

$$6 = 4 + 2$$

を考える。

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What is “ $6=4+2$ ” ?

How does it work ?

What does it mean ?

What is

$$6 = 4 + 2 ?$$

A 6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory is one of :

$A_{K-1}$

$D_K$

$E_{6,7,8}$

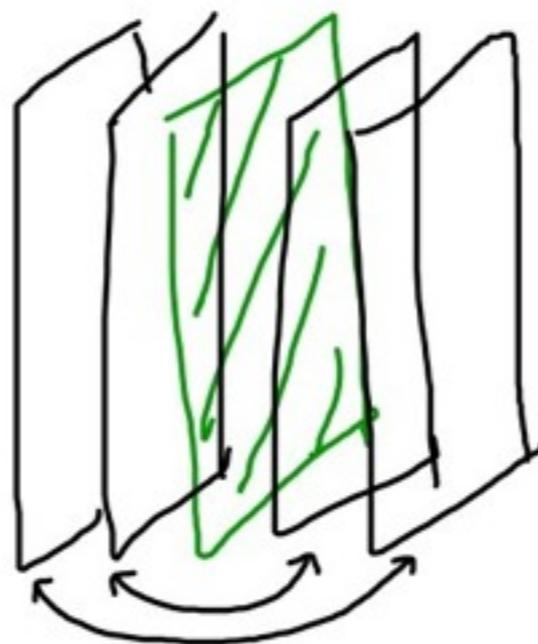
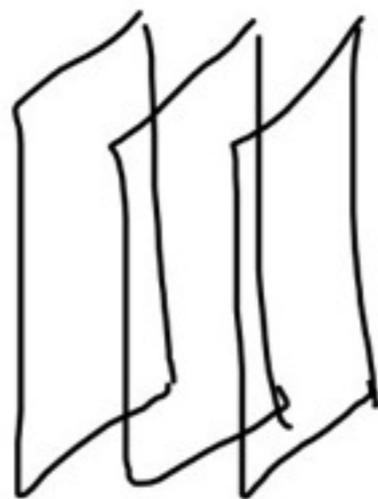
$K$  M5s

$2K$  M5s

+

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M-orientifold



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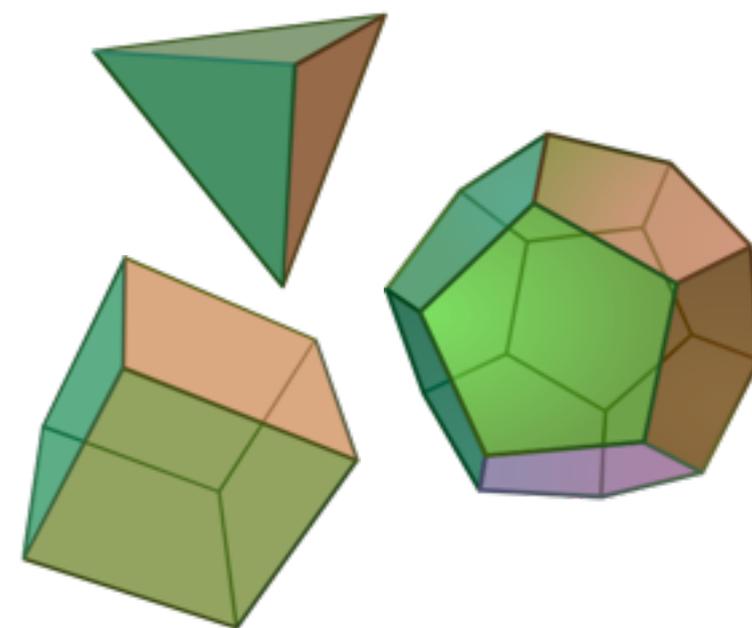
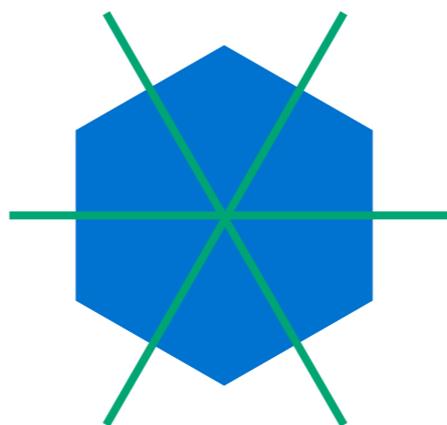
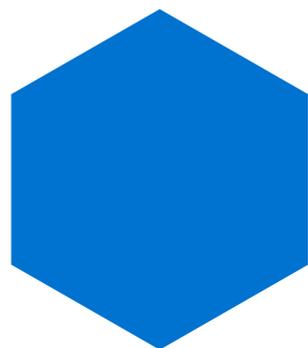
Type IIB on  $C^2/Z_K$

$C^2/\text{dihed}$

$C^2/\text{tetra}$

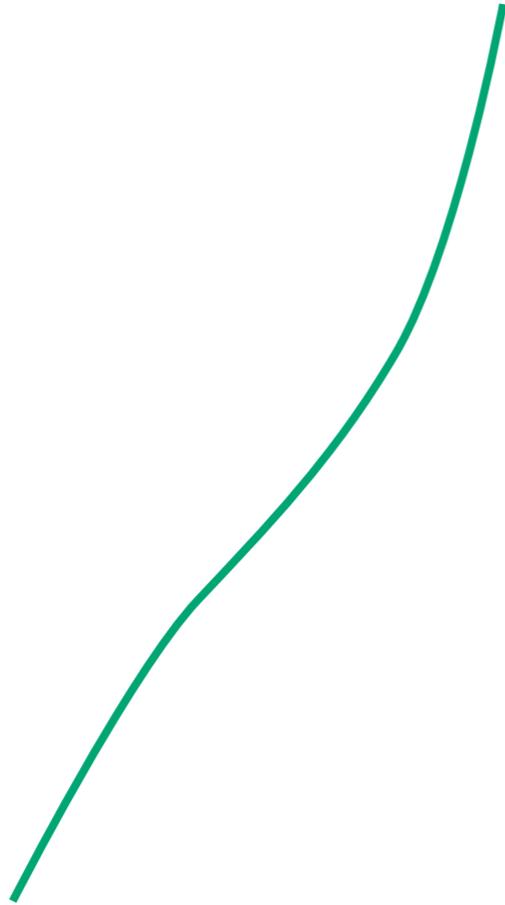
$C^2/\text{octa}$

$C^2/\text{icosa}$



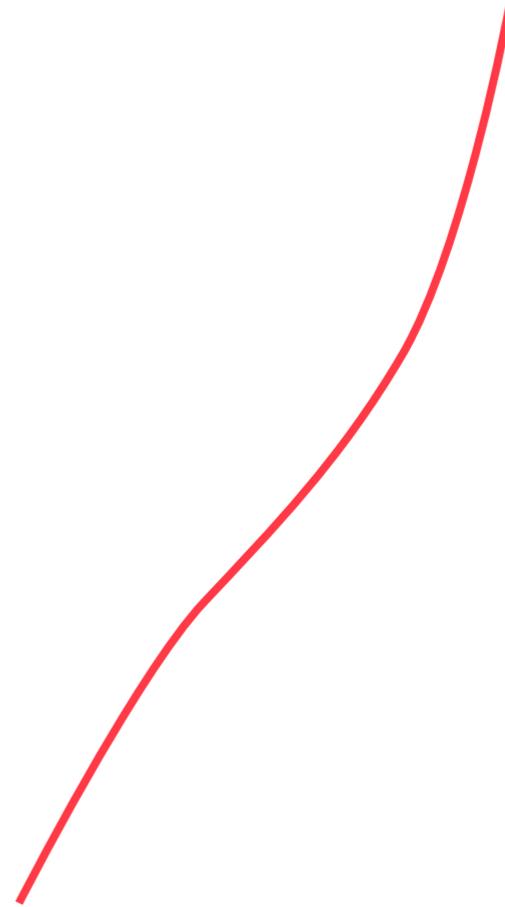
- 6d theory of type  $X$  on  $T^2$   
= 4d  $N=4$  SYM with gauge group  $X$
- Exchanging edges of  $T^2$   
= S-duality of 4d  $N=4$  SYM with  $X$
- There's **no theory of type B, C, F, G.**  
.... **if so**, the S-dual of  $N=4$  SYM of  $SO(\text{odd})$   
would be  $N=4$  SYM of  $SO(\text{odd})$  again,  
**contradicting Montonen-Olive.**

The basic defects of 4d  $N=4$  SYM of gauge group  $G$  are:



Wilson loop

$R$  : rep. of  $G$



't Hooft loop

$R^\vee$  : rep. of  $G^\vee$

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$$\mathbb{R}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^6$$

2d defect  
“Wilson surface”

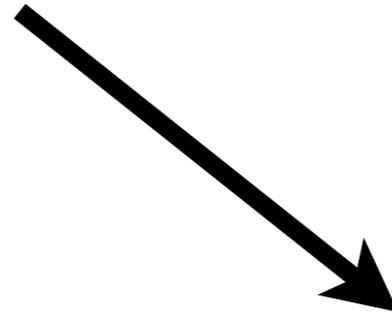
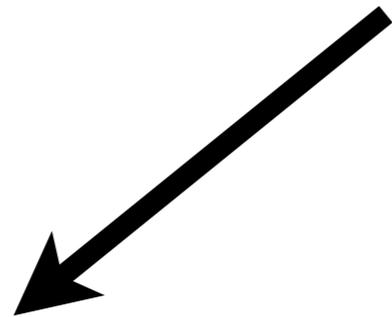
$$R : \text{rep. of } X$$

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \subset \mathbb{R}^6$$

4d defect  
“Fuzzy spheres”

$$\rho : \text{SU}(2) \rightarrow X$$

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(2)$   
on  $S^4 \times C_2$

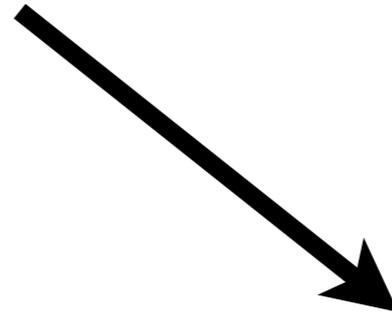
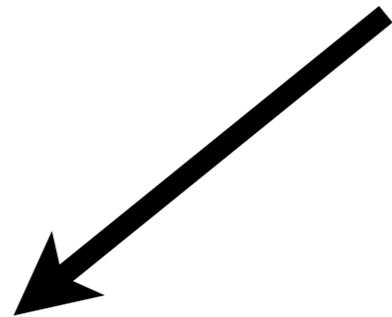


4d th. determined by  $C_2$   
on  $S^4$

2d th. determined by  $S^4$   
on  $C_2$

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(2)$

on  $S^4 \times C_2$



4d th. determined by  $C_2$

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2d th. determined by  $S^4$

on  $C_2$

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Liouville theory

on  $C_2$



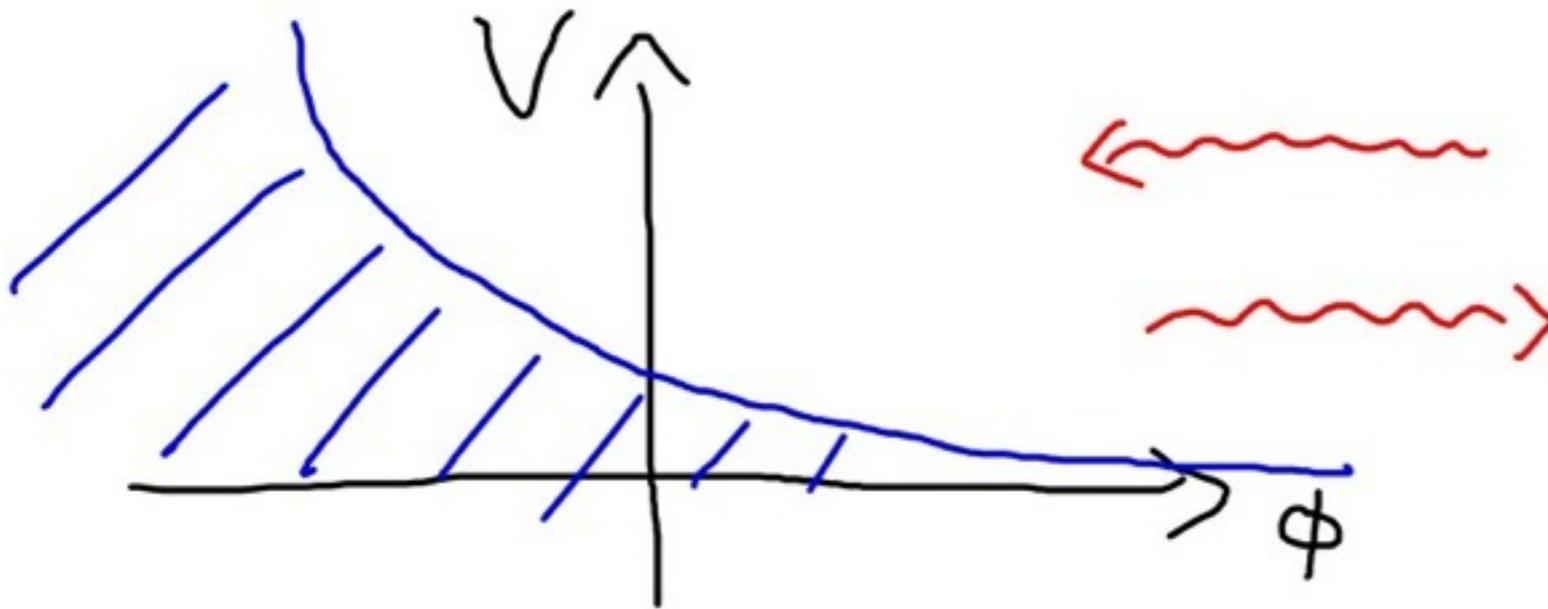
Nekrasov+Pestun

[Alday-Gaiotto-YT]

Liouville theory:

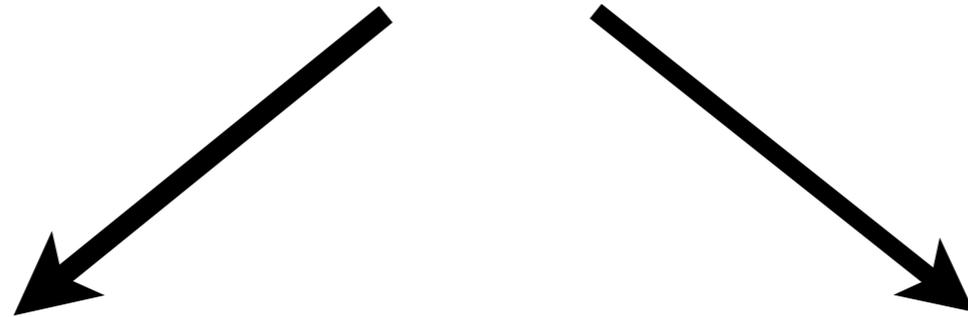
$$S = \int d^2x \sqrt{g} \left( \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi + \sqrt{2} Q \phi R + \mu e^{-\sqrt{2} b \phi} \right)$$

It describes reflection against  
the exponential wall :



Well studied !

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(N)$   
on  $S^4 \times C_2$



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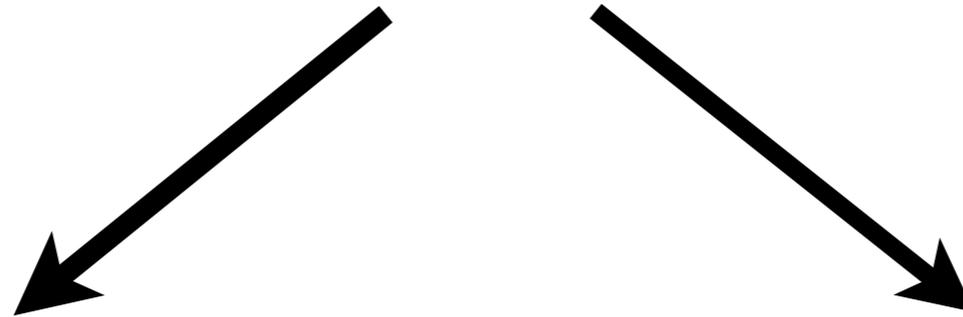
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$SU(N)$  Toda theory  
on  $C_2$

[Wyllard]

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $D_n, E_n$   
on  $S^4 \times C_2$



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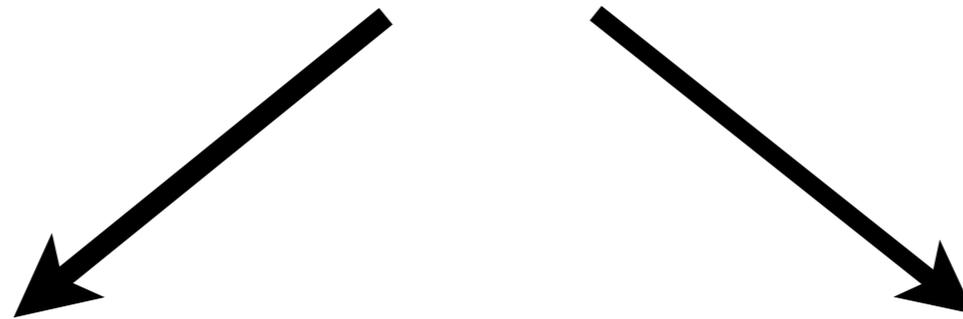
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[Keller-Mekareeya-Song-YT]

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(2)$

on  $S^4/Z_2 \times C_2$



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superLiouville theory

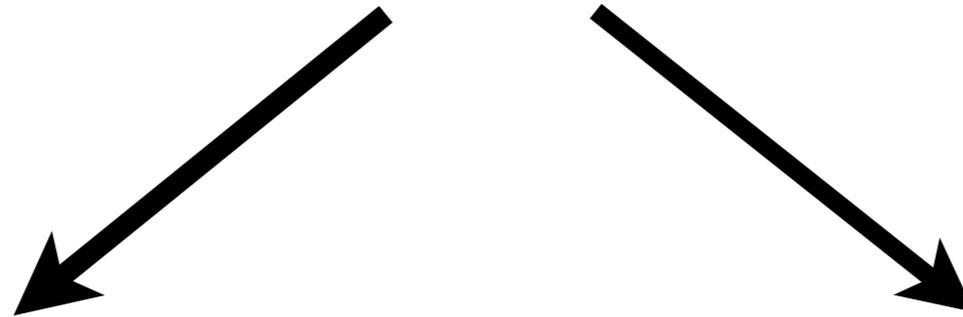
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Nekrasov+Pestun

[Belavin-Feigin]

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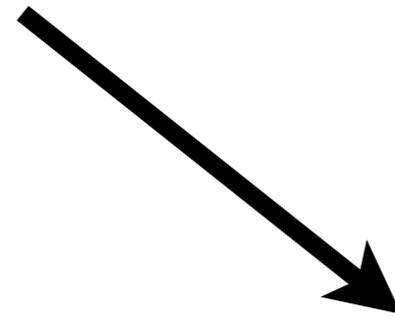
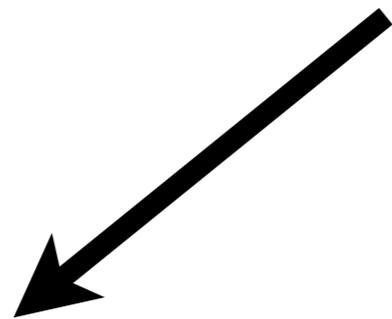
Kinney-Maldacena-Minwalla-Raju  $q$ -deformed Yang-Mills  
on  $C_2$

[Gadde-Pomoni-Rastelli-Razamat-Yan]

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(N)$

on  $S^4 \times C_2$

+ 4d full defect on  $S^2 \times C_2$



4d th. determined by  $C_2$   
on  $S^4$  with a 2d defect on  $S^2$

2d th. determined by  $S^4 \supset S^2$   
on  $C_2$

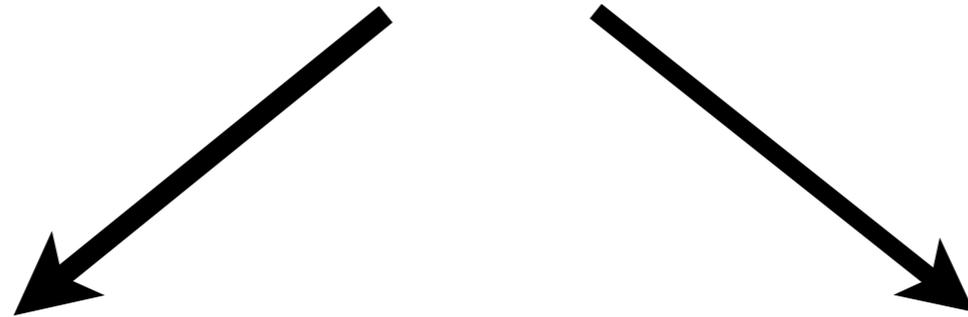
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$SL(N)$  WZW theory  
on  $C_2$

Nekrasov+Pestun

[Alday-YT]

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(N)$   
on  $S^4 \times C_2$   
+ 4d defect of type  $\rho$  on  $S^2 \times C_2$



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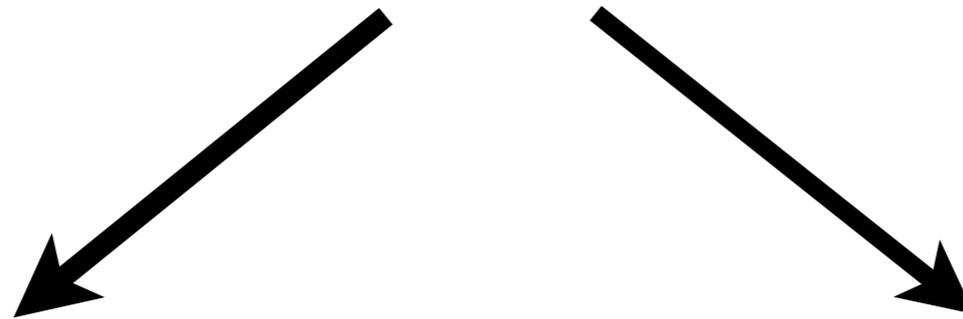
Nekrasov+Pestun  $\rightarrow$  some theory with  $W(\rho)$   
*symmetry* on  $C_2$

[Wyllard]

$$6 = 3 + 3$$

を考える。

6d  $N=(2,0)$  theory of type  $SU(2)$   
on  $S^3 \times M_3$



3d th. determined by  $M_3$   
on  $S^3$

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Kapustin-Yaakov-Willett

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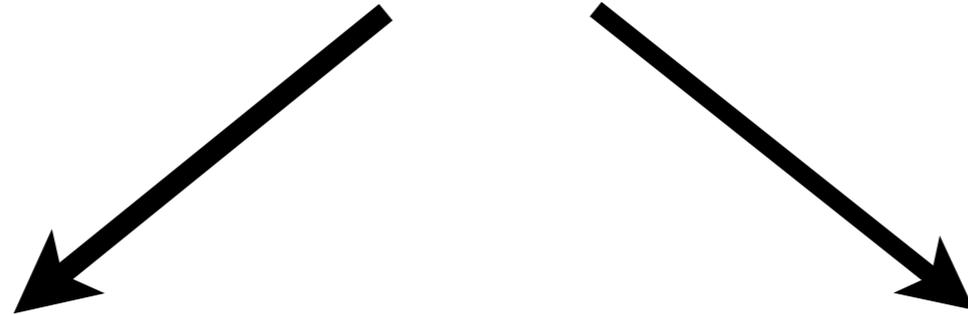
$SL(2)$  CS-theory  
on  $M_3$

[Dimofte-Gaiotto-Gukov]

$$4 = 3 + 1$$

を考える。

4d  $N=4$  SYM with gauge group  $G$   
on  $S^3 \times$  an interval with boundary conditions



3d th. on  $S^3$  determined by  
boundary conditions

1d th. determined by  $S^3$   
on the interval

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a certain QM

  
Kapustin-Yaakov-Willett

[Nishioka-YT-Yamazaki]

$$5 = 3 + 2 \quad ?$$

$$6 = 2 + 2 + 2 \quad ?$$

How does  
it work ?

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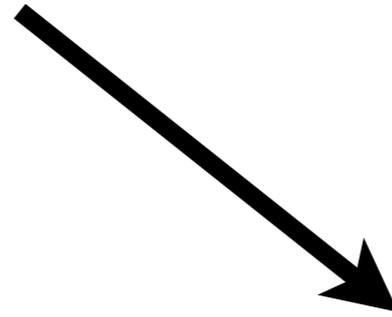
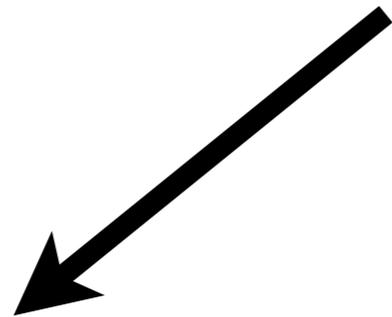
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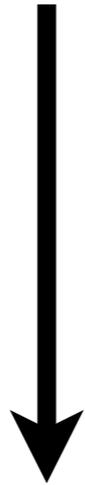
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Liouville theory  
on  $C_2$

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2d Liouville theory

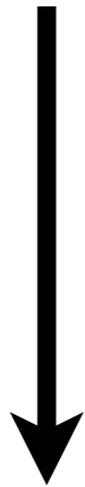
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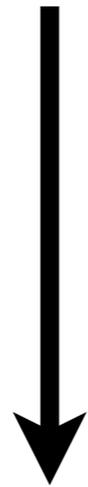


2d Liouville theory

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4d  $N=2$  gauge theory  
on  $S^4$

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Pestun's 0d matrix model

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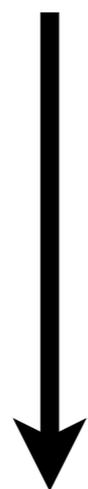
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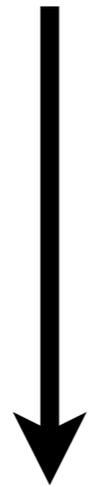


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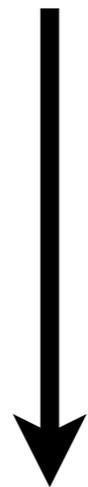
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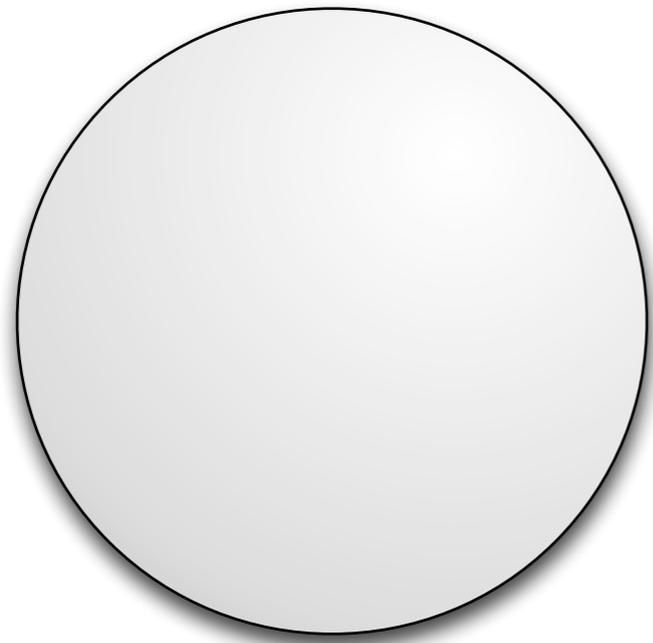
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1d Liouville QM  
+ Virasoro descendants

# 5d maximal SYM with $G=SU(2)$



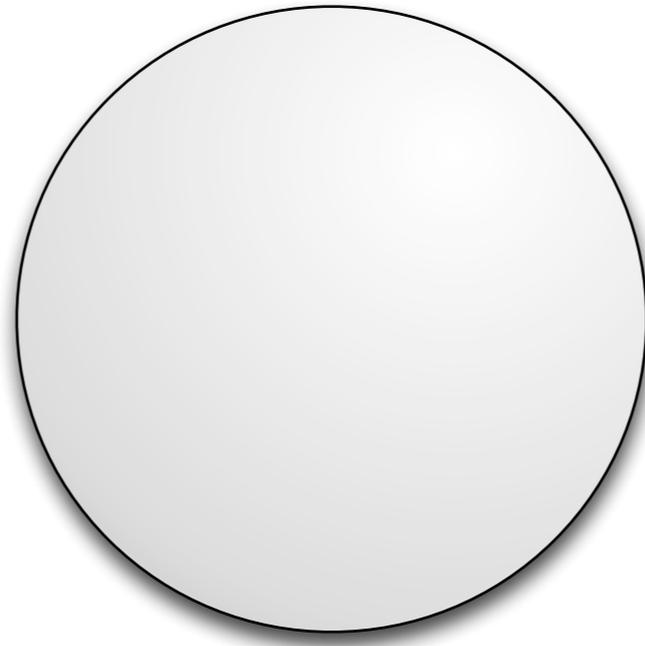
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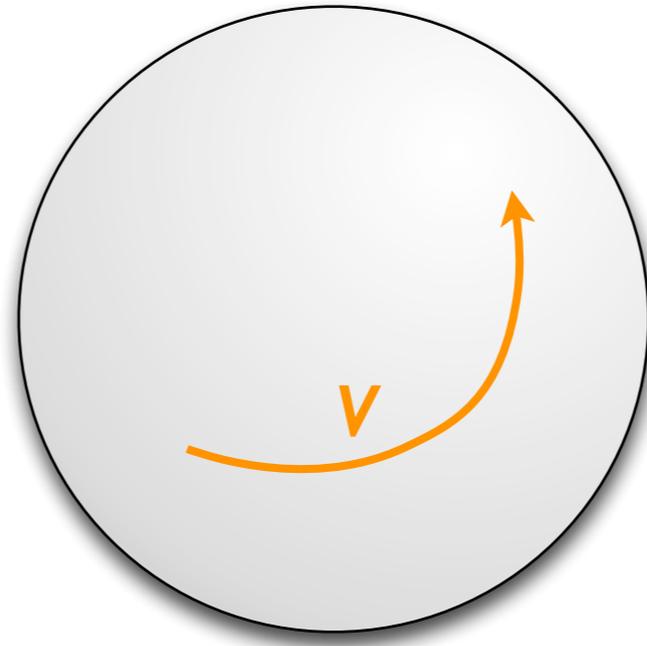
“time”

4d  $N=4$  SYM with  $G=\text{SU}(2)$



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# 4d $N=4$ SYM with $G=SU(2)$

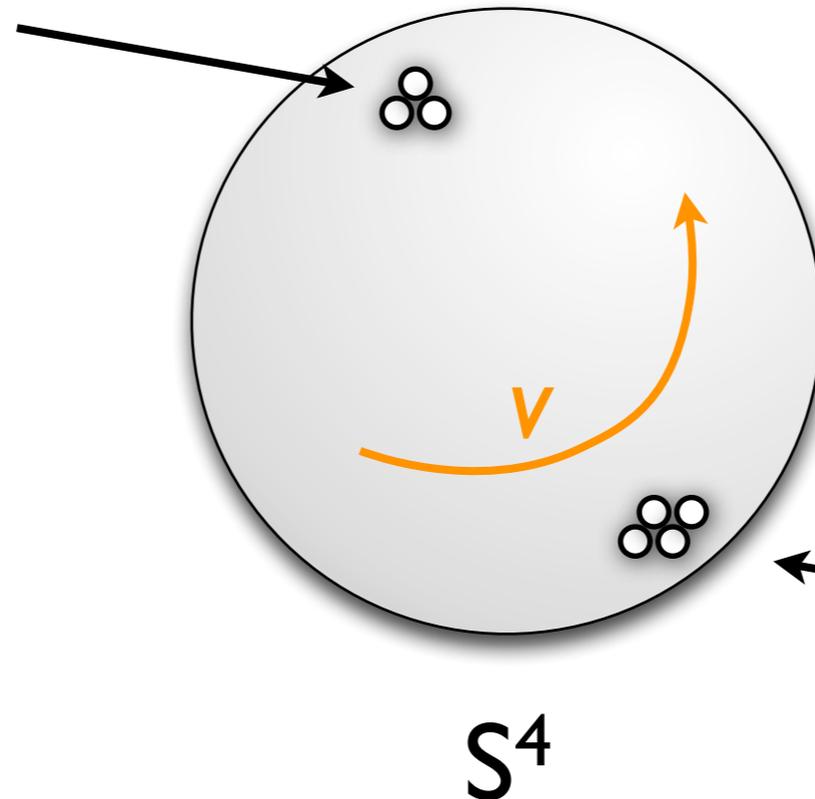


$S^4$

Localize via the supercharge  $Q^2=v$

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Instantons at  
the north pole



$\Phi$  : one hermitean  
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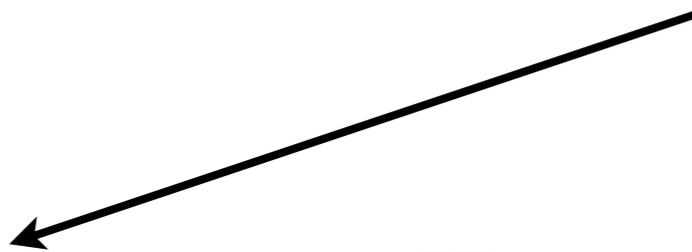
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$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & -a \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \sim -a$$



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# 4d $N=4$ SYM with $G=SU(2)$

$$\int_0^\infty da \rho(a) Z(a) \overline{Z(a)}$$

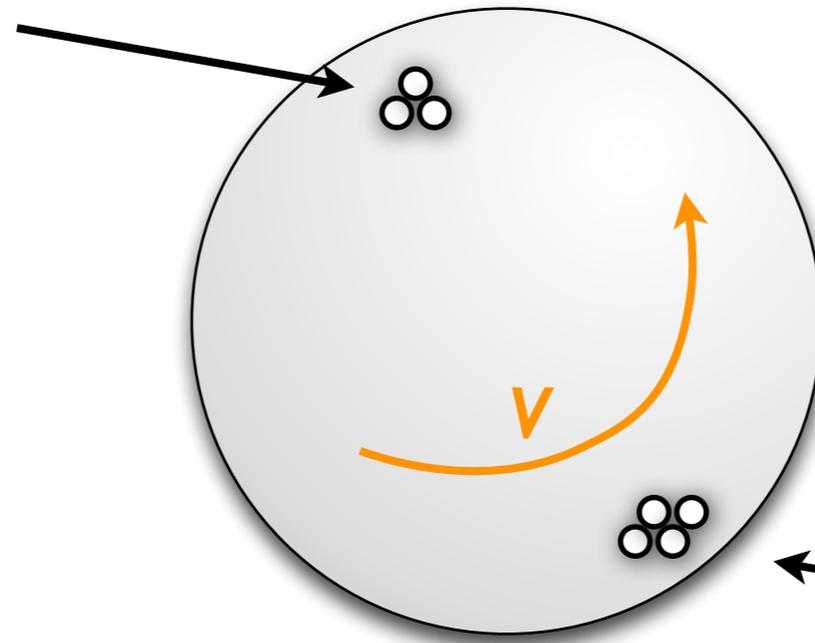
constant scalar  
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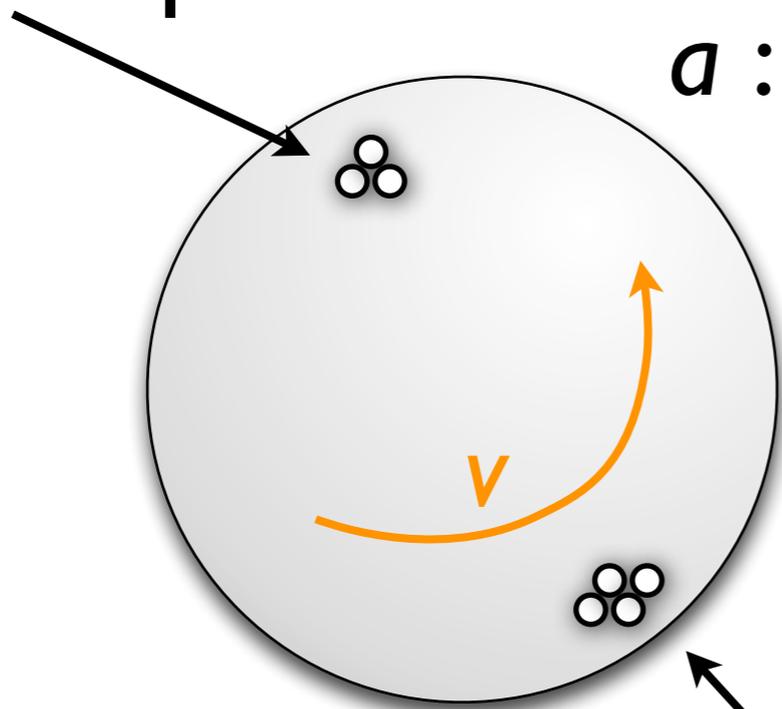
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Instantons at  
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$\times$

↑  
“time”

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Instantons at  
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$a :$

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“time”



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5d maximal SYM with  $G=SU(2)$  on  $S^4$

= QM of Instantons at  
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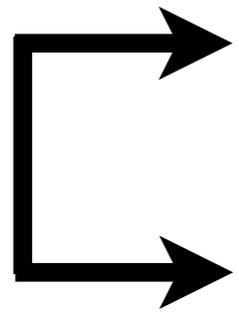
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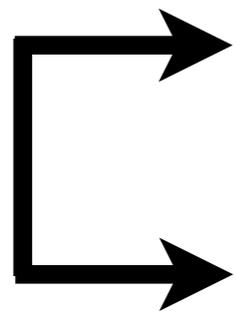
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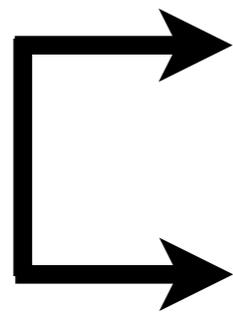


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Mathematically proved !



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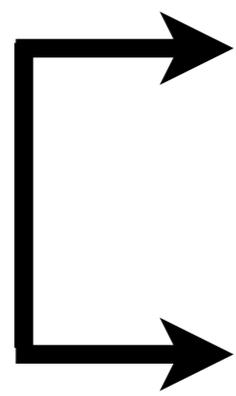
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We construct a representation of the affine  $W$ -algebra of  $\mathfrak{gl}_r$  on the equivariant homology space of the moduli space of  $U_r$ -instantons on  $A^2$ , and identify the corresponding module. As a corollary we prove the AGT conjecture (in the massless case). Our approach uses a suitable deformation of the universal enveloping algebra of the Witt algebra  $W_{1+\infty}$ , which is shown to act on the above homology spaces (for any  $r$ ) and which specializes to all  $W(\mathfrak{gl}_r)$ . This deformation is in turn constructed from a limit, as  $n$  tends to infinity, of the spherical degenerate double affine Hecke algebra of  $GL_n$ , or equivalently as a degeneration of the (spherical) Hall algebra of an elliptic curve.

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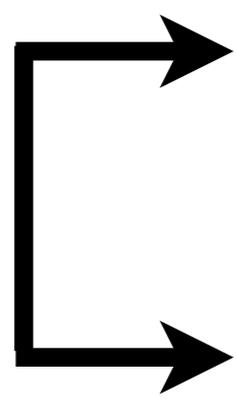
Liouville QM





Teschner proved some time ago that a QM on a half-line which can be combined with the Virasoro to form a 2d CFT is necessarily Liouville.

So, in a very indirect way, it's guaranteed that this should give Liouville...



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Instanton partition function of 4d pure  $N=2$   $SU(2)$

$$= \langle G | \exp(-t L_0) | G \rangle$$

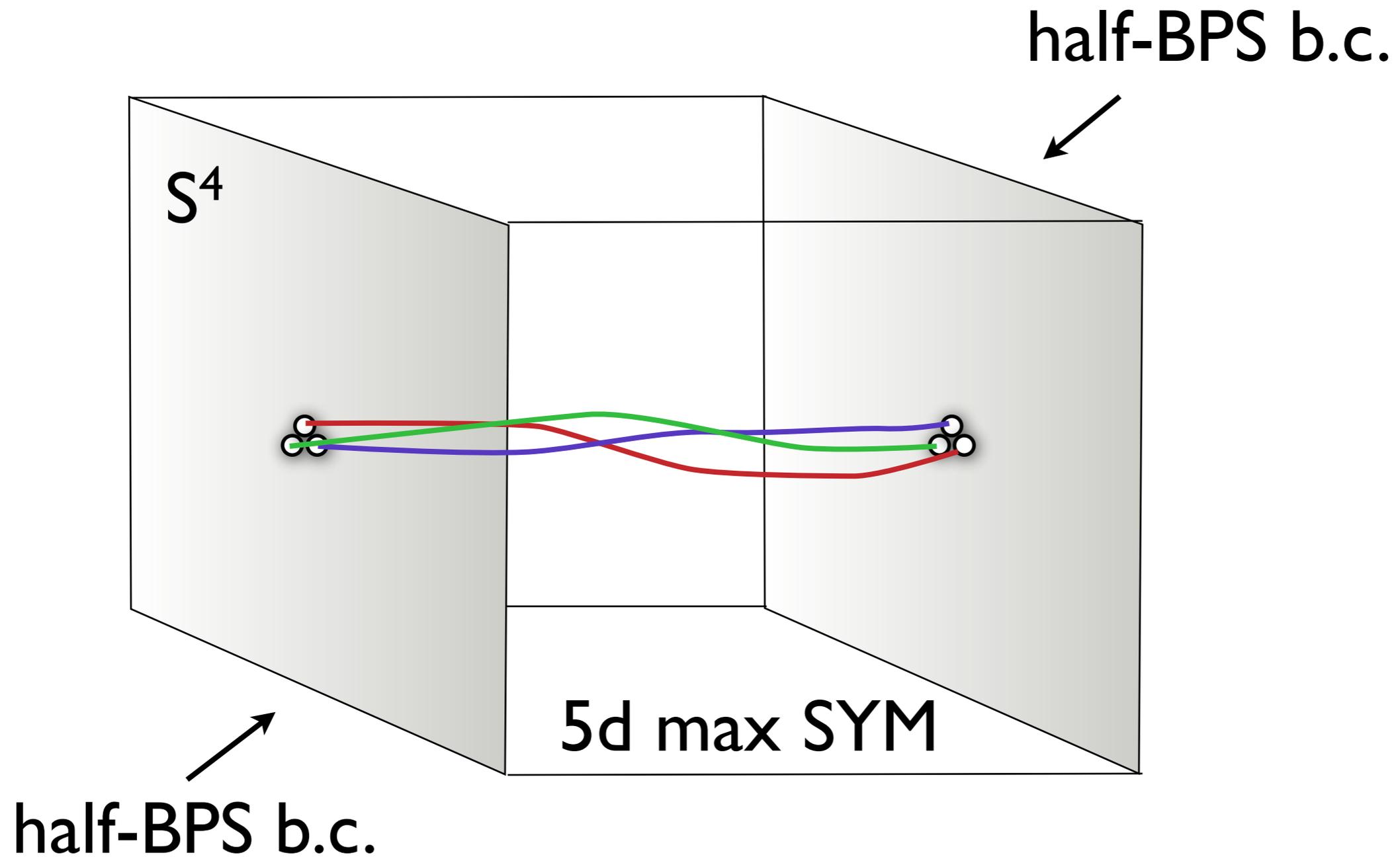
where  $|G\rangle$  is a coherent state  
in the Verma module of the Virasoro algebra,  
and  $t$  is the inverse coupling constant.

[Gaiotto]

Why?

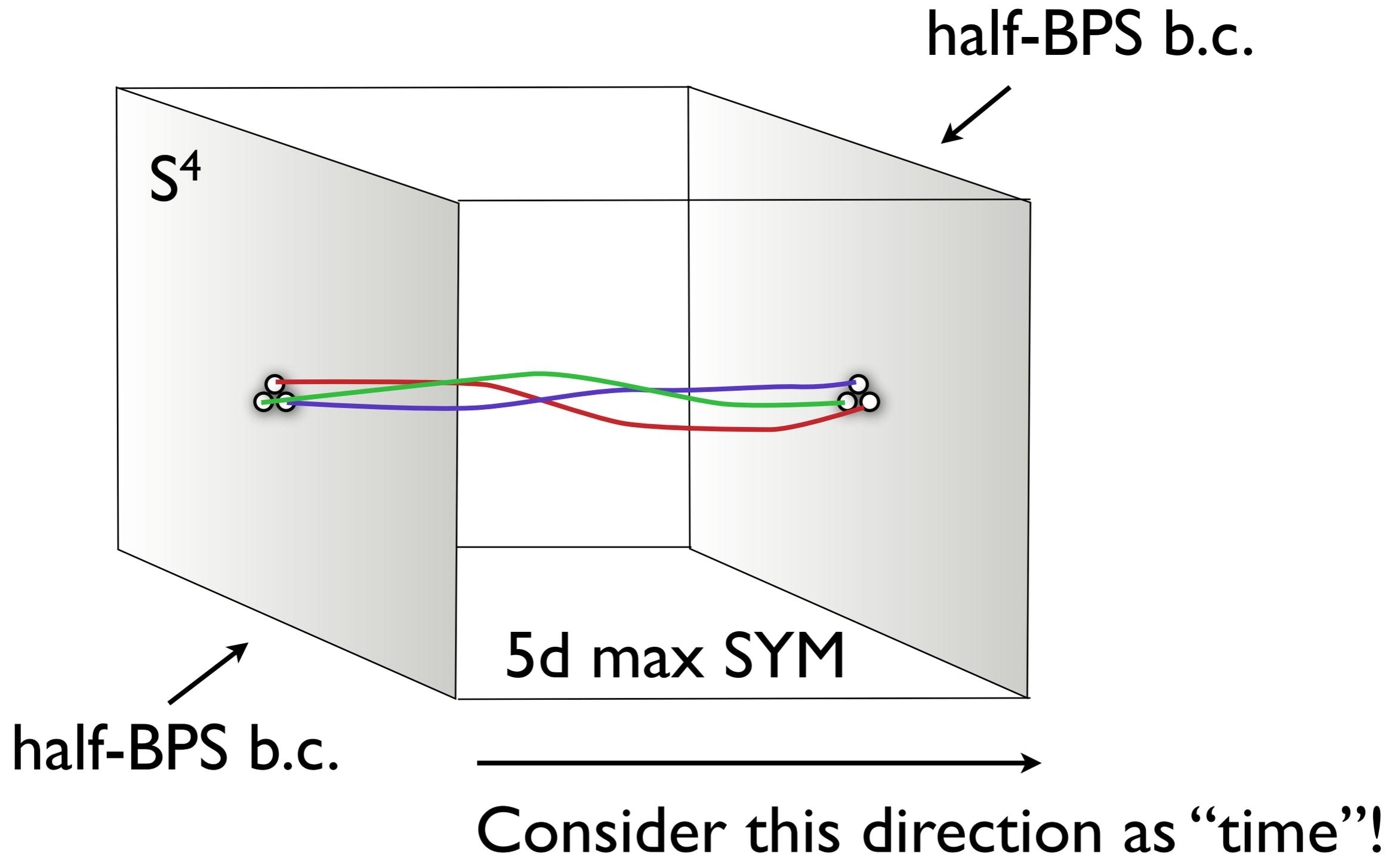
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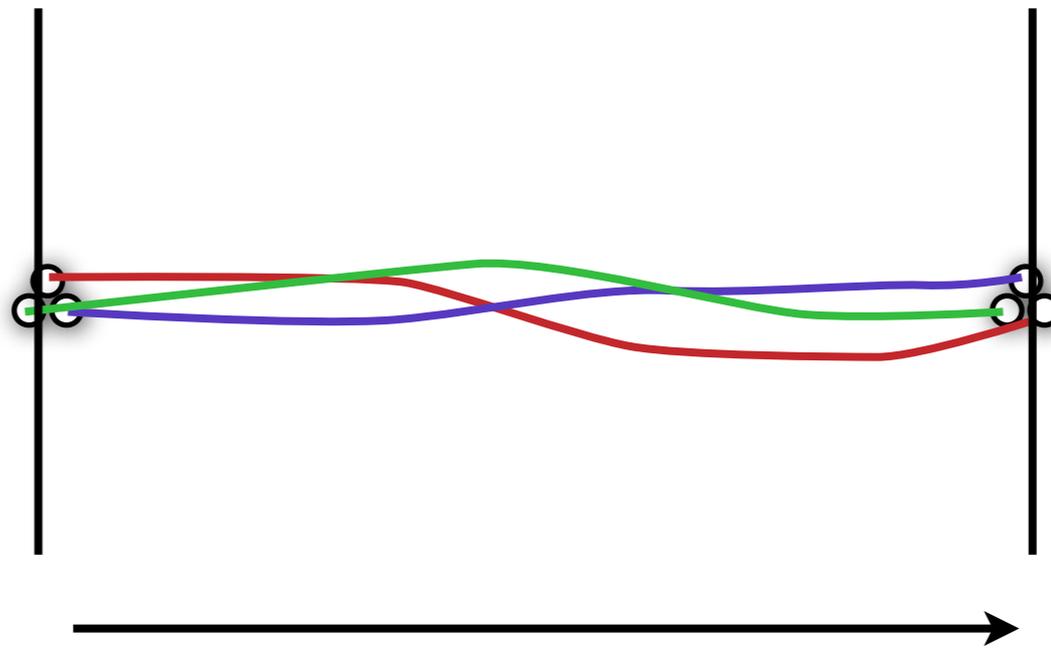
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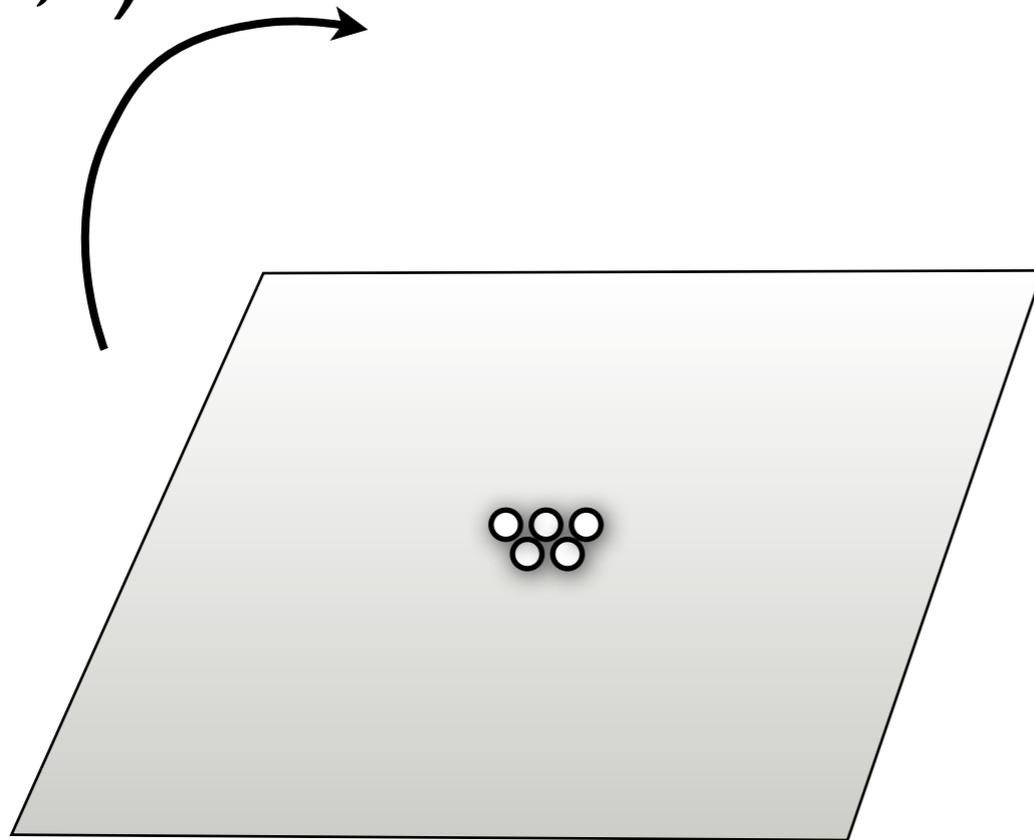
$\simeq$  a state  $\langle G|$  of Virasoro, created by the left b.c.,  
propagating for a while  $t$ ,  
then annihilated by the right b.c.,  $|G\rangle$

$$= \langle G| \exp(-t L_0) |G\rangle$$

What does it  
mean?

# 5d maximal SYM

$SO(4,1)$



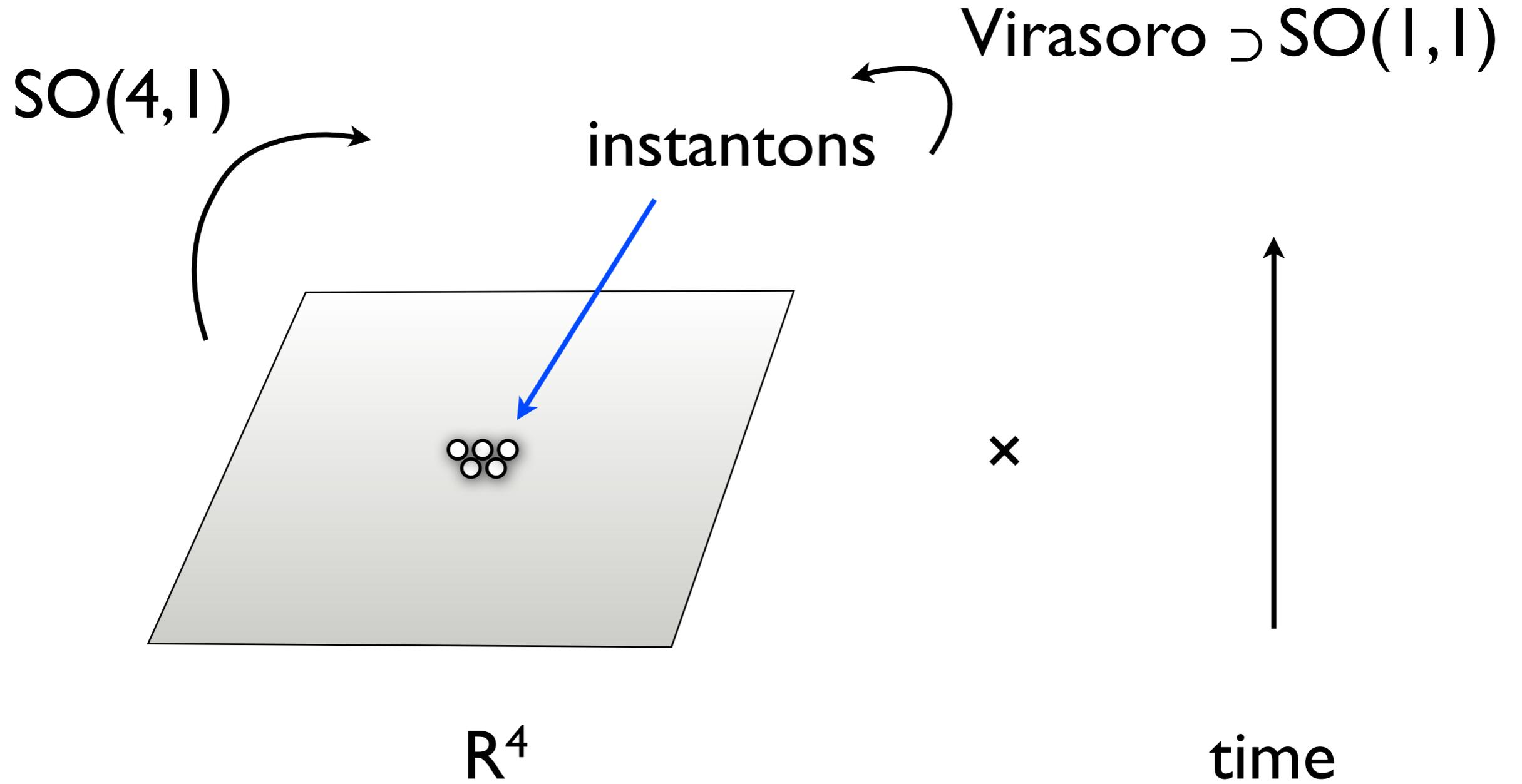
$R^4$

$\times$

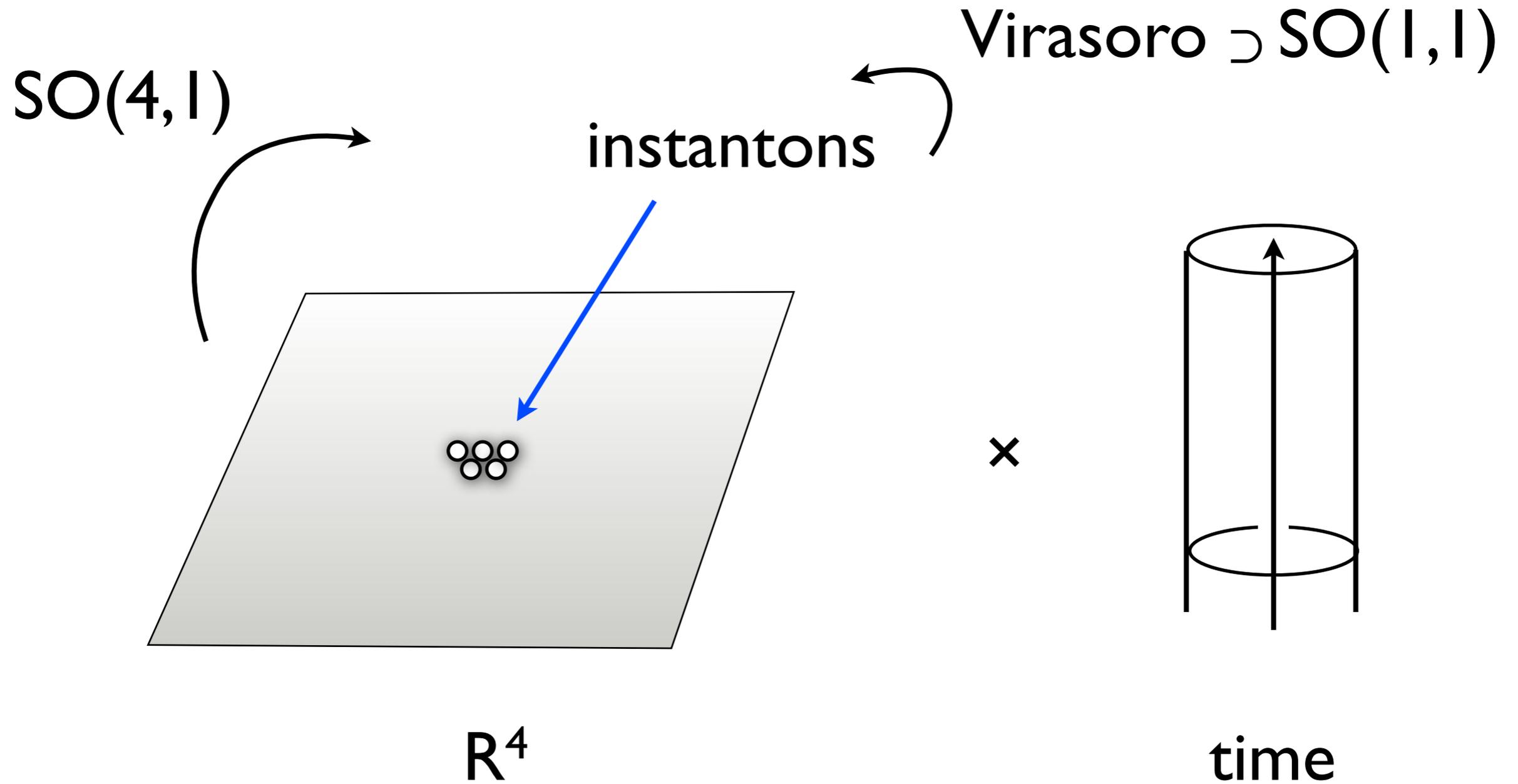


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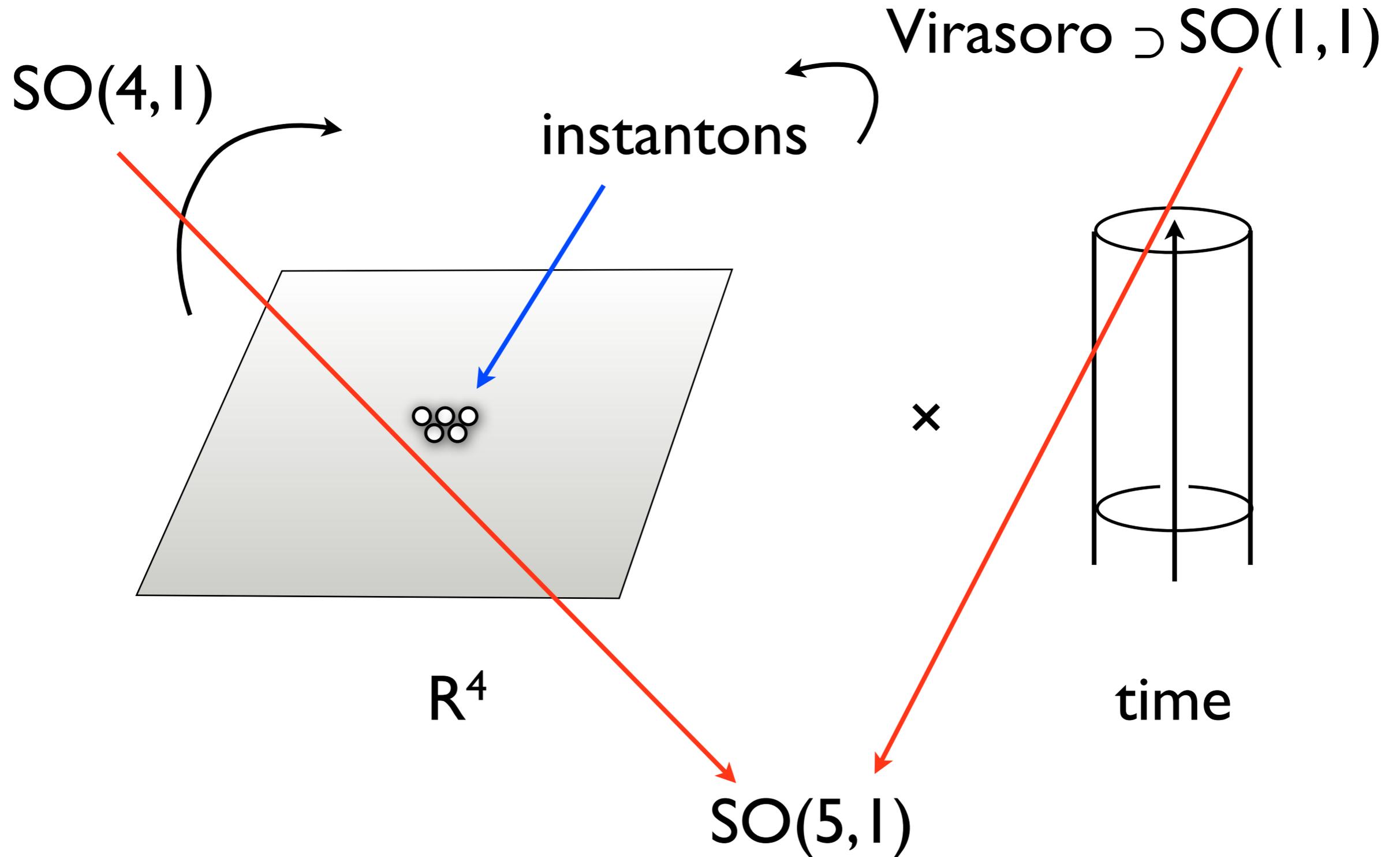
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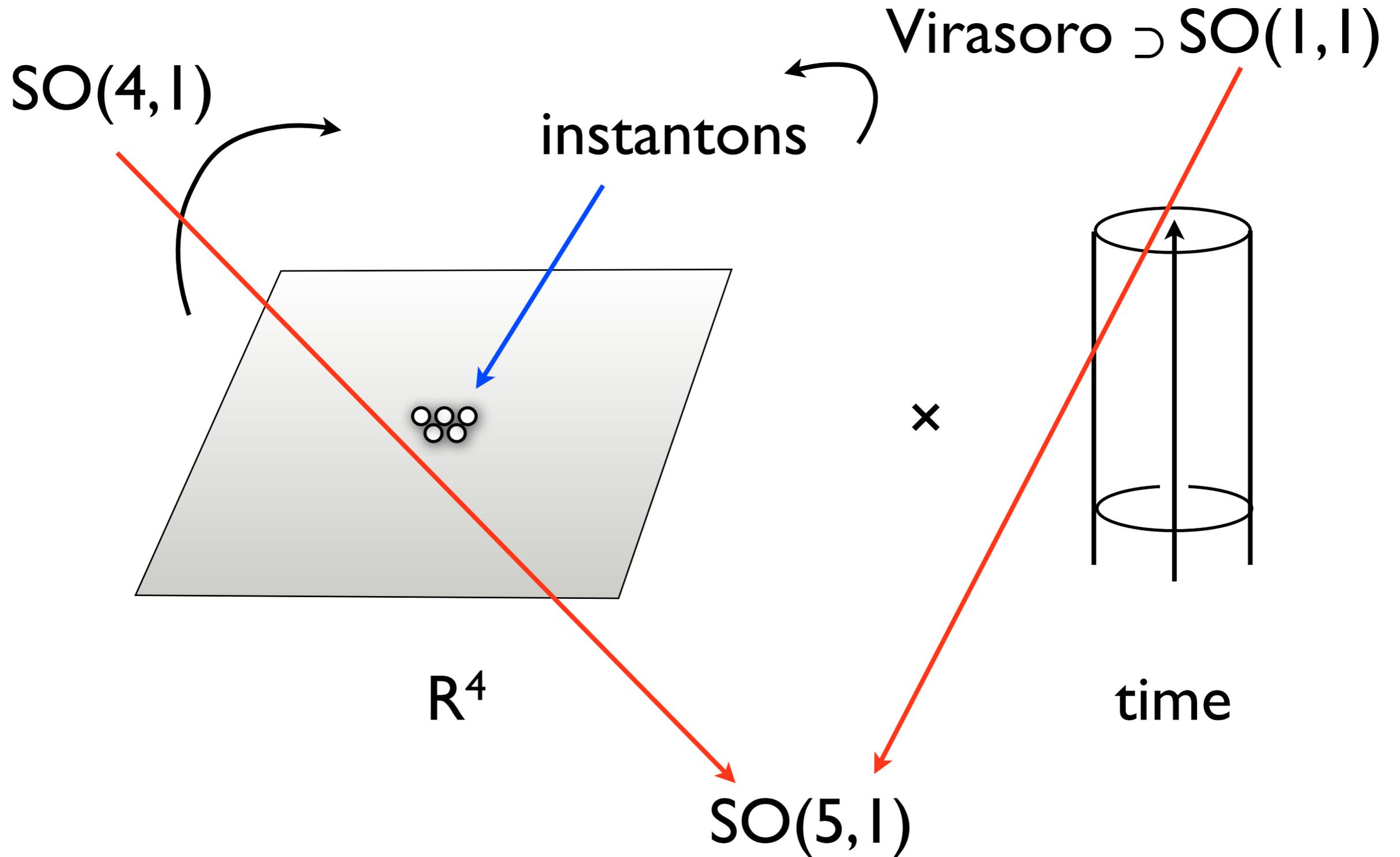
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# 6d $N=(2,0)$ theory



- Instantons generate an additional  $S^1$ .
- Instanton number =  $L_0$  = KK momentum.
- Nonperturbative physics can generate a dimension. No large  $N$ .

- This should not surprise us.
- Consider Type IIA.
- Nonperturbative excitation: D0s.
- They generate the M-theory circle.

- In a sense, I just repeated the same thing:
- 5d SYM  $\sim$  D4 branes
- instantons  $\sim$  D0 branes on D4 branes
- instantons can generate a dimension  
 $\sim$  D0 branes can generate a dimension

- So, it's not that we learned something very new. But we are slowly getting solid results.
- Recall that there should be one threshold bound state of  $k$  D0-branes for each  $k$ .
- Not proven yet.
- But now mathematicians proved that there are exactly the right number of bound states of  $k$  D0-branes within D4s.

- Looking back at “prehistoric” papers around 1997~2000, you realize that they came very close.
- e.g. the DLCQ of  $N$  M5-branes as the QM of instantons on  $T^4$ . [Ganor-Sethi]
- Many great papers from those days remain almost forgotten, due to the rise of AdS/CFT.
- Maybe some 温故知新 is useful.