

Title: Non-Abelian Gauge Dynamics in 2d $N=(2,2)$ Theories

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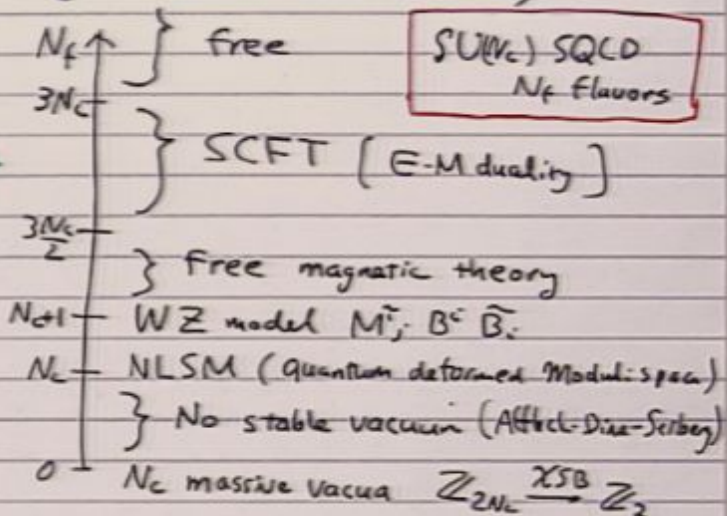
Abstract:

Motivations

① Field Theory (4 supercharges)

4d $\mathcal{N}=1$

Seiberg 1993~94



3d $\mathcal{N}=2$

-- vacuum structure understood.

1997 Berkeley, New Jersey.

2d (2,2)

Abelian ✓

Witten 1993

H. Vafa 2000

Non-Abelian ?

② String theory

Compactifications to 4d $\mathcal{N}=2$ ($\mathcal{N}=1$) theories

eg. Type II on $\mathbb{R}^{3+1} \times \underline{M}$ (with Orientifold
+ D-branes)

↑
2d (2,2) SCFT with $\hat{c}=3$
(eg. CY manifold of $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}=3$)

Need to know Variety of M's

Moduli space of (2,2) SCFT's

Past: $M \sim$ Complete intersections in toric manifold

\sim IR fixed points of Abelian gauge theories

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are not well-studied.

Witten index of $SU(k)$ SQCD

IR dynamics of $SU(k)$ gauge theories

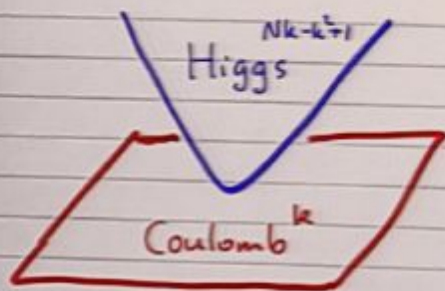
$U(k)$ linear sigma models

Glop transition

Derivation

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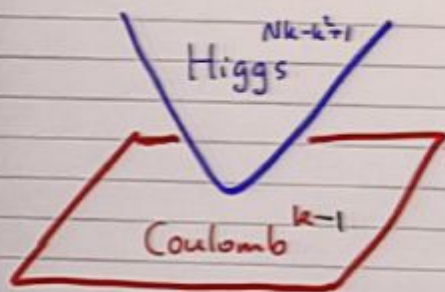
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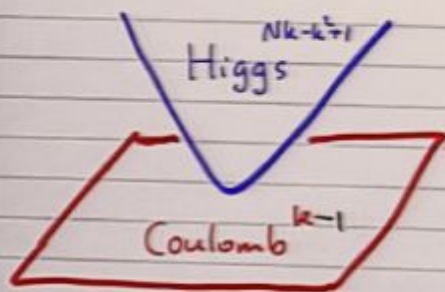
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eg. $\text{Tr}(-1)^F = 0$ if $1 \leq N \leq k$

$\text{Tr}(-1)^F = 1$ if $N = k+1$

$k \backslash N$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...
2	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	
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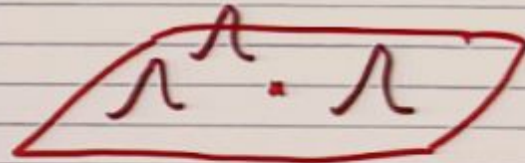
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The vacua are localized at points on the Coulomb branch

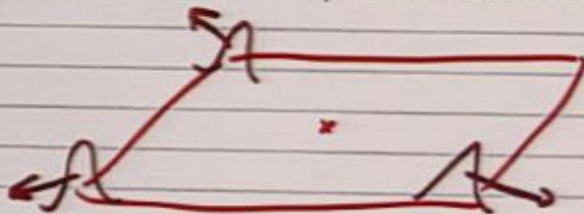


location depends on the twisted masses $\tilde{m}_1, \dots, \tilde{m}_N$

eg. Equal mass case: $\tilde{m}_1 = \dots = \tilde{m}_N = \tilde{m}$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_k \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_a = \tilde{m} - \frac{\omega_a}{\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k} k \tilde{m}$$

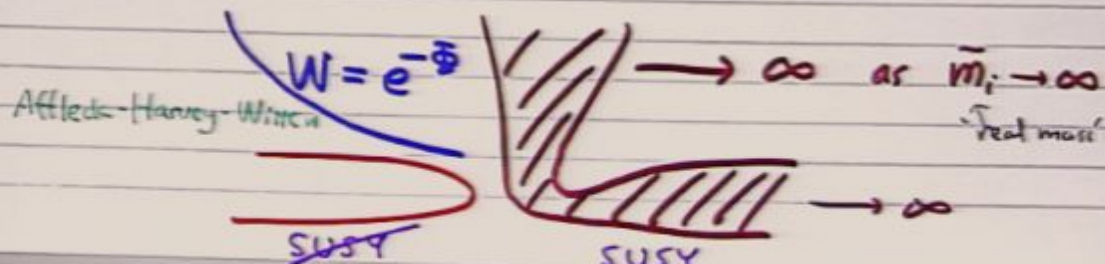
As $\tilde{m}_i \xrightarrow{\text{all}} \infty$, all vacua run away to ∞



Suggests:

~~∃~~ SUSY ground states in pure $SU(k)$ SYM
2d (2,2)

Similar to 3d $\mathcal{N}=2$ SQCD de Boer et al / Aharony et al



IR dynamics of $SU(k)$ gauge theories

With N massless fundamentals

$$SU(k) \text{ simple} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Tr}_R F_{01} = 0} \quad \forall \text{ finite-dim repr. } R$$

\Rightarrow axial rotation is anomaly free

\rightsquigarrow IR SCFT may be studied by chiral ring

$$\text{e.g. } \hat{C} = \sum_{i: \text{Dirac fermion}} (-q_i) \quad \begin{array}{l} U(1)_V \text{ R-charge} \\ \psi_{i\pm} \text{ } U(1)_A \text{ charge } \mp 1 \end{array}$$

For example, $W = G_d(B)$ degree d polynomial

in baryon operators $B_{i_1 \dots i_k} = \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_k} \bar{\Phi}_{i_1}^{a_1} \dots \bar{\Phi}_{i_k}^{a_k}$

$$R[W] = 2 \Rightarrow R[B] = \frac{2}{d} \Rightarrow R[\bar{\Phi}] = \frac{2}{dk}$$

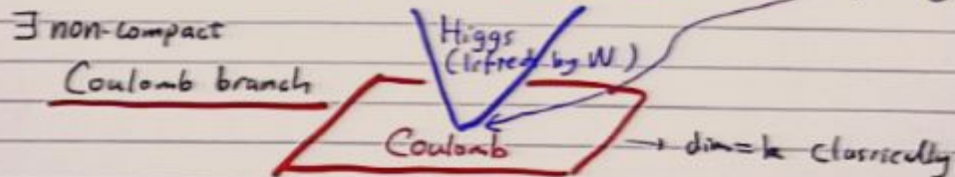
$$\hat{C} = Nk \left(1 - \frac{2}{dk}\right) - (k^2 - 1)$$

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 $\psi_{i\pm}$

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from λ_{\pm}

call the IR fixed pt $C_{k,N}(G_d)$

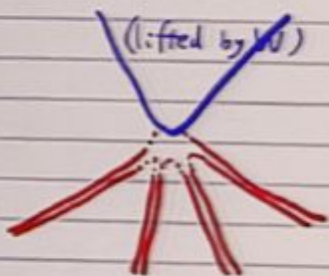
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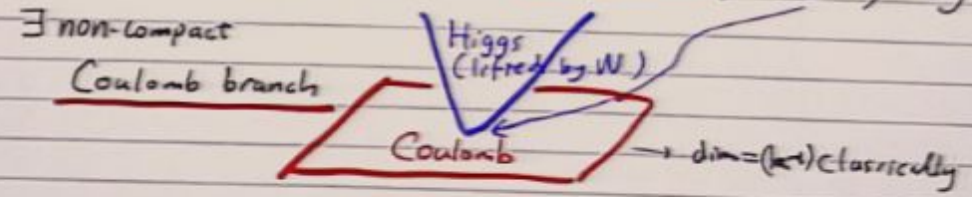
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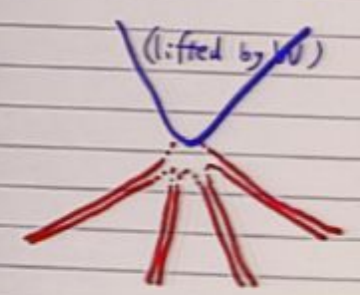
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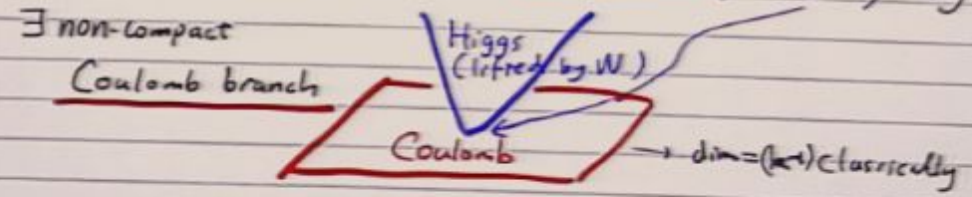
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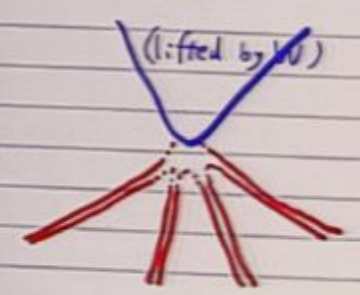
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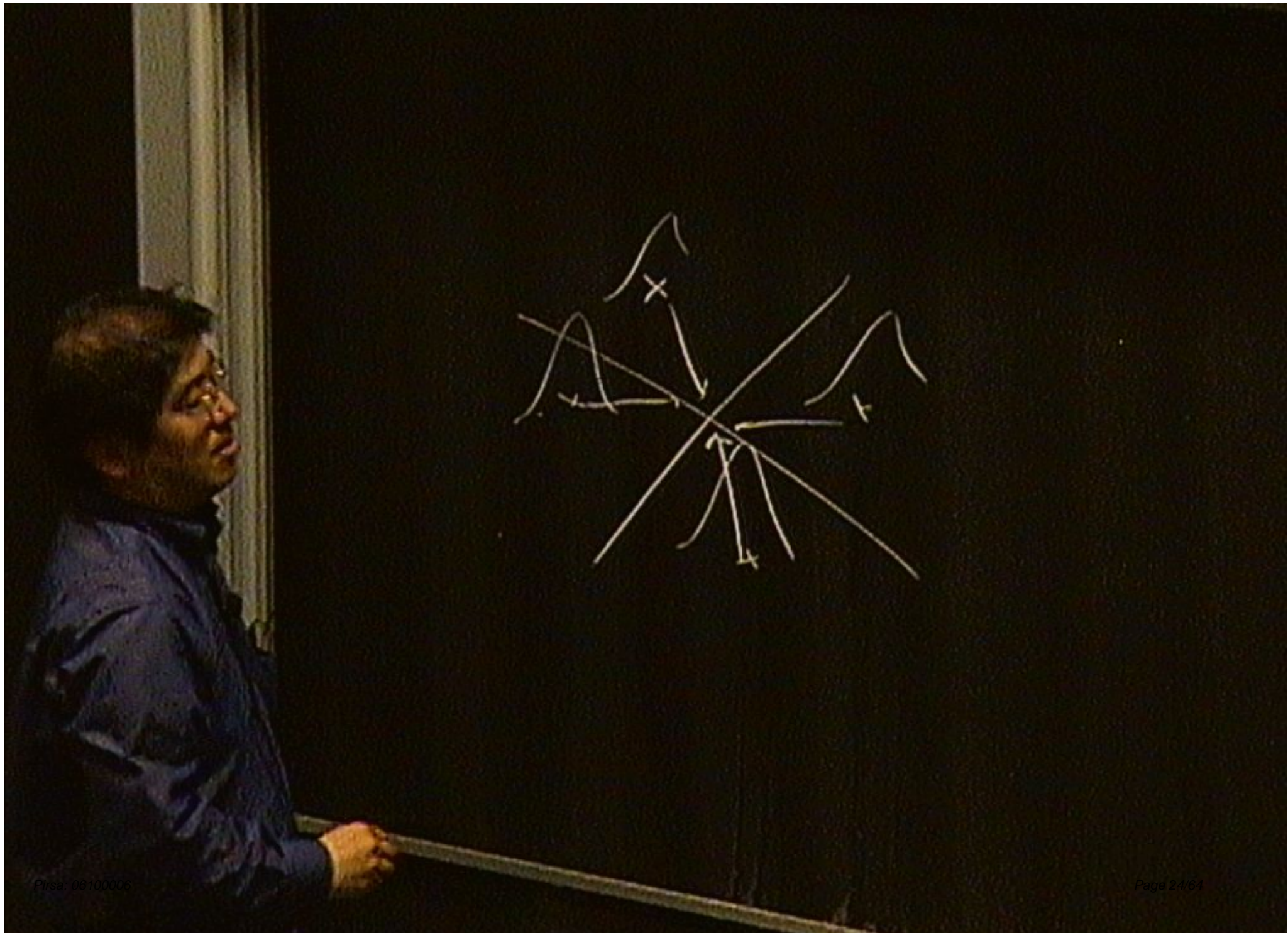


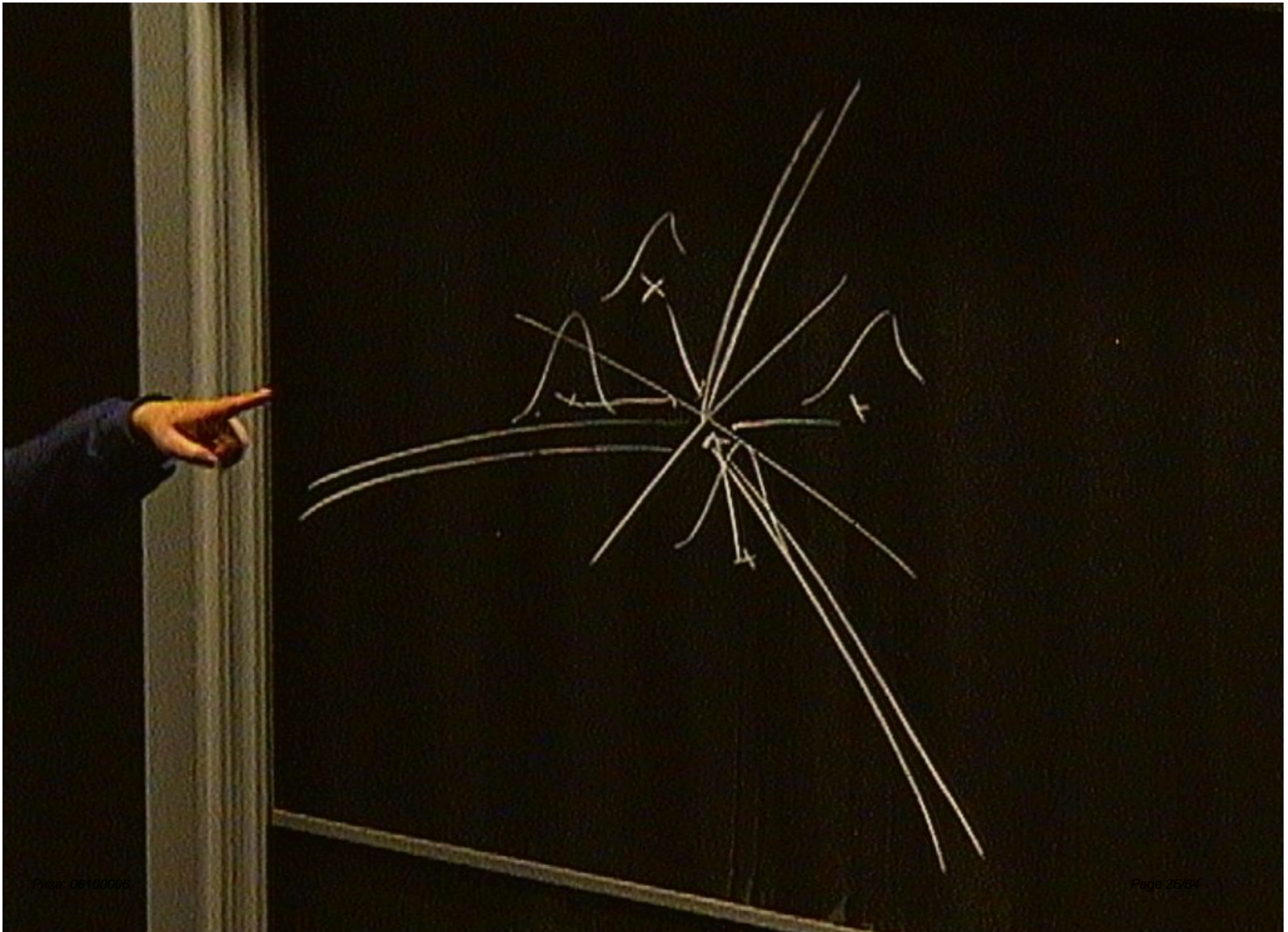
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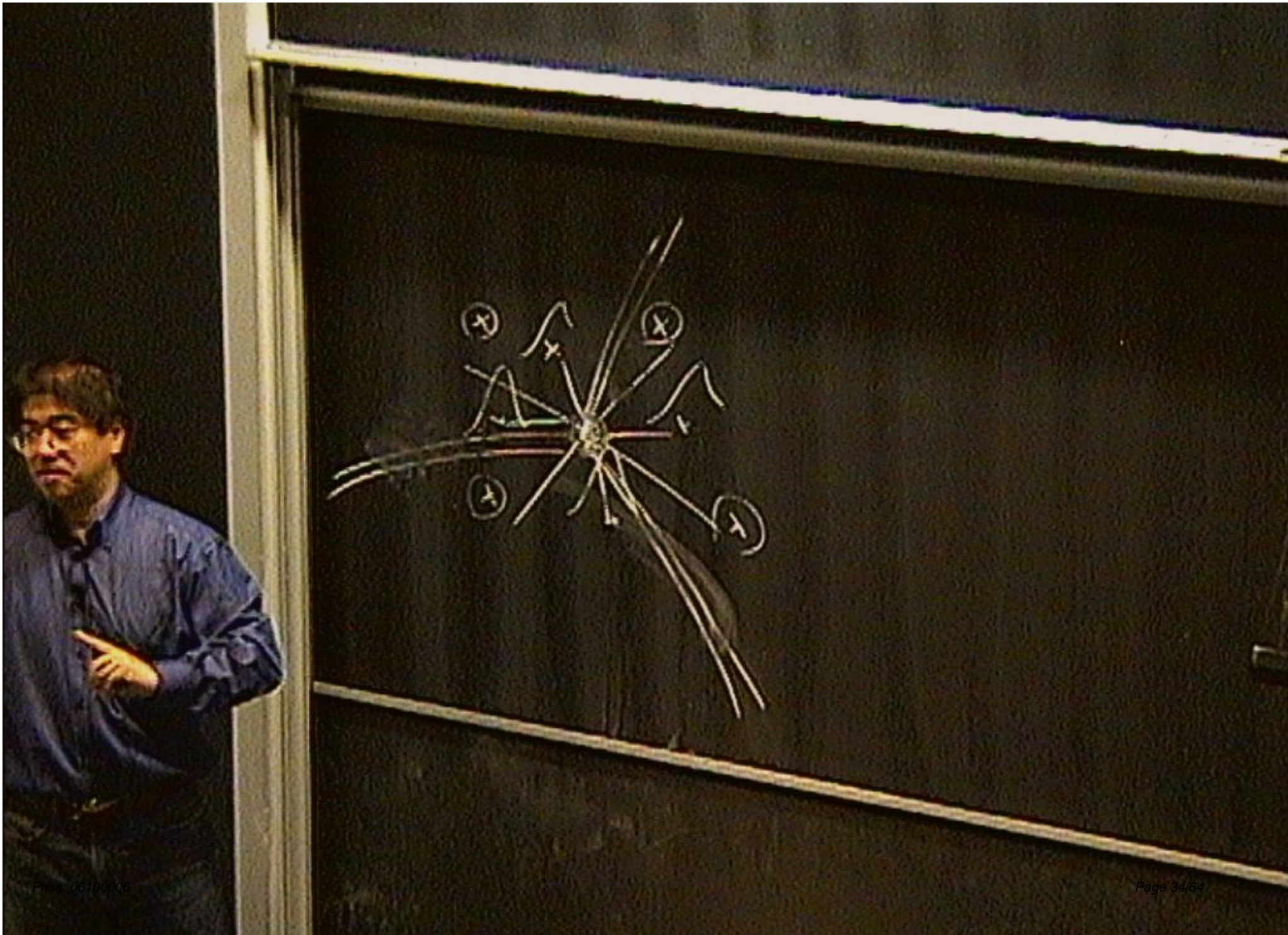
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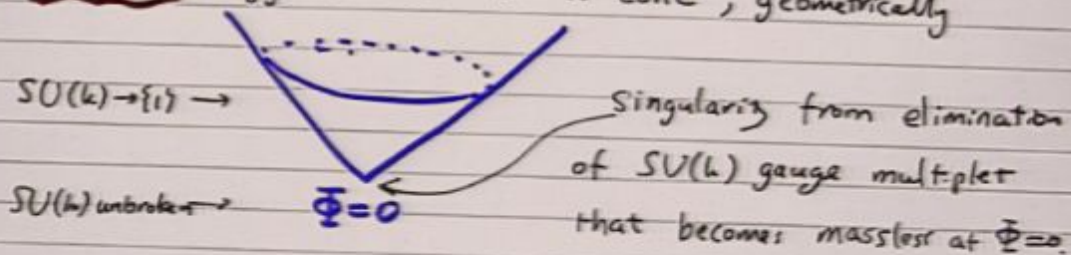
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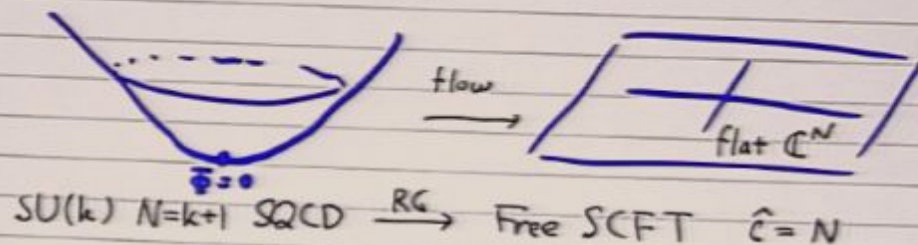
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W=0 (SQCD): Higgs branch $\cong \mathbb{C}^N$ spanned by
 $B^i = \epsilon^{i_1 \dots i_k} B_{i_1 \dots i_k} \quad i=1, \dots, N$

Classical Higgs branch is a cone, geometrically



Quantum: Coulomb lifted \Rightarrow SU(k) gauge multiplet is massive
 \Rightarrow No singularity at $\bar{\Phi} = 0$



W = G_d(B) \xrightarrow{RG} LG model of N indep. variables
B^1, \dots, B^N with $W = G_d(B)$

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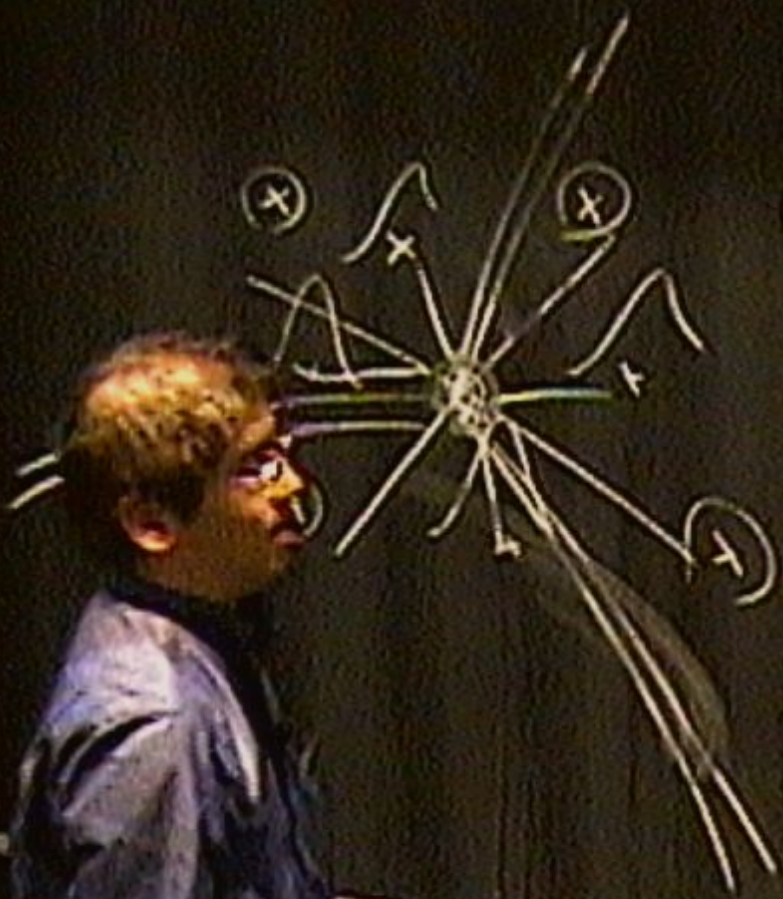
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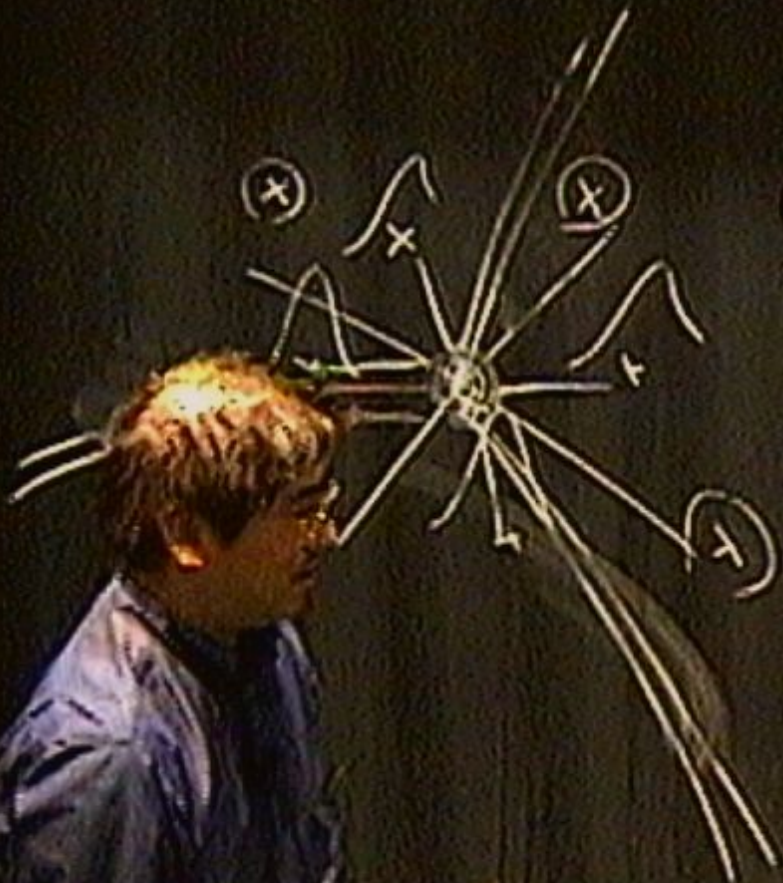
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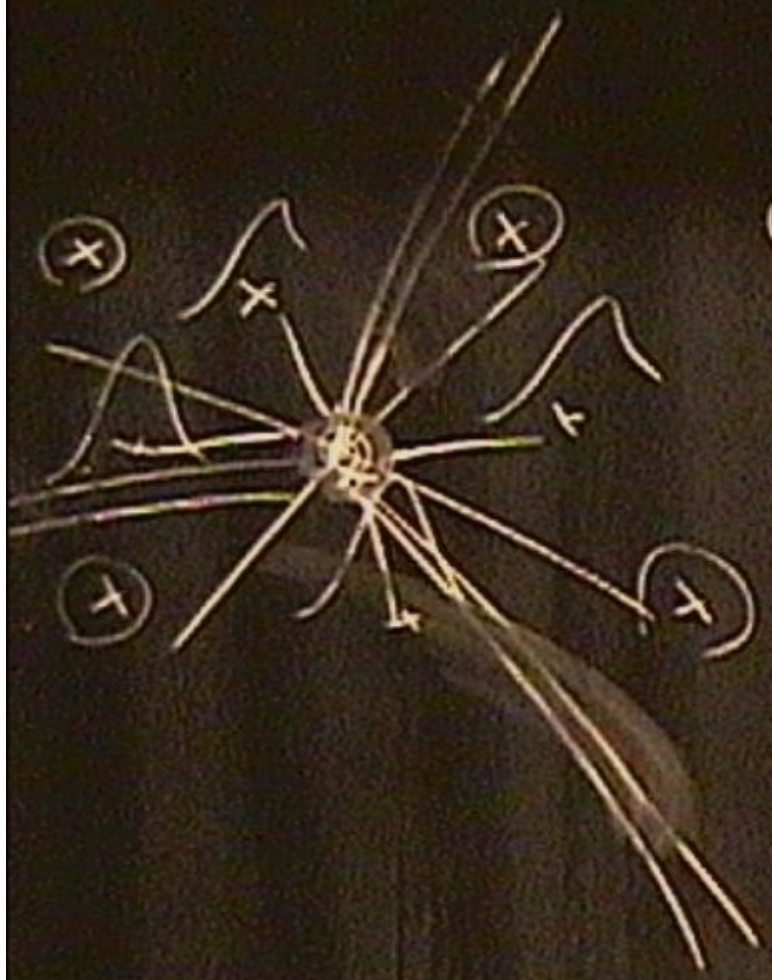
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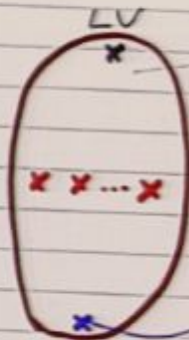
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$$r(\mu) = (N-d) \log(\mu/\mu') + r(\mu')$$

$d=N$



NLSM on $X_{k,N}(G_d) \leftarrow$ Calabi-Yau

$\leftarrow n(k,N)$ singular points

$C_{k,N}(G_d)/\mathbb{Z}_d$ (singular or non-singular depending on (k,N))

$d < N$

\times NLSM on $X_{k,N}(G_d) \leftarrow$ Fano

RG \downarrow

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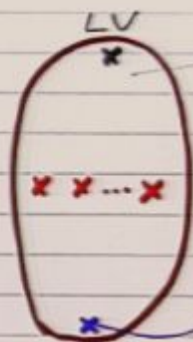
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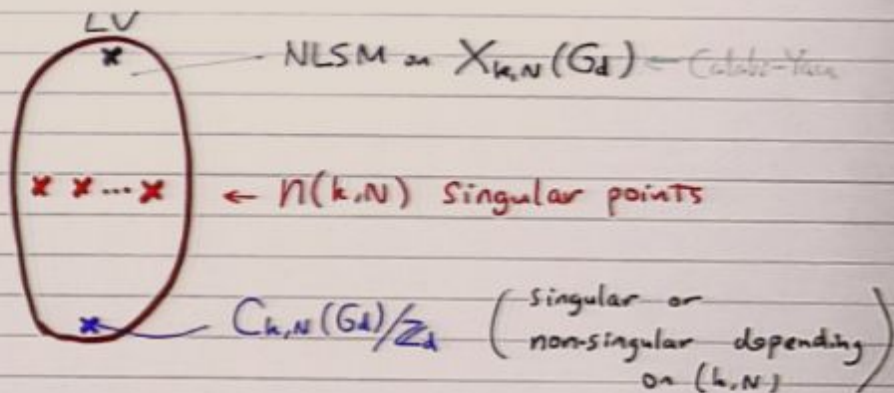
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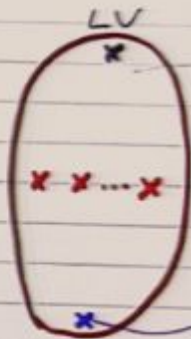
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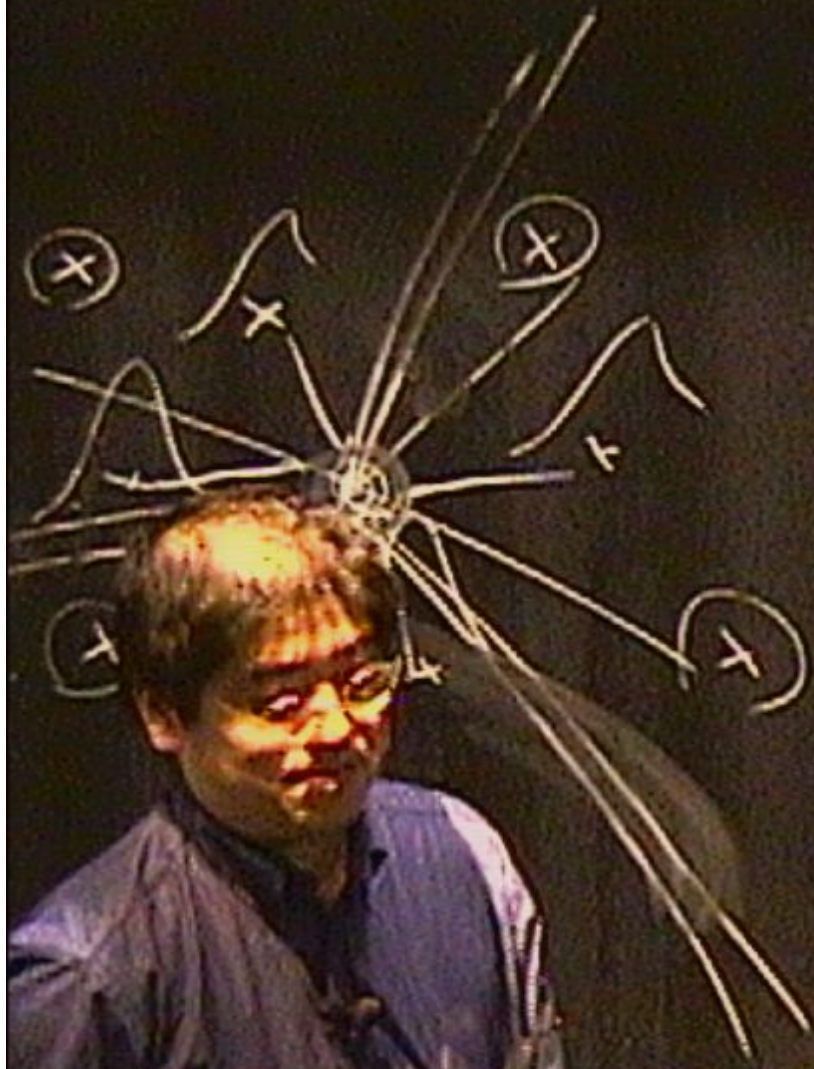
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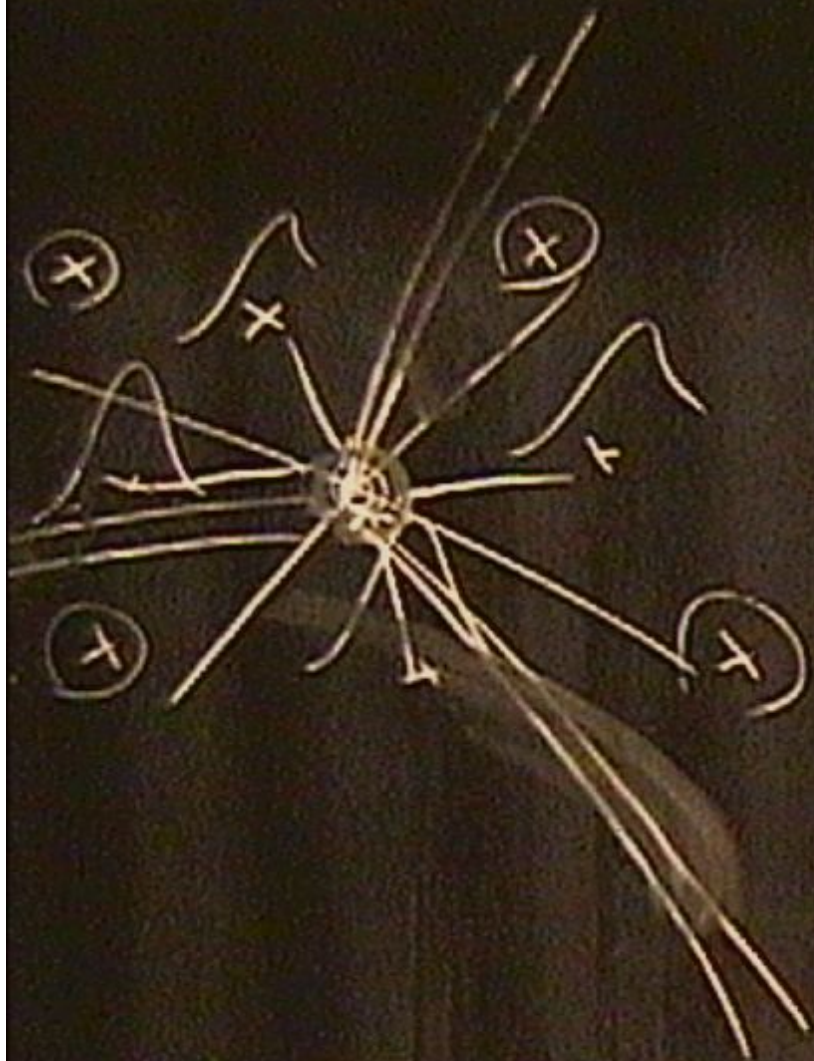
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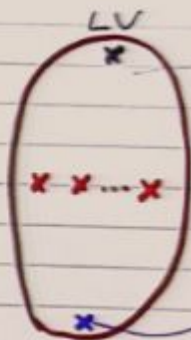
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$$G(b, N) \cong G(N-k, N)$$

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$$B_{i_1 \dots i_k} \leftrightarrow E_{i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_{N-k}} B'_{j_1 \dots j_{N-k}}$$

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Glop Transition

$$U(2) \quad \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_7 \quad \text{fundamentals}$$

$$P^1, \dots, P^7 \quad \det^{-1} \text{ 1s}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,k}^7 A_i^{jk} P^i \Phi_j^a \Phi_k^b \epsilon_{ab} = A(P)^{jk} \Phi_j^1 \Phi_k^2$$

$$\underline{r \gg 0} \quad \text{NLSM on } X = \left\{ A_i^{jk} \Phi_j^1 \Phi_k^2 = 0 \text{ (i=1..7)} \right\} \subset G(2,7)$$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow
 CY 3-fold 7 eqn 10-dim

$$\underline{r \ll 0} \quad P \neq 0 : U(2) \rightarrow SU(2)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Span} \left\{ p \mid \sum_{i=1}^7 |p_i|^2 = -r \right\} / U(1) = \mathbb{C}P^6$$

$SU(2)$ gauge theory with 7 fundamentals / $\mathbb{C}P^6$
with varying mass matrix $A(P)$.

$$\text{rank } \underbrace{A(P)}_{7 \times 7 \text{ antisymmetric}} = 6, 4, \cancel{2}, \cancel{0}$$

\uparrow \uparrow absent if A_i^{jk} generic
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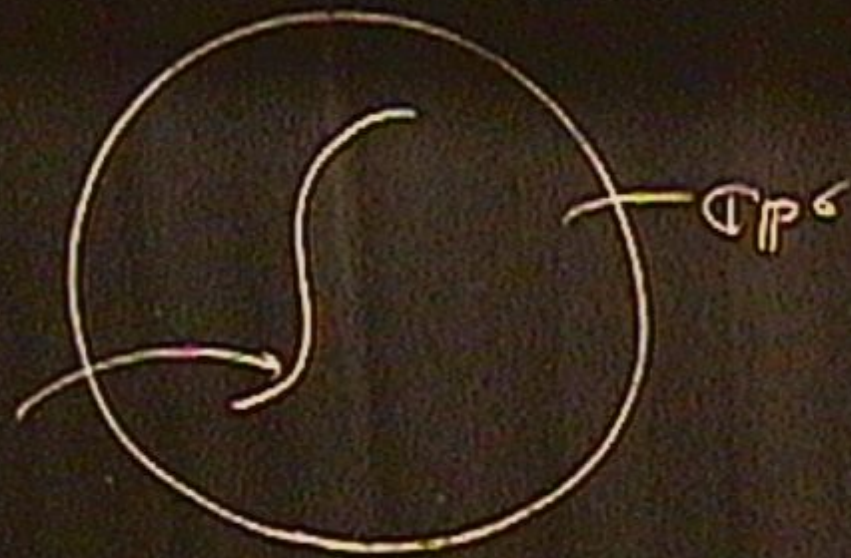
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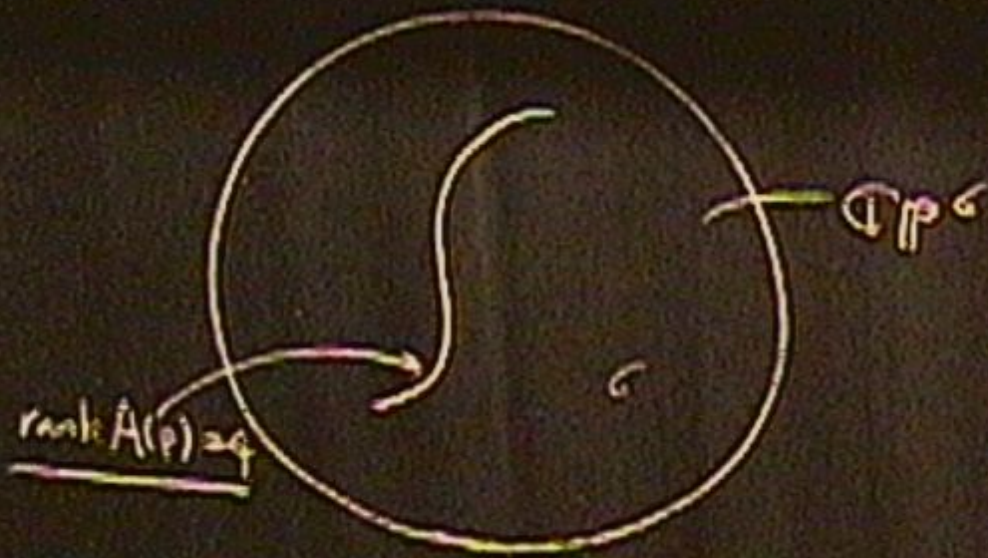
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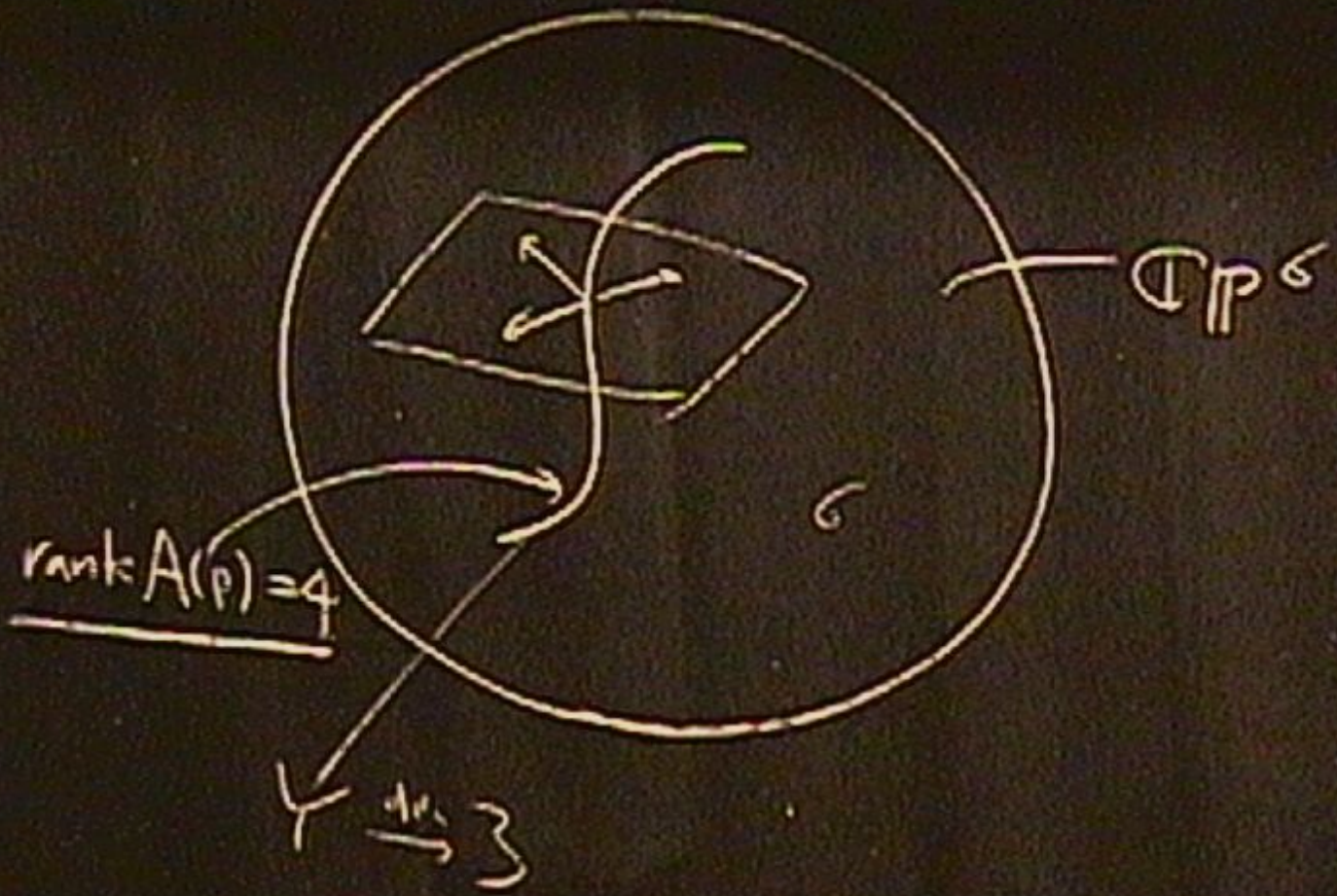
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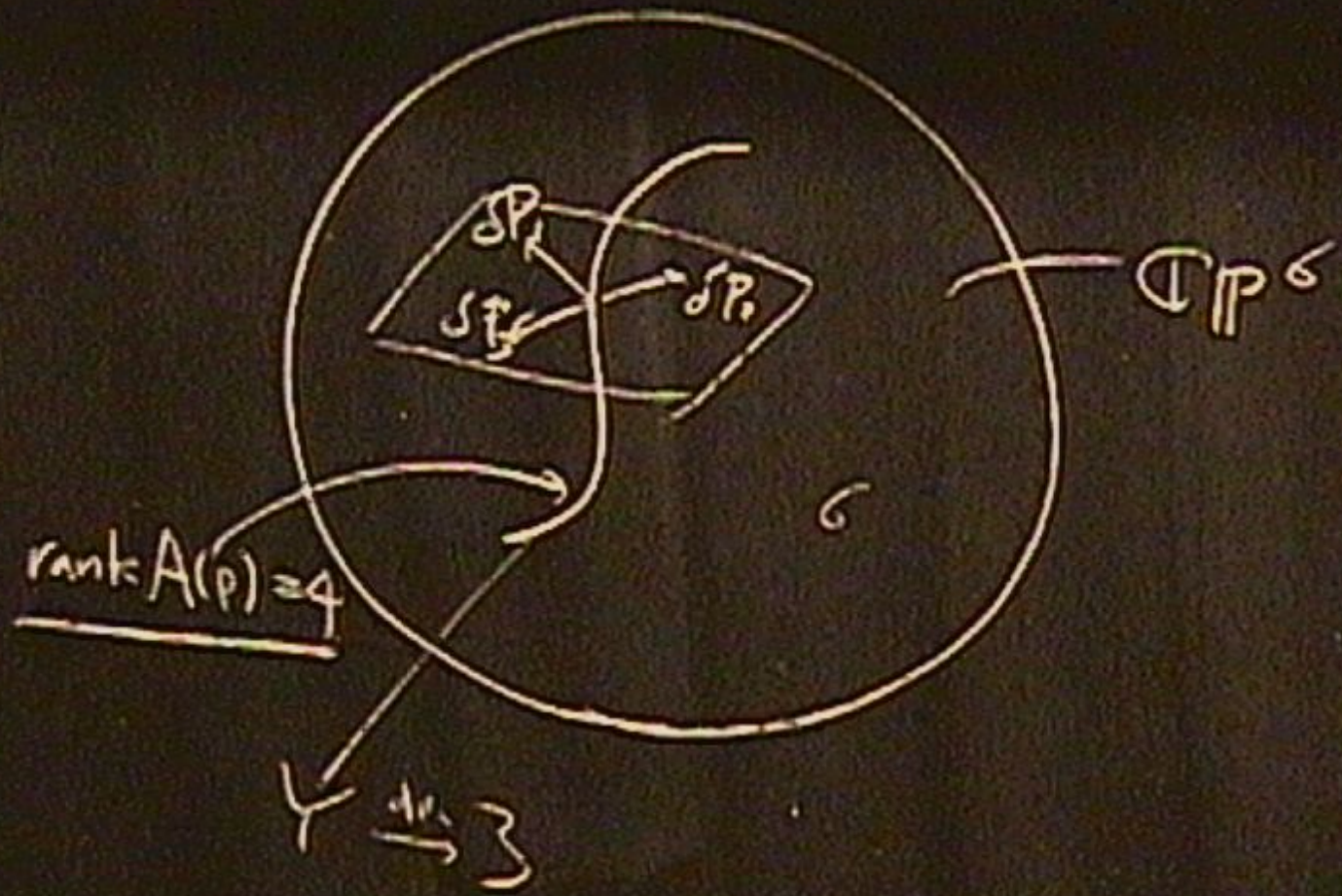
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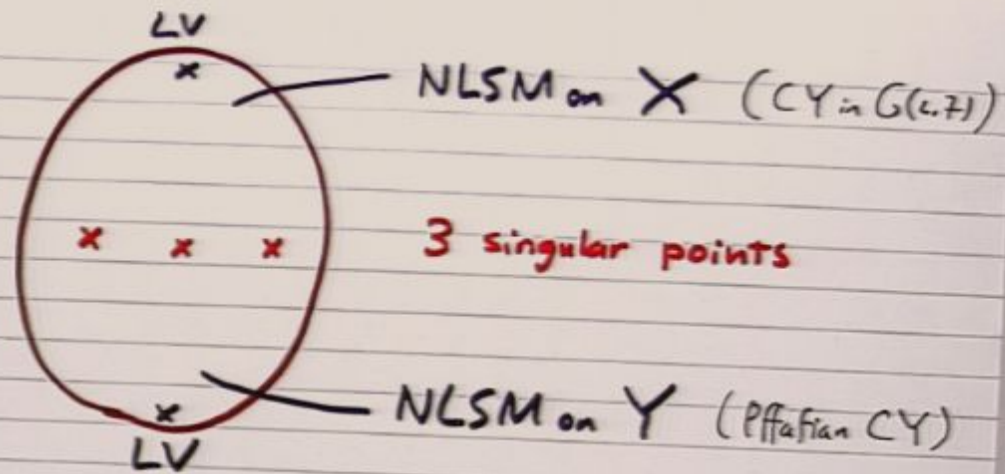
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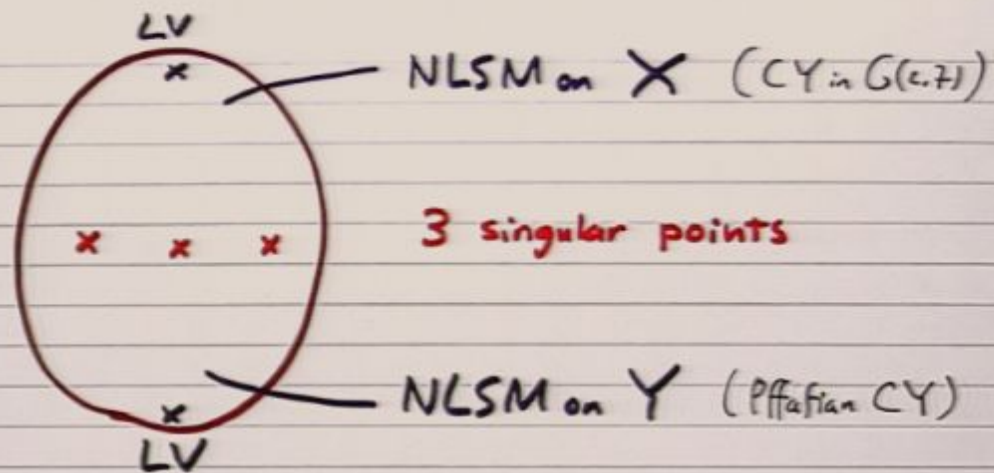
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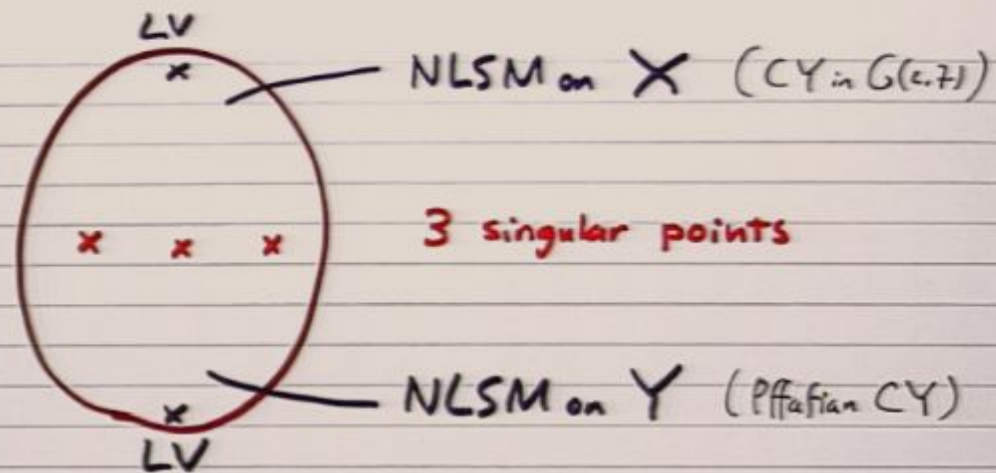
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$$+ \sum_i |(\sigma \cdot \hat{p}) \phi_i|^2 + \sum_i |(\sigma^\dagger \cdot \hat{p}) \phi_i^\dagger|^2 + |D_\mu \phi|^2$$

$$\supset |A_2 \phi|^2 + |A_3 \phi|^2$$

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