

Flux Tube S-matrix bootstrap

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1.- Flux tube effective action

2.- Observables:

2.1 S-matrix of branons, bounds on Wilson coefficients),

2.2 Finite volume Energy spectrum.

3.- Phenomenology of flux tubes and YM data.

Set up: a QFT_D , gapped, with string like states.



for instance:

- Yang Mills Flux Tubes,
- Nielsen-Abrikosov strings,
- Domain walls in 3D Ising.



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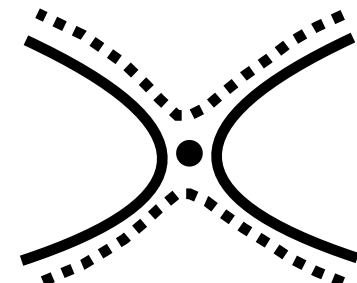
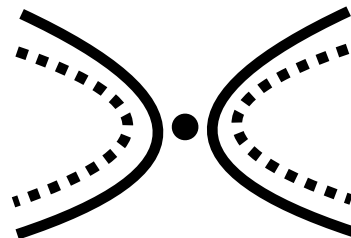
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S-matrix

We scatter two massless vectors of $O(D-2)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{S}(s) &= \sigma_1(s) \delta_a^b \delta_c^d + \sigma_2(s) \delta_a^c \delta_b^d + \sigma_3(s) \delta_a^d \delta_b^c \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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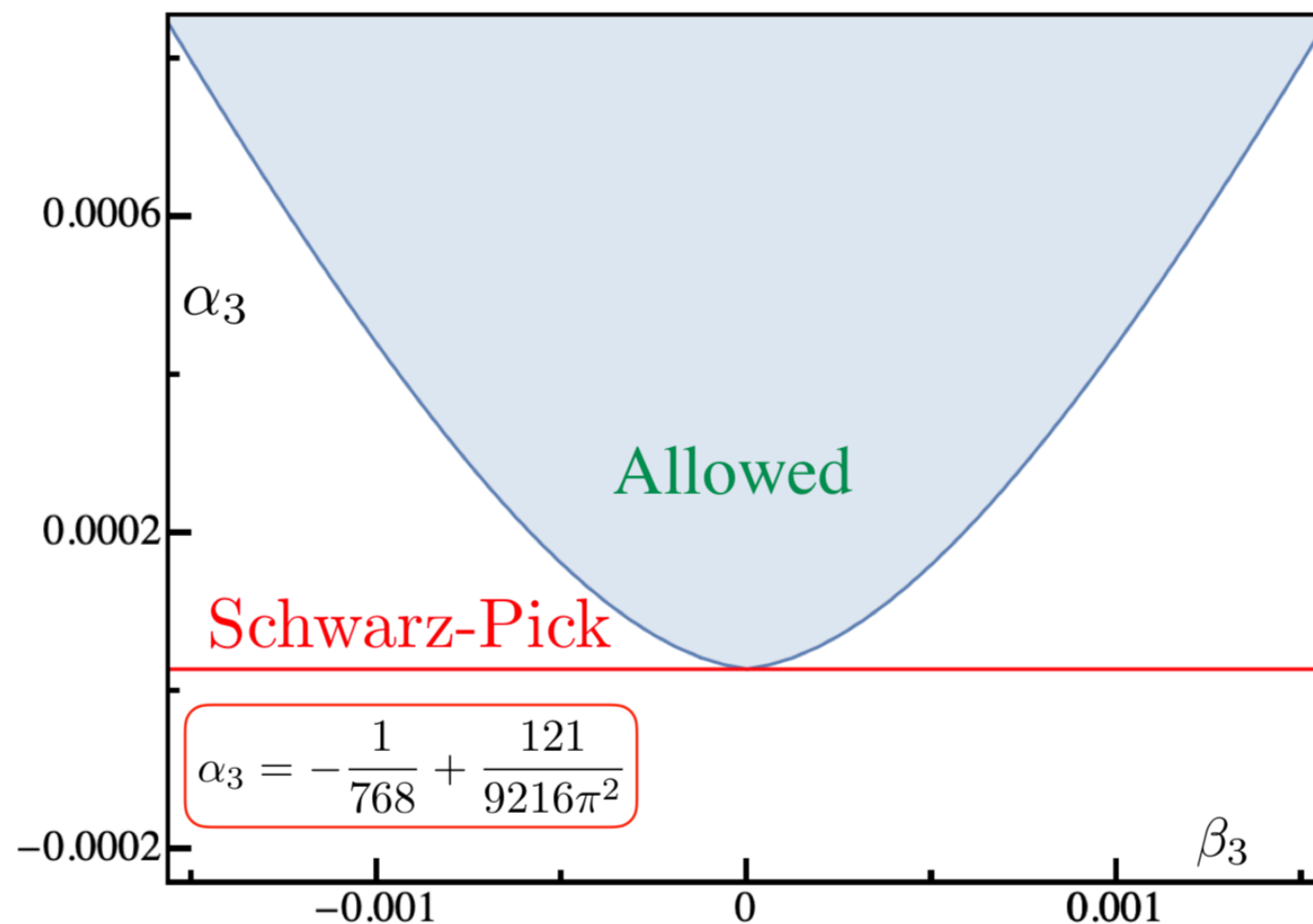
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(rotation of non univ. ops.)

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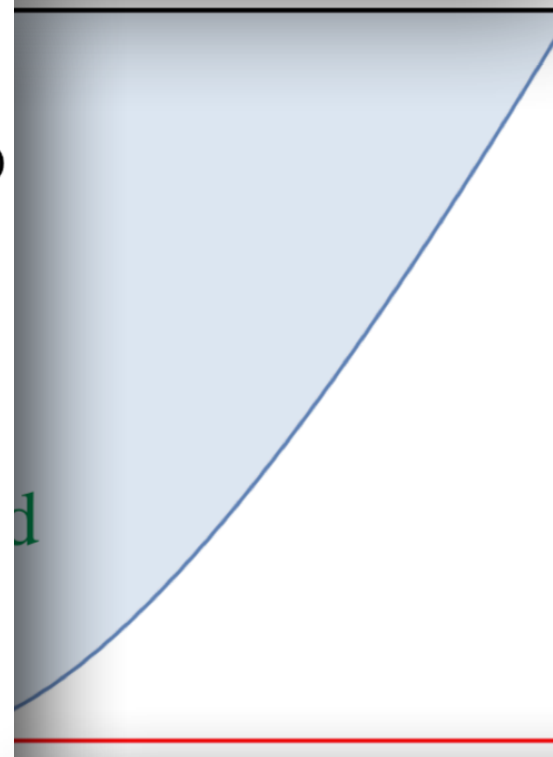
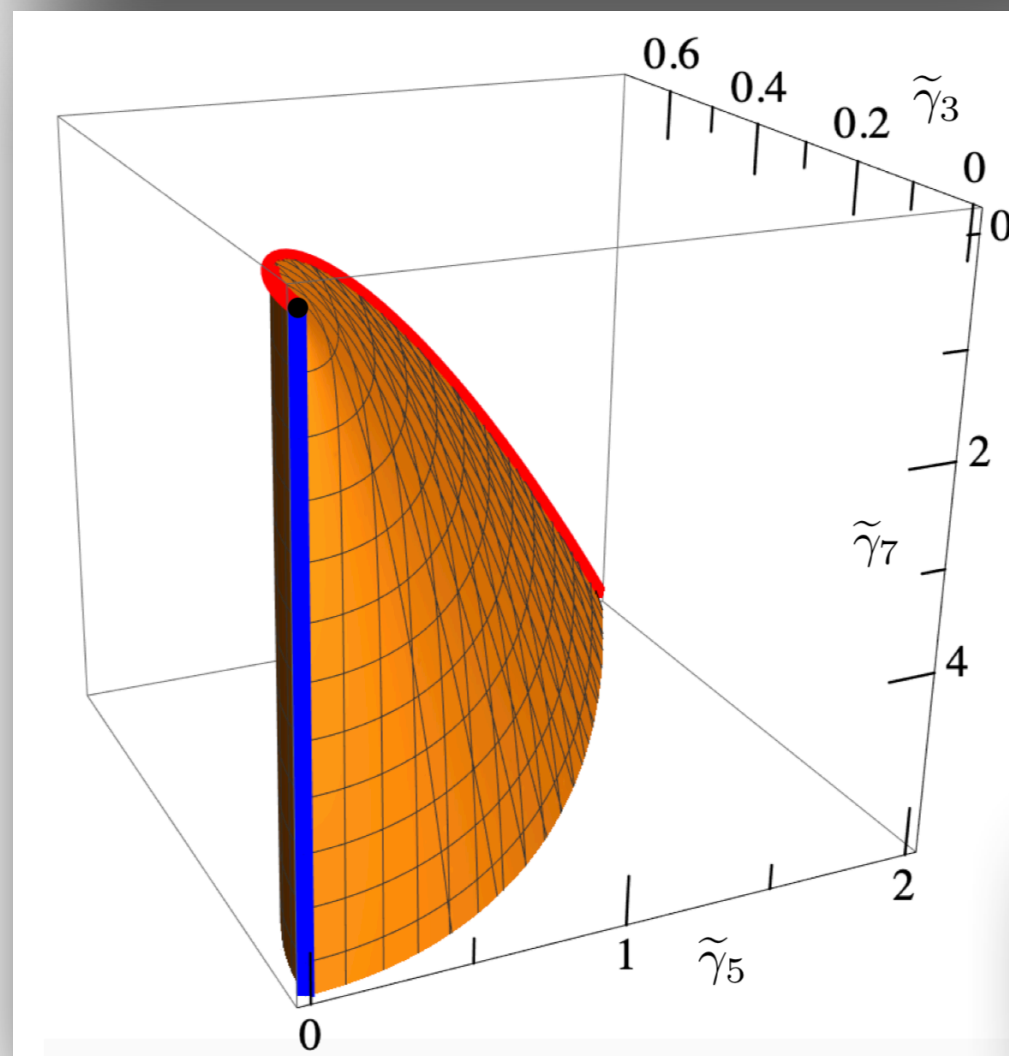
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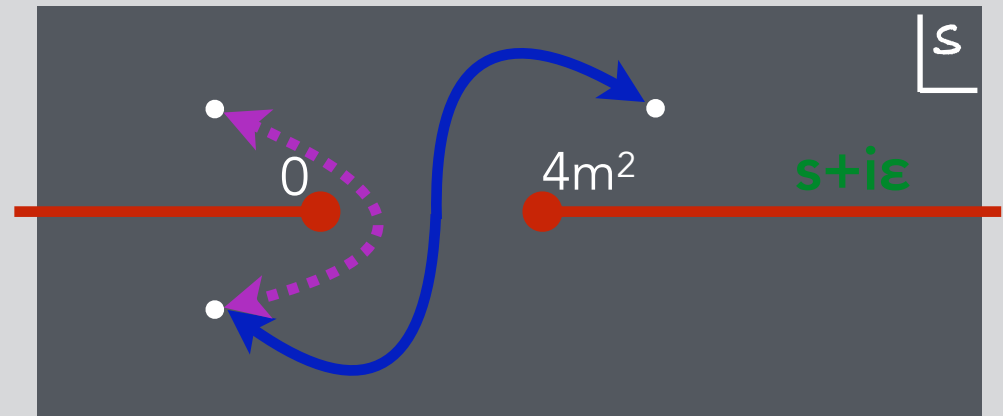


$$\tilde{\gamma}_n = \gamma_n + (-1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \frac{1}{n2^{3n-1}}$$

Reality $S^*(s) = S(s^*)$

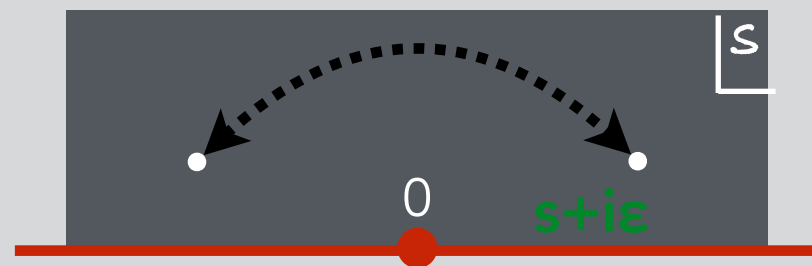
Crossing $S(4m^2 - s) = S(s)$

$|S(s + i\epsilon)|^2 \leq 1$ for $s > 4m^2$

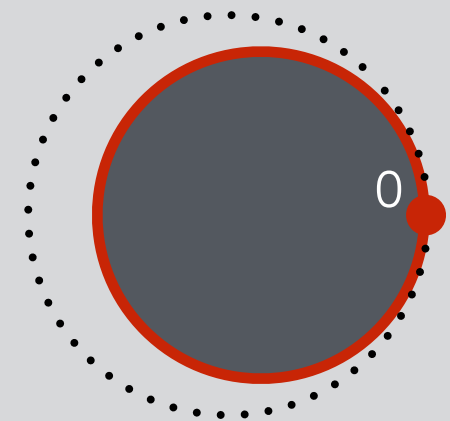


In the massless limit points in the UHP are related by $S(-s^*) = [S(s)]^*$

Unitarity and maximum modulus principle imply



$|S(s)|^2 \leq 1$ for $s \in \text{UHP}$

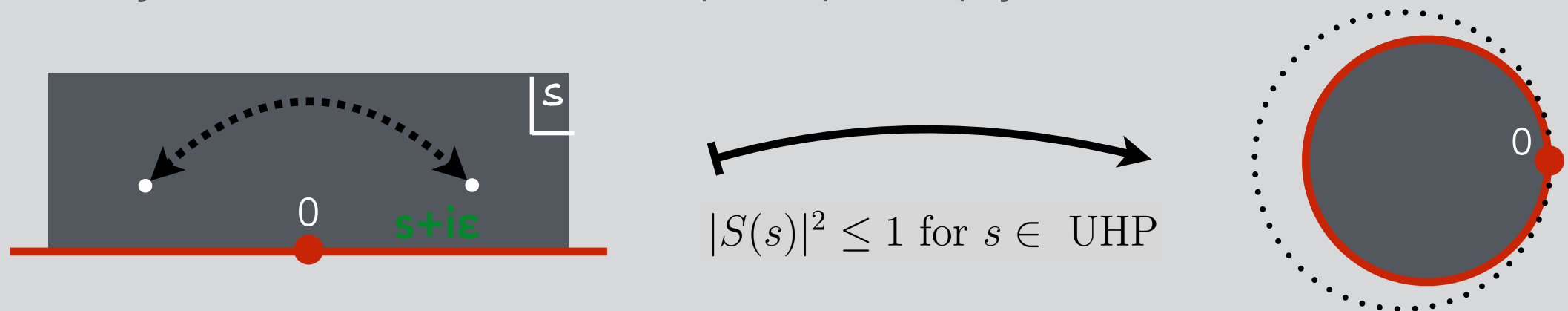


-0.001

0

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Trick!

$$S^{(1)}(z|w) \equiv \frac{S(z) - S(w)}{1 - S(z)\overline{S(w)}} / \frac{z - w}{z - \overline{w}}$$

Again, unitarity and maximum modulus principle imply

$$|S^{(1)}(z|w)|_{\text{Im}z \geq 0} \leq 1 \quad \text{Schwarz-Pick thm.}$$

Expansion around threshold leads to

$$S^{(1)}(ix|iy) = -1 + \left(\frac{1}{96} + 8\gamma_3\right) xy + \cdots \geq -1 \quad , \quad \gamma_3 \geq -\frac{1}{768}$$

Generalisation to multiple points

$$\{S^{(1)}[S, w](s), S^{(2)}[S, w_1, w_2](s) = S^{(1)}[S^{(1)}[S, w], w_2](s), \cdots\}$$

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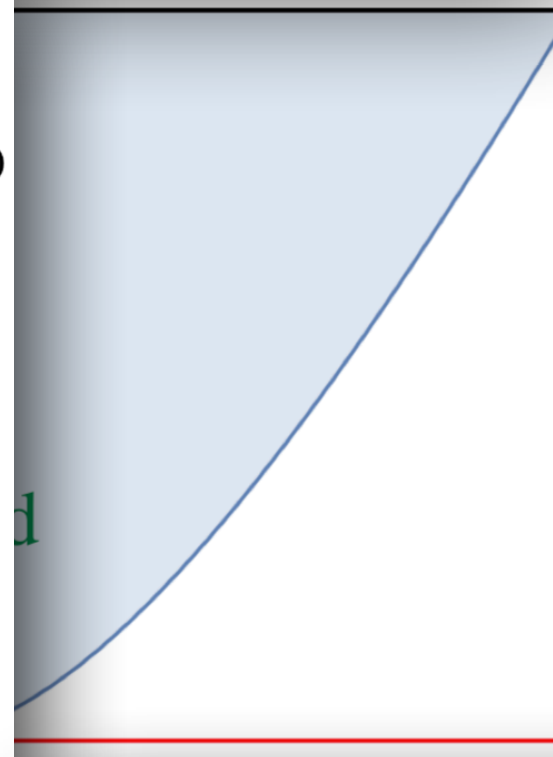
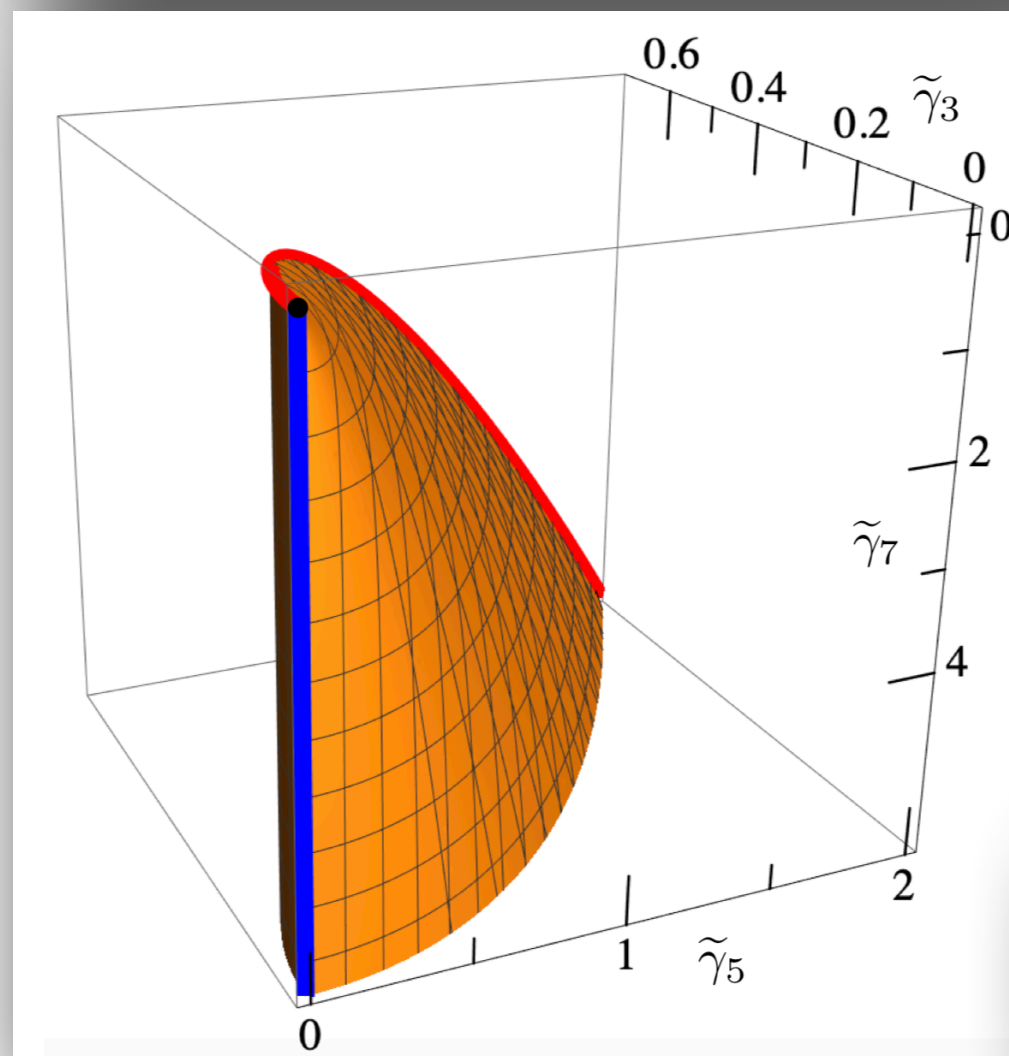
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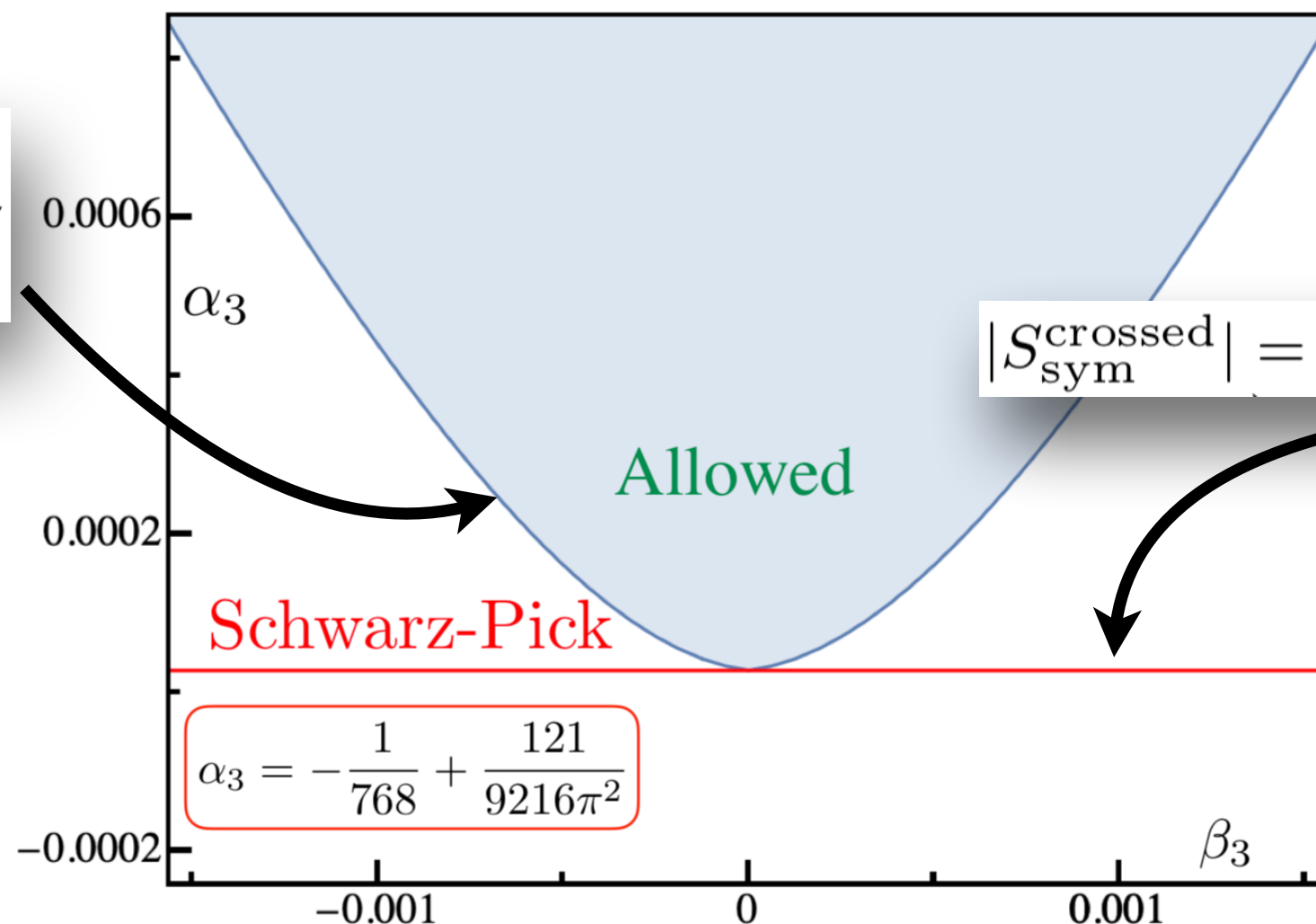
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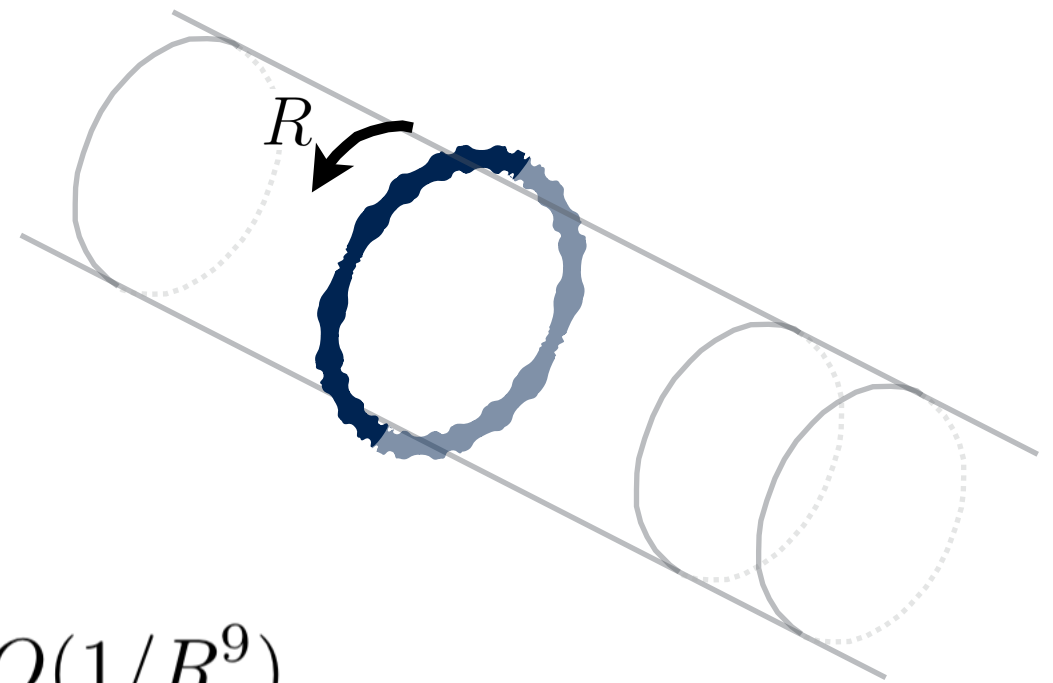
Numerics

$$S_{\text{ansatz}} = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\text{max}}} a_n \chi^n$$



$$|S_{\text{sym}}^{\text{crossed}}| = \frac{1}{2} |S_{\text{sing}} + S_{\text{anti}}| \leq 1$$

Finite volume energy levels



$$E_0(R) = \sqrt{R^2 - \frac{\pi}{3}(D-2)} + \frac{\delta(D)}{R^7} + O(1/R^9)$$

$$\delta(D) = \frac{32\pi^6(2-D)((D-2)\alpha_3 + (D-4)\beta_3)}{225}$$

$$\delta(4) = -\frac{128\pi^6\alpha_3}{225} \leq \frac{\pi^6}{1350} - \frac{121\pi^4}{16200}$$

$$\delta(3) = -\frac{32\pi^6\gamma_3}{225} \leq \frac{\pi^6}{5400}$$

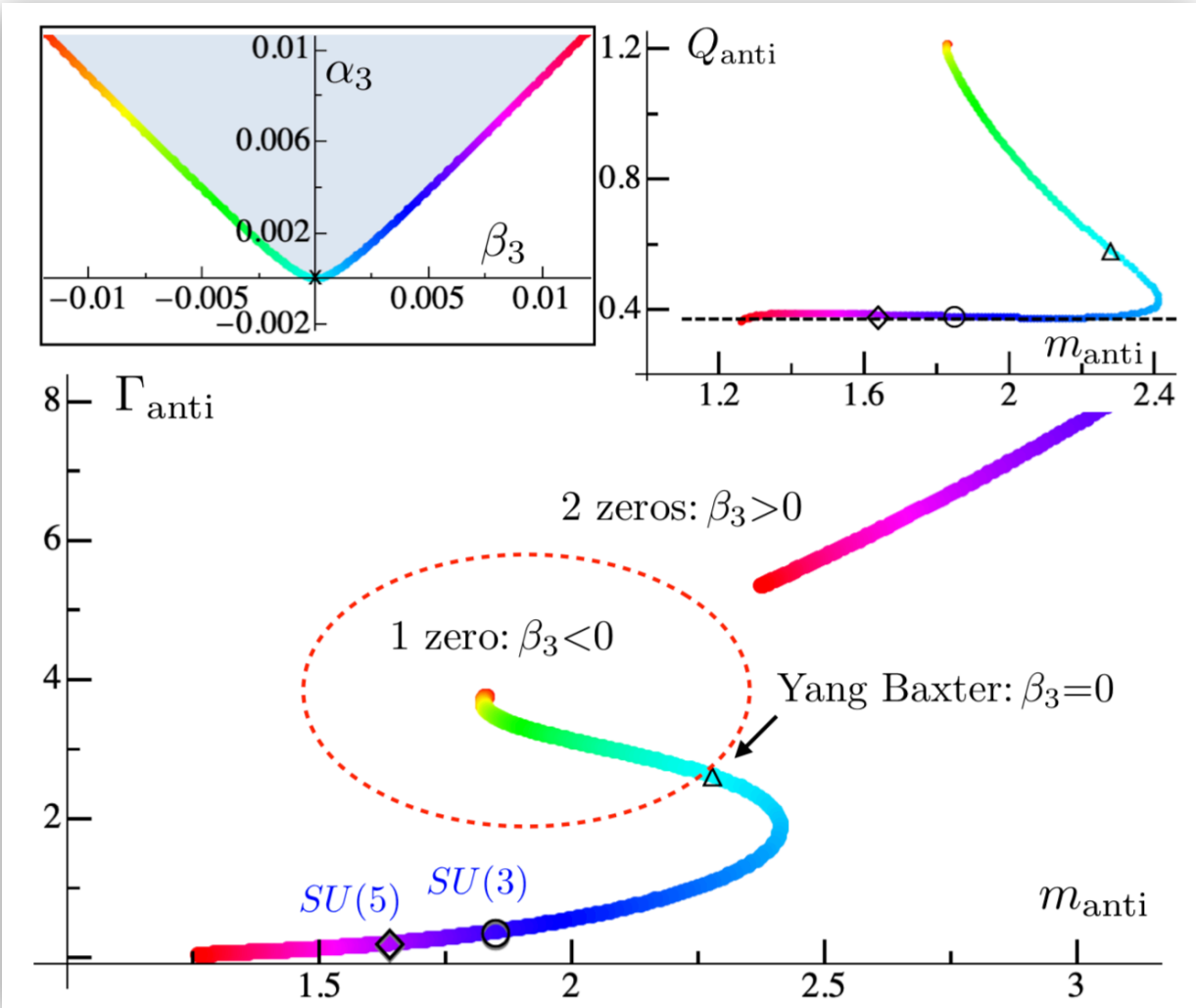
This high order calculation is possible thanks to a trick combining

$$\text{TBA} + \text{diagram} \rightarrow (K_{\alpha\beta}^i)^4$$

The diagram consists of two overlapping circles with a dot at their intersection. An arrow points from the text $(K_{\alpha\beta}^i)^4$ to this dot.

also splitting of excited energy levels is sensitive to $(K_{\alpha\beta}^i)^4$

Flux Tube Phenomenology



spectrum $[m, \Gamma]$	$SU(3)$	$SU(5)$
axion	$[1.85, 0.39]$	$[1.64, 0.22]$
axion*	$[3.25, 8.84]$	$[2.83, 7.02]$
symmetron	$[2.36, 4.99]$	$[2.34, 4.54]$
dilaton	$[1.88, 3.37]$	$[1.84, 3.52]$

Summary and outlook

- First time optimal bounds on Wilson coefficients are derived.
- Would be nice to apply similar ideas to 4D EFTs.

On the branon scattering

- Derive the $D=4$ Flux tube line analytically, maybe some theorem for vector valued holomorphic functions?
- Take into account what is known about universal inelasticity.
- Understand better the high energy regime.
- It would be nice to fully pin down the Yang-Mills flux tube EFT :-)
- ...

Backup slides

Crossing symmetry

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_1(s) &= \sigma_3(4m^2 - s) \\
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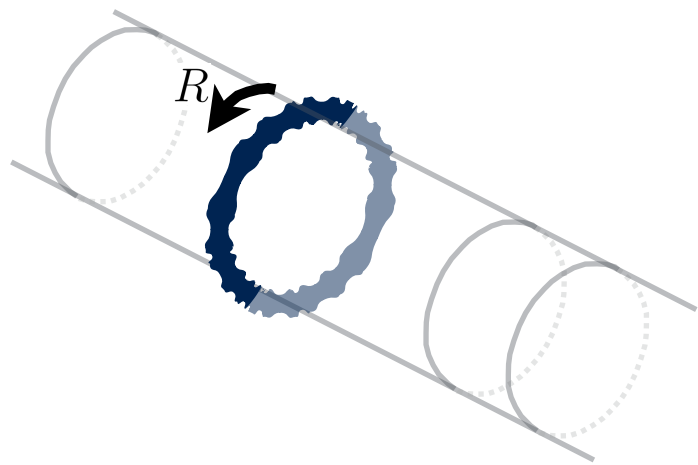
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$$a \ell_s^2 (K_{\alpha\beta}^i K_i^{\alpha\beta})^2 + b \ell_s^2 (K_{\alpha\beta}^i K^{j\alpha\beta})^2$$

$$A = A_{\text{int}} + A_{\cancel{\text{int}}}$$

Large R TBA w/

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$$(\partial_\mu \partial_\nu X^i)^2 \left[(\partial_\rho X^j)^4 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\rho X^j \partial_\sigma X^j \partial^\rho X^k \partial_\sigma X^k \right]$$

$$\bigcirc = \partial_\nu \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta \Delta_R(0) \partial_\nu \partial_\gamma \partial_\beta \Delta_R(0) \partial_\alpha \partial_\gamma \Delta_R(0) = 0$$