

BOOTSTRAPPING PERTURBATIVE STRING AMPLITUDES

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Any UV completion of quantum gravity has a low energy EFT description

$$\int dx^D \sqrt{-g} M_{\text{pl}}^{D-2} \left(R + \hat{\alpha}_1 \frac{R^2}{M^2} + \hat{\alpha}_2 \frac{R^3}{M^4} + \hat{\alpha}_4 \frac{R^4}{M^6} \dots \right)$$

Can we confine the space for allowed $\hat{\alpha}_i$ \longrightarrow Can we carve out the landscape of perturbative strings?

Given a finite set of $\hat{\alpha}_i$ \longrightarrow Can we recover the information of the UV spectrum?

Given the specific string theory $\hat{\alpha}_i$ \longrightarrow Is it a unique answer to a set of bootstrap equations?

$$-\frac{1}{st(s+t)} \exp \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2\zeta(2k+1)}{2k+1} (s^{2k+1} + t^{2k+1} - (s+t)^{2k+1}) \right]$$

In recent years there's been tremendous progress in studying quantum gravity by implementing the S-matrix bootstrap program for the gravitational EFT

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Sharp Boundaries for the Swampland

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Graviton partial waves and causality in higher dimensions

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Gravitational Effective Field Theory Islands, Low-Spin Dominance, and the Four-Graviton Amplitude

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Where is String Theory?

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(Non)-projective bounds on gravitational EFT

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Is the Standard Model in the Swampland? Consistency Requirements from Gravitational Scattering

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The Gravitation EFT

A “bottom up” approach to constrain QG where the EFT operators serve as IR parameterization of UV completions

$$\mathcal{L} = \int dx^D \sqrt{-g} \left(M_{\text{pl}}^{D-2} R + \alpha_1 R^2 + \alpha_2 R^3 + \alpha_4 R^4 \dots \right)$$

Arising from perturbative completion

$$\int dx^D \sqrt{-g} M_{\text{pl}}^{D-2} \left(R + \hat{\alpha}_1 \frac{R^2}{M^2} + \hat{\alpha}_2 \frac{R^3}{M^4} + \hat{\alpha}_4 \frac{R^4}{M^6} \dots \right)$$

$$M \ll M_{\text{pl}}$$

From non-perturbative completion

$$\int dx^D \sqrt{-g} M_{\text{pl}}^{D-2} \left(R + \hat{\alpha}_1 \frac{R^2}{M_{\text{pl}}^2} + \hat{\alpha}_2 \frac{R^3}{M_{\text{pl}}^4} + \hat{\alpha}_4 \frac{R^4}{M_{\text{pl}}^6} \dots \right)$$

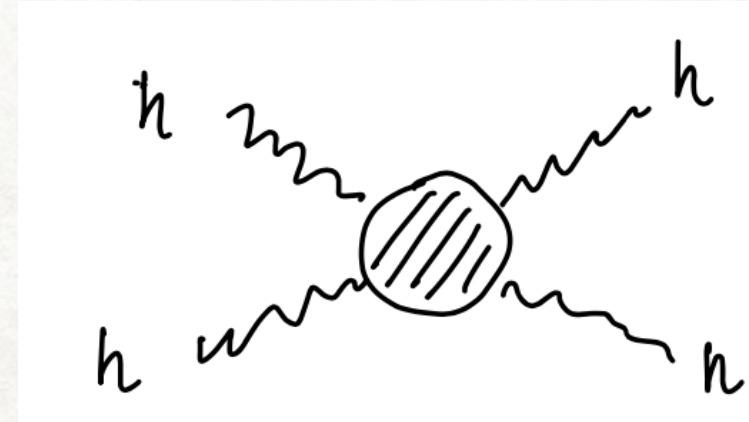
String theory provides solutions to both scenarios

$$M_s \propto (g_s)^{\frac{1}{4}} M_{\text{p}}$$

The Gravitation S-matrix

The four graviton amplitude, being a physical observable, is subject to a set of consistency conditions

$$M(s, t)$$



$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = E_c^2$$

$$t = (p_1 - p_4)^2 = -\frac{E_c^2}{2}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

Unitarity: the imaginary part of the partial wave has to be positive

$$M(s, t) = \sum_{\ell} \rho_{\ell}(s) P_{\ell}(1 + 2t/s), \quad \text{Im}[\rho_{\ell}] \geq 0$$

Analyticity: the amplitude for $t < m^2$ is analytic on the complex s -plane away from real axes

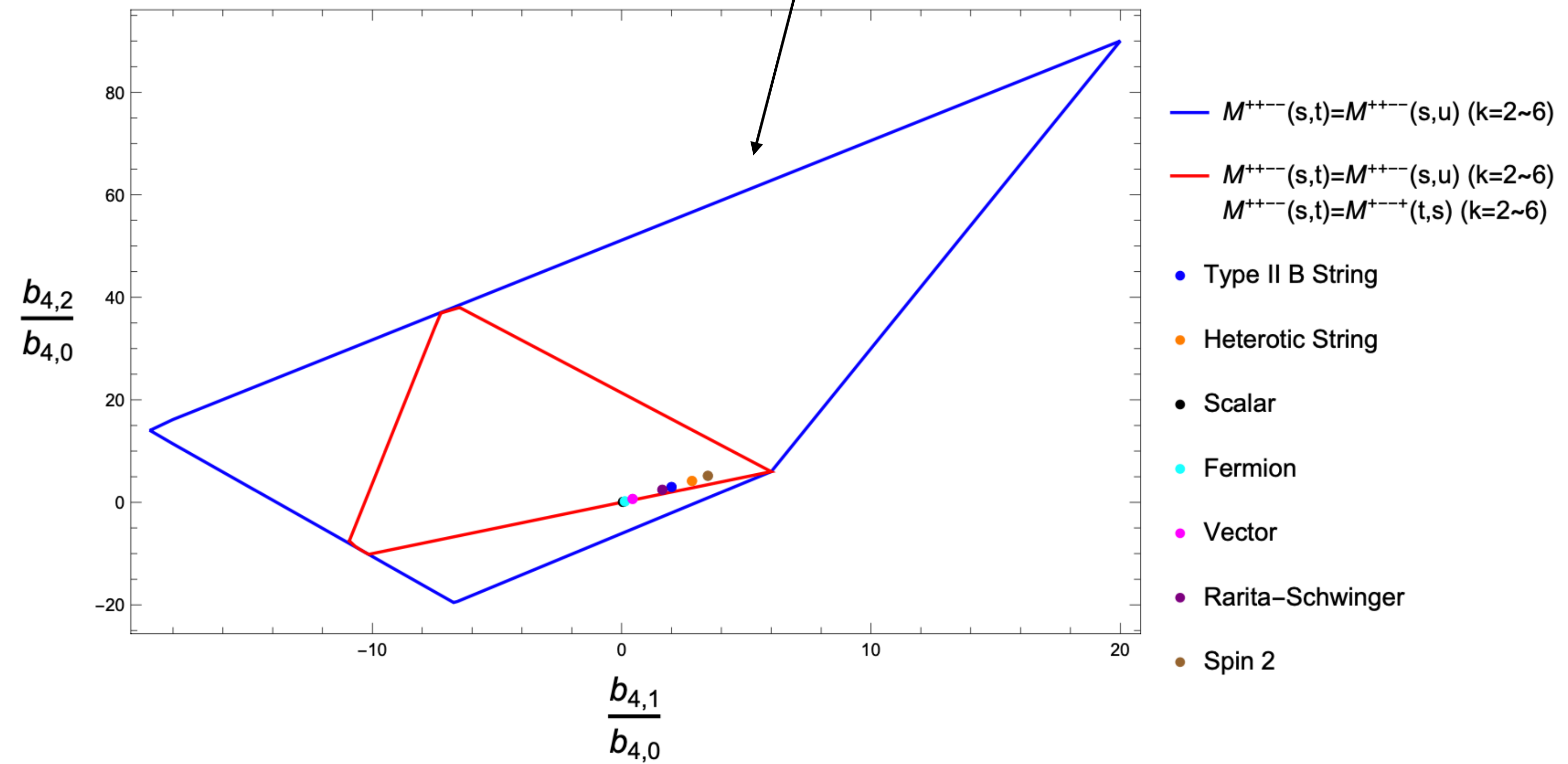
Boundedness: the amplitude satisfies

$$\lim_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(s, t)}{|s|^2} = 0$$

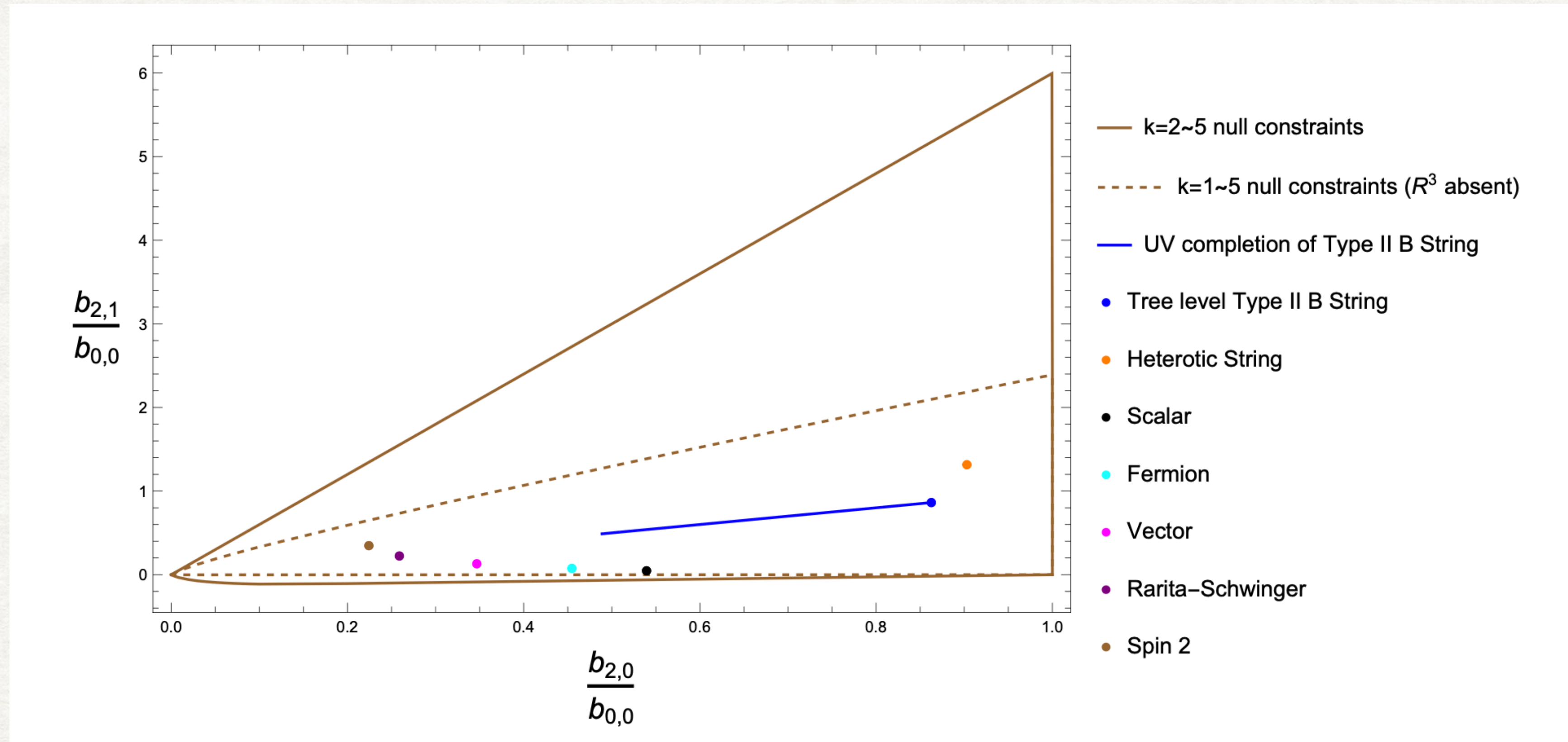
Crossing: the amplitude in $(s > 0, t < 0)$ can be analytically continued to $(u > 0, t > 0)$

$$D^8 R^4$$

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Indeed, when we consider ratios of couplings of different dimensions, the known theories start to span larger regions



$D^4 R^4$ operators normalized by R^4 coefficients.

Impose further constraint?
Top-down ??

Perturbative sting amplitude

Being a theory of quantum gravity, string amplitudes are known to exhibit exponential suppression at high energies fixed angle scattering

Gross, Mende, PLB 303 issue 3,4 1988

$$A_{\text{closed}}^{(4\text{-tachyon})}(s, t, u) \simeq \frac{\sin(\pi t/2) \sin(\pi u/2)}{\sin(\pi s/2)} (stu)^{-3} \exp\left(-\frac{s \ln s + t \ln t + u \ln u}{4}\right)$$

This originated from the saddle point approximation to the world sheet integral

$$\int d^2 z (1-z)^s (1-\bar{z})^s z^t \bar{z}^t f(z, \bar{z}) = \int d^2 z e^{s \ln |1-z|^2 + t \ln |z|^2} f(z, \bar{z})$$

$$s \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{t}{s} = \text{fixed}$$



$$z = \frac{t}{u}$$

how do we incorporate the presence of a world sheet in our bootstrap?

Perturbative sting amplitude

For perturbative string, the amplitude is given by a world sheet integral of a 2D CFT

$$M(s, t) = \int \prod_i dz_i^2 \frac{1}{J} \prod_{i \neq j} |z_{ij}|^{-k_{ij}} \tilde{f}^{\text{sphere}}(z_i, \bar{z}_i, k_i, \epsilon_i)$$

The singularities of f occurs only when two insertion points coincide, writing $z_i = z_j + \tau e^{i\theta}$

$$\int d\tau \tau^{-k_{ij} + \alpha_{ij}} \sim \frac{1}{-k_{ij} + \alpha_{ij} + 1}.$$

Thus in order for there to be massless poles, we expect that $\tilde{f}^{\text{sphere}}(z_i, \bar{z}_i, k_i, \epsilon_i)$ have trivial monodromy

Then one can trivially apply the Kawai-Lewellen-Tye contour deformation to obtain

$$M(s, t) = \sin \pi s A(s, t) A(s, u)$$

$$A(s, t) = \int_{\mathbf{I}} dz |z|^{k_1 \cdot k_2} |z - 1|^{k_2 \cdot k_3} f^{\text{disk}}(z, \epsilon_i, k_i)$$

Perturbative sting amplitude

Comment: one can attempt to generalize the exponents

$$\int_0^1 dz |z|^{v(s)-1} |1-z|^{v(t)-1} f(\epsilon_i, k_i, z)$$

For the amplitude to have massless poles, $v(0)$ must be a non-positive integer.

Near $z=1, 0$, we have poles of the form

$$\frac{1}{v(s) - N}$$

This suggest $v(s) = -s + a$, where a is an integer

One can get around this if we allow for none-single valued $v_{\pm}(s) = \pm\sqrt{s} + a$

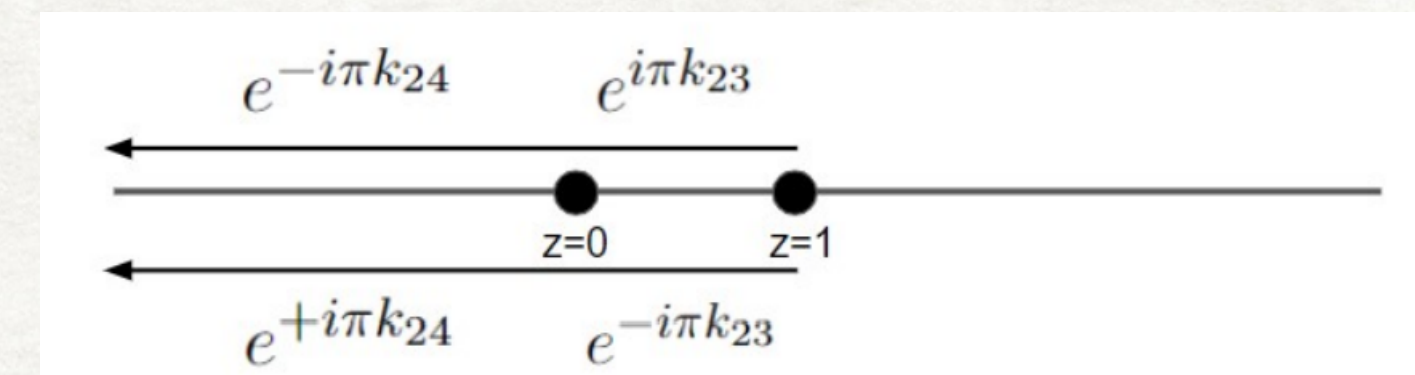
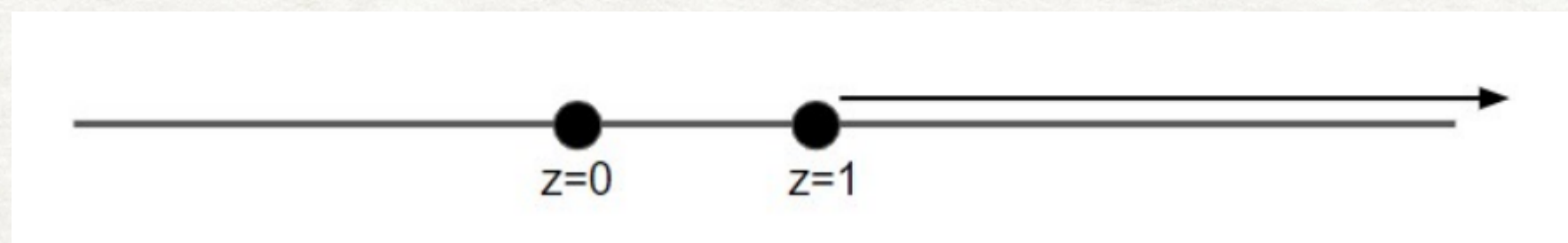
$$\int_0^1 dz \left(\sum_{\pm} |z|^{v_{\pm}(s)-1} \right) \left(\sum_{\pm} |1-z|^{v_{\pm}(t)-1} \right) f(\epsilon_i, k_i, z) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{s} + a} + \frac{1}{-\sqrt{s} + a} = -\frac{2a}{s - a^2}$$

Perturbative sting amplitude

For the open string amplitude, we have three distinct ordering depending on the integration region

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(1234) &\sim \int_0^1 dz z^{k_{12}} (1-z)^{k_{23}} f^{\text{disk}} \\
 A(1324) &\sim \int_1^\infty dz z^{k_{12}} (z-1)^{k_{23}} f^{\text{disk}} \\
 A(2134) &\sim \int_{-\infty}^0 dz (-z)^{k_{12}} (1-z)^{k_{23}} f^{\text{disk}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Distinct ordering are related by monodromies picked up from contour deformations. If we assume $f(z)$ does not generate any non-trivial monodromy at $z=0, 1$



$$z^{k_{12}} (z-1)^{k_{23}} \rightarrow z^{k_{12}} (1-z)^{k_{23}} e^{i\pi k_{23}} \rightarrow \frac{(-z)^{k_{12}} (1-z)^{k_{23}} e^{-i\pi k_{24}}}{(-z)^{k_{12}} (1-z)^{k_{23}} e^{+i\pi k_{24}}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 A(u, t) &= -\mathbf{Re} \left[e^{i\pi k_{23}} A(s, t) + e^{-i\pi k_{24}} A(s, u) \right] \\
 0 &= \mathbf{Im} \left[e^{i\pi k_{23}} A(s, t) + e^{-i\pi k_{24}} A(s, u) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Monodromy relations!

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Perturbative sting amplitude

For amplitudes with the massless pole we begin with trivial monodromy

$$A(s, u) + e^{i\pi s} A(s, t) + e^{-i\pi u} A(t, u) = 0$$

Let's first consider maximal supersymmetry, $A(s, t) = \delta^8(Q) f(s, t)$

$$f(s, t) = -\frac{1}{st} + \left(\frac{b}{s} + \frac{b}{t}\right) + \left(c\frac{t}{s} + c\frac{s}{t}\right) + g_{00} + (g_{1,0}s + g_{1,1}t) + \sum_{k \geq q \geq 0} g_{k,q} s^k t^q$$

Crossing symmetry + monodromy relations imply $b, c=0$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{00} \\ g_{1,0} & g_{1,1} \\ g_{2,0} & g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \\ g_{3,0} & g_{3,1} & g_{3,2} & g_{3,3} \\ g_{4,0} & g_{4,1} & g_{4,2} & g_{4,3} & g_{4,4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^2}{6} & & & & \\ g_{1,0} & g_{1,0} & & & \\ \frac{\pi^4}{90} & \frac{\pi^4}{360} & & & \\ g_{3,0} & 2g_{3,0} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}g_{1,0} & \frac{\pi^4}{90} & & \\ \frac{\pi^6}{945} & g_{4,1} & 2g_{3,0} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}g_{1,0} & g_{3,0} & \\ -\frac{\pi^6}{15120} + 2g_{4,1} & g_{4,1} & \frac{\pi^6}{945} & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Now impose unitarity

Perturbative sting amplitude

Unitarity :

The amplitude admits a single channel dispersion relation

$$A(s, t) = - \int_{M^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\rho_{\ell}(s') G_{\ell}^D(1 + 2t/s')}{s - s'}$$

Thus the Wilson coefficients can be represented as

$$g_{k,q} = \frac{1}{q!} \frac{\partial^q}{\partial t^q} \int \frac{ds'}{s'^{k-q+1}} \sum_{\ell} \rho_{\ell}(s') G_{\ell}^D(1 + 2t/s') \Big|_{t=0}$$

Unitarity implies positivity

The monodromy relations constitute “null constraints”

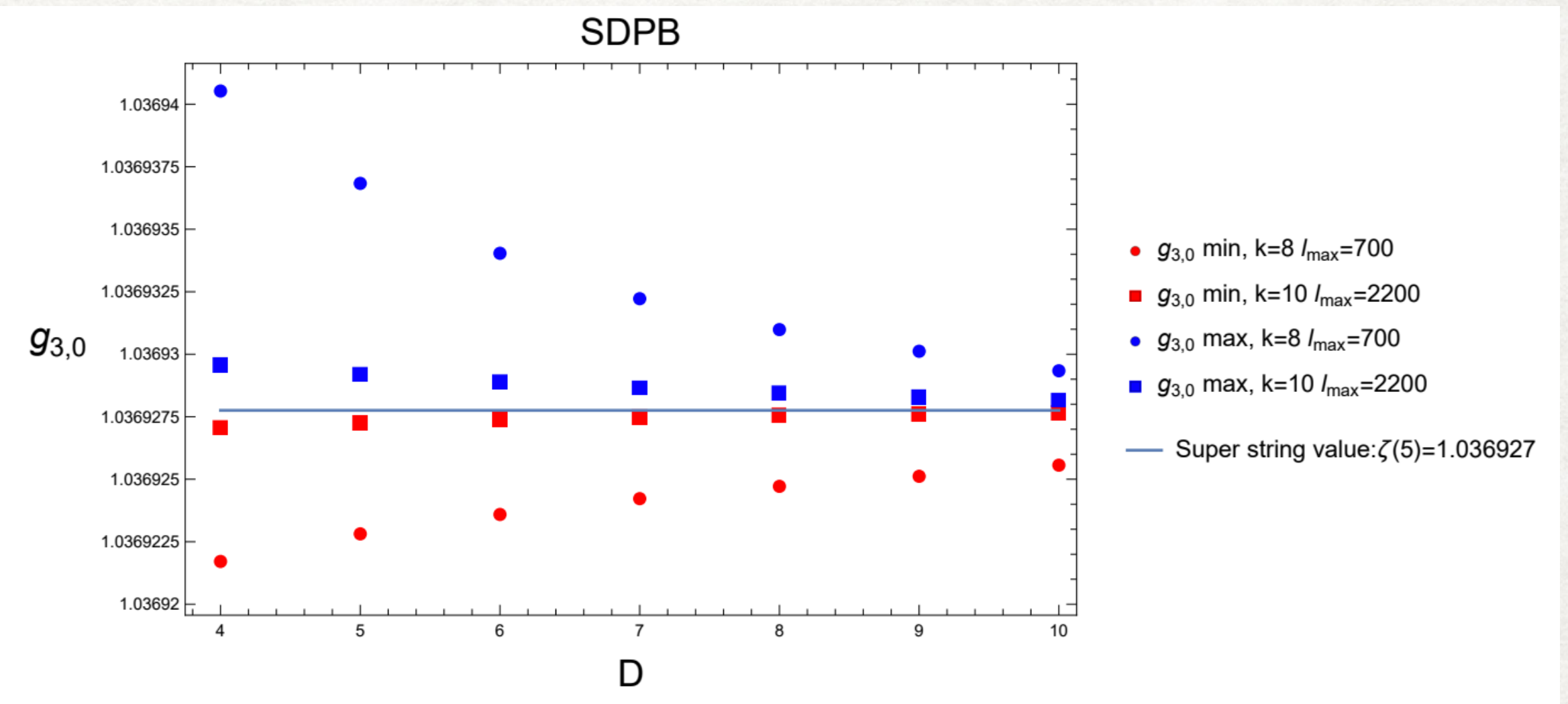
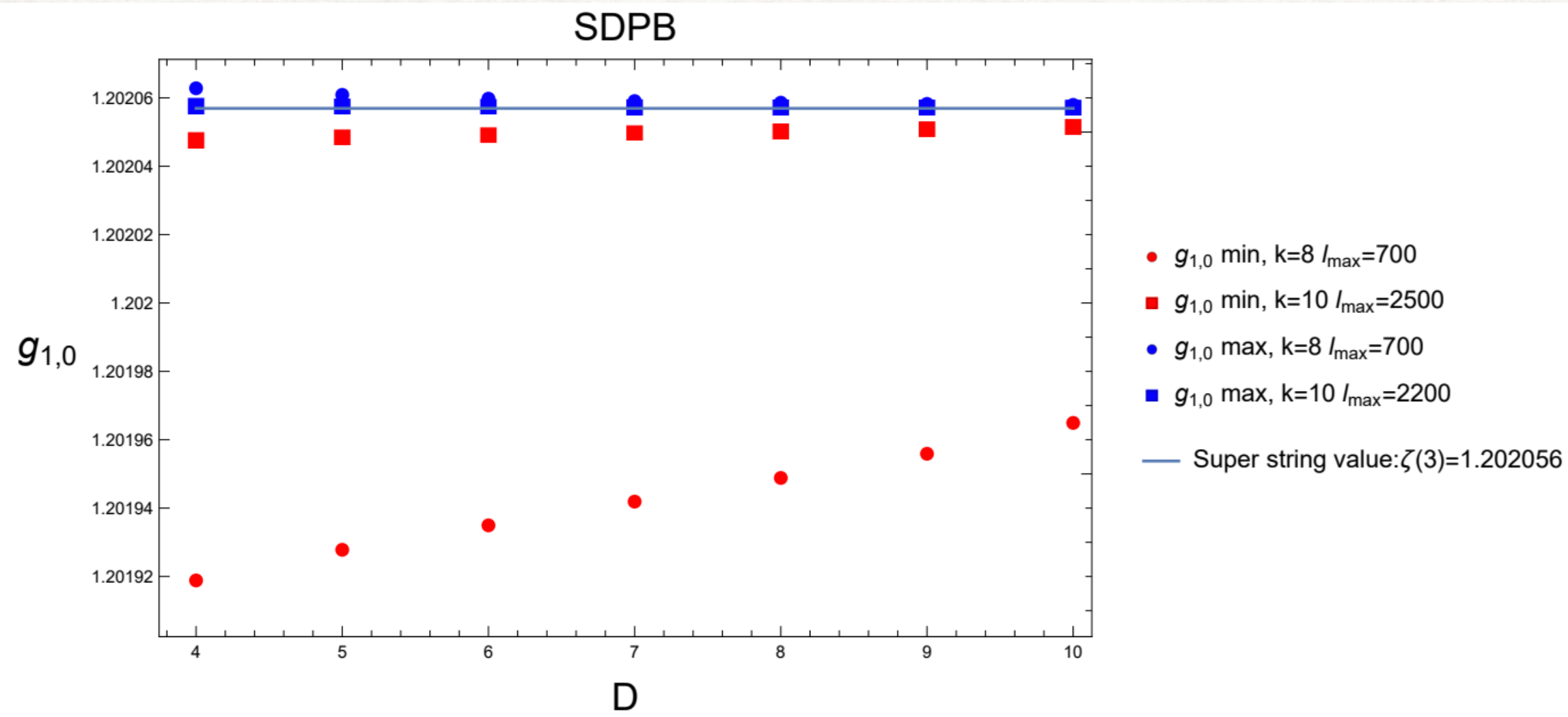
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Null constraints

EFT for super string theory

$$A(s, t) = \delta^8(Q) f(s, t)$$

$$f(s, t) = -\frac{1}{st} + \left(\frac{b}{s} + \frac{b}{t}\right) + \left(c\frac{t}{s} + c\frac{s}{t}\right) + g_{00} + (g_{1,0}s + g_{1,1}t) + \sum_{k \geq q \geq 0} g_{k,q} s^{k-q} t^q$$



D	$\tilde{g}_{k,q}$	Two-sided bound	Superstring value	Relative error
4	$\tilde{g}_{1,0}$	$1.20204774 < \tilde{g}_{1,0} < 1.20205755$	1.20205690	8.1×10^{-6}
4	$\tilde{g}_{3,0}$	$1.03692704 < \tilde{g}_{3,0} < 1.03692956$	1.03692775	2.4×10^{-6}
4	$\tilde{g}_{4,1}$	$0.0405367063 < \tilde{g}_{4,1} < 0.0405469176$	0.0405368972	2.5×10^{-4}
10	$\tilde{g}_{1,0}$	$1.20205185 < \tilde{g}_{1,0} < 1.20205700$	1.20205690	4.3×10^{-6}
10	$\tilde{g}_{3,0}$	$1.03692764 < \tilde{g}_{3,0} < 1.03692814$	1.03692775	4.8×10^{-7}
10	$\tilde{g}_{4,1}$	$0.0405368583 < \tilde{g}_{4,1} < 0.0405426553$	0.0405368972	1.4×10^{-4}

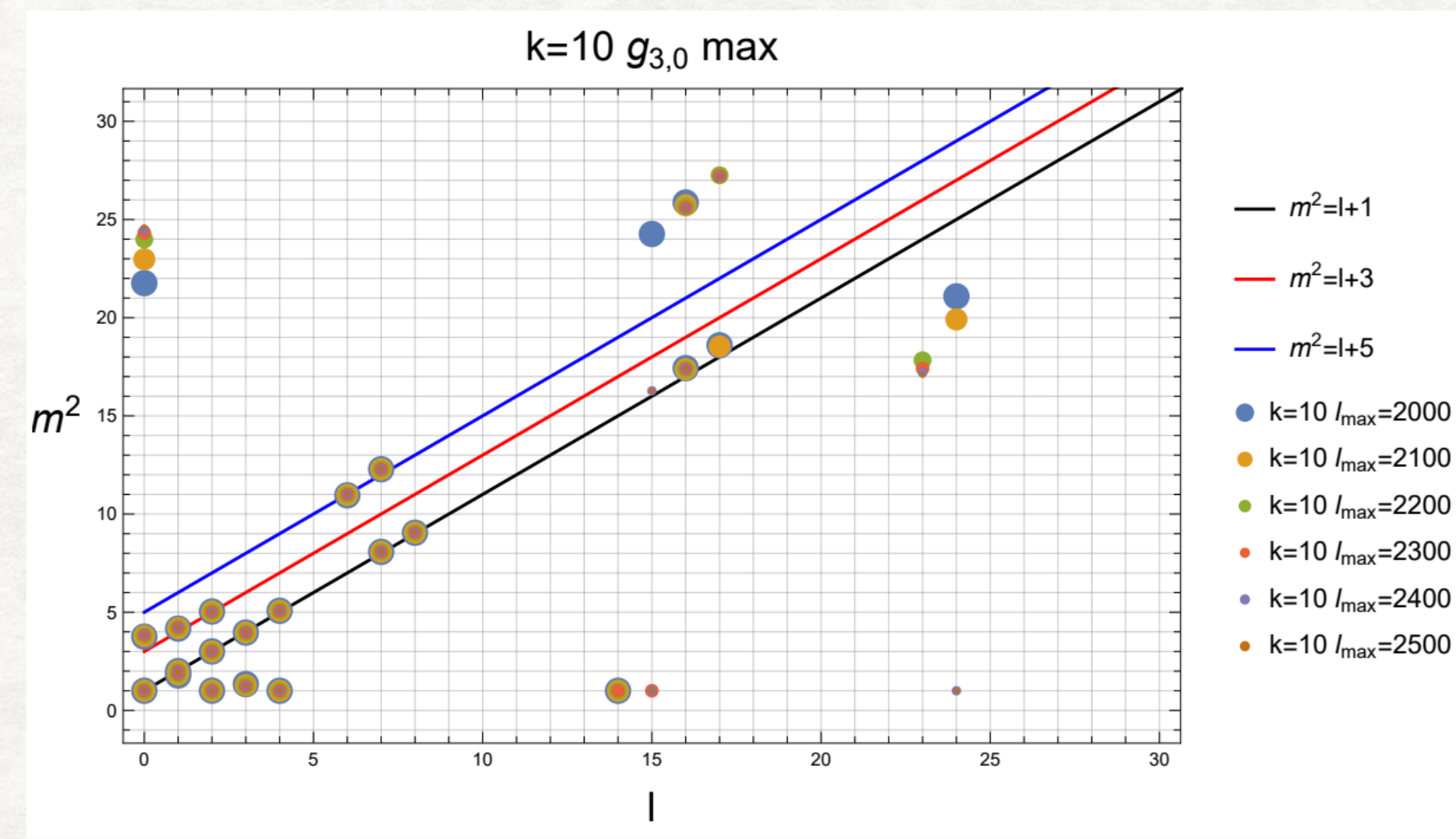
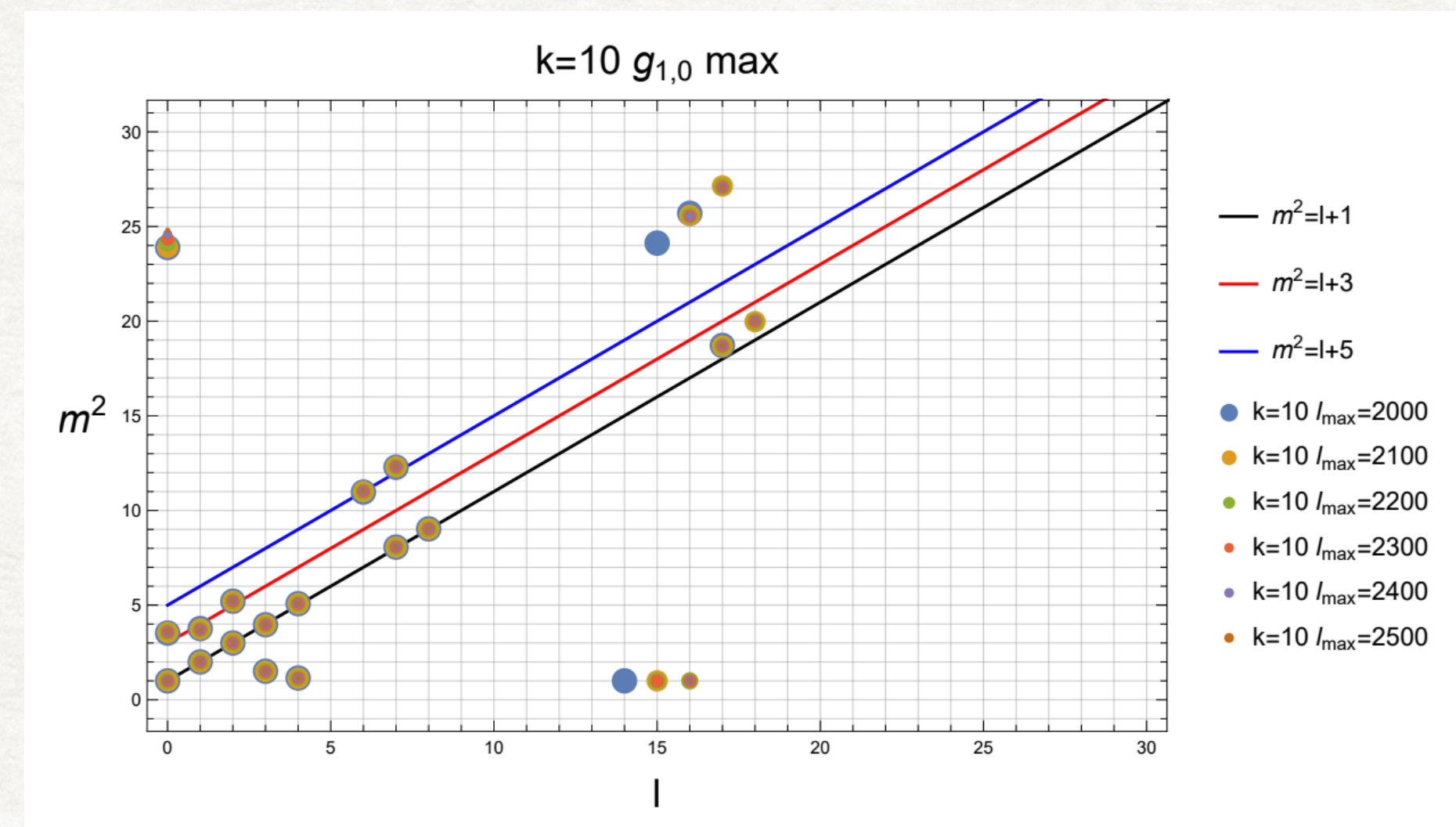
EFT for super string theory

Geometric approach allows us to derive critical dimension

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Min } t \\ & \text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^m x_i A_i^{(l)} - C^{(l)} + tI \succeq 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, L, \\ & \quad B^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \end{aligned}$$

	$D = 10$	$D = 11$	$D = 12$	$D = 13$
$k_{\max} = 6$	$t^* < -1.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$t^* < -8.45 \times 10^{-5}$	$t^* < -7.05 \times 10^{-6}$	$t^* < -5.51 \times 10^{-5}$
$k_{\max} = 8$	$t^* < -1.32 \times 10^{-7}$	$t^* < -2.64 \times 10^{-7}$	$t^* > 3.70 \times 10^{-5}$	$t^* > 3.19 \times 10^{-4}$
$k_{\max} = 10$	$t^* < -5.53 \times 10^{-9}$	$t^* > 8.62 \times 10^{-5}$	$t^* > 3.43 \times 10^{-4}$	$t^* > 1.50 \times 10^{-3}$

SDPB gives the spectrum of the string



EFT for scalar string theory

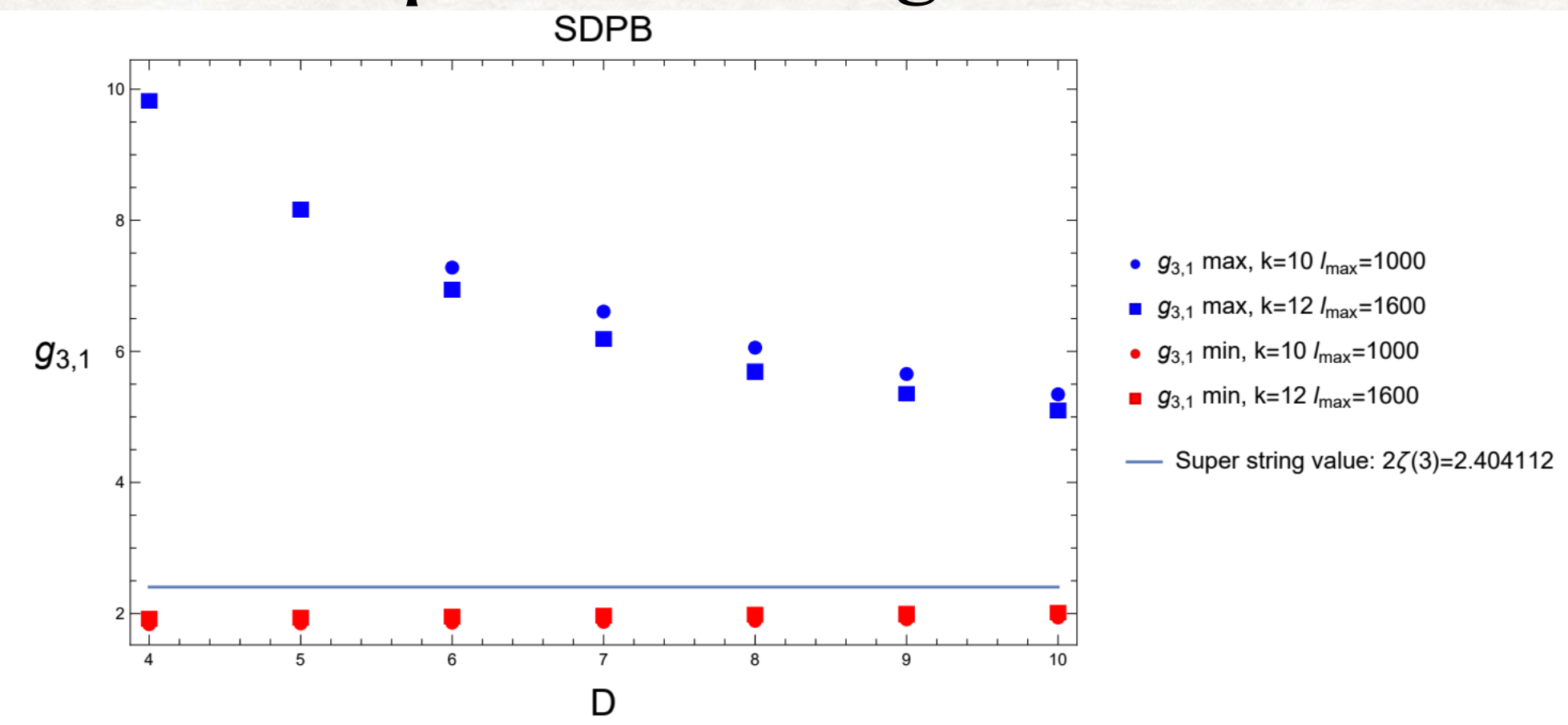
Let's consider none-supersymmetric scalar EFT

$$A(s, t) = - \left(\frac{s}{t} + \frac{t}{s} \right) + b \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} \right) + \sum_{k, q \geq 0} g_{k, q} s^{k-q} t^q.$$

The monodromy relation implies

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{0,0} \\ g_{1,0} & g_{1,1} \\ g_{2,0} & g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \\ g_{3,0} & g_{3,1} & g_{3,2} & g_{3,3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ g_{1,0} & g_{1,0} & & \\ \frac{\pi^2}{6} & \frac{\pi^2}{6} & & \\ g_{3,0} & 2g_{3,0} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}g_{1,0} & 2g_{3,0} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}g_{1,0} & g_{3,0} \end{pmatrix}$$

The EFT space is no longer an island



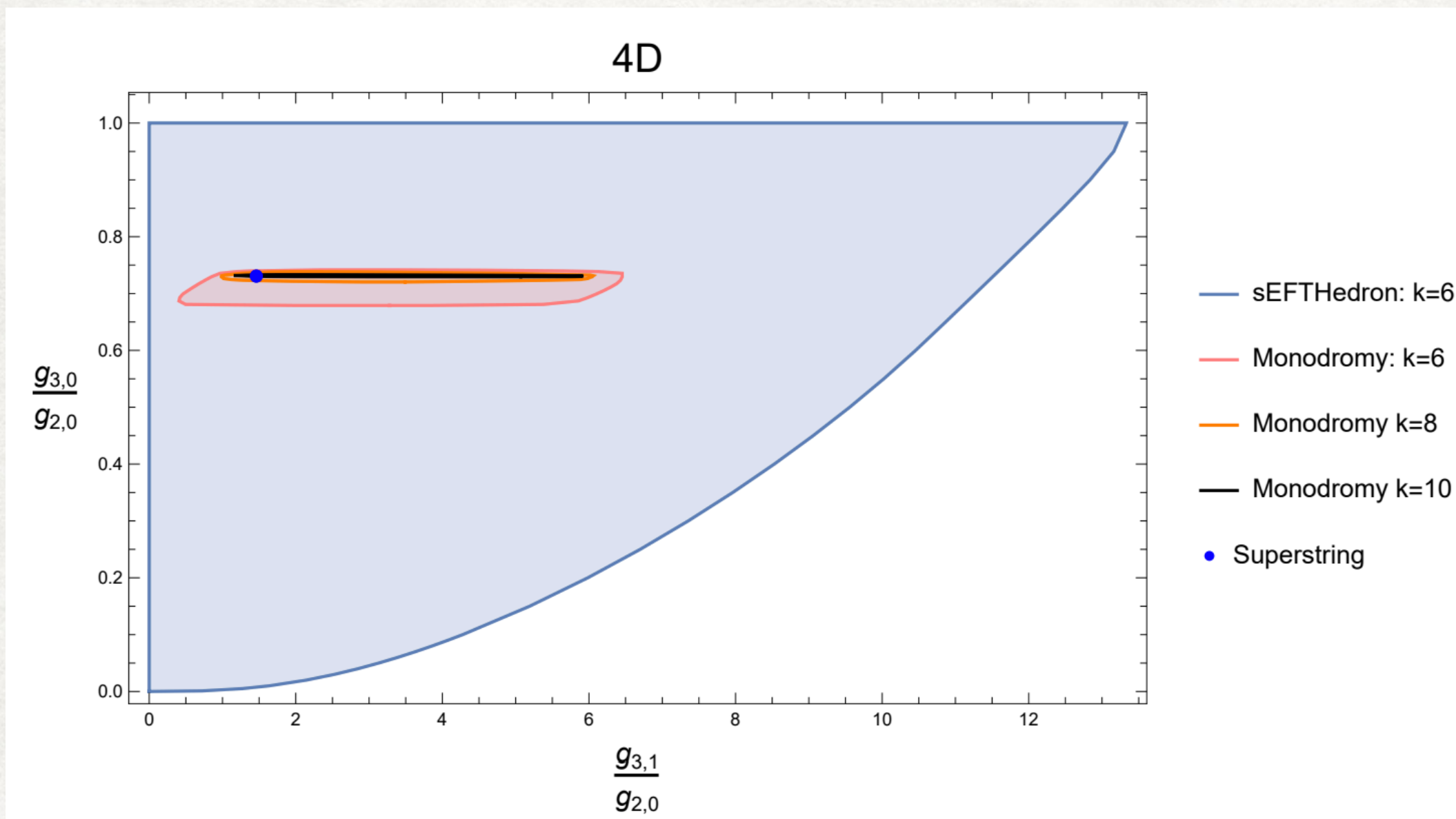
D	$g_{k,q}$	Two-sided bound	Superstring value	Relative error
4	$g_{3,0}$	$1.2012 < g_{3,0} < 1.20369$	1.202056	2.0×10^{-3}
4	$g_{3,1}$	$1.91 < g_{3,1} < 9.8125$	2.404	3.2
10	$g_{3,0}$	$1.20186 < g_{3,0} < 1.20266$	1.202056	6.6×10^{-4}
10	$g_{3,1}$	$1.99 < g_{3,1} < 5.09$	2.404	1.2

EFT for scalar string theory

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$$A(s, t) = - \left(\frac{s}{t} + \frac{t}{s} \right) + b \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} \right) + \sum_{k, q \geq 0} g_{k, q} s^{k-q} t^q.$$

The monodromy relation implies



Critical dimension <13

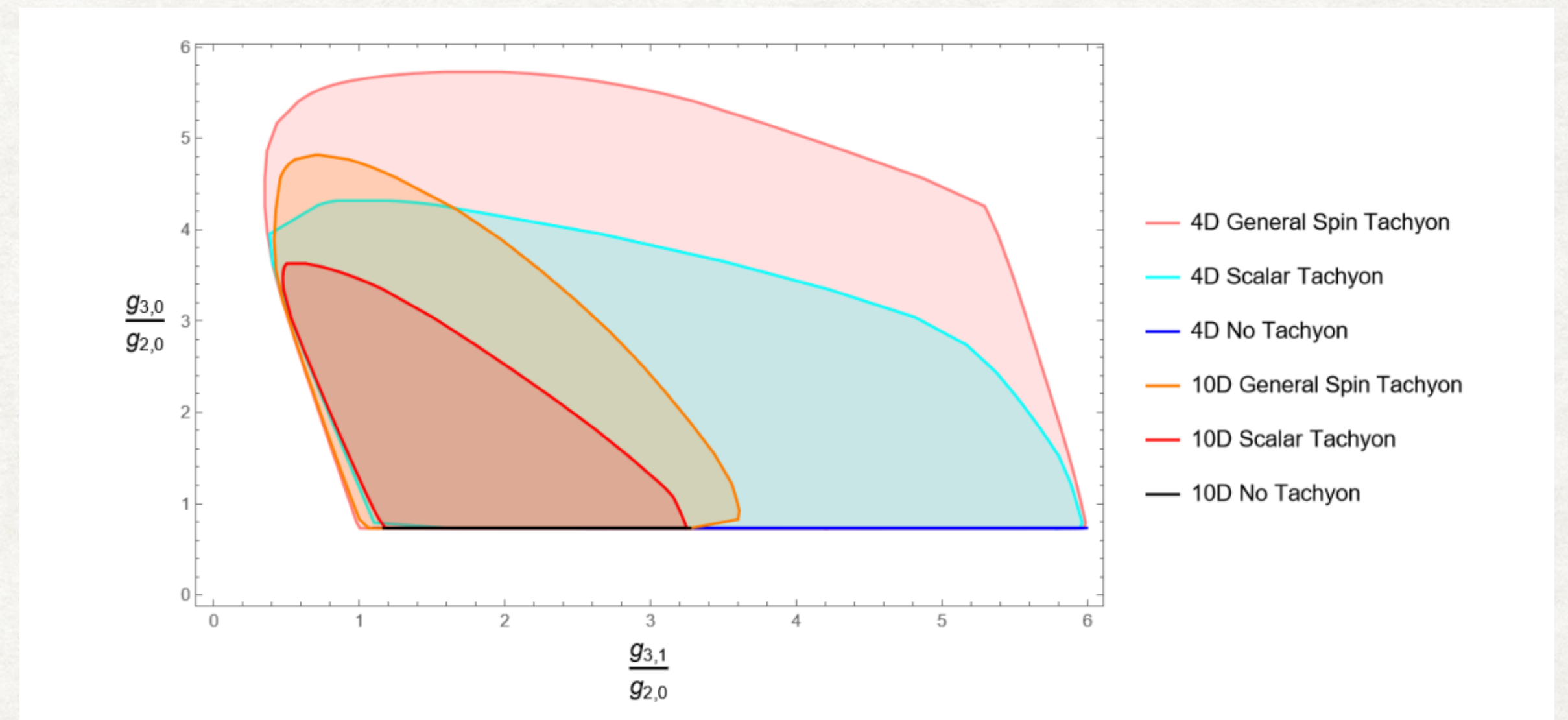
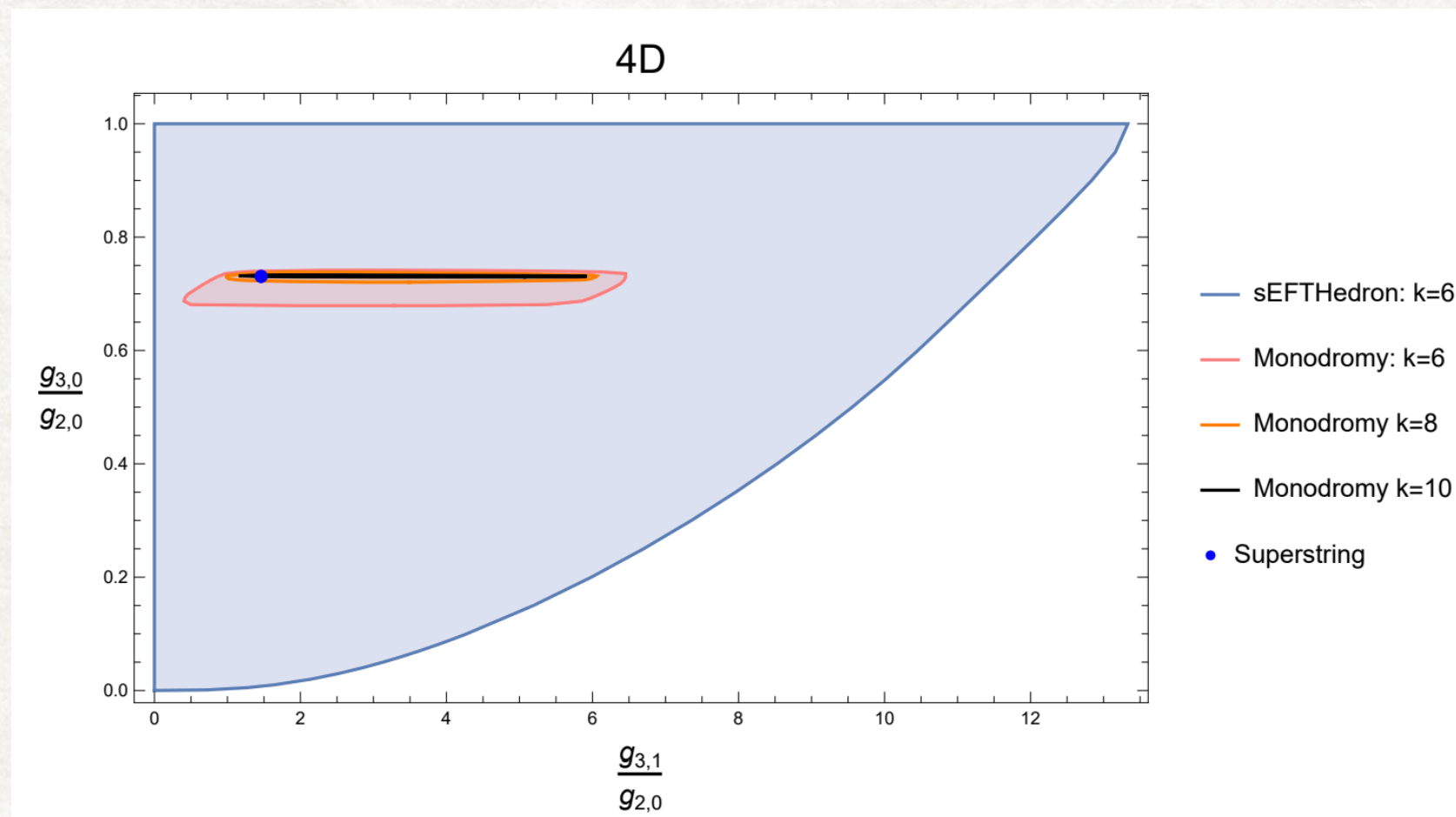
	$D = 12$	$D = 13$	$D = 14$	$D = 15$
$k_{\max} = 20$	...	...	$t^* = 2.81 \times 10^{-15}$	$t^* = 7.37 \times 10^{-10}$
$k_{\max} = 22$	...	$t^* = -7.62 \times 10^{-10}$	$t^* = 1.64 \times 10^{-10}$	...
$k_{\max} = 26$	$t^* = -8.998 \times 10^{-25}$	$t^* = 2.276 \times 10^{-14}$	...	...

EFT for scalar string theory

We can include Tachyons

$$A(s, t) = - \sum_{\ell} \int dm^2 \left(\delta(m^2 + M^2) \rho_{\ell} \frac{G_{\ell}^D(\theta)}{s - m^2} + \rho_{\ell}(m^2) \frac{G_{\ell}^D(\theta)}{s - m^2} \right)$$

The monodromy relation implies



Gluon EFT

Is the island a consequence of maximal SUSY ? No !

Let's consider 4D vector EFT

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(1^-2^+3^-4^+) &= \langle 13 \rangle^2 [24]^2 \left(\frac{-1}{st} + \sum_{k,q} b_{k,q} s^{k-q} t^q \right) &= -u^2 \sum_l \int dm^2 \frac{d_{-2,-2}^{\ell \geq 2}(\theta)}{\cos^4 \frac{\theta}{2} m^4} \frac{\rho_\ell^{+-}(m^2)}{s-m^2} \\
 A(1^-2^-3^+4^+) &= \langle 12 \rangle^2 [34]^2 \left(\frac{-1}{st} + \frac{\tilde{a}}{s} + \frac{\tilde{c}t}{s} + \sum_{k,q} \tilde{b}_{k,q} s^{k-q} t^q \right) &= -s^2 \sum_l \int dm^2 \frac{d_{0,0}^{\ell \geq 0}(\theta)}{m^4} \frac{\rho_\ell^{++}(m^2)}{s-m^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Monodromy relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(1^-3^+2^-4^+) &= -\mathbf{Re} \left[e^{i\pi(k_2 \cdot k_3)} A(1^-2^-3^+4^+) + e^{i\pi(-k_2 \cdot k_4)} A(2^-1^-3^+4^+) \right] \\
 0 &= \mathbf{Im} \left[e^{i\pi(k_2 \cdot k_3)} A(1^-2^-3^+4^+) + e^{i\pi(-k_2 \cdot k_4)} A(2^-1^-3^+4^+) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



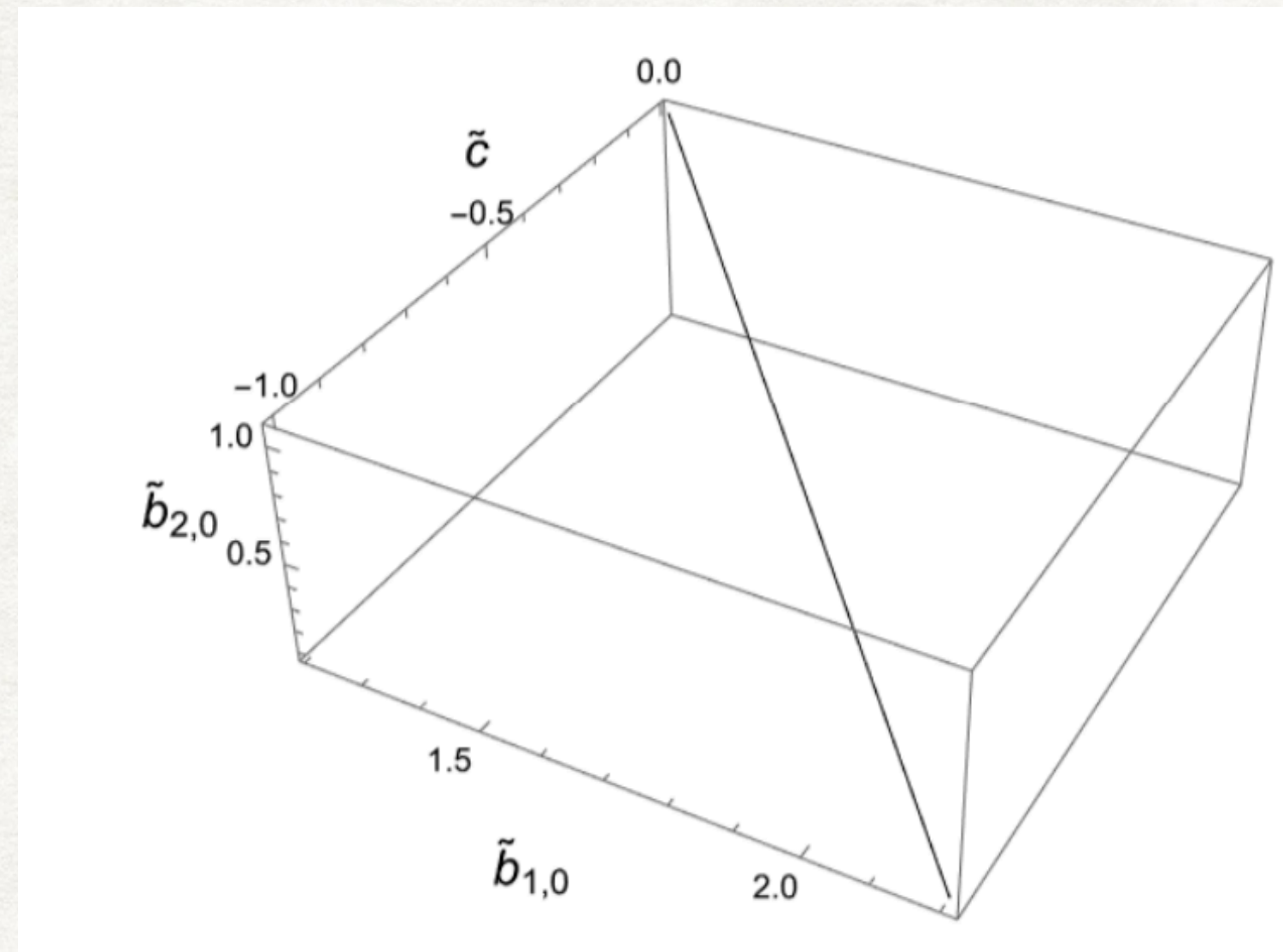
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 \end{aligned}$$

Gluon EFT

Gluon EFT also leads to an island

Wilson coefficients	Two-sided bound	Superstring value	Relative error
$\tilde{b}_{1,0}$	$1.20203 < \tilde{b}_{1,0} < 1.202059$	1.202056	2.4×10^{-5}
$\tilde{b}_{2,0}$	$1.08231 < \tilde{b}_{2,0} < 1.08233$	1.082323	1.8×10^{-5}
$\tilde{b}_{3,2}$	$0.09653 < \tilde{b}_{3,2} < 0.0966$	0.09655	7.2×10^{-4}
\tilde{c}	$-1 \times 10^{-6} < \tilde{c} < 2 \times 10^{-5}$	0	N/A

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If we include Tachyons, we get a space spanned by boson and superstring !



Wilson coefficients	Error of bosonic string	Error of Superstring
$\tilde{b}_{1,0}$	(Max) 8.8×10^{-4}	(Min) 1.6×10^{-5}
$\tilde{b}_{2,0}$	(Min) 2.5×10^{-2}	(Max) 9.2×10^{-6}
$\tilde{b}_{3,2}$	(Max) 1.8×10^{-3}	(Min) 1.5×10^{-3}
\tilde{c}	(Min) 2×10^{-3}	(Max) N/A

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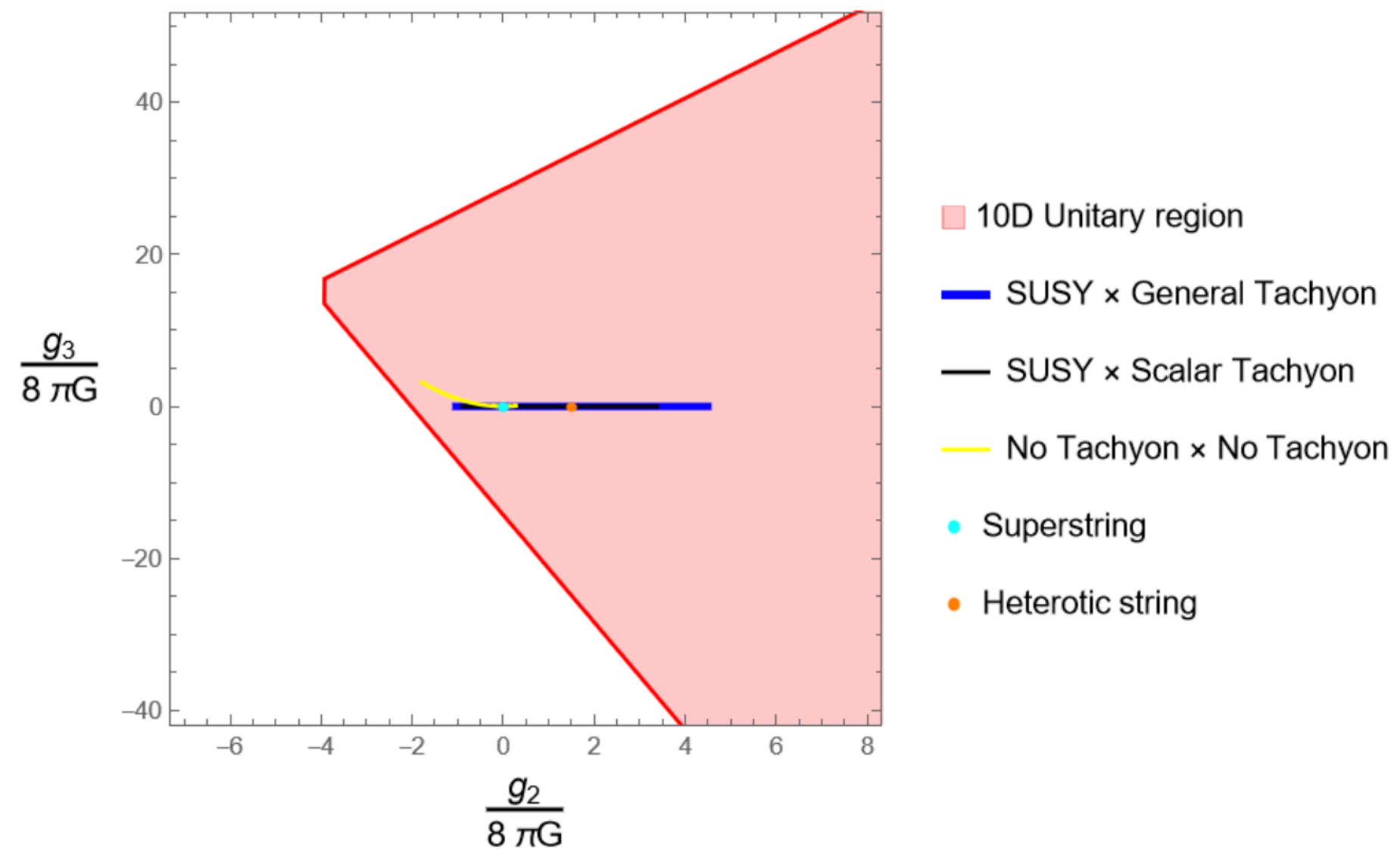
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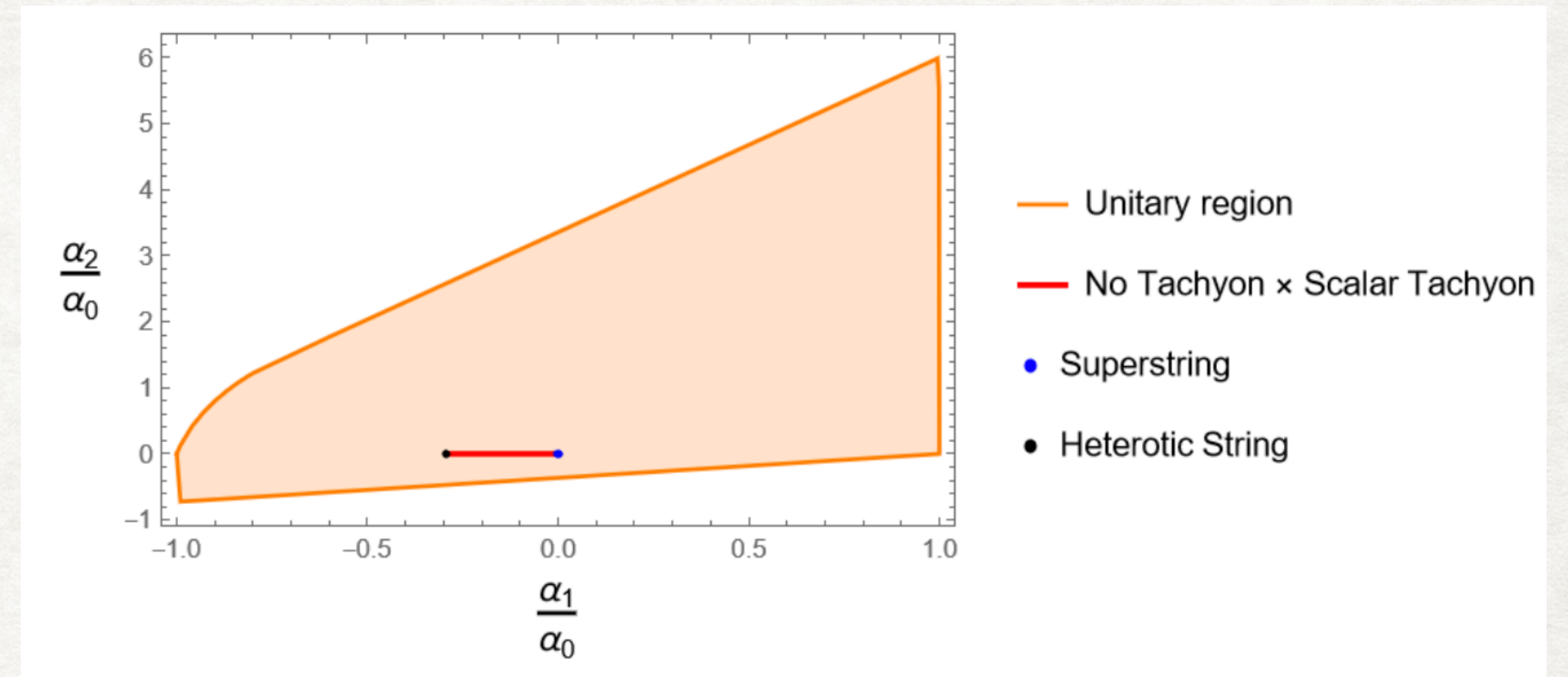
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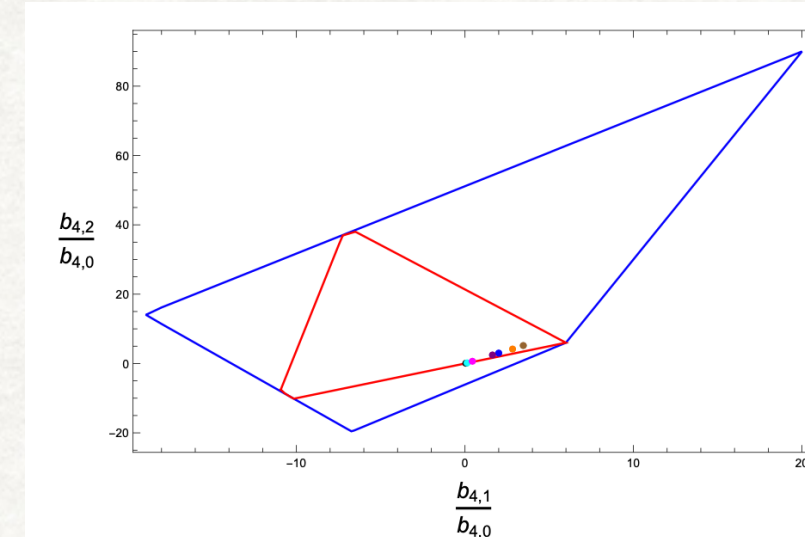
(c) 10D unitary region and the three scenarios of KLT double copy.

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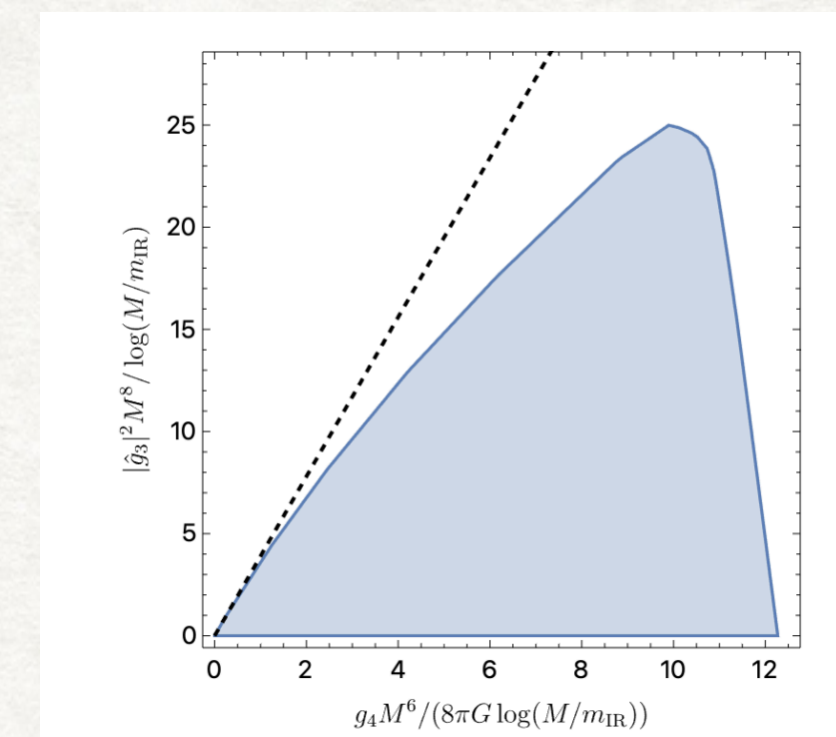


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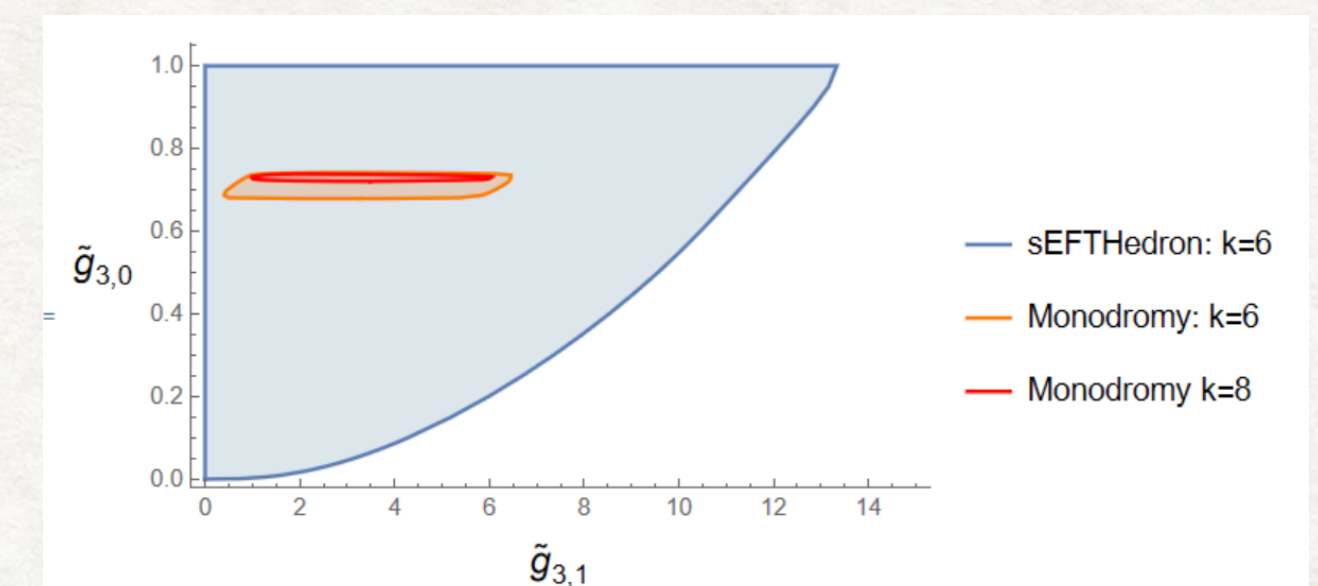
- Imposing unitarity and crossing constrains the space of consistent gravitational EFTs
- Forward limit bounds ratios of EFT coupling



- Finite impact parameters bounds couplings with respect to G_N



- Perturbative string EFTs can be carved out by monodromy relations



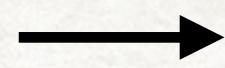
- Are there more constraints one can impose on EFT?

low spin dominance, consistent higher spin scattering.

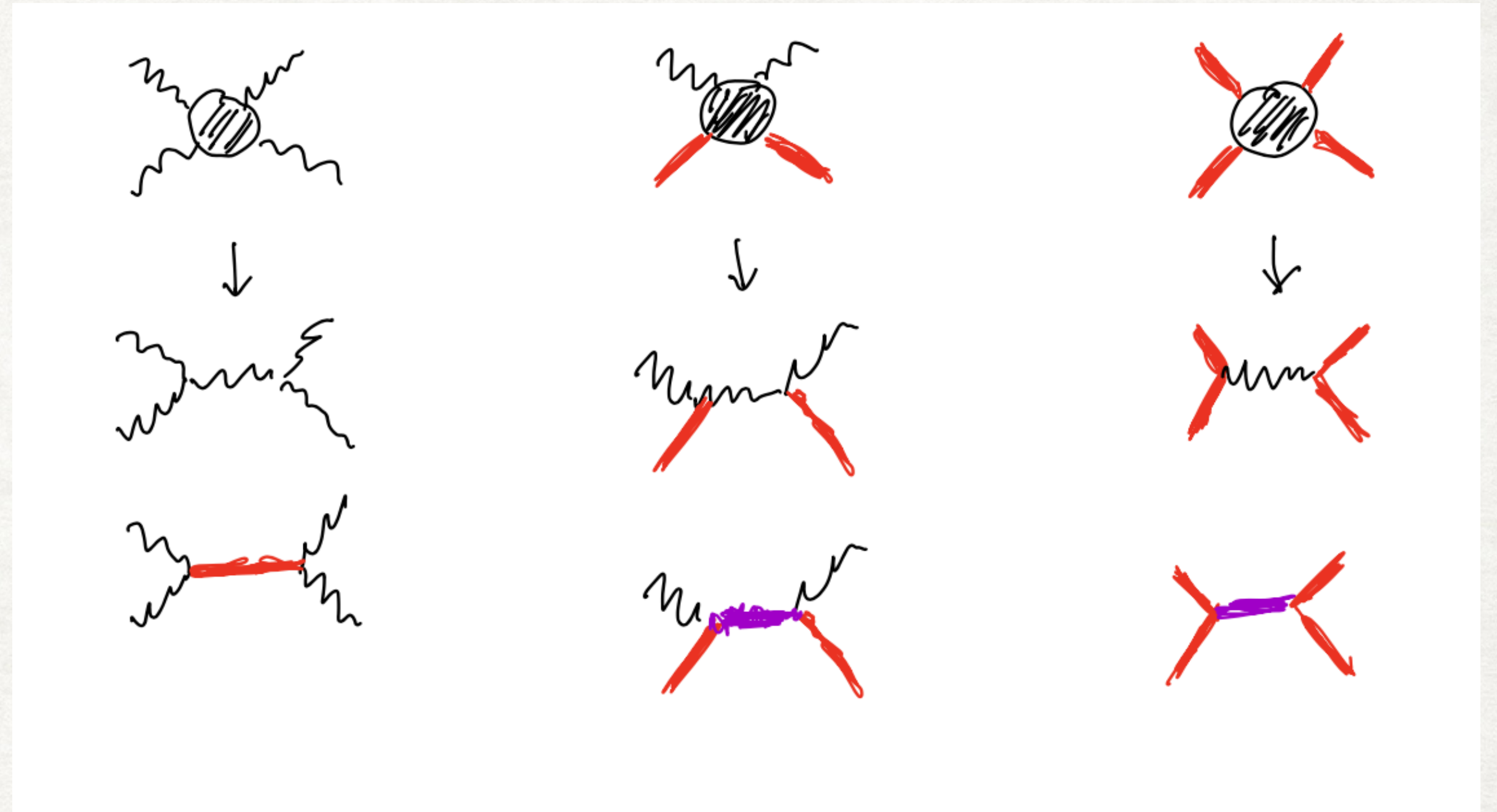
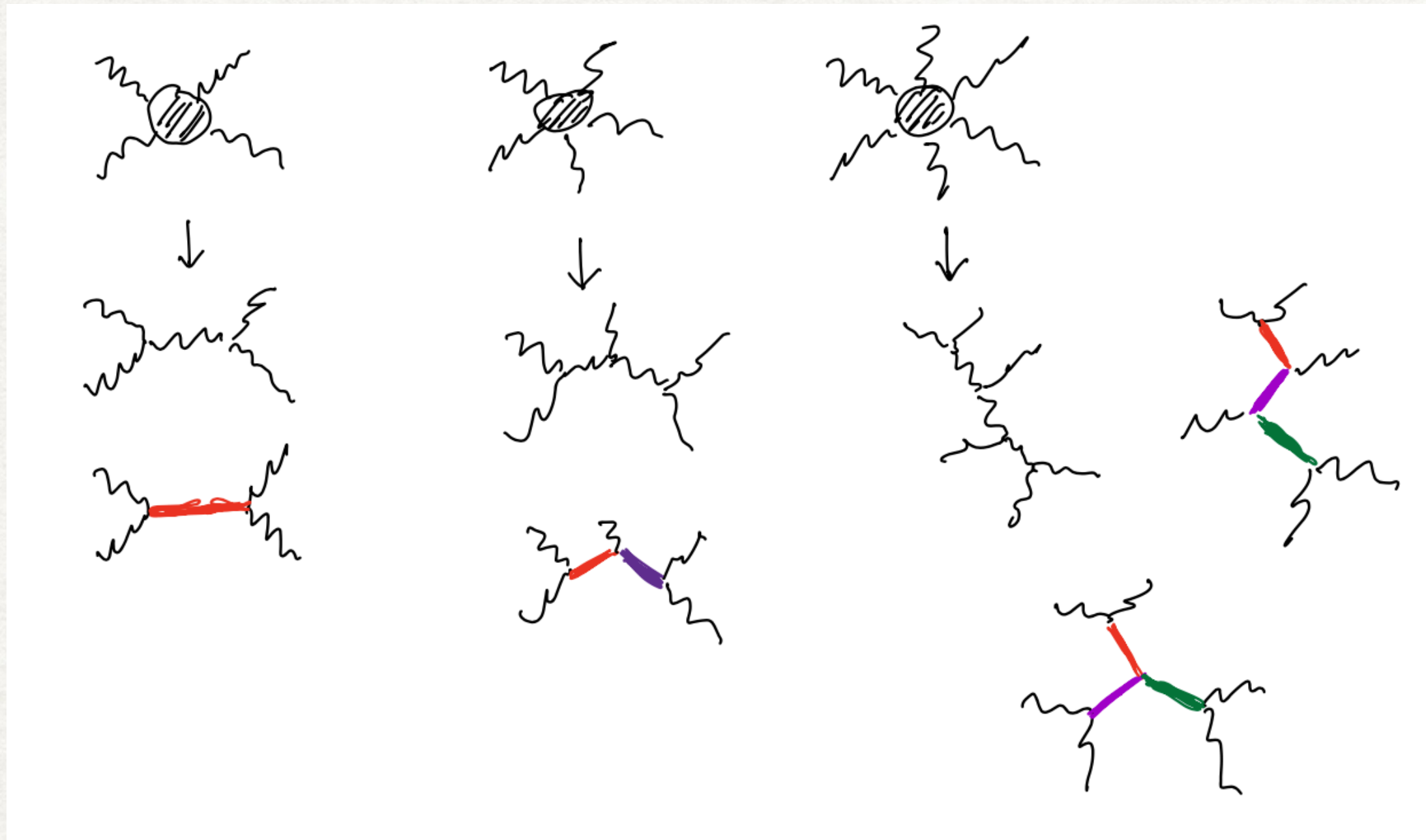
- Is there a systematic way to explore consistent monodromy relations, enlarging the string EFT ?

Future Directions: mixed amplitudes

Consistent higher point generalizations



Consistent mixed amplitudes



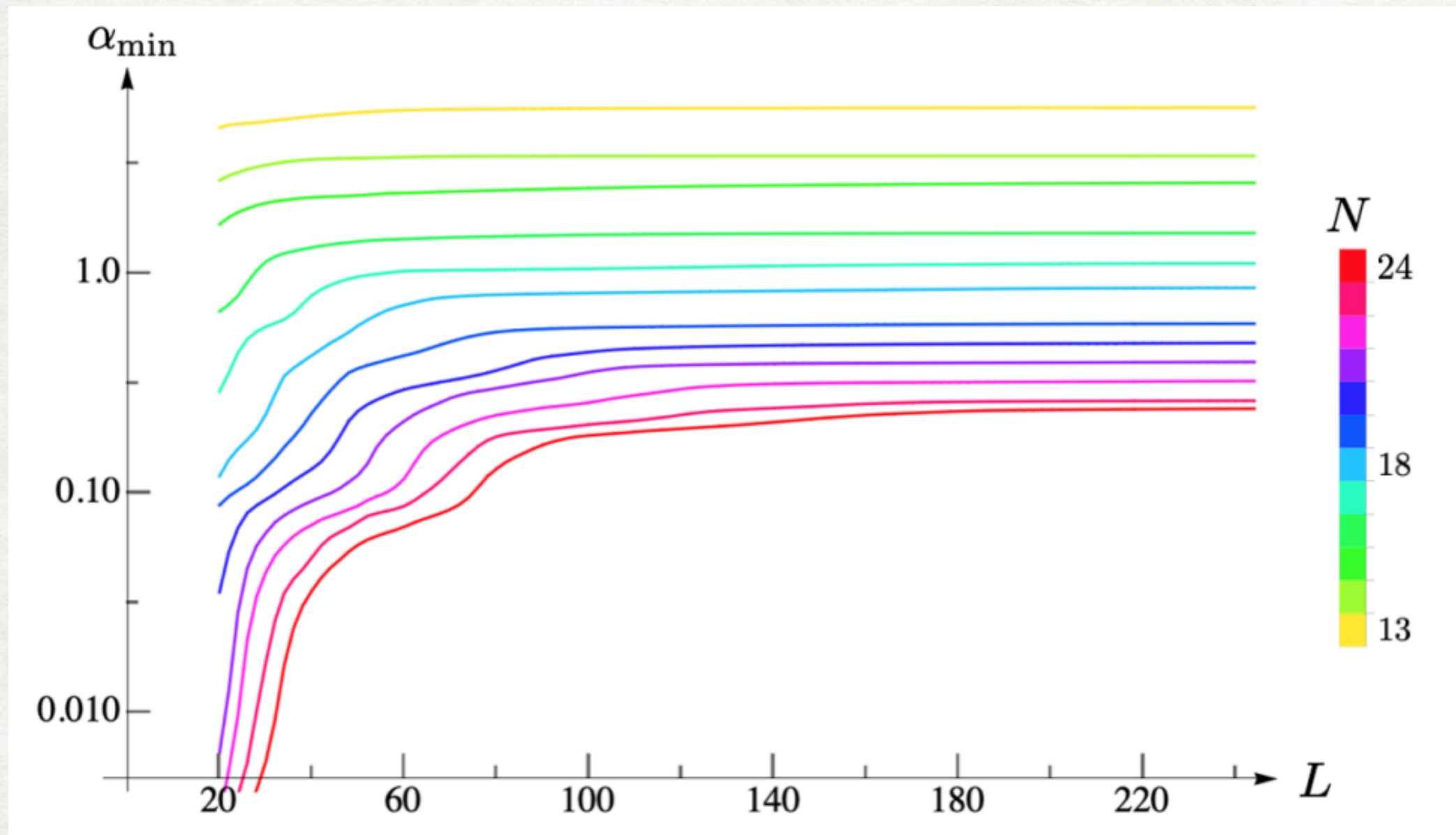
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Consistent mixed (spin-4) amplitudes

For maximal SUSY in 10D

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R^4 operators are non-renormalized, their coefficients are well defined



$$\frac{T(s, t, u)}{8\pi G_N = 64\pi^7 \ell_P^8} = s^4 \left(\frac{1}{stu} + \alpha \ell_P^6 + O(s) \right)$$

$$\frac{T}{8\pi G_N} = s^4 \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{stu}}_{\text{SUGRA}} + \underbrace{\prod_{A=s,t,u} (\rho_A + 1)^2 \sum'_{a+b+c \leq N} \alpha_{(abc)} \rho_s^a \rho_t^b \rho_u^c}_{\text{UV completion}} \right)$$

$$\rho_s \equiv \frac{\sqrt{s_0} - \sqrt{-s}}{\sqrt{s_0} + \sqrt{-s}}$$

$$\alpha_{\min}^{\text{Boot}} \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_{\min}(N, L) \approx 0.13 \pm 0.02.$$

$$\alpha^{\text{IIA}} = \frac{\zeta(3)}{32g_s^{3/2}} + g_s^{1/2} \frac{\pi^2}{96} \geq \frac{\pi^{3/2} (\zeta(3))^{1/4}}{24\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.1403.$$

$$\alpha^{\text{IIB}} = \frac{1}{2^6} E_{3/2}(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \geq \frac{1}{2^6} E_{3/2}(e^{i\pi/3}, e^{-i\pi/3}) \approx 0.1389,$$

Geometry from unitarity

At fixed-t the open string only s-channel thresholds are present, unitarity implies

$$g_{k,q}^s = \sum_a p_a \frac{v_{\ell_a,q}}{m_a^{2(k+1)}}$$

$$G_\ell(1+2\delta) = v_{\ell,0} + v_{\ell,1}\delta + \dots + v_{\ell,\ell}\delta^\ell = \sum_{q=0}^{\ell} v_{\ell,q}\delta^q$$

We have a product geometry

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Note that v is a simple polynomial in J

$$v_{\ell,q} = \frac{2^q}{q!(2-q)!} \frac{(\alpha)_{\ell+q}}{\prod_{a=1}^q (\alpha+2a-1)} = \frac{\prod_{a=0}^q (J-a(a-1))}{(q!)^2}$$

$$J = \ell(\ell+1)$$

After a linear transformation $\vec{a}^T = \vec{g}^T \mathbf{G}$ we have

at the core, the couplings
are governed by the hull of product moments

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