

New mechanism to solve fine-tuning in $d > 2$?

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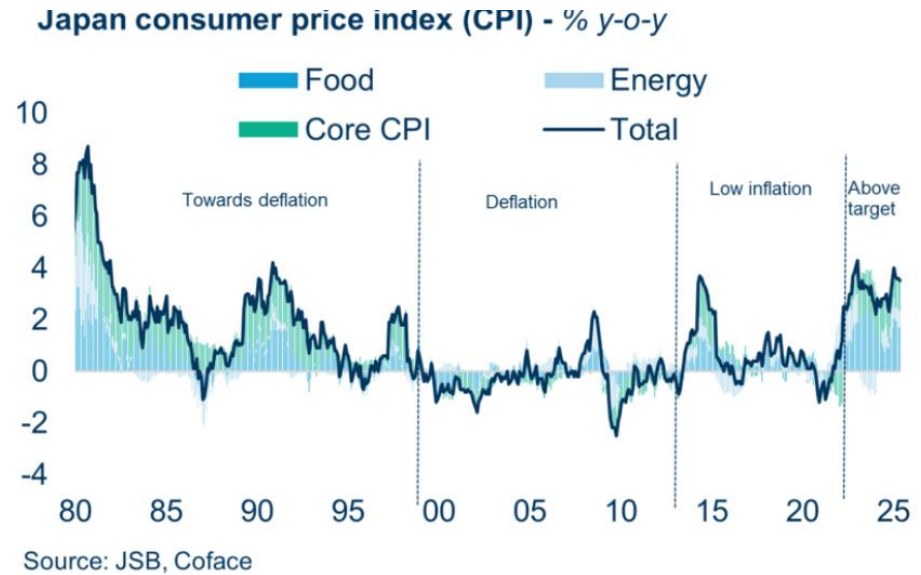
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In Collaboration with Toshiki Onagi

Steven Hawking visiting Japan

When I was a student (how many years ago?), **Steven Hawking gave a talk** at the University of Tokyo



“Japanese government accepted Inflation”

I found this

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Where is Britain's Best Bootstrapper in the Business Awards?

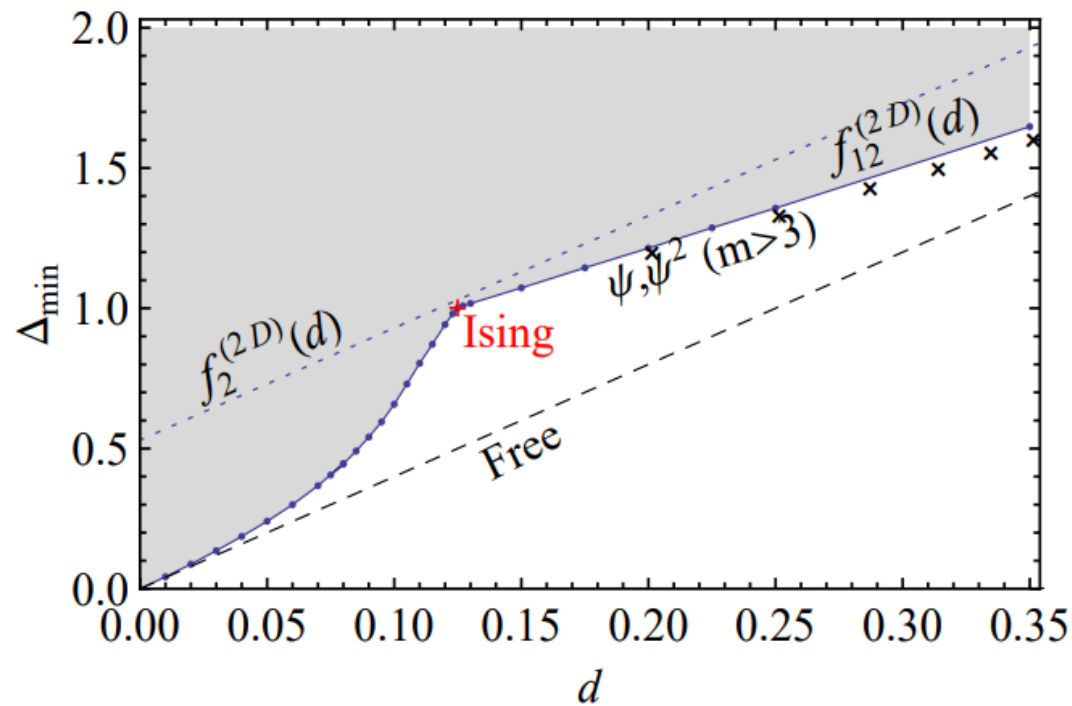
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The UK Business Awards industry should recognise the entrepreneur 'bootstrapper' says Professor Colin Mason of Glasgow University who has studied the financing of small and medium-sized firms for over 30 years. A prize for the owner-manager with the creativity to scale their business without raising equity finance is long overdue.

Not there, but here.

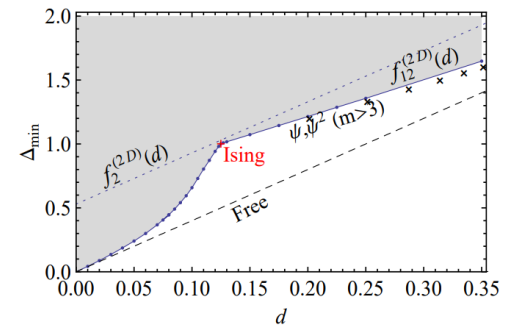
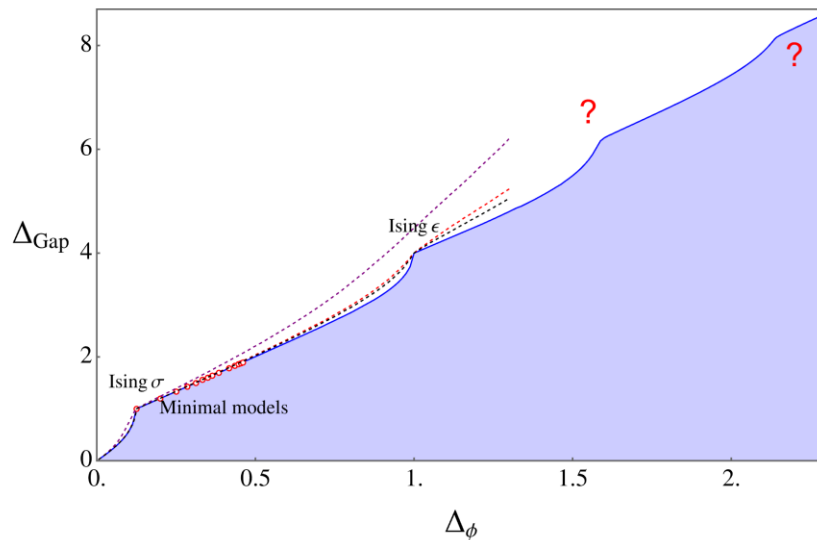
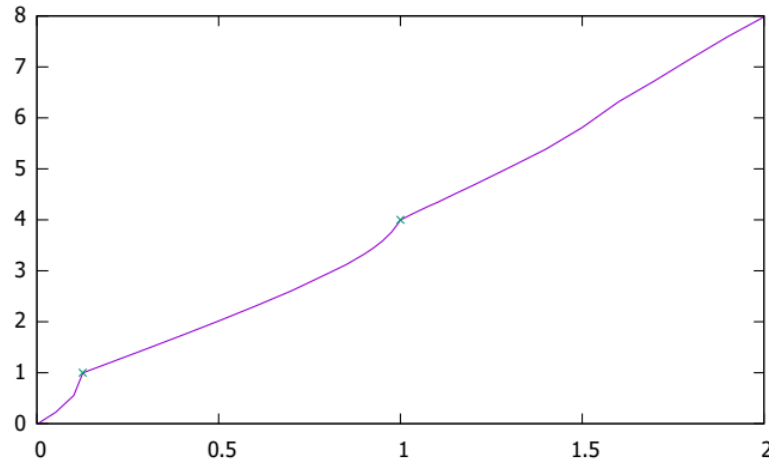
My first encounter with numerical bootstrap

$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \epsilon$$



Rychkov-Vichi: 0905.2211

Trying harder (in d=2)



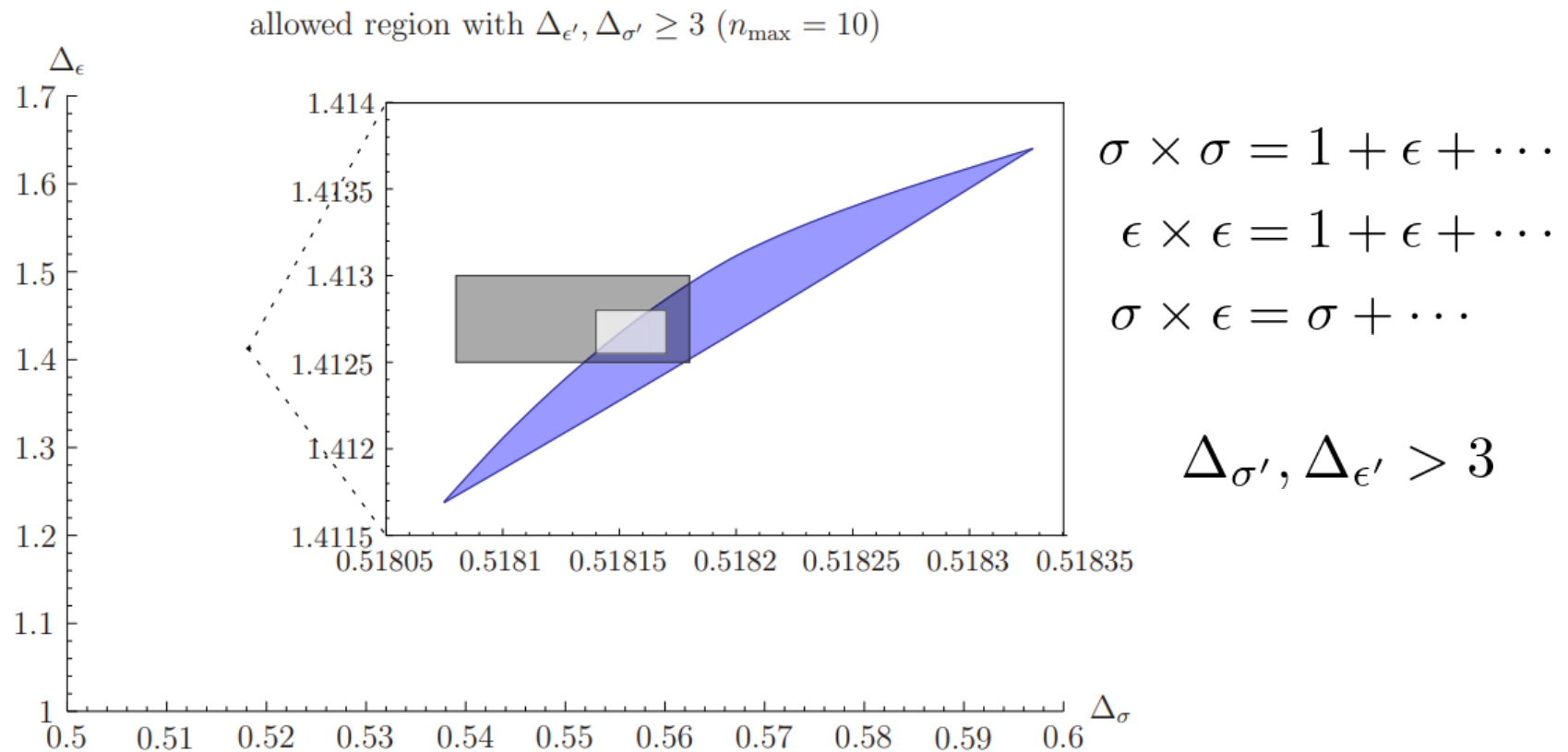
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YN: 1912.11748 $\Lambda = 55$

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Ghosh-Zheng [2307.11144](#) $\Lambda = 171$

Mixed correlator bootstrap (in d=3)

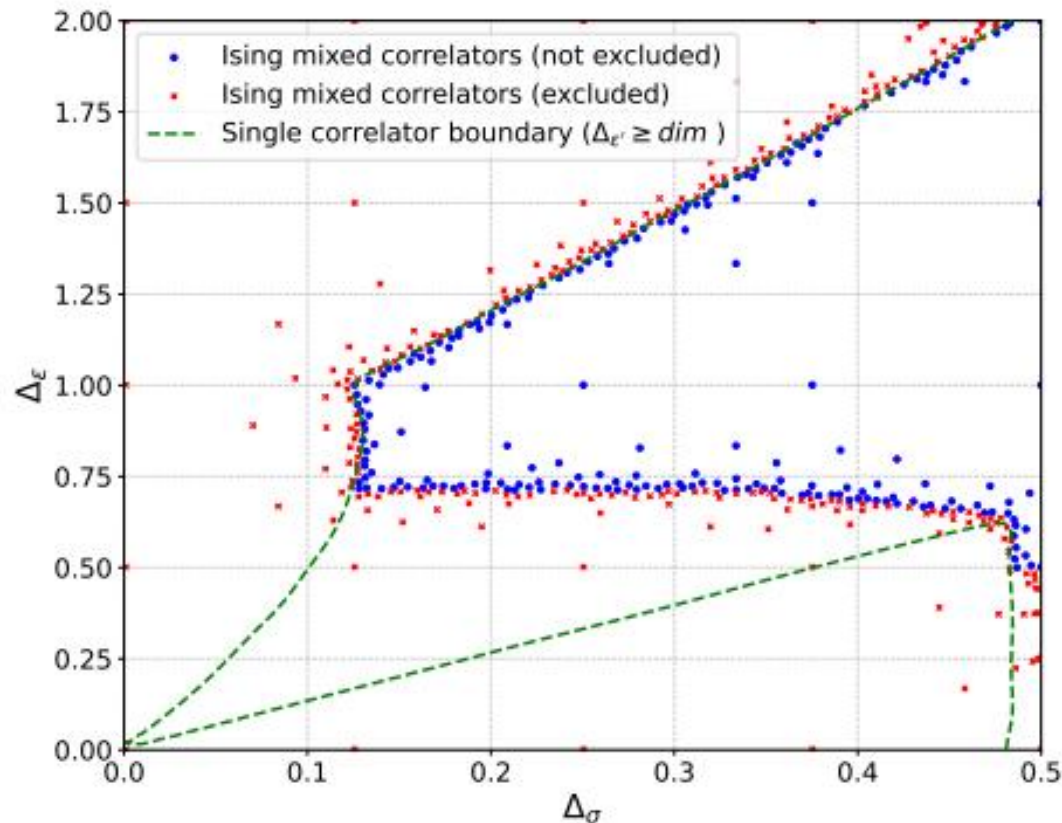


Kos Poland Simmons-Duffin 1406.4858

Mixed correlator bootstrap (in $d=2$?)

- So, one day, I asked my collaborator [Tomoki Ohtsuki](#), “Do we see a similar island in the $d=2$ mixed correlator bootstrap?”
- With a puzzled look, he immediately replied “Of course not”
- I didn’t contest it, but what did he mean by “Of course not”?
- Later I found the similar remark in PyCFTboot manual by Connor Behan:
“In the extreme case of $d = 2$, the same plot that follows purely from crossing symmetry and unitarity is returned with the extra assumptions here having no effect.”

Anyway, I tried it eventually (YN-Onagi)



$\Delta_{\sigma'}, \Delta_{\epsilon'} > 2$ is assumed, which makes a difference from Behan's claim
 $\lambda_{\sigma\sigma\epsilon} = \lambda_{\sigma\epsilon\sigma}$

Why “Of course, not”?

- The assumption cannot exclude (generalized) **minimal models** with identification $V(\phi) = \phi^{2m-2}$

$$\sigma = O_{1,2} \quad \phi^{m-2} \quad \epsilon = O_{1,3} \quad \phi^{2(m-2)}$$

- OPE is consistent with all the assumptions made in mixed correlator bootstrap

$$O_{1,2} \times O_{1,2} = 1 + O_{1,3} + T\bar{T} + \dots$$

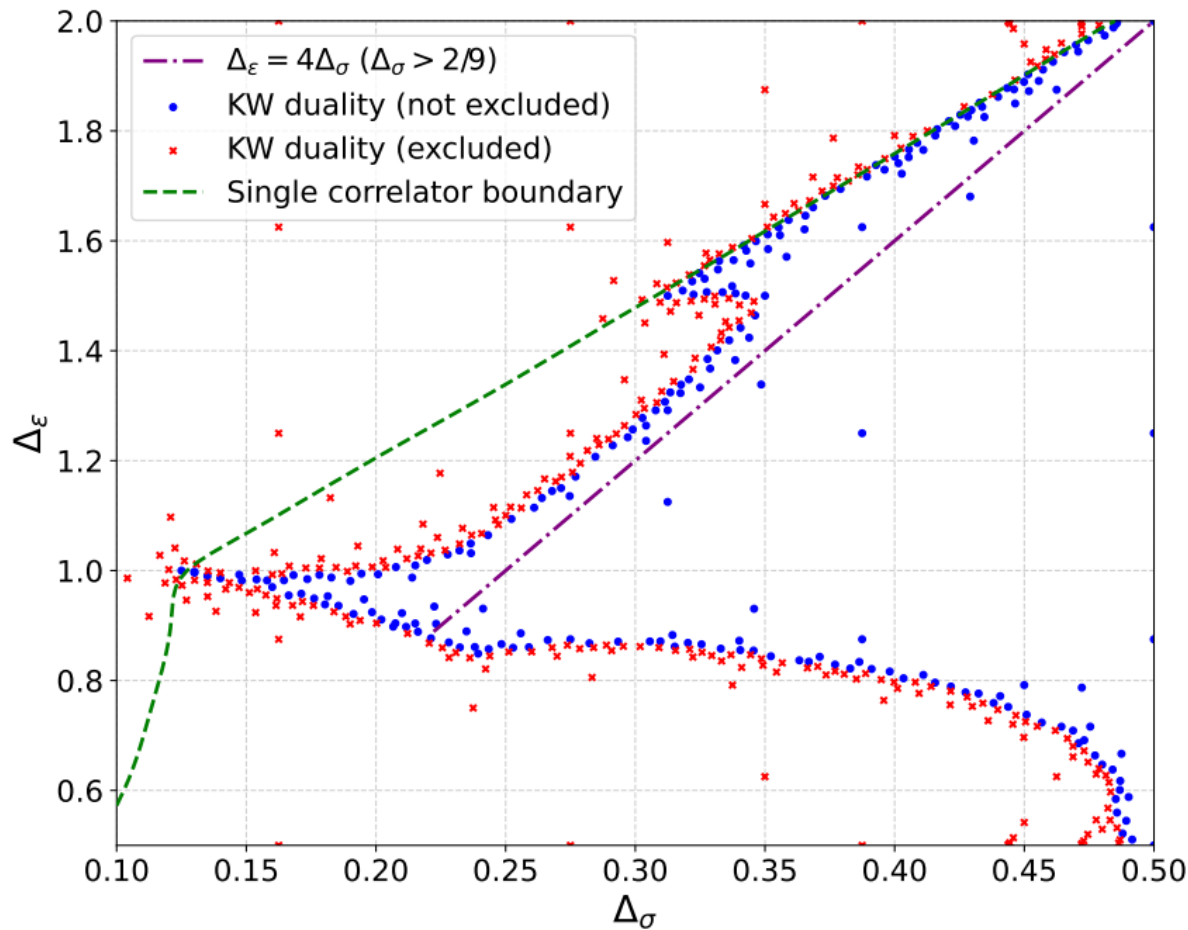
$$O_{1,2} \times O_{1,3} = O_{1,2} + O_{1,4} + \dots$$

$$O_{1,3} \times O_{1,3} = 1 + O_{1,3} + O_{1,5} + \dots$$

- Can we isolate the Ising?
- Use the (non-Lagrangian) **non-invertible symmetry**

$$O_{1,3} \times O_{1,3} = 1 + 0 \times O_{1,3} + \dots$$

Imposing non-invertible symmetry



$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \epsilon + \dots$$

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$$\sigma \times \epsilon = \sigma + \dots$$

$$\Delta_{\sigma'}, \Delta_{\epsilon'} > 2$$



New ways to solve the
fine-tuning problem?

Fine-tuning problem

- To find the criticality (= second order phase transition, or continuum limit), typically **we have to fine-tune bare parameters** (Temperature, bare Higgs mass etc)
- If we want to avoid this (self-organized criticality), typical strategy is
 - Find a **symmetry** so that the mass is charged (e.g. chiral symmetry for fermion mass)
 - Find the theory where there is no relevant parameters “dead-end CFT” (much more difficult...)
- New idea?
- In $d=2$, **duality protects the OPE** (we can avoid fine-tuning in $d=2$ Ising/TCI by KW duality)

Duality, non-invertible symmetry and beyond

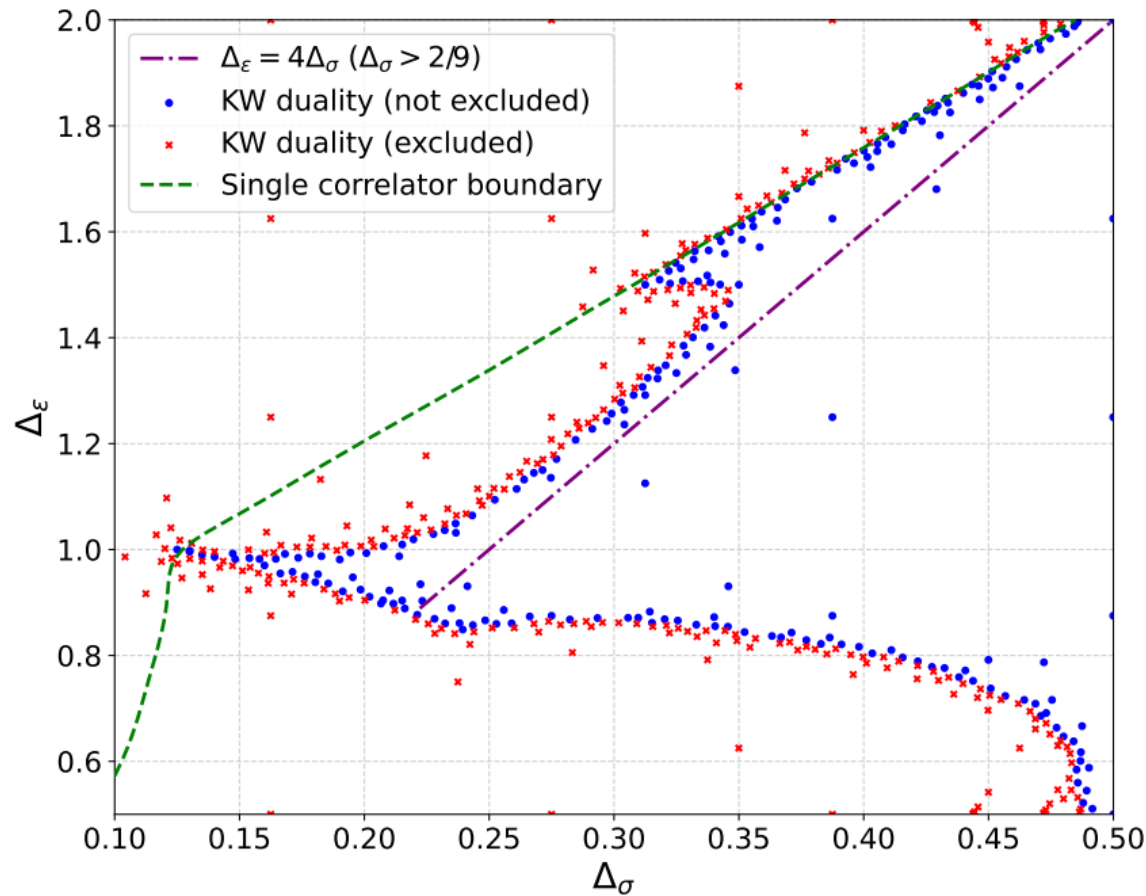
- Such a new idea may be beyond the (invertible) symmetry used in conformal bootstrap
- KW-duality exchanges, spin and defect (non-local object)
- But **some of the consequences can be** implemented in OPE structures of local operators
- After all, without knowing any underlying mechanism if

$$\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1 + 0 \times \epsilon + \text{irrelevant}$$

then **fine-tuning problem is solved**

- (We can think about the reason after that!)

Imposing non-invertible symmetry



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma \times \sigma &= 1 + \epsilon + \dots \\ \epsilon \times \epsilon &= 1 + 0 \cdot \epsilon + \dots \\ \sigma \times \epsilon &= \sigma + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\sigma'}, \Delta_{\epsilon'} &> 2 \\ \lambda_{\sigma\sigma\epsilon} &= \lambda_{\sigma\epsilon\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

Imposing non-invertible symmetry

- 2d Ising is “isolated”
- Other allowed CFTs

(purple line)

C=1 boson with

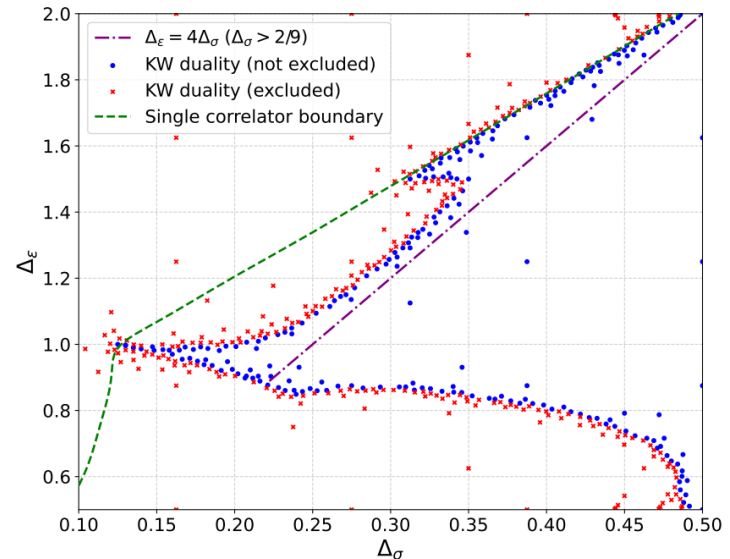
$$\sigma = \cos X \quad \epsilon = \cos(2X)$$

$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \epsilon + \dots$$

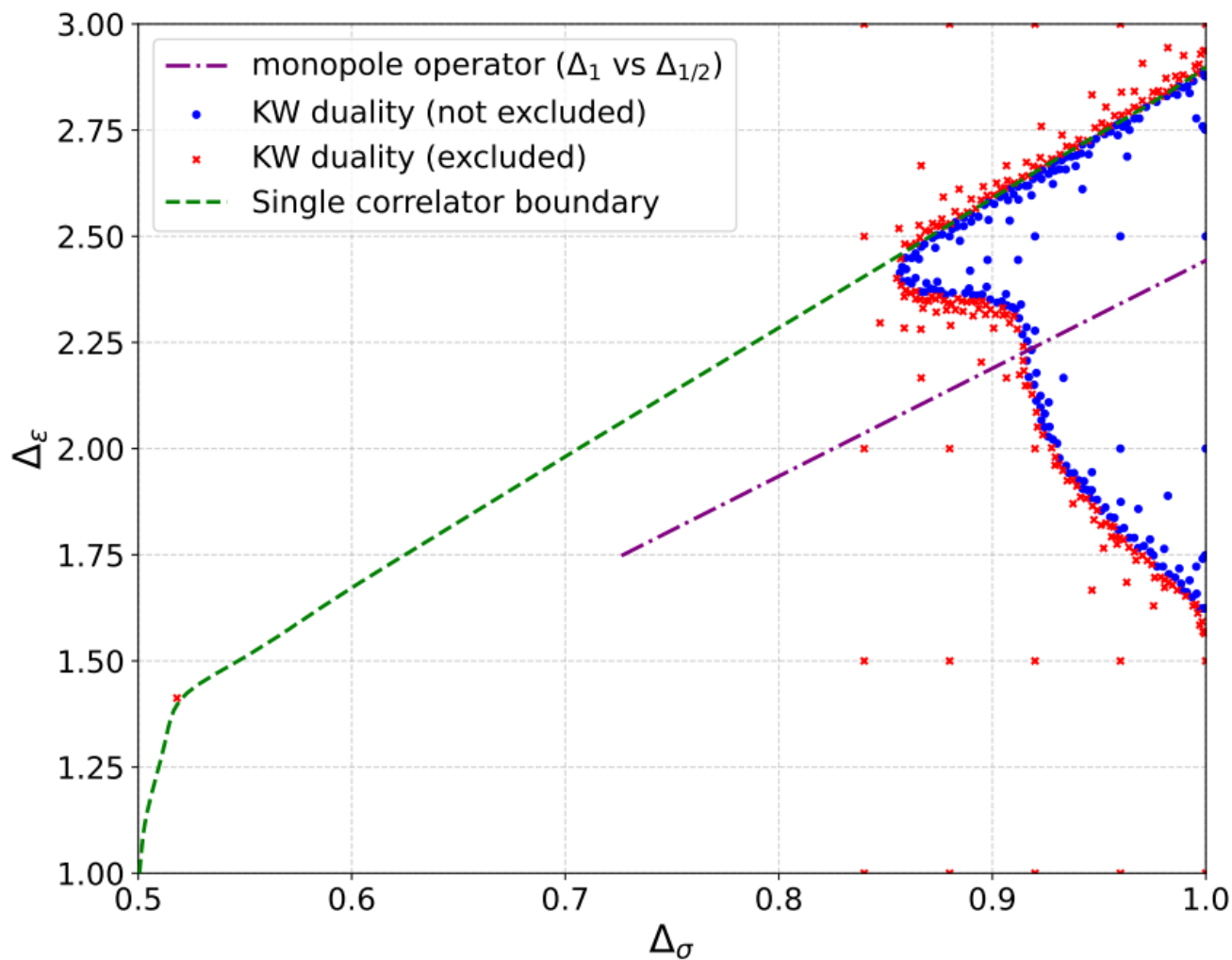
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$$\sigma \times \epsilon = \sigma + \dots$$

- Manifestation that **this bound does not know the reason behind** (symmetry or generalized symmetry or who knows what)
- (8,7) minimal model, hepta-critical Ising, look very suspicious (**this theory DOES violate the assumption made**)



$d=3$ $\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1 + 0 \times \epsilon + \text{irrelevant}$



Large N flavor QED

Dyer-Mezei-Pufu,

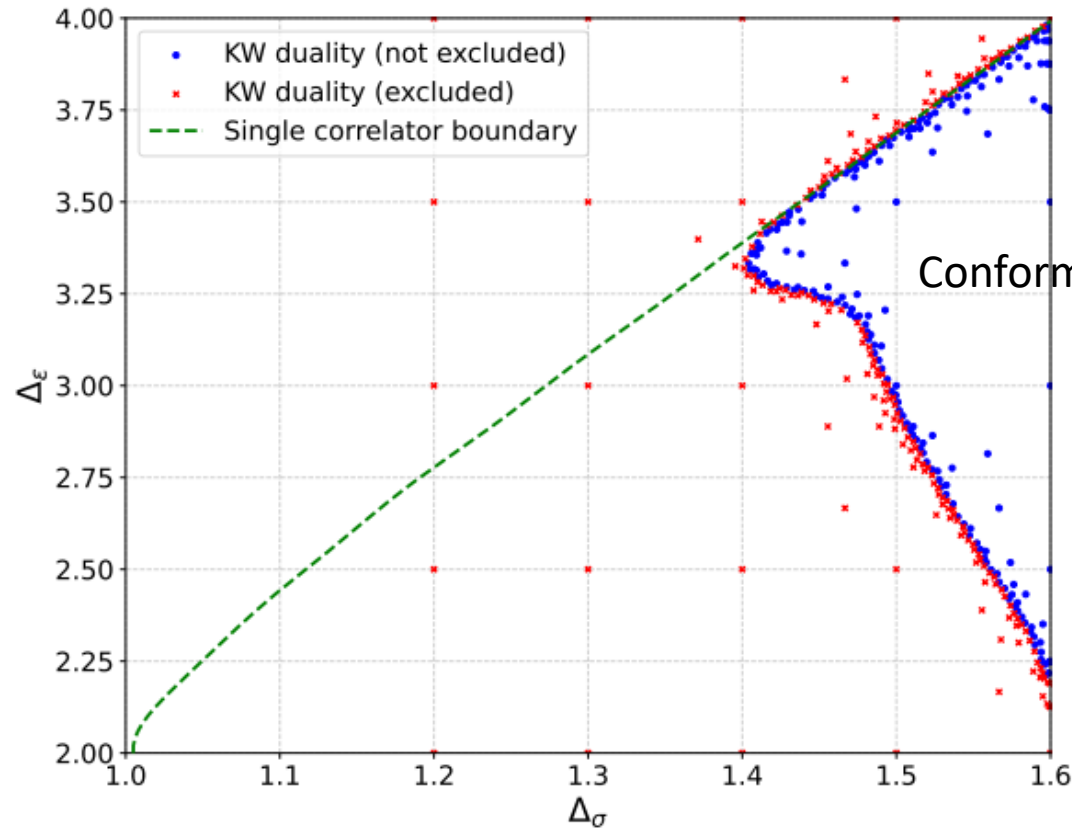
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$d=4$

$$\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1 + 0 \times \epsilon + \text{irrelevant}$$

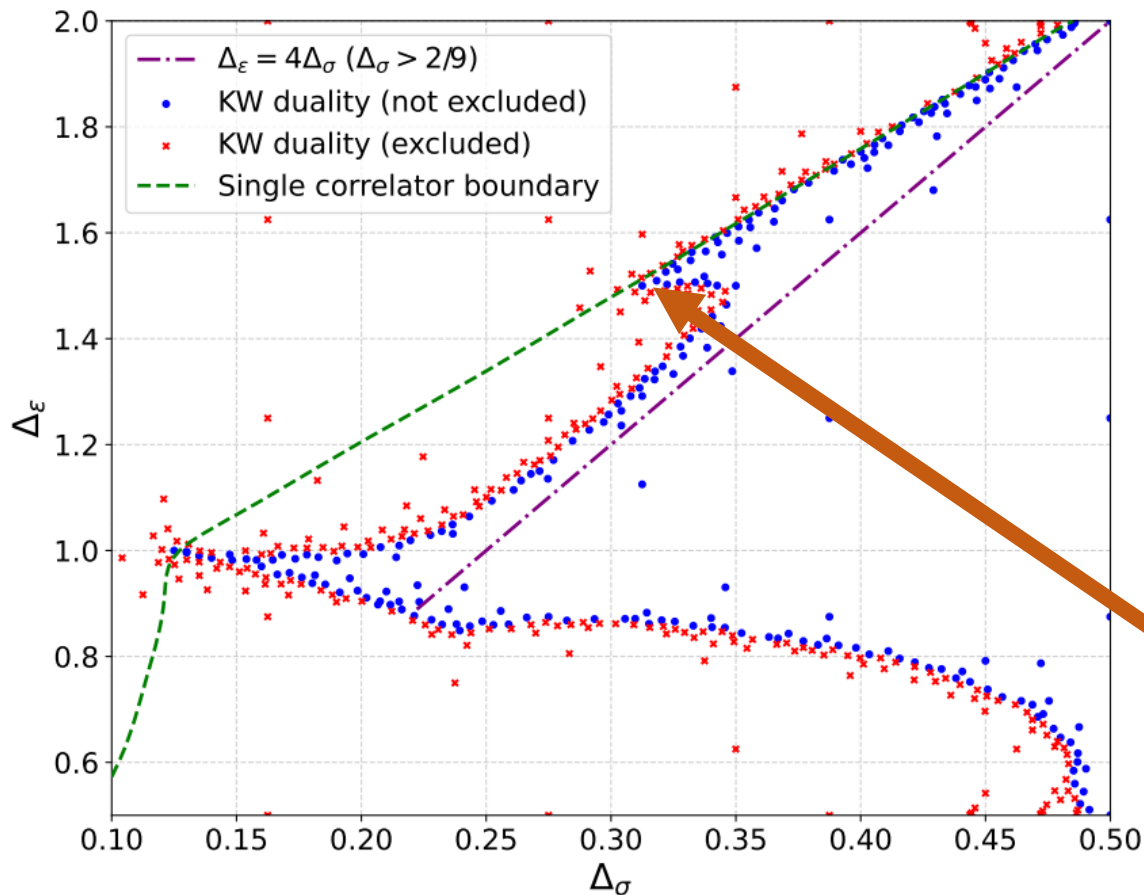


Conformal gauge theories?

Can we use this to solve the hierarchy problem in the SM?

Let's now talk about the
“trivial mix”

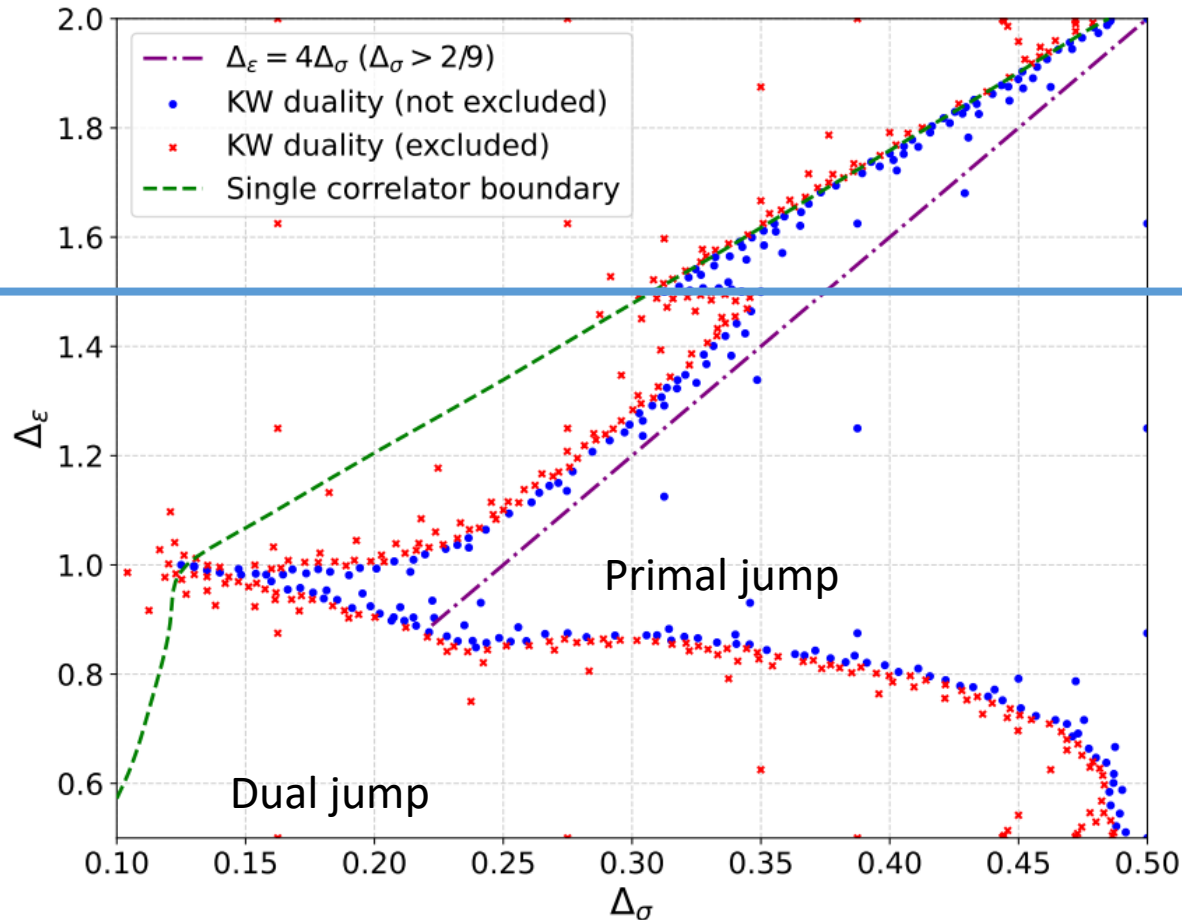
What happens at the nose?



Hepta-critical Ising should have been killed by the bootstrap!

Strictly speaking, it is not logically wrong... but....

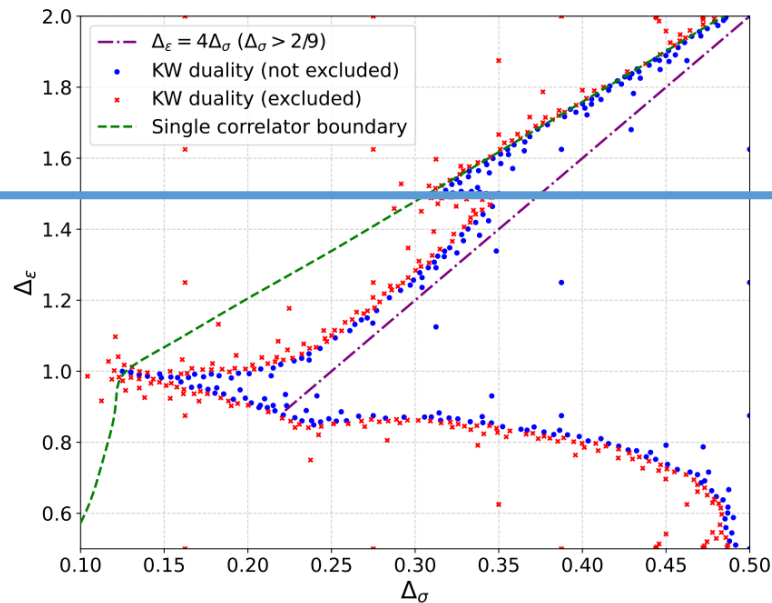
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(SDPB does NOT solve the dual problem)

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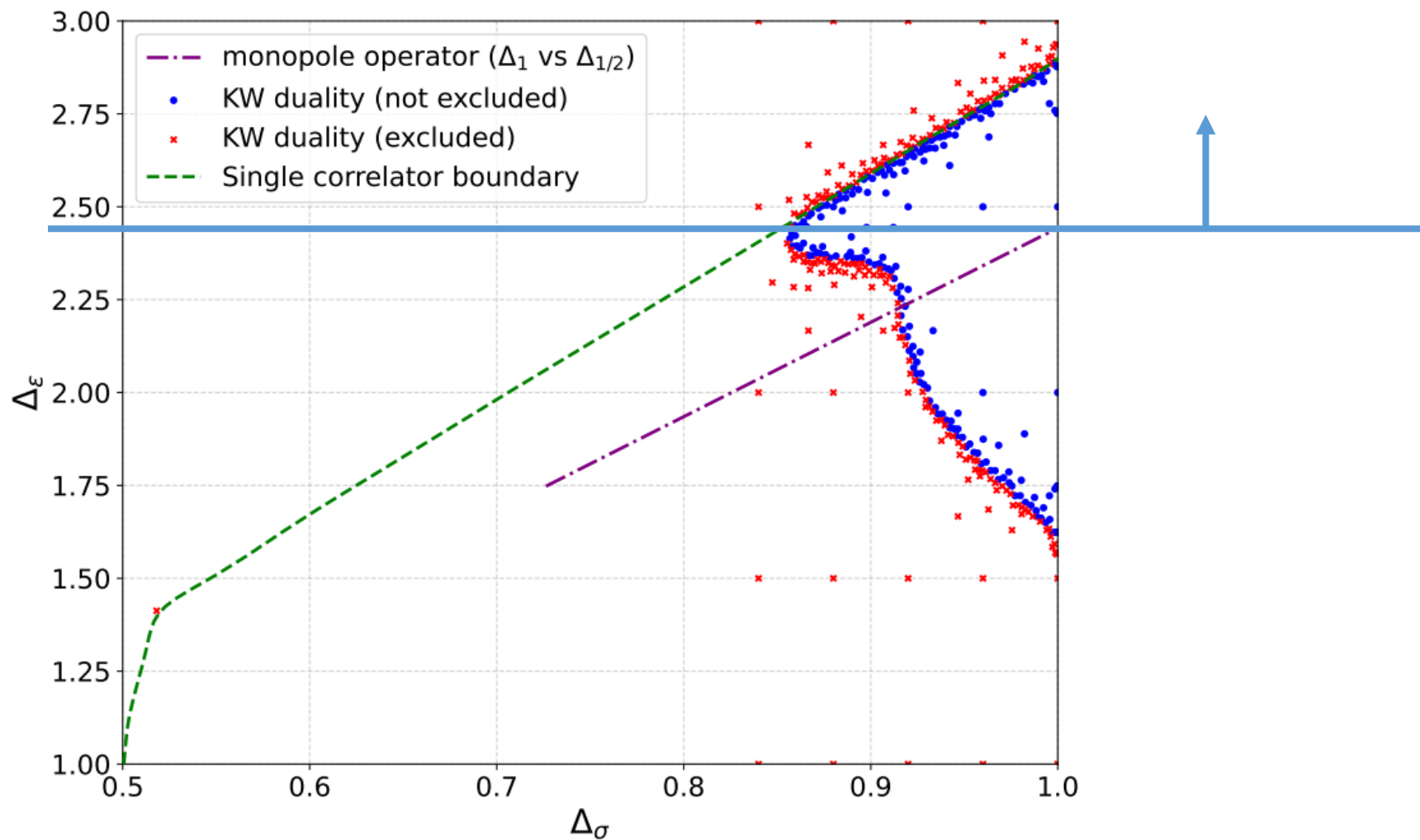


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- Apparently, this has happened in other studies (for larger dimensions)
- If we look at the alpha vector (constraint vector), it is only non-zero in single correlator block
- This does appear in PyCFT boot, Simpleboot, cboot... Maybe an issue with SDPB algorithm?
- According to Su, OPE scan, adding gaps may resolve the issue (in some cases)

$d=3$ $\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1 + 0 \times \epsilon + \text{irrelevant}$



Future directions

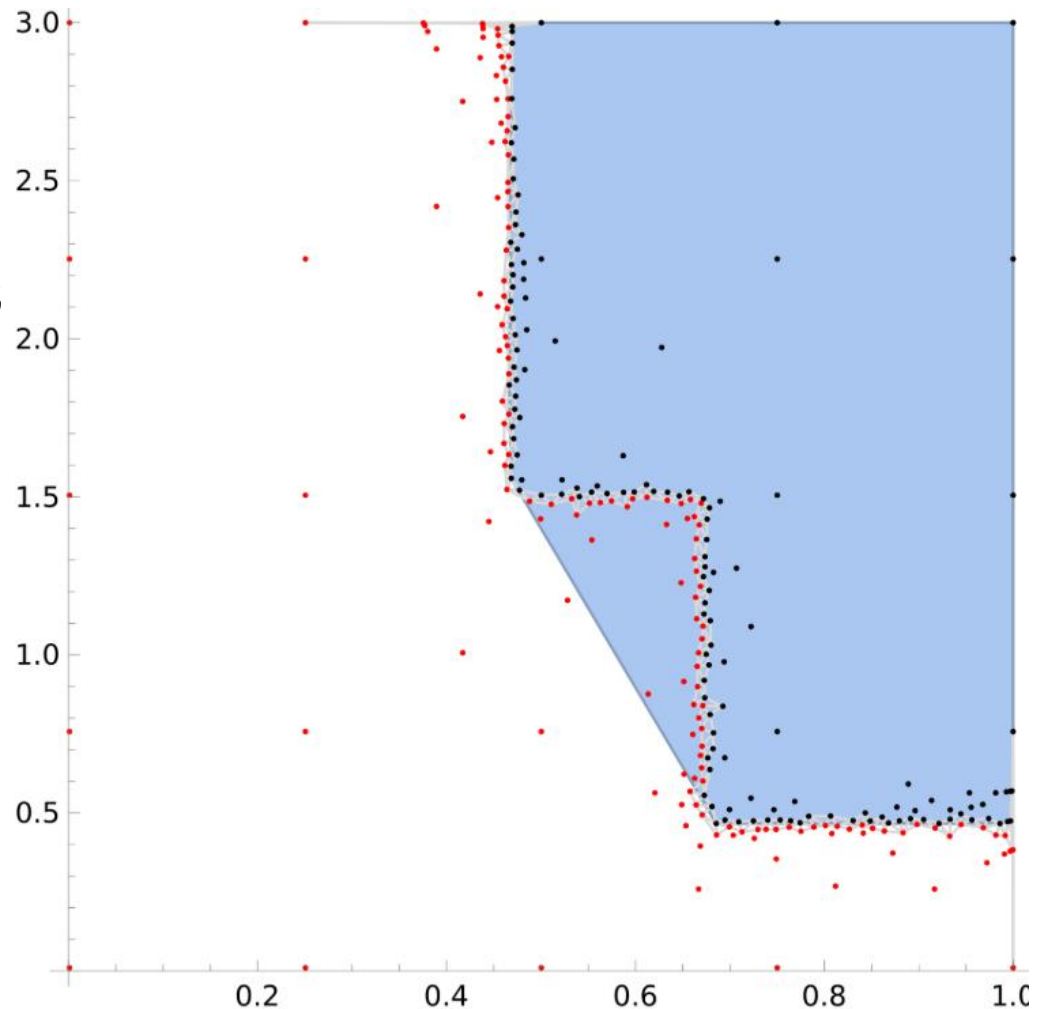
- OPE assumed bootstrap (with/without symmetry reasoning) is interesting
- New way to solve fine-tuning problem?
- Other rank 3 fusion category (do we have such CFTs?)
 - Rep S₃
$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \sigma + \epsilon$$
$$\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1$$
$$\sigma \times \epsilon = \sigma$$
 - SU(2)₅
$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \epsilon$$
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The most ridiculous one (Fibonacci)

$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \sigma + \text{irrelevant}$$

$$\epsilon \times \epsilon = 1 + \text{irrelevant}$$

$$\sigma \times \epsilon = 0$$



I can find the alpha functional that kills this model...