

# $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering in supersymmetric matter Chern-Simons theories at large $N$

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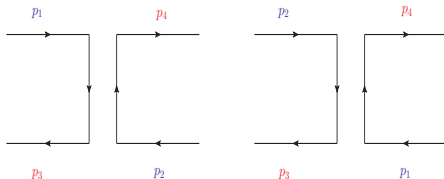
# CS matter theories: Preliminaries

- Lots of activity in  $U(N)$  Chern-Simons theories with fundamental matter.
- Motivations: AdS/CFT, [Vasiliev duality](#), limit of ABJ theory, solvable in large  $N$ .
- $2+1$  d bosonization duality: ([Ofer and Shiroman's talk](#))  
 $U(N)$  CS+fundamental boson at Wilson Fisher limit  
 $\Leftarrow$  dual  $\Rightarrow$   
 $U(N)$  CS+fundamental fermion
- Supersymmetric theories are conjectured to be [self dual](#).
- [Evidence for duality](#): Matching of spectrum of single trace operators, three point functions, thermal partition functions,  $2 \rightarrow 2$   $S$  matrices.. [[Aharony, Bardeen, Benini, Chang, Frishman, Giombi, Giveon, Gur-Ari, Gurucharan, Kutasov, Jain, Maldacena, Mandlik, Minwalla, Moshe, Sharma, Prakash, Takimi, Trivedi, Umesh, Sonnenschein, Yacoby, Yin, Yokoyama, Wadia, Zhiboedov](#)]

# Channels of scattering

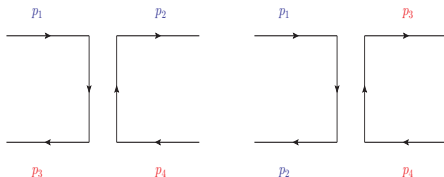
- Particle-Particle scattering:  $p_1 + p_2 \rightarrow p_3 + p_4$

$$\text{Fundamental} \otimes \text{Fundamental} \rightarrow \text{Symmetric}(U_d) \oplus \text{Anti-symmetric}(U_e)$$



- Particle-Antiparticle scattering

$$\text{Fundamental} \otimes \text{Antifundamental} \rightarrow \text{Adjoint}(T) \oplus \text{Singlet}(S)$$



# Scattering in CS matter theories: Peculiarities

- Scattering results consistent with duality.
- In singlet channel (particle-Antiparticle)  $S$  matrices obtained from naive crossing symmetry rules are inconsistent with unitarity and have incorrect non-relativistic limit.
- Consistency with unitarity requires
  - Delta function term at forward scattering.
  - Modified crossing symmetry rules.
- Conjecture: [Jain, Mandlik, Minwalla, Takimi, Wadia, Yokoyama]  
Singlet channel  $S$  matrices have the form

$$\mathcal{S} = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda}\mathcal{T}^{S;\text{naive}}(s, \theta)$$

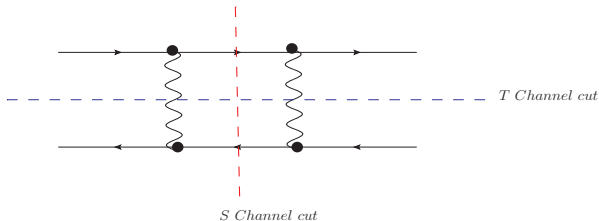
- $\mathcal{T}^{S;\text{naive}}$  is the matrix obtained from naive analytic continuation of particle-particle scattering.

# Unitarity and anyonic behavior in Singlet Channel

- Unitarity  $i(T^\dagger - T) = TT^\dagger$ : non-trivial only for singlet channel in the large N limit .

$$T_{Asym} \sim T_{Sym} \sim T_{Adj} \sim O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) , \quad T_{sing} \sim O(1)$$

- One loop cut structure (generalizes to all loops)



- Singlet channel is effectively anyonic - usual crossing rules fail unitarity. Anyonic phase operator  $\nu_m = \frac{C_2(R_1) + C_2(R_2) - C_2(R_m)}{2\kappa}$ ,

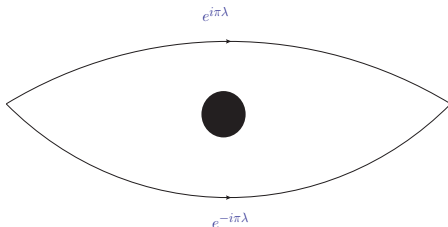
$$\nu_{Asym} \sim \nu_{Sym} \sim \nu_{Adj} \sim O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) , \quad \nu_{Sing} \sim O(\lambda)$$

- Remedy: delta function and modified crossing rules.

## Nature of the conjecture: Delta function

$$\mathcal{S} = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda}\mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{S};\text{naive}}(s, \theta)$$

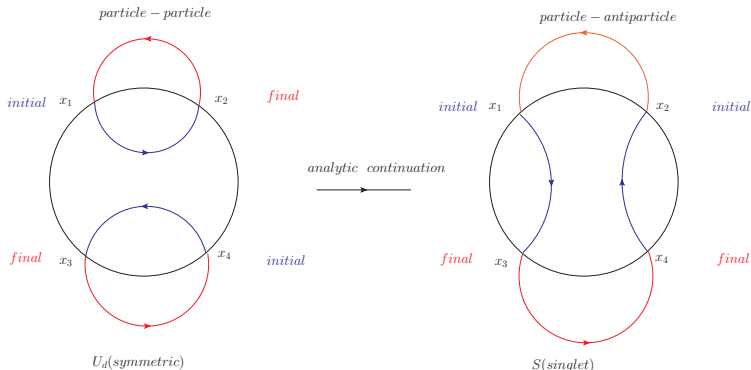
- The conjectured  $\mathcal{S}$  matrix has a non-analytic  $\delta(\theta)$  piece.
- delta function is already known to be necessary to unitarize non-relativistic Aharonov-Bohm scattering [Ruijsenaars; Bak, Jackiw, Pi].



- $\cos(\pi\lambda)$  is due to the interference of the Aharonov-Bohm phases of the wave packets.

# Modified crossing rules: A heuristic explanation

$$\mathcal{S} = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda}\mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{S};\text{naive}}(s, \theta)$$



$$T_{U_d} W_{U_d} \rightarrow T_S W_S$$

$$\frac{W_{U_d}}{W_S} = \frac{\oint \text{with 2 circular Wilson lines}}{\oint \text{with 1 circular Wilson line}} = \frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda} \quad [\text{Witten}]$$



# Universality and tests

- delta function and modified crossing rules conjectured in [Jain, Mandlik, Minwalla, Takimi, Wadia, Yokoyama] - appear to be universal
- Tests:
  - Unitarity of the S matrix
  - Bose-Fermi duality
  - Non-relativistic limit gives Aharanov-Bohm
- All the tests have been explicitly verified for
  - $U(N)$  Chern-Simons coupled to fundamental bosons
  - $U(N)$  Chern-Simons coupled to fundamental fermions
- We test the conjecture in  $\mathcal{N} = 1, 2$  Supersymmetric  $U(N)$  Chern-Simons matter theories.

## Our work

- Test the **conjecture** in the most general renormalizable supersymmetric  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  Chern-Simons matter theory.
- Superspace - **manifest supersymmetry**
- Use **supersymmetric light cone gauge** - no gauge superfield self interactions.
- Work in **large  $N$**  - only **planar diagrams** .
- Compute **off-shell four point correlator**, take **on-shell limit** and extract the  **$S$  matrix**.
- Provide evidence for **duality** and subject the **conjecture** to stringent **unitarity test**.

## S matrix in onshell superspace

- S matrix **solution** (in-states:  $p_1, p_2$ , out-states  $p_3, p_4$ ) is determined **in terms of two functions**  $\mathcal{S}_B$  and  $\mathcal{S}_F$  of momenta, couplings and mass.

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{p}_1, \theta_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \theta_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \theta_3, \mathbf{p}_4, \theta_4) = & \mathcal{S}_B + \mathcal{S}_F \theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 \theta_4 + \\ & \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{12} \mathcal{S}_B - \frac{1}{2} C_{34}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_1 \theta_2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{13} \mathcal{S}_B - \frac{1}{2} C_{24}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_1 \theta_3 \\ & + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{14} \mathcal{S}_B + \frac{1}{2} C_{23}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_1 \theta_4 + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{23} \mathcal{S}_B + \frac{1}{2} C_{14}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_2 \theta_3 \\ & + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{24} \mathcal{S}_B - \frac{1}{2} C_{13}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_2 \theta_4 + \left( \frac{1}{2} C_{34} \mathcal{S}_B - \frac{1}{2} C_{12}^* \mathcal{S}_F \right) \theta_3 \theta_4 \end{aligned}$$

- **No  $\theta$  term:** **four boson** scattering, **four  $\theta$  term :** **four fermion** scattering.
- All **other processes** (two boson to two fermion etc) **determined completely** in terms of the two independent functions  $\mathcal{S}_B$  and  $\mathcal{S}_F$ .

# Dyson-Schwinger equations

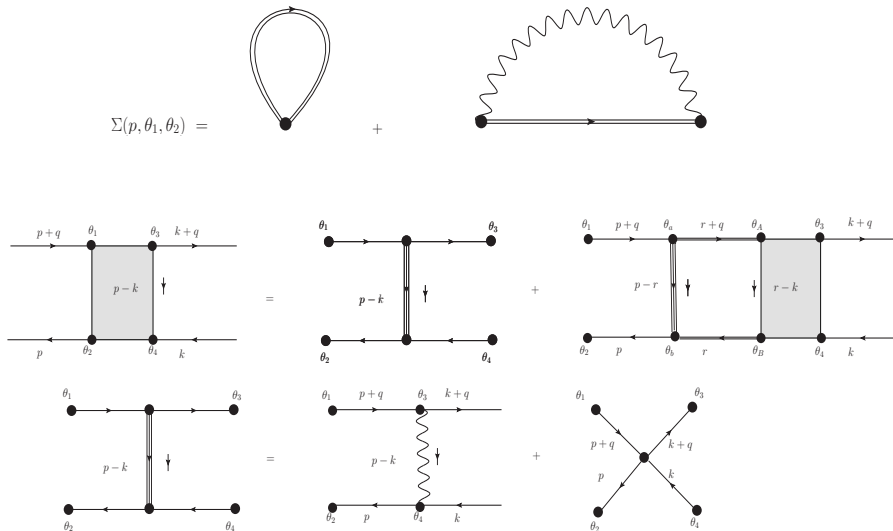


Figure: Dyson-Schwinger equation for exact propagator and exact offshell four point function.

## S matrix in T , $U_d$ , $U_e$ channels for $\mathcal{N} = 1, 2$ theories, duality and unitarity

- We have computed S matrices in the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  theory

$$\mathcal{T}_B = \frac{4i\pi}{\kappa} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{q^\mu (p-k)^\nu (p+k)^\rho}{(p-k)^2} + J_B(q, \lambda, w, m, \kappa) ,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_F = \frac{4i\pi}{\kappa} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{q^\mu (p-k)^\nu (p+k)^\rho}{(p-k)^2} + J_F(q, \lambda, w, m, \kappa) ,$$

- Remarkable simplification in the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  point ( $w=1$ ).

$$\mathcal{T}_B^{\mathcal{N}=2} = \frac{4i\pi}{\kappa} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{q^\mu (p-k)^\nu (p+k)^\rho}{(p-k)^2} - \frac{8\pi m}{\kappa} ,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_F^{\mathcal{N}=2} = \frac{4i\pi}{\kappa} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{q^\mu (p-k)^\nu (p+k)^\rho}{(p-k)^2} + \frac{8\pi m}{\kappa}$$

- under duality bosonic and fermionic S matrices map to one another upto overall phase.
- Explicitly verified unitarity equations (linear in these channels).

## Conjectured $S$ matrix in $S$ channel $\mathcal{N} = 1$ theory

- Following [Jain, Mandlik, Minwalla, Takimi, Wadia, Yokoyama], the conjectured  $S$  matrix for the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  theory in c.o.m. frame

$$S_B^S(s, \theta) = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda} (4\pi i\lambda\sqrt{s}\cot(\theta/2) + J_B(\sqrt{s}, \lambda)) ,$$

$$S_F^S(s, \theta) = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda} (4\pi i\lambda\sqrt{s}\cot(\theta/2) + J_F(\sqrt{s}, \lambda)) .$$

- conjectured  $S$  channel  $S$  matrix has simple non-relativistic limit leading to unitary version of known Aharonov-Bohm result.
- Surprisingly this result is also same as the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $S$  channel  $S$  matrix.
- $S$  matrix for the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  ( $w=1$ ) theory in c.o.m. frame

$$S_B^{S;\mathcal{N}=2}(s, \theta) = 8\pi\sqrt{s}\cos(\pi\lambda)\delta(\theta) + i\sin(\pi\lambda) (4i\sqrt{s}\cot(\theta/2) - 8m) ,$$

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# Unitarity equations in the S channel

- Consider the general structure ( $T(\theta) = i \cot(\theta/2)$ )

$$\mathcal{T}_B^S = H_B T(\theta) + W_B - iW_2 \delta(\theta) , \quad \mathcal{T}_F^S = H_F T(\theta) + W_F - iW_2 \delta(\theta) ,$$

- unitarity equation for four boson scattering

$$H_B - H_B^* = \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 H_B^* - H_B W_2^*) ,$$

$$W_2 + W_2^* = -\frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 W_2^* + 4\pi^2 H_B H_B^*) ,$$

$$W_B - W_B^* = \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 W_B^* - W_2^* W_B) - \frac{i}{4\sqrt{s}} (H_B H_B^* - W_B W_B^*) - \frac{iY}{4\sqrt{s}} (W_B - W_F)(W_B^* - W_F^*)$$

- unitarity equation for four fermion scattering

$$H_F - H_F^* = \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 H_F^* - H_F W_2^*) ,$$

$$W_2 + W_2^* = -\frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 W_2^* + 4\pi^2 H_F H_F^*) ,$$

$$W_F - W_F^* = \frac{1}{8\pi\sqrt{s}} (W_2 W_F^* - W_2^* W_F) - \frac{i}{4\sqrt{s}} (H_F H_F^* - W_F W_F^*) - \frac{iY}{4\sqrt{s}} (W_B - W_F)(W_B^* - W_F^*)$$

## Unitarity equation in the S channel

- Unitarity equations are verified using

$$H_B = H_F = 4\sqrt{s} \sin(\pi\lambda), \quad W_2 = 8\pi\sqrt{s}(\cos(\pi\lambda)-1), \quad T(\theta) = i \cot(\theta/2)$$

$$W_B = J_B(\sqrt{s}, \lambda) \frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda},$$

$$W_F = J_F(\sqrt{s}, \lambda) \frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda}.$$

- Algebraic-miracle**: Non-linear unitarity equations obeyed by very complicated functions.
- Important: **requires delta function at forward scattering** and **crossing symmetry rules have to be modified exactly as conjectured** [Jain, Mandlik, Minwalla, Takimi, Wadia, Yokoyama], else the unitarity test fails.
- unitarity is an extremely sensitive test**<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Tag-line: **one sign is doom**



# Summary of results

- Results in perfect agreement with duality.
- Unitarity requires the delta function at forward scattering and crossing symmetry rules modified in exactly the same way as conjectured in  
[Jain, Mandlik, Minwalla, Takimi, Wadia, Yokoyama]
- Substantial evidence for universality of the conjecture.
- Results of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory obtained at special value of quartic scalar coupling.
- Non-renormalization of pole mass and vertex for  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory - good things happen with more susy .
- $\mathcal{N} = 1$   $S$  matrix has interesting pole structure, with vanishing pole mass on a self-dual codimension one surface in the space of couplings.

## Future outlook

- $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $S$  matrices are tree level exact in non-anyonic channels and depend on  $\lambda$  very simple way in the anyonic channel - can it reproduced from general principles and  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry?
- Generalization to higher supersymmetry - mass deformed  $\mathcal{N} = 3, 4, 5$ , and mass deformed  $\mathcal{N} = 6$  ABJ theory - in progress [K.I, S.Jain, S.Minwalla, S. Yokoyama]
- Effective field theory for the massless bound states of the  $S$  matrix.
- Four point correlator: useful in computation of 2,3,4 point functions of gauge invariant currents - explicit computation in  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  theory?, possible  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  generalization of Maldacena-Zhiboedov solutions - in progress [K.I, S.Jain, P.Nayak]

**Thank You!**

## Unitarity in the S channel - $\mathcal{N} = 2$ case

- The  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $T$  matrix is tree level exact in  $T, U$  channels.
- Naive crossing symmetry would imply the same for  $S$  channel, unitarity equation  $i(T^\dagger - T) = TT^\dagger$  would never be obeyed (LHS would be zero).
- modified crossing rules resolve this puzzle:

$$\mathcal{T}_B^{S;\mathcal{N}=2}(s, \theta) = -8\pi i\sqrt{s}(\cos(\pi\lambda) - 1)\delta(\theta) + \sin(\pi\lambda)(4i\sqrt{s}\cot(\theta/2) - 8m)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_F^{S;\mathcal{N}=2}(s, \theta) = -8\pi i\sqrt{s}(\cos(\pi\lambda) - 1)\delta(\theta) + \sin(\pi\lambda)(4i\sqrt{s}\cot(\theta/2) + 8m)$$

- Non-analytic piece makes  $\mathcal{T}_B, \mathcal{T}_F$  not Hermitian, both LHS and RHS are non-zero and non-linear unitarity equation is obeyed.

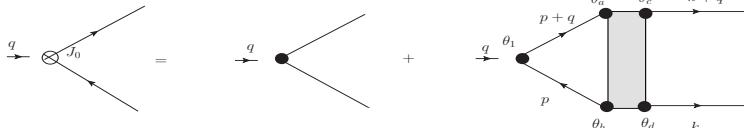
# Pole structure of the singlet channel S matrix

- Both bosonic and fermionic S matrices have a pole at threshold ( $s = 4m^2$ ) for  $w \leq -1$ . For  $w \leq -1 + \epsilon$  the pole is close to threshold.
- As  $w$  is decreased further and as it hits a critical value  $w = w_c$  the pole becomes massless!

$$w = w_c(\lambda) = 1 - \frac{2}{|\lambda|}$$

- As  $w$  is further decreased and as  $w \rightarrow -\infty$  the pole approaches threshold once again.
- To summarize, a one parameter tuning of the superpotential interaction parameter  $w$  - sufficient to produce massless bound states in a massive theory.
- $w$  can be scaled to  $w_c$  - possible decoupled QFT description of light states.

# Current-current correlators in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ theory



- two point  $J_0$  correlator

$$\langle J_0(\theta_1, q) J_0(\theta_2, -q) \rangle = \frac{N}{8\pi|q|\lambda} \exp(-\theta_1^\alpha \theta_2^\beta q_{\alpha\beta}) \left( \sin(\pi\lambda) + |q|(1 - \cos(\pi\lambda)) \delta^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \right)$$

- three point  $J_0$  correlator

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J_0(\theta_1, q) J_0(\theta'_1, q') J_0(\theta''_1, -q - q') \rangle = & \left( \frac{N}{72} \frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{q_3 q'_3 (q_3 + q'_3)} \frac{1}{\pi\lambda} \right) \left[ -9 \cos(\pi\lambda) \right. \\ & + 9i \sin(\pi\lambda) \left( q_3 X_{11''}^-, X_{11''}^+ + q'_3 X_{1'1''}^-, X_{1'1''}^+ \right) \\ & + 3 \cos(\pi\lambda) (q'_3 - q_3) \left( X_{11''}^-, X_{1'1''}^+ - X_{1'1''}^-, X_{11''}^+ \right) \\ & \left. - \cos(\pi\lambda) (q_3^2 + 7q_3 q'_3 + q'^2) X_{11''}^-, X_{11''}^+ X_{1'1''}^-, X_{1'1''}^+ \right] \\ & \times e^{\frac{1}{3} X \cdot (q \cdot X_{11''} + q' \cdot X_{1'1''})} [\text{K.I., S.Jain, P.Nayak}] \end{aligned}$$

# Open questions

- Rigorous proof of delta function and modified crossing rules, generalization to finite  $N$  and  $\kappa$ .
- From perturbative pov modified crossing rules could be related to IR divergences.
- IR divergences can be summed up and exponentiated [Grammer,Yennie; Bern,Dickson,Smirnov]
- Modified crossing factor  $\frac{\sin(\pi\lambda)}{\pi\lambda}$  is identical to the expectation value of circular Wilson loop in pure Chern-Simons theory on  $S^3$ .
- To explore: Path integral derivation of Witten's result, crossing and fusion rules in RCFT's.