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Abstract:

Bootstrapping Scattering Amplitudes

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S-matrix Bootstrap I: QFT in AdS [[arXiv:1607.06109](#)]

S-matrix Bootstrap II: two-dimensional amplitudes [[arXiv:1607.06110](#)]

S-matrix Bootstrap III: higher dimensional amplitudes [[arXiv:1708.06765](#)]

S-matrix Bootstrap IV: multiple amplitudes [[work in progress](#)]

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- Introduction
- S-matrix Bootstrap in $D=2=1+1$
- " " " " in $D>2$
- Multiple Amp. Bootstrap in $D=2$
- Outlook

Introduction

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Study QFT:

- Non-pert.
- on the continuum

→ Bootstrap

Space of QFTs



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consistency conditions

Inspiration: Conformal Bootstrap

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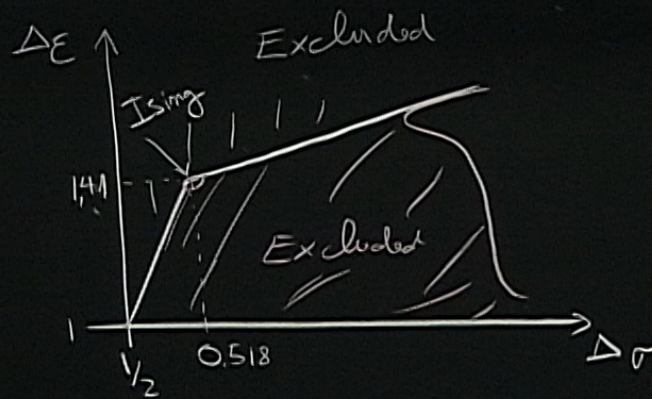
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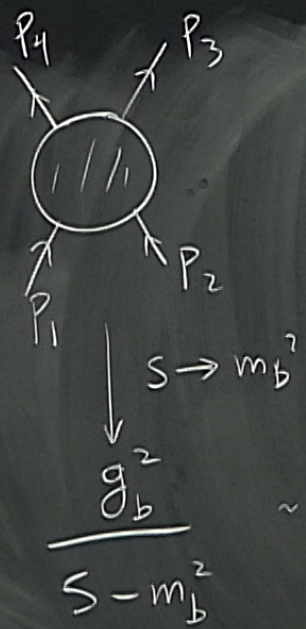
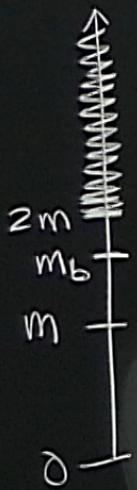


$\langle \sigma \sigma \epsilon \epsilon \rangle$
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$$S_{\text{QFT}} = S_{\text{CFT}} + (T - T_c) \int dx \epsilon(x)$$

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massive

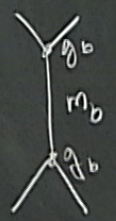
Basic Setup



$$P_i^2 = m^2$$

$$\begin{cases} S = (P_1 + P_2)^2 \\ t = (P_1 - P_3)^2 \\ u = (P_1 - P_4)^2 \end{cases}$$

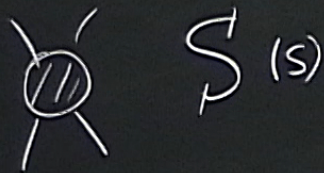
$$S + t + u = 4m^2$$



$$\text{Max } g_b^2 = ?$$

2D QFT

$$u=0 \text{ or } t=0$$

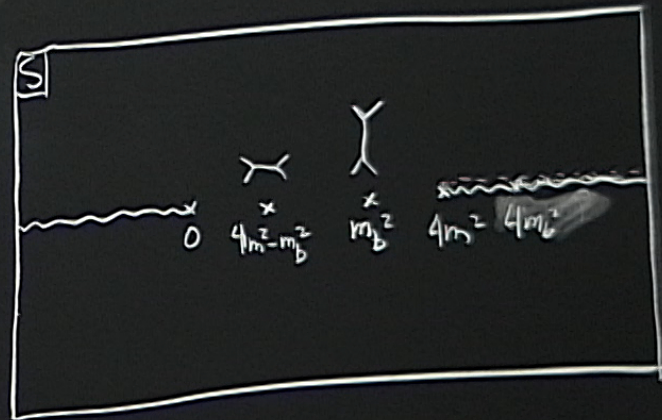
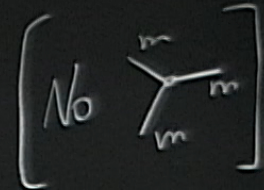


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$$S(s) = S(4m^2 - s)$$

• Analyticity

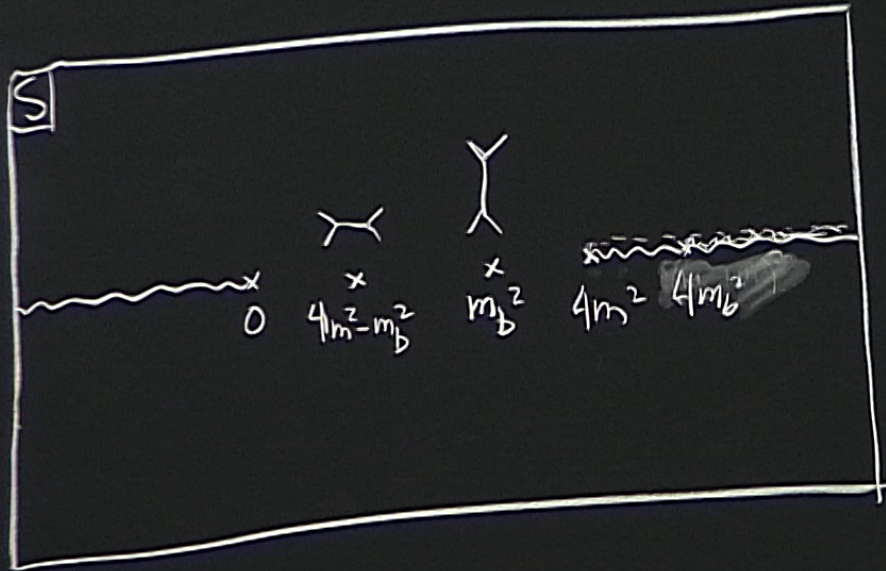
$$S(s^*) = [S(s)]^*$$



• Unitarity

$$|S(s)|^2 \leq 1 \quad \underline{s > 4m^2}$$

$$S(s) = [P(s)]$$



• Unity

$$|S(s)|^2 \leq 1, \quad \underline{s > 4m^2}$$

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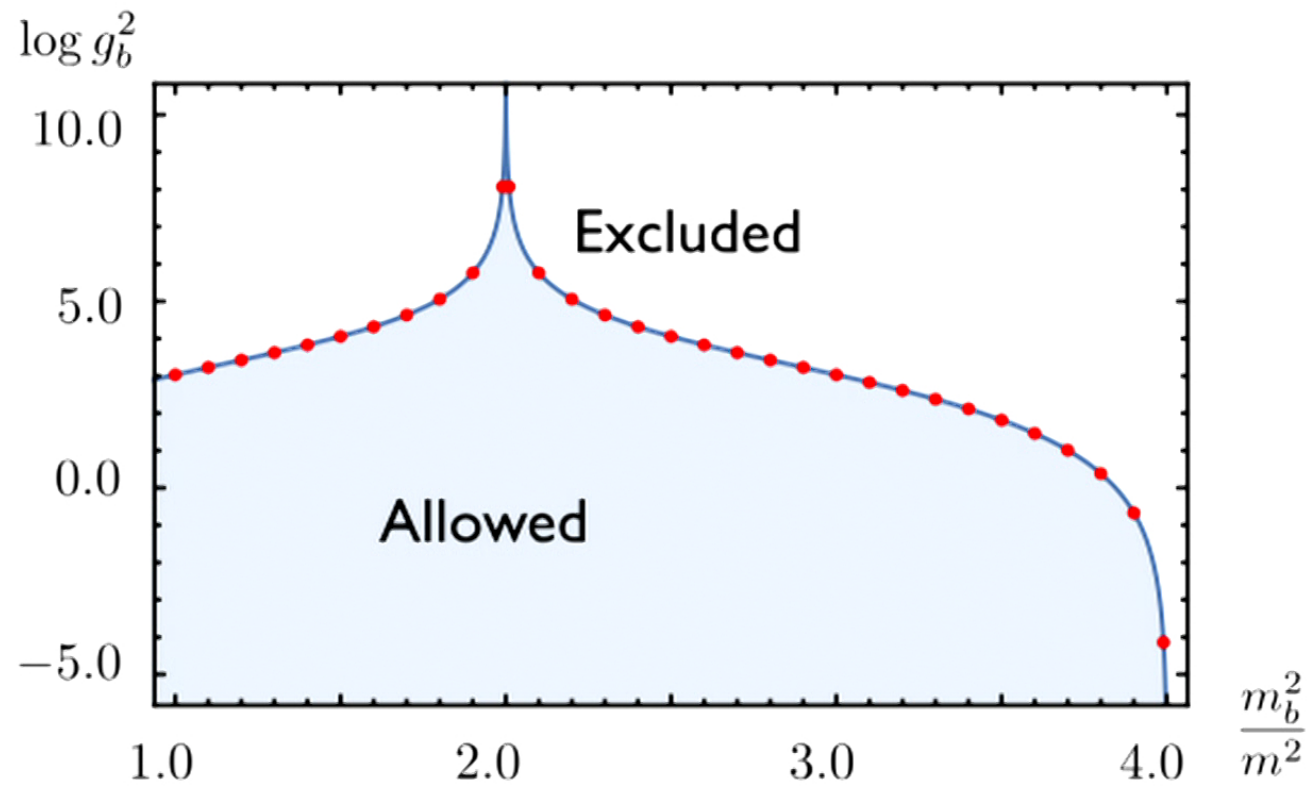
$$|S_{\text{opt}}(s)|^2 = 1, \quad s > 4m^2$$

$$h(s) = \frac{S(s)}{S_{\text{opt}}(s)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{- analytic on } D = \mathbb{C} / \text{cuts} \\ \text{- } |h(s)| \leq 1 \text{ on } \partial D \end{array}$$

$$\text{Max Res } S \text{ at } s = m_b^2 \quad \& \quad \text{Max } h(m_b^2) = 1$$

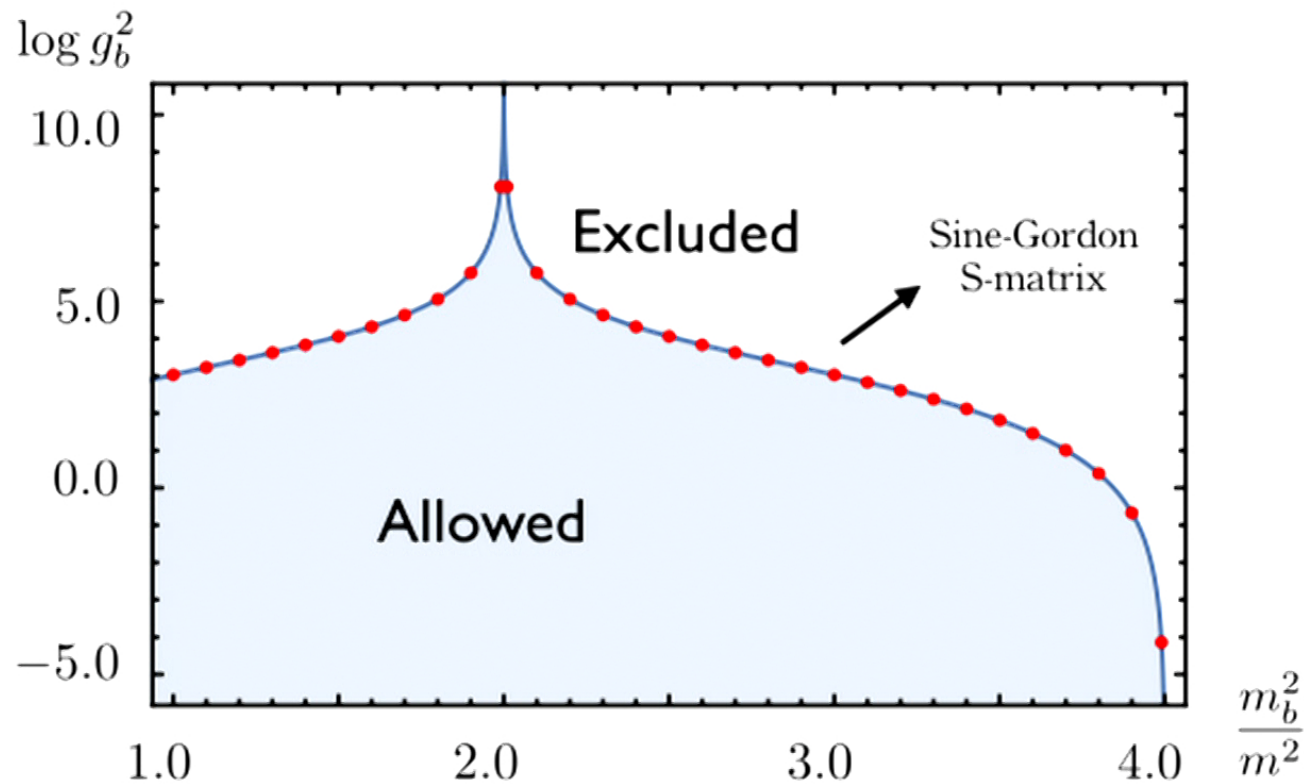
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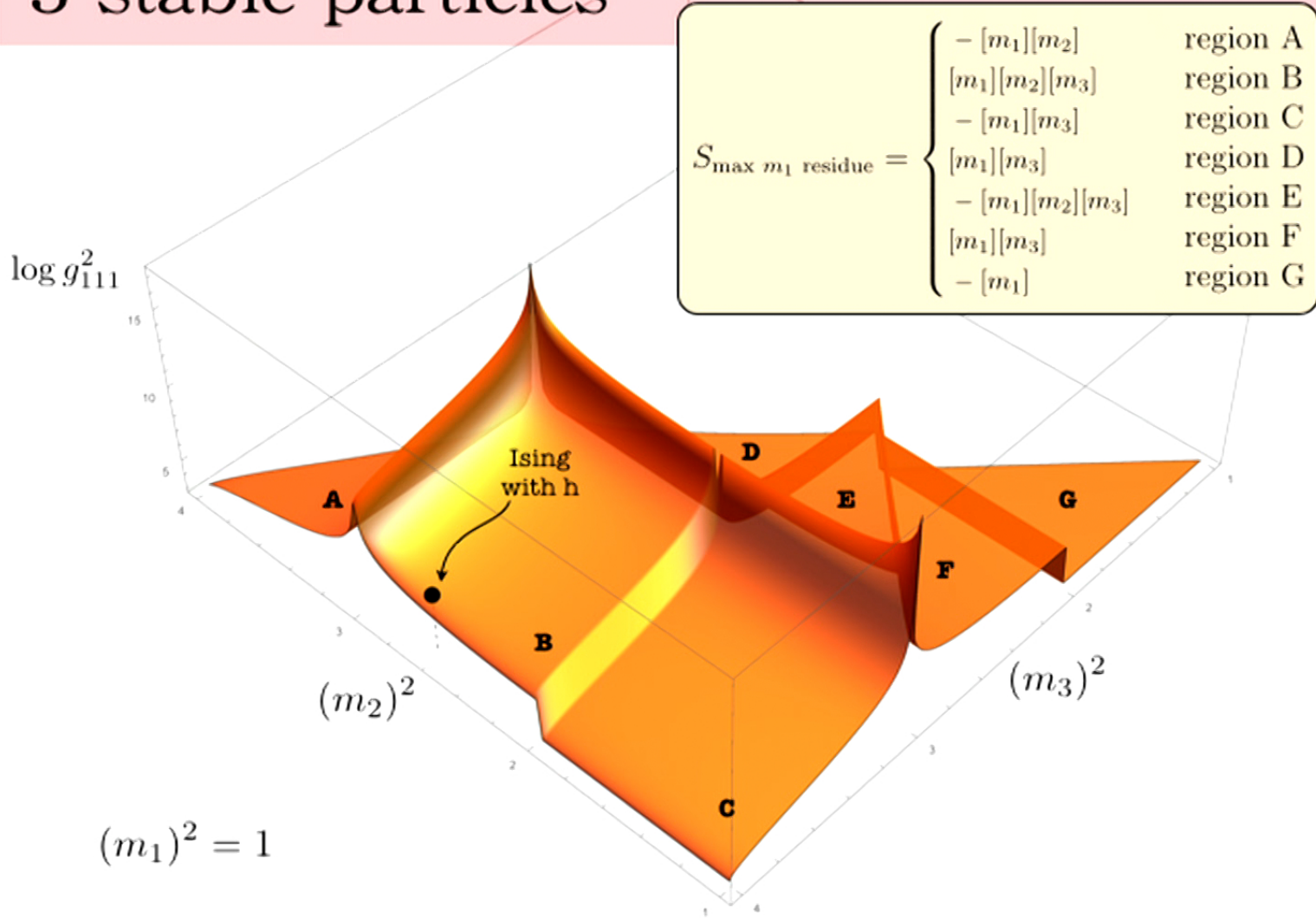


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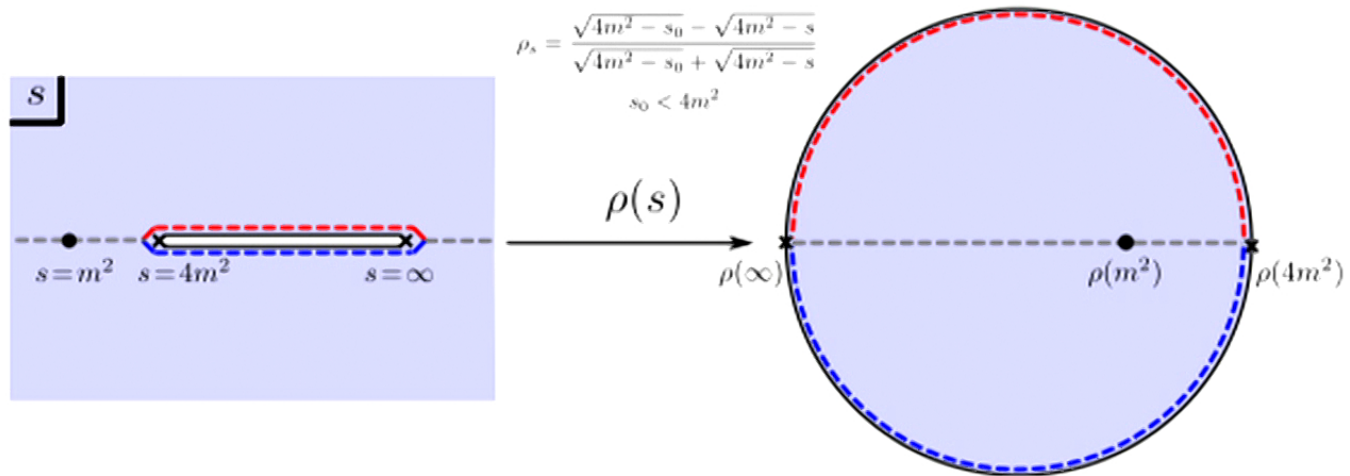
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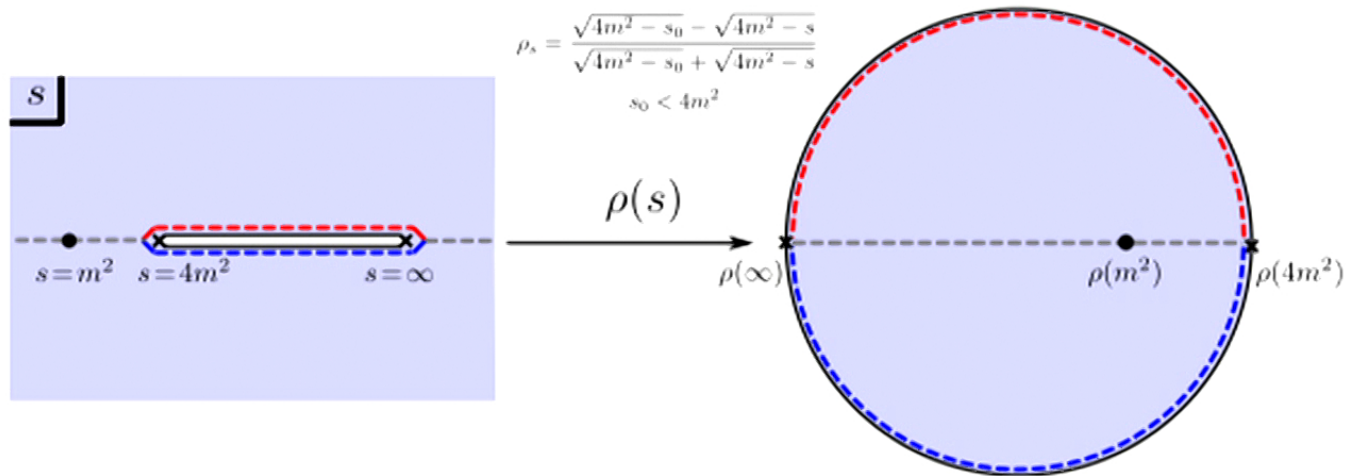
3 stable particles



Numerical approach



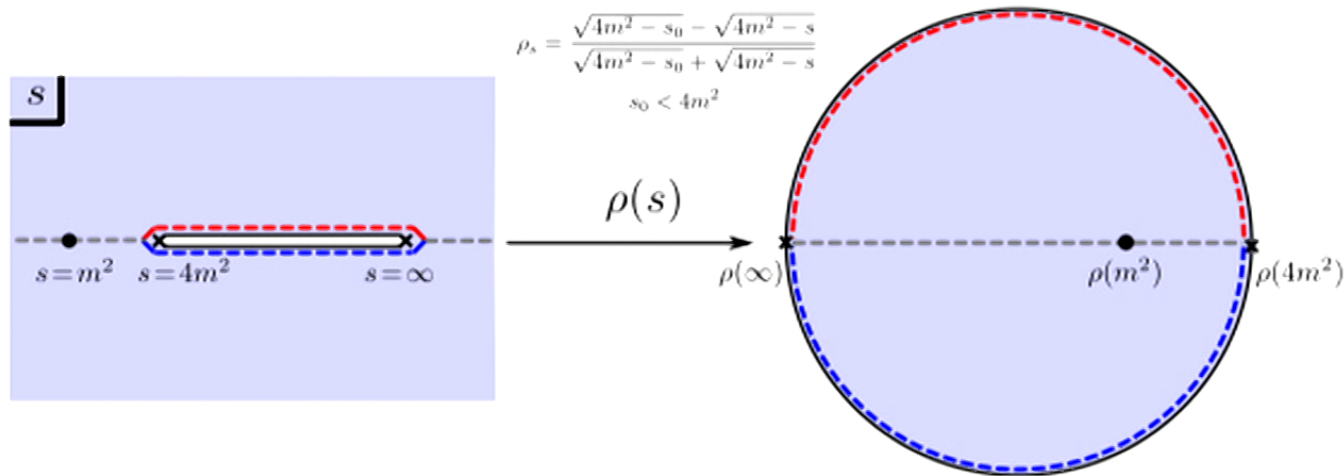
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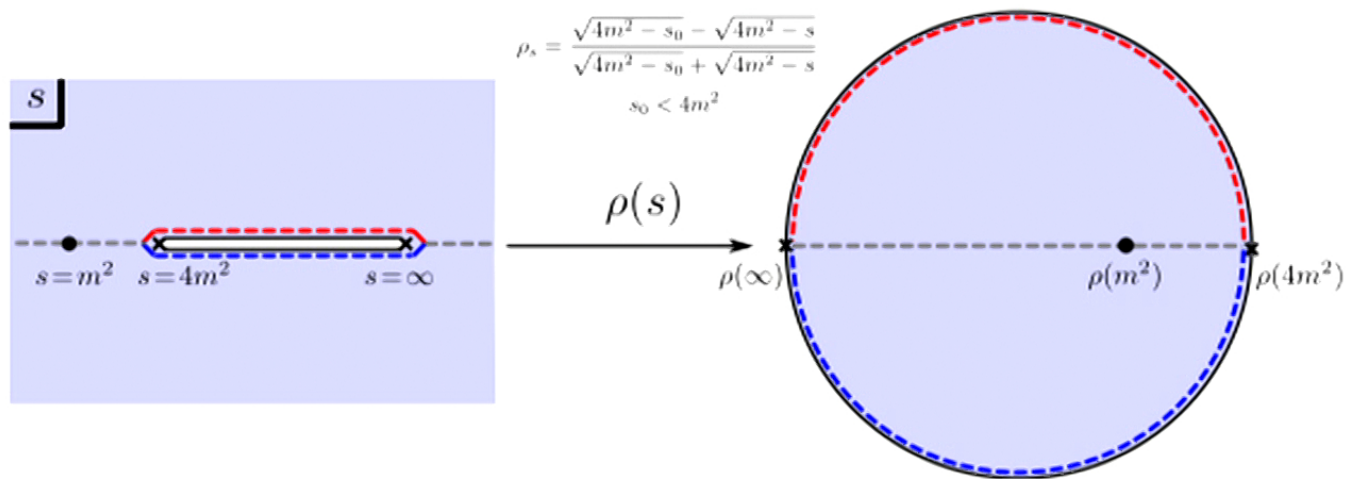
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[Simmons-Duffin '15]

Use semidefinite programming (SDPB) to maximize g_b^2 subject to these constraints. This reproduces the analytic solution as $N_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$

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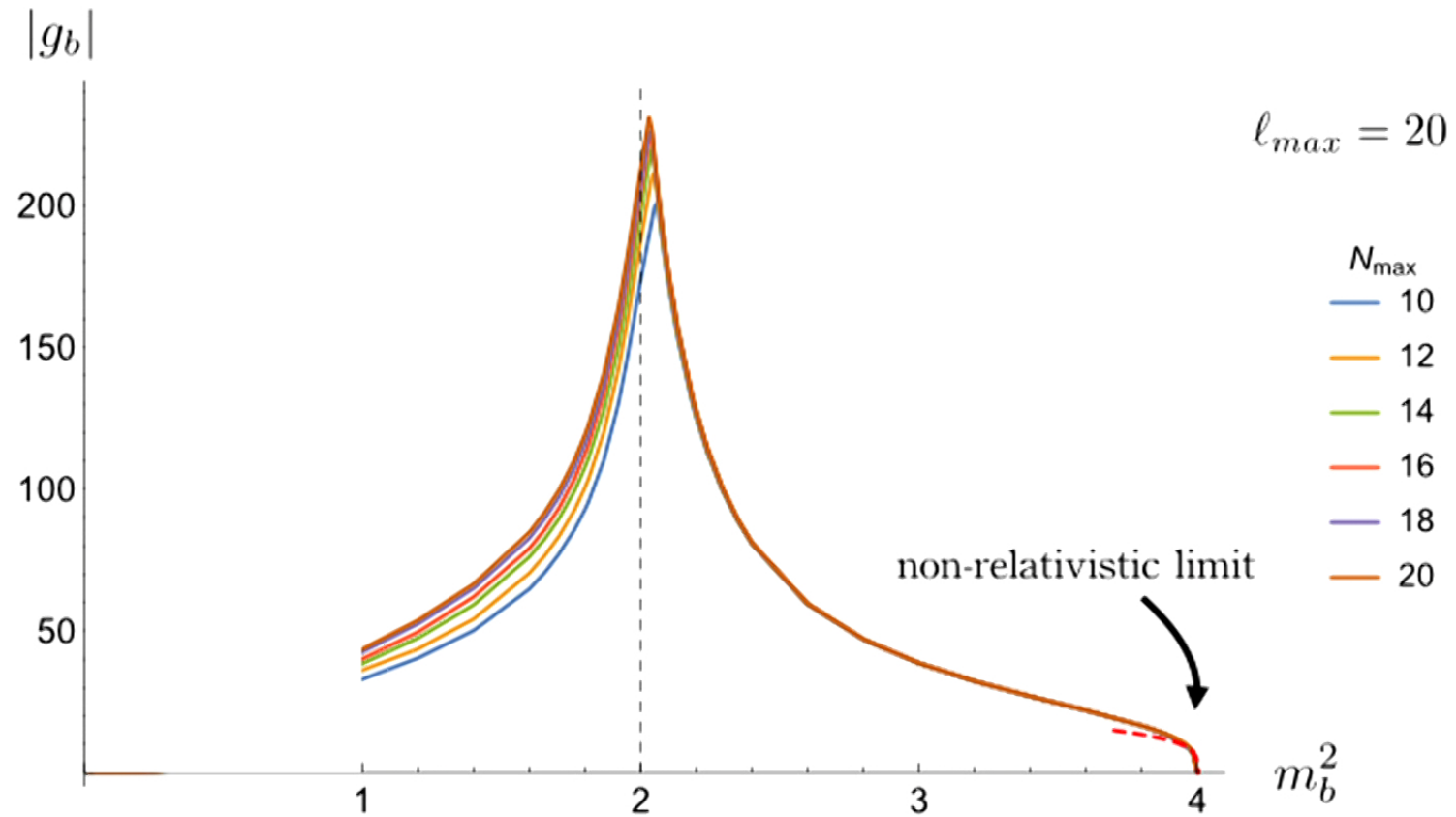
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 $a + b + c \leq N_{\max}$

Maximal cubic coupling in 3+1 QFT



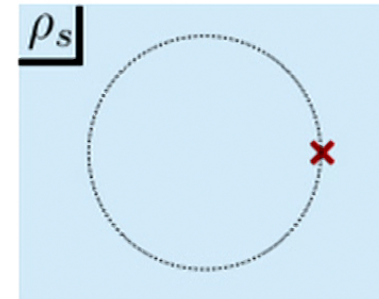
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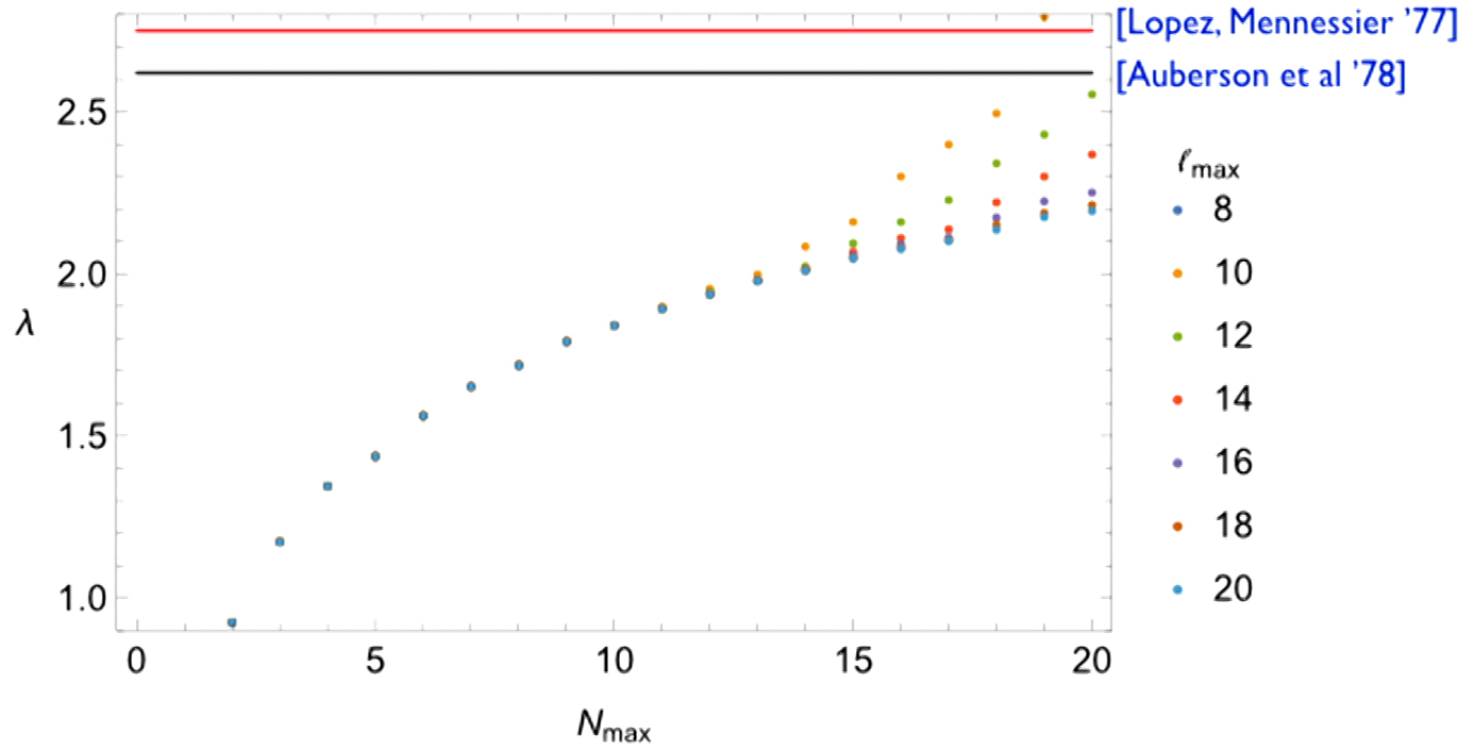
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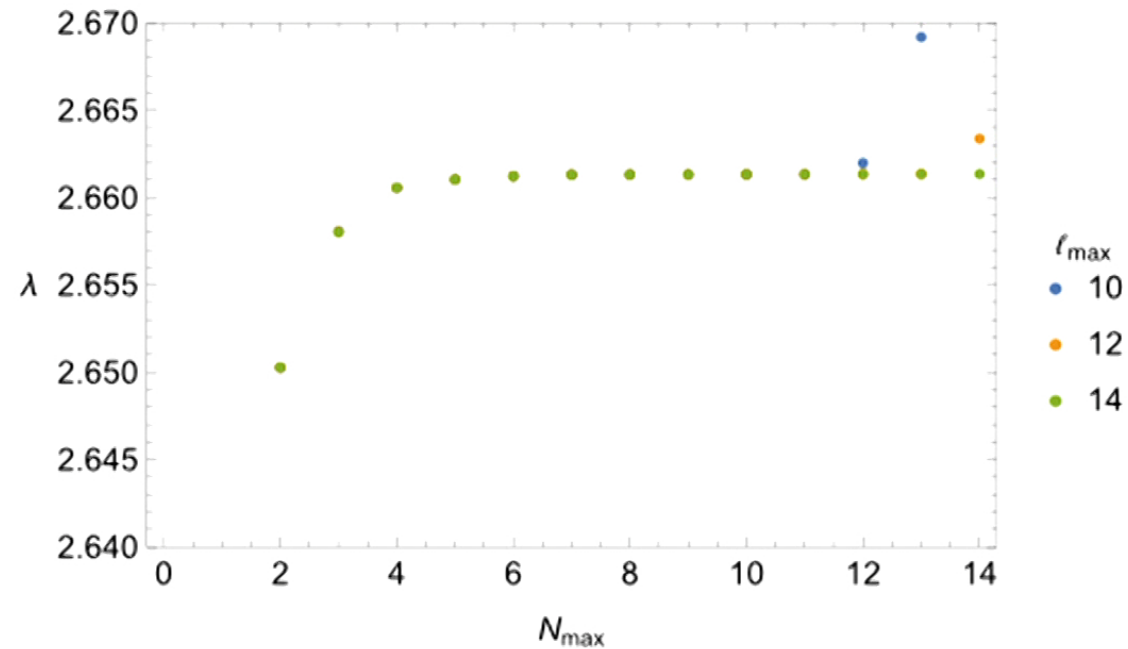
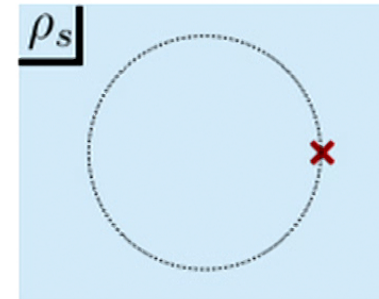
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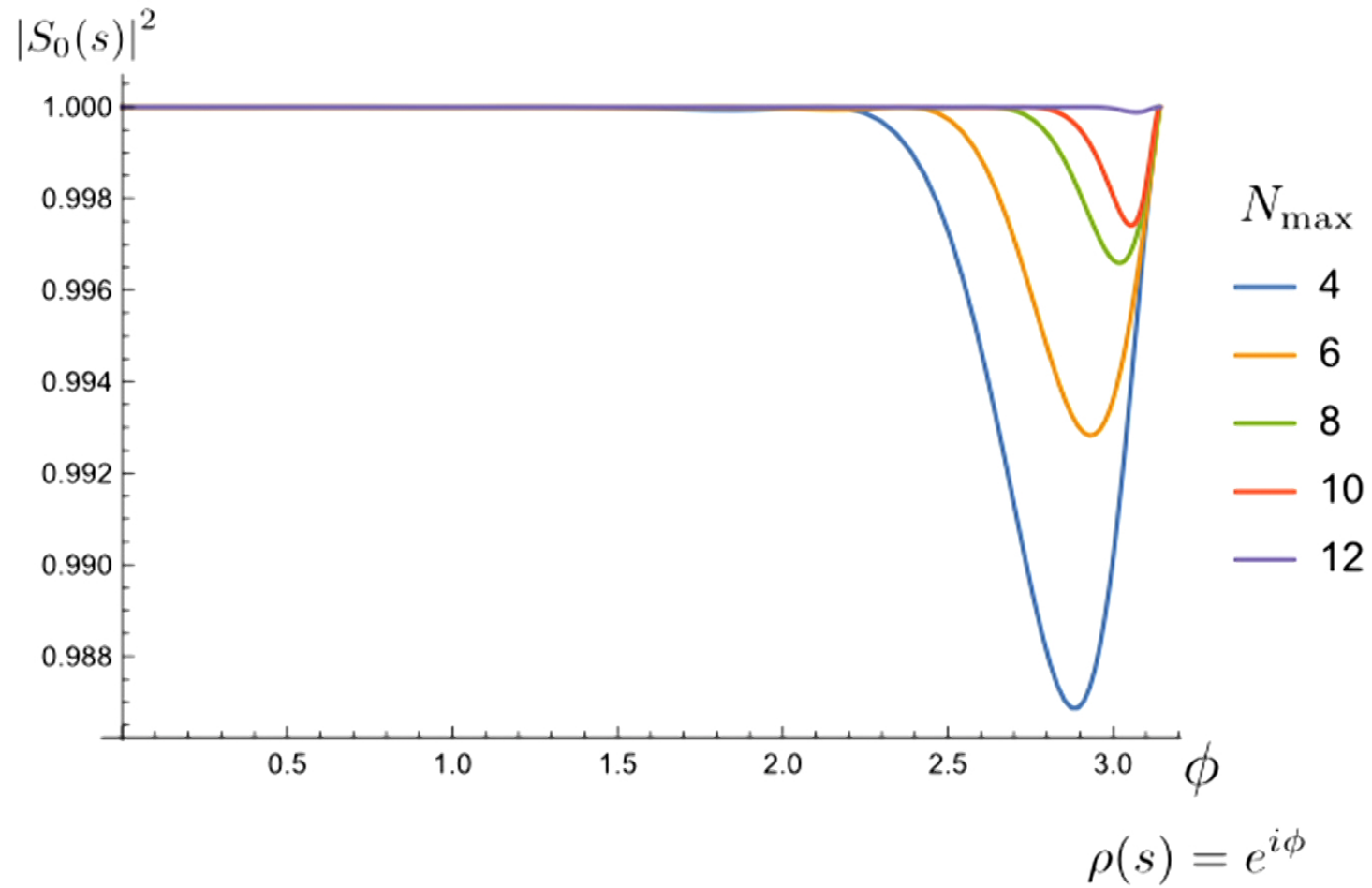
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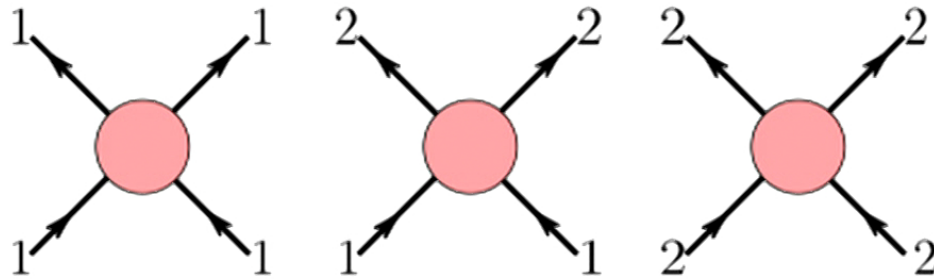


Multiple Amplitudes Bootstrap in 2D QFT

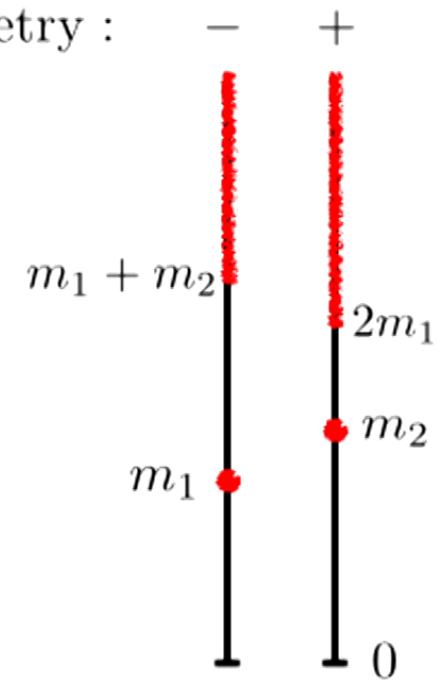
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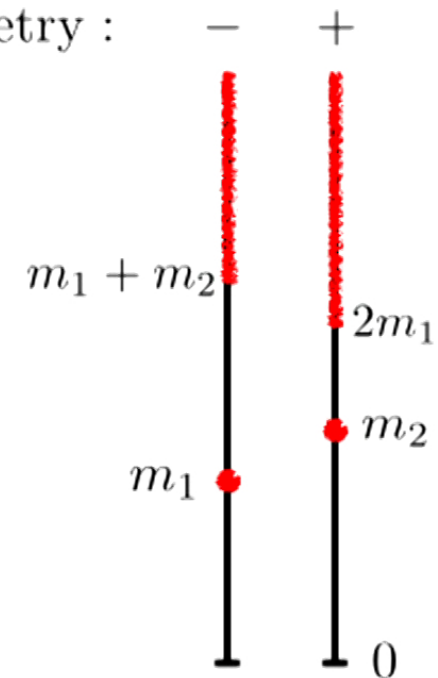
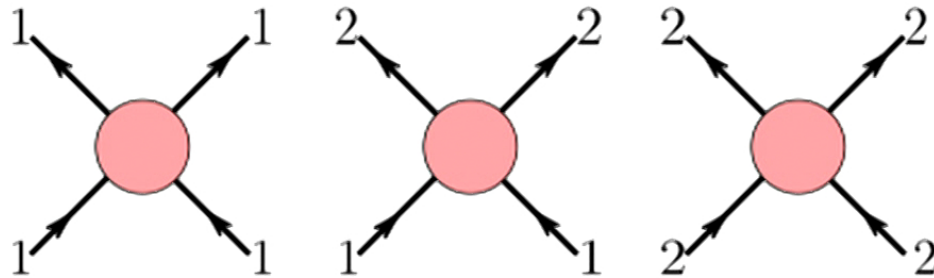
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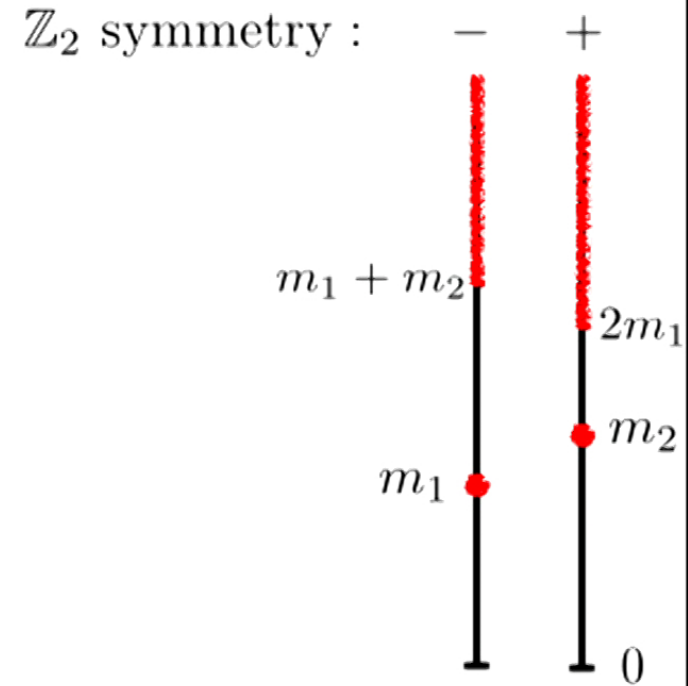
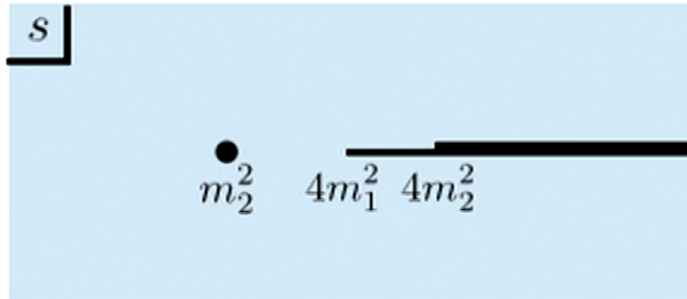
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Not zero in optimal solution

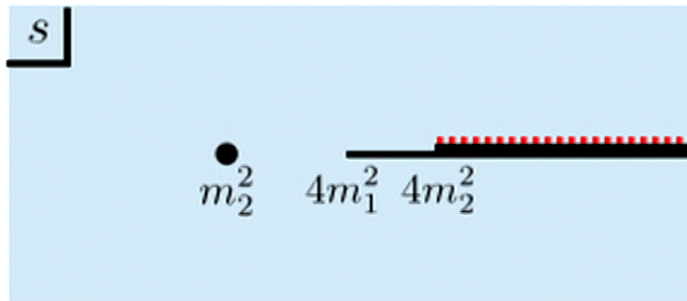
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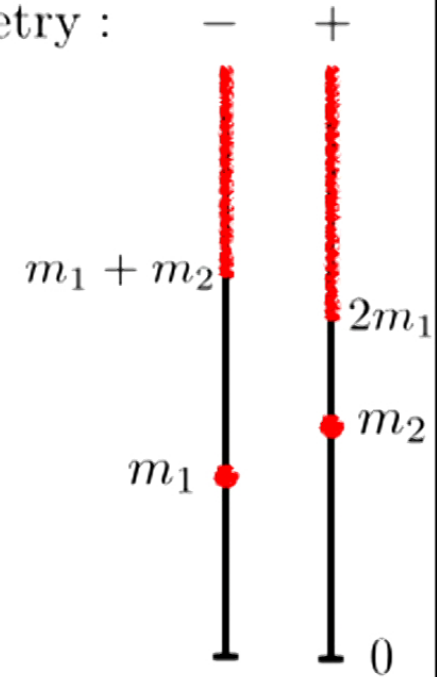
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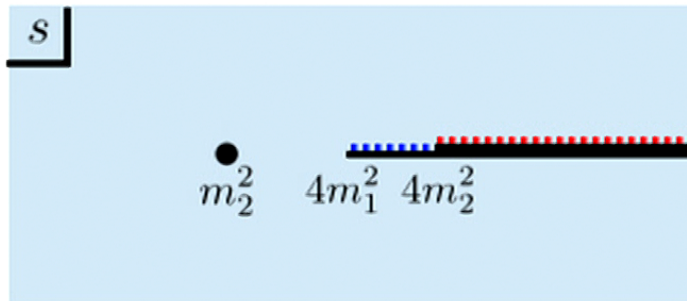
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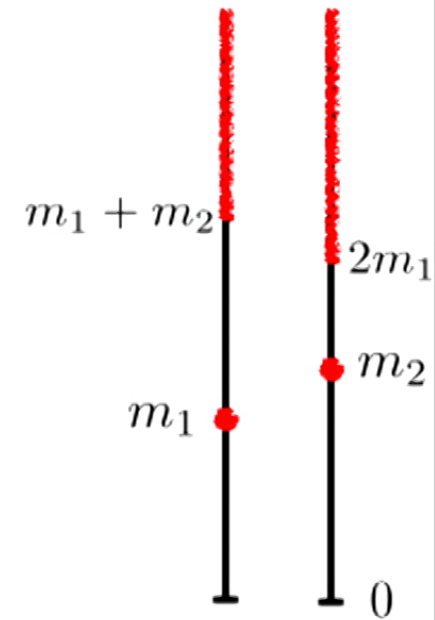


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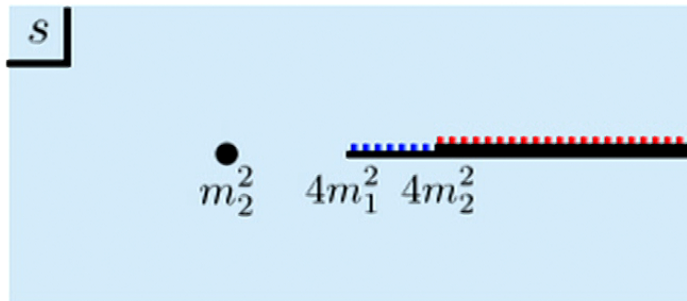


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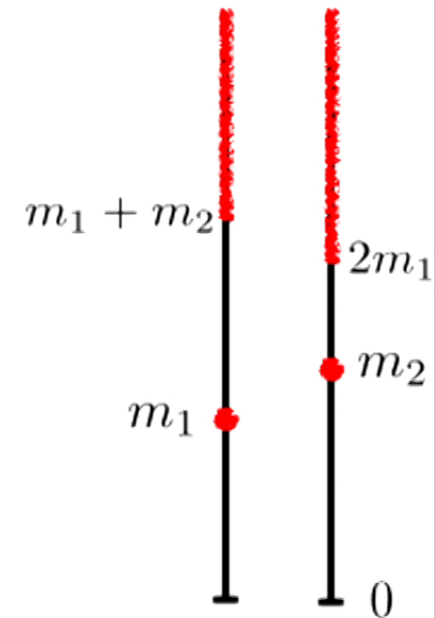
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3-state Potts model saturates the bound for $m_2 = m_1$ and $\frac{g_{222}}{g_{112}} = -1$

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