

NON RENORMALIZABILITY PROPERTIES
OF EXTREMAL CORRELATORS OF
 $\frac{1}{4}$ BPS OPERATORS

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MAIN GOALS:

- UNDERSTAND BETTER PROTECTED QUANTITIES
IN $N=4$ SYM $\rightarrow$ IN PARTICULAR
 $1/4$ BPS OPERATORS
- PROTECTED SECTORS IN $N=4$ SYM CONSTRAIN
THE NON PROTECTED ONES.

OPERATORS IN $N=4$ SYM

• $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS

$$\Delta = p, \quad R\text{-symmetry } [0, p, 0]$$

$$\langle \theta_{p_1} \theta_{p_2} \theta_{p_3} \rangle = f(N)$$

PROTECTED FROM

QUANTUM CORRECTIONS

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e.g.

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$$\Theta_2 \sim \text{tr } \phi^2$$

$$p=3$$

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$$p=4$$

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SINGLE TRACE

$$\theta_4 \sim \text{tr } \phi^2 \text{tr } \phi^2 \rightarrow \text{DOUBLE TRACE}$$

- ACTUALLY THE PROPER OPERATOR (EIGENSTATE OF THE DILATATION GENERATOR) IS A LINEAR COMBINATION, FOR INSTANCE

$$p=4, \quad \Delta=4$$

$$\theta_4^{SP} = \left(\frac{4(N^2+1)}{(N^2-1)(N^2-4)(N^2-9)} \right)^{1/2} \left(t_4 - \frac{2N^2-3}{N(N^2+1)} t_2^2 \right)$$

$$\theta_4^{OT} = \left(\frac{2}{(N^4-1)} \right)^{1/2} t_2^2$$

WHERE $t_p = \text{Tr}(y \cdot \phi)^p$

[ALDAY, ZHOU]
[AB, FARDELLI, MANENTI]

- IN THE AdS DUAL THEORY

θ_2



GRAVITON
SUPERMULTIPLY

θ_3



KALUZA KLEIN
MODES

$\vdots$

θ_4^{DT}



BOUND 2-PARTICLE
STATE

• $\frac{1}{4}$ BPS

$$\Delta = 2q + p$$

$$[q, p, q]_R$$

An example: Θ_{pq}

$$\Theta_{02} \sim \text{Tr } \phi^i \phi^j \text{ Tr } \phi^k \phi^l P_{ijkl}$$

$$\Delta = 4$$

$$[2, 0, 2]_R$$

- LONG OPERATORS

THEIR DIMENSION AND OPE COEFFICIENTS

ACQUIRE CORRECTIONS AS FUNCTIONS OF λ AND N .

$$\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$$

MOVING TO 4-POINT FUNCTIONS

- THEY GENERICALLY DEPEND ON λ , EVEN WHEN DEALING WITH $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS OPERATORS
- HOWEVER IT EXISTS A FAMILY OF 4-POINT CORRELATORS WHICH ARE PROTECTED.

EXTREMAL AND NEAR EXTREMAL CORRELATORS

$$\langle \theta_{p_1} \theta_{p_2} \theta_{p_3} \theta_{p_4} \rangle$$

$$\theta_p \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{BPS op}$$
$$\Delta = p$$

$$\text{if } p_4 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 - 2k$$

$k=0$ EXTREMAL

$k=1$ NEAR EXTREMAL

- THESE CORRELATORS ARE PROTECTED
(do not depend on λ).

[D'HOKER, FREEDMAN, MATHUR, NATUNIS, RASTELL]
[D'HOKER, ERDMENGER, FREEDMAN, PEREZ-VICTORIA]
...

WHY IS IT THE CASE?

- THIS FACT HAS BEEN PROVEN IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS.
- I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ONE APPROACH BASED ON R-SYMMETRY CONSIDERATIONS AND LATER I WILL INTRODUCE SUPERSPACE METHODS.

BRIEF RECAP:

- 4 POINT FUNCTIONS OF $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS OPERATORS
(FOR SIMPLICITY OPERATORS WITH SAME DIMENSION)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Theta_p(x_1, y_1) \Theta_p(x_2, y_2) \Theta_p(x_3, y_3) \Theta_p(x_4, y_4) \rangle &= \mathcal{G}(u, v, \sigma, \tau) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\Delta, e \\ R}} a_{\Delta, e}^R \mathcal{P}_{\Delta, e}(u, v) \Upsilon^R(\sigma, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

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[DOWN, OSBORN]

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$$= \sum_{\substack{\Delta, e \\ R}} a_{\Delta, e}^R \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_{\Delta, e}(u, v)}_{\text{CONFORMAL BLOCKS}} \Upsilon^R(\sigma, \tau) \quad \rightarrow \text{R-SYMMETRY}$$

$$[0, p, 0] \times [0, p, \frac{1}{2}, 0]$$

CONFORMAL BLOCKS $\rightarrow$ PRIMARIES

- USE SUPERCONFORMAL WARD IDENTITIES:

$$G(u, v, \sigma, \tau) = k + \underbrace{G^f(u, v, \sigma, \tau)}_{\text{SHORT MULTIPLETS}} + R(u, v, \sigma, \tau) \underbrace{H(u, v, \sigma, \tau)}_{\substack{\text{LONG MULTIPLETS} \\ \text{SUPERCONFORMAL} \\ \text{PRIMARIES}}}$$

$$H(u, v, \sigma, \tau) = \sum_{\substack{\Delta, e \\ R}} \tilde{a}_{\Delta, e}^R \gamma^R(\sigma, \tau) \underbrace{G_{\Delta, e}(u, v)}_{\substack{\text{SUPERCONFORMAL} \\ \text{BLOCKS}}}$$

- FOR THE SPECIFIC CASE OF $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS,
SUPERCONFORMAL PRIMARIES IN LONG
REPRESENTATIONS APPEARING IN THE OPE OF
 $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS OPERATORS TRANSFORM UNDER

$$[0, p, 0] \times [0, p, 0] \xrightarrow{\text{LONG}} \sum_{0 \leq m \leq n \leq p-2} [n-m, 2m, n-m]$$

- CAVEAT: RECOMBINATION OF MULTIPLIETS AT
THRESHOLD.

- LET US GO BACK TO OUR CASE OF
EXTREMAL AND NEAR EXTREMAL CORRELATORS

$$\langle \theta_p(x_1, y_1) \theta_p(x_2, y_2) \theta_p(x_3, y_3) \theta_{3p}(x_4, y_4) \rangle$$

$$\langle \theta_p(x_1, y_1) \theta_p(x_2, y_2) \theta_p(x_3, y_3) \theta_{3p-2}(x_4, y_4) \rangle$$

- IDENTIFY THE R-SYMMETRY REPS OF THE INTERMEDIATE OPERATORS

$$[0, p, 0] \times [0, p, 0] \cap [0, p, 0] \times [0, 3p, 0] \\ = [0, 2p, 0]$$

$$[0, p, 0] \times [0, p, 0] \cap [0, p, 0] \times [0, 3p-2, 0] \\ = [0, 2p, 0] \oplus [0, 2p-2, 0] \oplus [1, 2p-2, 1]$$

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IN NONE OF THESE R-SYMMETRY REPS
LONG OPERATORS CAN TRANSFORM

- AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE, DUE TO THE FACT THAT 3 POINT FUNCTIONS OF $\langle \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS } \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS short} \rangle$ ARE PROTECTED, EXTREMAL AND NEAR EXTREMAL CORRELATORS OF $\frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS}$ OPERATORS ARE PROTECTED (DO NOT DEPEND ON λ , ONLY ON N).

MOVE ON TO THE CASE OF $\langle \frac{1}{2} \text{BPS} \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{BPS} \rangle$

- CONSIDER THE CASE IN WHICH

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{BPS} \rightarrow [q_i, 0, q_i]$$

- EXTREMALITY $\rightarrow p_1 + p_2 + 2q_1 = 2q_2$ (ASSUMING $p_2 \geq q_1$)

- $[0, p_1, 0] \times [0, p_2, 0] = \sum_{n=0}^{p_1-2} \sum_{m=0}^n [n-m, 2m+2\delta, n-m]$
LONG OPERATORS $\uparrow$ $2\delta = p_2 - p_1$

- BY INSPECTING THE $[q, 0, q] \times [q + \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2}, 0, q + \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2}]$
IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS
NO OVERLAP WITH THE $[0, p_1, 0] \times [0, p_2, 0]$.

$$\langle \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \rangle$$

IS ALSO NON RENORMALISED!

$$< \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} >$$

- TO STUDY THIS PROBLEM WE NEED TO RESORT TO ANALYTIC SUPERSPACE.
- IN ANALYTIC SUPERSPACE SHORT AND SEMISHORT MULTIPLIQUET ARE AUTOMATICALLY IRREDUCIBLE
- SUPERCONFORMAL WARD IDENTITIES ARE SOLVED BY SIMPLE ALGEBRAIC CONSTRAINTS

ANALYTIC SUPERSPACE [HESLOP, APRILE HESLOP, HOWE KARTWEN ...]

• MINKOWSKI + R SYMMETRY $y^{aa'}$

$$x^{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} & p^{\alpha\alpha'} \\ \bar{p}^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} & y^{aa'} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$x^{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} \overset{\text{LORENTZ}}{\underbrace{x^{\alpha\alpha}}} & p^{\alpha\alpha'} \\ \bar{p}^{\alpha\alpha} & \underbrace{y^{aa'}}_{\text{SU(2) } \subset \text{SU(4)}_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$
 FERMIONIC COORDINATES
 GENERATING THE
 MULTIPLT

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- SUPERPRIMARIES $\theta_{\lambda_L, \lambda_R}^{\gamma}$

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$$\downarrow$$

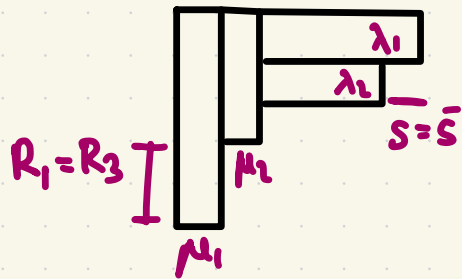
$$SL(2|2)_{\lambda_L} \times SL(2|2)_{\lambda_R} \times \mathbb{C}^{\star}_{\gamma}$$

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$$x^{aa} = \begin{pmatrix} x^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} & \rho^{\alpha a'} \\ \bar{\rho}^{\dot{\alpha} a} & y^{aa'} \end{pmatrix}$$

- SUPERPRIMARIES



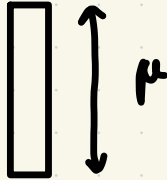
$$\theta_{\lambda_L, \lambda_R}^{\gamma} \rightarrow \text{FOR SYMM REPS} \quad \lambda_L = \lambda_R = \lambda = [1^{\mu_1}, 1^{\mu_2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2]$$

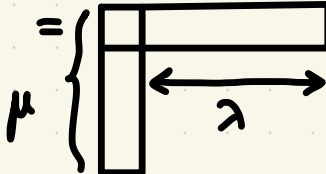
$$\text{STANDARD NOTATION } [R_1, R_2, R_3] \\ (s, \bar{s})$$

$$\Delta = \gamma + \sum_i \lambda_i$$

• FOR PROTECTED OPERATORS:

$\frac{1}{2}$ BPS $\lambda = \bullet$ (OPERATORS ARE
SCALARS IN ANALYTIC
SUPERSPACE)

$\frac{1}{4}$ BPS $\lambda = [1^\mu] =$ 

SEMI SHORT $\lambda = [1^\mu, \lambda] =$ 

STRATEGY

- SET UP 3pt FUNCTIONS IN ANALYTIC SUPERSPACE
- USE THE OPE TO WRITE THE 4pt $\rightarrow$ 3pt
 - SOLVING SUPER CONFORMAL WARD IDENTITIES
 - HARMONIC ANALYTICITY
 - PROCEED AS IN THE FIRST PART OF TALK BY UNDERSTANDING WHICH MULTIPLIETS APPEAR IN THE OPE.

3pt FUNCTIONS [HESLOP HOWE, HESLOP PUERTA-RAMISA]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \theta_{\lambda_L^1, \lambda_R^1}^{\gamma_1} \quad \theta_{\lambda_L^2, \lambda_R^2}^{\gamma_2} \quad \theta_{\lambda_L^3, \lambda_R^3}^{\gamma_3} \rangle = \\
 & = C_{123} \quad g_{12}^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_3)} \quad g_{23}^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3 - \gamma_1)} \quad g_{13}^{\frac{1}{2}(\gamma_3 + \gamma_1 - \gamma_2)} .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\prod_{ij} I_{ij}^{a_{ij}} \prod_{k=1}^3 Y_k^{a_k} \right]_{\lambda_L^k, \lambda_R^k}$$

3pt FUNCTIONS

$$\langle \theta_{\lambda_L^1, \lambda_R^1}^{\gamma_1} \theta_{\lambda_L^2, \lambda_R^2}^{\gamma_2} \theta_{\lambda_L^3, \lambda_R^3}^{\gamma_3} \rangle =$$

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SUSY GENERALIZATION OF CONFORMAL INVERSION

$$\left[\prod_{ij} I_{ij}^{a_{ij}} \prod_{k=1}^3 Y_k^{a_k} \right]_{\lambda_L^k, \lambda_R^k}$$

$$a_{ij} + a_{ik} + a_i = |\lambda_R^i|$$

$$a_{ji} + a_{ki} + a_i = |\lambda_L^i|$$

COMBINATION OF INVERSIONS

$$g_{ij} = \frac{\det \tilde{X}_{ij}}{\det X_{ij}} = \frac{\det Y_{ij}}{\det X_{ij}} + \Theta(p, \bar{p})$$

[...] YOUNG SYMMETRISATION

- FOR NON $\frac{1}{2}$ BPS OPERATORS THERE ARE SEVERAL STRUCTURES, SIMILARLY TO SPINNING OPS

HARMONIC ANALYTICITY

[HESLOP, HESLOP-PUERTA RAMÍSA]

- SHORTENING CONDITIONS USING WARD IDENTITIES



ANALYTICITY IN y_{ij}

- POWERS OF SUPERDETERMINANT NEED TO BE POSITIVE

$$\gamma_i + \gamma_j - \gamma_k \geq 0$$

- I_{ij} AND Y_i ARE BUILT WITH y_{ij}^{-1} . THE DEPENDENCE NEEDS TO BE CANCELLED BY THE g_{ij} .

e.g.
$$g_{ij}^\gamma I_{ij}^{q_1} I_{ji}^{q_2} \rightarrow \gamma \geq q_1 + q_2$$

- CAVEAT RELATED TO THE PROJECTION OF INDICES ACCORDING TO $\lambda_L^i \lambda_R^i \rightarrow$ NAIVE POWERS CAN BE SOFTENED BY SPECIFIC YOUNG PROJECTION [HESLOP-PUERTA-RANISA]

GO BACK TO THE EXTREMAL 4pt OF $\frac{1}{4}$ BPS

$$\langle \Theta_{[q_1, 0, q_1]} \Theta_{[q_2, 0, q_2]} \Theta_{[q_3, 0, q_3]} \Theta_{[q_4, 0, q_4]} \rangle$$

$$q_1 = q_2 + q_3 + q_4$$

$$\alpha \langle \Theta_{[q_1, 0, q_1]} \Theta_{[q_2, 0, q_2]} \Theta_{\lambda}^{2q_3 + 2q_4} \rangle < \Theta_{\lambda}^{\gamma} \Theta_{[q_2, 0, q_2]} \Theta_{[q_4, q_4]} \rangle$$

1) POSITIVITY OF g_{ij}

$$\gamma = 2q_3 + 2q_4$$

2) POLE-FREE STRUCTURE
HARMONIC $\updownarrow$ ANALYTICITY

$$|\lambda| = q_3 + q_4$$

3) YOUNG PROJECTION

ONLY POSSIBILITY IS TO HAVE
ANTISYMMETRISED INDICES



$$\theta_{\lambda}^{2q_3+2q_4} = \theta[q_3+q_4, 0, q_3+q_4]$$

ONLY PROTECTED OPERATORS !!

- EXTEND THIS PROCEDURE TO $\frac{1}{4}$ BPS OPERATORS
TRANSFORMING UNDER $[q_i, p_i, q_i]$ $i=1, \dots, 4$.

- ALSO FOR NEAR EXTREMAL (MORE INVOLVED
HARMONIC ANALYTICITY BUT SAME IN SPIRIT)

MAIN POINT OF THE TALK

$\langle \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \rangle$ EXTREMAL
&
NEAR EXTREMAL

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&
NEAR EXTREMAL

CONTAINS ONLY PROTECTED MULTIPLIETS



ALL 4pt PROTECTED IF

$\langle \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{ BPS} \quad \text{short/semishort} \rangle$ IS PROTECTED

3pt FUNCTIONS:

- IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE THAT 4pt FUNCTIONS ARE NOT RENORMALISED WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT

$$\langle \frac{1}{4} \text{BPS} \quad \frac{1}{4} \text{BPS} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{short} \\ \text{semi-short} \end{matrix} \rangle$$

IS PROTECTED.

- NOTE: THE SHORT | SEMI SHORT OPERATORS THAT WE CONSIDER ARE SUPERCONFORMAL PRIMARIES BY CONSTRUCTION

- IN [HERVOP, HOWE] IT HAS BEEN SHOWN USING SUPERSPACE APPROACH THAT SUCH 3pt FUNCTIONS ARE PROTECTED.

SEVERAL DIRECTIONS

- UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE OF SUPERCONFORMAL BLOCKS
- MAKE CONTACT w/ SUPERGRAVITY
- RELAX THE ASSUMPTION OF EXTREMALITY TO UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE OF THE $\frac{1}{4}$ BPS OPE
-