

Correlators (for all Λ s) in Cortona

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AdS-CFT

Quantum Gravity
in AdS_{d+1}

=

(non-gravitational)
CFT in \mathbb{M}^d

Observables ?!



Correlation functions

Constrained non-perturbatively by
the **Conformal Bootstrap**:

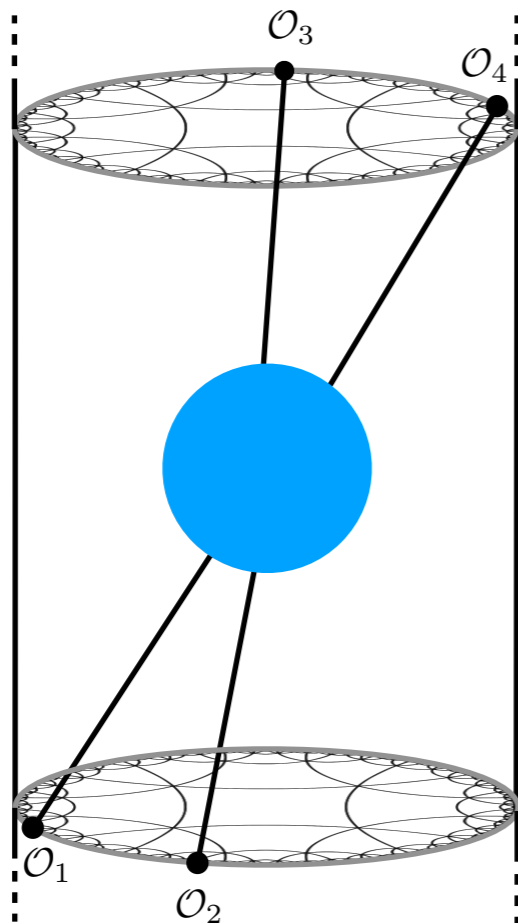
- Conformal symmetry
- Unitarity
- Associative OPE

$$(\mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2) \mathcal{O}_3 = \mathcal{O}_1 (\mathcal{O}_2 \mathcal{O}_3)$$

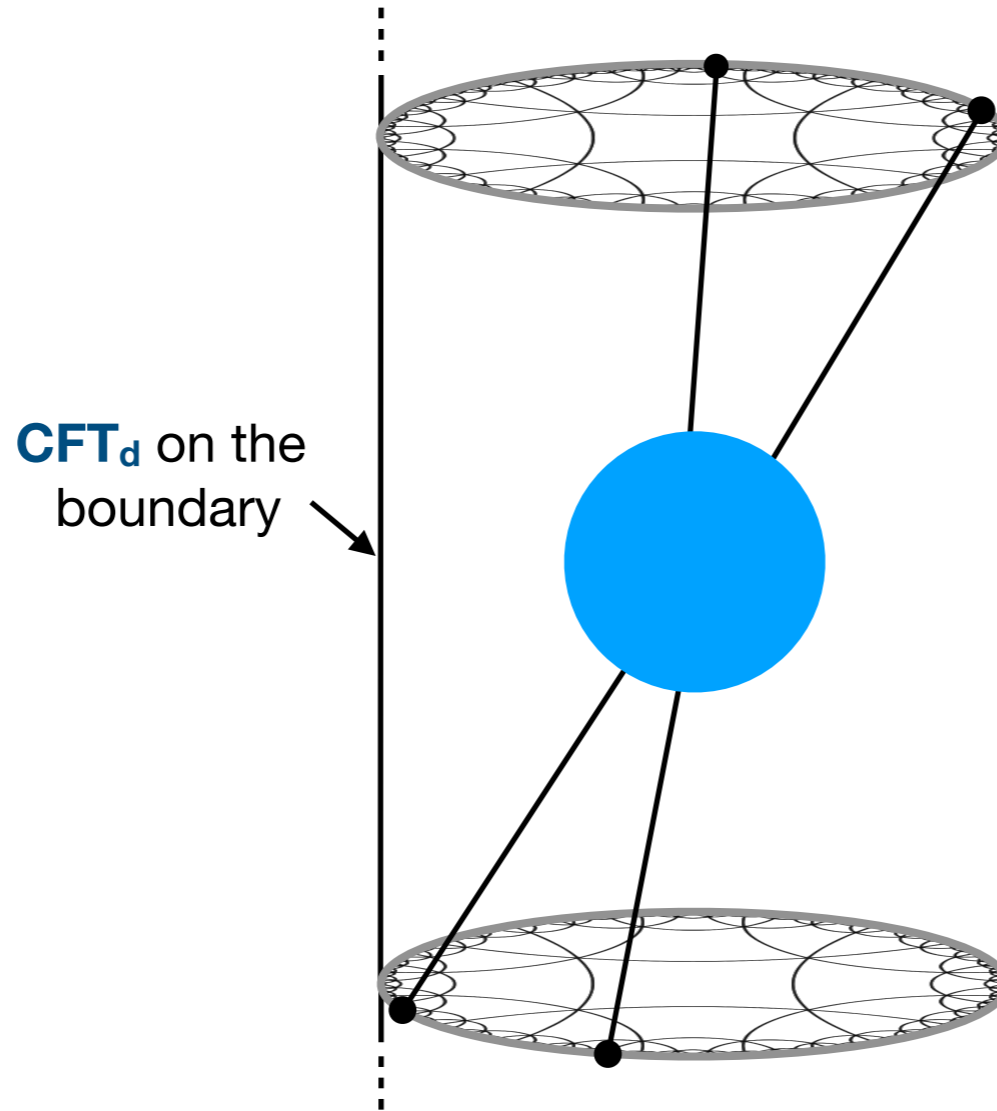
[Belavin, Polyakov, Zamolodchikov 1984;
Rattazzi, Rychkov, Tonni, Vichi 2008]

CFT_d on the
boundary

time



AdS-CFT

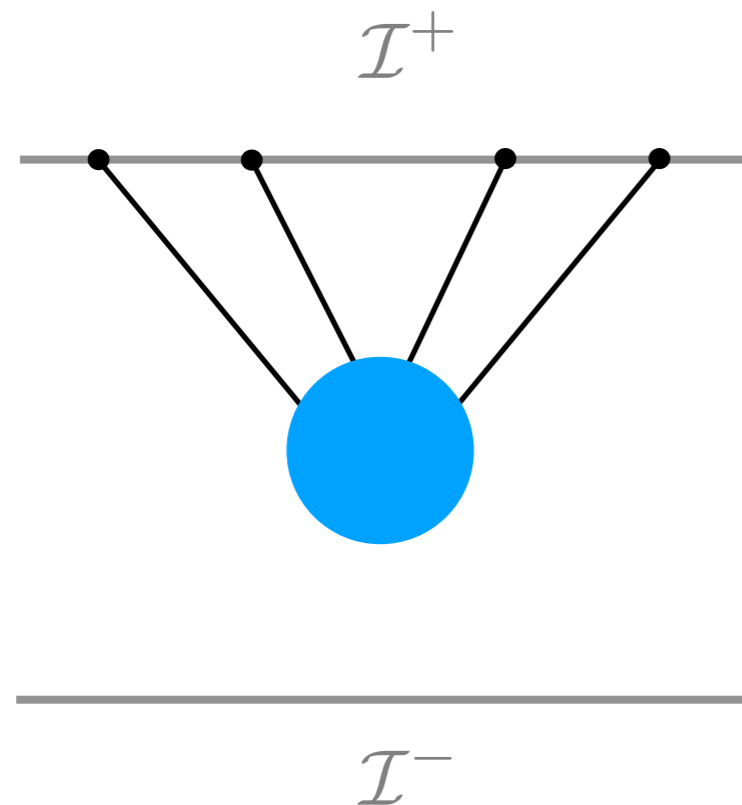


Can we extend this understanding to our own universe?

Holography for all Λ s?

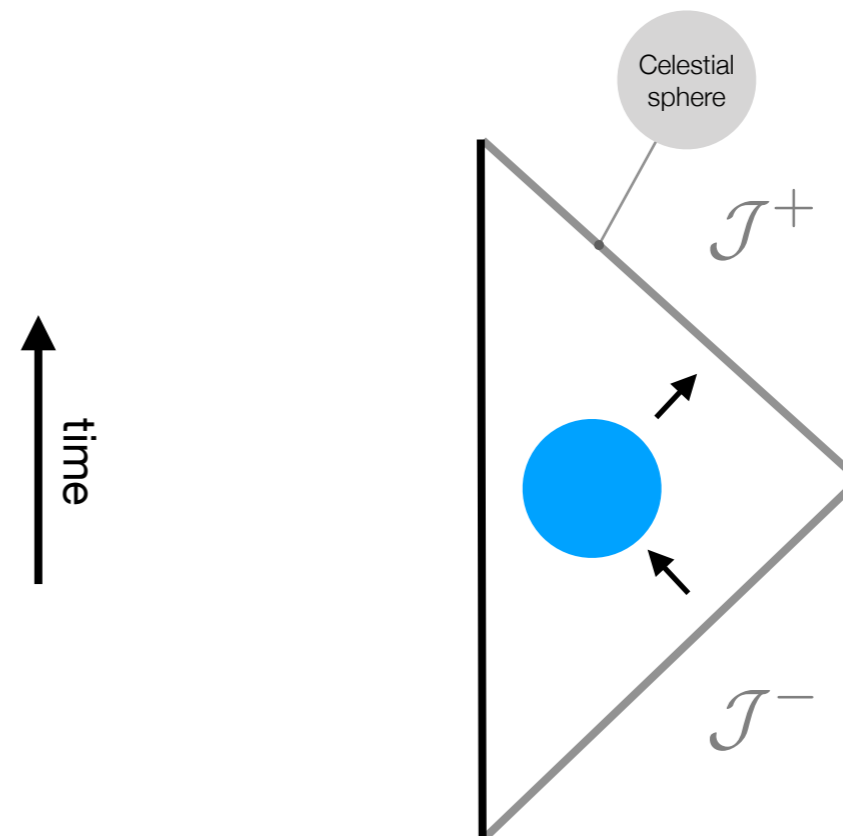
The maximally symmetric cousins of AdS

$\Lambda > 0$ de Sitter



- Cosmological scales
- Primordial inflation

$\Lambda = 0$ Minkowski

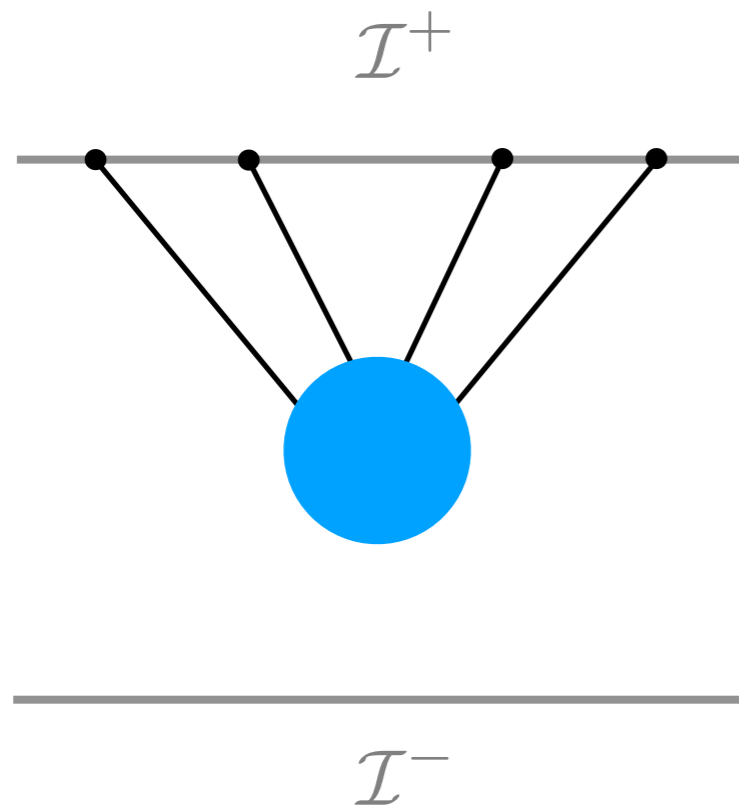


- intermediate scales

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Cosmological Bootstrap

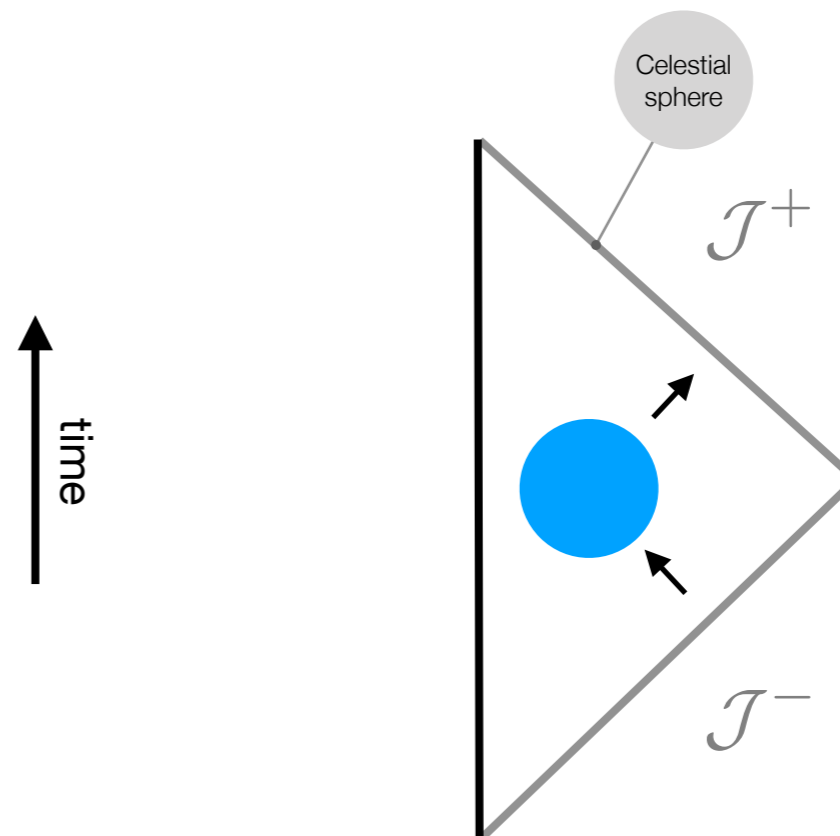
[Arkani-Hamed and Maldacena '15]

[Arkani-Hamed and Benincasa '17]

[Arkani-Hamed, Baumann, Lee and Pimentel '18]

[Sleight and Taronna '19] [Pajer et al '20] [...]

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Celestial holography

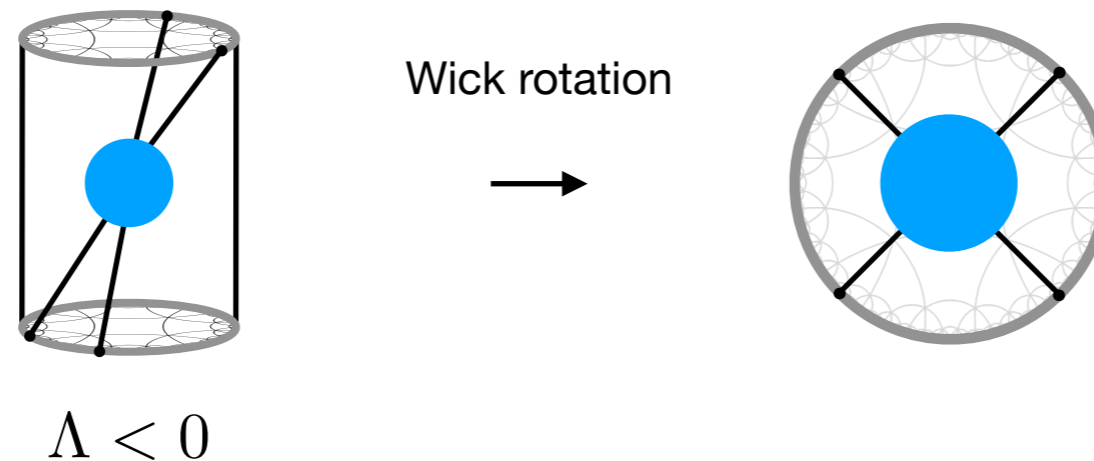
[de Boer and Solodukhin '03]

[Strominger '17] [Pasterski, Shao, Strominger '17]

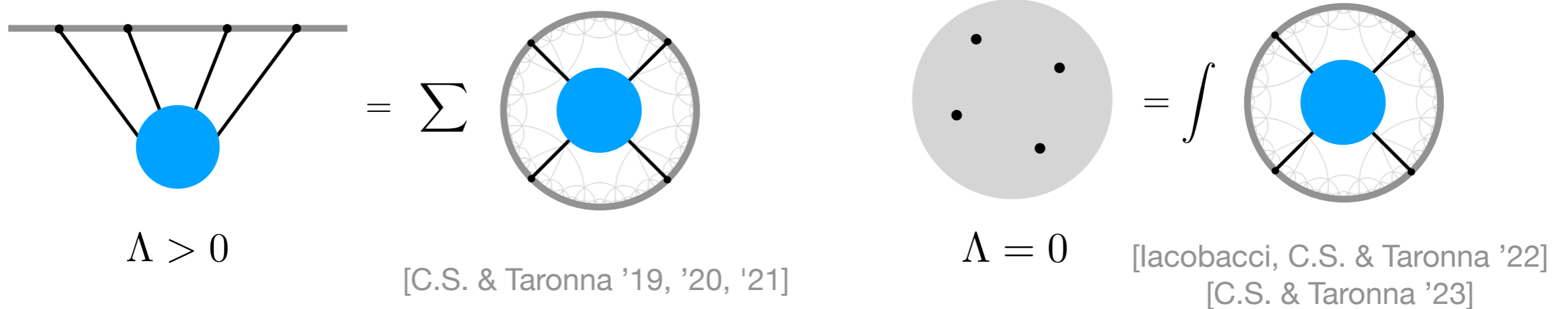
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Holography for all Λ s?

Boundary correlators in AdS, dS and on the celestial sphere can be reformulated as boundary correlators in Euclidean AdS:



Perturbatively:



dS and Celestial correlators therefore have a similar analytic structure to their EAdS counterparts!
On a practical level, can use such identities to import techniques and understanding from AdS.

Outline

I. $\Lambda < 0$

II. $\Lambda > 0$

III. $\Lambda = 0$

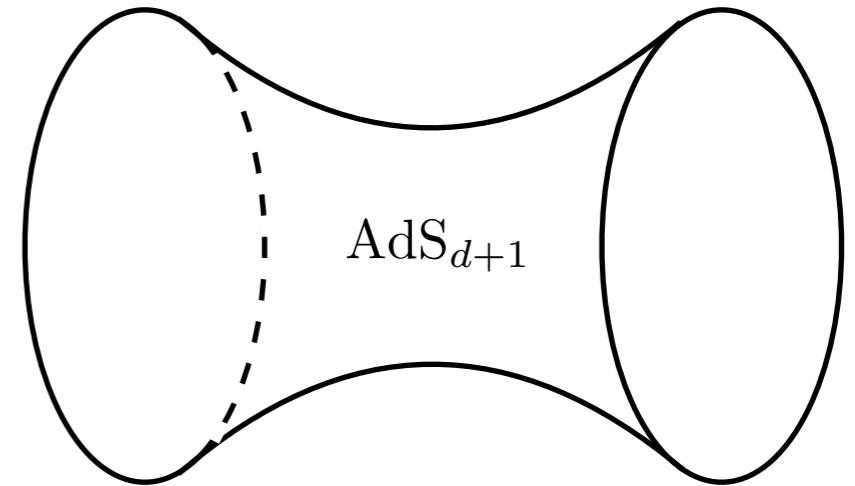
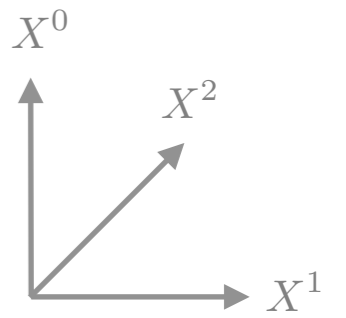
IV. Some applications.

$$\Lambda < 0$$

Anti-de Sitter space-time

$\text{AdS}_{d+1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d,2}$:

$$-(X^0)^2 - (X^{d+1})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d (X^i)^2 = -R_{\text{AdS}}^2$$

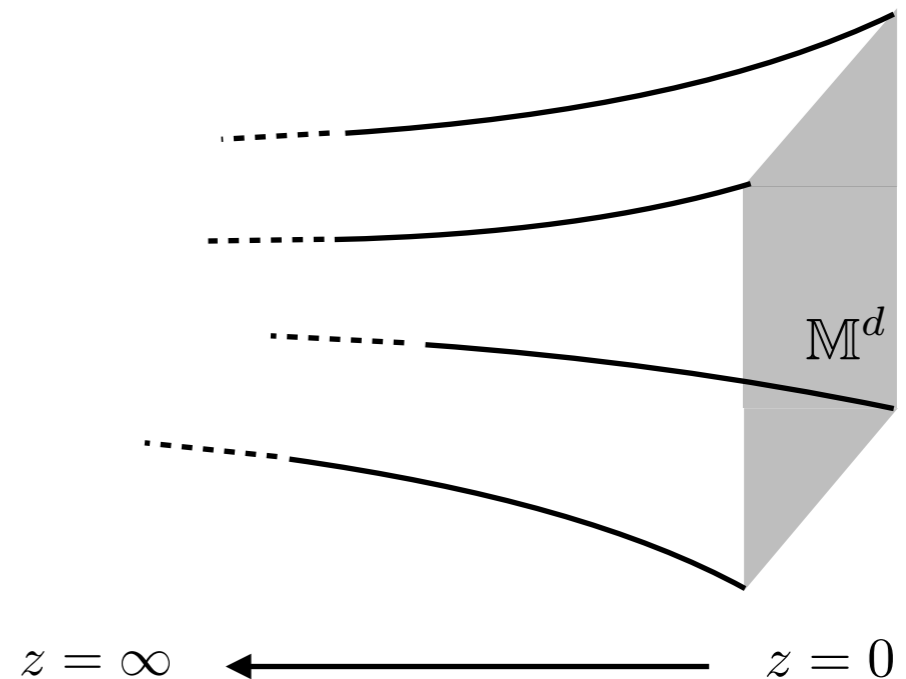


It is manifest that

Isometry group: $SO(d, 2) =$ conformal group in \mathbb{M}^d

Poincaré coordinates:

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{AdS}}^2 \frac{dz^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu}{z^2}$$

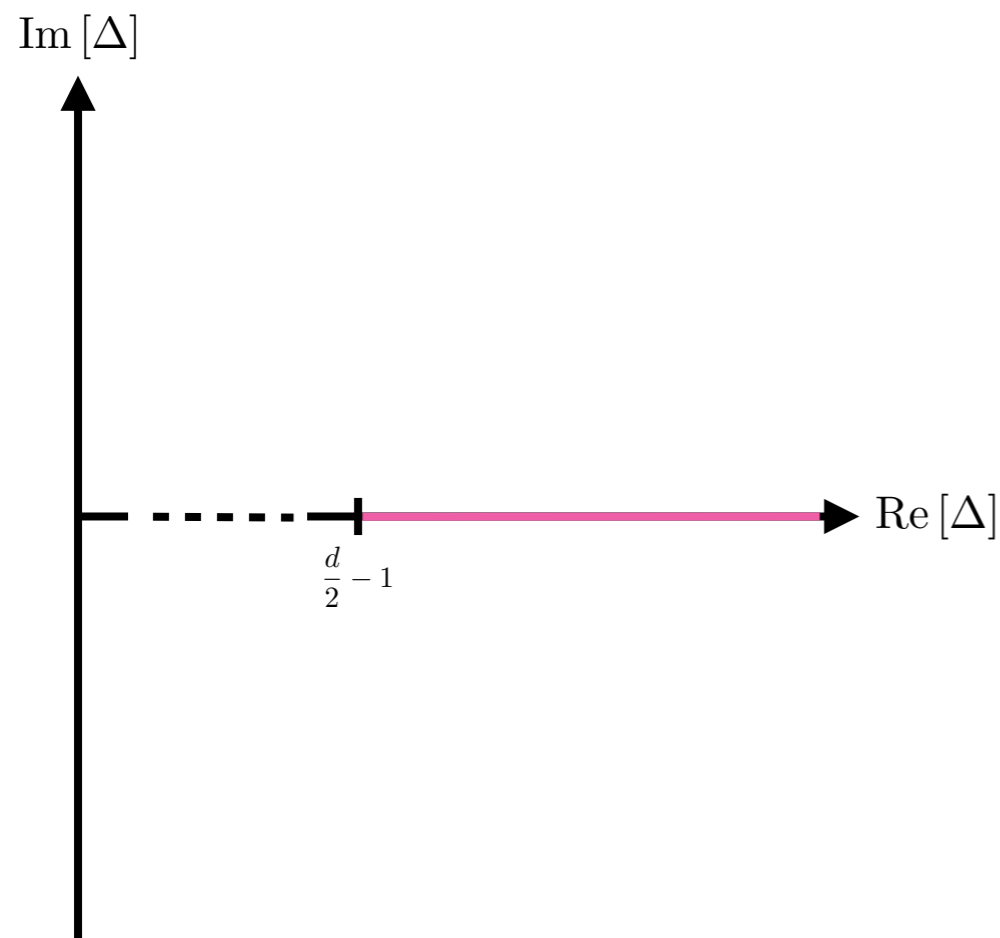


Particles in AdS

Particles in AdS_{d+1} \longleftrightarrow unitary irreducible representations of $SO(d, 2)$

Labelled by a scaling dimension Δ and spin J . **Unitarity** constrains Δ :

E.g. Spin $J=0$ representations



Notes:

- $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}$
- Bounded from below $\Delta \geq \frac{d}{2} - 1$

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Quadratic Casimir equation

$$\langle \mathcal{C}_2 \rangle = \Delta (\Delta - d)$$

$$(\nabla^2 - m^2) \varphi = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (\mathcal{C}_2 - \langle \mathcal{C}_2 \rangle) \varphi = 0$$

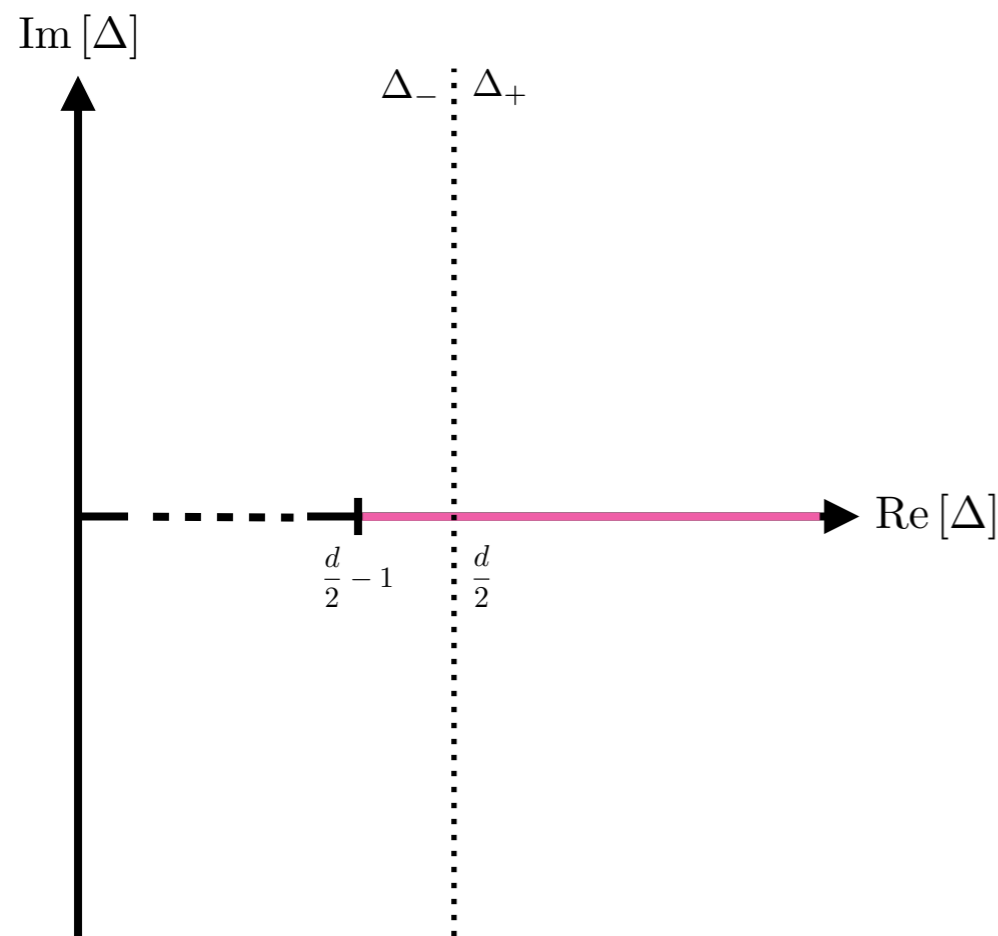
$$m^2 R_{\text{AdS}}^2 = \Delta (\Delta - d)$$

Boundary behaviour ($\Delta_- = d - \Delta_+$):

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \varphi(z, x) = \underbrace{O_{\Delta_+}(x) z^{\Delta_+}}_{\text{Dirichlet boundary condition}} + \underbrace{O_{\Delta_-}(x) z^{\Delta_-}}_{\text{Neuman boundary condition}}$$

N.B. Δ_- may be ruled out by unitarity

$O_{\Delta_{\pm}}(x)$ transform as primary fields with scaling dimension Δ_{\pm} in Minkowski CFT_d

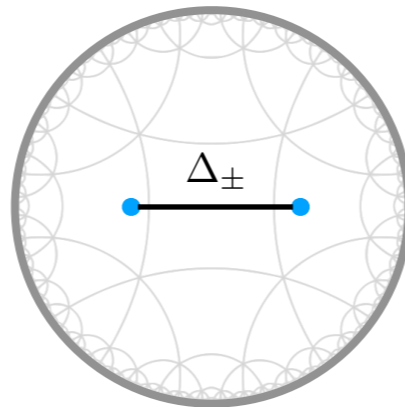


AdS boundary correlators

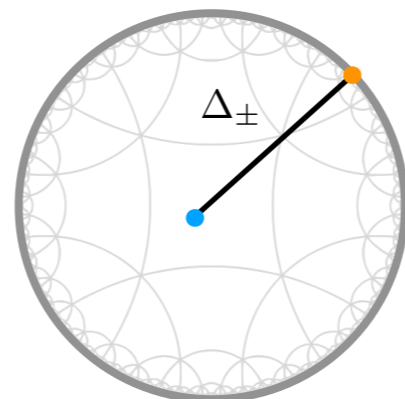
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{-(\Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_n)} \langle \varphi_1(x_1, z) \dots \varphi_n(x_n, z) \rangle \stackrel{!}{=} \langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_1}(x_1) \dots \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_n}(x_n) \rangle$$

Feynman rules:

Bulk-to-bulk propagator, Δ_{\pm} boundary condition:



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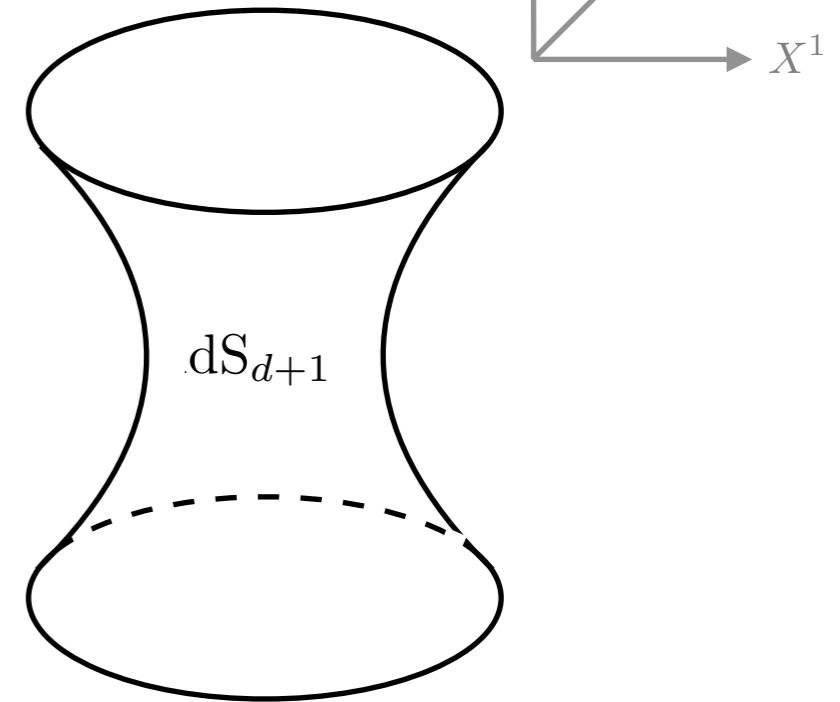


$$\Lambda > 0$$

de Sitter space-time

$dS_{d+1} \subset \mathbb{M}^{d+2}$:

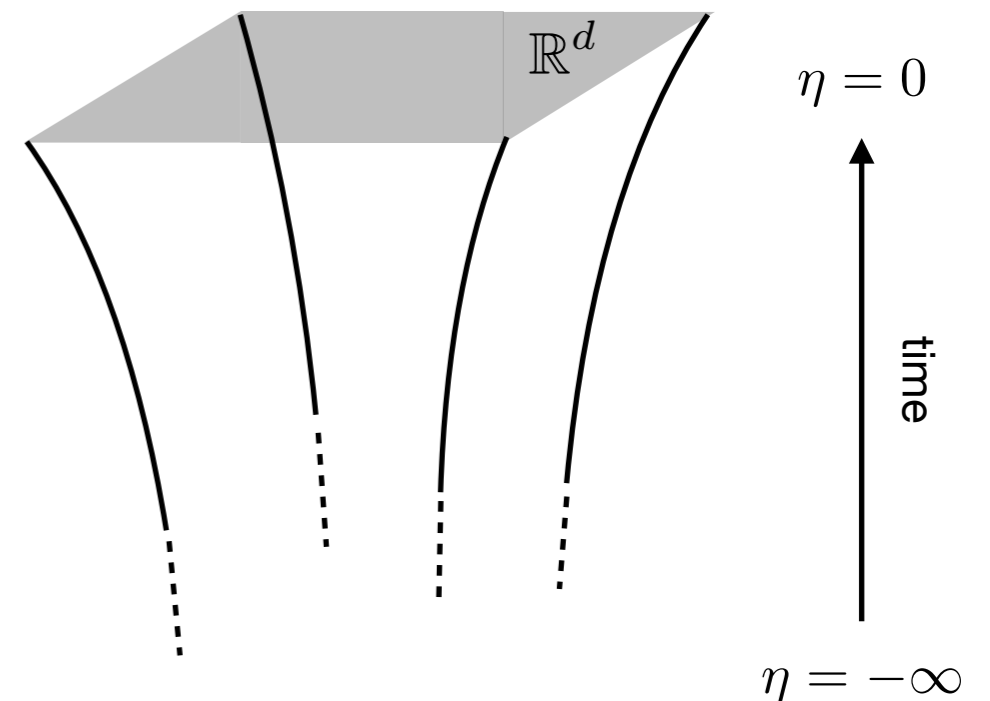
$$-(X^0)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} (X^i)^2 = R_{dS}^2$$



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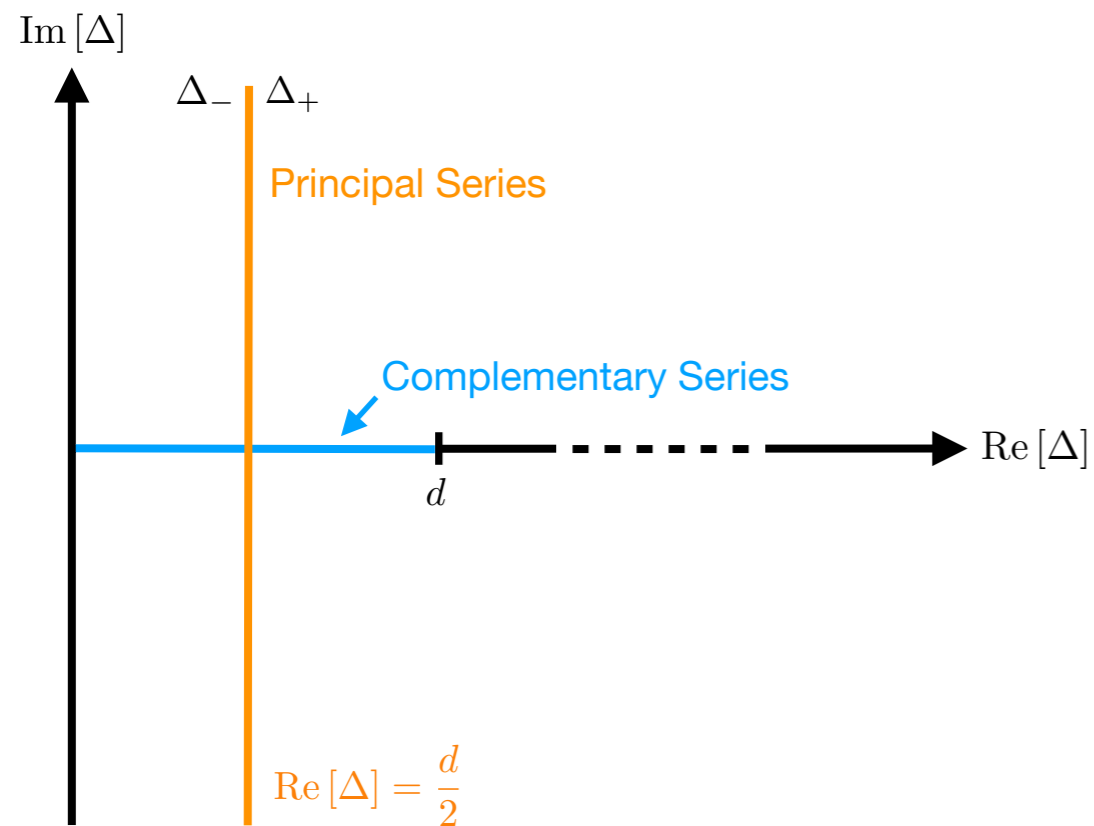


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E.g. Spin $J=0$ representations



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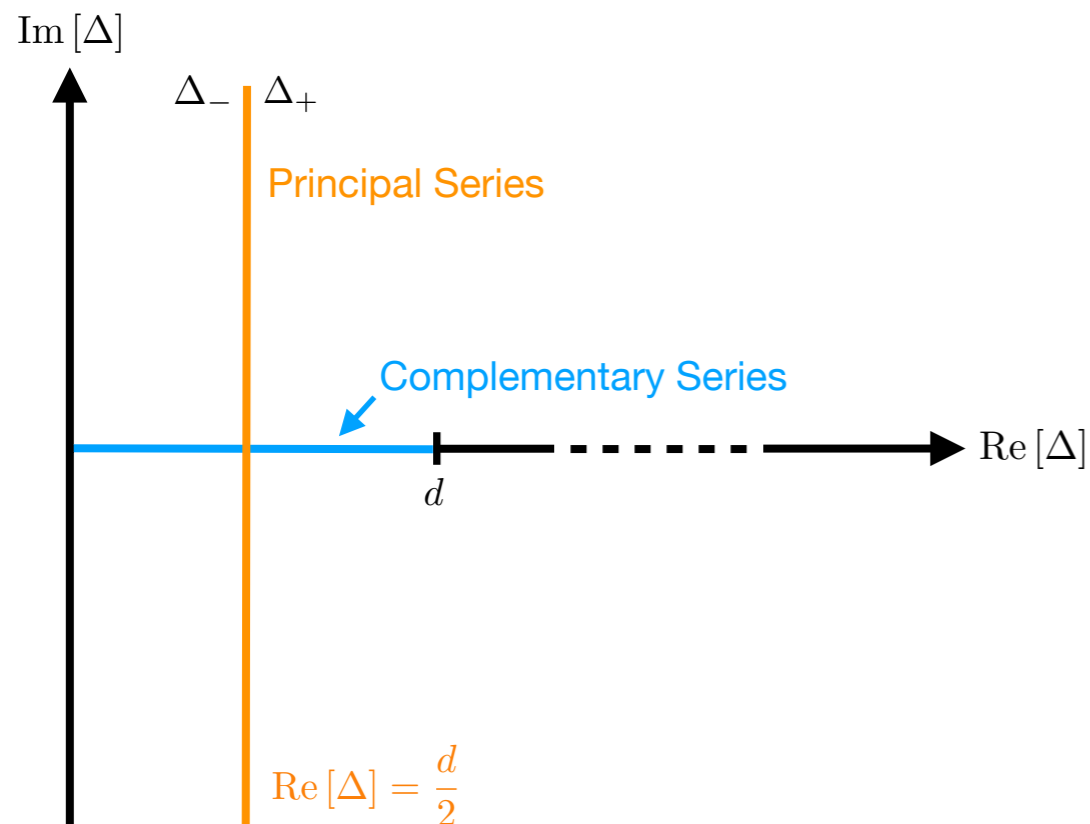
- Both Δ_+ and Δ_- are unitary
- Δ can be complex - **Principal Series**

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Boundary behaviour:

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \varphi(\eta, x) = O_{\Delta_+}(\mathbf{x}) \eta^{\Delta_+} + O_{\Delta_-}(\mathbf{x}) \eta^{\Delta_-}$$

Determined by the initial state

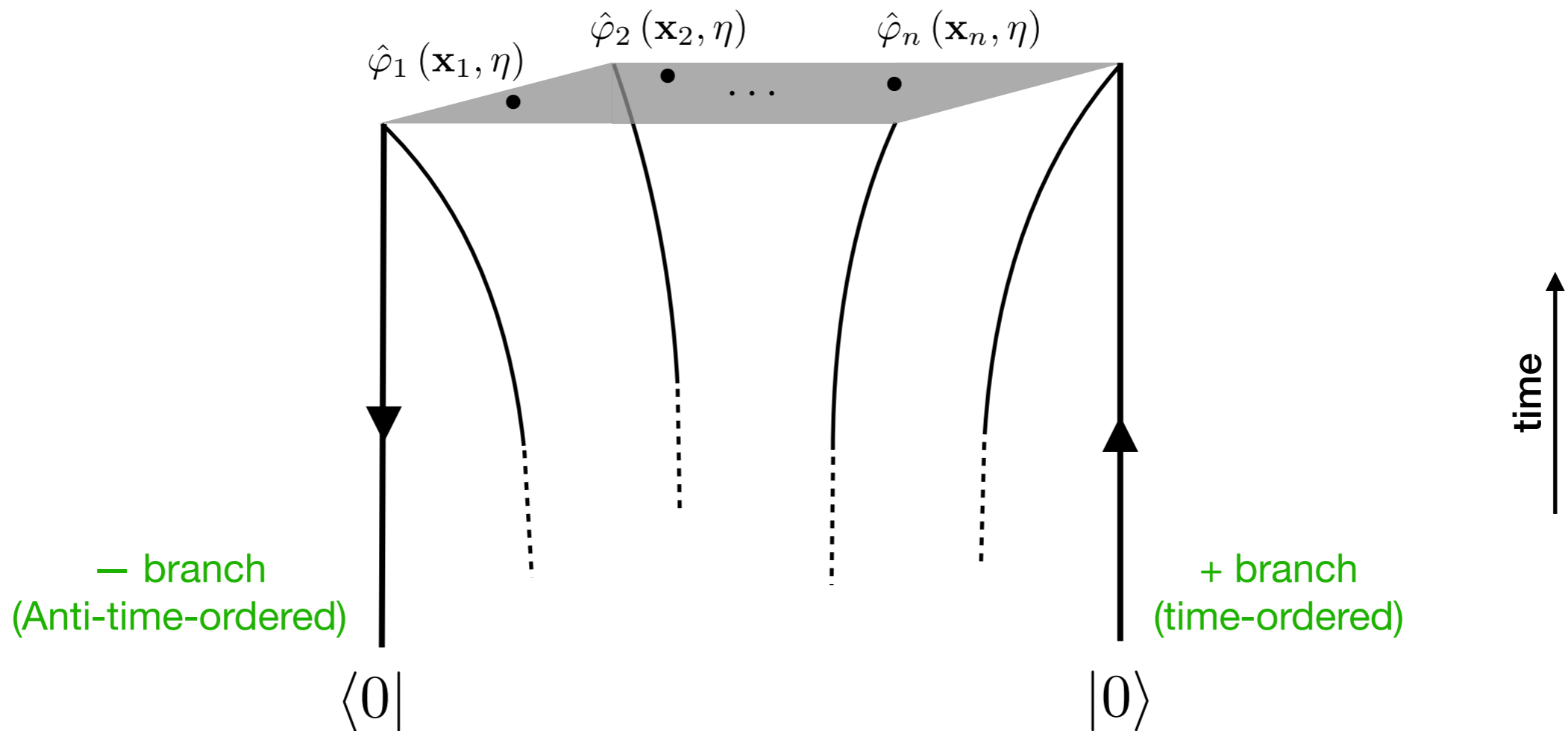
$O_{\Delta_{\pm}}(\mathbf{x})$ transform as primary fields with scaling dimension Δ_{\pm} in Euclidean CFT_d

dS Boundary Correlators

in-in formalism

[Maldacena '02, Weinberg '05]

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \langle 0 | \hat{\varphi}_1(\mathbf{x}_1, \eta) \dots \hat{\varphi}_n(\mathbf{x}_n, \eta) | 0 \rangle$$



We take $|0\rangle$ to be the **Bunch-Davies** vacuum.

[some work to appear with Alistair Chopping and Massimo Taronna on other vacua]

dS Boundary Correlators

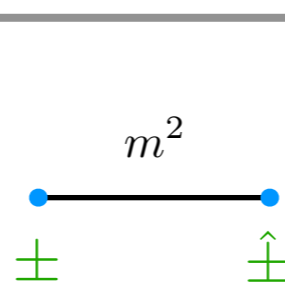
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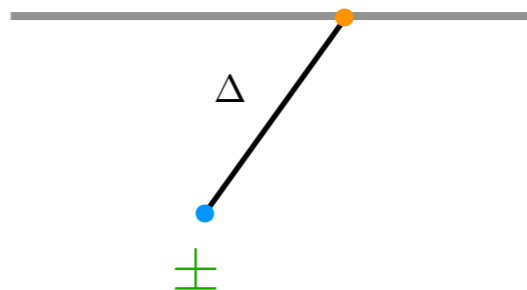
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Feynman rules:

\pm bulk-to- $\hat{\pm}$ bulk propagator:



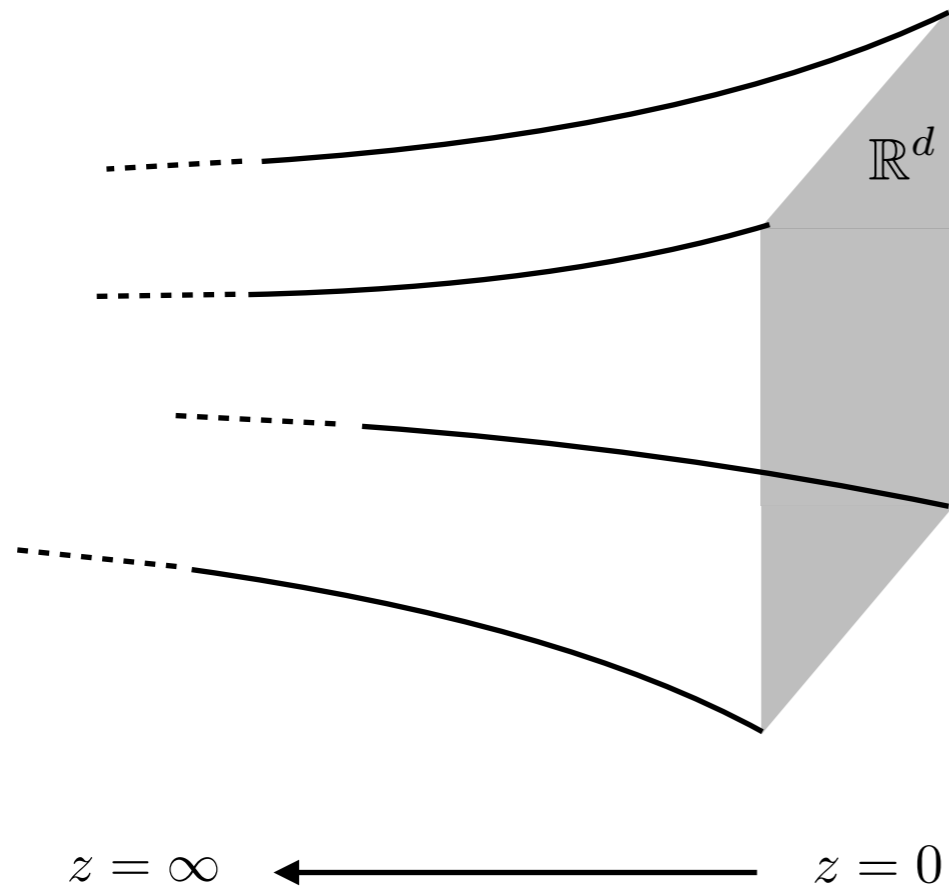
\pm bulk-to-boundary propagator:



Sum contributions from each **branch** (\pm) of the time (in-in) contour!

From dS to Euclidean AdS

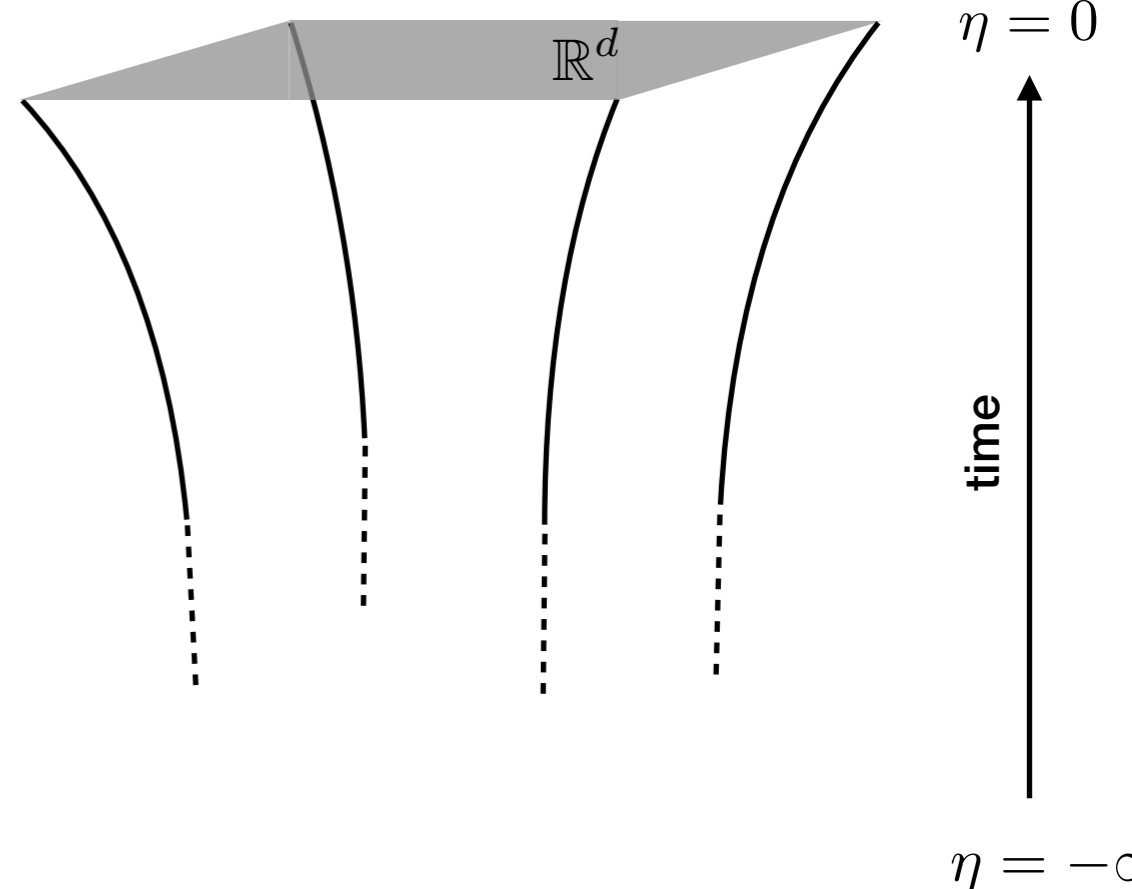
Euclidean AdS



$z = \infty$ ← $z = 0$

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{AdS}}^2 \frac{dz^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2}{z^2}$$

dS



$\eta = 0$

time ↑

$\eta = -\infty$

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{dS}}^2 \frac{-d\eta^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2}{\eta^2}$$

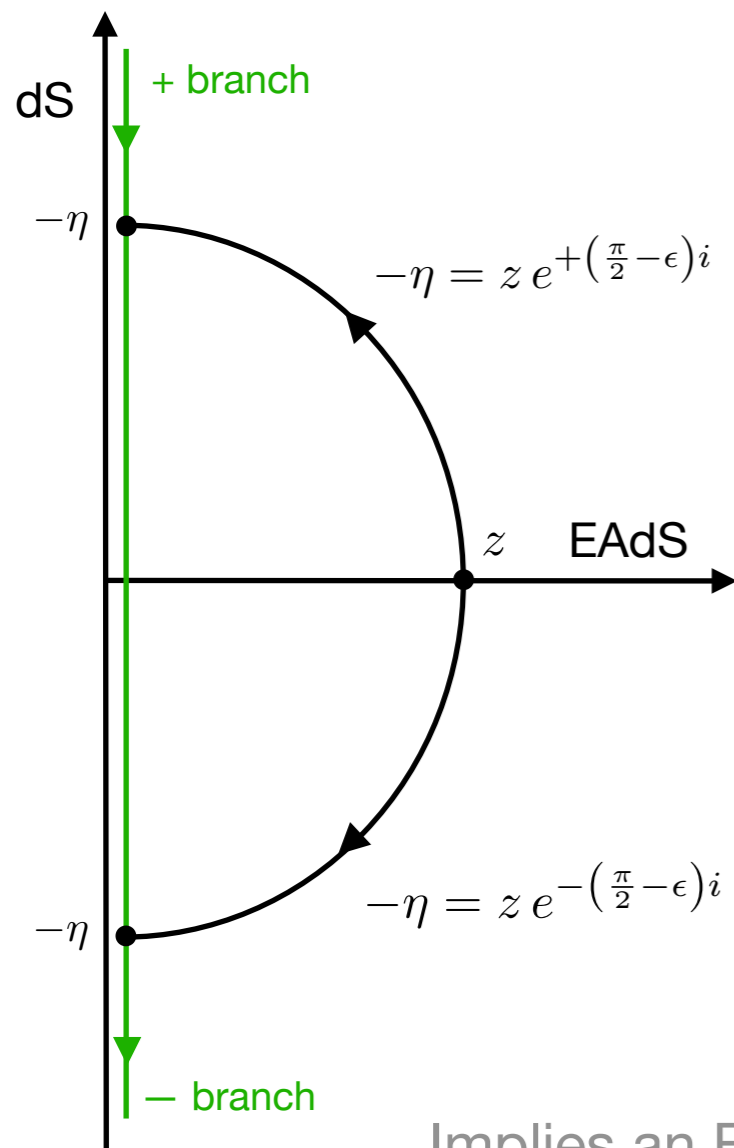
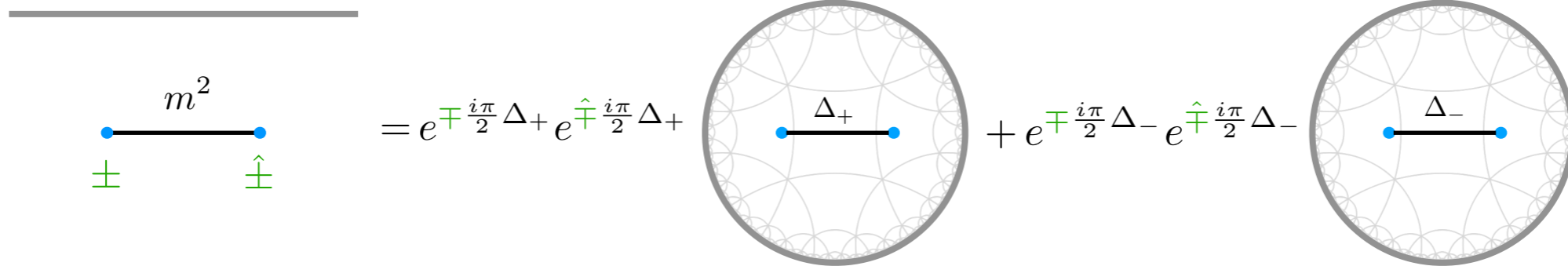
EAdS and dS are identified under:

$$R_{\text{AdS}} = \pm i R_{\text{dS}} \quad z = \pm i (-\eta)$$

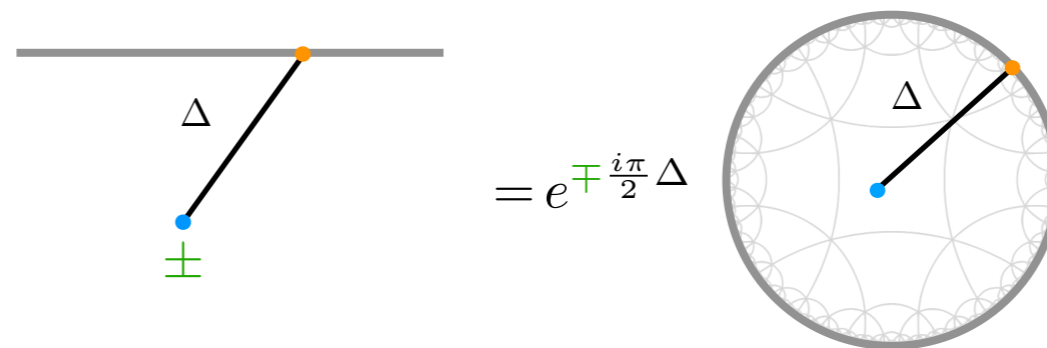
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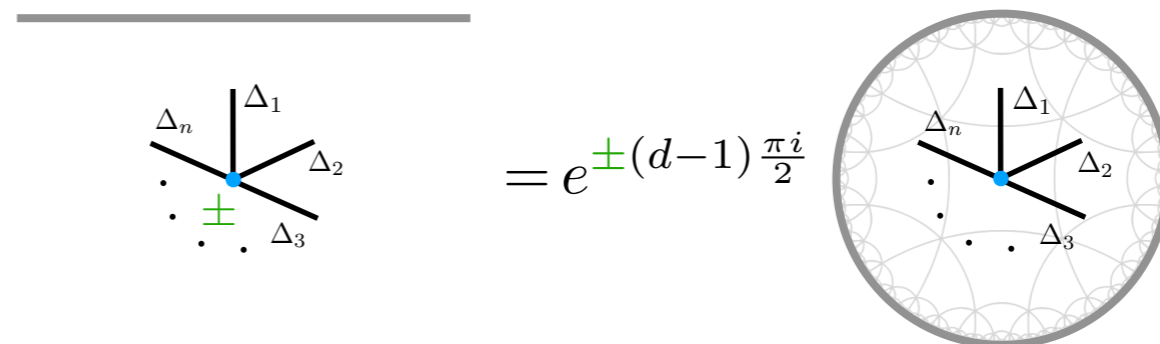
[C.S. and M. Taronna '19, '20, '21]



\pm bulk-to-boundary propagator:



\pm bulk integrals:



Implies an EAdS Lagrangian for dS correlators [di Pietro, Gorbenko and Komatsu '21]

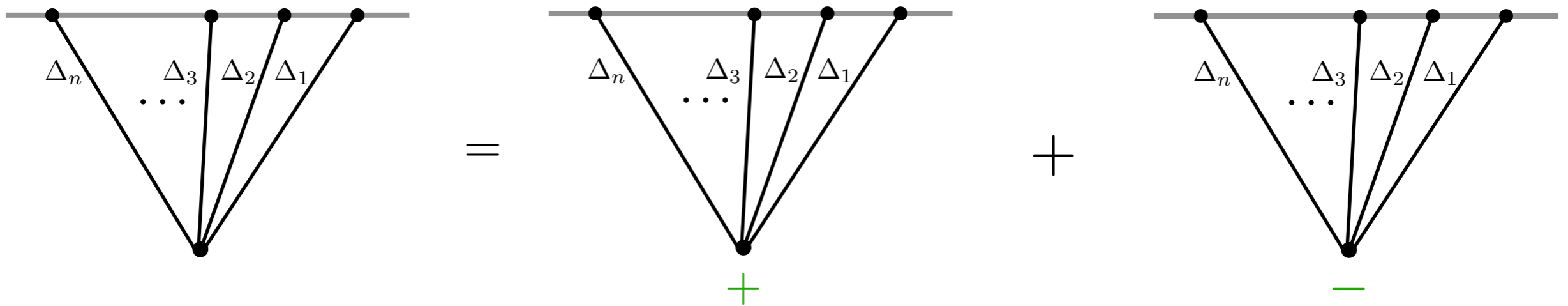
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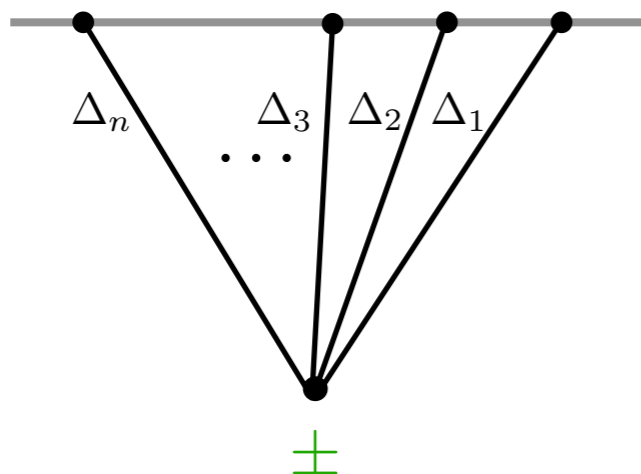
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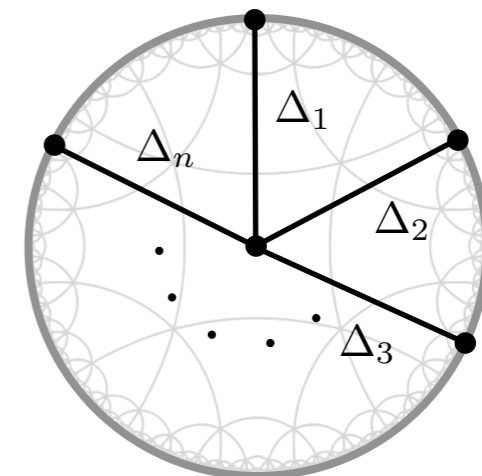
Contact diagram:



Where



$$= e^{\pm \frac{i\pi}{2} (d-1)} \prod_{j=1}^n e^{\mp \frac{i\pi}{2} \Delta_j}$$



Same contact diagram in EAdS

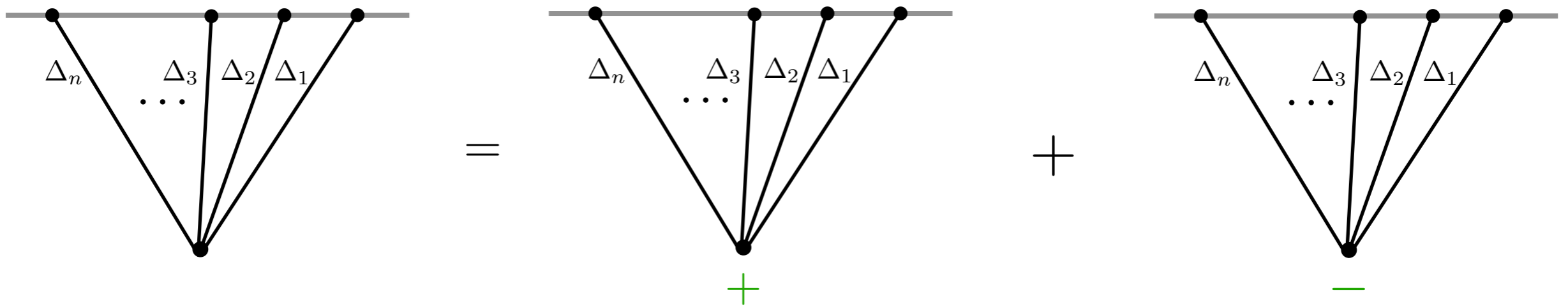
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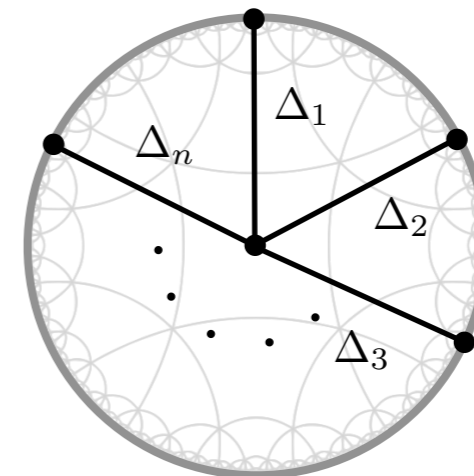
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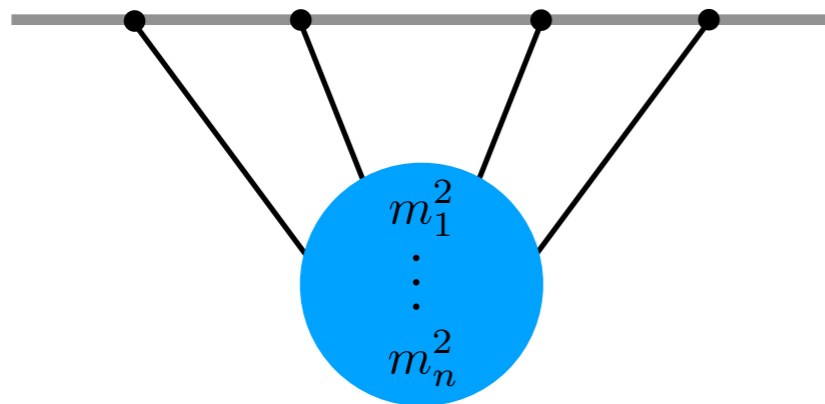
Encodes unitary time evolution

c.f. "Cosmological Optical Theorem" [Goodhew et al, 2020]

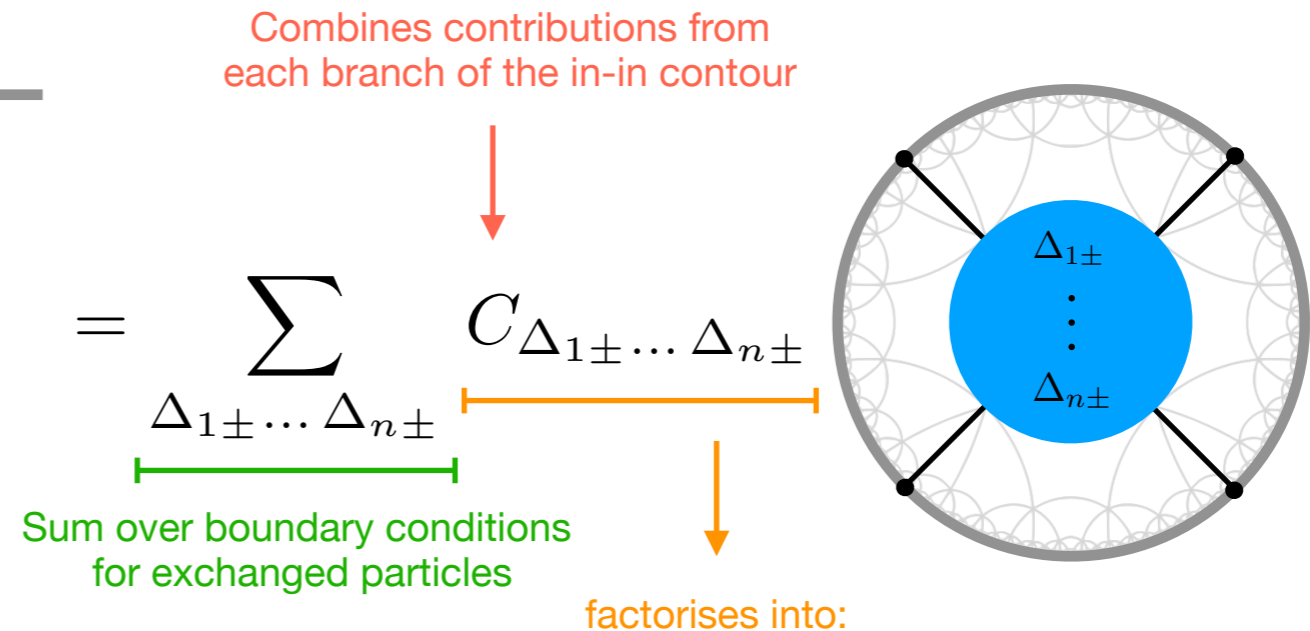
From dS to EAdS, and back

dS boundary correlators are perturbatively recast as Witten diagrams in EAdS:

e.g. four-points



Process with M vertices



$$C_1^{\text{contact}} \times \dots \times C_M^{\text{contact}}$$

Notes:

- Contributions from both Δ_{\pm} modes
- $\Delta_{i\pm} \in$ Unitary Irreducible Representation of **dS** isometry

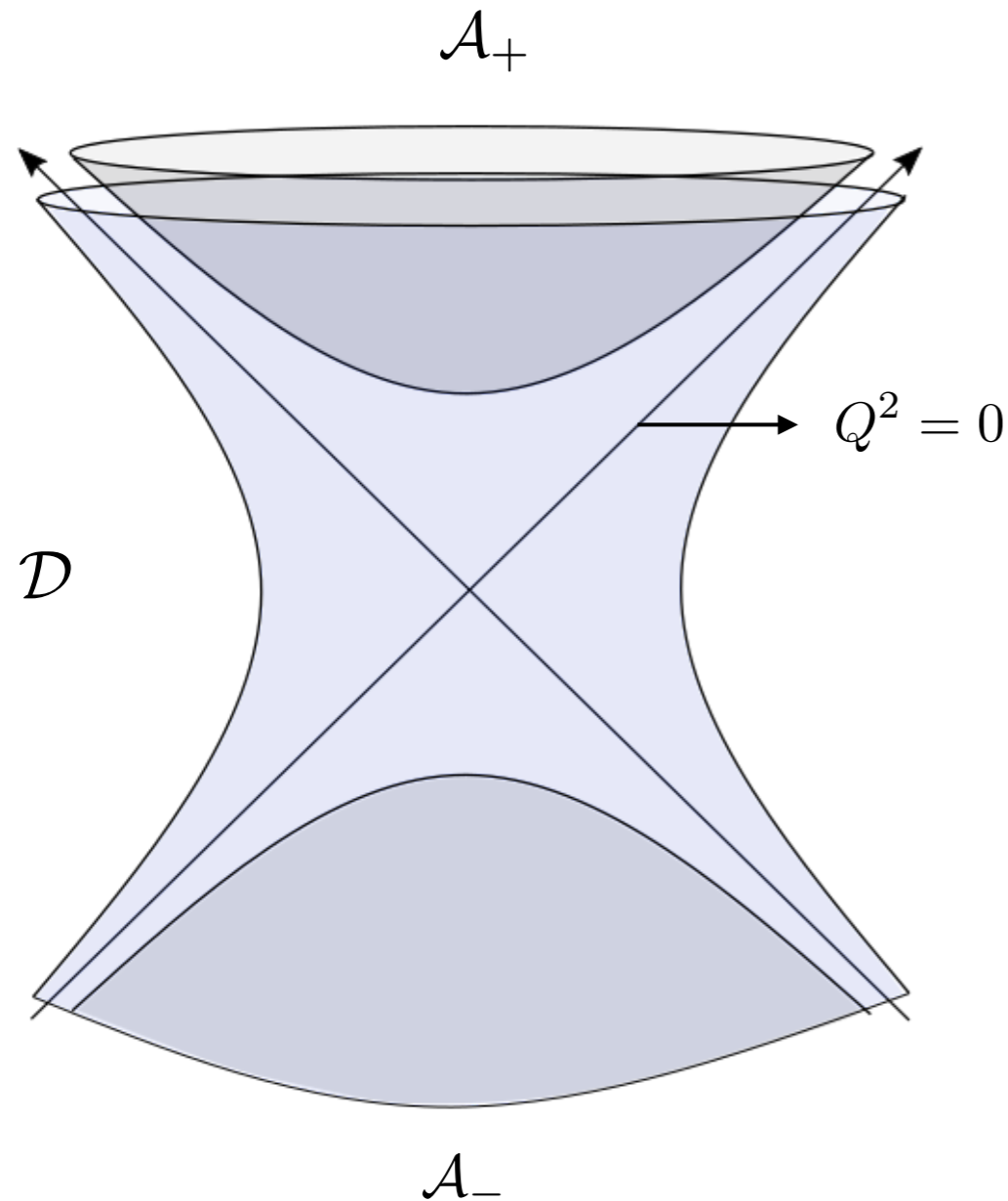
Can use to import techniques, results and understanding from AdS to dS!

$$\Lambda = 0$$

Hyperbolic slicing of Minkowski space

[de Boer and Solodukhin '03]

($d+2$)-dimensional Minkowski space \mathbb{M}^{d+2} , coordinates X^A , $A = 0, \dots, d+1$



$$\mathcal{A}_{\pm} : X^2 = -t^2 \quad (\text{EAdS}_{d+1}, \text{radius } t)$$

$$\mathcal{D} : X^2 = R^2 \quad (\text{dS}_{d+1}, \text{radius } R)$$

Conformal boundary:

$$Q^2 = 0, \quad Q \equiv \lambda Q, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

Introduce projective coordinates:

$$\xi_i = Q^i / Q^0, \quad i = 1, \dots, d+1$$

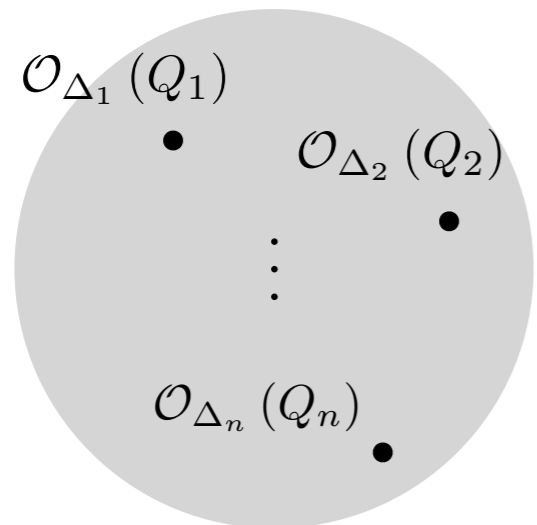
$$\xi_1^2 + \dots + \xi_{d+1}^2 = 1 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{d-dimensional} \\ \text{unit sphere} \\ \text{(Celestial sphere)} \end{array} \right]$$

$SO(d+1, 1)$ acts on the celestial sphere as the Euclidean conformal group!

Minkowski boundary correlators

[C.S. and M. Taronna '23]

Radial **Mellin transform** of Minkowski correlators implements a radial reduction onto the hyperbolic slicing:



$$= \prod_i \lim_{\hat{X}_i \rightarrow Q_i} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt_i}{t_i} t_i^{\Delta_i} \left\langle \phi_1(t_1 \hat{X}_1) \dots \phi_n(t_n \hat{X}_n) \right\rangle$$

Hyperbolic coordinate ↓
↑
radial coordinate

Celestial correlators then arise in the boundary limit $\hat{X}_i \rightarrow Q_i$!

Mellin transform

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} t^\Delta (\dots)$$

Inverse Mellin transform

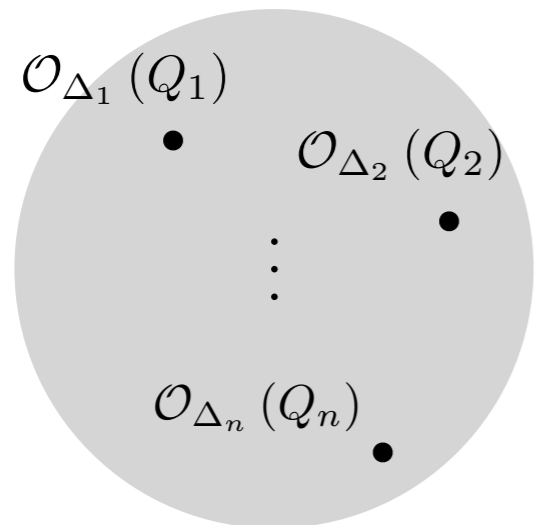
$$\int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi i} t^{-\Delta} (\dots)$$

Unitary Principal Series
representations of $SO(d+1,1)$

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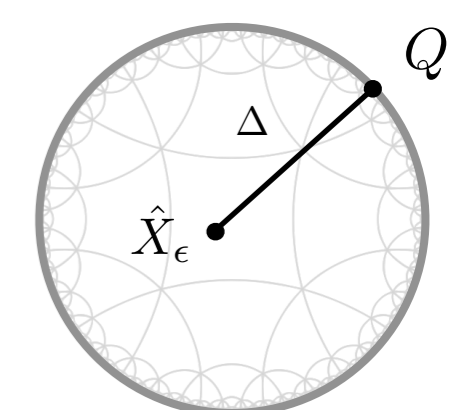


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“Celestial” bulk-to-boundary propagator:

$$G_{\Delta}^{\text{flat}}(X, Q) = \lim_{\hat{Y} \rightarrow Q} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} t^{\Delta} G_F(X, t\hat{Y}) = \overbrace{\mathcal{K}_{i(\frac{d}{2}-\Delta)}^{(m)}(\sqrt{X^2 + i\epsilon})}^{\text{Kernel of the radial reduction (Bessel-K function)}} \times \overbrace{\text{bulk-to-boundary propagator in EAdS}}^{\text{Diagram}}$$


From the Celestial Sphere to EAdS

[C.S. and M. Taronna '23]

Examples.

Free theory Celestial two point function:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_1}(Q_1) \mathcal{O}_{\Delta_2}(Q_2) \rangle = \lim_{\hat{X} \rightarrow Q_2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} t^{\Delta_2} G_{\Delta_1}^{\text{flat}}(t\hat{X}, Q_1)$$

$$= \frac{C_{\Delta_1}^{\text{flat}}(m)}{(-2Q_1 \cdot Q_2 + i\epsilon)^{\Delta_1}} (2\pi) \delta(i(\Delta_1 - \Delta_2))$$

Q_i can be null separated

Form required by Conformal Symmetry

Consequence of continuous spectrum

From the Celestial Sphere to EAdS

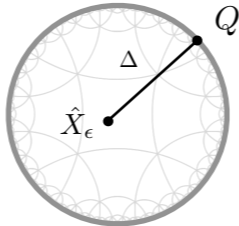
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Contact diagram:

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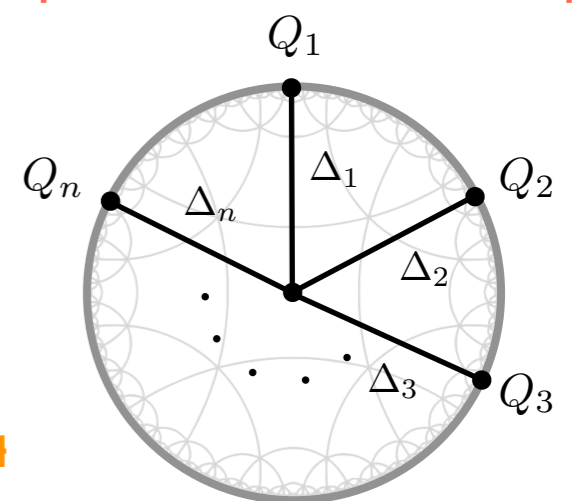
$$G_{\Delta}^{\text{flat}}(X, Q) = \mathcal{K}_{i(\frac{d}{2}-\Delta)}^{(m)}(\sqrt{X^2+i\epsilon}) \times$$


$$= \underbrace{R_{\Delta_1 \dots \Delta_n}(m_1, \dots, m_n)}_{\text{Contribution from radial integral. Encodes all mass dependence. (Generalised hypergeometric)}} \times \underbrace{\sin\left(-\frac{d}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i\right) \pi}_{\text{Same factor as for dS contact diagrams. Comes from combining contributions from regions inside and outside lightcone}}$$

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(Analytically continued)
EAdS contact diagram

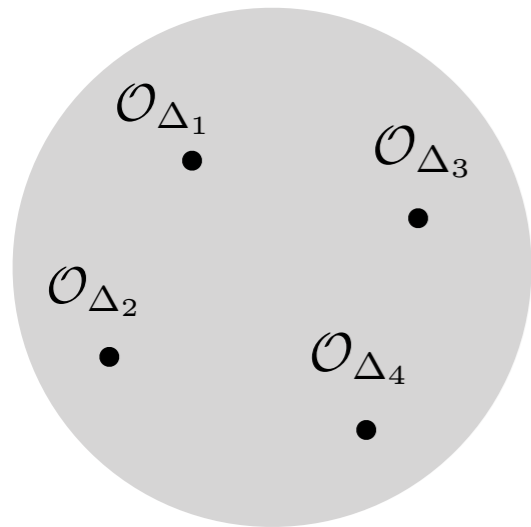


Like in dS, Celestial contact diagrams are proportional to their EAdS counterparts

From the Celestial Sphere to EAdS

[C.S. and M. Taronna '23]

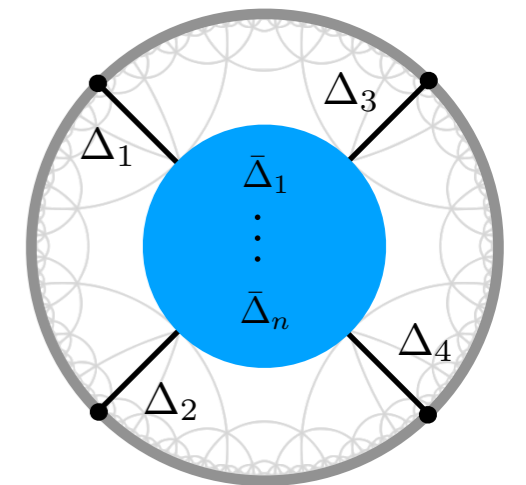
In general, for exchanges of particles of mass m_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$



Process with M vertices

$$= \int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\bar{\Delta}_1}{2\pi i} \cdots \frac{d\bar{\Delta}_n}{2\pi i} C_{\bar{\Delta}_1 \dots \bar{\Delta}_n}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$$

Minkowski exchanges are a *continuum* of EAdS exchanges

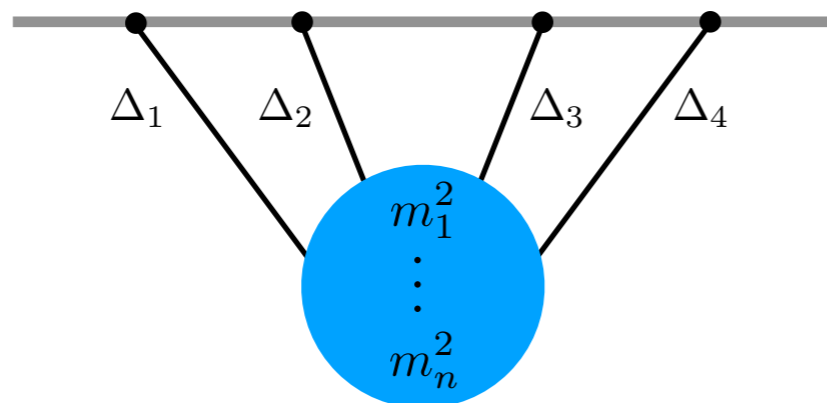


Makes manifest conformal symmetry

factorises into:

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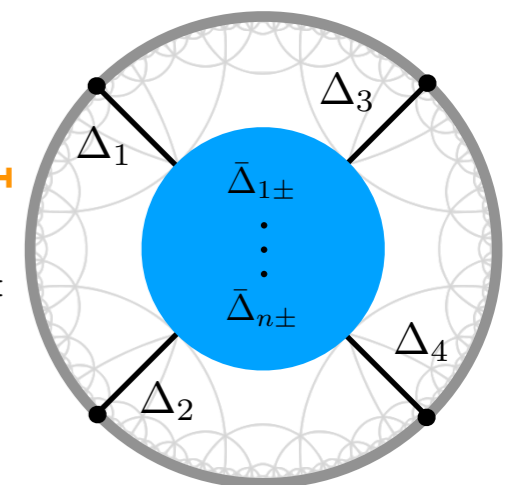
Compare with de Sitter:



Process with M vertices

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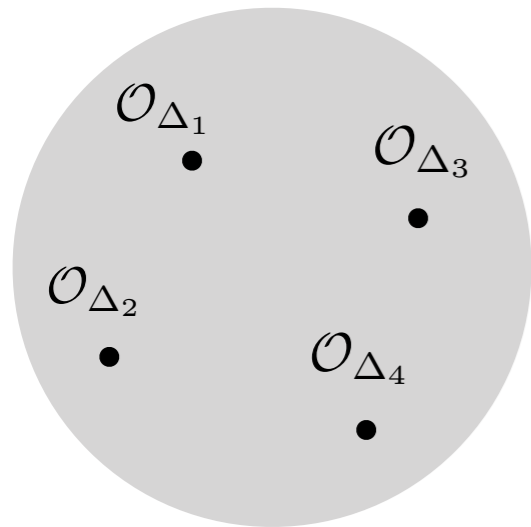
dS exchanges are a *discrete sum* of EAdS exchanges



From the Celestial Sphere to EAdS

[C.S. and M. Taronna '23]

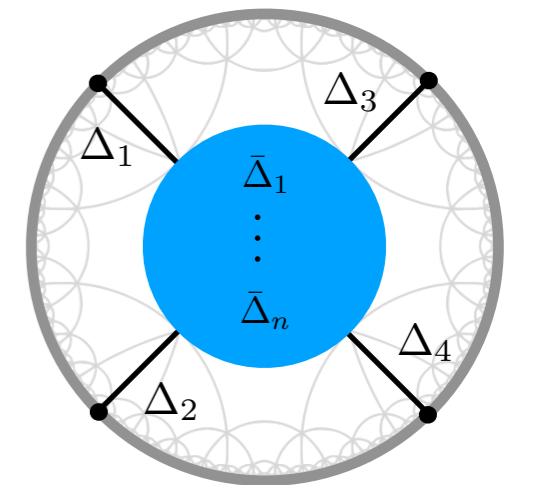
In general, for exchanges of particles of mass m_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$



Process with M vertices

$$= \int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\bar{\Delta}_1}{2\pi i} \cdots \frac{d\bar{\Delta}_n}{2\pi i} C_{\bar{\Delta}_1 \dots \bar{\Delta}_n}(m_1, \dots, m_n)$$

Minkowski exchanges are a *continuum* of EAdS exchanges



Makes manifest conformal symmetry

factorises into:

$$C_1^{\text{contact}} \times \dots \times C_M^{\text{contact}}$$

Comments:

- Relation to definition [Pasterski, Shao, Strominger '17] of celestial correlators as scattering amplitudes in a conformal basis?

[Pasterski, Shao, Strominger '17] = LSZ ([Sleight, Taronna '23]) ?

- Celestial correlators defined as an extrapolation of bulk Minkowski correlators give a definition of celestial correlators for theories without an S-matrix.

What lessons can we draw from Minkowski CFT?

Some applications.

Perturbative OPE data

Perturbative OPE data on the boundary of dS and Minkowski space from EAdS

E.g. Composite operators on the boundary

[C.S. and M. Taronna '20]

$$[\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}]_{n,\ell} \sim \mathcal{O} (\partial^2)^n \partial_{i_1} \dots \partial_{i_\ell} \mathcal{O} + \dots \quad \text{scaling dimension: } \Delta_{n,\ell} = 2\Delta + 2n + \ell + \gamma_{n,\ell}$$



- $\gamma_{n,\ell}$ induced by bulk ϕ^4 contact diagram in dS:

$$= \sin\left(-\frac{d}{2} + 2\Delta\right) \pi \quad \rightarrow \quad \gamma_{n,\ell}^{\phi^4} = \sin\left(-\frac{d}{2} + 2\Delta\right) \pi \times (\text{EAdS}) \gamma_{n,\ell}^{\phi^4}$$

- $\gamma_{n,\ell}$ induced by an exchange diagram in dS:

$$= \sin\left(\frac{-d + 2\Delta + \Delta_+}{2}\right) \pi \sin\left(\frac{-d + 2\Delta + \Delta_+}{2}\right) \pi \quad \rightarrow \quad \gamma_{n,\ell}^{\phi^3 \text{ exch}} = \sin\left(\frac{-d + 2\Delta + \Delta_+}{2}\right) \pi \sin\left(\frac{-d + 2\Delta + \Delta_+}{2}\right) \pi \times (\text{EAdS}) \gamma_{n,\ell}^{\phi^3 \text{ exch } \Delta_+} + (\Delta_+ \rightarrow \Delta_-)$$

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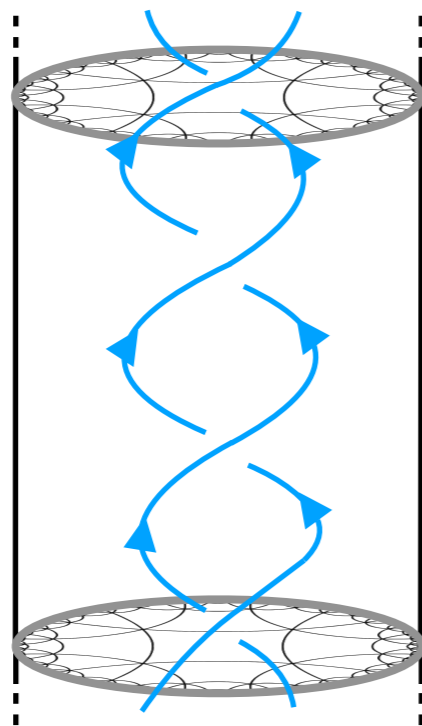
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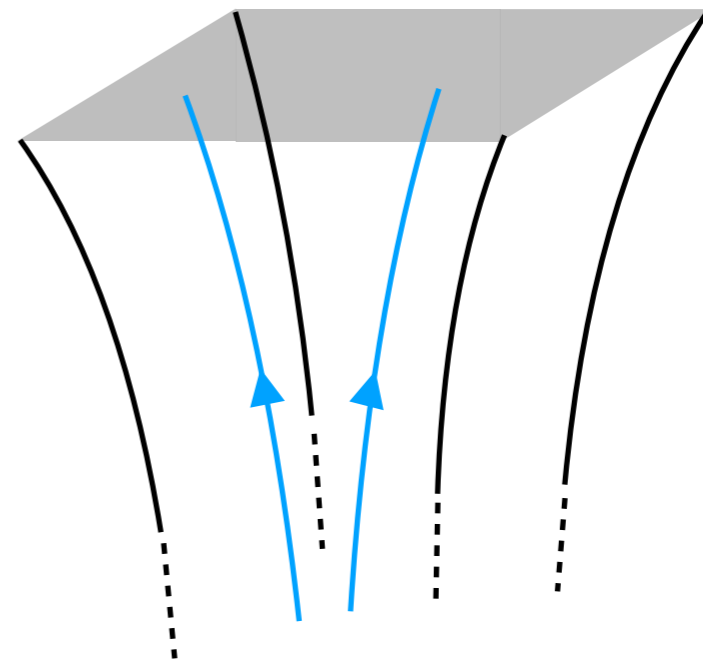
AdS



$\Delta_{n,\ell}$ is unitary

→ stable particle (bound state)

dS



vs.

$\Delta_{n,\ell}$ is (generally) non-unitary

→ resonance

Conformal Partial Wave Expansion

[Sleight, Taronna '20] [Hogervorst, Penedones, Vaziri '21] [di Pietro, Komatsu, Gorbenko '21]

Perturbative dS and celestial correlators have a similar analytic structure to those in AdS.

→ Like in AdS they admit a conformal partial wave expansion

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_2) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_3) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_4) \rangle = \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{d}{2}-i\infty}^{\frac{d}{2}+i\infty} \frac{d\Delta}{2\pi i} \overset{\text{Spectral density, meromorphic in } \Delta}{\rho_J(\Delta)} \underbrace{\mathcal{F}_{\Delta,J}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4)}_{\text{Conformal Partial Wave}}$$

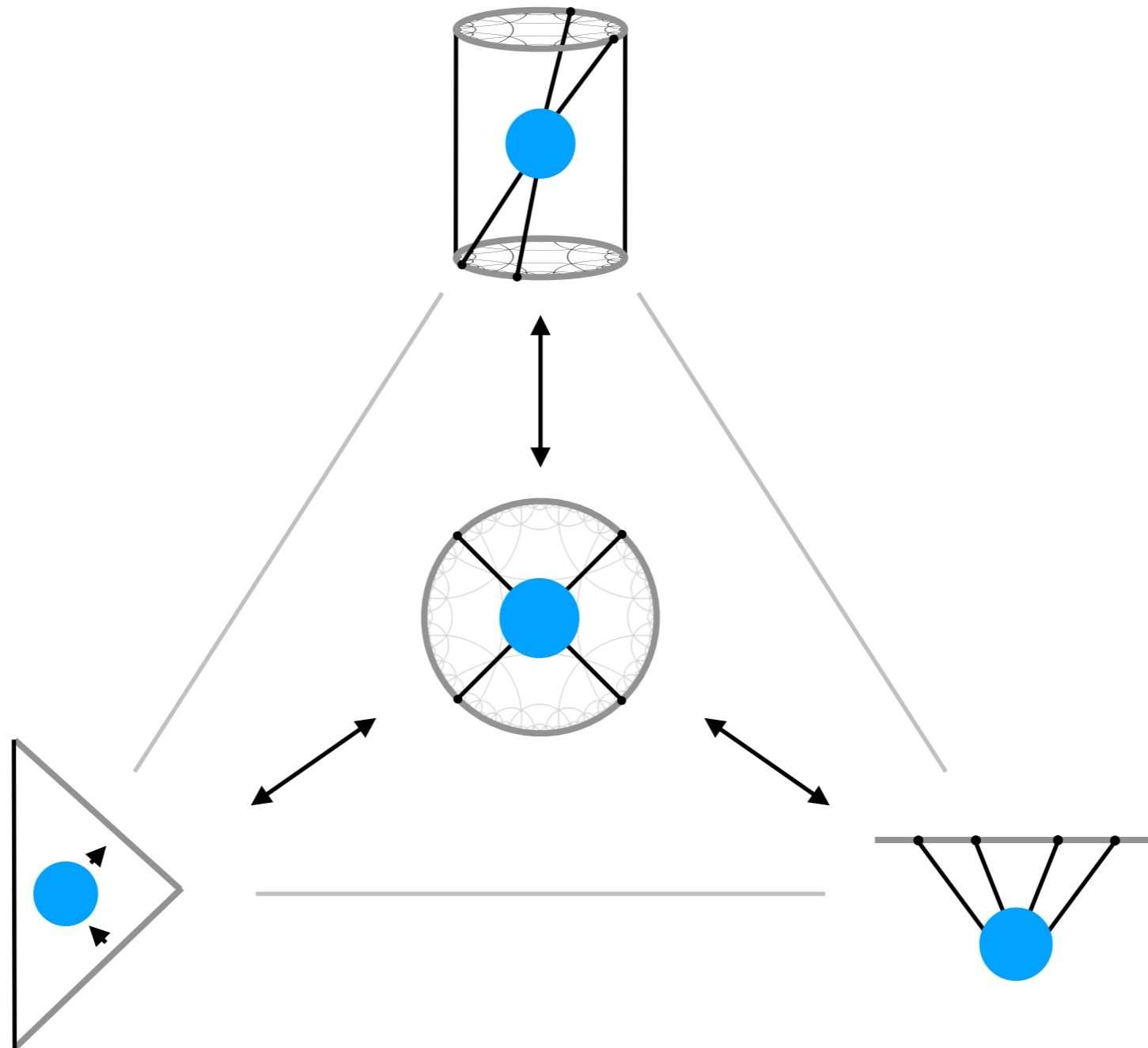
This has been argued to hold non-perturbatively as well [Hogervorst, Penedones, Vaziri '21, di Pietro, Komatsu, Gorbenko '21]

Unitarity: $\rho_J(\Delta) \geq 0$ + crossing → Bootstrap for Euclidean CFTs?

Cf. Lorentzian CFT:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_1) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_2) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_3) \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_4) \rangle = \sum_{\Delta, J}^{\infty} C_{\Delta, J}^2 \underbrace{G_{\Delta, J}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4)}_{\text{Conformal Block}}$$

Unitarity: $C_{\Delta, J}^2 \geq 0$ + crossing → Conformal Bootstrap



Thank you.