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Abstract: In this talk, I will discuss the analyticity properties of 2d Ising field theories (IFTs). I will start with a short introduction to 2d Ising field theory, which is the continuous limit of the 2d Ising model on square lattice. Then the different spectrum scenarios for high-T and low-T domains will be introduced. Generally speaking, an IFT which sits not at the critical temperature and has a non-vanishing external field is neither solvable nor integrable. However, it's possible to look into the analytical properties of various quantities in the theory space, then further non-perturbative information can be extracted. I will focus on the analyticity properties for mass of the first excitation, and discuss its critical behaviours and dispersion relations in both ordered and disordered phase. Finally, if time allowed, I will switch to the analyticity properties of the analytical structure of S-matrices, and show various related interesting phenomenons together with unsolved problems

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#### Outline

- Basics on 2d Ising field theories (IFTs):
   Definition, state functions, symmetries and scenarios.
- Analyticity properties of scaling functions: Dispersion relations in high-T and low-T.
- Extended analyticity conjectures:
   Dispersion relations connecting both phases.
- Polology of Ising field theory: (optional)
   Evolution and analyticity properties of scattering.
- Summary and outlooks.
- Appendices.



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#### **Basics**

• Ising model: classical spins (up and down) sitting on lattices (square, triangle, etc.) with interaction between nearest sites (J > 0):

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j + H \sum_i \sigma_i , \quad \mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\{\sigma_i\}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}} .$$

- Why Ising model? It describes important universality classes in nature:
   Vapor/liquid phase transition, ferromagnetic transition near Curie point, etc.
- Current understanding of Ising models:  $d=4-\epsilon$ : famous picture of Wilsionian RG with  $\varphi^4$ . d=3: numerical solutions near criticality (perturbative RG, Monte-Carlo, numerical conformal bootstrap, etc).
- d=2: Onsager gave the solution at H=0 (Onsager 1944)<sup>1</sup>. Yang and Lee established the theorem of circle and zeros (Yang & Lee 1952)<sup>2</sup>. However, for generic J and H: no solution available in closed form. Also, when not at criticality: conformal symmetry or integrability broken.
- "How much can we understand 2d Ising" is still an interesting question.

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#### The Ising Field Theories

 In the continuous limit, Ising models at critical point ⇒ Ising conformal field theories (ICFTs). Non-critical Ising models ⇒ Ising field theories (IFTs):

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{IFT}} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{CFT}}^{\mathsf{Ising}} + \tau \int \varepsilon(x) \, d^2x + h \int \sigma(x) \, d^2x \,,$$

as relevant deformations away from Ising CFT at UV.

- Continuous limit: lattice spacing  $\rightarrow 0$ , while spin-spin correlator normalized.
- $\varepsilon(x) \sim \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ : energy operator, while temperature perturbation  $\tau = \frac{m}{2\pi} \propto 1 \frac{T}{T_c}$ ;
- $\sigma(x) \sim \sigma_i$ : spin operator, while external magnetic field  $h \propto H$ .
- From abstract CFT point of view, Ising CFT is defined as a conformal field theory with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry, which has only 2 local relevant scalar operators ( $\Delta < d$ ).
- We would call the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  even operator  $\varepsilon(x)$ , and the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  odd operator  $\sigma(x)$ . Their conformal dimensions  $\Delta_{\sigma}$  and  $\Delta_{\varepsilon}$  would determine the critical scaling laws.



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#### 2d Ising CFT as minimal model (3,4)

- In 2d, exist a set of solvable diagonal CFTs: minimal models, which are labelled by co-prime integers (p,q). The minimal model (3,4) describes 2d Ising CFT.
- In ICFT,  $c_{\text{Ising}} = \frac{1}{2}$ . The conformal dimensions are  $(h_{\varepsilon}, \overline{h}_{\varepsilon}) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $(h_{\sigma}, \overline{h}_{\sigma}) = (\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{16})$ , with [m] = 1 and  $[h] = \frac{15}{8}$ .
- Dimensionless combinations: scaling parameters, which label the RG flows.

$$\xi = \frac{h}{|m|^{15/8}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \frac{m}{h^{8/15}},$$

they are related by  $\xi = \eta^{-\frac{15}{8}}$  or  $\eta = \xi^{-\frac{8}{15}}$  (up to signs), and both live in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

• With vanishing h, action of IFT is equivalent to the one of 2d Majorana fermions:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{FF}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left( \psi \bar{\partial} \psi + \bar{\psi} \partial \bar{\psi} + i m \bar{\psi} \psi \right) d^2 x = \mathcal{A}_{\mathrm{CFT}}^{\mathrm{Ising}} + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int \varepsilon(x) \, d^2 x \, .$$

|m| now is the fermion mass. Their Hilbert spaces are different by projection.

• Scenario of IFT and scenario of FF are different, in IFT  $\varepsilon(x)$  and  $\sigma(x)$  are local operators, while  $\psi(x)$  and  $\bar{\psi}(x)$  are mutually semi-local with respect to  $\sigma(x)$ .

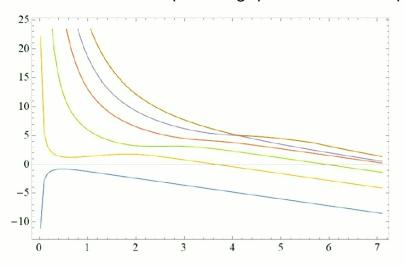
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#### State functions and scaling functions

- State functions of 2d IFTs (of continuous limit): depend on (m, h).
- Examples: free energy density F(m,h), the first mass gap  $M_1(m,h)$  (inverse correlation length), poles of  $S(\theta)$  and their residues, etc.
- Many of them are available using numerical methods (truncated method, etc.). For example, F and  $M_n$  are from slope and gaps of finite size spectrum  $E_n(R)$ .



- Scaling functions: dimensionless functions depend on  $\xi$  or  $\eta$ , describe the flow.
- i.e.:  $\mathcal{G}(\xi) = \frac{1}{|m|^2} F(m,h) \frac{\eta^2}{8\pi} \log \eta^2$  and  $\hat{M}_1(\xi) = \frac{1}{|m|} M_1(m,h)$ .

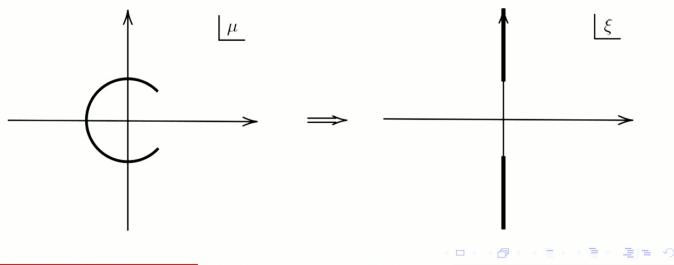
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#### Phases and Scenarios: $T > T_c$

- At  $T > T_c$ : disordered phase and unbroken  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry:  $h \leftrightarrow -h$ . The scaling functions are even in  $\xi$  and would depend on  $\xi^2 \sim h^2$ .
- Yang-Lee theorem: the lattice partition function  $\mathcal{Z}$  has zeros distributed on the unit circle of fugacity  $\mu=e^{-2\beta H}$  plane. The circle becomes an arc in high-T phase.
- In the continuous limit, the zeros of  $\mathcal{Z}$  condensed into a branch cut of  $F = -\log \mathcal{Z}$ , known as Yang-Lee (YL) branch cut. The edges become YL edge singularities.
- Properties of YL branch cut and singularity will be discussed later.



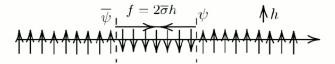
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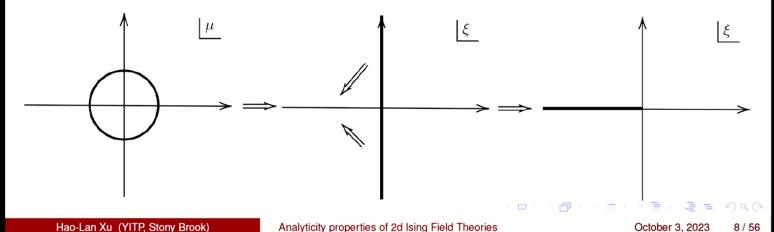
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#### Phases and Scenarios: $T < T_c$

- At  $T < T_c$ : ordered phase with broken  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry. VEV of spin density:  $\langle \sigma \rangle = \pm \bar{\sigma} = \pm \bar{s} |m|^{1/8}$ , with  $\bar{s} = 1.35783834...$
- Double degenerate vacuum at h = 0, degeneracy lifted at  $h \neq 0$ . At small h: stable vacuum (spins aline along h) and metastable vacuum.
- In 1+1 d as a field theory: meson spectrum (McCoy-Wu scenario), fermions as domain walls and h provides binding force. String tension  $f=2\bar{\sigma}h$ .



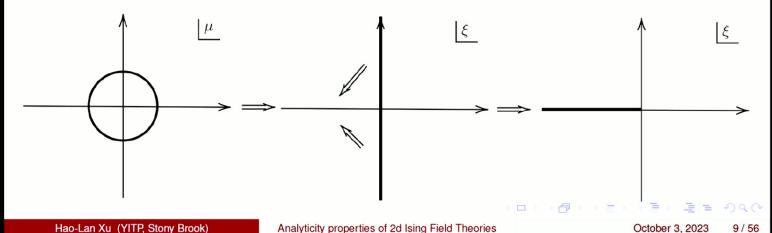
• Along negative  $\xi$ -axis: Fisher-Langer's branch cut of scaling functions.



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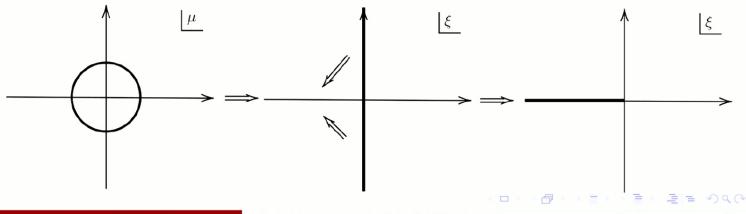
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- $|\mu| < 1$  domain and  $|\mu| > 1$  domain correspond to different choice of VEV. i.e.:  $|\mu| > 1$  is the one with  $\langle \sigma \rangle = +\bar{\sigma}$  and  $|\mu| < 1$  is with  $\langle \sigma \rangle = -\bar{\sigma}$ .
- In the continuous limit, zeros of  $\mathcal Z$  would condense into a natural bound of analyticity for thermodynamic functions. On the complex  $\xi$ -plane, the "wall" is the imaginary axis separating  $\Re e\,\xi>0$  and  $\Re e\,\xi<0$ , and in each domain different functions  $M_1\,,F\,,\cdots$  can be defined. They are sitting in different phase.
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#### Special points

When  $\xi$  or  $\eta$  takes some special values, one finds the IFTs become integrable or solvable (on the full trajectory or in some limit). The special points are:

- h=0, correspond to the Onsager's solution of free fermions, |m| would be the mass of fermions, with free energy  $F(m,0)=\frac{m^2}{8\pi}\log m^2$  (in unit of J).
- m=0 with nonvanishing h, which becomes the integrable  $E_8$  field theory<sup>3</sup>.
- When m < 0 and take h to be a pure imaginary. The Yang-Lee critical point is located at  $\xi = \pm i \xi_0$ , with  $\xi_0^2 \approx 0.035846(4)$ . Near which: infrared integrable".

Now focus on the Yang-Lee critical point ("edge" of condensing zeros):

• IR fixed point: non-unitary minimal model (2,5), with  $c_{YL} = -\frac{22}{5}^4$ . Its relevant deformation:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SYLM}} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{CFT}}^{\text{YL}} + \lambda \int \phi(x) \, d^2x \,,$$

is called the scaling Yang-Lee model (SYLM), which is massive and integrable  $\phi(x)$  with scaling dimension  $(-\frac{1}{5},-\frac{1}{5})$  is the only primary of Yang-Lee CFT.

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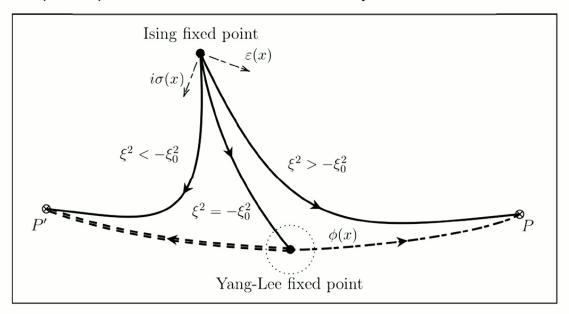
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#### Big picture and the goal of the Project: Ising Spectroscopy

- Goal: Try to understand the space of Ising QFTs non-perturbatively.
- Near criticality and integrable points: able to use conformal perturbation theory and form-factor perturbation theory, and some exact results are available.
- Away from special points: some constraints from symmetries and scenarios.



Analyticity structures of scaling functions would provide important information.

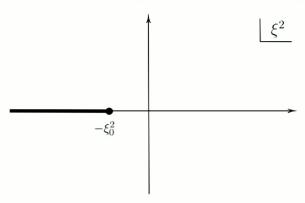
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#### Analyticity properties at high-T.

• High-T standard analyticity conjecture: some universal scaling functions are analytical functions on the complex  $\xi^2$ -plane, except on the YL branch cut. i.e.: Free energy  $\mathcal{G}(\xi)^6$ , first mass  $\hat{M}_1(\xi)^7$ , effective  $\varphi^3$  coupling<sup>8</sup>.



• High-T dispersion relation of  $\hat{M}_1(\xi^2) = M_1(m,h)/|m|$ :

$$\hat{M}_1(\xi^2) = 1 + \xi^2 \int_{\xi_0^2}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\pi} \frac{\Im m \, \hat{M}_1(-x+i0)}{x(x+\xi^2)} \, .$$

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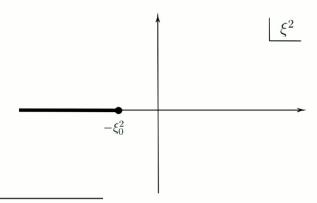
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#### Properties of the Yang-Lee branch cut.

• At pure imaginary  $\xi$ : not unitary, with reality properties due to "pseudo-hermiticity".

$$\exists S^2 = 1$$
, so that  $H^{\dagger} = SHS$ .

- Thus spectrum bounded, with either unique ground state with real F or two vacua  $|0_{\pm}\rangle$  with complex conjugate  $F_{\pm}$ . Similar properties work for  $M_1$ .
- The Yang-Lee branch cut represents line of complex first order phase transition.
- Mean field theory description of Yang-Lee branch cut:  $\varphi^3$  theory with complex coupling<sup>910</sup>. Then the singularity at  $\xi^2 = -\xi_0^2$  represents continuous phase transition, and the scaling behaviours should be controlled by the Yang-Lee CFT.



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#### Properties of the Yang-Lee singularity.

• When  $\xi^2 = -\xi_0^2$ : YLCFT as IR fixed point  $\Longrightarrow$  controlling critical behaviours. For  $\xi^2$  near  $-\xi_0^2$ : using effective action:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{eff}} = \mathcal{A}_{(2,5)}^* + \lambda(\xi^2) \int \phi(x) d^2 x + \sum g_i(\xi^2) \int \mathcal{O}_i(x) d^2 x \,,$$

where irrelevant scalars  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \mathcal{V}_{(2,5)}$ , the Hilbert space of YLCFT.

- Effective couplings are regular near  $-\xi_0^2$ , say  $g_i = g_i^{(0)} + (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)g_i^{(1)} + \cdots$
- Constant  $\xi_0^2$  can be numerically measured with singular behaviours.
- Using dimensional analysis: singular expansions of scaling functions near  $-\xi_0^2$ . Since  $[\lambda] = \frac{12}{5}$ , the leading critical behaviours are:

$$\hat{M}_1(\xi^2) = (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}} (b_0 + \cdots), \quad \mathcal{G}(\xi^2) = (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{6}} (B_0 + \cdots),$$

following  $\lambda(\xi^2) = (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)\lambda_1 + \cdots$ .

• Beyond leading ones: irrelevant operator  $\mathcal{O}_i$  with mass dimension  $\Delta_i$ 

$$\delta_i \hat{M}_1(\xi^2)/(\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}} \propto (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}(\Delta_i - 2)}$$
.

from  $g_i M_1^{\Delta_i - 2}$  is dimensionless, while  $M_1 \sim (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}}$ .

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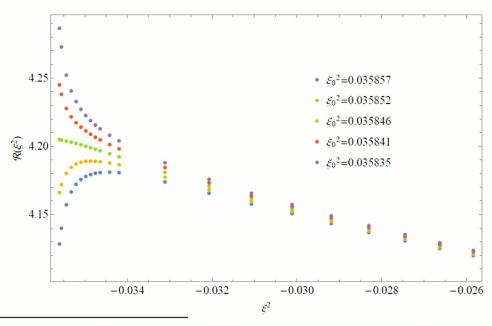
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#### Finding the location of Yang-Lee point.

• The regular behaviour of  $\mathcal{R}_1 \Longrightarrow$  location of Yang-Lee critical point, as:

$$\mathcal{R}_1(\xi^2) = \hat{M}_1(\xi^2) / (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}} = b_0 + b_1(\xi^2 + \xi_0^2) + c_0(\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{6}} + \cdots$$

• Numerical result:  $\xi_0^2 = 0.035846(4)^{1112}$ .



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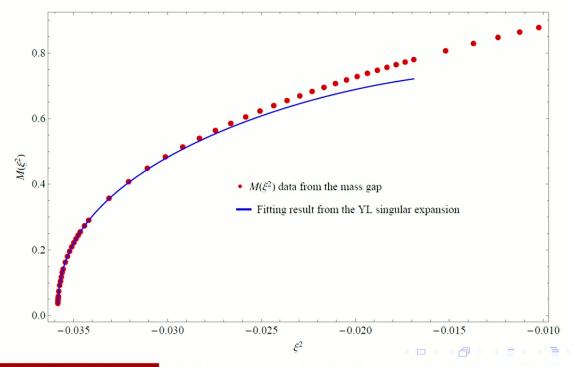
#### Singular behaviour of $M_1$ near Yang-Lee point.

• Singular expansion of  $\hat{M}_1(\xi^2)$ : ( $c_0$  from  $T\bar{T}$  with dimension 4.)

$$\hat{M}_1(\xi^2) = (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}} (b_0 + b_1(\xi^2 + \xi_0^2) + c_0(\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{6}} + \cdots),$$

The amplitudes are measurable and give effective couplings.

• Measurements:  $b_0 = 4.228(5)$ ,  $b_1 = 21.9(9)$  and  $c_0 = -14.4(6)$ .



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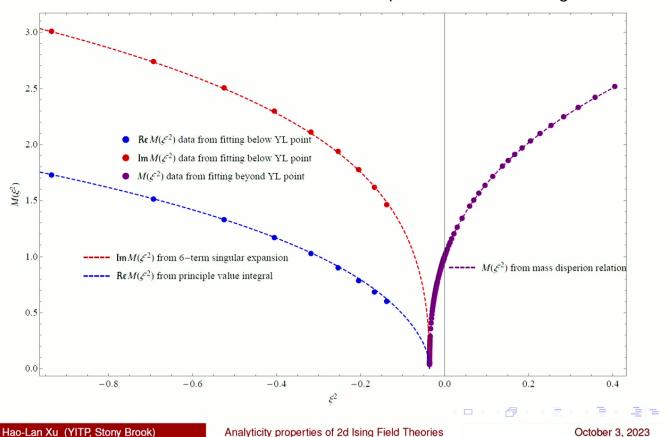
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#### Numerical check of high-T dispersion relation of $M_1$ .

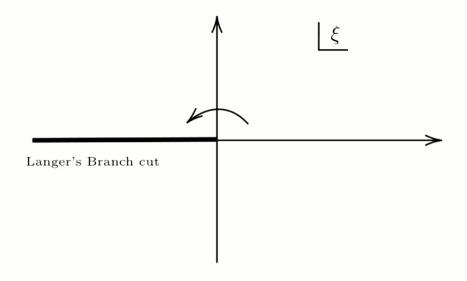
- Near  $\xi^2 = -\infty$ : regular expansion in m or  $\eta$  since  $\varepsilon(x)$  is relevant.
- Able to build discontinuities and check the dispersion relation in high-T.



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## Analyticity properties at low-T (I).

- By choosing  $\langle \sigma \rangle = +\bar{\sigma}$  as vacuum: scaling functions are single valued functions for real positive  $\xi$ .
- Analyticity conjecture for low-T: both  $\hat{M}_1(\xi)^{13}$  and  $\mathcal{G}(\xi)^{14}$  can be analytically continued to the full complex  $\xi$ -plane from positive real axis, leaving discontinuities along the Fisher-Langer's branch cut:  $-\infty < \xi < 0$ .



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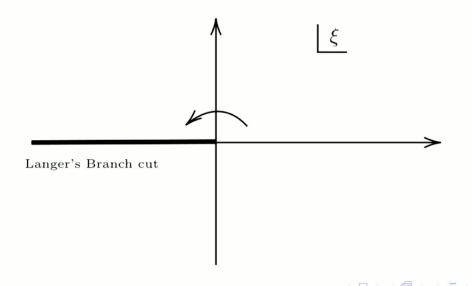
#### Analyticity properties at low-T (II).

• Low-T dispersion relation of  $\hat{M}_1(\xi)$ : (and similarly for  $\mathcal{G}(\xi)$ )

$$\hat{M}_1(\xi) = 2 + \xi \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{\pi} \frac{\Im m \, \hat{M}_1(-\xi + i0)}{t(t + \xi)},$$

as an integral on FL branch cut  $-\infty < \xi < 0$ , with no other singularity.

• However, at the condensation point  $\xi \to 0^-$  there exist non-analytic contributions to the discontinuities, leads to an essential singularity here.



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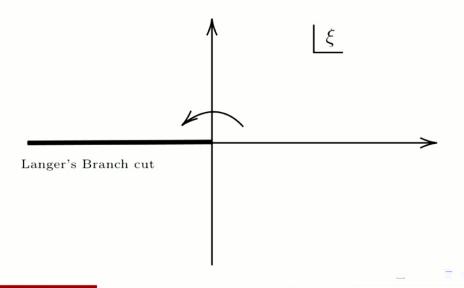
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#### Fisher-Langer's branch cut and essential singularities (I).

• Scaling functions are expandable at  $\xi = 0$  and  $\xi = \infty$ , i.e.:

$$\hat{M}_1(\xi) = 2 + a_1 \xi^{2/3} + a_2 \xi^{4/3} + \cdots, \quad \text{at} \quad \xi \to 0,$$
 
$$\hat{M}_1(\xi) = m_1^{(0)}/\eta + m_1^{(1)} + m_1^{(2)}\eta + \cdots = m_1^{(0)} \xi^{8/15} + \cdots, \quad \text{at} \quad \xi \to \infty.$$

- Small positive  $\xi \Longrightarrow$  choosing the stable vacuum. Analytically continuing  $\xi \to e^{\pm \pi i} \xi \Longrightarrow$  exchange the roles of both vacuums.
- Thus,  $\xi = -\epsilon \pm i0$  would correspond to IFT sitting in the metastable vacuum, and the tunneling effects would contribute to the scaling functions.



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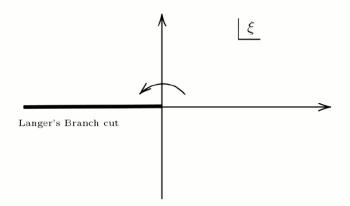
#### Fisher-Langer's branch cut and essential singularities (II).

- ullet At finite T, in the metastable vacuum thermal fluctuation would generate "bubbles" of stable vacuum. Big bubbles would condensate and cause the vacuum decay.
- Computations of bubbles in metastable states would give at  $\xi \to 0^-$ , i.e. <sup>151617</sup>:

$$\Im m \mathcal{G} \to \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} e^{-\frac{\pi}{\lambda}}, \quad \Im m \, \hat{M}_1 \to (\text{Analytic terms}) + \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-\frac{\pi}{\lambda}} + \cdots.$$

where  $\lambda = -2\bar{s}\xi > 0$ .

• The metastable F(m,h) is related to the vacuum decay rate:  $\Im m F_{\text{meta}} \sim \Gamma$ .



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> James S Langer. "Theory of the condensation point". In: *Annals of Physics* 281.1-2 (2000), pp. 941–990.

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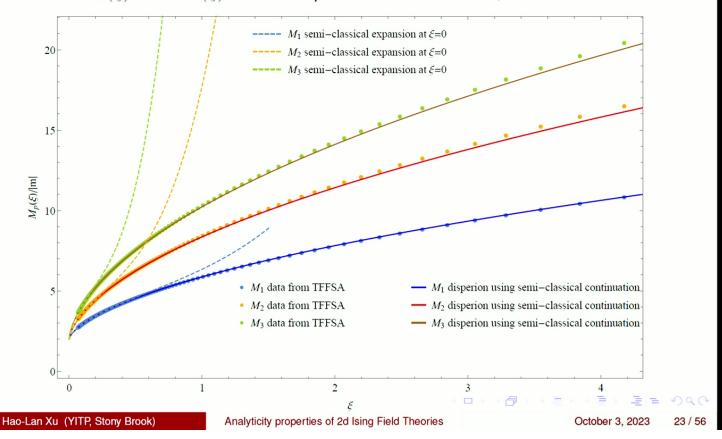
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#### Low-T dispersion relations with Langer's branch cut.

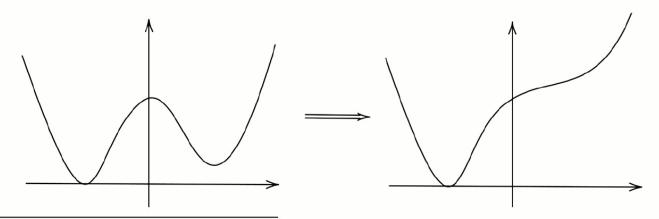
- By approximating discontinuities, the low-T dispersion relation can be verified.
- For  $\hat{M}_1(\xi)$ , computation shows the non-analytic term is negligible. Also for  $\hat{M}_2(\xi)$  and  $\hat{M}_3(\xi)$  similar dispersion relations exist, and can be checked.



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### Spinodal point on Fisher-Langer's branch cut?

- Behaviours at  $\xi \to 0^-$  is given by the decay of metastable vacuum, which is due to thermal fluctuations and tunneling effects.
- However, at  $\xi \to -\infty$  there would be only one true vacuum, and the phase transition should happened classically.
- From mean field theory point of view, at negative  $\xi$  there exist a point where the metastable vacuum becomes classically unstable, and the picture changes.
- The point is known as spinodal point. However, no other singularity found on the discontinuities<sup>18</sup>. Where is and what happened to the spinodal point?



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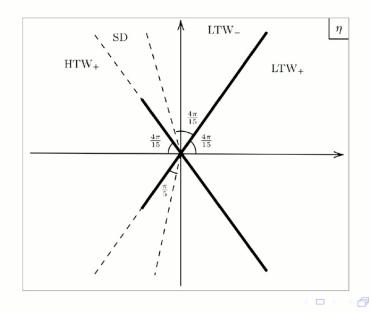
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#### Extended analyticity conjectures: connecting all-T

- The analyticity conjectures on  $\xi = h/|m|^{\frac{15}{8}}$  plane treat  $T < T_c$  and  $T > T_c$  differently. How about on the complex  $\eta = m/h^{\frac{8}{15}} = \xi^{-8/15}$  plane?
- $-\frac{8\pi}{15} \le \text{Arg } \eta \le +\frac{8\pi}{15}$ : Low-T wedge (LTW), represents the full  $\xi$ -plane with m>0.
- $-\frac{4\pi}{15} \leq \text{Arg}(-\eta) \leq +\frac{4\pi}{15}$ : High-T wedge<sub>+</sub> (HTW<sub>+</sub>), represents  $\Re e \, \xi > 0$  for m < 0.
- In between: shadow domain (SD), which is under the FL branch cut.
- YL branch cut:  $\eta = -ye^{\pm\frac{4\pi i}{15}}$  with  $y \leq Y_0$ ,  $Y_0 \approx 2.4293$ .



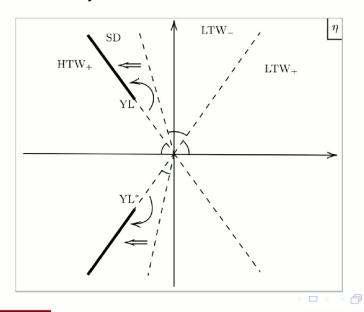
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#### Extended analyticity conjectures: scaling functions on the $\eta$ -plane.

- Scaling functions on the  $\eta$ -plane: to avoid pole at  $\eta=0$ , use instead: For real  $\eta$ :  $\mathcal{M}_1(\eta)=M_1/|h|^{\frac{8}{15}}$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}(\eta)=F/|h|^{\frac{16}{15}}-\frac{\eta^2}{8\pi}\log|h|^{\frac{16}{15}}$ .
- For complex  $\eta$ , possible to rotate YL branch cut by redefinitions in SD.
- Near YL point the singular expansion also continued, as  $y \to -Y_0 + (y Y_0)e^{\pi i}$ .
- The discontinuities on the rotated branch cuts are now controlled by the behaviours near YL point and FF point.
- Question: what are the analytical structures within the SD?



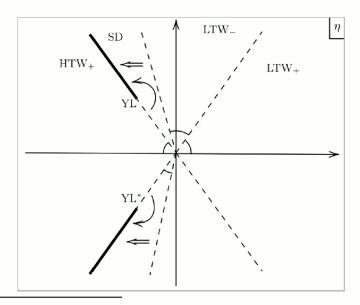
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#### Extended analyticity conjecture as minimal conjecture.

- Extended analyticity conjecture: the scaling function is analytical anywhere on the complex  $\eta$ -plane, except on the rotated YL branch cuts<sup>1920</sup>.
- No extra singularities within SD, YL point is the nearest one under FL branch cut.
- The extended analyticity conjecture is the most elegant conjecture. Meanwhile, if other singularities exist, then one must consider their physical interpretations.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>P Fonseca and A Zamolodchikov. "Ising field theory in a magnetic field: analytic properties of the free energy". In: *Journal of statistical physics* 110.3-6 (2003), pp. 527–590.

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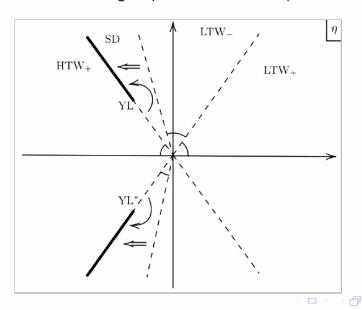
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• As a result, the extended dispersion relation can be formulated, for example:

$$\mathcal{M}_{1}(\eta) = M_{1}^{(0)} + M_{1}^{(1)} \eta + \frac{2\eta^{2}}{\pi} \int_{Y_{0}}^{\infty} \frac{dy}{y^{2}} \frac{y \Re e \left(e^{-\frac{11\pi i}{15}} \Delta_{1}(y)\right) - \eta \Re e \Delta_{1}(y)}{y^{2} - 2\cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{15}\right)\eta y + \eta^{2}},$$
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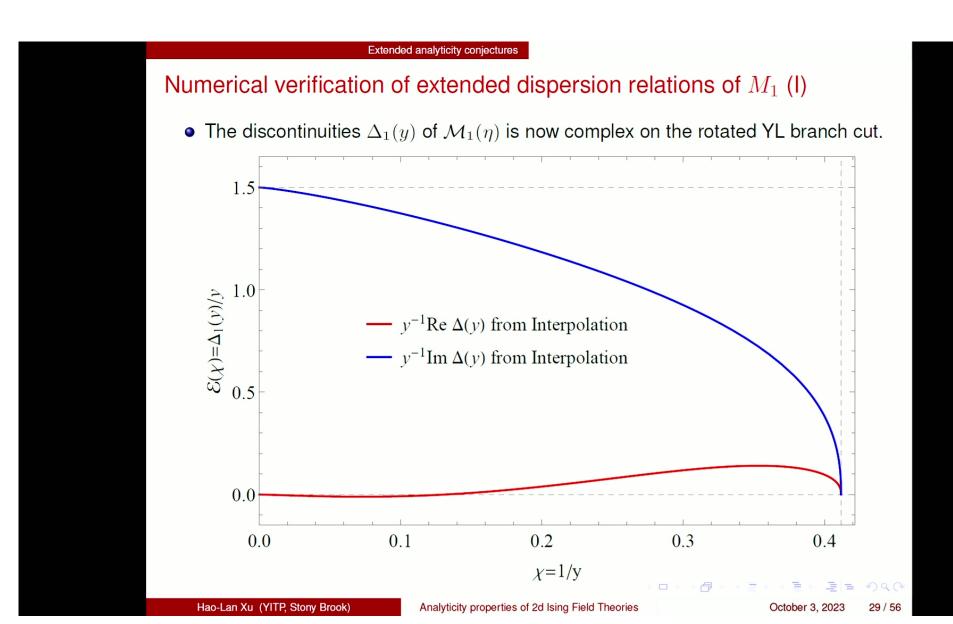
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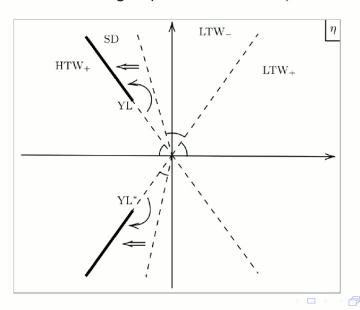
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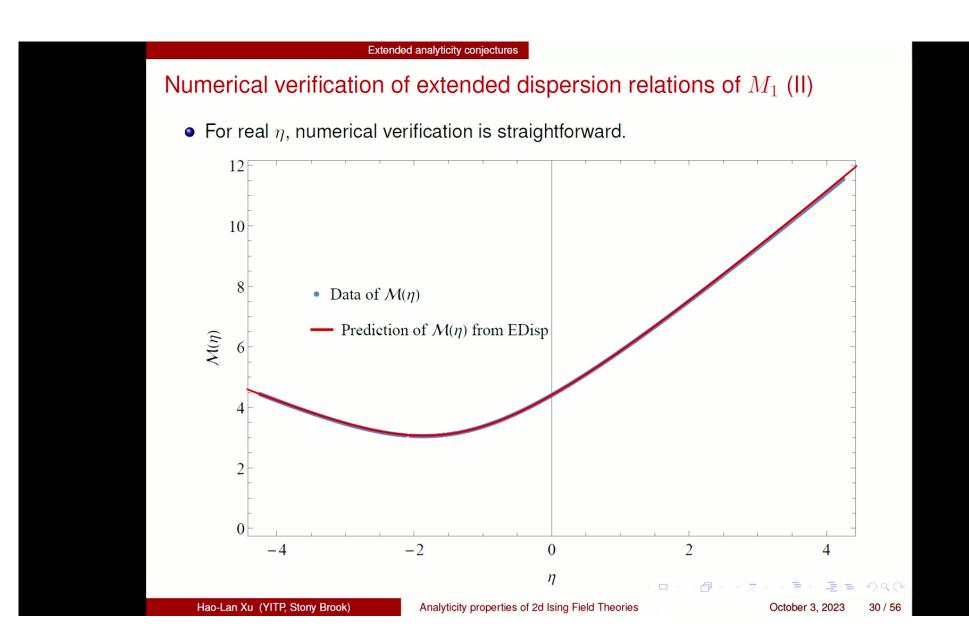
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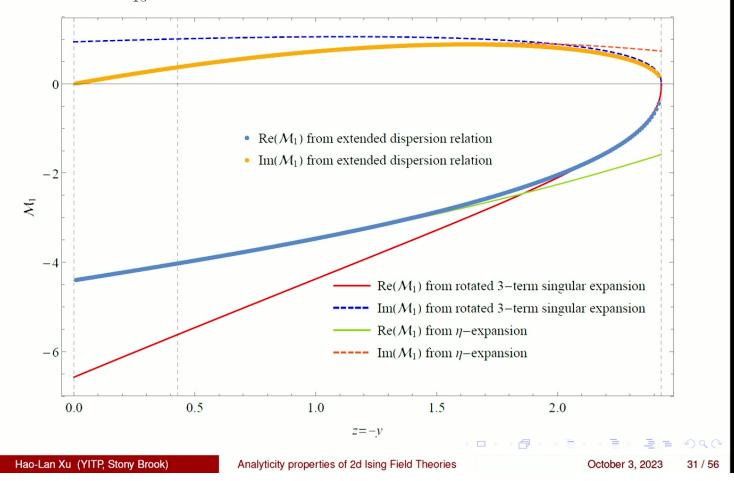


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#### Numerical verification of extended dispersion relations of $M_1$ (III)

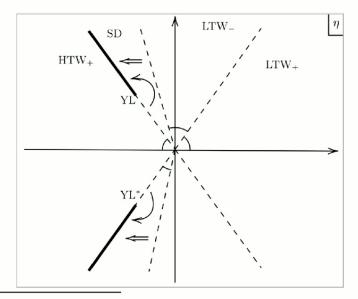
• For Arg  $\eta = \frac{11\pi}{15}$ , numerical verification is possible by comparing with expansions.



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#### Extended analyticity conjecture and true spinodal point.

- How about the spinodal singularity? The low-T analyticity conjecture indicates that perturbations would "push down" the spinodal point inside the FL branch cut.
- Furthermore, by no other singularity within SD, we can recognize that the YL point is the non-perturbative spinodal point, and near which the scaling behaviours following the Yang-Lee universality class.
- It would be very interesting to see how this picture works for higher dimensions<sup>21</sup>.



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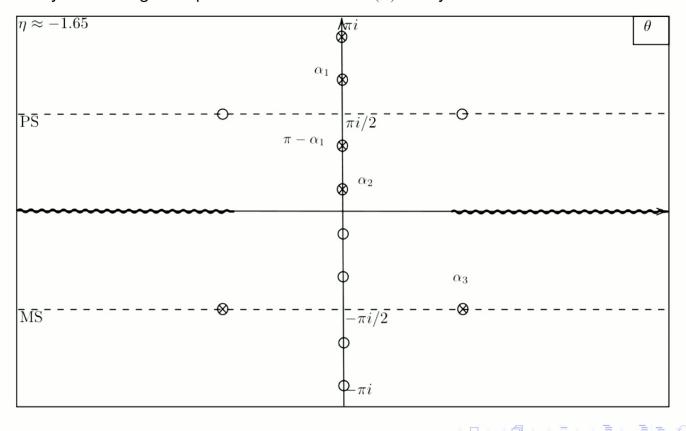
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#### 2d Ising scattering matrices.

ullet Away from integrable points: evolution of  $S(\theta)$  analytical structure.



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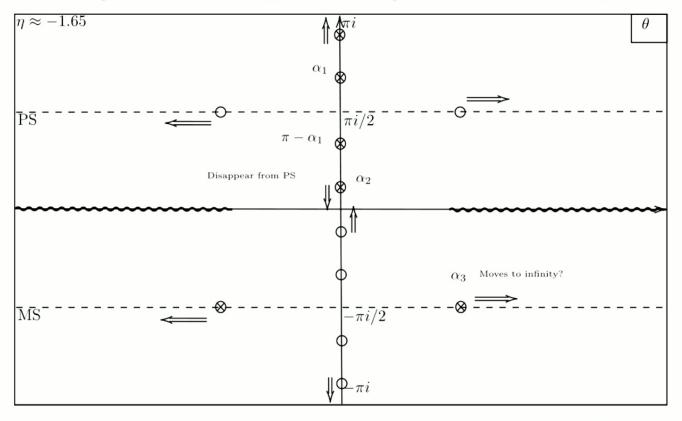
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#### Evolution of 2d Ising scattering matrices.

• Decreasing  $\xi^2$  from  $+\infty$  to  $-\xi_0^2$ , or decreasing  $\eta$  from 0 to  $-\infty$  then to  $y=-Y_0$ .



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#### Evolution of 2d Ising scattering matrices.

- To describe the evolution quantitatively, perturbation theory can't help much.
- From  $S(\theta)$  some scaling functions can be defined, and the corresponding dispersion relations can be established.
- Example (I)<sup>24</sup>:

$$\kappa = \kappa(\xi^2) = \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \mathop{\rm Res}_{\theta = \frac{2\pi i}{3}} S(\theta) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Gamma^2 \,,$$

which is proportional to the square effective 3-particle coupling of  $A_1$ , and also readable from the coefficient of leading exponential decay of  $E_1(R)$ .

Example (II):

$$C_2 = C_2(\xi^2) = \frac{1}{B_2} = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha_2}$$

describes the location of pole  $\alpha_2$ , and related to the mass  $M_2$  when  $\alpha_2$  still in PS.

Both of these scaling functions have corresponding dispersion relations in high-T.

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#### The dispersion relations.

- To establish (and verify) corresponding dispersion relations in high-T, the key is to find the discontinuity along the Yang-Lee branch cut.
- Near both Yang-Lee point and  $E_8$  point, the form factor perturbation theory could help. For example, perturbing action with term  $g \int \mathcal{O}(x) d^2x$  would leads to:

$$S(\theta) \to S(\theta) \left[ 1 + i \frac{g}{\sinh \theta} \left( f_{\text{reg}}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta) - 2i S^{-1}(\theta) S'(\theta) F_2^{\mathcal{O}}(\pi i) \cosh \theta \right) \right],$$

where the components come from the 4-point form factor:

$$F_4^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_1',\theta_2'|\theta_1,\theta_2) = -i\Big(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} + \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}\Big)S^{-1}(\theta_{12})S'(\theta_{12})F_2^{\mathcal{O}}(\pi i) + f_{\text{reg}}^{\mathcal{O}}(\theta_{12}) + O(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2)\,.$$

- Near Yang-Lee point: use effective action with irrelevant form factors, sometimes as perturbing the phase  $\Delta(\theta)$ .
- Near  $E_8$  point, use form factors of energy operator  $\varepsilon(x)$  (quite complicated).
- The dispersion relation of  $\kappa(\xi^2)$  has been verified, with others ongoing.

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#### Summary and Outlooks.

#### Summary: analyticity structure of 2d Ising field theories:

- Basics of 2d Ising field theory, theory space and scaling functions;
- Disordered/Ordered phases and different scenarios, Yang-Lee & Fisher-Langer;
- Analyticity properties of scaling functions and their dispersion relations;
- Extended analyticity and extended dispersion relation on  $\eta$ -plane;
- Analytical structures of S-matrices and their evolution in parameter space.

#### Outlook: unsolve questions and future directions:

- Goal: understand the structure of theory space of 2d IFTs non-perturbatively.
- Difficulties: limitations of both numerical methods and perturbative calculations, conceptual difficulties when consider some complicated phenomenons.
- Unsolved questions: (On going)
  - (i): Evolution of  $S(\theta)$  in low-T: McCoy-Wu scenario of meson, classical scattering with confining interaction, Bethe-Salpeter equation, etc.
  - (ii): UV behaviours of scattering, inelastic scattering, and parities of poles.

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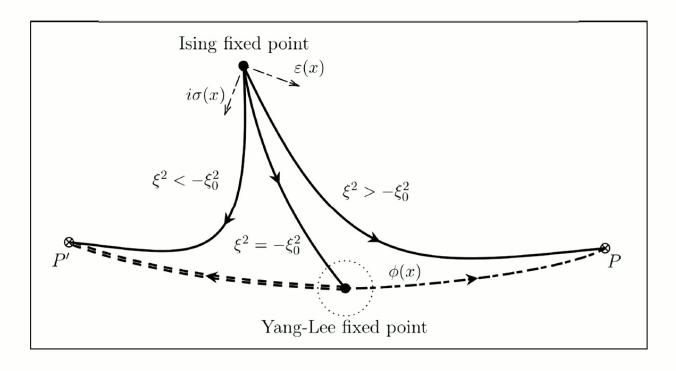
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