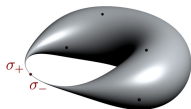
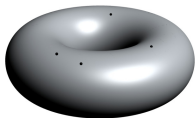


Feynman propagators from the worldsheet

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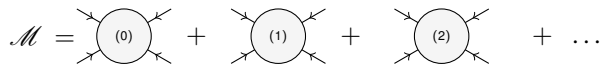


Scattering Amplitudes and Beyond
KITP

arXiv:2007.00623 with J Farrow, A. Lipstein, R. Monteiro and R. Stark-Muchão

arXiv:1507.00321, 1511.06315, 1607.08887
with L. Mason, R. Monteiro, P. Tourkine

Representations of QFT amplitudes

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The equation shows the amplitude \mathcal{M} as a sum of three Feynman diagrams. Each diagram is a circle with four external lines, each ending in an arrow pointing towards the circle. The first diagram is labeled (0), the second (1), and the third (2). The diagrams are separated by plus signs, and the sequence ends with an ellipsis.

- ▶ Feynman diagrams
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On-shell methods, ...

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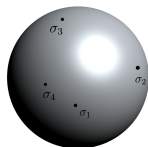
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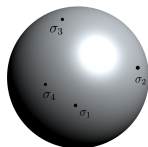
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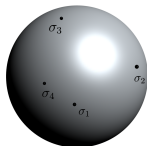
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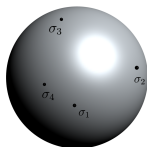
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Building blocks $\mathcal{I}_n^{1/2}$

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- ▶ Reduced Pfaffian: $\text{Pf}'(M) = \frac{(-1)^{i+j}}{\sigma_{ij}} \text{Pf}(M_{[ij]})$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & -C^T \\ C & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{k_i \cdot k_j}{\sigma_{ij}},$$

$$C_{ij} = \frac{\epsilon_i \cdot k_j}{\sigma_{ij}},$$

$$B_{ij} = \frac{\epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j}{\sigma_{ij}}$$

$$A_{ii} = 0,$$

$$C_{ii} = -\sum_{j \neq i} C_{ij},$$

$$B_{ii} = 0$$

Theories

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$$\mathcal{I}_n^{\text{YM}} = C_n \text{Pf}'(M),$$

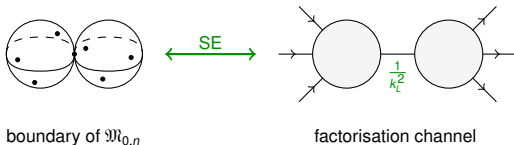
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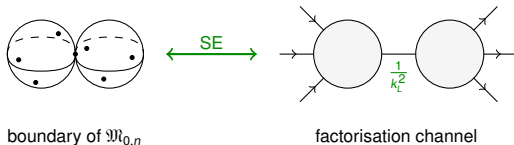


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Where did the Riemann Sphere come from?

CHY

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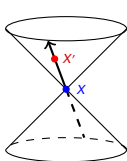
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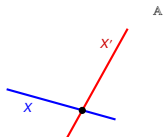
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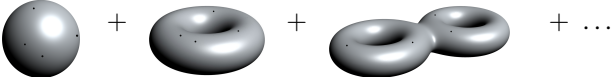
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Main idea:

- P localizes onto EoM: $\bar{\partial} P_\mu = \sum_i k_{i\mu} \bar{\delta}(\sigma - \sigma_i) d\sigma$
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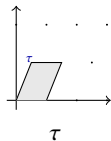
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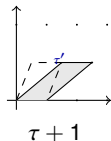
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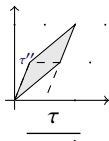
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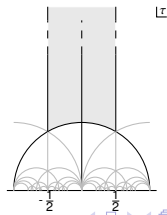


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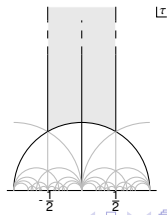
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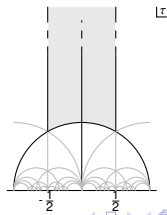
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non-compact
moduli space

\Leftrightarrow

integration over loop
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Question:

How does this relate to usual QFT integrands?

The residue theorem [YG-Mason-Monteiro-Tourkine]

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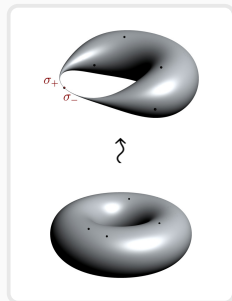
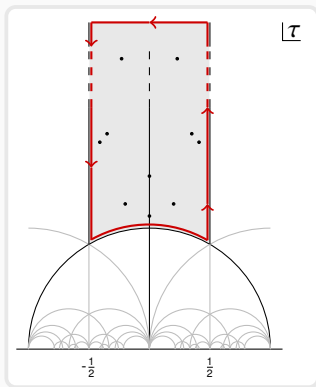
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Cauchy residue theorem on \mathcal{F}

$u = 0$ on support of $\mathcal{E}_i = 0$

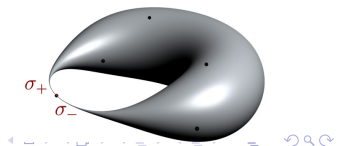
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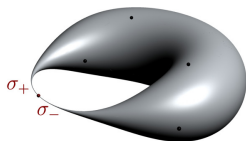
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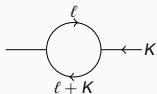
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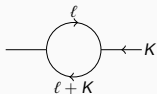
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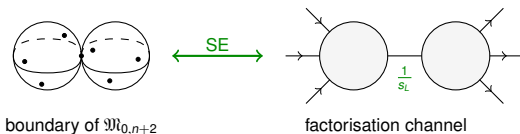
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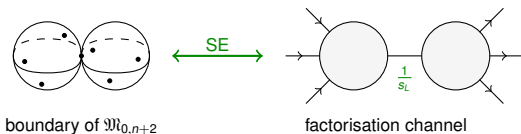


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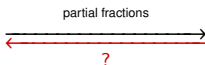
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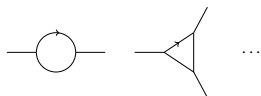
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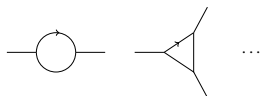
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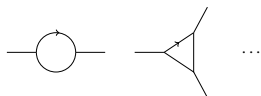
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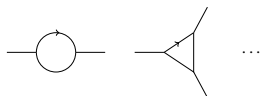
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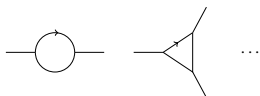
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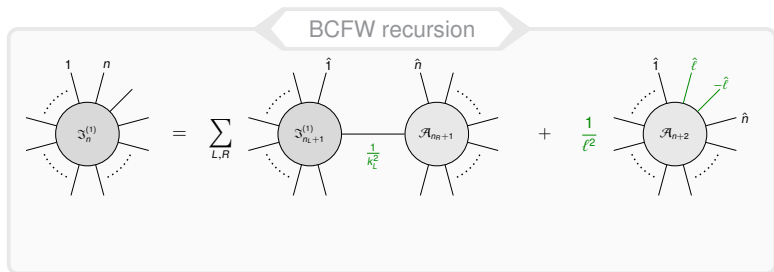
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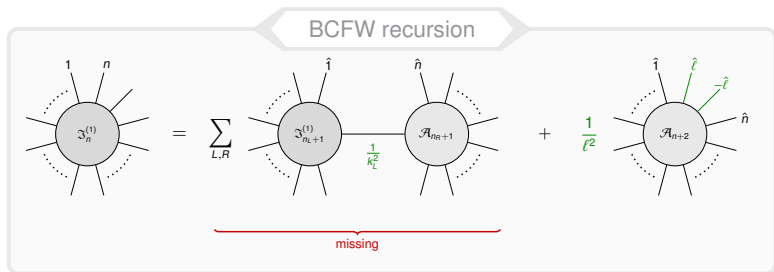
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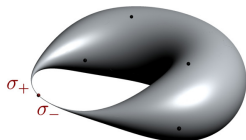
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Recall: Scattering Equations on nodal sphere

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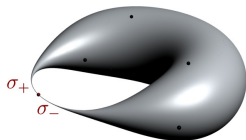
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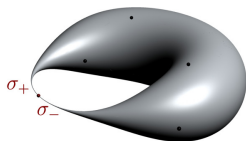
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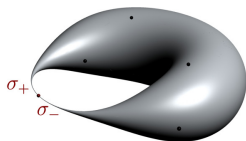
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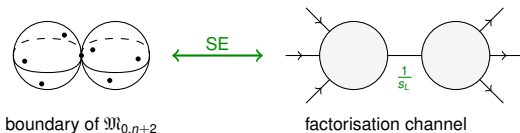
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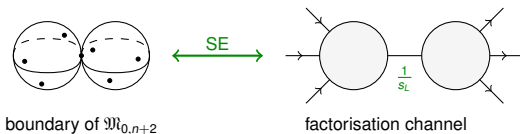
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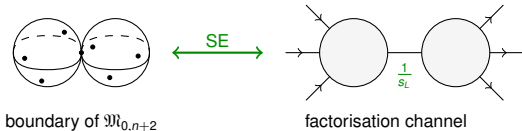


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Residue Theorem
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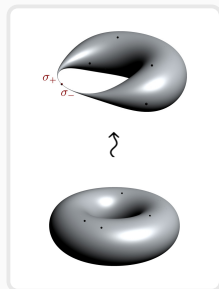
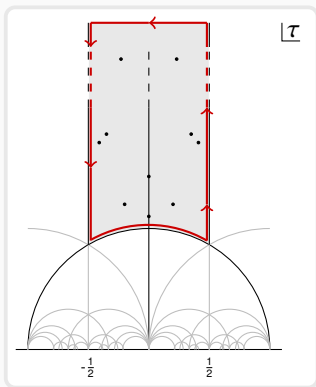
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Outlook

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Thank you!