

Non-perturbative Cosmological Bootstrap: Källén–Lehmann representation

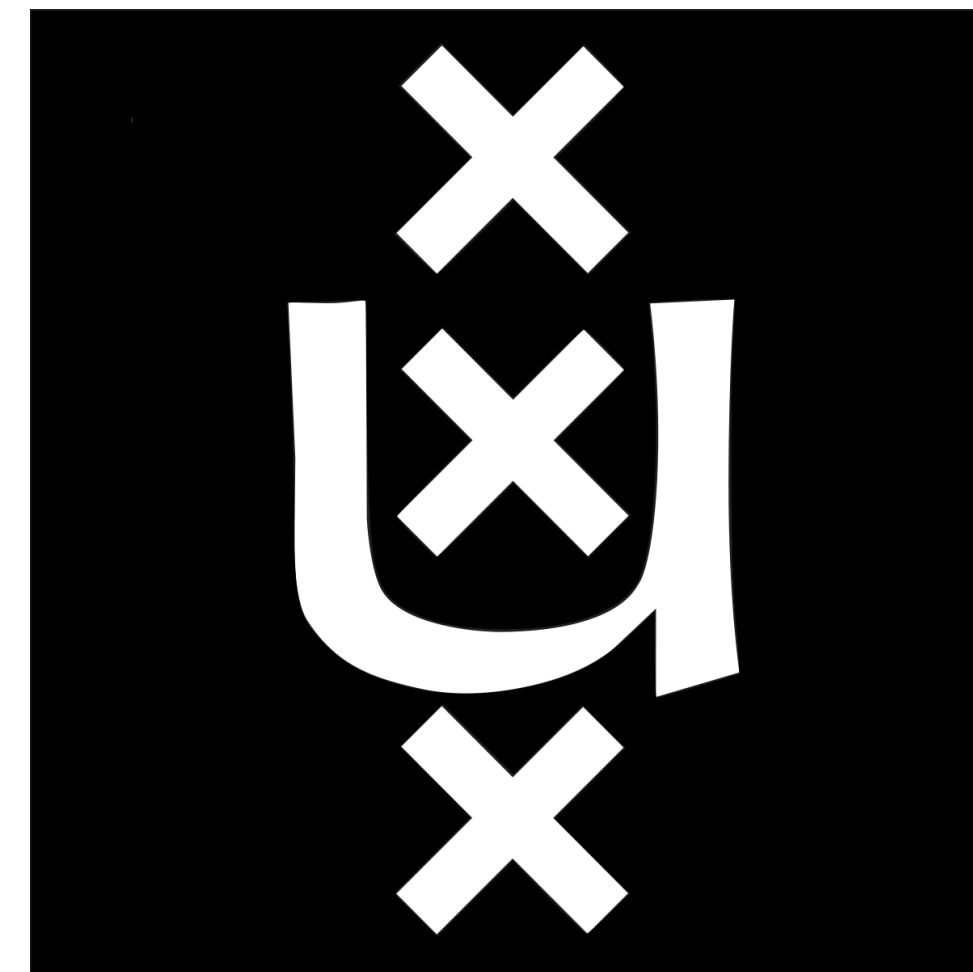
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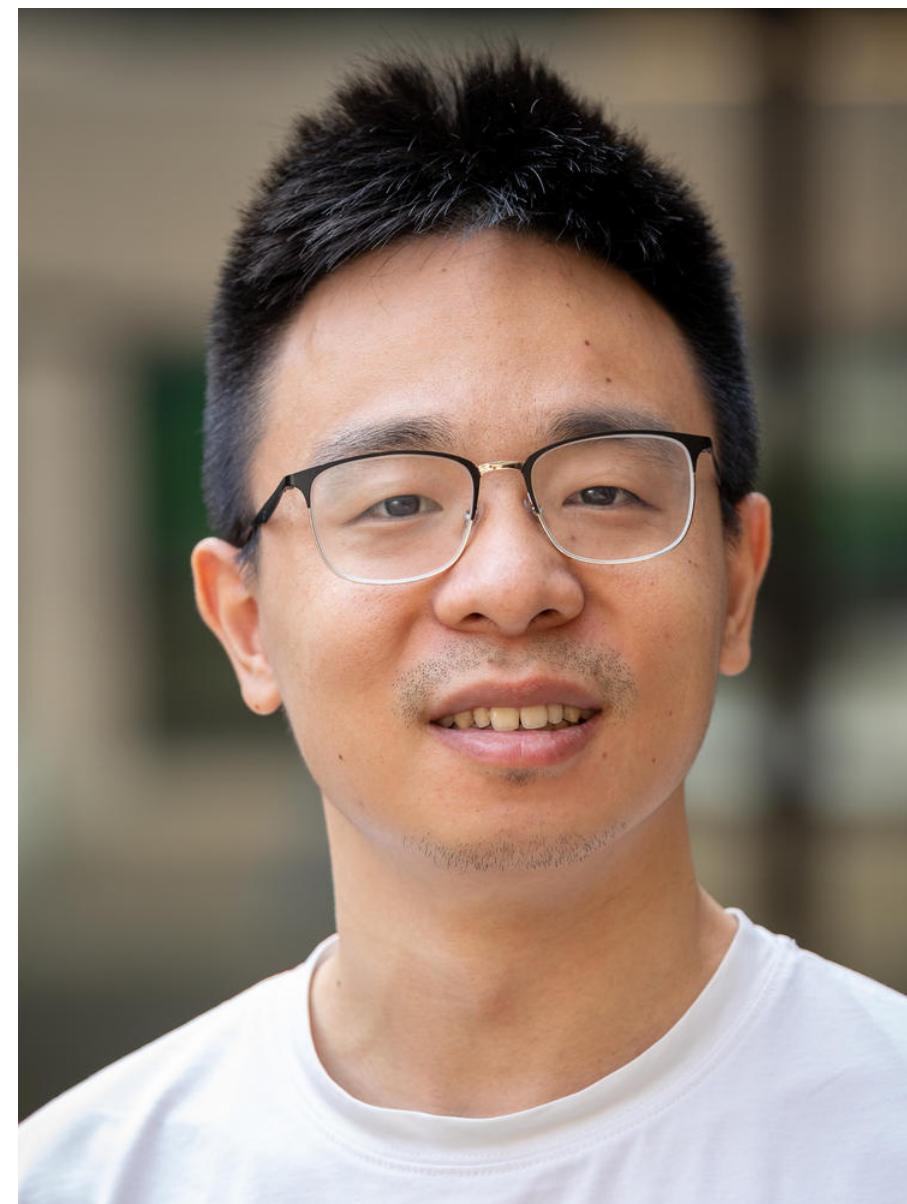
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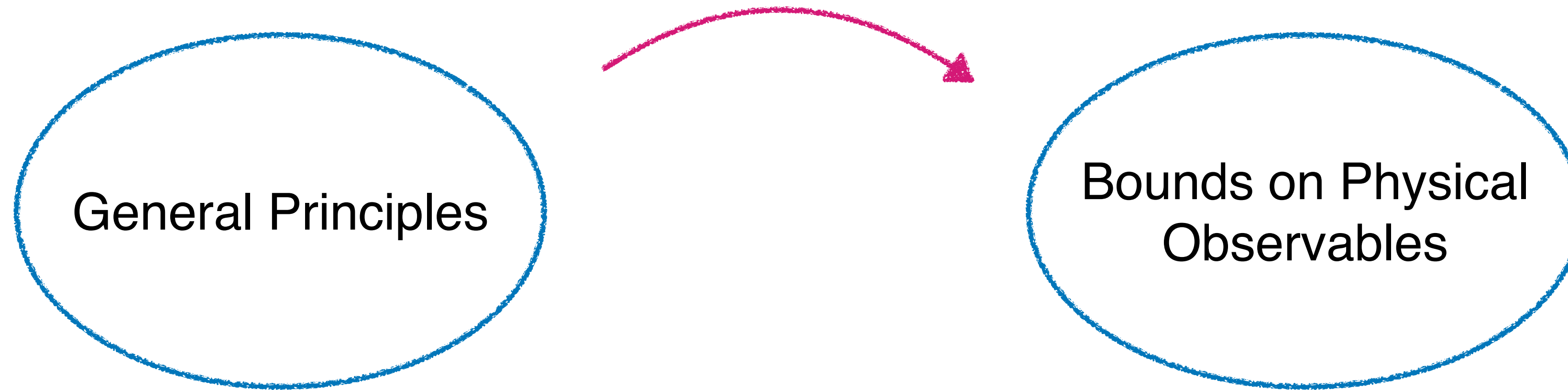


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Cosmological bootstrap!

Non-perturbative

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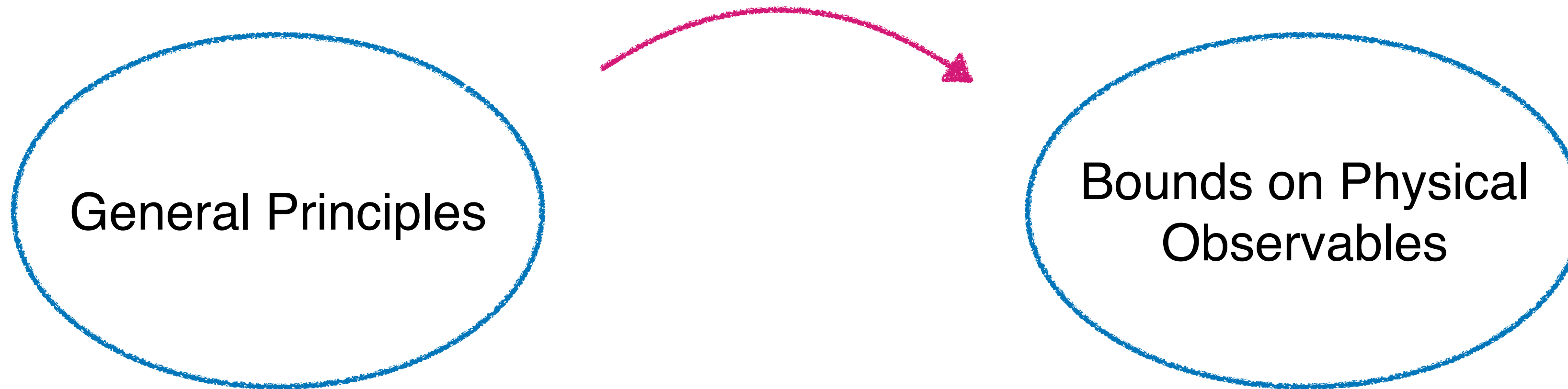
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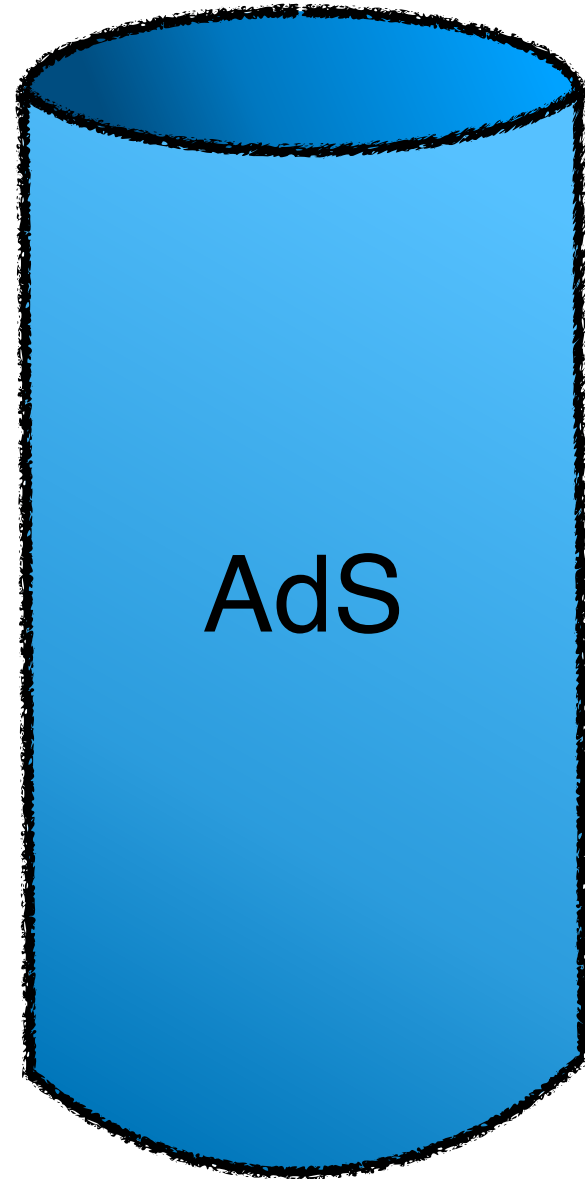
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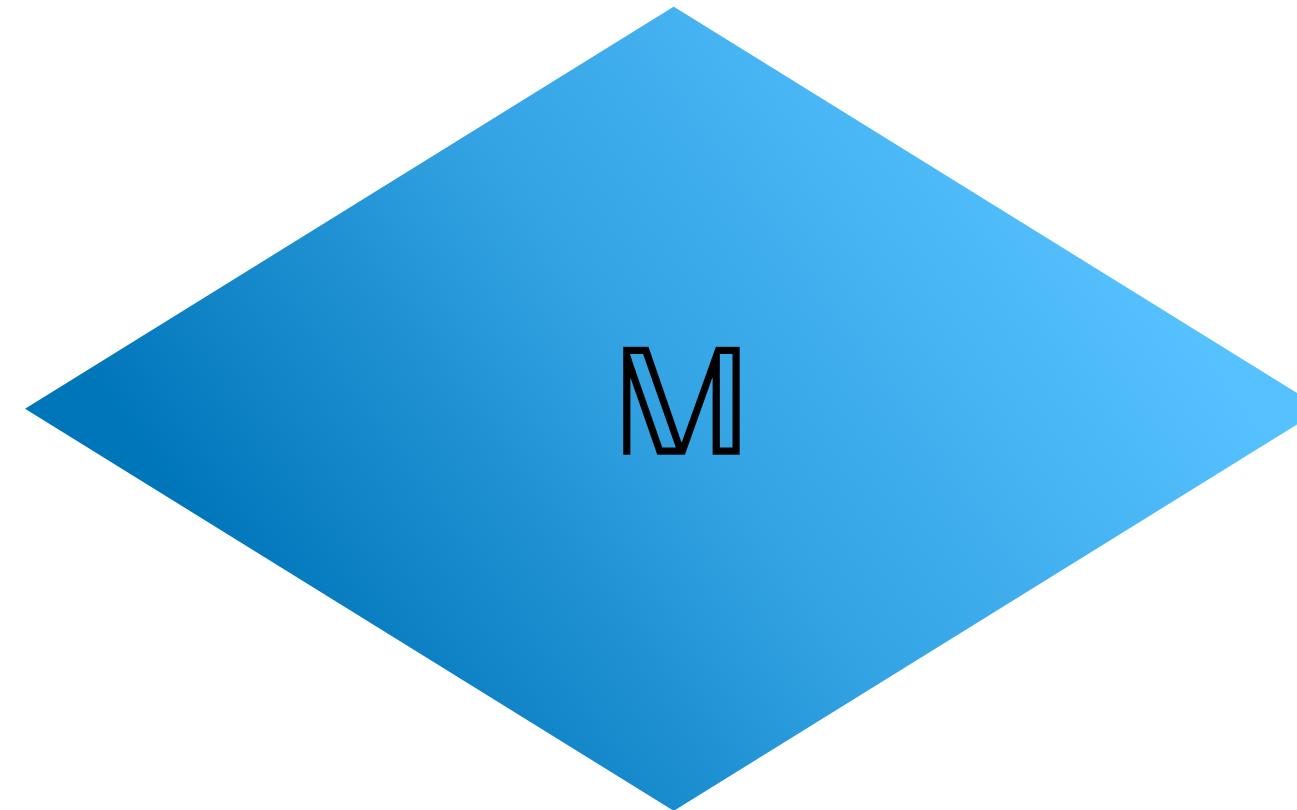
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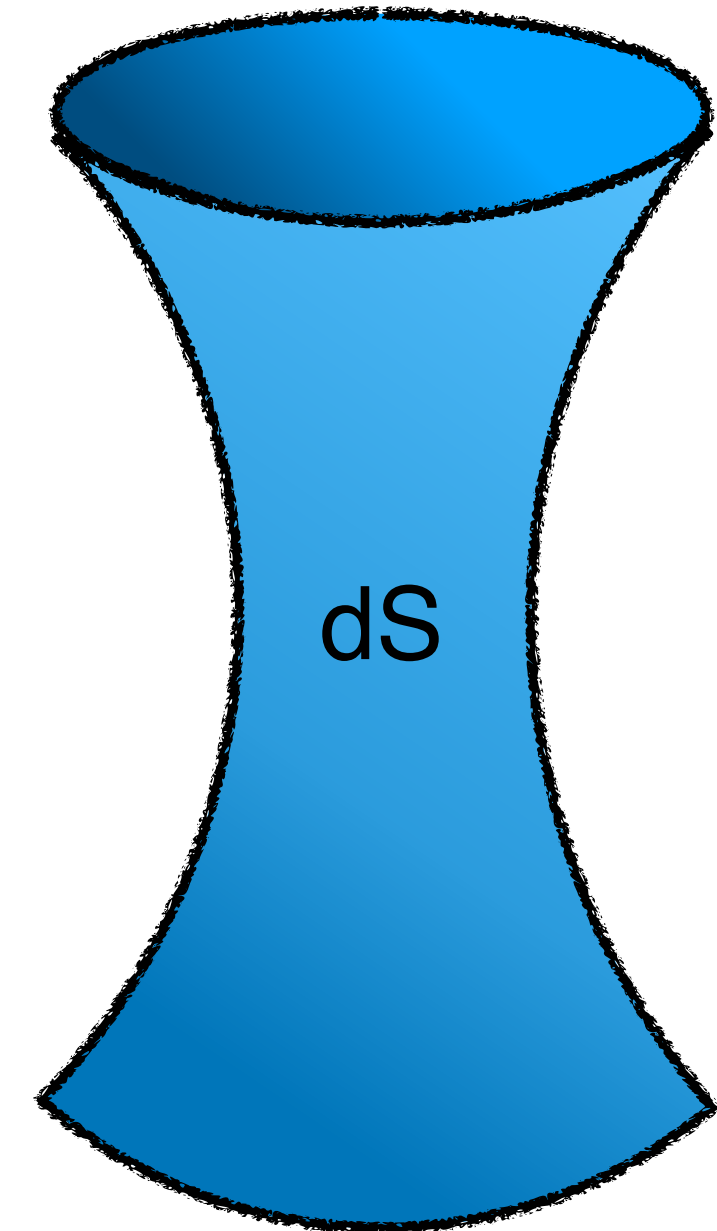
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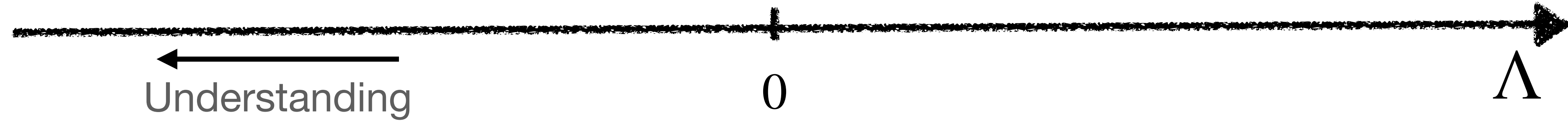


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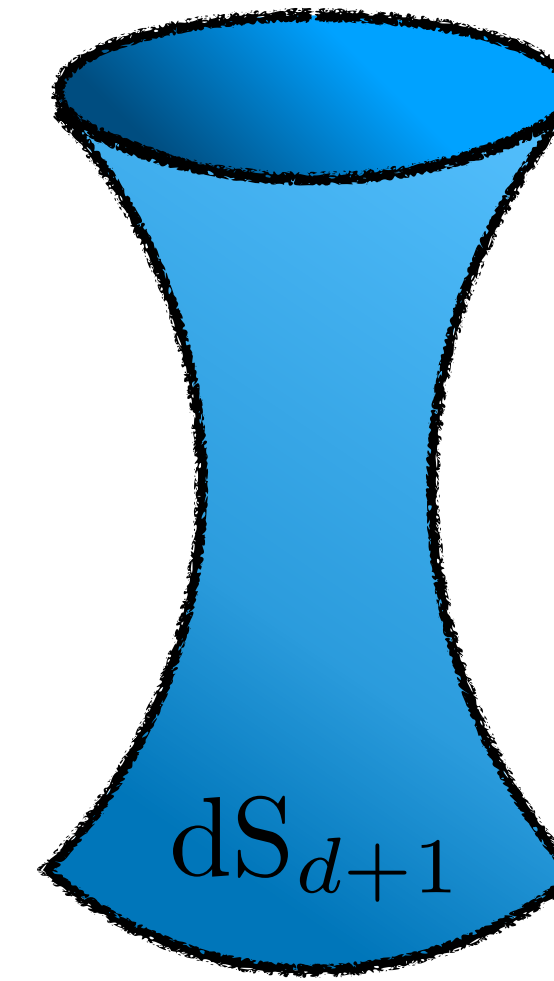
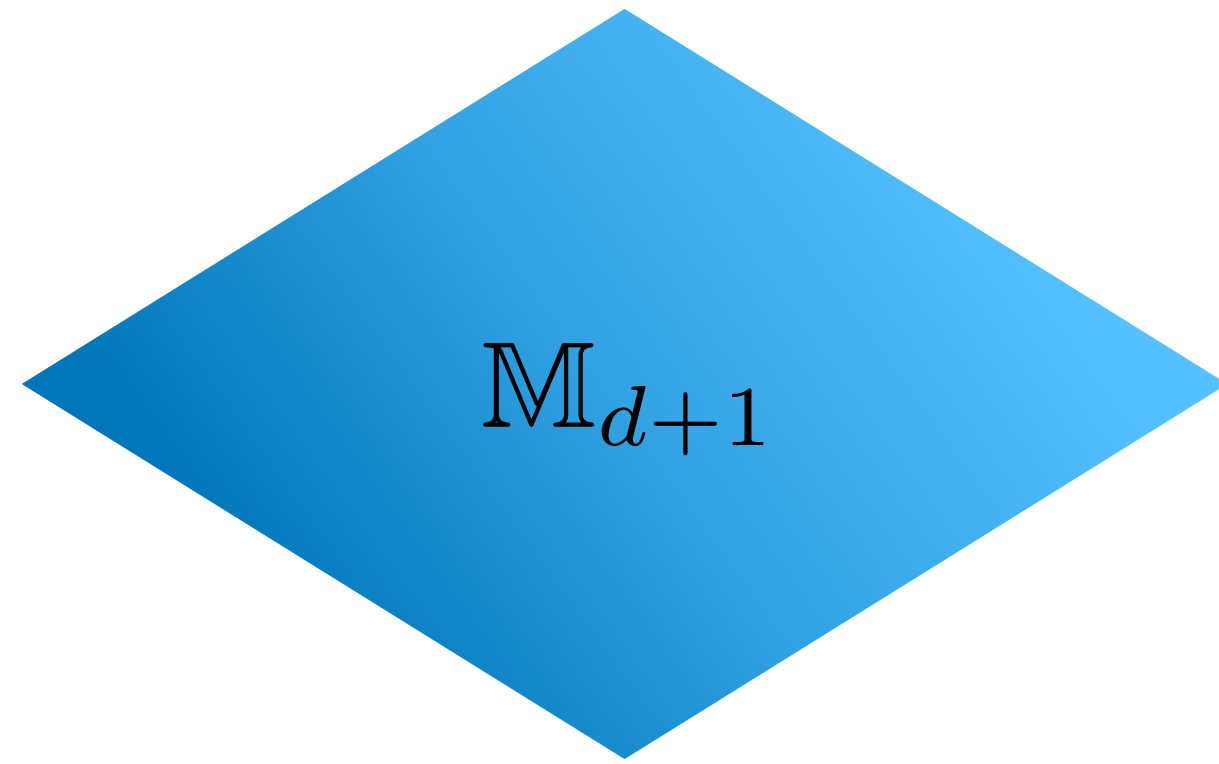
dS



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What is de Sitter?



$$-Y_0^2 + Y_1^2 + \dots + Y_d^2 = R^2$$

Group
symmetry

Poincare group

Conformal group $SO(1, d + 1)$

Isometries

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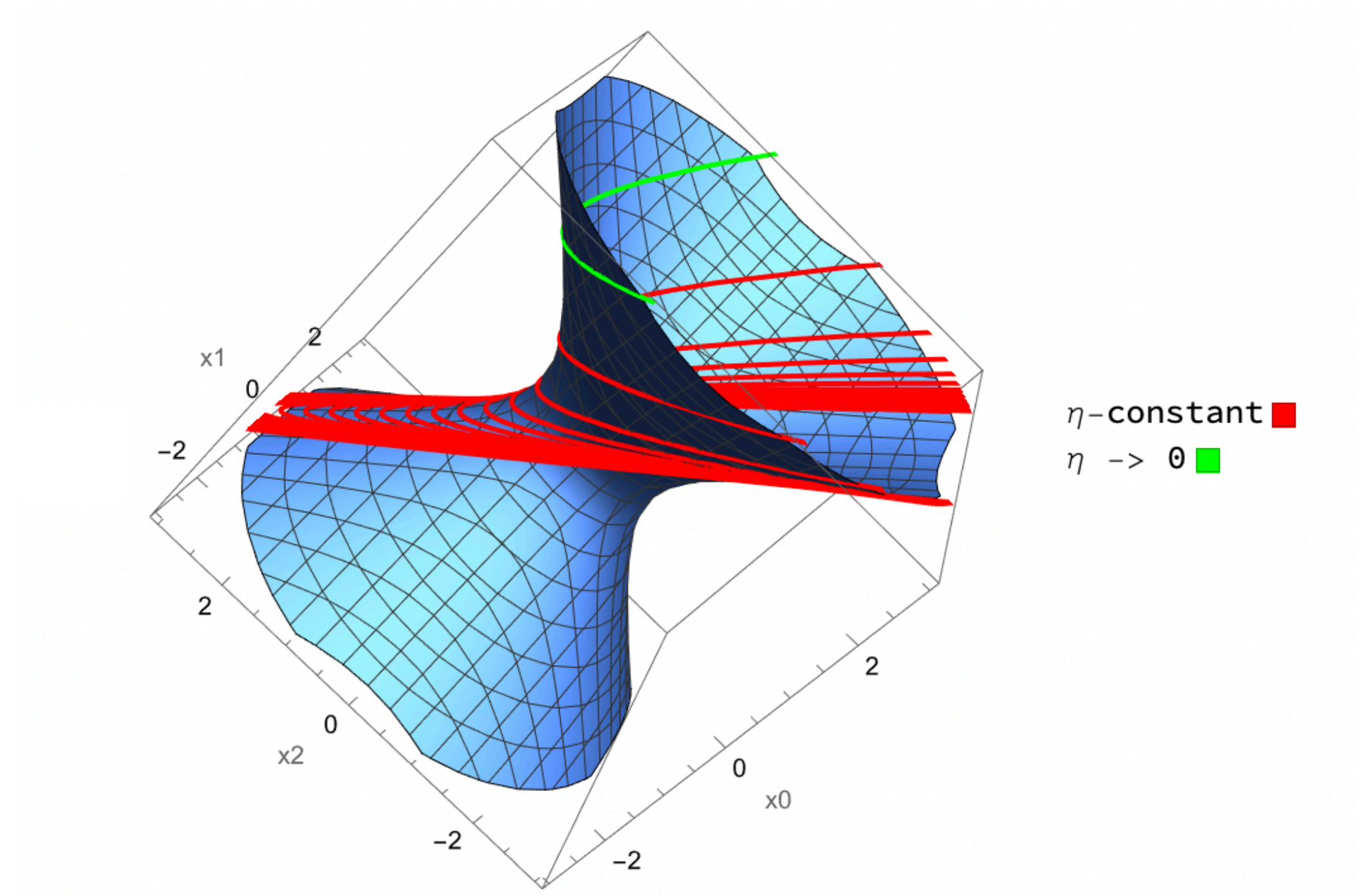
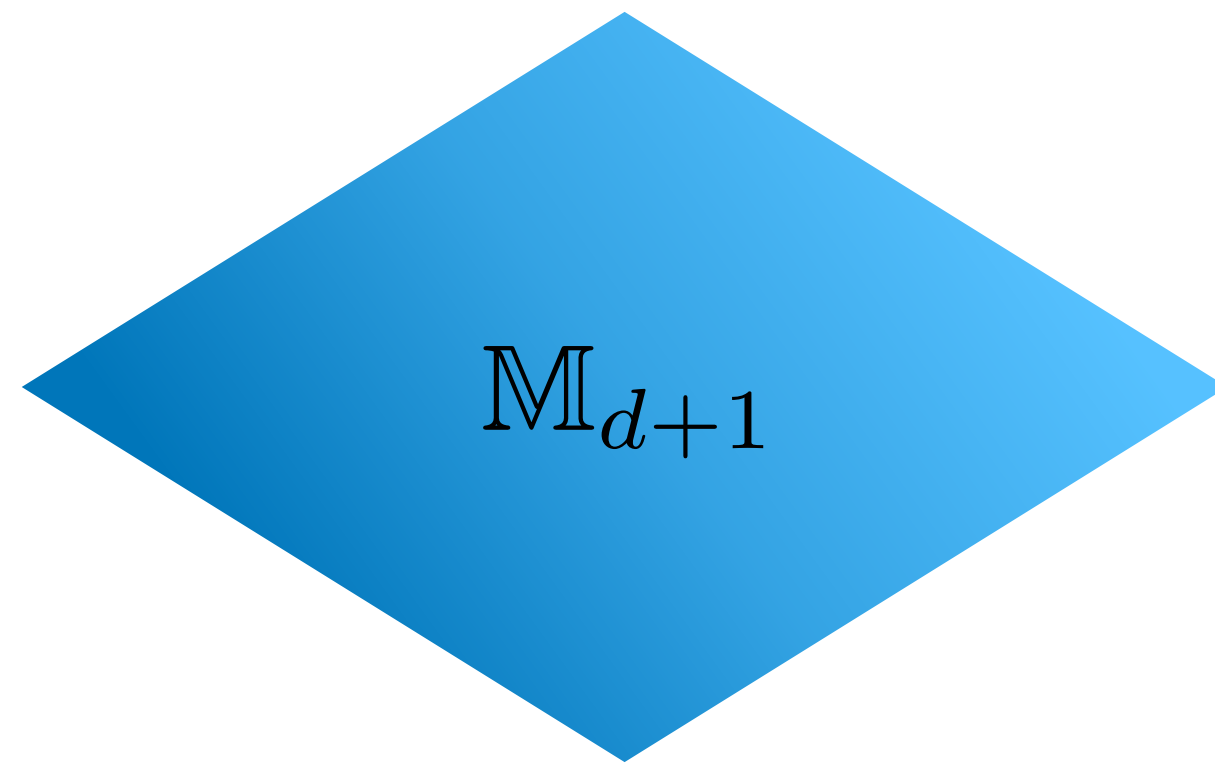
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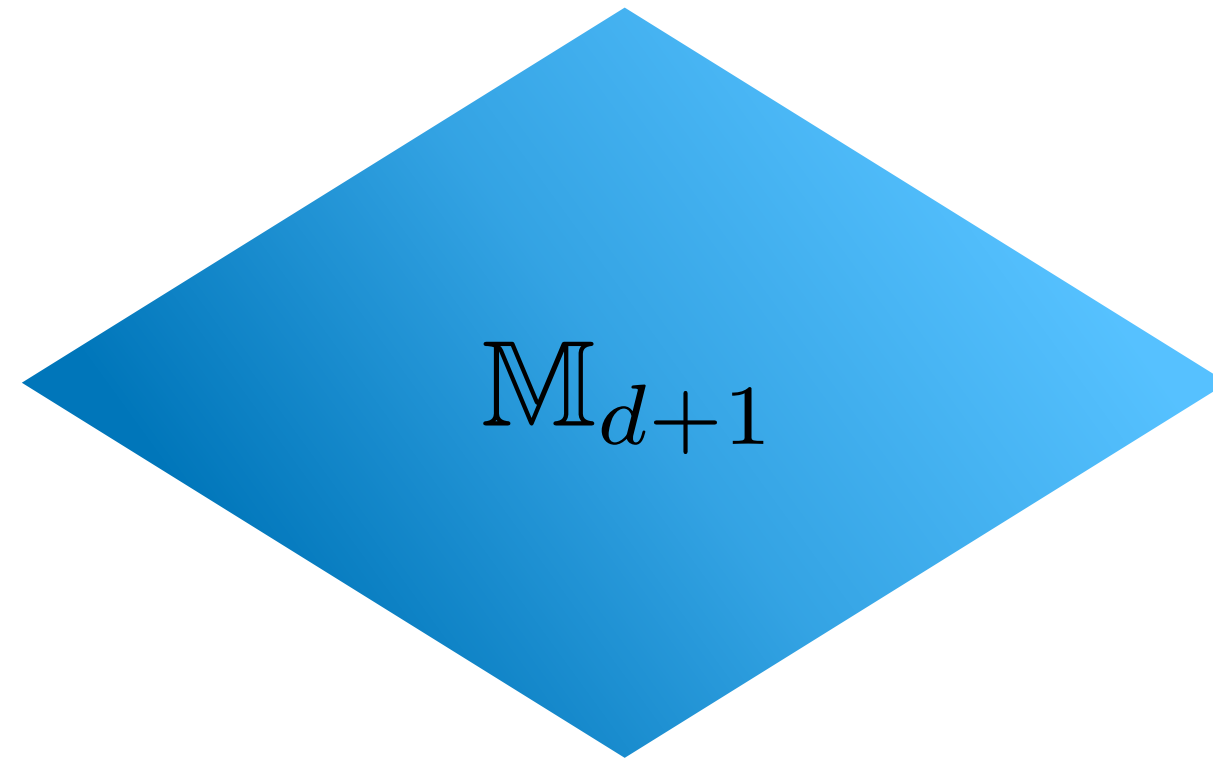
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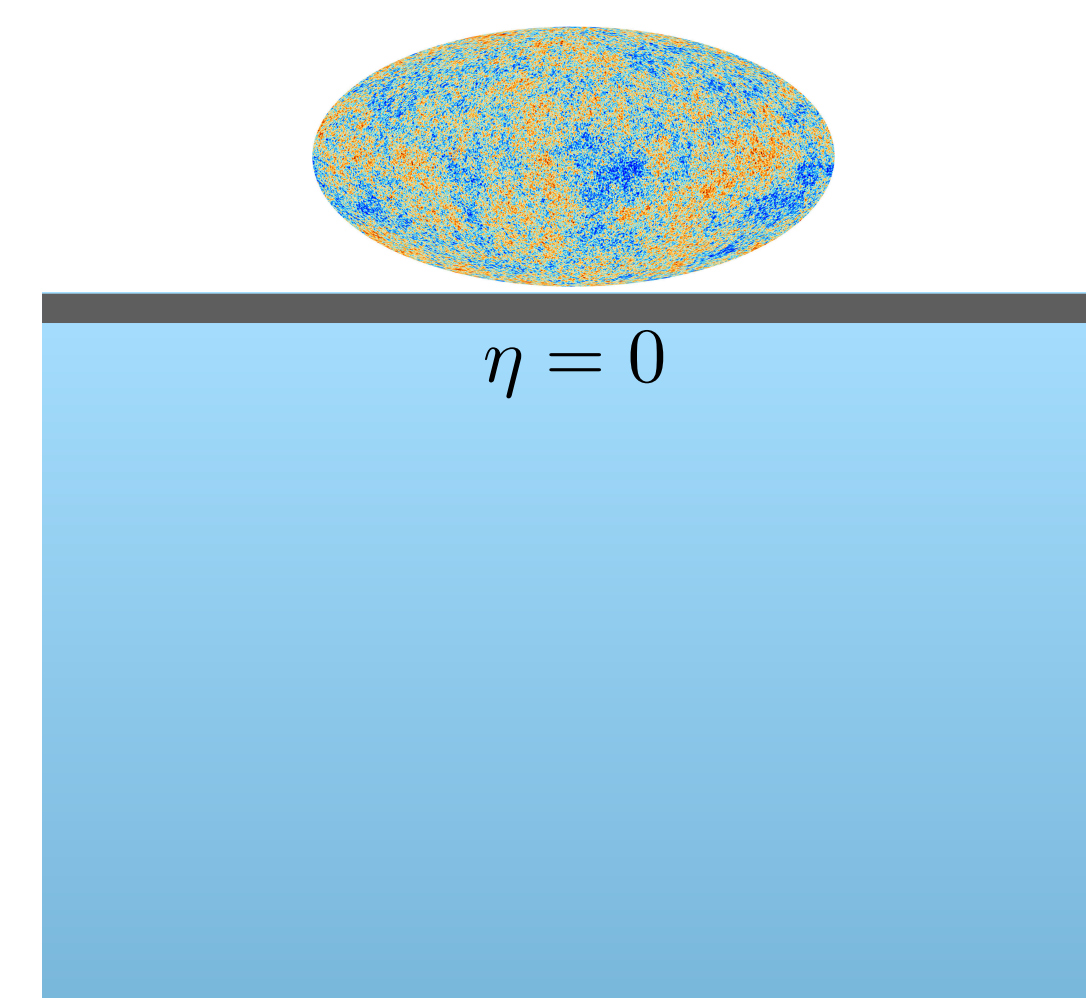
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Hilbert
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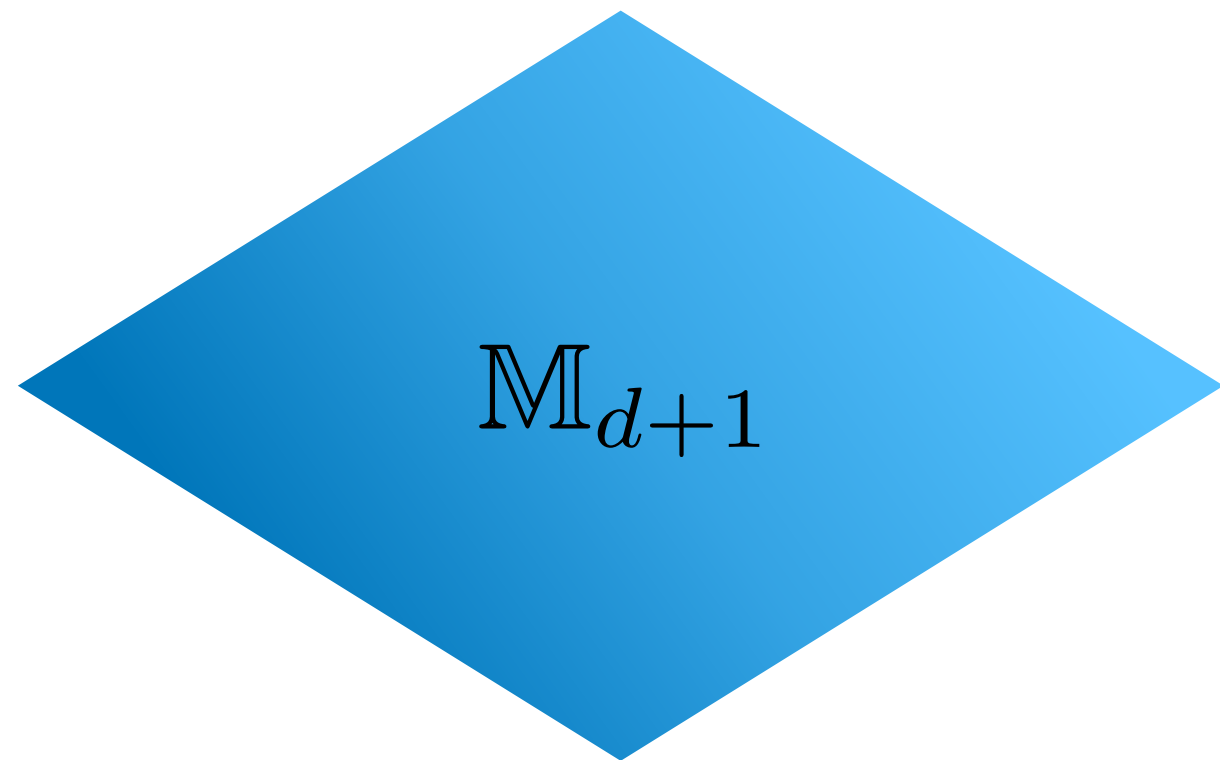
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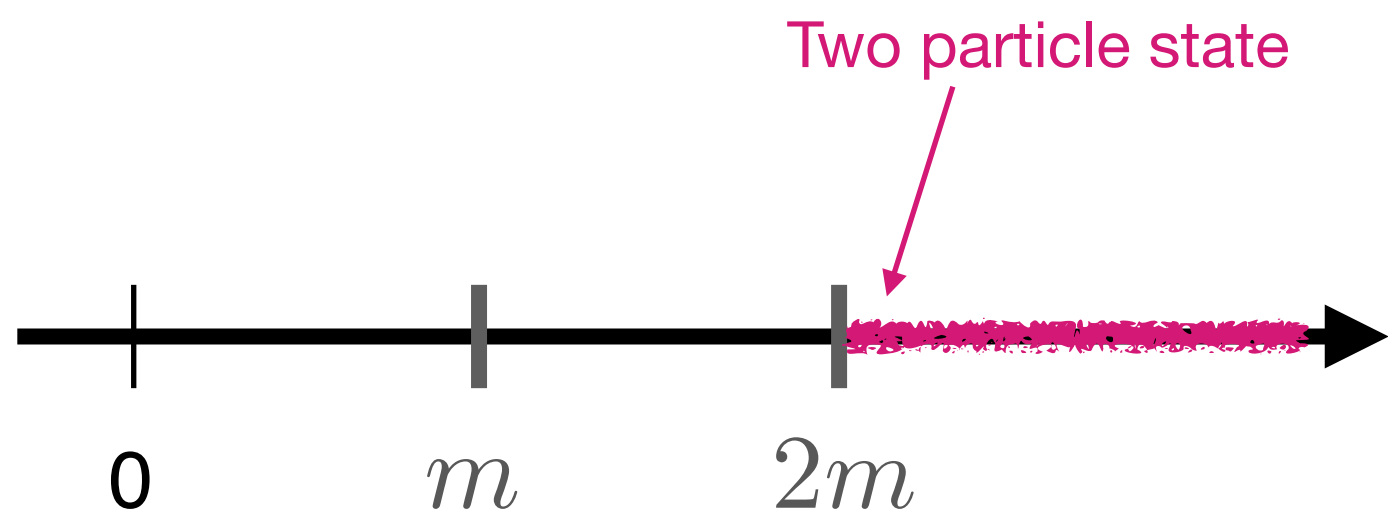
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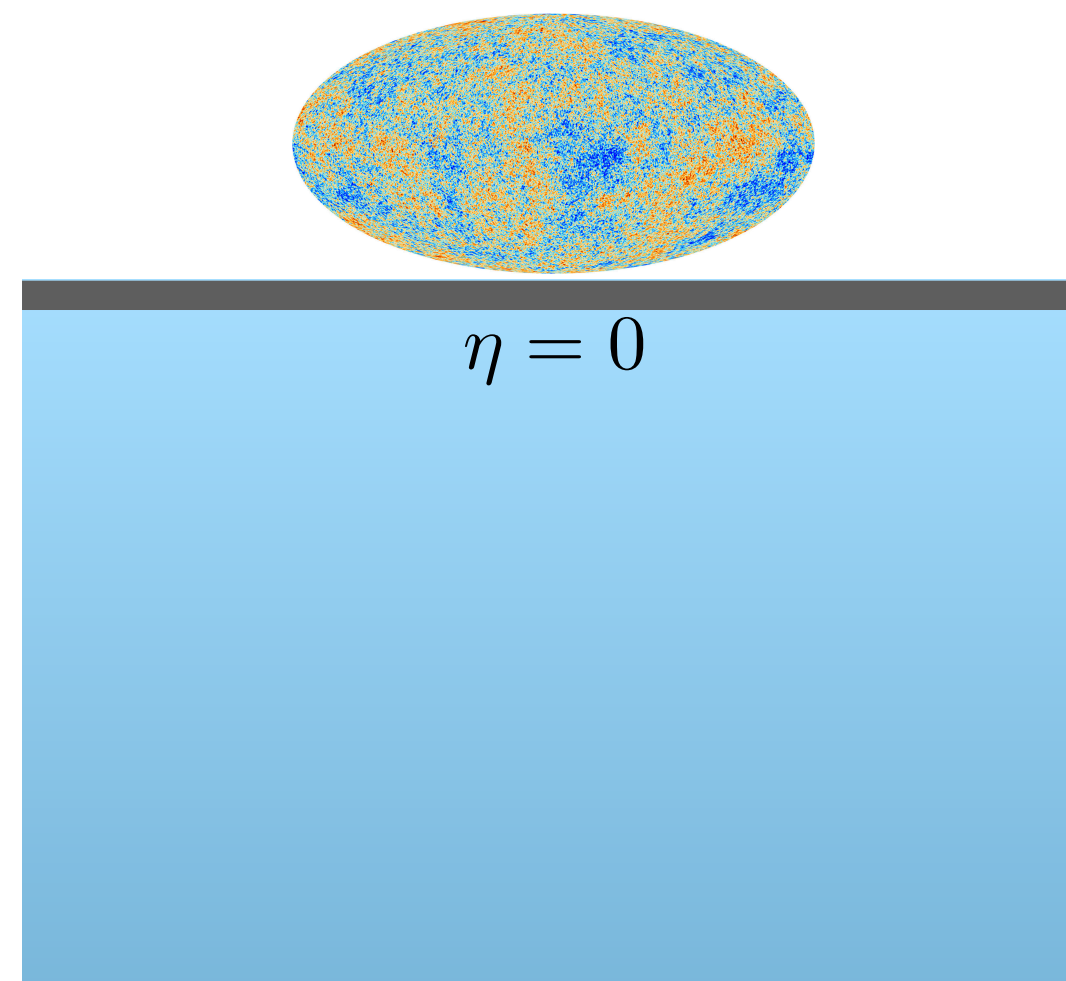
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Example:
Massive
free scalar:



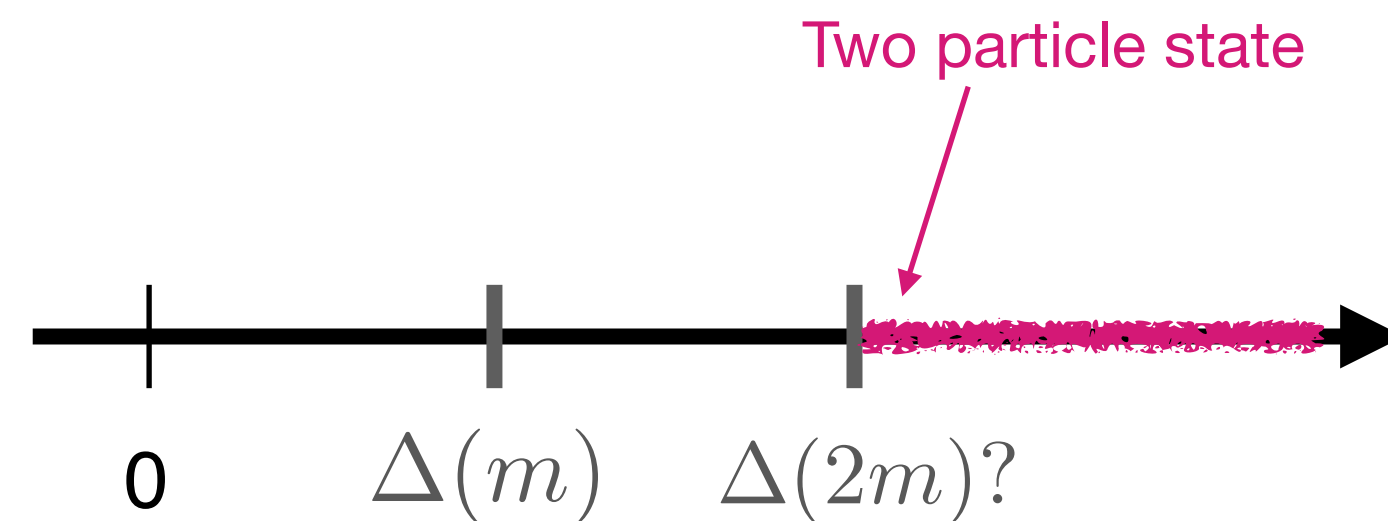
$$\Delta(d - \Delta) = m^2 R^2 : \text{free massive scalar}$$



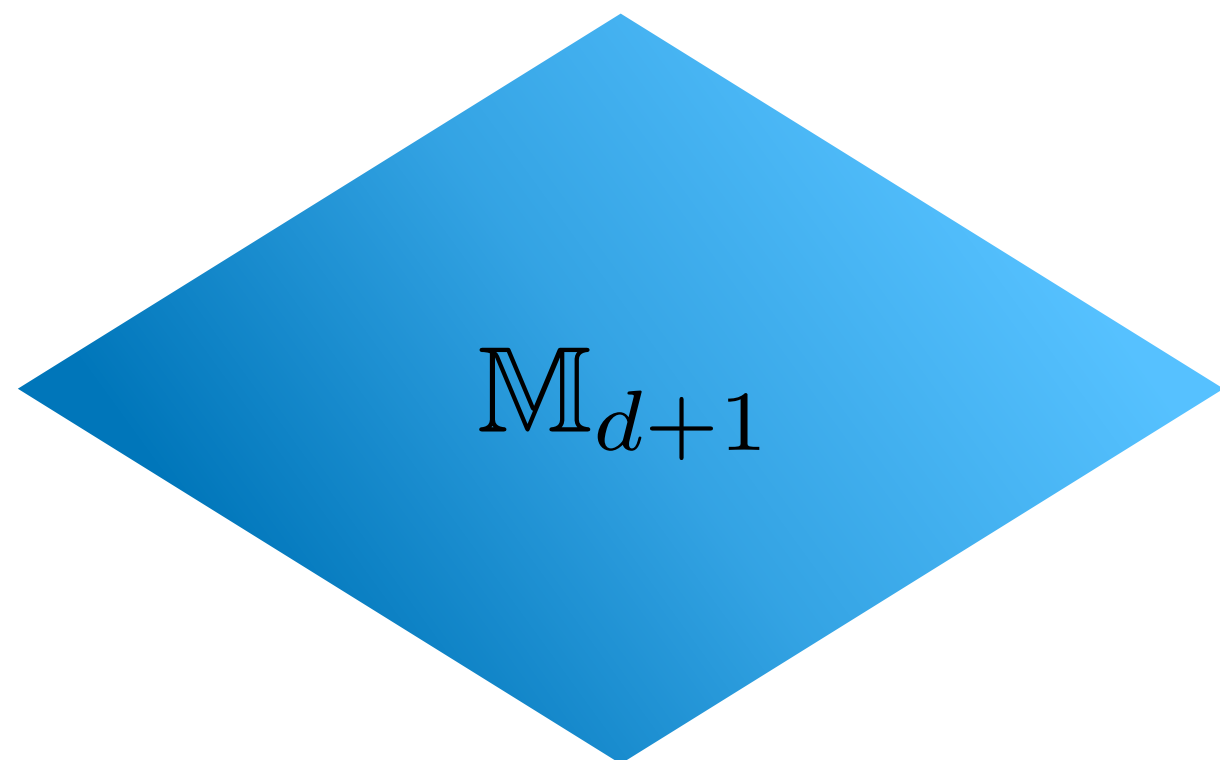
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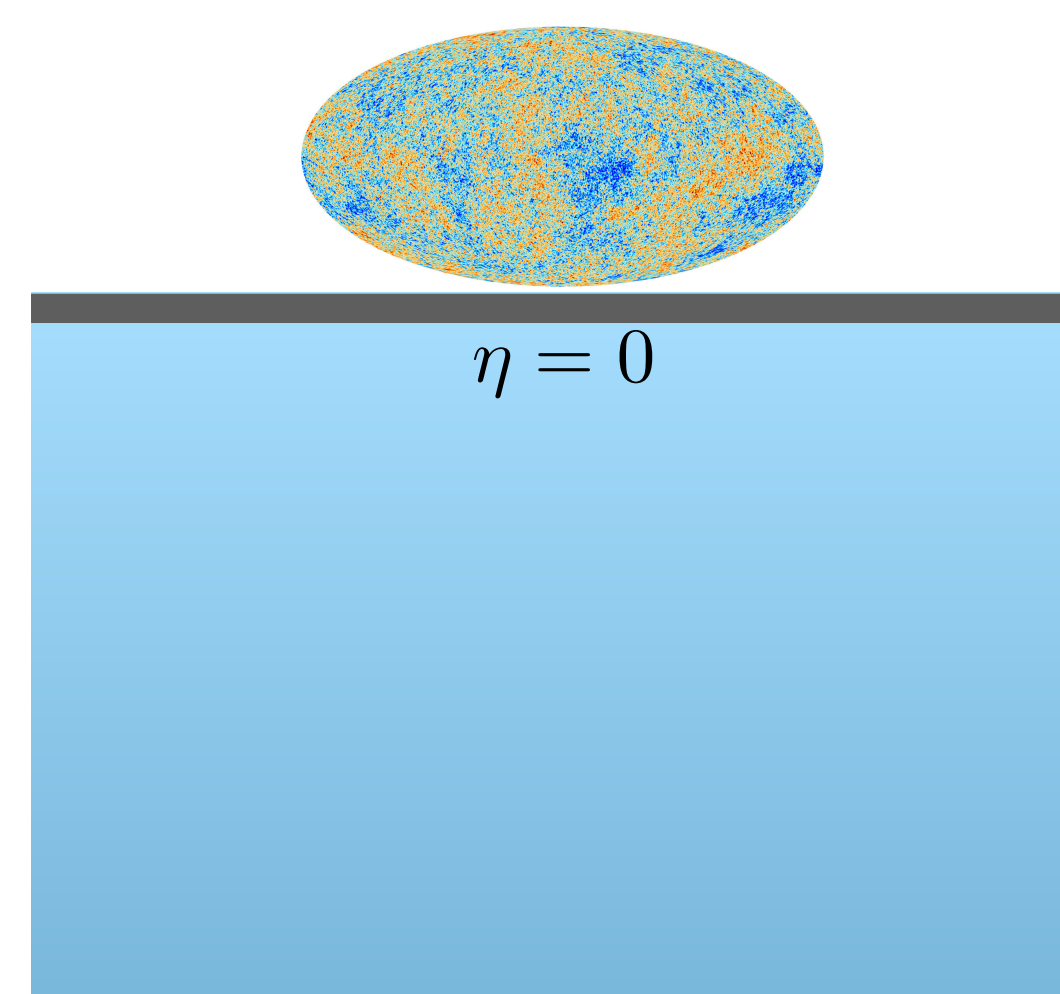
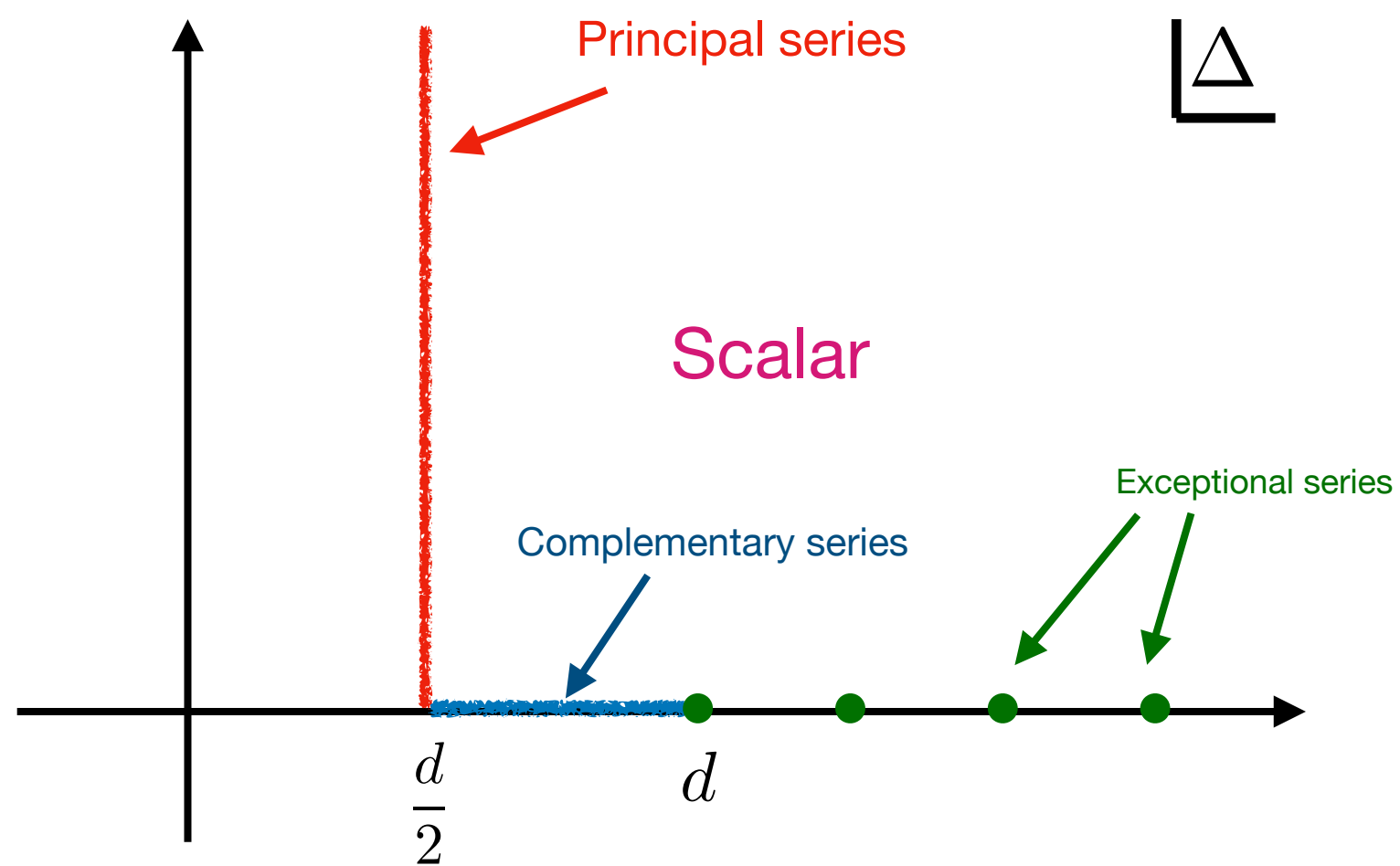


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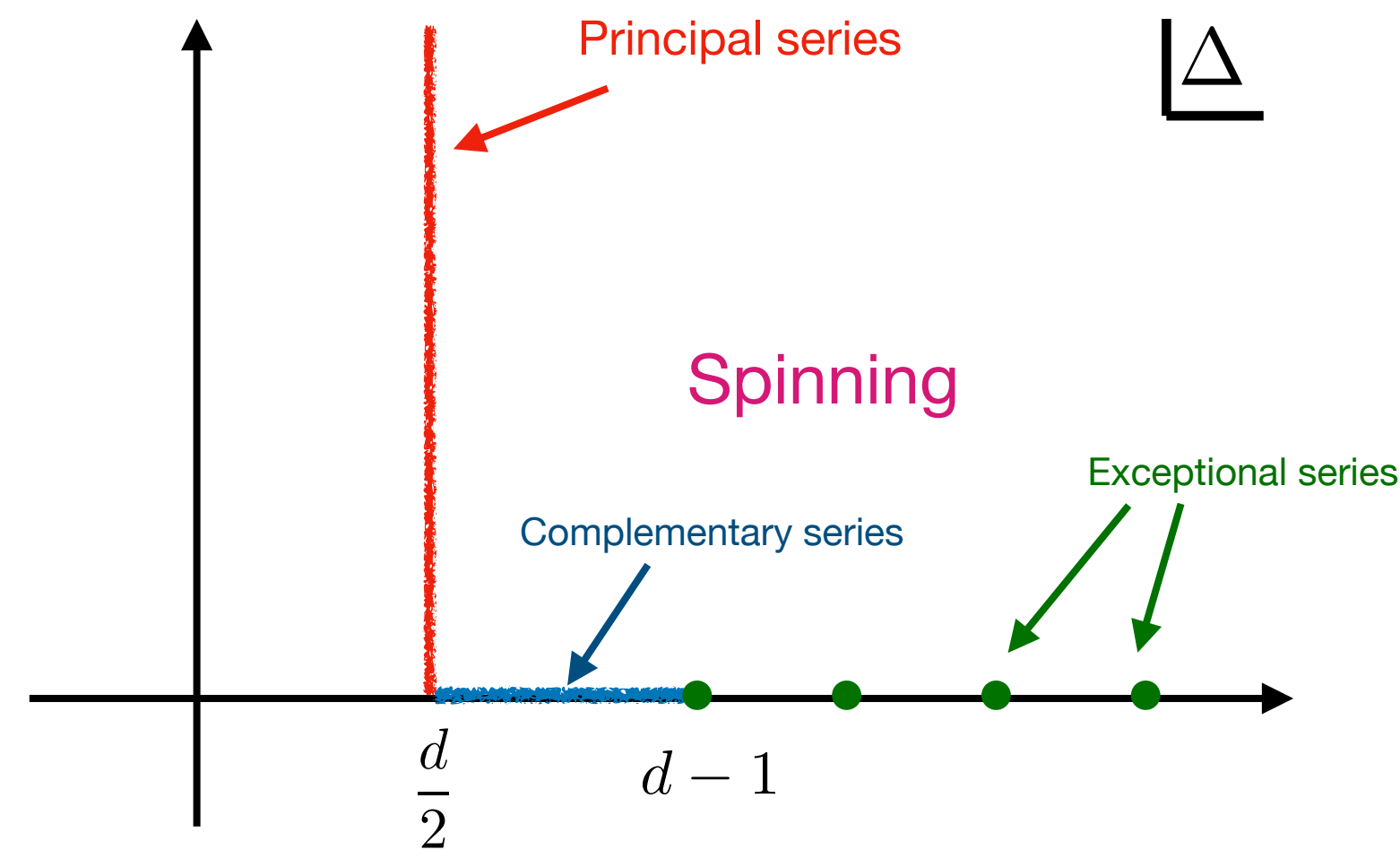
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How do we study QFT in dS Non-perturbatively?

One way: (not the main focus of this talk)

Conformal boundary

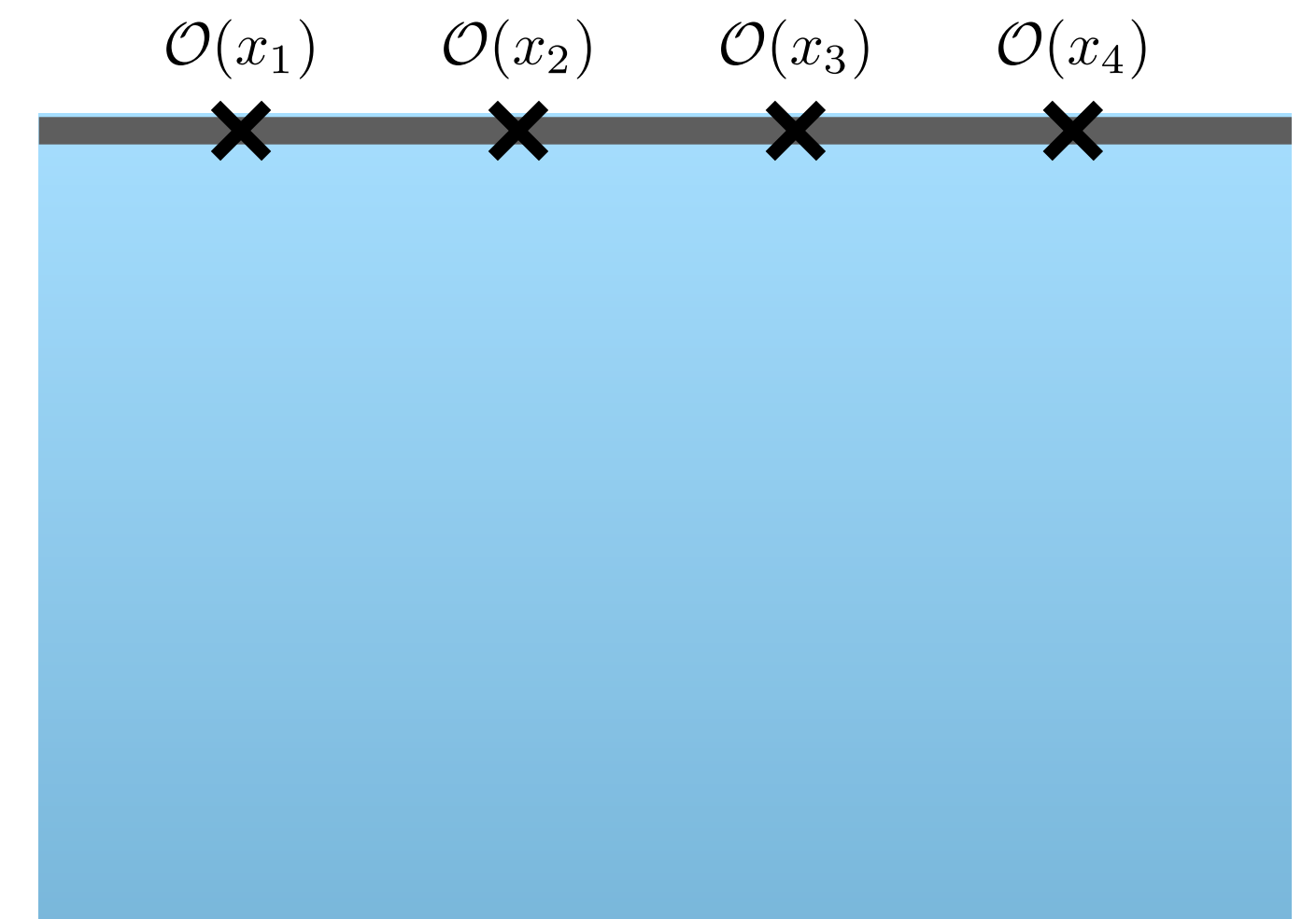


Conformal bootstrap

Conformal Bootstrap vs Cosmological Bootstrap

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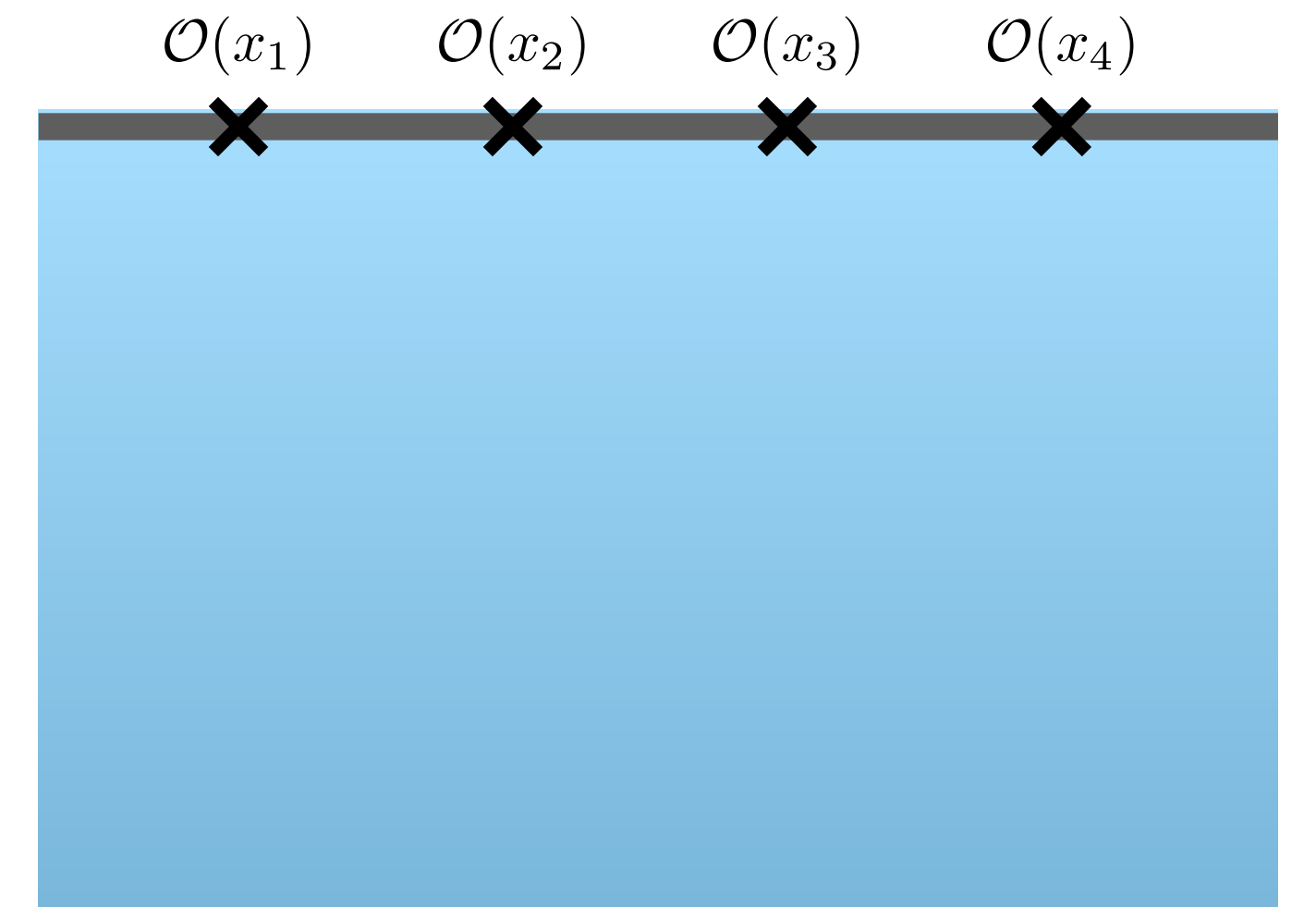


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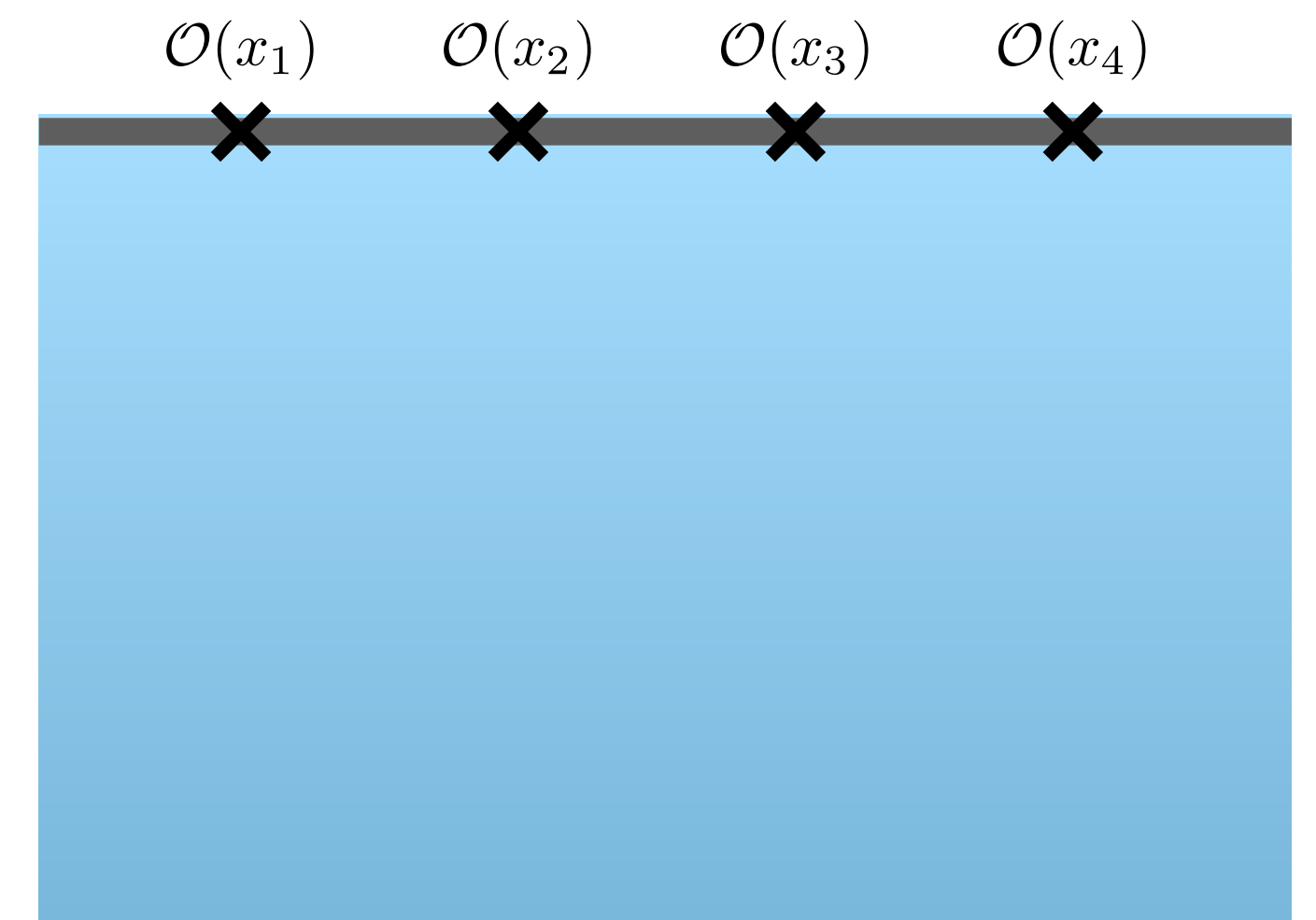
Boundary operators Irreps > 0

positivity + crossing



bounds on $I_{\Delta, \ell}$: $0 < I_{\Delta, \ell} < \#$

2d de Sitter [2107.1387]



Outline:

- Källén–Lehmann(KL): Non-perturbative

Bulk two-point functions:

1. Do we have a KL decomposition for **dS too**?
2. Does **unitarity** imply positivity for dS?
3. Can we find **boundary** theory / boundary operators?
4. Can we **invert** the KL decomposition and find **explicit expression** for spectral densities?
5. Can we understand what controls the **analytic properties** of spectral densities?

Källén–Lehmann spectral decomposition

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Is it useful? Yes! Some examples:

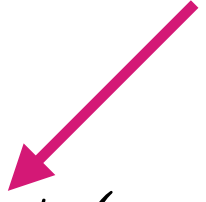
1. No higher derivative terms in the UV complete Lagrangian
2. Bounds on EFT coefficients

Sketch of the derivation in Minkowski

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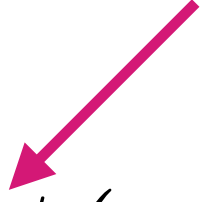
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Fixed by spacetime symmetry

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Integration over momentum



Minkowski vs dS

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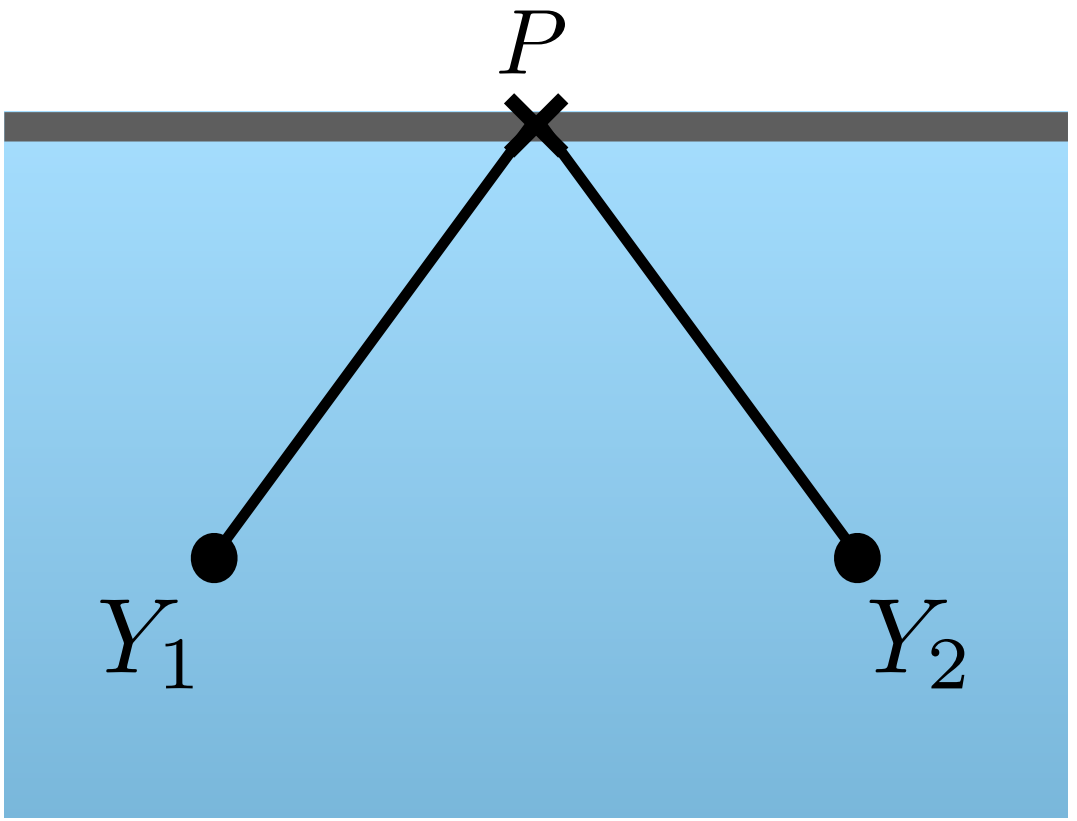
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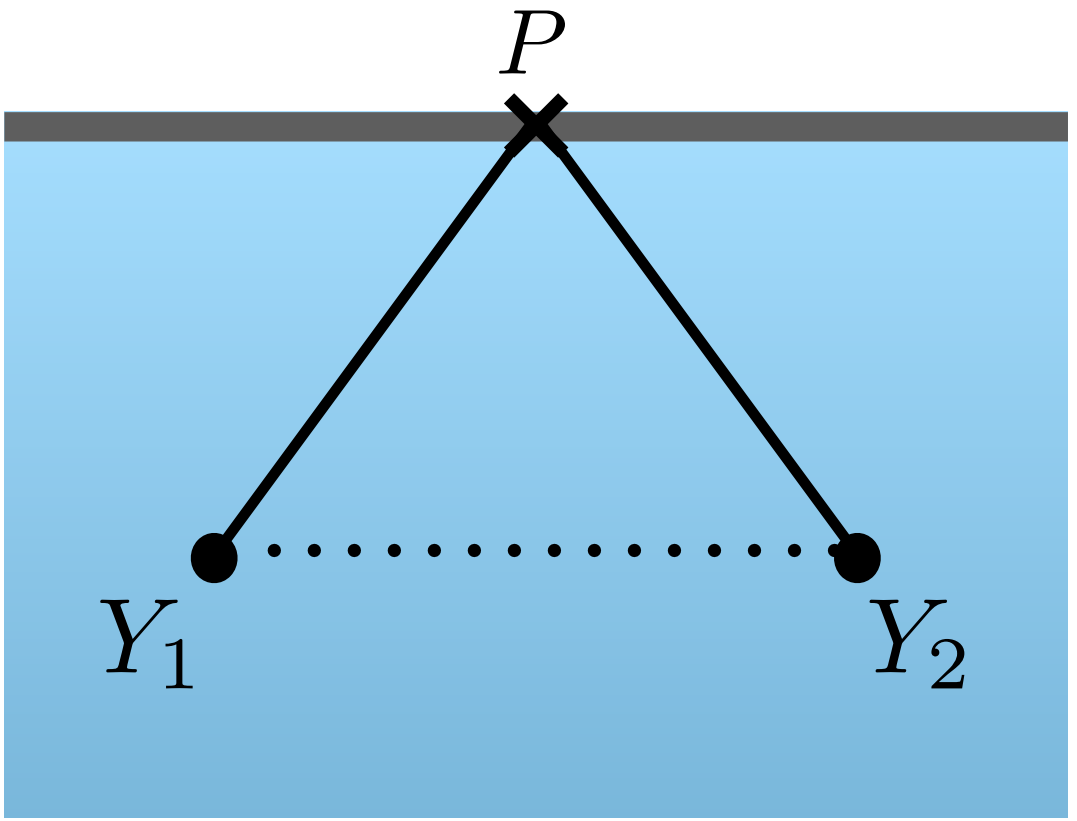
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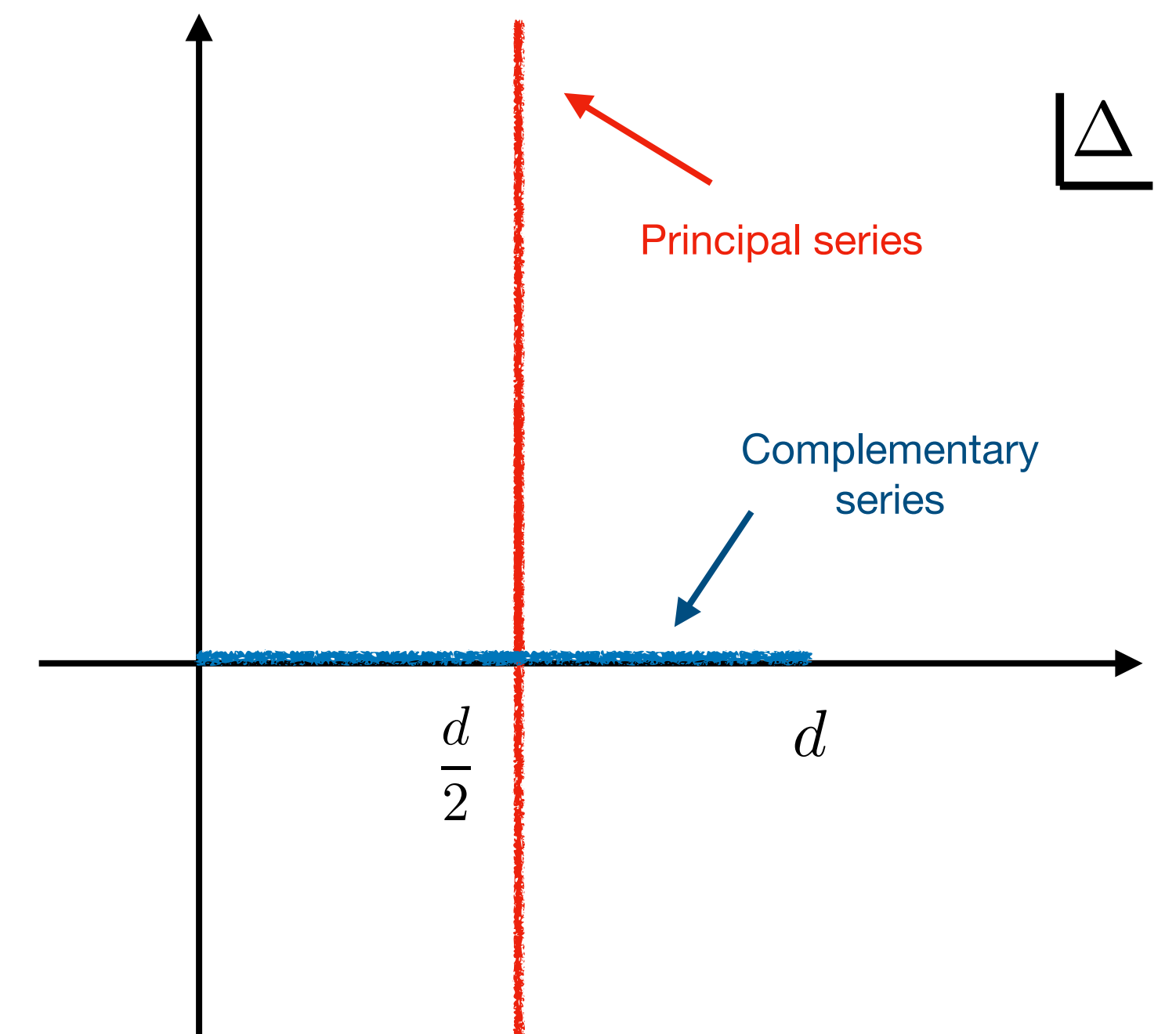
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$$\langle T^{(J)}(Y_1)T^{(J)}(Y_2) \rangle = \sum_{\ell=0}^J \int_{\text{reps}} \rho_{\ell}^{(J)}(\Delta) \nabla_1^{J-\ell} \nabla_2^{J-\ell} G_{\ell}(Y_{12}, \Delta)$$



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Bessel

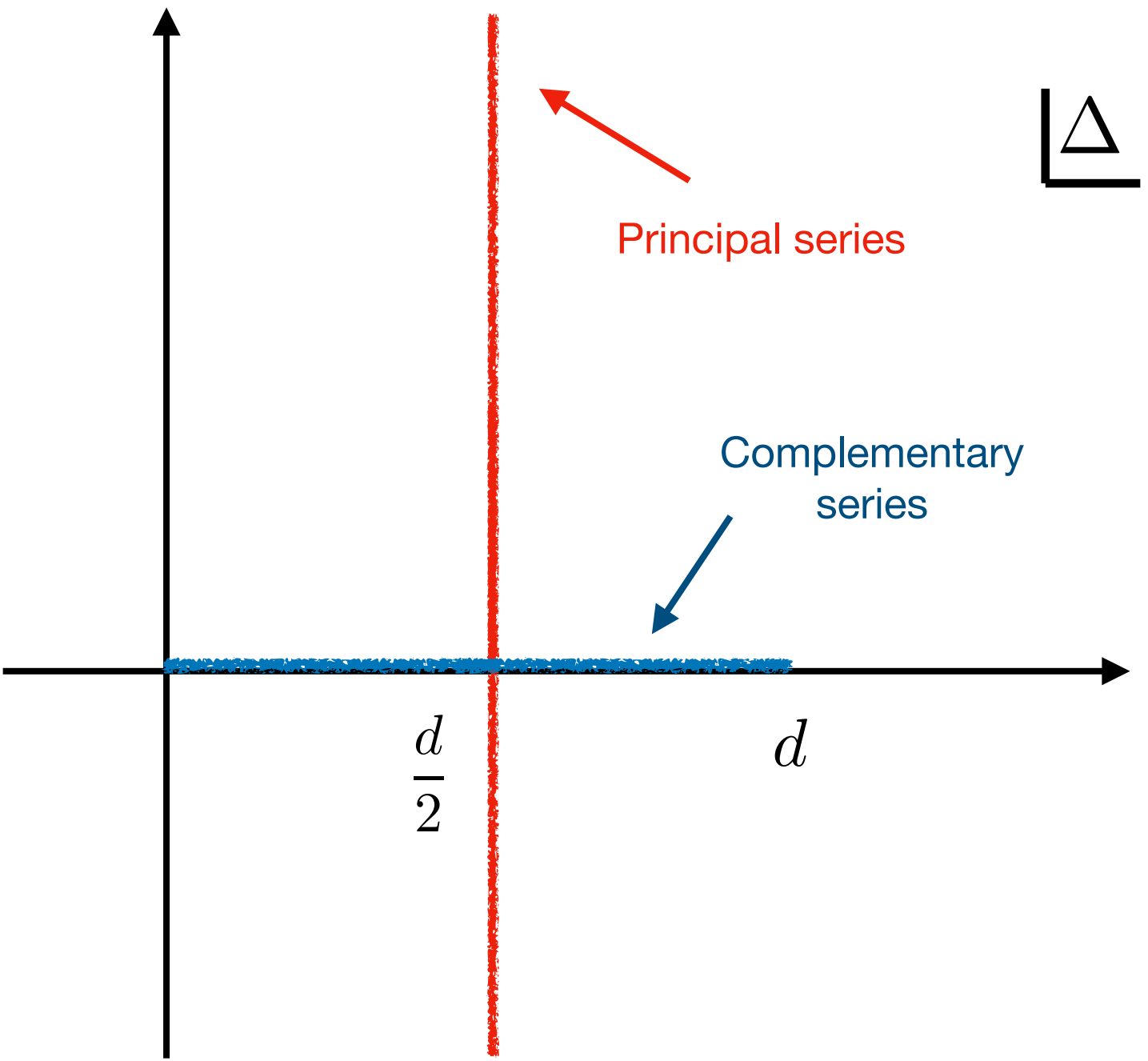
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$${}_2F_1\left(\Delta, d - \Delta, \frac{d + 1}{2}, \frac{\sigma + 1}{2}\right)$$

$$\sigma = Y_1 \cdot Y_2 = \frac{\eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2 - \mathbf{y}_{12}^2}{2\eta_1\eta_2}$$


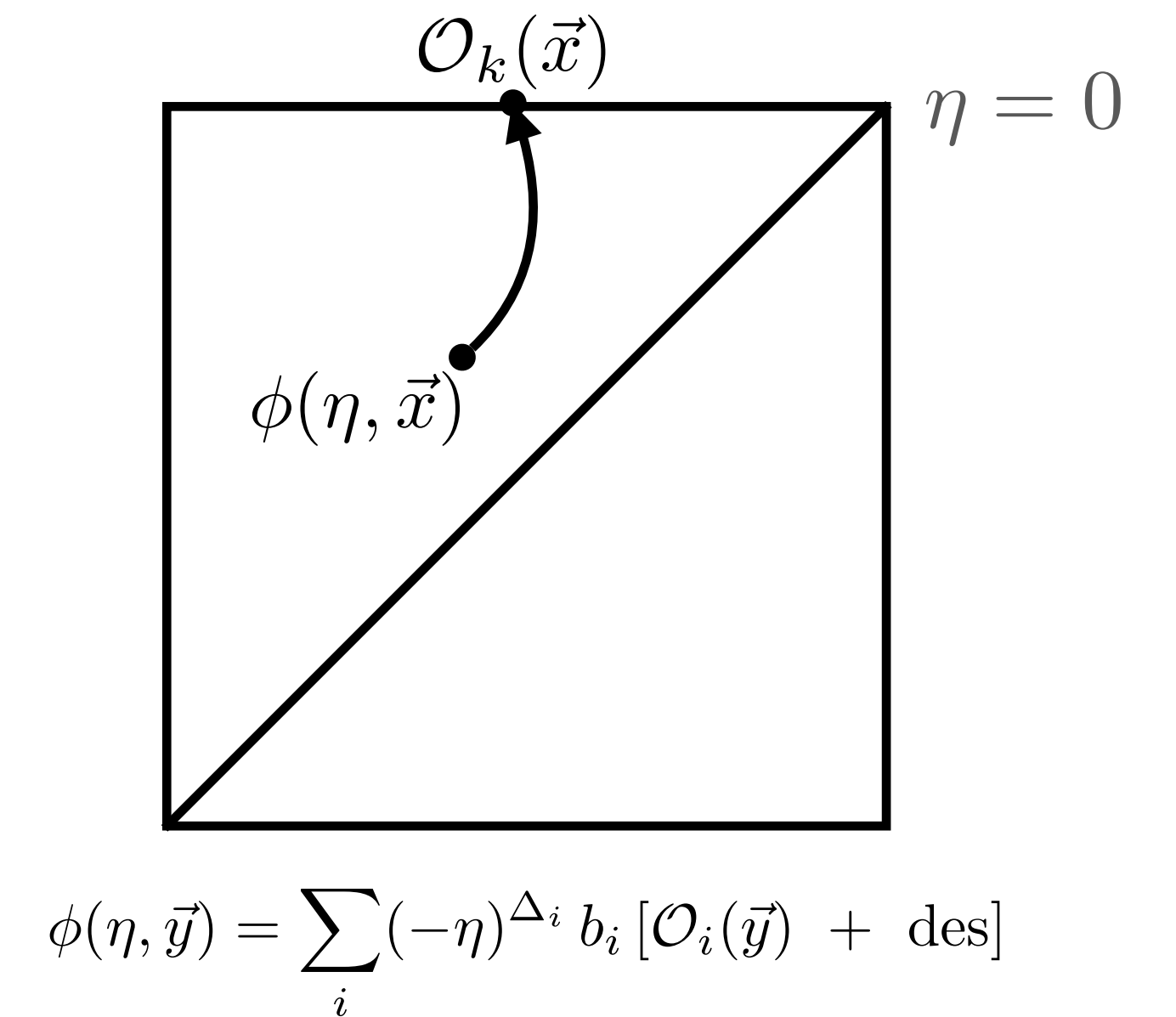


3. Can we find boundary theory
operator content?

Spectral density and boundary operators:

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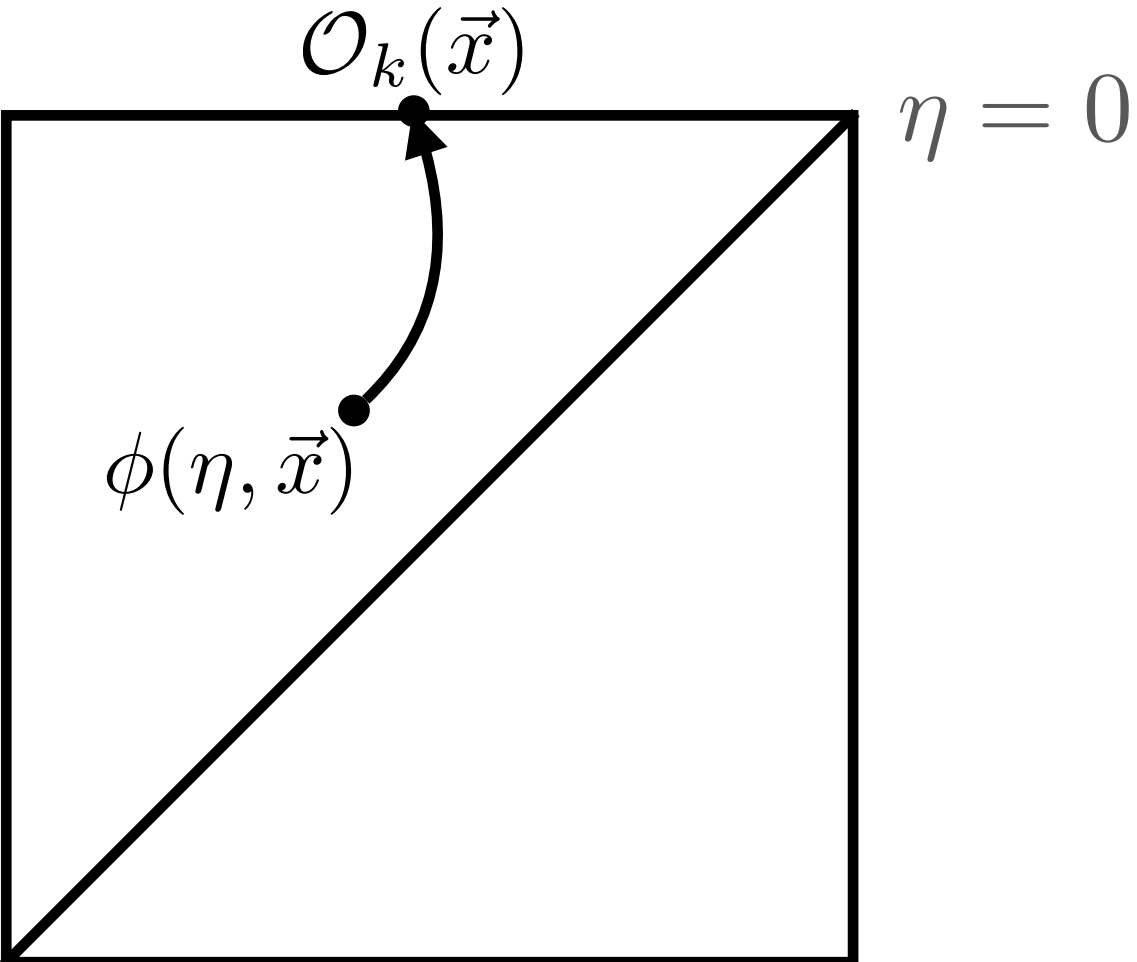



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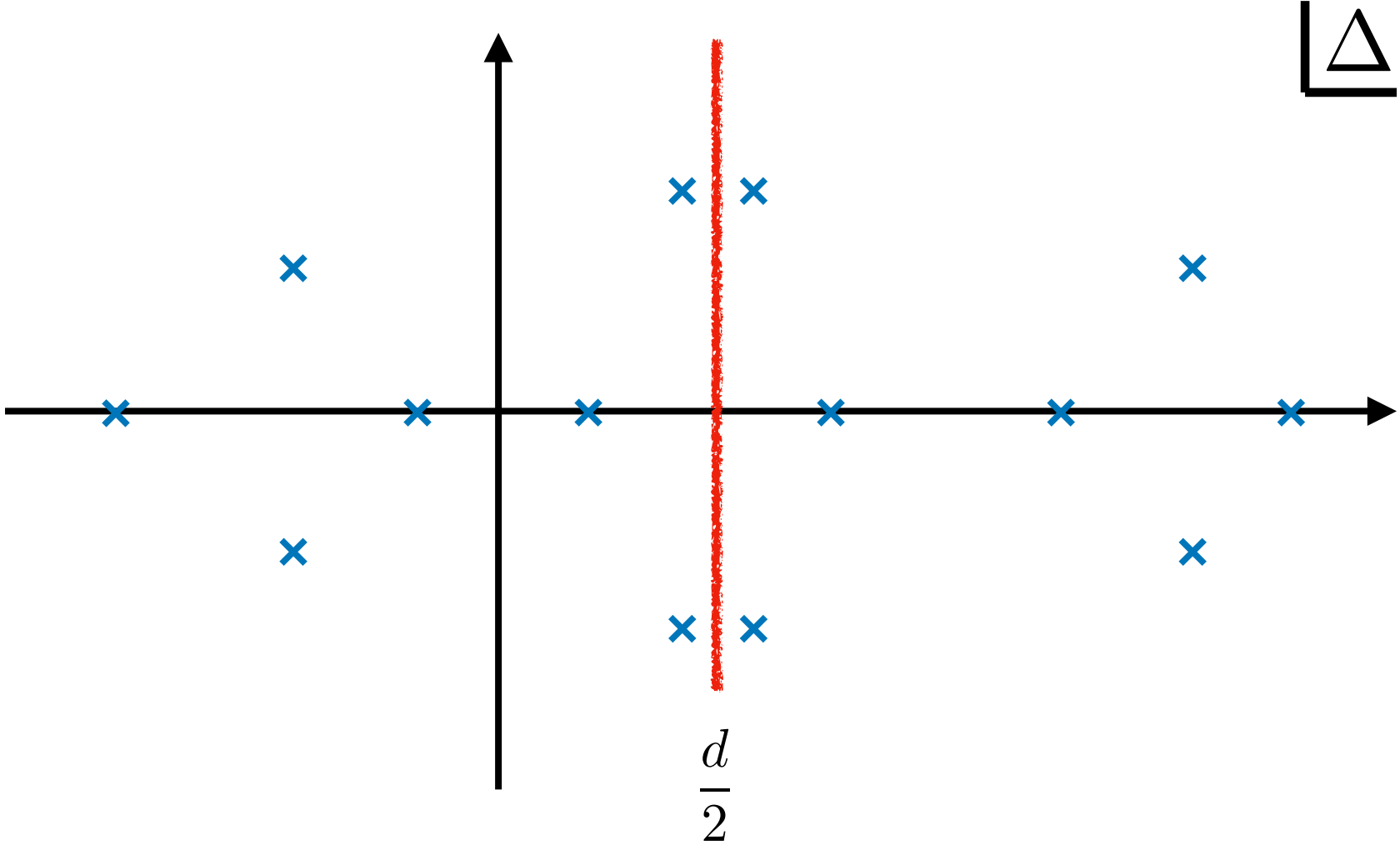
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$\eta \rightarrow 0$  contour deformation

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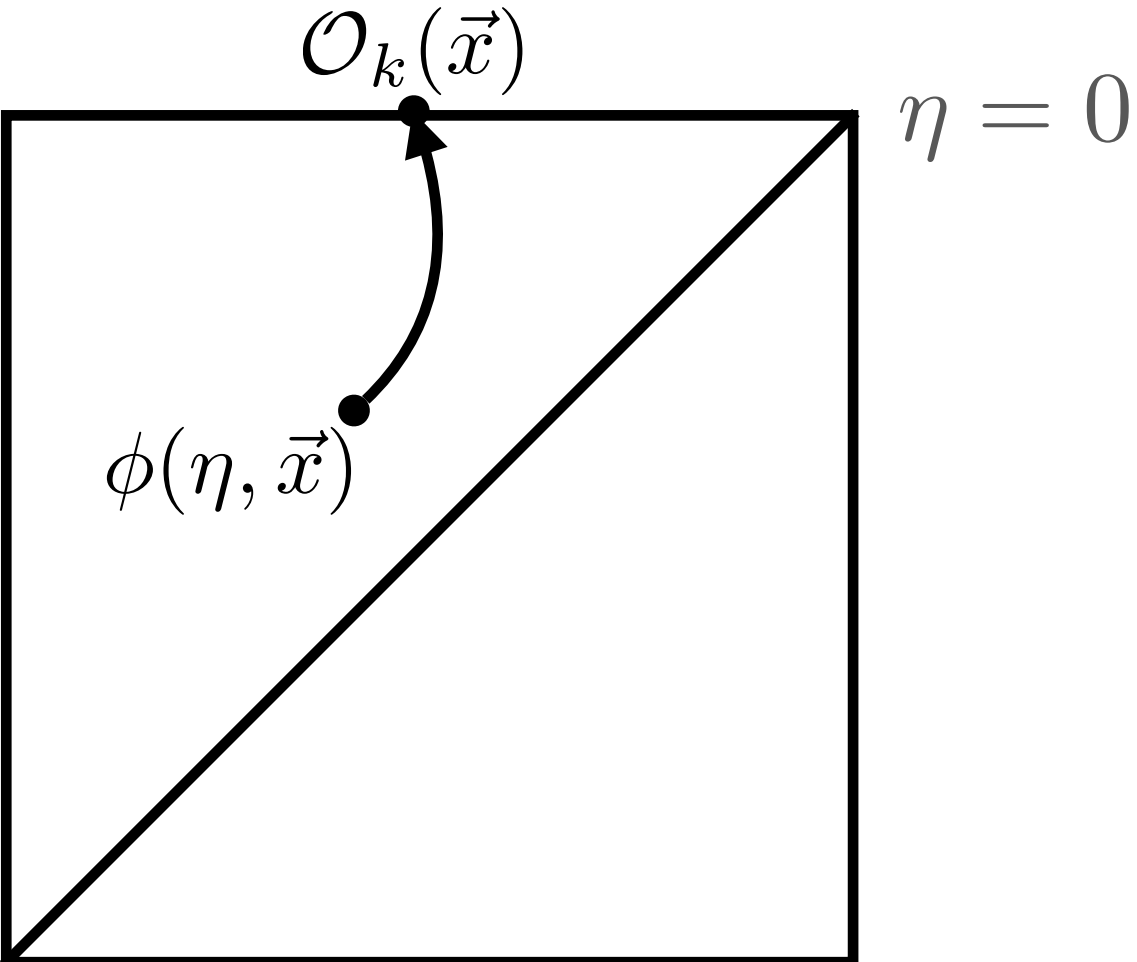
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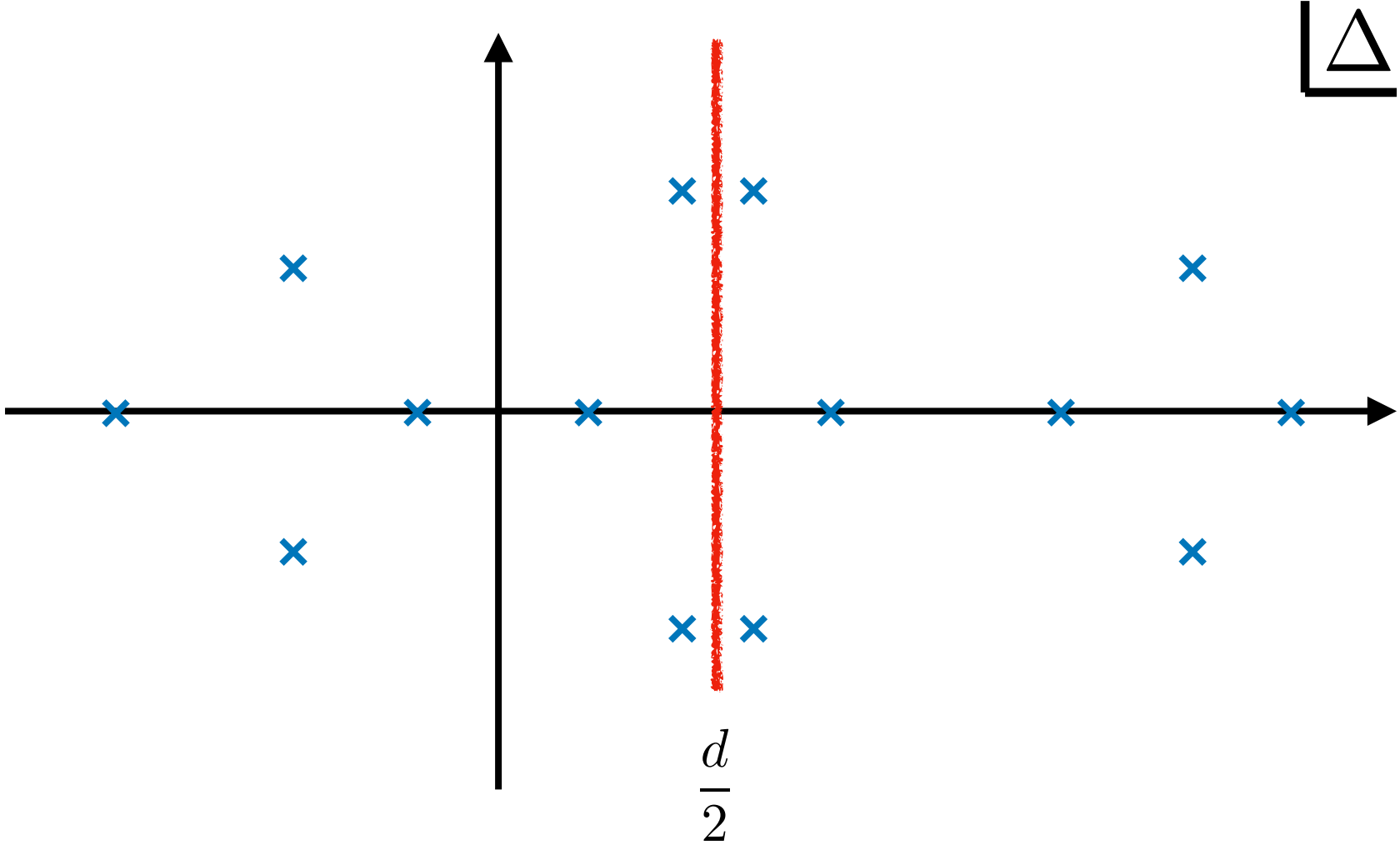
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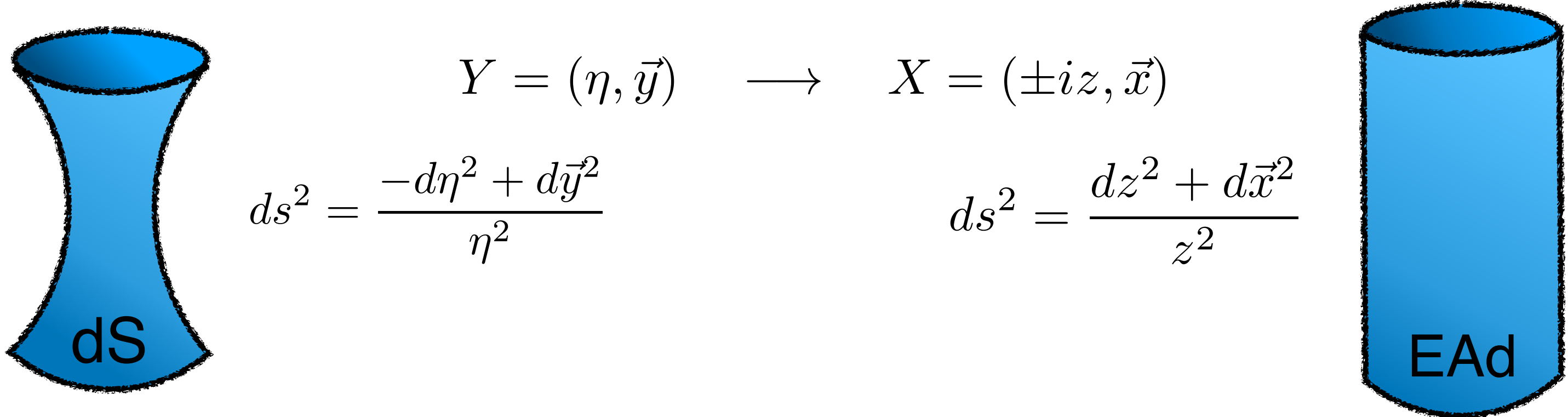
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$$\rho(\Delta) \stackrel{?}{=} \int_{\text{space}} \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \langle \phi \phi \rangle$$

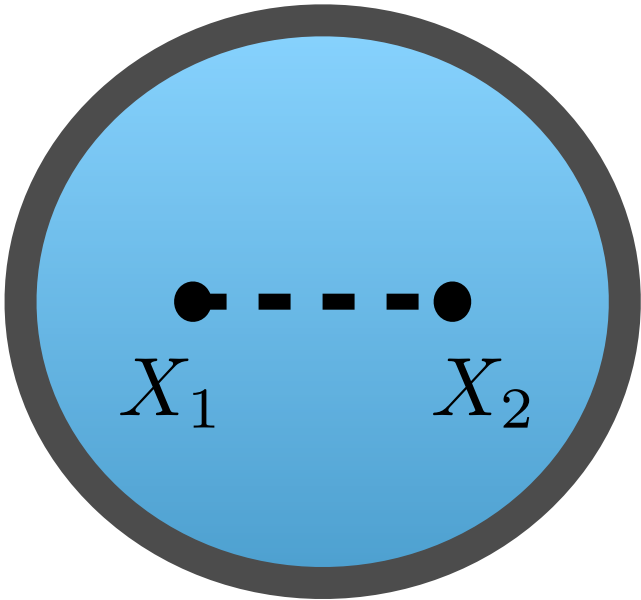
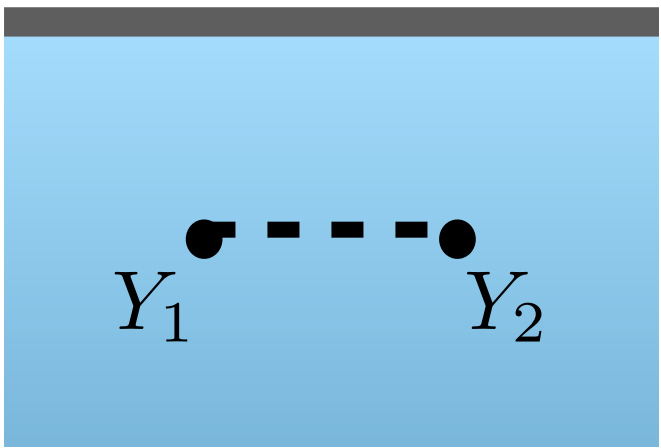
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Analytic continuation (Wick Rotation) to EAdS



The propagators in dS translate to Harmonic functions in EAdS

$$G_{\text{free}}(Y_{12}, \Delta) \longrightarrow \Omega_{\Delta}(X_1, X_2)$$



Harmonic functions: Orthogonal

$$\int_X \Omega_{\Delta}(X_1, X) \Omega_{\Delta'}(X, X_2) = \delta(\Delta - \Delta') \Omega_{\Delta}(X_1, X_2)$$

Power of analytic continuation to EAdS

$$\langle \phi(Y_1)\phi(Y_2) \rangle \sim \int_{\text{reps}} \rho(\Delta) G_{\text{free}}(Y_{12}, \Delta) \xrightarrow{\quad \uparrow \quad} \int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} d\Delta \rho_\ell(\Delta) \Omega_\Delta(X_1, X_2)$$

Completeness of **principal series** for **square-integrable** two-point functions

Should Decay fast enough at large distances

$$\int_{\text{EAdS}} |G|^2 < \infty$$

- Orthogonality of harmonic functions helps us to invert the KL decomposition of **any spin** to a one variable integral over (space-like) chordal distance!

- For example for spin 0:

$$\rho(\Delta) \sim \int_{-\infty}^{-1} d\sigma (\sigma^2 - 1) {}_2F_1\left(\Delta, d - \Delta, \frac{d+1}{2}, \frac{1+\sigma}{2}\right) \langle \phi\phi \rangle$$

Spinning KL:

$$\langle T^{(J)}(Y_1)T^{(J)}(Y_2) \rangle \sim \sum_{\ell=0}^J \int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} \rho_{\ell}(\Delta) \nabla_1^{J-\ell} \nabla_2^{J-\ell} G_{\ell}(Y_{12}, \Delta)$$

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Examples:

Explicit expressions for spectral densities: the expected **boundary operator** content, manifestly **positive** and match with the **flat-space limit**

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1. $\langle \phi_1 \phi_2(Y_1) \phi_1 \phi_2(Y_2) \rangle = \langle \phi_1 \phi_1 \rangle \langle \phi_2 \phi_2 \rangle$

2. $\langle V_{\mu} \phi(Y_1) V_{\nu} \phi(Y_2) \rangle = \langle V_{\mu} V_{\nu} \rangle \langle \phi \phi \rangle$

3. $\langle \phi \nabla_{\mu} \phi(Y_1) \phi \nabla_{\nu} \phi(Y_2) \rangle = \langle \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\nu} \phi \rangle \langle \phi \phi \rangle$

- Bulk CFT spin 0, 1, 2

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$$\rho_{V\phi}^{\mathcal{P},1}(\lambda) = \frac{2^{-12} \pi^{-3-\frac{d}{2}} \lambda \sinh(\pi \lambda) f_{\lambda, \lambda_V, \lambda_{\phi}}}{\Gamma(\frac{d+2}{2})(\Delta_V - 1)(\bar{\Delta}_V - 1) \Gamma(\frac{d}{2} \pm i\lambda + 1)} \prod_{\pm, \pm, \pm} \Gamma\left(\frac{\frac{d}{2} \pm i\lambda \pm i\lambda_{\phi} \pm i\lambda_V}{2}\right)$$

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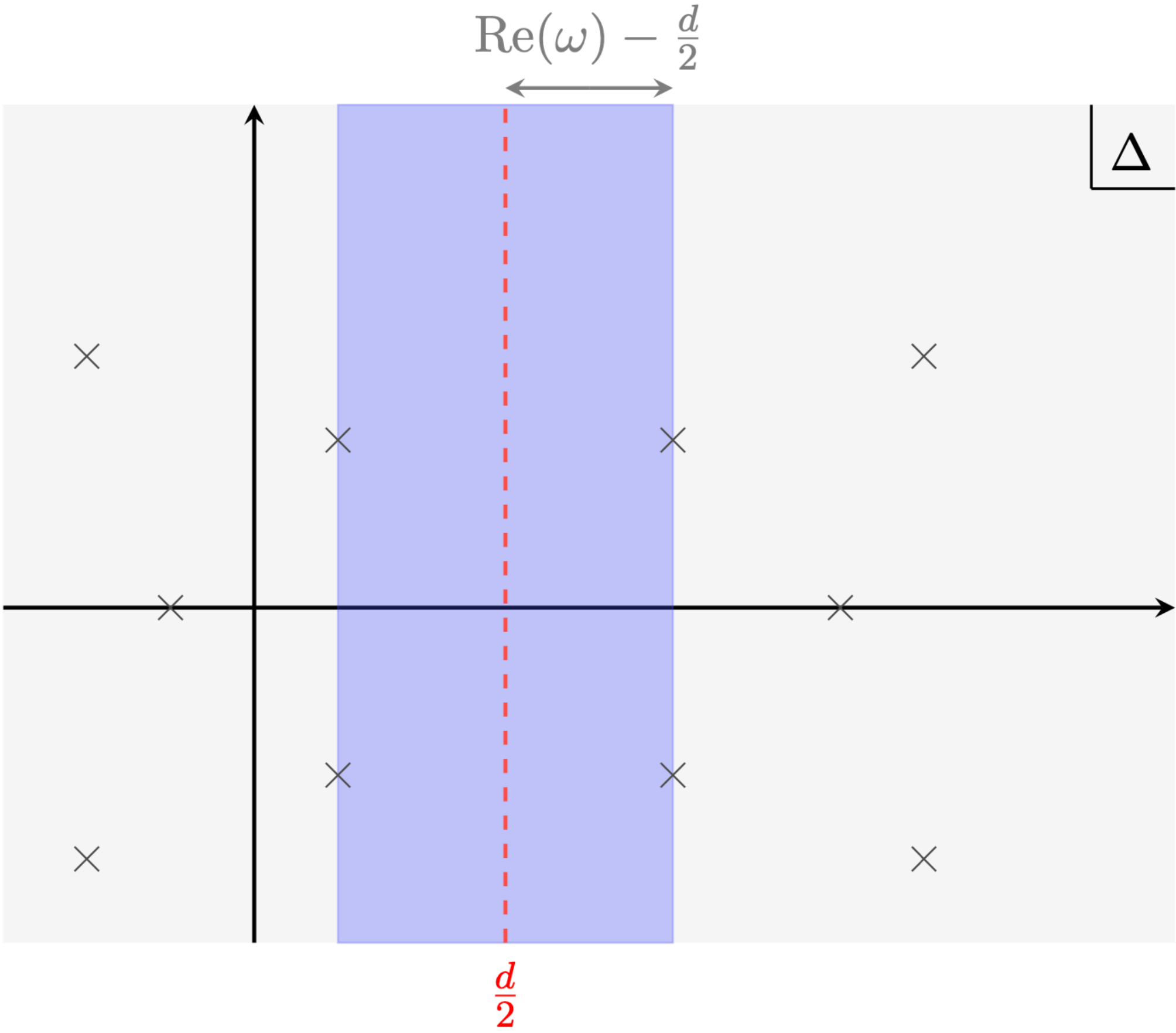
$$\rho_T^{\mathcal{P},0}(\lambda) = c_T \frac{2^{5+d-2\Delta} (d+1) \pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}} (d-\Delta)(d+1-\Delta) \Gamma(-\frac{d}{2} + \Delta \pm i\lambda)}{d(d^2 + 4\lambda^2)((d+2)^2 + 4\lambda^2) \Gamma(\Delta + 2) \Gamma(\frac{1-d}{2} + \Delta)} \lambda \sinh(\pi\lambda),$$

$$\rho_T^{\mathcal{P},1}(\lambda) = c_T \frac{2^{4+d-2\Delta} \pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}} (1-\Delta)(d+1-\Delta) \Gamma(-\frac{d}{2} + \Delta \pm i\lambda)}{((d+2)^2 + 4\lambda^2) \Gamma(\Delta + 2) \Gamma(\frac{1-d}{2} + \Delta)} \lambda \sinh(\pi\lambda),$$

$$\rho_T^{\mathcal{P},2}(\lambda) = c_T \frac{2^{1+d-2\Delta} \pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}} (\Delta-1)\Delta \Gamma(-\frac{d}{2} + \Delta \pm i\lambda)}{\Gamma(\Delta + 2) \Gamma(\frac{1-d}{2} + \Delta)} \lambda \sinh(\pi\lambda).$$

5. Can we understand what controls
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Strip of analyticity



$$\langle \phi(Y_1) \phi(Y_2) \rangle \sim \sigma^{-\omega}$$

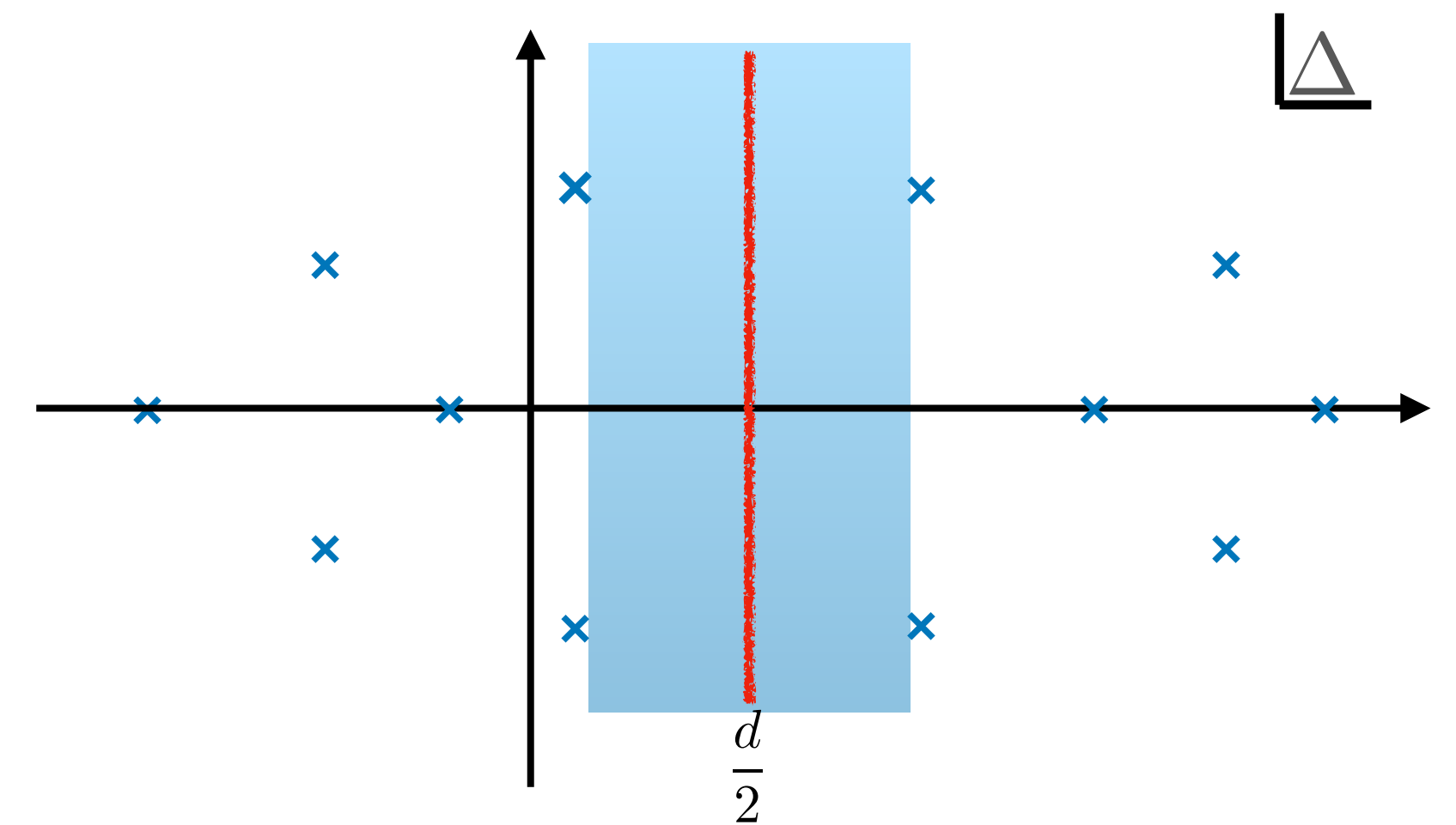
Fun facts:

- **Anomalous dimensions** of boundary operators from the spectral density

- **Complementary series:**
pole crossing over principal series. A discrete sum?!

- **Discrete series for $d=1$:**
Analysis for $d=1$ is Complete!

- Another way: analytic continuation from/to **sphere**. It is an integral of **discontinuity** of two-point function over time-like separated points — equivalent to the EAdS one!



Summary and
open questions:

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- Do we have a KL decomposition for dS? **For any spin and any spacetime dimensions**
- Does unitarity imply positivity for dS? **Positivity of the spectral density**
- Can we find boundary theory / boundary operators? **Poles of the spectral density**
- Can we invert the KL decomposition and find explicit expression for spectral densities?
The inversion formula
- Can we understand what controls the analytic properties of spectral densities?
Large distance behaviour of two-point function

Future direction

- **Bounds on EFT coefficient** in dS. Role of the Hubble scale?
- Making sense of bulk-to-**boundary** expansion: What is the boundary operators definition
- Flat-space limit?
- **Bootstrapping** four-point functions in higher dimensions! Where to look at?

Thank You!

Unitary irreducible representations $SO(1,d+1)$ $\{\Delta, s\}$

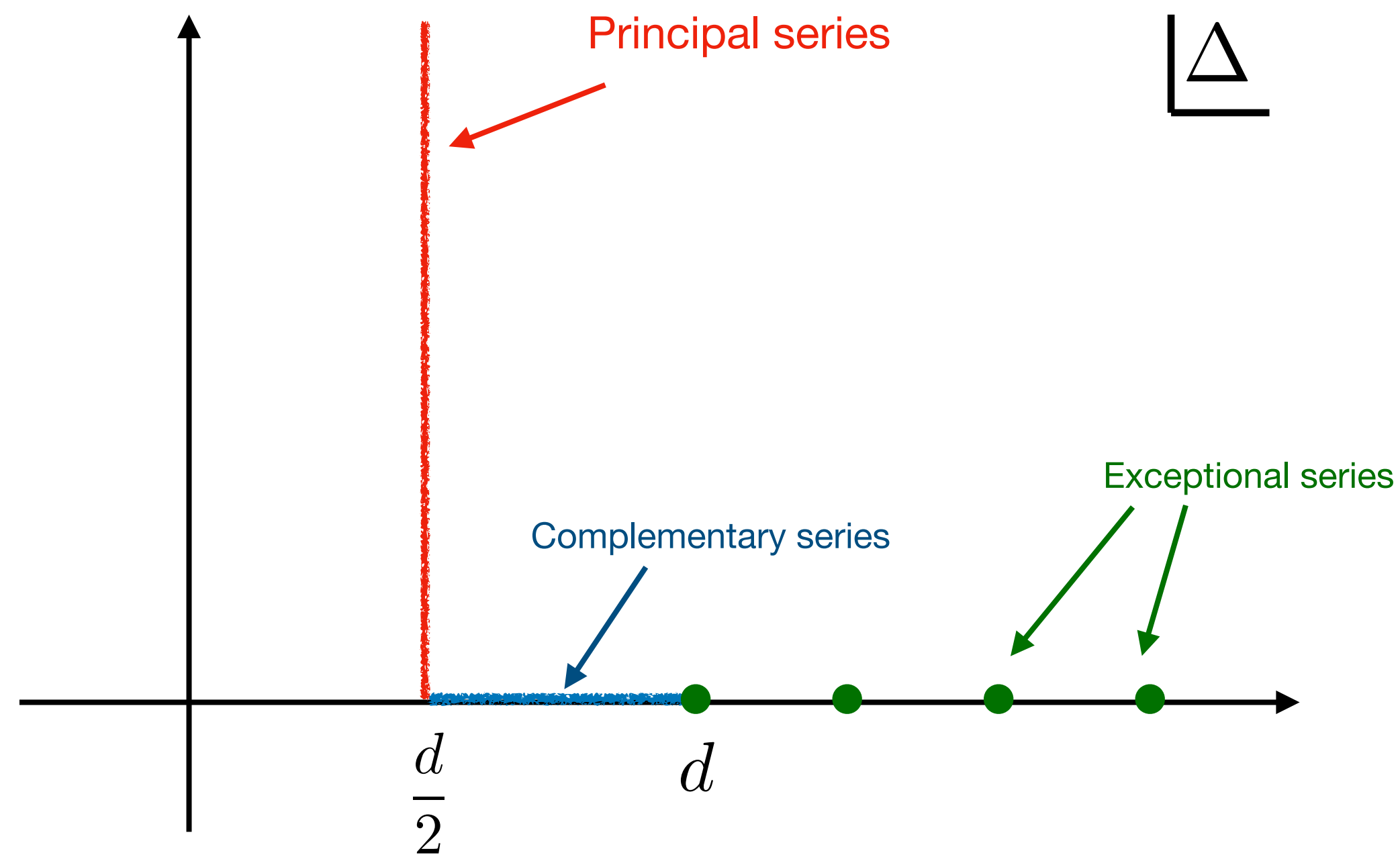
Casimir: $\Delta(d - \Delta) - s(d + s - 2)$

- **Principal series** $\mathcal{P}_{\Delta,s}$: $\Delta \in \frac{d}{2} + i\mathbb{R}$ and $s \geq 0$.
Heavy massive scalars fields
- **Complementary series** $\mathcal{C}_{\Delta,s}$: $0 < \Delta < d$ when $s = 0$ and $1 < \Delta < d - 1$ when $s \geq 1$.
Light massive scalars fields
- **Type I exceptional series** $\mathcal{V}_{p,0}$: $\Delta = d + p - 1$ and $s = 0$ for $p \geq 1$.
Shift symmetric scalars in dS_{d+1}
- **Type II exceptional series** $\mathcal{U}_{s,t}$: $\Delta = d + t - 1$ and $s \geq 1$ with $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$.
Partially massless field of spin s and depth t in dS_{d+1}

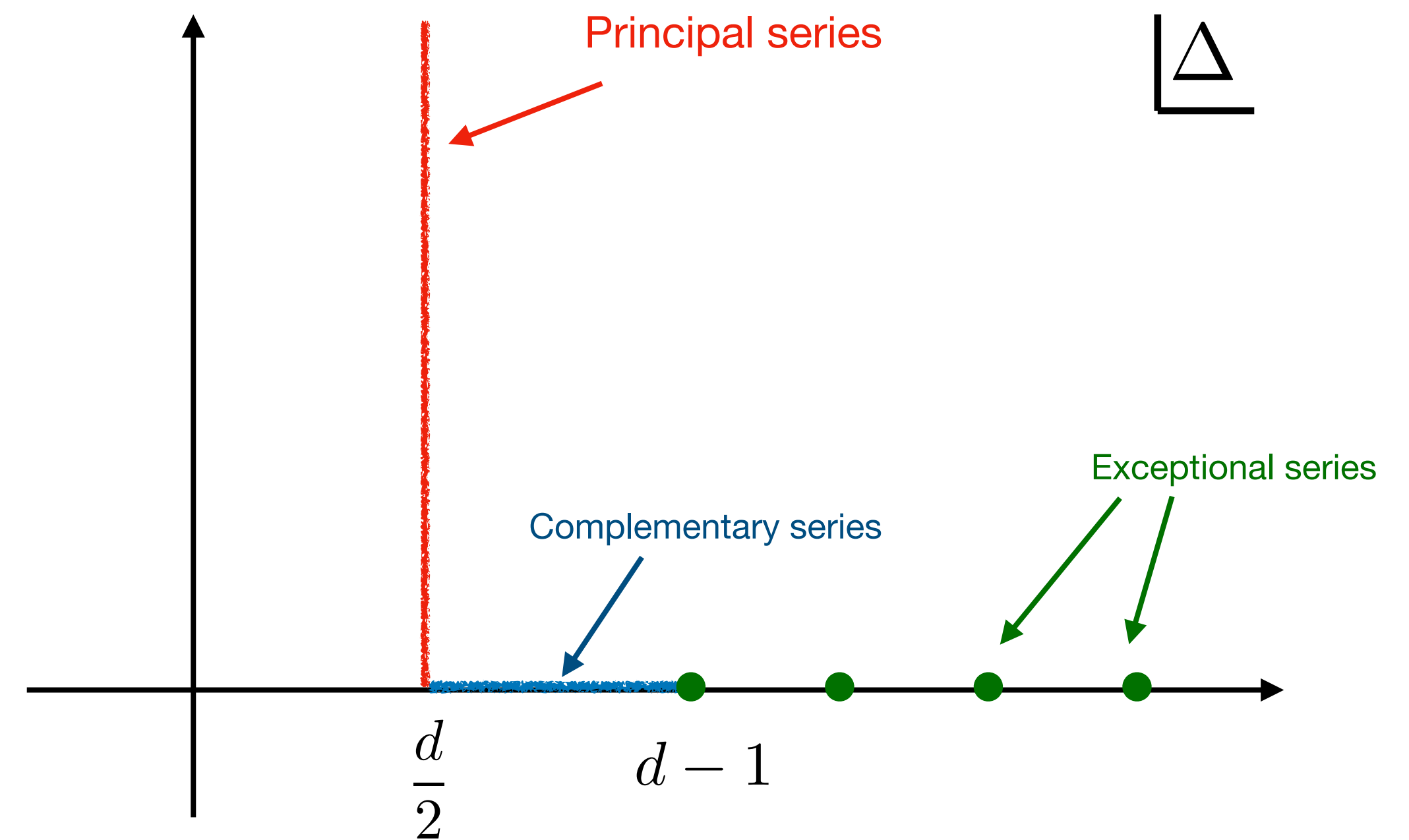
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$\{\Delta, s\}$

Shadow symmetry: $\Delta \longleftrightarrow d - \Delta$



Scalar



Spinning

KL decomposition in Minkowski:

A spectral decomposition of the two-point function into a sum/integral over free propagators (kinematical functions)

$$\langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2) \rangle = \int d\mu^2 \overset{0}{\rho(\mu^2)} G_{\text{free}}(x_{12}, \mu^2)$$

Is it useful? Yes! Some examples:

1. No higher derivative terms in the Lagrangian

This yields our spectral representation:⁹

$$\Delta'(p) = \int_0^\infty \rho(\mu^2) \frac{d\mu^2}{p^2 + \mu^2 - i\epsilon}. \quad (10.7.16)$$

One immediate consequence of this result and the positivity of $\rho(\mu^2)$ is that $\Delta'(p)$ cannot vanish for $|p^2| \rightarrow \infty$ faster** than the bare propagator $1/(p^2 + m^2 - i\epsilon)$. From time to time the suggestion is made to include higher derivative terms in the unperturbed Lagrangian, which would make the propagator vanish faster than $1/p^2$ for $|p^2| \rightarrow \infty$, but the spectral representation shows that this would necessarily entail a departure from the positivity postulates of quantum mechanics.

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2. Bounds on EFT coefficients

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \phi \left[\square + \lambda_1 \frac{\square^2}{\Lambda^2} + \lambda_2 \frac{\square^4}{\Lambda^4} + \dots \right] \phi$$

$$\lambda_1 = \Lambda^2 \int_{\Lambda}^{\infty} dm^2 \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}(m^2)}{m^2} \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2 = \Lambda^4 \int_{\Lambda}^{\infty} dm^2 \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}(m^2)}{m^4} \geq 0$$

$$\lambda_1^3 - 2\lambda_2\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = \Lambda^6 \int_{\Lambda}^{\infty} dm^2 \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}(m^2)}{m^6} \geq 0$$

d=1

Spin indices $T_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}$ \longrightarrow chirality $T_{\underbrace{\pm \dots \pm}_J}$

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