

Geometric formulation of energy-momentum tensor induced deformations

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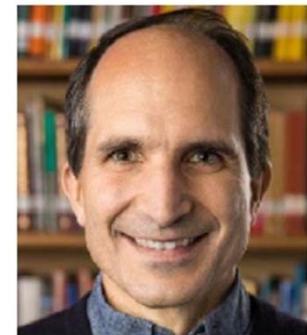
Background & Motivations

To understand nature of Quantum Gravity

**Holographic nature of Quantum Gravity
proposed by t' Hooft and Susskind**

AdS/CFT correspondence, Maldacena 1997

$$AdS_5 \times S^5 \leftrightarrow N = 4 \text{ SYM theory}$$



Maldacena

I. AdS5/CFT4

II. AdS4/CFT3 (ABJM)

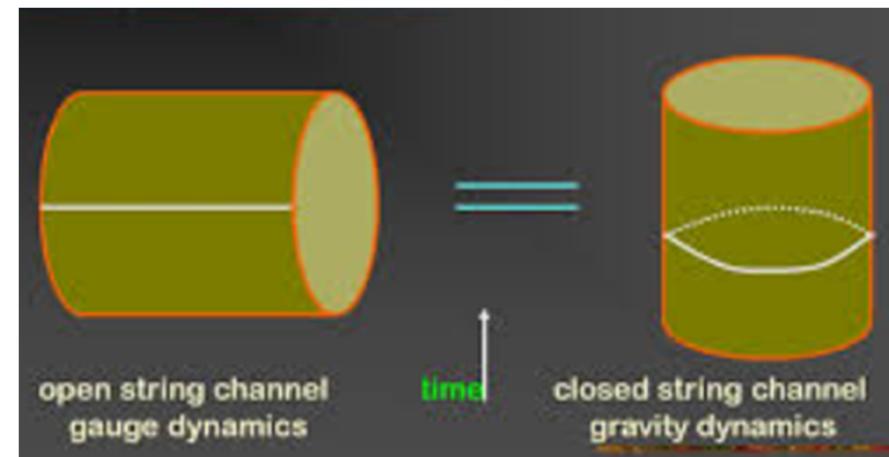
III. AdS3/CFT2

IV. nAdS2/nCFT1, nAdS2/SYK4

V. Non-AdS/CFT (Celestial Holograph)

VI. DS/CFT

VII....



How to realize the Open-Close duality in target spacetime?
Alternative Way to understand gravity (ew duality)?
Preliminary thought experiment to go beyond
holography.....

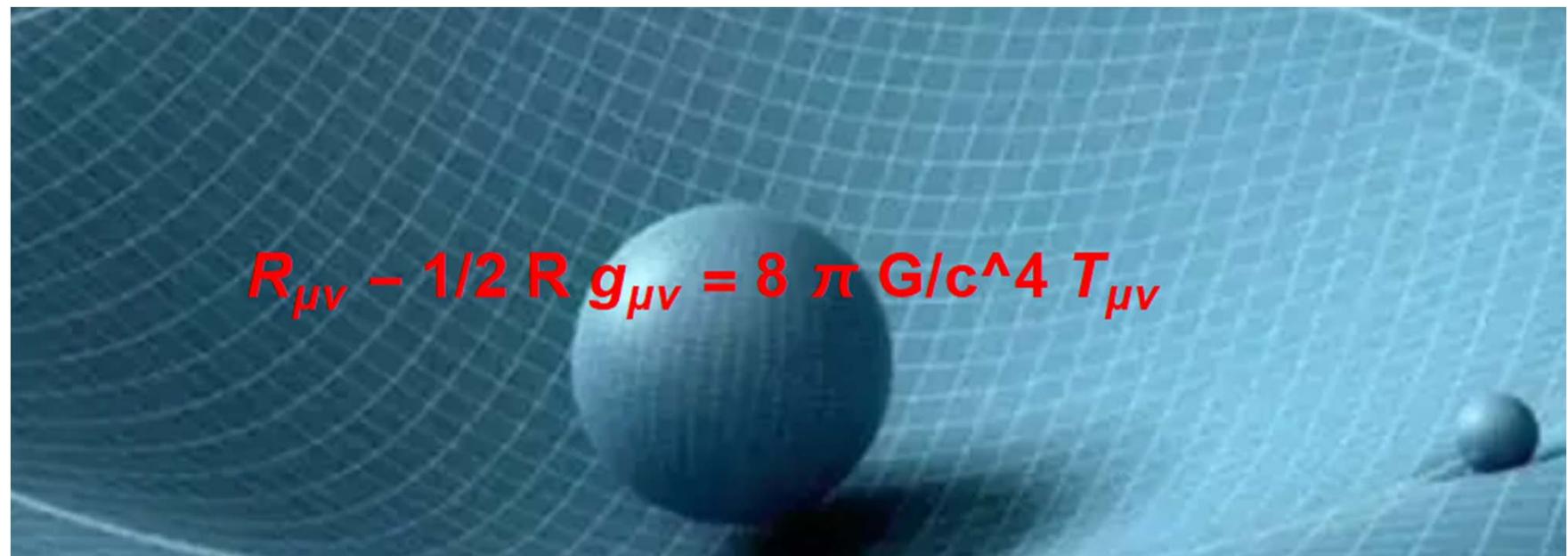
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To understand nature of Quantum Gravity

Can we Go Beyond the holography?

Possible Candidate: Energy-Momentum Tensor induced deformation

$$S = \frac{g}{2} \int_{T^2} d^2x \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi,$$



$$T^{(0)} = -2\pi g(\partial\phi)^2, \quad \bar{T}^{(0)} = -2\pi g(\bar{\partial}\phi)^2, \quad \Theta^{(0)} = 0,$$

Definition of Ttbar & Root TTbar:

Spacetime dimension is 2, We tend to depict theories by using complex coordinates

$$z = x + it,$$

$$\bar{z} = x - it,$$

R. Conti, J. Romano, and R. Tateo, JHEP 09 (2022) 085; H. Babaei-Aghbolagh, K. Babaei Velni, etc.., Phys. Rev. D 106 no. 8, (2022) 086022; C. Ferko, A. Sfondrini, L. Smith, and G. Tartaglino-Mazzucchelli, Phys. Rev. Lett. 129 no. 20, (2022) 201604

$$O_{T\bar{T}} = -\det(T^\mu{}_\nu) = \frac{1}{2} (T^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} - T^\mu{}_\mu T^\nu{}_\nu)$$

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}T^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}T^\mu{}_\mu T^\nu{}_\nu},$$

where in 2D CFT, we define

$$\det[T_{\mu\nu}] = -4 \left(T \bar{T} - \Theta^2 \right), \quad \text{F. A. Smirnov and A. B. Zamolodchikov, Nucl. Phys. B 915 (2017) 363–383, arXiv:1608.05499.}$$

$$T := T_{zz}, \quad \bar{T} := T_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}, \quad \Theta := T_{z\bar{z}}.$$

Deformation of TTbar

$$S^{(\lambda+\delta\lambda)} = S^{(\lambda)} + \delta\lambda \int d^2x \sqrt{\pm\gamma} O_{T\bar{T}}^{(\lambda)},$$



$$\frac{\partial S^{(\lambda)}}{\partial \lambda} = \int d^2x \sqrt{\pm\gamma} O_{T\bar{T}}^{(\lambda)}.$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}^\lambda}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu}\epsilon^{\rho\sigma}T_{\mu\rho}^\lambda T_{\nu\sigma}^\lambda,$$

Solvability, integrability, non-locality

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_\gamma}{\partial \gamma} = R_\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}T^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}T^\mu{}_\mu T^\nu{}_\nu},$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{2}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta S^\lambda}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}^\lambda}{\partial g^{\mu\nu}} - g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}^\lambda.$$

Example:

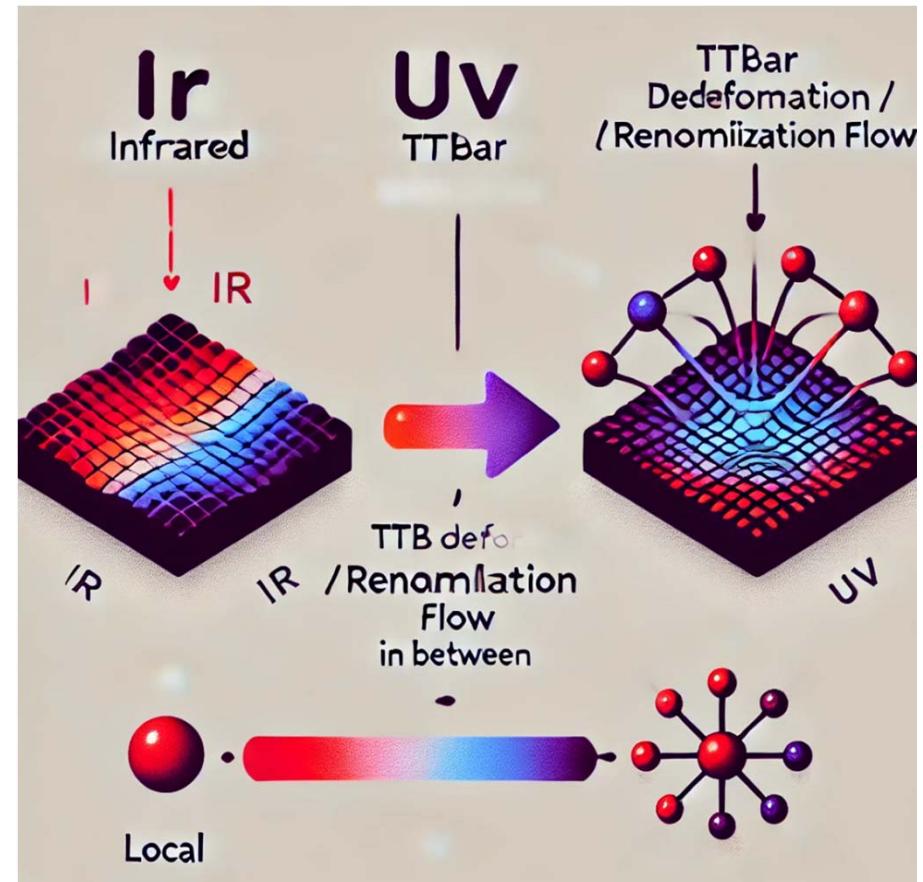
TTbar From free boson to Nambu-Goto

$$\mathcal{L}^0 = \partial\phi\bar{\partial}\phi$$

Before the deformation: (Free boson)

$$\mathcal{L}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sqrt{4\lambda\partial\phi\bar{\partial}\phi + 1} - \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

After the deformation: (Nambu-Goto
- Noncritical String theory)



Cavaglia, Negro, Szecsenyi, Tateo '16

Geometric Realization of TTbar and Root TTbar in 2D

2D TTbar

Massive Gravity

A. J. Tolley, 1911.06142

$$S_\lambda = S_{\text{grav}}[g_{\mu\nu}, \gamma_{\mu\nu}] + S_0[g_{\mu\nu}, \psi].$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b, \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} f_\mu^a f_\nu^b$$



$$S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \lambda} \int d^2x \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{ab} (e_\mu^a - f_\mu^a) (e_\nu^b - f_\nu^b)$$

EOM of f_μ^a

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$$T_{0\mu}^a$$

$$T_a^\mu \equiv \frac{2\pi}{\det(f_\mu^a)} \frac{\delta S_\lambda[e, f, \psi]}{\delta f_\mu^a} = -\frac{2}{\pi \lambda \det(f_\mu^a)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{ab} (e_\nu^b - f_\nu^b) \quad \text{V.S.} \quad \frac{1}{\pi^2 \lambda} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_{ab} (e_*^{*b} - f_\nu^b) + \frac{\delta S_0[e, \psi]}{\delta e_*^{*a}} = 0,$$



on-shell value of S_{grav}

$$\det f T^\mu_a = \left. \frac{\delta S_0[\varphi]}{\delta e_\mu^a} \right|_{e=e_*} = \det e_* T_0^\mu{}_a(\varphi, e_*)$$

$$\frac{dS_\lambda}{d\lambda} = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^2x \det(T_\mu^a)$$



Same as TTbar flow eq.

Massive Gravity 1D TTbar

$$S [e_\mu, v^\mu, \phi] = S_{\text{grav}} [e_\mu, v^\mu] + S_0 [e_\mu, \phi]$$

$$S_{\text{grav}} [e_\mu, v^\mu] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int dt e_t B (e_t v^t)$$

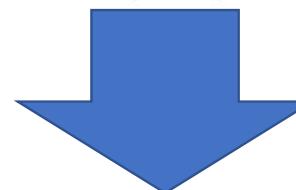


$$S_0 = \int dt e_t \left(\frac{1}{e_t} p \partial_t \phi - H_0(\phi, p) \right)$$

$$v^T = \frac{dT}{dt}, \quad e_T = 1, \quad e_t = \frac{dT}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} B' \left(\frac{dT}{dt} \right) + B \left(\frac{dT}{dt} \right) - \lambda H_0 = 0.$$

One H deformation



$$f(H) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 8H\lambda}}{4\lambda},$$

SH, Zhuoyu Xian, Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 4, 046002
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1D TTbar deformed Hamiltonian

$$B(x) = \frac{(x-1)^2}{8x^2}.$$

D. J. Gross, J. Krutho, A. Rolph and E. Shaghoulian, 1912.06132

Unify 2D TTbar and Root TTbar deformation

$$S_{\gamma,\lambda}[\phi, e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = S_0[\phi, e_\mu^a] + S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a],$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b, \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} f_\mu^a f_\nu^b,$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] &= \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int d^2x \det e \\ &\times \left(2 + y_1^2 - y_2 - 2y_1 \cosh \frac{\gamma}{2} + 2\sqrt{2y_2 - y_1^2} \sinh \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

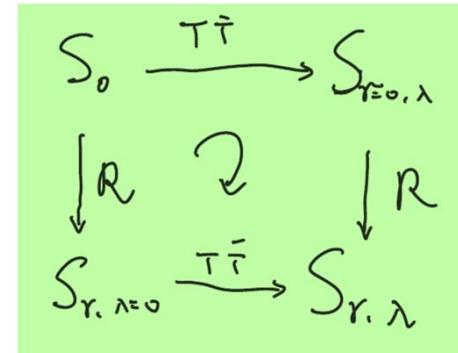
$$\det e (T^{[0]})^\mu_\nu \equiv \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a = -\frac{\delta S_{\text{grav}}}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a,$$

$$\frac{\partial S_{\gamma,\lambda}}{\partial \lambda} = - \int d^2x \det f \det(T^\nu_\mu),$$

$$\frac{\partial S_{\gamma,\lambda}}{\partial \gamma} = \int d^2x \det f \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} T^\mu_\nu T^\nu_\mu - \frac{1}{4} (T^\nu_\mu)^2}.$$

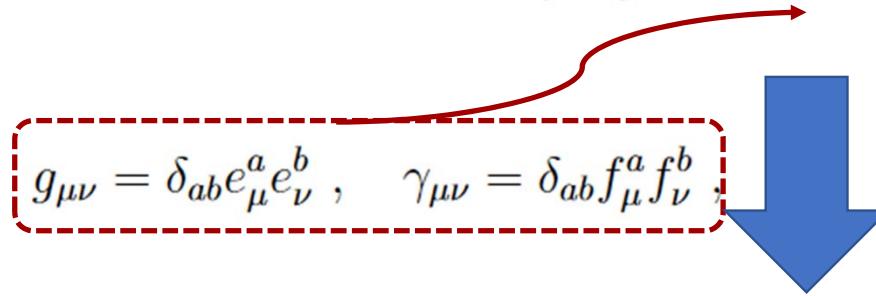
$$y_1 = \text{tr}(e^{-1} f) = f_\mu^a e_a^\mu,$$

$$y_2 = \text{tr}[(e^{-1} f)^2] = f_\mu^a e_b^\mu f_\nu^b e_a^\nu.$$



Unify 2D TTbar and Root TTbar deformation

$$S_{\gamma,\lambda}[\phi, e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = S_0[\phi, e_\mu^a] + S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a],$$



$$g_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b, \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} f_\mu^a f_\nu^b,$$

$$e^{-1} f = U \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) U^{-1}$$

$$S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int d^2x \det e (\alpha_1 - e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}})(\alpha_2 - e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}}).$$

$$\det e (T^{[0]})^\mu_\nu \equiv \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a = - \frac{\delta S_{\text{grav}}}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a,$$



$$\frac{\partial S_{\gamma,\lambda}}{\partial \lambda} = - \int d^2x \det f \det(T_\mu^\nu),$$

$$\frac{\partial S_{\gamma,\lambda}}{\partial \gamma} = \int d^2x \det f \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} T_\nu^\mu T_\mu^\nu - \frac{1}{4} (T_\nu^\nu)^2}.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S_0 & \xrightarrow{T\bar{T}} & S_{r=0, \lambda} \\
 \downarrow R & \curvearrowright & \downarrow R \\
 S_{r, \lambda=0} & \xrightarrow{T\bar{T}} & S_{r, \lambda}
 \end{array}$$

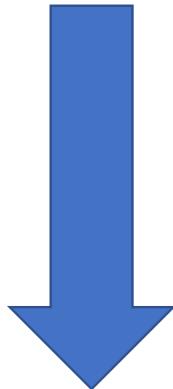
Example for free Scalar

$$S_0[\phi, e_\mu^a] = \int d^2x \det e \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta^{ab} e_a^\mu e_b^\nu \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] &= \frac{1}{2\lambda} \int d^2x \det e \\ &\times \left(2 + y_1^2 - y_2 - 2y_1 \cosh \frac{\gamma}{2} + 2\sqrt{2y_2 - y_1^2} \sinh \frac{\gamma}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

On shell solution of e_μ^a

$$\begin{aligned} e^*_\mu{}^a &= \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{\pm\gamma}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 4\lambda e^{\pm\gamma} X}} + 1 \right) f_\mu^a \\ &\mp \left(\frac{\sinh \frac{\gamma}{2} \pm 2\lambda e^{\pm\frac{\gamma}{2}} X}{X\sqrt{1 - 4\lambda e^{\pm\gamma} X}} + \frac{\sinh \frac{\gamma}{2}}{2X} \right) \eta^{ab} f_b^\nu \partial_\nu \phi \partial_\mu \phi, \end{aligned}$$



EOM of e_μ^a

$$\det e (T^{[0]})_\nu{}^\mu \equiv \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a = -\frac{\delta S_{\text{grav}}}{\delta e_\mu^a} e_\nu^a,$$

Non-Critical NG String: $S_{\gamma, \lambda}[\phi, e^*_\nu{}^a, f_\nu^a] = \int d^2x \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4e^{\pm\gamma} \lambda X}}{2\lambda},$

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \eta^{ab} f_a^\mu f_b^\nu \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi.$$

Geometric realization of TTbar & Root TTbar In Higher D

TTbar & Root TTbar in Higher D

$$S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = \int d^d x \det e B(e^{-1}f),$$

$$S_{\gamma,\lambda}[\phi, e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = S_0[\phi, e_\mu^a] + S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a],$$

$$T \equiv \frac{1}{\det f} \frac{\delta S_{\text{grav}}}{\delta f} f = \sum_{n=1}^d \frac{n}{\det(e^{-1}f)} (e^{-1}f)^n \partial_{y_n} B,$$



Engenvalue approach

$$T = \left(\prod_{k=1}^d \alpha_k \right)^{-1} U \text{diag}(\alpha_1 \partial_{\alpha_1} B, \dots, \alpha_d \partial_{\alpha_d} B) U^{-1},$$

TTbar-like flow:

$$\frac{\partial S_{\text{grav}}}{\partial \lambda} = -(\Sigma - 1) \int d^d x \det f \left(\prod_{k=1}^d \tau_k^{1/p_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\Sigma-1}}.$$



$$S_{\text{grav}}[e_\mu^a, f_\mu^a] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int d^2 x \det e (\alpha_1 - e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}})(\alpha_2 - e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}}).$$



Generalized ansatz

$$B = \frac{1}{\lambda^{\Sigma-1}} \prod_{k=1}^d (\alpha_k^{p_k} - \beta_k^{p_k})^{1/p_k},$$

Root TTbar-like flow:

$$\sum_{k=1}^d v^k \frac{\partial S_{\beta,\lambda}}{\partial \log \beta_k} = - \int d^d x \det f \left(\sum_{k=1}^d v^k \tau_k \right),$$

Checked by 4D ModMax, ModMax Born-Infeld-like, Higher D Nambu-Goto

Dynamical gravity TTbar & Root TTbar in Higher Dim

$$S[h, g, \Gamma, \phi] = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^d x \sqrt{\det h} h^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) + \int d^d x \sqrt{\det g} B(g^{-1}h) + S_0[g, \phi],$$

Integrate over g

Integrate over h

$$S[h, \Gamma, \phi] = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^d x \sqrt{\det h} h^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) + S_{\text{deformed}}[h, \phi],$$

TTbar-like flow:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\rho)}{\partial \lambda} = & -(\Sigma - 1)\kappa^{-\frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma-1}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^d \alpha_i \right) \\ & \times \left(\prod_{k=1}^d (\alpha_k^{-2} \rho_k - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j^{-2} \rho_j)^{1/p_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\Sigma-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Duality

$$\begin{aligned} S[g, \Gamma, \phi] &= \int d^d x \sqrt{\det g} \mathcal{L}(g^{-1}R) + S_0[g, \phi], \\ \mathcal{L} &= \left[B(g^{-1}h) - \frac{1}{d-2} g^{\mu\alpha} h_{\alpha\nu} \frac{\partial B}{\partial (g^{\mu\beta} h_{\beta\nu})} \right] \Big|_{h=h^*(g)} \end{aligned}$$

Root TTbar-like flow:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\rho)}{\partial \rho_k} = \frac{1}{2\kappa \alpha_k^2} \prod_{i=1}^d \alpha_i.$$

TTbar & Root TTbar in Higher D with dynamic gravity



Integrate over g

$$S[h, g, \Gamma, \phi] = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^d x \sqrt{\det h} h^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) + \int d^d x \sqrt{\det g} B(g^{-1}h) + S_0[g, \phi],$$



Integrate over h



$$S[h, \Gamma, \phi] = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^d x \sqrt{\det h} h^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) + S_{\text{deformed}}[h, \phi],$$

**Deformed theory couple
with Einstein gravity**



$$S[g, \Gamma, \phi] = \int d^d x \sqrt{\det g} \mathcal{L}(g^{-1}R) + S_0[g, \phi],$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[B(g^{-1}h) - \frac{1}{d-2} g^{\mu\alpha} h_{\alpha\nu} \frac{\partial B}{\partial(g^{\mu\beta} h_{\beta\nu})} \right] \Big|_{h=h^*(g)}$$

**Undeformed theory couple
with Ricci based gravity**

Summary

- Propose a prescription to unify the TTbar & Root TTbar deformation in two and higher dimension.
- Offer a duality between field theory and gravitational theory.
- Possible realization of open string and close string duality in Target spacetime.
- Holography & Quantum aspect of deformed theory,
- By celestial holograph to construct 4D UV complete gravity.

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