# **Classical AdS String Dynamics**



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### 1. Motivation

- Semiclassical analysis of strings in  $AdS \times S$  space-time is relevant for large  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$  (strong coupling) investigation of AdS/CFT;
- Computing gluon scattering amplitudes can be reduced to finding the minimal area of a classical string solution (Alday-Maldacena program);
- Giant magnon solutions on  $R \times S^2$  and  $R \times S^3$  can be mapped to soliton solutions in sine-Gordon and complex sine-Gordon, respectively.

#### Euclidean world Sheet : The Polygon Problem

- Alday & Maldacena (2007) outlined a version of Yang-Mills ↔ String duality;
- *N*=4 Super Yang Mills scattering amplitudes can be alternatively evaluated by AdS strings;
- Strong coupling  $(\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N)$ : Minimal area surface in AdS:  $= 2 \sum_{X=2}^{\infty} \left[ dx_{X+1}^2 + dz^2 \right]$

$$ds^{2} = R^{2} \left[ \frac{dx_{3+1}^{2} + dz^{2}}{z^{2}} \right]$$

Boundary of AdS :  $z = z_{IR} \to 0$ Polygon :  $(k_1^{\mu}, k_2^{\mu}, \dots, k_n^{\mu})$ Amplitude :  $\mathcal{A}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \sim e^{-\text{minimal area}}$ 

# Four-point Solution:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Gauge}: & x_1 = \tau \\ x_2 = \sigma \end{array} \end{array} \mbox{Euclidean worldsheet} \\ \mbox{AdS string action (} z = 1/r \mbox{)}: \\ & S = \frac{R^2}{2\pi} \int dx_1 dx_2 \frac{\sqrt{1 + (\partial_i r)^2 - (\partial_i y_0)^2 - (\partial_1 r \partial_2 y_0 - \partial_2 r \partial_1 y_0)^2}}{r^2} \\ & \checkmark \\ & s = t \ \mbox{case}: \\ & y_0(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2, \\ & r(x_1, x_2) = \sqrt{(1 - x_1^2)(1 - x_2^2)} \\ & \mbox{where}: \quad s = -(k_1 + k_2)^2 \quad t = -(k_1 + k_4)^2 \end{array}$$

[1] Alday & Maldacena : 0705.0303

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# The boosted solution:

• Perform a boost in the 04 plane, the solution for s≠t reads:



• n=8 solution was accomplished in [2] recently.

[2] Alday & Maldacena '09

# **GKP folded string solution:**

Gubser, Klebanov and Polyakov [3] gave a first study of large (spin) angular momentum solutions in conformal gauge.

$$\begin{split} AdS_{3} \operatorname{coordinates} : & X^{i} = (t, \rho, \theta) \\ & \operatorname{metric} : & ds^{2} = -\cosh^{2}\rho dt^{2} + d\rho^{2} + \sinh^{2}\rho d\theta^{2} \\ & \operatorname{action} : & A = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} \int d\tau d\sigma G_{ij} \partial_{\alpha} X^{i} \partial^{\alpha} X^{j} \\ & \text{Virasoro constraints} : & T_{++} = \partial_{+} X^{i} \partial_{+} X^{j} G_{ij} = 0 \\ & T_{--} = \partial_{-} X^{i} \partial_{-} X^{j} G_{ij} = 0. \\ & \text{Ansatz} : & t = c \tau \\ & \theta = c \omega \tau \\ & \text{where } c \text{ is a constant to rescale the period of } \sigma. \\ & \text{Assumption} : & \rho = \rho (\sigma) \end{split}$$

[3] S.S. Gubser, I.R. Klebanov and A.M. Polyakov '02



### **Energy-momentum relation:**

$$E = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2L} d\sigma \cosh^2 \rho = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \Big[ \frac{\omega}{\omega^2 - 1} E(\frac{1}{\omega}) \Big],$$
$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2L} d\sigma \,\omega \sinh^2 \rho = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \Big[ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - 1} E(\frac{1}{\omega}) - K(\frac{1}{\omega}) \Big]$$

where  $E(\frac{1}{\omega})$  and  $K(\frac{1}{\omega})$  are elliptic functions. Therefore,

$$E - \omega S = \frac{2\omega\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \left[ K(\frac{1}{\omega}) - E(\frac{1}{\omega}) \right]$$

In the large S (spin angular momentum) limit, we have  $\omega = 1 + 2\eta$ , where  $\eta <<1$ .

$$\mathbf{E}(\frac{1}{\omega}) \sim 1 + \eta \ln \frac{1}{\eta}, \qquad \mathbf{K}(\frac{1}{\omega}) \sim \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{\eta}$$



# Spiky string solution:

Kruczenski [4] gave the spiky string solutions in physical gauge:

Ansatz: 
$$t = \tau$$
  
 $\theta = \omega \tau + \sigma$ 

rigid rotation :  $\rho = \rho(\sigma)$ 

Nambu-Goto action : 
$$A = -\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int d\tau d\sigma \sqrt{(\dot{X}X')^2 - \dot{X}^2 X'^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{\rho'^2 (\cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho) + \sinh^2 \rho \cosh^2 \rho}$$

Spiky string solution:

$$\rho'(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sinh 2\rho}{\sinh 2\rho_0} \frac{\sqrt{\sinh^2 2\rho} - \sinh^2 2\rho_0}{\sqrt{\cosh^2 \rho} - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho}$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the minimum value of  $\rho$ ; the maximum value is  $\rho_1$ =arccoth  $\omega$ .

$$\sigma = \frac{\sinh 2\rho_0}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{u_0 + u_1}\sinh\rho_1} \left\{ \Pi(\alpha, \frac{u_1 - u_0}{u_1 - 1}, p) - \Pi(\alpha, \frac{u_1 - u_0}{u_1 + 1}, p) \right\}$$
[4] M. Kruczenski '04

## **Energy-momentum relation:**

$$E = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{2n}{2\pi} \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho_1} d\rho \frac{\cosh^2 \rho \sinh^2 2\rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho \sinh^2 2\rho_0}{\sinh 2\rho \sqrt{(\cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho)(\sinh^2 2\rho - \sinh^2 2\rho_0)}}$$
$$S = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{2n}{2\pi} \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho_1} d\rho \frac{\omega}{2} \frac{\sinh \rho}{\cosh \rho} \frac{\sqrt{\sinh^2 2\rho - \sinh^2 2\rho_0}}{\sqrt{\cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho}}$$
$$E - \omega S = \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{2n}{2\pi} \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho_1} d\rho \sinh 2\rho \frac{\sqrt{\cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho}}{\sqrt{\sinh^2 2\rho - \sinh^2 2\rho_0}}$$

In the limit  $\rho_1 \gg 1$  and  $\rho_1 \gg \rho_0$ , we have  $\omega = \coth \rho_1 \to 1$ 

Large S energy of n-spike solution:

$$E - S = n \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \ln \frac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \cdots$$

Note : n=2 agrees with the GKP solution.



O The main interest is to study the dynamics of spikes
O For this purpose, it is convenient to introduce the soliton picture
O We will show next the soliton picture of the GKP solution
O The same argument works for the Kruczenski n-spike solution

#### Kruczenski's solution in conformal gauge

ansatz:  

$$t = \tau + f(\sigma),$$

$$\theta = \omega \tau + g(\sigma),$$

$$\rho = \rho(\sigma).$$

The equations of motion and the Virasoro constraints can be solved by :

$$f'(\sigma) = \frac{\omega \sinh 2\rho_0}{2\cosh^2 \rho}, \qquad g'(\sigma) = \frac{\sinh 2\rho_0}{2\sinh^2 \rho},$$
$$\rho'^2(\sigma) = \frac{(\cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho)(\sinh^2 2\rho - \sinh^2 2\rho_0)}{\sinh^2 2\rho}.$$

Near the spike, we have  $\rho \sim \rho_1 \equiv \operatorname{arccoth}\omega$ , further assume  $\rho_1 \gg \rho_0$ ,

$$\rho'^2(\sigma) = \cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho \qquad (\text{GKP solution})$$

Therefore, the n-spike configuration is a n-soliton solution in sinh-Gordon picture.

#### Exact transformation

 $\rho = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{arccosh}\left(\cosh 2\rho_1 \operatorname{cn}^2(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) + \cosh 2\rho_0 \operatorname{sn}^2(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k})\right)$ 

where : 
$$u \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\cosh 2\rho_1 + \cosh 2\rho_0}{\cosh 2\rho_1 - 1}}\sigma$$
,  $k \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\cosh 2\rho_1 - \cosh 2\rho_0}{\cosh 2\rho_1 + \cosh 2\rho_0}}$ 

The gauge transformation functions are :

$$f = \frac{\sqrt{2}\omega \sinh 2\rho_0 \sinh \rho_1}{(\cosh 2\rho_1 + 1)\sqrt{\cosh 2\rho_1 + \cosh 2\rho_0}} \Pi\left(\frac{\cosh 2\rho_1 - \cosh 2\rho_0}{\cosh 2\rho_1 + 1}, x, k\right)$$
$$g = \frac{\sqrt{2}\sinh 2\rho_0 \sinh \rho_1}{(\cosh 2\rho_1 - 1)\sqrt{\cosh 2\rho_1 + \cosh 2\rho_0}} \Pi\left(\frac{\cosh 2\rho_1 - \cosh 2\rho_0}{\cosh 2\rho_1 - 1}, x, k\right)$$
where :  $x = \operatorname{am}(u, k)$ 

### 2. Spikes as sinh-Gordon solitons

Asymptotics near the turning point: GKP solution

$${\rho'}^2 = \cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho \sim \frac{1}{4} e^{2\rho} \left(1 - \omega^2 + (1 + \omega^2) 2e^{-2\rho}\right)$$

Let  $\ \omega = 1 + 2\eta$  where  $\eta \ll 1$  , then one gets

$${\rho'}^2 \sim e^{2\rho} (e^{-2\rho} - \eta)$$

Denote  $u = e^{-\rho}$  , we have

$${u'}^2 \sim u^2 - \eta$$

 $\rho(\sigma) = -\ln\sqrt{\eta}\cosh(\sigma - \sigma_0)$ 



## Relation to Sinh-Gordon soliton:

One observes the correspondence with the sinh-Gordon soliton.

Define :  $\alpha \equiv \ln(q_{\xi} \cdot q_{\eta})$ 

where *q* being a  $AdS_3$  string solution with signature: {-1, -1, +1, +1}. One can check, that for the near turning point GKP solution,

$$\alpha = \ln(2{\rho'}^2) = \ln(2\tanh^2\sigma) = \ln 2 + \hat{\alpha}$$

satisfies the sinh-Gordon equation:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\xi\eta} - 4\sinh\hat{\alpha} = 0$$

Therefore, the finite GKP solution is then a two-soliton configuration of sinh-Gordon system !

$$\xi = (\sigma + \tau)/2$$
$$\eta = (\sigma - \tau)/2$$

### 3. AdS string as a $\sigma$ -model

We parameterize  $AdS_d$  with d+1 embedding coordinates q subject to the constraint

$$q^{2} = -q_{-1}^{2} - q_{0}^{2} + q_{1}^{2} + q_{2}^{2} + \dots + q_{d-1}^{2} = -1$$

Conformal gauge action :

$$A = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int d\sigma d\tau \left( \partial q \cdot \partial q + \lambda(\sigma, \tau) (q \cdot q + 1) \right)$$

where  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are Minkowski worldsheet coordinates.

Equations of motion : 
$$q_{\xi\eta} - (q_{\xi} \cdot q_{\eta})q = 0$$

Virasoro constraints :  $q_{\xi}^2 = q_{\eta}^2 = 0$ 

$$\xi = (\sigma + \tau)/2 \qquad \partial_{\xi} = \partial_{\sigma} + \partial_{\tau}$$
$$\eta = (\sigma - \tau)/2 \qquad \partial_{\eta} = \partial_{\sigma} - \partial_{\tau}$$

#### Equivalence to sinh-Gordon model

Choose a basis :  $e_i = (q, q_{\xi}, q_{\eta}, b_4, \cdots, b_{d+1})$ 

where  $i=1,2,\ldots,d+1$  and the vectors  $b_k$  with  $k=4,5,\ldots,d+1$  are orthonormal

$$b_k \cdot b_l = \delta_{kl}, \quad b_k \cdot q = b_k \cdot q_\xi = b_k \cdot q_\eta = 0$$

Define:  $\alpha \equiv \ln(q_{\xi} \cdot q_{\eta}) \quad u_k \equiv b_k \cdot q_{\xi\xi} \quad v_k \equiv b_k \cdot q_{\eta\eta}$ 

The equations of motion are :

$$\alpha_{\xi\eta} - e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha} \sum_{i=4}^{d+1} u_i v_i = 0 \quad (u_i)_{\eta} = \sum_{j=4, j \neq i}^{d+1} u_j (b_j) \cdot (b_i)_{\eta} \quad (v_i)_{\xi} = \sum_{j=4, j \neq i}^{d+1} v_j (b_j) \cdot (b_i)_{\xi}$$
Generalized sinh-Gordon model [5].

d=2: Liouville equation d=3: sinh-Gordon equation d=4:  $B_2$  Toda model

[5] H. J. de Vega and N. Sanchez, PRD, 47, 3394 (1993).

# AdS<sub>3</sub> case in more detail

$$u_{\eta} = 0 \Rightarrow u = u(\xi)$$

$$v_{\xi} = 0 \Rightarrow v = v(\eta)$$

$$\alpha_{\xi\eta} - e^{\alpha} - uve^{-\alpha} = 0$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\xi'\eta'} - 2\sinh\hat{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\xi'}{d\xi} = \sqrt{u(\xi)} \quad \frac{d\eta'}{d\eta} = \sqrt{-v(\eta)} \quad \alpha(\xi, \eta) = \hat{\alpha}(\xi', \eta') + \frac{1}{2}\ln[-u(\xi)v(\eta)]$$

Now we express the derivatives of the basis vectors in terms of the basis itself :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial e_i}{\partial \xi} &= A_{ij}(\xi, \eta) e_j, \quad \frac{\partial e_i}{\partial \eta} = B_{ij}(\xi, \eta) e_j \\ \text{we get}: \quad A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{\xi} & 0 & u \\ e^{\alpha} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -ue^{-\alpha} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ e^{\alpha} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_{\eta} & v \\ 0 & -ve^{-\alpha} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# SO(2,2) symmetry

In order to see the explicit SO(2,2) symmetry, we choose an orthonormal basis

$$e_1 = b, \ e_2 = \frac{q_{\xi} + q_{\eta}}{\sqrt{2}e^{\alpha/2}}, \ e_3 = \frac{q_{\xi} - q_{\eta}}{\sqrt{2}ie^{\alpha/2}}, \ e_4 = iq.$$

Then *A*, *B* matrices become



$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\alpha/2} & -\frac{iv}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\alpha/2} & 0\\ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\alpha/2} & 0 & -\frac{i}{2}\alpha_{\eta} & -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\alpha/2}\\ \frac{iv}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\alpha/2} & \frac{i}{2}\alpha_{\eta} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\alpha/2}\\ 0 & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\alpha/2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\alpha/2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### 4. Inverse Scattering Method

Remember the isometry :

 $SO(2,2) = SO(2,1) \times SO(2,1)$ 

Introduce two commuting sets of SO(2,1) generators :

 $[J_3, J_{\pm}] = \pm J_{\pm}, \quad [J_+, J_-] = -2J_3, \quad [K_3, K_{\pm}] = \pm K_{\pm}, \quad [K_+, K_-] = -2K_3, \quad [J_i, K_j] = 0,$ 

Expand A, B matrices as

$$A = w_{1,(+)}^{i} J_{i} + w_{1,(-)}^{i} K_{i}, \qquad B = w_{2,(+)}^{i} J_{i} + w_{2,(-)}^{i} K_{i},$$

with coefficients

$$\vec{w}_{1,(\pm)} = \left(\frac{i}{2}\alpha_{\xi}, \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(ue^{-\alpha/2} \mp e^{\alpha/2}), \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(ue^{-\alpha/2} \pm e^{\alpha/2})\right),$$
$$\vec{w}_{2,(\pm)} = \left(\frac{-i}{2}\alpha_{\eta}, \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(ve^{-\alpha/2} \pm e^{\alpha/2}), \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}(ve^{-\alpha/2} \mp e^{\alpha/2})\right)$$

## Spinor representation

Remember SO(2,1)=SU(1,1), we can define two spinors as

$$\phi_{\xi} = w_{1,(+)}^{i} \sigma_{i} \phi = A_{1} \phi, \qquad \phi_{\eta} = w_{2,(+)}^{i} \sigma_{i} \phi = A_{2} \phi,$$
  
$$\psi_{\xi} = w_{1,(-)}^{i} \sigma_{i} \psi = B_{1} \psi, \qquad \psi_{\eta} = w_{2,(-)}^{i} \sigma_{i} \psi = B_{2} \psi.$$

where the matrices are given by

$$\begin{split} A_{1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\xi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) \\ -\frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\xi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) \end{pmatrix}, \\ A_{2} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) & -\frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\eta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) \\ \frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\eta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) \end{pmatrix} \\ B_{1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\xi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) \\ -\frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\xi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ue^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) \end{pmatrix} \\ B_{2} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} + e^{\alpha/2}) & -\frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\eta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) \\ \frac{i}{4} \alpha_{\eta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) & \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} (ve^{-\alpha/2} - e^{\alpha/2}) \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

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# Reconstructing the string solution:

Then the string solution is given by:

$$q_{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1\psi_1^* - \phi_2\psi_2^*) + c.c. \qquad q_0 = \frac{i}{2}(\phi_1\psi_1^* - \phi_2\psi_2^*) + c.c.$$
$$q_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_2\psi_1 - \phi_1\psi_2) + c.c. \qquad q_2 = \frac{i}{2}(\phi_2\psi_1 - \phi_1\psi_2) + c.c.$$

#### 5. Open string solutions

Vacuum solution:  $u = 2, v = -2, \alpha_0 = \ln 2,$ 

Matrices :

$$A_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \qquad A_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \qquad B_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Spinors :

$$\phi_1 = e^{-i\tau}$$
  $\phi_2 = 0$   $\psi_1 = \cosh \sigma$   $\psi_2 = -\sinh \sigma.$ 

String solution :

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \sigma \cos \tau \\ \cosh \sigma \sin \tau \\ \sinh \sigma \cos \tau \\ \sinh \sigma \sin \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

[6] A. Jevicki, K. Jin, C. Kalousios and A. Volovich: 0712.1193.



$$E = \frac{\pi}{\pi} \int_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} d\sigma \sinh^2 \sigma \approx \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} e^{2\Lambda}, \qquad E - S \sim \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} S$$
$$S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \int_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} d\sigma \sinh^2 \sigma \approx \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{4\pi} e^{2\Lambda}, \qquad E - S \sim \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} S$$

# <u>One-soliton solution:</u>

Sinh-Gordon :  $\alpha_s = \ln(2 \tanh^2 \sigma)$ 

Spinors:  

$$\phi_1 = e^{-i\tau} \cosh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \tanh \sigma),$$

$$\psi_2 = -e^{-i\tau} \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \tanh \sigma),$$

$$\psi_1 = (\tau + i) \cosh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \sinh 2\sigma) - \tau \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \sinh 2\sigma),$$

$$\psi_2 = -(\tau + i) \sinh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \sinh 2\sigma) + \tau \cosh(\frac{1}{2} \ln \sinh 2\sigma).$$

String solution :

$$q_s = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\cosh\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} 2\tau\cos\tau - \sin\tau(\cosh 2\sigma + 2) \\ 2\tau\sin\tau + \cos\tau(\cosh 2\sigma + 2) \\ -2\tau\cos\tau + \sin\tau\cosh 2\sigma \\ -2\tau\sin\tau - \cos\tau\cosh 2\sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

# Energy of one-soliton solution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_t^{\tau} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{16\pi} (1 + 8\tau^2 + 4\cosh 2\sigma + \cosh 4\sigma) \operatorname{sech}^2 \sigma \qquad \mathcal{P}_t^{\sigma} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \tau \tanh \sigma \\ \mathcal{P}_{\theta}^{\tau} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{16\pi} (1 + 8\tau^2 - 4\cosh 2\sigma + \cosh 4\sigma) \operatorname{sech}^2 \sigma \qquad \mathcal{P}_{\theta}^{\sigma} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \tau \tanh \sigma \\ E &= \int_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} d\sigma \mathcal{P}_t^{\tau} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} (\frac{1}{4}\sigma + \frac{1}{8}\sinh 2\sigma - \frac{1}{8}\tanh \sigma + \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 \tanh \sigma) |_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} (\frac{1}{8}e^{2\Lambda} + \tau^2) \\ S &= \int_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} d\sigma \mathcal{P}_{\theta}^{\tau} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} (-\frac{3}{4}\sigma + \frac{1}{8}\sinh 2\sigma + \frac{3}{8}\tanh \sigma + \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 \tanh \sigma) |_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} (\frac{1}{8}e^{2\Lambda} + \tau^2) \end{aligned}$$

If we neglect the  $\tau$  dependence since the exponential term increases much faster,

$$E - S = \int_{-\Lambda}^{\Lambda} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \cosh 2\sigma \operatorname{sech}^{2} \sigma d\sigma \sim \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln \frac{8\pi}{\sqrt{\lambda}} S$$

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## **One-soliton solution**





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#### Two-soliton solution

sinh-Gordon: 
$$\alpha_{ss} = \ln 2 \left( \frac{v \cosh X - \cosh T}{v \cosh X + \cosh T} \right)^2$$

where  $X = \frac{2\sigma}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$ ,  $T = \frac{2v\tau}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$ , and *v* is the relative velocity of two solitons.

$$q = \frac{1}{\cosh T + v \cosh X} \begin{pmatrix} (v \mathrm{ch} T \mathrm{ch} \sigma + \mathrm{ch} X \mathrm{ch} \sigma - \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} X \mathrm{sh} \sigma) \cos \tau + \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} T \mathrm{ch} \sigma \sin \tau \\ - (v \mathrm{ch} T \mathrm{ch} \sigma + \mathrm{ch} X \mathrm{ch} \sigma - \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} X \mathrm{sh} \sigma) \sin \tau + \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} T \mathrm{ch} \sigma \cos \tau \\ (v \mathrm{ch} T \mathrm{sh} \sigma + \mathrm{ch} X \mathrm{sh} \sigma - \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} X \mathrm{ch} \sigma) \cos \tau + \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} T \mathrm{sh} \sigma \sin \tau \\ - (v \mathrm{ch} T \mathrm{sh} \sigma + \mathrm{ch} X \mathrm{sh} \sigma - \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} X \mathrm{ch} \sigma) \sin \tau + \gamma^{-1} \mathrm{sh} T \mathrm{sh} \sigma \cos \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \int d\sigma \mathcal{P}_t^{\tau} = \frac{1}{8v(\cosh T + v \cosh X)} \Big\{ -4v^2 \gamma^{-1} \sinh X - (2 - v^2 + 2\gamma^{-1}) \sinh(2 - 2\gamma)\sigma \\ + (2 - v^2 - 2\gamma^{-1}) \sinh(2 + 2\gamma)\sigma + 2v \cosh T(2\sigma + \sinh 2\sigma) + 4v^2\sigma \cosh X \Big\}$$

$$S = \int d\sigma \mathcal{P}_{\theta}^{\tau} = \frac{1}{8v(\cosh T + v \cosh X)} \Big\{ 4v^2 \gamma^{-1} \sinh X + (2 - v^2 + 2\gamma^{-1}) \sinh(2 - 2\gamma)\sigma \\ + (2 - v^2 - 2\gamma^{-1}) \sinh(2 + 2\gamma)\sigma + 2v \cosh T(-2\sigma + \sinh 2\sigma) - 4v^2\sigma \cosh X \Big\}$$

$$E - S = \int d\sigma (\mathcal{P}_t^\tau - \mathcal{P}_\theta^\tau) = \sigma - \frac{v\gamma^{-1}\sinh X}{\cosh T + v\cosh X}$$

where 
$$\gamma = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}$$
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Figure 3: The Minkowskian two-soliton solution with  $v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  at different global time (a) t = 0, (b)  $t = \pi/4$ . The thick line denotes double-string.

Note: Solitons are localized near the center of AdS space.

# Properties of the soliton solutions

- Solitons (spikes) are located in the bulk of AdS
- Near the boundary the solution reduces to vacuum
- These solutions defined on an open line (ω=1) are simple but not fully satisfactory :
  - Energy is not conserved because there is momentum flow at the asymptotic ends of the string
  - 2) String is not closed
- To make the physical quantities conserved, and also to clarify the ω=1 limit, we need to build string solutions on a closed circle.

### 6. Closed string solutions

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\xi\eta} - 2\sqrt{-uv}\sinh\hat{\alpha} = 0$$

Period :  $L = 2\sqrt{k}K(k)$  ( 0 < k < 1 )

k=1 limit : 
$$\hat{\alpha}_{1,k=1} = \ln[\tanh^2 \sigma]$$
  
 $q_{1,k=1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\cosh\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} 2\tau\cos\tau - \sin\tau(\cosh 2\sigma + 2)\\ 2\tau\sin\tau + \cos\tau(\cosh 2\sigma + 2)\\ -2\tau\cos\tau + \sin\tau\cosh 2\sigma\\ -2\tau\sin\tau - \cos\tau\cosh 2\sigma \end{pmatrix}$ 

[7] A. Jevicki and K. Jin: 0804.0412 .

# Another solution ?

k=1 limit :

$$\hat{\alpha}_{2,k=1} = 0 \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad q_{2,k=1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \sigma \cos \tau \\ \cosh \sigma \sin \tau \\ \sinh \sigma \cos \tau \\ \sinh \sigma \sin \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Relation of two solutions: $\sigma$ translation



Fig. 1. (a) First periodic sinh-Gordon solution  $\hat{\alpha}_1$  when k = 0.964; (b) Second periodic sinh-Gordon solution  $\hat{\alpha}_2$  when k = 0.964. They are related by a translation of  $\sigma \to \sigma + \sqrt{k}K(k)$ .

$$\hat{\alpha}_1 = \ln[k \, \operatorname{sn}^2(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k)] \qquad \hat{\alpha}_2 = \ln[k \, \operatorname{cn}^2(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k) \, \operatorname{nd}^2(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k)]$$
$$\sigma \to \sigma + \sqrt{k}K(k)$$

# Reduction to the GKP solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{nd}(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k) \cos \sqrt{k}\tau \\ \operatorname{nd}(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k) \sin \sqrt{k}\tau \\ k \operatorname{sd}(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k) \cos \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\tau \\ k \operatorname{sd}(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k) \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

Do the rescaling  $\sqrt{k\tau} \to \tau, \sqrt{k\sigma} \to \sigma$  and write  $k = 1/\omega$ ,

$$\implies \rho'^2(\sigma) = \cosh^2 \rho - \omega^2 \sinh^2 \rho$$

This is exactly the GKP solution. Folded rotating string along a straight line !

Therefore, the energy reads : 
$$E - S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln(\frac{S}{\sqrt{\lambda}}) + \cdots$$

# 7. N-soliton (spike) construction



Fig. 2. (a) GKP two-soliton configuration plotted in the plane  $x = \rho \cos \theta$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \theta$  where  $\rho$ ,  $\theta$  are the global coordinates; (b) A attempt to construct the GKP type three-soliton solution; (c) Kruczenski's three-spike string solution.



Fig. 3. (a) GKP  $\rho$  as a function of  $\sigma$  when k = 0.964; (b) Kruczenski  $\rho$  as a function of  $\sigma$  when  $\rho_1 = 2, \rho_0 = 0.2688735$ .

#### Sinh-Gordon picture $\hat{\alpha} = \ln\left[\frac{\cosh 2\rho_1 - \cosh 2\rho_0}{\sqrt{\sinh^2 2\rho_1 - \sinh^2 2\rho_0}} \operatorname{sn}^2(u, k)\right] \xrightarrow{\rho_0 = 0} \hat{\alpha}_1 = \ln\left[k \, \operatorname{sn}^2\left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{k}}, k\right)\right]$ -5 5 -5

There is a tiny shift along y axis and a tiny expansion of the period : nonzero b.c. Similarly, there is a  $\sigma$  shifted solution reducing to  $\hat{\alpha}_2$  in the limit of  $\rho_0 = 0$ .

 $\rho_0 = 0$ 

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In this sense, we say Kruczenski's solution is a generalization of the GKP solution by lifting the minimum value of  $\rho$ .

### N-spike solution

Sinh-Gordon :  $\varphi_1(\zeta, z, \bar{z}) = -\left(\sum_{j,l=1}^N \frac{\lambda_j}{\zeta + \zeta_j} (1 - A)_{jl}^{-1} \lambda_l\right) e^{i\zeta \bar{z} - iz/4\zeta},$  $\varphi_2(\zeta, z, \bar{z}) = \left(1 + \sum_{j,l,k=1}^N \frac{\lambda_j}{\zeta + \zeta_j} \frac{\lambda_j \lambda_l}{\zeta_j + \zeta_l} (1 - A)_{lk}^{-1} \lambda_k\right) e^{i\zeta \bar{z} - iz/4\zeta},$ 

where 
$$A_{ij} = \sum_{l} a_{il} a_{lj}, \quad a_{il} = \frac{\lambda_i \lambda_l}{\zeta_i + \zeta_l}, \quad \lambda_k = \sqrt{c_k(0)} e^{i\zeta_k \bar{z} - iz/4\zeta_k}.$$

Spiky Strings :

$$Z_{1} = \frac{1+i}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(i\lambda\xi - i\eta/\lambda)} \Big\{ -i(\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1}) \Big[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{+} + ie^{\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{-} \Big] \Big\}, \quad (3.67)$$

$$+ (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1}) \Big[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{+} - ie^{\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{-} \Big] \Big\}, \quad (3.67)$$

$$Z_{2} = \frac{1-i}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(i\lambda\xi - i\eta/\lambda)} \Big\{ -i(\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1}) \Big[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{+} - ie^{\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{-} \Big] \Big\}, \quad (3.68)$$

$$+ (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} + \tilde{\varphi}_{1}) \Big[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{+} + ie^{\frac{1}{2}(\lambda\xi + \eta/\lambda)} (\tilde{\varphi}_{2} - \tilde{\varphi}_{1})_{-} \Big] \Big\}. \quad (3.68)$$

#### 8. Moduli Dynamics

• Spike locations can be described by (collective) coordinates: n-spike solution:  $\rho_i(t)$  with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ An interacting Lagrangian  $L(\rho, \rho)$ Dynamical system of Calogero (RS) type.  $\rho_2$  $\rho_3$  $\rho_1$  $Z_1^i(\tau) = Z_1(\tau, \sigma_i(\tau)),$  $o_n >$  $Z_2^i(\tau) = Z_2(\tau, \sigma_i(\tau)),$ • In the flat limit where  $R \rightarrow \infty$  : simple description  $(\partial_{\tau}^2 - \partial_{\sigma}^2)\alpha - 2\sinh\alpha = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (\partial_{\tau}^2 - \partial_{\sigma}^2)\alpha - e^{-\alpha} = 0$ (sinh-Gordon) (Liouville)

#### Dynamics of singularities: Liouville case

$$\alpha = \ln \left[ \frac{2}{u(\sigma^+)v(\sigma^-)} \frac{f'(\sigma^+)g'(\sigma^-)}{[f(\sigma^+) + g(\sigma^-)]^2} \right]$$

where 
$$f(\sigma^+) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_A} \frac{c_j}{y_j - \sigma^+}, \qquad g(\sigma^-) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_B} \frac{d_j}{z_j - \sigma^-},$$

Singularities: 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_A} \frac{c_j}{y_j - \sigma_i^+} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_B} \frac{d_j}{z_j - \sigma_i^-} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \cdots, N.$$

Equations of motion:  $\ddot{x}_i = 2(1+\dot{x}_i)\frac{1+\dot{x}_j}{x_i-x_j}$  i, j = 1, 2

$$L = -\frac{1}{|x_2 - x_1|}\sqrt{(1 + \dot{x}_1)(1 + \dot{x}_2)} - m\sqrt{1 - (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2 + 1)^2}$$

• This can be generalized to n-body case;

### Dynamics of spikes

One-spike solution :

$$\begin{split} X^{0} &= \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}d_{1}\tilde{v}_{1}} \Big( \frac{1}{3} (\tilde{\sigma}^{+})^{3} + \frac{1}{2} d_{1}^{2} \tilde{v}_{1}^{2} \tilde{\sigma}^{+} \Big) + \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}d_{1}} \Big( \frac{1}{3} (\tilde{\sigma}^{-})^{3} + \frac{1}{2} d_{1}^{2} \tilde{\sigma}^{-} \Big), \\ X^{1} &= \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}d_{1}\tilde{v}_{1}} \Big( \frac{1}{3} (\tilde{\sigma}^{+})^{3} - \frac{1}{2} d_{1}^{2} \tilde{v}_{1}^{2} \tilde{\sigma}^{+} \Big) + \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}d_{1}} \Big( \frac{1}{3} (\tilde{\sigma}^{-})^{3} - \frac{1}{2} d_{1}^{2} \tilde{\sigma}^{-} \Big), \\ X^{2} &= \frac{u}{2} (\tilde{\sigma}^{+})^{2} + \frac{v}{2} (\tilde{\sigma}^{-})^{2}, \end{split}$$

where 
$$\tilde{\sigma}^+ \equiv \sigma^+ - \frac{2\sigma_1^0}{1 - v_1} - z_1 \frac{1 + v_1}{1 - v_1}, \quad \tilde{\sigma}^- \equiv \sigma^- - z_1, \quad \tilde{v}_1 \equiv \frac{1 + v_1}{1 - v_1}.$$

N-spike dynamics :

$$Z_1^i(\tau) = Z_1(\tau, \sigma_i(\tau)), \qquad Z_2^i(\tau) = Z_2(\tau, \sigma_i(\tau)),$$

#### Dynamics of singularities: sinh-Gordon case

For soliton-soliton scattering :  $\phi_{ss} = \ln \left[ \frac{v \cosh(\gamma x) - \cosh(\gamma v t)}{v \cosh(\gamma x) + \cosh(\gamma v t)} \right]^2$ ,

Following the poles of the Hamiltonian density [8],

Trajectory of the poles : 
$$x(t) = \pm \frac{1}{\gamma} \cosh^{-1} \left[ \frac{1}{v} \cosh(\gamma v t) \right]$$

N-body Hamiltonian [9]: 
$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \cosh \theta_j \prod_{k \neq j} f(q_j - q_k),$$

Soliton-soliton scattering potential :  $W_r(q) = \left| \coth\left(\frac{q}{2}\right) \right|$ 

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### Some comments

- This gives a 0-brane description of AdS<sub>3</sub> string
- Different from the spin-chain picture
- Exact ?
- Holographic

#### Giant magnons on $R \times S^2$

• For strings on  $R \times S^2$  the 0-brane description is given in [10]

 $H_{RS} = \operatorname{tr}(\mathcal{L}) \qquad \omega_0 = dq_i \wedge d\theta_i$ 

where L is the Lax matrix.

• Poisson structure :

$$\dot{q}_i = \{q_i, H\}$$
  $\dot{p}_i = \{p_i, H\}$ 

• String magnon energy is given in [11] :  $E_m = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_2}$ 

- Hamiltonian :  $H_{\text{string}} = \text{tr}(\mathcal{L}^{-1})$
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# Magnon dynamics

- $\omega_0$  does not produce the correct dynamics;
- The correct scattering phase shift :  $\delta \sim \int p dq$
- Integrable models possess multi-Poisson structures;
- In [10], the second Poisson structure was identified which gives the magnon dynamics;
- An analogous situation exists for sine-Gordon/sinh-Gordon theory itself;
- Standard Poisson structure (Light-cone variables)

$$\int dx^- \,\partial_-\varphi \partial_+\varphi$$

# 9. Conclusion and Outlook

- ✓ Inverse scattering method is useful for finding the classical string solutions in AdS;
- ✓ Spikes in AdS are related to solitons in sinh-Gordon theory;
- ✓ The GKP solution is a two-soliton configuration with solitons localized at the boundary of AdS;
- ✓ Statoc N-spike solution (Kruczenski's solution) can be constructed from the GKP solution by lifting the minimum value of  $\rho$ ;
- We constructed new string solutions with N spikes in the bulk of AdS corresponding to N solitons of sinh-Gordon;
- ✓ Dynamics of the spikes: Moduli space;
- ✓ 0-brane description of AdS string.