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Abstract: We explore the physical consequences of embedding Einstein gravity with negative cosmological constant in Conformal Gravity in four dimensions. In the bulk, the procedure is equivalent to Holographic Renormalization, as the Einstein-AdS action appears augmented by the correct boundary counterterms. In codimension-2, 4D Conformal Gravity induces a 2D conformal invariant, which leads to a renormalized area for minimal surfaces attached to the conformal boundary. For arbitrary surfaces, this proposal reproduces other energy functionals as Willmore Energy and Reduced Hawking Mass. In particular, this procedure provides a more geometric approach to the computation of Holographic Entanglement Entropy for CFTs dual to 4D Einstein gravity.

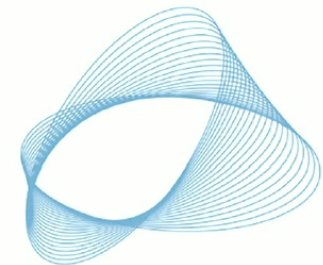
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Outline



Energy Functionals as Codimension-2 Structures

Membranes, bubbles and Holographic Entanglement Entropy

Renormalized Action/Volume in AdS gravity

Holographic Renormalization

Renormalized Area

From a Renormalized Action

Renormalized Area

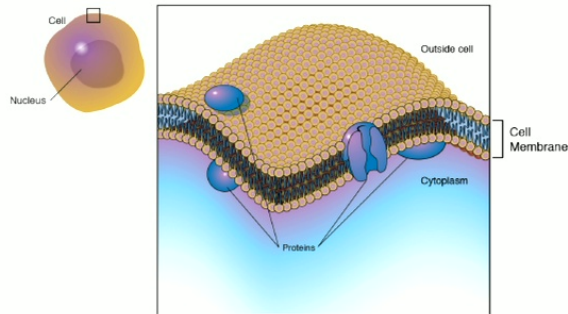
From Einstein gravity + Topological Term

(Generalized) Renormalized Area

From Conformal Gravity

Energy functionals

Membranes in biological systems



Soap bubbles



Willmore Energy

Functional defined on compact and orientable 2D surfaces immersed in \mathbb{R}^3

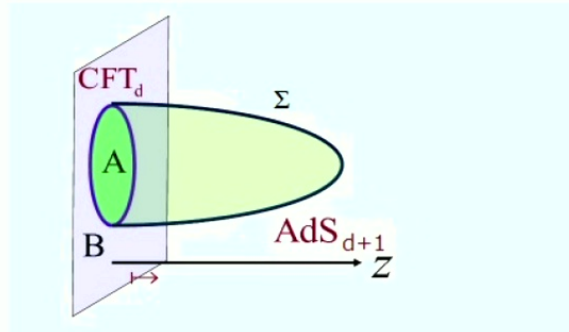


In terms of the (spatial) mean curvature

$$\mathcal{W}[\Sigma] = \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} H^2$$

Energy functionals

Holographic Entanglement Entropy from Minimal Surface [Ryu-Takayanagi, 2006]



HEE from a Cosmic Brane [Lewkowycz-Maldacena, 2013]

Black Hole Entropy [Solodukhin, 1993] [Banados, Teitelboim, Zanelli, 1994]

$$S = - \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \partial_{\alpha} I_{\text{grav}}^{(\alpha)}$$

Renormalized Volume: Black Hole Thermo in AdS gravity



Euclidean static black hole metric

$$ds^2 = f^2(r)d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f^2(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_{D-2}^2, \quad f^2(r) = 1 - \frac{2\omega_D G_N M}{r^{D-3}} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}$$

Einstein-AdS gravity

$$I_{EH} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_M d^D x \sqrt{-g} (R - 2\Lambda), \quad \Lambda = -\frac{(D-1)(D-2)}{2\ell^2}$$

Gibbs free energy $G = TI^E$

$$TI_{bulk}^E = \frac{(D-3)}{(D-2)} M - TS + \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(S^{D-2})}{8\pi G_N} \frac{r^{D-1}}{\ell^2}$$

Counterterms in AdS gravity



Holographic Renormalization [Henningson and Skenderis, 1998]

$$I_{\text{ren}} = I_{EH} - \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{\partial M} d^d x \sqrt{-h} K + \int_{\partial M} d^d x L_{ct}(h, \mathcal{R}, \nabla \mathcal{R})$$

Counterterms [Balasubramanian-Kraus, 1999], [Emparan, Johnson, Myers, 1999]

$$\begin{aligned} 8\pi G_N L_{ct} = & \frac{d-1}{\ell} \sqrt{-h} + \frac{\ell \sqrt{-h}}{2(d-2)} \mathcal{R} + \frac{\ell^3 \sqrt{-h}}{2(d-2)^2(d-4)} \left(\mathcal{R}^{ab} \mathcal{R}_{ab} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} \mathcal{R}^2 \right) \\ & + \frac{\ell^5 \sqrt{-h}}{(d-2)^3(d-4)(d-6)} \left(\frac{3d-2}{4(d-1)} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{R}^{ab} \mathcal{R}_{ab} - \frac{d(d+2)}{16(d-1)^2} \mathcal{R}^3 \right. \\ & \left. - 2\mathcal{R}^{ac} \mathcal{R}^{bd} \mathcal{R}_{abcd} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} \nabla_c \mathcal{R} \nabla^c \mathcal{R} + \nabla^c \mathcal{R}^{ab} \nabla_c \mathcal{R}_{ab} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Energy functionals



Bulk gravity action evaluated in conical defects

$$I_{\text{EH}}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x \sqrt{g} R^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} R + \frac{(1-\alpha)}{4G_N} \mathcal{A}[\Sigma]$$

Area Functional (codimension-2)

$$\mathcal{A}[\Sigma] = \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma}$$

HEE dual to Einstein gravity (Minimal surface $\mathcal{K} = 0$)

$$S = \frac{1}{4G_N} \mathcal{A}[\Sigma_{\text{min}}]$$

Renormalized Area/HEE



Area Functional is divergent in AAdS spaces

\mathcal{A}_{ren} from Renormalized Bulk Action [Taylor-Woodhead, 2016]

$$S_{\text{ren}} = - \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \partial_{\alpha} I_{\text{ren}}^{(\alpha)}$$

Renormalized AdS Action $I_{\text{ren}}^{(\alpha)}$ (Holographic Renormalization)
[de Haro-Skenderis-Solodukhin, 2000]

Topological Terms in 4D AdS gravity



Renormalization with Kounterterms [RO, 2005]

$$\tilde{I}_{\text{ren}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} (R - 2\Lambda) + \frac{\ell^2}{64\pi G_N} \int_{\partial M} d^3x B_3$$

$$B_3 = 4\sqrt{h} \delta_{b_1 b_2 b_3}^{a_1 a_2 a_3} K_{a_1}^{b_1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}_{a_2 a_3}^{b_2 b_3}(h) - \frac{1}{3} K_{a_2}^{b_2} K_{a_3}^{b_3} \right)$$

Euler Theorem

$$\int_M d^4x GB = 32\pi^2 \chi[M] + \int_{\partial M} d^3x B_3$$

$$GB = \sqrt{g} (Ric^2 - 4Ric^2 + 1R^2)$$

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Renormalized Action = Renormalized Volume



Black Hole Thermodynamics

$$T I_{bulk}^E = \frac{M}{2} - TS + \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(S^2) r^3}{8\pi G \ell^2}$$

Euclidean Counterterms

$$T c_3 \int_{\partial M} B_3 = \frac{M}{2} - \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(S^2) r^3}{8\pi G \ell^2}$$

Black Hole Thermo OK

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Boundary conditions in AdS gravity



Fefferman-Graham expansion for AAdS Einstein spaces

$$ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} dz^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} g_{ab}(x, z) dx^a dx^b, \quad g_{ab}(x, z) = g_{(0)ab}(x) + z^2 g_{(2)ab}(x) + \dots$$

Dirichlet b.c. $\delta h_{ab} = 0$ does not make sense in AAdS spaces
[Papadimitriou and Skenderis, 2004]

$$h_{ab} = \frac{g_{(0)ab}}{z^2} + \dots$$

Renormalization = variational problem in $g_{(0)ab}$

$$\delta I_{ren} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial M} \sqrt{-g_{(0)}} T^{ab}[g_{(0)}] \delta g_{(0)ab}$$

Kounterterms and Holography



Asymptotic form of the extrinsic curvature

$$K_{ab} = \frac{1}{\ell} \frac{g_{(0)ab}}{z^2} + \dots$$

Counterterms of a different sort...

$$\tilde{I}_{ren} = I_{EH} + c_d \int_{\partial M} d^d x B(f(h), K)$$

...as long as the theory is *holographic*

$$\delta \tilde{I}_{ren} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial M} \sqrt{-g_{(0)}} \tau^{ab} \delta g_{(0)ab}$$

From extrinsic to intrinsic renormalization in 4D



Adding zero...

$$\tilde{I}_{\text{ren}} = I_{EH} - \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{\partial M} d^3x \sqrt{-h} K + \int_{\partial M} d^3x L_{ct}.$$

Fefferman-Graham expansion

$$K_b^a = \frac{1}{\ell} \delta_b^a - \ell S_b^a(h) + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{R}^2), \quad S_b^a(h) = \frac{1}{d-2} (\mathcal{R}_b^a(h) - \frac{1}{2(d-1)} \delta_b^a \mathcal{R}(h))$$

Kounterterms turn into counterterms

$$L_{ct} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \sqrt{-h} \left(\frac{2}{\ell} + \frac{\ell}{2} \mathcal{R}(h) \right).$$

Renormalized AdS Action



For a fixed GB coupling

$$I_{\text{ren}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[(R - 2\Lambda) + \frac{\ell^2}{4} (R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2) \right] - \frac{\pi\ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[M]$$

GB coupling is also singled out by SUSY [Andrianopoli, D'Auria, 2014]

Addition of Topological Terms = Holographic Renormalization in 4D [Miskovic, RO, 2009]

Addition of Topological Terms = Holographic Renormalization in $D = 2n$ (for ACF spaces) [Anastasiou, Miskovic, RO, Papadimitriou, 2020]

Curvature-squared terms and conical defects



Riemann squared term

$$\int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(Ric^{(\alpha)} \right)^2 = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} Ric^2 + 8\pi (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left(R_{AB}^{AB} - \mathcal{K}_{ij}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)}^{ij} \right) + \dots$$

Ricci squared term

$$\int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(Ric^{(\alpha)} \right)^2 = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} Ric^2 + 4\pi (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left(R_A^A - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)} \right) + \dots$$

Ricci scalar squared term

$$\int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(R^{(\alpha)} \right)^2 = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} R^2 + 8\pi (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Sigma} \sqrt{\gamma} \left(R_{AB}^{AB} + \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{K}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)} + \mathcal{K}_{ij}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)}^{ij} \right) + \dots$$

[Fursaev-Patrushev-Solodukhin, 2013]

Renormalized Area from Topological Terms



Renormalized Area (Holographic Renormalization, 2018)

$$S_{\text{ren}} = -\partial_{\alpha} I_{\text{ren}}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{A_{\text{ren}}[\Sigma]}{4G_N}$$

Renormalized AdS action and conical defects



Gauss-Bonnet term

$$\int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x GB^{(\alpha)} = \int_M d^4x GB + 8\pi (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \mathcal{R}$$

Euler characteristic

$$\chi [M^{(\alpha)}] = \chi [M] + (1 - \alpha) \chi [\Sigma]$$

Renormalized AdS action

$$I_{\text{ren}}^{(\alpha)} = I_{\text{ren}} + \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{4G_N} \left(\mathcal{A} [\Sigma] + \frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \mathcal{R} - 2\pi \ell^2 \chi [\Sigma] \right)$$

Renormalized Area from Topological Terms



Renormalized HEE [Anastasiou-Araya-R0, 2018]

$$S_{\text{ren}} = -\partial_{\alpha} I_{\text{ren}}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{ren}}[\Sigma]}{4G_N}$$

Renormalized Area [Alexakis-Mazzeo, 2010]

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ren}}[\Sigma] = \frac{\ell^2}{4} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \delta_{ij}^{km} \left(\mathcal{R}_{km}^{ij} + \frac{1}{\ell^2} \delta_{km}^{ij} \right) - 2\pi \ell^2 \chi[\Sigma]$$

It removes divergences from the anchoring points to the conformal boundary
(for surfaces anchored orthogonally)

Renormalized Area

Volume Renormalization \implies Area Renormalization

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It measures the deviation respect to a constant-curvature surface



For surfaces of constant curvature, HEE is purely topological

$$S_{\text{ren}} = -\frac{\pi \ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[\Sigma]$$

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Motivation



\mathcal{A}_{ren} is not finite for surfaces anchored to the boundary at an arbitrary angle.

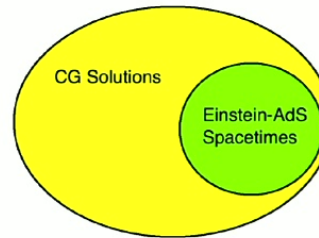
\mathcal{A}_{ren} is not conformally invariant.

Renormalization and Conformal Invariance in codimension-2

Conformal Renormalization

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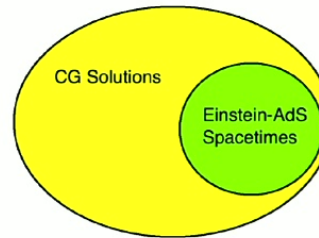
Embedding Einstein theory in Conformal Gravity



- Why?: Conformal Gravity is finite for AAdS conditions. [Grumiller et al., 2013]
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Renormalized AdS Action



Renormalized AdS action = MacDowell-Mansouri action (1977)

$$I_{\text{ren}} = \frac{\ell^2}{256\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{-g} \delta_{[\mu_1 \dots \mu_4]}^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_4} \left[R_{\nu_1 \nu_2}^{\mu_1 \mu_2} + \frac{\delta_{\nu_1 \nu_2}^{\mu_1 \mu_2}}{\ell^2} \right] \left[R_{\nu_3 \nu_4}^{\mu_3 \mu_4} + \frac{\delta_{\nu_3 \nu_4}^{\mu_3 \mu_4}}{\ell^2} \right] - \frac{\pi \ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[M]$$

General Weyl tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} = R_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} - (S_{\mu}^{\alpha} \delta_{\nu}^{\beta} - S_{\mu}^{\beta} \delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} - S_{\nu}^{\alpha} \delta_{\mu}^{\beta} + S_{\nu}^{\beta} \delta_{\mu}^{\alpha})$$

Weyl tensor for Einstein spaces

$$W_{(E)\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} = R_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\ell^2} \delta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}$$

Renormalized AdS Action



Renormalized action for Einstein spaces

$$I_{\text{ren}} = \frac{\ell^2}{64\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} W_{(E)\mu\nu\alpha\beta} W_{(E)}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - \frac{\pi\ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[M]$$

Renormalized action is a sector of Conformal Gravity

Einstein Gravity from Conformal Gravity in 4D



Einstein gravity from CG with Neumann bc's [Maldacena, 2011]

$$I_{CG} = \alpha \int_{\dot{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} W_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} W^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - \frac{\pi\ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[M]$$

EOM for Conformal Gravity

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \nabla^\lambda C_{\mu\nu\lambda} + S^{\lambda\sigma} W_{\lambda\mu\sigma\nu} = 0, \quad C^\mu_{\nu\lambda} = \nabla_\nu S^\mu_\lambda - \nabla_\lambda S^\mu_\nu$$

Fefferman-Graham expansion for AAdS spaces in CG

$$ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{z^2} dz^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} g_{ab}(x, z) dx^a dx^b, \quad g_{ab}(x, \rho) = g_{(0)ij}(x) + z^2 g_{(2)ab}(x) + \dots \\ + z g_{(1)ab}(x) + \dots$$

Einstein spaces: holographic prescription



Einstein-AdS spaces

$$S_{\nu}^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{2\ell^2}\delta_{\nu}^{\mu}, \quad C_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 0, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Traceless Ricci tensor

$$H_{\nu}^{\mu} = R_{\nu}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{D}R\delta_{\nu}^{\mu} = 0$$

$$H_{\mu\nu} = 0 \iff \partial_z g_{ab} = g_{(1)ab} = 0 \text{ (Maldacena)}$$

CG action for Einstein spaces = Renormalized Einstein-AdS action

$$I_{\text{CG}}[E] = I_{\text{HR}}$$

Conformal Gravity and Conical Defects



Conformal Gravity [Anastasiou, Araya, RO, 2022]

$$I_{\text{CG}} = \frac{\ell^2}{64\pi G_N} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(\text{Rie}^2 - 2\text{Ric}^2 + \frac{1}{3}R^2 \right) - \frac{\pi\ell^2}{2G_N} \chi[M]$$

In a manifold with a conical singularity

$$\int_{M^{(\alpha)}} d^4x \sqrt{g} |W^{(\alpha)}|^2 = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} |W|^2 + 8\pi(1-\alpha) \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} K_{\Sigma} + \mathcal{O}\left((1-\alpha)^2\right)$$

Conformal Gravity and Conical Defects



Conformal Invariant in co-dimension 2

$$\sqrt{\gamma}K_{\Sigma} = \sqrt{\gamma} \left(W_{ij}^{ij} - P_{ij}^{(A)} P_{(A)}^{ij} \right), \quad P_{ij}^{(A)} = \mathcal{K}_{ij}^{(A)} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{K}^{(A)} \gamma_{ij}$$

General Energy Functional

$$L_{\Sigma}[M] = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} K_{\Sigma} - 2\pi\ell^2 \chi[\Sigma]$$

Conformal Invariance in Codimension-2 is inherited from the Bulk!

Renormalized Area



Einstein ambient space

$$L_{\Sigma} [E] = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2 y \sqrt{\gamma} \left[W_{(E)ij}^{ij} - P_{ij}^{(A)} P_{(A)}^{ij} \right] - 2\pi \ell^2 \chi [\Sigma]$$

Gauss-Codazzi relations

$$W_{(E)ij}^{ij} = \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{K}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)} + \mathcal{K}_{ij}^{(A)} \mathcal{K}_{(A)}^{ij} + \frac{2}{\ell^2},$$

Renormalized Area (Minimality)

$$L_{\Sigma_{\min}} [E] = \mathcal{A}_{\text{ren}} = \frac{\ell^2}{4} \int_{\Sigma_{\min}} d^2 y \sqrt{\gamma} \delta_{ij}^{km} \left(\mathcal{R}_{km}^{ij} + \frac{1}{\ell^2} \delta_{km}^{ij} \right) - 2\pi \ell^2 \chi [\Sigma_{\min}]. \quad (1)$$

Willmore Energy



Einstein ambient space

$$L_{\Sigma} [E] = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left(W_{(\mathbf{E})ij}^{ij} - P_{ij}^{(A)} P_{(A)}^{ij} \right) - 2\pi\ell^2 \chi [\Sigma]$$

For pure/global AdS_4 as ambient space, constant-time slice

$$W = 0 \quad \mathcal{K}^{(t)} = 0$$

Gauss-Codazzi relations

$$L_{\Sigma} [AdS_4] = -\frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left(R_{ij}^{ij} - \mathcal{R} + 2H^2 \right) - 2\pi\ell^2 \chi [\Sigma]$$

Willmore Energy



Surface embedded in \mathbb{R}^3

$$L_{\Sigma} [AdS_4] = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} (\mathcal{R} - 2H^2) - 2\pi\ell^2 \chi [\Sigma]$$

For a compact surface

$$\int_{\Sigma_{\text{comp}}} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \mathcal{R} = 4\pi \chi [\Sigma_{\text{comp}}]$$

Willmore Energy [Fonda, Seminara, Tonni, 2015]

$$L_{\Sigma_{\text{comp}}} [AdS_4] = -\ell^2 \mathcal{W} [\Sigma_{\text{comp}}]$$

Reduced Hawking Mass



Arbitrary Σ , Einstein ambient space

$$L_{\Sigma} [E] = \frac{\ell^2}{4} I_H [\Sigma] - 2\pi\ell^2 \chi [\Sigma]$$

Reduced Hawking Mass I_H [Fischetti, Wiseman, 2016]

$$I_H [\Sigma] = 2 \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left[\mathcal{R} + \frac{2}{\ell^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathcal{K}^{(A)} \right)^2 \right]$$

Generalized Renormalized Area

$$L_{\Sigma} [E] = \mathcal{A}_{\text{ren}} [\Sigma] - \frac{\ell^2}{4} \int_{\Sigma} d^2y \sqrt{\gamma} \left(\mathcal{K}^{(A)} \right)^2$$

Main results



Energy functionals from Conformal Gravity

Σ	M	Einstein	pure AdS
min		\mathcal{A}_{ren}	\mathcal{W}
non-min		I_H	

Outlook



Conformal Invariance in the Bulk \implies Conformal Invariance in Codimension-2

Renormalization in the Bulk \implies Renormalization in Codimension-2

Conformal Invariance \implies Renormalization (???) (as in 6D [Anastasiou, Araya, RO, 2021])

Willmore Energy in 4D from 6D Conformal Gravity (with Bueno, Vilar-Lopez)