

# SPINFOAM ON LEFSCHETZ-THIMBLE:

Markov Chain Monte-Carlo Computation of Lorentzian  
Spinfoam Propagator

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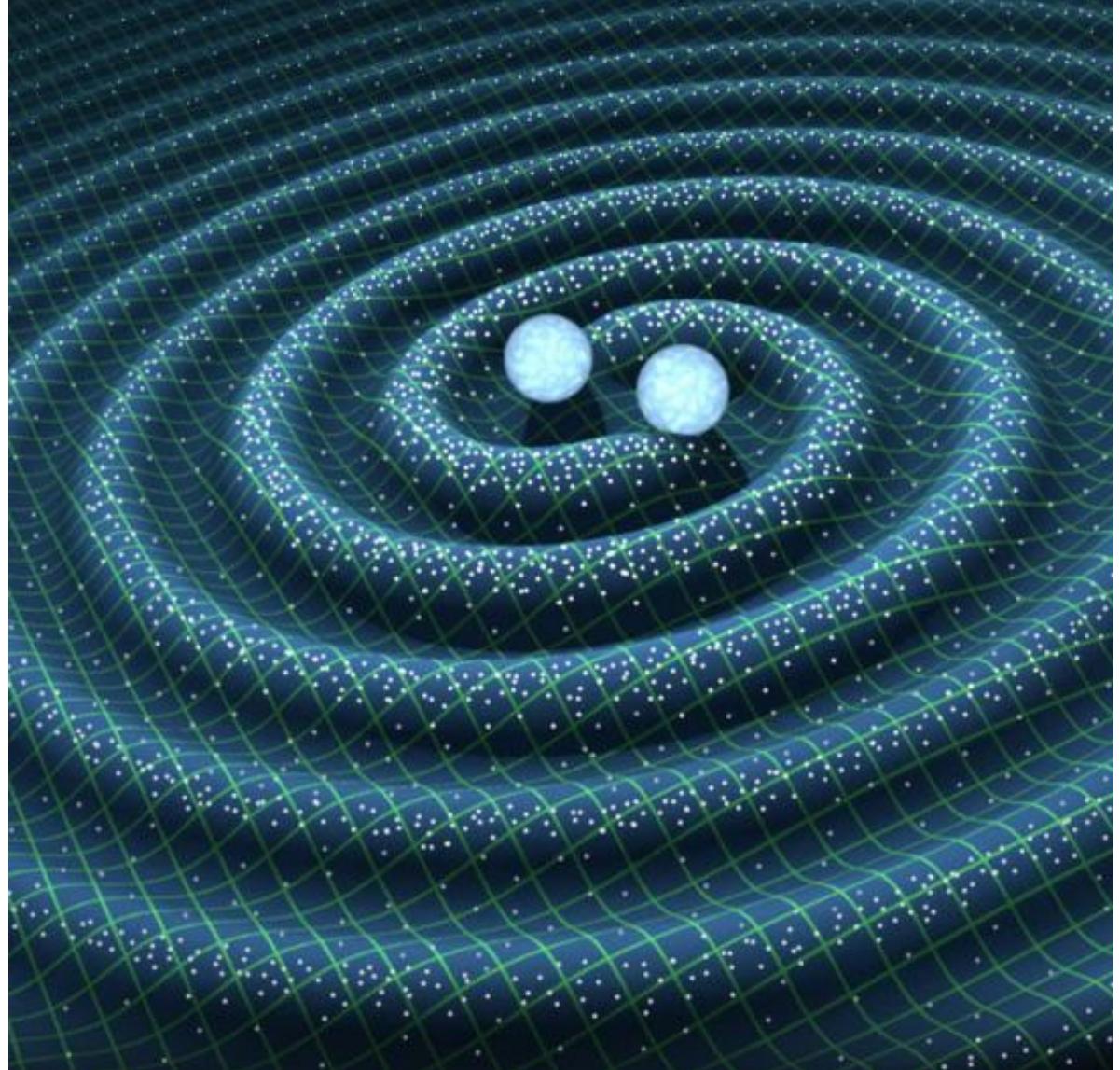


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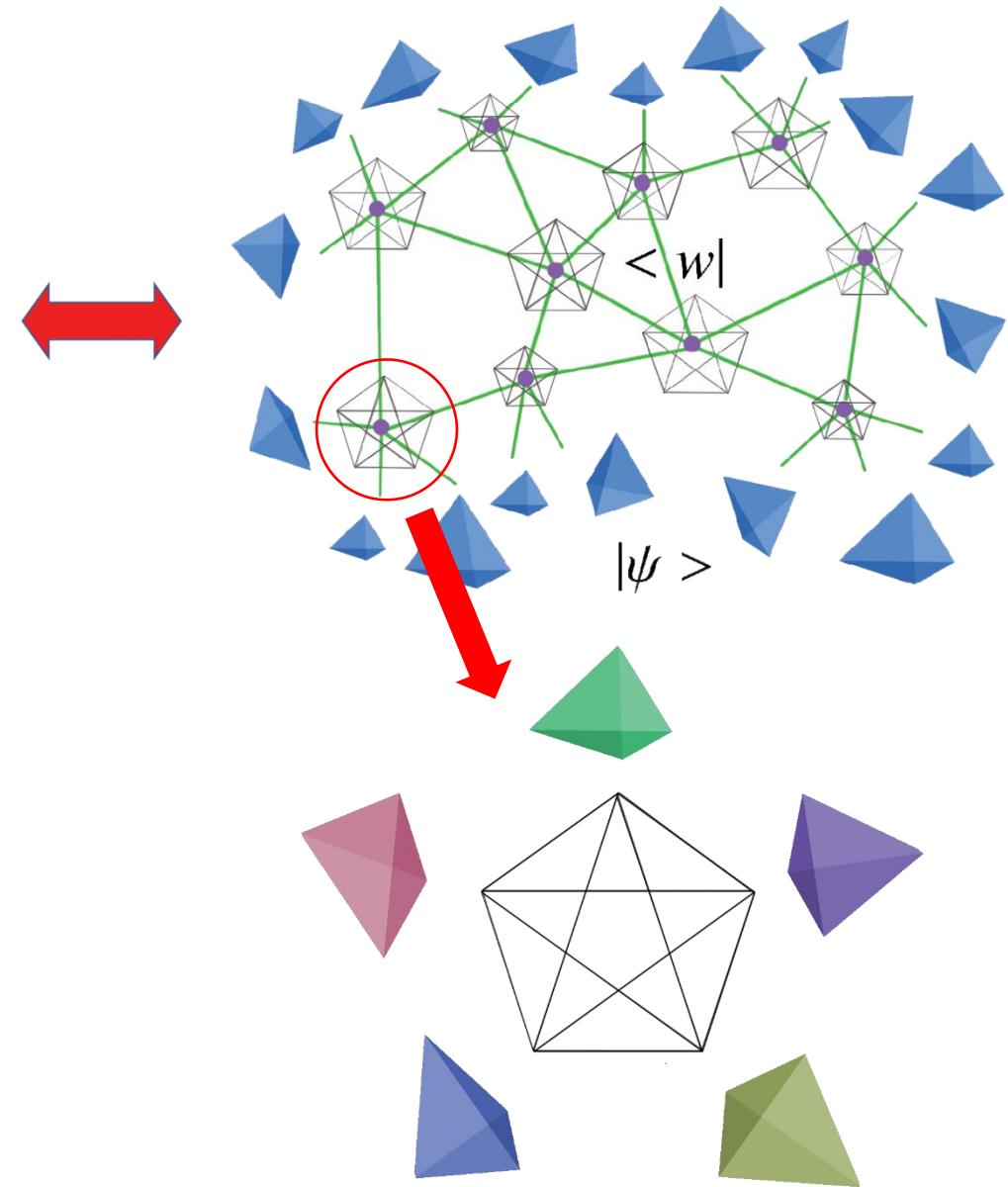
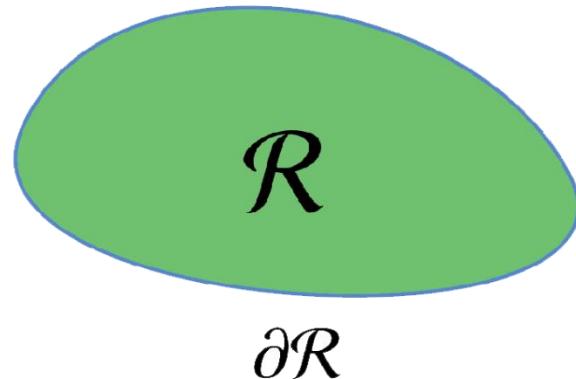
# INTRODUCTION

Spinfoam model  
& the sign problem



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- Quantum space time
  - Boundary: spin-network states
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  - Minimum unit: 4-simplex amplitude (space time atom)
  - Connection = Entanglement

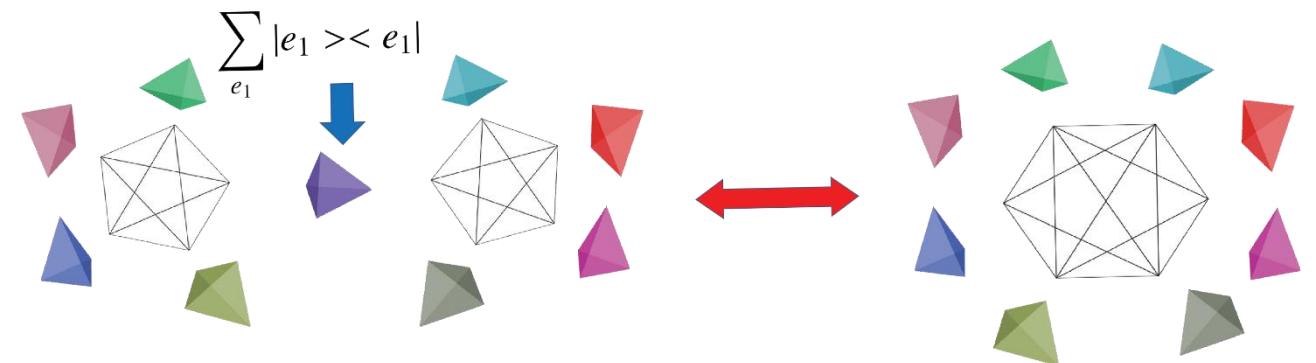
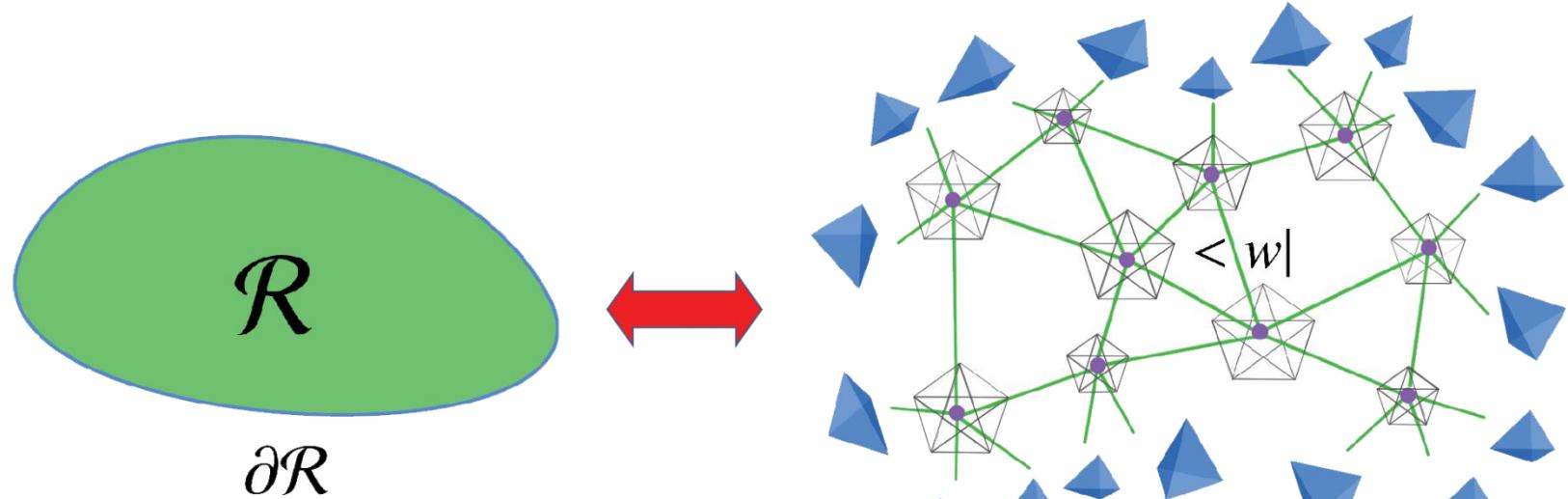
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$$\begin{aligned} & \langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle \\ &= \int dx_{N-1} dx_{N-2} \cdots dx_1 \\ & \times \langle x_f, t_f | x_{N-1}, t_{N-1} \rangle \langle x_{N-1}, t_{N-1} | x_{N-2}, t_{N-2} \rangle \cdots \langle x_2, t_2 | x_1, t_1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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- Spinfoam amplitude: (finite dimensional integral)

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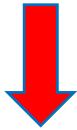
- Semi-classical limit  Discrete gravity(Regge calculus)
- Observables:

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Penrose metric:  
 $q^{ab}(x) = \delta^{ij} E_i^a(x) E_j^b(x)$

e.g., 2-point connected correlation function:

$$G^{abcd}(x, y) = \langle q^{ab}(x) q^{cd}(y) \rangle - \langle q^{ab}(x) \rangle \langle q^{cd}(y) \rangle$$



Semi-classical limit

graviton propagator

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We compute  $G^{abcd}$  numerically in this work

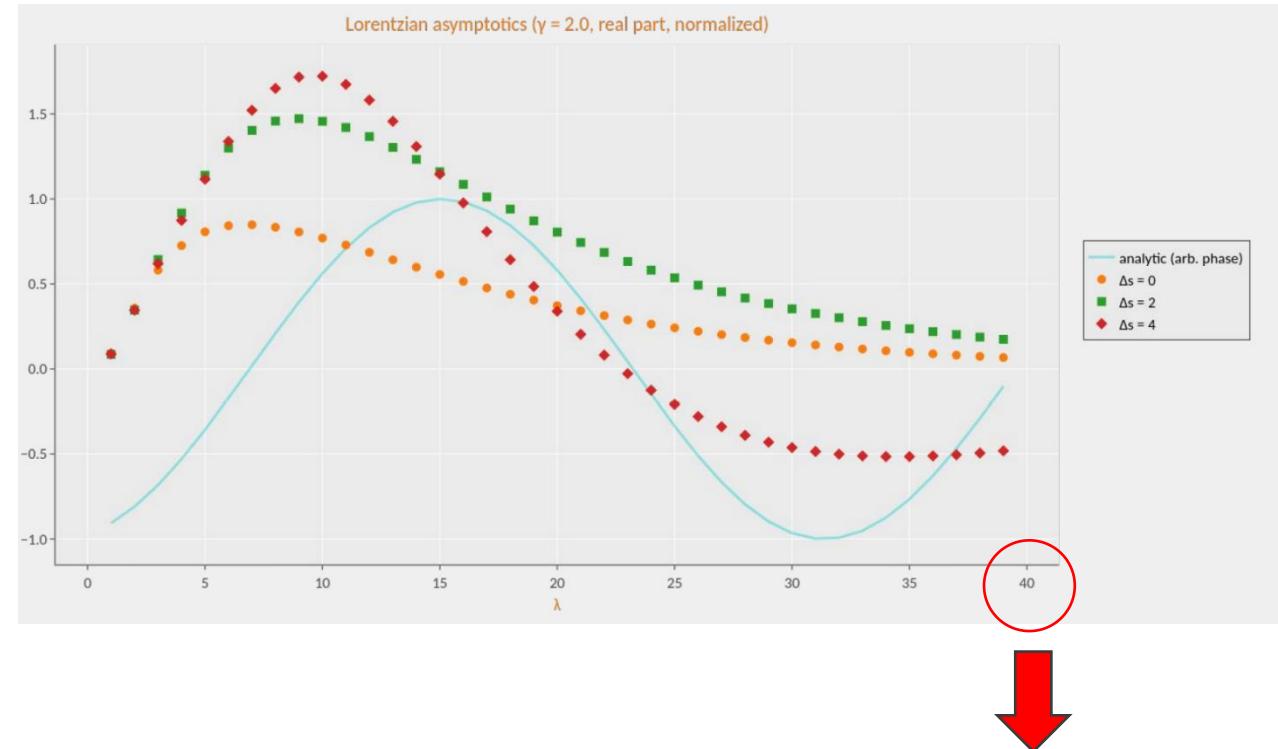
# REQUIREMENTS

- Reliability
  - Can go to high spin limit  Asymptotic results
  - Can adapt to multiple situation
    - Euclidean/Lorentzian models
    - Different values of  $\gamma$
    - Different boundary states
- Utility
  - Can compute different observables:

$$\langle q^{ab}(x)q^{cd}(y) \rangle, \langle q^{ab}(x) \rangle, \langle q^{cd}(y) \rangle \dots$$

# SL2CFOAM

- sl2cfoam package
  - Can only compute amplitude (so far)
  - Boundary spin cannot be very large



Spin smaller than 100

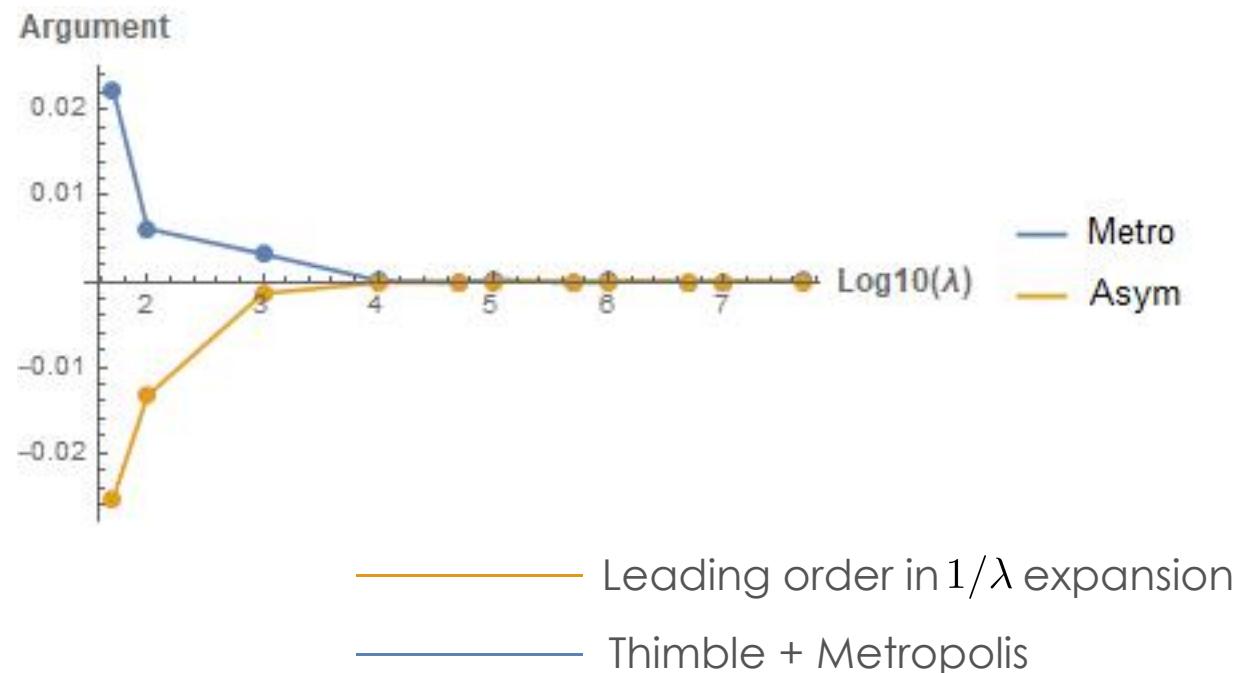
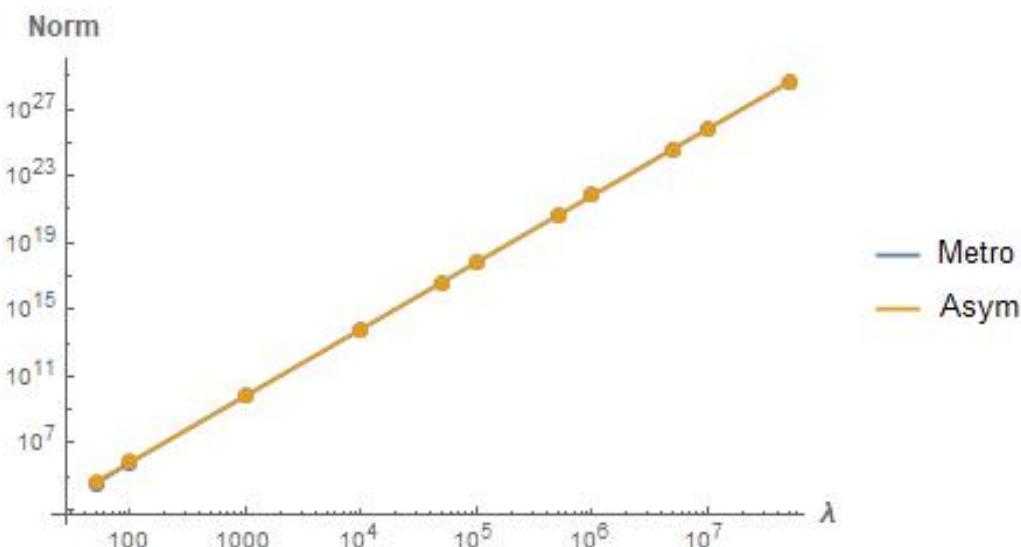
Not suitable for the task

Can we find an algorithm to do the computation?

Yes, we can!

# PREVIEW THE RESULTS

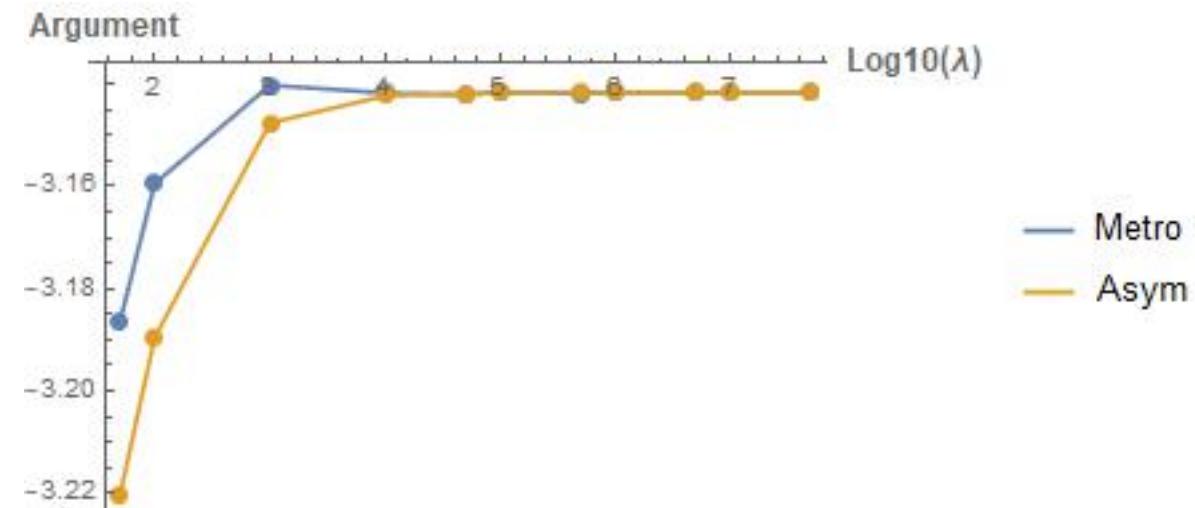
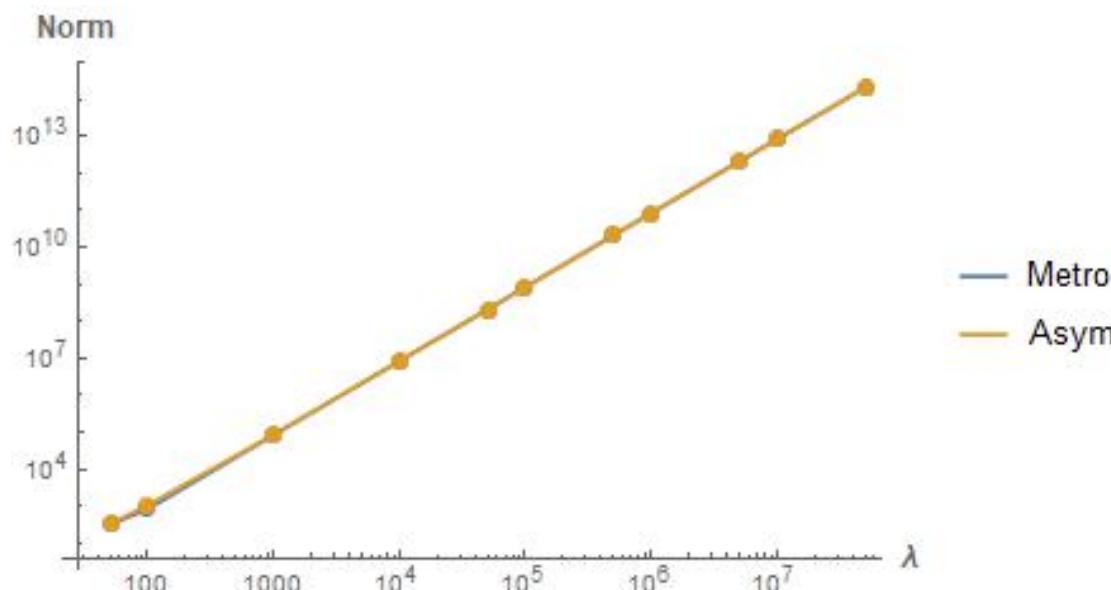
- Results of Expectation values  $\langle E_1^2 \cdot E_1^3 E_4^1 \cdot E_4^5 \rangle$



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| Difference (%) | 8.71   | 0.79   | 0.12   | 0.052           | 0.036  | 0.017           | 0.0062 | 0.0018          | 0.00037 | 0.00069         |

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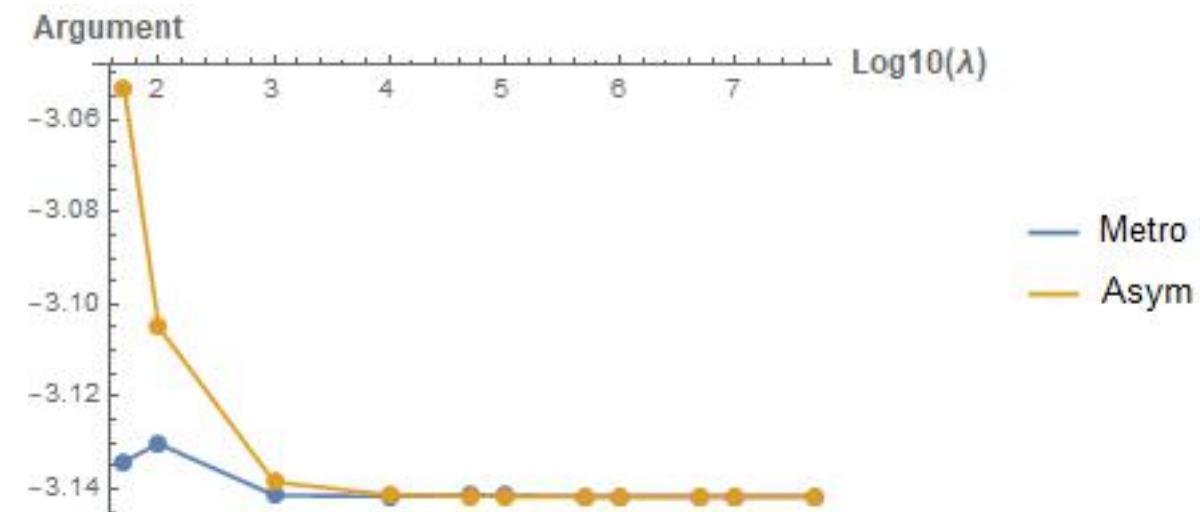
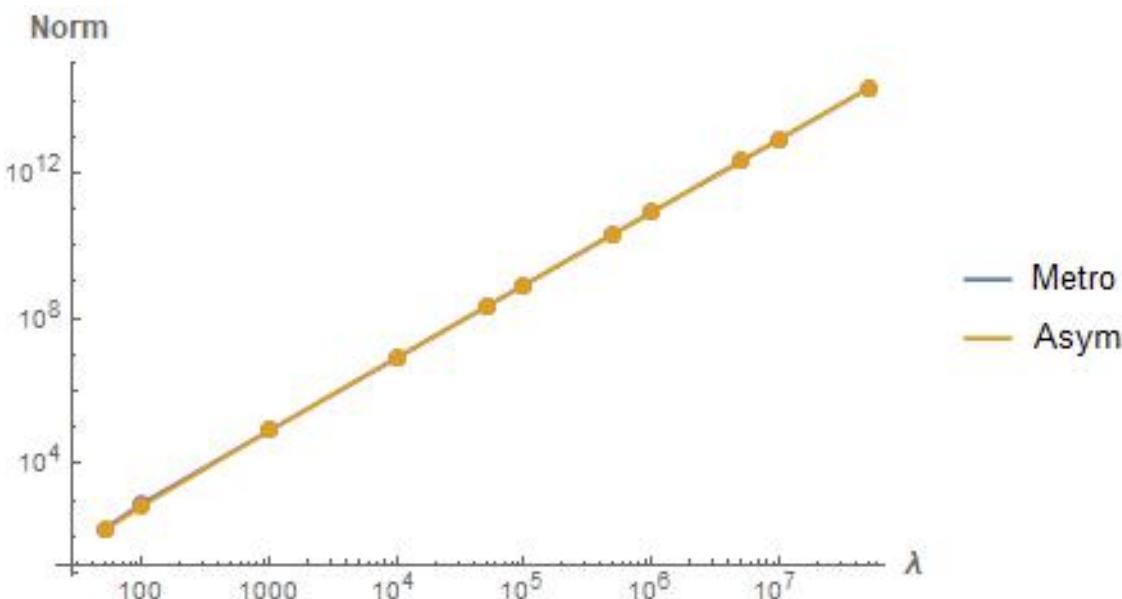
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| Difference (%) | 22.32  | 2.00   | 0.31   | 0.078           | 0.022  | 0.016           | 0.012  | 0.0022          | 0.000047 | 0.0016          |

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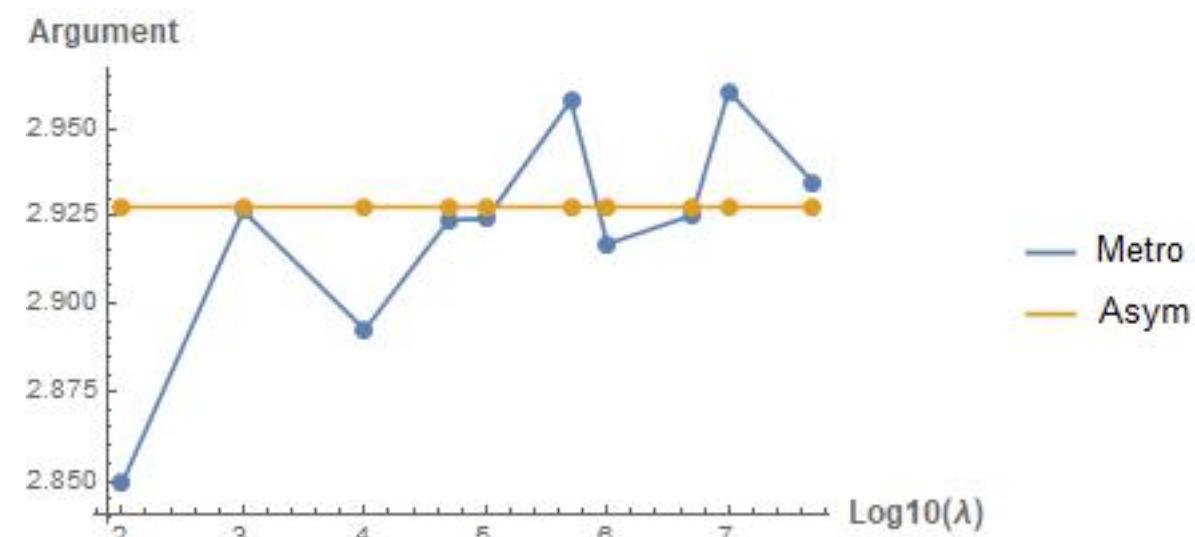
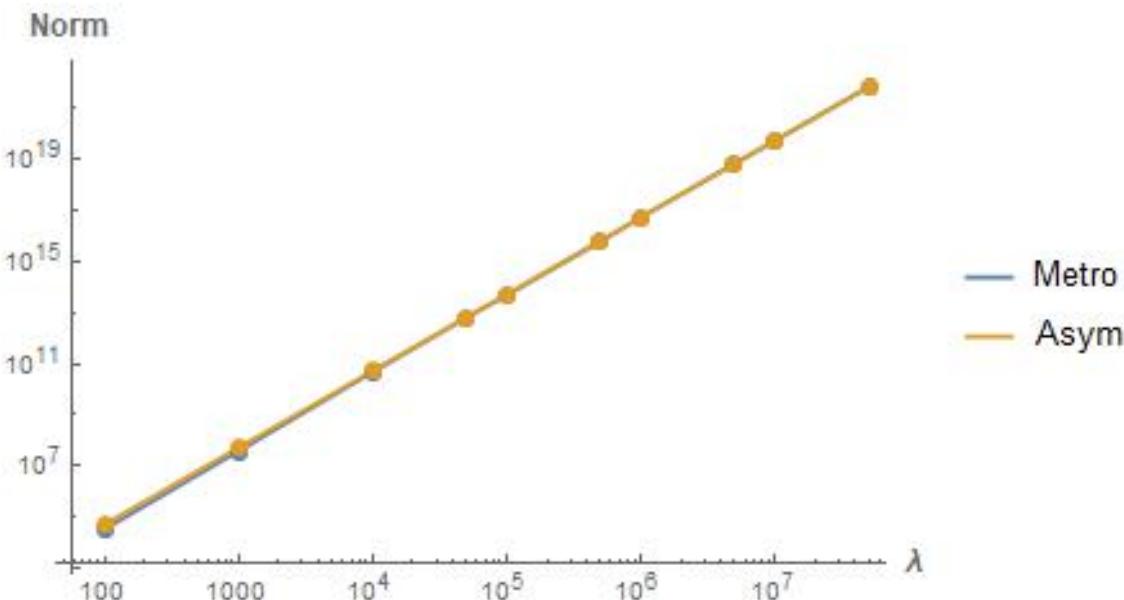
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| Difference (%) | 18.66  | 1.18   | 0.18   | 0.026           | 0.017  | 0.00054         | 0.0037 | 0.00035         | 0.00036 | 0.00083         |

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- Results of propagator component  $G_{14}^{2315}$



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| Difference (%) | 37.90  | 27.00  | 13.22  | 2.76            | 10.09  | 8.86            | 1.89   | 1.13            | 3.90   | 2.06            |

How to ..... ?

Do the integral directly!

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# THE SIGN PROBLEM

- Complex valued Action:

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Conventional Monte-Carlo is inefficient!

# ONE SOLUTION!

- Lefschetz-Thimble integration:

$$\int Dx \mathcal{O}(x) e^{-S(x)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} Dz \mathcal{O}(z) e^{-S(z)} = \int_{\Sigma} Dz \mathcal{O}(z) e^{-S(z)}$$

$\forall z \in \Sigma$  s.t.  $\text{Im}(S(z)) = \text{constant}$



$\forall z \in \Sigma, \mathcal{O}(z) e^{-S(z)}$  non-oscillatory

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A cure of the sign problem



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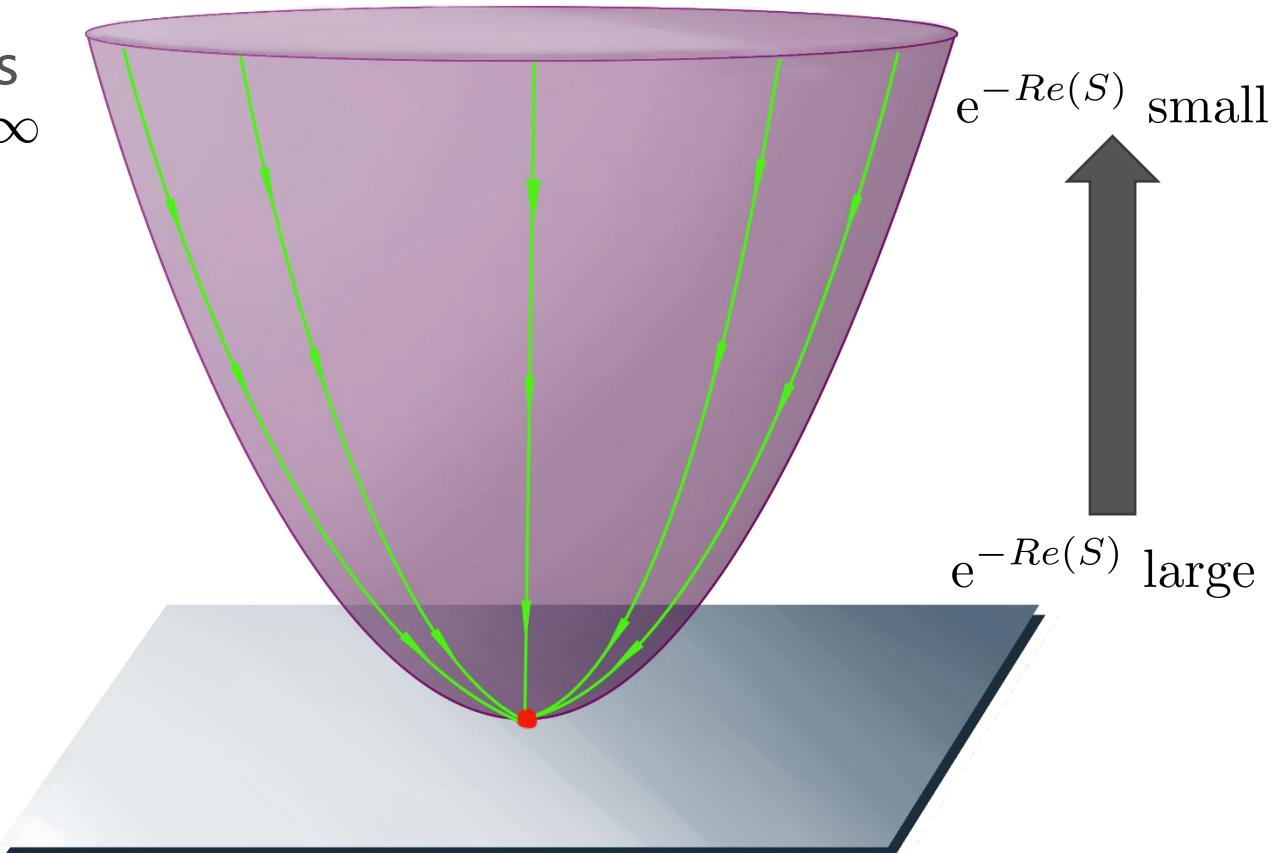
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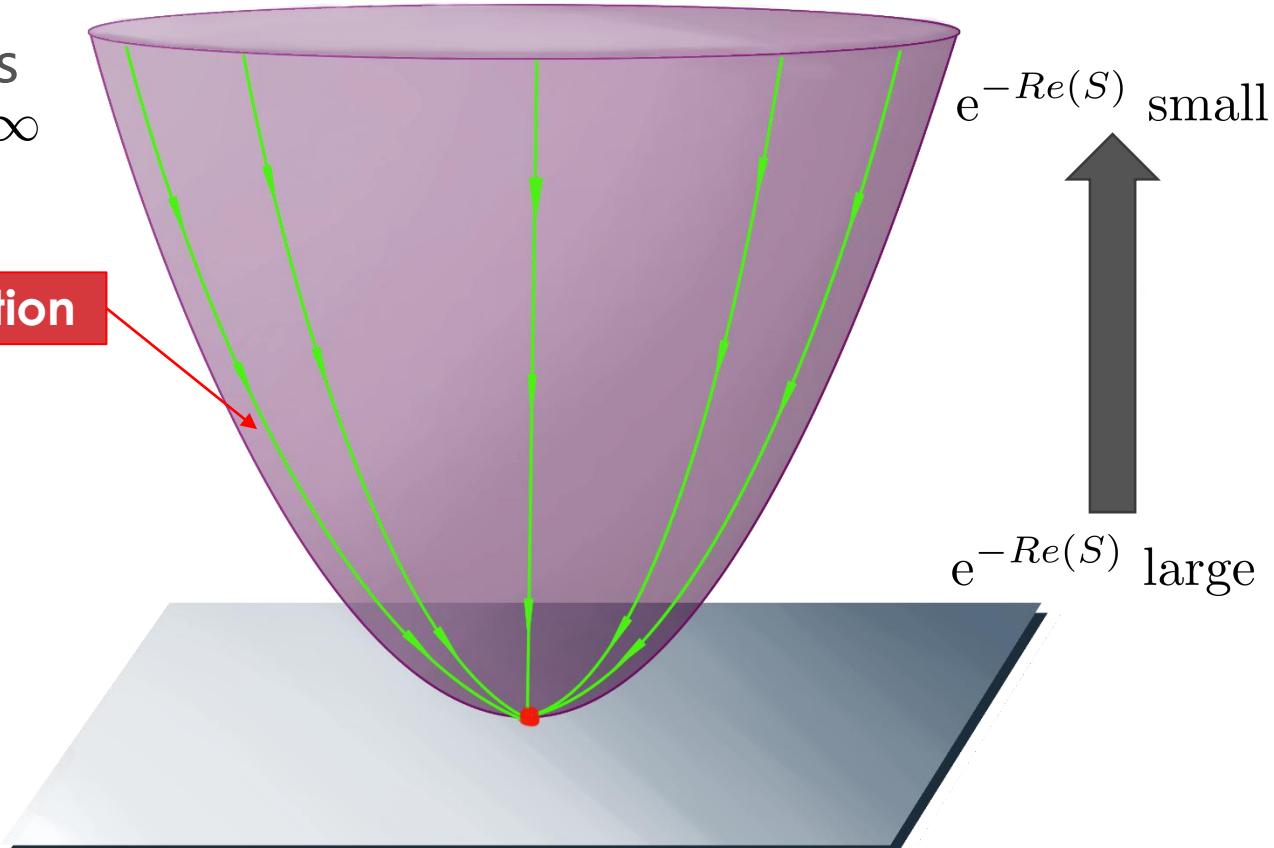
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Solution

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SD equation is not the equation of motion!

# LEFSCHETZ-THIMBLE

- Picard-Lefschetz Theory:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n z \hat{f}(\vec{z}) e^{-S(\vec{z})} = \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} \int_{\mathcal{J}_{\sigma}} d^n z \hat{f}(\vec{z}) e^{-S(z)}$$

$\mathbb{R}^n$  homologically equivalent to  $\sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} \mathcal{J}_{\sigma}$

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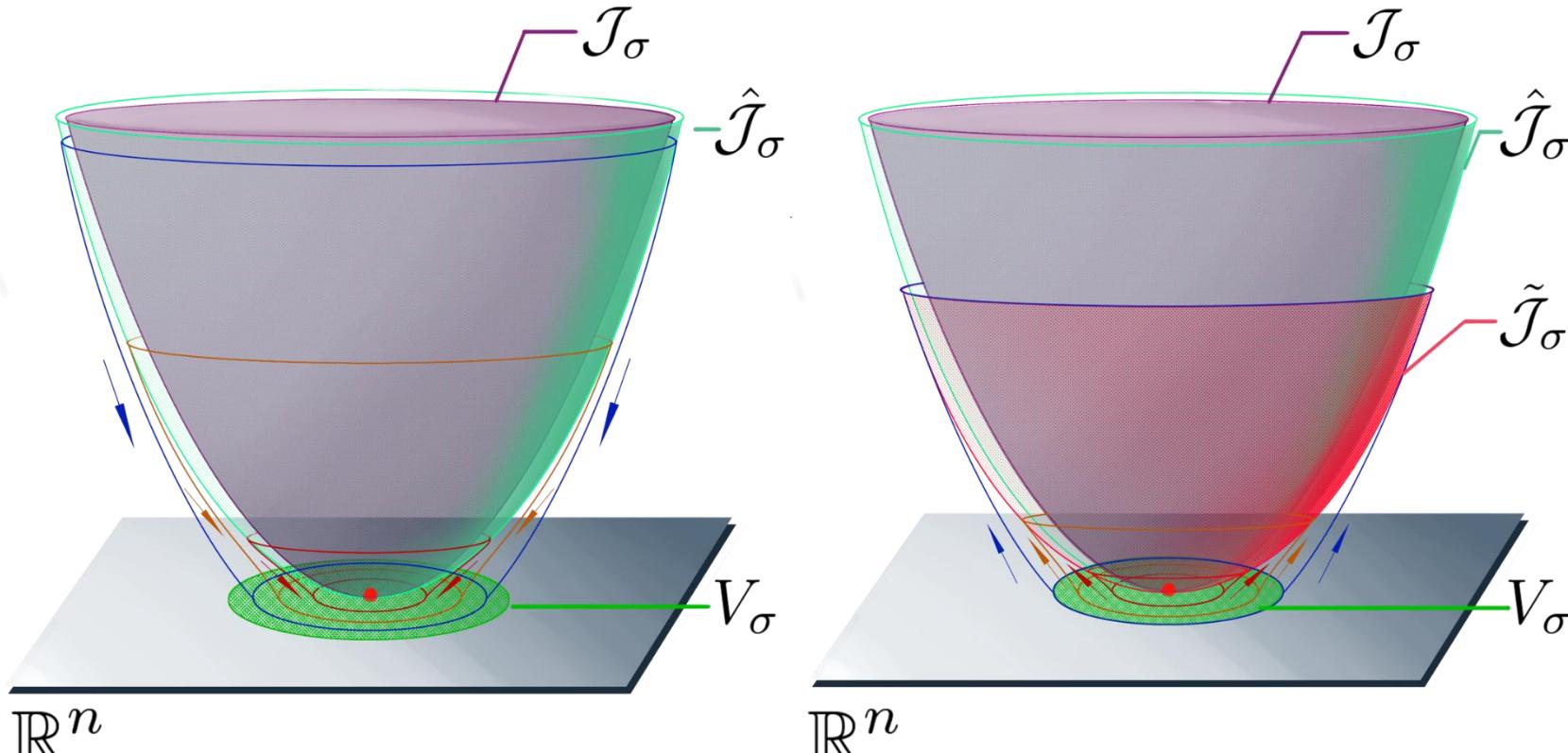
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Spinfoam propagator satisfies

# APPROXIMATED THIMBLE



1) Steepest decent falling to  $V_\sigma$

2) Steepest ascent from  $V_\sigma$

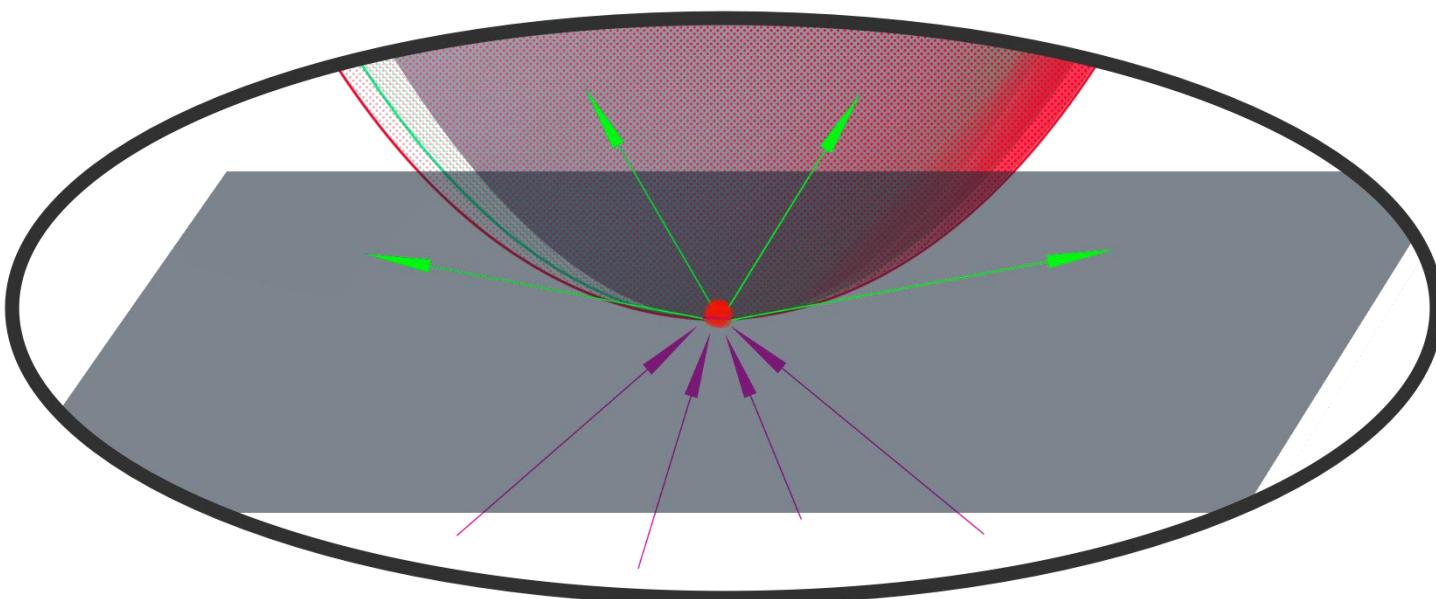
SA flow:

$$\frac{dz^a}{dt} = \frac{\partial \overline{S(\vec{z})}}{\partial \bar{z}^a}$$

- Not initiate from the far away point
- Fluctuation of  $\text{Im}(S(z))$  is small when  $V_\sigma$  is small
- Only need a portion of the thimble around the critical point

$e^{-\text{Re}(S)}$  decays very fast

# OPTIMAL CHOICE OF $V_\sigma$



- Generalized eigenvalue equation:  
$$\mathbf{H}\omega = \lambda\bar{\omega}.$$
- Eigenvectors with positive eigenvalues indicate the directions of the perturbation that can generate the approx. thimble.
- The  $V_\sigma$  is a good choice of  $\hat{\mathcal{J}}_\sigma$  generating

$$V_\sigma = \left\{ \vec{z} \mid \vec{z} = \sum_{a=1}^n \hat{\omega}_i x^i + \vec{z}_\sigma, \text{ each } x^i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is small} \right\}$$

# FLOW OF THE JACOBIAN

- Volume element on  $V_\sigma$ :  $d^n x \det(J_i^k)_0$

$$(J_i^k)_0 \equiv \partial z^k / \partial x^i$$

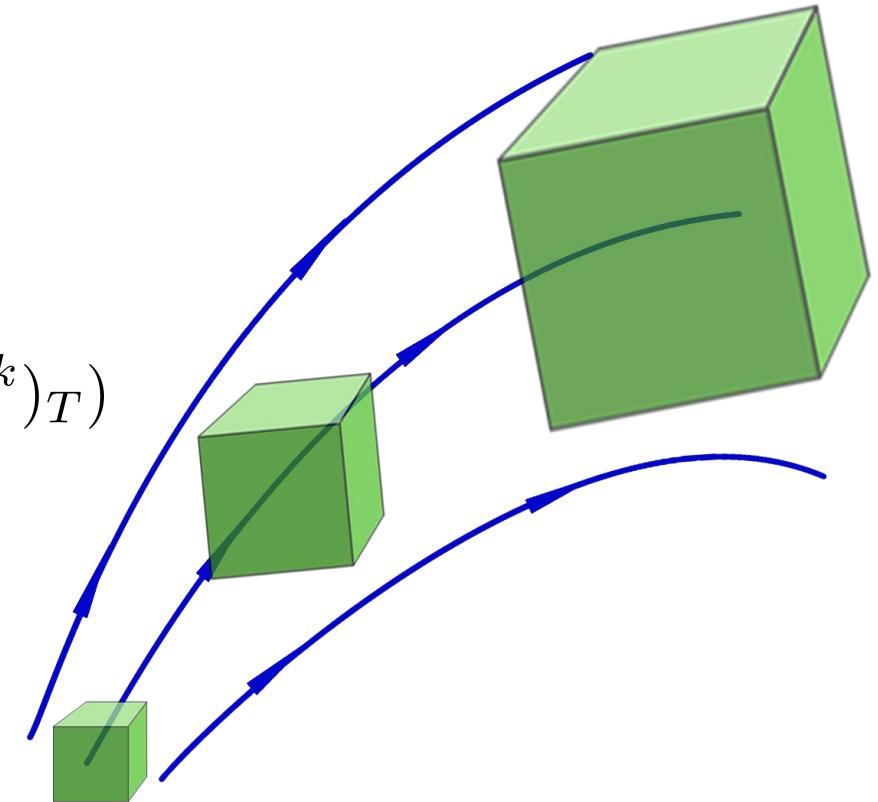
- Volume element on  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\sigma$ :  $d^n z = d^n x \det((J_i^k)_T)$

$$(J_i^k)_T \equiv \partial \mathcal{C}_T(x)^k / \partial x^i$$

- Linearized SA flow:

$$\frac{d (J_i^k)_t}{dt} = \sum_{l=1}^n \overline{\frac{\partial^2 \hat{S}}{\partial z_k \partial z_l}} \overline{(J_i^l)_t}$$

$$(J_i^k)_0 \mapsto (J_i^k)_T$$



$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_T : V_\sigma \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\sigma$$

$$\blacksquare \quad (J_i^k)_0 \mapsto (J_i^k)_T$$

# INTEGRATION ON THE THIMBLE

- Integration on the thimble

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\sigma} d^n z \psi(z) = \int_{V_\sigma} d^n x \det(J(x)) \psi(z(x))$$

- Convert to the integral on  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\sigma$  to  $V_\sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f \rangle &\simeq \frac{\int_{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\alpha} d^n z \hat{f}(z) e^{-\hat{S}(z)}}{\int_{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\alpha} d^n z e^{-\hat{S}(z)}} = \frac{\int_{V_\sigma} d^n x \det(J(x)) \hat{f}(\mathcal{C}_T(x)) e^{-\hat{S}(\mathcal{C}_T(x))}}{\int_{V_\sigma} d^n x \det(J(x)) e^{-\hat{S}(\mathcal{C}_T(x))}} \\ &= \frac{\left\langle e^{i\theta_{res}} \hat{f} \right\rangle_{eff}}{\left\langle e^{i\theta_{res}} \right\rangle_{eff}}\end{aligned}$$

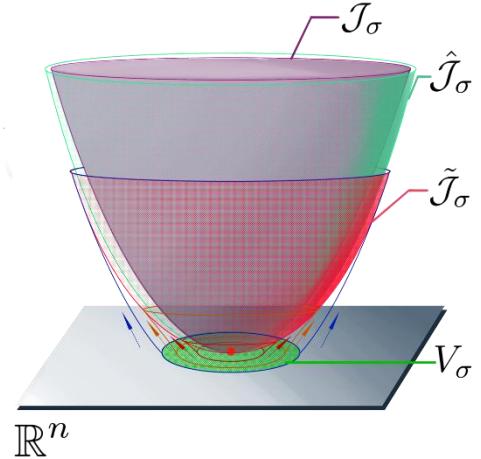
$$\text{Re}(\hat{S}) - \log(\det(J)) \equiv S_{eff}$$

$$\arg(\det(J)) - \text{Im}(\hat{S}) \equiv \theta_{res}$$

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$$= \frac{\left\langle e^{i\theta_{res}} \hat{f} \right\rangle_{eff}}{\langle e^{i\theta_{res}} \rangle_{eff}}$$

Sampling from the Boltzmann factor  $e^{-S_{eff}}$

Can be computed by Markov-chain Monte Carlo Method

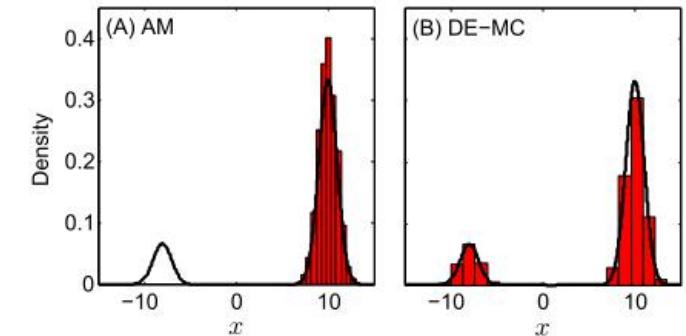
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# DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION ADAPTIVE METROPOLIS ALGORITHM(DREAM)

- Advantages of DREAM Algorithm:
  - Good balance between acceptance and progression (Good for high-dimensional cases)
  - Adapt to multimodal distribution
  - Scan different region simultaneously
  - Run in parallel, adapt to multi-core computer processor



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# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

Graviton Propagator in Loop  
Quantum Gravity



*Artist's impression of quantum space in loop quantum gravity*

*Picture from Thiemann's  
book*

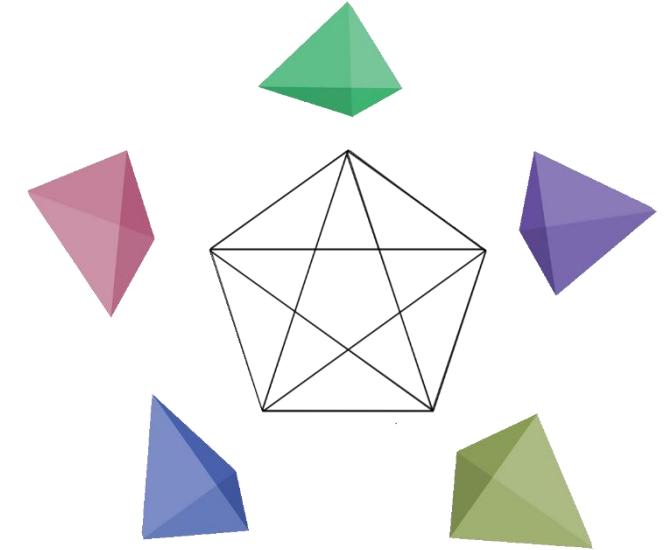
# EPRL SPINFOAM MODEL

- 4-simplex amplitude

$$\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{j_{ab}} \psi_{j_0, \zeta_0} \int_{SL(2, \mathbb{C})^5} \prod_a dg_a \prod_{a>b} P_{ab}(g)$$

$$P_{ab}(g) = \langle \lambda j_{ab}, -\vec{n}_{ab} | Y^\dagger g_a^{-1} g_b Y | \lambda j_{ab}, \vec{n}_{ba} \rangle$$

$Y$  maps the spin- $j$   $SU(2)$  irreducible representation  $\mathcal{H}_j$  to the lowest level in  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$   $(j, \gamma j)$ -irreducible representation  $\mathcal{H}_{(j, \gamma j)} = \bigoplus_{k=j}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_k$



We take Barbero-Immirzi parameter  $\gamma$  as 0.1.

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$$\langle W \mid \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{\lambda j_{ab}} \psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0} \int_{SL(2, \mathbb{C})^s} \prod_a dg_a \int \left( \prod_{a>b} \frac{d_{\lambda j_{ab}}}{\pi} d\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_{ab} \right) e^{\lambda S}$$

$$S(j, g, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{a>b} [2j_{ab} \log (\langle J\xi_{ab}, Z_{ab} \rangle \langle Z_{ba}, \xi_{ba} \rangle) - (1 + i\gamma) j_{ab} \log \langle Z_{ab}, Z_{ab} \rangle - (1 - i\gamma) j_{ab} \log \langle Z_{ba}, Z_{ba} \rangle]$$

$$d_j = 2j + 1, \quad Z_{ab} = g_a^\dagger z_{ab}, \text{ and } Z_{ba} = g_b^\dagger z_{ab}$$

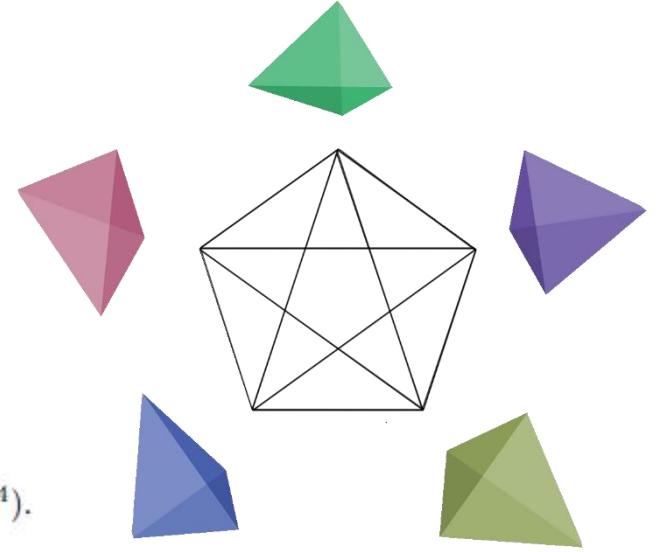
$\xi_{ab}, \psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0}, j_a$  given by the boundary state

# EPRL SPINFOAM MODEL

- Boundary Geometry

$$P_1 = (0, 0, 0, 0), P_2 = (0, 0, 0, -2\sqrt{5}/3^{1/4}), P_3 = (0, 0, -3^{1/4}\sqrt{5}, -3^{1/4}\sqrt{5}),$$

$$P_4 = (0, -2\sqrt{10}/3^{3/4}, -\sqrt{5}/3^{3/4}, -\sqrt{5}/3^{1/4}), P_5 = (-3^{-1/4}10^{-1/2}, -\sqrt{5/2}/3^{3/4}, -\sqrt{5}/3^{3/4}, -\sqrt{5}/3^{1/4}).$$



|                | a | b | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| area $j_{0ab}$ |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1              |   |   | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 2              |   |   | \ | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3              |   |   | \ | \ | 2 | 2 |
| 4              |   |   | \ | \ | \ | 2 |

| normal $\vec{n}_{ab}$ | 1                 | 2                  | 3                   | 4                   | 5                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| a                     | \                 | (1,0,0)            | (-0.33,0.94,0)      | (-0.33,-0.47,0.82)  | (-0.33,-0.47,-0.82) |
| 1                     | \                 | (-1,0,0)           | \                   | (0.83,0.55,0)       | (0.83,-0.28,0.48)   |
| 2                     | (0.33,-0.94,0)    | (0.24,0.97,0)      | \                   | (0.83,-0.28,-0.48)  | (0.83,0.69,-0.48)   |
| 3                     | (0.33,0.47,-0.82) | (0.24,-0.48,0.84)  | (-0.54,0.068,0.84)  | \                   | (-0.54,0.69,0.36)   |
| 4                     | (0.33,0.47,0.82)  | (0.24,-0.48,-0.84) | (-0.54,0.068,-0.84) | (-0.54,-0.76,-0.36) | \                   |
| 5                     |                   |                    |                     |                     |                     |

$$N_1 = (-1, 0, 0, 0), N_2 = \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{22}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{22}}, 0, 0 \right), N_3 = \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{33}}, 0 \right),$$

$$N_4 = \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{33}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \right), N_5 = \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{33}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \right)$$

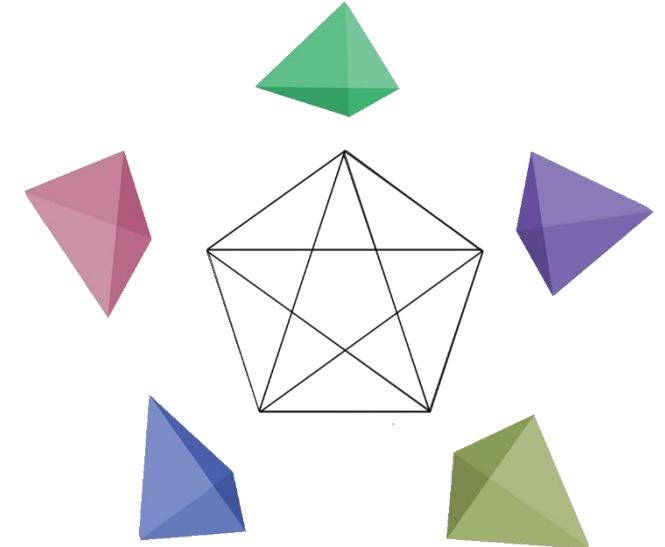
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- Boundary Condition

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| $\zeta_0^{ab}$ | b | 2                   | 3                  | 4                   | 5                   |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| a              |   |                     |                    |                     |                     |
| 1              |   | -3.14+0.36 $\gamma$ | 0.68+0.36 $\gamma$ | 5.05+0.36 $\gamma$  | 5.05+0.36 $\gamma$  |
| 2              | \ |                     | 5.05-0.59 $\gamma$ | -5.93-0.59 $\gamma$ | -3.20-0.59 $\gamma$ |
| 3              | \ | \                   |                    | -2.81-0.59 $\gamma$ | -5.54-0.59 $\gamma$ |
| 4              | \ | \                   | \                  |                     | -4.37-0.59 $\gamma$ |



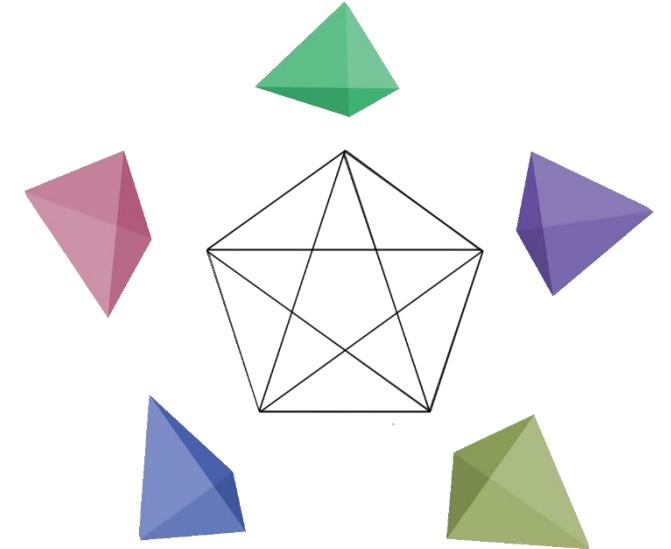
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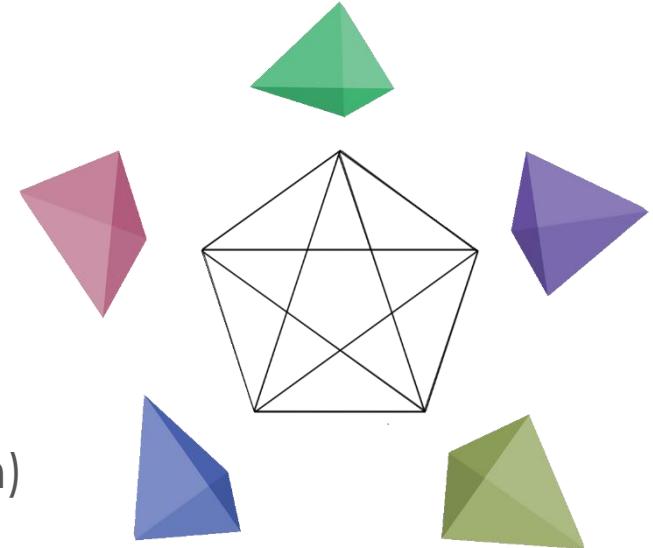
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In order to get a right propagator limit,  $\alpha$  has to take specific value. But, since we just want to justify the reliability of the algorithm, we can randomly choose the  $\alpha$  and compare the results with the one gotten from asymptotic expansion based on the same  $\alpha$



# CRITICAL POINT

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(stationary phase approximation)
- In our calculation, there is only one critical point corresponding to the geometry of the 4-simplex

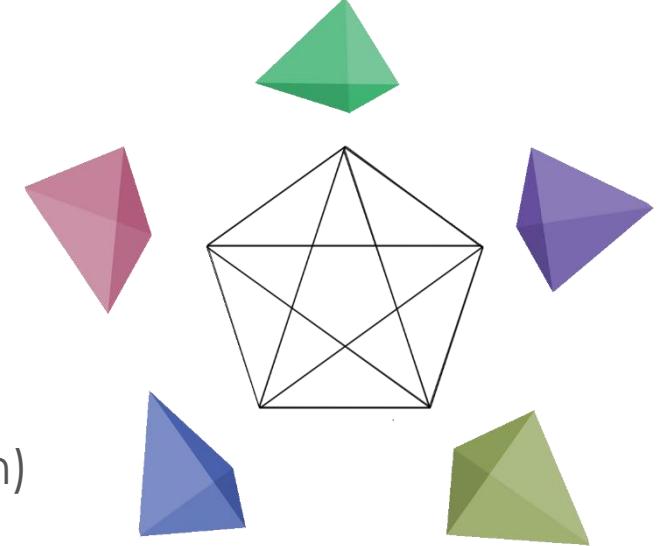


| a        | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5  |
|----------|--|--|---|--|--|
| $g_{0a}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} 0.18i & 1.01i \\ 1.01i & 0.18i \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} 0.18i & 0.96 - 0.34i \\ -0.96 - 0.34i & 0.18i \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} 1.01i & -0.48 - 0.34i \\ 0.48 - 0.34i & -0.65i \end{pmatrix}$ | $\begin{pmatrix} -0.65i & -0.48 - 0.34i \\ 0.48 - 0.34i & 1.01i \end{pmatrix}$ |

| $ z_{0ab}\rangle$ | b | 1                    | 2                    | 3                   | 4                    | 5                    |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| a                 |   |                      |                      |                     |                      |                      |
| 1                 |   | ~                    | (1,1)                | (1,-0.333+0.942i)   | (1,-0.184-0.259i)    | (1,-1.817-2.569 i)   |
| 2                 |   | (1,1)                | ~                    | (1,0.685-0.729i)    | (1, 1.857 + 0.989 i) | (1, 0.420 + 0.223 i) |
| 3                 |   | (1, 0.333 - 0.943 i) | (1, 0.685 - 0.729 i) | ~                   | (1, 0.313 + 2.080 i) | (1, 0.071 + 0.470 i) |
| 4                 |   | (1, -0.184-0.259i)   | (1, 1.857 + 0.989 i) | (1,0.313 + 2.080 i) | ~                    | (1, 0.058+0.082i)    |
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$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial g}[g_0, z_0] = 0 \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial z}[g_0, z_0] = 0 \quad Re(S[g_0, z_0]) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial j_{ab}}[g_0, z_0] = \lambda i \zeta_{ab}$$



$$\frac{\partial S_{tot}}{\partial j_{ab}}[j_0, g_0, z_0] = 0$$

# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

- 2-point correlation function:

$$G_{mn}^{abcd} = \frac{\langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle} - \frac{\langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle} \frac{\langle W | E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle}$$

Penrose metric:

$$q^{ab}(x) = \delta^{ij} E_i^a(x) E_j^b(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \lambda j_{ab}, -\vec{n}_{ab} \left| Y^\dagger g_a^{-1} g_b Y (E_b^a)^i \right| \lambda j_{ab}, \vec{n}_{ba} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lambda j_{ab}, -\vec{n}_{ab} \left| Y^\dagger g_a^{-1} g_b Y \right| \lambda j_{ab}, \vec{n}_{ba} \right\rangle \lambda j_{ab} \gamma \frac{\langle \sigma_i Z_{ba}, \xi_{ba} \rangle}{\langle Z_{ba}, \xi_{ba} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \lambda j_{ab}, -\vec{n}_{ab} \left| (E_b^a)^{i\dagger} Y^\dagger g_a^{-1} g_b Y \right| \lambda j_{ab}, \vec{n}_{ba} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \lambda j_{ab}, -\vec{n}_{ab} \left| Y^\dagger g_a^{-1} g_b Y \right| \lambda j_{ab}, \vec{n}_{ba} \right\rangle (-\lambda j_{ab} \gamma) \frac{\langle J\xi_{ab}, \sigma_i Z_{ab} \rangle}{\langle J\xi_{ab}, Z_{ab} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

- 2-point correlation function:

$$\langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{j_{ab}} \psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0} \int d\phi U(j, \phi) [A_{an}(j, \phi) \cdot A_{bn}(j, \phi)] [A_{cm}(j, \phi) \cdot A_{dm}(j, \phi)] e^{\lambda S(j, \phi)}$$

$$\langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{j_{ab}} \psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0} \int d\phi U(j, \phi) A_{an}(j, \phi) \cdot A_{bn}(j, \phi) e^{\lambda S(j, \phi)}$$

$$\langle W | E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{j_{ab}} \psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0} \int d\phi U(j, \phi) A_{cm}(j, \phi) \cdot A_{dm}(j, \phi) e^{\lambda S(j, \phi)}$$

$$A_{ab}^i = \gamma \lambda j_{ab} \frac{\langle \sigma^i Z_{ba}, \xi_{ba} \rangle}{\langle Z_{ba}, \xi_{ba} \rangle}, \quad A_{ba}^i = -\gamma \lambda j_{ab} \frac{\langle J\xi_{ba}, \sigma_i Z_{ba} \rangle}{\langle J\xi_{ba}, Z_{ba} \rangle},$$

# INTEGRAL OF J

- Poisson re-summation:

$$\sum_{J \in \frac{\mathbb{Z}^+}{2} \cup 0} f(J) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J \in \mathbb{Z}} f(|J/2|) + \frac{1}{2} f(0) = 2 \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_0^\infty dJ f(J) e^{4\pi i k J} + \frac{1}{2} f(0)$$

Remind:  $\psi_{\lambda j_0, \zeta_0} = \exp \left( -i \sum_{ab} \zeta_0^{ab} (\lambda j_{ab} - \lambda j_{0ab}) \right) \exp \left( - \sum_{ab,cd} \alpha^{(ab)(cd)} \frac{\lambda j_{ab} - \lambda j_{0ab}}{\sqrt{\lambda j_{0ab}}} \frac{\lambda j_{cd} - \lambda j_{0cd}}{\sqrt{\lambda j_{0cd}}} \right)$

The term  $\frac{1}{2}f(0)$  is negligible when  $\lambda$  is large

# INTEGRAL OF J

- Poisson resummation:

$$\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle = (2\lambda)^{10} \sum_{\{k_{ab}\} \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}} \int_0^\infty d^{10}j \int d\phi U e^{-\lambda S_{tot}^{(k)}}$$

$$\langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle = (2\lambda)^{10} \sum_{\{k_{ab}\} \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}} \int_0^\infty d^{10}j \int d\phi U e^{-\lambda S_{tot}^{(k)}} (A_{an} \cdot A_{bn}) (A_{cm} \cdot A_{dm})$$

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$$S_{tot}^{(k)} = S_{tot} + 4\pi i \sum_{a>b} j_{ab} k_{ab}$$

with

$$S_{tot} = i \sum_{ab} \zeta_0^{ab} (j_{ab} - j_{0b}) + \sum_{ab,cd} \alpha^{(ab)(cd)} \frac{j_{ab} - j_{0ab}}{\sqrt{j_{0ab}}} \frac{j_{cd} - j_{0cd}}{\sqrt{j_{0cd}}} - S(j, \phi),$$

# INTEGRAL OF J

- The integral around the critical point dominate the whole integral.
- By our choice of  $\zeta_{ab}$ , critical point can only be found when  $k_{ab} = 0$
- The  $k_{ab} \neq 0$  terms in the summation are exponentially suppressed when  $\lambda$  is large.

# INTEGRAL OF J

$$\begin{aligned}\langle W | \Psi_0 \rangle &\simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^{10}j \int d\phi \tilde{U} e^{-\lambda S_{tot}} \\ \langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle &\simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^{10}j \int d\phi \tilde{U} e^{-\lambda S_{tot}} (A_{an} \cdot A_{bn}) (A_{cm} \cdot A_{dm}) \\ \langle W | E_n^a \cdot E_n^b | \Psi_0 \rangle &\simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^{10}j \int d\phi \tilde{U} e^{-\lambda S_{tot}} (A_{an} \cdot A_{bn}) \\ \langle W | E_m^c \cdot E_m^d | \Psi_0 \rangle &\simeq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^{10}j \int d\phi \tilde{U} e^{-\lambda S_{tot}} (A_{cm} \cdot A_{dm})\end{aligned}$$

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Our algorithm can be applied

# EPRL-SPINFOAM MODEL

- The action depends on 54 real variables
- The action is complex-valued
- The observables we want to compute are

$$\frac{\langle W|E_n^a \cdot E_n^b E_m^c \cdot E_m^d|\Psi_0\rangle}{\langle W|\Psi_0\rangle}, \quad \frac{\langle W|E_n^a \cdot E_n^b|\Psi_0\rangle}{\langle W|\Psi_0\rangle}, \quad \frac{\langle W|E_m^c \cdot E_m^d|\Psi_0\rangle}{\langle W|\Psi_0\rangle}$$

and

$$G_{mn}^{abcd}$$

# PERTURBATIVE AND NON-PERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS

- Analytical continuation leads to more critical points.
- These critical points provide exponentially suppressed corrections to the integral at large  $\lambda$ .
- Only compute the observables on the thimble attached to dominant critical point.
- The computation contains the perturbative  $1/\lambda$  corrections **to all orders** on the dominant thimble and neglects all the **exponentially suppressed** corrections

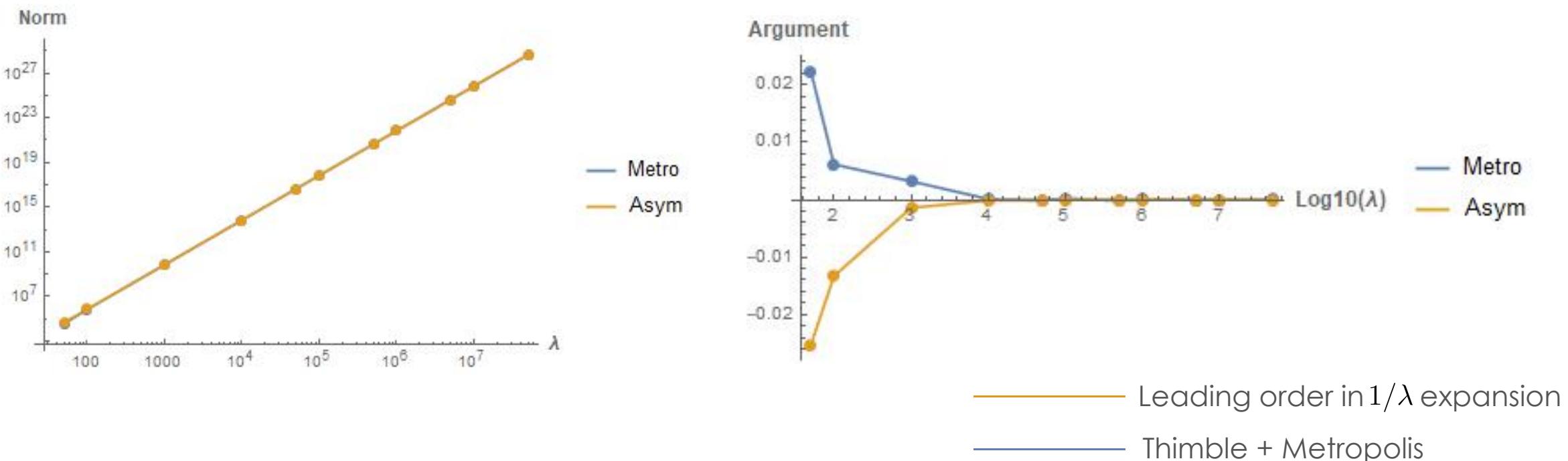
Suppressed corrections are caused by 1) other thimbles, 2)  $k_{ab} \neq 0$  terms, 3)  $f(0)$  term, 4) the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^0 dj$

# OPTIMIZATIONS

- Numerical solver of SA equation (stiffness problem)
  - Time rescaling:  $t \rightarrow \frac{t}{\lambda}$
  - Tolerance of the error
- DREAM optimization (sampling on thimble)
  - Initial point optimization (same energy scheme)
  - Flow time optimization (average among convergent results)
  - Burn-in stage (adaptively adjust CR and Beta)

# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

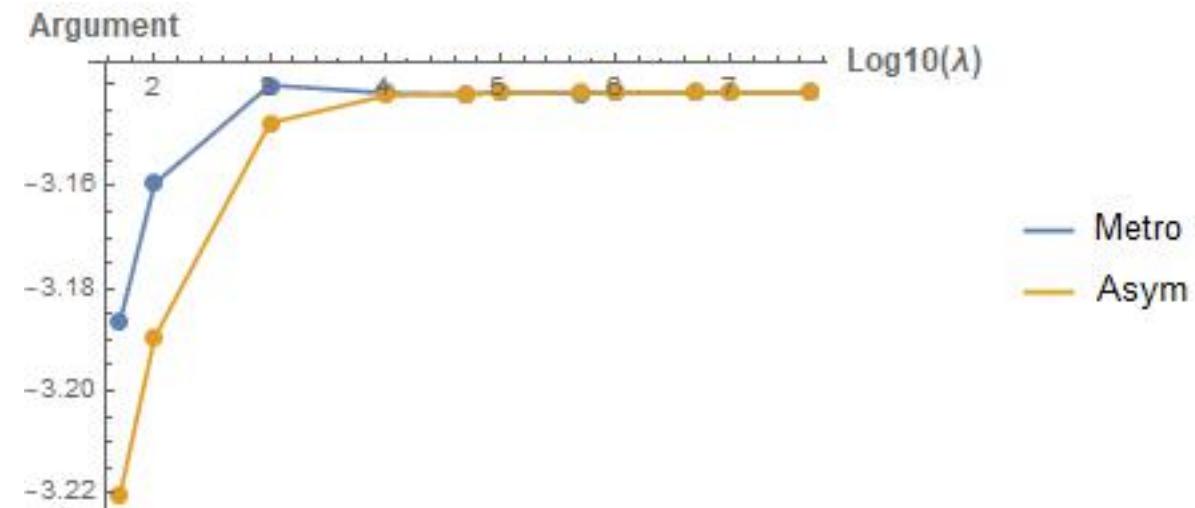
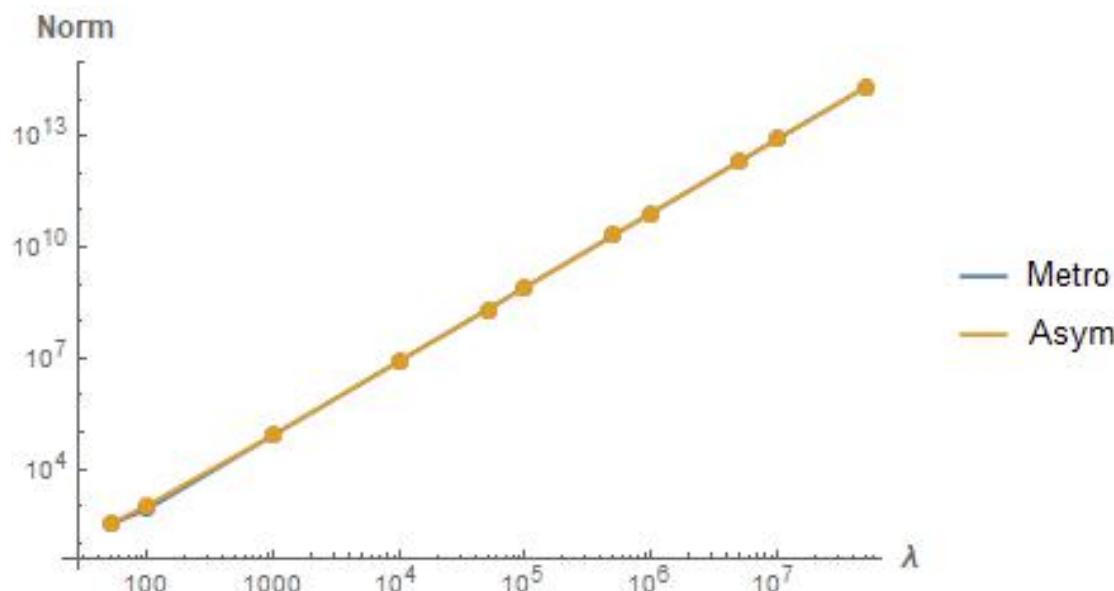
- Results of Expectation values  $\langle E_1^2 \cdot E_1^3 E_4^1 \cdot E_4^5 \rangle$



| $\lambda$      | $10^2$ | $10^3$ | $10^4$ | $5 \times 10^4$ | $10^5$ | $5 \times 10^5$ | $10^6$ | $5 \times 10^6$ | $10^7$  | $5 \times 10^7$ |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Difference (%) | 8.71   | 0.79   | 0.12   | 0.052           | 0.036  | 0.017           | 0.0062 | 0.0018          | 0.00037 | 0.00069         |

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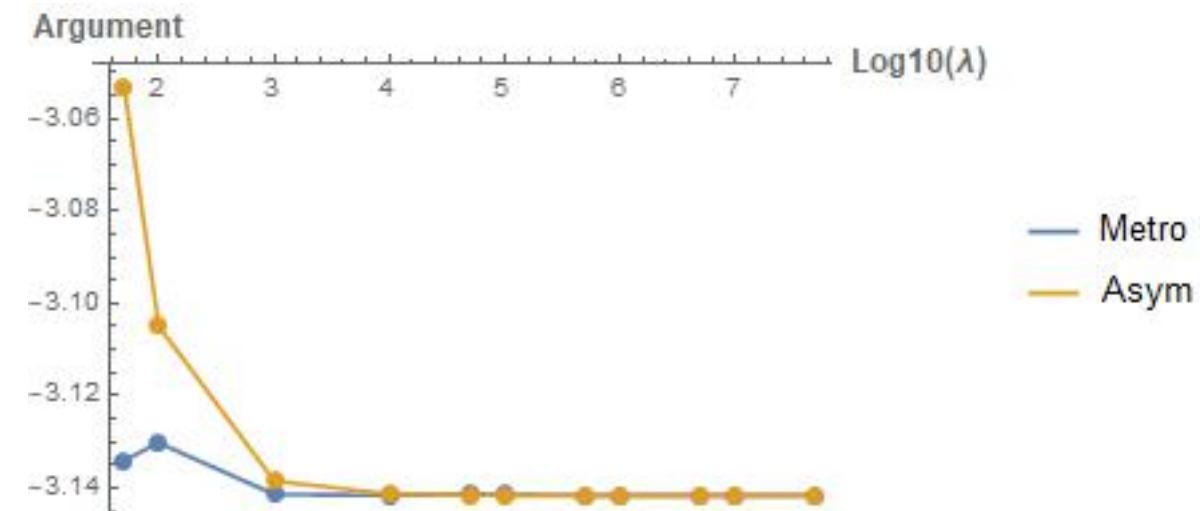
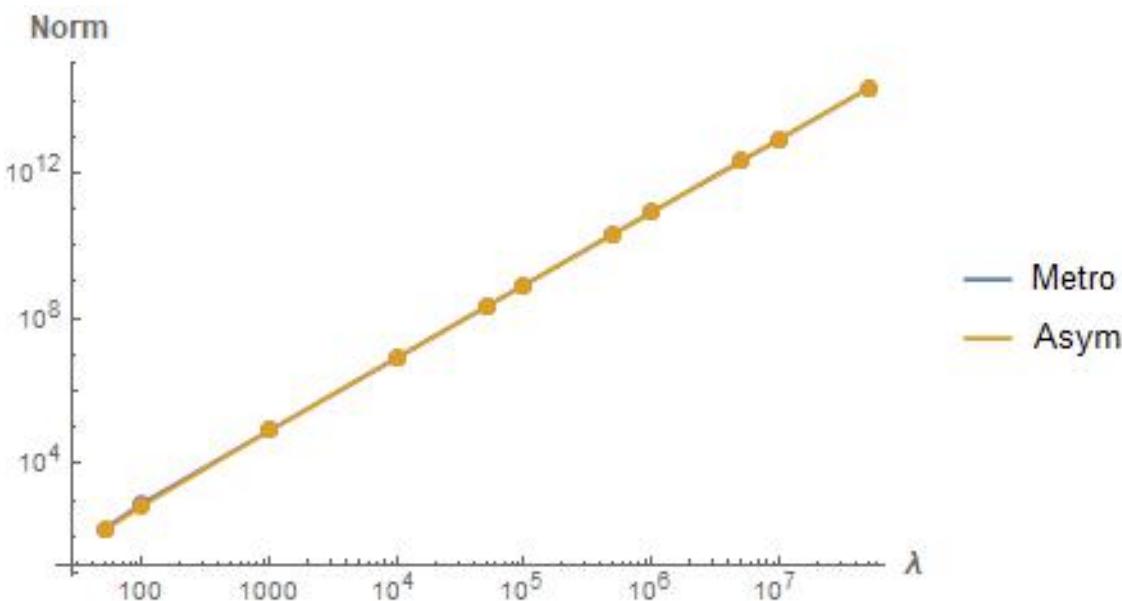
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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Difference (%) | 22.32  | 2.00   | 0.31   | 0.078           | 0.022  | 0.016           | 0.012  | 0.0022          | 0.000047 | 0.0016          |

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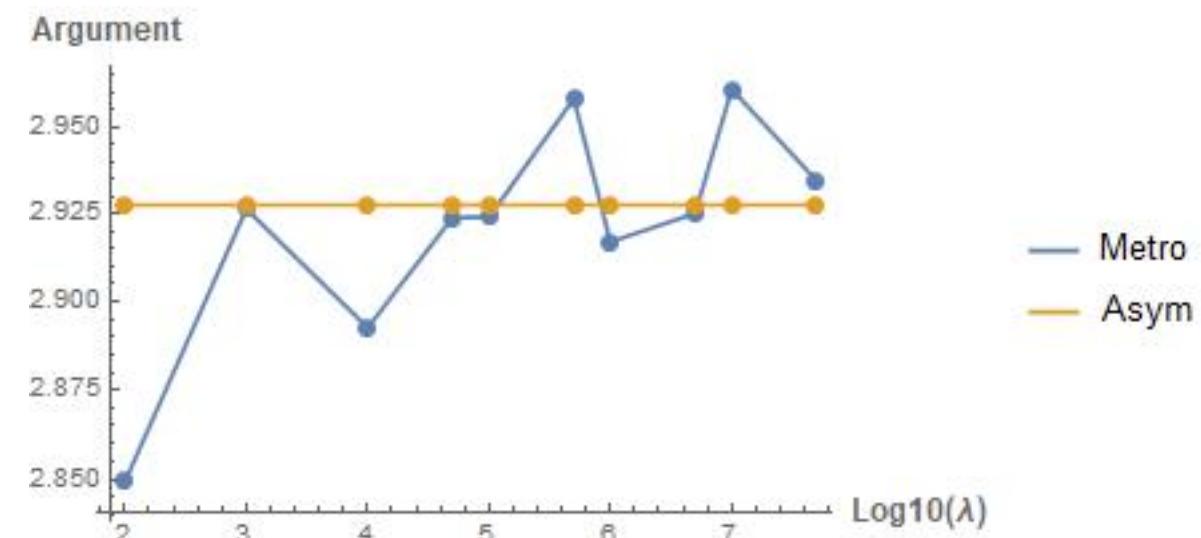
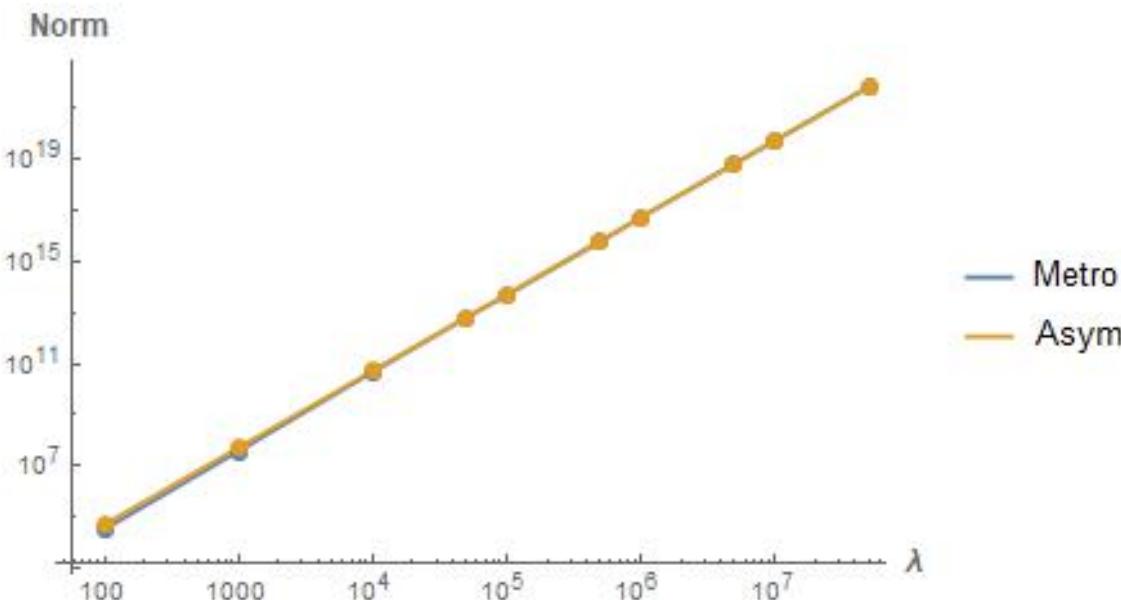
- Results of Expectation values  $\langle E_4^1 \cdot E_4^5 \rangle$



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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Difference (%) | 18.66  | 1.18   | 0.18   | 0.026           | 0.017  | 0.00054         | 0.0037 | 0.00035         | 0.00036 | 0.00083         |

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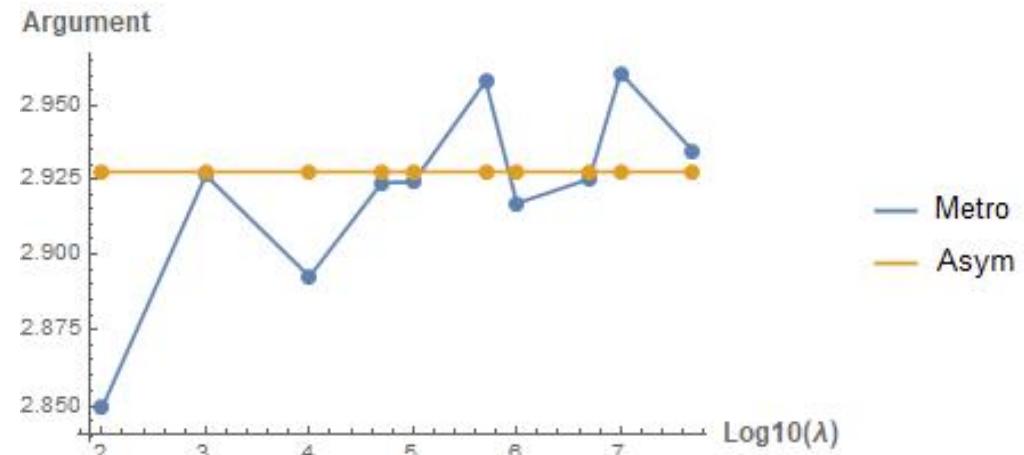
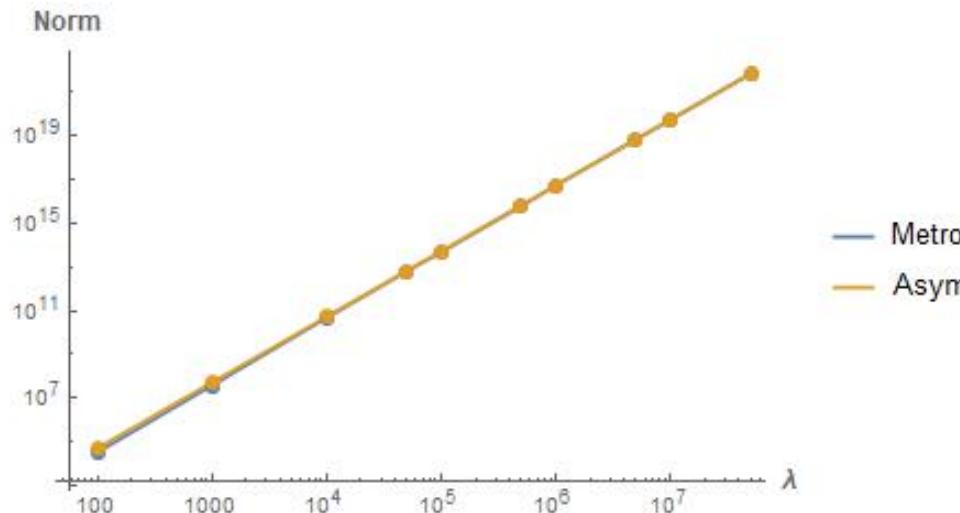
- Results of propagator component  $G_{14}^{2315}$



| $\lambda$      | $10^2$ | $10^3$ | $10^4$ | $5 \times 10^4$ | $10^5$ | $5 \times 10^5$ | $10^6$ | $5 \times 10^6$ | $10^7$ | $5 \times 10^7$ |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Difference (%) | 37.90  | 27.00  | 13.22  | 2.76            | 10.09  | 8.86            | 1.89   | 1.13            | 3.90   | 2.06            |

# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

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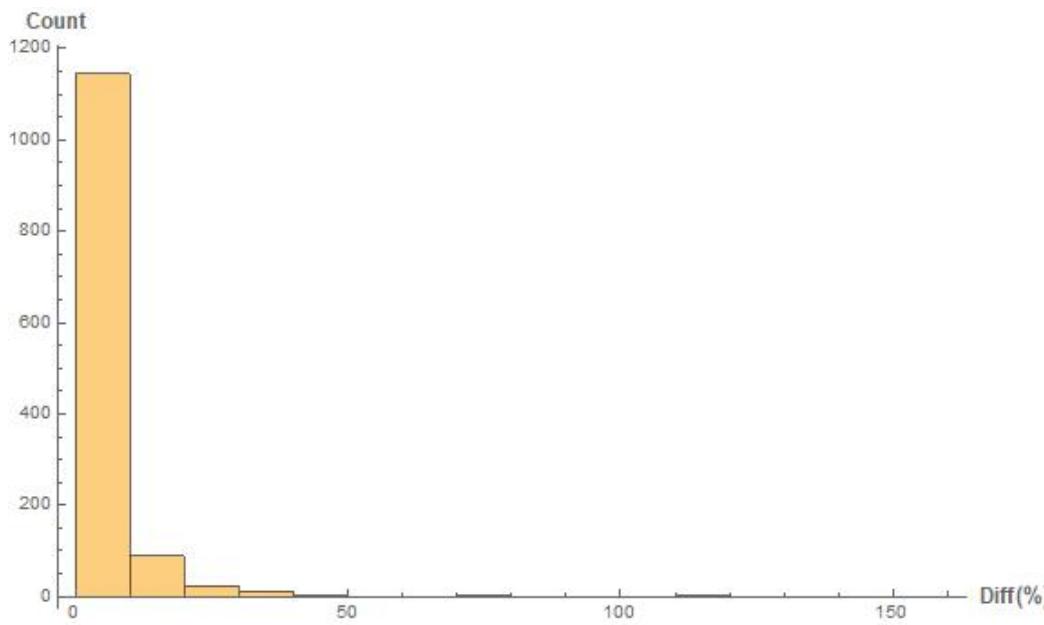
$$G^{abcd}(x, y) = \langle q^{ab}(x)q^{cd}(y) \rangle - \langle q^{ab}(x) \rangle \langle q^{cd}(y) \rangle$$

Propagator is of high order of  $1/\lambda$

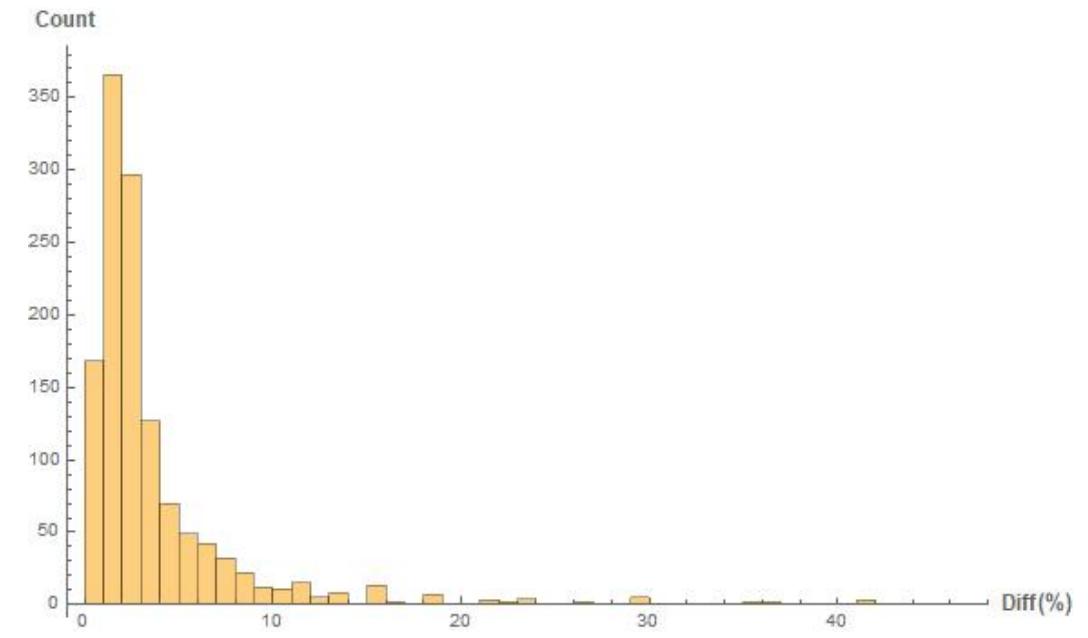
# SPINFOAM PROPAGATOR

- The propagator has 1275 components

Histogram of percentage difference to leading order in  $1/\lambda$  expansion



$$\lambda = 10^6$$



$$\lambda = 10^7$$

# OUTLOOK

Future Plans



# OUTLOOK

- Spin foam propagators in more complicated cases (Pachner 1-5 move)
- Computing other operators (flatness problem)
- Improvement of the algorithm (hybrid monte-carlo, etc)
- Use SD flow and Metropolis algorithm to find the critical point

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