

# Higher Spin Gravity and black holes

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# What is higher spin gravity

## Higher Spin fields (non-interacting)

[Fronsdal]

- Spin  $s$  field described by symmetric tensor:  $\phi_{\mu_1\mu_2\ldots\mu_s}(x)$
- EOM (non-interacting, massless)

$$\nabla^2 \phi_{\mu_1\ldots\mu_s} - \partial_{(\mu_1} \partial^{\rho} \phi_{\rho\mu_2\ldots\mu_s)} + \partial_{(\mu_1} \partial_{\mu_2} \phi_{\mu_3\ldots\mu_s)\lambda}{}^{\lambda} = 0$$

- Higher spin gauge symmetry  $\delta\phi_{\mu_1\mu_2\ldots\mu_s}(x) = \partial_{(\mu_1} \epsilon_{\mu_2\ldots\mu_s)}(x) + \ldots$ ,  
where  $\epsilon$  is the infinitesimal gauge parameter (traceless)
- To guarantee Lagrangian description,  $\phi$  has to be a double-traceless tensor field

## No go theorem in flat Minkowski spacetime

- no non-trivial S-matrix of massless fields of spin  $s > 2$

[Weinberg, Coleman-Mandula, Aragone, Deser]

- note: string theory in flat spacetime has a tower of massive fields with mixed symmetry with respect to Lorentz group  
but: in high  $E$  limit massless HS fields?

[Sagnotti et al]

[see talk by Massimo Taronna]

# Higher spin gravity - a special limit in string theory

## Two different limits of string theory

- $\alpha' = l_s^2 \rightarrow 0$ : supergravity description  
invariant under diffeomorphisms
- $\alpha' \rightarrow \infty$ : tensionless limit  
Massive string states get massless in this limit:

$$m^2 L^2 \sim \frac{L^2}{\alpha'} \rightarrow 0$$

String theory (is expected to) reduce to higher spin gravity  
new gauge symmetry present involving higher spin fields!  
expected to be non-local

How does spacetime look like at short distances?

For example in string theory or any other sensible quantum theory of gravity?

# Higher spin gravity in curved spacetime

Interacting Higher spin theories in (Anti-)de Sitter spacetime possible

- S-matrix does not exist
- but non-trivial correlation functions of massless interacting higher spin fields possible

Here I will focus on higher spin gravity in the framework of AdS/CFT!

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## Interesting limits

- *Large N limit:* Take  $N \rightarrow \infty$  but keep  $\lambda = Ng_{\text{YM}}^2$  fixed  
 $\Rightarrow g_s \sim g_{\text{YM}} \rightarrow 0$ , i.e. **classical string theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$**
- *strong coupling limit:*  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$   
 $L^4/\alpha'^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. **supergravity on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$**
- *weak coupling limit:*  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$   
 $L^4/\alpha'^2 \rightarrow 0$ , i.e. **higher spin gravity on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$**

# Examples of AdS/CFT involving higher spin gravity

## AdS<sub>4</sub> / CFT<sub>3</sub> duality

[Klebanov, Polyakov]

Vasiliev higher spin gravity in AdS<sub>4</sub>

is dual to

(2+1)-dimensional O(N) vector models

two different boundary conditions for scalar field:

- $\Delta = 1$  dual to free theory of  $N$  massless scalars
- $\Delta = 2$  dual to critical O(N) vector model

## Vasiliev higher spin gravity in AdS<sub>4</sub>

Non-linear system of eom:

- infinite set of gauge fields of spin  $s = 2, 4, 6, \dots$
- scalar field with mass  $m^2 = -2/R_{AdS}^2$ .

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[Gaberdiel, Gopakumar, '10]

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is dual to

$W_N$  minimal model in the 't Hooft limit

- coset representation for  $W_N$  models

$$\frac{su(N)_k \oplus su(N)_1}{su(N)_{k+1}}$$

- 't Hooft limit

$$N, k \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{N}{k+N} \text{ fixed}$$

# Why is higher spin gravity for AdS/CFT interesting?

- From conceptional point of view:  
What is the gravity dual of non-interaction field theories? Of minimal CFTs?
- For condensed matter applications:  
Higher Spin Gravity in 4D dual to  $O(N)$  models in the large  $N$ -limit.  
**How do we compute entanglement entropy in higher spin gravity?**
- For (quantum) gravity applications:  
Higher Spin Gravity as toy-model to study properties of black holes in asymptotically AdS.  
Can we study black hole creation and evaporation explicitly since we have both sides under full control?  
**What is geometry in higher spin gravity?**

# Why Higher Spin gravity in context of AdS/CFT?

In this talk:

I focus on higher spin gravity in three spacetime dimensions.

advantage:

We do not have to take into account the infinite tower of higher spins since we can truncate to a finite order.

Here:

I consider only 'minimal' extensions of Einstein Gravity by adding a spin-3 degree of freedom.

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# Review: 3D Gravity as Chern-Simons theory

Action

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^3x \sqrt{-g} (R + \frac{2}{L^2}) - \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \omega^a \wedge e_a$$

or equivalently

$$S = S_{CS}[A] - S_{CS}[\bar{A}] \quad A = \omega + e, \quad \bar{A} = \omega - e$$

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# 3D Higher Spin Gravity as Chern-Simons theory II

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## Remarks

- Some of the gauge transformations (namely  $g, \tilde{g} \in SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \subset SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ ) correspond to diffeomorphisms and frame rotations.
- Higher spin gauge transformations may change the causal structure of the spacetime. **What is the notion of geometry in higher spin gravity?**

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[see talk by Stefan Fredenhagen]

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$$A_- = \mu \left( e^{2\rho} W_2 - \frac{4\pi}{k} \mathcal{L} W_0 + \frac{4\pi^2}{k^2} \mathcal{L}^2 e^{-2\rho} W_{-2} + \frac{4\pi}{k} \mathcal{W} e^{-\rho} L_{-1} \right) \sim \mu A_+^2$$

# Black holes in 3D Higher Spin Gravity II

Thermodynamics of charged higher spin black holes are only consistent if Holonomy condition is satisfied.

## The Holonomy condition

The holonomies associated with the Euclidean time circle

$$\omega = 2\pi(\tau A_+ - \bar{\tau} A_-) \quad \bar{\omega} = 2\pi(\tau \bar{A}_+ - \bar{\tau} \bar{A}_-)$$

have eigenvalues  $(0, 2\pi i, -2\pi i)$  as in the case of the BTZ black hole.

## Gauge invariant characterization of higher spin black holes!

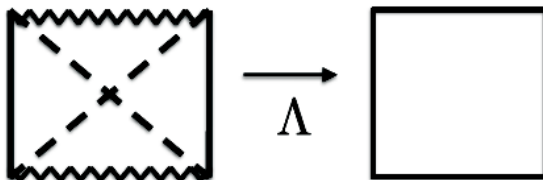
Entropy:

$$S \neq \frac{A}{4G}$$

can be reproduced from CFT side (and also from entanglement entropy, Wald formula)

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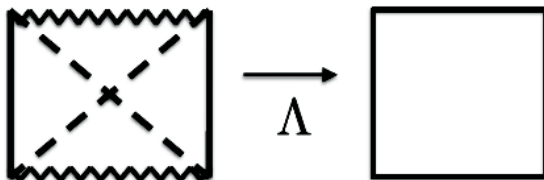
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Need matter in order to decide what is the correct causal structure:

- we have to consider Vasiliev theory
- calculate correlation functions of scalar fields on both asymptotic AdS sides
- correlation functions behave as in a black hole background (also in wormhole gauge)

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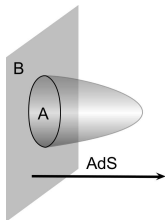
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## Gravity dual of entanglement entropy (supergravity limit)



Construct minimal spacelike surface  $m(A)$  which is anchored at the boundary  $\partial A$  of the region  $A$  and extends into the bulk spacetime.

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Entanglement entropy: Take  $c_3 = 0$  and  $\sqrt{2c_2} \rightarrow \frac{c}{6}$  and compute  $S_{EE} = -\log(W_{\mathcal{R}}(C))$

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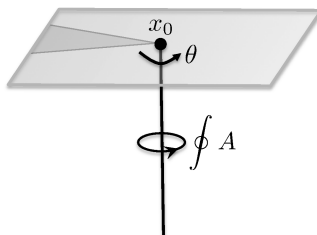
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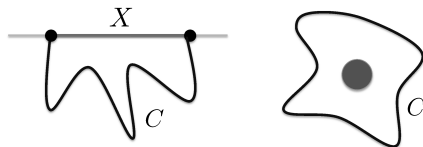


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[see also Lewkowycz, Maldacena,'13]

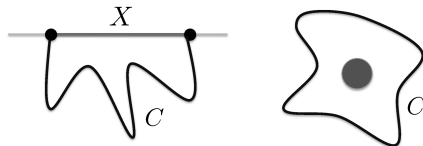
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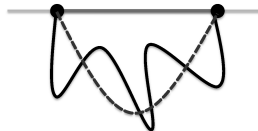


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Wilson Line does not depend on path. Geodesic equation is irrelevant to entanglement entropy.



Can we conclude that large regions of spacetime are highly entangled with each other?

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## In this talk

We focused on gravity + spin-3 field in  $AdS_3$

- Black hole solution in higher spin gravity with non-trivial higher spin charge
  - Causal structure/curvature singularities not invariant under higher spin gauge transformations
- Entanglement Entropy dual to a Wilson line in an infinite dimensional rep.

## Generalizations & Outlook

Generalization to Vasiliev theory (gravity + infinite tower of higher spin fields + matter)  
dual to minimal two-dimensional CFTs (which can be solved) [\[Gaberdiel, Gopakumar\]](#)

- Higher spin black hole solutions known
- Have to construct Wilson Line

Next: Study Black hole creation & evaporation in this theory!

# Summary II

## Possible Caveats

- Is higher spin gravity in 3D non-trivial enough to create black holes from scalar fields?
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# Outline

# Review: Spin-3 gravity

How to embed  $s/(2, \mathbb{R})$  into  $s/(3, \mathbb{R})$ ?

There are two different embeddings possible (leading to different CFTs). Here we use:

$s/(3, \mathbb{R})$  has eight generators which we split into:

- $L_{-1}, L_0, L_1$  generators of  $s/(2, \mathbb{R})$ , with commutation relations  $[L_i, L_j] = (i - j)L_{i+j}$
- $W_j$ , ( $j = -2, -1, \dots, 2$ ) satisfying  $[L_j, W_m] = (2j - m)W_{j+m}$

# Spin-3 black hole in "wormhole gauge"

gauge connection

$$A = A_+ dx^+ + A_- dx^- + A_\rho d\rho, \quad \bar{A} = \bar{A}_+ dx^+ + \bar{A}_- dx^- + \bar{A}_\rho d\rho$$

with

$$A_\rho = L_0 \quad \bar{A}_\rho = -L_0$$

$$A_+ = e^\rho L_1 - \frac{2\pi}{k} \mathcal{L} e^{-\rho} L_{-1} - \frac{\pi}{2k} \mathcal{W} e^{-2\rho} W_{-2}$$

$$A_- = \mu \left( e^{2\rho} W_2 - \frac{4\pi}{k} \mathcal{L} W_0 + \frac{4\pi^2}{k^2} \mathcal{L}^2 e^{-2\rho} W_{-2} + \frac{4\pi}{k} \mathcal{W} e^{-\rho} L_{-1} \right) \sim \mu A_+^2$$

$$\bar{A}_- = - \left( e^\rho L_{-1} - \frac{2\pi}{k} \bar{\mathcal{L}} e^{-\rho} L_1 - \frac{\pi}{2k} \bar{\mathcal{W}} e^{-2\rho} W_2 \right)$$

$$\bar{A}_+ = -\bar{\mu} \left( e^{2\rho} W_{-2} - \frac{4\pi}{k} \bar{\mathcal{L}} W_0 + \frac{4\pi^2}{k^2} \bar{\mathcal{L}}^2 e^{-2\rho} W_2 + \frac{4\pi}{k} \bar{\mathcal{W}} e^{-\rho} L_1 \right) \sim \bar{\mu} \bar{A}_-^2$$

From now on: Non rotating case

$$\bar{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L}, \quad \bar{\mathcal{W}} = -\mathcal{W}, \quad \bar{\mu} = -\mu$$

# Spin-3 black hole in "wormhole gauge"

## Parameters in non rotating case

- Four free parameters:  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\beta = T^{-1}$ , given by  $t \simeq t + i\beta$
- but only a two-parameter family of physically admissible solutions:

If  $T$  and  $\mu$  (or equivalently  $\tau = i\beta/(2\pi)$  and  $\alpha = \bar{\tau}\mu$ ) are specified

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\tau, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{W}(\tau, \alpha)$  should be determined thermodynamically

$$Z(\tau, \alpha) = \text{Tr} e^{8\pi^2 i[\tau \hat{\mathcal{L}} + \alpha \hat{\mathcal{W}}]}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle \hat{\mathcal{L}} \rangle = -\frac{i}{8\pi^2} \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \tau} \quad \mathcal{W} = \langle \hat{\mathcal{W}} \rangle = -\frac{i}{8\pi^2} \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \alpha}$$

and therefore have to satisfy the *integrability condition*

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial \tau}$$

How do we determine  $\mathcal{L}(\tau, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{W}(\tau, \alpha)$  from the holographic perspective?

For BTZ, relation between energy and temperature is fixed by demanding absence of conical singularity at horizon in Euclidean signature

# Spin-3 black hole in "wormhole gauge"

How are the charges  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  related to  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$  – a naive first attempt

Metric of spin-3 black hole

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 - \mathcal{F}(\rho)dt^2 + \mathcal{G}(\rho)d\phi^2$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}(\rho) = \left( 2\mu e^{2\rho} + \frac{\pi}{k} \mathcal{W} e^{-2\rho} - \frac{8\pi^2}{k^2} \mu \mathcal{L}^2 e^{-2\rho} \right)^2 + \left( e^\rho - \frac{2\pi}{k} \mathcal{L} e^{-\rho} + \frac{4\pi}{k} \mu \mathcal{W} e^{-\rho} \right)^2$$

Since we demand  $g_{tt}(\rho = \rho_+) = 0$

$$e^{2\rho_+} = \frac{2\pi}{k} (\mathcal{L} - 2\mu\mathcal{W}), \quad k + 32\mu^2\pi (\mu\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{L}) = 0$$

The temperature is fixed by avoiding the conical singularity. Then we can determine

$$\mathcal{W}(\tau, \alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(\tau, \alpha)$$

However, these charge assignments do not satisfy the integrability condition!

Attempt failed!

# Spin-3 black hole in "wormhole gauge"

## puzzle

But if we use another charge assignment then the metric of the spin-3 black hole

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 - \mathcal{F}(\rho)dt^2 + \mathcal{G}(\rho)d\phi^2$$

$\mathcal{F}(\rho)$  and  $\mathcal{G}(\rho)$  are always positive!

- no event horizon since  $\mathcal{F}$  never vanishes
- geometry possesses a globally defined timelike Killing vector

For  $\rho \rightarrow \pm\infty$ :  $\mathcal{F}(\rho), \mathcal{G}(\rho) \sim e^{4|\rho|} \Rightarrow$  asymptotic  $\text{AdS}_3$  region with radius 1/2.

Geometry is a "wormhole" connecting two asymptotic  $\text{AdS}_3$  regions

*Why do we call this gauge connection a higher spin black hole?*

# Spin-3 black hole in "wormhole gauge"

## Wish list

We want to find a charge assignment  $\mathcal{L}(\tau, \alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{W}(\tau, \alpha)$  such that

- the integrability condition

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial \tau}$$

is satisfied,

i.e. in other words the thermodynamic quantities associated with the black hole will obey the first law of thermodynamics

- in the limit  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  the solution goes smoothly over to BTZ, in particular  $\mathcal{W} \rightarrow 0$
- it is possible to find *another* gauge in which there exists a horizon and the geometry is smooth near the horizon.

The charge assignments are compatible with the smoothness in that geometry

# Outline



# The Holonomy condition

## The Holonomy condition

The holonomies associated with the Euclidean time circle

$$\omega = 2\pi(\tau\mathcal{A}_+ - \bar{\tau}\mathcal{A}_-) \quad \bar{\omega} = 2\pi(\tau\bar{\mathcal{A}}_+ - \bar{\tau}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_-)$$

have eigenvalues  $(0, 2\pi i, -2\pi i)$  as in the case of the BTZ black hole.

*Alternative formulation (presented only for  $\omega$ )*

$$\det(\omega) = 0, \quad \text{Tr}(\omega^2) + 8\pi^2 = 0$$

## Remarks

The holonomy condition

- is gauge invariant,
- reproduces known BTZ results in the uncharged case  $\mu \rightarrow 0, \mathcal{W} \rightarrow 0$ .

# The Holonomy condition

Let us apply the holonomy condition to the spin-3 black hole in "wormhole" gauge.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 2048\pi^2\alpha^3\mathcal{L}^3 - 576\pi k\tau^2\alpha\mathcal{L}^2 - 864\pi k\alpha^2\tau\mathcal{W}\mathcal{L} - 864\pi k\alpha^3\mathcal{W}^2 - 27k^2\tau^3\mathcal{W} \\ 0 &= 256\pi^2\alpha^2\mathcal{L}^2 + 24\pi k\tau^2\mathcal{L} + 72\pi k\tau\alpha\mathcal{W} + 3k^2 \end{aligned}$$

To check integrability

- Solve the second equation for  $\mathcal{W}$  and calculate  $\frac{\partial\mathcal{W}}{\partial\tau}$
- Plug  $\mathcal{W}$  into the first equation. We can now determine  $\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\alpha}$  and  $\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\tau}$
- Show that

$$\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial\alpha} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{W}}{\partial\tau}$$

*Integrability is indeed satisfied!*

*Last task on our list:*

Find a gauge transformation to turn the "wormhole" into a smooth black hole!

# Outline

# Transformation of the "wormhole" into a black hole

Consider new connections  $(A, \bar{A})$  related to the wormhole connection  $(A, \bar{A})$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= g^{-1}(\rho)A(\rho)g(\rho) + g^{-1}(\rho)dg(\rho) \\ \bar{A} &= g(\rho)\bar{A}(\rho)g^{-1}(\rho) - dg(\rho)g^{-1}(\rho) \end{aligned}$$

The new connection should be smooth at the horizon.

Which conditions do we have to satisfy? How does  $g(\rho)$  look like?

## smoothness conditions, part I

The metric and spin-3 field corresponding to  $(A, \bar{A})$  look like

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{\rho\rho}(\rho)d\rho^2 + g_{tt}(\rho)dt^2 + g_{\phi\phi}(\rho)d\phi^2 \\ \varphi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}dx^\alpha dx^\beta dx^\gamma &= \varphi_{\phi\rho\rho}(\rho)d\phi d\rho^2 + \varphi_{\phi tt}(\rho)d\phi dt^2 + \varphi_{\phi\phi\phi}(\rho)d\phi^3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution should describe smooth black hole with event horizon at  $\rho = \rho_+$

# Transformation of the "wormhole" into a black hole

## smoothness conditons, part II

Let us introduce  $r = \rho - \rho_+$ . We will see  $g_{rr}(0) > 0$  and therefore

$$g_{tt}(0) = g'_{tt}(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g_{\phi\phi}(0) > 0$$

The metric around  $r = 0$  looks like

$$ds^2 \approx g_{rr}(0)dr^2 - \frac{1}{2}g''_{tt}(0)r^2 dt_E^2 + g_{\phi\phi}(0)d\phi^2$$

and therefore the temperature has to be

$$\beta = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2g_{rr}(0)}{-g''_{tt}(0)}}$$

A similar argument for the spin-3 field  $\varphi$  gives  $\varphi_{\phi tt}(0) = \varphi'_{\phi tt}(0) = 0$  and

$$\beta = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2\varphi_{\phi rr}(0)}{-\varphi''_{\phi tt}(0)}}$$

# Transformation of the "wormhole" into a black hole

## smoothness conditons, part III

one more condition to ensure that some curvature invariants involving covariant derivatives do not diverge:

All functions should be smooth at the horizon and even under reflection about  $r = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{rr}(-r) &= g_{rr}(r), & g_{tt}(-r) &= g_{tt}(r), & g_{\phi\phi}(-r) &= g_{\phi\phi}(r) \\ \varphi_{\phi rr}(-r) &= \varphi_{\phi rr}(r), & \varphi_{\phi tt}(-r) &= \varphi_{\phi tt}(r), & \varphi_{\phi\phi\phi}(-r) &= \varphi_{\phi\phi\phi}(r) \end{aligned}$$

This is enforced by demanding a twisted vielbein reflection symmetry

$$\begin{aligned} e_t(-r) &= -h(r)^{-1} e_t(r) h(r) \\ e_\phi(-r) &= h(r)^{-1} e_\phi(r) h(r) \\ e_r(-r) &= h(r)^{-1} e_r(r) h(r) \end{aligned}$$

with  $h(r) \in SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ .

How do we determine  $g(r)$  and  $h(r)$ ?

# Transformation of the "wormhole" into a black hole

Ansatz for  $g(r)$  and  $h(r)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(r) &= e^{F(r)(W_1 - W_{-1}) + G(r)L_0} \\ h(r) &= e^{H(r)(W_1 + W_{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

This is verified by perturbation theory around BTZ perturbatively in the charge.

$F(r)$ ,  $G(r)$  and  $H(r)$  are very difficult to determine but are known explicitly in terms of

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{k}{32\pi\mathcal{L}^3}}\mathcal{W}, \quad \gamma = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\mathcal{L}}{k}}\mu, \quad \zeta = \frac{C-1}{C^{3/2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan H(r) &= -\frac{\sinh(r)}{\sqrt{C-2-\cosh(r)}} & G(r) &= -\frac{\log(X)}{Y} \\ F(r) &= \frac{\sqrt{C}}{2} \cosh(r) G(r) & X(r) &= \sqrt{\frac{C+Y-1}{C-Y-1}} \\ Y^2 &= 1 + C \cosh^2(r) \end{aligned}$$

# Outline



# Properties of the black hole

Let us study the final form of the transformed metric

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{rr} &= \frac{(C-2)(C-3)}{(C-2-\cosh^2(r))^2} \\
 g_{tt} &= -\frac{8\pi\mathcal{L}}{k} \frac{C-3}{C^2} \frac{(a_t + b_t \cosh^2(r)) \sinh^2(r)}{(C-2-\cosh^2(r))^2} \\
 g_{\phi\phi} &= \frac{8\pi\mathcal{L}}{k} \frac{C-3}{C^2} \frac{(a_\phi + b_\phi \cosh^2(r)) \sinh^2(r)}{(C-2-\cosh^2(r))^2} + \frac{8\pi\mathcal{L}}{k} \left(1 + \frac{16}{3}\gamma^2 + 12\gamma\zeta\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

coefficients  $a_{t,\phi}$  and  $b_{t,\phi}$  are functions of  $\gamma$  and  $C$

similar expression also available for the spin-3 field

## Smoothness conditions

The smoothness conditions  $\beta = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{2g_{rr}(0)}{-g_{tt}''(0)}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{2\varphi_{\phi rr}(0)}{-\varphi_{\phi tt}''(0)}}$  are equivalent to the holonomy conditions  $\det(\omega) = 0$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\omega^2) + 8\pi^2 = 0$

# Properties of the black hole

## Limiting cases

- the uncharged BTZ limit corresponds to taking  $\zeta, \gamma \rightarrow 0$ , and  $C \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $C$  has to lie in the range  $3 \leq C < \infty$
- For  $C = 3$  we have  $\zeta_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{27}}$ ,  $\gamma_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{16}}$   
this corresponds to an extremal black hole with  $T = 0$ .

## boundary asymptotics

The metric coefficients diverge at  $r = r_*$  where

$$\cosh^2(r_*) = C - 2$$

The leading behavior of the metric near  $r_*$  is

$$ds^2 \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{dr^2}{(r_* - r)^2} + \frac{2\pi\mathcal{L}}{k} \frac{C - 3}{C^2(C - 2)} \frac{-[a_t + b_t(C - 2)]dt^2 + [a_\phi + b_\phi(C - 2)]d\phi^2}{(r_* - r)^2}$$

i.e.  $\text{AdS}_3$  with radius  $1/2$ .

# Properties of the black hole

## Black hole entropy

The black hole entropy is given by

$$S = 4\pi\sqrt{2\pi k\mathcal{L}}f(y)$$

where  $y = \frac{27}{2}\zeta^2$  and

$$f(y) = \cos \theta, \quad \theta = \frac{1}{6} \arctan \left( \frac{\sqrt{y(2-y)}}{1-y} \right), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$$

In terms of  $C$  we get the simple expression

$$f(y) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4C}}$$

Note that the entropy is not given by

$$S = \frac{1}{4G}\mathcal{A}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the area of the horizon.

# Entanglement entropy in higher spin gravity

How to get the geodesics for 3D spin-2 gravity?

Just set  $U(s) = 1$  (not possible for higher spin gravity)

Geodesic equation

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left( (A - \bar{A})_\mu \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \right) + [\bar{A}_\mu, A_\nu] \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0$$

Proper distance appears in on-shell action

$$\begin{aligned} S_C &= \sqrt{c_2} \int_C ds \sqrt{\text{Tr} \left( (A - \bar{A})_\mu (A - \bar{A})_\nu \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{2c_2} \int_C ds \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu}(x) \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds}} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$S_{EE} = e^{-S_C}$$

# Entanglement entropy in higher spin gravity

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Relationship between Casimirs  $c_2, c_3$  and  $h, w$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2}L_0^2 + \frac{3}{8}W_0^2 + \dots, \quad C_3 = \frac{3}{8}W_0(L_0^2 - \frac{1}{4}W_0^2) + \dots$$

Acting with  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  on the highest weight state  $|h, w\rangle$  we find

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2}h^2 + \frac{3}{8}w^2, \quad c_3 = \frac{3}{8}w(h^2 - \frac{1}{4}w^2).$$

We consider highest weight representation with  $w = 0, h = c/6$  implying  $c_3 = 0$ .