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Abstract:

In this talk, I will discuss how M2-M5 intersections in a twisted M-theory background yield the R-matrices of the quantum toroidal algebra of $gl(1)$. These R-matrices are identified with the Miura operators for the q -deformed W- and Y-algebras. Additionally, I will show how the M2-M5 intersection (or equivalently, the Miura operator) generates the qq -characters of the 5d $N=1$ gauge theory, offering new insight into the algebraic meaning of the latter.

Miura Operators as R-matrices from M-brane Intersections

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Miura transformation for W-algebra

- The W-algebras of type $\mathfrak{gl}(N)$ admit free-field realization, by Miura transformation.
- Basic building block: Miura operator $R_i = \varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_i(z)$ ($\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 0$)
 $J_i(z)$: i-th $\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)$ current $J_i(z)J_j(w) \sim \frac{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}}{(z-w)^2} \delta_{i,j}$
- The Miura transformation is obtained by taking the product of Miura operators. The coefficients of the differentials generate the W-algebra.

$$(\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_N(z)) \cdots (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_1(z)) = (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z)^N + U_1(z) (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z)^{N-1} + \cdots + U_N(z)$$

R_N R_1

Spin chain monodromy matrix?

(Product of R-matrices under coproduct operations)

Maulik-Okounkov R-matrix

[Maulik, Okounkov 12]

- The Miura transformation does not depend on the ordering; a change of ordering results in isomorphic W -algebra.
- This is because of the Maulik-Okounkov R-matrix $R_{\text{MO}} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1) \widehat{\otimes} \widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)$, satisfying

$$R_{\text{MO}} (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_2(z)) (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_1(z)) = (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_1(z)) (\varepsilon_3 \partial_z - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 J_2(z)) R_{\text{MO}}$$

$$R_{\text{MO}} R_2 R_1 = R_1 R_2 R_{\text{MO}}$$

Yang-Baxter equation?

- There is a good amount of understanding on the case just introduced [Gaiotto, Rapčák 20] [Ishtiaque, SJ, Zhou 24], but let me focus on a “q-deformation” of the problem [Haouzi, SJ 24] cf. [Harada, Matsuo, Noshita, Watanabe 21]

- In the twisted M-theory setup [Costello 16], the change amounts to:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} & Y_1(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \\ \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^\times & Y(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \\ \mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times & U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \end{cases} \quad \text{cf. [Costello 17], [Gaiotto, Oh 19], [Gaiotto, Abajian 20], [Gaiotto, Rapčák 20]}$$

Twisted M-theory [Costello 16]

Consider the M-theory on the 11-dimensional worldvolume $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$ with

$$(\varepsilon_3 = -\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)$$

- Flat metric

- Ω -background $\mathcal{Q}_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}^2 = \varepsilon_1 \mathcal{L}_{V_1} + \varepsilon_2 \mathcal{L}_{V_2}$ $C^{(3)} = (\varepsilon_1 V_1^b + \varepsilon_2 V_2^b) \wedge \frac{d\bar{X}}{X} \wedge \frac{d\bar{Z}}{Z}$ $V_1 = \partial_{\varphi_1} - \partial_{\varphi_3}$
 $V_2 = \partial_{\varphi_2} - \partial_{\varphi_3}$

- When $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0$, $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ is topological and $\mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$ is holomorphic in the cohomology of $\mathcal{Q}_{\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0}$
- Turning on $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \neq 0$, the 11-dimensional supergravity localizes to the fixed point of the isometry, yielding the 5d $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$ Chern-Simons theory on $\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$ as the effective theory. ($XZ = q_2 ZX$)

$$S = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1} \int \frac{dX}{X} \wedge \frac{dZ}{Z} \wedge \left[\frac{1}{2} A \star_{\varepsilon_2} dA + \frac{1}{3} A \star_{\varepsilon_2} A \star_{\varepsilon_2} A \right] \quad f \star_{\varepsilon_2} g = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon_2^l}{2^l l!} \epsilon_{i_1 j_1} \epsilon_{i_2 j_2} \cdots \epsilon_{i_l j_l} \left(\partial_{z_{i_1}} \cdots \partial_{z_{i_l}} f \right) \wedge \left(\partial_{z_{j_1}} \cdots \partial_{z_{j_l}} g \right)$$

$$z_1 = \log X, \quad z_2 = \log Z$$

- Triality of exchanging topological planes, seemingly broken in the 5d CS

M-branes and line/surface defects

- M2-branes can be supported on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_a}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t$
- M5-branes can be supported on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c+1}}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c-1}}^2 \times C^{(p,q)}$ $C^{(p,q)} = \{X^q Z^{-p} = \text{const}\} \subset \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$

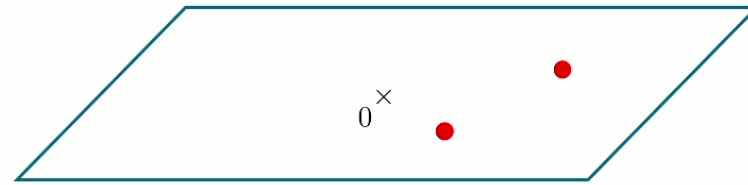
M-branes	$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2$		$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2$		$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2$		5d CS				
	0	1	2	3	4	5	\mathbb{R}_t	\mathbb{C}_X^\times	\mathbb{C}_Z^\times		
M2 _{1,0,0}	x	x					x				
M2 _{0,1,0}			x	x			x				
M2 _{0,0,1}					x	x	x				
M5 _{0,0,1} ^(1,0)	x	x	x	x				x	x		
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line defect $\mathcal{L}_{l,m,n}$

surface defect $\mathcal{S}_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$



Topological line defect $\mathcal{L}_{l,m,n}$



Holomorphic surface defect $\mathcal{S}_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$

- The local operators on the line defect form a non-commutative associative algebra by their OPEs. We denote this algebra by $\mathcal{M}_{2l,m,n}$
- The local operators on the surface defect form a chiral algebra by their OPEs. We denote its mode algebra by $\mathcal{M}_{5L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$

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- The gauge-invariance of the coupling requires the algebra of local operators on the line/surface defects to be a representation of some universal associative algebra (Koszul duality). [\[Costello 13\]](#)

(for the surface defects, we only consider the mode algebra, not the (quantum) vertex algebra)

- The suggestion is that, in our case, this universal associative algebra is the **quantum toroidal algebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$** :

$$U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) = "U_{q_1}(\mathcal{O}_{q_2}(\mathbb{C}^\times \times \mathbb{C}^\times))"$$

Quantum torus algebra: $XZ = q_2ZX$

($q_1q_2q_3 = 1$)
 $q_a = e^{\varepsilon_a}$

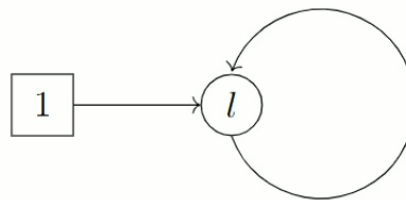
- For the line defects, $\rho_{M2_{l,m,n}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \rightarrow M2_{l,m,n}$
- For the surface defects, $\rho_{M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \rightarrow M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$

- In principle, the defining relations should be verified through the perturbative analysis of the 5d CS theory.

cf. [Costello, Witten, Yamazaki 17],
 [Costello 17], [Costello, Paquette 20], [Oh, Zhou 20],
 [Paquette, Williams 24],
 [Ishtiaque, SJ, Zhou 24]

Line defects

- l parallel M2-brane supported on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t$
 $\xrightarrow[\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2 \simeq \text{TN}]{\text{IIA reduction}}$
 l D2 on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t$
 1 D6 on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$
- At $\varepsilon_1 = 0$, the effective 3d N=4 theory on the D2-branes flows to the topological sigma model with the target space given by the Higgs branch.



$$\begin{aligned}
 A, B &\in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^l) \\
 I &\in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^l) \\
 J &\in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^l, \mathbb{C})
 \end{aligned}$$

- The Higgs branch is the multiplicative quiver variety associated to the Jordan quiver:

$$\mathcal{M}_{q_2}^{(l)} = \{AB - q_2BA = IJ\}/GL(l)$$

$$(A, B, I, J) \mapsto (gAg^{-1}, gBg^{-1}, gI, Jg^{-1}), \quad g \in GL(l).$$

(This is the phase space of the trigonometric Ruijsenaars-Schneider model of type $\mathfrak{gl}(l)$)

- Thus, the algebra $M_{l,0,0}^{q_1=1}$ of local operators is the **commutative** algebra of holomorphic functions on $\mathcal{M}_{q_2}^{(l)}$

- By turning on $q_1 \neq 1$, the 3d theory localizes to the fixed locus $\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}_t$. The algebra of local operators gets **non-commutative** deformation. [Yagi 14]
- This quantized algebra $M_{2l,0,0}$ is called spherical DAHA of type $gl(l)$ $\mathbf{SH}_{q_1, q_2}^{(l)}$, generated by the difference operators (Macdonald representation), [Jordan 14], [Wen 23]

$$P_{0,r}^{(m)} = q_1^r \sum_{i=1}^m X_i^r, \quad P_{0,-r}^{(m)} = \sum_{i=1}^m X_i^{-r}, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

$$P_{1,k}^{(m)} = q_1 \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{q_2 X_i - X_j}{X_i - X_j} \right) X_i^k q_1^{-D_{X_i}}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$P_{-1,k}^{(m)} = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{q_2^{-1} X_i - X_j}{X_i - X_j} \right) q_1^{D_{X_i}} X_i^k$$

$$D_{X_1} = X_1 \partial_{X_1}$$

$$q_1^{D_{X_1}} f(X_1) = f(q_1 X_1) q_1^{D_{X_1}}$$

- $l = 1$: Quantum torus algebra, generated by $X_1^{\pm 1}, q_1^{\pm D_{X_1}}$

Quantum toroidal algebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$

- At each $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, there is a surjective algebra homomorphism [\[Schiffmann, Vasserot 11\]](#)

$$\rho_{M2_{l,0,0}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \twoheadrightarrow M2_{l,0,0}$$

- In this sense, the quantum toroidal algebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$ is the “large-N” limit of the M2-brane algebra (i.e., spherical DAHA).
- Moreover, it is explicitly triality-invariant. Therefore, a natural guess is that it is the sought-after universal associative algebra.

Quantum toroidal algebra of $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$

$$U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1))$$

$$(q_1 q_2 q_3 = 1)$$

- Generating currents:

$$E(X) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} E_k X^{-k}, \quad F(X) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} F_k X^{-k}, \quad K^\pm(X) = (C^\pm)^{\mp 1} \exp \left(\pm \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} H_{\pm r} X^{\mp r} \right).$$

C, C^\pm : central

- Relations: $K^\pm(X)K^\pm(X') = K^\pm(X')K^\pm(X)$

$$\frac{g(C^{-1}X, X')}{g(CX, X')} K^-(X)K^+(X') = \frac{g(X', C^{-1}X)}{g(X', CX)} K^+(X')K^-(X)$$

$$g(X, X') = \prod_{a=1}^3 (X - q_a X')$$

$$g(X, X')E(X)E(X') + g(X', X)E(X')E(X) = 0$$

$$g(X', X)F(X)F(X') + g(X, X')F(X')F(X) = 0$$

$$g(X, X')K^\pm(C^{(1 \mp 1)/2}X)E(X') + g(X', X)E(X')K^\pm(C^{(1 \mp 1)/2}X) = 0$$

$$g(X', X)K^\pm(C^{(1 \pm 1)/2}X)F(X') + g(X, X')F(X')K^\pm(C^{(1 \pm 1)/2}X) = 0$$

$$[E(X), F(X')] = \tilde{g} \left\{ \delta \left(C \frac{X'}{X} \right) K^+(X) - \delta \left(C \frac{X}{X'} \right) K^-(X') \right\},$$

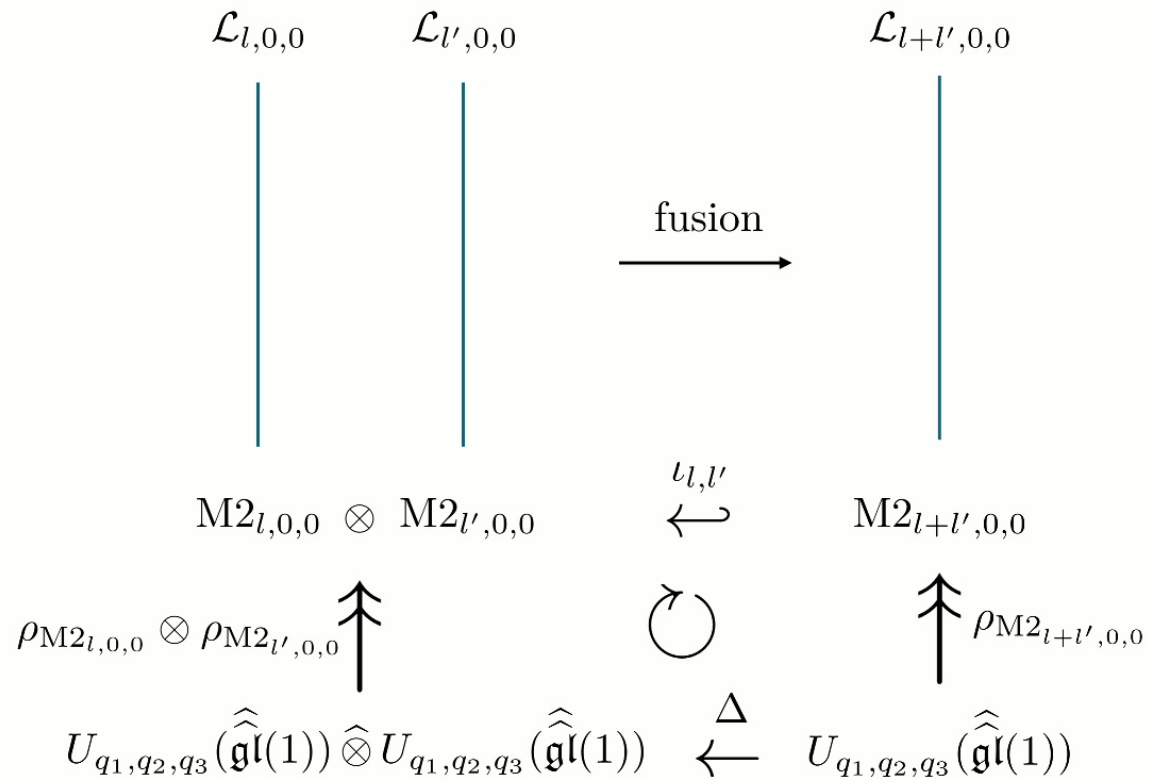
$$0 = \text{Sym}_{i_1, i_2, i_3} [E_{i_1}, [E_{i_2+1}, E_{i_3-1}]]$$

$$0 = \text{Sym}_{i_1, i_2, i_3} [F_{i_1}, [F_{i_2+1}, F_{i_3-1}]].$$

Triality of exchanging (q_1, q_2, q_3)

Defect fusion and coproduct

- Two line defects can be fused together to become single line defect:



- In the most generic case, we have non-parallel M2-branes:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 l & \text{M2-branes supported on } \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t \\
 m & \text{M2-branes supported on } \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t \\
 n & \text{M2-branes supported on } \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{producing the line defect } \mathcal{L}_{l,m,n}$$

- We can reconstruct the algebra $\text{M2}_{l,m,n}$ by fusing three line defects:

$$\rho_{\text{M2}_{l,m,n}} = (\rho_{\text{M2}_{l,0,0}} \otimes \rho_{\text{M2}_{0,m,0}} \otimes \rho_{\text{M2}_{0,0,n}}) \Delta^2 : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \twoheadrightarrow \text{M2}_{l,m,n}$$

generalized Macdonald representation

$$\begin{aligned}
E_k &\mapsto \frac{1}{1-q_1} \sum_{i=1}^l \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_2 X_i - X_j}{X_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_1 X_i - X'_j}{X_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_1 X_i - X''_j}{X_i - X''_j} X_i^k q_1^{-D_{X_i}} \\
&+ \frac{1}{1-q_2} \sum_{i=1}^m \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_2 X'_i - X_j}{X'_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_3 X'_i - X'_j}{X'_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_2 X'_i - X''_j}{X'_i - X''_j} (X'_i)^k q_2^{-D_{X'_i}} \\
&+ \frac{1}{1-q_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_3 X''_i - X_j}{X''_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_3 X''_i - X'_j}{X''_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_1 X''_i - X''_j}{X''_i - X''_j} (X''_i)^k q_3^{-D_{X''_i}} \\
F_k &\mapsto \frac{1}{1-q_1^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^l \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_2^{-1} X_i - X_j}{X_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_2^{-1} X_i - X'_j}{q_1 q_2^{-1} X_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_3^{-1} X_i - X''_j}{q_1 q_3^{-1} X_i - X''_j} q_1^{D_{X_i}} X_i^k \\
&+ \frac{1}{1-q_2^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^m \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_1^{-1} X'_i - X_j}{q_1^{-1} q_2 X'_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_3^{-1} X'_i - X'_j}{X'_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_3^{-1} X'_i - X''_j}{q_2 q_3^{-1} X'_i - X''_j} q_2^{D_{X'_i}} (X'_i)^k \\
&+ \frac{1}{1-q_3^{-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^l \frac{q_1^{-1} X''_i - X_j}{q_1^{-1} q_3 X''_i - X_j} \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{q_2^{-1} X''_i - X'_j}{q_2^{-1} q_3 X''_i - X'_j} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{q_1^{-1} X''_i - X''_j}{X''_i - X''_j} q_3^{D_{X''_i}} (X''_i)^k, \\
H_{\pm r} &\mapsto \frac{1}{1-q_1^{\mp r}} \sum_{i=1}^l X_i^{\pm r} + \frac{1}{1-q_2^{\mp r}} \sum_{i=1}^m (X'_i)^{\pm r} + \frac{1}{1-q_3^{\mp r}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X''_i)^{\pm r}, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, \\
C &\mapsto 1, \quad C^\perp \mapsto 1.
\end{aligned}$$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

Surface defects

- Single M5-brane supported on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c+1}}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c-1}}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times$ $\xrightarrow{\text{IIA reduction}}$ 1 D4 on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c+1}}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c-1}}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_x$
- D4-D4 open string: 5d N=1 U(1) gauge theory compactified on a circle
- The Hilbert space is the equivariant K-theory of the moduli space of U(1) instantons, on which the algebra $M5_c^{(1,0)}$ acts on.
- It is known that this space admits an action of $U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1))$ through the free q-boson algebra. [Schiffmann, Vasserot 09]
[Feigin, Tsymbaliuk 09]

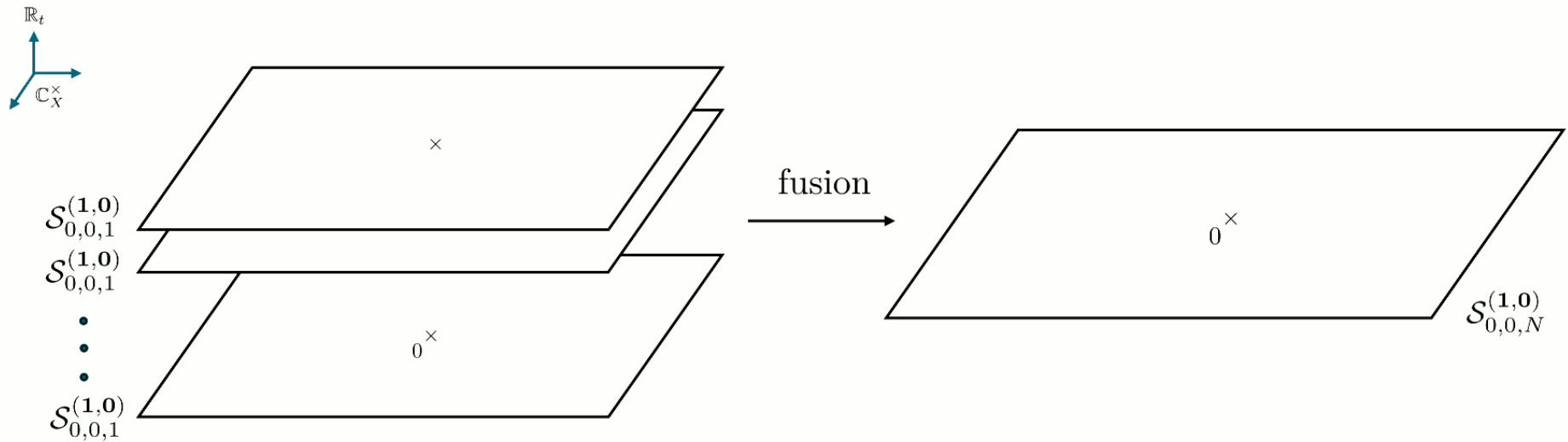
$$\left(\kappa_r = \prod_{a=1}^3 (q_a^{r/2} - q_a^{-r/2}) \right)$$

- Single M5-brane supported on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c+1}}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_{c-1}}^2 \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times$: a free q-boson $[a_r^{(c)}, a_s^{(c)}] = -\delta_{r+s,0} \frac{r}{\kappa_r} (q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2})^3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{M5_c^{(1,0)}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) &\rightarrow M5_c^{(1,0)} & E(X) &\mapsto -e^{a_0^{(c)} \frac{\log q_{c+1} \log q_{c-1}}{\log q_c}} \frac{1 - q_c}{\kappa_1} \eta_c(X) \\ & & F(X) &\mapsto e^{-a_0^{(c)} \frac{\log q_{c+1} \log q_{c-1}}{\log q_c}} \frac{1 - q_c^{-1}}{\kappa_1} \xi_c(X) \\ & & K^\pm(X) &\mapsto \varphi_c^\pm(X) \\ & & (C, C^\perp) &\mapsto (q_c^{1/2}, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_c(X) &= \exp \left(- \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{1}{(q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2})^2} a_{-r}^{(c)} X^r \right) \exp \left(- \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{q_c^{-r/2}}{(q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2})^2} a_r^{(c)} X^{-r} \right) & \varphi_c^\pm(X) &= \exp \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{a_{\pm r}^{(c)}}{q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2}} X^{\mp r} \right) \\ \xi_c(X) &= \exp \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{q_c^{r/2}}{(q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2})^2} a_{-r}^{(c)} X^r \right) \exp \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{1}{(q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2})^2} a_r^{(c)} X^{-r} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Multiple parallel surface defects can be fused together into single surface defect.

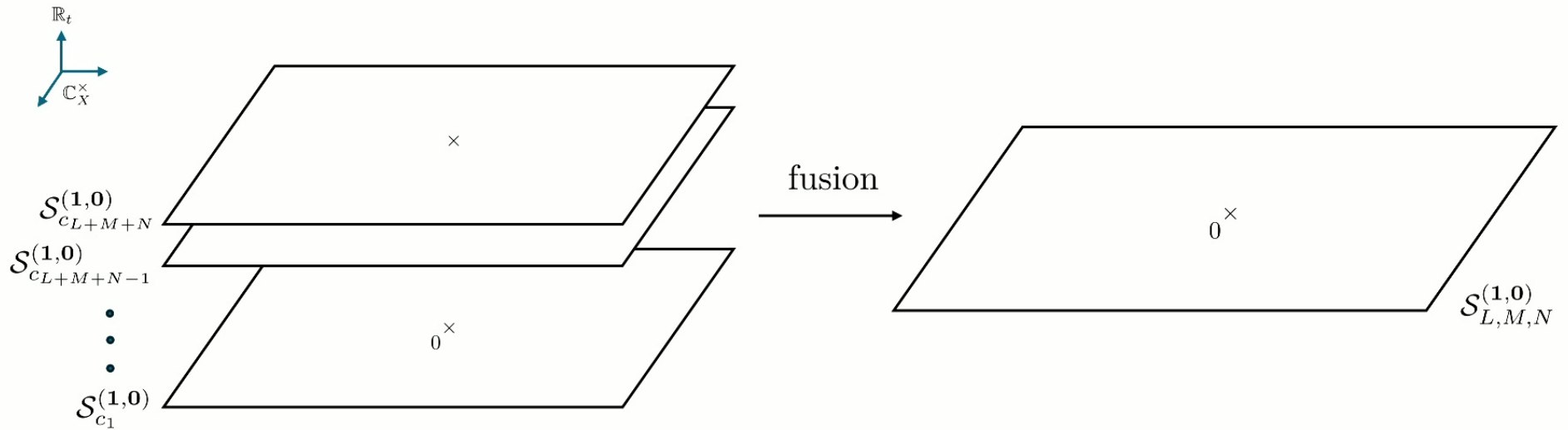


$$\rho_{M5_{0,0,N}^{(1,0)}} = \left(\rho_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,0)}} \right) \Delta^{N-1} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \rightarrow M5_{0,0,N}^{(1,0)}$$

q-deformed W-algebra

cf. [Frenkel, Reshetikhin 95]
[Shiraishi, Kubo, Awata, Odake 95]

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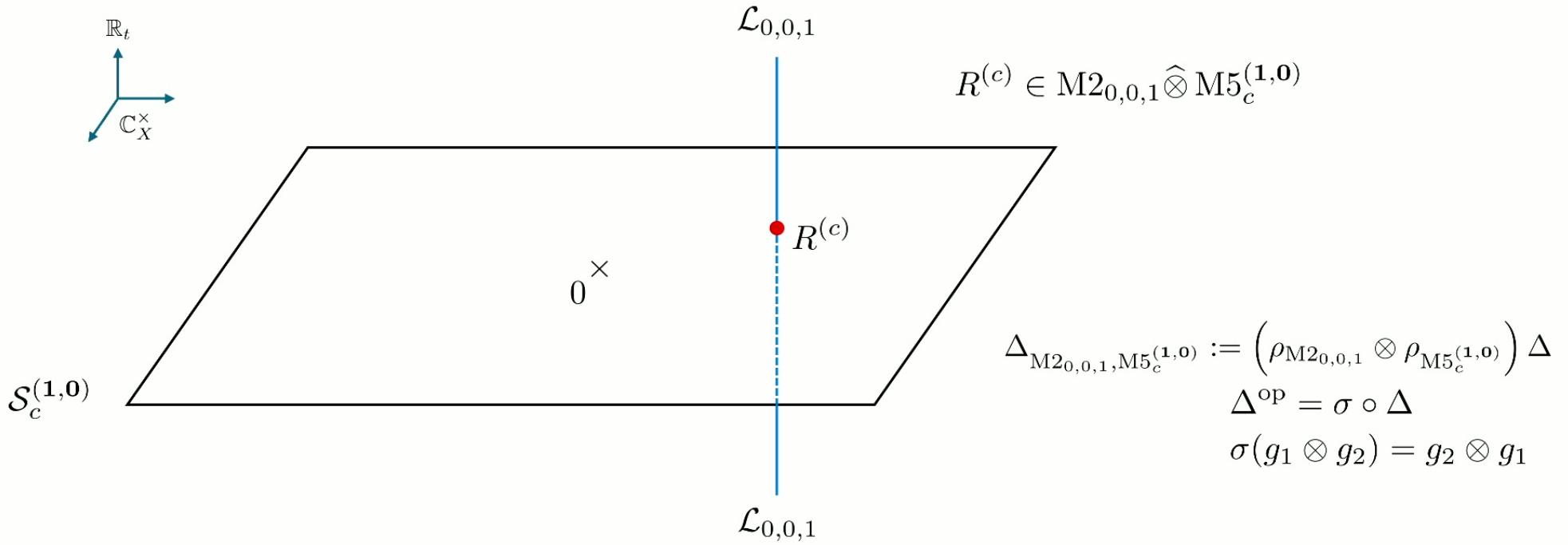


$$\rho_{M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}} = \left(\rho_{M5_{c_{L+M+N}}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_1}^{(1,0)}} \right) \Delta^{L+M+N-1} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \rightarrow M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$$

q-deformed Y-algebra

q-deformation of [Gaiotto, Rapčák 18]

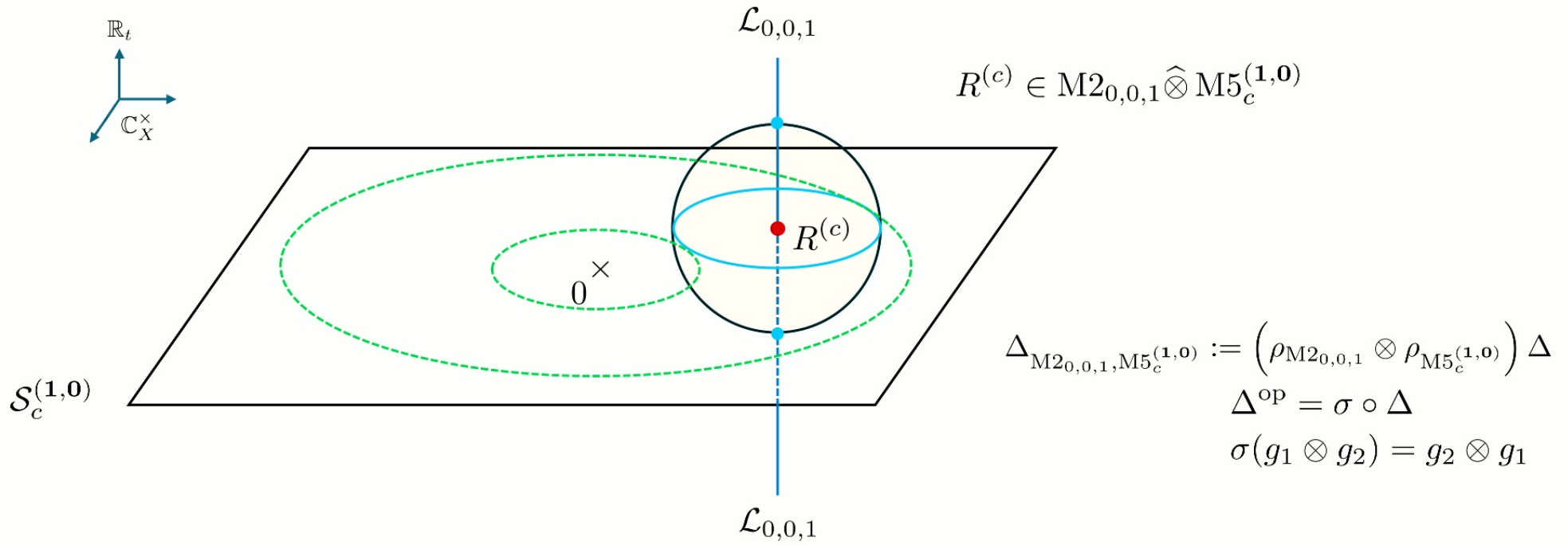
M2-M5 intersections and R-matrices



Classically,
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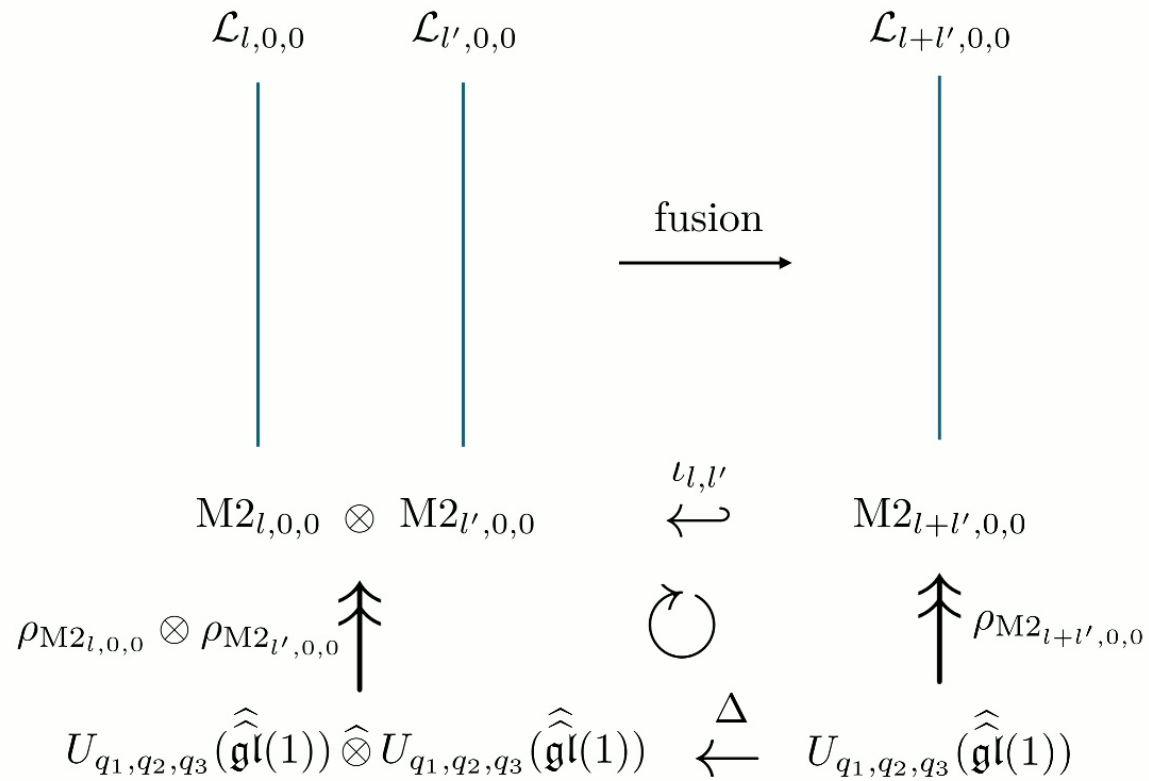
$$\Delta(K^+(X)) = K^+(X) \otimes K^+(C_1^{-1} X)$$

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$$\Delta(C) = C \otimes C,$$

Defect fusion and coproduct

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- However, we do not need the generic expression of the universal R-matrix for our purpose. We only need the ones mapped to the representations associated to M2- and M5-branes.
- Namely, we consider $R^{(c)} = (\rho_{M2_{0,0,1}} \otimes \rho_{M5_c^{(1,0)}}) \mathcal{R} \in M2_{0,0,1} \widehat{\otimes} M5_c^{(1,0)}$
- The constraints can be solved recursively, yielding

$$R^{(c)} = \bar{R}^{(c)} K^{(c)}$$

$$K^{(c)} = (q_c^{\frac{d}{2}} \otimes 1) \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_c^+(q_c^{-j} X_1) = (q_c^{\frac{d}{2}} \otimes 1) \exp \left[\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{X_1^{-r}}{1 - q_3^r} \otimes \frac{a_r^{(c)}}{q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2}} \right]$$

$$\bar{R}^{(c)} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \kappa_1^m (\rho_{M2_{0,0,1}} \otimes \rho_{M5_c^{(1,0)}}) \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_m \in \mathbb{Z}} E_{k_1} \cdots E_{k_m} \otimes F_{-k_1} \cdots F_{-k_m}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_c^m e^{-ma_0^{(c)} \frac{\log q_{c-1} \log q_{c+1}}{\log q_c}} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{1 - q_c q_3^{-j}}{1 - q_3^{-j-1}} \right) : \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \xi_c(q_3^{-j} X_1) : q_3^{-m D_{X_1}}$$

- Importantly, in the transverse case $c = 3$,

$$R^{(3)} = \bar{R}^{(3)} K^{(3)}$$

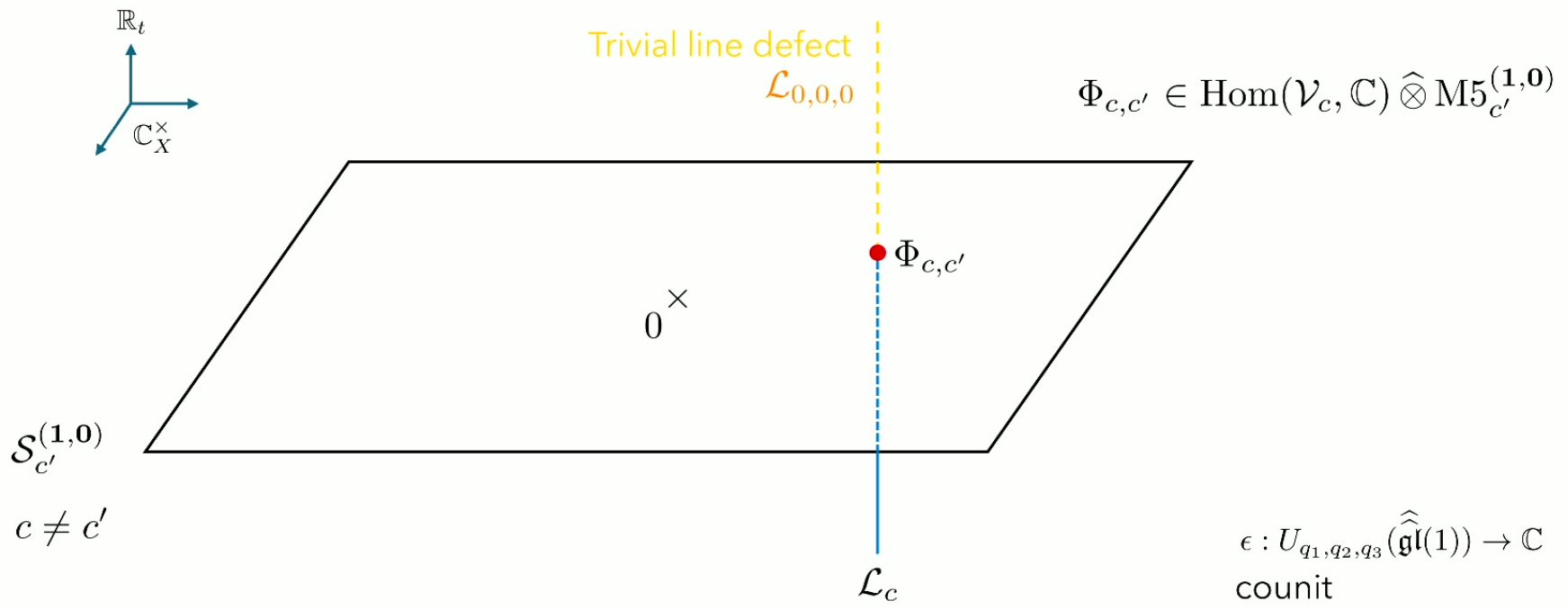
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$$\bar{R}^{(3)} = 1 - e^{-a_0^{(3)} \frac{\log q_1 \log q_2}{\log q_3}} q_3^{-1} \xi_3(X_1) q_3^{-D X_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{M2_{0,0,1}, M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}} &= R_{L+M+N}^{(c_{L+M+N})} R_{N-1}^{(c_{L+M+N-1})} \dots R_1^{(c_1)} \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m T_m(X_1) q_3^{-mD_{X_1}}
\end{aligned}$$

- Expanding it in the generators of $M2_{0,0,1}$ gives the generators of $M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$, by construction.
- To justify this is a Miura transformation, we need to show: do they generate **ALL**?

M2-M5 intersections and Intertwiners



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{c,c'} \Delta_{M2_c, M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}}(g) &= \rho_{M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}}(g) \Phi_{c,c'} = (\rho_{M2_{0,0,0}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}}) \Delta^{\text{op}}(g) \Phi_{c,c'} \\
 &= (\epsilon \otimes \rho_{M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}}) \Delta^{\text{op}}(g) \Phi_{c,c'}
 \end{aligned}$$

- This constraint can be solved: [\[Feigin, Hashizume, Hoshino, Shiraishi, Yanagida 09\]](#)

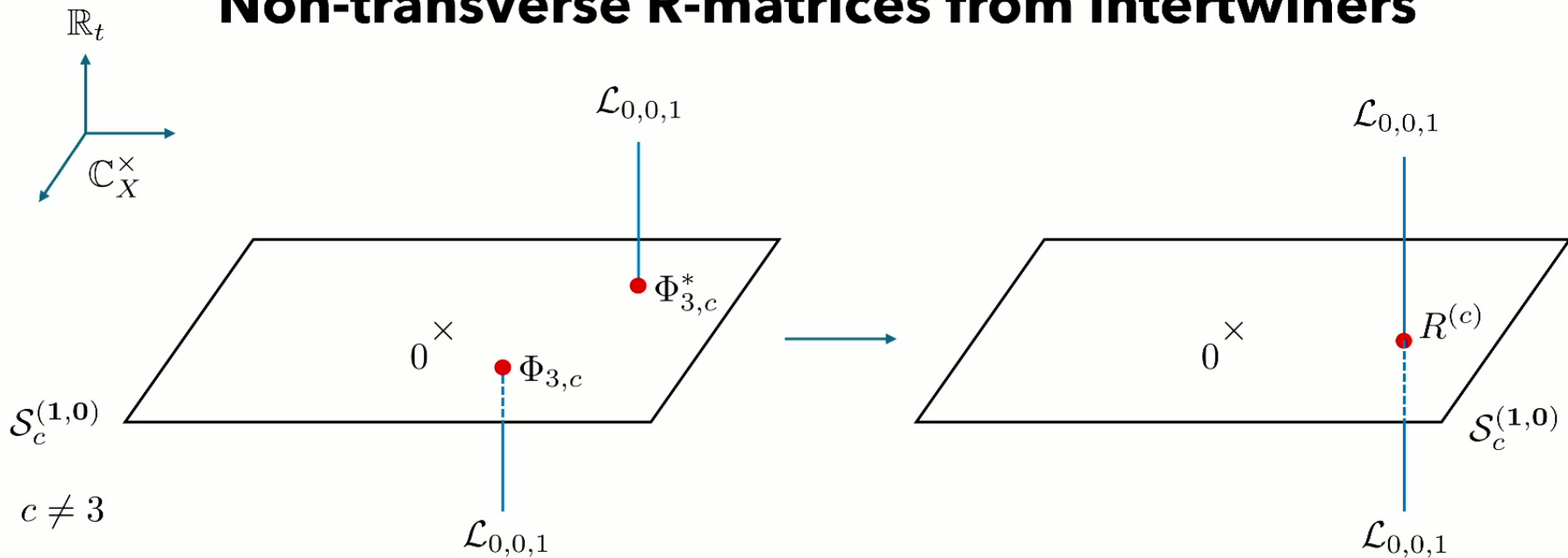
$$\Phi_{3,c} = e^{\frac{\log q_{\bar{c}}}{\log q_c} (\log X_1 \otimes a_0^{(c)})} \left(1 \otimes q_{\bar{c}}^{d^\perp}\right) \exp \left[- \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{q_3^{\frac{r}{2}}}{\left(q_c^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_c^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)^2 \left(q_3^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_3^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)} X_1^r \otimes a_{-r}^{(c)} \right]$$

$$\times \exp \left[\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{q_3^{-\frac{r}{2}} q_c^{-\frac{r}{2}}}{\left(q_c^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_c^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)^2 \left(q_3^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_3^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)} X_1^{-r} \otimes a_r^{(c)} \right]$$

$$\Phi_{3,c}^* = \left(1 \otimes q_{\bar{c}}^{-d^\perp}\right) e^{-\frac{\log q_{\bar{c}}}{\log q_c} (\log X_1 \otimes a_0^{(c)})} \exp \left[\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\kappa_r}{r} \frac{q_3^{\frac{r}{2}} q_c^{\frac{r}{2}}}{\left(q_c^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_c^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)^2 \left(q_3^{\frac{r}{2}} - q_3^{-\frac{r}{2}}\right)} X_1^r \otimes a_{-r}^{(c)} \right]$$

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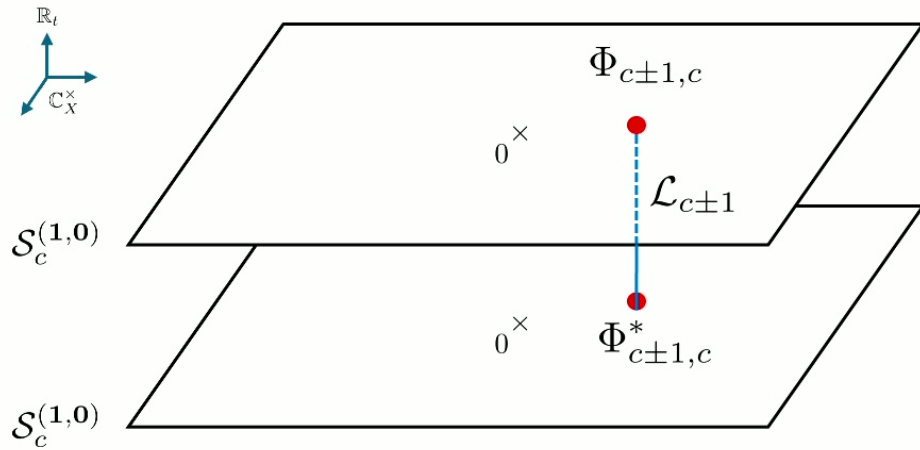
Non-transverse R-matrices from intertwiners



$$\begin{aligned}
 R^{(c)} &= -(q_3; q_3)_{\nu_c} q_{\bar{c}}^{-\frac{1}{2}(1 \otimes a_0^{(c)})} \oint \frac{dX}{2\pi i X_1} \frac{\left(q_{\bar{c}}^{-1} \frac{X}{X_1}; q_3 \right)_\infty e^{\frac{\log q_c}{\log q_3} \log \frac{X}{X_1}}}{\left(\frac{X}{X_1}; q_3 \right)_\infty} : \Phi_{3,c}^*(X_1) \Phi_{3,c}(q_{\bar{c}}^{\frac{1}{2}} X) : Z_1^{-\frac{\log \frac{X}{X_1}}{\log q_3}} \left(q_{\bar{c}}^{\frac{d}{2}} \otimes 1 \right) \\
 &= -(q_3; q_3)_{\nu_c} q_{\bar{c}}^{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\log q_c}{\log q_3} - 1 \otimes a_0^{(c)} \right)} \left(\oint \frac{dX}{2\pi i X} \Phi_{3,c}^*(X_1) \Phi_{3,c}(q_{\bar{c}}^{\frac{1}{2}} X) Z_1^{-\frac{\log \frac{X}{X_1}}{\log q_3}} \right) \left(q_{\bar{c}}^{\frac{d}{2}} \otimes 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

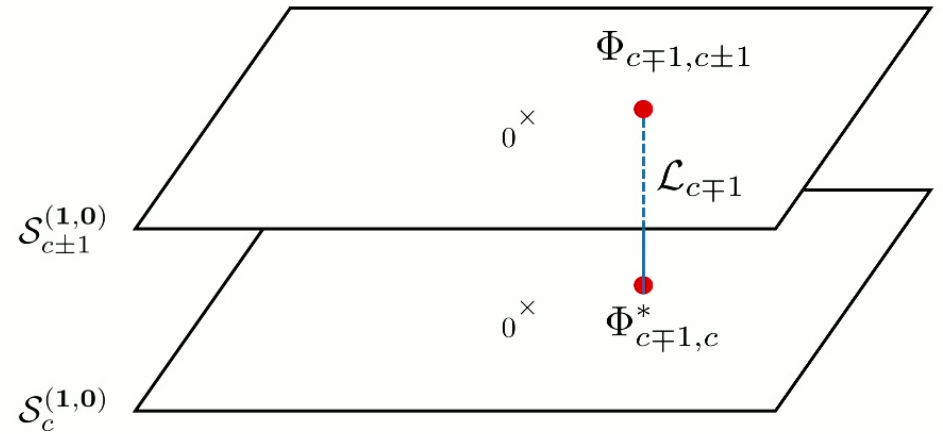
Screening charges from finite M2-branes

- There are only two cases for any two adjacent M5-branes:



$$S_{c,c}^{c\pm 1} := \sigma \circ (\Phi_{c\pm 1, c} \otimes \Phi_{c\pm 1, c}^*)$$

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&\times \exp \left[\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} \frac{q_{c\mp 1}^{r/2} - q_{c\mp 1}^{-r/2}}{q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2}} q_{c\mp 1}^{-r/2} (a_{-r}^{(c)} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes q_c^{-r/2} a_{-r}^{(c)}) (uq_{c\pm 1}^i)^r \right] \\
&\times \exp \left[- \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} \frac{q_{c\mp 1}^{r/2} - q_{c\mp 1}^{-r/2}}{q_c^{r/2} - q_c^{-r/2}} q_{c\mp 1}^{r/2} (q_c^{r/2} a_r^{(c)} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a_r^{(c)}) (uq_{c\pm 1}^i)^{-r} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

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\end{aligned}$$

- The gauge-invariance conditions for the intersections imply that all the generators of $M5_{L,M,N}^{(1,0)}$ commute with the screening charges:

$$\left[S_{c_i, c_{i+1}}^{c_{M2}}, \Delta_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}, M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g) \right] = 0, \quad \text{for any } g \in U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1))$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}, M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g) S_{c_i, c_{i+1}}^{c_{M2}} \\ &= \sigma \left(\rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g(2)) \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g(1)) \right) (\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \otimes \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^*) \\ &= \sigma \left[\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \left(\rho_{M2} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}} \right) (g(2), (1) \otimes g(2), (2) \otimes g(1)) \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^* \right] \\ &= \sigma \left[\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \left(\rho_{M2} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}} \right) (\text{id} \otimes \sigma)(\sigma \otimes \text{id})(g(1) \otimes g(2), (1) \otimes g(2), (2)) \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^* \right] \\ &= \sigma \left[\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \left(\rho_{M2} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}} \right) (\text{id} \otimes \sigma)(\sigma \otimes \text{id})(g(1), (1) \otimes g(1), (2) \otimes g(2)) \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^* \right] \\ &= \sigma \left[\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \left(\rho_{M2} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}} \right) (g(1), (2) \otimes g(2) \otimes g(1), (1)) \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^* \right] \\ &= \sigma \left[(\Phi_{c_{M2}, c_{i+1}} \otimes \Phi_{c_{M2}, c_i}^*) \left(\rho_{M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g(2)) \otimes \rho_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}}(g(1)) \right) \right] \\ &= S_{c_i, c_{i+1}}^{c_{M2}} \Delta_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}, M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}(g) \end{aligned}$$

- Finally, it can be shown that there is no more operator that commutes with all the generators obtained from the product of R-matrices.

Thus,

1. The Miura transformation constructed by the R-matrices generates the whole q-deformed Y-algebra $M5_{L,M,N}^{(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{0})}$
2. The q-deformed Y-algebra is completely characterized as commutants of the screening charges in the tensor product of free q-bosons.

Ordering-independence by Yang-Baxter equation

- Consider the R-matrices between q-boson representations:

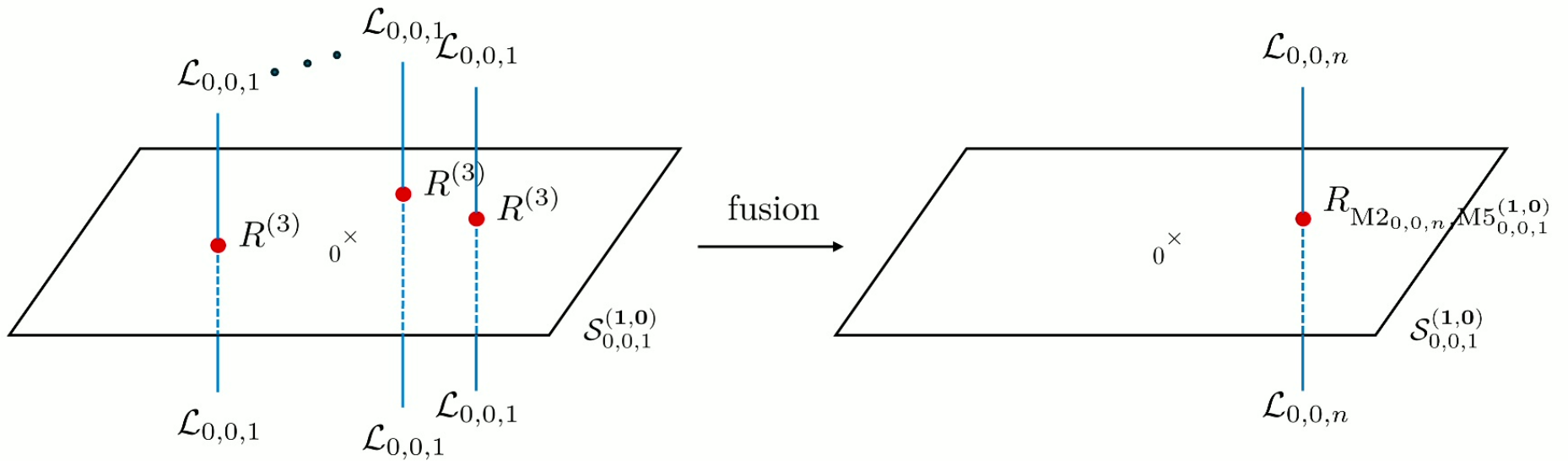
$$R_{M5_c^{(1,0)}, M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}} = (\rho_{M5_c^{(1,0)}} \otimes \rho_{M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}}) \mathcal{R} \in M5_c^{(1,0)} \otimes M5_{c'}^{(1,0)}, \quad c, c' \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

We may call them **q-deformed** Maulik-Okounkov R-matrices. cf. [Fukuda, Harada, Matsuo, Zhu 17], [Garbali, de Gier 20], [Negut 20], [Garbali, Negut 21]

- The universal Yang-Baxter directly implies the change of ordering of Miura operators yields equivalent Miura transformation up to the conjugation of this R-matrix:

$$R_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}, M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}} R_{i+1}^{(c_{i+1})} R_i^{(c_i)} = R_i^{(c_i)} R_{i+1}^{(c_{i+1})} R_{M5_{c_i}^{(1,0)}, M5_{c_{i+1}}^{(1,0)}}, \quad \text{for any } i$$

Multiple M2s and single M5

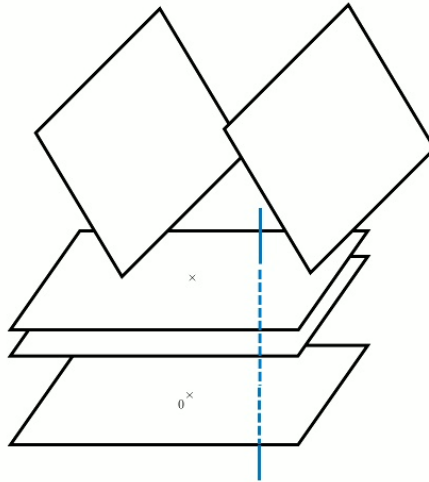


- The relation $(\Delta \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23}$ implies:

$$R_{M2_{0,0,n}, M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,0)}} = R_1^{(3)} R_2^{(3)} \dots R_n^{(3)}$$

M-brane Network

- Consider more general configurations of parallel and/or intersecting M2- and M5-branes, e.g.,



- In 5d CS theory, they descend to configurations of line and surface defects which overlap and intersect with one another.

- For this, we need M5-branes supported on generic holomorphic curve $C^{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}$
- The reparametrization of $\mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$ by $X' = X^a Z^b$, $Z' = X^c Z^d$ preserves the background.

$$SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = 1 \right\}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Indeed, there is an $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ automorphism group of $U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1))$ [Miki 07]

- By repetitively applying T to $C^{(1,0)}$, we get all the curves of the form $C^{(1,n)}$

$$\rho_{M5_c^{(1,n)}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \twoheadrightarrow M5_c^{(1,n)} = \text{End}(\mathcal{F}_c^{(1,n)}(v)).$$

$$E(X) \mapsto -e^{a_0^{(c)} \frac{\log q_{c+1} \log q_{c-1}}{\log q_c}} \frac{1 - q_c}{\kappa_1} \left(\frac{q_c^{1/2}}{X} \right)^{\mathbf{n}} \eta_c(X),$$

$$F(X) \mapsto e^{-a_0^{(c)} \frac{\log q_{c+1} \log q_{c-1}}{\log q_c}} \frac{1 - q_c^{-1}}{\kappa_1} \left(\frac{X}{q_c^{1/2}} \right)^{\mathbf{n}} \xi_c(X),$$

$$K^\pm(X) \mapsto q_c^{\mp \mathbf{n}/2} \varphi_c^\pm(X),$$

- We can also get $C^{(0,1)} = \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$ by applying S

$$\rho_{M5_c^{(0,1)}} : U_{q_1, q_2, q_3}(\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}(1)) \twoheadrightarrow M5_c^{(0,1)} = \text{End}(\mathcal{F}_c^{(0,1)}(a)).$$

[Feigin, Tsybaliuk 09],
[Schiffmann, Vasserot 09]

$$E(X)|a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)} = \frac{1 - q_c}{\kappa_1} \sum_{\square \in \partial_+ \lambda} \delta(\chi_\square / X) \text{Res}_{X=\chi_\square} X^{-1} y_\lambda^{(c)}(X, a)^{-1} |a, \lambda + \square\rangle^{(c)},$$

$$F(X)|a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)} = -\frac{1 - q_c^{-1}}{\kappa_1} q_c^{-1/2} \sum_{\square \in \partial_- \lambda} \delta(\chi_\square / X) \text{Res}_{X=\chi_\square} X^{-1} y_\lambda^{(c)}(X q_c^{-1}, a) |a, \lambda - \square\rangle^{(c)},$$

$$K^\pm(X)|a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)} = q_c^{-1/2} \left(\frac{y_\lambda^{(c)}(X q_c^{-1}, a)}{y_\lambda^{(c)}(X, a)} \right)_\pm |a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)}, \quad C|a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)} = |a, \lambda\rangle^{(c)},$$

$$y_\lambda^{(c)}(X, a) = \left(1 - \frac{a}{X}\right) \prod_{\square \in \lambda} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{q_{c+1} X \square}{X}\right) \left(1 - \frac{q_{c-1} X \square}{X}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{X \square}{X}\right) \left(1 - \frac{q_c^{-1} X \square}{X}\right)}$$

$$\chi_{\square(i,j)} = a q_{c+1}^{i-1} q_{c-1}^{j-1}$$

- How do the M5-branes intersect? It is more convenient to work in the IIB dual frame.

In a dual IIB frame,

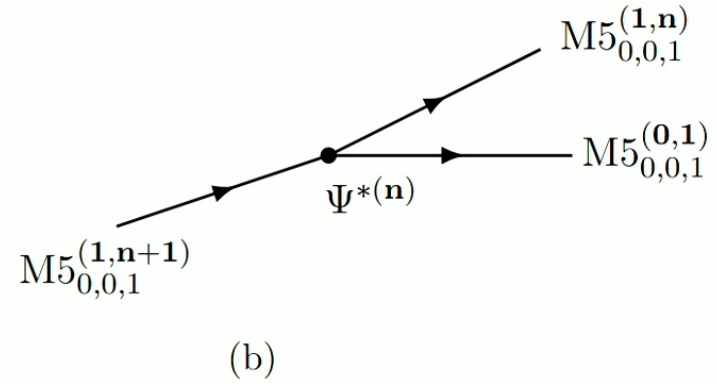
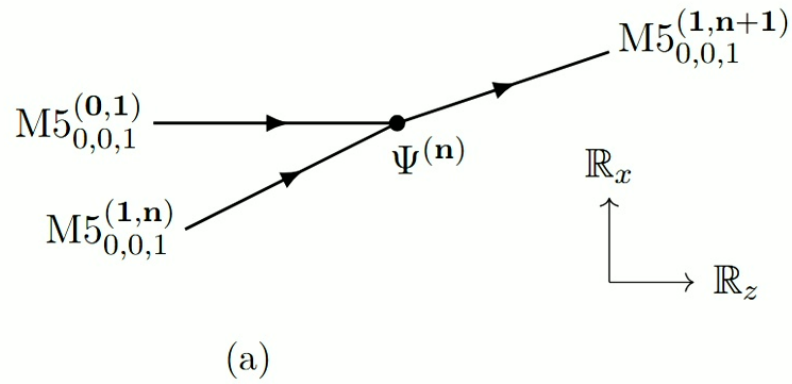
- M2-branes become D3-branes
- M5-branes on $C^{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}$ become (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) -fivebranes (1, 0) = NS5
(0, 1) = D5

cf. [Awata, Feigin, Shiraishi 11] and many others

IIB branes	$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2$		$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2$		$\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2$		\mathbb{R}_t	\mathbb{R}_x	\mathbb{R}_z	S^1
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D3 _{1,0,0}	x	x					x			x
D3 _{0,1,0}			x	x			x			x
D3 _{0,0,1}					x	x	x			x
NS5 _{0,0,1}	x	x	x	x				x		x
NS5 _{0,1,0}	x	x			x	x		x		x
NS5 _{1,0,0}			x	x	x	x		x		x
$(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})_{0,0,1}$	x	x	x	x				$l^{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}$		x

$$l^{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})} = \{\mathbf{q}x - \mathbf{p}z = \text{const}\} \subset \mathbb{R}_x \times \mathbb{R}_z$$

- How do the M5-branes intersect? It is more convenient to work in the IIB dual frame.



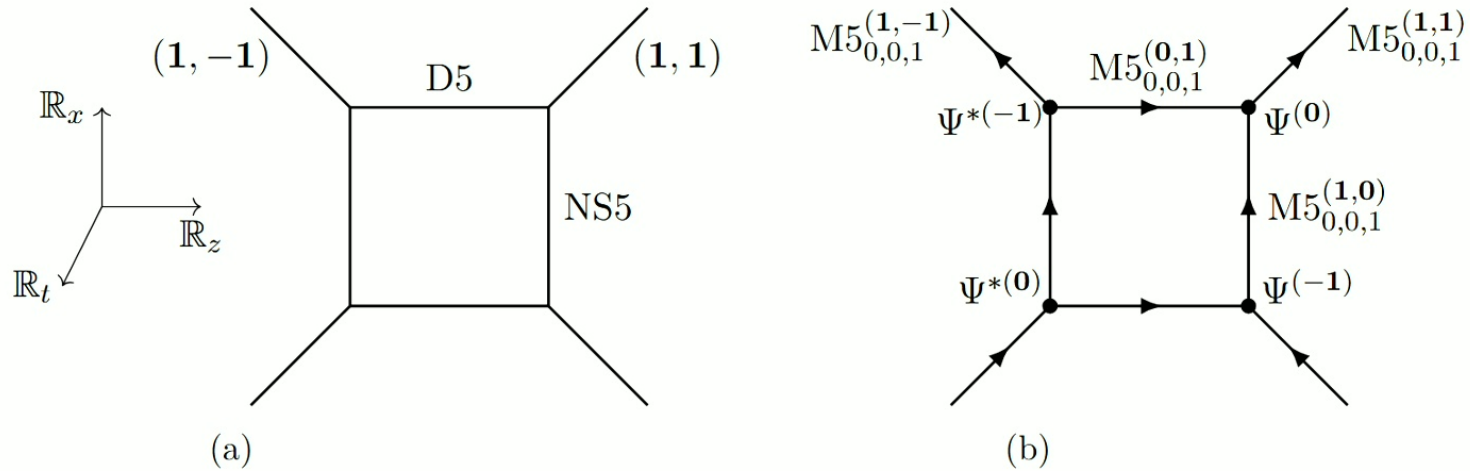
$$\Psi^{(n)}(v, v') : \mathcal{F}_3^{(0,1)}(v') \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,n)}(v) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,n+1)}(-vv')$$

$$\Psi^{*(n)}(v, v') : \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,n+1)}(-vv') \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3^{(0,1)}(v') \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,n)}(v)$$

$$\rho_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,n+1)}}(g) \Psi^{(n)} = \Psi^{(n)} \Delta_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(0,1)}, M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,n)}}(g)$$

$$\Delta_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(0,1)}, M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,n)}}^{\text{op}}(g) \Psi^{*(n)} = \Psi^{*(n)} \rho_{M5_{0,0,1}^{(1,n+1)}}(g)$$

- The network of M5-branes engineers a 5d N=1 gauge theory as the effective theory. For example, pure U(2) gauge theory:



$$\mathcal{T} := \sigma \left(\Psi^{(0)}(-v_2 a_1, a_2) \otimes \Psi^{*(-1)}(-v_1, a_2) \right) \circ \left(\Psi^{(-1)}(v_2, a_1) \otimes \Psi^{*(0)}(v_1 a_2, a_1) \right) \sigma$$

$$: \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,1)}(-v_1 a_1 a_2) \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,-1)}(v_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,-1)}(-v_1) \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,1)}(v_2 a_1 a_2).$$

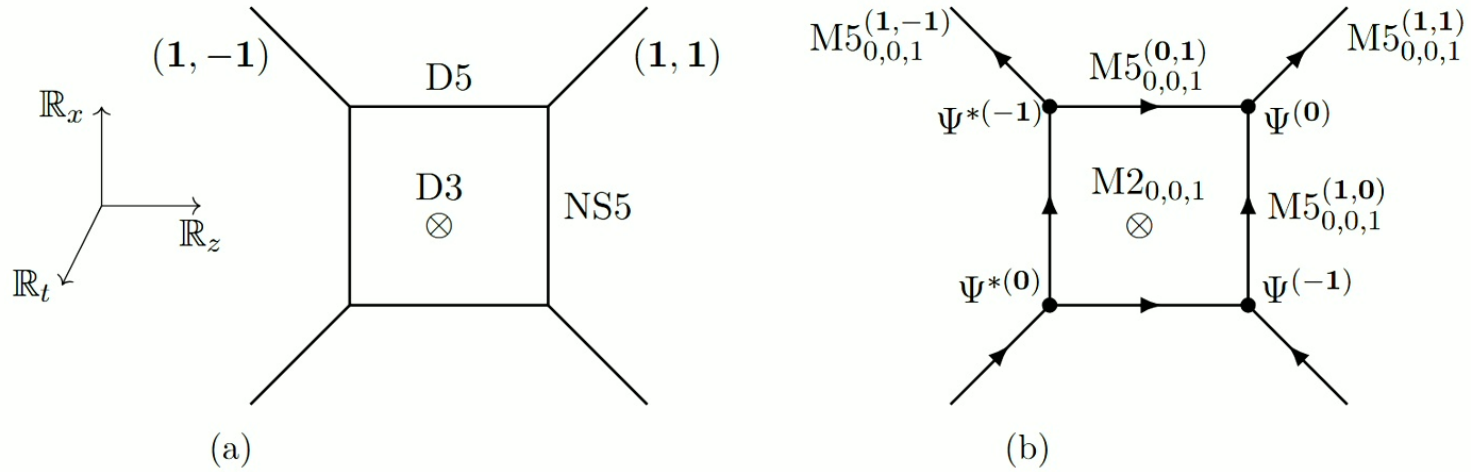
cf. [Alday, Gaiotto, Tachikawa 09]
[Awata, Feigin, Shiraishi 11]

$$\mathcal{Z}(a; \mathbf{q}) := (\langle \emptyset | \otimes \langle \emptyset |) \mathcal{T} (| \emptyset \rangle \otimes | \emptyset \rangle) = \mathcal{Z}^{1\text{-loop}}(a) \sum_{\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}} \mathbf{q}^{|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_2|} \frac{1}{\prod_{\alpha, \beta=1,2} N_{\lambda_\alpha \lambda_\beta}(a_\alpha / a_\beta; q_1, q_2)}$$

Vev of intersecting surface defects
in 5d CS theory

Partition function of 5d N=1 gauge theory

- Then, M2-branes can be added to the network, providing certain observables in the gauge theory. E.g., a single M2-brane:



$$\mathcal{X} := \left(\sigma(\Psi^{(0)} \otimes \Psi^{*(-1)}) \sigma \right) R_{M2_{0,0,1}, M5_{0,0,2}^{(1,0)}} \left(\sigma(\Psi^{(-1)} \otimes \Psi^{*(0)}) \sigma \right) \\ \in M2_{0,0,1} \otimes \text{Hom} \left(\mathcal{F}_3^{(1,1)}(-v_1 a_1 a_2) \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,-1)}(v_2), \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,-1)}(-v_1) \otimes \mathcal{F}_3^{(1,1)}(v_2, a_1 a_2) \right)$$

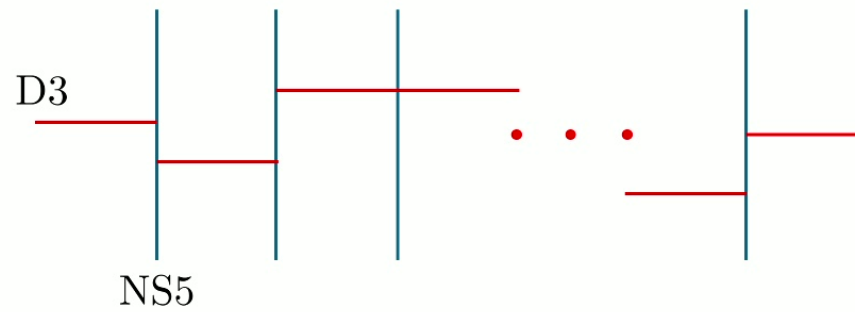
$$\langle \mathcal{X}(u) \rangle_k := ([uq_3^{-1}]_{i+k}^* \otimes \langle \emptyset | \otimes \langle \emptyset |) \mathcal{X}([u]_i \otimes |\emptyset\rangle \otimes |\emptyset\rangle)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{X}(X_1) \rangle_1 = \mathcal{Z}^{1\text{-loop}}(a) \sum_{\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}} \mathfrak{q}^{|\lambda_1|+|\lambda_2|} \frac{1}{\prod_{\alpha, \beta=1,2} N_{\lambda_\alpha \lambda_\beta}(a_\alpha/a_\beta; q_1, q_2)} \times \frac{q_3^{-1/2}}{v_2} \left(\frac{q_3^{-1}}{a_1 a_2} X_1 \mathcal{Y}(X_1 q_3^{-1/2}) + \mathfrak{q} \frac{1}{X_1 \mathcal{Y}(X_1 q_3^{1/2})} \right)$$

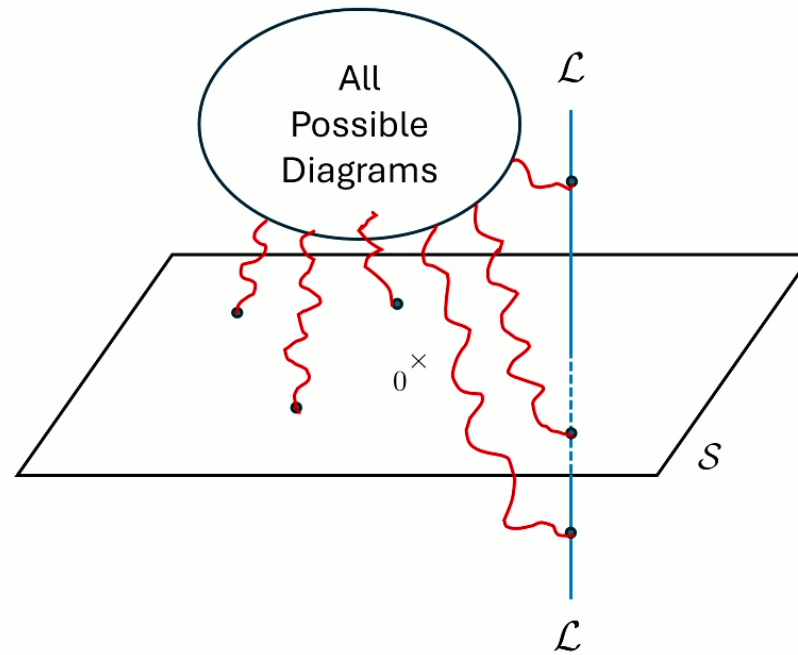
- This exactly recovers the qq-character of the 5d N=1 pure U(2) gauge theory [\[Nekrasov 15\]](#)
- Namely, the vev of the network of line/surface defects in 5d CS theory is shown to match with the vev of the qq-character.

Outlook

- Half-index of 3d quiver abelian gauge theory with some 1d defects = Miura transformation



- Direct perturbative analysis of 5d CS theory on $\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$



$$\mathbb{C}_x \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$$

- Twisted M-theory on $\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \times (\mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\varepsilon_3}^2)/\mathbb{Z}_K \times \mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{C}_X^\times \times \mathbb{C}_Z^\times$, 5d $\mathfrak{gl}(K)$ CS theory
- The M5-brane network engineers a 4d N=2 (or 5d N=1) theory with a codimension-two monodromy defect. Its vev was shown to give common eigenfunctions of the quantum integrable model of Hitchin type (or its multiplicative uplift). The transverse M2-branes was shown to give rise to Lax matrices. The non-transverse M2-branes provides Hecke operators (or Q-operators).

cf. [Alday, Tachikawa 10], [Kanno, Tachikawa 11]
 [SJ, Nekrasov 18]
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Thank you!