

# The Hagedorn temperature of $\text{AdS}_5/\text{CFT}_4$ at finite coupling via the Quantum Spectral Curve

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→ Signals a phase transition

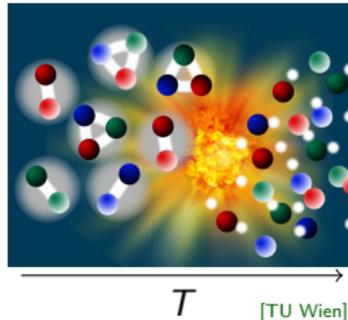
[Hagedorn (1965)]

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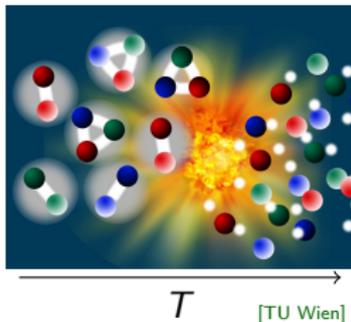


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$R_{S^3}$  acts as an effective IR cut-off

⇒ Allows for a perturbative comparison between conformal theories, such as  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory, and non-conformal theories such as pure Yang-Mills theory

[Aharony, Marsano, Minwalla, Papadodimas, Van Raamsdonk (2003)]

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## Partition function via Pólya theory:

- Tree-level [Sundborg (1999)]
- One-loop [Spradlin, Volovich (2004)]

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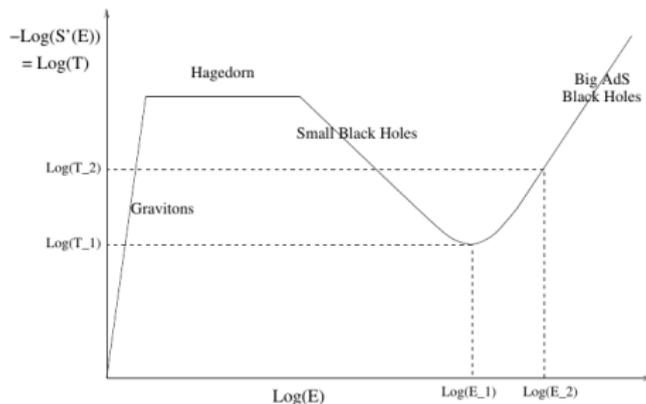
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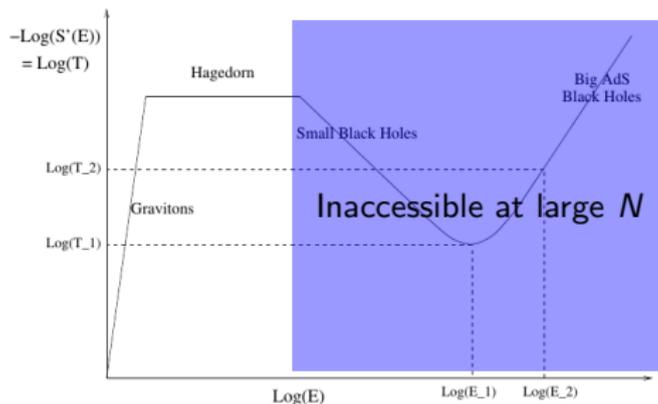
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[Pando Zayas, Vaman (2002)], [Greene, Schalm, Shiu (2002)], [Brower, Lowe, and Tan (2003)],  
[Grignani, Orselli, Semenoff, and Trancanelli (2003)]

## Special limit

string theory pp-wave limit

gauge theory one-loop  $SU(2)$  sector

→ Quantitative match via free energy of Heisenberg spin chain

[Harmark, Orselli (2006)]

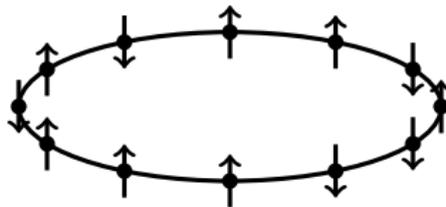
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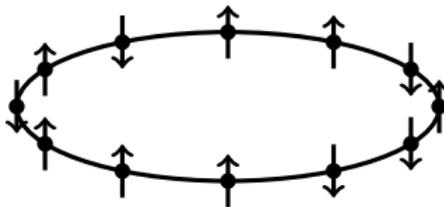
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Naive idea: Sum over  $\Delta$ 's yields  $\mathcal{Z} = \sum e^{-\Delta/T} \rightarrow$  Prohibitive

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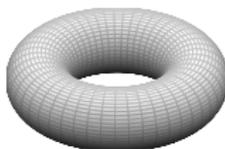


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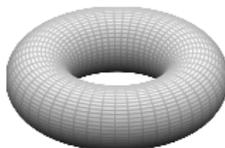
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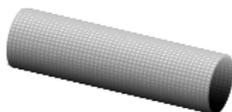


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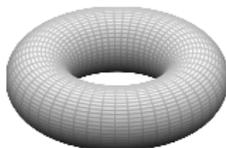


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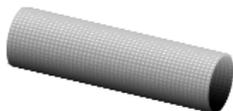
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Multi-trace partition function:

$$\mathcal{Z}(T) = \exp \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{m(n+1)} e^{-\frac{mn}{2T}(1+F_m(T/n))}$$

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The Hagedorn temperature is determined by  $r \equiv e^{-\frac{1}{2T}(1+F(T))} = 1$  or, equivalently,

$$F(T_H) = -1$$

where

$$F = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F_m = - \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T \frac{2}{m} \log Z_{D_0 = \frac{m}{2}}^{\text{spin-chain}}$$

is the thermodynamic limit of the spin-chain free energy per unit scaling dimension!

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# Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz (TBA) equations

Derivation paralleling the one in the spectral problem: [Arutyunov, Frolov (2009)], [Gromov, Kazakov, Kozak, Vieira (2009)], [Bombardelli, Fioravanti, Tateo (2009)], [Gromov, Kazakov, Vieira (2009)]

- Starting point: all-loop asymptotic Bethe equations [Beisert, Dippel, Staudacher (2004)], [Beisert, Eden, Staudacher (2006)]
- Replace  $L$  by  $D_0$
- String hypothesis
- Continuum limit  $D_0 \rightarrow \infty$

⇒ TBA equations determining in particular  $F(T)$  and thus  $T_H$

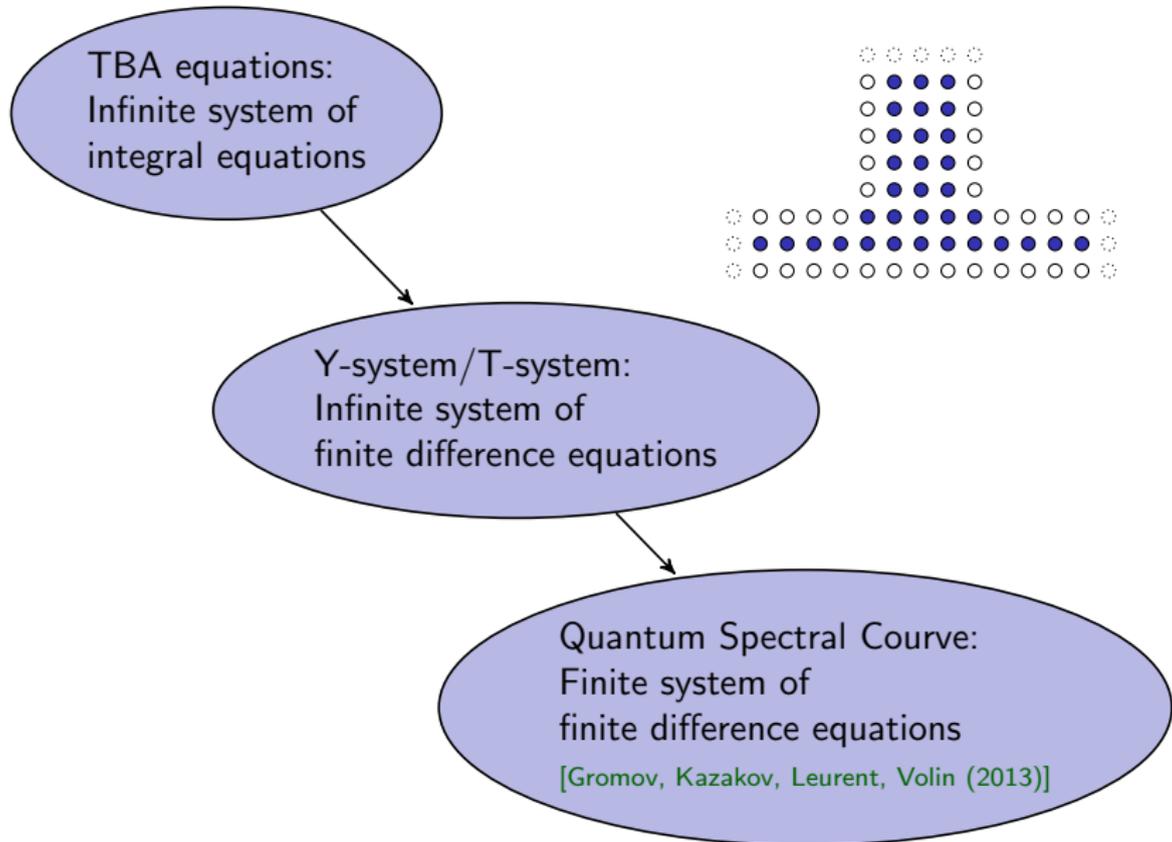
Main difference compared to the TBA equations of the spectral problem:

No double Wick rotation → Zhukovsky variable  $x(u)$  with a short cut

$$x(u) = \frac{u}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{4g^2}{u^2}} \right) \quad g^2 = \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2}$$

Note: direct theory with different continuum limit studied in [Cavaglia, Fioravanti, Tateo (2010)]

# From the TBA equations to the QSC



# The Quantum Spectral Curve

Part of an analytic Q-system with fundamental functions

$$\mathbf{P}_a(u) \quad \mathbf{Q}_i(u) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{a|i}(u) \quad a, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

on a Riemann surface

Finite difference equations with  $f^\pm(u) = f(u \pm \frac{i}{2})$ :

$$Q_{a|i}^+ - Q_{a|i}^- = \mathbf{P}_a \mathbf{Q}_i \quad \mathbf{P}_a = -\mathbf{Q}^i Q_{a|i}^+$$

with  $\mathbf{Q}^j = \chi^{ij} \mathbf{Q}_j$  and  $-\chi^{14} = -\chi^{32} = \chi^{23} = \chi^{41} = 1$

Orthonormality:

$$Q_{a|i} Q^{b|i} = \delta_a^b \quad Q_{a|i} Q^{a|j} = \delta_i^j$$

[Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin (2013)]

# Adjusting the QSC

Applications to spectral problem:

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory [Gromov, Kazakov, Leurent, Volin (2013)]
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- Asymptotics (large  $u$ )
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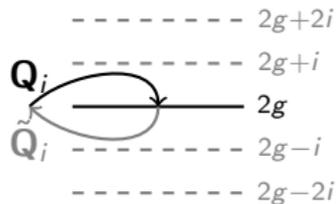
Remarks:

- $T_H$  enters the asymptotics of  $\mathbf{P}_a$  and the prefactors!
- Gauge freedom: Fix  $B_1 = B_2 = 1$ . Fix  $A_1 = iA_2 = -A_3 = -iA_4 = \left( \tanh \frac{1}{4T_H} \right)^{-1}$ .
- Asymptotics formally agree with those in the twisted spectral problem for  $\Delta = S_1 = S_2 = J_1 = J_2 = J_3 = 0$

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Opposite branch cut structure compared to spectral problem:

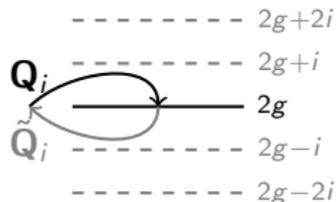
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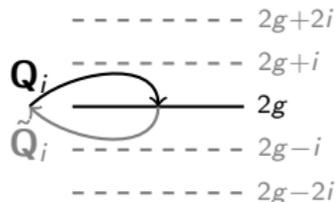


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Gluing conditions (analytic continuation through branch cut):

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_a(u) = (-1)^{a+1} \overline{\mathbf{P}_a(u)}$$

Note: Formulation of [Gromov, Levkovich-Maslyuk, Sizov (2015)], no  $\mu_{ab}$ .

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Cave:  $z_i \in \{1, \underbrace{(2 + \sqrt{3})^{\pm 2}}_{\exp(\mp T_H^{(0)})}\}$  and e.g.  $\text{Li}_s(z)$  has a cut for  $z \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow i\epsilon$  prescription!

# Perturbative results

Perturbative solution at weak coupling:

$$\begin{aligned} T_H = & \underbrace{\frac{1}{2 \log(2 + \sqrt{3})}}_{\approx 0.3797} \text{ [Sundborg (1999)]} + g^2 \underbrace{\frac{1}{\log(2 + \sqrt{3})}}_{\approx 0.7593} \text{ [Spradlin, Volovich (2004)]} \\ & + g^4 \underbrace{\left( 48 - \frac{86}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{48 \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}\right)}{\log(2 + \sqrt{3})} \right)}_{\approx -4.3676} \text{ [Harmark, MW (2017)]} \\ & + g^6 \left( 624 \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{(2 + \sqrt{3})^2}\right) + \frac{432 \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}\right)^2}{\log(2 + \sqrt{3})} + \frac{312 \text{Li}_3\left(\frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}\right)}{\log(2 + \sqrt{3})} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( 384\sqrt{3} - 864 + 416 \log(2 + \sqrt{3}) \right) \text{Li}_1\left(\frac{1}{(2 + \sqrt{3})^2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{20}{\sqrt{3}} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1900}{3} - 384\sqrt{3} \right) \log(2 + \sqrt{3})}_{\approx 37.2253} \right) + \mathcal{O}(g^8) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} T_H^{(4)} = & -288 \operatorname{Li}_{2,1} \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2}, (2+\sqrt{3})^2 \right) - 288 \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) \zeta(2) - \frac{144 \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) \zeta(3)}{\log(2+\sqrt{3})} \\ & - 8928 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) - 5400 \operatorname{Li}_4 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) + \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) (704\sqrt{3} \\ & + 5952 \log^2(2+\sqrt{3}) - 2560\sqrt{3} \log^2(2+\sqrt{3}) - 18816 \log(2+\sqrt{3}) + 11904\sqrt{3} \log(2+\sqrt{3})) \\ & + \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) (-1440 \log^2(2+\sqrt{3}) + 8928 \log(2+\sqrt{3}) - 3840\sqrt{3} \log(2+\sqrt{3})) \\ & - \frac{5184 \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right)^3}{\log(2+\sqrt{3})} + \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right)^2 (15552 - 5952\sqrt{3} - 6048 \log(2+\sqrt{3})) \\ & - \frac{4608 \operatorname{Li}_3 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) \operatorname{Li}_1 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right)}{\log(2+\sqrt{3})} + \operatorname{Li}_3 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right) (5040 - 1920\sqrt{3} - 4320 \log(2+\sqrt{3})) \\ & - \frac{2700 \operatorname{Li}_5 \left( \frac{1}{(2+\sqrt{3})^2} \right)}{\log(2+\sqrt{3})} + \frac{40}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{43906 \log^2(2+\sqrt{3})}{3\sqrt{3}} + 8448 \log^2(2+\sqrt{3}) \\ & - 704\sqrt{3} \log(2+\sqrt{3}) + 1272 \log(2+\sqrt{3}) \\ \approx & -372.0410892 \end{aligned}$$

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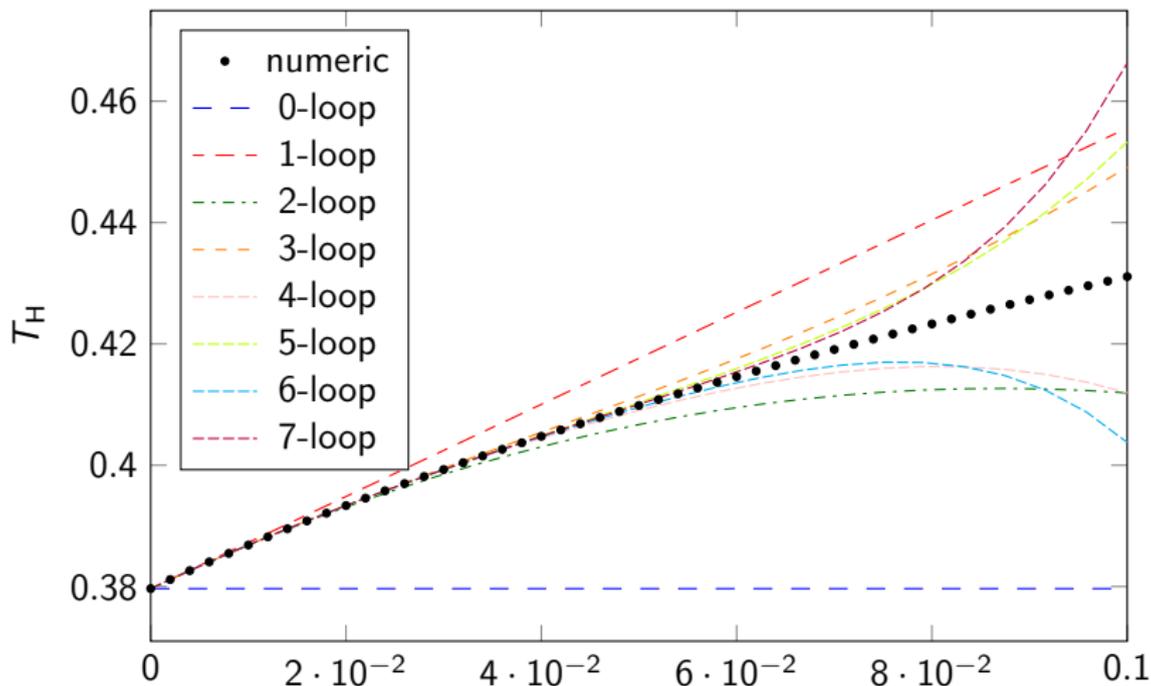
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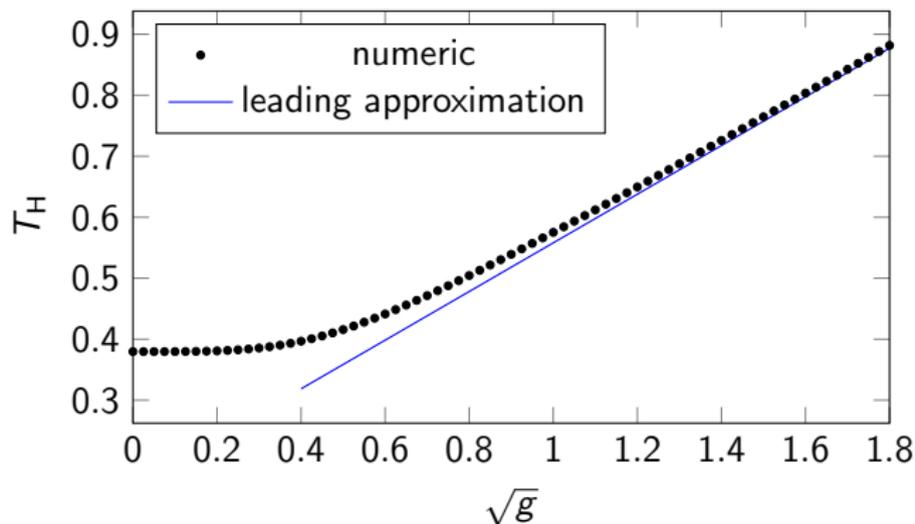
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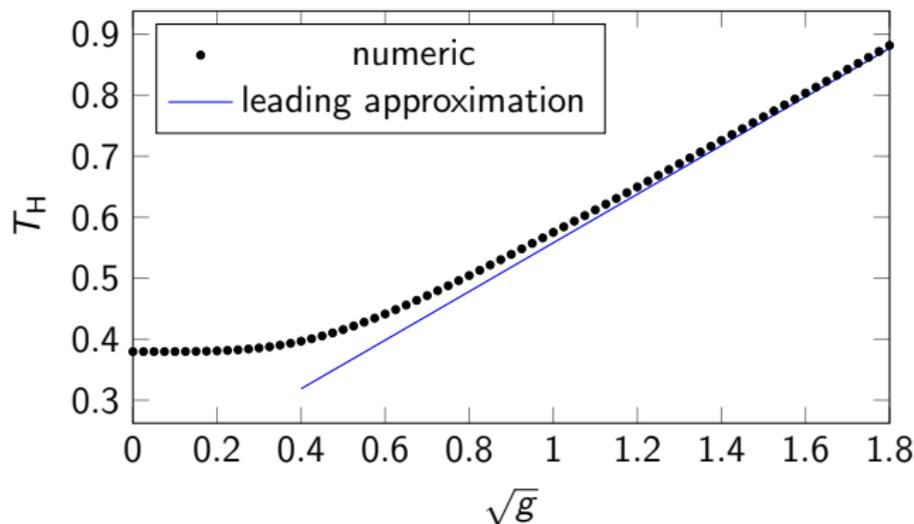
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(Naive explanation:  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty \leftrightarrow \text{Curvature} \rightarrow 0$ )

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Introduce chemical potentials for the R-charges  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  and angular momenta  $S_1, S_2$ :

$$\mathcal{Z}(T, \Omega_i) = \text{tr} \left( e^{-\beta D + \beta \sum_{i=1}^3 \Omega_i J_i + \beta \sum_{a=1}^2 \Omega_{a+3} S_a} \right), \quad \beta = 1/T$$

- Allow to single out contributions from specific fields
  - Previously studied at tree level and one-loop [Yamada, Yaffe (2006)], [Harmark, Orselli (2006)], [Suzuki (2017)]
- ⇒ Include chemical potentials in the QSC approach

Asymptotics (similar to twisted spectral problem [Kazakov, Leurent, Volin (2015)]):

$$\mathbf{P}_a \simeq A_a x_a^{+iu} u^+ \sum_{b < a} \delta_{x_a x_b} - \sum_{i < a} \delta_{x_a y_i}$$

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$\gamma_i$ -deformation [Frolov (2005)]  $\supset$   $\beta$ -deformation:

- Tree-level partition function trivially the same as in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory
- One-loop partition function depends on  $\gamma_i$  but  $T_H^{(1)}$  same as in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory [Fokken, MW (2014)]
- Integrability approach shows that  $T_H$  is the same as in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory at any  $\lambda$

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