

Conformal Blocks from AdS geodesics and its application

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[[1805.00217](#)] to be published in JHEP w/ [Mitsuhiro Nishida \(GIST\)](#)
& [[1803.10539](#)] ([PTEP](#)) w/ [Hayato Hirai](#) and [Tuyoshi Yokoya](#) (Osaka)

see also [Hirai's talk last week](#)

Bulk dual of conformal blocks?

Conformal blocks = fundamental objects in CFT
(partial waves)

Recently, turns out to be geodesic Witten diagrams

Hijano–Kraus–Perlmutter–Snively '15

Extension to the **bosonic** higher spin fields:

Nishida, KT, Chen, Kuo, Kyono, Castro, Llabrés, Rejon–Barrera, Dyer, Freedman, Sully,...

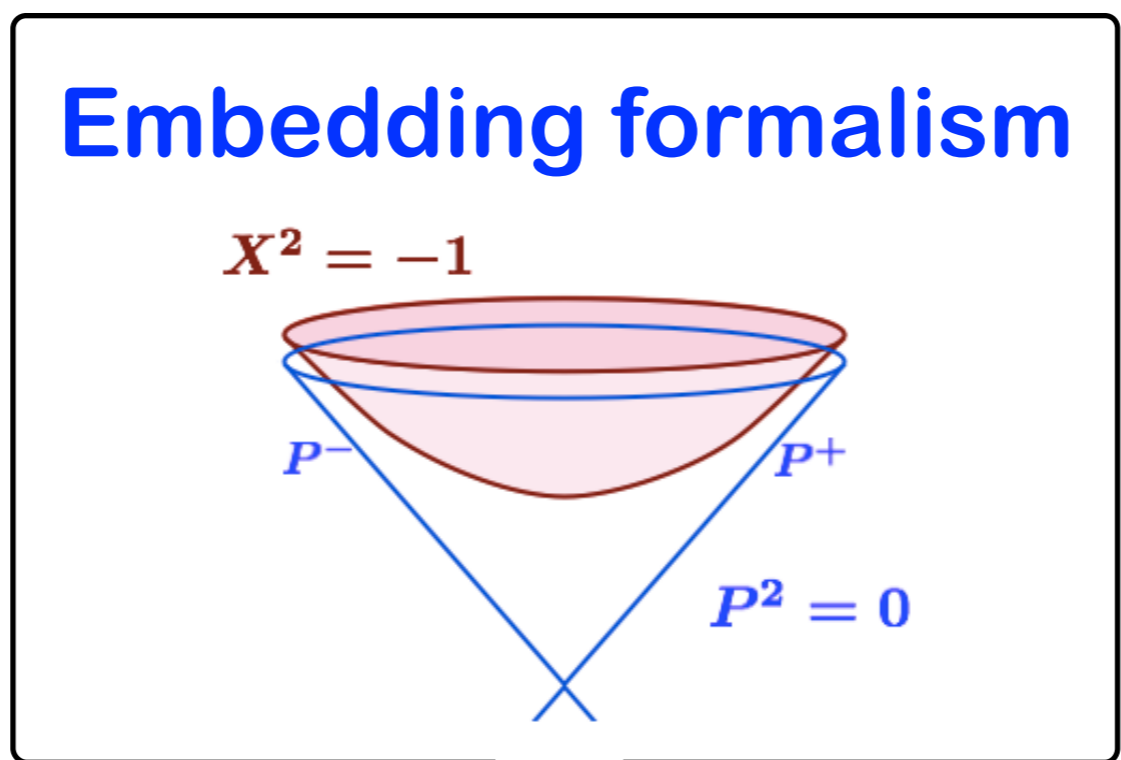
(blocks for global conformal symmetry in d -dim.)

Q1. Fermionic sector ?

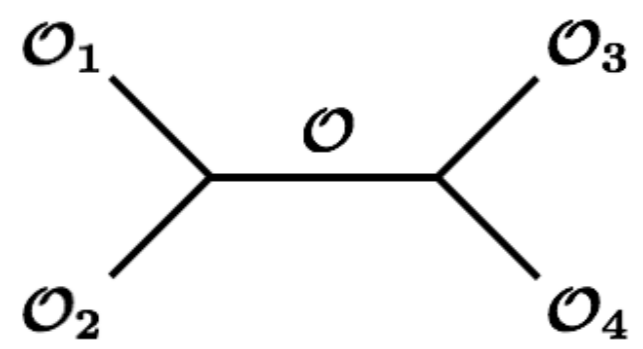
Q2. How useful to write it in the bulk language?

What we have done ①

CB=GWD for fermions [1805.00217]

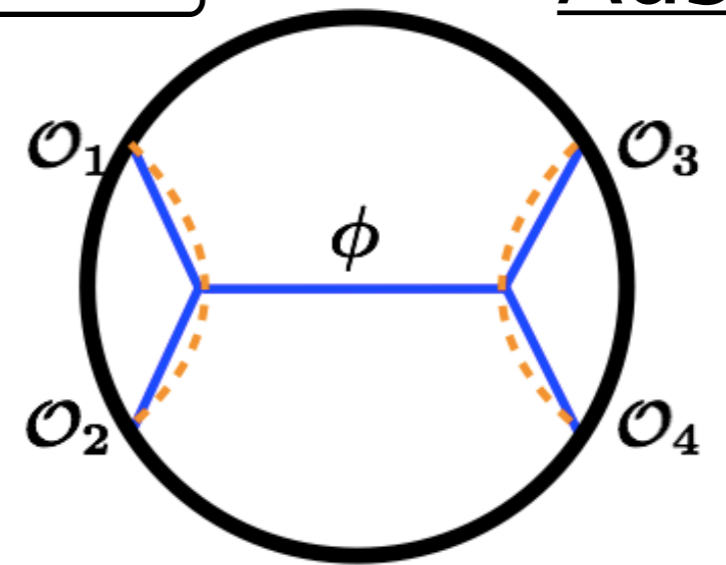


CFT



conformal blocks
(partial waves)

AdS



geodesic Witten diagram

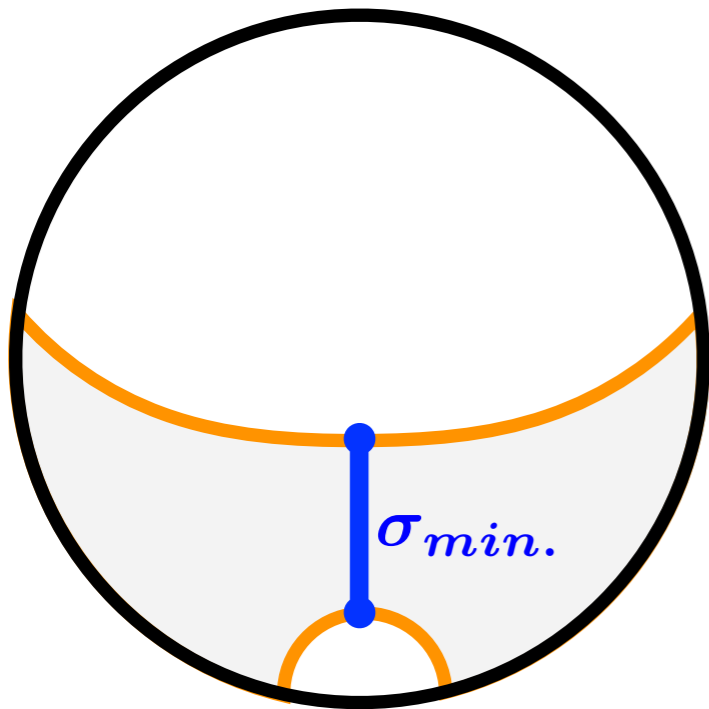
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Entanglement wedge cross section from Holographic CFT₂

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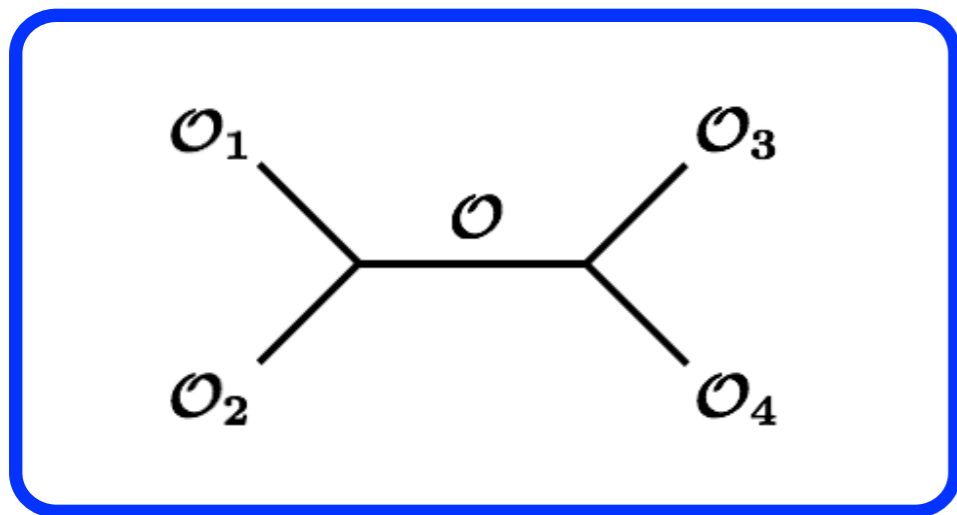
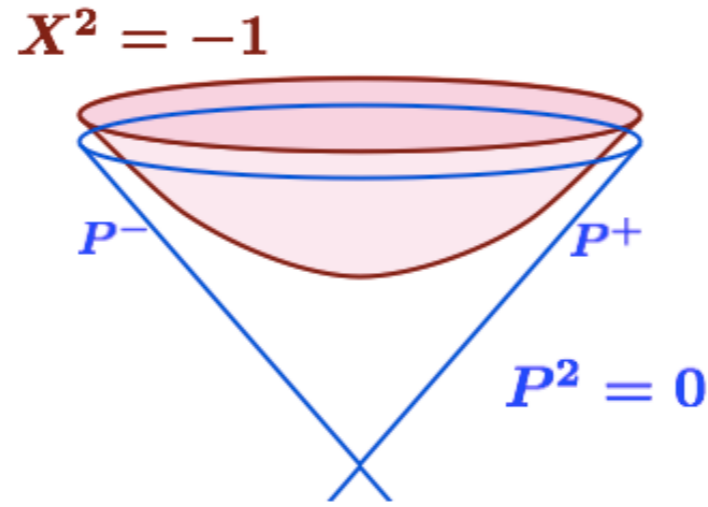
Consider Holographic CFT in two dimension
with the replica method & a channel including twist op.



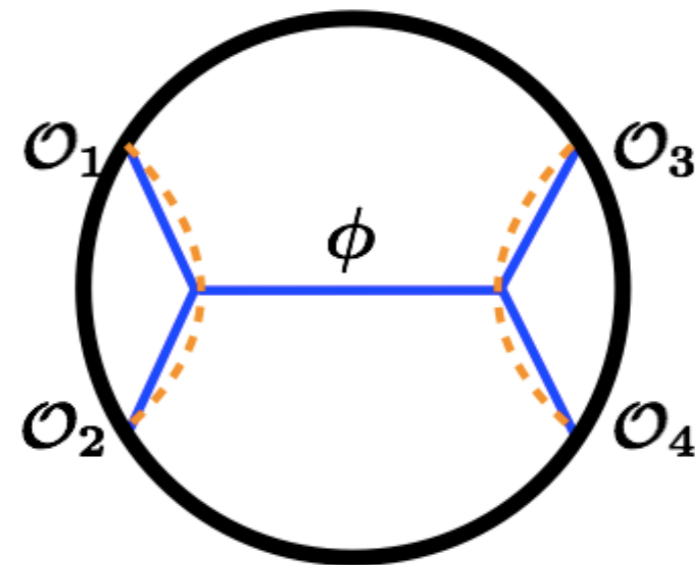
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refer to Hirai's talk last week

2. Embedding formalism



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(partial waves)

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→ 4. Applications

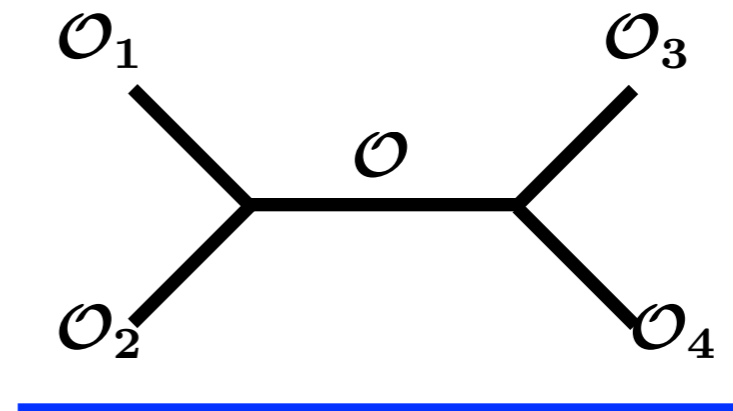
Conformal partial waves (blocks) = Basis of correlation functions

1,2,3pt function \rightarrow fixed by Ward-Takahashi identity
(up to constants)

$$\langle \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2} \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_3 \mathcal{O}_4} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\mathcal{O}} C_{12\mathcal{O}} C_{34\mathcal{O}} \underline{W_{\mathcal{O}}^{12,34}(x_i)}$$

fancy notation:



Conformal partial waves (blocks) = Eigen functions of conformal Casimir equation

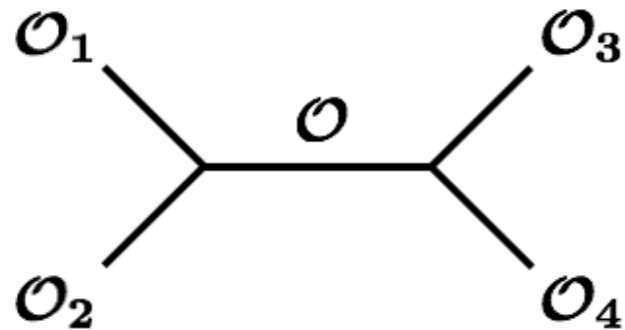
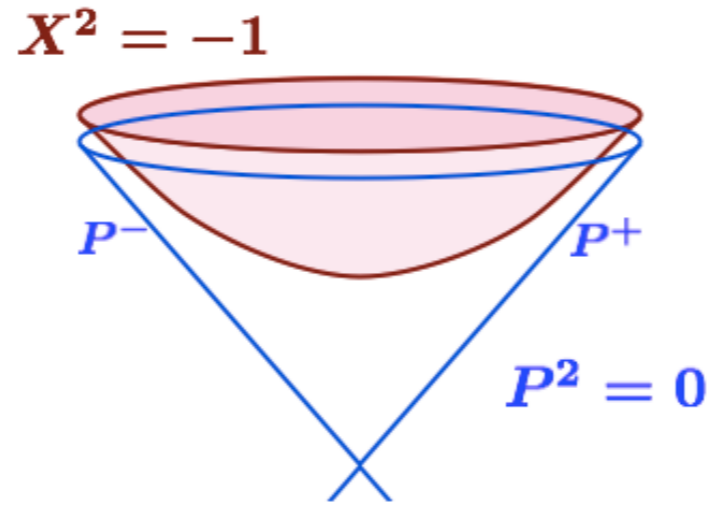
$$L^2 \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_1 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \mathcal{O} \\ \diagup \\ \mathcal{O}_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \mathcal{O} \\ \diagdown \\ \mathcal{O}_4 \end{array} = C_{\Delta, \mathcal{R}} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_1 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \mathcal{O} \\ \diagup \\ \mathcal{O}_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}_3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \mathcal{O} \\ \diagdown \\ \mathcal{O}_4 \end{array}$$

spin- ℓ : $C_{\Delta, \ell} = \Delta(\Delta - d) + \ell(\ell + d - 2)$

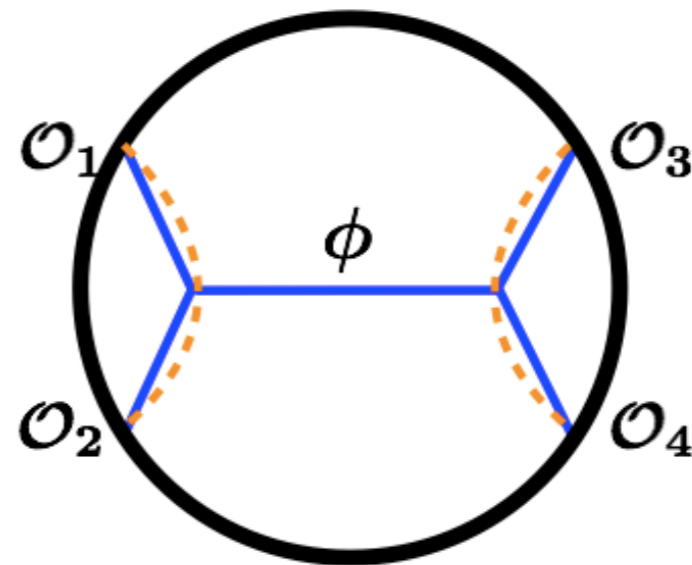
Weyl fermion: $C_{\Delta, \frac{1}{2}} = \Delta(\Delta - d) + \frac{d}{8}(d - 1)$

(c.f. L^2 in QM)

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2. Embedding **AdS/CFT** in to a flat space

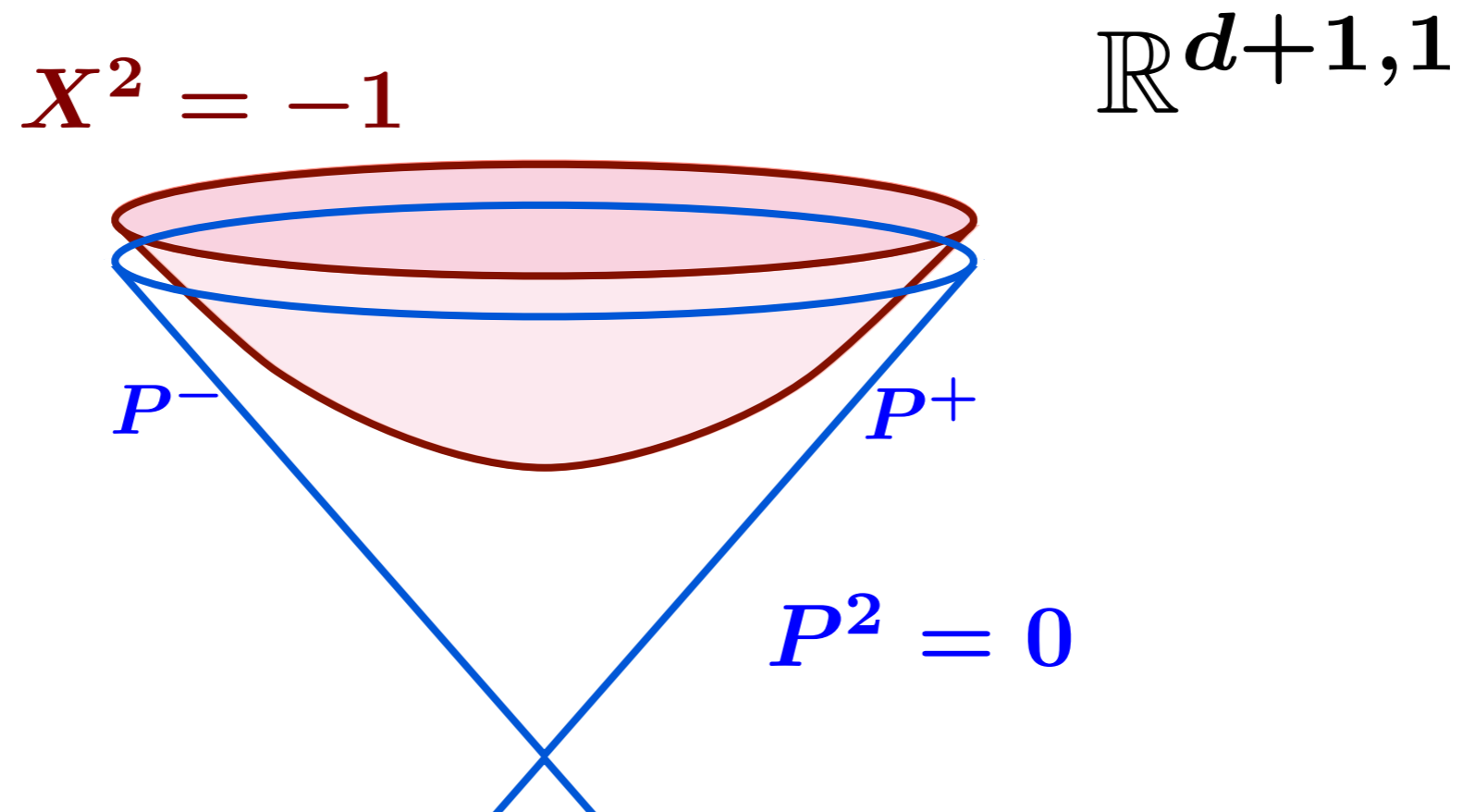
AdS_{d+1} isometry / **Conformal symmetry in d-dim**

$$SO(d+1, 1)$$

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Lorentz symmetry in d+2-dim

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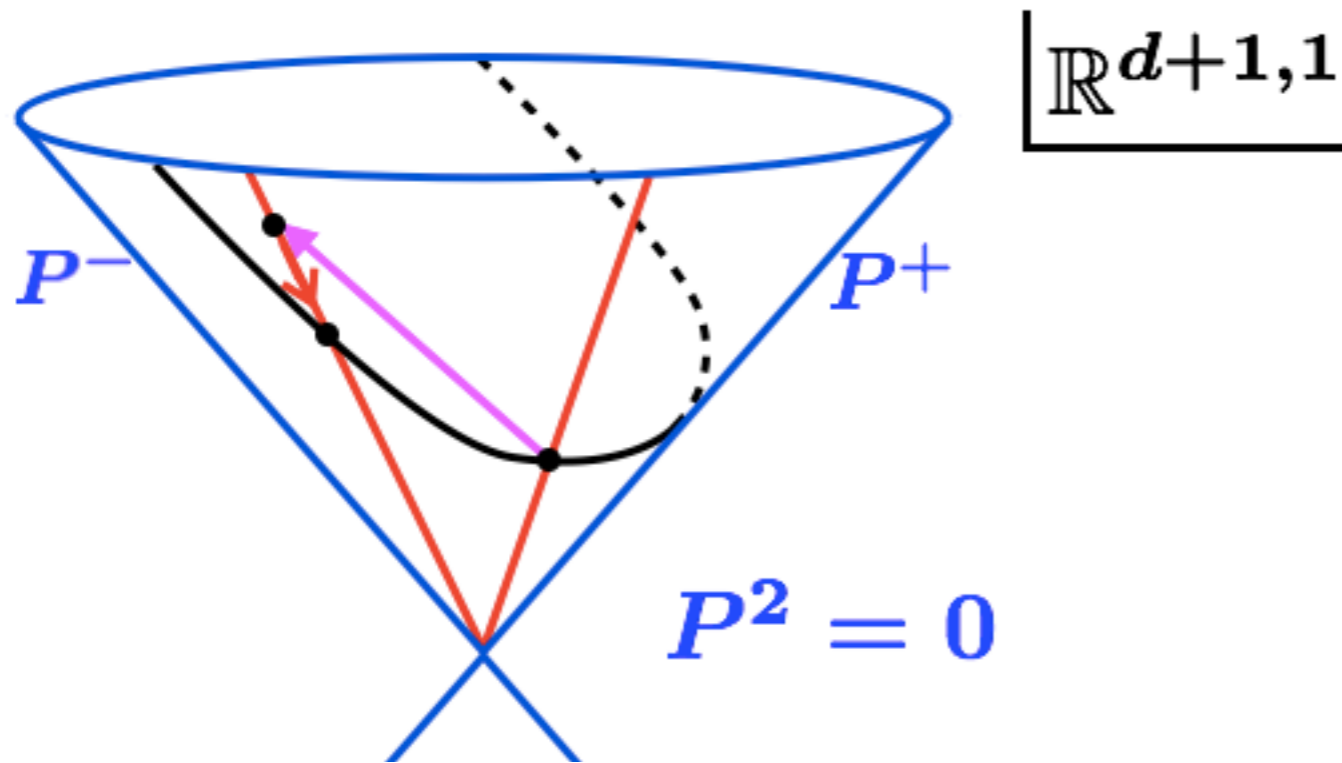


$SO(d+1,1)$ transformation \rightarrow linear

Dirac '36 Weinberg '10

see also Costa-Penedones-Poland-Rychkov '11

Embedding CFT (in detail)



$$P^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda P^A \sim P^A$$

Primary operator:

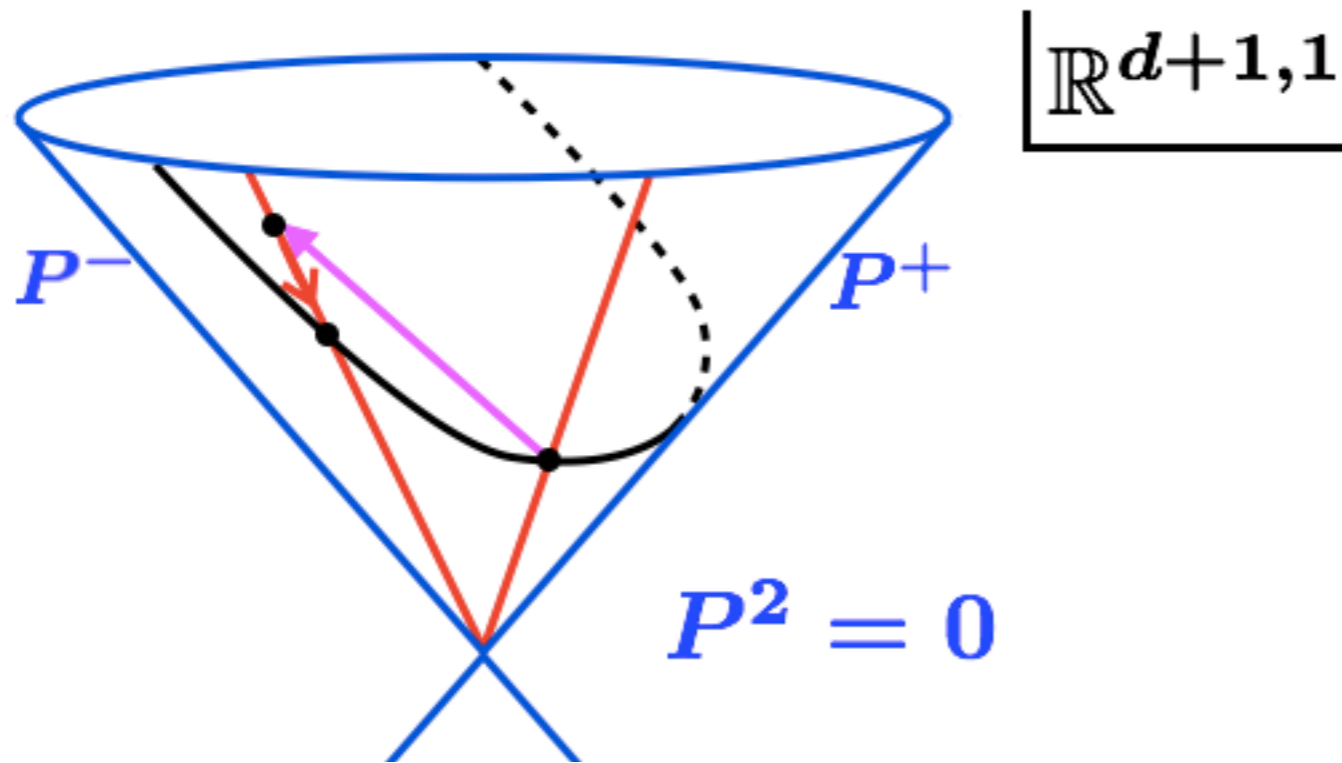
$$\Phi(\lambda P) = \lambda^{-\Delta} \Phi(P)$$

■ Poincare Section (“gauge fixing”)

$$P^A = (P^+, P^-, P^a) = (1, x^2, x^a)$$

$$ds^2 = -dP^+ dP^- + \delta_{ab} dP^a dP^b \rightarrow \delta_{ab} dx^a dx^b$$

Example: 2pt function of scalar



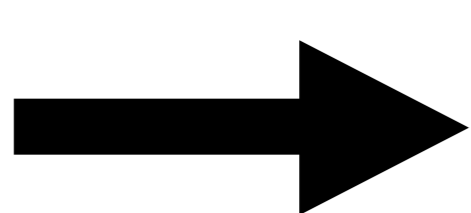
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$$\langle \Phi(\lambda_1 P_1) \Phi(\lambda_2 P_2) \rangle = \lambda_1^{-\Delta} \lambda_2^{-\Delta} \langle \Phi(P_1) \Phi(P_2) \rangle$$



$$\langle \Phi(P_1) \Phi(P_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{(-2P_1 \cdot P_2)^\Delta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|x_{12}|^{2\Delta}}$$

Dirac fermions (CFT_{2n} and AdS_{2n+1})

CFT

$$P^A \Gamma_A \Psi(P) = 0$$

Weinberg '10

Simmons-Duffin '12

AdS

$$(X^A \Gamma_A - \Gamma_{\text{chiral}}) \Psi(X) = 0$$

Nishida-KT '18

★ Reproduce right propagators in physical space

$$G_{b\partial}^{\Delta, \frac{1}{2}}(X_1; P_2) = \frac{\langle \bar{S}_b \Pi_+ S_\partial \rangle}{(-2X_1 \cdot P_2)^{\Delta + \frac{1}{2}}} \rightarrow \frac{(z\gamma^0 + x_{12}^a \gamma_a) \mathcal{P}_+}{\sqrt{z}} \left(\frac{z}{z^2 + |x_{12}|^2} \right)^{\Delta + \frac{1}{2}}$$

Here we used “index free notation”

(Π & \mathcal{P} : chiral projection)

Quadratic Casimir & Free E.O.M.

$$-\frac{1}{2}L^{AB}L_{AB}\Phi = \nabla^2\Phi = m^2\Phi = C_{\Delta,0}\Phi$$

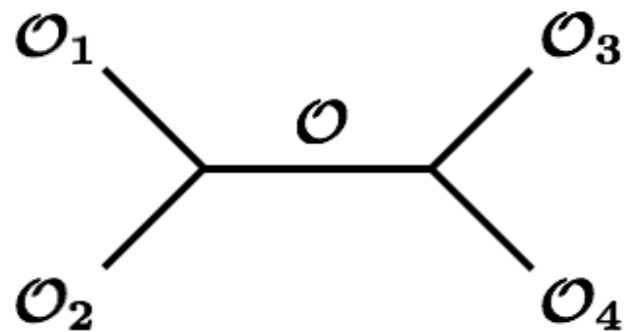
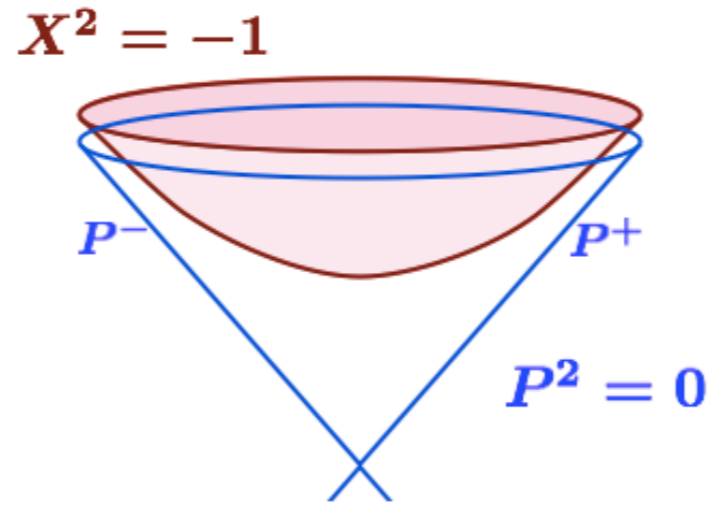
$$-\frac{1}{2}L^{AB}L_{AB}\Psi = \left[(\Gamma^A\nabla_A)^2 + \frac{1}{4}R \right] \Psi = C_{\Delta,\frac{1}{2}}\Psi$$

generator of $SO(d+1,1)$: $L_{AB} = X_A\partial_B - X_B\partial_A + \Sigma_{AB}$ (\downarrow spin)

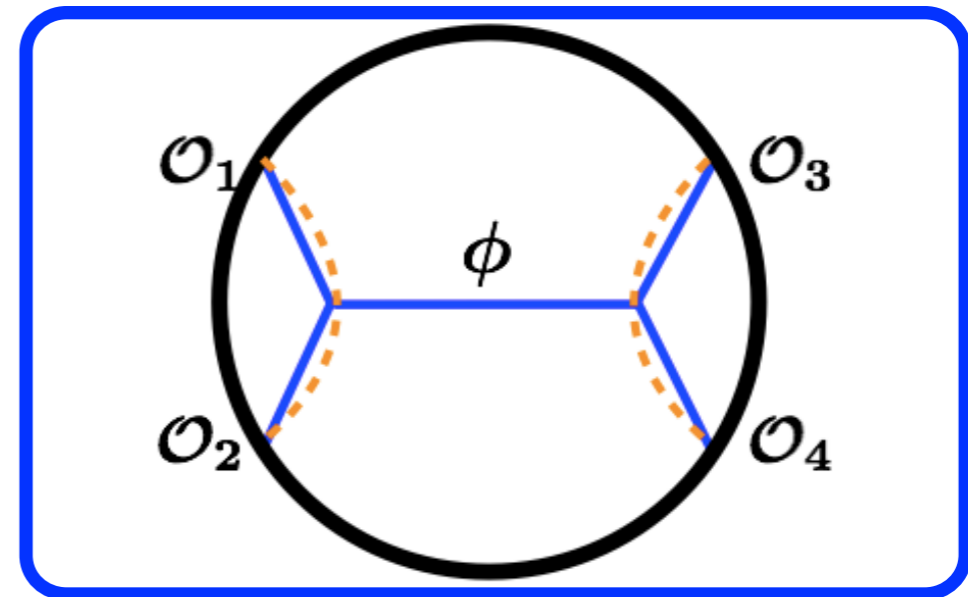
covariant derivative: $\nabla_A = G_{AB}\partial^B + X^B\Sigma_{AB}$

induced metric: $G_{AB} = \eta_{AB} + X_A X_B$

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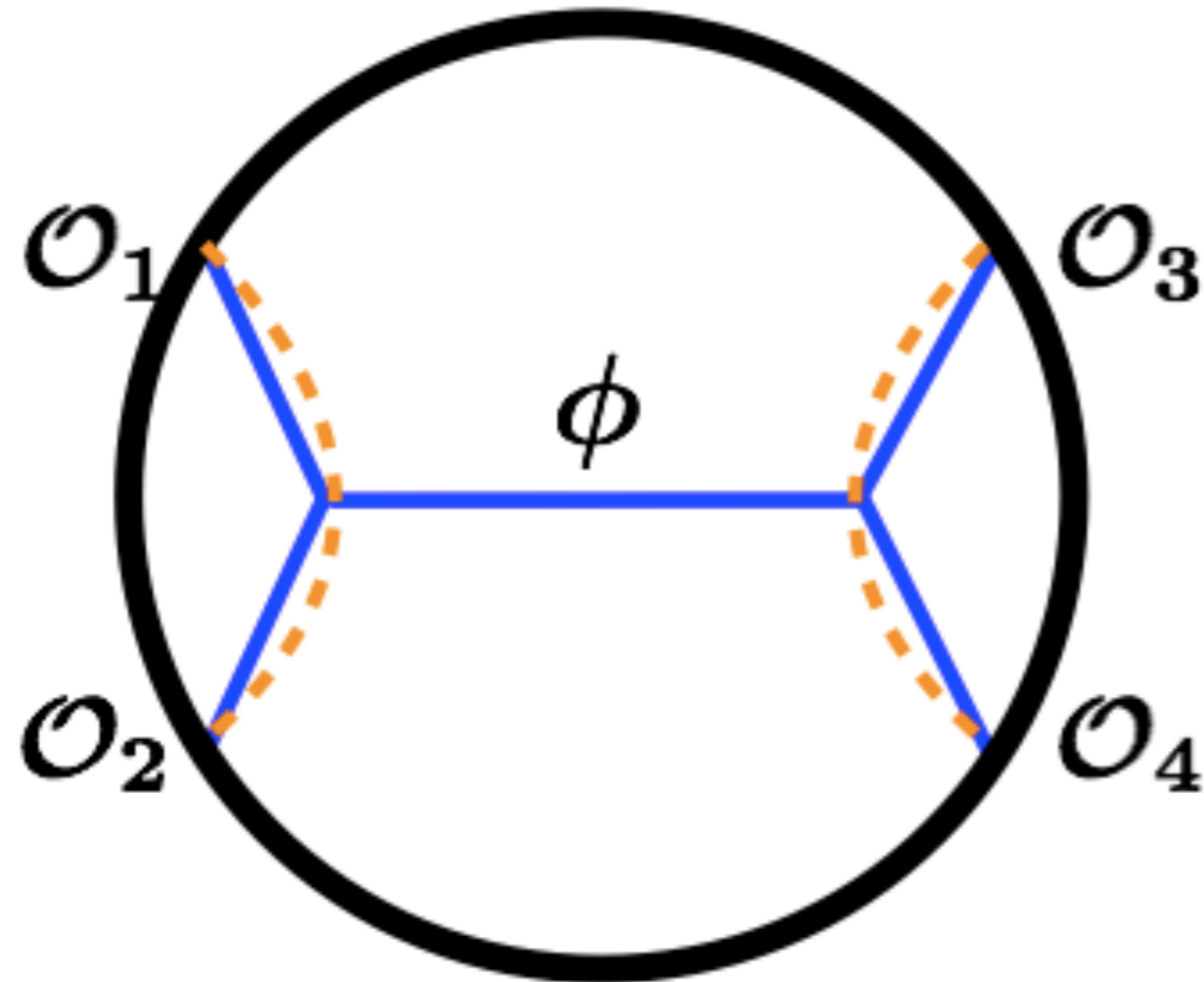


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Geodesic Witten diagrams



Originally proposed by
Hijano–Kraus–Perlmutter–Snively ‘15

External higher spinning fields:

[Nishida–KT ‘16](#)

[Chen–Kuo–Kyono ‘17](#)

[Dyer–Freedman–Sully ‘17 ...](#)

Internal fermions:

[Nishida–KT ‘18](#)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda_2 G_{b\partial}^{\Delta_1}(X(\lambda_1); P_1) G_{b\partial}^{\Delta_2}(X(\lambda_1); P_2) \\ \times G_{bb}^{\Delta}(X(\lambda_1), X(\lambda_2)) G_{b\partial}^{\Delta_3}(X(\lambda_2); P_3) G_{b\partial}^{\Delta_4}(X(\lambda_2); P_4)$$

G_{bb} : bulk–bulk propagator

$G_{b\partial}$: bulk–boundary propagator

Geodesic Witten diagrams satisfy conformal Casimir equation

$$L^2 \text{ (diagram)} = C_{\Delta, \mathcal{R}} \text{ (diagram)}$$

$$L^2 \equiv (L_{P_1} + L_{P_2})^2$$

spin-1: $C_{\Delta, \ell} = \Delta(\Delta - d) + \ell(\ell + d - 2)$

Weyl fermion: $C_{\Delta, \frac{1}{2}} = \Delta(\Delta - d) + \frac{d}{8}(d - 1)$

Conformal partial waves satisfy conformal Casimir equation

(recap)

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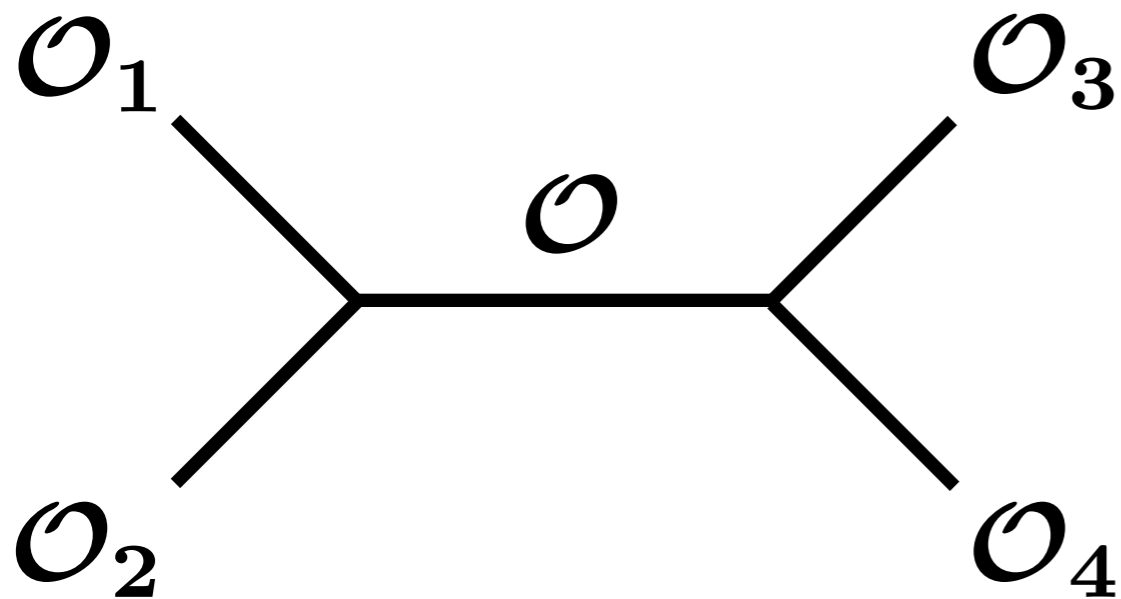
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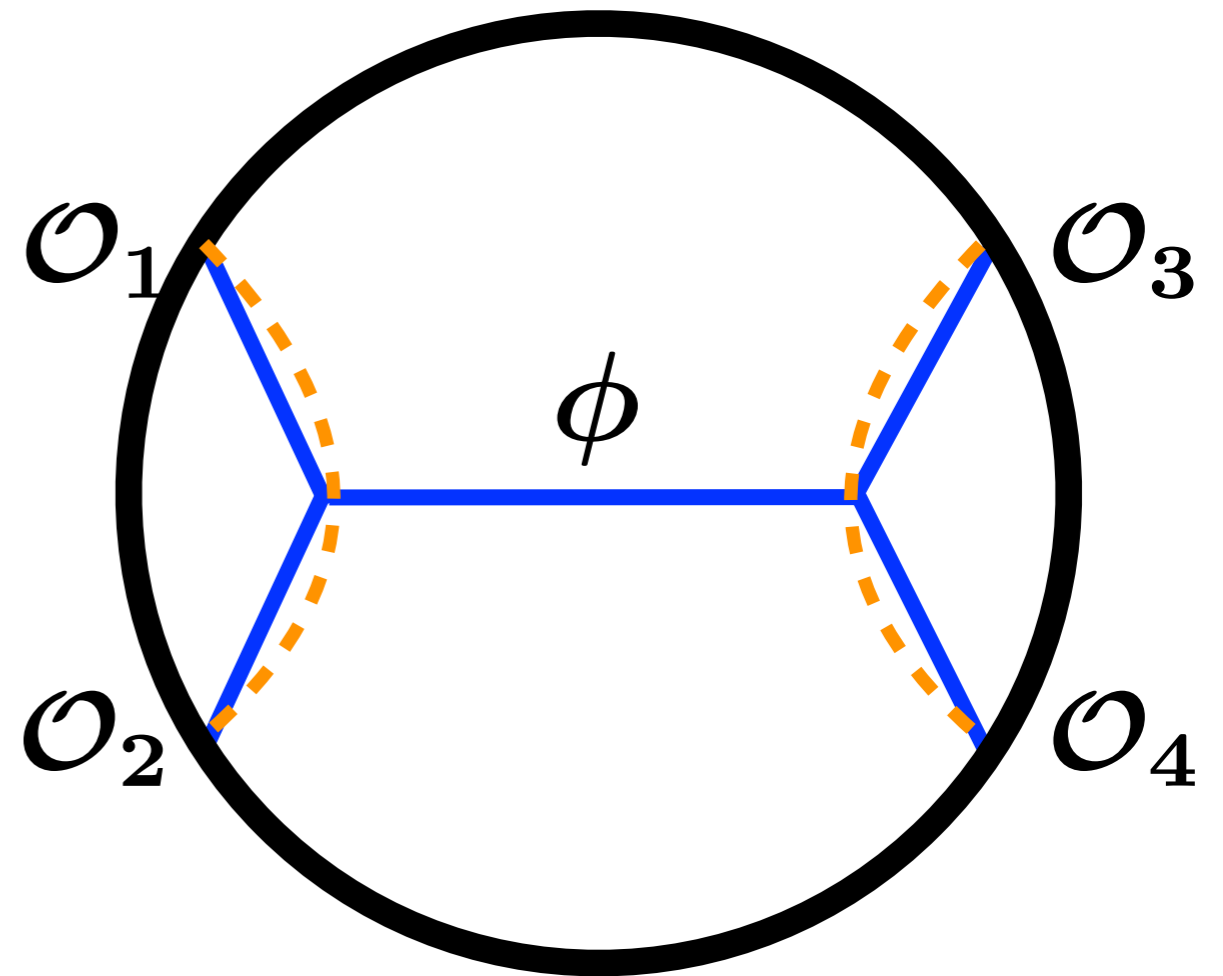
These are the same!

Conformal blocks
(partial waves)



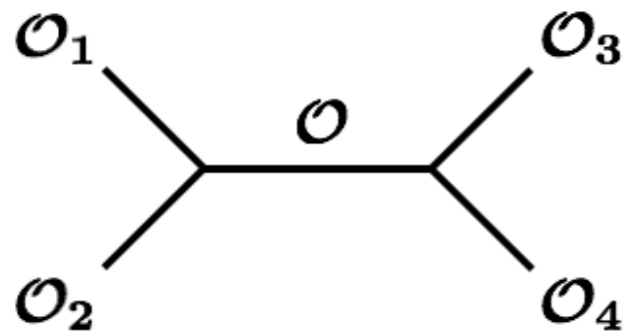
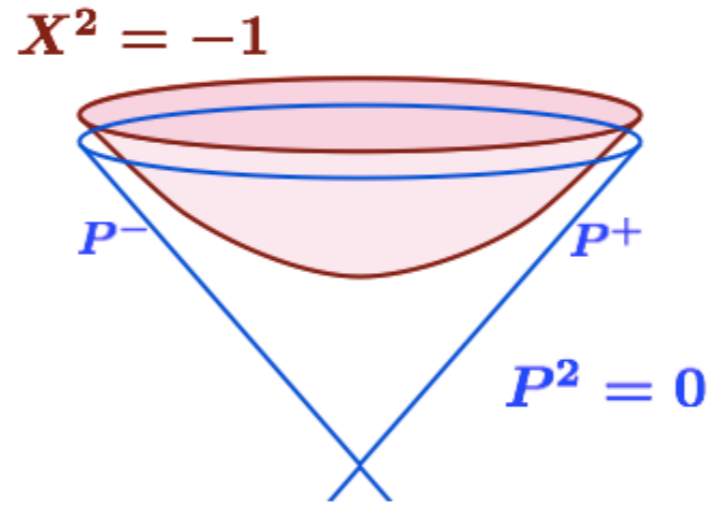
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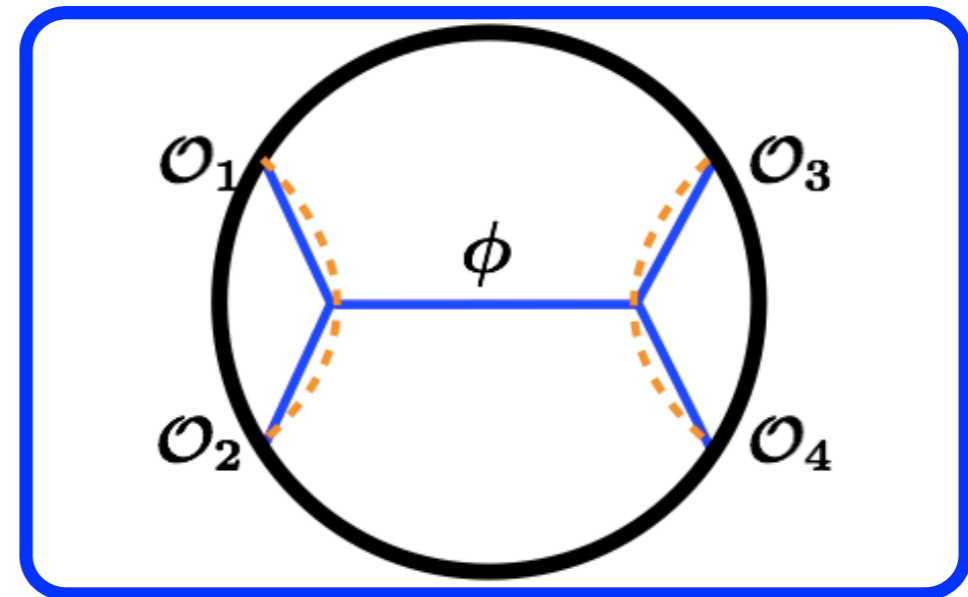


Boundary condition? : OK

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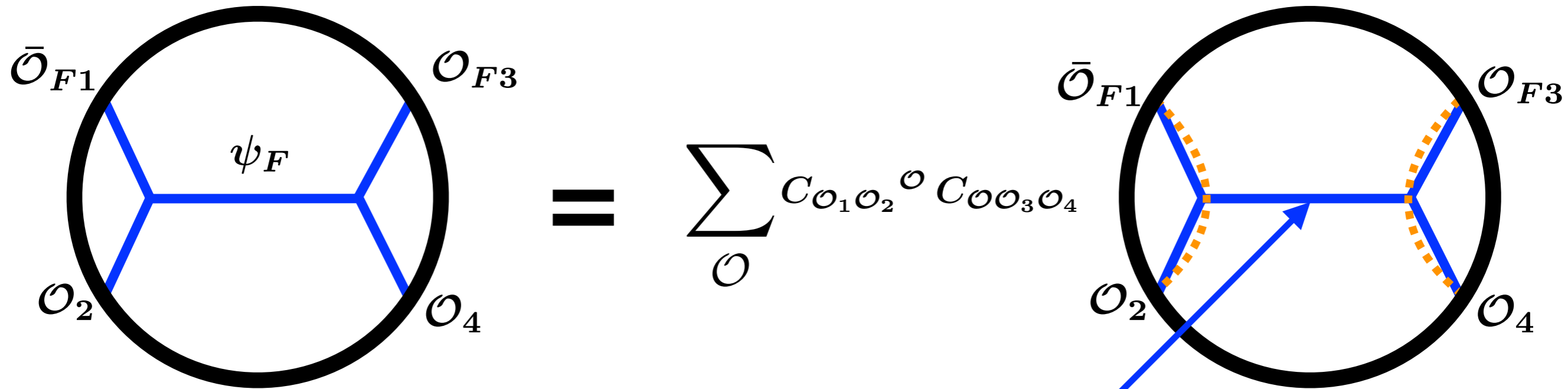
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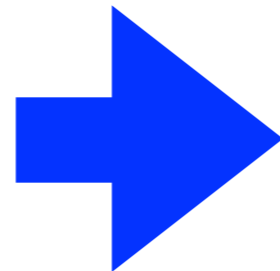
GWD decomposition of Witten diagrams

c.f. Chen's talk last week



fermion exchange

split rep.



physical poles:

Single trace: $\mathcal{O}_F (\psi_F)$

Double trace:

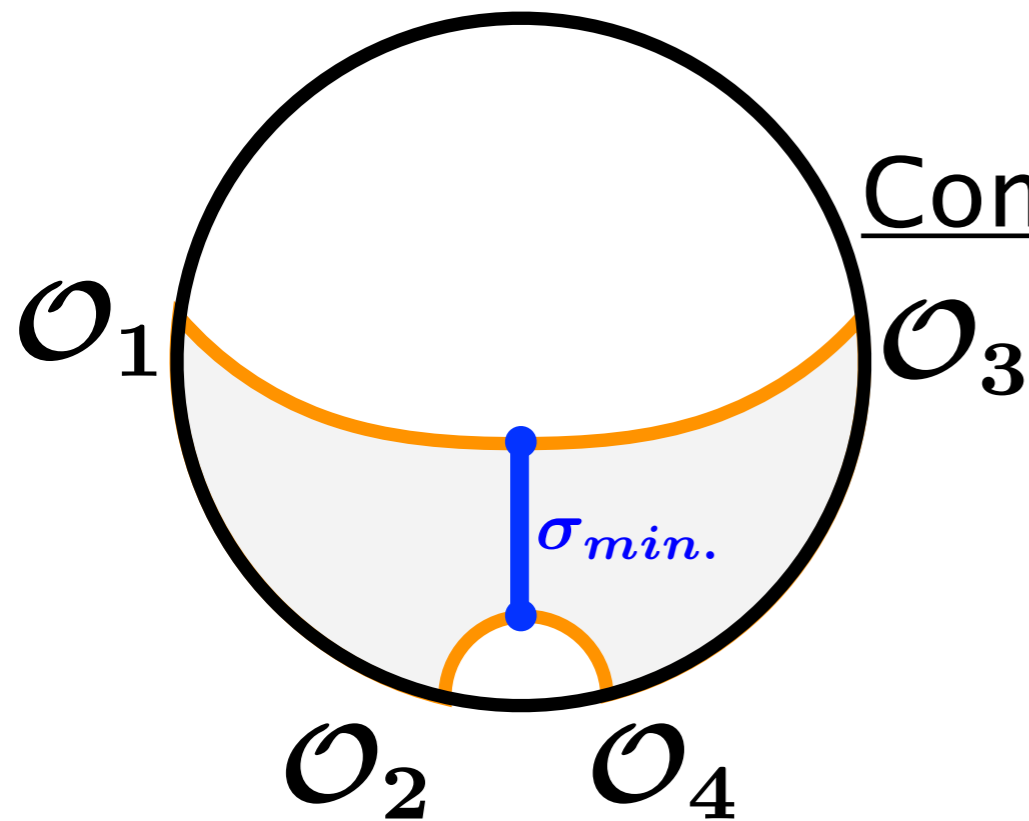
$[\bar{\mathcal{O}}_{F1} \mathcal{O}_2]_{2n} [\mathcal{O}_{F3} \mathcal{O}_4]_{2n}$

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Entanglement wedge cross section

from Holographic CFT₂

refer to [Hirai's talk last week](#)



Consider a channel including twist op.

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial n} G(u, v) \Big|_{n \rightarrow 1} = E_W$$

\therefore) For Holographic CFT, reduce to $-\frac{\partial}{\partial n} G_{\sigma_n}(u, v) \Big|_{n \rightarrow 1}$

$$G_{\sigma_n} \sim e^{-\frac{c}{12} \left(n - \frac{1}{n}\right) \sigma_{min}}$$

→ Can also apply to the static BTZ blackholes

Discussion

Geodesic Witten diagrams

- 3pt Interaction in the embedding space
- SUSY, Defects, Many points, ...

Entanglement wedge cross section

- Calculation of the (twist #)=1 channel
for more generic CFT_2