# The Kondo problem: Bethe Ansatz Solution and underlying scaling physics



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# **Resistivity minimum**

Measurements of electric resistivity of a metal with dilute concentration of magnetic impurities:



De Haas & ven den Berg, 1936

# **The Kondo Effect – resistivity minimum**

- upturn of R(T) at low-T, as opposed to the pure metal behavior:



- Why is scattering stronger at low temperatures, weaker at high temperatures ?
- Source of extra scattering?... anomalous scattering due to *magnetic impurities*?
- local magnetic moment : the spin of unpaired electrons in atomic *d* or *f* shell.



e.g.

# The (s-d) Kondo Hamiltonian

- Electrons in the presence of dilute *magnetic* impurities
  - Conduction band of electrons (metal)

 $H_o = \sum_k \epsilon_k c_{ka}^* c_{ka}$ 

• Exchange interaction electron spin density  $\sigma_{el}(\vec{x}=0)$  with impurity spin *S*:

$$H_{1} = J \sigma_{el}(\vec{x} = 0) \cdot \vec{S} = J \sum_{ka} \sum_{k'a'} c_{ka}^{*} \vec{\sigma}_{aa'} c_{k'a'} \cdot \vec{S}$$
  
=  $J \sum_{k} \sum_{k'} [c_{k\uparrow}^{*} c_{k'\downarrow} S^{-} + c_{k\downarrow}^{*} c_{k'\uparrow} S^{+} + (c_{k\uparrow}^{*} c_{k'\uparrow} - c_{k\downarrow}^{*} c_{k'\downarrow}) S^{z}]$ 

- Antiferromagnetic coupling J > 0
- Flat band approximation: (low-E, universal results)



- linearize spectrum  $\epsilon_k = v_F k$ 

• band-width  $D, -D \le k \le D$ 



# The resistivity (Kondo '64)

- Scattering amplitude : electron with momentum *k* and spin  $\downarrow$  into state with momentum *k*', impurity remains with spin  $\uparrow$ :
  - first order  $J(k \downarrow, \Uparrow \rightarrow k' \downarrow, \Uparrow) = J$

- second order  $\sum_{k''} J(k \downarrow, \Uparrow \to k'' \uparrow, \Downarrow) J(k'' \uparrow, \Downarrow \to k' \downarrow, \Uparrow) \frac{1 - f_{k''}}{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k''}} + ..$ Flat band approx.  $= J^2 \rho \int_{\epsilon_F}^{D} \frac{1}{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k''}} d\epsilon_{k''} = J^2 \rho \log \left( \left| \frac{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_F}{\epsilon_k - D} \right| \right)$ 

• Scattering probability  $W_k = J^2 + 2J^3 \rho \log \left( \left| \frac{\epsilon_k - \epsilon_F}{\epsilon_k - D} \right| \right)$ 

# The resitivity (Kondo '64)

Finite temperature resistivity -

consider electron with energy within a window  $k_BT$  about the Fermi energy:

$$R(T) = R_0 \left[ 1 + 2J\rho \log \left( \left| \frac{D - \epsilon_F}{k_B T} \right| \right) \right]$$

- For J > 0 resistivity increases as T decreases
- Combine with phonon contribution to account for resistivity minimum
- Correction small at high temperatures but diverges as  $T \searrow 0$
- The n-order ~  $[J\rho \log(D/T)]^n$  diverges, resummation does not help.
- Perturbation theory breaks down at T such that  $J\rho \log(D/T) \sim 1$

- Kondo temperature:  $T_K = De^{-1/J\rho}$ 

• What to do for  $T \leq T_K$ ? The Kondo Problem

# Magnetic susceptibility

- We saw, considering resistivity, that the effect was weak at high temperatures, strong at low temperatures

- Similar behavior in impurity magnetic susceptibility:  $\chi^i = \chi_{total} - \chi_{metal}$ 



 $\chi^i \to \chi_{\rm free} = \frac{\mu^2}{T}$ 

 $\chi^i \rightarrow \text{finite}$ 

- At high temperatures free spin susceptibility
- At low temperatures spin is screened

# **The Kondo Effect**

- Resumming leading logs  $(J\rho)^n (\log(D/T))^{(n-1)}$  of perturbation theory

$$\chi^{i}(T) = \frac{\mu^{2}}{T} [1 - J + J^{2} \log \frac{T}{D} - J^{3} \log^{2} \frac{T}{D} + \cdots]$$

$$= \frac{\mu^{2}}{T} [1 - \frac{J}{1 + J \log \frac{T}{D}} + \cdots] \quad \text{only for } J > 0 \text{ does it diverges as } T \text{ is lowered}$$

$$= \frac{\mu^{2}}{T} [1 - \frac{1}{\log \frac{T}{T_{K}}} + \cdots] \quad \text{where:} \quad T_{K} = De^{-1/J}$$

- Resumming sub-leading logs  $(J\rho)^n (\log(D/T))^{(n-2)}$ 

$$\chi^{i}(T) = \frac{\mu^{2}}{T} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\log \frac{T}{T_{K}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\log(\log(T/T_{K}))}{\log^{2}(T/T_{K})} + \cdots \right]$$

- Perturbation theory breaks down at low temperatures (i.e. in the IR)
- Perturbation theory valid at high temperatures
- A new low energy scale appears:  $T_K = De^{-1/J}$
- . Strong coupling IR, weak coupling UV
- . How to handle such a theory? The Kondo Problem

# **The Kondo Problem**

#### Many approaches to the Kondo Problem:

- Resummation of the perturbation series (fails)
- Variational techniques (fail)
- Scaling theory Poor Man's Scaling (P. W. Anderson)
- Renormalization group (K. Wilson)
- Fermi Liquid theory of Strong Coupling (P. Nozieres)
- Boundary conformal field theory (I. Affleck, A. Ludwig)
- Bosonization (A. Luther, I. Peschel, G. Toulouse)
- Exact solution (N. Andrei, P. Wiegman)

- Why does perturbation theory fail in the IR?
- How to describe Kondo physics at low -T?

#### The Renormalization Group (Anderson, Wilson '67-'74)

Application to the Kondo Problem

- Microscopic Hamiltonian written on the scale D
  - describes physics over the full range of the band-width
- Construct effective *low*-E Hamiltonian
  - describes physics close to the Fermi surface (low *T* physics)
- Carry out construction step by step ,  $D \rightarrow D/b \rightarrow D/b^2 \cdots b > 1$ successively integrating out high energy modes, preserving low- *E*

**RG flow**: the successive Hamiltonians  $H, H', H'' \cdots$  describe same low-E physics, eliminate high energy modes.



Under RG transformation correlation length:  $\xi \rightarrow \xi/b$ 

- Coupling constants are running (depend on scale *D*)
- Is there a fixed point:  $H^* \to H^*$
- Fixed point is scale invariant (conformal invariant)  $\xi = \xi/b \longrightarrow |\xi = \infty, 0|$
- How to construct RG flow?
  - Eliminate (decimate, integrate) high energy modes
  - Rescale
  - Repeat



Reduction in band-width compensated by an increase in coupling constant

 $J(D - \Delta D) = J(D) + \frac{\Delta D}{D}\rho J^2 + \cdots \qquad \text{e.g.} \quad -\frac{\Delta D}{D} \frac{1}{2}\rho^2 J^3 \text{ (neglect!)}$ 

• Perturbation is IR unstable (J>0)



#### Where does the coupling flow to?

- Perturbation theory fails when  $g(D) \sim 1$
- Nonperturbative approaches:
  - Coulomb gas representation (Andreson, Yuval)
  - Numerical RG (Wilson)
  - Bethe Ansatz (Andrei, Wiegmann)
- Screening of impurity spin at low –T:  $\chi^i|_{T=0} = \frac{1}{T_K} \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{(C+1/4)}}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{1}{T_K} \frac{1}{0.102676}$ finite susceptibility  $\longleftrightarrow$  screened spin

Strongly coupled singlet





 $0.1032 \pm 0.0005$ 

Wilson RG

• The RG flow:



• What is the strong coupling fixed point Hamiltonian? (Wilson, Nozieres)

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# **Numerical Renormalization Group Approach**

- How to characterize the strong coupling fixed point Hamiltonian? (Nozieres)
  - Kondo Hamiltonian on the lattice:



- Strong coupling  $J \gg t$  ground state:  $|gs\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$ Local sinalet
- Electron hopping on site-0 breaks singlet, cost  $\Delta E = \frac{3}{4}J$
- Excluding electrons from site j = 0 corresponds to phase shift  $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  $\sin(k_F x) \to \sin(k_F x - \delta)$  with  $x = j\alpha$ , so  $\delta = k_F \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2\alpha} \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$

- Strong coupling fixed point Hamiltonian (plus leading marginal op) - local FL  $H^* = -t \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [c_a^{\dagger}(j+1)c_a(j) + h.c] + \frac{t^4}{J^3} n_{1\uparrow} n_{1\downarrow} + \dots$  Spin screened, induces interaction among electrons

# The Kondo Hamiltonian — field theory

#### **Rewrite the Hamiltonian as 1-dim field theory:**

- Field Theory if: All scales << Bandwidth D, universal results, independent of band structure
- 1-dim theory

$$\begin{array}{c|c} T_K & D \to \infty \\ \hline \\ universal regime & T \end{array}$$

Route 1: sum modes, linearize  

$$\psi_{\epsilon a} \equiv \int d^{3}k \, \delta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \epsilon) \, c_{\vec{k}a}$$

$$\{\psi_{\epsilon a}, \psi_{j\epsilon'b}^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{ab} \, \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon')\nu(\epsilon)$$

$$\psi_{a}(x) = \int_{-D}^{D} \frac{d\epsilon}{\sqrt{\nu}} \, e^{i\epsilon x} \, \psi_{\epsilon a}$$



 $v_F = 1, \ \rho = 1/\pi$ 

# The Kondo Hamiltonian (unfolded): $H = -i \int \psi_a^{\dagger}(x) \partial_x \psi_a(x) dx + J \psi_a^{\dagger}(o) \vec{\sigma}_{aa'} \psi_{a'}(o) \cdot \vec{S}$ $\downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \qquad \downarrow$

chiral fermions

#### Steps in the approach

- Construct eigenfunctions of N electrons on ring of length L interacting with the impurity
- Identify ground state, excitations  $E_{gs}, E_{spinon}, E_{holon}, E_{quartet}$
- Construct the thermodynamics  $Z = \sum_{E} e^{-\beta E} = e^{-\beta F(T)}$  Take thermodynamic limit  $L \to \infty, N \to \infty, D = N/L$  fixed
- Take the scaling limit, universality  $D \to \infty$ ,  $T_K$  fixed, then  $F(T; D, J) \to F(T/T_K)$
- Compute susceptibility, specific heat, phase shifts...
  - Fock space of N electrons spanned by

$$|F\rangle = \int F_{a_1...a_N;a_0}(x_1...x_N) \prod_j \psi_{a_j}^{\dagger}(x_j) |0_F;a_0\rangle$$

- Eigenstate equation  $H|F\rangle = E|F\rangle$  becomes: hF = EFwith

$$h = -i \sum_{j=1}^{N} \partial_{x_j} + J \sum_{j=1}^{N} \delta(x_j) \vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{S}$$
 Kondo Hamiltonian 1-Qu

# Main idea: construct consistently multi-particle wave functions fromsingle-particle wave functionsN

$$h = -i\sum_{j=1}^{N} \partial_{x_j} + J\sum_{j=1}^{N} \delta(x_j) \,\vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{\sigma}_0$$

• For N = 1, solve

$$[-i\partial_{x_j} + J\delta(x_j)(\vec{\sigma})^{a'_j}_{a_j} \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_o)^{a'_o}_{a_o}]F_{a'_ja'_o}(x_j) = EF_{a_ja_o}(x_j)$$

Solution:

$$F_{a_j a_o}(x_j) = e^{ikx_j} [A_{a_j a_o} \theta(-x_j) + B_{a_j a_o} \theta(x_j)] \qquad \underline{A_{aa_0} e^{ikx}} \qquad \underline{B_{aa_o} e^{ikx}}$$

where: 
$$(\text{using } \delta(x)\theta(\pm x) = \frac{1}{2})$$
  
 $E = k \text{ and } -i(A - B) + \frac{1}{2}J\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{\sigma_o}(A + B) = 0 \rightarrow B = \frac{i - \frac{1}{2}J\sigma\cdot\sigma_o}{i + \frac{1}{2}J\sigma\cdot\sigma_o}A$   
Thus

$$B_{a_j a_o} = S_{a_j a_o}^{a'a'_o} A_{a'_j a'_o} F_{a_j a_o}(x_j) = e^{ik_j x} [I_{a_j a_o}^{a'_j a'_o} \theta(-x_j) + S_{a_j a_o}^{a'_j a'_o} \theta(x_j)] A_{a'_j a'_o}$$

S-matrix 
$$S^{jo} \equiv S^{a'_{j}a'_{o}}_{a_{j}a_{o}} = \frac{I^{jo} - icP^{jo}}{1 - ic}$$
  
 $P^{jo} \equiv P^{a'_{j}a'_{o}}_{a_{j}a'_{o}} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \vec{\sigma}_{j} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{o}]^{a'_{j}a'_{o}}_{a_{j}a'_{o}} = \delta^{a'_{o}}_{a_{j}}\delta^{a'_{o}}_{a_{o}}$ 
 $I^{jo} \equiv I^{a'_{j}a'_{o}}_{a_{j}a'_{o}} = \delta^{a'_{j}}_{a_{j}}\delta^{a'_{o}}_{a_{o}}$ 

#### **The Yang-Baxter equation**

#### • Consider N = 2 particles

- Divide configuration space into 3! = 6 regions, Q = 1...6, according to ordering, example: (120) denotes  $(x_1 < x_2 < 0)$
- Inside each region Q the wave function is:  $e^{ik_1x_1+k_2x_2}A_{a_1a_2a_0}(Q)$
- Total wave function  $\mathcal{A} e^{ik_1x_1+k_2x_2} \sum_Q A_{a_1a_2a_0}(Q)\theta(x_Q)$
- Regions connected by S-matrices
- Is the construction consistent?



- Starting from region (120) we can reach region (021) via two paths

- Construction consistent only if:

 $S^{20}S^{10}S^{12} = S^{12}S^{10}S^{20}$ 

**Yang-Baxter equation** 

### **On the nature of a quantum impurity**

Do the S-matrices satisfy YBE?

- The electron-impurity S-matrix:  $S^{jo} = \frac{I^{jo} - icP^{jo}}{1 - ic}$  derived from Hamiltonian

- What is the electron-electron S-matrix  $S^{ij}$  ?
- First attempt electrons do not interact so  $S^{ij} = I^{ij}$ 
  - YBE  $S^{10}S^{20} = S^{20}S^{10}$  not satisfied
  - Why? Quantum Impurity changes its state when an electron crosses



- As opposed to a potential which does not change its state

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### The Bethe basis

• what  $S^{ij}$  satisfies YBE? Answer  $S^{ij} = P^{ij}$ 

• But have we introduced interactions among electrons?  $h = -i(\partial_{x_1} + \partial_{x_2})$ No! We made a choice of basis of eigenstates for the degenerate subspace corresponding to  $E = k_1 + k_2$ 

- The linear spectrum  $E = k_1 + k_2 = (k_1 + q) + (k_2 q)$  Infinitely degenarate
- Thus  $F = \mathcal{A}e^{i(k_1x_1+k_2x_2)}[A_{a_1a_2}\theta_{(x_1-x_2)}+(SA)_{a_1a_2}\theta_{(x_2-x_1)}]$  eigenfunction for any S

- For  $S^{ij} = P^{ij}$  we have charge-spin separation  $(e^{i(k_1x_1+k_2x_2)}-e^{i(k_1x_2+k_2x_1)})[A_{a_1a_2}\theta_{(x_1-x_2)}+A_{a_2a_1}\theta_{(x_2-x_1)}]$ 

- The choice  $S^{ij} = P^{ij}$  defines the **Bethe basis**, the correct basis to turn on interaction from a degenerate level ( $S^{ij} = I^{ij}$  is the Fock basis)



- To perturbe a degenerate level need choose a  $\frac{|\langle i|H_I|j\rangle|^2}{E_i - E_j}$ 



- The Bethe basis (unlike Fock basis) *separates* charge and spin since the Kondo interaction is in the spin channel only

- For N particles?
  - The YBE sufficient for all  $N = N^e + 1$
  - The consistent wave functions  $F = \mathcal{A}e^{\sum_{j}k_{j}x_{j}}\sum_{Q}A_{a_{1}..a_{N^{e}},a_{0}}(Q)\theta(x_{Q})$  defined in one reference region  $A_{a_{1}..a_{N^{e}},a_{0}}(Q)\theta(x_{Q})$  (rather than N! regions)

    - same set of  $\{k_i\}$  in all regions

#### Next steps

- Impose PBC,  $F_{a_1,\ldots,a_N}(x_1,\ldots,x_j=L/2,\ldots,x_N)=F_{a_1,\ldots,a_N}(x_1,\ldots,x_j=-L/2,\ldots,x_N)$
- Determine spectrum  $E = \sum_j k_j$  (Bethe Ansatz equations)
- Derive free energy and the Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz eqns (TBA)
  - The thermodynamic limit and the scaling limit,  $\frac{1}{T}F = f(T/T_K, H/T_K)$ universality



#### **Periodic boundary conditions**

#### • Impose PBC:

$$F_{a_1,\ldots,a_N}(x_1,\ldots,x_j=L/2,\ldots,x_N)=F_{a_1,\ldots,a_N}(x_1,\ldots,x_j=-L/2,\ldots,x_N)$$

This translates to the condition

$$(Z_j)_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N} A_{b_1...b_N}(Q) = e^{-ik_j L} A_{a_1...a_N}(Q)$$

with

$$(Z_j)_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N} = (S^{jj-1}...S^{j1}S^{jN}...S^{jj+1})_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N}$$

or in our case

$$(Z_j)_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N} = \left(P^{jj-1}...P^{j1}P^{jN}...e^{i\phi}\frac{I^{j0} - icP^{j0}}{1 - ic}...P^{jj+1}\right)_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N}$$

The eigenvalues of the  $Z_{\overline{j}}$  matrices yield the momenta  $k_j$  from which the spectrum can be determined:  $E = \sum k_j$ 

• How to diagonalize  $Z_j$ ?



1. **Define:** S-matrix depending on a continuous variable (spectral parameter)  $S(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha I - icP}{\alpha - ic} \equiv a(\alpha)I + b(\alpha)P$ 

assign  $\alpha = 1$  to an electron and  $\alpha = 0$  to the impurity ( $\alpha$  corresponds to the velocity) we have: el-imp  $S^{j0}(\alpha_j - \alpha_0) = S^{j0}(1) = \frac{1 - icP^{j0}}{1 - ic}$  and el-el  $S^{jl}(\alpha_j - \alpha_l) = S^{j0}(0) = P^{jl}$ 

- The S-matrices satisfy a continuous YBE,

 $S^{kj}(\alpha - \beta)S^{ki}(\alpha)S^{ji}(\beta) = S^{ji}(\beta)S^{ki}(\alpha)S^{kj}(\alpha - \beta)$ 

- Each electron and impurity has a spin space  $C^2$  associated with it. Define and auxiliary spin space A and S-matrices  $S^{jA}$ ,  $S^{0A}$
- 2. **Define:** Monodromy matrix

 $\mathcal{M}(\alpha) = S^{1A}(\alpha - \alpha_1)S^{2A}(\alpha - \alpha_2)....S^{NA}(\alpha - \alpha_N)$ 

Explicitely:

$$[\mathcal{M}(\alpha)]_{a_1\dots a_N, u}^{b_1\dots b_N, v} = \sum_{s_1\dots s_{N-1}} [S^{1A}(\alpha - \alpha_1)]_{a_1, u}^{b_1, s_1} [S^{2A}(\alpha - \alpha_2)]_{a_2, s_1}^{b_2, s_2} \dots [S^{NA}(\alpha - \alpha_N)]_{a_N, s_{N-1}}^{b_N, v}$$

$$(\mathcal{M})_{a_{1}...a_{N},u}^{b_{1}...b_{N},v} = \sum_{s_{1}...s_{N-1}} \frac{b_{1}}{u} \begin{vmatrix} s_{1} & s_{2} & s_{3} \\ s_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} \end{vmatrix} \dots \dots b_{N}$$

Represent monodromy matrix in the auxiliary space:

$$\left[\mathcal{M}(\alpha)\right]_{a_1\dots a_N}^{b_1\dots b_N} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} A_{a_1\dots a_N}^{b_1\dots b_N}(\alpha) & B_{a_1\dots a_N}^{b_1\dots b_N}(\alpha) \\ C_{a_1\dots a_N}^{b_1\dots b_N}(\alpha) & D_{a_1\dots a_N}^{b_1\dots b_N}(\alpha) \end{array}\right]$$

3. The monodromy matrices satisfy:

 $R(\alpha - \beta) \ (\mathcal{M}(\alpha) \otimes \mathcal{M}(\beta)) = (\mathcal{M}(\beta) \otimes \mathcal{M}(\alpha)) \ R(\alpha - \beta)$ 

with 
$$R = S(\alpha - \beta) P = \frac{(\alpha - \beta)P + icI}{(\alpha - \beta) + ic} \quad \text{explicitly:} \ R(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{ic}{\alpha + ic} & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + ic} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + ic} & \frac{ic}{\alpha + ic} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### proof



- follows from YBE

$$S^{23}S^{13}S^{12} = S^{12}S^{13}S^{23}$$



#### 4. The commutation relations:

We saw

 $R(\alpha - \beta) \ (\mathcal{M}(\alpha) \otimes \mathcal{M}(\beta)) = (\mathcal{M}(\beta) \otimes \mathcal{M}(\alpha)) \ R(\alpha - \beta)$ 

$$R(\alpha - \beta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{ic}{\alpha - \beta + ic} & \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha - \beta + ic} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta + ic} & \frac{ic}{\alpha - \beta + ic} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

with

$$[\mathcal{M}(\alpha)] = \begin{bmatrix} A(\alpha) & B(\alpha) \\ C(\alpha) & D(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Hence

 $A(\alpha)B(\beta) = u(\beta - \alpha)B(\beta)A(\alpha) + v(\beta - \alpha)B(\alpha)A(\beta)$  $D(\alpha)B(\beta) = u(\alpha - \beta)B(\beta)D(\alpha) + v(\alpha - \beta)B(\alpha)D(\beta)$  $A(\alpha)A(\beta) = A(\beta)A(\alpha)$  $B(\alpha)B(\beta) = B(\beta)B(\alpha)$  $v(\alpha) = -\frac{ic}{\alpha}$ 

$$v(\alpha) = -\frac{ic}{\alpha}$$
  $u(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha + ic}{\alpha}$ 

5. Define: Transfer matrix  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = \operatorname{Tr}_{A} \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ 

Explicitly:  $[\mathcal{T}(\alpha)]_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N} = \sum_u [\mathcal{M}(\alpha)]_{a_1...a_N,u}^{b_1...b_N,u} = [A(\alpha)]_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N} + [B(\alpha)]_{a_1...a_N}^{b_1...b_N}$ 

Claim:  $[\mathcal{T}(\alpha), \mathcal{T}(\beta)] = 0 \quad \forall \alpha, \beta$ 

Recall, we wish to diagonalize  $Z_j = S^{jj-1}...S^{j1}S^{jN}...S^{jj+1}$ Claim:  $Z_j = \mathcal{T}(\alpha_j) = A(\alpha_j) + D(\alpha_j)$ 

6. **Claim:**  $B(\beta)$  - creation operator w.r.t Hamiltonian  $A(\alpha) + D(\alpha)$ when acting on ferromagnetic vacuum  $|\omega\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^{N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{j}$ , up to *unwanted terms:* 

Write:

$$S^{jA}(\alpha) = (a + \frac{1}{2}b)(\alpha)\mathbf{1}_{j}\mathbf{1}_{A} + \frac{1}{2}b(\alpha)\sigma_{j}\cdot\sigma_{A} = \begin{pmatrix} (a + \frac{1}{2}b)(\alpha)\mathbf{1}_{j} + \frac{1}{2}b(\alpha)\sigma_{j}^{z} & b(\alpha)\sigma_{j}^{-} \\ b(\alpha)\sigma_{j}^{+} & (a + \frac{1}{2}b)(\alpha)\mathbf{1}_{j} - \frac{1}{2}b(\alpha)\sigma_{j}^{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $|\omega\rangle$  is eigenstate of  $A(\alpha)$  and of  $D(\alpha)$ :  $A(\alpha)|\omega\rangle = |\omega\rangle$ 

$$D(\alpha)|\omega\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\alpha - \alpha_j}{\alpha - \alpha_j + ic}|\omega\rangle$$

Consider now the state (with M flipped spin):

$$|F(\beta_{1}...\beta_{M})\rangle \equiv B(\beta_{1})...B(\beta_{M})|\omega\rangle = \sum_{j_{1}...j_{M}} F_{j_{1}...j_{M}}\sigma_{j_{1}}^{-}...\sigma_{j_{M}}^{-}|\omega\rangle$$

Applying the Hamiltonian  $A(\alpha) + D(\alpha)$  we find:

 $(A(\alpha) + D(\alpha))B(\beta_1)B(\beta_2)|\omega > =$ 

$$\begin{split} u(\beta_{1}-\alpha)u(\beta_{2}-\alpha)B(\beta_{1})B(\beta_{2})A(\alpha)|\omega > &+u(\alpha-\beta_{1})u(\alpha-\beta_{2})B(\beta_{1})B(\beta_{2})D(\alpha)|\omega > \\ &+[u(\beta_{1}-\alpha)v(\beta_{2}-\alpha)+v(\beta_{1}-\alpha)v(\beta_{2}-\beta_{1})]B(\alpha)B(\beta_{1})A(\beta_{2})|\omega > \\ &+[u(\alpha-\beta_{1})v(\alpha-\beta_{2})+v(\alpha-\beta_{1})v(\beta_{1}-\beta_{2})]B(\alpha)B(\beta_{1})D(\beta_{2})|\omega > \\ &+v(\beta_{1}-\alpha)u(\beta_{2}-\beta_{1})B(\alpha)B(\beta_{2})A(\beta_{1})|\omega > +v(\alpha-\beta_{1})u(\beta_{1}-\beta_{2})B(\alpha)B(\beta_{2})D(\beta_{1})|\omega > \\ &=\lambda(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2})B(\beta_{1})B(\beta_{2})|\omega > +\lambda_{1}(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2})B(\alpha)B(\beta_{2})|\omega > +\lambda_{2}(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2})B(\alpha)B(\beta_{1})|\omega > \end{split}$$

with  

$$\lambda(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2}) = u(\beta_{1}-\alpha)u(\beta_{2}-\alpha) + \prod_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\alpha-\alpha_{j}}{\alpha-\alpha_{j}+ic}u(\alpha-\beta_{1})u(\alpha-\beta_{2}) \quad \text{The eigenvalue}$$

$$\lambda_{1}(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2}) = v(\beta_{1}-\alpha)[u(\beta_{2}-\beta_{1})-u(\beta_{1}-\beta_{2})\prod_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\beta_{1}-\alpha_{j}}{\beta_{1}-\alpha_{j}+ic}] \quad \text{Unwanted terms}$$

$$\lambda_{2}(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2}) = v(\beta_{2}-\alpha)[u(\beta_{1}-\beta_{2})-u(\beta_{2}-\beta_{1})\prod_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\beta_{2}-\alpha_{j}}{\beta_{2}-\alpha_{j}+ic}] \quad \text{Unwanted terms}$$

$$\lambda_{\gamma}(\alpha,\beta_{1}\beta_{2}) = 0, \ \gamma = 1.$$

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7. Recall we want eigenvalues of  $Z_j = Z(\alpha = \alpha_j)$ We showed:

$$z_j = \lambda(\alpha_j, \beta_1 \dots \beta_M) = \prod_{\gamma=1}^M \frac{\beta_\gamma - \alpha_j + ic}{\beta_\gamma - \alpha_j}$$

provided that  $\beta_1, ..., \beta_M$  satisfy the Bethe Ansatz equations (BAE):

$$\prod_{\delta=1,\delta\neq\gamma}^{M} \frac{\beta_{\delta} - \beta_{\gamma} + ic}{\beta_{\delta} - \beta_{\gamma} - ic} = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\beta_{\gamma} - \alpha_{i}}{\beta_{\gamma} - \alpha_{i} + ic}$$

**8.** Setting  $\beta_{\gamma} = \Lambda_{\gamma} - ic/2$  and recalling  $z_j = e^{-ik_jL}$  we have:

$$e^{ik_j L} = \prod_{\gamma=1}^M \frac{\Lambda_\gamma - \alpha_j - ic/2}{\Lambda_\gamma - \alpha_j + ic/2}$$
$$\prod_{\delta=1,\delta\neq\gamma}^M \frac{\Lambda_\delta - \Lambda_\gamma + ic}{\Lambda_\delta - \Lambda_\gamma - ic} = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\Lambda_\gamma - \alpha_i - ic/2}{\Lambda_\gamma - \alpha_i + ic/2}$$

with  $\Lambda_{\gamma}, \ \gamma = 1,..,M$  solutions of the BAE

For Kondo:  $\alpha_j = 0, 1$ For Hubbard  $\alpha_j = \sin k_j$ For Yang  $\alpha_j = k_j$ 

# **The Solution**

#### A system of $N^e$ electrons interacting with the Kondo impurity -

- The momenta for state with M spins down,  $N^e + 1 - M$  spins up:

$$k_j = \frac{2\pi}{L} n_j + \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{M} [\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma} - 2) - \pi], \quad \text{with} \quad \Theta(x) = -2 \tan^{-1}(x/c)$$

- The energy:

$$E = \sum_{j=1}^{N^e} k_j = \sum_{j=1}^{N^e} \frac{2\pi}{L} n_j + D \sum_{\gamma=1}^{M} [\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma} - 2) - \pi],$$

- with the spin momenta  $\Lambda_{\gamma}$  satisfying:

$$-\prod_{\delta=1}^{M} \frac{\Lambda_{\delta} - \Lambda_{\gamma} + ic}{\Lambda_{\delta} - \Lambda_{\gamma} - ic} = \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\gamma} - 1 - ic/2}{\Lambda_{\gamma} - 1 + ic/2}\right)^{N^{e}} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\gamma} - ic/2}{\Lambda_{\gamma} + ic/2}\right)$$
or

$$N^{e}\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}-2) + \Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}) = -2\pi I_{\gamma} + \sum_{\delta=1}^{M} \Theta(\Lambda_{\gamma}-\Lambda_{\delta}), \qquad \gamma = 1....M$$

- The spin of the system is: 
$$S = S_z = \frac{1}{2}(N^e + 1) - M$$

# **Extracting the physics**

#### How to extract the physics from these equations (in five easy steps)?

- Identify ground state, excitations  $E_{gs}, E_{spinon}, E_{holon}, E_{quartet}$
- Construct the thermodynamics  $Z = \sum_{E} e^{-\beta E} = e^{-\beta F(T)}$
- Take thermodynamic limit  $L 
  ightarrow \infty, \ N 
  ightarrow \infty, \ D = N/L$  fixed
- Take the scaling limit, universality  $D o \infty, \ J o 0; \ T_K = D e^{-1/J}$  fixed,
  - the free energy takes the scaling form  $F = T f(T/T_K, h/T)$
- Compute susceptibility, specific heat, phase shifts..
  - Study high- and low- temperature behavior and the crossover between them



### **Eigenstates**

BAE for an eigenstate with M spins down and  $N^e + 1 - M$  spins up,

$$E = \sum_{j=1}^{N^{e}} \frac{2\pi}{L} \boxed{n_{j}} + D \sum_{\gamma=1}^{M} [\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma} - 2) - \pi], \quad \text{Note: linear spectrum requires a cut-off, } -N^{e} \le n_{j}]$$
$$N^{e} \Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma} - 2) + \Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}) = -2\pi \boxed{I_{\gamma}} + \sum_{\delta=1}^{M} \Theta(\Lambda_{\gamma} - \Lambda_{\delta}), \qquad \gamma = 1....M$$

Charge Fermi sea

- The integers  $\{n_j, I_\gamma\}$  are the quantum numbers of the eigenstates  $-(N^e - M)/2 \le I_\gamma \le (N^e - M)/2$  and  $-N^e \le n_j$  so  $D = N^e/L$  is the *cut-off* 

-There is charge spin separation:  $\{n_j\}$  determine charge-dynamics, charge Fermi sea

 $\{I_{\gamma}\}$  Determine spin-dynamics, spin Fermi sea

- Ground state configuration  $\{n_j^{gs}, I_{\gamma}^{gs}\}$  is a singlet  $M = (N^e + 1)/2$  with:

 $I_{\gamma+1} = I_{\gamma} + 1$  , occupy all slots  $-(N^e - M)/2 \le I_{\gamma} \le (N^e - M)/2$ 

e.g.  $N^e = 13$ 



#### **Ground state and excitations**

- Ground state configuration  $\{n_j^{gs}, I_{\gamma}^{gs}\}$ : with  $M = (N^e + 1)/2$  corresponds to a singlet

 $I_{\gamma+1} = I_{\gamma} + 1$ , occupy all slots  $-(N^e - M)/2 \le I_{\gamma} \le (N^e - M)/2$ 

e.g.  $N^e = 13$ 

$$I_j = -3, -2, -1, \quad 0, +1, +2, +3$$



### The ground state

In the thermodynamic limit - interested in the density of solutions:  $\sigma(\Lambda)$  $\sigma(\Lambda)d\Lambda$  number of solutions in  $d\Lambda$ , equivalently:  $\sigma(\Lambda_{\gamma}) = 1/(\Lambda_{\gamma+1} - \Lambda_{\gamma})$ - Turn BAE into integral equations for  $\sigma(\Lambda)$ :

Consider the ground state configuration -  $I_{\gamma+1} = I_{\gamma} + 1$ subtract the eqn for  $\Lambda_{\gamma}$  $N^{e}\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}-2) + \Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}) = -2\pi I_{\gamma} + \sum \Theta(\Lambda_{\gamma}-\Lambda_{\delta})$ from the eqn for  $\Lambda_{\gamma+1}$  $N^{e}\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma+1}-2) + \Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma+1}) = -2\pi I_{\gamma+1} + \sum \Theta(\Lambda_{\gamma+1}-\Lambda_{\delta})$ and expand in  $\Lambda_{\gamma+1} - \Lambda_{\gamma} \sim 1/N^e$  $\rightarrow \int \sigma_{gs}(\Lambda) = f(\Lambda) - \int K(\Lambda - \Lambda')\sigma_{gs}(\Lambda')d\Lambda'$ 

with  $K(\Lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{c}{c^2 + \Lambda^2}$  and  $f(\Lambda) = \frac{2c}{\pi} \left[ \frac{N^e}{c^2 + 4(\Lambda - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 4\Lambda^2} \right]$ 

- Similarly, for each state  $\{I_\gamma\}$  determine the corresponding density  $\ \sigma_{\{I_\gamma\}}(\Lambda)$ 

### **String solutions**

#### Solutions of the BAE take the form of *n*-strings:

$$\Lambda_j^{(n)} = \Lambda^{(n)} + i\frac{c}{2}(n+1-2j), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$



The contribution of a *n*-string to energy  $D\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[\Theta(2\Lambda_{j}^{(n)}-2)-\pi\right] = D\left[\Theta_{n}(\Lambda^{(n)}-1)-\pi\right]$ with  $\Theta_{n}(x) = \Theta\left(2x/n\right)$ recall:  $E = \sum_{j=1}^{N^{e}} \frac{2\pi}{L}n_{j} + D\sum_{\gamma=1}^{M} [\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}-2)-\pi],$ 

- They are determined by quantum numbers  $I_{\gamma}^{(n)}$  which induce densities of solutions  $\sigma_n(\Lambda)$  and of densities of holes  $\sigma_n^h(\Lambda)$ 

- The densities satisfy the BAE:

 $f_n(\Lambda) = \sigma_n^h(\Lambda) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_{nm}\sigma_m(\Lambda)$ 

where:

$$f_n(\Lambda) = N^e K_n(\Lambda - 1) + K_n(\Lambda) \quad \text{with} \quad K_n(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{n\frac{c}{2}}{(n\frac{c}{2})^2 + x^2}$$
$$A_{nm} = [|n - m|] + 2 [|n - m| + 2] + \dots + 2 [n + m - 2] + [n + m]$$
$$[n]f(\Lambda) = \int K_n(\Lambda - \Lambda')f(\Lambda')d\Lambda'.$$

#### The thermodynamics

The thermodynamics of the Kondo model

- The energy  $E = E^{(c)}(\{n_j\}) + E^{(s)}(\{I_{\gamma}^{(n)}\})$ 

contribution of *n*-string to energy  $D\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[\Theta(2\Lambda_{j}^{(n)}-2)-\pi\right] = D\left[\Theta_{n}(\Lambda^{(n)}-1)-\pi\right]$ with  $\Theta_{n}(x) = \Theta\left(2x/n\right)$ 

Charge energy  $E^{(c)}(\{n\}) = \frac{2\pi}{L} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \ \gamma=1}}^{N^e} n_j$ Spin energy  $E^{(s)}(\{I_{\gamma}^n\}) = D \sum_{\gamma=1}^{M} \left[\Theta(2\Lambda_{\gamma}-2) - \pi\right] = D \sum_n \int d\Lambda \sigma_n(\Lambda) \left[\Theta_n(\Lambda-1) - \pi\right]$ 

- The partition function  $Z = \sum_{E} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{T}(E - 2\mu h S_z)\right] = Z^{(c)}Z^{(s)}$ 

The charge partition function describes the thermodynamics of  $N^e$  non-interacting spinless fermions with linear kinetic energy

$$Z^{(c)} = \sum_{\{n_j\}, n_j \ge -N^e} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{T} \sum_{j=1}^{N^e} \frac{2\pi}{L} n_j\right] = e^{-F^{(c)}/T}$$

and taking the cut-off to infinity  $D = \frac{N^e}{L} \to \infty$  we have

$$F^{(c)} = -\frac{LT}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \ln\left(1 + e^{-\frac{k}{T}}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{12}LT^2 + \{\text{infinite constant}\}$$

#### Thermodynamics, Yang-Yang entropy

The spin partition function - Sum over all solutions of BAE induced by configurations  $\{I_{\gamma}^{(n)}\}$ 

$$Z^{(s)} = \sum_{\{I_{\gamma}^{(n)}\}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{T} \left[E^{(s)}(I_{\gamma}^{(n)}) + 2M\mu h\right]\right] = \sum_{M} \sum_{\{\Lambda_{1},\dots,\Lambda_{M}\}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{T} \left[E^{(s)}(\{\Lambda\}) + 2M\mu h\right]\right]$$

Rewrite in terms of string densities:

 $E^{(s)}(\{\Lambda\}) + 2\mu hM = \sum_{n} \int d\Lambda \sigma_n(\Lambda) g_n(\Lambda) \quad \text{with} \quad g_n(\Lambda) = D\big[\Theta_n(\Lambda - 1) - \pi\big] + 2\mu hn$ 

$$Z^{(s)} = \int \prod D\sigma_n D\sigma_n^h \exp \mathcal{S}(\{\sigma_n, \sigma_n^h\}) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{T} \sum_n \int d\Lambda \sigma_n(\Lambda) g_n(\Lambda)\right]|_{\sigma's \text{ -solutions of BAE}}$$

The replacement of summation over microstates  $\{I_{\gamma}^{(n)}\}$  by summation over densities  $\{\sigma_n, \sigma_n^h\}$  requires the introduction of the Yang-Yang entropy  $\mathcal{S}(\{\sigma_n, \sigma_n^h\})$  which counts the number of microstates which yield the same densities.

Claim:

$$\mathcal{S}(\{\sigma_n, \sigma_n^h\}) = \sum_n \int d\Lambda[(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h) \ln(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h) - \sigma_n^h \ln \sigma_n^h - \sigma_n \ln \sigma_n].$$

#### The free energy

- The number of slots for *n*-strings in the interval  $d\Lambda$  is,  $(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h)d\Lambda$  of which  $\sigma_n d\Lambda$  are occupied, while  $\sigma_n^h d\Lambda$  are empty; thus the number of ways of distributing the *n*-strings among the slots is:

 $\frac{[(\sigma_n(\Lambda) + \sigma_n^h(\Lambda))d\Lambda]!}{[\sigma_n(\Lambda)d\Lambda]![\sigma_n^h(\Lambda)d\Lambda]!}$ 

Using Stirling's formula, we can simplify this to give

$$d\mathcal{S}_n = \ln \frac{\left[(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h)d\Lambda\right]!}{\left[\sigma_n d\Lambda\right]! \left[\sigma_n^h d\Lambda\right]!} = \left[(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h)\ln(\sigma_n + \sigma_n^h) - \sigma_n\ln\sigma_n - \sigma_n^h\ln\sigma_n^h\right]d\Lambda$$

- In thermodynamic limit,  $N^e \to \infty$ , we may evaluate  $Z^{(s)}$  by the method of stationary phase approximation, varying the functional,

$$F^{(s)}\{\sigma_n, \sigma_n^h\} = E^{(s)} + 2\mu hM - TS = \sum_n \int d\Lambda \left[\sigma_n g_n - T\sigma_n \ln\left[1 + \frac{\sigma_n^h}{\sigma_n}\right] - T\sigma_n^h \ln\left[1 + \frac{\sigma_n^h}{\sigma_n^h}\right]\right]$$

subject to the constraint (the BAE)

$$\delta\sigma_n^h = -\sum_m A_{nm}\delta\sigma_m$$

we obtain the TBA (thermodynamic BA) eqns:

### **TBA eqns**

#### The TBA eqns:

$$\ln \eta_1 = -\frac{2D}{T} \tan^{-1} e^{(\pi/c)(\Lambda - 1)} + G \ln(1 + \eta_2)$$
$$\ln \eta_n = G[\ln(1 + \eta_{n+1}) + \ln(1 + \eta_{n-1})]$$

denote

$$\eta_n(\Lambda) = \frac{\sigma_n^h(\Lambda)}{\sigma_n(\Lambda)}$$

where 
$$Gf(\Lambda) = \frac{1}{2c} \int d\Lambda' \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{\pi}{c}(\Lambda - \Lambda')} f(\Lambda')$$

and 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ([n+1]\ln(1+\eta_n) - [n]\ln(1+\eta_{n+1})) = -\frac{2\mu h}{T}$$

Once the  $\{\eta_n(\Lambda)\}$  are determined, the spin free energy is:

$$F^{(s)} = -T \int d\Lambda \frac{1}{2c} \left[ \frac{N^e}{\cosh \frac{\pi}{c} (\Lambda - 1)} + \frac{1}{\cosh \frac{\pi}{c} \Lambda} \right] \ln \left( 1 + \eta_1(\Lambda) \right)$$
  
Free energy the spin sector of free gas of electrons Impurity free energy  $F^{(implic}$ 

#### Scaling of the thermodynamics

- Scaling properties of the TBA eqns (in the universal regime):

$$\ln \eta_1 = -\frac{2D}{T} \tan^{-1} e^{(\pi/c)(\Lambda - 1)} + G \ln(1 + \eta_2)$$
$$\ln \eta_n = G[\ln(1 + \eta_{n+1}) + \ln(1 + \eta_{n-1})]$$



In this regime  $\eta_1 \sim \exp[-(2D/T)\tan^{-1}z]$  has contribution only for  $z = \exp[(\pi/c)(\Lambda - 1)] \ll 1$ 

Thus: 
$$\frac{2D}{T} \tan^{-1} e^{(\pi/c)(\Lambda-1)} \rightarrow \frac{2D}{T} e^{(\pi/c)(\Lambda-1)} \rightarrow \frac{2T_K}{T} e^{(\pi/c)\Lambda} \rightarrow 2e^{\zeta}$$
  
with  $T_K = De^{-\pi/c}$  and  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{c}\Lambda + \ln \frac{T_K}{T}$ 

- Scaling form of the TBA eqns and the impurity free energy  $(G(\zeta - \zeta') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\cosh(\zeta - \zeta')})$ 

$$\ln \eta_n = -2\delta_{n,1}e^{\zeta} + G[\ln(1+\eta_{n+1}) + \ln(1+\eta_{n-1})]$$
$$F^{(imp)} = -\frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T}\right)} \ln[1+\eta_1(\zeta,\frac{h}{T})]$$

 $T_K$  is only scale in the problem, thus in the scaling regime  $|F^s = Tf(T/T_K, h/T)|$ 

#### **Some properties**

Some properties of the solutions of the TBA eqns

- 1.  $\eta_n(\zeta, h/T)$  is monotonically decreasing in  $\zeta$  (fixed *n*).
- 2.  $\eta_n(\zeta, h/T)$  is monotonically increasing in *n* (fixed  $\zeta$ ).
- 3.  $\eta_n(\zeta, h/T)$  has finite asymptotic limits:

$$\eta_n \rightarrow \begin{cases} \eta_n^- = \frac{\sinh^2(n+1)\frac{\mu h}{T}}{\sinh^2\frac{\mu h}{T}} - 1, & \text{as } \zeta \to -\infty \\ \eta_n^+ = \frac{\sinh^2 n\frac{\mu h}{T}}{\sinh^2\frac{\mu h}{T}} - 1, & \text{as } \zeta \to +\infty \end{cases}$$



#### High – T regime

- Impurity behavior at high T:  $T \gg T_K$ 

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 $F^{(imp)} = -\frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T}\right)} \ln\left[1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right] : \text{ high temperature corresponds to } \zeta \to -\infty$ 

$$F^{(imp)} \to -\frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T}\right)} \ln[1 + \eta_1^-] = -T \ln(2\cosh\frac{\mu h}{T})$$

The free energy of an isolated spin in a magnetic field *h* 

How rapidly is this point approached? Include corrections  $1/\zeta, 1/\ln\zeta$ 

$$F^{imp} \to -T \left[ \ln(2\cosh\frac{\mu h}{T}) - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\mu h}{T} \tanh\frac{\mu h}{T} \left( \frac{1}{\ln T/T_K} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\ln\ln(T/T_k)}{\ln^2 T/T_K} \right) \right] + \cdots$$

 $\begin{aligned} \text{leading to susceptibility (obtainable perturbatively)} & \text{We'll see: universal number} \\ \chi^{imp} &= -\frac{\partial^2 F^{imp}}{\partial h^2} \Big|_{h=0} = \frac{\mu^2}{T} \bigg[ 1 - \bigg( \frac{1}{\ln T/T_K} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ln \ln(T/T_K)}{\ln^2 T/T_K} \bigg) + \frac{a}{\ln^2(T/T_K)} + O\bigg( \frac{\ln^2 \ln T/T_k}{\ln^3 T/T_k} \bigg) \bigg] \end{aligned}$ 

In RG language: Weak Coupling fixed point behavior

**Scale** defined up to a constant - set  $T^{wc} = e^a T_K$ , then no  $O(1/\ln^2)$  in  $\chi^{(imp)}$ 

#### Low – T regime

- Impurity behavior at low T:  $T \ll T_K$ 

 $F^{(imp)} = -\frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T}\right)} \ln\left[1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right] \quad \text{: low temperature corresponds to } \zeta \to +\infty$ 

Cannot use same strategy as before  $-\eta_1^+ = 0$ . Need study neighborhood of point.

Expand the kernel in the integral  $1/\cosh(\zeta + \ln t) = 2t \exp \zeta (1 - t^2 \exp 2\zeta + t^4 \exp 4\zeta + \cdots)$ ,  $t = \frac{T}{T_K}$ How to evaluate:  $-\frac{T^2}{\pi T_K} \int d\zeta e^{\zeta} \ln \left(1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right)$ ?

Recall, the total free energy

$$F = -\frac{\pi L T^2}{12} - \frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \left\{ \frac{N^e}{\cosh\left[\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T} - \frac{\pi}{c}\right]} + \frac{1}{\cosh\left[\zeta - \ln\frac{T_K}{T}\right]} \right\} \ln\left[1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right],$$

with the free energy of the electrons at temperature T and magnetic field h

$$F^{el} = -\frac{\pi LT^2}{12} - \frac{T}{2\pi} \int d\zeta \left\{ \frac{N^e}{\cosh\left[\zeta - \ln\frac{D}{T}\right]} \right\} \ln\left[1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right] \text{ in the Bethe basis}$$

$$\text{So } F^{imp} = -Tf\left(\frac{T}{T_0}, \frac{h}{T}\right) \qquad F^{el} = -\frac{\pi LT^2}{12} - TN^e f\left(\frac{T}{D}, \frac{h}{T}\right) \Big|_{D \to \infty} \qquad \text{FL fixed point}$$

### Low – T regime

We can also evaluate electron free energy in the Fock basis

 $\frac{F^e}{L} = -\frac{T}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{-(\pi D - \mu h)}^{\infty} dk \ln(1 + e^{-k/T}) + \int_{-(\pi D - \mu h)}^{\infty} dk \ln(1 + e^{-k/T}) \right]$  $= -\frac{\pi T^2}{6} - \frac{(\mu h)^2}{2\pi}$ 

comparing with the Bethe basis

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$$\frac{F^e}{L} = -\frac{\pi T^2}{12} - \frac{T^2}{\pi} \int d\zeta e^{\zeta} \ln\left(1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right) + O\left(\frac{T^4}{D^2}\right) \quad \text{we have} \quad \int d\zeta e^{\zeta} \ln\left(1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{(\mu h)^2}{2T^2}$$

So finally, the impurity free energy at low temperatures

$$\begin{split} F^{imp} &= -\frac{T^2}{\pi T_0} \int d\zeta e^{\zeta} \ln\left(1 + \eta_1(\zeta, \frac{h}{T})\right) = -\frac{1}{\pi T_K} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{12}T^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\mu h)^2\right] & \text{Interpretation: strong coupling-FL fixed point} \\ \text{Hence:} \quad C_v^{imp} &= \frac{\pi}{6T_K}T \qquad \chi^{imp} = \frac{\mu^2}{\pi T_K} & \text{while} \quad C_v^{el} = \frac{\pi T}{3} \qquad \chi^{el} = \frac{\mu^2}{\pi} \\ \text{FL specific heat screened impurity} \\ \text{ilson's Ratio} \qquad R &= \frac{\chi^{imp}/\chi^{el}}{C_v^{imp}/C_v^{el}} = 2 & \text{characterizes the strong coupling fixed point} \\ \text{Strong coupling scale } T^{sc} = T_K \end{split}$$

The cross-over behavior:

- The magnetization as function of the magnetic field h (at temperature T=0):



# Wilson's number

- The cross over in the temperature



Susceptibility obtained by solving TBA eqns numerically

Wish to calculate Wilson's temperature cross-over number:  $W = \frac{T^{wc}}{T^{sc}}$ 

It was calculated by Wilson and requires full machinery of NRG to carry out cross-over

Difficult to obtain directly, requires solution of all  $\eta_n$ 

Proceed indirectly:  $W = \frac{T^{wc}}{T^{sc}} = \frac{T^{wc}}{T^h} \frac{T^h}{T^{sc}}$ 

 $\frac{T_h}{T^{sc}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{e}} \quad \text{connecting non-perturbatively weak to strong coupling regime}$   $\frac{T^{wc}}{T_h} = \frac{e^{C+3/4}}{\pi} \quad \text{computed exactly - both scales in WC regimes} \quad \begin{array}{c} h & T_h \\ \hline & T_h \\ \hline & SC \\ T^{sc} \\ \hline & T^{sc} \\ \end{array}$ We find:  $\frac{1}{4\pi}W = \frac{1}{4\pi}\frac{e^{(C+1/4)}}{\sqrt{\pi}} = 0.102676... \quad \text{Wilson: } \frac{1}{4\pi}W = 0.1032 \pm 0.0005 \end{array}$ 

# **Thermodynamic plots**



High temperature or large magnetic field drives system to weak coupling (asymptotic freedom)

# **The Kondo Problem -summary**



- Below T<sub>k</sub> impurity spin is progressively screened
- Universal scaling with T/T<sub>K</sub>
- Conduction electrons acquire a #2 phase shift at the Fermi level
- All initial AFM couplings flow to a single strong-coupling fixed point.

• The multichannel Kondo model (Nozieres and Blandin '80)

$$H = -i \int \psi_{am}^{\dagger}(x) \partial_x \psi_{am}(x) dx + J \psi_{am}^{\dagger}(o) \vec{\sigma}_{aa'} \psi_{a'm}(o) \cdot \vec{S}$$

- added a channel (flavor) index  $m = 1 \cdots f$ , (f = 1 is the canonical case)
- $\vec{S}$  in any spin-S representation of SU(2)

#### What is the effect of flavor?

- weak coupling perturbation theory is unchanged, weak coupling unstable

$$J = 0$$
  $J = \infty$ 

- does it flow to strong coupling?

- Stability of the strong coupling fixed point
  - Kondo Hamiltonian on the lattice:



- Strong coupling  $J \gg t$  ground state:



 turn on the hopping perturbation - the effective spin interacts with the electrons

• the effective spin interacts with up-spins only and lowers the energy (pert. from gs)

 $\vec{S'}$ 



• overscreened: both strong and weak coupling fixed points unstable



- The fixed point is non-FL
  - quasi-particles not fermion-like
  - Solitons in eff. potential

- Solitonic combination rules (origin of irrational entropy)



• properties fixed point: Boundary CFT (Affleck, Ludwig '92)



- in the neighborhood of a fixed point the theory becomes very simple
- fixed point characterized by a conformal boundary condition
- weak coupling fixed point  $H_0 = -i \int \psi_{am}^{\dagger}(x) \partial_x \psi_{am}(x) dx$  can be expressed as a combination of spin, charge and flavor degrees of freedom  $H_0 = \int [j_c j_c + J_s J_s + J_f J_f]$

$j^{c}(x) = \psi^{\dagger}_{am}(x)\psi_{am}(x)$	$J_s^i(x) = \psi_{am}^{\dagger}(x)(\sigma^i)_{aa'}\psi_{a'm}(x)$	$J_f^l(x) = \psi_{am}^{\dagger}(x)(\lambda^l)_{mm'}\psi_{am'}(x)$
charge density	spin density	flavor density

- at intermediate fixed point another rule of combination (fusion hypothesis). To fix it need info from RG or Bathe Ansatz (or other methods that reach fixed point from microscopics)

- resistivity  $R(T) \sim \sqrt{T}$  for f = 2

#### • experimental realizations of multichannel Kondo:

Quadrupolar Kondo effect (Cox)  $UBe_{13}$  results controversial Quantum dots (Oreg, Goldgaber-Gordon)

#### system hard to realize: need exact channel symmetry

• channel anisotropy is relevant (around the intermediate fixed point)



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