

Title: Comments on the volume of the black hole interior in 2d gravity

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Abstract: The volume of the interior of a two-sided eternal black hole classically grows forever. I will derive a microscopic formula for this volume in JT gravity by summing the non-perturbative contribution of higher topologies. The non-perturbative corrections lead to the saturation of the volume of the interior at times exponential in the entropy of the black hole. I will connect the microscopic formula for the volume with properties of a "thermo-averaged" density matrix, in particular with its second Renyi entropy, which I argue to measure the number of nearly orthogonal states visited by time evolution. I will discuss various problems with this interpretation.

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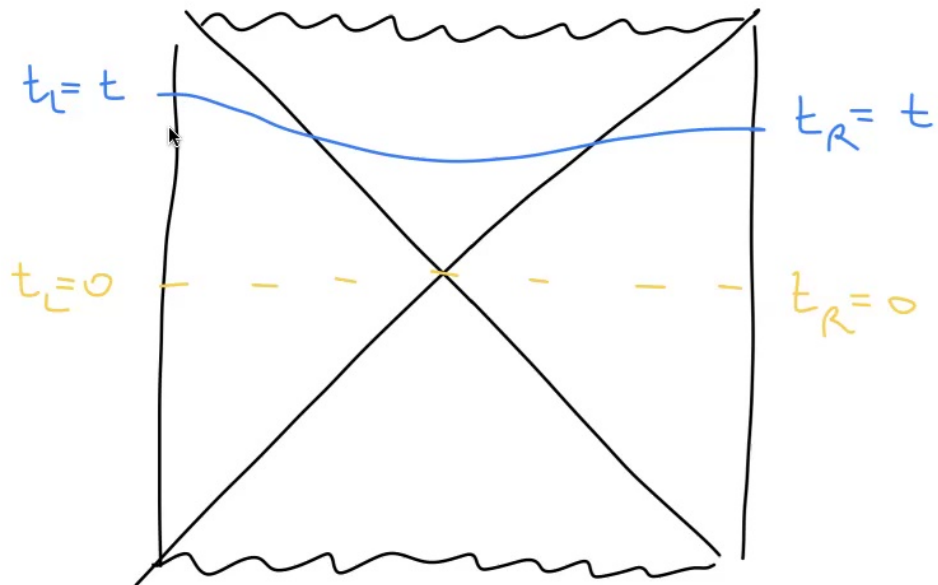
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Growth of the interior

Black hole interior: an expanding cosmology

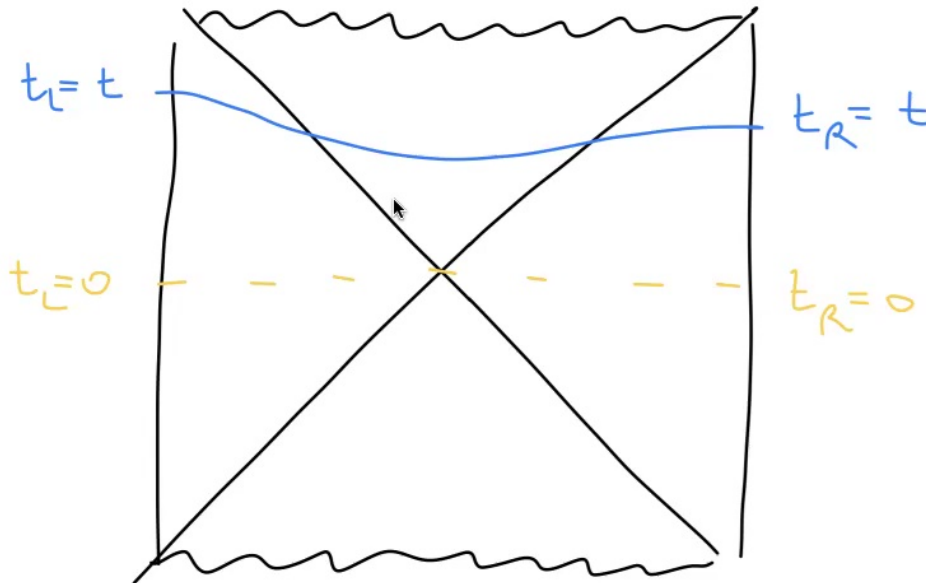


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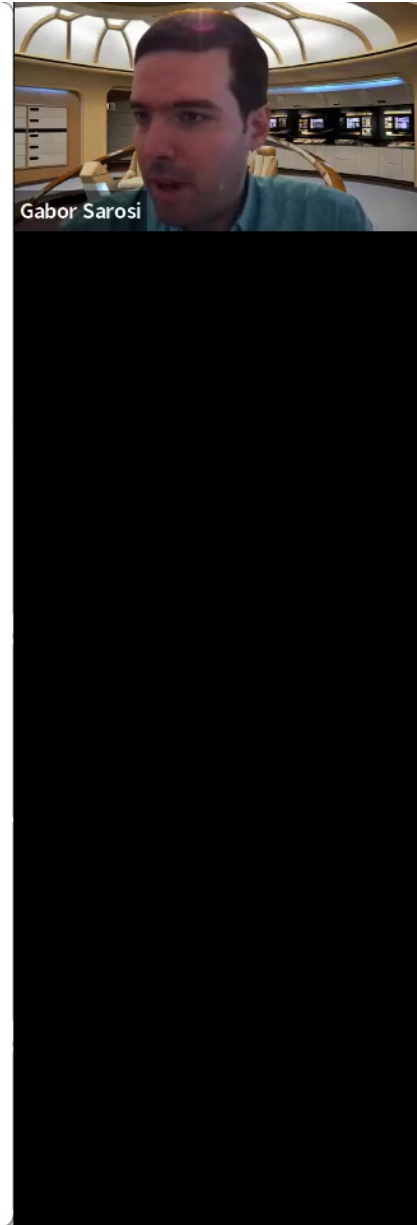
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volume of maximal Cauchy slice $\propto Mt$

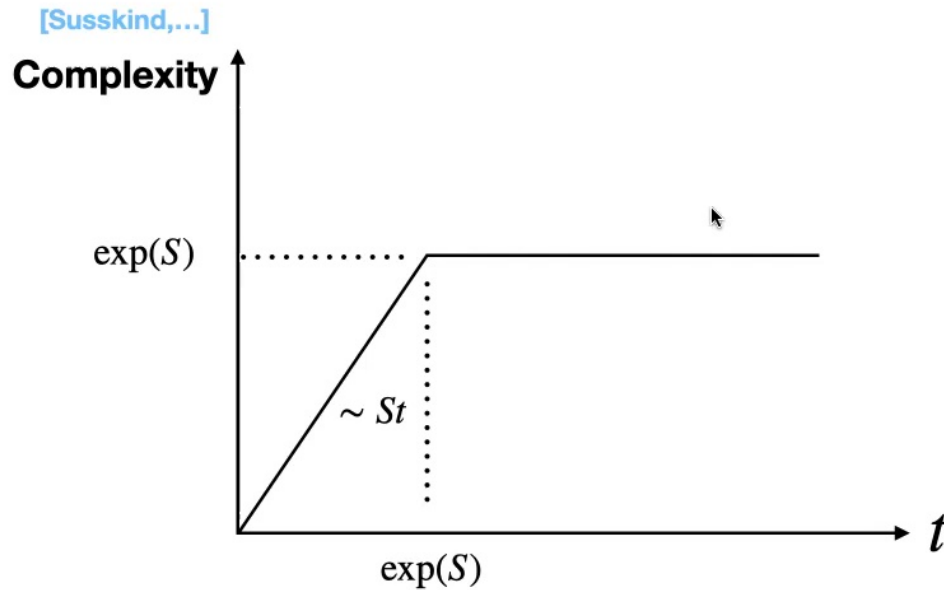
Question: what is the microscopic origin of this “creation of space”?



Growth of the interior

Time dependence

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



semi-classical
gravity

Today, we try to see
this in gravity

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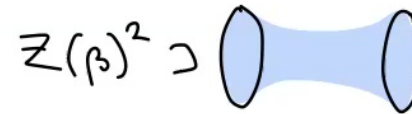
Growth of the interior

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.

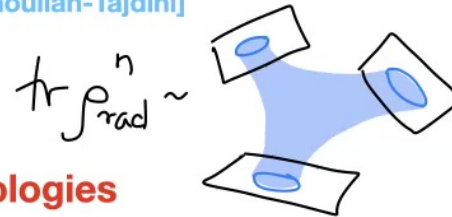
Universal energy level repulsion of chaotic systems

[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

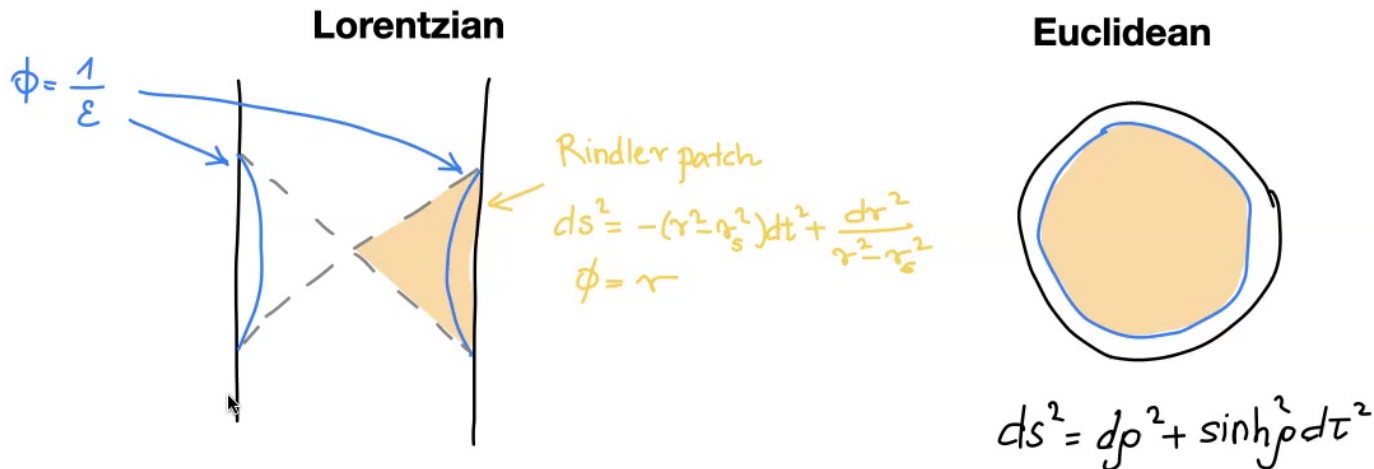
Dilaton-gravity in two dimensions:

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

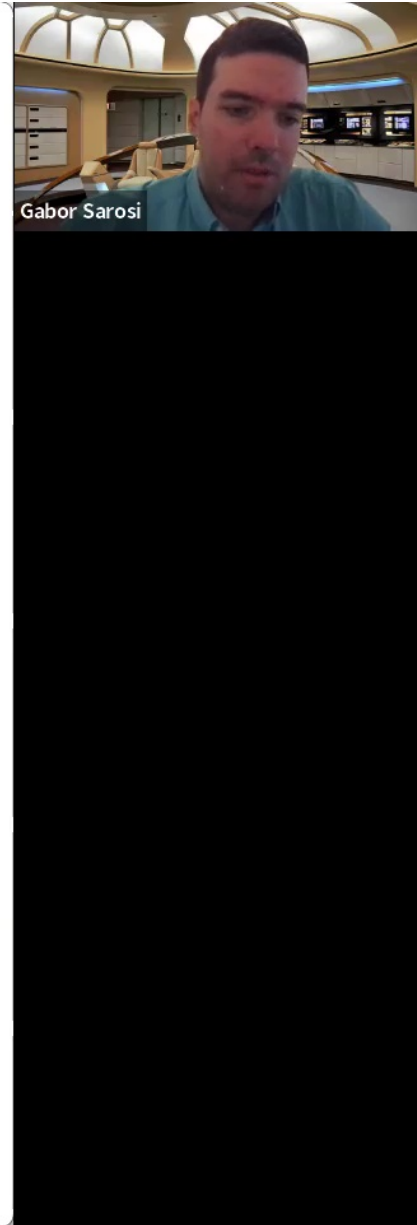
Arises by dimensional reduction
of near-horizon region of near-extremal black holes

[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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Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity

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

[Saad-Shenker-Stanford]

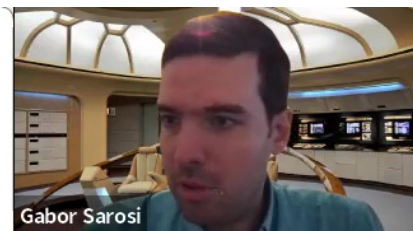
$$Z(\beta) = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]} + \dots$$

JT gravity is a matrix integral

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

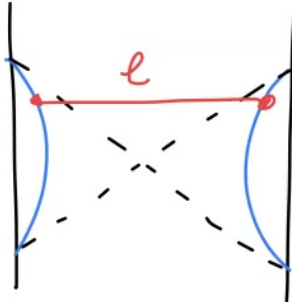
**In the genus expansion
and in the double scaling limit
(large matrix, zoomed to
the bottom of the spectrum)**

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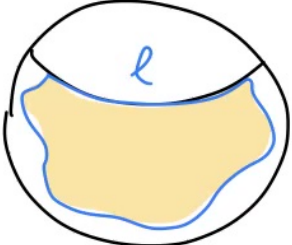
Volume of the interior in JT gravity

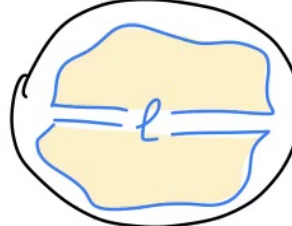
Classical volume



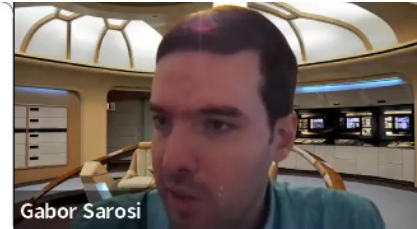
$$\ell_{\text{ren}} = 2 \log \left(2 \cosh \left[\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t \right] \right) \approx \frac{4\pi}{\beta} t$$

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

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


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


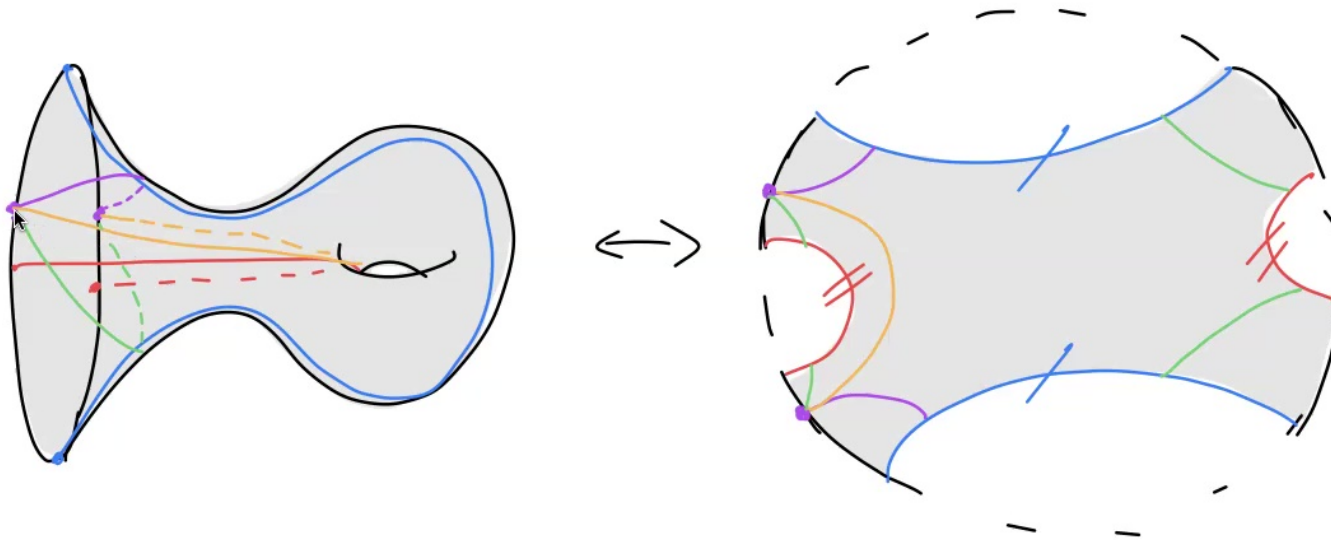
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Volume of the interior in JT gravity

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-analyticity**

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Non-perturbative quantum volume:

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Prescription: 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:

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

Related to two point function [\[Yang, Saad,...\]](#)



Volume of the interior in JT gravity



$$\int e^{\ell} d\ell e^{-\Delta \ell} \rightarrow \int e^{\ell} d\ell e^{-\Delta \ell}$$

$|\psi_{\frac{\beta}{2}+it}^{\text{Disk}}(\ell)|^2$

$\int b_1 db_1 b_2 db_2 \psi_{\frac{\beta}{2}+it}^{\text{Tr}}(\ell, b_1) \psi_{\frac{\beta}{2}-it}^{\text{Tr}}(\ell, b_2) [V_{g,2}(b_1, b_2) + \text{disc}]$

(sum over non-int geodesics turns 1bdy moduli space into 2bdy moduli space [\[Mirzakhani\]](#))

Volume of the interior in JT gravity

Result:

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

$$M(E_1, E_2) = \frac{16\pi^4}{(E_1 - E_2)[\cosh 2\pi\sqrt{2E_1} - \cosh 2\pi\sqrt{2E_2}]}$$

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In matrix integrals, universally:

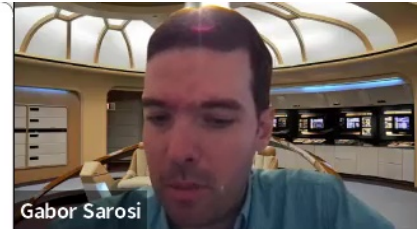
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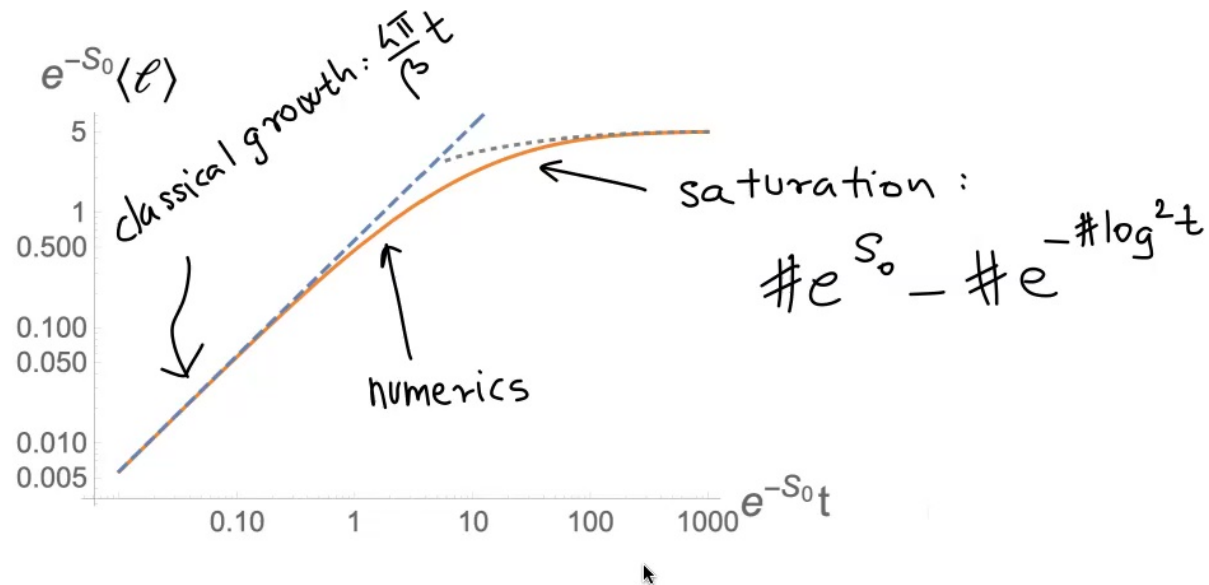
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disk 
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 trumpet 
 doubly non-perturbative

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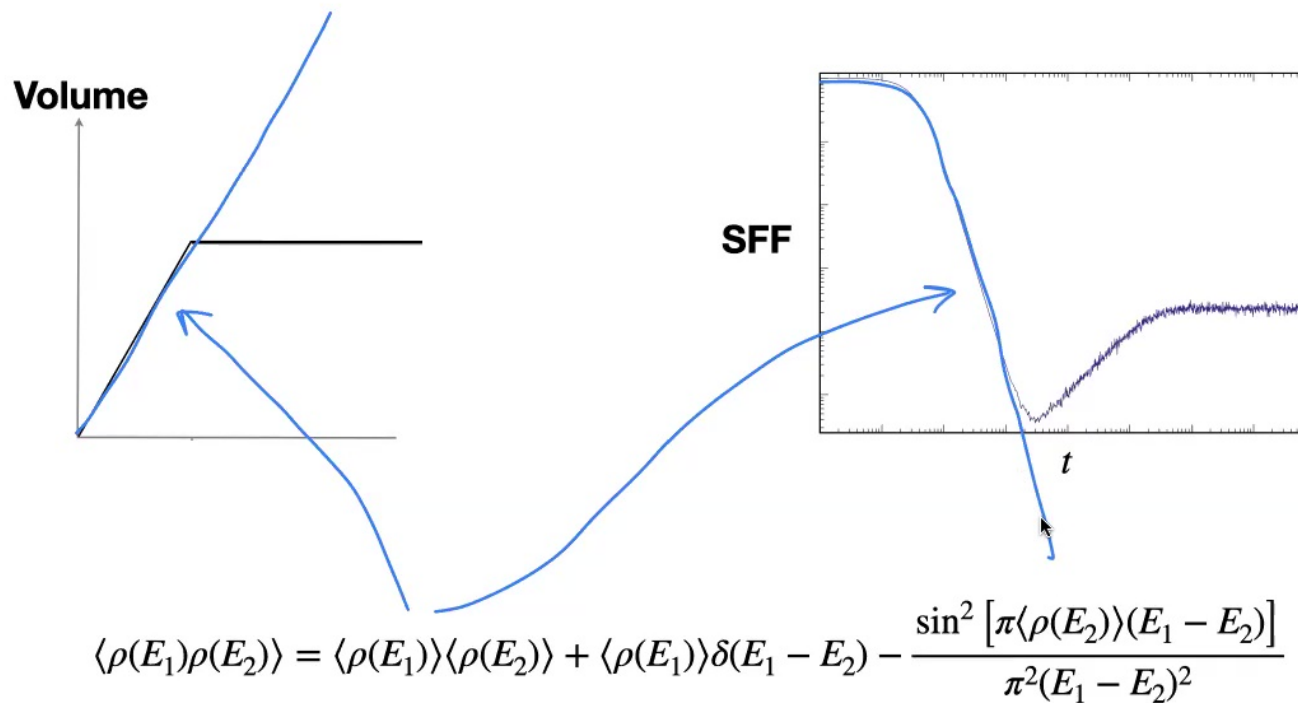
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Volume of the interior in JT gravity

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

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



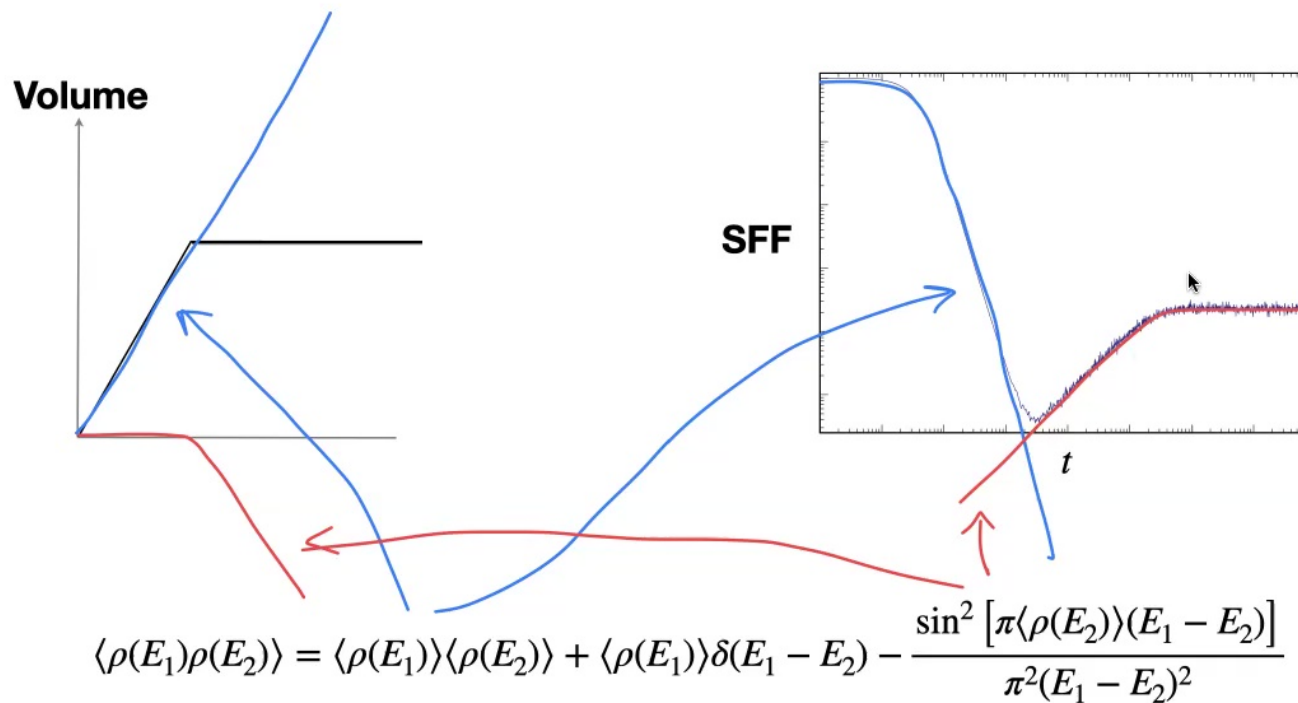
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Spectral complexity

The final formula for the volume 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**

$$\mathcal{C}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{Z(\beta)^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{[E_i - E_j]^2} e^{-\beta(E_i + E_j)} [1 - \cos(E_i - E_j)t]$$

Can we interpret this quantity?



Time-averaged density matrix

An extremely simple proxy for complexity:

How much of the Hilbert space is spanned by time evolved thermofield double states up to a given time?

$$\{e^{-iHt} | TFD \rangle \mid t < T\}$$

Consider the density matrix:

$$\rho(T) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt e^{-iHt} | TFD \rangle \langle TFD | e^{iHt}$$

First guess: rank_ρ

However, instantly full rank due to extremely small eigenvalues

Replace rank with number of eigenvalues bigger than some threshold:

$$\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho \equiv \sum_{\lambda_i > \epsilon} 1 = \text{Tr} \Theta(\rho - \epsilon)$$

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Effective dimension

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$C(\mathcal{E})$ is also (roughly) the complexity of the most complex state in \mathcal{E}



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Take $\mathcal{E}_T = \text{subspace with } \rho(T) \text{ eigenvalues } > \epsilon$

$$|\mathcal{E}_T| \propto \text{vol}[\mathbb{C}P^{\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho(T)-1}] \propto \pi^{\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho(T)-1}$$

$$C(\mathcal{E}_T) \geq \#(\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho(T) - 1)$$

Tempting to think that the most complex state in the set is $U_T |TFD\rangle$

Superposing $U_{\delta t} |\psi\rangle, U_{\delta t}^2 |\psi\rangle, U_{\delta t}^3 |\psi\rangle$ is cheap but does have an overhead
[Childs-Kothari-Somma]



Effective dimension

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$$\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho \equiv \sum_{\lambda_i > \epsilon} 1 = \text{Tr} \Theta(\rho - \epsilon)$$

Difficult to compute, but there is a simple lower bound

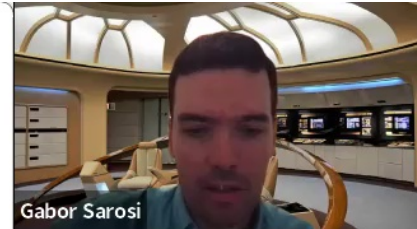
Cauchy-Schwarz: $\text{Tr}[\rho \sqrt{\Theta(\rho - \epsilon)}] \leq \sqrt{\text{Tr} \Theta(\rho - \epsilon) \text{Tr} \rho^2}$



Minimized for $\rho = \frac{1}{d}I$
(use regularized Θ to show)

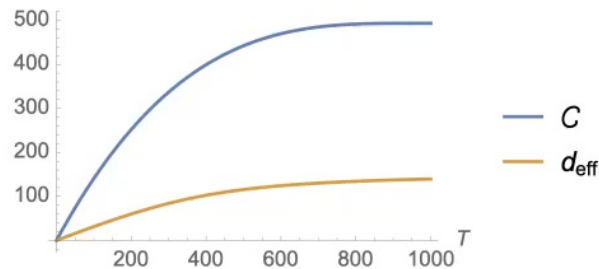
$$\text{rank}_\epsilon \rho \geq \frac{1}{\text{Tr} \rho^2} \equiv d_{\text{eff}} \quad \text{provided } \epsilon < d^{-1}$$

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Connection to the volume

$$\rho(T) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt e^{-iHt} |TFD\rangle \langle TFD| e^{iHt}$$



Pro:

- Proxy for complexity
- Direct function of the late time volume in gravity

$$d_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\text{Tr} \rho(T)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{Z(2\beta)}{Z(\beta)^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}(2T)}{T^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z(\beta)^2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{[E_i - E_j]^2} e^{-\beta(E_i + E_j)} [1 - \cos(E_i - E_j)T] \propto \ell(2T) \text{ for large } T$$

Con:

- Early time slope different

$$d_{\text{eff}} \approx \frac{T^2}{\mathcal{C}(2T)} \approx \frac{\beta T}{\gamma^2}$$

- Saturation independent of volume saturating

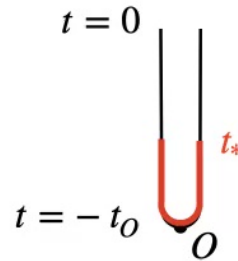


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More cons: Switchback states

We should understand the dual of the volume in other states than the TFD

$$|\psi\rangle = O(-t_O) |TFD\rangle$$



Both for complexity
and volume:

$$2(t_O - t_*)$$

Effective dimension

$$\rho = \int_0^{-t_O} U_t |TFD\rangle \langle TFD| U_{-t} + \int_0^{t_O} U_t O \left[U_{-t_O} |TFD\rangle \langle TFD| U_{t_O} \right] O^\dagger U_{-t}$$

Claim: $\text{Tr} \rho^2$ depends only on 2pt func.

Does not know about scrambling

Volume in JT

**One can derive a microscopic
formula involving limits
of 6j symbol**

Stay tuned...

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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

Volume is dual to a simply calculable quantity, dubbed spectral complexity

Questions

Can **spectral complexity** match some definition of complexity?
Or give a bound?

Is the time-averaged density matrix relevant?

What can we say about other states than the TFD?

