Physics Seminar: Kristan Jensen Wednesday, May 7 · 2:00 – 3:00pm

Location: 313

Title: "On the norm of the Hartle-Hawking state in dS3 gravity"

Abstract: I will discuss some work in progress computing the norm of the Hartle-Hawking state in models of three-dimensional gravity with positive cosmological constant coupled to matter. To one-loop order and including the contributions from universes with sphere boundaries in the far future, the result appears to be exp(|Z|) with Z the sphere partition function.