

# Finite size spectra of the $OSp(3|2)$ superspin chain

## Critical properties of an intersecting loop model

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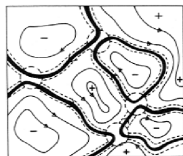
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# Spin chains based on superalgebras

## Disorder problems

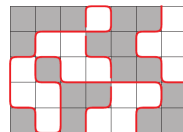
- network models for disorder problems (e.g. QH plateau transitions)
- lattice gas with random scatterers / (intersecting) loops

⤵ replica trick or supersymmetry techniques



## Complications

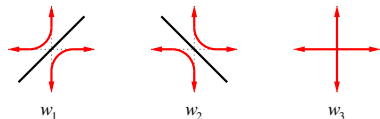
- superalgebras: finite/infinite irreps, indecomposable reps
- non-Hermitian hamiltonian / non-unitary CFT: non-normalizable states, continuous spectrum, ...



## Challenges

- lattice regularization with local interactions and finite dimensional state space (possibly after truncation) [Zirnbauer ...]
- strong subleading finite size corrections [Essler, HF, Saleur (2005), ...]
- characterization of CFT with non-compact target [Ikhlef, Jacobsen, Saleur (2012), ...]
- corrections to scaling in presence of continuous spectrum [HF&Seel (2014)]

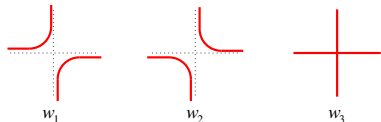
# Lattice gas with random obstacles



- mirrors with two orientations placed randomly on square lattice
- probabilities  $w_i$

➤ consider deterministic motion of particles on the lattice

# Intersecting loops – Goldstone phase



- Boltzmann weights  $w_k$  of local configurations
- fugacity  $z$  for closed loops (nonlocal)

partition function ( $\mathcal{N}$ : no. of closed loops)

$$Z = \sum_{\text{loop configurations}} w_1^{m_1} w_2^{m_2} w_3^{m_3} z^{\mathcal{N}},$$

**continuum limit**  $\sim O(N)$  scalar field theory  $\sim OSp(m|2n)$  susy model  
with loop fugacity  $z = N = m - 2n$  (e.g.  $z \rightarrow 1$  for SAW/polymers)

**low  $T$  phase** for  $N < 2$  in  $2d$  [Jacobsen,Read,Saleur (2003); Martins *et al.* (1998)]:

- massless Goldstone modes of broken  $O(N)$  or supersymmetry ( $\neq$  'dense loops' phase of *non*-intersecting loops for  $|N| < 2$ )
- marginally irrelevant coupling constant  $g \sim 1/\log \Lambda$
- operators have integer conformal weights (including 0)

# Intersecting loops – integrable models

- integrable realization of local loop configurations in terms of generators of braid-monoid algebra for Boltzmann weights

$$w_1 \sim 1, \quad w_2 \sim \frac{\lambda}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z - \lambda}, \quad w_3 \sim \lambda$$

➤  $R$ -matrix in terms of braid-monoid generators satisfying a Yang-Baxter equation

- for integer fugacity  $z$ : (local) vertex model based on finite-dimensional representation of  $OSP(m|2n)$  for  $z = m - 2n$  [Martins,Nienhuis,Rietmann (1998)]
- finite size scaling for integrable superspin model:
  - central charge  $c = z - 1$
  - indication for vanishing critical exponent
  - ~ fractal dimension of loops  $d_f = 2$  ('superdiffusion' in lattice gas picture).

➤ **integrable realization of Goldstone phase in a lattice model**  
(finite weight for crossings)

# The $OSp(3|2)$ superspin chain

## Irreducible representations

- irreps are labelled by two integer or half-integer numbers ( $p \geq 0; q \geq \frac{1}{2}$ )
- quadratic Casimir:  $l_2 = (p(p+1) + 2q(1-2q))$
- $OSp(3|2) \supset SU(2) \oplus SU(2)$ : decompose into  $\ell \otimes s$  irreps of  $SU(2) \oplus SU(2)$ :
  - ▶ trivial representation  $(0; 0) = (0 \otimes 0)$ :  
ground state of even  $L$  superspin chain
  - ▶ 5d fundamental representation  $(0; \frac{1}{2}) = (1 \otimes 0) \oplus (0 \otimes \frac{1}{2})$   
local spins, ground state of odd  $L$  superspin chain

## Partition function

exact largest eigenvalue of transfer matrix

$$\Lambda_{\max} = (w_1 + w_2 + w_3)^L$$

➤ ground state energy  $E_0 = -\partial_\lambda \Lambda_{\max}|_{\lambda=0} = -3L$  without finite size corrections:  
low energy effective field theory with central charge  $c = 0$  (non-unitary)

# Ground state and lowest excitations

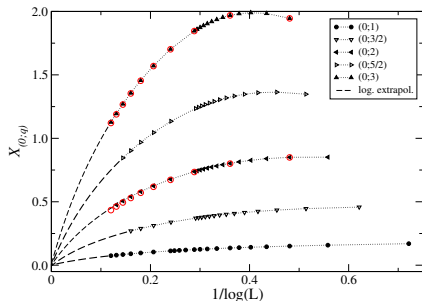
## Ground state

- $OSp(3|2)$ -singlet  $(0; 0)$  for even  $L$ , quintet  $(0; \frac{1}{2})$  for odd  $L$
- degenerate Bethe root configuration for even  $L$

## Excitations

- exact diagonalization: lowest states are  $(0; q \geq 1)$  multiplets,  $2q \sim L \pmod{2}$
- strong subleading corrections to finite size estimates of scaling dimensions

[Martins, Nienhuis, Rietman (1998)]



perturbative RG for symmetry broken low- $T$  (Goldstone) phase of  $O(N=1)$  model with long distance cutoff  $L$  gives coupling constant

$$g \sim 1/\log L$$

vanishing dimensions  $X_{(0;q)} \rightarrow 0$  for all  $q$ : log. fine-structure in finite size spectrum

# Fine structure of finite size spectrum

Conjecture for log. amplitudes based on finite size data:

$$X_{(0;q)} = 0 + \frac{q(2q-1)}{\log(L/L_0)}, \quad q = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$$

(cf. quadratic Casimir?)

Long distance asymptotics of *watermelon* correlators  $G_k(r)$   
 $\equiv$  probability of  $k$  loop segments connecting two points at distance  $r$

$$G_k(r) \sim 1/(\log r)^{\alpha_k}, \quad \alpha_k \in \{2q(2q-1) : q = 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \dots\}$$

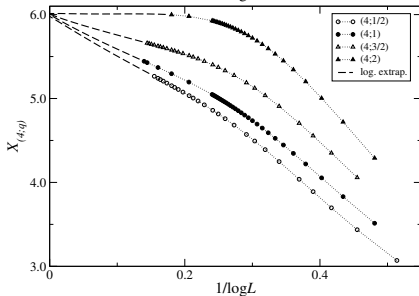
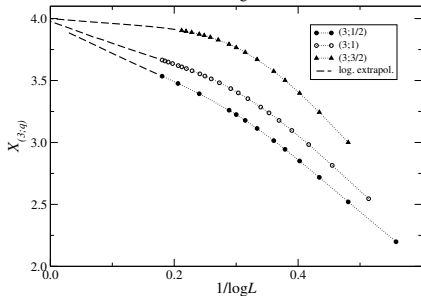
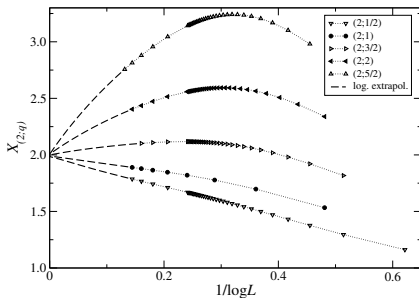
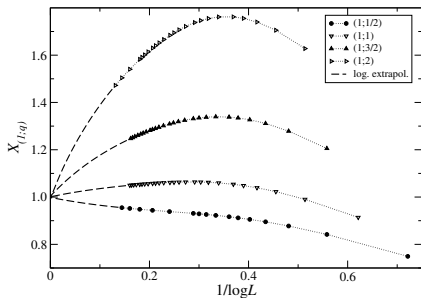
➤ identification of  $(0; q)$  primary with the  $k = 2q$ -leg operator: agrees with perturbative RG and numerical results for  $G_2$  and  $G_4$  [Nahum et al. (2013)]

NB: The  $(0; L/2)$  multiplet of the  $L$ -site superspin chain is (one of) the ferromagnetic reference states used in the Bethe ansatz: therefore the spectrum of the  $(0; q)$  states extends from  $E_0 = -3L$  to  $E_{\text{fm}} = -L$

➤ **continuous spectrum of scaling dimensions!**



# Other symmetry sectors



# Discrete part of conformal spectrum

➤ continua starting at integer  $X$ ! The lowest levels in the  $(p; q)$  sector of the spectrum of the superspin chain correspond to operators with conformal weight

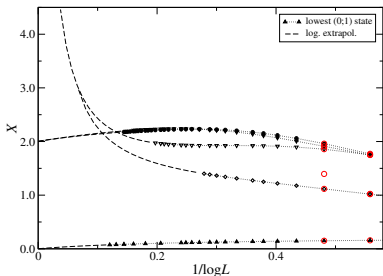
$$(h, \bar{h}) = \begin{cases} (h_{p/2}, h_{p/2}) & \text{for } p \text{ even,} \\ (h_{(p\pm 1)/2}, h_{(p\mp 1)/2}) & \text{for } p \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

where  $h_k = \frac{1}{2}k(k+1)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

## Continua of critical exponents with lower edges

sector $(p; q)$	$X = h + \bar{h}$	$s = h - \bar{h}$	$(h, \bar{h})$
$(0; q)$	0	0	$(0, 0)$
$(1; q)$	1	$\pm 1$	$(1, 0), (0, 1)$
$(2; q)$	2	0	$(1, 1)$
$(3; q)$	4	$\pm 2$	$(3, 1), (1, 3)$
$(4; q)$	6	0	$(3, 3)$
...			

# Continuum limit of a (compact) lattice model



Consider low  $E$  states in given symmetry sector  
( $p; q$ ) = (0; 1) for  $L = 6, 8$  sites:

- primary with scaling dimension  $X = 0$
- two doublets with conformal spin  $\pm 1$
- three excitations with conformal spin 0

Bethe ansatz for larger system sizes:

- two spin zero states extrapolate to  $X = 2$ : descendants of the primary
- one doublet and third spin 0 state: finite size extrapolation does not converge: disappear from the low  $E$  spectrum
- the  $2^{\text{nd}}$  spin  $\pm 1$  level has not been identified in the BA (level-1 descendant?)

consequence of the vanishing coupling constant

➤ generic property of lattice regularizations (with compact quantum space) field theories with continuous spectrum of critical exponents!

# Summary

integrable lattice realization for the low- $T$  Goldstone phase of intersecting loops

finite size study of  $OSp(3|2)$  superspin chain:

continuum limit characterized by compact **and non-compact** degree of freedom:

- discrete part of spectrum is characterized by integer conformal weights (label  $p$  of  $OSp(3|2)$  irrep  $(p; q)$ )
- emergence of continua of scaling dimensions (label  $q$  of  $OSp(3|2)$  irrep)
- identification of log. amplitudes in lowest levels  $\succ$  asymptotics of “watermelon” correlators
- compact spin chain  $\rightarrow$  non-compact continuum limit:  
massive reordering of finite size levels

# Some open problems

- amplitudes of subleading log. corrections in sectors ( $p \geq 1; q$ ):

$$\sim q(2q - 1) + f(p)$$

relation to quadratic  $OSp(3|2)$  Casimir?

⤵ NLIE formulation to deal with larger systems ( $L \gg 10^4$ )

- other models:

- ▶  $OSp(2|2) \Leftrightarrow$  self-dual/isotropic limit of staggered  $U_q[s|l(2|1)]$  susy chain: at the border (critical level) of a phase described by the  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})/U(1)$  sigma model at level  $k = \pi/\gamma$  (2d Euclidean black hole) [HF&Martins (2011,2012), HF&Seel (2014)]
- ▶  $OSp(1|2)$ : rank 1 super algebra, central charge  $c = -2$  but simple spectrum without room for continuous spectrum [Martins (1995)]  
reason:  $k$ -leg operators  $\sim$  contraction of susy tensors vanishing for small  $m$   
⤵ need to consider  $OSp(m|2n)$  with  $m - 2n = -1$  but  $m$  sufficiently large

- low energy effective theory for the Goldstone phase?

- ▶ characterization of density of states in continua  
⤵ non-standard conserved charges?