

Title: Analyticity in Spin in Conformal Theories

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Abstract: <p>The conformal bootstrap aims to calculate scaling dimensions and correlation functions in various theories, starting from general principles such as unitarity and crossing symmetry. I will explain that local operators are not independent of each other but organize into analytic functions of spin, and I will present a formula which quantifies the consequences of this fact. This will include a controlled approximation to the operator spectrum at large spin, as well as new bounds over the strength of bulk higher-derivative interactions in large-N theories with a sparse spectrum. These bounds, previously conjectured to exist using gauge-gravity duality, encode causality of the bulk theory. Based on 1703.00278.</p>

Analyticity in Spin: Causality and Bulk Locality ^I in Conformal Theories

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A Froissart-Gribov Formula for CFT

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Context

Conjecture:

Any large-N CFT with a large gap of operator dimension has an AdS dual, down to lengths $\ell_{\text{AdS}}/\Delta_{\text{gap}}$

[Heemskerk, Penedones, Polchinski & Sully '09]

They proved: solutions to crossing in large-N CFTs w/gap
 \longleftrightarrow local interactions in AdS

But why are higher-dim interactions suppressed
by powers of Δ_{gap} ?

New CFT ingredient:

Control over high-energy (Regge) scattering in CFT

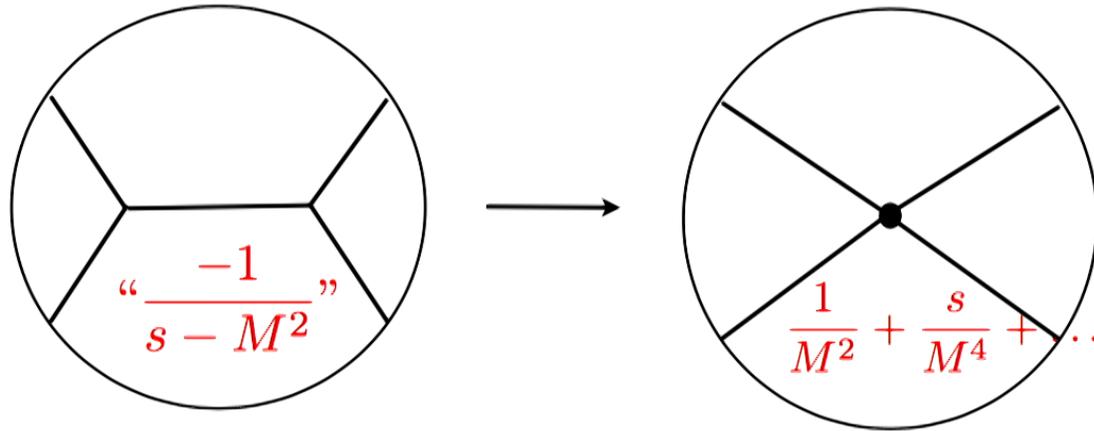
[Maldacena, Shenker & Stanford '15]

[Hartman, Kundu & Tajdini '16]

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⇒ Will ensure convergence of a 'dispersion relation'

- Effective field theory in AdS:



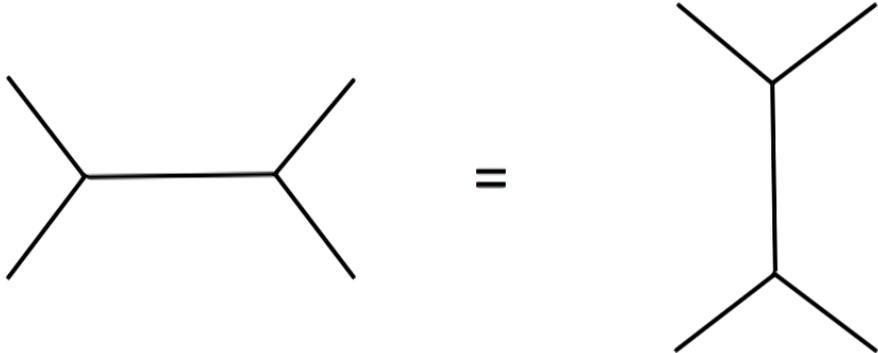
- In $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$, for example, $1/M^2 \sim \alpha' \ll L_{\text{AdS}}^2$
- Suppression would be clear from a ‘**dispersion relation**’ in the flat space limit of AdS’:

$$\mathcal{M}(s) \sim \int_{M^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{s' - s} \text{Im} \mathcal{M}(s') \sim \frac{1}{M^2} + \frac{s}{M^4} + \dots$$

Sigh, **if only** a **CFT formula** existed that read like this!

CFT bootstrap

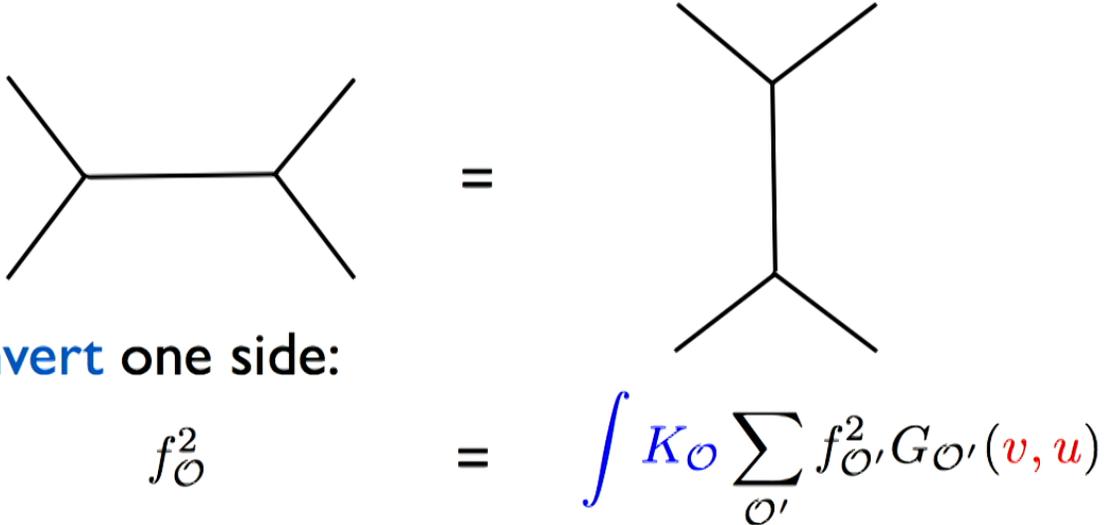
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$$\sum_{\mathcal{O}} f_{\mathcal{O}}^2 G_{\mathcal{O}}(u, v) = \sum_{\mathcal{O}'} f_{\mathcal{O}'}^2 G_{\mathcal{O}'}(v, u)$$

[Rattazi, Rychkov, Toni & Vichi '08]

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$$f_O^2 = \int K_O \sum_{O'} f_{O'}^2 G_{O'}(v, u)$$

We'll **invert** one side:

Inverse is **non unique**. Goal: find one which:

- reads like a **bulk dispersion relation**
- makes certain **limits clear**

Outline

I. Baby dispersion relation, ingredients from:

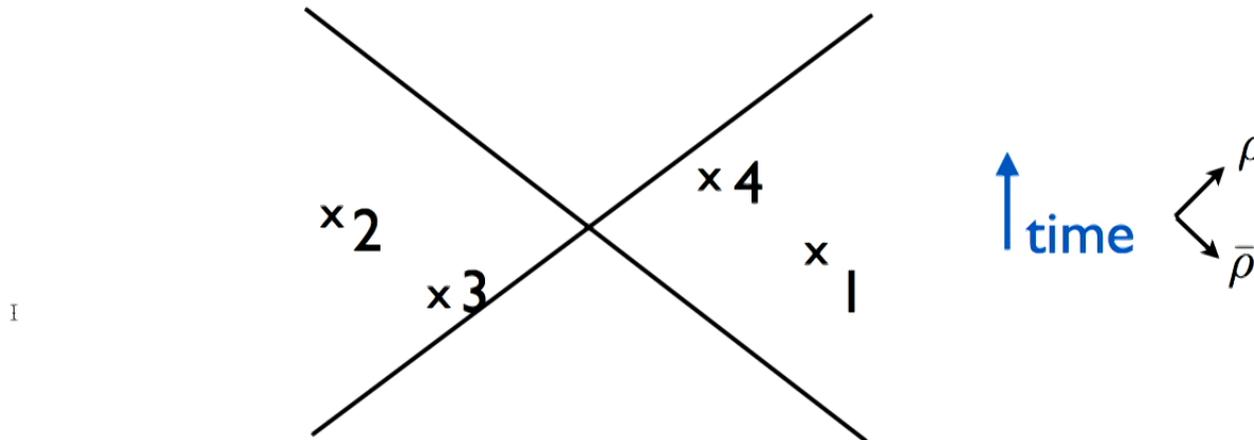
- I - 'A bound on chaos' [..., Maldacena, Shenker & Stanford '15]
- 'ANEC from causality' [Hartman, Kundu & Tajdini '16]

2. Analytic inverse: Froissart-Gribov formula

3. Applications:

- large spin expansions
- large N , large gap \rightarrow Witten diagrams

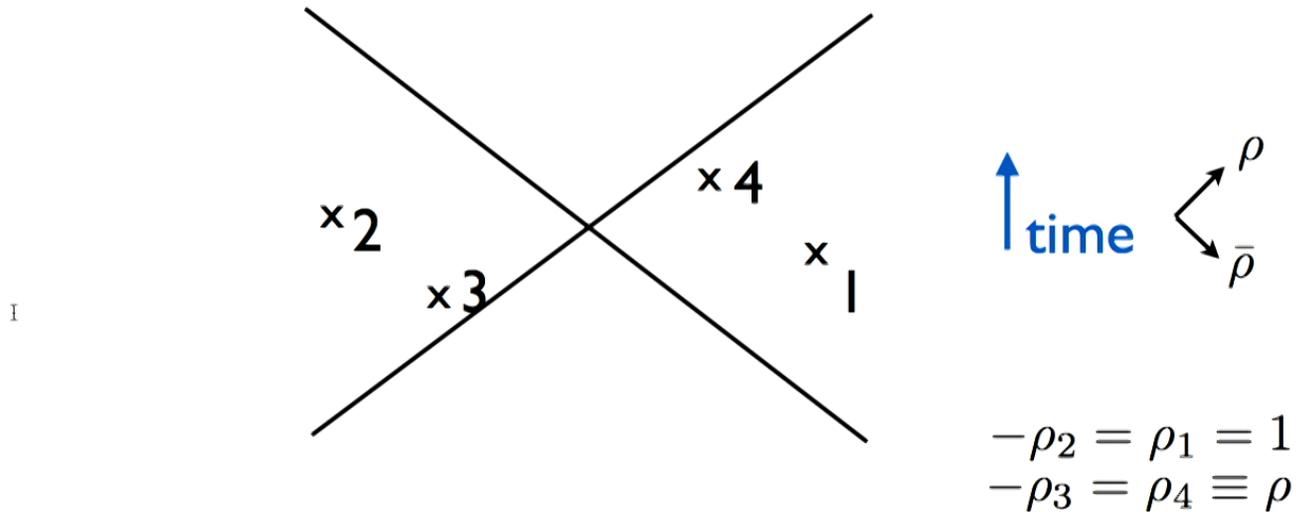
- We consider 4-point correlator in CFT_d



- Symmetrical, within Rindler wedges:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\rho_2 &= \rho_1 = 1 \\
 -\rho_3 &= \rho_4 \equiv \rho
 \end{aligned}$$

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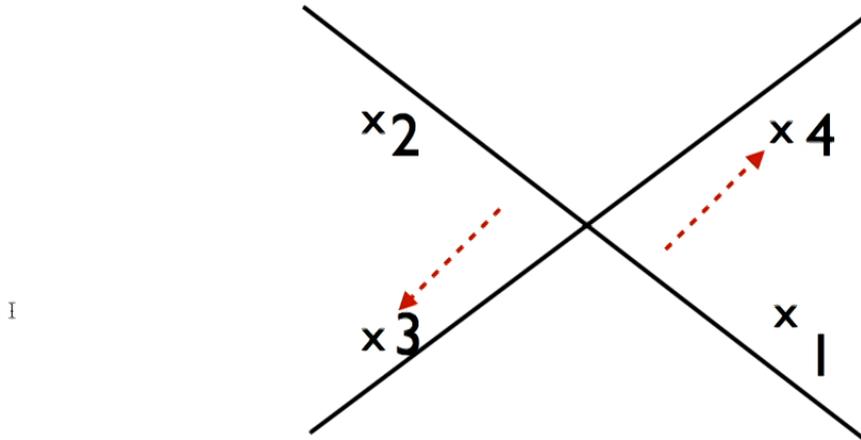


- at small ρ , s-channel OPE:

$$G(\rho, \bar{\rho}) = \sum_{j, \Delta} c_{j, \Delta} \rho^{\frac{\Delta-j}{2}} \bar{\rho}^{\frac{\Delta+j}{2}} = \begin{array}{c} 2 \quad \quad 4 \\ \quad \backslash \quad / \\ \quad \quad j, \Delta \\ \quad / \quad \backslash \\ 1 \quad \quad 3 \end{array}$$

- **Suppose** we had a dispersion relation in CFT.
- What would be 'Im \mathcal{M} ' ?

- Take x_{41} and x_{23} time-like:



- Certainly looks like a ‘scattering amplitude’
- Claim:

$$S \equiv \frac{G}{G_{\text{Eucl}}} \text{ satisfies } |S| \leq 1$$

proof

- s-channel OPE diverges upon entering light-cone
[Hogervorst&Rychkov '13]

- Use OPE around t-channel (timelike one)

$$G(\rho, \bar{\rho}) = \sum_{j, \Delta} c_{j, \Delta} \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\rho}}{1 + \sqrt{\rho}} \right)^{\Delta - j} \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\bar{\rho}}}{1 + \sqrt{\bar{\rho}}} \right)^{\Delta + j}$$

- All that happens timelike, $\rho > 1$, is extra phases:

$$\begin{aligned} |G(\rho, \bar{\rho})| &= \left| \sum (\text{positive}) e^{i\pi(\Delta - j)} \right| \\ &\leq \sum (\text{positive}) = G(1/\rho, \bar{\rho}) \equiv G_{\text{Eucl}} \end{aligned}$$

- This means that an ‘imaginary part’ is positive:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 1 + i\mathcal{M} \\ |S| &\leq 1 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \text{Im } \mathcal{M} > 0$$

- ⁱ • Since S contains the ‘I’, this is *double discontinuity*:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{Eucl}} &\propto 1 \\ G_{\text{below}} &\propto 1 + i\mathcal{M} \\ G_{\text{above}} &\propto 1 - i\mathcal{M}^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2\text{Im } \mathcal{M} &\propto 2G_{\text{Eucl}} - G_{\text{above}} - G_{\text{below}} \\ &\equiv \text{dDisc } G \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

- This double-discontinuity has played an important role in recent literature
- Recent ‘onset of chaos’ studies use comm. squared:

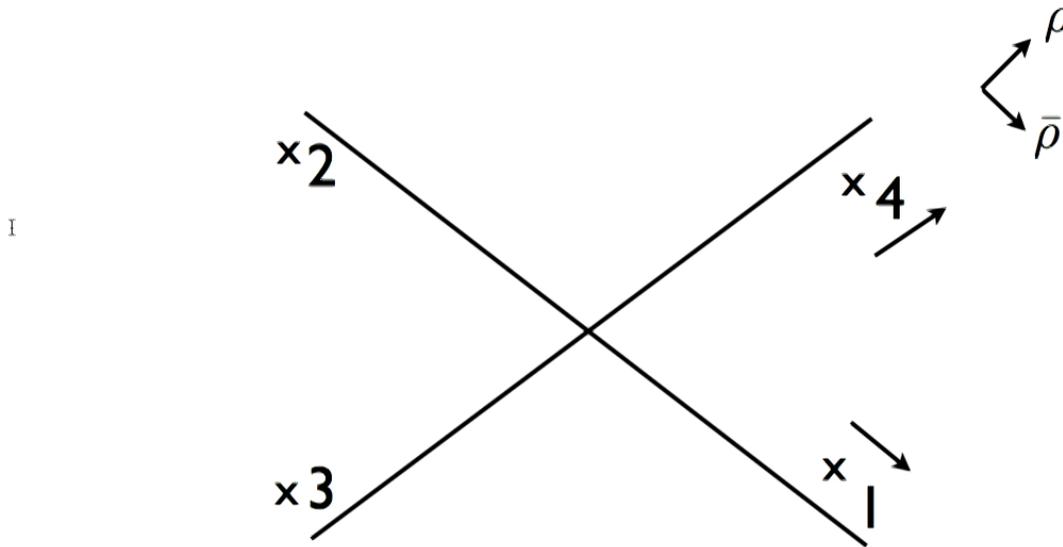
$$F(t) = \text{tr} \left[e^{-\beta H/2} [A(t), B(0)] e^{-\beta H/2} [B(0), A(t)] \right]$$

[..., Maldacena, Shenker & Stanford '15]

- Positive by Cauchy-Schwartz
- Take H=Rindler boost & $\beta = 2\pi$, the four terms give:

$$F(t) = \text{dDisc } G(\rho, \bar{\rho})$$

- Let's try to write a 'dispersion relation' using $\text{Im } \mathcal{M}$
- In the Regge limit (large boost) this is easy

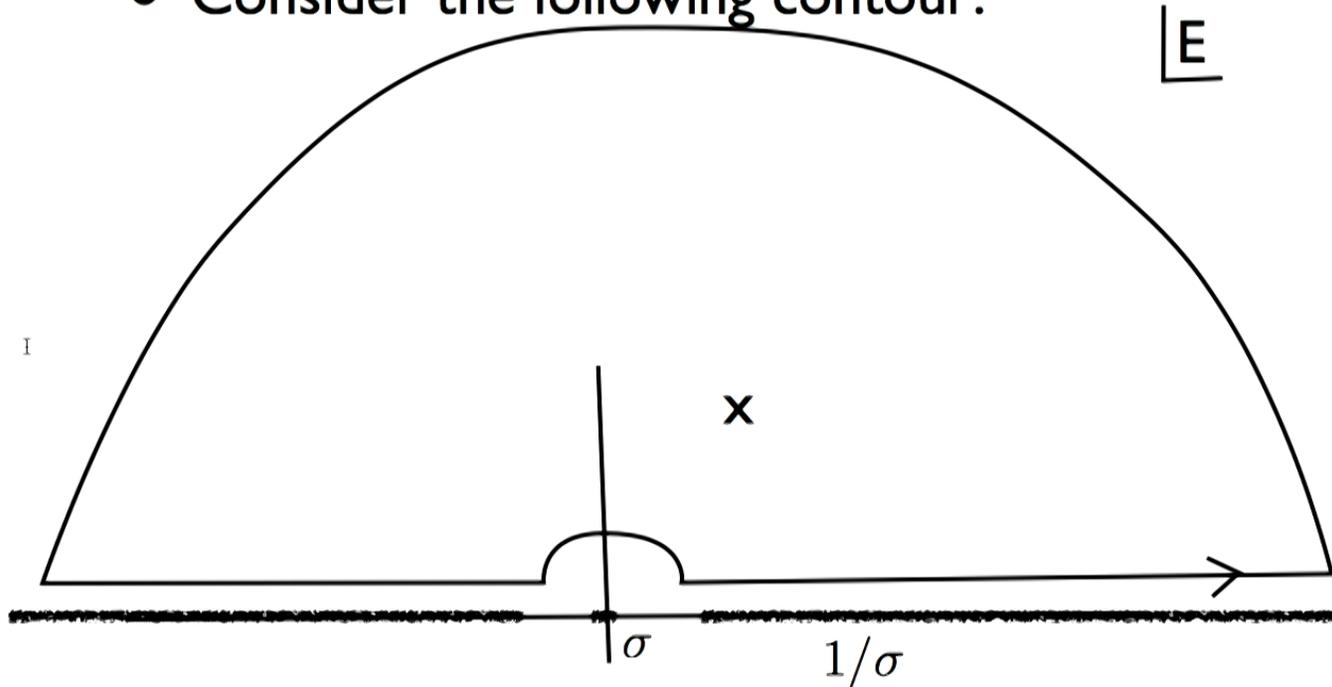


$$\rho_4 / \rho_1 = \sigma E \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\bar{\rho}_4 / \bar{\rho}_1 = \sigma / E \rightarrow 0$$

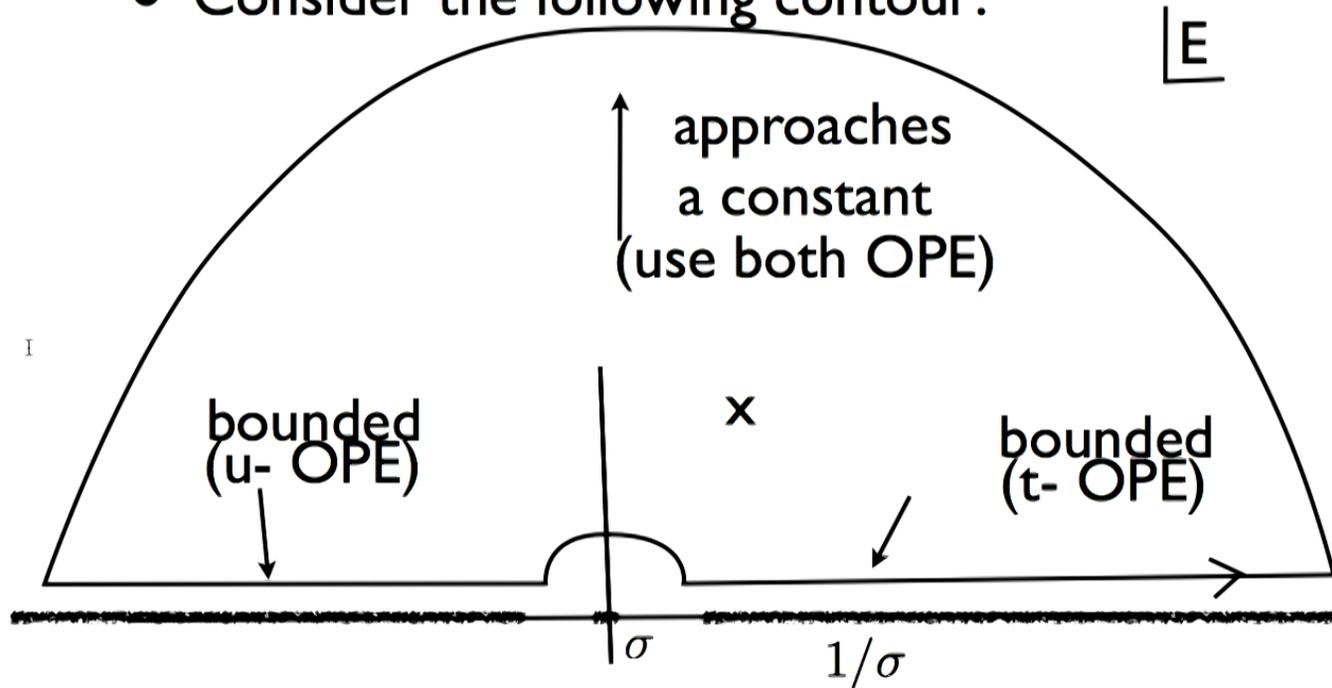
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[Hartman,Kundu&Tajdini '16]

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- This dispersion encodes the **MSS chaos bound**
- Look at local growth rate away from the real axis:

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{M}(x + iy) = \int \frac{dx' \text{Im} \mathcal{M}(x')}{(x' - x)^2 + y^2} > 0$$

$$i (y \partial_y - 1) \left[\log \text{Im} \mathcal{M}(x + iy) \right] = -2 \frac{\int \frac{dx' y^2 \text{Im} \mathcal{M}(x')}{((x' - x)^2 + y^2)^2}}{\int \frac{dx' \text{Im} \mathcal{M}(x')}{(x' - x)^2 + y^2}} \leq 0$$

⇒ can't grow faster than linear in energy!

- (In Rindler time $E = e^{t/(2\pi)}$ → Lyapunov $\lambda < 2\pi T$)
- Bound can only be saturated if all spectral density is in the UV (→ need large gap, if so in forward region)

Why dDisc is awesome

- t-channel expansion at large N:

$$G \sim \sum_{\text{double trace}} c_i |1-z|^{\gamma_i} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{single trace}} c_j |1-z|^{\Delta_j}$$

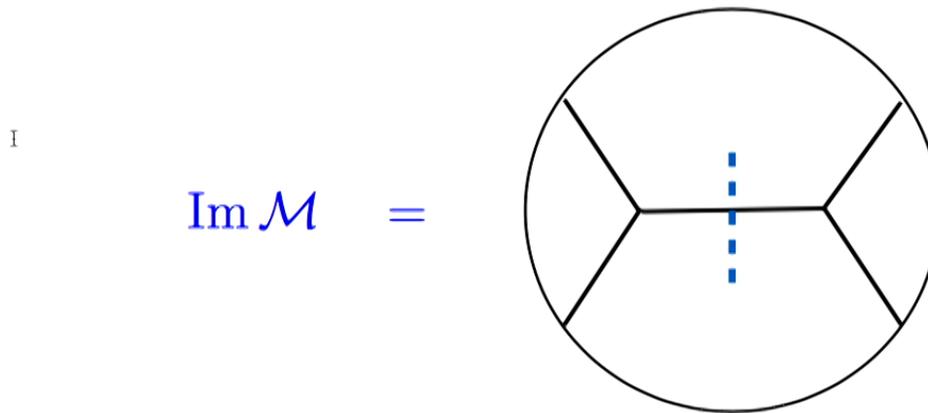
G_{conn} contains at most single logs, killed by dDisc!

- dDisc kills all double-trace in the cross-channel!

$$G \sim \int \text{dDisc } G$$

double trace → ← single trace

Simple interpretation in theories with AdS dual:



dDisc saturated by propagating modes in AdS
(=single traces)

- If there's a **gap** in the spectrum:

$$\begin{aligned} ((1 - z)(1 - \bar{z}))^{\Delta_{\text{gap}}/2} &\approx e^{-(z+\bar{z})\Delta_{\text{gap}}/2} \\ &\sim e^{-\Delta_{\text{gap}}/E} \end{aligned}$$

- I • Heavy ops only visible deep into Regge limit!
- 'low-energy' expansion will decay coefficients:

$$\mathcal{M} = \int_{\Delta_{\text{gap}}}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im } \mathcal{M}}{\pi(E - E')} \sim E + \frac{E^2}{\Delta_{\text{gap}}} + \dots$$

Conclusion so far:

- Look at \mathcal{M} = nontrivial part of four-point correlator in Lorentzian kinematics

- I ● ‘Dispersion relation’: inverts \mathcal{M} from $\text{Im } \mathcal{M}$

↓ AdS/CFT

dispersion relation in flat space limit of AdS

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Caveat

Away from Regge limit (large boost),
formula has **uncontrolled errors** from short cut
Sigh... if only we could go beyond Regge!

2. Froissart-Gribov formula

- Regge theory:
Flat space partial waves are analytic in spin

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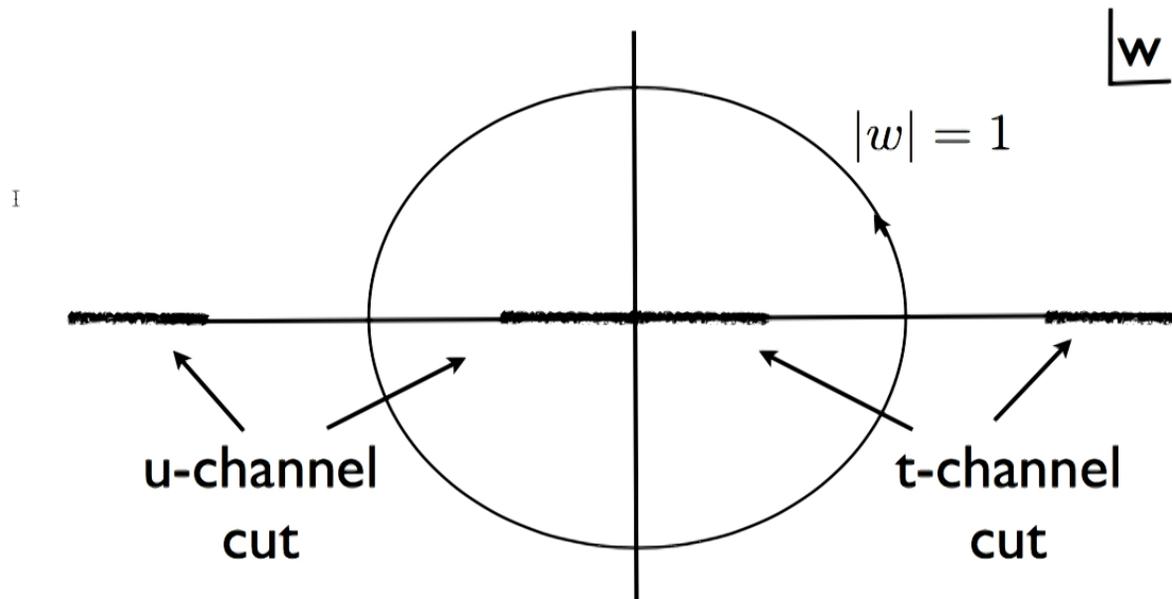
$$a_j(s) = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \cos(j\theta) \mathcal{M}(s, \cos \theta)$$

Why?

Use contour integral in $w = e^{i\theta}$:

$$t = \frac{s-4m^2}{4}(w + 1/w - 2)$$

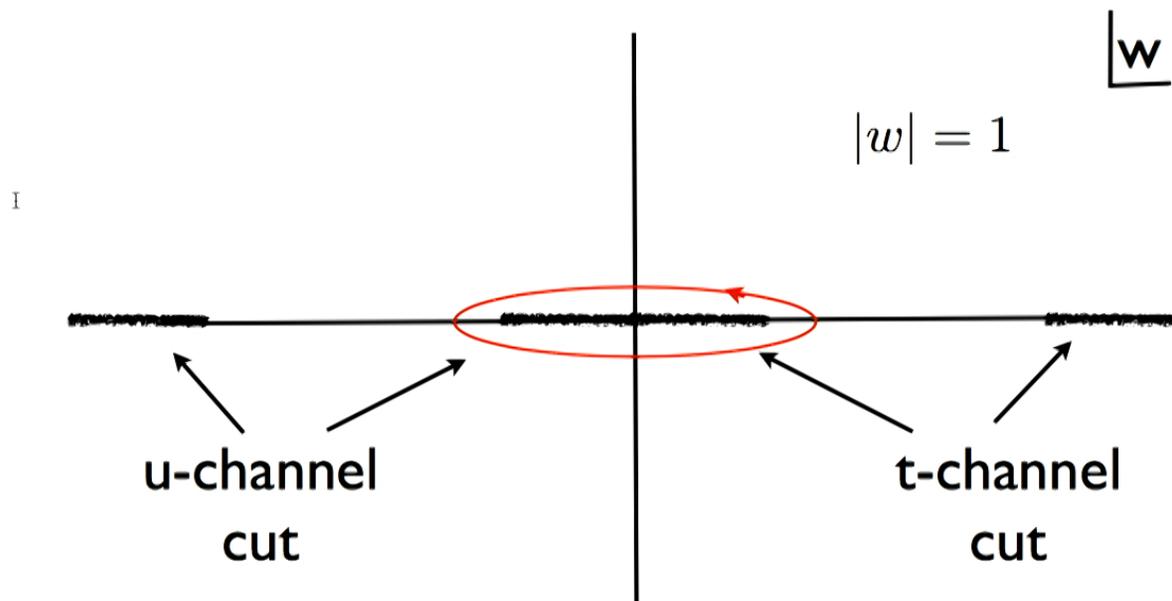
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- Froissart-Gribov formula:

$$a_j(s) = a_j^t(s) + (-1)^j a_j^u(s)$$

$$a_j^t(s) = \int_{t=4m^2}^{\infty} dt e^{-j\eta} \text{Im } \mathcal{M}$$

- Converges for $j > j_0$: analytic in j !
($j_0 = \#$ subtractions in dispersion relation)
- In CFT, will have $j_0 \leq 1$ by boundedness:
all spins unified!

- **Group theory:**

Rotations compact \Rightarrow (half)-integer spin reps

Boosts not compact \Rightarrow eigenvalues continuous

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Froissart-Gribov tells us how
boosts and **rotations** fit together

CFT derivation

$$\text{I} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Euclidean} & \text{Euclidean} & \text{Lorentzian} \\ \sum_{j, \Delta} & \longrightarrow \sum_j \int d\Delta & \longrightarrow \int dj \int d\Delta \end{array}$$

- Can't make spin continuous before first making dimensions continuous

step 1:

$$G(z, \bar{z}) = \delta_{12}\delta_{34} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{d/2-i\infty}^{d/2+i\infty} \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi i} c(j, \Delta) F_{j,\Delta}(z, \bar{z}).$$

[Costa, Goncalves & Penedones '12] ✓

[see also: Mazac '16;

Hogervorst & van Rees '17, Gadde '17]

- Integrand requires block+shadow:

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$$F_{j,\Delta} = g_{j,\Delta} + g_{j,d-\Delta}$$

[Simmons-Duffin '12]

= single-valued, needed for self-adjointness of Casimir

- Contour like a Mellin transform $g_{j,\Delta} \sim (z\bar{z})^{\Delta/2}$
- Closing contour on poles, OPE reproduced if

integrand has correct poles:

$$c(j, \Delta') \approx \frac{f_{OO \rightarrow j, \Delta}^2}{\Delta - \Delta'}$$

step 2

- To extract the coefficients, just invoke orthogonality and integrate against the blocks:

$$c(j, \Delta) = \#(j, \Delta) \int d^2 z \mu(z, \bar{z}) G(z, \bar{z}) F_{j, \Delta}(z, \bar{z}).$$

- Still just a Euclidean integral: integer spin, no $\text{Im } \mathcal{M}$, **not yet what we want**

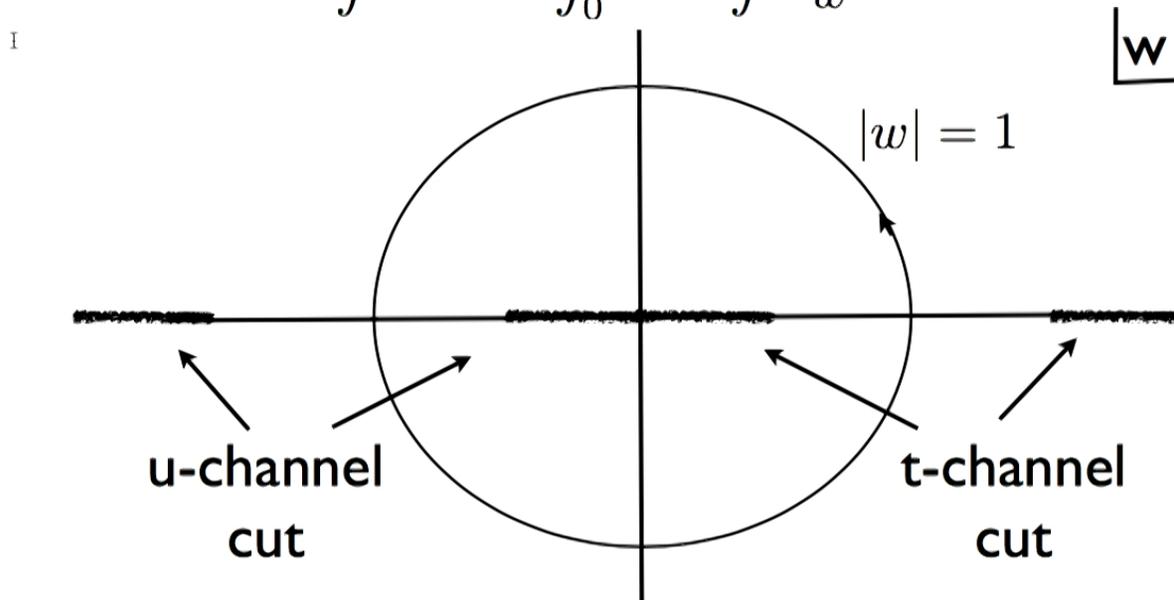
step 3

- Contour deformation. Use clever variables

[Hogervorst&Rychkov '13]

$$z = \frac{4\rho}{(1+\rho)^2} \quad w = \sqrt{\rho/\bar{\rho}} = e^{i\theta}$$

$$\int d^2z \rightarrow \int_0^1 d|\rho| \oint \frac{dw}{w}$$



- What can we use?
- 8 solutions to conformal Casimirs diff eqs.:
(quadratic and quartic)

$$g_{j,\Delta}^{\text{pure}}(z, \bar{z}) \sim z^{\frac{\Delta-j}{2}} \bar{z}^{\frac{\Delta+j}{2}} \quad (0 \ll z \ll \bar{z} \ll 1)$$

- ⁱ • Solutions related by symmetries:

$$j \longleftrightarrow 2 - d - j, \quad \Delta \longleftrightarrow d - \Delta, \quad \Delta \longleftrightarrow 1 - j.$$

- Only 2 are nice (convergent) in Regge limit:

$$g_{\Delta+1-d, j+d-1}^{\text{pure}}, \quad g_{1-\Delta, j+d-1}^{\text{pure}} \sim (z\bar{z})^{j/2}$$

- Would like to split ‘block + shadow’ into bits that are nice in individual Regge limits:

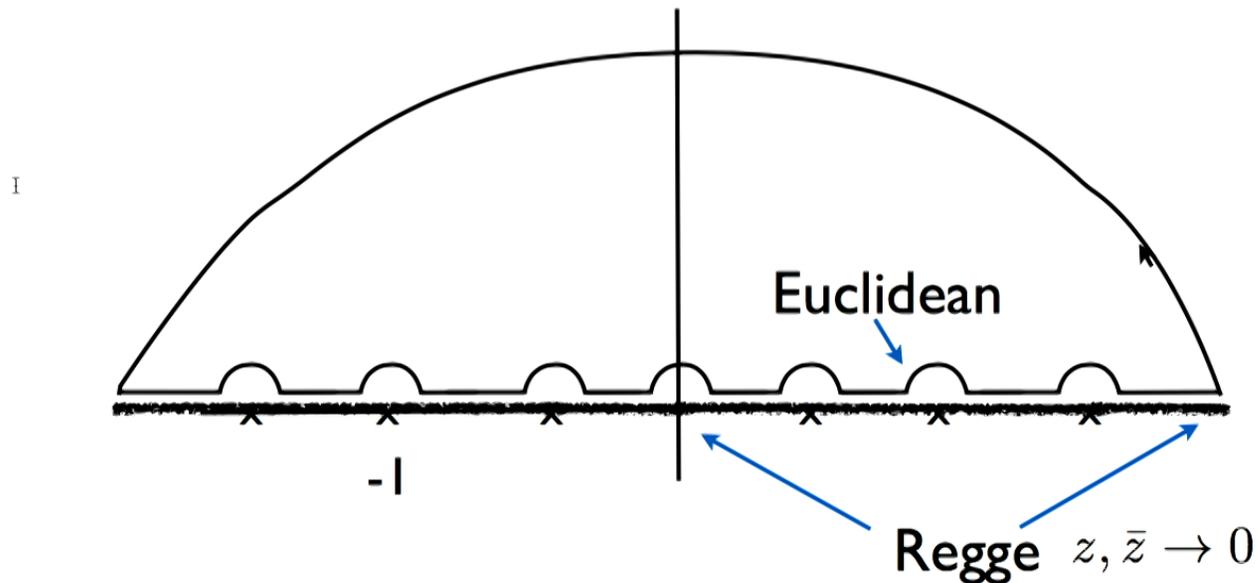
$$F_{j,\Delta}(z, \bar{z}) = F_{j,\Delta}^{(+)} + F_{j,\Delta}^{(-)}$$

$\sim w^j$
($w \rightarrow 0$)

$\sim w^{-j}$
($w \rightarrow \infty$)

similar to: $2 \cos(j\theta) = e^{ij\theta} + e^{-ij\theta}$

- This imposes conditions on different sheets:



(all 8 solutions mix under continuation:)

$$g_{j,\Delta}^{\text{pure}}(z, \bar{z})^{\circ} = g_{j,\Delta}^{\text{pure}}(z, \bar{z}) \left[1 - 2i \frac{e^{-i\pi(a+b)}}{\sin(\pi\beta)} \sin(\pi(\beta/2 + a)) \sin(\pi(\beta/2 + b)) \right] - g_{1-\Delta, 1-j}^{\text{pure}}(z, \bar{z}) 2\pi i \frac{e^{-i\pi(a+b)} \Gamma(\Delta + j - 1) \Gamma(\Delta + j)}{\Gamma(\frac{\Delta+j}{2} - a) \Gamma(\frac{\Delta+j}{2} + a) \Gamma(\frac{\Delta+j}{2} - b) \Gamma(\frac{\Delta+j}{2} + b)}$$

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4 parameters, 8 constraints,
fingers crossed...

Result: Froissart-Gribov formula

$$c(J, \Delta) = c^t(J, \Delta) + (-1)^J c^u(J, \Delta)$$

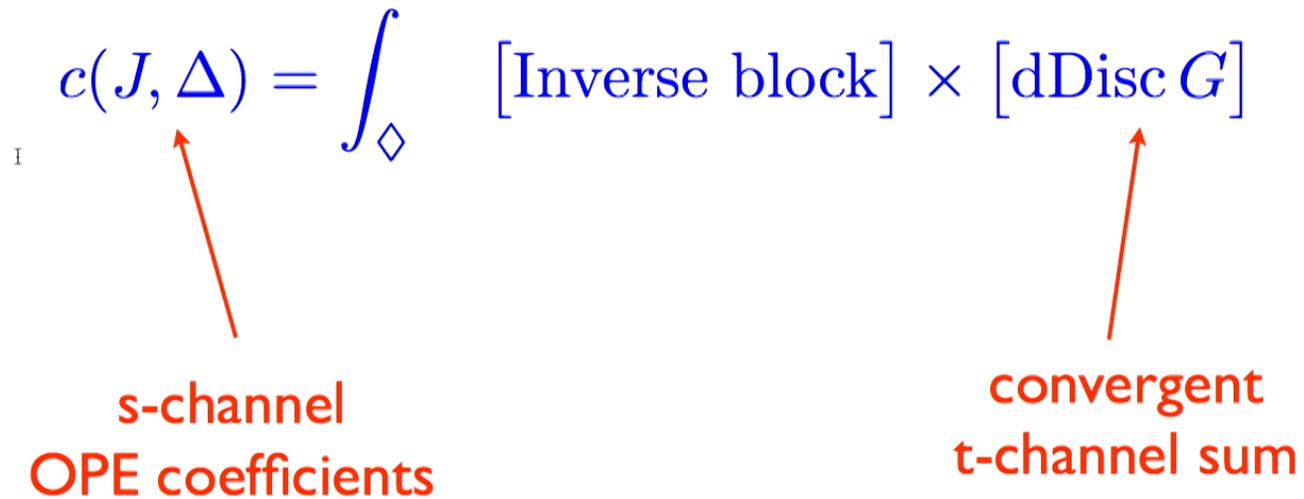
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**s-channel
OPE coefficients**

**convergent
t-channel sum**

The diagram shows the Froissart-Gribov formula: $c(J, \Delta) = \int_{\diamond} [\text{Inverse block}] \times [\text{dDisc } G]$. Two red arrows point from descriptive text below to terms in the equation. The first arrow points from "s-channel OPE coefficients" to the $c(J, \Delta)$ term. The second arrow points from "convergent t-channel sum" to the $[\text{dDisc } G]$ term.

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s-channel OPE coefficients (indicated by a red arrow pointing to $c(J, \Delta)$)

block with j and Δ exchanged (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to $[\text{Inverse block}]$)

convergent t-channel sum (indicated by a red arrow pointing to $[\text{dDisc } G]$)

converges for $j > l$ (Regge limit bounds)

A (boring) test: 2D Ising

$$G(\rho, \bar{\rho}) = \left| \frac{1}{(1 - \rho^2)^{1/4}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\sqrt{\bar{\rho}}}{(1 - \rho^2)^{1/4}} \right|^2$$

- Double discontinuity:

$$\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{\rho} + \sqrt{\bar{\rho}}) + \sqrt{\rho\bar{\rho}}}{(1 - \rho^2)^{1/4}(1 - \bar{\rho}^2)^{1/4}} > 0$$

- Integral against 2d (global) blocks: factorize

$$c_{j,\Delta} = f_0(j+\Delta)f_0(j+2-\Delta) - \frac{1}{2}f_{1/4}(j+\Delta)f_0(j+2-\Delta) + \dots$$

$$f_p(\alpha) = 2^{a-3+2p} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{7}{4})\Gamma(p + \frac{\alpha-2}{4})}{\Gamma(p + \frac{\alpha+5}{4})} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\alpha}{2}, p + \frac{\alpha-2}{4}; \frac{\alpha+1}{2}, p + \frac{\alpha+5}{4}; 1\right). \quad (\text{B.6})$$

- Residues at all poles do match global OPE!*

$$C_{j,\Delta} = -K_{j,\Delta} \text{Res}_{\Delta'=\Delta} c(j, \Delta')$$

$$C_{0,1} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad C_{2,2} = \frac{1}{64}, \quad C_{4,4} = \frac{9}{40960}, \quad C_{0,4} = \frac{1}{4096}$$

$$C_{4,5} = \frac{1}{65536}, \quad C_{6,6} = \frac{35}{3670016}, \quad C_{2,6} = \frac{9}{2621440}, \quad C_{6,7} = \frac{1}{1310720}, \dots$$

- * Including (predicted) spurious poles for $\Delta - j - d = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\frac{(-1)^{m+1} \Gamma(1 + a + \frac{m}{2}) \Gamma(1 + b + \frac{m}{2})}{m!(m+1)! \Gamma(a - \frac{m}{2}) \Gamma(b - \frac{m}{2})} \times$$

$$\times K_{j+1+m, j+d-1} c(j+1+m, j+d-1)$$

**And: never trust Mathematica's Residue on 3F2.....

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Large spin expansions

large spin in s-channel \leftarrow low twist in t-channel

- Usual story: double-light-cone limit $(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow (0, 1)$
- non-analytic behaviour in $(1 - \bar{z})$ needs large spin:

$$\sum_j \frac{1}{j^\alpha} F_j(\bar{z}) = (1 - \bar{z})^{\alpha/2} + \text{regular}$$

\Rightarrow **Solve OPE** in asymptotic series in $1/j$

[Komargodski&Zhiboedov,
Fitzpatrick,Kaplan,Poland&Simmons-Duffin,
Alday&Bissi&...
,Kaviraj,Sen,Sinha&...
Alday,Bissi,Perlmutter&Aharony,...]

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- What about inversion formula?

$$c(j, \Delta) \sim \int_0^1 dz d\bar{z} z^{j-\Delta} \bar{z}^{j+\Delta} F_{j+\Delta}(\bar{z}) d\text{Disc}G(z, \bar{z})$$

- Recall, OPE data encoded in Δ -poles: $z \rightarrow 0$

if $G(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow z^\tau G_\tau(\bar{z})$,

$$c(j, \Delta) = \frac{1}{j - \Delta - \tau} \times \int_0^1 d\bar{z} \bar{z}^{j+\Delta} F_{j+\Delta}(\bar{z}) d\text{Disc}G_\tau(\bar{z})$$

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- Analytic result for collinear integral of **power**:

$$I_{\tau'}^{a,b}(\bar{h}) \equiv \int_0^1 \frac{d\bar{z}}{\bar{z}^2} (1 - \bar{z})^{a+b} \kappa_{\bar{h}} k_{\bar{h}}(\bar{z}) \text{dDisc} \left[\left(\frac{1 - \bar{z}}{\bar{z}} \right)^{\frac{\tau'}{2} - b} (\bar{z})^{-b} \right] \quad (4.7)$$

$$\stackrel{\bar{1}}{=} \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\frac{\tau'}{2} - a)\Gamma(-\frac{\tau'}{2} + b)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\bar{h} - a)\Gamma(\bar{h} + b)}{\Gamma(2\bar{h} - 1)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\bar{h} - \frac{\tau'}{2} - 1)}{\Gamma(\bar{h} + \frac{\tau'}{2} + 1)}.$$

$$\sim 1/\bar{h}^{\tau'} \quad (\bar{h} = \frac{j+\Delta}{2})$$

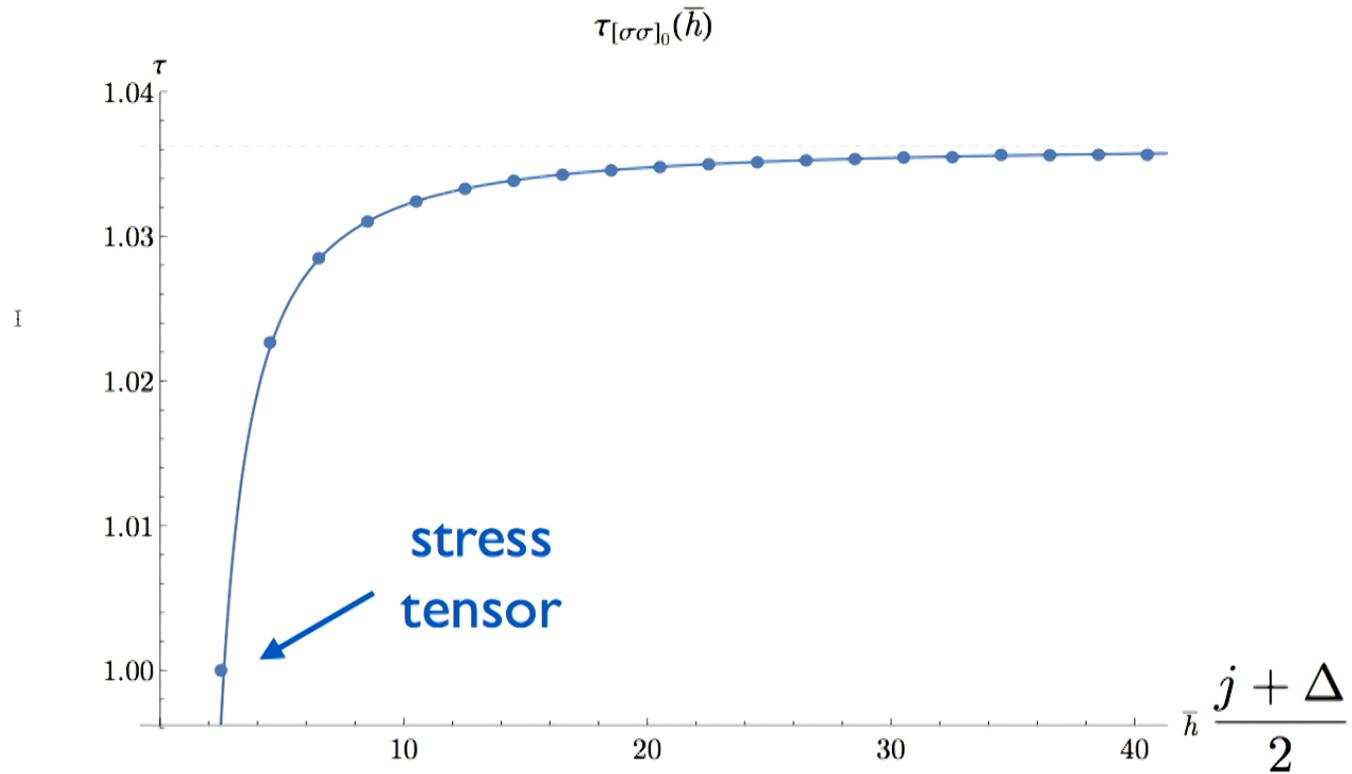
- Earlier results reproduced by: ‘expand cross-channel OPE in $\frac{1-\bar{z}}{\bar{z}}$ and integrate termwise using (4.7)’

- Conceptually, no **need** to expand like this now

[Alday&Zhiboedov '15;
Simmons-Duffin '16]

(=why earlier expansions were asymptotic)

Asymptotic series in 3D Ising



[Plot from Simmons-Duffin '16;
see Alday&Zhiboedov '15]

What's **new**:

- Asymptotic expansion \Rightarrow **convergent** sum
(no need to expand in $(1 - \bar{z})/\bar{z}$)
- Control over **individual** spins, not only averages over many spins ('no stick-out')
- Can try to **bound errors**?

Contact Witten diagrams

- Plug in a heavy single-trace in t-channel:

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- Can further bound the heavy contribution:
 - integrand 'dDisc G' positive and locally bounded
 - stress tensor case (j=2) known

$$|c(j, \frac{d}{2} + i\nu)_{\text{heavy}}| \leq \frac{1}{c_T} \frac{\#}{(\Delta_{\text{gap}}^2)^{j-2}}$$

- What was **known**:
Solutions to crossing symmetry in a large-N CFT with large gap = Witten diagrams

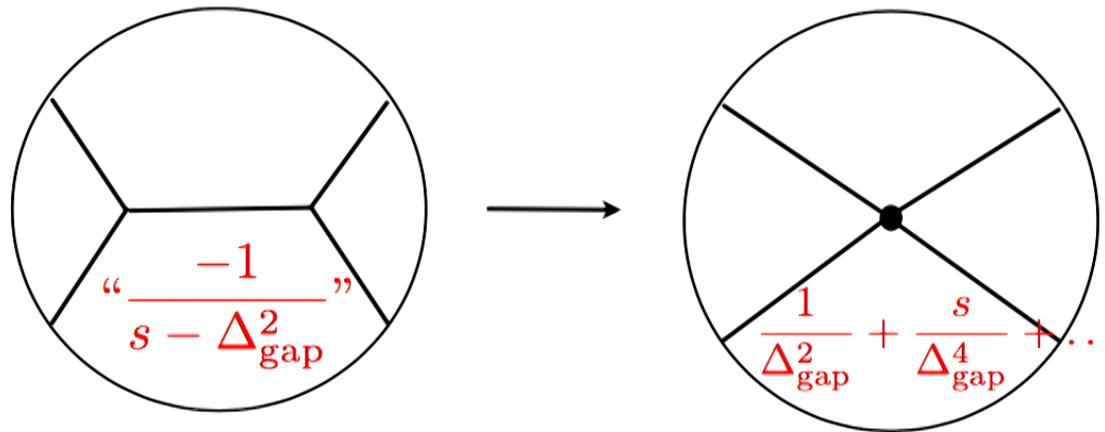
[Heemskerk, Penedones,
Polchinski & Sully '09]

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For given light spectrum, solutions are ambiguous by contact interactions

- What we **learn**:
analyticity in spin (or Regge limit) singles out a unique solution with bounded errors

$$< 1/(\Delta_{\text{gap}}^2)^{j-2}$$



- AdS/CFT expectation: EFT coefficients suppressed by dimension: $(\partial^{2k})\phi^4$ down by $1/\Delta_{\text{gap}}^{2k}$
- What we proved: down by spin $1/\Delta_{\text{gap}}^{2(j-2)}$
- Same as ‘causality bound’ conjectured recently (equivalent to existence of dispersion relation in the bulk)
[Maldacena, Simmons-Duffin & Zhiboedov ’15]

Spin versus dimension

- Some sporadic few-derivative interactions remain unconstrained
- I ● Consider an AdS interaction with flat-space limit:

$$stu$$

- This has spin two in the Regge limit in all channels:

$$stu = st(s + t) \sim s^2 \equiv s^j \quad (s \rightarrow \infty, t \text{ fixed})$$

- All interactions with more derivative, however, must have **small coefficients**

Conclusion

- Novel formula:

$$c(j, \Delta) \equiv \int_0^1 dz d\bar{z} g_{\Delta,j} \text{dDisc } G$$

s-channel t-channel

- Valid in any unitary CFT_D . Regge behavior ensures convergence; bounds derivative interactions in AdS
 - Outlook:
 - Numerical bootstrap: bound errors using convergent $1/j$ expansion?
 - Loops in AdS?
 - Higher points?
- & much more!