

# Automorphic Spectra and the Conformal Bootstrap

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Based on **arXiv:2111.12716** with **Petr Kravchuk** and **Sridip Pal**.



Similar results appeared in **arXiv:2111.13215** by **James Bonifacio**.



I will also report on some ongoing work with all of the above.

# What Is Quantum Field Theory?

1. How do we rigorously define quantum field theory?
2. How do we compute observables?

Situation better for **conformal field theories**:

- Precise axiomatic formulation in any number of dimensions.
  - Effective for computations, even leading to new predictions.
- } conformal bootstrap

# CFT Axioms

1.  $V$  = a unitary representation of the conformal group in  $d$  dimensions.

- $V$  = space of states = space of local operators.

- Decompose into irreducible representations:  $V = \bigoplus_i V_{\Delta_i, \rho_i}$ .

- Local operators:  $\mathcal{O}_i(x)$  with  $x \in B^d$  generates  $V_{\Delta_i, \rho_i}$ .

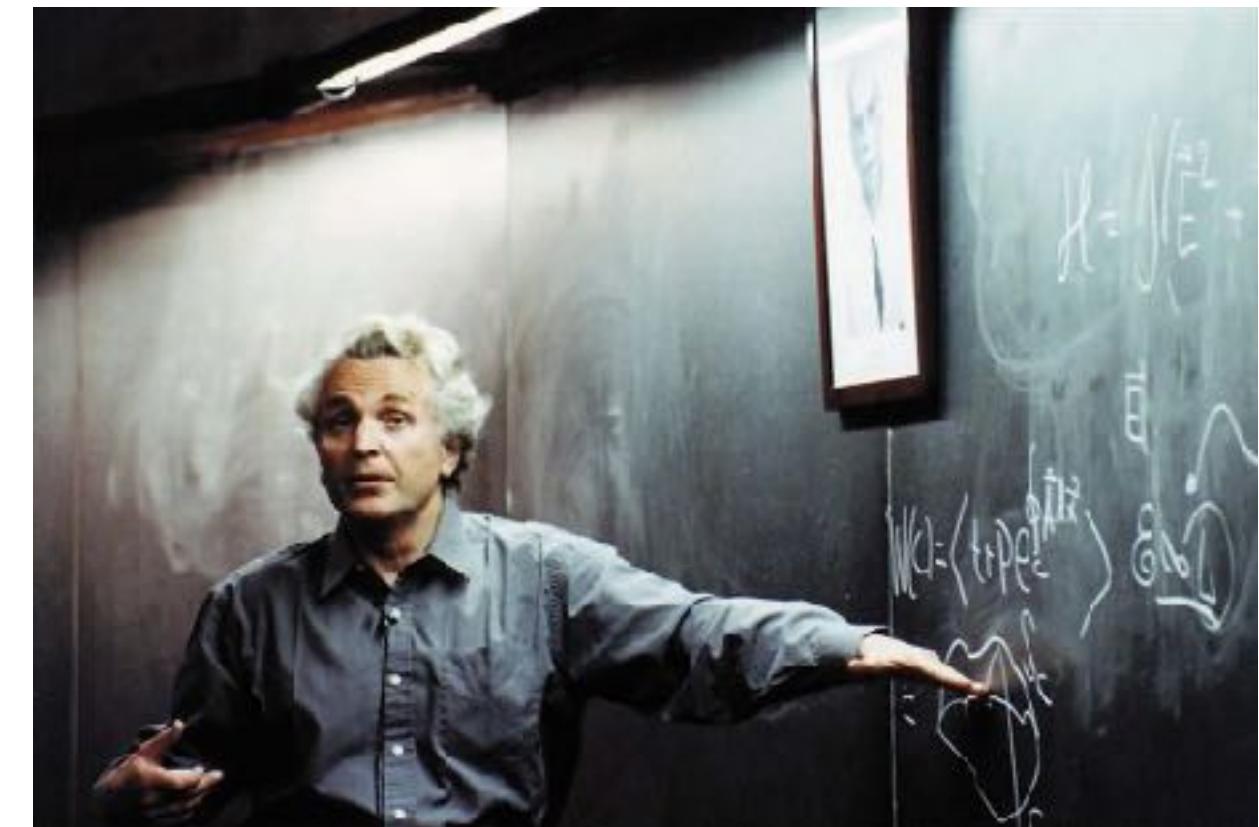
2. Operator product expansion:  $\mathcal{O}_i(x)\mathcal{O}_j(y) = \sum_k c_{ijk} |x - y|^{-\Delta_i - \Delta_j + \Delta_k} \mathcal{O}_k(y)$ .

3. Associativity:  $\mathcal{O}_i(x)(\mathcal{O}_j(y)\mathcal{O}_k(z)) = (\mathcal{O}_i(x)\mathcal{O}_j(y))\mathcal{O}_k(z)$

$\Rightarrow$  stringent constraints on the spectrum  $\Delta_i, \rho_i$  and structure constants  $c_{ijk}$ .

**Long term goal:** Solve and classify CFTs in general dimension starting from these axioms.

**A. Polyakov:** “I was dreaming in the 1970s to have a classification of fixed points based on the operator product expansion. The program was successful in two dimensions, and I think it is not excluded that in three dimensions something like that is still possible.”

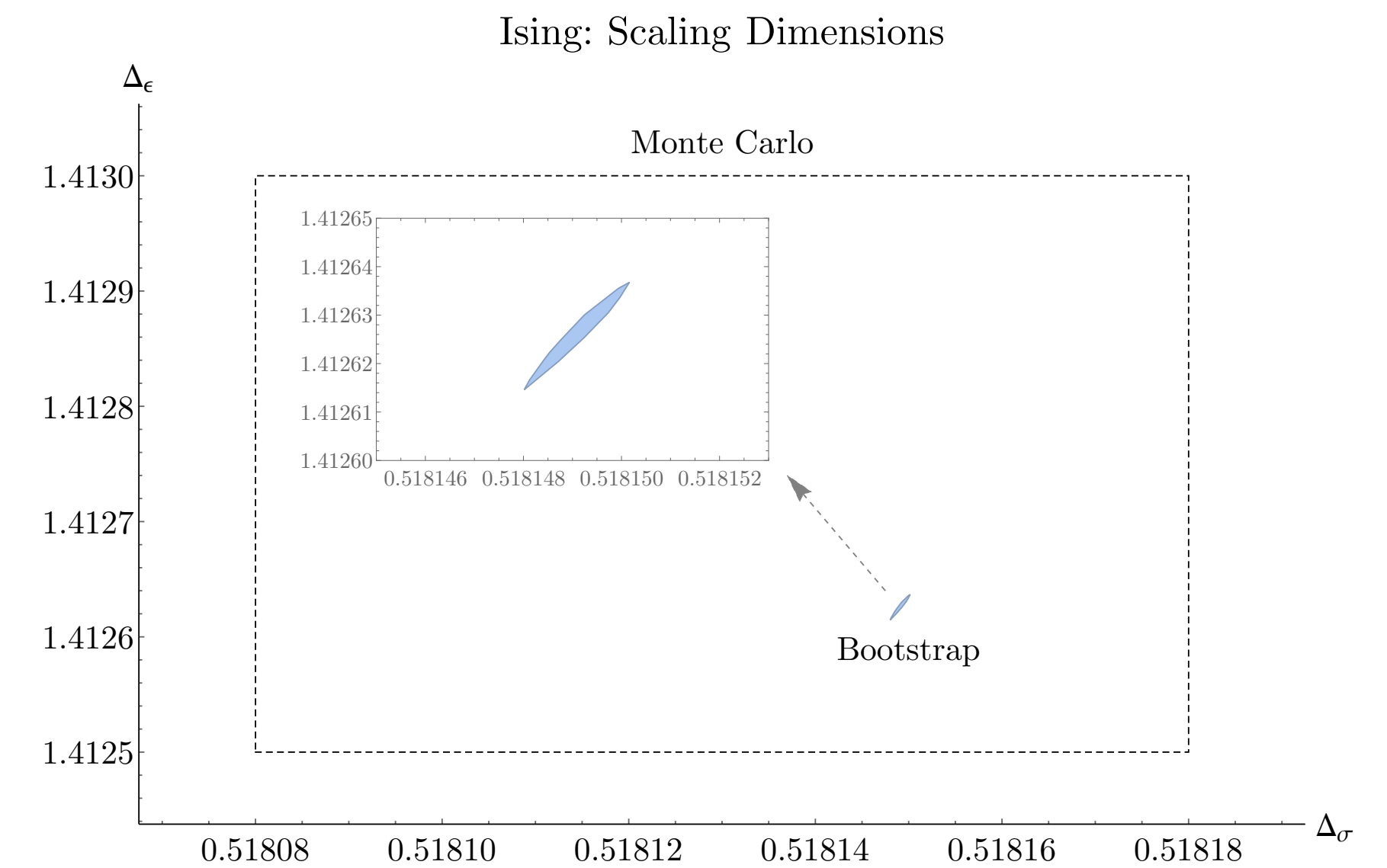


**Current status:**

- $d = 2$ : partial progress (rational theories, Liouville theory), see talk by Vincent Vargas.
- $d > 2$ : The only solved examples are free theories, but infinitely many interacting examples surely exist.

The CFT axioms seem capable of isolating interacting CFTs in  $d > 2$ : nearly sharp bounds on the spectral data from **linear and semidefinite programming**.

Circumstantial evidence in favor of Polyakov's dream.



[Kos, Poland Simmons-Dufin, Vichi '16]

**Speculation:** Can we solve an interacting CFT in  $d > 2$ , such as the 3d Ising model?

**Possible strategy:** Identify a mathematical structure which produces spectral data satisfying the CFT axioms.

[Moore, Seiberg '89] [Gadde '17] [Guillarmou, Kupiainen, Rhodes, Vargas '21]

**Today:** Hyperbolic manifolds provide an excellent toy model for such structure.

# Hyperbolic Manifolds

**Definition:** A hyperbolic  $d$ -manifold is a Riemannian  $d$ -manifold of constant sectional curvature  $-1$ .

**The simplest example:** Hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^d$ .

- $-x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2 = -1, x_0 > 0$   
 $ds^2 = -dx_0^2 + dx_1^2 + \dots + dx_d^2$
- Isometry group of  $\mathbb{H}^d = \mathrm{SO}^+(1, d)$



**Fact:** Every (closed, connected, orientable) hyperbolic  $d$ -manifold is of the form  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^d$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathrm{SO}^+(1, d)$ .

# The Analogy

**conformal field theories  
in  $d-1$  dimensions**



**hyperbolic  $d$ -manifolds**

Underlying reason:

conformal group of  
Euclidean  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$     =     $SO^+(1, d)$     =    isometry group of  $\mathbb{H}^d$



# The Dictionary

Notation:  $G = \text{SO}^+(1, d)$

a conformal field theory	$\longleftrightarrow$	a hyperbolic manifold $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^d$
Hilbert space	$\longleftrightarrow$	function space $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$
local operators	$\longleftrightarrow$	automorphic functions $F_i \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$
correlation functions	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\langle F_1 \dots F_n \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash G} dg F_1(g) \dots F_n(g)$
conformal Casimir eigenvalue	$\longleftrightarrow$	Laplacian eigenvalue $\lambda_i = \Delta_i(d - 1 - \Delta_i)$
operator product expansion	$\longleftrightarrow$	point-wise product $F_i(g)F_j(g) = \sum_k c_{ijk} F_k(g)$
structure constants	$\longleftrightarrow$	triple product integrals $c_{ijk} = \langle F_i F_j F_k \rangle$

# Main Goals

**Eventually:** Extract lessons about interacting conformal field theories.

**Today:** Use techniques familiar in the conformal bootstrap to prove new results about the spectra of hyperbolic manifolds. We will focus on 2-manifolds.

# Previous Work

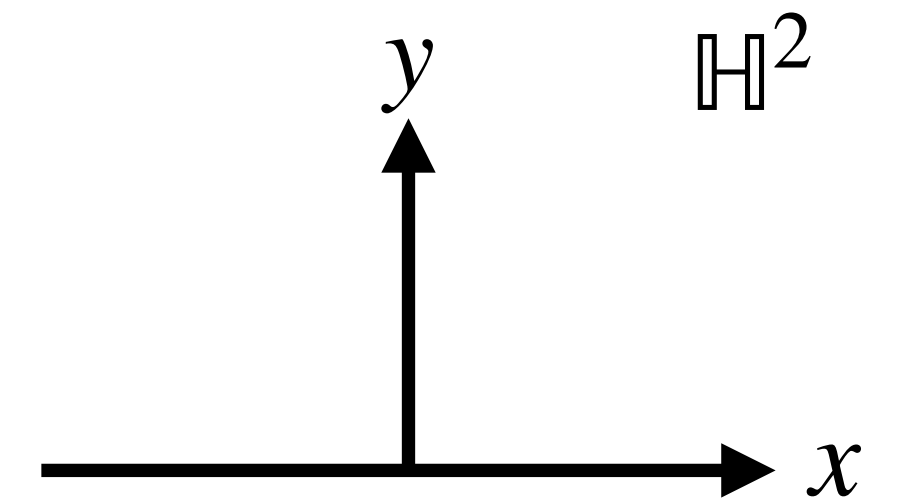
**Bonifacio+Hinterbichler (2020):** Einstein manifolds  $R_{ab} = \frac{R}{d}g_{ab}$

**Bonifacio (2021):** Hyperbolic manifolds  $R_{abcd} = g_{ad}g_{bc} - g_{ac}g_{bd}$

**Kravchuk, DM, Pal (2021):** Pointed out the role played by  $SO(1, d)$  in the case of hyperbolic manifolds, and systematized the ideas using its representation theory.

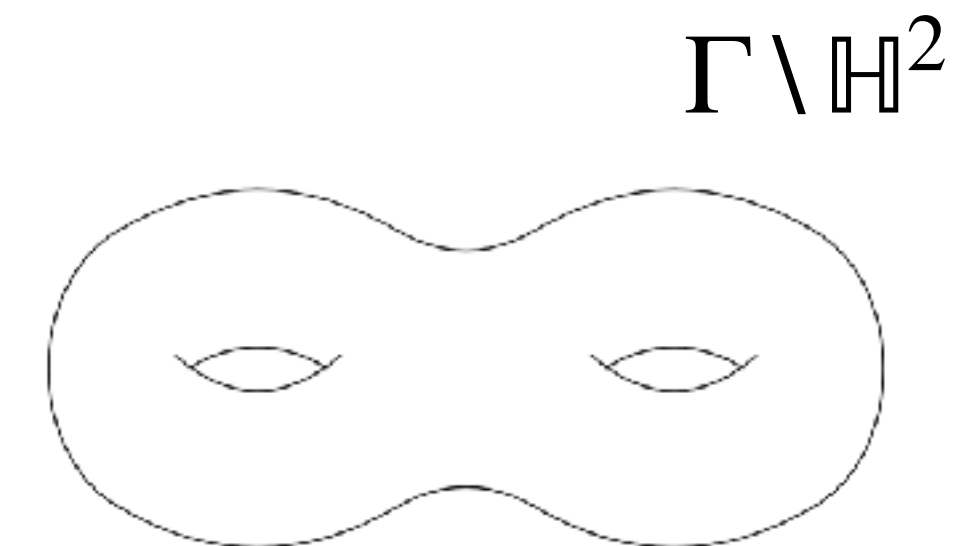
# 2D Hyperbolic Orbifolds

1. Upper half-plane with the hyperbolic metric  $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$



•  $G = \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts on  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{H}^2$   $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in G : z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$

2.  $\Gamma =$  discrete subgroup of  $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2 =$  a hyperbolic orbifold.

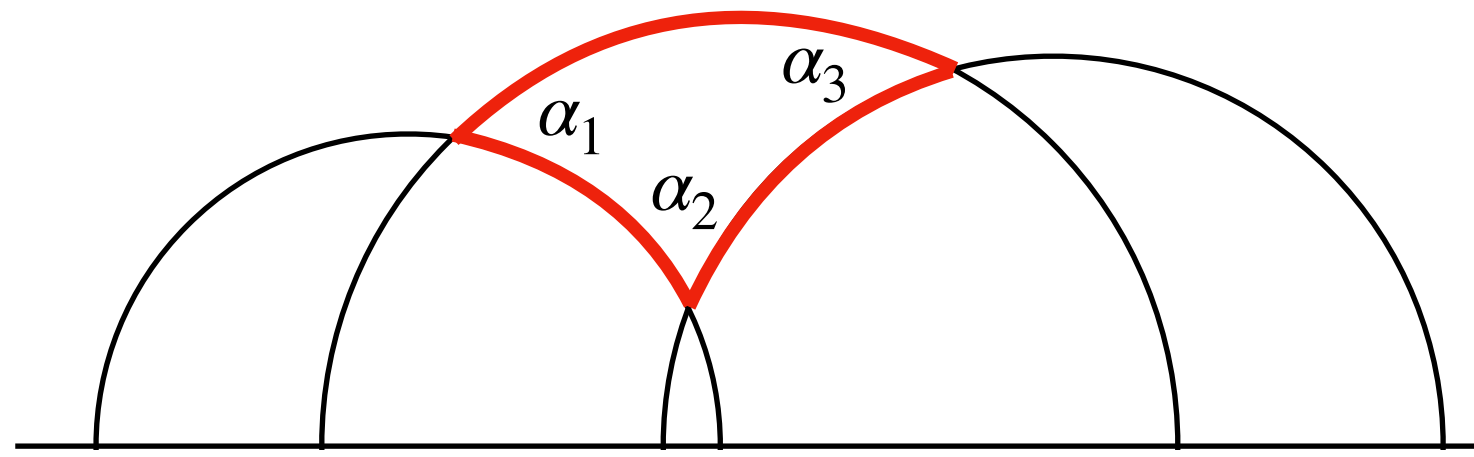


• Will assume  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$  has finite volume.

•  $\Gamma$  only has **hyperbolic** elements  $\Leftrightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$  is a compact surface.

•  $\Gamma$  only has **hyperbolic** and **elliptic** elements  $\Leftrightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$  is a compact orbifold.

# Example 1: Hyperbolic Triangle Groups



$$\alpha_i = \frac{\pi}{k_i}$$

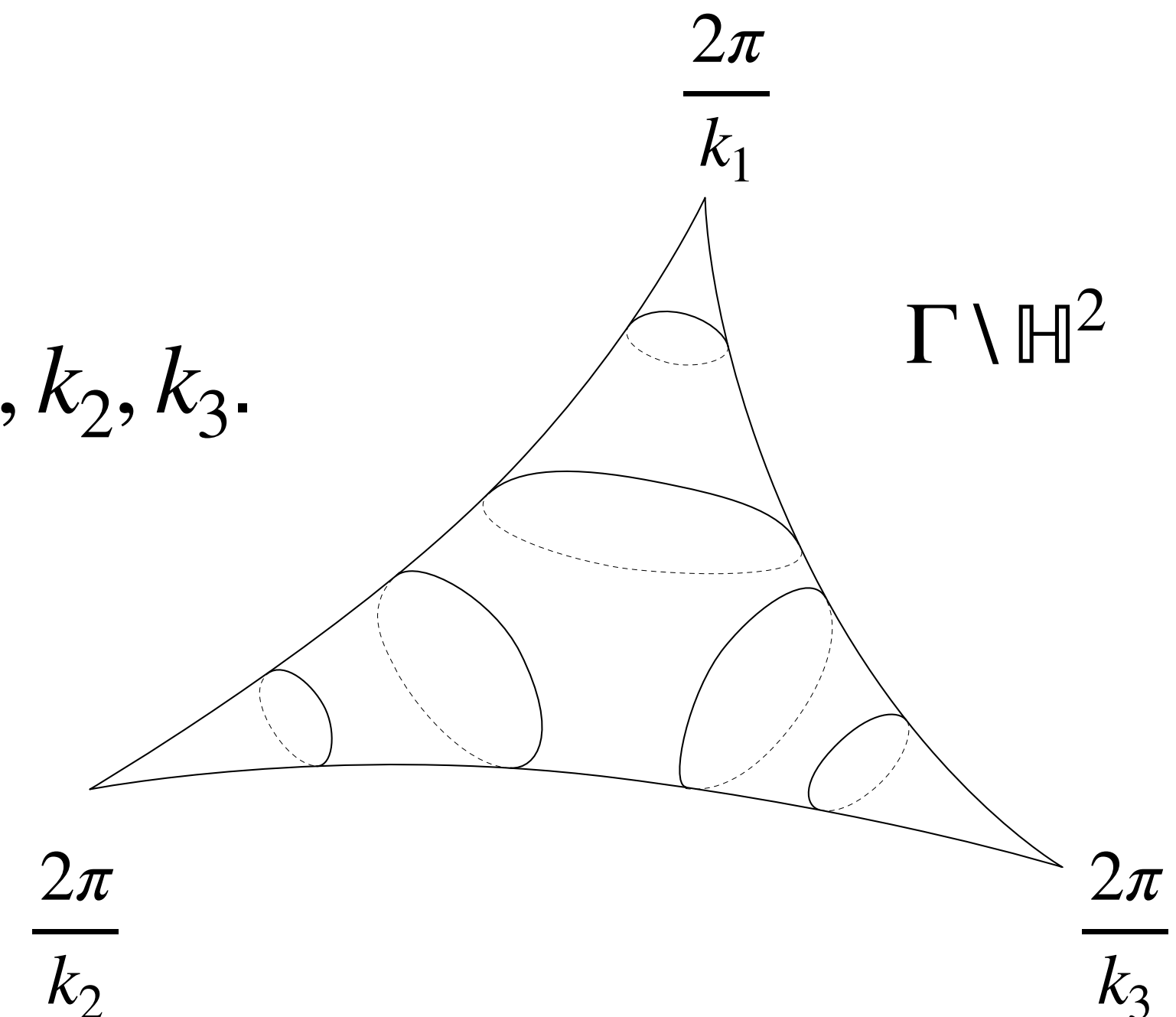
$$k_i \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} + \frac{1}{k_3} < 1$$



$$\text{area} > 0$$

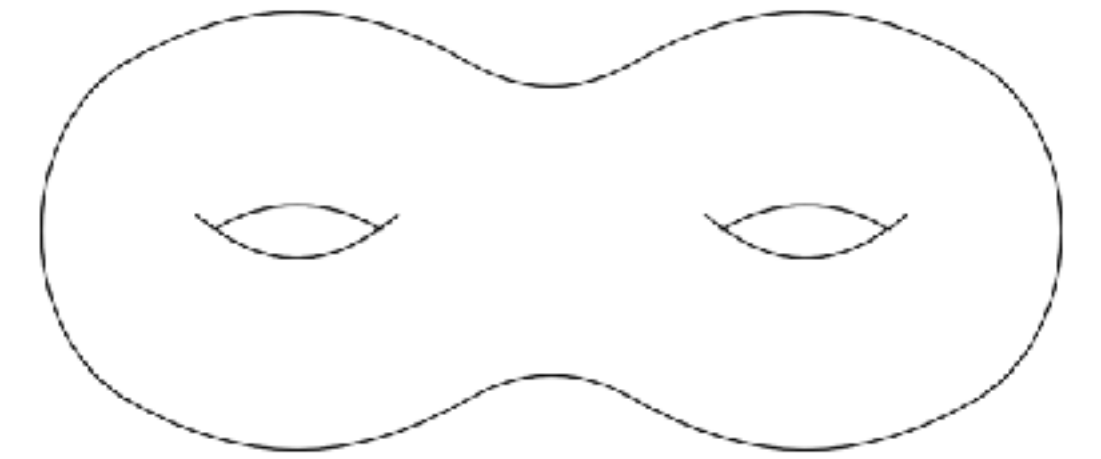
- $\Gamma$  generated by rotations around vertices by angles  $\frac{2\pi}{k_i}$ .
- A fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$  consists of two adjacent triangles.
- $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$  is an orbifold of genus 0 with 3 orbifold points of orders  $k_1, k_2, k_3$ .
- Orbifold of minimal area:  $[k_1, k_2, k_3] = [2, 3, 7]$ .



# Example 2: The Bolza Surface

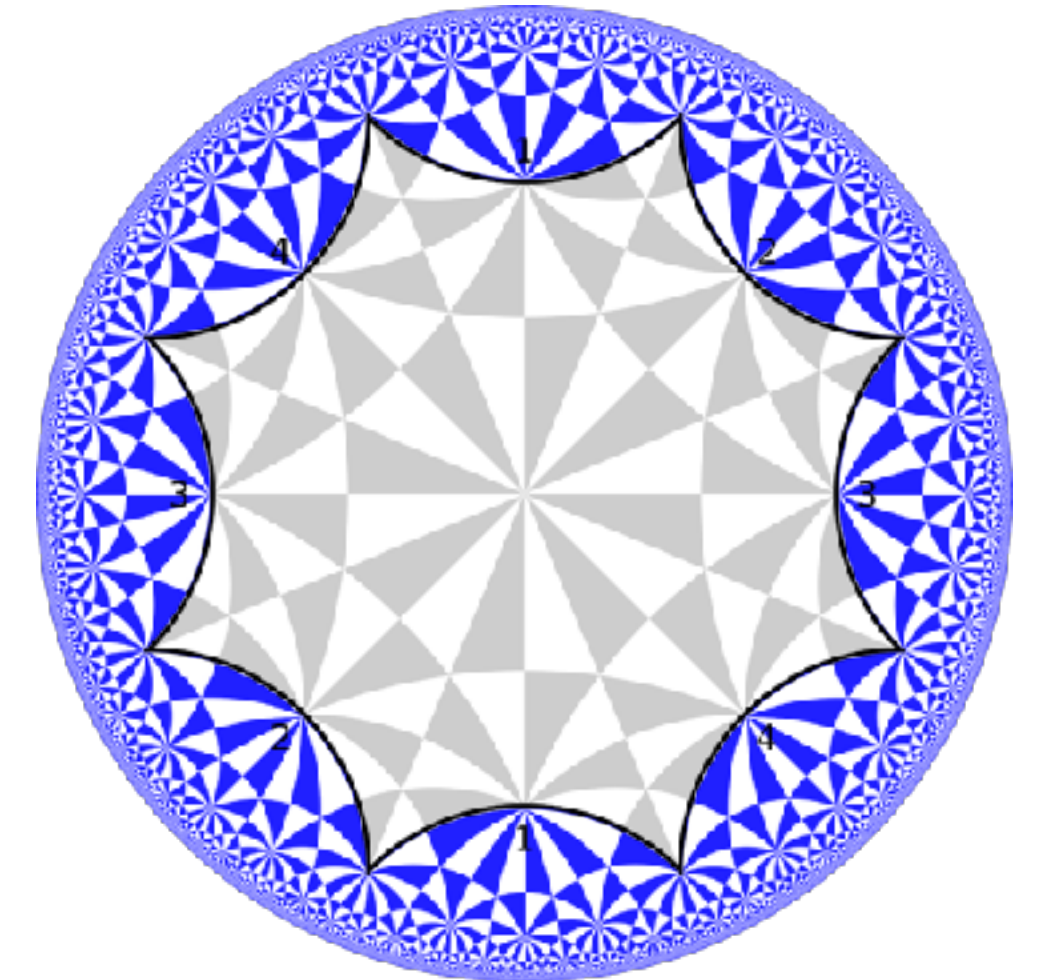
A hyperbolic surface without orbifold points must have genus  $\geq 2$ .

- Genus = 2: six-dimensional moduli space.



**Bolza surface:** the genus-two surface with the largest group of isometries.

- $\text{Iso}(\text{Bolza}) = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$ , a group of order 48.
- $\text{Bolza} = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a normal subgroup of index 48 of the  $[2,3,8]$  triangle group.



# General Orbifolds

Topological type of  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$ :  $[g; k_1, \dots, k_r]$   $\Leftrightarrow$  isomorphism type of  $\Gamma$

genus  $\nearrow$  orders of orbifold points  $\nearrow$

# Laplacian Spectrum of $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^2$

The Laplacian on  $\mathbb{H}^2$ :  $\nabla^2 = y^2(\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)$

$$-\nabla^2 h(x, y) = \lambda h(x, y)$$

$h(x, y)$ : a smooth real function on  $\mathbb{H}^2$  satisfying  $h(\gamma \cdot (x, y)) = h(x, y)$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

Spectrum:  $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$

- no closed expression for  $\lambda_i$  in general
- a useful model for studying classical and quantum chaos

**Today:** New upper bounds on  $\lambda_1$ .



# Main results

[Kravchuk, DM, Pal '21] [Bonifacio '21]

## Theorem:

1. Every hyperbolic orbifold satisfies:  $\lambda_1 \leq 44.8883537$ .

[2,3,7] triangle orbifold:  $\lambda_1 \approx 44.88835$

2. Every hyperbolic orbifold of genus two satisfies:  $\lambda_1 \leq 3.8388977$ .

Bolza surface:  $\lambda_1 \approx 3.838887258$

previous bound:  $\lambda_1 \leq 4$  [Yang, Yau '80] [Soufi, Ilias '83]

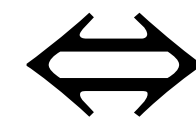
3. Every hyperbolic orbifold of genus three satisfies:  $\lambda_1 \leq 2.6784824$ .

Klein quartic:  $\lambda_1 \approx 2.6779$

previous bound:  $\lambda_1 \leq 2(4 - \sqrt{7}) \approx 2.7085$  [Ros '20]

# Spectrum of the Spectrum

**Conjecture (Selberg 1965):** If  $\Gamma$  is a congruence subgroup of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $\lambda_1 = 1/4$ .

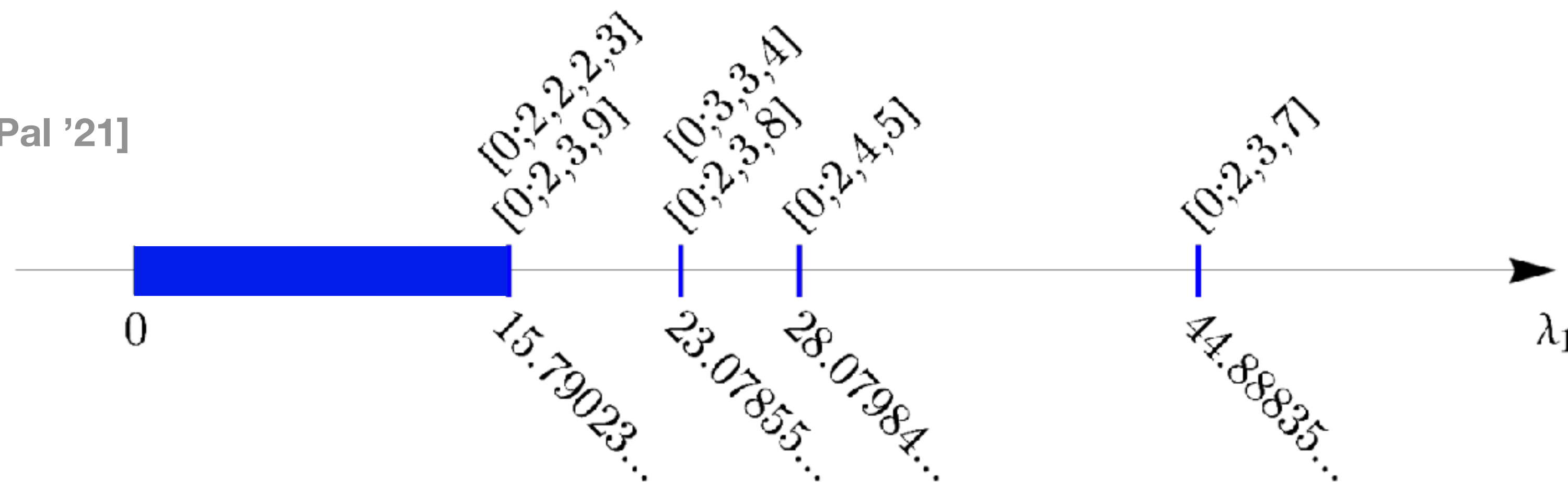


If  $X$  ranges over **congruence** orbifolds, the image of the map  $X \mapsto \lambda_1(X)$  is the set  $\{1/4\}$ .

**Question:** What is the image of the map  $X \mapsto \lambda_1(X)$  when  $X$  ranges over **all** orbifolds?

**Answer:**

[Kravchuk, DM, Pal '21]

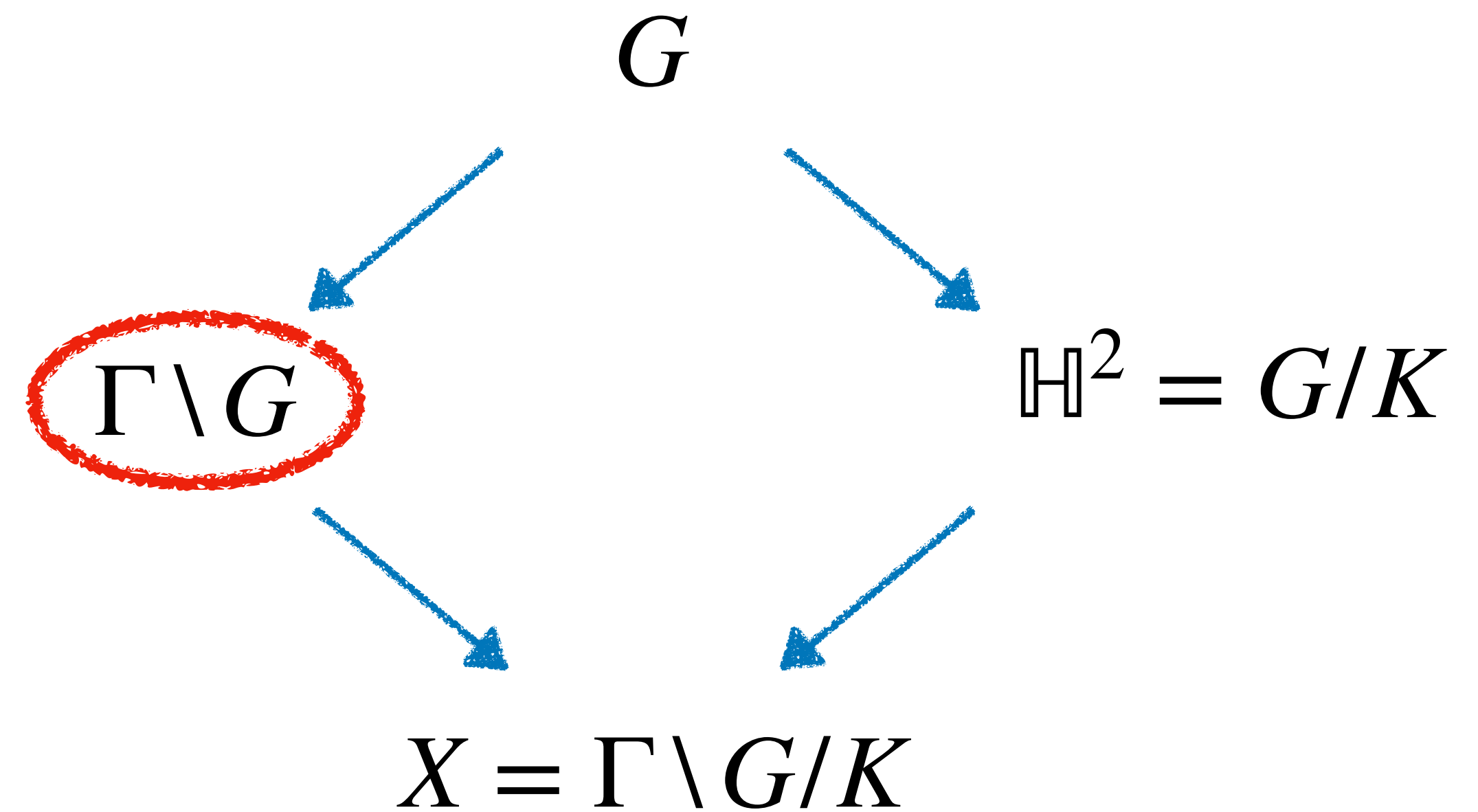
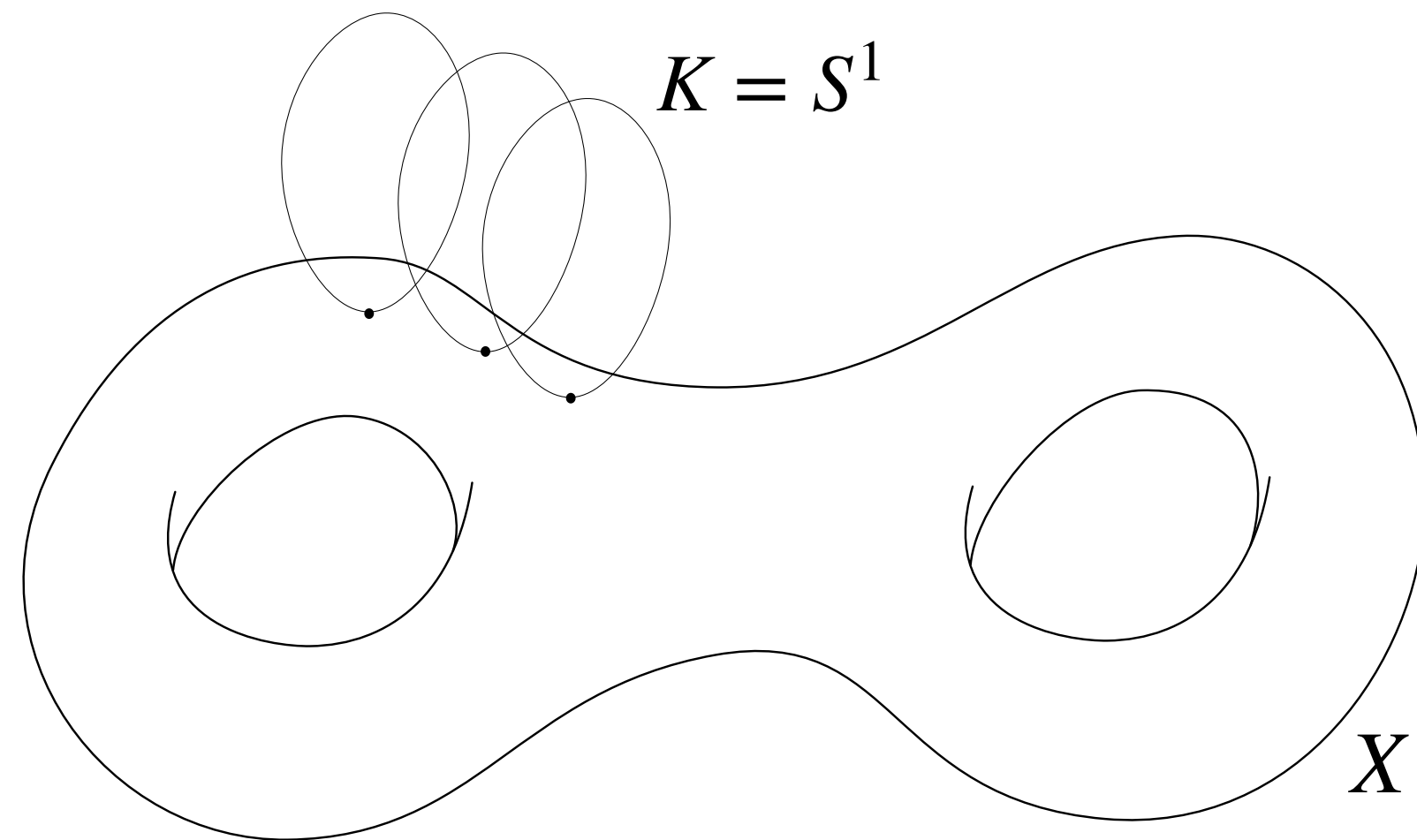


# The Method

1. The Hilbert space and local operators
2. Operator product expansion
3. Associativity
4. Bounds from linear programming

# The Coset Space

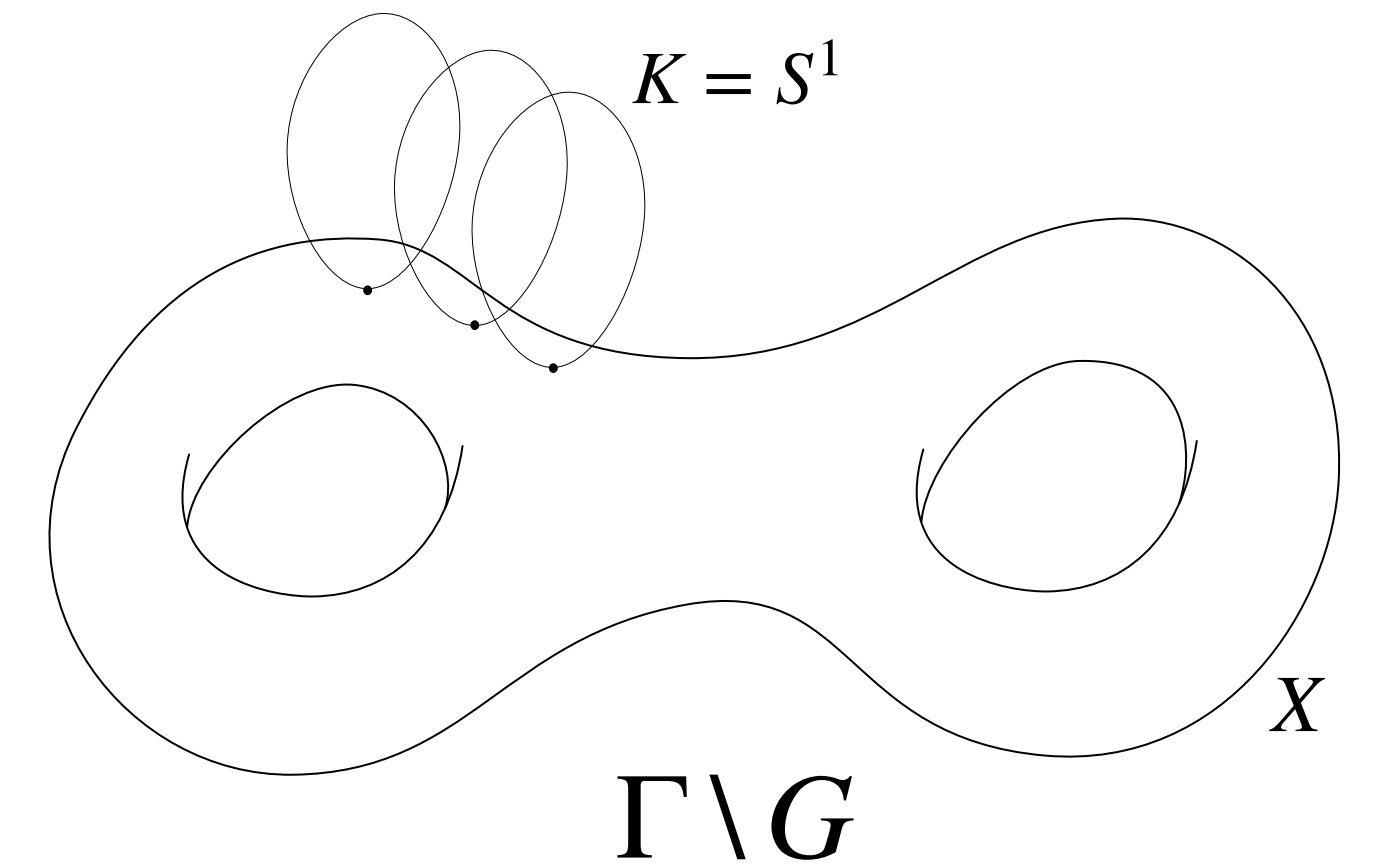
- $G = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$
- $K = \mathrm{PSO}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , maximal compact subgroup of  $G$
- $\Gamma =$  discrete co-compact subgroup of  $G$



# The Hilbert Space: $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$

Consider the space  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$

- a representation of  $G$ :  $F(g) \xrightarrow{\rho} F(g\tilde{g})$
- unitary, with inner product:  $\|F(g)\|^2 = \int_{\Gamma \backslash G} dg |F(g)|^2$



Decomposition under  $K$ :  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_n$

- $V_0 = L^2(X)$
- $V_n = L^2(n\text{-forms})$ :  $f(x, y) dz^n$  such that  $\forall \gamma \in \Gamma: f(z) = (cz + d)^{-2n} f\left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}\right)$
- Generators of  $G$  act as follows:  $L_0|_{V_n} = n \text{ id}$ ,  $L_{\pm 1} : V_n \rightarrow V_{n \mp 1}$

# The Spectral Decomposition

Decompose  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$  into irreducible representations of  $G = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) = \mathbb{C} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} P_{\lambda_i} \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} (D_{n_j} \oplus \bar{D}_{n_j})$$

1. Trivial representation  $\mathbb{C}$ : constant functions.
2. Principal and complementary series  $P_{\lambda}$ : Laplace eigenfunction with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
  - principal series:  $\lambda \in [1/4, \infty)$ , complementary series:  $\lambda \in (0, 1/4)$ .
  - Casimir| $_{V_0}$  = Laplacian  $\Rightarrow v \in P_{\lambda} \cap V_0$  is a Laplace eigenfunction of eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
3. Holomorphic discrete series  $D_n$ : holomorphic modular forms of weight  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ .
  - $L_1 = \bar{\partial}$ ,  $L_1|_{D_n \cap V_n} = 0 \Rightarrow v \in D_n \cap V_n$  is a holomorphic modular form of weight  $n$ .
  - Antiholomorphic discrete series  $\bar{D}_n$ : complex conjugates of modular forms.

**Terminology:** The Laplace eigenfunctions and holomorphic modular forms are examples of *automorphic forms*.

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**Question:** What are the constraints on the set of representations on the RHS?

**Ingredients:**

1. Riemann-Roch theorem: The topology of  $\Gamma$  determines the spectrum of holomorphic forms = discrete series. Namely, for  $[g; k_1, \dots, k_r]$ , we have

$$\text{multiplicity}(D_n) = (2n - 1)(g - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^r \left[ n^{\frac{k_i - 1}{k_i}} \right] + \delta_{n,1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Can focus on specific topology by making simple assumptions about the spectrum of  $D_n$ .

2. Consider the pointwise product  $C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G) \times C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G) \rightarrow C^\infty(\Gamma \backslash G)$

$$(F_1(g), F_2(g)) \mapsto F_1(g)F_2(g)$$

Associativity and  $G$ -invariance  $\Rightarrow$  bounds on the Laplacian spectrum.

# Local Operators

## Definition (local operator):

Let  $F(g) \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$  be a holomorphic modular form of weight  $n$ . Define

$$\mathcal{O}(w) = e^{wL_{-1}} \cdot F(g) = F(g) + wL_{-1} \cdot F(g) + \frac{w^2}{2}L_{-1}^2 \cdot F(g) + \dots$$

## Properties:

- $\mathcal{O}(w) \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) \cap D_n$  for  $|w| < 1$ .
- As  $w$  ranges over the unit disk,  $\mathcal{O}(w)$  generates  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) \cap D_n$ .
- $\mathcal{O}(w)$  transforms like a **conformal primary operator** of scaling dimension  $n$ .

$$L_m \cdot \mathcal{O}(w) = [w^{m+1}\partial_z + (m+1)nw^m]\mathcal{O}(w)$$

Similarly, define the conjugate operator  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}(w) = w^{-2n}e^{-L_1/w} \cdot \overline{F(g)}$ .

- $\overline{\mathcal{O}}(w) \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G) \cap \overline{D}_n$  for  $|w| > 1$ .



# Correlation Functions

## Definition (correlation function):

Given  $F_1, \dots, F_N \in C^\infty(\Gamma \setminus G)$ , their correlation function is given by

$$\langle F_1 \dots F_N \rangle = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(\Gamma \setminus G)} \int_{\Gamma \setminus G} d\mu F_1(g) \dots F_N(g)$$

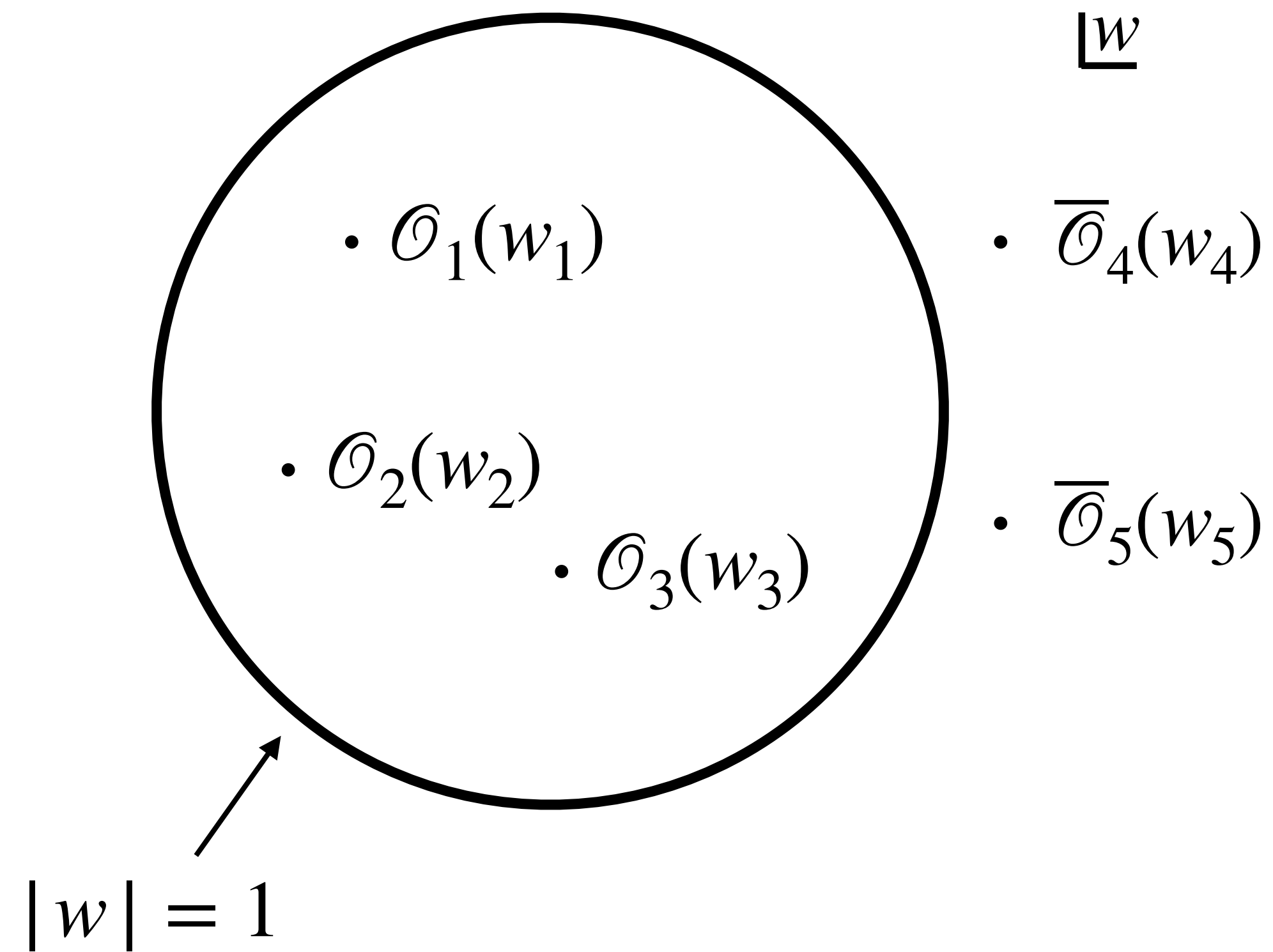
Since  $\mu$  is  $G$ -invariant, so are the correlation functions.

## Properties:

- one-point functions:  $\langle 1 \rangle = 1$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{O}_i(w) \rangle = \langle \overline{\mathcal{O}}_i(w) \rangle = 0$
- two-point functions:  $\langle \mathcal{O}_i(w_1) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_j(w_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{(w_1 - w_2)^{2n}}$

Each hyperbolic orbifold defines a large class of observables:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(w_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_N(w_N) \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{N+1}(w_{N+1}) \dots \bar{\mathcal{O}}_{N+M}(w_{N+M}) \rangle$$



# The Operator Product Expansion

Express products  $\mathcal{O}(w_1)\overline{\mathcal{O}}(w_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(w_1)\mathcal{O}(w_2)$  using the spectral decomposition of  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$ .

- $\mathcal{O}(w_1)\overline{\mathcal{O}}(w_2) = \frac{1}{(w_1 - w_2)^{2n}} + \sum_i c_i K_i(w_1, w_2)$ , where  $K_i(w_1, w_2) \in P_{\lambda_i}$ .

- $\mathcal{O}(w_1)\mathcal{O}(w_2) = \sum_j \tilde{c}_j \widetilde{K}_j(w_1, w_2)$ , where  $\widetilde{K}_j(w_1, w_2) \in D_{n_j}$ .

**Crucial fact:**  $K_i(w_1, w_2)$  and  $\widetilde{K}_j(w_1, w_2)$  are universal = fixed by  $G$ -invariance.

- The space of  $G$ -invariant maps  $D_n \times \overline{D}_n \rightarrow P_\lambda$  and  $D_n \times D_n \rightarrow D_m$  is one-dimensional.

- $c_i \sim \langle f\bar{f}h_i \rangle$ ,  $\tilde{c}_j \sim \langle f\bar{f}\bar{f}_j \rangle$ , integrals of triple products of automorphic forms.

# Imposing Associativity

Suppose  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$  contains  $D_n$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_n(w)$  be the corresponding local operator.

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_n(w_1) \mathcal{O}_n(w_2) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_n(w_3) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_n(w_4) \rangle$$

$$\sum_{\text{Laplace eigenfunctions}} \begin{array}{c} D_n \quad D_n \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ P_{\lambda_i} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \overline{D}_n \quad \overline{D}_n \end{array} = \sum_{\text{modular forms}} \begin{array}{c} D_n \quad D_n \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ D_{2n+m} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \overline{D}_n \quad \overline{D}_n \end{array} \quad (1 - \chi)^{-2n} \sum_i |c_i|^2 k_{\lambda_i}(\chi) = \chi^{-2n} \sum_{\substack{m \geq 0 \\ m \text{ even}}} |\tilde{c}_m|^2 \tilde{k}_{2n+m}(\chi)$$

$$k_{s(1-s)}(\chi) = {}_2F_1\left(s, 1-s; 1; \frac{\chi}{\chi-1}\right) \quad \tilde{k}_m(\chi) = \chi^m {}_2F_1(m, m; 2m; \chi)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Get an infinite number of spectral identities by expanding around  $\chi = 0$ .

# Spectral Bounds from Linear Programming

**Spectral identities:**  $\sum_i |c_i|^2 P_{n,m}(\lambda_i) = |\tilde{c}_m|^2$  for all even  $m \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_i |c_i|^2 P_{n,m}(\lambda_i) = 0$  for all odd  $m > 0$

**Proposition:** Fix  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $Q(\lambda) = \sum_{m=0}^M x_m P_{n,m}(\lambda)$  with  $x_m \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that

1.  $x_m \leq 0$  for all even  $m$
2.  $Q(0) = 1$
3.  $Q(\lambda) \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_*$ .

Then there is an upper bound on the Laplace spectral gap  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_*$  for every hyperbolic orbifold with a holomorphic form of weight  $n$ .

**Proof:** Consider  $\sum_i |c_i|^2 Q(\lambda_i)$  and use the spectral identities.  $\square$

**Strategy:** Minimize  $\lambda_*$  by optimizing over  $x_m$  satisfying 1.-3. Increase  $M$  to improve the bound.

We used the semidefinite programming solver SDPB. [Simmons-Duffin '15]  
[Simmons-Duffin, Landry '19]

# Results

Let  $n_1(\Gamma)$  be the minimal weight of a modular form for  $\Gamma$ .

**Fact:** We have  $n_1(\Gamma) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$  for every hyperbolic orbifold.

$n_1$	our bound on $\lambda_1$	largest known $\lambda_1$	orbifold
1	8.47032	8.46776	[1; 2] at the $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -symmetric point
2	15.79144	15.79023	[0; 2,2,2,3] at the $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -symmetric point
3	23.07917	23.07855	[0; 3,3,4]
4	30.35432	28.07984	[0; 2,4,5]
6	44.8883537	44.88835	[0; 2,3,7]

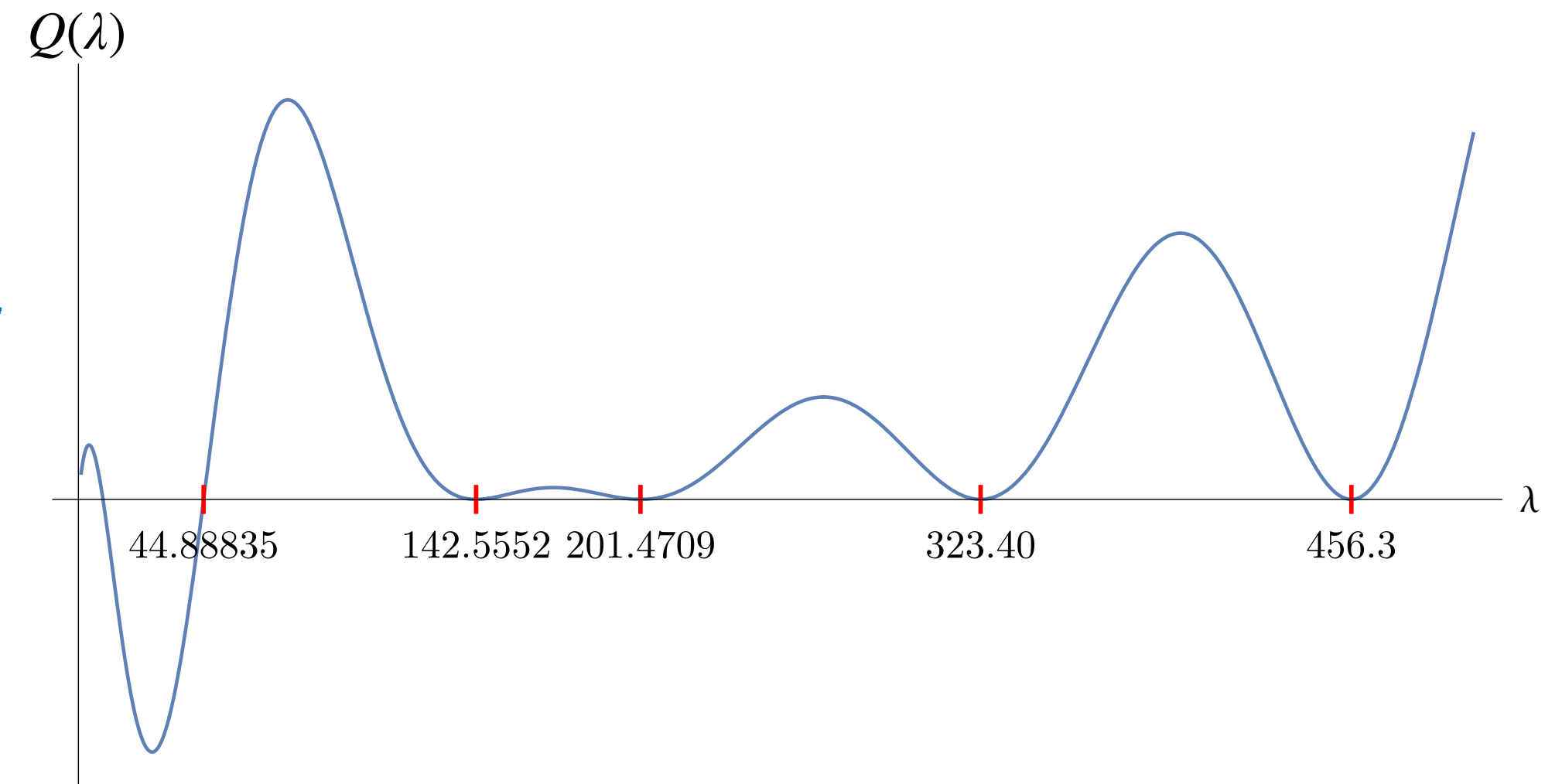
**Corrolary:** Every hyperbolic orbifold satisfies:  $\lambda_1 \leq 44.8883537$ .

# Sharp Bounds

**Question:** Is the linear-programming upper bound on  $\lambda_1$  sharp for  $M \rightarrow \infty$ ?

If yes, the linear program must reconstruct the full Laplace spectrum of the  $[0; 2,3,7]$  orbifold!

- $Q(\lambda_i) = 0$  for all  $\lambda_i \in \text{spectrum}$ .
- Output of the linear program for  $M = 41$   $\rightarrow$
- Zeros agree with the  $[0; 2,3,7]$  spectrum!
- Proof would amount to a construction of  $Q(\lambda)$  for  $M = \infty$ .



This is precisely what happens for the Cohn-Elkies bound on sphere packing in  $d = 8, 24$ .

- Viazovska (2016): Construction of optimal  $Q(\lambda)$  for sphere packing.
- DM (2016), DM+Paulos (2018): Construction of optimal  $Q(\lambda)$  for the gap problem in 1D CFTs.
- Hartman+DM+Rastelli (2019): Precise mapping between Viazovska (2016) and DM (2016).

**Challenge:** Construct the optimal  $Q(\lambda)$  for the Laplacian spectral gap problem.

# Bounds at Fixed Genus

Bounds on  $\lambda_1$  of genus- $g$  orbifolds: Use  $g$  linearly independent holomorphic 1-forms.

Associativity implemented by the system of coupled equations:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(w_1) \mathcal{O}_j(w_2) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_k(w_3) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_l(w_4) \rangle \quad n_i = n_j = n_k = n_l = 1 \quad i, j, k, l = 1, \dots, g$$

This is a matrix generalization of the original linear program  $\Rightarrow$  need semidefinite programming.

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3	2.67849	2.67793	Klein quartic



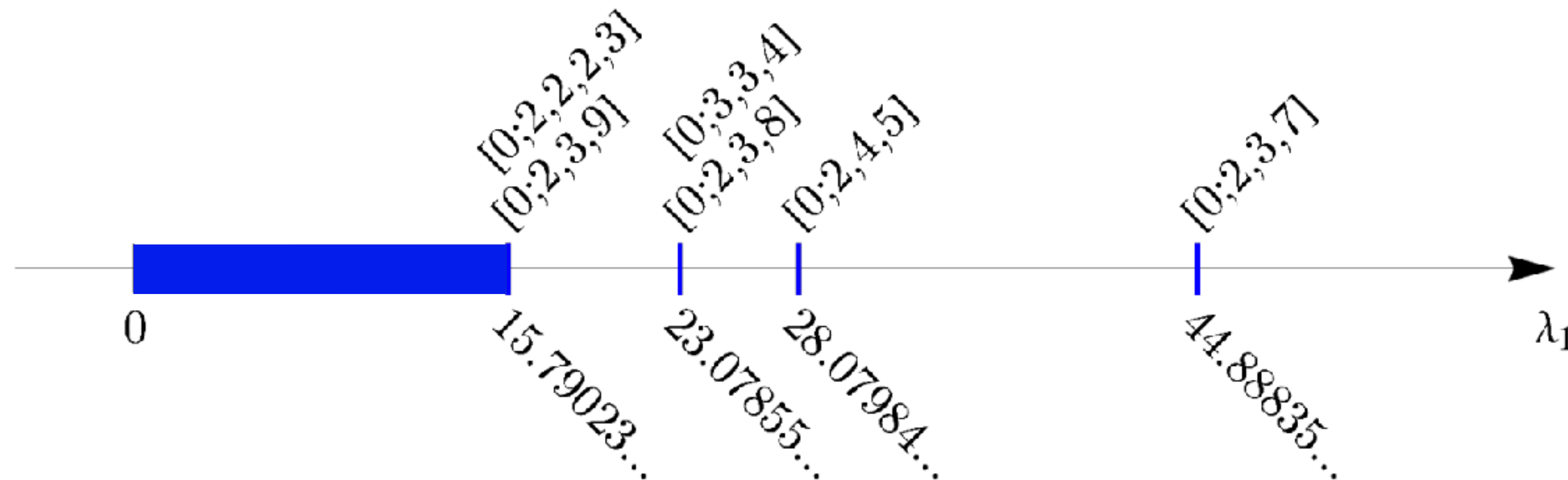
# Values of $\lambda_1$ Attained by All Orbifolds

**Idea:** Topological type is uniquely identified by the spectrum of weights of modular forms.  
Only finitely many weights are needed to identify each topological type.

Study associativity for **two** holomorphic forms of minimal weight  $1 \leq n_1 < n_2$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{n_1}(w_1) \mathcal{O}_{n_2}(w_2) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{n_1}(w_3) \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{n_2}(w_4) \rangle$$

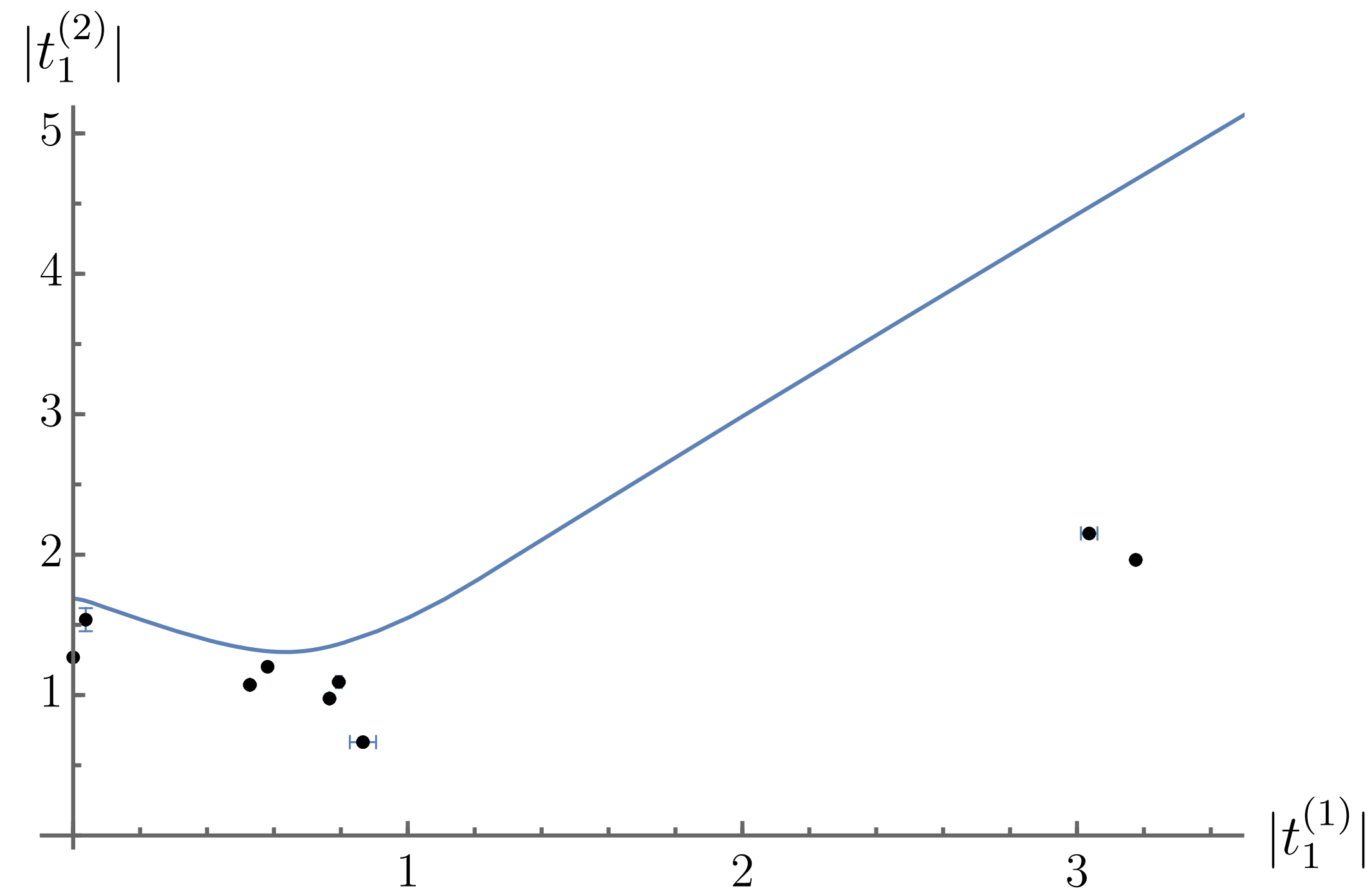
**theorem:** If  $X$  ranges over all orbifolds,  $\lambda_1(X)$  takes the following values:



**Example:**  $n_1 = 6, n_2 = 8 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \leq 23.09997$  unless the orbifold is  $[0; 2, 3, 7]$  or  $n_1 \leq 4$ .

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$|t_1^{(J)}|^2 + 1 =$  the lowest Laplace eigenvalue on symmetric tensors of rank  $J$ .

# Back to Conformal Field Theory

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**Surprising finding:** The same spectral identities apply to both hyperbolic manifolds and CFTs!

**Justification:**

- QFT path integral: measure space  $(Y, \mu)$ .  $Y$  = space of field configurations in Eucl. space.
- Define the space of observables as  $L^2(Y, \mu)$ .
- Correlation functions:  $\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \int_Y d\mu \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_i \in L^2(Y, \mu)$ .
- CFT in  $\mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow SO(1, d + 1)$  acts on  $Y$  by measure-preserving transformations.

$\Rightarrow$  All the ingredients we used for hyperbolic manifolds are also present for CFTs.

- Checked the spectral identities are valid for 2D Ising CFT and generalized free theory.

**The 3D Ising CFT and hyperbolic four-manifolds satisfy an infinite number of the same spectral identities.**

# Summary

- There is a close analogy between conformal field theories and hyperbolic manifolds.
- This leads to an infinite set of identities satisfied by the Laplacian spectra of hyp. manifolds.
- Linear/semidefinite programming turns the identities into bounds on the spectral gap  $\lambda_1$ .
- The bounds on  $\lambda_1$  for 2D hyperbolic orbifolds are often nearly sharp.
- They allow us to (more or less) identify the set of  $\lambda_1$  realized by all 2D hyperbolic orbifolds.

# Future Directions

- Bounds on spectra of  $d > 2$  hyperbolic manifolds.

- Bounds on triple overlaps  $c_{ijk} = \int h_i h_j h_k \Leftrightarrow$  bounds on L-functions.

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- Non-compact orbifolds, and the role of arithmeticity (Hecke operators),  $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .
- Extract lessons about the conformal bootstrap of CFTs.
- Spectral identities for QFT in de Sitter (the same symmetry and unitarity constraints).

**Thank you!**

# The Dictionary

Notation:  $G = \text{SO}^+(1, d)$

a conformal field theory



a hyperbolic manifold  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^d$

Hilbert space



function space  $L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$

local operators



automorphic functions  $F_i \in L^2(\Gamma \backslash G)$

correlation functions



$$\langle F_1 \dots F_n \rangle = \int_{\Gamma \backslash G} dg F_1(g) \dots F_n(g)$$

conformal Casimir eigenvalue



Laplacian eigenvalue  $\lambda_i = \Delta_i(d - 1 - \Delta_i)$

operator product expansion



$$F_i(g)F_j(g) = \sum_k c_{ijk} F_k(g)$$

structure constants



triple product integrals  $c_{ijk} = \langle F_i F_j F_k \rangle$