

Aspects of Wedge Holography

Rong-Xin Miao

based on JHEP 03 (2022) 145 and JHEP 01 (2021) 150

School of Physics and Astronomy, Sun Yat-Sen University

Peng Huanwu Center for fundamental Theory, August 23, 2022

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Double holography

Double holography plays an important role in recovering Page curve of Hawking radiations.

- Entanglement entropy (fine-grained entropy) should not exceed black hole entropy (coarse-grained entropy).
- Recover Page curve of eternal BH

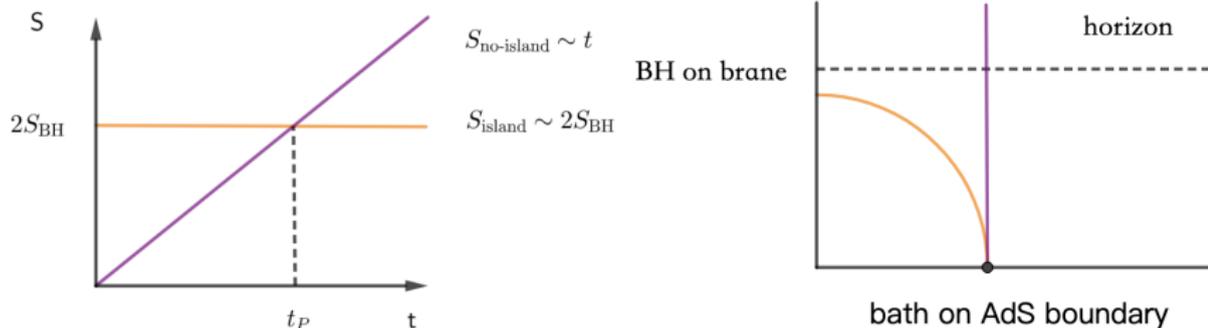


Figure: (left) Page curve of eternal BH; (right) Island in double holography

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Wedge Holography

Classical gravity on wedge $W_{d+1} \simeq$ Quantum gravity on two AdS_d Q
 \simeq CFT_{d-1} on Σ

Akal, Kusuki, Takayanagi and Wei, PRD [arXiv:2007.06800]

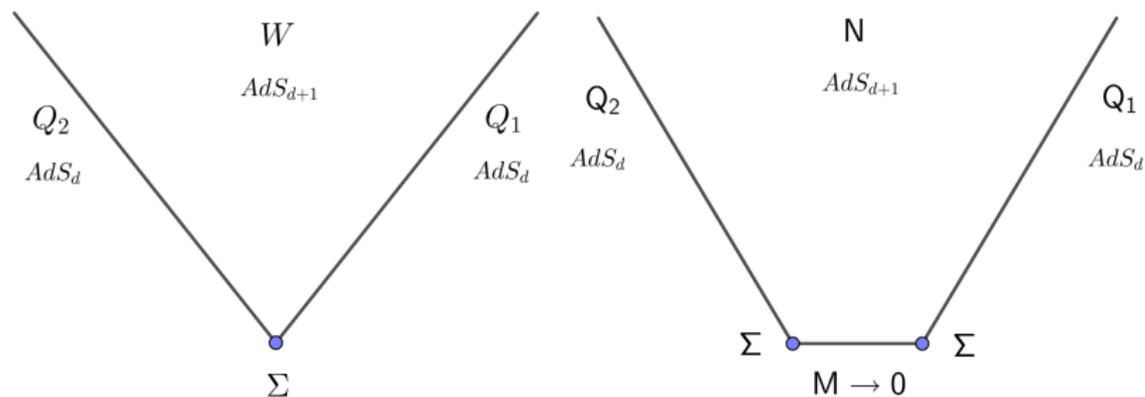


Figure: (left) Geometry of wedge holography; (right) Wedge holography from AdS/BCFT

Proposal of Wedge Holography

- Gravitational action

$$I = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_N \sqrt{g}(R - 2\Lambda) + \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{Q_1 \cup Q_2} \sqrt{h}(K - T), \quad (1)$$

where $T = (d - 1) \tanh \rho$ is the brane tension.

- Neumann BC on Q :

$$K^i_j - (K - T)h^i_j = 0, \quad (2)$$

where K_{ij} are the extrinsic curvatures.

- Correct Weyl anomaly, entanglement/Rényi entropy, correlation function...

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_{\Sigma} dx^2 \sqrt{\sigma} \left(\sinh(\rho) R_{\Sigma} \right) \quad (3)$$

- Correct degree of freedom

Cone holography

Cone holography proposes that a gravity theory in the $(d+1)$ -dimensional cone C is dual to a CFT on $(d+1-n)$ -dimensional defect D .

Miao, PRD [arXiv: 2101.10031]

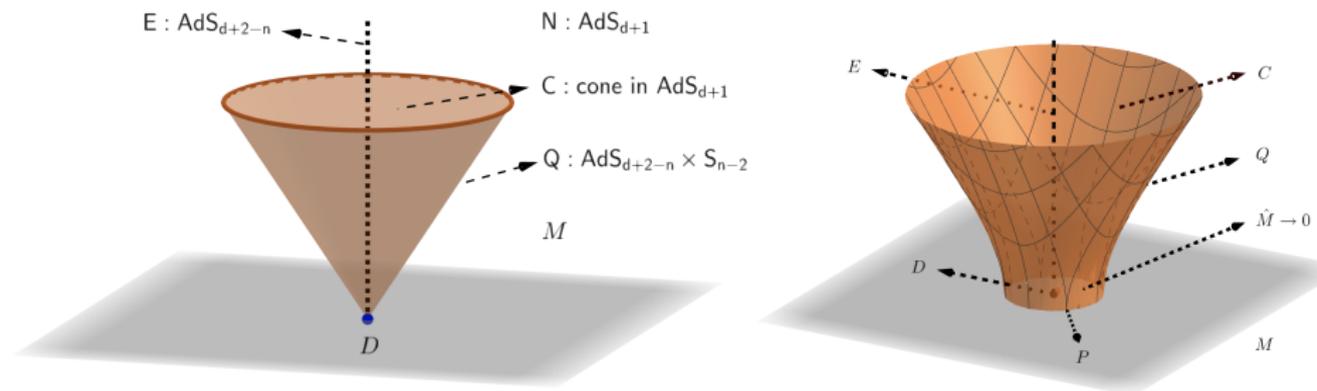


Figure: (left) Geometry of cone holography; (right) Cone holography from AdS/dCFT.

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Perturbation around AdS

- Bulk metric and location of branes

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + \cosh^2(r) \left(\bar{h}_{ij}^{(0)}(y) + \epsilon H(r) \bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)}(y) \right) dy^i dy^j + O(\epsilon^2),$$
$$Q : r = \pm \rho + O(\epsilon^2), \quad (4)$$

where $\bar{h}_{ij}^{(0)}$ is an AdS metric, $\bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)}$ denotes the perturbation.

- Transverse traceless gauge

$$\bar{D}^i \bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)} = 0, \quad \bar{h}^{(0)ij} \bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)} = 0 \quad (5)$$

- EOM

$$\left(\bar{D}_k \bar{D}^k + 2 - m_g^2 \right) \bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)}(y) = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\cosh^2(r) H''(r) + d \sinh(r) \cosh(r) H'(r) + m_g^2 H(r) = 0, \quad (7)$$

where m_g denotes the mass of gravitons.

Spectrum determined by boundary condition

- Solution

$$H(r) = \operatorname{sech}^{\frac{d}{2}}(r) \left(c_1 P_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(\tanh r) + c_2 Q_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(\tanh r) \right), \quad (8)$$

where $\lambda_g = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{(d-1)^2 + 4m_g^2} - 1 \right)$.

- Boundary conditions

$$\text{NBC : } H'(\pm\rho) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\text{DBC/CBC : } H(\pm\rho) = 0, \quad (10)$$

NBC specifies extrinsic curvature, DBC fixes induced metric, CBC specifies the conformal geometry and the trace of extrinsic curvature.

- Constraint of mass

$$\text{NBC : } m_g^2 \left(P_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}-1}(x) Q_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}-1}(-x) - P_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}-1}(-x) Q_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}-1}(x) \right) = 0,$$

$$\text{DBC/CBC : } P_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(x) Q_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(-x) - P_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(-x) Q_{\lambda_g}^{\frac{d}{2}}(x) = 0, \quad (11)$$

where $x = \tanh(\rho)$

Comments on Spectrum of wedge holography

- Unlike AdS/BCFT and brane world theory, there is a massless mode for wedge holography with NBC.
- The spectrum is non-negative for all kinds of BCs.

$$\begin{cases} m_g^2 \geq 0, & \text{NBC,} \\ m_g^2 > 0, & \text{DBC/CBC,} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

- In large and small tension limit, except a massless mode, the mass spectrums are the same for all kinds of BCs.

$$\text{NBC/DBC/CBC: } m_g^2 \approx \begin{cases} k(k+d-1), & \text{for large } \rho, \\ \frac{k^2\pi^2}{4\rho^2}, & \text{for small } \rho, \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

where k is an integer.

- In small tension limit, the effective theory on the brane is Einstein gravity for NBC.

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- **Effective Action of Wedge holography**
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Special case I

Perturbative effective action is given by an infinite sum of Pauli-Fierz actions for massive gravity.

- Bulk metric and location of branes

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + \cosh^2(r) \left(\bar{h}_{ij}^{(0)}(y) + \epsilon H(r) \bar{h}_{ij}^{(1)}(y) \right) dy^i dy^j + O(\epsilon^2),$$
$$Q : r = \pm \rho + O(\epsilon^2). \quad (14)$$

- Orthogonal condition

$$\int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \cosh(r)^{d-2} H^{(m_g)}(r) H^{(m'_g)}(r) dr = \delta^{m_g, m'_g}. \quad (15)$$

- Perturbative effective action (correct sign of kinetic term, ghost-free)

$$I = \sum_{m_g} \int_Q d^d y \sqrt{|\bar{h}^{(0)}|} \left[-\frac{1}{4} \bar{D}_k \bar{h}_{ij}^{(m_g)} \bar{D}^k \bar{h}^{(m_g)ij} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{D}_k \bar{h}_{ij}^{(m_g)} \bar{D}^i \bar{h}^{(m_g)jk} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{d-1}{2} \bar{h}_{ij}^{(m_g)} \bar{h}^{(m_g)ij} - \frac{1}{4} m_g^2 \bar{h}_{ij}^{(m_g)} \bar{h}^{(m_g)ij} \right] \quad (16)$$

Special case II

In large tension limit, the effective action is composed of CFT effective action and a higher derivative gravity.

- For large tension, the geometry of wedge holography becomes that of AdS/CFT.
- Holographic renormalization in AdS/CFT

$$I_{\text{CFT}} = I_W + I_c \quad (17)$$

- Counterterms on the brane

$$I_c = \frac{-1}{16\pi G_N} \int_Q \sqrt{|h|} \left[2(d-1) - 2T + \frac{1}{d-2} \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{(d-4)(d-2)^2} \left(\mathcal{R}^{ij} \mathcal{R}_{ij} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} \mathcal{R}^2 \right) + \dots \right] \quad (18)$$

- Effective action of wedge holography

$$I_W = I_{\text{CFT}} - I_c \quad (19)$$

General effective action

For general tension, the effective action is composed of CFT effective action and an infinite tower of higher derivative gravity.

- General effective action

$$I_W = I_{\text{CFT}} - I_c \quad (20)$$

- Support from entanglement entropy [Chen, Myers, Neuenfeld, Reyes, Sandor, JHEP 10 (2020) 166]

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{4G_N} \int dx^{d-1} \sqrt{\sigma_W}, \quad (21)$$

$$S_{\text{brane}} = \frac{1}{4G_N} \int dy^{d-2} \sqrt{\sigma_Q} \left(\frac{1}{d-2} + O(\mathcal{R}) \right) \quad (22)$$

- Support from Weyl anomaly [Hu, Miao, JHEP 03 (2022) 145]

The ghost problem

The effective theory on the brane is derived from Einstein gravity in the bulk, thus it should be ghost-free. However, the effective theory is a higher derivative gravity, which suffers the ghost problem generally.

- Perturbation equation of higher derivative gravity on the brane

$$\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\square + \frac{2}{L_{\text{eff}}^2} - m_n^2 \right) \delta h_{ij} = 0, \quad (23)$$

- Propagator for $L_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} D(p) &\sim \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{m_j^2 - m_i^2} \right) \frac{1}{p^2 + m_i^2} \\ &\sim \left(\frac{a_0^2}{p^2} - \frac{a_1^2}{p^2 + m_1^2} + \frac{a_2^2}{p^2 + m_2^2} - \frac{a_3^2}{p^2 + m_3^2} + \dots \right) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

- Eq.(24) implies half of the massive modes are ghost ([wrong sign](#)).

Mechanism to eliminate ghost

We argue that the higher derivative gravity on the brane is equivalent to a ghost-free multi-gravity.

- Ghost-free multi-gravity

$$S_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \int dy^d \sqrt{|h_n|} \left(\mathcal{R}_n + \frac{m_N^2}{2} \mathcal{L}(h_n, h_{n+1}) \right) \quad (25)$$

where \mathcal{R}_n is the Ricci scalar of the n th metric h_n and $\mathcal{L}(h_n, h_{n+1})$ is the ghost-free interaction between neighboring metrics.

- Eliminating $h_2 \dots h_{N-1}$, we get same \mathcal{R}^2 terms as HD gravity on brane

$$\begin{aligned} S_N &= \int dy^d \sqrt{|h_1|} \left(\Lambda_1 + c_R \mathcal{R}_1 - \frac{C_{RR}}{m_N^2} \left(\mathcal{R}_1^{ij} \mathcal{R}_{1\ ij} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} \mathcal{R}_1^2 \right) \right) \\ &+ \int dy^d \sqrt{|h_N|} \left(\Lambda_N + c_R \mathcal{R}_N - \frac{C_{RR}}{m_N^2} \left(\mathcal{R}_N^{ij} \mathcal{R}_{N\ ij} - \frac{d}{4(d-1)} \mathcal{R}_N^2 \right) \right) \\ &+ \int dy^d \mathcal{L}_{int}(h_1, h_N) + O(\mathcal{R}^3/m_N^4), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

More on ghost-free multi-gravity I

The ghost-free multi-gravity can be derived from Einstein gravity in the bulk. Thus it must be equivalent to the effective higher derivative gravity on the brane.

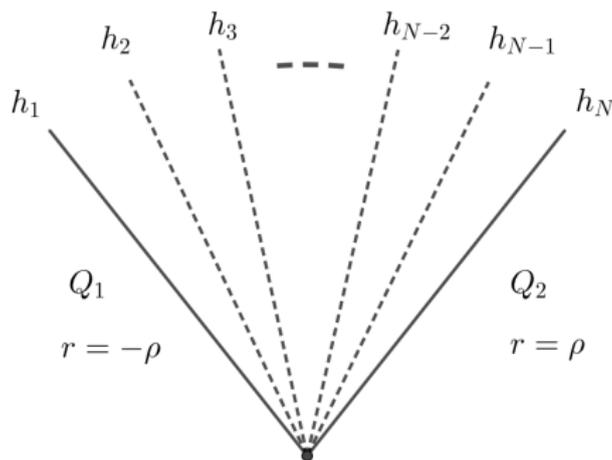


Figure: Deconstruction: make discretization of Einstein gravity and replace the extra dimension r by a series of sites r_b ($1 \leq b \leq N$). In this way, one can derive ghost-free multi-gravity from the Einstein gravity in the bulk.

More on ghost-free multi-gravity II

The ghost-free multi-gravity can be derived from Einstein gravity.

- Einstein gravity in the bulk

$$I = \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} dr \int dy^d \sqrt{|h|} \left(\mathcal{R}[h] + K^2 - K_{ij}K^{ij} - 2\Lambda \right), \quad (27)$$

- Extrinsic curvature

$$K_j^i[h_n, h_{n+1}] = -m_N \left(\delta_j^i - \left(\sqrt{h_n^{-1} h_{n+1}} \right)_j^i \right), \quad (28)$$

$m_N = N/(2\rho) \simeq \partial_r$ denotes derivative.

- Multi-gravity from bulk Einstein gravity

$$I = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \int dy^d \sqrt{|h_n|} \left(\mathcal{R}_n + \frac{m_N^2}{2} \mathcal{L}(h_n, h_{n+1}) \right) \quad (29)$$

- NBC fix K_1 and K_N while DBC fix h_1 and h_N .

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- **First Law of entanglement entropy**
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Review of first law of entanglement entropy

- Relative entropy measures the distance between two states

$$S(\rho_1|\rho_0) = \text{tr}(\rho_1 \ln \rho_1) - \text{tr}(\rho_1 \ln \rho_0). \quad (30)$$

- It can be re-expressed as

$$S(\rho_1|\rho_0) = \Delta\langle H \rangle - \Delta S, \quad (31)$$

$$\Delta\langle H \rangle = \text{tr}(\rho_1 H) - \text{tr}(\rho_0 H), \quad \Delta S = S(\rho_1) - S(\rho_0), \quad (32)$$

where H is the modular Hamiltonian and S is entanglement entropy.

- Positivity of the relative entropy requires

$$\Delta\langle H \rangle \geq \Delta S. \quad (33)$$

- At first-order perturbation, we get first law of entanglement entropy

$$\delta\langle H \rangle = \delta S. \quad (34)$$

Holographic entanglement entropy in wedge holography

- Holographic entanglement entropy

$$S_A = \text{Min}_{\gamma_A} \left[\text{Min}_{\Gamma_A} \frac{A(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right] \quad (35)$$

where $\partial\gamma_A = \partial A$ and $\partial\Gamma_A = \partial\gamma_A$.

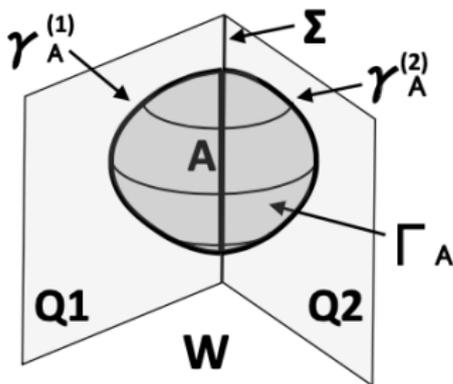


Figure: Vary γ_A on the brane Q to minimize the area of Γ_A in the bulk W .

Holographic entanglement entropy (HEE) of disk

- Bulk metric

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + \cosh^2(r) \frac{dz^2 - dt^2 + dR^2 + R^2 d\Omega_{d-3}^2}{z^2} \quad (36)$$

- HEE of a disk: $R^2 \leq R_0^2$

$$S = \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma)}{4G_N}, \quad (37)$$

- RT surface Γ :

$$z^2 + R^2 = R_0^2, \quad t = \text{constant}. \quad (38)$$

First-order Perturbation of HEE

- Perturbative bulk metric

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + \cosh^2(r) \left(ds_{AdS}^2 + \epsilon \sum_{m_g} H^{(m_g)}(r) \bar{h}_{ab}^{(m_g)}(y) dy^a dy^b \right). \quad (39)$$

- As a minimal surface, RT surface is invariant under first-order perturbation

$$z^2 + r_0^2 = R_0^2, \quad t = \text{constant}. \quad (40)$$

- First-order perturbation of HEE

$$\delta S = \sum_{m_g} \frac{\epsilon}{8G_N} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} dr \cosh^{d-2}(r) H^{(m_g)}(r) \int_{R \leq R_0} d^{d-2}y f^{(m_g)}(y), \quad (41)$$

where the expression of $f^{(m_g)}(y)$ is unimportant.

Massive perturbation

- Orthogonal condition

$$\int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \cosh(r)^{d-2} H^{(m_g)}(r) H^{(0)}(r) dr = \delta^{m_g, 0}, \quad (42)$$

where $H^{(0)}(r) = 1$ for massless mode.

- Massive mode is irrelevant to first-order perturbation of HEE

$$\delta S = \sum_{m_g} \frac{\epsilon}{8G_N} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} dr \cosh^{d-2}(r) H^{(m_g)}(r) \int_{R \leq R_0} d^{d-2} y f^{(m_g)}(y) = 0.$$

- Modular Hamiltonian

$$\delta \langle H \rangle = \frac{\pi}{R_0} \int_{R \leq R_0} d^{d-2} x z^2 \delta \langle T_{00} \rangle = 0. \quad (43)$$

where T_{00} is the stress tensor which is irrelevant to massive modes.

- First law for Massive perturbation

$$\delta S = \delta \langle H \rangle = 0, \quad \text{for } m_g^2 > 0. \quad (44)$$

Massless perturbation

For massless perturbation, we can also verify the first law of entanglement entropy for wedge holography.

- Effective theory of massless mode is Einstein gravity

$$I_W = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \cosh^{d-2}(r) dr \int_Q dy^d \sqrt{|\bar{h}|} \left(R_{\bar{h}} + (d-1)(d-2) \right).$$

- For Einstein gravity, the first law of entanglement entropy is obeyed

$$\delta S = \delta \langle H \rangle, \quad \text{for } m_g^2 = 0. \quad (45)$$

- At higher-order perturbations, we have

$$\delta \langle H \rangle \geq \delta S, \quad \text{for } m_g^2 = 0. \quad (46)$$

- Turn the logic around, derive Einstein equations in the $(d+1)$ bulk from the first law on the $(d-1)$ dimensional corner ?

1 Background

- Doubly holographic model
- Wedge Holography

2 Main Results

- Spectrum of Wedge holography
- Effective Action of Wedge holography
- First Law of entanglement entropy
- Page curve on codim-2 brane

3 Summary and outlook

Geometry of AdS/dCFT

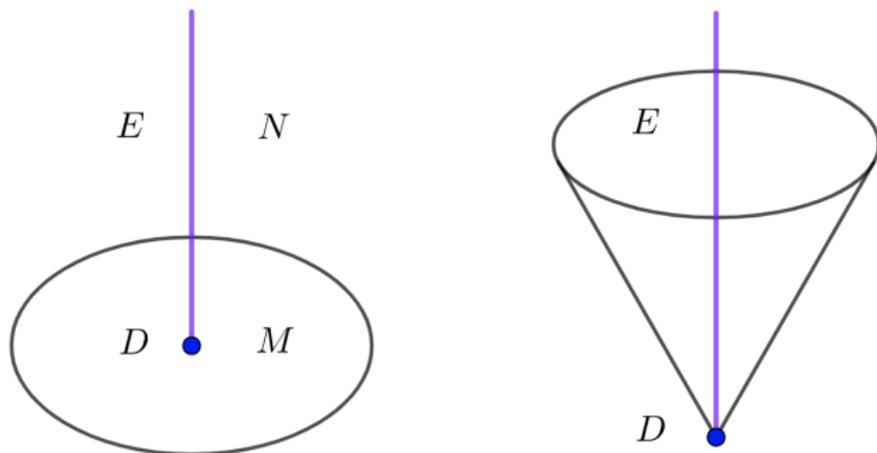


Figure: (left) Geometry of AdS/dCFT (a limit of cone holography); (right) Geometry of cone holography. E is a codim-2 brane in the bulk N , D is a codim-2 defect on the AdS boundary M .

- Gravity can be located on the codim-2 brane E .
- We set black hole on the codim-2 brane E and bath on the AdS boundary M .

Page curve in AdS/dCFT

- bulk metric: codim-2 brane at $r = 0$, AdS bdy at $r \rightarrow \infty$

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + \sinh(r)^2 d\theta^2 + \cosh(r)^2 ds_{\text{BH}}^2. \quad (47)$$

- Page curve

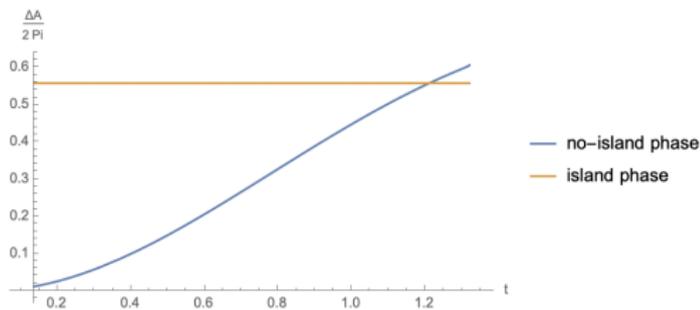


Figure: Page curve on codim-2 brane in $\text{AdS}_4/\text{dCFT}_3$.

- The extremal surface passing through the horizon (no-island phase) cannot be defined after some finite time.
- This unusual situation does not affect Page curve since it happens after Page time.

Summary and outlook

Summary:

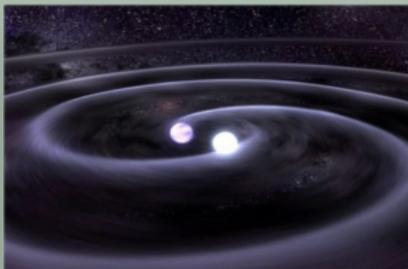
- There is **massless graviton** on the brane in wedge/cone holography with NBC, which is quite different from brane world theory and AdS/BCFT.
- The spectrum is non-negative $m_g^2 \geq 0$ for all kinds of boundary conditions.
- The effective theory on the brane is a **ghost-free higher derivative gravity** or an equivalent **multi-gravity**.
- The first law of entanglement entropy is obeyed by wedge holography.
- On codim-2 brane, the no-island phase cannot be defined after some finite time. This unusual situation **does not affect Page curve since it happens after Page time**.

Outlook:

- Study island and the Page curve of Hawking radiations.
- Derive Einstein equations in bulk from first law on corner of wedge?
- Application of wedge/cone holography in AdS/CMT?



Thanks!

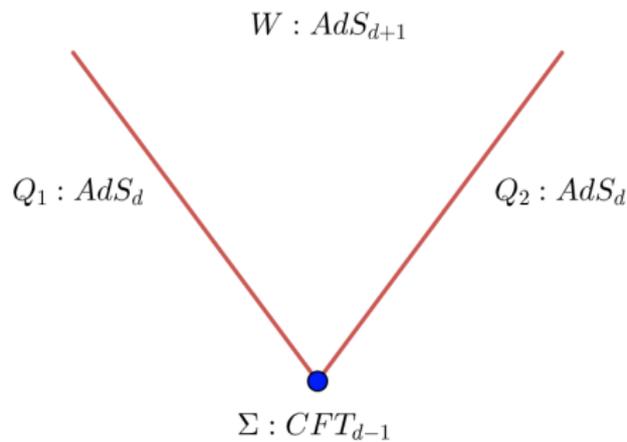


中山大學 物理与天文学院

<http://spa.sysu.edu.cn/>

Wedge Holography

Classical gravity on wedge $W_{d+1} \simeq$ Quantum gravity on two AdS_d Q
 \simeq CFT_{d-1} on Σ



1 classical gravity in bulk W

2 ghost-free higher derivative gravity
(massive gravity) on brane Q

3 first law of EE for CFT_{d-1}