



# *Quantum corrections from quotient geometry*

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# Overview

$$Z^{(1)} = \int D\phi e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int d^D x \sqrt{g} \phi \nabla^2 \phi} = \frac{\det \nabla_v^2}{\sqrt{\det \nabla_s^2 \det \nabla_g^2}}$$

$\det \nabla^2$

Classification of smooth manifolds: Can you hear the shape of a drum?

Kac 1966

$\omega_{QN}$

Connection between horizons and number theory?



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# *Not-so-mysterious method*

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other choices, the geometry of  $H_3/\Gamma$  is more complicated. There is a rich mathematical theory – that of the Selberg trace formula and its generalizations – where the sum over elements  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is used to compute the spectrum of differential operators on  $\mathbb{H}_d/\Gamma$ . For scalar and vector fields, our computations precisely reproduce the results of the Selberg trace formula (see e.g. [8] and references therein). To our knowledge, the Selberg trace formula has not been successfully generalized to the graviton case.<sup>3</sup> Our computation may therefore be viewed as a brute force derivation of the Selberg trace formula in this context. This computation is described in section 5.

*The Selberg  
trace  
formula:*

$$\prod_n \lambda_n \rightarrow \prod_{\gamma} f(\gamma) \quad \mathbb{H}_d/\Gamma$$

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# Outline



*Heat Kernel,  
quotients and  
QNMs*



*Selberg zeta  
functions*



*BTZ black holes*



*Warped AdS<sub>3</sub>  
black holes*



*Flat space  
cosmologies*



*Lens Spaces*

*Future  
Directions*



# Methods of calculating $Z^{(1)}$

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*Scalar Field*  $S^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2} \log \det \nabla^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \log \lambda_n = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0^+}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} \int d^3 x \sqrt{g} K(t; x, x)$

*Method of images*  $K^{\mathbb{H}_3/\mathbb{Z}}(t, x, x') = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} K^{\mathbb{H}_3}(t, r(x, \gamma^n x'))$

$$\begin{aligned} -\log \det \nabla^2 &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} \int d^3 x \sqrt{g} K^{\mathbb{H}_3/\mathbb{Z}}(t, x, x) \\ &= \text{vol}(\mathbb{H}_3/\mathbb{Z}) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} \frac{e^{-(m^2+1)t}}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{\mathbb{H}_3/\mathbb{Z}} d^3 x \sqrt{g} K^{\mathbb{H}_3}(t, r(x, \gamma^n x)) \end{aligned}$$

*Things to keep in mind: the infinite volume piece and the image integer  $n$ .*

# Methods of calculating $Z^{(1)}$

*Quasinormal modes. Two pieces of intuition:*

Denef, Hartnoll, Sachdev 2010.

1. *Relate Euclidean zero modes of the wave equation to Lorentzian QNMs via Wick rotation.*

$$\nabla^2 \phi_{\star,n} = 0$$

$$\omega_{QN}(\Delta_{\star,n}) = \omega_n$$

2. *Weierstrass factorization theorem: A meromorphic function is characterized by its zeros and poles.*

$$Z^{(1)} = e^{\text{Pol}(\Delta)} \prod_{n,\star} (\omega_n - \omega_{\star}(\Delta))^{-1}$$

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*Zeta function from quotient group. Can calculate 1-loop partition function without heat kernel or QNMs.*

$$Z_\Gamma(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - e^{2ibk_1} e^{-2ibk_2} e^{-2a(k_1+k_2+s)} \right]$$

$$Z_\Gamma(s^*) = 0$$

$$\text{exp} = 2\pi i n$$

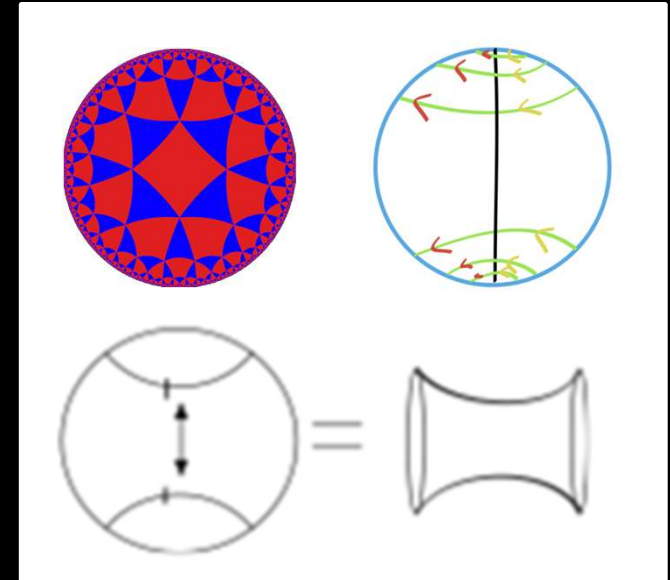
$$s^* \leftrightarrow \omega_{QN}$$

# Main Idea

A quotient geometry (or orbifold) is made by identifying points in empty spacetime.

$$\mathcal{M}/\Gamma \quad \Gamma \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

MANY interesting examples: BTZ black hole, warped AdS black holes, k-boundary wormholes, flat space cosmologies...  $\Gamma \sim \mathbb{Z}$



What can you learn from the quotient structure alone?  $\omega_{QN} \quad Z_{reg}^{(1)}$

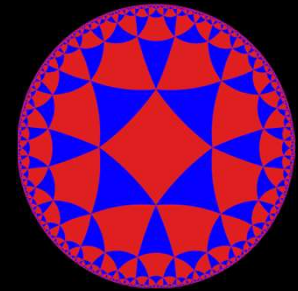
Mechanism: we construct a Selberg-like zeta function from the quotient generators. This is a cousin of the Riemann zeta function

$$s^* \leftrightarrow \omega_{QN}$$

# Motivation from Mathematics

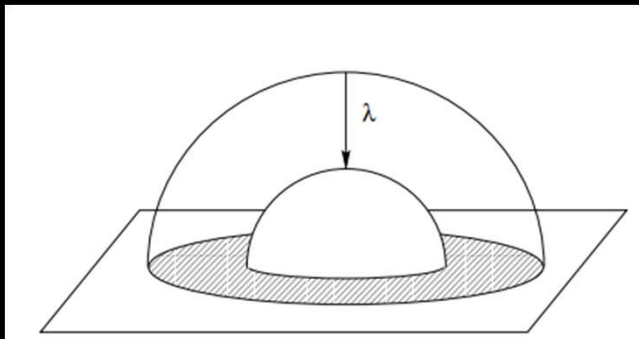
From a mathematician's point of view, the Selberg zeta function and trace formula are only defined for hyperbolic quotients.

$$\mathbb{H}^n / \Gamma$$



The Selberg trace formula relates the spectrum of a differential operator on a hyperbolic quotient manifold to geometric (group theoretic) data on that manifold.

$$\det \nabla^2 \sim \prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{\text{pcc}, \star}} f_{\star}(\gamma)$$



Krasnov 2000

The pcc product is equivalent to a product over primitive geodesics on the spacetime

Excellent reference for physicists: Gutzwiller, *Chaos in Classical and Quantum Mechanics*, 1990.

Our question: How far can we extend this formalism?

$$\mathcal{M} / \Gamma$$

# Fun with zeta functions

Riemann zeta function:

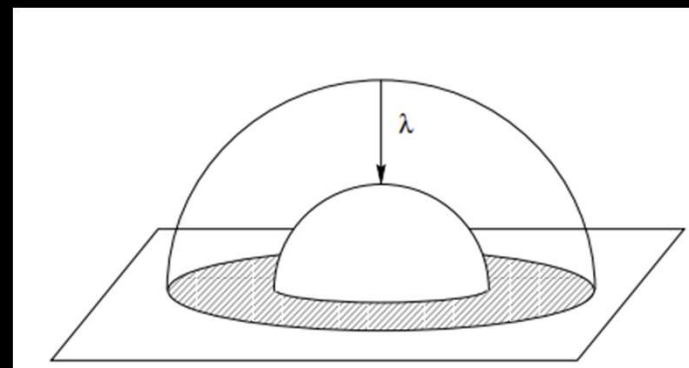
$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}$$

Selberg zeta function (hyperbolic quotients): Replace prime numbers with **prime geodesics**.

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_p \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - N(p)^{-s-n})$$

meromorphic function on the complex plane

**Prime geodesics**: closed geodesics that trace out their path exactly once. They are conjugacy classes of primitive hyperbolic elements of the quotienting group.



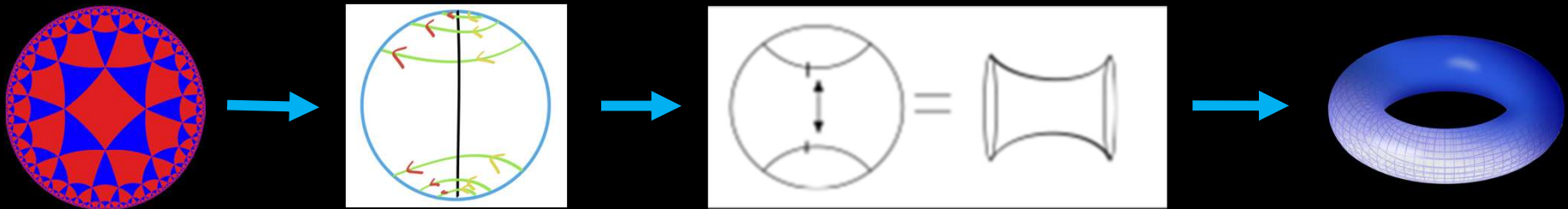
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$N(p)$  is a function of the length of the prime geodesic. It is the norm of the primitive conjugacy class of hyperbolic isometries. For us it will be:

$e^{\ell}$

# Quotient structure of BTZ

*BTZ can be constructed by folding up empty  $AdS_3$*



$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) \longrightarrow ds^2 = N(r)^2 d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{N(r)^2} + r^2 (N^\phi(r) d\tau + d\phi)^2$$

*Coordinate transformation*

$$x = A(r) \cos f(\phi, \tau) \exp(r_+ \phi - |r_-| \tau)$$

$$y = A(r) \sin f(\phi, \tau) \exp(r_+ \phi - |r_-| \tau)$$

$$z = B(r) \exp(r_+ \phi - |r_-| \tau)$$

*Quotient Group*

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi n$$

$$\gamma^n \cdot (x, y, z) = (x', y', z')$$

*Group element*

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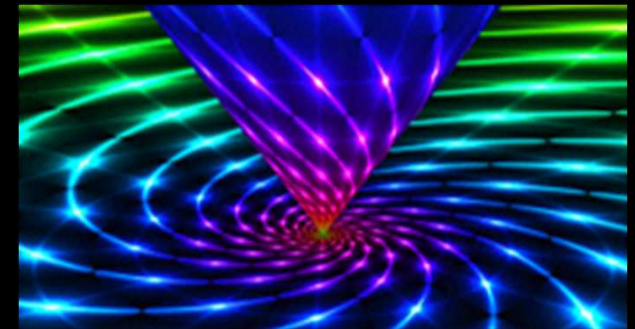
*Group action: Dilatation and Rotation*

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2a} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2a} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2b & -\sin 2b & 0 \\ \sin 2b & \cos 2b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} a &= \pi r_+ \\ b &= \pi |r_-| \end{aligned}$$

*Group generator*

$$\pi \partial_\phi = a J_{12} + b J_{03}$$

$$J_{12} = x \partial_x + y \partial_y + z \partial_z \quad J_{03} = x \partial_y - y \partial_x$$





# *BTZ Selberg zeta function*

*Perry, Williams 2003*

$$\text{BTZ: } Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - e^{-2\pi i(\tau_1(k_1 - k_2) + i\tau_2(k_1 + k_2 + s))} \right] \quad \tau = \tau_1 + i\tau_2$$

$$a = \pi\tau_2 = \pi r_+ / L \quad b = -\pi\tau_1 = -\pi r_- / L$$

$$\pi\partial_{\phi} = aJ_{12} + bJ_{03}$$

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - q^{k_2 + s/2} \bar{q}^{k_1 + s/2} \right] \quad q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$$

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$$s^* = \Delta \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \omega_{QN} = \omega_n \quad \log Z_{\Gamma}(\Delta) \propto \log \det \nabla_{reg}^2$$

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*Integers correspond  
to QNM quantum  
numbers*

$(k_1 + k_2) \sim$  radial quantum number  
 $(k_1 - k_2) \sim$  thermal quantum number  
 $\ell \sim$  angular quantum number

# *A word about generators*

*To extract the Selberg zeta function parameters, we use the embedding generators*  $\pi\partial_\phi = aJ_{12} + bJ_{03}$

$$ds^2 = -dU^2 + dV^2 + dX^2 + dY^2 \quad -U^2 + V^2 + X^2 + Y^2 = -L^2$$

*Poincare patch embedding*

$$x = \frac{Y}{U+X}, \quad y = \frac{V}{U+X}, \quad z = \frac{L}{U+X}$$

*6 isometry generators*

$$J_{AB} = X_B\partial_A - X_A\partial_B \quad SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

$$J_{12} = x\partial_x + y\partial_y + z\partial_z \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_0 + \bar{\mathcal{L}}_0$$

$$J_{03} = x\partial_y - y\partial_x \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_0 - \bar{\mathcal{L}}_0$$

# Warped Black Holes: $WAdS_3/\Gamma$

$$WAdS_3 \quad ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{\nu^2 + 3} \left( -\cosh^2 \sigma d\tau^2 + d\sigma^2 + \frac{4\nu^2}{\nu^2 + 3} (du + \sinh \sigma d\tau)^2 \right)$$

Warped AdS black holes are quotients of Warped AdS, with the same identification, but different parameters.

*Anninos, Li, Padi, Song, Strominger 2008*

$$\partial_\phi = \frac{\nu^2 + 3}{8} \left[ \left( r_+ - r_- - \frac{\sqrt{(\nu^2 + 3)r_+ r_-}}{\nu} \right) J_2 - (r_+ - r_-) \tilde{J}_2 \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} J_2 \sim \mathcal{L}_0 \\ \tilde{J}_2 \sim \bar{\mathcal{L}}_0 \end{array}$$

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*VM, Poddar, Thorarinsdottir 2022*

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# Strategy: "conformal" coordinates

If we wish to proceed in the same manner as Perry and Williams, we run into an issue. We want an analogous coordinate transformation:

$$(\tau, r, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad (x, y, z) \in \mathbf{WH}^3$$

The issue: we don't have a warped version of the hyperbolic half plane as a target metric .

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

Strategy: Propose a coordinate transformation ansatz. Our task is to find the appropriate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  that capture the symmetries of our warped quotient.

$$w^+ = \sqrt{\frac{r^2 - r_+^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{\alpha\phi + \beta t}$$

$$w^- = \sqrt{\frac{r^2 - r_+^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{\gamma\phi + \delta t}$$

$$w^+ = x + iy \quad w^- = x - iy$$

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{r_+^2 - r_-^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{1/2((\alpha+\gamma)\phi + (\beta+\delta)t)}$$

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From these coordinates we can make six generators:

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= i\partial_+, & H_0 &= i\left(w^+\partial_+ + \frac{1}{2}z\partial_z\right), & H_{-1} &= i((w^+)^2\partial_+ + w^+z\partial_z - z^2\partial_-) \\ \bar{H}_1 &= i\partial_-, & \bar{H}_0 &= i\left(w^-\partial_- + \frac{1}{2}z\partial_z\right), & \bar{H}_{-1} &= i((w^-)^2\partial_- + w^-z\partial_z - z^2\partial_+) \end{aligned}$$

They form two copies of the SL(2,R) algebra:  $[H_i, H_j] = (i - j)H_{i+j}$   
 $i, j \in \{0, \pm 1\}$

Each set has the quadratic Casimir:  $\mathcal{H}^2 = -\bar{H}_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{H}_1\bar{H}_{-1} + \bar{H}_{-1}\bar{H}_1)$   
 $= \frac{1}{4}(z^2\partial_z^2 - z\partial_z) + z^2\partial_+\partial_-$

Our warped quotient has symmetry group SL(2,R)xU(1) . This symmetry reflected in the wave equation as well!

$$\nabla^2\Phi = 0 \quad \Phi = R(r)e^{i(k\phi - \omega t)}$$

# Compare Laplacian and Casimir

Now, to find our appropriate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ , we exploit the symmetry of our wave equation and conclude that the  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times U(1)$  Casimir is proportional to the scalar Laplacian:

$$(\mathcal{H}^2 + \lambda H_0^2)\Phi \propto \nabla^2 \Phi$$

Now compare!

$$(\mathcal{H}^2 + \lambda H_0^2)R(x) = \left( \partial_x \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \partial_x + \frac{(\omega(\alpha + \gamma) + k(\beta + \delta))^2}{4 \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right) (\beta\gamma - \alpha\delta)^2} - \frac{(\omega(\alpha - \gamma) + k(\beta - \delta))^2}{4 \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \right) (\beta\gamma - \alpha\delta)^2} + \lambda \frac{(k\delta + \gamma\omega)^2}{(\beta\gamma - \alpha\delta)^2} \right) R(x)$$

versus

$$\nabla^2 = \partial_x \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \partial_x + \frac{P}{4 \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right)} + \frac{Q}{4 \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \right)} + S$$

$$P = \frac{4 \left( k \left( - \left( \sqrt{\nu^2 + 3} - 4 \right) r_+ r_- + 2(\nu - 1)r_+^2 - 2r_-^2 \right) - \omega r_+ \left( 2\nu r_+ - \sqrt{\nu^2 + 3} r_- \right) \right)^2}{(r_+ - r_-)^2 (r_+ + r_-)^2 (3 + \nu^2)^2}$$

$$x = \frac{r^2 - 1/2(r_+^2 + r_-^2)}{r_+^2 - r_-^2}$$

# Some results

$$\alpha = \frac{(\nu^2 + 3) (\nu(r_+^2 + r_-^2) - r_+ r_- \sqrt{\nu^2 + 3})}{4\nu(r_+ - r_-)}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{4} (\nu^2 + 3) (r_- + r_+)$$

$$\beta = \frac{(r_+ - r_-)(3 + \nu^2)}{2} - \frac{(\nu^2 + 3) (\nu(r_+^2 + r_-^2) - r_+ r_- \sqrt{\nu^2 + 3})}{4\nu(r_+ - r_-)}$$

$$\delta = -\frac{1}{4} (\nu^2 + 3) (r_- + r_+)$$

Now, let's see what metric our coordinate transformation makes!

$$w^+ = \sqrt{\frac{r^2 - r_+^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{\alpha\phi + \beta t} \quad w^- = \sqrt{\frac{r^2 - r_+^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{\gamma\phi + \delta t} \quad z = \sqrt{\frac{r_+^2 - r_-^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}} e^{1/2((\alpha + \gamma)\phi + (\beta + \delta)t)}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{4}{(3 + \nu)^2 z^2} \left( (3 + \nu^2) dw_+ dw_- + 4\nu^2 dz^2 + \frac{3(\nu^2 - 1)w_+}{z^2} (dw_-^2 + 2z dw_- dz) \right)$$

This metric has  
four isometries,  
generated by:

$$\bar{H}_0 = i(w_- \partial_- + \frac{1}{2} z \partial_z)$$

$$\bar{H}_{-1} = i(-z^2 \partial_+ + w_-^2 \partial_- + w_- z \partial_z)$$

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The generators corresponding to rotation in the  $w^\pm$  plane and dilation are:

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 - \bar{H}_0 &= i(w_+ \partial_+ - w_- \partial_-) \\ H_0 + \bar{H}_0 &= i(w_+ \partial_+ + w_- \partial_- + z \partial_z) \end{aligned}$$

The quotient is generated by the group element:

$$e^{-2\pi i(\gamma H_0 + \alpha \bar{H}_0)} = e^{2\pi i \partial_\phi}$$

To get a and b for our Selberg zeta function, we need to find out the coefficients of dilation and rotation:

$$e^{-2\pi i \left( \frac{\gamma + \alpha}{2} (H_0 + \bar{H}_0) + \frac{\gamma - \alpha}{2} (H_0 - \bar{H}_0) \right)} \quad 2a = \gamma + \alpha \quad 2b = \gamma - \alpha$$

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Reproduce QNMs for Warped AdS Black holes!

*Chen, Xu 2009, Ferrería 2013*

Candidate 1-loop scalar partition function for warped AdS<sub>3</sub> black holes

$$Z_{\text{scalar}}^{(1)}$$

Proof of concept for Selberg zeta techniques beyond hyperbolic quotients

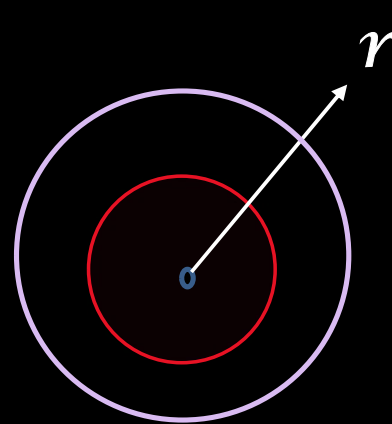
# Flat Space Cosmologies

$$ds_{\text{BTZ}}^2 = \left(8GM - \frac{r^2}{L^2}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{-8GM + \frac{r^2}{L^2} + \frac{16G^2 J^2}{r^2}} - 8GJ dt d\phi + r^2 d\phi^2$$

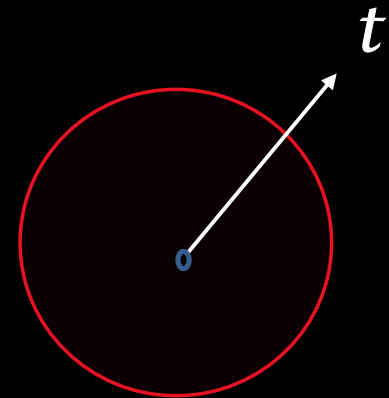
FSC as a limit of BTZ:  $r_+ \rightarrow L\sqrt{8GM} = L\hat{r}_+$   $r_- \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2G}{M}}|J| = r_0$   $G/L \rightarrow 0$

$$ds_{\text{FBTZ}}^2 = \hat{r}_+^2 dt^2 - \frac{r^2 dr^2}{\hat{r}_+^2 (r^2 - r_0^2)} + r^2 d\phi^2 - 2\hat{r}_+ r_0 dt d\phi$$

The radial coordinate is now timelike, and we have a timelike (cosmological) horizon.



BTZ



FSC

Let's try and calculate QNMs using Selberg techniques!

# *Flat Space Cosmologies*

*AdS<sub>3</sub>: Asymptotic symmetry algebra (ASA) formed by two commuting copies of Virasoro:*

$$[\mathcal{L}_m, \mathcal{L}_n] = (m - n)\mathcal{L}_{m+n} + \frac{c}{12}m(m^2 - 1)\delta_{m+n,0}$$

*3D Minkowski: ASA at null infinity is BMS<sub>3</sub>*

$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n} + c_{LL}m(m^2 - 1)\delta_{m+n,0}$$

$$[L_m, M_n] = (m - n)M_{m+n} + c_{LM}m(m^2 - 1)\delta_{m+n,0}$$

*In the limit from AdS<sub>3</sub> to flat space:*

$$L_n = \mathcal{L}_n - \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{-n}, \quad M_n = \epsilon(\mathcal{L}_n + \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{-n}), \quad \epsilon = G/L \rightarrow 0$$

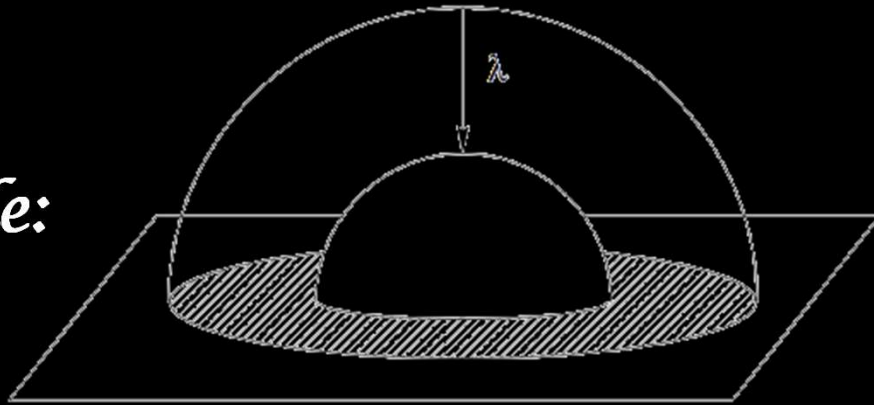
*Representations of BMS<sub>3</sub>:*

$$L_0 |m, j\rangle = j |m, j\rangle, \quad M_0 |m, j\rangle = m |m, j\rangle$$

$$j = h - \bar{h}, \quad m = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon(h + \bar{h})$$

# *FSC: a quotient of flat space*

Recall  
BTZ  
example:



$$\pi\partial_\phi = aJ_{12} + bJ_{03}$$

$$J_{12} = x\partial_x + y\partial_y + z\partial_z$$

$$J_{03} = x\partial_y - y\partial_x$$

$$a = \pi\tau_2 = \pi r_+/L$$

$$b = -\pi\tau_1 = -\pi r_-/L$$

Flat limit:

$$r_+ \rightarrow L\hat{r}_+ \quad r_- \rightarrow r_0 \quad G/L \rightarrow 0$$



$$L_0 = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} J_{12} = X\partial_T + T\partial_X$$

$$\frac{M_0}{G} = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L} J_{03} = \partial_Y$$

*Cornalba, Costa 2002*

*FSCs are “shifted boost orbifolds”*

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*FSC generator  
from BTZ:*

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$$\pi\hat{r}_+L_0$$

$$Lb \frac{J_{03}}{L}$$

$$-\pi r_0 \frac{M_0}{G}$$

$$\eta = \hat{r}_+$$

$$\rho = -\frac{r_0}{G}$$

$$\partial_\phi = \eta L_0 + \rho M_0$$

# Generalized Selberg zeta. $\mathcal{M}_3/\mathbb{Z}$

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{\text{descendants}} \langle 1 - e^{2\pi i \partial_{\phi}} \rangle_{\text{scalar primary of weight } s}$$

**BTZ Primary:**  $|h, \bar{h}\rangle$  **Descendants:**  $(\mathcal{L}_{-1})^{k_2} |h, \bar{h}\rangle = |h, \bar{h}, k_2\rangle$   
 $(\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{-1})^{k_1} |h, \bar{h}\rangle = |h, \bar{h}, k_1\rangle$

**Group element**  $e^{2\pi i \partial_{\phi}} = e^{2\pi i((\mathcal{L}_0 - \bar{\mathcal{L}}_0)\tau_1 + (\mathcal{L}_0 + \bar{\mathcal{L}}_0)i\tau_2)} = q^{\mathcal{L}_0} \bar{q}^{\bar{\mathcal{L}}_0}$

**Eigenvalues**  $\mathcal{L}_0 |h, \bar{h}, k_1, k_2\rangle = (h + k_2) |h, \bar{h}, k_1, k_2\rangle = \left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + k_2\right) |h, \bar{h}, k_1, k_2\rangle$   
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**Remember:** We would like to identify  $s \leftrightarrow \Delta$

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Putting this all together,  
we recover the BTZ  
Selberg zeta function.

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{2\pi i((k_2 - k_1)\tau_1 + (k_1 + k_2 + s)i\tau_2)} \right)$$

Based on this and previous work, we can conjecture a schematic Selberg zeta function for more general settings.

$$\mathcal{M}/\Gamma \quad Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{\gamma} \prod_{k_1, k_2, \dots} \langle 1 - \gamma \rangle$$



# Selberg zeta for FSC

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{\text{descendants}} \langle 1 - e^{2\pi i \partial_{\phi}} \rangle_{\text{scalar primary of weight } s}$$

In terms of the BMS generators, the group element is:  $e^{2\pi i \partial_{\phi}} = e^{2\pi i(L_0 \eta + M_0 \rho)}$

A primary field of mass  $m$  and its descendants:  $M_0 |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle = m |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle$   
 $L_0 |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle = (k_1 - k_2) |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle$

FSC Selberg-like zeta function:

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{2\pi i(\eta(k_1 - k_2) + s\rho)} \right)$$

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# Selberg zeta for FSC

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*This answer makes sense  
from a QNM standpoint!*

~~$(k_1 + k_2) \sim$  radial quantum number~~  
 $(k_1 - k_2) \sim$  thermal quantum number  
 $\ell \sim$  angular quantum number

*If we expect the Selberg zeros to produce the QNMs, then we should not expect them to contain a radial quantum number (since our horizon is timelike).*

# Check 1: Partition function

Happily, the scalar one-loop partition function for FSC has already been computed by other means!

*Barnich, Gonzalez, Maloney, Oblak 2015*

$$Z_{\text{flat, scalar}}^{\text{1-loop}}(m) = (\det \nabla_{\text{flat, scalar}}^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i m n \rho}}{n |(1 - e^{2\pi i n \eta})|^2}\right)$$

From this we can recover the Selberg zeta function in the usual way.

$$\xi = e^{2\pi i \rho} \quad \chi = e^{2\pi i \eta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{flat, scalar}}^{\text{1-loop}}(m) &= \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\xi^{mn}}{n |(1 - \chi^n)|^2}\right) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (\xi^m \chi^{k_1} \bar{\chi}^{k_2})^n\right) \\ &= \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \xi^m \chi^{k_1} \bar{\chi}^{k_2}} \end{aligned}$$

We recover  $Z_{\Gamma}(s) = (\det \nabla_{\text{flat, scalar}}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - e^{2\pi i (s\rho + (k_1 - k_2)\eta)}\right)$  ✓

# Check 2: Limit from BTZ

Start with the BTZ  
Selberg zeta function

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{2\pi i((k_2 - k_1)\tau_1 + (k_1 + k_2 + s)i\tau_2)} \right)$$

To take the limit,  
employ a change of basis

$$\eta = \frac{\tau + \bar{\tau}}{2} \quad \rho = \left( \frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}}{2} \right)$$

Recall:  $L_n = \mathcal{L}_n - \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{-n}$ ,  $M_n = \epsilon (\mathcal{L}_n + \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{-n})$ ,  $\epsilon = G/L \rightarrow 0$

$$\partial_{\phi} = \eta L_0 + \rho M_0 \quad M_0 |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle = m |m, k_1 - k_2\rangle \quad s \leftrightarrow m$$

Thus, we should employ the scaling:  $s \rightarrow \frac{s}{\epsilon}$ ,  $\rho \rightarrow \epsilon \rho$

The limit  
gives our  
zeta  
function

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\Gamma}(s) &= \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{2\pi i \left( \eta(k_1 - k_2) + \epsilon \rho (k_1 + k_2 + \frac{s}{\epsilon}) \right)} \right) \\ &= \prod_{k_1, k_2=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - e^{2\pi i (\eta(k_1 - k_2) + s\rho)} \right) \end{aligned}$$



*Quick slide to recap what we want and need: QNMs and thermal frequencies.*

$$s^* = \Delta \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \omega_{QN} = \omega_n$$

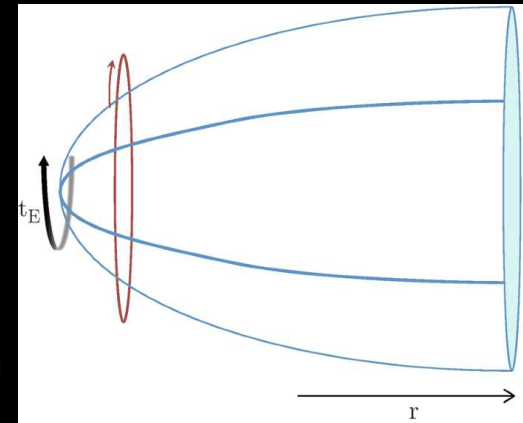
*For FSC, conformal dimension is  $m$*

*We need to calculate the thermal frequencies*

# *FSC Thermal frequencies*

*In order to find the FSC QNMs from the zeta function, we need to find compute the thermal frequencies.*

*Thermal frequencies are computed by insisting that our probe fields are regular at the horizon.*



$$ds^2 = -\frac{1}{\hat{r}_+} \frac{r^2}{r^2 - r_0^2} dr^2 + \frac{\hat{r}_+^2 (r^2 - r_0^2)}{r^2} dv^2 + r^2 \left( d\phi - \frac{\hat{r}_+ r_0}{r^2} dv \right)^2$$

$$\Phi(r, v, \phi) = e^{i(k\phi - \omega v)} f(r) \quad (r - r_0)^2 f''(r) + \frac{r^4 - r_0^4}{r(r + r_0)^2} f'(r) + \frac{r^2(k^2 \hat{r}_+^2 - 2\hat{r}_+ r_0 k\omega + r^2 \omega^2)}{\hat{r}_+^4 (r + r_0)^2} f(r) = 0$$

$$\omega_n = \Omega k + 2\pi i n T \quad \Omega = \frac{\hat{r}_+}{r_0} \quad T = \frac{\hat{r}_+^2}{2\pi r_0}$$

*Thermal frequencies can also be obtained as a limit of BTZ values.*

# *FSC QNMs*

*Mechanism for  
determining QNMs:*

$$s^* \leftrightarrow \Delta$$

$$\omega_{QN} \leftrightarrow \omega_n$$

*We can write  
this condition as:*

$$s^* - m + Q(\omega_n - \omega_{QN}) = 0$$

*Up to an  
undetermined  
function, the  
FSC QNMs are:*

$$\omega_n = -\frac{m}{Q} + \frac{1}{Qr_0} (k \pm in\hat{r}_+)(iG + Q\hat{r}_+)$$

*Colleagues are also currently trying to determine the  
QNMs via the torus two-point function.*

# *dS quotients: Lens spaces*

*Castro, Lashkari, Maloney 2011.*

Consider the Euclidean version of the dS static patch:

$$\frac{ds_E^2}{\ell^2} = dr^2 + \cos^2 r dt_E^2 + \sin^2 r d\phi^2.$$

The Lens space  $L(p, q)$  is obtained through the following identification

$$(t_E, \phi) \sim (t_E, \phi) + 2\pi \left( \frac{m}{p}, m \frac{q}{p} + n \right),$$

where  $(n, m) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The quotient structure of this space is  $S^3 / \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and the sphere  $S^3$  is the special case  $L(1, 0)$ . It seems that this identification is generated by

$$\rho = e^{-2\pi \left( \frac{1}{p} H + i \frac{q}{p} J \right)},$$

where  $(H, J)$  are Killing vectors of the unquotiented metric:

$$H = i\partial_t, \quad J = i\partial_\phi.$$

Our representation theory ansatz tells us to construct

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{\text{descendants}} \langle 1 - \rho \rangle_{\text{scalar primary weight } s}.$$



# *Wilson spools*

*Castro, Coman, Fliss, Zukowski 2023*

*A new method of calculating 1-loop determinants in 3D Euclidean de Sitter space.*

$$\langle \log Z_{\text{scalar}}[\mathcal{M}] \rangle_{\text{grav}} = \frac{1}{4} \langle \mathbb{W} \rangle_{\text{grav}}$$

*The authors call the RHS a Wilson spool. It is a collection of Wilson loops winding around the 3-sphere.*

*Cool thing: the Wilson spool can be calculated to all orders in the Newton constant,  $G$ , due to known results regarding the Chern-Simons formulation of de Sitter. *Witten 1988, ...**

*Important for us: The Wilson spool is constructed from “non-standard”, nonunitary representations of  $SU(2)$ .*

# *Representations of $SU(2)$*

*Castro, Sabella-Garnier, Zukowski 2020; Castro, Coman, Fliss, Zukowski 2023*

$$[L_3, L_{\pm}] = \pm L_{\pm} \quad \text{and} \quad [L_+, L_-] = 2L_3 \quad c_j = L^2 = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + L_3^2$$

$$c_j |j, m\rangle = j(j+1) |j, m\rangle$$

*Standard reps*

$$L_3^\dagger = L_3 \quad \text{and} \quad L_{\pm}^\dagger = L_{\mp}$$

*Unitary*

*Finite dimensional*

$$m \leq |j|$$

*Non-standard reps*

$$L_3^\dagger = L_3 \quad \text{and} \quad L_{\pm}^\dagger = -L_{\mp}$$

*Non-unitary (!)*

*Infinite dimensional*

*No restriction*

# *Non-standard representations and Selberg*

$$Z_{\Gamma}(s) = \prod_{\text{descendants}} \langle 1 - e^{2\pi i \partial_{\phi}} \rangle_{\text{scalar primary of weight } s}$$

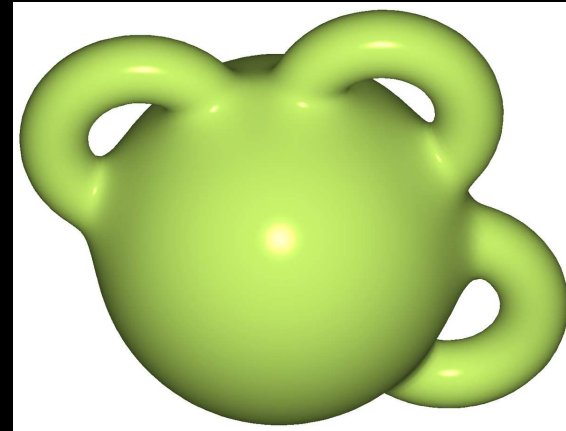
*For the de Sitter case, we can hope to build TWO different zeta functions, one for the standard rep and one for the non-standard one. We hope to the above prescription to:*

- 1) Construct the 1-loop partition function for Lens spaces using Selberg techniques.*
- 2) Build a Selberg zeta function from the non-standard rep to see if we can learn about them!!*

# *Future directions*

Quotient spacetimes are everywhere! Lots of future directions.

1. K-boundary wormholes
2. Warped de Sitter black holes
3. Holographic entanglement



Selberg trace formula as a connection between two different methods of calculating functional determinants: The heat kernel method and the quasinormal mode method.

Even more to think about:

- Applications for flat space holography?
- Connection to Seiberg Witten curves?
- L-functions, Langlands program?

*Thank you!*