

Exploring with Giants

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SEMI-CLASSICAL APPROACHES TO
QUANTUM GRAVITY AND
STRING THEORY SOLITONS

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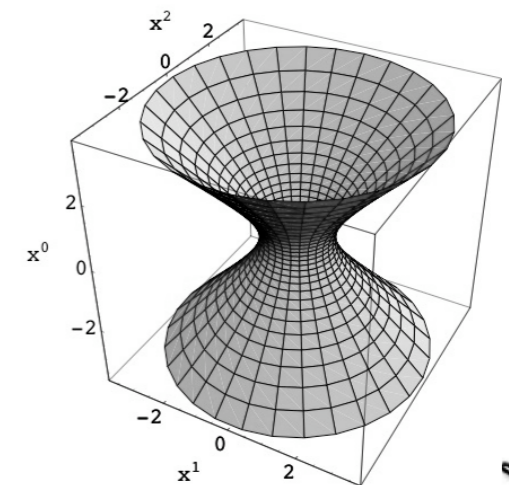
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Not in this talk
(but in my thesis)
is work on:

de Sitter space,

Yang black holes,

T-dual magnons.



AdS/CFT

[Maldacena, 1997]

(in the best-studied example)
says that

❖ **IIB superstrings on $AdS_5 \times S^5$**

and

❖ **Planar $N=4$ SYM**

are secretly the same theory...

... just written in variables which
we understand in opposite limits.



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What we're interested in calculating is the conformal dimensions Δ of operators:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_A(x) \mathcal{O}_B(y) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{AB}}{(x-y)^{2\Delta(\mathcal{O}_A)}}$$

The path integral is:

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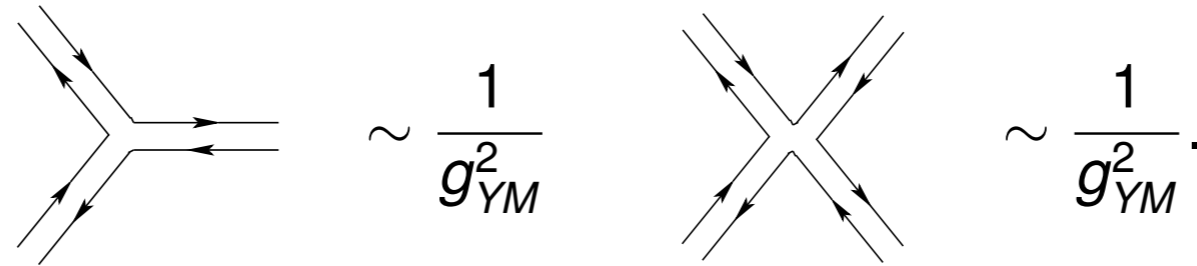
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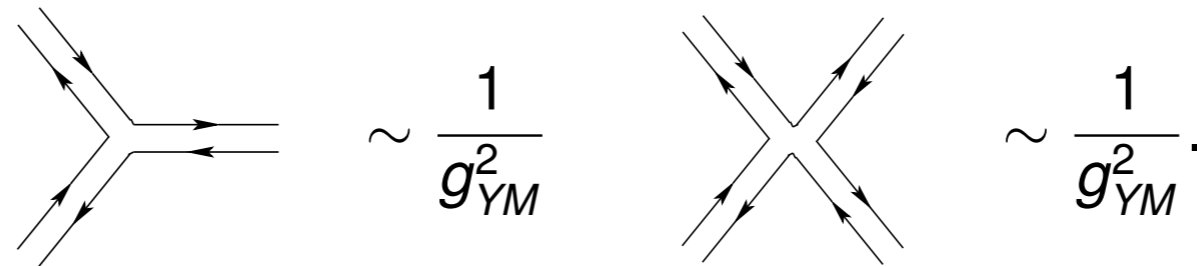
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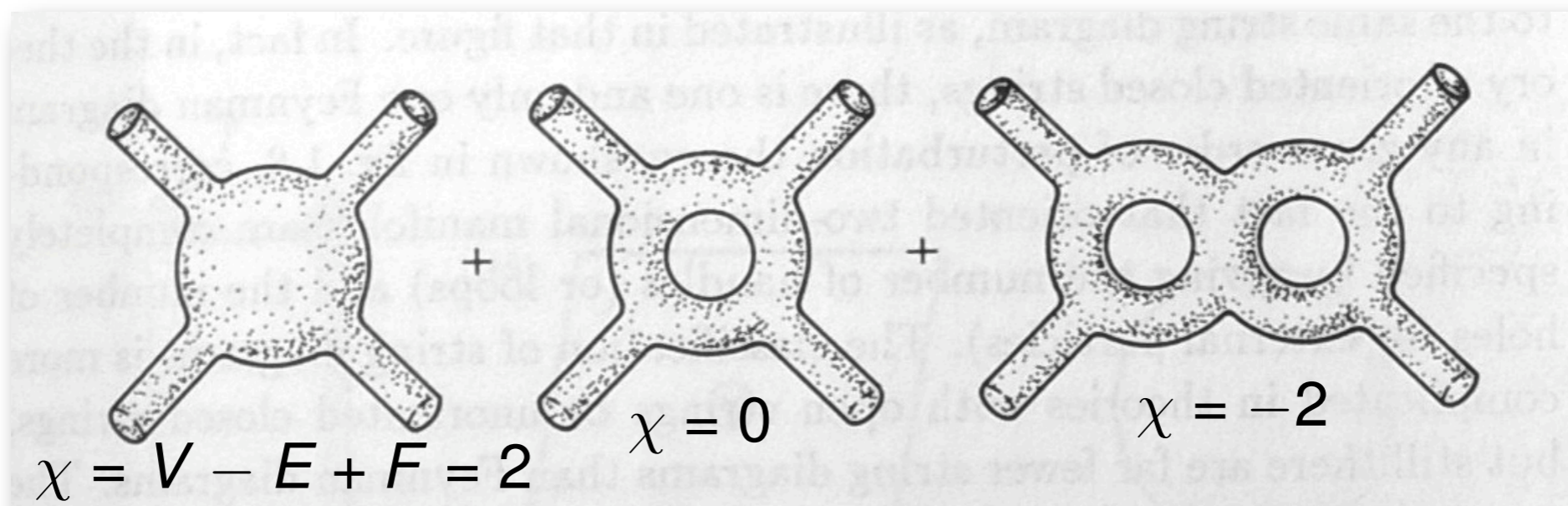
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The idea is: we can use $1/N^2$ as an alternative expansion parameter.

This counts genus, just as in string theory.

At large N, the effective field theory coupling is $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$.

[’t Hooft, 1974]



Strings in $AdS_5 \times S^5$

The bosonic action (in conformal gauge) reads:

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We'll mostly work in $\mathbb{R} \times S^5$ with $t = \tau_{AdS}$,
and will need charges

$$J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int dx (X_1 \partial_t X_2 - X_2 \partial_t X_1) \quad \text{and } Q \text{ sim. with } X_3 \text{ \& } X_4$$

$$\Delta = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \int dx 1$$

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Large-J Limits

One view is that large N is a made-up parameter ($N = 3$ for QCD) to help us at strong coupling.

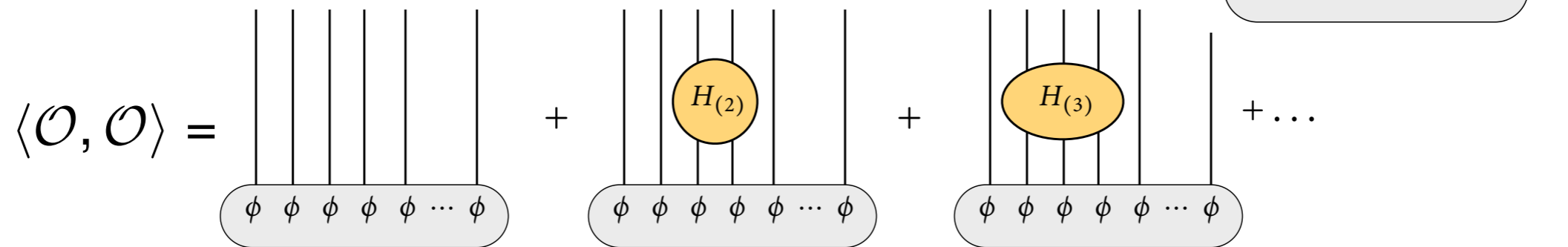
[Berenstein, Maldacena, Nastase 2002]

The idea of BMN was to smuggle in one more parameter:
let one of the $so(6)$ charges, J , become very large.

In their original limit, this allowed them to access both sides:
effective gauge coupling $\lambda' = \lambda/J^2$ small while λ large.
We'll instead keep J and independent.

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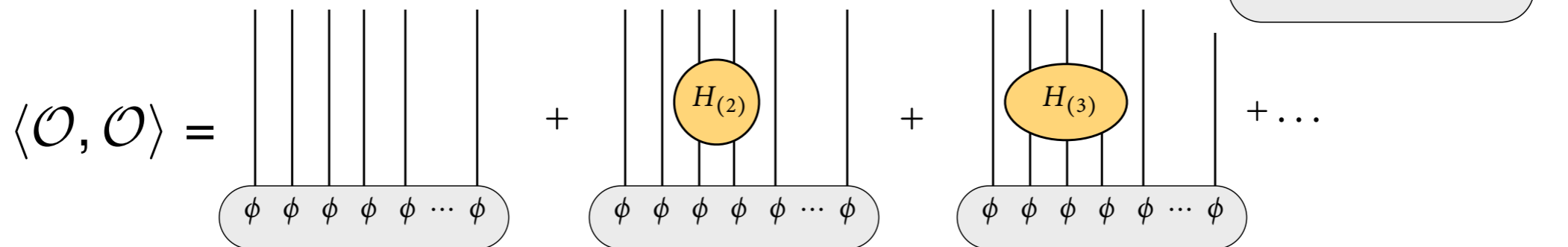
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[Minahan & Zarembo, 2002]

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And this system has spin-flip excitations called magnons, which have

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)$$

Larger $su(2|3)$ sector with length-changing operators: derive from symmetry.

[Inês, friday morning] [Beisert, 2004]

The earlier BMN operators had $p \sim 1/J \ll 1$, here we allow this to be order 1.

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Extensions

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This is a completely trivial sector of AdS/CFT. Try to extend...

Full theory, four loops. [Beisert 2004] & references!

All-loop conjectures. Gromov & Vieira, Arutyunov, Frolov, Staudacher, ...

A 3D visualization of a magnon lattice. The image shows a chain of white spheres arranged in a slightly curved path against a dark background. A wave-like disturbance, representing a magnon, is shown as a localized region of higher density and brightness that appears to be moving along the chain. The spheres are rendered with a slight glow and perspective, giving the lattice a three-dimensional appearance.

2. Giant Magnons

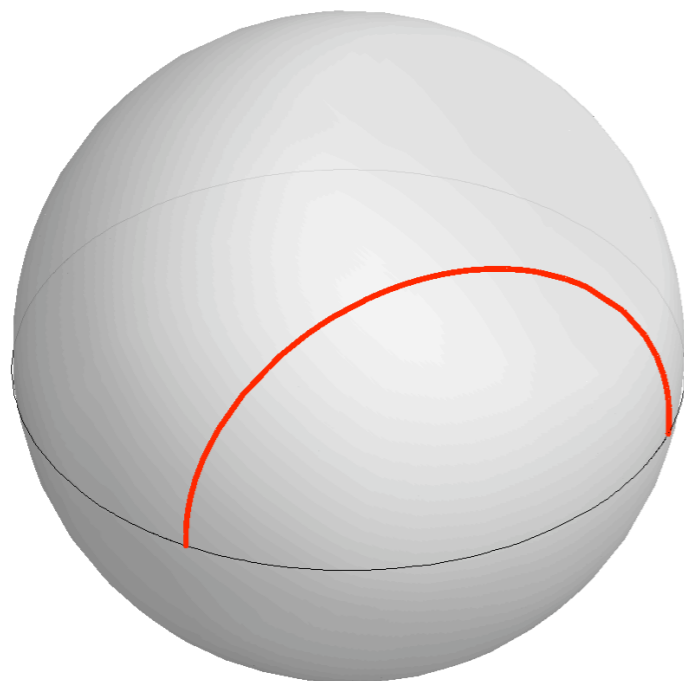
Are the string solutions dual to spin chain excitations, with finite p .

Explicitly:

$$X^0 = t$$

$$X^1 + iX^2 = e^{it} \left(v + i\sqrt{1 - v^2} \tanh u \right)$$

$$X^3 = \sqrt{1 - v^2} \operatorname{sech} u.$$



[Hofman & Maldacena, 2006]

where $u = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$.

and the worldsheet velocity is
 $v = \cos(p/2)$

The dispersion relation is

$$\Delta - J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)$$

The periodic p is now the opening angle along the equator.

We need several magnons to make up a closed string:

$$\sum_i p_i = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$$

Dyonic Giant Magnons

are solutions with a second large angular momentum $Q \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$

dual to a bound state of Q impurities.

$$\Delta - J = \sqrt{Q^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)}$$

These live in S^3 ,

$$X^1 + iX^2 = e^{it} \cos \theta_d(u)$$

$$X^3 + iX^4 = e^{i\omega t} \sin \theta_d(u)$$

Metric $ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \cos^2 \theta d\psi^2$,
ansatz $\phi = t$, $\psi = \omega t$ and $\theta = \theta(u)$.

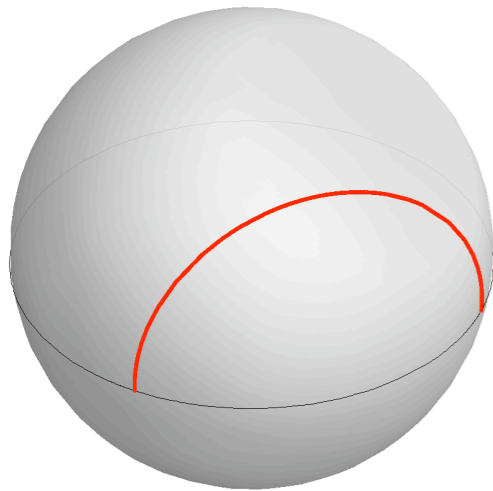
(Actually found using complex sine-gordon.)

[Dorey 2006]

[Chen, Dorey, Okamura, 2006]

We'll discuss two other points of view:

String sigma-model



[Pohlmeyer, 1976]

Map is

$$\cos \alpha = \partial_+ \mathbf{X} \cdot \partial_- \mathbf{X}.$$

Giant Magnon is sent to the kink:

$$\alpha = -4 \arctan(e^{-u})$$

with energy

$$E_{s.g} = 8\gamma = \frac{8}{\sin(p/2)}$$

Sine-gordon theory

Worldsheet manifest,
but charges opaque.

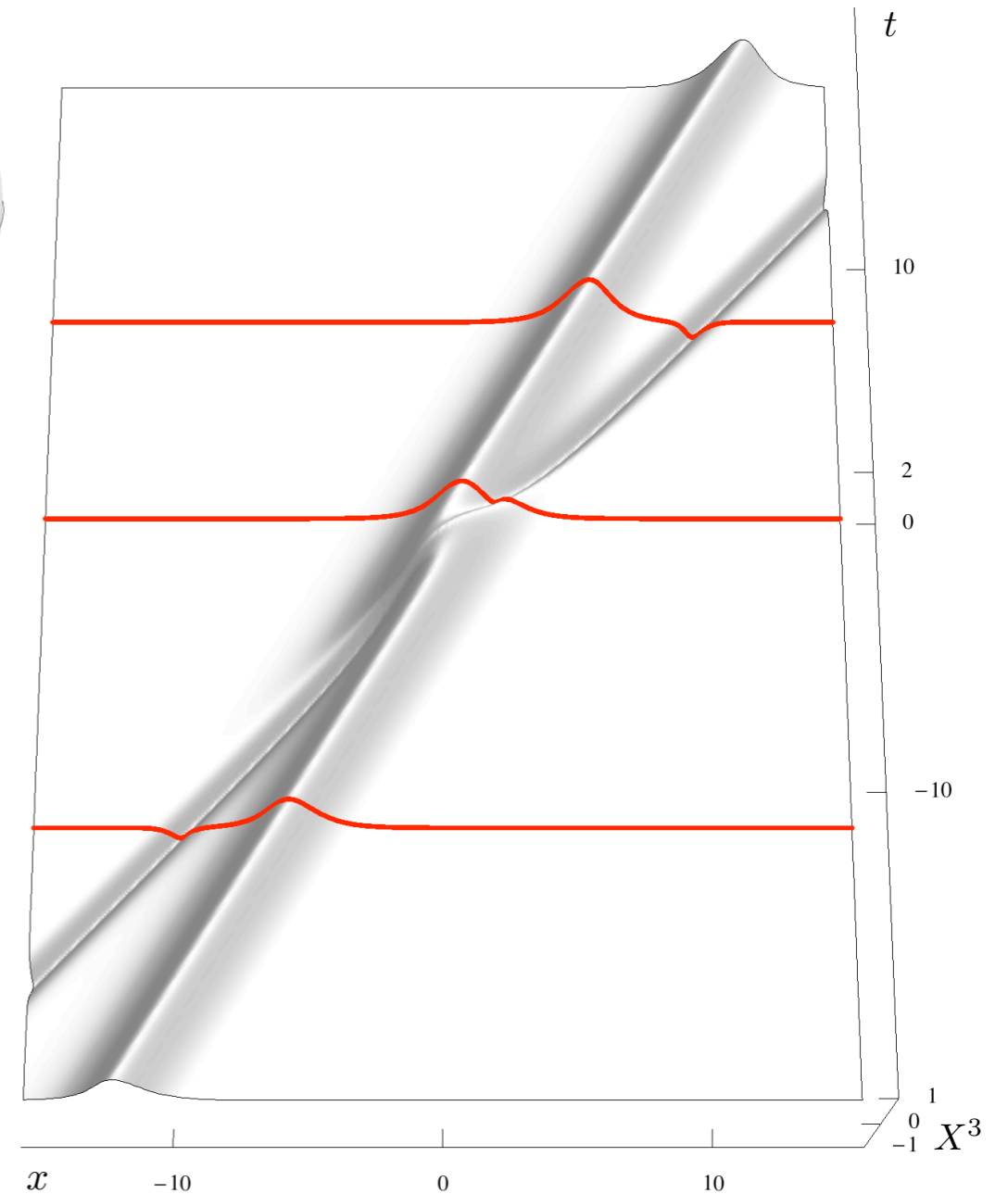
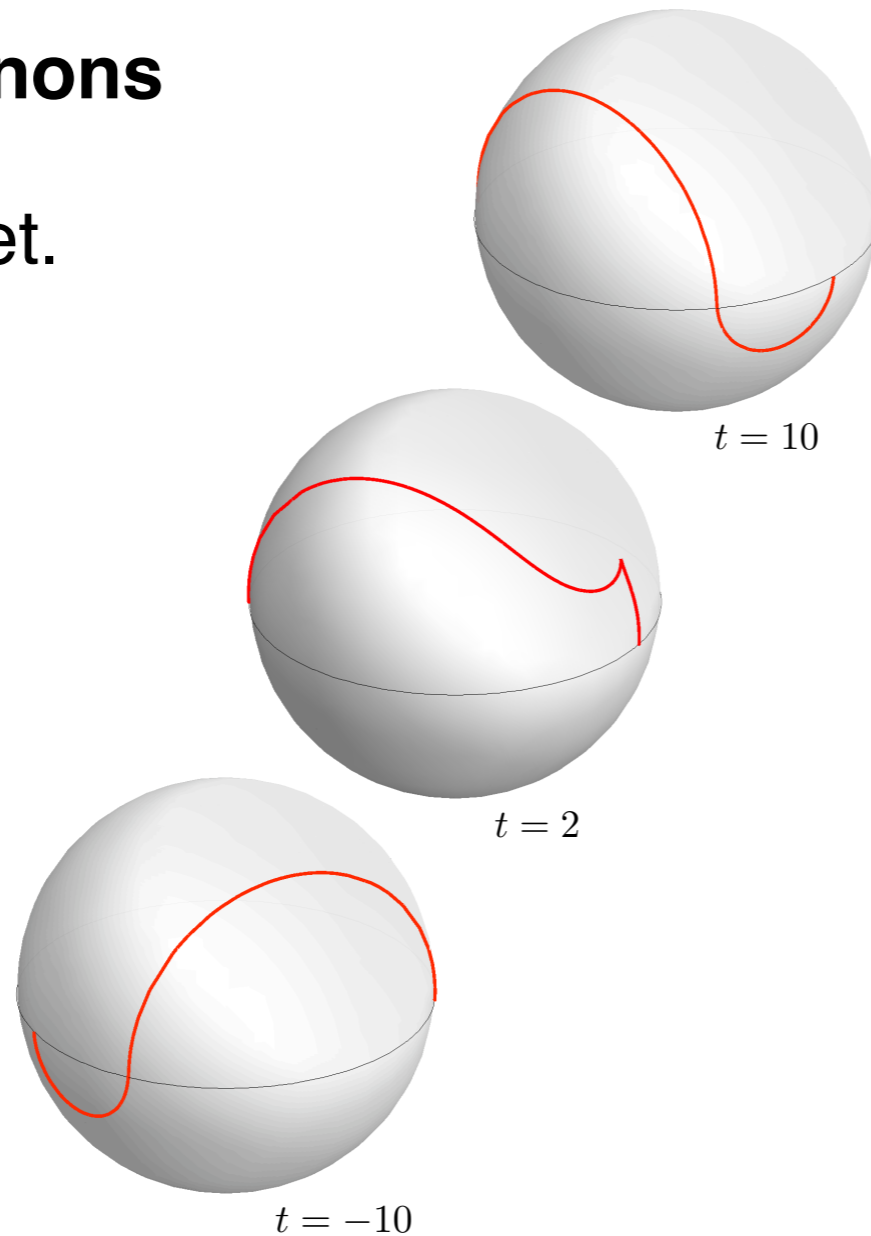
Algebraic Curves

Worldsheet integrated over,
but charges clear.

Larger sectors:
[Grigoriev & Tseytlin]
[Mikhailov & Schafer-Nameki]

Scattering Magnons

on the worldsheet.



Exact solution:

$$X^1 + iX^2 = e^{it} \left(1 + \frac{A + iB}{D} \right)$$

$$X^3 = (v_1 - v_2) \frac{\sqrt{1 - v_1^2} \cosh u_2 - \sqrt{1 - v_2^2} \cosh u_1}{D}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{x - v_1 t}{\sqrt{1 - v_1^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = \frac{x - v_2 t}{\sqrt{1 - v_2^2}}$$

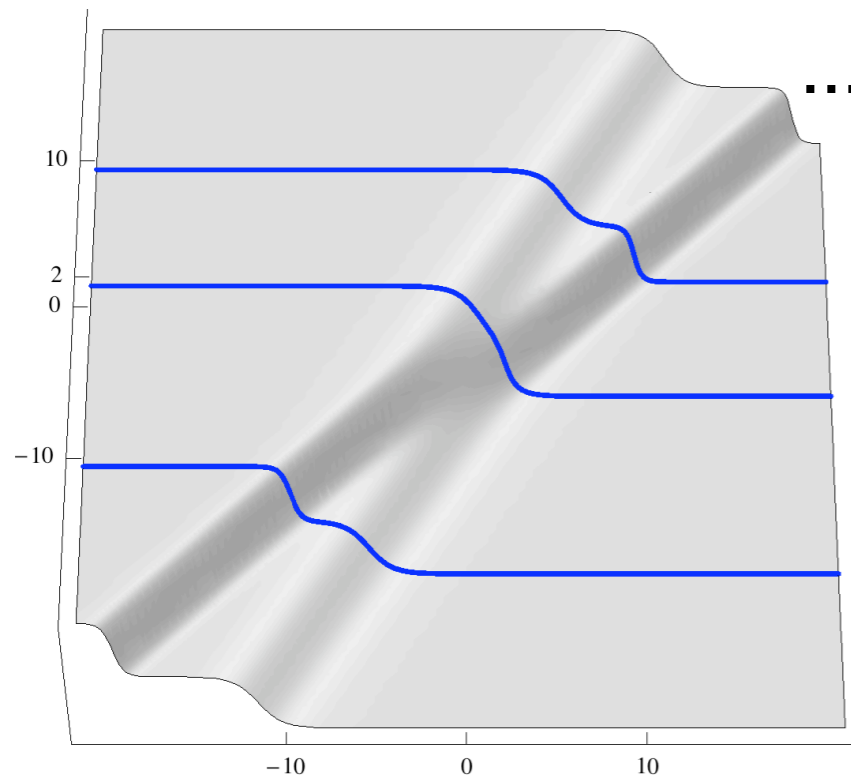
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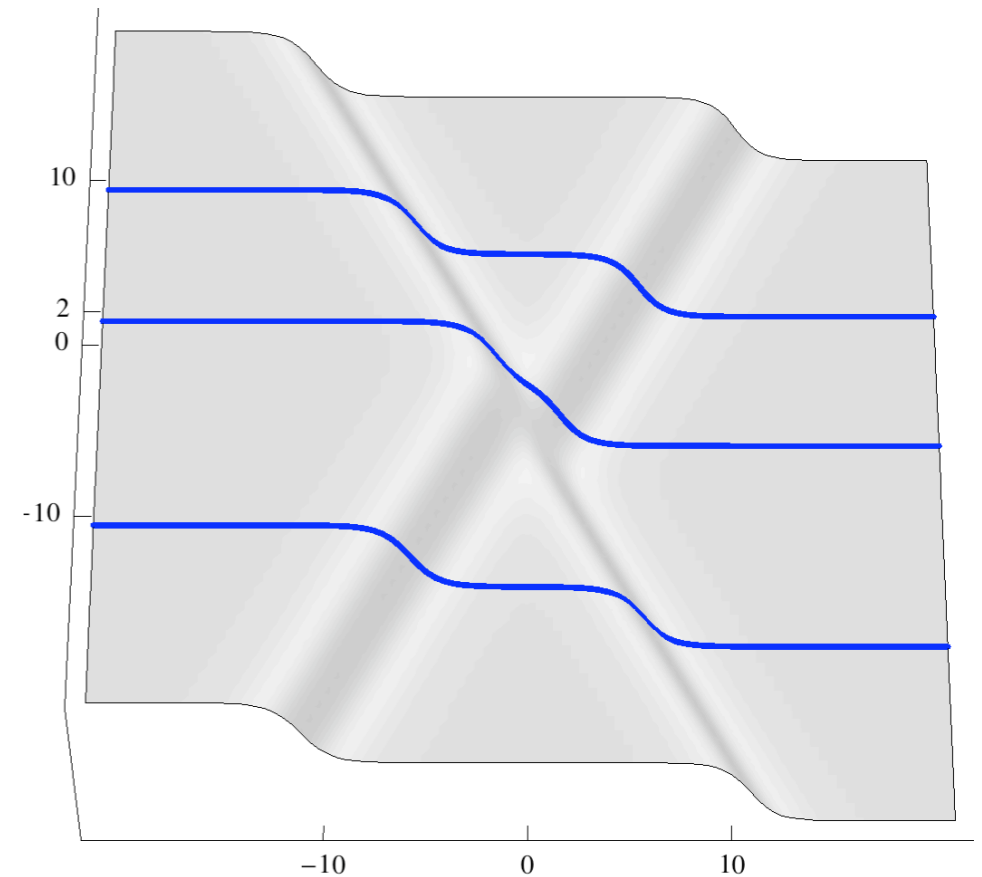
[Spradlin & Volovich, 2006]

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The Pohlmeyer map
sends that to this:



...which is a Lorentz
boost of this:



... which is very simple: $\tan \frac{\alpha}{4} = \frac{\cosh(\gamma vt)}{v \sinh(\gamma x)}$

We can read off the time delay $\Delta t_{v,-v} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{1-v^2}}{v} \log v$

and then integrate it to find the phase shift: $\frac{\partial \delta_{1,2}}{\partial \mathcal{E}_1} = \Delta t_{v_1, v_2}$

$$\text{i.e. } \delta_{1,2} = \int_0^{\mathcal{E}_1} \Delta t_{v(\mathcal{E}), v_2} d\mathcal{E}$$

Here $\mathcal{E} = \Delta - J = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \sin \frac{\rho}{2}$.

while for sine-gordon you would use $E_{s.g}$

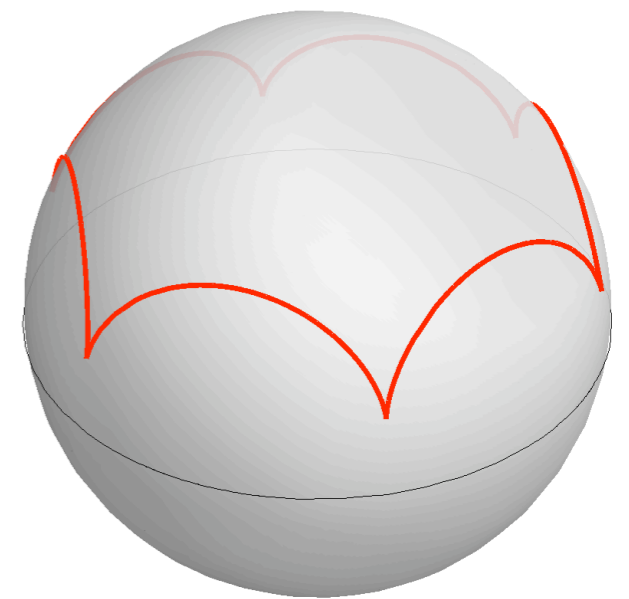
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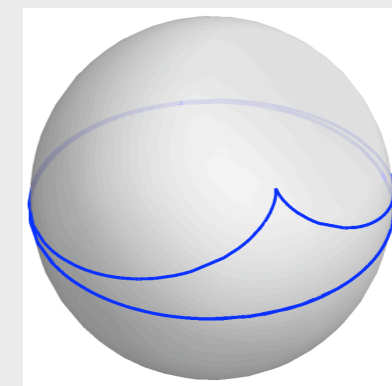
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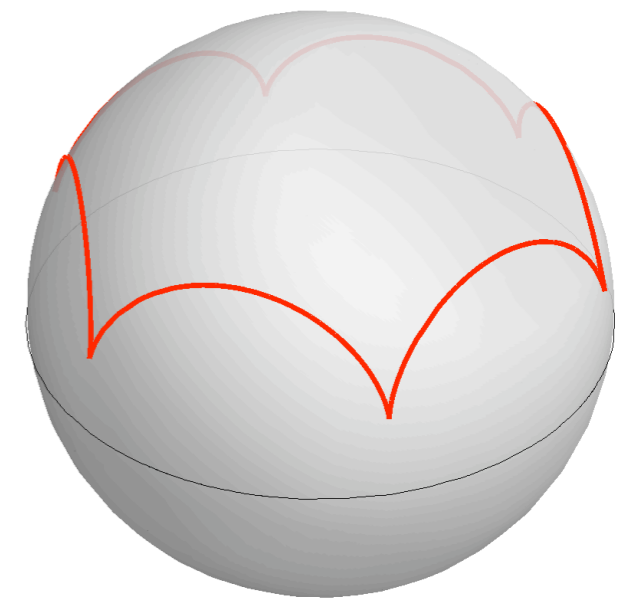
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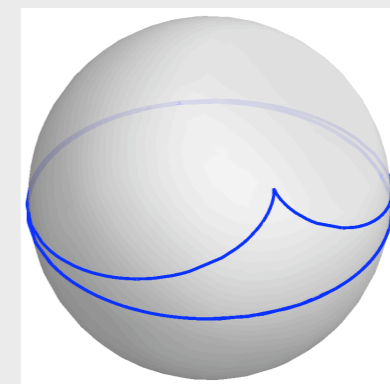
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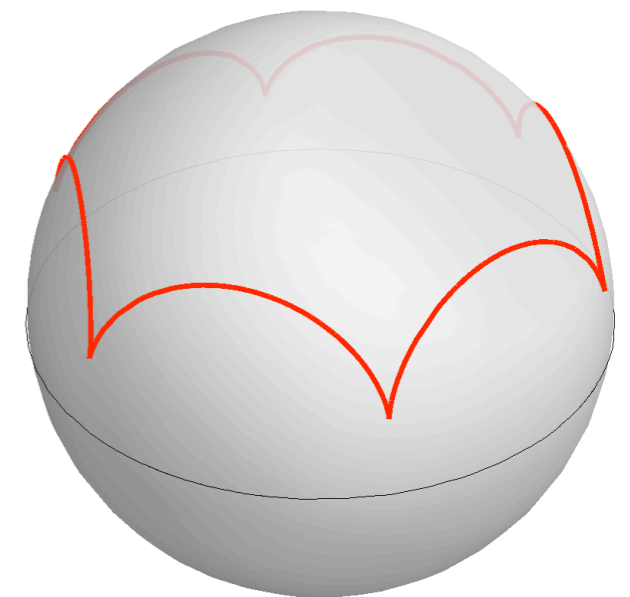
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- ❖ Lüscher formula [Janik & Lukowski]
- ❖ TBA [Gromov, Schafer-Nameki, Vieira]
- ❖ Konishi Operator [Keeler & Mann]
 [Fiamberti, Santambrogio, Sieg Zanon]



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6 of $so(6)$

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String Dual

Membranes on $AdS_4 \times S^7 / \mathbb{Z}_k$,
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we get IIA strings on $AdS_4 \times CP^3$,
of radius $R^2 = 2^{5/2} \pi \sqrt{\lambda}$.

Strings in CP^3

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Now fix $y^{-1} + iy^0 = e^{2it}$ to concentrate on $\mathbb{R} \times CP^3$.

The $su(4)$ charges are defined

$$J[T^a] = 2\sqrt{2\lambda} \int dx \operatorname{Im} (\bar{\mathbf{z}} \cdot T^a D_t \mathbf{z})$$

and we'll want:

$$J = J[\operatorname{diag}(1, 0, 0, -1)]$$

$$Q = J[\operatorname{diag}(0, 1, -1, 0)]$$

$$J_3 = J[\operatorname{diag}(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})]$$

Dispersion relation

$$\Delta - \frac{J}{2} = \sqrt{1 + h(\lambda)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)}$$

with $h(\lambda) = \lambda$ from spin chain.

String States

The vacuum on the string side is $\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{it}, 0, 0, e^{-it})$.

Study small fluctuations:

Penrose limit, or
Conformal gauge $-J/2$

[Nishioka & Takayanagi, 2008]

[Gaiotto, Giombi, Yin] [Grignani, Harmark, Orselli]

[MCA & Aniceto, 2008]

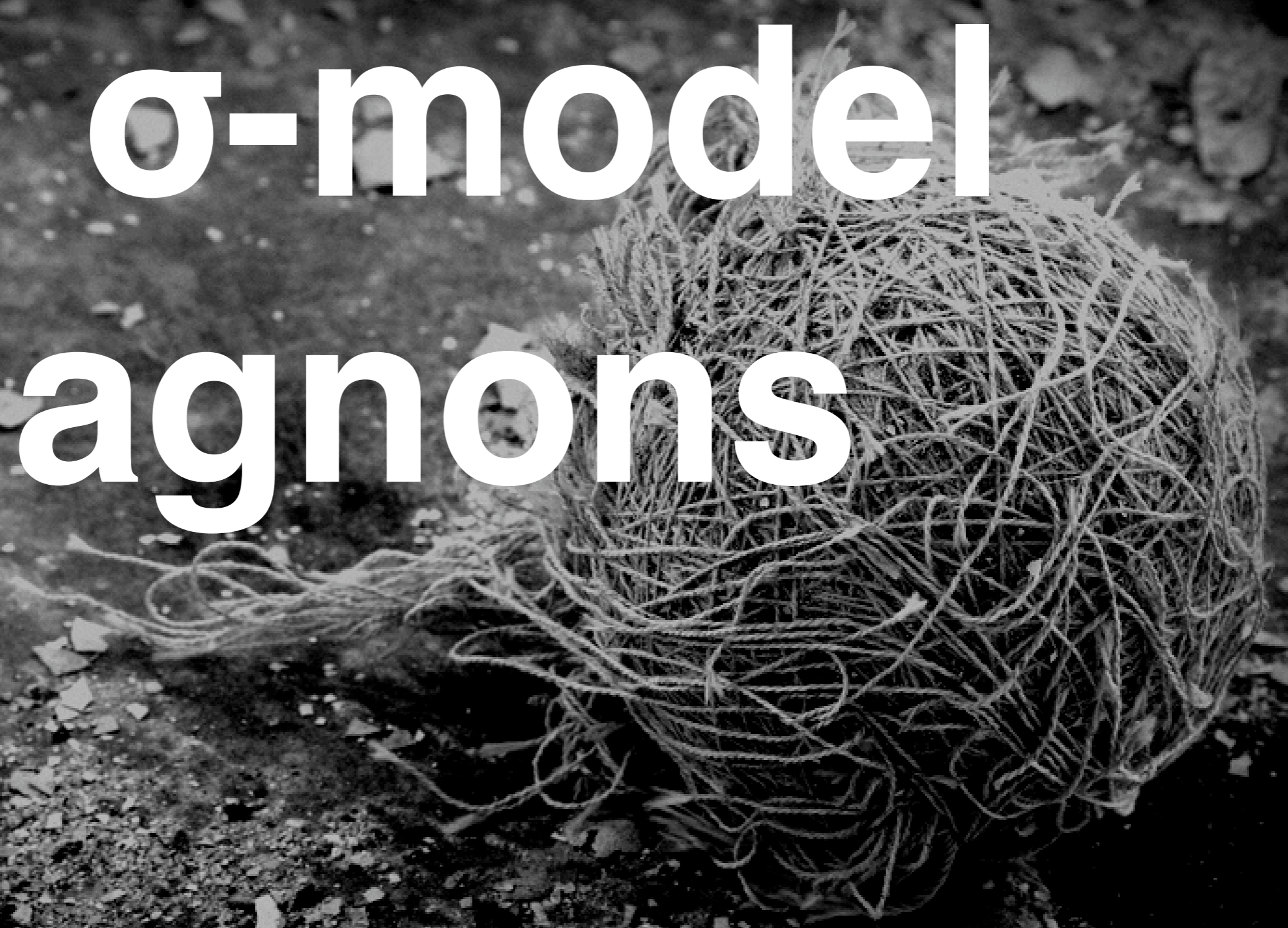
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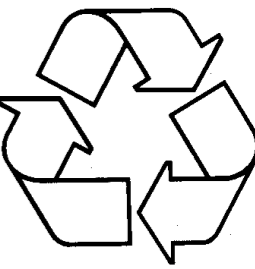
and 4 states $m = 2$ (1 from CP^3 , 3 from AdS_4)

And $h(\lambda) \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$.

(In previous case, this function is the same at in both limits.)

4. σ -model Magnons





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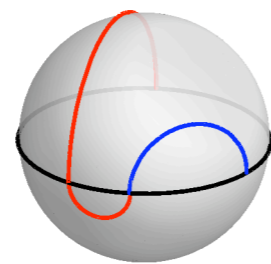
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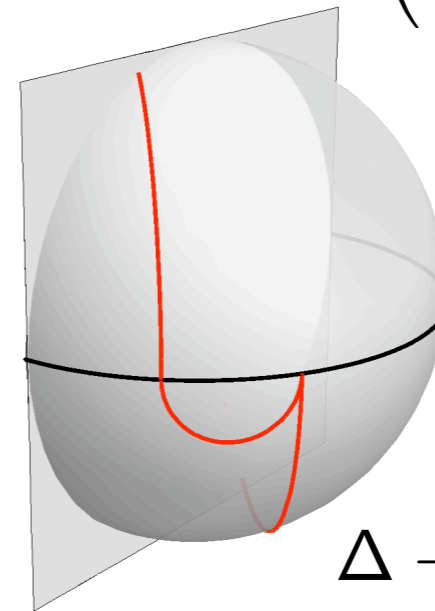
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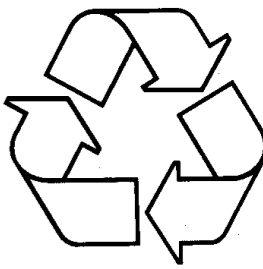
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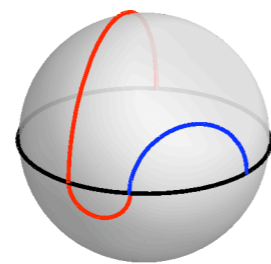
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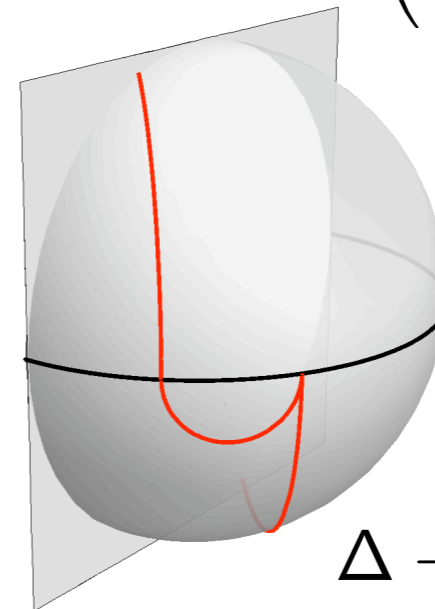
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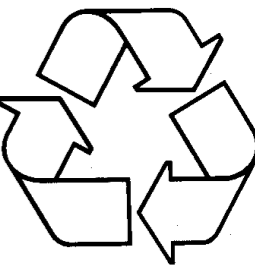
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Generalisations?

Tempting subspaces like $S^2 \times S^2$ [MCA & Aniceto]
but the equations of motion complain.

It is easy to embed Dorey's solution into RP^3 :

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Can similarly embed finite- J magnons:

- ❖ First, AFZ form for two S^2 -like subspaces:

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[Lee, Panigrahi, Park]

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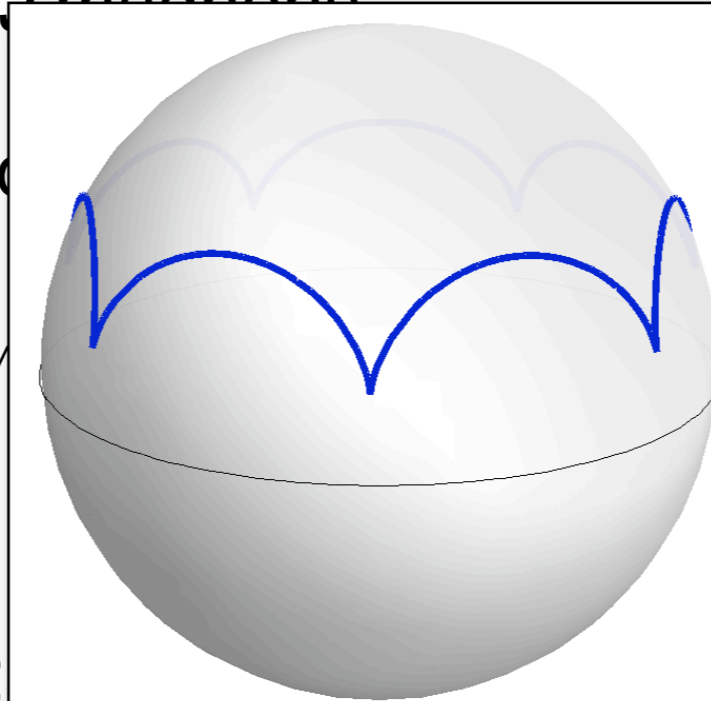
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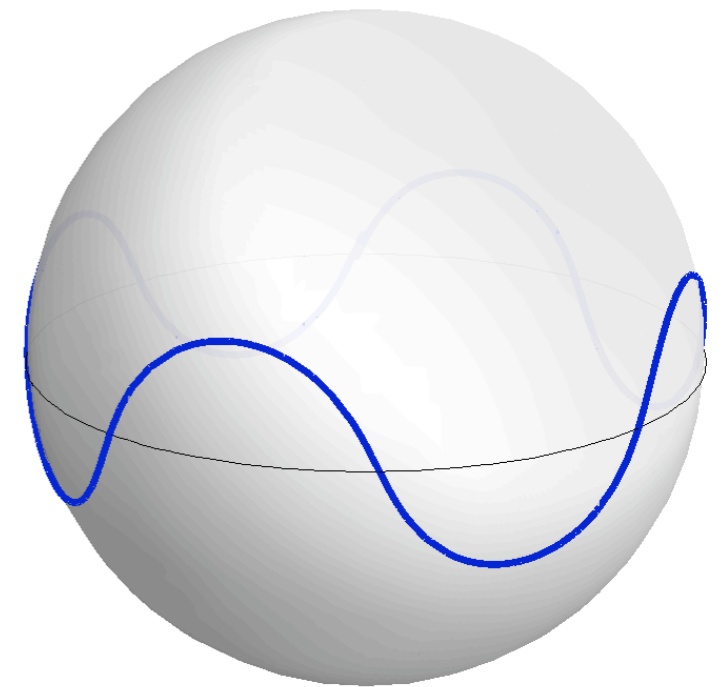
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$$RP^2: \Delta - \frac{J_1 - J_4}{2} = 2$$



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Then solve for $e(x)$...

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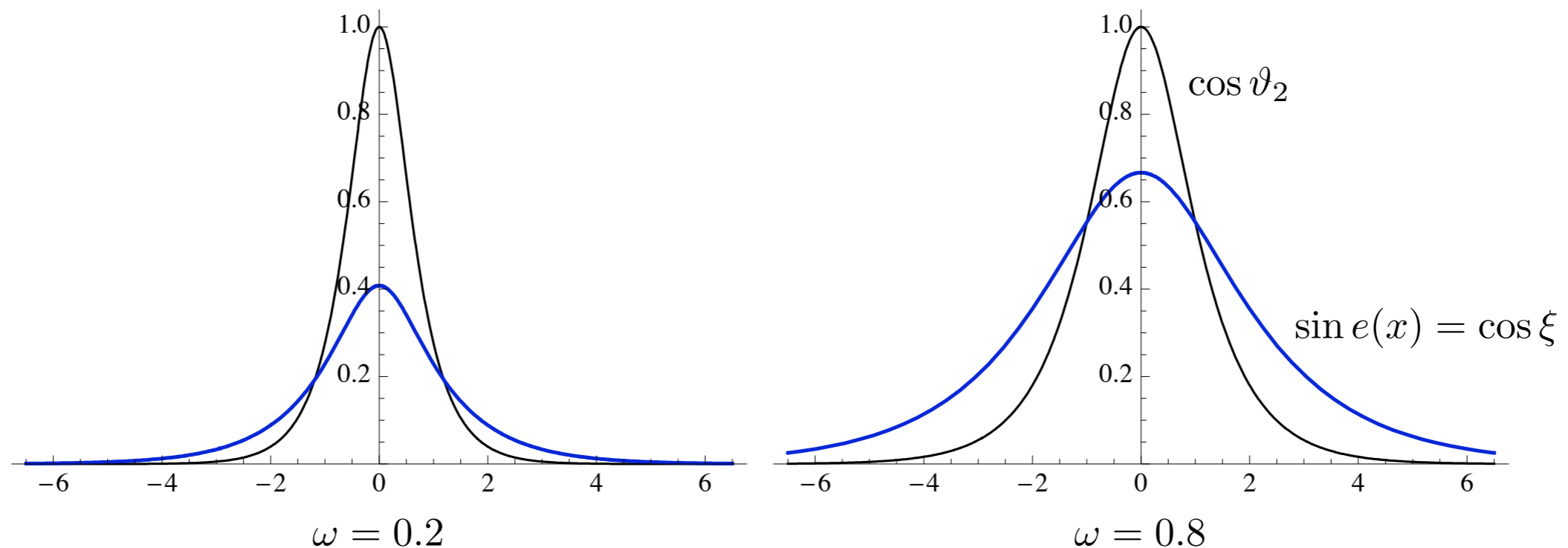
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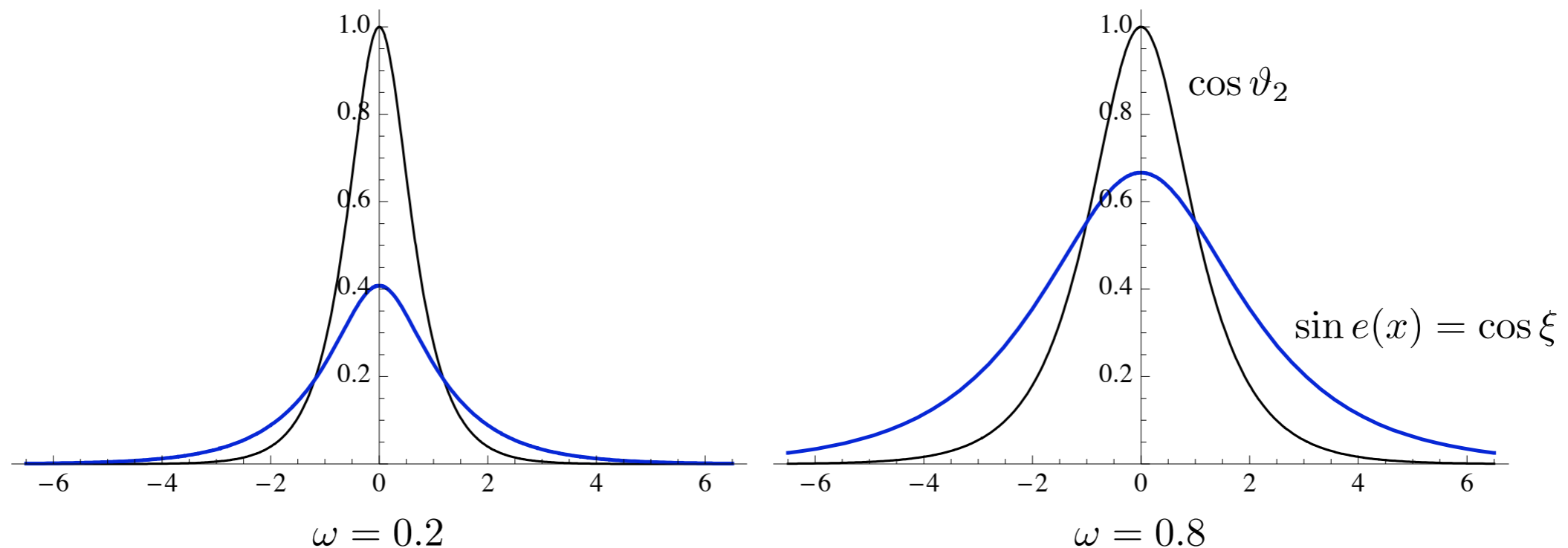
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Dressed Solution

Found by [Hollowood & Miramontes] + [Kalousios, Spradlin, Volovich] + [Suzuki]
using the dressing method. The case $p =$ looks like this:

$$\mathbf{z}' = N \begin{pmatrix} (1 + r^2) \cos(t) + \cos\left(\frac{1-3r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) + r^2 \cos\left(\frac{3-r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) + i(1 - r^2) \sin(t) \sinh\left(\frac{4r}{1+r^2}x\right) \\ -(1 + r^2) \sin(t) + \sin\left(\frac{1-3r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) - r^2 \sin\left(\frac{3-r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) - i(1 - r^2) \cos(t) \sinh\left(\frac{4r}{1+r^2}x\right) \\ 2(1 - r^2) \left[\sin\left(\frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) \sinh\left(\frac{2r}{1+r^2}x\right) - i \cos\left(\frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2}t\right) \cosh\left(\frac{2r}{1+r^2}x\right) \right] \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

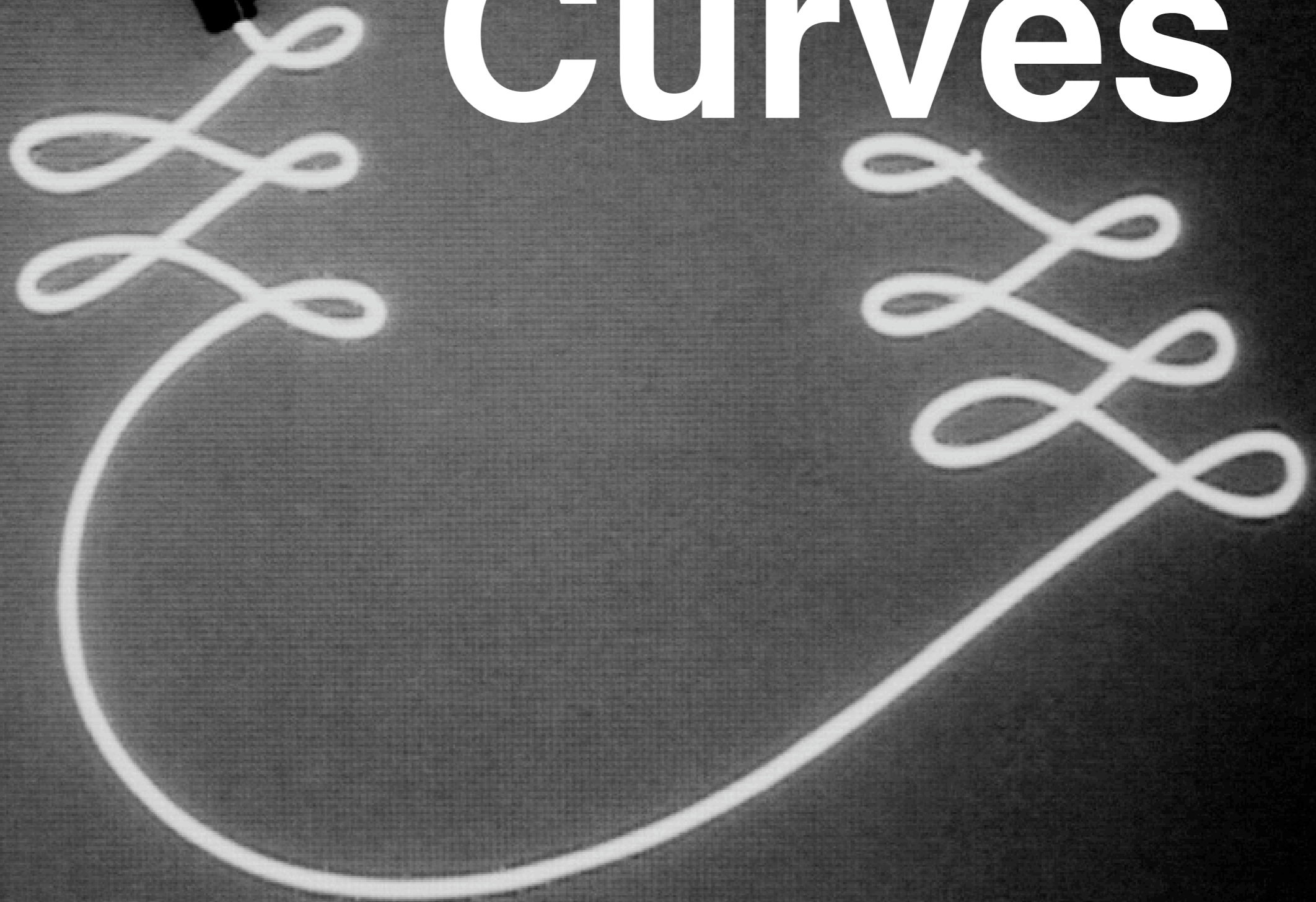
This has only one angular momentum:

$$J = 2\Delta - 4\sqrt{2\lambda} \frac{1+r^2}{2r} \sin\left(\frac{p'}{2}\right)$$

In the limit $r \rightarrow 1$, it becomes the RP^2 solution.

(This also lives in CP^2 , so just call it 'dressed'.)

5. Algebraic Curves



Getting there

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and using this, the monodromy matrix $\Omega(x) = P e^{\int d\sigma J_\sigma(x)}$.

The choice of path here determines the basis Ω is in, but its eigenvalues are invariant: $e^{i\tilde{p}_1}, e^{i\tilde{p}_2}, e^{i\tilde{p}_3}, e^{i\tilde{p}_4}$ and $e^{i\hat{p}_1}, e^{i\hat{p}_2}, e^{i\hat{p}_3}, e^{i\hat{p}_4}$.

We'll use

$$\{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5\} = \frac{1}{2} \{\hat{p}_1 + \hat{p}_2, \hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2, \tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_2, -\tilde{p}_2 - \tilde{p}_4, \tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_4\}$$

The Rules are:

1. Only 5 independent: $\{q_6, q_7, q_8, q_9, q_{10}\} = \{-q_5, -q_4, -q_3, -q_2, -q_1\}$.
2. Square-root branch cuts: $q_i^+(x) - q_i^-(x) = 2\pi n_{ij}, x \in C_{ij}$.
3. Synchronised poles at $x = \pm 1$ with residue $\alpha/2$
4. Inversion symmetry:

$$q_1\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -q_2(x), \quad q_3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2\pi m - q_4(x) \quad \text{and} \quad q_5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = q_5(x).$$

Here $p = 2\pi m$ is the momentum

5. Asymptotic behaviour:

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \\ q_5 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2gx} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta + S \\ \Delta - S \\ J_1 \\ J_2 \\ J_3 \end{pmatrix} + \dots \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \} \text{AdS components} \\ \} \text{CP components} \end{array} \right\}$$

At large x , $\Omega(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x} \int d\sigma j_\tau + \dots$

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The labels are from $su(4)$ charges:
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And $J = J_1 + J_2$, $Q = J_1 - J_2$.

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thus dispersion relation:

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This Q_u is just a parameter!

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The Matching Problem

In 2008, it looked like:

Pair	RP^3	A perfect match.
?	CP^1	Finite-J: AFZ-like
Small	?	Finite-J: zero? [Luckowski & Sax, 2008]
Big	?	

(One could have noticed that the bound state of [Spradlin & Volovich 2006] has the Big magnon's charges, but the wrong $Q \rightarrow 0$ limit.)

But then three things happened:

1. We fixed the finite- J calculation (= AFZ when not dyonic.)
2. The dressed solution appeared (Perfect!)
3. We found the CP^2 dyonic magnon (Comes in two polarisations.)

So the table becomes:

Pair	RP^3	non-dyonic is RP^2
Small	CP^2	non-dyonic is CP^1
Big	Dressed	non-‘dyonic’ is RP^2

Have already discussed 2 & 3, so we now turn to 1.

Finite-size corrections

The effect of $J < \text{Infinity}$ is to replace:

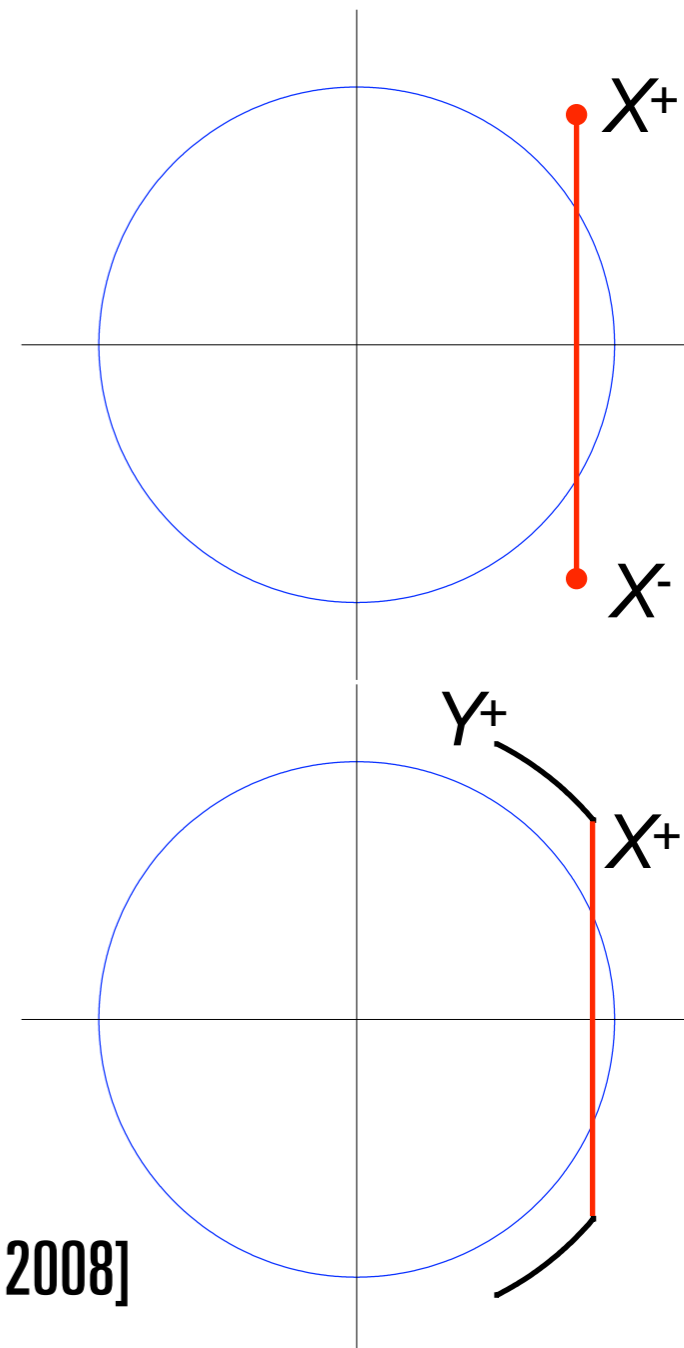
$$G_{\text{mag}}(X) = -i \log \left(\frac{x - X^+}{x - X^-} \right)$$

with this:

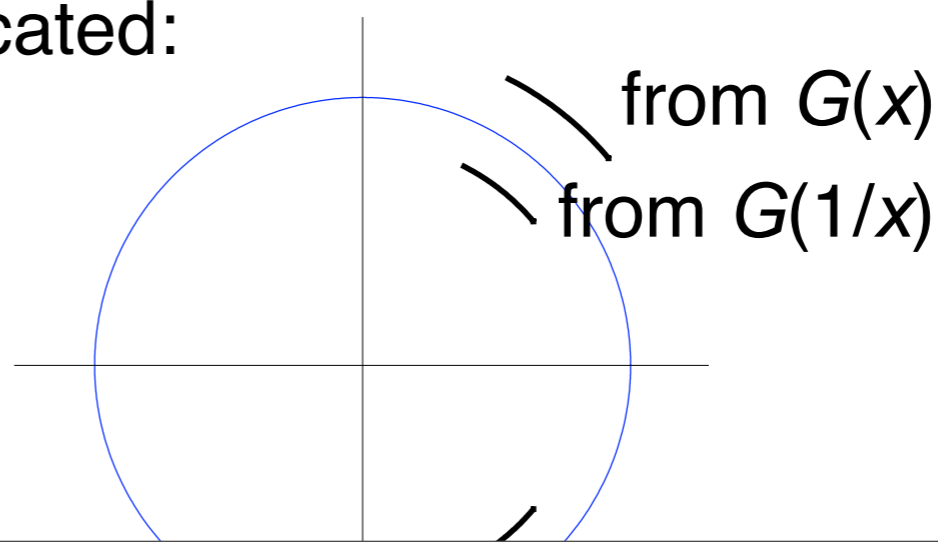
$$G_{\text{finite}}(X) = -2i \log \left(\frac{\sqrt{x - X^+} + \sqrt{x - Y^+}}{\sqrt{x - X^-} + \sqrt{x - Y^-}} \right)$$

where $Y^\pm = X^\pm \left(1 \pm i\delta e^{\pm i\phi} \right)$ and $\delta \ll 1$.

[Minahan & Sax, 2008]



In q , the structure is more complicated:

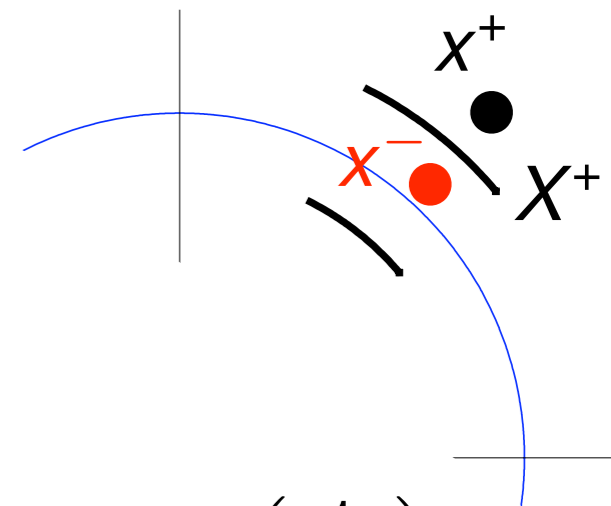


Finite-size Small Giant magnon

Defined by $G_u(x) = G_{\text{finite}}(x)$ which depends on $X^\pm = r e^{ip_0/2}$ and on δ, ϕ through $Y^\pm = X^\pm (1 \pm i\delta e^{\pm i\phi})$.

1. Expand charges to find the correction:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{E} &= \left(\Delta - \frac{J}{2} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{4} + 16g^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{p}{2} \right)} \\ &= -\delta^2 \frac{g}{4} \cos(2\phi) \frac{2r}{1+r^2} \sin \left(\frac{p}{2} \right) + o(\delta^3) \end{aligned}$$



2. Impose the branch cut condition:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi n &= q_4(x^+) - q_6(x^-) \\ &= \frac{2\alpha x}{x^2 - 1} + G_{\text{finite}}^+(X^+) + G_{\text{finite}}^-(X^+) - G_{\text{finite}}(0) + G_{\text{finite}} \left(\frac{1}{X^+} \right) \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$\delta = \frac{8i e^{-ip/4} e^{i\pi n} e^{-i\phi} \sqrt{r^2 - 1} \sin(\frac{p}{2})}{\sqrt{e^{-ip/2} - r^2 e^{ip/2}}} \exp \left(\frac{i\Delta r/4g}{e^{-ip/2} - r^2 e^{ip/2}} \right)$$

3. Demand that delta be real:

$$n\pi - \frac{\rho}{4} - \phi - \frac{\Delta Q \cot(\frac{\rho}{2})}{4S(\frac{\rho}{2})} - \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{2\mathcal{E}}{Q} \tan(\frac{\rho}{2})\right) = 0 \text{ or } \pi.$$

4. And get the answer: 

$$\delta\mathcal{E} = -32g^2 \cos(2\phi) \frac{Q}{\mathcal{E} \sqrt{S(\frac{\rho}{2})}} \sin^3\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right) e^{-\Delta\mathcal{E}/S(\frac{\rho}{2})} + o(\delta^3)$$

[MCA, Aniceto & Sax, 2009]

where $S(\frac{\rho}{2}) = 4g^2 \frac{(r^2 - 1)^2}{r^2} + 16g^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right)$

The non-dyonic limit ($r \rightarrow 1$) of this is tricky.

We have implicitly assumed that $\delta \ll r - 1 \sim \sqrt{Q/g}$,
so can't simply set $Q = 0$.

Being careful, we can recover AFZ form $\delta\mathcal{E}_{r=1} = -16g \cos(2\phi) \sin^3\left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right) e^{-2\Delta/\mathcal{E}}$
and also closure condition $\rho = 0 \text{ mod } 2\pi$

Pair of Small Magnons

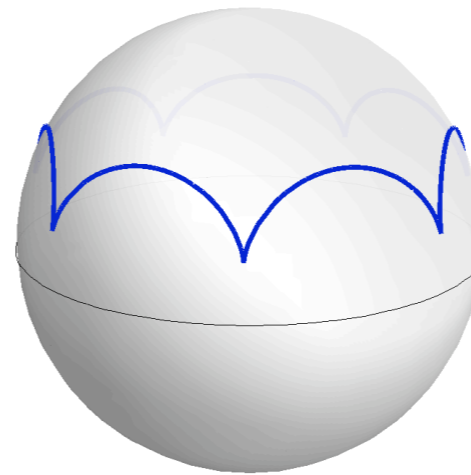
(non-dyonic: [Lukowski & Sax, 2008])

We recover the S^3 answer: $\delta\mathcal{E} = -256g^2 \cos(2\phi) \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}} \sin^4\left(\frac{\rho}{4}\right) e^{-\Delta\mathcal{E}/2S(\frac{\rho}{4})}$

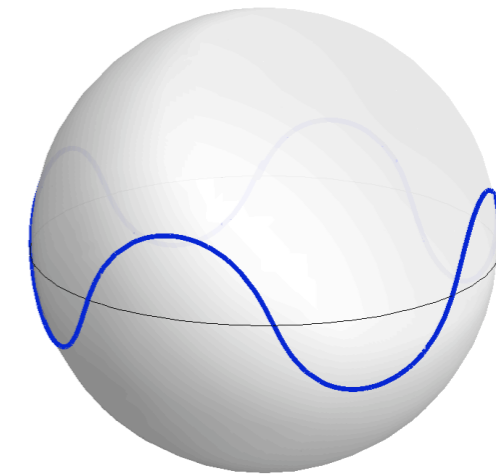
and the closure condition $\rho/2 = \rho' = n'\pi, n' \in \mathbb{Z}$,

[Hatsuda & Suzuki, 2008]

[Minahan & Sax, 2008]



Type (i): $2\phi = 0, \delta\mathcal{E} < 0$



Type (ii): $2\phi = \pi, \delta\mathcal{E} > 0$

Big Magnon


Here we get: 

$$\delta\mathcal{E} = -1024g^2 \cos(2\phi) \frac{S(\frac{\rho}{4})}{\mathcal{E} Q_u^2} \sin^6\left(\frac{\rho}{4}\right) e^{-\Delta\mathcal{E}/S(\frac{\rho}{4})}$$

Non-'dyonic' limit similarly tricky,
but in the end Big = Pair = RP^2

[MCA, Aniceto & Sax, 2009]

Summary in the curves:

M_u, M_v, M_r	$[p_1, q, p_2]$	$\mathcal{E} = \Delta - \frac{J}{2}$	$\delta\mathcal{E}$ (finite J) 	Q	J_3	String Solution
Vacuum						
0, 0, 0	$[L, 0, L]$	0	—	0	0	
Small giant magnon						
1, 0, 0	$[L - 2, 1, L]$	$\sqrt{2\lambda} \sin(\frac{\rho}{2})$	$-4\mathcal{E} \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{2}) e^{-2\Delta/\mathcal{E}}$	1	1	$= CP^1$
Q, 0, 0	$[L - 2Q, Q, L]$	$\sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{4} + 2\lambda \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{2})}$	$\propto Q/\mathcal{E} \sqrt{S}$	Q	Q	$= CP^2$
... and similar with $u \leftrightarrow v$:						
0, Q, 0	$[L, Q, L - 2Q]$	(same)	(same)	Q	-Q	
Big giant magnon						
1, 1, 1	$[L - 1, 0, L - 1]$	$2\sqrt{2\lambda} \sin(\frac{\rho}{4})$	$-4\mathcal{E} \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{4}) e^{-2\Delta/\mathcal{E}}$	0	0	$= RP^2$
Q_u, Q_u, Q_u	$[L - Q_u, 0, L - Q_u]$	$\sqrt{Q_u^2 + 8\lambda \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{4})}$	$\propto S/\mathcal{E} Q_u^2$	0	0	$= \text{Dressed}$
Pair of small giant magnons						
1, 1, 0	$[L - 2, 2, L - 2]$	$2\sqrt{2\lambda} \sin(\frac{\rho}{4})$	$-4\mathcal{E} \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{4}) e^{-2\Delta/\mathcal{E}}$	2	0	$= RP^2$
$\frac{Q}{2}, \frac{Q}{2}, 0$	$[L - Q, Q, L - Q]$	$\sqrt{\frac{Q^2}{4} + 8\lambda \sin^2(\frac{\rho}{4})}$	Like S^5 case	Q	0	$= RP^3$

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Future

- ❖ Similar problem with limits in Lüscher calculation?
- ❖ Comparison with gauge side: big?
- ❖ Semiclassical corrections (add poles to curve).