

**Quantum Sine( $\hbar$ )-Gordon Model  
and  
Classical Integrable Equations**

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In over three decades of study of quantum integrable systems, a remarkable (and largely mysterious) relation to classical integrable equations was observed in a number of different contexts

- Spin-spin correlation function in the Ising Field Theory:

**Barouch, Tracy, McCoy (1975)**

- Self-avoiding polymer problem:

**Cecotti, Fendley, Intriligator, Vafa (1992)**

**Fendley, Saleur (1992)**

**Al.Zamolodchikov (1994)**

## Special Painlevé III

$$\frac{d^2f}{d\tau^2} + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{df}{d\tau} - \frac{1}{2} \sinh(2f) = 0$$

# Modified Sinh-Gordon (MShG)

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta + \sigma \left[ e^{2\eta} - p(z) p(\bar{z}) e^{-2\eta} \right] = 0 \quad (\sigma = \pm 1)$$

- Constant mean curvature surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}_3$ ,  $S_3$  ( $\sigma > 0$ ) and in  $AdS_3$  ( $\sigma < 0$ )
- Minimal surfaces in  $AdS_3$  ( $\sigma < 0$ )

**Alday, Maldacena (2007, 2009):** Strong coupling scattering amplitudes in the  $4D$ ,  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory. For  $2n$ -gluons:

Worldsheet: whole complex plane  $z$  and

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= z^{n-2} + m_{n-4} z^{n-4} + \dots m_0 \\ \bar{p}(\bar{z}) &= \bar{z}^{n-2} + m_{n-4}^* \bar{z}^{n-4} + \dots m_0^* \end{aligned}$$

- BPS states of  $4D$   $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theories and wall crossing **Gaiotto, Moore, Neitzke (2008, 2009)**

## MShG = ShG (locally)

$$w = \int dz \sqrt{p(z)} , \quad \hat{\eta}(w, \bar{w}) = \eta - \frac{1}{4} \log(p\bar{p})$$

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta - e^{2\eta} + p(z) \bar{p}(\bar{z}) e^{-2\eta} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial_w \partial_{\bar{w}} \hat{\eta} - e^{2\hat{\eta}} + e^{-2\hat{\eta}} = 0$$

# The problem

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta - e^{2\eta} + p(z) p(\bar{z}) e^{-2\eta} = 0$$

$$p(z) = z^{2\alpha} - s^{2\alpha} \quad (\alpha, s > 0)$$

Family of solutions parameterized by real  $l \in \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ :

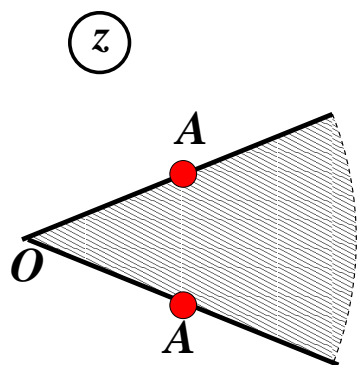
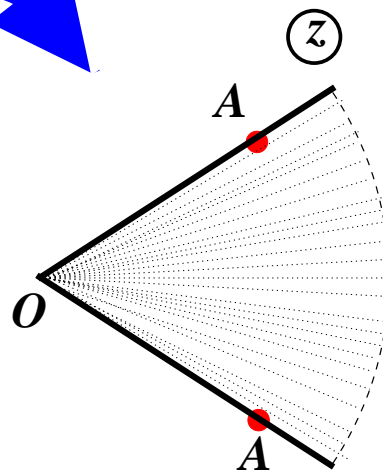
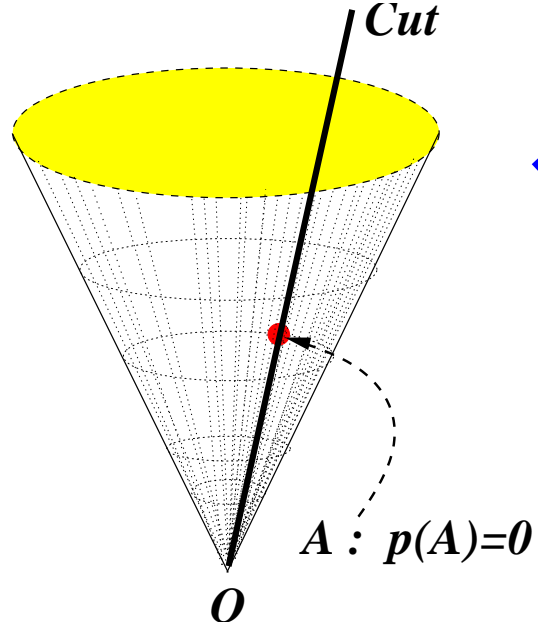
- $\eta$  is a single-valued solutions of MShG on the cone  $\mathbb{C}_{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$  with an apex angle  $\frac{\pi}{\alpha}$ :

$$\mathbb{C}_{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} : (z, \bar{z}) \sim \left( e^{\frac{i\pi}{\alpha}} z, e^{-\frac{i\pi}{\alpha}} \bar{z} \right), \quad 0 \leq |z| < \infty.$$

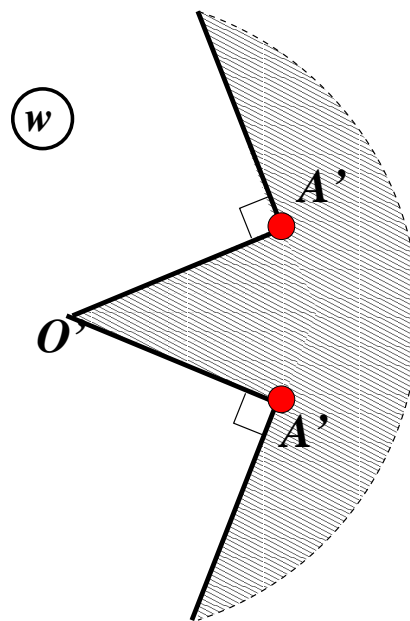
- Large- $|z|$  asymptotic form:  $\eta = \alpha \log |z| + o(1)$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$
- At the apex,  $|z| \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\eta = \begin{cases} 2l \log |z| + O(1) & \text{for } |l| < \frac{1}{2} \\ \pm \log |z| + O(\log(-\log |z|)) & \text{for } l = \pm \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

**Alday, Maldacena** :  $2\alpha = n - 2 = 2, 3, \dots, l = 0$



$$z \rightarrow w = \int dz \sqrt{p(z)}$$



$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta - e^{2\eta} + p(z) \bar{p}(\bar{z}) e^{-2\eta} = 0 \implies$$

$$\partial_w \partial_{\bar{w}} \hat{\eta} - e^{2\hat{\eta}} + e^{-2\hat{\eta}} = 0$$

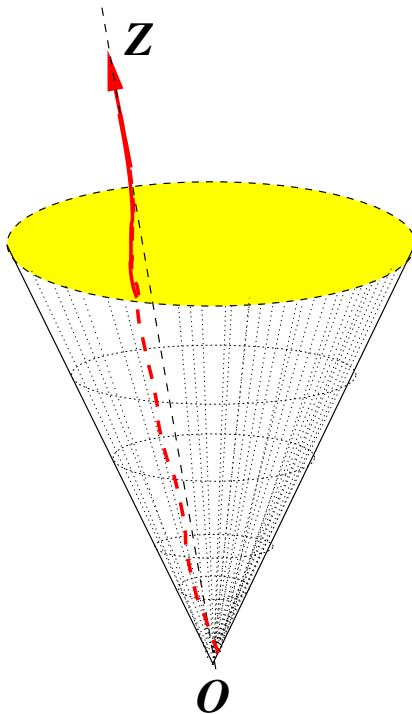
$$\hat{\eta}(w, \bar{w}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad w \rightarrow \infty$$

MShG equation is integrable, and the associated flat  $sl(2)$  connection reads

$$A_z = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_z \eta \sigma^3 + e^\theta \left[ \sigma^+ e^\eta + \sigma^- p(z) e^{-\eta} \right]$$

$$A_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\bar{z}} \eta \sigma^3 + e^{-\theta} \left[ \sigma^- e^\eta + \sigma^+ p(\bar{z}) e^{-\eta} \right]$$

with the spectral parameter  $\theta$ .

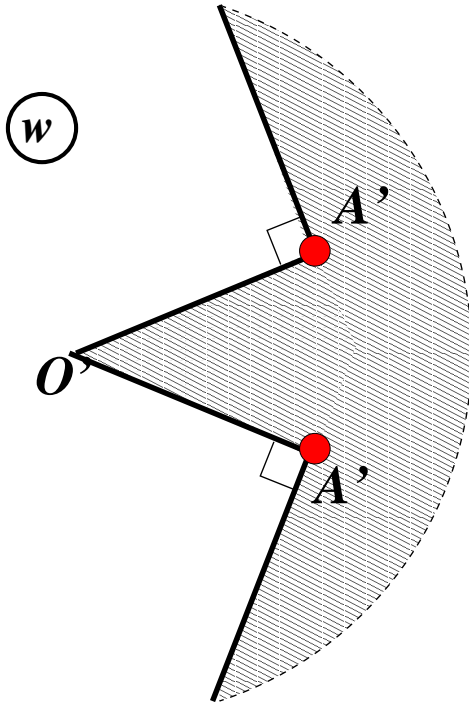


$$M_O^Z(\theta) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ \int_O^Z dx^\mu A_\mu \right]$$

**Q:**  $\lim_{Z \rightarrow \infty} M_O^Z(\theta)$  does not exist. How to regularize it?

**A:** See **Faddeev-Takhtajan** book

# Jost solutions



$$\hat{\Xi} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \exp\left(-w e^\theta - \bar{w} e^{-\theta}\right) \quad w \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \partial_w + \frac{1}{2} \partial_w \hat{\eta} \sigma^3 - e^\theta \left( \sigma^+ e^{\hat{\eta}} + \sigma^- e^{-\hat{\eta}} \right) \right] \hat{\Xi} &= 0 \\ \left[ \partial_{\bar{w}} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\bar{w}} \hat{\eta} \sigma^3 - e^{-\theta} \left( \sigma^- e^{\hat{\eta}} + \sigma^+ e^{-\hat{\eta}} \right) \right] \hat{\Xi} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{\Xi}$  is an entire (!!!) function of  $\theta$  and  $\sigma^3 \hat{\Xi}(\theta + i\pi)$  is another solution.

$$M_O^{(\text{reg})}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\substack{(w, \bar{w}) \rightarrow O' \\ \arg(w) = \phi}} \left( \hat{\Xi}(\theta), \sigma_3 \hat{\Xi}(\theta + i\pi) \right) \in SL(2)$$



# Regularized Monodromy Matrix

$$M_O^{(\text{reg})}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{e^{-l(\theta+i\phi)\sigma_3}}{\sqrt{-2i \cos(\pi l)}} \begin{pmatrix} Q_+(\theta) & -ie^{-i\pi l} Q_+(\theta + i\pi) \\ Q_-(\theta) & ie^{i\pi l} Q_-(\theta + i\pi) \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2)$$

Define the function  $Q(\theta, k)$ :

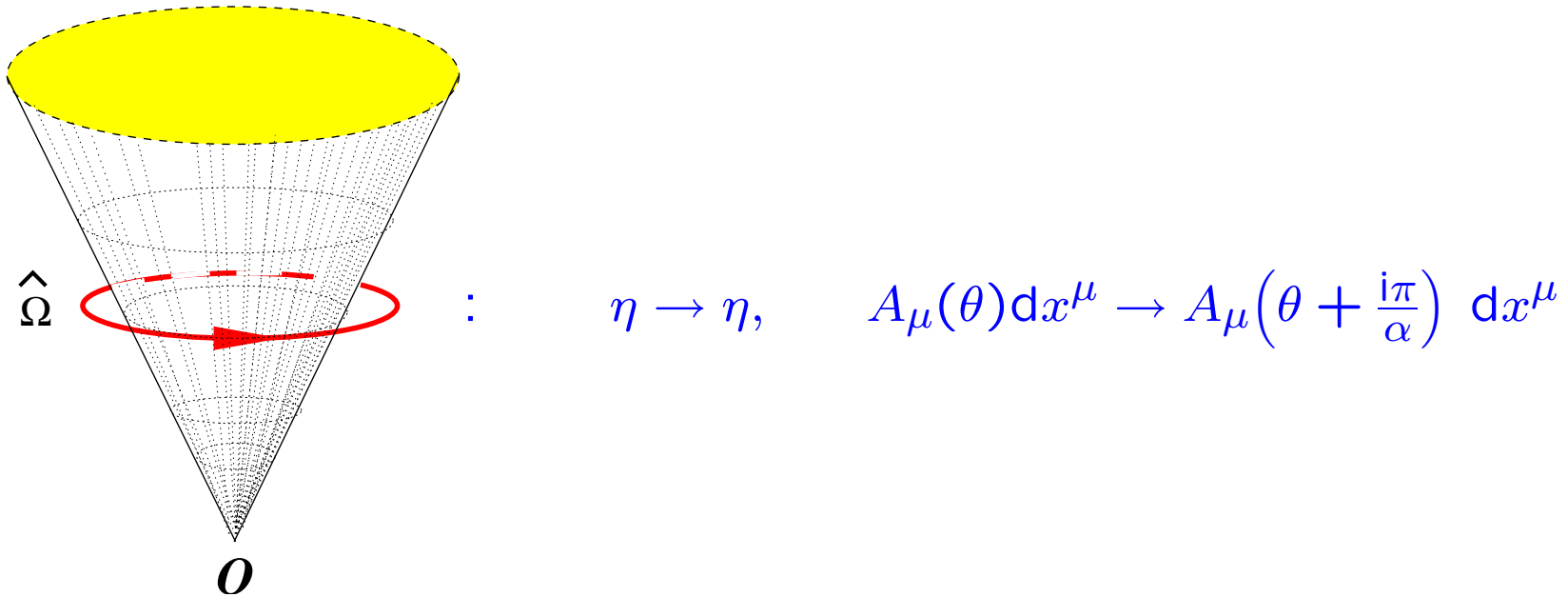
$$Q(\theta, k) := \begin{cases} Q_+(\theta) \Big|_{l=2k-\frac{1}{2}} & \text{for } 0 < k < \frac{1}{2} \\ Q_-(\theta) \Big|_{l=-2k-\frac{1}{2}} & \text{for } -\frac{1}{2} < k < 0 \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \pm\frac{1}{2}} Q_+(\theta) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \pm\frac{1}{2}} Q_-(\theta)$$

this definition extends to  $k = 0$ ,  $k = \pm\frac{1}{2}$  by continuity, and then admits continuous periodic extension to all real  $k$  by

$$Q(\theta, k) = Q(\theta, k + 1)$$



If  $\Xi(z, \bar{z}|\theta)$  is the Jost solution of the linear problem

$$(\partial_z - A_z) \Xi = 0, \quad (\partial_{\bar{z}} - A_{\bar{z}}) \Xi = 0$$

then

$$\hat{\Omega}^n[\Xi] := \Xi\left(e^{\frac{i\pi n}{\alpha}} z, e^{-\frac{i\pi n}{\alpha}} \bar{z} \mid \theta - \frac{i\pi n}{\alpha}\right)$$

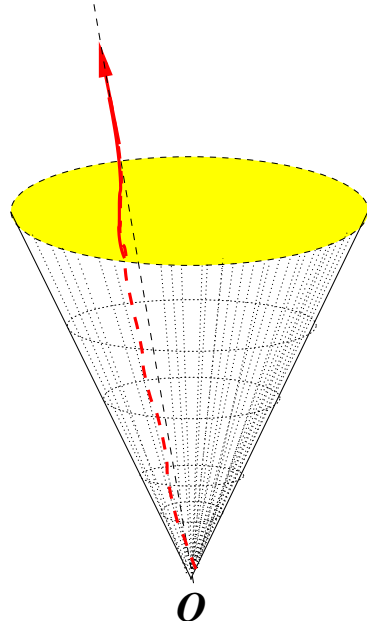
are also solutions, but only  $\Xi$  and  $\hat{\Omega}[\Xi]$  are linear independent.

One can generate the connection coefficients  $T_j(\theta)$  ( $j = \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$ ) :

$$\hat{\Omega}^n[\Xi] = -T_{\frac{n-2}{2}}\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi(n+1)}{2\alpha}\right) \Xi + T_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi n}{2\alpha}\right) \hat{\Omega}[\Xi]$$

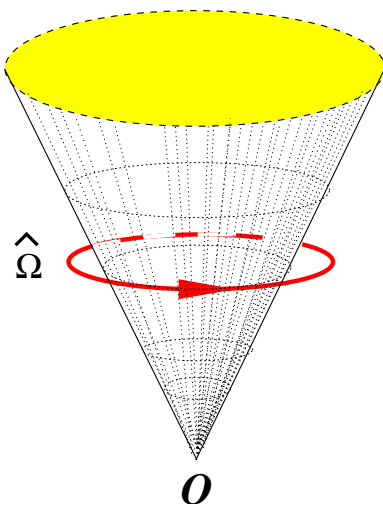
# Connection coefficients for MShG

Q – function



$$M_O^{(\text{reg})}(\theta, \phi) \propto \begin{pmatrix} Q(\theta, k) & e^{-2i\pi k} Q(\theta + i\pi, k) \\ Q(\theta, -k) & e^{2i\pi k} Q(\theta + i\pi, -k) \end{pmatrix}$$

T – functions



$$\hat{\Omega}^{2j+1} : T_j(\theta) \quad \left( j = 1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \dots \right)$$

# Quantum sine-Gordon model

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left[ (\partial_t \varphi)^2 - (\partial_x \varphi)^2 \right] + 2\mu \cos(\beta\varphi)$$

- Dimensionless coupling constant  $\beta^2 < 1$ .
- $\mu$  sets the mass scale,  $\mu \sim [\text{mass}]^{2-2\beta^2}$ .
- Finite-size geometry with periodic boundary

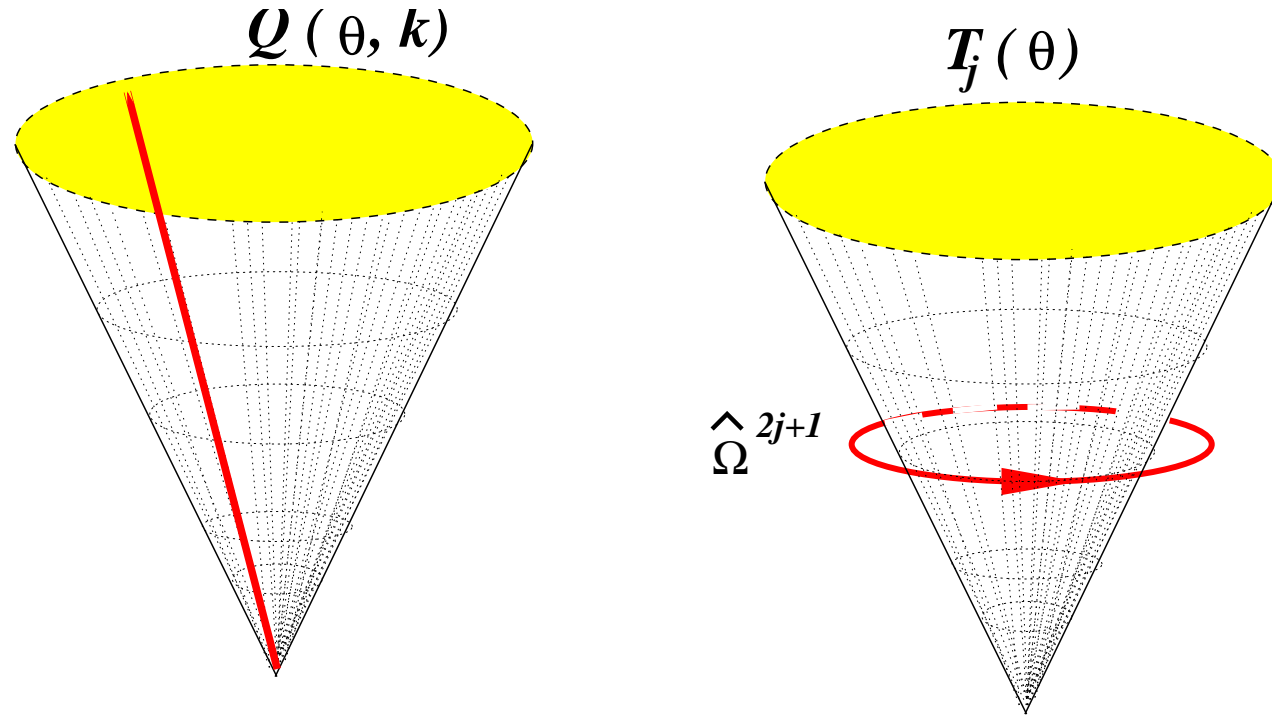
$$\varphi(x + R, t) = \varphi(x, t)$$

Due to the periodicity of the potential term  $\cos(\beta\varphi)$ , the space of states  $\mathcal{H}$  splits into orthogonal subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_k$ , characterized by the “quasi-momentum”  $k$ ,

$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + 2\pi/\beta : \quad |\Psi_k\rangle \rightarrow e^{2\pi i k} |\Psi_k\rangle$$

for  $|\Psi_k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_k$ . We call  $k$ -vacuum the ground-state of the finite-size system in each in a given sector  $\mathcal{H}_k$ .

# Quantum sine-Gordon v.s. MShG



$Q(\theta, k)$  and  $T_j(\theta)$  coincide with  $k$ -vacuum ( $\in \mathcal{H}_k$ ) eigenvalues of the  $Q(\theta)$  operator and the spin- $j$  transfer-matrix  $T_j(\theta)$ , respectively, of the quantum sine-Gordon model

$$k : \quad l = 2|k| - \frac{1}{2}$$

is identified with the sine-Gordon quasi-momentum and

$$\alpha = \beta^{-2} - 1, \quad s = \left( \frac{R}{\pi\beta^2} \right)^{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{\mu\pi\Gamma(1 - \beta^2)}{\Gamma(\beta^2)} \right]^{\frac{\beta^2}{2-2\beta^2}}$$

# Integrable structures in quantum sine-Gordon

The quantum sine-Gordon field theory is integrable, in particular it has infinite set of

- Local Integrals of Motion (IM)  $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbb{I}}_{2n-1}$  with the Lorentz spins  $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots$  (Kulish, 1975)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{I}_{2n-1} &= 2^{-4n} \int_0^R \frac{dx}{2\pi} \left[ (\partial_x \varphi - \partial_t \varphi)^{2n} + \dots \right] \\ \bar{\mathbb{I}}_{2n-1} &= 2^{-4n} \int_0^R \frac{dx}{2\pi} \left[ (\partial_x \varphi + \partial_t \varphi)^{2n} + \dots \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Nonlocal IM  $\mathbb{G}_n$ ,  $\bar{\mathbb{G}}_n$  with fractional Lorentz spins

$$\pm \frac{2n(1-\beta^2)}{\beta^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (\text{Leclair, 1990})$$

These are mutually commuting families of operators

$$[\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}, \mathbb{I}_{2m-1}] = [\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}, \mathbb{G}_n] = [\mathbb{G}_n, \mathbb{G}_m] = \dots = 0$$

$$\text{Hamiltonian} : \quad \mathbb{H} = \mathbb{I}_1 + \bar{\mathbb{I}}_1$$

# T-operators (Generating functions for local IM)

- XYZ-magnet (lattice counterpart of the quantum sine-Gordon) (Baxter (1972))
- QISM (Sklyanin, Takhtajan, Faddeev (1979))
- QFT approach (Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamomoldchikov (1996))

# QFT approach

Quantum sine-Gordon = Gaussian CFT + perturbation

**Gaussian CFT** :  $\partial_t^2 \varphi - \partial_x^2 \varphi = 0$   
 $\varphi(x+R, t) = \varphi(x, t)$

$$\varphi(x, t) = \frac{2}{\beta} \left[ \phi(x-t) - \bar{\phi}(x+t) \right]$$
$$\phi(x_- + R) = \phi(x_-) + 2\pi p$$
$$\bar{\phi}(x_+ + R) = \bar{\phi}(x_+) - 2\pi p$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{CFT} = \int_p \mathcal{F}_p \otimes \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{-p}$$

Here  $\mathcal{F}_p$  ( $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{-p}$ ) are Fock spaces (highest weight irreps) for  $\phi(x_-)$  ( $\bar{\phi}(x_+)$ )



$$\mathcal{H}_{sG} = \mathcal{H}_{CFT} = \int_{k \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right]} \mathcal{H}_k$$

$$\mathcal{H}_k = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_p \otimes \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{-p} \Big|_{p=(k+n)\beta^2}$$

- $\mathbb{U} \mathcal{H}_k = e^{2i\pi k} \mathcal{H}_k$  ( $\mathbb{U}$  is the Floquet-Bloch operator)

- Hamiltonian  $\mathbb{H}$ , Parity  $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{H}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_k$

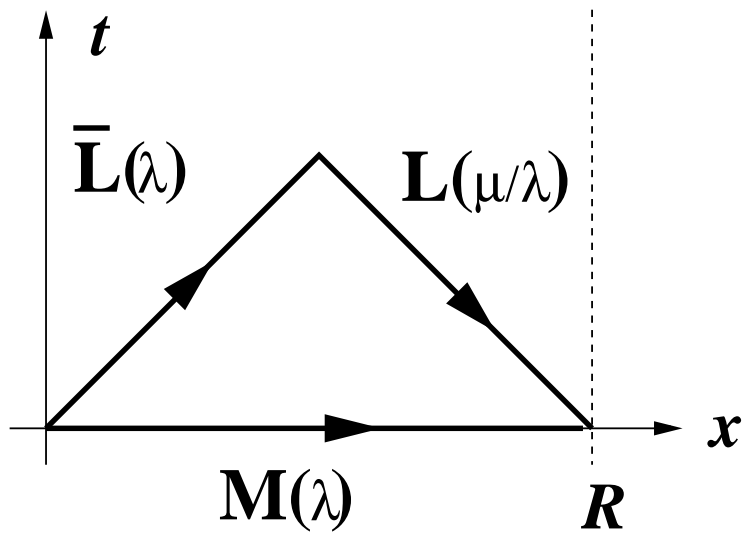
- Charge conjugation  $\mathbb{C} : \mathcal{H}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{-k}$

$$\mathbb{C} \varphi(x, t) \mathbb{C} = -\varphi(x, t)$$

$$\mathbb{P} \varphi(x, t) \mathbb{P} = \varphi(-x, t)$$

$$\mathbb{U} \varphi(x, t) \mathbb{U}^{-1} = \varphi(x, t) + 2\pi/\beta$$

# Quantum transfer-matrixes (T-operators)



$$M(\lambda) = L(\lambda)\bar{L}(\mu/\lambda) \in \pi_j [U_q(sl(2))] \\ (q = e^{i\pi\beta^2})$$

$$T_j(\theta) = \text{Tr}_{\pi_j} [M(\lambda)] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} t_n^{(j)} \lambda^{2n},$$

$$\lambda = \text{const } e^{(1-\beta^2)\theta}$$

# Basic properties of T-operators

- Mutual commutativity  $[\mathbb{T}_j(\theta), \mathbb{T}_{j'}(\theta')] = 0$
- $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  invariance:  $[\mathbb{T}_j(\theta), \mathbb{U}] = [\mathbb{T}_j(\theta), \mathbb{C}] = 0$
- Parity transformation  $\mathbb{P} \mathbb{T}_j(\theta) \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{T}_j(-\theta)$
- Hermiticity:  $\mathbb{T}_j^\dagger(\theta) = \mathbb{T}_j(\theta^*)$
- Periodicity:  $\mathbb{T}_j\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(\alpha+1)}{\alpha}\right) = \mathbb{T}_j(\theta) \quad \left(\mathbb{T}_j = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} t_n^{(j)} \lambda^{2n}\right)$
- Fusion ( $\alpha = \beta^{-2} - 1$ )  
$$\mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta) \mathbb{T}_j\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(2j+1)}{2\alpha}\right) = \mathbb{T}_{j-\frac{1}{2}}\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(2j+2)}{2\alpha}\right) + \mathbb{T}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}\left(\theta + \frac{2ij\pi}{2\alpha}\right)$$

- Asymptotic at real  $\theta$ :

$$\log \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \begin{cases} \mathbb{I}_{2n-1} e^{-(2n-1)\theta} & \text{as } \theta \rightarrow +\infty \\ \bar{\mathbb{I}}_{2n-1} e^{(2n-1)\theta} & \text{as } \theta \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

Here  $\mathbb{I}_{-1} = \bar{\mathbb{I}}_{-1} = \frac{R}{2\pi}$  is a  $c$ -number, while  $\mathbb{I}_{2n-1}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are local IM

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and  $C_n$  are known constants.

# Q-operator

- **Commutativity:**  $[\mathbb{T}_j(\theta), Q(\theta')] = [Q(\theta), Q(\theta')] = 0$
- **U invariance:**  $[Q(\theta), U]$
- **Baxter Equation:**  $\mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{2}}(\theta) Q(\theta) = Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}\right) + Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}\right)$
- **Quasiperiodicity:**  $Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(\alpha+1)}{\alpha}\right) = U Q(\theta)$
- **Q( $\theta$ ) and  $\mathbb{C} Q(\theta) \mathbb{C}$  satisfy Quantum Wronskian relation:**  
$$Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}\right) \mathbb{C} Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}\right) \mathbb{C} - Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}\right) \mathbb{C} Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}\right) \mathbb{C} = U^{-1} - U$$
- **Parity transformation**  $\mathbb{P} Q(\theta) \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{C} Q(-\theta) \mathbb{C}$
- **Hermiticity:**  $Q^\dagger(\theta) = Q(\theta^*)$

# Q-operator (Generating functions for all IM)

- Large- $\theta$  asymptotic:

$$\log \mathbb{Q}\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha}\right) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \begin{cases} \tilde{C}_n \mathbb{I}_{2n-1} e^{-(2n-1)\theta} + \mathbb{G}_n e^{-2n\alpha\theta} & \text{as } \theta \rightarrow +\infty \\ \tilde{C}_n \bar{\mathbb{I}}_{2n-1} e^{+(2n-1)\theta} + \bar{\mathbb{G}}_n e^{+2n\alpha\theta} & \text{as } \theta \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

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and  $\tilde{C}_n$  are known constants.

$\mathbb{G}_n, \bar{\mathbb{G}}_n$  are nonlocal IM with fractional Lorentz spins

$\pm 2n\alpha, n = 0, 1, \dots$  (Leclair, 1990)

## Q- and T-functions

$$\mathcal{H}_k = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \bigoplus_{p=2(k+n)\beta^2} \mathcal{F}_p \otimes \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{-p}$$

$$U \mathcal{H}_k = e^{2i\pi k} \mathcal{H}_k$$

**$k$ -vacuum states:**  $|k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_k$      $\mathbb{P} |k\rangle = |k\rangle$

$$Q(\theta) |k\rangle = Q(\theta, k) |k\rangle, \quad \mathbb{T}_j(\theta) |k\rangle = T_j(\theta, k) |k\rangle$$

# Characteristic properties of $Q$ -function

- **Quasiperiodicity:**  $Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi(\alpha+1)}{\alpha}, k\right) = e^{2\pi i k} Q(\theta, k)$

- $Q(\theta, k + 1) = Q(\theta, k)$

- $\mathbb{P}$ -invariance:  $Q(-\theta, k) = Q(\theta, -k)$

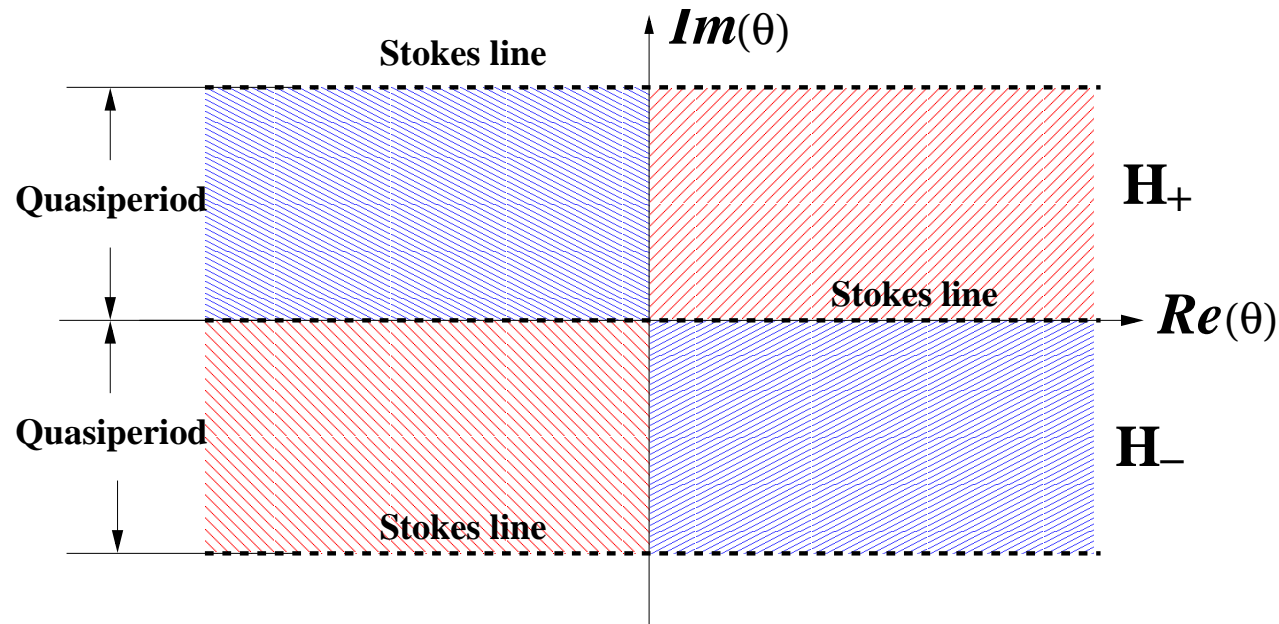
- **Conjugation:**  $Q^*(\theta, k) = Q(\theta^*, k)$

- **Quantum Wronskian relation:**

$$\begin{aligned} Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}, k\right) Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}, -k\right) - Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}, k\right) Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{2\alpha}, -k\right) \\ = -2i \sin(2\pi k) \end{aligned}$$

- **Analiticity:**  $Q(\theta, k)$  is an entire function of  $\theta$





- **Leading large  $\theta$ -asymptotic**

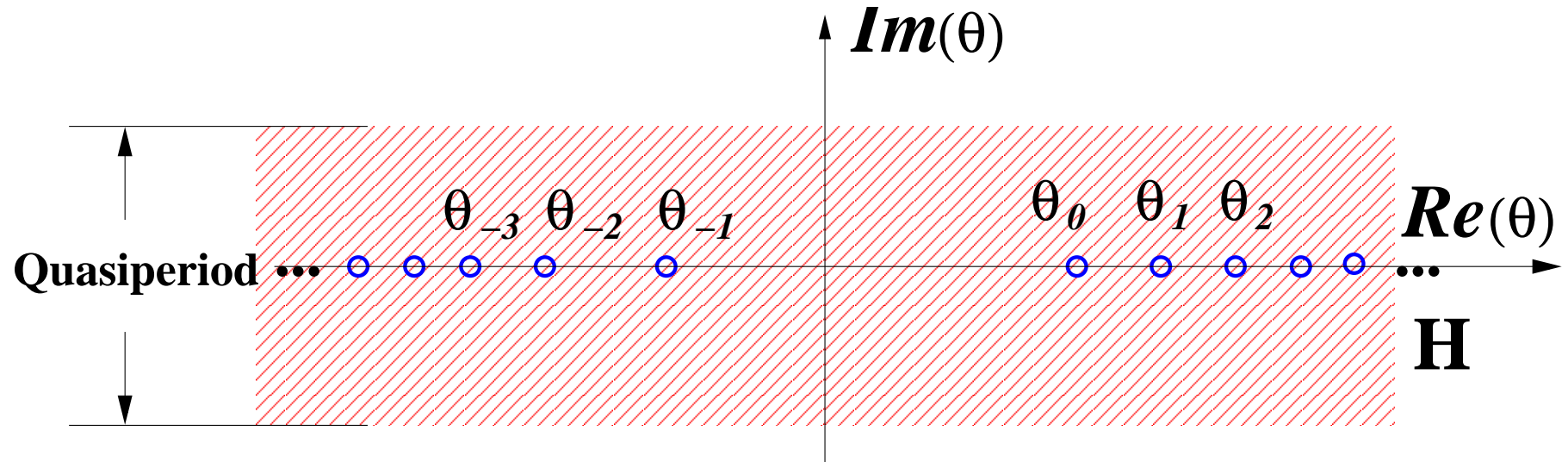
$$Q \rightarrow e^{\pm i\pi k} \mathfrak{S}^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ C e^{\theta \mp \frac{i\pi(1+\alpha)}{2\alpha}} \right] \quad \left( \theta \in H_{\pm}, \Re(\theta) \rightarrow +\infty \right)$$

$$Q \rightarrow e^{\pm i\pi k} \mathfrak{S}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ C e^{-\theta \pm \frac{i\pi(1+\alpha)}{2\alpha}} \right] \quad \left( \theta \in H_{\pm}, \Re(\theta) \rightarrow -\infty \right)$$

Here  $C = \frac{MR}{4 \cos(\frac{\pi}{2\alpha})}$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{S}(k)$ - vacuum eigenvalue of the spin-0 unlocal IM (“reflection  $S$ -matrix”):

$$\mathfrak{S}(k) \mathfrak{S}(-k) = 1, \quad \mathfrak{S}(k+1) = \mathfrak{S}(k)$$

- Zeroes



For any real  $k$ , all the zeros of  $Q(\theta, k)$  in the strip  $H$  are real, simple, and accumulate towards  $\theta \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Let

$$\epsilon(\theta) = i \log \left[ \frac{Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)}{Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)} \right],$$

then the zeros  $\theta_n$  can be labeled by consecutive integers  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ , so that  $\theta_n < \theta_{n+1}$ , and

$$\epsilon(\theta_n) = \pi (2n + 1)$$

The quasiperiodic entire function  $Q(\theta, k)$  is completely determined by its zeros  $\theta_n$  in the strip  $H$  and the large- $\theta$  asymptotic. On the other hand, the positions of the zeros  $\theta_n$  are restricted by the equation

$$\epsilon(\theta_n) = i \log \left[ \frac{Q\left(\theta_n + \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)}{Q\left(\theta_n - \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)} \right] = \pi (2n + 1)$$

Mathematically, the problem of reconstructing the function  $Q(\theta, k)$  from this data has emerged long ago in the context of the **analytic Bethe ansatz**

- **Baxter (1972)**
- **Sklyanin, Takhtajan, Faddeev (1979)**
- **Reshetikhin (1983)**

For the sine-Gordon model, the problem was solved by **Destri and De Vega (1992)**, who have reduced it to a single complex integral equation, the celebrated DDV equation.

# DDV equation

$$2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\theta' \Im m \left[ \log \left( 1 + e^{-i\epsilon(\theta' - i0)} \right) \right] G(\theta - \theta') = r \sinh(\theta) - 2\pi k - \epsilon(\theta)$$

where

$$G(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta\nu} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\nu(1-\alpha)}{2\alpha}\right)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{2\alpha}\right)}$$

and  $r = MR$ . Then

$$\epsilon(\theta) = i \log \left[ \frac{Q\left(\theta + \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)}{Q\left(\theta - \frac{i\pi}{\alpha}, k\right)} \right]$$

can be used to reconstruct the  $Q$ -function.

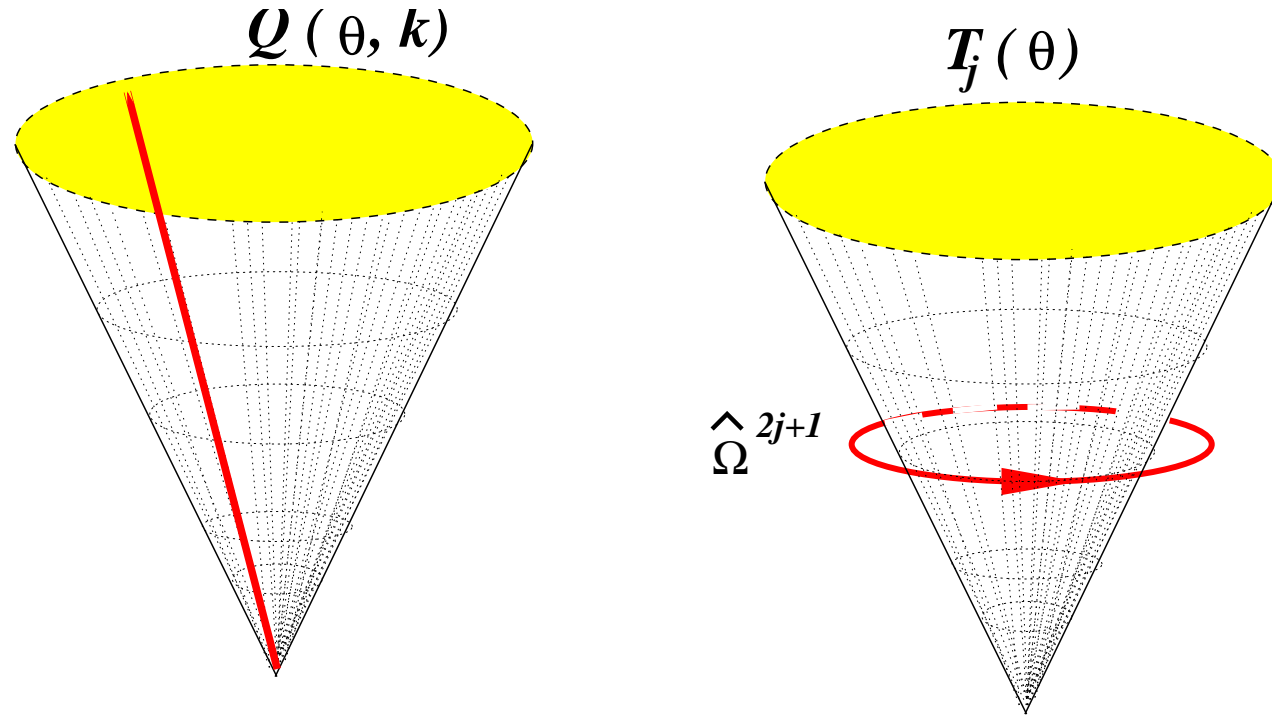
For  $\alpha = 1$  (“free fermions”),  $G(\theta) = 0$ :

$$\epsilon(\theta)|_{\alpha=1} = r \sinh(\theta) - 2\pi k$$

This corresponds to the MShG with  $p(z) = z^2 - s^2$  ( $r = \pi s^2$ )

**Gaiotto, Moore, Neitzke (2008)**

# Quantum sine-Gordon v.s. MShG



$Q(\theta, k)$  and  $T_j(\theta)$  coincide with  $k$ -vacuum ( $\in \mathcal{H}_k$ ) eigenvalues of the  $Q(\theta)$  operator and the spin- $j$  transfer-matrix  $T_j(\theta)$ , respectively, of the quantum sine-Gordon model

$$k : \quad l = 2|k| - \frac{1}{2}$$

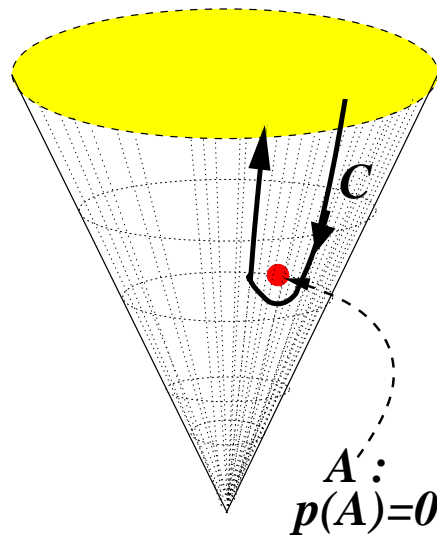
is identified with the sine-Gordon quasi-momentum and

$$\alpha = \beta^{-2} - 1, \quad s = \left( \frac{R}{\pi\beta^2} \right)^{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{\mu\pi\Gamma(1 - \beta^2)}{\Gamma(\beta^2)} \right]^{\frac{\beta^2}{2-2\beta^2}}$$

# Local IM

The large- $\theta$  asymptotic expansions for  $Q(\theta)$  and  $T_j(\theta)$  can be obtained directly from the WKB expansion for the linear problem.

Local IM for **classical** MShG =  $k$ -vacuum eigenvalues of local **quantum** IM.



$$E = -\frac{\pi(2\alpha - 1)}{12R(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{M}{2} \int_C \left[ dz \frac{u}{2\sqrt{p}} + d\bar{z} \sqrt{p} \left( \sqrt{p\bar{p}} e^{-2\eta} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$u = (\partial_z \eta)^2 - \partial_z^2 \eta$$

# Conclusion

- We discussed the relation between the classical MShG equation and quantum sine-Gordon model. It generalizes the relation (**Dorey, Toteo (1998)**) between ordinary differential equations (**A. Voros (1992)**) and integrable structures of Conformal Field Theories to the massive case.
- Can the excited-state eigenvalues be also related to integrable classical equations? (In the massless case: **BLZ (2001)**)
- It seems that the relation between classical equations and quantum theories is a quite general feature of 2D integrable QFT which deserves to be explored in whole details.