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A. (Extremely) Brief review
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$\hat{V}_j(z_j, k_j) \rightarrow$ Open string vertex operator.

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For the **SUPERSYMMETRIC** open string:

$$\begin{aligned}
A(1, 2, \dots, N) = & 2 \frac{g^{N-2}}{(2\alpha')^2} (x_{N-1} - x_1)(x_N - x_1) \times \\
& \int_0^{x_{N-1}} dx_{N-2} \int_0^{x_{N-2}} dx_{N-3} \dots \int_0^{x_3} dx_2 \times \\
& \times \int d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_{N-2} \prod_{i<j}^N (x_j - x_i - \theta_j \theta_i)^{2\alpha' k_i \cdot k_j} \times \\
& \int d\phi_1 \dots d\phi_N \times \\
& \exp \left(\sum_{i \neq j}^N \frac{(2\alpha')^1 (\theta_j - \theta_i) \phi_j (\zeta_j \cdot k_i) - 1/2 (2\alpha')^1 \phi_j \phi_i (\zeta_j \cdot \zeta_i)}{x_j - x_i - \theta_j \theta_i} \right)
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& + \left[\frac{\pi^2}{6} \zeta(3) st(s+t) - \zeta(5)(s^3 + 2s^2t + 2st^2 + t^3) \right] \alpha'^5 + \\
& + \left[\frac{1}{2} \zeta(3)^2 st(s+t)^2 - \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \frac{\pi^6}{15120} (16s^4 + 12s^3t + 23s^2t^2 + 12st^3 + 16t^4) \right] \alpha'^6 + \\
& \quad + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^7) .
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B. (Extremely) Brief review
of the low energy
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General Structure

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{g^2} \text{tr} \left[F^2 + (2\alpha') F^3 + (2\alpha')^2 F^4 + (2\alpha')^3 (F^5 + D^2 F^4) + (2\alpha')^4 (F^6 + D^2 F^5 + D^4 F^4) + \mathcal{O}((2\alpha')^4) \right]$$

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ii) Low energy effective lagrangian at
 α'^3 order

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(3)} = \frac{(2\alpha')^3}{g^2}$$

$$\text{tr} \left[a_{10} F_{\mu}^{\nu} F_{\nu}^{\lambda} F_{\lambda}^{\rho} F_{\rho}^{\sigma} F_{\sigma}^{\mu} + a_{11} F_{\mu}^{\nu} F_{\nu}^{\lambda} F_{\lambda}^{\rho} F_{\sigma}^{\mu} F_{\rho}^{\sigma} + \right.$$

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→ 13 coefficients at α'^3 order

C. Basics of the S-matrix approach
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D. Our **revisited** S-matrix approach
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