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# Holographic complexity from topology in AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFT<sub>2</sub>

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#### Intro: Holographic subregion complexity

Gravity: Gauss-Bonnet

Random Tensor Networks

CFT: Kinematic space





# Holographic complexity

Alishahiha '15: "Holographic Complexity" for time slice,



$$\mathcal{C}(A) \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} R \, d\sigma \quad \sim V(\Sigma) \text{ if } R = \text{const}$$

What system?



Gravity

#### Zero temperature

Constant time slice of AdS3, single interval



$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Gauss} \\ \text{Bonnet} \end{array} \quad \mathcal{C}(A) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} R \, d\sigma = \int_{\partial \Sigma} k_g ds - 2\pi \chi(\Sigma) \end{array}$$

 $k_g$  : geodesic curvature,  $\ \chi(\Sigma)=1$ 

$$\int_{\partial \Sigma} k_g ds = \int_{\gamma_{RT}} k_g ds + \int_{\gamma_{\epsilon}} k_g ds + \text{corner angles} = \frac{x}{\epsilon} + \pi$$

$$\mathcal{C}(x) = \frac{x}{\epsilon} - \pi$$

#### Finite temperature

CFT2 at finite T dual to black hole at same T Hubeny et al. '13: two possible phases –  $\gamma$ RT homologous to A



Subregion complexity is temperature independent\* in CFT2

# Naked singularities

At M=0 horizon disappears

-1<M<0 correspond to conical singularities

Enforce homology condition on RT
Use the second structure of the second str



Complexity is M-dependent:

$$\mathcal{C} = \frac{x}{\epsilon} + \pi - 2\pi\sqrt{-M}$$

Homology condition of RT is crucial to get correct answer!



# Gravity side

Complexity as function of mass, for fixed entangling region



# **Tensor Networks**

#### **Tensor Networks**

AdS/MERA: Swingle '09 MERA  $\rightarrow$  lower bound for EE  $\rightarrow$  RT Complexity: min. number gates to achieve some task Holographic complexity  $\Rightarrow$  what task?

Compression: represent  $\rho_A$  in lowest dim. Hilbert space



⇒ Complexity of running the renormalisation procedure

$$\mathcal{C}(A) \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} R \, d\sigma$$

counts number of tensors inside RT surface

RT transition: still compress to same size, but it costs more. Reordering of information is topologically different.



# Random Tensor Networks

Random Tensor Networks [1601.01694] (M. Walter's talk) saturate the RT formula

Tessellation of hyperbolic plane

Compute second Rényi entropy

Average over random tensors

 $\overline{|V_x\rangle\langle V_x|\otimes |V_x\rangle\langle V_x|}\sim I_x+\mathcal{F}_x$ 

Result: 
$$\overline{S_A^{(2)}} = F_1 - F_0$$



'Swap trick'



#### **Numerical simulation**

To mimic BH metric, we work with variable bond dimension that reproduces the finite temperature EE

Complexity is mapped to magnetization

Deviations due to lattice effects



# CFT: kinematic space

Czech et al '15:

Reconstructing the bulk using the EE of boundary



How are entanglement and subregion complexity related? → Probe subregion with other subregions

e.g. for the entire circle,

$$\mathcal{C}(\text{circle}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} d\alpha \ S(\alpha) \partial_{\alpha}^2 S(\alpha)$$

#### Conclusions

Compression complexity in CFT2 is T- independent/'quantized'

Numerical study  $\rightarrow$  RTN

New CFT construction through kinematic space

# Outlook

Curvature proposal: non-constant examples

Compression algorithm  $\rightarrow$  T-dependence?

How does CFT know about topology?

Entanglement ⇔ Subregion complexity



#### Transitions: zero temperature

The RT surface can have multiple 'phases': the global minimal surface gives the correct answer

Two intervals in AdS



$$\mathcal{C} = \int_{\partial \Sigma} k_g ds - 2\pi \chi(\Sigma)$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_{II} - \mathcal{C}_I = -2\pi \Delta \chi = 2\pi$$