

# QUANTUM SPECTRAL CURVE AND ADS/ CFT SPECTRAL PROBLEM

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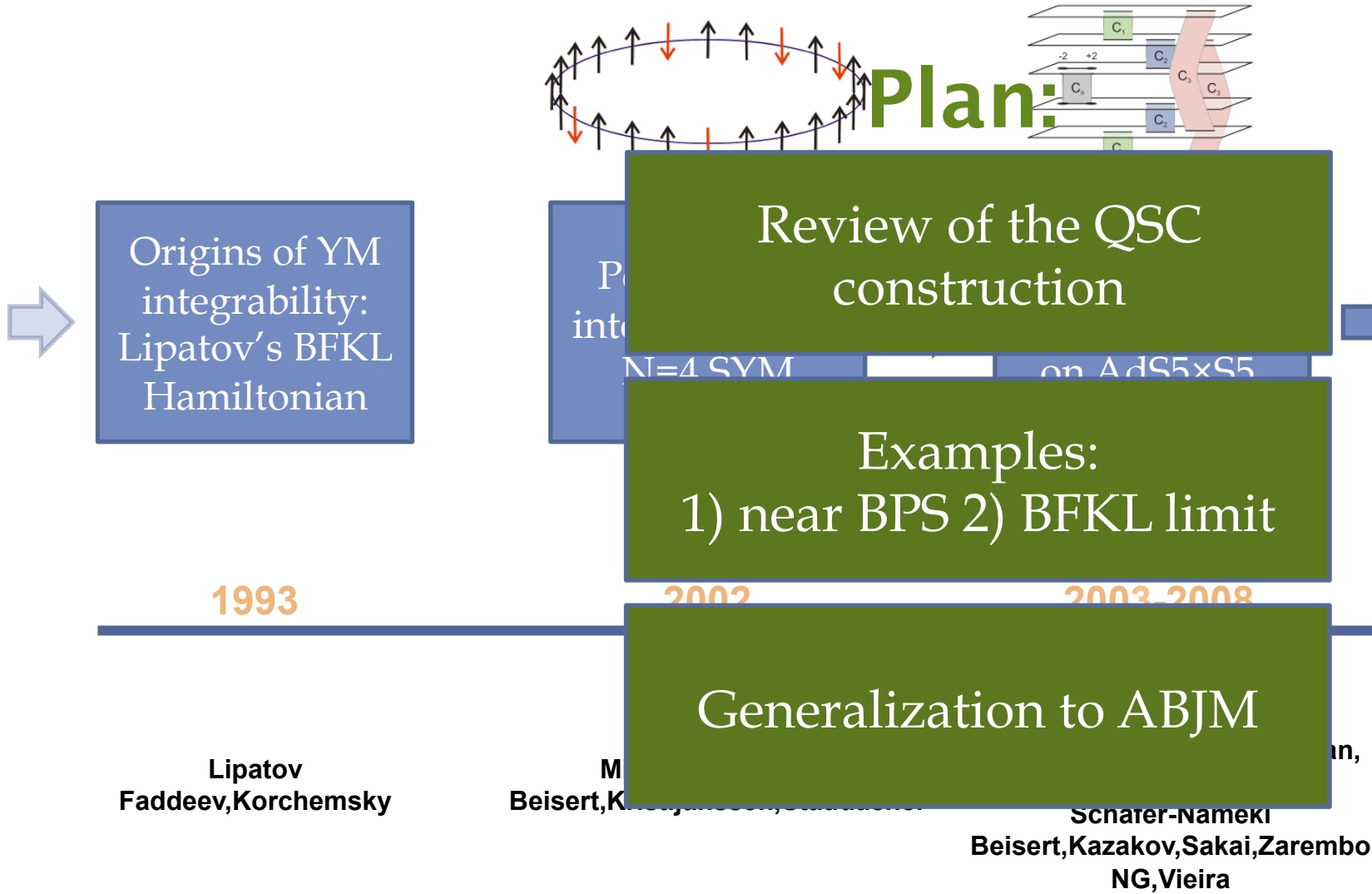
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# Integrability in gauge theory

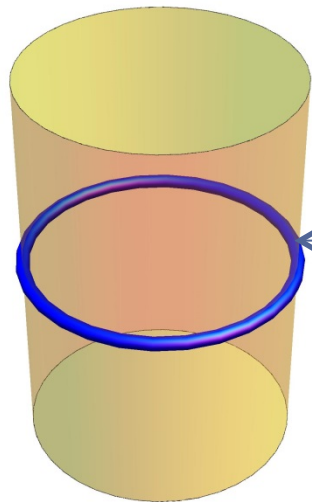


# Motivation from classics

[Bena, Polchinski, Roiban]

$$S = g \int \text{str}(J^{(2)} \wedge *J^{(2)} - J^{(1)} \wedge J^{(3)}) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{PSU}(2,2|4) \text{ current}} J = -g^{-1}dg = J^{(1)} + J^{(2)} + J^{(3)} + J^{(0)}$$

EOM equivalent to  $\partial_\mu \mathcal{A}_\nu - \partial_\nu \mathcal{A}_\mu + [\mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{A}_\nu] = 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{C}$  where  $\mathcal{A}(u) = J^{(0)} + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4g^2}} J^{(2)} - \frac{2g}{\sqrt{u^2 - 4g^2}} * J^{(2)} + \dots$



$$\Omega(u, \tau) = \text{Pexp} \oint \mathcal{A}_\sigma d\sigma \quad \text{on EOM} \quad \partial_\tau \text{tr} \Omega(u, \tau) = 0$$

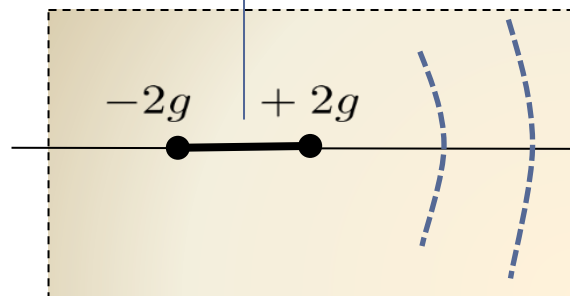
Eigenvalues of the monodromy matrix:

$$(e^{ip_1}, e^{ip_2}, e^{ip_3}, e^{ip_4} \mid e^{iq_1}, e^{iq_2}, e^{iq_3}, e^{iq_4})$$

$S^5$

$AdS_5$

Analytic properties:



State-dependent cuts

[Dorey, Vicedo]  $\oint p(u)du = \mathbb{Z}$

# From weak coupling

[Beisert, Sctaudacher]

$$\mathcal{O}_i(x) = \text{tr} D_+^{n_1} Z D_+^{n_2} Z D_+^{n_3} Z D_+^{n_4} Z D_+^{n_5} Z$$

Can be mapped to a spin chain state:  $|n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5\rangle$

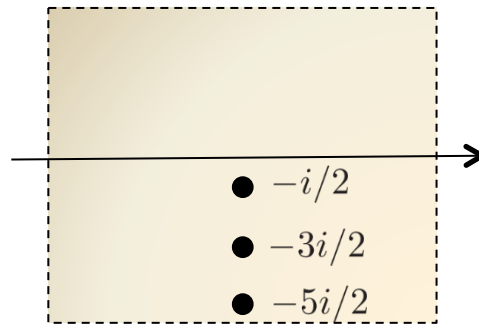
The one-loop dilatation operator coincides with  $sl(2)$  Heisenberg spin chain Hamiltonian

Skyanin separation of variables allows to factorize the wave function

$$\Psi = \prod_i^L Q(v_i) \text{ where } T(u)Q(u) + (u - i/2)^L Q(u - i) + (u + i/2)^L Q(u + i) = 0$$

$$\text{In the simplest case } T(u) = -2u^2 + S^2 + S + \frac{1}{2}$$

Two solutions: polynomial  $Q_1 \sim u^S$  singular solution  $Q_2 \sim u^{-1-S}$



# Generalization to finite coupling

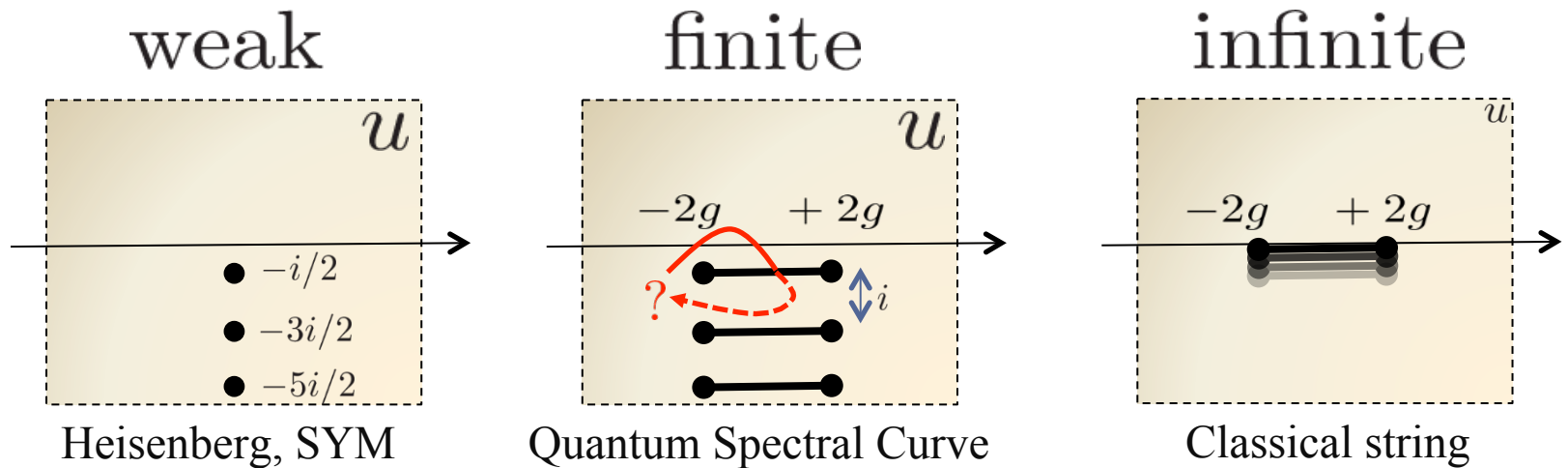
[N.G., Kazakov, Leuren, Volin]

$$g \rightarrow \text{finite}$$

1) We start exploring all DOS of the string  $sl(2) \rightarrow psu(2, 2|4)$

$$(Q_1, Q_2) \rightarrow \underbrace{(P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4)}_{S^5} \mid \underbrace{(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4)}_{AdS_5}$$

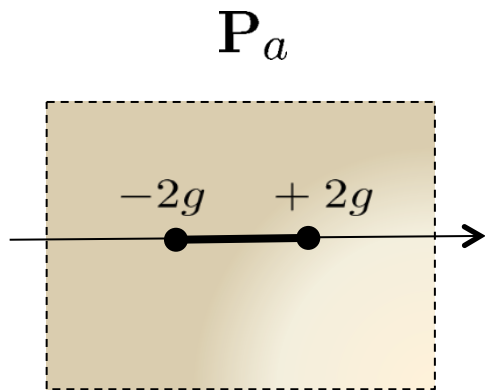
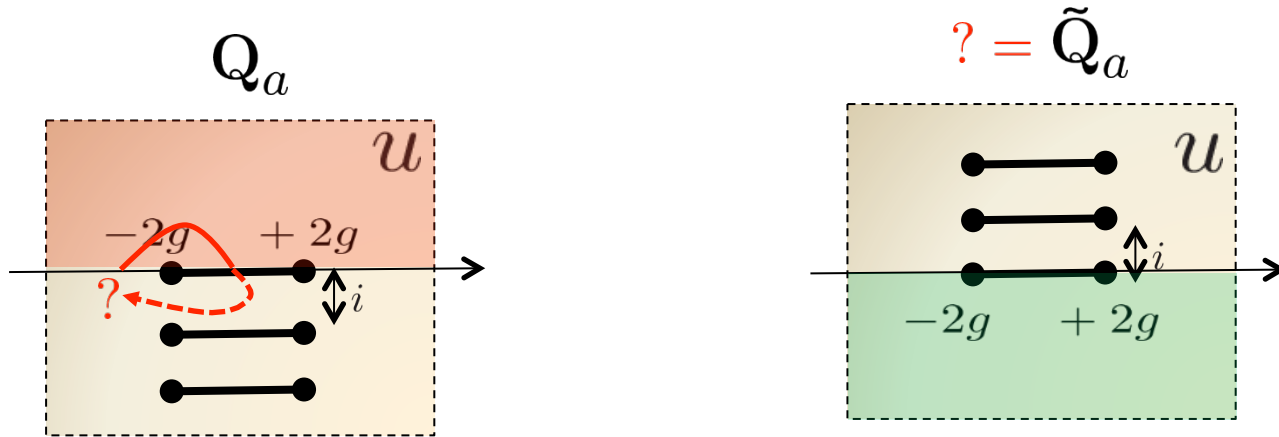
2) Poles open into cuts



3) Need to know monodromies, when going under the cuts

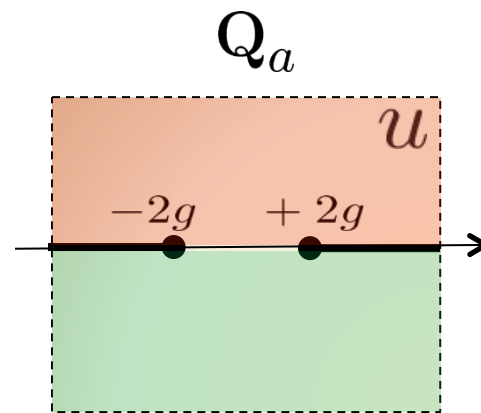
# “Miraculous” simplification

[N.G., Kazakov, Leuren, Volin]



$P_a \simeq u^{\text{R-charge}}$ ,  $u \rightarrow \infty$

Charges in  $S^5$  are integer



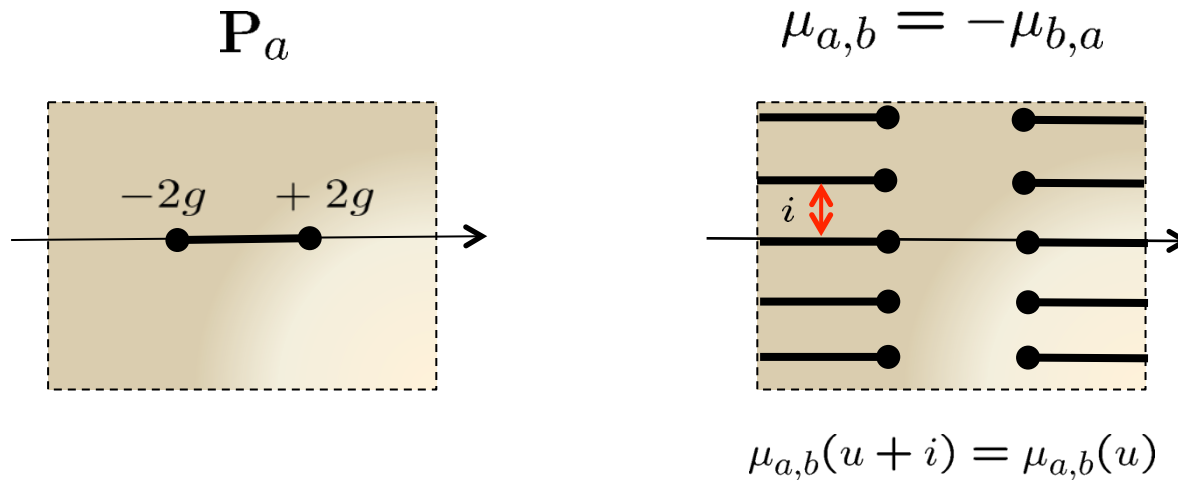
$Q_a \sim u^{\text{conformal charge}}$

Charges in  $AdS_5$  contain anom. dimension

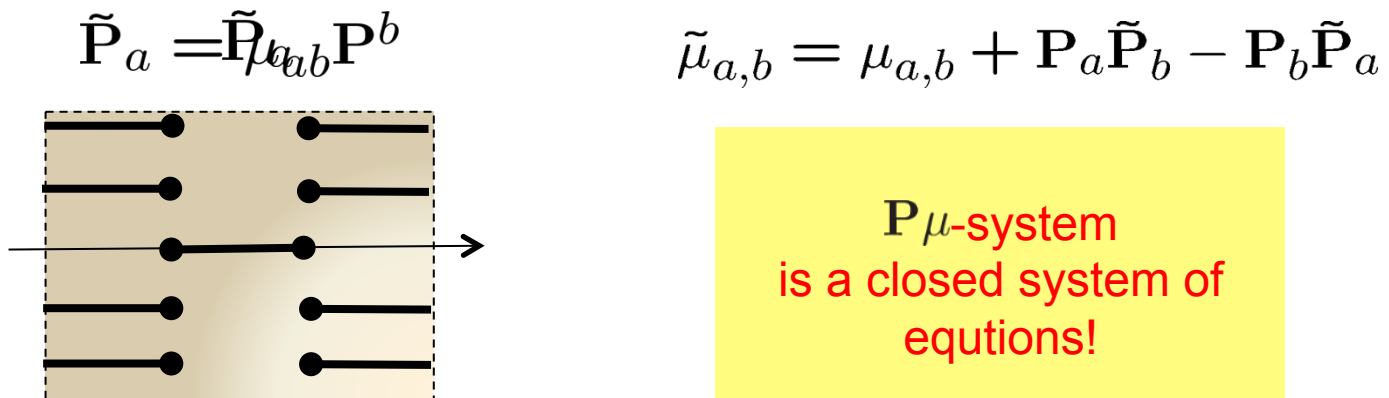
# $P\mu$ - system

The system reduced to 4+6 functions:

[N.G., Kazakov, Leuren, Volin]



Analytical continuation to the next sheet:



Quadratic branch cuts:

$$\tilde{P}_a = P_a \Rightarrow \mu_{ab} \mu^{bc} = \delta_a^c \quad P_a \simeq (\text{conformal charges}) u^{\text{R-charge}}, \quad u \rightarrow \infty$$

**Examples: near-BPS expansion**



# Near BPS limit: small S

[NG. Sizov, Valatka, Levkovich-Maslyuk]

In the BPS limit:  $\mathbf{P}_b \rightarrow 0$  ,  $\mu_{ab}$  — entire periodic function

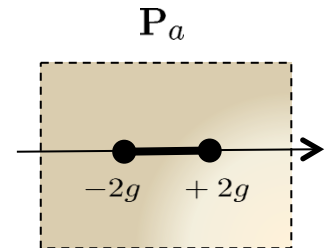
For  $\text{tr} D^S Z^2$  in the small S limit:

$\mathbf{P}_a(u - i0) = \mu_{ab} \mathbf{P}^b(u + i0)$  - simple Riemann-Hilbert problem



$$\mathbf{P}_3(u - i0) + \mathbf{P}_3(u + i0) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{P}_4(u - i0) - \mathbf{P}_4(u + i0) = \mathbf{P}_3(u + i0) \sinh(2\pi u)$$



Solution:

$$\mathbf{P}_3 = \sqrt{u^2 - 4g^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_4 = \int_{-2g}^{2g} \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - 4g^2} \sinh(2\pi v)}{v - u} \propto \frac{I_1(4\pi g) - I_3(4\pi g)}{u^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{u^4}\right)$$

**Result:**  $\Delta = 2 + S + 2\pi g \frac{I_3(4\pi g)}{I_2(4\pi g)}$  [Basso] [Zarembo; Pestun] **Similar to the localization results!**

# More orders in small S

Not hard to iterate the procedure and go further away from BPS.

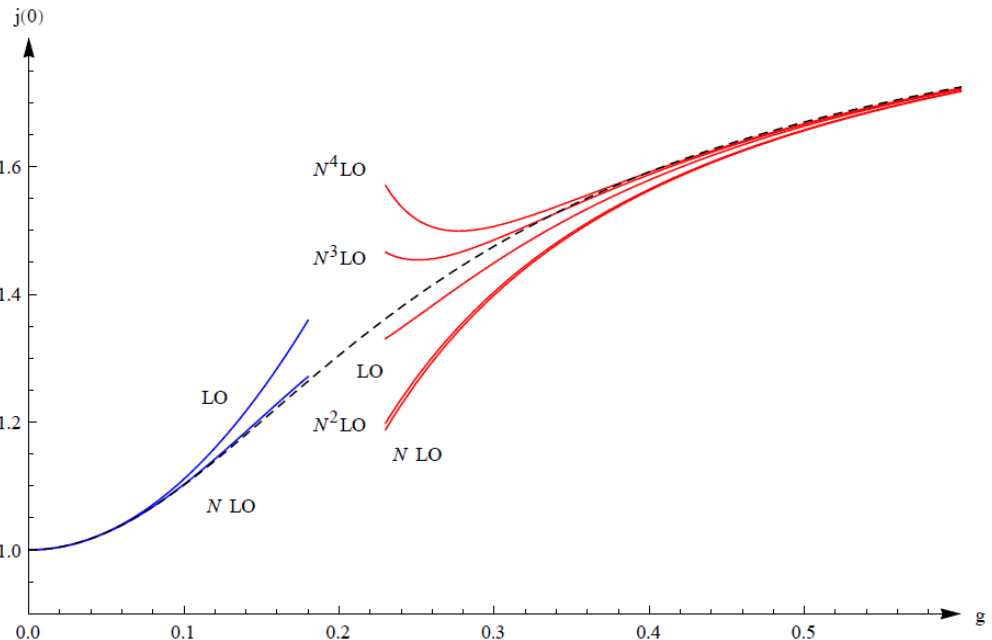
Extrapolating results to finite spin

[Basso][NG. Sizov, Valatka, Levkovich-Maslyuk]

$$\Delta_{Konishi} = 2\lambda^{1/4} + \frac{2}{\lambda^{1/4}} + \frac{-3\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{2}}{\lambda^{3/4}} + \frac{\frac{15\zeta(5)}{2} + 6\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}}{\lambda^{5/4}}$$

Gubser, Klebanov,  
Polyakov `98

Gromov, Serban, Shenderovich,  
Volin `11;  
Roiban, Tseytlin `11;  
Vallilo, Mazzucato `11  
Plefka, Frolov `13



We also extract pomeron intercept:

Costa,  
Goncalves,  
Penedones `12

Kotikov,  
Lipatov `13

Gubser, Klebanov,  
Polyakov `98

$$j(0) = 2 + S(0) = 2 - \frac{2}{\lambda^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{4\lambda^{3/2}} + (6\zeta(3) + 2) \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \left(18\zeta(3) + \frac{361}{64}\right) \frac{1}{\lambda^{5/2}} + \left(39\zeta(3) + \frac{447}{32}\right) \frac{1}{\lambda^3}$$

**BFKL regime**

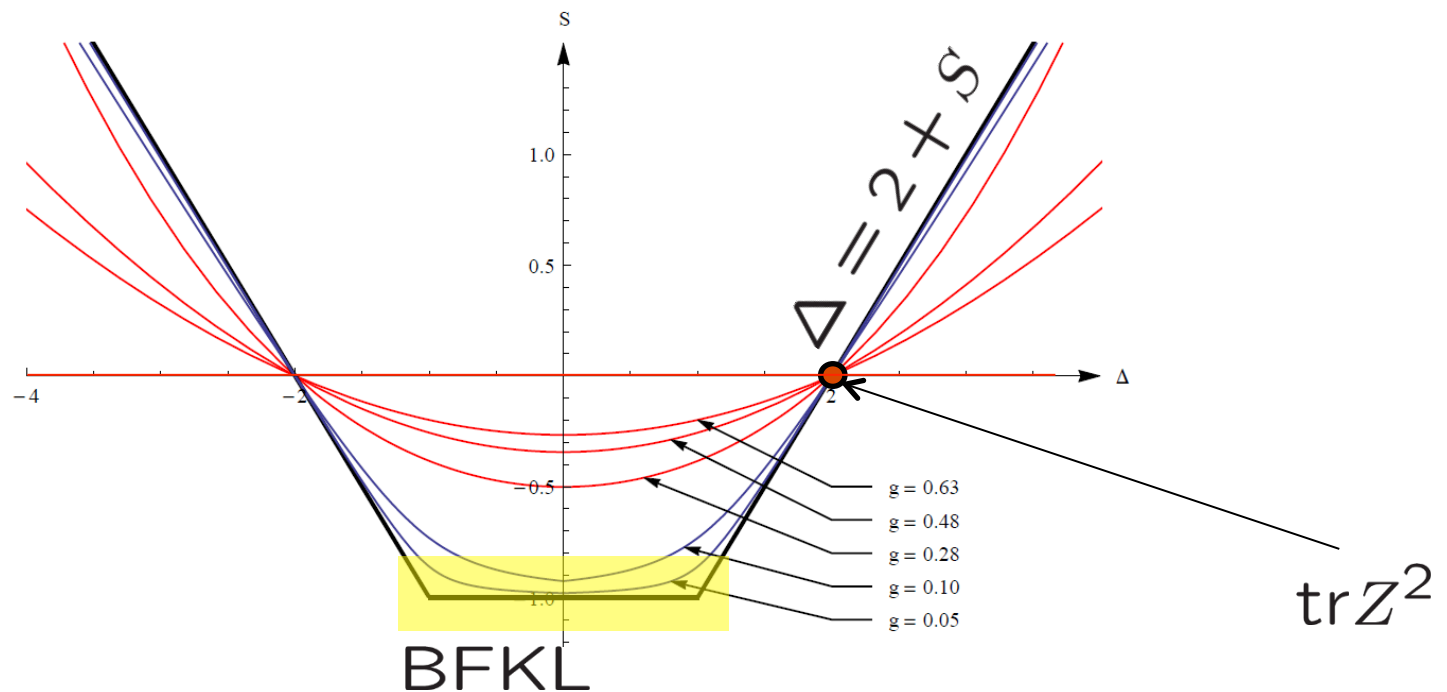
# BFKL regime

Important class of single trace operators:

$$\text{tr} D^S Z^2 + \text{permutations}$$

Spectrum for different spins:

[Brower, Polchinski, Strassler, Itan '06]



BFKL regime:

$$S \rightarrow -1, \quad g \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{So that:} \quad \frac{g^2}{S+1} \simeq 1 \quad \text{Resumming to all loops terms} \quad \left( \frac{g^2}{S+1} \right)^n$$

In this regime SYM is undistinguishable from the real QCD

# BFKL limit of $\mathbf{P}\mu$ -system

Small coupling  $\Rightarrow$  no branch cuts

[Alfimov, N.G., Kazakov to appear]

$$\mu_{ab} = \text{Polynom} + \text{Polynom } e^{+2\pi u} + \text{Polynom } e^{-2\pi u}$$

$S = -1$  is when for the first time this ansatz is consistent for non-integer  $\Delta$

Plugging it into  $\mathbf{P}\mu$  - system we get:

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \frac{1}{u} \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = \frac{1}{u^2} \quad \mathbf{P}_3 = -u \frac{i(\Delta^2 - 1)(\Delta^2 - 25)}{96} - \frac{i(\Delta^2 - 1)^2}{96u} \quad \mathbf{P}_4 = -\frac{i(\Delta^2 - 1)(\Delta^2 - 9)}{32}$$

The problem is essentially about gluons, i.e. it is more natural to pass to AdS

$$\mathbf{Q}_i(u + i) + \mathbf{Q}_i(u - i) - \left( 2 + \frac{1 - \Delta^2}{4u^2} \right) \mathbf{Q}_i(u) = 0$$

Can be solved explicitly

[Kotikov, Lipatov]

$$\mathbf{Q}_1 = 2iu \, {}_3F_2 \left( iu + 1, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\Delta}{2}; 1, 2; 1 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{S(\Delta) + 1}{g^2} = -\Psi \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) - \Psi \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\Delta}{2} \right) - 2\gamma_E$$



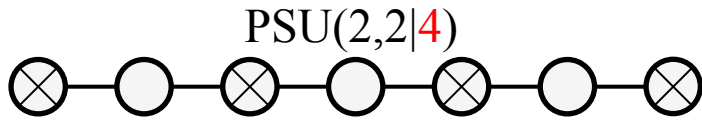
Enters into the Q-function of Lipatov, de Vega; Korchemsky, Faddeev!

# ABJM Theory

# Spectral curve for ABJM

[A. Cavaglia, D. Fioravanti, N. G., R. Tateo]

## SYM

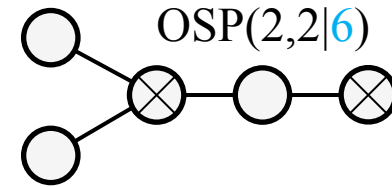


$$\mathbf{P}_a, \quad \mu_{ab}, \quad a, b = 1, \dots, 4$$

$$\text{Pf } \mu_{ab} = 1$$

## Constrains

## ABJM



$$\mathbf{P}_A, \quad \mu_{AB}, \quad A, B = 1, \dots, 6$$

$$\mu_{AB} = \text{bilinear combinations of}$$

$$\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4$$

define

$$\mathbf{P}_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{P}_1 & \mathbf{P}_2 & \mathbf{P}_3 \\ -\mathbf{P}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{P}_6 & \mathbf{P}_4 \\ -\mathbf{P}_2 & -\mathbf{P}_6 & 0 & \mathbf{P}_5 \\ -\mathbf{P}_3 & -\mathbf{P}_4 & -\mathbf{P}_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Discontinuities

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a = \mu_{ab} \mathbf{P}^a$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_{ab} = \mu_{ab} + \mathbf{P}_a \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_b - \mathbf{P}_b \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a$$

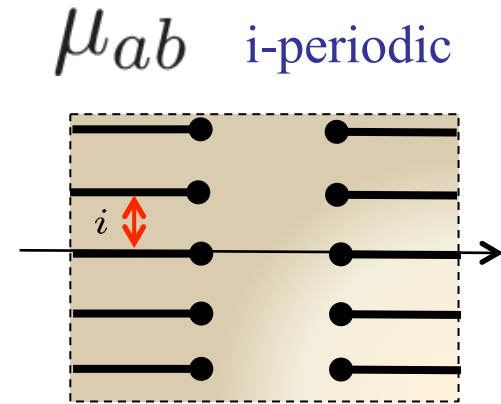
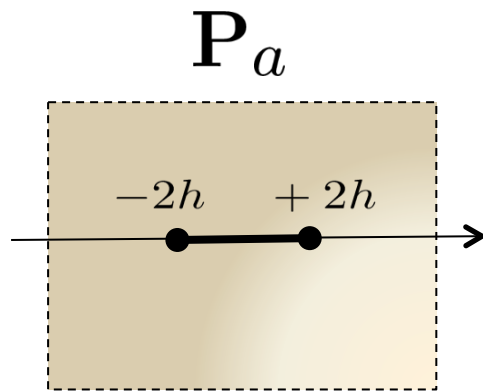
$$\tilde{\nu}_a = \mathbf{P}_{ab} \nu^a$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{ab} = \mathbf{P}_{ab} + \nu_a \tilde{\nu}_b - \nu_b \tilde{\nu}_a$$

# Spectral curve for ABJM

Algebraically  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mu$  interchanged their roles, but not analytically

SYM:



ABJM:

$\mathbf{P}_{ab}$

$\mathcal{V}_a$  i-(anti)periodic

Another important difference is the position of the branch points:

$$\text{SYM: } \pm 2g(\lambda) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$$

$$\text{ABJM: } \pm 2h(\lambda) = ?$$

$h(\lambda)$  enters into many important quantities: cusp dimension, magnon dispersion

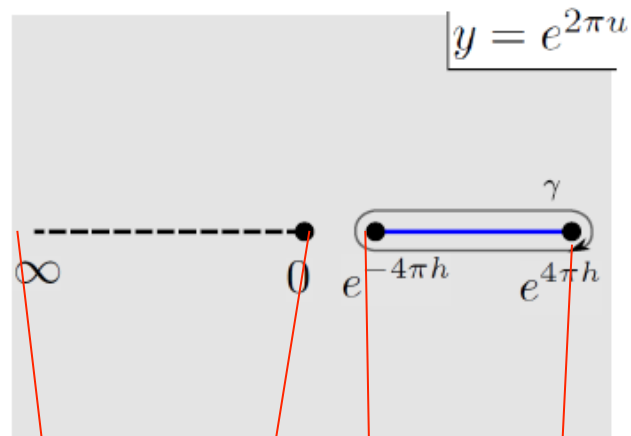
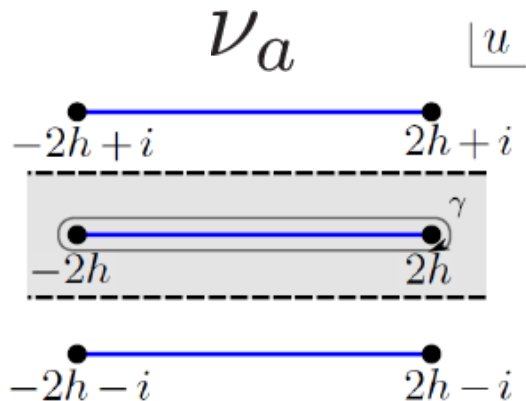


# Finding Interpolation function h

In the near BPS limit we should be able to match with localization

[N.G., Sizov]

Integrability:  
Elliptic type integral



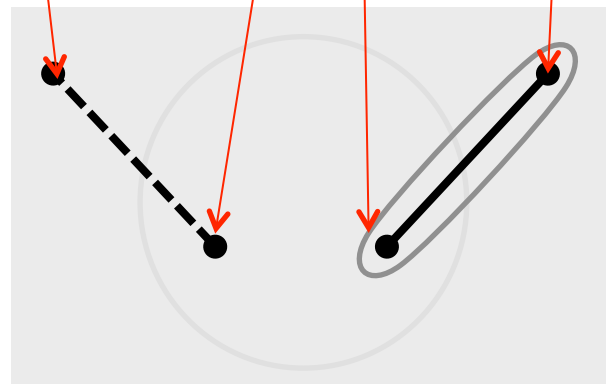
[Pestun][Kapustin, Willett, Yaakov]  
[Marino, Putrov]

ABJM Matric model integral in its planar limit:

Localization:

$$\langle W_{m=1}^{1/6} \rangle = \int_{\frac{1}{A^+}}^{A^+} \frac{dZ}{2\pi^2 i \lambda} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{2 + i\kappa - Z - \frac{1}{Z}}{2 - i\kappa + Z + \frac{1}{Z}}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi} {}_3F_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, \frac{3}{2}; -\frac{\kappa^2}{16} \right)$$

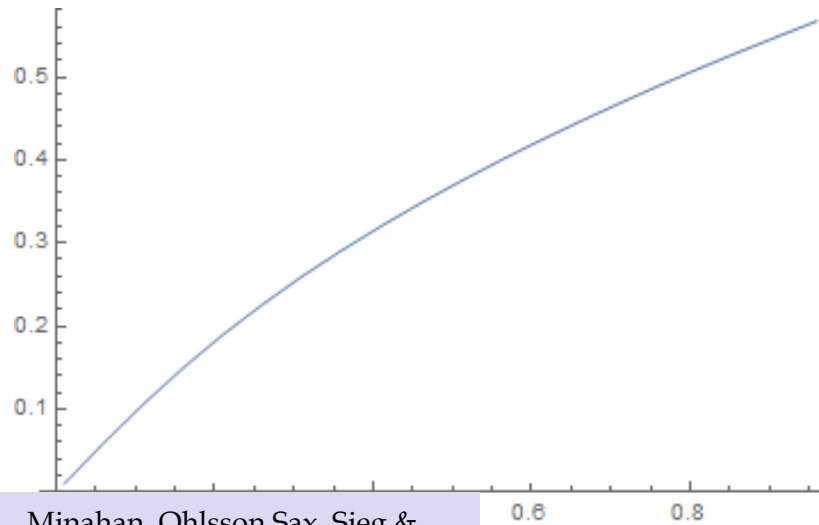


Comparing cross-ratios of the branch points:

$$\kappa = 4 \sinh(2\pi h)$$

# Interpolation function h

$$\lambda = \frac{\sinh(2\pi h)}{2\pi} {}_3F_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1, \frac{3}{2}; -\sinh^2(2\pi h) \right)$$



Minahan, Zarembo

Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Sieg & Leoni, Mauri, Minahan, Ohlsson Sax, Santambrogio, Sieg, Tartagli Mazzucchelli,

McLoughlin, Roiban Tseytlin Abbott, Aniceto, Bombardelli Lopez-Arcos, Nastase

$$h(\lambda) = \lambda - \frac{\pi^2 \lambda^3}{3} + \frac{5\pi^4 \lambda^5}{12} - \frac{893\pi^6 \lambda^7}{1260} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^9),$$

$$h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2} - \frac{1}{48}} - \frac{\log 2}{2\pi} + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\pi\sqrt{8\lambda}}\right),$$

Reproduces ~4 nontrivial coefficients!

?

Bergman, Hirano

# Conclusions

- QSC unifies all integrable structures: BFKL/ local operators, classical strings/ spin chains.
- Mysterious relation between ABJM and N=4 SYM integrable structures. Sign for an unifying theory? What is QSC for AdS<sup>3</sup>?
- Q-functions should give a way to the exact wave function in separated variables. Can we use it to compute general 3-point correlation functions to all loops?
- Established links between exact results in integrability and localization. Does there exist a unified structure which works for both non-BPS and non-planar? Discretization of Zhukovsky cut?