

# *A 2D Perspective on the SYK model*

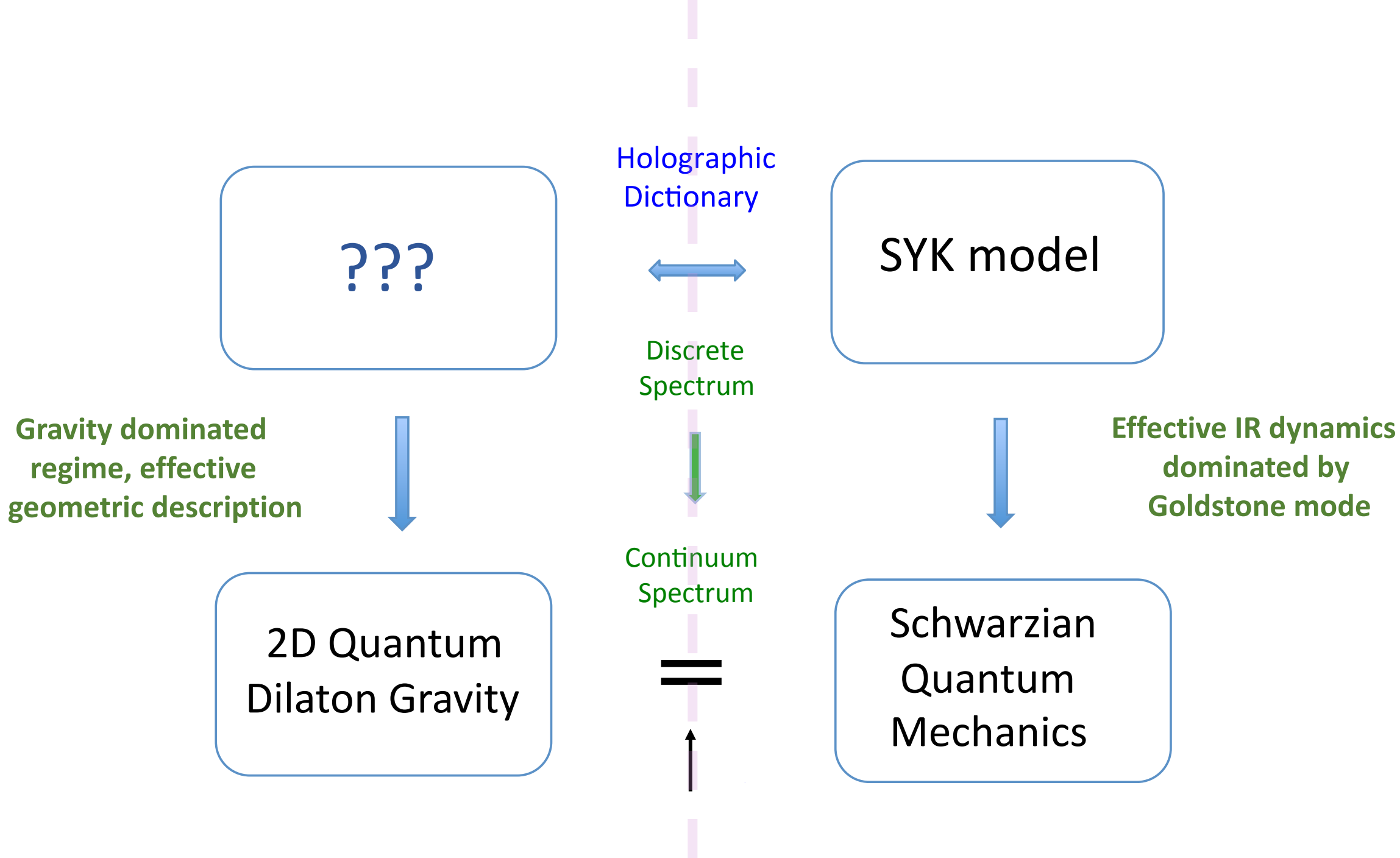
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# Low dimensional holography

SYK model  $\leftrightarrow$  2D dilaton gravity

$$S_{2D} = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \Phi(R + \Lambda) + S_{\text{matter}}$$

Almheiri, Polchinski; Jensen; Maldacena, Stanford, Yang; Engelsoy, Mertens, HV; Kitaev



equivalent to:

charged particle  
on hyperbolic plane  
w/ constant B-field



# SYK model = 1D many body QM with maximal chaos

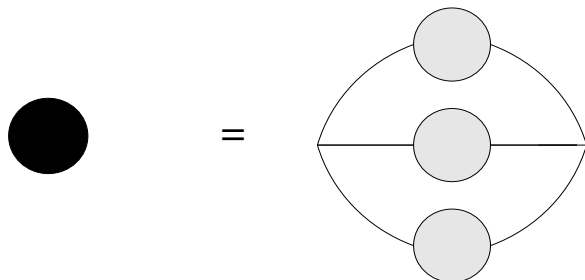
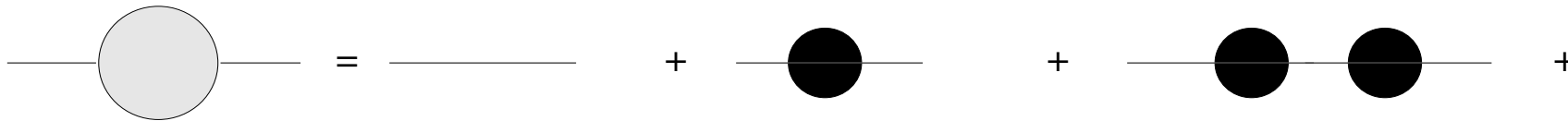
$$H = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \psi^i \psi^j \psi^k \psi^l$$

↑ random couplings

$$\{\psi^i, \psi^j\} = \delta^{ij}$$

↑ N majorana variables

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \psi_i(\tau_1) \psi_i(\tau_2) \rangle,$$



Large N limit of SD equations = soluble

Dominated by 'pumpkinic' diagrams

# Dynamical Mean Field Theory

$$- S_E/N = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log (\partial_\tau - \Sigma) - \frac{1}{2} \int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \left[ \Sigma(\tau_1, \tau_2) G(\tau_1, \tau_2) - \frac{\mathcal{J}^2}{q^2} G(\tau_1, \tau_2)^q \right]$$

at large  $q$  reduces to

$$G(\tau_1, \tau_2) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \psi_i(\tau_1) \psi_i(\tau_2) \rangle = \frac{\text{sgn}(\tau_{12})}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{q} g(\tau_1, \tau_2) \right)$$

Liouville CFT on kinematic space!

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \frac{N}{8q^2} \int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \left[ \partial_{\tau_1} g \partial_{\tau_2} g - 4\mathcal{J}^2 \exp g(\tau_1, \tau_2) \right].$$

$$c = \frac{12\pi N}{q^2}.$$

## IR limit of SD equations

$$\int d\tau' G(\tau, \tau') \Sigma(\tau', \tau'') = -\delta(\tau - \tau'') , \quad \Sigma(\tau, \tau') = J^2 [G(\tau, \tau')]^{q-1}$$

are invariant under 1D diffeomorphisms

$$G(\tau, \tau') \rightarrow [f'(\tau)f'(\tau')]^\Delta G(f(\tau), f(\tau')) , \quad \Sigma(\tau, \tau') \rightarrow [f'(\tau)f'(\tau')]^{\Delta(q-1)} \Sigma(f(\tau), f(\tau'))$$

→ IR effective theory is dominated by a dynamical

Goldstone mode = 1D reparametrizations  $f(\tau)$

$$\begin{aligned}
S[f] &= -C \int_0^\beta d\tau \left( \{f, \tau\} + \frac{2\pi^2}{\beta^2} f'^2 \right) & \{f, \tau\} &= \frac{f'''}{f'} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{f''}{f'} \right)^2 \\
&= -C \int_0^\beta d\tau \{F, \tau\}, & F &\equiv \tan \left( \frac{\pi f(\tau)}{\beta} \right) & F &\rightarrow \frac{aF + b}{cF + d}
\end{aligned}$$

Schwarzian QM = exactly solvable



should be able to compute anything we want!

## Canonical formulation:

$$L = \pi_\phi \dot{\phi} + \pi_f \dot{f} - (\pi_\phi^2 + \pi_f e^\phi)$$

$$[f, \pi_f] = i$$

$$[\phi, \pi_\phi] = i$$

SL(2,R) symmetry:  $f \rightarrow \frac{af + b}{cf + d} \rightarrow$  **generators**  $[\ell_a, \ell_b] = i\epsilon_{abc}\ell_c$

## Hamiltonian = Casimir:

$$H = \pi_\phi^2 + \pi_f e^\phi = \ell_0^2 - \frac{1}{2}\{\ell_{-1}, \ell_1\}$$

$$j = -\frac{1}{2} + ik \quad E(k) = -j(j+1) = \frac{1}{4} + k^2$$



$$Z(\beta) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}f e^{-S[f]}$$

Partition function

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

integral over energy  $E = \frac{1}{4} + k^2$   
with continuous spectral density

$$\rho(E) = \sinh(2\pi \sqrt{E - 1/4})$$

Stanford, Witten

$$Z(\beta) = \int_0^\infty d\mu(k) e^{-\beta E(k)}, \quad d\mu(k) = dk^2 \sinh(2\pi k).$$

Partition function = integral over a symplectic manifold ← can be quantized!

$$Z(\beta) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}f e^{-S[f]}$$

Identity representation

$$= \lim_{\substack{c \rightarrow \infty \\ q \rightarrow 1}} \text{Tr}(q^{L_0}),$$

$$q^{\frac{c}{24}} = e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{\beta}} = \text{fixed.}$$

$$= e^{S_0 + \beta E_0} \left(\frac{\pi}{\beta}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(\frac{\pi^2}{\beta}\right).$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Diff}(S^1)/SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

$$[L_n, L_m] = (n - m)L_{n+m} + \frac{c}{12}(n^3 - n)\delta_{n+m}$$

$$L_n = \frac{\beta c}{48\pi^2} \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{2\pi i n \tau / \beta} \{F, \tau\}.$$

Identity character

$$\text{Tr}(q^{L_0}) \equiv \chi_0(q) = \frac{q^{\frac{1-c}{24}}(1-q)}{\eta(\tau)}$$

This is an exact result

c.f. Stanford, Witten  
Bagrets, Altland, Kamenev

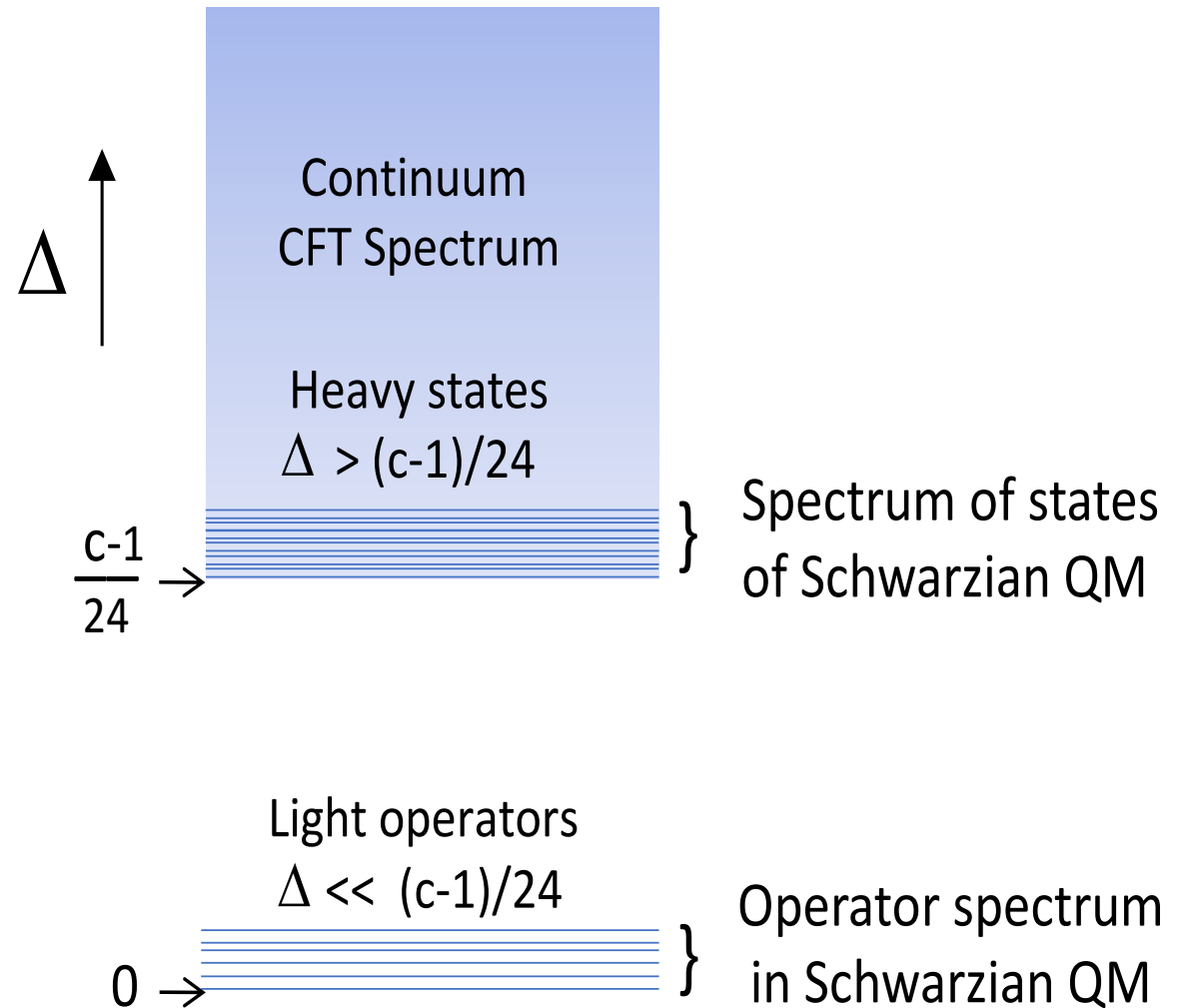
$$\chi_0(q) = \int_0^\infty dP S_0^P \chi_P(\tilde{q})$$



$$S_0^P = 4\sqrt{2} \sinh(2\pi bP) \sinh\left(\frac{2\pi P}{b}\right).$$

$$c = 1 + 6Q^2 = 1 + 6(b + b^{-1})^2$$

$$\Delta(P) = \frac{Q^2}{4} + P^2$$



$$\text{Tr}(q^{L_0}) = \text{cylinder} \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1} \text{tall cylinder} = \langle ZZ | \tilde{q}^{L_0} | ZZ \rangle$$

$q \rightarrow 1$   $\tilde{q} \rightarrow 0$

- Boundary State:

$$|ZZ\rangle = \int_0^\infty dP \Psi_{ZZ}(P) ||P\rangle\rangle \quad |\Psi_{ZZ}(P)|^2 = S_0^P$$

- Schwarzian Limit:

$$||P\rangle\rangle \rightarrow |P\rangle \quad \begin{aligned} &\bullet b \rightarrow 0 \\ &\bullet P = kb \end{aligned}$$

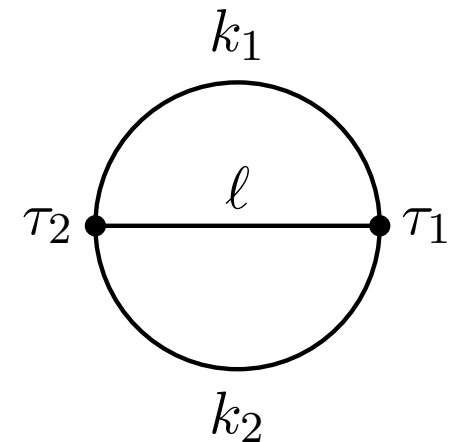
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}f e^{-S[f]} \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n$$

## Correlation functions

$$\mathcal{O}_\ell(\tau_1, \tau_2) \equiv \left( \frac{\sqrt{f'(\tau_1) f'(\tau_2)}}{\frac{\beta}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{\beta} [f(\tau_1) - f(\tau_2)]} \right)^{2\ell}$$

## Two-point function

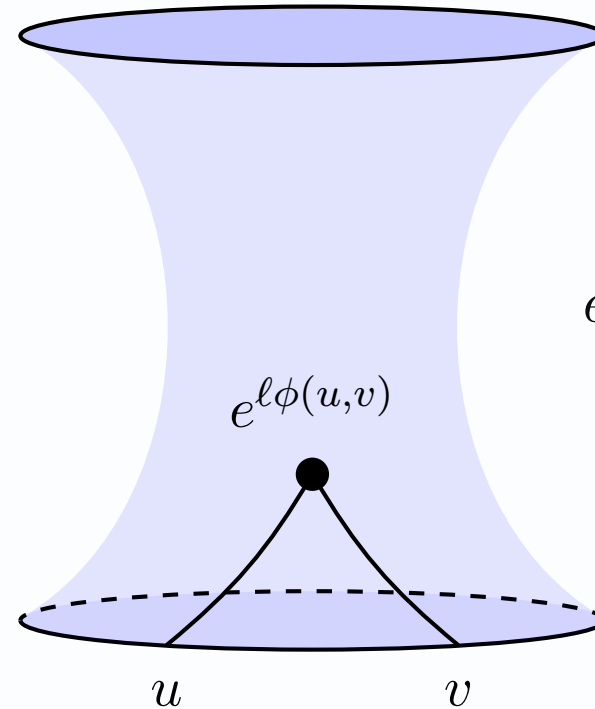
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\ell(\tau_1, \tau_2) \rangle = \int \prod_{i=1}^2 d\mu(k_i) \mathcal{A}_2(k_i, \ell, \tau_i).$$



Liouville theory on hyperbolic cylinder  $\rightarrow$  reduces to dilaton gravity for  $c \rightarrow \infty$

$$S = \frac{c}{192\pi} \int d\tau \int_0^\pi d\sigma [(\partial\phi)^2 + 4\mu e^{2\phi}]$$

$$\partial_u \partial_v \phi(u, v) = e^{2\phi(u, v)}$$



$$e^{\phi_{cl}(u, v)} = \frac{\sqrt{f'(u)f'(v)}}{\frac{\beta}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{\beta} [f(u) - f(v)]}$$

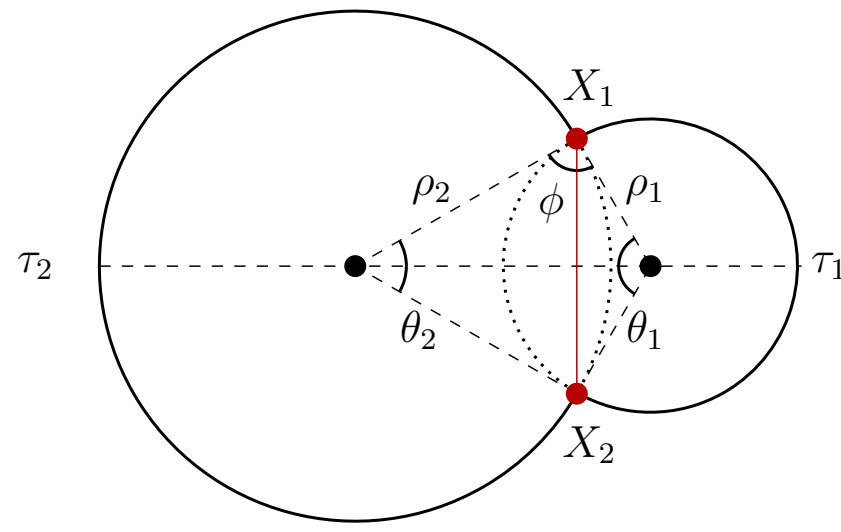
Insertion of  $\mathcal{O}_\ell(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  in Schwarzian  $\leftrightarrow$  Insertion of  $V_\ell = e^{2\ell\phi(\tau_1, \tau_2)}$  in Liouville CFT

Two point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\ell(\tau_1, \tau_2) \rangle = \int \prod_{i=1}^2 d\mu(k_i) \mathcal{A}_2(k_i, \ell, \tau_i).$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2(k_i, \ell, \tau_i) = \begin{array}{c} k_1 \\ \circ \\ \tau_2 \text{---} \ell \text{---} \tau_1 \\ \circ \\ k_2 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2(k_i, \ell, \tau_i) = e^{-(\tau_2 - \tau_1)k_1^2 - (\beta - \tau_2 + \tau_1)k_2^2} \frac{\Gamma(\ell \pm ik_1 \pm ik_2)}{\Gamma(2\ell)}.$$



## Semi-classical interpretation of two-point function

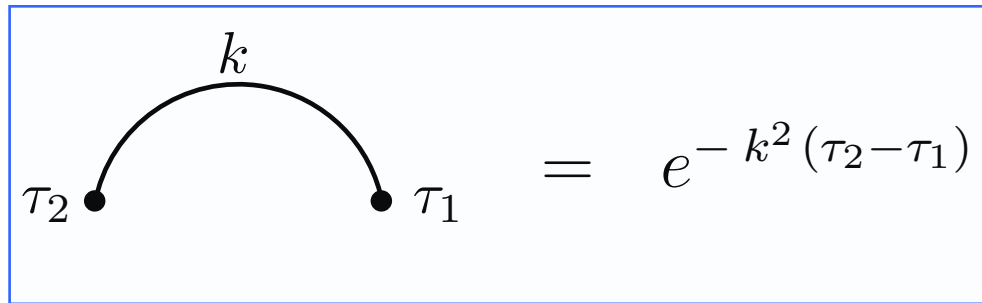
$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathcal{O}(\tau) \mathcal{O}(0) \rangle_\beta &= \int \prod_{i=1,2} dk_i \rho(k_i) e^{-\frac{k_1^2}{2C}\tau - \frac{k_2^2}{2C}(\beta-\tau)} \frac{\Gamma(\ell \pm ik_1 \pm ik_2)}{\Gamma(2\ell)}, \\
 &= \int \prod_{i=1,2} dk_i d\theta_i e^{-I(k_i, \theta_i, \tau, \ell)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where the ‘action’ appearing in the exponent is given by

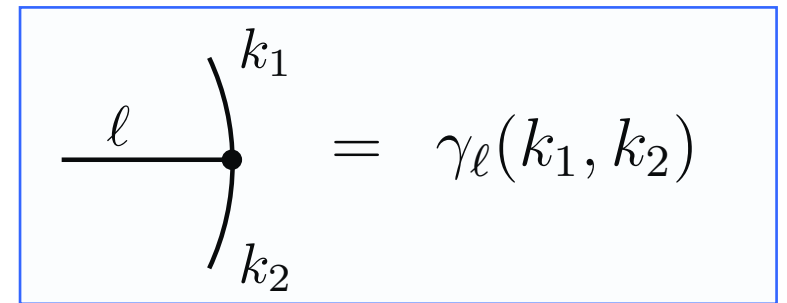
$$I(k_i, \theta_i, \tau, \ell) = \sum_{i=1,2} \left( \frac{k_i^2}{2C} \tau_i + \theta_i k_i - \log \rho(k_i) \right) + \ell \log \left( \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \cos \frac{\theta_2}{2} \right)^2 + I_0(\ell)$$



The exact non-perturbative answer for the  $2n$ -point functions can be summarized via a simple set of diagrammatic rules:


$$\tau_2 \bullet \overset{k}{\text{---}} \bullet \tau_1 = e^{-k^2(\tau_2 - \tau_1)}$$

'propagator'

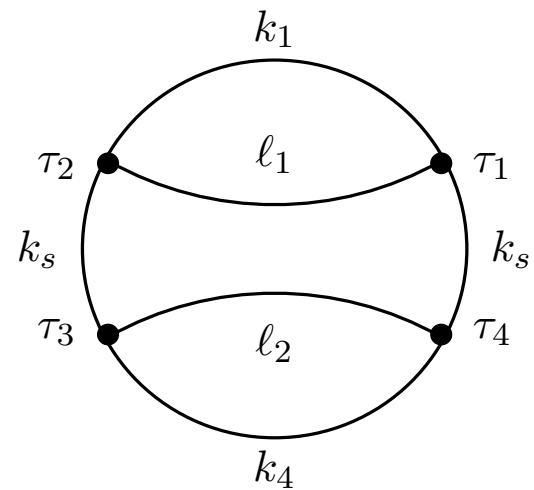

$$\ell \text{---} \bullet \begin{matrix} \text{---} k_1 \\ \text{---} k_2 \end{matrix} = \gamma_\ell(k_1, k_2)$$

'vertex'

$$\gamma_\ell(k_1, k_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(\ell \pm ik_1 \pm ik_2)}{\Gamma(2\ell)}}$$

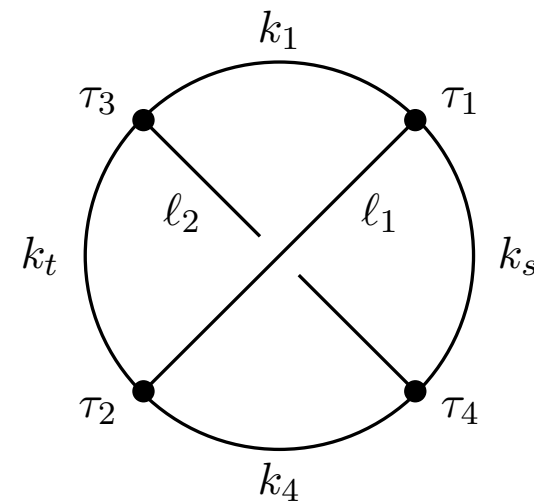
## Four-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\ell_1}(\tau_1, \tau_2) \mathcal{O}_{\ell_2}(\tau_3, \tau_4) \rangle =$$

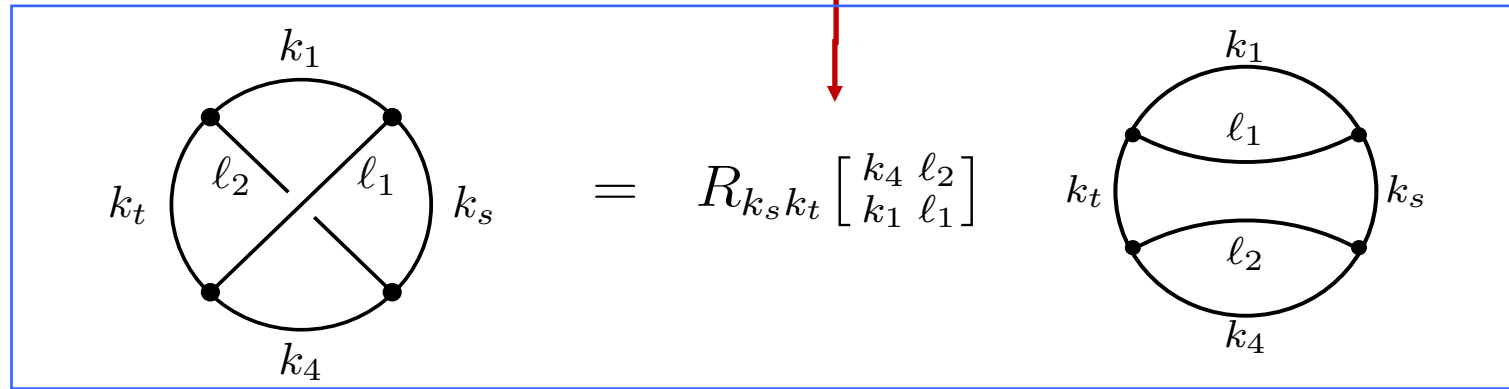


## OTO four-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\ell_1}(\tau_1, \tau_2) \mathcal{O}_{\ell_2}(\tau_3, \tau_4) \rangle_{\text{OTO}} =$$



# R-matrix



The R-matrix of the Schwarzian is found to be equal to a classical 6j-symbol of SU(1,1)

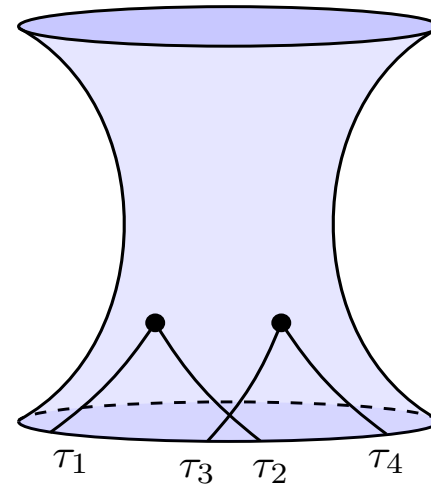
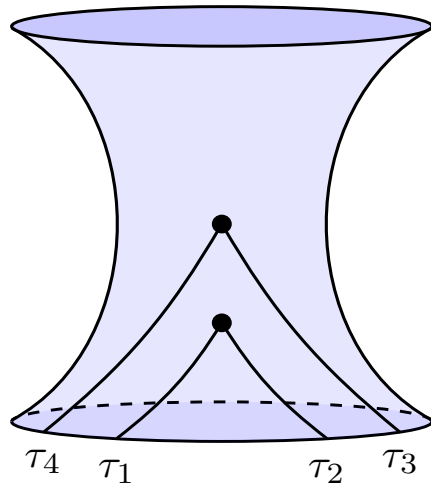
$$R_{k_s k_t} \begin{bmatrix} k_4 & l_2 \\ k_1 & l_1 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} l_1 & k_4 & k_s \\ l_2 & k_1 & k_t \end{matrix} \right\} = \sqrt{\Gamma(l_1 \pm ik_2 \pm ik_s) \Gamma(l_3 \pm ik_2 \pm ik_t) \Gamma(l_1 \pm ik_4 \pm ik_t) \Gamma(l_3 \pm ik_4 \pm ik_s)}$$

$$\times \mathbb{W}(k_s, k_t; l_1 + ik_4, l_1 - ik_4, l_3 - ik_2, l_3 + ik_2),$$

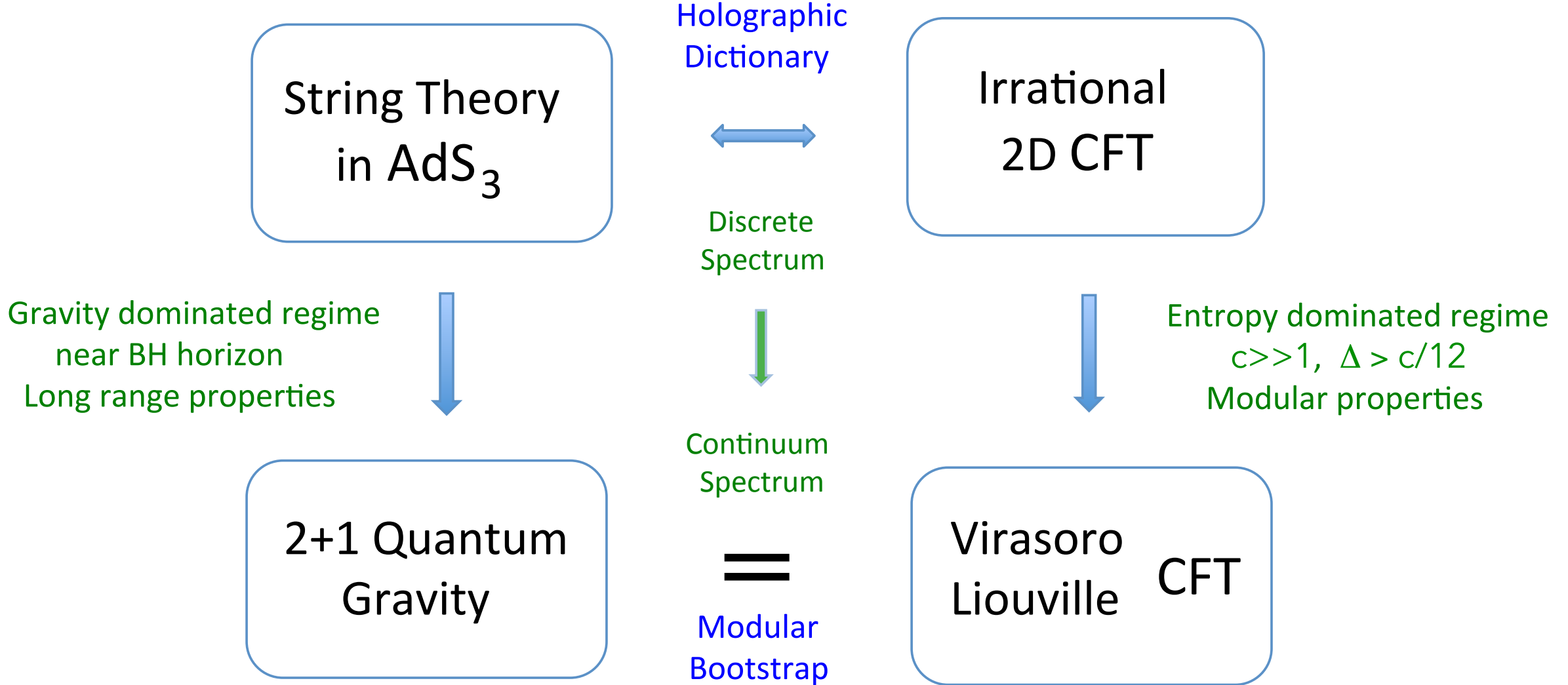
$\mathbb{W}$  = Wilson function  
linear combination of  ${}_4F_3$

Groenevelt

Matches with the gravitational shockwave amplitude



$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{l_1 l_2}^{\text{OTO}} &= \int dP dQ \Psi_{\text{ZZ}}^\dagger(P) \Psi_{\text{ZZ}}(Q) \times \int dP_s \begin{array}{c} Q \\ | \\ \text{---} \ell_1 \text{---} \\ | \\ P_s \\ | \\ \text{---} \ell_2 \text{---} \\ | \\ P \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Q \\ | \\ \text{---} \ell_1 \text{---} \\ | \\ P_s \\ | \\ \text{---} \ell_2 \text{---} \\ | \\ P \end{array} \\
 &= \int dP dQ \Psi_{\text{ZZ}}^\dagger(P) \Psi_{\text{ZZ}}(Q) \times \int dP_s dP_t R_{P_s P_t} \begin{array}{c} Q \qquad Q \\ | \qquad | \\ \text{---} \ell_1 \text{---} \\ | \qquad | \\ P_s \qquad P_t \\ | \qquad | \\ \text{---} \ell_2 \text{---} \\ | \qquad | \\ P \qquad P \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$



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We study the geometric quantization of **Teichmuller space** and show that the physical state conditions take the form of conformal Ward identities that define the space of Virasoro conformal blocks in 2-d CFT. Possible applications of these results to the [conformal bootstrap] are indicated.

Hilbert state of the (2 + 1)-dimensional gravity theory

$$\Psi \in \mathcal{H}^+ \otimes \mathcal{H}^- \tag{6.13}$$

can be decomposed into a sum of left and right conformal blocks as

$$\Psi = \sum_{I,J} N^{IJ} \Psi_I^+ \otimes \Psi_J^- , \tag{6.14}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(0) \mathcal{O}_2(1) \mathcal{O}_3(z, \bar{z}) \mathcal{O}_4(\infty) \rangle = \sum_a \left| \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} a \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \end{array} \right|^2$$

Conformal blocks →

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} a \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \end{array} = \sum_b F_{ab} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} b \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ 4 \end{array}$$

**F = Fusion matrix**

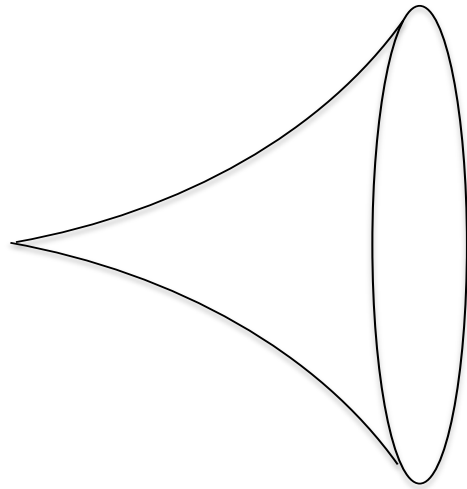
**R = Braid matrix**

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad 3 \\ \text{---} a \text{---} \\ 1 \quad 4 \end{array} = \sum_b R_{ab}^\epsilon \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} 3 \quad 2 \\ \text{---} b \text{---} \\ 1 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

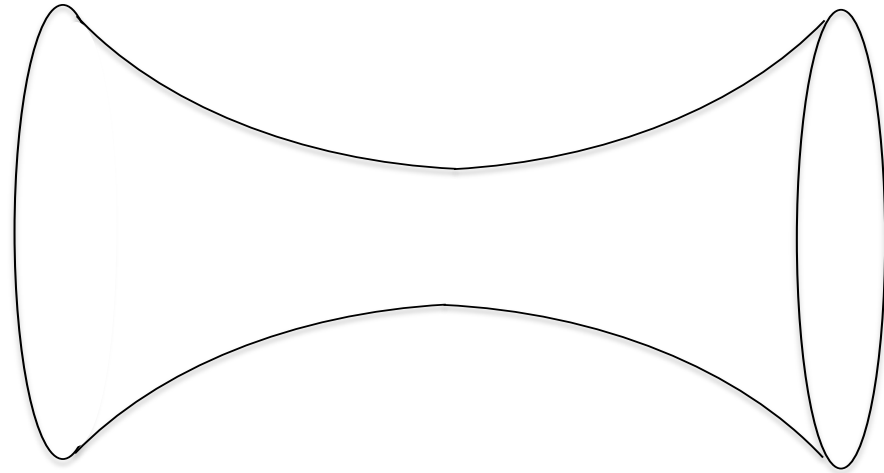
# 2D Virasoro CFT = 2D Quantum Hyperbolic Geometry

$$T(z) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{\Delta_i}{(z - z_i)^2} + \frac{c_i}{z - z_i} \right)$$

*Stress-energy tensor*



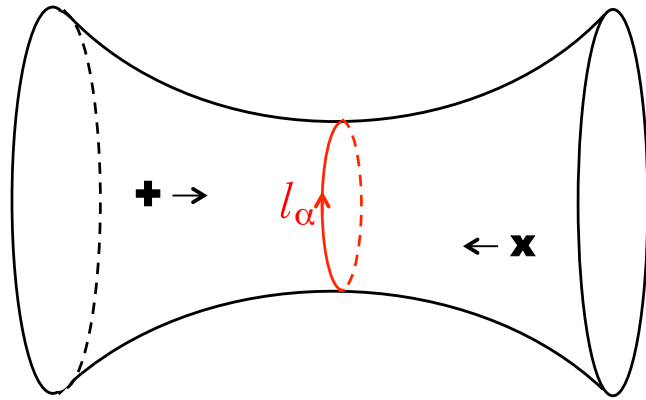
Elliptic



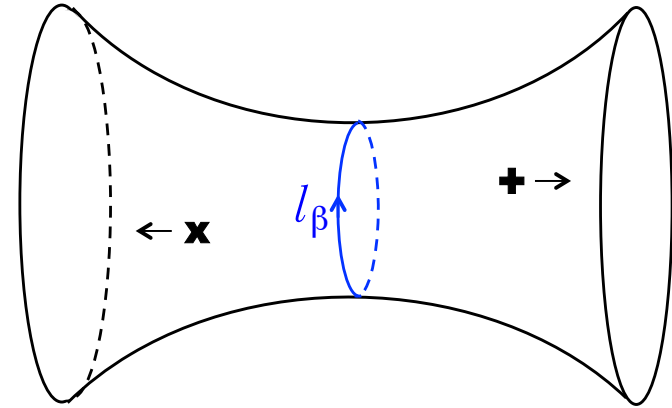
Hyperbolic



# 2+1-D AdS Gravity = 2D Quantum Hyperbolic Geometry



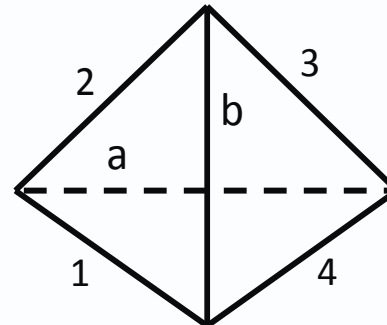
$$\hat{l}_\alpha |\alpha\rangle = l_\alpha |\alpha\rangle.$$



$$\hat{l}_\beta |\beta\rangle = l_\beta |\beta\rangle.$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta} = \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\alpha\beta}(l_\alpha, l_\beta)\right) = \langle \beta | \alpha \rangle$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Vol}\left(T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \alpha \\ 3 & 4 & \beta \end{bmatrix}\right)$$



Volume of a  
hyperbolic  
tetrahedron

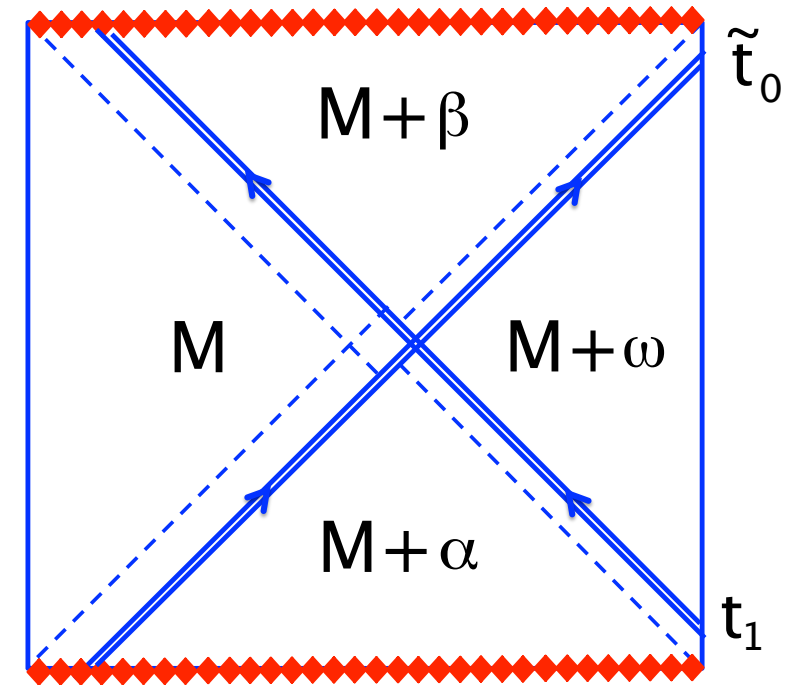
Ponsot-Teschner

6j-symbol of  $SL(2)_q$

$$\phi_{\omega-\alpha}(t_1) \phi_{\alpha}(t_0) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\alpha\beta}} \phi_{\omega-\beta}(\tilde{t}_0) \phi_{\beta}(\tilde{t}_1).$$

## Exchange relation for localized wave-packets

- contains the gravitational scattering amplitude
- spectral decomposition of OTO four-point function
- scattering phase determined via geometric optics



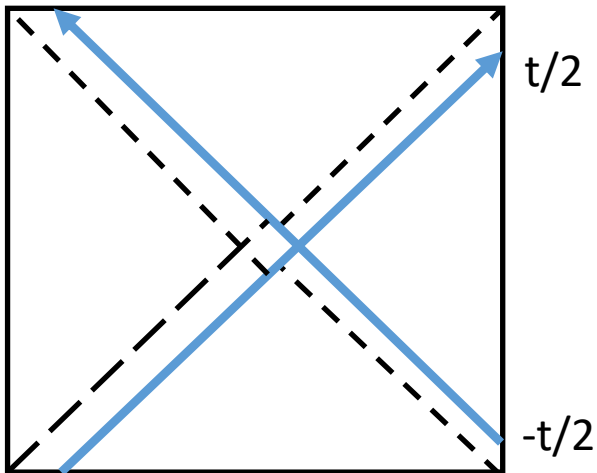
c.f. Stanford  
Shenker

# Semiclassical limit of OTQ 4pt function

$$C \sim G_N^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$$

[Shenker, Stanford]

$$\langle V_1 W_3 V_2 W_4 \rangle = \int_0^\infty dq_+ \int_0^\infty dp_- \Psi_1^*(q_+) \Phi_3^*(p_-) \mathcal{S}(p_-, q_+) \Psi_2(q_+) \Phi_4(p_-)$$



$$\mathcal{S} = \exp\left(\frac{i\beta}{4\pi C} p_- q_+\right)$$

↓  
Dray-'t Hooft  
S-matrix

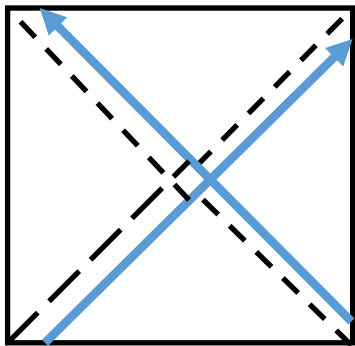
# Semiclassical limit of OTO 4pt function

Large C  
high temperature

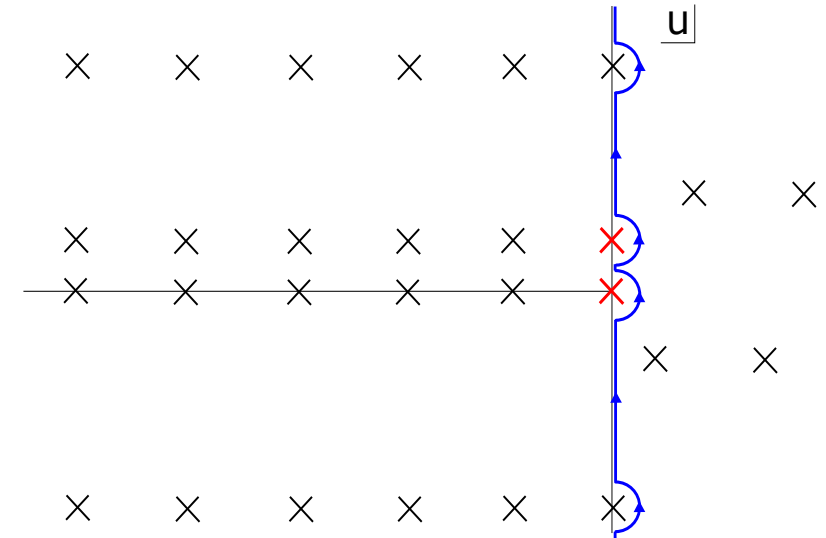
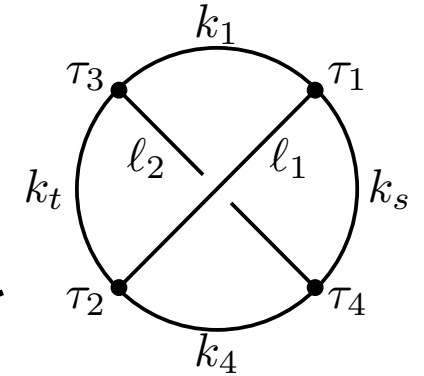
$$\langle V_1 W_3 V_2 W_4 \rangle = \prod_{i=1}^4 \int \frac{d\omega_i}{2\pi} \Psi_1^*(\omega_1) \Psi_3^*(\omega_3) \mathcal{S}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4) \Psi_2(\omega_2) \Psi_4(\omega_4).$$

Schwarchild S-matrix

$$\mathcal{S}(\omega_1, \omega_3; \omega_2, \omega_4) = \frac{\beta}{(2\pi)^2} \delta(\omega_1 + \omega_3 - \omega_2 - \omega_4) \frac{\Gamma(i\nu_1 - i\nu_2)}{\left(\frac{4\pi i C}{\beta}\right)^{i(-\nu_1 + \nu_2)}},$$



$$\mathcal{S} = \exp\left(\frac{i\beta}{4\pi C} p_- q_+\right)$$



# Microscopic understanding of Lyapunov and fast thermalizing behavior?

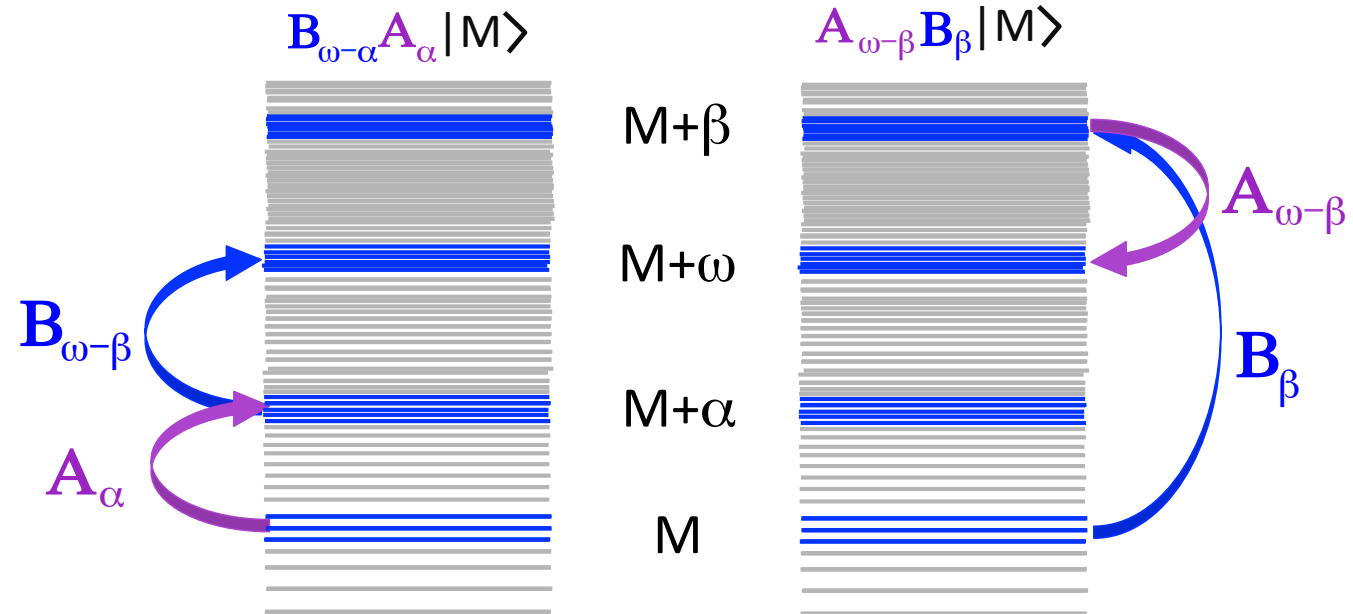


Figure 4: The scrambling of a signal (operator  $A$ ) due to the a perturbation (operator  $B$ ) at some earlier time  $t_1 < t_0$ . An observer that measures the state can detect signal  $A$  only if  $A$  acts on the state from the left. Passing  $A$  through  $B$  produces a new intermediate channel with energy  $\beta$ , which for  $t_0 - t_1 > t_{\text{crit}}$  exceeds  $\omega$ . Signal  $A$  becomes scrambled: its coherent phase information get washed out by the large entropy region of the spectrum near  $M + \beta$ .