

# *Branes in the $OSP(1|2)$ WZNW model*

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Why supergroup models are interesting

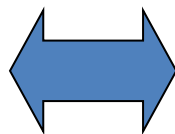
# **1. INTRODUCTION**

# AdS/CFT correspondence

[ Maldacena '97]

$d+1$  dim. superstrings on  
Anti-de Sitter (AdS) space

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + r^2 dx^\mu dx_\mu$$



$d$  dim. conformal field  
theory (CFT)

lives at the boundary of  
AdS space  $r \rightarrow \infty$

- **Difficulty**

- It is quite difficult to go beyond the classical gravity limit of the correspondence

- **Superstrings on AdS spaces**

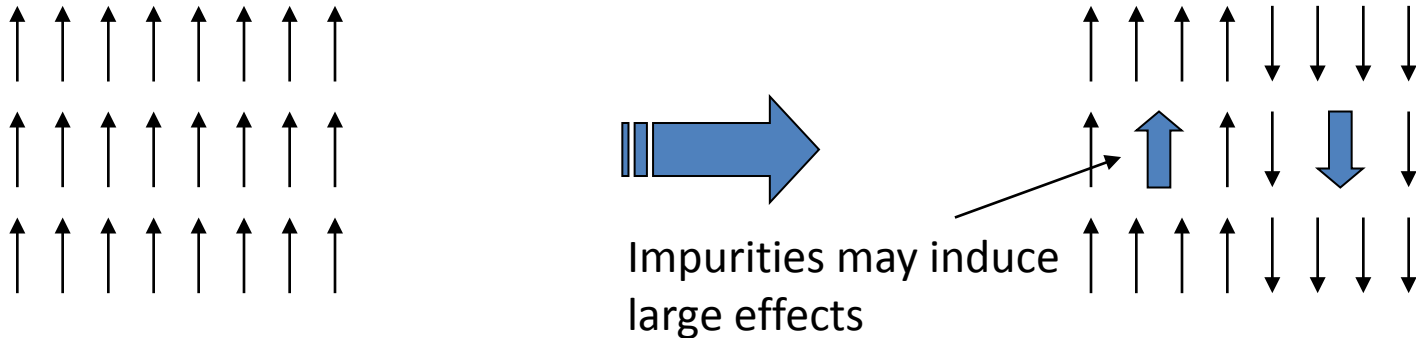
- Problems reduce to solve models of **supergroups**

$$PSU(1, 1|2), \frac{PSU(2,2|4)}{SO(4,1) \times SO(5)}, \dots$$

# Disordered systems

- Impurities

- Real material, spin glass, quantum Hall effects



- Methods for random systems

- Replica method

- Prepare  $n$  replica theories and take  $n \rightarrow 0$  limit

- Supersymmetric method

- Use model with **supergroup** symmetry

$$OSP(N|N), PSU(N|N), ..$$

# Results

- The  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model

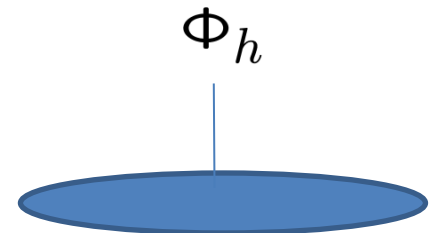
- We study  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model as a simple example among supergroup models
- Models without boundary have been studied by utilizing the relation to  $N=1$  super Liouville theory

[ YH-Schomerus '07 ]

- Branes in the model

- There are two types of branes
  - Super  $AdS_2$  branes, super spherical branes
- Compute coupling of closed strings to these branes
- Quite analogous to branes in  $AdS_3$

[ Lee-Ooguri-Park '01, Ponsot-Schomerus-Teschner '01 ]



# *Plan*

1. Introduction
2. The  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model
3. Branes in the  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model
4. Conclusion

The  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model and correlations functions

## **2. THE $OSP(1|2)$ WZNW MODEL**

# OSP(1|2) WZNW model

- OSP(1|2) Lie superalgebra

- Generators satisfy (anti-)commutation relations

$$[H, E^\pm] = \pm E^\pm, [E^+, E^-] = -2H, [H, F^\pm] = \pm \frac{1}{2} F^\pm, \\ [E^\pm, F^\mp] = \pm F^\pm, \{F^+, F^-\} = -\frac{1}{2} H, \{F^\pm, F^\pm\} = \frac{1}{2} E^\pm$$

- The action of the model

- Constructed by the standard WZNW action

$$S = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int d^2z \langle g^{-1} \partial g, g^{-1} \bar{\partial} g \rangle + \Gamma_{WZ}$$

- Two extra Grassmann odd parameters are introduced as

$$g = e^{2\theta F^+} e^{\gamma E^+} e^{2\phi H} e^{\bar{\gamma} E^-} e^{2\bar{\theta} F^-}$$



# Current algebra & vertex operator

- OSP(1|2) current algebra

- Global symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Local symmetry

$$h_L(z) \curvearrowright g(z, \bar{z}) \curvearrowleft h_R^{-1}(\bar{z})$$

- Generators of OSP(1|2) currents are given by fermionic ones  $j^\pm(z)$  along with bosonic ones  $J^\pm(z), J^3(z)$

- Vertex operators

- Vertex operators are defined by

$$J^A(z)\Phi_h(x, \xi|w) \sim -\frac{\mathcal{D}^A\Phi_h(x, \xi|w)}{z-w}$$

- One extra Grassmann odd parameter  $\xi$  can be interpreted as a superpartner of  $x$ .

$$\mathcal{D}^{E^+} = \partial_x, \quad \mathcal{D}^H = -x\partial_x - \frac{1}{2}\xi\partial_\xi - h,$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{E^-} = x^2\partial_x + x\xi\partial_\xi + 2xh,$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{F^+} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\xi + \xi\partial_x), \quad \mathcal{D}^{F^-} = \frac{1}{2}x(\partial_\xi + \xi\partial_x) + \xi h$$

# Correlation functions

- OSP(1|2) symmetry restricts the form of correlation functions to large extent

- Three point function

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^3 \Phi_{h_i}(x_i, \xi_i | z_i) \right\rangle \propto \frac{C(h_i) + \eta \bar{\eta} \tilde{C}(h_i)}{\prod_{i < j} |x_i - x_j + \xi_i \xi_j|^{2h_i + 2h_j - 2h_k}}$$

- Fermionic cross ratio

- Contrary to the bosonic case, the three point function depends on one fermionic cross ratio

$$\eta = (x_{12}x_{23}x_{31})^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x_{23}\xi_1 + x_{31}\xi_2 + x_{12}\xi_3 + \frac{1}{2}\xi_1\xi_2\xi_3)$$

- Correlation functions are obtained by using

- OSP(1|2) model  $\longleftrightarrow$   $N=1$  super Liouville [ YH-Schomerus '07 ]
- c.f. SL(2) model  $\longleftrightarrow$  Liouville theory [ Ribault-Teschner '05 ]

The  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model with the boundary of world-sheet

## **3. BRANES IN THE $OSP(1|2)$ WZNW MODEL**

# Geometry of the branes

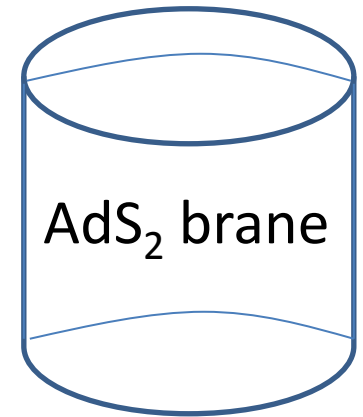
- Maximally symmetric branes

$$h_L(z) \curvearrowright g(z, \bar{z}) \curvearrowleft h_R^{-1}(\bar{z})$$



Presence of worldsheet boundary

$$h(t) \curvearrowright g(t) \curvearrowleft \Omega h^{-1}(t)$$



- Conjugacy classes

$$\mathcal{C}^C(g) = \{hg\Omega h^{-1}, h^\forall \in OSP(1|2)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(g\Omega) = \text{constant}$$

- Geometry of branes

$\Omega = \text{id.}$ : Super spherical branes

$\Omega = \text{twist}$ : Super  $\text{AdS}_2$  branes



cf. Branes in  $\text{AdS}_3$

$\Omega = \text{id.}$ : Spherical branes

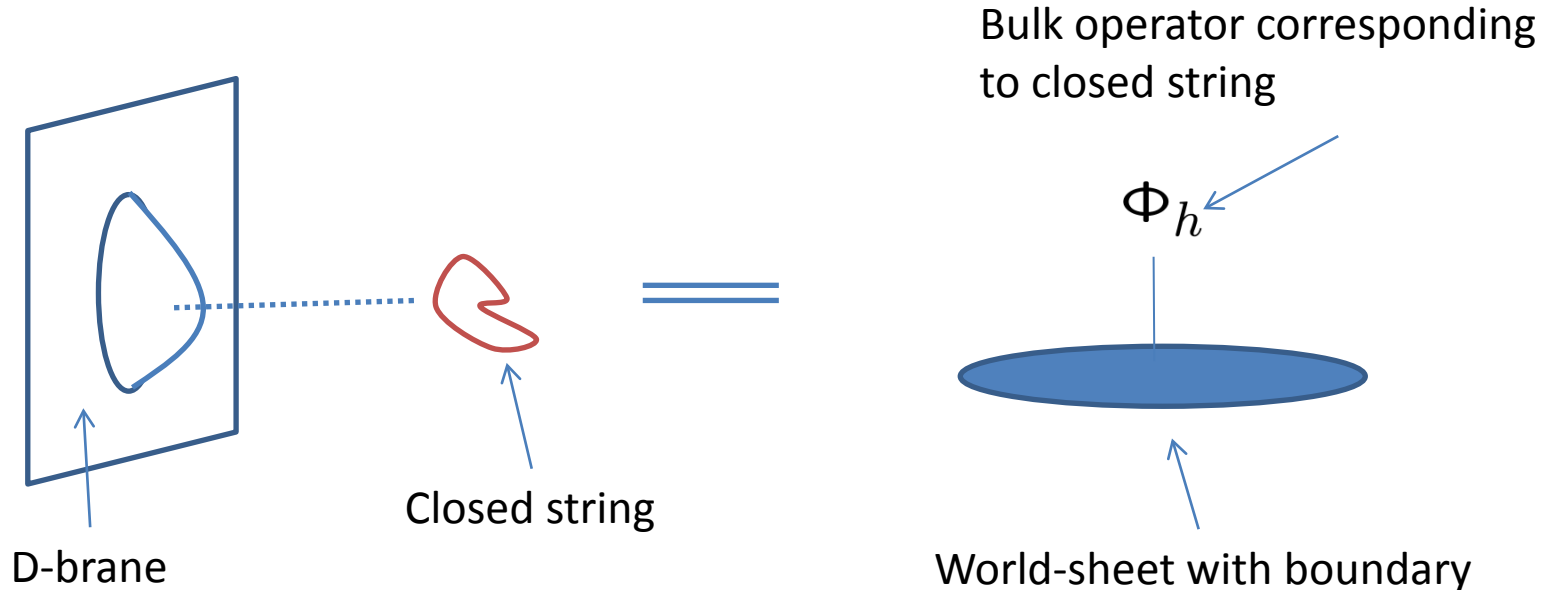
$\Omega = \sigma_1$ :  $\text{AdS}_2$  branes

[Bachas-Petropoulos '00]

# Quantum analysis

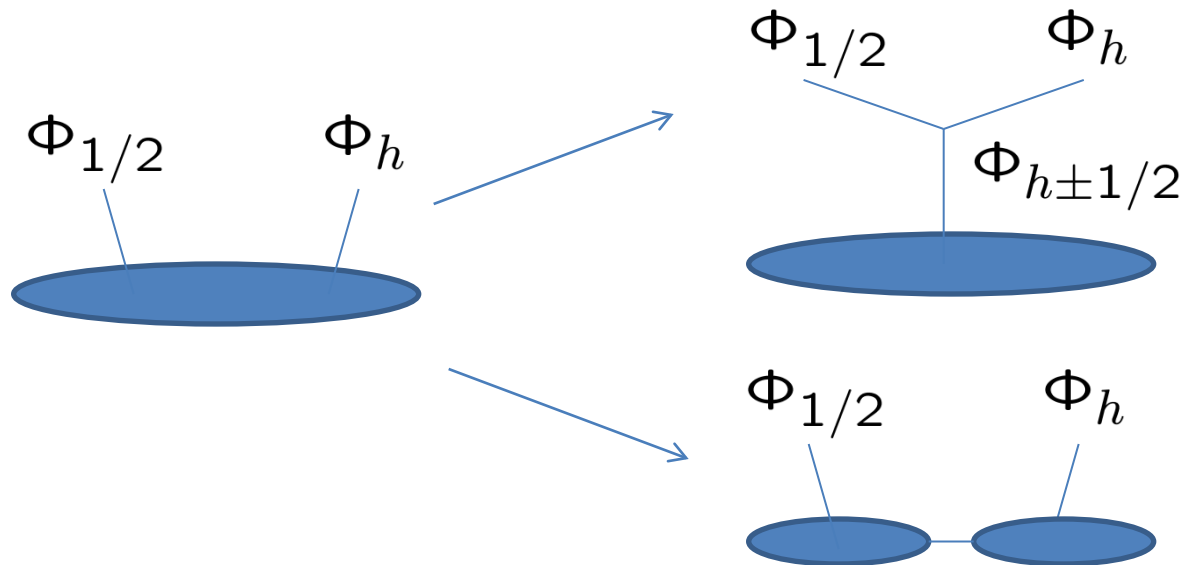
- 1 point function of closed string

- Coupling of closed strings to branes can be read from 1 point function of bulk operator on a disk
  - Presence of some object is found by the coupling to gravity



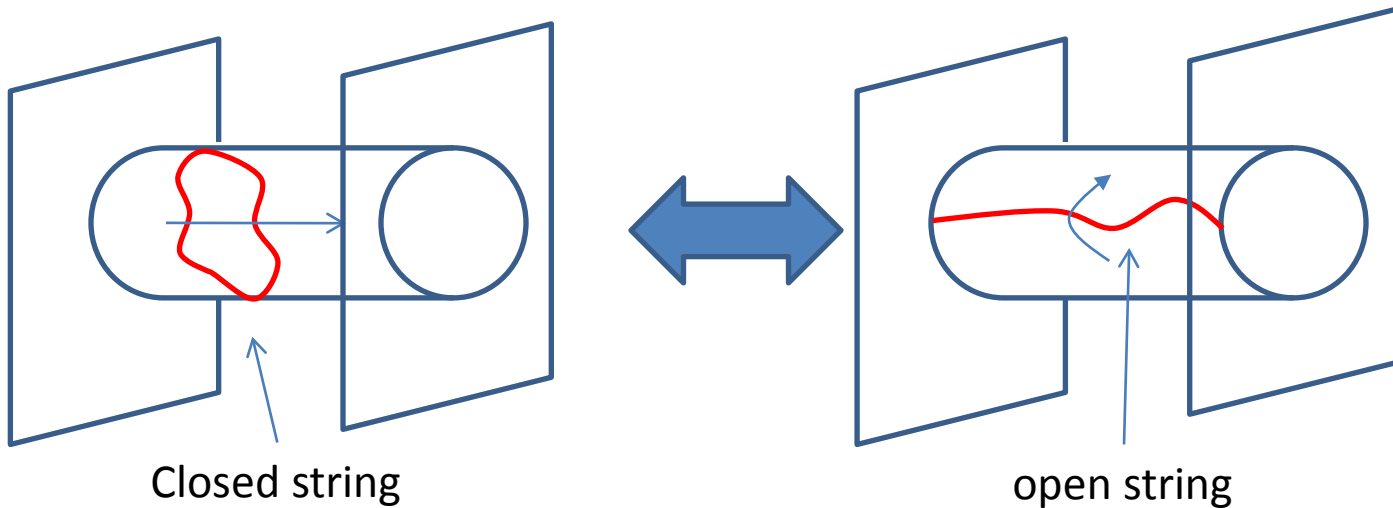
# Factorization constraint

- Constraint for the coefficients
  - Two point function on a disk can be factorized in two ways. Comparing the two expressions we obtain a constraint for one point function.



# Cardy condition

- Open-closed duality



- Boundary states can be constructed by 1pt function of bulk operator.
- Overlap between boundary states is evaluated by the exchange of **closed strings**.

- One loop amplitude of **open string** is computed with density of state  $\rho(s)$ .
- The density of state is read off from 2pt function of boundary operator.

# *1 point functions*

- 1 point functions of bulk operators on a disk
  - Method 1: Solving the factorization constraint
    - Applicable for both types of branes
    - Difficult to analyze 2pt functions on a disk
  - Method 2: Utilized OSP-super Liouville relation
    - Applicable only for super  $\text{AdS}_2$  branes
    - Easy to generalize to the Ramon sector.
- Consistency checks
  - Reproduce classical geometry
  - Open-closed duality
    - Need to include the RR-sector of closed strings



# Results

[ Creutzig-YH '10 ]

- 1 point functions ( $b^{-2} = 2k - 3, \sigma = \text{sgn}(x + \bar{x})$ )

– Super AdS<sub>2</sub> branes

$$\langle \Phi_h(x, \xi|z) \rangle_{\epsilon=+1} \propto \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - b^2(2h - \frac{1}{2})) e^{-\sigma(2h - \frac{1}{2})r}}{|x + \bar{x} + \xi\bar{\xi}|^{2h}}$$

$$\langle \Phi_h(x, \xi|z) \rangle_{\epsilon=-1} \propto \sigma \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - b^2(2h - \frac{1}{2})) e^{-\sigma(2h - \frac{1}{2})r}}{|x + \bar{x} - \xi\bar{\xi}|^{2h}}$$

Parameters  
corresponding to  
positions of branes

– Super spherical branes

$$\langle \Phi_h(x, \xi|z) \rangle_{\epsilon=+1} \propto \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - b^2(2h - \frac{1}{2})) \sin(s(2h - \frac{1}{2}))}{|1 + x\bar{x} + \xi\bar{\xi}|^{2h}}$$

$$\langle \Phi_h(x, \xi|z) \rangle_{\epsilon=+1} \propto \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - b^2(2h - \frac{1}{2})) \cos(s(2h - \frac{1}{2}))}{|1 + x\bar{x} - \xi\bar{\xi}|^{2h}}$$

Summary and future works

## **4. CONCLUSION**

# Conclusion

- Branes in the  $OSP(1|2)$  WZNW model
  - Two types; super  $AdS_2$  branes, super spherical branes
  - Couplings of closed strings to branes are computed by using factorization constraint and relation to super Liouville theory
  - Cardy condition and classical limit is checked
- Future works
  - Ramond sector should be analyzed more systematically
  - Generalize to other models, e.g.,  $OSP(2|2)$  model
  - Mirror symmetry of other cosets, e.g.,  $OSP(1|2)/U(1)$
  - Establish  $SL(N)$ -Toda relation (related to AGT relation?)
  - Applications to string theory and/or condensed matter physics