

ANALYTIC BOOTSTRAP IN 2D BOUNDARY CFT

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Based on [\[arXiv:2112.10984\]](#)

Conformal Field Theory

Invariant under

- translations
- rotations
- dilatations
- special conformal transformations

Helpful:
Correlation function is
almost fixed by symmetry

CFT appears in, for example,

- critical points in condensed matter theory.
- dual of quantum gravity

What can we do by CFT? One example is

- answer why critical exponents are rational.

2D Ising model

$$\eta = \frac{1}{4} \quad \nu = 1$$

Boundary CFT



$T_{xt} = 0 \Big|_{bdy}$
→ no momentum flow
across bdy

Boundary breaks conformal symmetry...

Conformal Symmetry of BCFT is part of conformal symmetry preserving the bdy. position.

$SO(2,d)$



$SO(2,d-1)$

Why do BCFTs attract attention recently?

Big Goal

boundary



asymptotic boundary



CFT coupled to
gravity in AdS₂

Big Goal



CFT_2



Gluing



AdS_2

Big Goal



Gluings

Big Goal



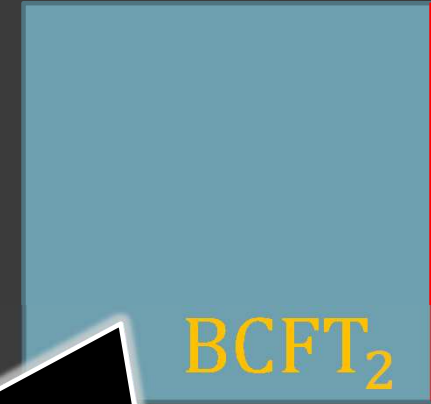
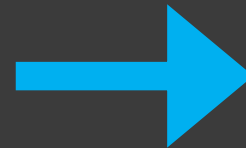
Comment:

Entropy of radiation from BH can be detected by EE
between CFT_2 & AdS_2

Why interesting?

EE can be defined on flat space, not on curved space

Big Goal



Point: More tractable to understand Quantum Gravity

Problem: NOT so explored, NO knowledge 🤔

Purpose: New method to explore 🔧

Small Goal

BCFT is now very interesting for the big goal.

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A. Many unexplored parts!

On this background, we will provide one technique to explore BCFT.

Small Goal

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In particular, very limited information even in asymptotic regime

This motivates us to develop **conformal bootstrap** in BCFTs

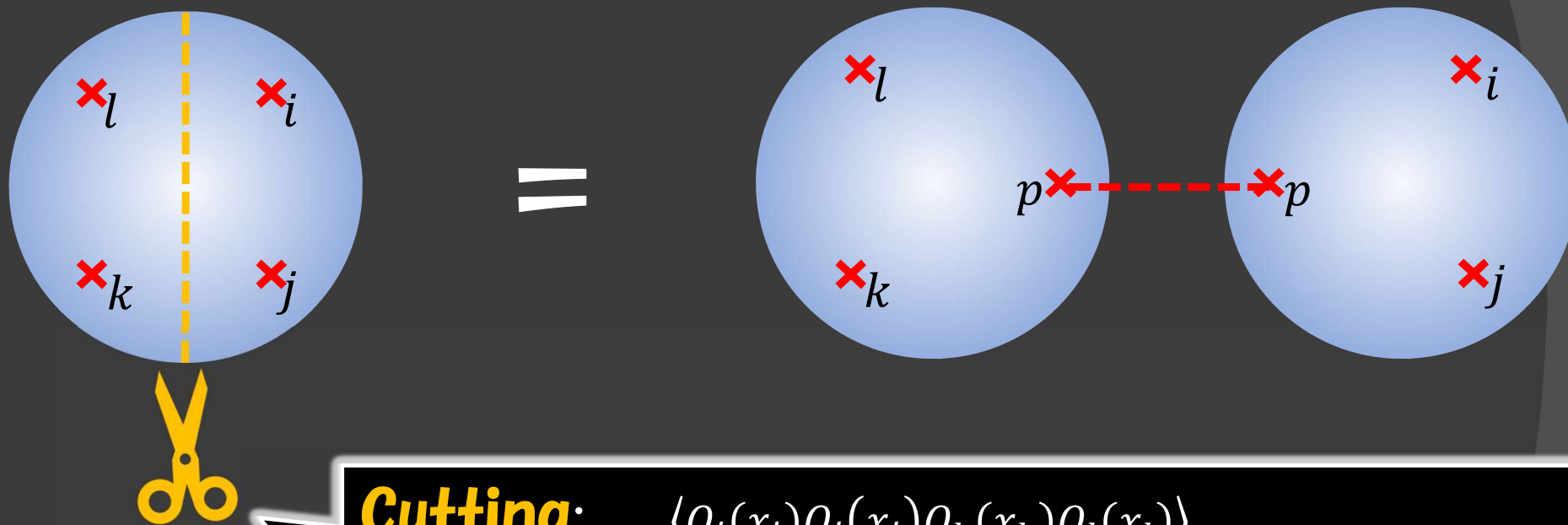
Useful to identify unknown information (DoF & OPE) in CFT

Review

How to evaluate c

or equivalently, using bulk-bulk-bulk OPE

$$\phi_i(0)\phi_j(x) \sim \sum_p C_{ijp} |x^{h_p-h_i-h_j}|^2 \phi_p + \dots$$

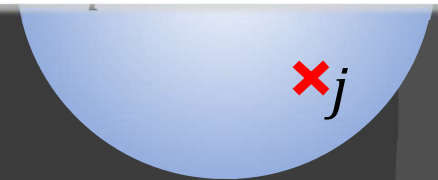
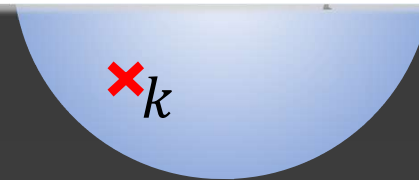
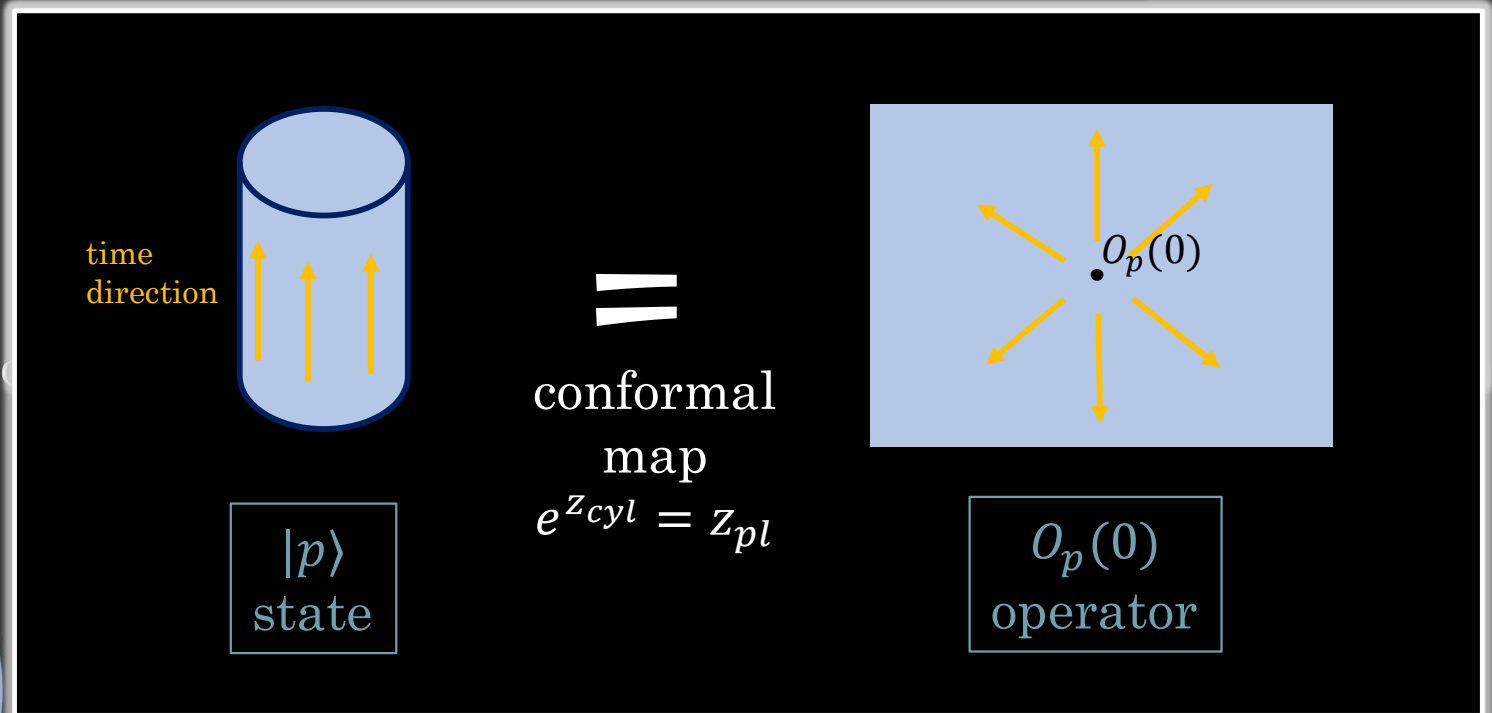
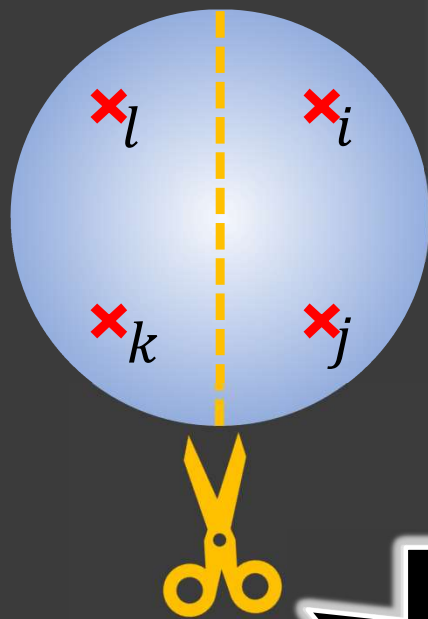


Cutting:

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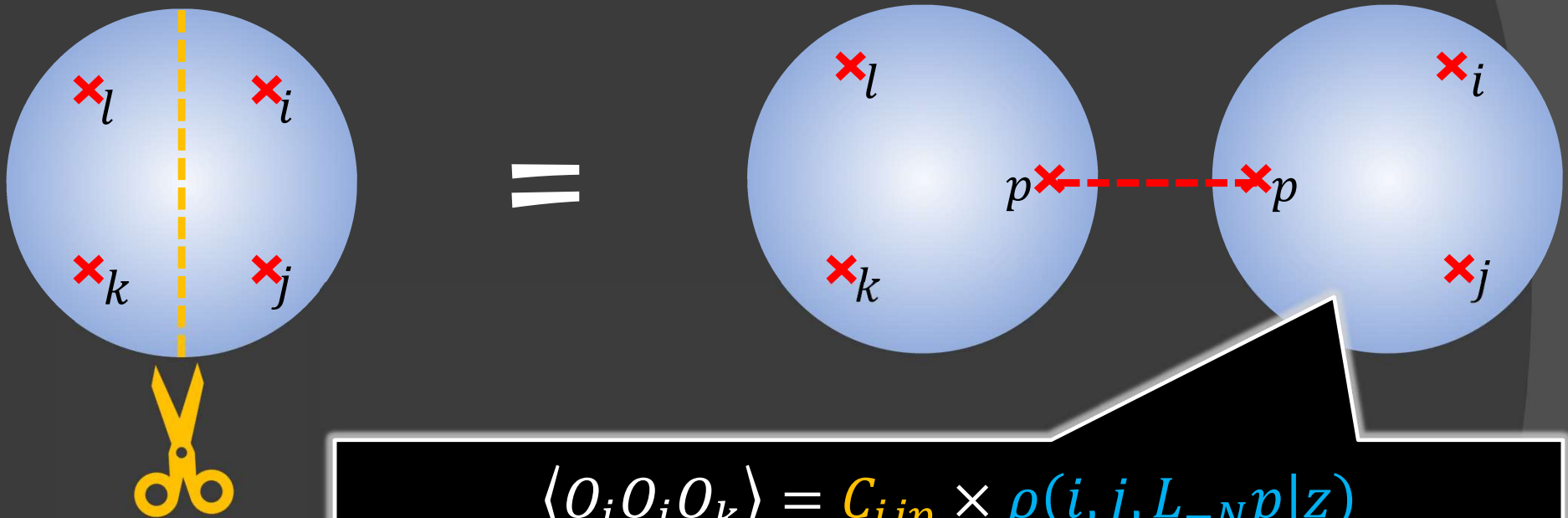


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Review of CFT

How to evaluate correlation function in CFT

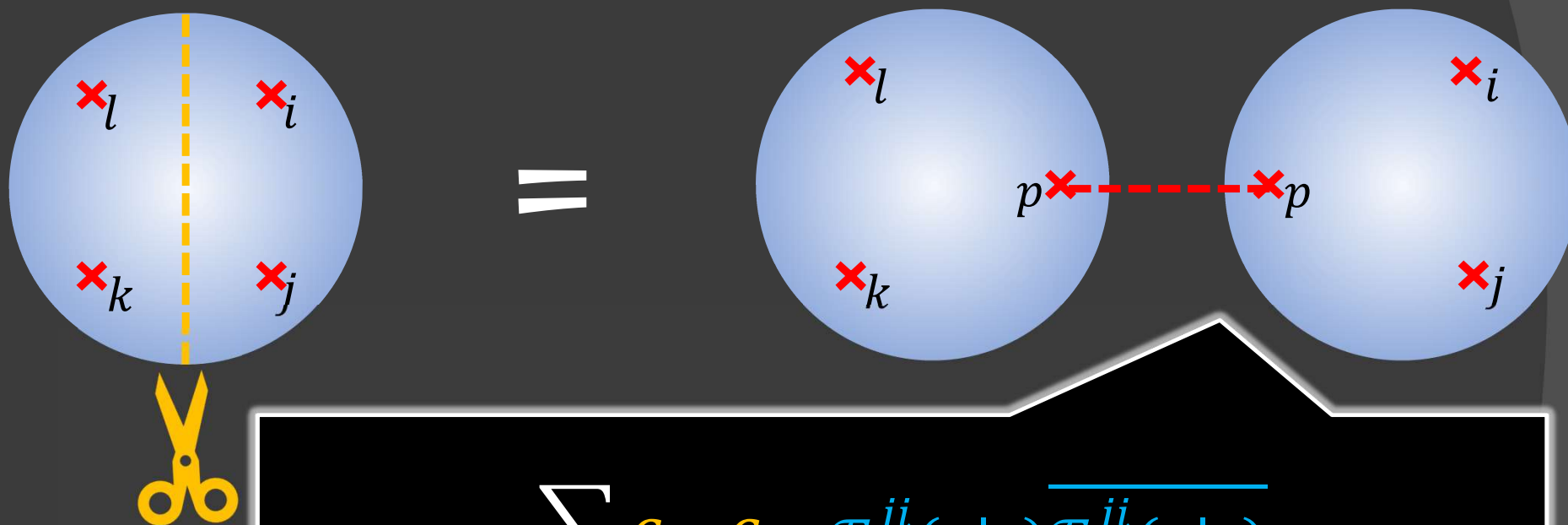


$$\langle O_i O_j O_k \rangle = \underset{\text{theory-dependent}}{C_{ijp}} \times \underset{\text{theory-independent}}{\rho(i, j, L_N p | z)}$$

ρ is completely fixed by conformal sym.
Does not depend on theory

Review of CFT

How to evaluate correlation function in CFT



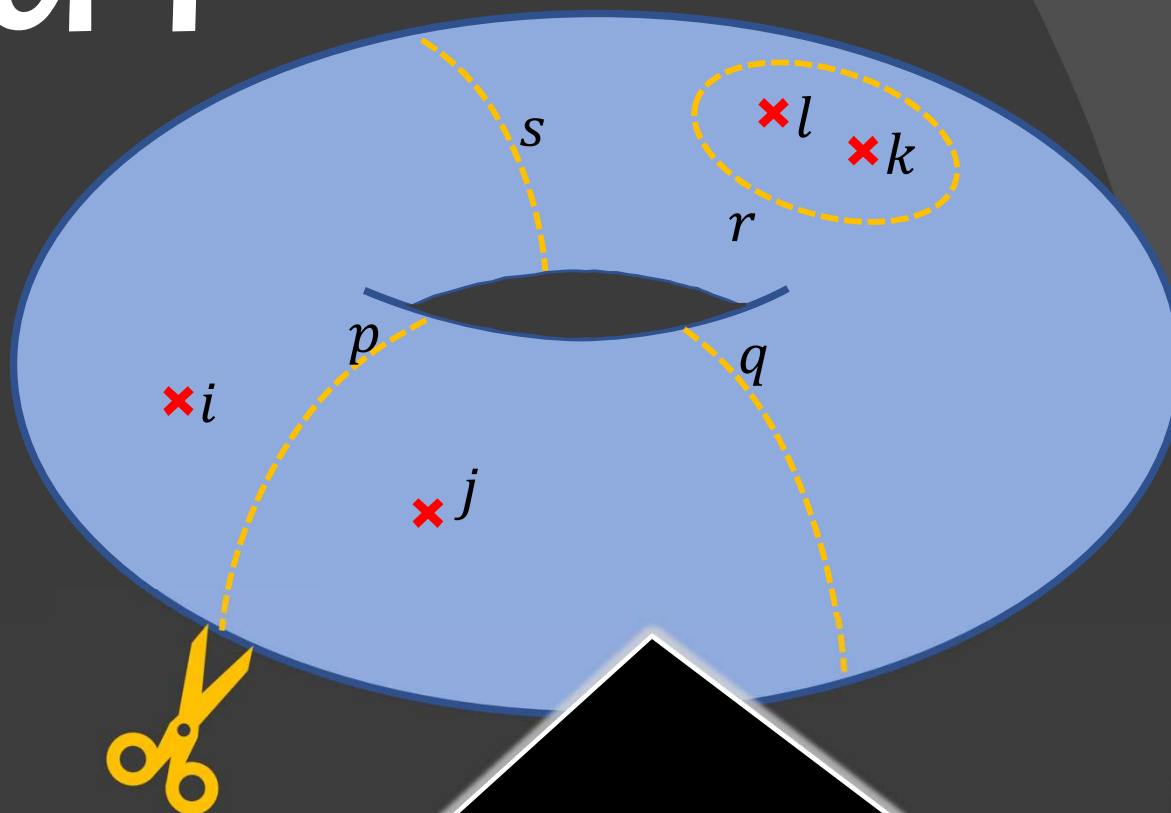
$$\sum_p \underbrace{C_{ijp} C_{klp}}_{\text{theory-dependent}} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(p|z) \overline{\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(p|z)}}_{\text{theory-independent}}$$

\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji} is completely fixed by conformal sym.

since $\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(p|z) = \sum_N \rho(i, j, L_N p) \times \rho(k, l, L_N p)$

Review of CFT

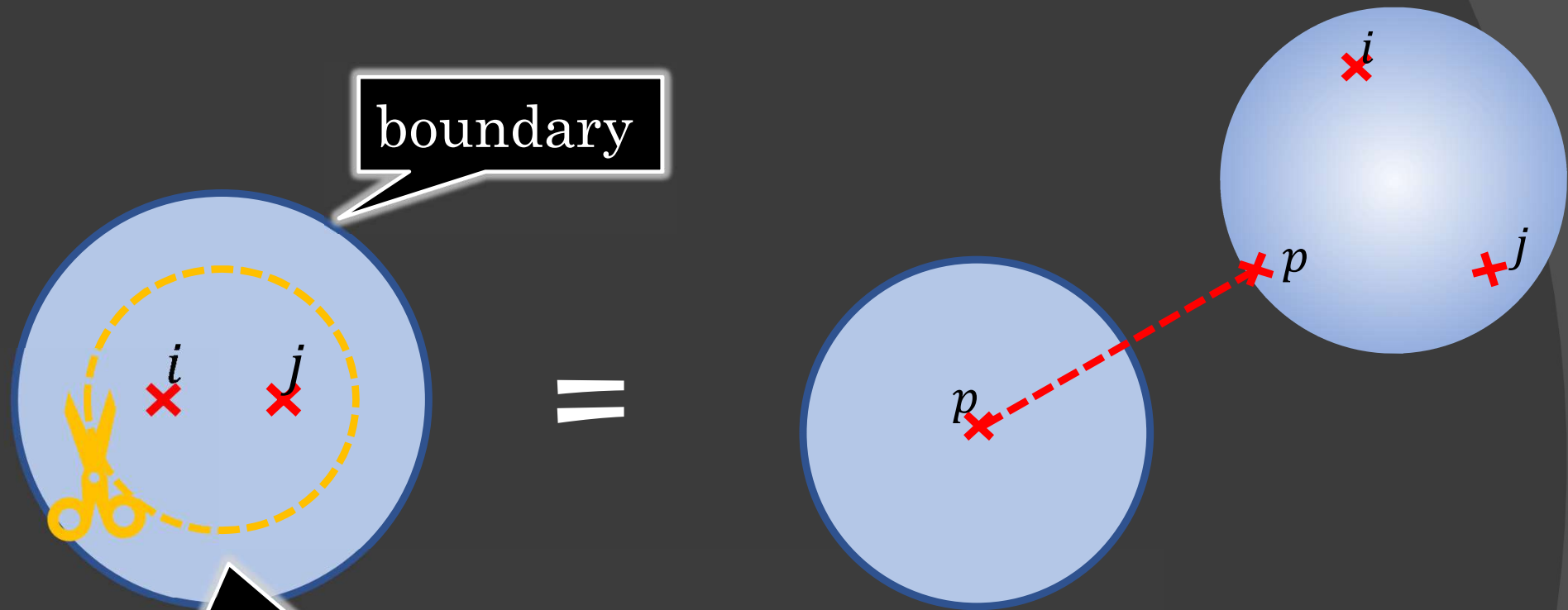
More general



$$\sum_{p,q,r,s} \underbrace{C_{sip} C_{pj q} C_{qrs} C_{rlk}}_{\text{theory-dependent}} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(p, q, r, s | \mathbb{Z}) \overline{\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(p, q, r, s | \mathbb{Z})}}_{\text{theory-independent}}$$

Any correlator can be evaluated by **cutting** with ρ & C_{ijk}

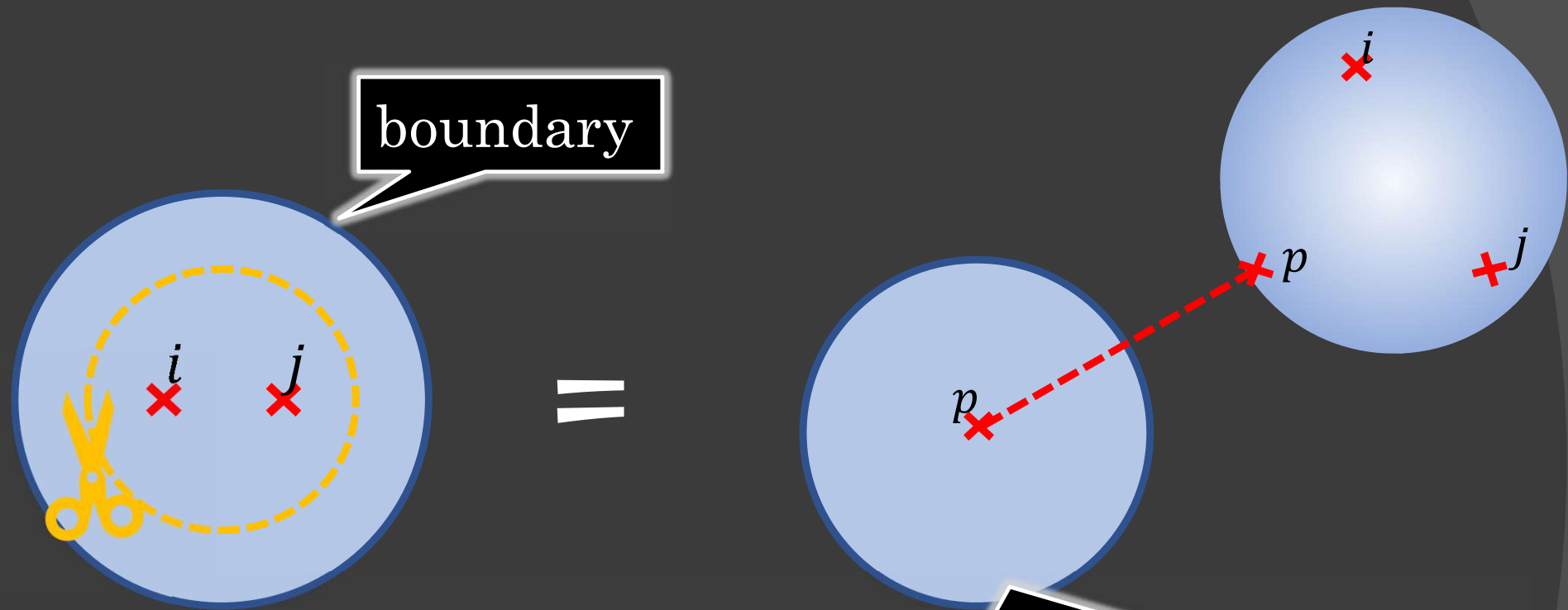
Review of BCFT [Lewellen]



Cutting:

Inserting (bulk operator) complete set

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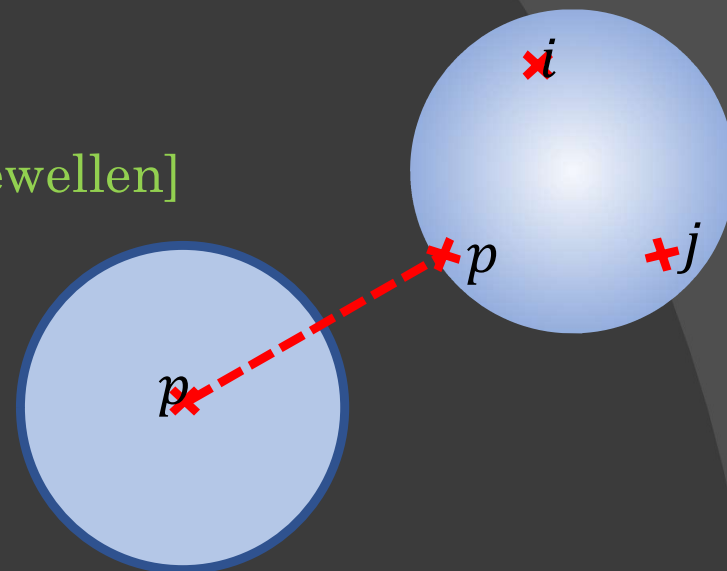


$$\sum_p C_{p0} C_{ijp} \mathcal{F}_{\overline{jl}}^{ji}(p|z)$$

$\mathcal{F}_{\overline{jl}}^{ji}$ is fixed by conformal sym. & mirror method

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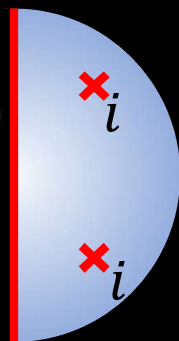


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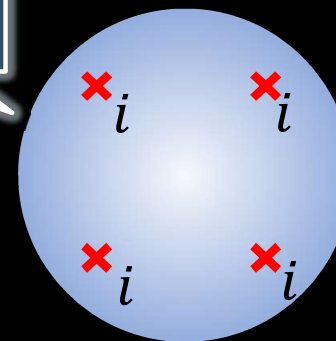
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boundary



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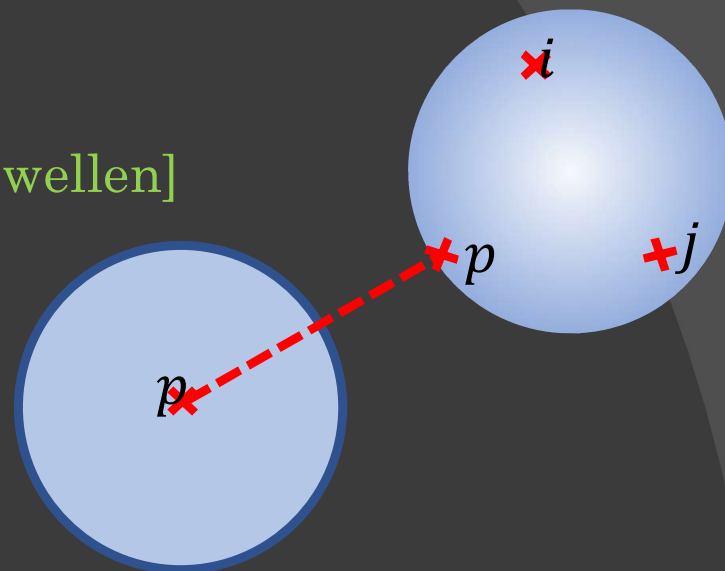
mirror



kinematic part = conformal block

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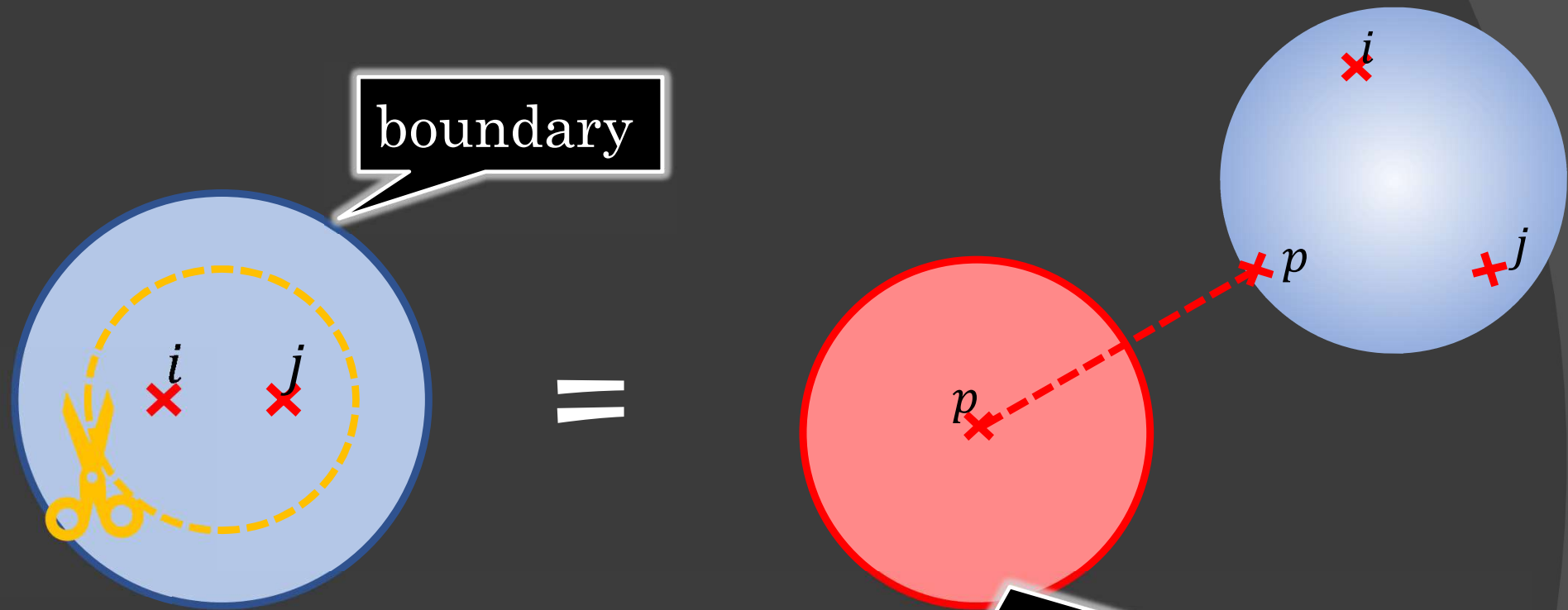
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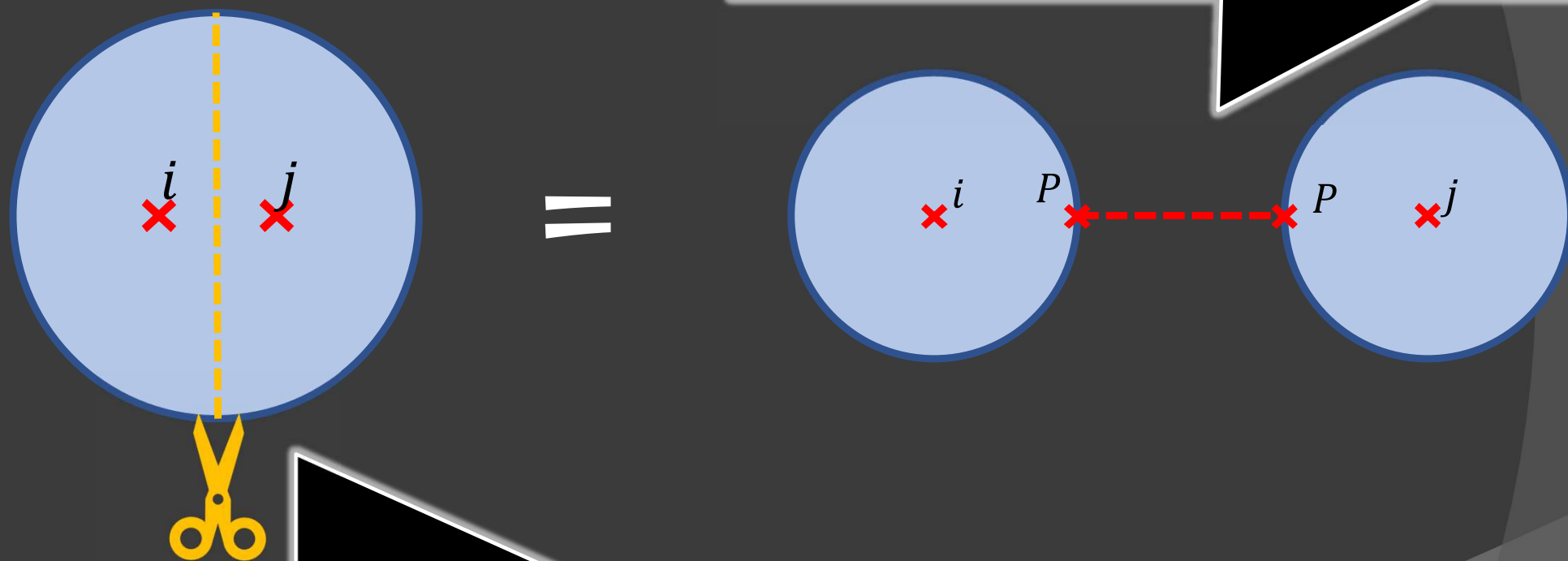
New ingredient: **bulk-boundary OPE coef.**

Review

or equivalently, using bulk-boundary OPE

$$\phi_i(z) \sim \sum_P C_{iP} (2\Im z)^{h_P - h_i - \bar{h}_i} \phi_P(\Re z) + \dots$$

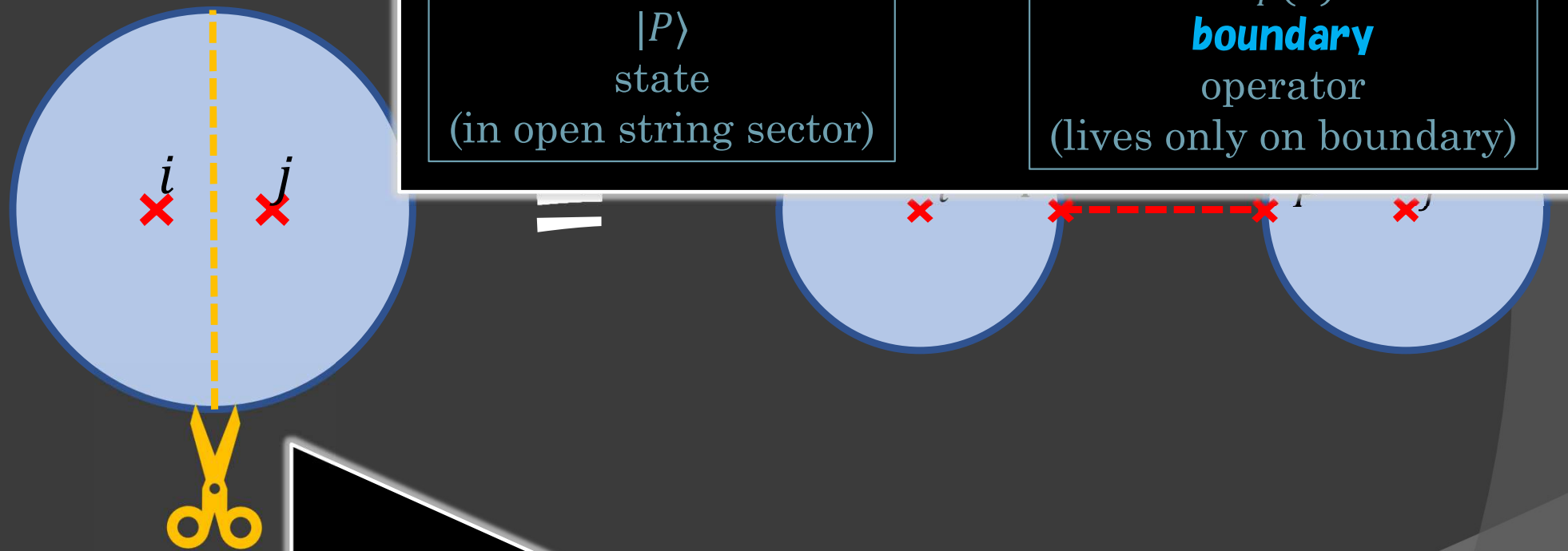
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Inserting (**boundary** operator) complete set

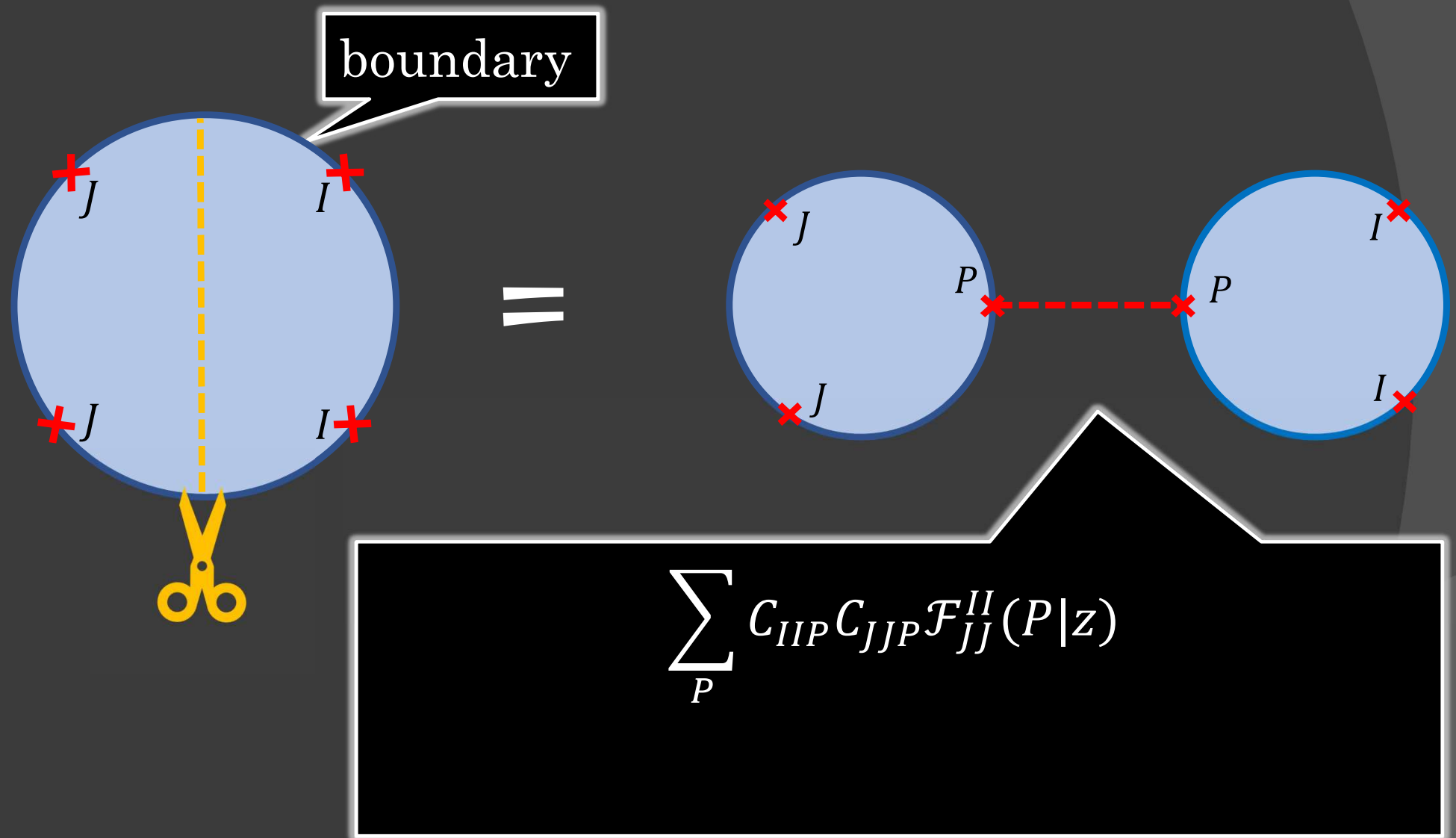
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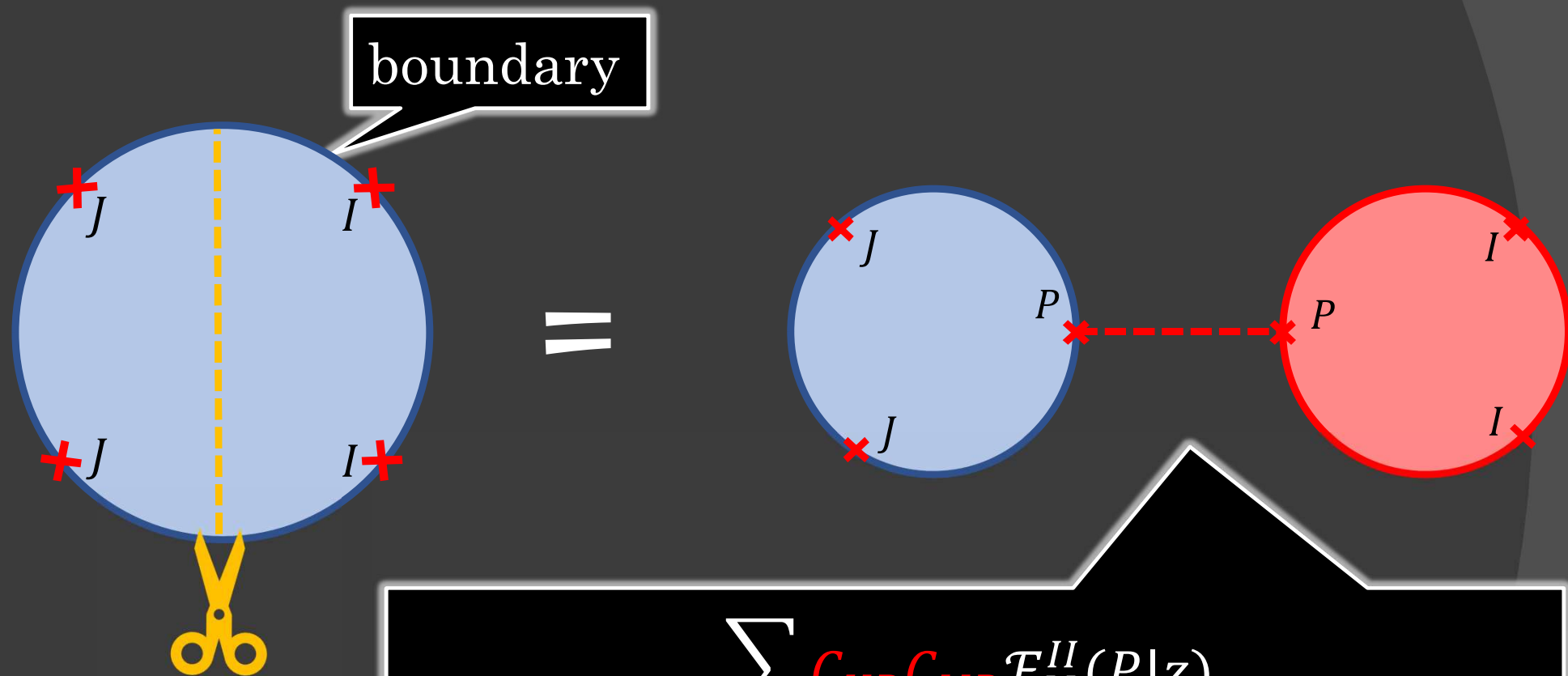
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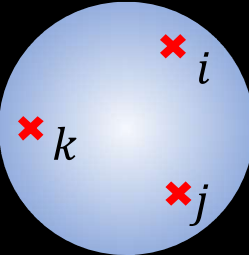


$$\sum_P C_{IIP} C_{JJP} \mathcal{F}_{JJ}^{II}(P|z)$$

New ingredient: **bdy-bdy-bdy OPE coef.**

As the first step, it would be interesting to give the asymptotic formula, which may have the potential to understand the braneworld holography.

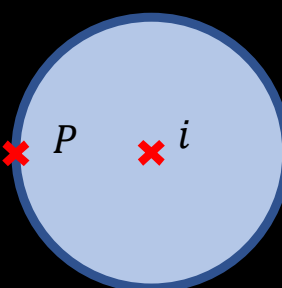
Ingredients in BCFT



[Collier, Maloney, Maxfield, Tsiaras]

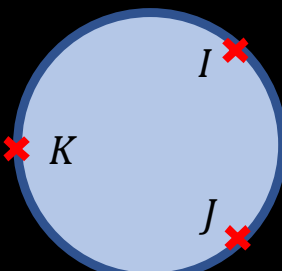
$$\equiv C_{ijk}$$

Bulk-bulk-bulk OPE coefficient



$\equiv C_{iP}$

Bulk-boundary OPE coefficient




$\equiv C_{IJK}$

Bdy-bdy-bdy OPE coefficient

[Cardy]

$$\rho(h, h)$$

Bulk primary spectrum



$\rho^{bdy}(h)$

Bdy primary spectrum

[Collier, Mazac, Wang]

$$g$$

Boundary entropy

Bootstrap in BCFT

Annulus
(Not Torus)

$$\rho(\alpha) = \sum_i D_i \delta(\alpha - \alpha_i)$$

where D_i is degeneracy of primaries with momentum α_i

$$C_{p0}^a = \frac{\langle B^a | p \rangle}{\langle B^a | 0 \rangle}$$

$$\int d\alpha_P \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P) \chi_P(\tau) = g^2 \int d\alpha_p \rho(\alpha_p) \overline{(C_{p0})^2} \chi_p\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right)$$

where

$$c = 1 + 6Q^2, \quad Q = b + \frac{1}{b}, \quad h_i = \alpha_i(Q - \alpha_i).$$

Bootstrap in BCFT

Same method with no boundary

[Kusuki]

[Collier, Gobeil, Maxfield, Perlmutter]

[Collier, Maloney, Maxfield, Tsiaras]

etc.

$$\int d\alpha_P \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P) \chi_P(\tau) = g^2 \int d\alpha_p \rho(\alpha_p) \overline{(C_{p0})^2} \chi_p\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right)$$

Step 1. vacuum approximation in $\tau \rightarrow i0$

$$\int d\alpha_P \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P)$$

Virasoro character is universal.
Therefore, kernel is also universal

Step 2. modular transformation

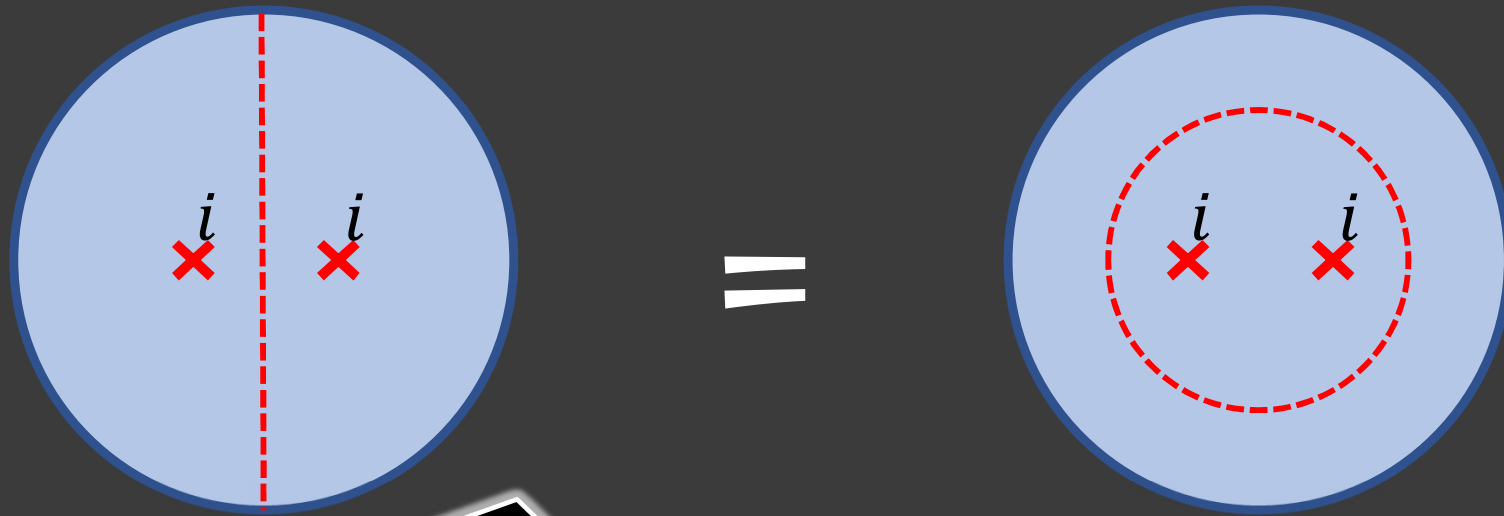
$$\chi_0\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = \int d\alpha_P S_{0P} \chi_P(\tau)$$

BCFT ver. of Cardy formula

Step 3. coefficient comparison

$$\rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P) \simeq g^2 S_{0P} \quad (h_P \rightarrow \infty)$$

Bootstrap in BCFT



$$\int d\alpha_P \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P) \overline{(C_{iP})^2} \mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(P|z) = \int d\alpha_p \rho(\alpha_p) \overline{C_{iip} C_{p0}} \mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(p|1-z)$$

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Bootstrap in BCFT

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Step 1. vacuum approximation in $z \rightarrow 1$

$$\int d\alpha_P \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_P) \overline{(C_{iP})^2} \mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(P|z) \simeq \mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(0|1-z)$$

Step 2. fusion transformation

closed form is given by Ponsot & Tschner

$$\mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(0|1-z) = \int d\alpha_P F_{0P} \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ i & i \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{ii}^{ii}(P|z)$$

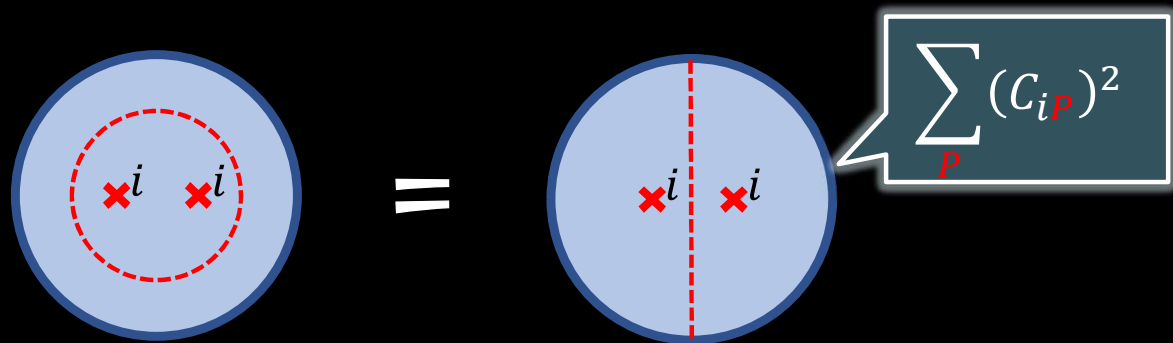
Step 3. coefficient comparison

$$\overline{(C_{iP})^2} \simeq g^{-2} S_{0P}^{-1} F_{0\alpha_P} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_i & \alpha_i \\ \alpha_i & \alpha_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (h_P \rightarrow \infty)$$

Bootstrap in BCFT

Bulk-boundary OPE coefficient

- Light-Heavy



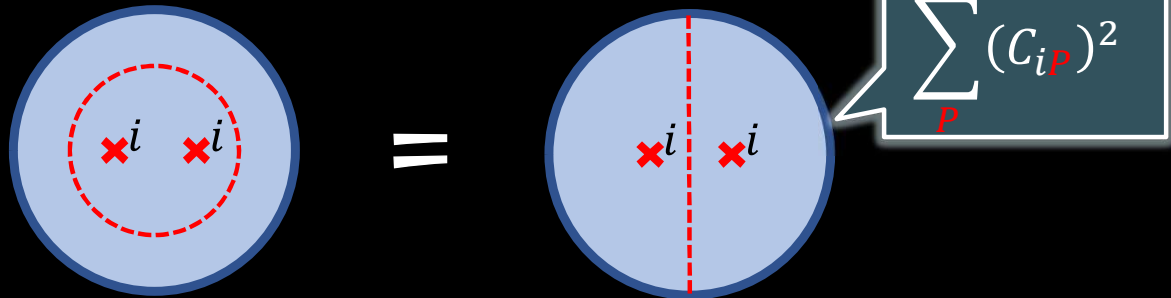
Note: How to find the bootstrap equation?

- We can extract information about a heavy state P from a sum over P (by our method or inverse Laplace transformation)
- Bootstrap equation should have sums over states corresponding to heavy

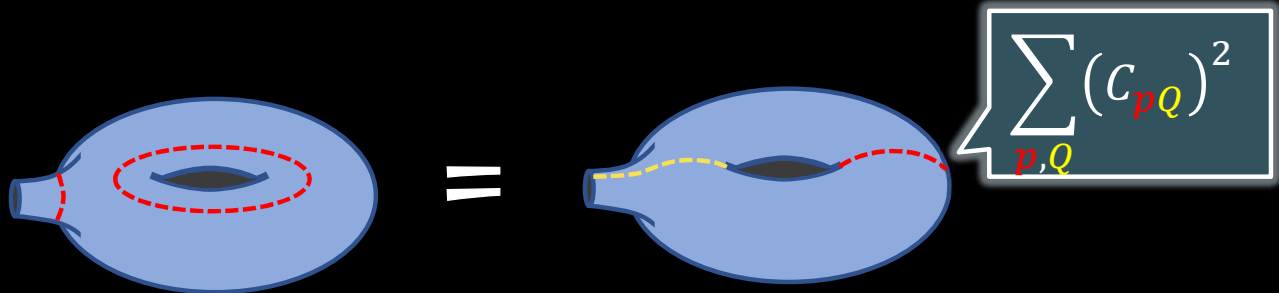
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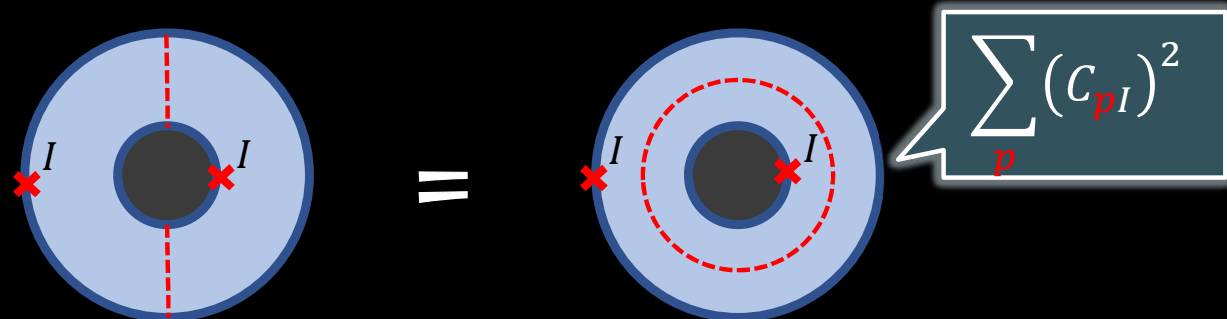
- Light-Heavy



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(or large spin)



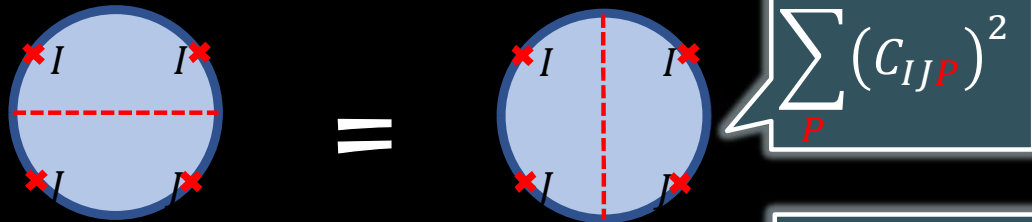
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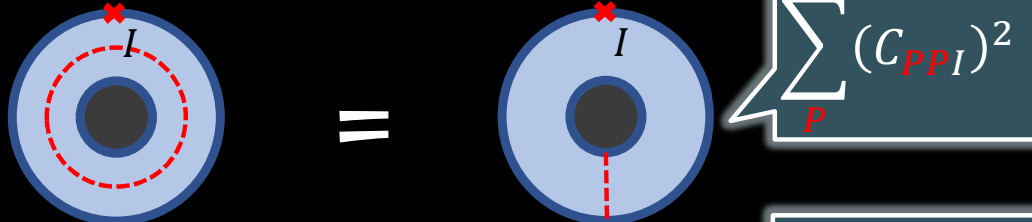
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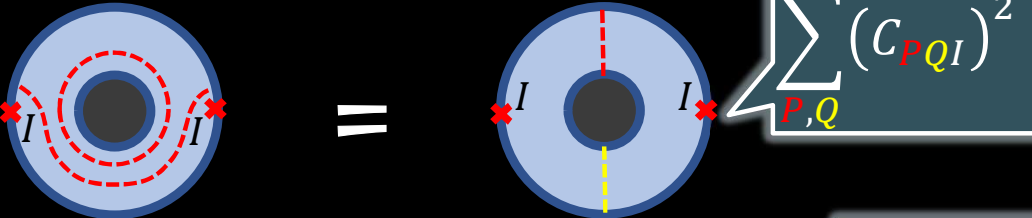
- H-L-L



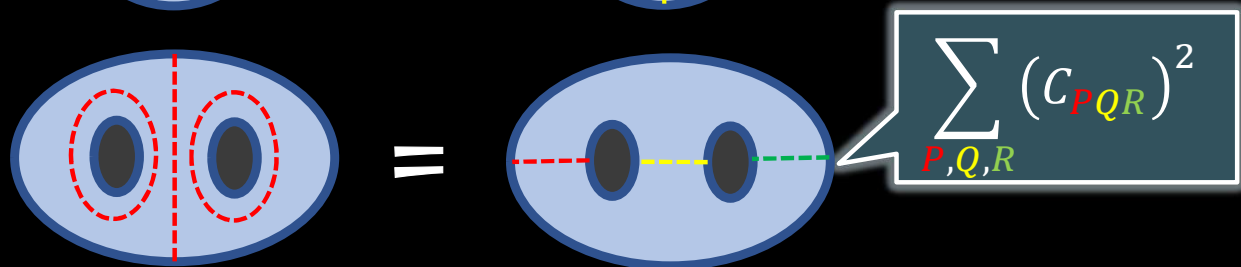
- H-H-L
($H_1 = H_2$)



- H-H-L
($H_1 \neq H_2$)



- H-H-H



Comments

Assume HKS sparse condition,

$$\rho^{bdy}(h_P), \rho^{bulk}(h_P) \leq e^{2\pi h_P}, \quad h_P \leq \frac{c}{24}$$

- ρ^{bdy} follows **Cardy formula**

$$\rho^{bdy}(h_P) \simeq e^{2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} \left(h_P - \frac{c}{24} \right)}}, \quad h_P \geq \frac{c}{12}$$

- H-H-L OPE coef. follows **ETH**

$$C_{PQI} \simeq e^{-\frac{1}{2}S\left(\frac{E_P + E_Q}{2}\right)}, \quad h_P \rightarrow \infty \text{ with } |h_P - h_Q| \text{ fixed}$$

$$\text{where } S(E) = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{6}E} \text{ and } E_I = h_I - \frac{c}{24}$$

Discussion

As the next step, we hope to understand a relation between braneworld (island model, ...) & BCFT (moving mirror, ...) from boundary bootstrap results!

⊙ More input on bootstrap

- localization on brane ($g \gg 1$)

[Karch, Randall],
[Cooper, Rozali, Swingle], etc.

- causality (large gap)

[Reeves, Rozali, Simidzija, Sully,
Waddell, Wakeham], etc.

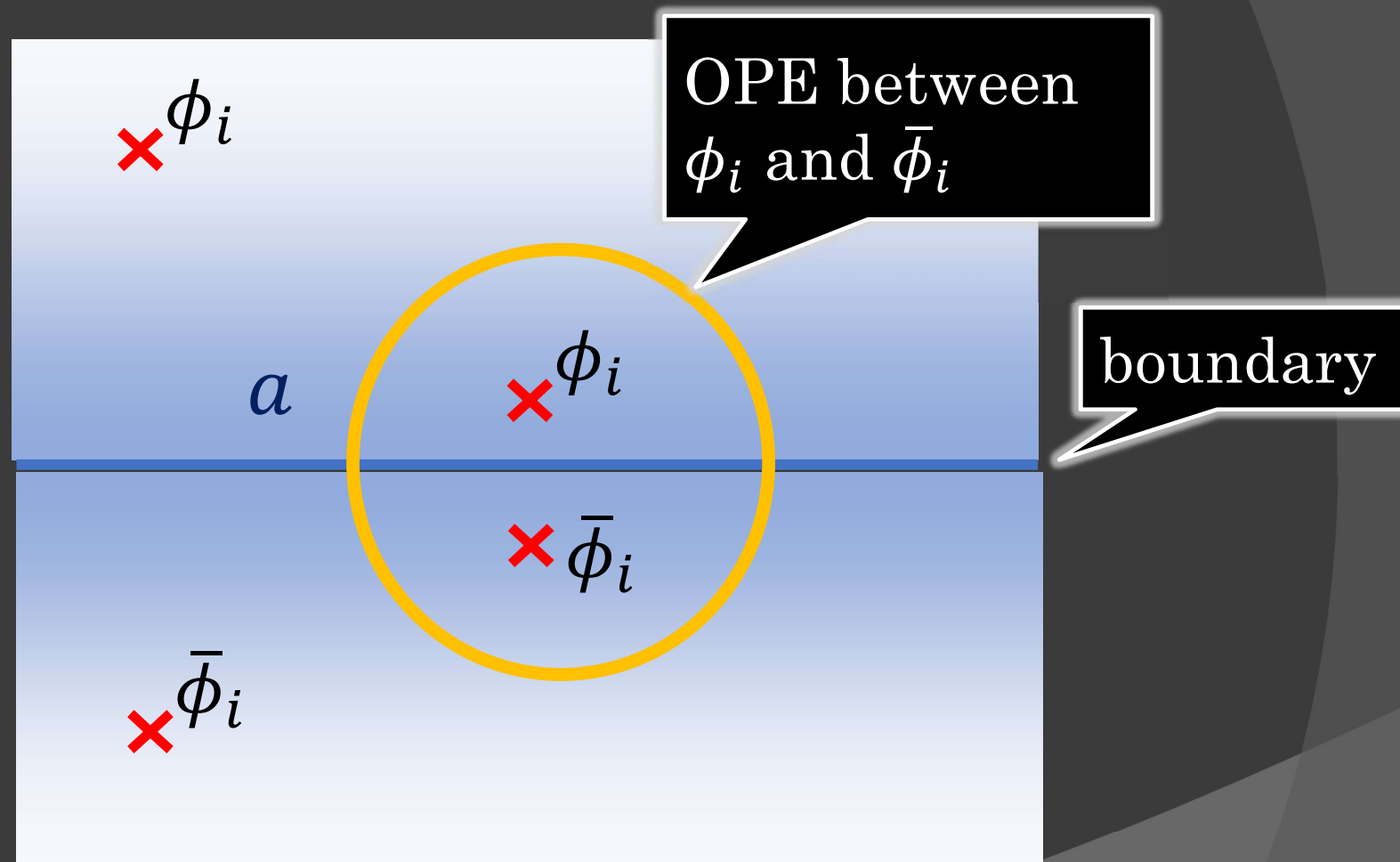
- brane self-intersection

[Cooper, Rozali, Swingle],
[Geng, Lust, Mishra, Wakeham], etc.

⊙ Application of new techniques developed in CFT

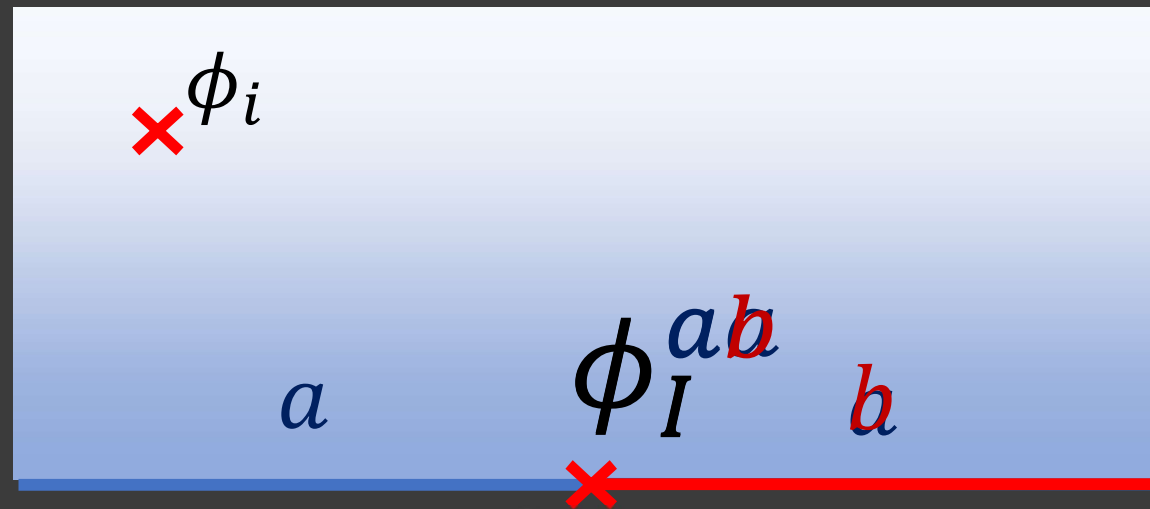
Appendix

Review of BCFT



Review of BCFT

i : bulk
 I : boundary



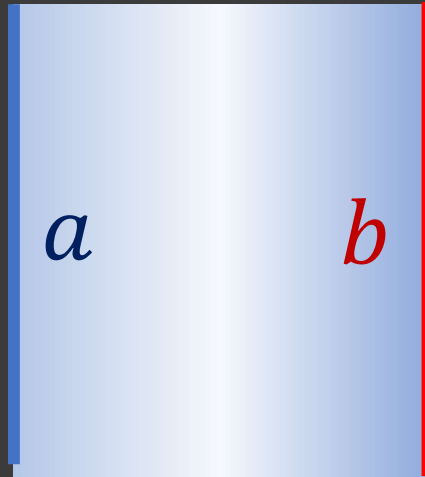
boundary

New ingredient (boundary primary)

Primary operator living on boundary,
which can change boundary condition.
Same transformation law under conformal mapping.

Review of BCFT

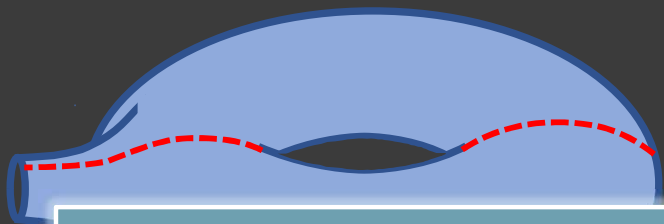
state – operator
like mapping



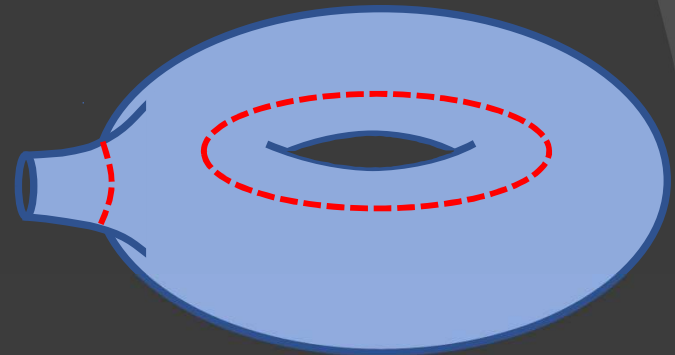
Conformal weight of ϕ_I^{ab}

= Energy corresponding to the state on the strip

Lightcone Bootstrap in BCFT

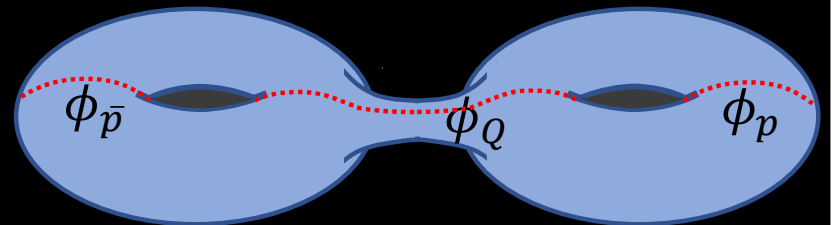


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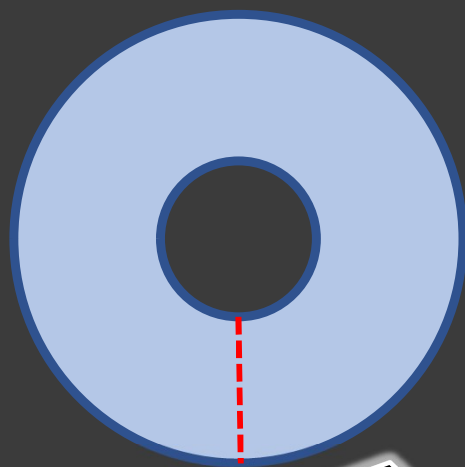


For intermediate state p ,
 $\alpha_p \neq \bar{\alpha}_p$ is possible.

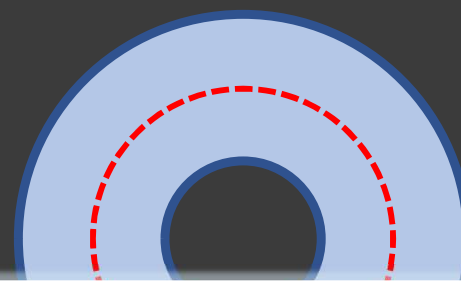
$$\int d\alpha_p \int d\bar{\alpha}_p \int d\alpha_Q \rho(\alpha_p, \bar{\alpha}_p) \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_Q) \overline{(C_{pQ})^2}$$



Bootstrap in BCFT



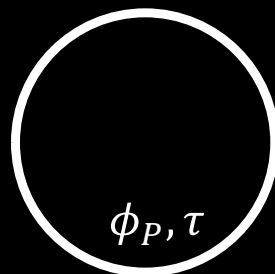
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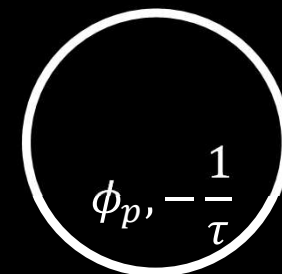
$$C_{p0} = \left\langle \phi_{\alpha_p}(z) \phi_{\bar{\alpha}_p}(z^*) \right\rangle = 0$$

if $\alpha_p \neq \bar{\alpha}_p$

$$\int d\alpha_p \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_p)$$



$$= g^2 \int d\alpha_p \rho(\alpha_p) \overline{(C_{p0})^2}$$



where

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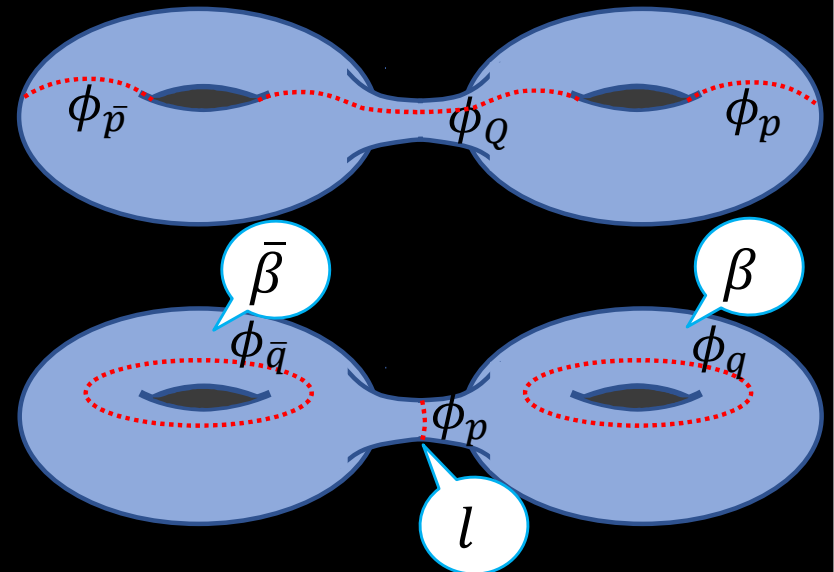
Lightcone Bootstrap in BCFT



$$\int d\alpha_p \int d\bar{\alpha}_p \int d\alpha_q \rho(\alpha_p, \bar{\alpha}_p) \rho^{bdy}(\alpha_q) \overline{(C_{pq})}^2$$

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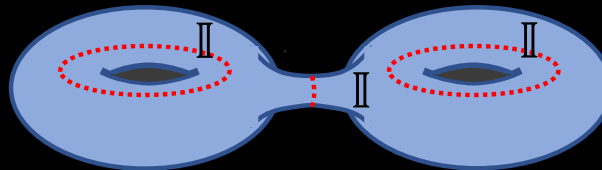
$$\int d\alpha_p \int d\alpha_q \int d\bar{\alpha}_q \rho(\alpha_p) \rho(\alpha_q, \bar{\alpha}_q) \overline{C_{pq} C_{p0}}$$



Lightcone B

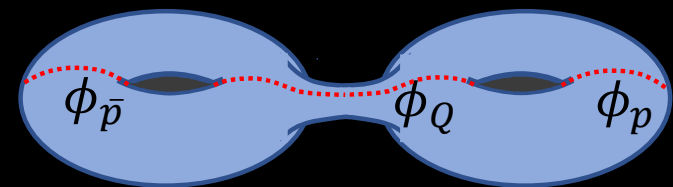
Compact $c > 1$ CFT without other currents
 $\rho(0, \bar{\alpha}_p) = 1$ only if $\bar{\alpha}_p = 0$

Step 1. vacuum approximation in $l \rightarrow \infty$ & $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ with $\bar{\beta}$ fixed



Step 2. modular & fusion transformation

$$= \int d\alpha_p \int d\bar{\alpha}_p \int d\alpha_Q S_{0p} S_{0\bar{p}} F_{0\alpha_Q} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_p & \alpha_p \\ \bar{\alpha}_p & \bar{\alpha}_p \end{bmatrix}$$



Step 3. coefficient comparison

$$\overline{(C_{pQ})^2} \simeq g^{-2} S_{0Q}^{-1} F_{0\alpha_Q} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_p & \alpha_p \\ \bar{\alpha}_p & \bar{\alpha}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$(h_p \rightarrow \infty, \bar{h}_p \rightarrow \infty, h_Q \rightarrow \infty)$

large spin limit

Virasoro block

Complete set

$$\sum_{h,\bar{h} \in \text{primaries}} \sum_{a,\bar{a}} \frac{|\phi_{h,\bar{h}}^{a,\bar{a}}\rangle \langle \phi_{h,\bar{h}}^{a,\bar{a}}|}{\langle \phi_{h,\bar{h}}^{a,\bar{a}} | \phi_{h,\bar{h}}^{a,\bar{a}} \rangle}$$

$$\langle \phi_{h,\bar{h}}(z, 1) \phi_{h,\bar{h}}(0,0) \rangle_{bdy}$$

$$= \sum_{h_p, \bar{h}_p \in \text{primaries}} \sum_{a, \bar{a}} \frac{1}{\langle \phi_{h_p, \bar{h}_p}^{a, \bar{a}} | \phi_{h_p, \bar{h}_p}^{a, \bar{a}} \rangle} \left\langle \phi_{h_p, \bar{h}_p}^{a, \bar{a}}(0,0) \right\rangle_{bdy} \\ \times \left\langle \phi_{h_p, \bar{h}_p}^{a, \bar{a}}(\infty, \infty) \phi_{h,\bar{h}}(z, 1) \phi_{h,\bar{h}}(0,0) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{h_p} \sum_a \frac{1}{\langle \phi_{h_p}^a | \phi_{h_p}^a \rangle} \left\langle \phi_{\bar{h}}(\infty) \phi_{\bar{h}}(1) \phi_{h_p}^a(0) \right\rangle \left\langle \phi_{h_p}^a(\infty) \phi_h(z) \phi_h(0) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{h_p} C_{hh h_p} C_{\bar{h} \bar{h} h_p} \mathcal{F}_{\bar{h} \bar{h}}^{hh}(h_p | z)$$

Reminder

$$\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(h_p | z) \equiv \sum_a \frac{1}{\langle \phi_p^a | \phi_p^a \rangle} \frac{\langle \phi_l(\infty) \phi_k(1) \phi_p^a(0) \rangle \langle \phi_p^a(\infty) \phi_j(z) \phi_i(0) \rangle}{C_{ijp} C_{klp}}$$

Virasoro block

Complete set

$$\sum_h \sum_a \frac{|\psi_h^a\rangle\langle\psi_h^a|}{\langle\psi_h^a|\psi_h^a\rangle}$$

$$\langle\phi_{h,\bar{h}}(\infty, 1)\phi_{h,\bar{h}}(z, 0)\rangle_{bdy}$$

$$= \sum_{h_p} \sum_a \frac{1}{\langle\psi_h^a|\psi_h^a\rangle} \left\langle\phi_{h,\bar{h}}(\infty, 1)\psi_{h_p}^a(0)\right\rangle_{bdy} \left\langle\psi_{h_p}^a(\infty)\phi_{h,\bar{h}}(z, 0)\right\rangle_{bdy}$$

$$= \sum_{h_p} \sum_a \frac{1}{\langle\psi_h^a|\psi_h^a\rangle} \left\langle\phi_h(\infty)\phi_{\bar{h}}(1)\psi_{h_p}^a(0)\right\rangle \left\langle\psi_{h_p}^a(\infty)\phi_{\bar{h}}(z)\phi_h(0)\right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{h_p} C_{h\bar{h}h_p}^2 \mathcal{F}(h_p|z)$$

Reminder

$$\mathcal{F}_{kl}^{ji}(h_p|z) \equiv \sum_a \frac{1}{\langle\phi_p^a|\phi_p^a\rangle} \frac{\langle\phi_l(\infty)\phi_k(1)\phi_p^a(0)\rangle\langle\phi_p^a(\infty)\phi_j(z)\phi_i(0)\rangle}{C_{ijp}C_{klp}}$$