

# Opers for higher states of quantum $\widehat{g}$ -KdV systems

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# The ODE/IM correspondence

A remarkable relation between:

*ODE* Linear ordinary differential equations (more precisely, *opers*)

*IM* Quantum integrable models

In this talk:

- $\mathfrak{g}$  **simply laced** simple Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ , of **rank**  $n$
- Untwisted affine Kac–Moody algebra

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}[\lambda, \lambda^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K \oplus \mathbb{C}d, \quad d = \lambda \partial_\lambda$$

- Langlands self-dual:  ${}^L \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$

# Quantum $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -Drinfeld Sokolov

- Quantization of second Poisson bracket of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -Drinfeld Sokolov ( $W$ -algebras)
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ : Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov ['96]
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$ : Bazhanov, Hibberd, Khoroshkin ['01]
  - ▶ Feigin, Frenkel ['94] (Hamiltonians of  $\mathfrak{g}$  Toda field theory)

## Highest weight representation $\mathcal{V}_{p,c}$ of $W$ -algebras.

- $p \in \mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$  'vacuum parameter'
- $-\infty < c < h - 1$       **Moduli space of theories  $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R}$**
- $\lambda$  spectral parameter

## Integrable structure: $\mathbf{Q}(\lambda)$ -operators:      $\mathbf{Q}(\lambda) : \mathcal{V}_{p,c} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{p,c}$

- Operator valued functions, expected to be entire in  $\lambda$
- They encode the quantum integrals of motion
- Number of  $\mathbf{Q}(\lambda)$ -operators =  $|\mathcal{W}|$ ,       $\mathcal{W}$ : Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- They satisfy some **algebraic** identities

# Quantum $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -Drinfeld Sokolov

- $\mathbf{Q}(\lambda) : \mathcal{V}_{p,c} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{p,c}$        $\mathbf{Q}(\lambda)v = Q(\lambda)v$
- The eigenvalue  $Q(\lambda)$  is an *entire* function of  $\lambda$ .

**Functional** relations among the eigenvalues  $Q(\lambda)$   
(‘quantum Wronskian’,  $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system)



**g-Bethe Ansatz** equations

(e.g. Reshetikhin-Wiegmann [87,...], P. Zinn-Justin [98])

$$\prod_{j=1}^n e^{-2i\pi\beta_j C_{\ell j}} \frac{Q^{(j)}(e^{i\pi C_{lj}} \lambda^*)}{Q^{(j)}(e^{-i\pi C_{lj}} \lambda^*)} = -1, \quad \forall \lambda^* \text{ s.t. } Q^{(l)}(\lambda^*) = 0$$

## ODE/IM correspondence ideology

To any state of quantum  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -KdV there corresponds a (unique)  $L_{\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}}$  oper  $\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda)$ , such that the generalized monodromy data of  $\mathcal{L}$  coincide with the  $Q(\lambda)$ -functions of the given state.

## Examples

- $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , ground state / Schrödinger operator  
(Dorey Tateo ['98], Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov ['98])
- $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ , higher states / Schrödinger operator with 'monster potential'  
(Bazhanov, Lukyanov, Zamolodchikov ['03])
- $\mathfrak{sl}_{n+1}$ , ground state /  $(n + 1)$ th-order linear equation  
(Dorey, Dunning, Masoero, Suzuki, Tateo ['07])

## Algebraic breakthrough

- Feigin-Frenkel ['07]: use  $L_{\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}}$ -opers on the ODE side.

# Meromorphicopers on $\mathbb{P}^1$

## Lie algebra data \*

- $\mathfrak{g}$  simple Lie algebra of rank  $n$ ,  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$
- Borel subalgebra  $\mathfrak{b}_+ = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$ .
- Chevalley generators  $\{f_i, h_i, e_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$
- $f = \sum_i f_i$  principal nilpotent element

## Opers (Drinfeld–Sokolov ('84), Beilinson–Drinfeld ('93))

- Defined on an arbitrary Riemann surface  $\Sigma$
- For  $\Sigma = \mathbb{P}^1$  they can be written as

$$\{\partial_z + f + b(z) \mid b \in \mathfrak{b}_+(K_{\mathbb{P}^1})\} / \mathcal{N}(K_{\mathbb{P}^1})$$

- Gauge group:  $\mathcal{N}(K_{\mathbb{P}^1}) = \{\exp y(z), y \in \mathfrak{n}_+(K_{\mathbb{P}^1})\}$

# Canonical forms: Examples

Example ( $\mathfrak{g} = A_1 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ )

$$\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} a(z) & b(z) \\ 1 & -a(z) \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{\exp y(z)} \partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u(z) \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \partial_z^2 - u(z)$$

Example ( $\mathfrak{g} = A_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{C})$ )

$$\partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{\exp y(z)} \partial_z + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u^1 & u^2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \partial_z^3 - u^1 \partial_z + u^2$$



## Quantum $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -KdV opers - Ground state

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = \partial_z + \frac{f - \rho^\vee + r}{z} + (1 + \lambda z^{-\hat{k}})e_\theta \quad (*)$$

- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Dual Weyl vector } \rho^\vee \in \mathfrak{h}. \quad [\rho^\vee, e_i] = e_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \\ \text{Highest root } \theta \in \mathfrak{h}^*. \quad \text{Corresponding coroot } \theta^\vee \in \mathfrak{h} \end{array} \right.$
- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (r, \hat{k}) \in \mathfrak{h} \times (0, 1) \\ \lambda \text{ loop algebra variable} \end{array} \right.$  *moduli of opers  $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R}$*

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) \sim \partial_z + f + f_0 + \frac{r + (k - h)d}{z} + z^{-h}e_\theta$$

## Quantum $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -KdVopers - Higher states

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = \partial_z + \frac{f - \rho^\vee + r}{z} + (1 + \lambda z^{-\widehat{k}})e_\theta + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{-\theta^\vee + X(j)}{z - w_j} \quad (*)$$

### Additional singularities

- Additional singularities do not change the singularity at  $0, \infty$  and **have trivial monodromy monodromy**.
- Generically, the residue of a regular singularity with trivial monodromy is conjugated to  $-\theta^\vee$ , see Feigin-Frenkel [’07] (for  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  Duistermaat - Grunbaum [’86]).
- $N =$  number of additional poles = **level** of the corresponding state.

## The $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ case, 'Monster potential' (BLZ, ['03])

For  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ , we get

$$L = -\partial_z^2 + \frac{r(r+1)}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z} + \lambda z^k + \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{2}{(z-w_j)^2} + \frac{k}{z(z-w_j)} \right)$$

where the  $w_\ell$  satisfy the following system of algebraic equations

$$\Delta - (k+1)w_\ell = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \dots N \\ j \neq \ell}} \frac{w_\ell \left( (k+2)^2 w_\ell^2 - k(2k+5)w_j w_\ell + k(k+1)w_j^2 \right)}{(w_\ell - w_j)^3}$$

for  $\ell = 1, \dots, N$ , with  $\Delta = \frac{1}{4}k^3 + k(k+1) - (k+2)r(r+1)$ .

*For generic  $r, k$ , the above system should have  $p(n)N!$  solutions.*

## The $\mathfrak{sl}_3$ case, M.-Raimondo ['19]

$$L = \partial_z^3 - \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{3}{(z-w_j)^2} + \frac{k}{z(z-w_j)} \right) + \frac{\bar{r}^1}{z^2} \right) \partial_z$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{3}{(z-w_j)^3} + \frac{a_j}{z(z-w_j)^2} + \frac{2(k+3)a_j - k^2}{3z^2(z-w_j)} \right) + \frac{\bar{r}^2}{z^3} + \frac{1 + \lambda z^{-k}}{z^2},$$

where

$$a_\ell^2 - ka_\ell + k^2 + 3k - 3\bar{r}^1 = \sum_{\substack{j=1, \dots, N \\ j \neq \ell}} \left( \frac{9w_\ell^2}{(w_\ell - w_j)^2} + \frac{3kw_\ell}{w_\ell - w_j} \right)$$

$$Aa_\ell + B - 9(k+2)w_\ell = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq \ell}}^N \left( \frac{18(k - a_\ell - a_j)w_\ell^3}{(w_\ell - w_j)^3} + \frac{(12k + 9k^2 - (63 + 6k)a_j - 9ka_\ell)w_\ell^2}{(w_\ell - w_j)^2} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{(9k + 16k^2 + 6(k^2 + 10k + 6)a_j - 5ka_\ell)w_\ell}{w_\ell - w_j} \right).$$

## Three statements

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = \partial_z + \frac{f - \rho^\vee + r}{z} + (1 + \lambda z^{-\hat{k}})e_\theta + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{-\theta^\vee + X(j)}{z - w_j} \quad (*)$$

- 1 The generalized monodromy data of  $(*)$  satisfy the Bethe Ansatz equations of the quantum  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ -KdV model
- 2 The most general opers satisfying the above conditions are  $(*)$
- 3 The trivial monodromy conditions are a system of  $N(1 + \frac{nh}{2})$  algebraic equations in  $N(1 + \frac{nh}{2})$  unknowns (reduced to  $2N$  equations in  $2N$  unknowns for  $A_n, D_n, E_{6,7}$ ).

### Conjecture

The expected number of opers of level  $N$  is  $N!P_n(N)$ , the  $n$ -coloured partitions of  $N$ . (True for  $N = 0, 1$ )

# From Quantum $\mathfrak{g}$ -KdVopers to the Bethe Ansatz

- $V^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  *fundamental representations* of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} =$  universal cover of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$
- A distinguished space of (twisted) solutions:  $V^{(i)}(\lambda) \cong V^i \otimes \mathcal{O}_\lambda$

$$V^{(i)}(\lambda) = \{\psi : \widehat{\mathbb{C}} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow V^{(i)} \mid \mathcal{L}_{\frac{s(i)}{2}}(z, \lambda)\psi(z, \lambda) = 0, \psi \text{ entire in } \lambda\}$$

## $\lambda$ -dependent and $\mathcal{O}_\lambda$ -linear monodromy

$$(M\psi)(z, \lambda) = e^{2\pi i \rho^\vee} \psi(e^{2\pi i} z, e^{2\pi i \hat{k}} \lambda)$$

- Discrete symmetry:

$$\psi(z, \lambda) \in V^{(i)}(\lambda) \iff (M\psi)(z, \lambda) \in V^{(i)}(\lambda)$$

# Singularities of Quantum $\mathfrak{g}$ -KdV opers

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = \partial_z + \frac{f - \rho^\vee + r}{z} + (1 + \lambda z^{-\hat{k}})e_\theta + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{-\theta^\vee + X(j)}{z - w_j}$$

## Regular singularity at $z = 0$

- Let  $P_{\omega_i} \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$  set of weights of  $V^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$
- For every  $\{\chi_\omega\}_{\omega \in P_{\omega_i}}$  eigenvector of  $f - \rho^\vee + r$  with eigenvalue  $\omega(r - \rho^\vee)$

$$\chi_\omega(z, \lambda) = z^{\omega(r - \rho^\vee)} \left( \chi_\omega + \sum_{(\ell, m) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}} c_{\ell, m} z^\ell (\lambda z^{-\hat{k}})^m \right) \in V^{(i)}(\lambda)$$

- For generic  $(r, \hat{k})$  generic and  $f - \rho^\vee + r$  semisimple  $\implies \mathcal{O}_\lambda$ -basis of eigenvectors of the monodromy  $M$

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Irregular singularity at  $z = \infty$ :

- $\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) \sim \partial_z + z^{\frac{1}{h}-1} \Lambda^{(i)} + o(z^{-1})$ ,  $\Lambda^{(i)} = f + (-1)^{s(i)} e_\theta$
- $\Lambda^{(i)} \psi^{(i)} = \mu_i \psi^{(i)}$ ,  $\mu_i > 0$  maximal eigenvalue.  $\psi^{(i)} \in V^{(i)}$
- $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are the masses of affine Toda field theory.
- $\exists$  **subdominant** solution for  $z \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$\Psi^{(i)}(z, \lambda) \in V^{(i)}(\lambda), \quad \Psi^{(i)} = e^{-\mu_i h z^{\frac{1}{h}}} R(z) \times (\psi^{(i)} + o(1))$$



## Central connection problems

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = \partial_z + \frac{f - \rho^V + r}{z} + (1 + \lambda z^{-\hat{k}})e_\theta + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{-\theta^V + X(j)}{z - w_j}$$

- For  $i \in 1, \dots, n$ , there exist solutions

$$\{\Psi^{(i)}(z, \lambda)\} \cup \{\chi_\omega(z, \lambda)\}_{\omega \in P_{\omega_i}} \subset V^{(i)}(\lambda)$$

- Generalized monodromy data

$$\Psi^{(i)}(z, \lambda) = \sum_{\omega \in P_{\omega_i}} Q_\omega(\lambda) \chi_\omega(z, \lambda), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- The  $Q_\omega(\lambda)$  solve the Bethe Ansatz equations.

How to get to the  $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system?

# The $\Psi$ -system

- $C_{ij}$  Cartan matrix of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $B_{ij} = 2\delta_{ij} - C_{ij}$  incidence matrix
- *Homomorphism* of representations,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$m_i : \bigwedge^2 V^{(i)} \rightarrow \bigotimes_{j=1}^n (V^{(j)})^{\otimes B_{ij}}$$

- The  $\Psi$ -system,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$m_i(\Psi_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{(i)}(z, \lambda) \wedge \Psi_{\frac{1}{2}}^{(i)}(z, \lambda)) = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \Psi^{(j)}(z, \lambda)^{\otimes B_{ij}}$$

- Algebraic relations among subdominant solutions in *different* representations
- $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2 \implies \text{Wr}[\Psi_{-1/2}, \Psi_{1/2}] = 1$

# The $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system

- Recall

$$\Psi^{(i)}(z, \lambda) = \sum_{\omega \in P_{\omega_i}} Q^{(i)}(\lambda) \chi_{\omega}(z, \lambda)$$

- For  $\sigma \in \mathcal{W}$ , set

$$Q_{\sigma}^{(i)} = Q_{\sigma(\omega_i)}^{(i)}(\lambda) \quad \tilde{Q}_{\sigma}^{(i)} = Q_{\sigma(\omega_i - \alpha_i)}^{(i)}(\lambda)$$

- The  $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system

$$\prod_{j \in I} \left( Q_{\sigma}^{(j)}(\lambda) \right)^{B_{\ell j}} = e^{i\pi\theta_{\ell}} Q_{\sigma}^{(\ell)}(e^{-\pi i \hat{k}} \lambda) \tilde{Q}_{\sigma}^{(\ell)}(e^{\pi i \hat{k}} \lambda) \\ - e^{-i\pi\theta_{\ell}} Q_{\sigma}^{(\ell)}(e^{\pi i \hat{k}} \lambda) \tilde{Q}_{\sigma}^{(\ell)}(e^{-\pi i \hat{k}} \lambda),$$

where  $\theta_{\ell} = \sigma(\alpha_{\ell})(r - \rho^{\vee})$ .

# $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system and affine quantum groups

- The  $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system:

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## Theorem (Frenkel and Hernandez ['16])

*The  $Q\tilde{Q}$ -system (\*\*) is a universal system of relations in the (commutative) Grothendieck ring  $K_0(\mathcal{O})$  of the category  $\mathcal{O}$  (introduced by Hernandez and Jimbo) of representations of the Borel subalgebra of the quantum affine algebra  $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ .*