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## Q-operators for Open Quantum Spin Chains

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I will describe recent progress in the understanding and construction of Q-operators for open quantum spin chains. The construction exploits the the universal K-matrix picture of Appel and Vlaar. The resulting open Q-operator and the functional relations it obeys follow by pure representation theory; this opens the route to broad generalisation.

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