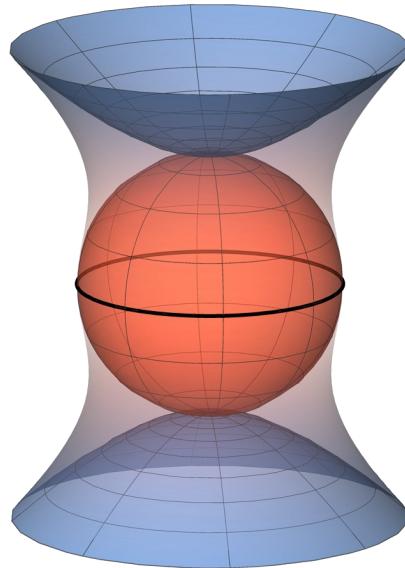


# Microscopics of de Sitter entropy from precision holography



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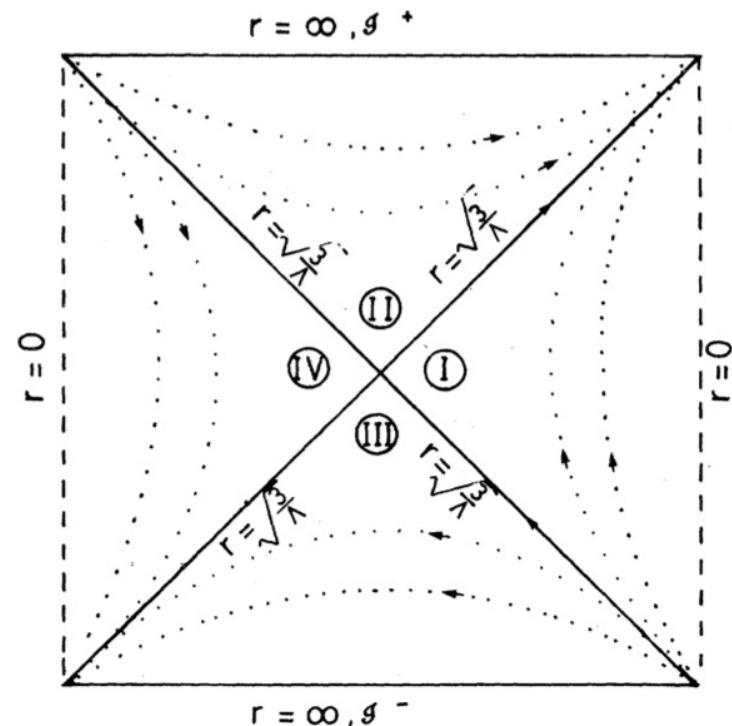
# Intro

[Gibbons Hawking '77]

- An observer is surrounded by a horizon
- .... with a temperature and an entropy

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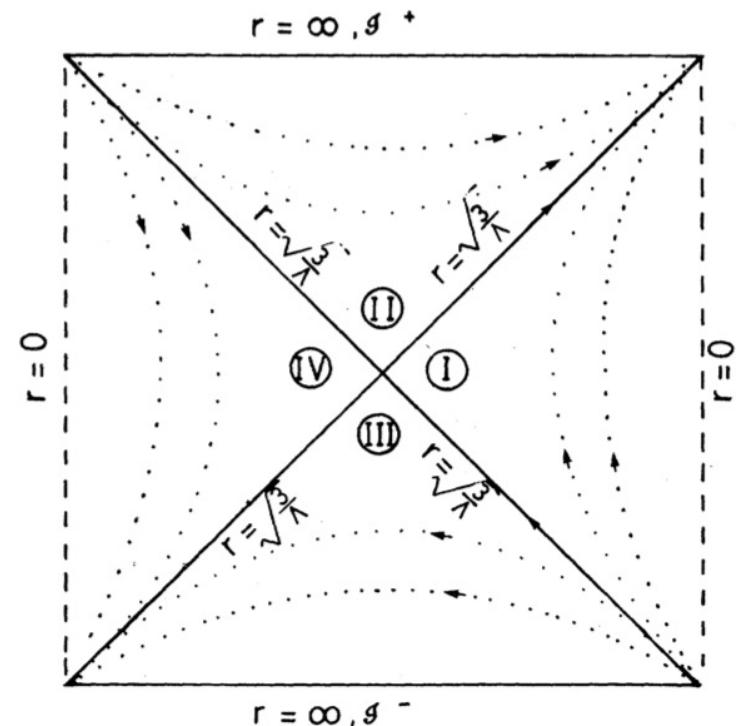
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# Intro

- No spacelike boundary
- ... thermodynamics tricky
- Two approaches:
  - On-shell action of  $S^4$   
[\[Gibbons Hawking '77\]](#)
  - "Wald entropy"  
[\[Wald '93; Iyer, Wald '94\]](#)



$$ds^2 = [-dt^2 + L^2 \cosh^2(t/L) d\Omega_3^2]$$

# Wald entropy

[Wald '93; Iyer, Wald '94]

$$\mathcal{S}_H = -2\pi \int_H d^2x \sqrt{\gamma} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu}\epsilon_{\rho\sigma} \quad \epsilon_{\mu\nu}\epsilon^{\mu\nu} = -2$$

Einstein gravity:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} (R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} - 2\Lambda)$$

Wald applied to de Sitter horizon in Einstein gravity yields:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{dS}} = \frac{A_H}{4G_N} = \frac{\pi L^2}{G_N}$$

Note: used to compute higher-derivative corrections to entropy of black holes in AdS [Bobev, Charles, Hristov, Reys '21]

# Euclidean on-shell action

[Gibbons Hawking '77]

$$S_{dS} = -I_{EdS}$$

Euclidean Einstein gravity:

$$S^E = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \left( R - \frac{6}{L^2} \right) \right]$$

Euclidean dS<sub>4</sub>:

$$ds^2 = [d\tau^2 + L^2 \cos^2(\tau/L) d\Omega_3^2], \quad \tau \in \left( \frac{\pi L}{2}, \frac{\pi L}{2} \right)$$

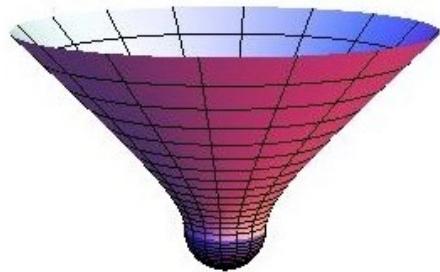
On-shell action:

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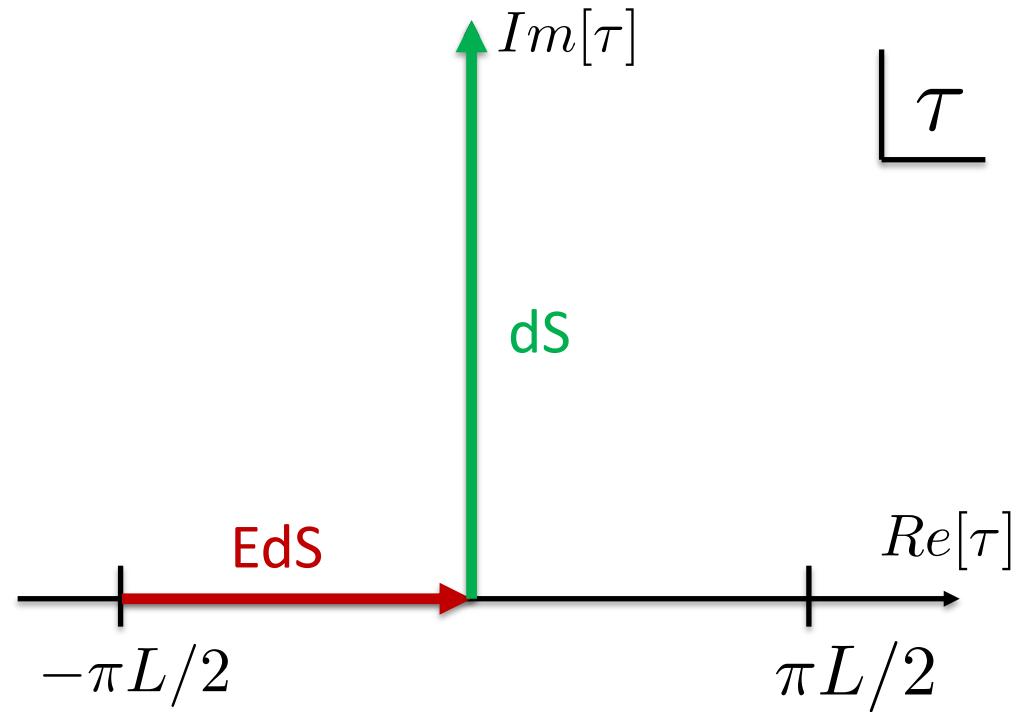
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[Hartle Hawking '83]



$$\Psi \sim e^{-I_{EdS}/2} e^{i I_{dS}}$$

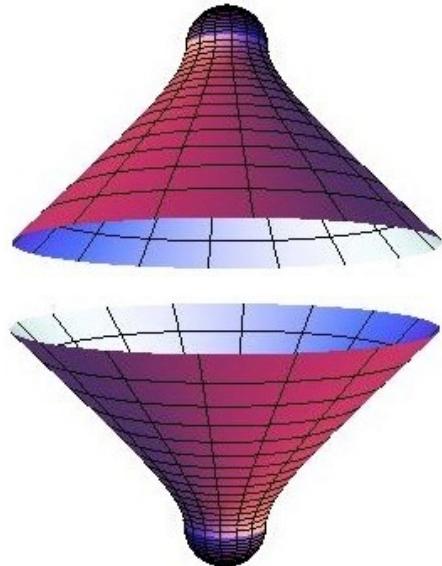


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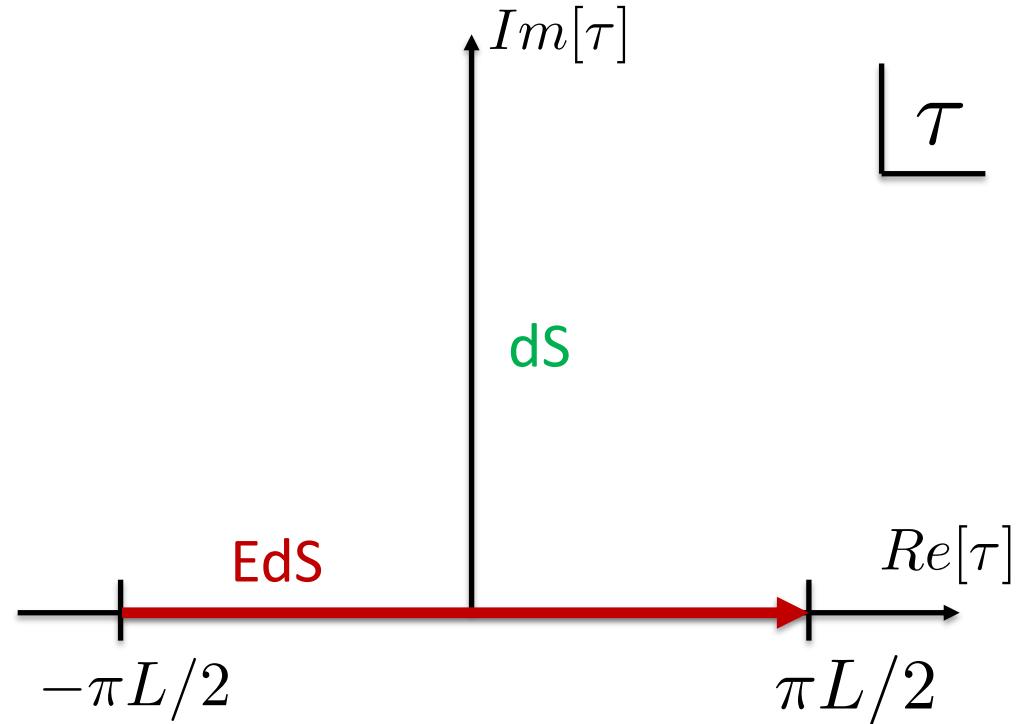
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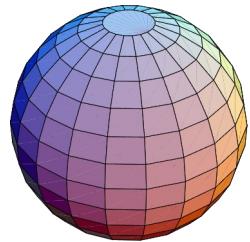


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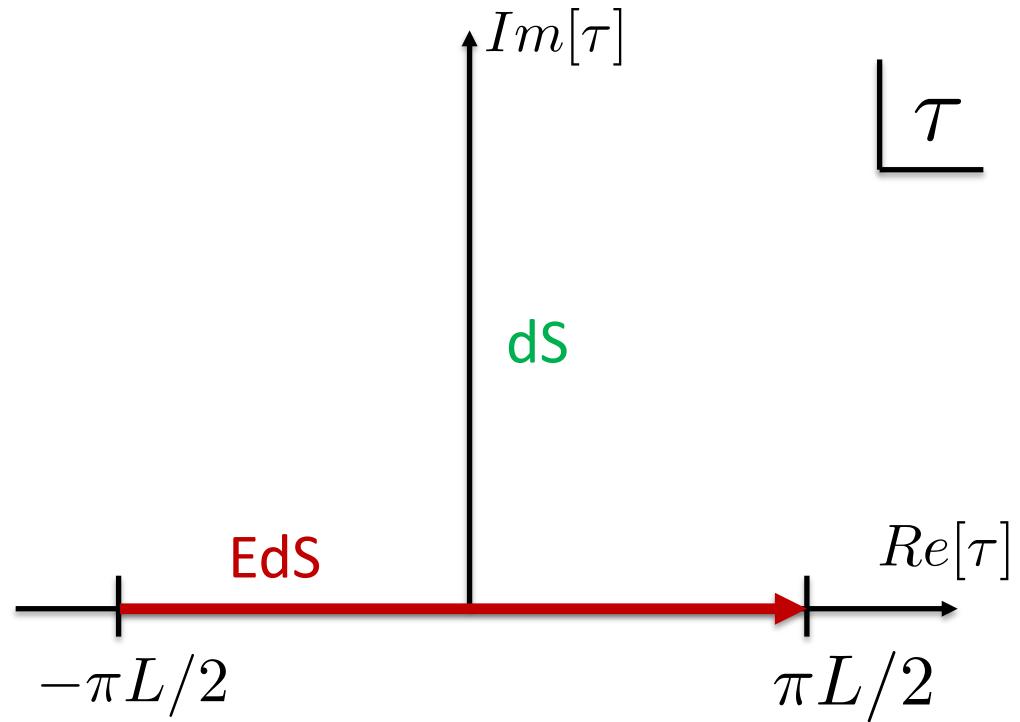


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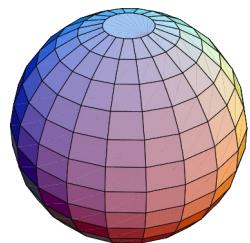


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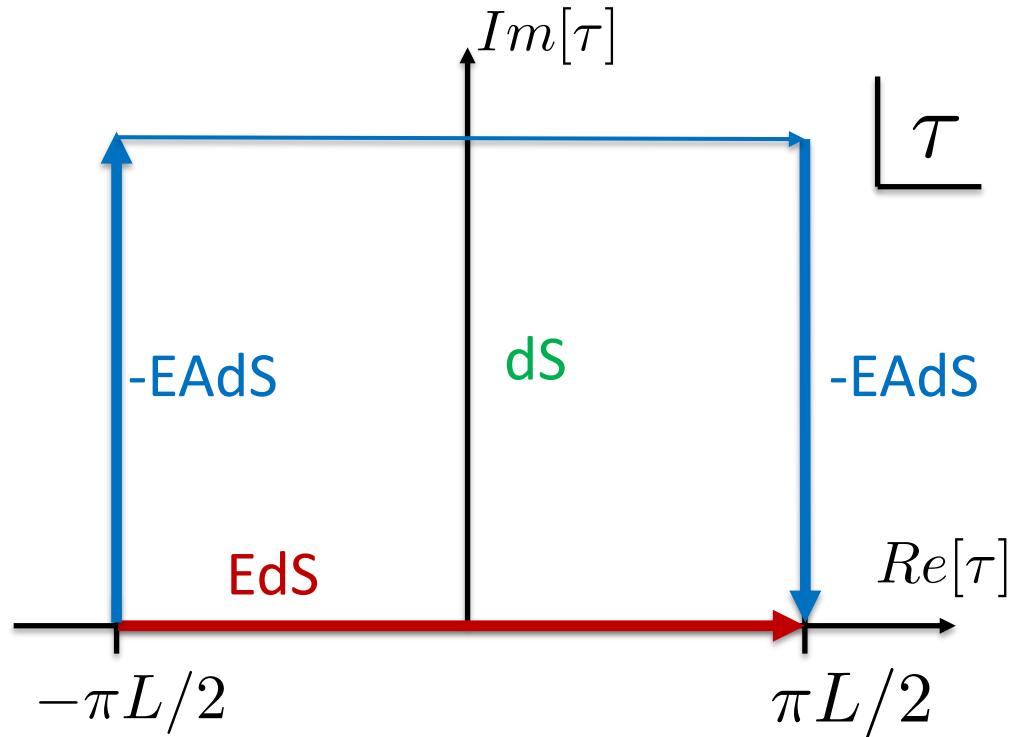


# Euclidean on-shell action II

$$ds^2 = [d\tau^2 + L^2 \cos^2(\tau/L) d\Omega_3^2] \quad \left. \right|_{\tau = -\pi L/2 + ir}$$
$$ds^2 = [-dr^2 - L^2 \sinh^2(r/L) d\Omega_3^2]$$



$$\Psi^* \Psi \sim e^{-I_{EdS}}$$



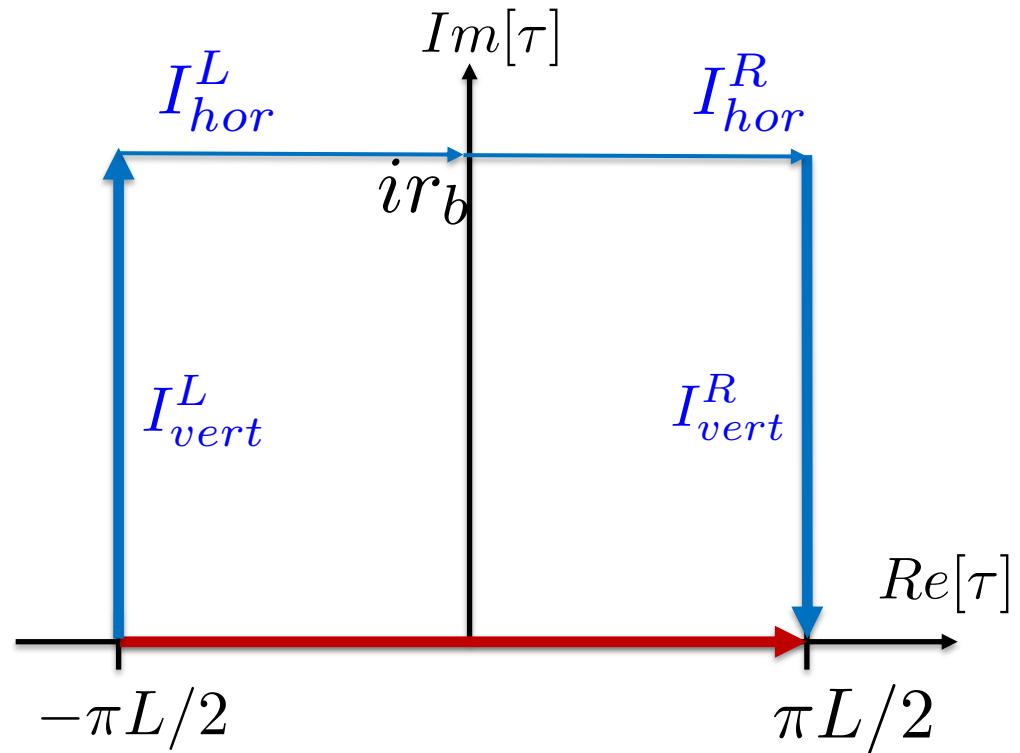
## Euclidean on-shell action II

$$I_{vert}^L = -I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}} - I_{ct} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-r_b/L})$$

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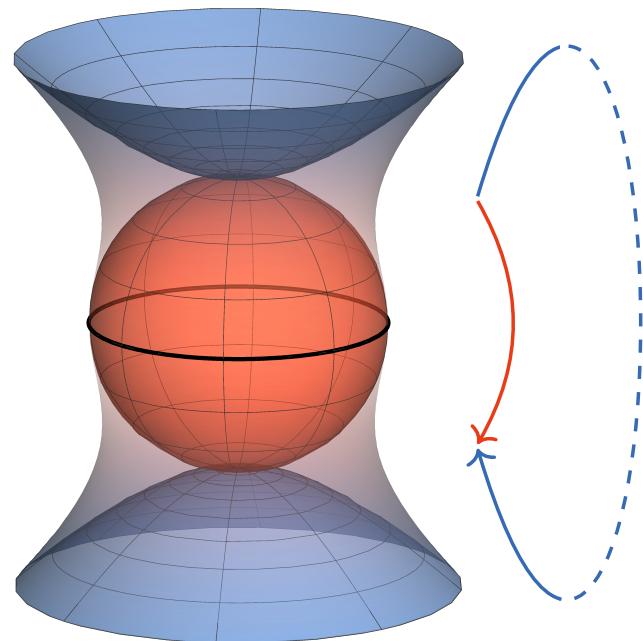
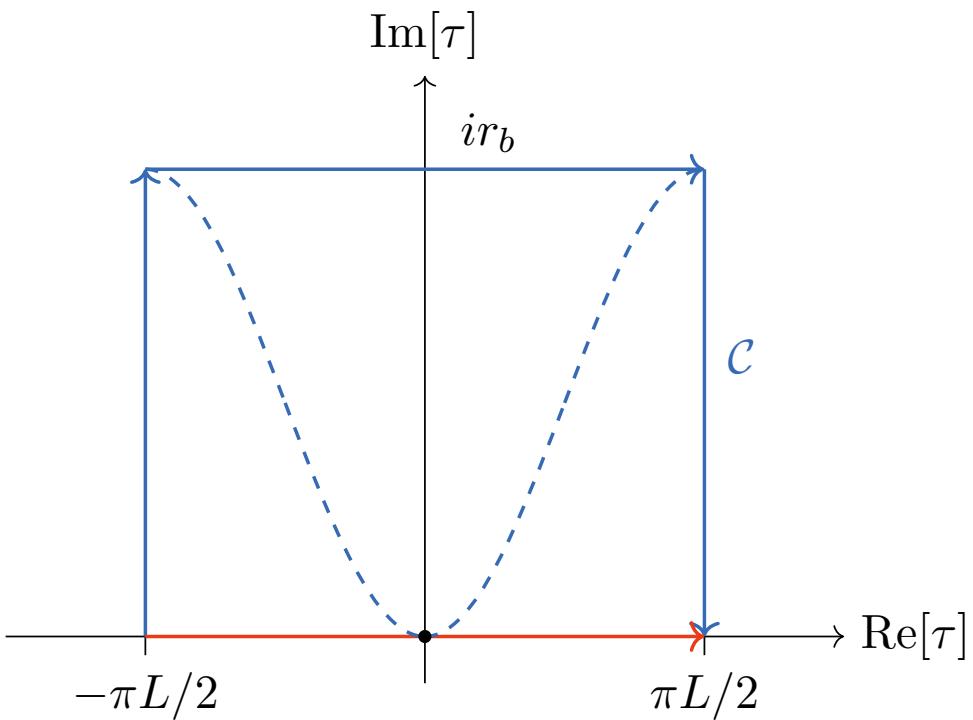
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$$I_{EdS} = -2 I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}}$$



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- AdS/CFT:  $-I_{\text{EAAdS}}^{\text{reg}} + \dots = \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{CFT}}$
- Conjecture:  $S_{dS} = -2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{CFT}}$
- Microscopic theories: ABJM, ...

# de Sitter entropy: microscopics

- Consider M-theory on  $EAdS_4 \times S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$
- EAdS/CFT: dual ABJM theory on  $S^3$
- Susy localization: [Marino, Putrov '11; Fuji, Hirano, Moriyama '11]

$$Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}(N, k) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi^2 k}\right)^{-1/3} e^{\mathcal{A}(k)} \text{Ai}\left[\left(\frac{2}{\pi^2 k}\right)^{-1/3} \left(N - \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{3k}\right)\right] + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{Nk}})$$

- Proposal:

$$S_{dS} = -2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}(N \cdot k) = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{2k}}{3} N^{3/2} + \mathcal{O}(N^{1/2})$$

- Holographic dictionary:

$$(2\pi\ell_P)^6 N = 6 (2L)^6 \text{vol}(X_7), \quad \frac{1}{G_N} = \frac{16\pi(2L)^7 \text{vol}(X_7)}{(2\pi)^8 \ell_P^9}$$

- Leading term  $\mathcal{S}_{dS} = \frac{\pi L^2}{G_N}$

# de Sitter entropy: microscopics

$$S_{dS} \stackrel{?}{=} -I_{EdS} \stackrel{?}{=} 2I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}} \stackrel{\text{v}}{=} -2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}$$

- Leading term matches
- **Q:** What about corrections?

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- What could go wrong?
- Check subleading terms  
→ consider higher-derivative terms in gravity

[Bobev, Charles, Hristov, Reys '21]

# Four-derivative corrections: de Sitter entropy

- $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \left( R - \frac{6}{L^2} \right) + (c_1 - c_2) C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + c_2 (R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2) + c_3 R^2 \right].$

- Wald entropy

$$S_{\text{dS}} = \frac{\pi L^2}{G_N} + 64\pi^2(c_2 + 6c_3)$$

- Euclidean on-shell action:

$$I_{\text{EdS}} = -\frac{\pi L^2}{G_N} - 64\pi^2(c_2 + 6c_3)$$

$$S_{dS} = \overset{\text{v}}{-I_{EdS}} = \overset{?}{2I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}}} = \overset{\text{v}}{-2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}}$$

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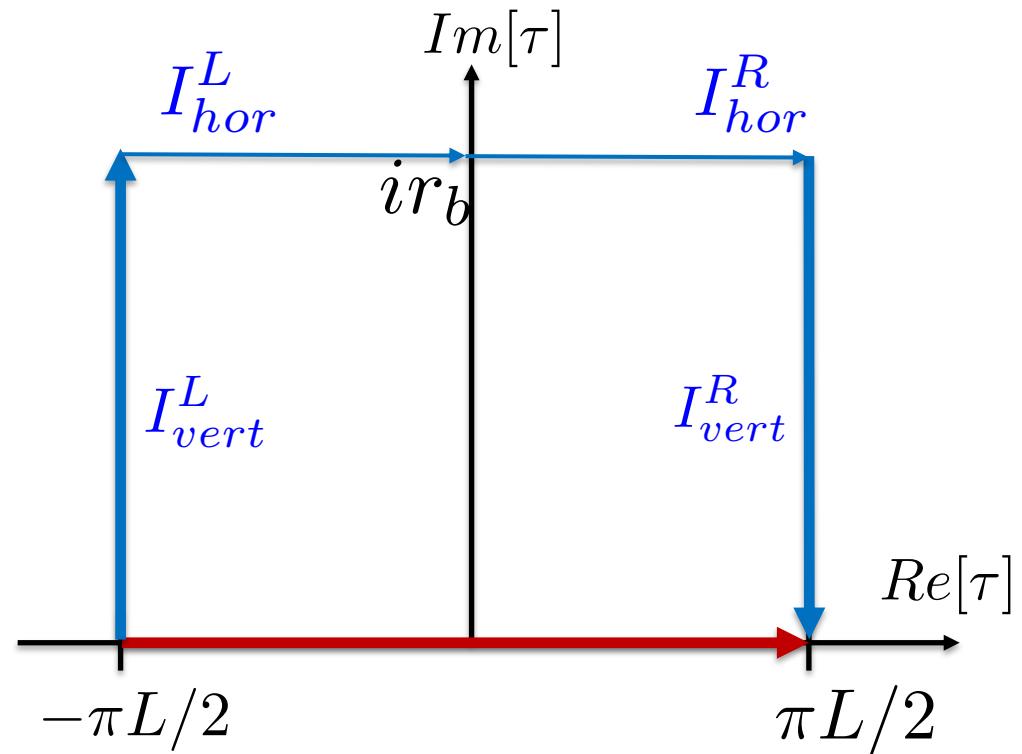
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Extends to corrections!



# Four-derivative corrections: Holographic Renormalization

$$S_E = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \left( R - \frac{6}{L^2} \right) - (c_1 - c_2) \mathcal{L}_{W^2} - c_2 \mathcal{L}_{GB} \right]$$

Counterterms:

$$S_{ct} = \int d^3x \sqrt{h} \left[ \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \left( -K + \frac{2}{L} + \frac{L}{2} \mathcal{R} \right) + (c_1 - c_2) \mathcal{L}_{C^2}^{\text{CT}} + 4c_2 (\mathcal{J} - 2\mathcal{G}_{ab} K^{ab}) \right]$$

with

$$\mathcal{J}_{ab} = \frac{1}{3} \left( 2KK_{ac}K^c{}_b + K_{ab}K_{cd}K^{cd} - 2K_{ac}K^{cd}K_{db} - K^2 K_{ab} \right)$$

$$S_{dS} = \color{red}{-I_{EdS}} = \color{blue}{2I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}}} = \color{green}{-2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}}$$

# de Sitter entropy: more microscopics

- Susy localization ABJM:

[Marino, Putrov '11; Fuji, Hirano, Moriyama '11]

$$Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}(N, k) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi^2 k}\right)^{-1/3} e^{\mathcal{A}(k)} \text{Ai}\left[\left(\frac{2}{\pi^2 k}\right)^{-1/3} \left(N - \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{3k}\right)\right] + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{Nk}})$$

- Expansion in  $N$ :

$$F_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}(N, k) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2k}}{3} N^{3/2} - \frac{\pi(k^2 + 8)}{24\sqrt{2k}} N^{1/2} + \frac{1}{4} \log N + \mathcal{O}(N^0)$$

- De Sitter entropy:  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{dS}} = \frac{\pi L^2}{G_N} + 64\pi^2(c_2 + 6c_3)$

- Holographic dictionary (subleading order):

[Bobev, Charles, Hristov, Reys '21]

$$\frac{L^2}{G_N} + 64\pi c_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2k}}{3} N^{3/2} - \frac{k^2 + 8}{12\sqrt{2k}} N^{1/2}, \quad c_3 = 0$$

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Dual predicts  $\Delta\mathcal{S}_{\text{dS}} = \frac{1}{2} \log N = \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{L^2}{G_N} + \dots = 3 \log \frac{L}{l_P} + \dots$

*Quid bulk?*

No log from the holographic dictionary: [Bobev, Hong, Reys '22]

$$\frac{L^2}{G_N} = \frac{2\sqrt{2k}}{3} \left( N - \frac{k}{24} \right)^{3/2}, \quad c_2 = -\frac{1}{96\pi\sqrt{2k}} \left( N - \frac{k}{24} \right)^{1/2}$$

# ‘11d quantum supergravity’

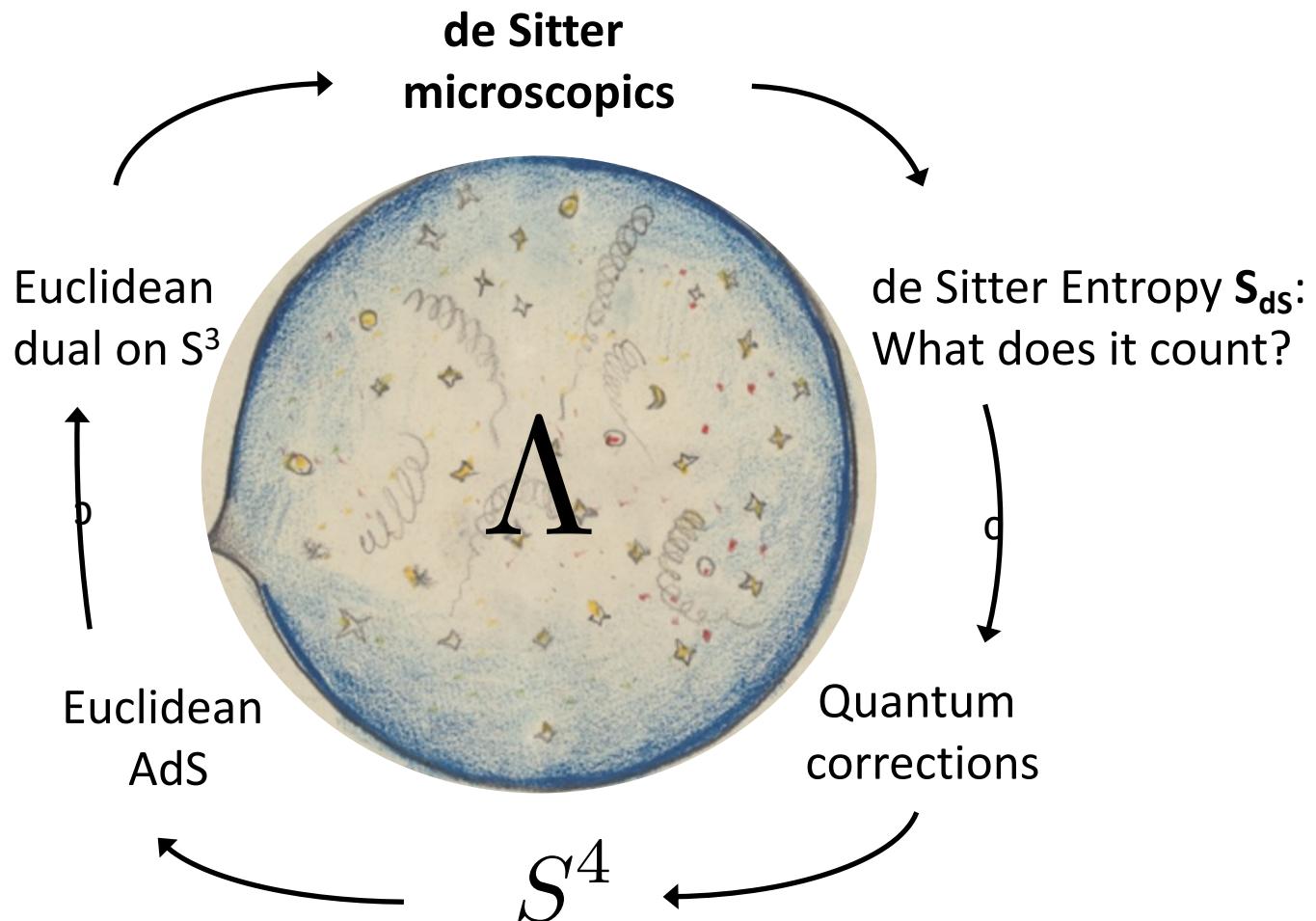
[Bhattacharyya, Grassi, Marino, Sen ‘12]

- Consider 11d Euclidean SUGRA on  $-S^4 \times S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$
- One-loop determinants generate log corrections to the free energy
- Odd dimensions: only zero modes contribute
- Massless 11d fields: metric, gravitino and three-form
- Ghosts are important!
- Metric and gravitino have no zero mode because  $S^4$  is compact.
- Logarithmic correction due to a p-form:

$$\Delta F = \sum_j (-1)^j (\beta_{p-j} - j - 1) n_{\Delta_{p-j}}^0 \log L/l_P, \quad \beta_k = \frac{D - 2k}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta S_{dS} = 3 \log L/l_P \quad \mathcal{S}_{dS} = -2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}$$

# Summary: Much Ado About Nothing



$$S_{dS} = -I_{\text{EdS}} = 2I_{\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}} = -2 \log Z_{S^3}^{\text{ABJM}}(N, k)$$

# So.. what does $S_{dS}$ count?

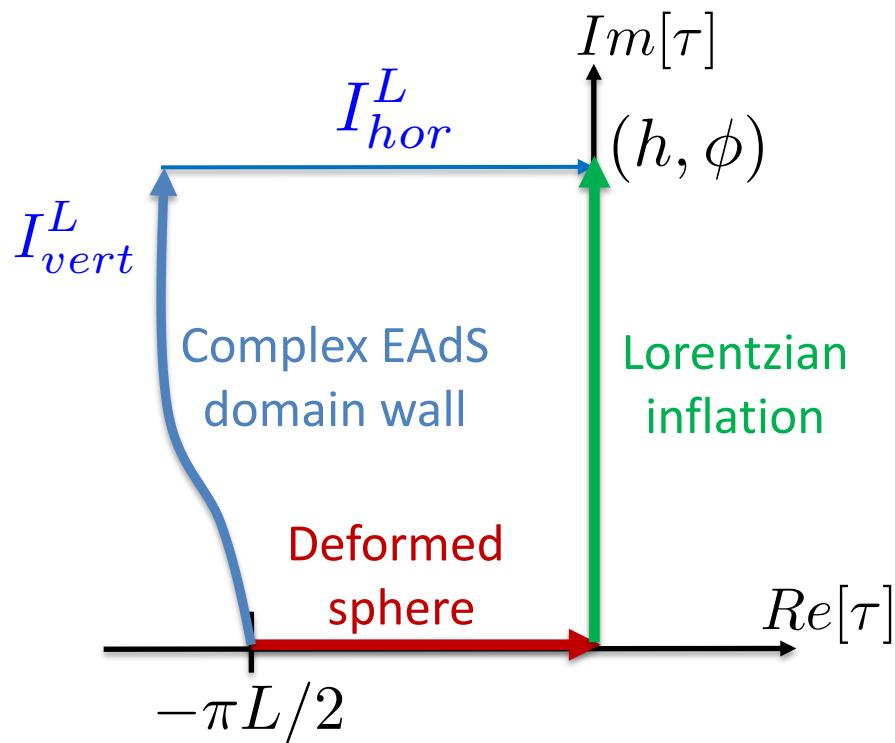
- The microscopic de Sitter entropy in our proposal does not quite count microstates, since there is no time, and hence no Hamiltonian.
- In effect,  $\exp(S_{dS})$  is not an integer for low  $(N,k)$
- But, being given by a path integral, the entropy does represent some sort of measure of degrees of freedom.
- What about more tangible cosmological observables?  
→ add sources

# Complex saddles with sources

[Hartle, TH '11]

$$\Psi_{HH} = \mathcal{A}_{sp} e^{iS} \Psi_{fl}$$

$$\log \mathcal{A}_{sp} = I_{as\text{EAdS}}^{\text{reg}}$$

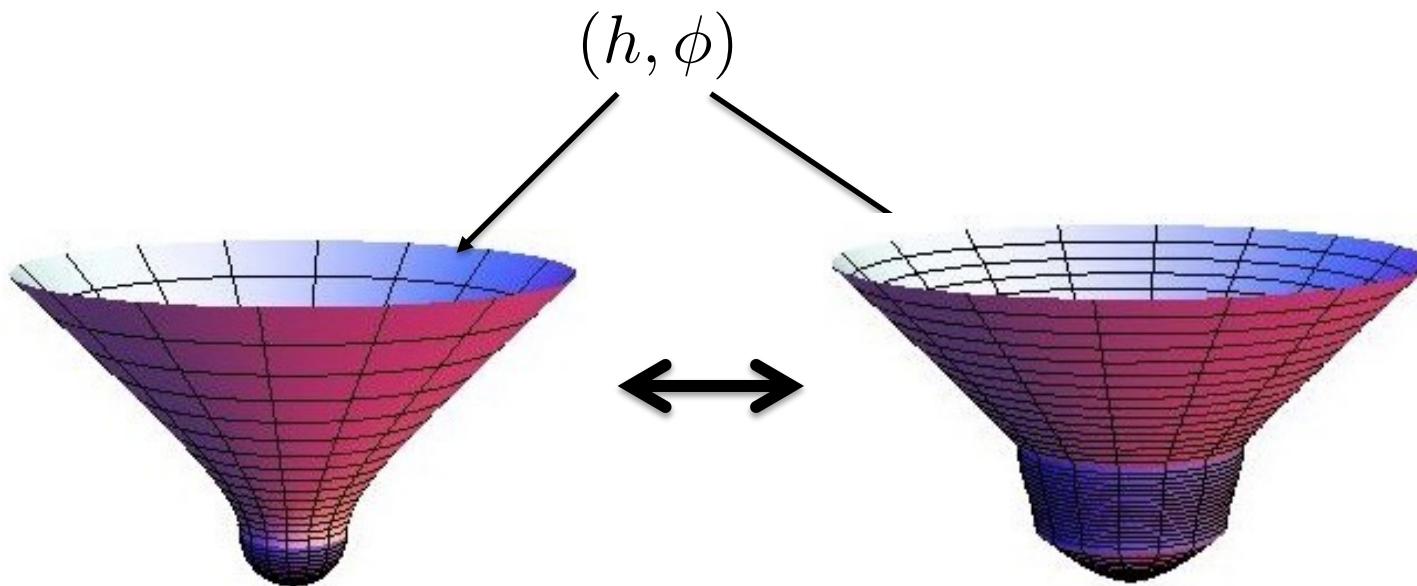


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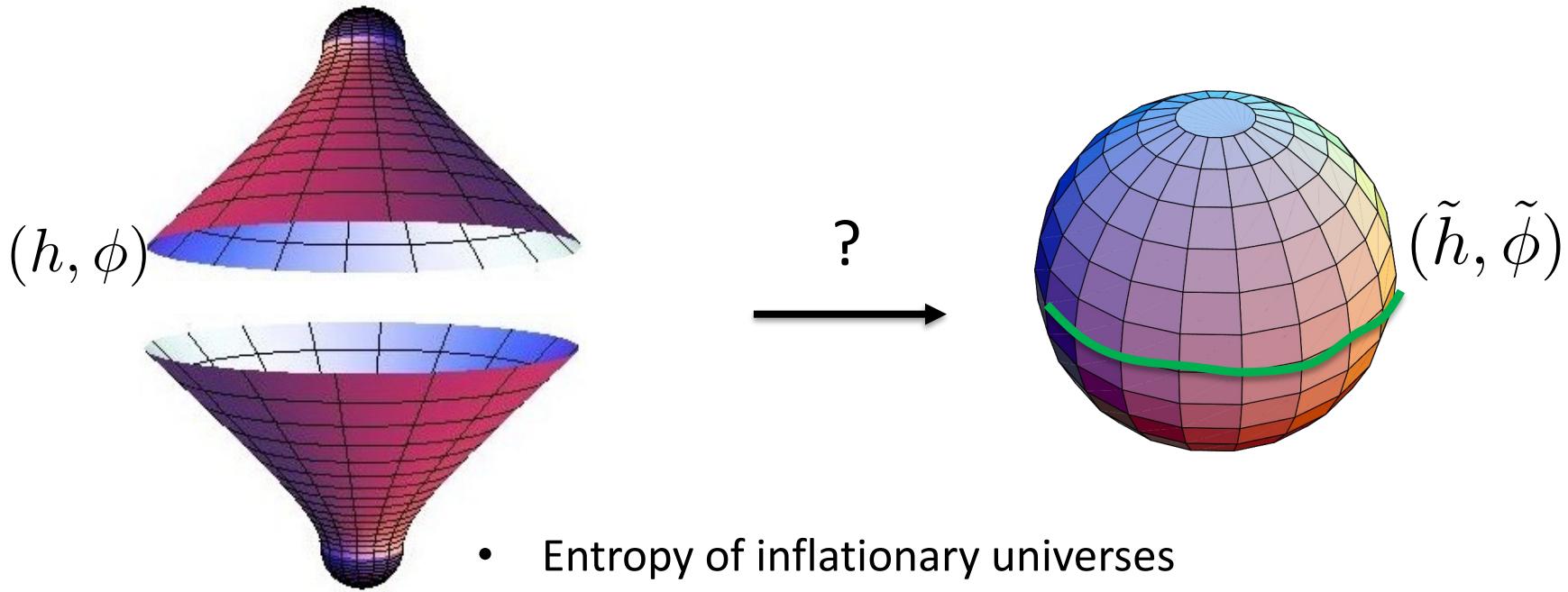
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# Quantum cosmology on the (deformed) sphere?

Observables  $\sim \int \Psi^* \mathcal{O} \Psi$



- Entropy of inflationary universes
- Integrated 2-pt functions  $\langle h_{ij}(x)h_{i'j'}(x') \rangle$   
[McFadden, Skenderis; Pimentel;..]
- ...

# Dual example: mass-deformed ABJM on squashed $S^3$

[Bobev, Hong, Reys; Nosaka; Hatsuda; Hristov,...]

$$Z_{S^3}(N, k, \Delta) = e^{\mathcal{A}(k, \Delta)} C_k^{-\frac{1}{3}} \text{Ai}[C_k^{-\frac{1}{3}}(N - B_k)] + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{N}})$$

with

$$C_k = \frac{2}{\pi^2 k} \frac{(b + b^{-1})^{-4}}{\prod_{a=1}^4 \Delta_a}, \quad B_k = \frac{k}{24} - \frac{1}{12k} \sum_{a=1}^4 \frac{1}{\Delta_a} + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_a \Delta_a^2}{3k(b + b^{-1})^2 \prod_{a=1}^4 \Delta_a},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, & \Delta_2 &= \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{m_1 - m_2 - m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, \\ \Delta_3 &= \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{m_1 + m_2 - m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, & \Delta_4 &= \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{m_1 - m_2 + m_3}{b + b^{-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

such that  $\sum_a \Delta_a = 2$ .

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[Freedman, Pufu]

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2}R + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \frac{\partial_\mu z^\alpha \partial^\mu \tilde{z}^\alpha}{(1 - z^\alpha \tilde{z}^\alpha)^2} + \frac{1}{L^2} \left( 3 - \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \frac{2}{1 - z^\alpha \tilde{z}^\alpha} \right) \right]$$

$$V_{eff}(\phi) = \frac{1}{L^2} \cosh(2\phi)$$

Possibly:

- $Z_{S^3}(N, k, \Delta) \rightarrow \Psi_{HH}(h, \phi) \rightarrow \text{entropy}$
- $\partial^2 F_{S^3} \rightarrow \langle \zeta(x) \zeta(x') \rangle$