

# Lifting the degeneracy between holographic CFTs

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See also [\[2103.15830\]](#) with L. F. Alday, P. Ferrero, X. Zhou

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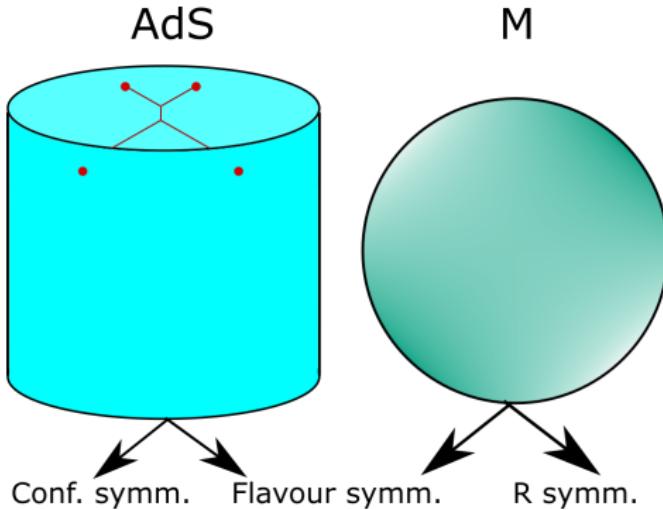
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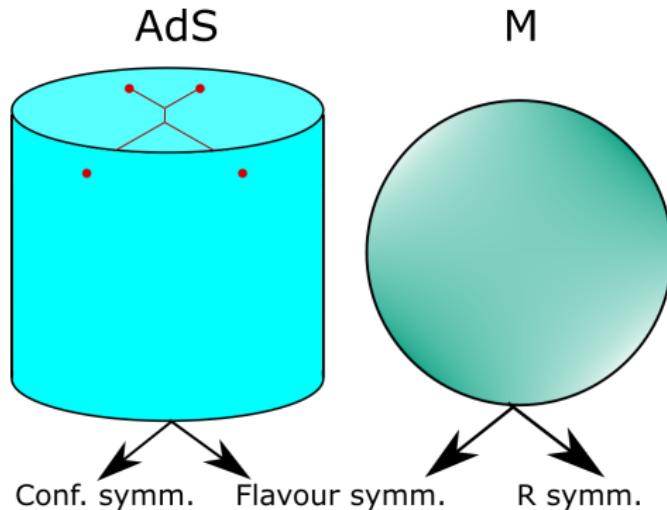
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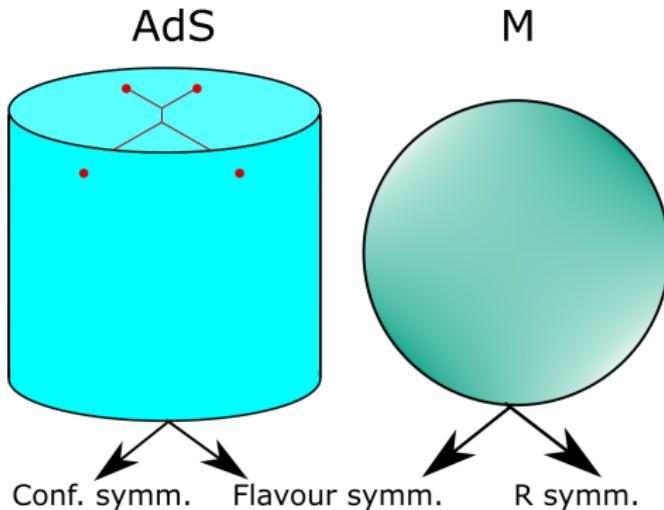


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Simplest case is  $p = q = 2$  [D'Hoker, Freedman, Mathur, Matusis, Rastelli; 9903196].

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These belong to 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 3$  SCFTs when  $k = 3, 4, 6$ .

Construction in [[Garcia-Etxebarria, Regalado; 1512.06434](#)] uses **S-folds**.

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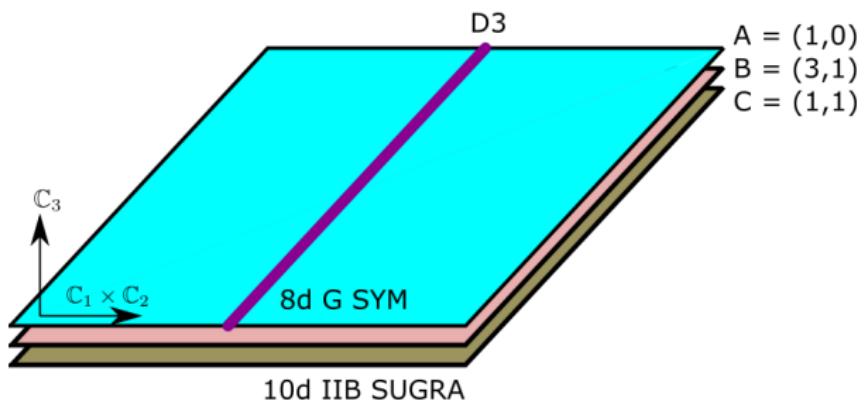
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Tree-level correlators (any  $k$ ) computed in [\[Alday, CB, Ferrero, Zhou; 2103.15830\]](#).

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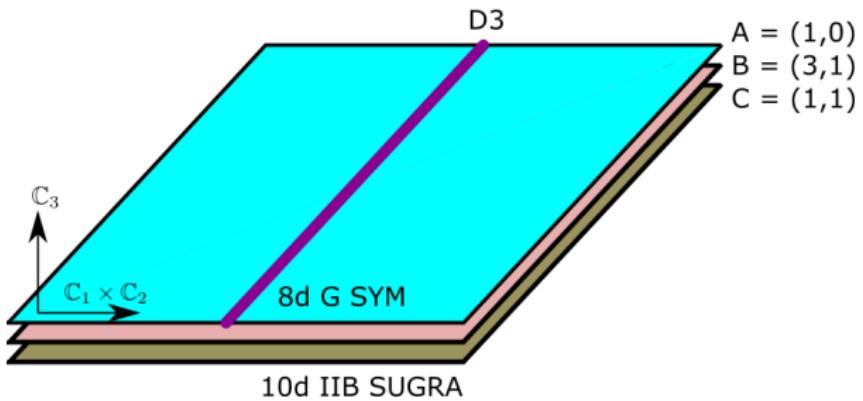
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- ② Consequences for kinematics of local operators
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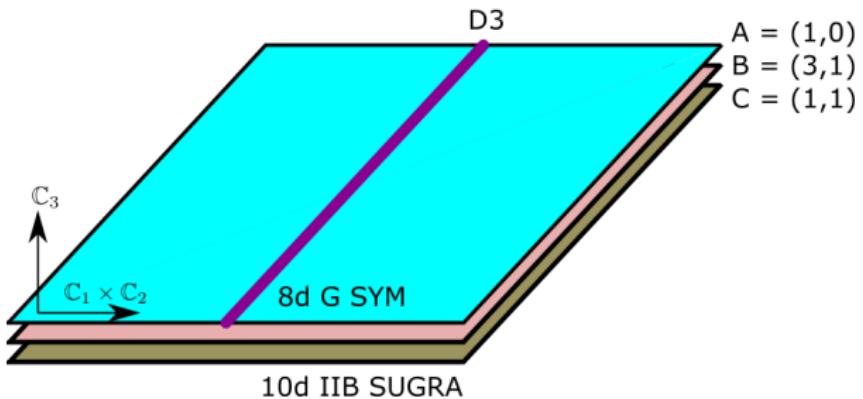


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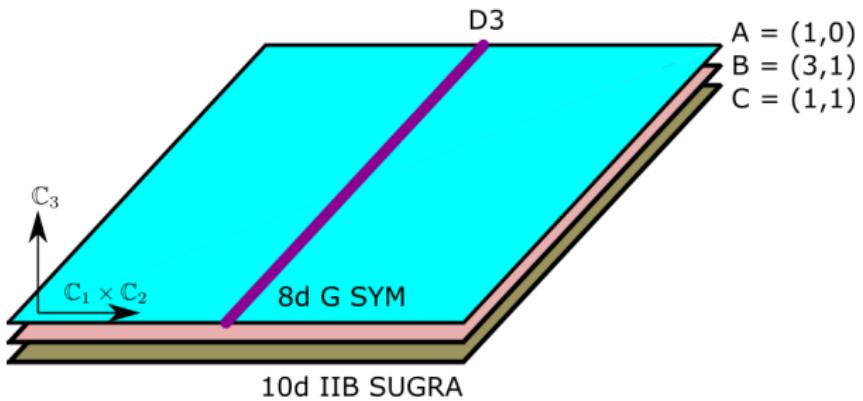
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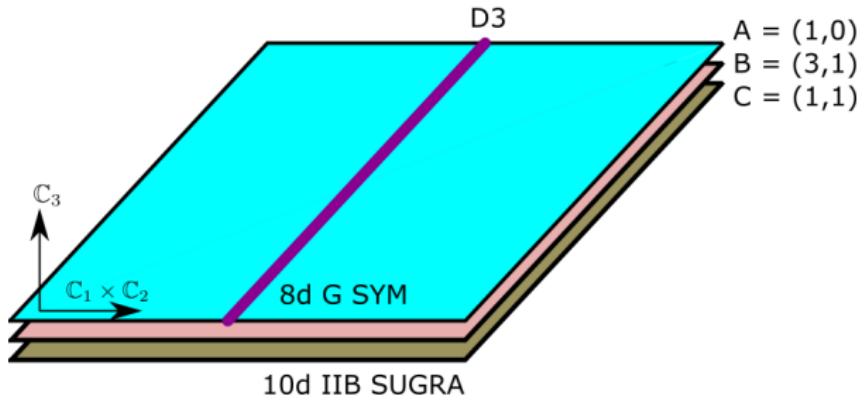
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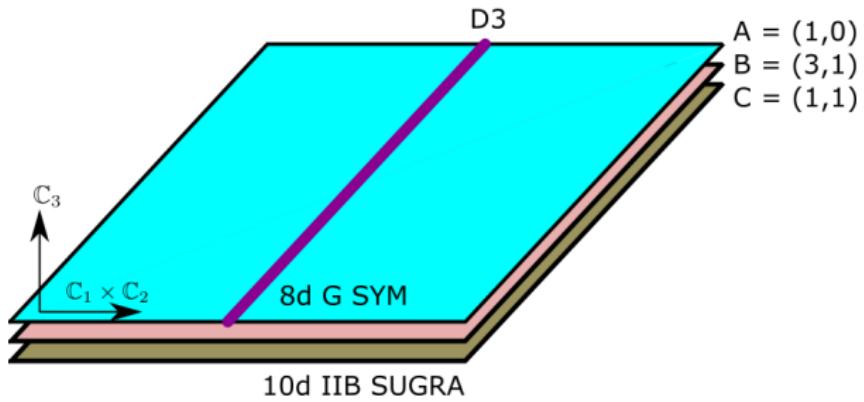
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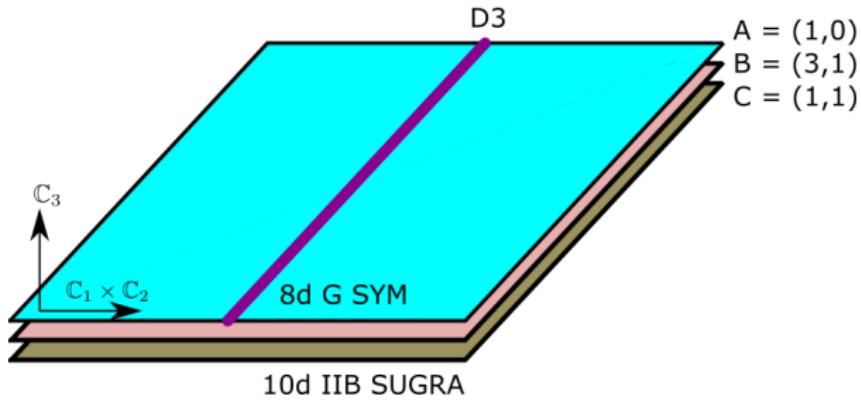
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Related theories with different Coulomb branch :  $\mathcal{S}_{G,k}^{(N)} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{G,k}^{(N)} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{G,k}^{(N-1)} \rightarrow \dots$

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Superblocks contain  $\leq 20$  bosonic blocks but they also solve  
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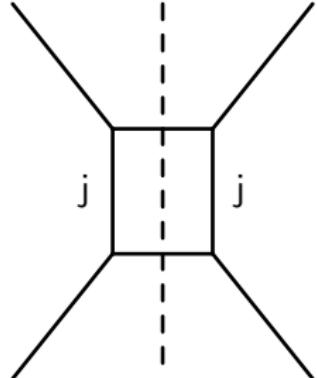
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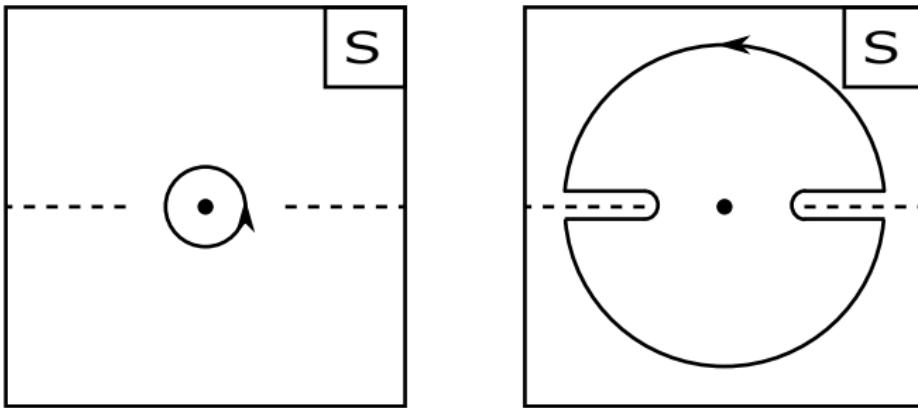
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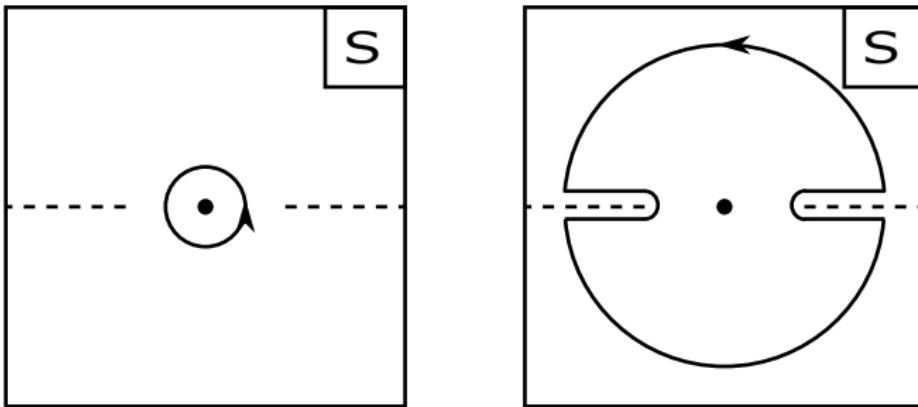
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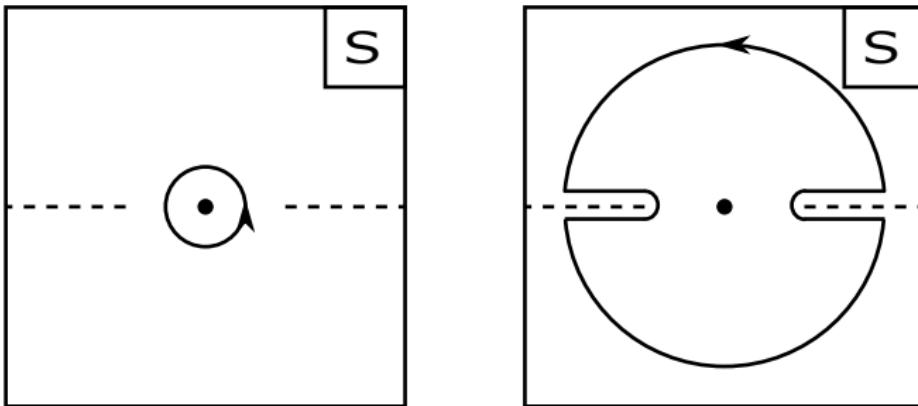


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- Loop anomalous dimensions can also help distinguish which CFT saturates a numerical bootstrap bound.
- Which other S-fold theories are within reach?
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