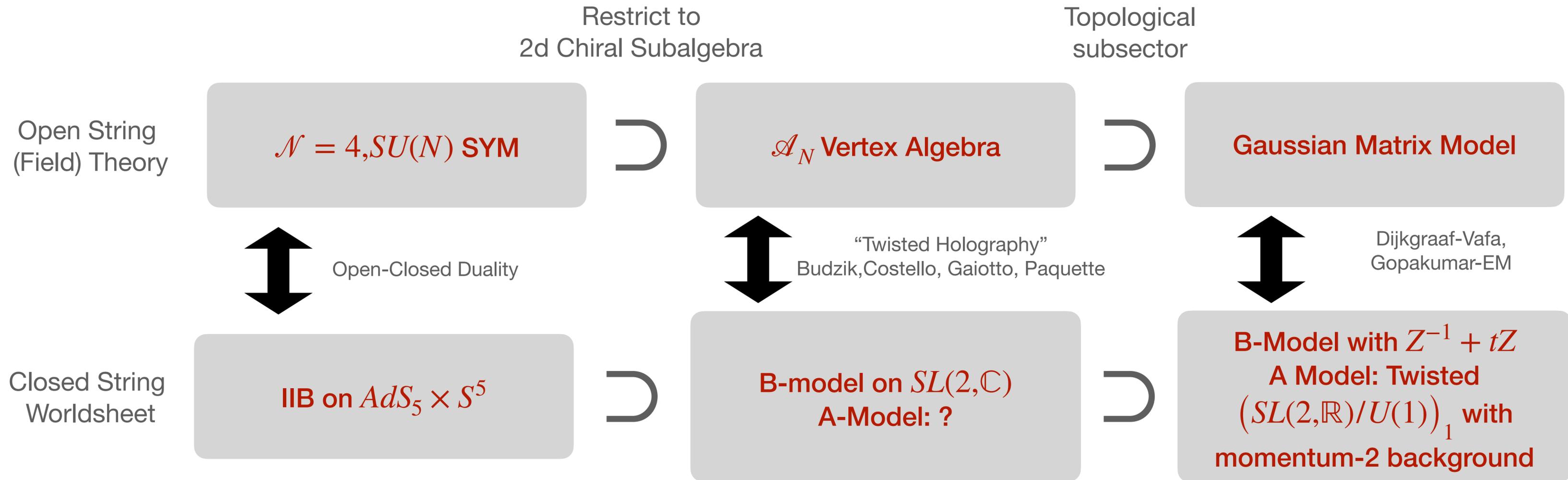
**Pure 2d top  
gravity in BMN  
limit!**

# AdS/CFT

**How do these lessons fit into holography?**

# The Even Bigger Picture

As a topological subsector of “standard” *AdS/CFT*



# Thank You!

**Happy to go into more details!**

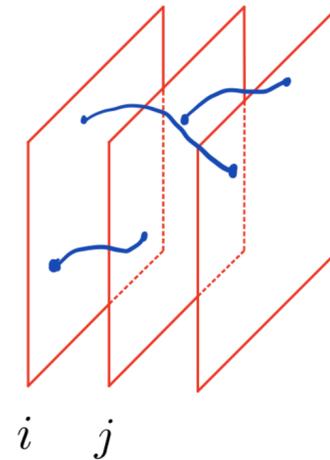
4pt Fn Example

Some Words  
on Relation to JT

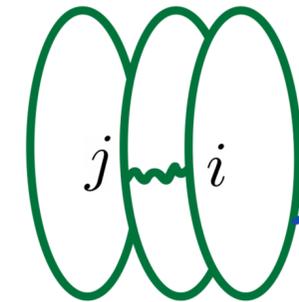
# The Simplest Gauge Theory from Branes

## A Comparison with $AdS_5/CFT_4$

### BRANE SETUP



N D3s wrapping  
 $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{9,1}$



N D1s wrapping  
 $\mathbb{CP}^1 \sim S^2$  in  
 $\mathcal{O}(0) \oplus \mathcal{O}(-2) \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$

### GAUGE THEORY (Open String Description)

$SU(N)$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

DBI on worldvolume of N Branes,  
+ low-energy Limit

$N \times N$  Hermitian Matrix Integral

Open string field theory on N branes,

### EMERGENT GEOMETRY (Closed String Description)

IIB on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

A Model:  $\frac{SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{k=1}}{U(1)} \sim \mathbb{CP}^1$

# Localization for Simplification

## From Open String Field Theory to a Matrix Integral

Open String Field Theory

$$S = \frac{1}{2g} \int_{string\ configs} \Psi \star Q\Psi + \frac{2}{3} \Psi \star \Psi \star \Psi$$

[Witten '92]

**B-Model Localization**  
„string  $\rightarrow$  point“

6d Hol. Chern-Simons

$$S = \frac{1}{2g} \int_{Target} \Omega \wedge Tr_N \left( A \wedge \bar{\partial}A + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right)$$

**Brane Setup &**

$$A_{\mu \in \{//, 0, -2\}} = (A_{//}, \Phi_0, \Phi_1)$$

[Dijkgraaf-Vafa'02]

2d Gauged  $\beta\gamma$ -System

$$S = \frac{1}{g} \int_{\mathbb{CP}^1} Tr_N [\Phi_1 (\bar{\partial}_{//} + [A_{//}, \cdot]) \Phi_0]$$

$\mathbb{CP}^1$  & Lagrange  
Multiplier

Our 2-Matrix Model

$$S = \frac{1}{g} Tr_N (KM)$$

More than what we can do in AdS/CFT !

# Two B-Model Perspectives on 4-pt Fn.

“Pure Matter” vs. Intersection Theory Computations of  $N_{0,4}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_4)$

Matrix Model Answer:  $\langle \prod_{i=1}^{n=4} \frac{1}{N^{2k_i}} : Tr M^{2k_i} : \rangle_c^{g=0} = N_{g=0, n=4}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_4) = k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2 + k_4^2 - 1$

“Pure Matter” LG w/ contact terms (cf. Losev)

$$W(Z) = \frac{1}{Z} + Z$$

$$\frac{1}{Nk} : Tr M^k : \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_k \equiv \frac{1}{Z^{k+1}}$$

$$N_{g=0, n=3}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \langle \mathcal{O}_{k_1} \mathcal{O}_{k_2} \mathcal{O}_{k_3} \rangle$$

$$= \oint \frac{1}{W'(z)} \frac{1}{z^{k_1+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_2+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_3+1}}$$

$$= \text{Res}_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 - 1)} \frac{1}{z^{k_1+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_2+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_3+1}} + \text{Res}_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 - 1)} \frac{1}{z^{k_1+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_2+1}} \frac{1}{z^{k_3+1}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (-1)^{k_1+k_2+k_3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Start with 3-pt Fn.  
(Cf. Vafa)

# Matter Theory as Iterated Residue Calculus

## B-Model “after integrating out gravity”

“Pure Matter” LG w/ contact terms (cf. Losev)

$$C_W(\mathcal{O}_{k_i}, \mathcal{O}_{k_j}) = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{\mathcal{O}_{k_i} \mathcal{O}_{k_j}}{W'(z)} \right)_{-} = \sum_{l=1}^{k_i+k_j} 2l \mathcal{O}_{2l}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{2k_1} \mathcal{O}_{2k_2} \mathcal{O}_{2k_3} \mathcal{O}_{2k_4} \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathcal{O}_{2k_1} \mathcal{O}_{2k_2} \mathcal{O}_{2k_3} \rangle_{W+t\mathcal{O}_{2k_4}} \Big|_{t=0} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle C_W(\mathcal{O}_{2k_4}, \mathcal{O}_{2k_i}) \prod_{j \neq i}^3 \mathcal{O}_{2k_j} \rangle$$

$$= - (2k_4 + 1)(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1) + k_1(1 + k_1) + k_2(1 + k_2) + k_3(1 + k_3) + 2k_4(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) + 3k_4(1 + k_4)$$

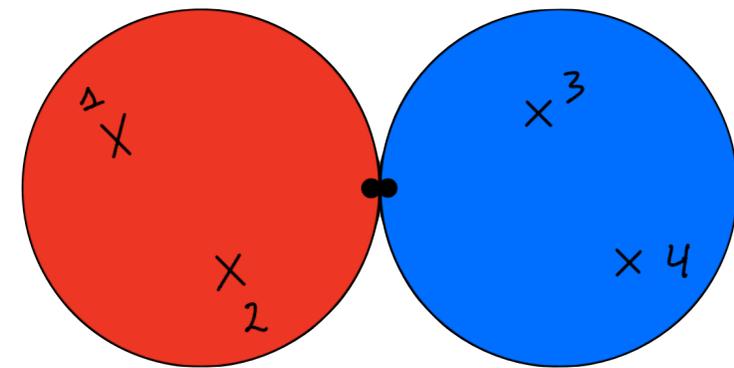
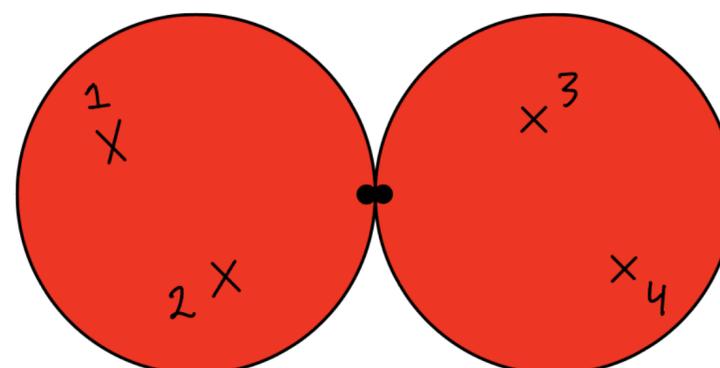
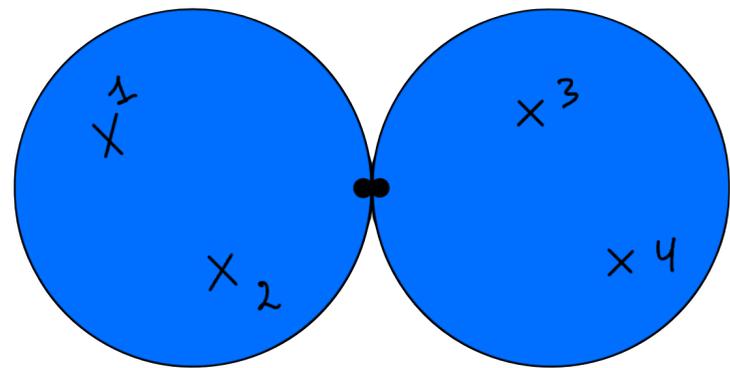
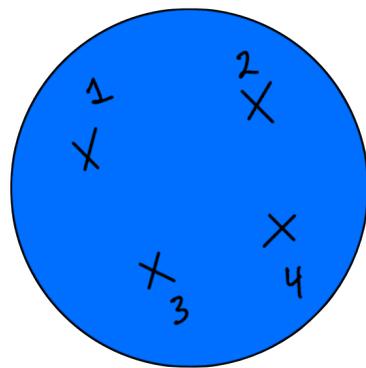
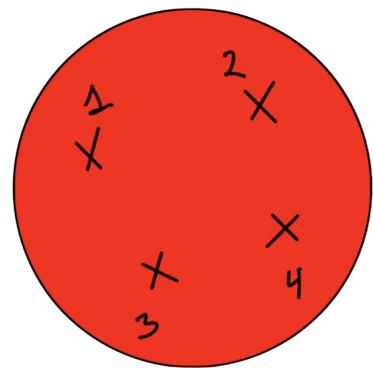
Contributions from deformed 3-pt fn

Contributions from contact terms

$$= k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2 + k_4^2 - 1 = N_{g=0, n=4}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_4)$$

# 4-pt Function from Moduli Space Integral

**B-Model “after integrating out matter”**



$$\frac{1}{2} \left( k_1^2 - \frac{1}{16} \right) \langle \psi_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{0,4}} + \text{Perm}(1,2,3,4)$$

$$-\frac{3}{64} \langle \psi_1^0 \psi_2^0 \psi^0 \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{0,3}} \langle \psi_3^0 \psi_4^0 \psi^0 \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{0,3}}$$

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From operator insertions

Contributions from boundary of moduli space (cf. contact terms)

$$-\frac{3}{64} \langle \kappa_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{0,4}} \quad -\frac{3}{64} \langle \kappa_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{0,4}}$$

From “background” dual to matrix potential

Coefficients fixed both by local behavior of spectral curve & Bergmann kernel near branchpoints) and our new operator dictionary

$$= k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2 + k_4^2 - 1 = N_{g=0, n=4}(2k_1, \dots, 2k_4)$$

# Traces from Hodge-GUE

## All genus-0 and genus-1 correlators

$$\langle \text{Tr} M^{2k_1} \dots \text{Tr} M^{2k_a} \rangle_c^g = \sum_{h=0}^{\lceil g/2 \rceil} \frac{2^g}{2^{3h}(2h)!} \sum_{l=0}^{\lceil g/2 \rceil} \frac{1}{l!} \int_{\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g-h, a+l+2h}} \Lambda(-1)\Lambda(-1)\Lambda(1/2) \prod_{i=1}^a \frac{1}{1-k_i\psi_i} \frac{(2k_i)!}{(k_i)!(k_i-1)!} \prod_{j=a+1}^{a+l} \frac{-\psi_j^2}{1-\psi_j}$$

$\Lambda(x) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^g c_j(\mathbb{E})x^j$  Cf. Borot & Garcia-Failde

Reproduce  
g = 0 n-pt  
Matrix Model answer

$$\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Tr} M^{2k_i} \rangle_c^{g=0} = \frac{(k_{tot} - 1)!}{(k_{tot} - n + 2)!} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(2k_i)!}{(k_i)!(k_i - 1)!}$$

Hodge bundle trivial,  
 $\psi$ -class intersection numbers  
purely combinatorial

g = 1 n-pt  
(Also beyond MM answers)

Cf. Morozov-Shakirov

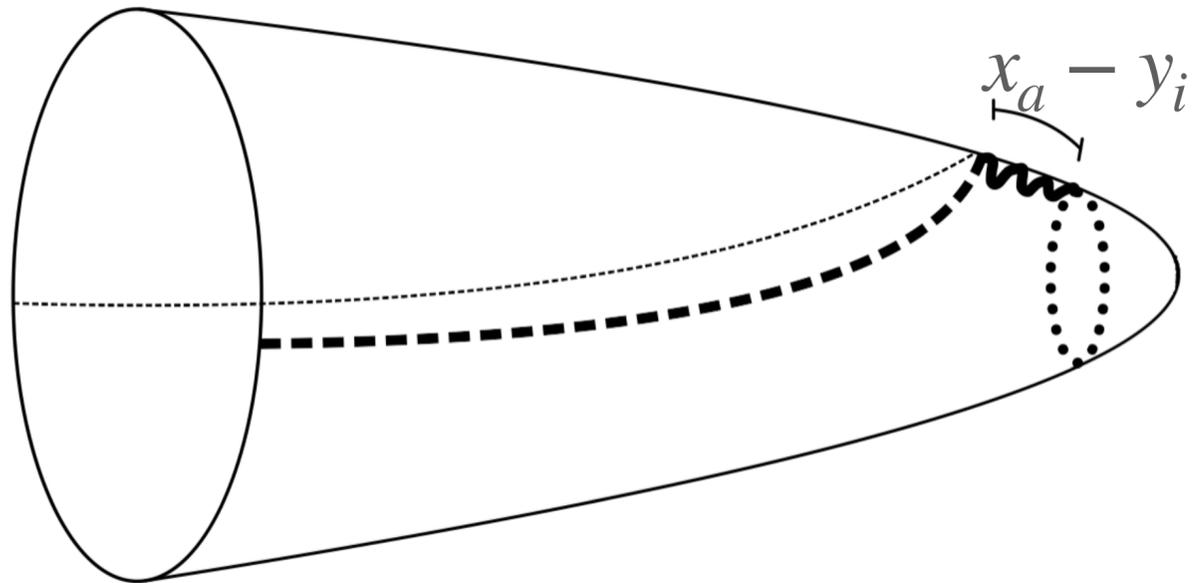
$$\langle \text{Tr} M^{2k_1} \text{Tr} M^{2k_2} \rangle_{conn}^{g=1} = \left( \frac{k_1^2 + k_1 k_2 + k_2^2 - 2(k_1 + k_2) + 1}{12} \right) \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{(2k_i)!}{(k_i)!(k_i - 1)!}$$

Requires the  $\lambda_g$ -formula (Faber-Pandharipande)

$$\int_{\bar{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}} \psi_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \psi_n^{\alpha_n} \lambda_g = \frac{(2g + n - 3)!}{\alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!} \times \frac{2^{2g-1} - 1}{2^{2g-1}} \frac{|B_{2g}|}{(2g)!}$$

# The A-Model: the Cigar

From  $c=1$  at self-dual radius to the topological coset



$$\int dK dM_{N \times N} e^{-\frac{1}{g} \text{Tr}(V_p(K) - K(M - Y))} \prod_{a=1}^Q \det(x_a - M)$$

- Can map tachyon vertex operators in  $c=1$  at self-dual radius to operators in coset model, giving operator dictionary for traces :  
 $\text{Tr} M^k \leftrightarrow D_{j=1/2}^k$ , where the momentum background makes us consider vertex operators in the spectrally flowed  $j = 1/2$  sector
- Compact  $\sim$  ZZ // Non-compact  $\sim$  FZZT

# All Genus 1-pt Function

**A detailed sanity check**

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} M^{2n} \right\rangle_{\text{Gaussian}} = 2n \langle T_{-2n} \rangle_{t_2}$$

Gaussian Matrix Model  $\leftrightarrow$   $c=1$  string at self-dual radius with momentum +2 tachyon-background

***c=1 string calculation:***

$$2n \langle T_{-2n} \rangle_{t_2} = \frac{1}{2n+1} \left( \frac{1}{i\mu} \right)^{2n+1} \oint dz W^{2n+1}(z)$$

$$2n \langle T_{-2n} \rangle_{t_2} = \frac{1}{N^{2n+1}} \frac{1}{2n+1} \oint dz z^{-N} e^{-\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \partial_z^{2n+1} \left( z^N e^{+\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \right)$$

**$W_\infty$  currents**  $W^{2n+1}(z) \equiv \bar{\psi}(z) \partial_z^{2n+1} \psi(z)$

**Bosonization**  $\psi(z) = e^{i\mu\phi(z)}$

**Background**  $\phi(z) = \log z + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} t_k z^k$

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### Gaussian Matrix calculation:

Orthogonal Polynomials  $\int d\lambda e^{-\lambda^2} F_m(\lambda) F_n(\lambda) = h_m \delta_{mn}$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} M^{2n} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int dM e^{-\frac{N}{2t_2} \text{Tr} M^2} \text{Tr} M^{2n} = \left( \frac{2t_2}{N} \right)^n \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{h_k} \int dx e^{-x^2} F_k(x) F_k(x)$$

$$= \left( \frac{2t_2}{N} \right)^n \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{h_{N-1}} \frac{2}{2n+1} \int dx e^{-x^2} x^{2n+1} F_N(x) F_{N-1}(x)$$

Christoffel-Darboux  $\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{h_k} F_k(x) F_k(x) = \frac{1}{h_{N-1}} (F'_N(x) F_{N-1}(x) - F_N(x) F'_{N-1}(x))$

EOM  $(2x - \partial_x) F'_k(x) = 2k F_k(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{N^{2n+1}} \frac{1}{2n+1} \oint dz z^{-N} e^{-\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \partial_z^{2n+1} \left( z^N e^{+\frac{N}{2} t_2 z^2} \right) = 2n \langle T_{-2n} \rangle_{t_2}$$

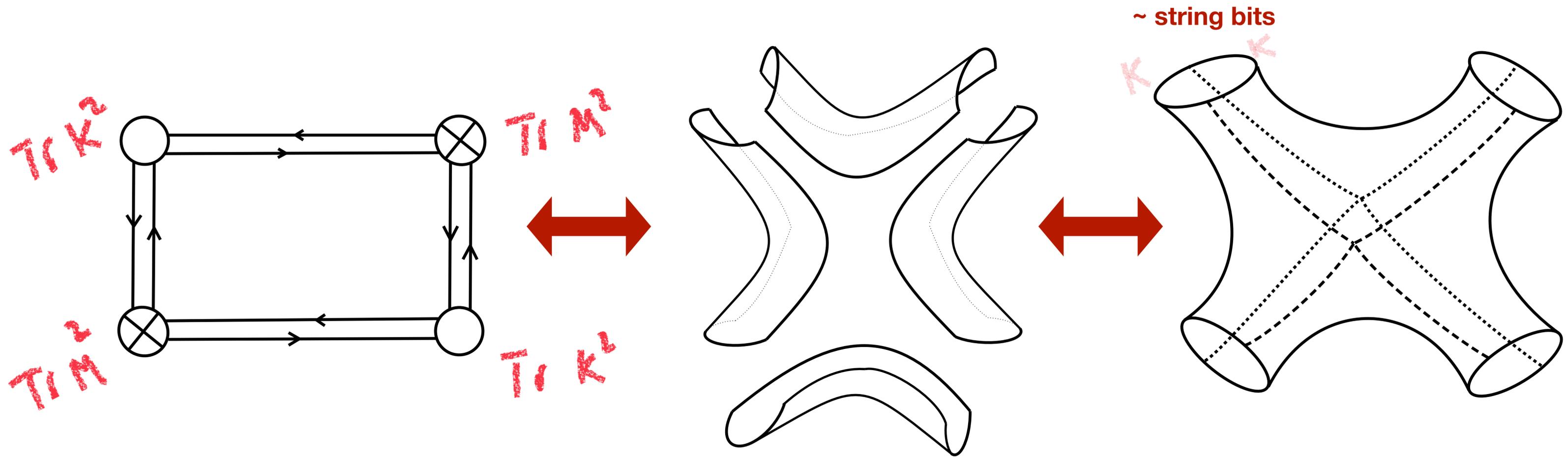
Integral Representation

$$F_N(x) = 2^{-N} (-1)^N e^{x^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int (is)^N e^{isx - s^2/4}$$

$$F_{N-1} = 2^{-(N-1)} (N-1)! \oint \frac{e^{2ux - u^2}}{u^N}$$

# An Example of V-type Reconstruction

Back to the simplest FD



Each Edge as an Infinite Strip