

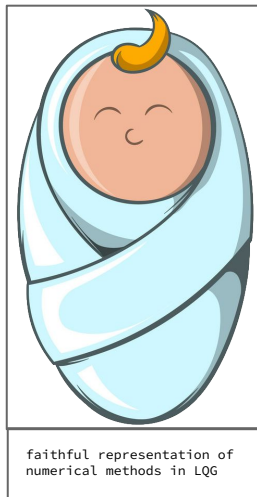
NUMERICAL METHODS IN LQG

aka: can we compute spin foam amplitudes?

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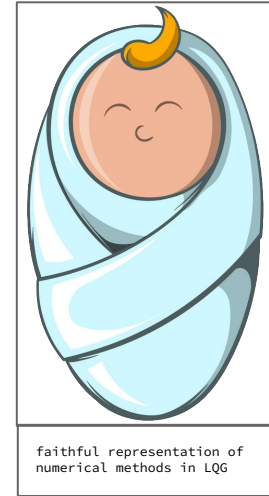
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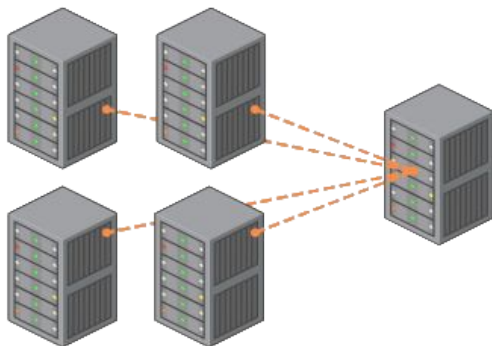
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- Very recent
- Requires a lot of time
- Solve “stinky” problems
- Lots of questions and very few answers



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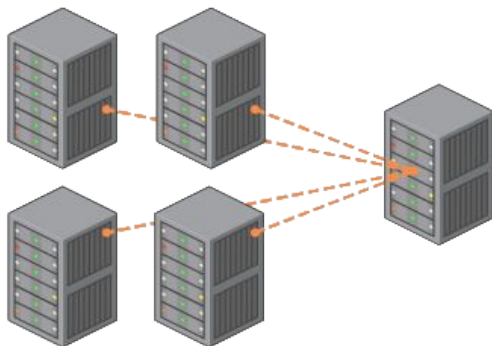


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On which topic(s) would you like lectures for the next LQG school?

Perhaps a couple of lecture where show explicit calculations for transition amplitudes and such. I understand they are not exactly easy to do.



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I am sorry for my poor pictures







There will be a lot of happy little accidents

WHO, WHAT, WHERE?

sl2cfoam and sl2cfoam-next

3 years - QG group - Marseille

-  divide and conquer!
-  HPC ready, fast and efficient
-  Truncation needed, error estimation, computationally expensive large triangulations
-  single vertex, 3 vertices, bubble divergences



P.D., Francesco Gozzini, Giorgio Sarno
+ (Western U) Francesca Vidotto, Carlo Rovelli, Pietropaolo Frisoni, ...



Original paper [1807.03066](#), advanced paper will appear soon
applications: [1803.00835](#), [1903.12624](#), [2004.12911](#) and more to come

WHO, WHAT, WHERE?

Markov Chain Monte-Carlo Computation

1 year - Florida Atlantic University + Fudan



Integration over a Lefschetz Thimble to avoid oscillations



Huge spins are accessible



Not suitable for small spins



Muxin Han, Zichang Huang, Hongguang Liu, Dongxue Qu, Yidun Wan



Main paper [2012.11515](#)

WHO, WHAT, WHERE?

Effective spin foam models

1 year - Bard College and Perimeter Institute



[2 hours lecture yesterday](#)



Seth Asante, Bianca Dittrich, Hal Haggard



Euclidean [2004.07013](#) and Lorentzian [2104.00485](#)

Plus the hands-on experiment NEXT WEEK!

Renormalization and fixed points

6 years - U. Hamburg + U. Jena



Fixed points under coarse graining.

Truncation made of hypercubes (slightly generalized)



Benjamin Bahr and Sebastian Steinhaus



Original paper [1508.07961](#), numerics [1605.07649](#), review [2007.01315](#)

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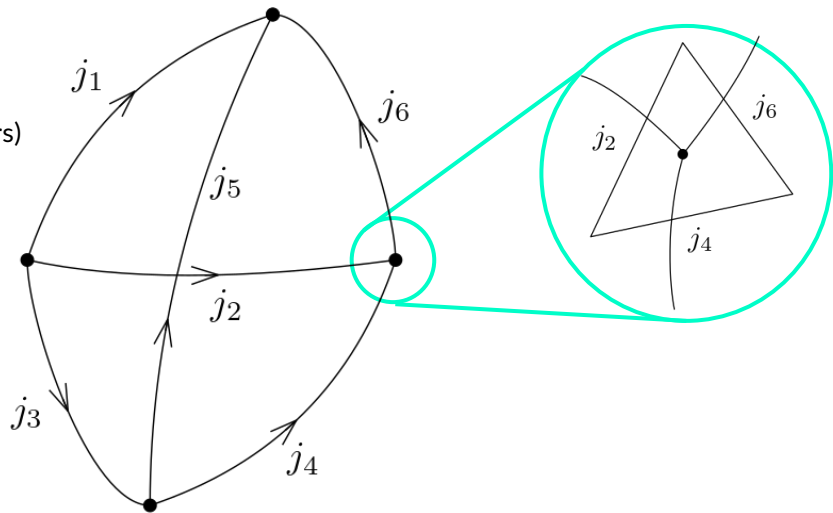
Spins as lengths eigenvalues

Trivial intertwiners in 3D (1d space)

$$i_m^j = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nodes = Triangles (closure)

(Quantum) triangulations of a 2D surface (possibly curved)

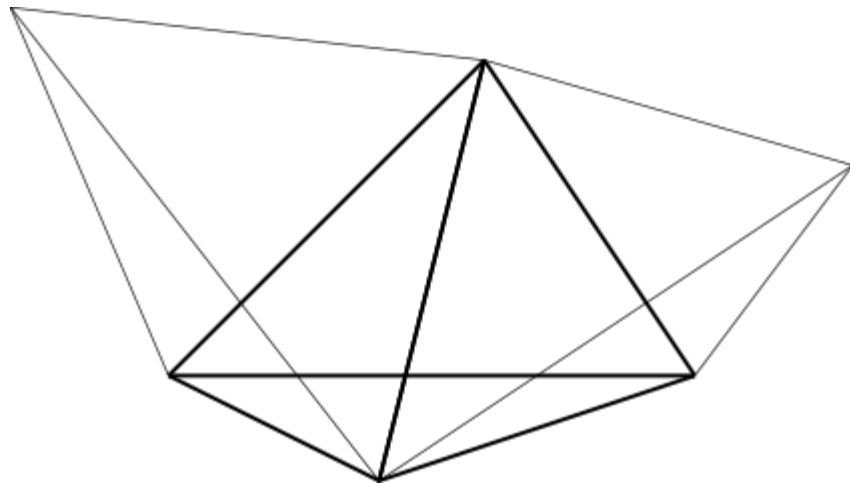


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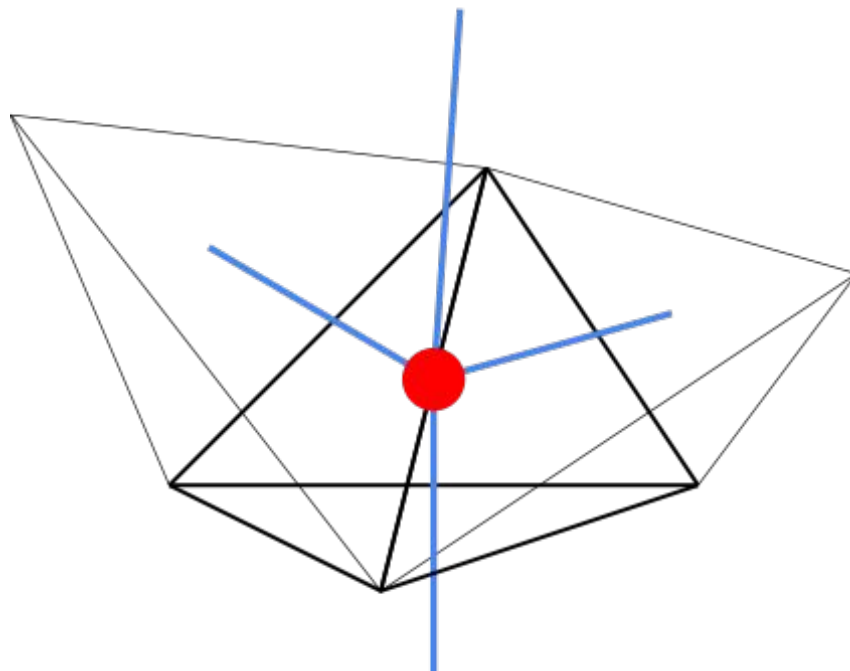
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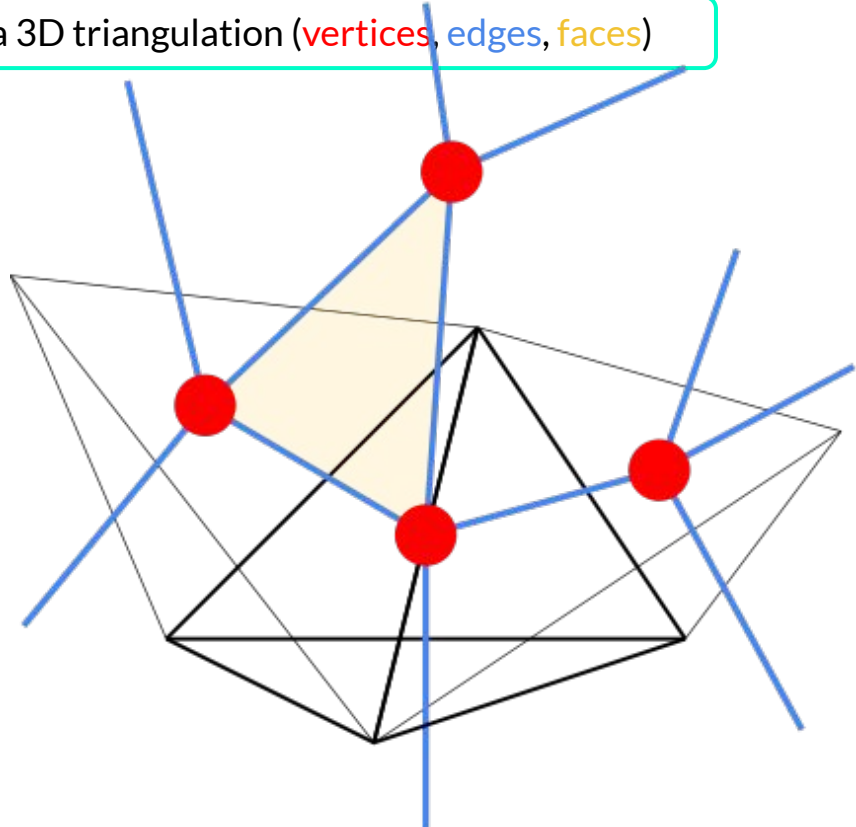
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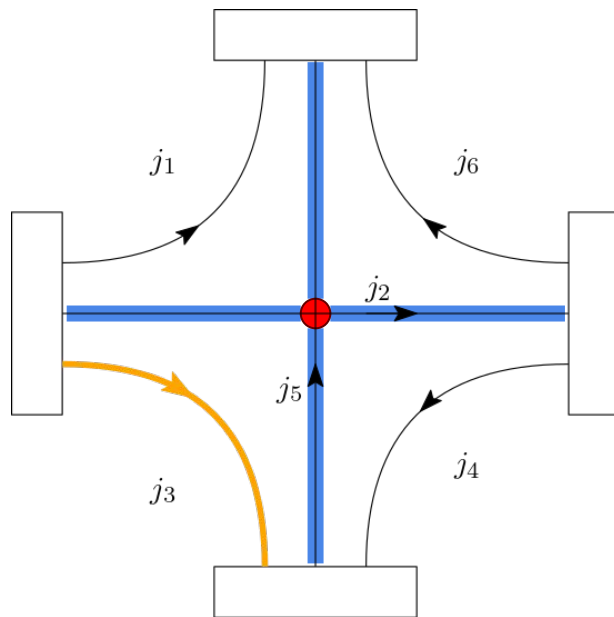
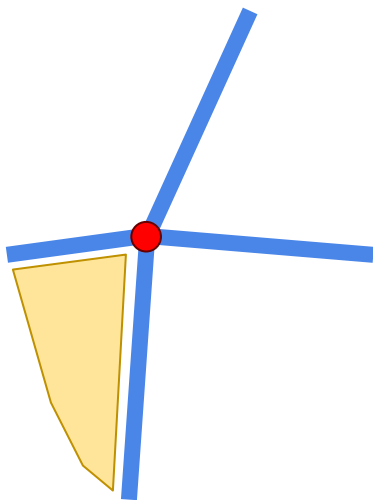
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3D GRAVITY: THE PONZANO-REGGE MODEL (WIRING)

Let me change graphical notation



SU(2) IN ONE SLIDE

Angular Momentum Algebra

$$[J_a, J_b] = i\epsilon_{abc} J_c$$

$$J_3 |j, m\rangle = m |j, m\rangle$$

$$J^2 |j, m\rangle = j(j+1) |j, m\rangle$$

Group matrix elements in the irrep j

$$\langle j, m | g | j, n \rangle \equiv D_{mn}^j(g)$$

Numerics need a parametrization (Euler) - fundamental

$$g = e^{i\phi \frac{\sigma_3}{2}} e^{i\theta \frac{\sigma_1}{2}} e^{i\psi \frac{\sigma_3}{2}}$$

Matrix elements explicit formula

$$D_{mn}^j(g) = e^{-i\phi \frac{m}{2}} e^{i\psi \frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{(j+m)!(j-m)!(j+n)!(j-n)!} \\ \sum_s (-1)^{m-n+s} \frac{(\cos \frac{\theta}{2})^{2j+n-m-2s} (\sin \frac{\theta}{2})^{m-n+2s}}{(j+n-s)! s! (m-n+s)! (j-m-s)!}$$

Integration of functions on the group using the Haar measure $\int f(g) dg = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \int_0^{4\pi} d\psi f(g)$

[A Primer of Group Theory for Loop Quantum Gravity and Spin-foams - Pierre Martin-Dussaud](#)

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3D GRAVITY: THE PONZANO-REGGE MODEL - THE AMPLITUDE

Recipe to write any amplitude:

For each vertex

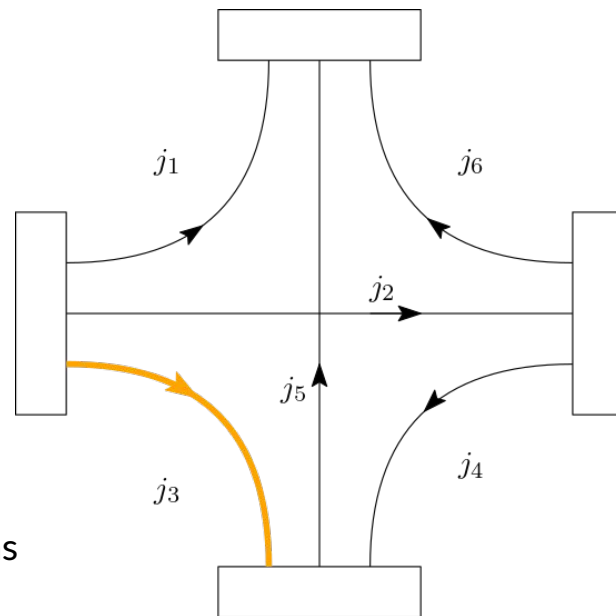
For each edge one group element g_e

For each face an irrep j_f and a matrix element $D_{m_s m_t}^{j_f}(g_s^{-1} g_t)$

Integrate over all the group elements $\int dg_e$

Sum over the internal faces spins with a weight $(2j_f + 1)$

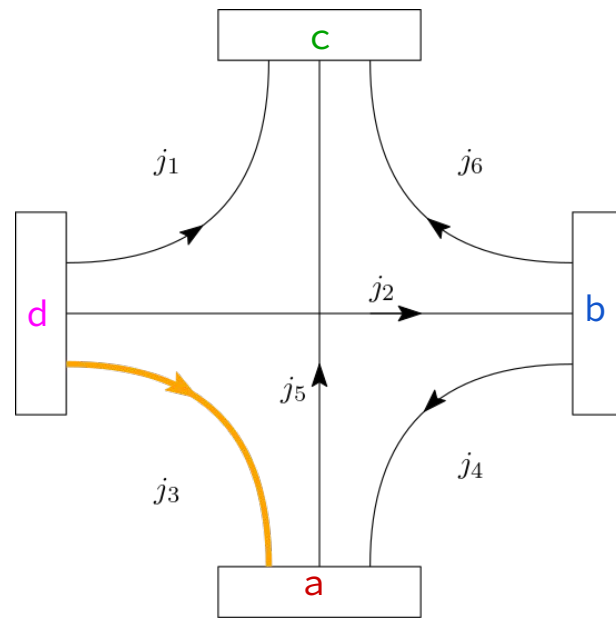
Tell them about the interpretation in terms of reference systems



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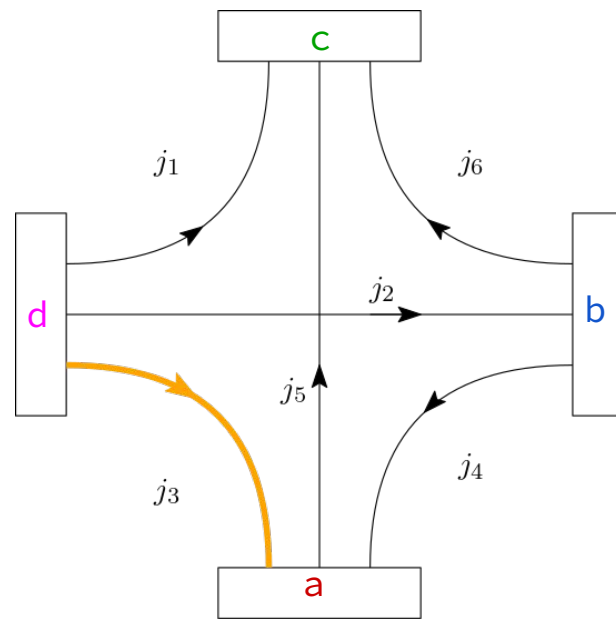
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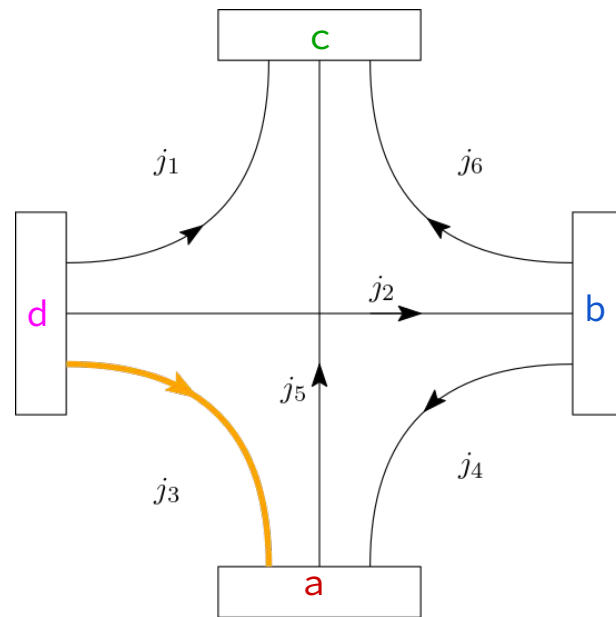
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Split the irreps, write the formula for the D , 6 sums of elementary integrals...



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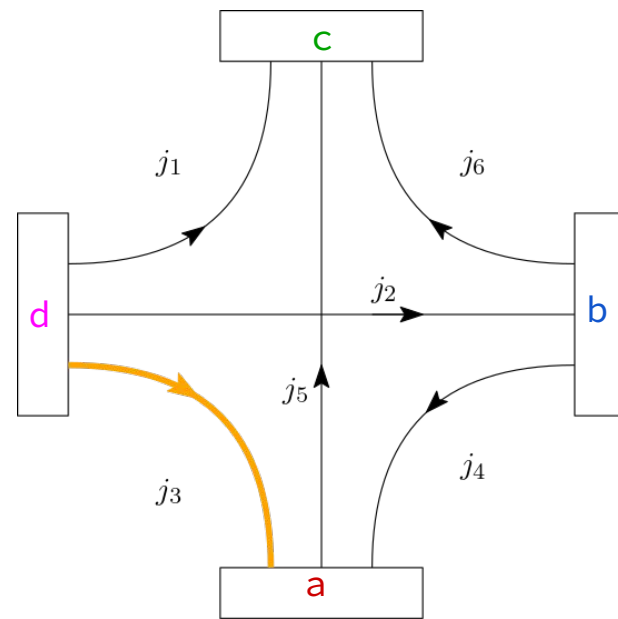
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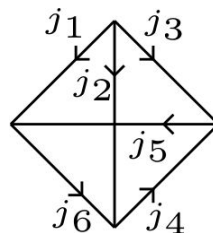
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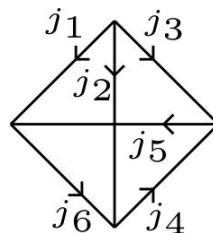
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Numerically:

1. Code your own
2. Do not reinvent the wheel
 - In Mathematica is builtin `SixJSymbol[{{j1, j2, j3}, {j4, j5, j6}}]`
 - C, python and Matlab use WIGXJPF

[Fast and Accurate Evaluation of Wigner \$3j\$, \$6j\$, and \$9j\$ Symbols Using Prime Factorization and Multiword Integer Arithmetic - H. T. Johansson and C. Forssén](#)

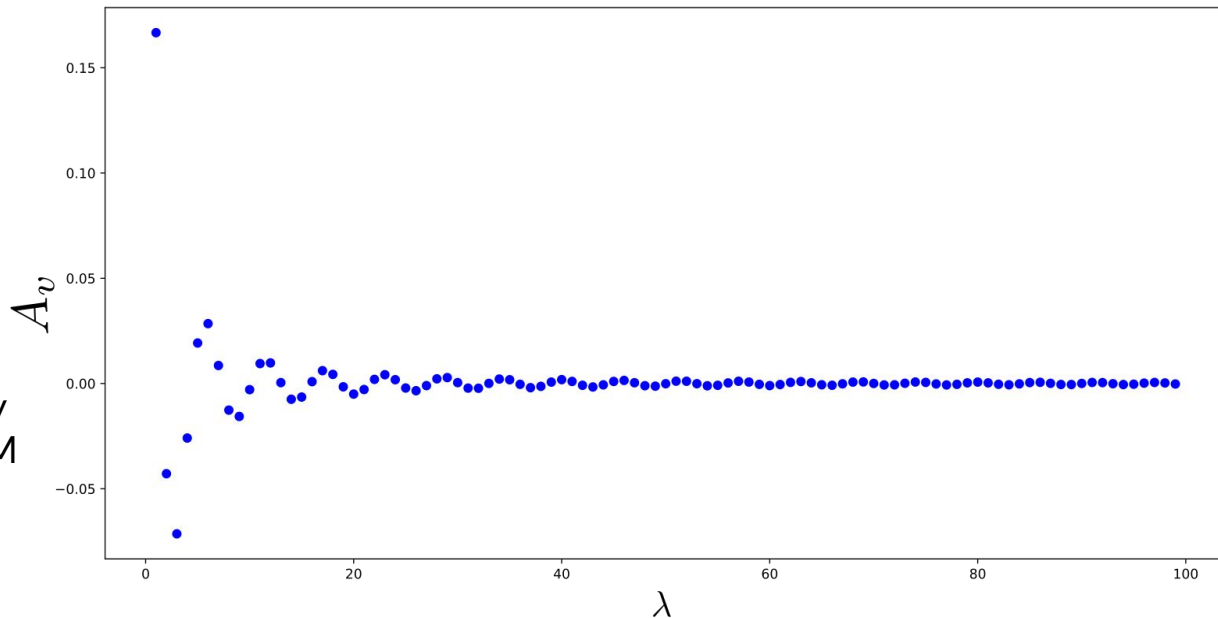
[Example files in the school website](#)

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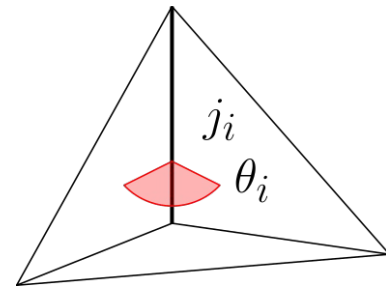
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Analogy with QM path integral



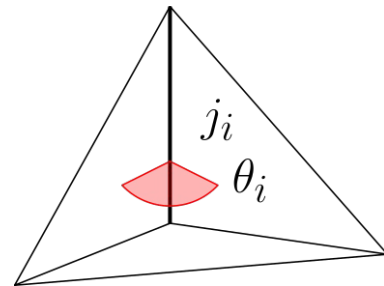
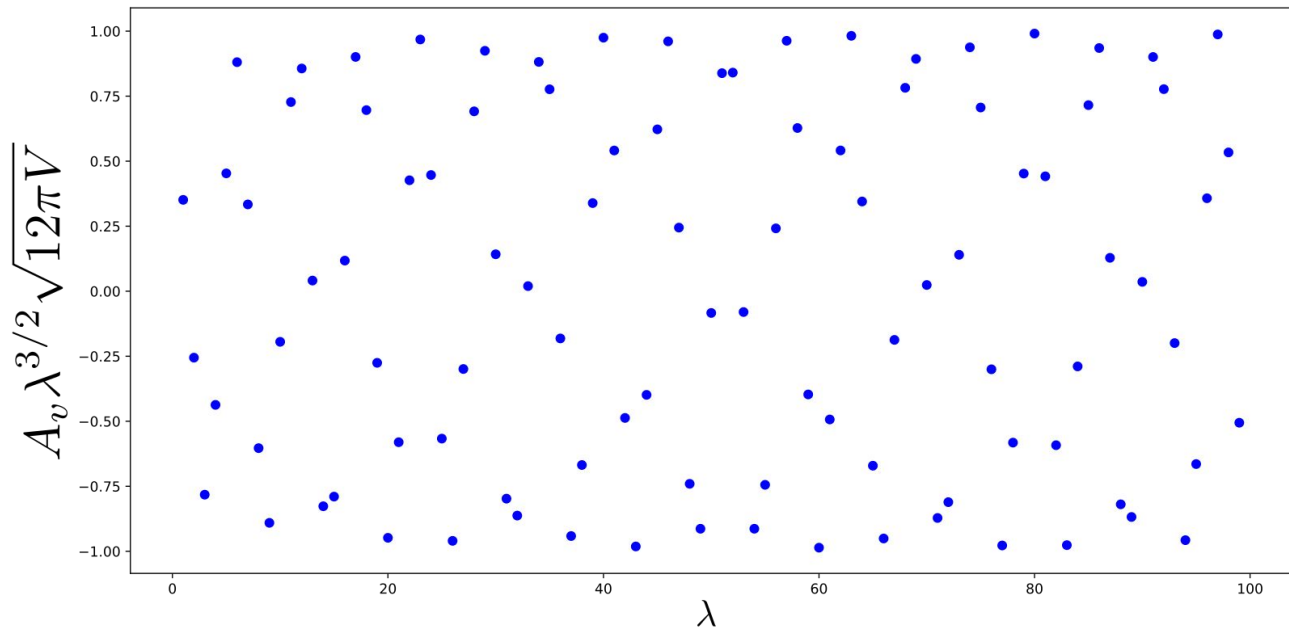
See Hal Haggard and Seth Asante lecture for more details

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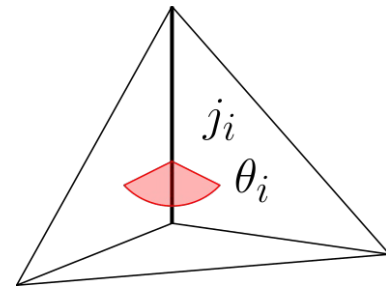
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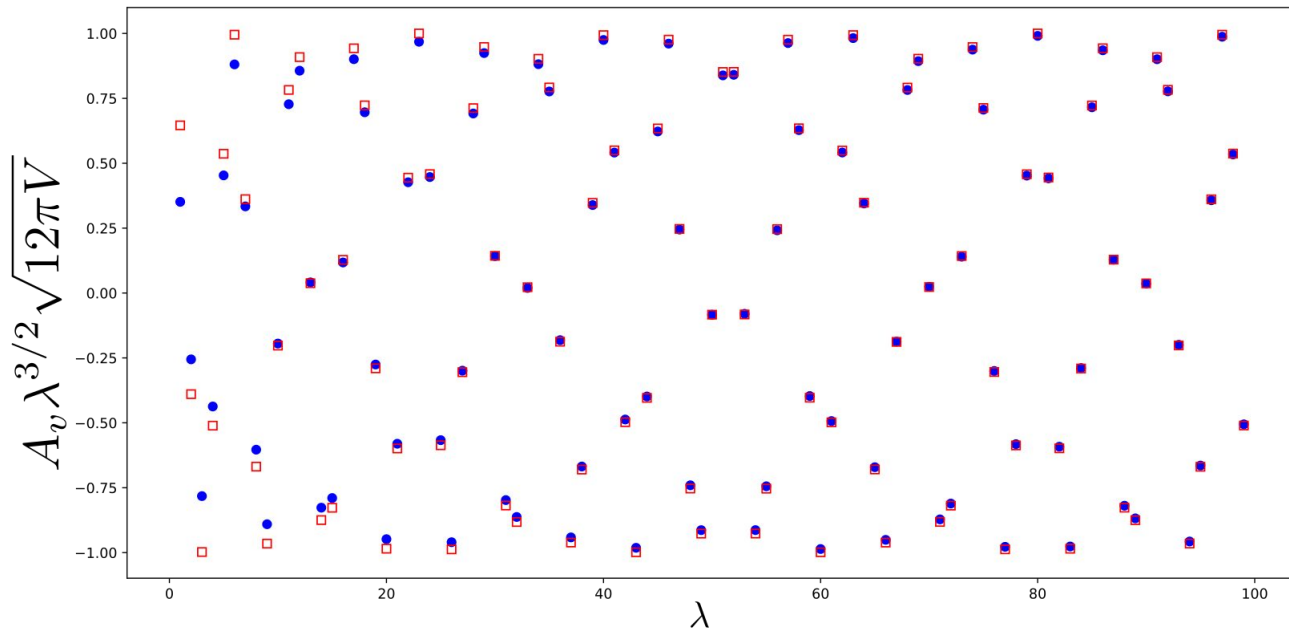
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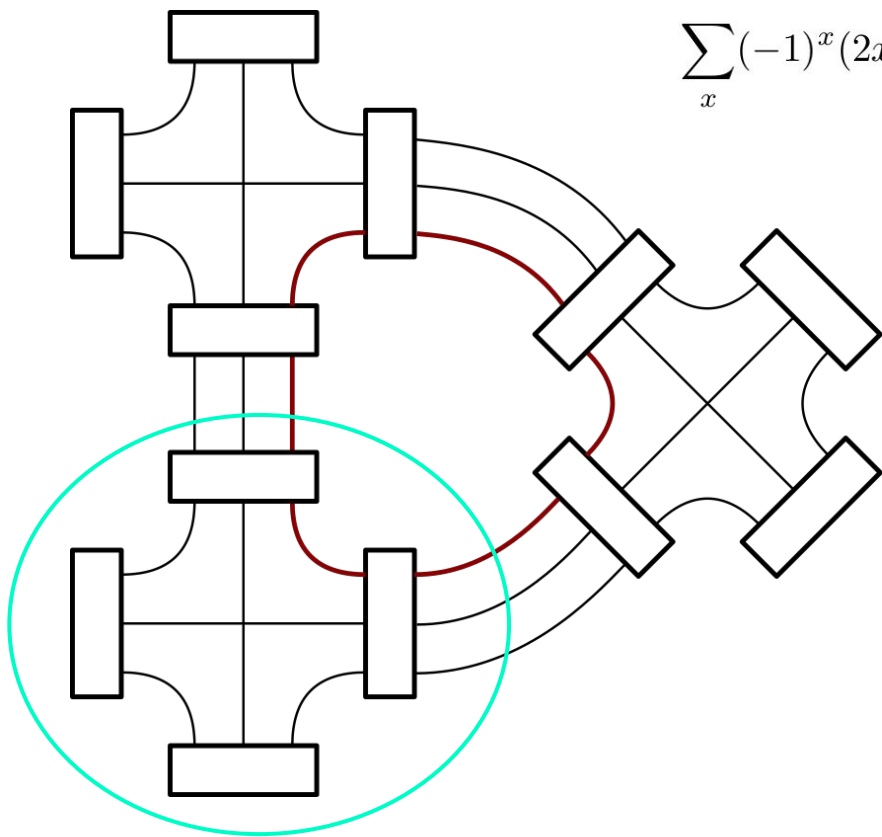


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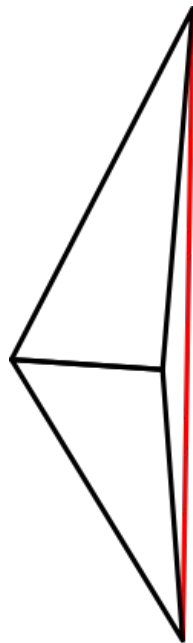
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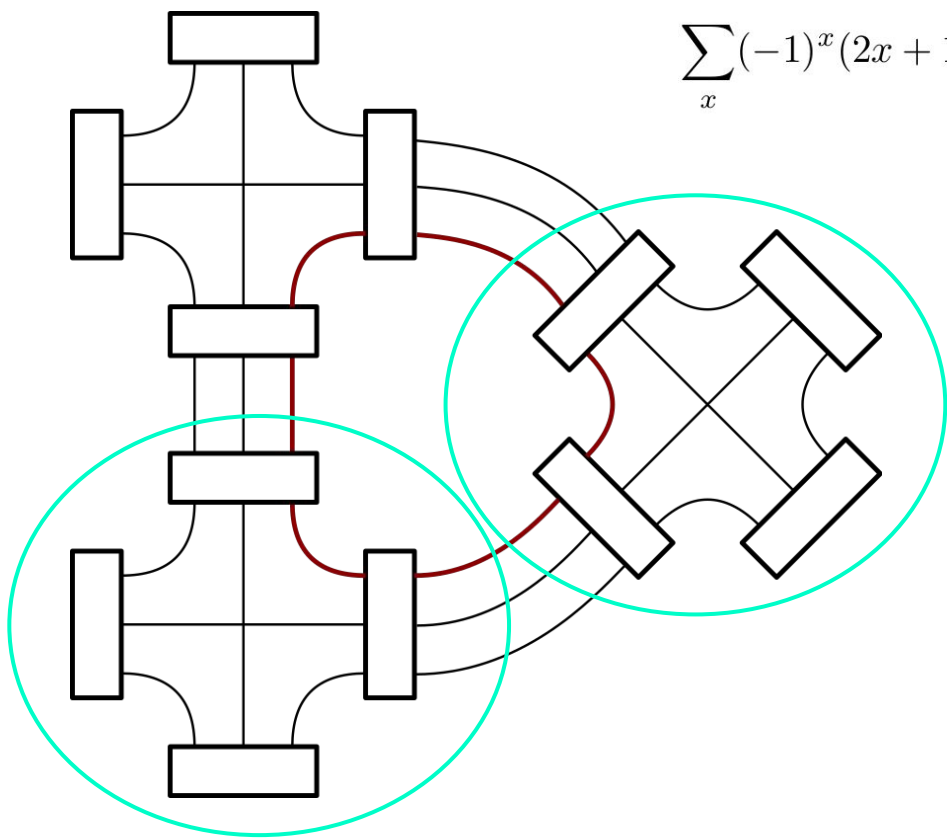
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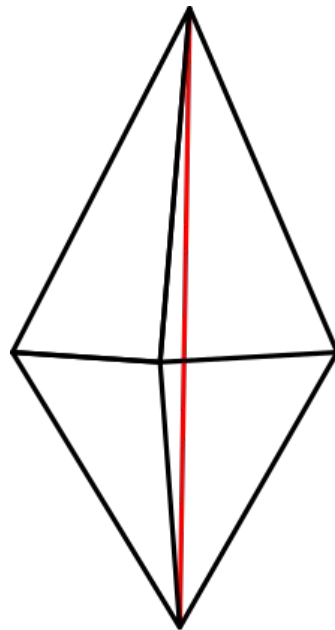
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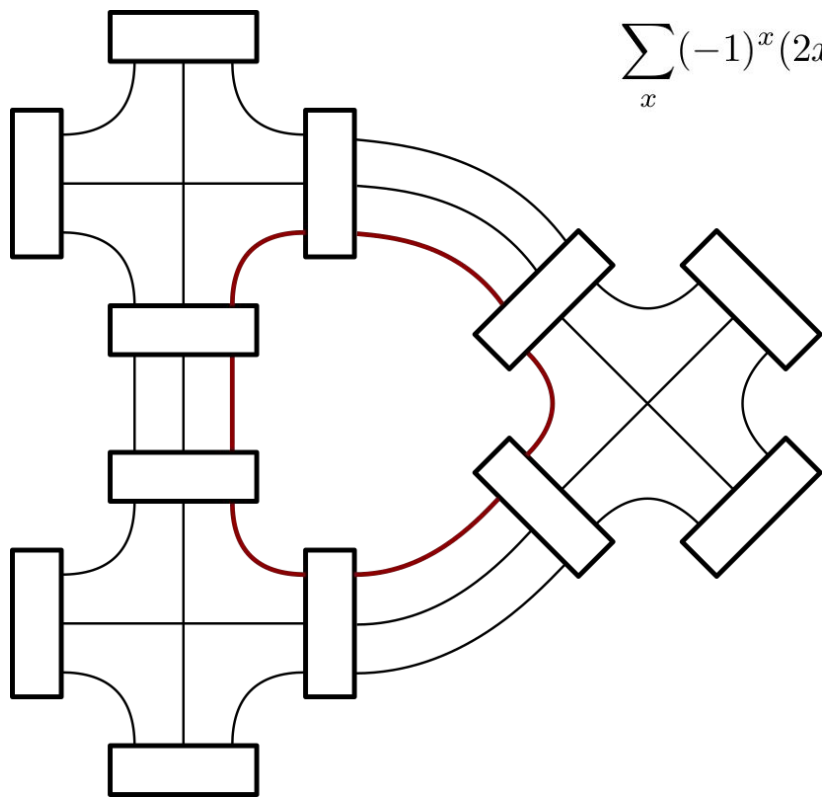
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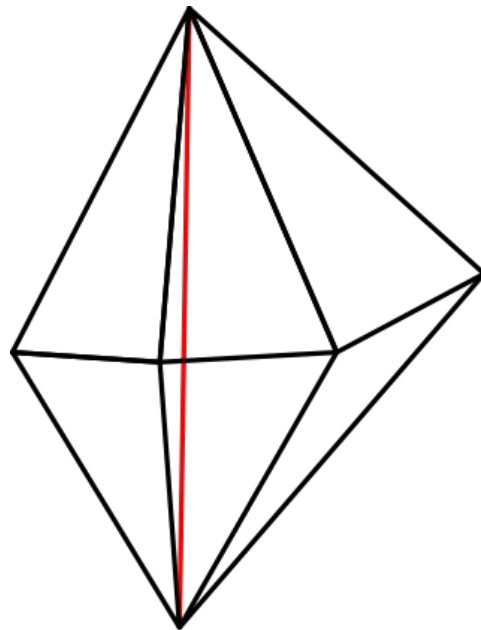
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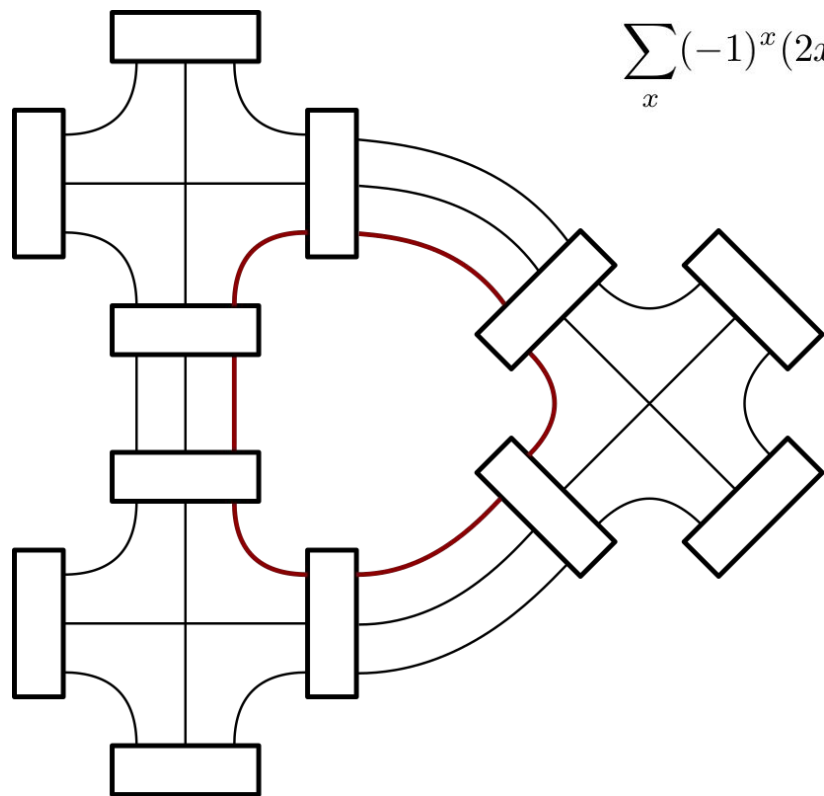
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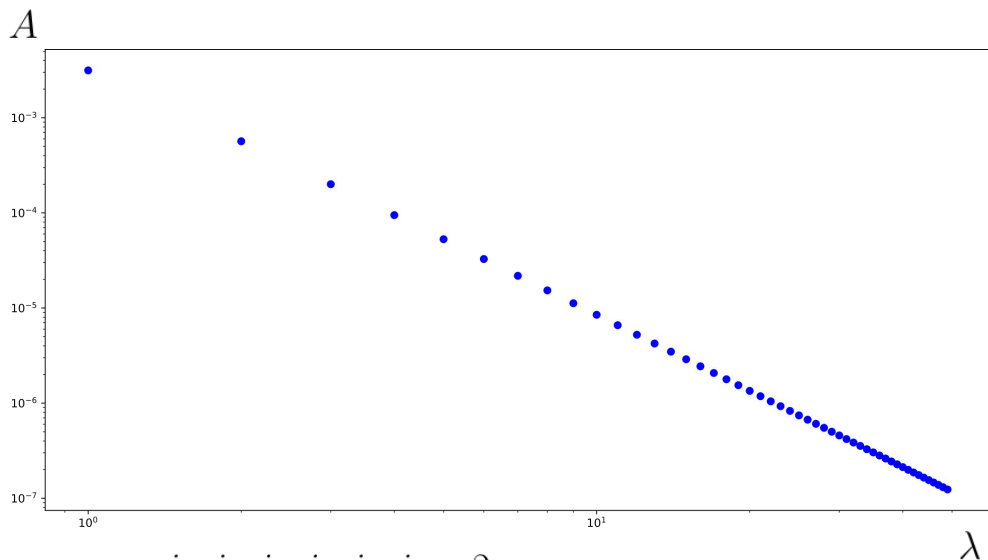
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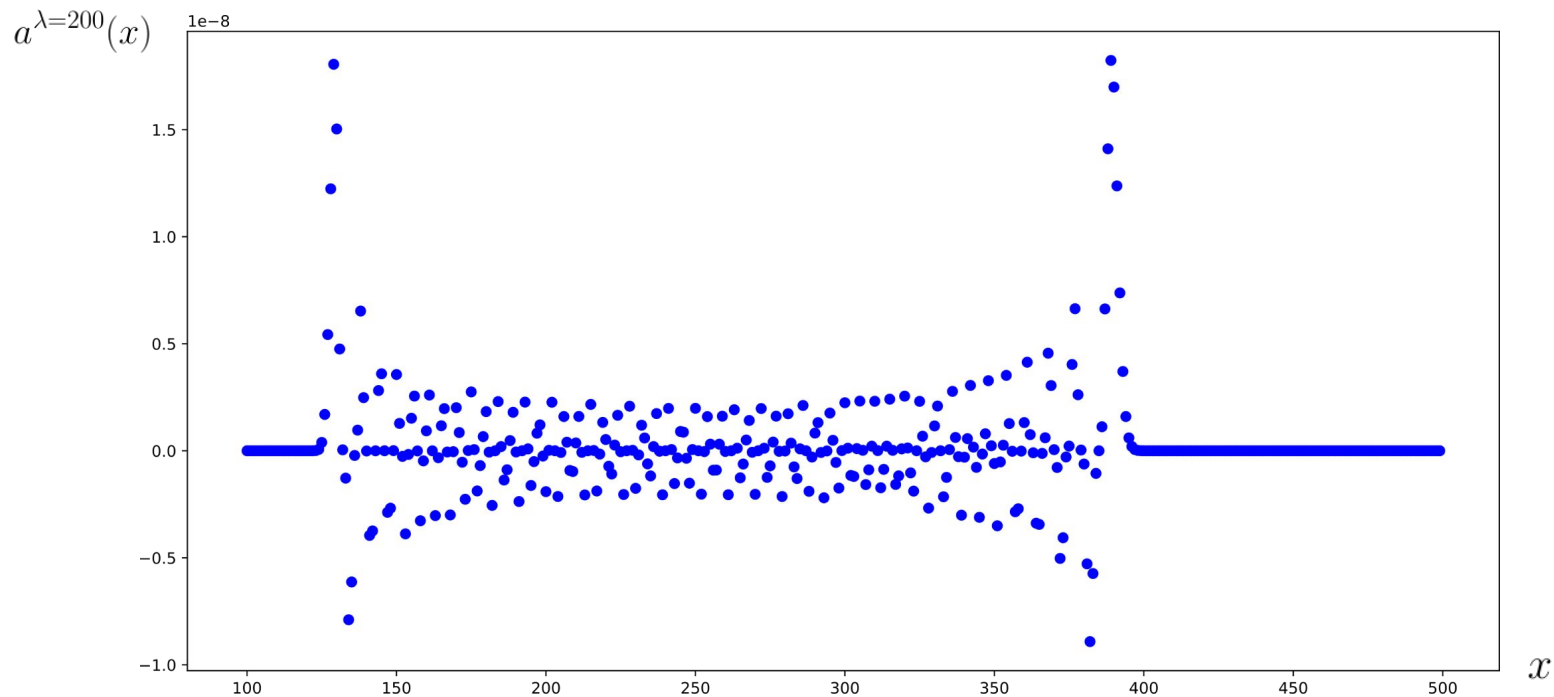


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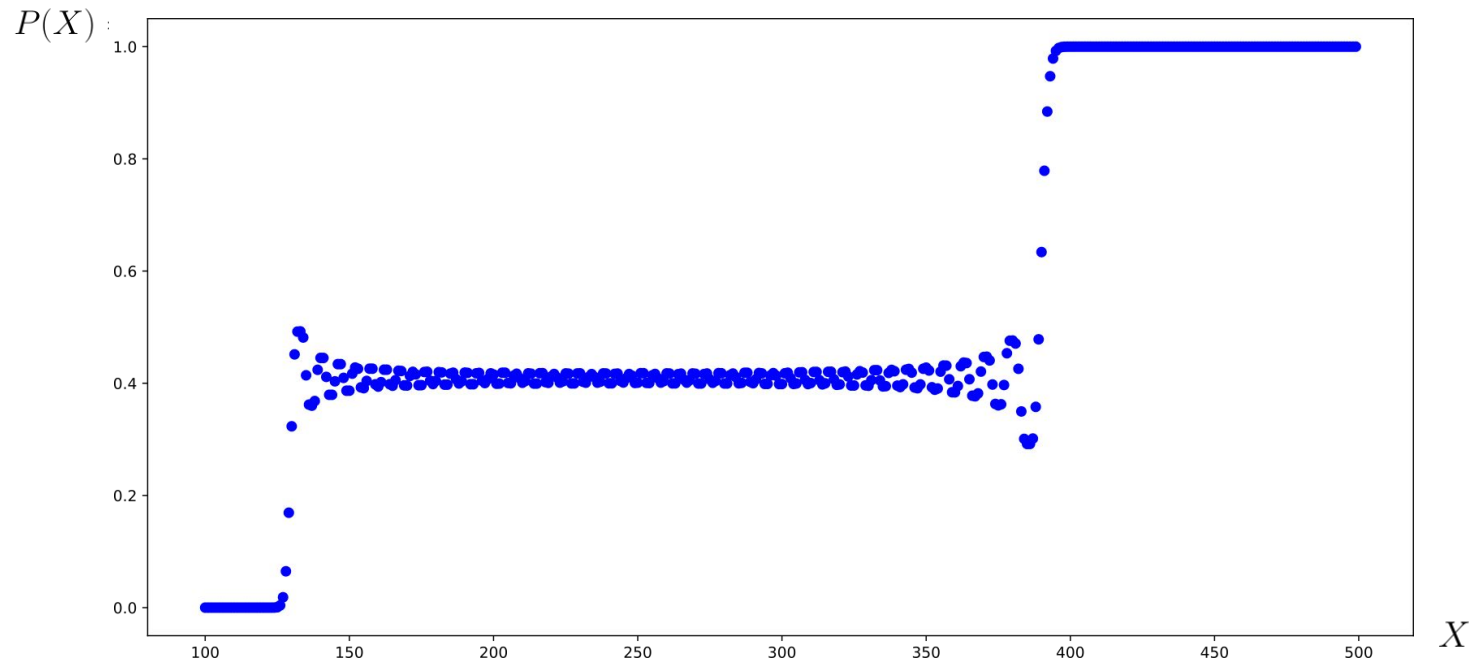
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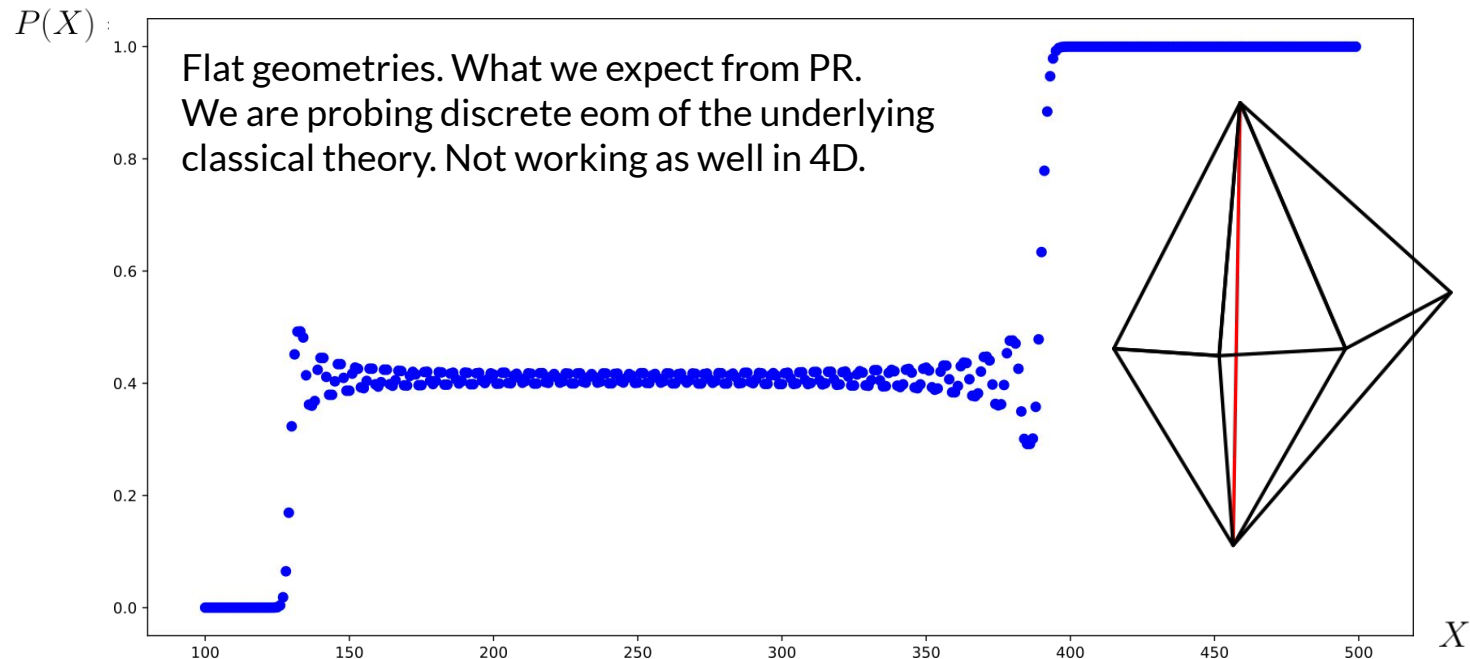
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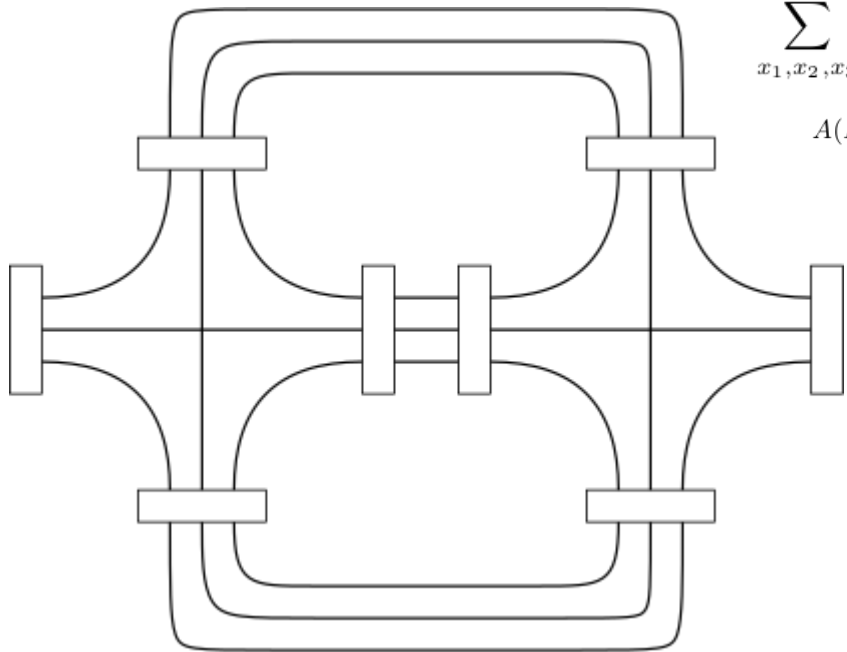


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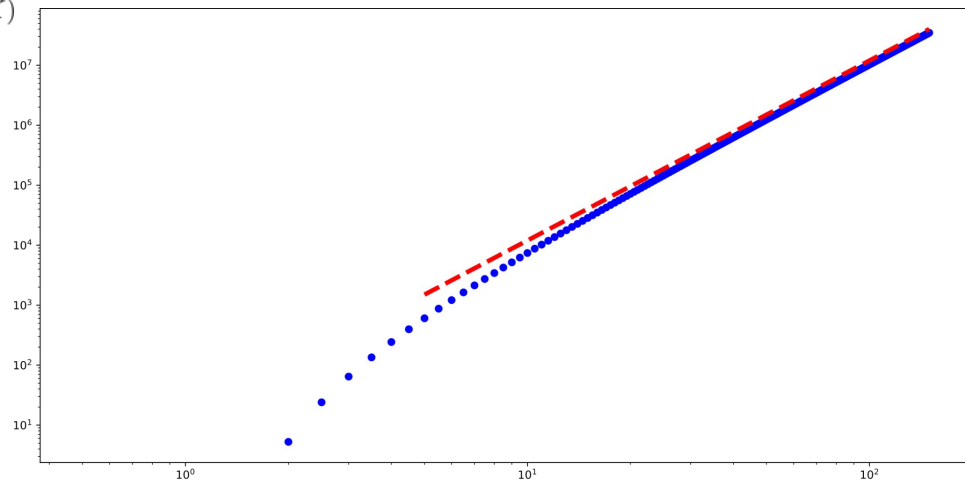


3D GRAVITY: THE PONZANO-REGGE MODEL - THE BUBBLE



$$\sum_{x_1, x_2, x_3}^K (2x_1 + 1)(2x_2 + 1)(2x_3 + 1) \begin{Bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$A(K)$



$$\delta(1) = \sum_{x=0}^K (2x + 1)^2 \approx K^3$$

K

LET'S HAVE A SHORT BREAK

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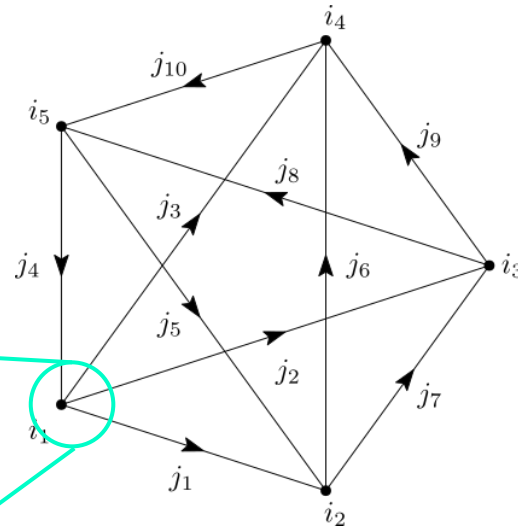
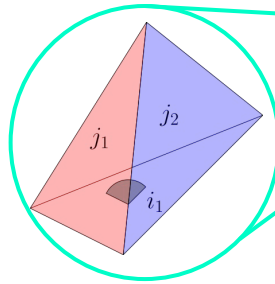
Restrict to 4 valent spinnetworks (KKL extension)

Spins as areas eigenvalues

Intertwiners in 4D = Quantum tetrahedra (closure)

(Quantum) triangulations of a 3D surface (twisted geometries)

$$i = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & j_4 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^{(j_{12})}$$



beautiful description given by Hal Haggard yesterday.

4 VALENT INTERTWINER = QUANTUM TETRAHEDRON

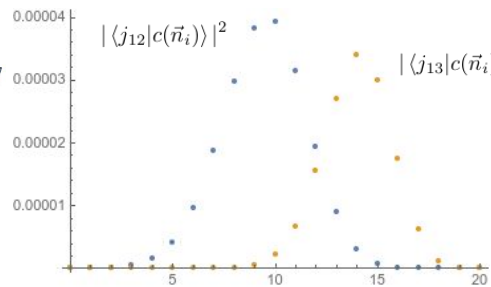
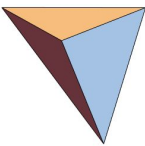
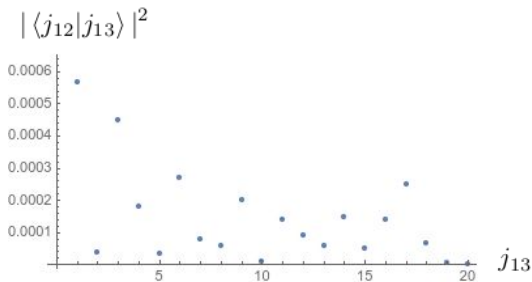
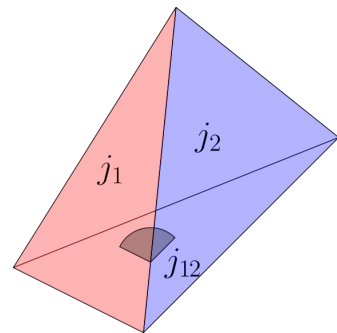
$$i = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & j_4 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^{(j_{12})} = \sum_m (-1)^{j_{12}-m} \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_{12} \\ m_1 & m_2 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j_{12} & j_3 & j_4 \\ -m & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Areas: $J_i^2 |i\rangle = j_i(j_i + 1) |i\rangle$

Closure: $|i\rangle \in \text{Inv} \left(H^{(j_1)} \otimes H^{(j_2)} \otimes H^{(j_3)} \otimes H^{(j_4)} \right) \rightarrow \left(\vec{J}_1 + \vec{J}_2 + \vec{J}_3 + \vec{J}_4 \right) |i\rangle = 0$

D. angle: $\vec{J}_1 \cdot \vec{J}_2 |i\rangle = \frac{j_{12}(j_{12} + 1) - j_1(j_1 + 1) - j_2(j_2 + 1)}{2} |i\rangle$

Other angle: $\vec{J}_1 \cdot \vec{J}_3 |i\rangle = ?$ very spread!



Coherent intertwiner:

$$c_i(\vec{n}_i) = \begin{pmatrix} j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & j_4 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^{(j_{12})} \langle j_1 m_1 | j_1 \vec{n}_1 \rangle \langle j_2 m_2 | j_2 \vec{n}_2 \rangle \langle j_3 m_3 | j_3 \vec{n}_3 \rangle \langle j_4 m_4 | j_4 \vec{n}_4 \rangle$$

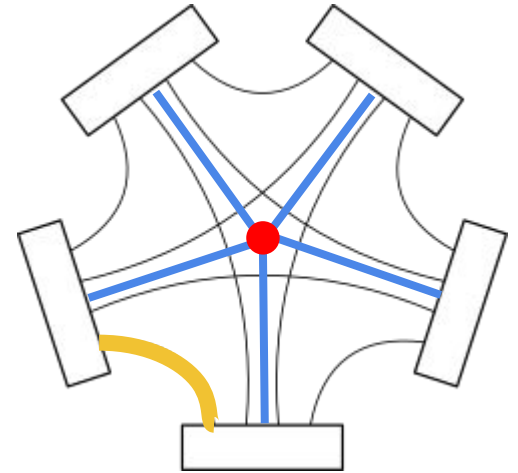
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Recipe to write any amplitude:

Choose a 2 complex dual to a 4D triangulation (vertices, edges, faces)

- 4simplex
- tetrahedron
- triangle



SL(2,C) IN ONE SLIDE

SL(2,C) Algebra

$$[L_i, L_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}L_k$$

$$[L_i, K_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}K_k$$

$$[K_i, K_j] = -i\epsilon_{ijk}L_k$$

Unit. Irreps: $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ $k \in \mathbb{Z}/2$

$$(K^2 - L^2)|\rho, k; j, m\rangle = (\rho^2 - k^2 + 1)|\rho, k; j, m\rangle$$

$$\vec{K} \cdot \vec{L}|\rho, k; j, m\rangle = \rho k|\rho, k; j, m\rangle$$

$$L^2|\rho, k; j, m\rangle = j(j+1)|\rho, k; j, m\rangle$$

$$L_3|\rho, k; j, m\rangle = m|\rho, k; j, m\rangle$$

Group matrix elements in the irrep (ρ, k) $\langle \rho, k; l, n | h | \rho, k; j, m \rangle = D_{lnjm}^{\rho, k}(h)$
 $l, j \geq k$

Numerics need a parametrization - many - Cartan $h = ue^{\frac{r}{2}\sigma_3}v^\dagger$ $u, v \in SU(2), r \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Integration of functions on the group using the Haar measure $\int dh = \int dudv \sinh(r)dr$

Matrix elements explicit formula $d_{jl}^{(\rho, k)}(r) = (-1)^{j-l} \sqrt{\frac{(i\rho - j - 1)!(j + i\rho)!}{(i\rho - l - 1)!(l + i\rho)!}} \frac{\sqrt{(2j+1)(2l+1)}}{(j+l+1)!} e^{(i\rho - k - m - 1)r}$

$$\sqrt{(j+k)!(j-k)!(j+m)!(j-m)!(l+k)!(l-k)!(l+m)!(l-m)!}$$

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$${}_2F_1[\{l - i\rho + 1, k + m + s + t + 1\}, \{j + l + 2\}; 1 - e^{-2r}]$$

[A Primer of Group Theory for Loop Quantum Gravity and Spin-foams - Pierre Martin-Dussaud](#)

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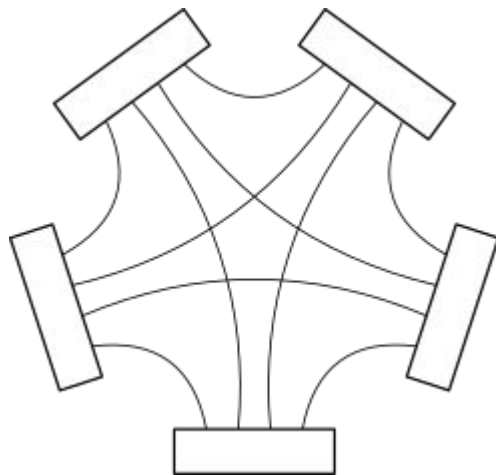
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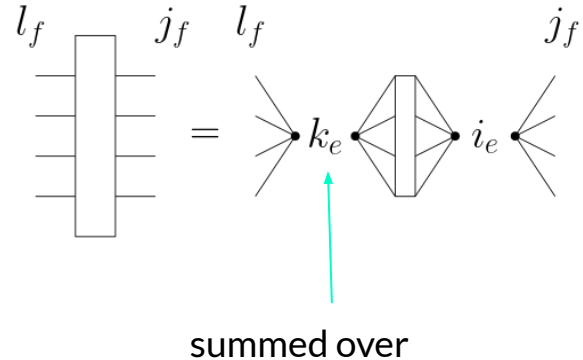
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Perform the integrals over SL(2,C) using the Cartan decomposition:



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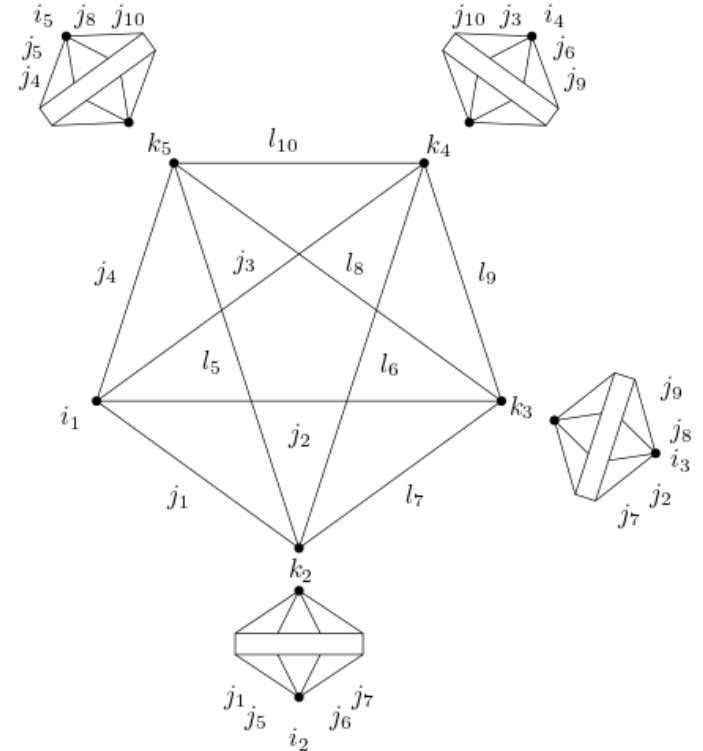
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SL2CFOAM

[sl2cfoam - P.D. and Giorgio Sarno](#)



- Written in C
- $SU(2)$ invariants WIGXJPF
- Arbitrary precision arithmetic
- parallelizable
- ✓ First attempt, good as long as it works
- ✗ largely unoptimized, slow

[Fast and Accurate Evaluation of Wigner \$3j\$, \$6j\$, and \$9j\$ Symbols Using Prime Factorization and Multiword Integer Arithmetic - H. T. Johansson and C. Forssén](#)

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- Arbitrary precision arithmetic
- Optimized to be efficient
(boosters, data structures)
- HPC ready (OMP, MPI, GPU)
- Julia interface

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User friendly!

```
using SL2Cfoam

# init SL2Cfoam library
Immirzi = 0.1;
folder = "/home/francesco/phd/src/data_sl2cfoam_next";
conf = SL2Cfoam.Config(VerbosityOff, NormalAccuracy, 100, 0);
SL2Cfoam.cinit(folder, Immirzi, conf);

# compute vertex tensor for increasing shells (j = 1, Δs = 0 → 4)
vs = [ vertex_compute(ones(10), s) for s in 0:4 ];

# print values value with intertwiners (0,0,0,0,0)
[ v.a[1, 1, 1, 1, 1] for v in vs ]
```

```
5-element Array{Float64,1}:
 5.992940521928846e-8
 8.77026353463005e-8
 1.0511153396261617e-7
 1.161678351516197e-7
 1.2344027926668653e-7
```

harder better faster

	j=1	j=3	j=5	j=7
0s:	1x	18x	900x	13000x
	j=1	j=2	j=3	j=4
1s:	24x	140x	1600x	12500x

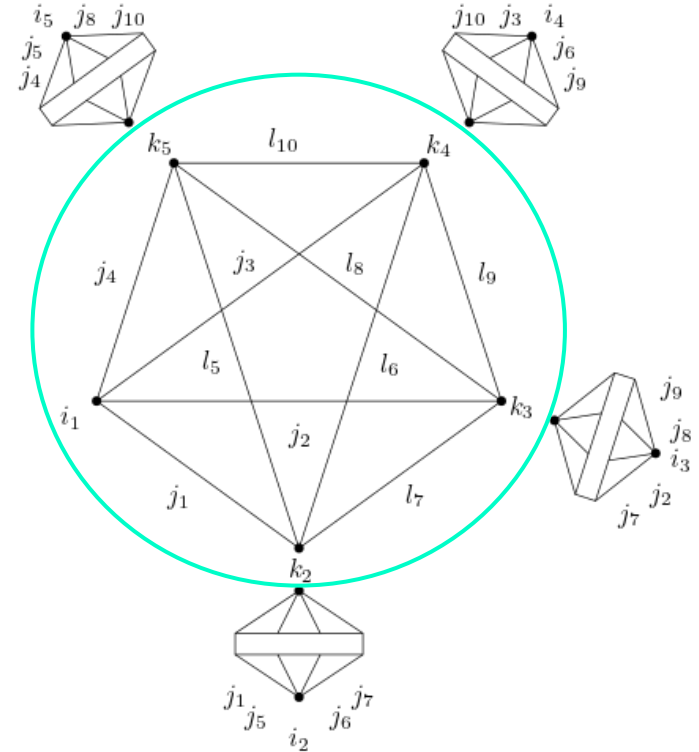
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This is the simple part

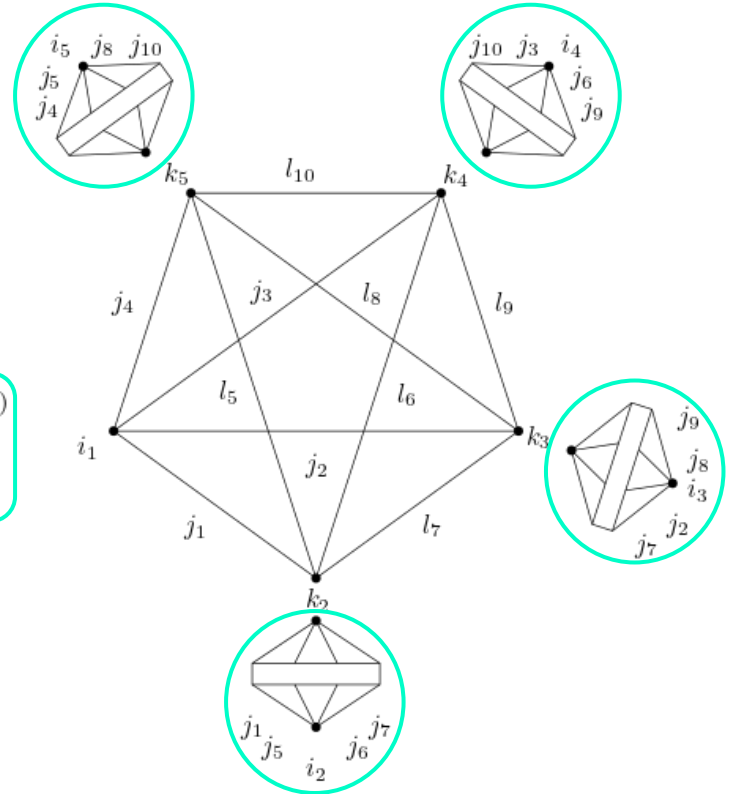


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Relatively complicated



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We know the analytic result of the integral. Related to SL(2,C) Clebsch-Gordan coefficient.

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Not efficient to implement numerically.

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Unbounded? Not really!

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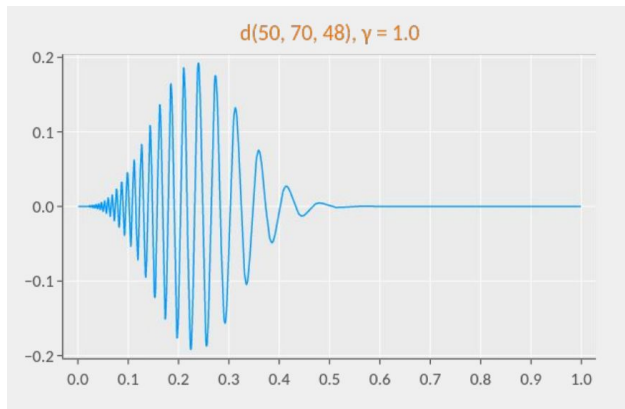
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High frequency oscillations!



The result is in cancellations!

- Arbitrary precision routines (long double has not enough precision)
- Adaptive Gauss–Kronrod quadrature method for numerical integration (1D, sampling not known in advance, recycle points) - adapted from GSL source

THE SUMS

[sl2cfoam-next](#) - Francesco Gozzini (to appear soon)

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Store everything in multidimensional arrays

Sums thought as tensors contractions. Optimized routines (BLAS) instead of caveman loops

Same technique to contract vertices

THE SUMS - THE DOWNSIDE

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To perform numerical computation we need to cutoff these sums

$$\sum_{l=j_f}^{\infty} \approx \sum_{l=j_f}^{j_f + \Delta s}$$

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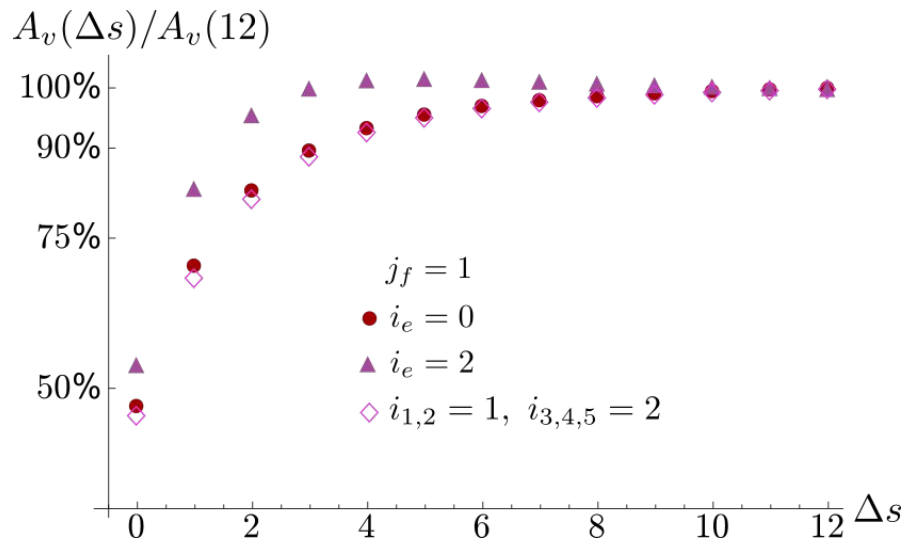
6 sums. We decided to impose uniformly the cutoff

- We know the sums are convergent [Regularization and finiteness of the Lorentzian LQG vertices - Jonathan Engle, Roberto Pereira](#)
- Slang: Δs shells
- Good approximation (eventually)
- Empirical error of the truncation (bad)
- depends on everything



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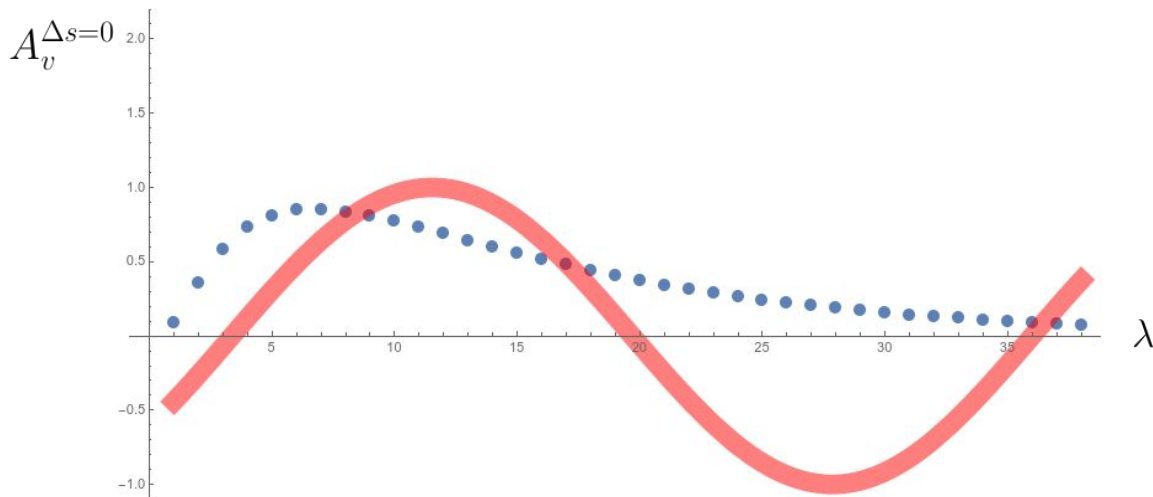
Strategy: as much as possible! Error?



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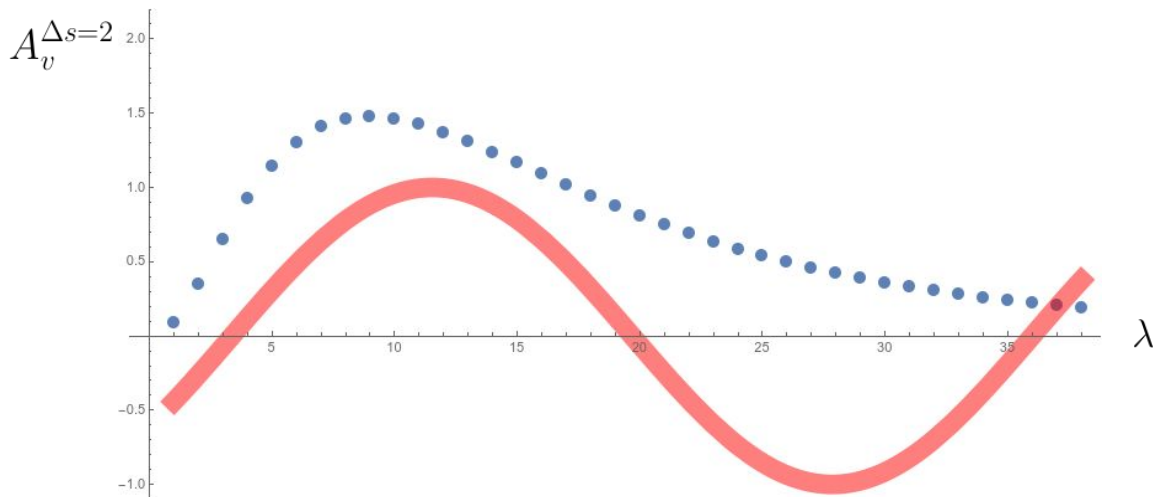
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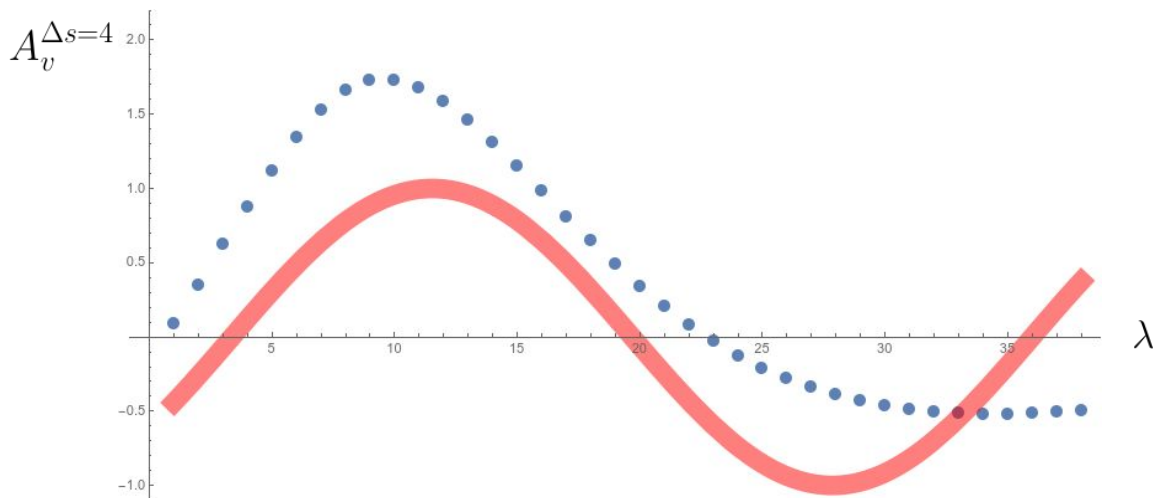
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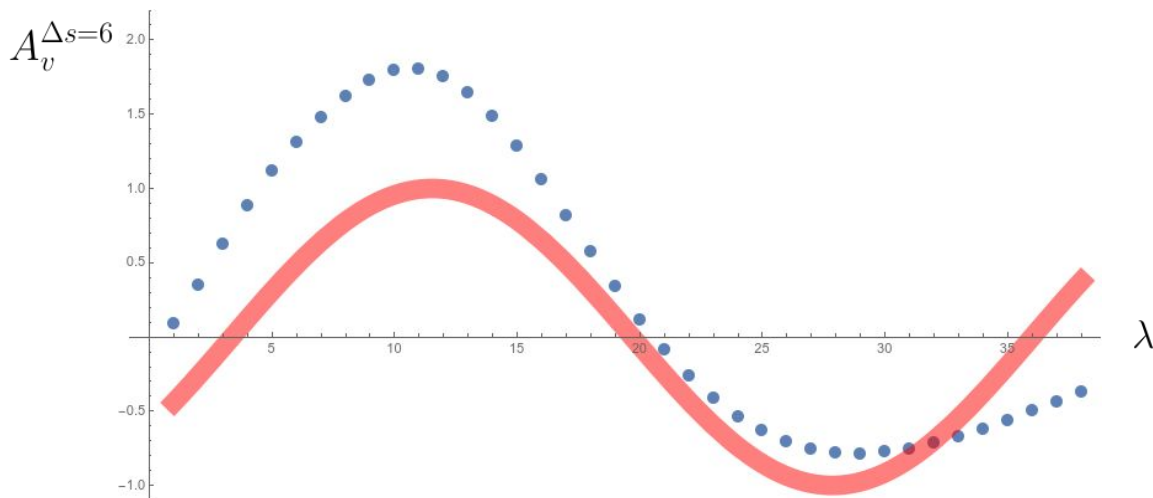
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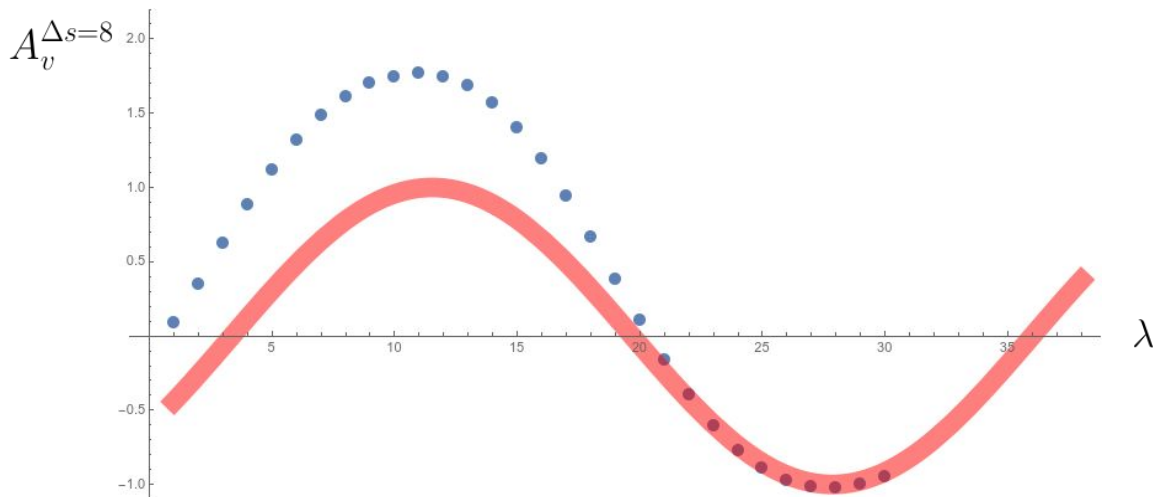
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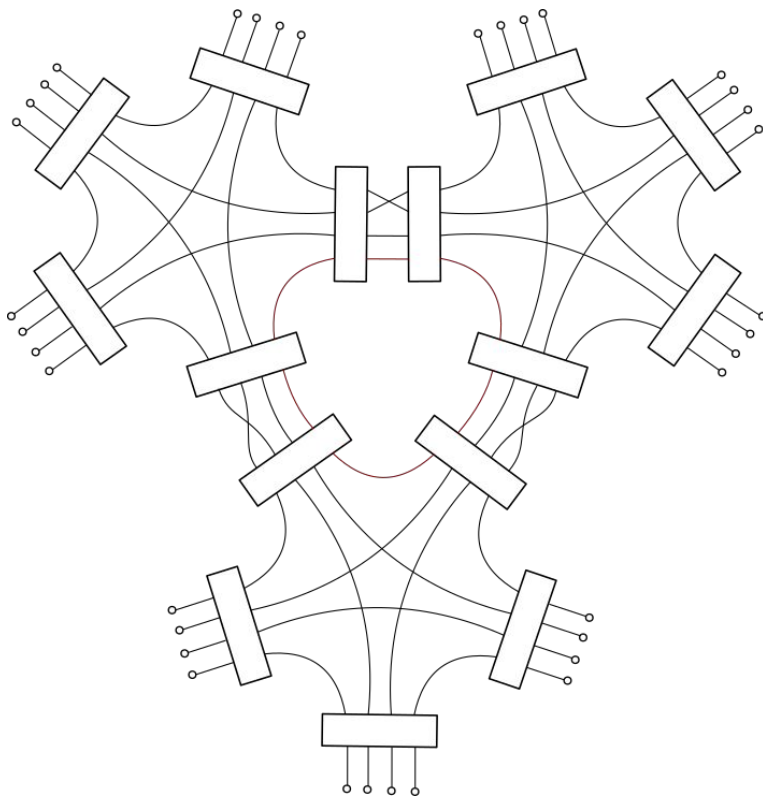
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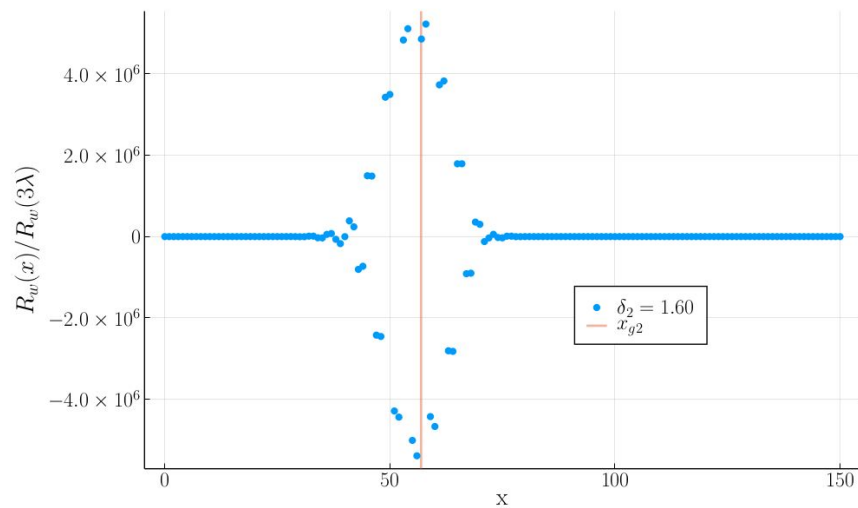
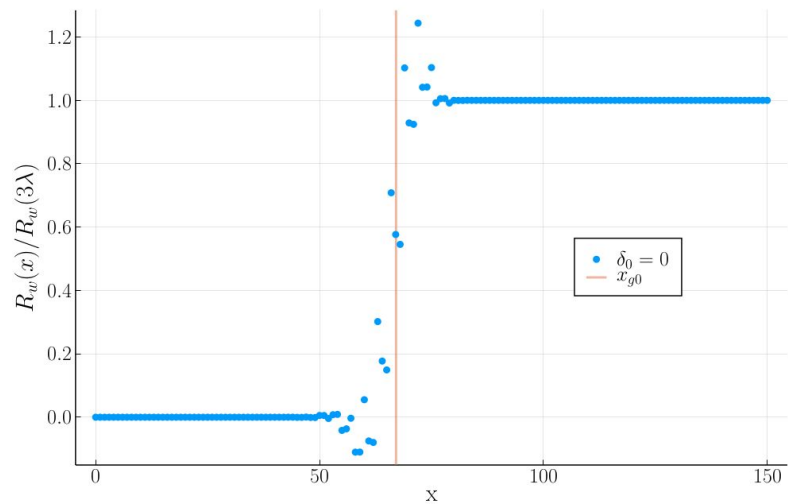
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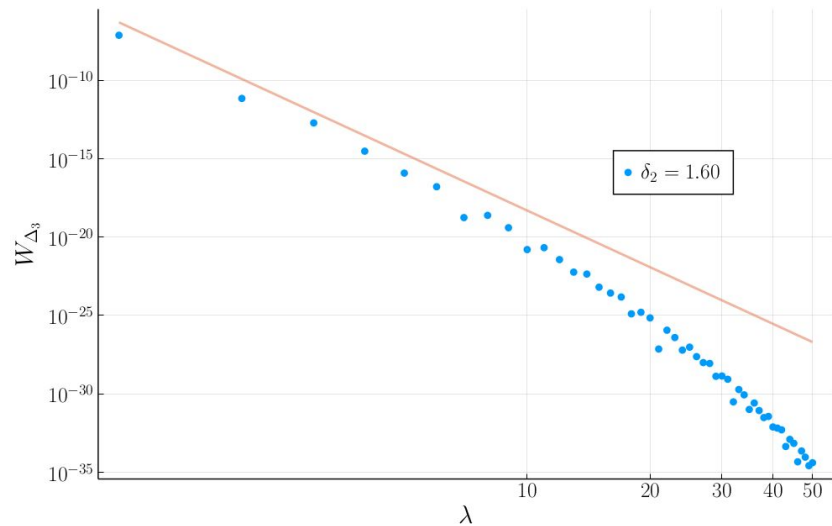
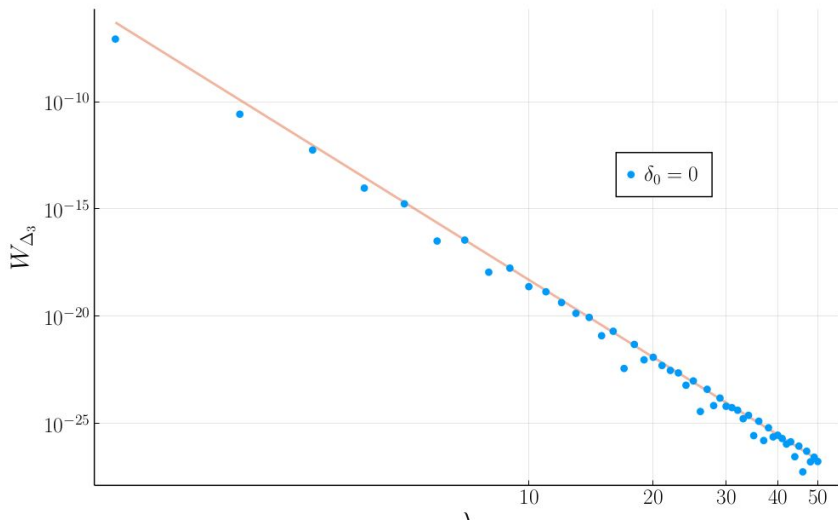
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APPLICATIONS - IR (LARGE-VOLUME) DIVERGENCES

Two results in the literature, IR melonic divergences, necessary step for renormalization

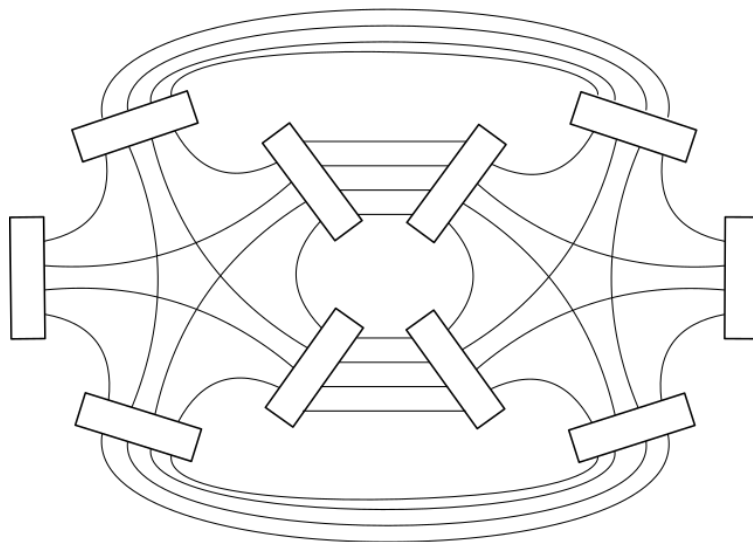
- bubbles are divergent
- bounded from below - $\log K$
- bounded from above - K^9
- numerical estimation is in progress

(the same kind in [Valentin Bonzom's lecture](#))

[Self-Energy of the Lorentzian EPRL-FK Spin Foam Model of Quantum Gravity - Aldo Riello](#)

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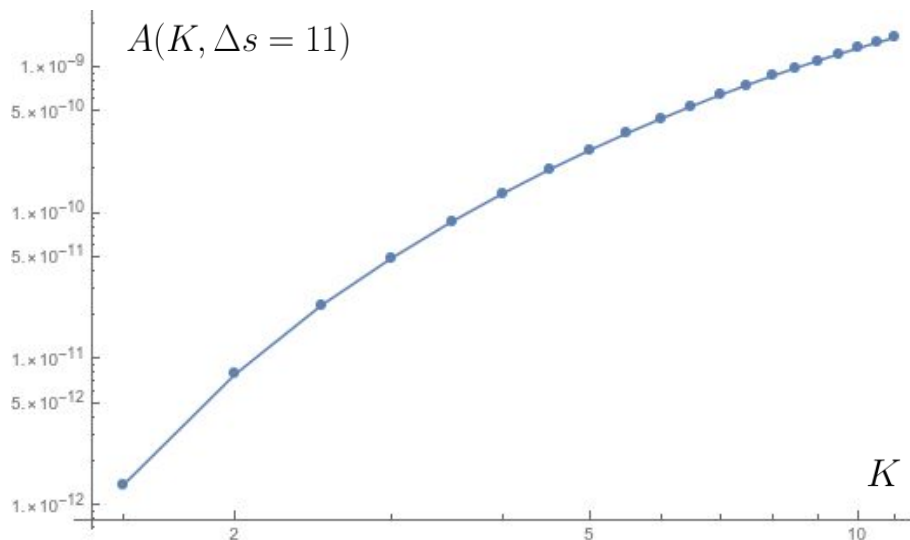
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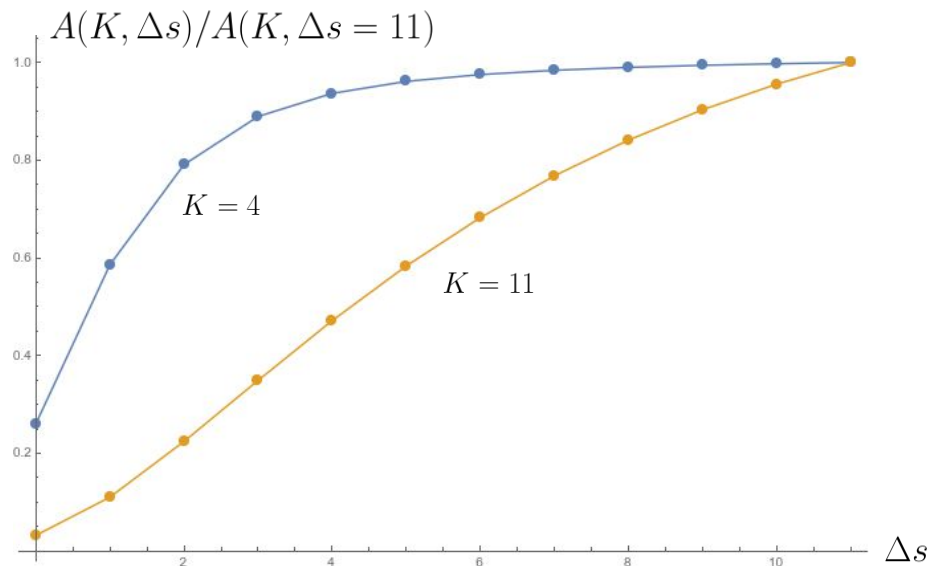
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CONCLUSION

Doing computations with the Ponzano Regge model is an excellent way to play with spin foams on your laptop. (more minor technical difficulties of 4D, shares formal aspects, extension is not straightforward).

We have a well-written, optimized, parallelizable, user-friendly code (sl2cfoam-next) that allows computing EPRL Lorentzian spin foam amplitudes. (Elementary ones on your laptop, to do serious computations, HPC is needed - our resources are orders of magnitudes smaller than LQCD guys ones)

Field in constant development. We change idea very quickly! We should not be afraid to.

If you want to contribute you are very welcome to fork the repository and have fun!

- Implement Euclidean EPRL model (bounded sums) (P.D. , Francesco Gozzini, Alessandro Nicotra)
- Extrapolation in the internal spin summation (truncation control) (Pietro Paolo Frisoni, Francesco Gozzini)
- Amplitudes representing physical processes

(Carlo Rovelli, Farshid Soltani and Francesca Vidotto @Western U. on bouncing black holes)