

Lectures at Zakopane Summer School “Aspects of Duality”, 13-22/06/08

From Classical to Quantum Integrability of Metsaev-Tseytlin Superstring (and back)

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Lecture I. Finite gap solution of classical string

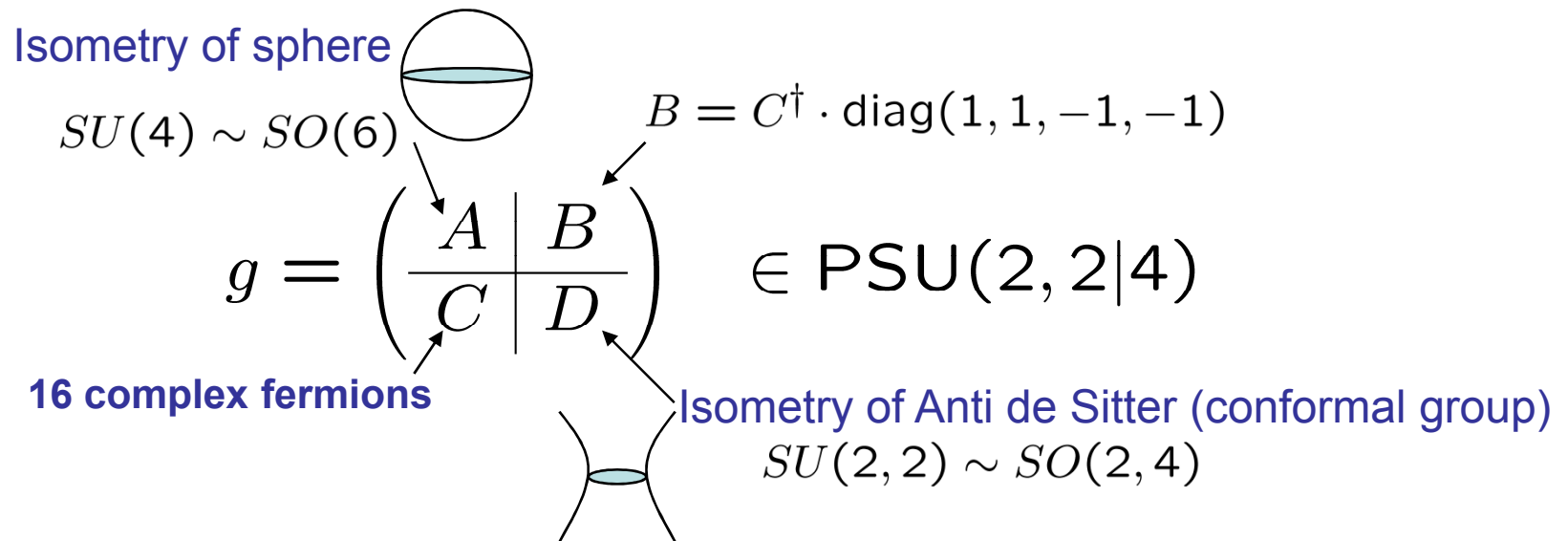
- Gives a quick access to the full strong coupling spectrum of dimensions of planar N=4 SYM in terms of the moduli of the general algebraic curve of the model.
- Finite gap method was first done for $R_1 \times S^3$ subsector of superstring (KMMZ solutions). **V.K., Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo'04**
- Now: we do it to the full Metsaev-Tseytlin superstring model on $AdS_5 \times S^5$, including fermions, using classical integrability. **Beisert, V.K., Sakai, Zarembo'05** **Bena, Roiban, Polchinski'02**
- Finite gap: Often a good starting point for quantization: symplectic structure identified, all one loop WKB is available...
N. Dorey, Vicedo'06 **Gromov, Vieira'06**
- Finite gap eqs. gave rise to the educated guess which led to all loop asymptotic Bethe ansatz eqs. (« discretization of alg. curve).
Arutyunov, Frolov, Staudacher'04, **Beisert, Staudacher'05**
- What is missing? May be some hidden degrees of freedom, an upper level(s) of full loop Bethe ansatz.
- **Lecture II:** demonstration of “hidden” variables on $R_1 \times S^3$ subsector

Metsaev-Tseytlin superstring

- It is a sigma model on the coset

$$\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5 \sim \text{PSU}(2, 2|4) / (\text{Sp}(2, 2) \times \text{Sp}(4))$$

- Supergroup element g : $(4|4) \times (4|4)$ supermatrix of $\text{SU}(2, 2|4)$



sphere

$$\frac{SU(4)}{Sp(4)} \sim \frac{SO(6)}{SO(5)} = S^5$$

Anti de Sitter

$$\frac{SU(2, 2)}{Sp(2, 2)} \sim \frac{SO(2, 4)}{SO(1, 5)} = \text{AdS}_5$$

- Decompose current:

$$J = -g^{-1}dg = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right)$$

$$J^{(0,2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{cc} A \pm EA^T E & 0 \\ 0 & D \pm ED^T E \end{array} \right)$$

$$E = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)_{4 \times 4}$$

$$J^{(1,3)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & B \mp iEC^T E \\ C \pm iEB^T E & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$J = J^{(0)} + J^{(1)} + J^{(2)} + J^{(3)}$$

- Bosons: $J^{(2)} \in AdS_5 \times S^5,$
- To factor out: $J^{(0)} \in sp(2, 2) \times sp(4),$
- Fermions: $J^{(1,3)}$

Metsaev-Tseytlin String Action

$$S_{MT} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \text{str} \int_{\mathcal{M}_2} \left[J^{(2)} \wedge *J^{(2)} - J^{(1)} \wedge J^{(3)} \right]$$

$$J = J^{(0)} + J^{(1)} + J^{(2)} + J^{(3)}$$

- Bosons: $J^{(2)} \in AdS_5 \times S^5,$
- To factor out: $J^{(0)} \in sp(2, 2) \times sp(4),$
- Fermions: $J^{(1,3)}$
- Z_4 -grading: $\mathcal{C} J^{(k)} \mathcal{C}^{-1} = i^k J^{(k)}$

$$c = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} E & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -iE \end{array} \right), \quad E = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)_{4 \times 4}$$

Monodromy matrix for MT superstring

- All Bianchi identities and eqs. of motion (current conserv.) are packed into a Lax eq.:

Bena, Roiban, Polchinski'02

$$(d + A(z)) \wedge (d + A(z)) = 0,$$

with connection depending on extra spectral parameter z

$$A(z) = J^{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} (z^{-2} + z^2) J^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} (z^{-2} - z^2) *J^{(2)} + z^{-1} J^{(1)} + z J^{(3)}$$

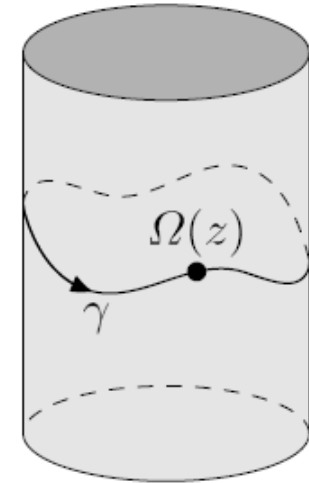
- Monodromy matrix: $\Omega(z) = P \exp \oint A(z) d\sigma$

Conserved quantities: eigenvalues of $\Omega(z)$

$$\{e^{i\tilde{p}_1(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_2(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_3(z)}, e^{i\tilde{p}_4(z)} \parallel e^{i\hat{p}_1(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_2(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_3(z)}, e^{i\hat{p}_4(z)}\}$$

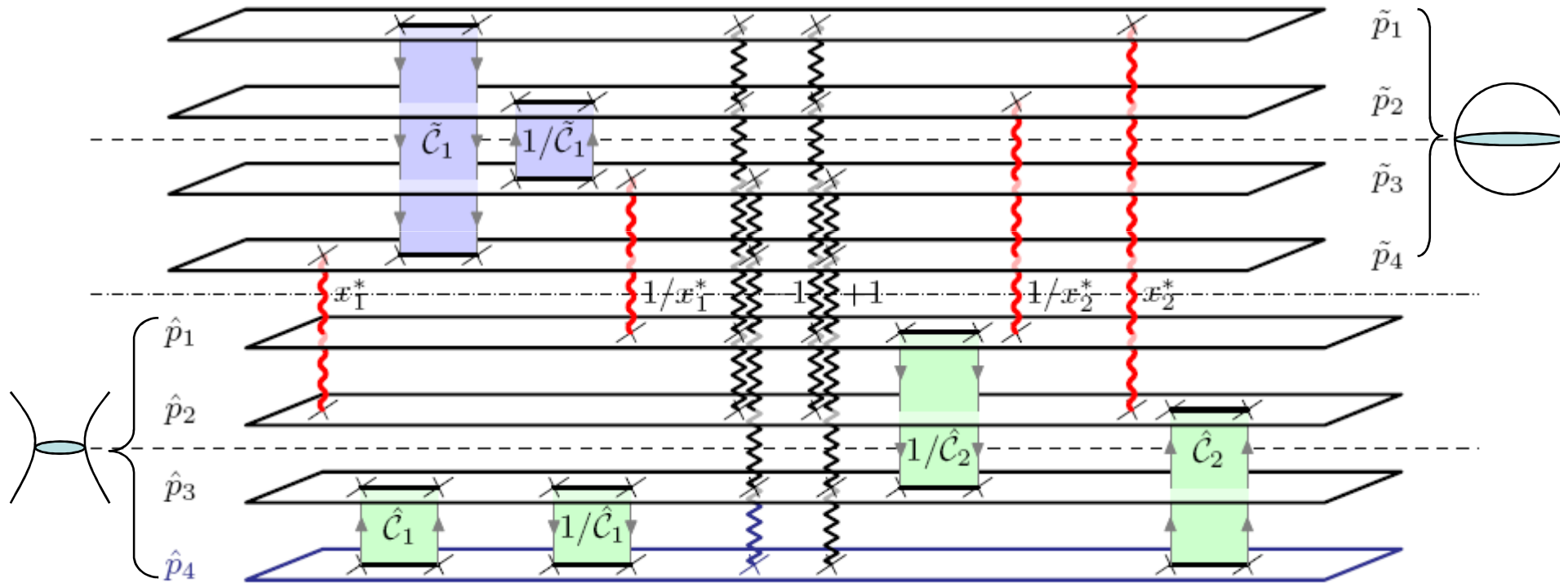
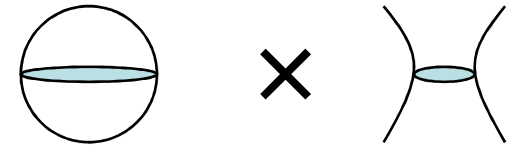
Finite gap method: Eigenvalues are found by solving a characteristic equation for Ω . They define Riemann Surface.

So does $y_k(z) = -izp'_k(z)$ (single valued on R.S.)



Riemann surface classical string

V.K., Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo'04 (KMMZ)
 Beisert, V.K., Sakai, Zarembo'05



$$x = \frac{1 + z^2}{1 - z^2}$$

Algebraic curve of quasi-momentum

$$y_k(z) = -izp'_k(z) \quad - \text{good variables, having only:}$$

- branch cuts at \tilde{z}_i, \hat{z}_j where same grading e.v.'s cross;

$$\text{Cut } C_{ij} : p_i^+ - p_j^- = 2\pi n_{ij}$$

- poles at z_j^* where opposite grading e.v.'s cross.

Corresponding (1|1)x(1|1) sub-supermatrix of $\Omega(z)$

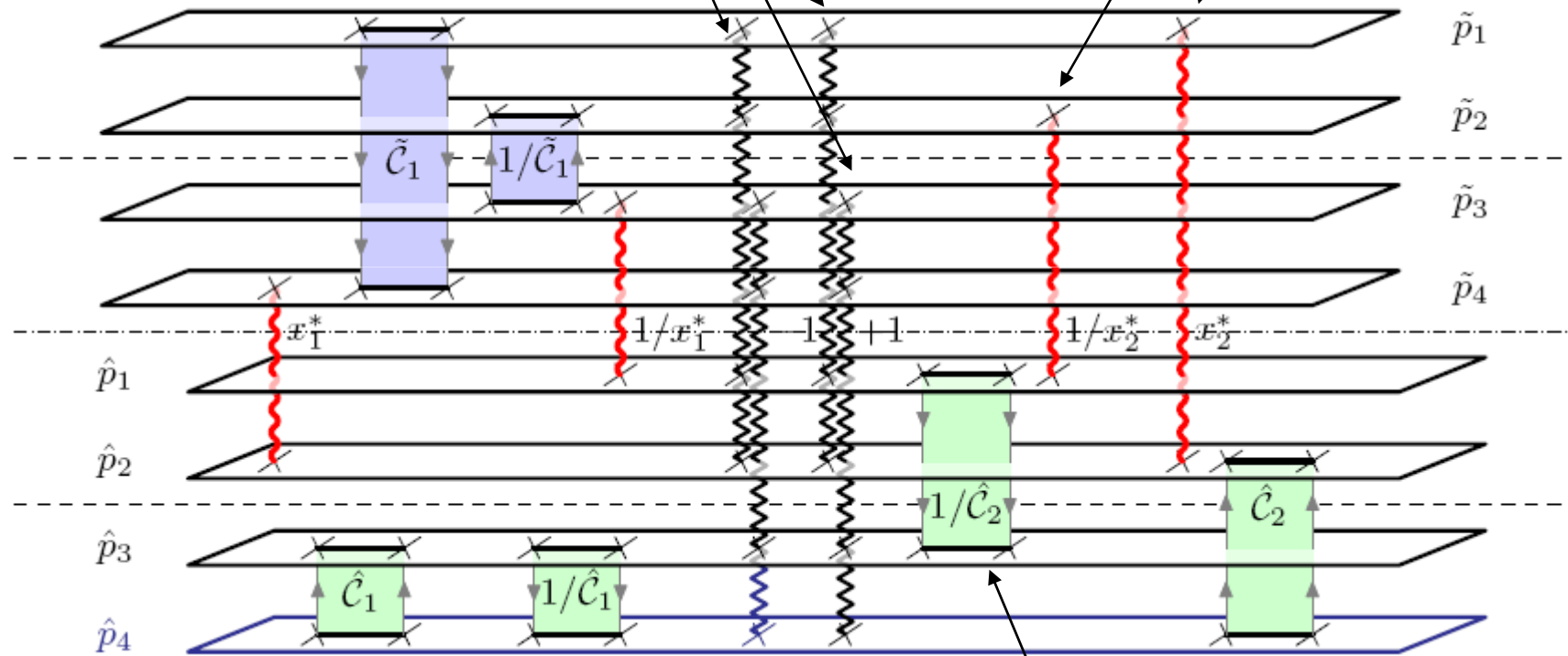
$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline c & d \end{array} \right) = u(z) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \frac{bc}{a-d} + a & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{bc}{a-d} + d \end{array} \right) u^{-1}(z)$$

$$bc \rightarrow \langle bc \rangle \sim \hbar \quad - \text{Fermionic condensate}$$

8-Sheet Riemann surface

Values of poles at $x = \pm 1$
are synchronised

Fermionic poles



Bosonic cuts
(pairs related by x to $1/x$ symmetry)

Inversion symmetry and Virasoro

- Important non-perturbative symmetry of string (and SYM !):

$$\Omega(1/x) = \mathcal{C} \Omega^{-ST}(x) \mathcal{C}^{-1}$$

induces a monodromy:

$$\tilde{y}_k(1/x) = -\tilde{y}_{k'}(x), \quad (1, 2, 3, 4) \leftrightarrow (2, 1, 4, 3)$$

$$\hat{y}_k(1/x) = -\hat{y}_{k'}(x), \quad (5, 6, 7, 8) \leftrightarrow (6, 5, 8, 7)$$

- Virasoro constraints:

$$\text{str} (J^{(2)} \pm *J^{(2)})^2 = 0$$

They make the poles of all S^5 and AdS_5 quasimomenta at $x=\pm 1$ equal.

Global Charges

- Conserved charges: angular momenta, spins J_1, J_2, J_3, S_1, S_2

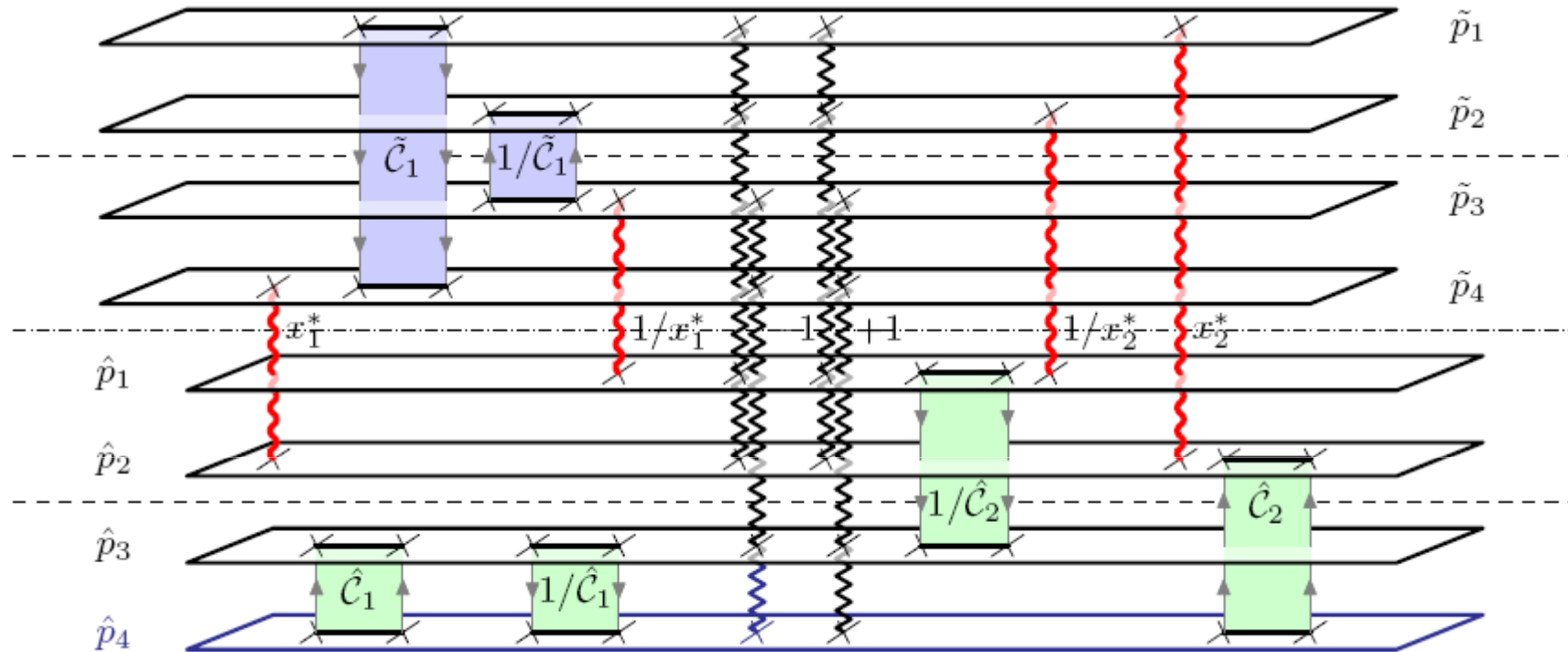
and energy E : defined from the asymptotics at $x=0, \infty$.

$$\mathbf{S}^5 : \quad \tilde{p}_1(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (J_1 + J_2 - J_3) \frac{1}{x} + \dots, \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\mathbf{AdS}^5 : \quad \hat{p}_1(x) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (E + S_1 - S_2) \frac{1}{x} + \dots, \quad \text{etc.}$$

- Energy E of state \rightarrow dimension Δ of operator in SYM.
One reads it off from the large x asymptotics.

Riemann surface of the curve



- Algebraic curve encodes all “action” variables;
- “Angle” variables defined by incomplete holomorphic integrals.
- Possible to restore corresponding classical string motion
(see for **S3xR1** sector [Dorey,Vicedo’06]).
- Good start for quantization (symmetry $x \rightarrow 1/x$ important!)

Fixing the Curve

- Zeroes and poles of spectral super-determinant give the curve:

$$\mathcal{D}(y, z) = \text{sdet} \left(y - \left[u(z) \left(-izp'(z) \right) u^{-1}(z) \right] \right) = \left\{ \frac{0}{0} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}(y, z) \sim \frac{\tilde{F}_4(x)y^4 + \tilde{F}_2(x)y^2 + \tilde{F}_1(x)y + \tilde{F}_0(x)}{\hat{F}_4(x)y^4 + \hat{F}_2(x)y^2 + \hat{F}_1(x)y + \hat{F}_0(x)} = \left\{ \frac{0}{0} \right\}$$

with $x = (1 + z^2)/(1 - z^2)$.

$$\tilde{F}_4(x) = x^4 \prod_{a=1}^{2\tilde{A}} (x - \tilde{x}_a^+) \prod_{a=1}^{2\tilde{A}} (x - \tilde{x}_a^-) \prod_{a=1}^{2A^*} (x - x_a^*)^2$$

$$\hat{F}_4(x) = x^4 \prod_{a=1}^{2\hat{A}} (x - \hat{x}_a^+) \prod_{a=1}^{2\hat{A}} (x - \hat{x}_a^-) \prod_{a=1}^{2A^*} (x - x_a^*)^2$$

- These polynomials define the moduli of the algebraic curve.
- Read off the energy of solution $\Delta(L, J, S, s, \dots)$ from asymptotics at $x=\infty$.

Fixing the moduli...

The polynomials, along with the moduli of the curve, are fixed from:

- Asymptotics at $x=\infty$ (charges);
- Equal poles at $x=\pm 1$ (Virasoro conditions);
- Zero A-cycles

$$\oint_{A_k} d\tilde{p}(x) = 0 \quad - \text{singlevaluedness on R.S.}$$

- Integer B-cycles (mode numbers):

$$\oint_{B_k} d\tilde{p}(x) = 2\pi n_k \quad - \text{unimodularity of } \Omega,$$

n_k - mode numbers of string oscillators

- Bohr-Sommerfeld conditions, WKB quantization:

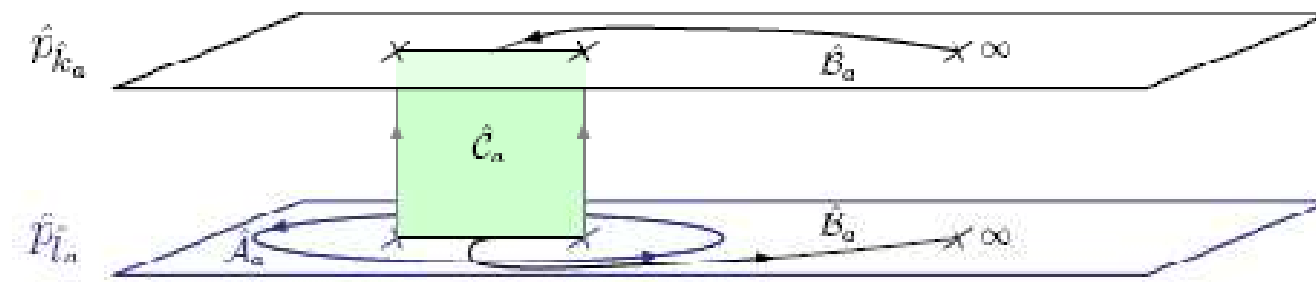
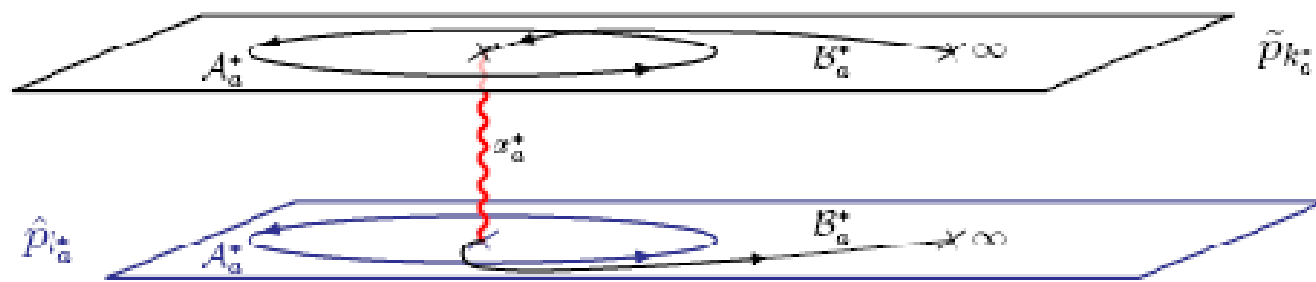
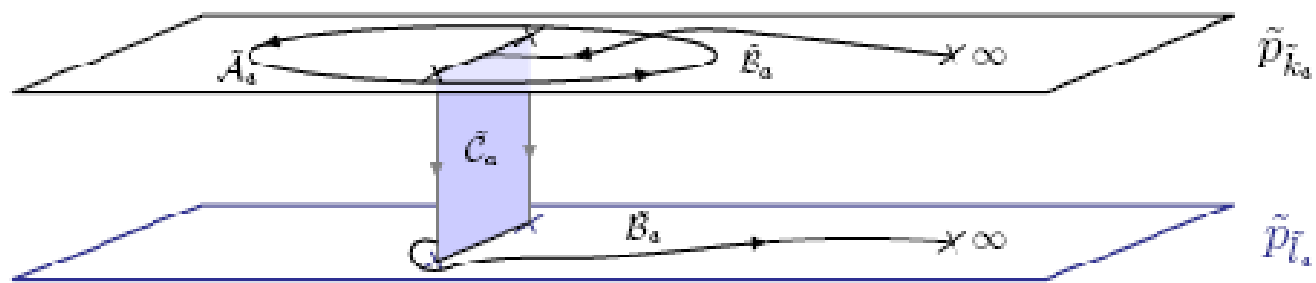
$$\oint_{A_k} dx \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) p(x) =$$

$$\oint_{A_k} du p(x(u)) = s_k + \frac{1}{2}, \quad - \text{“filling fractions” (higher int’s of motion)}$$

$u = x + 1/x$

Dorey, Vicedo'05
Gromov, Vieira'07

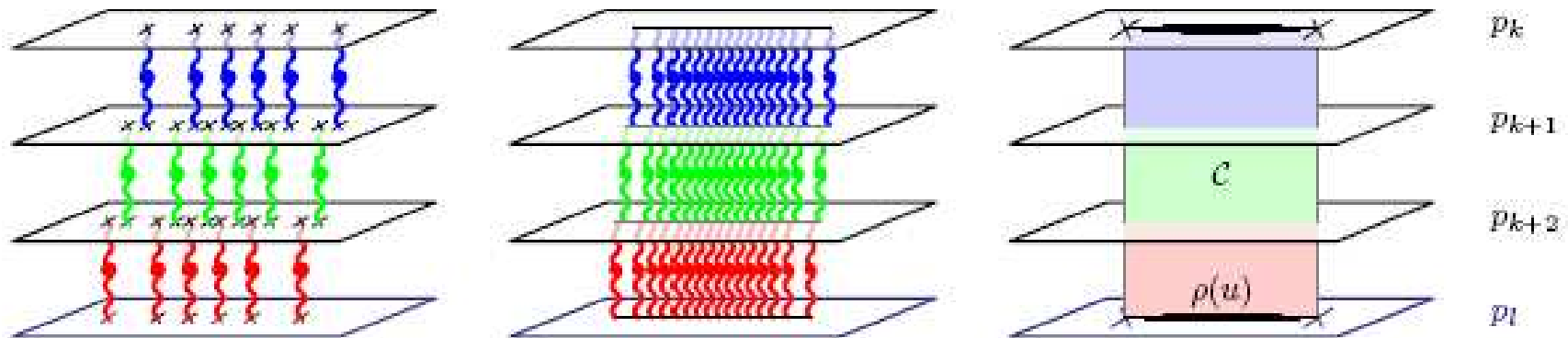
- No singularities but bosonic cuts, fermionic poles and poles at $x=\pm 1$



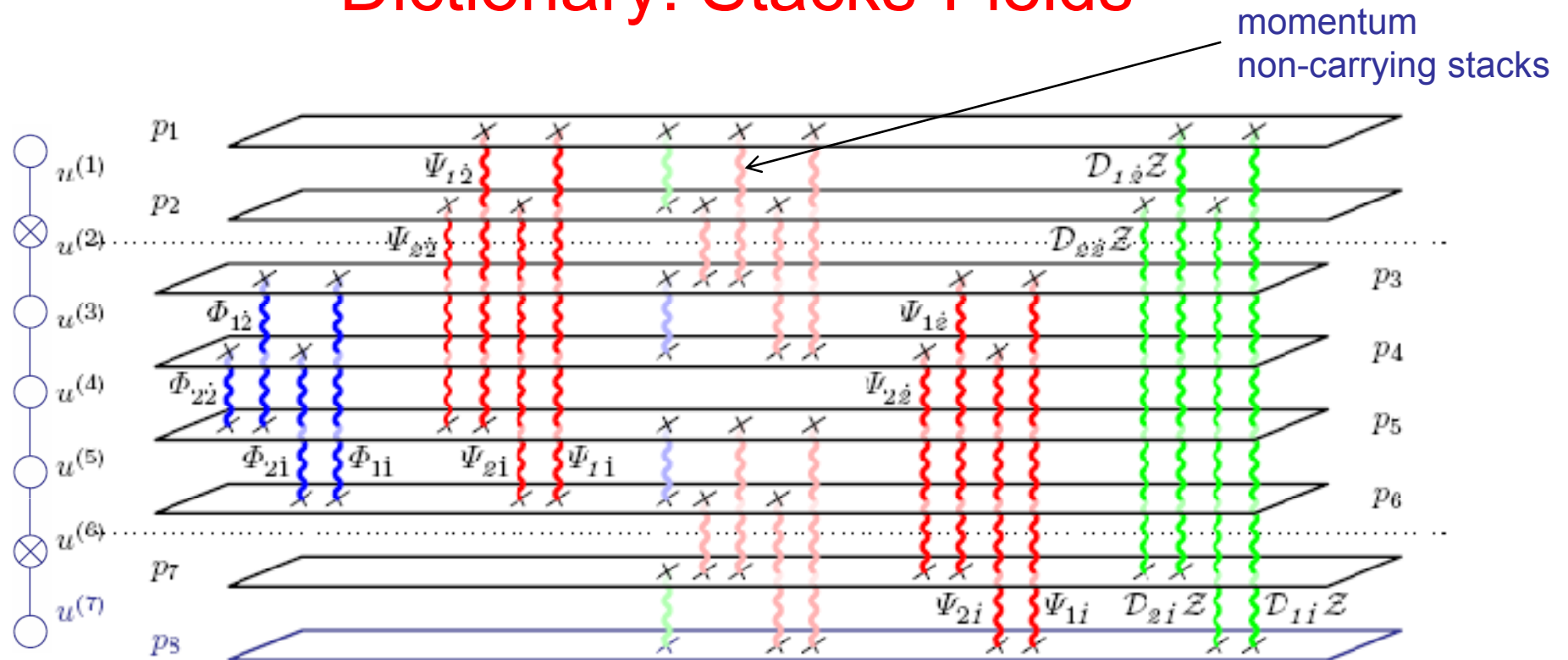
How to quantize this superstring?

- Condensation of SYM Bethe roots matches string cuts

- Formation of cuts from strings of stacks:



Dictionary: Stacks-Fields



- To each field of SYM corresponds a Bethe root or stack of roots.
- Bosonic roots with the same mode number n_k condense into cuts in the scaling limit of long operators.
- Fermionic roots stay apart.
- Algebraic curves of string and SYM coincide by the appropriate identification of parameters: AdS/CFT correspondence!



psu(2,2|4)

Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz (discretization of algebraic curve)

Beisert, Staudacher '05

$$1 = \prod_k e_{-2} \left(u_j^{(2)} - u_k^{(2)} \right) e_{+1} \left(u_j^{(2)} - u_k^{(3)} \right)$$

$$1 = \prod_k e_{-1} \left(u_j^{(3)} - u_k^{(2)} \right) r_{+} \left(u_j^{(3)}, u_k^{(4)} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{x_j^{(4)+}}{x_j^{(4)-}} \right)^L = \prod_k \sigma^2(x_j^{(4)} | x_k^{(4)}) r_{-} \left(u_j^{(5)}, u_k^{(4)} \right) e_{+2} \left(u_j^{(4)} - u_k^{(4)} \right) r_{-} \left(u_j^{(3)}, u_k^{(4)} \right)$$

dressing phase

$$1 = \prod_k r_{+} \left(u_j^{(5)}, u_k^{(4)} \right) e_{-1} \left(u_j^{(5)} - u_k^{(6)} \right)$$

$$1 = \prod_k e_{+1} \left(u_j^{(6)} - u_k^{(5)} \right) e_{-2} \left(u_j^{(6)} - u_k^{(6)} \right)$$

$$e_k(u) = \frac{u + ik/2}{u - ik/2},$$

$$r_{\pm}(u, \tilde{u}) = \frac{x - \tilde{x}^{\pm}}{x - \tilde{x}^{\mp}}$$

$$u = x + 1/x$$

$$x^{\pm} = x(u \pm i/2)$$

- Completely fixes dimensions of long operators of N=4 SYM!

(by rapidities of the middle node)

$$\mathcal{E} - L = \sqrt{\lambda} \sum_j \left(\frac{i}{x_j^{+}} - \frac{i}{x_j^{-}} \right)$$

- Two coupled “Hubbards”, can be derived by algebraic BA for Hubbard chain

Lecture II. Quantization of superstring

Integrability of N=4 SYM
in 1,2,3,... loops

Lipatov'00
Minahan,Zarembo'02
Beisert,Kristjansen,Staudacher'02
Beisert,Staudacher'03
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Gubser,Polyakov,Klebanov'00
Frolov,Tseytlin'02
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Bena, Roiban,Polchinski'02
V.K.,Marshakov,Minahan,Zarembo'04
Beisert,V.K.,Sakai,Zarembo'05

Algebraic curve of
classical string on
AdS5xS5 (finite gap)

Asymptotic Bethe ansatz (ABA)

Arutyunov,Frolov,Staudacher'05
Beisert,Staudacher'05

Eden,Beisert,Staudacher,07

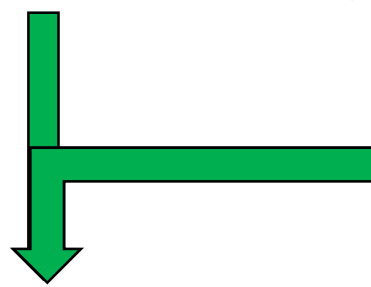
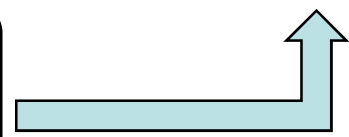
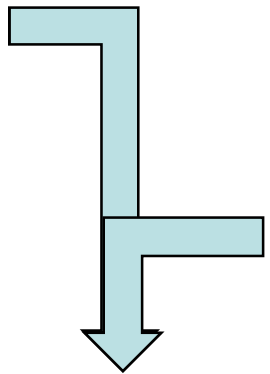
S-matrix
+
Dressing factor

Staudacher'04,
Beisert'05
Janik'05
Beisert,Hernandez,Lopez'07
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Extra (hydden)
level of ABA ?
TBA ?
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Gromov,V.K.'06
Janik'07
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Full quantum solution
for short operators (finite
size closed string)



“Toy” model for hidden level: σ -model on $S^3 \times R_1$

Gromov, V.K. '06

- Classical motion can be limited by a subset $S^3 \times R_1 \subset S^5 \times AdS_5$
- Polyakov string action

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\sigma d\tau \sqrt{\det h} \left[(\nabla X_a)^2 - (\nabla t)^2 \right], \quad X_1^2 + \dots + X_4^2 = 1$$

world sheet metric
AdS time direction

- Conformal gauge: $h_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma, \tau) = e^{\phi(\sigma, \tau)} \eta_{\alpha, \beta}$

- Virasoro conditions: $T_{++} = T_{--} = 0$ $Y = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, t)$

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\delta S}{\delta h_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma, \tau)} = \partial_\alpha Y \cdot \partial_\beta Y - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\alpha\beta} (\partial Y)^2$$

- Gauge for AdS “time”: $t(\sigma, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_+ (\tau + \sigma) + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_- (\tau - \sigma)$

Equivalent $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ principal chiral field

- S^3 coset \rightarrow $SU(2)$ group manifold:

$$j_a = g^{-1} \partial_a g, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 + iX_2 & X_3 + iX_4 \\ -X_3 + iX_4 & X_1 - iX_2 \end{pmatrix} \in SU(2)$$

- Action:

$$S = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{8\pi} \int d\sigma d\tau \operatorname{Tr} j_a^2$$

- Global charges (rotational momenta):

$$J_L = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\sigma \text{Tr} \left(i\partial_0 g g^\dagger \tau^3 \right), \quad J_R = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\sigma \text{Tr} \left(i g^\dagger \partial_0 g \tau^3 \right)$$

- Virasoro conditions: $\text{tr} j_\pm^2(\sigma, \tau) = 2\kappa_\pm^2$

- Energy and momentum of sigma model:


$$E^{\text{cl}} \pm P^{\text{cl}} = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{8\pi} \int \text{tr} [j_0 \pm j_1]^2 d\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \kappa^2$$

- For string: level matching (no time windings): $P = 0 : \quad \kappa_+ = \kappa_- = \kappa$

- AdS “Energy” = dim. of a SYM operator:

$$\Delta = \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \overset{\text{time translation generator}}{\frac{\delta S}{\delta[\partial_\tau t(\sigma, \tau)]}} = \sqrt{\lambda} \kappa$$

S-matrix for $SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2)$ chiral field

• S-matrix: $\hat{S}(\theta) = \hat{S}_L(\theta) \times \hat{S}_R(\theta) \Rightarrow$ 

Satisfies the Yang-Baxter eqs., unitarity, crossing and analyticity:

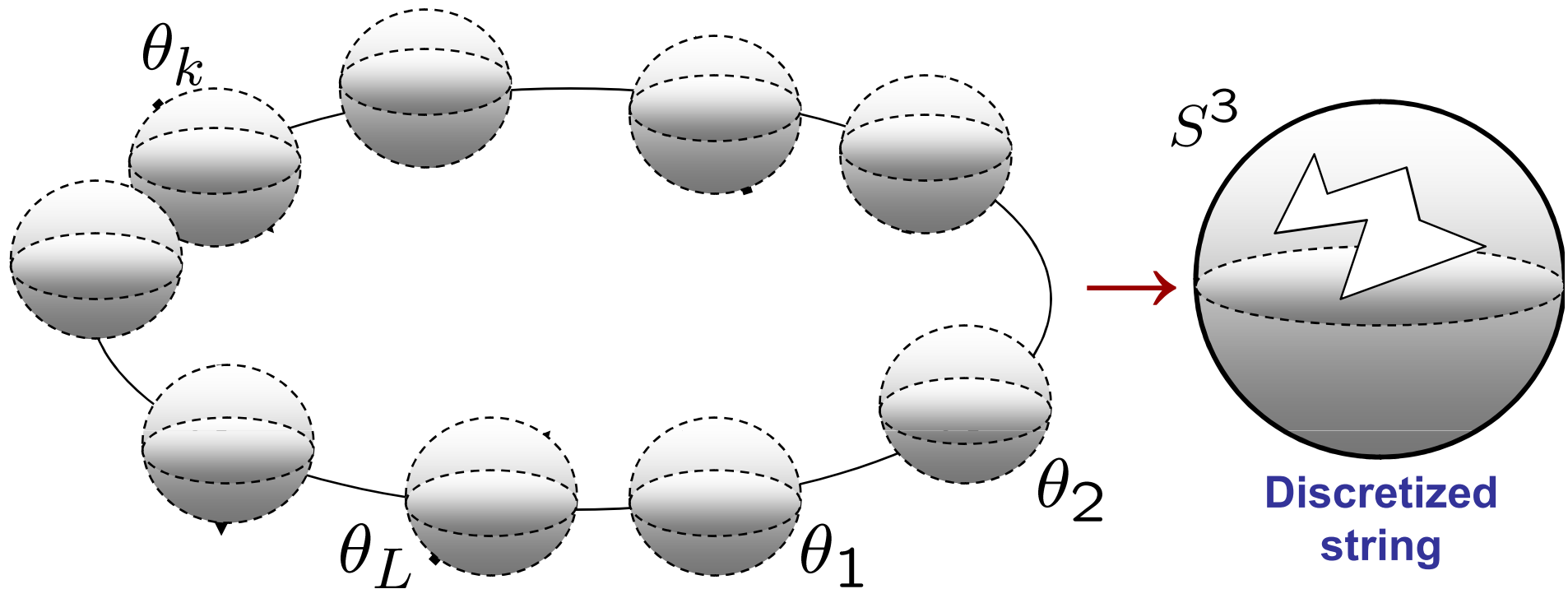
where $\hat{S}_{L,R}(\theta) = S_0(\theta) \frac{\theta - i\hat{\mathcal{P}}}{\theta - i}$ ← permutation

$$S_0(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{\theta}{2i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2i}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\theta}{2i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2i}\right)} \rightarrow \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\theta}\right), \quad \theta \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

Al.&A.Zamolodchikov'79

«Coulomb» asymptotics

Particles on a ring as dynamical spin chain



$$E = m_0 \cosh \theta$$

$$p = m_0 \sinh \theta$$

- isotopic degrees of freedom: $SO(4) \sim SU(2) \times SU(2)$

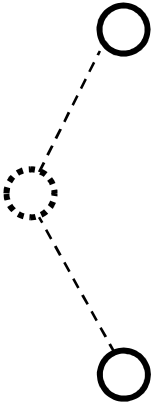
S-matrix
$$\hat{S}(\theta) = \hat{S}_L(\theta) \times \hat{S}_R(\theta)$$

- Equivalent to σ -model on S^3 , a subsector of superstring

- Periodicity condition defining the states:

$$e^{-im_0 \mathcal{L} \sinh \pi \theta_\alpha} |\psi\rangle = \prod_{\beta=\alpha+1}^L \hat{S}(\theta_\alpha - \theta_\beta) \prod_{\gamma=1}^{\alpha-1} \hat{S}(\theta_\alpha - \theta_\gamma) |\psi\rangle$$

- Bethe equations (diagonalization of periodicity condition):



$$1 = \prod_{\beta}^{J_u} \frac{u_j - \theta_\beta - i/2}{u_j - \theta_\beta + i/2} \prod_{i \neq j}^{J_u} \frac{u_j - u_i + i}{u_j - u_i - i},$$

$$e^{-im_0 \mathcal{L} \sinh \pi \theta_\alpha} = \prod_{\beta \neq \alpha}^L S_0^2(\theta_\alpha - \theta_\beta) \prod_j^{J_u} \frac{\theta_\alpha - u_j + i/2}{\theta_\alpha - u_j - i/2} \prod_k^{J_v} \frac{\theta_\alpha - v_k + i/2}{\theta_\alpha - v_k - i/2},$$

$$1 = \prod_{\beta}^{J_v} \frac{v_k - \theta_\beta - i/2}{v_k - \theta_\beta + i/2} \prod_{l \neq k}^{J_v} \frac{v_k - v_l + i}{v_k - v_l - i},$$

- θ -variables describe longitudinal motions of string,
u,v “magnon” variables – the transverse.

- Nested and algebraic BA

[Yang '60's, Sutherland '70's, Leningrad school '80's]

Conformal (classical) limit

In the classical (conformal) limit the dynamically generated mass is small

$$\mu \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mu = m_0 \mathcal{L}$$

Rapidities and number of particles scale with the coupling

$$\theta_j \sim L \sim \sqrt{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty$$

Conformal (classical) limit for U(1) sector (no magnons)

- For rescaled variable $z = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \theta$ Bethe eqs. become

$$\mu \sinh \left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4} z_\alpha \right) - 2\pi m_\alpha = -\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha}^L \frac{1}{z_\alpha - z_\beta}$$

2D Coulomb charges in potential

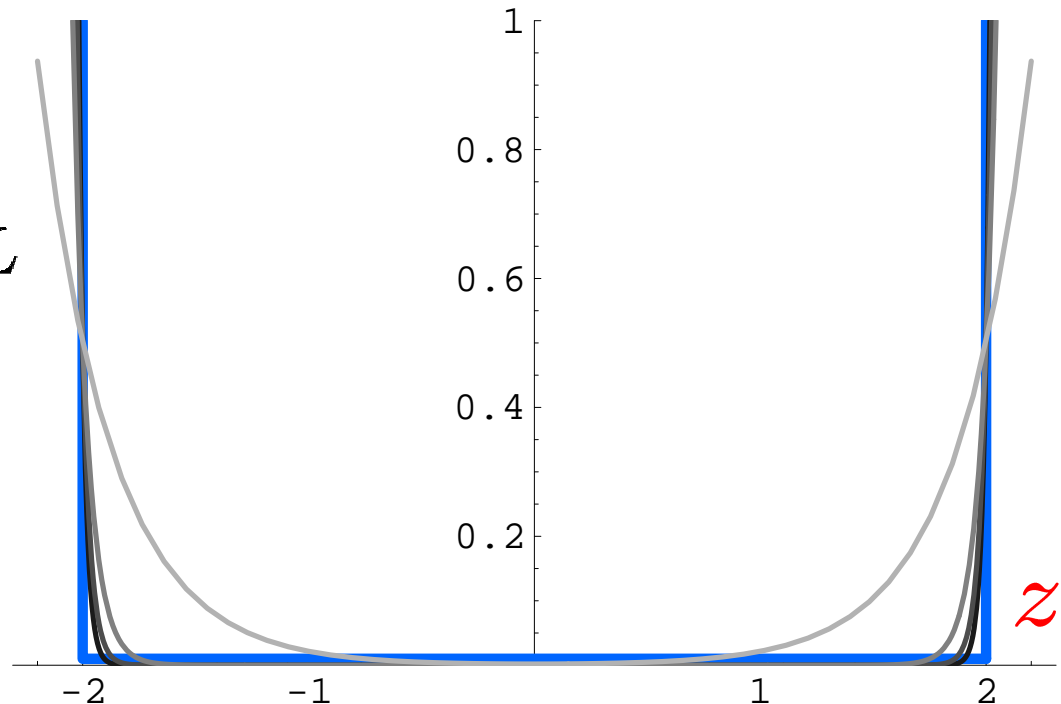
$$\mu \cosh \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} z$$

$$\mu \sim e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \sqrt{\lambda} \sim L$$

Potential becomes a box

- No longitudinal motion:

$$m_1 = \dots = m_L = m$$



Conformal (classical) limit for U(1) sector (no magnons)

- Bethe eqs. (similar to large N matrix model):

$$\mu \sinh \left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4} z_\alpha \right) - 2\pi m_\alpha = -\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha}^L \frac{1}{z_\alpha - z_\beta}$$

for: $m_1 = \dots = m_L = m$

becomes

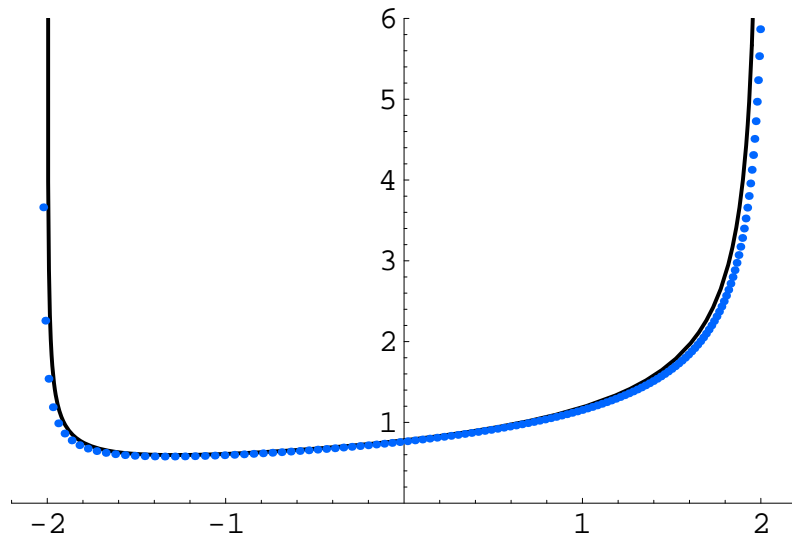
$$\mathcal{G}(z) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (G(z + i0) + G(z - i0)) = -2\pi m, \quad z \in \mathcal{C}_\theta = (-2, 2)$$

$$G(z) \equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^L \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} z - \theta_\alpha} = \int_{-2}^2 \frac{dz' \rho(z')}{z - z'} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(z) \pm i\pi \rho(z), \quad z \in (-2, 2).$$

Classical limit of U(1) highest weight sector

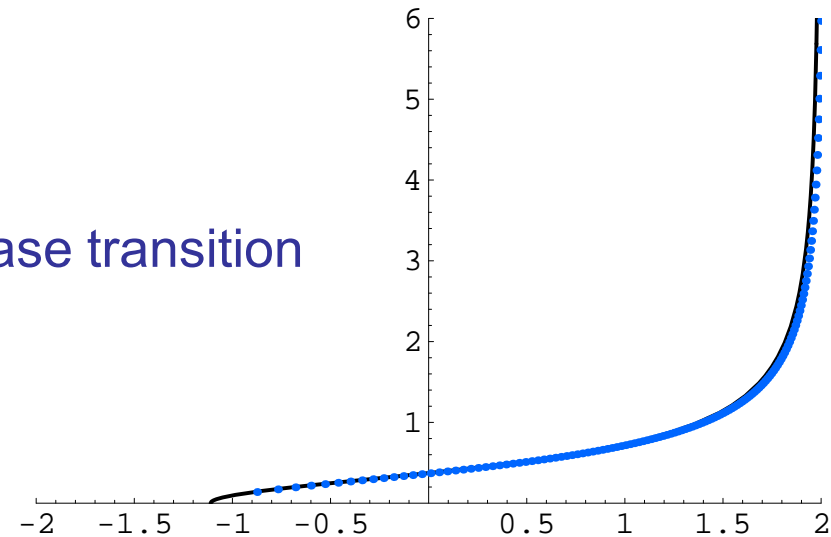
$$G = \frac{2\pi m}{\sqrt{z^2 - 4}} \left(z + \frac{4\pi L}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) - 2\pi m$$

$$G = 2\pi m \left(\frac{\sqrt{z - 2 + \frac{4L}{m\sqrt{\lambda}}}}{\sqrt{z - 2}} - 1 \right)$$



$$L > |m|\sqrt{\lambda}$$

phase transition



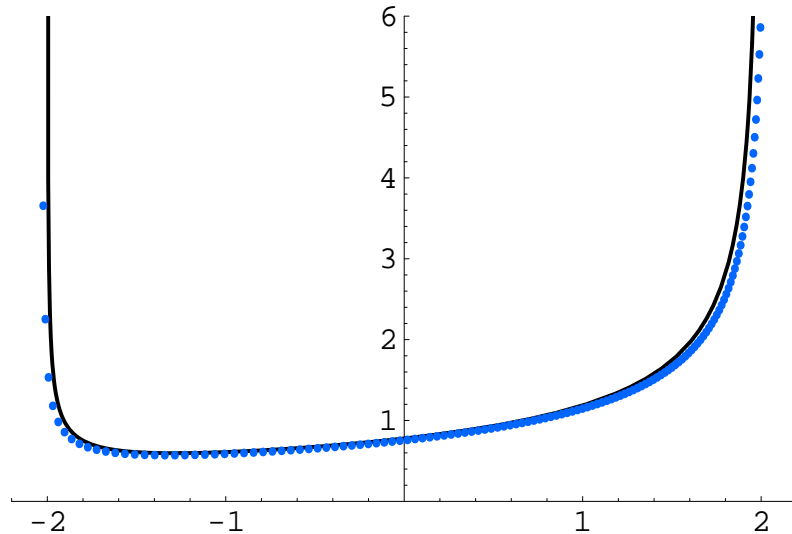
$$L < |m|\sqrt{\lambda}$$

- In terms of Zhukovsky variable $x + \frac{1}{x} = z$

$$G(z(x)) = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 - 1}$$

- BMN vacuum

Energy and Momentum



In general, we have

$$\rho(z) \equiv \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sum \delta(z - z_\alpha) \simeq \frac{2\kappa_\pm}{\sqrt{z \mp 2}}$$

Energy and momenta can be read from these singularities,

$$E = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \sum \cosh \pi \theta_\alpha$$
$$P = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \sum \sinh \pi \theta_\alpha$$

$$E \pm P = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \kappa_\pm^2$$

Derivation of asymptotic string Bethe ansatz

[Gromov,V.K.'06]

[Arutynov,Frolov,Staudacher'04]

$$e^{-ip(\theta_\alpha)} = \prod_{\beta(\neq\alpha)}^L S_0^2(\theta_\alpha - \theta_\beta) \prod_j^J \frac{\theta_\alpha - u_j + i/2}{\theta_\alpha - u_j - i/2},$$
$$1 = \prod_\beta^L \frac{u_j - \theta_\beta - i/2}{u_j - \theta_\beta + i/2} \prod_{k(\neq j)}^J \frac{u_j - u_k + i}{u_j - u_k - i}$$

Strategy: We solve the first eq. for θ 's, exclude them from second eq. and obtain effective Bethe equation for the magnons

For Hubbard: [Rey,Serban,Staudacher'05]

- Long spin chain limit: $L \rightarrow \infty$
- Arbitrary number of magnons K
- θ 's continuously distributed in a square box of size $\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi}$.
- Impose a one cut distribution: analogue of Virasoro conditions.

Density of rapidities θ_α from our BAE's

Take log of first BAE and get a Riemann-Hilbert problem

$$\mathcal{G}_\theta(z|\{u_j\}) + 2\pi m = i \sum_{j=1}^K \log \frac{z \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} - u_j + i/2}{z \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} - u_j - i/2}, \quad |z| \leq 2$$

- Impose a one cut distribution: analogue of Virasoro conditions.

- **Solution**, in terms of Zhukovsky variables

$$z = x + 1/x$$

$$x \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4} \right)$$

$$y_j^\pm = x(u \pm i/2)$$

$$G(z(x)) = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 - 1} + 2i \sum_{j=1}^K \log \frac{x - 1/y_j^+}{x - 1/y_j^-}$$

where:

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^K \left(\frac{2i}{y_j^+} - \frac{2i}{y_j^-} \right) + \frac{4\pi L}{\sqrt{\lambda}}, \quad B = 4\pi m - 2i \sum_{j=1}^K \log \frac{y_j^+}{y_j^-}$$

- Exclude θ 's from the 2-nd BAE
$$\sum_{\beta=1}^L \log \frac{u_j - \theta_\beta - i/2}{u_j - \theta_\beta + i/2} = \dots$$

- We get
$$e^{ip_k L} \equiv \left(\frac{y^+(u_k)}{y^-(u_k)} \right)^L = \prod_{j=1}^J \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i} \sigma^2(u_k, u_j)$$

where

$$\sigma(u_k, u_j) = \frac{1 - 1/(y_j^+ y_k^-)}{1 - 1/(y_j^- y_k^+)} \left(\frac{(y_j^- y_k^- - 1)(y_j^+ y_k^+ - 1)}{(y_j^- y_k^+ - 1)(y_j^+ y_k^- - 1)} \right)^{i(u_j - u_k)}$$

and

$$z = x + 1/x, \quad x(2\pi\sqrt{\lambda} z) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4} \right), \quad y_j^\pm = x(u \pm i/2)$$

- We reproduced the conjectured **AFS** formula for string within SU(2) sector (operators with only Z,X scalar fields in SYM).

Dispersion relation

[Beisert,Dippel,Staudacher'04]

- From Bethe equation $p = -i \log \frac{y^+}{y^-}$

- Zero momentum condition imposed:

$$\prod_j \frac{y_j^+}{y_j^-} = e^{-i \sum_j p_j} = 1$$

- Then the dispersion relation

$$\Delta = L + i \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\frac{1}{y_j^+} - \frac{1}{y_j^-} \right)$$

can be recast as

$$\Delta = L + \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2(p_j/2)} - 1 \right)$$

Energy (Dimension) is expressed through the magnon momentum.
For small p the formula looks as a relativistic dispersion relation.
The periodicity w.r.t. the momentum is natural for the spin chains

Classical limit

- Taking $L, J_u, J_v \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$ (we restored J_v)

we get, to leading order in λ

$$\pi n_k = \frac{\frac{L}{2M}y_k + 2\pi m}{1 - y_k^2} + \frac{1}{y_k^2 - 1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{l=1}^{J_v} \frac{1}{1/y_k - \tilde{y}_l} + \frac{y_k^2}{y_k^2 - 1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j \neq k}^{J_u} \frac{1}{y_k - y_j}$$

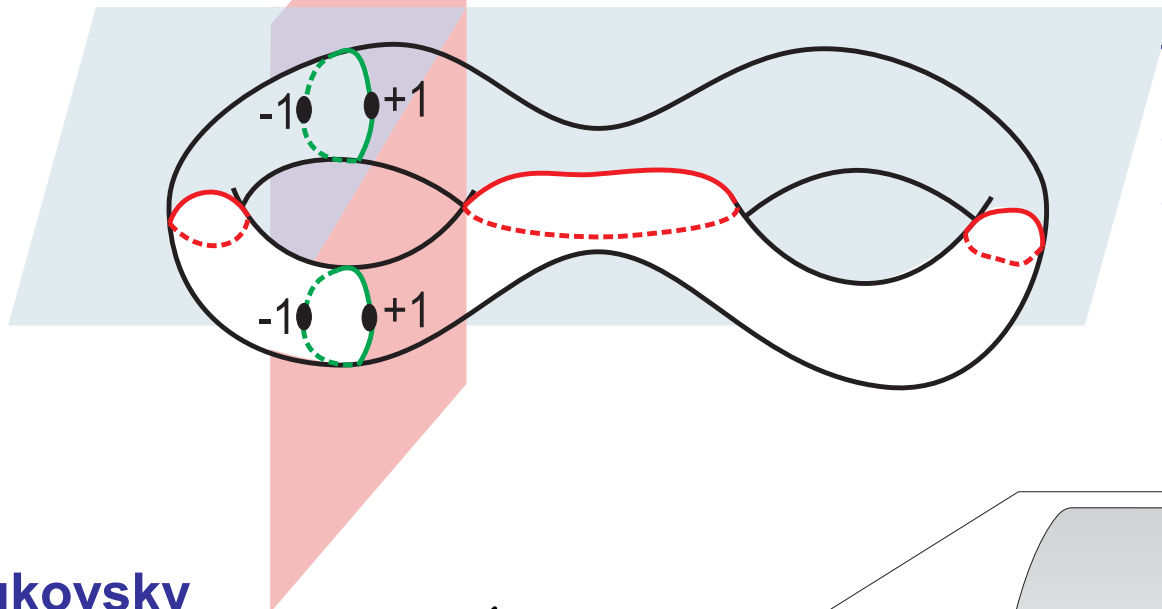
Then, defining

$$p(x) = \frac{\frac{L}{2M}x + 2\pi m}{1 - x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{J_v} \frac{1}{1/x - \tilde{y}_j} + \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{J_u} \frac{1}{x - y_j}$$

we can see that $p(x)$ defines a hyperelliptic algebraic curve of the classical KMMZ equations!

[V.K.Marshakov,Minahan,Zarembo'04]

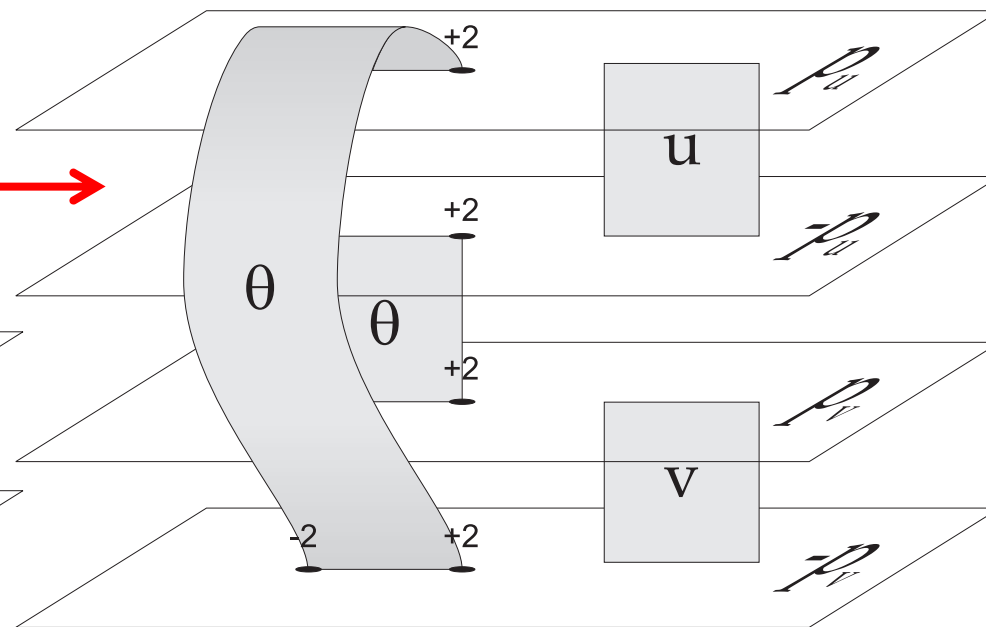
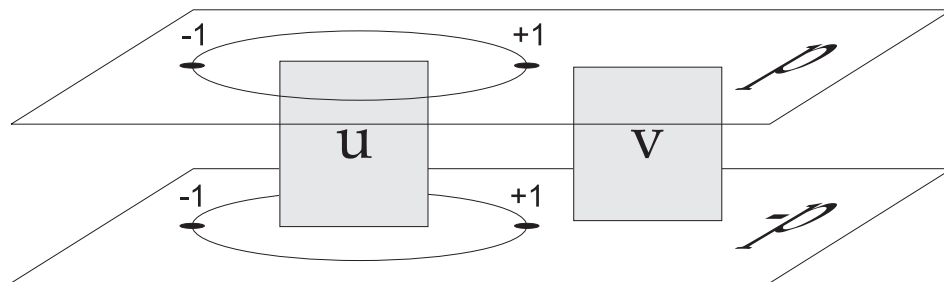
The geometric picture



The θ cuts we saw today are mapped to the poles at $x=\pm 1$ we saw before in the finite gap method!

Zhukovsky map:

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = z \longrightarrow$$



From classical finite gap
[V.K.Marshakov,Minahan,Zarembo'04; Minahan'05]

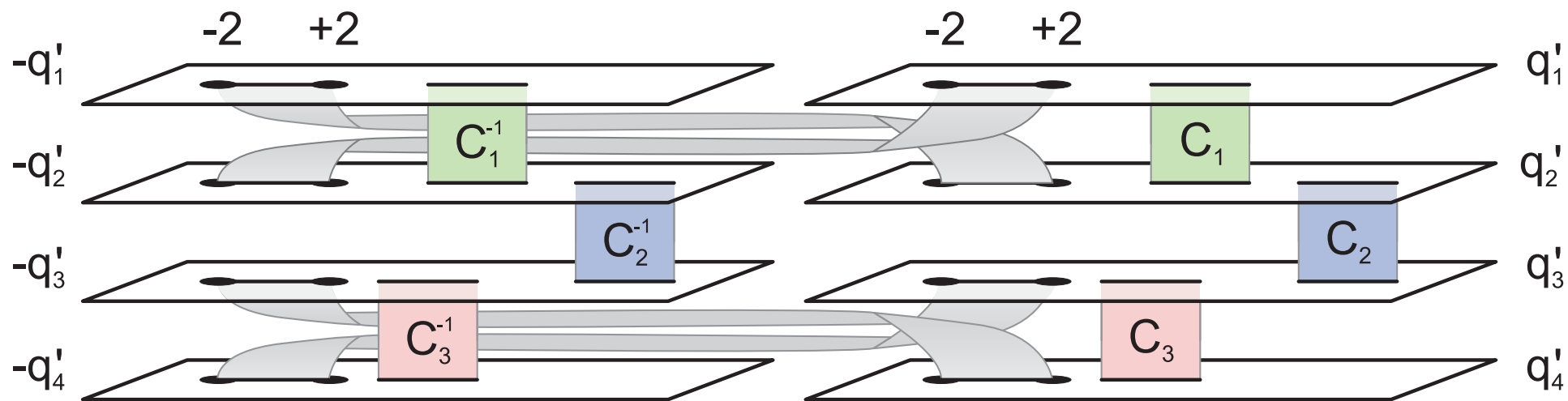
From Bethe ansatz

Conclusions and Problems

- Dimensions of SYM operators (= Energy of string) encoded into finite gap algebraic curve (same approximation as for amplitudes of F.A.)
- Bohr-Sommerfeld quantisation (one loop) is relatively straightforward. Fermions included at one loop. The curve describes their condensates.
- Classical limit: Roots of Bethe equations condense into cuts and this renders again the finite gap solution. Bethe eqs. – discretized algebraic curve.
- How to quantize the algebraic curve in a “scientific” way? At least regular loop expansion?
- Find classical hidden variables simplifying the curve (lifting the $x \rightarrow 1/x$ symmetry).

• END

O(6) Curve



$$z = x + \frac{1}{x}$$

