

# Bootstrapping holographic defect correlators

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- **Supersymmetry**. The addition of supersymmetry gives us strong analytic control: **non-perturbative** results, **localization**, **integrability**.

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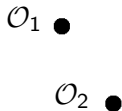
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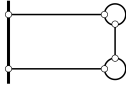
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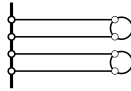
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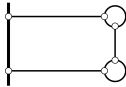
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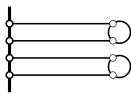
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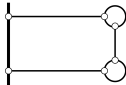
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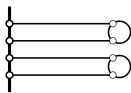
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See [Barrat, PL, Plefka (2020)] for a **weak-coupling** analysis.

# Intro to Defect CFT

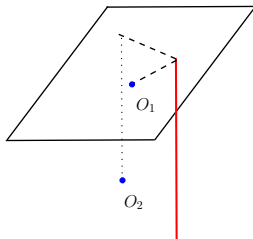


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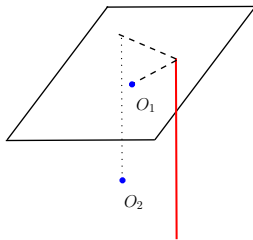


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**Remark.** Compare with the four-point function in the bulk CFT.

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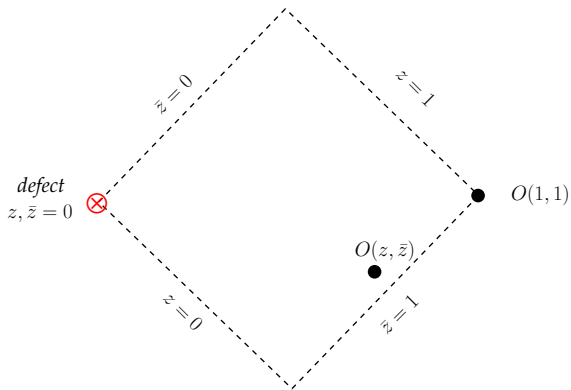


Figure: Configuration of the system in the plane orthogonal to the defect.

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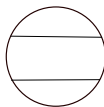
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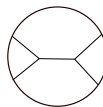
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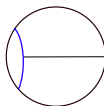
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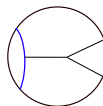
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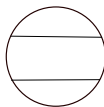
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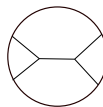
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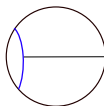
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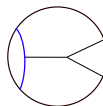
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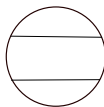
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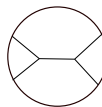
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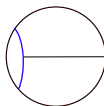
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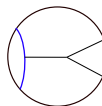


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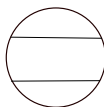
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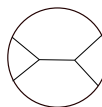
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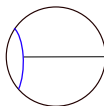
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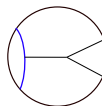
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$$\Delta_{\chi} = 4 + 2n + \ell + \frac{1}{N^2} \left( a + \frac{b}{\lambda^{3/2}} \right) + \dots$$

[Goncalves (2015)]

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
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