

# $dS_3/CFT_2$ correspondence

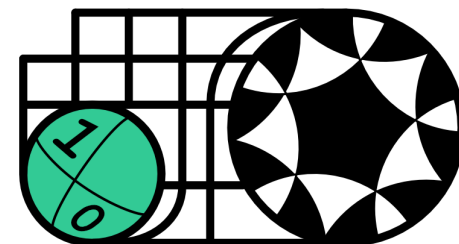
(3D de Sitter space/2D CFT correspondence)



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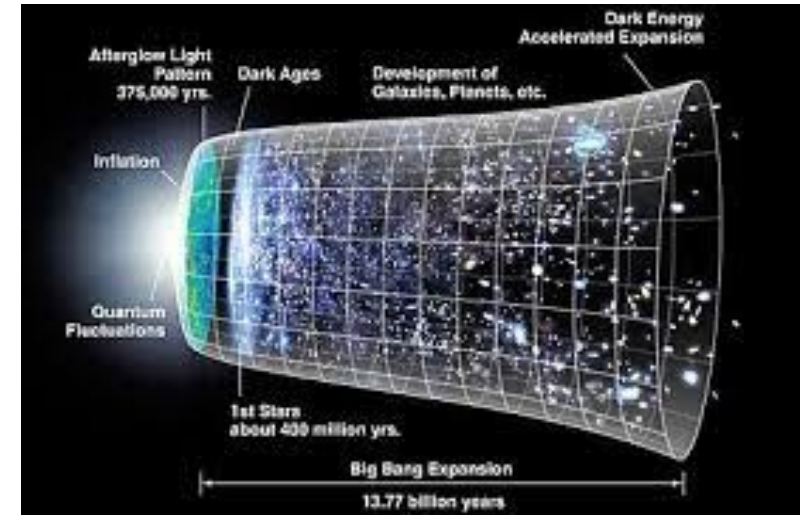
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# de Sitter gravity and dS/CFT correspondence

- de Sitter gravity
  - Quantum gravity in de Sitter (dS) space is important since the space approximately appears at **inflation era** and **current universe**
- dS/CFT correspondence
  - **dS/CFT** should play important roles on understanding quantum gravity on dS as AdS/CFT does
  - Unfortunately, dS/CFT has **not** been understood yet compared with AdS/CFT



From wikipedia

# dS/CFT and its example

- dS/CFT is poorly understood as **very few concrete examples are available**
  - de Sitter space is not allowed as supersymmetric solution to supergravity [Maldacena-Nunez'00], and it is very difficult to realize it in superstring theory
  - Dual CFT is known to be exotic like with negative/imaginary central charge
- A concrete example is given by higher-spin holography

Higher-spin gravity on  $dS_4$   
at the classical limit



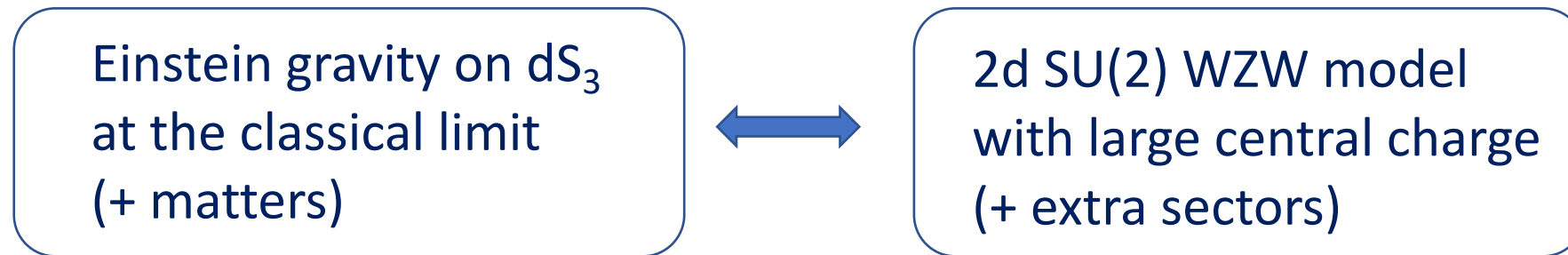
3d  $Sp(N)$  vector model  
at the large  $N$  limit

[Anninos-Hartman-Strominger'11]

- Analytic continuation of duality between higher-spin gravity on  $AdS_4$  and 3d  $O(N)$  vector model [Klebanov-Polyakov'02]

# Our proposal

- We propose a **new duality** involving 3d Einstein gravity



- Evidence
  - Partition functions are computed both from gravity theory and dual CFT with large central charge ( $k \rightarrow -2$ ) and find perfect match at the limit
  - Our proposal can be regarded as an analytic continuation of duality with (higher-spin) gravity on  $AdS_3$  [Gaberdiel-Gopakumar'10]

# Plan of this talk

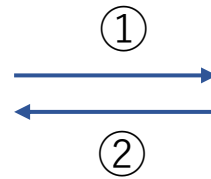
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- Relation to quantum information theory
- Conclusion

dS/CFT correspondence

# AdS/CFT correspondence

- AdS/CFT correspondence [Maldacena'97]

$(d+1)$ -dim. gravity theory  
on anti-de Sitter space  
(e.g. string theory on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ )



$d$ -dim. conformal field theory  
(e.g. 4d  $N=4$   $U(N)$  gauge theory)

- Two approaches

- ① Strongly coupled gauge theory from classical gravity
- ② **Quantum gravity** from well-defined CFT

# AdS/CFT duality map

- Map between CFT operators and AdS bulk fields

CFT operators

$\mathcal{O}(x)$



AdS bulk fields

$\phi(z, x)$

- Poincare coordinates for AdS space (boundary at  $z = 0$ )

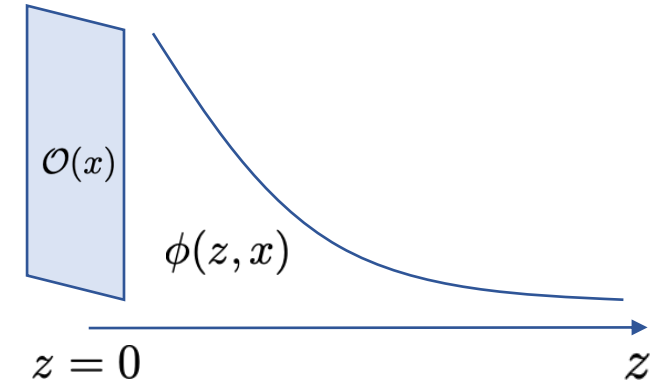
$$ds^2 = \frac{L_{\text{AdS}}^2}{z^2} \left( dz^2 - dt^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} (dx^j)^2 \right)$$

- GKP-Witten relation'98

- CFT correlation functions  $\Leftrightarrow$  gravity scattering amplitudes

$$\left\langle \exp \left( \int d^d x \phi_0(x) \mathcal{O}(x) \right) \right\rangle = Z_{\text{Gravity}}[\phi(z, x)|_{\text{boundary}} = \phi_0(x)]$$

$$\left[ \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}(x_i) \right\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_0(x_i)} \left\langle \exp \left( \int d^d x \phi_0(x) \mathcal{O}(x) \right) \right\rangle \Big|_{\phi_0=0} \right]$$





# Wave functional of de Sitter universe

- A way to describe gravity theory on dS space is utilized **wave functional of universe**

$$\Psi_{\text{dS}}[h, \phi_0] = \int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}\phi \exp iS[g, \phi]$$

with  $g = h, \phi = \phi_0$  at  $t = t_\infty$

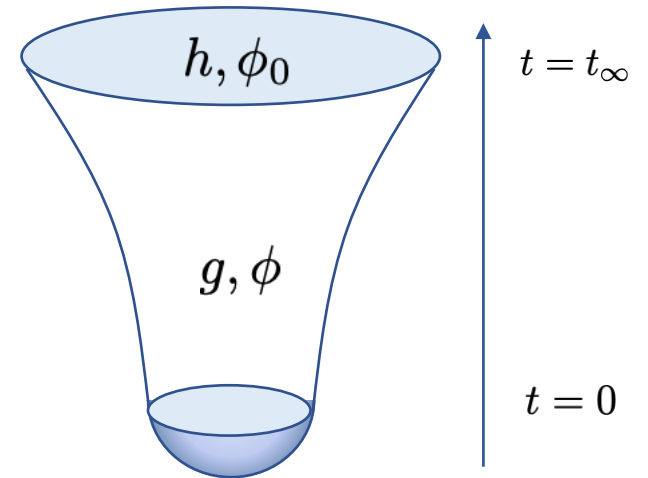
- Hartle-Hawking wave functional is used as a particularly useful choice

- Universe starts from the hemisphere

$$ds^2 = L_{\text{dS}}^2 (d\tau^2 + \cos^2 \tau d\Omega_d^2) \quad (-\pi/2 \leq \tau < 0)$$

- continues to Lorentzian dS space

$$ds^2 = L_{\text{dS}}^2 (-dt^2 + \cosh^2 t d\Omega_d^2) \quad (t \geq 0)$$



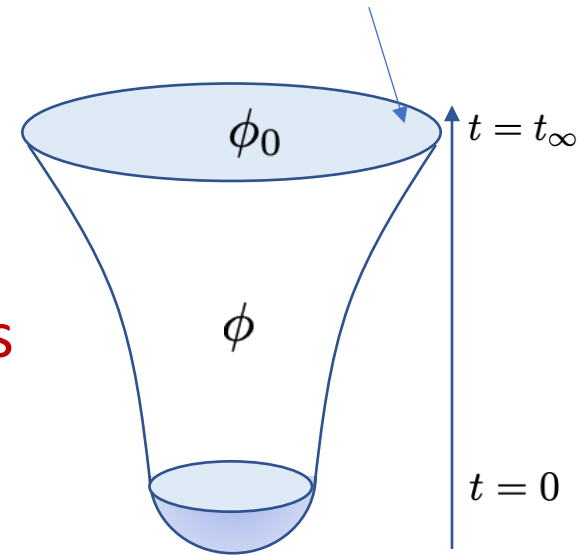
# dS/CFT correspondence

[Maldacena'02]

- Wave functional of universe is proposed to be the same as **generating function of correlation functions** in dual CFT

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{\text{dS}}[\phi_0] &= \left\langle \exp \left( \int d^d x \phi_0(x) \mathcal{O}(x) \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x d^d y \langle \mathcal{O}(x) \mathcal{O}(y) \rangle \phi_0(x) \phi_0(y) + \dots \right]\end{aligned}$$

Correlators are computed by dual Euclidean CFT



- Late time correlators can be computed as **expectation values**

$$\langle \phi_0(\vec{k}) \phi_0(-\vec{k}) \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_0 |\Psi_{\text{dS}}|^2 \phi_0(\vec{k}) \phi_0(-\vec{k}) = -\frac{1}{2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{O}(\vec{k}) \mathcal{O}(-\vec{k}) \rangle}$$

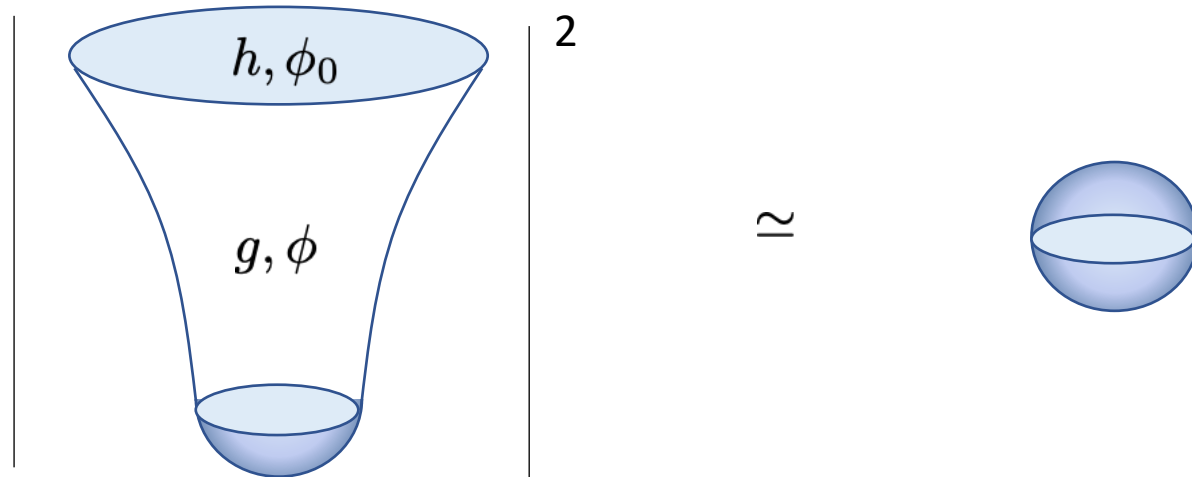
$$\langle \phi_0(\vec{k}_1) \phi_0(\vec{k}_2) \phi_0(\vec{k}_3) \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_0 |\Psi_{\text{dS}}|^2 \phi_0(\vec{k}_1) \phi_0(\vec{k}_2) \phi_0(\vec{k}_3) = \frac{2\text{Re}\langle \prod_i \mathcal{O}(\vec{k}_i) \rangle}{\prod_i (-2\text{Re}\langle \mathcal{O}(\vec{k}_i) \mathcal{O}(-\vec{k}_i) \rangle)}$$

# Gravity partition function on sphere

- Gravity partition function is computed from square of wave functional

$$Z_G = \int \mathcal{D}h \mathcal{D}\phi_0 |\Psi_{\text{dS}}[h, \phi_0]|^2 \quad \left( \Psi_{\text{dS}}[h, \phi_0] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi \exp iS[g, \phi] \right)$$

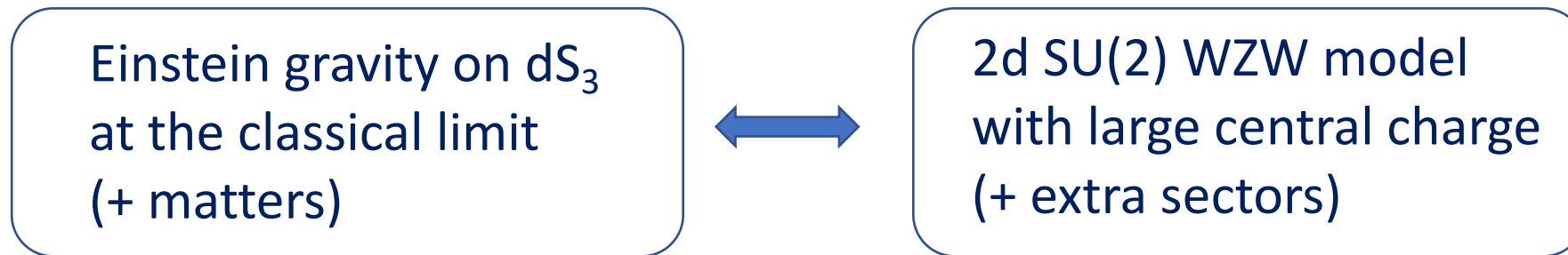
- Sphere partition function** from Hartle-Hawking wave functional
  - Lorentzian dS part leads to only a pure phase which cancels out



Our proposal and  
gravity partition functions

# Our proposal

- We propose a new duality involving 3d Einstein gravity



- Gravity partition functions
  - Partition functions on  $S^3$  computed from Einstein gravity are reproduced from 2d SU(2) WZW model large central charge ( $k \rightarrow -2$ )
  - We utilize **Witten's method** to compute partition functions on  $S^3$  from 2d SU(2) WZW model [Witten'89]

# Central charge and the level of WZW model

- Virasoro symmetry appears near the future infinity with central charge [Strominger'01]

$$c = i \frac{3L_{\text{dS}}}{2G_N} \equiv i c^{(g)}$$

Radius of de Sitter space

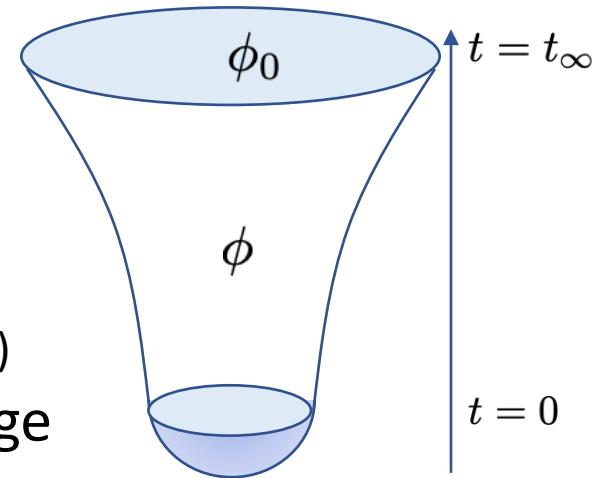
Newton constant (classical limit  $G_N \rightarrow 0$ )

- Dual CFT is quite strange as it has **pure imaginary** central charge
- 2d SU(2) WZW model with level  $k$

$$S = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int d^2z [g^{-1}dg \cdot g^{-1}dg] + k\Gamma_{\text{WZ}}, \quad g \in \text{SU}(2) \quad \text{with} \quad c = \frac{3k}{k+2}$$

- To reproduce the requirement from dual gravity, we consider a **strange limit**

$$k = -2 + i \frac{6}{c^{(g)}} + \mathcal{O}(c^{(g)-2})$$



# Sketch of Witten's method

[Witten'89]

- We use Witten's method to compute partition functions on  $\mathbb{S}^3$  via **modular S-matrix** of 2d SU(2) WZW model
  - Wilson loop in spin- $j$  rep  $\mathcal{R}_j$  can be inserted
- Modular S-matrix relates two amplitudes of solid tori related by S-transformation

$$S : \tau \rightarrow -1/\tau$$

$$\text{Torus}(\mathcal{R}_j, -1/\tau) = \sum_i \mathcal{S}_i^j \text{Torus}(\mathcal{R}_i, \tau)$$

- Sphere can be obtained by gluing two tori related by S-transformation via surgery

$$\text{Sphere}(\mathcal{R}_j, \mathcal{R}_0) = \text{Torus}(\mathcal{R}_0, -1/\tau) \cdot \text{Torus}(\mathcal{R}_j, \tau) = \mathcal{S}_0^j$$

# Partition function on 3-sphere

[YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'21;'22]

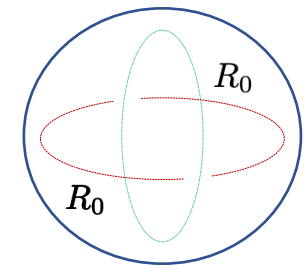
- CFT computation

- Modular S-matrix of 2d SU(2) WZW model

$$\mathcal{S}_j^l = \sqrt{\frac{2}{k+2}} \sin \left[ \frac{\pi}{k+2} (2j+1)(2l+1) \right]$$

- Vacuum partition function at the leading order in  $1/c^{(g)}$

$$\left[ k = -2 + i \frac{6}{c^{(g)}} + \mathcal{O}(c^{(g)-2}) \right]$$

$$\left| \left( \text{Diagram of a sphere with two intersecting great circles labeled } R_0 \right) \right|^2 = |\mathcal{S}_0^0|^2 \simeq e^{\frac{\pi c^{(g)}}{3}}$$


- Gravity computation

- Definition of classical partition function

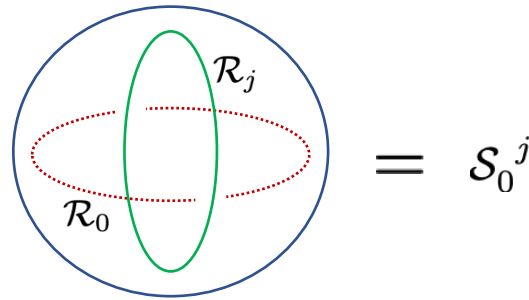
$$Z_G = e^{-I_G}, \quad I_G = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^3x \sqrt{g} (R - 2L_{\text{dS}}^{-2})$$

- Classical action on  $\mathbb{S}^3$  :  $I_G = -\frac{\pi L_{\text{dS}}}{2G_N} = -\frac{\pi c^{(g)}}{3}$  ← Reproduces CFT computation!!



# Wilson loop and bulk excitation

- Partition function on  $\mathbb{S}^3$  with **Wilson loop** in rep.  $\mathcal{R}_j$



- The Wilson line on  $\mathbb{S}^3 \Leftrightarrow$  Operator in 2d WZW model [Witten'89]
- Conformal dimension of CFT operator

$$\Delta_j = \frac{2j(j+1)}{k+2} \equiv i\Delta^{(g)}$$

- **dS/CFT map** to bulk excitation energy

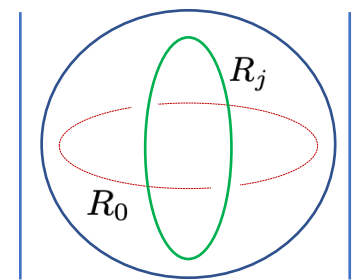
$$\Delta^{(g)} = L_{\text{dS}} E_j$$

# Partition function on Euclidean dS<sub>3</sub> black hole

[YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'21;'22]

- CFT computation

- The modular  $S$ -matrix leads at the leading order in  $1/c^{(g)}$   $\left[ k = -2 + i \frac{6}{c^{(g)}} + \mathcal{O}(c^{(g)-2}) \right]$

$$\left| \left( \text{Diagram} \right) \right|^2 = |\mathcal{S}_0^j|^2 \simeq e^{\frac{\pi c^{(g)}}{3}} \sqrt{1 - 8G_N E_j}$$


- Gravity computation

- Bulk excitation creates Euclidean dS<sub>3</sub> black hole

$$ds^2 = L_{\text{dS}}^2 \left[ (1 - 8G_N E_j - r^2) d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - 8G_N E_j - r^2} + r^2 d\phi^2 \right]$$

- Classical action on the geometry

$$I_G = -\frac{\pi}{3} c^{(g)} \sqrt{1 - 8G_N E_j} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Reproduces CFT computation!!}$$

# Analytic continuation of Gaberdiel-Gopakumar duality

# Gaberdiel-Gopakumar duality for $\text{AdS}_3$

[Castro-Gopakumar-Gutperle-Raeymaekers'11; Gaberdiel-Gopakumar'12]  
(see [Gaberdiel-Gopakumar'10] for original proposal)

- A version of Gaberdiel-Gopakumar duality

Higher-spin gravity on  $\text{AdS}_3$   
at the classical limit



2d coset model at large central charge  $\frac{\text{SU}(N)_k \times \text{SU}(N)_1}{\text{SU}(N)_{k+1}}$

Spins of gauge fields  
 $s = 2, 3, \dots, N$

The coset describes analytic continuation of  $W_N$ -minimal model, which was shown to reduce to Toda theory [Creutzig-YH'21]

- The simplest case with  $N=2$

Einstein gravity on  $\text{AdS}_3$  with  
matter at the classical limit



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# Central charge and the level of coset model

- A version of Gaberdiel-Gopakumar duality

Einstein gravity on  $\text{AdS}_3$  with matter at the classical limit



2d coset model at large central charge  $\frac{\text{SU}(2)_k \times \text{SU}(2)_1}{\text{SU}(2)_{k+1}}$

- Comparison of central charge

- Near the boundary of  $\text{AdS}_3$  there appears Virasoro symmetry with central charge [Brown-Henneaux'86]

$$c = \frac{3L_{\text{AdS}}}{2G_N} \rightarrow \infty$$

- The central charge of the coset is

$$c = 1 - \frac{6}{(k+2)(k+3)}$$

- To have large central charge, we have to set

$$k = -2 - \frac{6}{c} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$$

# Analytic continuation from $\text{AdS}_3$ to $\text{dS}_3$

[YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'21;'22] (see [Ouyang'11] for previous attempt)

- Formally we can move from  $\text{AdS}_3$  to  $\text{dS}_3$  by replacing  $L_{\text{AdS}} \rightarrow i L_{\text{dS}}$ 
  - Note that this is possible only for (higher-spin) holography
- Gaberdiel-Gopakumar duality becomes

Einstein gravity on  $\text{dS}_3$  with matter at the classical limit



2d coset model with imaginary central charge  $\frac{SU(2)_k \times SU(2)_1}{SU(2)_{k+1}}$

- Comparison of central charge

$$c = 1 - \frac{6}{(k+2)(k+3)} = i c^{(g)}, \quad c^{(g)} = \frac{3L_{\text{dS}}}{2G_N} \rightarrow \infty \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad k \rightarrow -2 + i \frac{6}{c^{(g)}} + \mathcal{O}(c^{(g)-2})$$

At the leading order in  $1/c^{(g)}$  only  $SU(2)_k$  part dominates and the duality reduces to our proposal of  $\text{dS}_3/\text{CFT}_2$  correspondence

Relation to quantum information  
theory

# Holographic entanglement entropy

[YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'22]

(see also [Narayan'15;Sato'15;Miyaji-Takayanagi'15] for previous works)

- Entanglement entropy of dual CFT at  $t = t_\infty$

- Metric of  $dS_3$ :  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + \cosh^2 t (d\psi^2 + \sin^2 \psi d\phi^2)$
- Subsystem A:  $\psi_i \leq \psi \leq \psi_f, \phi = 0$

- Holographic computation

- Geodesic distance

$$D(\psi_i, \psi_f) = 2it_\infty + i \log \sin^2[(\psi_f - \psi_i)/2] + \pi$$

← Real part

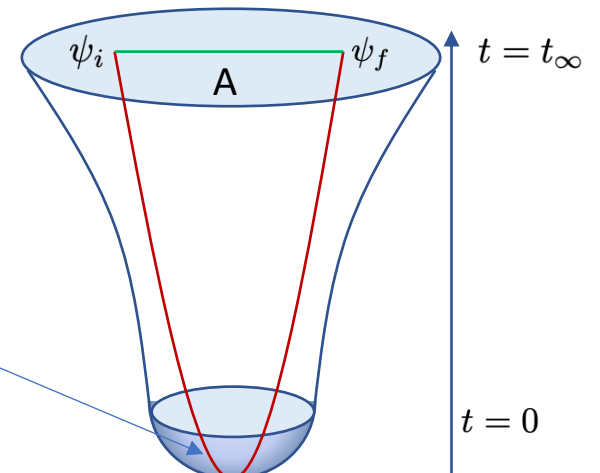
- **Holographic entanglement entropy** [Ryu-Takayanagi'06]

$$S_A = \frac{D(\psi_i, \psi_f)}{4G_N} = \frac{ic^{(g)}t_\infty}{3} + \frac{ic^{(g)}}{6} \log \sin^2[(\psi_f - \psi_i)/2] + \frac{c^{(g)}\pi}{6}$$

- Reproduce the standard CFT result [Calabrese-Cardy'04]

$$S_A = \frac{c}{6} \log \left[ \frac{4 \sin^2[(\psi_f - \psi_i)/2]}{\epsilon^2} \right] \quad (c = ic^{(g)}, \epsilon = i2e^{-t_\infty})$$

← Analytic continuation from AdS to dS





# de Sitter entropy

[YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'21;'22]  
(see also [McGough-Verlinde'13] for AdS<sub>3</sub>)

- Quantum gravity should explain the origin of black hole entropy  $S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A}{4G_N}$
- Similarly **dS gravity should explain dS entropy**

- The metric of dS<sub>3</sub> black hole

$$ds^2 = L_{\text{dS}}^2 \left[ -(1 - 8G_N E_j - r^2) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - 8G_N E_j - r^2} + r^2 d\phi^2 \right]$$

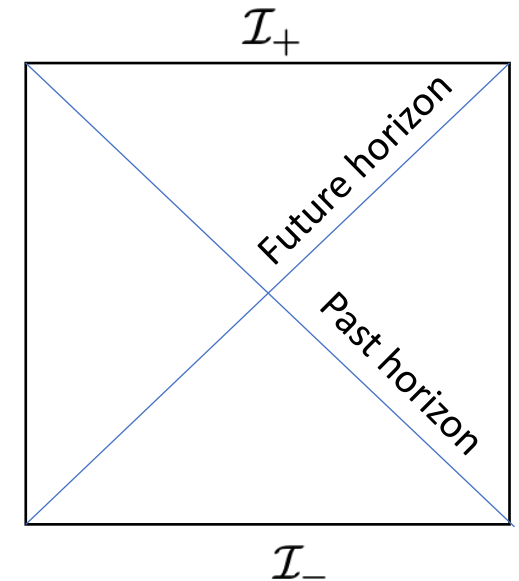
- dS entropy associated with horizon  $r = \sqrt{1 - 8G_N E_j}$  is

$$S_{\text{dS}} = \frac{A}{4G_N} = \frac{\pi}{3} c^{(g)} \sqrt{1 - 8G_N E_j}$$

- Topological entanglement entropy for our system is

$$S_{\text{top}} = \log |S_0^j|^2 \simeq \frac{\pi}{3} c^{(g)} \sqrt{1 - 8G_N E_j} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{reproduces the gravity result}$$

[Kitaev-Preskill'05; Levin-Wen'05]



# Conclusion

# Summary & future problems

- Summary

- dS/CFT correspondence should play important roles on understanding quantum gravity on dS space
- **New dS/CFT** is proposed between 3d classical Einstein gravity and 2d SU(2) WZW model with  $k \rightarrow -2$  limit
- Evidence is provided by computing gravity partition functions and relating to (higher-spin) AdS<sub>3</sub> holography
- Lorentzian contributions and quantum corrections in our dS/CFT were also analyzed [YH-Nishioka-Takayanagi-Taki'22]

- Future problems

- Pursue on relation to **quantum information theory** furthermore
- Bulk correlation functions at late time and relation to in-in formulation are now investigated [Chen-YH-Nishioka in progress] (see also [Sleight-Taronna'20;'21])