

Exact gauge fields from anti-de Sitter space (arXiv:2301.03606)

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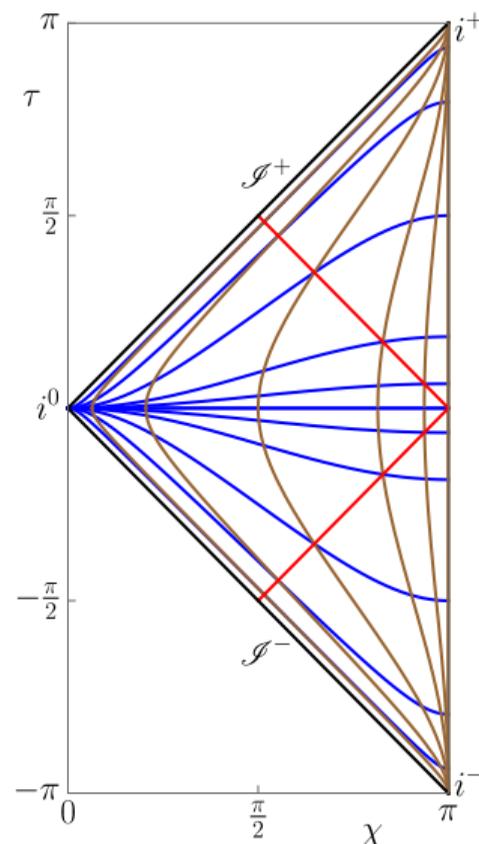
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- This is clearly demonstrated with the (τ, χ) Penrose diagram on the right with t - and r -slices.



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- (a) over (half of) the 3-sphere S^3 , and
- (b) over $\text{AdS}_3 \cong \text{SU}(1, 1)/\{\pm\text{id}\}$ with metric $d\Omega_{1,2}$.

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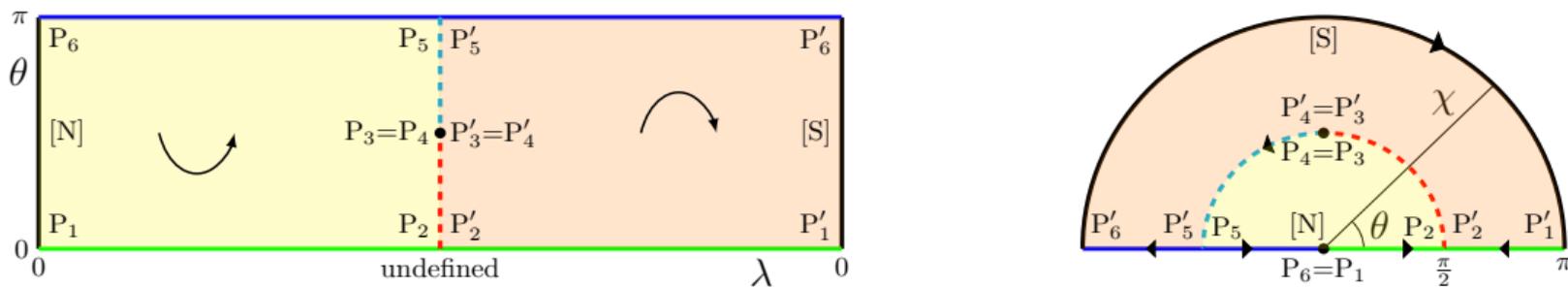


Figure 1: Gluing S_3^+ (yellow shaded region) to S_3^- (orange shaded region) along the (dashed) boundary.

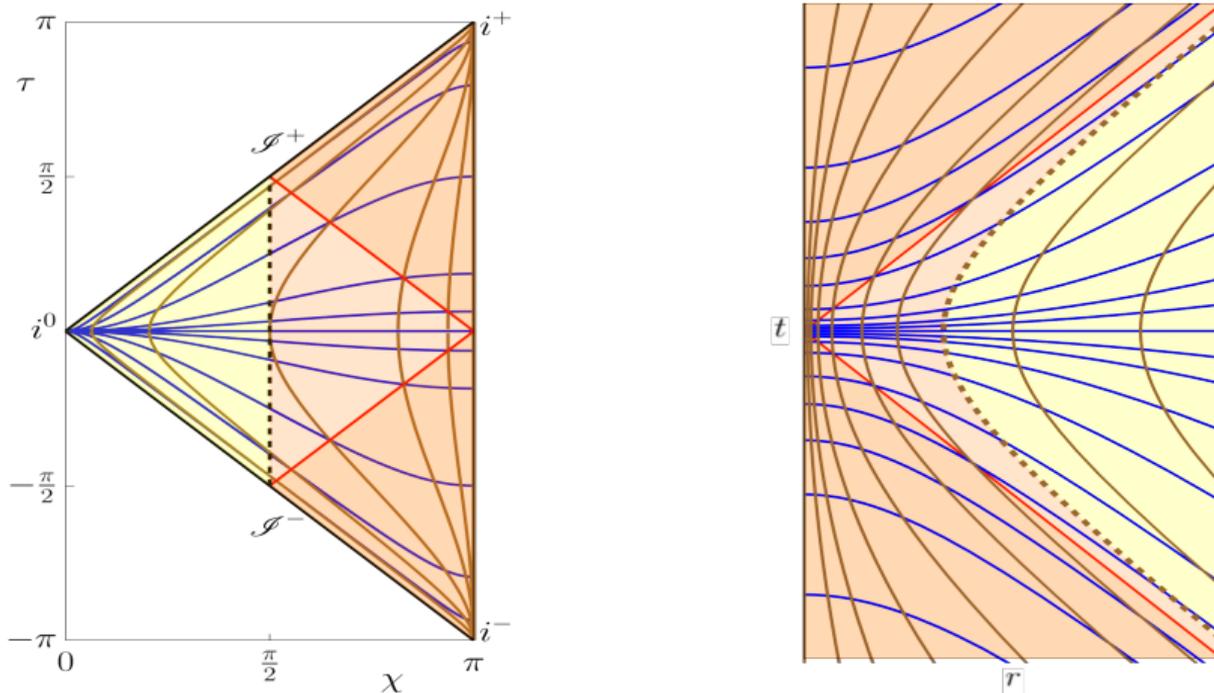


Figure 2: Gluing of two AdS_4 to reveal the full Minkowski space with the lightcone (red). Left: (τ, χ) AdS_4 space (two copies) yielding the Penrose diagram with constant t - (blue) and r -slices (brown). Right: (t, r) Minkowski space with boundary hyperbola $H_R^{1,2}$ (dashed) and constant τ - (blue) and χ -slices (brown).

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Moreover, to satisfy the Gauss-law constraint $[X_\alpha, X'_\alpha] = 0$ (from eom: $*d*\mathcal{F} = 0$) we chose

$$X_0 = \Theta_0(\psi) l_0, \quad X_1 = \Theta_1(\psi) l_1, \quad X_2 = \Theta_2(\psi) l_2. \quad (18)$$

This gives us the following Yang–Mills Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{4}\mathrm{tr}\mathcal{F}_{\psi\alpha}\mathcal{F}^{\psi\alpha} + \frac{1}{8}\mathrm{tr}\mathcal{F}_{\beta\gamma}\mathcal{F}^{\beta\gamma} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{(\Theta'_1)^2 + (\Theta'_2)^2 + (\Theta'_0)^2\} - 2\{(\Theta_1 - \Theta_2\Theta_0)^2 + (\Theta_2 - \Theta_0\Theta_1)^2 + (\Theta_0 - \Theta_1\Theta_2)^2\},\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

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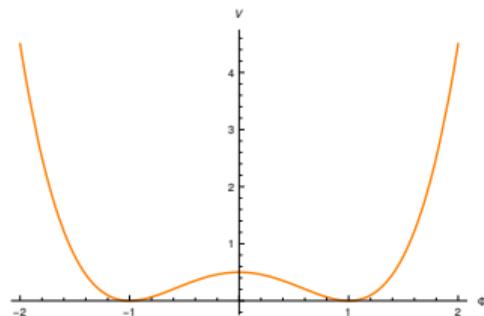


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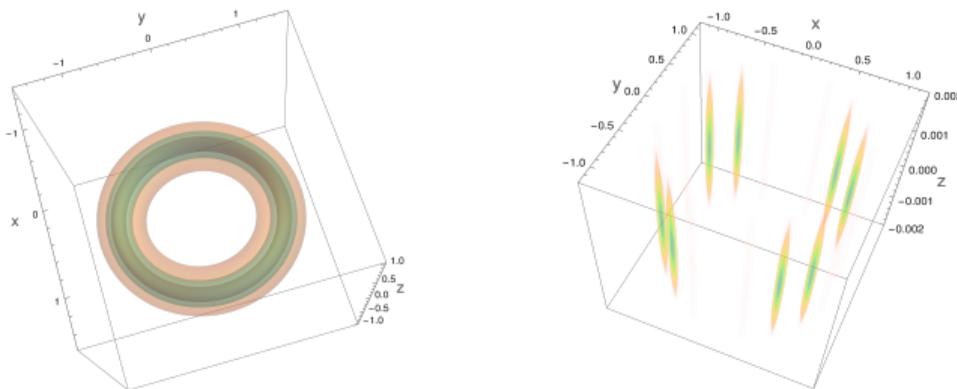


Figure 4: Plots for the energy density $\rho \propto (\lambda^2 + 4z^2)^{-2}|_{t=0}$. Left: Level sets for the values 10 (orange), 100 (cyan), and 1000 (brown). Right: Density plot emphasizing the maxima.

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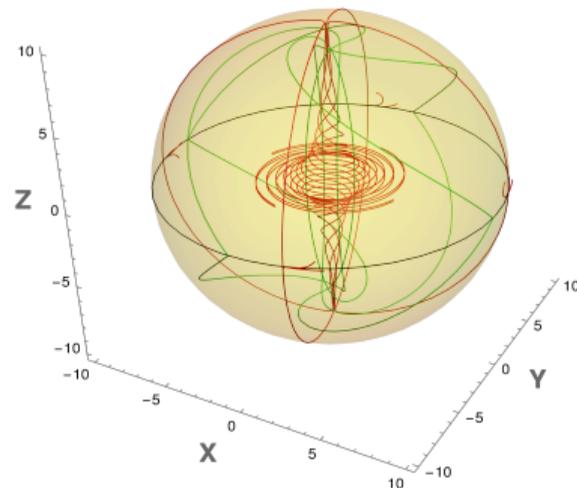


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