Ising Model D-Branes from String Field Theory

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 - in (Ising)² = Free boson in S^1/Z_2
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 - σ brane from 1, $\epsilon \rightarrow$ Positive energy solutions !!
 - $1 \otimes 1$, $\epsilon \otimes \epsilon$, $1 \otimes \epsilon$, $\epsilon \otimes 1$,.... branes from $\sigma \otimes \sigma \rightarrow Fractional branes !!$
 - Double branes in the universal sector
- Conclusion

- The nicest problems in theoretical physics are ones which are: easy to state, difficult to solve and with many relations to other branches to physics
- One such problem is classification of the boundary states in a given CFT or equivalently admissible open string vacua or D-branes.

- Describe possible boundary conditions from the closed string channel point of view.
- Conformal boundary states obey:

1) the gluing condition $(L_n - \overline{L}_{-n})|B\rangle = 0$

- 2) Cardy condition (modular invariance)
- 3) sewing relations (factorization constraints) See e.g. reviews by Gaberdiel or by Cardy

• The gluing condition is easy to solve: For any spin-less primary $|V_{\alpha}\rangle$ we can define $||V_{\alpha}\rangle\rangle = \sum_{IJ} M^{IJ}(h_{\alpha})L_{-I}\bar{L}_{-J}|V_{\alpha}\rangle$ where M^{IJ} is the inverse of the real symmetric Gram matrix

$$M_{IJ}(h_{\alpha}) = \langle V^{\alpha} | L_I L_{-J} | V_{\alpha} \rangle$$

where $L_{-X} \equiv L_{-n_k}...L_{-n_1}$ (with possible null states projected out).

Ishibashi 1989

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Explicitly:} \\ ||V_{\alpha}\rangle\rangle &= \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 + \frac{1}{2h_{\alpha}}L_{-1}\bar{L}_{-1} \\ &+ B(h_{\alpha},c)\left(2(1+2h_{\alpha})L_{-2}\bar{L}_{-2} - 3(L_{-2}\bar{L}_{-1}^{2} + L_{-1}^{2}\bar{L}_{-2}) + \frac{8h_{\alpha} + c}{4h_{\alpha}}L_{-1}^{2}\bar{L}_{-1}^{2}\right) + \cdots \right]|V_{\alpha}\rangle \\ B(h_{\alpha},c) &= \frac{1}{2h_{\alpha}(8h_{\alpha} - 5) + c(2h_{\alpha} + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

- The other conditions are much harder to deal with however. Perhaps not even the full set of necessary conditions is known.
- We will show today, how to construct boundary states (appropriate linear combinations of Ishibashi states) from OSFT solutions.

Boundary states – Cardy's solution

By demanding that

$$\langle\!\langle \alpha \| q^{\frac{1}{2}(L_0 + \bar{L}_0 - \frac{c}{12})} \| \beta \rangle\!\rangle = \operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}^{\operatorname{open}}_{\alpha\beta}} \left(\tilde{q}^{L_0 - \frac{c}{24}} \right)$$

and noting that RHS can be expressed as

$$\sum_{i} n^{i}_{\alpha\beta} \chi_{i}(\tilde{q})$$

Cardy derived integrality constraints on the boundary states. Surprisingly, for certain class of rational CFT's he found an elegant solution (relying on Verlinde formula)

$$\|\tilde{k}\rangle\rangle = \sum_{j} \sqrt{\frac{S_{k}^{j}}{S_{0}^{j}}} |j\rangle\rangle$$

where S_{k}^{j} is the modular matrix.

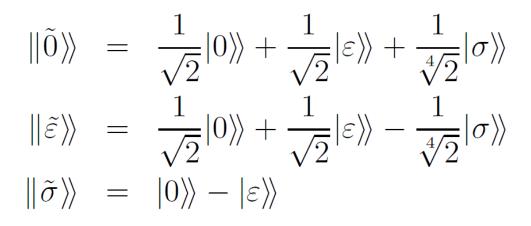
Ising model CFT

- Ising model is the simplest of the unitary minimally models with $c = \frac{1}{2}$.
- It has 3 primary operators
 - 1 (0,0)
 - ε (1/2,1/2)
 - σ (1/16, 1/16)
- The modular S-matrix takes the form

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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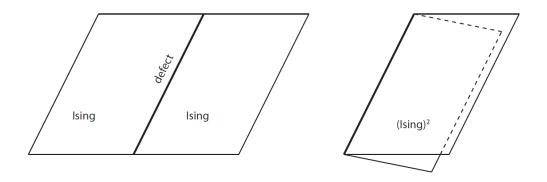
 And thus the Ising model conformal boundary states are



 The first two boundary states describe fixed (+/-) boundary condition, the last one free boundary condition

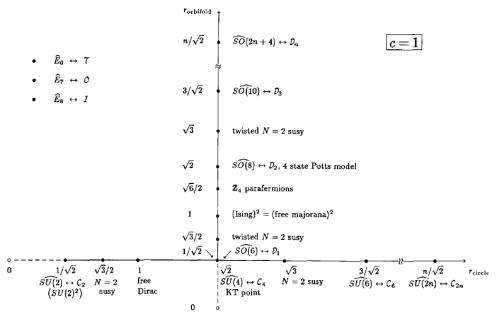
(Ising)²

 This model naturally arises when one considers Ising model on a plane with a defect line and employs the folding trick.



(Ising)²

(Ising)² model is well known point on the orbifold branch of the moduli space of c=1 models
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(Ising)²

 Even though Ising model itself has only 3 bulk primaries, (Ising)² has infinite number of them (Yang 1987)

$\Delta = \bar{\Delta}$	Multiplicity	$(Ising)^2$ Examples	Orbifold Examples
$n^2 = 0, 1, 4, \dots$	1	$1\otimes 1, \varepsilon\otimes \varepsilon$	$1, \partial X \bar{\partial} X$
$\frac{(n+1)^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, 2, \frac{9}{2}, \dots$	2	$1\otimes \varepsilon, \varepsilon \otimes 1$	$\cos(\sqrt{2}X), \cos(\sqrt{2}\tilde{X})$
$\frac{(2n+1)^2}{8} = \frac{1}{8}, \frac{9}{8}, \frac{25}{8}, \dots$	1	$\sigma\otimes\sigma$	$\sqrt{2}\cos(\frac{X}{\sqrt{2}})$
$\frac{(2n+1)^2}{16} = \frac{1}{16}, \frac{9}{16}, \frac{25}{16}, \dots$	2	$1\otimes\sigma,\sigma\otimes 1,\varepsilon\otimes\sigma,\sigma\otimes\varepsilon$	twist fields, excited twist fields

• It is precisely equivalent to a free boson on an orbifold S^1/Z_2 with radius $R_{orb} = \sqrt{2}$ (in our units $\alpha' = 1$.)

Boundary states in (Ising)²

- Some boundary states are readily available
- However, in general the problem of constructing D-branes in tensor product of simple CFT's is rather difficult since we get always infinitely many new primaries, and hence potentially many new exotic boundary states.

Boundary states in (Ising)²

Here is the list found by Affleck and Oshikawa (1996)

$(Ising)^2$ D-brane	Interpretation	Energy = $\langle 1 \rangle$	$\frac{\left\langle \partial X \bar{\partial} X \right\rangle}{\left\langle 1 \right\rangle}$	Position
$1\otimes\varepsilon$	fractional D0	$\frac{1}{2}$	+1	πR
$\varepsilon \otimes 1$	fractional D0	$ \frac{1}{2} $	+1	πR
$1 \otimes 1$	fractional D0	$\frac{1}{2}$	+1	0
$\varepsilon\otimes\varepsilon$	fractional D0	$\frac{1}{2}$	+1	0
$1\otimes\sigma$	fractional D1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	-1	_
$\sigma \otimes 1$	fractional D1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	-1	_
$\varepsilon\otimes\sigma$	fractional D1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	-1	_
$\sigma\otimes\varepsilon$	fractional D1	$ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} $	-1	—
$\sigma\otimes\sigma$	centered bulk D0	1	+1	$\frac{\pi R}{2}$
$\sum_i a_i(\phi) \mathrm{AT}, i \rangle$	generic bulk D0	1	+1	ϕR
$\sum_i b_i(\tilde{\phi}) \mathrm{AT}, i \rangle $	generic bulk D1	$\sqrt{2}$	-1	_

Now we would like to find all this from OSFT !?!

Numerical solutions in OSFT

• To construct new D-branes in a given BCFT with central charge *c* using OSFT, we consider strings 'propagating' in a background BCFT_c \otimes BCFT_{26-c} and look for solutions which do not excite any primaries in BCFT_{26-c}.

Numerical solutions in OSFT

- To get started with OSFT, we first have to specify the starting BCFT, i.e. we need to know:
 - spectrum of boundary operators
 - their 2pt and 3pt functions
 - bulk-boundary 2pt functions (to extract physics)
- The spectrum for the open string stretched between D-branes *a* and *b* is given by boundary operators which carry labels of operators which appear in the fusion rules

$$\phi_a \times \phi_b = \sum N_{ab}^c \,\phi_c$$

Numerical solutions in OSFT

 In the case of Ising the boundary spectrum is particularly simple

D-brane	Energy	Boundary spectrum
$ \begin{array}{c} \ \tilde{1}\rangle\rangle\\ \ \tilde{\varepsilon}\rangle\rangle\\ \ \tilde{\sigma}\rangle\rangle \end{array} $	$ \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} 1 $	$\begin{array}{c}1\\1\\1,\varepsilon\end{array}$

Ellwood conjecture

- Solutions to OSFT e.o.m. are believed to be in 1-1 correspondence with consistent boundary conditions.
- The widely believed (and tested, but unproven) Ellwood conjecture states that for every on-shell V_{cl}

 $\langle \mathcal{V}_{cl} | c_0^- | B_\Psi \rangle = -4\pi i \langle I | \mathcal{V}_{cl}(i) | \Psi - \Psi_{\mathrm{TV}} \rangle,$

Here Ψ is a solution of the e.o.m., Ψ_{TV} is the tachyon vacuum and $|B_{\Psi}\rangle$ is the boundary state we are looking for.

Ellwood (2008)

Generalized Ellwood invariants

 The restriction to an on-shell state can be bypassed. Any solution built using reference BCFT₀ can be written as

 $\Psi = \sum_{j} \sum_{\substack{I = \{n_1, n_2, \dots\}\\J = \{m_1, m_2, \dots\}}} a_{IJ}^j L_{-I}^{\text{matter}} |\mathcal{V}_j\rangle \otimes L_{-J}^{\text{ghost}} c_1 |0\rangle$

and uplifted to $\text{BCFT}_0 \otimes \text{BCFT}_{aux}$, where BCFT_{aux} has c=0 and contains free boson Ywith Dirichlet b.c. One can then compute Ellwood invariant with $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{\alpha} = c\bar{c}V^{\alpha}e^{2i\sqrt{1-h}Y}w$ Trick inspired by Kawano, Kishimoto

and Takahashi (2008)

Generalized Ellwood invariants

Since $|B_{\Psi}\rangle^{CFT_0 \otimes CFT_{aux}} = |B_{\Psi}\rangle^{CFT_0} \otimes |B_0\rangle^{CFT_{aux}}$ we find That the lift leads to the factorization is our little assumption !

$$\left\langle c\bar{c}V^{\alpha} | c_{0}^{-} | B_{\Psi} \right\rangle = -4\pi i \left\langle E[\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{\alpha}] | \tilde{\Psi} - \tilde{\Psi}_{TV} \right\rangle$$

This is gauge invariant even w.r.t. the gauge symmetry of the original OSFT based on BCFT₀

Lift \circ (Gauge Transf)_{Λ} = (Gauge Transf)_{Lift(Λ)} \circ Lift

Boundary state from Ellwood invariants

The coefficients of the boundary state

$$\begin{split} |B_{\Psi}\rangle &= \sum_{\alpha} n_{\Psi}^{\alpha} ||V_{\alpha}\rangle\rangle\\ \text{can be computed from OSFT solution via}\\ n_{\Psi}^{\alpha} &= 2\pi i \langle I | \mathcal{V}^{\alpha}(i) | \Psi - \Psi_{\text{TV}} \rangle^{\text{BCFT}_{0} \otimes \text{BCFT}_{\text{aux}}}\\ \mathcal{V}^{\alpha} &= c \bar{c} V^{\alpha} e^{2i\sqrt{1-h_{\alpha}}Y} w \end{split}$$

See: Kudrna, Maccaferri, M.S. (2012) Alternative attempt: Kiermaier, Okawa, Zwiebach (2008)

Tachyon condensation on the σ-brane

- The computation proceeds along the similar line as for (Moeller, Sen, Zwiebach)
- String field truncated to level 2: $|\psi\rangle = tc_1|0\rangle + ac_1|\epsilon\rangle + uc_{-1}|0\rangle + vc_1L_{-2}^I|0\rangle + wc_1L_{-2}^R|0\rangle$
- The action is

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}(t,a,u,v,w) &= -\frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{1}{4}a^2 - \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{1}{8}v^2 + \frac{51}{8}w^2 + \frac{27}{64}va^2 - \frac{255}{64}wa^2 + \frac{11}{16}ua^2 + \\ &- \frac{165\sqrt{3}}{3456}tuv - \frac{8415\sqrt{3}}{3456}tuw + \frac{1049\sqrt{3}}{9216}tv^2 + \frac{256423563\sqrt{3}}{746496}tw^2 + \frac{66\sqrt{3}}{128}ut^2 - \\ &- \frac{15\sqrt{3}}{256}vt^2 - \frac{765\sqrt{3}}{256}wt^2 + \frac{19\sqrt{3}}{192}tu^2 + \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{64}t^3 + \frac{425\sqrt{3}}{1536}tvw + \frac{27}{16}ta^2. \end{split}$$

Tachyon condensation on the σ -brane

- Going to higher levels, we should properly take care of the Ising model null-states
- It turns out that we can effectively remove them by considering only Virasoro generators:
 - in the Verma module of 1:
 - $L_{-2}, L_{-3}, L_{-4}, L_{-5}, L_{-11}, L_{-12}, L_{-13}, L_{-14}, L_{-18}, L_{-19}, L_{-20}, L_{-21}, \dots$
 - in the Verma module of ε :

 $L_{-1}, L_{-4}, L_{-6}, L_{-7}, L_{-9}, L_{-10}, L_{-12}, L_{-15}, L_{-17}, L_{-20}, L_{-20}, L_{-22}, \dots$ The patterns repeats modulo 16!

- Had we needed Verma module of σ only, L_{odd} would be needed!

Tachyon condensation on the σ -brane

 Already in the lowest truncation levels we see two solution corresponding to 1- and ɛ-branes

Level	0.5	2.0	2.5
$2\pi^2 \mathcal{V}(\psi)$	-0.16971	-0.24579	-0.26454
Percentage	57.9~%	83.9~%	90.3~%
$c_1 0\rangle$	0.14815	0.20553	0.21454
$c_1 \epsilon\rangle$	± 0.24348	± 0.27818	± 0.29230
$c_{-1} 0\rangle$		0.07382	0.07305
$c_1 L_{-2}^I 0\rangle$		-0.09006	-0.10418
$c_1 L_{-2}^R 0\rangle$		0.02750	0.02643
$c_{-1} \epsilon\rangle$			± 0.02764
$c_1 L_{-2}^I \epsilon\rangle$			± 0.02178
$c_1 L_{-2}^R \epsilon\rangle$			± 0.00915

Level	$2\pi^2 \mathcal{V}(\psi)$	$n_{\psi}^{1\!\!1}$	n_{ψ}^{ϵ}	n_ψ^σ
1	-0.169718	0.767289	-0.767289	0.643203
2	-0.250828	0.733703	0.893387	0.739416
3	-0.261047	0.725226	0.945626	0.76589
4	-0.273442	0.722133	0.487621	0.778236
5	-0.276177	0.719333	0.500237	0.796483
6	-0.280671	0.715848	0.721123	0.801822
7	-0.281747	0.714764	0.730309	0.80727
8	-0.284039	0.714011	0.629844	0.810113
9	-0.284577	0.713460	0.631591	0.814922
10	-0.285964	0.712159	0.704802	0.816787
∞	-0.294334	0.705668	0.700167	0.839425
Expected	-0.292893	0.707106	0.707106	0.840896

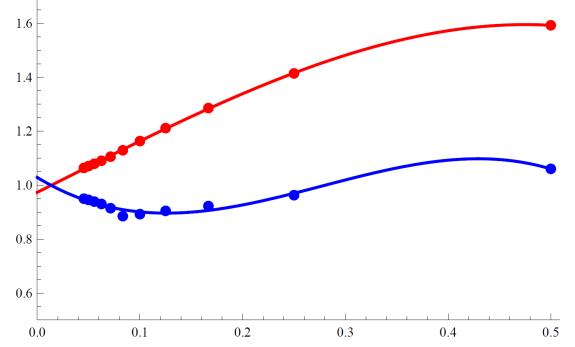
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- Yes !

 Starting with a complex solution at level 2 we find a real solution at level 14 and higher!

L	Energy	n_{ψ}^1	n_{ψ}^{ε}	n_{ψ}^{σ}	$\mathrm{Im/Re}$	Its.	Time(s)
2	1.59267 + 0.726878i	1.06048 - 0.184547i	-9.73471 - 5.23904i	-0.343579 - 0.970819i	0.788398	3	0
4	1.41414 + 0.201521i	0.962899 - 0.142672i	-0.66854 + 1.99191i	-0.369755 - 0.564227i	0.438384	6	0
6	1.28579 + 0.0766818i	0.922618 - 0.113783i	-3.86207 - 0.373757i	-0.389334 - 0.394362i	0.307463	5	0
8	1.2116 + 0.0305389i	0.904803 - 0.0868545i	-0.575138 + 0.822662i	-0.372165 - 0.281935i	0.221002	5	0
10	1.16345 + 0.0100715i	0.892563 - 0.0617353i	-2.48552 + 0.00261068i	-0.376292 - 0.192323i	0.152223	5	2
12	1.12943 + 0.00122565i	0.885097 - 0.0310941i	-0.569512 + 0.245609i	-0.368913 - 0.0939861i	0.0748655	6	8
14	1.10568	0.914693	-1.93951	-0.266065	0	9	92
16	1.09045	0.930444	-0.950873	-0.206326	0	5	326
18	1.07936	0.939178	-1.69824	-0.174965	0	5	4037
20	1.07084	0.945384	-1.04849	-0.15003	0	5	33258
22	1.06405	0.949943	-1.55407	-0.13398	0	4	230589

 Cubic extrapolations of energy and Ellwood invariant (boundary entropy) to infinite level



Boundary states in (Ising)² from OSFT

In (Ising)² we have focused so far on the tachyon condensation of the σ⊗σ –brane. To lowest level the string field takes the form

$$|\psi\rangle = tc_1|0\rangle + ac_1|\epsilon^{(1)}\rangle + bc_1|\epsilon^{(2)}\rangle + cc_1|\epsilon^{(1)}\epsilon^{(2)}\rangle$$

and the action to this order cf. Longton & Karczmarek $-\frac{1}{2}t^{2} - \frac{1}{4}a^{2} - \frac{1}{4}b^{2} + \frac{1}{3}K^{3}t^{3} + \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}K^{3}a^{2}t + \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}K^{3}b^{2}t + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}abc + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}tc^{2}$

There are four interesting solutions :

$ B\rangle_{\psi}$	$ 1 angle\otimes 1 angle$	$ 1 angle\otimes \epsilon angle$	$ \epsilon angle\otimes 1 angle$	$ \epsilon\rangle\otimes \epsilon\rangle$
$c_1 0\rangle$	0.23926	0.23926	0.23926	0.23926
$c_1 \epsilon^{(1)}\rangle$	-0.16828	0.16828	-0.16828	0.16828
$c_1 \epsilon^{(2)}\rangle$	-0.16828	-0.16828	0.16828	0.16828
$c_1 \epsilon^{(1)} \epsilon^{(2)}\rangle$	-0.11836	0.11836	0.11836	-0.11836

Boundary states in (Ising)² from OSFT

■ For example the 1⊗1brane solution has the following invariants:

Level	$2\pi^2 \mathcal{V}(\psi)$	n_{ψ}^{11}	$n_{\psi}^{1\epsilon}$	$n_{\psi}^{\mathbf{l}\sigma}$	$n_{\psi}^{\epsilon \mathbb{1}}$	$n_{\psi}^{\epsilon\epsilon}$	$n_{\psi}^{\epsilon\sigma}$	$n_{\psi}^{\sigma \mathbb{1}}$	$n_{\psi}^{\sigma\epsilon}$	$n_{\psi}^{\sigma\sigma}$
1.0	-0.28149	0.62417	-0.62417	0.44455	-0.62417	0.62417	-0.44455	0.44455	-0.44455	0.52585
2.0	-0.39683	0.58024	0.28858	0.48785	0.28858	-1.15741	-0.48785	0.48785	-0.48785	0.61593
2.5	-0.43040	0.54753	0.43339	0.53440	0.43339	-1.41439	0.71872	0.53440	0.71872	0.64164
3.0	-0.43544	0.54367	0.48059	0.53102	0.48059	-1.50484	0.74643	0.53103	0.74643	0.62219
4.0	-0.45553	0.53344	0.26231	0.53601	0.26231	1.54248	0.81851	0.53601	0.81851	0.63243
4.5	-0.46222	0.52735	0.27837	0.55040	0.27837	1.74282	0.29745	0.55040	0.29745	0.63174
5.0	-0.47130	0.52629	0.28106	0.54984	0.28106	1.80851	0.29662	0.54984	0.29662	0.65732
6.0	-0.47130	0.51879	0.41792	0.55168	0.41792	-0.7563	0.29982	0.55168	0.29982	0.66158
6.5	-0.47397	0.51657	0.43234	0.55874	0.43234	-0.84041	0.60779	0.55874	0.60779	0.66244
7.0	-0.47397	0.51614	0.43788	0.55856	0.43788	-0.87424	0.61640	0.55856	0.61640	0.66078
8.0	-0.47476	0.51333	0.37867	0.55949	0.37867	1.25240	0.62768	0.55949	0.62768	0.66279
∞	-0.49473	0.49752	0.44967	0.58356	0.44967	0.50129	0.51098	0.58356	0.51098	0.72564
Expected	-0.5	0.5	0.5	0.59460	0.5	0.5	0.59460	0.59460	0.59460	0.70711

Comments on double branes

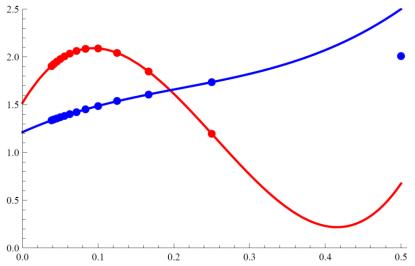
- Since we have developed quite an efficient code for solving e.o.m. in level truncation, it is natural to look for other solutions in the universal basis besides the tachyon vacuum.
- We start with a promising complex solution found easily at level 2 and improve it via the Newton's method to higher levels.

Comments on double branes

We found the following dependence on the level:

L	Energy	W
2	-1.42791 - 3.40442i	2.00934 - 0.0545341i
4	1.19625 - 2.25966i	1.73651 + 0.117637i
6	1.84813 - 1.58507i	1.60634 + 0.195442i
8	2.04207 - 1.14971i	1.53973 + 0.217911i
10	2.08908 - 0.866428i	1.48598 + 0.22801i
12	2.08515 - 0.674602i	1.4521 + 0.227059i
14	2.06302 - 0.53887i	1.42232 + 0.224184i
16	2.03499 - 0.439057i	1.40194 + 0.218266i
18	2.00593 - 0.363272i	1.38304 + 0.212332i
20	1.9778 - 0.304197i	1.36942 + 0.205378i
22	1.95135 - 0.257139i	1.35632 + 0.198765i
24	1.92679 - 0.218971i	1.34654 + 0.191784i
26	1.90411 - 0.187545i	1.33691 + 0.185169i

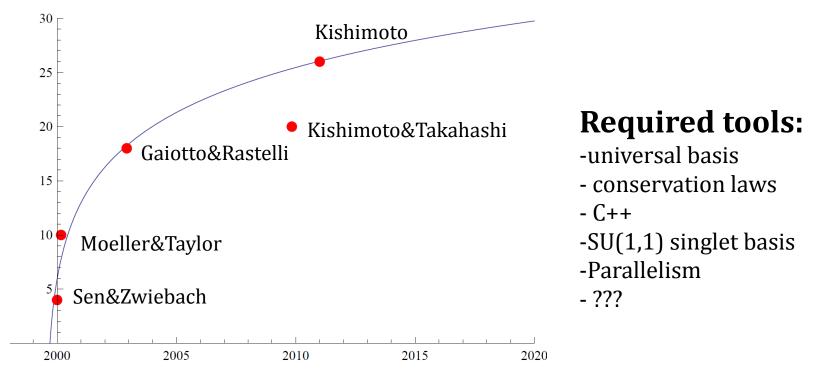
Real part of energy and W-invariant as a function of 1/L :



Should we dismiss the solution, or hope for a oscillation or a cusp at higher levels?

Future of level truncation

Hopefully soon level 30 should be reached



N.B.: Level 30 is interesting, as we should see the oscillation for the tachyon vacuum energy predicted by Gaiotto and Rastelli.

Conclusions

- High level numerical computations in OSFT have the potential to discover new boundary states (e.g. they could have predicted existence of fractional D-branes).
- The key tool for physical identification are the generalized Ellwood invariants.
- First well behaved positive energy solution discovered ! (describing σ-brane on a 1-brane, or perhaps double branes)
- We are coming to an era of possible computer exploration of the OSFT landscape – stay tuned!