

# Pohlmeyer reduced theory for $AdS_5 \times S^5$ superstring

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**Aim :**

solve string theory in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  from **first principles**  
– conformal invariance, supersymmetry  
and **integrability**

(i) find S-matrix and justify

Asymptotic Bethe Ansatz for the spectrum

(ii) understand theory on cylinder (closed string):

TBA, analog of Destri - de Vega equation, etc.

## Quantum string theory in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ :

GS superstring on  $\frac{PSU(2,2|4)}{SO(1,4) \times SO(5)}$   
analogy with exact solution of  $O(n)$  model (Zamolodchikovs)  
or principal chiral model (Polyakov-Wiegmann) ?  
2d CFT – no mass generation (mass scale from gauge fixing)

problem of direct approach:

lack of manifest 2d Lorentz symmetry :

S-matrix depends on two rapidities (not on difference)

symmetry constraints are not manifest, ...

### An alternative approach?

classically equivalent **2d Lorentz invariant** action  
describing same physical degrees of freedom  
with equivalent integrable structure

## “Pohlmeyer reduction” :

reformulation of gauge-fixed  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring  
in terms of current-type (rather than “coordinate”) variables  
solving Virasoro constraints preserving 2d Lorentz invariance

classically equivalent (equivalent integrable structure);  
relation at the quantum level?

a way towards exact solution of quantum  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring?

## Pohlmeyer-reduced theory for $AdS_5 \times S^5$ superstring:

Integrable + 2d scale-invariant (UV finite) model  
a fermionic generalization of non-abelian Toda theory

- same integrable structure as of classical  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  GS model
- action quadratic in fermions with **standard** 2d kinetic terms;  
hidden 2d susy
- 2d Lorentz invariant S-matrix

for an **equivalent** set of 8+8 physical massive excitations:  
an alternative interacting generalization of same free theory

- very special UV finite massive integrable model:  
deserves study regardless question about equivalence  
to  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring at quantum level:  
find its exact solution? more general “interpolating” theory?

# Some history

K. Pohlmeyer (1976):

Discovery of integrability (existence of higher conservation laws) of *classical*  $O(3)$  sigma model via relation to sine-Gordon theory;  $O(4)$  sigma model  $\rightarrow$  complex sine-Gordon theory.

Integrability of  $O(n)$  model: Backlund transformations to generate solutions and higher conserved charges.

But **why** reduction relevant?

Assumed classical 2d conf. inv. which is broken at quantum level

**Quantum**  $O(3)$  and sin-Gordon theories are different

but integrability property extends to quantum level

[Polyakov (1977); Zamolodchikov, Zamolodchikov (1979)]

Pohlmeyer reduction was not used much in the next 20 years...  
but came to light in the context of **string theory** :

**Technical tool** : **classical solutions**

- construction of classical string solutions in constant-curvature spaces – de Sitter and anti de Sitter  
[Barbashov, Nesterenko, 1981; de Vega, Sanchez, 1993]
- construction of classical string solutions in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  representing semiclassical string states  
[Hofman, Maldacena, 2006; Dorey et al, 2006; Jevicki et al, 2007; Hoare, Iwashita, A.T., 2009; Hollowood, Miramontes, 2009; ...]
- construction of euclidean open-string world-surfaces related to Wilson loops (SYM scattering amplitudes at strong coupling)  
[Alday, Maldacena, 2009; Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena, 2009; Dorn et al, 2009; Jevicki, Jin, 2009, ...]

**More fundamental role** : relation to quantum string theory?

Pohlmeyer reduction of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string:

reformulation in terms of integrable massive theory

[Grigoriev, A.T, 2007; Mikhailov, Schafer-Nameki, 2007]

string sigma model is UV finite:

PR may lead to an equivalent theory also at quantum level?

a way to **exact solution** of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring?

- UV finiteness of reduced theory [Roiban, A.T., 2009]
- equivalence of 1-loop quantum partition functions of string and reduced theory [Hoare, Iwashita, A.T., 2009]
- perturbative S-matrix of reduced theory:  
similarity to  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  magnon S-matrix; q-deformed susy  
[Hoare and A.T., 2009-2011]
- comparison of soliton spectra and soliton S-matrices  
[Hollowood and Miramontes, 2010, 2011; Hoare et al, 2011]
- hidden 2d susy [Grigoriev, A.T. 2007; Schmidt 2010;  
Hollowood, Miramontes, 2011; Goykhman, Ivanov, 2011]



# Pohlmeyer reduction

Original example:  $S^2$ -sigma model  $\rightarrow$  Sine-Gordon theory

$$L = \partial_+ X^m \partial_- X^m - \Lambda(X^m X^m - 1), \quad m = 1, 2, 3$$

Equations of motion:

$$\partial_+ \partial_- X^m + \Lambda X^m = 0, \quad \Lambda = \partial_+ X^m \partial_- X^m, \quad X^m X^m = 1$$

Stress tensor:  $T_{\pm\pm} = \partial_{\pm} X^m \partial_{\pm} X^m$

$$T_{+-} = 0, \quad \partial_+ T_{--} = 0, \quad \partial_- T_{++} = 0$$

implies  $T_{++} = f(\sigma_+)$ ,  $T_{--} = h(\sigma_-)$

using the conformal transformations  $\sigma_{\pm} \rightarrow F_{\pm}(\sigma_{\pm})$  can set

$$\partial_+ X^m \partial_+ X^m = \mu^2, \quad \partial_- X^m \partial_- X^m = \mu^2, \quad \mu = \text{const}$$

3 unit vectors in 3-dimensional Euclidean space:

$$X^m, \quad X_+^m = \mu^{-1} \partial_+ X^m, \quad X_-^m = \mu^{-1} \partial_- X^m$$

$X^m$  is orthogonal to  $X_+^m$  and  $X_-^m$  ( $X^m \partial_{\pm} X^m = 0$ )  
remaining  $SO(3)$  invariant quantity is scalar product

$$\partial_+ X^m \partial_- X^m = \mu^2 \cos 2\varphi$$

then

$$\partial_+ \partial_- \varphi + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \sin 2\varphi = 0$$

following from **sine-Gordon action** [Pohlmeyer, 1976]

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cos 2\varphi$$

2d Lorentz invariant despite explicit constraints

Classical solutions and integrable structures

(Lax pair, Backlund transformations, etc) are directly related

e.g., SG soliton mapped into rotating folded string on  $S^2$ :

“giant magnon” in the  $J = \infty$  limit [Hofman, Maldacena 06]

Analogous construction for  $S^3$  model gives

**Complex sine-Gordon model** (Pohlmeyer; Lund, Regge 76)

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + \cot^2 \varphi \partial_+ \theta \partial_- \theta + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cos 2\varphi$$

$\varphi, \theta$  are  $SO(4)$ -invariants:

$$\mu^2 \cos 2\varphi = \partial_+ X^m \partial_- X^m$$

$$\mu^3 \sin^2 \varphi \partial_{\pm} \theta = \mp \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{m n k l} X^m \partial_+ X^n \partial_- X^k \partial_{\pm}^2 X^l$$

In the case of  $AdS_2$  or  $AdS_3$ :

replace  $\sin \varphi \rightarrow \sinh \phi, \dots$

## String-theory interpretation: string on $R_t \times S^n$

(i) conformal gauge

(ii)  $t = \mu\tau$  to fix conformal diff's:

$\partial_{\pm} X^m \partial_{\pm} X^m = \mu^2$  are **Virasoro** constraints  
e.g., reduced theory for string on  $R_t \times S^3$

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + \cot^2 \varphi \partial_+ \theta \partial_- \theta + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cos 2\varphi$$

Similar construction for  $AdS_n$  case:

string on  $AdS_n \times S^1_{\psi}$  with  $\psi = \mu\tau$

e.g., reduced theory for string on  $AdS_3 \times S^1$

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \phi \partial_- \phi + \coth^2 \varphi \partial_+ \chi \partial_- \chi - \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cosh 2\phi$$

## Comments:

- Virasoro constraints are solved by a special choice of variables related nonlocally to original string coordinates
- Reduced and string theories: equivalent as classical integrable systems: Lax pairs are gauge-equivalent
- Although the reduction is not explicitly Lorentz invariant the resulting Lagrangian turns out to be 2d Lorentz invariant
- Reduced theory is formulated in terms of manifestly  $SO(n)$  invariant variables: “blind” to original global symmetry
- PR may be thought of as a formulation in terms of physical d.o.f. – coset space analog of flat-space l.c. gauge with 2d Lorentz symmetry unbroken

## PR for string in $AdS_d$

solve Virasoro for  $AdS_d$ :  $T_{++} = T_{--} = \mu^2 \rightarrow 0$  (no  $S^1$ )

[de Vega, Sanchez 93; Jevicki et al 07]

string in  $AdS_d$  (in conformal gauge)

$$Y \cdot Y = -Y_{-1}^2 - Y_0^2 + Y_1^2 + \dots + Y_{d-1}^2 = -1$$

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\tau d\sigma \left[ \partial Y \cdot \bar{\partial} Y + \Lambda(Y \cdot Y + 1) \right]$$

$$\partial \bar{\partial} Y - (\partial Y \cdot \bar{\partial} Y) Y = 0$$

$$z, \bar{z} = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma \mp \tau), \quad \partial, \bar{\partial} = \partial_\sigma \mp \partial_\tau$$

$$\partial Y \cdot \partial Y = 0, \quad \bar{\partial} Y \cdot \bar{\partial} Y = 0$$

$SO(2, d-1)$  invariant variables to solve Virasoro algebraically:

introduce basis vectors

$$e_i = (Y, \partial Y, \bar{\partial} Y, B_4, \dots, B_{d+1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d+1,$$

$$B_i \cdot B_j = \delta_{ij}, \quad B_i \cdot Y = B_i \cdot \partial Y = B_i \cdot \bar{\partial} Y = 0$$

define scalar  $\alpha$  and two sets of auxiliary fields

$$\partial Y \cdot \bar{\partial} Y = e^\alpha ,$$

$$u_i \equiv B_i \cdot \bar{\partial}^2 Y , \quad v_i \equiv B_i \cdot \partial^2 Y$$

get new form of equations of motion

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \alpha - e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha} \sum_{i=4}^{d+1} u_i v_i = 0,$$

$$\partial u_i = \sum_{j \neq i} (B_j \cdot \partial B_i) u_j, \quad \bar{\partial} v_i = \sum_{j \neq i} (B_j \cdot \bar{\partial} B_i) v_j$$

*AdS<sub>2</sub>* : Liouville equation

*AdS<sub>3</sub>* : one vector  $B_4$ , i.e.  $\partial u = 0, \bar{\partial} v = 0$

$$\partial \bar{\partial} \alpha - e^\alpha - u(\bar{z})v(z)e^{-\alpha} = 0$$

generalized sinh-Gordon equation: still conformally invariant

$$(u \equiv u_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}, v \equiv v_{zz})$$

get standard sinh-Gordon equation by formal redefinition

$$\partial\bar{\partial}\hat{\alpha} - \sinh \hat{\alpha} = 0, \quad \hat{\alpha}(z, \bar{z}) = \alpha(z, \bar{z}) - \ln \sqrt{-u(\bar{z})v(z)}$$

locally 1 physical d.o.f.

Solution depends on domain or boundary conditions.

cylinder topology: can fix residual conformal invariance as

$u = v = \kappa^2 = \text{const} \rightarrow$  sinh-Gordon equation

vacuum solution: “long” folded spinning string

multisoliton solutions: spiky string, etc.

Equivalence to string on  $AdS_2 \times S^1$ :

same sinh-Gordon theory as reduced theory

massive BMN geodesic in  $AdS_2 \times S^1$  mapped to

“long” folded spinning string

But recipes of reconstruction of target space coordinates

are **different** in  $AdS_3$  and  $AdS_2 \times S^1$  cases

(based on solving 1-st order system defined by

corresponding Lax connection)



Disc topology:

euclidean open-string (Wilson loop) surfaces

[Alday, Maldacena,2009; ...]

use for constructing classical string solutions

employing inverse scattering method

indirect computation of minimal surface area

Sphere with punctures:

recent applications to closed string scattering

i.e. 3-point functions of primary operators

[Janik, Wereszczynski 2011; Kazama, Komatsu 2011]

$AdS_4$  :

fixing conformal invariance (on cylinder) or by local redefinition  
eqs can be reduced to  $sl(3)$  Toda system

$$\partial\bar{\partial}\hat{\alpha} - e^{\hat{\alpha}} + \kappa^2 e^{-\hat{\alpha}} \cos \beta = 0, \quad \partial\bar{\partial}\beta - \kappa^2 e^{-\hat{\alpha}} \sin \beta = 0$$

introduce  $b = i\beta$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}\partial\hat{\alpha}\bar{\partial}\hat{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}\partial b\bar{\partial}b + e^{\hat{\alpha}} + \kappa^2 e^{-\hat{\alpha}} \cosh b$$

2 “transverse” d.o.f.

equivalence to  $AdS_3 \times S^1$  based on complex SG ?

[cf. Fateev, 1995]

*AdS*<sub>5</sub> :

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial \hat{\alpha} \bar{\partial} \hat{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \partial b \bar{\partial} b + \tanh^2 b \partial \zeta \bar{\partial} \zeta + e^{\hat{\alpha}} + \kappa^2 e^{-\hat{\alpha}} \cosh b$$

[Burrington, Gao, 2009]

Important:

- to hope to address quantum  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string  
can not use reduction in  $AdS_n$  only beyond classical level:  
Virasoro condition  $T_{\pm\pm} = 0$  “kills” all  $S^5$  fluctuations
- need Lagrangian formulation

Issue with PR for  $R_t \times S^n$  or  $AdS_n \times S^1$   
in early studies: eqs of  $n > 3$  reduced models  
(e.g. for  $S^n = SO(n+1)/SO(n)$ ,  $n > 2$ )  
were apparently non-Lagrangian

Resolution suggested in:

[K. Bakas, Q. Park and I. Shin, 1996]

$S^n = SO(n+1)/SO(n)$  sigma model is classically equivalent  
to an integrable massive theory:

$G/H = SO(n)/SO(n-1)$  gauged WZW model  
+ potential term

Fully justified/generalized in

[M. Grigoriev and A.T., (2007); J. Miramontes, 2008]

Similar general construction for  $AdS_n$   
appears to be not known

# PR for bosonic string on $R_t \times F/G$

$F/G$ -coset sigma model: symmetric space

$$\mathfrak{f} = \mathfrak{p} \oplus \mathfrak{g}, \quad [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}] \subset \mathfrak{g}, \quad [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{p}] \subset \mathfrak{p}, \quad [\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{p}] \subset \mathfrak{g}$$

$$J = f^{-1}df = \mathcal{A} + P, \quad \mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{g}, \quad P \in \mathfrak{p}$$

$$L(f) = -\text{Tr}(P_+P_-), \quad f \in F$$

$G$  gauge transformations:  $f \rightarrow fg, \quad g \in G$

global  $F$  symmetry:  $f \rightarrow uf, \quad u \in F$

classical conformal invariance: fixed by  $t = \mu\tau$

Currents  $J = \mathcal{A} + P$  as fundamental variables:

**EOM** :  $D_+P_- = 0, \quad D_-P_+ = 0, \quad D = d + [\mathcal{A}, \ ]$

**Maurer-Cartan** :  $D_-P_+ - D_+P_- + [P_+, P_-] + \mathcal{F}_{+-} = 0$

**Virasoro** :  $\text{Tr}(P_+P_+) = -\mu^2, \quad \text{Tr}(P_-P_-) = -\mu^2$

Main idea: first solve Virasoro and EOM;

then find reduced action giving eqs. resulting from MC

gauge fixing that solves  $\text{Tr}(P_+P_+) = -\mu^2$

$$P_+ = \mu T = \text{const}, \quad T \in \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{f} \ominus \mathfrak{g}, \quad \text{Tr}(TT) = -1$$

- choice of special element  $T$  : decomposition of  $\mathfrak{f}$

$$\mathfrak{f} = \mathfrak{p} \oplus \mathfrak{g}, \quad \mathfrak{p} = T \oplus \mathfrak{n}, \quad \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathfrak{h}, \quad [T, \mathfrak{h}] = 0$$

- $T$  determines  $\mathfrak{h}$ , i.e. defines subgroup  $H \subset G$
- $\text{Tr}(P_-P_-) = -\mu^2$  is solved by introducing  $g \in G$

$$P_- = \mu g^{-1}Tg$$

$D_-P_+ = 0$  is solved by  $\mathcal{A}_- = (\mathcal{A}_-)_\mathfrak{h} \equiv A_-$

$D_+P_- = 0$  is solved by  $\mathcal{A}_+ = g^{-1}\partial_+g + g^{-1}A_+g$

- thus new “current” variables:

$$g \in G, \quad A_+, A_- \in \mathfrak{h}, \quad [T, A_\pm] = 0$$

Remarkably, remaining MC eqs on  $g$ ,  $A_{\pm}$  follow from  
 $G/H$  gauged WZW action with integrable potential:

$$L = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(g^{-1} \partial_+ g g^{-1} \partial_- g) + \text{WZ term} \\ -\text{Tr}(A_+ \partial_- g g^{-1} - A_- g^{-1} \partial_+ g - g^{-1} A_+ g A_- + A_+ A_-) \\ -\mu^2 \text{Tr}(T g^{-1} T g)$$

Pohlmeyer-reduced theory for  $F/G$  coset sigma model

[Bakas, Park, Shin 95; Grigoriev, A.T. 07; Miramontes 08]

equivalent eqs of motion; equivalent integrable structure

special case of non-abelian Toda theory:

“symmetric space Sine-Gordon model”

[Hollowood, Miramontes et al 96]

potential term: equal to original coset sigma model action

Reduced equation of motion in the “on-shell” gauge  $A_{\pm} = 0$ :

Non-abelian Toda equations:

$$\partial_{-}(g^{-1}\partial_{+}g) - \mu^2[T, g^{-1}Tg] = 0 ,$$

$$(g^{-1}\partial_{+}g)_{\text{h}} = 0 , \quad (\partial_{-}gg^{-1})_{\text{h}} = 0 .$$

$F/G = SO(n+1)/SO(n) = S^n : G/H = SO(n)/SO(n-1)$

parametrize  $g$  by  $k_m$ ,  $\sum_{l=1}^n k_l k_l = 1$

get (in general non-Lagrangian) EOM for  $k_m$

$$\partial_{-}\left(\frac{\partial_{+}k_{\ell}}{\sqrt{1 - \sum_{m=2}^n k_m k_m}}\right) = -\mu^2 k_{\ell} , \quad \ell = 2, \dots, n .$$

Linearising around the vacuum  $g = 1$  ( $k_1 = 1, k_{\ell} = 0$ )

$$\partial_{+}\partial_{-}k_{\ell} + \mu^2 k_{\ell} + O(k_{\ell}^2) = 0$$

massive spectrum: non-trivial S-matrix (with  $H$  global symmetry)?



$$F/G = SO(n+1)/SO(n) = S^n :$$

parametrization of  $g$  in Euler angles (gauge fixing)

$$g = e^{T_{n-2}\theta_{n-2}} \dots e^{T_1\theta_1} e^{2T\varphi} e^{T_1\theta_1} \dots e^{T_{n-2}\theta_{n-2}}$$

integrating out  $H = SO(n-1)$  gauge field  $A_{\pm}$

leads to reduced theory that generalizes SG and CSG

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + G_{pq}(\varphi, \theta) \partial_+ \theta^p \partial_- \theta^q + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cos 2\varphi$$

gWZW for  $G/H = SO(n)/SO(n-1)$ :

$$ds_{n=2}^2 = d\varphi^2, \quad ds_{n=3}^2 = d\varphi^2 + \cot^2 \varphi d\theta^2$$

$$ds_{n=4}^2 = d\varphi^2 + \cot^2 \varphi (d\theta_1 + \cot \theta_1 \tan \theta_2 d\theta_2)^2 + \tan^2 \varphi \frac{d\theta_2^2}{\sin^2 \theta_1}$$

and similar for  $n = 5$

## Bosonic strings on $AdS_n \times S^n$

straightforward generalization:

$$L = \text{Tr}(P_+^A P_-^A) - \text{Tr}(P_+^S P_-^S),$$

$$\text{Tr}(P_\pm^S P_\pm^S) - \text{Tr}(P_\pm^A P_\pm^A) = 0$$

fix conformal symmetry by

$$\text{Tr}(P_\pm^S P_\pm^S) = \text{Tr}(P_\pm^A P_\pm^A) = -\mu^2$$

PR applies independently in each sector:

direct sum of reduced systems for  $S^n$  and  $AdS_n$

linked by Virasoro, i.e. common  $\mu$

for string in  $F/G = AdS_2 \times S^2$ :

$$\tilde{L} = \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + \partial_+ \phi \partial_- \phi + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\cos 2\varphi - \cosh 2\phi)$$

for string in  $F/G = AdS_3 \times S^3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L} = & (\partial\varphi)^2 + \tan^2 \varphi (\partial\theta)^2 + (\partial\phi)^2 + \tanh^2 \phi (\partial\chi)^2 \\ & + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\cos 2\varphi - \cosh 2\phi) \end{aligned}$$

# String Theory in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

bosonic coset  $\frac{SO(2,4)}{SO(1,4)} \times \frac{SO(6)}{SO(5)}$

generalized to GS string: supercoset  $\frac{PSU(2,2|4)}{SO(1,4) \times SO(5)}$

$$S = T \int d^2\sigma [G_{mn}(x) \partial x^m \partial x^n + \bar{\theta}(D + F_5)\theta \partial x + \bar{\theta}\theta\bar{\theta}\theta \partial x \partial x + \dots],$$

tension  $T = \frac{R^2}{2\pi\alpha'} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi}$

Conformal invariance:  $\beta_{mn} = R_{mn} - (F_5)_{mn}^2 = 0$

Classical integrability of coset model (Pohlmeyer et al )

same for classical  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring

extends to quantum level: 1- and 2-loop computations and comparison to Bethe ansatz (work of last 8 years)

# String Theory in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$AdS_5 \times S^5 = \frac{SO(2,4)}{SO(1,4)} \times \frac{SO(6)}{SO(5)} = \frac{SU(2,2)}{Sp(2,2)} \times \frac{SU(4)}{Sp(4)}$$

GS superstring:

replace  $\frac{\widehat{F}}{G} = \frac{\text{SuperPoincare}}{\text{Lorentz}}$  in flat case by

$$\frac{\widehat{F}}{G} = \frac{PSU(2, 2|4)}{Sp(2, 2) \times Sp(4)}$$

basic superalgebra  $\widehat{\mathfrak{f}} = psu(2, 2|4)$

bosonic part  $\mathfrak{f} = su(2, 2) \oplus su(4) \cong so(2, 4) \oplus so(6)$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{f}} = \mathfrak{f}_0 \oplus \mathfrak{f}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{f}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{f}_3, \quad [\mathfrak{f}_i, \mathfrak{f}_j] \subset \mathfrak{f}_{i+j \bmod 4}$$

$$\mathfrak{f}_0 = \mathfrak{g} = sp(2, 2) \oplus sp(4), \quad \mathfrak{f}_2 = AdS_5 \times S^5$$

$$J_a = f^{-1} \partial_a f = \mathcal{A}_a + Q_{1a} + P_a + Q_{2a}, \quad f \in \widehat{F}$$

$$\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{f}_0, \quad Q_1 \in \mathfrak{f}_1, \quad P \in \mathfrak{f}_2, \quad Q_2 \in \mathfrak{f}_3$$

**GS action:**  $I_{GS} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma L_{GS}$

$$L_{GS} = \text{STr}(\sqrt{-g}g^{ab}P_aP_b + \varepsilon^{ab}Q_{1a}Q_{2b})$$

**conformal gauge:**  $\sqrt{-g}g^{ab} = \eta^{ab}$

$$L_{GS} = \text{STr}[P_+P_- + \frac{1}{2}(Q_{1+}Q_{2-} - Q_{1-}Q_{2+})]$$

**Virasoro:**  $\text{STr}(P_+P_+) = 0, \quad \text{STr}(P_-P_-) = 0$

**EOM:**  $\partial_+P_- + [\mathcal{A}_+, P_-] + [Q_{2+}, Q_{2-}] = 0$

$$\partial_-P_+ + [\mathcal{A}_-, P_+] + [Q_{1-}, Q_{1+}] = 0$$

$$[P_+, Q_{1-}] = 0, \quad [P_-, Q_{2+}] = 0$$

**MC:**  $\partial_-J_+ - \partial_+J_- + [J_-, J_+] = 0$

now apply **Pohlmeyer reduction**

# Pohlmeyer reduced theory

## Bosons :

Virasoro solved by fixing special  $G$ -gauge  
and residual conformal diffs

$$P_+ = \mu T, \quad P_- = \mu g^{-1} T g, \quad \mu = \text{const}$$

$$g \in G = Sp(2, 2) \times Sp(4)$$

- $\mu$  = an arbitrary scale parameter – remnant of fixing residual conformal diffeomorphisms (cf.  $p^+$  in l.c. gauge)
- $T$  – fixed constant matrix =  $\text{diag}(I, -I, I, -I)$ ,  $\text{Str } T^2 = 0$
- selects  $H \in G$ :  $[T, h] = 0$ ,  $h \in H$   
 $H = SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$
- residual  $H$  gauge invariance of e.o.m. for  $g, A_{\pm}$
- **new bosonic variables :**  
 $g \in G = Sp(2, 2) \times Sp(4)$   
 $A_{\pm} \in \mathfrak{h} = su(2) \oplus su(2) \oplus su(2) \oplus su(2)$

**Fermions :**

impose partial  $\kappa$ -symmetry gauge

$$Q_{1-} = 0, \quad Q_{2+} = 0$$

$$\Psi_1 \equiv Q_{1+} \in \mathfrak{f}_1, \quad \Psi_2 \equiv gQ_{2-}g^{-1} \in \mathfrak{f}_3$$

residual  $\kappa$ -symmetry fixed by demanding  $\{\Psi_{1,2}, T\} = 0$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{f}} = \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp + \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\parallel, \quad [\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp, T] = 0, \quad \{\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\parallel, T\} = 0$$

**new fermionic variables :**

$$\Psi_R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \Psi_1^\parallel, \quad \Psi_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \Psi_2^\parallel$$

$\Psi_{R,L}$  expressed in terms of real Grassmann

$2 \times 2$  matrices  $\xi_{R,L}$  and  $\eta_{R,L}$ :  $8+8=16$  components

$$\Psi_{R,L} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_{R,L} \\ 0 & 0 & \beta_{R,L} & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta_{R,L}^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{R,L}^\dagger & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_{R,L} = \xi_{R,L} + iJ\xi_{R,L}J, \quad \beta_{R,L} = \eta_{R,L} - iJ\eta_{R,L}J$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Remarkably, exists local **action** for  $g, A_{\pm}, \Psi_{R,L}$  reproducing remaining classical equations:

**Gauged WZW model** for

$$\frac{G}{H} = \frac{Sp(2, 2)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)} \times \frac{Sp(4)}{SU(2) \times SU(2)}$$

with integrable potential and fermionic terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L} = & L_{\text{gWZW}}(g, A) + \mu^2 \text{Str}(g^{-1}TgT) \\ & + \text{Str}(\Psi_L TD_+ \Psi_L + \Psi_R TD_- \Psi_R + \mu g^{-1} \Psi_L g \Psi_R) \end{aligned}$$

• fields  $g, A_{\pm}, \Psi_{R,L}$  are  $8 \times 8$  supermatrices, e.g.

$$g = \text{diag}(a, b), \quad a \in Sp(2, 2), \quad b \in Sp(4)$$

•  $T = \frac{i}{2} \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1)$ ;

$$[T, h] = 0, \quad h \in H = [SU(2)]^4$$

•  $D_{\pm} \Psi = \partial_{\pm} \Psi + [A_{\pm}, \Psi], \quad A_{\pm} \in \mathfrak{h}$

invariance under  $H$  gauge transformations

$$g' = h^{-1}gh, \quad A'_{\pm} = h^{-1}(A_{\pm} + \partial_{\pm})h, \quad \Psi'_{L,R} = h^{-1}\Psi_{L,R}h$$

## Comments:

- integrable model classically equivalent to GS string
- 2d Lorentz invariant action with  $\Psi_R, \Psi_L$  as 2d Majorana spinors with **standard** kinetic terms; action quadratic in fermions (cf. GS string)
- 8 real bosonic and 16 real fermionic independent variables; fermions link bosons from  $Sp(2, 2) \times Sp(4)$
- 2d supersymmetry: in  $AdS_n \times S^n$  with  $n = 2$  (equivalent to  $N = 2$  super sine-Gordon); non-local in  $n = 3, 5$  cases
- $\mu$ -dependent interaction terms are equal to GS Lagrangian; gWZW terms are to produce MC eqs. (path integral derivation?)
- linearisation of e.o.m. in the gauge  $A_{\pm} = 0$  around  $g = \mathbf{1}$ : gives 8+8 bosonic and fermionic d.o.f. with mass  $\mu$  same as in string l.c. gauge action with  $\mu \sim J$  (BMN limit)
- Action  $I_{\text{PR}} = \frac{k}{8\pi} \int d^2\sigma \tilde{L}$ : meaning of  $k$ ?

Equations of motion in  $A_{\pm} = 0$  gauge:

fermionic generalization of non-abelian Toda equations

$$\partial_{-}(g^{-1}\partial_{+}g) + \mu^2[g^{-1}Tg, T] + \mu[g^{-1}\Psi_L g, \Psi_R] = 0$$

$$T\partial_{-}\Psi_R + \frac{1}{2}\mu(g^{-1}\Psi_L g)^{\parallel} = 0$$

$$T\partial_{+}\Psi_L + \frac{1}{2}\mu(g\Psi_R g^{-1})^{\parallel} = 0$$

$$(g^{-1}\partial_{+}g - \frac{1}{2}[[T, \Psi_R], \Psi_R])_h = 0$$

$$(g\partial_{-}g^{-1} - \frac{1}{2}[[T, \Psi_L], \Psi_L])_h = 0$$

PR model:

resembles both WZW model based on a supergroup

and 2d supersymmetric WZW model

(fermions have standard 1-st order kinetic terms)

2d supersymmetry?

GS: target space susy + kappa-symmetry

l.c. gauge in flat space: fermions as 2d scalars  $\rightarrow$  2d spinors

## Similar lower-dimensional models

$AdS_2 \times S^2$  :

$$\frac{\widehat{F}}{G} = \frac{PSU(1, 1|2)}{SO(1, 1) \times SO(2)}$$

$$G = SO(1, 1) \times SO(2), \quad H = \text{trivial}$$

PR: [sin-Gordon + sinh-Gordon] + fermions

$AdS_3 \times S^3$  :

$$\frac{\widehat{F}}{G} = \frac{PS[U(1, 1|2) \times U(1, 1|2)]}{U(1, 1) \times U(2)}$$

$$G = U(1, 1) \times U(2), \quad H = [U(1)]^4$$

PR: [complex sin-Gordon + complex sinh-Gordon] + fermions

## PR model for superstring on $AdS_2 \times S^2$

PR Lagrangian: same as  $n = 2$  supersymmetric sine-Gordon

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{L} = & \partial_+ \varphi \partial_- \varphi + \partial_+ \phi \partial_- \phi + \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\cos 2\varphi - \cosh 2\phi) \\ & + \beta \partial_- \beta + \gamma \partial_- \gamma + \nu \partial_+ \nu + \rho \partial_+ \rho \\ & - 2\mu [\cosh \phi \cos \varphi (\beta \nu + \gamma \rho) + \sinh \phi \sin \varphi (\beta \rho - \gamma \nu)]\end{aligned}$$

equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned}L = & \partial_+ \Phi \partial_- \Phi^* - |W'(\Phi)|^2 + \psi_L^* \partial_+ \psi_L + \psi_R^* \partial_- \psi_R \\ & + [W''(\Phi) \psi_L \psi_R + W^{*''}(\Phi^*) \psi_L^* \psi_R^*]\end{aligned}$$

bosonic part is of  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  bosonic reduced model if

$$W(\Phi) = \mu \cos \Phi, \quad |W'(\Phi)|^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{2} (\cosh 2\phi - \cos 2\varphi)$$

$$\psi_L = \nu + \nu \rho, \quad \psi_R = -\beta + \nu \gamma$$

2d supersymmetry will be manifest in the S-matrix

2d susy in PR models for  $AdS_3 \times S^3$  and  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ ?

non-standard 2d susy conjectured: remnant of  $\kappa$ -symmetry

[Grigoriev, A.T. 97]

found recently: non-local susy

[Goykhman, Ivanov; Hollowood, Miramontes 2011]

(4,4) susy in  $AdS_3 \times S^3$ ; (8,8) susy in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

“left” (8,0) part:

$$\delta_{\epsilon_L} g = g([T, [\Psi_R, \epsilon_L]] + \delta w)$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon_L} \Psi_R = [(g^{-1} D_+ g)^{\parallel}, \epsilon_L] + [\Psi_R, \delta w]$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon_L} \Psi_L = \mu[T, g\epsilon_L g^{-1}], \quad \delta_{\epsilon_L} A_{\pm} = 0$$

$$\delta w = \mu(D_-)^{-1} [\epsilon_L, (g^{-1} \Psi_L g)^{\perp}]$$

meaning of non-locality? need extra auxiliary d.o.f.?

implications for S-matrix?

find quantum-deformed supersymmetry in the S-matrix

[Hoare, A.T., 2011]

# Global symmetries

- 2d Poincare  $\mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^{1,1}$
- in string theory: part of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}$  left after choosing matrix  $T$  (cf. choice of BMN vacuum)

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{f}} = \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp \oplus \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\parallel, \quad [\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp, T] = 0$$

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp = \widehat{\mathfrak{h}} \oplus \{T\}, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}_1^\perp \oplus \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}_3^\perp, \quad \mathfrak{h} = \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}_0^\perp$$

hidden symmetry of PR theory?

- $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}$  = R-symmetry + fermionic part of 2d susy algebra:

$$\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \in (\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{1,1})$$

- 2d susy originates from target space/ $\kappa$  susy of string theory  
PR: target space susy  $Q$ 's become “charged” under 2d Lorentz  
– become generators of 2-d susy of PR theory
- 2d susy not manifest in the action beyond quadratic level:  
realized non-locally (locally in  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  case)  
appears as quantum-deformed  $U_q(\mathfrak{s})$  symmetry  
of the perturbative S-matrix ( $q = \exp(-i\frac{\pi}{k})$ )

$AdS_2 \times S^2$  :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{psu}(1|1) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(1|1)$$

$\mathfrak{s}$  equivalent to (2,2) susy algebra in 2d

no quantum deformation

$AdS_3 \times S^3$  :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = [\mathfrak{u}(1) \in \mathfrak{psu}(1|1) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(1|1)]^{\oplus 2} \ltimes \mathfrak{u}(1)$$

$\mathfrak{s}$  like (4,4) susy algebra in 2d

quantum-deformed symmetry of  $S$ -matrix

$AdS_5 \times S^5$  :

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2)$$

$\mathfrak{s}$  like (8,8) susy algebra in 2d

quantum-deformed symmetry of  $S$ -matrix



# Quantum PR theory

Reduction procedure may work at quantum level  
only in conformally invariant case (like  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string)  
Consistency requires that reduced theory is also UV finite

$g$ WZW + free fermions is finite;  
due to fermions  $\mu$  is not renormalized: remains arbitrary  
conformal symmetry gauge fixing parameter at quantum level  
[Roiban, A.T., 2009]

Thus reduced model is **2d Lorentz invariant**  
and power counting renormalizable – in fact, **finite**  
(cf. l.c. gauge fixed GS superstring)

## Relation between string and reduced theory at quantum level?

Path integral argument for equivalence?

reformulation in terms of currents –

analogy with non-abelian 2d duality

e.g. for principal chiral model  $f \in F$

$$\int [df] e^{-k \int \text{Tr}(f^{-1} \partial f)^2} = \int [dJd\zeta] e^{-k \int \text{Tr} L(J,\zeta)}$$

$$L = J_+ J_- + i\zeta(\partial_+ J_- - \partial_- J_+ + [J_+, J_-])$$

integrating out  $J$  gives dual theory for  $\zeta \in \mathfrak{f} = \text{algebra of } F$

bosonic  $F/G$  theory:

$$J = \mathcal{A} + P, \quad \zeta = u + v, \quad \mathcal{A}, u \in \mathfrak{g},$$

$$L = P_+ P_- + iu(F_{+-}(\mathcal{A}) + [P_+, P_-]) + iv(D_+ P_- - D_- P_+)$$

String-theory on  $R_t \times F/G$ : add conformal gauge conditions

$$\delta(T_{++} - \mu^2) \delta(T_{--} - \mu^2)$$

solve them algebraically by fixing  $J \rightarrow (g, A)$

classical equations are same as of PR theory

**plus** equations of  $u, v$

[ $SO(3)/SO(2)$  example: Mikhailov, 2005]

PR theory: no  $\zeta = u + v$  **but** extra  $g$ WZW term in the action  
quantum origin of  $g$ WZW term ?

quantum equivalence to original theory is thus not obvious  
still, equivalent integrable classical dynamics,  
same number of d.o.f.

More general “interpolating” theories  
with bigger phase space involving extra  $u, v$  ?

Quantum equivalence ? Compare partition functions

One-loop partition function:

semiclassical expansion near counterparts  
of rigid strings in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  leads to same  
characteristic frequencies – same 1-loop partition function  
[Iwashita, Hoare, A.T. 09]

$$Z_{PR}^{(1)} = Z_{string}^{(1)}$$

one-loop matching is not too surprising  
given classical equivalence but is still non-trivial:  
due to standard kinetic terms in reduced theory, etc.  
[not any two classically equivalent theories  
will have same 1-loop partition functions]

## Long folded $(S, J)$ spinning string $(m \sim \ln S, \mu \sim J)$

$$Y_0 + iY_5 = \cosh(m\sigma) e^{i\kappa\tau}, \quad Y_1 + iY_2 = \sinh(m\sigma) e^{i\kappa\tau}$$

$$X_1 + iX_2 = e^{i\mu\tau}, \quad \kappa^2 = m^2 + \mu^2$$

corresponding PR solution:

in  $AdS_3 \times S^1$

$$L = (\partial\phi)^2 + \coth^2 \phi (\partial\chi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 \cosh 2\phi$$

$$\phi = \ln \frac{\kappa+m}{\mu} = \text{const}, \quad \chi = -\frac{m}{\mu}\sigma$$

in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\kappa}{\mu}q & -\frac{m}{\mu}q & 0 \\ -\frac{\kappa}{\mu}q^* & 0 & 0 & \frac{m}{\mu}q^* \\ \frac{m}{\mu}q & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\kappa}{\mu}q \\ 0 & -\frac{m}{\mu}q^* & \frac{\kappa}{\mu}q^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = e^{-i\frac{\kappa^2\tau}{\mu}}$$

$$A_+ = \frac{i(m^2 + \kappa^2)}{2\mu} \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$$

$$A_- = \frac{i\mu}{2} \text{diag}(1, -1, 1, -1)$$

same fluctuations as in string case –

same 1-loop partition function:  $Z_{PR}^{(1)} = Z_{string}^{(1)}$

$\mu \rightarrow 0$  limit (rescaled by  $\kappa^2$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} m_{AdS_3}^2 &= 4, & 2 \times m_{AdS_5}^2 &= 2 \\ 5 \times m_{S_5}^2 &= 0, & 8 \times m_F^2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

String partition function: ( $f_{tot} = \sqrt{\lambda} + f$ )

$$\Gamma = -\ln Z = \frac{1}{2\pi} f(\lambda) \kappa^2 V_2$$

$$f(\lambda) = a_1 + \frac{a_2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$a_1 = -3 \ln 2, \quad a_2 = -K, \quad K = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^2} = 0.9159\dots$$

## String theory 2-loop correction :

$$a_2 = a_{2B} + a_{2F} = K - 2K = -K$$

Catalan's constant comes from sunset integrals with  $AdS_5$  modes transverse to  $AdS_3$  (i.e.  $m_{AdS_5}^2 = 2$ ) [Roiban, Tirziu, A.T., 2007]

$$I[m_1^2, m_1^2, m_1^2] \equiv \int \frac{d^2 p_1 d^2 p_2 d^2 p_3 \delta^{(2)}(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)}{(p_1^2 + m_1^2)(p_2^2 + m_2^2)(p_3^2 + m_3^2)}$$

$$I[4, 2, 2] = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} K, \quad I[2, 1, 1] = -\frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} K$$

$K$ -terms thus absent in  $AdS_3 \times S^3$  case [Iwashita, Roiban, A.T.]

$$AdS_3 \times S^3 : \quad a_1 = -2 \ln 2, \quad a_2 = 0$$

## Reduced theory 2-loop correction :

similar 2-loop computation gives ( $k$  as coupling constant)

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = -\ln Z_{PR} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \tilde{f}(\lambda) \kappa^2 V_2$$

$$\tilde{f}(\lambda) = \tilde{a}_1 + \frac{2\tilde{a}_2}{k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

$AdS_3 \times S^3$  case:

$$\tilde{a}_1 = -2 \ln 2, \quad \tilde{a}_2 = -(\ln 2)^2$$

if  $k = 2\sqrt{\lambda}$  this implies

$$\tilde{a}_1 = a_1, \quad \tilde{a}_2 = a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2$$

string and PR partition functions are closely related



$AdS_5 \times S^5$  case:

$$\tilde{a}_1 = -3 \ln 2 = a_1 ,$$

$$\tilde{a}_2 = -K - \frac{9}{4}(\ln 2)^2 = a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2$$

$K$ -terms match if  $k = 2\sqrt{\lambda}$

same pattern of  $K$  contributions as in string theory:

come from similar integrals

bosons  $\rightarrow +K$ , fermions  $\rightarrow -2K$

again get

$$\tilde{a}_2 = a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2$$

nontrivial: no other structures like  $I[4, 4, 4]$ , etc.

matching of  $K$ -terms is remarkable

suggests close relation between two quantum theories

precise relation between quantum partition functions?

explanation for  $-\frac{1}{4}a_1^2$  ?

$$k = 2\sqrt{\lambda} ?$$

compare classical actions:

$$I_{string} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d^2\sigma \text{Str}(P_+ P_- + \dots)$$

$$I_{\text{PR}} = \frac{k}{8\pi} \int d^2\sigma \text{Str} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (g^{-1} \partial g)^2 + \dots + \mu^2 g^{-1} T g T + \dots \right]$$

since  $P_+ = \mu T$  ,  $P_- = \mu g^{-1} T g$

potential plus Yukawa terms = superstring action

suggests identification  $k = 2\sqrt{\lambda}$

$k$  should not be quantized?

[different boundary conditions/solitons in massive theory  
as compared to standard massless gWZW model?]

# S-matrix of reduced theory: elementary excitations

[Hoare, A.T., 09-11]

Step towards exact solution: S-matrix

Integrable theory – determined by 2-particle S-matrix

expand action around trivial vacuum

$$g = \mathbf{1}, \quad A_{\pm} = 0, \quad \Psi_R = \Psi_L = 0$$

find two-particle scattering amplitude

for 8+8 elementary massive excitations

$$g = e^{\eta}, \quad \eta \in \mathfrak{g}$$

decompose  $\eta$  into coset (“physical”) and subgroup (“gauge”) parts

$$\eta = X + \xi, \quad X \in \mathfrak{m}, \quad \xi \in \mathfrak{h}$$

$A_+ = 0$  gauge: preserves 2d Lorentz invariance

Integrate over  $A_-$ : delta-function constraint on  $\xi$

$$\partial_+ \xi - \frac{1}{2} [X, \partial_+ X] - \frac{1}{2} [\xi, \partial_+ \xi] + \dots = 0$$

solving for  $\xi \rightarrow$  action for physical d.o.f.  $(X, \Psi_R, \Psi_L)$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L} = & \frac{k}{4\pi} \text{STr} \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial_+ X \partial_- X - \frac{\mu^2}{2} X^2 \right. \\ & + \Psi_L T \partial_+ \Psi_L + \Psi_R T \partial_- \Psi_R + \mu \Psi_L \Psi_R \\ & + \frac{1}{12} [X, \partial_+ X] [X, \partial_- X] + \frac{\mu^2}{24} [X, [X, T]]^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{4} [\Psi_L T, \Psi_L] [X, \partial_+ X] - \frac{1}{4} [\Psi_R, T \Psi_R] [X, \partial_- X] \\ & \left. - \frac{\mu}{2} [X, \Psi_R] [X, \Psi_L] + \frac{1}{2} [\Psi_L T, \Psi_L] [\Psi_R, T \Psi_R] + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

remaining symmetry: global part of gauge group  $H$

$$(X, \Psi_R, \Psi_L) \rightarrow h^{-1} (X, \Psi_R, \Psi_L) h$$

$1/k$  as coupling constant

basic fields  $X = Y \oplus Z$ ,  $\Psi = \zeta \oplus \chi$  in  $8 \times 8$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} SU(2)_1 & Y & 0 & \zeta \\ Y & SU(2)_1 & \chi & 0 \\ 0 & \chi & SU(2)_2 & Z \\ \zeta & 0 & Z & SU(2)_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

introduce bosonic  $(a, \dot{a})$  and fermionic  $(\alpha, \dot{\alpha})$  indices = 1,2:

$SU(2)_1: a$      $SU(2)_2: \alpha$      $SU(2)_1: \dot{a}$      $SU(2)_2: \dot{\alpha}$

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \partial_+ Y_{a\dot{a}} \partial_- Y^{\dot{a}a} - \mu^2 Y_{a\dot{a}} Y^{\dot{a}a} \\ & + \partial_+ Z_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \partial_- Z^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} - \mu^2 Z_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} Z^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} \\ & + i\zeta_{L a\dot{\alpha}} \partial_+ \zeta_L^{\dot{\alpha}a} + i\zeta_{R a\dot{\alpha}} \partial_- \zeta_R^{\dot{\alpha}a} - 2i\mu \zeta_{L a\dot{\alpha}} \zeta_R^{\dot{\alpha}a} \\ & + i\chi_{L \alpha\dot{a}} \partial_+ \chi_L^{\dot{a}\alpha} + i\chi_{R \alpha\dot{a}} \partial_- \chi_R^{\dot{a}\alpha} - 2i\mu \chi_{L \alpha\dot{a}} \chi_R^{\dot{a}\alpha} \\ & - \frac{2\pi}{3k} \left( Y_{a\dot{a}} Y^{\dot{a}a} \partial_+ Y_{b\dot{b}} \partial_- Y^{\dot{b}b} - Y_{a\dot{a}} \partial_+ Y^{\dot{a}a} Y_{b\dot{b}} \partial_- Y^{\dot{b}b} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

combine  $Y_{a\dot{a}}, Z_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \zeta_{a\dot{\alpha}}, \chi_{\alpha\dot{a}}$  into

$$\Phi_{A\dot{A}}, \quad A = (a, \alpha)$$

S-matrix acting on 2-particle state:

$$\mathbb{S} |\Phi_{A\dot{A}}(\vartheta_1) \Phi_{B\dot{B}}(\vartheta_2)\rangle = S_{A\dot{A}, B\dot{B}}^{C\dot{C}, D\dot{D}}(\theta, k) |\Phi_{C\dot{C}}(\vartheta_1) \Phi_{D\dot{D}}(\vartheta_2)\rangle$$

Lorentz invariance: two-particle S-matrix depends on

$$\theta = \vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2, \quad p_{i0} = \mu \cosh \vartheta_i, \quad p_{i1} = \mu \sinh \vartheta_i$$

$[SU(2) \times SU(2)]^2$  symmetry

Remarkably, resulting S-matrix **group-factorizes** :

$$S_{A\dot{A}, B\dot{B}}^{C\dot{C}, D\dot{D}}(\theta, k) = (-1)^{[B][\dot{A}] + [D][\dot{C}]} S_{AB}^{CD}(\theta, k) S_{\dot{A}\dot{B}}^{\dot{C}\dot{D}}(\theta, k)$$

- for generic integrable theory with  $G_1 \times G_2$  symmetry and fields in bi-fundamental representation:  
S-matrix should group-factorize
- happens in l.c. gauge  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring S-matrix invariant under product supergroup  $PSU(2|2) \times PSU(2|2)$  [Kloze,MacLoughlin,Roiban,Zarembo 06; Arutyunov,Frolov,Zamaklar 06]
- field contents of l.c. superstring and reduced theory are **identical** w.r.t. bosonic symmetry  $[SU(2)]^4$ ;
- superstring: integrability +  $PSU(2|2) \times PSU(2|2)$  symmetry
- PR model: integrability but no manifest supersymmetry; perturbative factorization suggests hidden supergroup symmetry

**S-matrix** : 10 functions  $K_n(\theta, k)$

$$S_{AB}^{CD}(\theta, k) = \begin{cases} K_1(\theta, k) \delta_a^c \delta_b^d + K_2(\theta, k) \delta_a^d \delta_b^c, \\ K_3(\theta, k) \delta_\alpha^\gamma \delta_\beta^\delta + K_4(\theta, k) \delta_\alpha^\delta \delta_\beta^\gamma, \\ K_5(\theta, k) \epsilon_{ab} \epsilon^{\gamma\delta}, & K_6(\theta, k) \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon^{cd}, \\ K_7(\theta, k) \delta_a^d \delta_\beta^\gamma, & K_8(\theta, k) \delta_\alpha^\delta \delta_b^c, \\ K_9(\theta, k) \delta_a^c \delta_\beta^\delta, & K_{10}(\theta, k) \delta_\alpha^\gamma \delta_b^d, \end{cases}$$

$$K_1(\theta, k) = K_3(\theta, -k) = 1 + \frac{i\pi}{2k} \tanh \frac{\theta}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

$$K_2(\theta, k) = K_4(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{k} \coth \theta + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

$$K_5(\theta, k) = -K_6(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{2k} \operatorname{sech} \frac{\theta}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

$$K_7(\theta, k) = -K_8(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{2k} \operatorname{cosech} \frac{\theta}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$

$$K_9(\theta, k) = K_{10}(\theta, -k) = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$



Compare to l.c.-gauge tree-level  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string S-matrix :

$\bar{K}_n \equiv (K_n)_{string}$  depend separately on 2 rapidities  
and  $\frac{1}{k} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$

$$\bar{K}_{1,3} = 1 \pm \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (\sinh \vartheta_1 - \sinh \vartheta_2)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_{2,4} = \pm \frac{8\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sinh \vartheta_1 \sinh \vartheta_2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_{5,6} = \frac{8\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sinh \vartheta_1 \sinh \vartheta_2 \sinh \frac{\vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_{7,8} = \frac{8\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sinh \vartheta_1 \sinh \vartheta_2 \cosh \frac{\vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_{9,10} = 1 \mp \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (\sinh^2 \vartheta_1 + \sinh^2 \vartheta_2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda})^2}\right)$$

## Tree-level S-matrix of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ PR model :

- unitary and crossing-symmetric
- satisfies group factorisation, but **not** Yang-Baxter equation (string S-matrix is not Lorentz inv. but does satisfy YBE)
- YBE “anomaly”:  
clash between relativistic invariance, trigonometric structure and manifest **non-abelian** symmetry  $H = [SU(2)]^4$
- $K_n$  are same as in q-deformed  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3$   
R-matrix of quantum-deformed Hubbard model  
[Beisert, Koroteev, 2008; Beisert, 2010]
- suggests that  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  symmetry should be **quantum-deformed** rather than manifest

# One-loop correction to S-matrix

1-loop corrections to 2-particle scattering from quartic Lagrangian:  
standard massive 2d Feynman graphs [Hoare, A.T., 2011]

$$K_n = \Phi_0(\theta, k) \widehat{K}_i(\theta, k)$$

$$\widehat{K}_1(\theta, k) = \widehat{K}_3(\theta, -k) = 1 + \frac{i\pi}{2k} \tanh \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{5\pi^2}{8k^2} - \frac{i\pi\theta}{2k^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

$$\widehat{K}_2(\theta, k) = \widehat{K}_4(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{k} \coth \theta + \frac{\pi^2}{2k^2} + \frac{i\pi\theta}{k^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

$$\widehat{K}_5(\theta, k) = -\widehat{K}_6(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{2k} \operatorname{sech} \frac{\theta}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

$$\widehat{K}_7(\theta, k) = -\widehat{K}_8(\theta, -k) = -\frac{i\pi}{2k} \operatorname{cosech} \frac{\theta}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

$$\widehat{K}_9(\theta, k) = \widehat{K}_{10}(\theta, -k) = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

$$\Phi_0 = 1 + \frac{\pi \operatorname{cosech} \theta}{4k^2} \left( i \left[ 2 + (i\pi - 2\theta) \coth \theta \right] - \pi \operatorname{cosech} \theta \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{k^3}\right)$$

to get idea of how to interpret/generalize this S-matrix study

special cases/truncations :

PR models for  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  and  $AdS_3 \times S^3$

## $AdS_2 \times S^2$ case

PR model equivalent to  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetric sine-Gordon.

Tree + 1-loop corrections agree with expansion of known exact S-matrix of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  susy SG

[Kobayashi, Uematsu 91; Ahn 91; Shankar, Witten 78]

$$S_{sg}(\theta, k) \otimes S_1(\theta, k) \otimes S_1(\theta, k)$$

$$S_{sg} = \frac{\sinh \theta + i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}}{\sinh \theta - i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}}$$

$$S_1 \sim \frac{\sinh \theta - i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}}{\sinh \theta + i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}} Y(\theta, k) Y(i\pi - \theta, k)$$

$$Y = \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - 1\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - 1\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l\right)}$$

manifestly invariant under (2,2) susy

which in PR model framework is interpreted as

$$\mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \in (\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{1,1}), \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp = \mathfrak{psu}(1|1) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(1|1)$$

## $AdS_3 \times S^3$ case

- here  $a, \dot{a}, \alpha, \dot{\alpha}$  are vector  $SO(2)$  indices  
4+4 fields  $Y_{a\dot{a}}, Z_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \zeta_{a\dot{\alpha}}, \chi_{\alpha\dot{a}}$  (with  $Y_{a\dot{a}} = \epsilon_{ab}\epsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}Y_{b\dot{b}}$ , etc.)  
can again be packaged into single  $\Phi_{A\dot{A}}$

- S-matrix again group-factorizes  
 $S_{AB}^{CD}$  expressed in terms of 12 functions  $L_n(\theta, k)$   
with similar tree ( $\frac{1}{k}$ ) and 1-loop ( $\frac{1}{k^2}$ ) terms

- $H = U(1) \times U(1)$  invariant S-matrix satisfies YBE

- **Supersymmetry** ?

by analogy with  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  case  
conjecture that it is determined by  $\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}^\perp$

$$\mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \in (\mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{t} \ltimes \mathfrak{u}(1) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{1,1}), \quad \mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{u}(1) \in \mathfrak{psu}(1|1)$$

**susy** :  $\mathfrak{t} \times \mathfrak{u}(1) \times \mathbb{R}^{1,1}$ ; should act on factor S-matrix  $S_{AB}^{CD}$

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{R}] &= 0, & [\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{L}] &= 0, \\
[\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}] &= \pm i \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}, & [\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}] &= \mp i \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}, \\
[\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}] &= \pm i \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, & [\mathfrak{L}, \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}] &= \mp i \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \\
\{\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}\} &= 0, & \{\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\mp\pm}\} &= \pm \frac{i}{2} (\mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{L}) \equiv \pm \mathfrak{A}, \\
\{\mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}\} &= 0, & \{\mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\mp\pm}\} &= -\mathfrak{P}_+, \\
\{\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}\} &= 0, & \{\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{S}_{\mp\pm}\} &= \mathfrak{P}_-
\end{aligned}$$

$\mathfrak{R}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}$ : bosonic  $u(1) \oplus u(1)$  generators

$\mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp} / \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}$ : 2+2 positive/negative chirality supercharges

$\mathfrak{P}_+, \mathfrak{P}_-$ : 2 central extensions – 2-d momenta

This is not a manifest symmetry of 1-loop S-matrix  
but **quantum-deformed** one:

$$\begin{aligned}
\{\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}, \mathfrak{Q}_{\mp\pm}\} &= \pm [\mathfrak{A}]_q, & q &= e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{k}} \\
[\mathfrak{A}]_q &\equiv \frac{q^{\mathfrak{A}} - q^{-\mathfrak{A}}}{q - q^{-1}} = \mathfrak{A} + \frac{2\pi^2}{3k^2} (\mathfrak{A} - \mathfrak{A}^3) + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

Action of symmetry on 2-particle states: **coproduct**  
should respect commutation relations – if deform the algebra  
need to replace standard Leibnitz rule

$$\Delta(\mathfrak{J}) = \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathfrak{J} + \mathfrak{J} \otimes \mathbb{I}$$

by deformed one for action of **fermionic** generators  
(abelian bosonic part not deformed):

$$\Delta(\mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}) = \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp} \otimes q^{-2\mathfrak{a}} + \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathfrak{Q}_{\pm\mp}$$

$$\Delta(\mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}) = \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp} \otimes \mathbb{I} + q^{2\mathfrak{a}} \otimes \mathfrak{S}_{\pm\mp}$$

Now use

(i) analogy with (2,2) supersymmetric  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  case

(ii) analogy with complex SG S-matrix

(iii) explicit tree-level +1-loop data

to conjecture **exact** (in  $1/k$ ) **S-matrix**

for elementary excitations of  $AdS_3 \times S^3$  PR model



# Exact S-matrix of $AdS_3 \times S^3$ PR model :

- assume q-deformed (4,4) supersymmetry is exact symmetry
- fix phase factor from unitarity, crossing and 1-loop data

$$L_{1,3} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ P_1(\theta, k) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta \pm i\pi}{2}\right)}{\cosh\frac{\theta}{2}} + P_2(\theta, k) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\theta \mp i\pi}{2}\right)}{\sinh\frac{\theta}{2}} \right]$$

$$L_{2,4} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ P_1(\theta, k) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta \pm i\pi}{2}\right)}{\cosh\frac{\theta}{2}} - P_2(\theta, k) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\theta \mp i\pi}{2}\right)}{\sinh\frac{\theta}{2}} \right]$$

$$L_{5,7}, L_{6,8} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ P_1(\theta, k) \pm P_2(\theta, k) \right]$$

$$L_{9,10} = \frac{i}{2} P_1(\theta, k) \frac{\sin\frac{\pi}{k}}{\cosh\frac{\theta}{2}}, \quad L_{11,12} = -\frac{i}{2} P_2(\theta, k) \frac{\sin\frac{\pi}{k}}{\cosh\frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$P_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{i\pi}{k}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{i\pi}{k}\right)}} \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{k} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{k} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{k} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{k} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ \times \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$P_2(\theta, k) = P_1(i\pi - \theta, k)$$

## What does this suggest about S-matrix of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ PR theory?

- perturbative tree + 1-loop S-matrix from Lagrangian theory has manifest bosonic  $H = [SU(2)]^4$  symmetry:

does not satisfy YBE

– subtlety in how integrability is realised?

- perturbative S-matrix closely related (by a rotation ?) to S-matrix satisfying YBE with  $H$  broken/deformed ?

- analogy with  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  and  $AdS_3 \times S^3$  suggests: expect **quantum-deformed** (8,8) supersymmetry related to

$$\mathfrak{f}^\perp = \mathfrak{so}(1, 1) \in (\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$$

bosonic part  $[su(2)]^{\oplus 4}$  is also quantum-deformed

- in similar bosonic  $G/H$  theories with non-abelian  $H$  conjectured soliton S-matrix has q-deformed symmetry

[Hollowood, Miramontes, 2009-11]

$q = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{k}}$  -deformation appeared in WZW-related contexts

Remarkably, exists **relativistic S-matrix** with such q-deformed supersymmetry that satisfies YBE [Hoare, A.T. 2011]:

is given by a trigonometric relativistic limit of 2-parameter q-deformed  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3$  R-matrix constructed by Beisert and Koroteev, 2008; Beisert 2010:

$$g \rightarrow \infty, \quad q = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{k}}$$

S-matrix depends on  $\theta$  and single parameter  $k$   
relation to Lagrangian-theory  $S$ -matrix supported by  
close connection at tree level:  
same coefficients, two S-matrices are related  
by a (non-unitary) rotation

this is a natural candidate for  
**exact S-matrix of  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  PR theory**  
Structure similar to S-matrix in  $AdS_3 \times S^3$  case

# Exact S-matrix of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ PR model (?)

10 coefficient functions  $J_n(\theta, k)$ :

$$J_{1,3} = P_0(\theta, k) \cos \frac{\pi}{k} \operatorname{sech} \frac{\theta}{2} \cosh \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \pm \frac{i\pi}{2k} \right)$$

$$J_{2,4} = \mp i P_0(\theta, k) \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{k} + \cosh \theta + \cosh \left( \theta \pm \frac{i\pi}{k} \right) \right] \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2k}}{\sinh \theta}$$

$$J_{5,6} = -i P_0(\theta, k) \cos \frac{\pi}{k} \sin \frac{\pi}{2k} \operatorname{sech} \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$J_{7,8} = -i P_0(\theta, k) \sin \frac{\pi}{2k} \operatorname{cosech} \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad J_{9,10} = P_0(\theta, k)$$

$$P_0(\theta, k) = \sqrt{\frac{\sinh \theta - i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}}{\sinh \theta + i \sin \frac{\pi}{k}}} Y(\theta, k) Y(i\pi - \theta, k)$$

$$Y(\theta, k) = \prod_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - 1\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\ \times \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l - 1\right) \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\theta}{2\pi} + l\right)}$$

- example of trigonometric solution of YBE  
with affine quantum group  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$  symmetry  
 $q$ -deformed symmetry  $U_q(\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$   
different from  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3$  symmetry  
of l.c. gauge superstring S-matrix

- conjectured S-matrix:  
supported by relation via fusion/bootstrap procedure  
to spectrum of solitons found by Hollowood and Miramontes  
[Hoare, Hollowood, Miramontes 2011]

- classical semi-symmetric-space sine-Gordon theory  
continuous spectrum of relativistic non-abelian Q-ball kinks  
moduli space:  $\frac{SU(2|2)}{U(2|1)} \times \frac{SU(2|2)}{U(2|1)}$  [Hollowood, Miramontes]  
Semiclassical quantization: discrete (and finite) spectrum  
 $m = \mu \sin \frac{\pi a}{2k}, \quad a = 1, \dots, k$   
 $a = 1$ ; perturbative states;  $a > 1$ : bound states  
semiclassical spectrum is exact: poles of  $S$ -matrix

# Conclusions

- PR model: special relativistic massive integrable finite model closely related to  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  superstring:
  - (i) classical equivalence + 1-loop partition functions match;
  - (iii) 2-loop partition function for infinite folded string:  
non-trivial – Catalan’s constant – part matches string result  
suggests relation between quantum PR and string theory
- S-matrix for perturbative excitations of PR theory:  
relativistic “analog” of magnon S-matrix in string theory
  - $AdS_2 \times S^2$ : equivalent to (2, 2) susy sine-Gordon theory
  - $AdS_3 \times S^3$ : fermionic generalization of CSG + CShG
    - S-matrix has novel q-deformed (4,4) 2d susy
  - $AdS_5 \times S^5$ : candidate for exact S-matrix with q-deformed (8,8) susy:  $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$

# Open questions

- deeper understanding of relation between string and PR theory at classical level: meaning of novel 2d susy?
  - precise relation of quantum string and quantum PR theory?  
 $k \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$ ? relation between quantum partition functions?  
relation between S-matrices?
  - origin of quantum deformation from Lagrangian point of view?  
q-deformed susy: relation to classical non-local 2d susy?  
reason for q-deformation of global  $H = [SU(2)]^4$  symmetry?
  - exact relation between perturbative  $H$ -symmetric S-matrix and YBE-satisfying S-matrix with q-deformed symmetry?
- Understanding PR theory will help us  
in solving quantum  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  string from first principles  
but will probably have other applications as well