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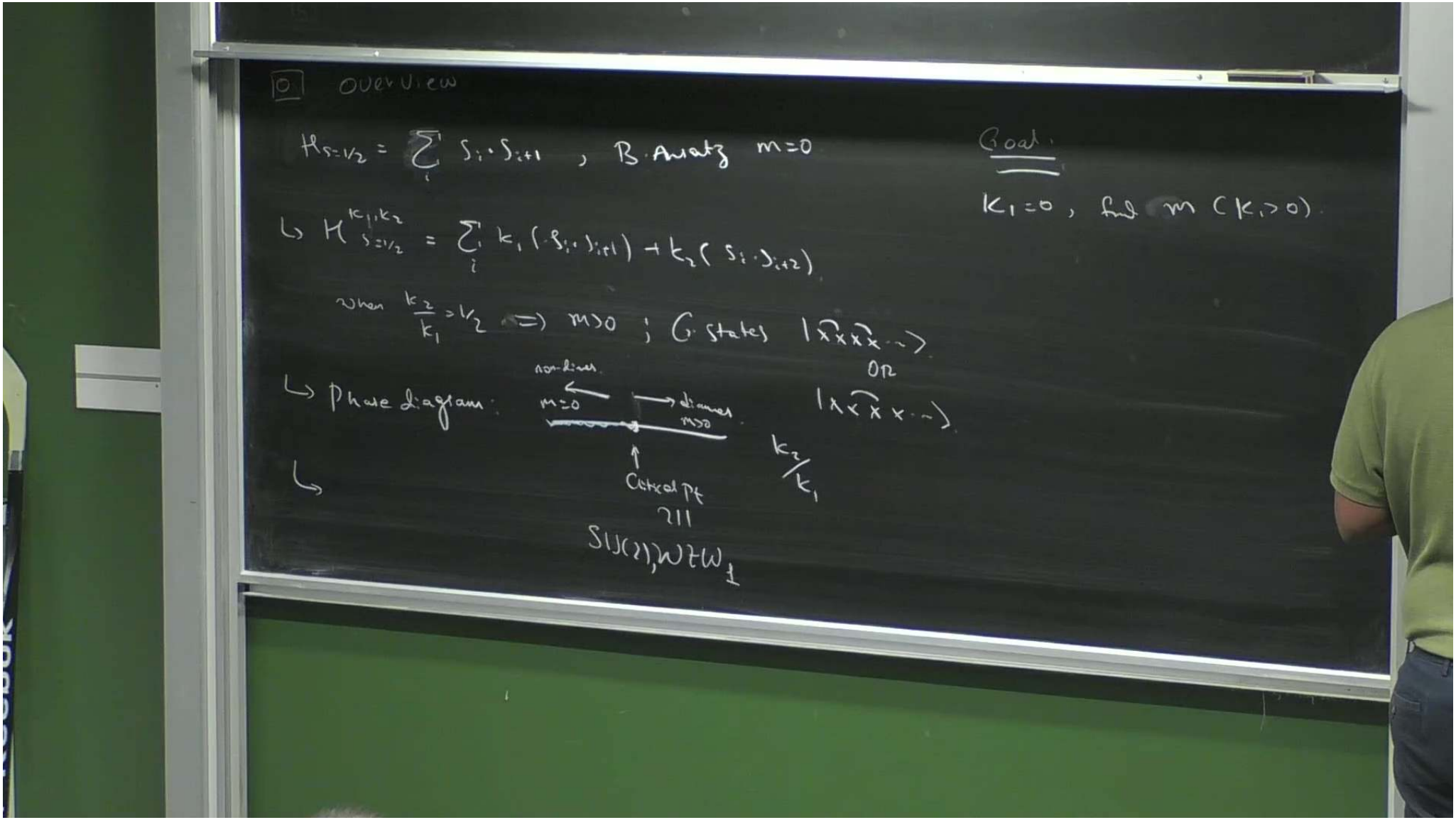
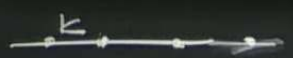

0 Overview
$H_{S=1/2} = \sum_i S_i \cdot S_{i+1}$, B. Ansatz $m=0$
Goal:
$k_1 = 0$, for m ($k_i > 0$)
$H^{k_1,k_2}_{S=1/2} = \sum_i k_1 (S_i \cdot S_{i+1}) + k_2 (S_i \cdot S_{i+2})$
when $\frac{k_2}{k_1} = 1/2 \Rightarrow m > 0$; G. states $|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\cdots\rangle$ or $|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\cdots\rangle$
Phase diagram:
non-Liquid
$m=0$
dimer
$m>0$
Critical pt
211
$SU(2)_1 WZW_1$
k_2/k_1

1  $H = k\sum_i S_i S_{i+1}$; Affleck, Haldane. $\simeq$ SU(2) WZW$_1$

CFT with additional conserved current J

Trivial Example.

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① $U(1)_L$; $\varphi(z)\varphi(w) \sim \log(z-w)$, $i\partial\varphi(z)\, i\partial\varphi(w) \sim \frac{1}{(z-w)^2}$

$J(z) = i\partial\varphi(z)$

Alg: $J(z)J(w) \sim \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{0}{(z-w)}$ → $f_{abc}=0$, $U(1)$

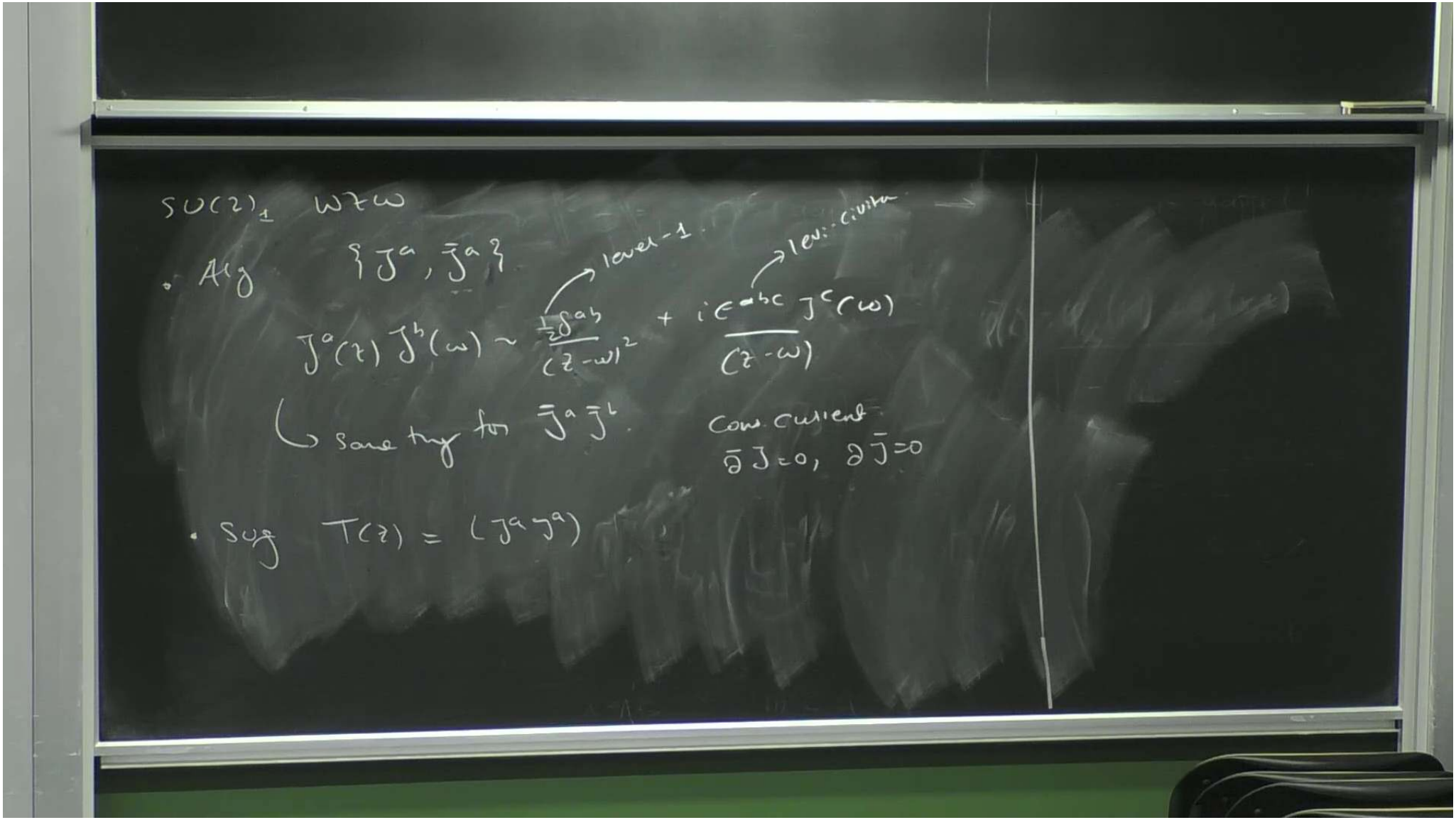
level

Stress-tensor

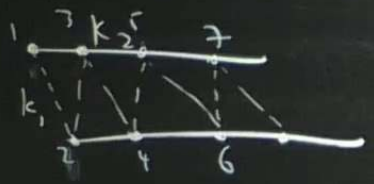
$T(z) = (i\partial\varphi\, i\partial\varphi) = (JJ)$

↑

Sugawara Const.


$SU(2)_1$ WZW
• Alg $\{J^a, \bar{J}^a\}$
$J^a(z)J^b(w) \sim \frac{\frac{1}{2}\delta^{ab}}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{i\epsilon^{abc}J^c(w)}{(z-w)}$
level-1
Levi-Civita
↳ same thing for $\bar{J}^a\bar{J}^b$
Cons. current
$\bar{\partial}J=0, \partial\bar{J}=0$
• Sug $T(z) = (J^aJ^a)$

[2] $H^{k_1,k_2}_{r=1/2} = \sum_i k_1 (S_i \cdot S_{i+1}) + k_2 (S_i \cdot S_{i+2})$



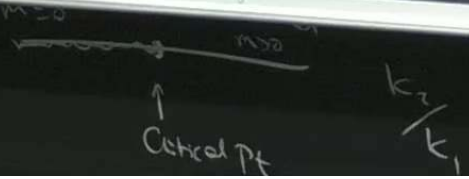
@ $k_1 = 0$, two decoupled 8. chain $\Rightarrow$ $WZW_1 \otimes WZW_1$.

@ $k_1 > 0$. $\Rightarrow$ Marginal deformation of $(WZW_4)^2$

Marginal ops.

① $\mathcal{L}_1 = 2\lambda_1 (J^a + \bar{J}^a)(J'^a + \bar{J}'^a)$ ② $k_1 > 0$; $\mathcal{L}_2 = -2\lambda_2 (J^a \bar{J}^a + J'^a \bar{J}'^a)$

↳ Phase diagram



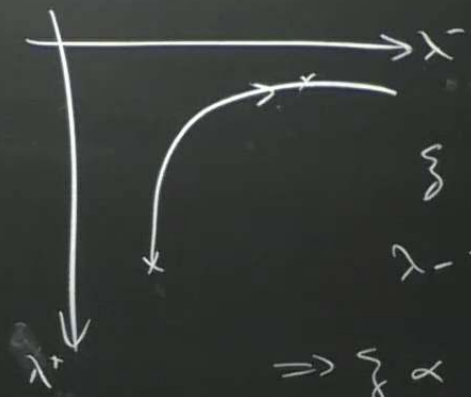
↳

$k_{int} = \lambda_+ k_+ + \lambda_- k_-$.

RG: $\frac{d\lambda_\pm}{d\log L} = (\lambda_\pm)^2$.

Initial conds:

$k_1 << k_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_+ < 0, \lambda_- > 0$



$\{ \propto \exp(-1/\lambda_-)$

$\lambda_- = k_2/k_1$

$\Rightarrow \{ \propto \exp(-\frac{k_2}{k_1})$

level

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Haldane SU(2) antiferromag → integer spin [gap]

↘ odd half-integ [gapless]

large s → O(3) NLSM, topological angle $\theta = 2\pi s$, mass gap generated merons

$$\frac{SU(2)}{O(3)\ \text{NLSM}}$$

$H = J \sum_{i,j} S_i \cdot S_j$, $s \to \infty$

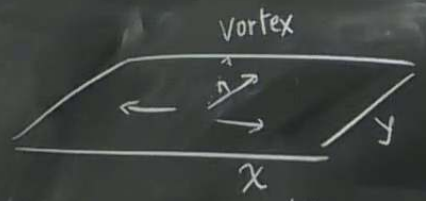
$$\frac{SU(n)}{SU(n)/[U(1)]^{n-1}}$$

flag manifold SM

$H = J \sum_j \mathrm{tr}\left[S(j)\, S(j+1)\right]$, rank p repres of SU(n)

$p \to \infty$

BREAK add $\sum_j S_z S_z$



topological charge $Q = \pm 1/2$

add V_1 breaks $SU(n) \to [U(1)]^{n-1}$

V_2 breaks $[U(1)]^{n-1} \to U(1)$

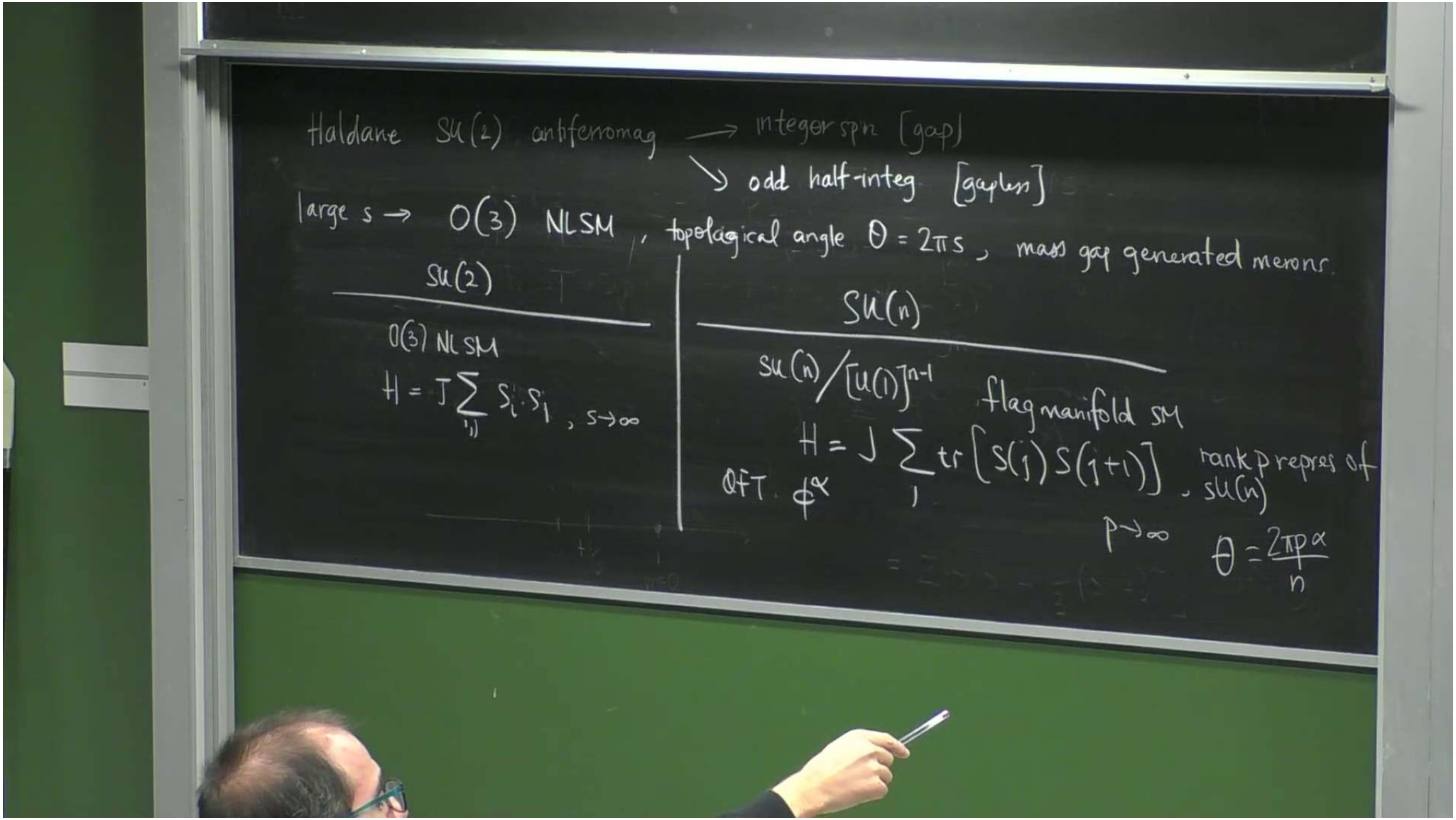
$$\vec{Q}^{\beta} = \frac{1}{n}(1, 1, \ldots, \overbrace{-(n-1)}^{\beta^{th}}, \ldots, 1)$$

Add topological term

p, n have common divisor exists a gap

no " " "

no gap.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QFT φ^α
rank p repres of SU(n)
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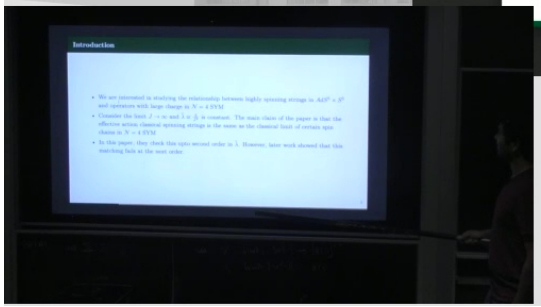
- Consider the limit $J \to \infty$ and $\tilde{\lambda} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{J^2}$ is constant. The main claim of the paper is that the effective action classical spinning strings is the same as the classical limit of certain spin chains in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM
- In this paper, they check this upto second order in $\tilde{\lambda}$. However, later work showed that this matching fails at the next order.

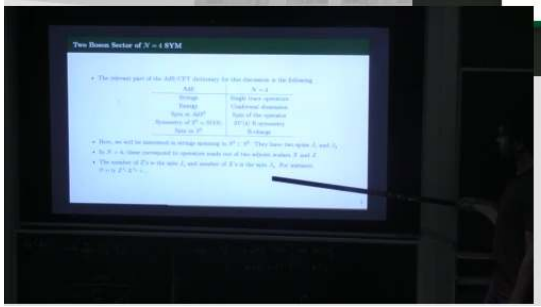


Two Boson Sector of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- The relevant part of the AdS/CFT dictionary for this discussion is the following

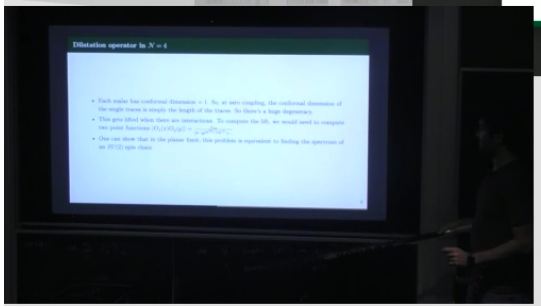
AdS	$\mathcal{N} = 4$
Strings	Single trace operators
Energy	Conformal dimension
Spin in AdS^5	Spin of the operator
Symmetry of $S^5 = SO(6)$	$SU(4)$ R-symmetry
Spin in S^5	R-charge

- Here, we will be interested in strings spinning in $S^3 \subset S^5$. They have two spins J_1 and J_2
- In $\mathcal{N} = 4$, these correspond to operators made out of two adjoint scalars X and Z.
- The number of Z's is the spin J_1 and number of X's is the spin J_2. For instance, $\mathcal{O} = \text{tr } Z^{J_1} X^{J_2} + ...$



Dilatation operator in $\mathcal{N} = 4$

- Each scalar has conformal dimension $= 1$. So, at zero coupling, the conformal dimension of the single traces is simply the length of the traces. So there's a huge degeneracy.
- This gets lifted when there are interactions. To compute the lift, we would need to compute two point functions $\langle O_1(x)O_2(y)\rangle = \frac{c_{12}}{|x-y|^{\Delta^{(0)}+\lambda\Delta^{(1)}+\ldots}}$
- One can show that in the planar limit, this problem is equivalent to finding the spectrum of an $SU(2)$ spin chain.



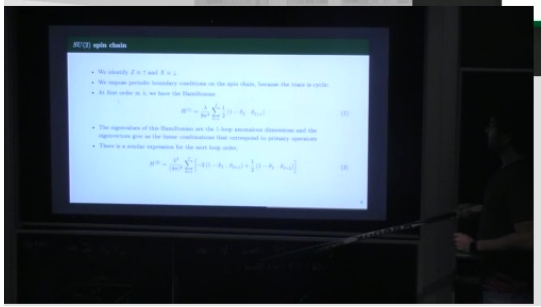
$SU(2)$ spin chain

- We identify $Z \equiv \uparrow$ and $X \equiv \downarrow$.
- We impose periodic boundary conditions on the spin chain, because the trace is cyclic.
- At first order in λ, we have the Hamiltonian

$$H^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{J} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \vec{\sigma}_\ell \,.\, \vec{\sigma}_{\ell+1}\right) \tag{1}$$

- The eigenvalues of this Hamiltonian are the 1-loop anomalous dimensions and the eigenvectors give us the linear combinations that correspond to primary operators
- There is a similar expression for the next loop order,

$$H^{(2)} = \frac{\lambda^2}{(4\pi)^4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{J} \left[-2\left(1 - \vec{\sigma}_\ell \,.\, \vec{\sigma}_{\ell+1}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \vec{\sigma}_\ell \,.\, \vec{\sigma}_{\ell+2}\right)\right] \tag{2}$$



Spin chain action

- To obtain the effective action, we define coherent states

$$|\vec{n}\rangle = e^{\frac{i}{2}\sigma_z\phi + \frac{i}{2}\sigma_y\theta}\left|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right\rangle \tag{3}$$

  where $|J, m\rangle$ is the state with total spin J and $S_z = m$ and $\vec{n} = (\sin\theta\cos\phi, \sin\theta\sin\phi, \cos\theta)$ is a unit vector.

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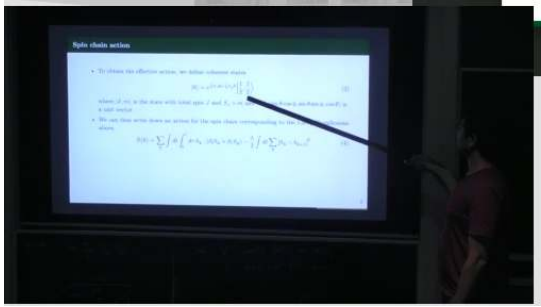

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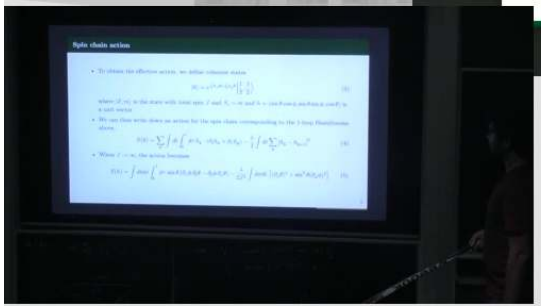
- When $J \to \infty$, the action becomes

$$S(\vec{n}) = \int dt d\sigma \int_0^1 d\tau\, \sin\theta\,(\partial_\tau\phi\,\partial_t\theta - \partial_t\phi\,\partial_\tau\theta) - \frac{\lambda}{2J^2}\int d\sigma dt\, \left[(\partial_\sigma\theta)^2 + \sin^2\theta(\partial_\sigma\phi)^2\right] \tag{5}$$



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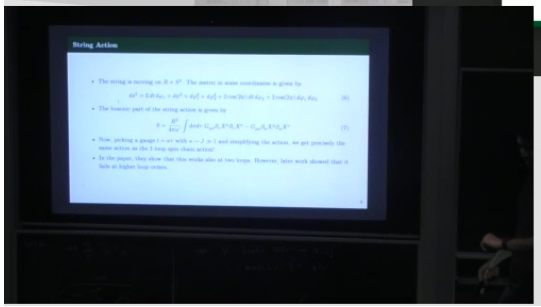

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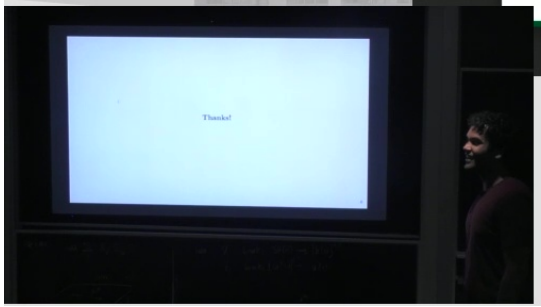
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