

ISSUES ON MAGNON REFLECTION

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- explaining poles of magnon reflection amplitudes
by Landau type diagrams
- extension of boundary state formalism
for magnon reflections

Introduction

integrability of planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM \leftrightarrow AdS/CFT correspondence

planar $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM \leftrightarrow 2d theory world sheet of string

single trace operators: closed spin chain dilatation operator

states with large charges: long closed string on a circle

infinite string limit : dispersion relation, scattering amplitudes
of fundamental excitations (= magnons)

non relativistic integrable model

open spin chains in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM open strings with D branes

integrability preserving boundaries

(Hofman Maldacena) giant graviton

with two orientations relative to open string ground state

W, Y, Z scalar fields in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$Y = 0$ brane

$$\mathcal{O}_Y = \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{N-1} B}^{j_1 \dots j_{N-1} A} Y_{j_1}^{i_1} \dots Y_{j_{N-1}}^{i_{N-1}} (Z \dots Z \chi Z \dots Z \chi' Z \dots)_A^B$$

$Z = 0$ brane

$$\mathcal{O}_Z = \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{N-1} B}^{j_1 \dots j_{N-1} A} Z_{j_1}^{i_1} \dots Z_{j_{N-1}}^{i_{N-1}} (\chi Z \dots Z \chi Z \dots Z \chi'' Z \dots Z \chi''')_A^B$$

- spin chain connected to giant graviton through boundary impurities χ, χ'''
- there are boundary degrees of freedom
- full symmetry of the bulk preserved

(Hofman Maldacena) matrix structure of magnon reflection amplitudes
by residual symmetries

Boundary Crossing Condition (BCC) for $Y = 0$

boundary bound states for $Z = 0$

(Chen Correa) solution of BCC for $Y = 0$

BCC for $Z = 0$

(Ahn Bak Rey) solution of BCC for $Z = 0$

multimagnon reflections

(Ahn Nepomechie) ZF algebra for both branes

Magnon kinematics, spectrum, S matrix

magnon 16 dim. (short) BPS repr. of $SU(2|2) \times SU(2|2)$ SUSY

$$E = \Delta - J = \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)} \quad \text{where} \quad g = \sqrt{g_{YM}^2 N} / 4\pi$$

x^\pm spectral parameters

$$p = p(x^\pm) = \frac{1}{i} \log \left(\frac{x^+}{x^-} \right) \quad E = E(x^\pm) = \frac{g}{i} \left[\left(x^+ - \frac{1}{x^+} \right) - \left(x^- - \frac{1}{x^-} \right) \right]$$

constraint

$$\left(x^+ + \frac{1}{x^+} \right) - \left(x^- + \frac{1}{x^-} \right) = \frac{i}{g}$$

$Q \in \mathbb{N}$ magnon bound states

$$E = \sqrt{Q^2 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{P}{2} \right)}$$

$$x_j^- = x_{j+1}^+ \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, Q-1 \quad X^+ \equiv x_1^+ \quad X^- \equiv x_Q^-$$

velocity

$$v(X^\pm) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2g} \frac{dE}{dP} = \frac{X^+ + X^-}{1 + X^+ X^-}$$

magnon-magnon scattering $S(x_1, x_2)$
 (Beisert) intertwining property up to phase

$$S_{\text{full}} = S_0^2(x_1, x_2) \left(\hat{S}_{su(2|2)}(x_1, x_2) \otimes \hat{S}_{su'(2|2)}(x_1, x_2) \right) \quad \text{“string” basis}$$

$$S_0^2(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_1^- - x_2^+) \left(1 - \frac{1}{x_1^+ x_2^-}\right)}{(x_1^+ - x_2^-) \left(1 - \frac{1}{x_1^- x_2^+}\right)} \sigma^2(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) \equiv \frac{\tilde{S}(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm)}{A(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm)}$$

$$A(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) = \frac{(x_1^+ - x_2^-)}{(x_1^- - x_2^+)} \quad \sigma(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) \quad \text{dressing phase}$$

$$\phi(x_1) \text{ magnon's hw} \quad |\phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\rangle = A(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) \tilde{S}(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) |\phi(x_2)\phi(x_1)\rangle$$

$$A(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) \tilde{S}(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) = \sigma^2(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) S_{\text{BDS}}(x_1^\pm, x_2^\pm) \quad \text{BDS piece of S matrix}$$

factorization $\Psi_{Q_1}(X_1) \Psi_{Q_2}(X_2)$ scattering by fusion

$$S_{\text{full}} |\Psi_{Q_1}(X_1) \Psi_{Q_2}(X_2)\rangle = A(X_1^\pm, X_2^\pm) \tilde{S}(X_1^\pm, X_2^\pm) \prod_{k=0}^{Q_2-1} F(X_1^\pm, X_2^\pm, k) |\Psi_{Q_2}(X_2) \Psi_{Q_1}(X_1)\rangle$$

$$F(X_1^\pm, X_2^\pm, k) = \left(\frac{X_1^+ + \frac{1}{X_1^+} - X_2^+ - \frac{1}{X_2^+} + \frac{ik}{g}}{X_1^- + \frac{1}{X_1^-} - X_2^- - \frac{1}{X_2^-} - \frac{ik}{g}} \right)^{2-\delta_{k,0}}$$

1st and 2nd order poles

(Dorey Hofman Maldacena; Dorey Okamura)

physical poles \leftrightarrow explanation Landau type diagrams

“physicality condition” close to real axis in any of

- $g \rightarrow \infty$ P fixed giant magnon limit
- $g \rightarrow \infty$ $k \equiv 2gP$ fixed plane wave limit
- $g \ll 1$ Heisenberg spin chain limit

reflection on the $Y = 0$ brane

$\phi(x)$ magnon's hw singlet under $su(1|2) \otimes su(1|2)$

$$R_{R \text{ full}}^Y |\phi(x^\pm)\rangle = -\sigma(x^\pm, -x^\mp) |\phi(-x^\mp)\rangle \quad R_{L \text{ full}}^Y : x^\pm \rightarrow -x^\mp$$

magnon bound state $\Psi_Q(X)$ fusion procedure (Ahn Bak Rey)

$$R_{R \text{ full}}^Y |\Psi_Q(X^\pm)\rangle = -\sigma^{-1}(-X^\mp, X^\pm) \prod_{k=1}^{Q-1} \left(\frac{X^+ + \frac{1}{X^+} - \frac{ik}{2g}}{X^- + \frac{1}{X^-} + \frac{ik}{2g}} \right) |\Psi_Q(-X^\mp)\rangle$$

poles at $X^- + \frac{1}{X^-} = i\frac{m}{2g}$ $m = -(Q-1), \dots, -1, 1, 2, \dots$

zeroes at $X^+ + \frac{1}{X^+} = i\frac{l}{2g}$ $l = (Q-1), \dots, 1, -1, -2, \dots$

no bound states Bethe-Yang eq. not consistent

poles are physical for $g \rightarrow \infty$ $E \rightarrow 4g$

$$P = \pi - iq \quad q = \ln \frac{2Q + m + \sqrt{16g^2 + (2Q + m)^2}}{\sqrt{16g^2 + m^2} - m} \sim \frac{Q + m}{2g}$$

boundary Coleman Thun mechanism for magnons

(Coleman Thun) poles of exact S matrices \leftrightarrow anomalous thresholds
 sometimes even first order poles

(Dorey Tateo Watts; Mattsson Dorey; Bajnok P Takacs) BIQFT

warning naive degree $N - 2L$ higher cancellation, zeroes

CT mechanism Landau eq.-s singularities of Feynman diagrams

magnon theory non relativistic $\Pi(E, P) = \frac{i}{E^2 - 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{P}{2} - Q^2 + i\epsilon}$

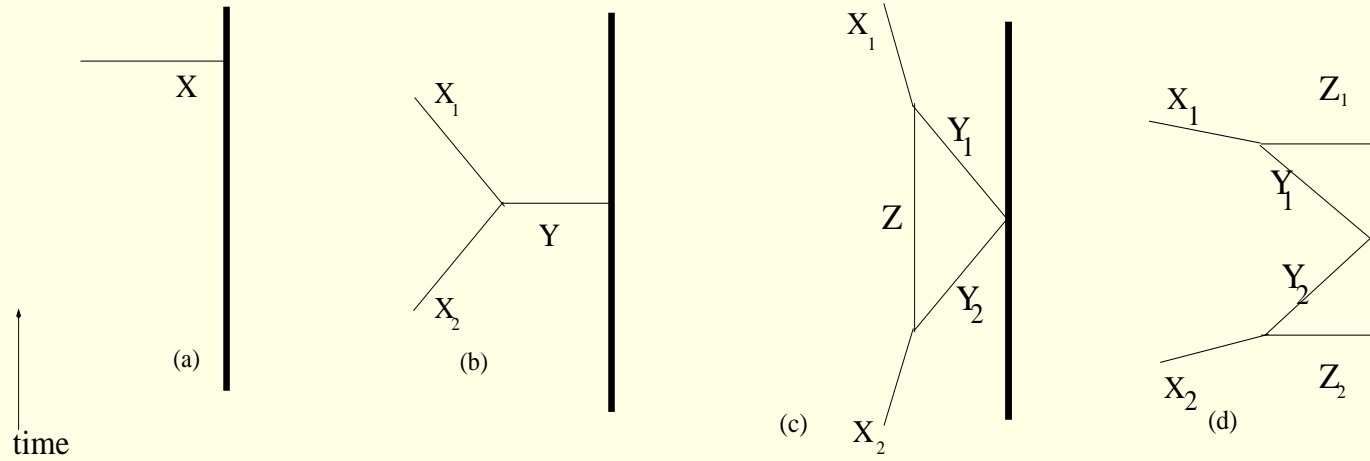
$$E_j^2 - 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{P_j}{2} - Q_j^2 = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, I \quad \text{for internal lines}$$

$$\sum_{i \in L_l} \alpha_i E_i = 0 \quad - 8g^2 \sum_{i \in L_l} \alpha_i \sin P_i = 0 \quad l = 1, \dots, L \quad \text{for loops}$$

space time diagrams $x_1^0 - x_2^0 = \alpha E \quad x_1^1 - x_2^1 = \alpha \sin P$

boundary: only E conserved $X^\pm \rightarrow -X^\mp$

Landau diagrams for reflections on the $Y = 0$ brane



at bulk vertices energy, momentum, $U(1)$ charge conserved

vertex conditions

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 X^- = Z^- & X^+ = Y^+ & Z^+ = Y^- \\
 X^+ = Z^+ & X^- = Y^- & Z^- = Y^+ \\
 X^- = Z^- & X^+ = \frac{1}{Y^-} & Z^+ = \frac{1}{Y^+} \\
 X^+ = Z^+ & X^- = \frac{1}{Y^+} & Z^- = \frac{1}{Y^-}
 \end{array}$$

algorithm to check diagrams

1. choose one admissible vertex condition at every bulk vertex
2. impose the reflection condition at the vertex on the boundary
3. check that it results in the reflection of the external legs $X_1^{\mp} = -X_2^{\pm}$
4. check whether Q for the internal lines is physical ($Q \geq 0$)
5. check that at all (bulk) vertices the particles are indeed heading towards/away from the boundary
6. check whether the internal reflection/scattering amplitudes have zeroes or poles to modify the naive counting of the degree of the pole ($N - 2L$)

horizontal lines $E = 0$ $X^- + \frac{1}{X^-} = -\frac{i}{2g}Q$, $X^+ + \frac{1}{X^+} = \frac{i}{2g}Q$
 not in set of poles diagram (a) ruled out

diagram (b) also ruled out:

insisting on $X_1^\pm = -X_2^\mp$ extra conditions on X_2^\pm (e.g. $X_2^+ = -X_2^-$)

triangle diagram (c) vertical line $P = \pm\pi$ $Z^+ = -Z^-$

Landau eq.-s satisfied:

$$Y_1^\pm = -Y_2^\mp \text{ implies } P_1^Y = -P_2^Y \quad E_1^Y = E_2^Y \text{ thus}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha \quad 2\alpha E_1^Y + \alpha_3 E^Z = 0 \quad \text{solution}$$

naive degree $3 - 2 \cdot 1 = 1$

The four triangle diagrams leading to reflection of external legs

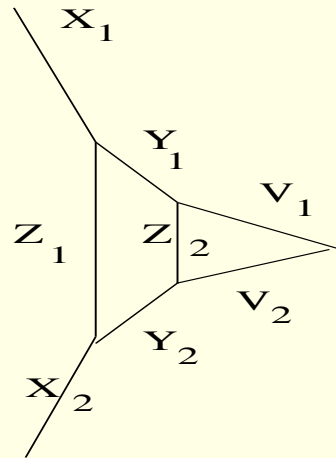
vertex conditions	Q values	reflecting magnon
$X_1^- = Z^-, X_1^+ = \frac{1}{Y_1^-}, Z^+ = \frac{1}{Y_1^+}$ $X_2^+ = Z^+, X_2^- = \frac{1}{Y_2^+}, Z^- = \frac{1}{Y_2^-}$	$Q_Z = 2Q + m$ $Q_Y = Q + m$	$Y_2^+ + \frac{1}{Y_2^+} = \frac{im}{2g}$ $Y_2^- + \frac{1}{Y_2^-} = -\frac{i}{2g}(2Q + m)$
$X_1^+ = Z^+, X_1^- = \frac{1}{Y_1^+}, Z^- = \frac{1}{Y_1^-}$ $X_2^- = Z^-, X_2^+ = \frac{1}{Y_2^-}, Z^+ = \frac{1}{Y_2^+}$	$Q_Y = -(Q + m)$	
$X_1^+ = Z^+, X_1^- = Y_1^-, Z^- = Y_1^+$ $X_2^- = Z^-, X_2^+ = Y_2^+, Z^+ = Y_2^-$	$Q_Z = -m$ $Q_Y = Q + m$	$Y_2^+ + \frac{1}{Y_2^+} = \frac{i}{2g}(2Q + m)$ $Y_2^- + \frac{1}{Y_2^-} = -\frac{im}{2g}$
$X_1^- = Z^-, X_1^+ = Y_1^+, Z^+ = Y_1^-$ $X_2^+ = Z^+, X_2^- = Y_2^-, Z^- = Y_2^+$	$Q_Y = -(Q + m)$	

first internal reflection has zero finite
 third internal reflection has pole 2nd order pole
 velocities: first same sign as $v(X_2)$ third opposite

the diagram that works

naive degree

$$6 - 2 \cdot 2 = 2$$



along Z_1 : first choice

along Z_2 : fourth choice

Q values

$$Q_{Z_1} = 2Q + m \quad Q_{Y_2} = Q_{Y_1} = Q + m \quad Q_{V_2} = Q_{V_1} = Q \quad Q_{Z_2} = m$$

reflecting magnon

$$V_2^+ + \frac{1}{V_2^+} = -\frac{im}{2g} \quad V_2^- + \frac{1}{V_2^-} = -\frac{i}{2g}(2Q + m)$$

internal reflection has **zero** 1st order pole indeed !

velocities: diagram consistent

Boundary state formalism for magnon reflections

scalar factors determined from boundary crossing

crossing relations: singlet scatters/reflects trivially

boundary state in BIQFT (Ghoshal Zamolodchikov)

alternative derivation

connection to mirror magnon model (Arutyunov Frolov)

Summary of boundary state formalism in BIQFT

(Ghoshal Zamolodchikov) two *equivalent* Hamiltonian descriptions
 (relativistic invariance) open channel

$$A_i^\dagger(\theta)B = R_i^j(\theta)A_j^\dagger(-\theta)B$$

exchanging time and space in Euclidean version (double Wick rotation)
 closed channel boundary state $\langle B|$ all information
 requirement: correlation functions identical

$$\langle B| = \langle 0|(1 + \int_0^\infty d\theta K^{ab}(\theta)A_a(-\theta)A_b(\theta) + \dots) \quad \text{out states}$$

$$\langle B| = \langle 0|(1 + \int_0^\infty d\theta K^{ab}(-\theta)A_a(\theta)A_b(-\theta) + \dots) \quad \text{in states}$$

consistency $K^{dc}(\theta) = K^{ab}(-\theta)S_{ab}^{cd}(2\theta)$ boundary crossing if $K \leftrightarrow R$
 reduction formulae $K^{ab}(\theta) = R_a^b(i\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$

combined with boundary YB unitarity and crossing of bulk S matrix

$$[K(\theta), K(\theta')] = 0, \quad \text{where} \quad K(\theta) = K^{ab}(\theta)A_a(-\theta)A_b(\theta),$$

boundary state $\langle B| = \langle 0| \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\theta)d\theta\right)$

Boundary state formalism for magnons

magnon problem: (●) non relativistic
(●●) no reduction formulae

(●) mirror magnon model (double Wick rotation) not equivalent
(Arutyunov Frolov) magnon (p, E) mirror magnon (\tilde{p}, \tilde{E})

$$p \rightarrow 2i \operatorname{arcsinh}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1 + \tilde{p}^2}}{4g}\right) = i\tilde{E} \quad E = \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}} \rightarrow i\tilde{p}$$

dispersion relation complex torus z generalized rapidity

$$p(z) = 2am(z) \quad \sin \frac{p(z)}{2} = \operatorname{sn}(z, k) \equiv \operatorname{sn}(z) \quad E(z) = \operatorname{dn}(z, k) \equiv \operatorname{dn}(z)$$

$$x^\pm(z) = \frac{1}{4g} \left(\frac{\operatorname{cn}(z, k)}{\operatorname{sn}(z, k)} \pm i \right) (1 + \operatorname{dn}(z, k)) \quad k^2 = -16g^2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{torus} \quad z \rightarrow z \pm 2\omega_1 \quad z \rightarrow z \pm 2\omega_2 \quad \omega_1 = 2K(k^2) \quad \omega_2 = 2iK(1-k^2) - 2K(k^2)$$

$$g \rightarrow \infty \quad \omega_1 \rightarrow \frac{\log g}{2g} \quad \omega_2 \rightarrow i \frac{\pi}{4g}$$

$$\text{rescaling} \quad z \rightarrow z/(4g) \quad p \rightarrow p/(2g) \text{ keeps} \quad \operatorname{Im}(z) \text{ finite}$$

converts dispersion relation to $E^2 - p^2 = 1$ z plays the role of θ

torus degenerates into strip $-\pi < \operatorname{Im}(z) < \pi$ $-\infty < \operatorname{Re}(z) < \infty$

(Arutyunov Frolov) magnon S -matrix analytic continuation $\mathcal{S}(z_1, z_2)$ to entire rapidity torus

z torus for mirror model:

double Wick rotation shift $z \rightarrow \tilde{z} + \frac{\omega_2}{2}$

$$\tilde{p} = -i \operatorname{dn}\left(\tilde{z} + \frac{\omega_2}{2}, k\right) = \sqrt{k'} \frac{\operatorname{sn}(\tilde{z})}{\operatorname{cn}(\tilde{z})} \quad \tilde{E} = 2 \operatorname{arccoth} \frac{\sqrt{k'}}{\operatorname{dn}(\tilde{z})}$$

$$-\infty < \tilde{p} < \infty \quad \text{mapped to} \quad -\omega_1/2 < \tilde{z} < \omega_1/2$$

analogous to $\theta \rightarrow \theta + i\frac{\pi}{2}$

(Arutyunov Frolov) mirror magnon S -matrix

$$\tilde{S}(\tilde{z}_1, \tilde{z}_2) = S\left(\tilde{z}_1 + \frac{\omega_2}{2}, \tilde{z}_2 + \frac{\omega_2}{2}\right)$$

boundary state for magnon reflection on $Y = 0$ brane

$$A_i^\dagger(z)B = R_i^j(z)A_j^\dagger(-z)B \quad i, j = 1 \dots 4$$

$$\langle B| = \langle 0|(1 + \int_0^{\omega_1/2} d\tilde{z} \rho(\tilde{z}) K^{ab}(\tilde{z}) \tilde{A}_a(-\tilde{z}) \tilde{A}_b(\tilde{z}) + \dots)$$

consistency: $K^{dc}(\tilde{z}) = K^{ab}(-\tilde{z}) \tilde{S}_{ab}^{cd}(\tilde{z}, -\tilde{z})$ BCC if $K \leftrightarrow R$

(●●) K R relation demand $z \rightarrow z + \frac{\omega_2}{2}$ continuation of boundary YB
combined with $\tilde{S} \leftrightarrow S$

$$\mathcal{S}_{12}(z_1, z_2) \mathcal{S}_{21}(z_2, z_1) = \mathbb{I} \quad \mathbb{C}^{-1} \mathcal{S}_{12}^{tr}(z_1, z_2) \mathbb{C} \mathcal{S}_{12}(z_1, z_2 - \omega_2) = \mathbb{I}$$

should guarantee $[K(z), K(z')] = 0$ $K(z) = K^{ab}(z) \tilde{A}_a(-z) \tilde{A}_b(z)$

$$K^{ab}(z) = \mathbb{C}^{ac} R_c^b\left(\frac{\omega_2}{2} - z\right)$$

\mathbb{C} charge conjugation

continuing back $z \rightarrow u + \frac{\omega_2}{2}$

exploiting $R(u)R(-u) = 1 \quad S(z_1 + \omega_2, z_2 + \omega_2) = S(z_1, z_2)$

$$\mathbb{C}^{ac_1} R_{c_1}^b(\omega_2 + u) S_{ab}^{cd}(u, -u - \omega_2) R_c^n(u) = \mathbb{C}^{dn}$$

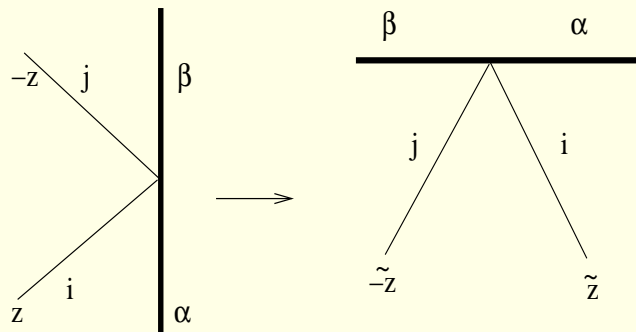
since $x^\pm(u + \omega_2) = (x^\pm(u))^{-1}$ is the BCC !

boundary state for the $Z = 0$ brane

boundary degree of freedom $B \rightarrow B_\alpha \quad \alpha = 1 \dots 4$

$$A_i^\dagger(z) B_\alpha = R_{i\alpha}^{j\beta}(z) A_j^\dagger(-z) B_\beta$$

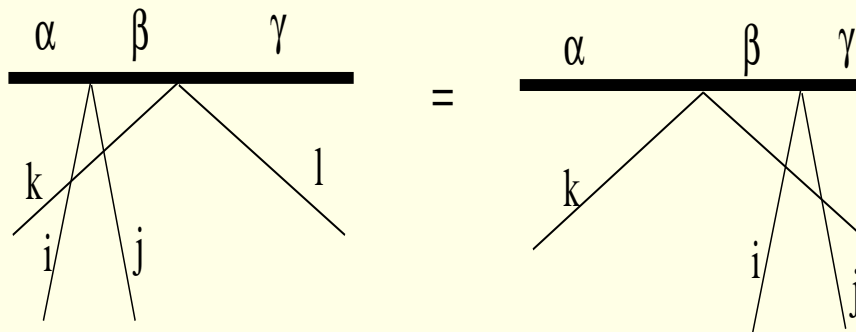
in reflection also boundary changes



boundary state characterized by b.d.o.f $\alpha \beta$ $K^{\alpha\beta}(\tilde{z}) = K^{ab\alpha\beta}(\tilde{z})\tilde{A}_a(-\tilde{z})\tilde{A}_b(\tilde{z})$

$$\langle B_{\alpha\beta} | = \langle 0 | (\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \int_0^{\omega_1/2} d\tilde{z} \rho(\tilde{z}) K^{\alpha\beta}(\tilde{z}) + \int_0^{\omega_1/2} d\tilde{z} \rho(\tilde{z}) \int_0^{\omega_1/2} d\tilde{w} \rho(\tilde{w}) K^{\alpha\gamma}(\tilde{z}) K^{\gamma\beta}(\tilde{w}) -$$

consistency: $K^{dc\alpha\beta}(\tilde{z}) = K^{ab\alpha\beta}(-\tilde{z})\tilde{S}_{ab}^{cd}(\tilde{z}, -\tilde{z})$ decorated with $\alpha \beta$



demanding $[K(\tilde{z}), K(\tilde{w})]^{\alpha\beta} \equiv K^{\alpha\gamma}(\tilde{z})K^{\gamma\beta}(\tilde{w}) - K^{\alpha\gamma}(\tilde{w})K^{\gamma\beta}(\tilde{z}) = 0$

$$K^{ab\alpha\beta}(z) = \mathbb{C}^{ac} R_{c\alpha}^{b\beta}(\frac{\omega_2}{2} - z)$$

continuing back $z \rightarrow u + \frac{\omega_2}{2}$ exploiting unitarity of R
 consistency gives BCC again but ... more complicated