

Title: Before the Bang

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Abstract: The simplest black hole solution in asymptotic AdS spacetime, the eternal 3-dimensional BTZ black hole, is studied from the viewpoint of AdS/CFT duality. We identify a class of non-local correlators on the CFT side that allow us to generalize the notion of quantum gravity "S-matrix" to scattering inside the horizon. Since the interior of the horizon is a cosmological spacetime with a big bang/crunch-like singularity, our construction can be interpreted as identifying generally coordinate invariant observables of quantum gravity in a simple cosmology. We show in a certain precise sense, that these holographic observables lie "before the big bang" in a region of spacetime containing closed timelike curves. A central tool in our analysis is the realization of BTZ as a quotient of 3-dimensional AdS.

BEFORE THE BANG

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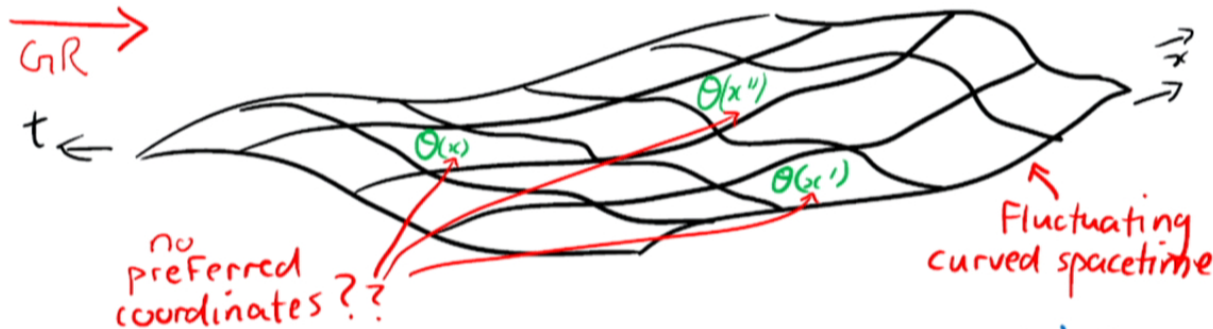
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Eg. local gauge-invariant $G_{\mu\nu}^a(x) G_{\rho\sigma}^a(x)$

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\Rightarrow no fundamental local observables
are generally coordinate invariant

GAUGE - FIXED LOCAL OPERATORS

Eg. A_μ^a : $\partial_\mu A^{a\mu} = 0$ gauge

requires solving

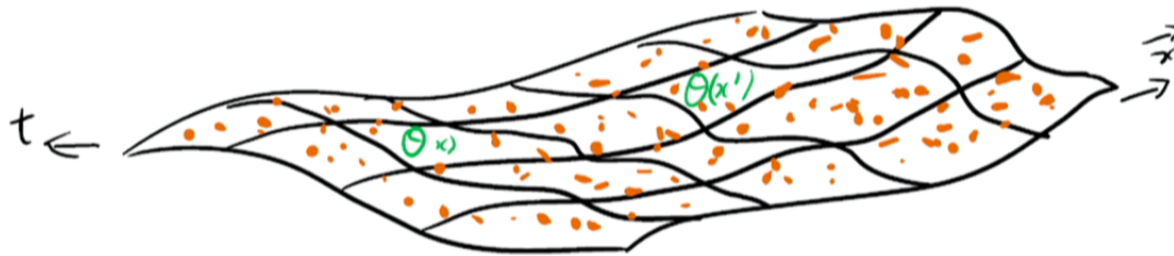
$$\partial_\mu D^\mu \omega^a = \partial_\mu \hat{A}^{a\mu} \text{ non-locally:}$$

$$\partial_\mu A_a^{\prime\mu} = 0,$$

$$\hat{A}^{a\prime\mu} \equiv \hat{A}^{a\mu} - D^\mu \omega^a$$

But only perturbatively useful

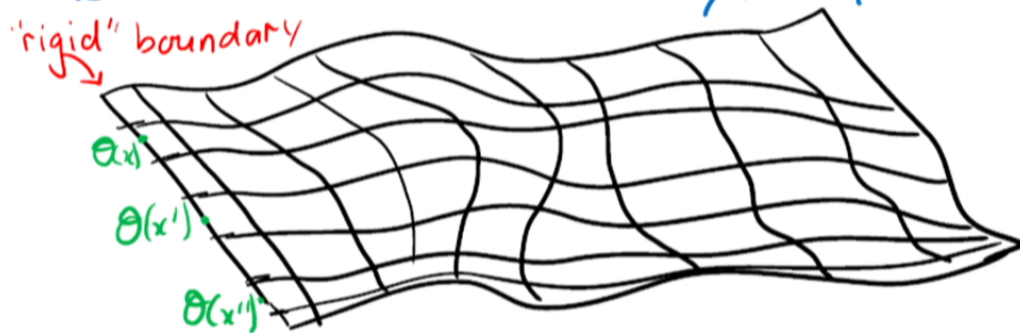
HIGGSED COORDINATE INVARIANCE & "UNITARY" GAUGE



⇒ $\langle \theta(\text{Sun}) \theta(\text{Alpha Centauri}) \rangle$

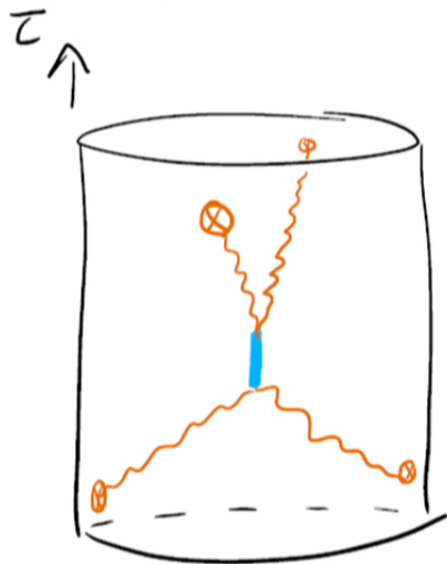
VIRTUE OF SPACETIME BOUNDARY/ASYMPTOTIC GEOMETRY

IF spacetime becomes non-dynamical
as one \rightarrow boundary/asymptotic infinity



\Rightarrow meaningful local boundary observables Eg. AdS
or asymptotic "S-matrix" Eg. Minkowski

QUANTUM GRAVITY IN AdS



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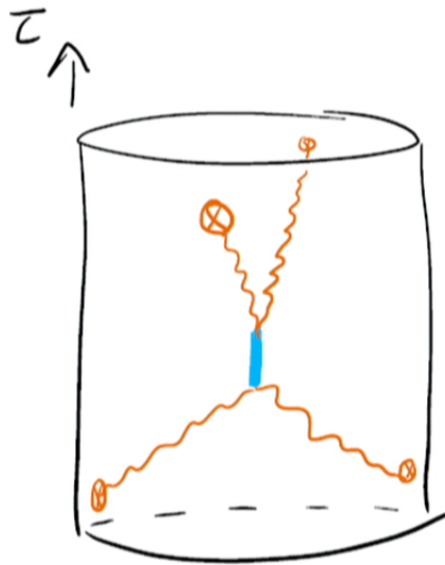
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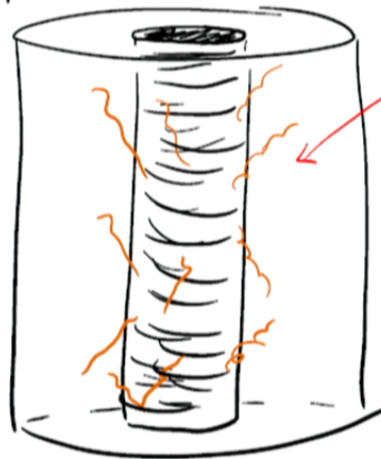
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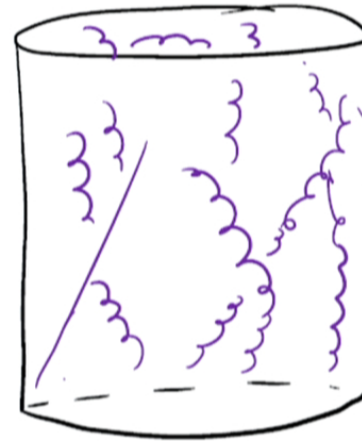
AdS Schwarzschild "eternal" Black Hole

$z \uparrow$



Hawking radiation

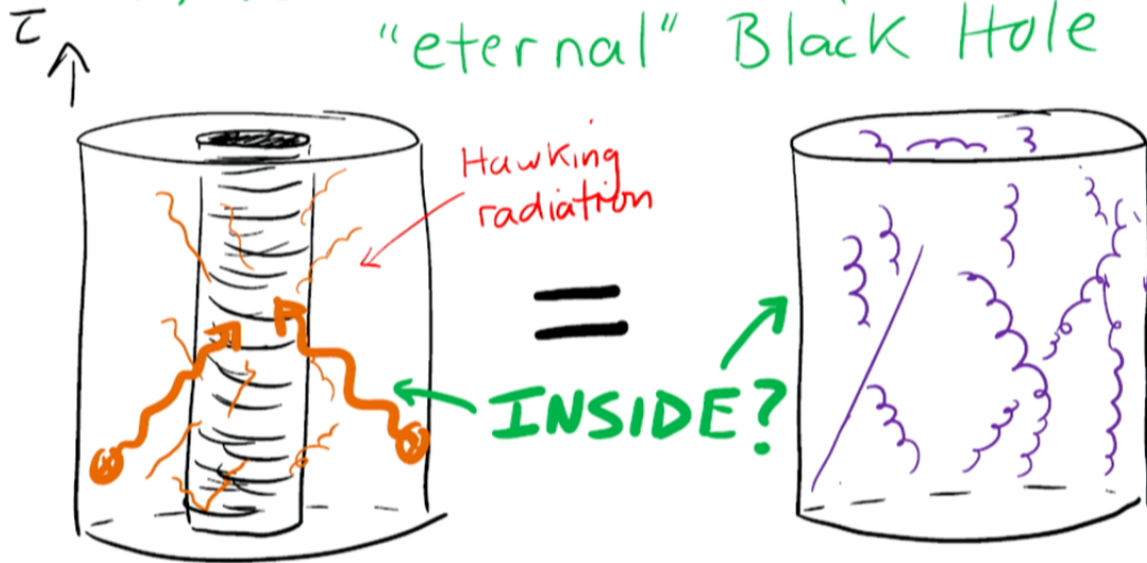
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Hot CFT $T \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds_{\text{BTZ}}^2 &= \frac{r^2 - r_s^2}{R_{\text{AdS}}^2} d\tau^2 - \frac{R_{\text{AdS}}^2}{r^2 - r_s^2} dr^2 - r^2 d\varphi^2 \quad \varphi \in (-\pi, \pi] \\
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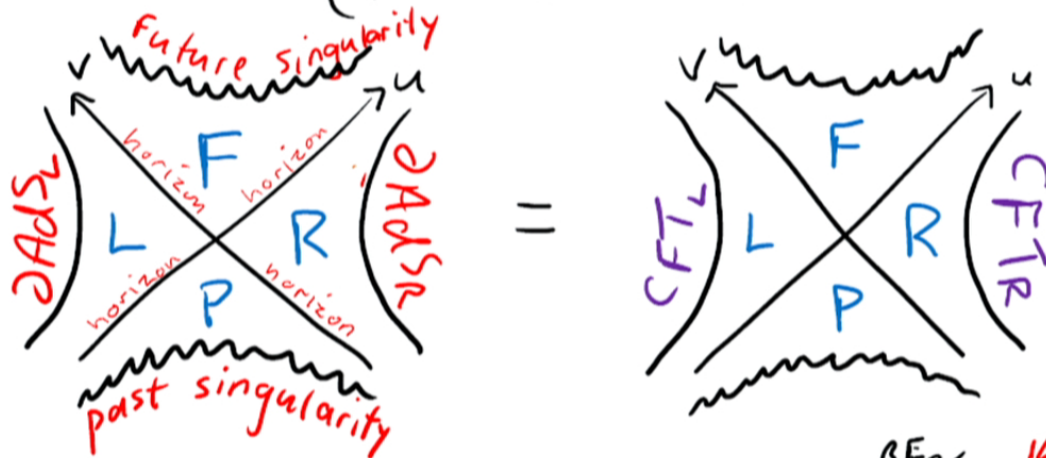


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Extended Black Hole Spacetime

$$ds^2_{\text{Kruskal}} = \frac{4du dv}{(1+uv)^2} - \left(\frac{1-uv}{1+uv}\right)^2 d\sigma^2, |uv| < 1$$

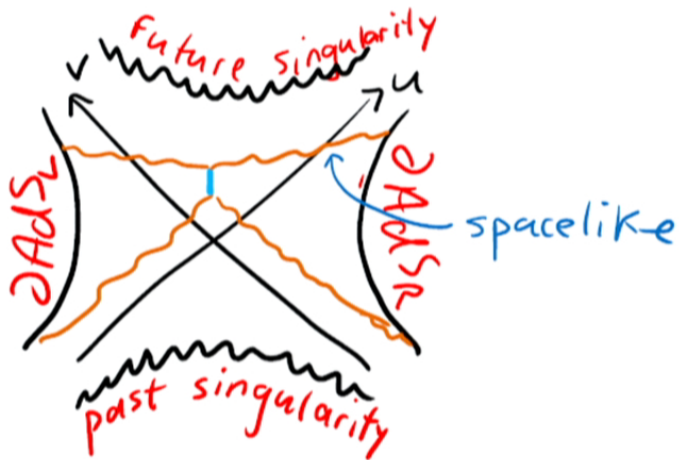


$$|\text{Hartle-Hawking}\rangle = |\psi\rangle \equiv \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |\bar{n}\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$$

$\in \text{CFT}_L \otimes \text{CFT}_R$ \swarrow CPT

Israel '76; ... Maldacena '01

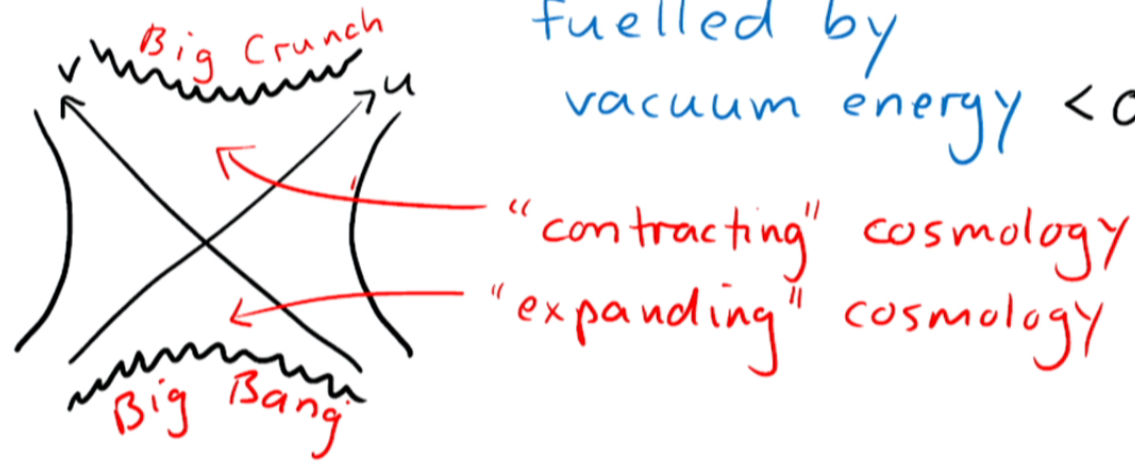
STILL CANNOT SCATTER
IN & OUT OF HORIZON "ON-SHELL"
FROM $\partial AdS_{L,R}$



\Rightarrow DIFFUSE, DIM "VIEW"
INSIDE HORIZON

Inside horizons: (Anisotropic) Cosmological Spacetimes

fuelled by
vacuum energy < 0 .



GOALS

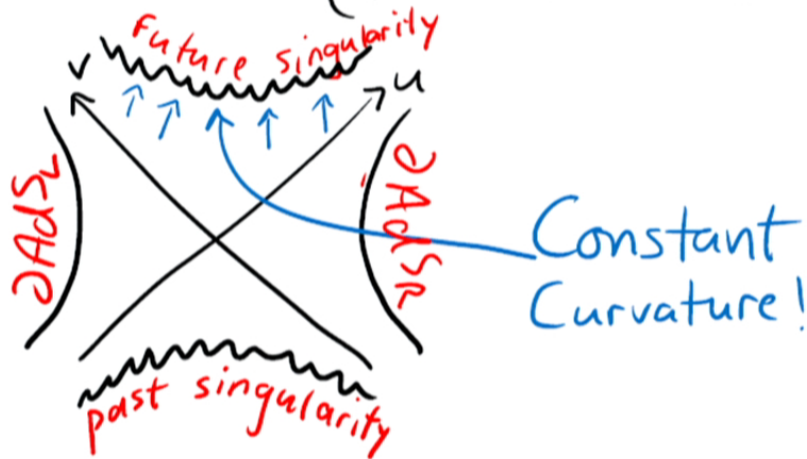
- New class of simple CFT observables to more sharply probe inside horizon of BTZ black hole, generalize quantum gravity S-matrix
- Translation of local correlations inside horizon to non-local correlations outside, where translating procedure is non-perturbative (in $1/N_{\text{CFT}}$, GR EFT, ...)

OUTLINE

- BTZ & its singularity
- BTZ/CFT & Rindler AdS/CFT
- "S-matrix" \equiv boundary correlators
behind singularity
- Finiteness of such correlators, $i\epsilon$
- $x \leftrightarrow t$ inside horizon & in CFT
- boundary correlators behind singularity
 \equiv non-local CFT correlators
- local correlators inside horizon as
non-local correlators outside

2+1 BTZ "SINGULARITY"
 NOT SO SINGULAR...

$$ds^2_{\text{Kruskal}} = \frac{4dudv}{(1+uv)^2} - \left(\frac{1-uv}{1+uv}\right)^2 d\sigma^2, |uv| < 1$$



SPACETIME CAN BE FURTHER EXTENDED
 BEYOND SINGULARITIES...

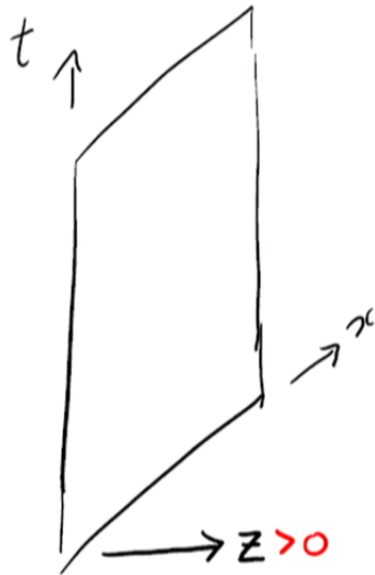
MAXIMAL EXTENSION

$$\text{BTZ} = \text{AdS}_{2+1}^{\text{global}} \Big/ \text{discrete isometry}$$

Here, we restrict to
an INTERMEDIATE EXTENSION \rightarrow Kruskal:

$$\text{BTZ} = \text{AdS}_{2+1}^{\text{Poincare}} \Big/ \text{discrete isometry}$$

AdS Poincare
2+1



global
⊂ AdS
2+1

$$ds^2 = \frac{dt^2 - dx^2 - dz^2}{z^2} R_{\text{AdS}}^2$$

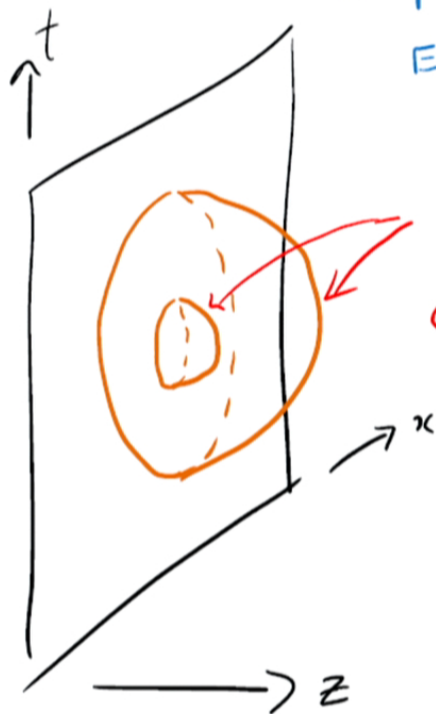
AdS boundary $z=0$
is infinitely far away,
but light can go there &
back in finite time.

BTZ BLACK HOLE

Banados, Teitelboim, Zanelli '92; Banados, Henneaux, Teitelboim, Zanelli '93

$$= \text{AdS}_{2+1}(\times \mathcal{M}) / \Gamma$$

Eg. $\mathcal{M} = S^3 \times T^4$ IIB String Theory
Maldacena, Strominger '98



identify hemispherical surfaces (same physical size)

\Rightarrow Constant curvature geometry without t-like symmetry

$$(t, x, z) \longleftrightarrow (\lambda t, \lambda x, \lambda z)$$

identify

$\Gamma \equiv$ discrete dilatation

COORDINATES

$$t + x \equiv \frac{2e^\sigma v}{1 - uv} \equiv \begin{cases} + \sqrt{1 - 1/r^2} e^{z+\sigma}, & r > 1 \\ + \sqrt{1/r^2 - 1} e^{z+\sigma}, & r < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$t - x \equiv \frac{2e^\sigma u}{1 - uv} \equiv \begin{cases} -\sqrt{1 - 1/r^2} e^{\sigma-z}, & r > 1 \\ + \sqrt{1/r^2 - 1} e^{\sigma-z}, & r < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$z \equiv \frac{1 + uv}{1 - uv} e^\sigma \equiv e^\sigma / r$$

Poincare

Kruskal

Schwarzschild

QUOTIENTING SPACETIME

Eg.



$\square =$
discrete
translations



less
symmetric
cylinder

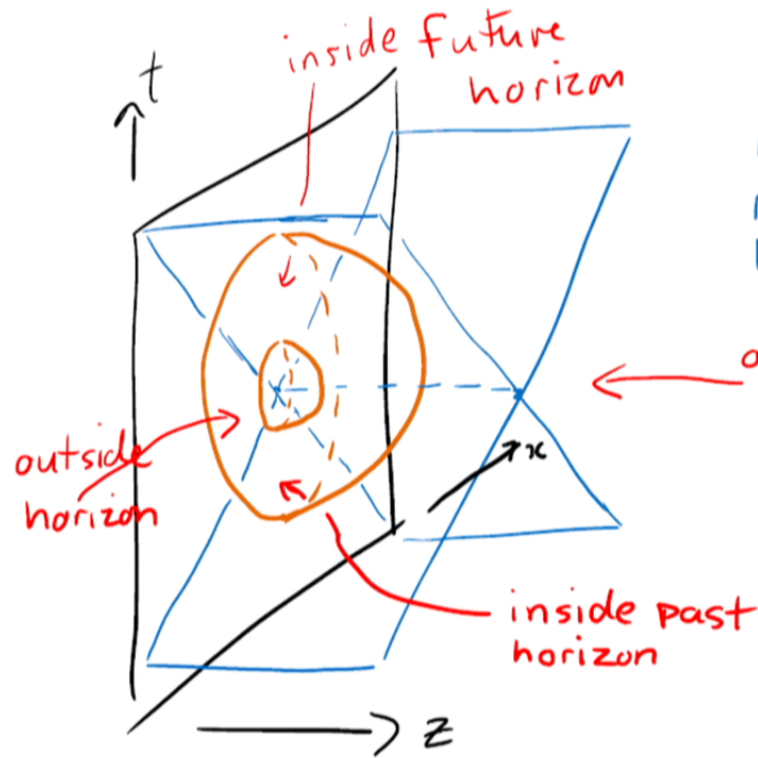
\Rightarrow PHYSICS BY METHOD OF IMAGES



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BTZ BLACK HOLE

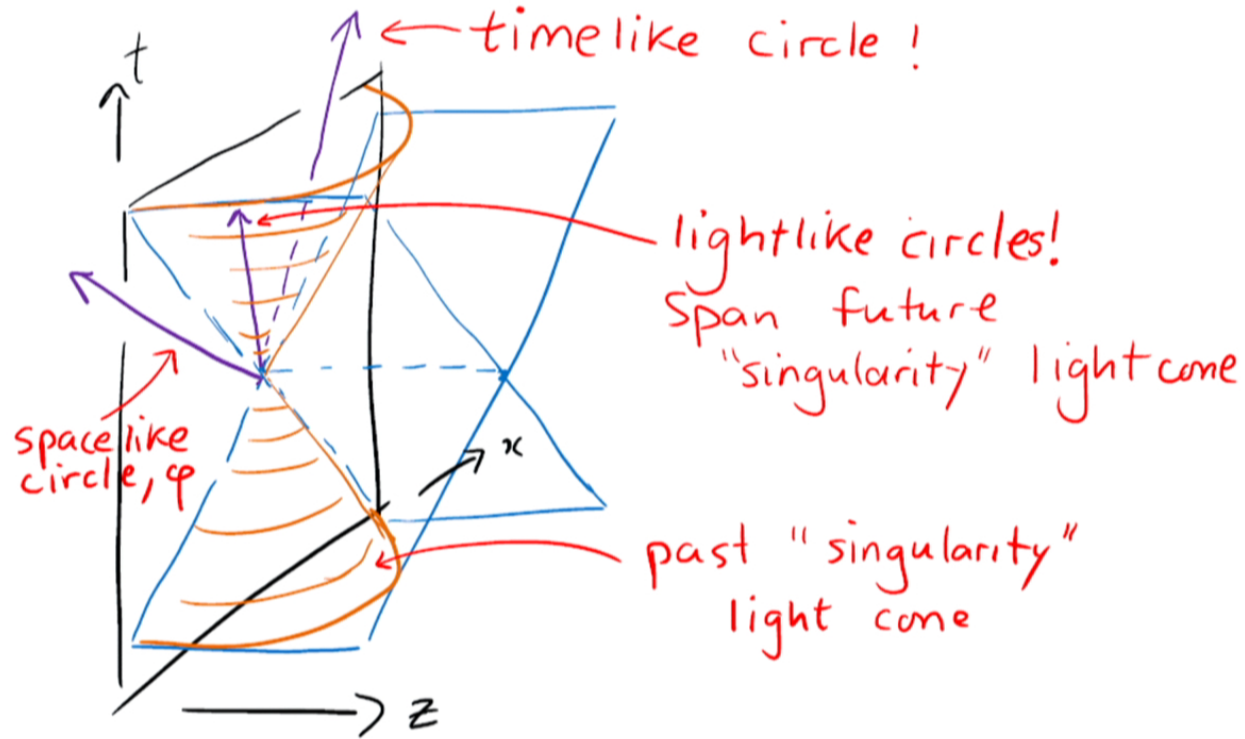


Before quotienting
we start with
mere Rindler
horizons in (warped)
Minkowski space.

outside
horizon

After quotienting
these get
"locked in"
globally to
"real" horizons.

BACK TO THE FUTURE & BACK AGAIN, &...



"Singularity" + particle = Curvature Singularity!

GR argument: Horowitz, Polchinski '02

future "singularity" lightcone

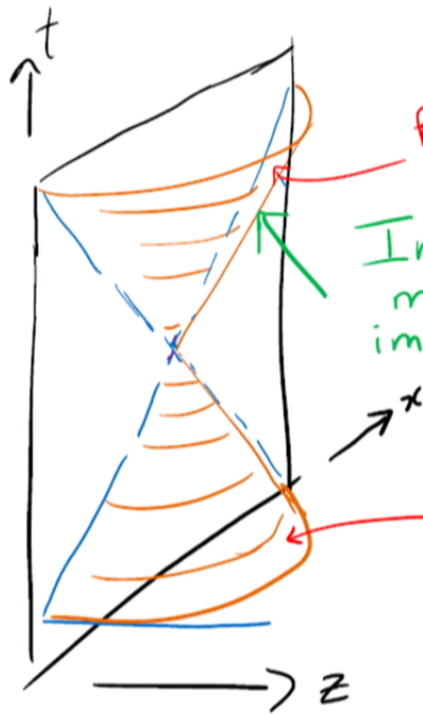
Infalling particle (+ infinitely many, arbitrarily energetic images) back reacts \rightarrow real singularity
(Curvature $\rightarrow \infty$)

past "singularity" light cone

General light circle pathologies:

Steif '94; Lifschytz, Ortiz '94;
Kay, Radzikowski, Wald '97

String scattering, backreaction: Review: Berkooz, Reichmann '07



WHY? BTZ (Scalar) GREEN'S FUNCTION

$$G_{\text{AdS}_{2+1}}(\xi), \quad \xi \equiv \frac{z z' \bar{z}}{z^2 + z'^2 + (x-x')^2 - (t-t')^2 (1-i\epsilon)}$$

↑ simple function of proper distance

$$G_{\text{BTZ}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\text{AdS}} \left(\frac{z z' \bar{z} \lambda^n}{\lambda^{2n} z^2 + z'^2 + (\lambda^n x - x')^2 - (\lambda^n t - t')^2 (1-i\epsilon)} \right)$$

images

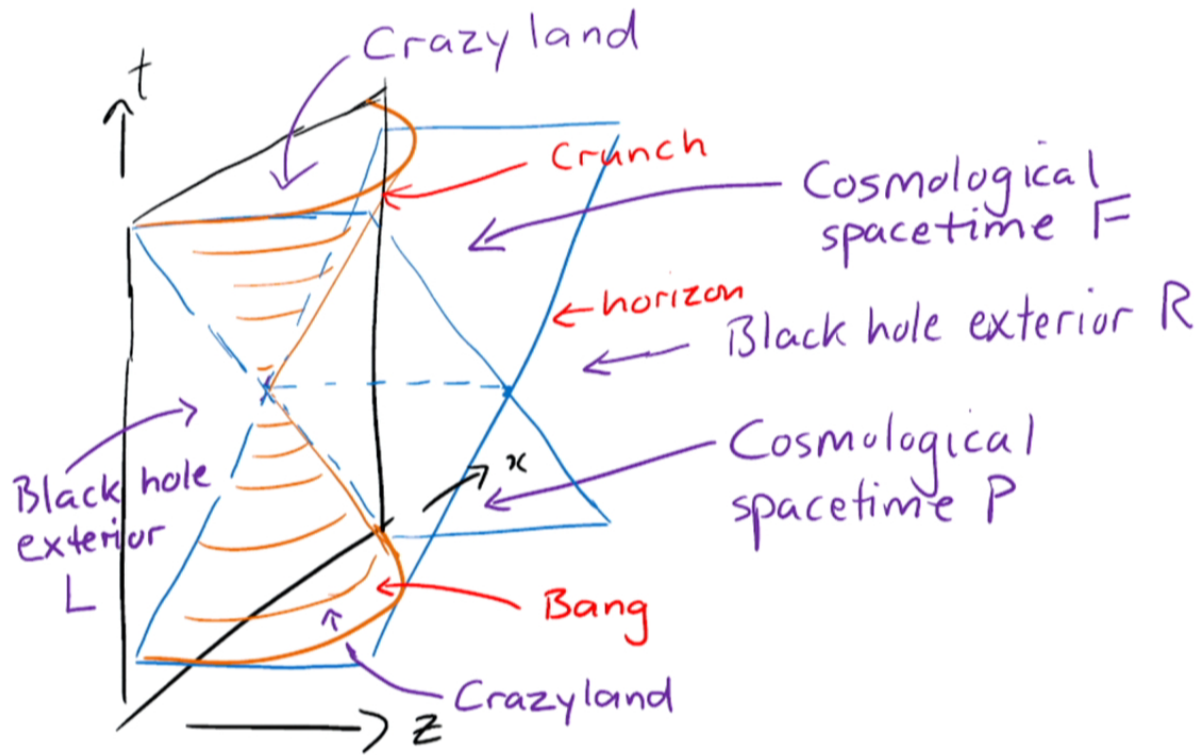
λ ≡ e^{r/s} > 1

~ λ^{-|n|} as |n| → ∞, generically

{ n-independent as n → ∞,
if z² + x² - t² = 0

→ ∞
if (t, x, z) on "singularity"
Krauss, Ooguri, Shenker '03

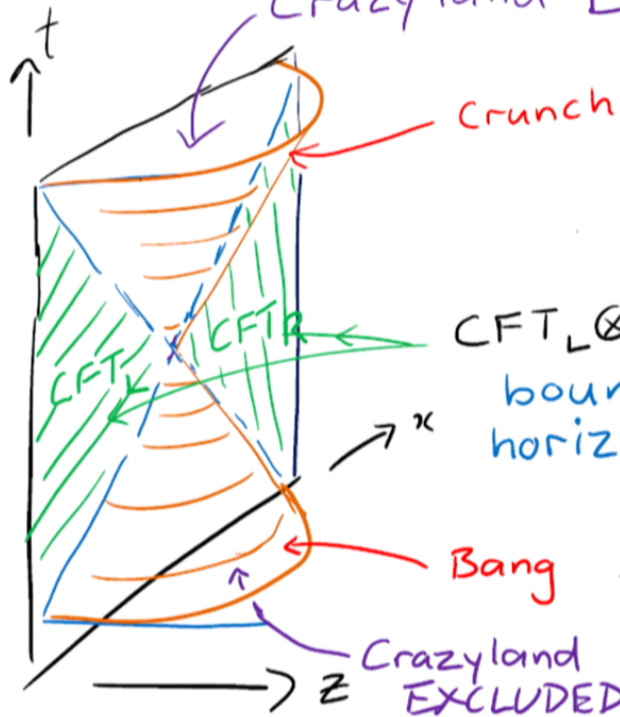
MAP OF UNIVERSE



BTZ / CFT DUALITY

Israel '76;...; Maldacena, Strominger '98;...; Maldacena '01;...

Crazyland EXCLUDED



$CFT_L \otimes CFT_R$ on $z=0$

boundary wedges outside horizon, quotiented,

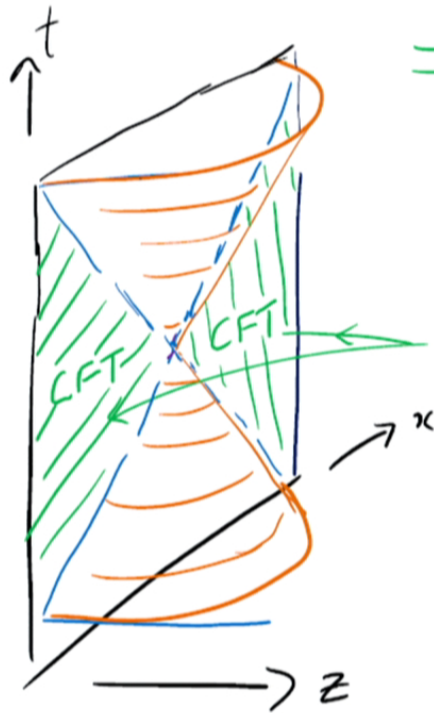
$$\equiv CFT_{\mathbb{R} \times S^1} \times CFT_{\mathbb{R} \times S^1}$$

Thermofield entangled state dual to bulk outside singularities.

← BTZ "BLACK STRING"

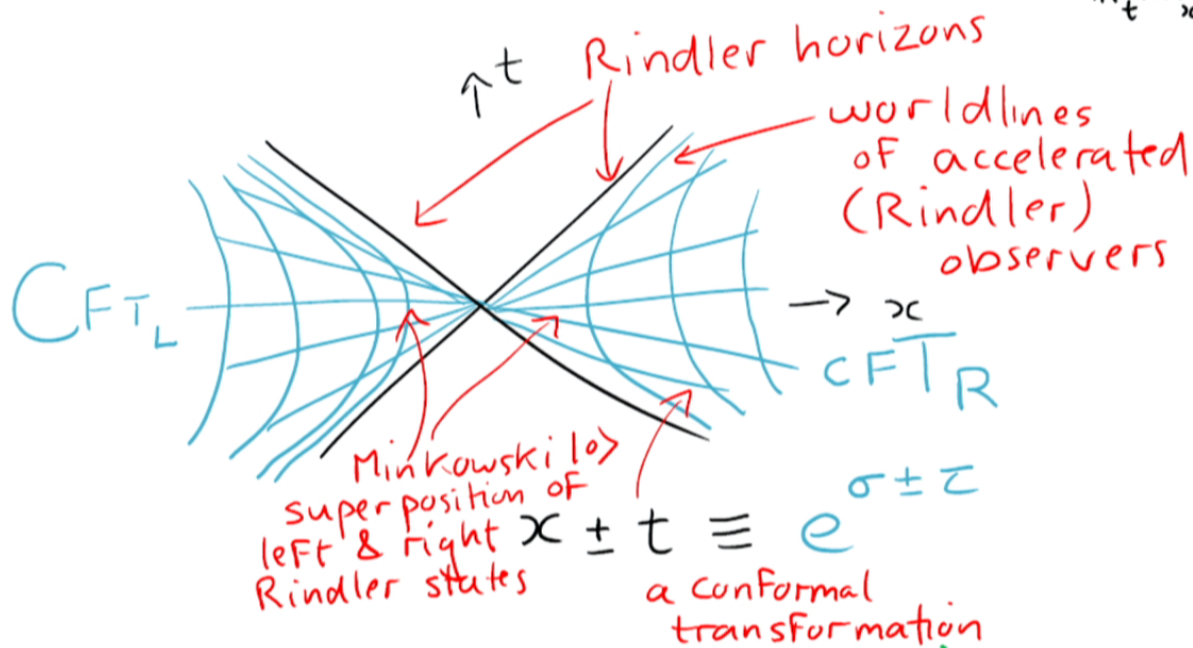
$\lambda = \infty$ (no quotienting)

= RINDLER VIEW OF
AdS Poincare



CFT quanta from different wedges are entangled in thermofield state dual to AdS quantum gravity outside (non-singular) cones.

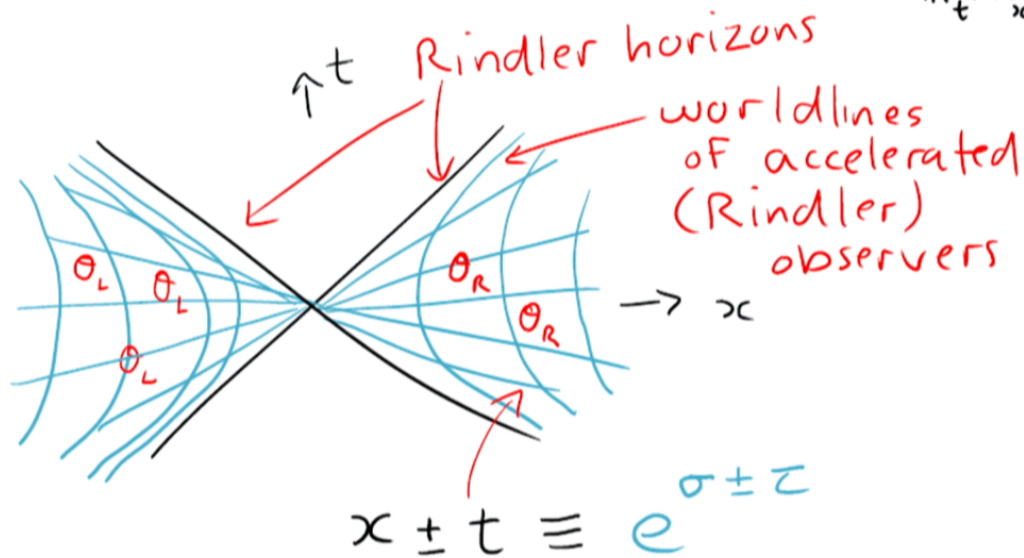
$\lambda = \infty$: RINDLER VIEW OF CFT $\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x$



Accelerating Geiger counter goes off in vacuum:

$$|0\rangle_{\text{Minkowski}} = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |\bar{n}\rangle_L \otimes |n\rangle_R$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle 0 | T_t \theta_{L_1} \dots \theta_{L_\ell} \theta_{R_1} \dots \theta_{R_r} | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_n/2} e^{-\beta E_m/2} \langle \bar{n} | T_z \theta'_{L_1} \dots \theta'_{L_\ell} | \bar{m} \rangle \langle n | T_{\bar{z}} \theta'_{R_1} \dots \theta'_{R_r} | m \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

conformal transformation

$\lambda < \infty$ BTZ BLACK HOLE
BOUNDARY CORRELATORS
in L, R exterior regions

follow by method of images

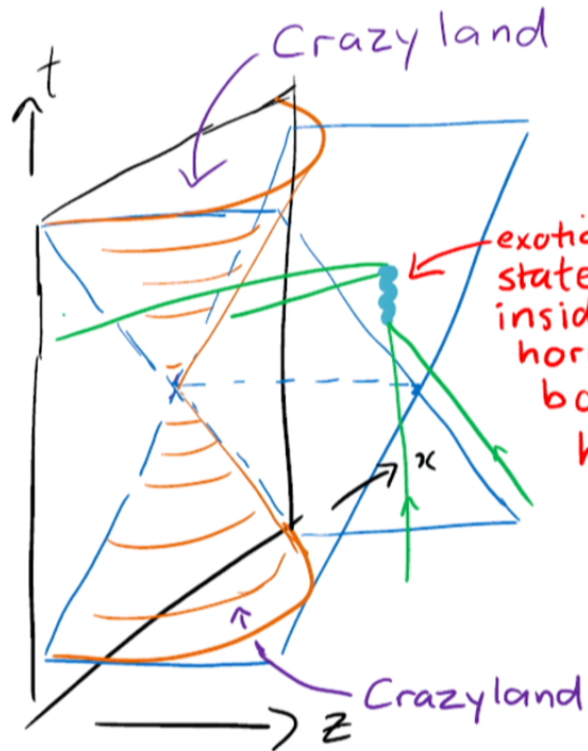
$$= \sum_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_n/2} e^{-\beta E_m/2} \langle \bar{n} | T_z \Theta_{L_1} \dots \Theta_{L_\ell} | \bar{m} \rangle \\ \times \langle n | T_z \Theta_{R_1} \dots \Theta_{R_r} | m \rangle$$

where $|n\rangle$ are energy eigenstates
of $CFT_{IR_z \times S^1_\sigma}$ ← boundary of
Schwarzschild
spacetime (τ, σ, r) .

since $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma + \ln \lambda$ under dilatations

$$\Rightarrow |\text{BTZ "vacuum"}\rangle = \sum_{\bar{n}} e^{-\beta E_{\bar{n}}/2} |\bar{n}\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$$

ONLY "OFF-SHELL" PROBES INSIDE HORIZON

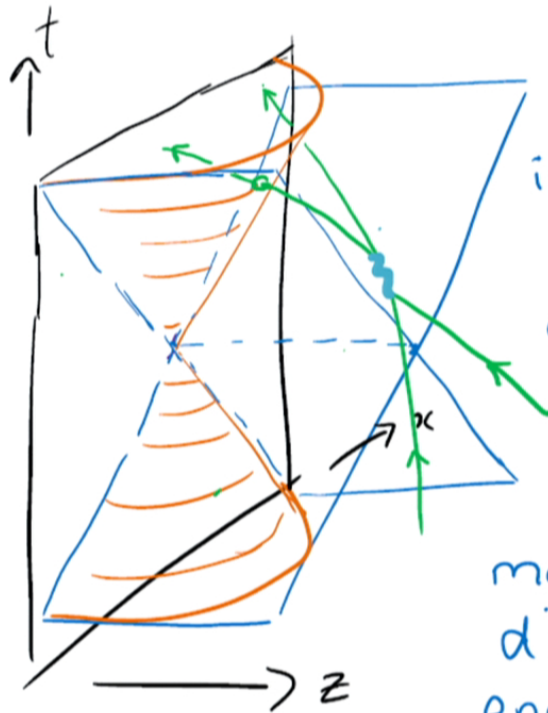


if we try to use local CFT correlators to give UV complete & diffeomorphism-invariant description horizon can connect to boundary outside horizon, but not all legs can be "on-shell".

COMPARISON WITH $\lambda = \infty$

With CFT $_{\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x}$ on all of $z=0$, Witten

diagrams can probe inside (Rindler) horizon "on-shell", by ending on boundary inside cones

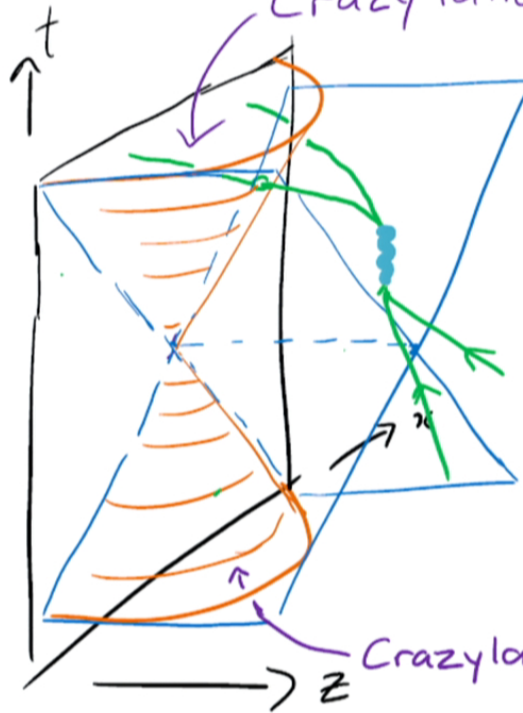


This suggests we make sense of analogous diagrams for $\lambda < \infty$ ending on Crazyland Boundary

suggests

A CENTRAL ROLE FOR CRAZYLAND $\lambda < \infty$

Crazyland after the Crunch



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Witten diagrams
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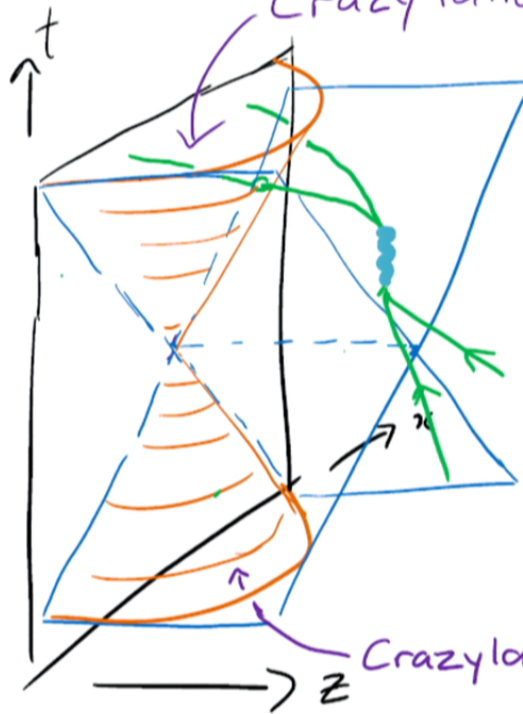
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YES, YES, YES!

MORE DIRECTLY ...

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$\varepsilon \ll 1$, but still important for large n .

\sim $\ln(x^2 + z^2 - t^2 + i\varepsilon t^2)$

$t \sim \sqrt{x^2 + z^2}$

\Rightarrow diagrams $\int_{\sqrt{x^2+z^2}}^{\infty} dt \frac{\ln^k(x^2 + z^2 - t^2 + i\varepsilon t^2)}{(x^2 + z^2 - t^2 + i\varepsilon t^2)^l}$

from derivative interactions

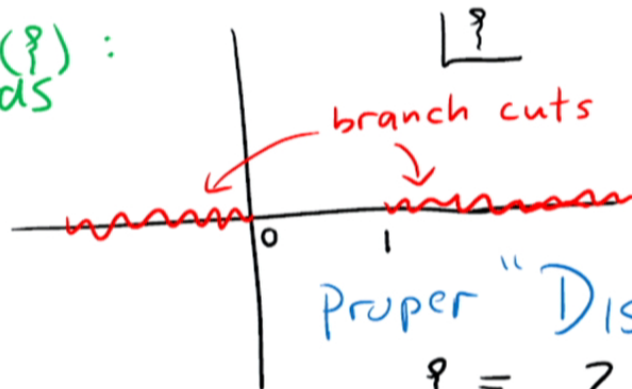
$< \infty$ due to $i\varepsilon$ c/w Kraus, Oguri, Shenker '03

Oddly, does not work with AdS^{global} $i\varepsilon$!?

MORE EFFICIENTLY...

$z > 0$ only appears in (integrated) interaction vertices of Witten diagrams.

$G_{\text{AdS}}(\varphi)$:



Proper "Distance" measure

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{z z' z}{z^2 + z'^2 + \Delta x^2 - \Delta t^2 (1 - i\epsilon)}$$

Rotate integration contour

$$z \rightarrow z e^{i\beta}, \quad 0 < \beta < \pi/2$$



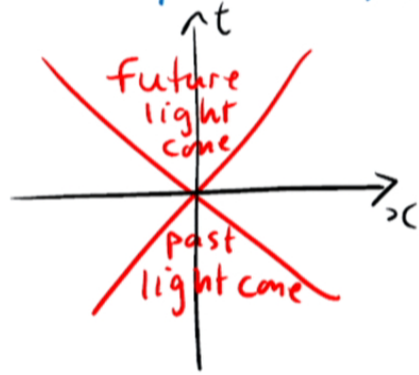
$$\{ \rightarrow \frac{z z z' e^{2i\beta}}{(z^2 + z'^2) e^{2i\beta} + \Delta x^2 - \Delta t^2}$$

$$G_{\text{BTZ}}(\{ \rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G_{\text{AdS}} \left(\frac{z z z' e^{2i\beta} \lambda^n}{(z^2 \lambda^{2n} + z'^2) e^{2i\beta} + (\lambda^n x - x')^2 - (\lambda^n t - t')^2} \right)$$

Sum converges, even at singularity $z^2 + x^2 = t^2$
Conclusion: Correlators ending near singularity diverge.
But there are cancellations for straddling correlators.

$\lambda = \infty$: SPACE & TIME TRADE PLACES IN CFT $\mathbb{R}_t \times \mathbb{R}_x$

In 1+1 dimensions, causal structure has more symmetry, $x \leftrightarrow t$



Conformally invariant physics exhibits this as an "improper" conformal symmetry

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - dx^2$$

$$\xrightarrow{x \leftrightarrow t} (-1)[dt^2 - dx^2]$$

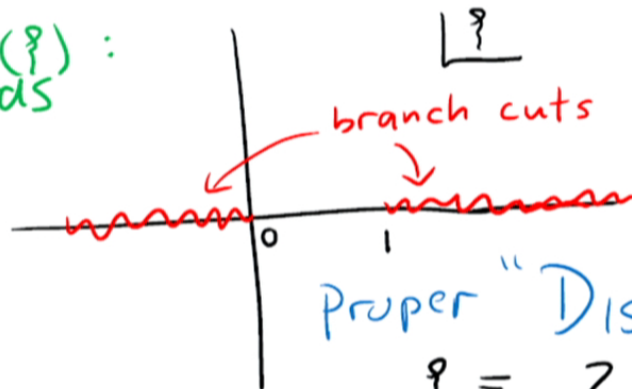
Classical example: Non-linear σ -model

$$\partial_t [k_{ij}(\vec{\chi}) \partial_t \chi_j] = \partial_x [k_{ij}(\vec{\chi}) \partial_x \chi_j]$$

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