

# On the applications of AdS/CFT Quantum Spectral Curve to BFKL spectrum of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

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# Motivation

- ▶ Using the methods of the Quantum Spectral Curve for  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM (Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin'13; Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin'14) analytically continue the scaling dimensions of length-2 operators and reproduce the so-called Pomeron eigenvalue of the BFKL equation with nonzero conformal spin (Kotikov, Lipatov'00).
- ▶ Derive the generalization of the Faddeev-Korchemsky Baxter equation for the Lipatov's spin chain (known from the integrability of the gauge theory in the BFKL limit) with nonzero conformal spin.
- ▶ Find a way for systematic expansion in the scaling parameter in the BFKL regime and study the Pomeron trajectory by numerical and analytical algorithms of QSC.

## High-energy scattering

- ▶ In the beginning we are going to briefly describe the meaning of the quantities studied in the context of high energy scattering. The total cross-section  $\sigma(s)$  for the high-energy scattering of two colorless particles A and B can be written as (Fadin, Lipatov'98; Kotikov, Lipatov'00)

$$\sigma(s) = \int \frac{d^2q d^2q'}{(2\pi)^2 q^2 q'^2} \Phi_A(q) \Phi_B(q') \int_{\alpha-i\infty}^{\alpha+i\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^\omega G_\omega(q, q'),$$

where  $s_0 = |q||q'|$  and  $s = 2p_A p_B$ .

- ▶ For the t-channel partial wave there holds the Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$\omega G_\omega(q, q_1) = \delta^{D-2}(q - q_1) + \int d^{D-2}q_2 K(q, q_2) G_\omega(q_2, q_1).$$

- ▶ It appears to be possible to classify the Pomeron eigenvalues  $\omega$  of the BFKL kernel  $K$  using two quantum numbers: integer  $n$  (conformal spin) and real  $\nu$

$$\omega = \omega(n, \nu).$$

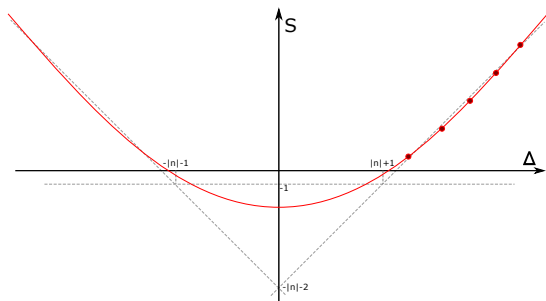
For the phenomenological applications of the BFKL kernel eigenvalues with non-zero conformal spin see (Kepka, Marquet, Royon'10). In (Fadin, Lipatov'98; Kotikov, Lipatov'00) the function  $\omega$  is used with the different argument  $\gamma = 1/2 + i\nu$ .

## Length-2 operators and BFKL regime in the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- ▶ We consider important class of length-2 operators

$$\text{tr} Z(D_+)^{S_1} (\partial_\perp)^{S_2} Z + \text{permutations} .$$

- ▶ Trajectory  $S(\Delta, \mathfrak{n})$ , where  $S = S_1$  and  $\mathfrak{n} = S_2$ , corresponding to the length-2 operator  $\text{tr} Z(D_+)^S (\partial_\perp)^\mathfrak{n} Z$  with the physical points depicted by the dots



The identification with the high-energy scattering regime is  $\omega(\mathfrak{n}, \nu) = S + 1$ , where  $\nu = -i\Delta/2$ .

- ▶ BFKL scaling is determined by:  $S \rightarrow -1$ ,  $g \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{g^2}{S+1}$  is finite. Leading order BFKL approximation corresponds to resumming all the powers  $\left(\frac{g^2}{S+1}\right)^\mathfrak{n}$ .

## Algebraic construction. Q-system and QQ-relations

- ▶ The AdS<sub>5</sub>/CFT<sub>4</sub> Quantum Spectral Curve (Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin'13; Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin'14) gives the generalization of the Baxter equation describing the 1-loop spectrum of twist-2 operators to all loops.
- ▶ The AdS/CFT Q-system is formed by  $2^8$  Q-functions which we denote as  $Q_{A|J}(\mathbf{u})$ , where  $A, J \subset \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  are two ordered subsets of indices. They satisfy the QQ-relations

$$\begin{aligned}Q_{A|I} Q_{Aab|I} &= Q_{Aa|I}^+ Q_{Ab|I}^- - Q_{Aa|I}^- Q_{Ab|I}^+, \\Q_{A|I} Q_{A|Iij} &= Q_{A|i}^+ Q_{A|Ij}^- - Q_{A|i}^- Q_{A|Ij}^+, \\Q_{Aa|I} Q_{A|Ii} &= Q_{Aa|Ii}^+ Q_{A|I}^- - Q_{A|I}^+ Q_{Aa|Ii}^-.\end{aligned}$$

In addition we impose the normalization constraint  $Q_{\emptyset|\emptyset} = 1$ .

- ▶ By applying the QQ-relations we are able to generate the whole Q-system from 8 basic Q-functions:  $Q_{\alpha|\emptyset}(\mathbf{u})$  and  $Q_{\emptyset|i}(\mathbf{u})$ .

## Algebraic construction. Hodge and H-symmetry

- ▶ By imposing the quantum unimodularity condition  $Q_{1234|1234} = 1$  and using the Hodge duality

$$Q_{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m} \leftrightarrow Q^{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m} \equiv \\ \equiv (-1)^{(4-n)m} e^{b_{n+1} \dots b_4 a_1 \dots a_n} e^{j_{m+1} \dots j_4 i_1 \dots i_m} Q_{b_{n+1}, \dots, b_4 | j_{m+1}, \dots, j_4}$$

we obtain the Hodge dual Q-system with the upper indices, which satisfies the same QQ-relations.

- ▶ It also true that

$$Q^{a|i} Q_{a|j} = -\delta_j^i, \quad Q^{a|i} Q_{b|i} = -\delta_b^a$$

and

$$Q^{a|\emptyset} = (Q^{a|i})^+ Q_{\emptyset|i}, \quad Q^{\emptyset|i} = (Q^{a|i})^+ Q_{a|\emptyset}.$$

- ▶ The quantum unimodularity condition leads us to the following constraints for the Q-functions

$$Q_{a|\emptyset} Q^{a|\emptyset} = 0, \quad Q_{\emptyset|i} Q^{\emptyset|i} = 0.$$

- ▶ QQ-relations are also invariant with respect to the H-transformations

$$Q_{a|\emptyset} \rightarrow (H_B)_a^c Q_{c|\emptyset}, \quad Q^{a|\emptyset} \rightarrow (H_B^{-1})_c^a Q^{c|\emptyset}, \\ Q_{\emptyset|i} \rightarrow (H_F)_i^j Q_{\emptyset|j}, \quad Q^{\emptyset|i} \rightarrow (H_F^{-1})_j^i Q^{\emptyset|j},$$

where  $H_B$  and  $H_F$  are periodic matrices and  $\det H_B \det H_F = 1$ .

## Algebraic construction. 4th order Baxter equation

- As a consequence of the QQ-relations, Q-functions with one index are related through the following 4th order finite-difference Baxter equation

$$0 = Q_{\emptyset|j}^{[+4]} D_0 - Q_{\emptyset|j}^{[+2]} \left[ D_1 - Q_{\alpha|\emptyset}^{[+2]} Q^{\alpha|\emptyset[+4]} D_0 \right] + \\ + \frac{1}{2} Q_{\emptyset|j} \left[ D_2 - Q_{\alpha|\emptyset} Q^{\alpha|\emptyset[+4]} D_0 + Q_{\alpha|\emptyset} Q^{\alpha|\emptyset[+2]} D_1 \right] - \\ - Q_{\emptyset|i}^{[-2]} \left[ \bar{D}_1 + Q_{\alpha|\emptyset}^{[-2]} Q^{\alpha|\emptyset[-4]} \bar{D}_0 \right] + Q_{\emptyset|i}^{[-4]} = 0,$$

where

$$D_0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} Q^{1|\emptyset[+2]} & \dots & Q^{4|\emptyset[+2]} \\ Q^{1|\emptyset} & \dots & Q^{4|\emptyset} \\ Q^{1|\emptyset[-2]} & \dots & Q^{4|\emptyset[-2]} \\ Q^{1|\emptyset[-4]} & \dots & Q^{4|\emptyset[-4]} \end{pmatrix}, \quad D_1 = \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} Q^{\emptyset|j[4-2i+2\delta_{i,2}]}, \\ D_2 = \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} Q^{\emptyset|j[4-2i+2\delta_{i,1}+\delta_{i,2}]}, \\ \bar{D}_k = \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} Q^{\emptyset|j[-4+2i-2\delta_{i,k+1}]}, \quad k = 0, 1.$$

- After the exchange of the lower and upper indices we obtain the same equation for  $Q^{\emptyset|j}$ . The four solutions of each equation allow to find four functions  $Q_{\emptyset|j}$  and  $Q^{\emptyset|j}$  respectively.

## Analytic structure. Asymptotics and analytic properties of the basic Q-functions

- ▶ We denote the functions  $Q_{\alpha|\emptyset}(u)$ ,  $Q_{\alpha|\emptyset}(u)$ ,  $Q_{\emptyset|i}(u)$  and  $Q^{\emptyset|i}(u)$  with prescribed analytical properties as  $P_\alpha(u)$ ,  $P^\alpha(u)$ ,  $Q_i(u)$  and  $Q^i(u)$  respectively.
- ▶ All the Q-functions including  $P_\alpha$ ,  $P^\alpha$ ,  $Q_i$  and  $Q^i$  have the power-like asymptotics at large  $u$

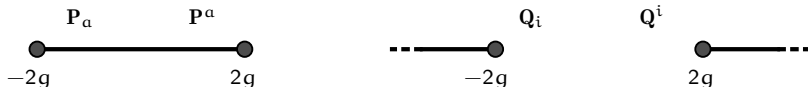
$$P_\alpha \simeq A_\alpha u^{-\tilde{M}_\alpha}, \quad P^\alpha \simeq A^\alpha u^{\tilde{M}_\alpha-1}, \quad Q_i \simeq B_i u^{\hat{M}_i-1}, \quad Q^i \simeq B^i u^{-\hat{M}_i},$$

where

$$\tilde{M}_\alpha = \left\{ \frac{J_{1+2-3}}{2} + 1, \frac{J_{1-2+3}}{2}, -\frac{J_{1-2-3}}{2} + 1, -\frac{J_{1+2+3}}{2} \right\},$$

$$\hat{M}_i = \left\{ \frac{\Delta - S_{1+2}}{2} + 1, \frac{\Delta + S_{1+2}}{2}, -\frac{\Delta + S_{1-2}}{2} + 1, -\frac{\Delta - S_{1-2}}{2} \right\}.$$

- ▶ As we know from the classical integrability of the dual superstring  $\sigma$ -model (see, for example, [Gromov'17](#)), the  $P$ - and  $Q$ -functions at least have the quadratic branch points at  $u = \pm 2g$ . Natural assumption about their analytic structure on the defining sheet





## Analytic structure. Upper and lower half-plane analytic $Q$ -systems

- ▶ The equation for the upper half-plane analytic  $Q_{a|i}$  functions

$$Q_{a|i}^+ - Q_{a|i}^- = \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{Q}_i, \quad Q_{a|i} \simeq -i \frac{A_a B_i}{-\tilde{M}_a + \hat{M}_i} u^{-\tilde{M}_a + \hat{M}_i}, \quad u \rightarrow \infty.$$

$Q_{a|i}$  are the  $Q$ -functions from the generated UHPA  $Q$ -system.

- ▶ Substitution of the asymptotics of  $Q_{a|i}$  allows to find the products of  $A$  and  $B$  coefficients in terms of the charges for  $a_0, i_0 = 1, \dots, 4$

$$A_{a_0} A^{a_0} = i \frac{\prod_{j=1}^4 (\tilde{M}_{a_0} - \hat{M}_j)}{\prod_{\substack{b=1 \\ b \neq a_0}}^4 (\tilde{M}_{a_0} - \tilde{M}_b)}, \quad B_{i_0} B^{i_0} = -i \frac{\prod_{a=1}^4 (\hat{M}_{i_0} - \tilde{M}_a)}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i_0}}^4 (\hat{M}_{i_0} - \hat{M}_j)}.$$

- ▶ Hodge-dual system is also UHPA.  $Q_i$  and  $Q^i$  coincide with  $-Q_{a|i}^+ \mathbf{P}^a$  and  $Q^{a|i+} \mathbf{P}_a$  in the UHP. In the UHP and LHP respectively we have

$$\hat{Q}_i = \check{Q}_i, \quad \hat{Q}^i = \check{Q}^i, \quad \text{Im } u > 0, \quad \tilde{\hat{Q}}_i = \check{Q}_i, \quad \tilde{\hat{Q}}^i = \check{Q}^i, \quad \text{Im } u < 0.$$

## Analytic structure. Gluing conditions

- ▶ Complex conjugation generates the LHPA  $Q$ -systems with lower and upper indices

$$Q_{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m}(\mathbf{u}) \rightarrow (-1)^{\frac{(m+n)(m+n-1)}{2}} \bar{Q}_{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m}(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$Q^{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m}(\mathbf{u}) \rightarrow (-1)^{\frac{(m+n)(m+n-1)}{2}} \bar{Q}^{a_1, \dots, a_n | i_1, \dots, i_m}(\mathbf{u}).$$

- ▶ As there is no principal difference between the UHPA and LHPA  $Q$ -systems and due to the unitarity of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM they are connected by the combination of Hodge and H-symmetry

$$\tilde{Q}^i = M^{ij} \bar{Q}_j, \quad \tilde{Q}_i = (M^{-t})_{ij} \bar{Q}^j.$$

- ▶ By using the analyticity properties of the  $Q$ -functions we are able to show that the matrix  $M^{ij}(\mathbf{u})$  is  $i$ -periodic, analytic and hermitian

$$\bar{M}^{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = M^{ji}(\mathbf{u})$$

as a function.

## Complex conjugation and parity symmetries

- ▶ Due to the determined conjugation properties of the  $\mathbf{P}$ -functions

$$\bar{\mathbf{P}}_a = C_b^a \mathbf{P}_b, \quad \bar{\mathbf{P}}^a = -C_b^a \mathbf{P}^b, \quad C = \text{diag}\{1, 1, -1, -1\},$$

$\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i(u)$  also the solutions to the 4th order Baxter equation. Thus, there exist  $i$ -periodic matrices that

$$\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_i(u) = \Omega_i^j(u) \mathbf{Q}_j(u), \quad \Omega_i^j = \bar{Q}_{a|i}^- C_b^a Q^{bj-}.$$

- ▶ For the length-2 operators in question ( $J_1 = 2, J_2 = J_3 = 0$ ) the  $\mathbf{P}$ -functions possess the certain parity

$$\mathbf{P}_a(-u) = (-1)^{a+1} \mathbf{P}_a(u), \quad \mathbf{P}^a(-u) = (-1)^a \mathbf{P}^a(u).$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{Q}_i(-u)$  are also solutions to the 4th order Baxter equation and

$$\mathbf{Q}_i(-u) = \Theta_i^j(u) \mathbf{Q}_j(u), \quad \Theta_i^j(u) = (-1)^{a+1} Q_{a|i}^-(-u) Q^{aj-}(u).$$

## Constraining the gluing matrix

- ▶ The matrix  $M^{ij}\Omega_j^k$  satisfies the equation

$$M^{ij}\tilde{\Omega}_j^k - M^{ij}\Omega_j^k = -Q^i\tilde{Q}^k + Q^k\tilde{Q}^i,$$

and possesses the property of antisymmetry  $M^{ij}\Omega_j^k = -M^{kj}\Omega_j^i$ .

- ▶ Using the matrix  $\Theta_i^j(\mathbf{u})$  we are able to introduce another gluing matrix

$$\tilde{Q}^i(\mathbf{u}) = L^{ij}(\mathbf{u})Q_j(-\mathbf{u}), \quad \tilde{Q}_i = (L^{-t})_{ij}(\mathbf{u})Q^j(-\mathbf{u}),$$

where

$$L^{il}(\mathbf{u}) = M^{ij}(\mathbf{u})\Omega_j^k(\mathbf{u})\Theta_k^l(-\mathbf{u}),$$

which after going under the cut on the real axis twice gives  $L^{ji}(\mathbf{u}) = L^{ij}(-\mathbf{u})$ .

- ▶ Summarizing the gluing conditions and the obtained constraints for the gluing matrix we have

$$\bar{M}^{ji}(\mathbf{u}) = M^{ij}(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$M^{ij}(\mathbf{u})\Omega_j^k(\mathbf{u}) = -M^{kj}(\mathbf{u})\Omega_j^i(\mathbf{u}), \quad (\Omega^{-1})_i^j(\mathbf{u}) = \bar{\Omega}_i^j(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$L^{il}(\mathbf{u}) = M^{ij}(\mathbf{u})\Omega_j^k(\mathbf{u})\Theta_k^l(-\mathbf{u}),$$

$$L^{li}(-\mathbf{u}) = L^{il}(\mathbf{u}), \quad (\Theta^{-1})_j^k(\mathbf{u}) = \Theta_j^k(-\mathbf{u}).$$

## Constraining matrix. Gluing matrix for integer and non-integer spins

- ▶ For the integer spins  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of the same parity we obtain

$$M^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^{12} & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}^{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & M^{34} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{M}^{34} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

supplemented by the fixed phases of non-zero matrix elements

$$M^{12} = |M^{12}| e^{i(\pm\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi_{B_1} - \phi_{B_2})}, \quad M^{34} = |M^{34}| e^{i(\pm\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi_{B_3} - \phi_{B_4})}.$$

- ▶ For non-integer spins  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  we have

$$M^{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} M_1^{11} & M_1^{12} & M_1^{13} & M_1^{14} \\ \bar{M}_1^{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_1^{13} & 0 & M_1^{33} & M_1^{34} \\ \bar{M}_1^{14} & 0 & \bar{M}_1^{34} & M_1^{44} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & M_2^{13} & M_2^{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_2^{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_2^{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{u}} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & M_3^{13} & M_3^{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_3^{13} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{M}_3^{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{u}},$$

where the matrix elements are determined by

$$M_3^{ij} = -M_2^{ij} e^{i\pi(\hat{M}_j - \hat{M}_i)},$$

$$M_2^{13} = |M_2^{13}| e^{i(\pm\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi_{B_1} - \phi_{B_3})}, \quad M_2^{14} = |M_2^{14}| e^{i(\pm\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi_{B_1} - \phi_{B_4})}.$$

## Numerical solution. Method description

- ▶ The  $\mathbf{P}$ -functions have the following form on their defining sheet with one short cut

$$\mathbf{P}_a(\mathbf{u}) = x^{-\tilde{M}_a} \left( g^{-\tilde{M}_a} \Lambda_a \left( 1 + \frac{\delta_{a,4}}{x^2} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{c_{a,k}}{x^{2k}(\mathbf{u})} \right),$$

$$\mathbf{P}^a(\mathbf{u}) = x^{\tilde{M}_a-1} \left( g^{\tilde{M}_a-1} \Lambda^a \left( 1 + \frac{\delta_{a,1}}{x^2} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{c_k^a}{x^{2k}(\mathbf{u})} \right),$$

and satisfy the condition  $\mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}^a = 0$ .

- ▶ In the limit  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \infty$  in the UHP we have the following expansion of  $Q_{a|i}$

$$Q_{a|i}(\mathbf{u}) \simeq \mathbf{u}^{-\tilde{M}_a + \hat{M}_i} \sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} \frac{B_{a|i,2l}}{\mathbf{u}^{2l}}, \quad B_{a|j,0} = -i \frac{\Lambda_a B_j}{-\tilde{M}_a + \hat{M}_j}.$$

Using the equation

$$Q_{a|i}^- = \left( \delta_a^b + \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{P}^b \right) Q_{a|i}^+$$

we find the value of  $Q_{a|i}$  on the real axis.

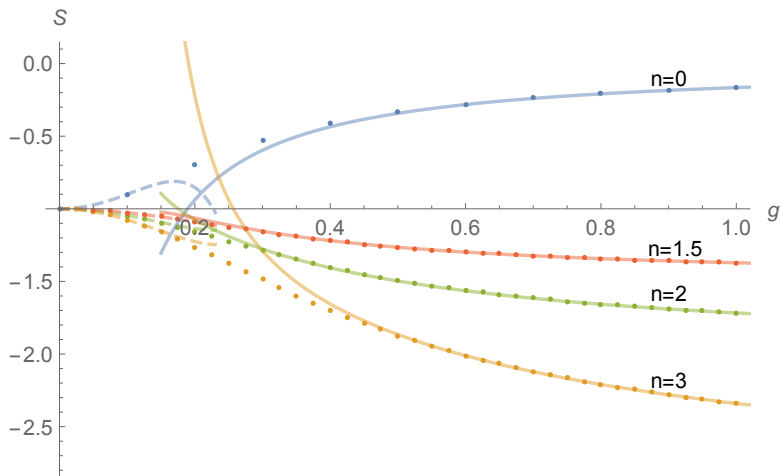
- ▶ The loss function

$$S = \sum_{i,j} |F^i(\mathbf{u}_j)|^2, \quad F^i(\mathbf{u}) = Q^{a|i+}(\mathbf{u}) \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a(\mathbf{u}) + M^{ij}(\mathbf{u}) \bar{Q}_{b|i}^-(\mathbf{u}) \bar{\mathbf{P}}^b(\mathbf{u}),$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_j$  is a set of points on the interval  $[-2g, 2g]$ , is minimized by the optimization procedure (Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm).

## Numerical solution. Intercept function

- ▶ Intercept  $S(0, n)$  as the function of the coupling constant  $g$  for conformal spins  $n = 0$ ,  $n = 3/2$ ,  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$  (dots), weak coupling expansion of the intercept (dashed lines) and strong coupling expansion (continuous lines).



## Weak coupling expansion. Asymptotics, symmetries and LO solution

- ▶ The length-2 operators are not left-right symmetric. But there is still some symmetry

$$\mathbf{P}^a(n, u) = \chi^{ac} \mathbf{P}_c(-n, u), \quad \mathbf{Q}^i(n, u) = \chi^{ij} \mathbf{Q}_j(-n, u).$$

- ▶ The asymptotics are simplified to

$$\mathbf{P}_a \simeq (A_1 u^{-2}, A_2 u^{-1}, A_3, A_4 u)_a,$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_j \simeq (B_1 u^{\frac{\Delta-n+1-w}{2}}, B_2 u^{\frac{\Delta+n-3+w}{2}}, B_3 u^{\frac{-\Delta+n+1-w}{2}}, B_4 u^{\frac{-\Delta-n-3+w}{2}})_j,$$

where  $w = S + 1$ .

- ▶ After some demanding calculations we get the result for the  $\mathbf{P}$ -functions

$$\mathbf{P}_1 \simeq \frac{1}{u^2} + \frac{2\Lambda w}{u^4}, \quad \mathbf{P}_2 \simeq \frac{1}{u} + \frac{2\Lambda w}{u^3}, \quad \mathbf{P}_3 \simeq \Lambda_3^{(0)} + \Lambda_3^{(1)} w,$$

$$\mathbf{P}_4 \simeq \Lambda_4^{(0)} u - \frac{i((\Delta^2 - 1)^2 - 2(\Delta^2 + 1)n^2 + n^4)}{96u} +$$

$$+ \left( \Lambda_4^{(1)} u + \frac{c_{4,1}^{(2)}}{u\Lambda} - \frac{i((\Delta^2 - 1)^2 - 2(\Delta^2 + 1)n^2 + n^4)\Lambda}{48u^3} \right) w.$$

where  $\Lambda = \frac{g^2}{w}$  and

$$c_{4,1}^{(2)} = -\frac{i\Lambda}{24} (\Delta^2 + n^2 + 2((\Delta - n)^2 - 1)((\Delta + n)^2 - 1)\Lambda - 1).$$



## Weak coupling expansion. Factorization of the 4th order Baxter equation

- ▶ Thus, we get the equation for  $Q_1^{(0)}$  and  $Q_3^{(0)}$  in the LO

$$Q_j^{(0)} \frac{(\Delta - n)^2 - 1 - 8u^2}{4u^2} + Q_j^{(0)--} + Q_j^{(0)++} = 0,$$

and for  $Q^{(0)2}$  and  $Q^{(0)4}$  in the LO

$$Q^{(0)j} \frac{(\Delta + n)^2 - 1 - 8u^2}{4u^2} + Q^{(0)j--} + Q^{(0)j++} = 0.$$

Substituting  $Q_j = u^2 Q_j$  and  $n = 0$  we immediately see the Baxter equation from (Faddeev, Korchemsky'94) and (Derkachov, Korchemsky, Kotanski, Manashov'01-02).

- ▶ In the NLO the 4-th order Baxter equations also factorize and we obtain the following 2nd order Baxter equation

$$\begin{aligned} & Q^{(1)2,4++} + Q^{(1)2,4--} + \left( -2 + \frac{(\Delta + n)^2 - 1}{4u^2} \right) Q^{(1)2,4} = \\ & = -\frac{i}{2(u+i)} Q^{(0)2,4++} + \frac{i}{2(u-i)} Q^{(0)2,4--} + \frac{u^2 - \Lambda(\Delta + n)^2 - 1}{2u^4} Q^{(0)2,4}. \end{aligned}$$

## Weak coupling expansion. Gluing conditions and LO BFKL eigenvalue

- ▶ Two gluing conditions in the LO in the scaling parameter  $w$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^{(0)2} = \bar{M}_1^{(0)12} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_1^{(0)},$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^{(0)4} = \bar{M}_1^{(0)34} \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_3^{(0)}.$$

- ▶ To find  $M_1^{(0)12}$  and  $M_1^{(0)34}$  we can use the continuity on the cut  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^2(0) = \mathbf{Q}^2(0)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}^4(0) = \mathbf{Q}^4(0)$ . The result is

$$M_1^{(0)12} = M_1^{(0)34} = \frac{\cos \frac{\pi(\Delta+n)}{2}}{\cos \frac{\pi(\Delta-n)}{2}} \frac{(\Delta-n)^2 - 1}{(\Delta+n)^2 - 1}.$$

- ▶ After some calculations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4\Lambda} &= \frac{1}{2} (\Psi(\Delta+n) + \Psi(\Delta-n)) + \mathcal{O}(g^2) = \\ &= -\psi\left(\frac{1+n-\Delta}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1+n+\Delta}{2}\right) + 2\psi(1) + \mathcal{O}(g^2). \end{aligned}$$

## Weak coupling expansion. BFKL intercept $j(n)$ for general conformal spin $n$

- ▶ Using the binomial harmonic sums

$$S_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(M) = (-1)^M \sum_{j=1}^M (-1)^j \binom{M}{j} \binom{M+j}{j} S_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(j).$$

The known intercept functions in the LO and NLO can be expressed in terms of the binomial harmonic sums with the argument  $M = (n-1)/2$

$$j_{\text{LO}} = 4S_1, \quad j_{\text{NLO}} = 2(S_{2,1} + S_3) + \frac{\pi^2}{3}S_1,$$

and allows to formulate an ansatz for NNLO intercept.

- ▶ To calculate the intercept the modified iterative procedure from [\(Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk, Sizov'15\)](#) was used. The NNLO intercept is

$$j_{\text{NNLO}} = 32(S_{1,4} - S_{3,2} - S_{1,2,2} - S_{2,2,1} - 2S_{2,3}) - \frac{16\pi^2}{3}S_3 - \frac{32\pi^4}{45}S_1.$$

This result is in complete agreement with [\(Caron-Huot, Herranen'16\)](#). The partial result at the NNNLO order

$$\begin{aligned} j_{\text{NNNLO}}^{\text{non-rat.}}(4k+1) = & -\frac{32\pi^2}{3} (3S_{1,4} - 3S_{2,3} - S_{3,2} + S_{1,1,3} - 2S_{1,2,2} + S_{2,2,1} - S_{3,1,1}) + \\ & + \frac{16\pi^4}{15} (4S_3 - S_{2,1}) + \frac{56\pi^6}{135} S_1 + \frac{32\pi^2 \zeta_3}{3} S_{1,1} + 224\zeta_5 S_{1,1} - 128\zeta_3 (S_{-3,1} + 2S_{-2,2} - \\ & - 5S_{1,-3} - 15S_{1,3} - 4S_{2,-2} - 12S_{2,2} - 15S_{3,1} - 4S_{-2,1,1} + 2S_{1,-2,1} + 8S_{1,1,-2} + \\ & + 12S_{1,1,2} + 12S_{1,2,1} + 12S_{2,1,1} + S_{-4} + 9S_4). \end{aligned}$$

## Near-BPS all loop expansion. Slope-to-intercept and curvature functions

- ▶ Knowing that  $\mathbf{P}_\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{P}^\alpha$  are  $\mathcal{O}(n-1)$  ( $\mathcal{O}(\Delta)$ ) in the LO, we find that  $\mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(0)}$  to be a constant matrix.

- ▶ This allows us to rewrite the equations  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_\alpha = \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^+ \mathbf{M}^{ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^- \bar{\mathbf{P}}^b$  in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_\alpha^{(0)} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(0)+} \mathbf{M}^{(0)ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^{(0)-} \bar{\mathbf{P}}^{(0)b}, & \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_\alpha^{(1)} &= \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(0)+} \mathbf{M}^{(0)ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^{(0)-} \bar{\mathbf{P}}^{(1)b} + \\ &+ \left( \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(1)+} \mathbf{M}^{(0)ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^{(0)-} + \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(0)+} \mathbf{M}^{(0)ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^{(1)-} + \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha|i}^{(0)+} \mathbf{M}^{(1)ij} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{bj}^{(0)-} \right) \bar{\mathbf{P}}^{(0)b}. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Solving this system, we obtain the slope-to-intercept function

$$\theta(g) = 1 + \frac{I_1(4\pi g) I_2(4\pi g)}{\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^k I_k(4\pi g) I_{k+1}(4\pi g)}.$$

- ▶ Similar calculations give the curvature function

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(g) &= \frac{1}{4\pi g^4 I_2^2} \oint_{-2g}^{2g} dv (\cosh^v v \Gamma[\cosh^u u](v) - \cosh^v v^2 \Gamma[\cosh^u](v)) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{16\pi g^5 I_2} \oint_{-2g}^{2g} dv \left( \frac{v^3 \Gamma[\cosh^u](v) - 2v^2 \Gamma[\cosh^u u](v) + v \Gamma[\cosh^u u^2]}{x_v - \frac{1}{x_v}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Gamma[h(v)](u) = \oint_{-2g}^{2g} \frac{dv}{2\pi i} \partial_u \log \frac{\Gamma[i(u-v)+1]}{\Gamma[-i(u-v)+1]} h(v).$$

## Weak and strong coupling expansion of the non-perturbative quantities

- ▶ Weak coupling expansion of the slope-to-intercept and curvature functions

$$\theta(g) = -\frac{2\pi^2}{3}g^2 + \frac{4\pi^4}{9}g^4 - \frac{28\pi^6}{135}g^6 + \frac{8\pi^8}{405}g^8 + \mathcal{O}(g^{10}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(g) = & 2\zeta_3 g^2 + \left(-\frac{2\pi^2}{3}\zeta_3 - 35\zeta_5\right)g^4 + \left(\frac{16\pi^4}{45}\zeta_3 + \frac{22\pi^2}{3}\zeta_5 + 504\zeta_7\right)g^6 + \\ & + \left(-\frac{28\pi^6}{135}\zeta_3 - \frac{8\pi^4}{3}\zeta_5 - 56\pi^2\zeta_7 - 6930\zeta_9\right)g^8 + \mathcal{O}(g^{10}).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The strong coupling expansion of the nonperturbative quantities in  $\lambda = (4\pi g)^2$  is given by

$$\theta = -1 + \frac{3}{\lambda^{1/2}} - \frac{3}{2\lambda} - \frac{9}{8\lambda^{3/2}} - \frac{9}{4\lambda^2} - \frac{711}{128\lambda^{5/2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^3}\right),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma = & \frac{1}{2\lambda^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{4\lambda} - \frac{33}{16\lambda^{3/2}} - \frac{81}{16\lambda^2} - \frac{2265}{256\lambda^{5/2}} + \\ & + \frac{1440\zeta_5 - 765}{64\lambda^3} + \frac{207360\zeta_5 - 22545}{2048\lambda^{7/2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^4}\right).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ It is in complete agreement with the corresponding expansion of the intercept found from the numerics

$$\begin{aligned}S(0, n) = & -n + \frac{(n-1)(n+2)}{\lambda^{1/2}} - \\ & - \frac{(n-1)(n+2)(2n-1)}{2\lambda} + \frac{(n-1)(n+2)(7n^2-9n-1)}{8\lambda^{3/2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right).\end{aligned}$$

## Conclusions and outlook

- ▶ We developed a framework for the QSC for both integer and non-integer spins  $S_1 = S$  and  $S_2 = n$ .
- ▶ QSC numerical algorithm allowed to calculate  $S$  for different values of  $\Delta$ ,  $n$  and coupling  $g$ .
- ▶ We reproduced the dimension of length-2 operator with non-zero conformal spin in the LO of the BFKL regime directly from the QSC.
- ▶ Using the iterative procedure, there was obtained the BFKL intercept for arbitrary conformal spin up to NNLO order and partially at NNNLO order.
- ▶ We found two new non-perturbative quantities: slope-to-intercept and curvature functions and calculated their weak and strong coupling expansions.
- ▶ Find an algorithmic way of generation of any BFKL Pomeron eigenvalue with non-zero conformal spin (NNLO, NNNLO, etc.) on Mathematica program.
- ▶ Consider the states with the bigger number of reggeized gluons (Odderon etc.) which means  $J_1 \geq 3$ .
- ▶ Incorporate the triple Pomeron vertex into the QSC framework.

Thanks for your attention!