

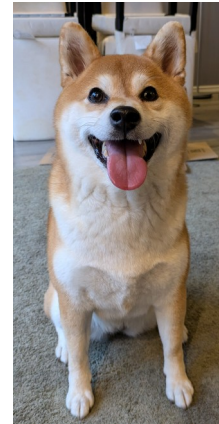
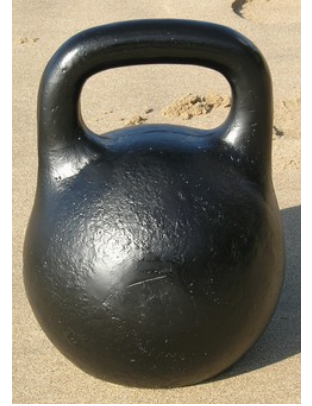
Integrability and Quantum Spectral Curves

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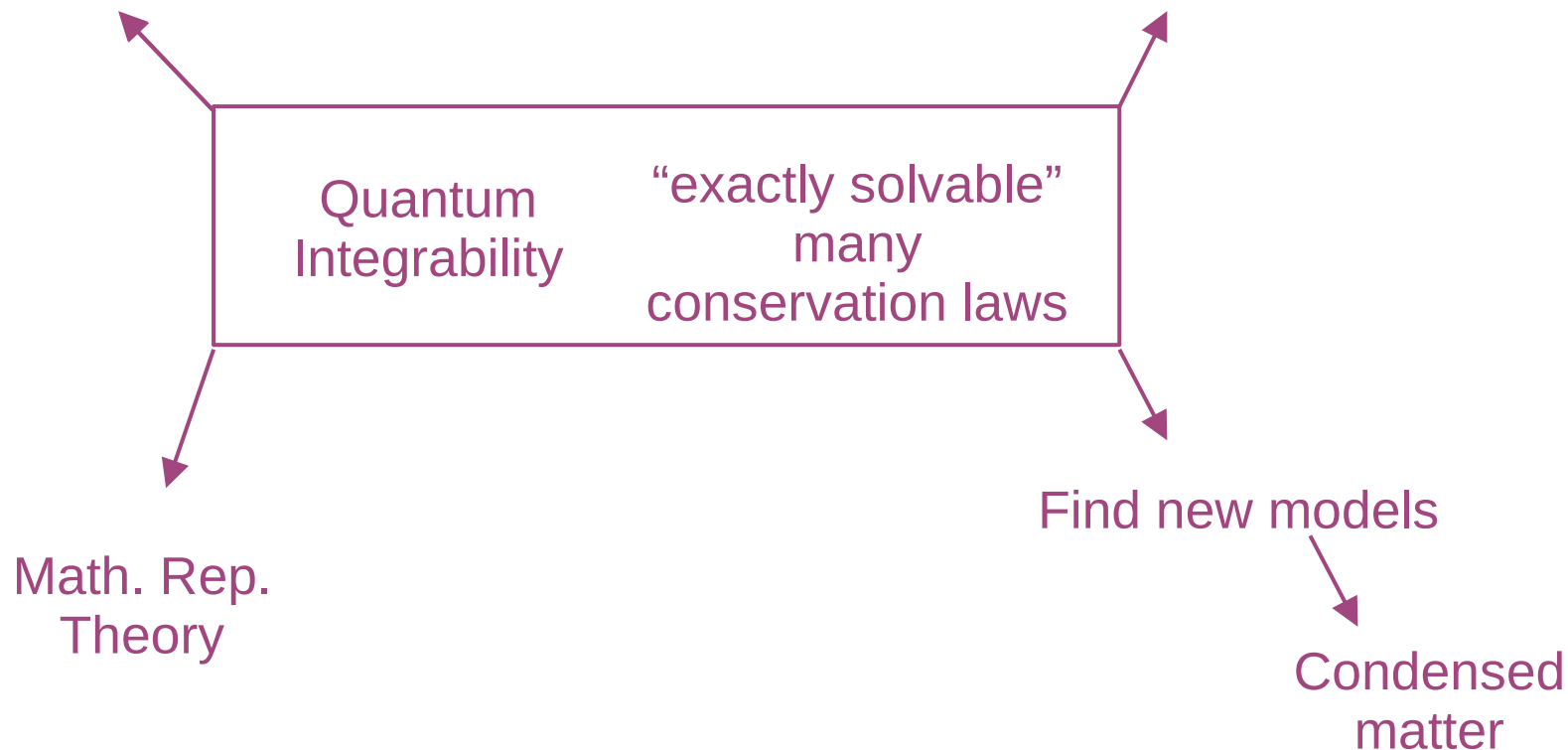
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Research

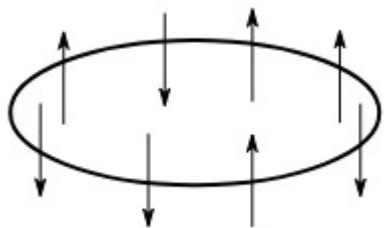
New techniques
"Separation of Variables"

Gauge/string theory



State of the art: Quantum Spectral Curve

Energy spectrum in integrable systems $\leftrightarrow$ Functional equations



$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L S_n^x S_{n+1}^x + S_n^y S_{n+1}^y + S_n^z S_{n+1}^z$$

$$Q_1(u + \frac{i}{2})Q_2(u - \frac{i}{2}) - Q_2(u + \frac{i}{2})Q_1(u - \frac{i}{2}) = u^L$$

Polynomial solutions $\leftrightarrow$ Energy spectrum

$$E = \partial_u \log \frac{Q_j(u + \frac{i}{2})}{Q_j(u - \frac{i}{2})} \Big|_{u=0}$$

Integrability in gauge / string theory

Planar $N=4$ Super Yang Mills 4D $\longleftrightarrow$ IIB strings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Conformal Field Theory

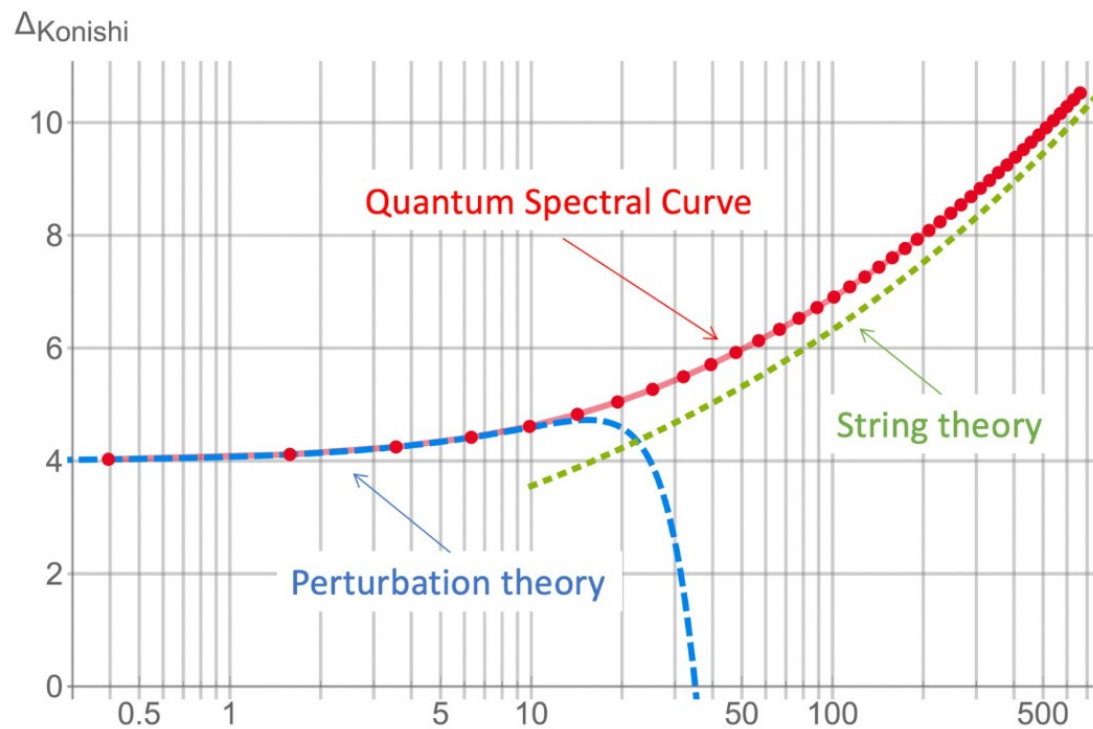
Theory solved when all 2 and 3 point correlation functions known

Equivalently scaling dimensions and 3 point structure constants

Integrability: scaling dimensions solved via Quantum Spectral Curve

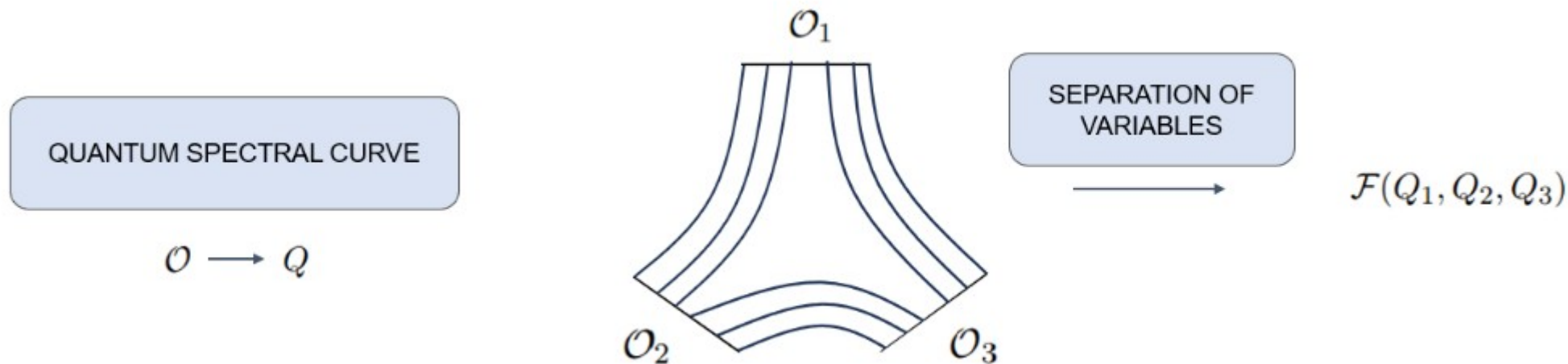
Scaling dimension for Konishi

$$\mathrm{Tr}(D^2 Z^2)$$



Current direction: Quantum Spectral Curve for 3pt functions

Related to “Separation of Variables” in integrable spin chains



State of the art:
$$C_{\bullet\circ\circ}^2 = \frac{(\mathbb{J}!)^2}{(2\mathbb{J})!} \frac{\langle Q, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\ell^2}{\langle Q, Q \rangle_L}$$

Main research goal

Separation of Variables at all loops

- Perturbatively in planar $N=4$ SYM
- Exactly in “conformal fishnet theory”
- Understanding algebraic integrable structure of gauge theories

Thank you!