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# Advances in integrable $\eta$ -deformations of superstrings

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## 1 Integrability

- Hamiltonian mechanics, 2D field theories, string theory

## 2 $q$ -deformations

- Drinfel'd Jimbo quantum group, case of superalgebras

## 3 $q$ -deformations of $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$

- string theory? quantum integrability?

## 4 Conclusions and outlook

# 1 Integrability

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Hamiltonian system with  $N$  d.o.f and  $N$  independent conserved quantities  $F_j$  in involution

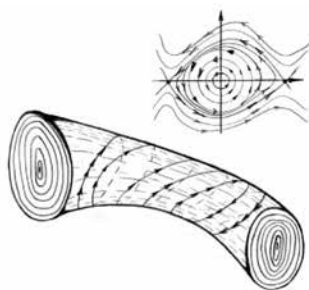
$$\{F_j, F_k\} = 0, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, N$$

→ Liouville integrable

→ Can be solved exactly

→ Lax pair  $(L, M)$

$$\text{e.o.m} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{dL}{dt} - [M, L] = 0$$



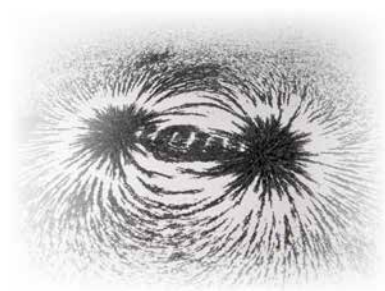
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Field theories have  $\infty$  many d.o.f

For 2D Field theories:

→ Lax pair

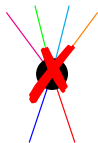
→ Factorised scattering



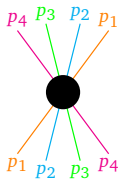
$$\text{In 1D:} \quad \text{e.o.m} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{dL}{dt} - [L, M] = 0$$

$$\text{In 2D:} \quad \text{e.o.m} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \partial_\tau \mathcal{L}_\sigma - \partial_\sigma \mathcal{L}_\tau - [\mathcal{L}_\sigma, \mathcal{L}_\tau] = 0$$

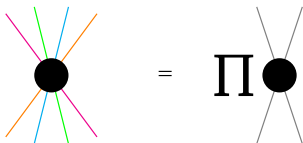
- No particle production



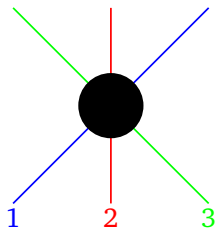
- Transmitted momenta

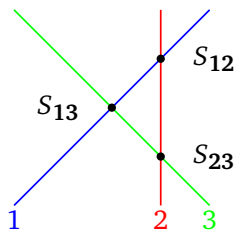
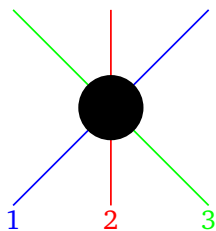
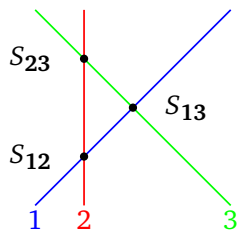


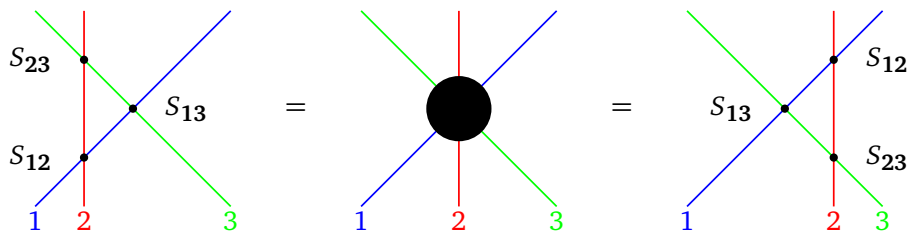
- Factorisation











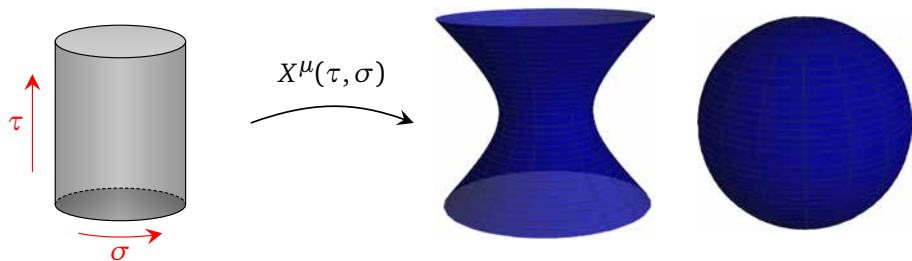
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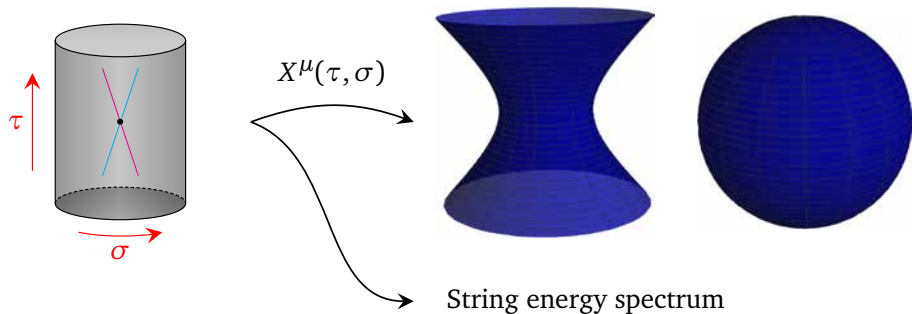
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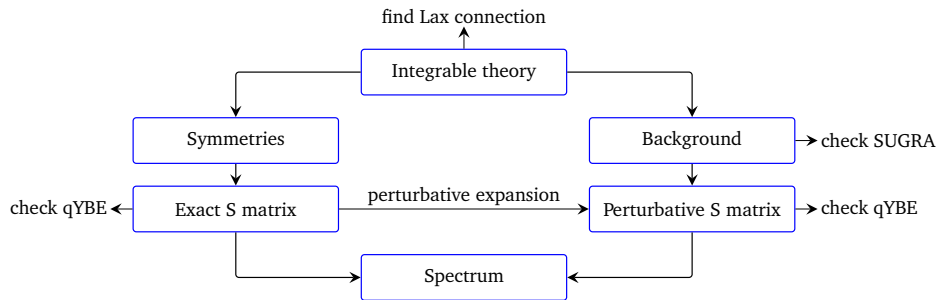
quantum Yang-Baxter equation

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- Applied with great success for  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$  superstrings, ...
- Goal: go beyond this most supersymmetric case!

## 2 $q$ -deformations

- Lie algebras are rigid objects that do not admit deformations
- Idea: consider larger structures

Universal enveloping algebras

Hopf algebras

⇒ Drinfel'd Jimbo type quantum group



$\mathcal{A}$	vector space over a field $K$
$\mu$	product
$\eta$	unit
$\Delta$	coproduct
$\epsilon$	counit
$S$	antipode map

$\mathcal{A}$  is a Hopf algebra if

- $(\mathcal{A}, \mu, \eta)$  is an associative algebra
- $(\mathcal{A}, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is a coalgebra
- $\mu(S \otimes \text{id})\Delta(X) = \mu(\text{id} \otimes S)\Delta(X) = \eta\epsilon(X)$

- Any Lie algebra can be promoted to a Hopf algebra

$$[H_j, E_k] = A_{jk} E_k \quad \Delta(H_j) = H_j \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H_j \quad S(H_j) = -H_j$$

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- The associated Drinfel'd Jimbo quantum group is

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$$[H_j, F_k] = -A_{jk} F_k \quad \Delta(E_j) = E_j \otimes 1 + q^{-H_j} \otimes E_j \quad S(E_j) = -q^{H_j} E_j$$

$$[E_j, F_k] = \delta_{jk} \frac{q^{H_j} - q^{-H_j}}{q - q^{-1}} \quad \Delta(F_j) = F_j \otimes q^{H_j} + 1 \otimes F_j \quad S(F_j) = -F_j q^{-H_j}$$

[Klimcik '02 '08]

[Delduc Magro Vicedo '13 '14]

[Sfetsos '13]

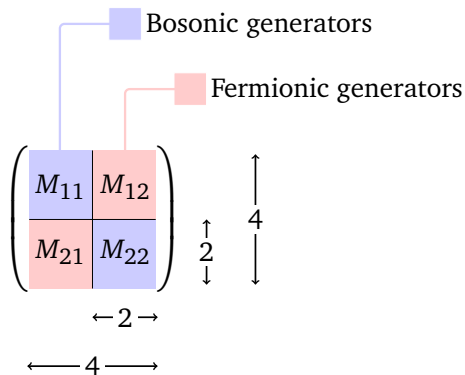
[Hollowood, Miramontes and Schmidt '14]

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$q \in \mathbb{R} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{“}\eta\text{” deformations}$

$q \in e^{i\mathbb{R}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{“}\lambda\text{” deformations}$

- Example:  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2|2)$



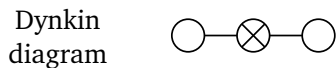
$$\text{STr}[M] = \text{Tr}[M_{11}] - \text{Tr}[M_{22}] = 0$$

Simple roots

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \oplus & + & + \\ - & 0 & \oplus & + \\ - & - & 0 & \oplus \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cartan matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & +1 & 0 \\ +1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & +2 \end{pmatrix}$$



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Dynkin diagram	$\bigcirc - \bigotimes - \bigcirc$	$\bigotimes - \bigcirc - \bigotimes$	$\bigotimes - \bigotimes - \bigotimes$

- Effect of the choice of inequivalent CW bases for superalgebras

$$(\mathfrak{g}, \text{CW}) \quad (\mathfrak{g}, \text{CW}')$$

- The associative algebras are isomorphic

$$[\omega(X), \omega(Y)] = \omega([X, Y])$$

- The coproducts are related by a twist

$$(\omega \otimes \omega)\Delta(X) = F^{-1}\Delta'(\omega(X))F$$

- What are the physical implications of this twist?

→ string theory?

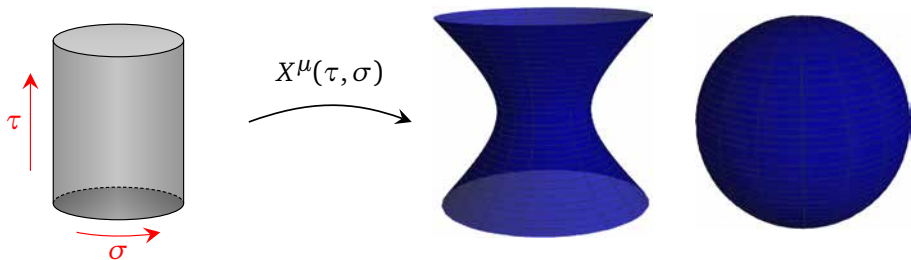
→ spectrum?

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\*  $q \in \mathbb{R}$



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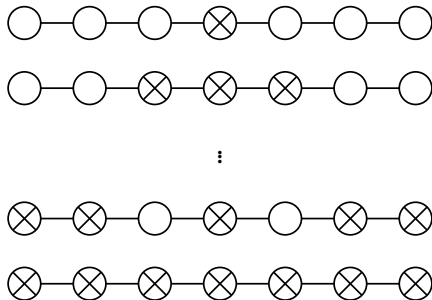


$$\text{AdS}_5 = \frac{\text{SO}(2,4)}{\text{SO}(1,4)} = \frac{\text{SU}(2,2)}{\text{SO}(1,4)}$$

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

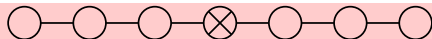
$$\frac{\text{PSU}(2,2|4)}{\text{SO}(1,4) \times \text{SO}(5)}$$

- Symmetry algebra  $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4)$  has many Dynkin diagrams



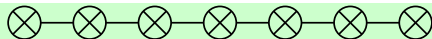
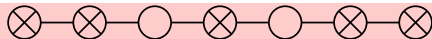
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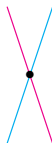
[Hoare Seibold '18]



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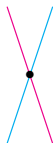
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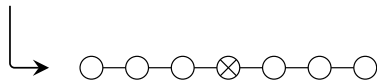
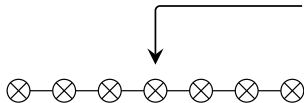
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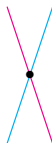


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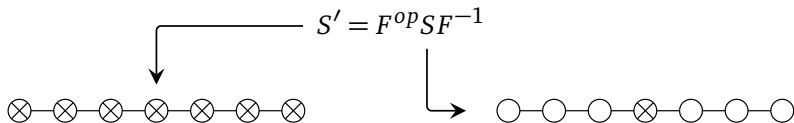
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[Beisert, Koroteev '08]  
 [Arutyunov, Borsato, Frolov '15]  
 [Seibold, van Tongeren, Zimmermann '20]



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- qYBE satisfied in both cases
- expansion matches the perturbative calculation in both cases

## 4 Conclusions & outlook

- An efficient way to generate new integrable theories is to deform already known ones
- A particular type of such deformations promotes the symmetry algebra to a quantum group:  $q$ -deformations
- NLSM realisation:  $\eta$ -deformations ( $q \in \mathbb{R}$ ),  $\lambda$ -deformations ( $q \in e^{i\mathbb{R}}$ )
- $\eta$ -deformations are not unique for superalgebras
- Only one type of  $\eta$ -deformation is a string theory
- The exact  $S$  matrices are related by a twist



- How does the twist affect physical observables: spectrum, ...
- Better understand the Weyl anomaly in  $\eta$ -deformations
- Connections between  $\eta$  and  $\lambda$  deformations: Poisson-Lie duality
- Understand  $q$ -deformations in the context of holography

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