



# Gas of Bethe ansatz wavepackets and an ab initio derivation of generalised hydrodynamics

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## Introduction

- The dynamics of integrable models at large scales of space and time is well described by generalised hydrodynamics (GHD) [Castro-Alvaredo, BD, Yoshimura, 2016; Bertini, Collura, De Nardis, Fagotti 2016]

$$\partial_t \rho_p(x, t; \theta) + \partial_x [v^{\text{eff}}(x, t; \theta) \rho_p(x, t; \theta)] = 0.$$

where 
$$v^{\text{eff}}(\theta) = \theta + \int d\alpha \varphi(\theta - \alpha) \rho_p(\alpha) (v^{\text{eff}}(\alpha) - v^{\text{eff}}(\theta))$$

- Holds for classical and quantum models, particles, spins, and continuous fields; confirmed experimentally in cold atom gases [Schemmer et al 2019; Møller et al 2021; Malvania et al 2021].
  - **Rigorous proofs** that this equation emerges from the microscopic dynamics in hard-rod models [Boldrighini, Dobrushin, Sukhov 1983; Ferrari, Franceschini, Grevino, Spohn 2022], in cellular automata [Croydon Sasada 2020], in gases of solitons [El, Kamchatnov, Pavlov, Tovbis 2003-2022].
  - In all quantum models the only known derivation until now is based on the **assumption of local entropy maximisation**. As usual for hydrodynamic equations more generally.
- ⇒ We provide a derivation in the quantum delta-interaction Bose gas (Lieb-Liniger model) from its Schrödinger equation.

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As an example consider the Lieb-Liniger model, which describes point-like interactions of Galilean invariant Bose gases. Its Hamiltonian is

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \sum_{(i \neq j)=1}^N \frac{c}{2} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$

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It admits infinitely many local conserved quantities  $Q_i$ :

$$\hat{Q}_a = \int dx \hat{q}_a(x).$$

with conservation laws

$$\partial_t \hat{q}_a + \partial_x \hat{j}_a = 0.$$

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For instance, the number of particle  $\hat{Q}_0$ , the momentum  $\hat{Q}_1$ , the energy  $H = \hat{Q}_2/2$ , and the first non-trivial one  $\hat{Q}_3$ , with densities

$$\hat{q}_0(x) = \sum_i \delta(x - \hat{x}_i)$$

$$\hat{q}_1(x) = \text{He} \sum_i \delta(x - \hat{x}_i) \hat{p}_i$$

$$\hat{q}_2(x) = \text{He} \sum_i \delta(x - \hat{x}_i) (\hat{p}_i^2 + \sum_{j \neq i} c \delta(\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j))$$

$$\hat{q}_3(x) = \text{He} \sum_i \delta(x - \hat{x}_i) (\hat{p}_i^3 + \sum_{j \neq i} 3c \delta(\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j) \hat{p}_i)$$

...

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We can describe theoretically the problem as follows. The initial state is an equilibrium state with inhomogeneous external fields

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{A})}{\text{Tr} \hat{\rho}}, \quad \hat{\rho} = \exp \left[ - \sum_a \int dx \beta_a(x) \hat{q}_a(x) \right]$$

with a slowly varying fields  $\beta_a(x) = \bar{\beta}_a(x/L)$ ,  $L$  large.

For instance, one realises in cold atom experiments the initial state

$$\exp \left[ -\beta \left( \hat{H} + \int dx V(x) \hat{q}_0(x) \right) \right]$$

Then the evolution occurs with the original Hamiltonian

$$\langle \hat{A}(x, t) \rangle = \langle e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{A}(x) e^{-i\hat{H}t} \rangle$$

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We are interested in the finite-density Euler scaling limit

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{A}(x, t) \rangle, \quad N/L = \nu, \quad x = L\bar{x}, \quad t = L\bar{t}$$

Even if the model is integrable, this remains a formidable task with standard methods.

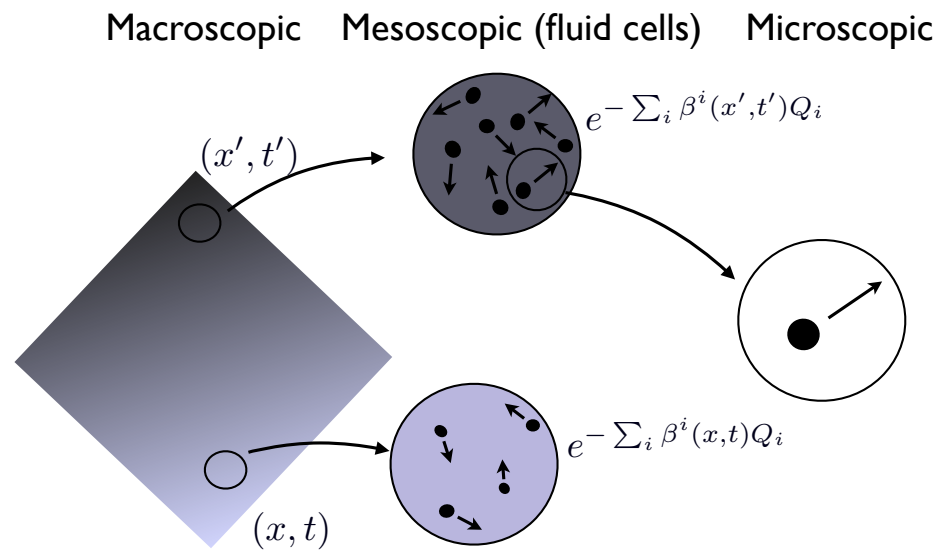


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One may use the **hydrodynamic principle**: the assumption that locally, in every fluid cell, entropy maximises with respect to the available conserved quantities. Thus locally we have generalised Gibbs ensembles (GGEs) [reviews Polkovnikov, Sengupta, Silva, Vengalattore 2011; Eisert, Friesdorf, Gogolin 2015; Essler, Fagotti 2016; Vidmar, Rigol 2016; Ilievski, Medenjak, Prosen, Zadnik 2016]

$$\text{at fluid cell } x, t: \exp \left[ - \sum_a \beta_a(x, t) \hat{Q}_a \right]$$



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- All densities and currents are approximated by

$$\langle \hat{q}_a(x, t) \rangle \approx \langle \hat{q}_a \rangle_{\text{GGE}(x, t)} =: \mathbf{q}_a(x, t), \quad \langle \hat{j}_a(x, t) \rangle \approx \langle \hat{j}_a \rangle_{\text{GGE}(x, t)} =: \mathbf{j}_a(x, t)$$

- The microscopic conservation equations are recast into “mesoscopic” equations

$$\partial_t \mathbf{q}_a + \partial_x \mathbf{j}_a = 0$$

- Using the Bethe ansatz in finite volume  $L$  and taking the limit  $L, N \rightarrow \infty$  (or other techniques), one evaluates the GGE averages. The crucial result is the currents (GGE equations of state) [reviews Borsi, Pozsgay, Pristyaák 2021, Cubero, Yoshimura, Spohn 2021]

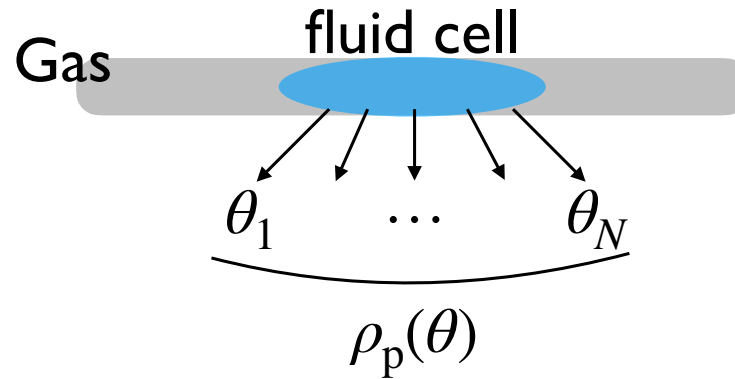
$$\mathbf{q}_a = \int d\theta \theta^a \rho_p(\theta), \quad \mathbf{j}_a = \int d\theta \theta^a v^{\text{eff}}(\theta) \rho_p(\theta)$$

- Considering this for all  $a$ 's, this is the GHD equation.

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This is based on **elastic scattering**.

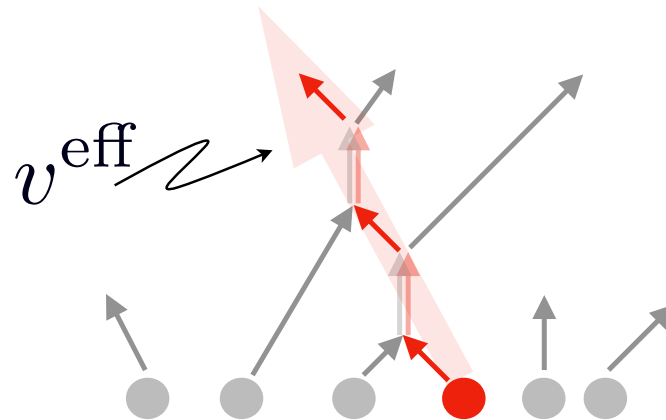
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There is a simple **classical kinetic interpretation** to the effective velocity:

$$v^{\text{eff}}(\theta) = \theta + \int d\alpha \varphi(\theta - \alpha) \rho_p(\alpha) (v^{\text{eff}}(\alpha) - v^{\text{eff}}(\theta))$$

where

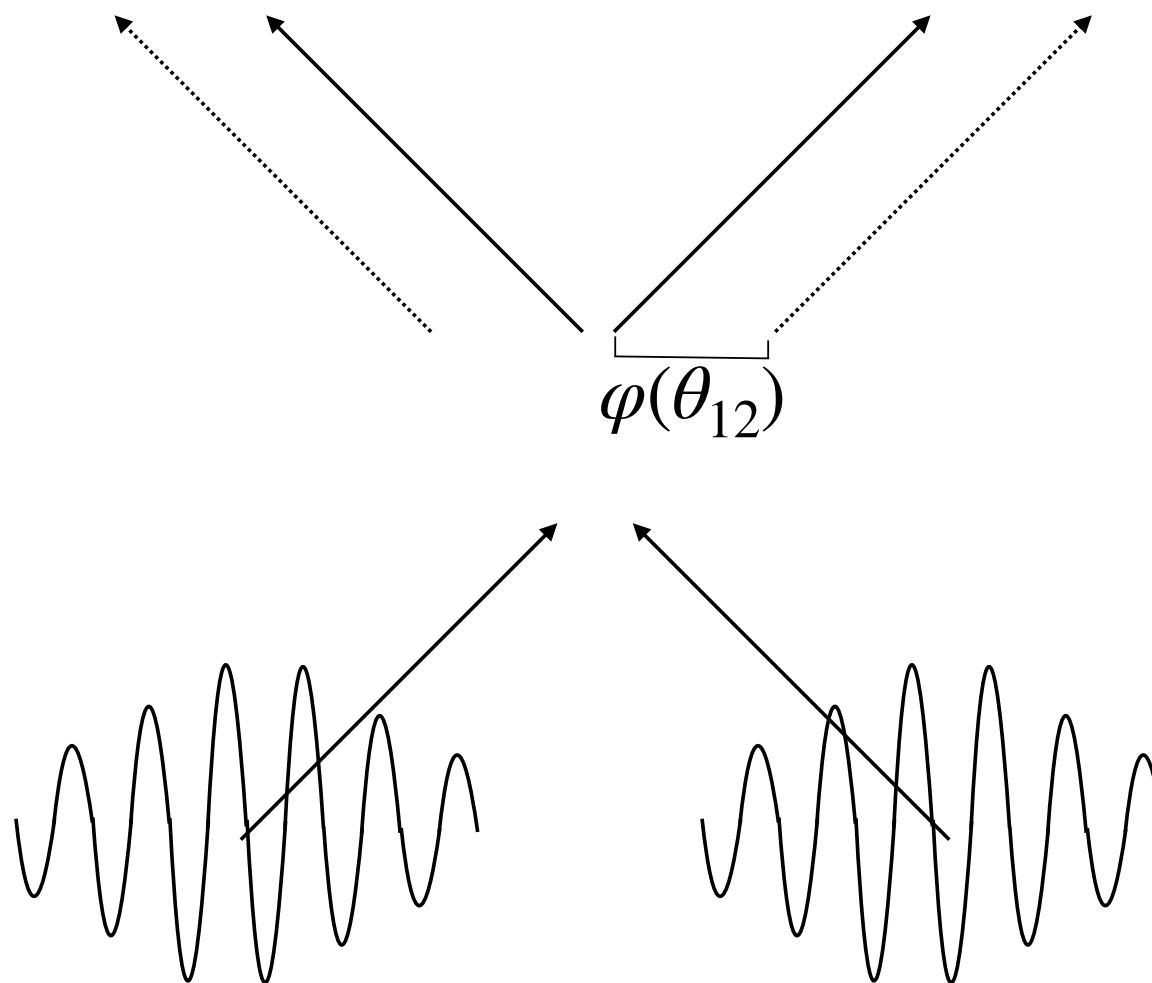
$$\varphi(\theta) = \partial_\theta \phi(\theta) = \frac{2c}{\theta^2 + c^2}$$



This is based on **factorised scattering**.

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The function  $\varphi(\theta)$  is the semiclassical scattering shift, seen in scattering of wave packets [see e.g. Bouchoule, Dubail 2022]:



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We would like to show that, in the **macrocanonical ensemble** and under  $x = L\bar{x}$ ,  $t = L\bar{t}$ ,

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Tr} (\hat{\rho} e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{q}_a(x) e^{-i\hat{H}t})}{\text{Tr} \hat{\rho}} = \int d\theta \theta^a \rho_p(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \theta)$$

for all  $a$ , where  $\rho_p(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \theta)$  satisfies GHD.

Two problems:

- $\hat{q}_a(x)$  are complicated in general
- $\text{Tr} e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{\rho} e^{i\hat{H}t} \dots$  is difficult to evaluate

## 4. Microscopic origin: slowly varying amplitudes

### Reminder on the Bethe wavefunction...

With  $\theta_1 > \theta_2 > \dots > \theta_N$  this is a basis for the Hilbert space,

$$\Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = s(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} (-1)^{|\sigma|} e^{i\Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_{\sigma})}$$

where  $s(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i < j} \text{sgn}(x_{ij})$  and

$$\Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \phi(\theta_{ij}) \text{sgn}(x_{ij}), \quad \phi(\theta) = 2 \text{Arctan} \frac{\theta}{c}$$

“Scattering eigenfunctions” on the line, that is

$$\hat{H} \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\theta}^2}{2} \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Note: **no need to quantise the momenta...**

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**1. Representation of local densities:** we can show that for all  $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\hat{q}_a(x) = \text{He} \int d\theta \theta^a \hat{\rho}(x, \theta)$$

are local conserved densities.

So for the GHD equation, we only have to show that

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Tr} (\hat{\rho} e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{\rho}(x) e^{-i\hat{H}t})}{\text{Tr} \hat{\rho}} = \rho_p(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \theta)$$

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As a consequence,

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\theta} | \hat{\rho} | \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle = c_N \int d^N x \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x)^\dagger \exp \left( - \text{He } \hat{\rho}[\beta] \right) \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x) = c_N \|\Psi_A\|^2$$

where we are left with **slowly-varying amplitude modulations of the Bethe ansatz wave functions:**

$$\Psi_A(\mathbf{x}) = s(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} (-1)^{|\sigma|} A(\mathbf{x}_\sigma, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{i\Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_\sigma)}, \quad A(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_i e^{-\beta(x_i, \theta_i)/2}$$

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Strategy:

- Evolve the amplitude modulation

$$e^{-i\hat{H}t} \Psi_A(\mathbf{x}) = \Psi_{A_t}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Perturb to get the density

$$A_t^\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = A_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{\sum_i \bar{\gamma}(x_i/L, \theta_i)/2}, \quad \rho_p(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\gamma}(\bar{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \log Z_{A_t^\gamma}$$

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Slowly varying  $\Rightarrow A^{\text{BF}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$  supported on small values  $\alpha_i = O(L^{-1})$ . So

$$\Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_\theta(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{y}^\theta(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} + O(1)$$

and

$$A(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{i\Phi_\theta(\mathbf{x}_\sigma)} \asymp \int d^N \alpha A^{\text{BF}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{i\Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

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Therefore Lieb-Liniger evolution is simple:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-iHt} \Psi_A &= \int d^N \alpha A^{\text{BF}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{-i(\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\alpha})^2 t / 2} \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \\ &= e^{-i\boldsymbol{\theta}^2 t / 2} \int d^N \alpha A^{\text{BF}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) e^{-i\boldsymbol{\theta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha} t} \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\theta} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

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So the **BF transform evolves simply** for all macroscopic times  $t = L\bar{t} = O(L)$

$$A_t^{\text{BF}}(\alpha, \theta) = A^{\text{BF}}(\alpha, \theta) e^{-i\theta \cdot \alpha t}$$

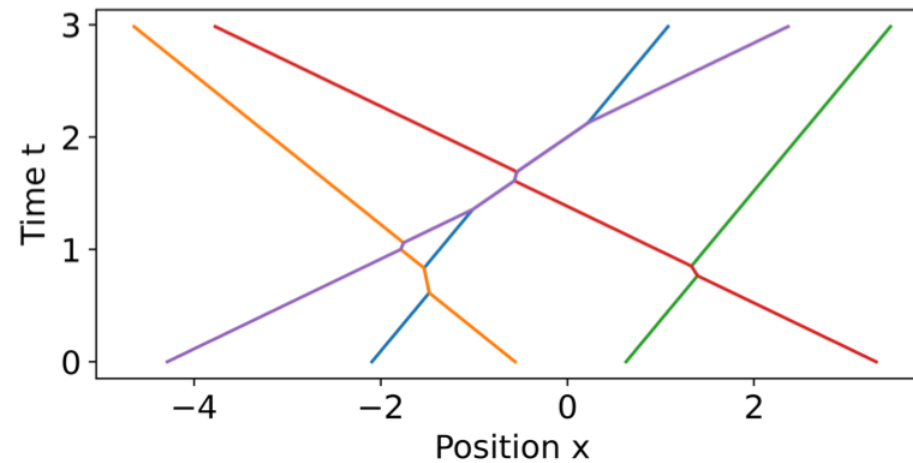
Transforming back to real space, we have **nonlinear trajectories for the coordinates of the amplitude**,  $A_t(\mathbf{x}, \theta) \asymp A(\mathbf{x}(-t), \theta)$  with

$$y_i + \theta_i t = x_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \varphi(\theta_{ij}) \text{sgn}(x_{ij}(t))$$

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**Gas of interacting wave packets** which automatically implements the kinetic picture:





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Taking the time derivative

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## 4. GHD equation for the wave packets' phase-space density

$$\rho(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \theta) = L^{-1} \sum_i \delta(\bar{x} - x_i(t)/L) \delta(\theta - \theta_i)$$

satisfies the GHD equation

$$\partial_{\bar{t}} \rho + \partial_{\bar{x}} (v^{\text{eff}} \rho) = 0$$

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Finally, by mean-field argument of the explicit integrals defining  $Z_A$  (interpreted as a **signed measure on classical phase space**) one argues that

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\gamma}(\bar{x}, \theta)} \log Z_{A_t^\gamma} \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\bar{x}, \bar{t}; \theta)$$

## **6. New integrable models**

[BD, Hübner, Yoshimura in preparation]

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The classical mechanics of wave packets: the Lieb-Liniger phase  $\Phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$  is a generating function for the canonical transformation to scattering coordinates

$$y_i = \frac{\partial \Phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \theta_i}$$

$$p_i = \frac{\partial \Phi_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\{y_i, \theta_j\} = \delta_{ij} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \{x_i, p_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$H = \frac{\theta^2}{2} = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2} + V(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

The model is **Liouville integrable**, has **elastic, factorised scattering** and has **local interaction** (the potential  $V(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  depends on both  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  in a complicated way...).

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- This works for “any”  $\Phi_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x})$  of the Bethe ansatz form.
- We can show that the free energy of these models is given by the (classical) TBA.
- We can evaluate e.g. the real momentum distribution

$$\text{distribution}(p) = n(\theta(p))$$

in terms of the occupation function and of the inverse of the Dressed momentum.

- These occur as  $T\bar{T}$  deformations of free particles.

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We have:

- Derived the GHD equations from the microscopic evolution in LL model
- Explained the kinetic picture in terms of a gas of wave packets

What more can be done with the gas of wave packets?

- Introduce external force (we think we know how...)
- Study correlations and fluctuations (macroscopic fluctuations?)
- Derive the diffusive terms, perhaps higher-order hydrodynamics (dispersion, all orders?)
- Apply similar ideas to quantum chains