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## Exact spectral equations in planar $N=4$ SYM theory

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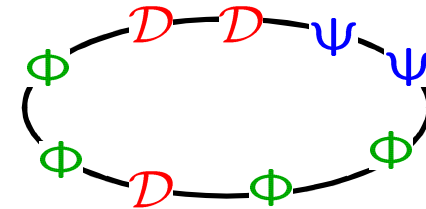


# CFT: N=4 SYM as a superconformal 4d QFT

$$\mathcal{S}_{SYM} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr} \left( F^2 + (\mathcal{D}\Phi)^2 + \bar{\Psi}\mathcal{D}\Psi + \bar{\Psi}\Phi\Psi + [\Phi, \Phi]^2 \right)$$

- 4d superconformal QFT! Global symmetry PSU(2,2|4)
- Operators in 4D (planar limit)

$$\mathcal{O}(x) = \operatorname{Tr} [\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}\Psi\Psi\Phi\Phi\mathcal{D}\Psi \dots] (x) \\ + \text{permutations}$$



- 4D Correlators (e.g. for scalars):

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x) \mathcal{O}_j(0) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{|x|^{2\Delta_j(\lambda)}}$$

scaling dimensions

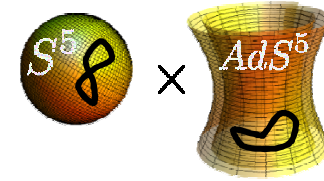
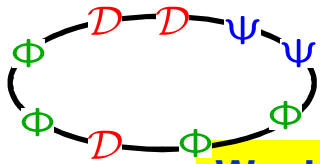
structure constants

non-trivial functions  
of 'tHooft coupling  $\lambda$ !

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(x_1) \mathcal{O}_j(x_2) \mathcal{O}_k(x_3) \rangle = \frac{C_{ijk}(\lambda)}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_j - \Delta_k} |x_{23}|^{\Delta_j + \Delta_k - \Delta_i} |x_{31}|^{\Delta_i + \Delta_k - \Delta_j}}$$

They describe the whole conformal theory via operator product expansion

# Methods for AdS/CFT spectral problem



**Weak coupling expansion for  
SYM anomalous dimensions.  
Perturbative integrability.**

**Strong coupling from AdS-dual –  
classical superstring sigma model  
Classical integrability, algebraic curve**

**S-matrix, Asymptotic  
Bethe ansatz**

$$0 = \left( e^{iLp_j} \prod_{k \neq j}^M \hat{S}(p_j, p_k) - 1 \right)$$

$$Y_{a,s}^+ Y_{a,s}^- = \frac{\left[ 1 + Y_{a,s+1} \right] \left[ 1 + Y_{a,s-1} \right]}{\left[ 1 + \frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{Y_{a-1,s}} \right]}$$

**Y-system + analyticity  
(exact!)**

**Thermodynamic  
Bethe ansatz (exact!)**

$$\log Y_{a,s} = L \delta_{a,0} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \tilde{\epsilon}_a + \sum_{a',s'} K_{a,s;a',s'} \log (1 + Y_{a',s'}(u))$$

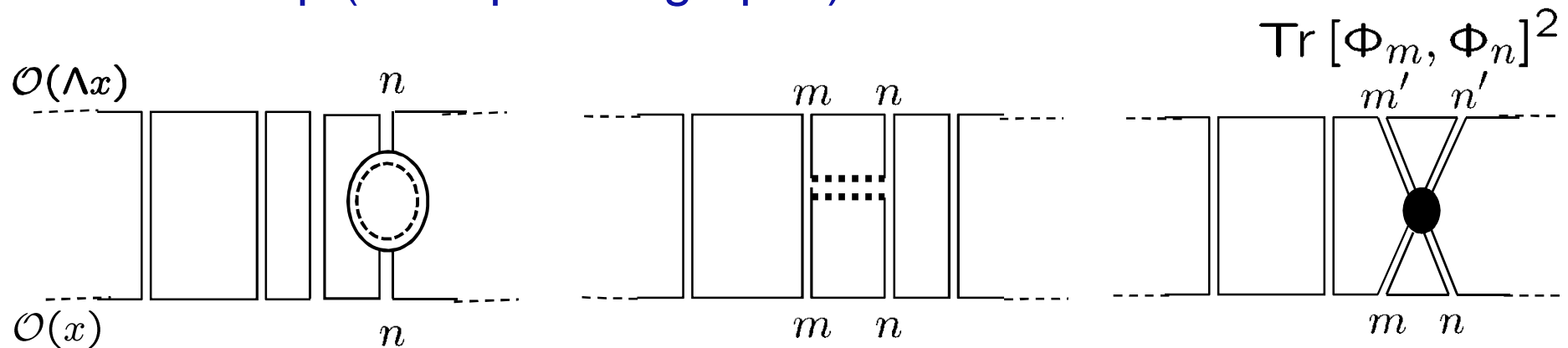
**Wronskian solution of Y-system  
via Baxter's Q-functions + analyticity**

**Finite system of integral  
non-linear equations (FiNLIE)**

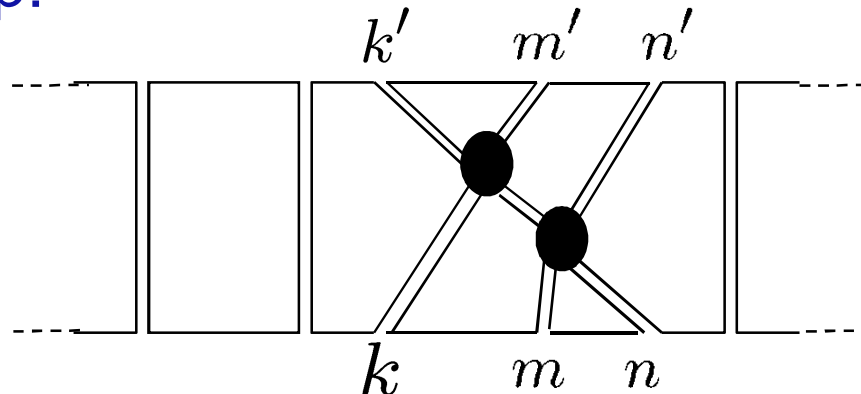
**Finite matrix Riemann-Hilbert eqs.  
for quantum spectral curve (P- $\mu$ )**

# Weak coupling calculation from SYM

- Example:  $O(6)$  sector (scalar fields):  $\mathcal{O}(x) = \text{Tr}(\Phi_{n_1} \Phi_{n_2} \cdots \Phi_{n_L})$
- Tree level:  $\Delta_0 = L$  - degeneracy (for scalars)
- 1-loop (examples of graphs):



- 2-loop:



nontrivial action  
on R-indices.

## Dilatation operator in SYM perturbation theory

Point-splitting and renormalization:  $\lambda = N g_{YM}^2$

$$\mathcal{O}(x/\Lambda) = \Lambda^{\hat{D}} \mathcal{O}(x) = \Lambda^{\hat{D}^{(0)}} (1 + \lambda \log \Lambda \hat{D}^{(2)} + \dots)$$

$$\hat{D} = \hat{D}^{(0)} + \lambda \hat{D}^{(2)} + \lambda^2 \hat{D}^{(4)} + \dots$$

general action of dilatation operator gives a mixture:

$$\hat{D} \mathcal{O}_j(x) = \sum_j D_{ij} \mathcal{O}_j$$

Conf. dimensions are eigenvalues of "Hamiltonian"  $\hat{D}$

$$\hat{D} \mathcal{O}_j(x) = \Delta_j \mathcal{O}_j$$

Perturbative dimensions:  $\Delta = \Delta^{(0)} + \lambda \Delta^{(2)} + \lambda^2 \Delta^{(4)} + \dots$

# Examples: su(2) and sl(2) sectors at one loop

Notations:  $Z = \Phi_1 + i\Phi_2$ ,  $X = \Phi_3 + i\Phi_4$ ,  $Y = \Phi_5 + i\Phi_6$

**su(2) operators:**  $\text{Tr} Z^{L-J} X^J(x) + \text{permutations}$  

- Dilatation operator - Heisenberg Hamiltonian, integrable by Bethe ansatz!

$$\hat{D} = L + \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} \sum_{l=1}^L \left( 1 - \sigma_l \cdot \sigma_{l+1} \right) + O(\lambda^2)$$

Minahan, Zarembo  
Beisert, Kristjansen, Staudacher

Solution in terms of Baxter function  $Q(u) = \prod_{k=1}^J (u - u_k)$  obeying the Baxter eq.

$$\mathbf{T}(u)Q(u) = \left(u + \frac{i}{2}\right)^L Q(u + i) + \left(u - \frac{i}{2}\right)^L Q(u - i)$$

where the function  $\mathbf{T}(u)$  – transfer matrix eigenvalue -- is a polynomial.

Anomalous dimensions:  $\Delta - L = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \partial_u \log \frac{Q(u + \frac{i}{2})}{Q(u - \frac{i}{2})} \Big|_{u=0} + O(\lambda^2)$

with trace cyclicity condition  $Q\left(\frac{i}{2}\right) = Q\left(-\frac{i}{2}\right)$

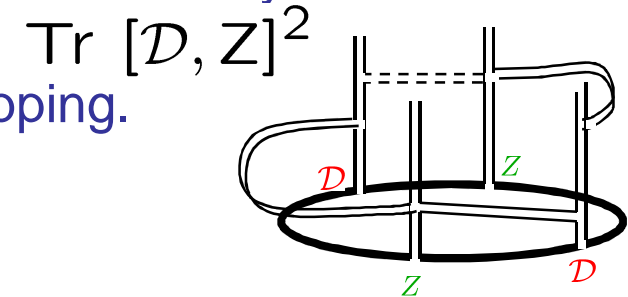
**sl(2) operators:**  $\text{Tr} Z \nabla^S Z^{L-1}(x) + \text{permutations}$

Baxter relation slightly changes...

# Perturbative Konishi: Y-system versus Feynman graphs

- Integrability allows to sum exactly enormous number of Feynman diagrams of N=4 SYM
- ABA/S-matrix approach not enough due to wrapping.  
Luscher finite size corrections (7 loops).

For >7 loops – Y-system needed!



$$\Delta_{\text{Konishi}} = 4 + 12g^2 - 48g^4 + 336g^6 + 96g^8(-26 + 6\zeta_3 - 15\zeta_5) - 96g^{10}(-158 - 72\zeta_3 + 54\zeta_3^2 + 90\zeta_5 - 315\zeta_7) - 48g^{12}(160 + 5472\zeta_3 - 3240\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 432\zeta_3^2 - 2340\zeta_5 - 1575\zeta_7 + 10206\zeta_9) + 48g^{14}(-44480 + 108960\zeta_3 + 8568\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 40320\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 8784\zeta_3^2 + 2592\zeta_3^3 - 4776\zeta_5 - 20700\zeta_5^2 - 26145\zeta_7 - 17406\zeta_9 + 152460\zeta_{11}) + 48g^{16}(1133504 + 263736\zeta_2\zeta_9 - 1739520\zeta_3 - 90720\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 129780\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 78408\zeta_3\zeta_8 + 483840\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 165312\zeta_3^2 - 82080\zeta_3^2\zeta_5 + 41472\zeta_3^3 + 178200\zeta_4\zeta_7 - 409968\zeta_5 + 121176\zeta_5\zeta_6 + 463680\zeta_5\zeta_7 + 49680\zeta_5^2 + 455598\zeta_7 + 194328\zeta_9 - 555291\zeta_{11} - 2208492\zeta_{13} - 14256\zeta_{1.2.8})$$

$$\lambda = 16\pi^2 g^2$$

- Confirmed up to 5 loops by direct graph calculus (6 loops promised)

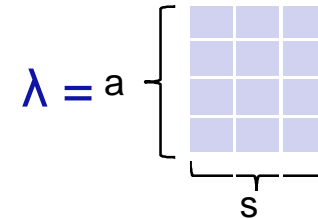
Fiamberti, Santambrogio, Sieg, Zanon  
Velizhanin

Eden, Heslop, Korchemsky, Smirnov, Sokatchev

# Discrete Hirota eq.: T-system and Y-system

- Consider generalizations to other algebras, such as  $GL(K|M)$

- T-function  $T_{a,s}(u)$  for rectangular representations

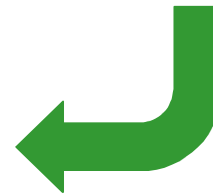


satisfies full quantum Hirota equation:

$$T_{a,s}^+ T_{a,s}^- = T_{a,s-1} T_{a,s+1} + T_{a+1,s} T_{a-1,s}$$

- Y-system

$$Y_{a,s}^+ Y_{a,s}^- = \frac{[1 + Y_{a,s+1}][1 + Y_{a,s-1}]}{[1 + \frac{1}{Y_{a+1,s}}][1 + \frac{1}{Y_{a-1,s}}]}$$



$$Y_{a,s} = \frac{T_{a,s+1} T_{a,s-1}}{T_{a+1,s} T_{a-1,s}}$$

notations:

$$f^{[\pm a]} := f(u \pm ia/2)$$

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

Discrete “classical” integrable dynamics!

We will use it to “solve” Y-system in terms of finite number of Q-functions



# Wronskian solutions of Hirota equation

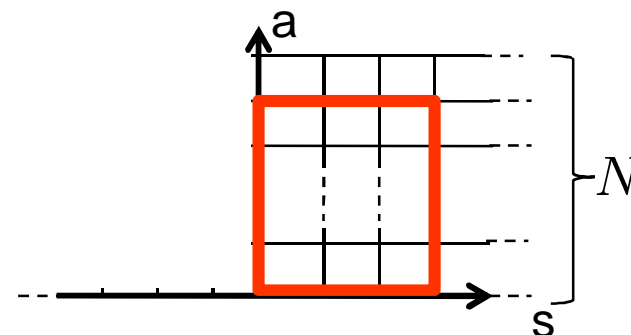
- Example: solution of Hirota equation in a band of width  $N$  in terms of differential forms with  $2N$  coefficient functions  $Q_j(u)$ ,  $\tilde{Q}_j(u)$   
Solution combines dynamics of  $\mathfrak{gl}(N)$  representations and quantum fusion:

$$Q \equiv Q_{(1)} := \sum_{j=1}^N Q_j(u) \xi^j, \quad \{\xi_i, \xi_j\} = 0, \quad \xi_1 \wedge \xi_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge \xi_N = 1$$

- $l$ -form encodes all  $Q$ -functions with  $l$  indices:

$$Q_{(l)} \equiv D^{-l} (DQ_{(1)} D)^{\wedge l} D^{-l}, \quad D = e^{\frac{i}{2} \partial_u}$$

$Q_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_l}$  is coeff. of  $\xi_{i_1} \wedge \xi_{i_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge \xi_{i_l}$



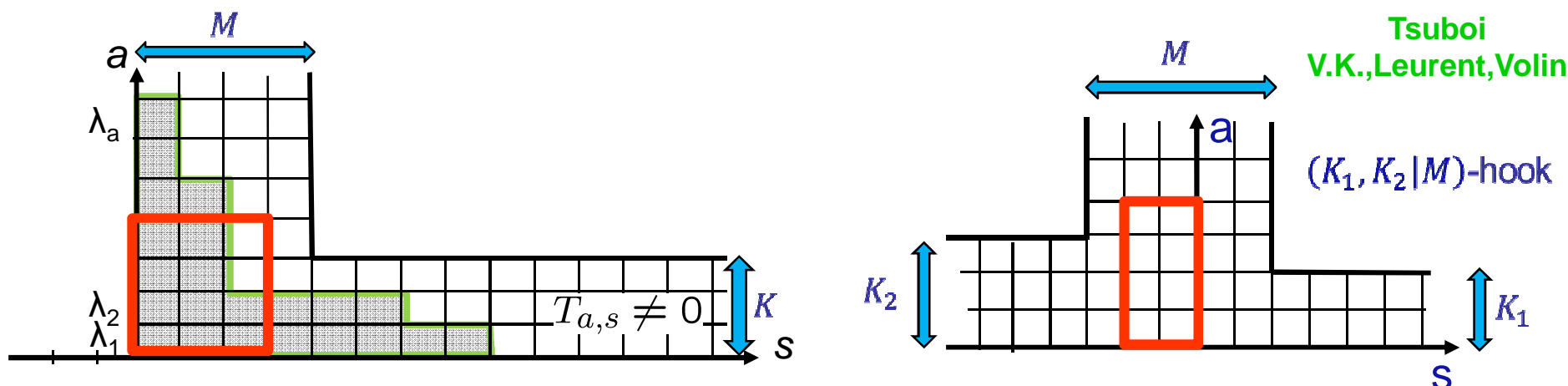
- E.g. for  $\mathfrak{gl}(2)$  :  $Q_{(2)} = 2 (Q_1^+ Q_2^- - Q_1^- Q_2^+) \xi_1 \wedge \xi_2$
- Solution of Hirota equation in a strip (via arbitrary  $Q$ - and  $\tilde{Q}$ -forms):

$$T_{a,s} = Q_{(a)}^{[s]} \wedge \tilde{Q}_{(N-a)}^{[-s]}$$

- For  $\mathfrak{su}(N)$  spin chain (half-strip) we impose:

$$\tilde{Q}(u) = Q^{[N]}, \quad \tilde{Q}_{(0)} = Q_{(0)} = 1$$

## Solution of Hirota in $(K|M)$ fat hook and $(K_1, K_2|M)$ T-hook



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- Bosonic and fermionic 1-(sub)forms (all  $\xi'_s$  anticommute):

$$B := Q_{j|\emptyset} \xi^j, \quad j = 1, \dots, K; \quad F := Q_{\emptyset|\hat{j}} \xi^{\hat{j}}, \quad \hat{j} = 1, \dots, M;$$

- Wronskian solution for the  $(K|M)$  fat hook:

$$T_{a,s} = B_{(K-a)}^{[-M+s]} \wedge (B + F)_{(M+a)}^{[-K-s]}, \quad s - M \geq a - K$$

$$T_{a,s} = F_{(M-s)}^{[-K+a]} \wedge (B + F)_{(K+s)}^{[-M-a]}, \quad s - M \leq a - K$$

- Similar Wronskian solution exists in  $(K_1, K_2|M)$ -hook
- We need the hook  $(2,2|4)$  for our superconformal group

# Wronskian solution of $u(2,2|4)$ T-system in T-hook

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Gromov, Tsuboi, V.K., Leurent  
Tsuboi

$$T_{1,s} = +Q_1^{[s]}Q_1^{[-s]} - Q_2^{[s]}Q_2^{[-s]}, \quad s \geq +1$$

$$T_{2,s} = +Q_{12}^{[s]}Q_{12}^{[-s]}, \quad s \geq +2$$

$$T_{a,+2} = +Q_{12}^{[a]}Q_{12}^{[-a]}, \quad a \geq 2$$

$$T_{a,+1} = (-1)^{a+1} \left( Q_{12\hat{1}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{1}}^{[-a]} - Q_{12\hat{2}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{2}}^{[-a]} + Q_{12\hat{3}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{3}}^{[-a]} - Q_{12\hat{4}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{4}}^{[-a]} \right), \quad a \geq 1$$

$$T_{a,0} = +Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{2}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{2}}^{[-a]} - Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{3}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{3}}^{[-a]} + Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{4}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{1}\hat{4}}^{[-a]} + Q_{12\hat{2}\hat{3}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{2}\hat{3}}^{[-a]} - Q_{12\hat{2}\hat{4}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{2}\hat{4}}^{[-a]} + Q_{12\hat{3}\hat{4}}^{[a]}Q_{12\hat{3}\hat{4}}^{[-a]}$$

$$T_{a,-1} = (-1)^{a+1} \left( Q_{43\hat{4}}^{[a]}Q_{43\hat{4}}^{[-a]} - Q_{43\hat{3}}^{[a]}Q_{43\hat{3}}^{[-a]} + Q_{43\hat{2}}^{[a]}Q_{43\hat{2}}^{[-a]} - Q_{43\hat{1}}^{[a]}Q_{43\hat{1}}^{[-a]} \right), \quad a \geq 1$$

$$T_{a,-2} = Q_{43}^{[a]}Q_{43}^{[-a]}, \quad a \geq 2$$

$$T_{2,s} = +Q_{43}^{[-s]}Q_{43}^{[s]}, \quad s \leq -2$$

$$T_{1,s} = +Q_4^{[s]}Q_4^{[-s]} - Q_3^{[s]}Q_3^{[-s]}, \quad s \leq -1$$

**Plücker relations express all 256 Q-functions  
through 8 independent ones**

**definitions:**

$$Q_I \equiv Q_{\{1,2,3,4,\hat{1},\hat{2},\hat{3},\hat{4}\} \setminus I}$$

$$Q^{[k]} \equiv Q(u + i k/2)$$

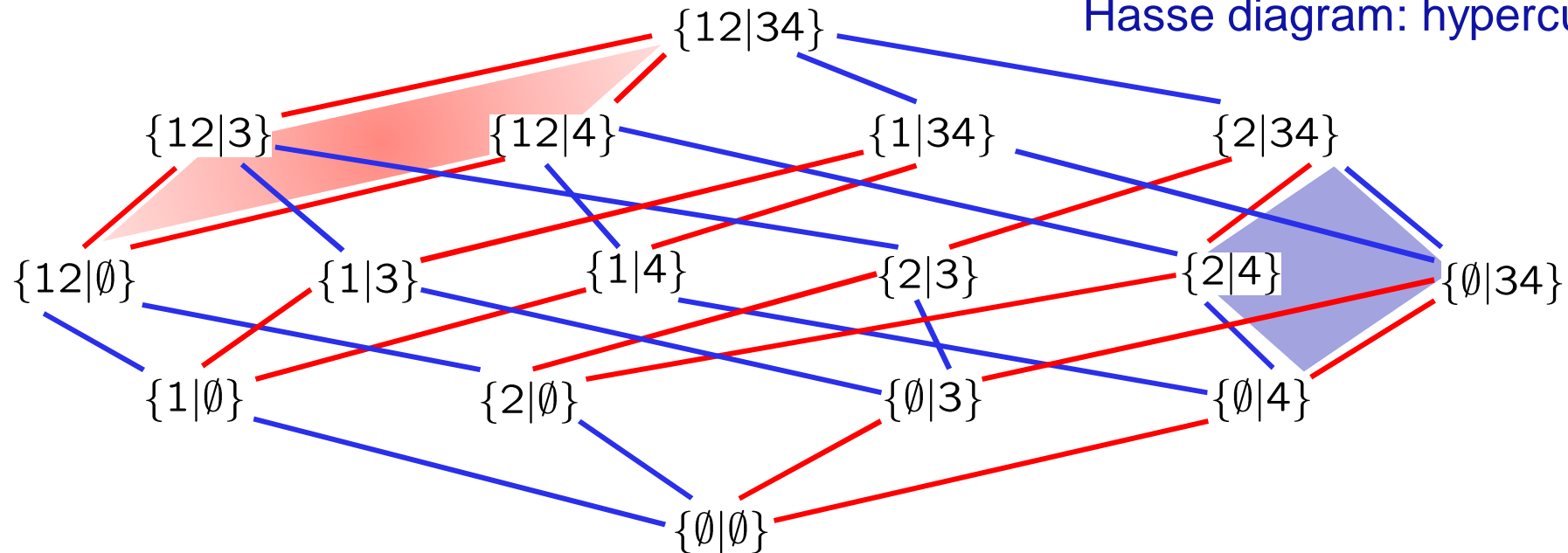
# Hasse diagram and QQ-relations (Plücker id.)

Tsuboi  
V.K., Sorin, Zabrodin  
Tsuboi, Bazhanov

- $gl(2|2)$  example: classification of all Q-functions

$I \in \{1, 2|3, 4\}$

Hasse diagram: hypercub



- E.g.

$$Q_{12|\emptyset} Q_{12|34} = Q_{12|3}^+ Q_{12|4}^- - Q_{12|3}^- Q_{12|4}^+$$

- bosonic QQ-rel.

$$Q_{2|4} Q_{\emptyset|34} = Q_{\emptyset|4}^- Q_{2|34}^+ - Q_{\emptyset|4}^+ Q_{2|34}^-$$

- fermionic QQ rel.

- Nested Bethe ansatz equations follow from polynomiality of  $Q_I$  along a nesting path
- All Q's expressed through a few basic ones by determinant formulas

# SYM is dual to superstring $\sigma$ -model on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

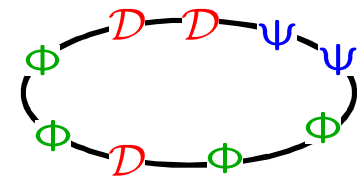
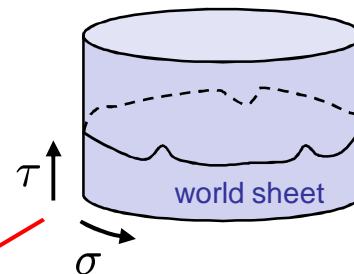
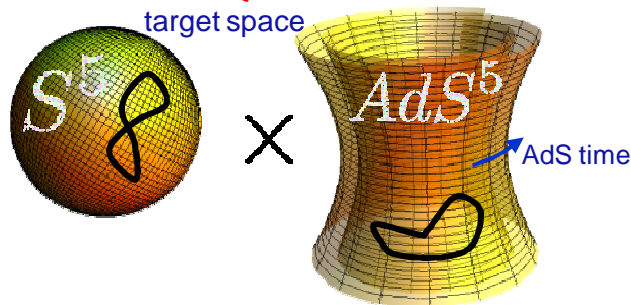
Super-conformal N=4 SYM symmetry  $PSU(2,2|4) \rightarrow$  isometry of string target space

- 2D  $\sigma$ -model on a coset

$$\frac{PSU(2,2|4)}{SO(1,4) \times SO(5)}$$

$$g = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right) \in SU(2,2|4)$$

$$J = -g^{-1}dg = J^{(0)} + J^{(1)} + J^{(2)} + J^{(3)} \in su(2,2|4)$$



- Metsaev-Tseytlin action

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

Dimension of YM operator  $\Delta_A(\lambda) =$  Energy of a string state

# Classical integrability of superstring on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

- String equations of motion and constraints can be recasted into zero curvature condition

$$(d + \mathcal{A}(u)) \wedge (d + \mathcal{A}(u)) = 0,$$

for Lax connection - **double valued** w.r.t. spectral parameter  $u$

Mikhailov, Zakharov  
Bena, Roiban, Polchinski

$$\mathcal{A}(u) = J^{(0)} + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4}} J^{(2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4}} * J^{(2)} + \left(\frac{u+2}{u-2}\right)^{1/4} J^{(1)} + \left(\frac{u-2}{u+2}\right)^{1/4} J^{(3)}$$

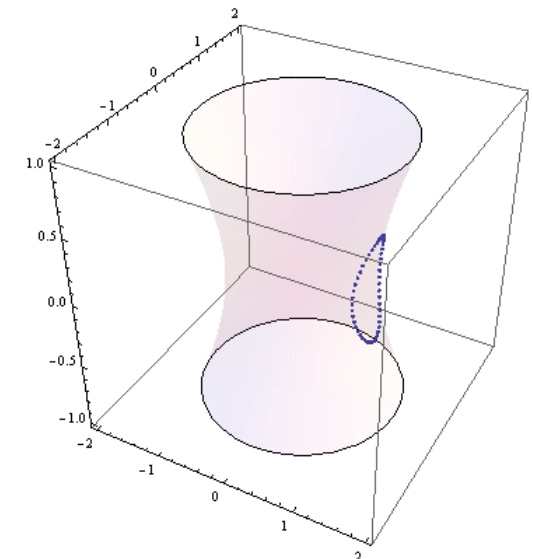
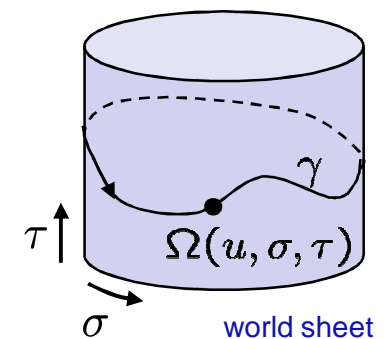
- Monodromy matrix  $\Omega(u) = P \exp \oint_{\Gamma} \mathcal{A}(u) \in PSU(2, 2|4)$

encodes infinitely many conservation laws

- Algebraic curve for quasi-momenta

$$\mathcal{P}(p, u) = \text{sdet} \left( \mathbf{I} - e^{-ip} \cdot \Omega(u) \right) \sim \frac{0}{0}$$

generates finite gap solutions:



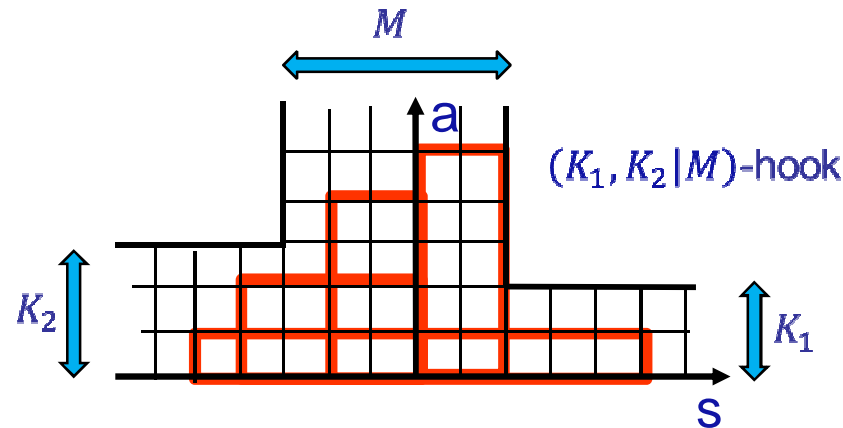
Its, Matveev, Dubrovin, Novikov, Krichever  
V.K., Marshakov, Minahan, Zarembo  
Beisert, V.K., Sakai, Zarembo

# (Super-)group theoretical origins of Y- and T-systems

- A curious property of  $\mathfrak{gl}(N|M)$  representations with rectangular Young tableaux:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{Tableau } (a \times s) \end{array} \right\} \otimes \left\{ \begin{array}{c} s \\ \text{Tableau } (s \times s) \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tableau } (a \times (s-1)) \end{array} \right\} \otimes \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tableau } ((s+1) \times s) \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} a-1 \\ \text{Tableau } ((a-1) \times s) \end{array} \right\} \otimes \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Tableau } ((s+1) \times (s+1)) \end{array} \right\} \Bigg\} a+1$$

- For characters – simplified Hirota eq.:  $\chi_{a,s}^2 = \chi_{a+1,s} \chi_{a-1,s} + \chi_{a,s+1} \chi_{a,s-1}$
- Boundary conditions for Hirota eq. for  $U(K_1, K_2|M)$  T-system (from  $\chi$ -system):  
 $\infty$  - dim. unitary highest weight representations of the “T-hook” !



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Cheng, Lam, Zhang  
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- Full quantum Hirota equation: extra variable – spectral parameter
- “Classical limit”: eq. for characters as functions of classical monodromy

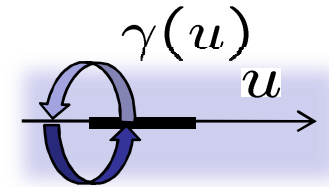
$$T_{a,s} \left( u + \cancel{\frac{i}{2}} \right) T_{a,s} \left( u - \cancel{\frac{i}{2}} \right) = T_{a,s-1}(u) T_{a,s+1}(u) + T_{a+1,s}(u) T_{a-1,s}(u)$$

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Gromov, V.K., Tsuboi

# Classical $\mathbb{Z}_4$ symmetry

$$\Omega(u^\gamma) = C(\Omega^{ST})^{-1}(u)C^{-1} \text{ where } C = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} E & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -iE \end{array} \right), \quad E = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I \\ \hline -I & 0 \end{array} \right)_{4 \times 4}$$

- $\mathbb{Z}_4$  symmetry, together with unimodularity of  $\Omega(u)$  induces a monodromy



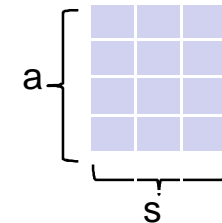
$$\tilde{p}_{1,2,3,4}(u^\gamma) = -\tilde{p}_{2,1,4,3}(u),$$

$$\hat{p}_{1,2,3,4}(u^\gamma) = -\hat{p}_{2,1,4,3}(u)$$

- Trace of classical monodromy matrix is a  $\mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)$  character. We take it in irreps for  $a \times s$  rectangular Young tableaux:

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$$T_{a,s}(u) = \text{Tr}_{a,s} \Omega(u)$$



- $\mathbb{Z}_4$  symmetry:

$$T_{a,s}(u) = (-1)^s T_{a,-s}^c(u^\gamma), \quad \text{if } |s| \geq a$$

$$T_{a,s}(u) = (-1)^a T_{-a,s}^c(u^\gamma), \quad \text{if } a \geq |s|$$



# 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  $x=0, \infty$ .

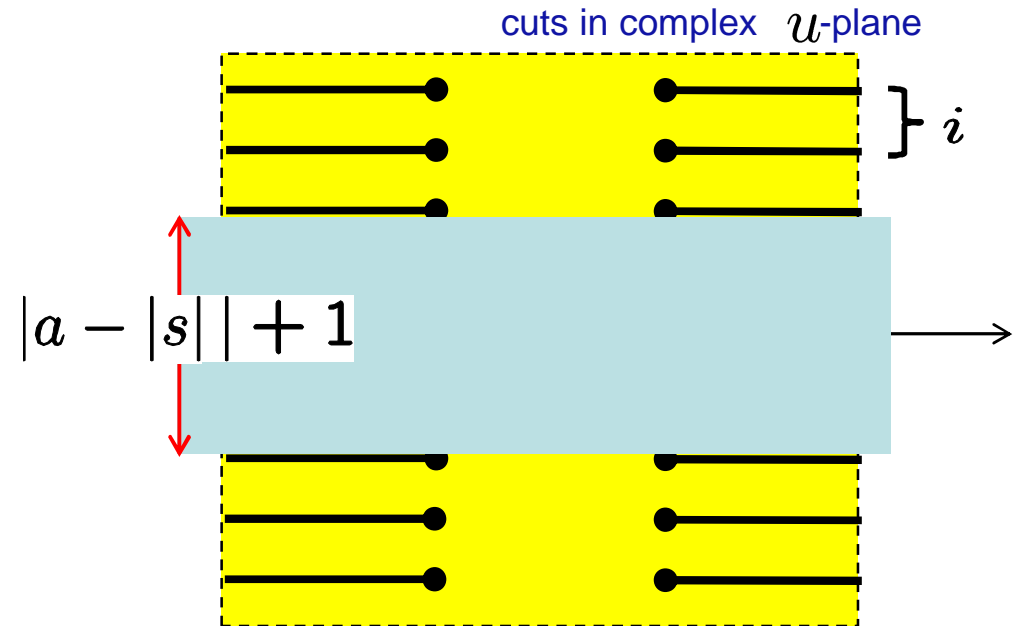
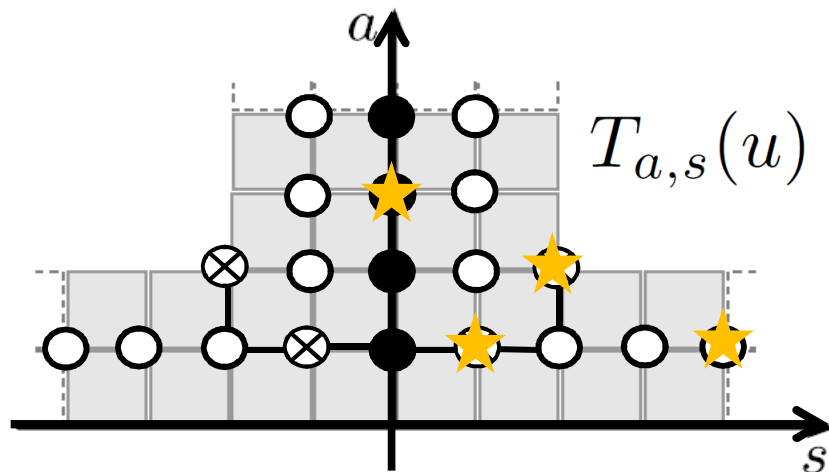
$$\text{S}^5 : \quad \tilde{p}_1(x) = -\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (J_1 + J_2 - J_3) \frac{1}{x} + \dots, \quad \text{etc.}$$

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

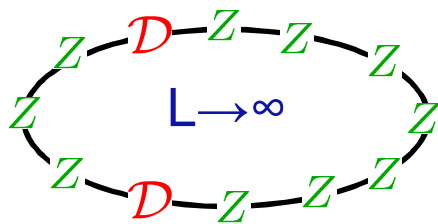
- Energy  $E$  of state  $\rightarrow$  dimension  $\Delta$  of operator in SYM.

# Full quantum case: spectral AdS/CFT Y-system

$PSU(2,2|4)$  T-hook



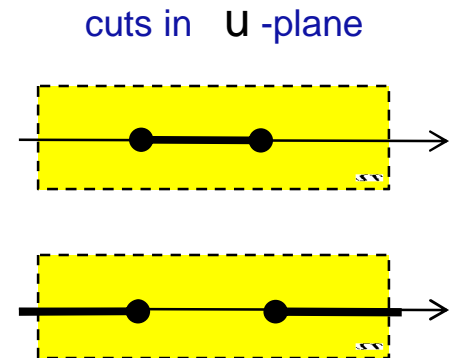
- Analyticity from large  $L$  or  $u$  asymptotics via one-particle dispersion relation:



$$\Delta_a^2 = a^2 + \lambda \sin^2 \frac{p_a}{2}$$

$$Y_{a,0}(u) \simeq e^{iLp_a(u)} = \left[ \frac{z \left( u - \frac{ia}{2} \right)}{z \left( u + \frac{ia}{2} \right)} \right]^L$$

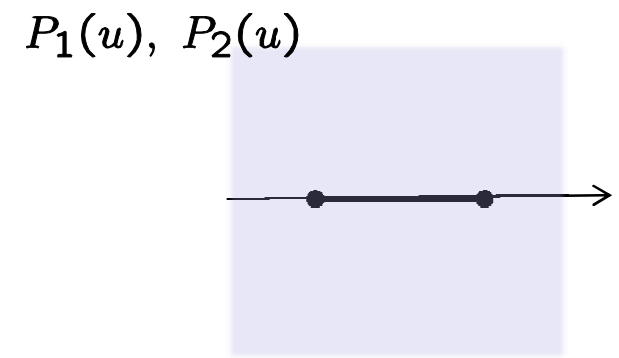
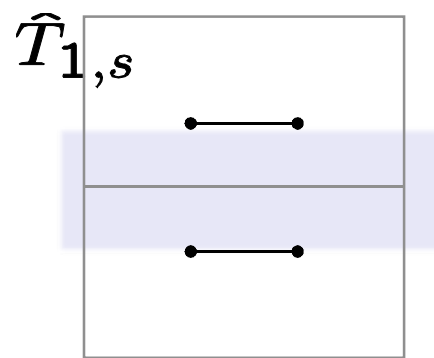
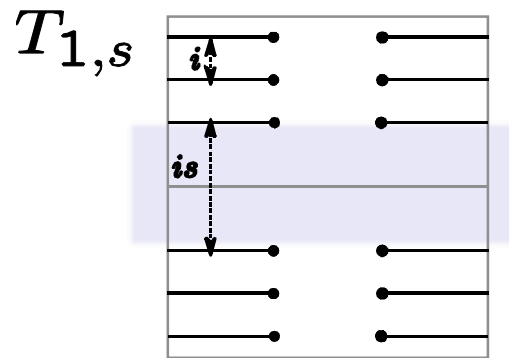
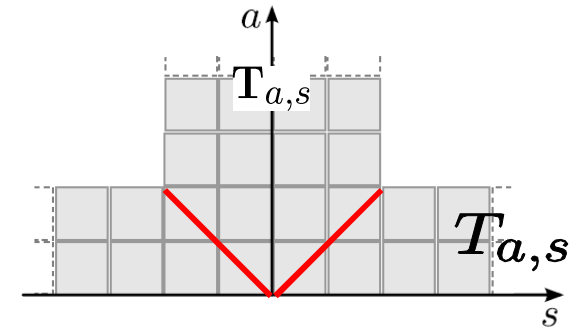
Zhukovsky map:  $u = \sqrt{\lambda} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \longleftrightarrow z = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \left( u + i\sqrt{4\lambda - u^2} \right)$



- Extra “corner” equations:  $Y_{2,\pm 2}(u+i0) \cdot Y_{1,\pm 1}(u-i0) = 1$

## Magic sheet and solution for the right band

- The property  $Y_{2,\pm 2}(u+i0) \cdot Y_{1,\pm 1}(u-i0) = 1$  suggests that certain T-functions are much simpler on the **physical sheet**, with only short cuts:



- Wronskian solution for the right band in terms of two Q-functions with one magic cut on  $\mathbb{R}$

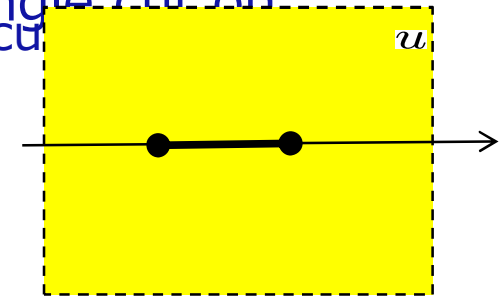
$$\hat{T}_{1,s}(u) = P_1(u + \frac{is}{2})P_2(u - \frac{is}{2}) - P_1(u - \frac{is}{2})P_2(u + \frac{is}{2})$$

- $Z_4$  symmetry is satisfied automatically!

# Basic Q-functions and their asymptotics $u \rightarrow \infty$

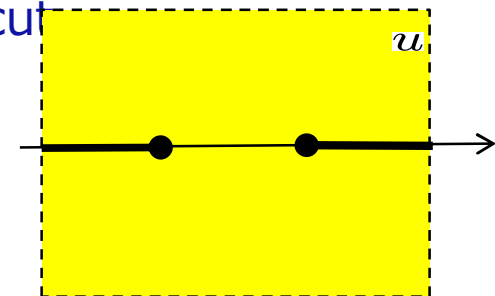
- Consider  $SL(2)$  operators  $\text{Tr}(Z \nabla^S Z^{L-1})$  (general case in work)
- We found two 4-vectors of Q-functions, with a single cut on defining sheet:  $P_j = Q_j|_0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  with one short, "physical" cut

and asymptotics  $P = \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} u^{-\frac{L}{2}} \\ u^{-\frac{L+2}{2}} \\ u^{\frac{L}{2}} \\ u^{\frac{L-2}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$



- $P_j = Q_j|_0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  with one long, "mirror" cut

and asymptotics  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} u^{\frac{L+E-S}{2}} \\ u^{\frac{L+E+S-2}{2}} \\ u^{-\frac{L+E+S}{2}} \\ u^{-\frac{L+E-S+2}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$



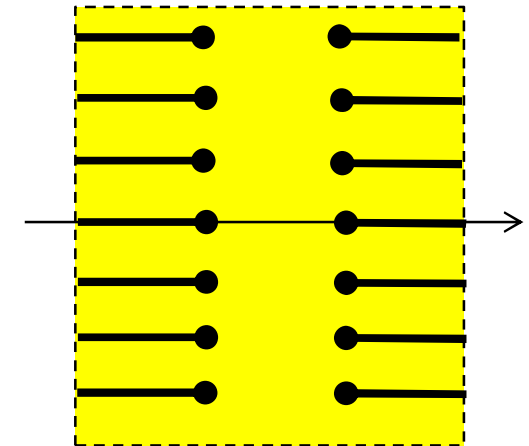
Asymptotics are found by comparing to the classical and one loop approximat

- All other Q-functions can be found through these basic ones. But what about other sheets?
- We propose  $P - \mu$  Riemann-Hilbert eqs to continue through the cuts

# $\mu$ -matrix

- We need another object representing certain Q-functions:

➤ 4×4 matrix  $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & c & d \\ -b & -c & 0 & e \\ -c & -d & -e & 0 \end{pmatrix}$



$\mu$  is  $i$ -periodic in mirror, constrained by  $\mu \cdot \mu = \mathbb{I}$

where we defined a scalar product  $(A \cdot B) \equiv A_1 B_4 - A_4 B_1 - A_2 B_3 + A_3 B_2$

- As we will see from the  $P - \mu$  equations, it has the asymptotic

$$u \rightarrow \infty$$

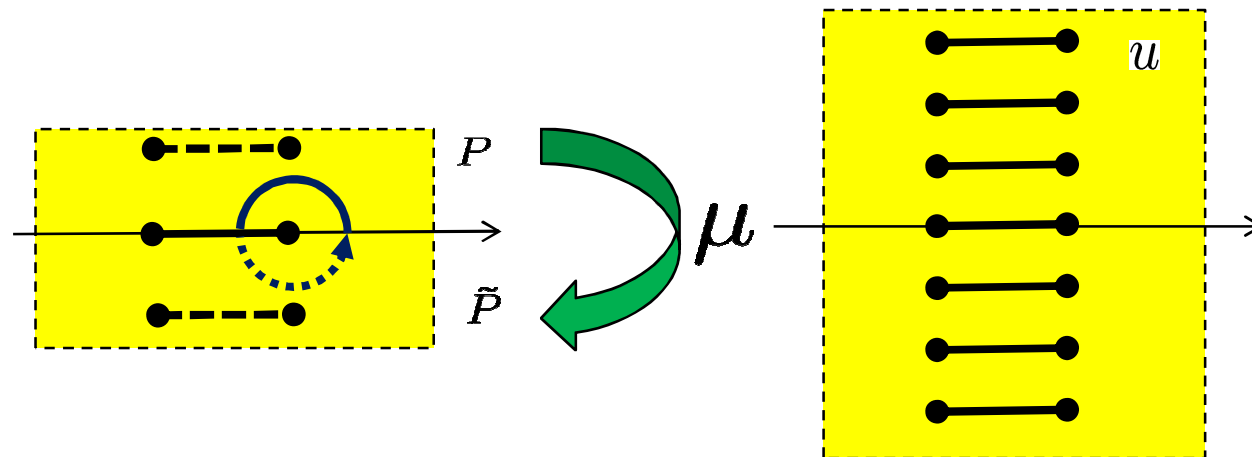
$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} u^{\Lambda-L} \\ u^{\Lambda+1} \\ u^{\Lambda} \\ u^{\Lambda-1} \\ u^{\Lambda+L} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = 0, \pm\Delta, \pm(S-1)$$

- $i$ -periodic  $\mu$  represents a set of Wronskians of underlying Baxter equations

## AdS/CFT spectrum as a Riemann-Hilbert problem

- Using Hirota integrability, some symmetry and analyticity we bring the spectral AdS/CFT problem to a finite number of non-linear integral equations (FiNLIE), or, equivalently, to a Riemann-Hilbert problem
- AdS/CFT spectral problem reduces to Riemann-Hilbert-type relation on 4-vector  $P(u)$  and  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $\mu(u)$

$$\bar{P} + \mu \cdot P = 0$$



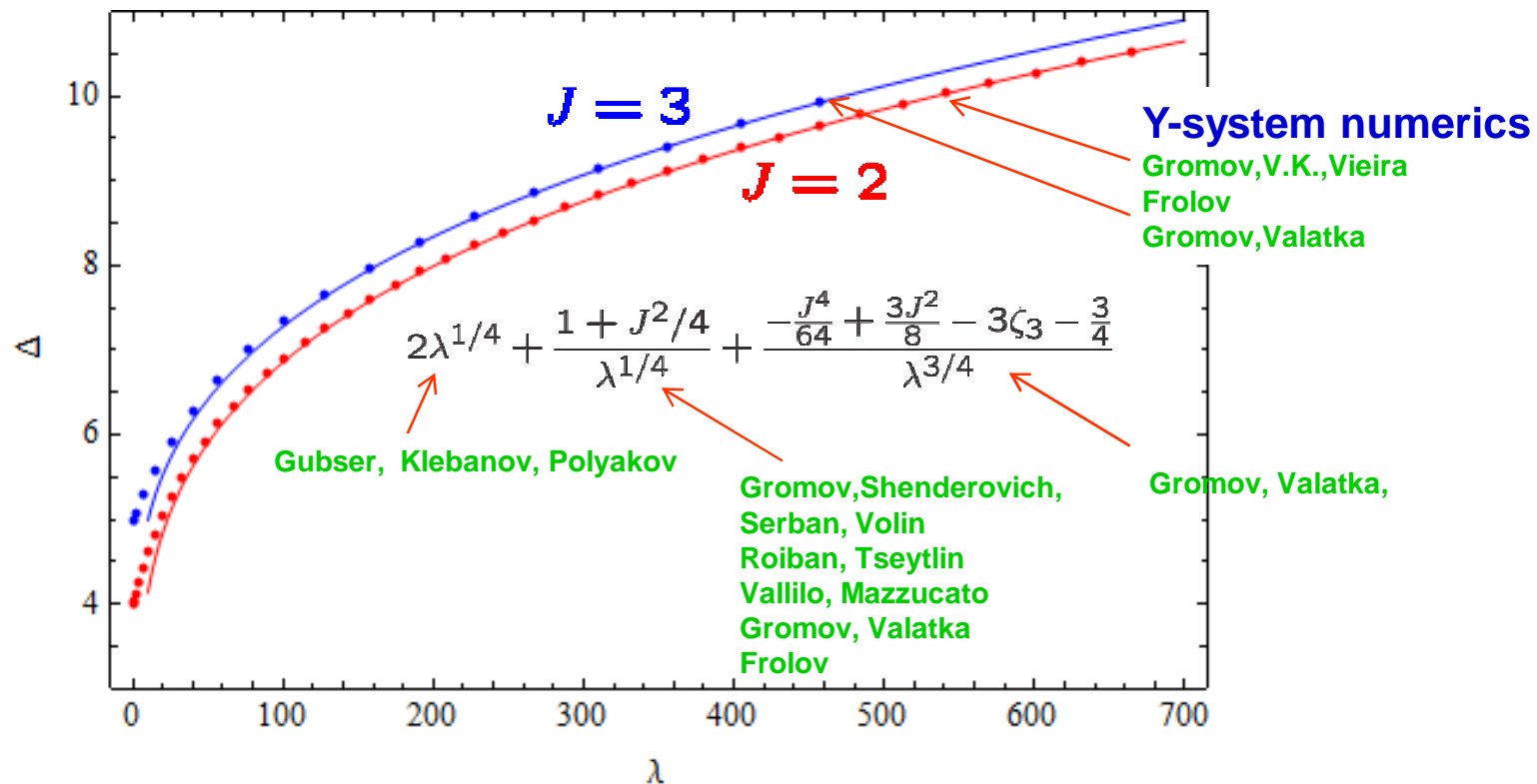
- Asymptotics of  $\mu$  established can be established by knowing (from TBA) that  $\mu_{1,2} \sim u^{\Delta-L}$  and comparing various terms in  $P - \mu$  equation.

# AdS string quasiclassics and numerics in SL(2) sector: twist-J operators of spin S $\text{Tr } \mathcal{D}^S Z^J$

- 3 leading strong coupling terms were calculated for any S and L
- Numerics at any coupling:

- for Konishi operator  $S = 2, \quad J = 2, \quad n = 1$
- and twist-3 operator  $S = 2, \quad J = 3, \quad n = 1$

They perfectly reproduce the TBA/Y-system or FiNLIE numerics



- AdS/CFT Y-system passes all known tests!

# Conclusions

- We proposed a system of matrix Riemann-Hilbert equations for the exact spectrum of anomalous dimensions of planar N=4 SYM theory in 4D.
- Great possibilities for precise calculations of spectrum, numerically and analytically
- This  $P$ - $\mu$  system defines the full quantum spectral curve of  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$  duality
- Works for Wilson loops and quark-antiquark potential in N=4 SYM

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## Future directions

- Why is N=4 SYM integrable?
- What lessons for less supersymmetric SYM and QCD?
- $1/N$  – expansion integrable?
- Gluon amplitudes, correlators, Wilson loops ...integrable?
- BFKL (Regge limit) from  $P$ - $\mu$  -system?



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