Title: Spin Foams: a numerical revolution

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Abstract: <p>In this talk, I will summarize the status of the numerical evaluation of spin foam amplitudes focusing on the Lorentzian EPRL-FK model. I will illustrate how numerical methods can lift some limitations of the theory helping us understand better its continuum and semi-classical limit.</p>

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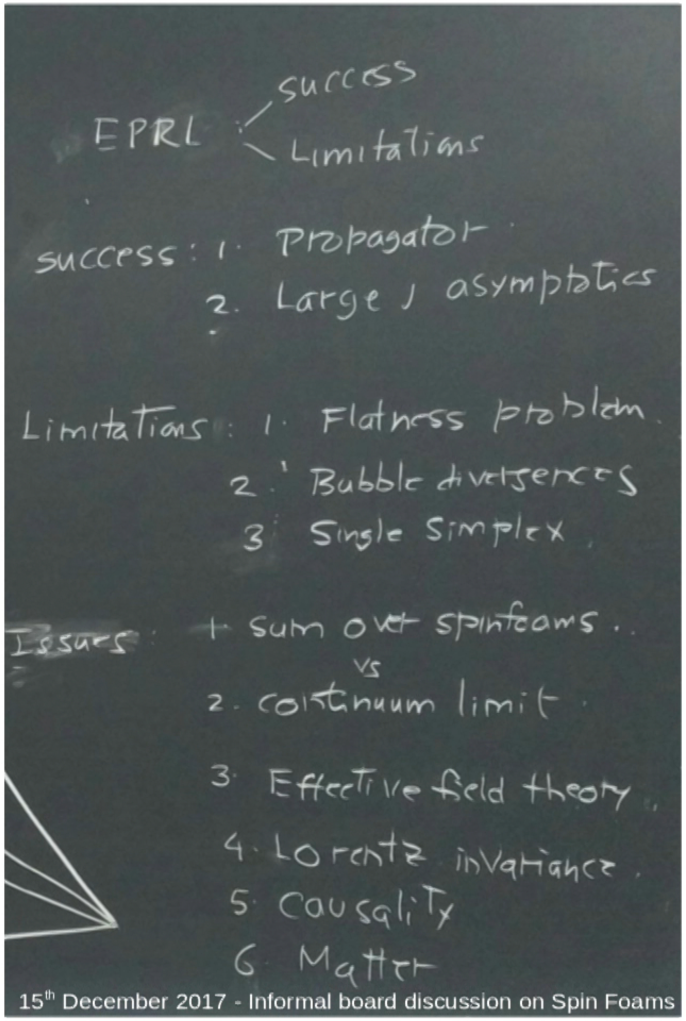


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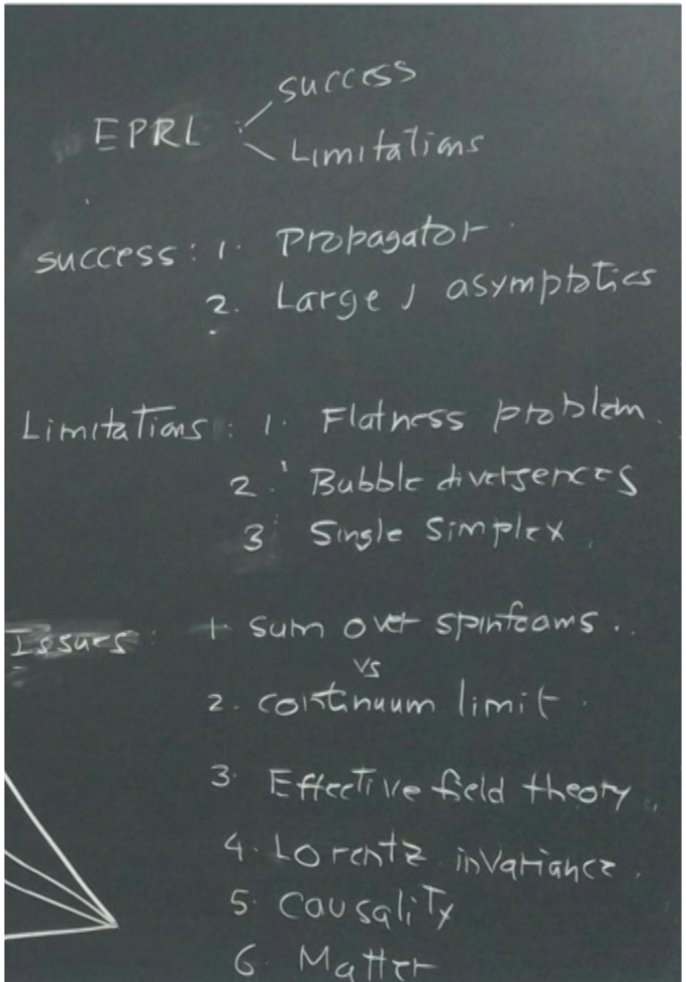

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Disclaimer: despite what my title suggests, the path to complete the program is still long.
Any input is very welcome!

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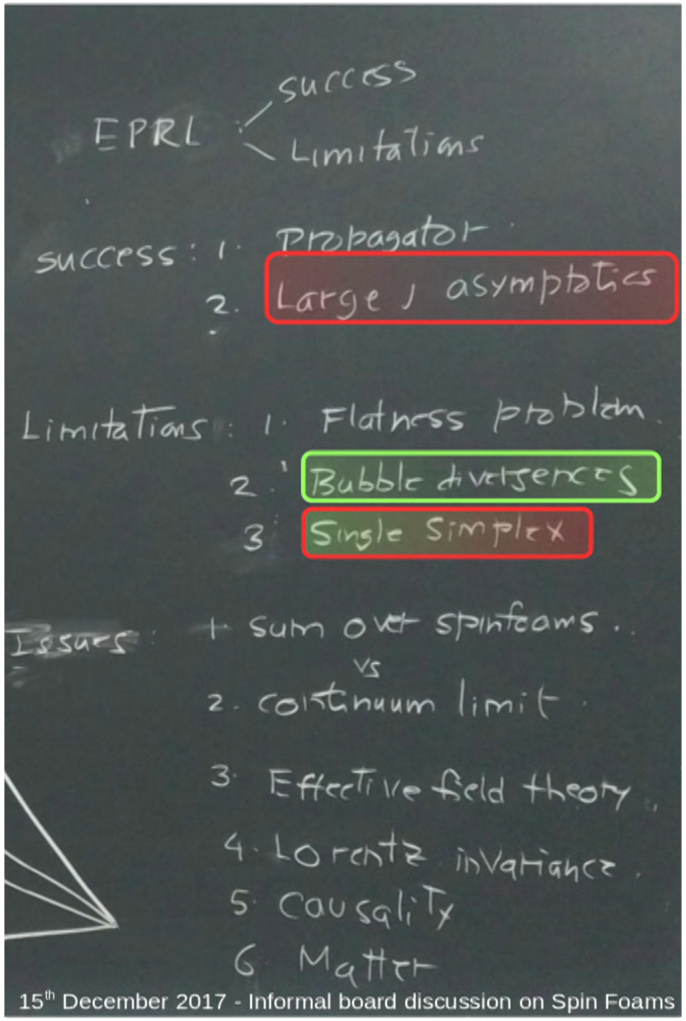


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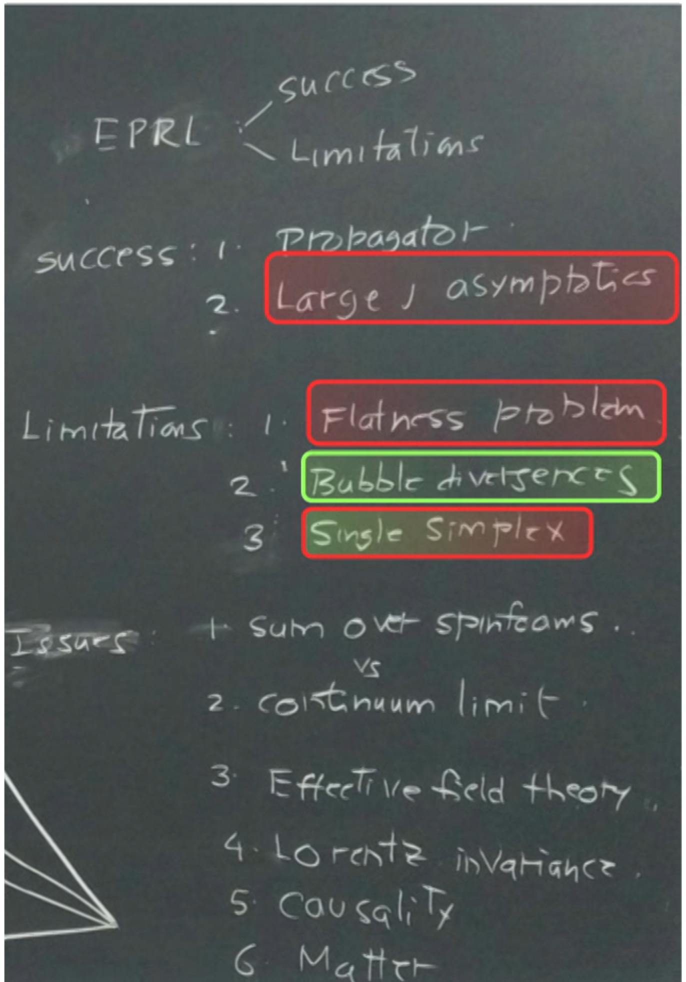


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Two Vertices – Bubbles (4D, tensorial structure)
Three Vertices – Delta 3 (flatness?)
P.D., Sarno, Collet, Speziale

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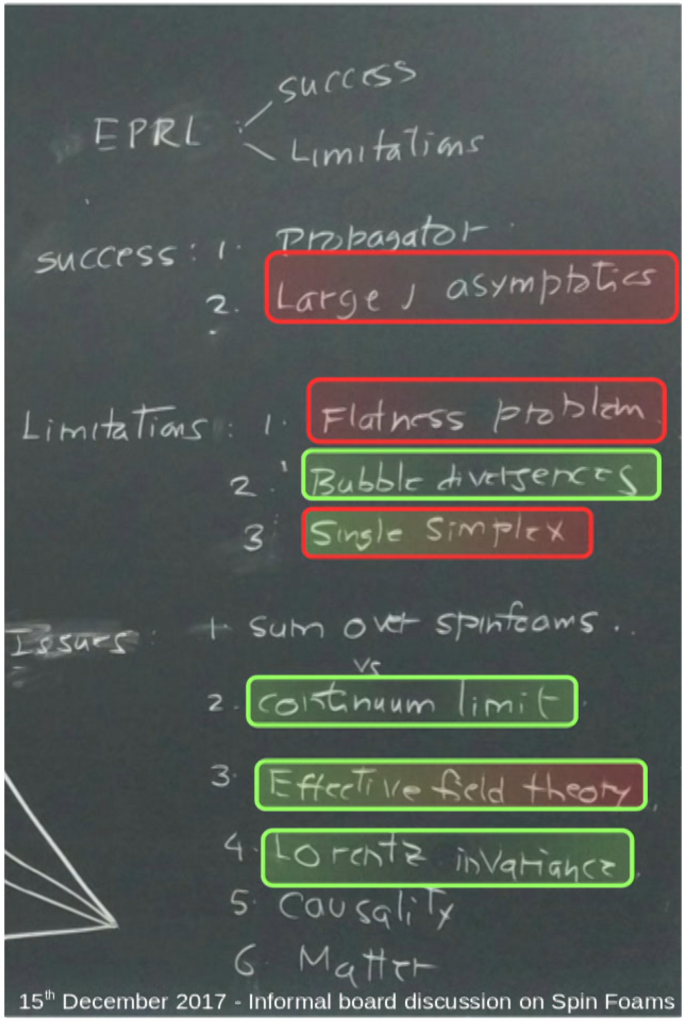

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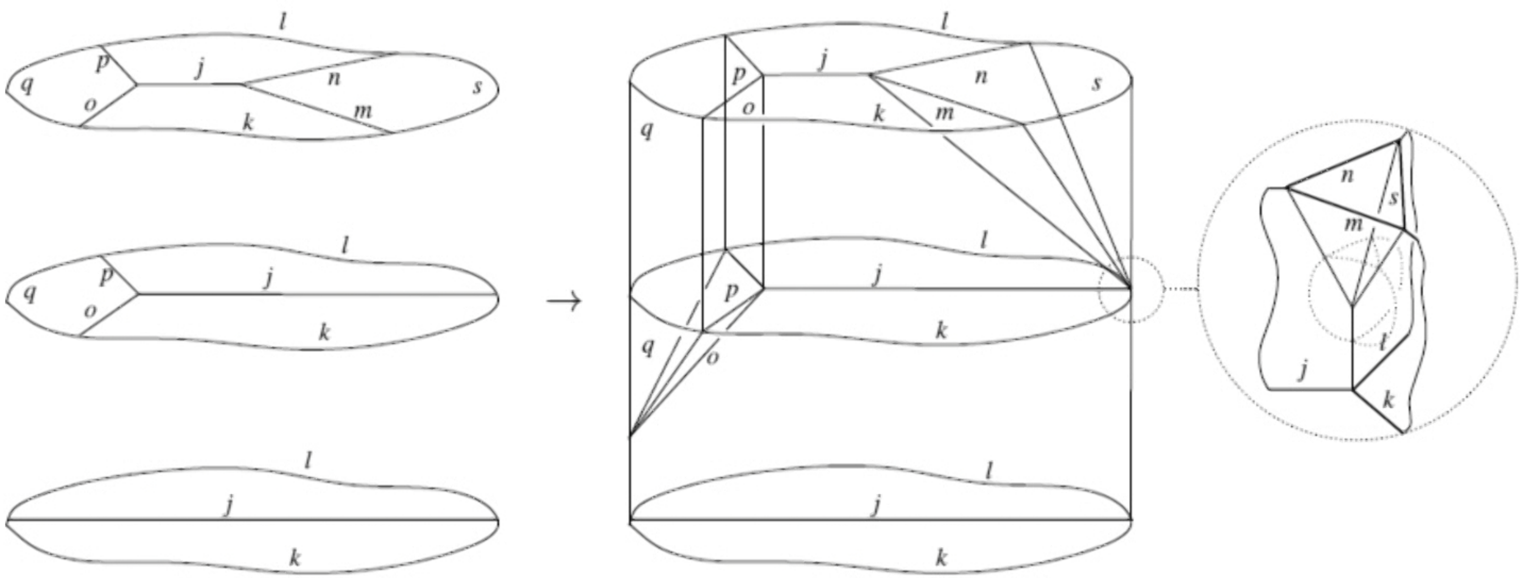
The day after
- Wilsonian RG flow
- Tensor network
- Recover Lorentz invariance at FP
- Connection with Perturbative QG
- Phenomenology

# Spin Foams: partition function

$$Z_{\mathcal{C}} = \sum_{j_f, i_e} \prod_f A_f(j_f) \prod_e A_e(i_e) \prod_v A_v(j_f,\ i_e)$$




[2013 – Living review – Perez]

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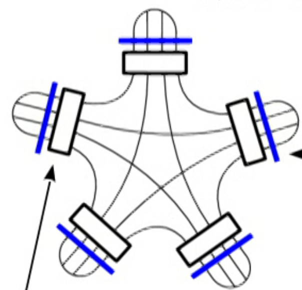

Y map : $j \longrightarrow (\rho, k) \stackrel{Y}{=} (\gamma j, j)$

$SL\,(2, \mathbb{C})$

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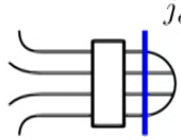

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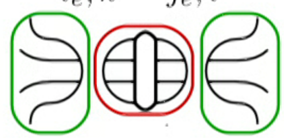

$B_4\,(j_f, i_e, l_{fv}, k_{ev}; \gamma)$

[2016 – Speziale]

Booster functions & SU(2) Intertwiners

Cartan Decomposition: $u e^{\frac{r}{2}\sigma_3} v^{-1}$

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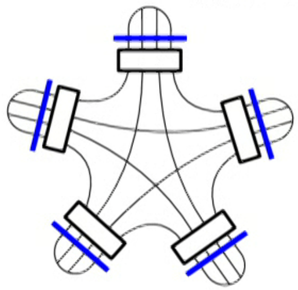
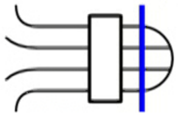
$A_v\,(j_f, i_e) =$ 

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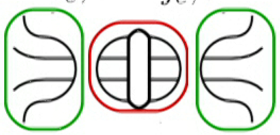


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**Take home message:**
We can decompose the EPRL-FK vertex amplitude into a superposition of SU(2) invariants weighted by Boosters functions (one per half-edge)

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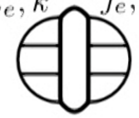


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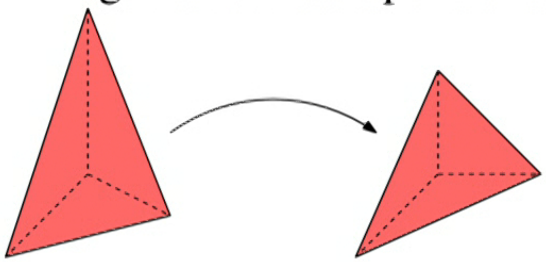

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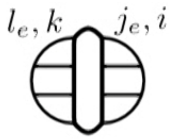


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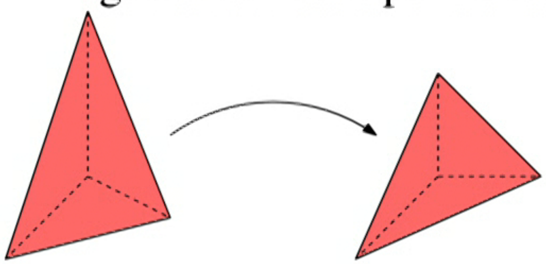

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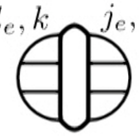


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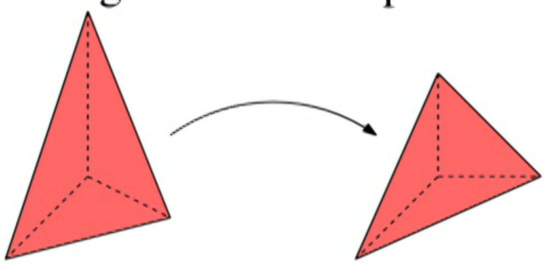

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Our current code is written in C, integrates and use arbitrary precision math libraries. We can compute Booster functions with spins of order 50 in minutes

credits to the many students that have been sacrificed for this cause – Sarno & Collet

# Back to the Vertex Amplitude

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Computing SU(2) invariants is not easy

dedicated algorithm for 3j, 6j and 9j symbols [2015 - Johansson, Forssén]

take into account symmetries to save memory and time

smart basis choice leads to reducible symbols

as a warm up exercise we checked the $\{15j\}$ symbol asymptotic

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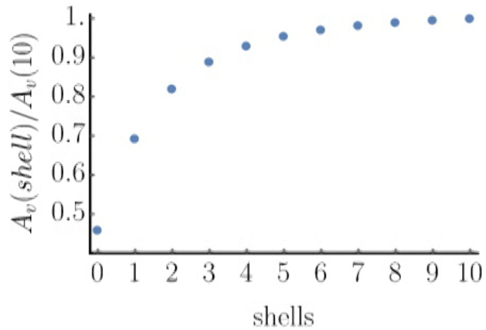
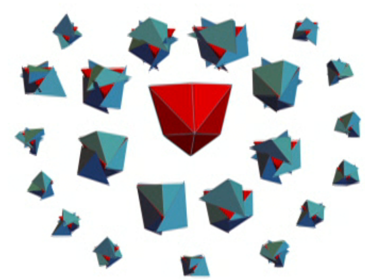
Unbounded but convergent sums! We studied the convergence in shells




Selection rules are needed. A small percentage of addends really matters

- Empirical selection – very rough but effective
- Using geometrical intuition coming from the asymptotic
- Machine learning
- Discrete version of Monte Carlo



# Simplifications

Full EPRL-FK Amplitude:

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Simplified Model (EPRLs): (extra enforcement of the Y map)

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Topological BF SU(2):

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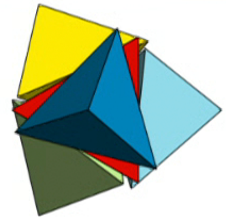
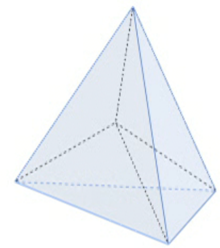
# Asymptotic of the Vertex Amplitude





## What?

Single vertex

Boundary intertwiners coherent states

Uniform scaling

## Why?

Simplest amplitude

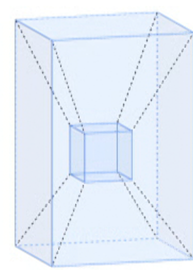
Analytic formulas available (saddle point)

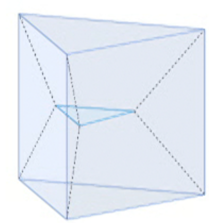
Test drive of the machinery.

## How?

One (complexity) step at a time

Various models and boundary geometries





## Learn?

Computing Hessians is hard

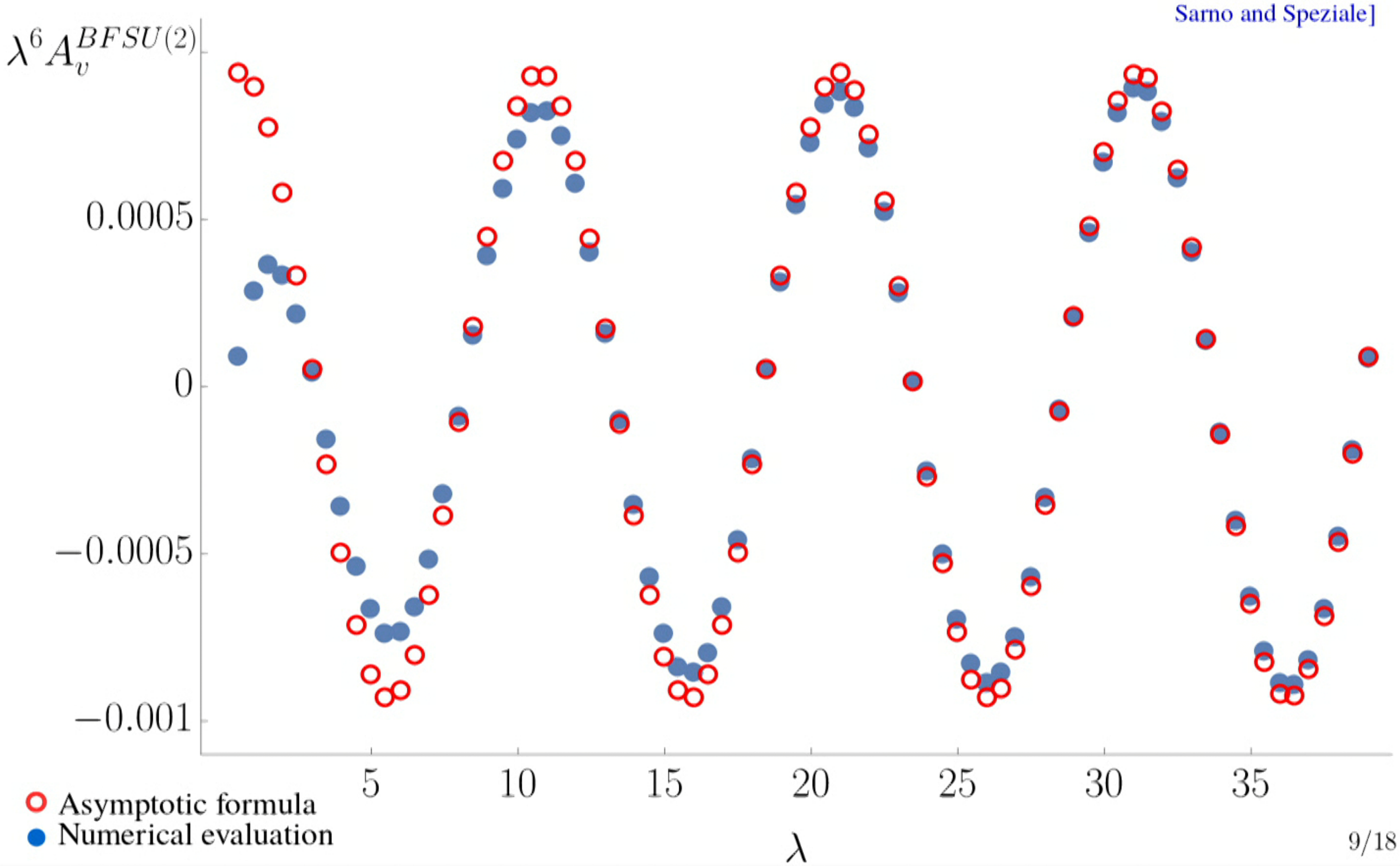
Cosine "problem"

Generalization is possible (KKL)

# SU(2) BF Vertex Amplitude

Equilateral 4simplex

[2017 – P.D., Fanizza, Sarno and Speziale]



# EPRLs Vertex Amplitude

0 shell. Semiclassical limit of EPRLs?

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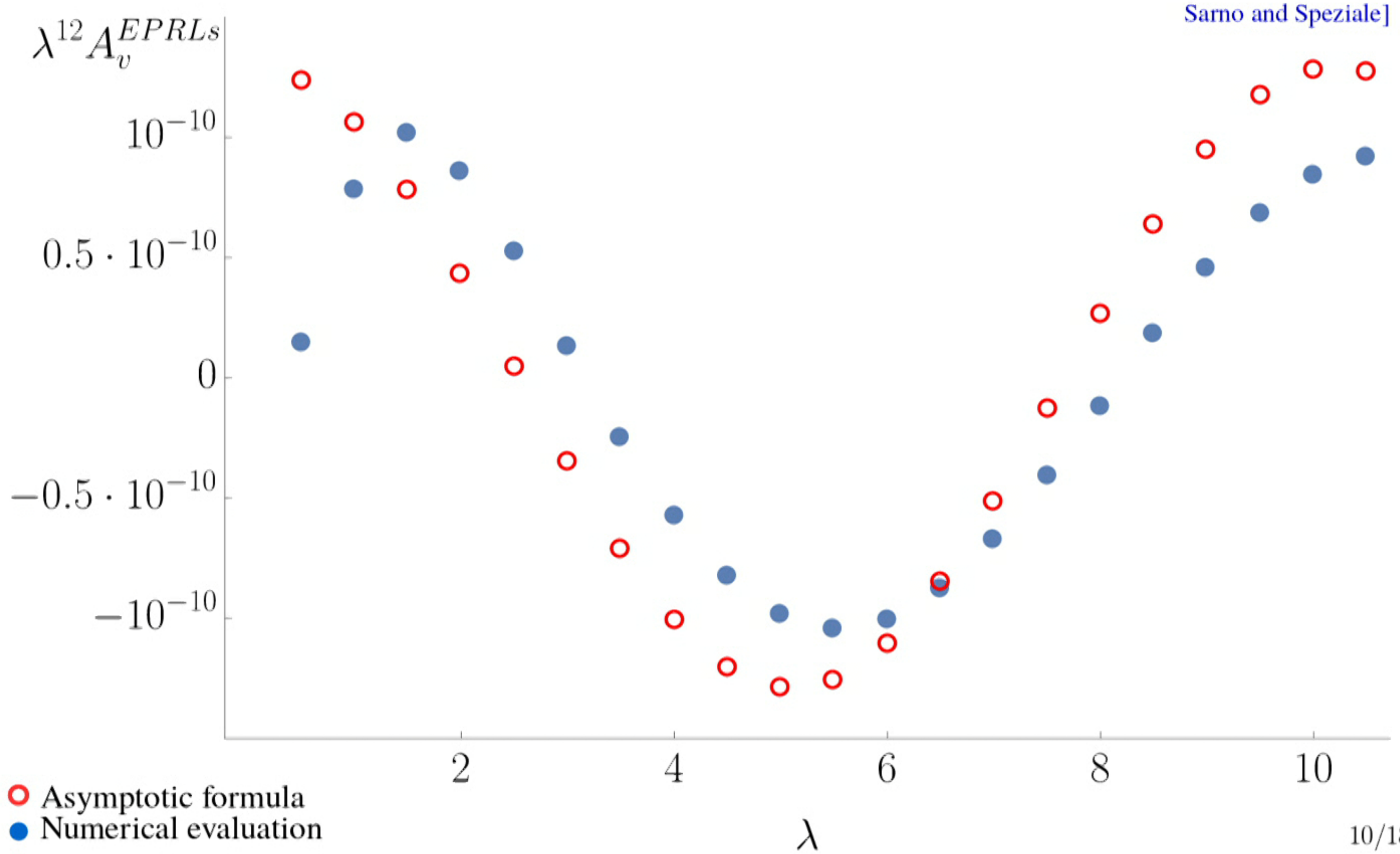


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# EPRL Vertex Amplitude

Lorentzian Geometry boundary data.

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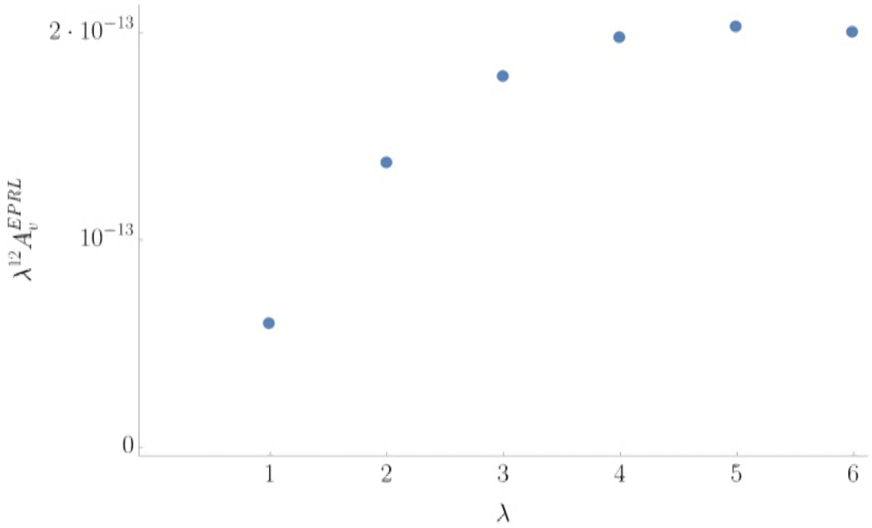


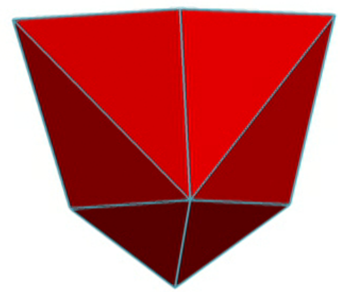

The real limitation is in the boundary data:

- Lorentzian 4simplex
- Boundary made of 5 space-like tetrahedra
- Integer areas (boosted to a common $R^3$) as similar as possible

} Spins grows too quickly

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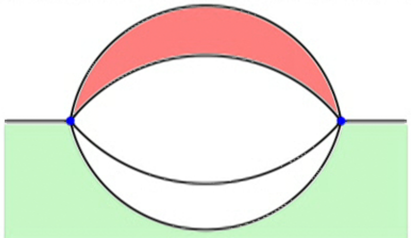
# Infrared divergences

Bubble: collection of faces in the cellular complex forming a closed 2-surface



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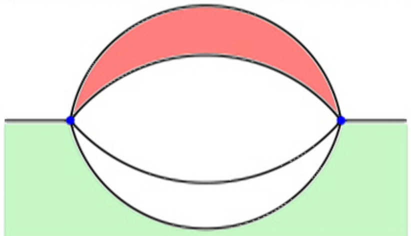

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Algorithm applicable to any diagram

Assumptions:

- uniform scaling of all the face spins
- no interference (estimate from above)

Ingredients:

- behavior of SU(2) invariants
- behavior of boosters inferred from numerics
- numerical evaluation for simple diagrams

[2018 - P.D.]

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[2018 - P.D.]

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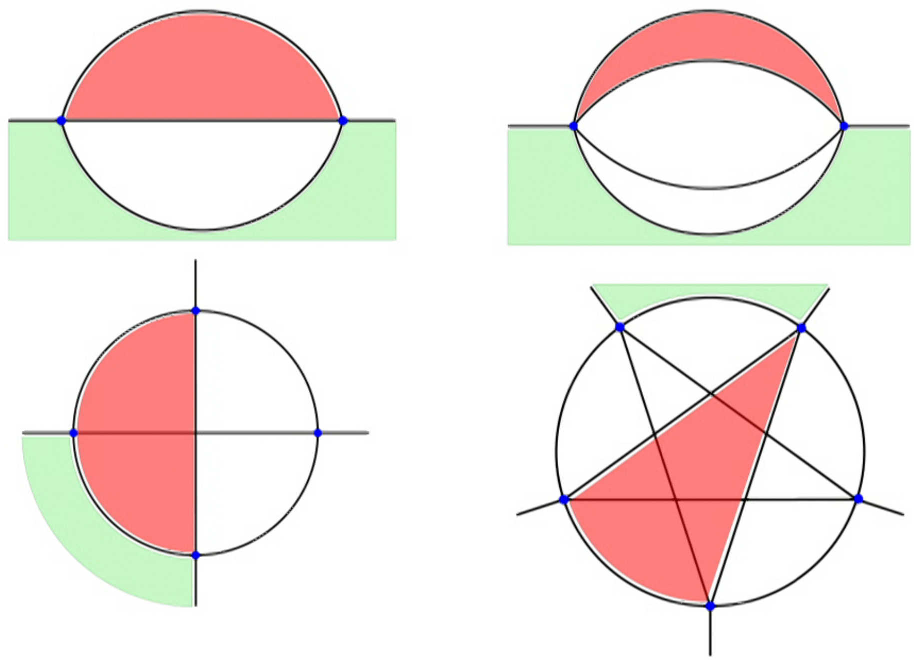

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I can evaluate the amplitude analytically and compare

I can evaluate the amplitude numerically and compare

We are working on the numeric for the rest

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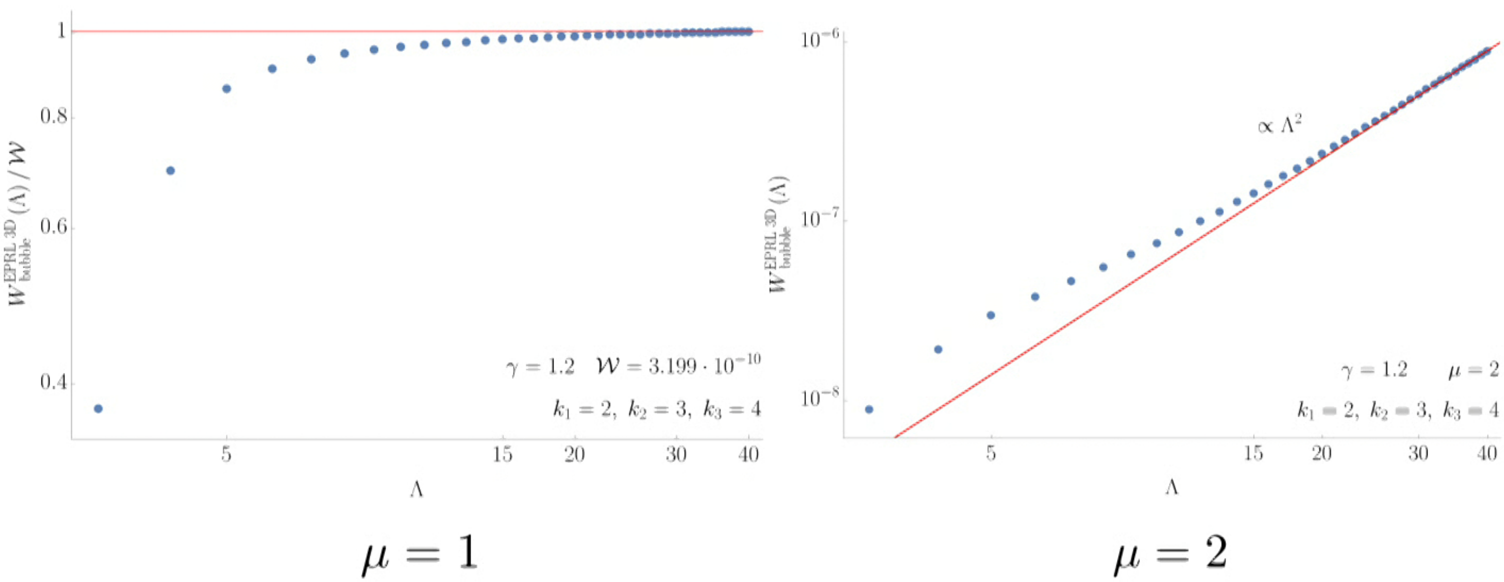


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## Divergence as BF SU(2)

What about the Log?

## Numerical confirmation


Easier than the asymptotic (fixed boundary)

Tensorial structure?

Crucial to setup a renormalization procedure (continuum limit)

Idea on how to compute it analytically

# Conclusion and Outlook

Numerical evaluation of Spin Foam amplitudes is possible and a useful tool.

One vertex is possible

- Consistency check!
- Connection to the semi-classical limit

Two vertices is work in progress

- Bubbles are IR divergent
- Numerics can help us signing the path towards the continuum limit

Three vertices is in planning phase

- One full internal face is enough to have curvature (flatness problem)

Many vertices is a dream (realizable)

- Phenomenology?

Thanks for your attention!