

Thermodynamics of AdS_3 gravity: extremal CFTs vs. semi-classical gravity

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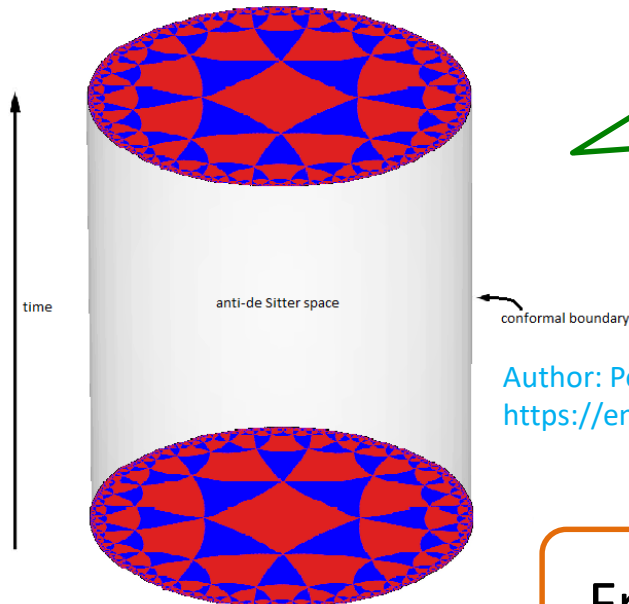
AdS₃ pure gravity

Asymptotic symmetry is Virasoro sym. with central charge
(Brown-Henneaux 1986)

$$c_L = c_R = \frac{3\ell}{2G}$$

In terms of AdS/CFT, quantum gravity is boundary CFT.

⇒ Find the CFT!



At $T=0$, the boundary is cylinder.
For $T > 0$, it is 2-dim. Torus.

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From now on, we consider CFT on torus

Witten(2007)

- Assumption: holomorphic factorization

$$c_L = c_R = \frac{3\ell}{2G}$$

- Witten's conjecture (2007) :

quantum theory of AdS_3 pure gravity is extremal CFTs with $c = 24k$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) and it's anti-holomorphic pair

Note 1: $\frac{\ell}{G} = 16k$ is quantized. For each k , one CFT possibly exists.

Note 2: 「large k 」 \sim 「small G 」 (semi-classical)

「large k 」 \sim 「large c 」 (thermodynamic limit)

This has nice microscopic description for BTZ entropy!

BTZ entropy

Witten 2007

$$S = \pi \left(\frac{\ell}{2G} \right)^{1/2} \left(\sqrt{M\ell - J} + \sqrt{M\ell + J} \right) = 4\pi\sqrt{k} \left(\sqrt{L_0} + \sqrt{\bar{L}_0} \right)$$

$$M\ell = L_0 + \bar{L}_0, \quad J = L_0 - \bar{L}_0, \quad c = \frac{3\ell}{2G} = 24k$$

- In extremal CFTs, for large k

$$\ln W \sim 4\pi\sqrt{kL_0} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \ln k - \frac{3}{4} \ln L_0 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \dots}_{\text{correction ?}}$$

of primaries

which create BTZ

Bekenstein-Hawking

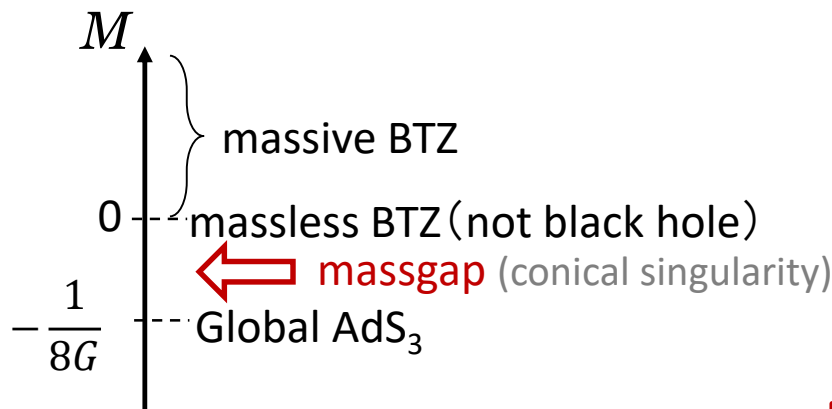
Appendix: Extremal CFT

For $c=24k$, extremal CFT is a CFT whose lowest dimension of nontrivial primary is $k+1$ (its maximum).

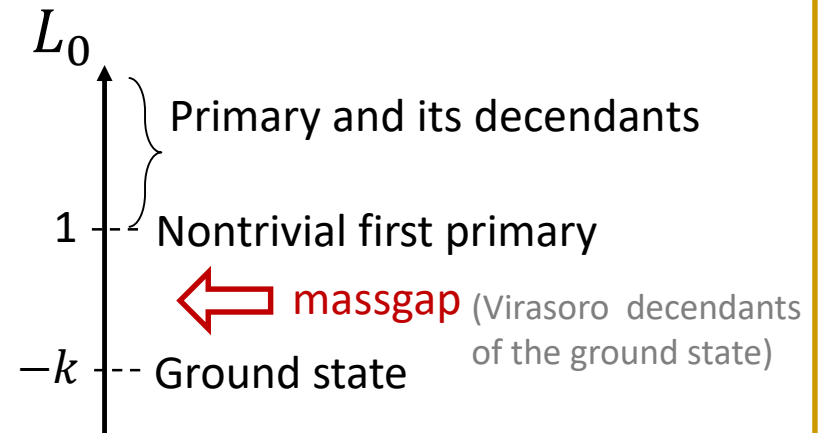
For $c=24k$, it is known that the lowest dimension of nontrivial primary is equal to or less than $k+1$.

Note 1: large mass gap

AdS₃ classical gravity



Extremal CFT spectrum



Interpretation: nontrivial primary fields make BTZ black hole

Appendix 2: Extremal CFT

Note 2: the partition function is uniquely determined!

$$Z = \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(H+i\Omega_E J)} \right]$$

$$= \text{Tr} \left[q^{L_0} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0} \right]$$

$$q = e^{2\pi i \tau}, \quad \tau = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \left(\Omega_E + \frac{i}{\ell} \right)$$

$$H = M = \frac{L_0 + \bar{L}_0}{\ell}$$

$$J = L_0 - \bar{L}_0$$

τ is moduli of the boundary torus

$$= \left| q^{-k} \left[\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-q^n} + \mathcal{O}(q^{k+1}) \right] \right|^2$$

Ground state and its Virasoro descendants
(these determine the pole structure at $q=0$.)

Contributions from primaries ($L_0 \geq 1$)

Mathematical fact: holomorphic & modular inv.
 \Rightarrow “ $Z(\tau)$ is a polynomial of J -function”

$$J = 1728j(\tau) - 744 = q^{-1} + 196884q + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

Klein's j -invariant

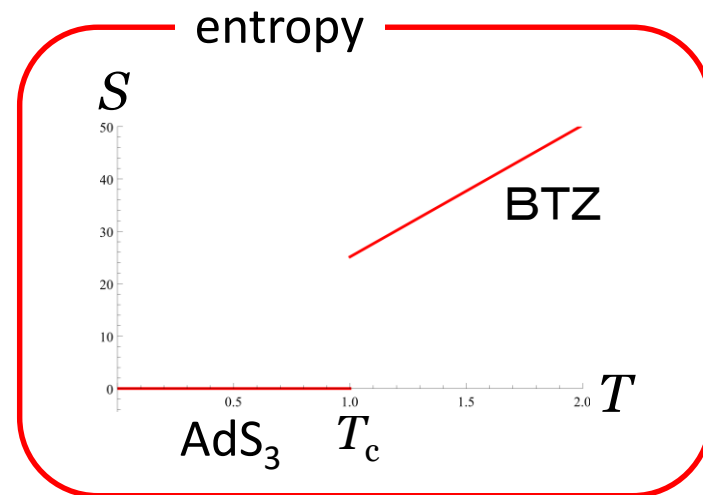
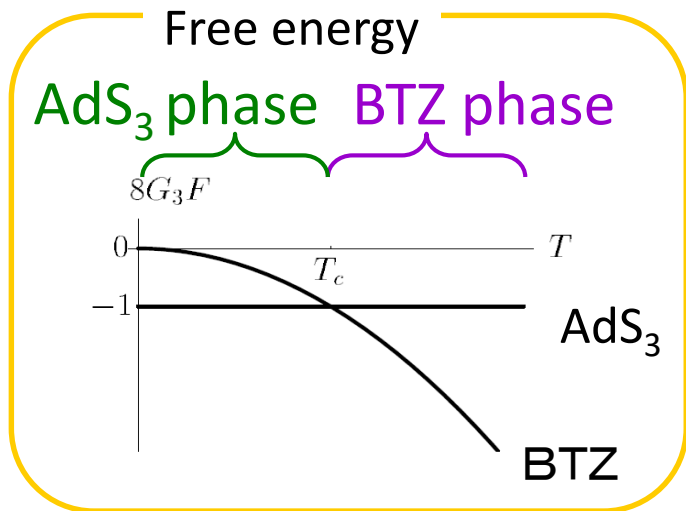
Determine the polynomial of J to have the same pole structure with Z , then the partition function is uniquely determined.

This work

- investigates thermodynamic quantities obtained from extremal CFT partition functions Z_k for several k .
→ We find usual Hawking-Page transition ($\text{AdS}_3 \leftrightarrow \text{BTZ}$)
- For rapidly rotating spacetime, we also find several new phases which do not appear in the usual Hawking-Page transition. This is consistent with the phase diagram obtained by Maloney-Witten 2007.
- compare these (quantum) results with those of semi-classical gravity.

3-dim. Hawking-Page

Semi-classical



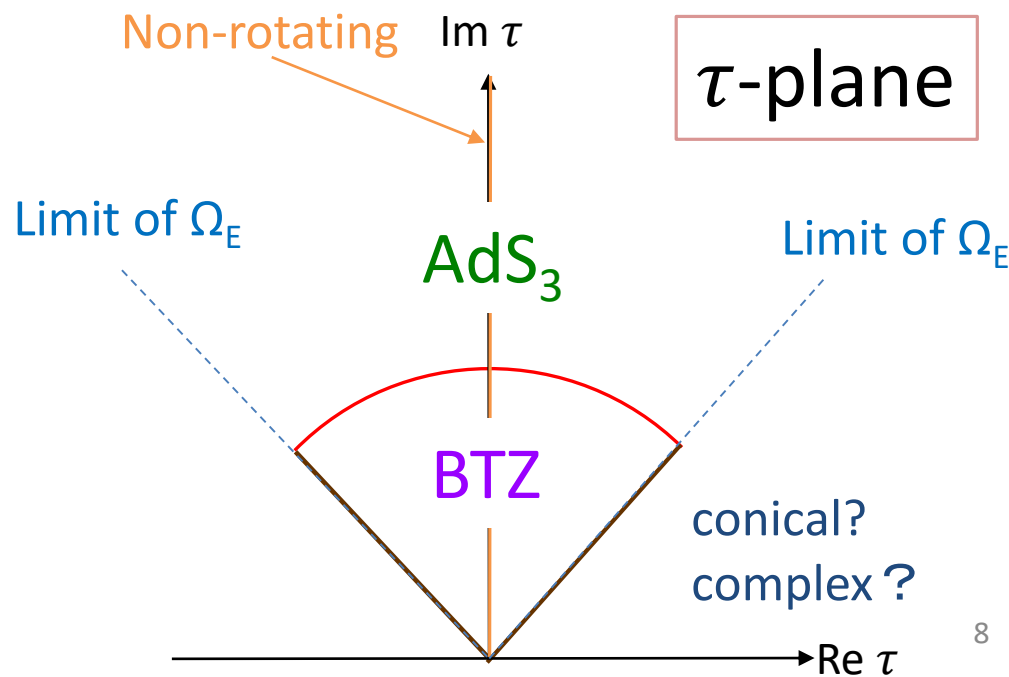
HP critical temperature

$$T_{\text{HP}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + \Omega_E^2 \ell^2}}{2\pi \ell}$$

\leftrightarrow $|\tau| = 1$

$$\tau = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \left(\Omega_E + \frac{i}{\ell} \right)$$

Moduli parameter



Partition functions of extremal CFTs

- For first several k ,

$$k = \frac{\ell}{16G}$$

Indices
are k

$$Z_1(q) = |J(q)|^2 = \left| \frac{41E_4(\tau)^3 + 31E_6(\tau)^2}{72\eta(\tau)^{24}} \right|^2$$

obtained by FLM('84)
having Monster symmetry

$$Z_2(q) = |J(q)^2 - 393767|^2$$

$$Z_3(q) = |J(q)^3 - 590651J(q) - 64481279|^2$$

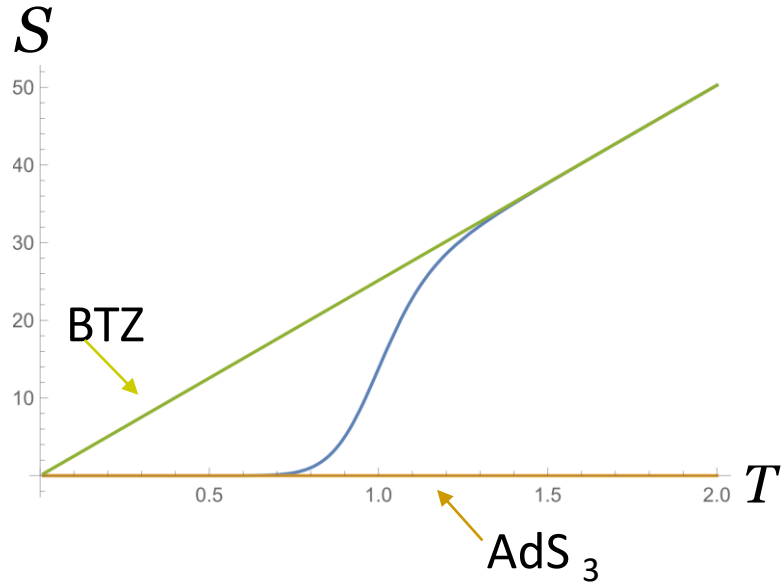
$$Z_4(q) = |J(q)^4 - 787535J(q)^2 - 85975039J(q) + 74069025266|^2$$

Given k , the partition function is computable!

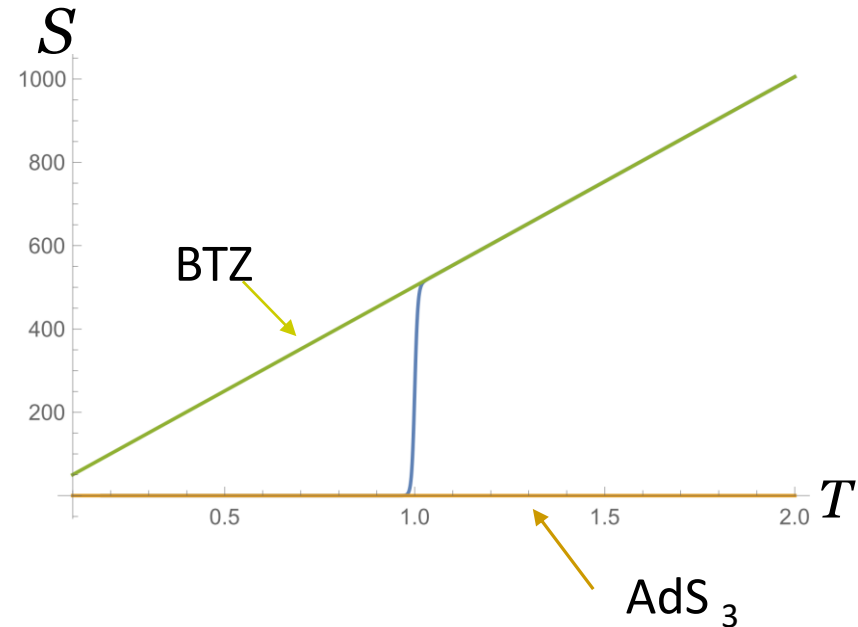
For example: $k = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{10} = & \left| J^{10} - 1968839J^8 - 214937599J^7 + 1348071256190J^6 \right. \\ & + 253704014739574J^5 - 361538450036076764J^4 \\ & - 82414308102793025330J^3 + 30123373072315438416085J^2 \\ & \left. + 6219705565173520637592236J - 264390492553551717748100292 \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $k=1$ case



- $k=20$ case

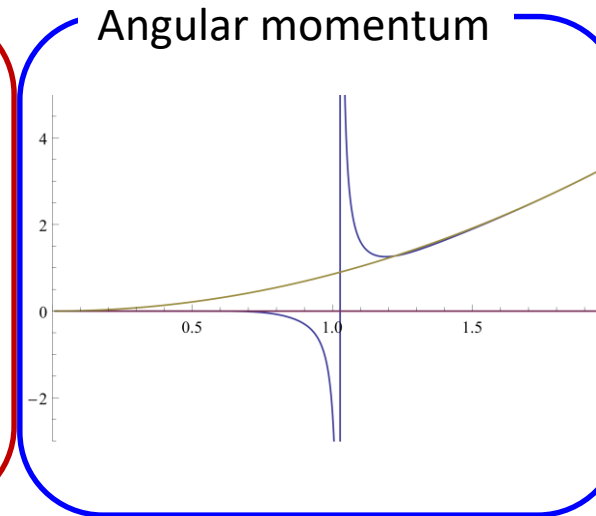
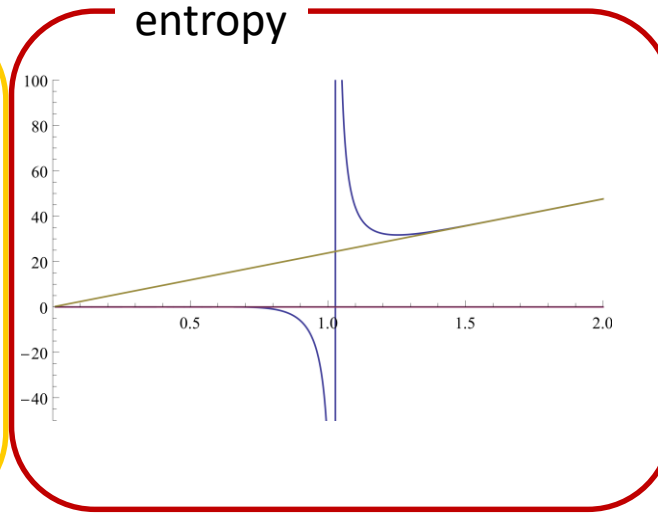
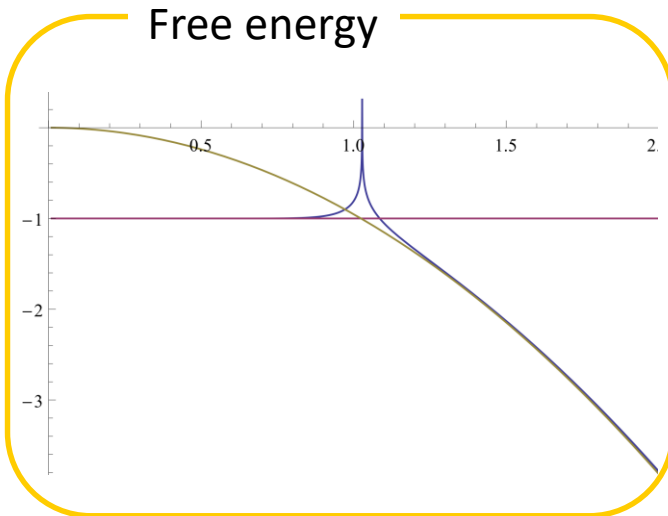


For large k , the transition (at T_{HP}) becomes sharp!
 The sharp transition appears in the semi-classical limit.
 One can see that quantum theory for AdS_3 gravity might be a sequence of extremal CFTs.

Rotating case

For small k , one finds smooth transition between AdS_3 and BTZ in many parameter region, as non-rotating case. However, at some points, singular behavior appears.

For example : $k=1$, $\Omega_E \ell = 0.237527 \dots$



This singular transition appears at T_{HP}

The transition appears even for small k , that is, not in the thermodynamic limit.

Zeroes of Z_k

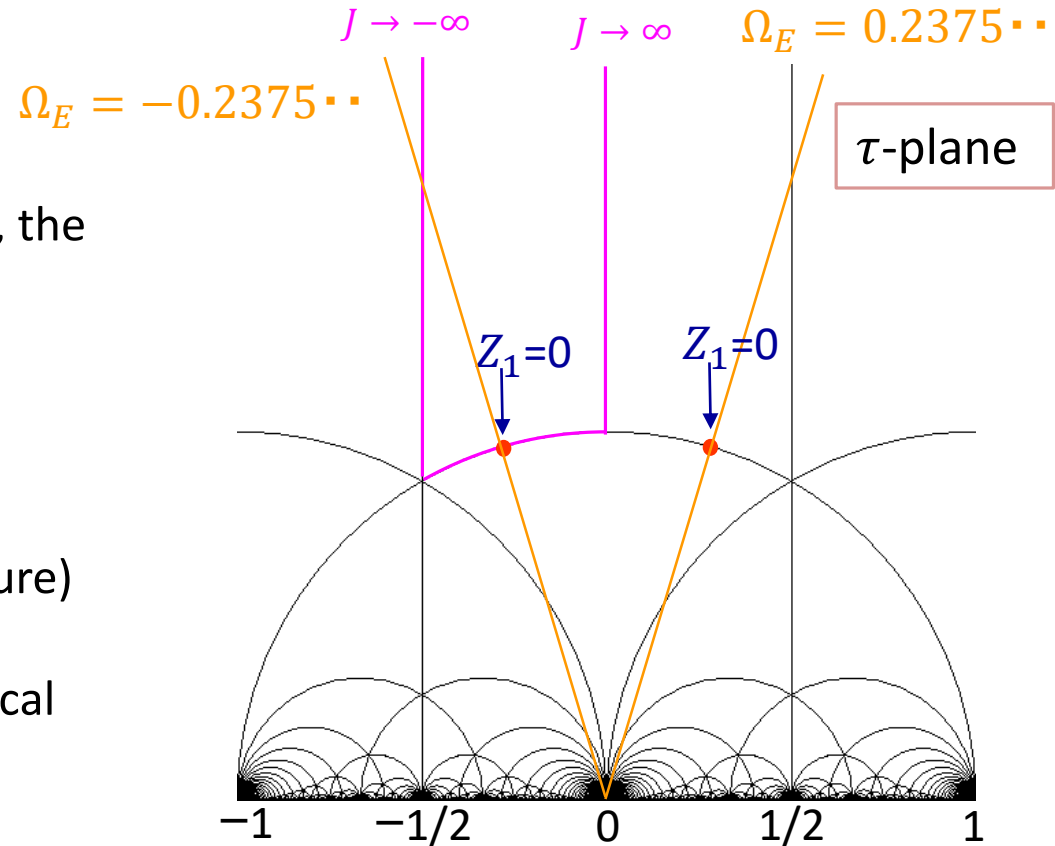
Zeroes of Z_1

At the zeroes of the partition function, the free energy diverges.

$$F_1 = -T \ln Z_1$$

The zeroes (shown as \bullet in the right figure) are on the unit circle $|\tau| = 1$, which corresponds to the Hawking-Page critical temperature.

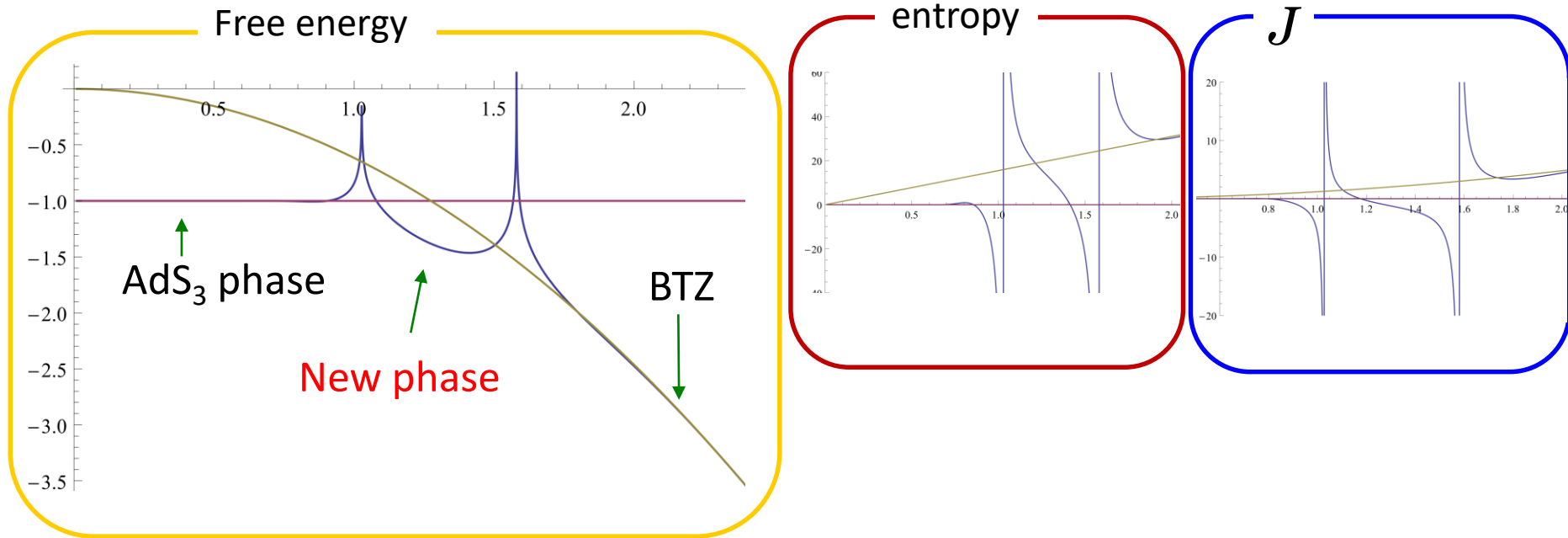
$$|\tau| = 1 \iff T_{\text{HP}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + \Omega_E^2 \ell^2}}{2\pi \ell}$$



Along the pink line, J function takes real value.

Spin up

- At $\Omega_E \ell \simeq 0.790295$ (for the case of $k=1$)



These two critical temperatures are different from T_{HP}

Zeroes of Z_1 again ($k=1$ case)

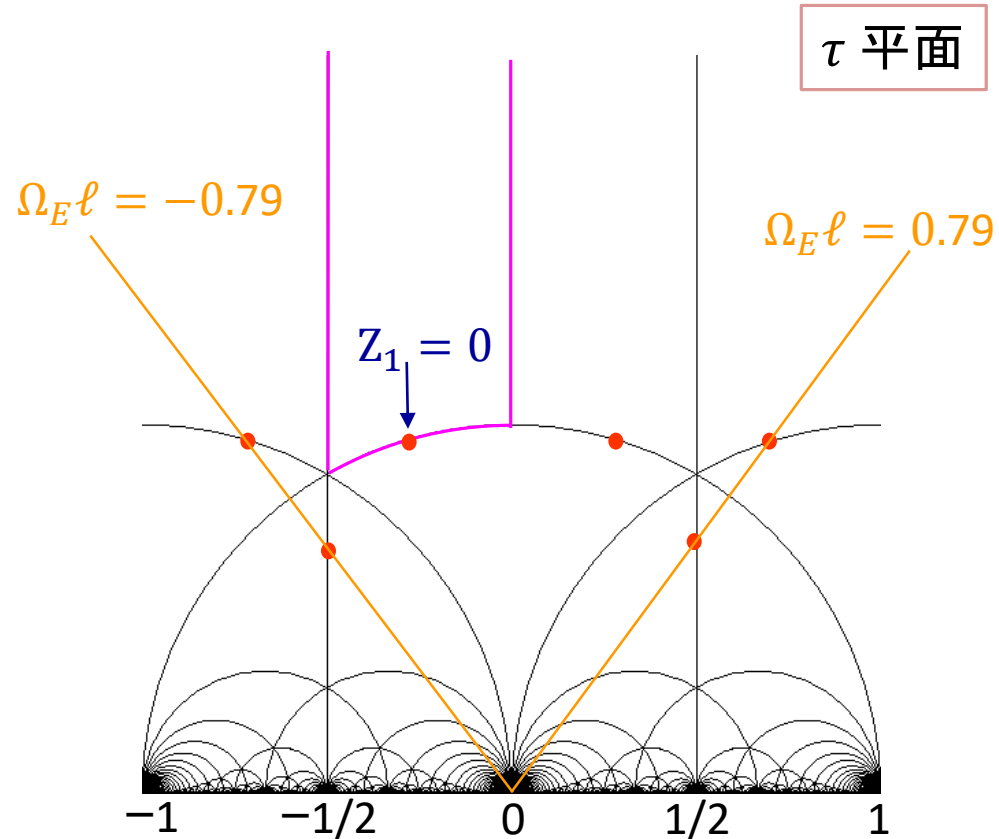
S and T transformations

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1, \quad \tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

and their combinations move zeroes to other points which are not on the circle $|\tau|=1$.

⇒ The transition occurs at

$$T \neq T_{HP}$$



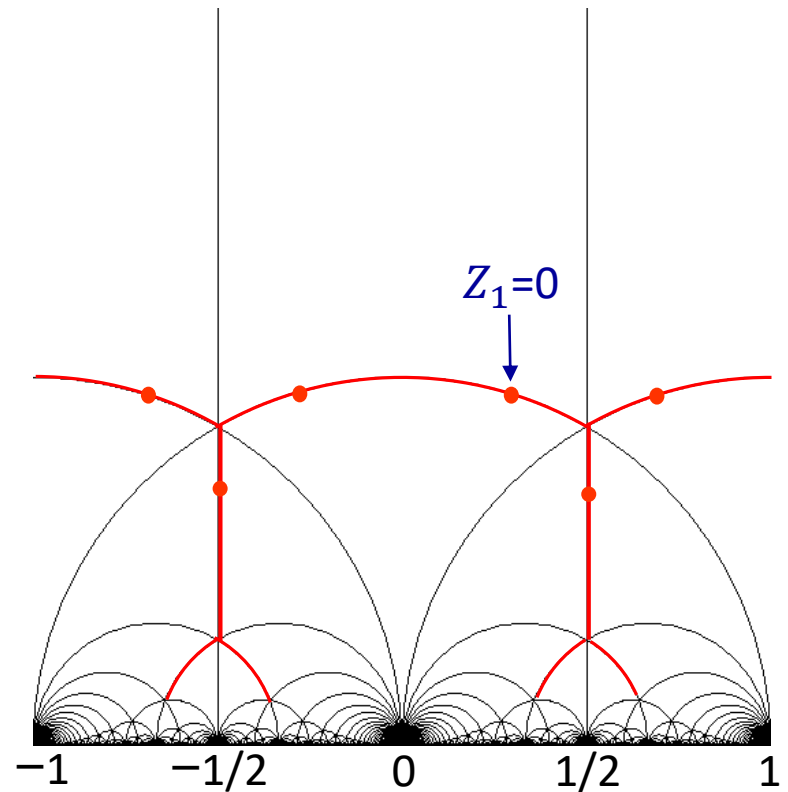
The appearance of new phase might be a prediction from 3-dim. Quantum gravity (extremal CFT).

Semi-classical limit ($k \rightarrow \infty$)

- For large k , the # of zeroes of Z_k increases and the zeroes condense into the red line.

⇒ phase boundary

The condensation of zeroes has been proved by Maloney and Witten (2007).



Inconsistent with the semi-classical result!

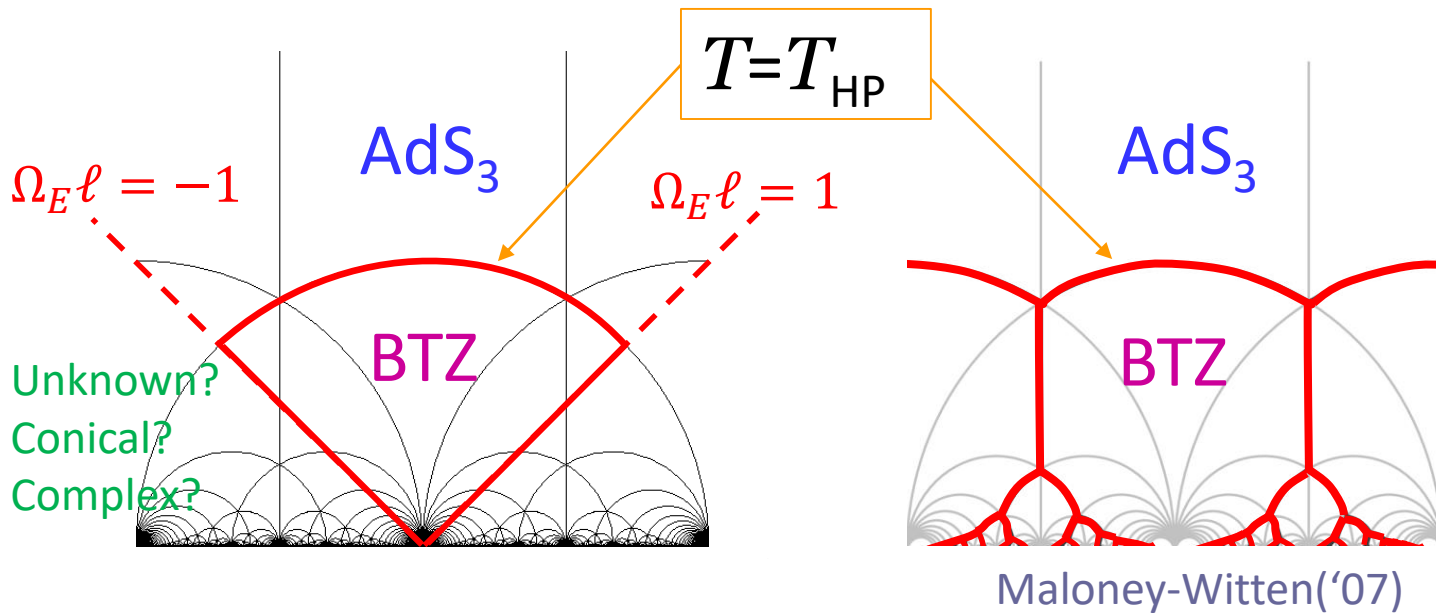
Phase diagram

Inverse temp.
 $\beta = T^{-1}$

$\beta\Omega_E$

Semi-classical

extremal CFT



Phase diagrams are different !

Discussion (summary)

- There is an inconsistency in the semi-classical limit ($k \rightarrow \infty$).

Possibility 1: unknown classical solution that corresponds to the new phase?

Possibility 2: Witten conjecture might get some correction at least for large k : the quantum theory for pure AdS₃ gravity might not be the sequence of extremal CFTs.

- **conformal bootstrap:** for $k \geq 20$, non existence of extremal CFTs!
Bae, Lee, Lee 2016
- The new phase at $k=1$ (the FLM model does exist) might be a new prediction from quantum gravity.

In order to obtain semi-classical phase diagram, it seems that modular invariance has to be broken in large k limit. Is it correct? How?

(It also seems to be consistent with Honda-Iizuka-Tanaka-Terashima 2015)