

Lorentzian IKKT matrix model with the mass term as a nonperturbative formulation of superstring theory

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0. Introduction

IKKT matrix model

Ishibashi-Kawai-Kitazawa-Tsuchiya,

Nucl.Phys.B 498 (1997) 467, hep-th/9612115 [hep-th]

- a **nonperturbative** formulation of **superstring** theory
“**lattice gauge theory**” of **everything** (matter, force and space-time)

$$S_b = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \text{tr}([A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu])$$

$$S_f = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \text{tr}(\Psi_\alpha (C \Gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \Psi_\beta])$$

$N \times N$ Hermitian matrices **SO(9,1) symmetry**

A_μ ($\mu = 0, \dots, 9$) Lorentz vector

Ψ_α ($\alpha = 1, \dots, 16$) Majorana-Weyl spinor

Lorentzian metric $\eta = \text{diag}(-1, 1, \dots, 1)$
is used to raise and lower indices.

- This action can be obtained by taking the **zero-volume limit** of **supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory** in 10 dimensions.

the Euclidean IKKT model

“Wick rotation” : $A_0 = -iA_{10}$ Aoki-Iso-Kawai-Kitazawa-Tada ('98)
Hotta-JN-Tsuchiya ('98)

$$Z_E = \int dA d\Psi e^{-(S_b + S_f)} = \int dA e^{-S_b} \text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)$$

$$S_b \propto \text{tr} (F_{\mu\nu})^2 \quad \text{positive semi-definite!}$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = -i [A_\mu, A_\nu] : \text{Hermitian}$$

Euclidean model is **well defined without any cutoff.**

Krauth-Nicolai-Staudacher ('98), Austing-Wheater ('01)

$\text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)$: complex valued



Fluctuation of the phase becomes milder
for lower dimensional configs.

A possible mechanism for **SSB of SO(10)** J.N.-Venizzi ('00)

Emergence of 3d space suggested by complex Langevin simulation.

Anagnostopoulos, et al. JHEP 06 (2020) 069 , arXiv: 2002.07410 [hep-th]

Partition function of the Lorentzian IKKT model

Kim-JN-Tsuchiya Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 011601,
1108.1540 [hep-th]

partition function

$$Z_L = \int dA d\psi e^{i(S_b + S_f)} = \int dA e^{iS_b} \text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)$$

This seems to be natural from the
connection to the worldsheet theory.

$$\text{c.f.) } S = \int d^2\xi \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{1}{4} \{X^\mu, X^\nu\}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \{X^\mu, \Psi\} \right)$$

$$\xi_0 \equiv -i\xi_2$$

The worldsheet coordinates should
also be Wick-rotated.

We will show that this model, after an appropriate regularization, has surprising properties due to the **Lorentz symmetry**, which forms a **non-compact group**.

Plan of the talk

0. Introduction
1. How to make the Lorentzian model well-defined
2. Surprising properties due to noncompact symmetry
3. Confirmation in the $N=2$ bosonic model
 - Numerical simulation
 - $1/D$ expansion
4. Summary and discussions

1. How to make the Lorentzian model well-defined

Regularizing the Lorentzian model

- Unlike the Euclidean model,
the Lorentzian model is NOT well defined as it is.

$$Z_L = \int dA d\Psi e^{i(S_b + S_f)} = \int dA \underbrace{e^{iS_b}}_{\text{pure phase factor}} \underbrace{\text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)}_{\substack{\text{polynomial in } A \\ \text{real valued unlike Euclidean}}}$$

- Introducing convergence factor

$$S_b = \frac{1}{4} N \left\{ -2 \text{tr}(F_{0i})^2 + \text{tr}(F_{ij})^2 \right\}$$

$$S_b^{(\varepsilon)} = \frac{1}{4} N \left\{ -2e^{-i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(F_{0i})^2 + e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(F_{ij})^2 \right\}$$

This corresponds to deforming the contour as

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\pi}{2} \iff \text{Euclidean}$$

$$\begin{cases} A_0 & = e^{-i\frac{3}{4}\varepsilon} \tilde{A}_0 \\ A_i & = e^{i\frac{1}{4}\varepsilon} \tilde{A}_i \end{cases}$$

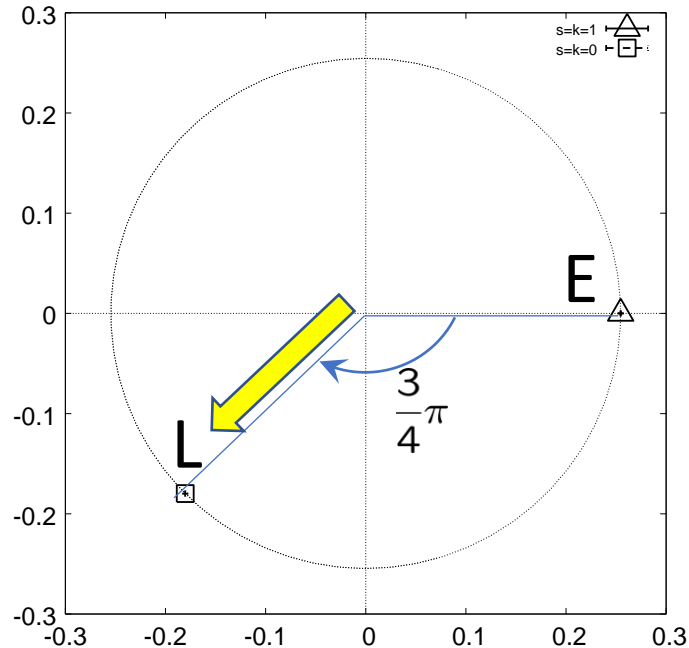
$$\langle \mathcal{O}(A_0, A_i) \rangle_L = \langle \mathcal{O}(e^{-i\frac{3\pi}{8}} \tilde{A}_0, e^{i\frac{\pi}{8}} \tilde{A}_i) \rangle_E \quad \text{due to Cauchy's theorem}$$

(Yuhma Asano '19, private communication)

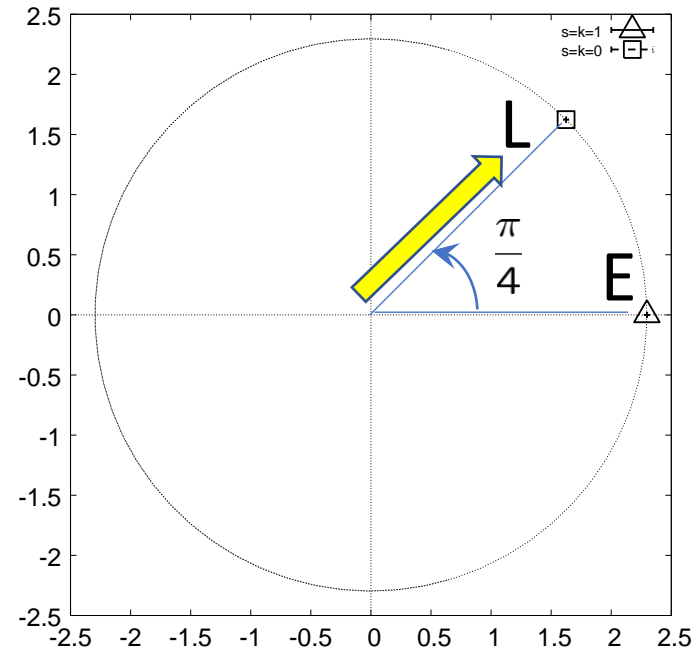
Confirmation of the equivalence by CL simulation

10D bosonic model

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 \right\rangle_L = e^{-\frac{3\pi}{4}i} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\tilde{A}_0)^2 \right\rangle_E$$



$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \right\rangle_L = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i} \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\tilde{A}_i)^2 \right\rangle_E$$



The emergent space-time is complex and has Euclidean signature!



Can we regularize the Lorentzian IKKT model in a different manner?

Introducing a Lorentz invariant mass term

Anagnostopoulos-Azuma-Hatakeyama-
Hirasawa-J.N.-Papadoudis-Tsuchiya,
work in progress

$$Z = \int dA e^{i(S_b + S_m)} \text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)$$

$$S_m = \frac{1}{2} N \gamma \left\{ e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 - e^{-i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \right\}$$

convergence factor

$$\text{c.f.) } S_b^{(\varepsilon)} = \frac{1}{4} N \left\{ -2e^{-i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(F_{0i})^2 + e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(F_{ij})^2 \right\}$$

contour deformation to a model with $SO(D)$

$\gamma < 0$	$\varepsilon \rightarrow -0$	○
$\gamma > 0$	$\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$	✗ (leads to unbounded action)

By choosing $\gamma > 0$, we can define the Lorentzian IKKT model in such a way that it is inequivalent to the Euclidean IKKT model.

Indeed, we will see surprising properties of the model for $\gamma > 0$.

Classical solutions

$$Z = \int dA e^{i(A^4 + \gamma A^2)} \quad A_\mu = \sqrt{|\gamma|} \tilde{A}_\mu$$

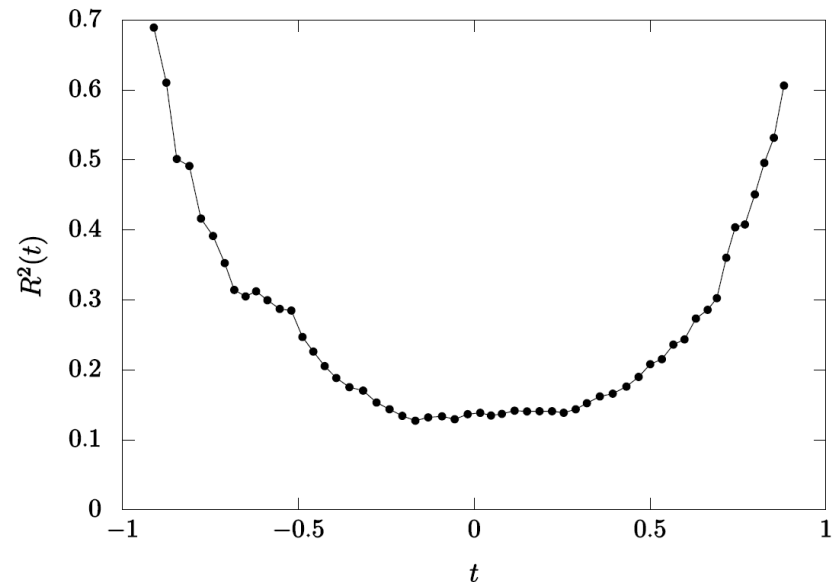
$$= \int dA e^{i\gamma^2 (\tilde{A}^4 + \tilde{A}^2)} \quad \gamma^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\hbar}$$

Classical solutions
dominate at large $|\gamma|$.

Eq. of motion : $[A^\nu, [A_\nu, A_\mu]] - \gamma A_\mu = 0$

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Tsuchiya-Yosprakob,
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- $A_\mu = 0$ is always a solution.
(trivial saddle)
- Typical Hermitian A_μ solutions show expanding behavior for $\gamma > 0$
Not true for $\gamma < 0$!
- Space-time dimensionality cannot be determined classically.



Non-trivial saddle point with expanding behavior may dominate the path integral due to its large entropy in the $N \rightarrow \infty, \gamma \rightarrow 0$ limits.

A historical remark

Mass term is introduced to obtain interesting classical solutions.

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2. Surprising properties
due to noncompact symmetry

Rotational v.s. Lorentzian symmetries

- Gaussian integrals with rotational or Lorentz symmetry

$$Z = \int dx e^{i\gamma(x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 + x_D^2)} \propto \gamma^{-D/2}$$

$$Z = \int dx e^{i\gamma(x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 - x_0^2)} \propto \gamma^{-D/2}$$

$x_0 = -i x_D$
 Wick rotation

- One might think that the two symmetries are not very different. However, this is actually NOT the case !

$$Z = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} \int d^D x e^{ik(x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 + x_D^2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{vol } S_{D-1} < \infty$$

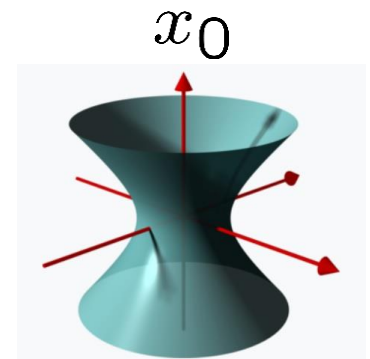
$$S_{D-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 + x_D^2 = 1\}$$

$$Z = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} \int d^D x e^{ik(x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 - x_0^2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{vol } H_{D-1}^{(1)} = \infty$$

$$H_{D-1}^{(1)} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_{D-1}^2 - x_0^2 = 1\}$$

hyperboloid of one sheet

Contour deformation is not possible !



Lorentz invariant IKKT model with a mass term

$$Z = \int dA e^{i(S_b + S_m)} \text{Pf} \mathcal{M}(A)$$

convergence factor

$$S_m = \frac{1}{2} N \gamma \left\{ e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 - e^{-i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \right\}$$

contour deformation to an SO(D) model

$\gamma < 0$	$\varepsilon \rightarrow -0$	\bigcirc
$\gamma > 0$	$\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$	\times (leads to unbounded action)

According to the previous discussion, it is suggested that

$$\gamma < 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad Z < \infty$$

$$\gamma > 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad Z < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad Z = \infty$$

We will show that the partition function indeed diverges for $\gamma > 0$ in the simplest case of $N = 2$ bosonic model.

3. Confirmation in the $N=2$ bosonic model
~ numerical simulation

Classical solutions for N=2 bosonic model

classical EOM : $[A^\nu, [A_\nu, A_\mu]] - \gamma A_\mu = 0$

For N=2, we can obtain all the solutions up to symmetries.

$\gamma < 0$	$A_\mu = 0$		
$\gamma > 0$	$A_\mu = 0$	$A_\mu = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \sigma_\mu & \mu = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$A_\mu = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\gamma} \sigma_\mu & \mu = 1, 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
	(trivial solution)	(Pauli solution)	(squashed Pauli solution)

remaining symmetries

$SO(9, 1) \times SU(2)$
unbroken

diagonal subgroup of
 $SO(3) \times SU(2)$

diagonal subgroup of
 $SO(2) \times U(1)$

Nontrivial solutions exist only for $\gamma > 0$.

Numerical simulation around the Pauli solution

$$Z = \int dA e^{i(S_b + S_m)}$$

$$S_m = \frac{1}{2} N \gamma \left\{ e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 - \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \right\}$$

introduced to **regularize** the divergence due to **Lorentz symmetry**

- initial configuration :

$$A_\mu = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \sigma_\mu & \mu = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Pauli solution})$$

- results obtained by the generalized Lefschetz thimble method :
(sample configurations only on the thimble associated with the Pauli solution)

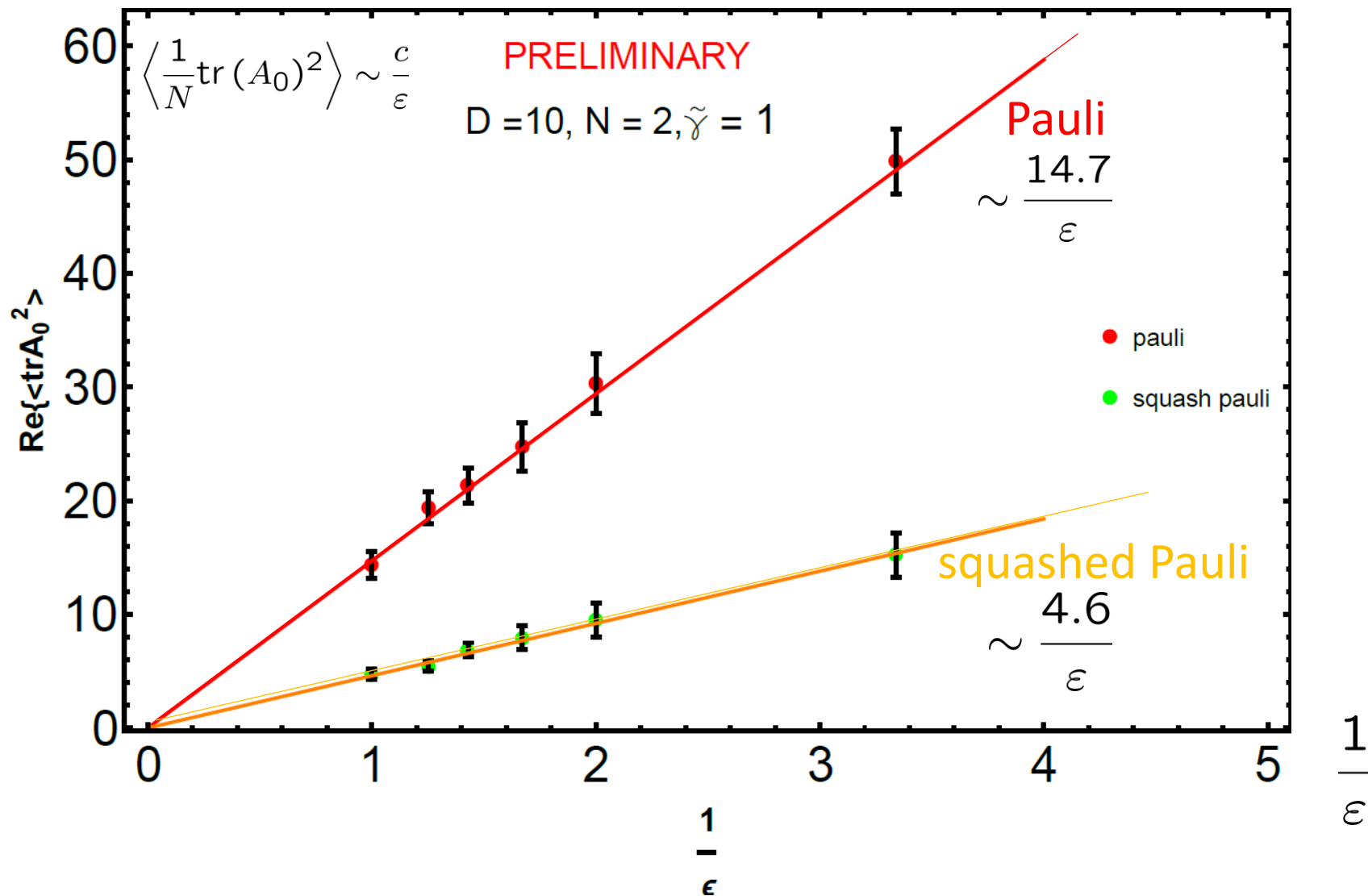
$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 \right\rangle \sim \frac{c}{\varepsilon} \quad c \sim 14.7$$
$$c = \frac{3}{2} D = 15 \quad (1/D \text{ expansion})$$

$$\left\langle -\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 + \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \right\rangle = (\text{finite}) \sim \frac{3}{4} \gamma \quad (\text{at large } \gamma)$$

The divergence due to Lorentz symmetry is clearly confirmed.

Diverging behaviors for Pauli and squashed Pauli

$$\tilde{\gamma} = 1$$



Pauli has faster diverging behavior than squashed Pauli.

The divergence of partition function

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (A_0)^2 \right\rangle \sim -\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \log Z$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (A_0)^2 \right\rangle \sim \frac{c}{\varepsilon} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z \sim \varepsilon^{-c}$$

Pauli $c \sim 14.7$

squashed Pauli $c \sim 4.6$

Partition function diverges faster for the Pauli thimble !

This implies that Pauli thimble dominates in the $N = 2$ bosonic model at $\gamma > 0$.

Note: This does not mean that the model is ill defined. E.g., the expectation value $\langle \text{tr} (A_\mu A^\mu) \rangle$ is finite.

3. Confirmation in the $N=2$ bosonic model
 $\sim 1/D$ expansion

1/D expansion

$$A_\mu = \sum_{a=1}^{N^2-1} A_\mu^a t^a \quad h_{ab} \sim A_\mu^a A^{\mu b}$$

Used in the Euclidean model
without the mass term

Hotta-J.N.-Tsuchiya ('98)

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int dA e^{i(A^4 + \gamma A^2)} \\ &= \int dh \int dA e^{i(h^2 + hA^2 + \gamma A^2)} \\ &= \int dh e^{ih^2 - \frac{D}{2} \log \det K} \\ &= \int d\tilde{h} e^{-D S_{\text{eff}}[\tilde{h}]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{h}_{ab} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} h_{ab} \\ \tilde{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \gamma \end{aligned}$$

D appears here only as a parameter.

At large D with fixed $\tilde{\gamma}$,

$$\frac{\partial S_{\text{eff}}[\tilde{h}]}{\partial \tilde{h}_\mu} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{h} + iK^{-1} = 0$$

Large D saddles for N=2 bosonic model

Large D SPE : $\tilde{h} + iK^{-1} = 0$

For N=2, we can obtain all the **relevant** saddle points up to symmetries.

$\gamma < 0$	$\tilde{h} = v^{(+)} \mathbf{1}$		
$\gamma > 0$	$\tilde{h} = v^{(-)} \mathbf{1}$	$\tilde{h} = v^{(+)} \mathbf{1}$	$\tilde{h} = \tilde{\gamma} \text{diag} \left(1, 1, \frac{i}{\tilde{\gamma}^2} \right)$

$$v^{(\pm)} \equiv \frac{\tilde{\gamma} \pm \sqrt{\tilde{\gamma}^2 + 8i}}{4}$$

Note that these are complex saddles !

remaining symmetries

SU(2)

SU(2)

U(1)

identification

trivial solution

$$\left(\text{SO}(9, 1) \times \text{SU}(2) \right)$$

unbroken

Pauli solution

$$\left(\text{diagonal subgroup of} \right)$$

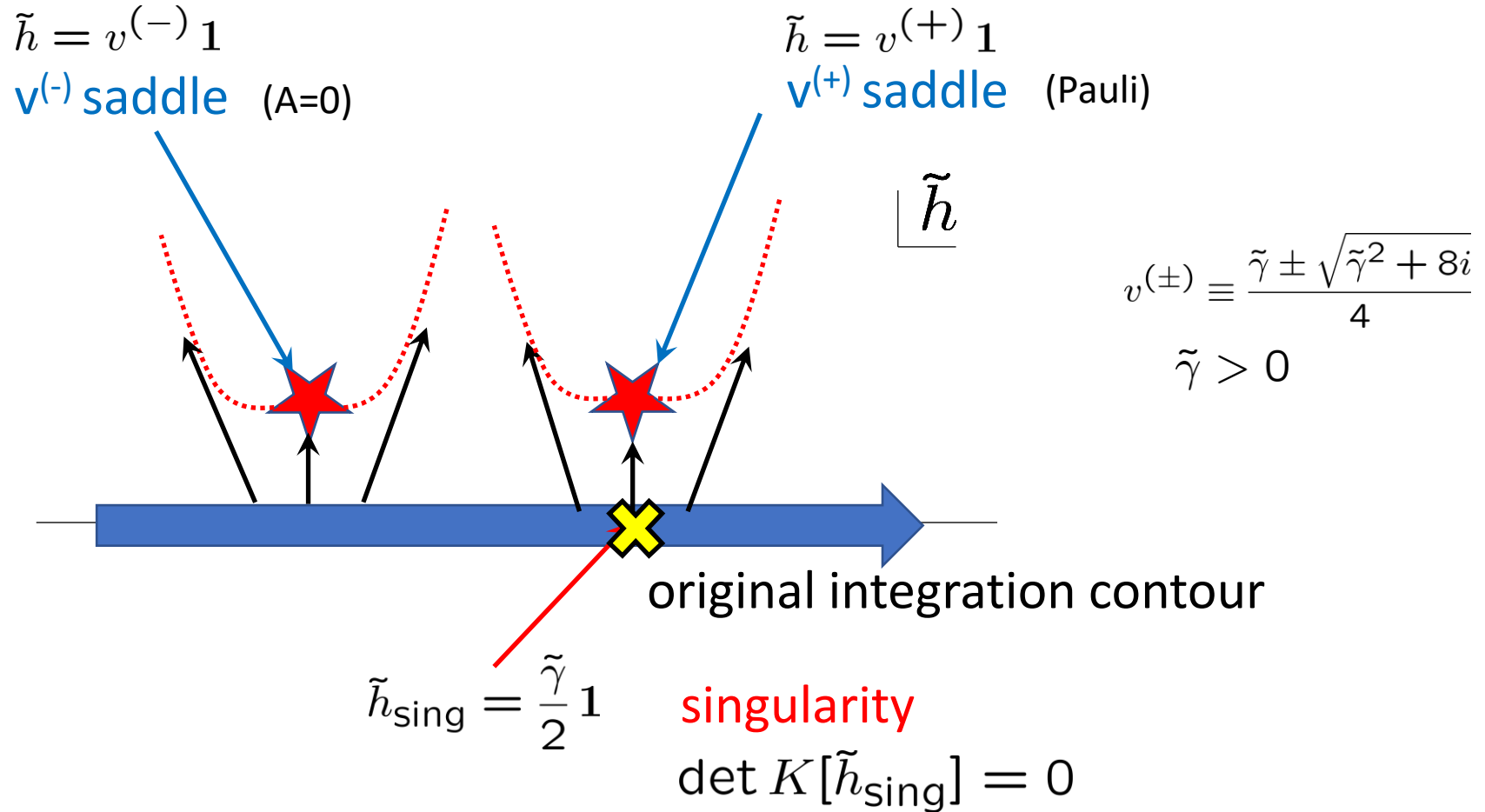
$$\text{SO}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)$$

squashed Pauli solution

$$\left(\text{diagonal subgroup of} \right)$$

$$\text{SO}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$$

Singularity on the real axis



This simply reflects the fact that a model like $Z = \int dA e^{iS}$ is not well defined because the integral is NOT absolutely convergent.

Also true for the SO(D) invariant case !

The case of SO(D) invariant model obtained by replacing $A_0 = iA_D$

$$S_m = -\frac{1}{2} N \gamma e^{-i\varepsilon} \{ \text{tr}(A_D)^2 + \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \}$$

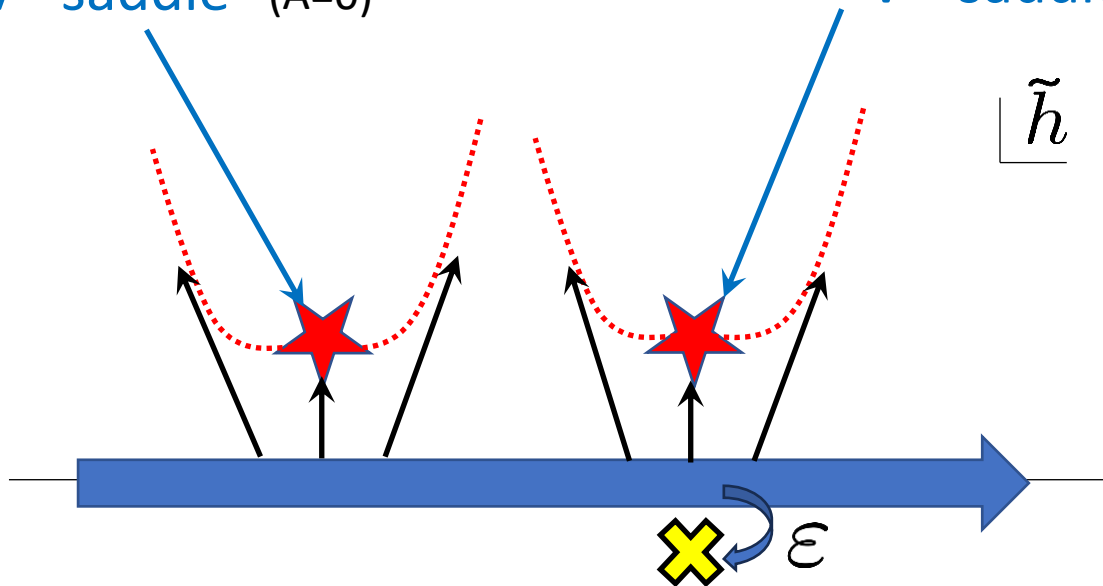
$$\tilde{h} = v^{(-)} \mathbf{1}$$

$v^{(-)}$ saddle (A=0)

$$Z(v^{(+)}) \sim e^{-\frac{3}{8}iD\tilde{\gamma}^2} \left(\frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}D} \quad (\text{large } D)$$

$$\tilde{h} = v^{(+)} \mathbf{1}$$

$v^{(+)}$ saddle (Pauli)



$$v^{(\pm)} \equiv \frac{\tilde{\gamma} \pm \sqrt{\tilde{\gamma}^2 + 8i}}{4}$$

$$\tilde{\gamma} > 0$$

The $v^{(+)}$ saddle becomes **relevant** and the associated partition function becomes finite in the $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit.

For $\tilde{\gamma} < 0$, the $v^{(+)}$ saddle becomes **irrelevant** since the singularity is shifted in the opposite direction.
consistent with the existence of the Pauli solution only for $\tilde{\gamma} > 0$.

The case of Lorentz invariant model

$$S_m = \frac{1}{2} N \gamma \{ e^{i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_0)^2 - e^{-i\varepsilon} \text{tr}(A_i)^2 \}$$

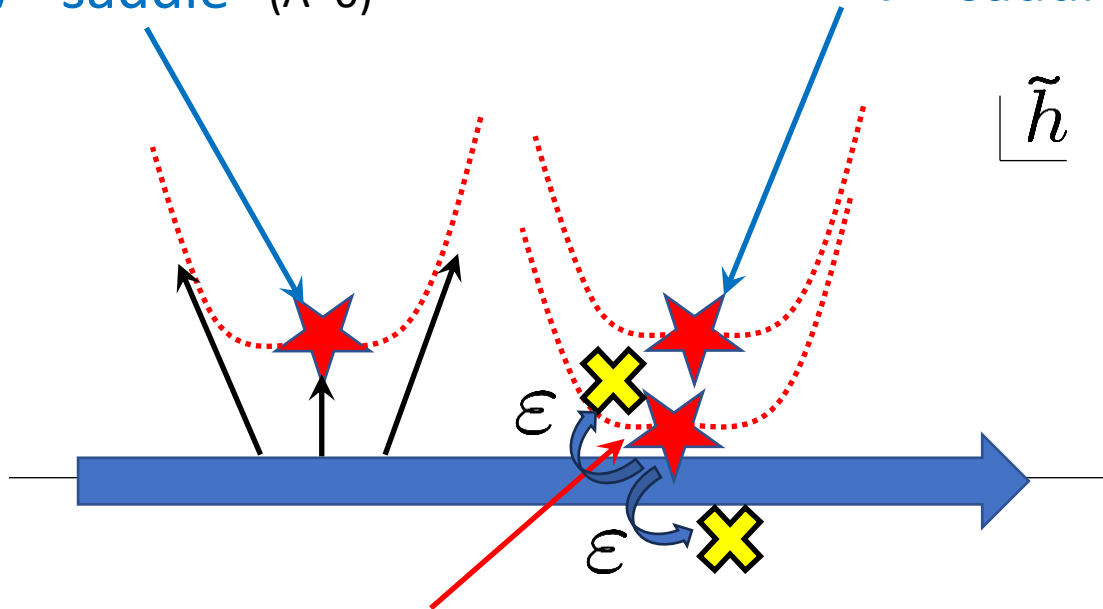
$$\tilde{h} = v^{(-)} \mathbf{1}$$

$v^{(-)}$ saddle (A=0)

$$Z(v^{(+)}) \sim e^{-\frac{3}{8}iD\tilde{\gamma}^2} \left(\frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}D} \quad (\text{large } D)$$

$$\tilde{h} = v^{(+)} \mathbf{1}$$

$v^{(+)}$ saddle (Pauli)



$$v^{(\pm)} \equiv \frac{\tilde{\gamma} \pm \sqrt{\tilde{\gamma}^2 + 8i}}{4}$$

$$\tilde{\gamma} > 0$$

Convergence factor acts on space and time differently.

new saddle point appears near $\tilde{h}_{\text{sing}} = \frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{2} \mathbf{1}$

$$Z_{\text{new}} \sim e^{-\frac{3}{8}iD\tilde{\gamma}^2} (\tilde{\gamma} \ominus \varepsilon)^{-\frac{3}{2}D} \quad (\text{large } D)$$

diverges as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

The new saddle point dominates in the $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit.

Transition at finite ε

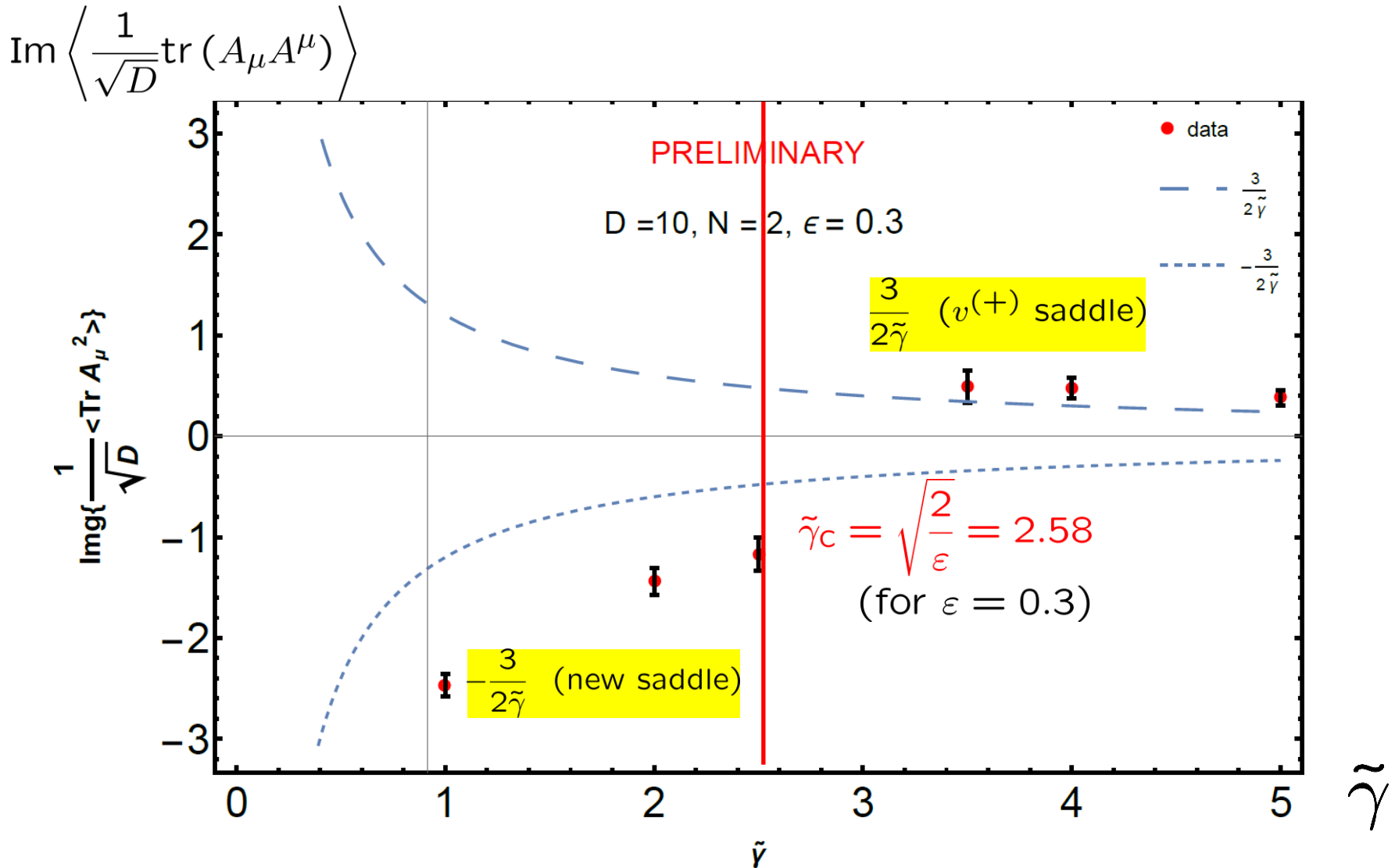
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z(v^{(+)}) \sim e^{-\frac{3}{8}iD\tilde{\gamma}^2} \left(\frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}D} \\ Z_{\text{new}} \sim e^{-\frac{3}{8}iD\tilde{\gamma}^2} (\tilde{\gamma}\varepsilon)^{-\frac{3}{2}D} \end{array} \right. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} |Z_{\text{new}}| > |Z(v^{(+)})| \\ \text{for } \tilde{\gamma} < \tilde{\gamma}_c \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}} \quad (\text{large } D) \end{array}$$

Probing this transition by calculating observables

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \text{tr} (A_\mu A^\mu) \right\rangle &= \frac{2i}{ND} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\gamma}} \log Z \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}\tilde{\gamma} + i\frac{3}{2\tilde{\gamma}} & \text{for the } v^{(+)} \text{ saddle} \\ \frac{3}{4}\tilde{\gamma} \ominus i\frac{3}{2\tilde{\gamma}} & \text{for the new saddle} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Im} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \text{tr} (A_\mu A^\mu) \right\rangle = -\frac{3}{2\tilde{\gamma}} \rightarrow \frac{3}{2\tilde{\gamma}} \quad \text{at } \tilde{\gamma} \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}}$$

Results for the Pauli thimble



The transition is clearly confirmed by the thimble calculations.

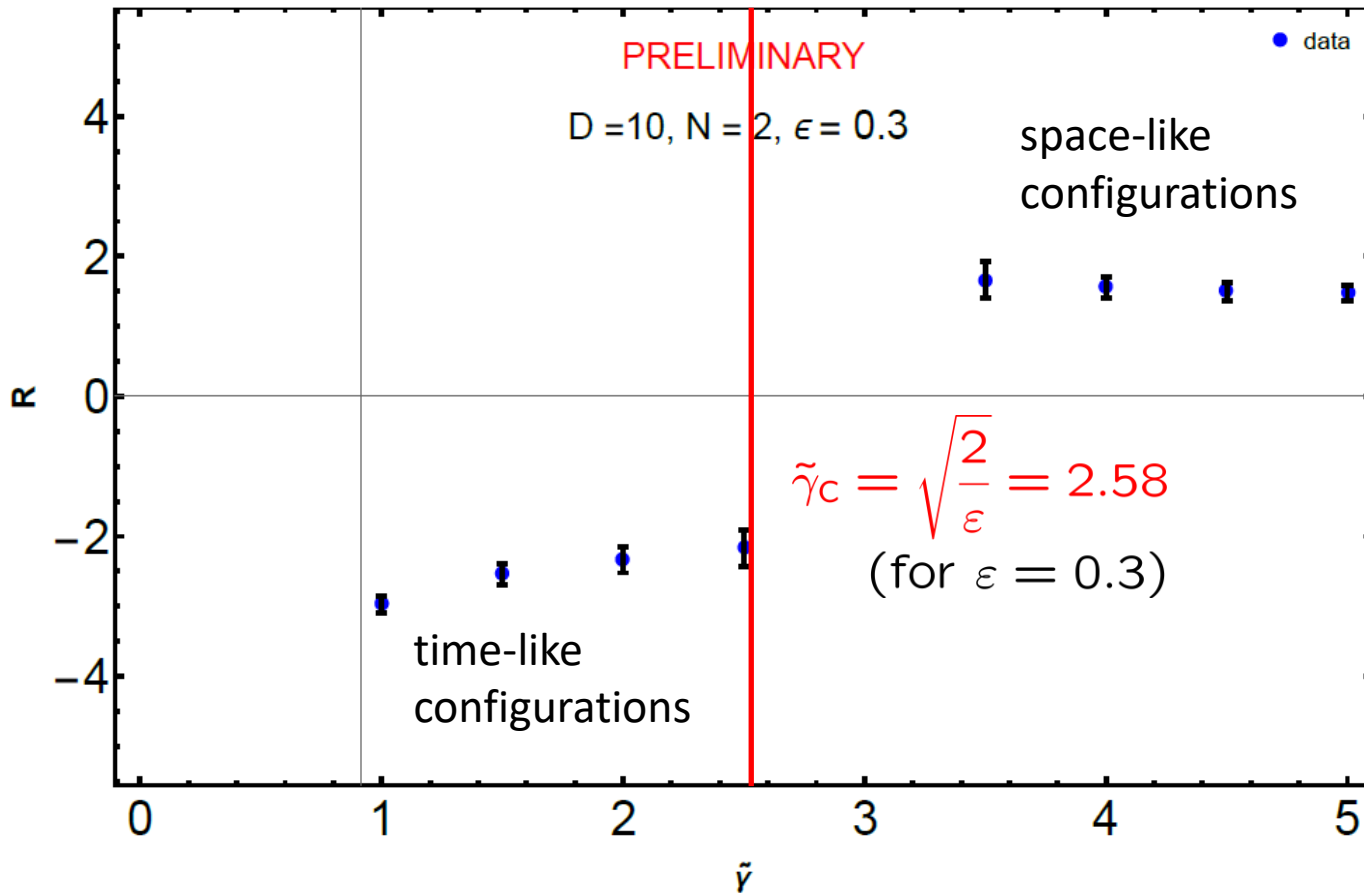


What is this transition ?

time-like configs. v.s. space-like configs.

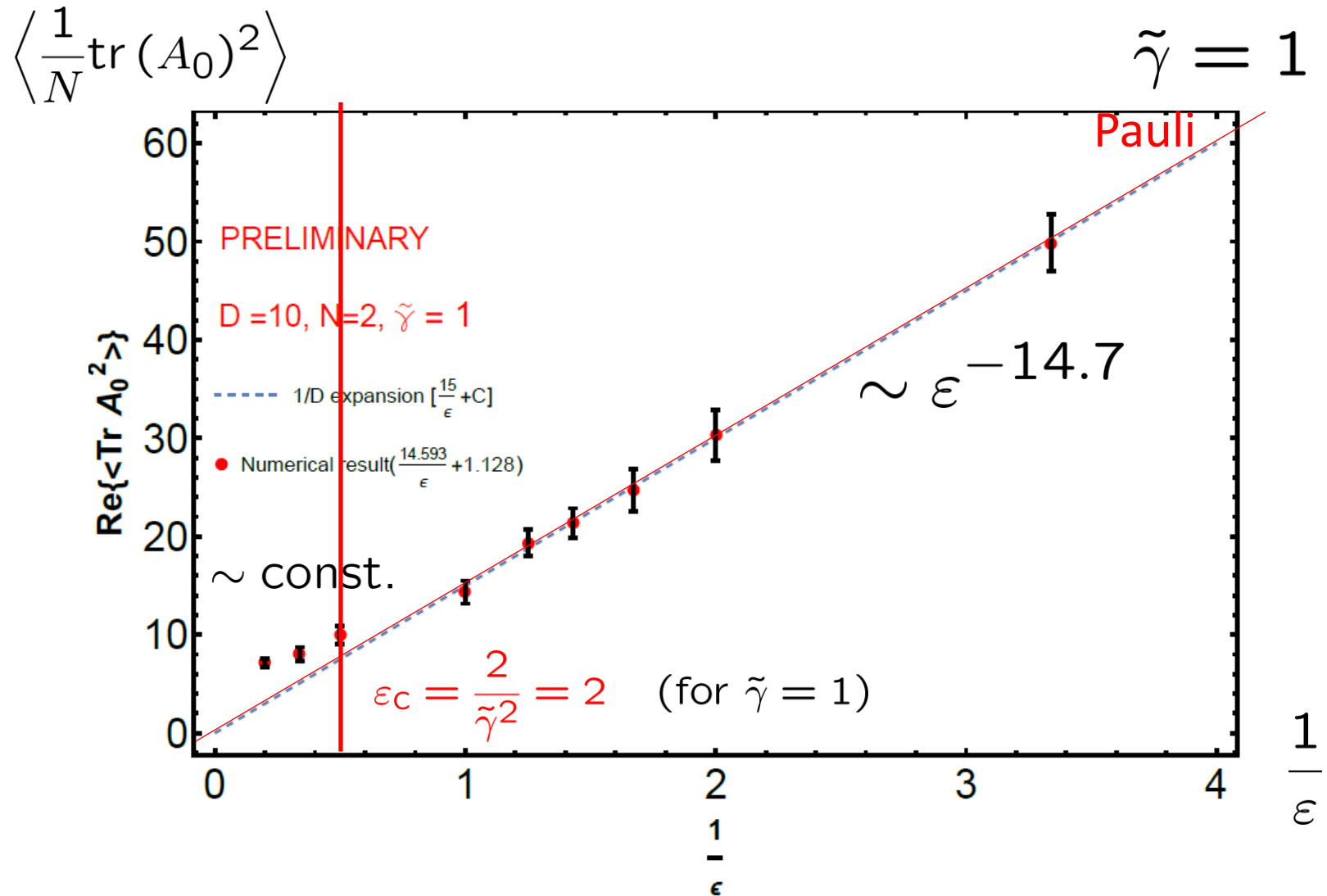
$$R = -\text{tr}(A_0^\dagger A_0) + \text{tr}(A_i^\dagger A_i)$$

$$\begin{cases} R < 0 & \text{time-like config.} \\ R > 0 & \text{space-like config.} \end{cases}$$



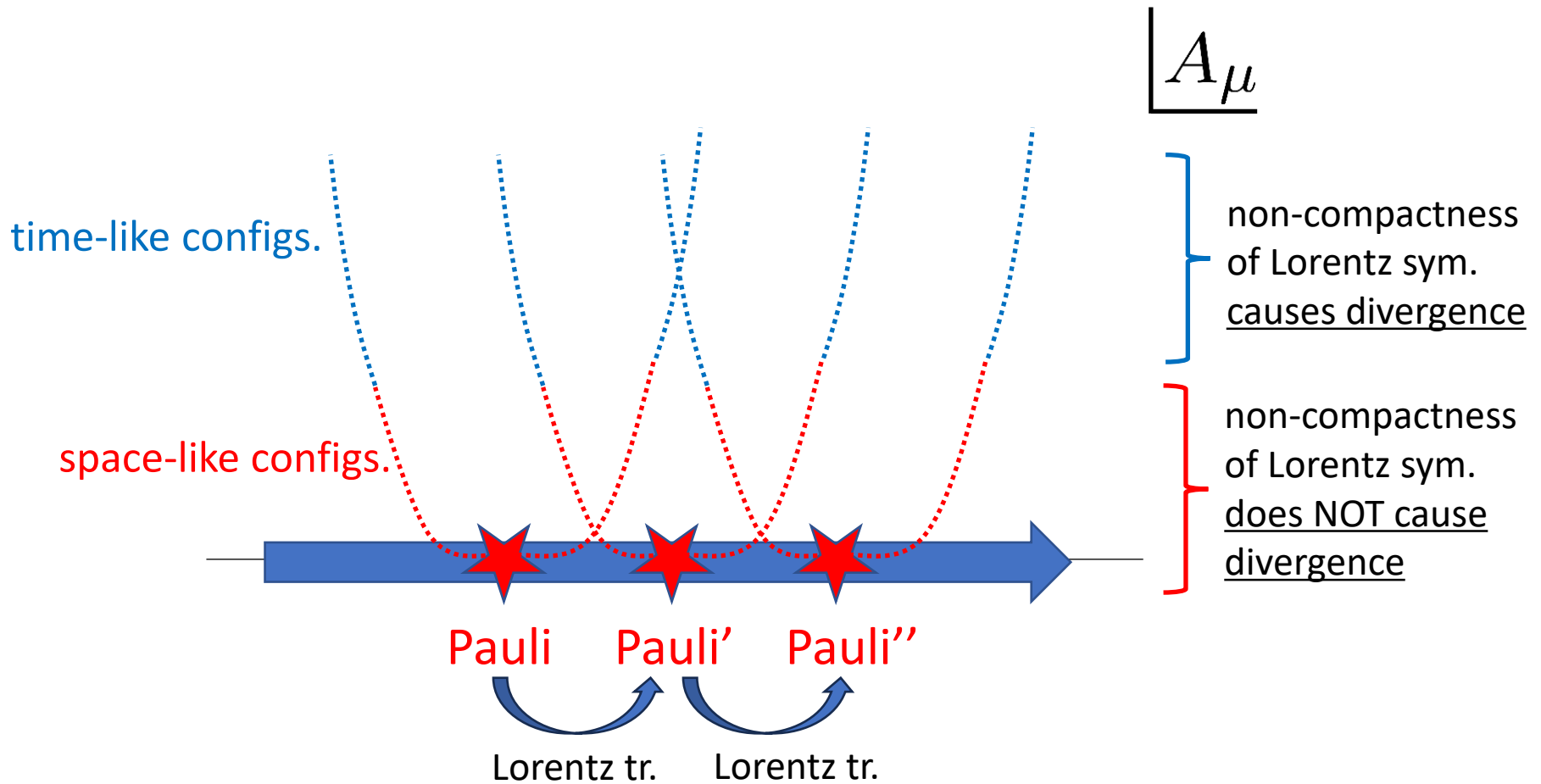
The divergence is caused by time-like configs !

No divergence for space-like configs.



For $\tilde{\gamma} = \infty$, we expect to see $\left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (A_0)^2 \right\rangle \rightarrow \text{const.}$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

The interpretation of the transition



$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ makes time-like configs dominate.

$\tilde{\gamma} \rightarrow \infty$ makes space-like configs dominate.

transition
at $\tilde{\gamma}^2 \varepsilon = 2$
(large D)

4. Summary

Summary

- **Lorentzian IKKT matrix model** is not well defined as it is unlike the Euclidean version studied earlier.
- A naïve regularization makes it equivalent to the Euclidean model.
- We have proposed **a regularization using a Lorentz invariant mass term**, which makes it inequivalent to the Euclidean model.
- In the N=2 bosonic model, the partition function for the Pauli thimble diverges due to the **non-compact** Lorentz transformations of **time-like configurations**.
- As a result, **the Pauli thimble dominates** for any $\gamma > 0$.
- The SO(D) symmetric model obtained by replacing $A_0 = iA_D$ does not have these properties, which are, hence, of **genuine Lorentzian nature**.

Future prospects

- SUSY case

1/D expansion cannot be applied (SUSY cannot be respected), but **numerical simulation is doable**. N=2 case is on-going.

- larger N

The computational cost of the **generalized Lefschetz thimble method** grows with N as $O(N^6)$. But we may still do N=4,8,16,...

- Numerical solutions of the classical equation of motion

Expanding behavior is obtained generically for $\gamma > 0$.
The number of expanding directions is arbitrary.

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- Numerical simulation based on the complex Langevin method

The bosonic model simulation suggests **(1+1)D expanding space-time**. Pfaffian **suppresses** configs. with not more than 2 extended directions.