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Resurgence at work in the Principal Chiral Model

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Also in theories without instantons non-perturbative saddle points play a crucial role. Using the example of the 2d principal chiral model we show how resurgence theory, which unifies perturbative and non-perturbative physics, predicts the existence of several types of non-perturbative saddles: the fractons. With these new saddles is possible to understand the quantum interpretation of unstable classical solutions called unitons. We explain also how these fractons lead to a semi-classical realization of IR renormalon and yield the generation of the mass gap. We will conclude with some remarks on integrability and localization.

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