# A Wheeler DeWitt approach for Liouville quantum gravity

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#### Plan of the talk

#### Introduction

- Jackiw Teitelboim (JT) gravity and Random matrices
- c = 1 Liouville theory
- Correspondence between MQM in the double scaling limit and c=1 Liouville theory

#### Main Part

- Liouville theory with boundaries
- Minisuperspace WdW wavefunctions
- Second quantised fermionic field theory (double scaled)
- Matrix model loop operators and correlation functions
- Single loops (Wavefunctions density of states of dual theory)
- Loop correlator and spectral form factor (Euclidean wormholes)
- Cosmological regime

#### Summary and Future Directions

#### Jackiw - Teitelboim (JT) gravity

- JT gravity is a simple (almost topological) theory of gravity in 2d
- The action is (metric  $g_{\mu
  u}$ , dilaton  $\phi$ , manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ )

$$S = S_0 \chi(\mathcal{M}) + \int_{\mathcal{M}} \sqrt{g} \phi(R+2) + \phi_0 \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \sqrt{h} K$$

• The first term is (pure) 2d topological gravity, the second localises the action on R=-2 geometries



- The last term governs the dynamics of fluctuating boundary/ies
- $e^{S_0}$  governs the topological expansion (like  $g_{st}$ )
- $S_0 \sim N$  measures the microscopic degrees of freedom (e.x. SYK/random matrix model)

#### (JT) gravity and Random Matrices

[Saad-Shenker-Stanford, Maldacena, Johnson, Turiaci, Mertens,...]

- There is a connection between JT gravity and random matrices
- The JT path integral can be resummed using a model of random Hermitean matrices  $H_{ij}$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_{N \times N} dH e^{-NV(H)}$$



- By inserting loop operators one can create (Multi)-boundary geometries
- JT gravity provides an interesting window to the physics of the quantum gravity path integral
- Euclidean Wormholes, "3rd quantisation", connection with Random Matrices ...
- Possible to study (p,q) minimal models and c = 1 Liouville theory

#### Liouville theory

[Polyakov, David, Distler, Kawai...], Reviews by: [Ginsparg, Nakayama]

Can one make sense of string theory in case the conformal anomaly is not canceled?

- Gauge fix only the worldsheet diffeos and keep the conformal mode of the metric dynamical.
- Note that the measure  $\mathcal{D}g$  is not invariant under  $g_{ab} \to e^{\rho(\sigma)}g_{ab}$ .
- Exponentiating the conformal anomaly from the measure, the total action becomes ( $\mu = 1, ...d$ , conformal gauge  $g_{ab} = \hat{g}_{ab}e^{\phi(\sigma)}$ )

$$S_{CFT} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2 \sigma \sqrt{\hat{g}} \left[ \hat{g}^{ab} (\partial_a X^\mu \partial_b X_\mu + \partial_a \phi \partial_b \phi) + Q \hat{R} \phi + 4\pi \mu e^{2b\phi} \right] + ghosts$$

• This new theory is a "conformal theory" under the simultaneous transformation  $g_{ab} \rightarrow e^{\rho(\sigma)}g_{ab}$ ,  $\phi(\sigma) \rightarrow \phi(\sigma) - \rho(\sigma)$ , iff

$$c_X + c_\phi + c_{gh} = 0$$
,  $c_\phi = 1 + 6Q^2$ ,  $Q = \sqrt{\frac{25 - d}{6}}$ ,  $Q = b + 1/b$ 

 $\Rightarrow b$  is real up to  $d = c_X = 1$ 

#### What is Matrix Quantum Mechanics

Reviews by: Ginsparg-Moore, Klebanov, Martinec,...

- MQM (gauged) is a 0 + 1 dimensional quantum mechanical theory of  $N \times N$  Hermitian matrices M(t) and a non dynamical gauge field A(t).
- The Path Integral is:

$$e^{-iW} = \int \mathcal{D}M\mathcal{D}A \exp\left[-iN \int_{t_{in}}^{t_f} dt \operatorname{Tr}\left(\frac{1}{2} \left(D_t M\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}M^2 - \frac{\kappa}{3!}M^3 + \dots\right)\right]$$

- One can diagonalise M by a unitary transformation  $M(t) = U(t)\Lambda(t)U^{\dagger}(t)$  where  $\Lambda(t)$  is diagonal and U(t) unitary.
- One then picks up a Jacobian from the path integral measure  $(\forall t)$

$$\mathcal{D}M = \mathcal{D}U \prod_{i=1}^{N} d\lambda_i \Delta^2(\Lambda), \quad \Delta(\Lambda) = \prod_{i< j}^{N} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)$$

• This Vandermonde determinant is responsible for many interesting physical aspects of Matrix Models.

#### Fermionic description

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = -\frac{1}{2\Delta^2(\lambda)} \frac{d}{d\lambda_i} \Delta^2(\lambda) \frac{d}{d\lambda_i} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{J_{ij} J_{ji}}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2} + V(\lambda_i) ,$$

- J<sub>ij</sub> are "momenta" conjugate to SU(N) rotations
- Set the gauge field to zero impose the Gauss-law constraint  $\delta S/\delta A = i[M, \dot{M}] \sim J = 0$  (singlet sector projection)
- Upon rescaling  $\lambda \to \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\kappa} \lambda$  and redefining the wavefunction as  $\tilde{\Psi}(\lambda) \equiv \Delta(\lambda)\Psi(\lambda)$ , the Schrödinger equation now reads

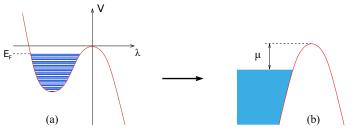
$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{d\lambda_i^2} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_i^2 + \frac{\sqrt{\hbar}}{3!}\lambda_i^3 + \dots\right)\tilde{\Psi}(\lambda) = \hbar^{-1}E\tilde{\Psi}(\lambda), \quad \hbar^{-1} = \frac{N}{\kappa^2}$$

• This describes N non interacting fermions in a potential  $V(\lambda)$ .

#### Double scaling limit

[Kazakov, Migdal...]

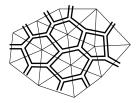
- Consider an initial state where the energy levels are populated up to some Fermi energy  $E_F$  below the top of the barrier, and send  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ ,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $E_F \rightarrow 0$ .
- Enough to focus on the quadratic maximum of the potential. We hold  $\mu = -E_F/\hbar$  fixed in the limit.
- The result is quantum mechanics of free fermions in an inverted harmonic oscillator potential, with states filled up to  $-\mu < 0$ .
- At this limit the model is perturbatively stable in  $1/N \rightarrow 0$  expansion, since by WKB we can see that the tunneling probability goes to zero.



#### Connection with the quantum gravity path integral

The connection with the QGR path integral is through this double scaling limit [Kazakov, Migdal...]. This is *not* the usual 't Hooft limit.

• The double scaling limit produces smooth surfaces out of the Matrix fat-graphs while at the same time keeping all higher genera. It is defined by  $\hbar, E_F \rightarrow 0$  as we discussed, while keeping  $\mu \sim g_{st}^{-1}$  fixed.



- The QGR theory is the c = 1 Liouville theory. (It can also be interpreted as a 2D critical string theory in a linear dilaton background with a time direction t and a space direction  $\phi$ )
- MQM describes the dynamics of  $D_0$  (ZZ)-branes whose excitations are a "Tachyon" and a 1-d gauge field (open-closed string duality). [McGreevy, Verlinde]

## Main Part

#### Quantum Gravity Path Integral

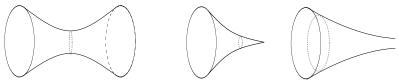
- In this talk we take the 2d quantum gravity path integral point of view of Liouville
- $\phi(z,\overline{z}), X(z,\overline{z})$  are the matter fields living on the two-dimensional space(-time)
- Our bulk space(-time) are the 2d surfaces ⇒ We are describing the evolution of "universes embedded in superspace"
- Superspace is the target space in the string theory interpretation
- We can also have boundaries on our surfaces on which a usual Holographic dual (a la AdS/CFT) would be expected to reside
- MQM captures the dynamics of these simple 2d universes in superspace
- There is a second quantised double scaled fermionic field theory [Moore] with coordinates  $t,\lambda$  gives the best description to compute continuum observables

#### Classical Liouville solutions

- The Poincare disk is a solution of Liouville EOM's (PSL(2, R) symmetry), the boundary is at  $\phi \to \infty$
- More general solution; consider a quotient of the hyperbolic space  $H_2/\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma$  a discrete Fuchsian group

$$ds^{2} = e^{2b\phi}(z,\overline{z})dzd\overline{z} = \frac{Q}{\pi\mu b}\frac{\partial A\overline{\partial}B}{\left(A(z) - B(\overline{z})\right)^{2}}dzd\overline{z}$$

- The properties of the geometry are governed by the monodromy of A,B around non-trivial cycles  $\Rightarrow$  Three SL(2,R) conjugacy classes
  - Hyperbolic: Describes handles (higher genera)
  - Elliptic: Punctures (local operators)
  - Parabolic: Macroscopic boundaries (ex: Poincare disk)



#### Boundaries and Boundary states

[Zamolodchikov, Zamolodchikov, Fateev, Teschner]

• The Liouville action with boundaries is

$$S = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^2 z \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{1}{4\pi} g^{ab} \partial_a \phi \partial_b \phi + \frac{1}{4\pi} Q R \phi + \mu e^{2b\phi} \right) + \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} ds g^{1/4} \left( \frac{Q K \phi}{2\pi} + \mu_B e^{b\phi} \right)$$

- K is extrinsic curvature and  $\mu$ ,  $\mu_B$  the bulk-boundary cosmological constants. For  $c_{matter} = 1 \Rightarrow b = 1, Q = 2$  and  $\mu_B = \sqrt{\mu} \cosh(\pi \sigma)$ .
- Liouville theory has two types of boundary states
- The FZZT boundary state (FZZT are *D*1 branes with Neumann boundary conditions for the open strings ⇒ extending along Liouville direction)

$$|B_{\sigma}\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu e^{2\pi i\nu\sigma} \Psi_{\nu}(\sigma) |\nu\rangle,$$
  
$$\Psi_{\nu}(\sigma,\mu) = (\mu)^{-i\nu/b} \frac{\Gamma(1+2i\nu b)\Gamma(1+2i\nu/b)\cos(2\pi\sigma\nu)}{2^{1/4}(-2i\pi\nu)}$$

#### Minisuperspace WdW wavefunctions

- Study the WdW equation at a minisuperspace level (zero modes)
- The bulk Liouville minisuperspace wavefunctions are (  $\ell = e^{2\phi_0}$ )

$$\left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\phi_0^2} + 4\mu e^{2\phi_0} - q^2\right)\Psi_q(\phi_0) = 0$$

with solutions

$$\Psi_q^{macro}(\ell) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{q \sinh \pi q} K_{iq}(2\sqrt{\mu}\ell)$$
$$\int_0^\infty \frac{d\ell}{\ell} \Psi_q^{macro}(\ell) \Psi_{q'}^{macro}(\ell) = \delta(q-q')$$

For c = 1, q is the momentum conjugate to X (matter boson)

• These are macroscopic states that correspond to the Laplace transform of the fixed  $\mu_B$  FZZT wavefunctions

$$\Psi_q^{macro}(\ell) = \int_0^\infty d(\pi\sigma) e^{-2\ell\sqrt{\mu}\cosh(\pi\sigma)} \Psi_q(\sigma,\mu)$$

• The wavefunctions corresponding to local punctures/operators are non-normalisable

#### "Non-perturbative observables" - Fermionic field theory

- We wish to describe observables in the continuum double scaling limit  $\Rightarrow$  second quantised fermionic field theory

$$S = \int dt \, d\lambda \, \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(t,\lambda) \left( i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \right) \hat{\psi}(t,\lambda)$$

• Eigenmodes: normalised even/odd parabolic cylinder functions  $\psi^s(\omega,\lambda)$ 

$$\hat{\psi}(t,\,\lambda) = \int d\omega \, e^{i\omega t} \, \hat{b}_s(\omega) \, \psi^s(\omega,\lambda)$$

with  $\hat{b}_s(\omega)$  are continuum fermionic oscillators and the fermi-sea vacuum  $|\mu\rangle$  ( $\mu$  is a chemical potential), is defined by

$$\hat{b}_s(\omega)|\mu\rangle = 0, \quad \omega < \mu$$
  
 $\hat{b}_s^{\dagger}(\omega)|\mu\rangle = 0, \quad \omega > \mu$ 

- This is a "3rd quantised action" encapsulating topology changing processes (even though non-interacting)!
- Several choices for the non-perturbative vacuum: both sides filled one side (wall), flux condition [Balthazar-Rodriguez-Yin]

#### Macroscopic loop operators

• The fixed length matrix model loop operator is

$$\hat{W}(L,x) \,=\, \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr} e^{L \hat{M}(x)}$$

• The fixed boundary cc. loop operator is

$$\hat{W}(\mu_B, x) = -\frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr} \log[\mu_B - \hat{M}(x)] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \hat{M}(x) / \mu_B \right]^l - \log \mu_B$$

• In terms of the fermions, the most basic operator is the density operator

$$\hat{\rho}(x,\lambda) = \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x,\lambda)\hat{\psi}(x,\lambda)$$

- In the double scaling continuum limit we can rewrite Matrix operators in terms of the basic density operator
- In particular the continuum macroscopic loop operators with length  $\ell$

$$\hat{\mathcal{W}}_{cont}(\ell, x) = \int d\lambda \, e^{-\ell\lambda} \, \hat{\rho}(x, \lambda)$$

• Since the field theory is free we can compute any correlation function of loop operators in terms of multiple nested integrals [Moore]

#### One loop - WdW wavefunction

 With a single loop insertion, we are computing the WdW wavefunction of the bulk cc. operator keeping the boundary size ℓ fixed

$$\Psi_{WdW}(\ell,\mu,q=0) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}}{\partial \mu}(\ell,\mu,q=0) = \Re \left( i \int_0^\infty d\xi \, e^{i\xi} \frac{e^{-i \coth(\xi/2\mu)\frac{\ell^2}{2}}}{\sinh(\xi/2\mu)} \right)$$

• This expression takes into account the effects of topologies ( $g_{st} \sim 1/\mu$  governs the genus expansion)

$$g_{st}^{-1}$$
 +  $g_{st}$  +  $g_{st}^{3}$  +  $\cdots$ 

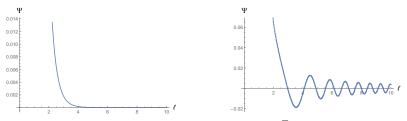
• It can be written in terms of Whittaker functions that obey

$$\left(-\left[\ell\frac{\partial}{\partial\ell}\right]^2 + 4\mu\ell^2 + 4q^2 - \ell^4\right)\frac{W_{i\mu,q}(i\ell^2)}{\ell} = 0$$

- The last term is inducing wormhole-like effects that involve the square of the cosmological constant operator  $\sim (\int e^{2\phi})^2$
- We would like to interpret this wave-function as the thermal partition function of the boundary dual:  $\Psi_{WdW}(\ell) = Z_{dual}(\beta = \ell)$

#### One loop - WdW wavefunction

The genus zero wavefunction vs. the non-perturbative answer (double well)



• Exponential vs slowly decaying envelope  $\sim 1/\sqrt{\ell}\log\ell$ 

- There is a non-perturbative ambiguity due to the inverted oscillator potential
- If we put on a wall  $\lambda > 0$ , the partition function is

$$Z_{dual}^{(+)}(\ell) = \Re\left(\frac{i}{2}\int_0^\infty d\xi e^{i\mu\xi} \frac{e^{-\frac{i}{2}\ell^2 \coth(\xi/2)}}{\sinh\xi/2} \operatorname{Erfc}\left[\frac{\ell}{\sqrt{2i\tanh\xi/2}}\right]\right)$$

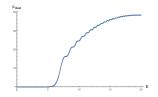
and is positive definite even at the non-perturbative level

#### One boundary - Density of states

• The Laplace transform of the wavefunction gives the density of states of the boundary dual ( $\lambda = E$  plays the role of the energy of the boundary dual!)

$$\rho_{dual}(E) = \int dx \langle \mu | \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x, E) \hat{\psi}(x, E) | \mu \rangle$$

- Exponential growth  $\sim \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-\pi\mu+2\sqrt{\mu E}}}{(\pi\mu)}$  for small energies
- Transitions to a Wigner semi-circle with oscillations  $\sim \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{E^2 4\mu^2} + Osc.$



- The chemical potential  $\mu$  plays the role of a mass gap
- The DOS can have support on both positive and negative energies (non-perturbative definition of the model), but is always positive definite
- It is not clear whether it admits a Hilbert space interpretation

#### Comparison with minimal strings and JT gravity

[Johnson - Mertens - Turiaci]

- We can compare the genus zero wavefunction with the analogous results for minimal models and JT gravity
- Laplace transform for the DOS ((2, p) minimal strings  $\Rightarrow$  use  $\nu = p/2$ )

$$\int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{d\ell}{2\pi i} e^{\ell E} \frac{1}{\ell} K_{\nu}(2\sqrt{\mu}\ell) = \frac{1}{\nu} \sinh\left(\nu \cosh^{-1}(E/2\sqrt{\mu})\right), \quad E > 2\sqrt{\mu}$$

• In a further limit  $p \to \infty, E \sim E_{JT}/p$  one can obtain the density of states of JT gravity

$$\rho_{J.T.}^{Sch.}(E_{JT},\gamma) = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi^2} \sinh\left(2\pi\sqrt{2\gamma E_{JT}}\right)$$

- Non-perturbative computations of the DOS for minimal models exhibit similar oscillatory behaviour as in c=1 Liouville

#### Euclidean wormholes - Loop correlator

• Another quantity of interest is the correlator between two macroscopic loops  $\langle \hat{\mathcal{W}}(\ell_1,q)\hat{\mathcal{W}}(\ell_2,q) \rangle$  given by

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\xi \sinh(\xi/2)} e^{i\mu\xi - \frac{1}{2}i(\ell_{1}^{2} + \ell_{2}^{2})\coth(\xi/2)} \int_{0}^{\infty} ds e^{-|q|s} \left( e^{i\ell_{1}\ell_{2} \frac{\cosh(s-\xi/2)}{\sinh(\xi/2)}} - e^{i\ell_{1}\ell_{2} \frac{\cosh(s+\xi/2)}{\sinh(\xi/2)}} \right)$$

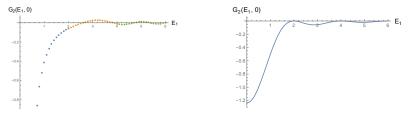
- The geometries that contribute to it are Euclidean wormholes connecting two boundaries
- The genus-zero answer is a propagator between two macroscopic wavefunctions

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \, \frac{1}{q^2 + p^2} \, \frac{p}{\sinh(\pi p)} \, \Psi_p^{(macro)}(\ell_1) \, \Psi_p^{(macro)}(\ell_2)$$

• The result does not factorise even at the non-perturbative level ⇒ What couples the (two) boundary theories?

#### Density two point function

• The density two point function  $\langle \mu | \hat{\rho}_{dual}(E_1) \hat{\rho}_{dual}(E_2) | \mu \rangle_c$  can be computed and its behaviour resembles that of the *Sine-Kernel* 



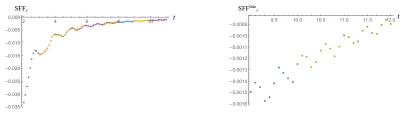
- The Sine-Kernel is indicative of level repulsion a universal feature of quantum chaotic systems whose energy statistics coincide with random matrix statistics
- The differences though are indicative of a small deviation from the GUE/sine kernel results, that survives in the double scaling limit
- This is also pronounced in the *spectral form factor* (SFF)

#### Spectral form factor

- Another observable of interest is the SFF:  $\langle Z(\beta + it)Z(\beta it) \rangle$
- · Both disconnected and connected geometries contribute to it

$$SFF(\beta,t) = \int dE_1 dE_2 e^{-\beta(E_1 + E_2) + it(E_1 - E_2)} \langle \mu | \hat{\rho}_{dual}(E_1) \hat{\rho}_{dual}(E_2) | \mu \rangle$$

- The disconnected part is positive definite and decays as  $\sim 1/t \log^2 t$
- The connected part leads to an approximate ramp-plateau behaviour with persistent oscillations



• Similar to the JT results but has features of the expected oscillatory behaviour of higher dimensional Unitary theories

#### Cosmological regime

[Maldacena-Turiaci-Yang, Cotler-Jensen-Maloney, Hertog]

- The  $dS_2$  geometry and  $-AdS_2$  metrics are

$$ds_{dS_2}^2 = -d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau d\theta^2 , \quad ds_{-AdS_2}^2 = -d\tilde{\tau}^2 - \sinh^2 \tilde{\tau} d\theta^2$$

where  $\tau = i\frac{\pi}{2} + \tilde{\tau}$ 

- In the matrix model presciption this corresponds to an analytic continuation  $\ell=-iz$
- The boundary "Hamiltonian" is now generating space translations

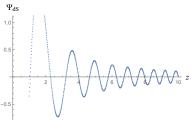
### Cosmological regime in Liouville

[DaCunha-Martinec...]

- There have been studies of the cosmological regime of Liouville theory in the past, giving a plethora of wavefunctions at genus zero
- $\Psi_{n.b.} \sim J_{\nu}(z)$ , is the no-boundary wavefunction (Hartle-Hawking contour). It is real, goes to zero at small z and oscillates at large z
- $\Psi_{t.} \sim H_{\nu}^{(2)}(z)$  corresponds to the *tunneling proposal*. It is complex and increasing at small z
- $\Psi_{s.c.} \sim H_{iq}^{(1)}(z)$  corresponds to the continuation  $b \to ib, \phi \to i\phi$ . This is the wavefunction for the supercritical Liouville c > 25
- A common property is that they are oscillatory at large  $z \Rightarrow$  Large Lorentzian semiclassical geometries

#### Perturbative & non perturbative comments

• The non-perturbative analytically continued wavefunction



• The analytic continuation of our genus zero result is

$$\Psi_{cosm.}(z) = -i \frac{\pi \sqrt{\mu}}{z} H_1^{(1)}(2\sqrt{\mu}z)$$

- the asymptotic genus expansion and the analytic continuation do not commute  $\Rightarrow$  Stokes phenomena
- Our non-perturbative computation encodes several types of Bessel wavefunctions (as different asymptotic expansions of Whittaker functions)
- Our study shows that the natural non-perturbative models for  $AdS_2$  and  $dS_2$  are different

# Summary and Future

#### Summary

- We performed an analysis c = 1 Liouville theory in the spirit of JT gravity
- This is a *richer* 2d QG theory admitting a (non-perturbative) MQM description
- MQM and the fermionic field theory provide a powerful "superspace description"
- Euclidean wormholes/topologies are automatically included in this 2d QG path integral
- We do not know if there is an AdS/CFT type of boundary dual, but it inevitably has to exhibit approximate *chaotic* properties (sine-kernel, ramp-plateau ...)
- Various non-perturbative completions ( $AdS_2$  and  $dS_2$  seem be dual to different such completions)

#### The dictionary

Quantum gravity	Matrix model	Boundary dual
Liouville potential $\mu e^{2\phi}$	Inverted oscillator potential	-
Cosmological constant $\mu$	Chemical potential $-\mu$	IR mass gap $\mu$
$D0$ particle ( $\phi$ : D, X: N)	Matrix eigenvalue $\lambda_i$	Energy eigenvalue $E_i$
Boundary: $S_{bdy} = \mu_B \oint e^{\phi}$	Loop operator: $\langle Tr \log[\mathrm{z} - \lambda] \rangle$	Microcanonical $\langle \rho_{dual}(E) \rangle$
Bdy. cosm. const. $\mu_B$	Loop parameter z	Energy E
fixed size bdy $\ell = e^{\phi_0}$	Loop length $\ell$	Inv. temperature $\beta$
WdW wavefunction $\Psi(\ell)$	Fixed size loop oper. $\langle M_1(\ell) \rangle$	Partition func. $Z_{dual}(\beta)$
Third quantised vacuum	Fermi sea of eigenvalues	-
Closed surfaces	Fermionic density quanta	-
S-matrix of universes	S-matrix of density quanta	-
Two boundaries: $\ell_{1,2}$	Loop correlator $\langle M_2(\ell_1,\ell_2) \rangle$	SFF: $\ell_{1,2} = \beta \pm it$
Two boundaries: $\mu_B^{1,2}$	Density corr. $\langle \rho(\lambda_1)\rho(\lambda_2) \rangle$	DOS. correlator

- The missing entries either do not have an interpretation or we do not understand it yet
- For example a single boundary dual does not seem to capture the complete "3rd quantised Hilbert space", where we can have multiboundary configurations

#### Higher Dimensions ?

- It is hard to extrapolate our findings and comments in higher dimensions (d > 3)
- All the models so far are in 2d where they can also be interpreted as string theories of a certain kind and gravity is rather trivial
- The boundaries are introduced by studying correlators of the matrix theories
- Define analogous operators that create higher dimensional surface boundaries?
- BUConjecture by [McNamara Vafa] (based on WG Swampland conjectures and work by [Maxfield Marolf] )  $\Rightarrow$  Higher dimensional theories (d > 3) are fundamentally different:  $\mathcal{H}_{BU}$  is trivial
- But still: What about AdS wormhole solutions in higher d? [Maldacena-Maoz]
   Discard them?[Arkani-Hamed - Orgera - Polchinski]
   Interacting QFT's? [Betzios - Kiritsis - O. P.]
   Refinement of Holography?

#### Future

- Study more refined observables (correlators of boundary operators)
- Study the non-singlet sector of MQM [Maldacena, Gaiotto, Betzios-O.P]
- Study other models such as WZW cosets
- Compute amplitudes for processes in superspace, (universes branching off etc...)
- It has been argued that the non-perturbative effects in JT gravity are doubly non-perturbative i.e.  $e^{-c/g_s}\sim e^{-ce^{S_0}}$
- Here this expansion is governed by  $e^{-c\mu}$  effects that do not seem to have such a doubly non-perturbative structure from the MQM point of view
- A doubly non-perturbative structure might arise again if  $\mu$  admits a more microscopic description in terms of the putative boundary dual theory...
- What is the bulk origin of doubly layered expansions?
- Idea: Geometries inside geometries ⇒ two different genus expansions: both in target space and on the worldsheet

Thank you!