

Hidden structures of holographic correlators

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For $d > 2$, use $U = \chi\chi'$ and $V = (1-\chi)(1-\chi')$.

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Four (two) identities for 16 Qs (8 Qs) [Dolan, Gallot, Sokatchev; hep-th/0405180].

$$(\chi \partial_\chi - \epsilon \alpha \partial_\alpha) \mathcal{G} \Big|_{\alpha = \chi^{-1}} = 0$$

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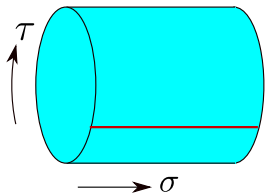
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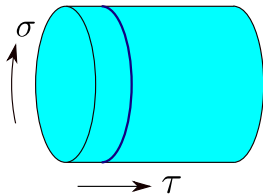
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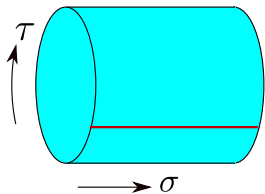
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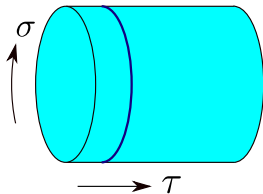
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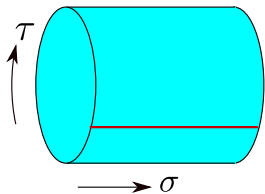


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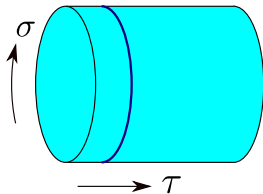
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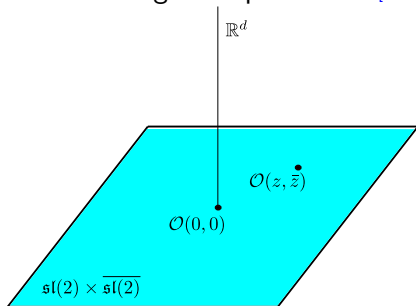
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Crossing continues to fix loops [\[CB, Ferrero, Zhou; 2101.04114\]](#).

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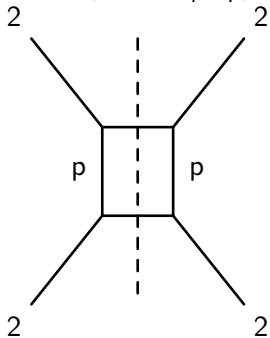
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Full spectral density encoded in this [\[Caron-Huot; 1703.00278\]](#) !

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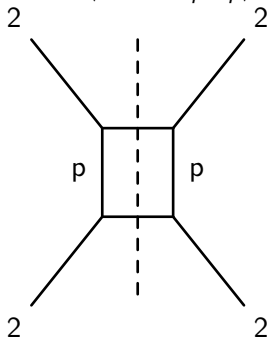
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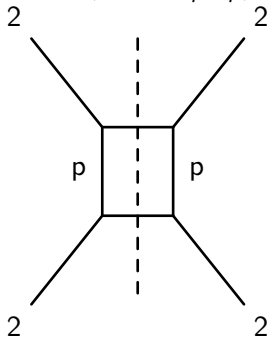


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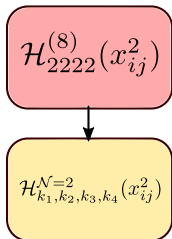
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AdS_{d+1} and S^{n-1} dimensionality both reduce by same amount.

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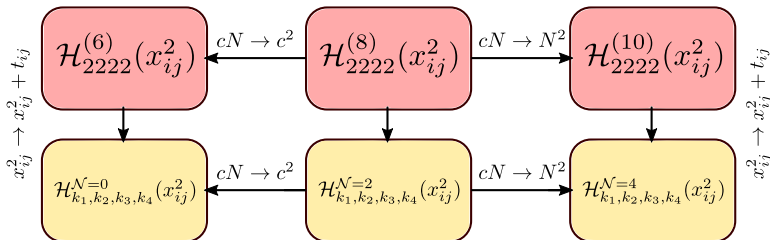
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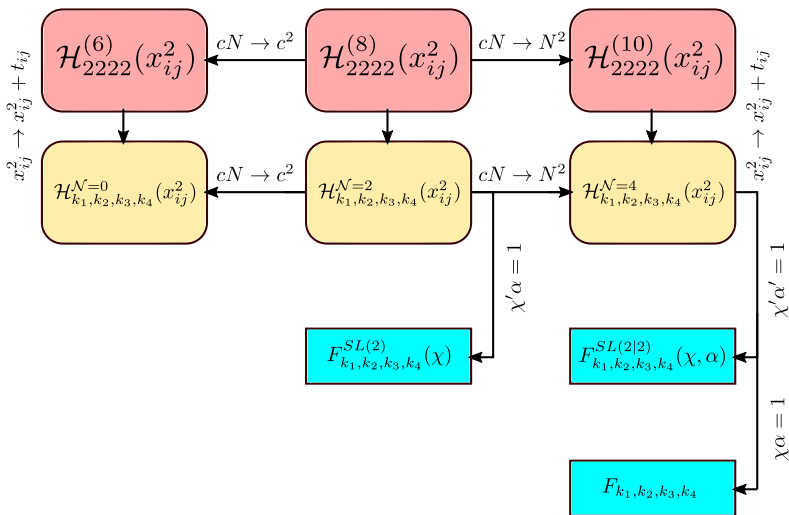
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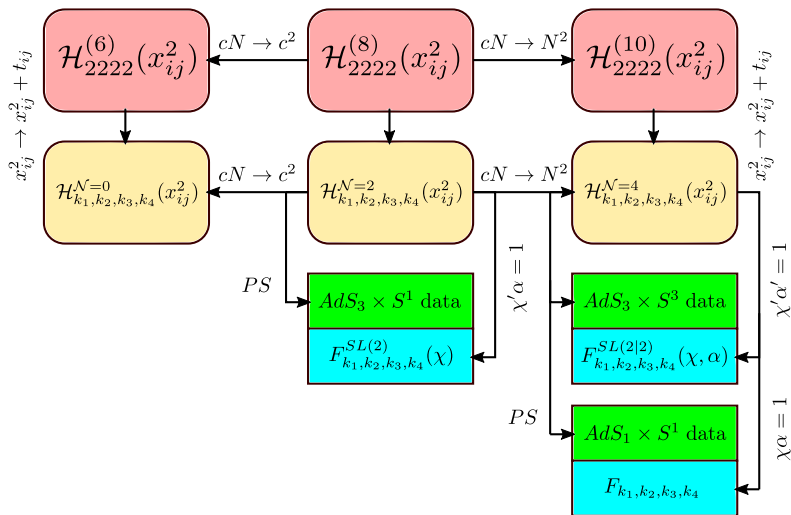
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Conclusions

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