

Title: A Celestial Matrix Model

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Abstract: We construct a Hermitian random matrix model that provides a stable non-perturbative completion of Cangemi-Jackiw (CJ) gravity, a two-dimensional theory of black holes in asymptotically flat spacetimes. The matrix model reproduces, to all orders in the topological expansion, the Euclidean partition function of CJ gravity with an arbitrary number of boundaries. The non-perturbative completion enables the exact computation of observables in flat space quantum gravity which we use to explicitly characterize the Bondi Hamiltonian spectrum. We discuss the implications of our results for the flat space S-matrix and black holes.

# A Celestial Matrix Model

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# The S-matrix & Flat Space Gravity

- ❖ Natural observable: *S-matrix*.
- ❖ t'Hooft 80's → Assume QFT valid near horizon → Black hole spectrum *continuous*.
- ❖ Differs radically from other quantum mechanical systems
- ❖ Probing black hole microstates calls for very non-perturbative gravitational effects.
- ❖ These effects are the subject of today's talk.

# The S-matrix & Flat Space Gravity

- ❖ S-matrix in QFT: “understood”, what about Quantum Gravity?
- ❖  $G_N \neq 0 \rightarrow$  backreaction, black holes, etc.
- ❖ Need for a notion of *asymptotic flatness*.
- ❖ Classically: studied by Bondi, Metzner and Sachs 60's.
- ❖ Quantization out of reach.
- ❖ Other approach: Celestial Holography.
- ❖ S-matrix  $\leftrightarrow$  Correlators of a dual theory [Strominger & al.].
- ❖ *Non-perturbative definition* of the theory.

# The S-matrix & Flat Space Gravity

- ❖ *In this talk:*
- ❖ 2d model of gravity, very simple phase space (but black holes, infinite-dim symmetry)
- ❖ S-matrix can be worked out
- ❖ Euclidean observables can be computed exactly
- ❖ Connection Lorentzian/Euclidean: interpretation in terms of asymptotic states
- ❖ Holographically dual to a matrix model
- ❖ Microscopic Bondi spectrum → signature of microstates
- ❖ Non-perturbative asymptotic Hilbert spaces/S-matrix?

# Flat Jackiw–Teitelboim Gravity

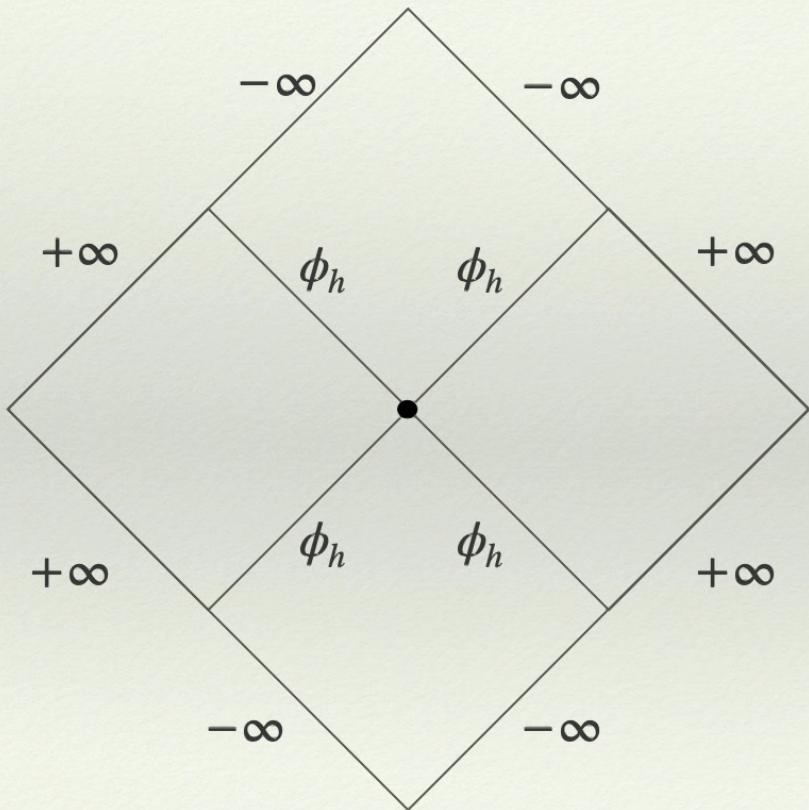
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- ❖ Einstein-Hilbert: topological.
- ❖ Simplest dilaton gravity:  $\int d^2x \sqrt{g}(\phi R - 2\Lambda).$
- ❖ Related to CGHS without matter by Weyl rescaling.
- ❖ EOM:  $R = 0, \quad \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} \square \phi = g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda.$
- ❖ Solution on disk:  $\phi(\tau, r) = \frac{\beta \Lambda r}{2\pi} + O(1).$
- ❖ Dirichlet:  $\phi \sim \gamma r \rightarrow$  temperature is fixed!  $\beta = \frac{2\pi\gamma}{\Lambda}, (\gamma \text{ dimensionful})$

# Cangemi–Jackiw Gravity

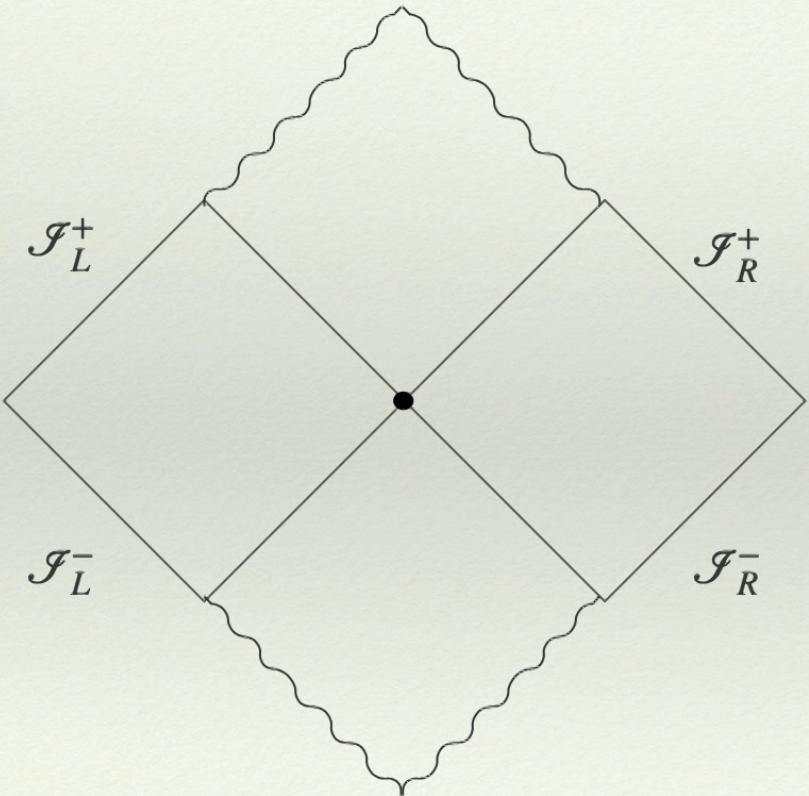
- ❖ Non-trivial  $Z(\beta)$ : make  $\Lambda$  dynamical.
- ❖ Integrate in a gauge field to ensure  $\Lambda$  constant on-shell.
- ❖ Action:  $I_{CJ} = S_0 \chi + \frac{1}{2} \int d^2x \sqrt{g} (\phi R - 2\Psi + 2\Psi F)$ ,  $F = \star dA$ ,  $S_0 \sim 1/G_N$ .
- ❖ EOM:  $R = 0$ ,  $\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} \square \phi = g_{\mu\nu} \Psi$ ,  $\Psi = cst$ ,  $F = 1$ .
- ❖ Solution space:  $ds^2 = dUdV$ ,  $\phi = \frac{\Lambda}{2} UV + \phi_h$ ,  $F = dU \wedge dV$ ,  $\Psi = \Lambda$ .
- ❖ Parametrized by  $\Lambda$  and  $\phi_h$ .

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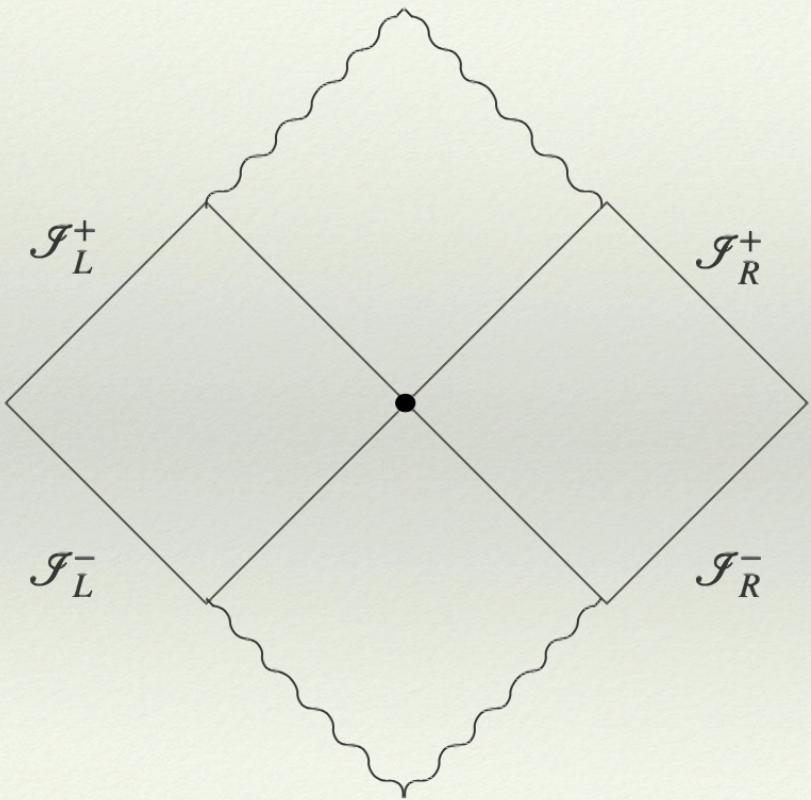
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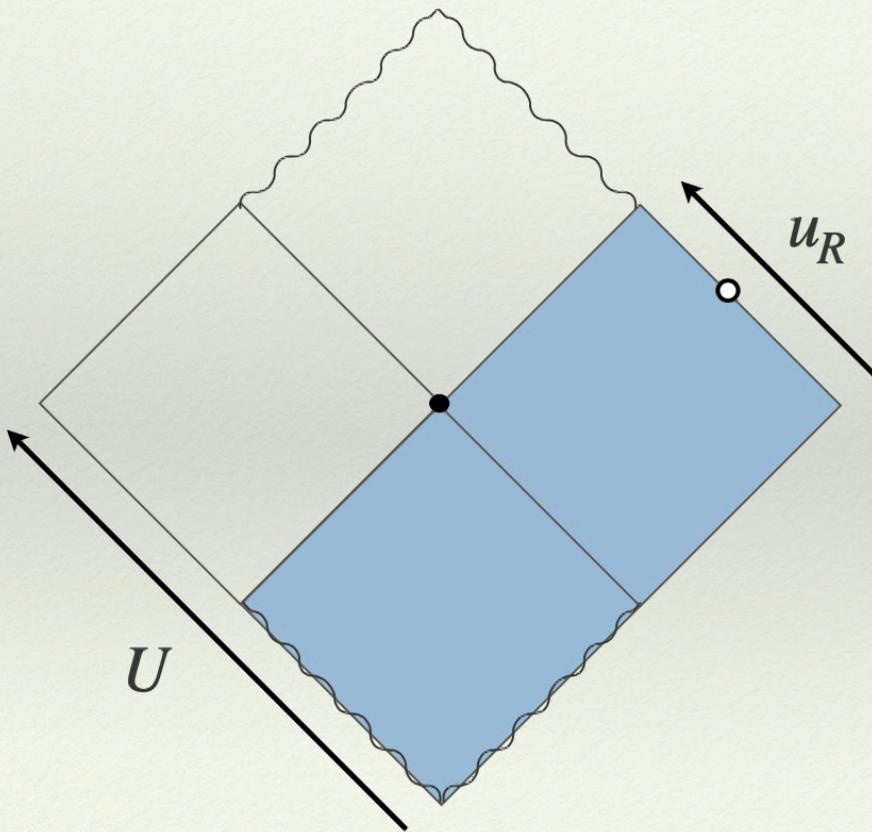
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- ❖ Same causality structure as *eternal black hole* in higher-d.
- ❖ Two disjoint universes connected by Einstein-Rosen bridge.
- ❖  $\beta_H \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda}$  and  $\phi_h$  = horizon value of dilaton.

# Cangemi–Jackiw Gravity: Phase Space



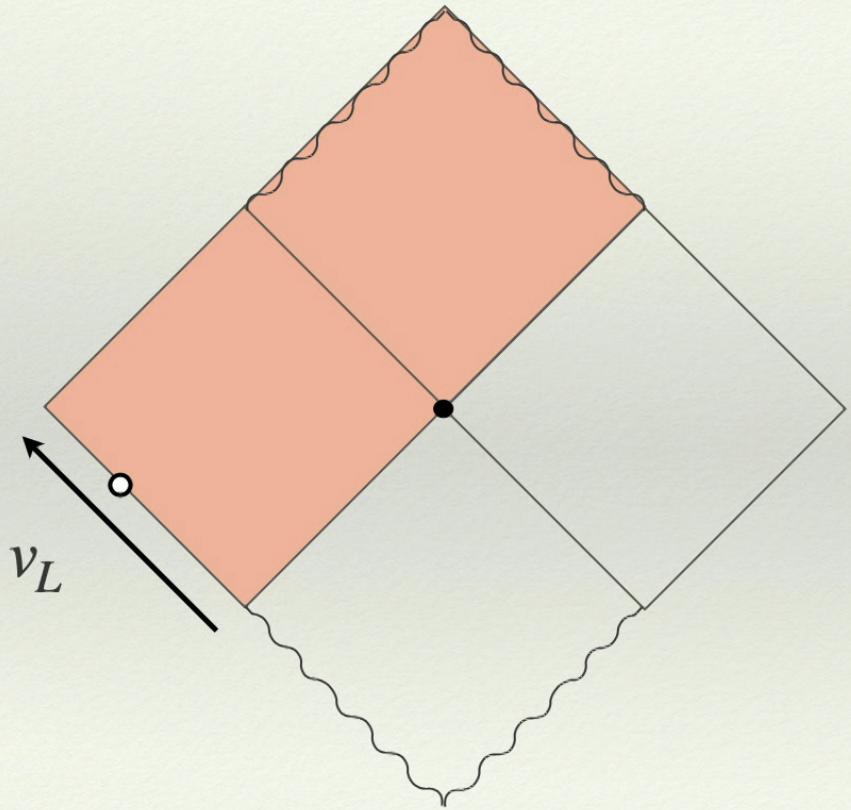
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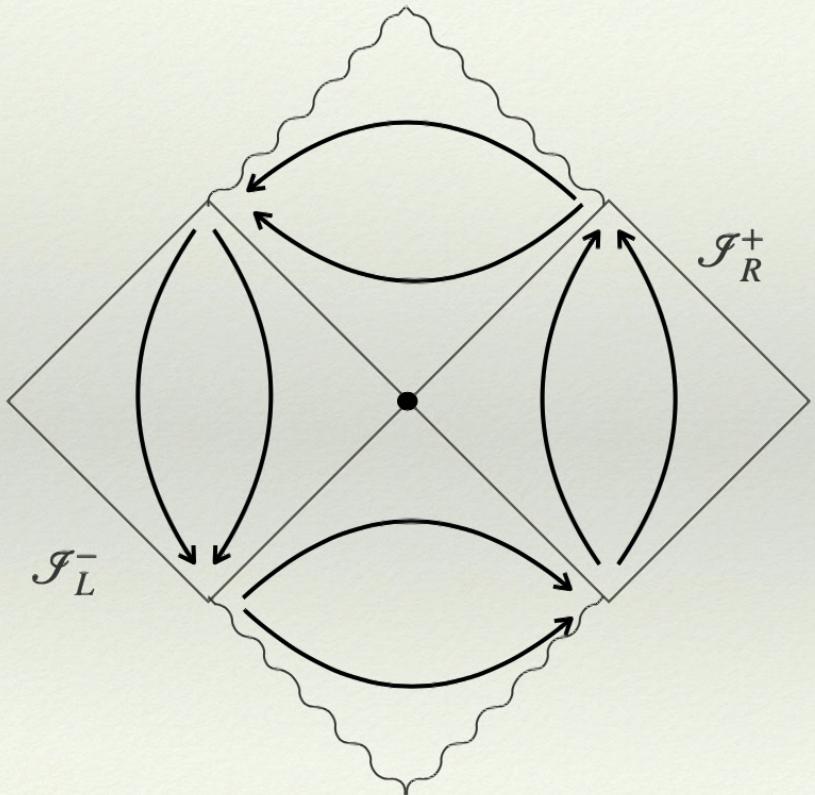
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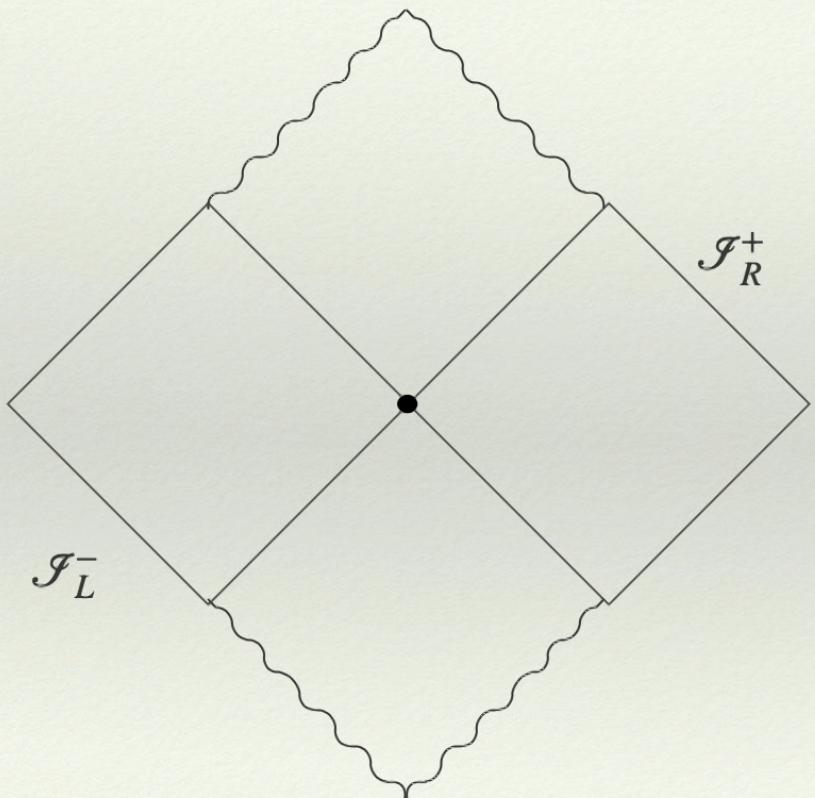
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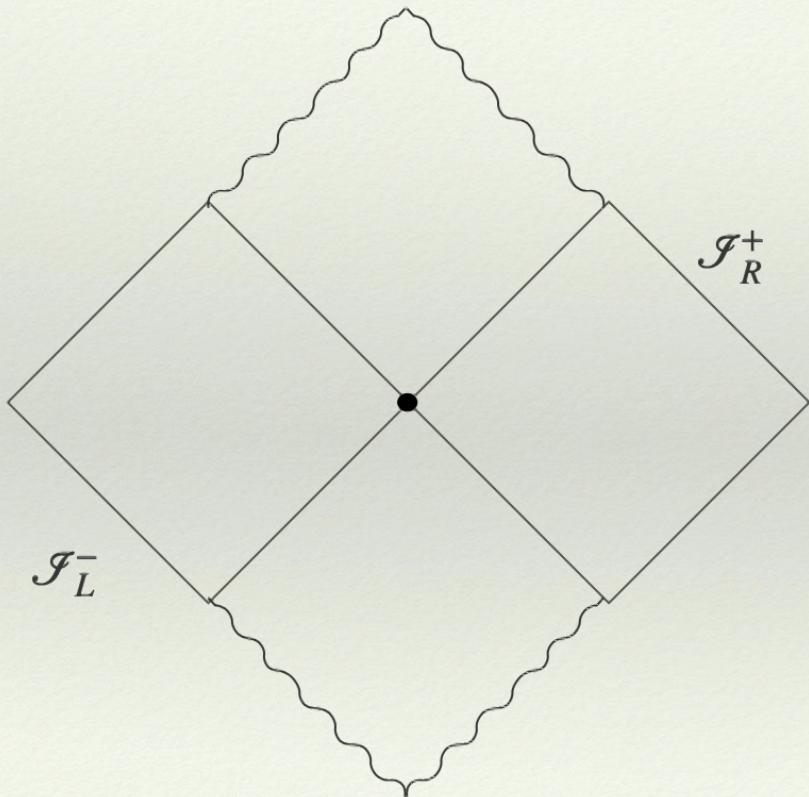
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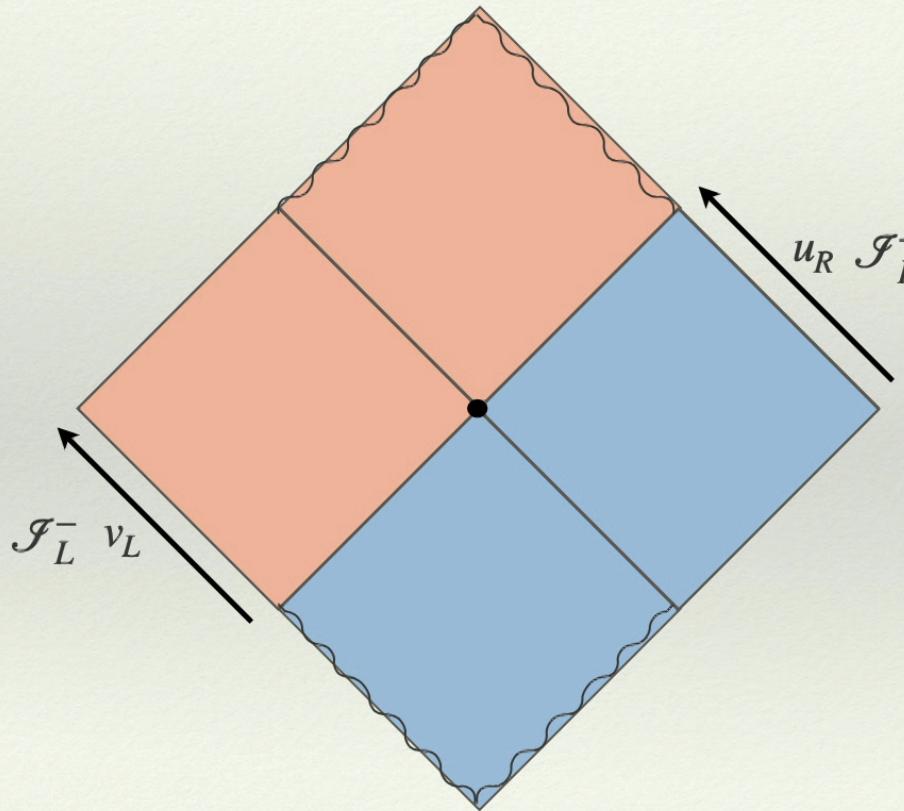
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- ❖ Symplectic form?

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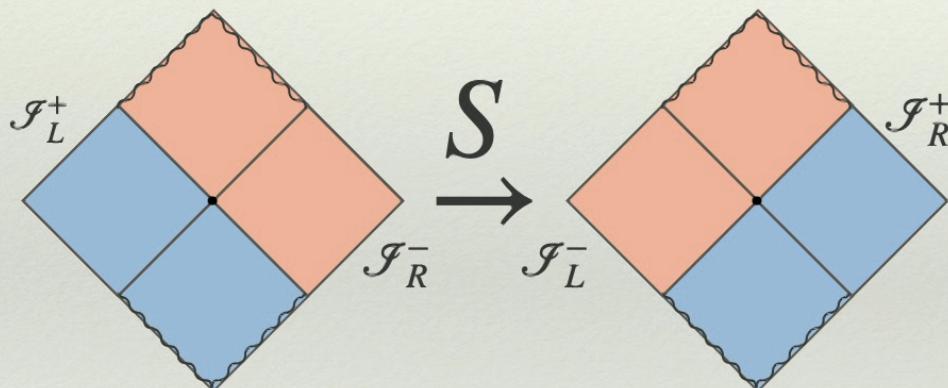
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# Cangemi–Jackiw Gravity: Classical S-Matrix



- ❖  $\omega = \delta u_{LR} \wedge \delta E + \delta g_{LR} \wedge \delta \Lambda, \quad E \equiv 2 \gamma^{-1} \Lambda \phi_h$
- ❖ Phase space associated to  $\mathcal{I}_L^- \cup \mathcal{I}_R^+$
- ❖  $\rightarrow \omega^{-+} = \delta u_{LR}^{-+} \wedge \delta E + \delta g_{LR}^{-+} \wedge \delta \Lambda$

# Cangemi–Jackiw Gravity: Classical S-Matrix



- ❖  $\omega = \delta u_{LR}^0 \wedge \delta E + \delta g_{LR} \wedge \delta \Lambda, \quad E \equiv 2\gamma^{-1}\Lambda \phi_h$
- ❖ Phase space associated to  $\mathcal{J}_L^- \cup \mathcal{J}_R^+ \rightarrow \omega^{-+}$
- ❖ Second copy associated to  $\mathcal{J}_L^+ \cup \mathcal{J}_R^- \rightarrow \omega^{+-}$
- ❖ Classical S-matrix = symplectomorphism
- ❖  $S^*(\omega^{+-}) = \omega^{-+}$
- ❖ Corresponds to a matching of ingoing and outgoing Wilson lines

$$S : (u_{LR}^{+-}, g_{LR}^{+-}, E, \Lambda) \rightarrow (u_{LR}^{-+}, g_{LR}^{-+}, E, \Lambda)$$

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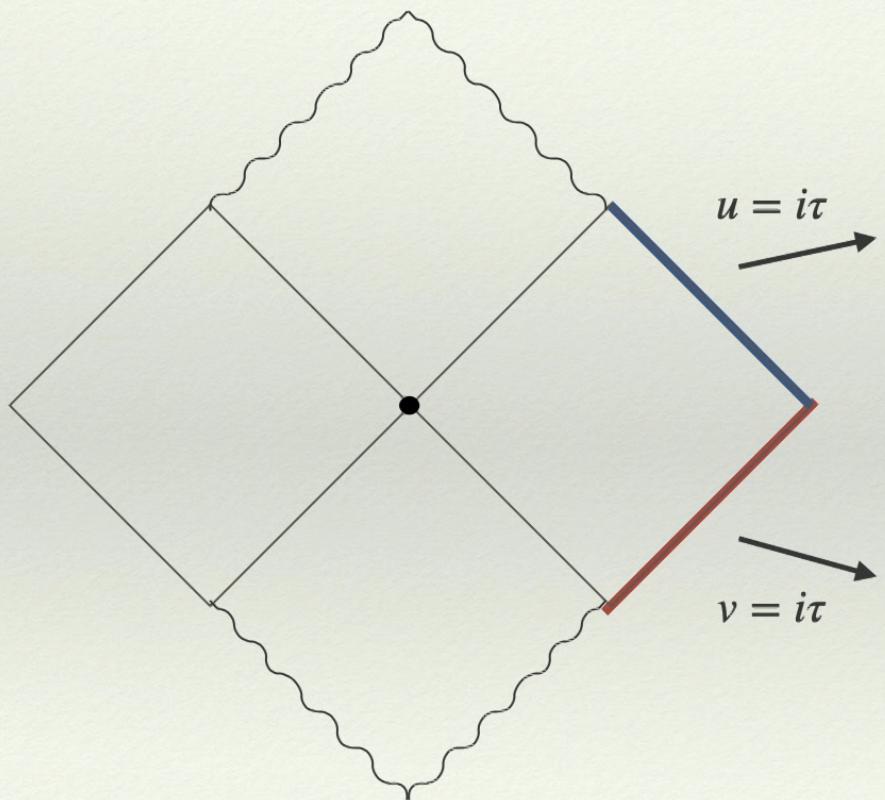
- ❖ Most general S-matrix? We define  $x = (u_{LR}, g_{LR})$  and  $p = (E, \Lambda)$ ,

$$\exists K(p_1^{-+}, p_2^{-+}) \text{ such that } \begin{aligned} S : p_i^{+-} &\rightarrow p_i^{-+} \\ x_i^{+-} &\rightarrow x_i^{-+} + \partial_{p_i^{-+}} K \end{aligned}$$

- ❖ Quantum mechanically  $p_i^{+-} = p_i^{-+}$ ,  $\partial_{p_i^{+-}} = \partial_{p_i^{-+}} + i\partial_{p_i^{-+}} K$
- ❖ S-matrix is nothing but a **trivial** diagonal phase redefinition

$$|p_1, p_2\rangle^{-+} = \exp[-iK(p_1, p_2)] |p_1, p_2\rangle^{+-}$$

# Euclidean Path Integral



$$ds^2 = \frac{4\pi r}{\beta} d\tau^2 - 2id\tau dr$$

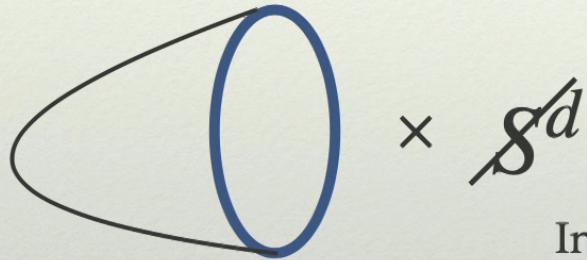
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2 inequivalent disks

$$\tau \sim \tau + \beta$$

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Euclidean black hole in higher-d

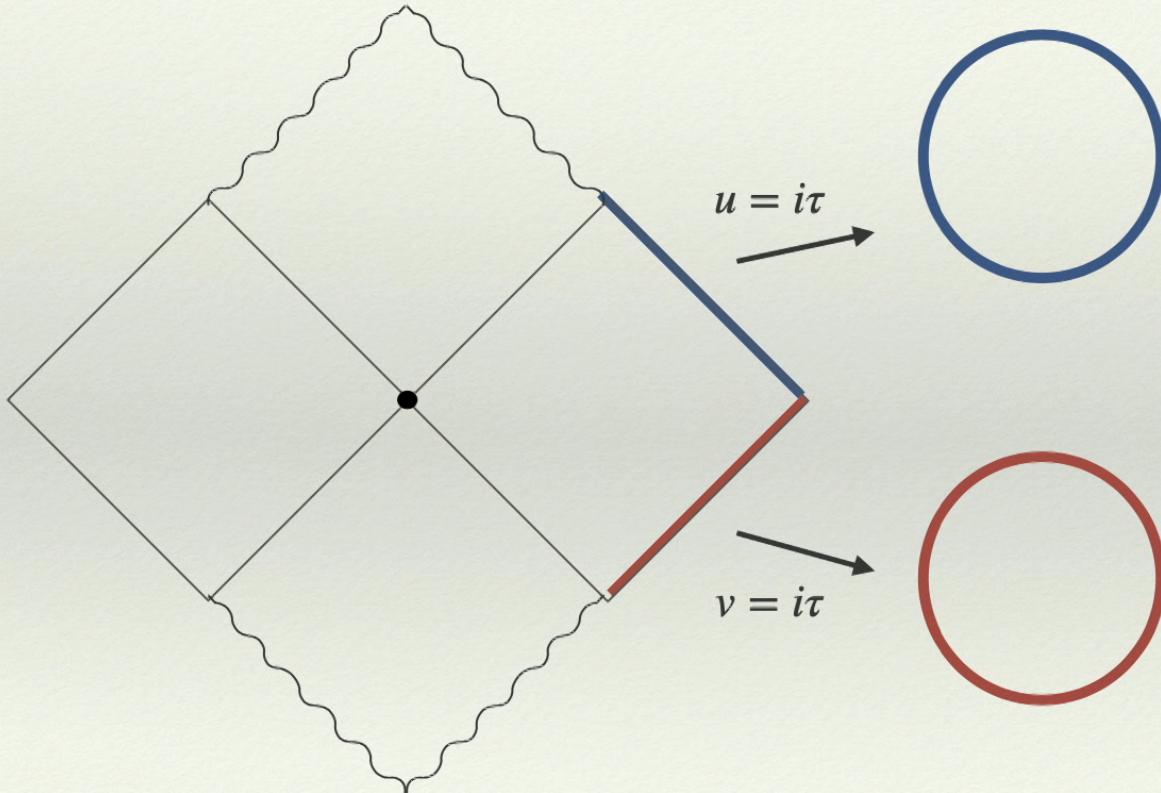


In 2d it's a disk

Disk = saddle point of Euclidean path integral

$$Z_{grav}(\beta) = \int D\Phi e^{-I_{CJ}} \sim e^{-I_{disk}}$$

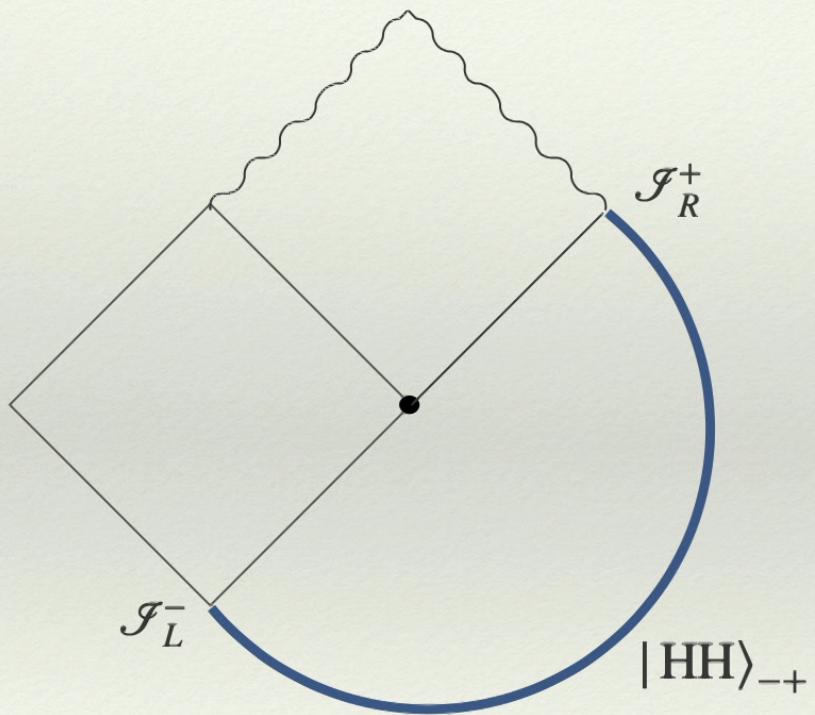
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$$Z_{grav}^+(\beta) = \text{Tr } e^{-\beta H^+}$$

$$Z_{grav}^-(\beta) = \text{Tr } e^{-\beta H^-}$$

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$$|\text{HH}\rangle_{-+} \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{I}_L^- \cup \mathcal{I}_R^+}$$

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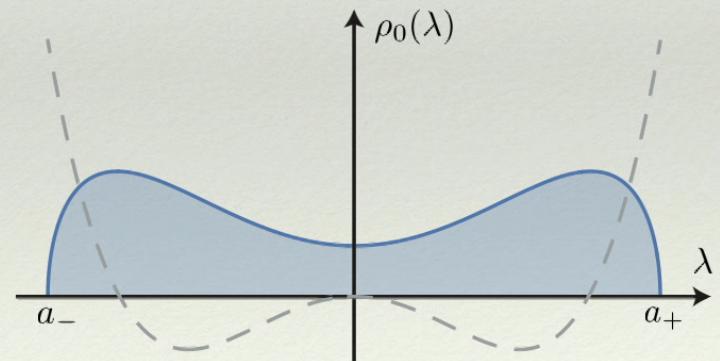
- ❖ Simplicity of the model:  $Z_{grav}^\pm(\beta)$  can be computed exactly.
- ❖ Need to define off-shell configurations:
- ❖  $\tau \rightarrow f(\tau), A \rightarrow A + dg(\tau), (f, g) \in \text{BMS}_2 \simeq \text{Warped Virasoro}$ .
- ❖ Off-shell metric:  $2(P(\tau)r + T(\tau))d\tau^2 + 2id\tau dr$ , where  $\tau \sim \tau + \beta$ ,  $P(\tau) = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}f' - \frac{f''}{f}, T = \dots$
- ❖ Becomes boundary path integral  $Z_{grav}^\pm(\beta) = \int DfDg e^{-I_\partial[f, g]}$ .
- ❖ Where  $I_\partial(f, g)$  breaks  $\text{BMS}_2 \rightarrow ISO(1, 1) \times \mathbb{R}$

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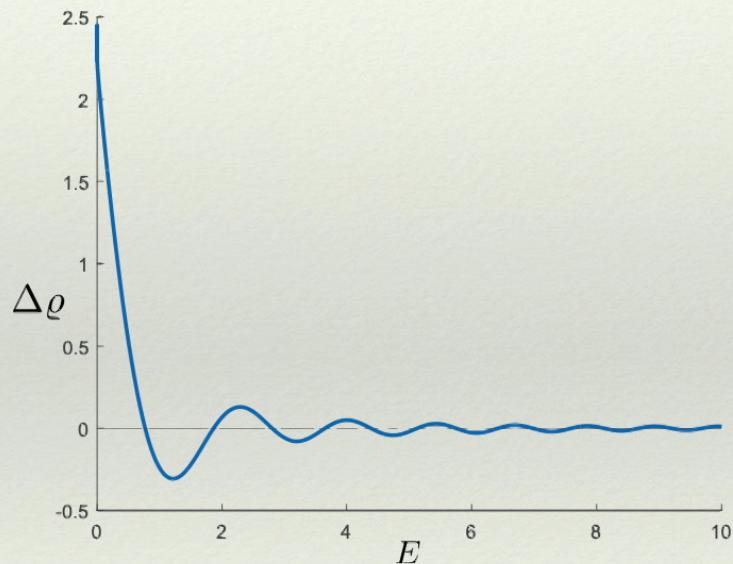
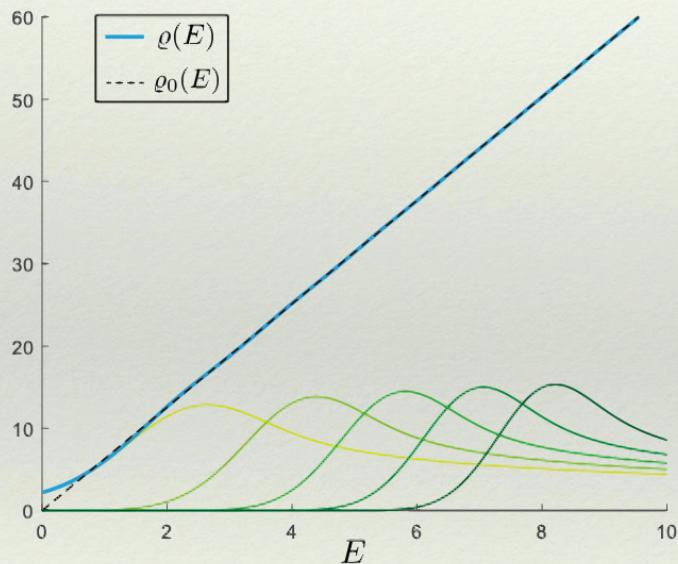
- ❖ Result:  $Z^\pm(\beta) = \frac{e^{S_0}}{\beta^2} \leftrightarrow \rho^\pm(E) = e^{S_0}E \sim O(e^{1/G_N})$ .
- ❖ Non-perturbative in  $G_N$  but *perturbative* in  $1/\#\text{microstates} \sim e^{-S_0}$
- ❖ Multiple boundaries? Only cylinder:  $Z^\pm(\beta_1, \beta_2) = \frac{1}{\beta_1 + \beta_2} = \beta_1 \circlearrowleft \beta_2$
- ❖  $Z^\pm(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) = 0, n > 2$

# Celestial Matrix Model

- ❖ Our proposal: non-perturbative effects captured by *Matrix Model*.
- ❖ Replace  $Z_{grav}^\pm(\beta) \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{O}^\pm(\beta) \rangle_{MM}$ , with  $\langle \dots \rangle_{MM} = \int dM e^{-N\text{Tr}V(M)}$ , square Hermitian matrices
- ❖  $V(M) = -M^2 + \frac{1}{4}M^4$  (critical)
- ❖  $\mathbb{O}^\pm(\beta) = \text{Tr}e^{-\beta H^\pm}$ ,  $H^\pm = M^2 \otimes \mathbb{I} + \mathbb{I} \otimes \hat{p}$ .
- ❖ Double scaling limit  $a_\pm \rightarrow \infty$
- ❖  $\langle \mathbb{O}^\pm(\beta) \rangle_{MM} = \frac{e^{S_0}}{\beta^2} + O\left(e^{-e^{S_0}}\right)$ .



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Frequency of oscillations  $\sim e^{-S_0}$

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  - ❖ *In the paper:* proposal for how to use Matrix Model to construct non-perturbative asymptotic Hilbert spaces and S-matrix elements.
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