

Title: Black Holes from Within Loop Quantum Gravity

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Abstract: In general relativity, the fields on a black hole horizon are obtained from those in the bulk by pullback and restriction. In quantum gravity, it would be natural to obtain them in the same manner. This is not fully realized in the quantum theory of isolated horizons in loop quantum gravity, in which a Chern-Simons phase space on the horizon is quantized separately from the bulk. I will outline an approach in which the quantum horizon degrees of freedom are simply components of the quantized bulk degrees of freedom. A condition is imposed on the quantum states to encode the existence of a horizon. I will present evidence that solutions to this condition have properties on the horizon that are remarkably similar to those of Chern-Simons theory. Instrumental in formulating the horizon condition are novel flux operators that use the Duflo isomorphism and seem to represent some type of quantum deformed  $SU(2)$ . I will review their definition and summarize what I know about their properties.

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long story: Smolin ('95), Rovelli, Krasnov ('96)

Ashtekar + Baez + Corichi + Krasnov ('98)

Kaul + Majumdar ('00)

Domagala + Lewandowski, Meissner ('04)

Engle + Noui + Perez ('10)

Dreyer + Markopoulou + Smolin ('04)

Corichi + Diaz-Polo + Fernandez-Borja ('06)

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Barbero + Villasenor ('11)

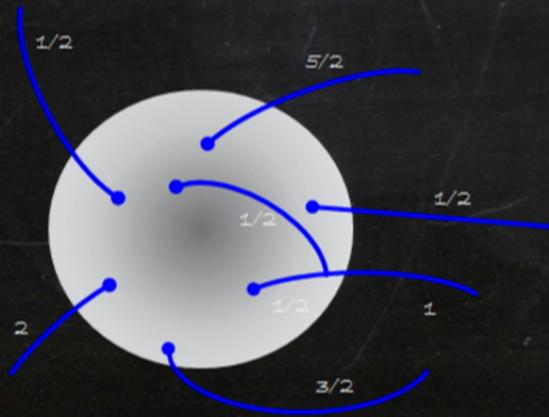
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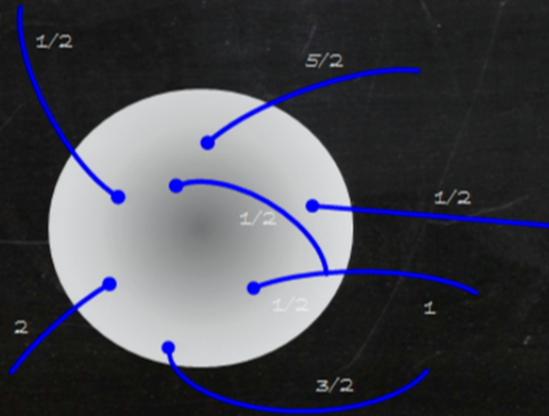
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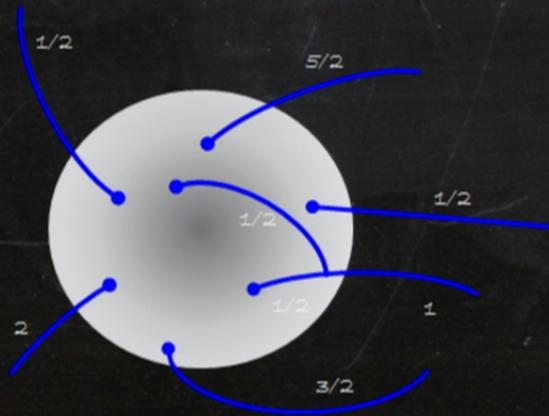
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Aim of this talk:

unified description of bulk and boundary from within LQG

- All degrees of freedom contained in holonomy-flux algebra
- Quantum boundary condition
- CS structures emerge

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# LQG in a nutshell

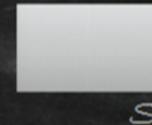
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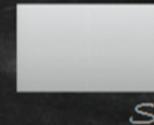
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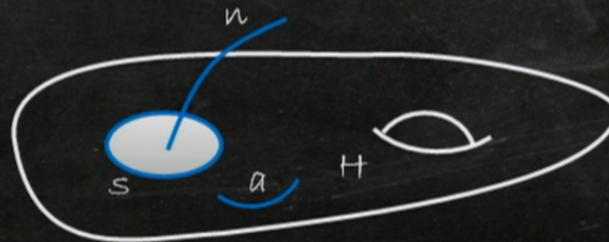
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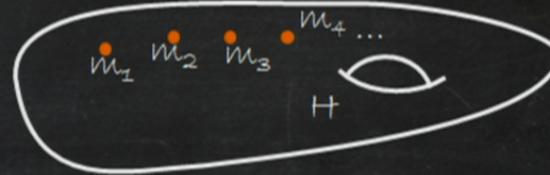
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but  $h_a$  is completely free.



More generally: Specify  $H$ , puncture data  $\mathcal{P}$ :

$$\mathcal{P} = \{(p_1, m_1), (p_2, m_2), \dots\}$$



Note:

1) Correspondence:

charge nets in  $H \longleftrightarrow$  1-Chains in  $H' = H - \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$

$$W_{\underline{n}} \equiv h_{e_1}^{n_1} h_{e_2}^{n_2} \dots \longleftrightarrow \underline{n} = \{(n_1, e_1), \dots\} \longleftrightarrow \underline{n} = \sum_i n_i e_i$$

Gauge invariance:  $\partial \underline{n} = 0$

Evaluation:  $W_{\underline{n}}[A] = \exp i(\underline{n}|A)$

2) Decomposition of  $\underline{n}$  in part  $\underline{n}^H$  in  $H$ , part  $\underline{n}^+$  transversal to  $H$

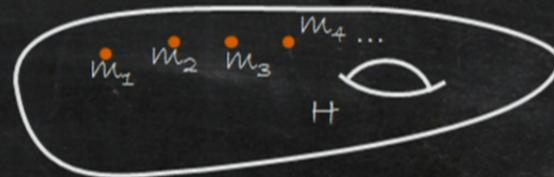
using this, easy to write down a state on holonomies:

$$\omega(W_{\underline{n}}) = \omega_{\mathcal{P}}(W_{\underline{n}^H}) \delta(\partial \underline{n}^H) \omega_{AL}(W_{\underline{n}^\perp})$$

with

$$\omega_{\mathcal{P}}(W_{\underline{n}}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \dots \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i \langle \underline{n} | \alpha(\phi) \rangle} \prod_{p_i} 2\pi \delta(\phi_i + 2\pi c n_i) \prod_j \frac{d\phi_j}{2\pi}$$

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Properties of the resulting representation?

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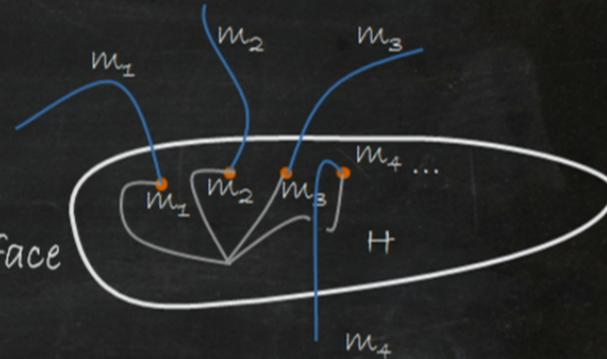
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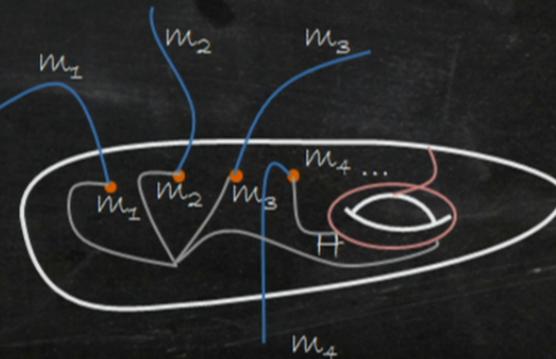
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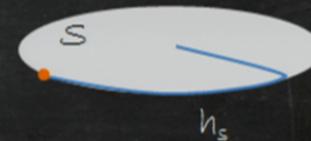


Recover all the structures of the  $U(1)$  treatment of  $11T$  (Ashtekar et al)  
Theory on  $H$  has all features of quantum abelian CS.

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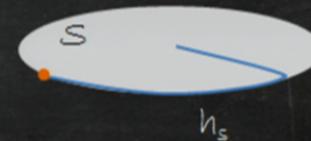
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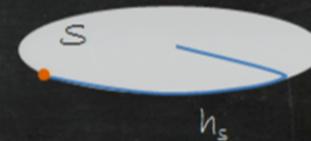
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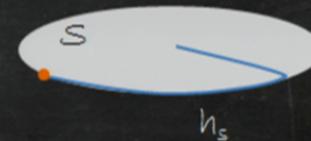


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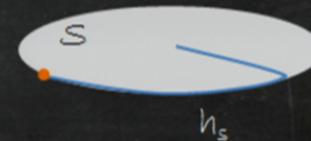
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Example: For  $SU(2)$   $\gamma(\|\mathbf{E}\|^2) = \Delta_{SU(2)} + \frac{1}{8}\mathbb{I}$

This makes  $W_S$  well defined (albeit hard to determine explicitly)

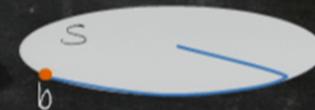
General properties:

For suitably chosen path systems

$$W_{S_1+S_2} = W_{S_1} W_{S_2}, \quad W_S^\dagger = W_{-S}$$

Under gauge transformations

$$U_g W_S U_g^{-1} = g(b) W_S g(b)^{-1}$$



Note:

These eigenvalues can be written in terms of *quantum integers*,

$$\lambda_{j,j'} = \frac{[(2j+1)(2j'+1)]_q}{[2j'+1]_q} \quad [x]_q := \frac{q^x - q^{-x}}{q - q^{-1}} \quad q = e^{ic}$$

They are related to

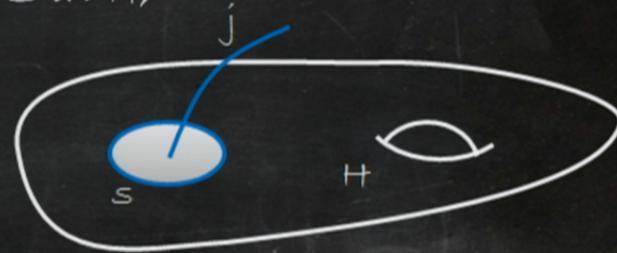
- Verlinde coefficients of  $SU(2)_k$  rational CFT ( $k=1/c$ )
- Trace of the square of the R-matrix of  $U_q(\mathfrak{su}(2))$  on  $j \otimes j'$

And they are *precisely what to expect* for a holonomy around a particle in  $SU(2)$  CS [Witten]

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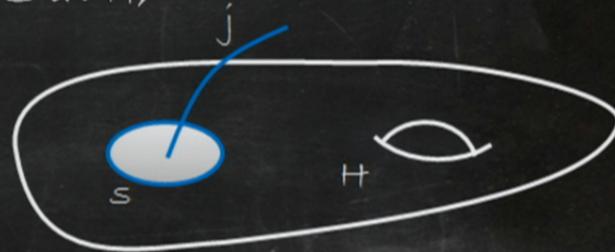
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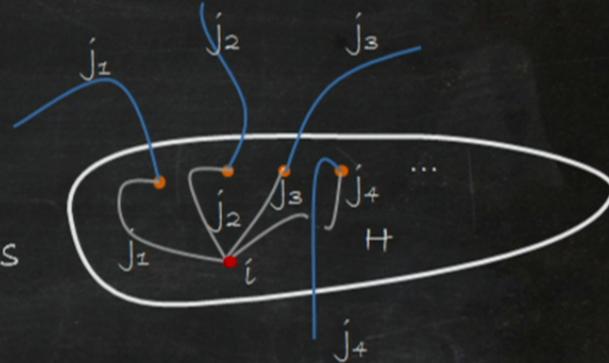
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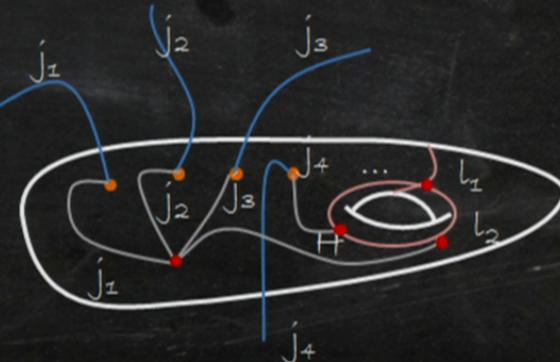
For  $S^2$  topology:

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For nontrivial topology:

- Gauge inv coupling at punctures
- for given bulk conf.  $\infty$  many surface states



In particular: would recover all the structures of the  $SU(2)$  treatment of IH (Engle et al). Theory on  $H$  has all features of  $SU(2)$  CS.

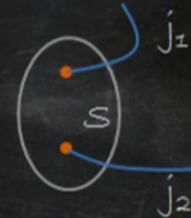
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Have a good representation for the bulk and simple loops in  $H$ .

Extension to non-simple loops? Difficult to answer due to

1) Action of  $W_S$  Complicated:

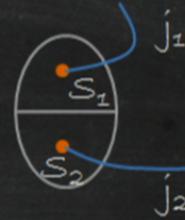
$$W_S | \cdot \rangle = \sum_k c_k | \cdot_k \rangle$$



2) There are  $\infty$  many Mandelstam identities to be satisfied, ex.

$$(\text{tr } g)(\text{tr } g') = \text{tr}(gg') \text{tr}(g(g')^{-1})$$

Have checked some things, for example



$$\text{tr}_{\frac{1}{2}}(W_{S_1}) \text{tr}_{\frac{1}{2}}(W_{S_2}) |j_1 j_2\rangle = \text{tr}_{\frac{1}{2}}(W_{S_1+S_2}) \text{tr}_{\frac{1}{2}}(W_{S_1} W_{-S_2}) |j_1 j_2\rangle$$

as it must be, but don't yet have all the necessary results.

Further question: Do we have  $SU(2)$  CS?

- DOF remaining on horizon may point to  $SU(2)$
- would be nice: 3d Euclidean quantum gravity on horizon

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☆ Thanks for your attention! ☆

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[HS+Thiemann]

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can replace holonomies under the CS path integral by  $W_S$ ,  
obtaining *relations among expectation values*:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L \operatorname{tr}_\rho(h_{\partial_s}) \rangle &= \int_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} L[A] \operatorname{tr}_\rho(h_{\partial_s})[A] e^{iS_{CS}[A]} d\mu[A] \\ &= \int_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} L[A] \operatorname{tr}_\rho(W_S) e^{iS_{CS}[A]} d\mu[A] \\ &= \int_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} (\operatorname{tr}_\rho(W_{-S})L)[A] e^{iS_{CS}[A]} d\mu[A] \\ &= \langle (\operatorname{tr}_\rho(W_{-S})L) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Enough to define linear functional in cases.