

Green-Schwarz superstring on the lattice

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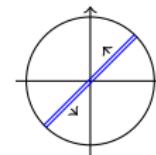
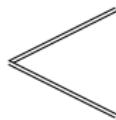
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Folded spinning string [Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov, 2002; Frolov, Tseytin, 2002; Belitsky, Gorsky, Korchemsky, 2006; Frolov, Tirzu, Tseytin, 2007; Kruczenski, Roiban, Tirzu, Tseytin, 2008]

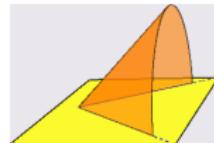
$$\text{Tr}(\phi D_{(\mu_1} \dots D_{\mu_S)} \phi)$$



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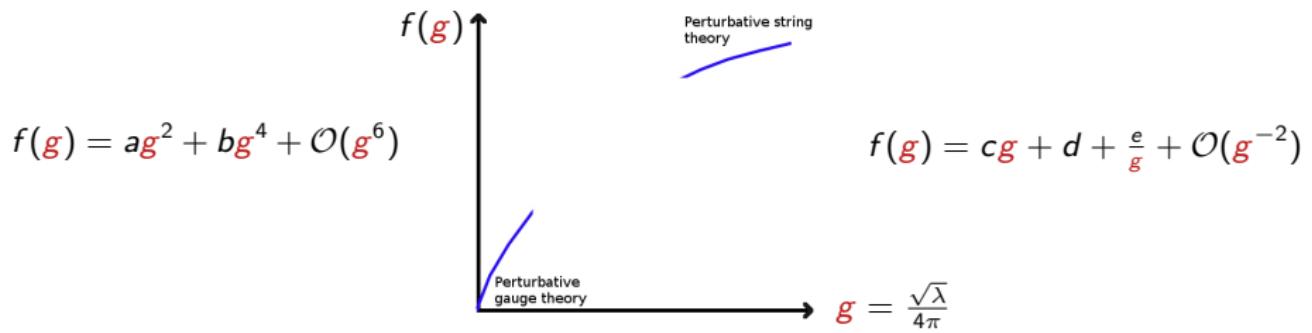
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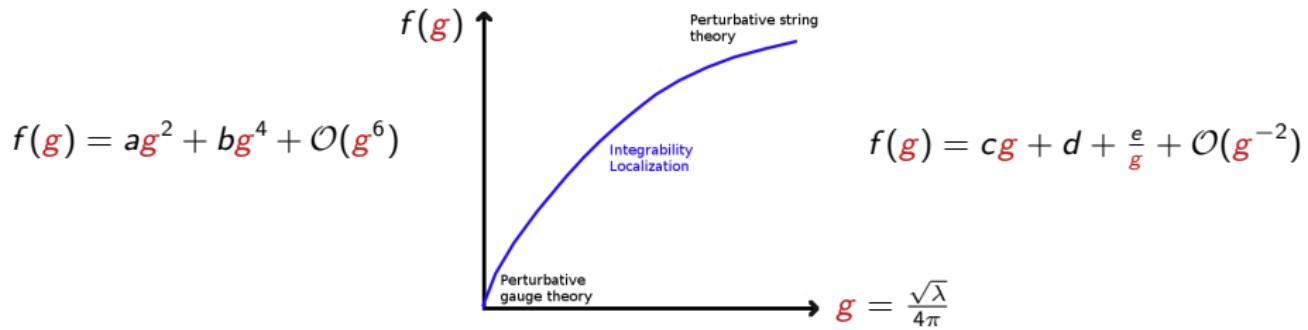
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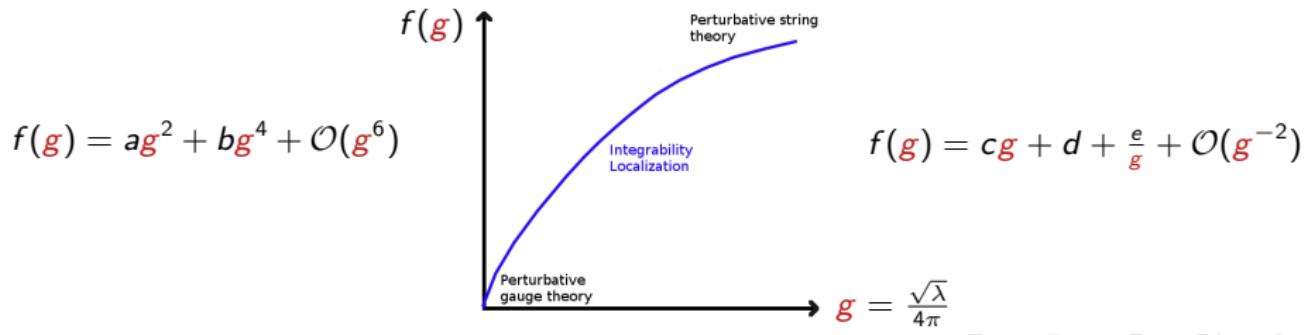
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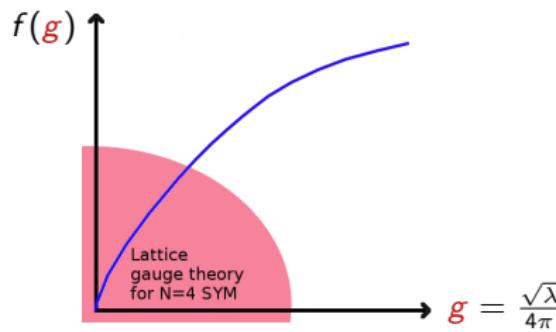
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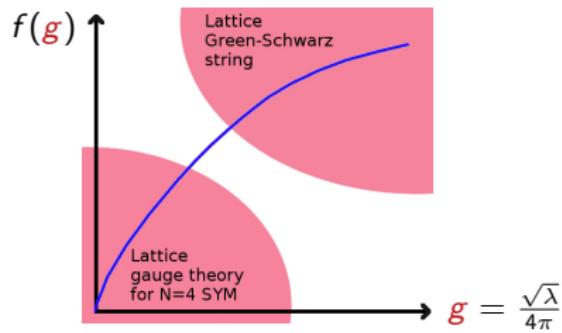
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The Lagrangian

Asymptotic spectrum

- **Bosons:** 1 mode ϕ $m^2 = 1$; 2 modes x, x^* $m^2 = 1/2$; 5 modes y^a $m^2 = 0$.
- **Fermions:** 8 modes θ^i, η^i $m^2 = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{cusp}} = & g \int dt ds \left\{ \left| \partial_t x + \frac{1}{2} x \right|^2 + \frac{1}{z^4} \left| \partial_s x - \frac{1}{2} x \right|^2 + \left(\partial_t z^M + \frac{1}{2} z^M + \frac{i}{z^2} z_N \eta_i (\rho^{MN})_j^i \eta^j \right)^2 \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{z^4} \left(\partial_s z^M - \frac{1}{2} z^M \right)^2 + i \left(\theta^i \partial_t \theta_i + \eta^i \partial_t \eta_i + \theta_i \partial_t \theta^i + \eta_i \partial_t \eta^i \right) - \frac{1}{z^2} (\eta^i \eta_i)^2 \\ & + 2i \left[\frac{1}{z^3} z^M \eta^i (\rho^M)_{ij} \left(\partial_s \theta^j - \frac{1}{2} \theta^j - \frac{i}{z} \eta^j \left(\partial_s x - \frac{1}{2} x \right) \right) \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{z^3} z^M \eta_i (\rho_M^\dagger)^{ij} \left(\partial_s \theta_j - \frac{1}{2} \theta_j + \frac{i}{z} \eta_j \left(\partial_s x - \frac{1}{2} x \right)^* \right) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$z = e^\phi, \quad z^M = e^\phi u^M, \quad M = 1, \dots, 6$$

$$u^a = \frac{y^a}{1 + \frac{1}{4} y^2}, \quad u^6 = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4} y^2}{1 + \frac{1}{4} y^2}, \quad y^2 \equiv \sum_{a=1}^5 (y^a)^2, \quad a = 1, \dots, 5$$

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Technical obstacles

- **Fermion doubling:** introduce a proper Wilson term .
- **Quartic fermionic interaction:** Hubbard-Stratonovich linearization
- **Sign problem**

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Hubbard-Stratonovich

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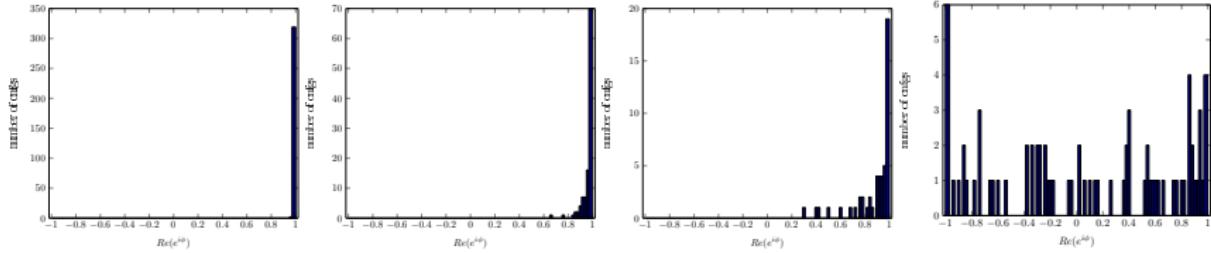
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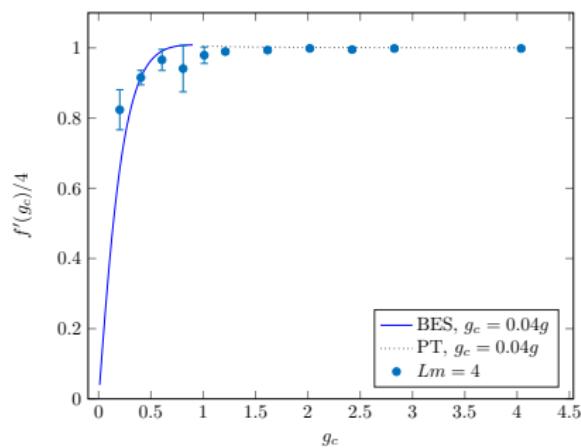
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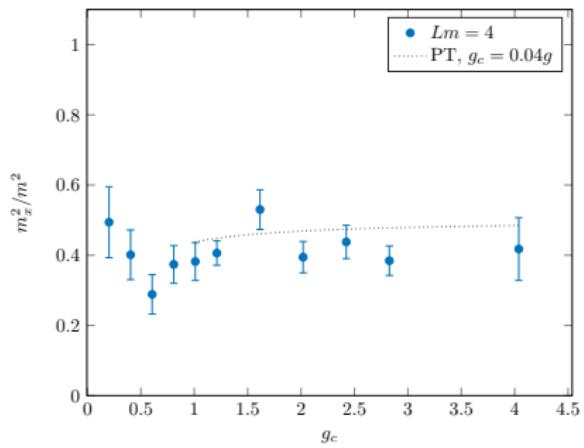
$$\mathcal{L}_4 \rightarrow \frac{12}{z} \eta^2 \phi + 6 \phi^2 + \frac{2}{z} \eta_j \phi_i^j \eta^i + \frac{2}{z} (\rho^N)^{ik} n_N \eta_k \phi_i^j (\rho^L)_{jl} n_L \eta^l + \phi_j^i \phi_i^j$$

Data

Action expectation value

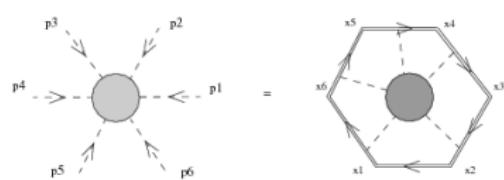


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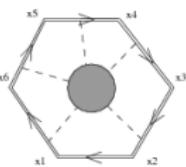


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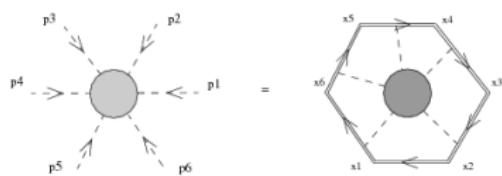
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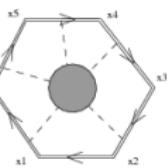
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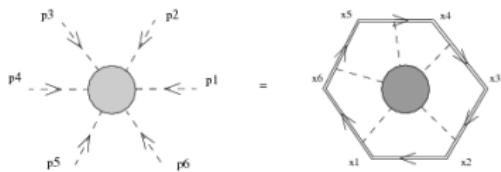


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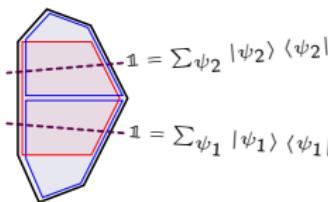
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- S-matrix: $S(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \Leftrightarrow P(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{v})$

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Hexagon and higher [Basso, Sever, Vieira, 2013]



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