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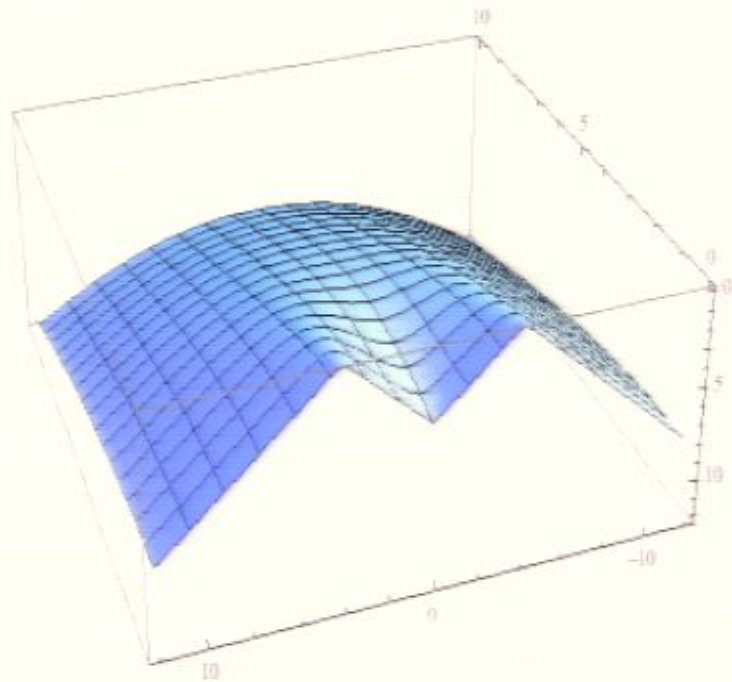
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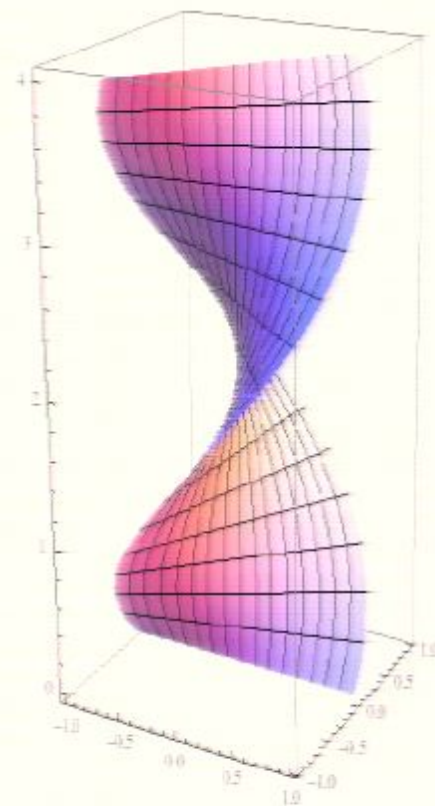
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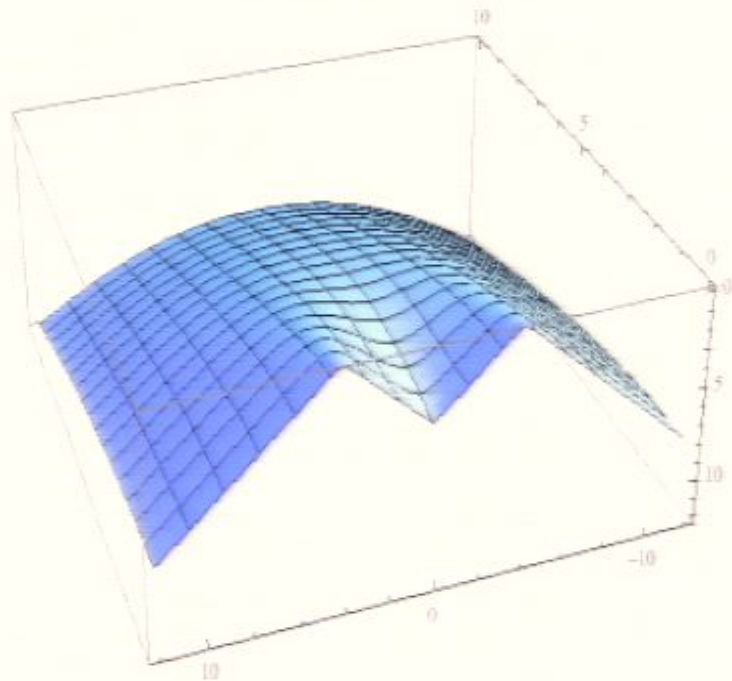


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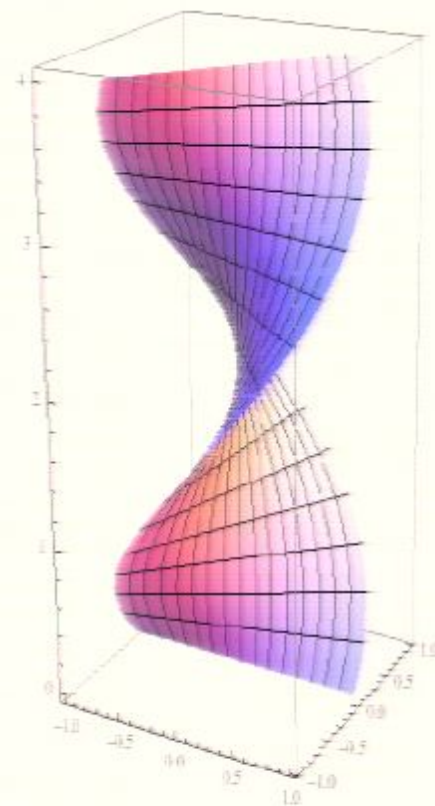
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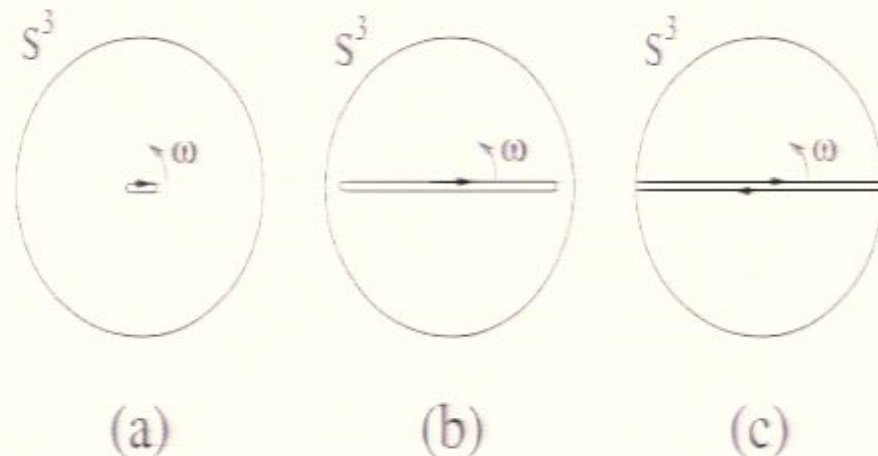
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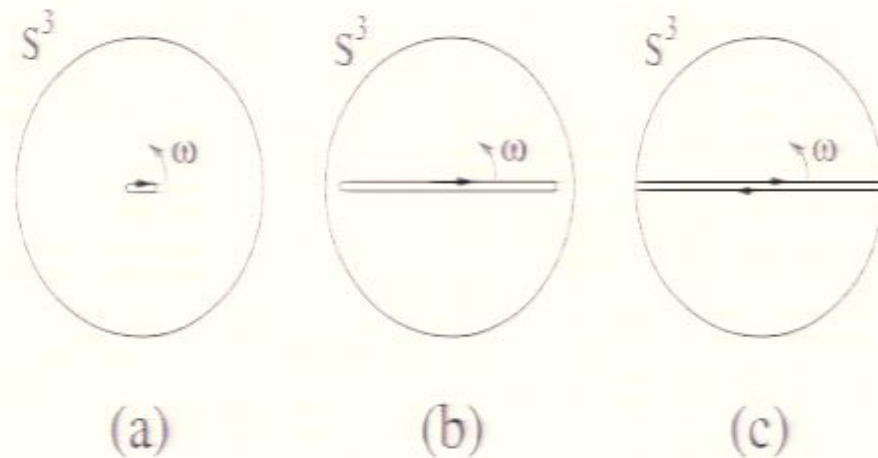
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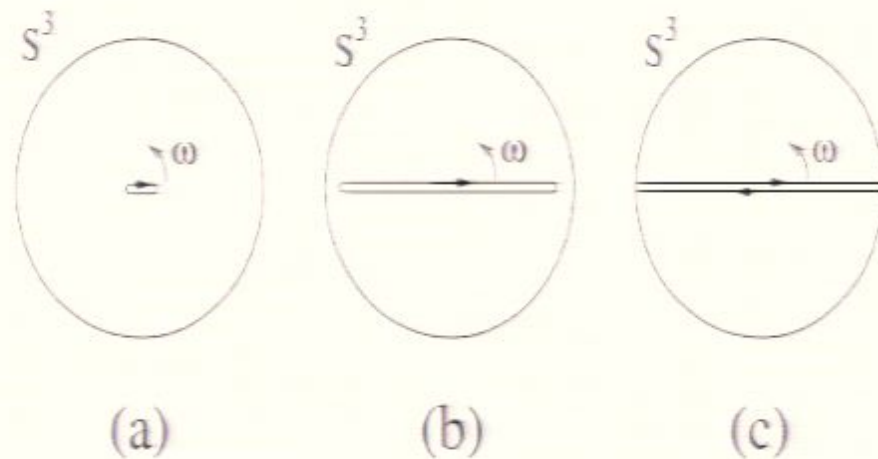
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## Spectrum of masses

Masses	Weak coupling	Strong coupling
Scalar	1	$\sim e^{-\pi g}$
Fermion	1	1
Gauge field	1	$\sqrt{2}$
?	2	2

'?' =  $D_{-}, F_{+-}$ , or two-fermion state ?

Interpolation?

## Spectral problem

Large spin operators with  $L - 2$  insertions:

$$\mathcal{O} = \text{tr} Z D_+^{k_1} \Phi \dots D_+^{k_{L-2}} \Phi D_+^{k_{L-1}} Z$$

Elementary excitations: (twist-1 partons)

$$\Phi = Z \text{ (scalars)}, \quad \Psi \text{ (fermions)}, \quad F_{+\perp} \text{ (gauge fields)}$$

Mixing problem  $\rightarrow$  Spectrum of scaling dimensions at large spin  $S \sim \sum_i k_i \gg 1$ ?

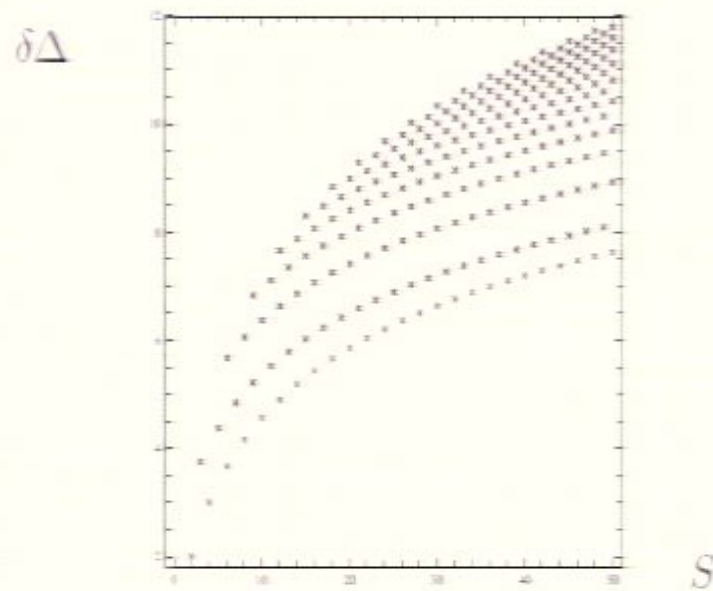
Solution:

$$E_{\text{eigenstate}} = \Delta - S = E_{\text{twist-two}} + \sum_{i \in \text{excitations}} E_i(p_i) + \dots$$

## Spectrum of high-spin operators

Illustration:

One-loop spectrum of anomalous dimensions of twist-3 operators  $\mathcal{O} = \text{tr} Z D_{\perp}^{k_1} Z D_{\perp}^{k_2} Z$



Goal: parameterize anomalous dimensions trajectories close to the minimal one...

$$\delta\Delta - \delta\Delta_{\text{twist-two}} = E(p) \quad p \sim 1/\log S$$

and extract the dispersion relation (here for a scalar  $Z$ )

## Tool : Integrability

### Kinematics

#### Operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{\{k_m\}} = \text{tr} D_+^{k_1} Z \dots D_+^{k_L} Z$$

- ▶  $\text{tr} Z \dots Z \dots Z$  — vacuum state of the spin chain
- ▶  $\text{tr} Z \dots D_+ Z \dots Z$  — one-particle state of the spin chain (magnon)

#### Quantum numbers

- ▶ Twist  $L$  — spin chain length
- ▶ Lorentz spin  $S = k_1 + \dots + k_L$  — number of excitations (magnons) over the vacuum

### Dynamics

#### Callan-Symanzik equation

$$\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \mathcal{O}_{\{k_m\}} = -\delta D \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\{k_m\}}$$

- ▶  $\delta D$  — Hamiltonian of the spin chain
- ▶ Spectrum of anomalous dimensions  $\delta\Delta$  — spectrum of energies of the spin chain

## One-loop example

### Mapping with $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ integrable Heisenberg spin chains

[Lipatov'97],[Braun,Belitsky,Derkachov,Korchemsky,Manashov'98]  
[Minahan,Zarembo'02],[Beisert,Staudacher'03]

Kinematics : spin-chain Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} = V_s^{\otimes L}$

- ▶ scalar : conformal spin  $s = 1/2$
- ▶ fermion : conformal spin  $s = 1$
- ▶ gauge fields : conformal spin  $s = 3/2$

Dynamics :  $\delta D =$  Hamiltonian of  $XXX_s \mathfrak{sl}(2)$  Heisenberg spin chain

- ▶ System with  $L$  degrees of freedom... and  $L$  commuting conserved charges

*Liouville definition of a completely integrable system*

- ▶ The complete family of conserved charges can be diagonalized simultaneously with  $\delta D$  by means of the algebraic Bethe ansatz

## Bethe ansatz solution

Solution to mixing problem (here for scalar)

- ▶ Bethe ansatz equations

$$\left( \frac{u_k + \frac{i}{2}}{u_k - \frac{i}{2}} \right)^L = \prod_{j \neq k}^S \frac{u_k - u_j - i}{u_k - u_j + i}$$

- ▶  $S$  magnons  $\rightarrow S$  rapidities  $u_k$
- ▶ One-loop anomalous dimension

$$\delta\Delta = 2g^2 \sum_{k=1}^S \frac{1}{u_k^2 + 1/4} + O(g^4)$$

## Large spin limit $S \gg 1$

### Continuum limit of the Bethe ansatz equations

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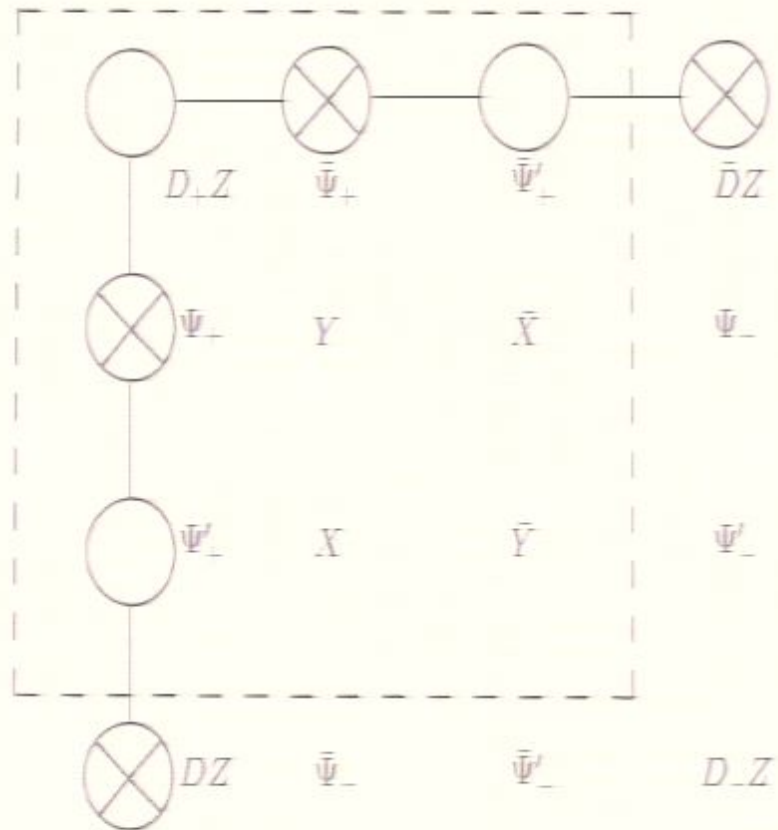
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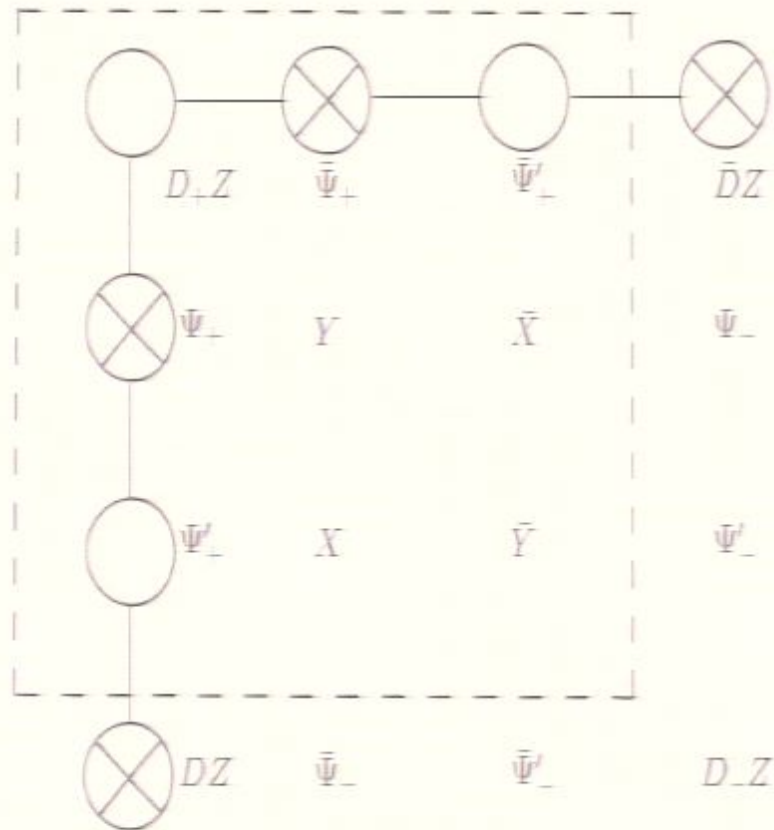
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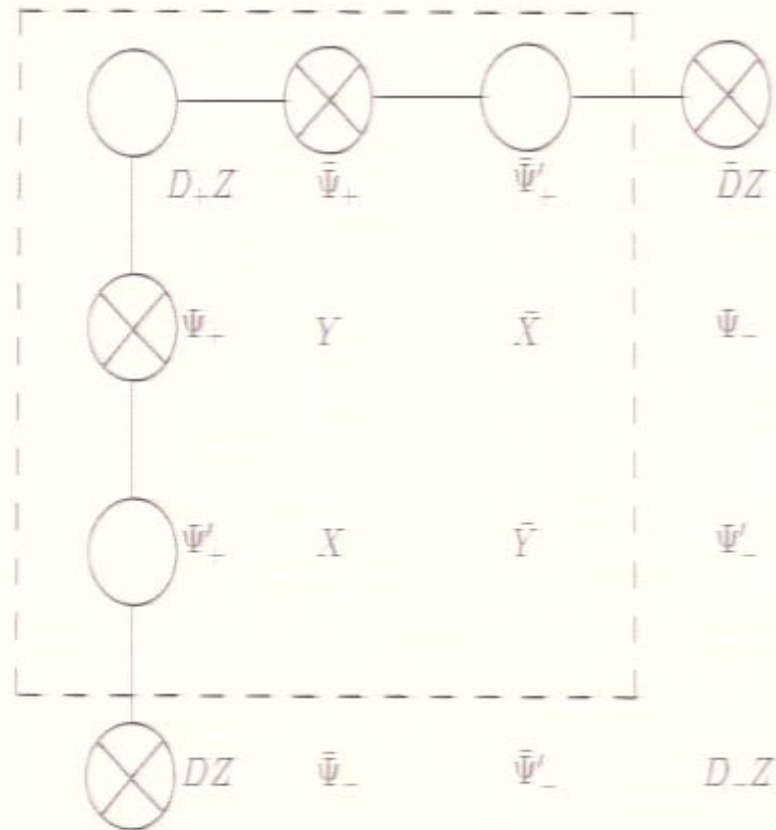
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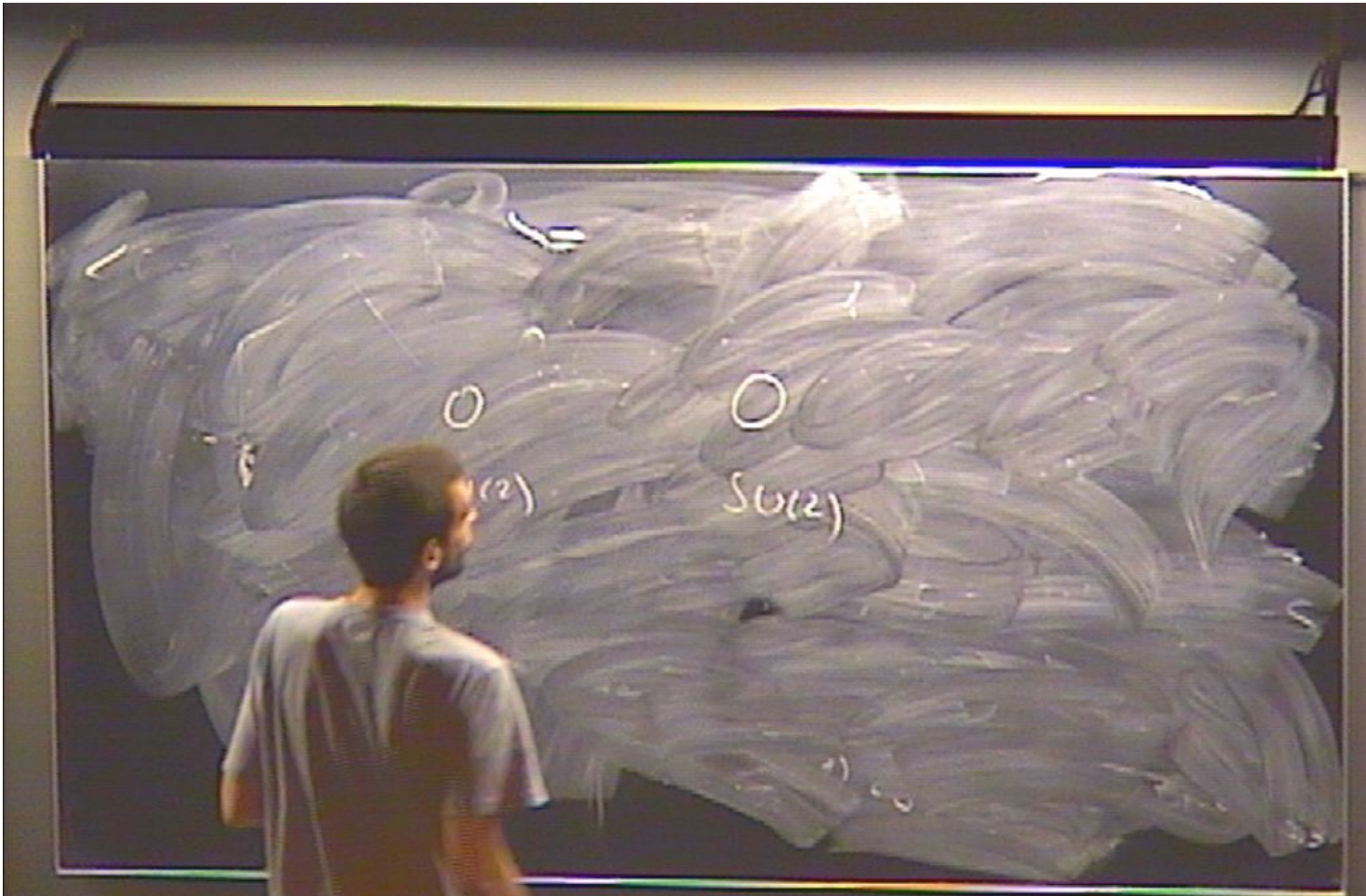
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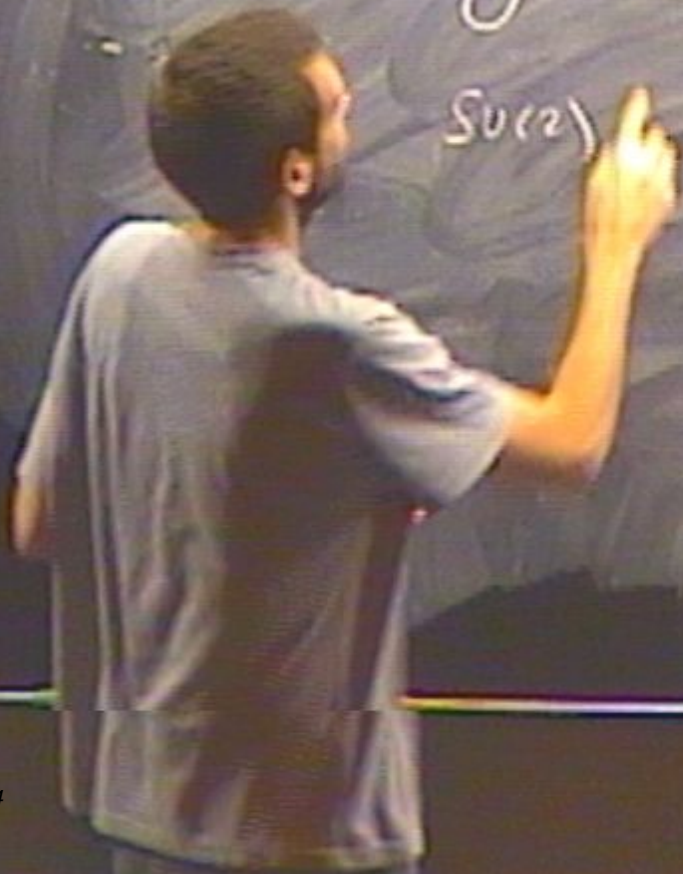










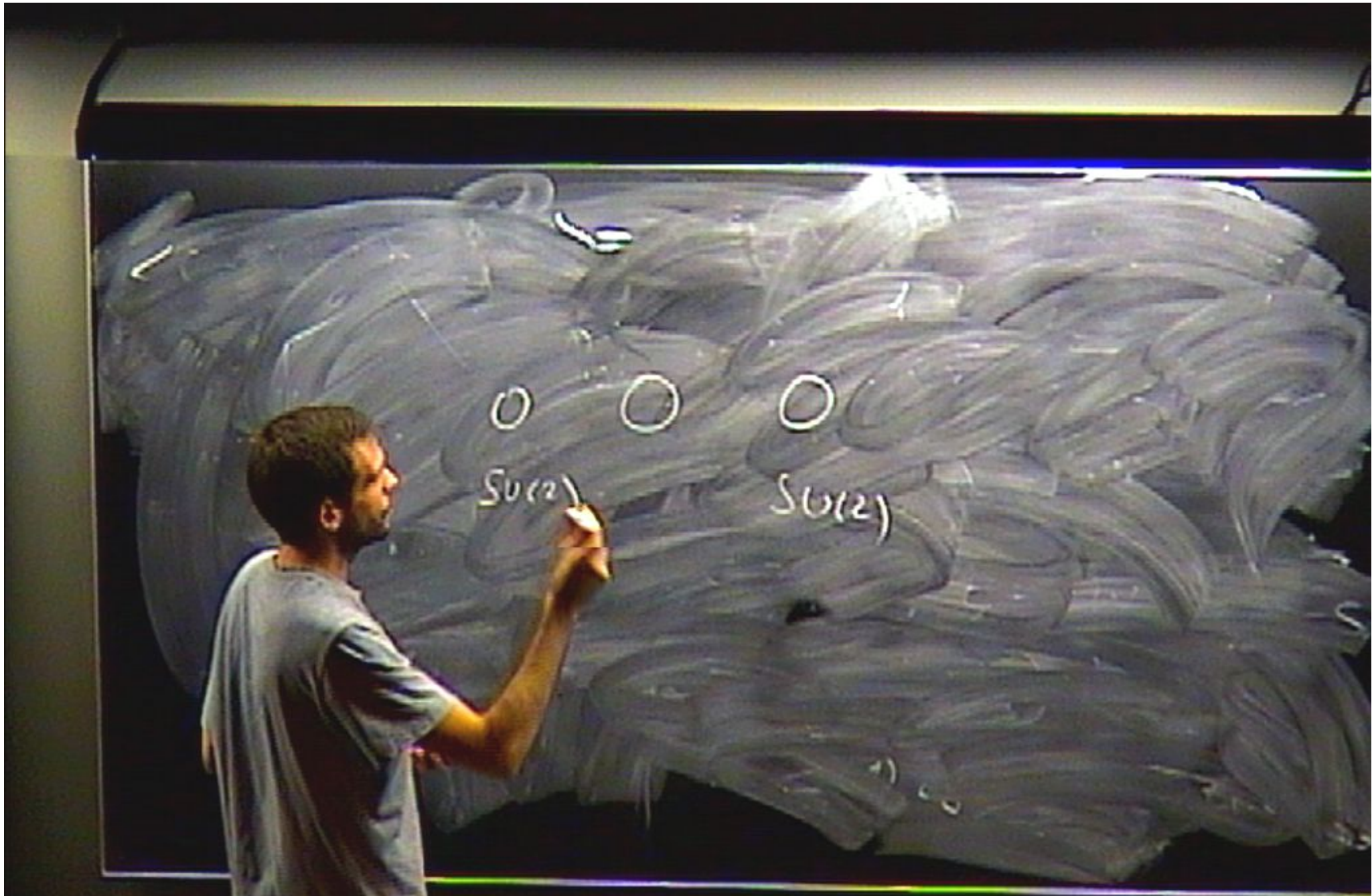


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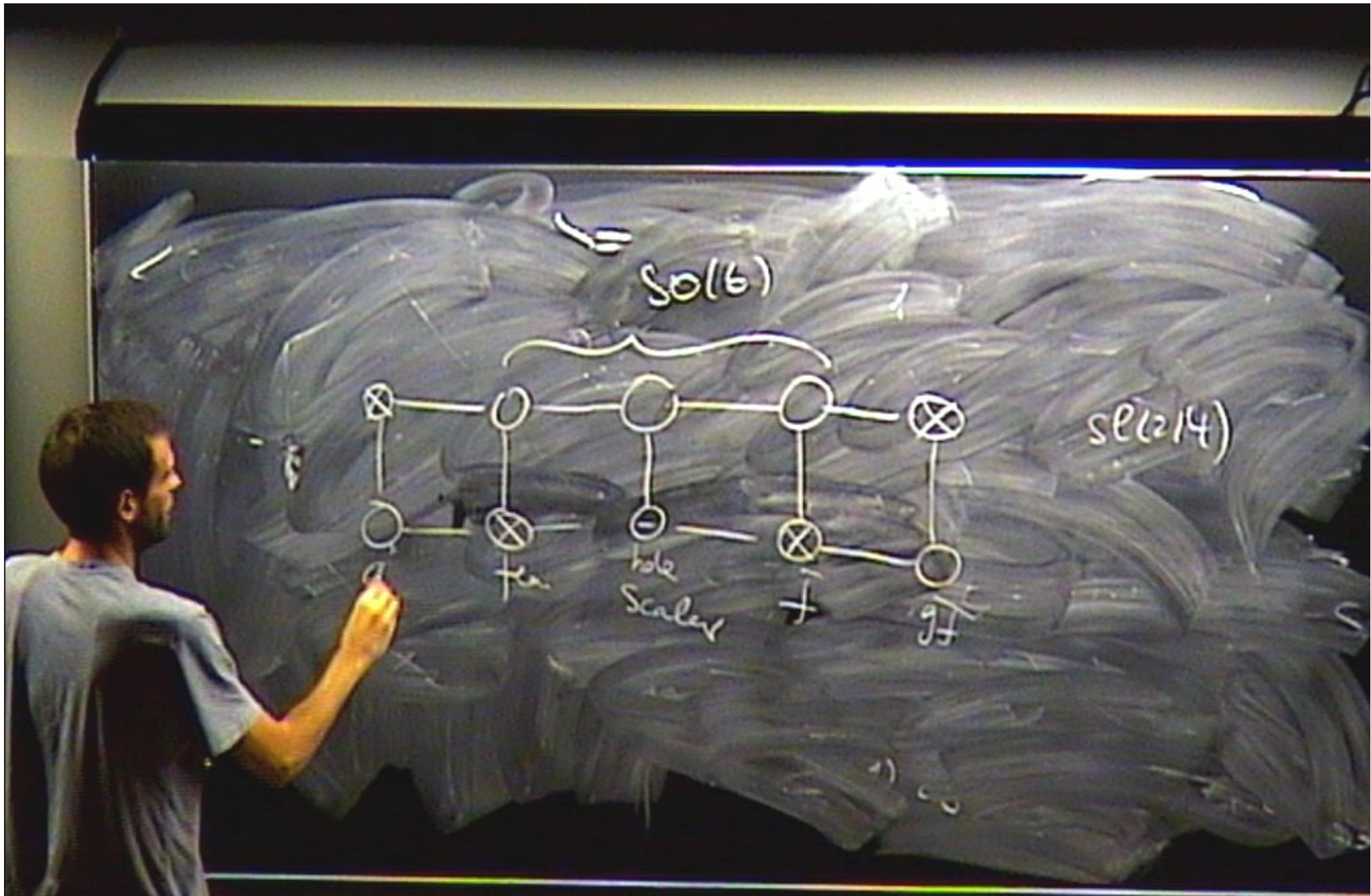
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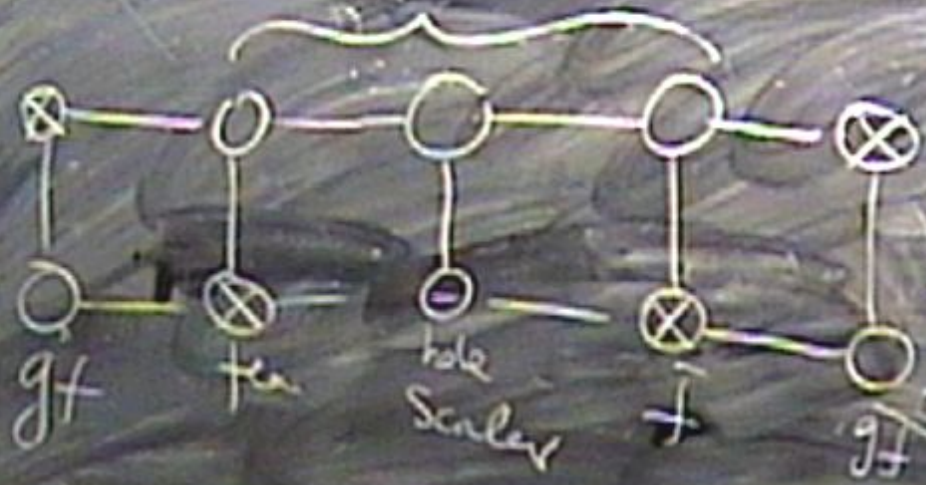
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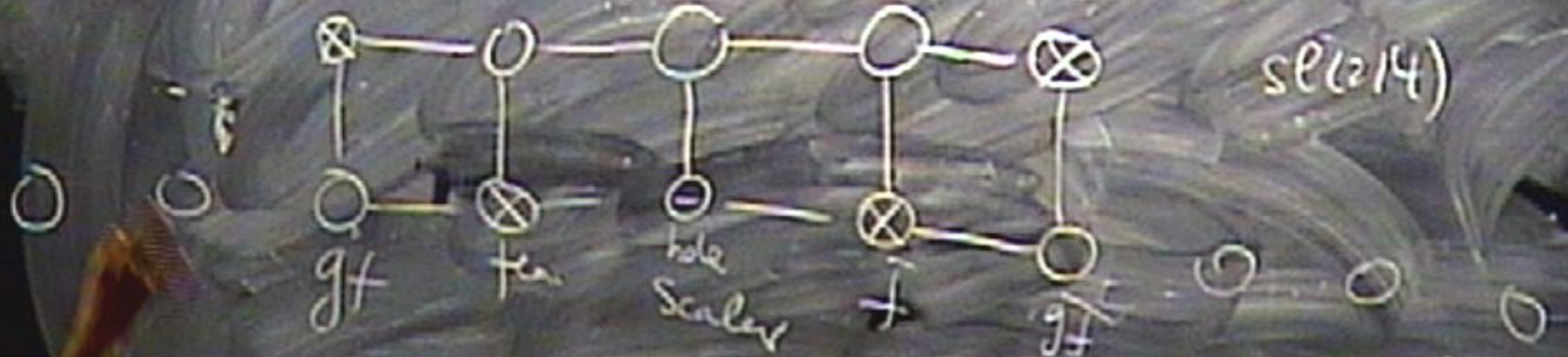
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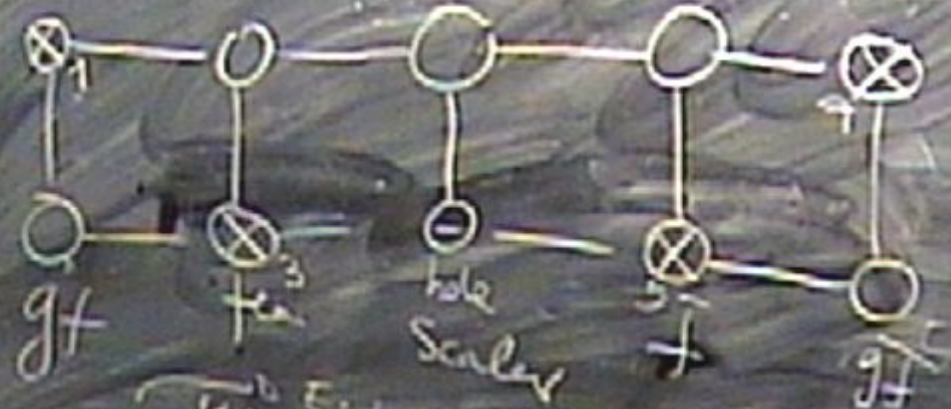
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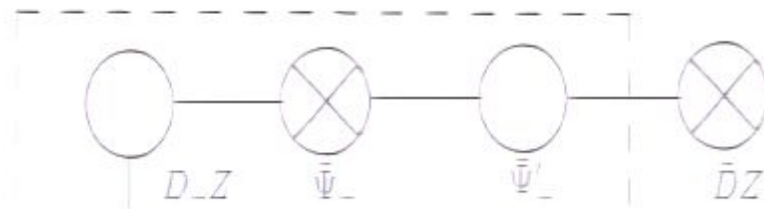
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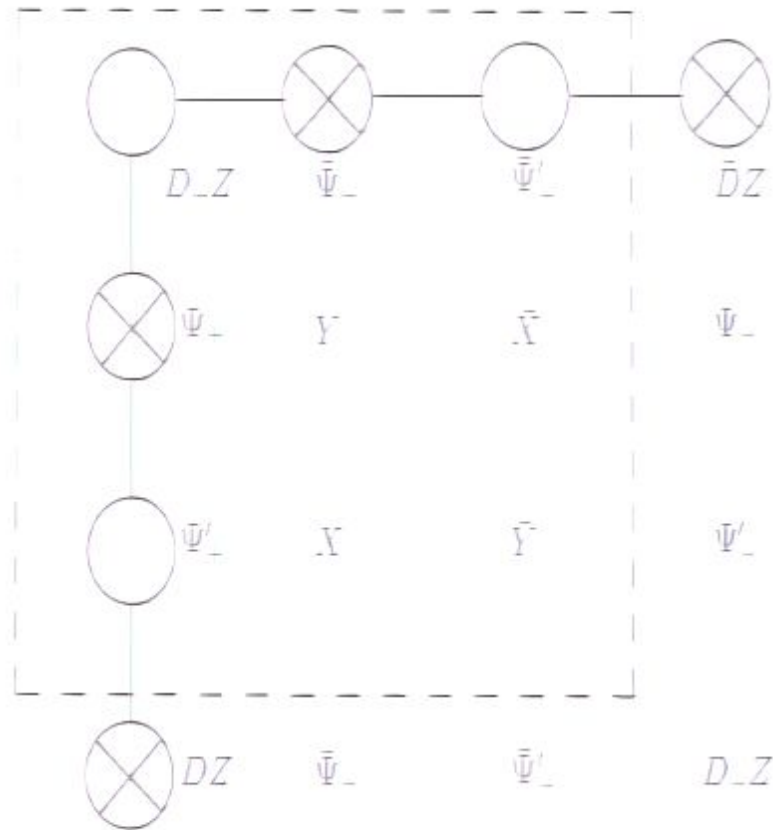
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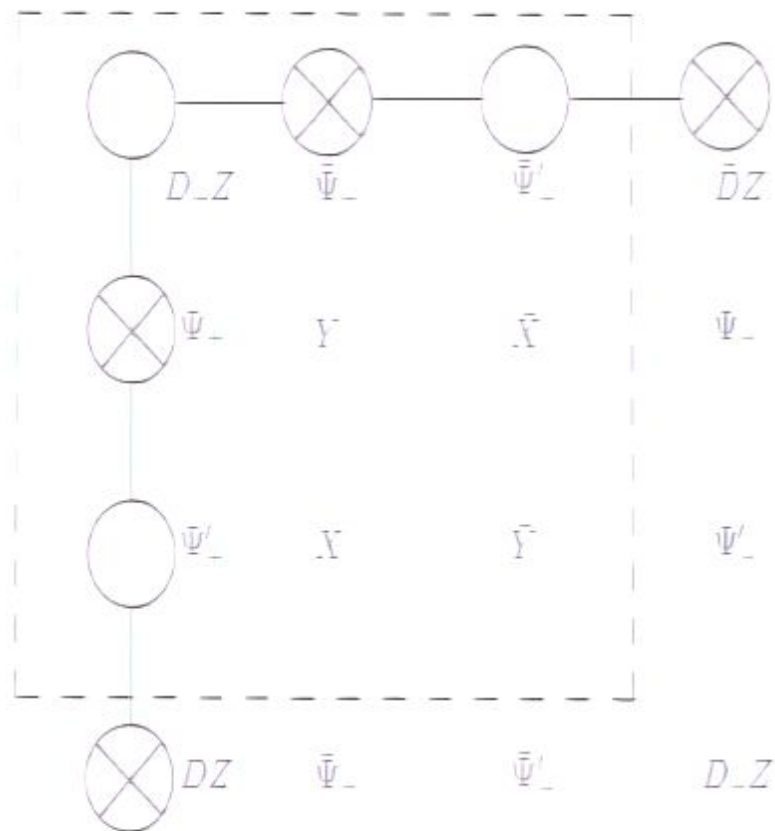
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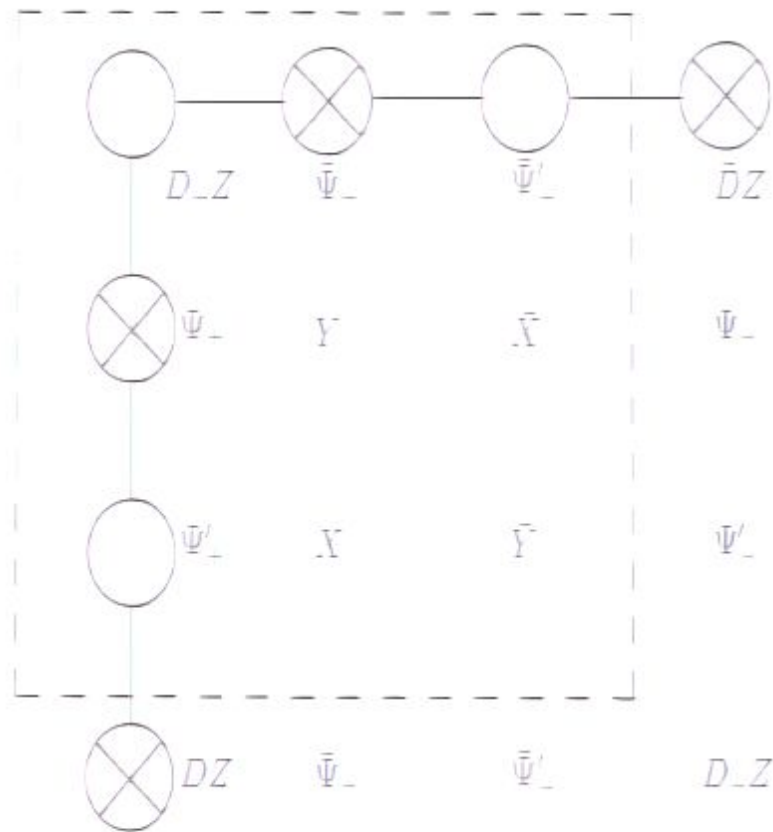
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Apply methodology to deal with this type of problem...

[Kotikov, Lipatov'06], [Benna, Benvenuti, Klebanov, Scardicchio'07],  
[Alday, Arutyunov, Benna, Eden, Klebanov'07], [Kostov, Serban, Volin'07], [Beccaria, DeAngelis, Forini'07]  
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... and in particular a trick for evaluating the energy  $\sim \gamma_1^*$  in terms of sol. to BES equation

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**Agreement** with string theory computations for most of the excitations...

[Giombi, Ricci, Roiban, Tseytlin' 10]

- ▶ gauge field:  $m(g) = \sqrt{2} \left[ 1 - 1/(8g) + O(1/g^2) \right]$       $c = \frac{1}{8}$
- ▶ fermion:  $m(g) = 1$       $c = \frac{1}{4}$

... **except** for scalar

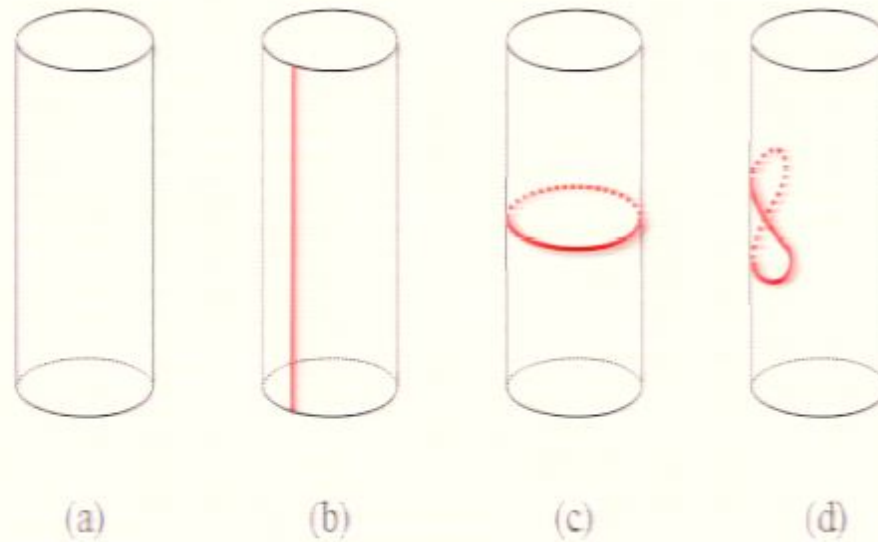
$$c_{\text{ABA}} = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})^4}{8(12)^{5/4}\pi^2} \neq \frac{7}{24\pi} = c_{\text{string}}$$

Possible explanation:

- ▶ ABA computes dispersion relation for asymptotic scalar
- ▶ String theory computes dispersion relation for Goldstone mode in  $S^5$ : infrared divergences  $\rightarrow$  not asymptotic



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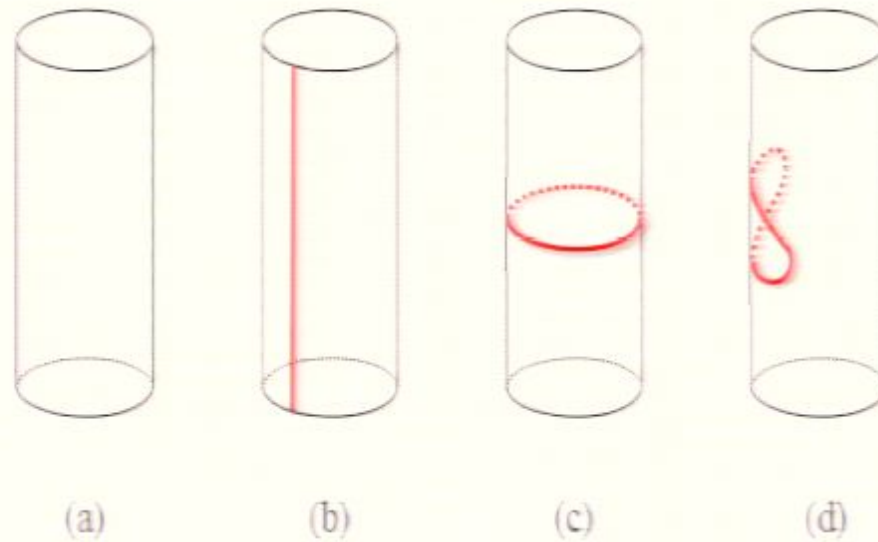
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achieve real values simultaneously

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Outcome: Double Wick rotation symmetry

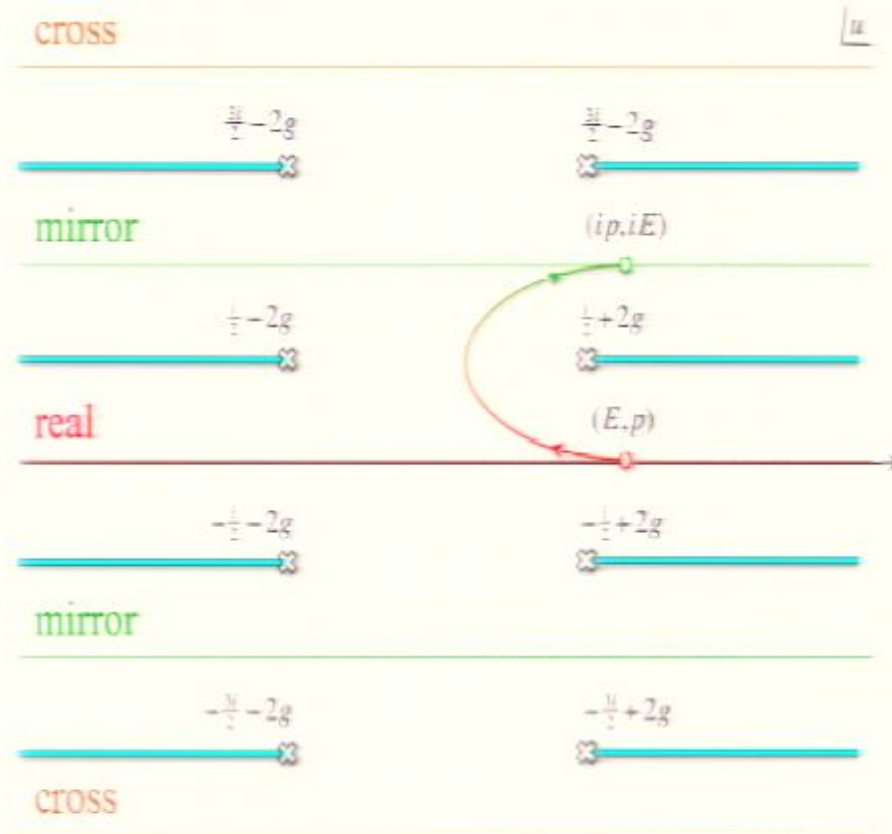
[Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena, Sever, Vieira'10]

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or equivalently, invariance of the dispersion relation

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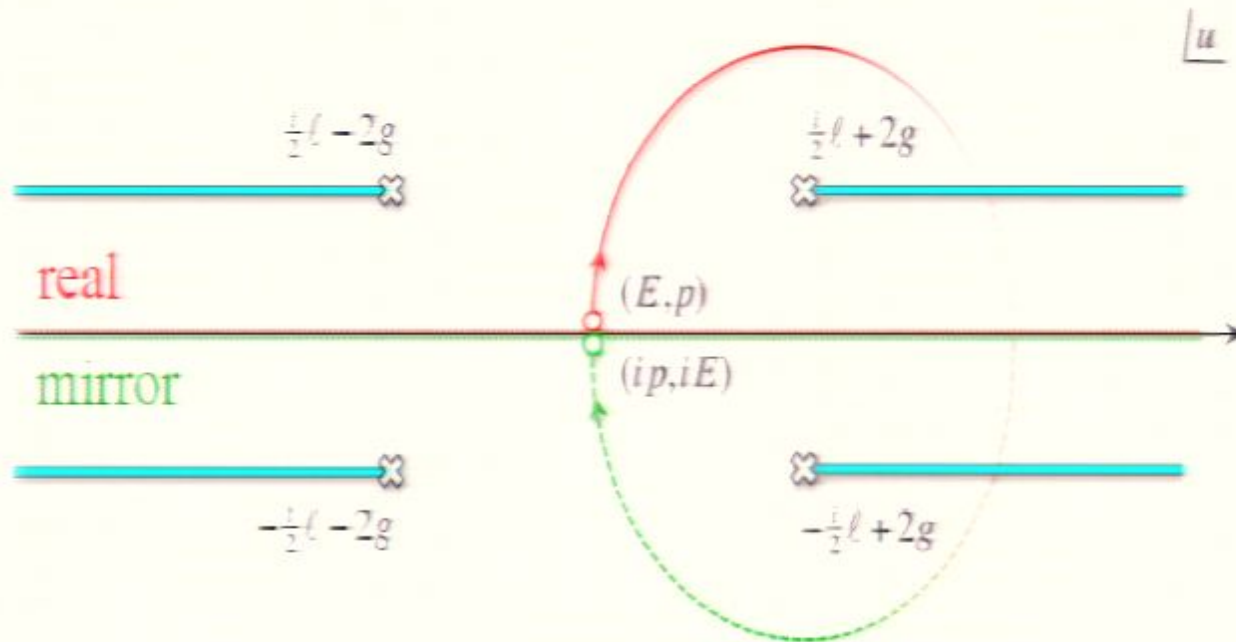


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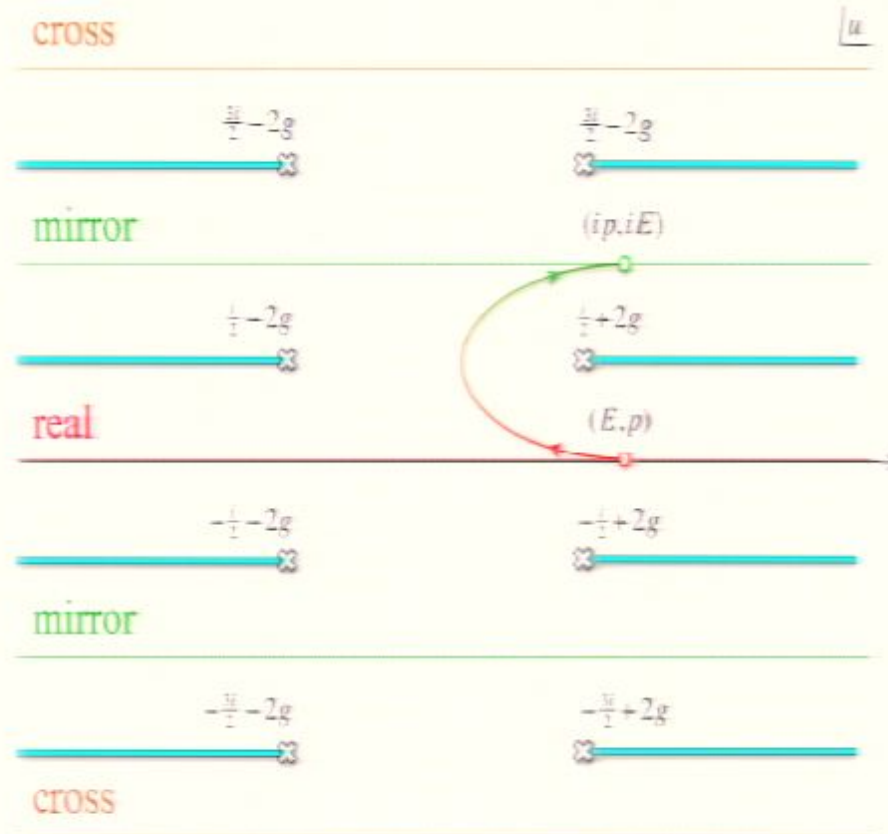
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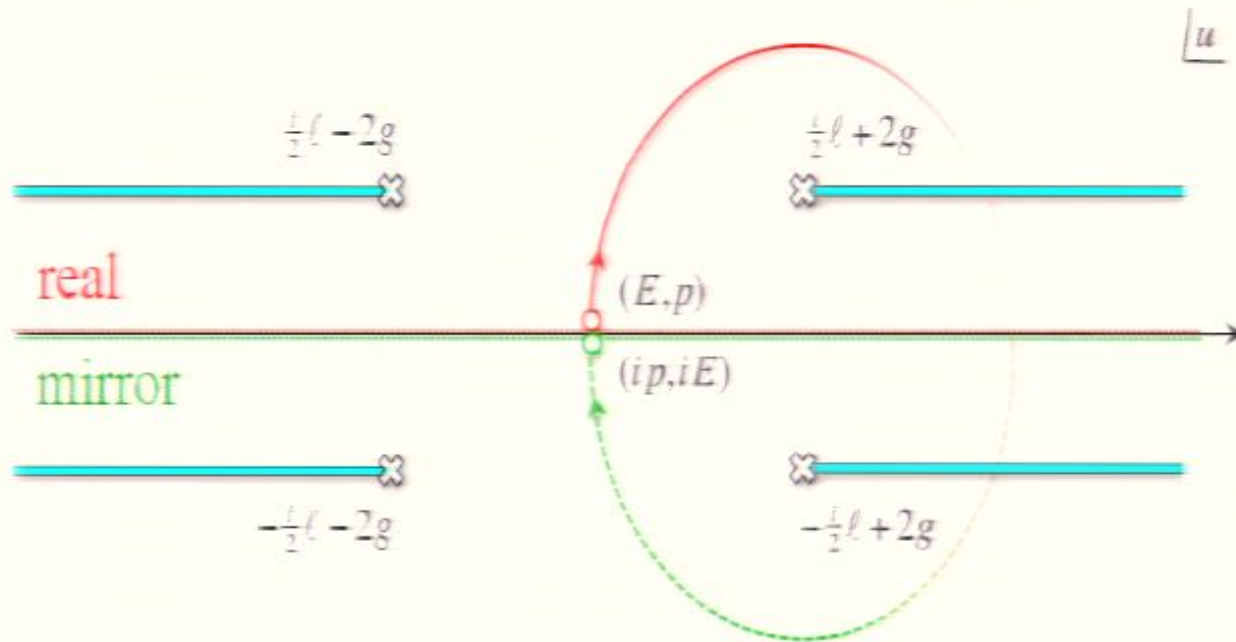
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Restriction to vacuum

$$L - 2 \quad e^{i\vartheta} = (-1)^S$$

Y function in vacuum

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with

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**Important:** Both the momentum  $p_h(u)$  and its anomalous sibling  $\delta p_h(u)$  can be found exactly in the coupling from BES and [Freyhult,Zieme'09],[Fioravanti,Grinza,Rossi'09] equations

Example at strong coupling and (very) low momentum ( $\theta = \pi u/2 \ll \pi g$ )

$$Y_h(u) = (-1)^S e^{imR \sinh \theta}$$

with effective length

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[Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky'06]

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Somehow ABA detects only **2** scalar excitations maybe because the BMN vacuum breaks  $O(6)$  symmetry down to  $O(4)$

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Our result is non-perturbative... perturbative string theory gives at one loop

[Schafer-Nameki, Zamaklar, Zarembo'05]

[Beccaria, Dunne, Forini, Pawellek, Tseytlin'10], [Giombi, Ricci, Roiban, Tseytlin'10]

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[Balog, Hegedus'01]

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[Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky'06]

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  - ▶ Large-twist limit and generalized scaling function... finite-size correction to finite-density gas
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[Schafer-Nameki, Zamaklar, Zarembo '05]

[Beccaria, Dunne, Forini, Pawellek, Tseytlin '10], [Giombi, Ricci, Roiban, Tseytlin '10]

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Change of scale

$$1/S^2 \rightarrow 1/S^{2m} \sim e^{-mR} \rightarrow 1/\log S \sim 1/R$$

Resolution

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with (at least within our current accuracy at large spin)

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with exchange of twist-one excitations and expand at weak coupling

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with **polynomials** in  $\log \bar{S} = \log S + \gamma_E$

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = 0$$

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## Y functions II

### Mirror kinematics

- ▶ Continuation  $u \rightarrow u'$

$$Y_{\text{h}}^{\text{mirror}}(u) \equiv Y_{\text{h}}(u')$$

- ▶ General structure

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and mass

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and  $\sqrt{\lambda} \equiv 4\pi g \gg 1$

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Restriction to vacuum

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Y function in vacuum

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[Dorey, Zhao '11]