

The Schwarzian and black hole physics

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G_c has $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -symmetry \Rightarrow not to be path integrated \equiv **gauge redundancy**

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Compare to CS / WZW, 3d gravity / Liouville topological dualities

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In particular: finding **gravitational physics** in exact correlators

The Schwarzian theory: Operator insertions

Bilocal operators:

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

Think of this expression as two-point function

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\Rightarrow Cardy scaling at high energies $\rho(E) \sim e^{2\pi\sqrt{E}}$

\Rightarrow **2d CFT origin ?**

What about correlators ? Need other techniques

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Matches with quasi-normal modes of AdS₂ BH metric [Keeler-Ng](#)

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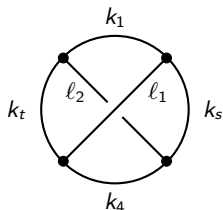
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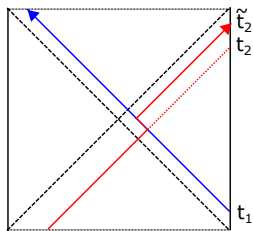
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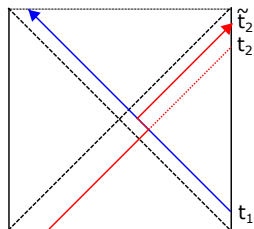
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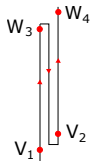
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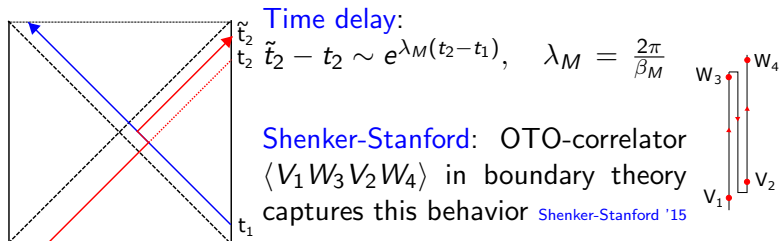
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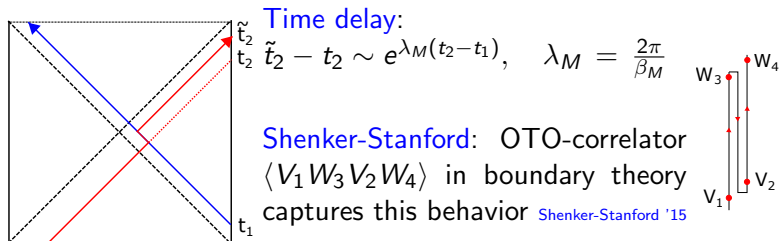


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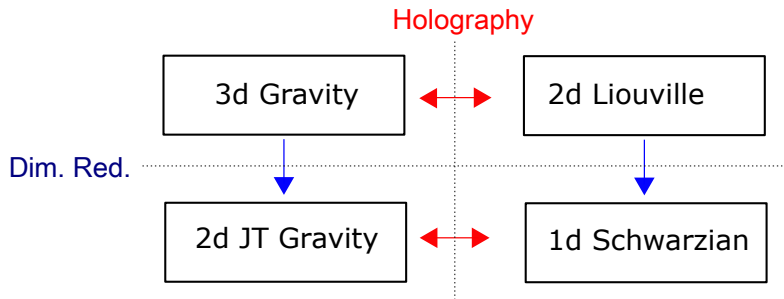
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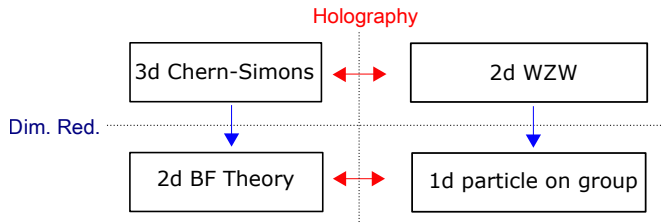
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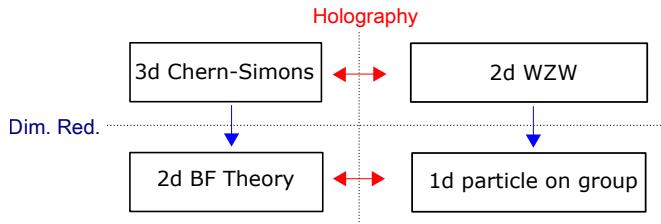
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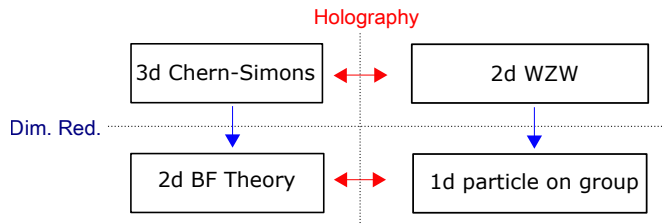


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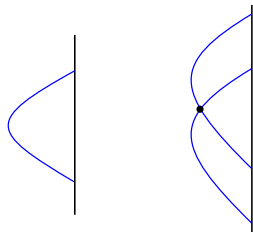
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