

# Single-trace $T\bar{T}$ deformations and string theory

## Lecture I

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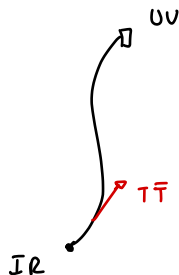
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## Introduction

The  $T\bar{T}$  deformation of a Poincaré QFT is defined by

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \mu} = -4 \int dx^+ dx^- T\bar{T}$$



- $T\bar{T} = T_{++}T_{--} - T_{+-}^2$ ,  $x^\pm = t \pm x$ ,  $ds^2 = -dx^+ dx^-$
- $T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow$  instantaneous stress energy tensor

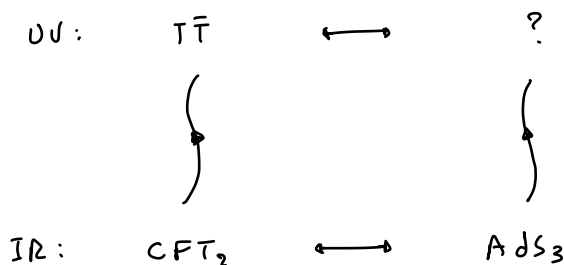
$$S = S_0 - 4\mu \int T\bar{T}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$$

- $[\mu] = L^2 \rightarrow$  deformation is irrelevant

Remarkable properties:

- universal  $\rightarrow$  doesn't depend on details of the QFT
- solvable  $\rightarrow$  spectrum + S-matrix
- nonlocal but UV complete
- not an RG flow  $\rightarrow$  preserves # of d.o.s
- equivalent to coupling to gravity

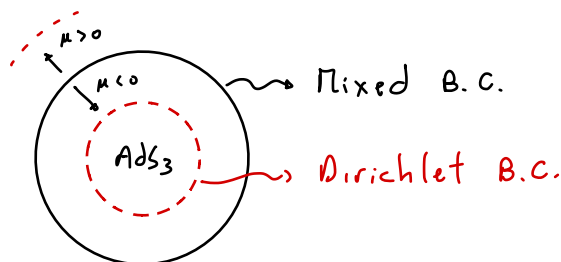
What is the holographic dual of a  $T\bar{T}$ -deformed CFT?



Answer depends on double vs single trace version of  $T\bar{T}$ .

Double trace:

- doesn't change local geometry
- cutoff / glue-on  $\text{AdS}_3$  or  $\text{AdS}_3$  with mixed BC



Single trace:

- changes the local geometry (and B.C.)!

$\text{AdS}_3 \longrightarrow$  linear dilaton or  $T\bar{T}$  spacetimes

- string theory realization
- toy model of non- $\text{AdS}$  holography

# Outline

## ① The $T\bar{T}$ deformation

- spectrum
- modular invariance
- single vs double trace

## ② String theory in $AdS_3$

- long string spectrum
- holographic dual

## ③ $T\bar{T}$ in string theory

- $T\bar{T}$  on the worldsheet
- TsT black holes
- deformed long string spectrum
- further evidence

## The $T\bar{T}$ deformation

What's so special about the  $T\bar{T}$  operator?

(1)  $T\bar{T} \equiv \lim_{z \rightarrow z'} [T_{zz}(z) T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}(z') - T_{z\bar{z}}(z) T_{\bar{z}z}(z')] \text{ is well defined}$

(2)  $\langle T\bar{T} \rangle = \langle T_{zz} \rangle \langle T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} \rangle - \langle T_{z\bar{z}} \rangle^2 = \text{constant}$

$z \equiv x + it$

### Assumptions:

(1) Poincaré invariance

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\nu\mu}$$

$$\partial T_{z\bar{z}} + \bar{\partial} T_{\bar{z}z} = 0$$

$$\bar{\partial} T = \partial \theta$$

$$T \equiv T_{++}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\bar{\partial} T_{z\bar{z}} + \partial T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} = 0$$

$$\partial T = \bar{\partial} \theta$$

$$\bar{T} \equiv T_{--}$$

$$\theta \equiv T_{+-}$$

(2) Global translations

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(z) \rangle = \langle 0 | U_{0z}^\dagger \mathcal{O}(z_0) U_{0z} | 0 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}(z_0) \rangle \Rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(z) \mathcal{O}(z') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}(z_0) \mathcal{O}(z' - z + z_0) \rangle = f(z - z')$$

(3) Local interactions

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \langle \mathcal{O}(z + \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \mathcal{O}(z') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}(z) \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}(z') \rangle$$

Exercise: check for  $\mathcal{O} = T$  in CFT on the cylinder.

$\Rightarrow$  theory is defined on the plane or cylinder

I. The  $T\bar{T}$  operator is free of divergences

$$T\bar{T}(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z'} [T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z')]$$

OPEs:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T(z) \bar{T}(z') & T(z) \theta(z') \\ \theta(z) \bar{T}(z') & \theta(z) \theta(z') \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma_i \begin{pmatrix} D_i(z-z') & A_i(z-z') \\ B_i(z-z') & C_i(z-z') \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}_i(z')$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L)} \quad T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z') &= \Sigma_i [D_i(z-z') - C_i(z-z')] \mathcal{O}_i(z') \\ &= \mathcal{O}_{T\bar{T}}(z') + \underbrace{\tilde{\Sigma}_i \tilde{F}_i(z-z') \mathcal{O}_i}_{\text{potentially divergent}} + \underbrace{\Sigma_i F_i(z-z') \partial \mathcal{O}_i} \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\partial_\mu \bar{T}^\mu_\nu = 0$  ( $\bar{\partial} T = \partial \theta$ ,  $\partial \bar{T} = \bar{\partial} \theta$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \partial_{\bar{z}} [T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z')] &= \underbrace{\partial_{\bar{z}} T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \partial_{\bar{z}} \theta(z) \theta(z')}_{\partial_z \theta(z)} + \theta(z) \underbrace{[\partial_z \bar{T}(z') - \partial_{\bar{z}'} \theta(z')]}_0 \\ &= \underbrace{(\partial_z + \partial_{z'}) \theta(z) \bar{T}(z')}_{(\partial_z + \partial_{z'})(z-z')=0} - \underbrace{(\partial_{\bar{z}} + \partial_{\bar{z}'}) \theta(z) \theta(z')}_{\dots} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_{\bar{z}} [T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z')] = \Sigma_i [B_i(z-z') \underbrace{\partial_{z'} \mathcal{O}_i(z')}_{} - C_i(z-z') \underbrace{\partial_{\bar{z}'} \mathcal{O}_i(z')}_{}]$$

$$\partial_z [T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z')] = \Sigma_i [D_i(z-z') \underbrace{\partial_{\bar{z}'} \mathcal{O}_i(z')}_{} - A_i(z-z') \underbrace{\partial_{z'} \mathcal{O}_i(z')}_{}]$$

$$\langle T(z) \bar{T}(z') - \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_{T\bar{T}}(z) \rangle + \Sigma_i \tilde{F}_i(z-z') \cancel{\partial \mathcal{O}_i}^{70}$$

Thus, the  $T\bar{T}$  operator is well defined up to total derivatives.

(2) The  $T\bar{T}$  operator factorizes

$$\langle T\bar{T} \rangle = \langle T \rangle \langle \bar{T} \rangle - \langle \theta \rangle^2 = \text{constant}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\bar{z}} (\underbrace{\langle T(z) \bar{T}(z') \rangle - \langle \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle}_{\equiv I(z, z')}) &= \partial_z \langle \theta(z) \bar{T}(z') \rangle - \partial_{\bar{z}} \langle \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle \\ &= -\partial_{z'} \langle \theta(z) \bar{T}(z') \rangle + \partial_{\bar{z}'} \langle \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle \\ &= -\langle \theta(z) \underbrace{[\partial_{z'} \bar{T}(z') - \partial_{\bar{z}'} \theta(z')]}_0 \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Easy to show:  $\partial_z I = \partial_{\bar{z}} I = \partial_{z'} I = \partial_{\bar{z}'} I = 0$ .

↓

can put  $z, z'$  at any location

$$\Rightarrow \langle T(z) T(z') \rangle - \langle \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle = \langle T(z) \rangle \langle \bar{T}(z') \rangle - \langle \theta(z) \rangle \langle \theta(z') \rangle$$

Thus, (1) + (2):

$$\langle T\bar{T}(z') \rangle = \lim_{z \rightarrow z'} (\langle T(z) \bar{T}(z') \rangle - \langle \theta(z) \theta(z') \rangle) = \langle T(z') \rangle \langle \bar{T}(z') \rangle - \langle \theta(z') \rangle^2$$

Comments:

(1)  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |n\rangle$ :  $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$ ,  $P|n\rangle = P_n|n\rangle$

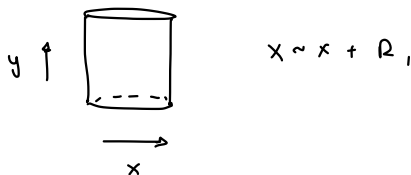
(2) We can relax Lorentz invariance,  $T_{t\bar{z}} \neq T_{\bar{z}t}$

(3) Works for other conserved currents, e.g.

$$J\bar{T}(z') = \lim_{z \rightarrow z'} \langle J(z) \bar{T}(z') - \bar{J}(z) \theta(z') \rangle$$

## The spectrum

Put the theory on a cylinder (so  $\langle T \rangle \neq 0$ )



Consider an eigenstate  $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$ ,  $P|n\rangle = P_n|n\rangle$

$$\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial \mu} = \langle n | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mu} | n \rangle = -4 \int dx \langle n | T \bar{T} | n \rangle = -4R \langle n | T \bar{T} | n \rangle$$

↑  
in Euclidean signature

We need:

$$\cdot T_{zz} = \frac{1}{4} (\bar{T}_{xx} - T_{tt} - 2i T_{xt}), \quad T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} = T_{zz}^*, \quad T_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{4} (\bar{T}_{xx} + T_{tt})$$

$$\cdot \langle n | T_{tt} | n \rangle = -\frac{E_n}{R}, \quad \langle n | T_{xt} | n \rangle = \frac{i P_n}{R}, \quad \langle n | T_{xx} | n \rangle = -\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial R}$$

$$Q_n = i \int dx \langle n | T_{t\mu} | n \rangle \xi^\mu$$

Altogether we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n | T \bar{T} | n \rangle &= \langle n | T_{zz} | n \rangle \langle n | T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} | n \rangle - \langle n | T_{z\bar{z}} | n \rangle^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4R} \left( E_n \frac{\partial E_n}{\partial R} + \frac{P_n^2}{R} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial \mu} = E_n \frac{\partial E_n}{\partial R} + \frac{P_n^2}{R}}$$

↪ inviscid Burger's eq.



## Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad x \sim x + R &\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} p_n(0) &= \frac{m}{R}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \Rightarrow p_n(\mu) &= \frac{m}{R} \end{aligned} \right\} p_n(\mu) = p_n(0) \end{aligned}$$

• Exercise: show that Burger's eq. can be written as

$$R E_n(0) = R E_n(\mu) + \mu [E_n(\mu)^2 - p_n(0)^2]$$

$$(\text{hint: } R E_n(\mu) = f(\mu/R^2))$$

$$\text{or: } R E_{L,R}(0) = R E_{L,R}(\mu) + 2\mu E_L(\mu) E_R(\mu), \quad E_{L,R} = \frac{E_n \pm p_n}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n(\mu) = -\frac{R}{2\mu} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\mu}{R} E_n(0) + \frac{4\mu^2}{R^2} p_n(0)^2} \right), \quad p_n(\mu) = p_n(0)$$

## Comments:

- Universal for any Poincaré invariant QFT
- $\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} E_0(\mu) \not\propto 1/R \Rightarrow$  UV is not a CFT fixed point
- For a CFT:

$$R E_n(0) = h_n + \bar{h}_n - \frac{c}{12}, \quad R p_n(0) = h_n - \bar{h}_n \quad \begin{aligned} L_0 |n\rangle &= h_n |n\rangle \\ \bar{L}_0 |n\rangle &= \bar{h}_n |n\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$E_n(\mu) = -\frac{R}{2\mu} + \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{4\mu^2} + \frac{1}{\mu} \underbrace{\left( h_n + \bar{h}_n - \frac{c}{12} \right)}_{\text{for the CFT vacuum } h_n = \bar{h}_n = 0} + \frac{1}{R^2} (h_n - \bar{h}_n)^2}$$

<0 for the CFT vacuum  $h_n = \bar{h}_n = 0$

- Matches the energy of a winding string ( $w=1, p^i=0$ )

$$m^2 = \frac{w^2 R^2}{l_s^4} + \frac{2}{l_s^2} \left( N + \bar{N} - \frac{D-2}{12} \right) + \frac{(N-\bar{N})^2}{R^2} \quad (8.3.2)$$

where  $\mu = \frac{l_s^2}{2}, \quad c = D-2, \quad (h_n, \bar{h}_n) = (N, \bar{N})$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \partial\varphi \bar{\partial}\varphi \xrightarrow{\tau, \bar{\tau}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\mu} \sqrt{1 - 4\mu \partial\varphi \bar{\partial}\varphi}} - \frac{1}{2\mu}$$

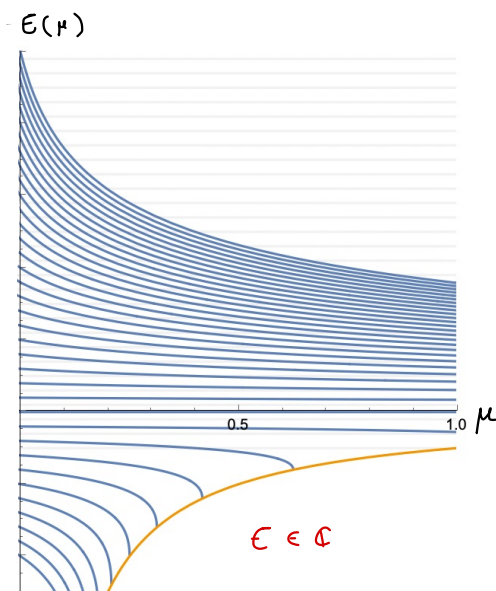
Nambu-Goto:  $2\mu = l_s^2, \quad x^0 = \tau, \quad x^1 = \sigma, \quad x^2 = l_s\varphi$

- $\mu > 0$  :  $E_n(\mu) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{i} \int \quad \mu \leq -\frac{R}{4\epsilon_0(\mu)} = \frac{3R^2}{c}$

↳  $\exists$  of a maximum (Hagedorn) temperature

- $\mu < 0$  :  $E_n(\mu) \in \mathbb{C}$  when  $E_n(0) > \frac{R}{4|\mu|} + \frac{|\mu|}{R} P_n(0)^2$

↳ geometrical counterpart in the holographic dual



## Modular invariance

Consider a CFT on a torus  $z \sim z + R \sim z + \tau$ .

$$R=1$$

$$Z_0(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \text{Tr} \left( q^{h_n - c/24} \bar{q}^{\bar{h}_n - c/24} \right), \quad q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

$$= \text{Tr} \left( e^{-\beta E_n + i\alpha P_n} \right), \quad \tau = \frac{\alpha + i\beta}{2\pi}$$

Invariant under large diffs  $Z_0(i\tau, i\bar{\tau}) = Z_0(\tau, \bar{\tau})$  where

$$\tau \mapsto \tau = \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \quad ad - bc = 1.$$

T:  $\tau \mapsto \tau + 1$ , Dehn twist along  $\alpha$

$$\Rightarrow h_n - \bar{h}_n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$S: \tau \mapsto -\frac{1}{\tau}, \quad \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$$

$\Rightarrow$  Cardy's formula,  $\rho \sim e^S$

$$S = 2\pi \left( \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} \left( h_n - \frac{c}{24} \right)} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} \left( \bar{h}_n - \frac{c}{24} \right)} \right), \quad h_n, \bar{h}_n \gg c \text{ or } c \rightarrow \infty + \dots$$

$\downarrow$

matches entropy of BTZ black holes

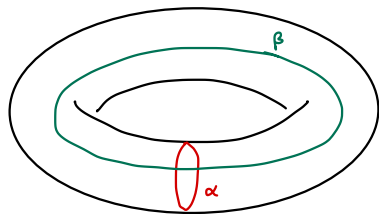
$\Rightarrow$  modular bootstrap  $\rightarrow$  constraints on the spectrum

For  $T\bar{T}$ -deformed CFTs:

$$Z(\gamma\tau, \gamma\bar{\tau}; \gamma\hat{\mu}) = Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \hat{\mu}), \quad \hat{\mu} \equiv \frac{\mu}{R^2}, \quad \gamma\hat{\mu} = \frac{\hat{\mu}}{|c\tau + d|^2}$$

$\downarrow$

not related to symmetries of  $T\bar{T}$  in an obvious way.



Perturbative proof.

$$Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \hat{\mu}) = \text{Tr} \left( e^{-2\pi \tau_2 E_n(\hat{\mu}) + 2\pi i \tau_1 P_n} \right), \quad \tau = \tau_1 + i \tau_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ E_n(\hat{\mu}) &= E_n - (E_n^2 - P_n^2) \hat{\mu} + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}^2) \\ &\quad \hookrightarrow \equiv E_n(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Z_k(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \hat{\mu}^k$$

$$\text{where } Z_k(\tau, \bar{\tau}) \equiv \text{Tr} \left( f_n^{(k)}(E_n, P_n) e^{-2\pi \tau_2 E_n + 2\pi i \tau_1 P_n} \right) = D^{(k)} Z_0(\tau, \bar{\tau})$$

CFT partition function ✓

$$\text{e.g. } Z_1(\tau, \bar{\tau}): f_n^{(1)} = 2\pi \tau_2 (E_n^2 - P_n^2), \quad D^{(1)} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tau_2 \partial_\tau \partial_{\bar{\tau}}$$

$$Z_2(\tau, \bar{\tau}): f_n^{(2)} = 4\pi^2 \tau_2^2 (E_n^2 - P_n^2)^2 - 2\pi \tau_2 E_n (E_n^2 - P_n^2)$$

$$D^{(2)} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \tau_2^2 \partial_\tau^2 \partial_{\bar{\tau}}^2 + \frac{4i}{\pi^2} \tau_2 (\partial_\tau - \partial_{\bar{\tau}}) \partial_\tau \partial_{\bar{\tau}}$$

⋮

Exercise: show that under modular transformations  $\tau \rightarrow \gamma\tau$

$$D^{(1)} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)(c\bar{\tau} + d) D^{(1)} \quad (\text{modular form of weight 1})$$

More generally one finds that for small values of  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$D^{(k)} \rightarrow (c\tau + d)^k (c\bar{\tau} + d)^k D^{(k)} \Rightarrow Z_k(\gamma\tau, \gamma\bar{\tau}) = (c\tau + d)^k (c\bar{\tau} + d)^k Z_k(\tau, \bar{\tau})$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}; \hat{\mu}) \text{ is modular invariant if } \tau \hat{\mu} = \frac{\hat{\mu}}{(c\tau + d)(c\bar{\tau} + d)}$$

We now show this works for all  $k$ .

Burger's eq.  $\Rightarrow$  differential eq. for the partition function

$$- \pi^2 \tau_2 \text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{\partial_{\hat{\mu}} E_n(\hat{\mu}) + 2 \hat{\mu} E_n(\hat{\mu}) \partial_{\hat{\mu}} E_n(\hat{\mu}) + E_n(\hat{\mu})^2 - P_n^2}_{0 \rightarrow \text{here } E_n \rightarrow 2E_n, P_n \rightarrow 2P_n} \right] e^{\dots} = 0$$

$0 \rightarrow \text{here } E_n \rightarrow 2E_n, P_n \rightarrow 2P_n$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \partial_{\hat{\mu}} - \tau_2 \partial_c \partial_{\bar{c}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\tau_2} - \frac{1}{\tau_2} \right) \hat{\mu} \partial_{\hat{\mu}} \right] \mathcal{Z}(c, \bar{c}; \hat{\mu}) = 0$$

Using the perturbative expansion  $\mathcal{Z}(c, \bar{c}; \hat{\mu}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{Z}_k(c, \bar{c}) \hat{\mu}^k$ ,

$$\mathcal{Z}_{p+1}(c, \bar{c}) = \frac{1}{p+1} \left[ \underbrace{\tau_2 \left( \partial_c - \frac{i p}{2 \tau_2} \right) \left( \partial_{\bar{c}} + \frac{i p}{2 \tau_2} \right)}_{(1,1)} - \frac{p(p+1)}{4 \tau_2} \right] \mathcal{Z}_p(c, \bar{c})$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $(1,1) \qquad \qquad (p,p)$

Thus,  $\mathcal{Z}_{p+1}(c, \bar{c})$  has weight  $(p+1, p+1)$ . By induction,

$$\mathcal{Z}(\tau c, \tau \bar{c}; \delta \hat{\mu}) = \mathcal{Z}(c, \bar{c}; \hat{\mu}), \quad \delta \hat{\mu} = \frac{\hat{\mu}}{(c\tau+d)(c\bar{\tau}+d)}$$

Consequences:

• Maximum temperature:

$$\frac{\mu}{\beta^2} \leq \frac{3}{c} \quad \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{c}} \quad |\tau|^2 \geq \frac{c\mu}{3\beta^2} \quad \nearrow \frac{\beta^2}{4\pi^2}$$

• Asymptotic density of states:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{large } c + \text{sparse spectrum} & \Rightarrow & \mathcal{Z}(c, \bar{c}; \hat{\mu}) \approx \begin{cases} e^{-\beta E_0(\hat{\mu})} & \beta > 2\pi \\ e^{-\beta' E_0(\hat{\mu}')} & \beta < 2\pi \end{cases} \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ c \rightarrow \infty \qquad \text{light states} & & \text{analog of HKS} \\ \hat{\mu} c \text{ fixed} & & \end{array}$$

$$E_0(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2\hat{\mu}} \left( \sqrt{1 - \frac{c\hat{\mu}}{3}} - 1 \right)$$

$$S(z, \bar{z}) = (1 - z \partial_z - \bar{z} \partial_{\bar{z}}) \log z(z, \bar{z}; \hat{\mu})$$

$$= \frac{i\pi c}{6} \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{\bar{z}} \right), \quad \gamma = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\hat{\mu} c}{3|z|^2}} \xrightarrow{\hat{\mu} \rightarrow 0} 1$$

Exercise: use  $\hat{E}_L(\hat{\mu}) \equiv \langle \hat{E}_L(\hat{\mu}) \rangle_{z, \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \partial_z \log z(z, \bar{z}; \hat{\mu})$  to show

$$S(\hat{\mu}) = 2\pi \left( \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} R E_L(\mu)} \left[ 1 + \frac{2\mu}{R} E_R(\mu) \right] + \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} R E_R(\mu)} \left[ 1 + \frac{2\mu}{R} E_L(\mu) \right] \right)$$

- Hagedorn growth at high energies:

not a CFT

$$E_L(\hat{\mu}) = E_R(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2} E(\hat{\mu}), \quad S(\hat{\mu}) \approx 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{3} \frac{\mu}{R^2}} E(\hat{\mu}), \quad E(\hat{\mu}) \gg 1$$

Consistency check:  $z = i\beta/2\pi$

$$Z(z, \bar{z}, \hat{\mu}) = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta E}) = \sum_E \rho(E) e^{-\beta E} = \sum_E e^{(2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{3} \frac{\mu}{R^2}} - \beta) E(\hat{\mu})} + \dots$$

$$\text{max. temperature: } \beta \geq 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{c}{3} \frac{\mu}{R^2}}$$

- Cardy's formula using the deformed spectrum

$$S(\hat{\mu}) = 2\pi \left( \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} R E_L(0)} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{6} R E_R(0)} \right) = S(0)$$

↳ same density of ~~high energy~~ states

⇓

no level crossing

- $\tau\bar{\tau}$  is not an RG flow → it doesn't add new dots.

