

Z-infinite automorphic forms?

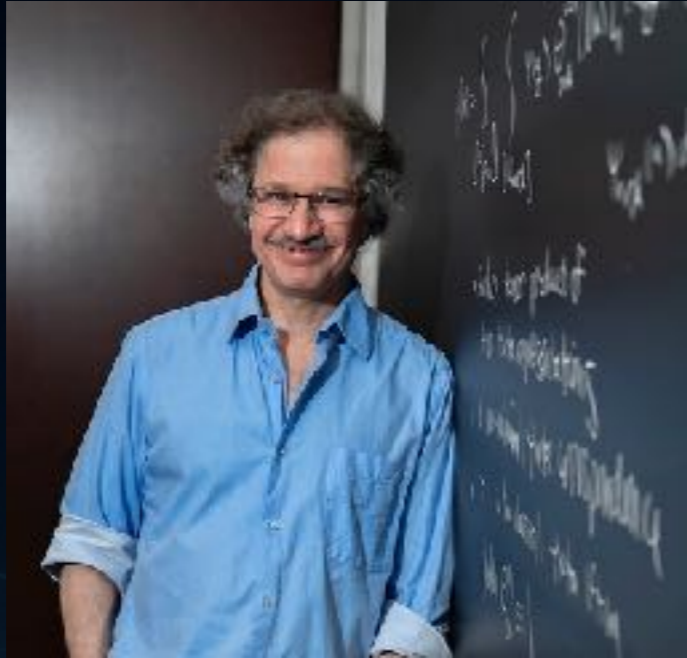
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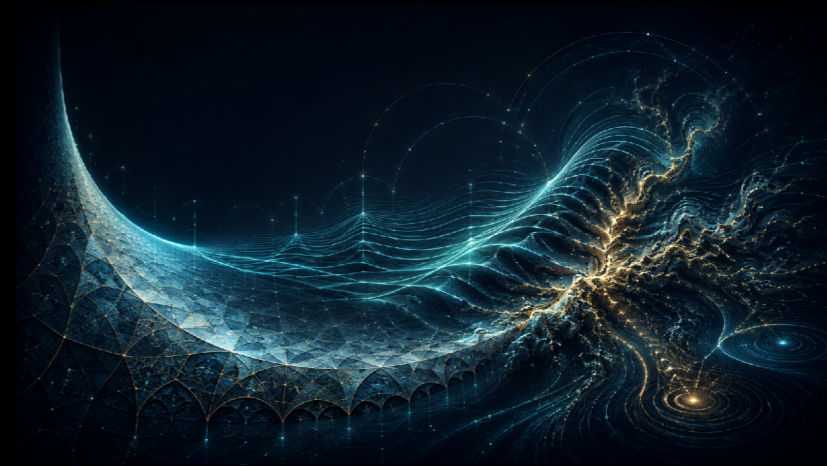


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Outline



1. Automorphic forms and representations

2. Motivation from amplitudes

3. Z -infinite automorphic forms?

2. Automorphic forms and representations

Data:

- ▶ $G(\mathbb{R})$ real simple Lie group (e.g. $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$)
- ▶ $G(\mathbb{Z}) \subset G$ arithmetic subgroup (e.g. $SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$)

Definition:

An **automorphic form** is a smooth function $\varphi : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying

1. Automorphy: $\forall \gamma \in G(\mathbb{Z}), \varphi(\gamma g) = \varphi(g)$
2. φ is an eigenfunction of the ring of inv. diff. operators on G
(\mathcal{Z} -finiteness)
3. φ has well-behaved growth conditions
4. K -finiteness

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→ converges absolutely for $\Re s > 1$

→ $\Delta_{\mathbb{H}} E_s = s(s-1)E_s$

Can be lifted to a
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universal
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Iwasawa decomposition: $G = BK = NAK$

$$A \sim \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ & 1 & * \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Adelic picture

$$G(\mathbb{A}) = G(\mathbb{R}) \times \prod'_{p < \infty} G(\mathbb{Q}_p)$$

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An *automorphic form* is a smooth function $\varphi: G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) *left $G(\mathbb{Q})$ -invariance*: $\varphi(\gamma g) = \varphi(g)$, $\gamma \in G(\mathbb{Q})$
- (2) *right K -finiteness*: $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \langle \varphi(gk) \mid k \in K_{\mathbb{A}} \rangle < \infty$
- (3) *$\mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}})$ -finiteness*: $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \langle X\varphi(g) \mid X \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}) \rangle < \infty$
- (4) *φ is of moderate growth*: for any norm $\|\cdot\|$ on $G(\mathbb{A})$ there exists a positive integer n and a constant C such that $|\varphi(g)| \leq C\|g\|^n$.

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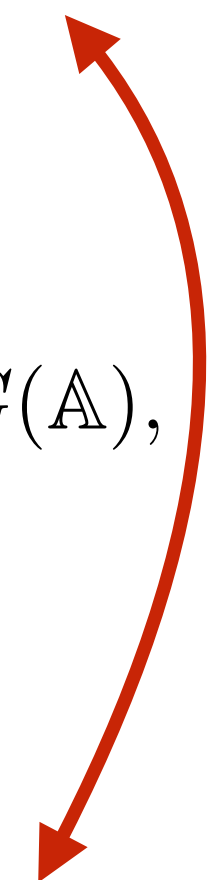
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With this preparation we arrive at:

Definition (automorphic representation)

A representation π of $G(\mathbb{A})$ is called an *automorphic representation* if it occurs as an irreducible constituent in the decomposition of $\mathcal{A}(G(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash G(\mathbb{A}))$ with respect to the simultaneous action by

$$(\mathfrak{g}_\infty, K_\infty) \times G(\mathbb{A}_f),$$

where K_∞ and $G(\mathbb{A}_f)$ act by right-translation and \mathfrak{g}_∞ by differential operators at the archimedean place.

I. Motivation from amplitudes

QFT amplitudes

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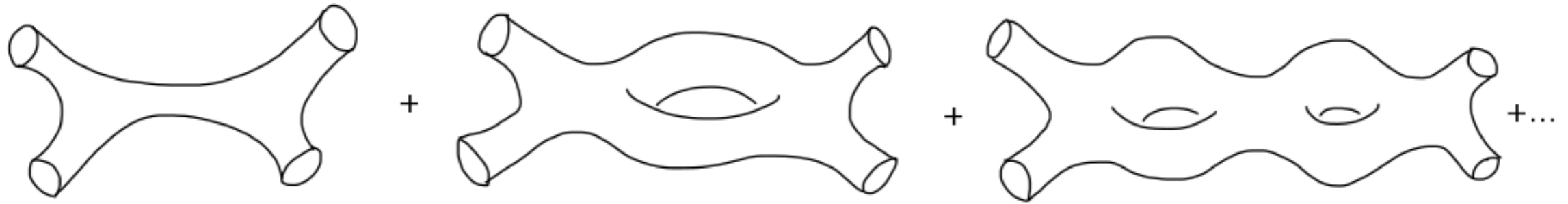


Perturbation theory: expand for small coupling g

$$\mathcal{A}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \sum_{n \geq 0} g^n \mathcal{A}_n(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) + \mathcal{A}^{\text{non-pert.}}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \sim e^{-1/g}$$

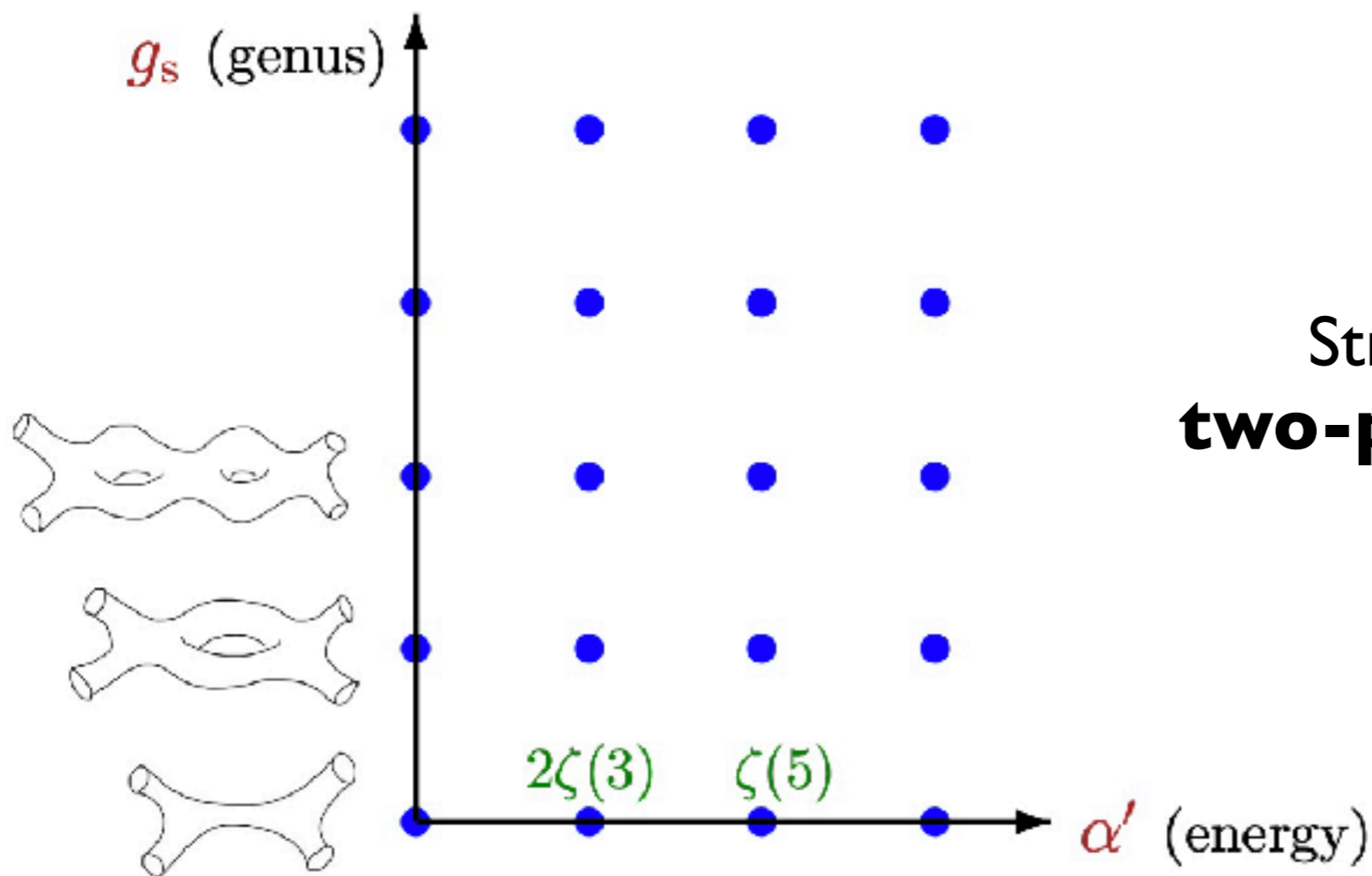
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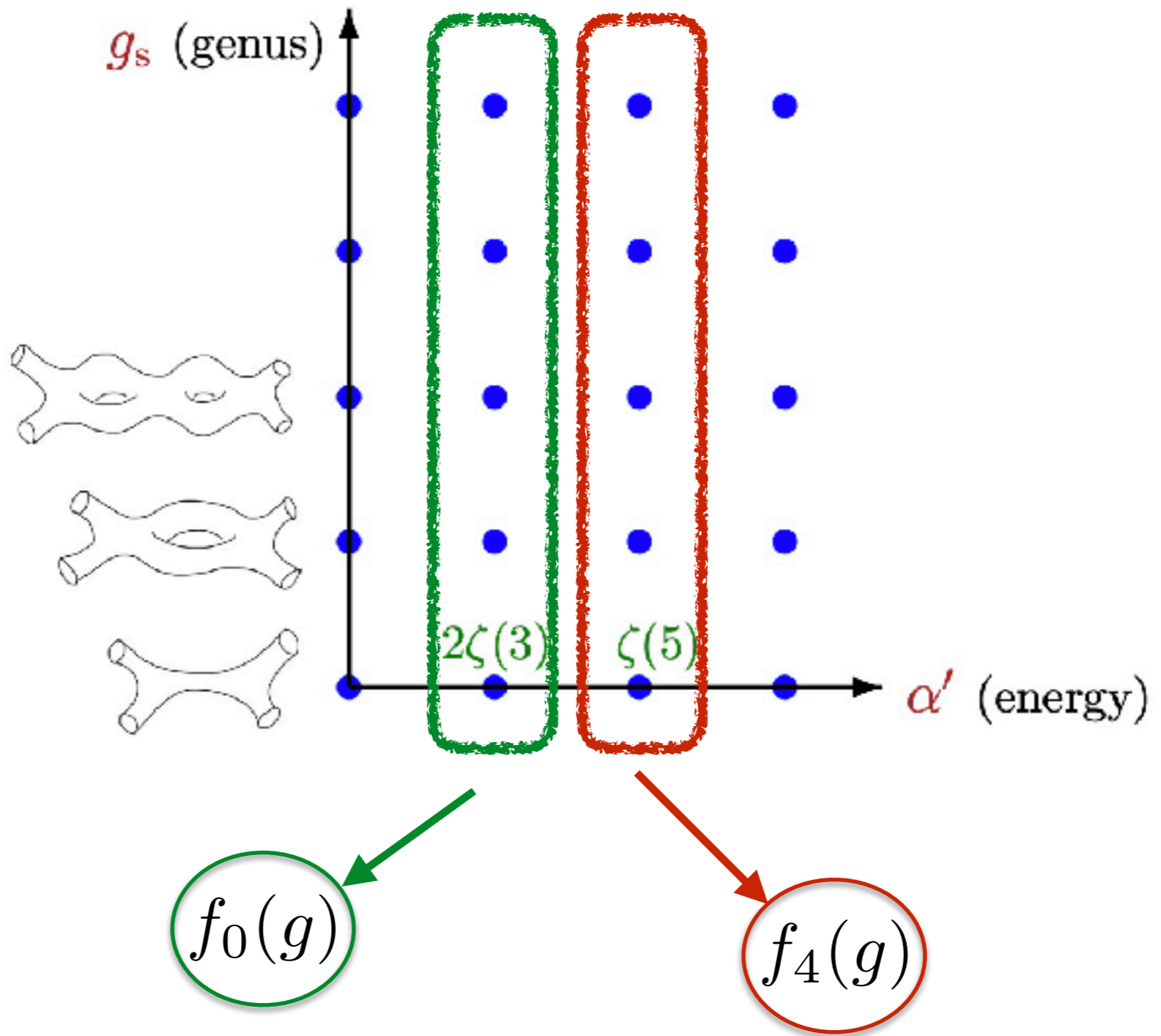


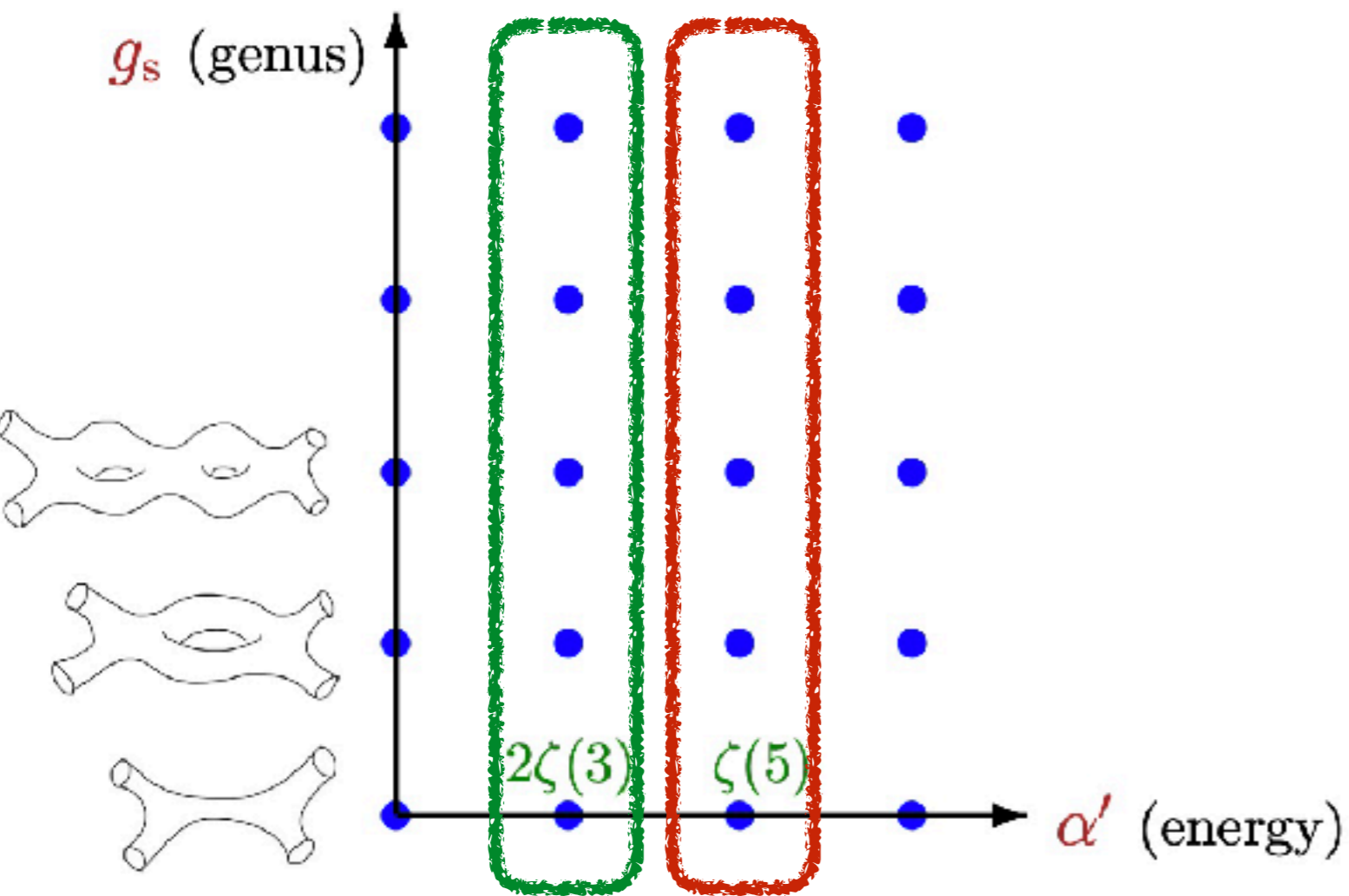
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String amplitudes have a **two-parameter expansion**



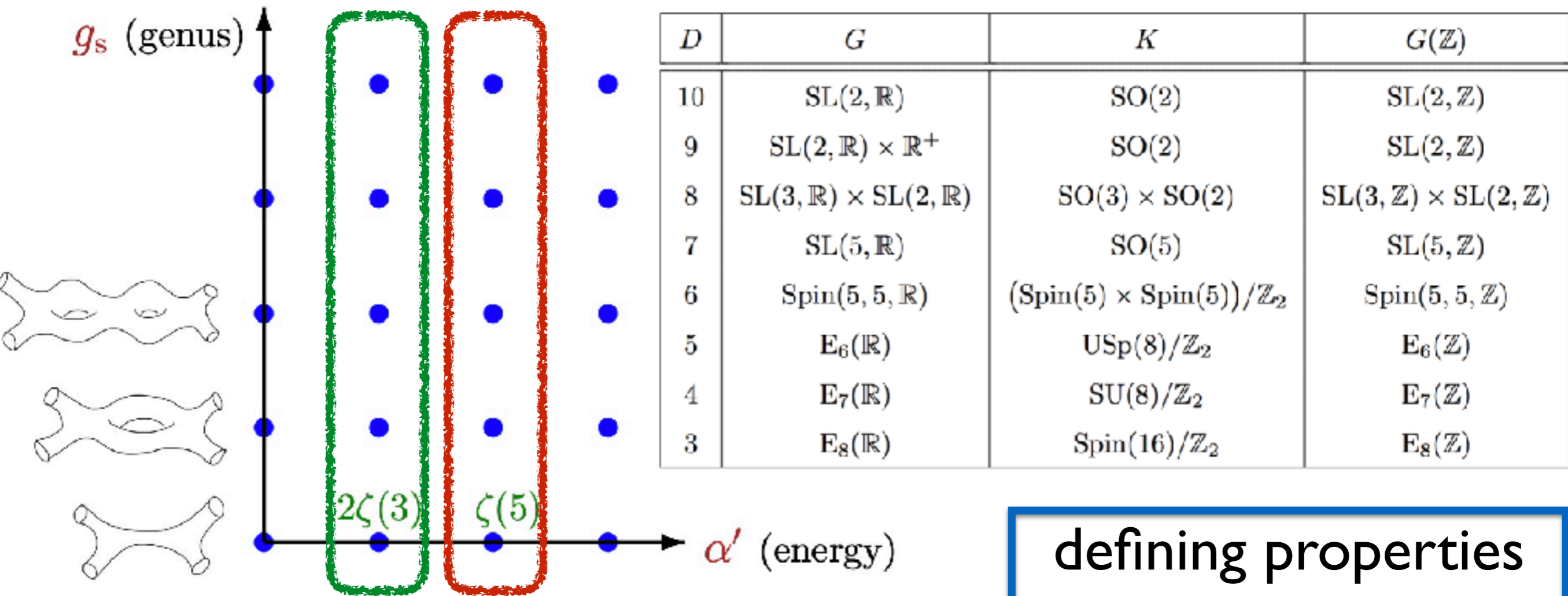


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These functions are Eisenstein series attached to **small automorphic representations** of G .

[Ginzburg, Rallis, Soudry][Green, Miller, Vanhove][Pioline]

minimal automorphic
representation

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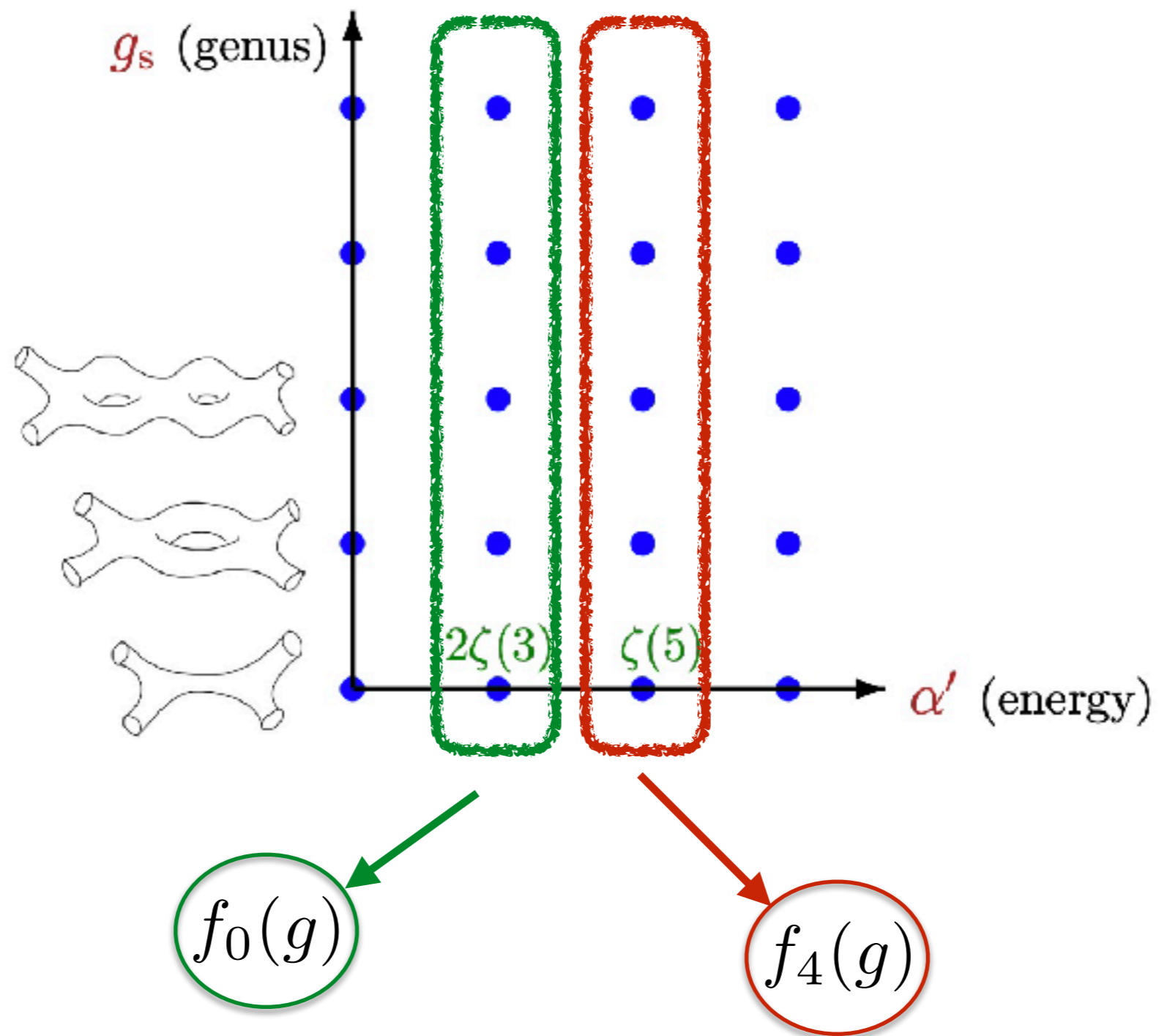
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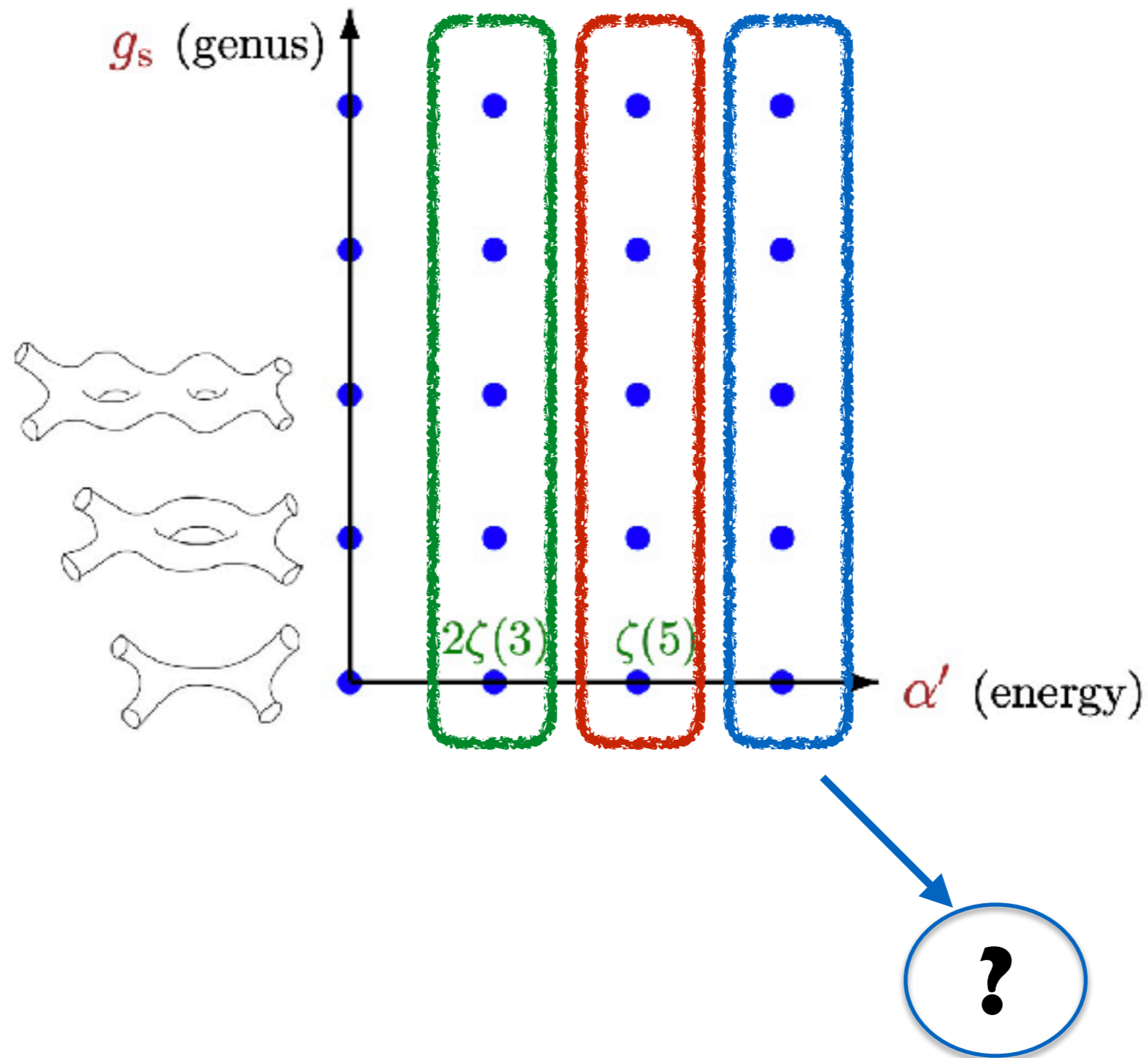
next-to-minimal automorphic
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π_{ntm}

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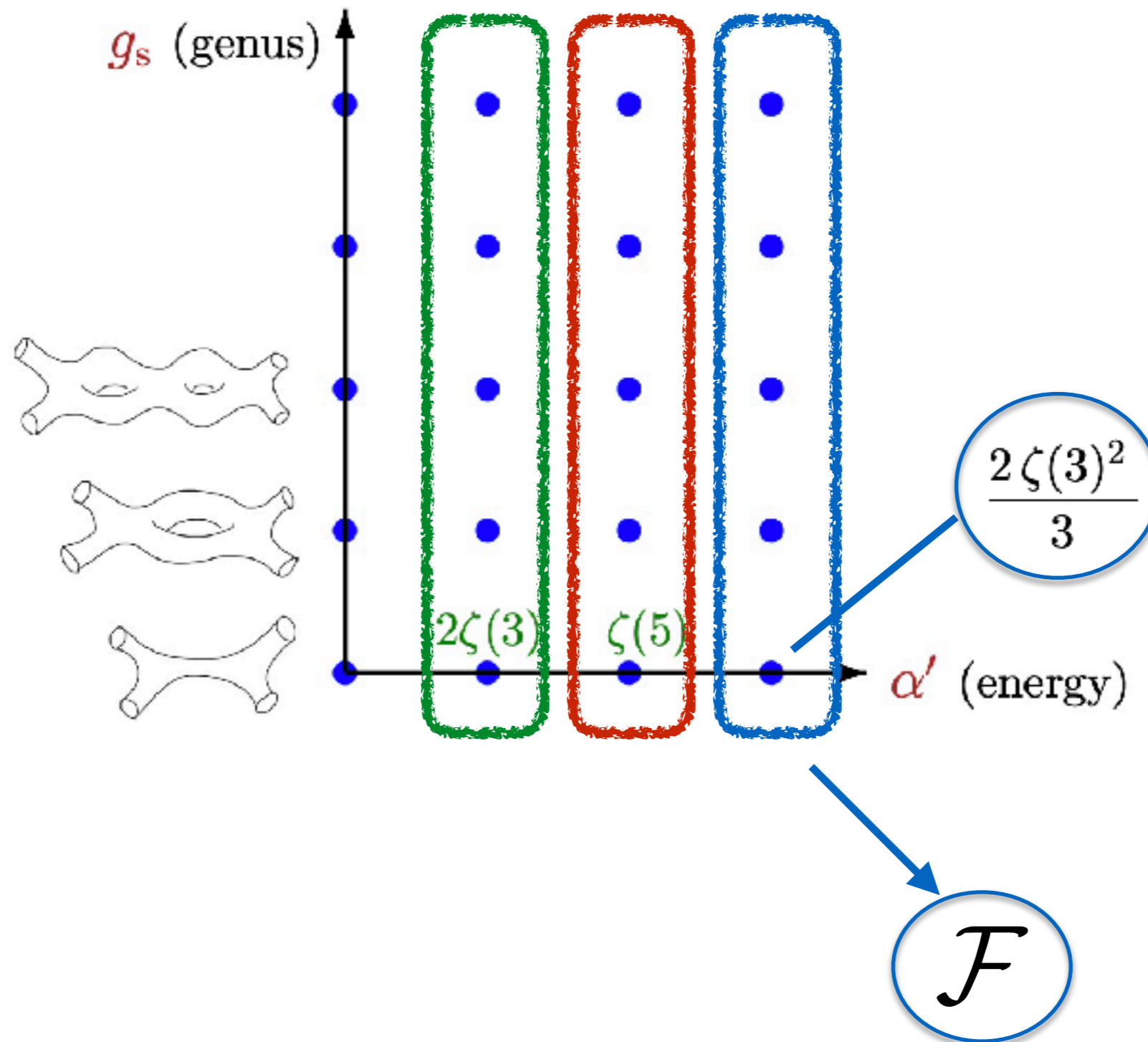
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[Green, Vanhove][Green, Miller, Vanhove][Fedosova, Klinger-Logan, Radchenko]

Where the RHS is the square of the $s=3/2$ Eisenstein series:

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Constant term:

$$\int_{N(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus N(\mathbb{R})} \mathcal{F}(ng) dn = \frac{2\zeta(3)^2}{3} y^3 + \frac{4\zeta(2)\zeta(3)}{3} y + \frac{4\zeta(4)}{y} + \frac{4\zeta(6)}{27y^3} + y^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-4\pi n y} + \dots$$

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- ➔ Poisson type equation with a source term
- ➔ The source \mathcal{S} is an automorphic form in the **minimal representation** of G
- ➔ Violates \mathcal{Z} -finiteness
- ➔ Still get a $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module! (But **not** a (\mathfrak{g}, K) -module)

But what kind of module is this?

Not an automorphic form in the strict sense

In progress w/ Bossard, Friedberg, Gourevitch, Kleinschmidt

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➔ $E_P(s)$ is the homogeneous solution (an Eisenstein series)

$$(\Delta_{G/K} - \lambda(s))E_P(s, g) = 0$$

➔ \mathcal{S} fixed so that $\lambda(s) = \lambda$

➔ We are working on a **multiplicity one result**, and a study of the **Fourier coefficients**

Outlook

- ➔ What about the finite places?
- ➔ Hecke algebra?
- ➔ Generalization of automorphic representation
- ➔ New L-functions?
- ➔ Non-abelian Fourier coefficients

The background is a complex digital composition. On the left, there's a grid of blue and gold lines forming a series of overlapping arches. To the right, a dense, swirling mass of blue and gold particles and lines creates a sense of motion and depth. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and bright golds against a black background.

Tack!