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Summary: Starting with some known localization (matrix model) representations for correlators involving 1/2 BPS circular Wilson loop $W$ in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory we work out their $1/N$ expansions in the limit of large 't Hooft coupling $\lambda$. Motivated by a possibility of eventual matching to higher genus corrections in dual string theory we follow S. Giombi and A. A. Tseytlin [J. High Energy Phys. 2020, No. 10, Paper No. 130, 27 p. (2020; Zbl 1456.83100)] and express the result in terms of the string coupling $g_s \sim g^2_{YM} \sim \lambda/N$ and string tension $T \sim \sqrt{\lambda}$. Keeping only the leading in $1/T$ term at each order in $g_s$ we observe that while the expansion of $\langle W \rangle$ is a series in $g^2_s/T$, the correlator of the Wilson loop with chiral primary operators $O_J$ has expansion in powers of $g^2_s/T^2$. Like in the case of $\langle W \rangle$ where these leading terms are known to resum into an exponential of a “one-handle” contribution $\sim g^2_s/T$, the leading strong coupling terms in $\langle W O_J \rangle$ sum up to a simple square root function of $g^2_s/T^2$. Analogous expansions in powers of $g^2_s/T$ are found for correlators of several coincident Wilson loops and they again have a simple resummed form. We also find similar expansions for correlators of coincident 1/2 BPS Wilson loops in the ABJM theory.

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