

The volume of the black hole interior at late times

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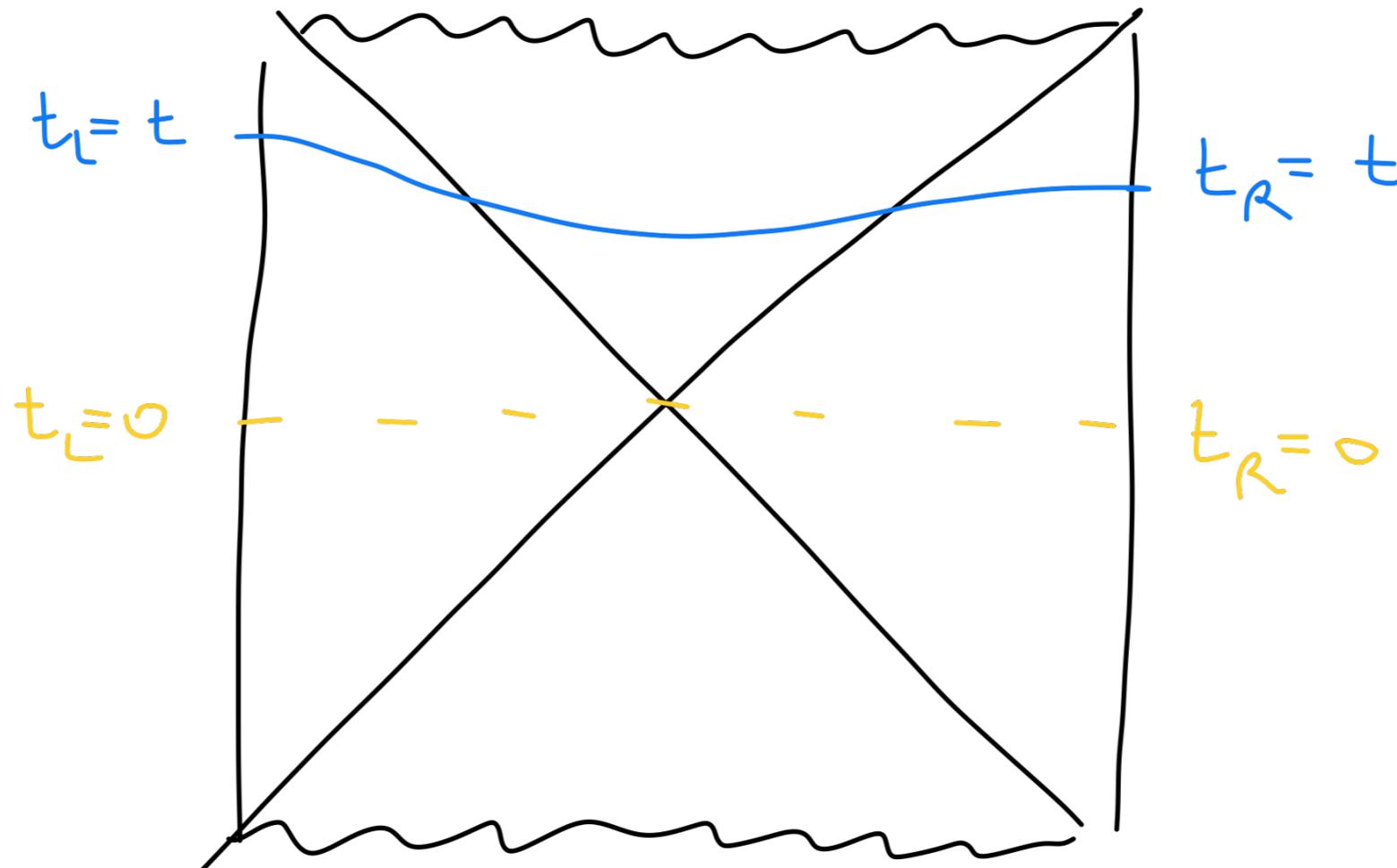
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Growth of the interior

Black hole interior: an expanding cosmology

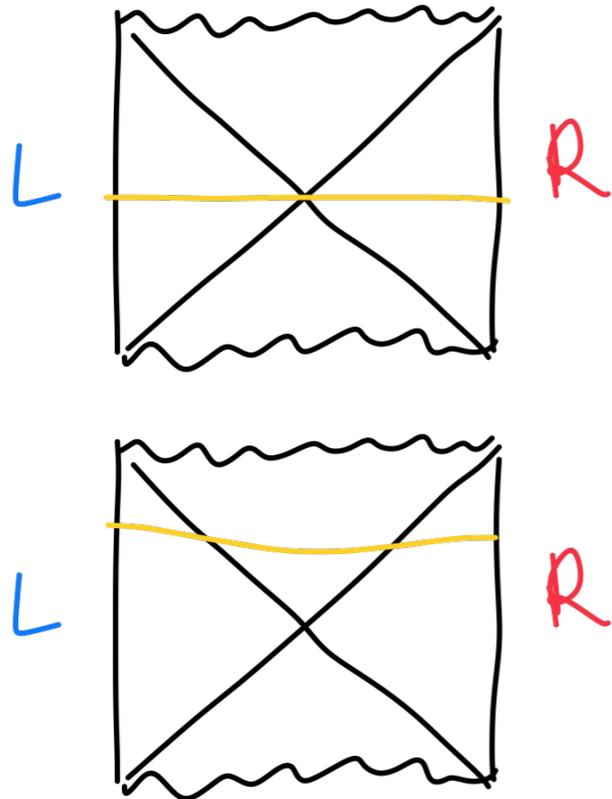


volume of maximal Cauchy slice $\propto Mt$

Question: what is the microscopic origin of this “creation of space”?

Growth of the interior

In AdS/CFT:



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1} = |TFD\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle_L |n\rangle_R \\
 & \text{Diagram 2} = e^{-i(H_L+H_R)t} |TFD\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Probes of the TFD state:

Correlation functions: $\langle TFD | O_1(t_1) \dots O_k(t_k) | TFD \rangle$ **thermalize in $\propto \beta$ times**
($\beta \log G_N^{-1}$ for OTOC)

Entanglement entropy: **thermalize in $\propto \beta$ times** [\[Hartman-Maldacena\]](#)

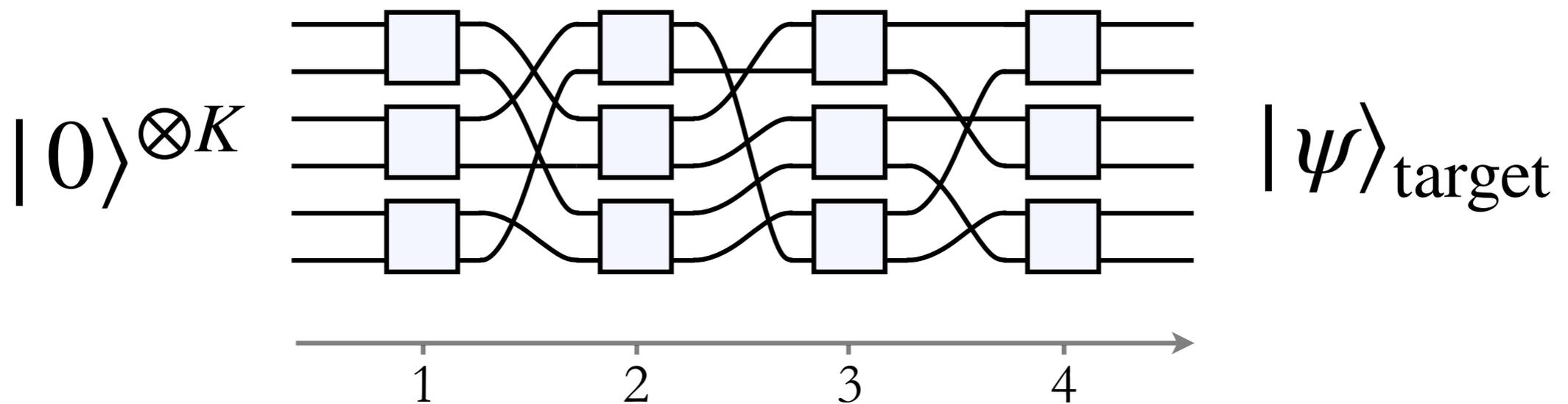
Growth of the interior

Perturbative corrections in G_N are unlikely to terminate this growth

Upshot: We need a quantity that is not thermalizing

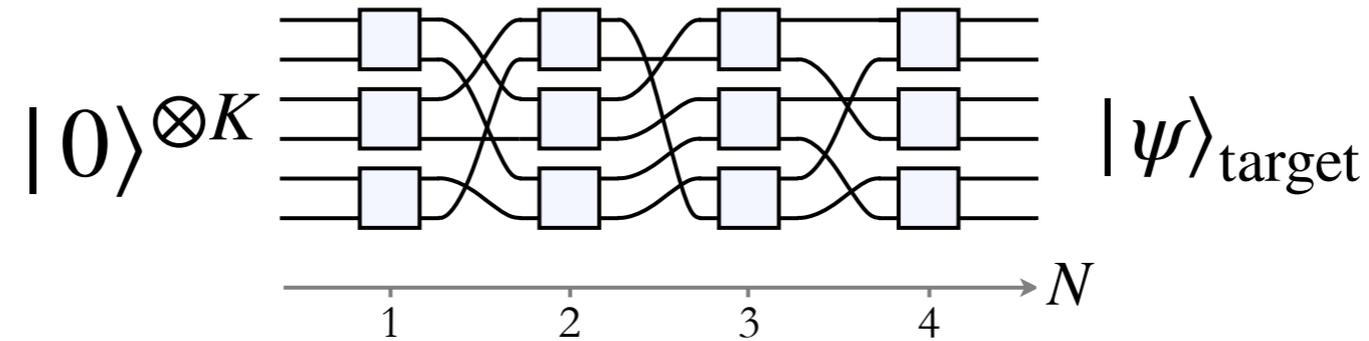
for $\propto e^{\frac{1}{G_N}}$ times

Candidate: **complexity** of a state [Susskind et. al.]



Size of the minimal quantum circuit producing the target

Complexity growth



Somewhat ambiguous, but so is how we measure the size of the interior

Argument for the time dependence of complexity [\[Susskind, Brown-Susskind-Zhao\]](#)

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{target}} = e^{-iHt} |TFD\rangle$$

$$\left(1 - iH \frac{t}{N}\right)^N$$

One "layer" of the circuit $\underbrace{\left(1 - iH \frac{t}{N}\right)^N}_{\text{integral of local operators with derivatives}}$

$$\# \text{ of gates} = \frac{K}{2} N \approx St$$

Complexity growth

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{target}} = e^{-iHt} |TFD\rangle \quad \# \text{ of gates} = \frac{K}{2} N \approx St$$

At later times, there could be a **shortcut** in getting to $|\psi\rangle_{\text{target}}$
[Brown-Susskind-Zhao]

All possible unitaries on K qubits: $SU(2^K)$

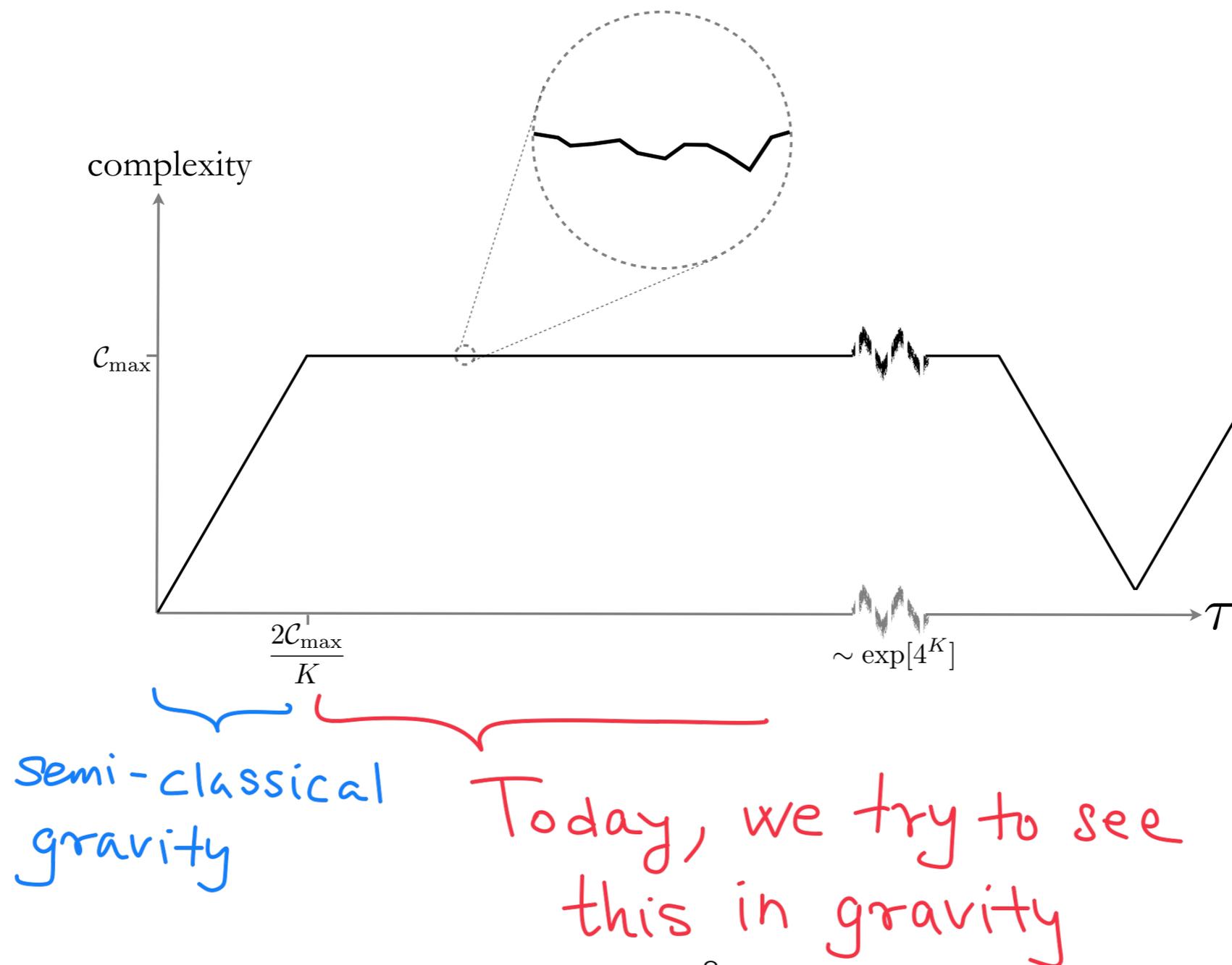
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Vol}[SU(2^K)] \propto 2^{\frac{K}{2}} 4^K \\ \# \text{ of possible circuits of depth } N \propto (\# \text{ gates})^{KN} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{max complexity} \propto 4^K \propto e^S$$

Time required to reach this with $\propto St$ growth: $t_{\text{sat}} \propto e^S$

Complexity growth

Conjectured time dependence of complexity in chaotic systems

[Susskind, Brown-Susskind-Zhao], see [Balasubramanian-DeCross-Kar-Parrikar] for progress towards proving it



Complexity growth

Why do we have a chance of seeing something like this in gravity?

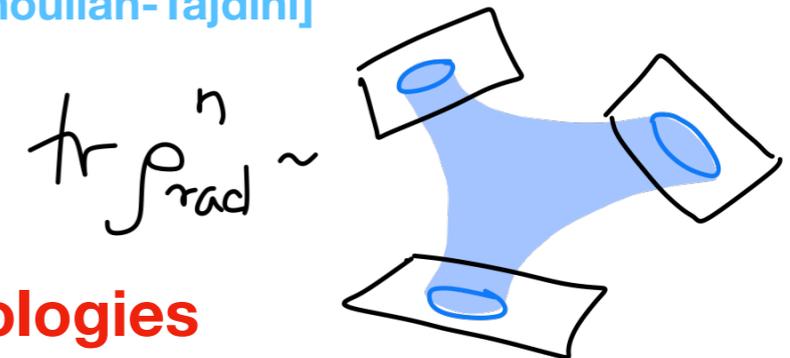
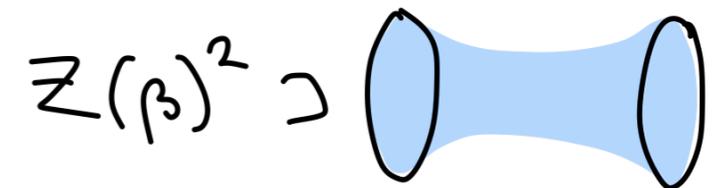
Because Euclidean gravity seems to have an unreasonably large regime of validity, e.g.

Universal energy level repulsion of chaotic systems

[Saad-Shenker-Stanford,Cotler-Jensen,...]

Entropy Page curve of an evaporating black hole

[Penington-Shenker-Stanford-Yang,Amheiri-Hartman-Maldacena-Shaghoulian-Tajdini]



Both are about corrections coming from summing **topologies**

Today: how do these effects affect the volume of the interior?

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Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity

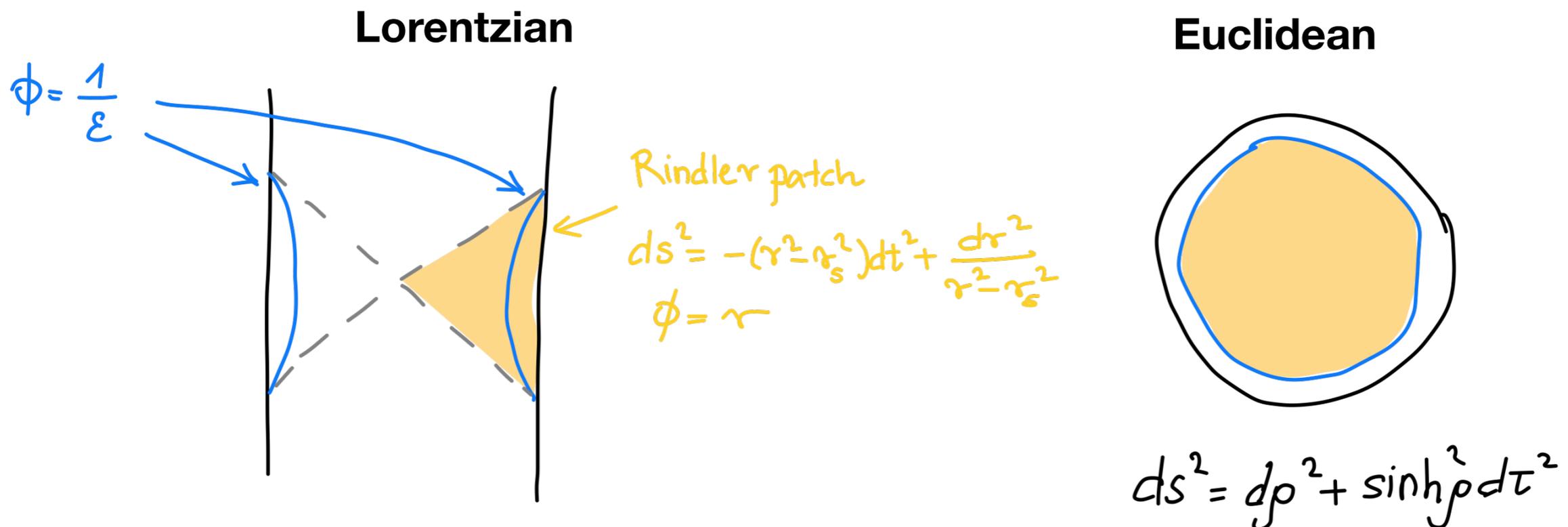
Dilaton-gravity in two dimensions:

$$I_{JT} = -S_0 \chi(\mathcal{M}) - \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{g} \phi (R + 2) - \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \sqrt{h} \phi (K - 1)$$

Arises by dimensional reduction
of near-horizon region of near-extremal black holes

[Maldacena-Stanford-Yang, Sarosi, Nayak-Shukla-Soni-Trivedi]

Black hole solution: Global AdS_2 with a cutoff at large constant ϕ



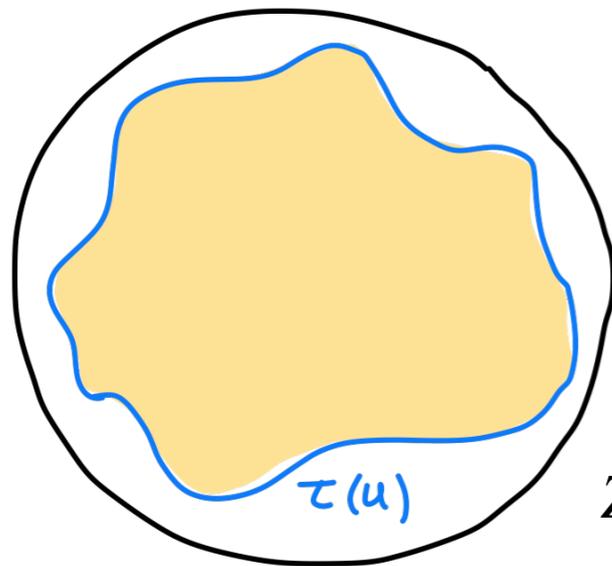
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**Quantum theory: path integrating out ϕ gives $\delta(R + 2)$
which in turn fixes all off-shell geometries
in the path integral to be pieces of the hyperbolic disk**

[Maldacena-Stanford-Yang]



Off-shell degrees of freedom: boundary “wiggles”

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} \sqrt{h} \phi (K - 1) \rightarrow \int du \left\{ \tan \frac{\tau(u)}{2}, u \right\}$$

$$Z_{\text{disk}} = \int \frac{d\mu(\tau)}{SL(2, \mathbb{R})} \exp \left[-\gamma \int du \left\{ \tan \frac{\tau(u)}{2}, u \right\} \right] = \left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right]^{3/2} e^{\frac{2\pi^2 \gamma}{\beta}}$$

One loop exact [Stanford-Witten]

Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity

Higher topologies also contribute, weighted by $\chi(\mathcal{M}) = 2g + n - 2$

[Saad-Shenker-Stanford]

$$Z(\beta) = \text{[Diagram: Disk with boundary]} + \text{[Diagram: Trumpet with boundary and handle]} + \text{[Diagram: Trumpet with boundary and two handles]} + \dots$$

$$e^{S_0} \left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right]^{3/2} e^{\frac{2\pi^2 \gamma}{\beta}} + \sum_g e^{-S_0(2g-1)} \int_0^\infty b db V_{g,1}(b) Z^{\text{trumpet}}(\beta, b)$$

Volume of moduli space of bordered Riemann surfaces

$\left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right]^{1/2} e^{-\frac{\gamma b^2}{2\beta}}$

integral over wiggles one loop exact

Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity

Works similarly for n boundaries $Z(\beta_1) \dots Z(\beta_n) \rightarrow V_{g,n}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$

$V_{g,n}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ satisfy a recursion relation [\[Mirzakhani\]](#)

Related to genus expansion in matrix integrals [\[Eynard-Orantin\]](#)

JT gravity is a matrix integral [\[Saad-Shenker-Stanford\]](#)

$$[Z(\beta)]_{\text{JT gravity}} \simeq \int dH e^{-V(H)} \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H}]$$

In the genus expansion
and in the double scaling limit
(large matrix, zoomed to
the bottom of the spectrum)

Explains factorization puzzle

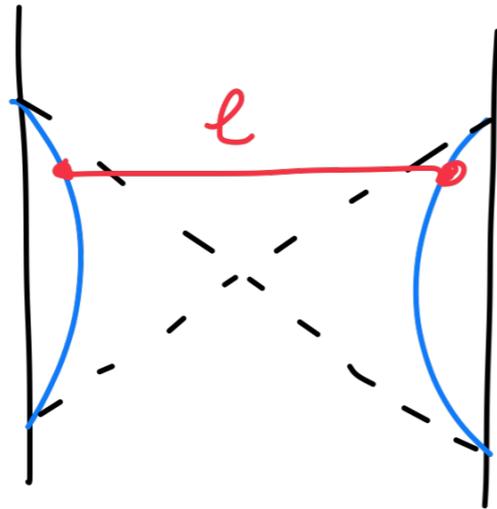
$$[Z^2]_{\text{gravity}} \neq [Z]_{\text{gravity}}^2$$

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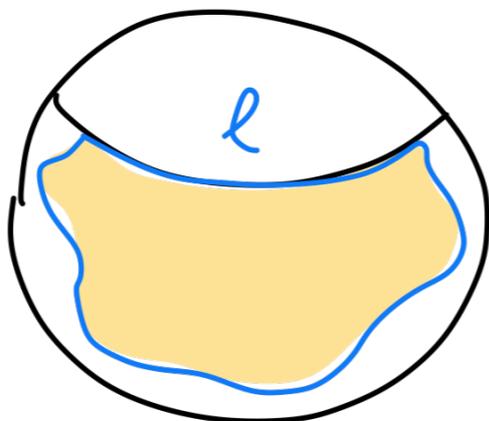
Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Classical volume



$$\ell_{\text{ren}} = 2 \log \left(2 \cosh \left[\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t \right] \right) \approx \frac{4\pi}{\beta} t$$

Quantum volume (perturbative): using HH wave function [\[Yang, Harlow-Jafferis\]](#)

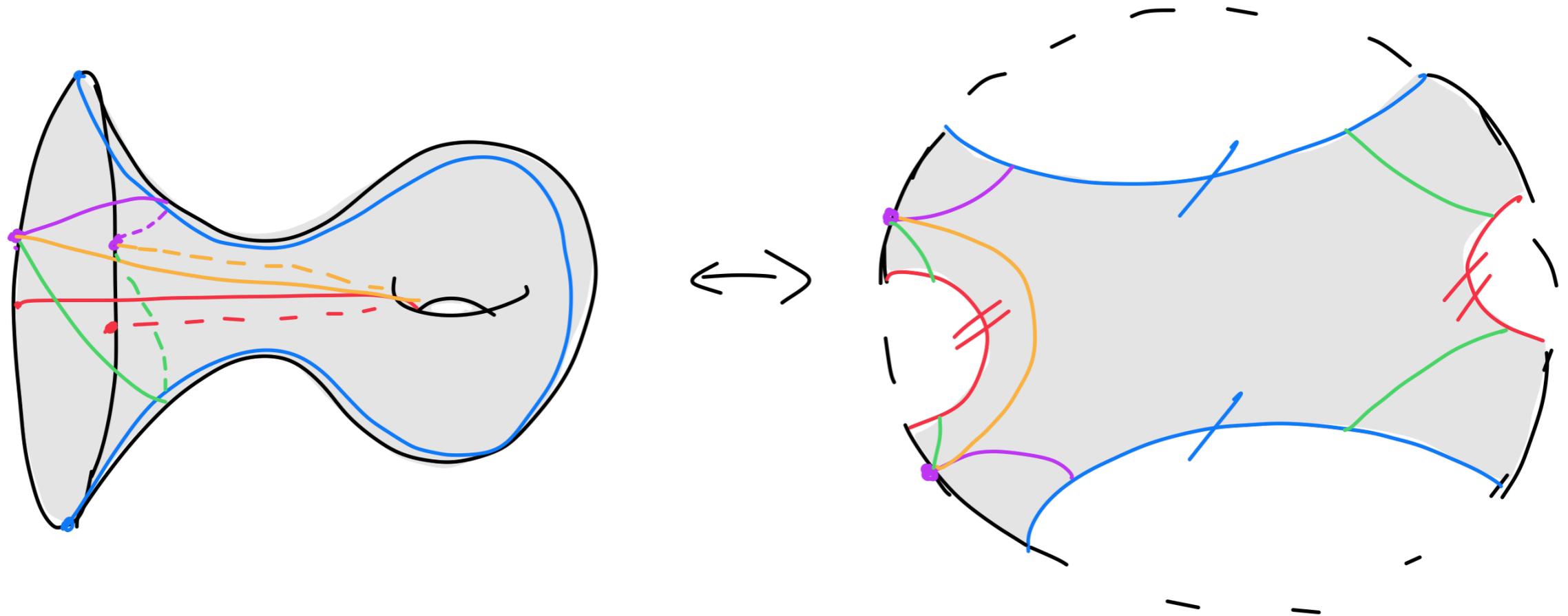
$$\psi_{\beta/2}^{\text{Disk}}(\ell) = \int_0^\infty dE \rho_0(E) e^{-\beta E/2} [4e^{-\ell/2} K_{i\sqrt{8E}}(4e^{-\ell/2})]$$


$$\langle \ell \rangle = \frac{e^{-S_0}}{Z_{\text{disk}}} \int e^\ell d\ell |\psi_{\frac{\beta}{2}+it}^{\text{Disk}}(\ell)|^2 \ell$$

Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Non-perturbative quantum volume:

Challenge: infinite number of extremal geodesics on higher genus surfaces



**Taking minimal geodesic on each surface is not an option:
we want to continue to Lorentzian!
Euclidean minimal geodesic changes abruptly:
leads to non-analiticity**

Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Non-perturbative quantum volume:

Challenge: infinite number of extremal geodesics on higher genus surfaces

Instead: average over a well defined set of extremal geodesics

$$\langle \ell \rangle \equiv \sum_g e^{S_0(1-2g)} \sum_\gamma \langle \ell_\gamma \rangle_{\text{wiggles \& moduli space}}$$

Divergent!

Natural regularization:

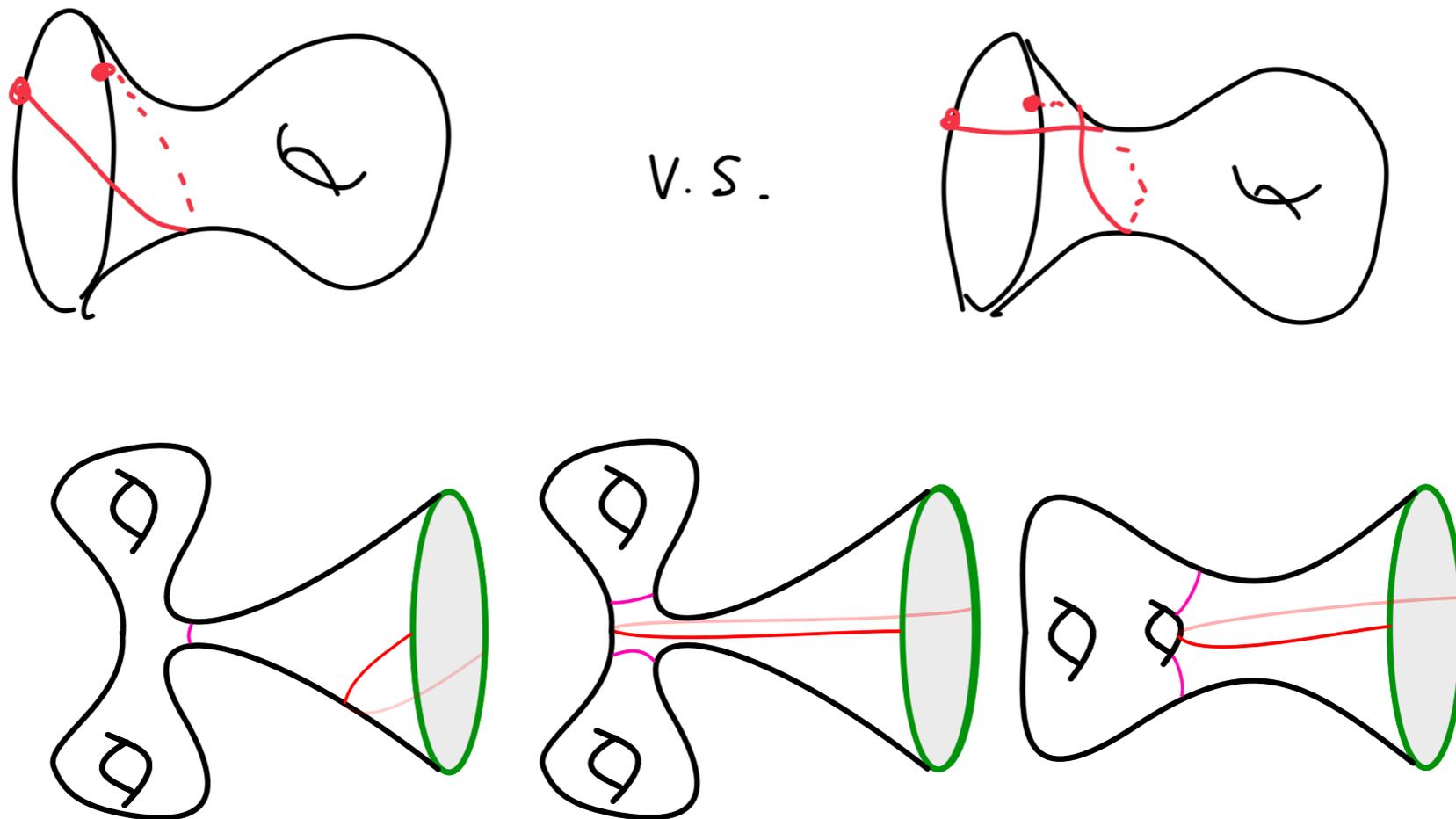
$$\langle \ell \rangle \equiv - \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{d\Delta} \sum_g e^{S_0(1-2g)} \sum_\gamma \langle e^{-\Delta \ell_\gamma} \rangle_{\text{wiggles \& moduli space}}$$

If all geodesics are summed: two point function [\[Saad\]](#)

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Non-perturbative quantum volume:

We choose to sum only non-self intersecting geodesics, so that a **state can live on the slice defined by the geodesic**



Also technically simpler: cutting along the geodesic we can evaluate $\langle e^{-\Delta \ell} \rangle$ by integrating against the respective HH wave functions, just like for the disk

Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Result:

$$\langle \ell(t) \rangle = -\frac{e^{-S_0}}{4\pi^2 Z_{\text{disk}}(\beta)} \int_0^\infty dE_1 dE_2 \langle \rho(E_1) \rho(E_2) \rangle M(E_1, E_2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta(E_1 + E_2) - i(E_1 - E_2)t}$$

$$M(E_1, E_2) = \frac{8\pi^4 \text{csch} \left(\sqrt{2}\pi \left(\sqrt{E_1} - \sqrt{E_2} \right) \right) \text{csch} \left(\sqrt{2}\pi \left(\sqrt{E_1} + \sqrt{E_2} \right) \right)}{E_1 - E_2}$$

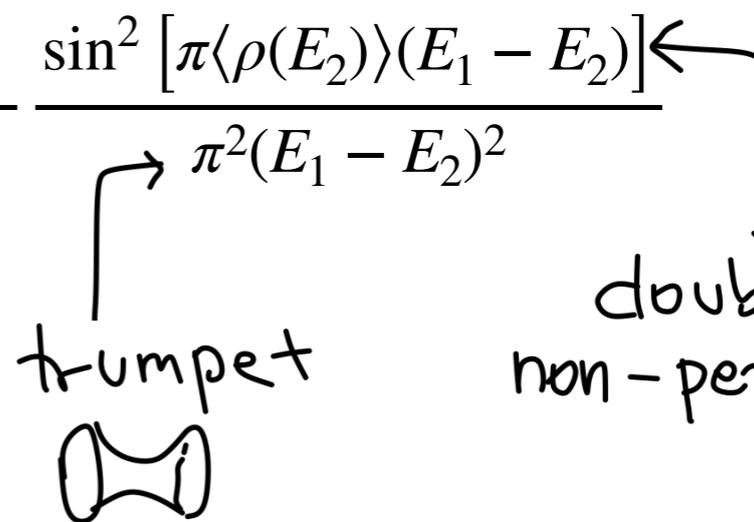
$$\propto \frac{1}{(E_1 - E_2)^2}$$

In matrix integrals, universally:

$$\langle \rho(E_1) \rho(E_2) \rangle = \langle \rho(E_1) \rangle \langle \rho(E_2) \rangle + \langle \rho(E_1) \rangle \delta(E_1 - E_2) - \frac{\sin^2 \left[\pi \langle \rho(E_2) \rangle (E_1 - E_2) \right]}{\pi^2 (E_1 - E_2)^2}$$

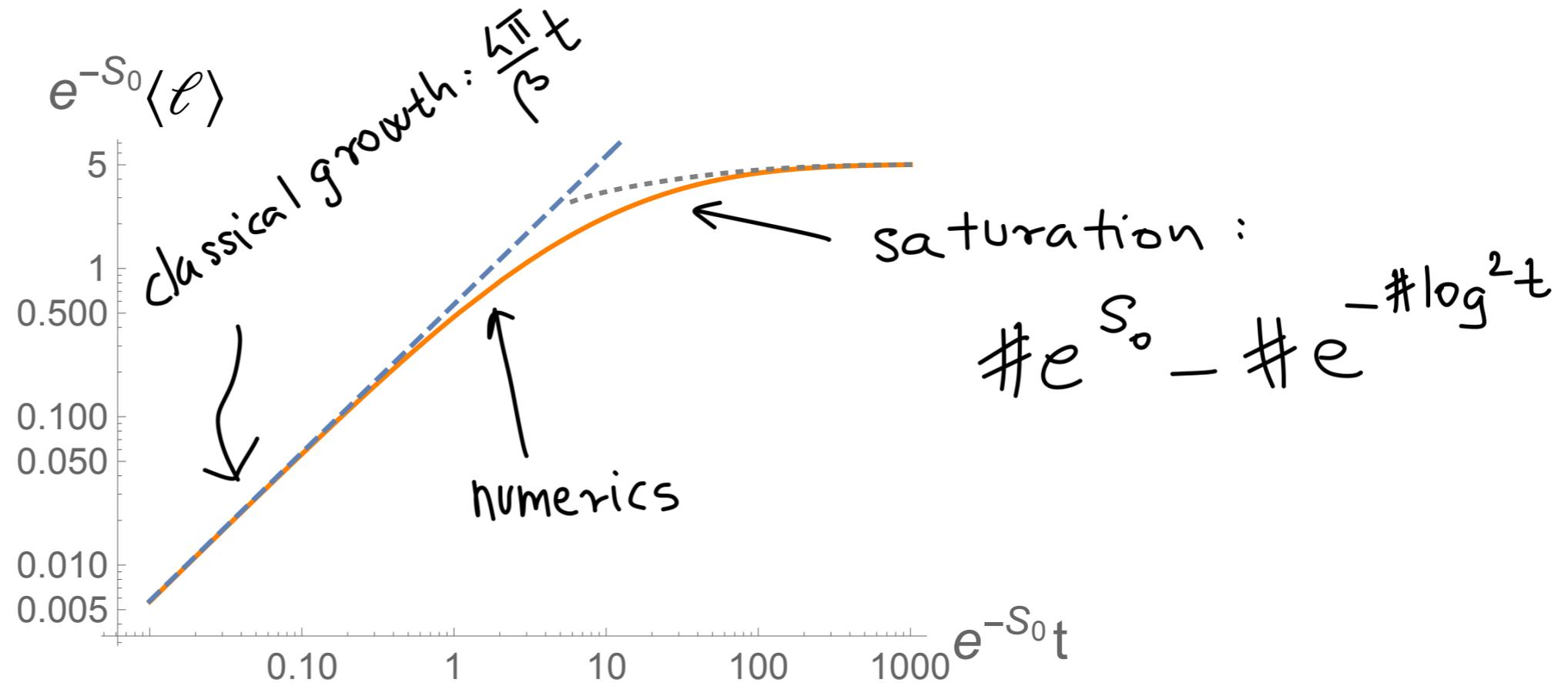


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divergence
(Δ regulated)

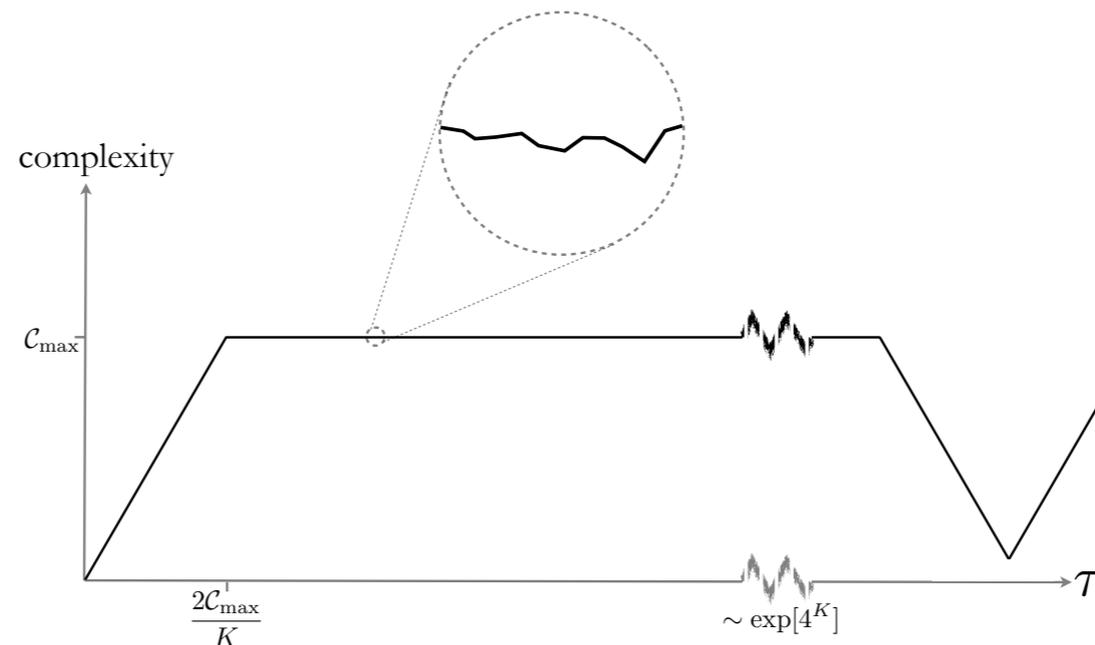


doubly
non-perturbative

Volume of the interior in JT gravity



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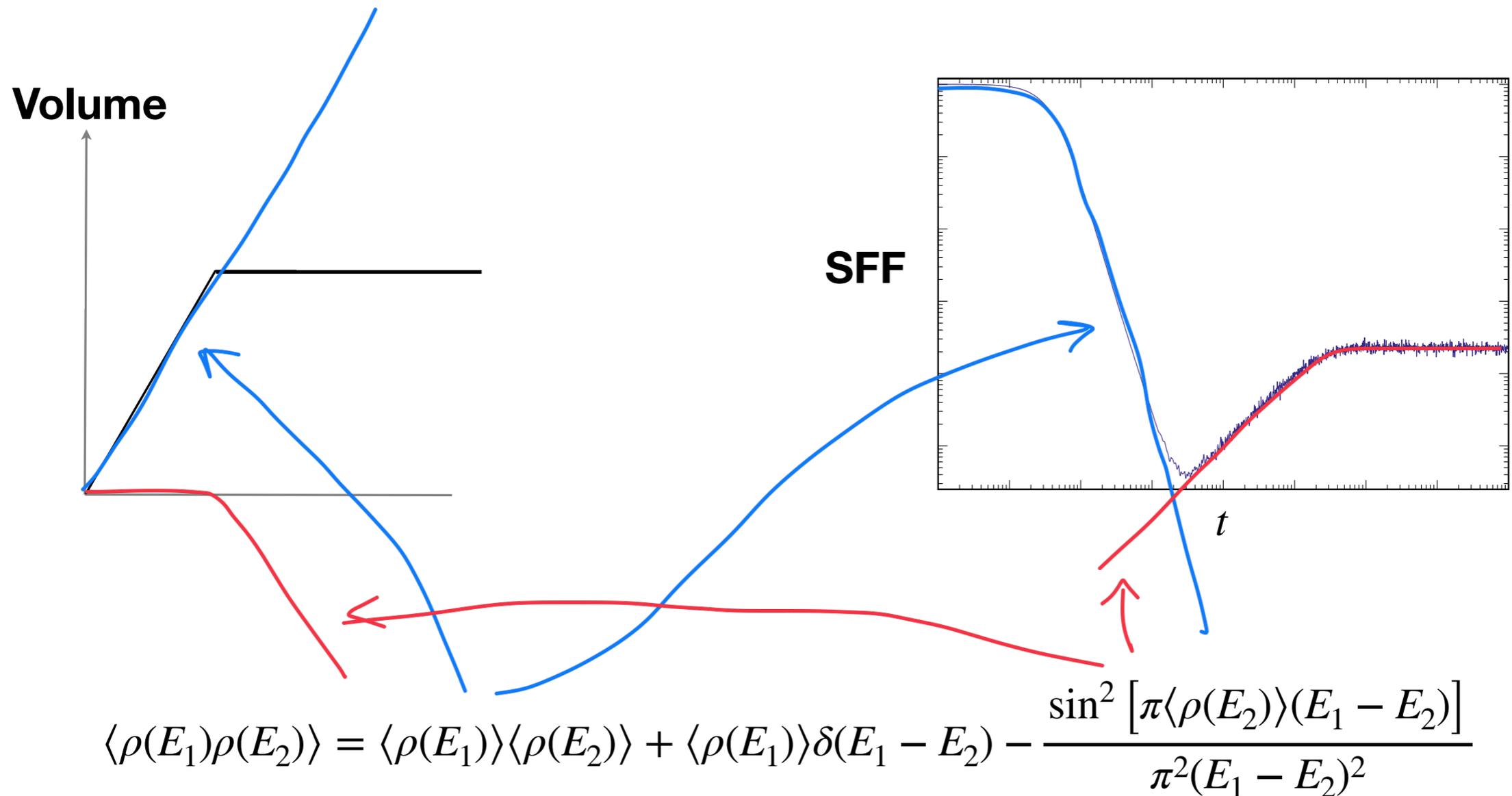


Comments

Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Very similar quantity: spectral form factor $\overline{Z(\beta - it)Z(\beta + it)} \equiv \mathbf{SFF}(t)$

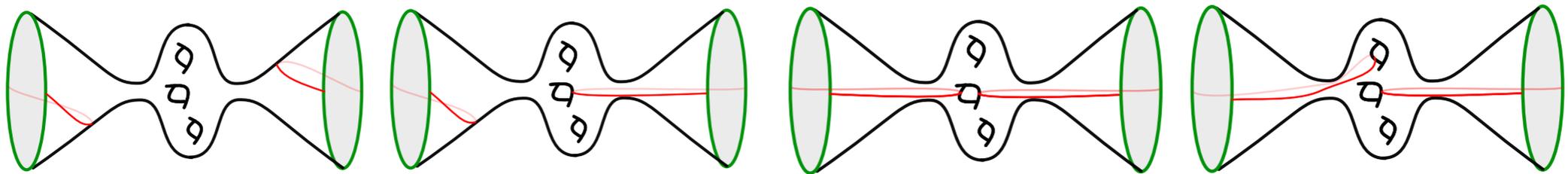
$$\int_0^\infty dE_1 dE_2 \langle \rho(E_1) \rho(E_2) \rangle e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta(E_1 + E_2) - i(E_1 - E_2)t} \times \begin{cases} M(E_1, E_2) & \text{for } \langle \ell(t) \rangle \\ 1 & \text{for } \mathbf{SFF}(t) \end{cases}$$



Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Noise on volume plateau: absent because JT gravity is an ensemble average

Need to calculate $\overline{\langle \ell(t) \rangle^2}$ to quantify noise

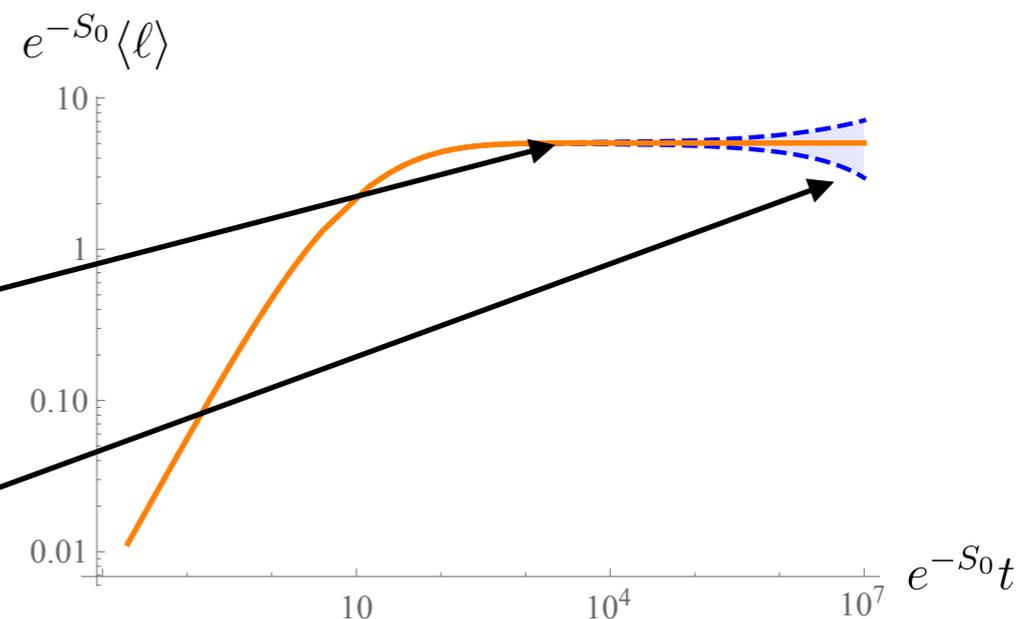


Geodesic cuts will introduce at most four boundaries: depends on $\langle \rho\rho\rho\rho \rangle$

Result: $\sigma_\ell \equiv \sqrt{[\ell - \bar{\ell}]^2} \propto \sqrt{t}$ for $t \gg e^{S_0}$

$$\frac{\sigma_\ell}{\ell} \propto e^{-S_0/2} \text{ for } t \propto e^{S_0}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_\ell}{\ell} \propto O(1) \text{ for } t \propto e^{2S_0}$$

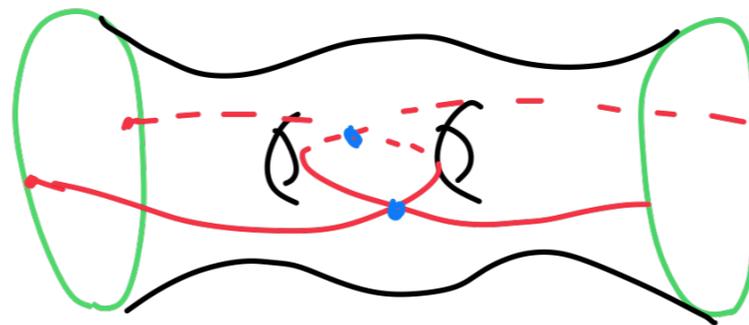


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$$\sigma_\ell \propto \sqrt{t} \text{ for } t \gg e^{S_0}$$

Comments:

- For complexity, one would expect the noise not to change on the plateau
- The calculation suggests the noise is highly non-Gaussian, contrary to the spectral form factor
- Are we calculating the variance right?
E.g. we omit intersecting geodesics



Summary

Defined regularized non-perturbative volume in JT gravity

Showed that it saturates at $t \propto e^{S_0}$, which is expected from complexity

Result is similar to SFF, but the origin of “ramp” and plateau are different

Questions

Doubly non-perturbative effects are needed for volume saturation

Further: truncating genus expansion at any finite order gives wrong

approximation — **How to understand the geometric origin of the saturation?**

The final formula makes sense in any matrix integral, can also be derived

for more general dilaton potential (with methods of [\[Maxfield-Turiaci,Witten\]](#))

call it **spectral complexity** — can it match some definition of complexity?

Late time variance larger than expected, and not equilibrating

Higher dimensions: is the spectral density 2pt function still in control?