

The Spectrum of Classical String Theory
and
Integrability in the AdS/CFT Correspondence

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Plan of Presentation

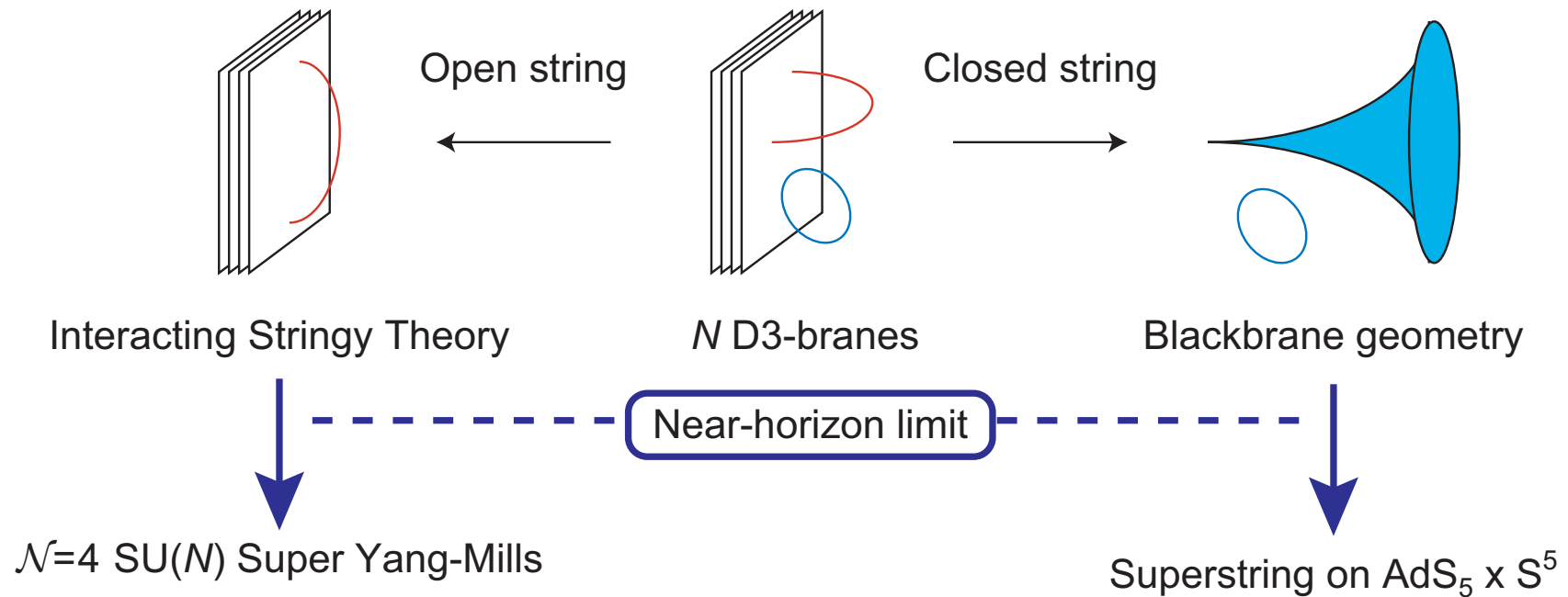
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Section 1

Introduction

Maldacena Conjecture

Maldacena, *Adv.Theor.Math.Phys.* 2 (1998)



Coupling constants: if $g_{YM}^2 = g_{str}$,

$$\lambda = N g_{YM}^2 (\ll 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = N g_{str} = R^4 / \alpha'^2 (\gg 1)$$

Basic Questions

Is Maldacena conjecture

(called **AdS/CFT correspondence**)

really correct?

If gauge theory and string theory

can describe the **same** physics,

then **how** both are related,

under the strong/weak duality?

Matching Global Symmetry

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM v.s. Superstring on $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$

$$psu(2,2|4) \supset_{\text{bosonic}} so(2,4) \times so(6)$$

R symmetry \longleftrightarrow Isometry of S^5

$$so(6)_R \text{ Cartan : } (J_1, J_2, J_3)$$

Conformal symmetry \longleftrightarrow Isometry of AdS^5

$$so(2,4) \text{ Cartan : } (\Delta \text{ or } E, S_1, S_2)$$

The Spectrum of Both Theories

Gauge Theory (CFT)

≡ **Eigenstates** of Dilatation operator Δ

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(x) \mathcal{O}_i(y) \rangle \sim 1 / |x - y|^{2\Delta_i}$$

Quantum effects **mix** different operators

⇒ Dilatation operator become **matrix** Δ_{ij}

String Theory (AdS)

≡ (Classical) **string states** on $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$

Correspondence of the Spectrum

Gauge theory

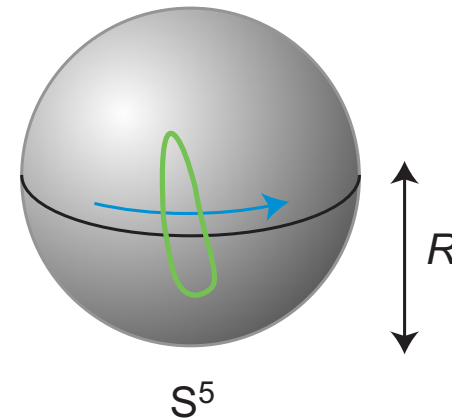
$$\mathcal{O} = \text{tr} \left[\Phi^{i_1} \Phi^{i_2} \right] + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{O}' = \text{tr} \left[\Phi^{i_1} \Phi^{i_2} \Phi^{i_3} \Phi^{i_4} \right] + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{O}'' = \text{tr} \left[\Phi^{i_1} \Phi^{i_2} \dots \Phi^{i_L} \right] + \dots$$

String theory

\leftrightarrow



- Prediction of the Maldacena conjecture
- Provide **strong evidences** by themselves

Correspondence of the Spectrum

Gauge theory

String theory

$$\Delta(\lambda; J_i, \{x_{\text{gauge}}^\alpha\}) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad E(\lambda; J_i, \{x_{\text{string}}^\alpha\})$$

- Need to know which corresponds to which
- Should consider a **family** of operators/strings

To know how to identify extra parameters:

$$x_{\text{gauge}}^\alpha = f^\alpha \left(\{x_{\text{string}}^\beta\} \right)$$

Section 2

Review of AdS/CFT

with Integrability

SYM Operator as Spin Chain

Complex scalars of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM:

$$(Z, W, X, \bar{Z}, \bar{W}, \bar{X})$$

Consider the $su(2)$ sector, $(L = J_1 + J_2)$,

$$\mathcal{O} \sim \text{tr} [ZZ \dots WZ \dots WZ] + \dots \quad \Delta \cdot \mathcal{O} = \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{O}$$

$$|\mathcal{O}\rangle \sim \text{tr} [\uparrow \uparrow \dots \downarrow \uparrow \dots \downarrow \uparrow] + \dots \quad H |\mathcal{O}\rangle = E_{\mathcal{O}} |\mathcal{O}\rangle$$

Dilatation operator $\Delta(\lambda)$ (at 1-loop) \leftrightarrow

Hamiltonian of $(XXX_{1/2})$ integrable spin chain

Minahan, Zarembo, *JHEP* 0303 (2003)

Diagonalize Δ using Integrability

1. Ansatz for the eigenstates of Δ

$$\mathcal{O} \sim \sum_{x_1 < x_2} \left\{ e^{ip_1 x_1 + ip_2 x_2} + S(p_2, p_1) e^{ip_2 x_1 + ip_1 x_2} \right\} |\dots ZWZ \dots WZ \dots\rangle$$

2. Periodicity condition = **Bethe Ansatz**

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^{J_2} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi^2} \frac{1}{u_j^2 + \frac{1}{4}}, \quad e^{ip_j L} = \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{u_j - u_k + i}{u_j - u_k - i}, \quad u_j \equiv \frac{1}{2} \cot \left(\frac{p_j}{2} \right)$$

3. Thermodynamic limit (\sim Integral equation)

\Rightarrow Solution as **an algebraic curve**

Classical Integrability of Strings

1. Rewrite e.o.m. on $\mathbb{R}_t \times S^3$ in **Lax-pair form**

$$E.o.M. \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [\partial_\sigma - L(x), \partial_\tau - M(x)] = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{CP}^1$$

2. Monodromy matrix defines **spectral curve**

$$\Omega(x) \equiv \bar{P} \exp \left(\oint d\sigma L(x; \tau, \sigma) \right), \quad \det (y \mathbf{1}_2 - \Omega(x)) = 0$$

3. Constraints on $p(x)$, $\Omega(x) \sim \text{diag} (e^{ip}, e^{-ip})$

Comparison of Integrability

Gauge theory

Diagonalize Δ
by **Bethe Ansatz**

Rapidity $\tilde{x}L \equiv u = \frac{1}{2} \cot\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)$

String theory

Rewrite e.o.m.
in **Lax-pair form**

Quasi-momentum $p(x)$

Introduce the density $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x})$ and $\rho(x)$, (& rescale x)

$$\Delta - L = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2 L} \oint_C d\tilde{x} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x})}{\tilde{x}^2} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2 J} \oint_C dx \frac{\rho(x)}{x^2} = E - J$$

Formal agreement at one-loop in $\tilde{\lambda} \equiv \lambda/J^2$

Correspondence at $L(\text{or } J) = \infty$

Beisert, hep-th/0511082

Bethe Ansatz conjectured to **all orders in λ**

- **Dispersion** for an elementary magnon

$$\varepsilon_1(p) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)}$$

$$Q\text{-magnon boundstate : } \varepsilon_Q(p) = \sqrt{Q^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)}$$

- The $su(2|2)^2$ invariant two-body **S-matrix**

$$\hat{S}(x^\pm, y^\pm) = S_0 \left[\hat{S}_{su(2|2)_L} \otimes \hat{S}_{su(2|2)_R} \right]$$

Input in $su(2)$ sector & Symmetry \rightarrow The $su(2|2)^2$ S-matrix

Section 3

Sine-Gordon

and Classical Strings

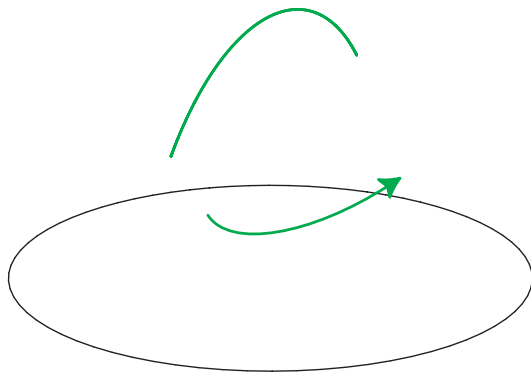
[Okamura, R.S.] *Phys. Rev.* **D75** (2007) 046001

On Classical String Solutions

Different ways of comparison in different limits:

Folded spinning string

\leftrightarrow Symmetric 2-cut sol.

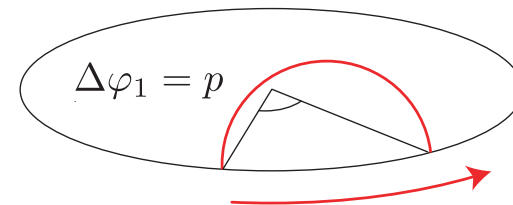


Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov
Nucl. Phys. **B636** (2002)

Frolov, Tseytlin, *Phys. Lett.* **B570** (2003)

(Dyonic) giant magnon

$E - J_1 = \varepsilon_1(p)$ and $E, J_1 = \infty$



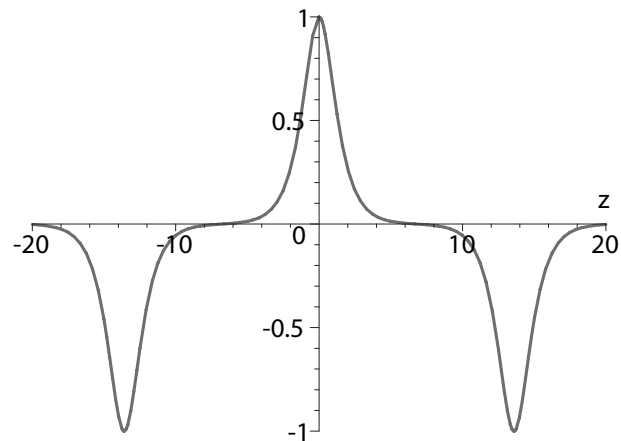
Hofman, Maldacena, *J. Phys.* **A39** (2006)

Chen, Dorey, Okamura, *JHEP* **0609** (2006)

Perspective from Sine-Gordon

Classical string on $\mathbb{R}_t \times S^2 \longrightarrow$ sine-Gordon solution

Helical-wave at rest



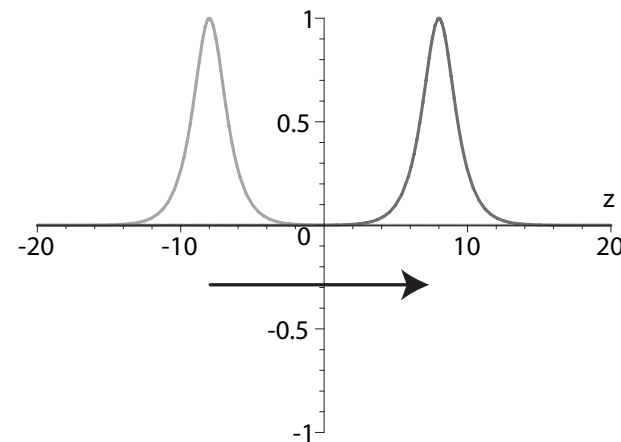
$$\ell = 4\mathbf{K}(k)$$

$$v = 0$$

Periodicity

Velocity

Moving one-soliton



$$\ell = \mathbf{K}(1) = \infty$$

$$v = \cos(p/2)$$

Pohlmeyer-Lund-Regge Reduction

String e.o.m. on S^3 , with $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \equiv (X_{1+i2}, X_{3+i4})$

$$\partial_a \partial^a \vec{\zeta} + \left(\partial_a \vec{\zeta}^* \cdot \partial^a \vec{\zeta} \right) \vec{\zeta} = 0$$

Define $\psi \equiv \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) e^{i\frac{\beta}{2}}$, with $K_i \equiv \epsilon_{ijkl} X^j \partial_+ X^k \partial_- X^l$

$$\cos \alpha \equiv -\partial_+ \vec{X} \cdot \partial_- \vec{X}, \quad \partial_{\pm} \beta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \equiv \pm \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\pm}^2 \vec{X} \cdot \vec{K}$$

$\vec{\zeta}(\tau, \sigma)$: any classical string solution on $\mathbb{R}_t \times S^3 \Rightarrow$

$\psi(\tau, \sigma)$ solves **Complex sine-Gordon equations**

The Solution Connecting Them

Complex sine-Gordon (CsG) Model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{-\partial_\tau \psi^* \partial_\tau \psi + \partial_\sigma \psi^* \partial_\sigma \psi}{1 - \psi^* \psi} + \psi^* \psi$$

\Rightarrow Solutions with **general k and v** exist

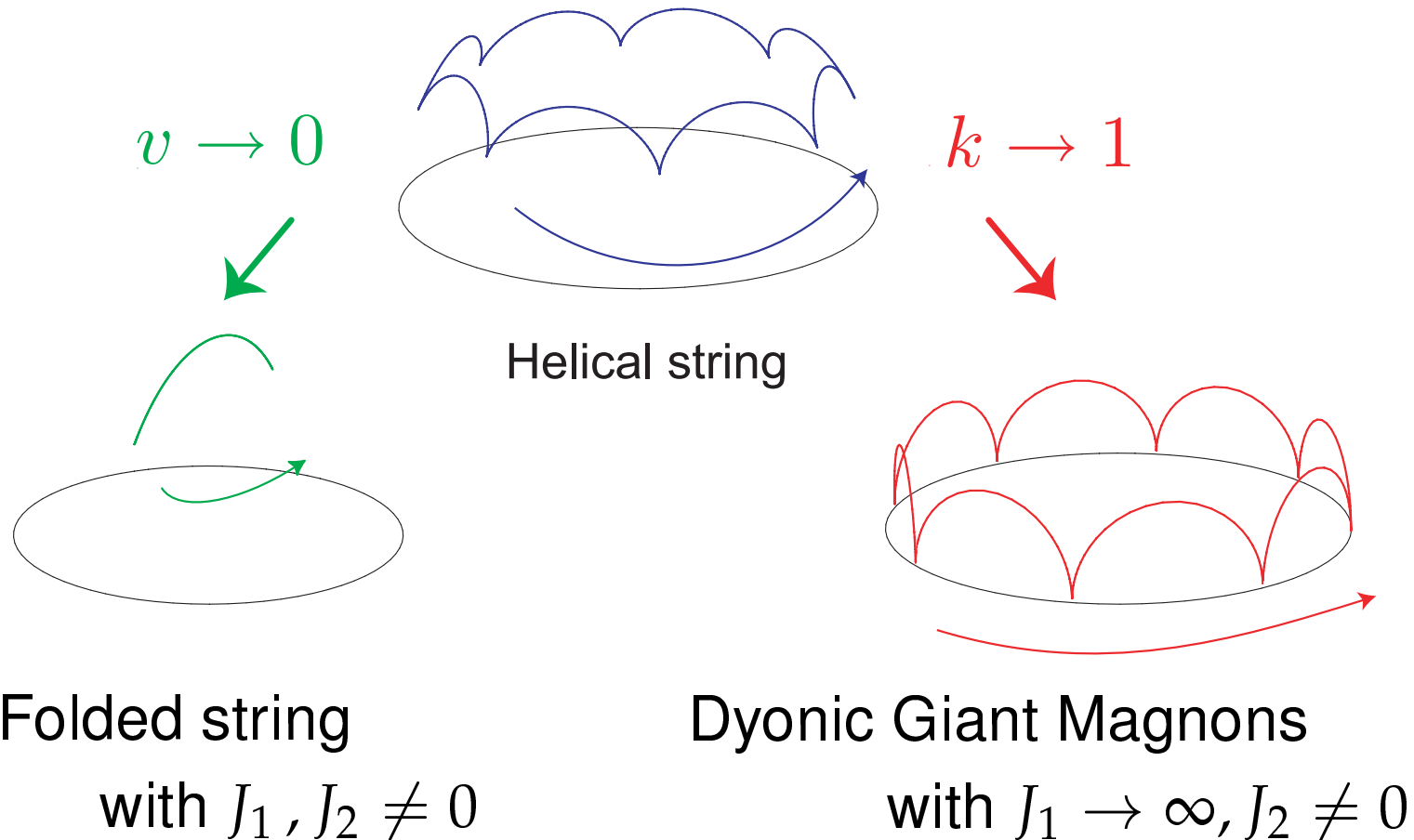
Can construct corresponding classical strings?

\rightarrow Consider **the inverse of PLR reduction**

ψ_{cn} : helical wave sol. \rightsquigarrow $\vec{\zeta}$: "Helical string"

Helical Spinning Strings

Spacetime profile of type (i) solution:



Charges and Winding Numbers

Parameters: $(k, v, u_1, u_2) \leftrightarrow (J_1, J_2, N_1, N_2)$

$$\mathcal{E} = na (1 - v^2) \mathbf{K}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = \frac{nC^2 u_1}{k^2} \left[-\mathbf{E} + \left(\operatorname{dn}^2(i\omega_1) + \frac{vk^2}{u_1} i \operatorname{sn}(i\omega_1) \operatorname{cn}(i\omega_1) \operatorname{dn}(i\omega_1) \right) \mathbf{K} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = \frac{nC^2 u_2}{k^2} \left[\mathbf{E} + (1 - k^2) \left(\frac{\operatorname{sn}^2(i\omega_2)}{\operatorname{cn}^2(i\omega_2)} - \frac{v}{u_2} \frac{i \operatorname{sn}(i\omega_2) \operatorname{dn}(i\omega_2)}{\operatorname{cn}^3(i\omega_2)} \right) \mathbf{K} \right]$$

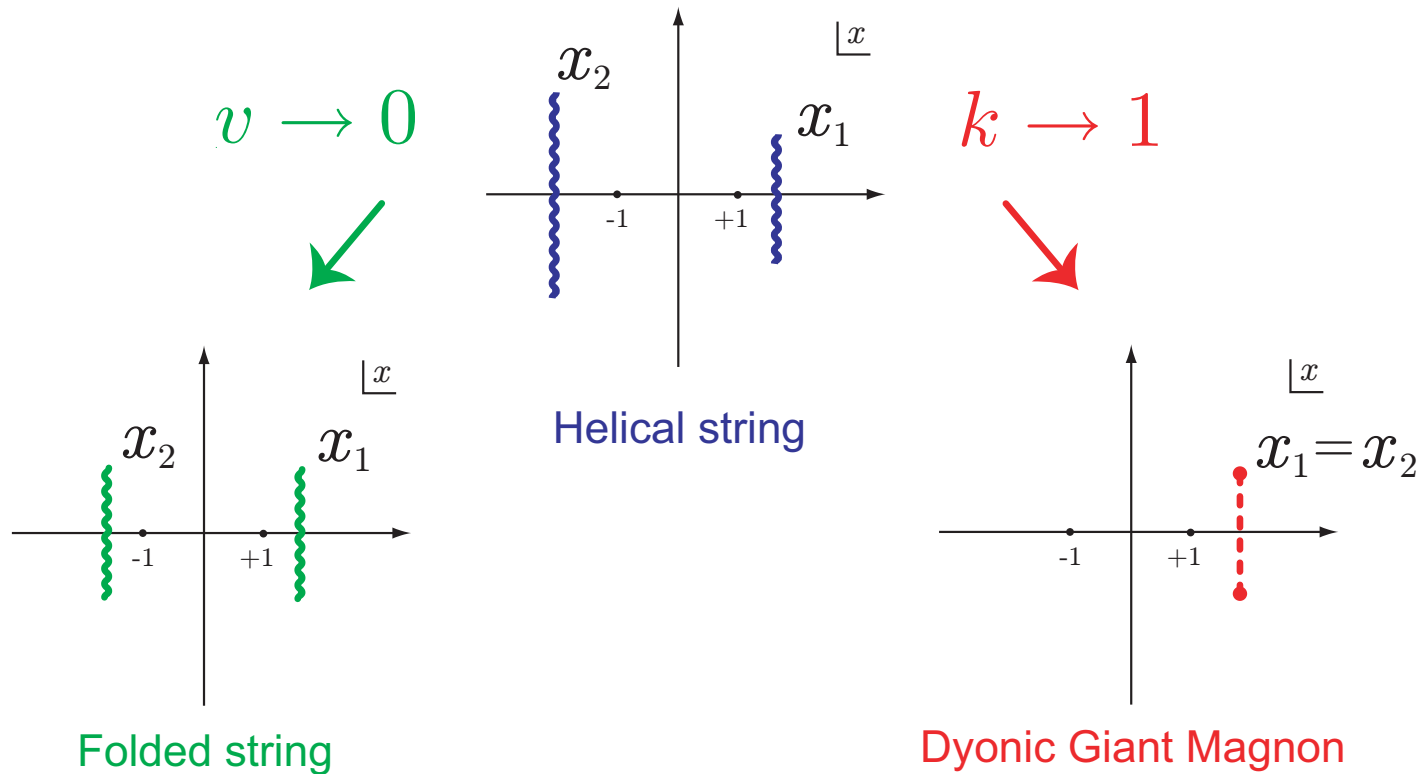
$$\frac{2\pi N_1}{n} = 2\mathbf{K} (-iZ_0(i\omega_1) - v u_1) + (2n'_1 + 1)\pi$$

$$\frac{2\pi N_2}{n} = 2\mathbf{K} (-iZ_2(i\omega_2) - v u_2) + 2n'_2 \pi$$

Finite-Gap interpretation

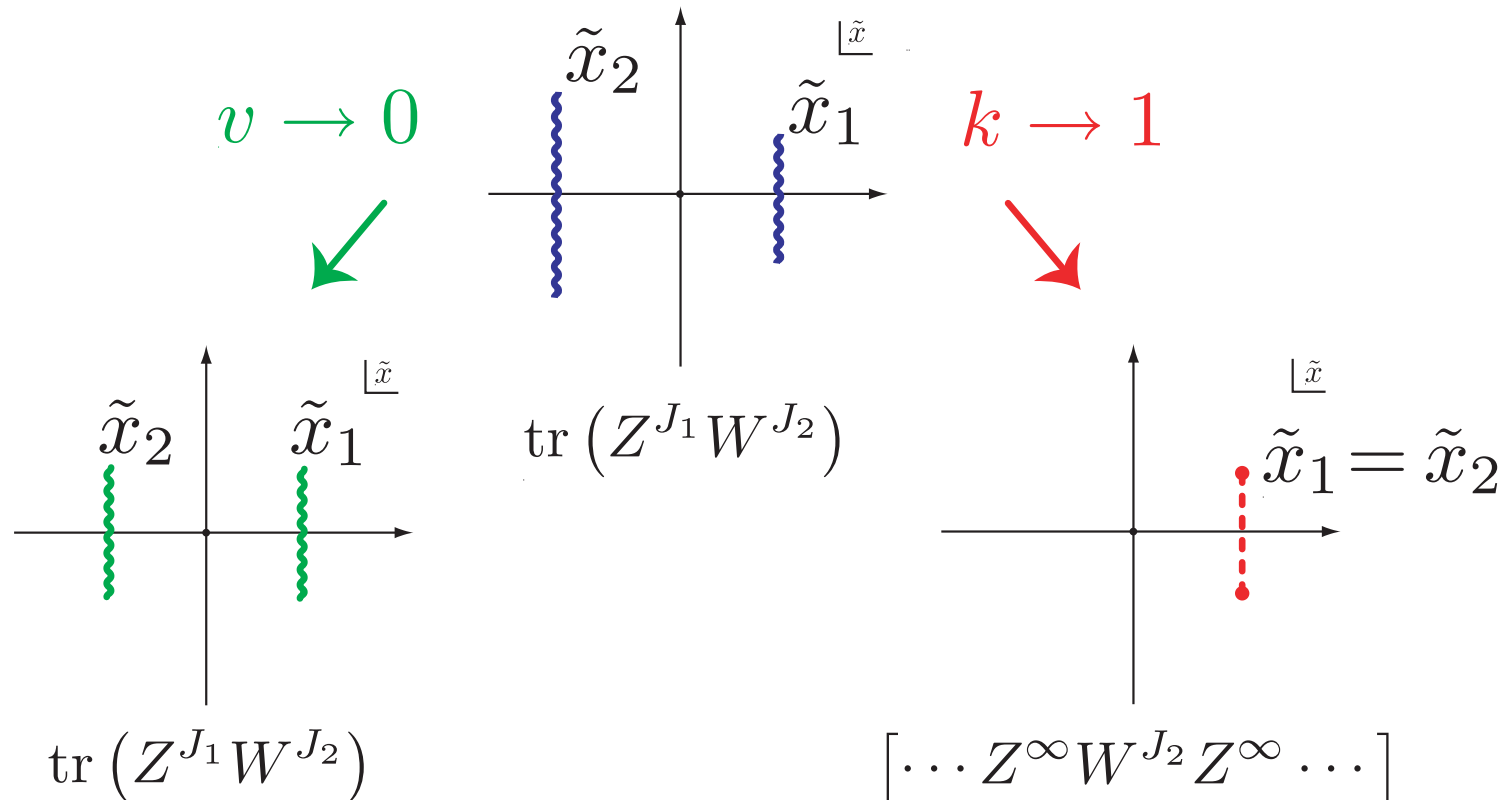
Vicedo, arXiv:hep-th/0703180

Helical strings = General 2-cut FG solutions



On Gauge Theory Dual

FG sol. \leftrightarrow Algebraic curve from Bethe Ansatz



Section 4

Finite-Size Effects

[Hatsuda, R.S.] hep-th/0801.0747


The All-loop Bethe Ansatz

Correspondence at infinite L :

(Classical) AdS

(Perturbative) CFT

$\lambda \gg 1$ 

 $\lambda \ll 1$

Conjectured Bethe Ansatz
(Dispersion and S-matrix)

... breaks down at finite L , because

- **Wrapping interaction** starting at $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^L)$
- **Exponential correction** (1-loop in $\lambda^{-1/2}$) $\sim e^{-cJ}$

Beyond the All-loop Bethe Ansatz

How to check AdS/CFT at finite L ?

(Classical) AdS

(Perturbative)CFT

$\lambda \gg 1$ 

 $\lambda \ll 1$

Effective Field Theory

(Generalized Luscher formula)

Use information of **the infinite- L theory** (exact in λ)
to predict the leading $L < \infty$ correction

On Exponential Corrections

Finite- J correction to giant magnon is $\sim e^{-cJ}$

[Arutyunov, Frolov, Zamaklar], [Astolfi, Forini, Grignani, Semenoff]

Can Evaluate in two ways Janik, Łukowski, *Phys. Rev. D* **76** (2007)

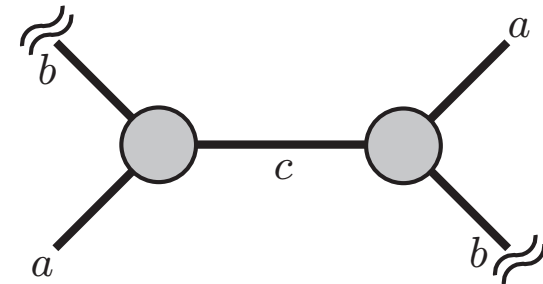
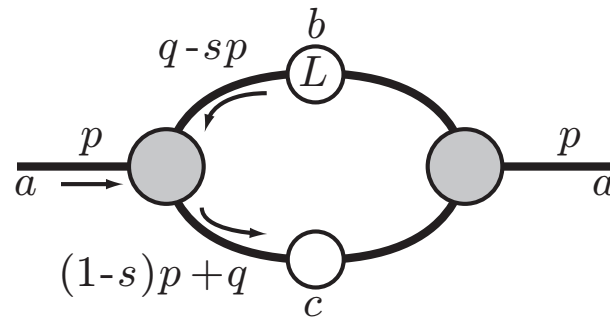
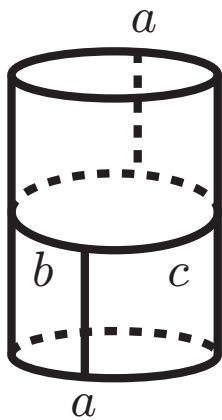
- Asymptotics of **classical strings**
- The generalized **Lüscher formula**

The **leading** correction to **dyonic giant magnon**:

$$\delta [E - J_1] = \left\{ \alpha_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \alpha_1 + \dots \right\} e^{-cJ_1} + \mathcal{O} \left(e^{-c'J_1} \right)$$

The generalized Lüscher formula

$\delta\varepsilon_a(p) \leftrightarrow$ finite-size self-energy $\Sigma_L(p)$
 $\leftrightarrow [a + b \rightarrow a + b]$ scattering process



b, c on-shell \Rightarrow **Poles** of the $su(2|2)^2$ S -matrix

$$\delta\varepsilon_a^\mu = \pm \left| \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon'_Q(p)}{\varepsilon'_1(\tilde{q}_*)} \right) e^{-i(\tilde{q}_*+sp)L} \operatorname{Res}_{q=\tilde{q}} \sum_b S_{ba}^{ba}(q_*, p) \right|$$

Relevant Poles and the Residues

Criteria for **the relevance of a pole**:

- Gives the smallest $|\text{Im } p_b|$ with $\text{Im } p_b < 0$
- Comes from the s - or t -type diagram
→ $Y^- = X^+$ (s -channel) and $Y^+ = X^+$ (t -channel)

Consistency of **the Landau-Cutkosky diagram**

→ t -channel contribution is **a half** of s -channel

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \delta \varepsilon_a^\mu = \pm \frac{4 \sin^3\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \exp \left[-\frac{2 \sin^2\left(\frac{p}{2}\right) \cosh^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{p}{2}\right) + \sinh^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{\mathcal{L} - \mathcal{Q}}{\sin\left(\frac{p}{2}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} + 1 \right) \right]$$

Comparison with helical string

Evaluate charges at $k \sim 1$, $\Delta\varphi_1 \equiv p_1$, $\sinh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{J}_2}{\sin\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right)}$

$$\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{J}_1 \approx \sqrt{\mathcal{J}_2^2 + \sin^2\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\mp 4 \frac{\sin^3\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \exp\left[-\frac{2 \sin^2\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right) \cosh^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right) + \sinh^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{\mathcal{J}_1}{\sin\left(\frac{p_1}{2}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} + 1\right)\right]$$

Both sides **agree** if (in spin chain frame)

$$J_1 + J_2 \leftrightarrow L, \quad J_2 \leftrightarrow Q, \quad \Delta\varphi_1 \equiv p_1 \leftrightarrow p$$

The limit $Q \rightarrow 0$ ($\theta \rightarrow 0$) coincides with Janik & Łukowski

Section 5

Summary and Outlook

Summary

- Reviewed AdS/CFT correspondence
from integrability-based approach
- Constructed **helical** spinning strings
(= general 2-cut finite-gap solution)
- Computed **finite-size** correction
to dyonic giant magnon

Outlook

- Towards finite-size effects **exact in L**

c.f. Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz

Zamolodchikov, *Nucl. Phys.* **B342** (1990)

Arutyunov, Frolov, [arXiv:0710.1568](https://arxiv.org/abs/0710.1568) [hep-th]

↔ **Wrapping effects** ($\sim \lambda^L$) at weak coupling?

- **Quantum** superstring on $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$

Lüscher formula agrees with known 1-loop results?

Is there **quantum integrability**?

... Many questions worth investigation!