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## 3D Quantum Gravity

① Correspondence of 3D  $\leftrightarrow$  Chern-Simons gauge theory

Witten '88

② BTZ hole 1993

③ AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFE<sub>2</sub> Brown-Henneaux '86

④ 2/24 A. Kitaev SYK model  
Chao-Ming Jian

⑤ 2/9 M. Hastings Qbit. code

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Einstein-Hilbert action

$X^3$  space-time,  $g$  = gravitational field (metric)

$$I(g) = \int_{X^3} d^3x \sqrt{g} (R - 2\Lambda)$$

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scalar curvature    cosmological constant

$$\Rightarrow R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

3D anti-de Sitter space

$$\left\{ -\sum_{i=1}^2 x_i^2 + \sum_{j=3}^4 x_j^2 = -l^2 \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

$l > 0$

$$ds^2 = -\sum_{i=1}^2 dx_i^2 + \sum_{j=3}^4 dx_j^2$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{2}{l^2} g_{\mu\nu}; \quad R = -\frac{6}{l^2} \quad \Lambda = -\frac{1}{l^2} < 0$$

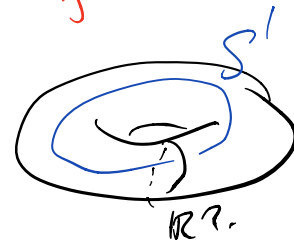
solves Einstein's equation

Topologically, anti-de Sitter is  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ .

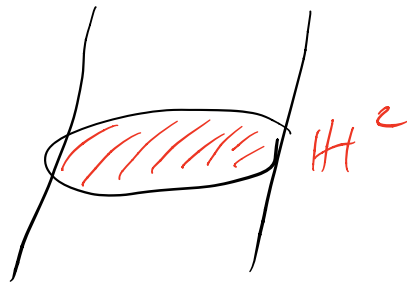
Choose  $(x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 x_i^2 = l^2 + \sum_{j=3}^4 x_j^2$$

= Solid torus minus the boundary



Also due geometrically: Use  $\mathbb{H}^2$  not  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



$$I(X^3, g) = \int \dots$$

Let  $X^3$  be a closed <sup>oriented</sup> 3-manifold.

Lorentzian  
 $\omega =$  spin  
connection

Then  $TX^3 \cong X^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$

$e: TX^3 \rightarrow X^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$  framing

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$(\omega, e) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega & e \\ -e & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathfrak{so}(2,2)$  gauge field

$A_{\pm} = \omega \pm \frac{e}{\ell}$  ,  $\Lambda = -\frac{1}{\ell^2}$  ,  $\ell > 0$

$= \frac{k_L}{4\pi} \int_{X^3} \underbrace{\text{tr} (A_+ dA_+ + \frac{2}{3} A_+^3)}_{CS(A_+)}$

$- \frac{k_R}{4\pi} \int_{X^3} \underbrace{\text{tr} (A_- dA_- + \frac{2}{3} A_-^3)}_{CS(A_-)}$

Classical 3D gravity with  $\Lambda < 0 \leftrightarrow$  Doubled CS theory

$k_L = k_R = \frac{3G}{2\ell}$  "level" of CS theory

# Quantum 3D pure gravity with $\Lambda < 0$

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①  $Z(X^3) = \int_{\mathfrak{g}} \mathcal{D}g e^{iI(g)}$



AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFT<sub>2</sub>. Find out CFT<sub>2</sub>?

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Consequences

① Volume conjecture (suggested)

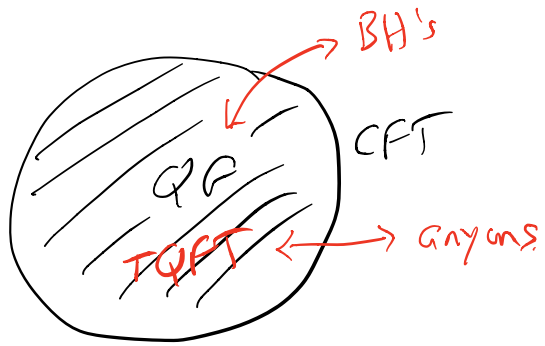
② AdS/CFT

Classical physics  
Quantum mechanics  
Quantum field theory  
Quantum gravity

computation  
Turning machine  
Quantum computer

③ Irrational TQFT

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## Volume conjecture

Two cases

- ① Kaşgaev conjecture for hyperbolic knots
- ② closed hyperbolic 3-manifold

## Perelman-Thurston

$X^3$  closed 3-manifold

$|\pi_1| = \infty$ , irreducible, atoroidal  $\Rightarrow$  hyperbolic

$X \neq X_1 \#_{S^2} X_2$   
with  $X_i \neq S^3$

no embedded  
incompressible  
 $\mathbb{R}^2 \subset X$

$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{j_2} \pi_1 \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \pi_1 X$   
injective

Construct them by Dehn surgery on knots.



not hyperbolic (trefoil)



$$\frac{\log |Z|}{r} \rightarrow V \quad (\text{So cannot drop "unitary"})$$

Can you drop "unitary"?

Non-unitary TQFTS  $\rightarrow$  volume conjecture might hold.

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$$SO(2,2) \cong SL(2,\mathbb{R}) \times SL(2,\mathbb{R})$$

$$2\pi \frac{\log |Z(X^3)|}{r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} \text{vol}(X^3)$$