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Bubbles of Cosmology in AdS/CFT

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The coordinate singularities become big-bang/big-crunch singularities.

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The gravitational picture is a finite bubble of the cosmological spacetime, embedded in an asymptotically AdS spacetime.

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What happens in the limit when the size of the bubble is infinity?

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1. Embedding the bubbles



Spherical bubble of FLRW cosmology with $\Lambda < 0 + dust + radiation$





Thin spherical domain wall made of pressure-less matter

+ co-moving domain wall ⇒ domain wall size ∝ scale factor.

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Schwarzschild-AdS black hole exterior





Using Junction conditions $[K_{ab}] = S_{ab} - \frac{S}{2}h_{ab}$ $[h_{ab}] = 0$

[Israel 1965]



`Bubble of cosmology' spacetime

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The black hole entropy exceeds the (radiation) entropy in the bubble for all *K* < 0 cosmologies. A puzzle arises for *K* = 0 bubbles parametrically larger than the cosmological scale by a factor of ℓ_{AdS}/ℓ_{Planck} .

2. Analytic continuation



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Euclidean AdS wormhole



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[Maldacena, Maoz 2004]



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> [Fu, Marolf 2019, Freivogel et al. 2006]

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A dual CFT state may be prepared via a Euclidean path integral!

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Correlated heavy operator insertions introduce particles traveling on FLRW geodesics. A ring of heavy operators can create the domain wall.

[Sasieta 2022, Balasubramanian et al. 2022] 4. Probing the cosmology



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Reconstructing the bubble interior is possible, but difficult if the bubble lies behind the horizon and becomes a "Python's lunch". In other cases the interior can be probed using RT surfaces.

[Ryu, Takayanagi 2006]

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- 5. Further work : exact nature of insertions? Correlation functions?





Extras

The construction is special to 3+1 spacetime dimensions and generalises the Oppenheimer-Snyder solution.

The solution space is spanned by ρ_M , ρ_R , and R_0 .

The density of dust and the mass of the black hole are given by the density of dust and radiation in the cosmology.

$$\rho_S = 2\sqrt{\rho_R}$$
$$\mu = \rho_M R_0^3 + 2\sqrt{\rho_R} R'_K(r_0) R_0^2$$

Parameter regimes with sensible Euclidean continuation (orange and green)



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