

# THE FACETS OF PRODUCT MOMENTS: FROM EFT- HEDRON TO MODULAR-HEDRON

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Let's begin with the "gist"

$$[y]_{d+1 \times d+1} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(0,0)} & y^{(0,1)} & \dots & y^{(0,d)} \\ y^{(1,0)} & y^{(1,1)} & \dots & y^{(1,d)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y^{(d,0)} & y^{(d,1)} & \dots & y^{(d,d)} \end{pmatrix} \in \sum_i c_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ x_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ x_i^d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{x}_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_i^d \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad \forall c_i > 0$$

The convex hull of **product moment curve**

We would like to find the boundary of this hull

$$f[y^{(m,n)}] \geq 0$$

carves out the image of the hull in the space of  $[y]_{d+1 \times d+1}$

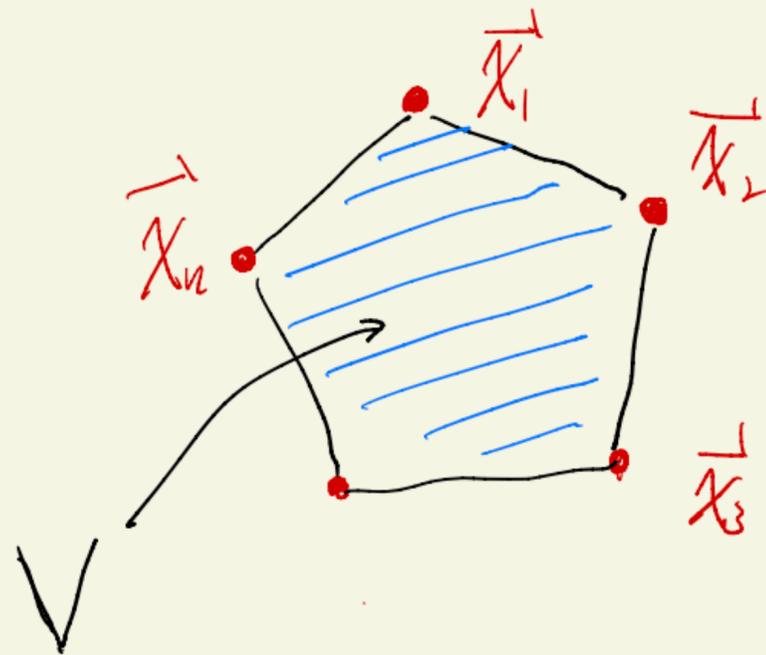
The multivariate moment problem: what are the sufficient conditions on  $[y]_{d+1 \times d+1}$  such that a solution in the form of the RHS exists.

# The geometry of spaces

## Vertex center

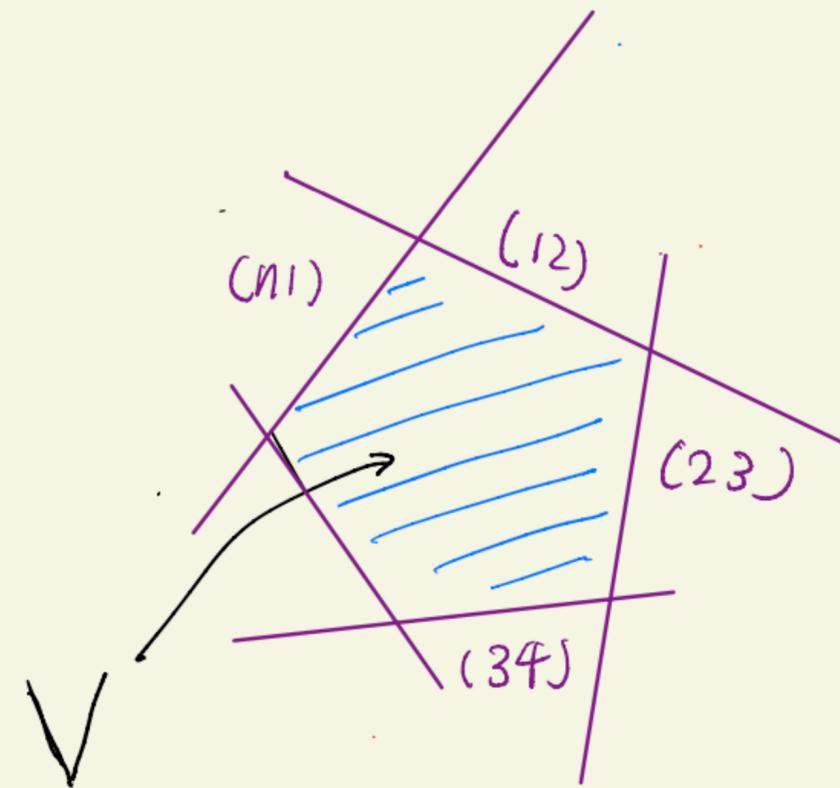
$$V \in \frac{\sum_i m_i \vec{X}_i}{M} = \sum_j \hat{m}_j \vec{X}_j$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\sum_j \hat{m}_j = 1$



## Face center

$$W_{(ij)} \cdot V \geq 0$$



The **Vertex centered** view represent the space through a **convex hull**

The **Face centered** view carves out the space (boundary) through a set of inequalities

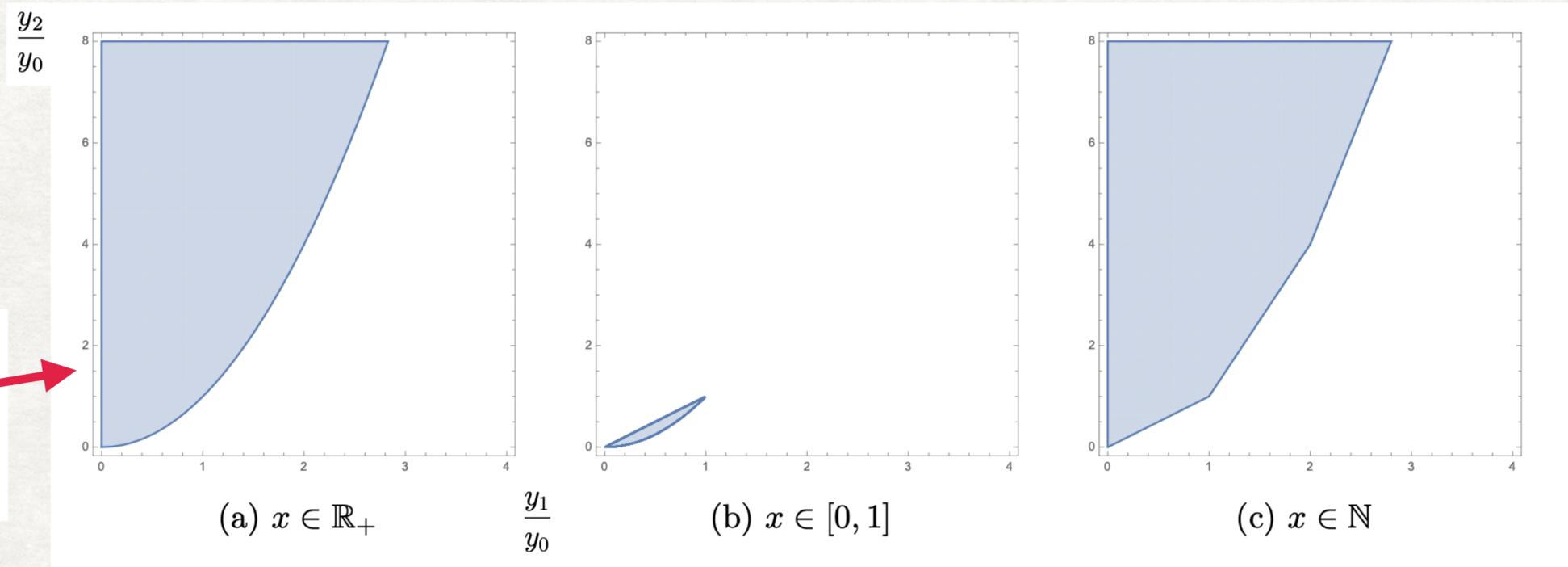
Begin with a single moment

$$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix} \in \sum_i c_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ x_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ x_i^d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall c_i > 0$$

Start with  $\mathbf{p}^2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \sum_i c_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ (x_i)^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad c_i, x_i \geq 0.$$

$$y_0, y_1, \det \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & y_1 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{pmatrix} > 0$$



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Start with  $\mathbf{P}^2$  the space is carved out by the positivity of the leading principle minors of the Hankel and (shifted) Hankel matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{y_0} & | & y_1 \\ \underline{y_1} & & \underline{y_2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \underline{y_1} & | & y_2 \\ y_2 & & y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Generalize to arbitrary dimensions

$$K_n[\vec{y}] \equiv \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_n & y_{n+1} & \cdots & y_{2n} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Det} (K_n[\vec{y}]) \geq 0, \quad \text{Det} (K_n^{\text{shift}}[\vec{y}]) \equiv \text{Det} (K_n[\vec{y}] |_{y_i \rightarrow y_{i+1}}) \geq 0.$$



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From the vertex point of view these boundaries form a hierarchal complex

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$$\text{Det}(K_n[\vec{y}]) = \sum_{\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n+1}\}} \left[ \prod_{a=1}^{n+1} c_{i_a} \right] \prod_{1 \leq a < b < n+1} (x_{i_a} - x_{i_b})^2$$

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vanishes if there are less than n+1 elements

furthermore  $\text{Det} K_n^{\text{shift}} = 0, \quad \text{Det} K_n \neq 0$  if there is at most n elements + origin

Thus

$$\text{Det} K_0 \subset \text{Det} K_0^{\text{shift}} \subset \cdots \subset \text{Det} K_{n-1} \subset \text{Det} K_{n-1}^{\text{shift}} \subset \text{Det} K_n \subset \text{Det} K_n^{\text{shift}}$$

successive vanishing of the Hankel determinant represents the reduction of rank

The positivity conditions on the Hankel matrices can be easily understood as follows: writing

$$K(y) = \sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T = \sum_i c_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ x_i^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_i & x_i^2 & \cdots \end{pmatrix}, \longrightarrow \mathbf{v}^T K \mathbf{v} = \sum_i c_i (\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{x}_i)^2 \geq 0.$$

Positive for any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  implies the principle minors are positive

For bounded moments we further have, say  $a < x_i < b$  then

$$\mathbf{v}^T \left( \sum_i c_i (x_i - a)(b - x_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \right) \mathbf{v} \geq 0$$

For example  $a = 0, b \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\mathbf{v}^T \left( \sum_i c_i (x_i) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T \right) \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots \\ y_2 & y_3 & y_4 & \cdots \\ y_3 & y_4 & y_5 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

Positive for any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  implies the principle minors of the shifted Hankel is positive

This will guild us to the boundary of the double moment

$$[y]_{d+1 \times d+1} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(0,0)} & y^{(0,1)} & \dots & y^{(0,d)} \\ y^{(1,0)} & y^{(1,1)} & \dots & y^{(1,d)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y^{(d,0)} & y^{(d,1)} & \dots & y^{(d,d)} \end{pmatrix} \in \sum_i c_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ x_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ x_i^d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{x}_i^2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_i^d \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad \forall c_i > 0$$

This suggests generalized Hankel matrix

$$K(y) = \sum_i p_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_i \\ \tilde{x}_i \\ x_i^2 \\ x_i \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{x}_i^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_i & \tilde{x}_i & x_i^2 & x_i \tilde{x}_i & \tilde{x}_i^2 & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y^{(0,0)} & y^{(1,0)} & y^{(0,1)} & \dots \\ y^{(1,0)} & y^{(2,0)} & y^{(1,1)} & \dots \\ y^{(0,1)} & y^{(1,1)} & y^{(0,2)} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

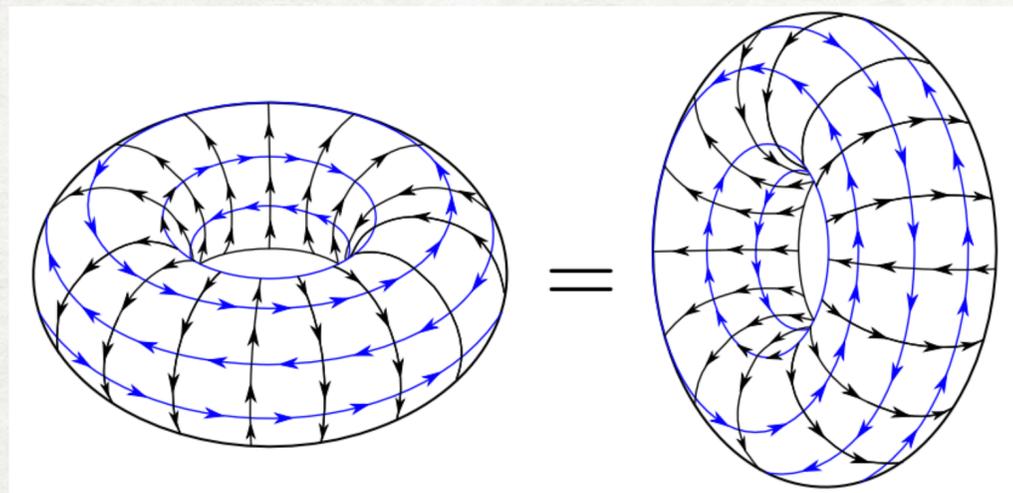
the convex hull implies

Half moment:  $x, \tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$K(y), \quad K^{\text{shift},x}(y) \equiv K(y)|_{y^{(m,n)} \rightarrow y^{(m+1,n)}}, \quad K^{\text{shift},\tilde{x}}(y), \quad K^{\text{shift},x,\tilde{x}}(y) \geq 0$$

These are the necessary (not sufficient) conditions of the hull

We will find that these two theory space is governed by the same **product geometry**.



2D CFT

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial\phi\partial\phi + g_0\phi^4 + g_2(\partial\phi)^2\phi^2 + g_4(\partial\phi)^2(\partial\phi)^2 + g_6(\partial\phi)^2(\partial\phi)^2 \dots$$

EFT

## Product moment in the EFT

Unitarity and Causality tells us that  $M(s,t) < s^2$  at large  $s$  for  $t > 0$

$$I = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\infty} \frac{ds}{s^{n+1}} M(s, 0) = 0 \text{ for } n > 1$$

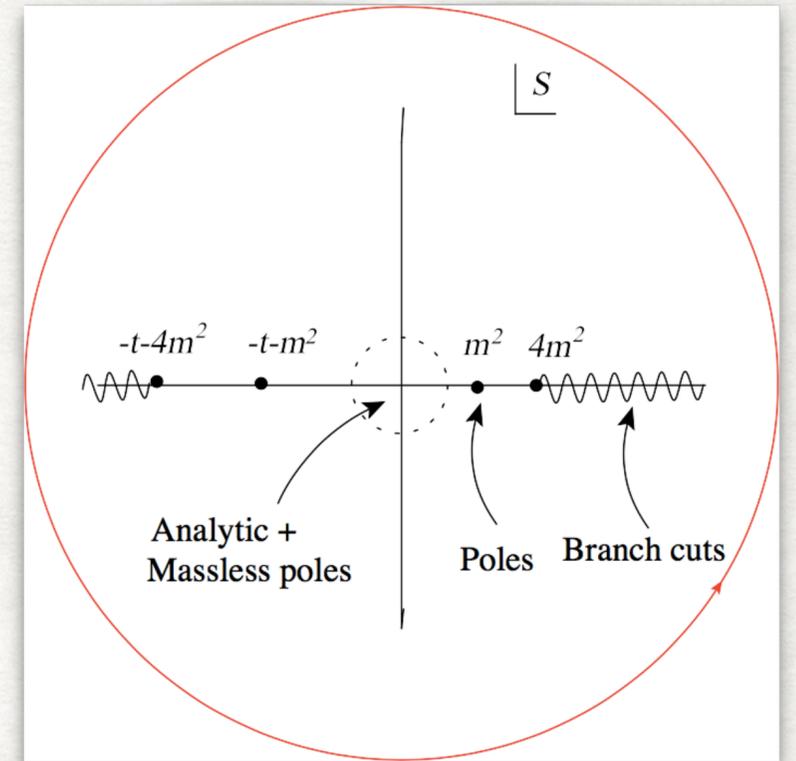
The vanishing of the contour tell us that the Taylor coefficients ( $g$ ) of the EFT is completely controlled by the discontinuity

$$\sum_{q=0}^{\infty} g_{n+q,q} t^q = \int \frac{ds}{s^{n+1}} Dis[M(s, t)]$$

The Taylor coefficients can be isolated by further expand in  $t$

$$g_{k,q} = -\frac{1}{q!} \frac{\partial^q}{\partial t^q} \left( \sum_a \frac{Res_{s=m_a^2} M(s, t)}{(m_a^2)^{k-q+1}} + \int_{4m_a^2} \frac{ds'}{s'^{k-q+1}} DisM(s, t) \right) \Big|_{t=0} + \{u\}$$

$$\longrightarrow g_{k,q} = \frac{1}{q!} \frac{d^q}{dt^q} \left( \sum_a \frac{p_a G_{\ell_a} (1 + 2 \frac{t}{m_a^2})}{(m_a^2)^{k-q+1}} + \sum_b \int ds' p_{b,\ell}(s') \frac{G_{\ell} (1 + 2 \frac{t}{s'})}{(s')^{k-q+1}} + \{u\} \right) \Big|_{t=0}$$



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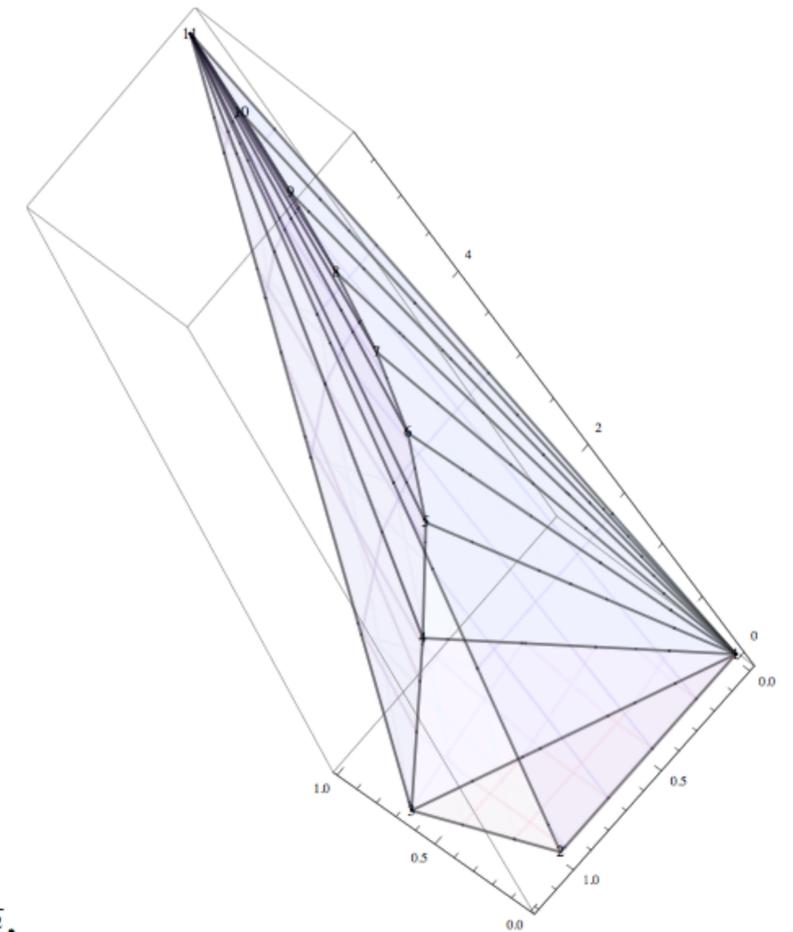
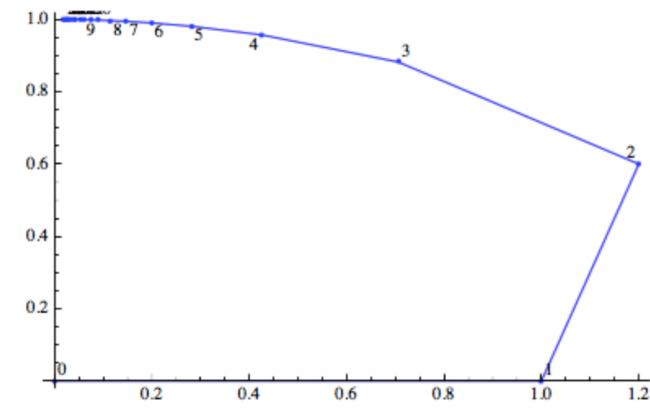
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$$g_{k,q} = \sum_a p_a \frac{2^q u_{\ell_a,k,q}^\alpha}{(m_a^2)^{k+1}} \quad p_a > 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{k,0} \\ g_{k,1} \\ g_{k,2} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_a p_a \begin{pmatrix} u_{\ell_a,k,0}^\alpha \\ u_{\ell_a,k,1}^\alpha \\ u_{\ell_a,k,2}^\alpha \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$



Let's look closer at the s-channel contribution in detail

$$g_{k,q}^s = \sum_a p_a \frac{v_{\ell_a,q}}{m_a^{2(k+1)}}$$

Note that we have a product geometry

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{0,0} \\ g_{1,0} & g_{1,1} \\ g_{2,0} & g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_a p_a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m_a^2} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^4} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^6} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^8} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \otimes (v_{\ell_a,0}, v_{\ell_a,1}, v_{\ell_a,2}, \dots)$$

The analytic formula for the expansion coefficients (for D=4)

$$v_{\ell,q} = \frac{2^q}{q!(2-q)!} \frac{(\alpha)_{\ell+q}}{\prod_{a=1}^q (\alpha+2a-1)} = \frac{\prod_{a=0}^q (J-a(a-1))}{(q!)^2} \quad J = \ell(\ell+1)$$

After a linear transformation  $\vec{a}_k = \mathbf{G} \cdot \vec{g}_k^s$ , we have

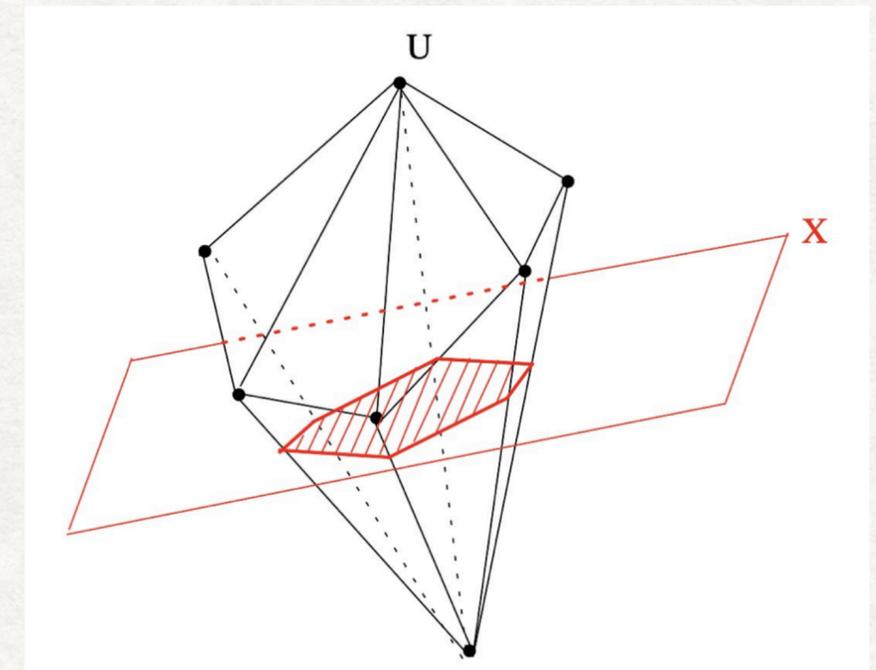
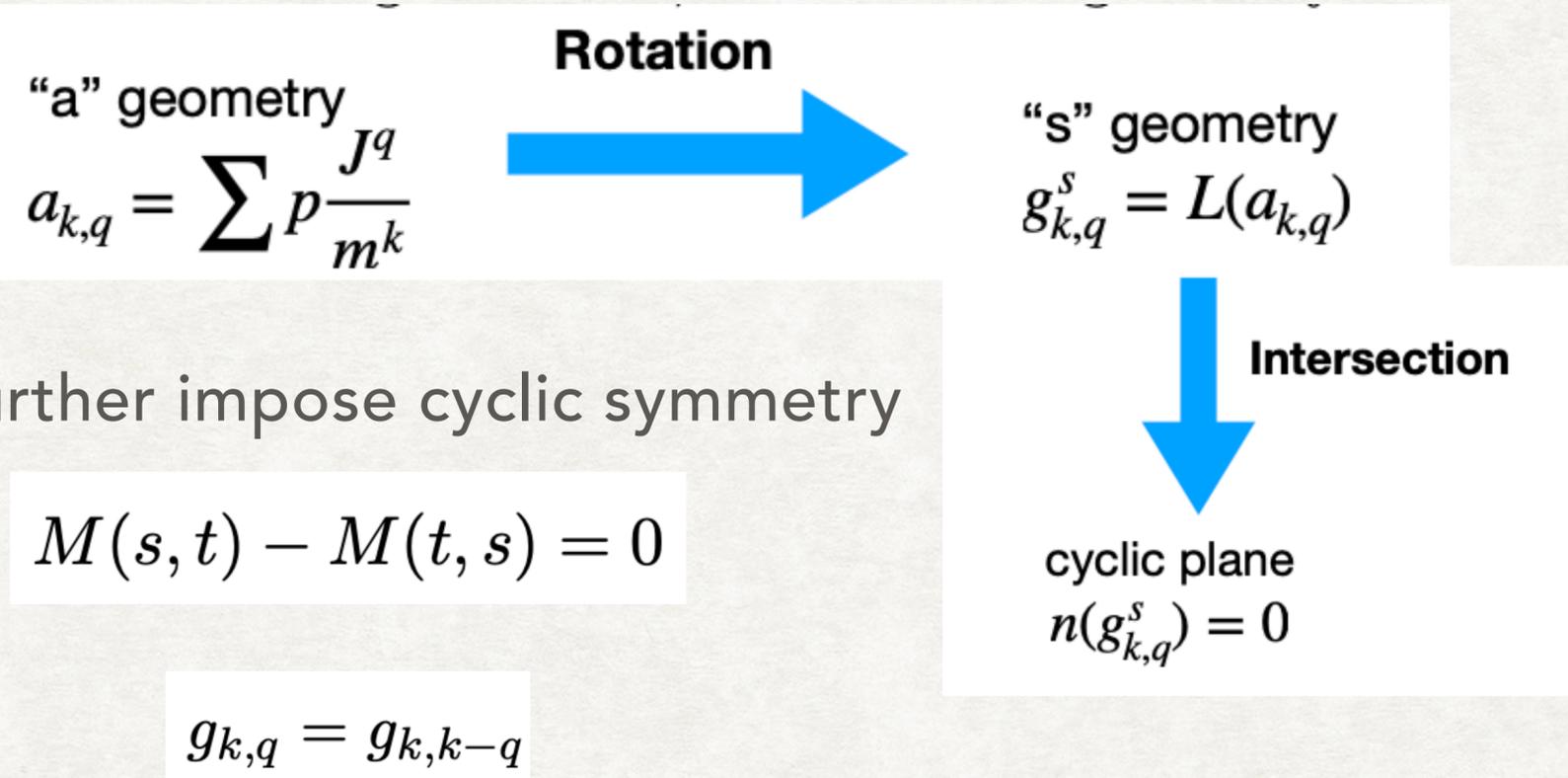
at the core, the couplings  are governed by the hull of product moments

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} \\ a_{1,0} & a_{1,1} \\ a_{2,0} & a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_a p_a \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m_a^2} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^4} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^6} \\ \frac{1}{m_a^8} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \otimes (1, J, J^2, J^3, \dots)$$

The linear transformed EFT couplings  $\vec{a}_k = \mathbf{G} \cdot \vec{g}_k^s$  live inside our favorite product geometry !

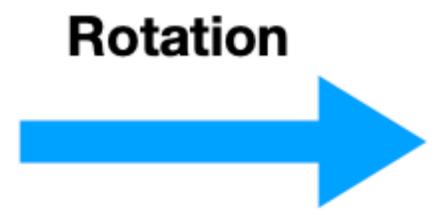
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An inverse transform rotates us back to the physical coupling



“a” geometry  

$$a_{k,q} = \sum p \frac{J^q}{m^k}$$



“s” geometry  

$$g_{k,q}^s = L(a_{k,q})$$

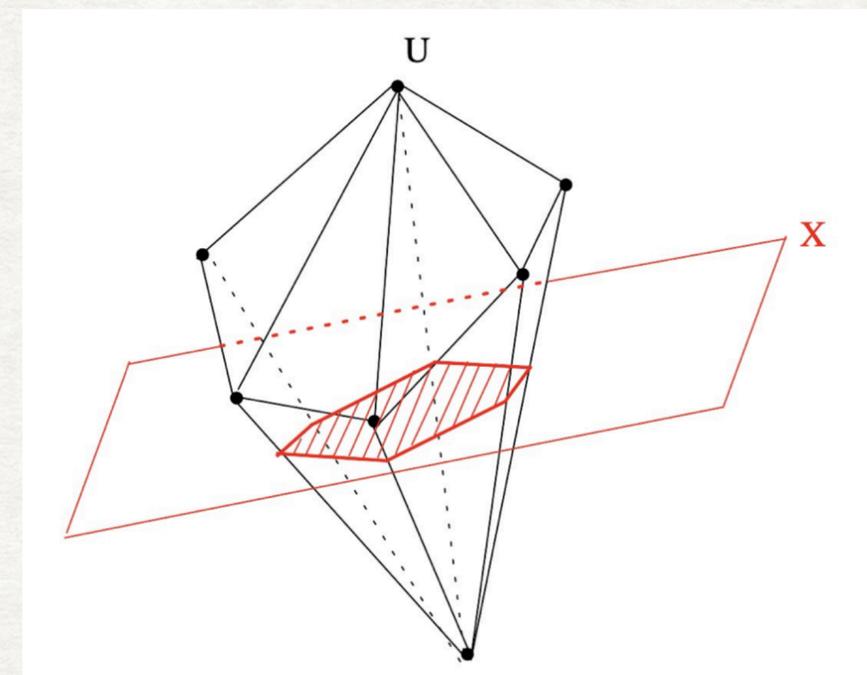
$$M(s, t) - M(t, s) = 0$$



cyclic plane  

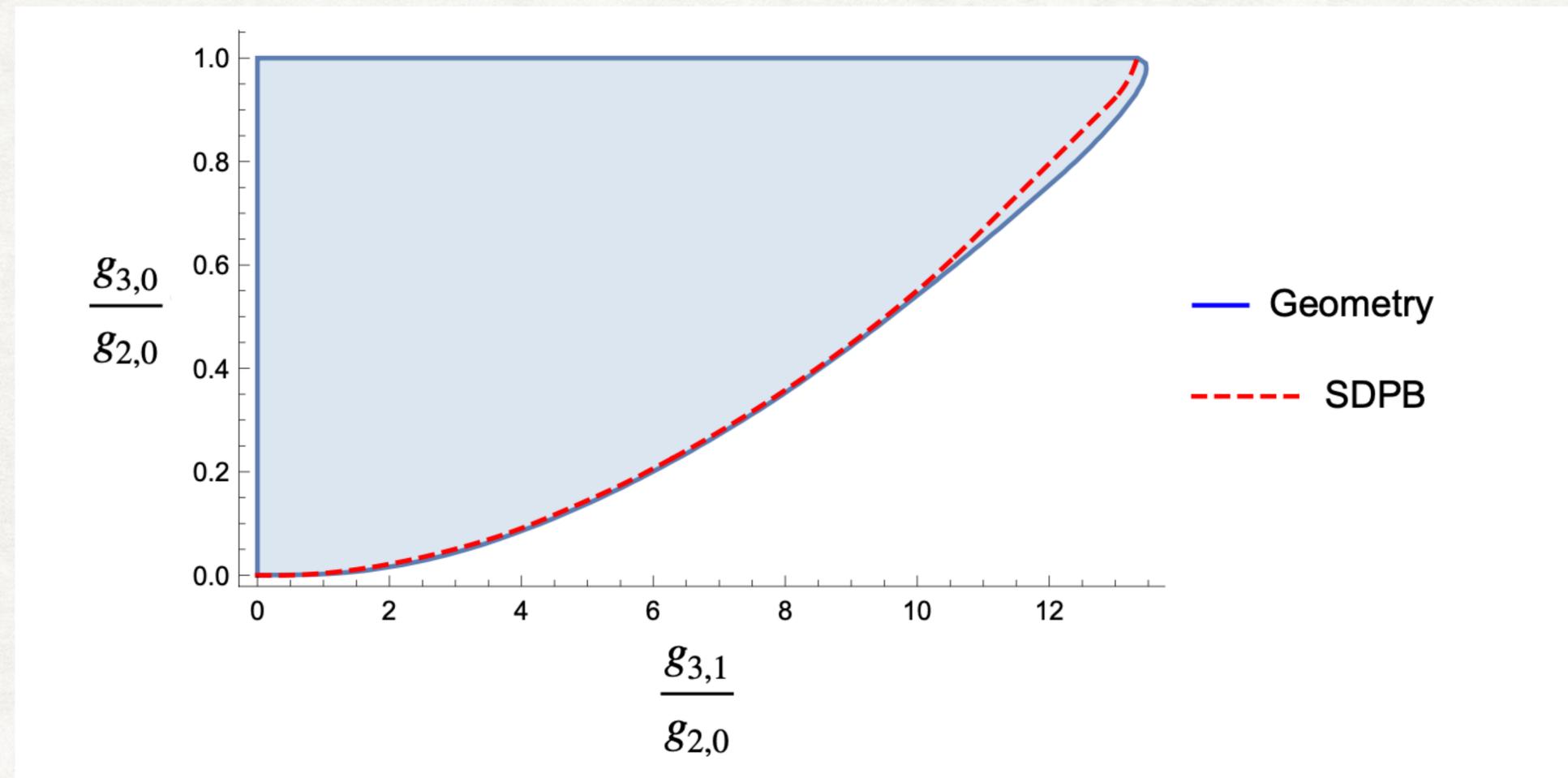
$$n(g_{k,q}^s) = 0$$

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$$M(s, t) = \cdots + g_{3,0}s^3 + g_{3,1}s^2t + g_{4,0}s^4 + g_{4,1}s^3t + g_{4,2}s^2t^2 \cdots \quad (D^6\phi^4, D^8\phi^4)$$



Normalized with  $M_{gap} = 1$   $g_{20} = 1$

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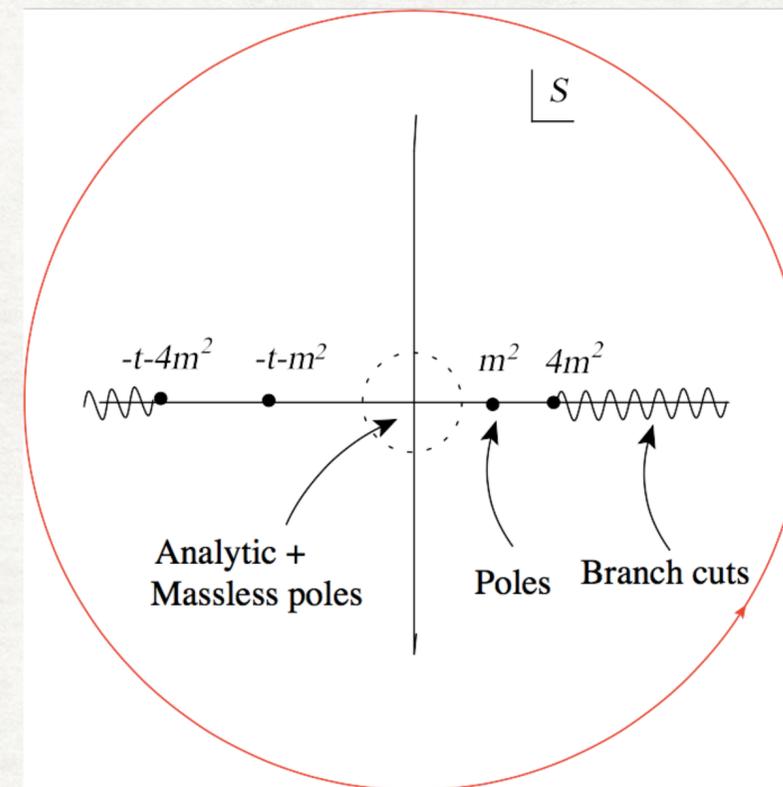
Consider a,b → a,b

$$M^{\text{IR}}(a_1, b_2, b_2, a_3) = \sum_{k,q} g_{k,q} z^{k-q} t^q$$

$$s = -t/2 + z, \quad u = -t/2 - z$$

once again the dispersion relations leads to

$$\sum_{k,q} g_{k,q} z^{k-q} t^q = - \sum_i p_i P_{\ell_i} \left(1 + \frac{2t}{m_i^2}\right) \left( \frac{1}{-\frac{t}{2} - z - m_i^2} + \frac{1}{-\frac{t}{2} + z - m_i^2} \right)$$



expanding in z, †

$$g_{k,q} = \sum_i p_i \frac{u_{\ell_i, k, q}}{m_i^{2(k+1)}}$$

$$\vec{u}_{\ell, k} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{\ell, k, 0} \\ 0 \\ u_{\ell, k, 2} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ u_{\ell, k, k} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{(k-1)_2}{2} \frac{1}{2^2} & (k-1)_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{(1)_k}{k!} 2^{-k} & -\frac{(1)_{k-1}}{(k-1)!} 2^{2-k} & \frac{(1)_{k-2}}{(k-2)!} 2^{4-k} & \dots & -2^{k-2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{\ell, 0} \\ v_{\ell, 1} \\ v_{\ell, 2} \\ \vdots \\ v_{\ell, k-1} \\ v_{\ell, k} \end{pmatrix}$$

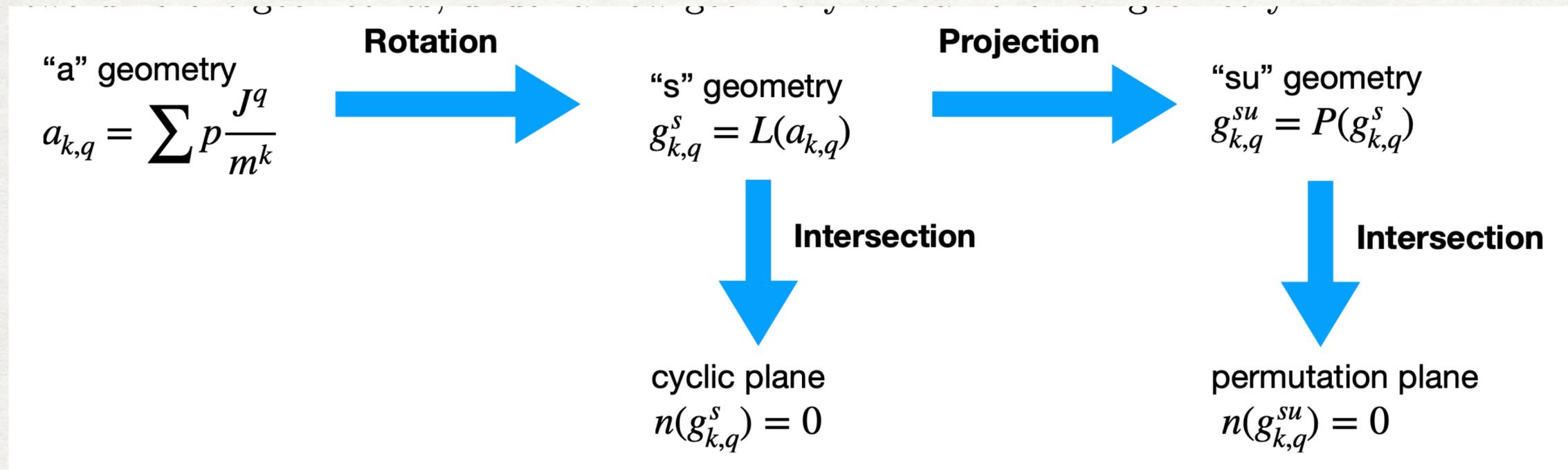
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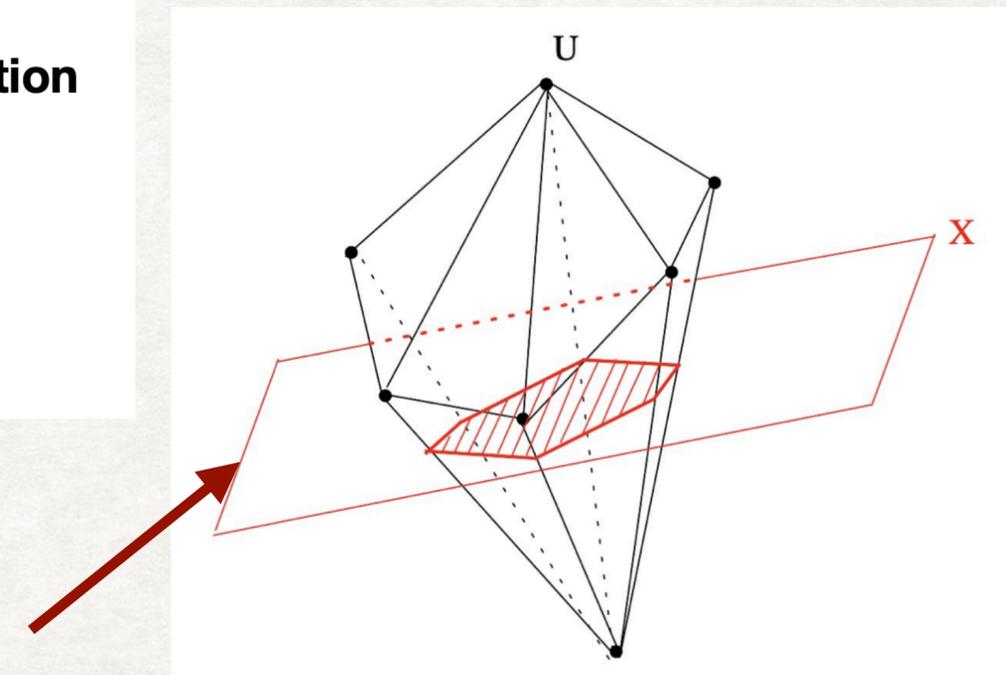
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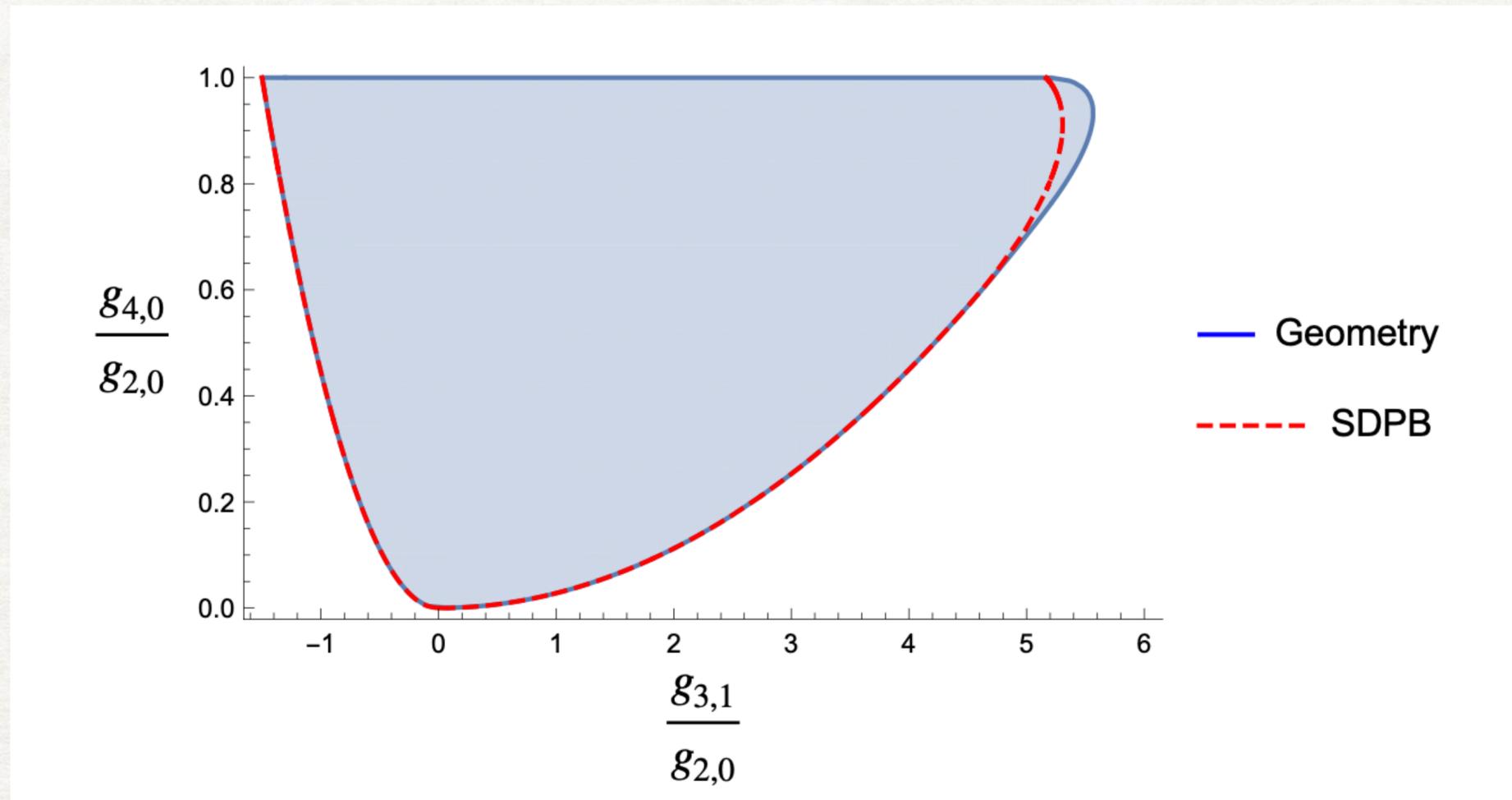
For identical scalars we further impose permutation invariance

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{perm}} \rightarrow M(s, t) = M(s, -t - s) = M(-t - s, t)$$



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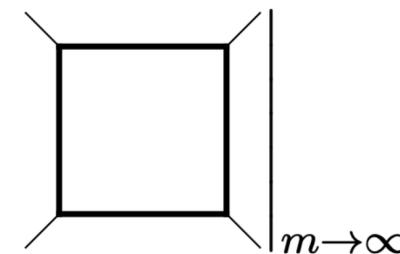


$$g_{5,0}s^5 + g_{5,1}s^4t + g_{5,2}s^3t^2 + g_{5,3}s^2t^3 = s^5 + xs^4t + ys^3t^2 + ys^2t^3$$

- (a) The tree-level exchange of a massive Higgs in the linear Sigma model

$$-\frac{s}{s-m^2} - \frac{t}{t-m^2} \Big|_{m \rightarrow \infty} = \dots + \frac{1}{m^{10}}(s^5 + t^5) + \dots \quad (10.17)$$

- (b) The one-loop contribution of a massive scalar  $X$  coupled to a massless scalar  $\phi$  via  $X^2\phi$ . The one-loop integrand is simply the massive box, whose low energy expansion is:



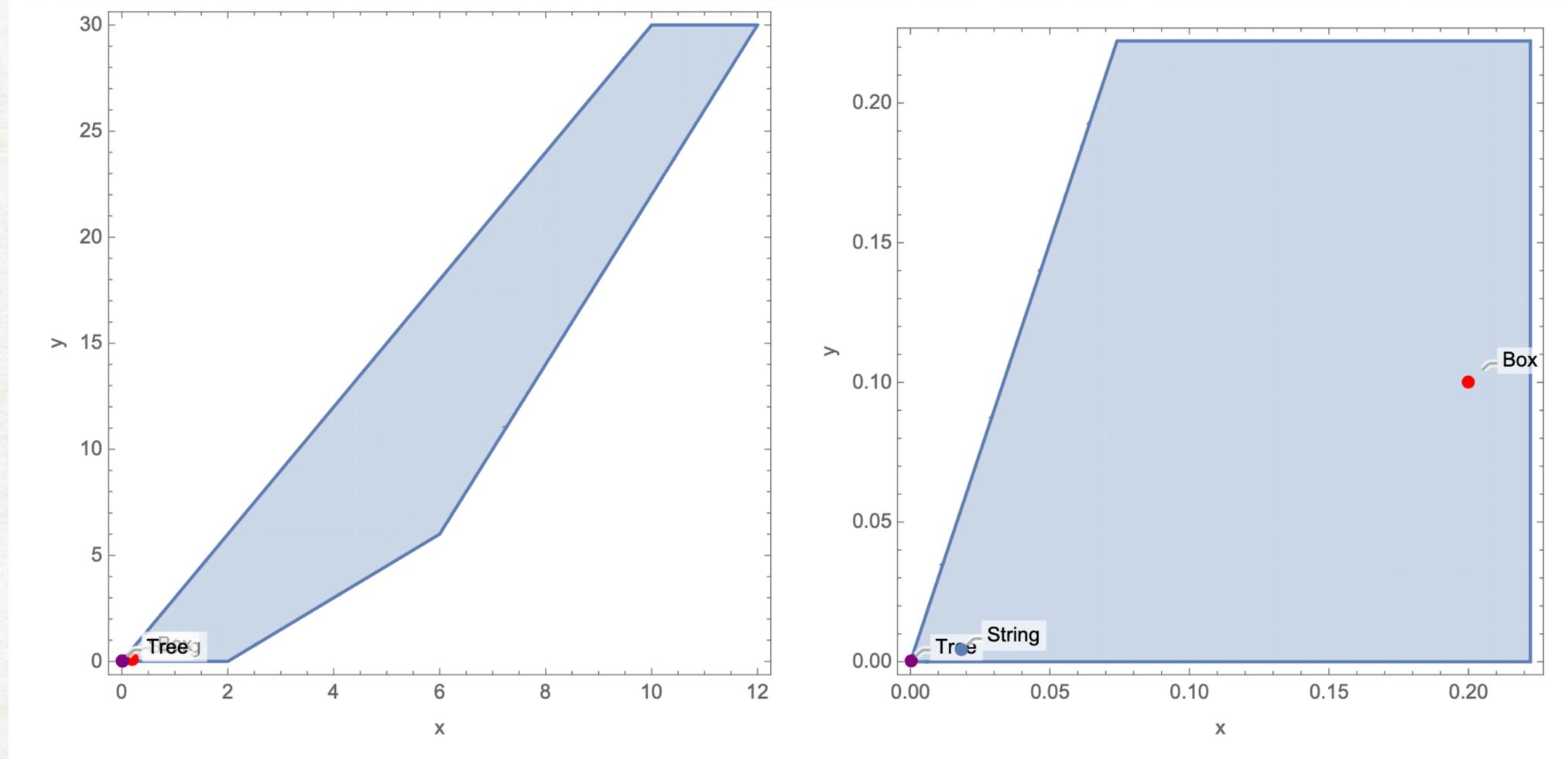
$$= \dots + \frac{(s^5 + \frac{1}{5}s^4t + \frac{1}{10}s^3t^2 + \frac{1}{10}s^2t^3 + \frac{1}{5}st^4 + t^5)}{1153152m^{14}\pi^2} + \dots \quad (10.18)$$

- (c) The type-I stringy completion of bi-adjoint scalar theory:

$$-\frac{\Gamma[-\alpha's]\Gamma[-\alpha't]}{\Gamma[1-\alpha's-\alpha't]} \Big|_{\alpha' \rightarrow 0} = \dots + \alpha'^5 \left[ \zeta_7 s^5 + \left( -\frac{\pi^4 \zeta_3}{90} - \frac{\pi^2 \zeta_5}{6} + 3\zeta_7 \right) s^4 t \right. \\ \left. + \left( -\frac{\pi^4 \zeta_3}{72} - \frac{\pi^2 \zeta_5}{3} + 5\zeta_7 \right) s^3 t^2 + (s \leftrightarrow t) \right] + \dots \quad (10.19)$$

For example

$$g_{5,0}s^5 + g_{5,1}s^4t + g_{5,2}s^3t^2 + g_{5,3}s^2t^3 = s^5 + xs^4t + ys^3t^2 + ys^2t^3$$

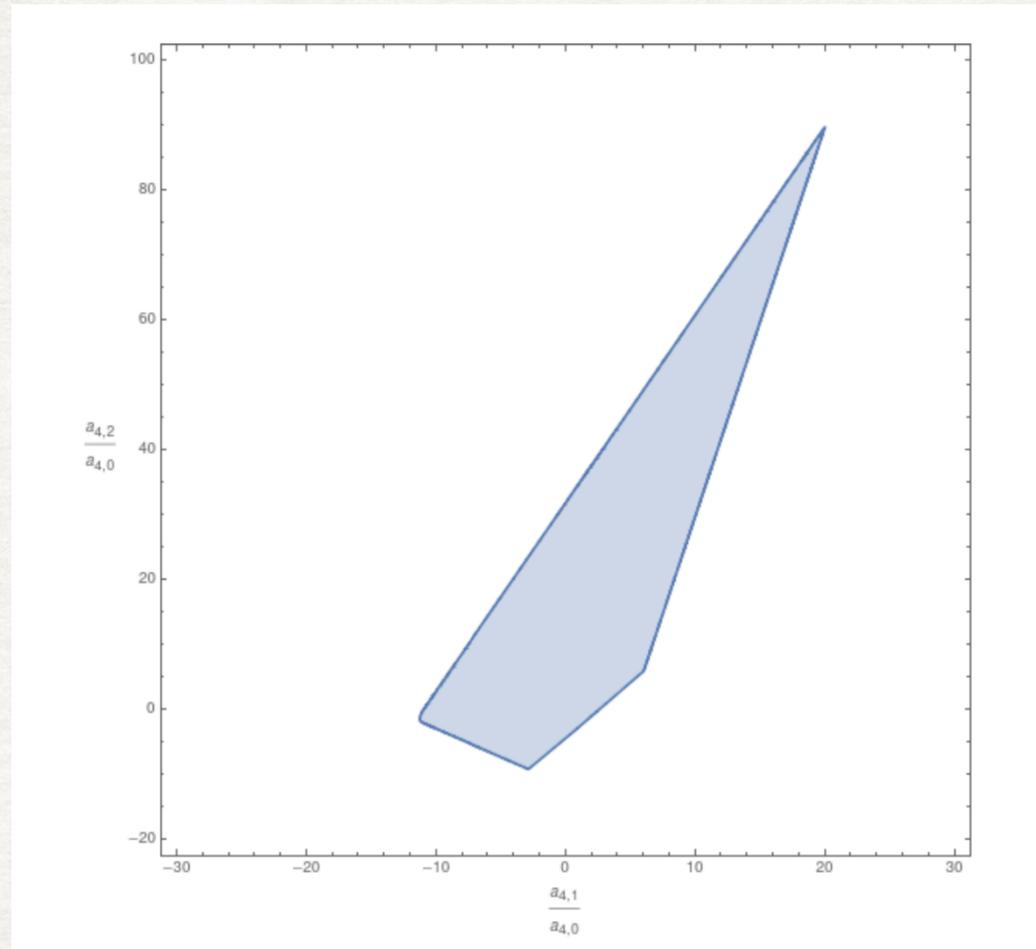


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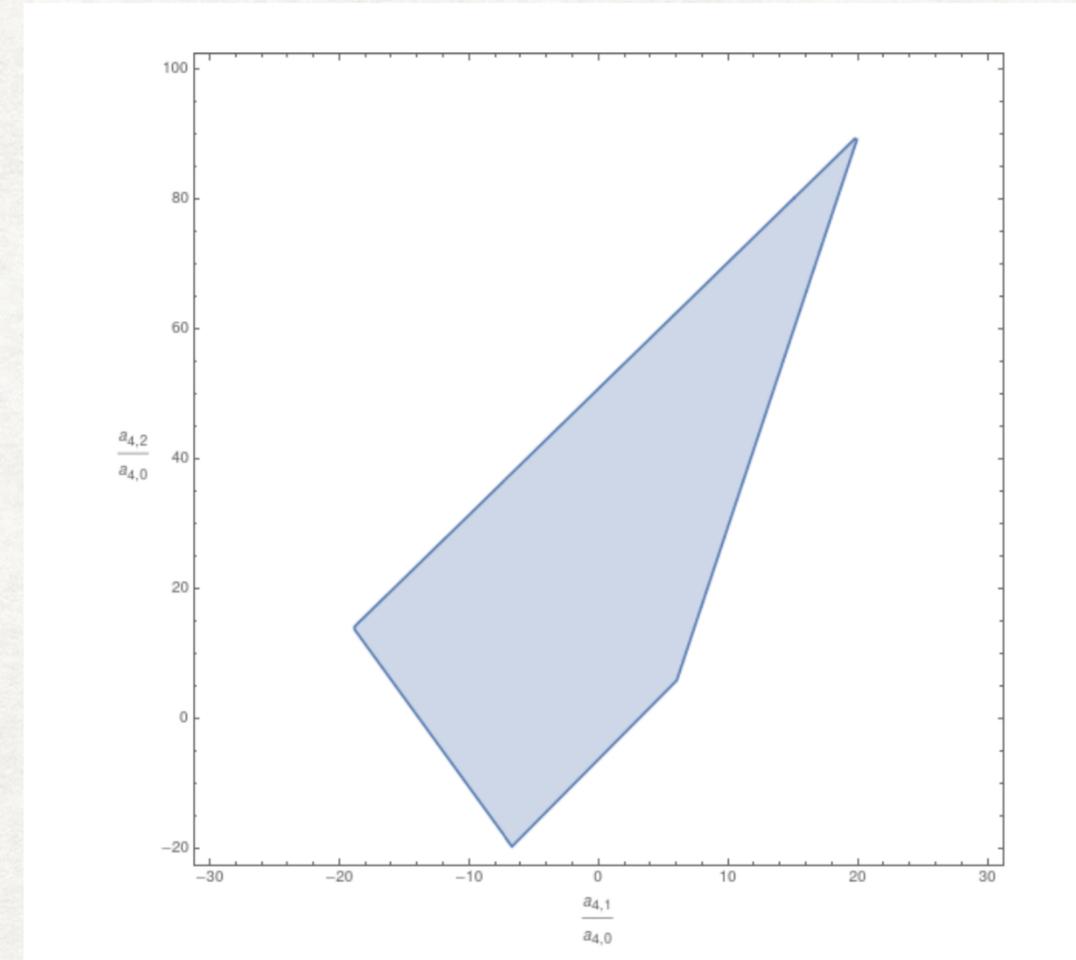
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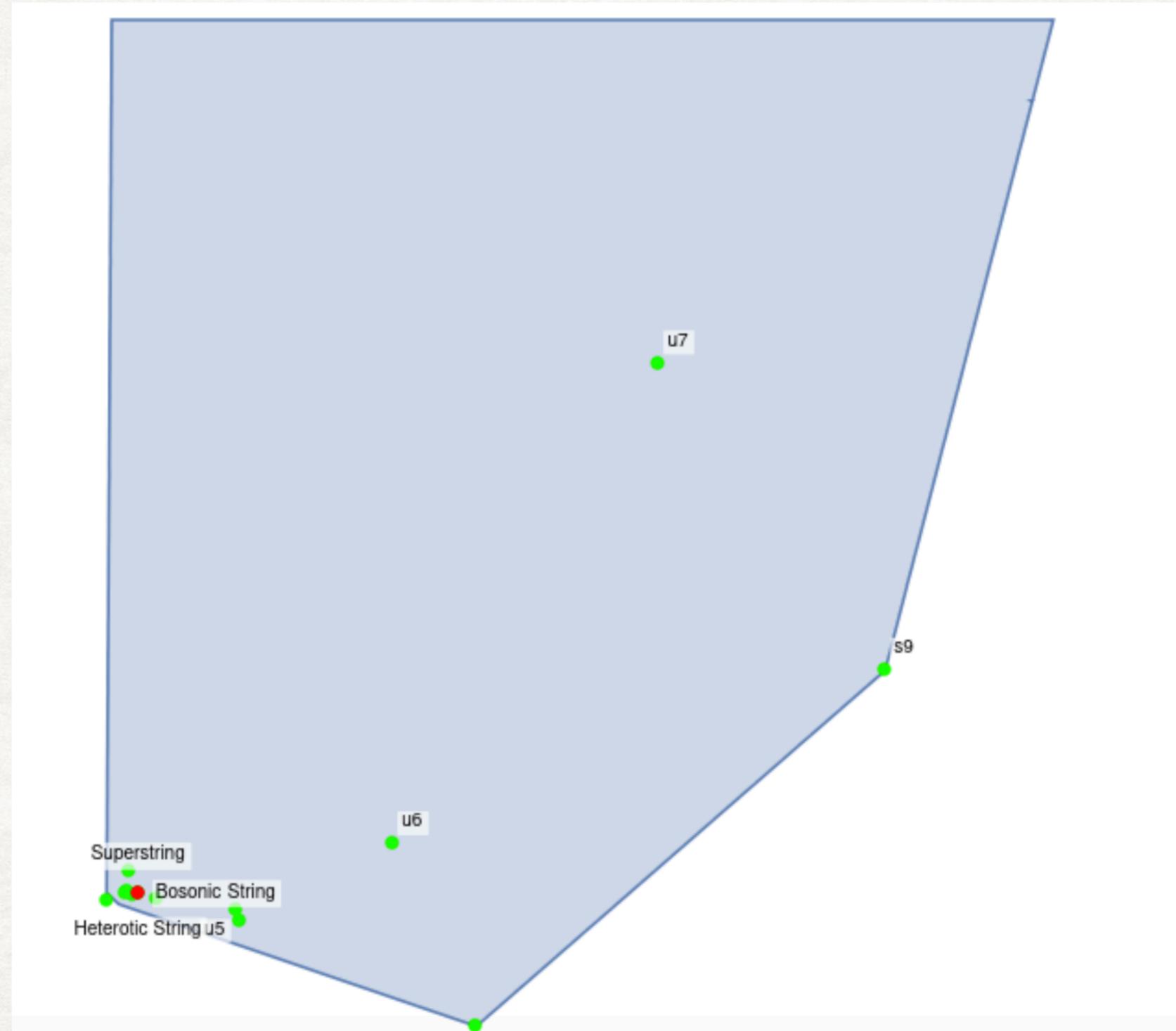


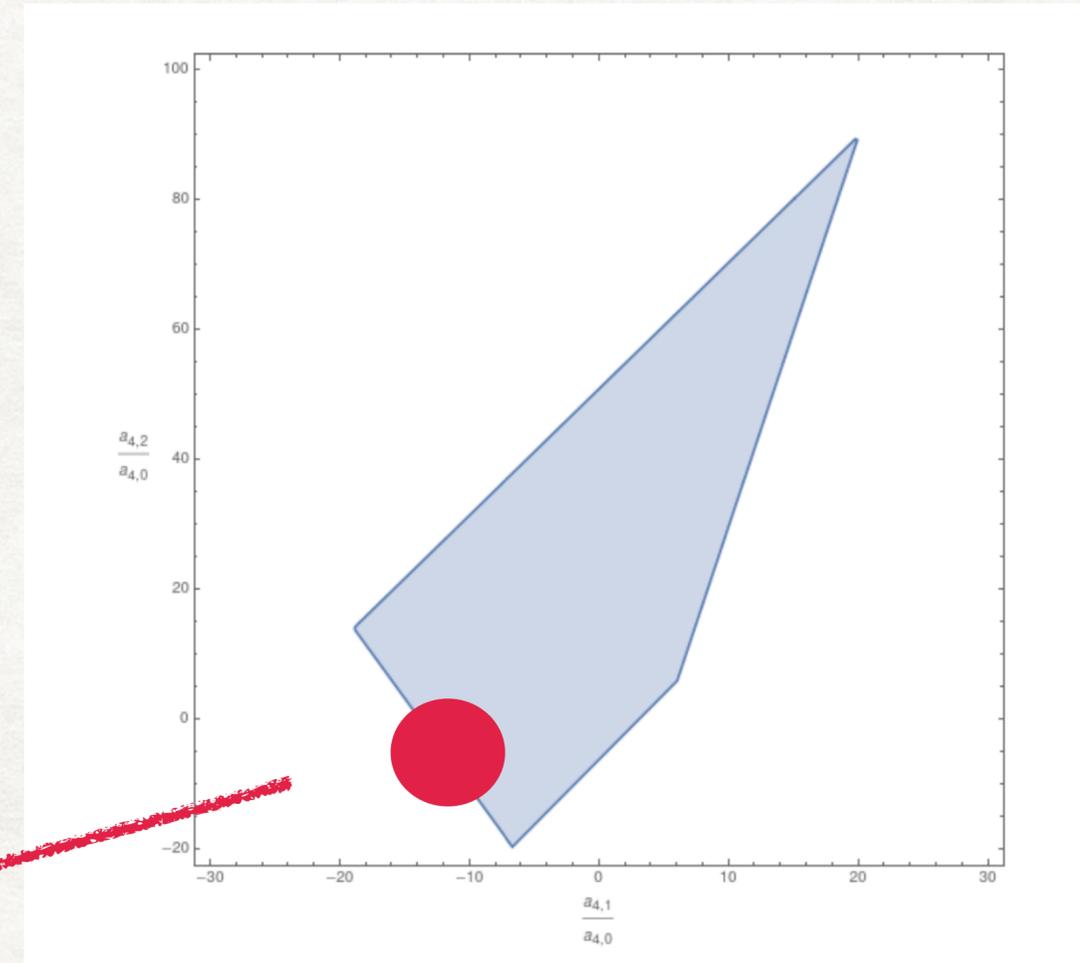
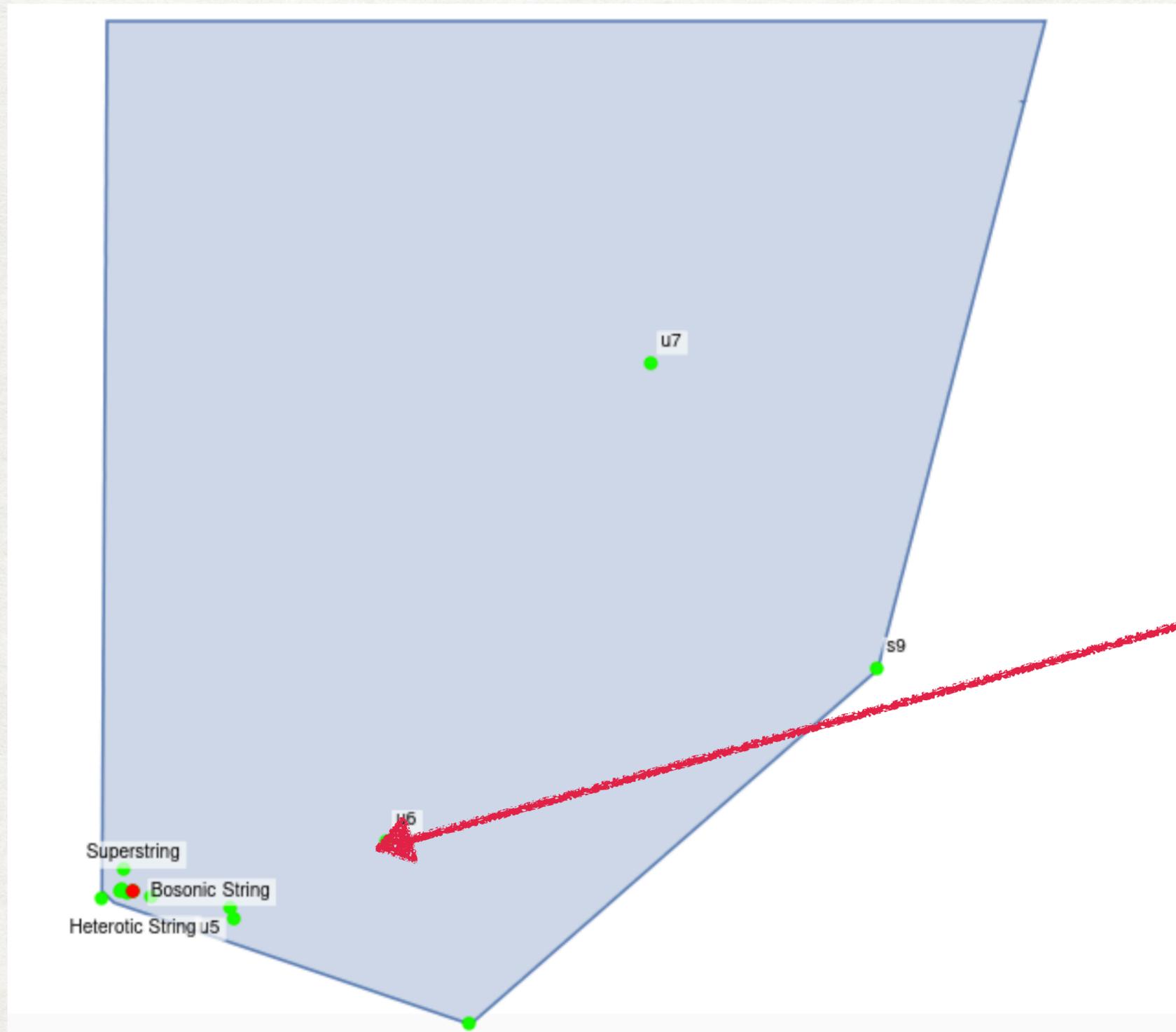
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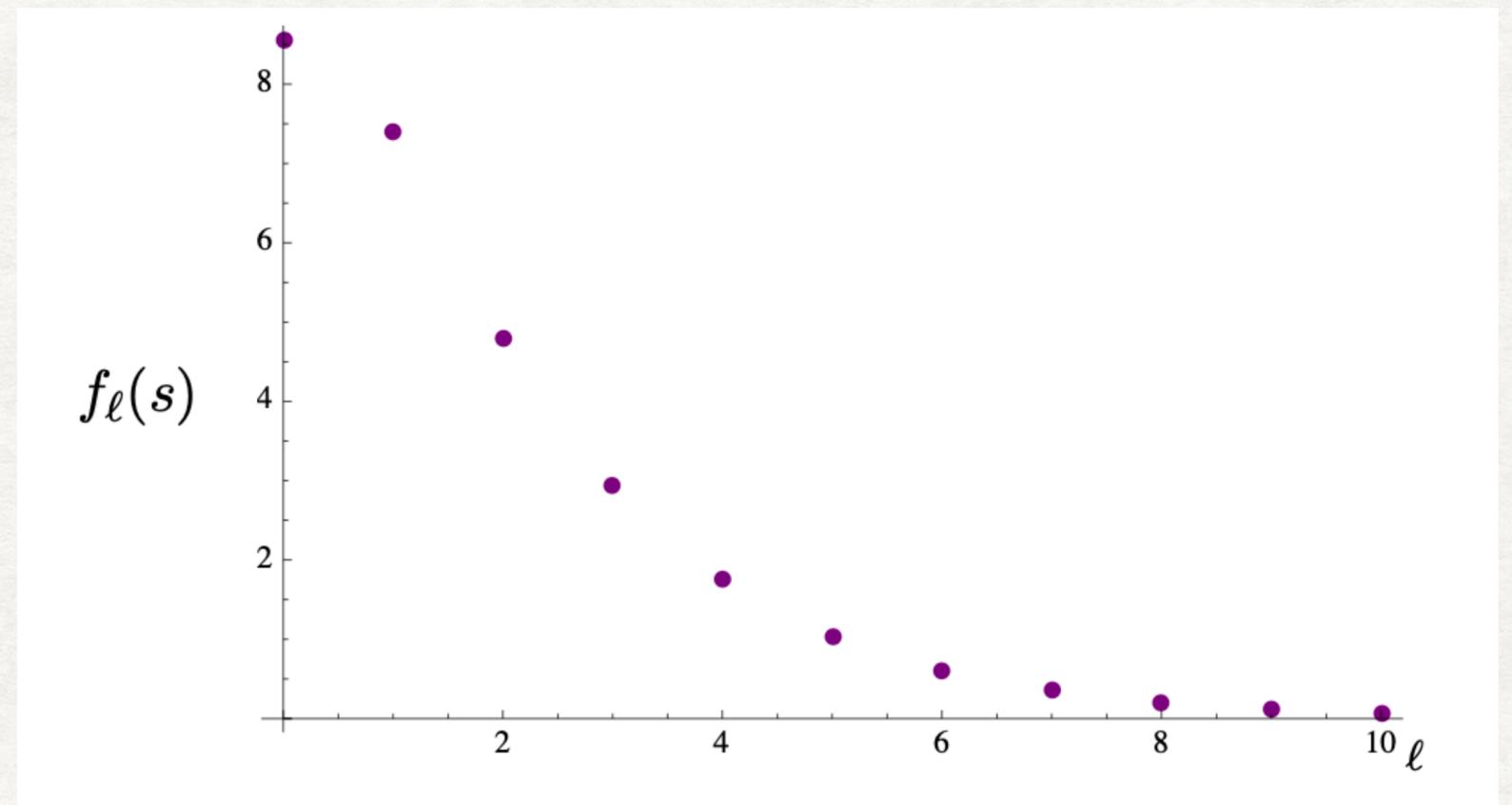
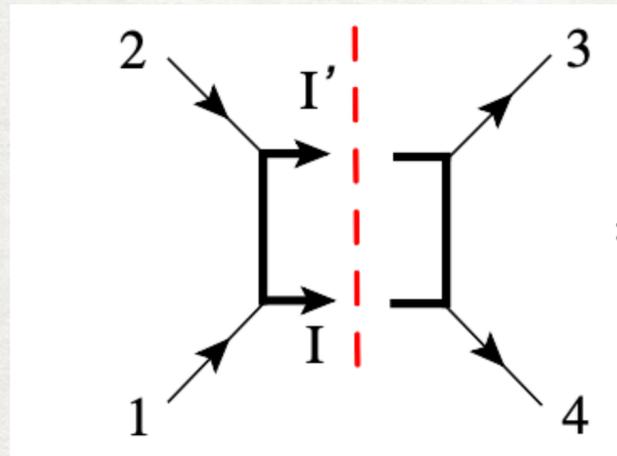
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$$\langle \hat{p}_{in} | T^\dagger T | \hat{p}_{out} \rangle = \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} ds \frac{4J_s}{s^2} \sum_{\ell} p_{\ell}(s) \frac{2}{2\ell + 1} G_{\ell}^{\frac{1}{2}}(\cos \theta),$$

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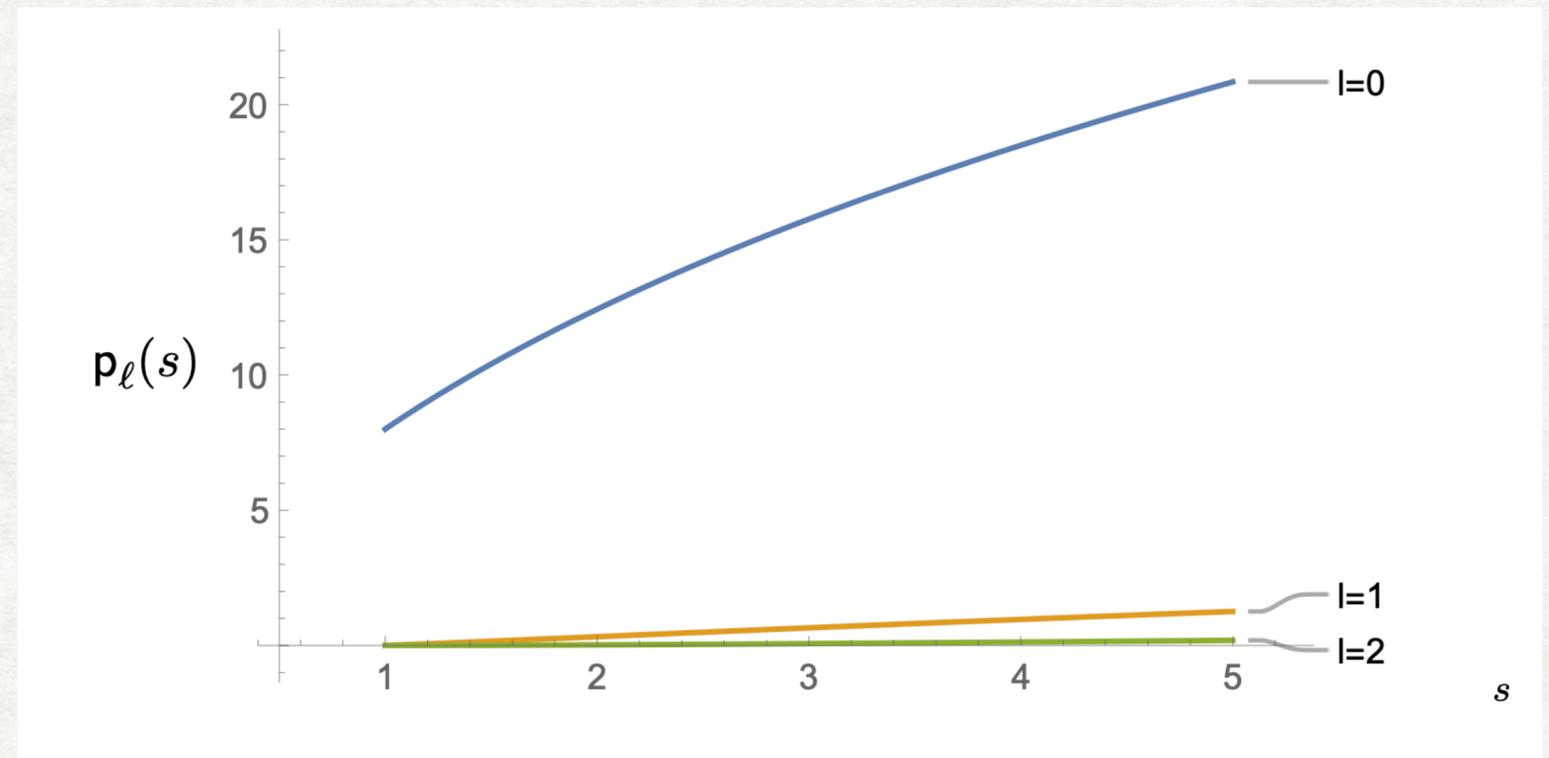
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Open string

| $\ell \backslash n$ | 1 | 2              | 3              | 4               | 5                    |
|---------------------|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 0                   | 1 |                |                |                 | $\frac{1}{11880}$    |
| 1                   |   | $\frac{1}{14}$ |                | $\frac{1}{924}$ |                      |
| 2                   |   |                | $\frac{1}{84}$ |                 | $\frac{25}{39312}$   |
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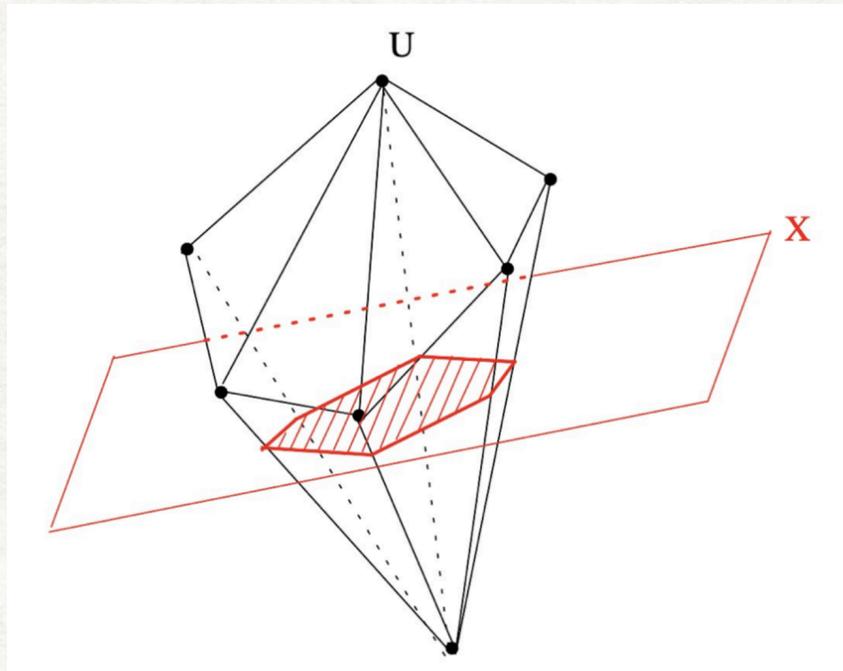
See also [Z. Bern D. Kosmopoulos, A Zhiboedov 2103.12729](#)

Does large spin suppression emerge from the geometry of the EFThedron ? If so to which extent ?

What constraints on the UV spectrum does the geometry imposes ?

The geometry by nature is an intersection geometry:

A physical spectrum must live on the symmetry plane. A convenient way of formulating this condition is the statement that the hull must have zero image under the projection of the symmetry plane, i.e. the hull must have **zero components perpendicular to the symmetry plane**.



This leads to "null constraints"

$$n_8 : \quad g_{8,4} - \frac{21}{8}g_{8,0} + \frac{1}{4}g_{8,2} = 0, \quad g_{8,6} - \frac{21}{8}g_{8,0} + \frac{5}{16}g_{8,2} = 0.$$

When using the dispersive representation

$$n_k = \sum_i \frac{p_{l_i}}{(m_i^2)^{k+1}} \omega_k(l_i) = 0,$$

where  $w(l)$  is a polynomial. The roots impose non-trivial constraint on the spectrum

$$n_k = \sum_i \frac{p_i l_i}{(m_i^2)^{k+1}} \omega_k(l_i) = 0,$$

For example for k=4

$$n_4 = \sum_i \frac{p_i}{m_i^4} l_i (l_i + 1) (l_i^2 + l_i - 8) = 0$$

for most of the spins  $w(l)$  is positive

|               |   |   |   |   |     |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| $l$           | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | ... |
| $\omega_4(l)$ | 0 | - | + | + | +   |

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For k=7 we have two null constraints

$$n_7 \equiv g_{7,3} - \frac{4}{5} g_{7,1} = 0, \quad n'_7 \equiv g_{7,5} - \frac{16}{3} g_{7,1} = 0$$



$$n_7 + n'_7 = \sum_i \frac{p_i}{m_i^7} (l_i - 2) l_i (l_i + 1) (l_i + 3) \left( l_i^2 + l_i - \frac{49}{2} \right) = 0$$

|               |   |   |   |   |     |
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For  $k=3a+1$  we can always arrange for

$$\omega_{3a+1}(l) = (l^2 + l - f_p(a)) \prod_{i=0}^{a-1} (l - 2i) \prod_{j=0}^{a-1} (l + 2j + 1)$$

Up to  $a < 15$  the sign pattern looks

|                    |   |   |     |          |      |          |     |
|--------------------|---|---|-----|----------|------|----------|-----|
| $l$                | 0 | 2 | ... | $2a - 2$ | $2a$ | $2a + 2$ | ... |
| $\omega_{3a+1}(l)$ | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0        | -    | +        | +   |

**All spins below 28 must be present !**

For higher spins more work is needed

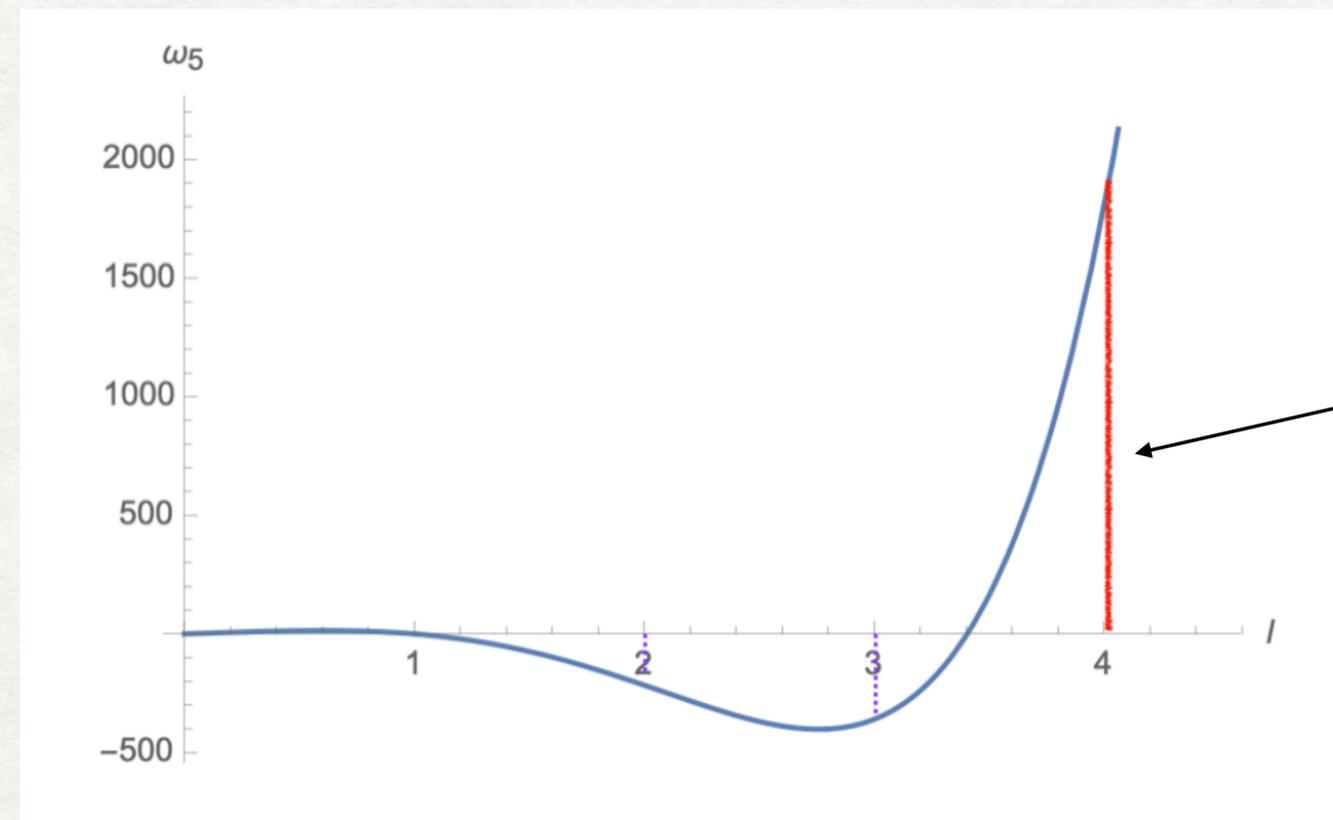
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Define the average spinning spectral function

$$\langle p_{k,l} \rangle \equiv \sum_{\{i, l_i=l\}} \frac{p_{l_i}}{m_i^{2(k+1)}}$$

The they are reflected in the null constraints as

$$n_k = \sum_i \frac{p_{l_i}}{(m_i^2)^{k+1}} \omega_k(l_i) = \sum_l \langle p_{k,l} \rangle \omega_k(l) = 0$$



The maximal allowed value for any spin is bounded by the spins with negative contribution, **i.e. there's an Upper bound on the ratio**

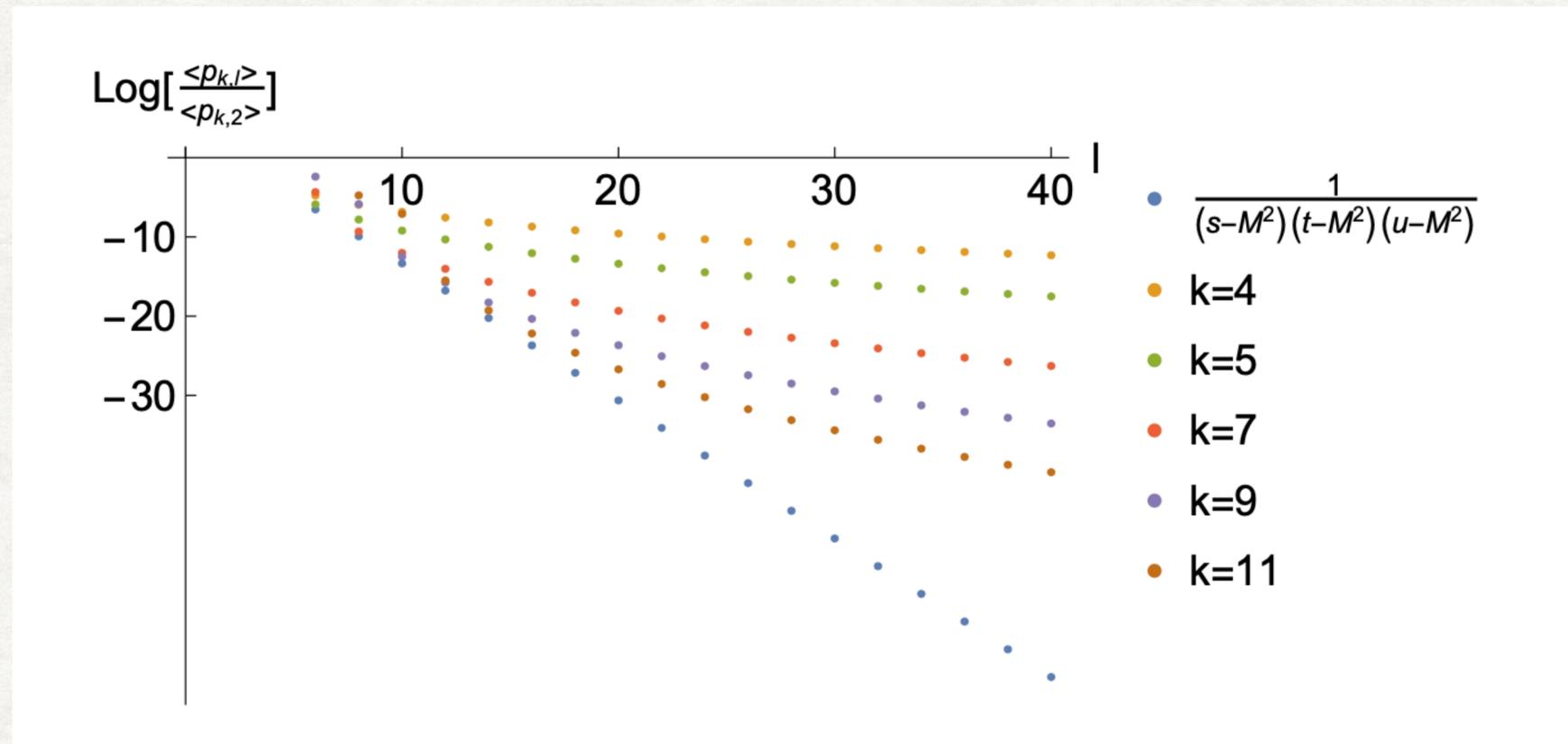
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Since we know that spin-2 states must exist, we can bound the ratio of spin-l/spin-2

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$$\frac{\langle p_{5,l} \rangle}{\langle p_{5,2} \rangle} \leq \frac{216}{l(l+1)(l(l+1)(2l(l+1)-43)+150)}, \quad (l \geq 4)$$



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$$\sum_{\ell \in \text{even}} \langle p_{\ell,2}^s \rangle \ell(\ell+1)(\ell + \ell^2 - 6) + \sum_{\ell \geq 2h} \langle p_{\ell,2}^u \rangle 4 - (2h - \ell)(2h - \ell + 1)(2h + \ell + 1)(2h + \ell + 2) = 0$$

| $\ell$                            | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | ... |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| $h = 1, \tilde{\omega}_1^u(\ell)$ | - | + | + | + | + | + | ... |
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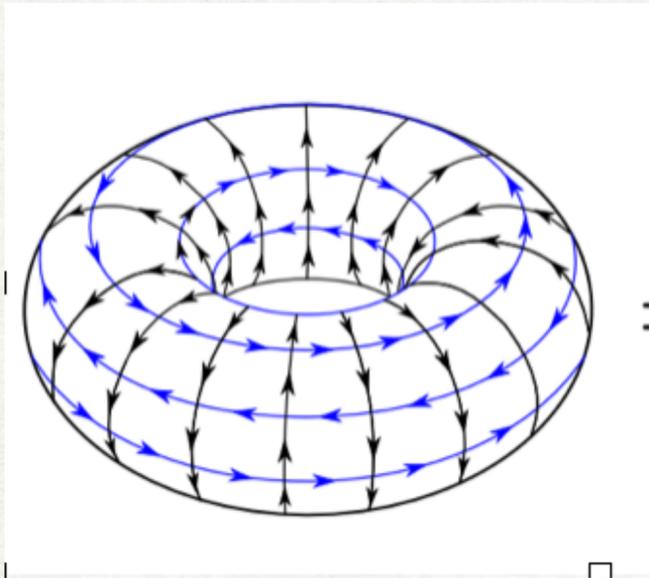
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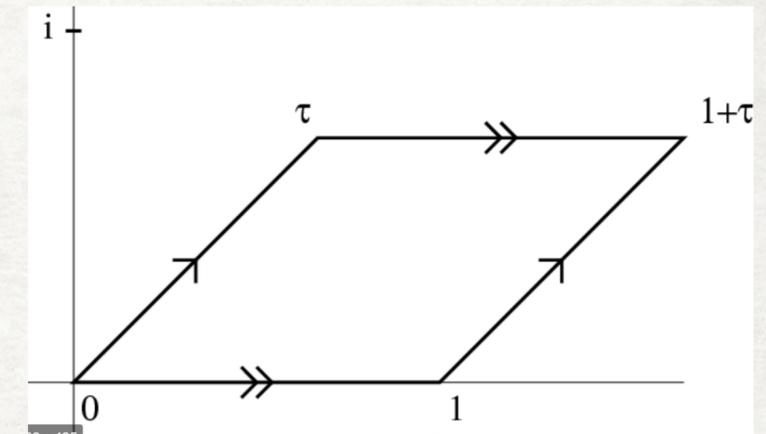
# Product moment in the Modular bootstrap

To torus partition function

The degeneracy number a positive integer



$$Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \sum_{h, \bar{h}} n_{h, \bar{h}} \chi_h(q) \chi_{\bar{h}}(\bar{q}), \quad q = e^{i2\pi\tau}$$



$$\chi_0(q) = q^{-\frac{(c-1)}{24}} \frac{1-q}{\eta(q)}, \quad \chi_h(q) = q^{h-\frac{(c-1)}{24}} \frac{1}{\eta(q)} \quad \forall h > 0,$$

Let us consider the expansion of the torus moduli around some fixed point

$$z^{(a,b)} \equiv (\tau \partial_\tau)^a (\bar{\tau} \partial_{\bar{\tau}})^b Z|_{\tau=i, \bar{\tau}=-i}, \quad \chi_h^{(a)} \equiv (\tau \partial_\tau)^a \chi_h|_{\tau=i}$$

The partition function is given by a product geometry

$$[\mathbf{Z}] \equiv \begin{pmatrix} z^{(0,0)} & z^{(0,1)} & z^{(0,2)} & \dots \\ z^{(1,0)} & z^{(1,1)} & z^{(1,2)} & \dots \\ z^{(2,0)} & z^{(2,1)} & z^{(2,2)} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\mathbf{Z}] = \sum_{h, \bar{h}} n_{h, \bar{h}} \vec{\chi}_h (\vec{\chi}_{\bar{h}})^T, \quad \vec{\chi}_h \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \chi_h^{(0)} \\ \chi_h^{(1)} \\ \chi_h^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \chi_h^{(d)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad n_{h, \bar{h}} > 0$$

## Product moment in the Modular bootstrap

Using the reduced partition function and characters  $\hat{Z}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = |\tau|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\eta(\tau)|^2 Z(\tau, \bar{\tau})$

$$\hat{\chi}_h^{(n)} \equiv (\tau \partial_\tau)^n \hat{\chi}_h(\tau)|_{\tau=i} = ((-1)^{\frac{1}{8}} e^{\frac{(c-1-24h)\pi}{12}}) (a_{n,n} + X(\cdots (a_{n,3} + X(a_{n,2} + X(a_{n,1} + X))))$$

$$\hat{\chi}_{\bar{h}}^{(n)} \equiv (\bar{\tau} \partial_{\bar{\tau}})^n \hat{\chi}_{\bar{h}}(\bar{\tau})|_{\bar{\tau}=-i} = ((-1)^{\frac{15}{8}} e^{\frac{(c-1-24\bar{h})\pi}{12}}) (a_{n,n} + \bar{X}(\cdots (a_{n,3} + \bar{X}(a_{n,2} + \bar{X}(a_{n,1} + \bar{X}))))$$

$$X = (c-1-24h)\pi, \quad \bar{X} = (c-1-24\bar{h})\pi$$

we see that the coefficients are simply polynomials, its just an GL transform away from moments!

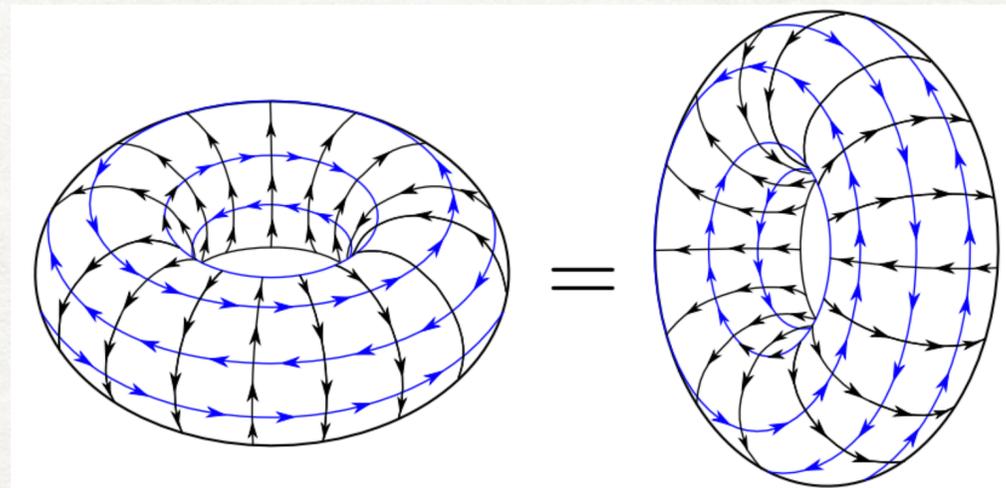
$$M(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\pi(c-1)+3}{24\pi} & -\frac{1}{2\pi} & 0 \\ \frac{\pi(c-1)(\pi(c-1)+6)+45}{576\pi^2} & \frac{-\pi c + \pi - 9}{24\pi^2} & \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow M(c) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\chi}_h^{(0)} \\ \hat{\chi}_h^{(1)} \\ \hat{\chi}_h^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_{c,h} M(c) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{12}(3+X) \\ \frac{1}{(12)^2}(9+X(18+X)) \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_{c,h} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h \\ h^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The subtracted partition function lives in the convex hull of the product moments

$$[\hat{\mathbf{Z}}] = M(c) \left( [\mathbf{Z}] - \vec{\chi}_0 \vec{\chi}_0^T \right) M^T(c) = \sum_{h, \bar{h}} \tilde{n}_{h, \bar{h}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h \\ h^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \bar{h} \\ \bar{h}^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Modular invariance



$$Z[\tau, \bar{\tau}] = Z\left[-\frac{1}{\tau}, -\frac{1}{\bar{\tau}}\right]$$

Modular invariance then requires

$$\left(\tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\right)^m \left(\bar{\tau} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}}\right)^n Z(\tau, \bar{\tau})|_{\tau=i} = 0, \quad \forall m+n \in \text{odd}.$$

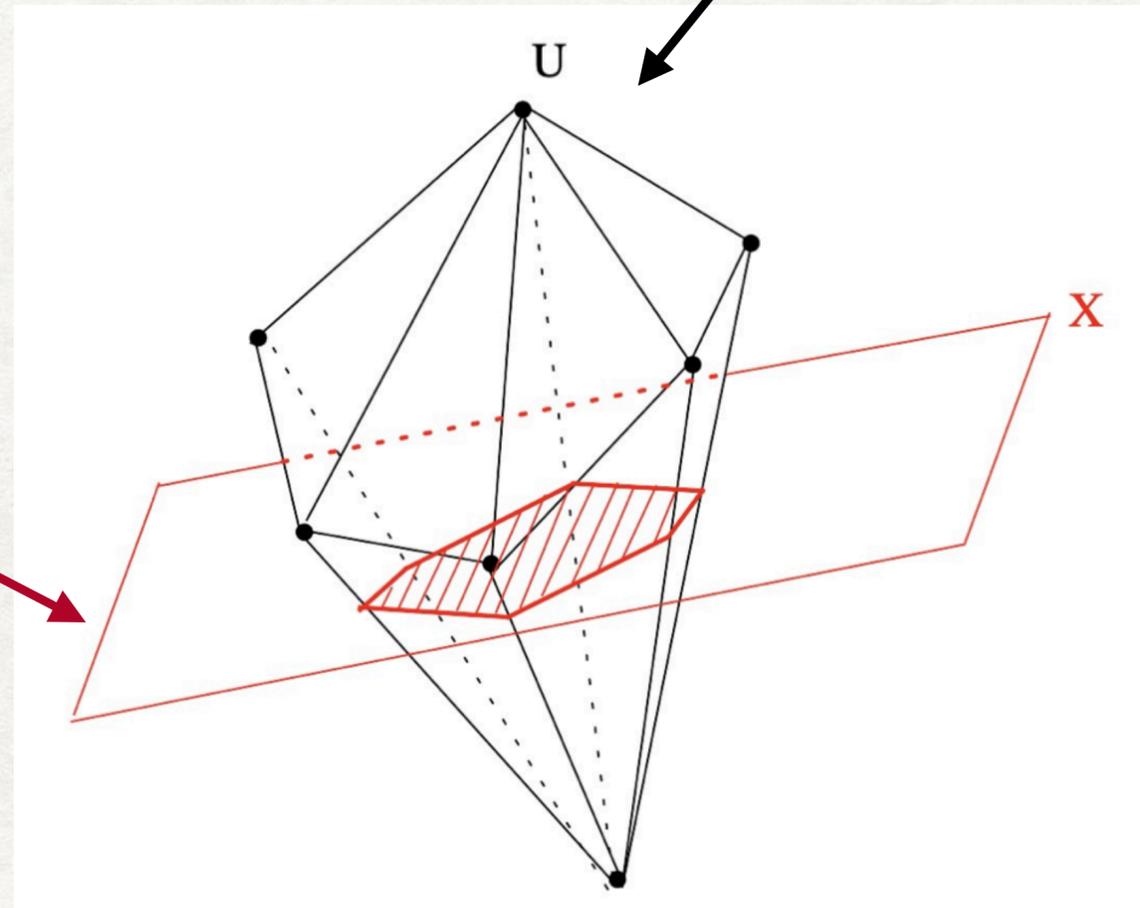
thus the partition function lives on the modular subplane  $\mathbf{X}_{\text{mod}}$

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{mod}} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 & x_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & x_3 & 0 & x_5 & \cdots \\ x_4 & 0 & x_6 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & x_7 & 0 & x_8 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

# The geometry behind modular bootstrap

$$M_1(h_g)M(c)([\mathbf{Z}] - \mathbf{G}_0)M^T(c)M_1^T(\bar{h}_g) = \sum_{h, \bar{h} > 0} \tilde{n}_{h, \bar{h}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h-h_g \\ \vdots \\ (h-h_g)^d \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \bar{h}-\bar{h}_g \\ \vdots \\ (\bar{h}-\bar{h}_g)^d \end{pmatrix}^T$$

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# Single moment limits

1. taking fixed columns

$$\vec{Z}_m = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_{0,m} \\ \hat{Z}_{1,m} \\ \hat{Z}_{2,m} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{h,\bar{h}} \tilde{n}_{h,\bar{h}} \bar{h}^m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h \\ h^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad M_2(h_g)\vec{Z} = \sum_{h \geq h_g} \tilde{n}_h \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h-h_g \\ \vdots \\ (h-h_g)^d \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{h \geq 0} \tilde{n}_h \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ h \\ \vdots \\ h^d \end{pmatrix}$$

The **twist-gap bootstrap**

$$\vec{y} = M_2(h_g)\vec{Z}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{mod}}), \quad \rightarrow \quad \det(K[\vec{y}]) \geq 0, \quad \det(K^{\text{shift}}[\vec{y}]) \geq 0$$

2. linear combinations

$$\hat{Z}'_0 = \hat{Z}_{0,0} \quad \hat{Z}'_1 = \hat{Z}_{1,0} + \hat{Z}_{0,1}, \quad \hat{Z}'_2 = \hat{Z}_{2,0} + 2\hat{Z}_{1,1} + \hat{Z}_{0,2}, \quad e.t.c.$$

$$\vec{Z}' = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}'_0 \\ \hat{Z}'_1 \\ \hat{Z}'_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\Delta} \tilde{n}_{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \Delta \\ \Delta^2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

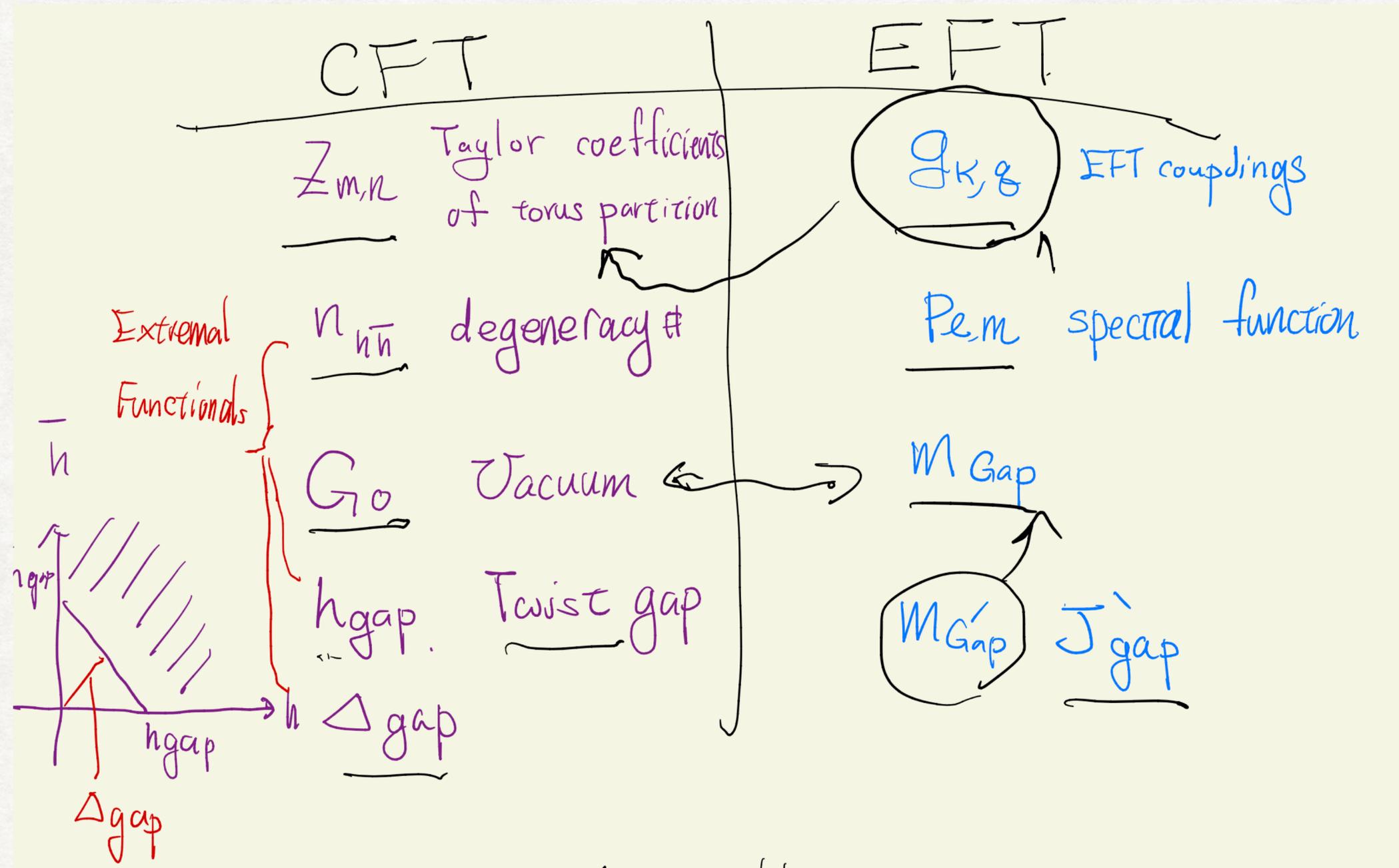
$$\longrightarrow \quad M_2(\Delta_g)\vec{Z}' = \sum_{\Delta \geq \Delta_g} \tilde{n}_{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \Delta - \Delta_g \\ \vdots \\ (\Delta - \Delta_g)^d \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{\Delta \geq 0} \tilde{n}_{\Delta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \Delta \\ \vdots \\ \Delta^d \end{pmatrix}$$

The **spinless modular bootstrap**

$$\vec{y} = M_2(\Delta_g)\vec{Z}'(\mathbf{X}_{\text{mod}}), \quad \rightarrow \quad \det(K[\vec{y}]) \geq 0, \quad \det(K^{\text{shift}}[\vec{y}]) \geq 0$$

We have seen that the theory space of

This tells us that there is a map between questions on the two sides



- The convex hull of product moments is the linchpin of the geometry behind modular and EFT bootstrap (see Francesco's talk)
- The intersection of the symmetry plane imposes constraint on the spectrum
- The missing corners of the truncated moment problem?
- The geometry of non-identical states ?
- The spectral parameter have a natural upper bound from unitarity alone ( $p < 2$ )
- Into the EFThedron

$$M(s, t) = \{massless/massive poles\} + \sum_{k,q} a_{k,q}^{\Lambda} s^{k-q} t^q$$

$$\sum_{k,q} a_{k,q}^{(n)} z^{k-q} t^q = \frac{\Gamma[-s]\Gamma[-t]\Gamma[-u]}{\Gamma[1+s]\Gamma[1+u]\Gamma[+t]} - \left[ \sum_{a=1}^n R_a(t) \left( \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{u-a} \right) \right]$$

