

# String integrability of defect CFT and dynamical reflection matrices

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# Boundaries and defects

Boundaries and defects arise often in the study of the physical world, simply because real-world systems are imperfect: impurities, domain walls, boundaries, interfaces and defects separate regions with different properties and break many of the underlying symmetries.

## Formal aspects

- Holography & the AdS/CFT correspondence
- String theory
- Quantum entanglement

## Applied aspects

- Statistical systems near surfaces
- Topological materials such as graphene and topological insulators
- Out-of-equilibrium systems and quantum quenches

Naturally, boundaries and defects permeate all branches of physics, from high-energy and particle physics, to condensed matter, statistical, even gravity and mathematical physics.

## Further reading

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