

# **Correspondence** between **classical** and **quantum** integrable theories: applications and origin

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## Leitmotiv

- ◆ Sketch of a PLAN:
- ◆ 1) Motivations: in many research topics **Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz** appears with different physical meanings. Little in gauge theory, not in General Relativity, BH physics: APPLICATIONS.
- ◆ 2) **Traditional TBA**: particle scattering in 2D QFT, I way
- ◆ 3) AdS/CFT: gauge theory Operator Product Expansion → **Form factor series** for null polygonal WLs re-sums to TBA at strong coupling: II way.
- ◆ 4) Gauge th. or BH physics **Ordinary Differential Eq.** → 2D CFT Integrable Models **ODE/IM** **correspondence**: functional, integral eqs → STRUCTURE. III way.
- ◆ 5) **PDE/IM** with **masses** enlarge the view, then **why ODE/IM?**  
Classical Integrable system = classical Lax pair **ORIGIN: ←**

# Ubiquitous TBA

many talks here: **I way**

- ◆ We know TBA for computing **energy**, less its **discontinuity formulae**, Kontsevich-Soibelman (Donaldson-Thomas invariants): **WKB** (Dalabaere-Pham), **resurgence**, (compactified) **susy gauge theories** wall-crossing of BPS states entails

Gaiotto-Moore-Neitzke

$$\mathcal{X}_\gamma(\zeta) = \mathcal{X}_\gamma^{\text{sf}}(\zeta) \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{4\pi i} \sum_{\gamma'} \Omega(\gamma'; u) \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle \int_{\ell_{\gamma'}} \frac{d\zeta'}{\zeta'} \frac{\zeta' + \zeta}{\zeta' - \zeta} \log(1 - \sigma(\gamma') \mathcal{X}_{\gamma'}(\zeta')) \right]. \quad (5.13)$$

- ◆ which are nothing but **TBA EQS**, but **no scattering**

*Note added Nov. 20, 2009:*

It was pointed out to us some time ago by A. Zamolodchikov that one of the central results of this paper, equation (5.13), is in fact a version of the Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz [45]. In this appendix we explain that remark. Another relation between four-dimensional super Yang-Mills theory and the TBA has recently been discussed by Nekrasov and Shatashvili [46].

The TBA equations for an integrable system of particles  $a$  with masses  $m_a$ , at inverse temperature  $\beta$ , with integrable scattering matrix  $S_{ab}(\theta - \theta')$ , where  $\theta$  is the rapidity, are

circumference  $R$

$$\epsilon_a(\theta) = m_a \beta \cosh \theta - \sum_b \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} \phi_{ab}(\theta - \theta') \log(1 + e^{\beta \mu_b - \epsilon_b(\theta')}) \quad (E.1)$$

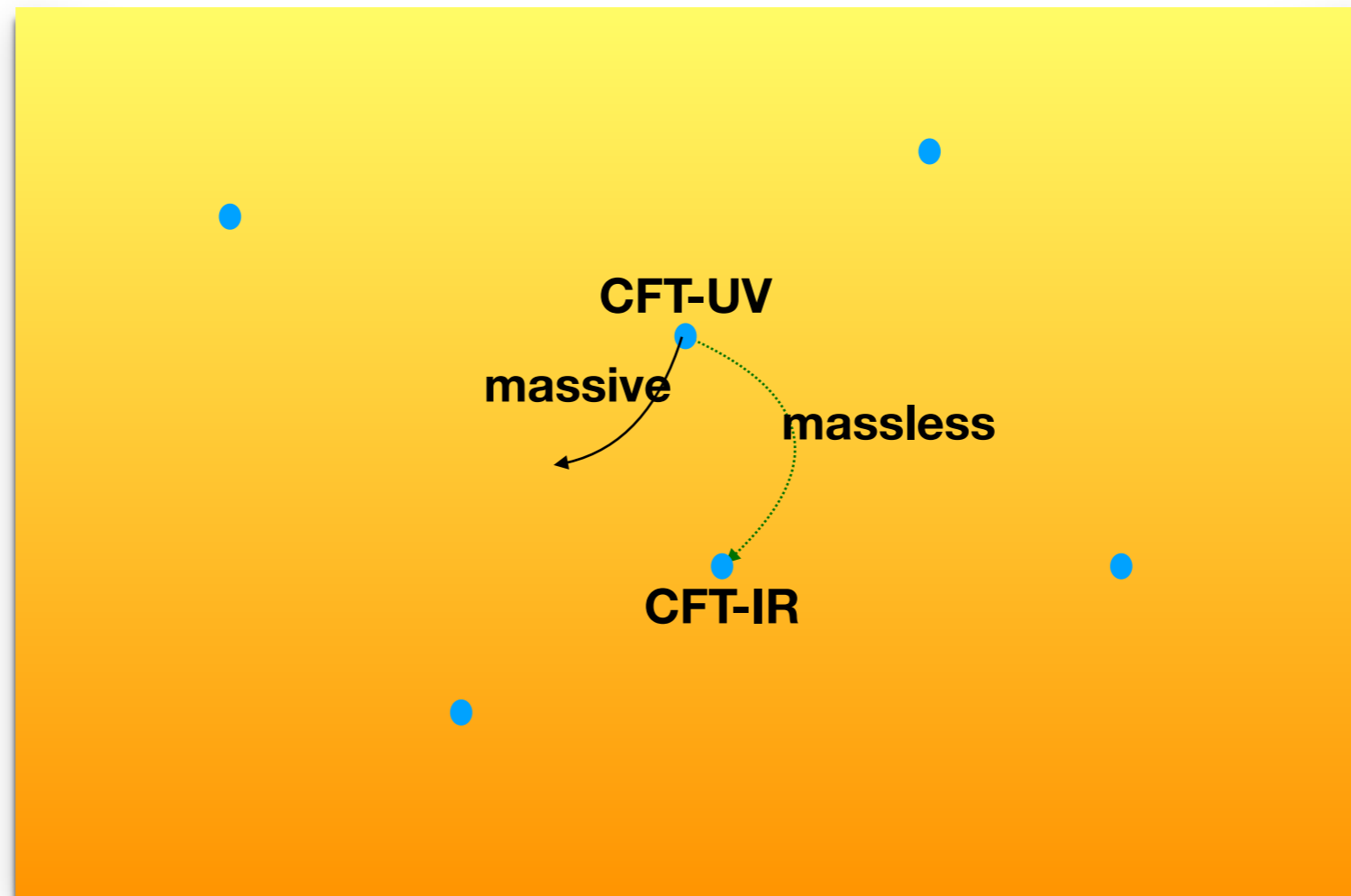
where  $\phi_{ab}(\theta) = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log S_{ab}(\theta)$ . Here the scattering matrix is diagonal, that is, the soliton creation operators obey  $\Phi_a(\theta) \Phi_b(\theta') = S_{ab}(\theta - \theta') \Phi_b(\theta') \Phi_a(\theta)$ .

more general

# Ubiquitous TBA for different communities

- ◆ The same mathematical problem for very different physical problem: gluon scattering amplitudes/Wilson loops (null polygon) in  $N=4$  **STRONG** gauge theory dual to minimal string area (thanks to **AdS/CFT**): same TBA.
- ◆ We re-summed the OPE (Form-Factor) series of WL (collinear limit) to TBA.
- ◆ The **general phenomenon on the background** is the so-called linear **Ordinary Differential Equation  $\rightarrow$  Integrable Model (ODE  $\rightarrow$  IM) correspondence** (2D CFTs), possibly extended to linear **PDE (Massive QFTs)**. The II way to TBA.
- ◆ Recently we proposed **an advance** (different ODE) which identifies **NS** (**SW** with one Omega background) **periods** with integrable quantities **T,Q: connexion with SW geometry. Gauge motivation. And origin (?)**
- ◆ **ORIGIN: IM  $\rightarrow$  ODE.** TBA is part of **general integrability structure**: QQ, TQ, TT, Y system and ONE single (complex) Non Linear Integral Equation (TBA eqs. re-sum to it), QSC: general benefit. In common with **SPIN CHAINS**.

Motivation: finite size spectrum and the space of theories:  
flows from conformal theories  $\leftrightarrow$  non perturbative physics

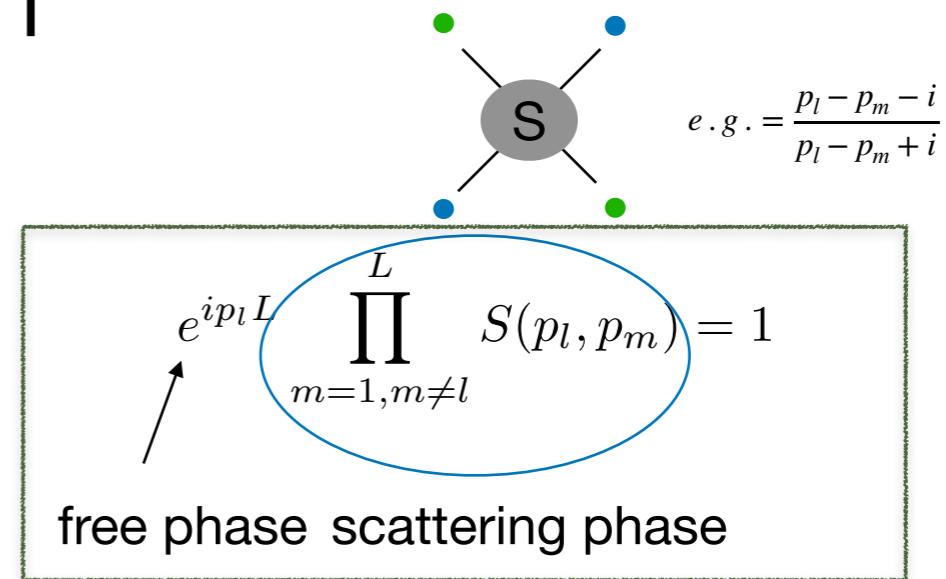
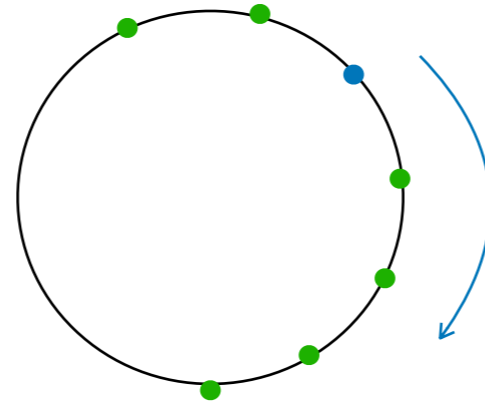


# (Thermodynamic) Bethe Ansatz

(Yang-Yang) Zamolodchikov;.....;...

- Physics Bethe eqs: propagation of a test (**blue**) particle and its scattering on the others (**green**) = 1

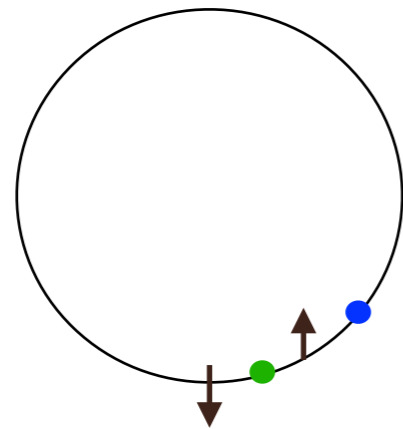
Spin chain length  $L$



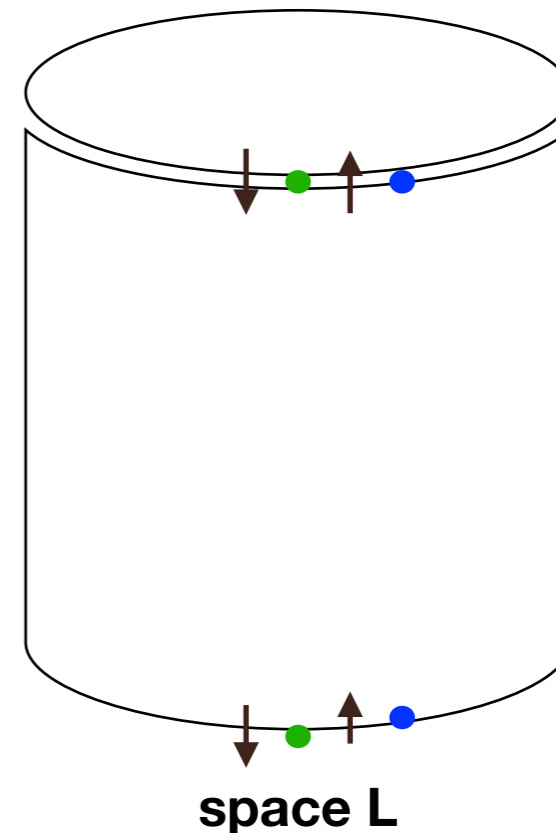
- This implies a sort of **microscopic S matrix**, valid at finite size (periodic) for **spin chains**. **Not for field theories!**
- In **field theories**, same form eqs. with S-matrix, valid only at **infinite size**. For finite size, **not exact energy**.

# Computation of the $L \times R$ torus partition in two ways

large  $L \rightarrow \infty$   $e^{ip_l L} \prod_{m=1, m \neq l}^L S(p_l, p_m) = 1$  finite  $L \simeq$



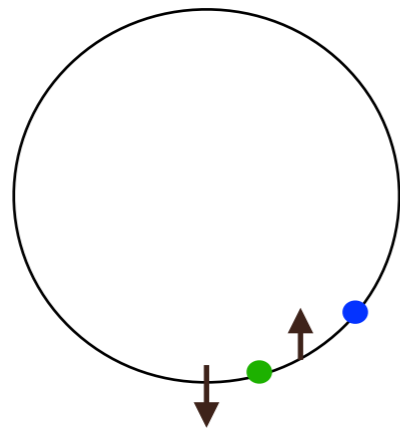
time  $R$



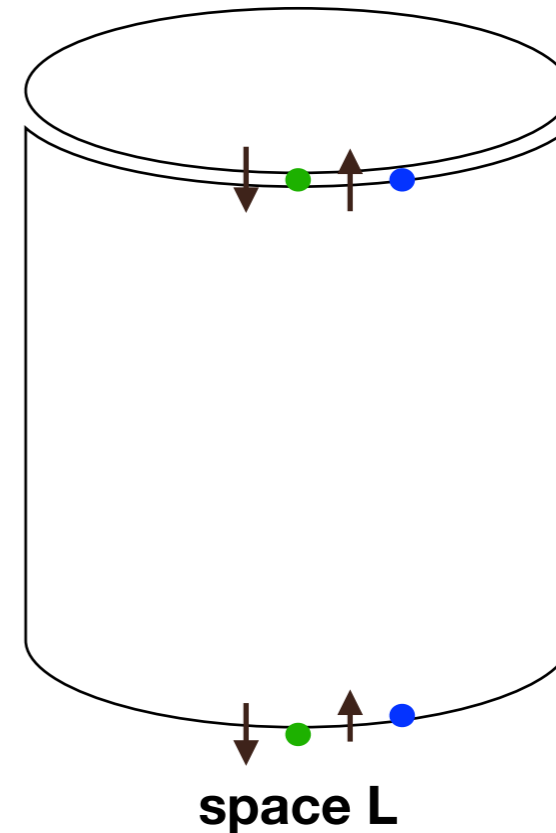
**1) Direct theory:** ground state energy/anomalous dimension (gauge theory)  $E_0 = \Delta_0$  cannot be computed exactly at finite  $L$ :  $\simeq$

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**1) Direct theory:** ground state **exact** energy dominates partition function as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$Z = \exp[-R\Delta_0] + \dots \quad \Delta_0 = E_0$$



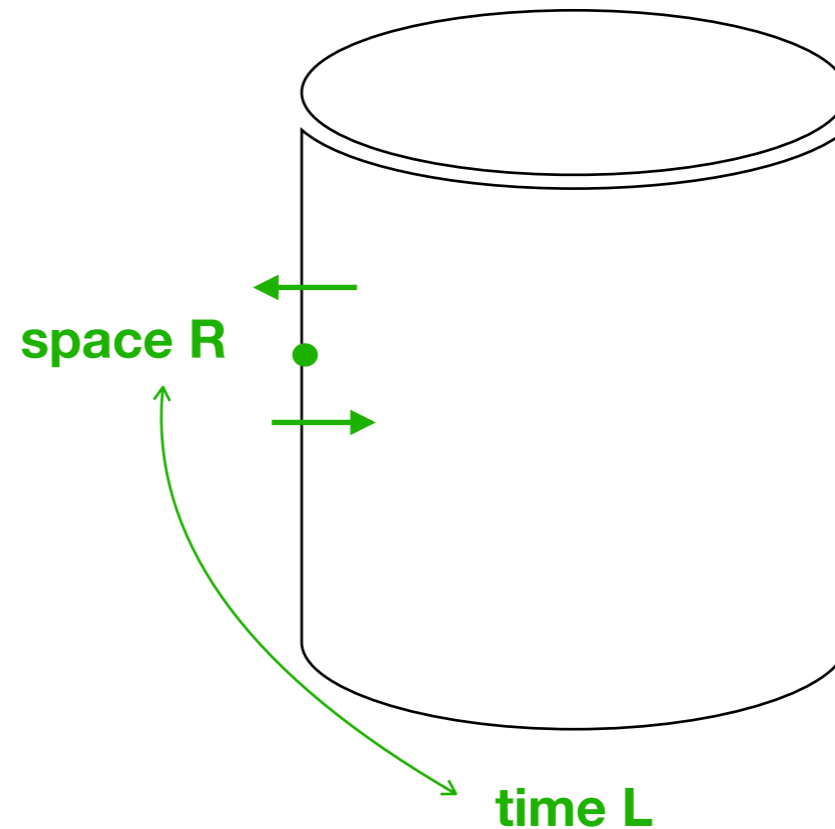
# Computation of the $L \times R$ torus partition in two ways

## 2) Mirror theory (space $\leftrightarrow$ time):

Bethe eqs. (derived from those 1)  
in space  $R \rightarrow \infty$  become exact!

Finite  $L$  not longer a problem:  
Thermodynamics/statistical  
mechanics at temperature  $T=1/L$   
(Yang-Yang) gives the minimal **free  
energy**  $f_{min}(L)$ :

$$Z = \exp[-RLf_{min}(L)] + \dots$$



$$\exp[-R\Delta_0(L)] = \exp[-RLf_{min}(L)]$$

- ground state energy/anomalous dimension in 1) **given by thermodynamic free energy computed in the mirror theory 2).**
- Minimising a functional  $\implies$  non linear integral eq., whose solution furnishes energies/ dimensions (as integrals on it):

$$\ln Q(\theta) = \overset{\text{known}}{\tilde{E}(\theta)} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \ln [1 + Q^2(\theta')] d\theta' \implies \boxed{\Delta \sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\tilde{p}}{d\theta} \ln [1 + Q^2(\theta)] d\theta}$$

$$Q^2(\theta) = e^{-\epsilon(\theta)} = Y(\theta) \text{ pseudoenergy so that } \epsilon(\theta) = m \cosh \theta - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\theta'}{2} \frac{1}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \ln[1 + e^{-\epsilon(\theta')}]$$

- **Other states/operators  $\longleftarrow$  excited states:** analytic continuation of the solution or poles in NLIE which only modifies the driving term  $\tilde{E}(\theta | \theta_i)$

## Vacuum/Excited states Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz

- ▶ Vacuum equations of the form

$$\epsilon_a(u) = \mu_a + \tilde{\epsilon}_a(u) - \sum_b \int dv K_{a,b}(u, v) \ln(1 + e^{-\epsilon_b(v)})$$

with mirror energy  $\tilde{\epsilon}_a(u)$  as driving term and scattering factors

$$K_{a,b}(u, v) \propto \partial_v \ln S_{a,b}(u, v)$$

- ▶ Excited states  $E(L)$  are connected to the vacuum by **analytic continuation** in some parameter (e.g.  $\mu_a$  and  $L$ )  $\Rightarrow$  additional inhomogeneous terms in the equations  $\sum_j \ln S_{a,b}(u, u_j)$  depending on TBA complex singularities  $u_j$ :

$$e^{-\epsilon_a(u_j)} = -1$$

these are **the exact Bethe roots (with wrapping)**.

- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  Delicate and massive numerical work for analytic continuation.

- ◆ From the vacuum TBA to **Y-system** e.g.

$$Y_n(\omega E)Y_n(\omega^{-1}E) = (1 + Y_{n+1}(E))(1 + Y_{n-1}(E))$$

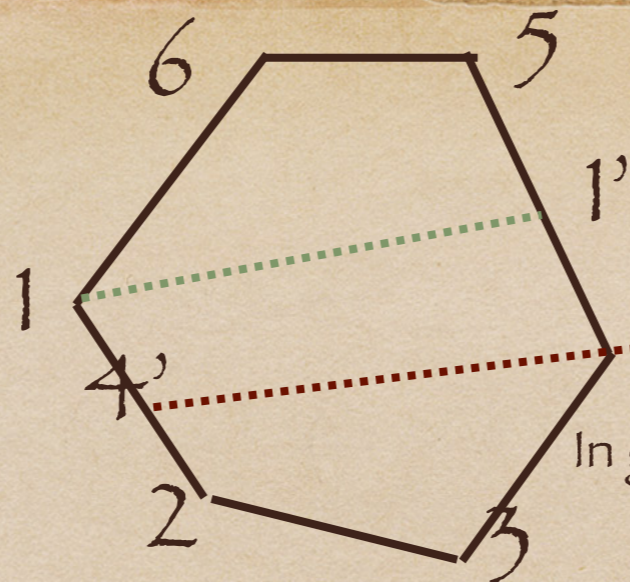
- ◆  $Y_n(E) = e^{-\epsilon_n(u)}$ ,  $E = e^{2u}$ , upon inverting universal kernel  $1/\cosh$  into the shift operator on the l.h.s.. Subtlety: from physical to universal kernels.
- ◆ **Excited Ys** must satisfy the **same Y-system**.

# A second way to TBA: the OPE for null polygonal WLS

- ◆ Theory: N=4 SYM in planar limit  $\lambda = N_c g_{YM}^2, N_c \rightarrow \infty$
- ◆ Exponential of circulation of the gauge field <sup>dual</sup> = quantum area of II B string theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  (Alday, Maldacena; Korchemky, Sokachev, ... Bern, Dixon, ...)
- ◆ Light-like polygons can be decomposed into light-like Pentagons (and Squares): an Operator Product Expansion (OPE)  
Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena; Basso, Sever, Vieira; Belitski; DF, Piscaglia, Rossi;
- ◆ Simplest example: Hexagon into two Pentagons  $P \rightarrow$  String Flux tube
- ◆ The same as two-point correlation function  $\langle PP \rangle$  into **Form-Factors** in quantum integrable 2D field theories  
Dixon, Friedan, Martinec, Shenker; Knizhnik, ...  
Cardy; Castro-Alvaredo, Doyon, DF, ...

- ◆ In a picture:

hexagon



$$4 = P(12341') P(14'456)$$

In general: E-5 shared squares, E-4 pentagons

- ◆ Which mathematically means:

$$W = \sum \exp(-rE) \langle 0|P|n \rangle \langle n|P|0 \rangle$$

Multi-P correlation function: general m, n transition

- ◆  $\langle PP \rangle$ : the same as 2D Form Factor (FF) decomposition
- ◆ Form-Factors obey axioms with the S-matrix: 1) Watson eqs., 2) Monodromy (q-KZ), 3) Kinematic Poles, 4) Bound-state eqs. etc.
- ◆ We have to modify the 2) (and 3)) (for conical twist fields)
- ◆ Eigen-states  $|n\rangle$ ? 2D excitations over the GKP folded string (of length  $= 2 \ln s$ ) Basso which stretches from boundary to boundary (for large  $s$ ) of AdS: S-matrix

DF, Piscaglia, Rossi

# FFs series summing to TBA (DF, Piscaglia, Rossi)

- ◆ Quite unique example of Form-Factor series re-summation. Result: thermodynamic bubble Ansatz of string minimal area at strong coupling (Alday-Gaiotto-Maldacena)
- ◆ The key idea: Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation replaces the infinite sums with a path integral

$$W_{hex}^{(g)} = Z^{(g)}[X^g] = \int \mathcal{D}X^g e^{-S^{(g)}[X^g]} \quad S^{(g)}[X^g] = \frac{1}{2} \int d\theta d\theta' X^g(\theta) T^g(\theta, \theta') X^g(\theta') + \int \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} \mu^g(\theta') \left[ \text{Li}_2(-e^{-E(\theta') + i\phi} e^{X^g(\theta')}) + \text{Li}_2(-e^{-E(\theta') - i\phi} e^{X^g(\theta')}) \right]$$

$S^{(g)}[X^g] \sim \underbrace{(\sqrt{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty)}_{\text{circle}}; \underline{\text{saddle point eqs. are TBA eqs.}}$

$$X^g(\theta) - \int \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} G^g(\theta, \theta') \mu^g(\theta') \log \left[ (1 + e^{X^g(\theta')} e^{-E(\theta') + i\phi}) (1 + e^{X^g(\theta')} e^{-E(\theta') - i\phi}) \right] = 0$$

$$\int d\theta' G^g(\theta, \theta') T^g(\theta', \theta'') = \delta(\theta - \theta'')$$

# IMPORTANT LESSON

- Classical string equations (strong coupling), i.e. classical (Lax) integrable system is solved by quantum TBA
- Surprise: yes, because classical string dynamics; no, because we knew classical static potentials leading to TBA (ODE/IM,next).
- Mystery: string (second) quantise TBA?



# ODE/IM Correspondence (III way)

(Dorey, Tateo, BLZ, DF, Dunning, Suzuki, Frenkel, Bender, Masoero, ..... >1998)

- ◆ Simplest example: Schrödinger eq. on the half line  $(0, \infty)$  (Stokes line)

$$\left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x^{2M} + \frac{l(l+1)}{x^2} \right) \psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad \text{important } M > 0$$

- ◆ we fix the subdominant solution such that at complex infinity

$$y \sim x^{-M/2} \exp\left( -\frac{1}{M+1} x^{M+1} \right),$$

$$y' \sim -x^{M/2} \exp\left( -\frac{1}{M+1} x^{M+1} \right)$$

↑ Changes sign

$$|\arg x| < \frac{3\pi}{2M+2}$$

- ◆ Changing anti-Stokes sector  $\mathcal{S}_k \approx \left| \arg x - \frac{2k\pi}{2M+2} \right| < \frac{\pi}{2M+2}$  this solution becomes dominant

# Discrete Symmetry Breaking

- ◆ Omega symmetry of the eq. not of the solution which rotates by  $\omega = \exp(\pi i / (M + 1)) = q$  (quantum group)

- ◆  $\hat{\Omega} : x \rightarrow qx, \quad E \rightarrow q^{-2}E, \quad l \rightarrow l \quad y_k \equiv y_k(x, E, l) = \omega^{k/2} y(\omega^{-k}x, \omega^{2k}E, l)$

- ◆  $y_k$  subdominant in  $\mathcal{S}_k$  and dominant in  $\mathcal{S}_{k \pm 1}$ .

- ◆ About  $x = \infty$ , irregular singularity.

- ◆ Lambda symmetry, about  $x = 0$ , regular singularity:

- ◆  $\hat{\Lambda} : x \rightarrow x, \quad E \rightarrow E, \quad l \rightarrow -1 - l \quad \hat{\Lambda}\psi^\pm = \psi^\mp \quad \text{around } x = 0 \quad \psi^+ \simeq x^{l+1} \quad \psi^- \simeq x^{-l}$

$l(l + 1)$  invariant

# Transfer matrix T, Q and various functional equations

- ◆ Stokes multipliers

- ◆ 
$$y_{k-1}(x, E, l) = C_k(E, l) y_k(x, E, l) + \tilde{C}_k(E, l) y_{k+1}(x, E, l)$$

- ◆ All the  $C_k$  and  $\tilde{C}_k$  in terms of Wronskians, e.g.  $k = 0$  ( $y_{-1} = C y_0 + \tilde{C} y_1$ )

- ◆ 
$$C = \frac{W_{-1,1}}{W_{0,1}}, \quad \tilde{C} = -\frac{W_{-1,0}}{W_{0,1}}$$

- ◆ By using the leading asymptotics

- ◆ all of the  $\tilde{C}_k$  are identically equal to  $-1$

$$C(E, l) = \frac{1}{2i} W_{-1,1}(E, l)$$

- ◆ 
$$C(E, l) y(x, E, l) = \omega^{-1/2} y(\omega x, \omega^{-2} E, l) + \omega^{1/2} y(\omega^{-1} x, \omega^2 E, l)$$

- ◆ If  $l=0$ , no singularity in  $x=0$ , then Baxter TQ-relation

- ◆ 
$$\mathbf{T}(\lambda)\mathbf{Q}_{\pm}(\lambda) = \mathbf{Q}_{\pm}(q^{-1}\lambda) + \mathbf{Q}_{\pm}(q\lambda)$$

- ◆ but keeping  $l \neq 0$ , it still works

- ◆ 
$$C(E,l)D^{\mp}(E,l) = \omega^{\mp(1/2+l)}D^{\mp}(\omega^{-2}E,l) + \omega^{\pm(1/2+l)}D^{\mp}(\omega^2E,l)$$

- ◆ In fact 'Scattering Coefficients' = spectral determinants

- ◆ 
$$D^{\mp}(E,l) \equiv W[y(x,E,l), \psi^{\pm}(x,E,l)]$$

- ◆ are projections on the  $\psi^{\pm}$ : zeroes  $\mathbf{E}_n = \mathbf{Bethe roots (bound state)}$

- ◆ 2D physics: The original transfer matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are operators, in Statistical Field Theory or Spin Chain, here eigenvalues, i.e. functions.

- ◆ From the TQ relation or the **QQ-system** (more fundamental),  $n=0$  ( $n=1$  definition of  $T$ ) of

$$(4l+2)iC^{(n)}(E) = \omega^{(n+1)(l+1/2)}D^-(\omega^{n+1}E, l)D^+(\omega^{-n-1}E, l) \\ - \omega^{-(n+1)(l+1/2)}D^-(\omega^{-n-1}E, l)D^+(\omega^{n+1}E, l)$$

- ◆ **ODE develops functional equations** with  $T_{n/2}(\nu E^{1/2}) = C^{(n)}(E) = \frac{1}{2i}W_{-1, n}(\omega^{-n+1}E)$ .
- ◆ Fused T relations

$$\mathbf{T}(\lambda)\mathbf{T}_j(q^{j+1/2}\lambda) = \mathbf{T}_{j-1/2}(q^{j+1}\lambda) + \mathbf{T}_{j+1/2}(q^j\lambda)$$

or

$$\mathbf{T}(\lambda)\mathbf{T}_j(q^{-j-1/2}\lambda) = \mathbf{T}_{j-1/2}(q^{-j-1}\lambda) + \mathbf{T}_{j+1/2}(q^{-j}\lambda)$$

- ◆ which brings the TT-system or discrete Hirota eq.

$$\mathbf{T}_j(q^{-1/2}\lambda)\mathbf{T}_j(q^{1/2}\lambda) = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{T}_{j+1/2}(\lambda)\mathbf{T}_{j-1/2}(\lambda)$$

◆ Finally the Y-system for the invariant quantity

◆ 
$$Y_n(E) = C^{n+1}(E)C^{n-1}(E)$$

◆ which easily brings the T-system into the Y-system form

◆ 
$$Y_n(\omega E)Y_n(\omega^{-1}E) = (1 + Y_{n+1}(E))(1 + Y_{n-1}(E))$$

◆ Upon taking the log, inverting the shift operator on the l.h.s., and using a suitable asymptotic as zero-mode, we can obtain universal kernel  $1/\cosh$  TBA, equivalent to physical TBA eqs.  $Y_n(E) = e^{-\epsilon_n(\theta)}$ ,  $E = e^{2\theta}$ : solution up to quadratures.

# 2D CFT dictionary

- ◆ Eigenvalues of statistical mechanics operators  $Q$  and  $T$  on the conformal primary (dimension)

$$\Delta = \left(\frac{p}{\beta}\right)^2 + \frac{c-1}{24}, \quad p = \frac{2l+1}{4M+4}$$

- ◆ with Minimal Model central charge

$$c = 13 - 6(\beta^2 + \beta^{-2}) \quad \beta^2 = \frac{1}{M+1} \quad \text{Sine-Gordon coupling}$$
$$q = e^{i\pi\beta^2}$$

# Descendent/excited states

BLZ; DF

- ◆ The potential acquires an extra piece  $\sum_j \frac{2}{(x - x_j)^2}$  with double poles
- ◆ They satisfy algebraic equations, similar to Bethe's: trivial monodromy or Vir symmetry.



# D3 brane BH and ODE/IM

...Gubser, Hashimoto; Bianchi, Consoli, Grillo, Morales; Di Russo.

## correspondence

- ◆ The ODE describing the scalar perturbation of **Black Hole**

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} + \left[ \omega^2 \left( 1 + \frac{L^4}{r^4} \right) - \frac{(l+2)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{r^2} \right] \phi = 0$$

- ◆ Change of variables  $r = Le^{\frac{y}{2}}$   $\omega L = -2ie^\theta$   $P = \frac{1}{2}(l+2)$

to bring it into the integrability form  $\phi = e^{\frac{y}{4}}\psi$

$$-\frac{d^2}{dy^2}\psi + \left[ e^{2\theta}(e^y + e^{-y}) + P^2 \right] \psi = 0 \quad \text{DF, Gregori}$$

- ◆ Basis of solutions going to zero (subdominant)  $\rightarrow$  **BH b.cs.**

$$U_0(y) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp\left\{-\theta/2 - y/4\right\} \exp\left\{-2e^{\theta+y/2}\right\}, \Re y \rightarrow +\infty; \quad V_0(y) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp\left\{-\theta/2 + y/4\right\} \exp\left\{-2e^{\theta-y/2}\right\}, \Re y \rightarrow -\infty$$

# Discrete Symmetry Breaking

- ◆ Lambda and Omega symmetries of the ODE **not** of the solutions which rotate as

$$\Lambda : \theta \rightarrow \theta + i\frac{\pi}{2} \quad y \rightarrow y + \pi i, \quad \Omega : \theta \rightarrow \theta + i\frac{\pi}{2} \quad y \rightarrow y - \pi i$$

and generate the dominant (big) solutions:

$$U_k = \Lambda^k U_0 \quad V_k = \Omega^k V_0 \text{ by repeated action.}$$

- ◆ ODE/IM fundamental Wronskian is the same as the **gravitational** one  $Q(\theta, P^2) = W[U_0, V_0]$

# Quasinormal modes=Bethe roots

- ◆ Proper eigen-frequencies of the black hole

$$Q(\theta_n) = 0$$

- ◆ We can compute them playing with Wronskian:

$$iV_0(y) = Q(\theta + i\pi/2)U_0(y) - Q(\theta)U_1(y)$$

$$iV_1(y) = Q(\theta + i\pi)U_0(y) - Q(\theta + i\pi/2)U_1(y)$$

- ◆ Eventually taking the Wronskian  $W[V_0, V_1] = i$ ,  
as in scattering theory, the **QQ-system**

Unitarity

$$Q(\theta + i\pi/2)Q(\theta - i\pi/2) = 1 + Q(\theta)^2$$

- Upon taking the log and inverting the shift operator  $s * l = l(\theta + i\pi/2) + l(\theta - i\pi/2) \Rightarrow s^{-1} \sim \frac{1}{\cosh}$  we obtain the

**Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz equation**

$$\ln Q(\theta) = -\frac{8\sqrt{\pi^3}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{1}{4})}e^\theta + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln [1 + Q^2(\theta')]}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi}$$

- Sort of solution up to quadratures. Important: **Q** is the **spectral determinant**.

# T, Q and the SW-NS periods

(DF, D. Gregori; Grassi, Marino, Gu; He,...)

- We **quantise/deform the quadratic SW differential**: the Mathieu eq. (AGT correspondence: level 2 null vector eq.)

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \psi(z) + [\Lambda^2 \cos z - u] \psi(z) = 0$$

- Namely, quantum SW differential  $\mathcal{P}(z) = -i \frac{d}{dx} \ln \psi(z)$  and periods

$$a(\hbar, u, \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \mathcal{P}(z; \hbar, u, \Lambda) dz, \quad a_D(\hbar, u, \Lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\arccos(u/\Lambda^2)-i0}^{\arccos(u/\Lambda^2)-i0} \mathcal{P}(z; \hbar, u, \Lambda) dz$$

- ODE/IM uses its non-compact (modified) version: **two irregular singularities** ( $M=-2$ )

$$\left\{ -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} + 2e^{2\theta} \cosh y + P^2 \right\} \psi(y) = 0 \quad z = -iy - \pi$$

- upon **gauge/integrability** change of variable

$$\frac{\hbar}{\Lambda} = e^{-\theta}, \quad \frac{u}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{P^2}{2e^{2\theta}}$$

◆ Integrability/gauge identification

$$T(\hbar, u, \Lambda) \equiv T(\theta, P^2) = \overset{\text{integrability}}{iW[V_1, V_{-1}]} = 2 \cos \left\{ \overset{\text{gauge}}{2\pi a(\hbar, u, \Lambda)} \right\}$$

$$Q(\hbar, u, \Lambda) \equiv Q(\theta, P^2) = \exp\{2\pi i a_D(\hbar, u, \Lambda)\}$$

◆ The fundamental relation of the theory: **QQ-SYSTEM**

$$1 + Q^2(\theta, P^2) = \overset{\text{integrability}}{Q(\theta - i\pi/2, P^2)Q(\theta + i\pi/2, P^2)}, \quad 1 + Q^2(\theta, u) = \overset{\text{gauge}}{Q(\theta - i\pi/2, -u)Q(\theta + i\pi/2, -u)}$$

◆ which gives with  $Y = Q^2 = e^{-\varepsilon}$  the **Y-system** (very simple case!) from which the gauge TBA eqs.

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\theta, u, \Lambda) &= \overset{\text{monopole}}{-4\pi i a_D^{(0)}(u, \Lambda)} \frac{e^\theta}{\Lambda} - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln [1 + \exp\{-\varepsilon(\theta', -u, \Lambda)\}]}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} \\ \varepsilon(\theta, -u, \Lambda) &= -4\pi i a_D^{(0)}(-u, \Lambda) \frac{e^\theta}{\Lambda} - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\ln [1 + \exp\{-\varepsilon(\theta', u, \Lambda)\}]}{\cosh(\theta - \theta')} \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

dyon, i.e. **strong coupling spectrum**

- ◆ Quantum integrability tells more: e.g.  $T \rightarrow$  weak coupling spectrum ( $a$  electric), inside **TQ-system**

$$T(\theta)Q(\theta) = \frac{Q(\theta - i\pi/2) + Q(\theta + i\pi/2)}{2 \cos\{2\pi a\} \exp\{2\pi i a_D\}}$$

- ◆ +periodicity, gauge interpretation: **quantum Bilal-Ferrari relations**.  $T$  and  $Q$  are generating functions for **conserved charges**: small  $\hbar/\Lambda = e^{-\theta} \ll 1$  asymptotic expansion. Also for **quantum periods** (zero order=Seiberg-Witten).
- ◆ Connexion with SW geometry: an origin of ODE/IM

# Explanation of gauge quantisation for BH

Aminov, Grassi, Hatsuda

- ◆ Connexion formula of spectral determinant with **instanton prepotential**  $A_D = \partial \mathcal{F} / \partial a$

2D solitons vs instantons 4D

$$Q(a, \Lambda, \hbar) = i \frac{\sinh A_D}{\sinh 2\pi i a}$$

- ◆ quantisation easily follows from

$$Q = 0 \Rightarrow A_D(a, \Lambda_n, \hbar) = i\pi n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

DF, Gregori

Aminov, Grassi, Hatsuda; Bonelli, Iossa, Lichtig, Panea, Tanzini



- ◆ Surprise: previous eq. is the  $b = 1$  case of

Generalised Mathieu eq.  $\left\{ -\frac{d^2}{dy^2} + e^{2\theta}(e^{y/b} + e^{-yb}) + P^2 \right\} \psi(y) = 0$

- ◆ which describes **Liouville field theory vacua**

$$\Delta = (c - 1)/24 - P^2 \quad c = 1 + 6(b + b^{-1})^2$$

Zamolodchikov; DF, Gregori

- ◆ Self-dual point of the symmetry  $b \rightarrow 1/b!$  Meaning?

And somehow previous  $\beta = ib$  or  $M < -1$ .

- ◆ NO AGT Liou.: correspondence of correspondences

# Generalisations

DF, Gregori

- ◆ Intersection of four stacks of D3 branes (extremal **Kerr BH**; equal charges: **Reissner-Nöstrom BH**)

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} + \left[ -\frac{(l + \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{r^2} + \omega^2 \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{\Sigma_k}{r^k} \right] \phi = 0$$

- ◆ which becomes in integrability form

$$-\frac{d^2}{dy^2}\psi + [e^{2\theta}(e^{2y} + e^{-2y}) + 2e^\theta(M_1e^y + M_2e^{-y}) + P^2] \psi = 0$$

- ◆  $N_f = 2$ , but results on Schwarzschild, Kerr ( $N_f = 3$ ).....

# The ODE $\rightarrow$ IM correspondence

ODE  
Schrödinger equation  $\rightarrow$

Integrable Model  
**Scattering data**

On this side we can use:

**WKB and other ODE  
powerful techniques**

**ODE may be simpler!!**

On this side we find:

$Q(\theta_n) = 0$ , **Energies=QNMs**

$\theta_n$  **Bethe roots**

From spectral determinant  $\rightarrow$  **wave function**

Love number, echoes,....

**Gravitation waves**

# The ODE $\leftarrow$ IM correspondence?

- ◆ Inverting the arrow means reconstructing **from a (given) Quantum Integrable System** the Ordinary Differential Equation (or something similar) which gives it.
- ◆ In other words, understanding the the **origin** of the correspondence (and maybe better integrability). And **ODE is simpler, clearer and more treatable.**
- ◆ But possible only with masses.

# PDE → Massive integrable theories

(GMN, LZ, DF-Rossi-Shu)

- The **2D conformal potential is a static limit**, instead in presence of mass it is given by a **flow**: solution of classical sinh-Gordon equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial w \partial \bar{w}} \hat{\eta} = 2 \sinh 2\hat{\eta},$$

$$u_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}') = \pm \frac{\partial^2}{\partial w'^2} \hat{\eta}(w, \bar{w}) - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \hat{\eta}(w, \bar{w}) \right)^2, \quad w' = -iw, \quad \bar{w}' = i\bar{w}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial w'^2} \psi_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}' | \lambda) + \lambda^2 \psi_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}' | \lambda) = u_{\pm}(w'; \bar{w}') \psi_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}' | \lambda),$$

- Introduce **moduli**  $c_n$ : change of variable  $dw = \sqrt{p(z)} dz$ , polynomial

$$p(z, \vec{c}) = z^{2N} + \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} c_n z^n.$$

- **Conformal limit**  $\bar{z} = 0, z \rightarrow 0$ : **polynomial potential** (scaling  $ze^{\theta/(1+N)} = x$  and  $c_n e^{\theta(2N-n)/(1+N)} = c_n^{cft}$  fixed when  $\theta \rightarrow +\infty$ )  $\eta \simeq l \ln(z\bar{z}) \Rightarrow$  moduli

- $$-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \psi_{cft} + \left( p(x, \vec{c}^{cft}) + \frac{l(l+1)}{x^2} \right) \psi_{cft} = 0, \quad p(x, \vec{c}^{cft}) = x^{2N} + \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} c_n^{cft} x^n$$

- All the integrable structures (NOT only TBA) can be derived in this full generalisation because of the discrete broken symmetries (DF-Rossi):

$$\hat{\Omega}: z \rightarrow ze^{\frac{i\pi}{N}}, \quad \theta \rightarrow \theta - \frac{i\pi}{N}, \quad \vec{c} \rightarrow \vec{c}^R, \quad \vec{c}^R = (c_0, c_1 e^{-\frac{i\pi}{N}}, \dots, c_n e^{-\frac{i\pi n}{N}}, \dots, c_{2N-2} e^{\frac{2i\pi}{N}})$$

Dorey-Tateo,  
BLZ,DF....

- and in addition

$$\hat{\Pi}: \theta \rightarrow \theta - i\pi, \text{ change of the sign of momentum } k \text{ (GMN)}$$

*AdS<sub>3</sub> Wilson loops*+twist *l*

- so that the QQ-SYSTEM originates: **quantum (homogeneous) sine-Gordon**

$$Q_+ \left( \theta + \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c} \right) Q_- \left( \theta - \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c}^R \right) - Q_+ \left( \theta - \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c}^R \right) Q_- \left( \theta + \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c} \right) = -2i \cos \pi l$$

- which generates **all the other integrability functional and integral equations:**  
e.g. the **Non Linear Integral Equation** (which sum up many TBA eqs.),

Baxter:  $Q_{\pm} \left( \theta + i\tau - i\pi, \vec{c}^{R^{-1}} \right) + Q_{\pm} \left( \theta - i\tau + i\pi, \vec{c}^R \right) = T(\theta, \vec{c}) Q_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c})$  period  $\tau = \pi + \pi/N$

$$Q_{\pm}(\theta - i\tau, \vec{c}^R) = e^{\mp i\pi(l+\frac{1}{2})} Q_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c})$$

Universal ( $\hat{\Pi}$ ):  $T(\theta, \vec{c}) Q_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c}) = e^{\mp i\pi(l+\frac{1}{2})} Q_{\pm}(\theta + i\pi, \vec{c}) + e^{\pm i\pi(l+\frac{1}{2})} Q_{\pm}(\theta - i\pi, \vec{c})$   
no rotation

# Summary so far

- ◆ From a (classical) differential operator (Schrödinger) or better a Lax pair  $\longrightarrow$  Quantum integrable system (field theory)
- ◆ No quantisation but equivalence
- ◆ Spin chain? Lattice models?
- ◆ Serendipity: how to invert the arrow?

# From quantum integrable theory $\rightarrow$ classical Lax

- How to define a quantum integrable system?  
For us it is fine encoding the **conserved charges** into  $Q$  which satisfy QQ-system:

$$Q_+ \left( \theta + \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c} \right) Q_- \left( \theta - \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c}^R \right) - Q_+ \left( \theta - \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c}^R \right) Q_- \left( \theta + \frac{i\pi}{2N}, \vec{c} \right) = -2i \cos \pi l$$

- and being a Bloch-Floquet solution

$$Q_{\pm} \left( \theta - i\tau, \vec{c}^R \right) = e^{\mp i\pi \left( l + \frac{1}{2} \right)} Q_{\pm} \left( \theta, \vec{c} \right)$$



$$e^{i\pi l} Q_+(\theta, \vec{c}) Q_-(\theta + i\pi, \vec{c}) + e^{-i\pi l} Q_-(\theta, \vec{c}) Q_+(\theta + i\pi, \vec{c}) = -2 \cos \pi l$$

- From which we derive the universal TQ (key eq.!).

$$e^{\mp i\pi(l+\frac{1}{2})} Q_{\pm}(\theta + i\pi, \vec{c}) + e^{\pm i\pi(l+\frac{1}{2})} Q_{\pm}(\theta - i\pi, \vec{c}) = T(\theta, \vec{c}) Q_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c})$$

- 1<sup>st</sup> order finite difference eq. for Q with ‘potential’ T. We invert the shift operator in the l.h.s.  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \tanh\left(x + \frac{i\pi}{2} - i\epsilon\right) - \tanh\left(x - \frac{i\pi}{2} + i\epsilon\right) \right] = 2\pi i \delta(x)$

$$Q_{\pm}\left(\theta + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c}\right) = q(\theta, \vec{c}) \pm \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\theta'}{4\pi} \tanh \frac{\theta - \theta'}{2} T\left(\theta' + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c}\right) e^{-w_0(\vec{c})(e^{\theta} + e^{\theta'}) - \bar{w}_0(\vec{c})(e^{-\theta} + e^{-\theta'})} e^{\pm(\theta - \theta')l} Q_{\pm}\left(\theta' + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c}\right)$$

- Fix: field theory, ground state asymptotics

$$\lim_{\text{Re}\theta \rightarrow \pm\infty} \ln \left[ Q_{\pm}\left(\theta + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c}\right) \right] \sim -w_0(\vec{c})e^{\theta} - \bar{w}_0(\vec{c})e^{-\theta} \quad q(\theta, \vec{c}) = C_{\pm} e^{\pm \frac{i\pi}{4} \pm (\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2})l} e^{-w_0(\vec{c})e^{\theta} - \bar{w}_0(\vec{c})e^{-\theta}}$$

$$w_0(\vec{c}) = M_{\text{soliton}} L = r: \text{RG time}$$

- A better proportional variable

$$C_{\pm} X_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c}) = e^{\mp \frac{i\pi}{4}} e^{\mp(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2})l} e^{w_0(\vec{c})e^{\theta} + \bar{w}_0(\vec{c})e^{-\theta}} Q_{\pm} \left( \theta + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c} \right)$$

- satisfies a universal integral equation

$$X_{\pm}(\theta, \vec{c}) = 1 \pm \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\theta'}{4\pi} \tanh \frac{\theta - \theta'}{2} T \left( \theta' + i\frac{\tau}{2}, \vec{c} \right) E(\theta', \vec{c}) X_{\pm}(\theta', \vec{c})$$

- with peculiar kernel (**solitons** around the corner)

$$E(\theta, \vec{c}) = e^{-2w_0(\vec{c})e^{\theta} - 2\bar{w}_0(\vec{c})e^{-\theta}}$$

- direct consequence of the **asymptotics of Q**.

- Upon Fourier transforming  $\lambda = e^\theta$ :

$$K_{\pm}(w'_0, \xi; \bar{w}'_0) = \int_{-\infty-i\epsilon}^{+\infty-i\epsilon} d\lambda e^{i(\xi-w'_0)\lambda} [X_{\pm}(w'_0, \bar{w}'_0|\lambda) - 1]$$

- Volterra equation for  $K_{\pm}(w'_0, \xi; \bar{w}'_0)$

$$K_{\pm}(w'_0, \xi; \bar{w}'_0) \pm F(w'_0 + \xi; \bar{w}'_0) \pm \int_{w'_0}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi'}{2\pi} K_{\pm}(w'_0, \xi'; \bar{w}'_0) F(\xi' + \xi; \bar{w}'_0) = 0$$

- almost Marchenko eq. but the scattering data

$$F(x; \bar{w}'_0) = i \int_0^{+\infty} d\lambda' e^{-ix\lambda' + 2i\bar{w}'_0/\lambda'} T(\lambda' e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}})$$

- which depends (in a intricate way) on  $w'_0 = -iw_0 = -ir$  because of T

- **NEW IDEA**: promote  $w_0(\vec{c}) = iw'_0(\vec{c})$  to new dynamical variables  $w = iw'$  everywhere except in T:

$$K_{\pm}(w', \xi; \bar{w}') \pm F(w' + \xi; \bar{w}') \pm \int_{w'}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi'}{2\pi} K_{\pm}(w', \xi'; \bar{w}') F(\xi' + \xi; \bar{w}') = 0, \quad \xi > w'$$

- **Marchenko-like eq. (!)** with ‘good’ scattering data

$$F(x; \bar{w}') = i \int_0^{+\infty} d\lambda' e^{-ix\lambda' + 2i\bar{w}'/\lambda'} T(\lambda' e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}, \vec{c})$$

- Finally we can derive the Schroedinger eq. for

$$K_{\pm}(w', \xi; \bar{w}') = \int_{-\infty-i\epsilon}^{+\infty-i\epsilon} d\lambda e^{i(\xi-w')\lambda} [X_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}'|\lambda) - 1] \quad X_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}'|\lambda) - 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{-i(\xi-w')\lambda} K_{\pm}(w', \xi; \bar{w}') = \int_{w'}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{-i(\xi-w')\lambda} K_{\pm}(w', \xi; \bar{w}')$$

Summary: TQ eq.  $\implies$  Marchenko eq. (Fourier)

- the wave-function (plane wave multiplication)

$$\psi_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}'|\lambda) = X_{\pm}(w', \bar{w}'|\lambda) e^{-iw'\lambda + i\bar{w}'\lambda^{-1}}$$

- extension of the Q-function to this new ODE/IM space
- Promotion  $w'(0) = -ir \rightarrow w'(z)$  means that it is a 'holographic' **RG space**?

# More Perspectives beyond gauge and BH

- ◆ **The machine is ready: extension to more complicated higher rank systems: let us find the ODEs!**
- ◆ Non-linear integral or functional equations are powerful and describe monodromies of a ODE or PDE. There is any deep reason why these (TBA) are reproduced by an integrable Form Factor series of a 'weird' scattering theory?
- ◆ NS limit  $\epsilon_1 = \hbar$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = 0 \rightarrow$  ODE/IM description:  $\epsilon_2 \neq 0$   
quantum ODE/IM? q-TBA? Similarly about classical string.
- ◆ On the contrary: meaning of  $b \neq 1$  for our Liouville field theory (not AGT)?

Thanks