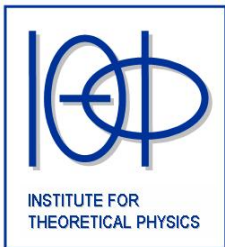


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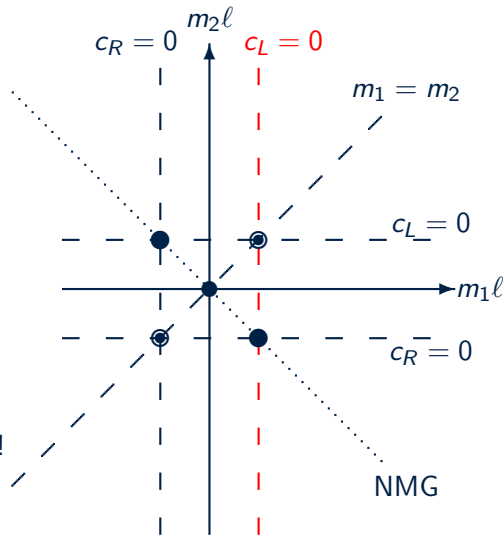
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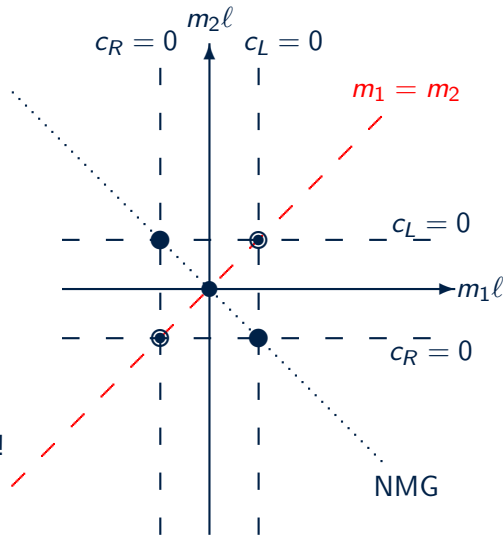
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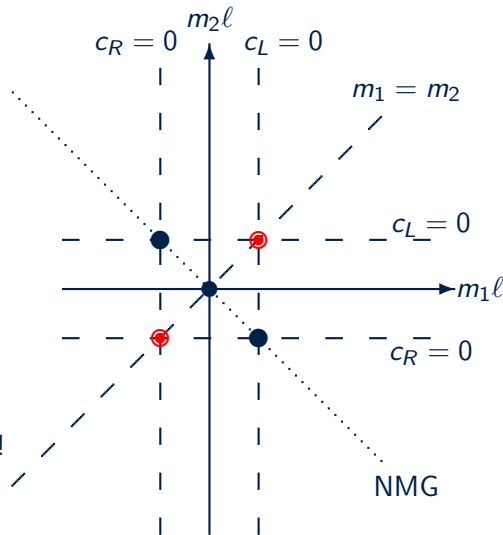
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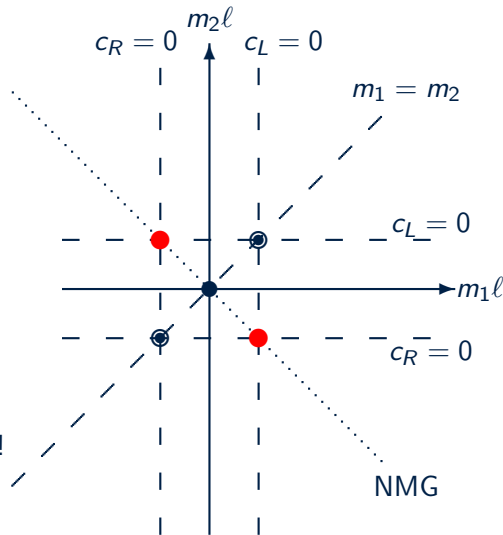
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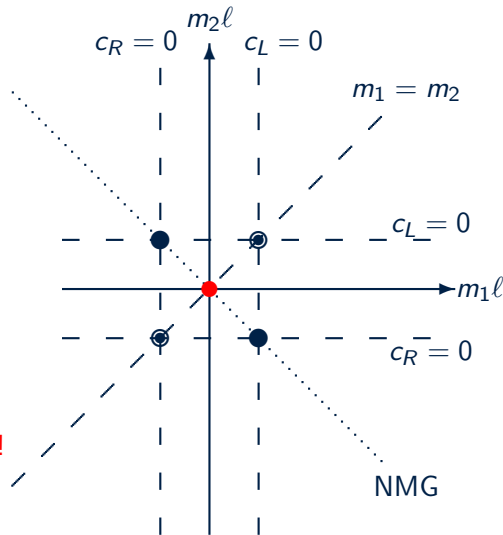
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$$K = R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{3}{8} R^2. \quad (4)$$

## Expressions for $\mathcal{D}$ and $m_{\pm}$

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## CFT – obtaining a logarithmic partner operator

Again we obtain the logarithmic operator  $\mathcal{O}^{\log}$  by considering the difference between  $\mathcal{O}^m$  and  $\mathcal{O}^L$ :

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