

# CFT and Black Holes

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# Introduction

The holographic principle or AdS/CFT correspondence states that certain QFTs, conformal field theories (or CFTs), have a completely equivalent description in terms of gravity in *AdS* space.

*Objective:* To deconstruct the holographic principle to learn more about gravity.

## Questions:

*Which theories have a holographic description?*

*What restrictions do physical consistency conditions impose?*

*Can we learn something about black holes?*

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*Holographic CFTs*: Large  $N$ , or large  $c$ , CFTs with an infinite gap in the spectrum of operators for spin  $s \geq 2$ .

Current progress:

- The study of the crossing equation reveals the structure of a local gravity theory.
- Unitarity (causality) imply that Einstein's theory of general relativity is the only consistent description.
- Computation of feynman diagrams in gravity via CFT techniques
- ...

# Introduction

Next: black holes physics ?

First step: emergence of black hole geometry from CFT correlation functions.

- 1 Thermal CFT correlators (canonical ensemble).
- 2 Correlation functions involving two “heavy” operators,  $\mathcal{O}_H|0\rangle$  (microcanonical ensemble).

$$\frac{\Delta_H}{c} = \text{fixed} \quad \text{when} \quad c \rightarrow \infty.$$

In the dual gravitational description:

$$\mu \equiv \frac{r_H^2}{R_{AdS}^2} = \frac{M_{BH} \ell_p^3}{R_{AdS}^3} = (M_{BH} R_{AdS}) \frac{\ell_p^3}{R_{AdS}^3} \sim \frac{\Delta_H}{c}$$

# Introduction

The correlator

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_H(\infty) \mathcal{O}_L(1) \mathcal{O}_L(z, \bar{z}) \mathcal{O}_H(0) \rangle \sim \langle \mathcal{O}_L(1) \mathcal{O}_L(z, \bar{z}) \rangle_T$$

can be studied analytically in the following regimes:

- Regge/eikonal limit

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

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- Lightcone limit

$$\bar{z} \rightarrow 1, \quad z \leq 1$$

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# Outline

- CFT basics
- Holographic CFTs: assumptions
- HHLL correlator
- Results
- Summary and open questions

# CFT: general aspects

CFTs are ordinary quantum field theories which are invariant under the conformal group. This includes the  $d$ -dimensional Poincare group and: The dilatation  $D$  and the special conformal transformations generator  $K_\mu$ .

The dilatation operator  $D$  scales the coordinates of spacetime:

$$D : x \rightarrow \lambda x, \quad \lambda \geq 0.$$

Operators of the theory, are eigenstates of  $D$  with eigenvalue  $\Delta$ .

Together with the special conformal transformations  $K_\mu$  and the  $d$ -dimensional Poincare group, they form a group isomorphic to  $SO(d, 2)$ .

## CFT: general aspects

The operators of a CFT are classified by their spin  $s$  and conformal dimension  $\Delta$ . The basic building blocks are *primary* operators  $\mathcal{O}_\Delta^s$ :

$$K_\mu \mathcal{O}_\Delta^s = 0.$$

All other operators are *descendants*: they can be obtained from the repeated action of the translation generator  $P_\mu$  on the primary ones.

Conformal symmetry determines the form of the two- and three-point correlation functions up to a few independent parameters.

*Example:* (scalar operators)

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^i(x_1) \mathcal{O}^k(x_2) \rangle = \frac{\delta^{ik}}{x_{12}^{2\Delta}}, \quad x_{ik} = x_i - x_k$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_3(x_3) \rangle = \frac{\lambda_{123}}{x_{12}^{\Delta_{12}} x_{23}^{\Delta_{23}} x_{13}^{\Delta_{13}}}, \quad \Delta_{ik} = \Delta_i - \Delta_k$$



# CFT: general aspects

A special example is the stress-energy tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}(x)$ .

2-point function:

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}(x) T_{\rho\sigma}(0) \rangle = c \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma}(x)}{x^{2d}}$$

3-point function:

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu}(x_3) T^{\rho\sigma}(x_2) T^{\tau\kappa}(x_1) \rangle = \frac{a f_1^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau\kappa}(x) + c f_2^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau\kappa}(x) + b f_3^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau\kappa}(x)}{|x_{12}|^d |x_{13}|^d |x_{23}|^d}$$

# CFT: general aspects

A conformal field theory is characterized by:

- Its spectrum. A set of primary operators  $\mathcal{O}_s^t$  with spin  $s$  and twist  $t \equiv \Delta - s$ .
- The coefficients of the Operator Product Expansion (OPE):

Example:

$$\mathcal{O}_1(x)\mathcal{O}_2(0) = \sum_{s,t} \frac{\lambda_{12\mathcal{O}}}{|x|^{\Delta_1+\Delta_2-\Delta_3+s}} \mathcal{O}_{\mu_1\dots\mu_s}^t x^{\mu_1} \dots x^{\mu_s}$$

Clearly, the undetermined parameters in the three-point functions and the OPE coefficients represent the same set of data.

# CFT: general aspects

The four point function is fixed by conformal invariance to be of the form:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1(x_4) \mathcal{O}_2(x_3) \mathcal{O}_2(x_2) \mathcal{O}_1(x_1) \rangle = \frac{\mathcal{A}(u, v)}{x_{14}^{2\Delta_1} x_{23}^{2\Delta_2}}$$

with  $(u, v)$  *the conformal cross ratios*:

$$z\bar{z} = v \equiv \frac{x_{12}^2 x_{34}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}, \quad (1-z)(1-\bar{z}) = u \equiv \frac{x_{14}^2 x_{23}^2}{x_{13}^2 x_{24}^2}$$

and  $\mathcal{A}(u, v)$  an undetermined function.

# CFT: general aspects

Using the “T-channel” OPE,  $\mathcal{O}_1\mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_t^s$ , the four-point function is expanded as:

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}_t^s} \lambda_{11\mathcal{O}} \lambda_{22\mathcal{O}} g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v)$$

with  $g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v)$  known as *the conformal block*.

Due to conformal symmetry, the conformal block satisfies a 2nd order differential equation, *the Casimir differential equation*. Solutions are explicitly known in any even  $d$  and as integral representations or power series in odd  $d$ .

## CFT: general aspects

Similarly, using the “S-channel” OPE  $\mathcal{O}_1\mathcal{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\Delta^\ell$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}_\Delta^\ell} \lambda_{12\mathcal{O}} \lambda_{21\mathcal{O}} g_{\mathcal{O}}^{\Delta_{12}}(u, v)$$

with  $\Delta_{12} = \Delta_1 - \Delta_2$ .

This leads to the crossing equation:

$$\sum_{\mathcal{O}_\Delta^j} \lambda_{11\mathcal{O}} \lambda_{22\mathcal{O}} g_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}_\Delta^\ell} \lambda_{12\mathcal{O}} \lambda_{21\mathcal{O}} g_{\mathcal{O}}^{\Delta_{12}}(u, v)$$

Combined with other consistency conditions, e.g., unitarity, these properties allow us to solve or constrain theories significantly.

# Holographic CFTs

To examine CFTs which may have a gravity dual description, we consider the following general assumptions:

The CFT has a stress-tensor operator  $T_{\mu\nu}$  and two large parameters:

- 1 Large number of degrees of freedom  $N$ .

At  $N = \infty$  the CFT correlations functions factorize:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_1 \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle + \frac{1}{N^2} (\dots)$$

- 2 A characteristic scale  $\Delta_{gap}$ .

When  $\Delta_{gap} = \infty$  the CFT contains only a finite number of primary single-trace operators with spin  $j \leq 2$ .

# Holographic CFTs

- “single-trace” primaries:  $\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \dots, J^\mu, \dots, T^{\mu\nu}$ .
- “double-trace” primaries:

$$M_2 : \mathcal{O}_1 \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_\ell} (\partial^2)^n \mathcal{O}_2, \quad \mathcal{O}_1 \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_\ell} (\partial^2)^n J^\mu, \dots$$

- “multi-trace” primaries:

$$M_{n>2} : \mathcal{O}_1 \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_a} (\partial^2)^n \mathcal{O}_2 \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_b} (\partial^2)^m \mathcal{O}_1 \partial_{\mu_1} \dots \partial_{\mu_c} (\partial^2)^k J^\mu, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_1 \rangle &\sim 1 + \dots, & \langle M_2 M_2 \rangle &\sim 1 + \dots \\ \langle \mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2 M_2^{\mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_2} \rangle &\sim 1 + \dots, & \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_1 M_2 \rangle &\sim \frac{1}{N^2} + \dots, \\ \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_1 T \rangle &\sim \frac{1}{N} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# HHLL in the lightcone limit

*Objective:* Study the correlator by solving the crossing equation order by order in the parameter  $\mu \equiv \frac{\Delta_H}{c}$  and in the lightcone limit  $1 - \bar{z} \ll 1$ .

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = \lim_{x_4 \rightarrow \infty} x_4^{2\Delta_H} \langle \mathcal{O}_H(x_4) \mathcal{O}_L(1) \mathcal{O}_L(z, \bar{z}) \mathcal{O}_H(0) \rangle = \frac{\mathcal{A}(z, \bar{z})}{[(1-z)(1-\bar{z})]^{\Delta_L}}$$

*Note:* In effect our focus is on the stress-tensor sector of the correlator.



# HHLL in the lightcone limit

*Method:* Establish the leading contributions by studying the correlator in both the T- and S- channels.

$$\mathcal{O}_L \times \mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow 1 + \mu(T_{\mu\nu} + \dots) + \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_H \times \mathcal{O}_H, \text{ T-channel}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_H \times \mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow [\mathcal{O}_H \mathcal{O}_L]_{\ell,n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_H \times \mathcal{O}_L, \text{ S-channel}$$

## HHLL in the lightcone limit: T-channel

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{[(1-z)(1-\bar{z})]^{\Delta_L}} \sum_{t,s} P_{t,s}^{HHLL} g_{t,s}(1-z, 1-\bar{z})$$

$$s = \text{spin}, \quad t = (\Delta - s) = \text{twist}$$

In the lightcone limit, the T-channel blocks behave as follows:

$$g_{t,s}(1-z, 1-\bar{z}) \simeq (1-\bar{z})^{\frac{t}{2}} f_{\frac{t}{2}+s}(z)$$

where

$$f_{\frac{t}{2}+s}(z) \equiv (1-z)^{\frac{t}{2}+s} {}_2F_1 \left[ \frac{t}{2} + s, \frac{t}{2} + s, t + 2s, 1-z \right]$$

Operators with lowest twist dominate the sum.

# HHLL in the lightcone limit: T-channel

- Lowest twist  $t = 0$  corresponds to the Identity operator, responsible for the disconnected contribution to the correlator  $\langle \mathcal{O}_H \mathcal{O}_H \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_L \rangle$ .
- In the absence of additional symmetries,  $T_{\mu\nu}$  provides the next significant contribution.

$$t \geq 2, \quad s \geq 1$$

$$t \geq 1, \quad s = 0$$

This contribution is completely determined from a Ward Identity

$$P_T^{HHLL} = \# \frac{\Delta_H}{c} \frac{\Delta_L}{4} = \# \mu \frac{\Delta_L}{4}$$

# HHLL in the lightcone limit: T-channel

The correlator admits an expansion in powers of  $\mu$ .

$$P_{t,s}^{HHLL} = \sum_k P_{t,s}^{(k)} \mu^k$$

In the T-channel the contribution of composite stress-tensor exchanges is enhanced due to  $\Delta_H$  as opposed to that of other operators suppressed in the  $\frac{1}{c}$  expansion. New operators contribute at each order.

$$\mathcal{O}(\mu) \quad T_{\mu\nu} \quad t = 2$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\mu^2) \quad : T_{\mu_1\mu_2} \partial_{\mu_5} \partial_{\mu_6} \cdots \partial_{\mu_s} T_{\mu_3\mu_4} : \quad t = 4$$

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$$\mathcal{O}(\mu^k) \quad : T_{\mu_1\mu_2} T_{\mu_3\mu_4} \cdots \partial_{\mu_{2k+1}} \partial_{\mu_{2k+2}} \cdots \partial_{\mu_s} T_{\mu_{2k-1}\mu_{2k}} : \quad t = 2k$$

## HHLL in the lightcone limit: T-channel

To obtain the leading contribution to the correlator at each order in  $\mu$  requires summing over the contributions of an infinite number of operators.

$\mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ :

A handful of OPE coefficients  $P_{4,s}$  were computed holographically

$$P_{4,s} = \frac{\Delta_L}{\Delta_L - 2} a_s^2 (\Delta_L^2 + b_s \Delta_L + c_s).$$

- What are the functions  $a_s, b_s, c_s$ ?
- Can we evaluate the sums,

$$\sum_{s=4}^{\infty} P_{4,s} f_{2+s}(z) = ?$$

# HHLL in the lightcone limit: T-channel

We find the explicit form of the  $P_{4,s}$  by combining their form with:

- Geodesic computation at large  $\Delta_L$ .

$$\lim_{\Delta_L \rightarrow \infty} \langle \mathcal{O}_H | \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_L | \mathcal{O}_H \rangle \simeq e^{-\Delta_L \sigma(0)} \times \\ \times \left( 1 - \Delta_L \mu \sigma_{(1)} + \mu^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{(1)}^2 \Delta_L^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_L) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\mu^3) \right)$$

$$T : \mu \Delta_L f_3(z) \Rightarrow \mu^2 \Delta_L^2 \sum_{s=4}^{\infty} a_s^2 f_{2+s}(z) = f_3(z)^2$$

- Identity for product of hypergeometrics.
- Information from the S-channel computation.

# HHLL in the lightcone limit: S-channel

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = (z\bar{z})^{-\frac{\Delta_H + \Delta_L}{2}} \sum_{\tau, \ell} P_{\tau, \ell}^{HL, HL} g_{\tau, \ell}^{\Delta_{HL}}(z, \bar{z})$$

The contribution to the correlator comes from corrections in  $\mu$  to the mean field theory OPE data of operators

$$: \mathcal{O}_H \partial^{2n} \partial_{\mu_1} \cdots \partial_{\mu_\ell} \mathcal{O}_L :$$

$$\tau = \Delta_H + \Delta_L + 2n + \gamma_{n, \ell}(\mu),$$

$$\gamma_{n, \ell} = \sum \mu^k \gamma_{n, \ell}^{(k)}, \quad P_{n, \ell}^{HL, HL} = \sum \mu^k P_{n, \ell}^{HL, HL}$$

# HHLL in the lightcone limit: S-channel

We analyse the S-channel in the lightcone limit and for  $z \ll 1$ .  
The lightcone limit corresponds to  $\ell \gg n$ :

$$g_{\tau,\ell}^{\Delta_{HL}} \simeq (z\bar{z})^{\frac{\Delta_H + \Delta_L + \gamma_{n,\ell}}{2}}$$

$$P_\ell^{(k)} = P_\ell^{(0)} \frac{P^{(k)}}{\ell^{\frac{k(d-2)}{2}}}, \quad P_\ell^{(0)} \sim \frac{\ell^{\Delta_L - 1}}{\Gamma(\Delta_L)} \quad \gamma_\ell^{(k)} = \frac{\gamma^{(k)}}{\ell^{\frac{k(d-2)}{2}}}$$

At  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^0)$  we verify the crossing equation:

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu^0} \simeq \int_0^\ell d\ell P_\ell \bar{x}^\ell = -(\ln \bar{z})^{\Delta_L} \quad \bar{z} \rightarrow 1 \quad z \rightarrow 0 \quad \simeq \quad \frac{1}{(1 - \bar{z})^{\Delta_L}}$$



## HHLL in the lightcone limit: S-channel

At  $\mathcal{O}(\mu)$ :

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu} \underset{\bar{z} \rightarrow 1}{\underset{z \rightarrow 0}{\simeq}} \frac{1}{(1 - \bar{z})^{\Delta_L - 1}} \left( \frac{P^{(1)}}{\Delta_L - 1} + \frac{\gamma^{(1)} \ln z}{2(\Delta_L - 1)} \right),$$

we determine the unknown data from the contribution of the stress-tensor in the T-channel expansion:

$$P^{(1)} = \frac{3}{2} \gamma^{(1)}, \quad \gamma^{(1)} = -\frac{\Delta_L(\Delta_L - 1)}{2}$$

This completely determines the  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^2 \ln^2 z)$  data and precisely matches the result from the T-channel expansion for  $z \ll 1$

$$\mathcal{G}(z\bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu^2} \simeq \frac{\Delta_L}{(1 - \bar{z})^{\Delta_L - 2} (\Delta_L - 2)} \left[ \frac{\Delta_L(\Delta_L - 1)}{32} \ln^2 z + \frac{3\Delta_L^2 - 7\Delta_L - 1}{16} \ln z \right]$$

## HHLL in the lightcone limit: check

Check against the large impact parameter region in the Regge limit:

$$z = 1 - \sigma e^\rho, \quad \bar{z} = 1 - \sigma e^{-\rho}, \quad z \rightarrow z e^{-2\pi i}, \quad \sigma \ll 1$$

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu^2} \simeq \frac{1}{\sigma^{2\Delta_L}} \left\{ \# \frac{\Delta_L(\Delta_L + 1)(\Delta_L + 2)}{\Delta_L - 2} e^{\frac{-2\rho}{\sigma^2}} + i \# \frac{\Delta_L(\Delta_L + 1)}{\Delta_L - 2} \frac{e^{-5\rho}}{\sigma} + \dots \right\}$$

# HHLL in the lightcone limit

Performing the infinite sums

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu^2, l.c.} \propto \frac{1}{[(1-z)(1-\bar{z})]^{\Delta_L}} (1-\bar{z})^2 \times \\ \times \frac{\Delta_L}{\Delta_L - 2} \left( (\Delta_L - 4)(\Delta_L - 3) f_3^2 + \frac{15}{7} (\Delta_L - 8) f_2 f_4 + \frac{40}{7} (\Delta_L + 1) f_1 f_5 \right).$$

where

$$f_a(z) = (1-z)^a {}_2F_1[a, a, 2a, 1-z]$$

An interesting observation... :  $3 + 3 = 2 + 4 = 1 + 5$

## Further Results - Comments

Example  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^3)$ :

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) \Big|_{\mu^3} = \frac{(1 - \bar{z})^3}{((1 - z)(1 - \bar{z}))^{\Delta_L}} \left\{ a_{333} f_3^3 + a_{112} f_1^2 f_7 + a_{126} f_1 f_2 f_6 + \right. \\ \left. + a_{135} f_1 f_3 f_5 + a_{225} f_2^2 f_5 + a_{234} f_2 f_3 f_4 + a_{114} f_1 f_4^2 \right\}$$

$$a_{333} = \frac{\Delta_L^5 + \dots}{(\Delta_L - 2)(\Delta_L - 3)}, \quad a_{234}, a_{135} = \frac{\Delta_L^4 + \dots}{(\Delta_L - 2)(\Delta_L - 3)}, \\ a_{117}, a_{126}, a_{225} = \frac{\Delta_L^3 + \dots}{(\Delta_L - 2)(\Delta_L - 3)}$$

- Products of  $f_a$  functions are not all independent of one another.

## The two-dimensional case.

The structure is very similar to the 2d Virasoro vacuum block

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_H | \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_L | \mathcal{O}_H \rangle \sim e^{\Delta_L g(z)} e^{\Delta_L g(\bar{z})}$$

$$g(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln z - \ln \left( 2 \sinh \left( \frac{\sqrt{1-\mu}}{2} \ln z \right) \right) + \ln \sqrt{1-\mu}$$

An earlier observation [MK, Ng, Parnachev]:

$$g(z) \sim -\ln(1-z) + \frac{\mu}{24} f_2(z) + \frac{\mu^2}{24^2} \left( -f_2^2 + \frac{6}{5} f_1 f_3 \right) + \\ + \frac{\mu^3}{24^3} \left( \frac{4}{3} f_2^3 - \frac{14}{5} f_1 f_2 f_3 + \frac{54}{35} f_1^2 f_4 \right) + \dots$$

## Further results - Comments

*Claim 1:* The stress-tensor sector of the HHLL correlator is

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = \sum \mathcal{G}^{(k)}(z, \bar{z}) \mu^k$$

with

$$\mathcal{G}^{(k)}(z, \bar{z}) \underset{\bar{z} \rightarrow 1}{\approx} \frac{(1 - \bar{z})^{k(\frac{d}{2}-1)}}{[(1-z)(1-\bar{z})]^{\Delta_L}} \sum_{\{i_p\}} a_{i_1 \dots i_k} f_{i_1}(z) \dots f_{i_k}(z),$$

and where

$$\sum_{p=1}^k i_p = k \left( \frac{d+2}{2} \right), \quad i_p \in \mathbb{N}$$

*Claim 2:* The correlator exponentiates similarly to what happens in two dimensions.

## Further results - Comments

- We have shown that this solves the crossing equation in principle. All  $\log^k z$ -terms can be determined from the S-channel expansion in terms of OPE data of  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^k)$ .
- Have computed OPE coefficients with the Lorentzian inversion formula (up to  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^3)$ ).

[Li][Karlsson, MK, Parnachev, Tadic]

- Explicitly determined the relevant coefficients  $a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k}$  to  $\mathcal{O}(\mu^6)$ .
- We have also determined the relevant OPE coefficients (e.g. triple stress-tensors).
- Established exponentiation:

$$\mathcal{G}(z, \bar{z}) = [(1-z)(1-\bar{z})]^{-\Delta_L} e^{\Delta_L \mathcal{F}(z, \bar{z})}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu^k (1-\bar{z})^k \mathcal{F}_k(z), \quad \text{with } \mathcal{F}_k(z) \simeq_{\Delta_L \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{O}(1)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_k(z)$  is again given by products of  $f_a$  functions.

# Open Questions

- What underlies this structure?
- Can we resum the series as in 2d?
- What if  $\Delta_L$  is an integer?
- Beyond the lightcone limit?

Include the contribution of operators with subleading twists

$$\mathcal{O}(\mu^2) : T_{\mu_1\mu_2}\partial_{\mu_5}\partial_{\mu_6}\cdots\partial_{\mu_s}T_{\mu_3\mu_4} : + \text{contractions.}$$

$$\text{e.g.} : T_{\mu_1\mu_2}\partial_{\mu_5}\partial_{\mu_6}\cdots\partial_{\mu_s}\partial^{2n}T_{\mu_3\mu_4}^{\mu_2} : \quad t = 6 + 2n$$

Similar structure persists up to sub-sub-subleading order in the lightcone limit.

[Karlsson, MK, Parnachev, Tadic]

- Quasi-normal modes.
- Beyond large  $C_T$ .
- Address the physics close to the horizon.



*Thank you !*