

# Higher Spin and Yangian

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## Reference

### 1. Higher Spins and Yangian Symmetries

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### 4. Twin plane partitions and $\mathcal{N} = 2$ affine yangian

(to appear)

with *Matthias Gaberdiel and Cheng Peng*

## Motivations

Motivation-1 (conceptual, vague)

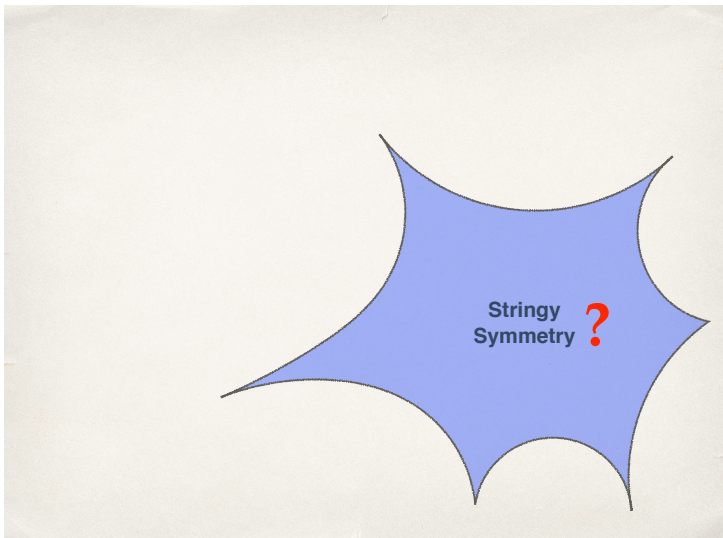
Higher spin symmetry and integrability are both (large) symmetry structures of string theory. Relations? Unification?

Motivation-2 (practical, concrete)

$\mathcal{W}_\infty$  is ubiquitous, but computationally unwieldy. Better formulation?



## Motivation-1: What is the hidden stringy symmetry?



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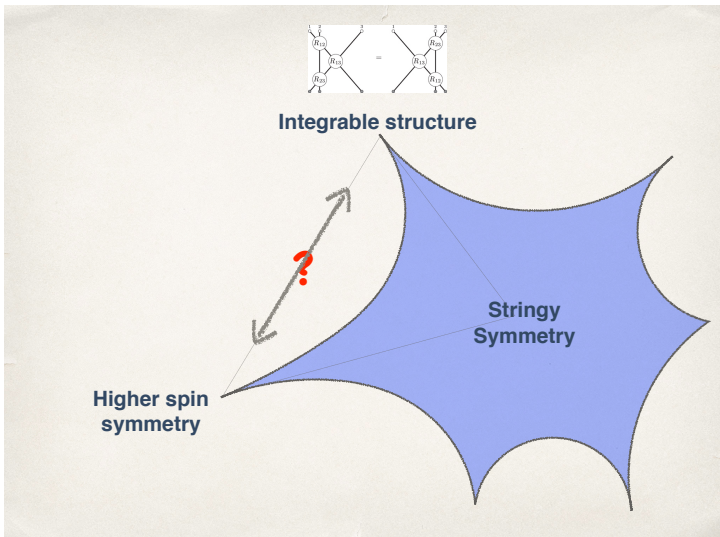


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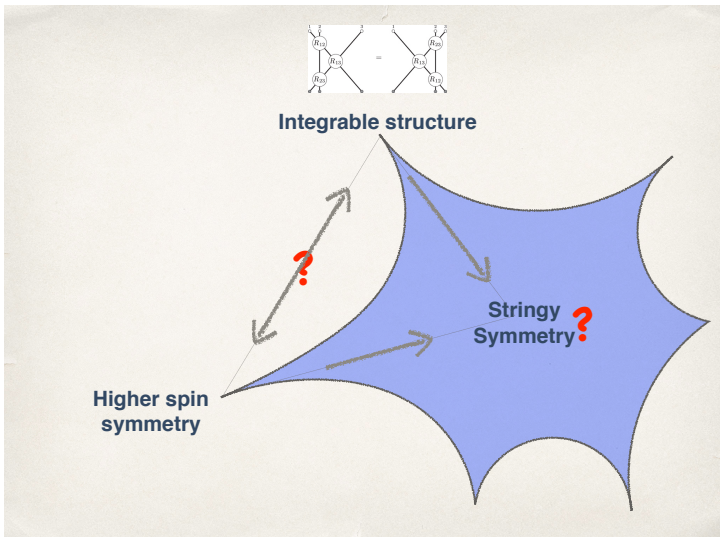
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# Today



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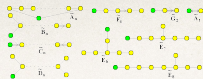
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**Higher spin symmetry**





# Today : higher spin $AdS_3/CFT_2$

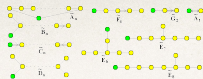


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# A concrete relation between HS and integrability



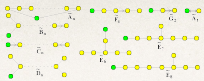
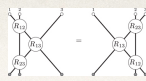
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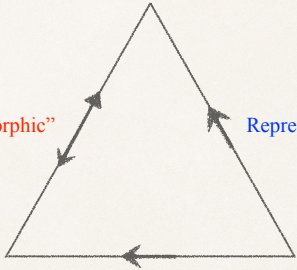
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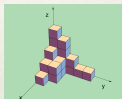
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**Representation**



**Plane partitions**



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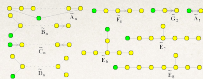
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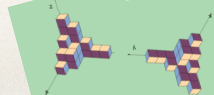
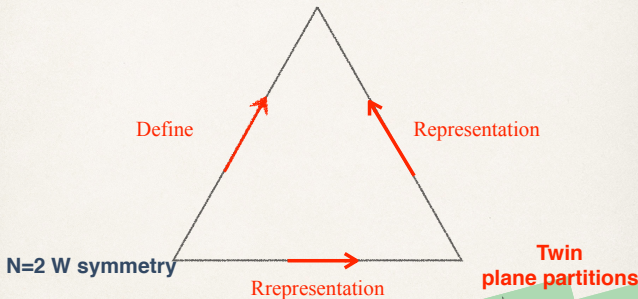
Glue two  $\Delta$  to get  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  version of  $\Delta$



# New Yangian algebra from W algebra



**N=2 Affine Yangian of  $gl(1)$**





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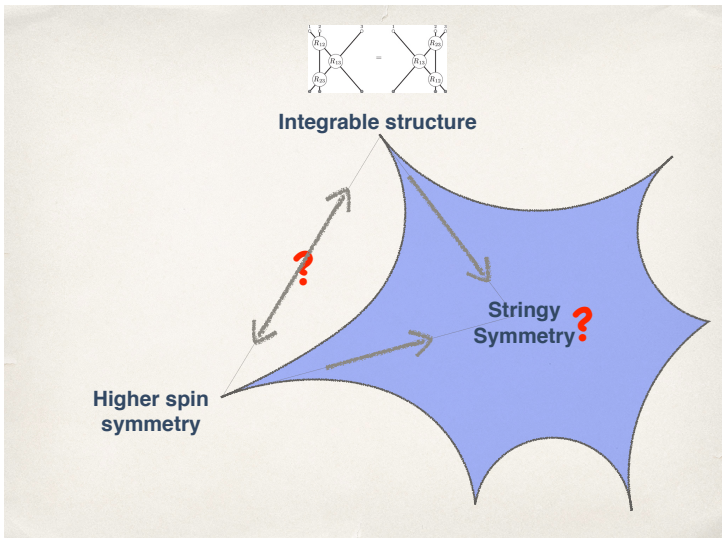
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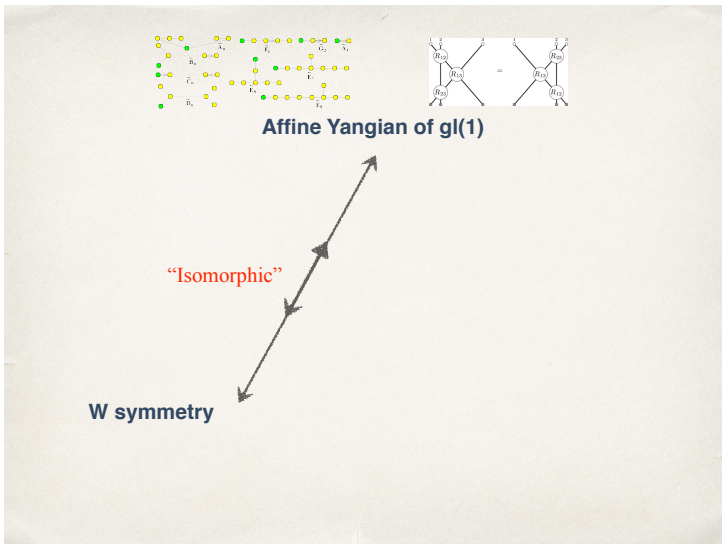
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- ▶ **Tensionless** String in  $AdS_3 \implies$  **maximal** stringy symmetry?

*Gaberdiel Gopakumar '15*

- ▶ higher spin symmetry  $\implies$   **$\mathcal{W}$  symmetry**  
(Virasoro + higher spin currents)

*Campoleoni Fredenhagen Pfenninger Theisen '10, Henneaux Rey '10*



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

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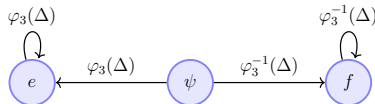
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► **Initial conditions**

$$[\psi_{0,1}, e_j] = 0 \quad [\psi_2, e_j] = 2e_j \quad [\psi_{0,1}, f_j] = 0 \quad [\psi_2, f_j] = -2f_j$$

► **Serre relation**

$$\text{Sym}_{(j_1, j_2, j_3)} [e_{j_1}, [e_{j_2}, e_{j_3+1}]] = 0 \quad \text{Sym}_{(j_1, j_2, j_3)} [f_{j_1}, [f_{j_2}, f_{j_3+1}]] = 0$$

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In terms of modes  $e_j, f_j$  and  $\psi_j, j = 0, 1, \dots$

$$0 = [\psi_j, \psi_k]$$

$$\psi_{j+k} = [e_j, f_k]$$

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with

$$h_1 + h_2 + h_3 = 0 \quad \sigma_2 \equiv h_1 h_2 + h_2 h_3 + h_1 h_3 \quad \sigma_3 \equiv h_1 h_2 h_3$$

Schiffmann Vasserot '12

Maulik Okounkov '12

Feigin Jimbo Miwa Mukhin '10-11

# W algebra and affine Yangian

$$\mathcal{Y}[\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_1] \cong \text{UEA}[\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda]]$$

*Procházka '15*

*Gaberdiel Gopakumar Li Peng '17*

for q-version  $\mathcal{U}[\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_1] \cong \text{UEA}[q\text{-}\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda]]$

*Miki '07*

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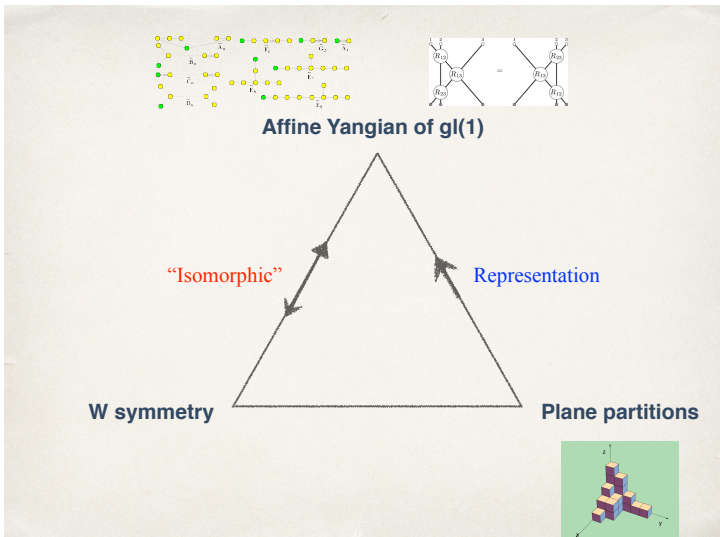
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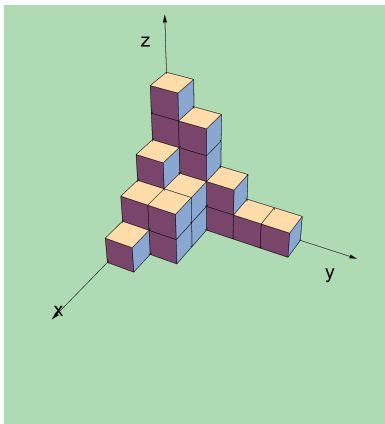
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## Plane partition via box stacking





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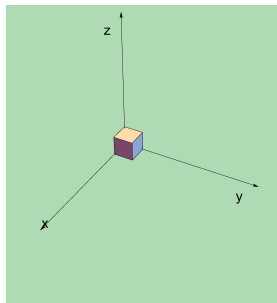
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## Stacking 1 box



$$1 + q + \dots$$

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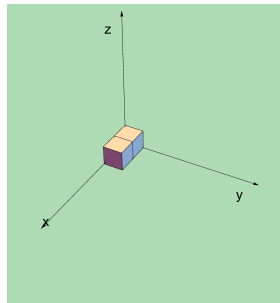
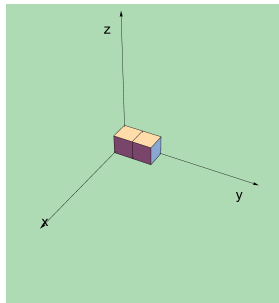
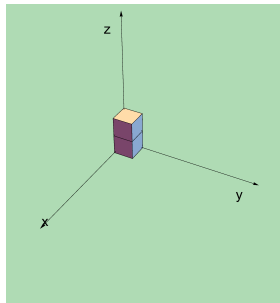
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## Stacking 2 boxes



$$1 + q + 3q^2 \dots$$

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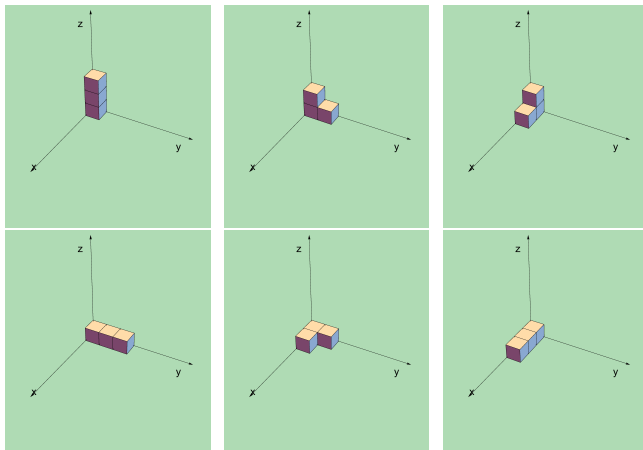
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## Stacking 3 boxes



$$1 + q + 3q^2 + 6q^3 + \dots$$

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## MacMahon function

Generating function of Plane partition

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M(n)q^n = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q^k)^k}$$

$$= 1 + q + 3q^2 + 6q^3 + 13q^4 + 24q^5 + 48q^6 + \dots$$

$$M(n) \sim n^{-\frac{25}{36}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3\zeta(3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} n^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$$

*Wright '31*

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## MacMahon function

Generating function of Plane partition

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M(n)q^n &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q^k)^k} \\ &= 1 + q + 3q^2 + 6q^3 + 13q^4 + 24q^5 + 48q^6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$M(n) \sim n^{-\frac{25}{36}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{3\zeta(3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} n^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$$

*Wright '31*

Generating function of partition

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n)q^n &= \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-q^k} \\ &= 1 + q + 2q^2 + 3q^3 + 5q^4 + 7q^5 + 11q^6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$p(n) \sim \frac{1}{n} \cdot \exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \pi \sqrt{n}\right)$$

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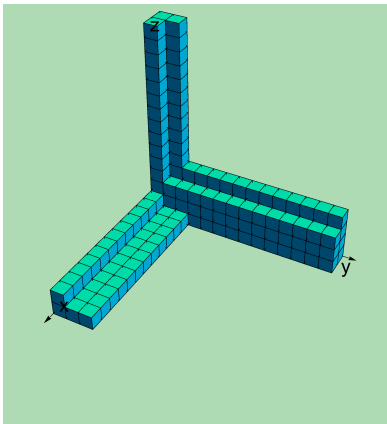
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## Plane partition with non-trivial asymptotics

Ground state of  $(\Lambda_x, \Lambda_y, \Lambda_z)$



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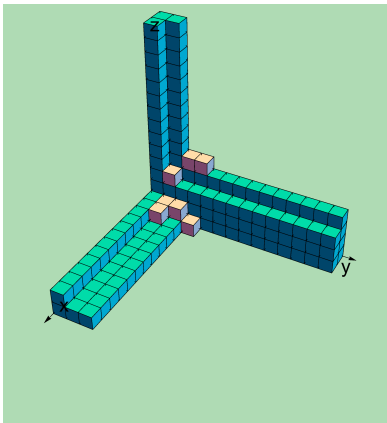
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## Plane partition with non-trivial asymptotics

a level-7 excited states of  $(\Lambda_x, \Lambda_y, \Lambda_z)$



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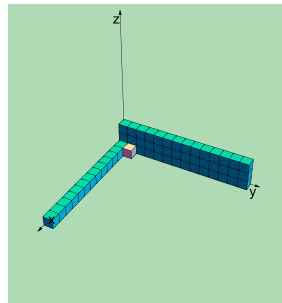
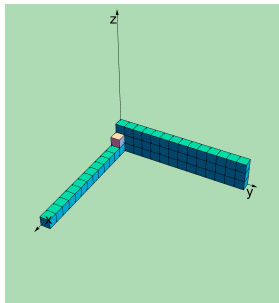
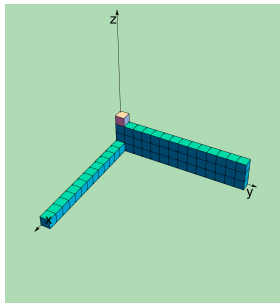
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## Stacking 1 boxes



$$1 + 3q + \dots$$



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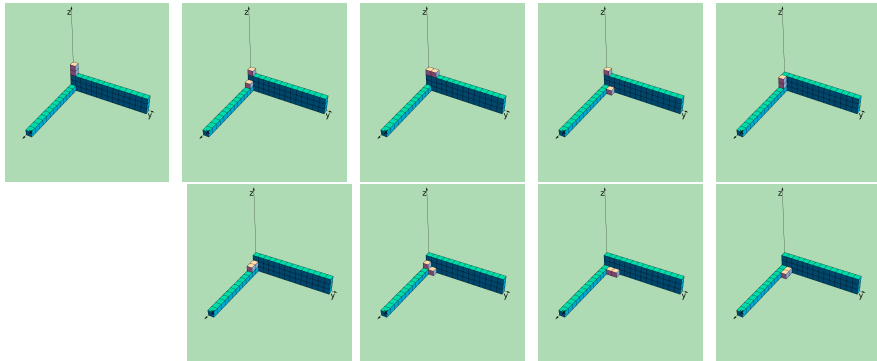
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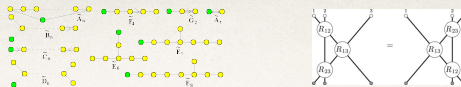
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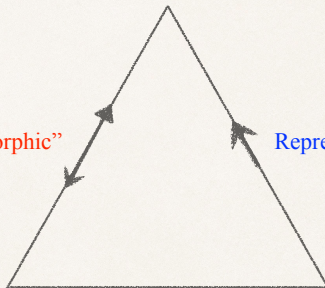
PP as representations of affine yangian

Plane partitions are faithful representations of  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathfrak{gl}_1)$ Affine Yangian of  $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$ 

“Isomorphic”

Representation

W symmetry



Plane partitions



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## Action of $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathfrak{gl}_1)$ on a plane partition

- ▶  $\psi(z)$  acts **diagonally**

*Tsybaliuk '14, Prochazka '15*

$$\psi(z)|\Lambda\rangle = \psi_\Lambda(z)|\Lambda\rangle$$

$$\psi_\Lambda(z) \equiv \left(1 + \frac{\psi_0 \sigma_3}{z}\right) \prod_{\square \in (\Lambda)} \varphi(z - h(\square))$$

$$h(\square) = h_1 x(\square) + h_2 y(\square) + h_3 z(\square)$$

- ▶  $e(z)$  **adds** one box

$$e(z)|\Lambda\rangle = \sum_{\square \in \text{Add}(\Lambda)} \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_3} \text{Res}_{w=h(\square)} \psi_\Lambda(w)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{z - h(\square)} |\Lambda + \square\rangle$$

- ▶  $f(z)$  **removes** one box

$$f(z)|\Lambda\rangle = \sum_{\square \in \text{Rem}(\Lambda)} \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_3} \text{Res}_{w=h(\square)} \psi_\Lambda(w)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{z - h(\square)} |\Lambda - \square\rangle$$

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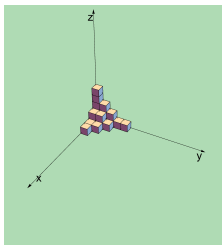
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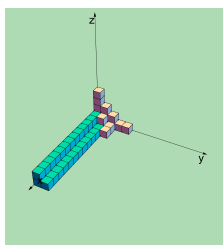
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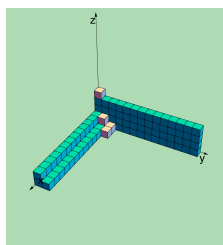
## Plane partition with non-trivial boundary condition



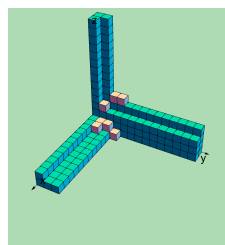
Trivial b.c.



$(\Lambda_x; 0)$



$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y)$



$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y; \Lambda_z)$

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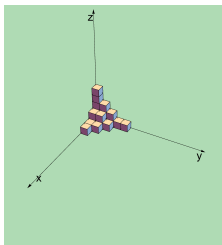
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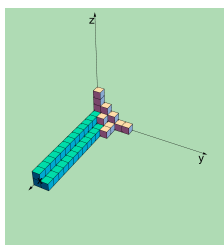
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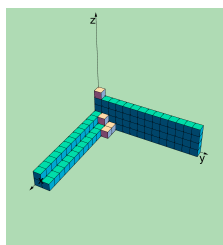
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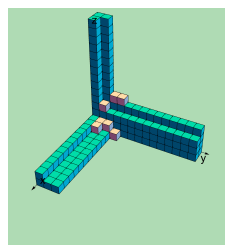
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$(\Lambda_x; 0)$



$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y)$

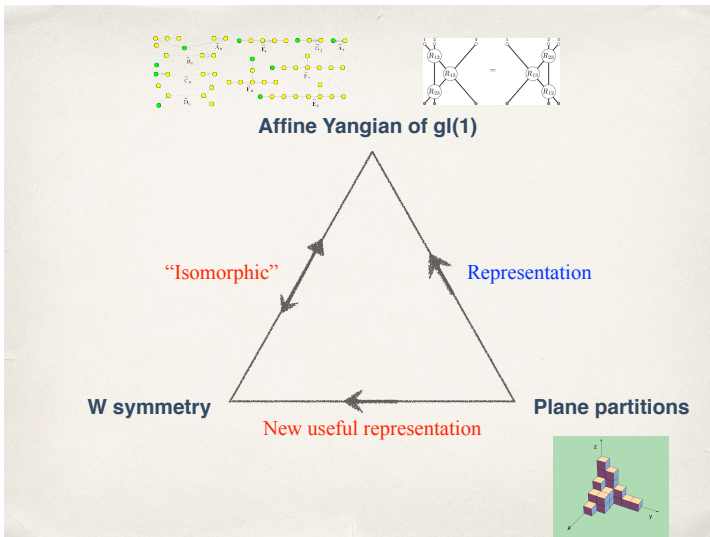


$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y; \Lambda_z)$

character of affine Yangian = generating function of plane partition



## PP as representations of affine yangian



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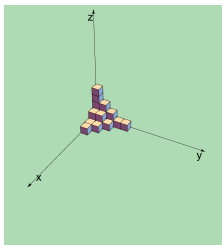
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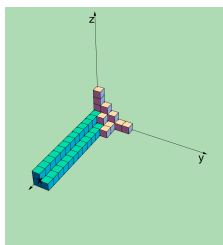
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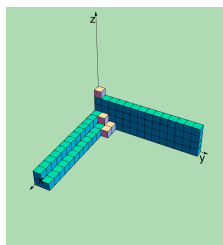
## Plane partition as representations of $W$



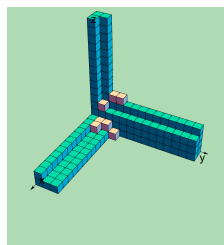
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$(\Lambda_x; 0) = (\Lambda; 0)$



$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y) = (\Lambda_+; \Lambda_-)$



$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y; \Lambda_z)$

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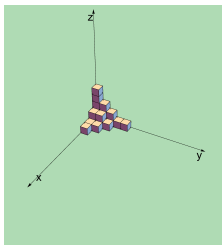
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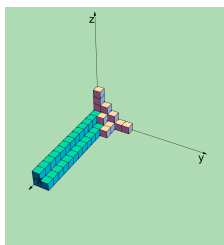
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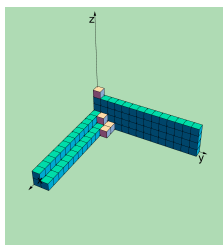
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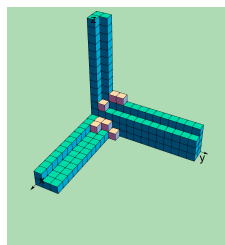
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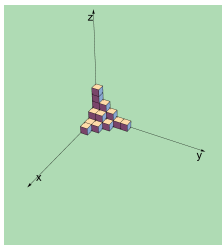
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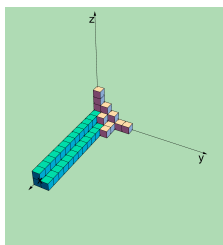
character of  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty} =$  generating function of plane partition



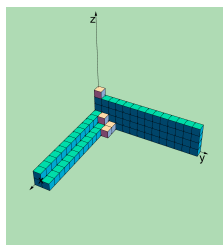
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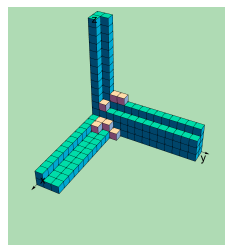
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$$(\Lambda_x; 0) = (\Lambda; 0)$$

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$$(\Lambda_x; \Lambda_y) = (\Lambda_+; \Lambda_-)$$

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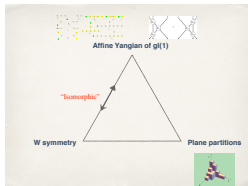
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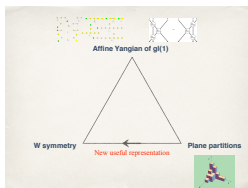
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## Application



- ▶ Make  $S_3$  symmetry in  $\mathcal{W}$  CFT manifest



- ▶ Character computation more transparent

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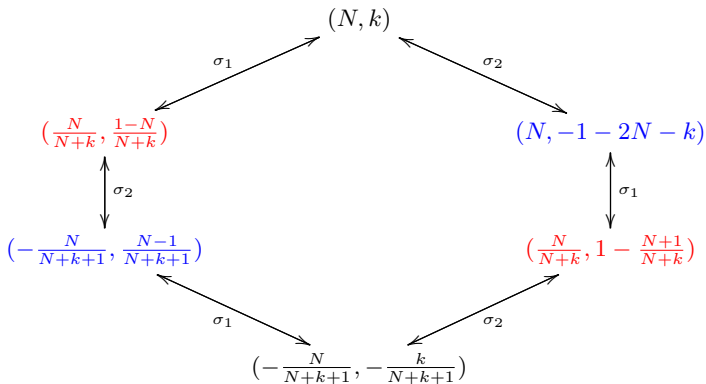
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## $\mathcal{S}_3$ action on $\mathcal{W}_{N,k}$ coset

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

$$\frac{\mathfrak{su}(N)_k \oplus \mathfrak{su}(N)_1}{\mathfrak{su}(N)_{k+1}}$$

had hidden  $\mathcal{S}_3$

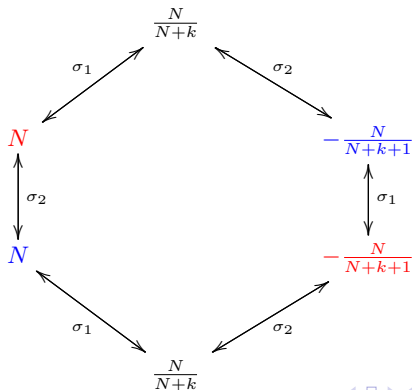


# $\mathcal{S}_3$ action on 't Hooft coupling

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

$$\frac{\mathfrak{su}(N)_k \oplus \mathfrak{su}(N)_1}{\mathfrak{su}(N)_{k+1}}$$

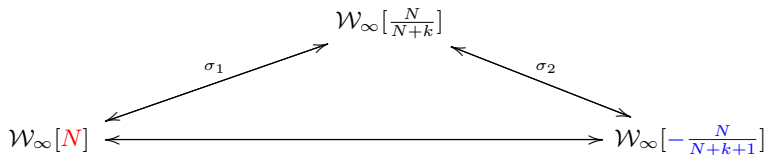
't Hooft coupling  $\lambda = \frac{N}{N+k}$  transform under  $\mathcal{S}_3$



# Triality symmetry for higher spin holography

For fixed  $c$ , three  $\mathcal{W}_\infty[\lambda]$  are isomorphic

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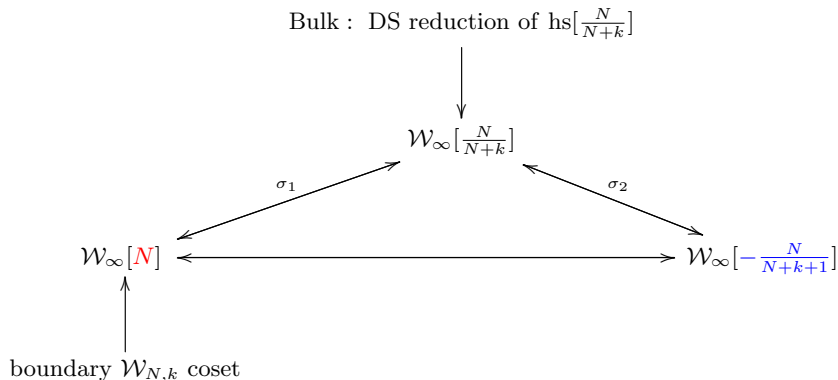




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Crucial in Higher spin AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFT<sub>2</sub> (Vasiliev theory in AdS<sub>3</sub> =  $\mathcal{W}_{N,k}$  coset)

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- ▶  $\mathcal{S}_3$  symmetry in  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$ CFT is highly non-trivial

- ▶ hard to check/prove

*Gaberdiel Gopakumar '12, Linshaw '17*

- ▶ UV — IR

- ▶ Manifest in  $\mathcal{Y}[\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_1]$

$\mathcal{Y}[\widehat{\mathfrak{gl}}_1]$  depends on  $(h_1, h_2, h_3)$  symmetrically

$$h_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{N+k+1}{N+k}} \quad h_2 = \sqrt{\frac{N+k}{N+k+1}} \quad h_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(N+k)(N+k+1)}}$$

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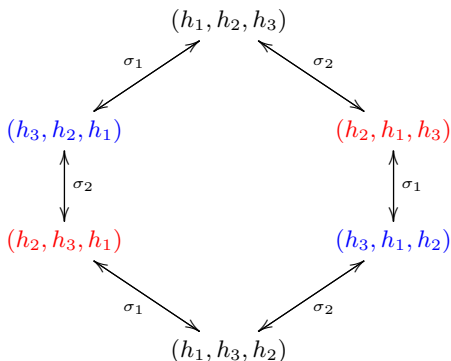
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Under  $S_3$  transformation on  $(N, k)$



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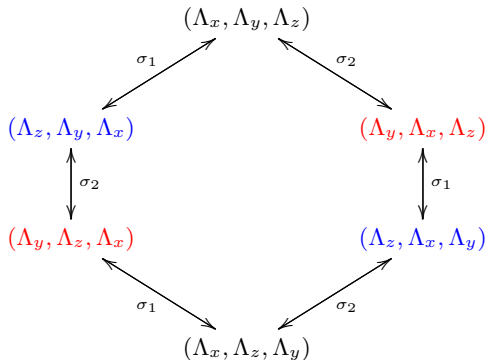
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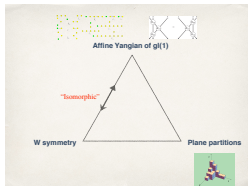
## $\mathcal{S}_3$ symmetry of plane partition

The representations of  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  comes in  $\mathcal{S}_3$  family

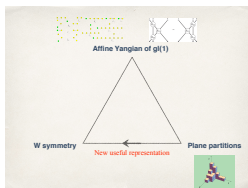




# Application



- ▶ Make  $S_3$  symmetry in  $\mathcal{W}$  CFT manifest



- ▶ Character computation more transparent

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1. Manifest  $\mathcal{S}_3$  symmetry
2. Good **representation** theory

- ▶ manifest  $\mathcal{S}_3$  symmetry
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- ▶ easier to **compute  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  characters** via counting boxes

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3. Connect to **integrable** structure?

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$\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty$

# Outline

Intro

W and affine Yangian

Plane Partition

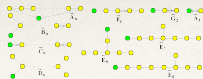
$\mathcal{N} = 2$  affine Yangian

Summary



$$\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty$$

## Bosonic W and affine Yangian



Affine Yangian of  $gl(1)$

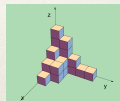
“Isomorphic”

Representation

W symmetry

Plane partitions

New useful representation



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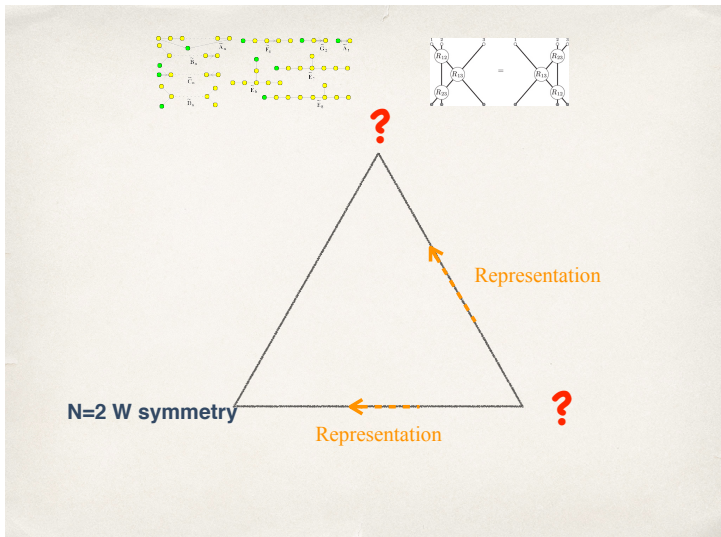
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$\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty$

## 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

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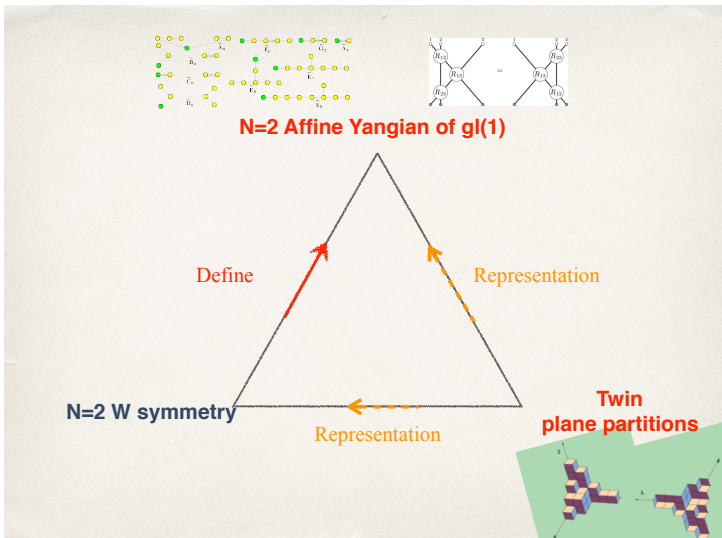
### Twin plane partition

2. Define  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  affine Yangian such that
  - ▶ twin plane partitions are **faithful** representations
  - ▶ reproduce  $\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty$  charges



$$\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty$$

$\mathcal{N} = 2$  version



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○○○○ $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $\mathcal{W}_\infty[\lambda]$  algebra

- ▶ One  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  multiplet per spin

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

- ▶ Conjecture:  $\mathcal{W}_\infty^{\mathcal{N}=2}[\lambda]$  has two bosonic  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  subalgebra

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$\downarrow$  Truncation

$$\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_3 \supset \text{Virasoro} \oplus \text{Virasoro} \quad \textit{Romans '92}$$

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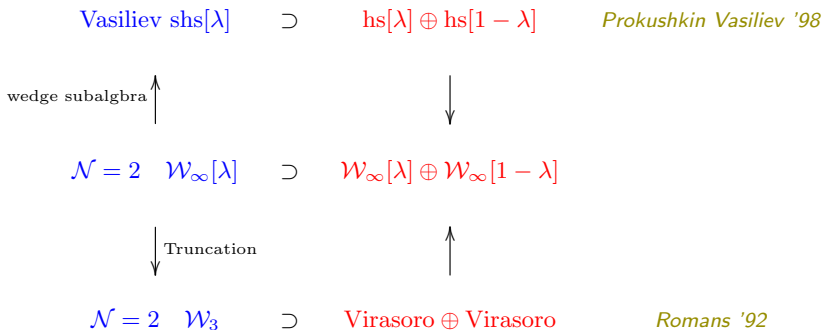
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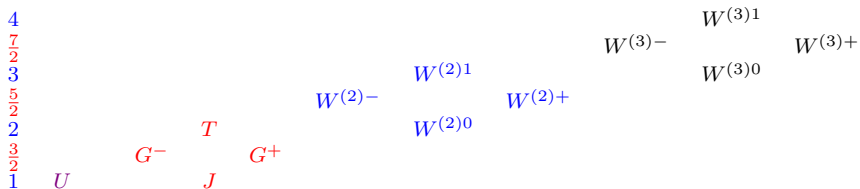
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## Decomposing $\mathcal{N} = 2 \mathcal{W}_\infty[\lambda]$ — fermionic part



- ▶ Bosonic sub-algebra

$$\mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathcal{W}_\infty^{\mathcal{N}=2}[\lambda] \supset \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda] \oplus \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[1-\lambda]$$

- ▶ How do fermions fit in?



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

- ▶ Vacuum character of  $\mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathcal{W}_{\infty}^{\mathcal{N}=2}[\lambda]$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_0^{\text{Full}}(q, y) &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + yq^{n+\frac{1}{2}})^n (1 + \frac{1}{y}q^{n+\frac{1}{2}})^n}{(1 - q^n)^{2n}} \\ &= \chi_{\text{PP}}(q) \left( \sum_{\mathbf{R}} y^{|\mathbf{R}|} \chi_{\mathbf{R}}^{(\text{wedge})[\lambda]}(q) \cdot \chi_{\bar{\mathbf{R}}^T}^{(\text{wedge})[1-\lambda]}(q) \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \sum_{\mathbf{S}} \frac{1}{y^{|\mathbf{S}|}} \chi_{\bar{\mathbf{S}}}^{(\text{wedge})[\lambda]}(q) \cdot \chi_{\mathbf{S}^T}^{(\text{wedge})[1-\lambda]}(q) \right) \chi_{\text{PP}}(q) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Fermions transform as  $(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}^T)$  and  $(\bar{\lambda}^T, \lambda)$  of  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda] \oplus \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[1-\lambda]$

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

- ▶ Vacuum character of  $\mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathcal{W}_{\infty}^{\mathcal{N}=2}[\lambda]$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_0^{\text{Full}}(q, y) &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + yq^{n+\frac{1}{2}})^n (1 + \frac{1}{y}q^{n+\frac{1}{2}})^n}{(1 - q^n)^{2n}} \\ &= \chi_{\text{PP}}(q) \left( \sum_{\mathbf{R}} y^{|\mathbf{R}|} \chi_{\mathbf{R}}^{(\text{wedge})[\lambda]}(q) \cdot \chi_{\bar{\mathbf{R}}^T}^{(\text{wedge})[1-\lambda]}(q) \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \sum_{\mathbf{S}} \frac{1}{y^{|\mathbf{S}|}} \chi_{\mathbf{S}}^{(\text{wedge})[\lambda]}(q) \cdot \chi_{\mathbf{S}^T}^{(\text{wedge})[1-\lambda]}(q) \right) \chi_{\text{PP}}(q) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Fermions transform as  $(\lambda, \bar{\lambda}^T)$  and  $(\bar{\lambda}^T, \lambda)$  of  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[\lambda] \oplus \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}[1-\lambda]$ 
  - ▶ only need to label left representation
  - ▶ How to describe  $\bar{\lambda}$  as plane partition?

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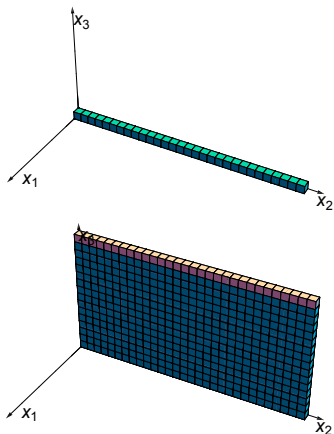
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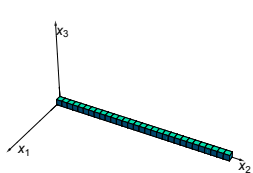
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Aside:  $\square$  v.s.  $\bar{\square}$

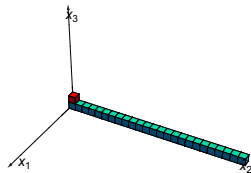
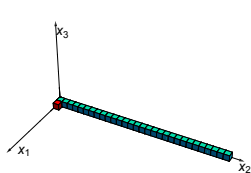




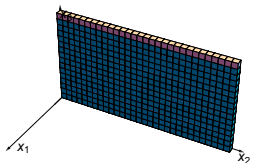
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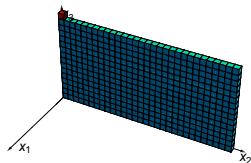
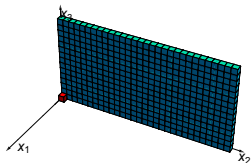
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level-1 descendents



ground state of  $\bar{\square}$



level-1 descendents

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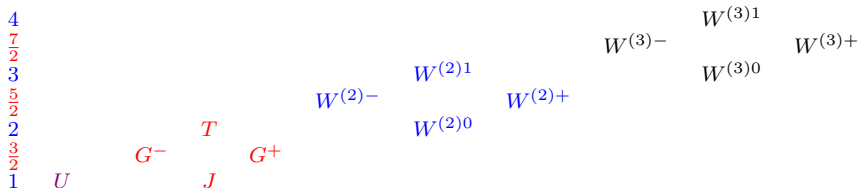
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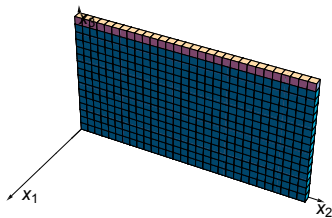
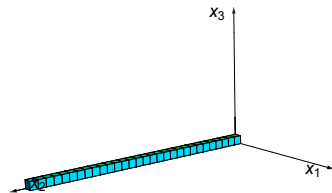
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Representation  $\bar{\square}$ seen from left  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$ seen from right  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$

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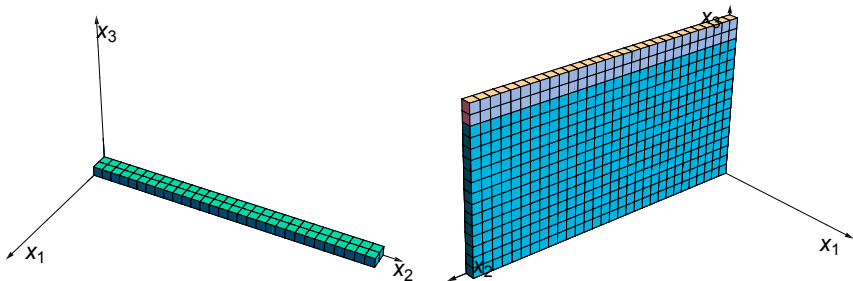
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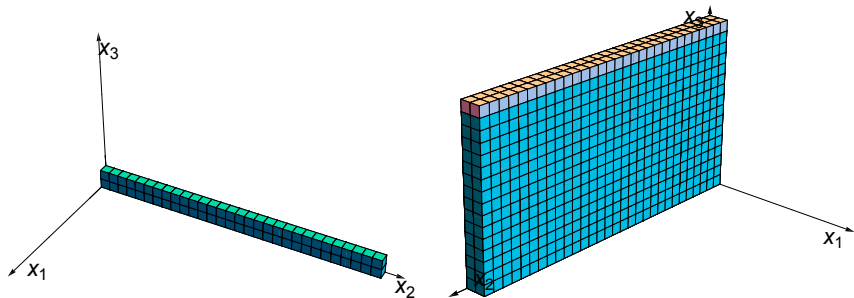
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## Representation $\square$



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## Building blocks

*Gabriel Li Peng Zhang '17*

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Building blocks of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Yangian

- ▶ Vacuum: a pair of plane partition (left and right)
- ▶  $\mathbf{x} \equiv (\square, \bar{\square})$ : a pair of plane partition with asymptotics  $(\square, \bar{\square})$
- ▶  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \equiv (\bar{\square}, \square)$ : a pair of plane partition with asymptotics  $(\bar{\square}, \square)$
- ▶ single boxes (created by  $e$  and  $\hat{e}$ ) for descendents

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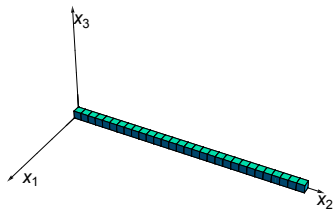
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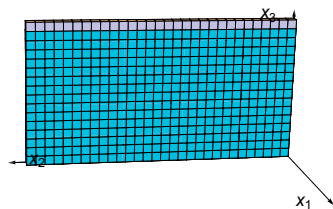
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## Fermionic building block-1: $x \equiv \square$



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$x$  seen from right  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$

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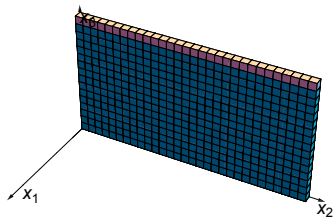
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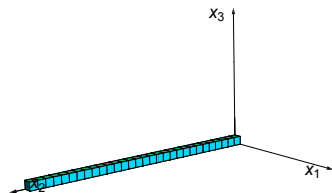
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## Fermionic building block-2: $\bar{x} \equiv \bar{\square}$



$\bar{x}$  seen from left  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$



$\bar{x}$  seen from right  $\mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}$

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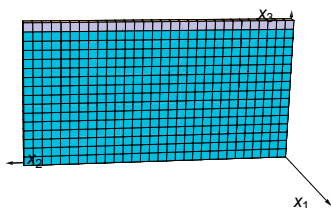
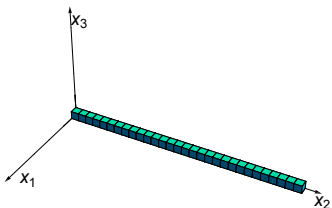
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## Fermionic building block-1: $x \equiv \square$



$$\psi(z) = \left(1 + \frac{\psi_0 \sigma_3}{z}\right) \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi_3(z - nh_2) = \left(1 + \frac{\psi_0 \sigma_3}{z}\right) \frac{z(z + h_2)}{(z - h_1)(z - h_3)}$$

$$\varphi_2(z) = \frac{z(z + h_2)}{(z - h_1)(z - h_3)}$$

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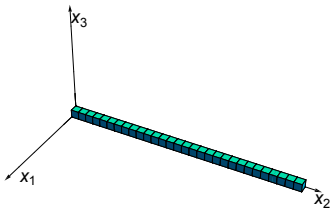
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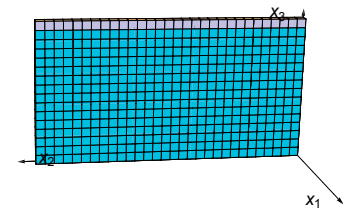
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## Fermionic building block-1: $x \equiv \square$



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



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

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

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## Building blocks of bosonic affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}_1$

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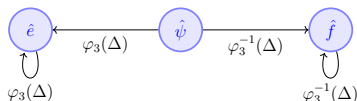
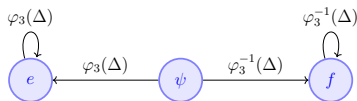
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## A pair of bosonic affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}_1$



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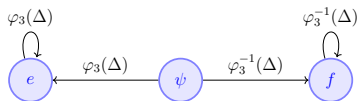
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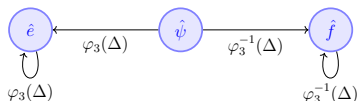
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## Fermionic creators



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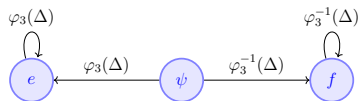
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## Building blocks of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}_1$

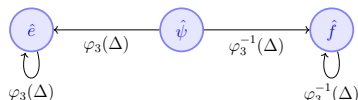


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## Constructing $\mathcal{N} = 2$ version

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

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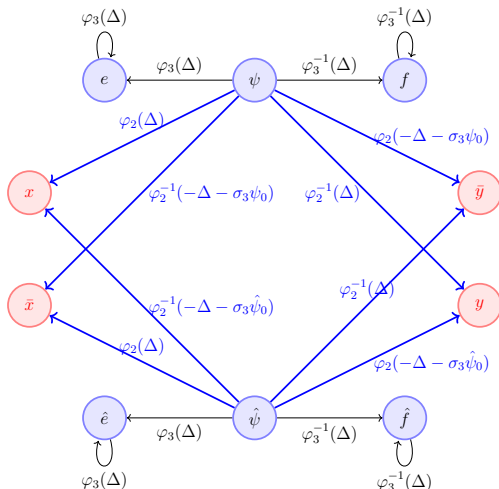
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## Building up $\mathcal{N} = 2$ affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}_1$



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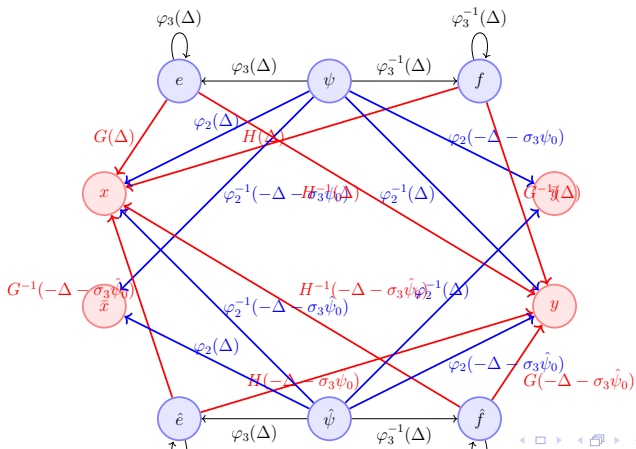
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# Building up $\mathcal{N} = 2$ affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}_1$

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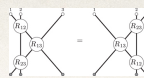
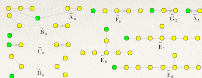
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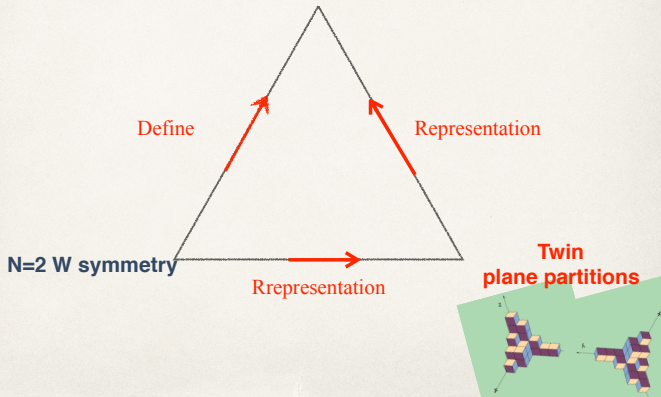
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## $\mathcal{N}=2$ Affine Yangian of $\mathfrak{gl}(1)$





# Lessons

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

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# Outline

Intro

W and affine Yangian


Plane Partition

 $\mathcal{N} = 2$  affine Yangian

Summary



## Part 1



**Affine Yangian of  $gl(1)$**

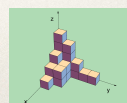
**W symmetry**

“Isomorphic”

**Representation**

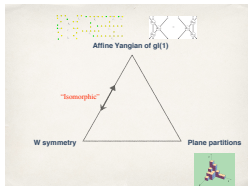
**New useful representation**

**Plane partitions**

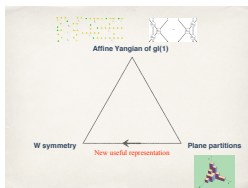




# Application



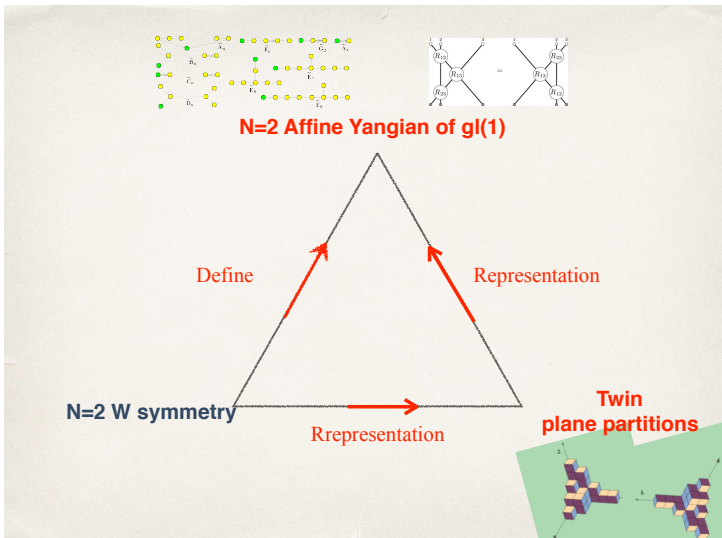
- ▶ Make  $S_3$  symmetry in  $\mathcal{W}$  CFT manifest



- ▶ Character computation more transparent



## Part 2



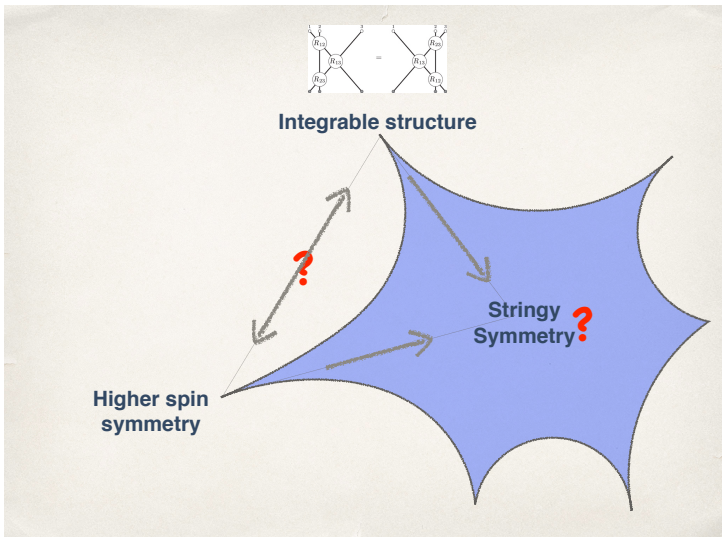
- ▶ affine Yangian is useful for  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  computation
- ▶ Can define new VOA/affine Yangian via gluing plane partitions

# Open problems

1. large  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $\mathcal{W}_\infty[\lambda]$
2. alternate ways of gluing



## Different manifestation of stringy symmetry





## More open problems

1. What is the relation between **higher spin symmetry** and **integrable structure** ?
2. What is **stringy symmetry**?
3. Application of stringy symmetry?

# Thank you very much !