

# Out-of-Time-Ordered Correlators in 2d CFT

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# Plan

- Introduction+Motivation
- OTOs and Quantum Chaos Bound
- Various results
- Open Questions

## Motivation

- Which CFTs describe Black Holes and why?
- Necessary conditions? How can we test them?
- 2d CFTs and black holes? (n)RCFTs, Large  $c$ ,  $W_N$ , Liouville ?
- Dynamics of quantum information in 1+1 d? Universality, bounds, etc?
- What can this teach us about scrambling, quantum chaos...?

Based on: [P.C, T.Takayanagi, K.Watanabe, Y.Kusuki to appear]

[P.C, T.Numasawa, A.Veliz-Osorio'16]

[P.C, J.Simon, A.Stikonas, K.Watanabe, T.Takayanagi'15]

## Black Hole Slogans:

- BH are holographic (entropy)
- BH are the fastest scramblers of information
- BH are maximally chaotic
- BH are (complex) quantum channels
- BH are the best quantum computers....



This Talk

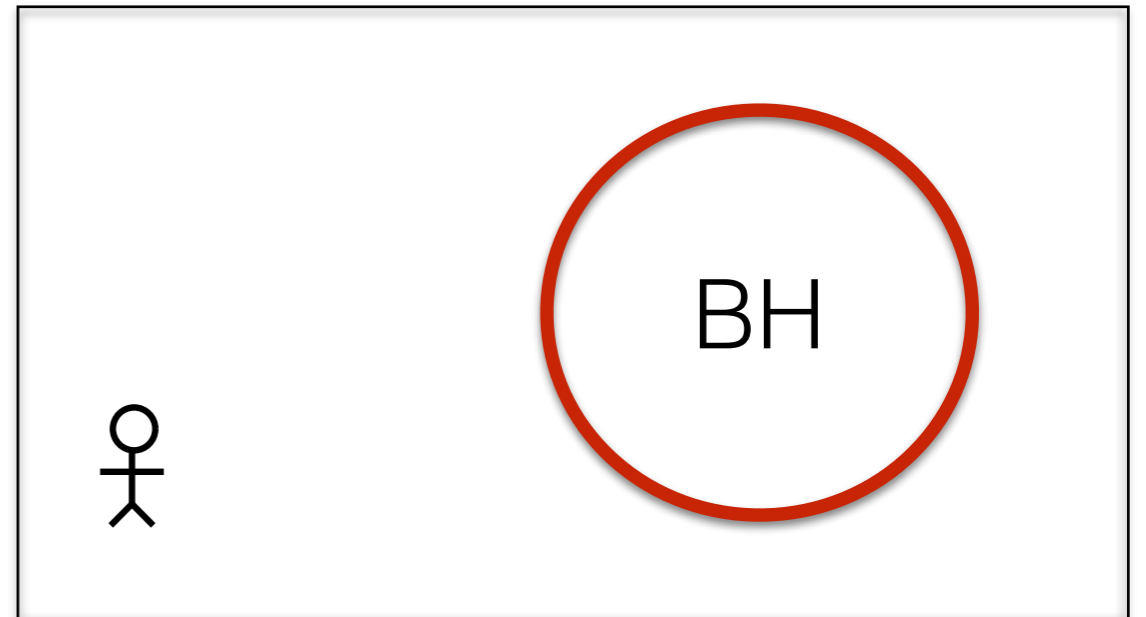
AdS/CFT is our main tool to make these statements more precise

HINT: Quantum Information + Time Evolution

# BH are holographic

BH entropy

$$S_{BH} = \frac{Area(Horizon)}{4G_N}$$



In 2d CFT we can relate the BH entropy to Cardy formula for the density of states

$$S_{BH} = S_C = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} E_L} + 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} E_R}$$

$$c - \text{fixed}, \quad E_{L/R} \rightarrow \infty$$

Modulo the assumption that it should be valid for

$$c \rightarrow \infty, \quad E_{L/R} \sim c$$

1) In order to describe BH, CFTs should have:

Large central Charge  $c \rightarrow \infty$

Sparse Spectrum (Cardy formula valid in “extended” regime) [\[Hartman,Keller,Stoica,14\]](#)

$$\rho(E) = \exp[S(E)] \lesssim \exp \left[ 2\pi \left( E + \frac{c}{12} \right) \right], \quad E \leq \epsilon \quad E = E_L + E_R = \Delta - \frac{c}{12}$$

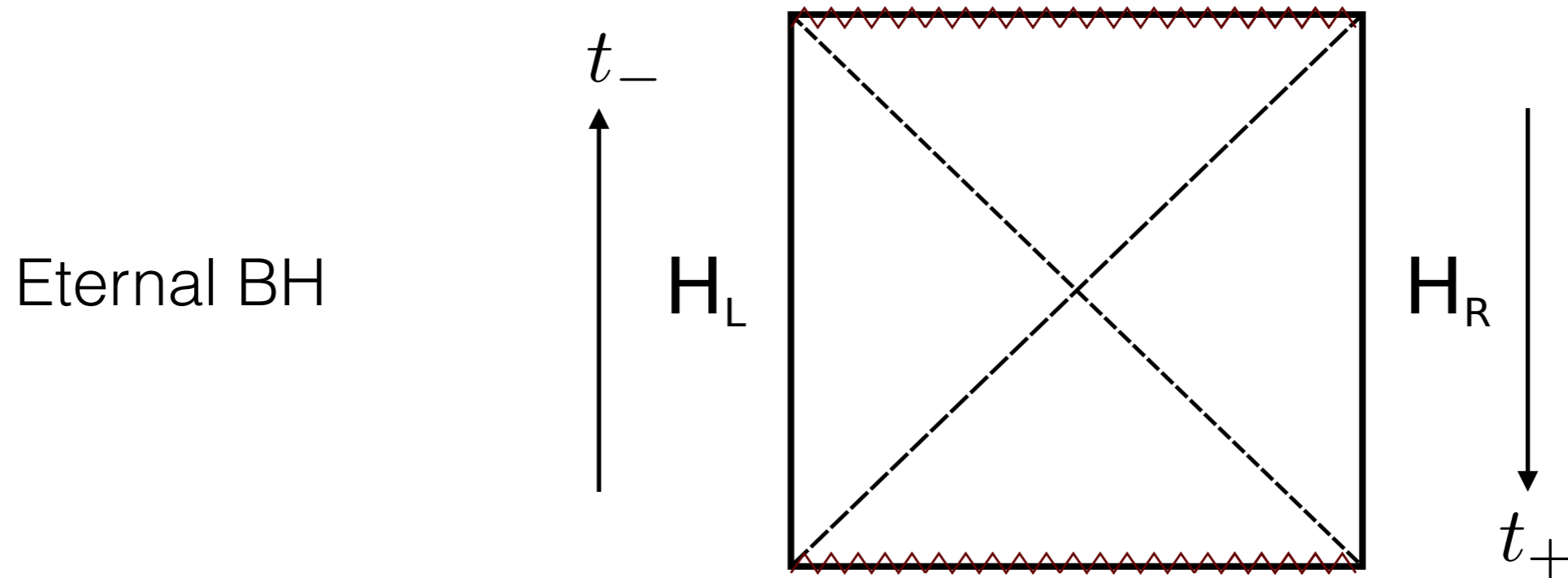
In practice we can approximate correlators by the identity block.

What does it imply for “physics”: entanglement, CFT quenches....?

## 2) Black Hole Phenomenology and Chaos

# AdS/CFT: BH-TFD duality

[Maldacena'01]

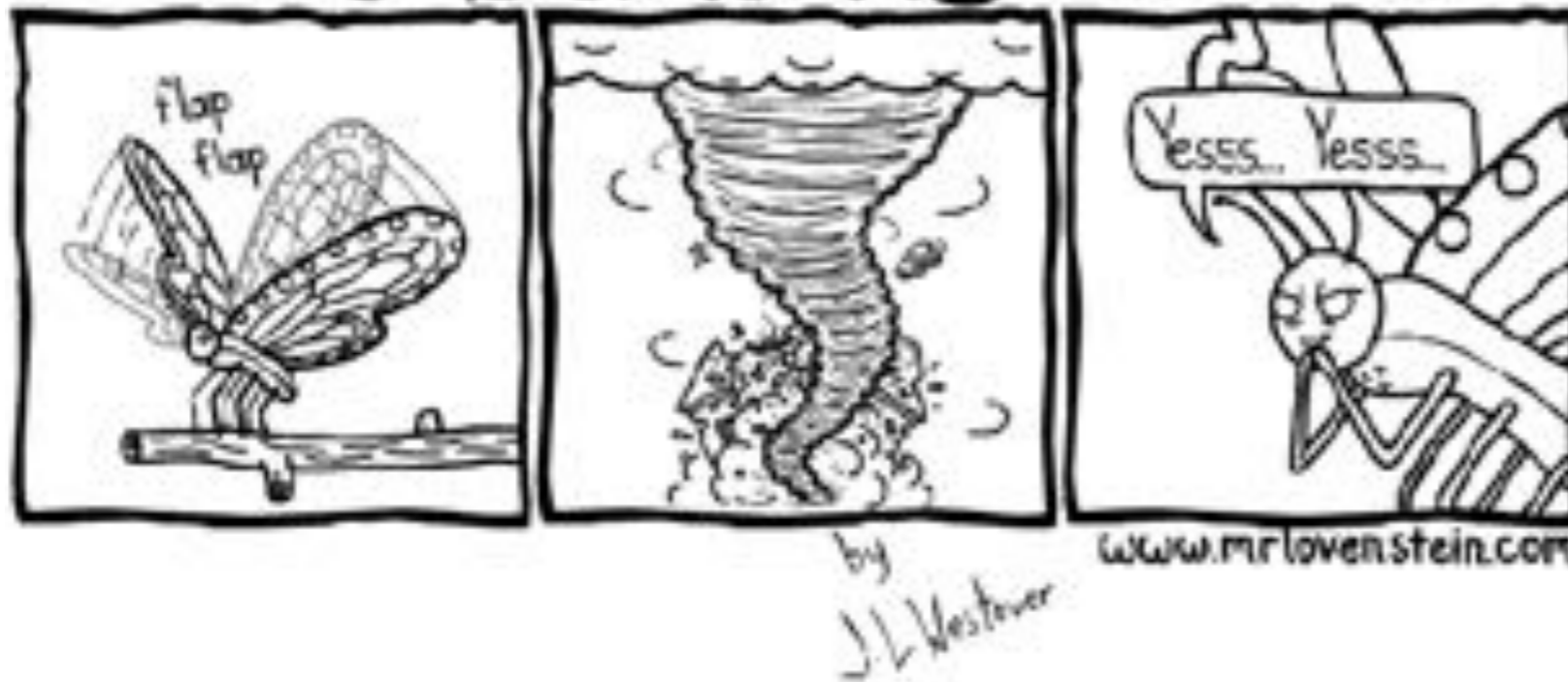


TFD

$$|\Psi_\beta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z(\beta)}} \sum_n e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} E_n} |n\rangle_L |n\rangle_R$$



# The Butterfly Effect.



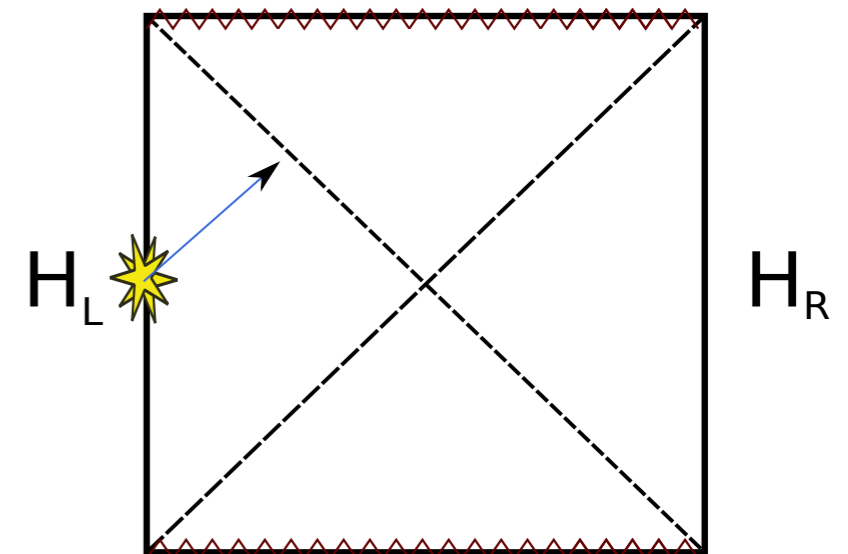
[Shenker, Stanford]

[Roberts, Stanford]

[+ Susskind]

$$|\psi'\rangle = e^{-iH_L t_w} O_L(x) e^{iH_L t_w} |\psi\rangle$$

$$I_{A:B} = S_A + S_B - S_{A \cup B}$$



Computed both holographically and in CFT

$$I_{A:B}(t_w) = 0?$$

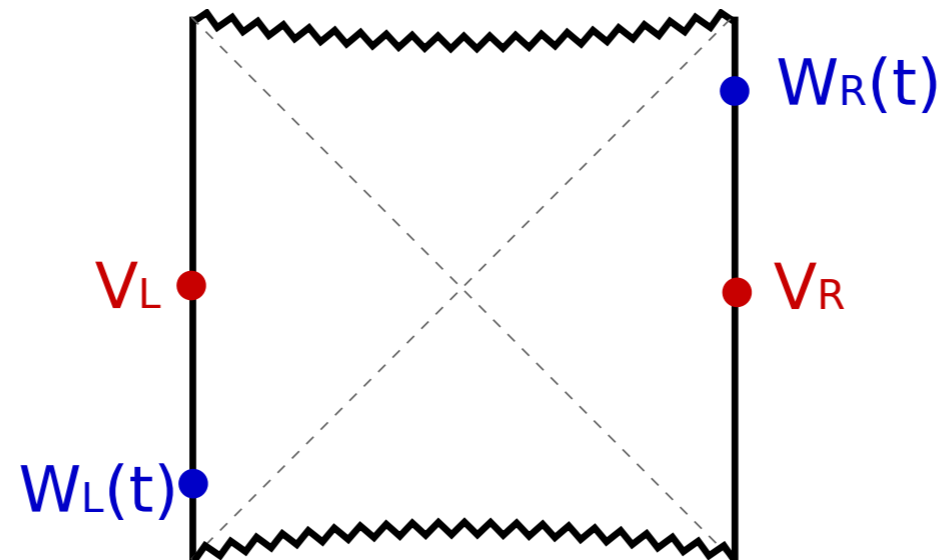
$$t_w \sim \beta \log c \sim \beta \log S$$

[Shenker, Stanford'13][PC, Simon, Stikonas, Takayanagi, Watanabe'15]

Quantum Chaos!?

# Holographic computations: general d

[Shenker, Stanford'14]



gravitational scattering (Regge)

$$\langle VW(t)VW(t) \rangle \sim G_N s \simeq G_N e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t}$$

# Semiclassical Chaos

SOVIET PHYSICS JETP

VOLUME 28, NUMBER 6

JUNE, 1969

QUASICLASSICAL METHOD IN THE THEORY OF SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

A. I. LARIN and Yu. N. OVCHINNIKOV

$$[x(t), p(0)] \simeq -i\hbar \{x(t), p(0)\} \simeq -i\hbar \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial x(0)} = -i\hbar e^{\lambda_L t}$$

Average square becomes  $O(1)$

$$\langle [x(t), p(0)]^2 \rangle \simeq \hbar^2 e^{2\lambda_L t} = e^{2\lambda(t-t^*)}$$

$$t^* = \frac{1}{\lambda_L} \log \frac{1}{\hbar}$$

e.g. Inverted harmonic oscillator

Ehrenfest time  
(decoherence!)

## Quantum Chaos in QFT

[Kitaev...to appear]

In QFT one can generalise to

$$\langle [W(t), V(0)]^2 \rangle_\beta$$

for “arbitrary” operators of the theory

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle VW(t)W(t)V \rangle_\beta + \langle W(t)VW(t)V \rangle_\beta \\ & - \langle W(t)VW(t)V \rangle_\beta - \langle VW(t)VW(t) \rangle_\beta \end{aligned}$$

Essential information in the ratio

$$C^\beta(t) = \frac{\langle W(t)VW(t)V \rangle_\beta}{\langle W(t)W(t) \rangle_\beta \langle VV \rangle_\beta}$$

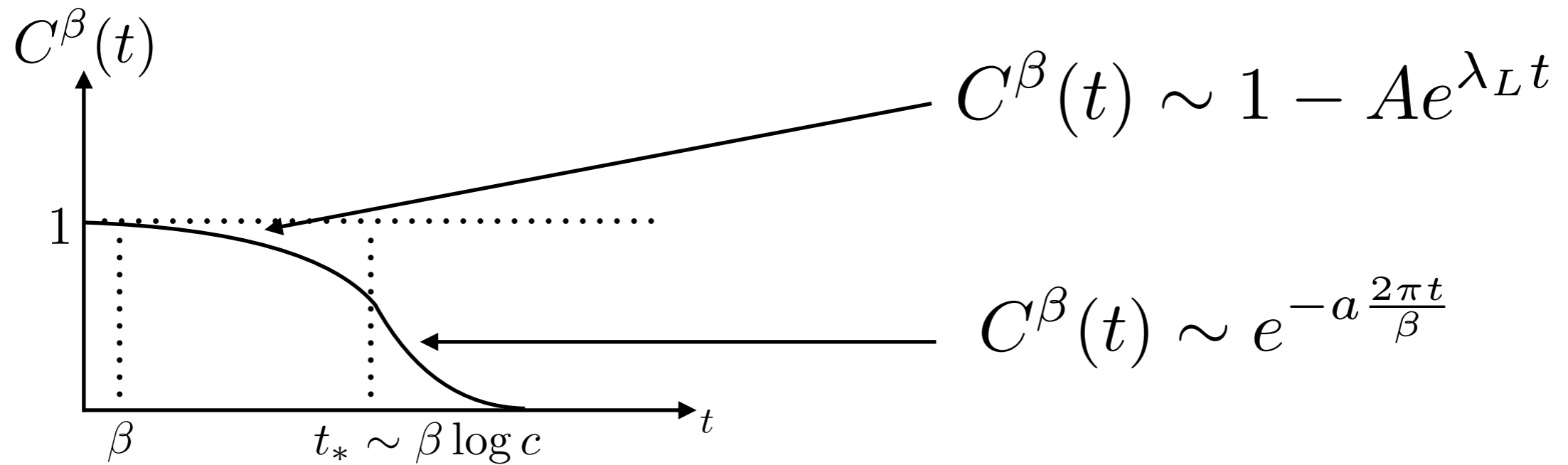
OTO-correlators

Very natural from the TFD perspective!

# BH are maximally chaotic

[Maldacena, Shenker, Stanford '15]

In chaotic systems



Bound on chaos

$$\lambda_L \leq \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$$

BH are maximally chaotic: (=) for a system with a holographic dual (Einstein BH)

Toy models for black holes, SYK....

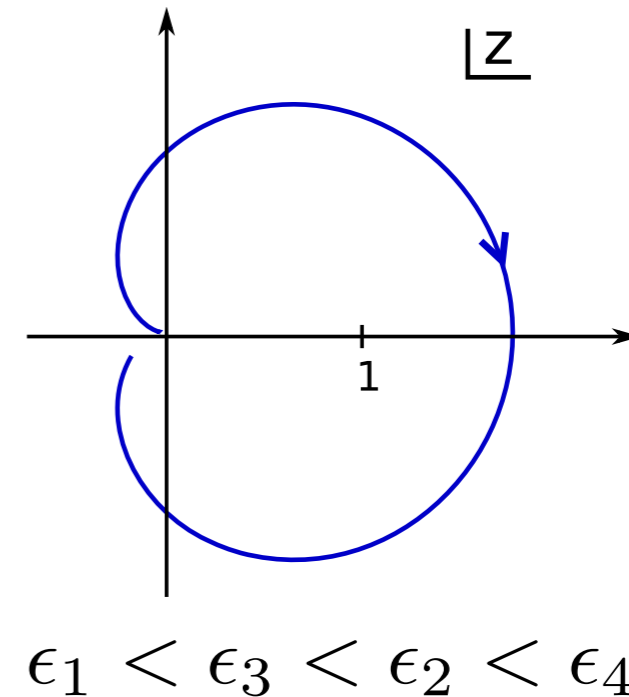
# OTOs in 2d CFT

[Stanford, Roberts'15]

OTO correlators (all orderings) can be obtained from the Euclidean 4pt

$$\frac{\langle W^\dagger W V^\dagger V \rangle}{\langle W^\dagger W \rangle \langle V^\dagger V \rangle} = G(z, \bar{z})$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t+i\epsilon_1)}, & \bar{z}_1 &= e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t+i\epsilon_1)}, \\ z_2 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t+i\epsilon_2)}, & \bar{z}_2 &= e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t+i\epsilon_2)}, \\ z_3 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(x+i\epsilon_3)}, & \bar{z}_3 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(x-i\epsilon_3)}, \\ z_4 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(x+i\epsilon_4)}, & \bar{z}_4 &= e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(x-i\epsilon_4)}. \end{aligned}$$



$$(1 - z) \rightarrow e^{-2\pi i}(1 - z) \quad z, \bar{z} \rightarrow 0, \quad \bar{z}/z - \text{fixed}$$

## OTOs in large c 2d CFT

[Stanford,Roberts'15]

[Fitzpatrick,Kaplan'16]

Identity Block at large central charge c

$$\mathcal{V}(z) = 1 + \frac{2h_W h_V}{c} z^2 {}_2F_1(2, 2, 4, z) + O(1/c^2)$$

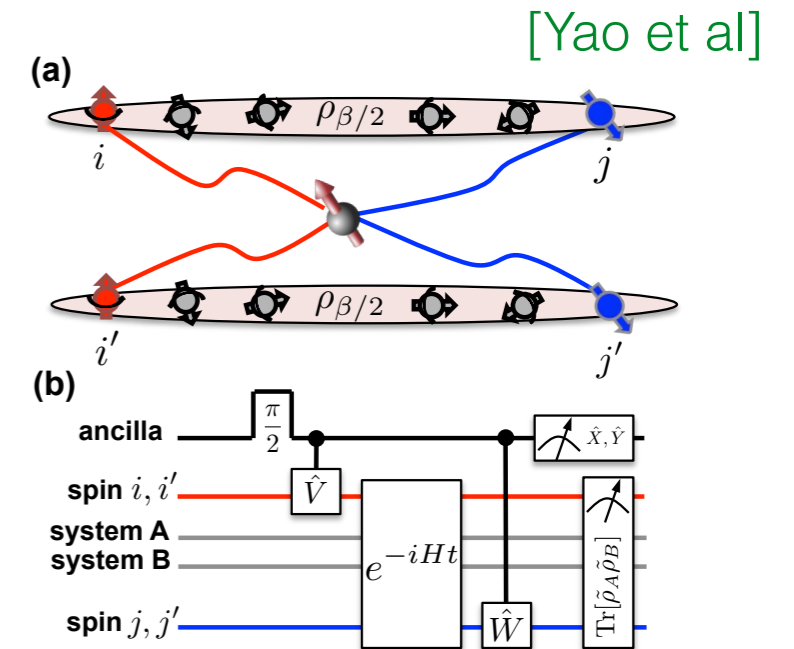
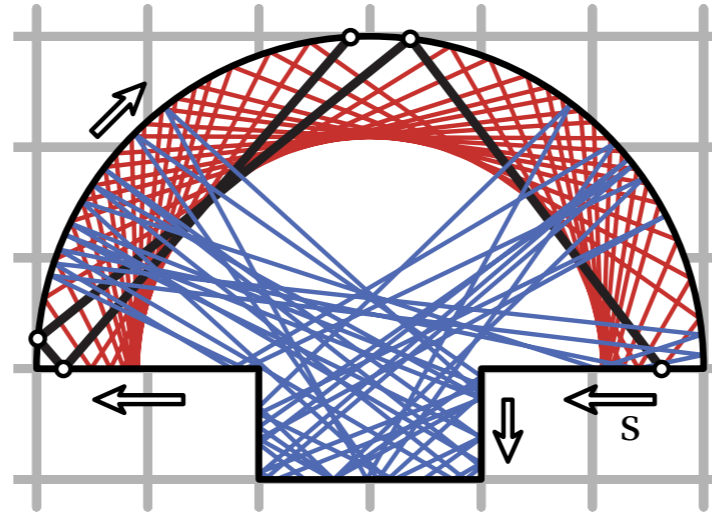
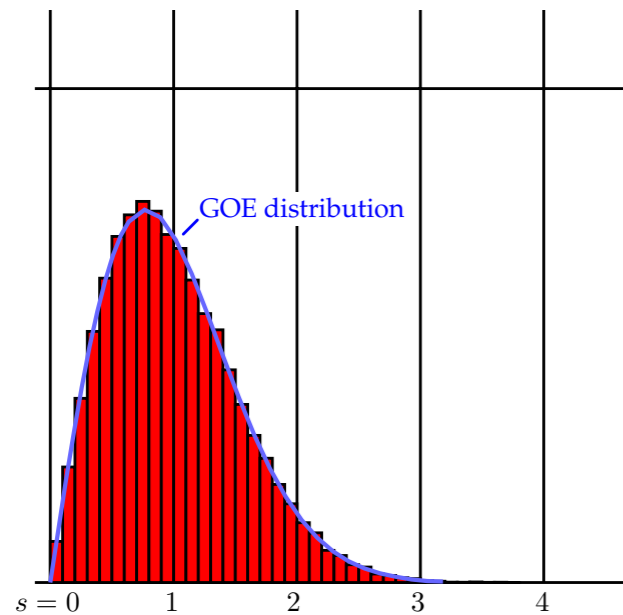
After OTO continuation

$$\mathcal{V}(z) \approx 1 + \frac{48\pi i h_W h_V}{cz} = 1 - \frac{12\pi h_W h_V}{c} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-x)} + O(1/c^2)$$

Large c vacuum block for HHLL captures this

$$\left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{24\pi i h_w}{\epsilon_{12}^* \epsilon_{34}} e^{(2\pi/\beta)(t-t_*-x)}} \right)^{2h_v}$$

# OTOs and Quantum Chaos?



- OTOs and “Standard definitions” of Quantum Chaos
- Quantum Chaos and Non-Integrability?
- Experimental access to OTOs!



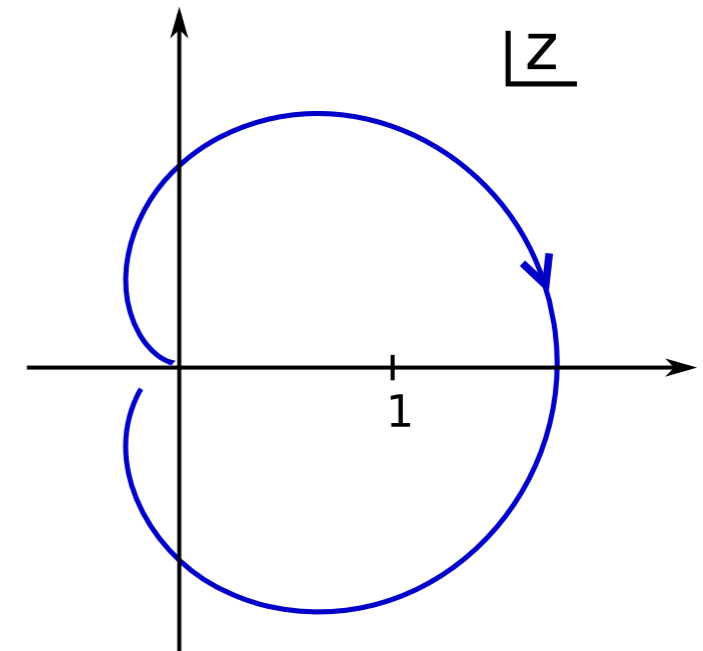
In RCFT

[P.C,Numasawa,Veliz-Osorio'16]  
[Gu,Xi'16]

$$C_{ij}^\beta(t) \equiv \frac{\langle \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(t) \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_j \rangle_\beta}{\langle \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger \mathcal{O}_i \rangle_\beta \langle \mathcal{O}_j^\dagger \mathcal{O}_j \rangle_\beta} = \mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z})$$

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_p \mathcal{F}_{jj}^{ii}(p|z) \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{jj}^{ii}(p|\bar{z})$$

$$C_{ij}^\beta(t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{d_i d_j} \frac{S_{ij}^*}{S_{00}}$$



$$\mathcal{F}_{jj}^{ii}(p|z) \rightarrow \sum_q \mathcal{M}_{pq} \mathcal{F}_{jj}^{ii}(q|z)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{00} = \frac{S_{ij}^*}{S_{00}} \frac{S_{00}}{S_{0i}} \frac{S_{00}}{S_{0j}}$$

[Bonderson, Shtengel, Slingerland '06]

“Monodromy scalar” can be measured in anyon interferometry experiments!

Large c but “rational”:  $SU(N)_k$  WZW

State excited by the operator in the fundamental rep.

$$g_{\beta}^{\alpha}(x) |0\rangle \quad h = \bar{h} = \frac{N^2 - 1}{2N(k + N)}$$

4-point correlator from K-Z equations

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{i,j} I_i \bar{I}_j \sum_n X_{nn} \mathcal{F}_i^{(n)}(z) \mathcal{F}_j^{(n)}(\bar{z})$$

From the monodromy of F we can confirm our constant!

$$C_{ij}^{\beta}(t) \rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k+2}\right) \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\pi}{k+2}\right)$$

For  $SU(2)$  at level  $k$

$$(T^2)^n / \mathbb{Z}_n$$

[P.C, Y.Kusuki, K.Watanabe, T.Takayanagi arXiv:17...]

OTO correlators with  $W, V$  given by twist operators as functions of the radius  $\eta$

$$C_\beta(t) = |1 - z|^{-4\Delta_n} F_n(z, \bar{z})$$

e.g.  $n=2$  we can write

$$F_2(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{\Theta^2(0|T)}{f_{1/2}(z)\bar{f}_{1/2}(\bar{z})} = 2^{-4/3} |z|^{1/3} |1 - z|^{1/3} Z_\eta^2(\tau, \bar{\tau})$$

modular parameter is related to the cross-ratios as

$$\tau \equiv \frac{if_{1/2}(1-z)}{f_{1/2}(z)} \quad f_{1/2}(z) = {}_2F_1(1/2, 1/2, 1, z)$$

OTO continuation is equivalent to

$$\tau \rightarrow \frac{\tau}{1 + 2\tau} \quad S\bar{T}^2S$$

$$(T^2)^n / \mathbb{Z}_n$$

[P.C, Y.Kusuki, K.Watanabe, T.Takayanagi arXiv:17...]

Rational radius behaves as in standard RCFTs  $\eta = \frac{p}{q}$

n=2  $C_\beta(t) \rightarrow (S\bar{T}^2 S)_{00}$

for higher n, and  $pq \in n\mathbb{Z}$  values sensitive to pq

$$C_\beta(t) \rightarrow \frac{n}{(2pq)^{n-1}}$$

Irrational radius  $\eta \neq \frac{p}{q}$

$$C_\beta(t) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\beta}{t}\right)^{n-1}$$

Polynomial decay at late times

$W_N$

[P.C. work in progress]

We can consider the 4pt correlator of (f,1) and (1,f) in

$$\frac{\text{SU}(N)_k \otimes \text{SU}(N)_1}{\text{SU}(N)_{k+1}} \quad c = (N-1) \left( 1 - \frac{N(N+1)}{p(p+1)} \right)$$

both operators increase entanglement entropies by the log [N]

Operators (f,1) are considered as light but (1,f) as heavy.

Their 4pt correlator

$$G_{\phi_+ \phi_-}(x) = |1-x|^{-2\Delta} |x|^{\frac{2}{N}} \left| 1 + \frac{1-x}{Nx} \right|^2$$

The OTO shows no chaos.

[Perlmutter, 1602.08272]

## Summary

- OTOs allow us to sharpen our constraints on Black Holes in AdS/CFT.
- OTOs are interesting new tools to explore aspects of quantum chaos
- In 2d CFTs we can compute them in various models and explore their properties
- We get a new perspective on the known CFT data from OTOs (classification of RCFTs?)
- OTOs already got their “own life” in MB physics (MBL), similarly to Entanglement Entropy.

## Open Questions

- Black hole slogans and quantum chaos? Are the “necessary conditions” independent?
- Can we interpret OTOs or extract the same information from some QI tools ? QI Metric, Fidelity, Loschmidt echo [M.Miyaji '16]?
- CFT data and bootstrap: can we make some general arguments about OTOs, late time values, Lyapunov exponent?
- Higher-point OTOs and Jones polynomials? Is CFT a quantum computer?
- Late time physics beyond the scrambling time? Recurrences ?
- Other tools: Gutzwiller trace formula, spectral form factors...

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