

Title: Hamiltonian simulation meets holographic duality

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Abstract: "Analogue" Hamiltonian simulation involves engineering a Hamiltonian of interest in the laboratory and studying its properties experimentally.

Large-scale Hamiltonian simulation experiments have been carried out in optical lattices, ion traps and other systems for two decades. Despite this, the theoretical basis for Hamiltonian simulation is surprisingly sparse. Even a precise definition of what it means to simulate a Hamiltonian was lacking.

AdS/CFT duality postulates that quantum gravity in a d-dimensional anti-de-Sitter bulk space is equivalent to a strongly interacting field theory on its d-1 dimensional boundary. Recently, connections between AdS/CFT duality and quantum error-correcting codes have led (amongst other things) to tensor network toy models that capture important aspects of this holographic duality. However, these toy models struggle to encompass dualities between bulk and boundary energy scales and dynamics.

On the face of it, these two topics seem to have nothing whatsoever to do with one another.

In my talk, I will explain how we put analogue Hamiltonian simulation on a rigorous theoretical footing, by drawing on techniques from Hamiltonian complexity theory and Jordan algebras. I will show how this proved far more fruitful than a mere mathematical tidying-up exercise, leading to the discovery of universal quantum Hamiltonians [Science, 351:6 278, p.1180, 2016], [Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 115:38 p.9497, 2018]. And I will explain how this new Hamiltonian simulation formalism, together with hyperbolic Coxeter groups, allowed us to extend the toy models of AdS/CFT to encompass energy scales, dynamics, and even (toy models of) black hole formation [arXiv:1810.08992].

Hamiltonian Simulation meets Holographic Duality

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TC, Ashley Montanaro, Stephen Piddock
PNAS 115:38, p. 9497 (2018); arXiv: 1701.05182

Tamara Kohler & TC
J. High Energy Phys. (to appear); arXiv: 1810:08992

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Talk Outline

- Hamiltonian simulation
 - What is H. simulation?
 - Jordan homomorphisms
 - Universal Hamiltonians
- Holographic duality
 - Holographic q. error-correcting codes
 - Hyperbolic Coxeter groups
 - Toy models of AdS/CFT

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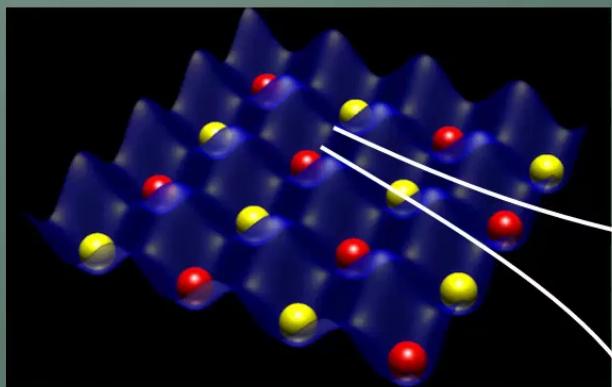


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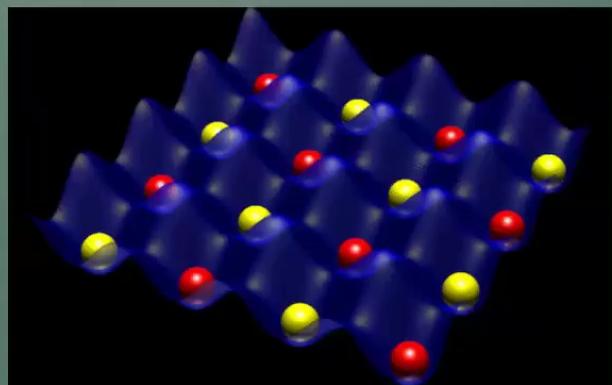
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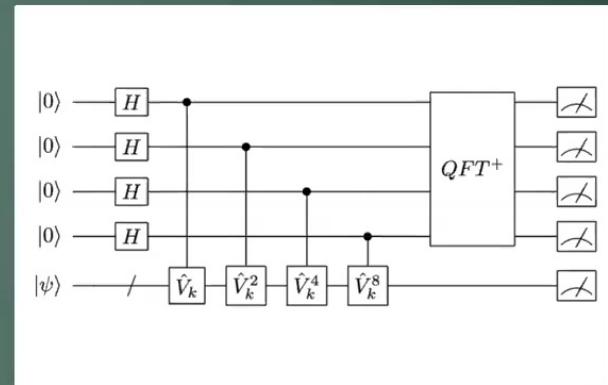
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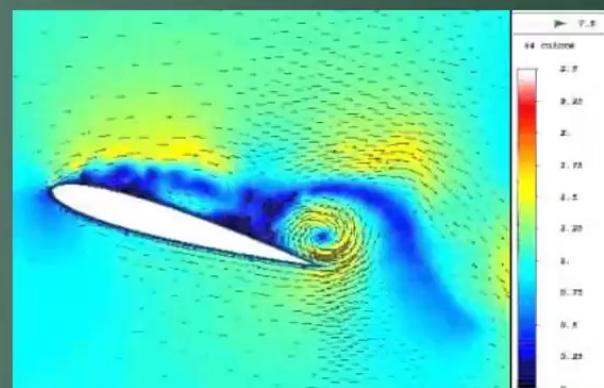
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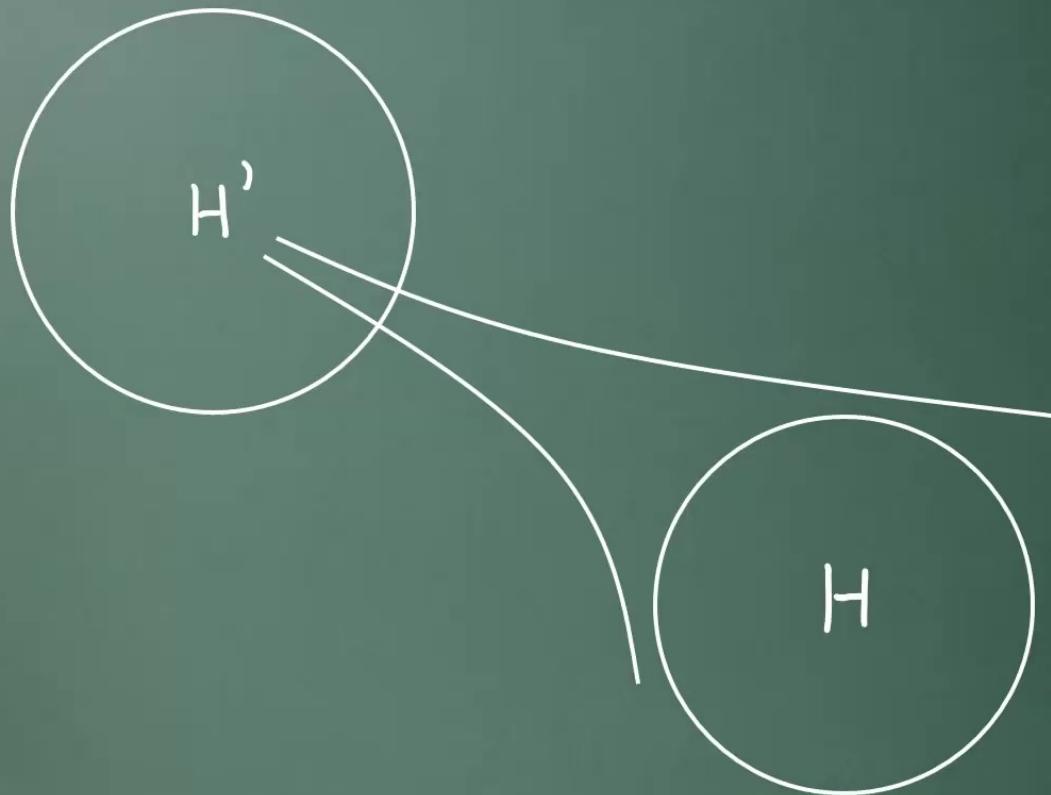


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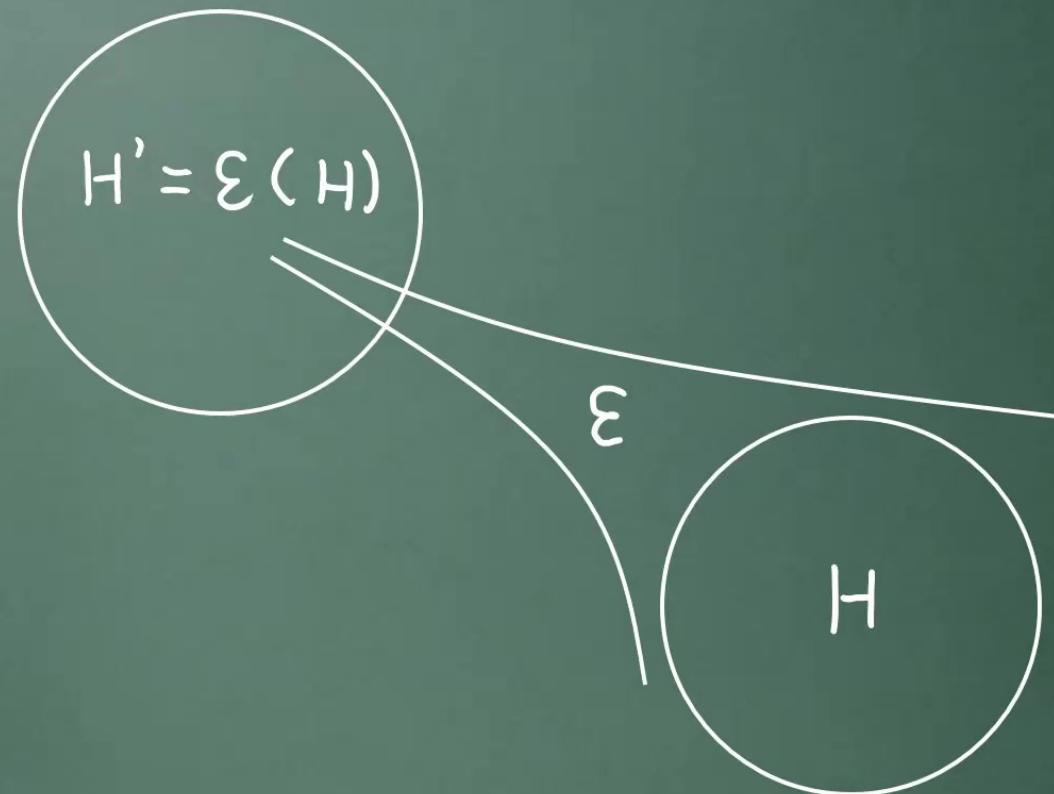


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What is Hamiltonian Simulation?

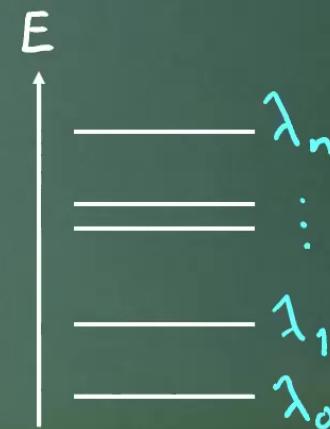


What is Hamiltonian Simulation?



What properties should $H' = \Sigma(H)$ reproduce to simulate entire physics of H ?

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What properties should $H' = \varepsilon(H)$ reproduce to simulate entire physics of H ?

- All energy levels: $\text{spec}(H') = \text{spec}(H)$
- All measurement outcomes

$$\text{tr}(\mathcal{O}' \rho') = \text{tr}(\mathcal{O} \rho)$$

$$\mathcal{O}' = \varepsilon(\mathcal{O}), \quad \rho' = \varepsilon(\rho)$$

(Observables \mathcal{O} & density matrices ρ are Hermitian, so $\varepsilon(\mathcal{O})$ & $\varepsilon(\rho)$ make sense.)

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- All energy levels: $\text{spec}(H') = \text{spec}(H)$
- All measurement outcomes
- Time evolution
- Partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{H'}(\beta) &= \text{tr}(e^{-\beta H'}) \\ &= c \text{tr}(e^{-\beta H}) = c Z_H(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

(up to some constant c)

What properties should $H' = \Sigma(h)$ reproduce to simulate entire physics of H ?

- All energy levels: $\text{spec}(H') = \text{spec}(H)$
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- Local interactions:

$$H = \sum_i \alpha_i h_i \Rightarrow H' = \sum_i \alpha_i \Sigma(h_i)$$

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- Errors & noise

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- Must be a Hamiltonian! $H'^+ = H'$
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$$= U \begin{pmatrix} & & p \text{ copies} & & \\ & H & \dots & H & \\ & & & & 0 \\ & & & & 0 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & q \text{ copies} \\ & & & H^* & \dots & H^* \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger$$

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Thm

$\Sigma: \text{Herm}_n \rightarrow \text{Herm}_m$. Following are equiv:

(i) $\Sigma(H)^+ = \Sigma(H)$

$$\text{spec}(\Sigma(H)) = \text{spec}(H)$$

$$\Sigma(pH_1 + (1-p)H_2) = p\Sigma(H_1) + (1-p)\Sigma(H_2)$$

(ii) \exists unique extension $\Sigma': M_n \rightarrow M_m$ s.t.

$$\Sigma'(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$\Sigma'(A^+) = \Sigma'(A)^+$$

$$\Sigma'(A+B) = \Sigma'(A) + \Sigma'(B)$$

$$\Sigma'(AB) = \Sigma'(A)\Sigma'(B)$$

$$\Sigma'(xA) = x\Sigma'(A), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(iii) $\Sigma'(A) = U(A^{\oplus p} \oplus A^{* \oplus q})U^+$

Def. (special) Jordan algebra J_n

M_n with multiplication replaced by
Jordan product: $A \circ B = AB + BA$

E.g. Herm_n , $A \circ B = AB + BA$

Def. Jordan homomorphism

$$\phi: J_n \rightarrow J_m'$$

$$\phi(A + B) = \phi(A) + \phi(B)$$

$$\phi(A \circ B) = \phi(A) \circ \phi(B)$$

Thm 1 [Jacobson & Rikart '52; Martindale '67]

$\forall n \geq 2$, Jordan homomorphism $\phi: J_n \rightarrow J_m$

\exists unique extension to homomorphism

$\phi': M_n \rightarrow M_m$.

Thm 2

$\varepsilon: Herm_n \rightarrow Herm_m$

$\varepsilon(1L) = 1L$

$spec(\varepsilon(H)) = spec(H)$

$\varepsilon(xH) = x(H), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow \varepsilon$ is Jordan homomorphism

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

- spectrum-preserving $\Rightarrow \varepsilon(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1}, \varepsilon(0) = 0$
+ convexity $\Rightarrow \varepsilon(xH) = x\varepsilon(H), x \in \mathbb{R}.$
- Thm 2 $\Rightarrow \varepsilon$ Jordan homomorphism.
- Thm 1 $\Rightarrow \varepsilon'$ algebra homomorphism
 $\Rightarrow \varepsilon(AB) = \varepsilon(A)\varepsilon(B).$
- Show remaining properties all lift from Herm_n to M_n .
(Only slightly tricky one is
 $\varepsilon(i\mathbb{1})^+ = -\varepsilon(i\mathbb{1})$)

Proof: (ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

- Complex structure $J := \Sigma(i\mathbb{1})$
 $J^2 = \Sigma(i\mathbb{1})^2 = \Sigma((i\mathbb{1})^2) = \Sigma(-\mathbb{1}) = -\mathbb{1}$
 $\Rightarrow J$ has eigenvalues $\pm i$.
- $[J, \Sigma(A)] = \Sigma([i\mathbb{1}, A]) = \Sigma(0) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{H}_+ \oplus \mathcal{H}_-, \quad \Sigma(J) = i\mathbb{1} \oplus (-i\mathbb{1}).$
- $\Sigma(AB)|_{\pm} = \Sigma(A)|_{\pm} \Sigma(B)|_{\pm}$
 $\Sigma(A^{\dagger})|_{\pm} = \Sigma(A)^{\dagger}|_{\pm}$
 $\Sigma(iA)|_{\pm} = (J \cdot \Sigma(A))|_{\pm} = \pm i A'_{\pm}$
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma(\cdot)|_{\pm}$ is an (anti)-*-homomorphism.
- $\Sigma(A) = U(A^{op} \oplus A^* \oplus q)U^*$ by standard C*-algebra representation theory.

Physical Simulation

Real Hamiltonian simulations:

- will never be perfect
→ account for approximation errors
- need to be efficient
→ account for simulation overhead
- should preserve locality
- might simulate only within a subspace
(e.g. low-energy subspace)

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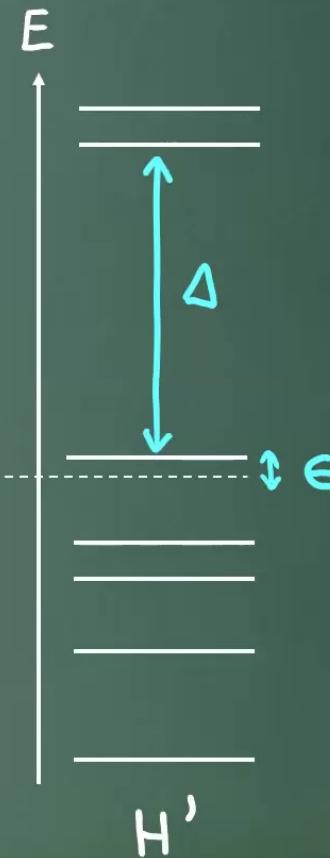
$$\| H'|_{\leq \Delta} - \tilde{\Sigma}(H) \| \leq \epsilon$$

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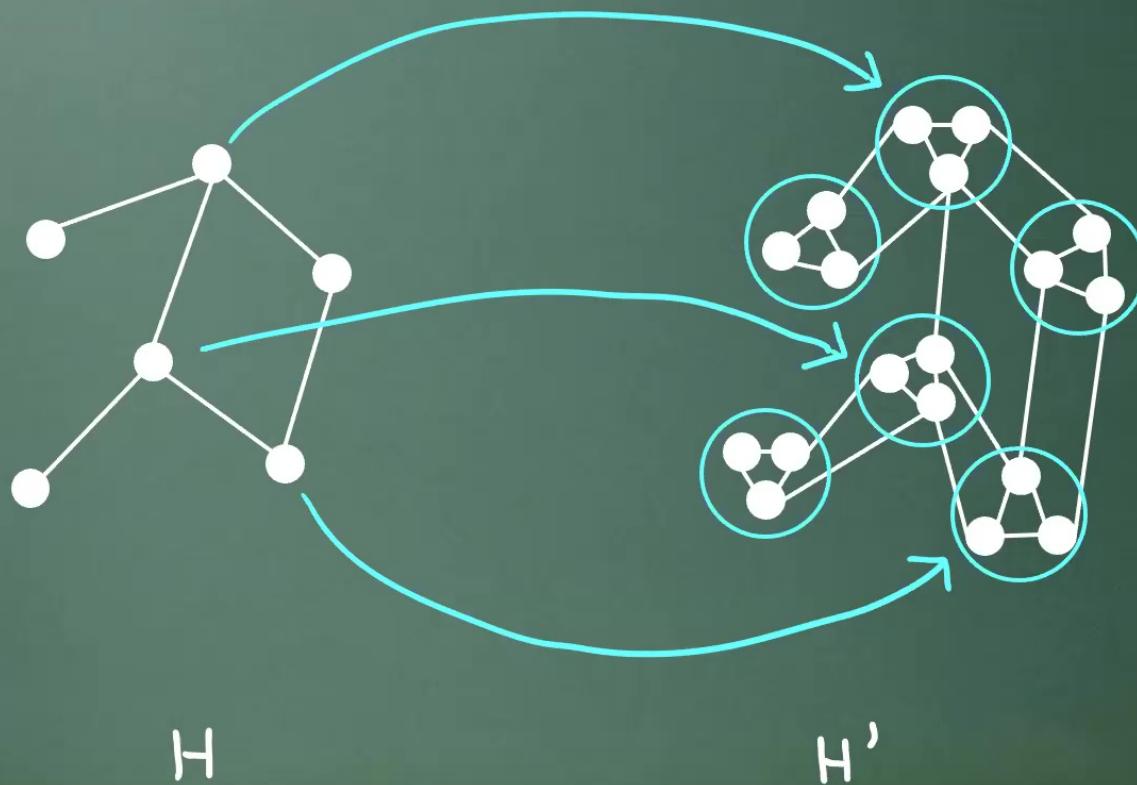
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- Partition function: $Z_{H'} = cZ_H + O(e^{-\Delta} + \epsilon)$
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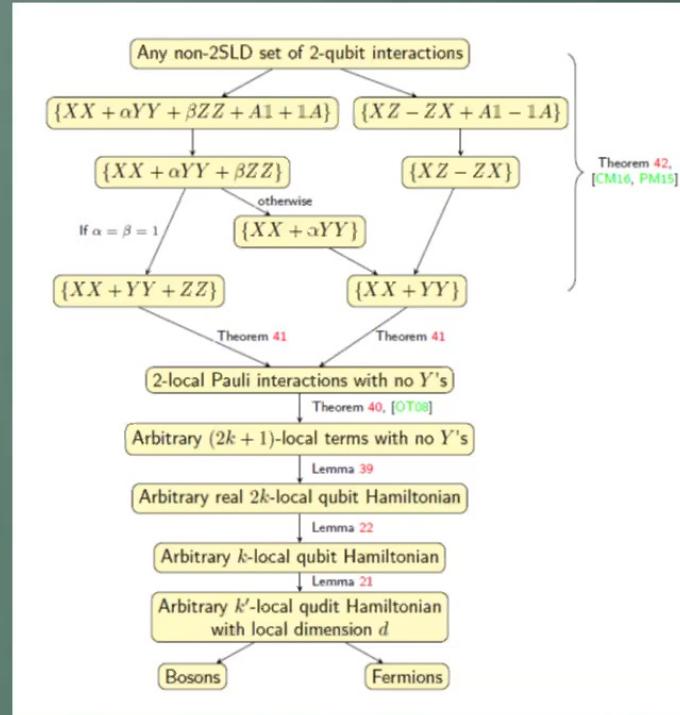
Do there exist "universal"
quantum Hamiltonians ?

Able to simulate:

- all physical properties
- of any other many-body model
- to any desired accuracy

(≠ universality classes in cond-mat.)

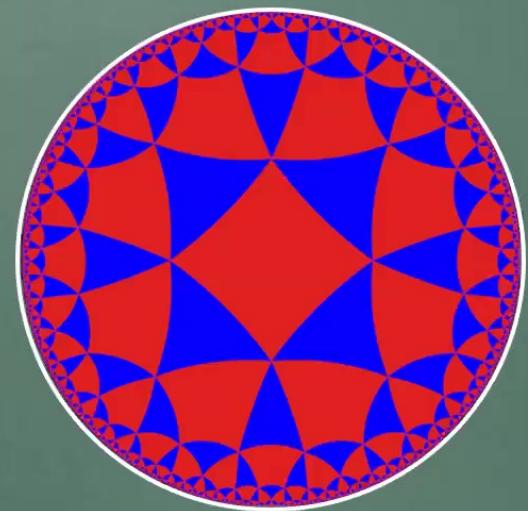
Proof idea: "Perturbative Gadgets"



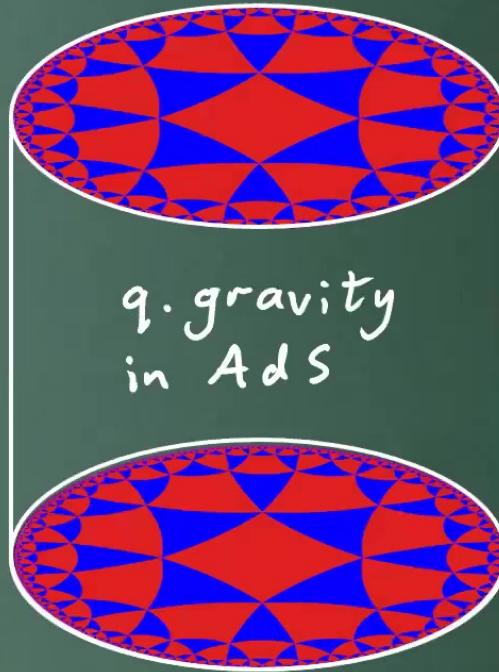
Cor: Half of H. complexity theory
+ many new results

Talk Outline

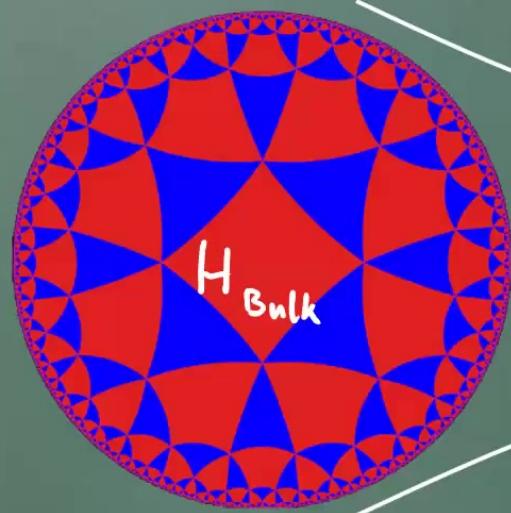
- Hamiltonian simulation
 - What is H. simulation?
 - Jordan homomorphisms
 - Universal Hamiltonians
- Holographic duality
 - Holographic q. error-correcting codes
 - Hyperbolic Coxeter groups
 - Toy models of AdS/CFT



CFT



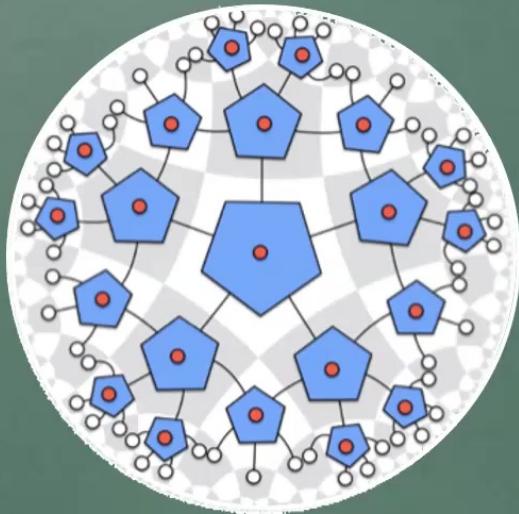
q.gravity
in AdS

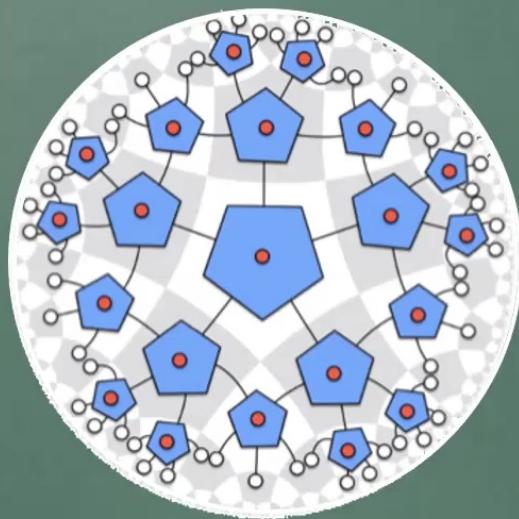


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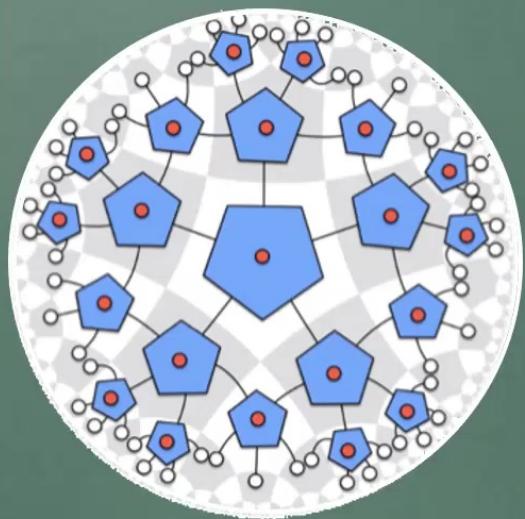
[HaPPY, 2015] :

- Tensor network construction of holographic q-error correcting code.
- Toy model exhibiting many non-trivial qualitative features of AdS/CFT duality.

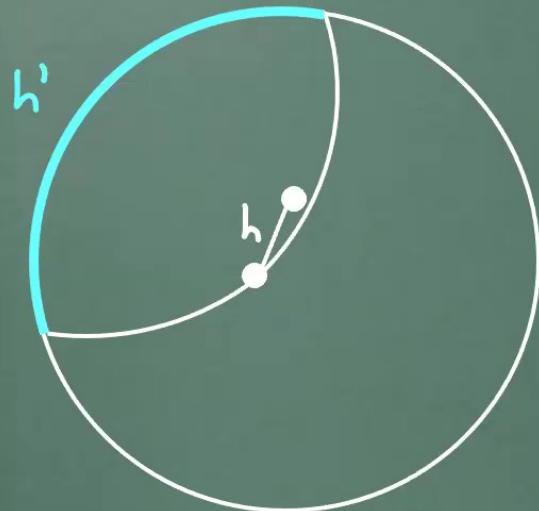




- Tensor network
→ encoding isometry V
for QECC:
 $A_{\text{bound.}} = V A_{\text{Bulk}} V^\dagger$
- Cf. Def. encoding in
a subspace:
 $A' = V (A^{\otimes p} \oplus A^{*\otimes q}) V^\dagger$
→ QECCs are encodings
with $p=1, q=0$.
- $H_{\text{bound}} = V H_{\text{Bulk}} V^\dagger + \Delta \sum_s h_s$
→ $(\Delta, 0, 0)$ -simulation.

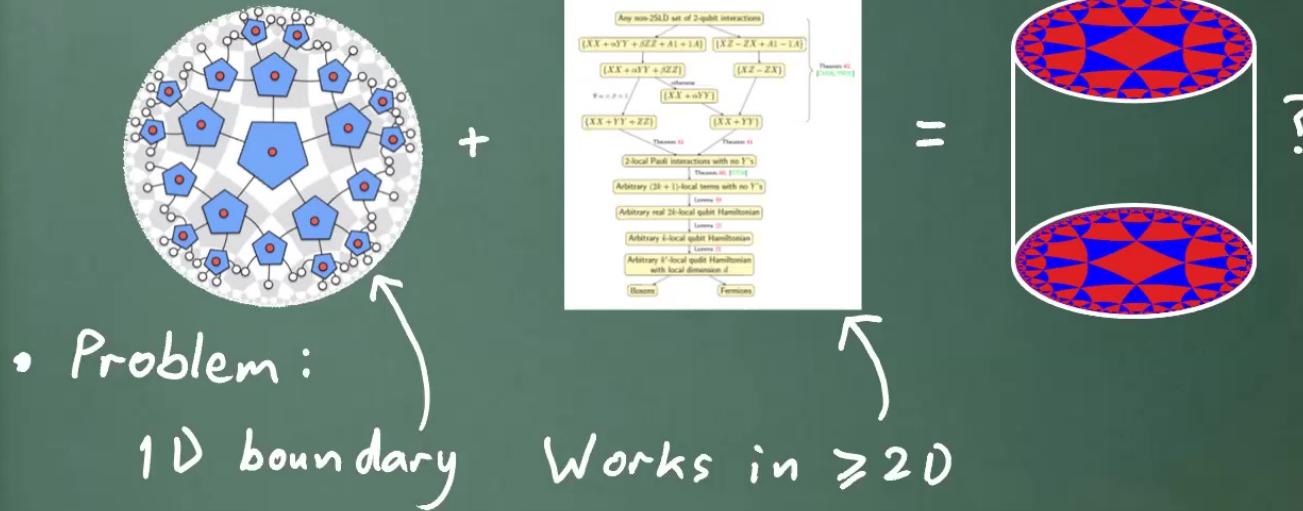


- Holographic error correcting codes give toy model of duality between bulk & boundary states & observables.
- But AdS/CFT is also a duality between models (= local Hamiltonians for toy model).

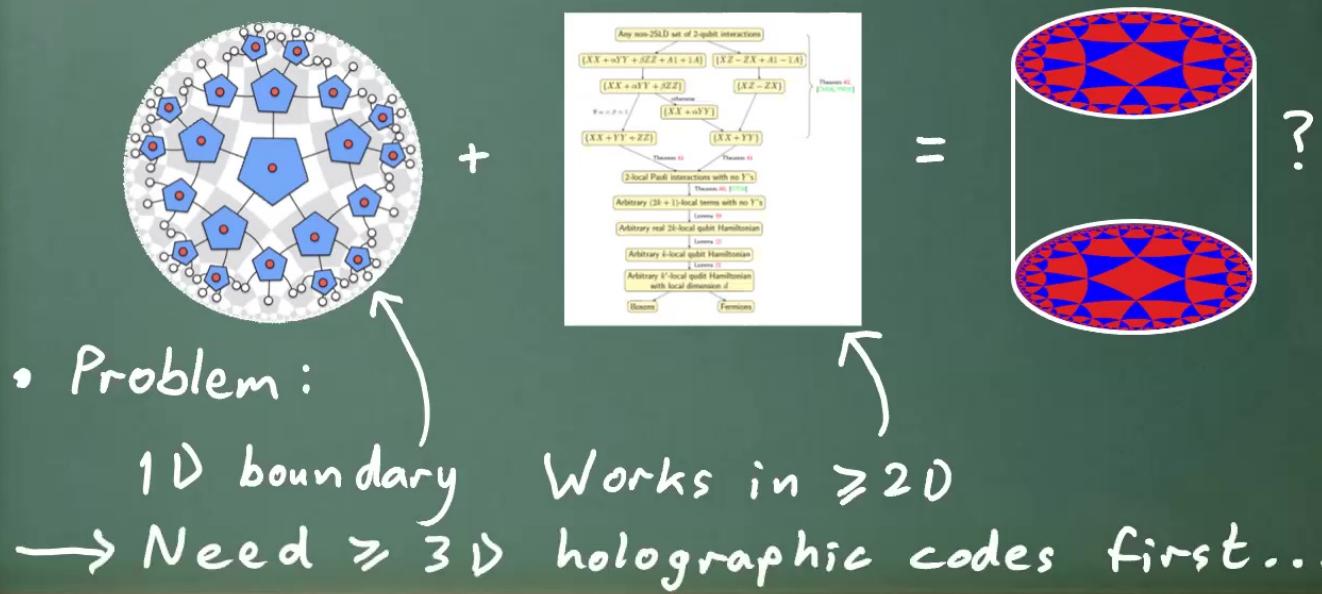


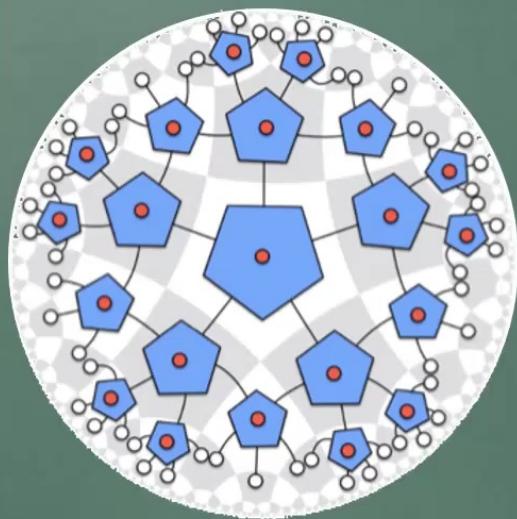
- What if we map local bulk Hamiltonians to boundary?
→ non-local Hamiltonian
- Holographic codes give good toy AdS/CFT for states & observables, but not for models (Hamiltonians, energy scales, dynamics).

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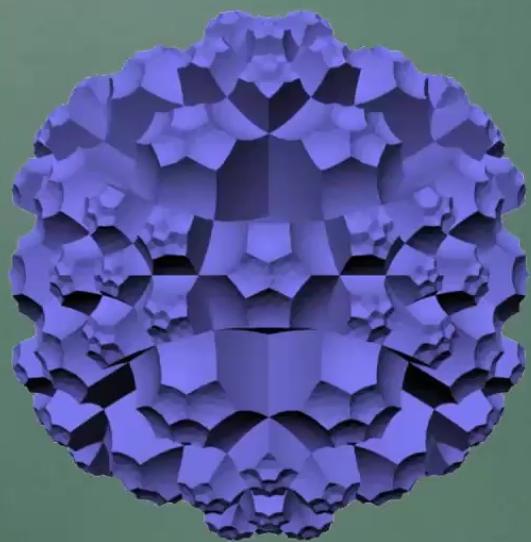




Tessellation of IH_2
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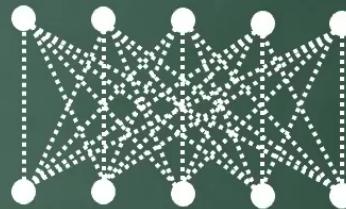
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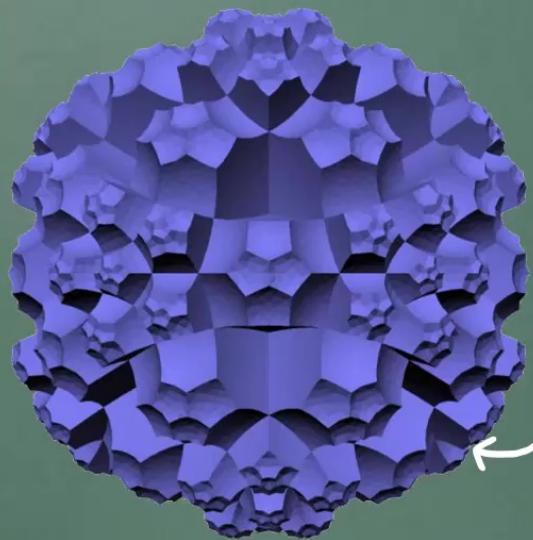


Tessellation of IH_3
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dodecahedra

Coxeter
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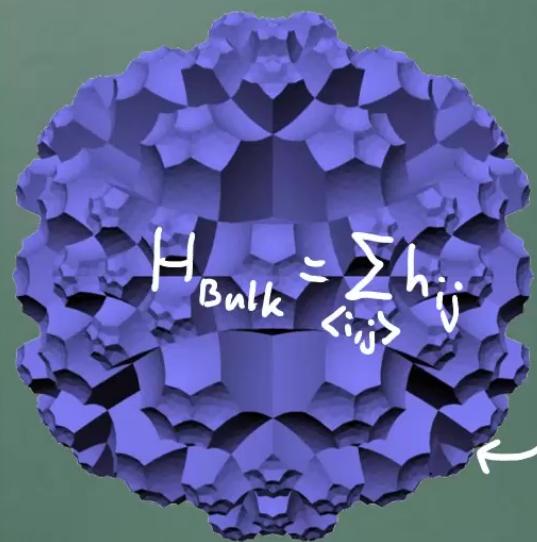


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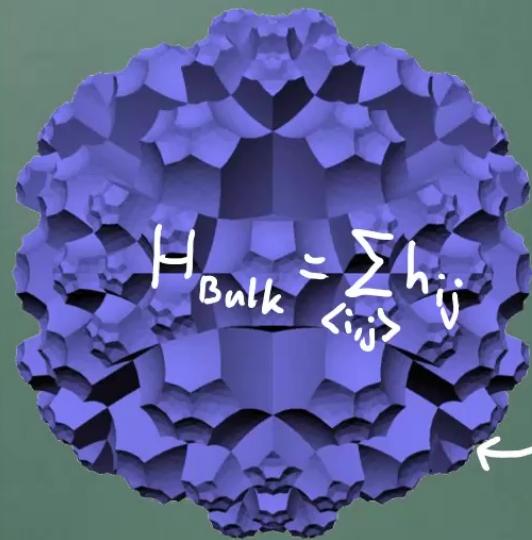


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H' is $(\Delta_s, 0, 0)$ -simulation of H_{Bulk} ,
but both $V h_{ij} V^\dagger$ & $V h_s V^\dagger$ non-local.

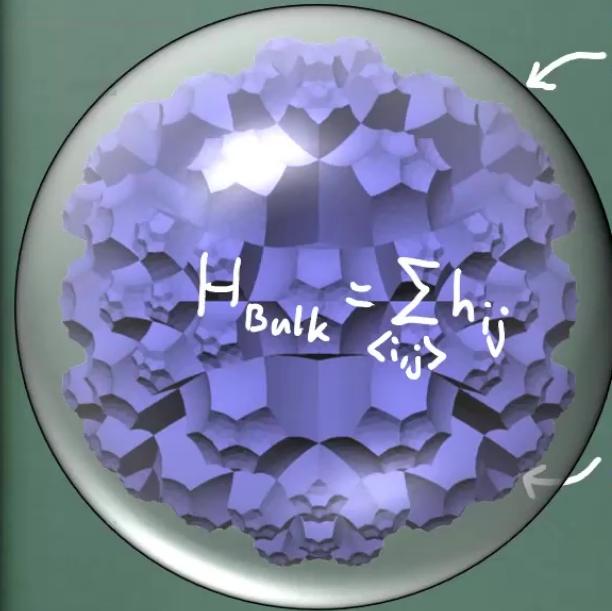
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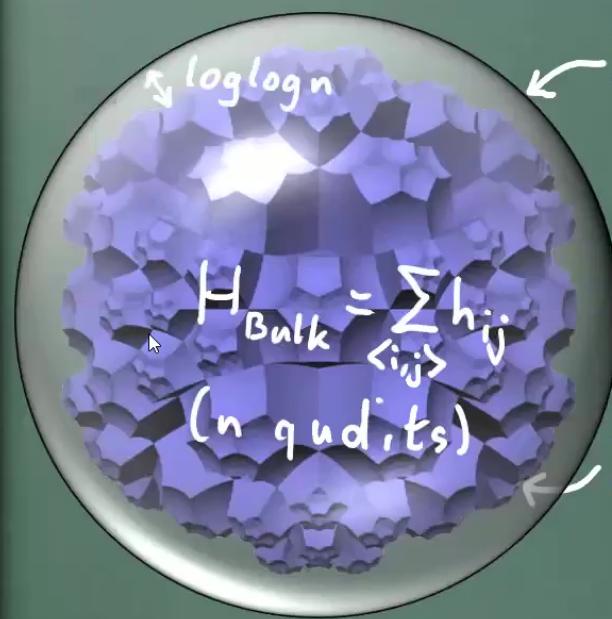
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$O(n \log^4 n)$ qubits

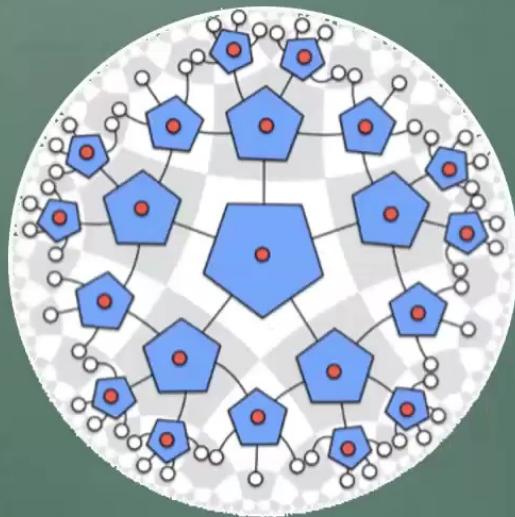
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→ same physics ($\varepsilon, \eta \downarrow 0$ as $\Delta_L \rightarrow \infty$)

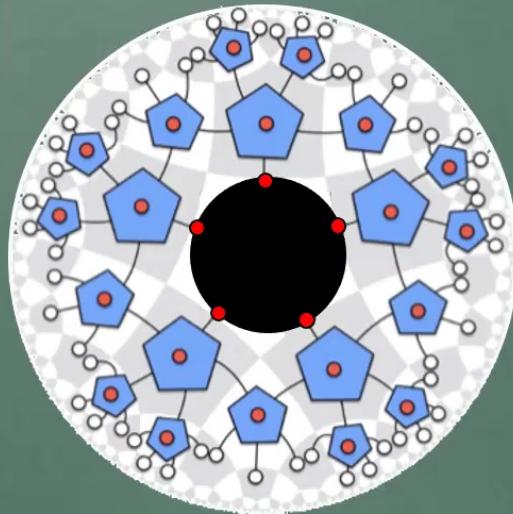
$V_{n,c} :=$ encoding isometry
for tensor network
corresponding to $\mathcal{H}_{n,c}$

$$U := \bigoplus_n \bigoplus_c V_{n,c}$$



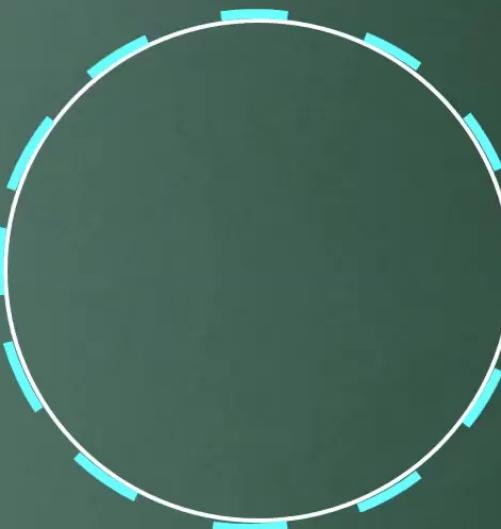
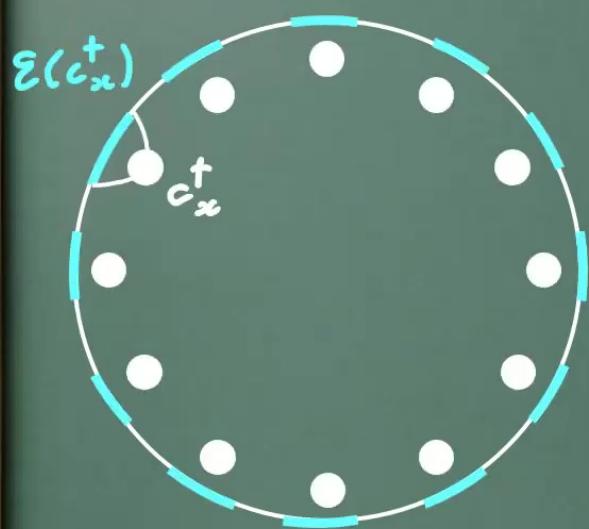
Toy model of black hole
[HaPPY 2015]:

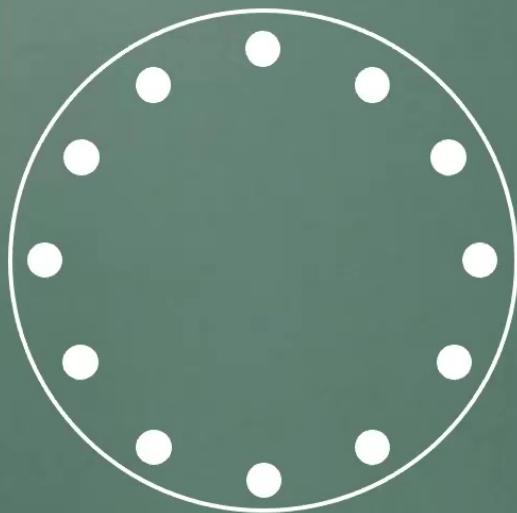
- New free tensor indices on boundary of hole = internal black hole d.o.f.
- # dof scale with surface area of hole \approx Bekenstein-Hawking
- New: black hole states have high energy $\geq \Delta_s$ w.r.t. H_{bound}





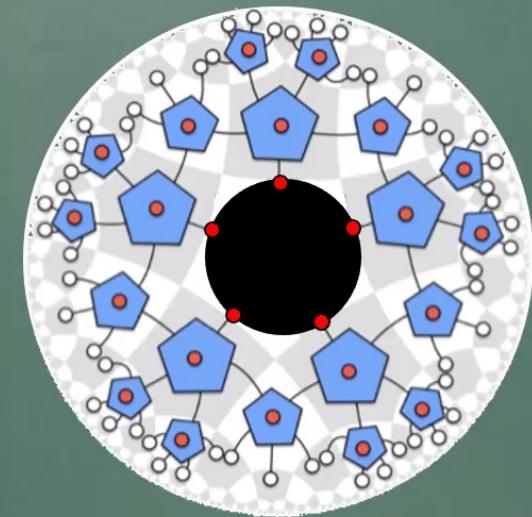
- Have H_{bound} now
→ can study time dynamics ...
- Assume bulk dynamics is that of gravity.
- Start in state $\in \mathcal{H}_0$, corresponding to low-density shell of matter near boundary, $E > \Delta_s$
→ collapses inwards to centre.





- Initial state $\in \mathcal{H}_0$
 $\&$ energy $> \Delta_S$
(by assumption)
- Doesn't violate
any stabilizers (\mathcal{H}_0)
 $\rightarrow E > \Delta_S$ from many
contributions $\ll \Delta_S$
from local H terms

- Unitary dynamics
→ energy conserved
⇒ final state has
energy $> \Delta_s$
- Can only pick up energy
from few local H terms
at centre
⇒ must violate ≥ 1
stabilizer term Δ_{shs}
→ black hole state



Gravitational dynamics
→ formation of toy model black holes.

Conclusions

- Constructed rigorous holographic duality for any local bulk model.
 - Where is gravity? Is holography just a consequence of IH?
- Our constructions work in Euclidean & spherical space (worse scalings)
 - What qualitative features should we aim for?

Conclusions

- Have bulk interpretation of any boundary state (not just code subspace)
→ Extract more? E.g. non-flat S_α
- Construction gives full local $SU(2)$ symmetry on boundary
→ More symmetries? Poincaré?
Conformal?
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