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$$\partial \bar{\partial} X^{\mu} = 0$$

$$\partial X^{\mu} \partial X_{\nu} = 0$$

$$\bar{\partial} X^{\mu} \bar{\partial} X_{\nu} = 0$$

$$X^1 = \alpha^1 = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$$

$$X^2 = \alpha^2 = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

$$\partial X^1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \partial X^2 = \frac{1}{2i}$$



$$\langle \text{PHYS} | T(s) | \text{PHYS} \rangle = 0$$

$$d=26 \quad L_n | \text{PHYS} \rangle = 0 \quad n > 0 \quad \langle \text{PHYS} | L_n = 0 \quad n < 0$$

$$(L_0 - 1) | \text{PHYS} \rangle = 0$$

$$| \text{NULL} \rangle = L_n | \dots \rangle \quad n > 0$$

$$H_{\text{STRING}} = \frac{H_{\text{PHYS}}}{H_{\text{NULL}}}$$

$$|P^{\mu}\rangle$$

$$a_{-1}|P^{\mu}\rangle \quad \bar{a}_{-1}|P^{\mu}\rangle$$

$$a_{-1}^{\nu} a_{-1}^{\mu}|P^{\mu}\rangle, a_{-2}^{\nu}|P^{\mu}\rangle, a_{-1}^{\mu} \bar{a}_{-1}^{\nu}|P^{\mu}\rangle, \dots$$

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$$| \text{NULL} \rangle = L_n | \dots \rangle \quad n > 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad | \text{NULL} \rangle = \bar{L}_n | \dots \rangle$$

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$$X^\mu = x^\mu + 2ip^\mu \tau + \sum \frac{a_n^\mu}{n} + \dots$$

$$[a_n^\mu, a_m^\nu] = \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{n+m}$$

$$\langle p | a_1^\mu a_{-1}^\nu | p' \rangle = \eta^{\mu\nu} \delta^{(4)}(p-p')$$



QED

$\epsilon^\mu$

$$p^2 = 0$$

$$p_\mu \epsilon^\mu_{\text{PHYS}} = 0$$

$$\epsilon^\mu_{\text{NULL}} = p^\mu$$

$$p^\mu = (1, -1, 0, 0)$$

$$\epsilon^\mu_{\text{PHYS}} = (a, u, b, c)$$

$$\epsilon^\mu_{\text{NULL}} = (a, a, 0, 0)$$

$$\boxed{|P^\mu\rangle}$$

$$\cancel{a_{-1}|P^\mu\rangle} \quad \cancel{\bar{a}_{-1}|P^\mu\rangle}$$

$$\cancel{a_{-1}^2|P^\mu\rangle}, \cancel{a_{-2}^2|P^\mu\rangle}, a_{-1}^2 \bar{a}_{-1}^2 |P^\mu\rangle, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{-1}^2 a_{-1}^2 \bar{a}_{-1}^2 \bar{a}_{-1}^2 |P\rangle \\ & a_{-2}^2 \bar{a}_{-1}^2 \bar{a}_{-1}^2 |P\rangle \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = 0 \quad [L_0, a] = -\alpha a$$

$$(L_0 - 1) |P^\mu\rangle = \left(-\frac{P^2}{2}\right) |P^\mu\rangle$$

$$P^2 = 2 \quad \text{TACHYON} \quad m^2 = -2$$



$$|P^\mu\rangle$$

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$$L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = 0 \quad [L_0, a_n] = -n a_n$$

$$[L_1, a_{-1}^\mu] = a_0^\mu$$

$$(L_0 - 1) |P^\mu\rangle = \left(\frac{P^2}{2} - 1\right) |P^\mu\rangle$$

$$P^2 = 2 \quad \text{TACHYON} \quad m^2 = -2$$

$$(L_0 - 1) a_{-1}^\mu \bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle = P^2 a_{-1}^\mu \bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle$$

$$P^2 = 0$$

$$L_1 [ \epsilon_{\mu\nu} a_{-1}^\mu \bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle ] =$$

$$= P^\mu \epsilon_{\mu\nu} (\bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle) = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{PHV}} = (a, a, b, c)$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{RULL}} = (a, a, 0, 0)$$



$$a_{-1}^\mu |P\rangle$$

$$L_1 [\epsilon_{\mu\nu} a_{-1}^\mu \bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\epsilon_{\mu\nu}} (a_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle) = 0$$

QED

$$P^\mu \epsilon_{\text{PHYS}}^\mu = 0$$

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$$L_1 \bar{a}_{-1}^\mu |P\rangle$$

$$= \boxed{P_\nu \lambda^\nu} a_{-1}^\mu \bar{a}_{-1}^\nu |P\rangle$$



TACHYON

$$|P\rangle \quad m^2 = -2$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} a^\mu \bar{a}^\nu |P\rangle$$

$$p^2 = 0 \quad p^\mu \epsilon_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \epsilon_{\mu\nu} + p_\mu \lambda_\nu + \bar{\lambda}_\mu p_\nu$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^S a^\mu \bar{a}^\nu |P\rangle$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^S = \epsilon_{\nu\mu}^S \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^S \eta^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^A a^\mu \bar{a}^\nu |P\rangle$$

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^A = -\epsilon_{\nu\mu}^A$$



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$$\partial^\mu h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu V_\nu + \partial_\nu V_\mu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$



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SPIN 2 ← GRAVITON  
 SPIN 0 ← DILATON

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$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \partial^\mu h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu v_\nu + \partial_\nu v_\mu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$B = B_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow B_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu \lambda_\nu - \partial_\nu \lambda_\mu$$

$$B \rightarrow B + d\lambda$$

$$\int A = \int A_\mu dx^\mu$$

$$\int_\Sigma B = \int B_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial u^1} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial u^2}$$



TACHYON  $|P^\mu\rangle \quad m^2 = -2$

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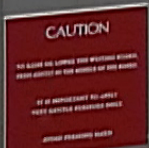
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"SPIN 1" B-FIELD

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HIGHER SPIN  $m^2 = 2$   
 .....  
 $m^2 = 4$   
 .....  
 $m^2 = 6$   
 .....  
 .....



"COHOMOLOGICAL" QFT

HAS AN ~~AN~~ GRASSMAN ODD SYMMETRY  $Q$

$$Q^2 = 0 \quad Q\psi = 0 : Q\text{-CLOSED} \quad 0 = Q\psi' \quad \text{EXACT}$$

OBSERVABLES  $\supset$   $Q$ -CLOSED OBSERVABLES

$\cup$

$Q$ -EXACT OBSERVABLES

$Q$ -CLOSED  
 $Q$ -EXACT

= PHYSICAL OBSERVABLES



"COHOMOLOGICAL"

QFT

$$\langle (Q \ 0_1) \ 0_2 \ 0_3 \rangle \pm \langle 0_1 (Q 0_2) \ 0_3 \rangle \\ \pm \langle 0_1 \ 0_2 (Q 0_3) \rangle = 0$$

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$$f = f(x)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} dx^{\mu_1} \wedge dx^{\mu_2} \dots \wedge dx^{\mu_n}$$

$$dx^\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{i_1}} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_n}$$

$$(f \wedge g)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{n+m}} = [f_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} g_{\mu_{n+1} \dots \mu_{n+m}}]$$

$$(df)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{n+1}} = \partial_{[\mu_1} f_{\mu_2 \dots \mu_{n+1}]}$$

$$d^2 = 0$$



$$\int_{M_d} \omega^{(d)} = \int \omega_{1 \dots d} dx^1 \dots dx^d$$

$$\int_{M_{d'}} \omega^{(d')} \wedge \omega^{(d-d')}$$

$$\int_{M_{d'}} \omega_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{d'}} \frac{\partial x^{\mu_1}}{\partial y^1} \dots \frac{\partial x^{\mu_{d'}}}{\partial y^{d'}} dy^1 \dots dy^{d'}$$

$$\int_{M_d} \omega = \int_{M_{d'}} \omega \wedge \omega$$

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 THE BOARD IS HOTTER AND SHOULD BE USED WITH CARE AT ALL TIMES BY THE BOARD  
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$$dx^\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\nu_1}} dx^{\nu_1}$$

$$(f \wedge g)_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{m+n}} = f_{[\mu_1 \dots \mu_m} g_{\mu_{m+1} \dots \mu_{m+n}]}$$

$$\frac{d\text{-CLOSED}}{d\text{-EXACT}} = H^*$$

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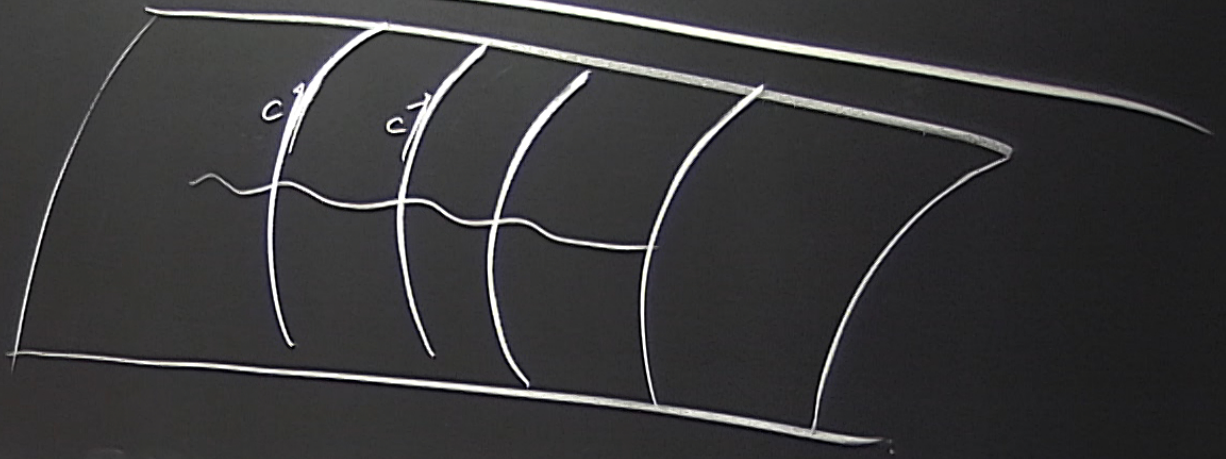
$$d^2 = 0$$

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$$X = U^2 = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

$$\partial X^1 = \frac{1}{2} \partial X^2 = \frac{1}{2i}$$



$$z' = z'(z)$$

$$C = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} C'$$

$$Q z' = C'$$

$$B C' = \delta$$

$$\langle f \rangle = \int f$$

(FORM)

$dz_1 \dots dz_d \frac{d}{dc_1} \dots \frac{d}{dc_d} \log \dots$