

# Supergravitons from one loop perturbative $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

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- ▶ an example:  $D_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} D_{\gamma\dot{\delta}} \phi_{ij} \rightarrow a_\alpha^\dagger a_\gamma^\dagger b_{\dot{\beta}}^\dagger b_{\dot{\delta}}^\dagger c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger |0\rangle$

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- ▶ a generic state = combinations of  $|s_1\rangle \otimes |s_2\rangle \dots |s_L\rangle$   
 $|s_t\rangle = a_{\alpha,t}^\dagger, b_{\dot{\alpha},t}^\dagger, c_{i,t}^\dagger$  acting on  $|0\rangle_t$   
+ constraint  $\#a_t^\dagger - \#b_t^\dagger + \#c_t^\dagger = 2$  (central charge)

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- ▶ result: I's match but Z's don't  $\Rightarrow$  overcounting at  $g=0$ ?

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( given by Gutowski, Real 2x 04', Chong, Cvetic, Lu, Pope 05' )

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- ▶ -to calculate  $\langle v' | H | v \rangle$  consider all oscillator hopping so that  $|v\rangle \rightarrow |v'\rangle$  (c.c.c.,  $-1$  factors included)
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  - sum over all possibilities

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- ▶ we can determine only finite number of  $D_{n_{a_2}, \dots, n_{c_4}, L}$ . Can we guess  $Z_L$ ?

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- ▶ another check -  $Z_1 = Z_{lett.}$  !

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- ▶ BPS protected  $\Rightarrow Z$  is  $\lambda$  independent  
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- overcounting??  
Turn on  $0 < \lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  full agreement!  
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