

# Integrability in AdS/CFT: open problems

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# Summary

- the AdS/CFT correspondence
- arguments for integrability
- conjectured Bethe Ansatz equations
- spin chain vs. sigma model features
- connection with the Hubbard model
- TBA and finite size effects
- integrability and the amplitudes

# AdS/CFT correspondence

$\mathcal{N}=4$  gauge theory: superconformal symmetry  $\text{PSL}(2,2|4)$

conformal group  $\text{SO}(4,2) \cong \text{SU}(2,2)$

R-group  $\text{SO}(6) \cong \text{SU}(4)$

Field content  
SU(N) matrices:

$A_\mu, \Phi_I$  ( $I = 1, \dots, 6$ ),  $\Psi_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = 1, \dots, 4$ ) and derivatives



[Maldacena 97]

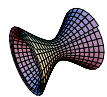

[Witten 98]

[Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov 98]

Type IIB string theory on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ : sigma model on  $\text{PSL}(2,2|4)/\text{SO}(4,1) \times \text{SO}(5)$

[Metsaev, Tseytlin 98]

# AdS/CFT correspondence

<p>'t Hooft coupling</p> $g^2 = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N}{16 \pi^2}$	<p>String tension</p> $T = 2g$
<p>Number of colors</p> $N$ <p>planar limit strong coupling</p>	<p>String coupling</p> $g_s = \frac{g}{N}$ <p>free strings classical strings</p>
<p>Local operators</p> $\text{Tr} (\Phi_{I_1} \Phi_{I_2} \dots \Phi_{I_L})$ <p>Scaling dimension <math>\Delta(g)</math> <math>R</math>-charges</p>	<p>String states</p> <p>Energy of the string <math>E</math> Angular momenta <math>J_a</math></p> $E(g), S_1, S_2, J_1, J_2, J_3$ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>

[Lipatov, 98]

# Integrability

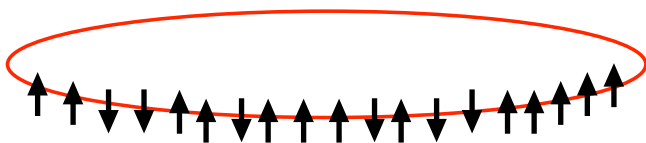
One loop dilatation operator  
=  
integrable spin chain

[Minahan, Zarembo, 02]

$$Z = \Phi_1 + i\Phi_2$$

$$W = \Phi_3 + i\Phi_4$$

tr ZZZWWZZZWZZZZ...



$$\hat{D}_1 = 2 \sum_{l=1}^L (1 - P_{l,l+1})$$

|| X

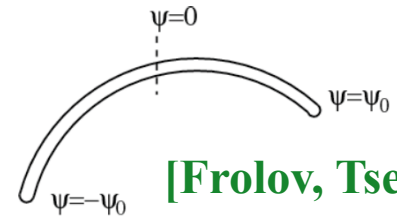
solution in terms of Bethe Ansatz equations

String sigma model  
is  
classically integrable

[Bena, Polchinski, Roiban, 02]

$$I = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\tau d\sigma \left[ G_{mn}^{(AdS_5)} \partial_a X^m \partial^a X^n + G_{mn}^{(S^5)} \partial_a Y^m \partial^a Y^n \right] + \text{fermions}$$

string solution, e.g.



[Frolov, Tseytlin, 02]

[Kazakov, Marshakov,  
Minahan, Zarembo, 04]

solution of the classical sigma model  
in terms of an algebraic curve

# Integrability

extends to the whole  $\text{PSL}(2,2|4)$  group

[Beisert, Staudacher 03]

survives at higher loops

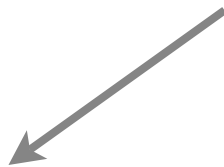
[Beisert, Kristjansen, Staudacher 03]

[Beisert 03-04]



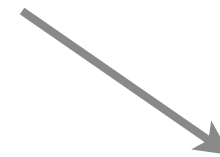
[conjecture]

There exists a model which is integrable for any value of the coupling constant  $g$



spin chain at  $g \rightarrow 0$

**perturbative N=4 SYM**

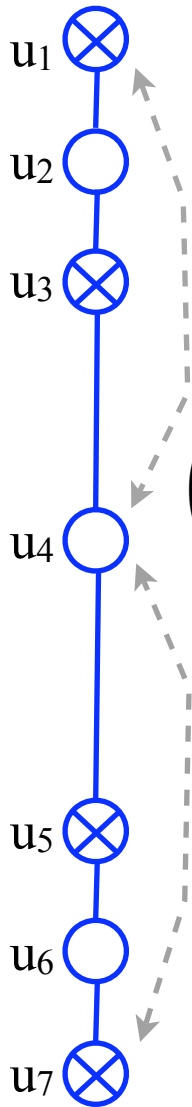


sigma model at  $g \rightarrow \infty$

**perturbative string theory on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$**

# The all-loop Bethe Ansatz equations

$\mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)$



$$1 = \prod_{j=1}^{K_2} \frac{u_{1,k} - u_{2,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{1,k} - u_{2,j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{1 - 1/x_{1,k}x_{4,j}^+}{1 - 1/x_{1,k}x_{4,j}^-},$$

$$1 = \prod_{j \neq k}^{K_2} \frac{u_{2,k} - u_{2,j} - i}{u_{2,k} - u_{2,j} + i} \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{u_{2,k} - u_{3,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{2,k} - u_{3,j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_1} \frac{u_{2,k} - u_{1,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{2,k} - u_{1,j} - \frac{i}{2}},$$

$$1 = \prod_{j=1}^{K_2} \frac{u_{3,k} - u_{2,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{3,k} - u_{2,j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{3,k} - x_{4,j}^+}{x_{3,k} - x_{4,j}^-},$$

$$\left( \frac{x_{4,k}^+}{x_{4,k}^-} \right)^L = \prod_{j \neq k}^{K_4} \frac{u_{4,k} - u_{4,j} + i}{u_{4,k} - u_{4,j} - i} \sigma^2(x_{4,k}, x_{4,j})$$

$$\times \prod_{j=1}^{K_1} \frac{1 - 1/x_{4,k}^- x_{1,j}}{1 - 1/x_{4,k}^+ x_{1,j}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_3} \frac{x_{4,k}^- - x_{3,j}}{x_{4,k}^+ - x_{3,j}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_5} \frac{x_{4,k}^- - x_{5,j}}{x_{4,k}^+ - x_{5,j}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_7} \frac{1 - 1/x_{4,k}^- x_{7,j}}{1 - 1/x_{4,k}^+ x_{7,j}},$$

$$1 = \prod_{j=1}^{K_6} \frac{u_{5,k} - u_{6,j} + \frac{i}{2}}{u_{5,k} - u_{6,j} - \frac{i}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{K_4} \frac{x_{5,k} - x_{4,j}^+}{x_{5,k} - x_{4,j}^-},$$

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[Beisert, Staudacher, 05]

[Beisert, 05]

[Arutynov, Frolov, Zamaklar, 06]

**Dressing factor**

[Janik'06;

Beisert-Hernandez-Lopez'06;

Beisert-Eden-Staudacher'06]

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{u}{g}$$

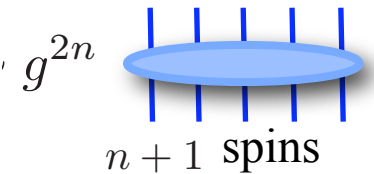
$$x^\pm + \frac{1}{x^\pm} = \frac{1}{g} \left( u \pm \frac{i}{2} \right)$$

magnon symmetry: centrally extended  $[\mathfrak{su}(2|2)]^2$

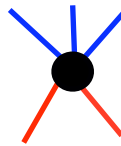
# Particular features of the N=4 SYM integrable model

spin chain

- one-parameter integrable super-spin chain
- long-range interaction ( $\sim$  Inozemtsev or Hubbard at half filling)



- length-changing interaction  $g^3$



- BAE only asymptotic ( $L \rightarrow \infty$ )
- crossing-like symmetry (particle/antiparticle)  $\rightarrow$  **dressing phase**

$$E(p) = \pm \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 p/2} - 1$$

- not (exactly) relativistically invariant
- scattering matrix does not depend on rapidity difference

sigma model



# Connection(s) with the Hubbard model

2 seemingly unrelated connections with the 1d Hubbard model

- su(2) sector reproducible from the Hubbard model at half filling (except for the dressing phase) **[Rej, Serban, Staudacher, 06]**

$$e^{ip_k L} = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i},$$

$$u(p) = \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{p}{2} \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}},$$

**[Beisert, Dippel, Staudacher, 04]**

$$E(p) = \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}} - 1$$

- Beisert's su(2|2) symmetric **S-matrix** ~ Hubbard Shastry's **R-matrix**  
⇒ hidden supersymmetry in the Hubbard model **[Beisert, 06]**

# The BDS model from Hubbard at half-filling

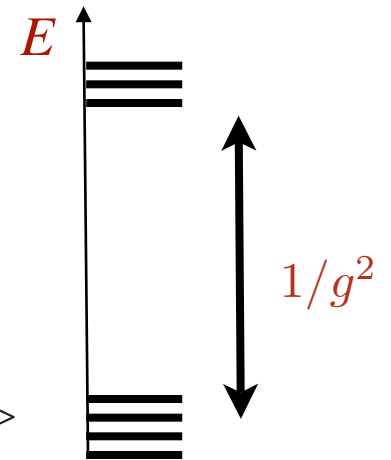
- itinerant fermions with onsite repulsion ( $U=1/g$ ):

$$H = \frac{1}{2g} \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \left( e^{i\phi_\sigma} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1,\sigma} + e^{-i\phi_\sigma} c_{i+1,\sigma}^\dagger c_{i,\sigma} \right) - \frac{1}{2g^2} \sum_{i=1}^L c_{i,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i,\uparrow} c_{i,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i,\downarrow} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi(L+1)}{2L}$$

- Hilbert space: 4 states per site:  $\circ \quad \uparrow \quad \downarrow \quad \uparrow\downarrow$

- at half filling  $N=L$  and  $g \rightarrow 0$  the spin states decouple:

singly-occupied states  $|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle$



- fluctuations  $\sim g^2$



spin permutation



XXX model

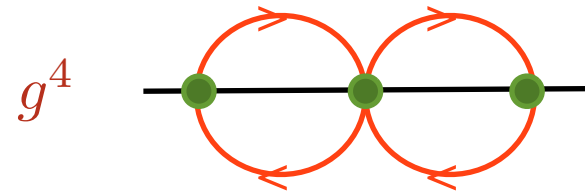
# The BDS model from Hubbard at half-filling

higher orders: itinerant fermion making  $2n$  step walks on the lattice

$$h_2 = (1 - P_{i,i+1}),$$

$$h_4 = -2(1 - P_{i,i+1}) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{i,i+2}),$$

$$h_6 = \frac{15}{2}(1 - P_{i,i+1}) - 3(1 - P_{i,i+2}) + \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{i,i+3}) \\ - \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{i,i+3})(1 - P_{i+1,i+2}) \\ + \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{i,i+2})(1 - P_{i+1,i+3}).$$



- coincides with the dilatation operator up to three loops
- corrects a result from [\[Klein, Seitz, 73\]](#)

# The BDS model from Hubbard at half-filling

Lieb-Wu equations (half filling): [Lieb, Wu, 68]

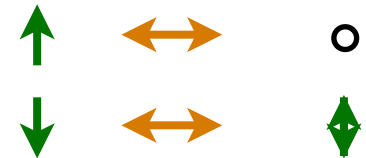
$$e^{i\tilde{q}_n L} = \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{u_j - 2g \sin(\tilde{q}_n + \phi) - i/2}{u_j - 2g \sin(\tilde{q}_n + \phi) + i/2}, \quad n = 1, \dots, L$$

$L$  large,  $M$  small

$$\prod_{n=1}^L \frac{u_k - 2g \sin(\tilde{q}_n + \phi) + i/2}{u_k - 2g \sin(\tilde{q}_n + \phi) - i/2} = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i}, \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

Shiba (particle/hole) transformation:

$$H(g; \phi, \phi) \rightarrow -H(-g; \pi - \phi, \phi) - \frac{M}{2g^2}$$



Dual Lieb-Wu equations:

$$e^{iq_n L} = \prod_{j=1}^M \frac{u_j - 2g \sin(q_n - \phi) - i/2}{u_j - 2g \sin(q_n - \phi) + i/2}, \quad n = 1, \dots, 2M$$

$$\prod_{n=1}^{2M} \frac{u_k - 2g \sin(q_n - \phi) + i/2}{u_k - 2g \sin(q_n - \phi) - i/2} = - \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^M \frac{u_k - u_j + i}{u_k - u_j - i}, \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$


# The BDS model from Hubbard at half-filling

Bound-state solutions (strings): [Takahashi, 72]


$L \rightarrow \infty$

complex momenta:  $q_1 - \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{p}{2} + i\beta, \quad q_2 - \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{p}{2} - i\beta$


$$u \pm i/2 = 2g \cos\left(\frac{p}{2} \mp i\beta\right)$$



$2g \sin(q_2 - \phi)$



$u$



$2g \sin(q_1 - \phi)$

$$u(p) = \frac{1}{2} \cot \frac{p}{2} \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}}$$

Lieb-Wu eq.  $\rightarrow$  BDS eq.

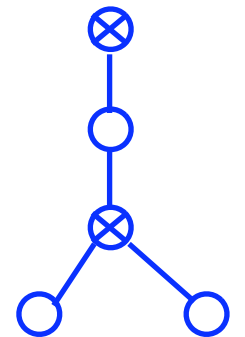
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$$E(p) = \frac{1}{2g^2} \left( \sqrt{1 + 16g^2 \sin^2 \frac{p}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

## But the Hubbard construction:

- does not extend to other sectors than  $su(2)$ , e.g.  $su(1|1)$
- does not take into account the dressing phase
  - is it possible to define an all-loop hamiltonian?
  - how to take into account the fine-size effects?

**Remark:** the  $su(2|2)$  symmetric S-matrix is also an essential ingredient of the new  $AdS_4 \times CP^3$  duality [Aharony, Bergman, Jafferis Maldacena, 08] cf [Gromov, Vieira 08]



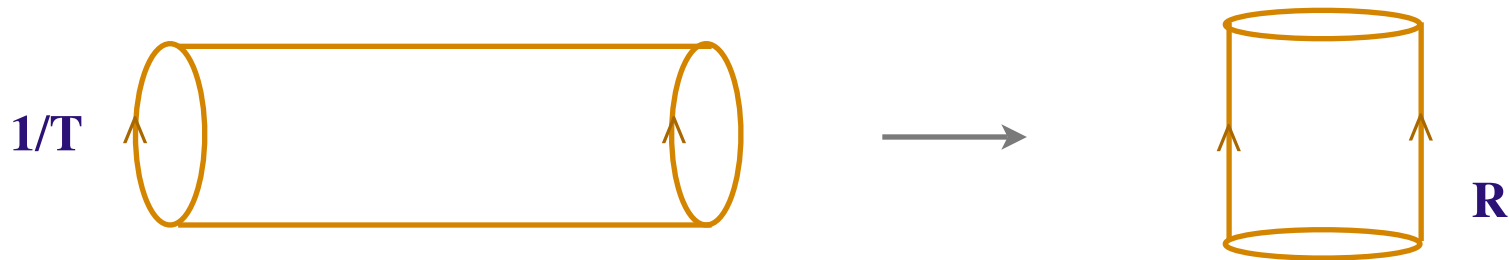
$OSp(2,2|6)$

# TBA program

Use the field-theoretical methods to compute finite-size corrections:

[Ambjorn, Janik, Kristjansen 05]

- Lüscher terms [Janik, Lukowski 07,...]
- put the theory on the cylinder and make a “double Wick rotation”  $1/T \rightarrow R$   
[Arutyunov, Frolov 07; Bajnok, Janik,08]
- **difficulty**: the rotated theory is not equivalent to the original one (“mirror theory”)



**simplest wrapping correction**: the four loop  $L=4$  (Konishi operator)

[Fiamberti, Santambrogio, Sieg, Zanon ,08]: perturbative computation in  $N=4$  SYM

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[Bajnok, Janik,08]: from TBA

# The origin of integrability?

**There is more in N=4 SYM than the dilatation operator...**

- the multigluon amplitudes have a particular structure at higher loops - > BDS conjecture **[Bern, Dixon, Smirnov 05]** (fails for  $n > 5$ )
- this structure was checked at strong coupling for 4 (and many) gluons **[Alday, Maldacena 07]**
- dual superconformal symmetry **[Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, 07-08]**  
(and duality between multigluon amplitudes and the Wilson loops with lightlike cusps)

**Is there any connection between this structure and the integrability?**

**[Berkovits, Maldacena, 08]**  
**[Beisert, Ricci, Tseytlin, Wolf, 08]**

**Integrable open spin chain for gluon amplitudes [Lipatov, 08]**



# Conclusion

- the AdS/CFT correspondence provides an unusual integrable structure
- it puts together many known integrable models into a highly symmetric structure
- the complete definition still not under control ( what is the hamiltonian?)
- what are the consequences of integrability on the overall structure of N=4 SYM?
- which are the other (integrable) dualities?