

# Wilson–'t Hooft lines as transfer matrices

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Various connections between

supersymmetric QFTs  $\longleftrightarrow$  quantum integrable systems

discovered in the past 10 years or so:

- Bethe/gauge correspondence (2d & 4d) [Nekrasov–Shatashvili]
- Bazhanov–Sergeev model from 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  quiver gauge theories [Spiridonov, Yamazaki]
- Surface defects as transfer matrices [Maruyoshi–Yagi]
- 4d Chern–Simons (=  $\Omega$ -deformed 6d SYM [Costello–Y])  
[Costello, Costello–Yamazaki–Witten]
- ...

Many of them are related by string dualities [Costello–Y].

## Quantization of Donagi–Witten integrable system

- $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^1$  on Coulomb branch
- IR:  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  sigma model on  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Target  $\mathcal{M}$  is the phase space of a classical **complex integrable system** [Donagi–Witten]
- **$\Omega$ -deformation** on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  quantizes  $\mathcal{M}$   
[Nekrasov–Shatashvili, Nekrasov–Witten, Y]
- For class- $\mathcal{S}$  theories,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a Hitchin system.

## Surface defects as transfer matrices [Maruyoshi–Y, Y]

- $\mathcal{N} = 1$  theory constructed by “brane tiling” or of class  $\mathcal{S}_k$
- Place it on  $S^3 \times S^1$
- Insert **surface defects** on  $S^1 \times S^1$
- Surface defects act on SUSY index as difference operators, shifting flavor fugacities [Gadde–Gukov, Gaiotto–Rastelli–Razamat]
- Coincide with **transfer matrices** of elliptic QIS [Maruyoshi–Y, Y]
- Simplest case: **elliptic** Ruijsenaars–Schneider system [GRR, Bullimore–Fluder–Hollands–Richmond]

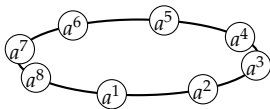
We found a new correspondence:

Wilson-'t Hooft lines = transfer matrices

- $\mathcal{N} = 2$  circular quiver theory (**class- $\mathcal{S}$** )
- Place it on  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3$
- Wind a **Wilson-'t Hooft line**  $T$  around  $S^1$
- $\langle T \rangle$  is a function of Coulomb branch parameters
- Quantization of  $\langle T \rangle$  coincides with transfer matrix of **trigonometric** QIS

Related to other correspondences

Consider a periodic spin chain



Spins  $a^1, \dots, a^n \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ ,  $\mathfrak{h} = \text{Cartan of } \mathfrak{sl}_N$ :

$$a^r = \text{diag}(a_1^r, \dots, a_N^r), \quad \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^r = 0$$

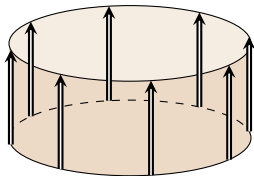
Local Hilbert space:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*} = \{\text{meromorphic functions on } \mathfrak{h}^*\}$$

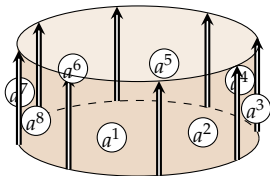
Total Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*}}_n$$

## Equivalent lattice model

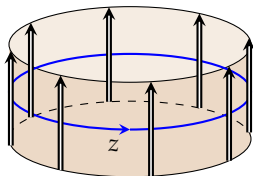


Spins live between double lines:



$a^r$  are called **dynamical parameters**.

**Transfer matrix**  $T(z)$  is horizontal loop operator:



Solid line = worldline of particle whose Hilbert space is  $\mathbb{C}^N$

The particle's state changes when it crosses other lines.

Solid line also has **spectral parameter**  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$T(z)$  consists of  $n$  copies of **L-operator**

$$L(z) = z \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow \end{array} .$$



Dynamical parameters jump across solid lines:

$$L(z; a^1, a^2)_i^j = z \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a^1} \textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{a^2} \textcircled{j} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{a^1 - \epsilon h_i} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{a^2 - \epsilon h_j} \end{array} \cdot$$

$\epsilon \in \mathbb{C}$ : fixed parameter (Planck constant)

$h_i$  are the weights of the vector rep  $\mathbb{C}^N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= \text{diag}\left(1 - \frac{1}{N}, -\frac{1}{N}, -\frac{1}{N}, \dots, -\frac{1}{N}\right), \\ h_2 &= \text{diag}\left(-\frac{1}{N}, 1 - \frac{1}{N}, -\frac{1}{N}, \dots, -\frac{1}{N}\right), \\ &\vdots \\ h_N &= \text{diag}\left(-\frac{1}{N}, -\frac{1}{N}, -\frac{1}{N}, \dots, 1 - \frac{1}{N}\right). \end{aligned}$$

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Matrix elements  $L(z)_i^j$  are **difference operators** on  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*} \otimes \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*}$ :

$$L(z) = \sum_{i,j} L(z; a^1, a^2)_i^j \Delta_i^1 \Delta_j^2,$$

$$\Delta_i^r : a^r \mapsto a^r - \epsilon h_i.$$

Transfer matrix

$$T(z) = \sum_{i^1, \dots, i^n} \prod_{r=1}^n L(z; a^r, a^{r+1})_{i^r}^{i^{r+1}} \prod_{s=1}^n \Delta_{i^s}^s, \quad i^{n+1} = i^1$$

is a difference operator on  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{M}_{\mathfrak{h}^*}^{\otimes n}$ .

Crossing solid lines give **R-matrix**

$$R(z - z'; a)^{kl}_{ij} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \textcircled{l} \\ \textcircled{i} \text{---} \textcircled{k} \\ \textcircled{j} \\ \downarrow \\ z' \end{array} \cdot$$

R-matrix satisfies **dynamical Yang–Baxter equation**

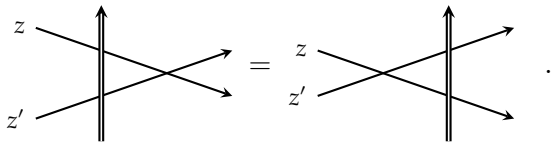
$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ 2 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ 2 \\ \uparrow \\ 3 \end{array} \cdot$$

Just like the ordinary Yang–Baxter equation

$$R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12}$$

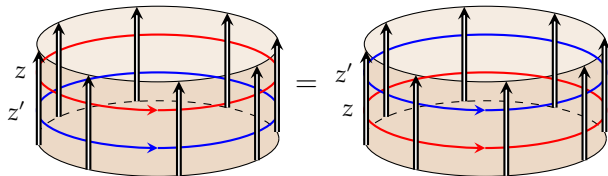
but with shifts in the dynamical parameters.

L-operator and R-matrix satisfy **RLL relation**



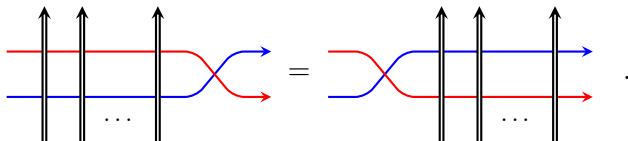
It follows that transfer matrices commute:

$$T(z)T(z') = T(z')T(z)$$

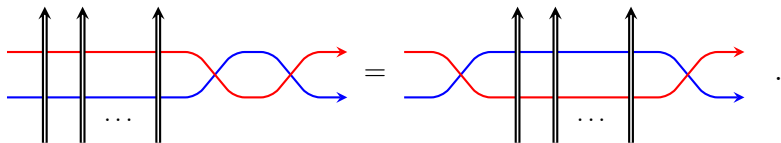


*Proof:*

By RLL relation



Multiply both sides by  $R^{-1}$ :



Take the trace, making the horizontal direction periodic.

Since

$$[T(z), T(z')] = 0,$$

coefficients of Laurent expansion

$$T(z) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} T_m z^m$$

are commuting difference operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$[T_m, T_n] = 0.$$

This is **integrability**.

## Trigonometric L-operator [Hasegawa]

$$\mathcal{L}_{w,m}(z)_i^j = \sum_{i,j} (\Delta_i^1 \Delta_j^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\sin \pi(z - w + a_j^2 - a_i^1)}{\sin \pi(z - w)} \ell_m(a^1, a^2)_i^j (\Delta_i^1 \Delta_j^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

satisfies RLL relation with a trigonometric dynamical R-matrix (a limit of the 8vSOS R-matrix).

$$\ell_m(a^1, a^2)_i^j = \left( \frac{\prod_{k(\neq i)} \sin \pi(a_k^1 - a_j^2 - m) \prod_{l(\neq j)} \sin \pi(a_i^1 - a_l^2 - m)}{\prod_{k(\neq i)} \sin \pi(a_{ki}^1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon) \sin \pi(a_{ik}^1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$w, m \in \mathbb{C}$  are spectral parameters assigned to the double line:

$$\mathcal{L}_{w,m}(z) = z \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{---} \\ \downarrow \\ w, m \end{array} .$$

## Introduce **fundamental L-operators**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pm, m} = \lim_{w \rightarrow \pm i\infty} \mathcal{L}_{w, m}.$$

Then

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\pm, m})_i^j = \sum_{i, j} (\Delta_i^1 \Delta_j^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\pm \pi i (a_j^2 - a_i^1)} \ell_m(a^1, a^2)_i^j (\Delta_i^1 \Delta_j^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_{w, m}(z) = \frac{e^{\pi i (z-w)} \mathcal{L}_{+, m} - e^{-\pi i (z-w)} \mathcal{L}_{-, m}}{\sin \pi (z-w)}.$$

We may as well consider  $\mathcal{L}_{\pm, m}$  without loss of generality.



Pick  $n$ -tuple of signs

$$\sigma = (\sigma^1, \dots, \sigma^n) \in \{\pm\}^n$$

and  $n$ -tuple of complex numbers

$$m = (m^1, \dots, m^n) \in \mathbb{C}^n .$$

Let  $\mathcal{T}_{\sigma, m}$  be the transfer matrix constructed from  $n$  L-operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma^1, m^1} , \dots , \mathcal{L}_{\sigma^n, m^n} .$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\sigma, m} = \sum_{i^1, \dots, i^n} \left( \prod_{s=1}^n \Delta_{i_s}^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{r=1}^n e^{\pi i \sigma^r (a_{i^{r+1}}^{r+1} - a_{i^r}^r)} \ell_{m^r} (a^r, a^{r+1})_{i^r}^{i^{r+1}} \left( \prod_{s=1}^n \Delta_{i_s}^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} .$$

This is the main character on the integrable system side.

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theories have half-BPS **Wilson–'t Hooft lines**.

Worldlines of very massive dyonic particles

Charge of WH line

$$(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{e}) \in (\Lambda_{\text{coweight}} \times \Lambda_{\text{weight}}) / \text{Weyl}.$$

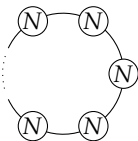
Wilson line has  $\mathbf{m} = 0$  and is labeled by representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

't Hooft line has  $\mathbf{e} = 0$  and is labeled by representation of  ${}^L\mathfrak{g}$ .

Wilson–'t Hooft

= ('t Hooft) + (Wilson for subgroup of  $G$  leaving  $\mathbf{m}$  invariant)

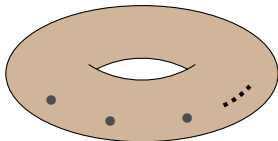
$\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory described by  $n$ -node **circular quiver**



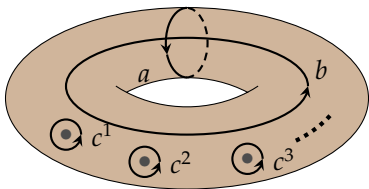
Each node is  $SU(N)$  (more precisely,  $PSU(N)$ ).

Edges are bifundamental hypers with masses  $m^1, \dots, m^n$ .

Compactification of 6d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$  SCFT on  $n$ -punctured torus



WH lines = surface defects wrapping 1-cycles of the torus



Consider Wilson-'t Hooft line  $T_{\square, \sigma}$  corresponding to

$$\gamma_{\sigma} = b + \sum_r \frac{1 - \sigma^r}{2} c^r .$$

If  $\sigma^r = +1$  ( $-1$ ), the cycle passes above (below)  $r$ th puncture.

$\mathbf{m} = \square \oplus \cdots \oplus \square$  under  $\mathfrak{su}_N \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{su}_N$

$\mathbf{e}$  specified by  $\sigma \in \{\pm\}^n$

Put the theory on twisted product

$$S^1 \times_{\epsilon} \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Wrap  $T_{\square, \sigma}$  around  $S^1 \times \{0\} \times \{t\}$ .

Ito–Okuda–Taki tell us how to compute the vev by **localization**:

$$\langle T_{\square, \sigma} \rangle = \sum_{i^1, \dots, i^n} \prod_{r=1}^n e^{2\pi i b_{i^r}^r} e^{\pi i \sigma^r (a_{i^{r+1}}^{r+1} - a_{i^r}^r)} \ell_{m^r}(a^r, a^{r+1})_{i^r}^{i^{r+1}}$$

in complexified Fenchel–Nielsen coordinates on Seiberg–Witten moduli space:

$$a = \frac{\theta_e}{2\pi} + i\beta \operatorname{Re} \phi + \dots, \quad b = \frac{\theta_m}{2\pi} - \frac{4\pi i \beta}{g^2} \operatorname{Im} \phi + i \frac{\vartheta}{2\pi} \beta \operatorname{Re} \phi + \dots.$$

Alternatively, we can compute it from **Toda theory** by AGT.

## Compare

$$\langle T_{\square, \sigma} \rangle = \sum_{i^1, \dots, i^n} \prod_{r=1}^n e^{2\pi i b_{i^r}^r} e^{\pi i \sigma^r (a_{i^r+1}^{r+1} - a_{i^r}^r)} \ell_{m^r}(a^r, a^{r+1})_{i^r}^{i^r+1},$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\sigma, m} = \sum_{i^1, \dots, i^n} \left( \prod_{s=1}^n \Delta_{i_s}^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{r=1}^n e^{\pi i \sigma^r (a_{i^r+1}^{r+1} - a_{i^r}^r)} \ell_{m^r}(a^r, a^{r+1})_{i^r}^{i^r+1} \left( \prod_{s=1}^n \Delta_{i_s}^s \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

If we quantize  $a^r, b^r$  so that

$$[\hat{a}_i^r, \hat{b}_j^s] = -i \frac{\epsilon}{2\pi} \delta^{rs} \left( \delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{N} \right),$$

then

$$\mathcal{T}_{\sigma, m} = \text{Weyl quantization of } \langle T_{\square, \sigma} \rangle.$$

LHS easily generalizes to other reps by fusion procedure, RHS does not due to monopole bubbling.

## M-theory setup

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\mathbb{R}_9$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ M5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	—	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ M5'	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\mathbb{R}_9$	—
M2	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

12345 directions: twisted product  $\mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times_{\epsilon} S_3^1 \times_{-\epsilon} \mathbb{R}_{45}^2$

M5: 6d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$  SCFT on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times_{\epsilon} S_3^1 \times S_6^1 \times S_{10}^1$

M5':  $n$  punctures on  $S_6^1 \times S_{10}^1$

M2: surface defect

Reduction on  $S_6^1 \times S_{10}^1$  gives the 4d setup with  $\sigma = (+, \dots, +)$ .

Compactify  $\mathbb{R}_9 \rightarrow S^1_9$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{12}$	$S^1_3$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{45}$	$S^1_6$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$S^1_9$	$S^1_{10}$
$N$ M5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{12}$	$S^1_3$	—	$S^1_6$	—	—	—	$S^1_{10}$
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M2	—	—	$S^1_3$	—	$S^1_6$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

Reduce on  $S^1_3$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{12}$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{45}$	$S^1_6$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$S^1_9$	$S^1_{10}$
$N$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{12}$	—	$S^1_6$	—	—	—	$S^1_{10}$
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F1	—	—	—	$S^1_6$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—



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$n$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$S_9^1$	
F1	—	—	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

Apply T-duality  $S_9^1 \rightarrow \check{S}_9^1$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ D5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ D3	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	—	
F1	—	—	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

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F1	—	—	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

D5: 6d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$  SYM on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times S_6^1 \times \check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$

D3: codim-3 operator on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2$

F1: Wilson line on  $S_6^1$

**$\Omega$ -deformation** on  $\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$  from nontrivial background, due to the initial twisted product in 12345 directions [Hellerman–Orland–Reffert].

$\Omega$ -deformed 6d  $\mathcal{N} = (1, 1)$  SYM on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times S_6^1 \times \check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$

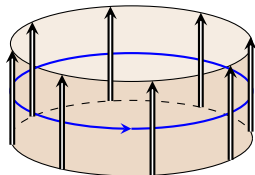
$\rightsquigarrow$  Costello's **4d Chern-Simons** on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times S_6^1 \times \check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$  [Costello-Y]

Codim-3 operators on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2$

$\rightsquigarrow$  line operators on  $\mathbb{R}_0$

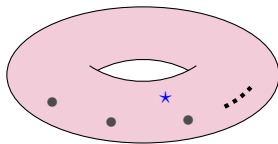
Wilson line on  $S_6^1$

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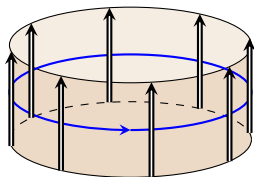


$\mathbb{R}_0 \times S_6^1$

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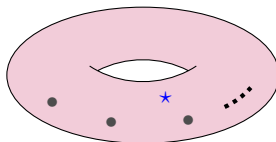


$\check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$



$$\mathbb{R}_0 \times S_6^1$$

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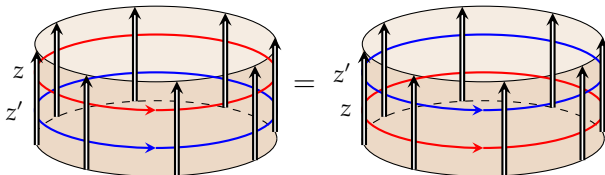


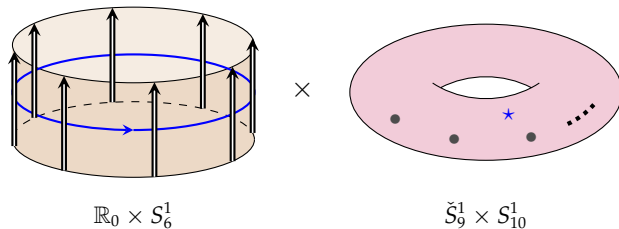
$$\check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$$

Topological on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times S_6^1$ , holomorphic on  $\check{S}_9^1 \times S_{10}^1$

2d TQFT + line defects  $\implies$  lattice model

TQFT + extra dimensions  $\implies$  integrability [Costello]





Wilson line gives transfer matrix of elliptic QIS with

$$\tau = iR_{10}/\check{R}_9.$$

Now, decompactify  $S^1_9 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_9$ . Take  $R_9 \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $\check{R}_9 \rightarrow 0$ .

This is the **trigonometric limit**  $\tau \rightarrow i\infty$ .

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For **Nekrasov–Shatashvili**, apply S-duality:

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ D3	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	—	—
D1	—	—	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

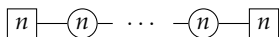
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$n$ D3	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	—	—
D1	—	—	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

Then T-duality on  $S_6^1$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$\check{S}_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$\check{S}_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$\check{S}_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	—	—
D0	—	—	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$\check{S}_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$\check{S}_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	—	$\check{S}_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	—	—
D0	—	—	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

D4–NS5: 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory for  $(N + 1)$ -node linear quiver



placed on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times \check{S}_6^1$ .

$\Omega$ -deformation quantizes DW system (trigonometric Gaudin)  
 $\implies$  noncompact XXX spin chain

D0 is a local operator, acting as a transfer matrix.

Actuality, 9 & 10 directions are compact, so it's a 6d lift. We get the elliptic version of the integrable system.



## Go back to M-theory

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$S_9^1$	$S_{10}^1$
$N$ M5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	—	$S_{10}^1$
$n$ M5'	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$S_9^1$	—
M2	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—	—

Reduce on  $S_{10}^1$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
$N$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	—
$n$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
D2	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
$N$ D4	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	—
$n$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
D2	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	—

Apply T-duality on  $S_9^1$ :

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
$N$ D5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$
$n$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
D3	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	$\check{S}_9^1$

Spacetime	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	$\mathbb{R}_{45}^2$	$S_6^1$	$\mathbb{R}_7$	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
$N$ D5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	—	$\check{S}_9^1$
$n$ NS5	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_{12}^2$	$S_3^1$	—	—	—	$\mathbb{R}_8$	$\check{S}_9^1$
D3	—	—	$S_3^1$	—	$S_6^1$	—	$\mathbb{R}_8^{\geq 0}$	$\check{S}_9^1$

D5–NS5: 5d circular quiver theory on  $\mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times_{\epsilon} S_3^1 \times \check{S}_9^1$

D3: surface defect on  $S_3^1 \times \check{S}_9^1$

We can add more NS5s, preserving 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUSY on  $\mathbb{R}_{12}^2 \times_{\epsilon} S_3^1 \times \check{S}_9^1$ . This leads to the brane tiling story [Maruyoshi–Y].

## Summary

- We considered a class of Wilson–’t Hooft lines in 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  circular quiver theories.
- We found that they can be identified with transfer matrices of trigonometric QIS.
- This is useful for calculations of line operator vevs.
- By embedding into string theory, the correspondence can be related to other known correspondences via dualities.

## Further directions

- Surface defects in 5d circular quiver theory correspond to transfer matrices of elliptic QIS.
- Variations of the present setup
- Circular quiver theories deconstruct 6d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 0)$  SCFT. Integrability is behind surface operators in 6d theory.