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# Gravity Dual of Quantum Information Metric

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# ① Introduction

Holographic Principle (or AdS/CFT)

⇒ “Geometrization” of Quantum States in QFTs

algebraically very complicated

⇒ a geometry of quantum information.

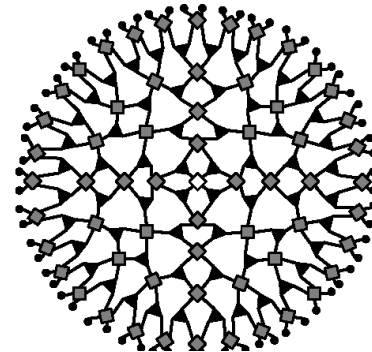
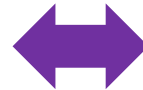
$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{\{i_k\}} c_{\{i_k\}}(t) |i_1\rangle \otimes |i_2\rangle \dots \otimes |i_N\rangle$$

[MERA: Vidal 2005, Swingle 2009]

[Raamsdonk 2009]

[Bianchi-Myers 2012]

[Miyaji-TT 2015],...



**Emergent spacetime from Tensor Networks**

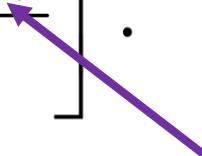
One quantity which characterizes this duality is the entanglement entropy (EE)  $S_A$ .

[Another approach: Rob Myers’s talk on Entanglement Holography]

The holographic entanglement entropy (HEE) relates the EE to the area of minimal surfaces: [Ryu-TT 2006]

$$S_A = \text{Min}_{\substack{\gamma_A \\ \partial \gamma_A \sim \partial A}} \left[ \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right] .$$


In this talk, we propose another (approx.) formula which connects between geometry and quantum information:

$$\underline{G_{\lambda\lambda}} \sim \text{Max}_{\Sigma} \left[ \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma)}{R^{d+1}} \right] .$$


Quantum information  
metric for a d+1 dim. CFT

Time slice in AdS

This is partially motivated by the recent Susskind's conjecture [Susskind 2014] :

$$C \sim \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma)}{G_N R} .$$


Computational complexity

$\sim \text{Min}[\# \text{ of unitary transformations}]$

which realizes the transformation

$|0\rangle|0\rangle\dots|0\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle$

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## ② Quantum Information Metric in CFTs

### (2-1) Definition

Consider two different pure states  $|\Psi_1\rangle$  and  $|\Psi_2\rangle$ . We define the distance (called **Bures distance**) between them as

$$D(|\Psi_1\rangle, |\Psi_2\rangle) = 1 - |\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle| \quad .$$

For mixed states we can generalize this to

$$D(\rho_1, \rho_2) = 1 - \text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{\sqrt{\sqrt{\rho_1} \rho_2 \sqrt{\rho_1}}}_{\text{Fidelity}} \right] \quad .$$

**Fidelity**

~How much is it difficult to distinguish two states by POVM measurement.

Consider pure states with parameters  $|\Psi(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)\rangle$ .

We define the **information metric  $\mathbf{G}$**  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} D(\langle \Psi(\lambda) | \Psi(\lambda + d\lambda) \rangle) &= 1 - |\langle \Psi(\lambda) | \Psi(\lambda + d\lambda) \rangle| \\ &= G_{\lambda_i \lambda_j} (d\lambda_i)(d\lambda_j) + O((d\lambda)^3). \end{aligned}$$

Motivation of information metric  $\Rightarrow$  Quantum Estimation Theory

A quantum version of **Cramer-Rao bound** argues

[Helstrom 76]

$$\langle (\delta\lambda)^2 \rangle \geq \frac{1}{G_{\lambda\lambda}}.$$

Mean square error

Note: Two definitions of Information Metric

Bures :  $G_{\lambda\lambda}^{(B)} d\lambda^2 = B[\rho(\lambda + d\lambda), \rho(\lambda)]$

Relative Entropy :  $G_{\lambda\lambda}^{(F)} d\lambda^2 = S[\rho(\lambda + d\lambda) \parallel \rho(\lambda)]$

where  $B[\rho, \sigma] = 1 - \text{Tr}[\sqrt{\sqrt{\rho}\sigma\sqrt{\rho}}]$ ,

in particular,  $B[|x\rangle\langle x|, |y\rangle\langle y|] = 1 - |\langle x/y \rangle|$ ,

$$S[\rho \parallel \sigma] = \text{Tr}[\rho(\log \rho - \log \sigma)].$$

Note: G(B) and G(F) are equivalent only classically.

We will employ the Bures metric G(F) below.

[For the Fisher metric G(F), refer to Lashkari-Raamsdonk 2015].



## Example 1: Free boson (-) and fermion (+)

$$|\Psi(\lambda)\rangle = \sqrt{1 \mp |\lambda|^2} \cdot e^{-\lambda a^\dagger b^\dagger} |0\rangle,$$

$$\langle \Psi(\lambda') | \Psi(\lambda) \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{(1 \mp |\lambda'|^2)(1 \mp |\lambda|^2)}}{1 - \lambda'^* \lambda}.$$

$$\Rightarrow ds^2 = \frac{d\lambda d\lambda^*}{(1 \mp |\lambda|^2)^2}.$$

Free Boson: 2d hyperbolic space  $H^2$

Free Fermion: 2d sphere  $S^2$

## Example 2: Spacetime metric from information metric ?

[Miyaji-Numasawa-Shiba-Watanabe-TT 2015]

Consider a free scalar field (with a mass) in a  $(d+1)$  dimensional curved spacetime.

It is clear that the two point function  $\langle \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \rangle$  behaves as follows when  $D(x,y)$  is very small:

$$\langle \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{D(x,y)^{d-2}}.$$

To define a normalized state  $|\varphi(x)\rangle \propto \varphi(x)|0\rangle$ , we need a UV regularization, which leads to

$$\langle \varphi(x) | \varphi(y) \rangle = \frac{\varepsilon^{d-1}}{\left( \varepsilon^2 + D(x, y)^2 \right)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} .$$

Then the information metric reads

$$ds^2 \propto \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} g_{ij} dx^i dx^j, \quad \Rightarrow \text{spacetime metric}$$

It is natural to choose  $\varepsilon$  to be a length of order Planck scale.  $\Rightarrow$  The information metric measures a distance in the unit of Planck length.

In AdS3/CFT2 we can take  $\varepsilon \sim 1/c \Rightarrow R_{\text{AdS}} \sim c$ .

The main purpose of this talk is to consider a  $(d+1)$  dim. CFT and perform one parameter deformation:

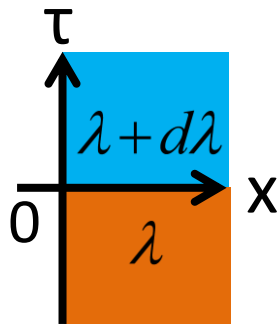
$$S(\lambda) = S_{CFT} + \lambda \int dt dx^d O(x, t).$$

We choose  $|\Psi(\lambda)\rangle$  as the ground state of the deformed QFT defined by  $S(\lambda)$ .

We are interested in the corresponding information metric  $G_{\lambda\lambda}$ . [or called fidelity susceptibility Shi-Jian Gu 2010]

## (2-2) Information Metric in CFT

In the path-integral formalism ( $\tau$ =Euclidean time),

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \Psi(\lambda + d\lambda) | \Psi(\lambda) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}} \int D\phi \exp \left[ - \int dx^d \left( \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau L(\lambda) + \int_0^{\infty} d\tau L(\lambda + d\lambda) \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$


Since we encounter UV divergences at  $\tau=0$ , we regulate by a point splitting or equally by replacing  $|\Psi(\lambda + d\lambda)\rangle$  with

$$|\Psi(\lambda + d\lambda)\rangle_{\varepsilon} = \frac{e^{-\varepsilon H(\lambda)} |\Psi(\lambda + d\lambda)\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \Psi(\lambda + d\lambda) | e^{-2\varepsilon H(\lambda)} | \Psi(\lambda + d\lambda) \rangle}}.$$

Finally we obtain the following expression:

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \int dx^d \int dx'^d \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} d\tau \int_{-\infty}^{-\varepsilon} d\tau' \langle O(x, \tau) O(x', \tau') \rangle.$$

**Comments:** It only involves a two point function.

Thus it is universal for CFTs at  $\lambda=0$  when space is  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

$G_{\lambda\lambda}$  is an universal information theoretic quantity to characterize CFT ground states.

$G_{\lambda\lambda}$  at  $\lambda=0$  (CFT point)

$O(x,t)$  is a primary with conformal dim.  $\Delta$

$$\Rightarrow \langle O(x,\tau)O(x',\tau') \rangle = \frac{1}{\left((\tau-\tau')^2 + (x-x')^2\right)^\Delta}.$$

After integration, we find the simple scaling (UV div.):

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = N_d \cdot V_d \cdot \varepsilon^{d+2-2\Delta} \quad (\text{when } d+2-2\Delta < 0).$$

$$N_d = \frac{2^{d-2\Delta} \pi^{d/2} \Gamma(\Delta - d/2 - 1)}{(2\Delta - d - 1) \Gamma(\Delta)}.$$

For  $d+2-2\Delta > 0$ ,  $G_{\lambda\lambda} \propto V_d \cdot L^{d+2-2\Delta}$ . (IR div.)

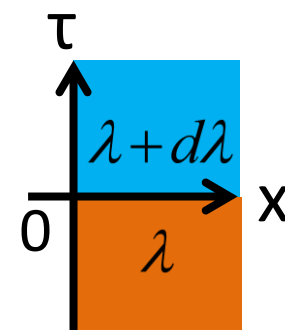
### ③ A Gravity Dual Proposal of Information Metric

We focus on an exactly marginal perturbation i.e.  $\Delta=d+1$ .

#### (3-1) Exact Gravity Dual via Janus Solutions

A gravity dual of the CFT with the interface is known as a **Janus solution**. [Bak-Gutperle-Hirano 03]

[Clark-Freedman-Karch-Schnabl 04]

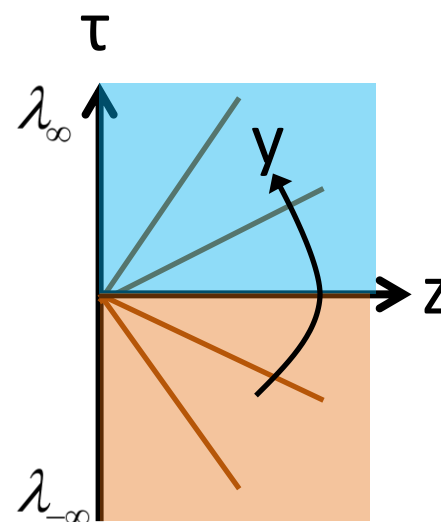


AdS3 Janus model [Bak-Gutperle-Hirano 03] :

$$S_{Janus} = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int dx^3 \sqrt{g} \left[ R - g^{ab} \partial_a \lambda \partial_b \lambda + 2R_{AdS}^{-2} \right]$$

$$ds^2 = R_{AdS}^2 \left( dy^2 + f(y) ds_{AdS2}^2 \right), \quad \lambda(y) = \gamma \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{dy}{f(y)} + \lambda_{-\infty},$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - 2\lambda^2} \cosh 2y \right), \quad \lambda_{\infty} - \lambda_{-\infty} \approx \gamma + O(\gamma^3).$$





In this model, we can evaluate the classical on-shell action:

$$S_{Janus}(\gamma) - S_{Janus}(0) = \frac{R_{AdS} \cdot V_1}{16\pi G_N \varepsilon} \log \frac{1}{1-2\gamma^2} > 0,$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the UV cut off in the AdS2.

Thus we can estimate the information metric as

$$\left| \langle \Psi(\gamma) | \Psi(0) \rangle \right| = e^{-S_{Janus}(\gamma) + S_{Janus}(0)} \approx 1 - \frac{R_{AdS} V_1}{8\pi G_N \varepsilon} \gamma^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow G_{\lambda\lambda} = \frac{c V_1}{12\pi \varepsilon}. \quad (c = \text{central charge}).$$

By noting the normalization  $\lambda_{CFT} \propto \sqrt{c} \lambda_{AdS}$ , we can confirm that this holographic result agrees with our previous CFT result.

## (3-2) Gravity Dual Proposal for General Backgrounds

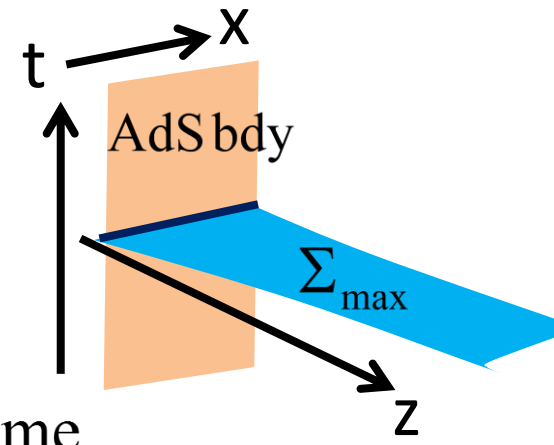
For generic setups (e.g. AdS BHs) with less symmetries, the construction of Janus solutions is difficult.

⇒ Instead, we would like to propose a covariant formula which computes the information metric:

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma_{\max})}{R_{AdS}^{d+1}}.$$

$\Sigma_{\max}$  : The bulk timeslice with maximal volume

$n_d$  : a certain  $O(1)$  coefficient



Note: This formula is based on a hard-wall approximation.

Similar to holography for BCFT

[Karch-Randall 2000,2001, TT 2011].

## An explanation

Since we are interested in an infinitesimal exactly marginal deformation of a CFT, we can model the Janus interface as a **probe defect brane** with an infinitesimally small tension  $T$ :

$$S_{Janus} \approx S_{gravity} + T \int_{\Sigma} \sqrt{g} dx^{d+1}.$$

The Einstein equation tells us

$$T \approx n_d \cdot \frac{(\delta\lambda)^2}{R^{d+1}},$$

as we can confirm in Janus solutions explicitly.

The standard probe approximation leads to the formula:

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma_{\max})}{R_{AdS}^{d+1}}.$$

Example 1 : Poincare AdS<sub>d+2</sub>  $ds^2 = R_{AdS}^2 \frac{dz^2 + dx_\mu dx^\mu}{z^2}.$

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d V_d \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{dz}{z^{d+1}} = \frac{n_d V_d}{d \varepsilon^d}.$$

Example 2 : Global AdS<sub>d+2</sub>  $ds^2 = R_{AdS}^2 \left( -(r^2 + 1) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2 + 1} + r^2 d\Omega_d^2 \right).$

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d V_d \int_0^{1/\varepsilon} \frac{r^d dr}{\sqrt{r^2 + 1}} < G_{\lambda\lambda}|_{\text{Poincare}}$$

Example 3 : AdS<sub>d+2</sub> Schwarzschild BH

$$ds^2 = R_{AdS}^2 \left( -\frac{1 - (z/z_0)^{d+1}}{z^2} dt^2 + \frac{dz^2}{z^2 (1 - (z/z_0)^{d+1})} + \frac{dx_i dx_i}{z^2} \right).$$

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d V_d \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{dz}{\sqrt{h(z)} z^{d+1}} = \frac{n_d V_d}{d} \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} + \frac{b_d}{z_0^d} \right). \quad \begin{array}{l} b_1 = 0, \quad b_2 \approx 0.70, \\ b_3 \approx 1.31, \dots \end{array}$$

## ④ Dynamics of Information Metric and AdS BHs

In order to test our holographic information metric, we turn to a time-dependent example.

⇒ Consider thermofield doubled (TFD) CFTs  $|\Psi_{TFD}^{(1)}\rangle$  under time evolutions. We assume 2d CFTs.

TFD = a pure state description of thermal state.

$$|\Psi_{TFD}\rangle = Z(\beta)^{-1} \cdot \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle_A |n\rangle_B$$

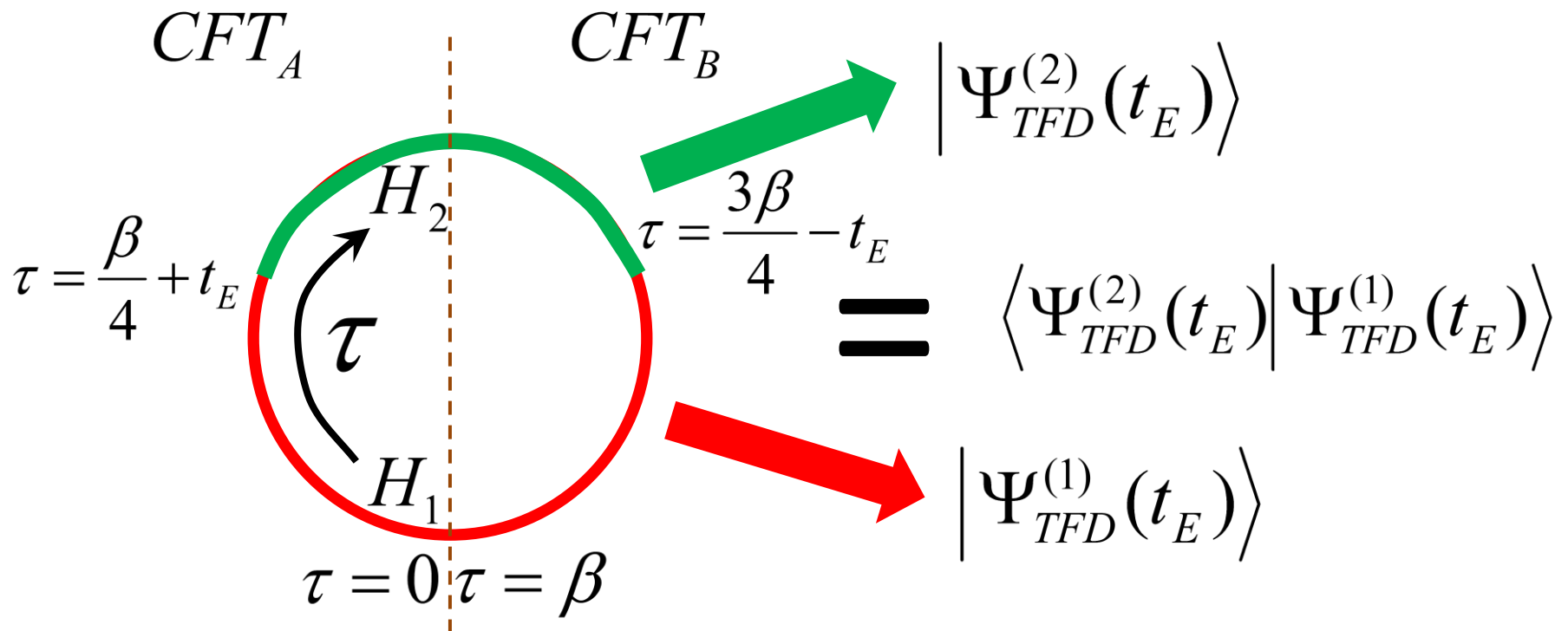
$$\Rightarrow \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [|\Psi_{TFD}\rangle\langle\Psi_{TFD}|] = Z(\beta)^{-1} \cdot \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} |n\rangle_A \langle n|_A = \rho_{thermal} \ .$$

$$\text{Time evolution: } \rho_{TFD}(t) = e^{i(H_A+H_B)t} \cdot |\Psi_{TFD}\rangle\langle\Psi_{TFD}| \cdot e^{-i(H_A+H_B)t} \ .$$

We consider another TFD state  $|\Psi_{TFD}^{(2)}\rangle$  based on the CFT with an infinitesimal exactly marginal perturbation.

$\Rightarrow$  Compute the information metric for this deformation.

In the Euclidean path-integral description, we have



Thus we can calculate the information metric:

$$G_{\lambda\lambda}(t_E) = \frac{1}{2} \int dx_1 \int dx_2 \int_{\frac{\beta}{4} + t_E + \varepsilon}^{\frac{3\beta}{4} - t_E - \varepsilon} d\tau_1 \int_{-\frac{\beta}{4} - t_E + \varepsilon}^{\frac{\beta}{4} + t_E - \varepsilon} d\tau_2 \langle O(x_1, \tau_1) O(x_2, \tau_2) \rangle,$$

$$\langle O(x_1, \tau_1) O(x_2, \tau_2) \rangle = \frac{(\pi / \beta)^{2\Delta}}{\left( \sinh^2 \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2)}{\beta} + \sin^2 \frac{\pi(\tau_1 - \tau_2)}{\beta} \right)^\Delta}.$$

Note: We assume the space direction is non-compact.

⇒ Our result is universal for any 2d CFTs.

We focus on  $\Delta=2$  (exactly marginal).

Eventually, we get

$$G_{\lambda\lambda}(t_E) = \frac{\pi V_1}{8\varepsilon} + \frac{2\pi^2 V_1}{\beta^2} \left( t_E \cdot \cot \frac{4\pi t_E}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{4\pi} \right).$$

## Real time behavior

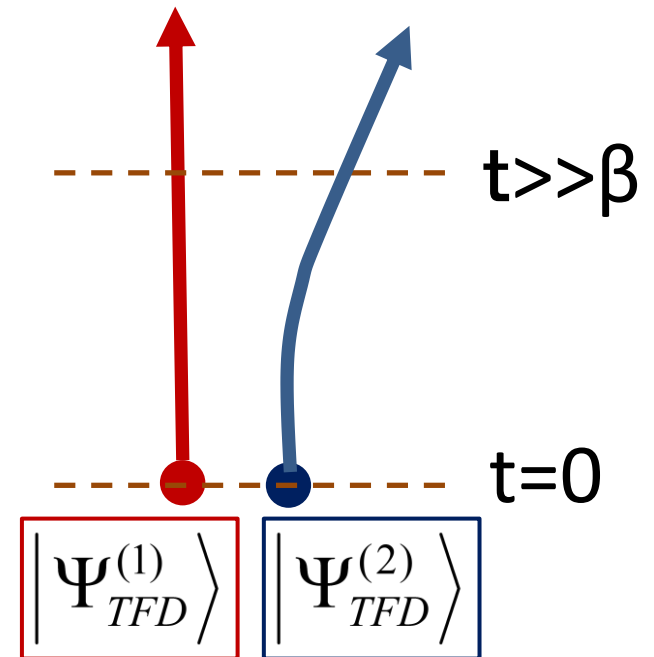
By setting  $t = -it_E$ , we obtain

$$G_{\lambda\lambda}(t_E) = \frac{\pi V_1}{8\varepsilon} + \frac{2\pi^2 V_1}{\beta^2} \left( t \cdot \coth \frac{4\pi t}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{4\pi} \right).$$

At late time  $t \gg \beta$ ,  
we find a linear  $t$  behavior:

$$G_{\lambda\lambda}(t_E) \approx \frac{\pi V_1}{8\varepsilon} + \frac{2\pi^2 V_1}{\beta^2} \cdot t \quad .$$

(We expect a half of the above  
result for quantum quenches.)





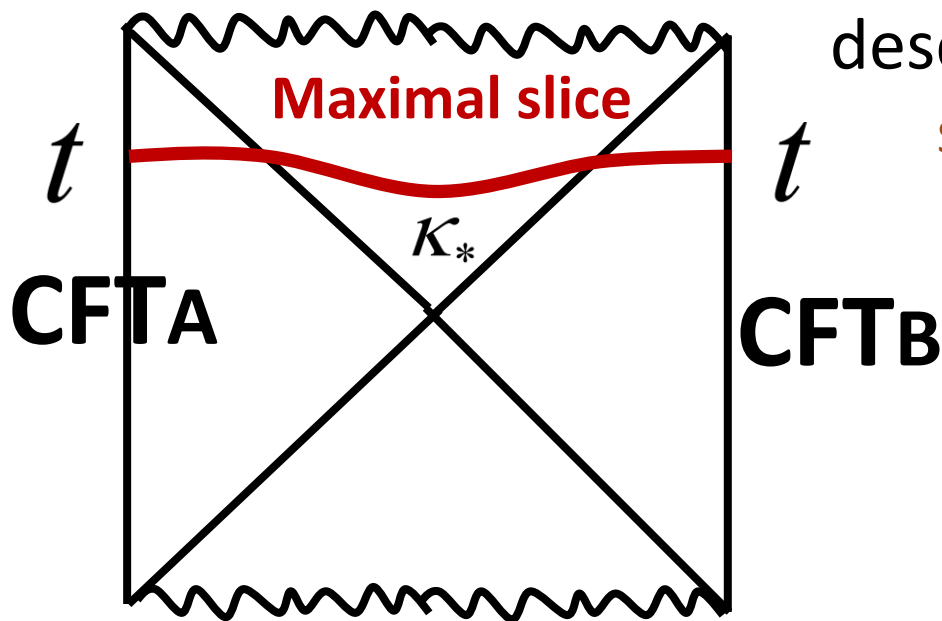
# Holographic Dual

The TFD state is dual to the eternal BTZ BH. [Maldacena 2001]

The information metric is dual to the volume of the maximal slice which connects the two boundaries.

⇒ We can get a result  $V=V(t)$ ,  
described by integrals.

Similar to [Hartman-Maldacena 2013].



$$\frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma)}{R^{d+1}V_1} = 2 \sinh \rho_0 + 2 \int_0^{\kappa_*} d\kappa \frac{\cos \kappa}{\sqrt{\sin^2(2\kappa_*)/\sin^2(2\kappa) - 1}}$$

$$- 2 \int_0^{\rho_\infty} d\rho \frac{\cosh \rho \left( \sqrt{\sinh^2(2\rho) + \sin^2(2\kappa_*)} - \sinh^2(2\rho) \right)}{\sqrt{\sinh^2(2\rho) + \sin^2(2\kappa_*)}},$$

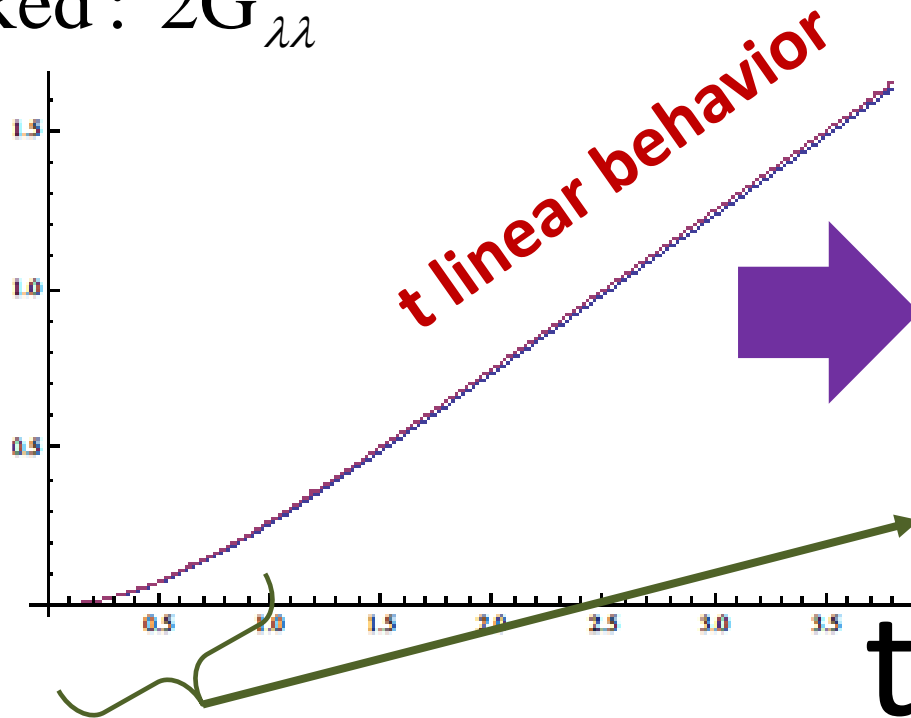
$$t = \int_1^{\kappa_*} \frac{d\kappa}{\sin \kappa \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(2\kappa)/\sin^2(2\kappa_*)}}$$

$$- \int_0^{\rho_\infty} \frac{d\rho}{\sinh \rho \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2(2\rho)/\sin^2(2\kappa_*)}},$$

# Comparison between Holographic and CFT result

Blue :  $\text{Vol}(\Sigma)/R_{\text{AdS}}^{d+1}$

Red :  $2G_{\lambda\lambda}$



The functional form almost coincides up to a small discrepancy.

$$\text{Vol}(\Sigma)/R_{\text{AdS}}^{d+1} \approx \frac{2}{\pi} t^2,$$

$$2G_{\lambda\lambda} \approx \frac{2}{3} t^2.$$

## ⑤ Conclusions

- In addition to entanglement entropy, the quantum information metric is a useful quantity which connects between quantum information of a QFT and the geometry of its gravity dual.
- We conjectured the holographic formula of information metric (using a hard-wall approximation) .

$$G_{\lambda\lambda} = n_d \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma_{\text{max}})}{R_{AdS}^{d+1}}.$$

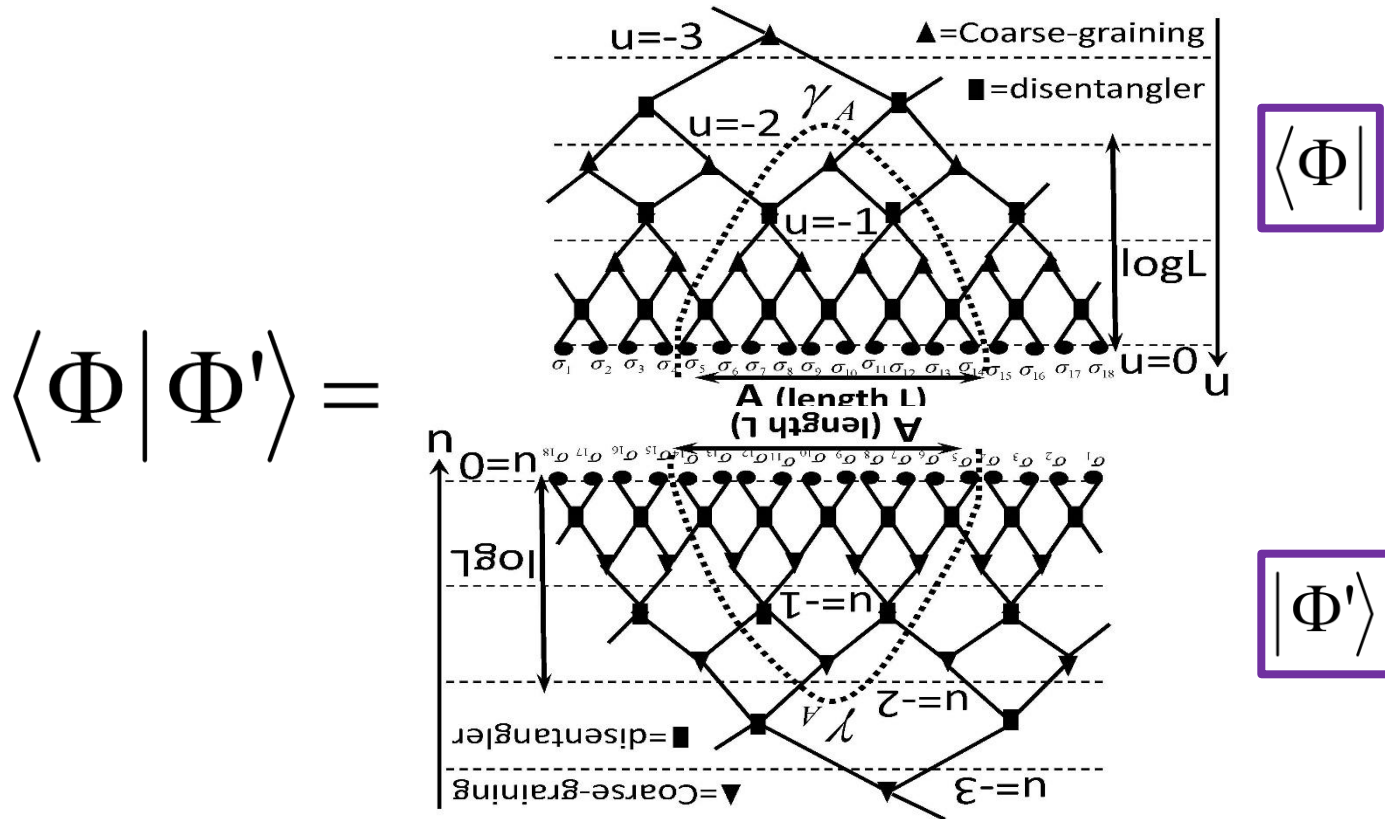
cf. Susskind's conjecture:

The volume is dual to complexity.

Any connection to our results ?

- We also computed the information metric purely in CFTs which nicely agree with our holographic formula.  
 $\Rightarrow G_{\lambda\lambda} \propto t$  is universal for any CFT TFD states.

# A connection to the tensor network description



$$G_{\lambda\lambda} \propto \# \text{Vertices} \approx \text{Vol}[\text{timeslice}] / R^{d+1}.$$

Note also  $\# \text{Vertices} \approx \# \text{Unitary transf.} \sim \text{complexity?}$

## Future problems

- CFTs on compact spaces  
⇒ no universal behavior and the results depend on the spectrum of CFTs. Can we use large  $N$  limit ?
- More time-dependent examples of gravity duals, such as quantum quenches, local quenches etc.
- More direct connection to tensor networks (cMERA)..