

# Time discretization of classical integrable models

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- III – Toda, Landau Lifshitz and critical models breaking Lorentz invariance

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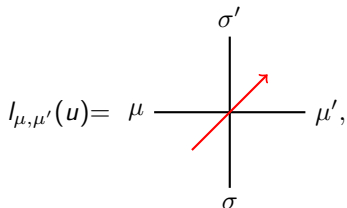
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- intégrable  $\Rightarrow$  analytic results? difference with nonintegrable?

interesting quantity:

**Spin correlations.**

**Charge transport.**

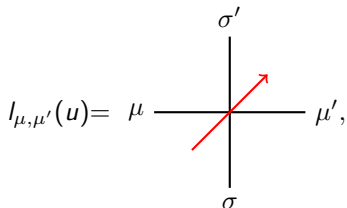
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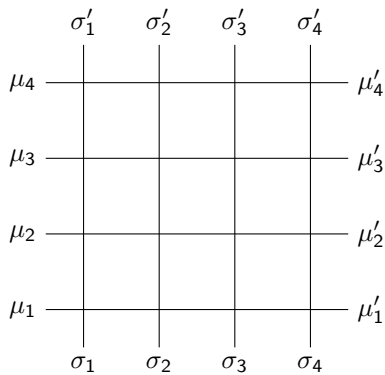


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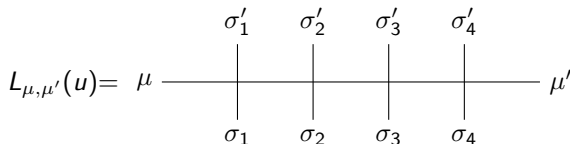


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**Figure:** Baxter monodromy

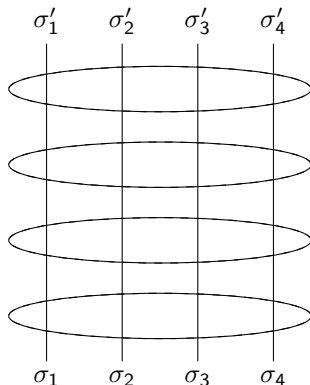
eight-vertex model:  $\sigma = \pm 1$  physical space,  $\mu = \pm 1$  auxiliary space.

- Closed transfer Matrix:

$$T(u) = \sum_m L_{\mu\mu}(u)$$

Rodney Baxter Used the Yang-Baxter equation to define **commuting** transfer matrices as a function of the spectral parameter.

# cylinder partition function



- Stochasticity can be preserved by the transfer matrix but **not** unitarity (as far as I know).
- Nevertheless, Hamiltonian can be obtained and  $T(u)$  can be viewed as the generating function of conserved quantities of a real time evolution, analogous to a **Lax matrix**.

# Transfer map: Skyanin, Drinfeld

- Instead of a matrix, the vertex represents a map

$$l_{\mu, \mu'}(u) = \begin{array}{c} \sigma' \\ | \\ \mu \text{ --- } \text{---} \mu' \\ | \\ \sigma \end{array}$$

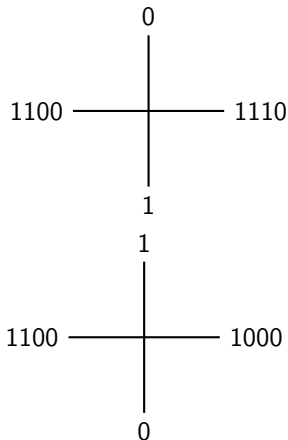
**Figure:** vertex

$$\mu, \sigma \rightarrow \mu', \sigma'$$

- The vertices can be combined into a transfer propagator. Cyclicity requires  $\mu = \mu'$  at the two ends of the chain

# Discrete time evolution boxball: Takahashi and Satsuma

- Time evolution upwards analogous to a cellular automata:



- The carrier has  $n$  balls with  $l \geq n \geq 0$ , where  $l$  is its capacity. It scans the configuration of balls from left to right and picks up a ball if it can when there is one, leaving a ball when there is none.

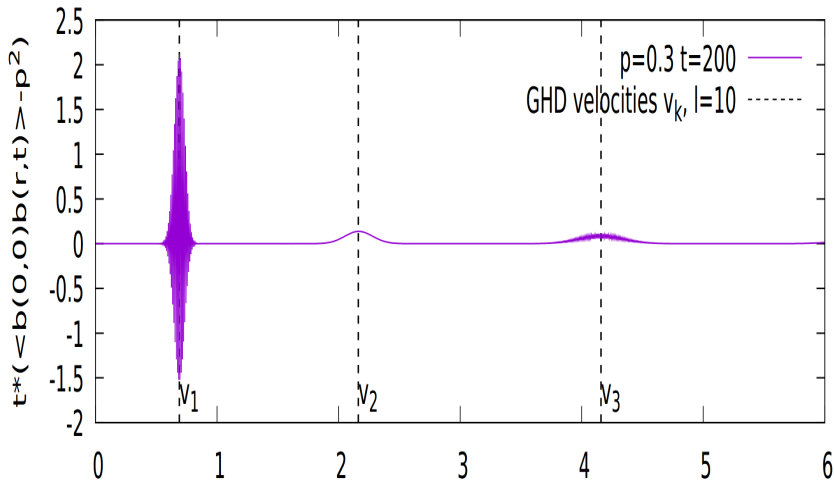
# Example of Discrete time evolution boxball

- Cyclicity. One must make sure that after the last step, the load of the carrier coincides with its initial load.
- The model is integrable:  
Solitons made of  $k$  consecutive balls are conserved in number.  
propagators with different capacity ( $l$ ) commute.
- Solitons travel ballistically with an effective speed  $v_k$  which can be exactly evaluated (GHD). The only necessary ingredients are the bare speed  $v_j^0 = \min(j, l)$ , and the scattering length of two solitons of size  $j$  and  $k$ :

$$\Delta_{k,l} = 2\min(k, l)$$

Time correlations can be evaluated.

single color BBS  $l=10$ , homogenous i.i.d state with  $p=0.3$ : 2-time ball-ball correlations





# Toda chain

- Toda Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{p_k^2}{2} + e^{q_{k+1} - q_k}$$



$$\frac{d^2 q_j}{dt^2} = e^{q_{j+1} - q_j} - e^{q_j - q_{j-1}}$$

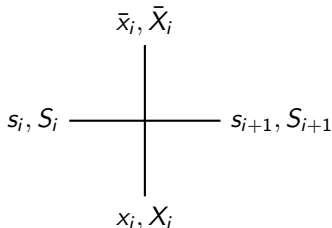
- Integrability results from a lax matrix constructed from a vertex matrix:

$$l_i(u) = \begin{pmatrix} u + p_i & -e^{q_i} \\ e^{-q_i} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

set  $p_i = X_i$ ,  $e^{q_i} = x_i$

# Discrete time evolution Toda chain, Suris

- The vertex **map** , time goes up:



**Figure:** Time evolution

- The carrier has DST(discrete self trapping) variables  $S, s$ . It passes through the Toda configurations and updates the Toda variables  $x_i, X_i$ .
- Cyclicity. One must make sure that after the last step,  $S_{N+1} = S_1$  and  $s_{N+1} = s_1$

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$$l_i(u)r_i(u - \tau) = r_{i+1}(u - \tau)\bar{l}_i(u)$$

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- Obtain the solution (Suris, Sklyanin):

$$X_j = -\tau + \frac{x_j}{\bar{x}_j} + \frac{s_{j+1}}{x_j}$$

$$\bar{X}_j = -\tau + \frac{x_j}{\bar{x}_j} + \bar{x}_j s_j$$

$$s_j = \bar{x}_j, \quad s_{j+1} = \frac{1}{x_j}$$

- $\tau$  is the time step. In the  $\tau$  to zero limit we recover the Toda equations of motion.
- Global map preserves the conserved quantities and is symplectic. To show canonicity construct generating function of canonical transform classical analogue of Baxter Q matrix.

$$F(x_i, \bar{x}_i, \tau) = -\tau \sum_i (\ln x_i - \ln \bar{x}_i) + \frac{x_i}{\bar{x}_i} - \frac{\bar{x}_{i+1}}{x_i}$$



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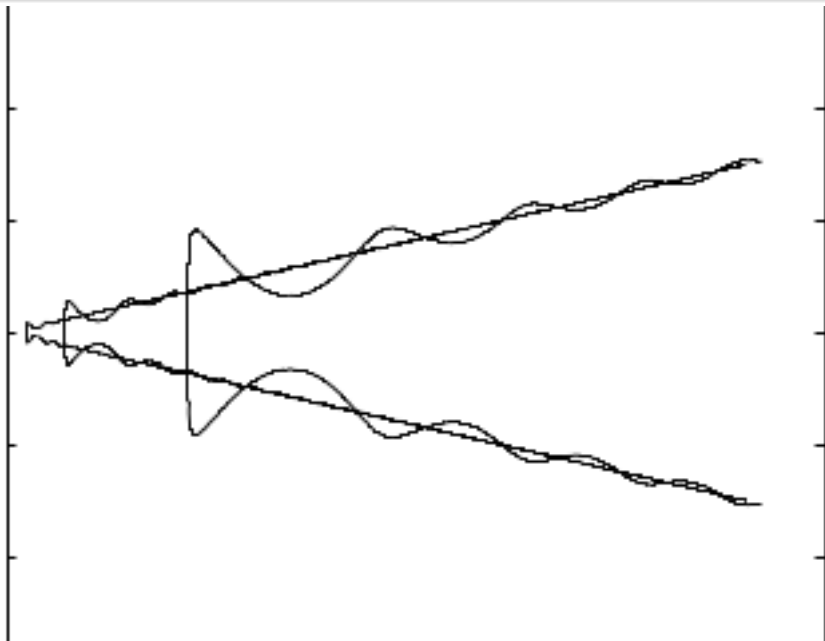
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- **Local induction approximation** for a filament in a superfluid. The filament is parametrized by its curvilinear abscissa  $M(s)$ ,  $\frac{dM}{ds} = S$ , its motion is then:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dM}{ds} \times \frac{d^2 M}{ds^2}$$

# time evolution Banica, De la Hoz, Vega ...



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$$l(u, V_i)l(u - \tau, S_i) = l(u - \tau, V_{i+1})l(u, \bar{S}_i)$$

This time auxiliary space has the **same lax matrix** as for the dynamical variables.

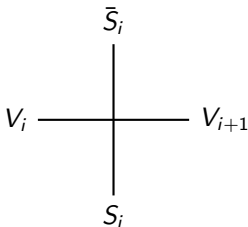
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- Obtain the solution :

$$\bar{S}_j = \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2} (\tau^2 S_j + \sigma^2 V_j - \tau S_j \wedge V_j)$$

$$V_{j+1} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2} (\tau^2 V_j + \sigma^2 S_j - \tau V_j \wedge S_j)$$

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[Marco Znidaric **PRL**, 2011], Tomaz Prosen  
Transport of spin current in XXZ chain

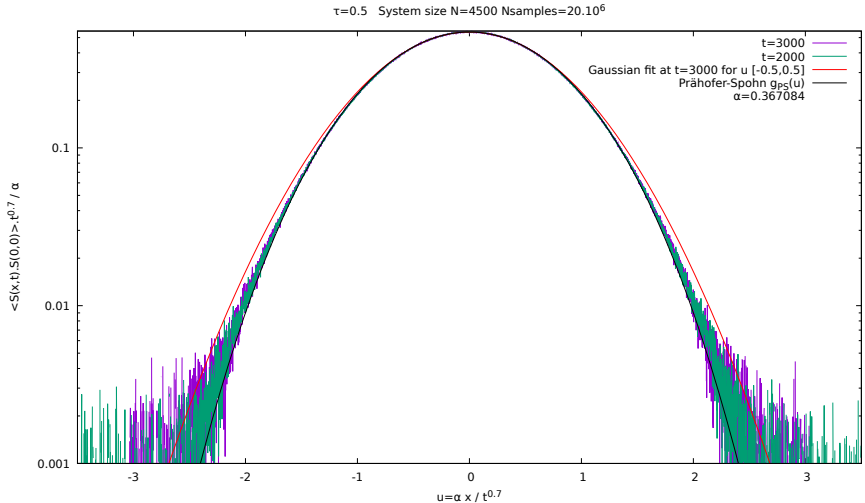
Infinite temperature transport:

- Ballistic for  $\Delta < 1$
- Anomalous for  $\Delta = 1$
- Diffusive for  $\Delta > 1$

Infinite temperature transport Brownian filament at time zero.

[Ziga Krajnick, Tomaz Prosen **PRL**, 2019]

# Spin correlations in Landau Lifshitz (Simulation by G. Misguich)



Thank you Rodney, you have given us so much

