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AdS From Optimization of Path-Integrals in CFTs

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① Motivations

Motivation 1

What is the basic mechanism of AdS/CFT ?

[After 20 years from Maldacena's discovery]

⇒ One intriguing idea is the conjectured interpretation of AdS/CFT as tensor networks (TNs).

[Swingle 2009,....]

“Emergent space from Quantum Entanglement”

Tensor network = Network of Quantum entanglement

= “Geometry” of Wave-functional in QFTs

In holography, the entanglement is computed as the area of minimal surface [RT 06, HRT 07]

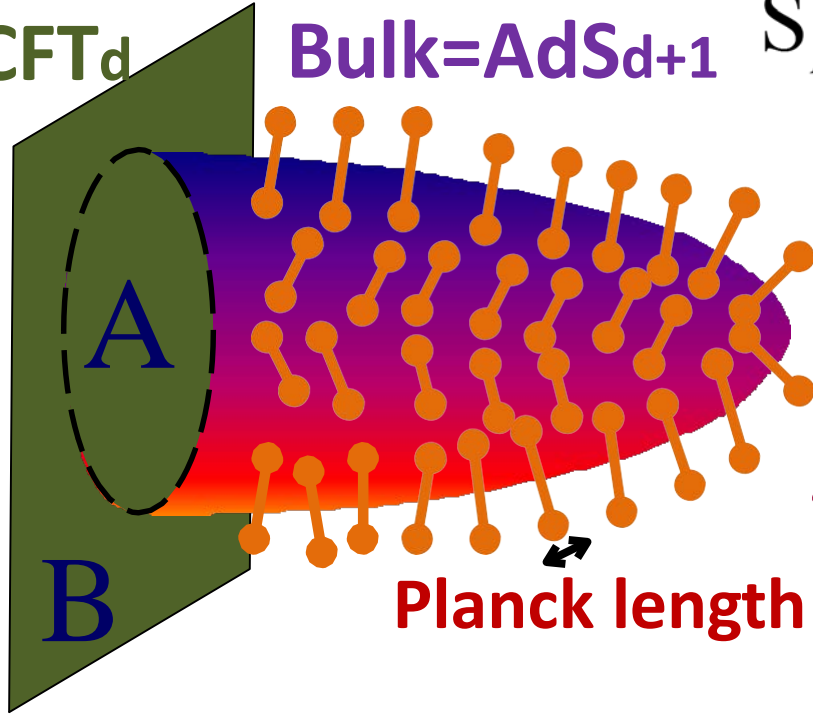
Boundary

=CFT_d

Bulk=AdS_{d+1}

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N} \approx \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{l_{pl}^{d-1}}$$

Area in the unit of Planck length



γ_A : Minimal Area surface

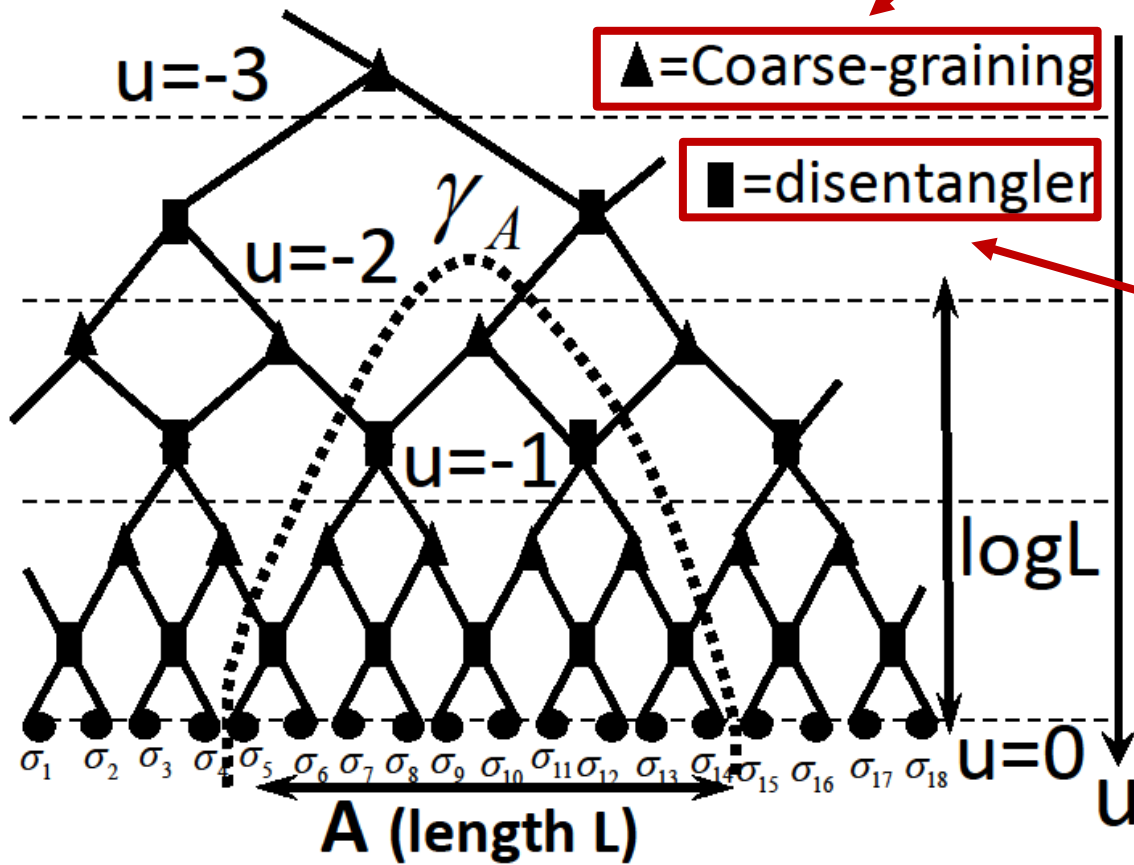
Planck length \sim 1 qubit

Spacetime in gravity = Collections of bits of entanglement

\Rightarrow Emergent space via tensor network ?

MERA [Vidal 05, ...] [TN for AdS/CFT: Swingle 09,...]

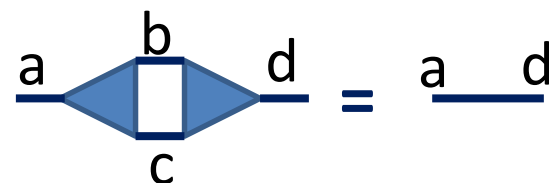
Coarse-graining = Isometry



▲ = Coarse-graining

■ = disentangler

$$[T]_{abc}^\dagger [T]_{bcd} = \delta_{ad}$$



Disentangler = Unitary trf.

$S_A \leq \text{Min}[\# \text{links}]$
 $\propto \log L$
 \Rightarrow agrees with results in 2d CFT!

A Basic Key Idea: Tensor Network of MERA = a time slice of AdS space

Questions [see e.g. Beny 2011, Bao et.al. 2015, Czech et.al. 2015]

- (a) Special Conformal invariance ?
- (b) Non-isotropic tensor $\rightarrow \exists$ causal structure in MERA ?
- (c) Why the EE bound is saturated ?
- (d) How to derive Einstein eq. ? (Sub AdS Scale Locality)

Recent developments in lattice models

▪ Improved TN models:

\Rightarrow (a),(b),(c) [Perfect TN: Pastawski-Yoshida-Harlow-Preskill 15]
[Random TN: Hayden-Nezami-Qi-Thomas-Walter-Yang 16]

▪ Another Interpretation :

\Rightarrow (a),(b) [Kinematic Space: Czech, Lamprou, McCandlish, Sully 15]

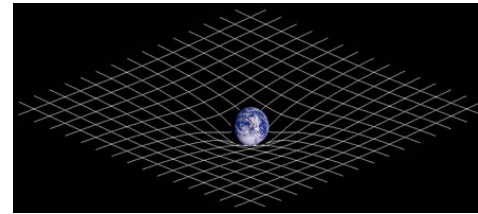
Some of these problems may be due to lattice artifacts.

Moreover, we want to eventually understand the genuine AdS/CFT in the continuum limit.



We propose a new alternative approach **based on path-integrals**, related to a continuum limit of TNs.

Our guiding principle 1



Eliminating unnecessary tensors in TN for a given state
= Creating the most efficient TN (= **Optimization of TN**)



Solving the dynamics of Gravity (Einstein eq. etc.)

Motivation 2

How can we define **complexity** in CFTs ?

Computational Complexity of a quantum state
= Min [# of Quantum Gates]
= Min [# of Tensors] in TN

Recently, holographic formulas of complexity have been proposed. [Refer to Brown's ,Myers's talk]

(i) Complexity = Max. volume in AdS [Stanford-Susskind 14]

(ii) Complexity= Gravity action in WDW patch of AdS

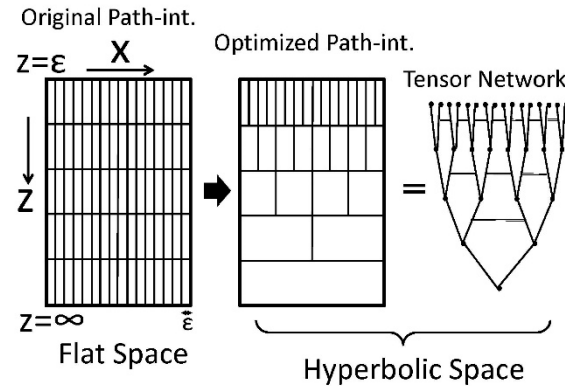
[Brown-Roberts-Susskind-Swingle-Zhao 15, Lehner-Myers et.al. 16]

For CFTs, Complexity \sim Info.Metric [Miyaji-Numasawa-Shiba
-Watanabe-TT 15]

This motivates us to consider its QFT counterpart

➡ We introduce **“Path-integral Complexity”**.

Our guiding principle 2



▪ Lattice structure (= arrangement of tensors) in TN

↔ Background metric g_{ab} in Euclid path-integral

▪ Optimization of TN for a state Ψ

↔ Minimizing Path-integral Complexity $I_{\Psi}[g_{ab}]$

w.r.t the metric g_{ab}

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② AdS from Optimization of Path-Integrals

(2-1) Formulation

A Basic Rule: Simplify a path-integral s.t. it produces the correct UV wave functional.

Consider 2D CFTs for simplicity. (z=- Euclidean time, x=space)

**Deformation of discretizations in path-integral
= Curved metric such that one cell (bit) = unit length.**

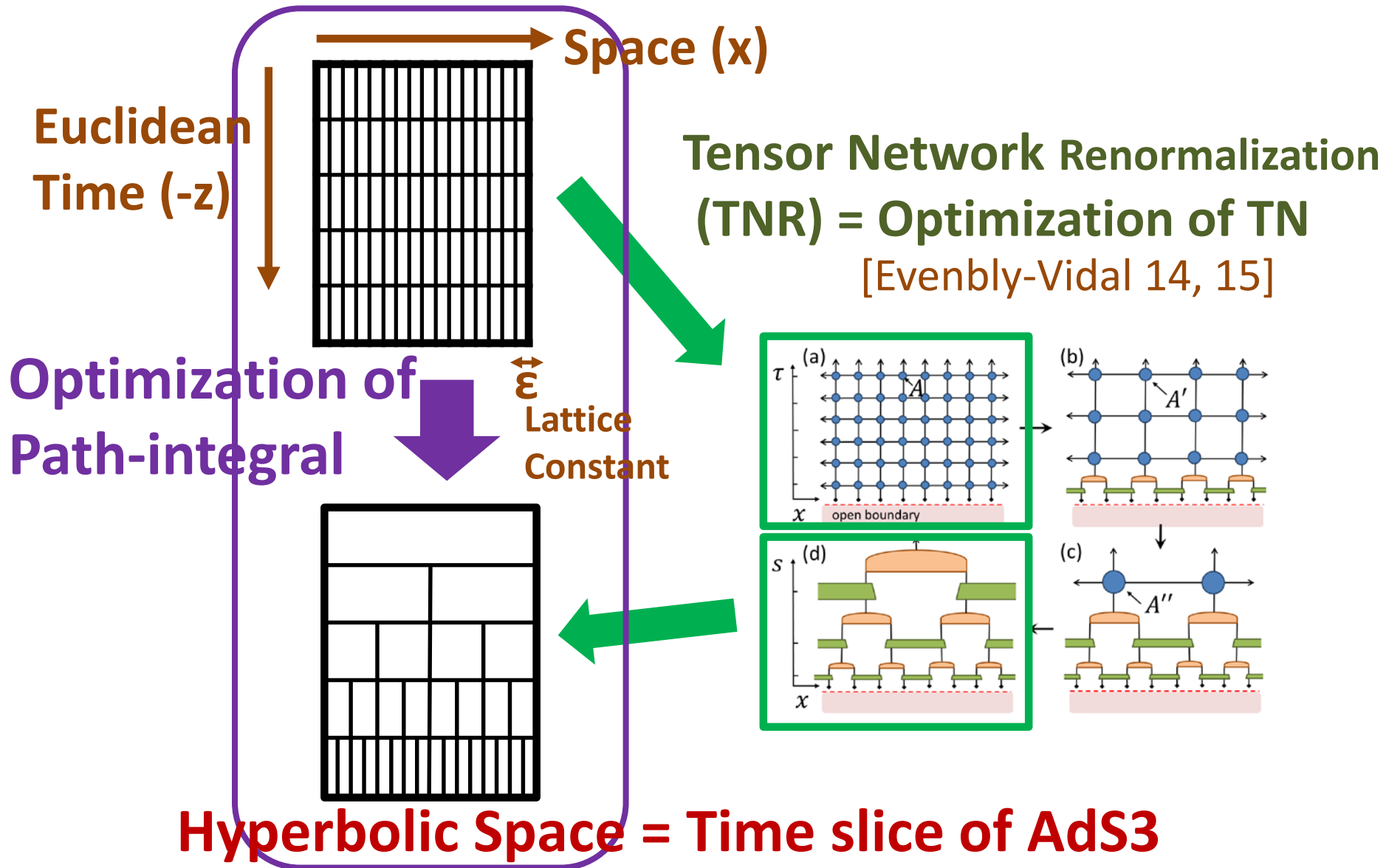


$$ds^2 = e^{2\phi(x,z)} (dx^2 + dz^2).$$

Note: The original flat metric is given by (ε is UV cutoff):

$$ds^2 = \varepsilon^{-2} \cdot (dx^2 + dz^2).$$

Optimization of Path-Integral [Miyaji-Watanabe-TT 16]



The wave functional for CFT vacuum is given by

\swarrow $g_{ab}(x,z)$: background metric

$$\Psi_{UV}^g[\Phi(x)] = \int \prod_{\substack{0 < z < \infty \\ -\infty < x < \infty}} D\Phi(x, z) e^{-S_{CFT}(\Phi)} \cdot \delta(\Phi(x) - \Phi(x, z=0))$$

In CFTs, owing to the Weyl invariance, we have

$$\Psi_{UV}^{g_{ab}=e^{2\phi}\delta_{ab}}[\Phi(x)] = \exp(I[\phi(x, z)]) \cdot \Psi_{UV}^{\text{Flat}}[\Phi(x)].$$

Optimized wf.

Original wf.

Our Proposal (Optimization of Path-integral for CFTs):

Minimize $I[\phi(x, z)]$ **w.r.t** $\phi(x, z)$

with the boundary condition $e^{2\phi} \big|_{z=\varepsilon} = \varepsilon^{-2}$.

A Reason for Minimization

The normalization N estimates repetitions of same operations of path-integration. → **Minimize this !**

⇒ **Our Complexity Formula:**

$$C_{\Psi} = \underset{\phi(x,z)}{\text{Min}}[I_{\Psi}[\phi(x,z)]]$$

$C_{\Psi} \equiv$ computational complexity of
the quantum state $|\Psi\rangle$

(2-2) Liouville Action as Complexity in 2D CFTs

[Caputa-Kundu-Miyaji-Watanabe-TT 17]

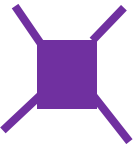
$$I[\phi] = \text{Log} \left[\frac{\Psi_{g=e^{2\phi}\delta_{ab}}}{\Psi_{g=\delta_{ab}}} \right] = S_L[\phi],$$

Liouville Action

of Isometries
[Czech 17]



of Unitaries



$$S_L[\phi] = \frac{c}{24\pi} \int dx dz \left[(\partial_x \phi)^2 + (\partial_z \phi)^2 + e^{2\phi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{c}{24\pi} \int dx dz \left[(\partial_x \phi)^2 + (\partial_z \phi + e^\phi)^2 \right] + (\text{surface term})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Minimum: } e^{2\phi} = \frac{1}{z^2}.$$

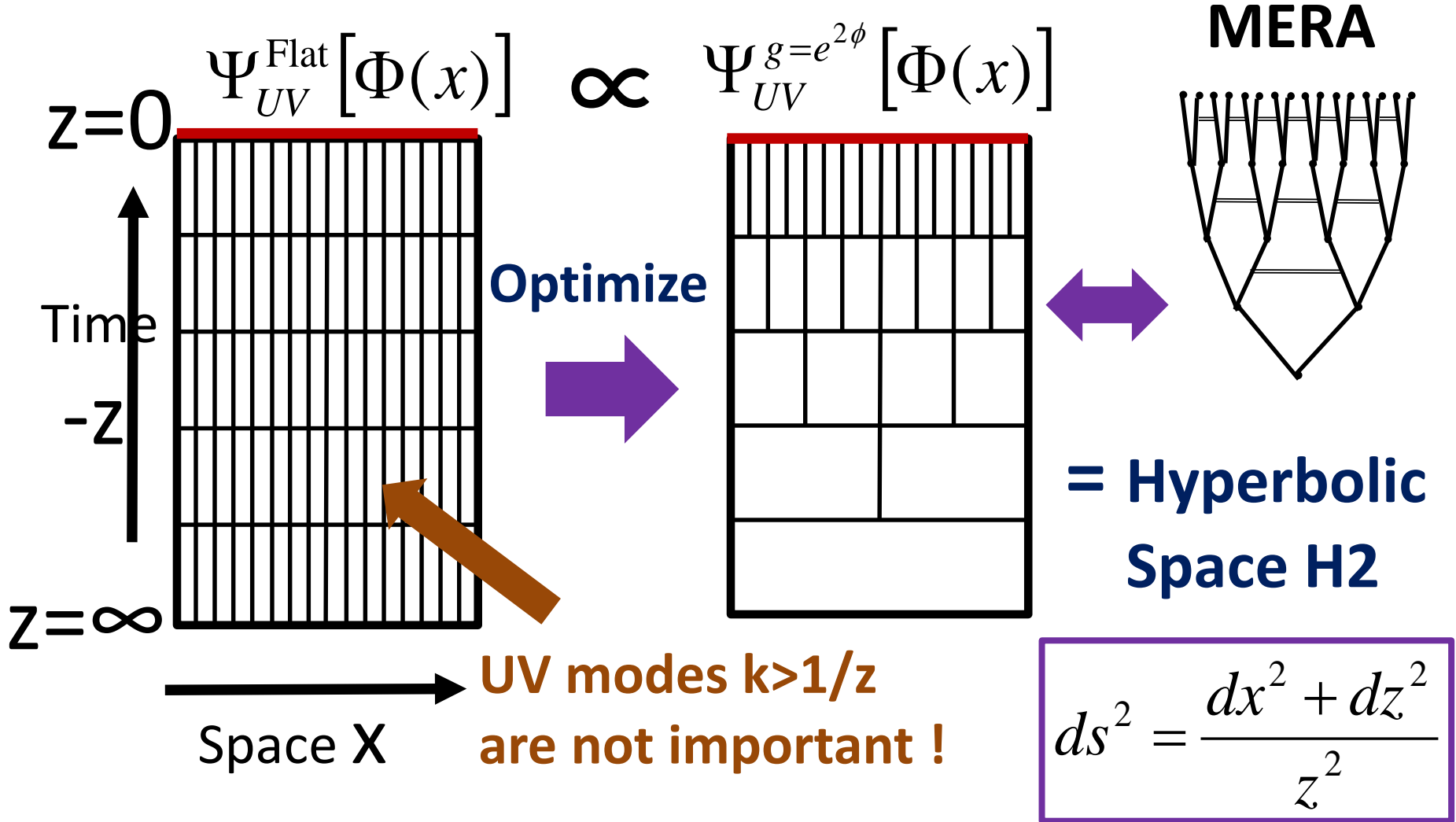


Hyperbolic plane (H2)

= Time slice of AdS3

$$ds^2 = (dx^2 + dz^2) / z^2.$$

A Sketch: Optimization of Path-Integral



(2-3) Thermofield Double of 2D CFT

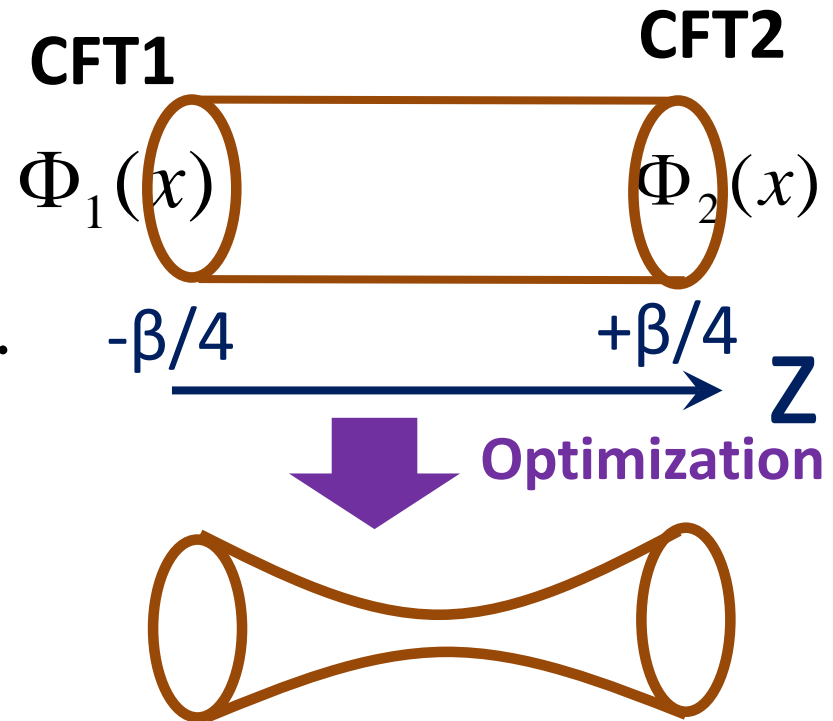
The TFD state at $T=1/\beta$ is described as the path-integral

$$\Psi_g[\Phi_1(x), \Phi_2(x)] = \int \prod_{\substack{-\beta/4 < z < \beta/4 \\ -\infty < x < \infty}} D\Phi(x, z) e^{-S_{\text{CFT}}(\Phi)} \cdot \delta\left(\Phi_1(x) - \Phi(x, z = \frac{\beta}{4})\right) \delta\left(\Phi_2(x) - \Phi(x, z = -\frac{\beta}{4})\right) \propto e^{S_L[\phi]}.$$

Minimization of $S_L[\phi(x, z)]$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2\phi(z)} = \frac{4\pi^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2(2\pi z / \beta)}.$$

= Time slice of BTZ black hole.
(i.e. Einstein-Rosen Bridge).



(2-4) Primary States and Back-reactions

Vacuum state on a circle

We optimize the path-integral on a disk with the unit radius.



The solution of Liouville equation

$$ds^2 = \frac{4dw d\bar{w}}{(1-|w|^2)^2}.$$

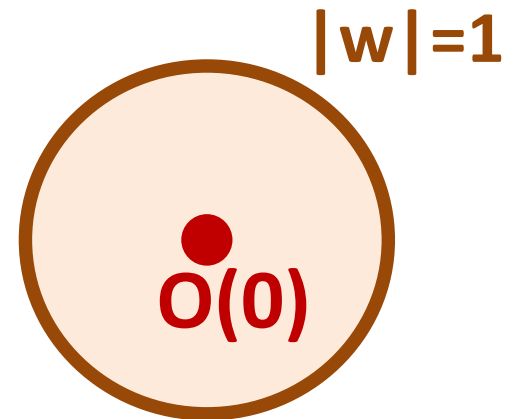
**= Hyperbolic Disk
(=Time slice of
Global AdS3)**

Primary state on a circle

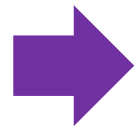
We insert an operator $O(w, \bar{w})$ at $w=0$.

It has conformal dim. $h_L=h_R=h$.

$$\Rightarrow O(x) \sim e^{-2h\cdot\phi}.$$



Thus we minimize $\Psi_{g=e^{2\phi}} / \Psi_{g=1} \propto e^{S_L[\phi]} \cdot e^{-2h\phi(0)}$.



$$\partial_w \partial_{\bar{w}} \phi \frac{1}{4} e^{2\phi} + \frac{6\pi h}{c} \delta^2(w) = 0.$$

Solution: $ds^2 = \frac{4d\zeta d\bar{\zeta}}{(1-|\zeta|^2)^2}, \quad \zeta \equiv w^a = re^{i\theta}$

\Rightarrow Deficit angle: $\theta \sim \theta + 2\pi a. \quad (a \equiv 1 - 12h/c).$

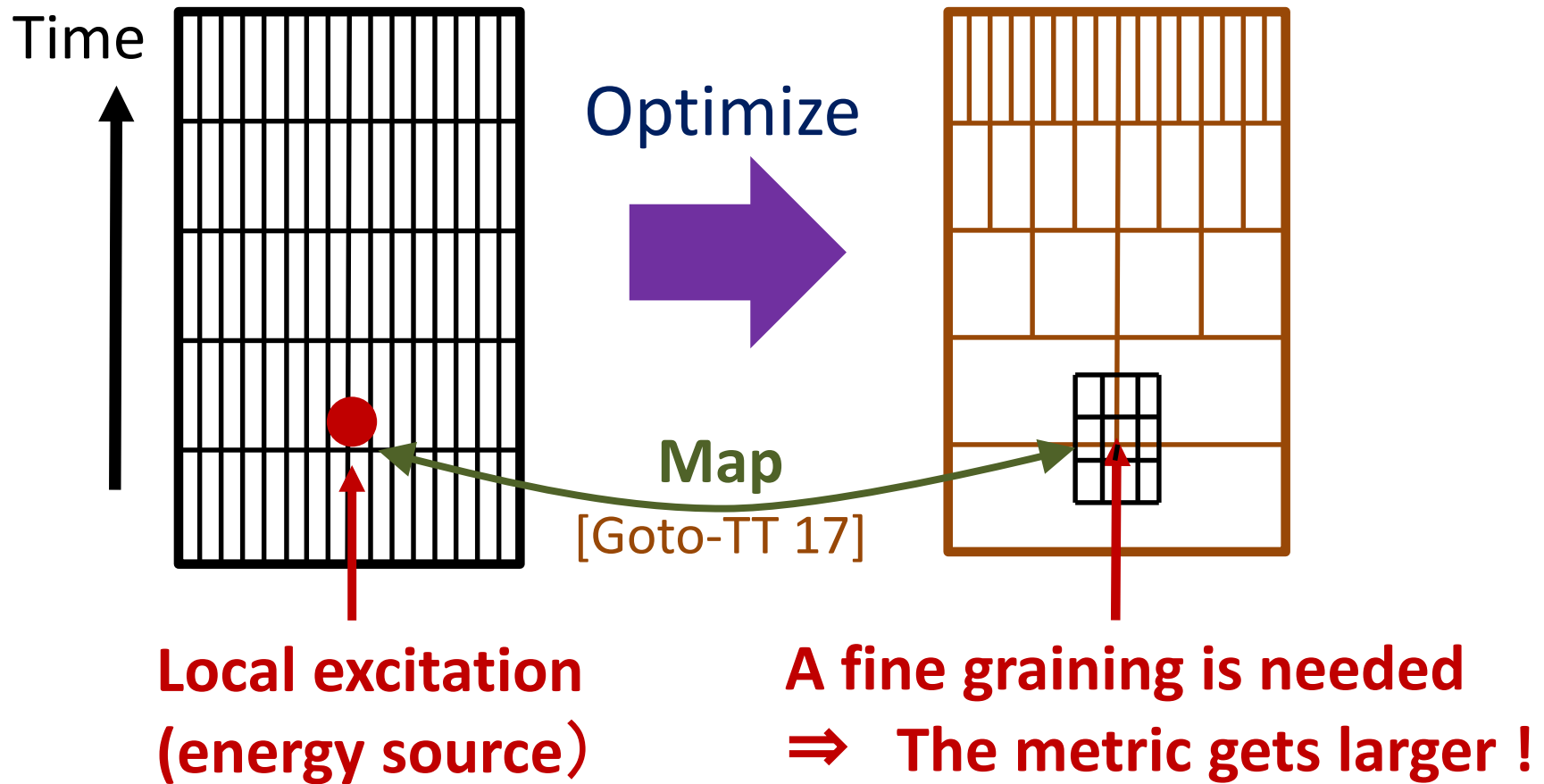
Note: the AdS/CFT predicts $a = \sqrt{1 - 24h/c}$.

Interestingly, if we consider **the quantum Liouville CFT**,

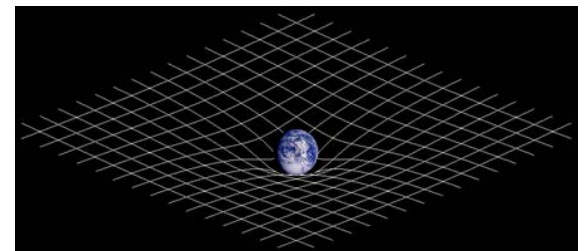
then $h = \frac{\gamma\alpha}{4}(Q - \alpha\gamma/2), \quad c = 1 + 3Q^2, \quad (Q \equiv 2/\gamma + \gamma).$

\Rightarrow We get $a = \sqrt{1 - 24h/c}$.

Heuristic Summary



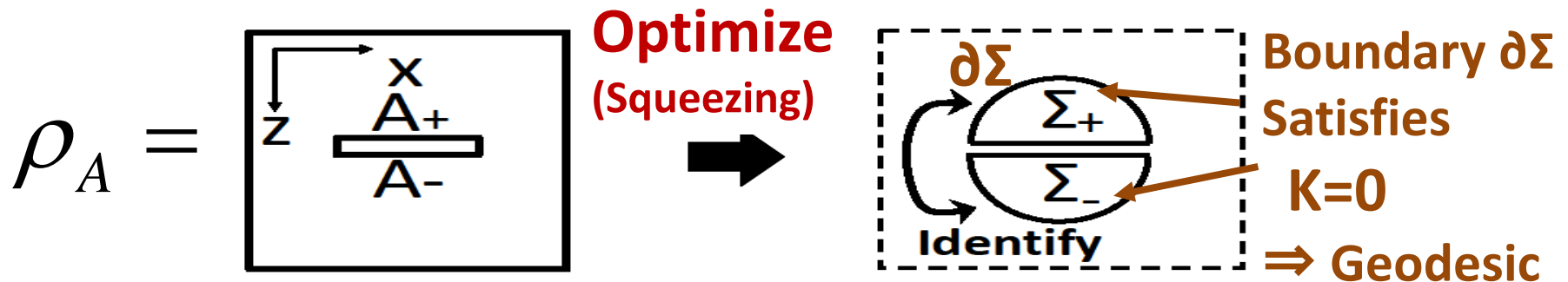
This provides the back-reaction mechanism as in general relativity !



③ Entanglement Wedge and Entropy

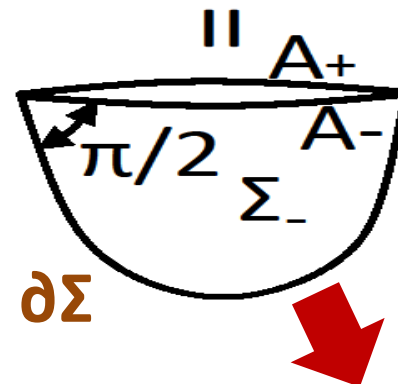
(3-1) Entanglement Wedge from Optimization

Consider an optimization of reduced density matrix ρ_A .
 We decompose the geometry into two halves. A=an interval



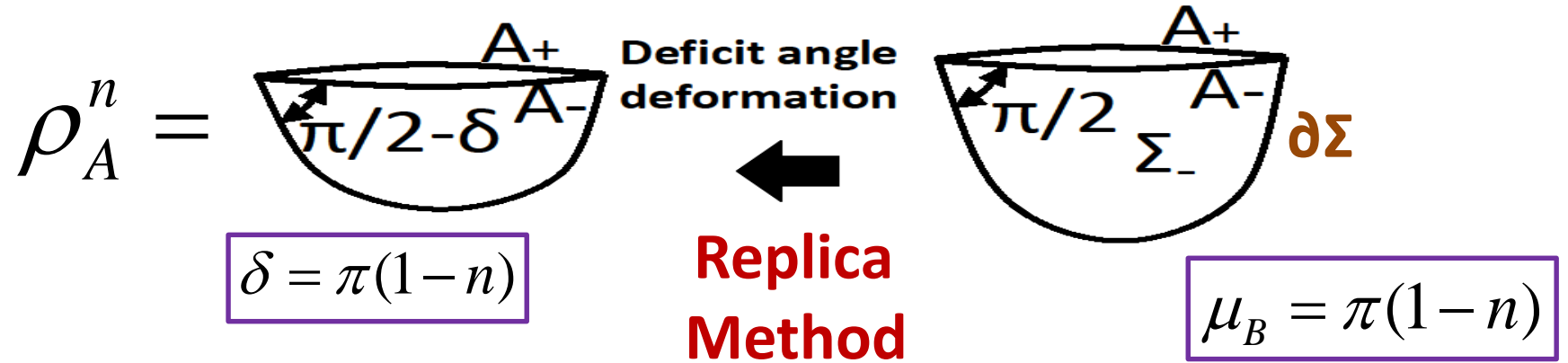
$$S_L = 2 \times \frac{c}{24\pi} \int_{\Sigma} dx dz \left[(\partial_x \phi)^2 + (\partial_z \phi)^2 + e^{2\phi} \right] + 2 \times \frac{c}{12\pi} \int_{\partial \Sigma} ds [K_0 \cdot \phi].$$

\Rightarrow Bdy condition : $e^{\phi} K = K_0 + \partial_n \phi = 0$.



Entanglement wedge (EW) !

(3-2) Hol. Ent. Entropy from Optimization



$$S_L^{(n)}[\phi] = \frac{c}{6\pi} \int_{\Sigma} dx dz \left[(\partial_x \phi)^2 + (\partial_z \phi)^2 + e^{2\phi} \right] + \frac{c}{3\pi} \int_{\partial\Sigma} ds \left[K\phi + \mu_B e^{\phi} \right]$$



$$S_A = \left. -\frac{\partial}{\partial n} S_L^{(n)} \right|_{n=1} = \frac{c}{6} \int_{\partial\Sigma} ds e^{\phi}.$$

Reproduce the correct HEE !

④ NAdS2/CFT1 (SYK model)

At first sight, one may be confused as the action

$$ds_{1d}^2 = e^{2\phi} dz^2, \quad S_{1d} = \mu \int dz e^\phi \sim O(\varepsilon^{-1}).$$

gets trivial when minimized.

⇒ We need to add the conformal sym. breaking effect !

[Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model, Polchinski-Rosenhaus 16, Maldacena-Stanford 16]

$$\Psi_\phi = e^{cS_{1d}} \cdot \Psi_{\phi=0}, \quad S_{1d} = \int dz [(\partial_z \phi)^2 + \mu e^\phi].$$

 $ds_{1d}^2 = \frac{dz^2}{z^2}$.  **Schwarz Derivative term**

⑤ Higher Dimensional CFTs

For simplicity, we focus on the optimization

of Weyl rescaling mode: $ds^2 = e^{2\phi(x,z)} (dz^2 + d\vec{x}^2)$

We argue that the complexity functional is given by

$$I_d[\phi] = N \int dz dx^{d-1} \left[e^{d\phi} + e^{(d-2)\phi} (\partial_z \phi)^2 + e^{(d-2)\phi} (\partial_x \phi)^2 + \frac{e^{(d-2)\phi} \cdot R_0}{(d-1)(d-2)} \right]$$
$$+ 2N \int_{bdy} dx^{d-1} \left[\frac{e^{(d-2)\phi} \cdot K_0}{(d-1)(d-2)} + \frac{\mu_B}{d-1} e^{(d-1)\phi} \right]. \quad \left(N \equiv \frac{(d-1)R_{AdS}^{d-1}}{16\pi G_N} \right).$$

Note: $\lim_{d \rightarrow 2} [I_d[\phi] - I_d[0]] = S_L[\phi] - S_L[0]$

Properties

- Time slices of pure AdS_{d+1} are reproduced for CFT vacua.
- When A = a round ball, EW and HEE are reproduced.
- The first order mass deformation (=AdS BH deformation) of the metric is correctly reproduced.

[cf. $\text{AdS}_3/\text{CFT}_2$, \exists \hbar/c corrections.]

Evaluations of Path-integral Complexity in various dim.

2d CFT (1) Poincare AdS3: $C = \frac{c}{12\pi} \cdot \frac{L}{\varepsilon}$.

(2) global AdS3: $C = \frac{c}{6} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right]$.

(3) BTZ(TFD): $C = \frac{c}{3} \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \frac{\pi^2}{2\beta} \right]$.

3d CFT global AdS4: $C = 4\pi N \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \log\left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon}\right) \right]$.

4d CFT global AdS5: $C = 2\pi^2 N \left[\frac{2}{3\varepsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \frac{5}{12} \right]$.

➡ $C \sim$ Volume law divergence + subleading terms.

[Holographic complexity: Carmi-Myers-Rath 16, Reynolds-Ross 16]

A Connection to “Complexity = Action” proposal

Consider a Pure AdS_{d+1} and Pick up the following patch:

$$ds^2 = R_{AdS}^2 \left(-dt^2 + \cos^2 t \cdot e^{2\phi(x)} \cdot h_{ab} dx^a dx^b \right).$$

This agrees with Wheeler-DeWitt patch

in [Brown-Roberts-Susskind-Swingle-Zhao 15]

if $e^{2\phi(x)} h_{ab} dx^a dx^b$ is given by Hd.

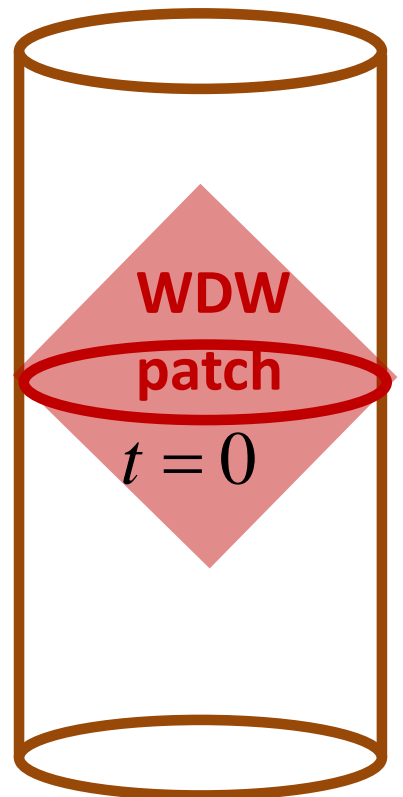
In this setup, we can show

$$I_{WDW} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int_{WDW} dx^d dt \sqrt{-g} [R - 2\Lambda] + (\text{bdy. term})$$

$$= (d - 2) \cdot n_d \cdot I_d[\phi] + (\text{IR surface term}).$$

↑
Our complexity

$$\left(n_d \equiv \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma((d-1)/2)}{\Gamma(d/2)} \right)$$



⑥ Conclusions

- We introduced “path-integral complexity” of a given state, which measures complexity of the corresponding TN.
- In 2D CFT, it is given by the Liouville action, which is supported by the Weyl anomaly and the TNR complexity.
An optimization of path-integral of a CFT state
= Minimizing the complexity
↔ a time slice of its gravity dual in AdS/CFT
- We gave generalizations to higher dim. and CFT1.

Future Problems

Time dependent b.g. (g_{tt}: covariant formulation) ?
Sub AdS locality ? , dS/CFT version ? ,

Thank you very much !

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- Start: July 2, 2018, Close: August 3, 2018
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