

# Entanglement entropy and higher spin holography

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# Introduction and Motivation

- A major theme in the context of the holography is the study of **dualities** between theories of **higher spin gravity** and **CFTs with extended symmetries**.

[Klebanov-Polyakov '02, Sezgin-Sundell '02, Gaberdiel-Gopakumar '11]

- Higher spin gravity has **considerably lesser number of fields** compared to full fledged string theories.
- At the same time one hopes to go **beyond the classical supergravity regime** and capture some features of **tensionless strings**.
- We have **better analytical control** over the dual CFTs.
- We can hope to learn a lot from both sides of the duality!

# Higher spin $AdS_3/CFT_2$

- Vasiliev higher spin gravity in  $AdS_3$  is conjectured to be dual to  $\mathcal{W}_N$  minimal models. [Gaberdiel-Gopakumar '11]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{higher spin gravity} & \xleftrightarrow[N, k \rightarrow \infty]{0 \leq \lambda = \frac{N}{N+k} \leq 1} & \text{coset CFT} \\ \text{hs}[\lambda] & & \frac{SU(N)_k \otimes SU(N)_1}{SU(N)_{k+1}} \end{array}$$

- Evidence in favour of the duality : matching of symmetries, one-loop determinants, correlation functions, black hole partition functions, ...

# Higher spin black holes and CFT thermodynamics

- There exists explicit constructions of classical solutions in higher spin gravity in 3d — black holes, conical defects etc.  
[Gutperle-Kraus '11; Kraus-Perlmutter '11; Castro-Gopakumar-Gutperle-Raeymaekers '11; ...]
- The higher spin black holes are generalizations of the BTZ black holes with higher spin charges (and with conjugate chemical potentials).
- The dual description of this is that of CFT at finite temperature and at finite chemical potentials for conserved higher spin currents.

# Higher spin black holes and CFT thermodynamics

- Striking agreement of black hole thermodynamics with that of the CFT

$$\log Z = \frac{i\pi c}{12\tau} \left[ 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha^2}{\tau^4} + \frac{400}{27} \frac{\lambda^2 - 7}{\lambda^2 - 4} \frac{\alpha^4}{\tau^8} - \frac{1600}{27} \frac{5\lambda^4 - 85\lambda^2 + 377}{(\lambda^2 - 4)^2} \frac{\alpha^6}{\tau^{12}} + \dots \right]$$

[Gaberdiel-Hartman-Jin '12] also [SD-David-Ferlino-Kumar '14; Long '14]

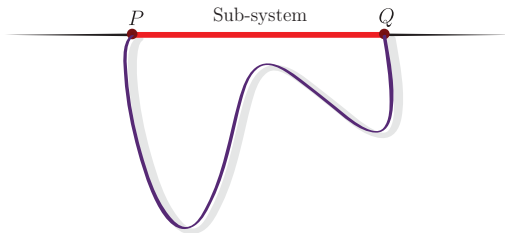
- What about more refined observables like entanglement entropy?

# Entanglement entropy and higher spin holography

- The Ryu-Takayanagi minimal area proposal offers a simple and elegant route to calculate the entanglement entropy of the dual CFT.  
[Ryu-Takayanagi '06]
- For  $\text{AdS}_3$ , the HEE is proportional to the length of the geodesic anchored at the endpoints of the subsystem.
- Higher spin gravity goes beyond diffeomorphism invariance.
- We need to rethink usual notions of spacetime geometry — horizons, singularities, minimal surfaces etc.
- What is the bulk observable which captures the entanglement entropy of a  $\mathcal{W}$ -algebra CFT?

# Wilson lines as holographic entanglement entropy functionals

- Wilson lines form the basic objects in the Chern-Simons description of higher spin gravity.
- They also generalize the notion of trajectories of massive particles i.e. geodesics.
- It has been conjectured that in higher spin gravity functionals involving Wilson lines capture the entanglement entropy.





# Wilson lines as holographic entanglement entropy functionals

- **Proposal I** : Wilson lines in the infinite dimensional representation [Ammon-Castro-Iqbal '13]

$$S_{EE} = -\log(W_{\mathcal{R}}(C)) , \quad W_{\mathcal{R}}(C) = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \mathcal{P} \exp \int_C (A + \bar{A}) \right)$$

The path-integral representation of the Wilson line is used to evaluate the EE.

- **Proposal II** : Composite Wilson line [de Boer-Jottar '13]

$$S_{EE} = \frac{k}{\sigma_{1/2}} \log \left[ \lim_{\rho_0 \rightarrow \infty} W_{\mathcal{R}_N}^{\text{comp}}(C)|_{\rho_0=\rho_A=\rho_B} \right] , \quad W_{\mathcal{R}}(C) = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{R}_N} \left( \mathcal{P} e^{(\int_C A)} \mathcal{P} e^{(-\int_C \bar{A})} \right)$$

The dimension of the representation is  $2^{N(N-1)/2}$  for the principal embedding. It also has a holomorphic version.

- These proposals have been shown to be equivalent. [Castro-Llabrés '14]

# Testing the holographic entanglement entropy proposals

In this talk, I shall focus on some **tests** of the holographic EE proposal

- Comparison with universal CFT results (from Justin's talk).
- Short distance behaviour and relative entropy.

# Entanglement entropy from higher spin holography

- Higher spin black holes describe the CFT at finite temperature and a finite higher spin chemical potential.
- We shall consider black holes in the simplest higher spin theory  $SL(3, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(3, \mathbb{R})$ . [Gutperle-Kraus '11]
- These black holes have a rich phase structure.  
We focus on the 'BTZ branch'. [David-Ferlino-Kumar '12; Chowdhury-Saha '13; ...]
- The EE is computed via the holomorphic Wilson line functional to be

$$S_E = \frac{c}{3} \log \left| \frac{\pi}{\beta} \sinh \left( \frac{\pi \Delta}{\beta} \right) \right| + c \frac{\mu^2}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{32\pi^2}{9} \left( \frac{\pi \Delta}{\beta} \right) \coth \left( \frac{\pi \Delta}{\beta} \right) - \frac{20\pi^2}{9} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta} \right) \left\{ \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta} \coth \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta} \right) - 1 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta} \right)^2 \right\} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\mu^4)$$

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**The first correction to the entanglement entropy matches exactly with CFT calculations.** [SD-David-Ferlino-Kumar '14]

# Relative entropy

## Definition and properties

- **Relative entropy** is a measure of **distinguishability** of two states for a quantum system.
- For two **density matrices**  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$ , the relative entropy is defined as

$$\mathcal{S}(\sigma||\rho) = \text{tr}(\sigma \log \sigma) - \text{tr}(\sigma \log \rho)$$

- Properties

1. Non-negativity :  $\mathcal{S}(\sigma||\rho) \geq 0$ .
2. Invariance under unitary trans :  $\mathcal{S}(\sigma||\rho) = \mathcal{S}(U^\dagger \sigma U||U^\dagger \rho U)$ .
3. Monotonicity under partial traces :  $\mathcal{S}(\sigma||\rho) \geq \mathcal{S}(\text{tr}_P \sigma||\text{tr}_P \rho)$
4. Additivity :  $\mathcal{S}(\sigma_A \otimes \sigma_B||\rho) = \mathcal{S}(\sigma_A||\rho) + \mathcal{S}(\sigma_B||\rho)$

[Vedral '02]

# Relative entropy

## Relationship with the modular Hamiltonian and entanglement entropy

We wish express relative entropy in terms of thermodynamic-like quantities.  
For a given (reduced) density matrix, the **modular Hamiltonian** is defined as

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-H}}{\text{tr}(e^{-H})}$$

It can then be shown that the relative entropy is

$$S(\sigma||\rho) = \Delta\langle H \rangle - \Delta S$$

The relative entropy **vanishes** in the limit of small sub-system sizes

$$\lim_{\frac{\dim(A)}{\dim(A')} \rightarrow 0} (\Delta\langle H_A \rangle - \Delta S_A) = 0 \quad \implies \quad \Delta\langle H \rangle = \Delta S$$

**The first law of entanglement**

[Blanco-Casini-Hung-Myers `13]

# Relative entropy in a $\mathcal{W}$ -algebra CFT and its holographic dual

- We shall try to calculate the relative entropy between a high temperature state and the vacuum in a CFT with  $\mathcal{W}$  symmetries in presence of a chemical potential for the spin-3 current.

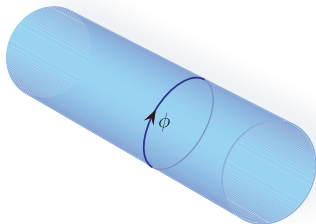
The CFT is at large central charge and on a finite system of size  $R$  and the high temperature state is at temperature  $T$ .

- As we had seen earlier such a CFT is describable in terms of higher-spin gravity.
- It is possible to calculate  $\langle H_A \rangle$  from the holographic stress tensor. The EE ( $S_A$ ) is also calculable in terms of Wilson lines.
- We shall try to verify  $\Delta \langle H_A \rangle = \Delta S$  in the short distance regime.

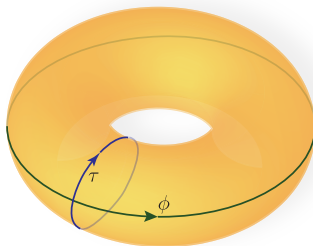
# The bulk configurations

The gravity configurations dual to the vacuum and high temperature state of the CFT are the higher spin vacuum and black hole respectively.

[Gutperle-Kraus '11; Kraus-Perlmutter '11; Castro-Gopakumar-Gutperle-Raeymaekers '11; Li-Lin-Wang '13; Compere-Jottar-Song '13; Chowdhury-Saha '13]



Vacuum



High temperature state

The higher spin vacuum is a higher spin generalization of global AdS. It has trivial holonomy along the spatial  $\phi$  cycle.

The higher spin black hole generalizes the BTZ. Its temporal cycle  $\tau$  has trivial holonomy.



# Modular Hamiltonian

The modular Hamiltonian is not a local quantity in general. However, there exist special cases where it is local and calculable.

[Casini-Huerta-Myers '11]

One such example is that of the vacuum state of any QFT restricted to the half-space.  $H_{\text{vac}}$  then generates boost orbits in the Rindler wedge.

[Bisognano-Wichmann '75]

There exists a conformal transformation which maps the Rindler wedge to the causal domain of a spherical entangling region.

The modular Hamiltonian associated with the vacuum in a 1+1 d CFT is

$$H_{\text{vac}} = 2\pi R^2 \int_{-\frac{\phi}{2}}^{\frac{\phi}{2}} d\theta \frac{\cos \theta - \cos \frac{\phi}{2}}{\sin \frac{\phi}{2}} T_{00}(\theta)$$

Here,  $T_{00} = (L_0 - \frac{c}{24}) + (\bar{L}_0 - \frac{c}{24})$ . These can be obtained from the holographic stress tensor for specific states.

[Balasubramanian-Kraus '99, de Haro-Solodukhin-Skenderis '00]

# Modular Hamiltonian from the holographic stress tensor

The stress tensors corresponding to the hs-vacuum and the hs-black hole can be obtained by solving holonomy conditions.

The expectation values of the modular Hamiltonian are therefore

$$\langle H \rangle_{\text{state}} = \text{tr}(\rho_{\text{state}} H_{\text{vac}}) = 8\pi R^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\phi}{2} \cot \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \right] \mathcal{L}_{\text{state}}$$

where,

$$\mathcal{L}_T = \frac{c\pi T^2}{12} \left[ 1 + \frac{80(\pi\mu T)^2}{3} + \frac{2560(\pi\mu T)^4}{3} + \frac{905216(\pi\mu T)^6}{27} + \dots \right]$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{vac}} = -\frac{c}{48\pi R^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{20}{3} \left( \frac{\mu}{R} \right)^2 + \frac{160}{3} \left( \frac{\mu}{R} \right)^4 - \frac{14144}{27} \left( \frac{\mu}{R} \right)^6 + \dots \right]$$

The difference  $\Delta\langle H \rangle$  can then be calculated.

# Holographic entanglement entropy

The EEs — computed via Wilson lines — corresponding to higher spin black holes and the vacuum in the  $SL(3, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(3, \mathbb{R})$  theory are

$$S_T(\phi) = \frac{c}{3} \log \left| \frac{\sinh(\pi R T \phi)}{\Lambda^{-1} \pi T} \right| \\ + \frac{c}{18} (\pi \mu T)^2 \operatorname{csch}^4(\pi R T \phi) \left[ 8 (1 - 3\pi^2 R^2 T^2 \phi^2) \cosh(2\pi R T \phi) \right. \\ \left. + 8\pi R T \phi (\sinh(2\pi R T \phi) + \sinh(4\pi R T \phi)) \right. \\ \left. - 5 \cosh(4\pi R T \phi) - 3 \right] + \mathcal{O}((\pi \mu T)^4)$$

$$S_{\text{vac}}(\phi) = \frac{c}{3} \log \left| \frac{2R}{\Lambda^{-1}} \sin \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \right| \\ + \frac{c}{72} \left( \frac{\mu}{R} \right)^2 \csc^4 \left( \frac{\phi}{2} \right) \left[ 3 - 2 (3\phi^2 + 4) \cos(\phi) + 4\phi (\sin(\phi) + \sin(2\phi)) \right. \\ \left. + 5 \cos(2\phi) \right] + \mathcal{O}((\mu/R)^4)$$

One can systematically keep track of terms to higher orders.

# Relative entropy in holographic CFTs with a $\mathcal{W}$ -symmetry

We can now employ the thermodynamic-like relation to calculate the relative entropy between the high-temp state and the vacuum.

$$\mathcal{S}(\rho_T || \rho_{\text{vac}}) = (\langle H \rangle_T - \langle H \rangle_{\text{vac}}) - (S_T - S_{\text{vac}})$$

We shall focus on the small-subsystem size regime where we expect  $\Delta \langle H \rangle = \Delta S$ .

[Blanco-Casini-Hung-Myers '13]

# Relative entropy in holographic CFTs with a $\mathcal{W}$ -symmetry

At the leading order in short-subsystem sizes ...

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S \Big|_{\text{to } \phi^2} &\stackrel{\text{matches}}{=} \Delta \langle H \rangle \Big|_{\text{to } \phi^2} \\ &= c \phi^2 \left[ \frac{((\ell T)^2 + 1)}{72} + \frac{5((\ell T)^4 - 1)}{54} \frac{\mu^2}{R^2} + \frac{20((\ell T)^6 + 1)}{27} \frac{\mu^4}{R^4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1768((\ell T)^8 - 1)}{243} \frac{\mu^6}{R^6} + \frac{57664((\ell T)^{10} + 1)}{729} \frac{\mu^8}{R^8} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

At the leading order in entangling interval sizes,  $\Delta H = \Delta S$  in a large- $c$  CFT with a  $\mathcal{W}_3$  symmetry at finite higher spin chemical potential. ( $\ell = 2\pi R$ )

If the  $AdS$  is considered as the ultimate vacuum,  $\Delta \langle H \rangle = \Delta S$  can be verified for that case as well.

# Relative entropy in holographic CFTs with a $\mathcal{W}$ -symmetry

- The relative entropy was calculated between two non-perturbative states in the CFT Hilbert space. These corresponds to two distinct instanton-like saddles in the dual gravity theory.
- One can also find what's the relative entropy between any member in the  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  family of smooth solutions and the vacuum. These smooth solutions have a non-zero contribution to the modular invariant gravity partition function.

$$Z[\tau] = \sum Z_{AdS_3} \left[ \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d} \right]$$

[Dijkgraaf-Maldacena-Moore-Verlinde '00, Manschot-Moore '07, Li-Lin-Wang '13]

# Summary & Outlook

- The holomorphic Wilson line proposal correctly reproduces the universal correction to higher spin EE.
- We have verified the first law of entanglement holographically — in the regime of short intervals and at finite chemical potential for a higher spin current.
- This ensures the vanishing of the relative entropy which is expected to be true for any quantum mechanical system.
- The relative entropy in  $(1+1)d$  is independent of the UV cut-off. It's a refined observable in this sense.
- We have also probed the short-distance behaviour of the holographic EE and seen that it has the desired behaviour.
- All this lends strong support in favour of the Wilson line functional as the bulk observable which captures entanglement entropy.

# Summary & Outlook

- Generalizing results to  $hs[\lambda]$ .
- Multi-sheeted correlators from holography.
- Equations for higher spin fields from entanglement.  
[Hijano-Kraus '14]
- Is there a non-perturbative way to treat the higher spin chemical potential? [Kaneko-Zagier '95]



Thank you.

# Backup slides

# A thermodynamic relation for relative entropy

$$\begin{aligned} S(\sigma||\rho) &= \text{tr}(\sigma \ln \sigma) - \text{tr}(\sigma \ln \rho) \\ &= \text{tr}(\sigma \ln \sigma) - \text{tr}(\rho \ln \rho) + \text{tr}(\rho \ln \rho) - \text{tr}(\sigma \ln \rho) \\ &= -S_\sigma + S_\rho - \text{tr}(\rho H_\rho) + \text{tr}(\sigma H_\rho) \\ &= \left( \langle H \rangle_\sigma - \langle H \rangle_\rho \right) - (S_\sigma - S_\rho) \\ &= \Delta \langle H \rangle - \Delta S \end{aligned}$$

# On conformal invariance

It is true that CFT partition functions/EE are calculated in conformal perturbation theory. But this does not mean conformal invariance is broken.

Turning on a chemical potential for a higher spin conserved current is on the same footing as having the system at a finite temperature.

For the free fermion theory in presence of a  $U(1)$  chemical potential the partition function is

$$Z = \text{Tr}(z^{J_0} q^{L_0}) = \left| \frac{\vartheta_3(\mu\beta|\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} \right|$$

When a higher spin chemical potential is turned on perturbatively, the  $\mathcal{W}_3 \times \mathcal{W}_3$  asymptotic symmetry is unbroken.

[Compere-Song '13; Compere-Jottar-Song '13]

We need to specify boundary conditions for the higher spin black hole — fall-off conditions and initial data for higher spin charges.

The  $\mathcal{W}_3 \times \mathcal{W}_3$  symmetry can then be shown to be remain intact by a proper redefinition of the generators.