

A relativistic relative of GS superstrings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

The Semi-Symmetric Space sine-Gordon theory

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Hofman-Maldacena'06
 Chen-N.Dorey-Okamura'06

- Admit soliton solutions that, for $\mathbb{R}_t \times S^n$ or $\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}P^n$, are the images of the string **giant magnons**

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Semisymmetric space sine-Gordon (SSSSG) theories

- $AdS_5 \times S^5 \longrightarrow PSU(2, 2|4) / SO(4, 1) \times SO(5)$

Metsaev-Tseytlin'98

- $AdS_4 \times \mathbb{CP}^3 \longrightarrow OSp(6|4) / SO(3, 1) \times U(3)$

Arutyunov-Frolov'08

Stefanski'08

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★ ...but the equivalence has been conjectured to remain in the (conformally invariant) quantum theory

😊 Poisson brackets are **coordinated** $\rightarrow$ **interpolating** family of PBs

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Our approach:

- Focus not so much on the Lagrangian and perturbation theory but rather on the solitons: perturbative fields re-appear!
- Quantize the **moduli space dynamics** of the solitons yielding the semi-classical spectrum
- Conjecture the S -matrix by imposing all the axioms of S -matrix theory and solving the bootstrap (account for all poles on the physical strip)

The (relativistic) SSSSG Lagrangian

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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gWZW}}[G/H] - \frac{k}{\pi} \text{STr} (\Lambda \gamma^{-1} \Lambda \gamma) + \frac{k}{2\pi} \text{STr} (\psi_+ [\Lambda, D_- \psi_+] - \psi_- [\Lambda, D_+ \psi_-] - 2\psi_+ \gamma^{-1} \psi_- \gamma)$$

- $\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4) = \underbrace{\mathfrak{f}_0}_{\text{even}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathfrak{f}_1}_{\text{odd}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathfrak{f}_2}_{\text{even}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathfrak{f}_3}_{\text{odd}}$
- $\gamma \in G = e^{\mathfrak{f}_0}$ and $A_{\pm} \longrightarrow$ bosonic fields
 $\psi_+ \in \mathfrak{f}_1, \psi_- \in \mathfrak{f}_3 \longrightarrow$ fermionic fields
- The potential is fixed by $\Lambda \equiv \mu \Lambda \in \mathfrak{f}_2$ (constant)

☞ Gauge symmetry group $H = SU(2)^{\times 4} \subset G$ $[H, \Lambda] = 0$

☞ The coupling constant is the level of the WZW term $\equiv k$

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👉 **Relativistic equations!** Lorentz boost $x^\pm \rightarrow \lambda x^\pm \sim \boxed{z \rightarrow \lambda^{1/2} z}$

👉 Integrability is controlled by the **twisted** affine loop superalgebra

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{psu}(2, 2|4), \sigma) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{j=0}^3 z^{4n+j} \otimes f_j = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}_k, \quad [\hat{f}_k, \hat{f}_l] \subset \hat{f}_{k+l}$$

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☢ Different from the symmetry algebra of the superstring S -matrix

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Solitons

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- Continuous spectrum of **relativistic** non-abelian **Q-ball kinks** with bosonic and fermionic degrees of freedom

labelled by $\varphi \in (0, \pi/2) \longrightarrow$
$$m_\varphi = \frac{2k}{\pi} \mu \sin \varphi$$

Non-trivial moduli space
$$\mathfrak{M} = \frac{SU(2|2)}{U(2|1)} \times \frac{SU(2|2)}{U(2|1)}$$

- Grassmann coordinates arise from the non-compact AdS_5 sector
 $\longrightarrow$ turning off the Grassmann coordinates the solitons live in S^5

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- ☞ $\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$ is a “finite” affine algebra

$$\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2 \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{su}(2|2), \sigma)$$

→ our relativistic S -matrix fits into the well known class of S -matrices associated to **trigonometric solutions** to the Yang-Baxter equation with affine quantum group $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ symmetry

Ahn-Bernard-LeClair'90

Hollowood '90

deVega-Fateev'91

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The extended $s/(2|2)$ superalgebra

- Generators

$$\text{Even} \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(2)^2 : \quad \mathfrak{R}^a{}_b, \quad \mathfrak{L}^\alpha{}_\beta$$

$$\text{Odd} \rightarrow \text{SUSY} : \quad \mathfrak{Q}^\alpha{}_b, \quad \mathfrak{S}^a{}_\beta \quad \text{Centres:} \quad \boxed{\mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{K}}$$

- $\mathfrak{psl}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3$ algebra

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Quantum deformation $U_q(\mathfrak{psl}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3)$

- Chevalley generators

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathfrak{E}_1, \mathfrak{F}_1] &= [\mathfrak{H}_1]_q, & \{\mathfrak{E}_2, \mathfrak{F}_2\} &= -[\mathfrak{H}_2]_q, & [\mathfrak{E}_3, \mathfrak{F}_3] &= -[\mathfrak{H}_3]_q \\ q^{\mathfrak{H}_i} \mathfrak{E}_j &= q^{A_{ij}} \mathfrak{E}_j q^{\mathfrak{H}_i}, & q^{\mathfrak{H}_i} \mathfrak{F}_j &= q^{-A_{ij}} \mathfrak{F}_j q^{\mathfrak{H}_i} \end{aligned}$$

+ deformed Serre relations

- Cartan matrix: $A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad [x]_q = \frac{q^x - q^{-x}}{q - q^{-1}}$



$$q = e^{i\pi/k}$$

Defining representation(s)

- 👉 $U_q(\mathfrak{psl}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3)$ has a family of 4-dimensional representations labelled by four parameters a, b, c, d constrained by

$$(ad - qbc)(ad - q^{-1}bc) = 1$$

• Centres

$$P = ab, \quad K = cd, \quad ad = [C + 1/2]_q, \quad bc = [C - 1/2]_q$$

$$\Rightarrow [C]_q^2 - PK = [1/2]_q^2 \equiv (q\text{-deformed}) \text{ shortening condition}$$

- Beisert-Koroteev parameterization of $\{a, b, c, d\}$

$$a = \sqrt{g}\gamma, \quad b = \frac{\sqrt{g}\alpha}{\gamma} \left(1 - q^{2C-1} \frac{x^+}{x^-} \right),$$

$$c = \frac{i\sqrt{g}\gamma}{\alpha} \frac{q^{-C+1/2}}{x^+}, \quad d = \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{\gamma} q^{C+1/2} (x^- - q^{-2C-1} x^+)$$

subject to

$$\frac{x^+}{q} + \frac{q}{x^+} - qx^- - \frac{1}{qx^-} + ig(q - q^{-1}) \left(\frac{x^+}{qx^-} - \frac{qx^-}{x^+} \right) = \frac{i}{g}$$



$(g, q) \equiv$ coupling constants

$(x^+, x^-) \equiv$ dynamical variables

$(\alpha, \gamma) \equiv$ normalization factors

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- ☞ Soliton representation:

$$\boxed{g \rightarrow \infty} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x^+}{x^-} = q, \quad C = 0}$$

$\Rightarrow [C]_q^2 - PK = [1/2]_q^2$ becomes a **relativistic** mass-shell condition

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👉 Fundamental particle multiplet $V_1(\theta)$ of mass

$$m_1 = \mu \sin(\pi/2k) \longrightarrow \text{lightest semiclassical solitons}$$

$$m_1 \simeq \mu + O(1/k) \longrightarrow \text{perturbative modes}$$

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$$\boxed{\tilde{S}_{11}(\theta) = Y(\theta)Y(i\pi - \theta)\check{R}(e^\theta)}$$

- 👉 $\check{R} = g \rightarrow \infty$ limit of the $U_q(\mathfrak{psu}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3)$ fundamental R -matrix of quantum-deformed Hubbard model
- 👉 $\tilde{S}_{11}$ satisfies crossing symmetry, and $Y(\theta)$ is fixed by the unitarity condition $\tilde{S}_{11}(\theta)\tilde{S}_{11}(-\theta) = 1 \otimes 1$
- ★ Has $U_q(\mathfrak{psl}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$ symmetry
- ★ Satisfies the Yang-Baxter equation

- $\check{R}$ -matrix: basis $\{|\phi^a\rangle, |\psi^\alpha\rangle\}$, $x = e^\theta$, $q = e^{i\pi/k}$

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$$D = \frac{(q-x)(x+1)}{q^{1/2}x},$$

$$B = \frac{q^3 - (q^3 - 2q^2 + 2q - 1)x - x^2}{q^{3/2}x},$$

$$E = \frac{q^3 x^2 - (q^3 - 2q^2 + 2q - 1)x - 1}{q^{3/2}x},$$

$$C = F = \frac{i(q-1)(q^2+1)(x-1)}{q^{3/2}x^{1/2}},$$

$$G = L = x - x^{-1},$$

$$H = K = \frac{(q-1)(x+1)}{q^{1/2}x^{1/2}}.$$

- Y function

$$Y(\theta)Y(i\pi - \theta) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(\theta)}{2(q - q^{-1})}, \quad \mathcal{F}(\theta) = \exp \left[-2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \frac{\cosh^2(t(1 - \frac{1}{k})) \sinh(t(1 - \frac{\theta}{i\pi})) \sinh(\frac{t\theta}{i\pi})}{\sinh t \cosh^2 t} \right]$$

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If a bound state corresponding to a multiplet V_c is produced in the collision of V_a and V_b in the direct channel, then

- ① $S_{ab}(\theta)$ has a simple pole at $\theta = iu_{ab}^c$
- ② The representation $V_a(\theta_1) \otimes V_b(\theta_2)$ becomes **reducible**:

$$V_a \otimes V_b = V_c \oplus V_c^\perp$$
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★ The scattering amplitudes of the bound state c with state d can be constructed in term of those of d with a and b .

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Representation theory of $U_q(\mathfrak{psl}(2|2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3)$

Zhang-Gould'05

Beisert'07

Beisert-Koroteev'08

👉 Long (typical) representations $\boxed{\{m, n\}} \mapsto \dim = 16(m+1)(n+1)$

Irreducible for generic values of C, P, K

- Become reducible but **indecomposable** for specific values of $[C]_q^2 - PK$ (shortening or BPS conditions)

$$V_{\{m,n\}} = V_{\text{sub-rep}} \oplus V^\perp, \quad V_{\text{factor}} = V_{\{m,n\}} / V_{\text{sub-rep}}$$

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- Multiplet splittings

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