# Higher Spin and Yangian 

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## There is a large hidden symmetry in string theory



## Different manifestation of stringy symmetry



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Integrable structure

Higher spin symmetry


## Different manifestation of stringy symmetry




Integrable structure


## A concrete relation between HS and integrability



Affine Yangian of $\mathbf{g l}(1)$

W symmetry

## Application: plane partition as representations of $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$



## Two questions

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2. $\triangle$ as lego pieces for new VOA/affine Yangian?

A surprising (partial) answer
Glue two $\triangle$ to get $\mathcal{N}=2$ version of $\triangle$

## Gluing

## $\mathcal{N}=2$ version?



## New Yangian algebra from W algebra



Finite truncation of affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$

- gives chiral algebra of Y-junction
- Gluing of these finite truncations should give chiral algebra of Y-junction webs

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## 5-brane junction with D3 brane interfaces



$$
\times \underset{x_{0}, x_{1}}{C} \times \stackrel{R^{3}}{x_{7}, x_{8}, x_{9}}
$$

picture: Gaiotto Rapcak '17
conjecture: VOA on the 2D junction of 4D QFT


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W—Affine Yangian—Plane Partition

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## Relation between W algebra and affine Yangian



Affine Yangian of $\mathbf{g l}(1)$


## Modes of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$

$$
W^{(s)}(z)=\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{W_{n}^{(s)}}{z^{n+s}} \quad s=1,2,3, \ldots
$$

| spin-5 | $\ldots$ | $X_{-4}$ | $X_{-3}$ | $X_{-2}$ | $X_{-1}$ | $X_{0}$ | $X_{1}$ | $X_{2}$ | $X_{3}$ | $X_{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| spin-4 | $\cdots$ | $U_{-4}$ | $U_{-3}$ | $U_{-2}$ | $U_{-1}$ | $U_{0}$ | $U_{1}$ | $U_{2}$ | $U_{3}$ | $U_{4}$ |
| spin-3 | $\cdots$ | $W_{-4}$ | $W_{-3}$ | $W_{-2}$ | $W_{-1}$ | $W_{0}$ | $W_{1}$ | $W_{2}$ | $W_{3}$ | $W_{4}$ |
| spin-2 | $\cdots$ | $L_{-4}$ | $L_{-3}$ | $L_{-2}$ | $L_{-1}$ | $L_{0}$ | $L_{1}$ | $L_{2}$ | $L_{3}$ | $L_{4}$ |
| spin-1 | $\cdots$ | $J_{-4}$ | $J_{-3}$ | $J_{-2}$ | $J_{-1}$ | $J_{0}$ | $J_{1}$ | $J_{2}$ | $J_{3}$ | $J_{4}$ |

## Regrouping the modes

$$
W^{(s)}(z)=\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{W_{n}^{(s)}}{z^{n+s}} \quad s=1,2,3, \ldots
$$

| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| spin-5 | $\cdots$ | $X_{-3}$ | $X_{-2}$ | $X_{-1} \sim e_{4}$ | $X_{0} \sim \psi_{5}$ | $X_{1} \sim f_{4}$ | $X_{2}$ | $X_{3}$ | $X_{4}$ |
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affine Yangian generators

$$
e(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{e_{j}}{z^{j+1}} \quad \psi(z)=1+\sigma_{3} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_{j}}{z^{j+1}} \quad f(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_{j}}{z^{j+1}}
$$

## Affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$

Def: Associative algebra with generators $e_{j}, f_{j}$ and $\psi_{j}, j=0,1, \ldots$

- Generators

$$
\psi(z)=1+\left(h_{1} h_{2} h_{3}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_{j}}{z^{j+1}} \quad e(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{e_{j}}{z^{j+1}} \quad f(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_{j}}{z^{j+1}}
$$

- Parameters $\left(h_{1}, h_{2}, h_{3}\right)$ with $h_{1}+h_{2}+h_{3}=0$
- One $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ invariant function $\varphi(z)=\frac{\left(z+h_{1}\right)\left(z+h_{2}\right)\left(z+h_{3}\right)}{\left(z-h_{1}\right)\left(z-h_{2}\right)\left(z-h_{3}\right)}$
- Defining relations

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
{[e(z), f(w)]=-\frac{1}{h_{1} h_{2} h_{3}} \frac{\psi(z)-\psi(w)}{z-w}} & \\
\psi(z) e(w) \sim \varphi(z-w) e(w) \psi(z) & \psi(z) f(w) \sim \varphi(w-z) f(w) \psi(z) \\
e(z) e(w) \sim \varphi(z-w) e(w) e(z) & f(z) f(w) \sim \varphi(w-z) f(w) f(z)
\end{array}
$$



## Affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$

In terms of modes $e_{j}, f_{j}$ and $\psi_{j}, j=0,1, \ldots$

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & {\left[\psi_{j}, \psi_{k}\right] } \\
\psi_{j+k}= & {\left[e_{j}, f_{k}\right] } \\
\sigma_{3}\left\{\psi_{j}, e_{k}\right\}= & {\left[\psi_{j+3}, e_{k}\right]-3\left[\psi_{j+2}, e_{k+1}\right]+3\left[\psi_{j+1}, e_{k+2}\right]-\left[\psi_{j}, e_{k+3}\right] } \\
& +\sigma_{2}\left[\psi_{j+1}, e_{k}\right]-\sigma_{2}\left[\psi_{j}, e_{k+1}\right] \\
-\sigma_{3}\left\{\psi_{j}, f_{k}\right\}= & {\left[\psi_{j+3}, f_{k}\right]-3\left[\psi_{j+2}, f_{k+1}\right]+3\left[\psi_{j+1}, f_{k+2}\right]-\left[\psi_{j}, f_{k+3}\right] } \\
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& +\sigma_{2}\left[e_{j+1}, e_{k}\right]-\sigma_{2}\left[e_{j}, e_{k+1}\right] \\
-\sigma_{3}\left\{f_{j}, f_{k}\right\}= & {\left[f_{j+3}, f_{k}\right]-3\left[f_{j+2}, f_{k+1}\right]+3\left[f_{j+1}, f_{k+2}\right]-\left[f_{j}, f_{k+3}\right] } \\
& +\sigma_{2}\left[f_{j+1}, f_{k}\right]-\sigma_{2}\left[f_{j}, f_{k+1}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

with

$$
h_{1}+h_{2}+h_{3}=0 \quad \sigma_{2} \equiv h_{1} h_{2}+h_{2} h_{3}+h_{1} h_{3} \quad \sigma_{3} \equiv h_{1} h_{2} h_{3}
$$

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Feigin Jimbo Miwa Mukhin '10-11
Tsymbaliuk '14

## W algebra and affine Yangian

$$
\mathcal{V}\left[\widehat{\mathfrak{g r}_{1}}\right] \cong \operatorname{UEA}\left[\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda]\right]
$$

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for q-version $\mathcal{U}\left[\widehat{\mathfrak{g r}_{1}}\right] \cong \operatorname{UEA}\left[q-\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda]\right]$<br>Miki ${ }^{\prime} 07$<br>Feigin Jimbo Miwa Mukhin '10-11

## Advantages of affine Yangian over $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$

1. number of generators

- $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}: \infty$

$$
J(z), T(z), W^{(3)}(z), W^{(4)}(z) \ldots
$$

- affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$ : only 3

$$
\psi(z), e(z), f(z)
$$

2. Defining relations

- $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ :
non-linear, fixed order by order by Jacobi-identities
- affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$ :
linear, given explicitly

3. $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ invariance

- $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ : Hidden
- affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$ : manifest


## Plane partition as representations of affine Yangian



## Plane partition via box stacking



## Plane partition with non-trivial asymptotics

Ground state of $\left(\Lambda_{x}, \Lambda_{y}, \Lambda_{z}\right)$


## Plane partition with non-trivial asymptotics

a level-7 excited states of $\left(\Lambda_{x}, \Lambda_{y}, \Lambda_{z}\right)$


## Plane partitions are faithful representations of $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)$



## Action of $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)$ on a plane partition

- $\psi(z)$ acts diagonally

$$
\begin{aligned}
\psi(z)|\Lambda\rangle= & \psi_{\Lambda}(z)|\Lambda\rangle \\
& \psi_{\Lambda}(z) \equiv\left(1+\frac{\psi_{0} \sigma_{3}}{z}\right) \prod_{\square \in(\Lambda)} \varphi(z-h(\square))
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
h(\square)=h_{1} x(\square)+h_{2} y(\square)+h_{3} z(\square)
$$

- $e(z)$ adds one box

$$
e(z)|\Lambda\rangle=\sum_{\square \in \operatorname{Add}(\Lambda)} \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_{3}} \operatorname{Res}_{w=h(\square)} \psi_{\Lambda}(w)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{z-h(\square)}|\Lambda+\square\rangle
$$

- $f(z)$ removes one box

$$
f(z)|\Lambda\rangle=\sum_{\square \in \operatorname{Rem}(\Lambda)} \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_{3}} \operatorname{Res}_{w=h(\square)} \psi_{\Lambda}(w)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{z-h(\square)}|\Lambda-\square\rangle
$$

## plane partition as representations



## Plane partition as representations of W



Trivial b.c.
vacuum

$\left(\Lambda_{x} ; 0\right)=(\Lambda ; 0)$
perturbative in Vasiliev

$\left(\Lambda_{x} ; \Lambda_{y}\right)=\left(\Lambda_{+} ; \Lambda_{-}\right) \quad\left(\Lambda_{x} ; \Lambda_{y} ; \Lambda_{z}\right)$
non-perturbative in Vasiliev

new representation
character of $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}=$ generating function of plane partition

## Application



- Make $S_{3}$ symmetry in $\mathcal{W}$ CFT manifest
- Character computation more transparent


## $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ action on $\mathcal{W}_{N, k}$ coset

$\mathcal{W}_{N, k}$ coset

$$
\frac{\mathfrak{s u}(N)_{k} \oplus \mathfrak{s u}(N)_{1}}{\mathfrak{s u}(N)_{k+1}}
$$

had hidden $\mathcal{S}_{3}$


## $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ action on 't Hooft coupling

$\mathcal{W}_{N, k}$ coset

$$
\frac{\mathfrak{s u}(N)_{k} \oplus \mathfrak{s u}(N)_{1}}{\mathfrak{s u}(N)_{k+1}}
$$

't Hooft coupling $\lambda=\frac{N}{N+k}$ transform under $\mathcal{S}_{3}$


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Crucial in Higher spin $\mathrm{AdS}_{3} / \mathrm{CFT}_{2}$ (Vasiliev theory in $\mathrm{AdS}_{3}=\mathcal{W}_{N, k}$ coset)

- $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ symmetry in $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ CFT is highly non-trivial
- hard to check/prove

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- UV - IR
- Manifest in $\mathcal{Y}\left[\widehat{\mathfrak{g r}}_{1}\right]$
$\mathcal{Y}\left[\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{1}\right]$ depends on $\left(h_{1}, h_{2}, h_{3}\right)$ symmetrically

$$
h_{1}=-\sqrt{\frac{N+k+1}{N+k}} \quad h_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{N+k}{N+k+1}} \quad h_{3}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{(N+k)(N+k+1)}}
$$

Procházka '15, Gaberdiel Gopakumar Li Peng '17
Under $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ transformation on $(N, k)$


## $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ symmetry of plane partition

The representations of $\mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ comes in $\mathcal{S}_{3}$ family


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## $\mathcal{N}=2$ version?



## Constructing $\mathcal{N}=2$ version

1. Rewrite representations of $\mathcal{N}=2 \mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ in terms of (some version) of plane partitions

## Twin plane partition

2. Define $\mathcal{N}=2$ affine Yangian such that

- twin plane partitions are faithful representations
- reproduce $\mathcal{N}=2 \mathcal{W}_{\infty}$ charges


## $\mathcal{N}=2$ version



## Simplest gluing: 2 vertices and 1 internal leg



## Two copies: left and right



## Gluing: two external legs facing opposite directions



## Gluing: two external legs fuse and become internal leg



## Building blocks and gluing



1. Algebra: $\quad \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty} \Rightarrow$ affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$
2. Representation: plane partitions
3. Algebra: $\quad$ internal leg $\Rightarrow$ additional operators
4. Representation:
bi-module: change b.c. for both vertices

## Decomposing $\mathcal{N}=2 \mathcal{W}_{\infty}[\lambda]$

1. Bosonic sub-algebra

$$
\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda] \quad \oplus \quad \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[1-\lambda]
$$

2. Fermions:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{ll}
(\rho & , \\
\left(\rho^{t}\right.
\end{array}\right)
$$

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\Downarrow$ |  | $\Downarrow$ |
| $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)}$ | $\oplus$ | $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)}$ |
| $\Downarrow$ |  | $\Downarrow$ |

Left plane partition
2. Fermions:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{ll}
(\rho & , \\
\left(\rho^{t}\right.
\end{array}\right) .
$$

internal legs $\Longrightarrow$ additional operators

## TPP building blocks $\Longrightarrow$ yangian generators

Bosonic sub-algebra $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)} \oplus \widehat{\mathcal{Y}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)}$


- $\psi$ : Cartan of left $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}\left(\mathfrak{g l}_{1}\right)}$
- $e / f$ : adds/removes $\square$

- $\hat{\psi}$ : Cartan of right $\widehat{\mathcal{Y ( g \mathfrak { g } _ { 1 } )}}$
- $\hat{e} / \hat{f}$ : adds/removes $\widehat{\square}$

Fermions $=$ internal legs $=$ additional operators

- $x / y$ : adds/removes $\quad \equiv(\square, \bar{\square})$
- $\bar{x} / \bar{y}$ : adds/removes $\quad \overline{\boldsymbol{\square}} \equiv(\square, \bar{\square})$


## Fermionic building block-1: x $\equiv \square \equiv(\square, \bar{\square})$



$$
h=\frac{1}{2}(1+\lambda)
$$

$$
\hat{h}=\frac{1}{2}(1+(1-\lambda))
$$

$$
h+\hat{h}=\frac{3}{2}
$$

## Fermionic building block-2: $\overline{\mathrm{x}} \equiv \bar{\square} \equiv(\bar{\square}, \square)$



$$
h=\frac{1}{2}(1+(1-\lambda)) \quad \hat{h}=\frac{1}{2}(1+\lambda)
$$

$$
h+\hat{h}=\frac{3}{2}
$$

## Building blocks of bosonic affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$



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## A pair of bosonic affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l}_{1}$



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2. Define $\mathcal{N}=2$ affine Yangian such that

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## Bosonic affine Yangian: $\varphi_{3}(z)$ plays central role

$$
\begin{gathered}
\psi(z) e(w) \sim \varphi_{3}(z-w) e(w) \psi(z) \quad \psi(z) f(w) \sim \varphi_{3}(w-z) f(w) \psi(z) \\
e(z) e(w) \sim \varphi_{3}(z-w) e(w) e(z) \quad f(z) f(w) \sim \varphi_{3}(w-z) f(w) f(z) \\
\varphi_{3}(z)=\frac{\left(z+h_{1}\right)\left(z+h_{2}\right)\left(z+h_{3}\right)}{\left(z-h_{1}\right)\left(z-h_{2}\right)\left(z-h_{3}\right)}
\end{gathered}
$$

- $\psi(z)|\Lambda\rangle=\psi_{\Lambda}(z)|\Lambda\rangle$

$$
\psi_{\Lambda}(z) \equiv\left(1+\frac{\psi_{0} \sigma_{3}}{z}\right) \prod_{\square \in \Lambda} \varphi_{3}(z-h(\square))
$$

## Internal leg: $\varphi_{2}(z)$ build directly from $\varphi_{2}(z)$



$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\psi(z)=\left(1+\frac{\psi_{0} \sigma_{3}}{z}\right) \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{3}\left(z-n h_{2}\right)=\left(1+\frac{\psi_{0} \sigma_{3}}{z}\right) \varphi_{2}(z) \\
\hat{\psi}(z)=\left(1+\frac{\psi_{0} \sigma_{3}}{z}\right) \varphi_{2}^{-1}\left(-z-\sigma_{3} \hat{\psi}_{0}\right) \\
\varphi_{2}(z)=\frac{z\left(z+h_{2}\right)}{\left(z-h_{1}\right)\left(z-h_{3}\right)}
\end{array} .\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

## Building $\mathcal{N}=2$ affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{g l} l_{1}$ <br> Gaberdiel Li Peng Zhang'17




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## Lessons

- plane partition is also very useful in the gluing process
- visualize Fock space
- Define algebra by faithful representation


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## HS and integrability within stringy symmetry



## W - affine Yangian - Plane partition



## Applications of bosonic triangle



- Make $S_{3}$ symmetry in $\mathcal{W}$ CFT manifest
- Character computation more transparent


## New affine Yangian via gluing



## Open problems

1. large $\mathcal{N}=4 \mathcal{W}_{\infty}[\lambda]$
2. Classification of affine Yangians from gluing
3. Gluing of finite truncations

## Gluing example: 4 vertices and 3 internal legs



## More open problems

1. Deeper relation between higher spin symmetry and integrable structure ?
2. Mathematical description of stringy symmetry?
3. Application of stringy symmetry?

## Thank you very much!

