

# Aspects of Holographic Complexity

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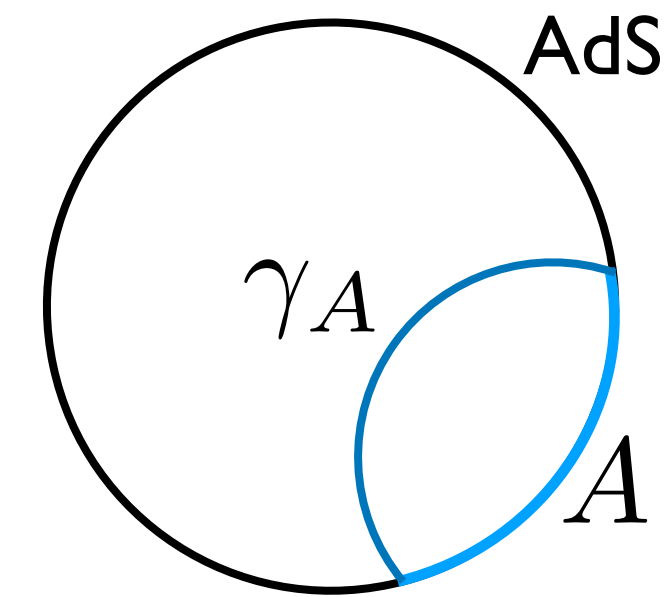
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# Introduction

# Quantum Information & AdS/CFT

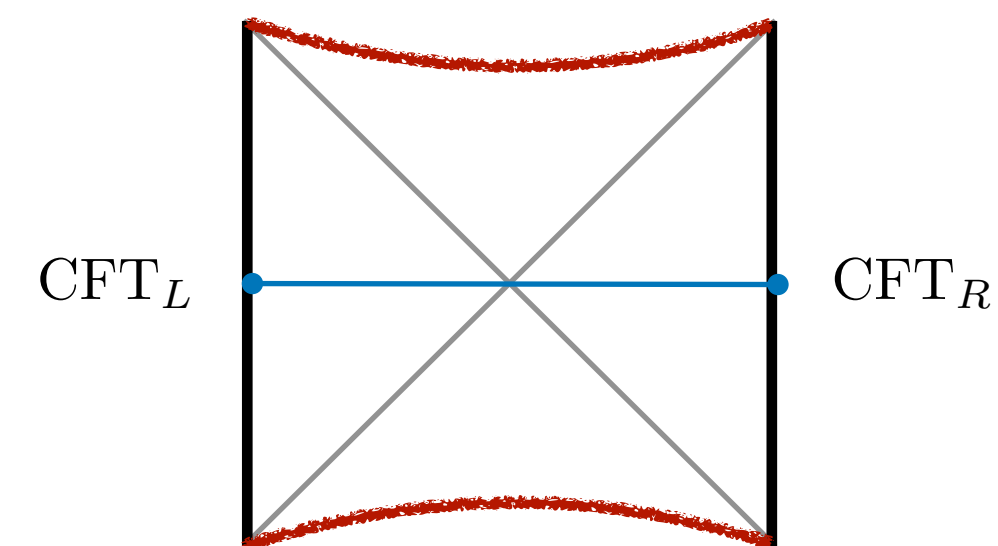
Interplay between quantum information and holography has led to a fruitful bulk-boundary dialogue

$$S_A = \text{Min} \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$



Spacetime geometry  $\sim$  entanglement

$$|\text{TFD}\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\frac{\beta E_n}{2}} |n\rangle_L \otimes |n\rangle_R$$

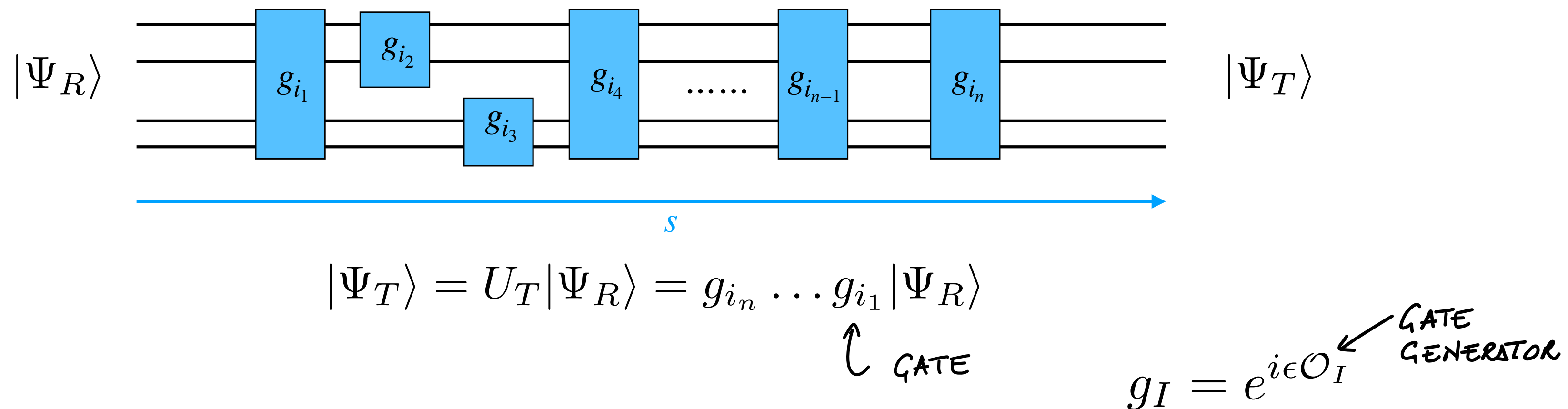


Computational complexity: how hard it is to implement a task?

# Quantum Circuit Complexity

How difficult is it to prepare a particular target state?

Given a simple reference state (unentangled), how hard it is to prepare a target state acting with a unitary constructed from a set of generators of elementary gates



**Complexity** quantifies the cost of the **optimal circuit** generating  $U_T$



# Nielsen's geometric approach

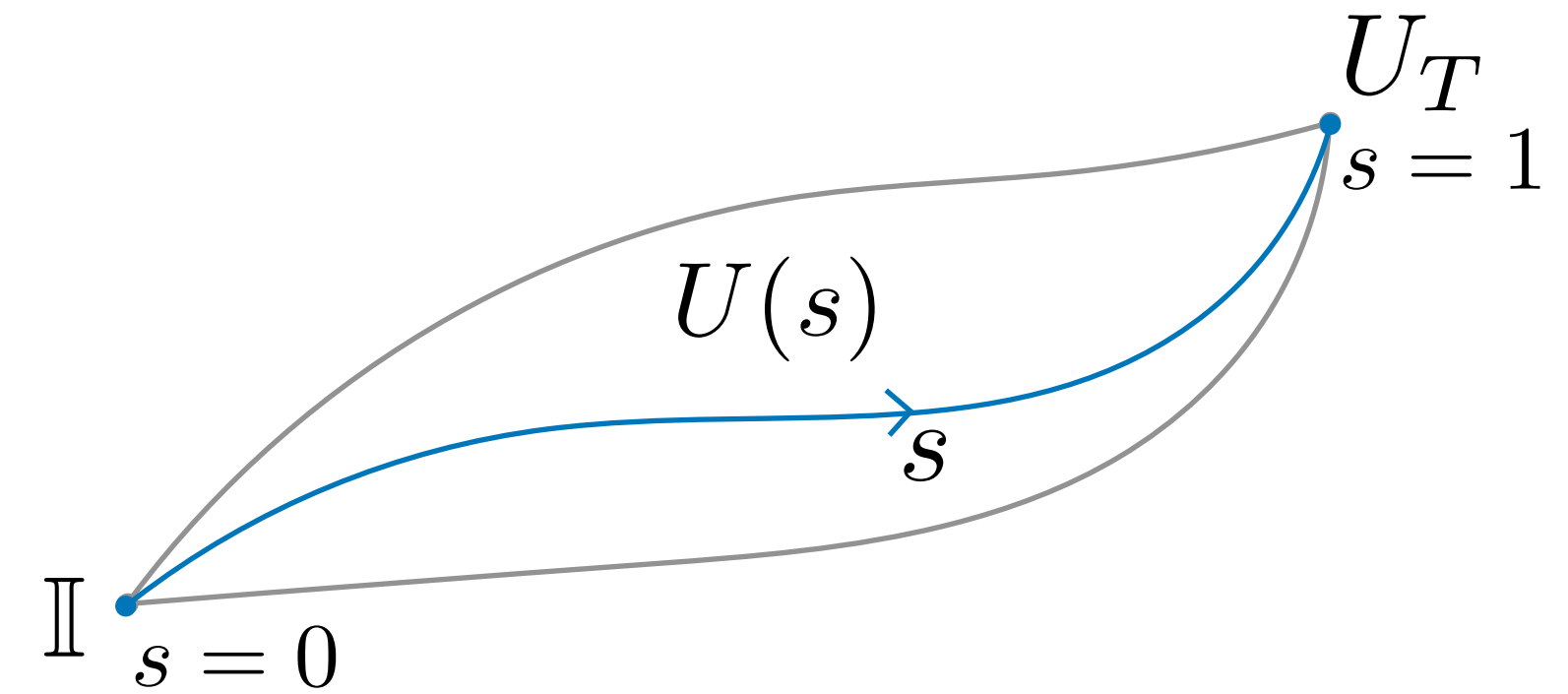
[Nielsen et al.]

Continuum representation of unitary transformations

$$U(\sigma) = \overleftarrow{\mathcal{P}} \exp \left[ -i \int_0^\sigma ds H(s) \right]$$

$$H(s) = \sum Y^I(s) \mathcal{O}_I$$

$\uparrow$  CONTROL FUNCTION



Associates a cost to each trajectory in the space of unitaries

$$\mathcal{C}(|\Psi_T\rangle) \equiv \text{Min} \int_0^1 ds F(U, Y^I)$$

$\swarrow$  COST FUNCTION

Complexity: **globally cost-minimizing trajectory** in the space of unitaries

# Cost Function

Classical mechanics problem with  $F$  playing the role of the Lagrangian

Form of  $F$  generally not fixed, but usually one requires

1. Smoothness
2. Positivity
3. Triangle inequality

Examples:

$$F_1(U, Y^I) = \sum_I |Y^I| \quad \sim \text{COUNTING GATES}$$

$$F_2(U, Y^I) = \sqrt{\sum_I (Y^I)^2} \quad \text{RIEMANNIAN GEOMETRY}$$

$$F_\kappa(U, Y^I) = \sum_I |Y^I|^\kappa$$

$\kappa = 2$  BASIS INDEPENDENT  
SAME CIRCUIT AS  $F_2$

# QFT Complexity

Approach á la Nielsen adapted to free QFT:

[Jefferson,Myers]

- UV regularization  $\delta$  (lattice): family of coupled harmonic oscillators
- Gates built from a finite number  $N$  of simple generators  $\mathcal{O}$  yielding a closed algebra
- Optimal circuit: geodesic problem in the resulting geometry

$|0\rangle$  vacuum [Jefferson,Myers]

$|\alpha\rangle$  coherent state [Guo,Hernandez,Myers,Ruan]

$|TFD\rangle$  [Chapman,Eisert,Hackl,Heller,Jefferson,Marrochio,Myers]

## Other interesting approaches

[Chapman,Heller,Marrochio,Pastawski]

[Caputa,Kundu,Miyaji,Takayanagi,Watanabe]

[Caputa,Magan]

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# Holographic Complexity

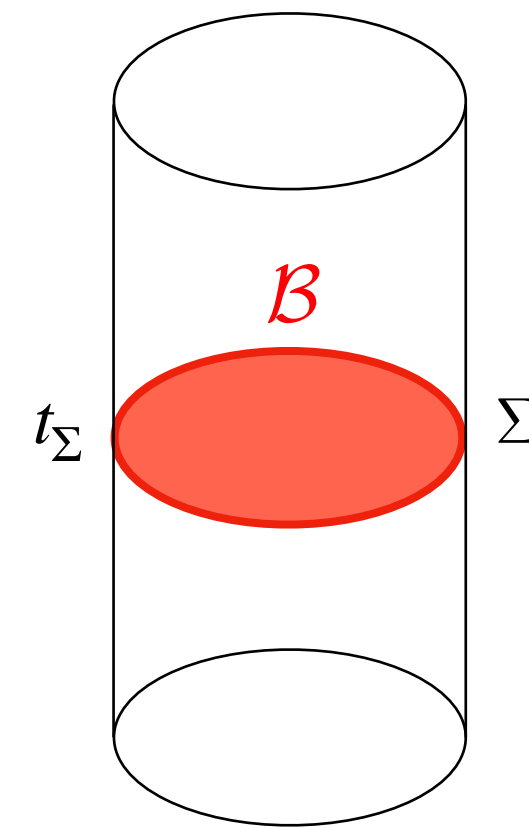
Holographic dual of the complexity of a target state  $|\Psi_T\rangle$  on a boundary Cauchy slice  $\Sigma$

Complexity = Volume of the extremal bulk hypersurface  $\mathcal{B}$  anchored at the boundary on  $\Sigma$

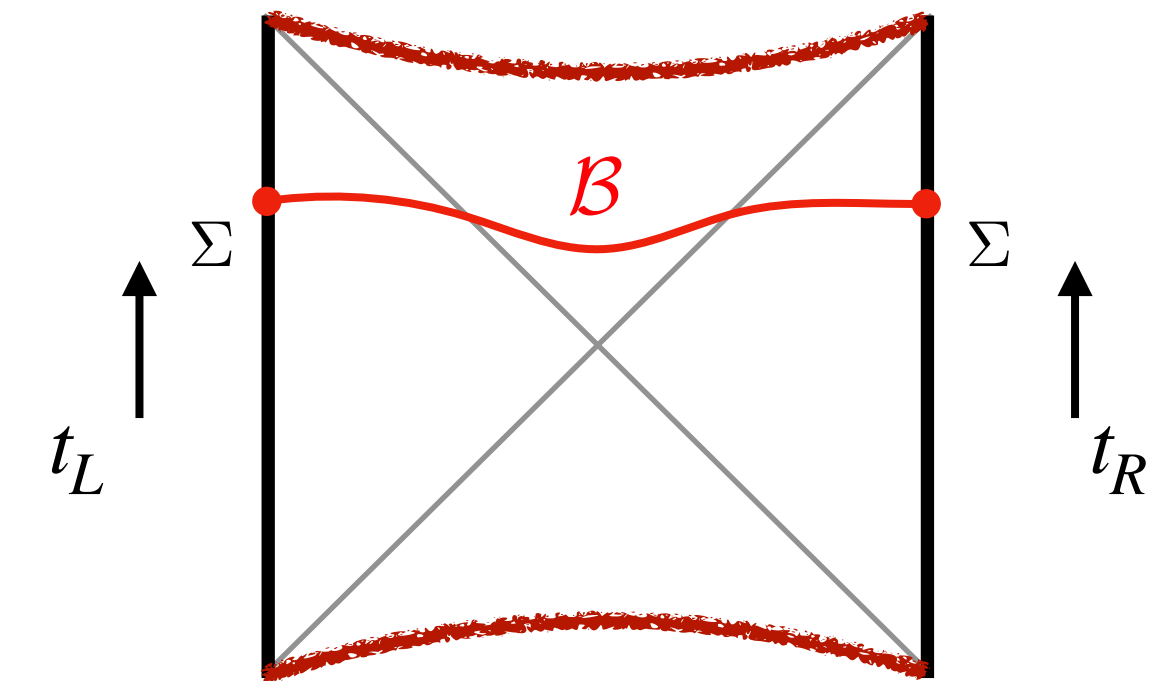
[Susskind, Stanford]

$$C_V = \max_{\partial\mathcal{B}=\Sigma} \frac{V(\mathcal{B})}{G_N \ell_{\text{bulk}}}$$

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ARBITRARY  
BULK SCALE



Global AdS



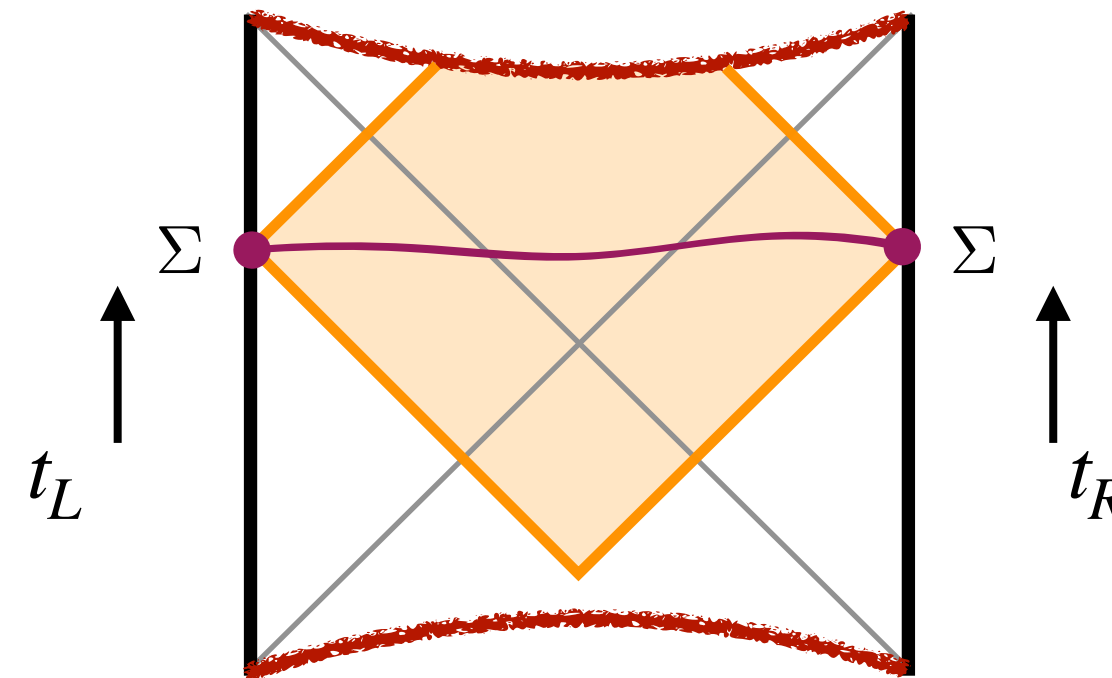
BTZ

# Holographic Complexity

Complexity = Action evaluated on the Wheeler-DeWitt patch

[Brown, Roberts, Susskind, Swingle, Zhao]

$$\mathcal{C}_A(\Sigma) = \frac{I_{\text{WDW}}}{\pi}$$



**WDW patch:** domain of dependence of a bulk slice anchored to  $\Sigma$

$I_{\text{WDW}}$  imposing variational principle for Dirichlet BCs on WDW patch

[Lehner, Myers, Poisson, Sorkin]

$$I_{\text{WDW}} = I_{\text{Bulk}} + I_{\text{GHY}} + I_{\kappa} + I_{\text{CT}} + I_{\text{Joints}}$$

$$\frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int_{\partial \text{WDW}}$$

$$ds d^2\Omega \sqrt{\gamma} \Theta \log(\ell_{\text{ct}} \Theta)$$

EXPANSION SCALAR

ARBITRARY BULK SCALE

ensures invariance under reparametrization of null directions

# Holographic Complexity

Holographic complexity proposals reproduce a number of desirable properties

- probe the interior of black holes
- reproduce the expected late time complexity linear growth
- switchback effect

Interesting similarities and points of contact with (free) QFT results, for instance in the structure of leading UV divergences


$$\mathcal{C}_{A/V} \sim \mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2} \sim \frac{\text{Vol}(\Sigma)}{\delta^{d-1}}$$

# Holographic Complexity

Still have a very partial understanding

- General QFT formulation still lacking
- Understanding of holographic observables far from being exhaustive
- Incomplete map between the two sides

$|\Psi_T\rangle \longleftrightarrow (g, \{\phi\})$  classical bulk fields

$|\Psi_R\rangle \quad g_I \quad F(U, Y^I) \longleftrightarrow$  

# First Law of Holographic Complexity

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# Complexity Variations

How complexity varies under a small change of the target state

$$\delta\mathcal{C} \equiv \mathcal{C}(|\Psi_T + \delta\Psi\rangle) - \mathcal{C}(|\Psi_T\rangle)$$

Why?

- Focus on the dependence of complexity on the target state
- May remove some ambiguities and yield sharper implications for holographic complexity
- Properties of new observables
- Variations often better observables (finite, physical implications...)

# First Law of Complexity

Using the analogy of Nielsen's approach to classical mechanics:

- 1<sup>st</sup> order variation

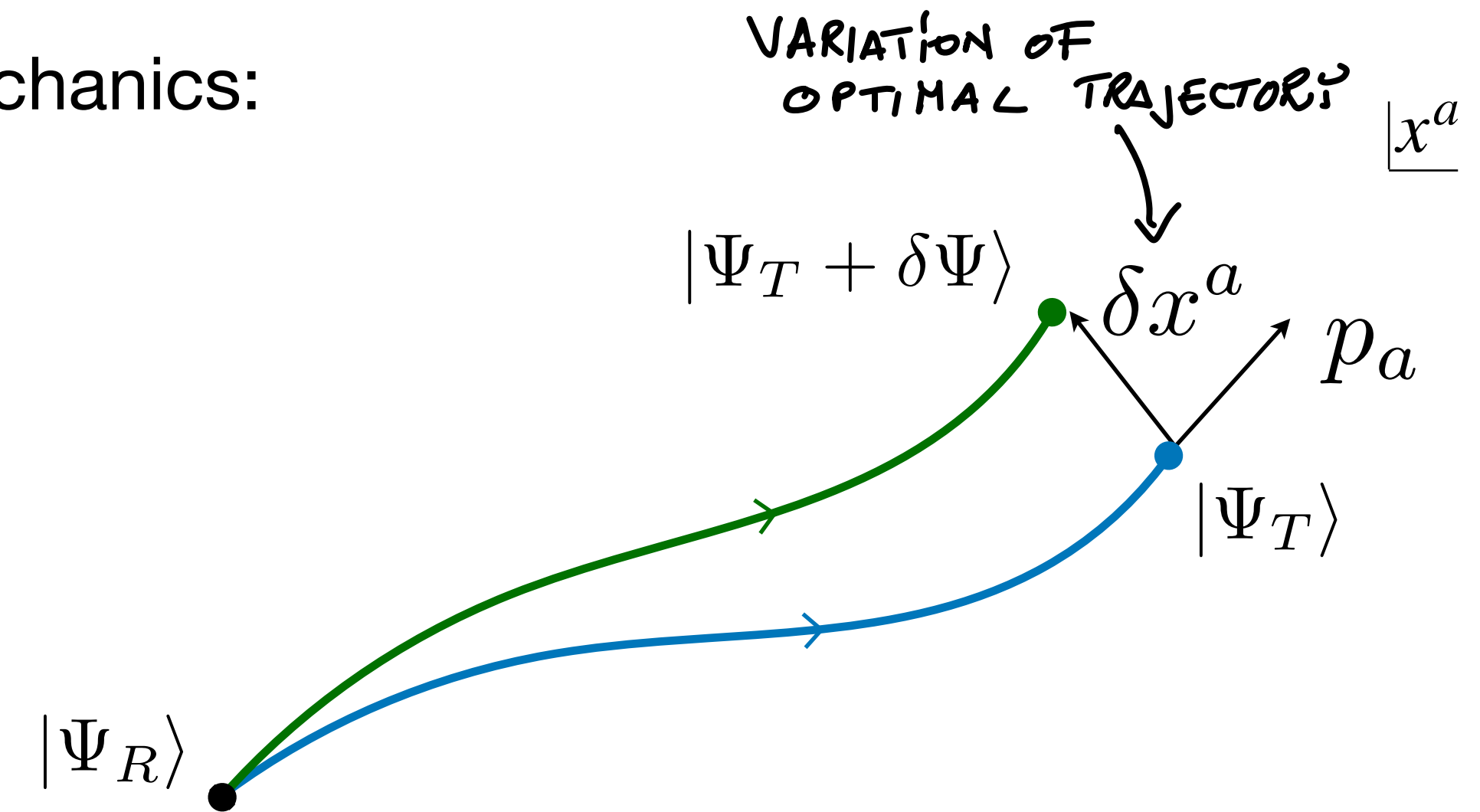
$$\delta\mathcal{C} = p_a \delta x^a \Big|_{s=1} \quad \text{with} \quad p_a = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}^a}$$

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order variation

$$\delta\mathcal{C} = \frac{1}{2} \delta p_a \delta x^a \Big|_{s=1} \quad \text{with} \quad \delta p_a = \delta x^b \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^b \partial \dot{x}^a} + \delta \dot{x}^b \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \dot{x}^b \partial \dot{x}^a}$$

Only contributions from the **endpoint**

Caveat: assumes perturbed optimal circuit stays close to the original optimal circuit



# Holographic Framework

$$|\Psi_T\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Vacuum

$$|\Psi_T + \delta\Psi\rangle = |\varepsilon\alpha_j\rangle$$

Coherent state

Given an AdS bulk scalar  $\phi(y^\mu) = \sum_n (u_n(y^\mu)a_n + u_n^*(y^\mu)a_n^\dagger)$

$$|\varepsilon\alpha_j\rangle = e^{\varepsilon \sum D(\alpha_j)} |0\rangle$$

$$D(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j a_j^\dagger - \alpha_j^* a_j$$

displacement op.

where a few modes  $\{j\}$  are given classical expectation value with amplitude  $\alpha_j$

$$\langle \varepsilon\alpha_j | \phi | \varepsilon\alpha_j \rangle = \varepsilon \sum (\alpha_j u_j + \alpha_j^* u_j^*) \equiv \varepsilon \phi_{cl}$$

# Holographic Framework

$|\varepsilon\alpha_j\rangle$  are also **coherent states in the boundary CFT** corresponding to excitations of the vacuum by the dual generalized free field operator  $\mathcal{O}_\Delta$  and its descendants

- Quantum circuit technology in QFT [Jefferson,Myers] applied to coherent states [Guo,Hernandez,Myers,Ruan] can be equivalently applied in the bulk
- Simple classical gravity description suitable to evaluate holographic complexity

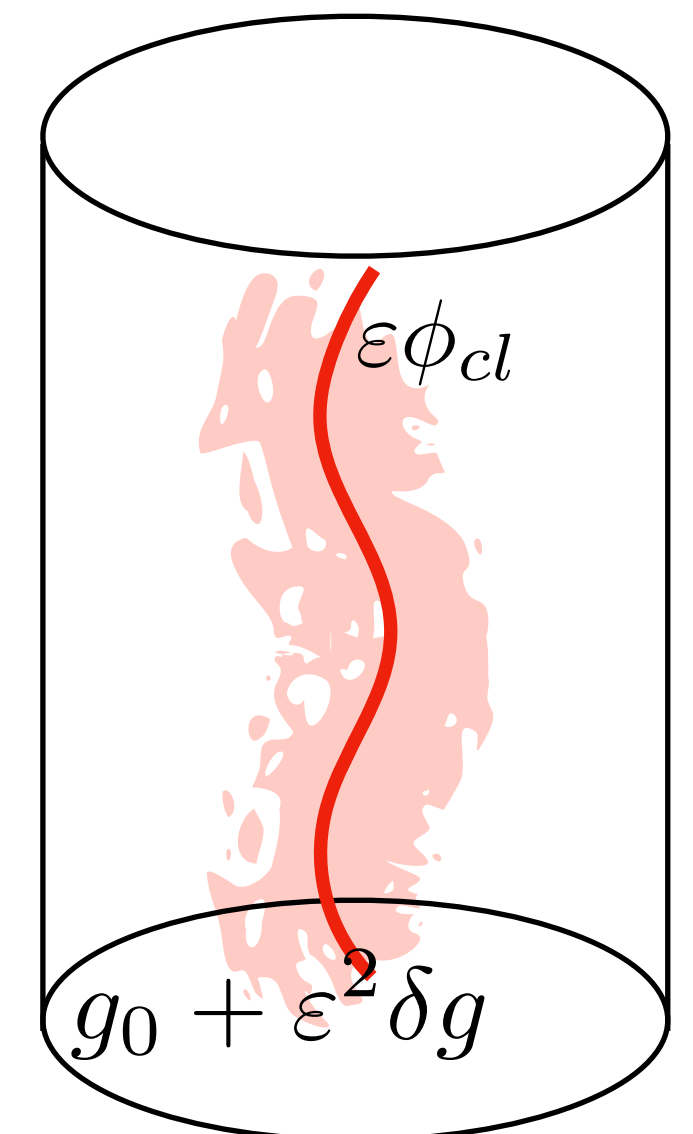
$$|\Psi_T\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Global AdS  $g_0$

$$|\Psi_T + \delta\Psi\rangle = |\varepsilon\alpha_j\rangle$$

$$(g_0 + \varepsilon^2\delta g, \varepsilon\phi_{cl})$$

Spherically symmetric perturbations and perturbatively in the amplitude  $\varepsilon$  of the coherent state



# CA Variation

$$\delta I = I[g_0 + \varepsilon^2 \delta g, \varepsilon \phi_{cl}] - I[g_0] \stackrel{\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)}{=} \delta I_{\text{WDW}} + I_{\delta \text{WDW}}$$

background fields on deformed WDW

fields variations on undeformed WDW

The terms contributing a finite piece

$$\delta I = \delta I_{EH} + \delta I_{\kappa} + \delta I_{CT} + \delta I_{\phi}$$

$\delta I_{\text{gravity}} = 0$

- Counterterm is essential for cancellation
- Not a general feature (non spherical setups, excited target state, ...)

[Hashemi, Jafari, Naseh]

# CA Variation

$$\delta\mathcal{C}_A = \frac{\delta I_\phi}{\pi} = -\frac{\varepsilon^2}{64\pi G_N} \int_{\partial\text{WDW}} d\lambda d^{d-1}\Omega \sqrt{\gamma} \partial_\lambda \phi_{cl}^2$$

- Variation completely determined by the **matter**
- Purely  $O(\varepsilon^2)$  contribution
- Scale independent: UV finite and independent of  $\ell_{CT}$
- Irrespectively of the cancellations, variation of each contribution to the action is **localized on the boundary** of undeformed WDW patch

# CV Variation

$$\delta\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{\max}[g_0 + \varepsilon^2 \delta g] - \mathcal{V}_{\max}[g_0] \stackrel{O(\varepsilon^2)}{=} \delta\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{B}_0} + \cancel{\mathcal{V}_{\delta X^\mu}}$$

$0 \sim \varepsilon \cdot 0 \cdot \pi,$

$\delta g$  on undeformed surface at  $t_\Sigma$ 
deformation of the extremal surface

$$\delta\mathcal{C}_V = \frac{\delta\mathcal{V}}{G_N \ell} = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{(d-1)G_N \ell} \int_{t_\Sigma} \sqrt{h} \cos \rho^2 T_{tt}^{bulk}$$

- Purely  $O(\varepsilon^2)$  contribution
- Scale independent and UV finite
- Expressed in terms of the bulk stress tensor

See also

[Belin, Lewkowycz, Sarosi]

[Jacobson, Visser]

# CA-CV Comparison

Multi-mode coherent state  $\phi_{cl} = \sum_{\{j\}} 2 \alpha_j \cos(\omega_j t) e_j(\rho) \quad \omega_j = 2j + \Delta$

$$\delta\mathcal{C}_A = \varepsilon^2 \sum_{\{j,k\}} \alpha_j \alpha_k [\cos \omega_j t \cos \omega_k t C_{jk}^A + \sin \omega_j t \sin \omega_k t S_{jk}^A]$$

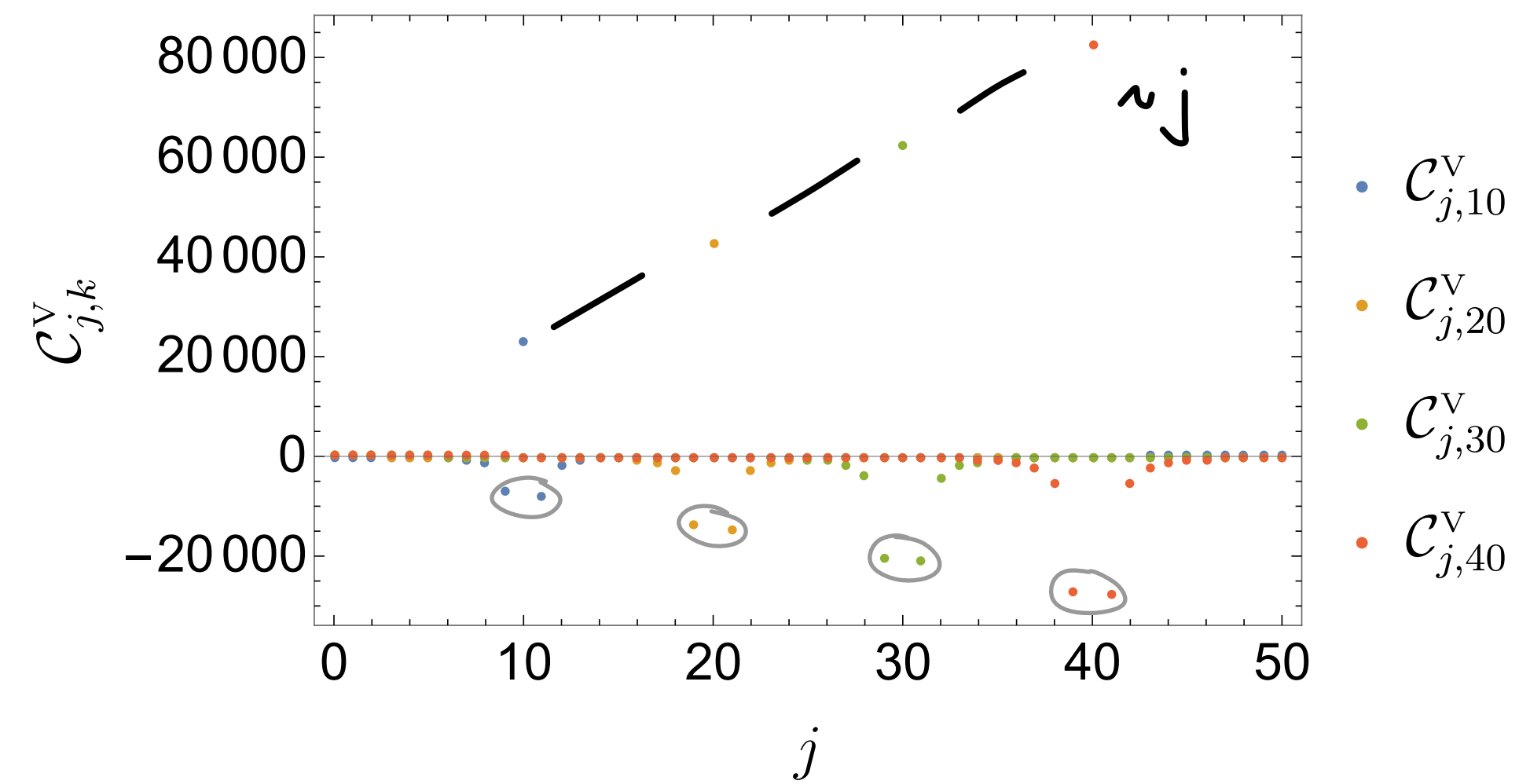
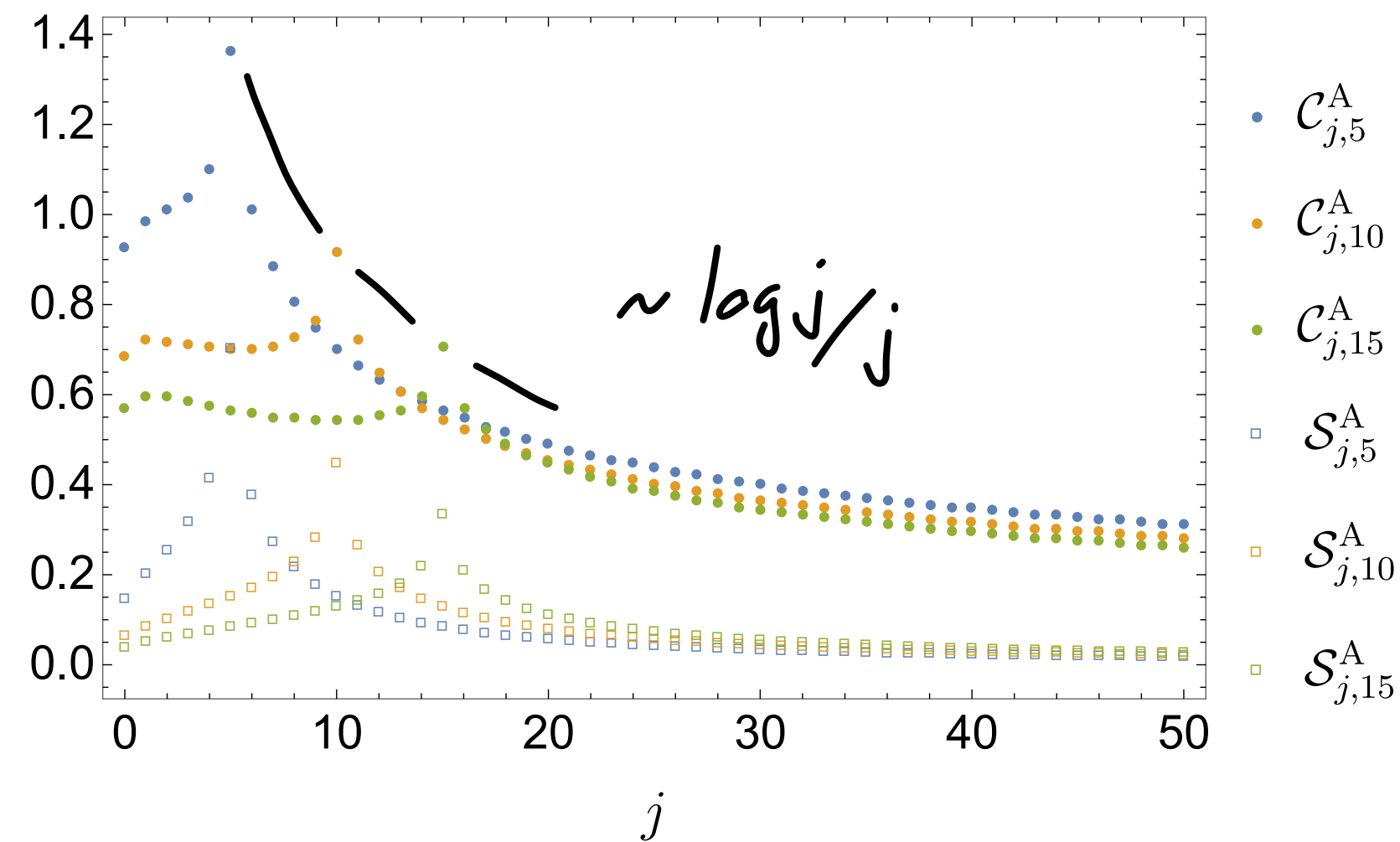
$$\delta\mathcal{C}_V = \varepsilon^2 \sum_{\{j,k\}} \alpha_j \alpha_k [\cos \omega_j t \cos \omega_k t C_{jk}^V + \sin \omega_j t \sin \omega_k t S_{jk}^V]$$

- Same functional oscillatory structure
- Mode mixing
- **Scale independent** coefficients  $C_{ij}, S_{ij}$



# CA-CV Comparison

- Different structure for the coefficients:



Different behaviour for CA and CV under perturbations

Similar conclusion to what found for “perturbations” given by defects

[Chapman, Ge, Policastro]  
[Braccia, Cotrone, Tonni]

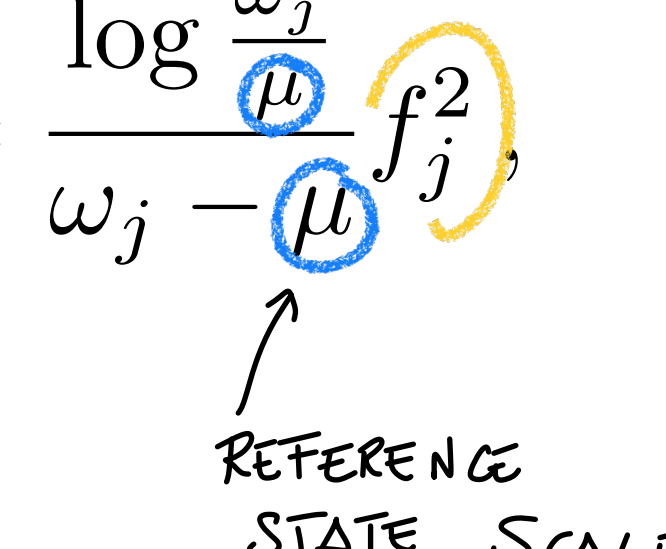
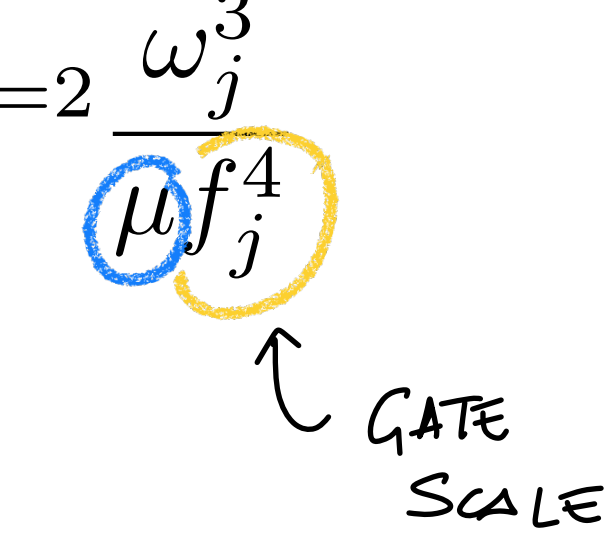
# QFT Complexity Variation

Extension of the coherent states analysis of [Guo,Hernandez,Myers,Ruan] to general Gaussian states with non-vanishing first momenta

$$\delta\mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2} = \mathcal{C}_{Coh} - \mathcal{C}_{GS} = \varepsilon^2 \sum_{\{j\}} \alpha_j^2 [\cos^2 \omega_j t C_j^{\kappa=2} + \sin^2 \omega_j t S_j^{\kappa=2}]$$

- Purely  $O(\varepsilon^2)$  contribution
- Similar oscillatory structure as the holographic  $\delta\mathcal{C}_{A/V}$
- Diagonal: **no mode mixing**
- Dependence on **various scales** of the circuit models: memory of initial state and trajectory

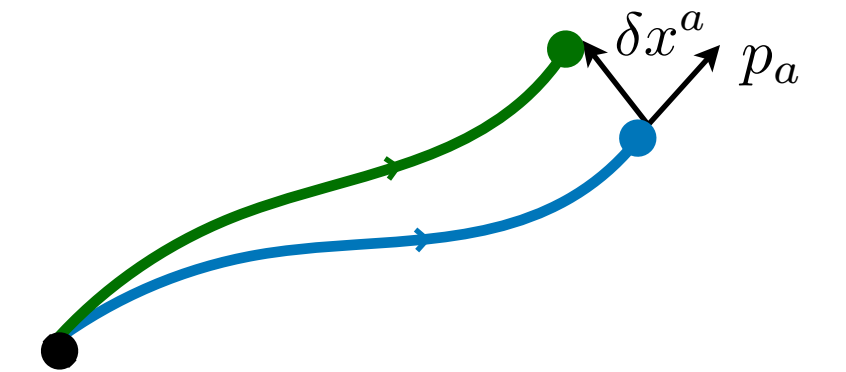
$$C_j^{\kappa=2} = \frac{\log \frac{\omega_j}{\mu}}{\omega_j - \mu} f_j^2, \quad S_j^{\kappa=2} = C_j^{\kappa=2} \frac{\omega_j^3}{\mu f_j^4}$$

# Remarks

- $\delta\mathcal{C} \sim \varepsilon^2 \alpha^2 \Rightarrow p_a \delta x^a|_{s=1} = 0$

**coherent state** directions are **orthogonal to** the direction along the circuit  
preparing the CFT **vacuum**



- Holographic complexity variation: localized on the boundary of the WDW patch.  
 $\partial\text{WDW}$  = end of the quantum circuit?
- Diagonal vs mixed terms: holographic complexity may require more complicated cost functions?

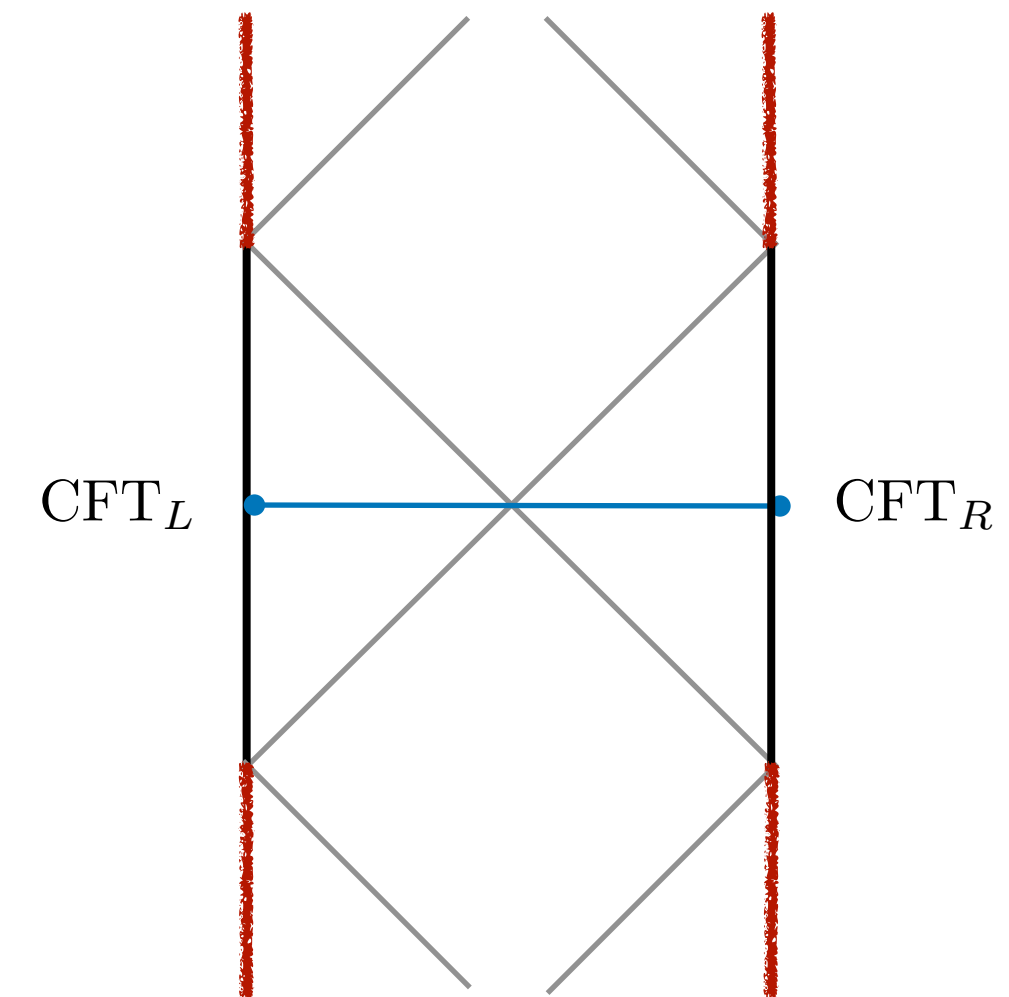
# Complexity with Rotation

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# Motivations

- Mostly highly symmetric setups, mainly planar or spherically symmetric. Systems with rotation so far less understood
- Extra parameters and gravitational features to test complexity
- Interesting limits to probe, e.g., rotation with critical (speed of light) velocity
- Few holographic results: deserve to be studied further and extended (see later)
- QFT Nielsen's circuit complexity?

$$|rTFD\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z(\beta, \Omega)}} \sum_n e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(E_n + \Omega J_n)} |E_n, J_n\rangle_L |E_n, J_n\rangle_R$$



# Rotating TFD

Simple model: two copies of a free boson on a circle

$$|rTFD\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z(\beta, \Omega)}} \sum_n e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(E_n + \Omega J_n) - it(E_n + \Omega J_n)} |E_n, J_n\rangle_L |E_n, J_n\rangle_R$$

Particle number simultaneously labels Hamiltonian and momentum eigenstates

$$H = \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} dx \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x \phi)^2 = \sum_k \omega_k \left( a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad J = - \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} dx \pi \partial_x \phi = \sum_k p_k \left( a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

# Rotating TFD

Gaussian state: **factorizes** into single-mode rotating TFD states

$$|rTFD\rangle = \otimes |rTFD\rangle_k \quad |rTFD\rangle_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_k(\beta, \Omega)}} \sum_n e^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{2} + it\right)(\omega_k + \Omega p_k)(n + \frac{1}{2})} |n\rangle_{k,L} |n\rangle_{k,R}$$

can be written as TFD state with no rotation and mode-dependent effective temperature and time

$$|rTFD(\beta, t)\rangle_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_k(\beta, \Omega)}} \sum_n e^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{2} + it\right)(\omega_k + \Omega p_k)(n + \frac{1}{2})} |n\rangle_{k,L} |n\rangle_{k,R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_k(\beta_k)}} \sum_n e^{-\left(\frac{\beta_k}{2} + it_k\right)\omega_k(n + \frac{1}{2})} |n\rangle_{k,L} |n\rangle_{k,R} = |TFD(\beta_k, t_k)\rangle_k$$

with  $\beta_k = \beta \left(1 + \Omega \frac{p_k}{\omega_k}\right)$   $t_k = t \left(1 + \Omega \frac{p_k}{\omega_k}\right)$   $\beta_k$  non-negative for  $\Omega < 1$

**Rotating TFD** state can be given an **effective description** in terms of **non-rotating TFD states**

# Rotating TFD Complexity

TFD circuit complexity:  $F_{\kappa=2}$  optimal circuit does not mix modes and complexity obtained as the sum of complexities evaluated for each mode separately

$$C_{\kappa=2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_k \log^2 \left( f_k^{(+)} + \sqrt{\left(f_k^{(+)}\right)^2 - 1} \right) + \log^2 \left( f_k^{(-)} + \sqrt{\left(f_k^{(-)}\right)^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$f_k^{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu}{\omega_k} + \frac{\omega_k}{\mu} \right) \cosh 2\alpha_k \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu}{\omega_k} - \frac{\omega_k}{\mu} \right) \sinh 2\alpha_k \cos \omega_k t \quad \alpha_k = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega_k/2}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega_k/2}} \right)$$

↑ REFERENCE STATE SCALE

[Chapman, Eisert, Hackl, Heller, Jefferson, Marrochio, Myers]

Consequence: we can estimate the **complexity of the rotating TFD state** as the **sum of complexity of single mode TFD states** each with inverse temperature  $\beta_k$  and time  $t_k$



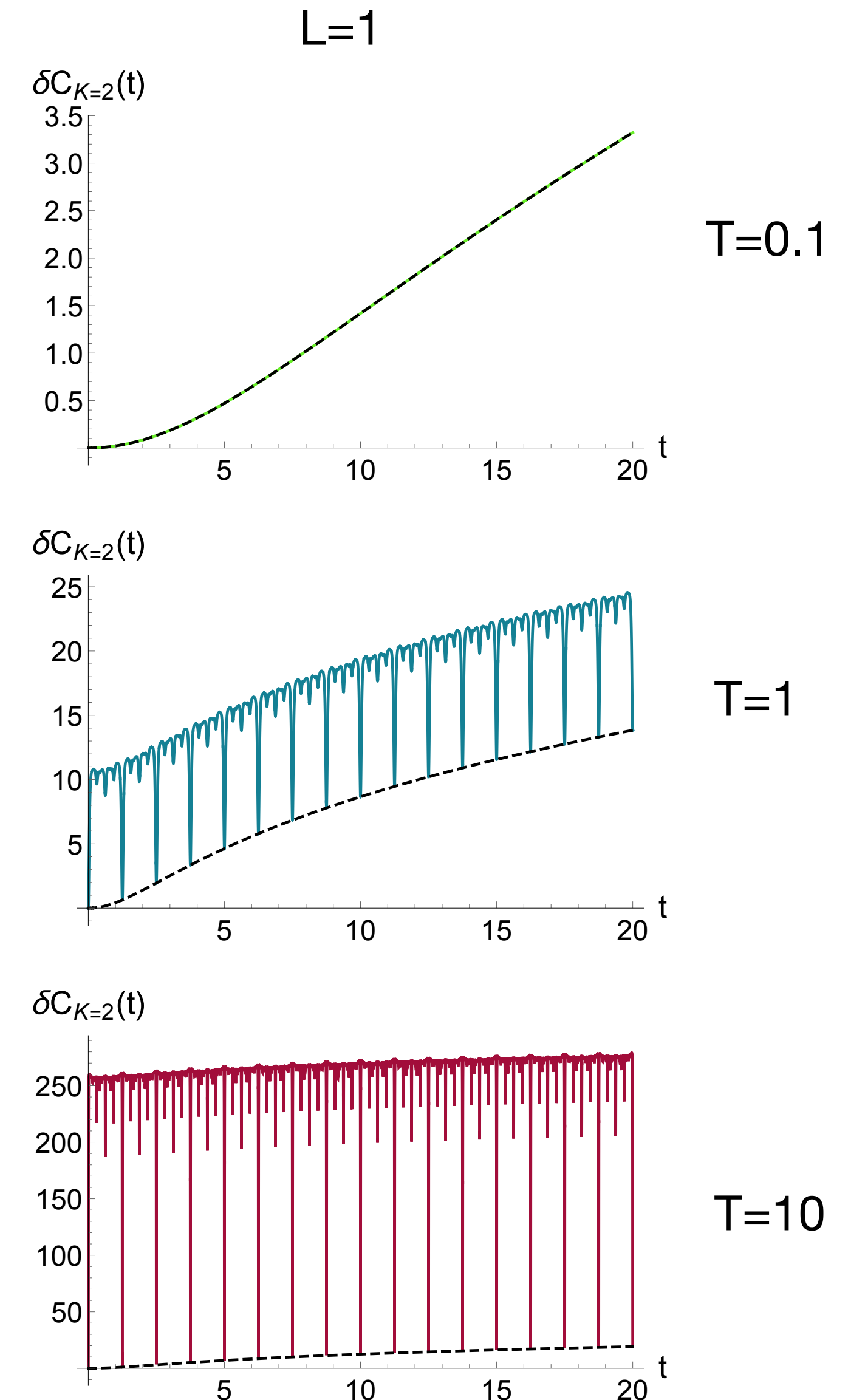
# Time Dependence

Time variation  $\mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2}(t) - \mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2}(0)$

- Low temperature: zero mode dominated
- **Oscillations** vs holographic linear increase: L-R moving d.o.f. propagating freely on the circle. Periodicity:

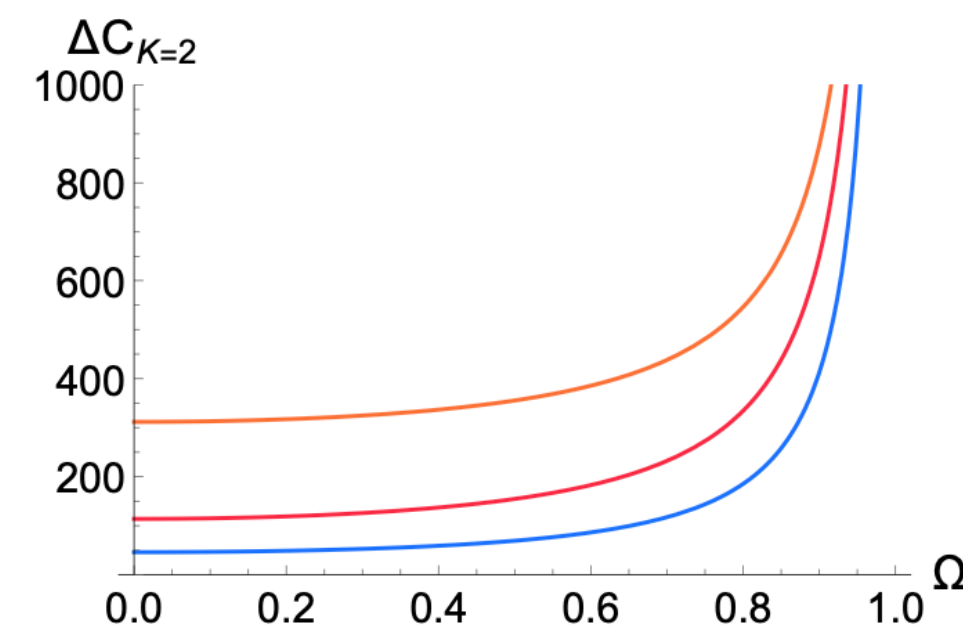
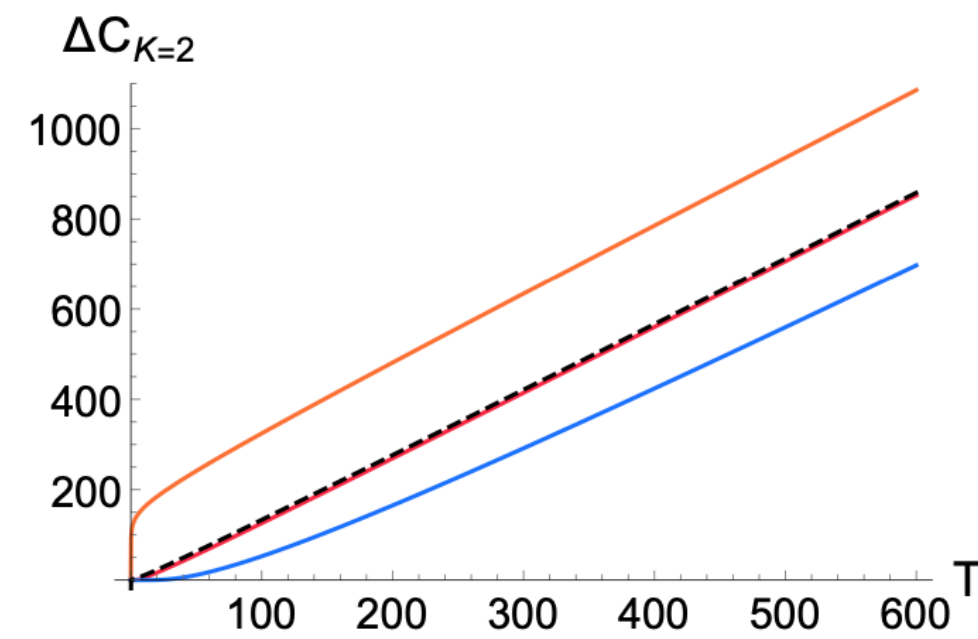
$$t \sim t + \frac{L}{2|k|(1 \pm \Omega)}$$

- High T: amplitude of different modes become comparable



# Complexity of Formation

$$\Delta\mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2} = \mathcal{C}(|rTFD\rangle) - \mathcal{C}(|0\rangle_L|0\rangle_R) = 2 \sum \operatorname{arctanh}^2 e^{-\beta_k \omega_k / 2}$$



- Scale independent
- Positive defined

High temperature and critical angular velocity  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$  **divergences:**

$$\Delta\mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2} \sim \frac{7\zeta(3)}{2\pi} \frac{T}{1-\Omega^2} - \frac{1}{2} \log^2 T + \dots \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{C}_{\kappa=2} \sim \frac{7\zeta(3)}{4\pi} \frac{T}{1-\Omega} - \frac{1}{2} \log^2 \frac{1}{1-\Omega} + \dots \quad \text{as } \Omega \rightarrow 1$$

# Holography: Review

The first estimates of late time holographic complexity growth rate -before complete understanding of action contributions of null boundaries- was given in [Brown,Roberts,Susskind,Swingle,Zhao][Cai,Ruan,Wang,Yang,Peng]

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d\mathcal{C}}{dt} \sim (M - \Omega_+ J) - (M - \Omega_- J)$$

Lower dimensional case revisited in [Auzzi,Baiguera,Nardella et al.]: full time dependence of CV and CA growth rate

- **Counterterm** was not included: does it play any role?
- **Complexity of formation** i.e., cost of preparing the rotating state as compared to the cost of preparing vacuum?

# Rotating BTZ

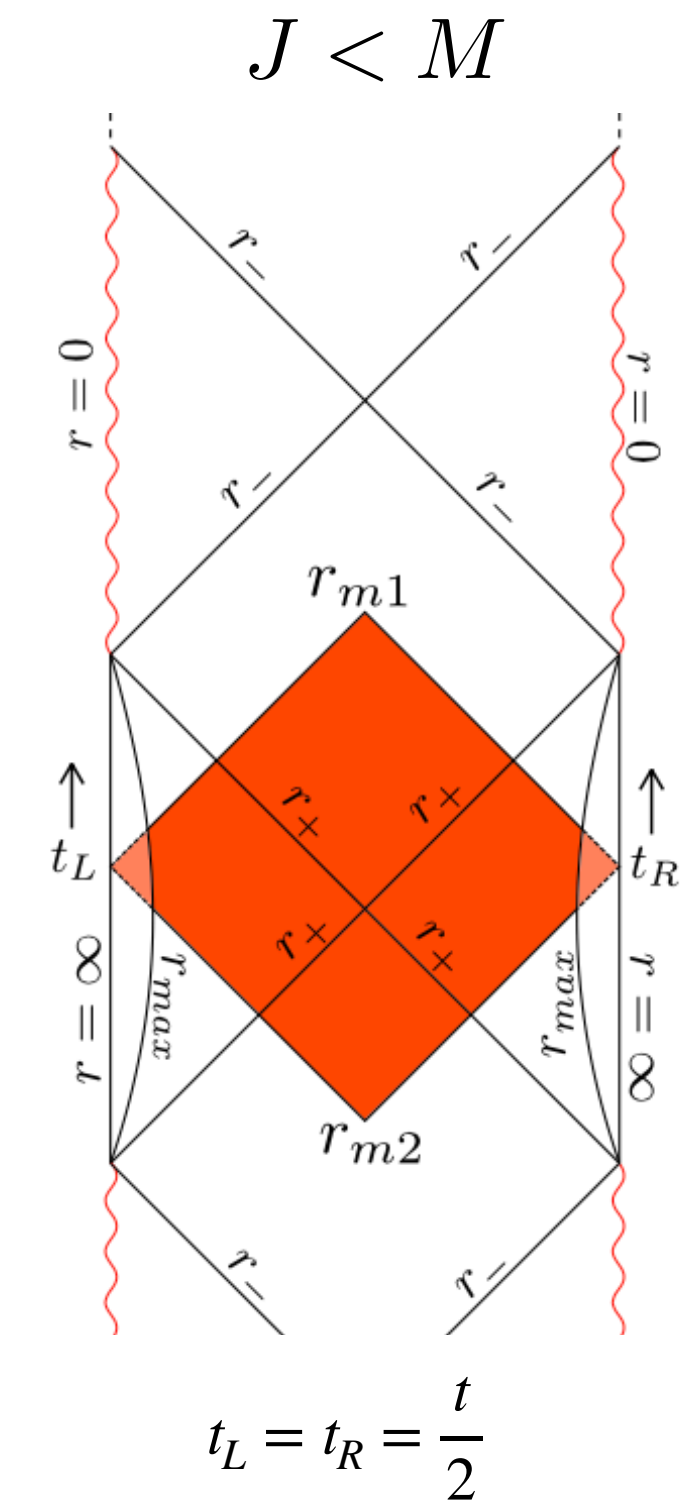
$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 (d\varphi - \omega(r) dt)^2$$

$$f(r) = \frac{(r^2 - r_+^2)(r^2 - r_-^2)}{r^2}$$

$$\omega(r) = \frac{r_+ r_-}{r^2}$$

$$M = \frac{r_+^2 + r_-^2}{8} \quad J = \frac{r_+ r_-}{4}$$

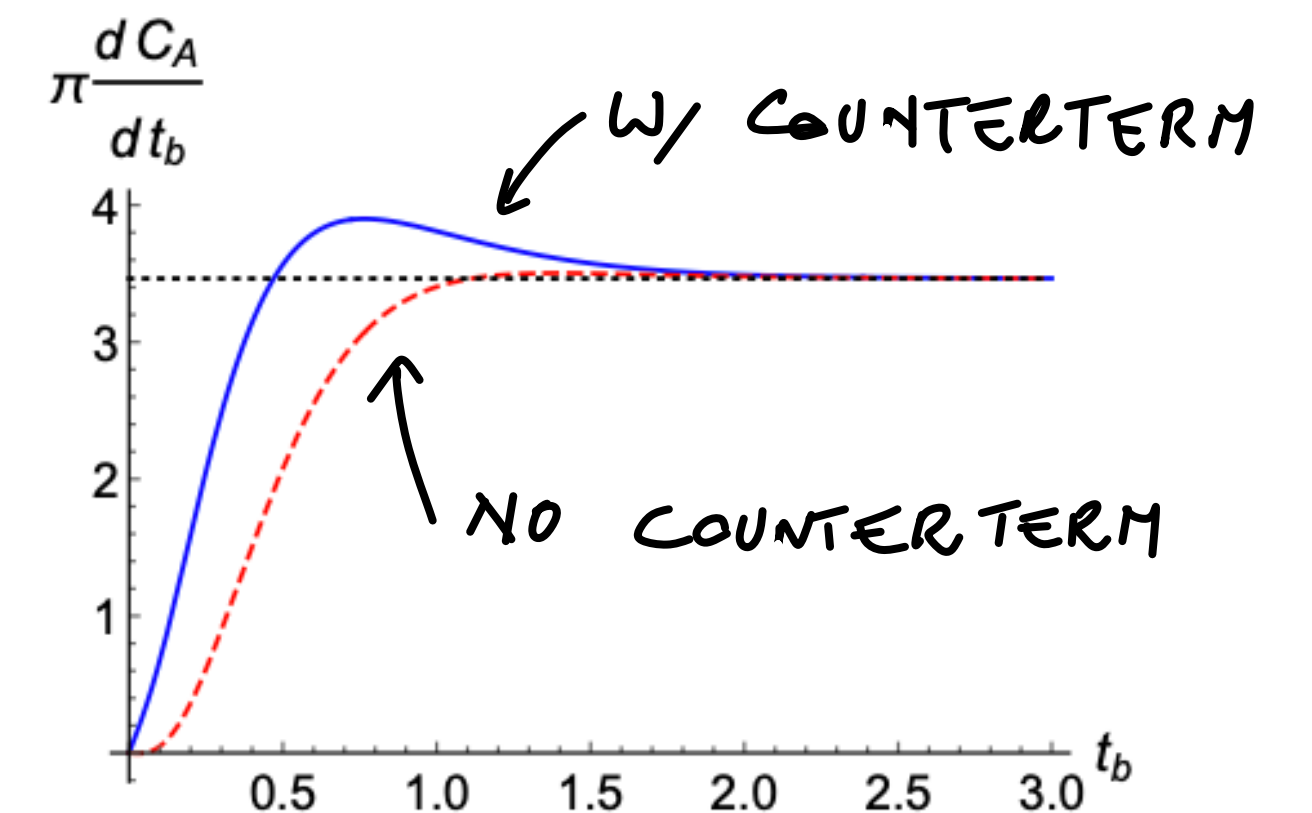
$$T = \frac{r_+^2 - r_-^2}{2\pi r_+} \quad \Omega = \frac{r_-}{r_+}$$



Revisited time dependence of holographic complexity taking into account all terms in the WDW action

- Inclusion of counterterm does not alter qualitative behaviour
- Expected late time linear growth

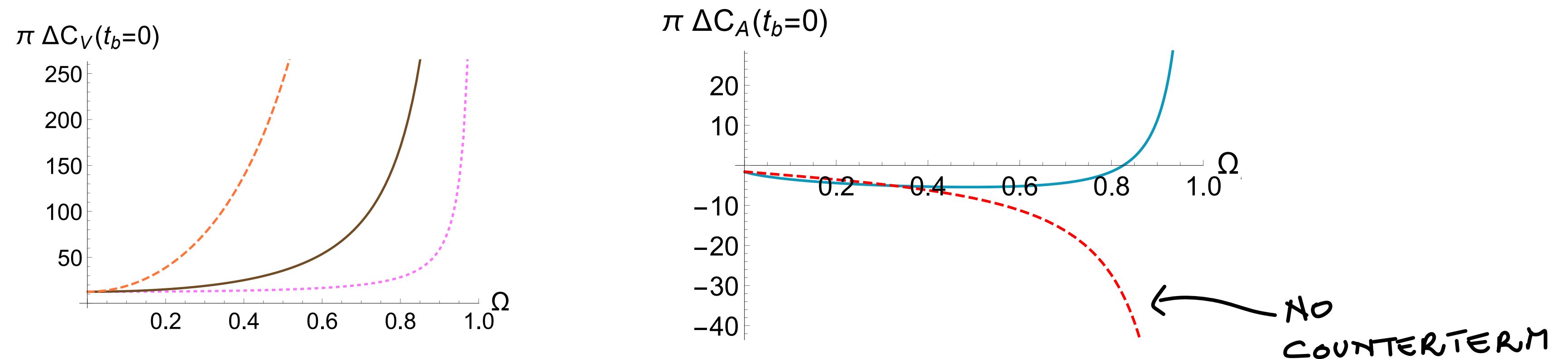
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dC}{dt} \sim M - \Omega J$$



# Rotating BTZ

To compare with the QFT results focus on **complexity of formation**  $\Delta\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(t=0) - 2\mathcal{C}_{\text{AdS}}$

$\Omega$  dependence:



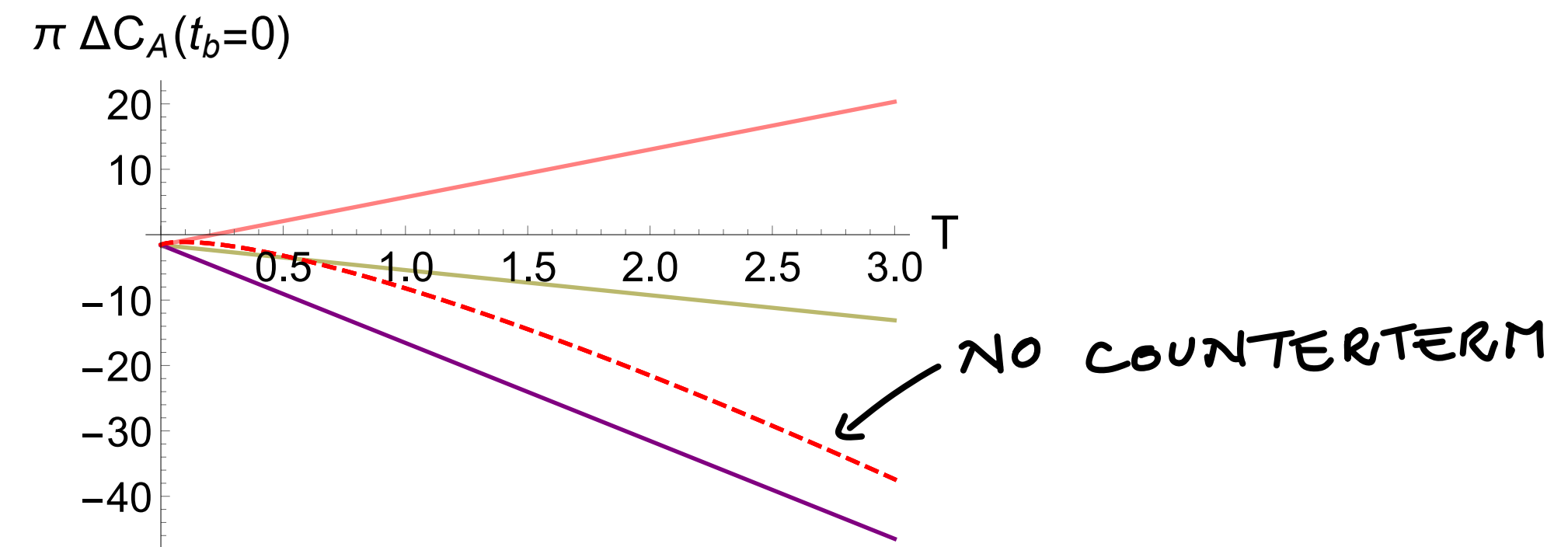
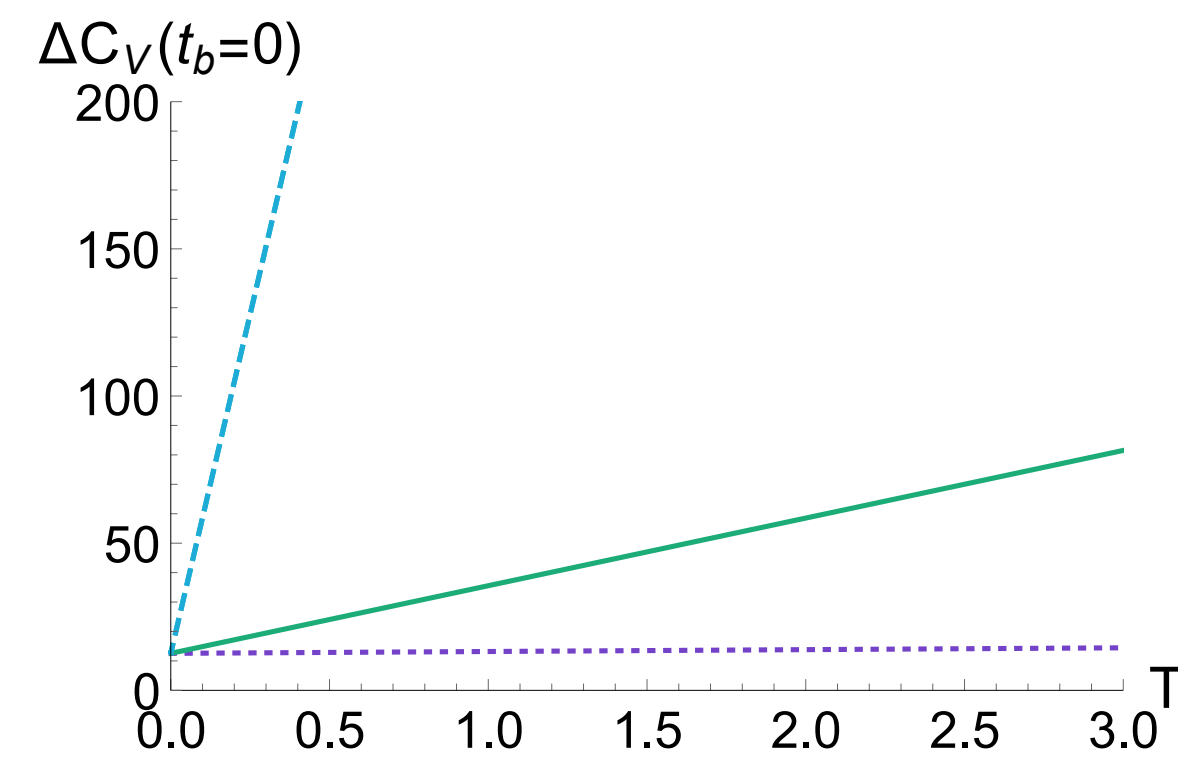
- CA and CV have the **same**  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$  **divergences** when the **counterterm** is **included**

$$\Delta\mathcal{C} \sim \frac{T}{1-\Omega} \log \frac{1}{1-\Omega}.$$

- Without counterterm, same form but opposite sign
- **Extra log factor** as compared to QFT divergence

# Rotating BTZ

$T$  dependence:



- **Matching** linear behaviour for CV and CA **only when counterterm is included**
- **Same** linear **divergence as** for free **QFT** complexity at high  $T$
- In tension with the hypothesis of a *third law of holographic complexity*:  
finite complexity of formation at zero  $T$  vs logarithmic divergence of higher dimensional charged and Myers-Perry black holes [CarmiChapmanMarrochioMyersSugishita]  
[AlBalushi,Hennigar,Kunduri,Mann]

# Holography: Review

Higher dimensional rotating black holes: much harder technical task

Notable exception: odd-dimensional Myers-Perry AdS black holes with equal angular momenta in each orthogonal plane [AlBalushi,Hennigar,Kunduri,Mann]

Highlighted connection between holographic complexity and thermodynamic volume in the large black hole limit  $r_+ \gg \ell$

- complexity of formation controlled by the thermodynamic volume

$$\Delta\mathcal{C} \sim S \log \frac{\Omega}{T} + \tilde{f} V_+^{\frac{D-2}{D-1}}$$

- late time growth rate

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d\mathcal{C}}{dt} \sim P(V_+ - V_-)$$

[Couch,Fischler,Nguyen]



# Kerr-AdS4

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{\rho^2} \left( dt - \frac{a}{\Xi} \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \right)^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta} dr^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta_\theta} d\theta^2 + \frac{\Delta_\theta}{\rho^2} \sin^2 \theta \left( a dt - \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Xi} d\varphi \right)^2$$

$$\Delta = (r^2 + a^2) \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2} \right) - 2mr \quad \Delta_\theta = 1 - \frac{a^2}{\ell^2} \cos^2 \theta$$

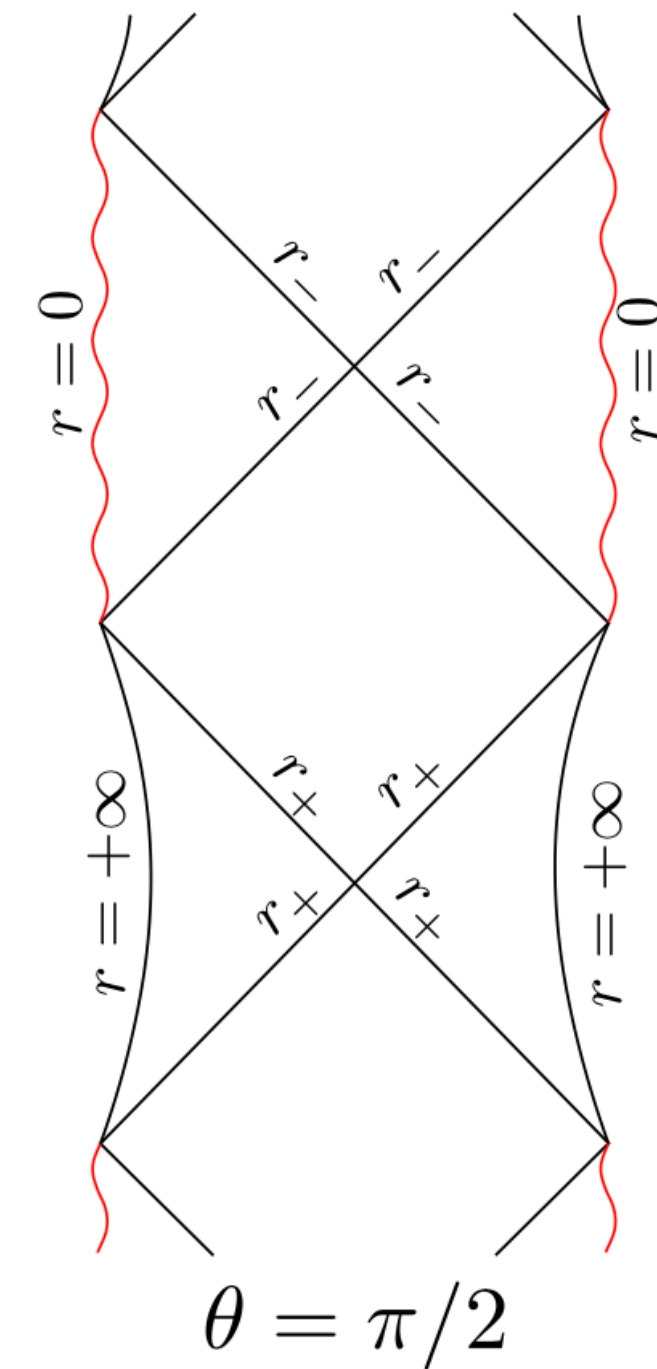
$$\rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad \Xi = 1 - \frac{a^2}{\ell^2}$$

$$M = \frac{m}{G_N \Xi^2}$$

$$J = aM$$

$$\Omega = \frac{a}{\ell} \frac{r_+^2 + \ell^2}{r_+^2 + a^2}$$

$$T = \frac{r_+}{4\pi (r_+^2 + a^2)} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{\ell^2} + 3\frac{r_+^2}{\ell^2} - \frac{a^2}{r_+^2} \right)$$



Reduced symmetry but some partial progress



# Kerr-AdS4

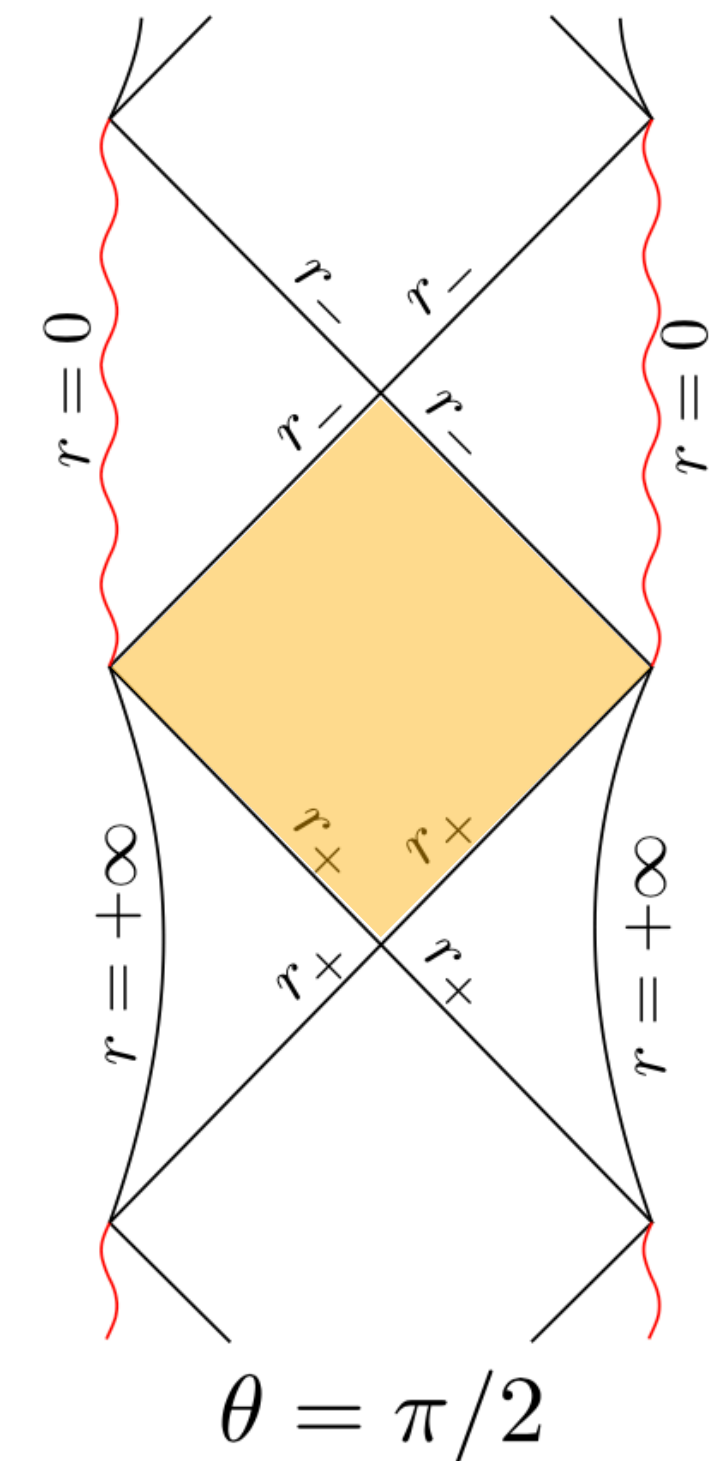
Recent analysis of null hypersurfaces [AlBalushi,Mann]: implicit description of the WDW patch

Precise treatment of the late time limit of the CA growth rate

- Only non-vanishing contributions: EH term and null-null joints at the past and future tips of the WDW patch
- Reproduces expected answer [Cai,Ruan,Wang,Yang,Peng]

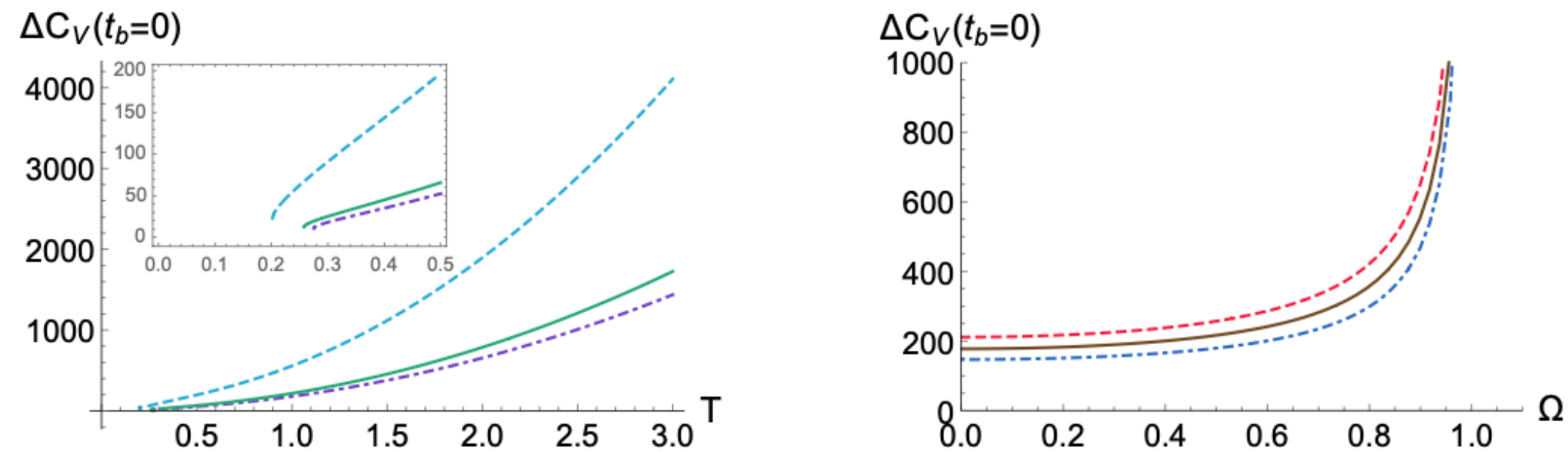
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \pi \frac{dC_A}{dt} = \frac{r_+^3 - r_-^3 + \ell^2 (r_+ - r_-)}{2 G_N (\ell^2 - a^2)} = (M - \Omega_+ J) - (M - \Omega_- J)$$

- Proportional to the difference of thermodynamic volumes in the large black hole limit  $r_+ \gg \ell$



# Kerr-AdS4

CV complexity of formation evaluated numerically



- Diverges at high  $T$  and for critical angular velocity  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$
- Compatibility with the claim of [AlBalushi,Hennigar,Kunduri,Mann] on the scaling of the complexity of formation with the thermodynamic volume
- Unable to test it independently. Scaling of  $S$  and  $V$  fixed in the region of parameters corresponding to physical solutions (extremal solutions have superluminal rotation)

# Remarks

- Map between rotating and non-rotating TFD in simple scalar toy model
- Holographic complexity: counterterm essential to match CA and CV behaviour for rotating BTZ black holes
- Qualitative agreement between QFT and holographic complexity results in the high temperature and critical angular velocity limit
- QFT complexity of formation scale independent while CA depends on the counterterm scale

**Thank you!**