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Abstract: Costello, Witten and Yamazaki proposed a 4d Chern-Simons theory as a unified way to engineer integrable models. In the presence of 'Disorder' defects (for non-ultralocal 2d theories), this correspondence has been established only classically. As a first quantum check, I will derive the matching of 1-loop divergences between the 4d and 2d theories. My assumptions are general and seem to isolate sigma-models among the 2d theories. (Based on 2309.16753)

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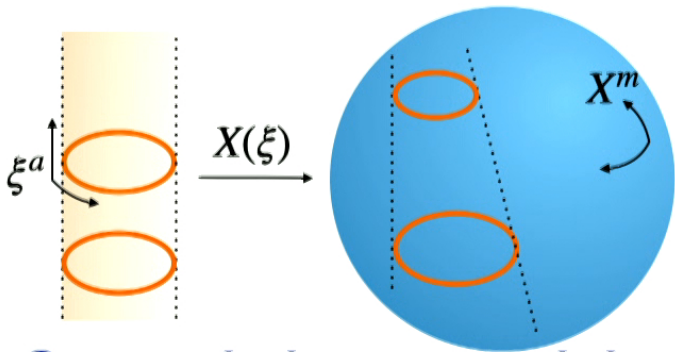
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# Integrable sigma-models

[Pohlmeyer 76] reduction

O(N) sigma-model	$\mathcal{L} = (\partial n_a)^2 \quad (n_a^2 = 1)$
	$a = 1, \dots, N$
↓	
sine Gordon	$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + m^2 \cos g\phi$



General sigma-models

$$\mathcal{L} = (G(X) + B(X))_{MN} \partial_+ X^M \partial_- X^N$$

$$S = \int d^2\xi \mathcal{L}$$

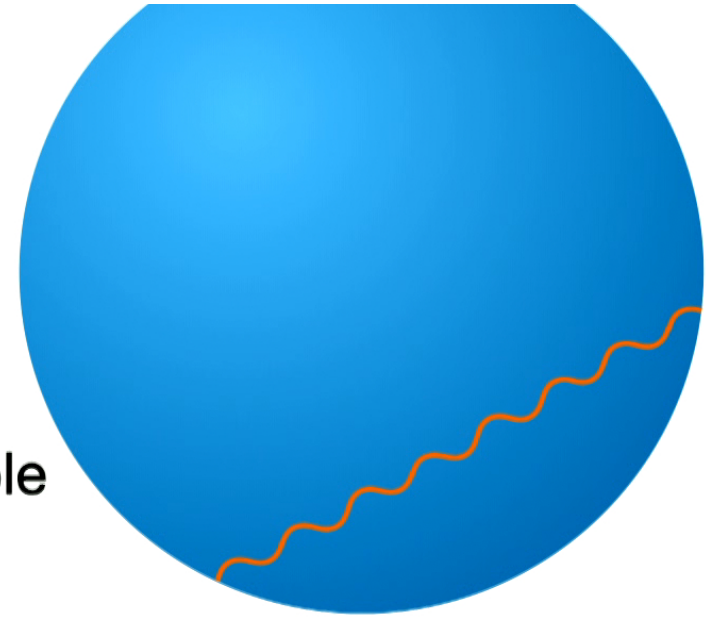
$(\partial_{\pm} = \partial_0 \pm \partial_1)$

Classical integrability

EOM  $\longleftrightarrow F_{+-}(L(z, X)) \equiv \partial_+ L_- - \partial_- L_+ + [L_+, L_-] = 0$

# Integrability in string theory

- Strings in curved space: very hard
- Typical case: chaos      Special case: integrable
- Success story:  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5 \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM}$
  
- Modify while preserving integrability?
- Different dimension... Less supersymmetry... **Deform geometry...**





# Integrable landscape

$J_a = g^{-1} \partial_a g, g \in G$	PCM	PCM + k WZ	$\eta$ deformed PCM [Klimcik 02,08]	$\lambda$ deformed PCM [Sfetsos 13]
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?!?!?

Which sigma-models are integrable?

# 4d Chern-Simons

[Costello Witten Yamazaki 17,18] [Costello Yamazaki 19]  
 [Delduc Lacroix Magro Vicedo 20]

$$S_{4d}[A] = \int_{\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{C}P^1} dz \phi(z) \wedge \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right)$$

$A = A_+ d\xi^+ + A_- d\xi^- + A_{\bar{z}} d\bar{z} (+A_z dz)$

$\xi$  → 2d co-ords  
 $z$  → spectral parameter

**Integrable 2d theory specified by:**  
 Meromorphic 1-form  $dz \phi(z)$   
**Zeros**                                      **Poles**  
**'Disorder' defects**      **2d theory lives here**

# Quantum equivalence ?

- Equivalence established: **classical**

[Costello Yamazaki 19]

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[ Cf. 'Order' defects [Costello Yamazaki 19]

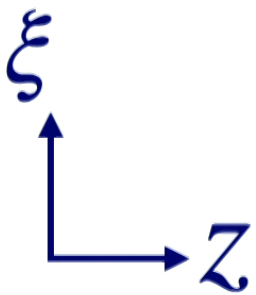
And lattice models [Ashwinkumar Sakamoto Yamazaki 23]

- Quantum equivalence?

- Watch out: — Cf. [Fadeev Reshetikhin 86]

May have classical equivalence between different quantum theories

— Disorder defects ~ places where  $\hbar \rightarrow \infty$



$\phi = 0$   
**Zeros**

singular gauge field



$\phi = \infty$   
**Poles**

**2d theory**



# Classical equivalence

## Review

$$S_{4d}[A] = \int_{\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{C}P^1} dz \phi(z) \wedge \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right)$$

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Change variable  $(A_{\bar{z}}, A_{\pm}) \rightarrow (g, L_{\pm})$

$$A_{\bar{z}} = -\partial_{\bar{z}} g g^{-1}$$

$$A_{\pm} = g L_{\pm} g^{-1} - \partial_{\bar{z}} g g^{-1}$$

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$L_{\pm}(z, C)$  meromorphic. Poles specified by  $\phi$

zero-curvature eqs

# Boundary conditions

Boundary term  $\delta S \propto \int d^2z d^2\xi \partial_{\bar{z}}\phi(z) \text{Tr}[A_+\delta A_- - A_-\delta A_+]$   
**localised to poles of  $\phi(z) dz$**

→ BCs at poles: Admissible BCs studied in

[Delduc Lacroix Magro Vicedo 20]  
[Benini Schenkel Vicedo 20]  
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$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(g|_P)$$

$g_{\text{bulk}}$  pure gauge

$$S_{4d} = S_{2d}[g|_P] \quad (\text{affine Gaudin models})$$



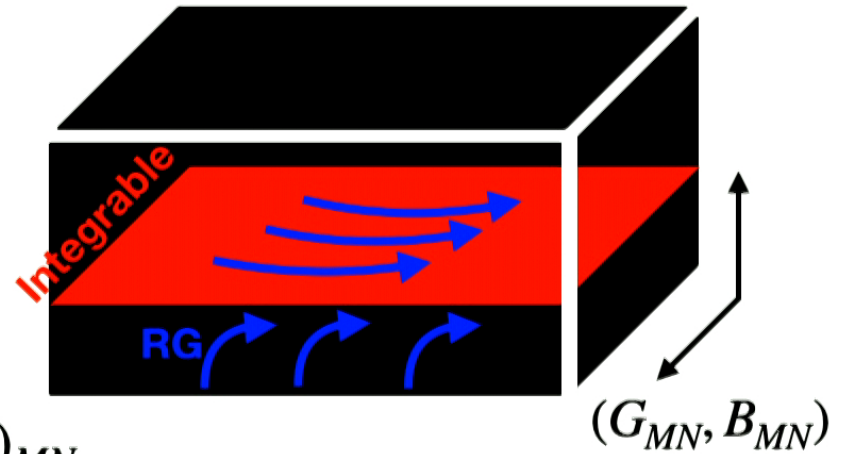
# Sigma-model RG flow

1-loop ~ Ricci flow (bosonic)

$$\frac{d}{dt}(G_{MN} + B_{MN}) = R_{MN} - \frac{1}{4}(H^2)_{MN} - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla H)_{MN}$$

$$(t = \log \mu) \quad H = dB$$

[Friedan 80] ...



**Conjecture:** Integrable models will be renormalizable

[Fateev Onofri Zamolodchikov 93] [Lukyanov 12] [Litvinov et al]

## Example: PCM + cousins

$$L_{\pm} = \frac{1}{1 \pm z} \mathcal{A}_{\pm}$$

$$F_{+-}(L) = \frac{1}{1 - z^2} (\partial \cdot \mathcal{A}) + \frac{z}{1 - z^2} F_{+-}(\mathcal{A})$$

$$\text{EOM} \longleftrightarrow \partial \cdot \mathcal{A} = F_{+-}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$$

Flat, conserved current  $\mathcal{A}_{\pm}$

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<b>1-loop RG flow</b>	$\frac{d}{dt} h = c_G$	$\frac{d}{dt} h = c_G \left(1 - \frac{k^2}{h^2}\right)$ $\frac{d}{dt} k = 0$	$\frac{d}{dt} h = c_G (1 + \eta^2)^2$ $\frac{d}{dt} \eta = c_G \frac{\eta}{h} (1 + \eta^2)^2$	$\frac{d}{dt} \lambda = -2 \frac{c_G}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda}\right)^2$ $\frac{d}{dt} k = 0$
<b>III</b> $\frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(1)}$	$c_G \text{Tr}[J_+ J_-]$	$c_G \left(1 - \frac{k^2}{h^2}\right) \text{Tr}[J_+ J_-]$		
$\text{Tr}[\mathcal{A}_+ \mathcal{A}_-]$	$\text{Tr}[J_+ J_-]$	$\left(1 - \frac{k^2}{h^2}\right) \text{Tr}[J_+ J_-]$		

# Universal 1-loop divergences

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cf. [Appadu Hollowood 15]

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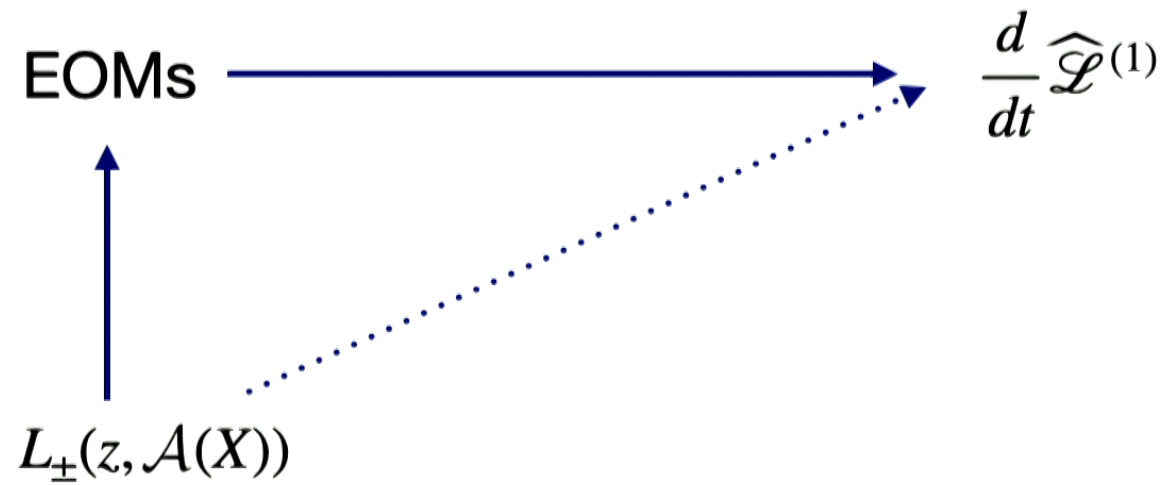
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# The idea

$$L_{\pm}(z, \mathcal{A}(X)) \xrightarrow{\quad} \frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(1)}$$

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# The subtlety

$$F_{+-}(L(z, \mathcal{A})) = 0 \quad \forall z \iff \{z c_S(\mathcal{A}) = 0\}$$

$$\iff \{EOM_s(\mathcal{A}) = 0\} + \{Bianchi_\sigma(\mathcal{A}) \equiv 0\}$$

$S = (s, \sigma)$

The split is non-universal

**E.g.**  $L_\pm = \frac{1}{1 \pm z} \mathcal{A}_\pm$        $\{z c_S(\mathcal{A}) = 0\} = \{\partial \cdot \mathcal{A} = 0, F_{+-}(\mathcal{A}) = 0\}$

<b>PCM</b>	$\mathcal{A}_\pm = J_\pm$
EOM	$\partial \cdot \mathcal{A} = 0$
Bianchi	$F_{+-}(\mathcal{A}) \equiv 0$

<b>PCM + k WZ</b>	$\mathcal{A}_\pm = (1 \pm \frac{k}{h}) J_\pm$
EOM	$\partial \cdot \mathcal{A} = 0$
Bianchi	$F_{+-}(\mathcal{A}) + \frac{k}{h} (\partial \cdot \mathcal{A}) \equiv 0$

## The resolution (informal version)

1-loop (on-shell) divergences aren't sensitive to the difference between EOMs and Bianchis

$$\langle \text{Bianchi} \dots \rangle = 0 , \quad \langle \text{EOM} \dots \rangle = \hbar (\text{contact})$$

# Path integral argument

## “Bianchi Completeness” Assumption

$$B_\sigma(\bar{X}) \cdot \alpha = 0 \quad \iff \quad \bar{A} + \alpha = \mathcal{A}(\bar{X} + Y)$$

for some  $Y$

- i.e. all Bianchi identities follow from zero-curvature
- seems to pick out sigma-models
- sufficient condition:  $\mathcal{A}_\pm = O_\pm(g) \cdot g^{-1} \partial_\pm g$

# Path integral argument

$$\hat{S}^{(1)}[\bar{X}] = -i \log \int \mathcal{D}Y^s \exp i \int \underbrace{Y^s O_{st}(\bar{X}) Y^t}_{\mathcal{L}(\bar{X} + Y) - \mathcal{L}(\bar{X})} = \frac{i}{2} \log \det O(\bar{X})$$

alternate  
path integral

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$$= \int \mathcal{D}\alpha_{\pm} \delta(B_{\sigma}(\bar{X}) \cdot \alpha) \quad E_s(\bar{X}) \cdot \alpha$$



change variables

$$X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\pm}$$

$$Y \rightarrow \alpha_{\pm}$$

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$$= -\frac{i}{2} \log \int \mathcal{D}U^S \mathcal{D}\alpha_\pm \exp i \int U^S zc_S(\bar{A} + \alpha)$$

= Vol { flat connections with  
given pole structure }

**Universal** ✓

**Much simpler to compute  
than direct approach**

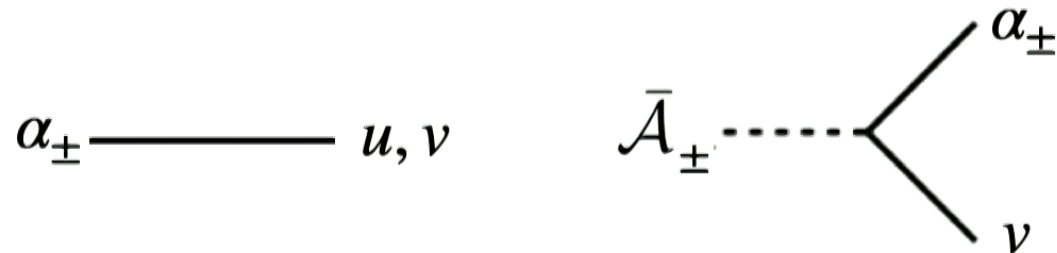
# Examples

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$$\hat{S}^{(1)}[\bar{C}] = -\frac{i}{2} \log \int \overbrace{Du Dv D\alpha_{\pm}}^{u, v \in \mathfrak{g}} \exp i \int \text{Tr} [u \partial \cdot (\bar{\mathcal{A}} + \alpha) + v F_{+-}(\bar{\mathcal{A}} + \alpha)]$$



## 2) General simple pole theory

$$L_+ = \sum_{z_i} \frac{1}{z - z_i} \mathcal{A}_+^i, \quad L_- = \sum_{w_j} \frac{1}{z - w_j} \mathcal{A}_-^j \quad \text{all } z_i \neq w_j$$

### Universal result

$$\frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(1)} = -4c_G \sum_{z_i, w_j} \frac{1}{(z_i - w_j)^2} \text{Tr}[\mathcal{A}_+^i \mathcal{A}_-^j]$$

E.g. affine Gaudin models (with simple zeros in twist)

- $G^N$  models [Delduc Lacroix Magro Vicedo 18,19]
- $\eta/\lambda$  deformations of them [Bassi Lacroix 20]



Other examples more closely related to string theory:  $\mathbb{Z}_T$  cosets

### 3) General case (curiosity)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(1)} = 4c_G \oint_{+\gamma_-} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \text{Tr}[L_+ \partial_z L_-]$$

## A 4d origin?

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{S} = -i \log \int \mathcal{D}\alpha_{\pm}^{i,n} \mathcal{D}u^s \exp i \int d^2\xi u^s z c_s (\bar{A} + \alpha)$$

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$$\sim \text{“} -i \log \int [\mathcal{D}\ell_{\pm}]_{\text{fix poles}} \mathcal{D}u \text{”}$$

$$\exp i \int d^2\xi d^2z \text{Tr} \left[ u F_{+-} (\bar{L} + \ell) \right]$$

# 1-loop divergences in 4d

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$$S_{4d}[\bar{A} + a] = S_{4d}[\bar{A}] + \int \text{Tr}[a^m \mathcal{O}_{mn}(\bar{A}) a^n] + \dots$$

$(m, n = +, -, \bar{z})$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{S}_{4d}^{(1)}[\bar{A}] &= -i \log \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \frac{\mathcal{D}a_m}{\text{gauge}} e^{i \int \text{Tr}[a^m \mathcal{O}_{mn}(\bar{A}) a^n]} \\ &= \frac{i}{2} \log \det' \mathcal{O}(\bar{A}) \end{aligned}$$



## Same trick: alternate representation of det

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{S}_{4d}^{(1)}[\bar{A}] &= \frac{i}{2} \log \det' \mathcal{O}(\bar{A}) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \log \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \frac{\mathcal{D}a_m \mathcal{D}u^m}{\text{gauge}} \exp i \int \text{Tr}[u^m \mathcal{O}_{mn}(\bar{A}) a^n] \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \log \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \frac{\mathcal{D}a_m \mathcal{D}u^m}{\text{gauge}} \exp i \int \phi(z) \text{Tr}[u^{\bar{z}} F_{+-}(A) \\ &\quad + u^- F_{\bar{z}+}(A) + u^+ F_{\bar{z}-}(A)]\end{aligned}$$

# Changing variables

$$(A_{\bar{z}}, A_{\pm}) \rightarrow (g, L_{\pm}) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} A_{\bar{z}} = -\partial_{\bar{z}} g g^{-1} \\ A_{\pm} = g L_{\pm} g^{-1} - \partial_{\bar{z}} g g^{-1} \end{array} \right.$$

## Fluctuations

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} g = \bar{g} \gamma \\ L_{\pm} = \bar{L}_{\pm} + \ell_{\pm} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\widehat{S}_{4d}^{(1)} = -\frac{i}{2} \log \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \frac{\mathcal{D}\gamma \mathcal{D}\ell_{\pm} \mathcal{D}u^m}{\text{gauge}} \exp i \int \phi(z) \text{Tr}[u^{\bar{z}} F_{+-}(L) + u^- \partial_{\bar{z}} L_+ + u^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} L_-]$$

Note extra “2d gauge” sym

$$\begin{array}{ll} g \rightarrow g q & \partial_{\bar{z}} q = 0 \\ L_{\pm} \rightarrow q^{-1} L_{\pm} q + q^{-1} \partial_{\pm} q \end{array}$$

# Solving meromorphicity equations

Integrate  $u^+, u^- \longrightarrow L_{\pm}(z, \tilde{\mathcal{A}})$  meromorphic with fixed poles

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \mathcal{D}l_{\pm} \mathcal{D}u^{\pm} \exp i \int \phi(z) \text{Tr}[u^- \partial_{\bar{z}} L_+ + u^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} L_-] \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}l_{\pm} \delta^{(4)}(\phi(z) \partial_{\bar{z}} L_+) \delta^{(4)}(\phi(z) \partial_{\bar{z}} L_-) = \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\alpha}_{\pm}^{i,p} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad (\tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{i,p} = \bar{\mathcal{A}}^{i,p} + \tilde{\alpha}^{i,p} ) \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting **constant** Jacobian for  $L_{\pm} \rightarrow (\phi(z) \partial_{\bar{z}} L_{\pm}, \mathcal{A}_{\pm}^{i,p}(L))$   
 $\mathcal{A}_{\pm}^{i,p}(L) := L_{\pm}(z - a_i)^{p_i} \Big|_{z=a_i}$

## Gauge fixing

$$\text{4d gauge sym : } A_m \rightarrow h^{-1} A_m h + h^{-1} \partial_m h$$

$$\widehat{S}_{4d}^{(1)} \sim -\frac{i}{2} \log \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \frac{\mathcal{D}\gamma \mathcal{D}\tilde{\alpha}_{\pm}^{i,p} \mathcal{D}u^{\bar{z}}}{\text{gauge}} \exp i \int \phi(z) \text{Tr}[u^{\bar{z}} F_{+-}(L(z, \tilde{A}))]$$

$$\mathcal{D}\gamma = \mathcal{D}\tilde{\gamma}|_P \mathcal{D}\gamma|_{\text{bulk}}$$

$$\mathcal{D}\gamma|_{\text{bulk}} = \mathcal{D}\gamma \delta(\gamma|_P = \tilde{\gamma}|_P)$$

$\gamma|_{\text{bulk}}$  is pure gauge :

**fix any smooth field config interpolating between the poles**

## Boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\text{B.C.s}} \mathcal{D}\alpha_{\pm}^{i,p} \mathcal{D}\tilde{\gamma}|_P &= \int \mathcal{D}\alpha^{i,p} \mathcal{D}\tilde{\gamma}|_P \delta(\tilde{\mathcal{A}} - \tilde{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{g}|_P)) \\
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**B.C.s**  $\longrightarrow$  **Bianchi identities**

*Bianchi Completeness Assumption:* Let us assume that the linearised Bianchi identities  $B_s \cdot \alpha = 0$  following from the boundary conditions are a subset of the linearised zero-curvature equations  $F_{+-}(L(z, \bar{\mathcal{A}} + \tilde{\alpha})) = 0$ .

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No B.C.s:  
**'Universality'**

$$\int \frac{\mathcal{D}\tilde{v}^s}{\text{gauge}} = 1$$

**overcounted equations that  
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Only depends on  $\tilde{u}^I := \int d^2z \phi(z) u^{\bar{z}} f^I$  ( $F_{+-}(L(z, \tilde{\mathcal{A}})) = \sum_I f^I(z) z c_I(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})$ )

→ Gauge sym  $u^{\bar{z}} \rightarrow u^{\bar{z}} + \lambda^{\bar{z}}$ ,  $\int d^2z \phi(z) \lambda^{\bar{z}} f^I = 0$

Fix gauge  $u^{\bar{z}} = \sum_I \left( \int d^2z \phi(z) u^{\bar{z}} f^I \right) g_I = \sum_I \tilde{u}^I g_I$   
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= Vol { flat connections with given pole structure }

$$\widehat{S}_{4d}^{(1)} \sim \widehat{S}_{2d}^{(1)}$$

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## Solving meromorphicity equations

Integrate  $u^+, u^- \rightarrow L_{\pm}(z, \tilde{\mathcal{A}})$  meromorphic with fixed poles

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathcal{D}l_{\pm} \mathcal{D}u^{\pm} \exp i \int \phi(z) \text{Tr}[u^- \partial_{\bar{z}} L_+ + u^+ \partial_{\bar{z}} L_-] \\ = \int \mathcal{D}l_{\pm} \delta^{(4)}(\phi(z) \partial_{\bar{z}} L_+) \delta^{(4)}(\phi(z) \partial_{\bar{z}} L_-) = \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\alpha}_{\pm}^{i,p} \end{aligned}$$

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# On gauge symmetries

Treated all local syms of linearised theory as gauge

- Why?**
- 4d gauge: natural.  $A_m \rightarrow h^{-1} A_m h + h^{-1} \partial_m h$   
Gauge transf vanishes “at defects”
  - “2d gauge”:  $g \rightarrow g q$ ,  $L_{\pm} \rightarrow q^{-1} L_{\pm} q + q^{-1} \partial_{\pm} q$  ( $\partial_{\bar{z}} q = 0$ )  
Artefact of change of variables. Must gauge
  - “Overcounting” of EOMs:  
Artefact of our formalism. Should gauge

# Faddeev-Popov determinants

All obvious except  $G := u^{\bar{z}} - \sum_I \left( \int d^2 z \phi(z) u^{\bar{z}} f^I \right) g_I = 0$

$$\delta u^{\bar{z}} = \lambda^{\bar{z}} \quad \int d^2 z \phi(z) \lambda^{\bar{z}} f^I = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta G}{\delta \lambda^{\bar{z}}} = \frac{\delta u^{\bar{z}}}{\delta \lambda^{\bar{z}}} = \mathbb{1}$$

## On Disorder defects and semi-classics

$$S_{4d}[A] = \int_{\Sigma_2 \times CP^1} dz \frac{\phi(z)}{\hbar} \wedge \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A^3 \right)$$

Disorder defects ( $\phi = 0$ ) are like  $\hbar = \infty$  ... Danger?

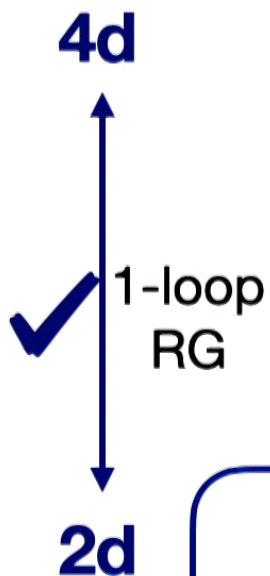


1-loop divergences seem ok

Higher-loops?

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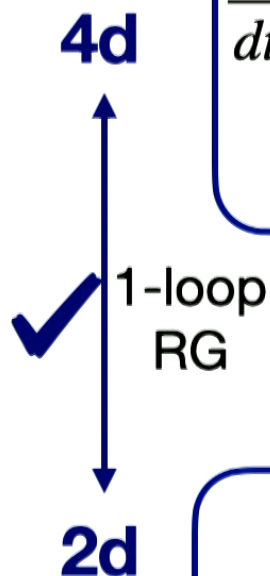
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# Messages

- 1-loop divergences match:  
4d Chern-Simons  $\leftrightarrow$  2d integrable sigma-models
- Take correspondence seriously at quantum level
  
- Integrability constrains RG: 'universal' structure
- Can derive from 4d

# Future directions

- Other integrable theories, e.g. sine-Gordon?

- Curiosity:  $L_{\pm} = P_0 C_{\pm} + z^{\pm 1} P_1 C_{\pm}$   $C_{\pm} \sim \partial_{\pm} \phi T_1 + \cos \phi T_2 + \sin \phi T_3$   
 $\sim \mathbb{Z}_2$  coset  $\in \text{SU}(2)$  **extra Bianchi identities!**

Universal result  $\frac{d}{dt} \widehat{\mathcal{L}}^{(1)} = 2c_G \text{Tr}[C_+ P_1 C_-]$  ✓

- Explanation (?)  $S^2$  sigma-model  $\xrightarrow{\text{Pohlmeyer}}$  sine Gordon

