

# Single particle operators in N=4 SYM and their correlation functions

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*work with James Drummond, Paul Heslop, Hynek Paul, Francesco Sanfilippo,  
Michele Santangata, Alistar Steward in [2007.09395]*

# INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATIONS

## $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

- > most symmetric theory in 4d
- > a lot of mathematical structure
- > a lot of integrable structure
- > quantum gravity

*arXiv:1012.3982 ; arXiv.1212.5605  
many more reviews...*

scattering amplitude  
correlators at weak coupling  
one-loop dilatation operators

*SuperStrings on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$   
of radius  $L$*      $\longleftrightarrow$      *$SU(N)$   $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM in 4d*  
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*Maldacena '90*

strong coupling through the bootstrap

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*Single particles  
(KK modes)*

*Half-BPS*

$$\varphi_p \longleftrightarrow T_p + \frac{1}{N} \sum T_{p_1} T_{p_2} + \dots$$

Witten,

van Nieuwenhuizen et al.

$N = \infty$

[hep-th/9806074](#) Minwalla, Seiberg Rangamani

[hep-th/9908160](#) D'Hoker, Freedman, Mathur...Rastelli

[hep-th/0003038](#) Arutyunov, Frolov

## THE PLAN

GIVE A DEFINITION OF SINGLE PARTICLE OPERATORS  
DIRECTLY IN N=4 SYM,  
THEREFORE BYPASSING THE GRAVITY COMPUTATION  
AND STUDY ITS CORRELATORS

*FA, James Drummond, Paul Heslop, Hynek Paulin [1802.06889]  
more recently -> [2007.09395]*

*let me remind you first about traces and notation...*

# Trace basis for half-BPS operators

$$T_p(x) = \text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{\phi(x) \dots \phi(x)}_{p \text{ times}} \right] \quad \phi(X, Y) = Y^R \phi_R(X)$$

consider all possible products of traces

$$T_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_m}(x) = T_{p_1}(x) T_{p_2}(x) \dots T_{p_m}(x)$$

( $\equiv T_{\underline{p}}$ )

Wick contractions

$$\left\langle \phi_r^s(X_1, Y_1) \phi_t^u(X_2, Y_2) \right\rangle = \underbrace{\frac{Y_1 \cdot Y_2}{(X_1 - X_2)^2}}_{\equiv g_{12}} \times \begin{cases} \delta_r^u \delta_t^s & U(N) \\ \delta_r^u \delta_t^s - \frac{1}{N} \delta_r^s \delta_t^u & SU(N) \end{cases}$$

\*there cannot be self-contractions on the same point

$$g_{ij} = \text{Diagram showing two black circles connected by a horizontal line}$$

diagrammatic notation:  
correlator = sum over prop. structures

for example....

$$\langle T_2(x_1)T_2(x_2)T_4(x_3)T_4(x_4) \rangle =$$

$$\frac{8(N^2 - 1)^2(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2} \left( \text{Diagram: Two vertical lines with a double line connecting them} \right) + \frac{32(N^2 - 1)(2N^2 - 3)^2}{N^2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on all four sides} \\ \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on top and bottom} \end{array} \right) + \frac{192(N^2 - 1)(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on top and bottom, plus a cross line} \\ \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on top and bottom, plus a diagonal line} \end{array} \right) + \frac{64(N^2 - 1)(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on top and bottom, plus a cross line} \\ \text{Diagram: Four points in a rectangle with double lines on top and bottom, plus a diagonal line} \end{array} \right)$$

...beyond the planar limit

Trace basis is degenerate

$$T_p \quad ; \quad T_{p_1} T_{p_2} \Big|_{p_1 + p_2 = p} \quad ; \quad \dots$$

There are trace relations for  $T_{p>N}$

The gravity picture is actually nicer

KK modes have a notion of orthogonality

Exclusion principle in  $\text{AdS}_5 \times \text{S}^5$ : A graviton with large angular momentum pops into a D3 brane wrapping an  $\text{S}^3 \rightarrow$  it will have maximal radius! and cut-off with N

Since the AdS/CFT is non perturbative we would like to understand which basis is the one dual to KK modes

There is a simple solution\* !!

$$\text{Single particles operator} \equiv \left\{ \mathcal{O} : \left\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x_1) T_{q_1, \dots q_n}(x_2) \right\rangle = 0 \right\}$$

(in turn single particle are orthogonal to multiparticles)

for illustration:

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = T_4 - \frac{(2N^2 - 3)}{N(N^2 + 1)} T_{22} + \frac{10}{N^2 + 1} T_{211} - \frac{4}{N} T_{13} - \frac{5}{N(N^2 + 1)} T_{1111}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = T_5 - \frac{5(N^2 - 2)}{N(N^2 + 5)} T_{32} + \frac{15(N^2 - 2)}{N^2(N^2 + 5)} T_{221} + \dots$$

\* Of course this agrees, in the large  $N$  limit, with the subleading corrections of [1806.09200]

\*Orthogonality was long appreciated in  $\text{AdS}_3 \times S_3$  e.g. Marika Taylor hep-th/0003075

BACK TO THE PLAN

What I will tell about the SP basis:

We have three ways of writing the SP operators

- on the trace basis
- on the Schur basis
- on the eigenvalue basis

We know the 2pt function normalisation

We know that SP interpolate between T and giant gravitons

We can prove a multi-point orthogonality theorem

We understand ME, NME correlators, well

# SP operators, from scratch

partitions of p

$$\mathcal{O}_p(x) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_p} \det \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_1|\lambda_1} & \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_2|\lambda_1} & \dots & \mathcal{C}_{p|\lambda_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_1|\lambda_{P-1}} & \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_2|\lambda_{P-1}} & \dots & \mathcal{C}_{p|\lambda_{P-1}} \\ \hline T_{\lambda_1}(x) & T_{\lambda_2}(x) & \dots & T_p(x) \end{array} \right)$$

$\{\lambda_i = q_1 \dots q_n\}_{i=1,\dots,P}$   
 $\lambda_P \equiv \{p\}$

from GS orthogonalisation w.r.t. the metric induced  
by the 2pt function

$$\mathcal{N}_p = \det (\mathcal{C}_{\lambda_i \lambda_j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq P-1} \quad ; \quad \langle T_{\lambda_i}(x_1) T_{\lambda_j}(x_2) \rangle = g_{12}^p \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_i \lambda_j}$$

example:

minors from the above det

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = T_4 - \frac{(2N^2 - 3)}{N(N^2 + 1)} T_{22} + \frac{10}{N^2 + 1} T_{211} - \frac{4}{N} T_{13} - \frac{5}{N(N^2 + 1)} T_{1111}$$

SP operators more concretely

$$\mathcal{O}_p(x) = \sum_{\{q_1, \dots, q_m\} \vdash p} C_{q_1, \dots, q_m} T_{q_1, \dots, q_m}(x)$$

T. W. Brown [[hep-th/0703202](#)]  
the dual of the trace basis

$$\langle \xi_{\lambda_I}[\phi] \cdot T_{\lambda_J} \rangle = \delta_{IJ}$$

$$C_{q_1, \dots, q_m} = \frac{|[\sigma_{q_1 \dots q_m}]|}{(p-1)!} \sum_{s \in \mathcal{P}(\{q_1, \dots, q_m\})} \frac{(-1)^{|s|+1} (N+1-p)_{p-\Sigma(s)} (N+p-\Sigma(s))_{\Sigma(s)}}{(N)_p - (N+1-p)_p}$$

power set, e.g.

$$\mathcal{P}(\{3, 2, 1\}) = \{\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{2, 1\}, \{3, 1\}, \{3, 2\}, \{3, 2, 1\}\}$$

given a subset “s” in the power set, then  $|s|$  is the cardinality and

$$\Sigma(s) = \sum_{s_i \in s} s_i \quad \text{finally} \quad |[\sigma_{q_1 \dots q_m}]| \quad \text{is the size of conj. class}$$

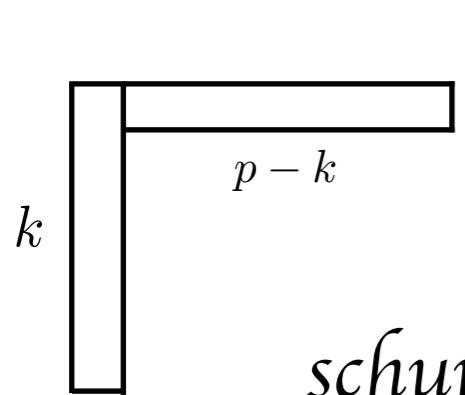
...about the notation

# SP operators more concretely

$$\mathcal{O}_p = \sum_{k=1}^p d_k(p, N) E_{p,k}(z_i)$$

$$d_k(p, N) = (-1)^k \frac{(p-1)_k}{(N-k+1)_k} \frac{p}{1 - \frac{(N)_p}{(N-p+1)_p}}$$

*eigenvalue basis*



$$\mathcal{O}_p = \sum_{k=1}^p \tilde{d}_k(p, N) \chi_{R_k^p}[\phi]$$

$$\tilde{d}_k(p, N) = (-)^k \frac{(p-1)}{p+N} \frac{(N-k+p+1)_k}{(N-k+1)_k} \frac{p}{1 - \frac{(N)_p}{(N-p+1)_p}}$$

... comparing examples

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = \frac{2}{N^2} T_{111} - \frac{3}{N} T_{21} + T_3$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = \frac{(N-2)(N-1)}{N^2} E_{3,1} - \frac{3(N-2)}{N^2} E_{3,2} + \frac{12}{N^2} E_{3,3}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = \frac{(N-2)(N-1)}{N^2} \chi_{R_1^3} - \frac{(N-2)(N+2)}{N^2} \chi_{R_2^3} + \frac{(N+1)(N+2)}{N^2} \chi_{R_3^3}$$

## Immediate properties

1. SP operators in  $U(N)$  are SP operators in  $SU(N)$

$$\Pi : O[\phi] \rightarrow \hat{O}[\phi] \equiv O[\hat{\phi}(\phi)] \quad \hat{\phi}_r^s = \phi_r^s - \frac{1}{N} \delta_r^s \phi_t^t ,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_p^{U(N)}[\phi] = \hat{\mathcal{O}}_p^{SU(N)}[\hat{\phi}] \quad p \geq 2$$

2. two point function normalisation from dual basis construction

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x_1) \mathcal{O}_p(x_2) \rangle = g_{12}^p \times p^2(p-1) \left[ \frac{1}{(N-p+1)_{p-1}} - \frac{1}{(N+1)_{p-1}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{p}{N^{p-2}} \times \prod_{r=1}^{p-1} (N^2 - r^2) \times \left( 1 + \frac{\#}{N^2} + \dots \right)$$

normalisation analytic in  $N$  and  $p$ , it vanishes when  $p > N$

for  $p > N$  all operators are indeed multitrace! single trace not indp.

# SP interpolate btw Traces and D3 branes

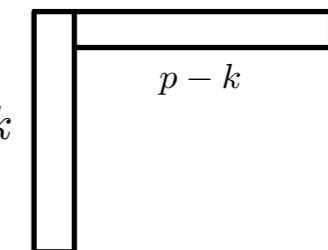
if  $N$  is large, and  $p$  is small  $SP \sim$  single trace

$$\mathcal{O}_p \rightarrow T_p + \text{"}\frac{1}{N}\text{"} \quad p \ll N$$

if  $N$  is large, and  $p \sim N$  then  $SP$  is very different from  $T$   
in fact I just showed you that  $SP = 0$  for  $p > N$

$$\mathcal{O}_p \rightarrow (-)^{p+1} p \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p}{N}} \right)^{N-p+1} E_{p,p} \quad ; \quad p, N \gg 1 \text{ and } p - N \text{ fixed}$$

$$E_{p,p} = z_1 \dots z_p + \dots = \chi_{R_p^p}$$



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$$\mathcal{O}_p = \sum_{k=1}^p d_k(p, N) E_{p,k}(z_i)$$

there is an infinite sum but compared to the leading term the other are exponentially suppressed by Gamma factors

SP interpolate btw Traces and giant D3 branes

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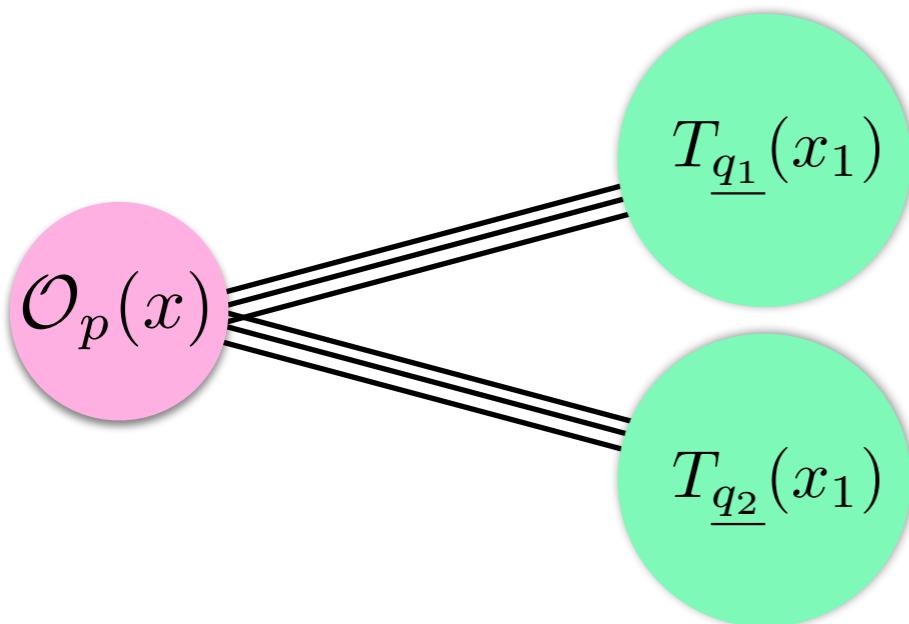
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The operator identified as the dual of the giant D3 brane

# MULTI-POINT ORTHOGONALITY

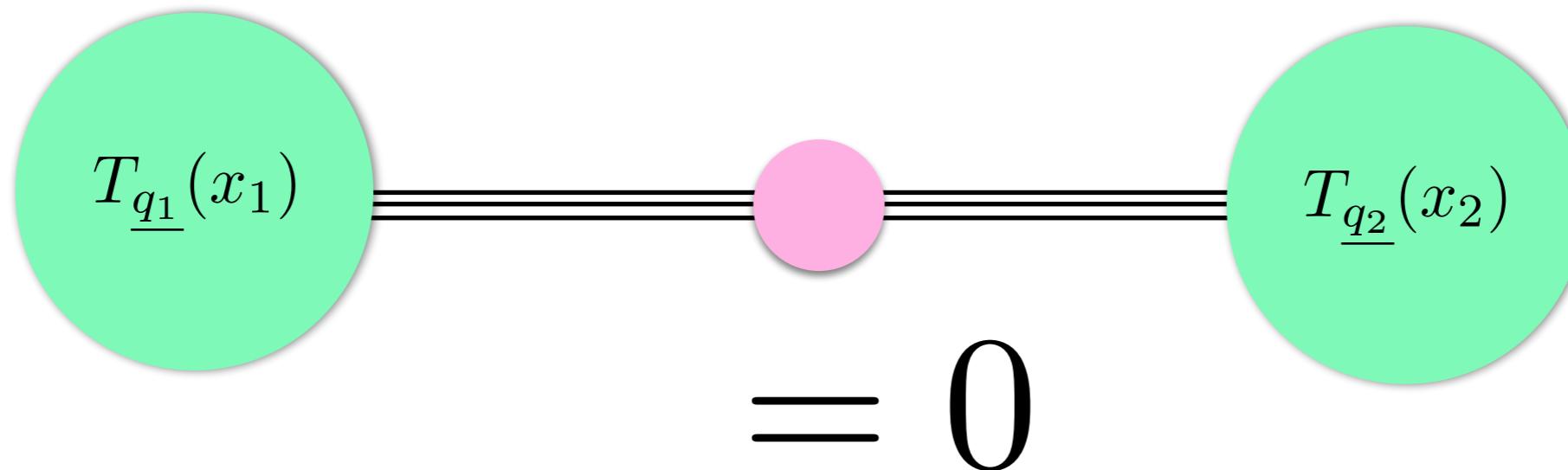
## Extremal Three-point functions vanish



$$p = q_1 + q_2$$

The color factor of this two point function vanishes by definition/construction

by moving one multi-trace on a fictitious point we get

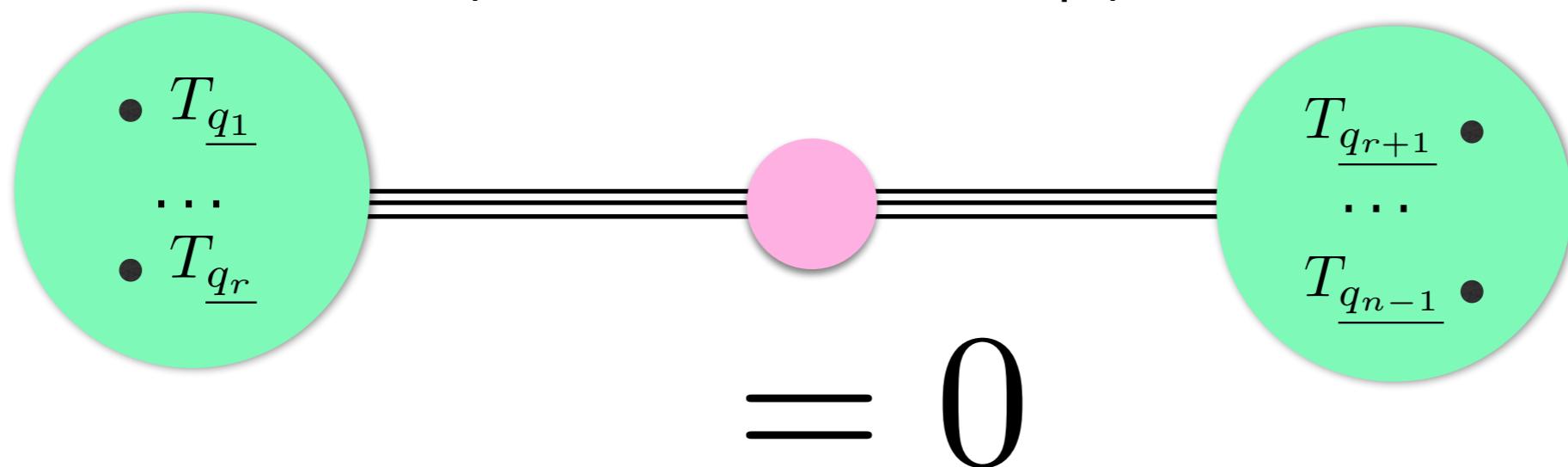


## Multi-point orthogonality

Theorem: Any propagator structure with a SP operator insertion that is connected to two sub-diagrams, themselves disconnected from each other, has vanishing color factor

$$\mathcal{F}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}}(x, x_1 \dots x_{n-1}) = \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) T_{\underline{q_1}}(x_1) \dots T_{\underline{q_{n-1}}}(x_{n-1}) \rangle$$

(a dumbbell shape)



... some intuition from combinatorics

$$\mathcal{F}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}}(x, x_1 \dots x_{n-1}) = \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) T_{\underline{q_1}}(x_1) \dots T_{\underline{q_{n-1}}}(x_{n-1}) \rangle$$

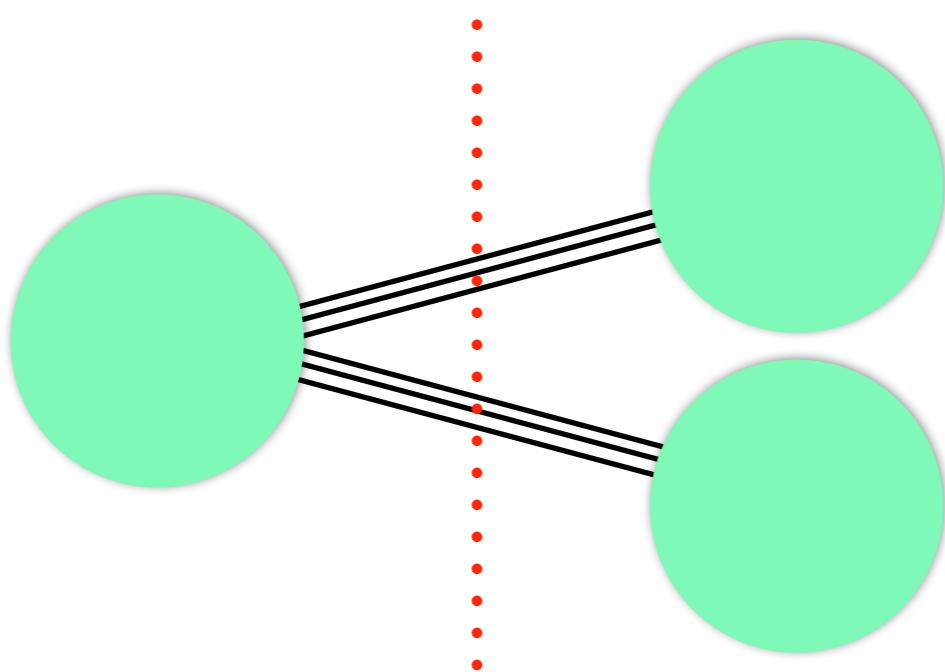
becomes the following determinant

$$\frac{1}{N_p} \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_1|\lambda_1} & \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_2|\lambda_1} & \cdots & \mathcal{C}_{p|\lambda_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_1|\lambda_{P-1}} & \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_2|\lambda_{P-1}} & \cdots & \mathcal{C}_{p|\lambda_{P-1}} \\ \hline \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_1|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} & \mathcal{C}_{\lambda_2|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} & \cdots & \mathcal{C}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} \end{pmatrix}$$

where

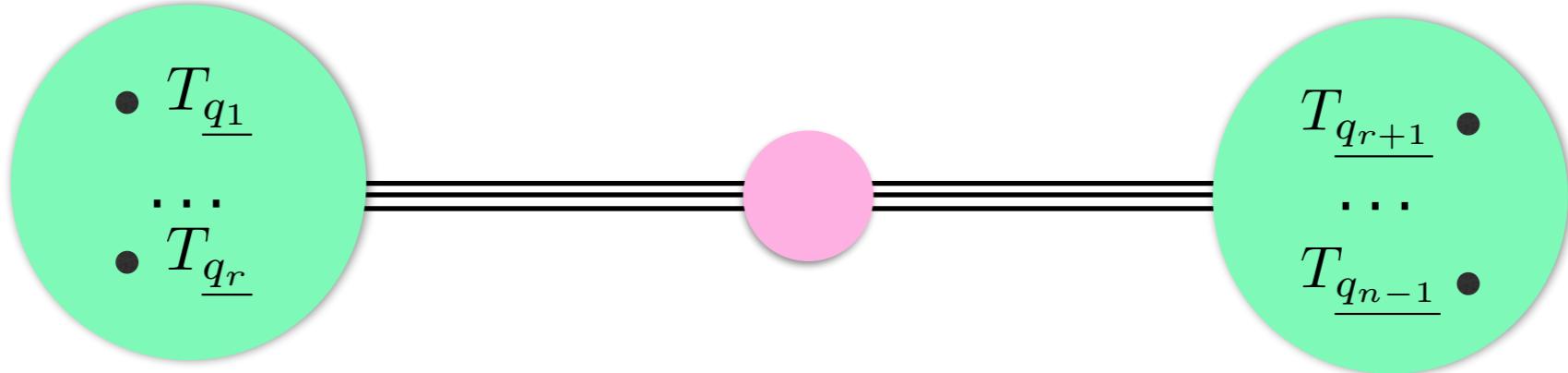
$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda_i|\underline{q_1}, \dots, \underline{q_{n-1}}} \simeq \langle T_{\lambda_i}(x) T_{\underline{q_1}}(x_1) \dots T_{\underline{q_{n-1}}}(x_{n-1}) \rangle_{\mathcal{F}}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda_i|\lambda_j} \simeq \langle T_{\lambda_i} T_{\lambda_j} \rangle$$



$\lambda_i$  are partitions of p  
 $\lambda_P \equiv \{p\}$

! Topology is a dumbbell !



here there can be also contractions between traces on the same blob inserted at different point, and still have a dumbbell  $\rightarrow$  one parameter:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( -p + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i \right) = k \geq 0$$

it will follow a classification of correlators

prove that only  
dumbbell

1. near extremal n-pt correlators (NE)

$$k \leq n - 3$$

2. max extremal n-pt correlators (ME)

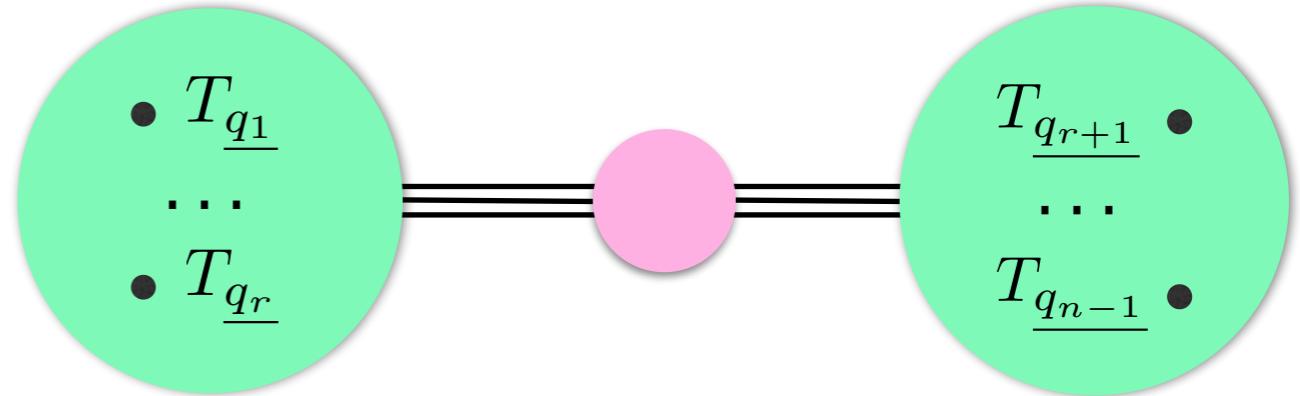
$$k = n - 2$$

3. next to max extremal n-pt correlators (NME)

$$k = n - 1$$

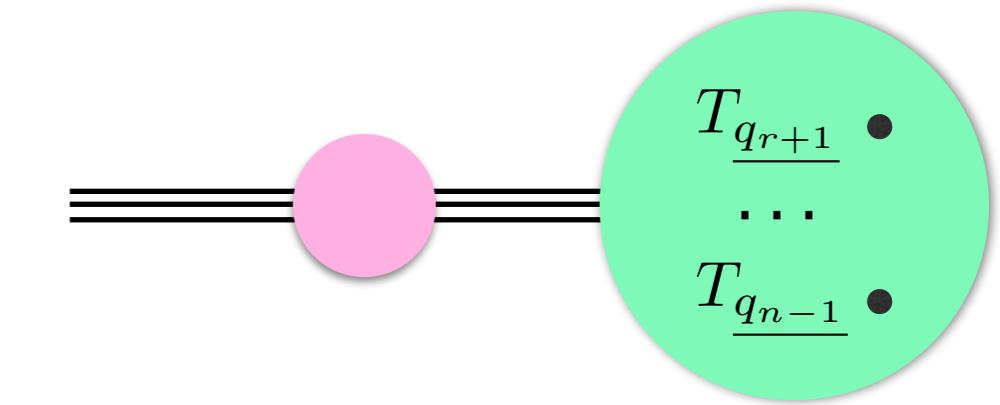
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# PROOF of MULTI-POINT ORTHOGONALITY



cut the starting point on the l.h.s.

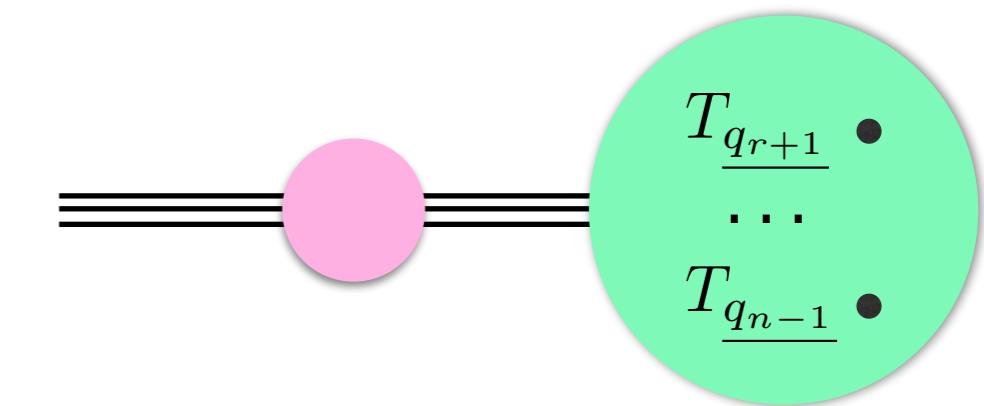
$$\prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R} \vdash R} C_{\underline{R}} T_{\underline{R}}(x) =$$



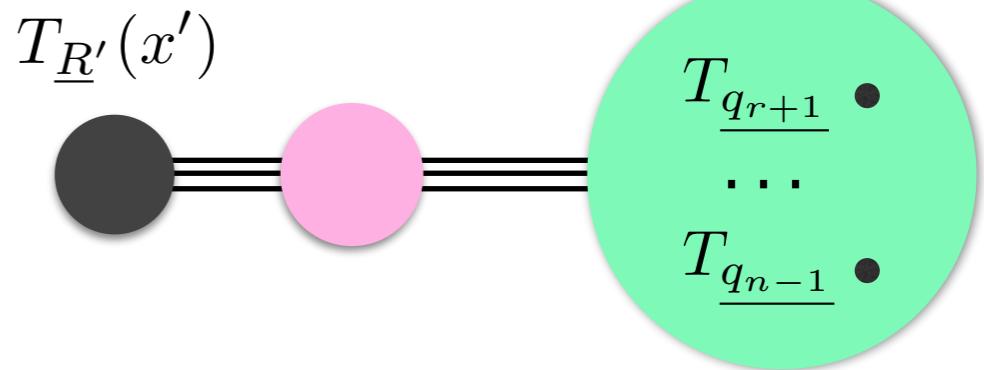
$$\mathcal{F}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} = \prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R} \vdash R} C_{\underline{R}}$$

We need to find the  $C_R$

$$\prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R} \vdash R}$$

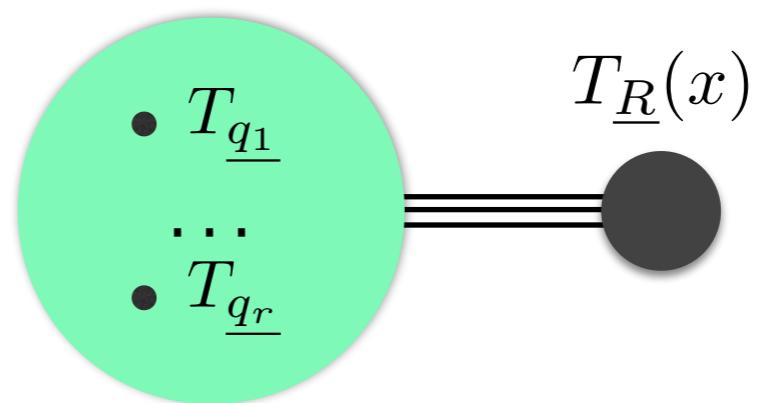


$$\prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R}', \underline{R} \vdash R} C_{\underline{R}} \langle T_{\underline{R}'}(x') T_{\underline{R}}(x) \rangle =$$

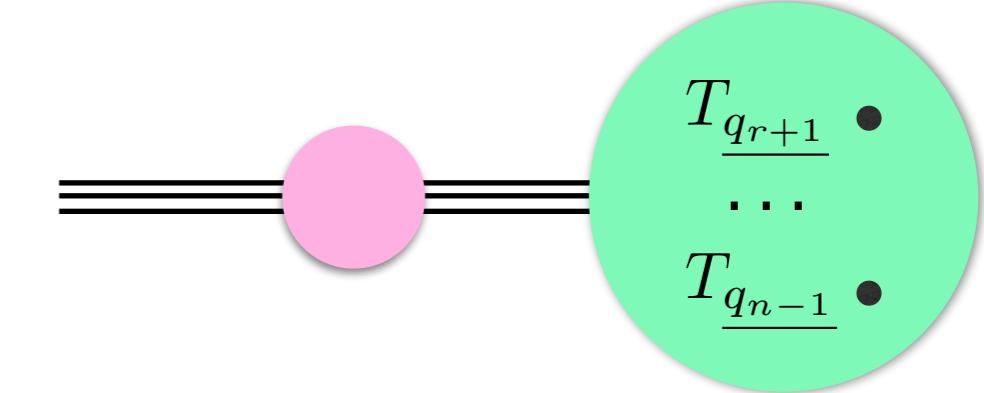


We find the  $C_R$  by solving the above equation, then we substitute in

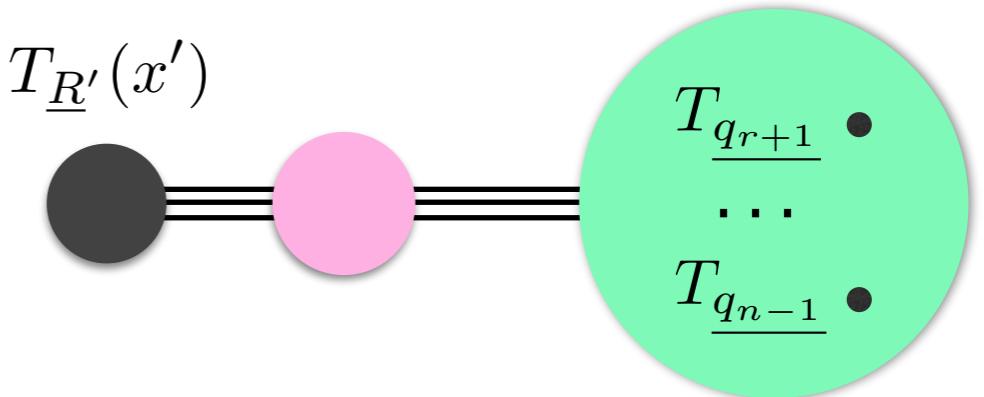
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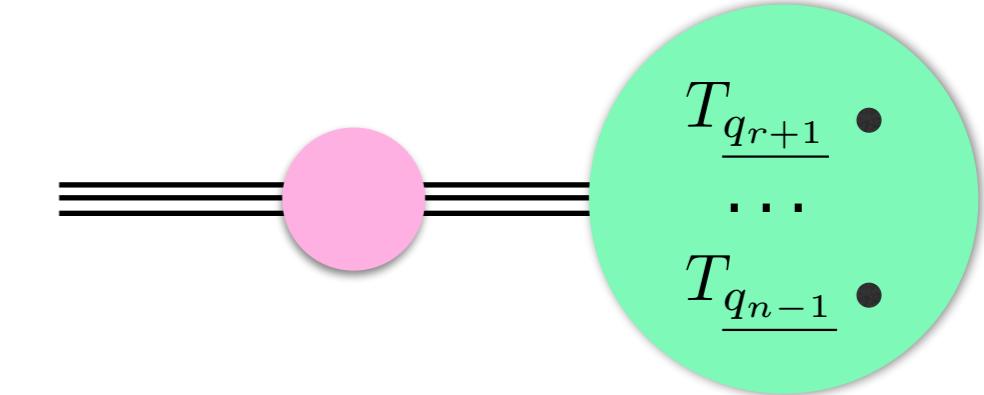
$$\prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R'}, \underline{R} \vdash R} C_{\underline{R}} \langle T_{\underline{R'}}(x') T_{\underline{R}}(x) \rangle = \text{Diagram}$$



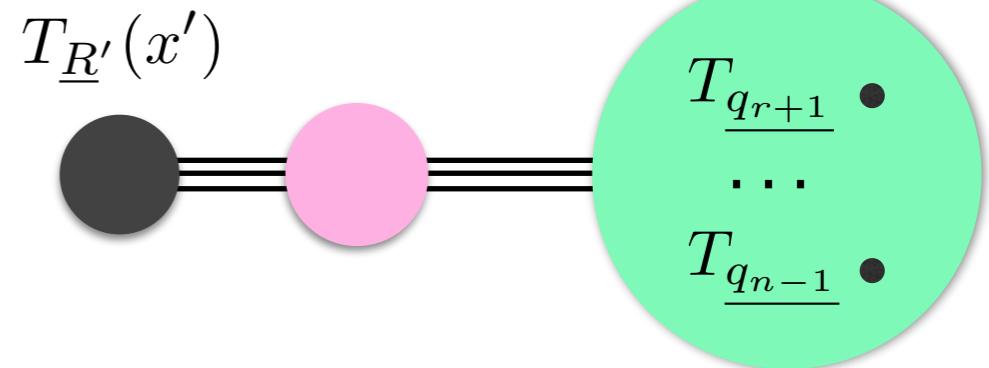
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$$\mathcal{F}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} \simeq$$

$$\prod g_{ij}^{d_{ij}} \sum_{\underline{R} \vdash R}$$



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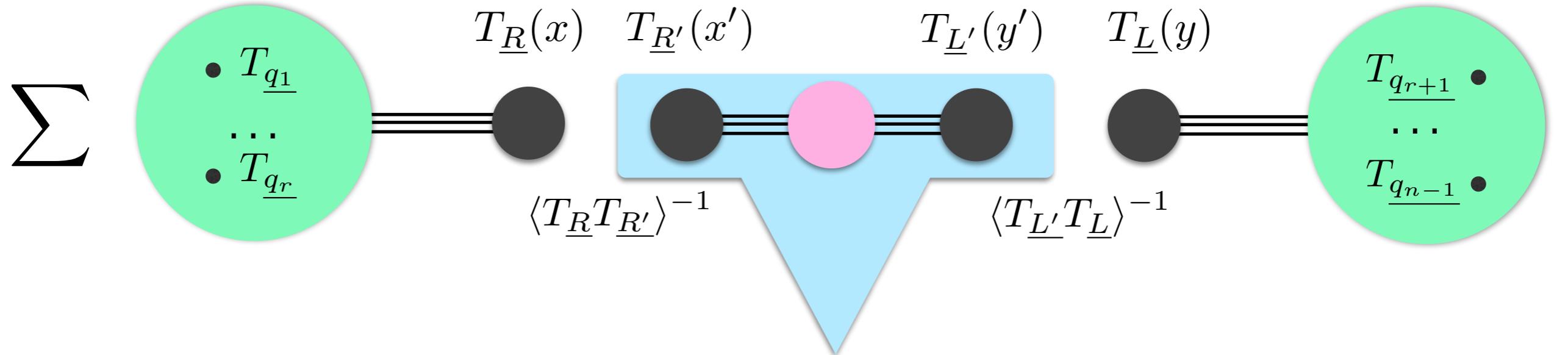
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A diagram illustrating a mathematical equation. On the left, there is a large green circle containing points labeled  $T_{\underline{q}_1}$ ,  $\dots$ , and  $T_{\underline{q}_r}$ . Three horizontal lines connect this green circle to a black circle labeled  $T_{\underline{R}}(x)$ . To the right of this is a bracketed term  $\langle T_{\underline{R}} T_{\underline{R}'} \rangle^{-1}$ . Following this bracketed term, three horizontal lines connect to a pink circle labeled  $T_{\underline{R}'}(x')$ . From the pink circle, three horizontal lines extend to the right, connecting to a large green circle containing points labeled  $T_{\underline{q}_r+1}$ ,  $\dots$ , and  $T_{\underline{q}_{n-1}}$ .

We will now repeat the same reasoning for the other green blob

$$\mathcal{F}_{p|\underline{q_1} \dots \underline{q_{n-1}}} \simeq$$



This is now an extremal three-point function

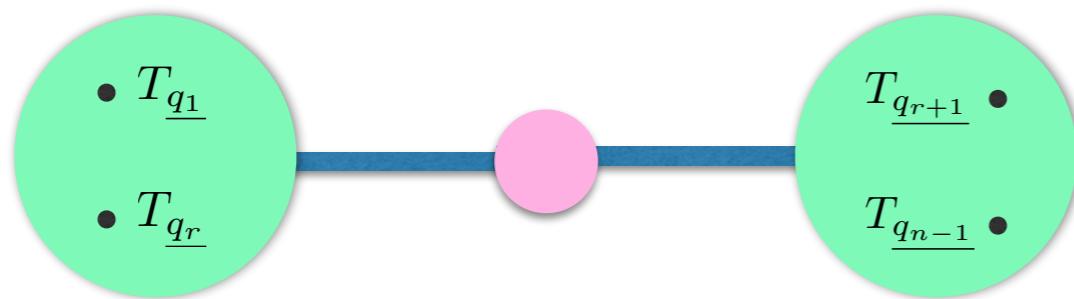
$$= 0$$

# APPLICATIONS

SP operators look more complicated than Traces  
and it would seem that correlators are even more complicated

BUT

when we classifying correlators,  
progressively away from “dumbell” topologies



$$\frac{1}{2} \left( -p + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i \right) = k \geq 0$$

WE FIND

1. near extremal n-pt correlators (NE)  $k \leq n - 3$  exactly vanish !

The proof goes by showing that the only possible  
propagator structure is a dumbell,  
i.e. there are too many points and too less charges

\*E. D'Hoker, J. Erdmenger, D. Z. Freedman and M. Perez-Victoria, [hep-th/0003218]

## 2. max extremal n-pt correlators (ME) $k = n - 2$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_{q_1}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}_{q_{n-1}}(x_{n-1}) \rangle_{\text{connected}} = \langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle \left( \sum_{\text{trees } \mathcal{T}} |\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{T}]| \mathcal{T} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & b_{ij} \\ \vdots & \ddots \\ d_{n-1} & \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

for 3-points  $p = q_1 + q_2 - 2$

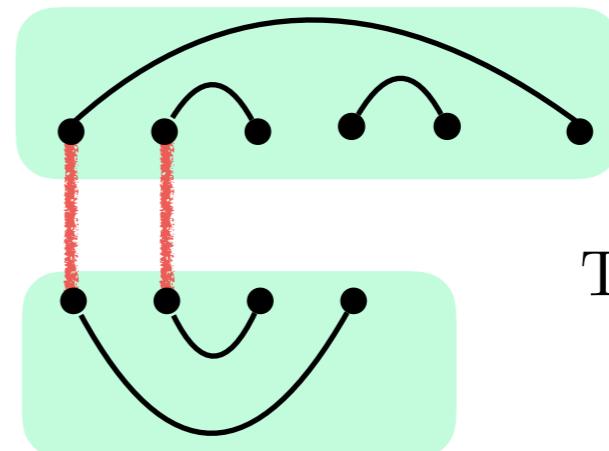
$$|\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{T}]| = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i(q_i - 1) \dots (q_i - d_i + 1)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_{q_1}(x_1) \mathcal{O}_{q_2}(x_2) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) T_{q_1}(x_1) T_{q_2}(x_2) \rangle \simeq q_1 q_2 \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) T_p(y) \rangle = q_1 q_2 \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_p(y) \rangle$$

replacing SP with T  
gives NE correlators = 0  
but for the leading trace

only one Wick contraction

in double line notation, e.g.



or from OPE considerations

$$\text{Tr}(\underbrace{\phi(y) \dots \phi(y)}_p)$$

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The limit to two D3 branes and a SP

$$p - q = Q - 2$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_q(x_1) \mathcal{O}_Q(x_2) \rangle = qQ \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_p(y) \rangle$$

$$p, q, N \rightarrow \infty$$

from the Gamma function normalisations

$$p/N, q/N, Q \text{ fixed}$$

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_q \mathcal{O}_Q \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_q \mathcal{O}_q \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_Q \mathcal{O}_Q \rangle}} = \frac{qQ}{\sqrt{\langle \mathcal{O}_Q \mathcal{O}_Q \rangle}} \sqrt{\frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{O}_q \mathcal{O}_q \rangle}}$$
$$\rightarrow QN^Q$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{Q} \frac{p}{N} \left(1 - \frac{p}{N}\right)^{\frac{Q-2}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{p^2}{q^2} e^{N(q-p)} N^{N(p-q)} e^{N(p-1) \log[1-p] - N(q-1) \log[1-q]}$$

2. max extremal n-pt correlators (ME)       $k = n - 2$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_{q_1}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}_{q_{n-1}}(x_{n-1}) \rangle_{\text{connected}} = \langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle \left( \sum_{\text{trees } \mathcal{T}} |\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{T}]| \mathcal{T}^{\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & b_{ij} \\ \ddots & \ddots & d_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}} \right)$$

$$|\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{T}]| = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} q_i(q_i - 1) \dots (q_i - d_i + 1)$$

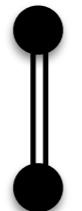
for n-points

upon removing the SP there will be n-2 prop.  
among n-1 points: this sub-diagram is a **tree**

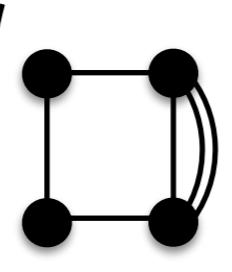
an example @ 4pt

$$\langle T_4(y)T_4(x_1)T_2(x_2)T_2(x_3) \rangle$$

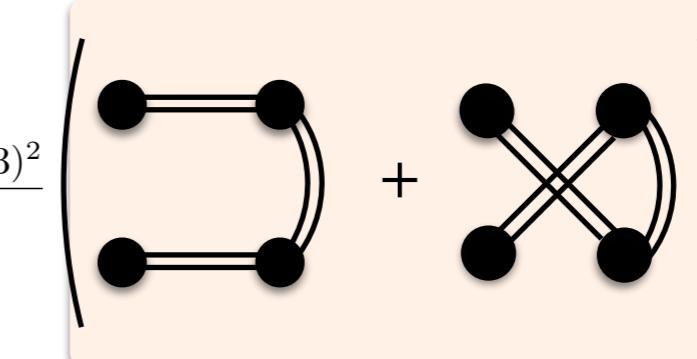
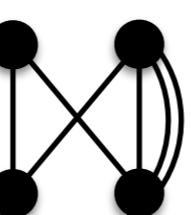
$$\frac{8(N^2 - 1)^2(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2}$$



$$+ \frac{32(N^2 - 1)(2N^2 - 3)^2}{N^2}$$

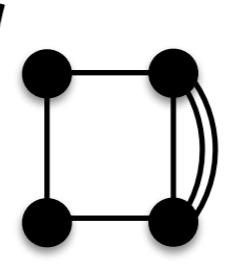


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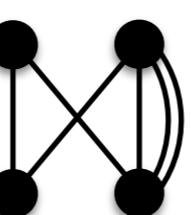


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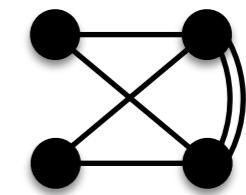
$$\frac{64(N^2 - 1)(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2}$$



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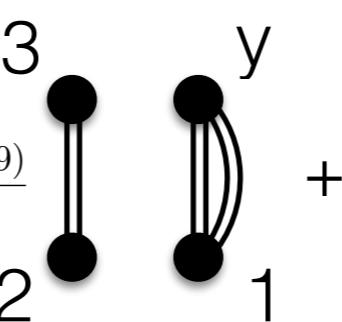


$$+ \frac{192(N^2 - 1)(N^4 - 6N^2 + 18)}{N^2}$$



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4(y)\mathcal{O}_4(x_1)\mathcal{O}_2(x_2)\mathcal{O}_2(x_3) \rangle$$

$$\frac{8(N^2 - 1)^2(N^2 - 4)(N^2 - 9)}{N^2 + 1}$$



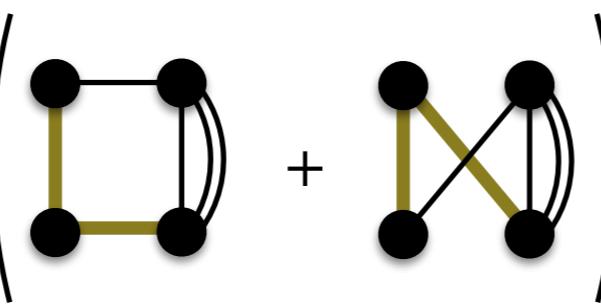
$$q_1 q_2 q_3 (q_2 - 1) = 16$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4 \mathcal{O}_4 \rangle = \frac{4(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)(N^2 - 9)}{N^2 + 1}$$

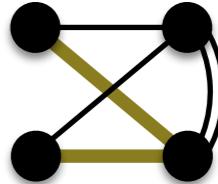
**trees = 3pts and 2**

$$q_1 q_2 q_3 (q_1 - 1) = 48$$

$$\frac{64(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)(N^2 - 9)}{N^2 + 1}$$



$$+ \frac{192(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)(N^2 - 9)}{N^2 + 1}$$



## MORE APPLICATIONS

### 3. next to max extremal n-pt correlators (NME) $k = n - 1$

for 3-points  $p = q + Q - 4$  computable !

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_q(x_1) \mathcal{O}_Q(x_2) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) T_q(x_1) T_Q(x_2) \rangle + \\ + \sum_{p_1=2}^{\frac{q_1}{2}} C_{p_1(q_1-p_1)} \langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) [\mathcal{O}_{p_1} \mathcal{O}_{q-p_1}] (x_1) \mathcal{O}_Q(x_2) \rangle + \text{the other}$$

this is now a 4pt NME: use previous results! it follows that

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_p(x) \mathcal{O}_q(x_1) \mathcal{O}_Q(x_2) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle \left[ qQ \left( N - \frac{(q-1)(Q-1)}{N} \right) + \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{p_1=2}^{\lfloor \frac{q_1}{2} \rfloor} C_{p_1(q-p_1)} Q(Q-1)p_1(q-p_1) + \text{the other} \right]$$

everything is known in this formula

3. next to max extremal n-pt correlators (NME)  $k = n - 1$

for 3-points  $p = q + Q - 4$

the limit to two D3 branes and a SP  
is found to be  $p, q, N \rightarrow \infty$   
 $p/N, q/N, Q$  fixed

$$\frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_q \mathcal{O}_Q \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \mathcal{O}_p \mathcal{O}_p \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_q \mathcal{O}_q \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_Q \mathcal{O}_Q \rangle}} \rightarrow \sqrt{Q} \frac{p}{N} \left(1 - \frac{p}{N}\right)^{\frac{Q-4}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{(Q-1)p}{2N}\right)$$

an independent computation of 2103.16580 matches this formula

[Yang, Jiang, Komatsu,Wu]

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for n-points: similar manipulations as for the case of 3-points yield  
a sum of ME correlators holds

## 4. what about NNME or beyond NME

a first look at 3-points, e.g.

things obviously get complicated BUT ...

$$\langle T_6 T_6 T_6 \rangle = \frac{72(N^2 - 1)(456000 + 96000N^2 - 134400N^4 + 34200N^6 - 4388N^8 + 295N^{10} + 3N^{12})}{N^6}$$

$$\langle T_6 T_6 T_{[4,2]} \rangle = \frac{216(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)(30400 - 1600N^2 - 1040N^4 - 15N^6 + 21N^8)}{N^5}$$

$$\langle T_6 T_6 T_{[3,3]} \rangle = \frac{576(N^2 - 1)(-34200 + 8400N^2 + 2220N^4 - 710N^6 + 51N^8 + 6N^{10})}{N^5}$$

$$\langle T_6 T_6 T_{[2,2,2]} \rangle = \frac{1152(N^2 - 1)(5700 - 2700N^2 + 630N^4 - 126N^6 + 29N^8)}{N^4}$$

Ancillary file in  
[2007.09395]

final result much simpler than intermediate steps

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_6 T_6 T_6 \rangle = \left( 300 + \frac{7200}{N^2} + 36N^2 \right) \langle \mathcal{O}_6 \mathcal{O}_6 \rangle$$

NOT GUESSABLE

! GUESSABLE !

Other cases: final result similarly simple

vs more and more complicated intermediate combinatorics

## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

We have explicit ways of writing the SP operators

We know the 2pt function normalisation

We know that SP interpolate between T and giant gravitons

We have a multi-point orthogonality theorem

instances of this were shown to be important for the consistency of the AdS<sub>5</sub>×S<sub>5</sub> truncation to the graviton multiplet

*\*E. D'Hoker, J. Erdmenger, D. Z. Freedman and M. Perez-Victoria, [hep-th/0003218]*

We understand ME, NME correlators, well

## SPECULATION?

after all the SP are dual to the Traces!

SP might enjoy integrable structure too !!

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