

# SEPARATION OF VARIABLES AND CORRELATION FUNCTIONS FROM SPIN CHAINS TO CFT

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with Cavaglia, Gromov, Ryan, Sizov, Volin

+ [\[to appear\]](#) with Kazakov, Mishnyakov

**Motivation**

N=4 super Yang-Mills / strings on AdS5 x S5  
is an integrable theory

For complete solution of N=4 SYM we need:

1) Exact spectrum

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(y) \rangle = \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2\Delta}}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \text{Tr}(\Phi_1\Phi_2\Phi_3\dots)(x)$$

Well understood

2) Exact 3pt functions

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1)\mathcal{O}_2(x_2)\mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{123}}{|x_1-x_2|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2-\Delta_3}|x_1-x_3|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_3-\Delta_2}|x_2-x_3|^{\Delta_2+\Delta_3-\Delta_1}}$$

Key open problem !

# Solution for spectrum

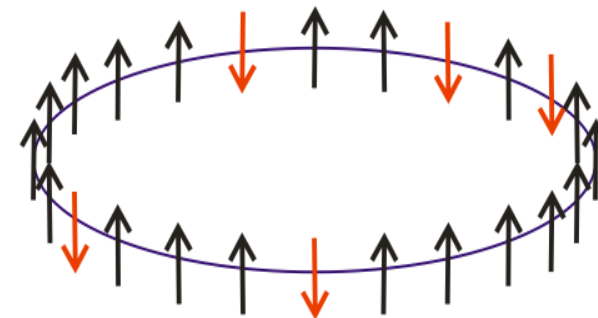
Weak coupling:

single trace operators

$$\text{Tr}(\Phi_1(x)\Phi_2(x)\Phi_2(x)\Phi_1(x)\dots)$$



integrable spin chains



Finite coupling:

Quantum Spectral Curve [Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 13]

Difference equations on Baxter functions  $Q(u)$  + analytic requirements



$$g = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi}$$

$$Q_A(u) \rightarrow Q^A(u)$$

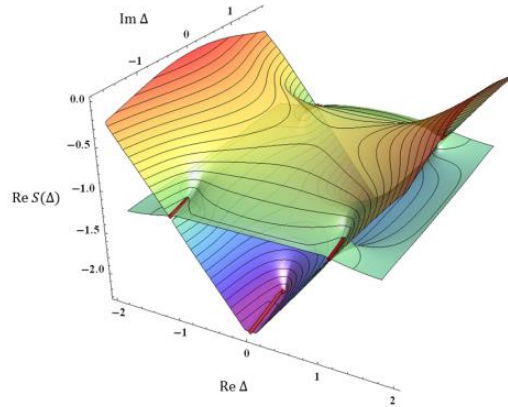
$$Q(u) \sim u^\Delta$$

# Quantum Spectral Curve

Huge set of results for spectrum

Numerics  
at finite coupling

[Gromov, FLM, Sizov 15]



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{256} F_3 = & -\frac{5S_{-5}}{8} - \frac{S_{-4,1}}{2} + \frac{S_1 S_{-3,1}}{2} + \frac{S_{-3,2}}{2} - \frac{5S_2 S_{-2,1}}{4} \\ & + \frac{S_{-4} S_1}{4} + \frac{S_{-3} S_2}{8} + \frac{3S_{3,-2}}{4} - \frac{3S_{-3,1,1}}{2} - S_1 S_{-2,1,1} \\ & + S_{2,-2,1} + 3S_{-2,1,1,1} - \frac{3S_{-2} S_3}{4} - \frac{S_5}{8} + \frac{S_{-2} S_1 S_2}{4} \\ & + \pi^2 \left[ \frac{S_{-2,1}}{8} - \frac{7S_{-3}}{48} - \frac{S_{-2} S_1}{12} + \frac{S_1 S_2}{48} \right] \\ & + \zeta_3 \left[ -\frac{7S_{-1,1}}{4} + \frac{7S_{-2}}{8} + \frac{7S_{-1} S_1}{4} - \frac{S_2}{16} \right] \\ & + \left[ 2\text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{\pi^2 \log^2 2}{12} + \frac{\log^4 2}{12} \right] (S_{-1} - S_1) - \pi^4 \left[ \frac{2S_{-1}}{45} - \frac{S_1}{96} \right] \\ & + \frac{\log^5 2}{60} - \frac{\pi^2 \log^3 2}{36} - \frac{2\pi^4 \log 2}{45} - \frac{\pi^2 \zeta_3}{24} + \frac{49\zeta_5}{32} - 2\text{Li}_5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

BFKL limit

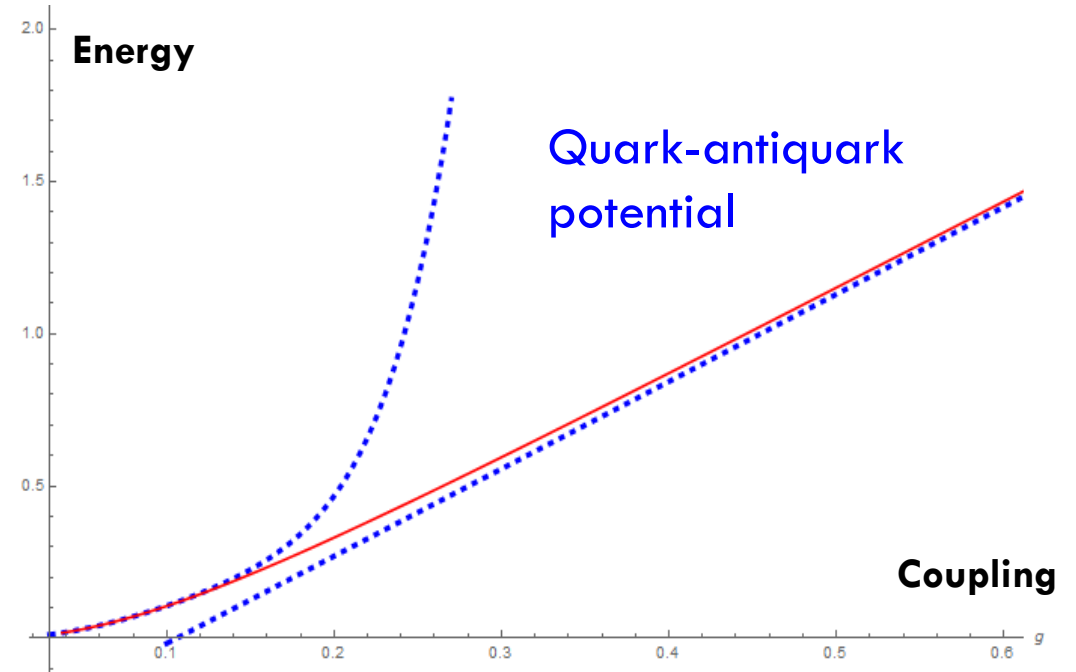
[Alfimov, Gromov, Kazakov 14]

[Gromov, FLM, Sizov 15]

Perturbatively 10+  
loops

$$\Delta = 4 + 12g^2 - 48g^4 + 336g^6 + \dots + \#g^{20} + \mathcal{O}(g^{22})$$

[Marboe, Volin]



Quark-antiquark  
potential

[Gromov, FLM 16]

And much more

Spectrum is known

What about 3pt functions ???

**Idea:** use separation of variables (SoV)

[Sklyanin]

We expect that in any integrable system wavefunctions factorise in a good basis

$$\langle x | \Psi \rangle \sim Q(x_1)Q(x_2) \dots Q(x_N)$$

Like  $\Psi_{\text{Hydrogen}} = F_1(r)F_2(\theta)F_3(\varphi)$

Q's should be given by Quantum Spectral Curve at any coupling!

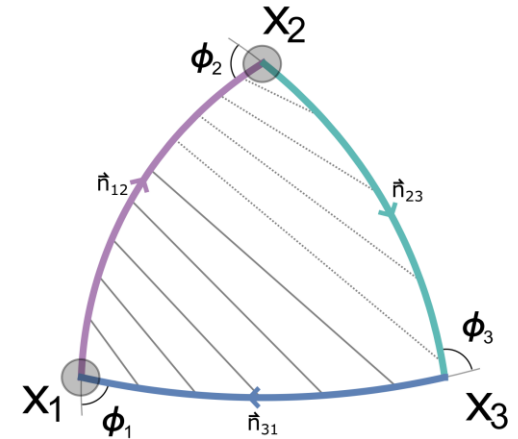
Very promising results for correlators already

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 18]

See also [Giombi, Komatsu 18-20]

$$C_{123} = \frac{\langle Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^2 \rangle \langle Q_2^2 \rangle \langle Q_3^2 \rangle}}$$

$$\langle f \rangle := \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{du}{2\pi i u} f(u), \quad c > 0$$



+ very recent results [Basso, Georgoudis, Sueti 22] [Bercini, Homrich, Vieira 22]

linking with hexagon expansion [Basso, Komatsu, Vieira 15]

SoV should be very powerful

Yet almost undeveloped beyond  $GL(2)$  until recently

(for SYM we need  $PSU(2,2|4)$ )

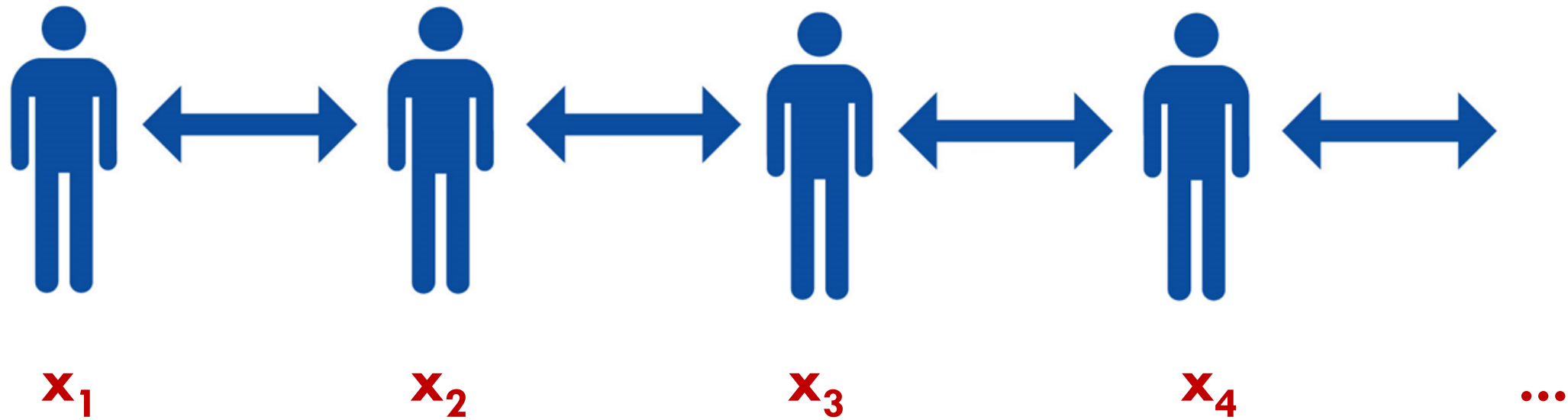
Also important for spin chains/cond-mat,  
seminal results for  $GL(2)$  models

[Derkachov, Frahm, Kitanine,  
Korchemsky, Kozlowski, Maillet, Niccoli,  
Terras, Teschner, Smirnov, ...]

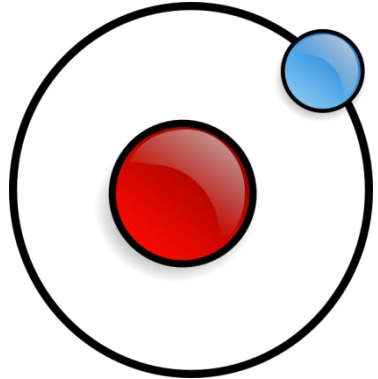
Need to understand and develop SoV



**PLEASE KEEP  
2 METRES APART**



**Focus of this talk:** SoV for GL(N) spin chains



hydrogen atom

$$\Psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r)P(\theta)F(\phi)$$

$$\langle \Psi_{nlm} | \Psi_{n'l'm'} \rangle = \int dr d\phi d\theta r^2 \sin^2 \theta \Psi_{nlm}^* \Psi_{n'l'm'} = \delta_{nn'} \delta_{mm'} \delta_{ll'}$$

Measure

Dual wave  
function

Wave function

Two main questions:

- 1) How to factorise **wavefunctions**?
- 2) What is the **measure**?

We will answer both

[review: **FLM** to appear, invited review for J Phys A]

# Plan

- Construction of SoV basis
- Finding the measure
- Extensions to field theory and Yangian symmetry

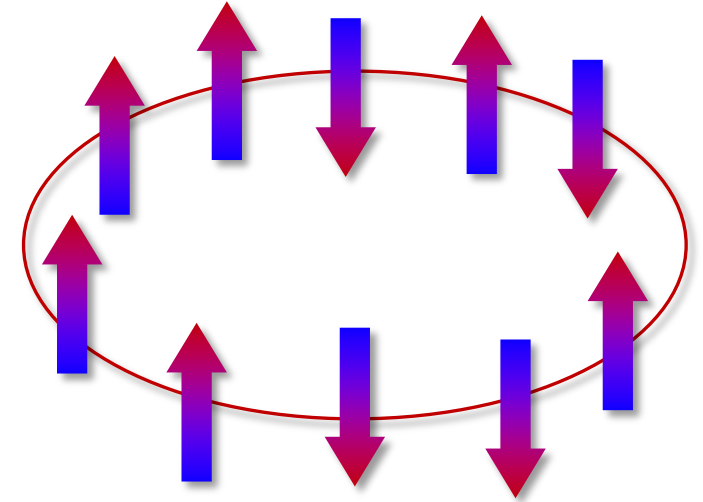
The SoV basis

# SU(N) spin chains

Full Hilbert space for  $L$  sites is  $\underbrace{\mathbb{C}^N \otimes \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^N}_{L \text{ times}}$

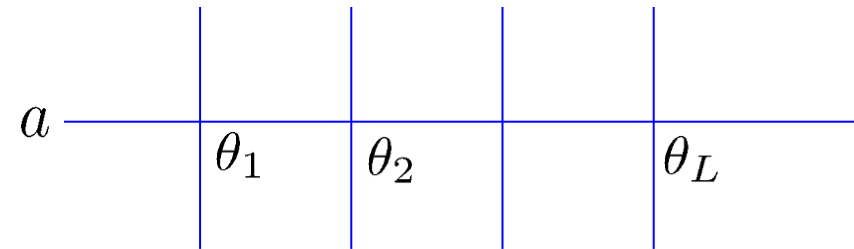
$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L (1 - P_{n,n+1})$$

(+ boundary terms, i.e. twist)



Monodromy matrix:

$$T(u) = R_{a1}(u - \theta_1) \dots R_{aL}(u - \theta_L)g$$



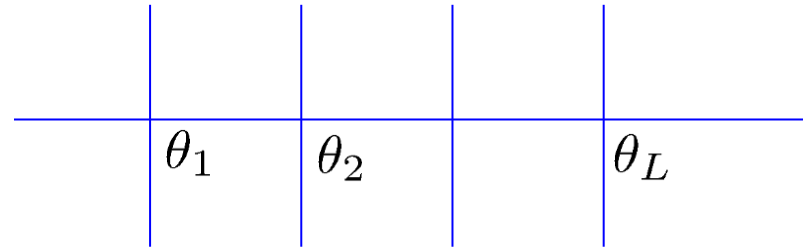
$$R_{12}(u) = (u - \frac{i}{2}) + iP_{12}$$

We take **generic inhomogeneities**  $\theta_n$  and **diagonal twist**  $g = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$

Transfer matrix  $\text{Tr}_a T(u) = \sum_{n=0}^L T_n u^n$  gives commuting **integrals of motion**

# Wavefunctions for spin chains – SU(2)

$$T(u) = \begin{pmatrix} A(u) & B(u) \\ C(u) & D(u) \end{pmatrix}$$



We wish to diagonalize

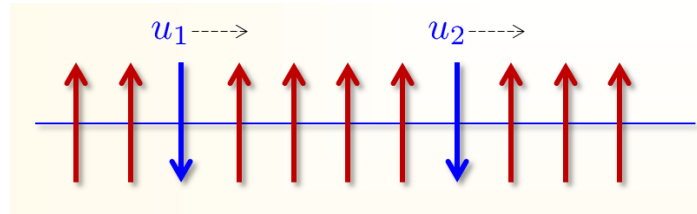
$$\tau_1(u) = \text{tr } T(u) = A(u) + D(u)$$

States are created by operator  $B(u)$

$$|\Psi\rangle = B(u_1)B(u_2)\dots B(u_M)|0\rangle$$



Bethe roots



Fixed by 
$$\prod_{n=1}^L \frac{u_j - \theta_n + i/2}{u_j - \theta_n - i/2} = e^{2i\phi} \prod_{k \neq j}^L \frac{u_j - u_k + i}{u_j - u_k - i}$$

Or by **Baxter equation** 
$$Q_\theta^- Q_1^{++} + Q_\theta^+ Q_1^{--} - \tau_1 Q_1 = 0$$

Impose  $\tau_1, Q_1$  are **polynomials**  $\rightarrow$  fix both

$$Q_1 = e^{u\phi} \prod_{k=1}^M (u - u_k)$$

$$Q_\theta = \prod_{n=1}^L (u - \theta_n)$$

$$f^\pm = f(u \pm i/2)$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = B(u_1)B(u_2)\dots B(u_M)|0\rangle$$

Consider  $\langle x|$  = eigenstates of operator  $B(u) = \prod_{k=1}^L (u - x_k)$

$$Q_1 = e^{\phi_1 u} \prod_{j=1}^{N_u} (u - u_j)$$

Then wavefunctions factorize!  $\langle x|\Psi\rangle = \prod_k Q_1(x_k)$

**Proof:**  $\langle \mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_L | \Psi \rangle = \prod_{k=1}^L \prod_{j=1}^M (u_j - \mathbf{x}_k) = \prod_{k=1}^L Q_1(\mathbf{x}_k)$

$\mathbf{x}_k = \theta_k \pm i/2, \quad k = 1, \dots, L$  gives  $2^L$  states, i.e. basis of the space – called **SoV basis**

In practice we need a slight modification  $T \rightarrow T^{\text{good}} = KTK^{-1} \quad B \rightarrow B^{\text{good}}$

retains all nice properties

# SU(3) case

Sklyanin's proposal  $B(u) = T_{13}(u)T_{12|13}(u - i) + T_{23}(u)T_{12|23}(u - i)$  [Sklyanin 92]

$$T_{j_1 j_2 | k_1 k_2}(u) = \begin{vmatrix} T_{j_1 k_1}(u) & T_{j_1 k_2}(u + i) \\ T_{j_2 k_1}(u) & T_{j_2 k_2}(u + i) \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{are the quantum minors}$$

Like for SU(2) it creates states!  $|\Psi\rangle = B^{\text{good}}(u_1) \dots B^{\text{good}}(u_M)|0\rangle$   
 [Gromov, FLM, Sizov 16]

$$T \rightarrow T^{\text{good}} = KTK^{-1}$$

$$B \rightarrow B^{\text{good}}$$

No nesting, surprisingly much simpler than usual BA

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{a_i=2,3} F^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_M} T_{1a_1}(u_1) T_{1a_2}(u_2) \dots T_{1a_M}(u_M) |0\rangle$$

$\uparrow$   
 wavefunction  
 of auxiliary SU(2) chain

Kulish, Reshetikhin 83

$$\prod_{n=1}^L \frac{u_j - \theta_n + i/2}{u_j - \theta_n - i/2} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \prod_{k \neq j}^M \frac{u_j - u_k + i}{u_j - u_k - i} \prod_{k=1}^R \frac{u_j - v_k - i/2}{u_j - v_k + i/2},$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^M \frac{v_j - u_n + i/2}{v_j - u_n - i/2} = \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_2} \prod_{k \neq j}^R \frac{v_j - v_k + i}{v_j - v_k - i}.$$

Factorisation of states follows  $\langle \mathbf{x} | \Psi \rangle = \prod_k Q_1(\mathbf{x}_k) \quad Q_1 = e^{\phi_1 u} \prod_{j=1}^{N_u} (u - u_j)$

All this extends to SU(N)



# SU(N) case

B-operator is built from quantum minors  
Inspired by classical SoV

$$B(u) = \sum_{j, \dots, p} T_{j|N}(u) T_{k|jN}(u-i) \dots T_{12 \dots |pN}(u - (N-2)i)$$

[Smirnov 2000] [Chervov, Falqui, Talalaev 07] [Gromov, FLM, Sizov 16]

Creates states as  $|\Psi\rangle = B^{\text{good}}(u_1) \dots B^{\text{good}}(u_M)|0\rangle$

For any SU(N) !

[Gromov, FLM, Sizov 16]

$$B(u) = \prod_k (u - x_k) \quad \langle x | \Psi \rangle = \prod_k Q_1(x_k) \quad \text{We also found spectrum of } x\text{'s}$$

States construction proven by [Liashyk, Slavnov 18] for SU(3) (heroic effort)

Then full proof for SU(N) [Ryan, Volin 18], who also showed equivalence with another way to build  $\langle x |$

$$\langle x | \sim \langle 0 | \hat{T}(\theta_1 + i/2)^{n_1} \dots \hat{T}(\theta_L + i/2)^{n_L}$$

[Maillet, Niccoli 18,19,20]

Analog of states construction found for super SU(1 | 2) [Gromov, FLM 17]

## Computing the SoV measure

For scalar products we need measure

In GL(2)-type models:

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle = \int d^L \mathbf{x} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(A)}(x_i)}_{\text{state A}} \right) \underbrace{M(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{measure}} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(B)}(x_i)}_{\text{state B}} \right)$$

e.g. for  $s=-1/2$  spin chain

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\prod_{j < k} (e^{2\pi x_j} - e^{2\pi x_k})(x_j - x_k)}{\prod_{j,k} (1 + e^{2\pi(x_j - \theta_k)})}$$

[Sklyanin 90-92]

[Derkachov Korchemsky Manashov 02]

Higher rank GL(N) models are complicated

Measure was not known at all, except in classical limit [Smirnov Zeitlin 02]

To compute correlators  
one inserts the complete basis

$$\mathbf{1} = \sum_x M_x |x\rangle \langle x|$$

measure  $M_x = (\langle x|x\rangle)^{-1}$

Overlaps between these states look complicated

Can we find a way around this?

# SU(2) spin chain

Idea: orthogonality of states must imply same for  $Q_s$

Baxter equation can be written as

$$\hat{O} \circ Q_1 = 0 \quad \hat{O} = \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+} D^2 + \frac{1}{Q_\theta^-} D^{-2} - \frac{\tau_1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-}$$

$$f^\pm = f(u \pm i/2)$$

$$Df(u) = f(u + i/2)$$

$$Q_\theta = \prod_n (u - \theta_n)$$

Key property: self-adjointness

$$\langle f \hat{O} g \rangle = \langle g \hat{O} f \rangle \quad \langle f \rangle = \oint du f(u)$$

We can introduce L such brackets

$$\langle f \rangle_j = \oint du \mu_j f$$

$$\mu_j = e^{2\pi(j-1)u} \quad j = 1, \dots, L$$

$$\tau_1 = 2 \cos \phi u^L + \sum_{k=1}^L I_k u^{k-1} \quad \text{uniquely identifies the state}$$

$$\hat{O} = \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+} D^2 + \frac{1}{Q_\theta^-} D^{-2} - \frac{\tau_1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-}$$

This gives orthogonality!

$$\langle Q^B (\hat{O}^A - \hat{O}^B) Q^A \rangle_j = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{k=1}^L (I_k^A - I_k^B) \left\langle \frac{u^{k-1} Q^A Q^B}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} \right\rangle_j = 0$$

Nontrivial solution means  $\det=0$

Sum of residues at  $u = \theta_n \pm i/2$   
i.e. at x eigenvalues as expected

$$\det_{1 \leq j, k \leq L} \left\langle \frac{u^{k-1} Q^A Q^B}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} \right\rangle_j \propto \delta_{AB}$$

**Scalar product in SoV**

Matches known results

[Sklyanin; Kitanine, Maillet, Niccoli, ...]

[Kazama, Komatsu, Nishimura, Serban, Jiang, ...]

## SU(3) spin chain

Now we have 2 types of Bethe roots

$$\prod_{n=1}^L \frac{u_j - \theta_n + i/2}{u_j - \theta_n - i/2} = e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} \prod_{k \neq j}^{N_u} \frac{u_j - u_k + i}{u_j - u_k - i} \prod_{l=1}^{N_v} \frac{u_j - v_l - i/2}{u_j - v_l + i/2}$$

momentum-carrying  $\{u_j\}_{j=1}^{N_u}$

$$1 = e^{i(\phi_2 - \phi_3)} \prod_{k \neq j}^{N_v} \frac{v_j - v_k + i}{v_j - v_k - i} \prod_{l=1}^{N_u} \frac{v_j - u_l - i/2}{v_j - u_l + i/2}$$

auxiliary  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^{N_v}$

$$Q_1 = e^{\phi_1 u} \prod_{j=1}^{N_u} (u - u_j)$$

$$Q^2 \equiv e^{(\phi_1 + \phi_3)u} \prod_j (u - v_j)$$

**Main new feature:** should use  $Q^i$  in addition to  $Q_i$  to get simple measure

Other  $Q$ s give dual roots

Baxter equations:

$$\tau_a(u) = u^L \chi_a(G) + \sum_{j=1}^L u^{j-1} I_{a,j-1},$$

$$\bar{O} = \frac{1}{Q_\theta^-} D^{-3} - \frac{\tau_2}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} D^{-1} + \frac{\tau_1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} D - \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+} D^{+3}$$

$$O = \frac{1}{Q_\theta^{++}} D^{+3} - \frac{\tau_2^+}{Q_\theta^{++} Q_\theta} D + \frac{\tau_1^-}{Q_\theta Q_\theta^{--}} D^{-1} - \frac{1}{Q_\theta^{--}} D^{-3}$$

$$\bar{O} \circ Q^a = 0 \quad O \circ Q_a = 0$$

$$\langle f \rangle_j = \oint du \mu_j f$$

These two operators are conjugate!

$$\langle f O \circ g \rangle_j = \langle g \bar{O} \circ f \rangle_j$$

$$\mu_j = e^{2\pi(j-1)u}$$

$$\langle Q_b^B (\bar{O}^A - \bar{O}^B) Q^{a,A} \rangle_j = 0$$

$$j = 1, \dots, L$$



$$\tau_a(u) = u^L \chi_a(G) + \sum_{j=1}^L u^{j-1} I_{a,j-1},$$

Linear system:

$$\sum_{\alpha=\{1,2\}, k=1,\dots,L} (I_{\alpha,k}^A - I_{\alpha,k}^B) (-1)^\alpha \left\langle \frac{u^k Q_1^B Q^{a,A[-3+2\alpha]}}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} \right\rangle_j = 0$$

We have 2L variables, and two choices of  $a$  give 2L equations

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 19]

[Gromov, FLM, Ryan, Volin 19]

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle \propto \left| \begin{array}{cc} \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_B^{2+} Q_1^A \right\rangle_j & \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_B^{2-} Q_1^A \right\rangle_j \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_B^{3+} Q_1^A \right\rangle_j & \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_B^{3-} Q_1^A \right\rangle_j \end{array} \right|$$

$1 \leq j, k \leq L$

SU(3) scalar product

Each bracket is a sum of residues at  $u = \theta_n \pm i/2$

$$N_A^2 \delta_{AB} = \sum_{x,y} M_{x,y} \prod_{k=1}^L Q_1^A(X_{k,1}) Q_1^A(X_{k,2}) \prod_{k=1}^L [Q_B^2(Y_{k,1}) Q_B^3(Y_{k,2}) - Q_B^2(Y_{k,2}) Q_B^3(Y_{k,1})]$$

matches spectrum of  $B(u)$

Can we build the basis where these are the wavefunctions?

## Operator realization

[Gromov, FLM, Ryan, Volin 19]

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle = \int d^L \mathbf{x} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(A)}(x_i)}_{\text{state } A} \right) \underbrace{M(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{measure}} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(B)}(x_i)}_{\text{state } B} \right)$$
$$\langle x | \Psi_A \rangle \quad \langle \Psi_B | y \rangle$$

Instead of integrals we have sums

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle = \sum_{x,y} M_{x,y} \langle \Psi_B | y \rangle \langle x | \Psi_A \rangle$$

Get scalar product from **two** SoV bases  $|y\rangle$  and  $\langle x|$

$\langle x|$  are eigenstates of Sklyanin's operator  $B(u) = T_{13}(u)T_{12|13}(u-i) + T_{23}(u)T_{12|23}(u-i)$

$|y\rangle$  are eigenstates of new "dual" operator  $C(u) = T_{13}(u-\frac{i}{2})T_{12|13}(u-\frac{i}{2}) + T_{23}(u-\frac{i}{2})T_{12|23}(u-\frac{i}{2})$

$$M_{x,y} = (\langle x | y \rangle)^{-1} \quad \text{Measure matches what we got from Baxter!}$$

$$M_{x,y} = (\langle x|y\rangle)^{-1}$$

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle = \sum_{x,y} M_{x,y} \langle \Psi_B | y \rangle \langle x | \Psi_A \rangle$$

For SU(2) this matrix is diagonal

For SU(3) it is not, but elements are still simple!

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle \propto \left| \begin{array}{cc} \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{2+} \right\rangle_j & \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{2-} \right\rangle_j \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{3+} \right\rangle_j & \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{3-} \right\rangle_j \end{array} \right|$$

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 19]

[Gromov, FLM, Ryan, Volin 19]

Alternative approach: [Maillet, Niccoli, Vignoli 20]

fix measure indirectly by deriving recursion relations for it

(+ another measure found in different basis)

Result should be same, would be interesting to prove

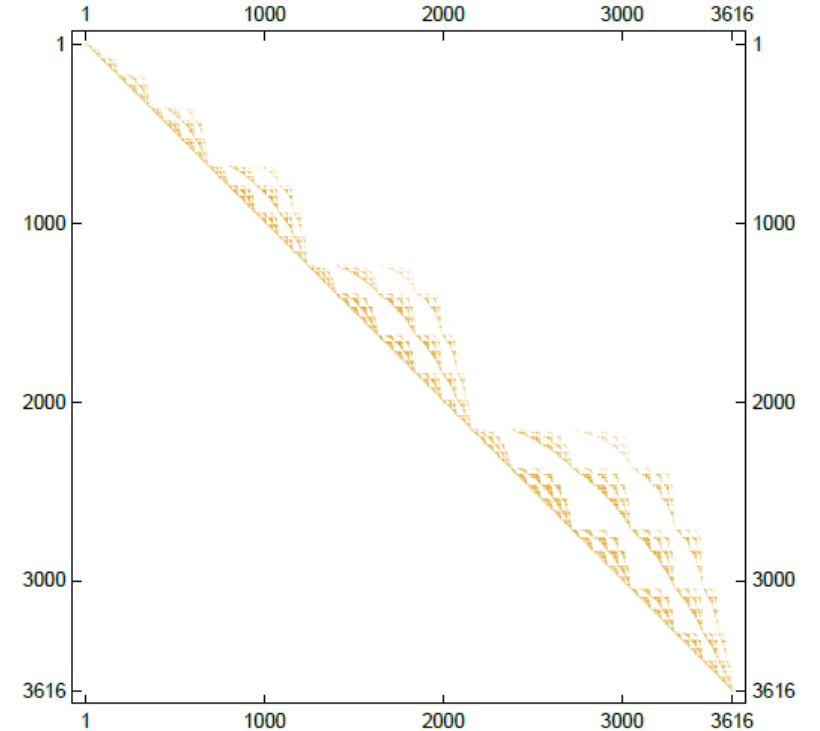
We also managed to compute measure for any  $SU(N)$  explicitly and for any spin [Gromov, FLM, Ryan 20]

Representation with weight  $[s, 0, \dots, 0]$ , including infinite-dim case

$$M_{y,x} = \sum_{k=\text{perm}_\alpha n} \text{sign}(\sigma) \left( \prod_{a=1}^{N-1} \frac{\Delta(x_{\sigma^{-1}(a)})}{\Delta(\{\theta_a\})} \right) \prod_{a=1}^{N-1} \frac{r_{\alpha, n_{\alpha, a}}}{r_{\alpha, 0}} \Big|_{\sigma_{\alpha, a} = k_{\alpha, a} - m_{\alpha, a} + a}$$

$$r_{\alpha, n} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \prod_{\beta=1}^L (n + 1 - i\theta_\alpha + i\theta_\beta)_{2s-1}$$

$$\langle \Psi_B | \Psi_A \rangle \propto \left| \begin{array}{l} \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{2+} \right\rangle_j \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{3+} \right\rangle_j \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{l} \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{2-} \right\rangle_j \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{Q_\theta^+ Q_\theta^-} u^{k-1} Q_1^A Q_B^{3-} \right\rangle_j \end{array} \right|$$



$$\langle \Psi_A | \Psi_B \rangle = \int d^L \mathbf{x} \left( \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(A)}(x_i)}_{\text{state A}} \underbrace{M(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{measure}} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^L Q^{(B)}(x_i)}_{\text{state B}} \right)$$

state-independent operator,  
contains shifts

$$\widehat{M}(x) = \det \left( \underbrace{\left( \frac{\hat{x}^{j-1}}{1 + e^{2\pi(\hat{x} - \theta_i)}} \right)}_{1 \leq i, j \leq L} \otimes \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D}_x^{N-2} & \mathcal{D}_x^{N-4} & \dots & \mathcal{D}_x^{2-N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{D}_x^{N-2} & \mathcal{D}_x^{N-4} & \dots & \mathcal{D}_x^{2-N} \end{pmatrix}}_{(N-1) \times (N-1)} \right)$$

similar to conjecture of [Smirnov Zeitlin]  
based on semi-classics  
and quantization of alg curve

Alternatively to build SoV basis we act on reference state with transfer matrices

$B(u)$  is diagonalized by

[Maillet, Niccoli 18] [Ryan, Volin 18]

$$\langle x | \propto \langle 0 | \prod_{k=1}^L [\hat{\tau}_2(\theta_k - i/2)]^{m_{k,1} + m_{k,2}} \quad 0 \leq m_{k,1} \leq m_{k,2} \leq 1$$

$C(u)$  is diagonalized by

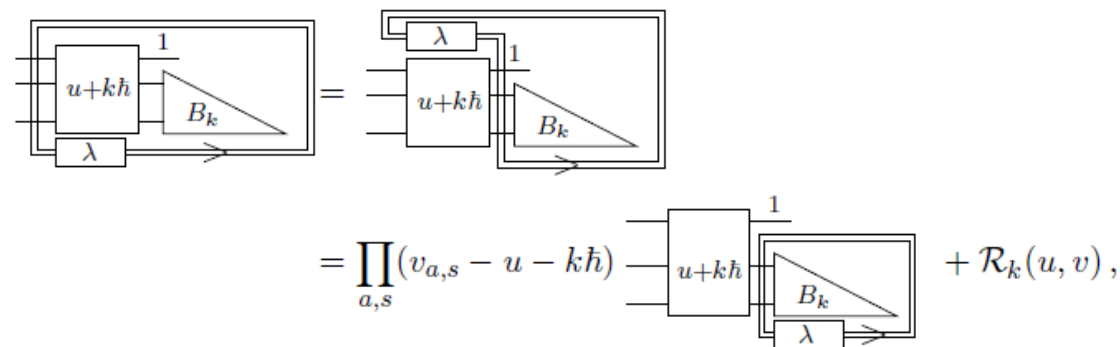
[Ryan, Volin 18] [Gromov FLM, Ryan, Volin 19]

$$|y\rangle \propto \prod_{k=1}^L \hat{\tau}_1(\theta_k - i/2)^{n_{k,2} - n_{k,1}} \hat{\tau}_2(\theta_k - i/2)^{n_{k,1}} |0\rangle \quad 0 \leq n_{k,1} \leq n_{k,2} \leq 1$$

see also another approach  
[Derkachov, Valinevich 18]

Proof is direct generalization of highly nontrivial methods from [Ryan, Volin 18]

Based on commutation relations + identifying Gelfand-Tsetlin patterns



## Correlators from SoV



Diagonal form factors of type

$$\frac{\langle \Psi | \frac{\partial \hat{I}_n}{\partial p} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = \frac{\partial I_n}{\partial p} \quad \text{are computable, give ratios of determinants}$$

From self-adjoint property:

$$0 = \langle Q(\hat{O} + \delta O) \circ (Q + \delta Q) \rangle = \underbrace{\langle Q O \circ \delta Q \rangle}_{=0} + \langle Q \delta O \circ Q \rangle \quad \tau_1 = 2 \cos \phi u^L + \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} I_k u^k$$

Link  $\delta I_n$  with  $\delta \phi$

So 
$$\partial_\phi I_k = \frac{1}{2 \sin \phi} \frac{\det_{i,j=1,\dots,L} m_{ij}^{(k)}}{\det_{i,j=1,\dots,L} m_{ij}}$$

← norm

From  $\partial / \partial \theta_i$  we get local operators on i-th site [Gromov, FLM, Ryan 20]

All this generalizes to SU(N)

Can also compute many other correlators in det form

E.g. overlaps with different twists  $\langle \Psi^{\tilde{\lambda}_a} | \Psi^{\lambda_a} \rangle = \left[ \left[ \tilde{Q}_{12}, \tilde{Q}_{13} \middle| Q_1 \right] \right]$  [Gromov, **FLM**, Ryan 20]

Also on-shell and off-shell overlaps involving B and C operators

$$|\Psi\rangle_{\text{off shell}} \equiv \mathbf{b}(v_1) \dots \mathbf{b}(v_k) |\Omega\rangle$$

$$\frac{\langle \Phi | \mathbf{c}_{\gamma_1}(v_1) \dots \mathbf{c}_{\gamma_K}(v_K) \mathbf{b}_{\beta_1}(w_1) \dots \mathbf{b}_{\beta_J}(w_J) | \Theta \rangle}{\langle \Phi | \Psi \rangle}$$

Likely this gives a complete set of operators

Very recently – all matrix elements for simple complete set of operators in determinant form!

[Gromov, Primi, Ryan 22]

Key idea – SoV basis can be chosen to be twist-independent

Usual choice – diagonal twist

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

GL(2) covariance lets us choose any twist we like with the same eigenvalues

Much more convenient

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 & -\chi_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{tr } G = \chi_1 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$\det G = \chi_2 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

$$t(u) = T_{12}(u) + \chi_1 T_{11}(u) - \chi_2 T_{21}(u)$$

SoV bases independent of twist

[Ryan, Volin]

Serve to factorise wave functions of different Hamiltonians

[Gromov, FLM, Ryan]

# Principal operators [Gromov, Primi, Ryan 22]

$$t(u) = T_{12}(u) + \chi_1 T_{11}(u) - \chi_2 T_{21}(u)$$

$$t(u) = \chi_1 u^L + \sum_{\beta=1}^L \hat{I}_\beta u^{\beta-1}$$

Now integrals of motion admit character expansion

$$\hat{I}_\beta \longrightarrow \hat{I}_\beta^{(0)} + \chi_1 \hat{I}_\beta^{(1)} + \chi_2 \hat{I}_\beta^{(2)}$$

$$t(u) \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}_0(u) + \chi_1 \mathbb{P}_1(u) + \chi_2 \mathbb{P}_2(u)$$

$\mathbb{P}_r(u)$  - Principal operators

[Gromov, Primi, Ryan]

Generate remaining  
operator  $T_{22}(u)$

Their form factors (including off-diagonal) have simple det form!

Expect lots of applications [in progress]

# Non-compact spin chains

Infinite-dim highest weight representation of  $SL(N)$  on each site

Now we have integrals instead of sums  $\langle f \rangle_j = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \mu_j f$   $\mu_j = \frac{1}{1 + e^{2\pi(u-\theta_j)}}$

$$\bar{O} \circ Q^a = 0 \quad O \circ Q_a = 0$$

$$\bar{O} = Q_{\theta}^{-} D^{-3} - \tau_2 D^{-1} + \tau_1 D - Q_{\theta}^{+} D^{+3}$$

$$O = Q_{\theta}^{++} D^{+3} - \tau_2^{+} D + \tau_1^{-} D - Q_{\theta}^{-} D^{-3}$$

We would like  $\langle g \bar{O} \circ f \rangle = \langle f O \circ g \rangle$

Now when we shift the contour we cross poles of the measure

$$\langle g \bar{O} \circ f \rangle = \int \mu g \left[ Q_{\theta}^{-} f^{[-3]} - \tau_2 f^{-} + \tau_1 f^{+} - Q_{\theta}^{+} f^{[+3]} \right] = \langle f O \circ g \rangle + \text{pole contributions}$$

$$Q_1(\theta_j + \frac{i}{2}) \tau_1(\theta_j + \frac{i}{2}) - Q_1(\theta_j + \frac{3i}{2}) Q_{\theta}(\theta_j + \frac{i}{2}) = 0$$

Poles cancel when  $g = Q_1$ ! Then everything works as before

We also generalized to any spin  $s$  of the representation

[Gromov FLM, Ryan 20]

$$\langle f \rangle_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \mu_n f \quad \mu_n = \frac{1}{1 + e^{2\pi(u-\theta_n)}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_n = \frac{\Gamma(s - i(u - \theta_n))\Gamma(s + i(u - \theta_n))}{e^{\pi(u-\theta_n)}}$$

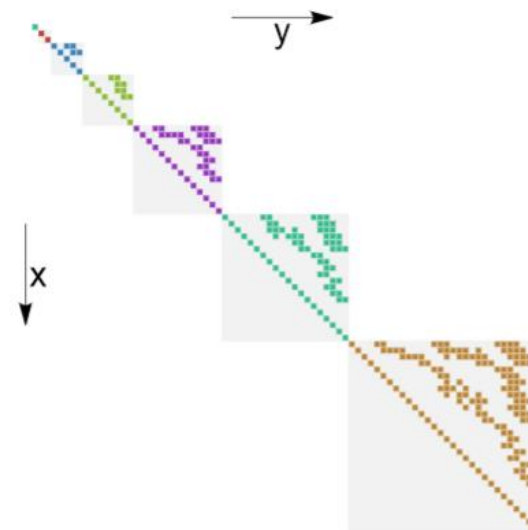
For  $SL(2)$  we reproduce [Derkachov, Manashov, Korchemsky]

To build SoV basis we need more involved  $T$ 's in non-rectangular reps see [Ryan, Volin 20]

$$|y\rangle \propto \hat{T}_{\{m_1, m_2\}} \left( \theta_n + is + i \frac{m_1 - \mu'_1}{2} \right) |0\rangle$$

Integral = sum over infinite set of poles in lower half-plane

The measure we get from Baxters again matches the one from building the basis!



## Comment on chronology:

Such tricks with Baxters were used in [\[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 18\]](#) for  $N=4$  SYM

Then in [\[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 19\]](#) for  $SL(N)$  spin chain

And then in [\[Gromov, FLM, Ryan, Volin 19\]](#) for  $SU(N)$  spin chain



# Extensions to field theory

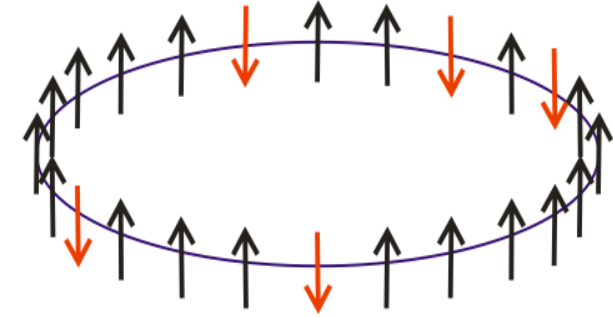
# Integrability in N=4 super Yang-Mills

single trace operators

$$\text{Tr}(\Phi_1(x)\Phi_2(x)\Phi_2(x)\Phi_1(x)\dots)$$



integrable spin chains



$$\Psi \sim Q(x_1)Q(x_2)\dots Q(x_n)$$

Q-functions are known at any coupling  
from **Quantum Spectral Curve**

[Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin 13]

Gives exact spectrum very efficiently !  
All-loop, numerical, perturbative, ...

[Marboe, Volin 14,16,17] [Alfimov, Gromov, Kazakov 14]  
[Gromov, FLM, Sizov 13,14] [Gromov, FLM, Sizov 15 x2]  
[Gromov, FLM 15, 16]  
[FLM, Preti 20] ...

Hope to link with exact 3-pt functions  
which are much less understood

**Goal:** write correlators in terms of Q's

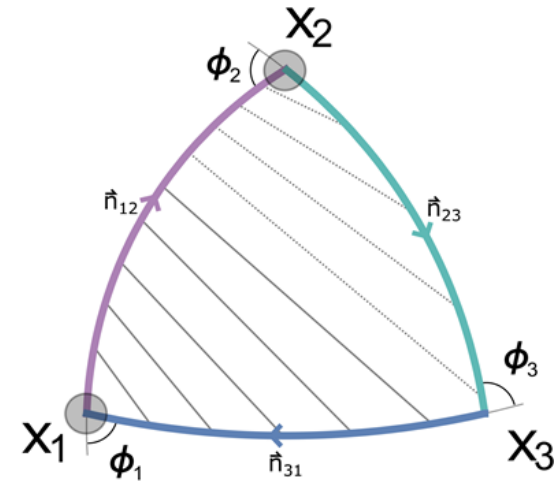
**First all-loop example:**

3 Wilson lines + scalars

in ladders limit

$$C_{123} = \frac{\langle Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle Q_1^2 \rangle \langle Q_2^2 \rangle \langle Q_3^2 \rangle}}$$

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 18]



Similar structures seen in very different regime via localization

[Komatsu, Giombi 18,19]

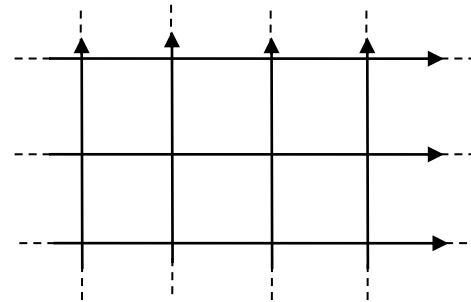
# Extension to fishnet CFT

$$S = \frac{N}{2} \int d^4x \operatorname{tr} \left( \partial^\mu \phi_1^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_1 + \partial^\mu \phi_2^\dagger \partial_\mu \phi_2 + 2\xi^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_2^\dagger \phi_1 \phi_2 \right)$$

[Gurdogan, Kazakov 15] [Volodya's and Enrico's talks]

Baby version of N=4 SYM, no inherits integrability

Integrability visible  
directly from Feynman graphs



We find very similar  
structures

$$C_{\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}\mathcal{L}} \propto \frac{d\Delta}{d\xi^2} = \frac{\int_{|} \frac{q\bar{q}}{u} \frac{du}{2\pi i}}{\int_{|} i (q^+ \bar{q}^- - q^- \bar{q}^+) \frac{du}{2\pi i}}$$

[Cavaglia, Gromov, **FLM** 21  
+ with Sever in progress]

# Spin chain picture

Get SO(4,2) spin chain in principal series rep

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{O}}(x_1, \dots, x_J) = \langle \mathcal{O}(x_0) \text{tr} [\phi_1^\dagger(x_1) \dots \phi_J^\dagger(x_J)] \rangle .$$

[Gromov, Sever 19]

Spin chain form factors  $\longrightarrow$  more involved correlators

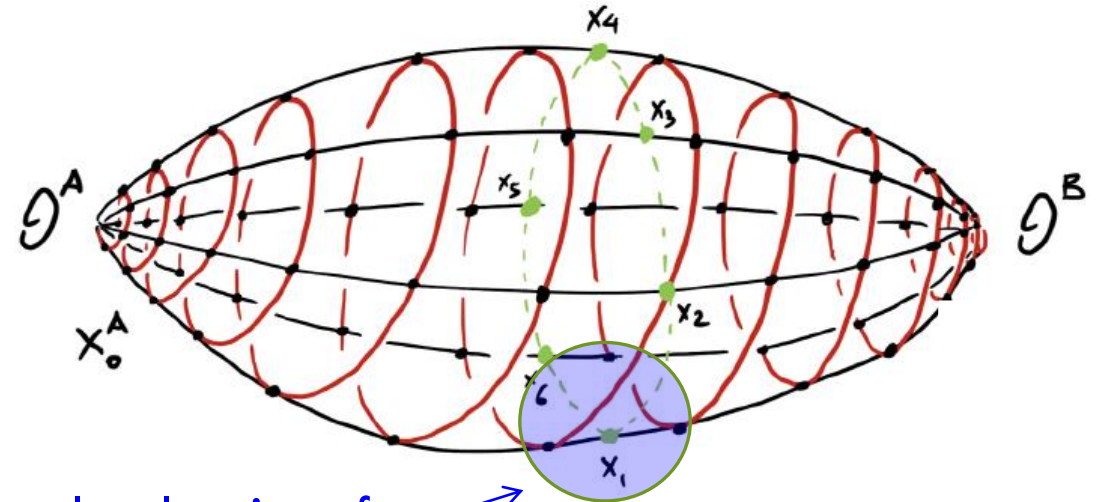
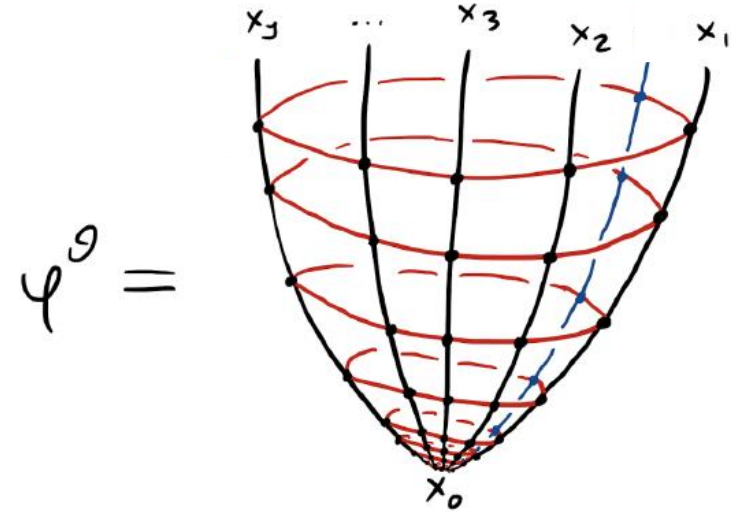
Can compute them via SoV! [Cavaglia, Gromov, **FLM** 21]

E.g.  $\partial I / \partial p$  gives 2pt function with insertions to all loops

$$\frac{\partial \hat{H}}{\partial h_\alpha} \hat{H}^{-1} = -8 \left[ -\frac{x_{\alpha, \alpha-1}^2 + x_{\alpha, \alpha+1}^2}{2} \left( 1 + x_\alpha^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha^\mu} \right) + (x_{\alpha, \alpha-1}^2 x_{\alpha+1}^\mu + x_{\alpha, \alpha+1}^2 x_{\alpha-1}^\mu) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha^\mu} \right] \times \square_\alpha^{-1} \frac{1}{x_{\alpha, \alpha-1}^2} \frac{1}{x_{\alpha, \alpha+1}^2} . \quad (5.36)$$

Extensions in progress

Spin chain wavefunction = CFT correlator



local action of diff operator

# Proposal for g-function

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 21]

Typical structure  
for g-function:

$$g \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\langle B|\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|B\rangle}{\langle \Psi|\Psi\rangle}} = \underbrace{\exp\left(\int_0^\infty \Theta(u) \log(1 + Y(u)) du\right)}_{\text{boundary-dependent, simple}} \times \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\det[1 - \hat{G}_-]}{\det[1 - \hat{G}_+]}}}_{\text{universal factor, hard}}$$

Like for GL(N) spin chains we conjecture the scalar product in SoV

$$\langle \Psi_A | \Psi_B \rangle \propto \det M_{AB} \quad \leftarrow \text{built from integrals of Q-functions}$$

$\nwarrow$  we will guess it from norm

For parity-symmetric states  $M_{AA} = \begin{pmatrix} M_+ & 0 \\ 0 & M_- \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det M = \det M_+ \det M_-$

We propose **universal part** of g-function  $(g_{\text{universal}})^2 \propto \frac{|M_-|}{|M_+|_*}$  **nontrivially satisfies selection rules!**

inspired by spin chain/sin-Gordon results

[Gombor, Pozsgay 20, 21] [Caetano, Komatsu 20]

## N=4 SYM

Still have the key starting point! [Cavaglia, Gromov, **FLM** 21]

$$\langle \bar{Q}_B (\mathcal{O}_A - \mathcal{O}_B) Q_A \rangle_\alpha = 0$$

Main difference with spin chains/fishnets:  
infinitely many degrees of freedom

Implies infinitely many integrals of motion

Transfer matrix is not polynomial anymore, need to find a good basis of IoM's

# Yangian symmetry for correlators

[Kazakov, **FLM**, Mishnyakov  
to appear]

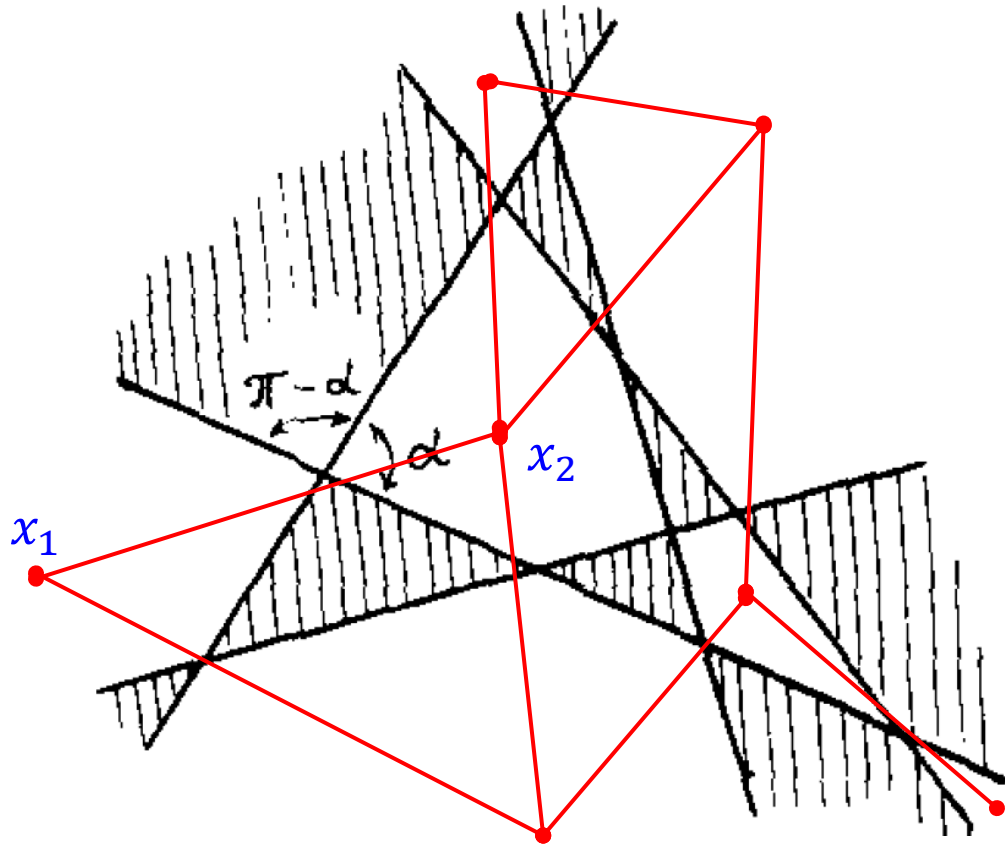


# Study conformal Feynman integrals

arising in the most general fishnet CFT ('Loom CFT')

[Kazakov, Olivucci 22]

[Kazakov's talk]



Start from 'Baxter lattice' (set of intersecting lines)

$$\text{propagator} = \frac{1}{|x_1 - x_2|^\Delta}$$

$$\Delta = D \left( 2 - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)$$

[Zamolodchikov]

These Feynman graphs should be integrable in any D

Feynman graphs with n external legs  $\longleftrightarrow \langle \text{Tr} [\Phi_1(x_1)\Phi_2(x_2) \dots \Phi_n(x_n)] \rangle$

We find they are **Yangian invariant** !

$$(L_1 L_2 \dots L_n)_{\alpha\beta} |\text{graph}\rangle = \lambda(u)\delta_{\alpha\beta} |\text{graph}\rangle$$

[Kazakov, **FLM**, Mishnyakov to appear]

**Conformal** Laxes act on external legs

$$L(u_+, u_-) = \begin{pmatrix} u_+ - \mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{x}(u_+ - u_-) - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{p} + u_- \end{pmatrix}$$

[Chicherin, Derkachov, Isaev 12]

Generalization of [Chicherin, Kazakov, Loebbert, Muller, Zhong 17] [..]

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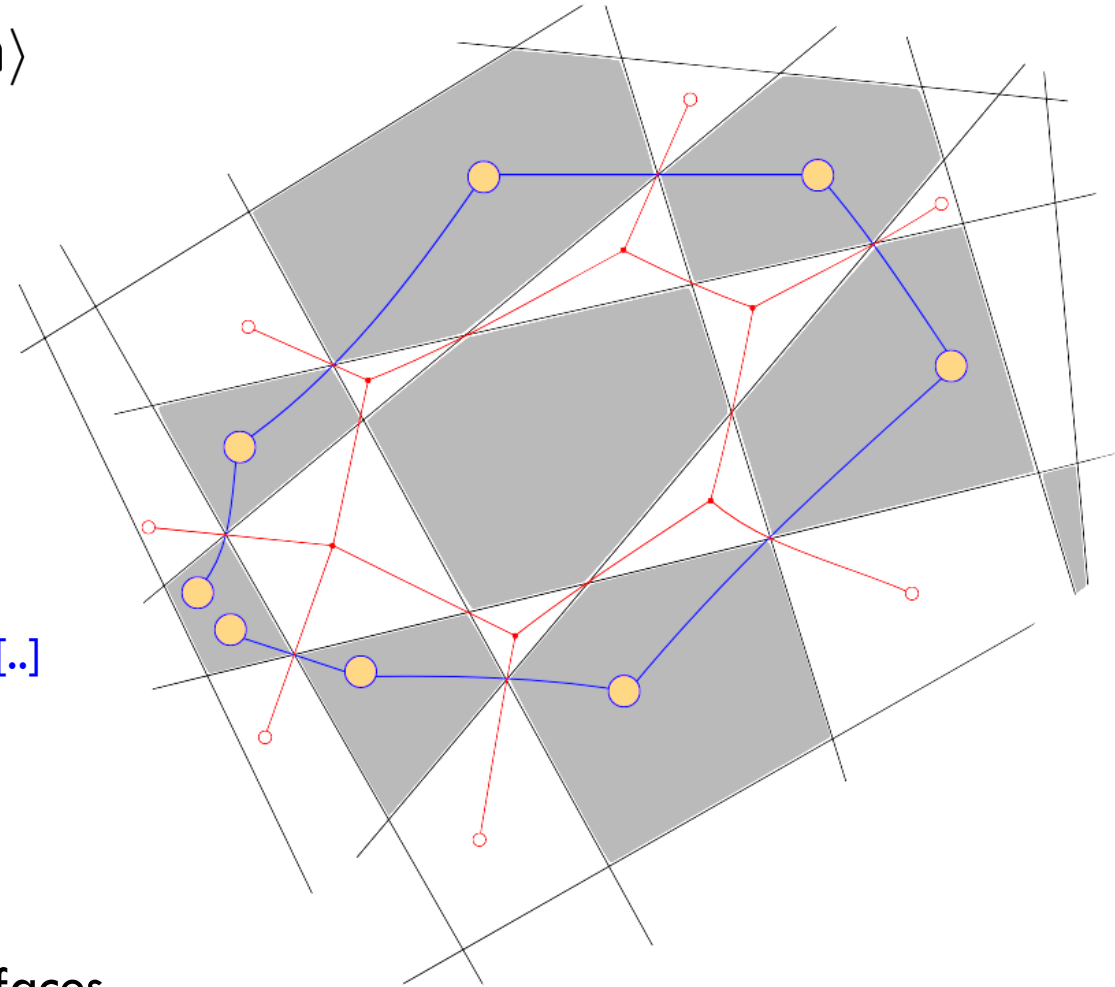
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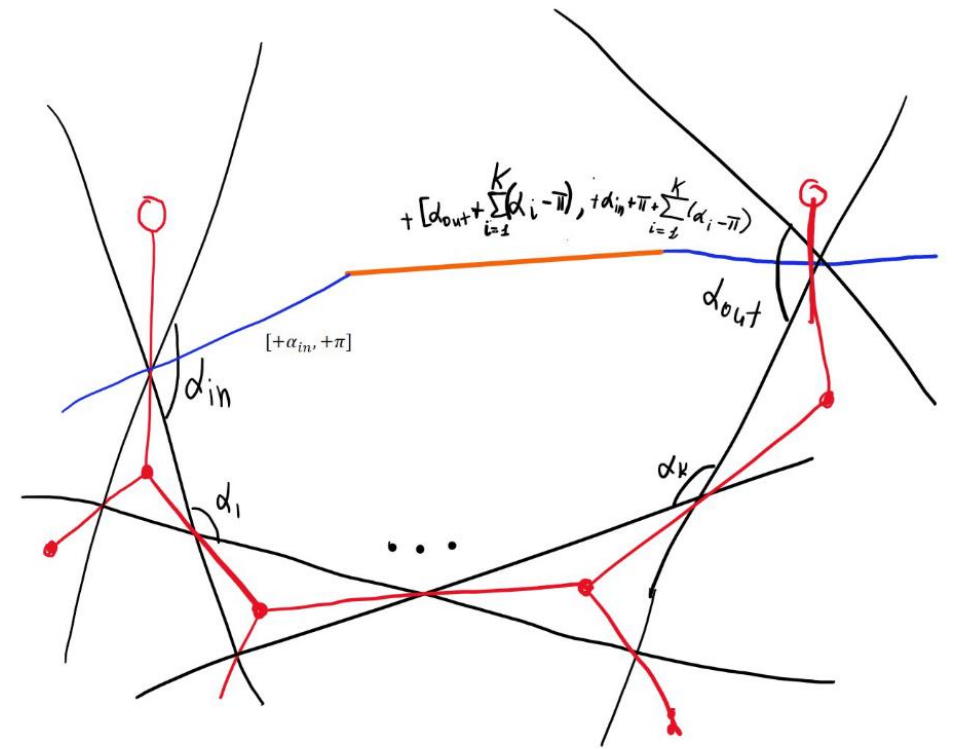
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**Key new idea** – draw chain of Lax operators on **dual** faces



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Read off parameters from local geometry

Get new differential equations for these integrals!

[Kazakov, **FLM**, Mishnyakov to appear]

Yangian invariance already led to powerful results for correlators/amplitudes

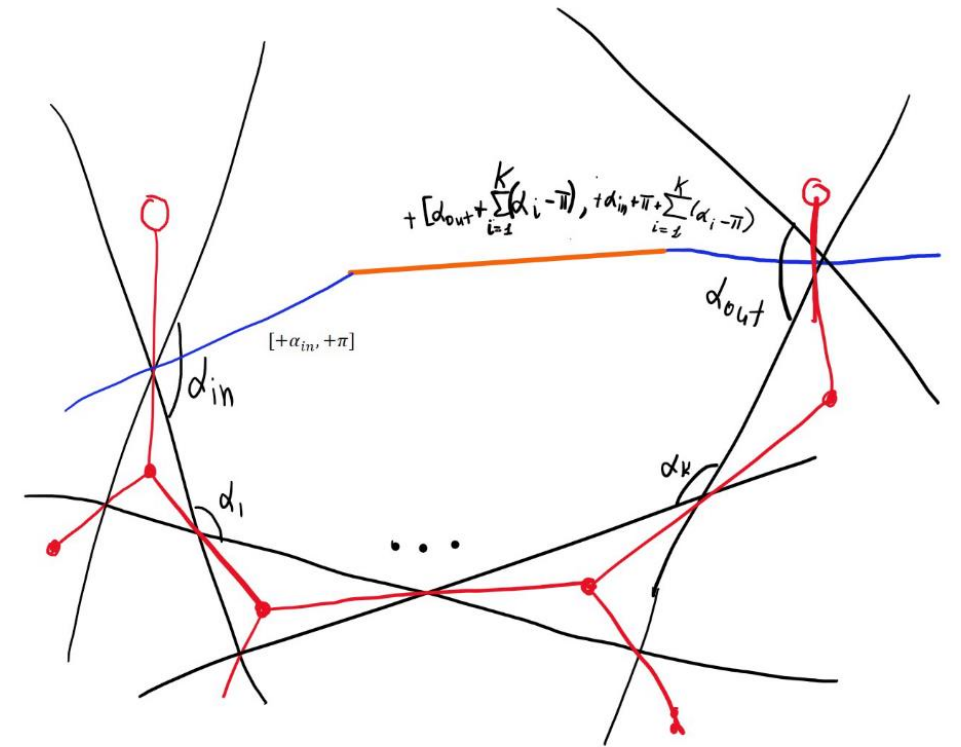
[Corcoran, Loebbert, Miczajka, Muller, Munkler, Staudacher ,... 18-22]

Relations with SoV to be explored

e.g. for 2d graphs linked with Calabi-Yau geometry

[Duhr, Klemm Loebbert, Nega, Porkert 22]

Hope to bootstrap new integrals



# OUTLOOK

Finally we have **SoV basis and measure** for **higher-rank** spin chain  
Longstanding problem solved

- **Expect many applications:** super case [Gromov, **FLM** 18 ; Maillet, Niccoli, Vignoli 20],  
SO(N) [Ferrando, Frassek, Kazakov; Ekhamar, Shu, Volin 20];  
long range [Ferrando, Lamers, **FLM**, Serban to appear] [Jules's talk]  
principal series rep for fishnet, Slavnov scalar products, TD limit, ...
- **Algebraic** meaning of  $\int Q_1 Q_2 Q_3$  ?
- SoV for Gaudin models and conformal blocks [cf **Volker's talk**]
- **AdS/CFT:** other correlators, beyond ladders/fishnets, ...  
Many hints of **hidden SoV structures!** [Cavaglia, Gromov, **FLM** 18] [Giombi, Komatsu 18, 19]  
[Bercini, Homrich, Vieira 22]...



**Thank you!**

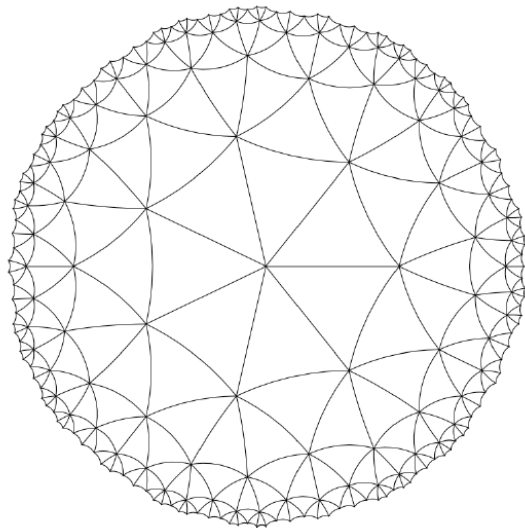






# Matrix models and gravity

vertex  $\rightarrow t_n$   
face  $\rightarrow t_n^*$



$$Z(t, t^*) = \lambda^{-\frac{N^2}{2}} \int \mathcal{D}M e^{-\frac{N}{2\lambda} \text{Tr} M^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \text{Tr} B^k \text{Tr}(MA)^k$$

[Kazakov, Staudacher, Wynter 96]

Matrix model = sum over graphs

Critical regime

2d gravity

$Z_{\text{disk}}$  matches gravity prediction!

[Kazakov, FLM 21]

With these couplings we control curvature, how to get AdS / JT gravity?

[Witten '20] [Jackiw-Teitelboim]

[Mirzakhani]

Another problem: forests on random graphs

[Gorsky, Kazakov, FLM, Mishnyakov 22]

$$\sum_{\text{graphs } G} \lambda^{|G|} \det(L + m^2) = \sum_{F=(F_1 \dots F_l) \in G} \lambda^{|G|} m^{2l} \prod_{i=1}^l |F_i| = Z_{\text{matrix model}}$$

Generalisation of

Gives massive fermions coupled to 2d gravity

[Bondean, Caracciolo, Saleur, Sportiello, ... 04, 09, 16]

Hope to better understand holography in 2d / 1d / 0d

## Algebraic picture

Generating functional for transfer matrices in antisymmetric reps

$$W = (1 - \Lambda_1(u)D^2)(1 - \Lambda_2(u)D^2) \dots (1 - \Lambda_N(u)D^2) = \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^k \tau_k(u) D^k$$

Define left and right action  $\vec{D}f(u) = f(u + i/2)$ ,  $f\overleftarrow{D} = f(u - i/2)$

$$\text{Then } Q_a \overleftarrow{W} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{W} Q^a = 0$$

Using that for any operator  $\oint g \vec{O} f = \oint f \overleftarrow{O} g$  we get  $\oint Q_a^A (\overrightarrow{W}_A - \overleftarrow{W}_B) Q_B^b = 0$

The two Baxter equations are ‘conjugate’ to each other!

[Cavaglia, Gromov, FLM 19]

$$\hat{O} \circ Q_1 \equiv Q_\theta^{++} Q_1^{[+3]} - \tau_1^+ Q_1^+ + \tau_2^- Q_1^- - Q_\theta^{--} Q_1^{[-3]} = 0$$

$$\hat{\hat{O}} \circ Q_{\bar{a}} \equiv Q_\theta^- Q_{\bar{a}}^{[-3]} - \tau_1 Q_{\bar{a}}^- + \tau_2 Q_{\bar{a}}^+ - Q_\theta^+ Q_{\bar{a}}^{[+3]} = 0$$

Analog of self-adjointness property:  $\langle Q_1 \hat{\hat{O}} \circ f \rangle_j = 0$

$$\langle g f \rangle_j \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu_j(x) g(x) f(x)$$

$$\mu_j(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{2\pi(u-\theta_j)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g \hat{\hat{O}} \circ f \rangle_j &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mu_j(u) g(u) \left[ Q_\theta^- f^{[-3]} - \tau_1 f^- + \tau_2 f^+ - Q_\theta^+ f^{[+3]} \right] du \\ &= \int_{-\infty+i0}^{+\infty+i0} \mu_j(u + \frac{i}{2}) \left[ \underbrace{Q_\theta^{++} g^{[+3]} - \tau_1^+ g^+ + \tau_2^- g^- - Q_\theta^{--} g^{[-3]}}_{\hat{O} \circ g} \right] f(u) du \\ &+ \text{residues from poles,} \end{aligned}$$

Poles cancel if  $g \equiv Q_1$  ! Use nontrivial relations between T's and Q's