

# Rindler Holography

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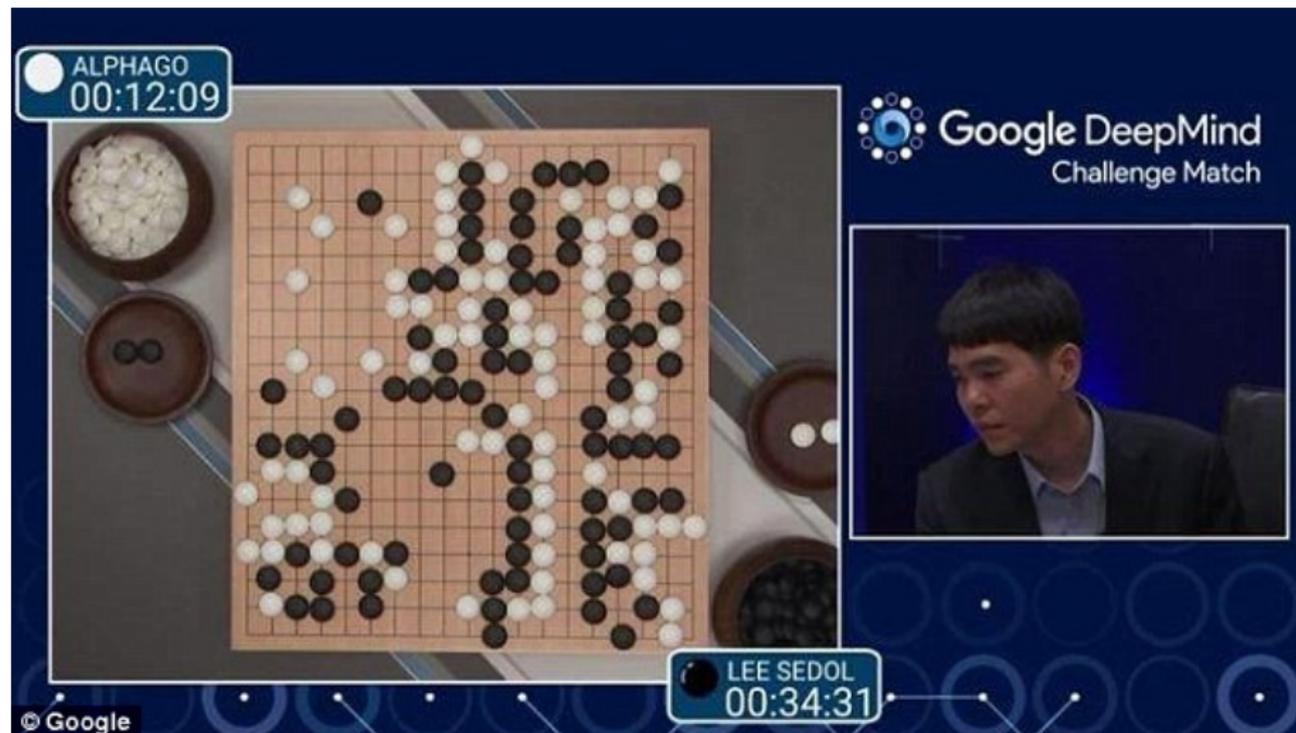
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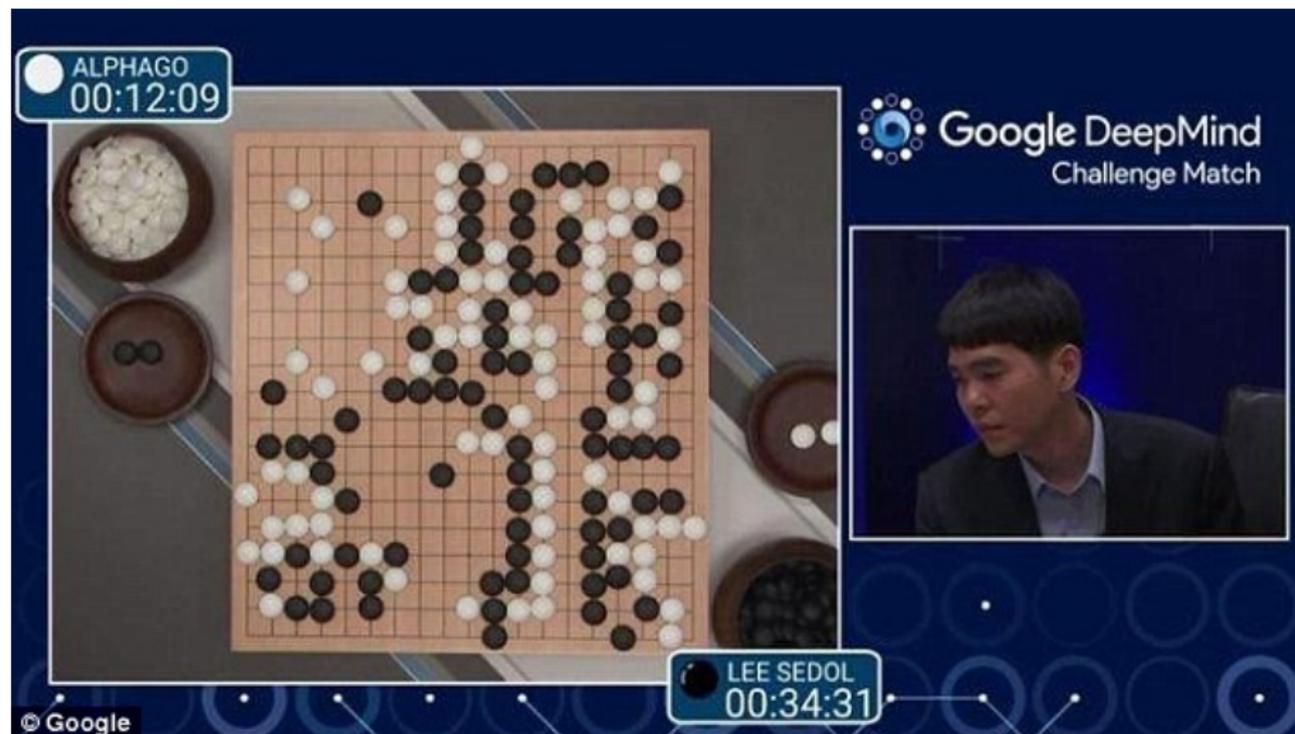
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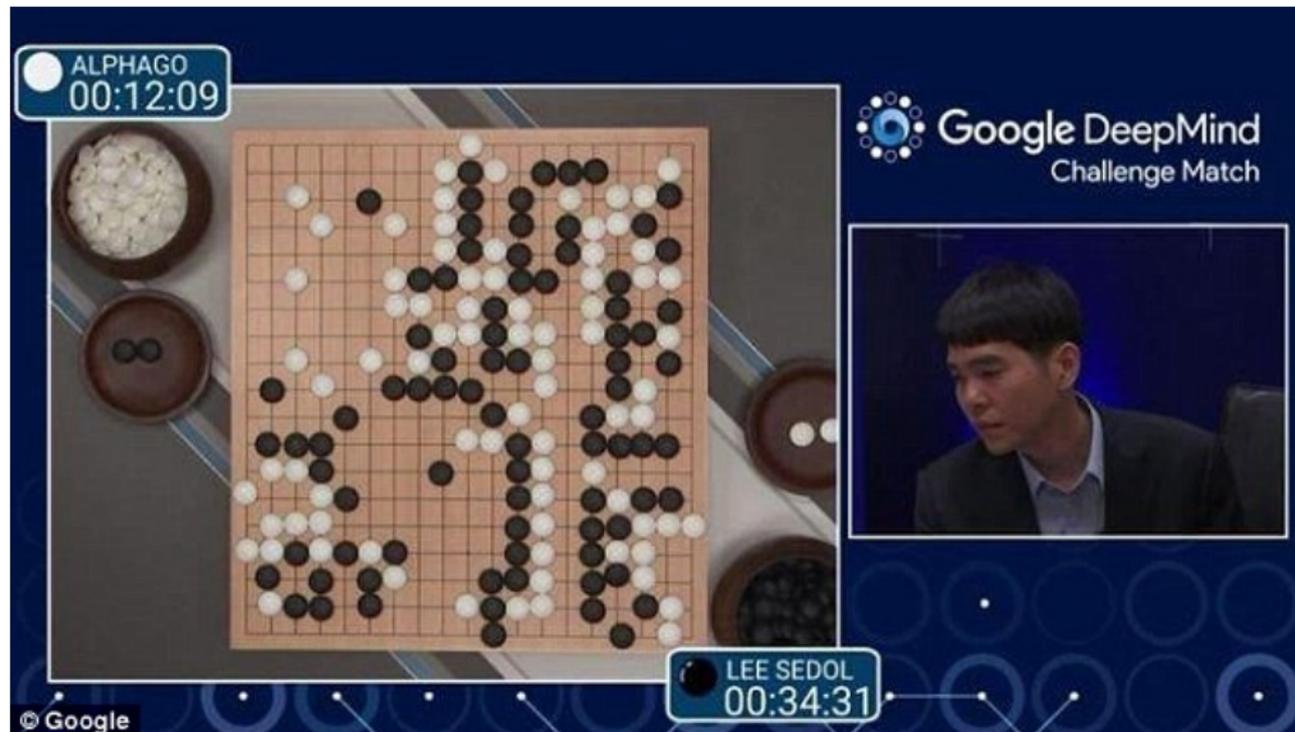
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### Meaning of coordinates:

- ▶  $\rho$ : radial direction ( $\rho = 0$  is horizon)
- ▶  $\varphi \sim \varphi + 2\pi$ : angular direction
- ▶  $v$ : (advanced) time

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- ▶ Work in 3d Einstein gravity in Chern–Simons formulation (see talk by [Jorge Zanelli!](#))

$$I_{\text{CS}} = \pm \sum_{\pm} \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \langle A^{\pm} \wedge dA^{\pm} + \frac{2}{3} A^{\pm} \wedge A^{\pm} \wedge A^{\pm} \rangle$$

with  $sl(2)$  connections  $A^{\pm}$  and  $k = \ell/(4G_N)$  with AdS radius  $\ell = 1$

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Drop  $\pm$  decorations in most of talk

Manifold topologically a cylinder or torus, with radial coordinate  $\rho$  and boundary coordinates  $(x^0, x^1) \sim (v, \varphi)$

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and  $b = \exp(\frac{1}{\zeta} L_1) \cdot \exp(\frac{\rho}{2} L_{-1})$ . (assume constant  $\zeta$  for simplicity)

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For simplicity set  $\Omega = 0$  and  $a = \text{const.}$  in metric above

EOM imply  $\partial_v \mathcal{J}^{\pm} = \pm \partial_{\varphi} \zeta^{\pm}$ ; in this case  $\partial_v \mathcal{J}^{\pm} = 0$

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For covariant approach to boundary charges see e.g. talks by [Kamal Hajian](#), [Ali Seraj](#), [Hossein Yavartanoo](#)

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Most general trafo

$$\delta_\epsilon \mathbf{a} = d\epsilon + [\mathbf{a}, \epsilon] = \mathcal{O}(\delta \mathbf{a})$$

that preserves our boundary conditions for constant  $\zeta$  given by

$$\epsilon = \epsilon^+ L_+ + \eta L_0 + \epsilon^- L_-$$

with

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$$P_0 = J_0^+ + J_0^- \quad P_n = \frac{i}{kn} (J_{-n}^+ + J_{-n}^-) \text{ if } n \neq 0 \quad X_n = J_n^+ - J_n^-$$

yields Heisenberg algebra (with Casimirs  $X_0, P_0$ )

$$[X_n, X_m] = [P_n, P_m] = [X_0, P_n] = [P_0, X_n] = 0$$

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