Cosmologies, Singularities & Quantum Extremal Surfaces

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- AdS Kasner cosmologies; classical RT/HRT surfaces
- 2d dilaton-gravity-matter; quantum extremal surfaces
- QES: null Kasner singularities
- de Sitter extremal surfaces

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Holography, singularities, time ...

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m since} \ AdS/CFT$ '97 Maldacena; '98 Gubser,Klebanov,Polyakov; Witten.

Understand time-dependent phenomena in string theory and holography. Big-Bang/Crunch singularities: curvatures, tidal forces divergent. General relativity, notions of spacetime geometry break down. *Hope:* holographic (or "stringy") description \rightarrow UV completion.

Entanglement: insightful holographic probe. Classical RT/HRT & quantum extremal surface probes? Ryu.Takayanagi: Hubeny.Rangamani.Takayanagi



Prelude: singularities and string theory

Long history of studying singularities and their resolution in string theory. <u>Orbifolds (conical singularities)</u>: singular for point particles. Strings \rightarrow extra light winding modes \rightarrow resolution modes of singularity.

<u>Null singularities</u>: *e.g.* singular plane waves, null Kasner singularities. Strings become highly excited in the vicinity of singularity.

Spacelike Big-Bang/Crunch singularities: unclear. Toy models of holographic cosmologies with Big-Bang/Crunch singularities: bulk gravitational description breaks down. Dual field theory?

Resolvable singularities in string theory and holography?

AdS cosmologies & duals; classical extremal surfaces

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 $\begin{array}{ll} (\tilde{A}_{\mu}) & \mbox{[Possible caveats: subtle renormalization effects (with near singularity cutoff).]} \\ \mbox{Large family of such cosmologies: AdS-Kasner (anisotropic), -FRW, -BKL, null singularities etc.} \\ \mbox{AdS/CFT, time-dep deformations} \rightarrow ds^2 &= \frac{R^2}{r^2} (\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + dr^2), \ \Psi = \Psi(t). \\ \mbox{[Solutions to sugra if: } \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \Psi \partial_{\nu} \Psi, \ \tilde{\Box} \Psi = 0: \ \mbox{deformations constrained.]} \end{array}$

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: $(\partial_r x)^2 = \phi_*^2 \left(\frac{1}{t^2/d_i}\right) \frac{1-(\partial_r t)^2}{\phi^2 - \phi_*^2}$; width $l \sim r_*$, $\phi = \frac{t}{rd_i}$;
 $t(r)$ extrmz'n eqn $\rightarrow t(r) \sim t_0 + \sum c_n r^n$, $c_n \sim \frac{1}{t_0^{\#}} \rightarrow t_* > t_0$ $(r_* \lesssim t_0)$
Extremization exhibits maximin structure (r-min and t-max). $(r(r))$

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"Effective holography": subset of bulk observables & duals. Generic 2-dim gravity akin to $D \ge 4$ gravity (not "near JT"). $[e.g.(AdS_{d_i+2} \text{ reduction} \rightarrow U = 2\Lambda \phi^{1/d_i});$ observables reflect higher dim theory (holo EM tensor, corm fns)]



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$$\begin{split} \text{EOM:} \qquad & g_{\mu\nu}\nabla^2\phi-\nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\phi+\frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{2}\big(\frac{\phi}{2}(\partial\Psi)^2+U\big)-\frac{\phi}{2}\partial_{\mu}\Psi\partial_{\nu}\Psi=0\;;\\ \mathcal{R}-\frac{\partial U}{\partial\phi}-\frac{1}{2}(\partial\Psi)^2=0; \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}\partial_{\mu}(\sqrt{-g}\,\phi\partial^{\mu}\Psi)-\frac{\partial U}{\partial\Psi}=0. \quad \rightarrow \text{conformal gauge } e^f\eta_{\mu\nu} \end{split}$$

Near Big-Crunch singularity:

 \rightarrow "universal" subsector: $\phi \sim t$, $e^f \sim t^a$, $e^{\Psi} \sim t^{\alpha}$; $a = \frac{\alpha^2}{2}$

Rapid time variation \rightarrow divergence. Time derivatives dominant \Rightarrow dilaton potential U disappears.

$$[-\partial_t^2\phi + \dot{f}\partial_t\phi - \frac{\phi}{2}(\dot{\Psi})^2 \sim 0, \quad -\partial_t^2\phi \sim 0, \quad \ddot{f} + \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\Psi})^2 \sim 0, \quad -\partial_t(\phi\partial_t\Psi) \sim 0.$$

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- Flat space: $U = 0 \iff$ reduction of "mostly isotropic" Kasner.
- Hyperscaling violating cosmologies: here $\theta < 0$. $U(\phi, \Psi) = 2\Lambda \phi^{1/d} i \ e^{\gamma \Psi}, \quad \Lambda = -\frac{1}{2}(d_i + 1 - \theta)(d_i - \theta), \quad \gamma = \frac{-2\theta}{\sqrt{2d_i(d_i - \theta)(-\theta)}}$.
- Hyperscaling violating Lifshitz cosmologies: nontrivial z exponent. More constrained, complicated.

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But perhaps studying simple toy models & quantum extremal surfaces as probes will give insight into cosmological singularities.

We will mostly study closed universes: no horizons (no appreciable entropy), bulk matter in ground state (reasonable far from singularity), no entanglement with "elsewhere" (auxiliary universes).

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- $1 \ll c \ll \frac{1}{G}$: classical area term S_{cl} dominant but S_{bulk} appreciable.
- If S_{bulk} overpowers $S_{cl},$ Bekenstein bound violated \rightarrow islands. Hartman,Jiang,Shagoulian

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Append time-independent region far from singularity: QES evolution confirms above picture. Islands?

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thus near singularity region best regarded as unreliable.

Strings known to become highly excited in the vicinity of null singularities: perhaps consistent with above. Explore?

Conclusions, questions

• AdS Kasner: classical RT/HRT surfaces anchored in reliable semiclassical region bend away from singularity. Quantum extremal surfaces \rightarrow semiclassical region.

• Null Kasner singularities: QES can reach singularity but on-shell generalized entropy generically singular near singularity.

Appropriate non-ground state models for bulk matter entropy ("stringy entanglement"), initial conditions in semiclassical region far from singularity: dual CFT state?

Which Big-Crunch singularities are accessible via entanglement?

Black hole interior singularity? could be qualitatively different from Big-Bang/Crunch \dots

 dS: timelike-separated QES generically (spacelike-separated QES with regulator: not late times)
 Classically: dS future-past extremal surfaces – way to organize bulk entanglement. Maybe de Sitter suggests new object, "temporal entanglement"?

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* $R_c \to \infty \Rightarrow \tau \to -\infty$, * Late-times \to no real solution.

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One possible generalization of Ryu-Takayanagi to de Sitter space \equiv bulk analog of setting up entanglement entropy in dual CFT \rightarrow restrict to some boundary Eucl time slice \rightarrow codim-2 RT/HRT surfaces anchored at I^+ , dipping into holographic (time) direction.



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Hartman-Maldacena rotated Future-past surfaces stretching from I^+ to I^- Limiting surface, subregion \rightarrow all $I^{\pm} (\Delta w \rightarrow \infty)$: $S^{div} \sim \frac{\pi l^2}{G_4} \frac{l}{\epsilon_c}$, $S^{fin} \sim \frac{\pi l^2}{G_4} \Delta w$ Features: vanishing mutual information, "entanglement wedge", subregion duality, ...



Suggest TFD-like entangled dual of two CFT copies at future boundary.

With ordinary spatial (AdS-like) boundary, a spacelike RT/HRT surface gives real area. Then as the holographic boundary is rotated to timelike infinity, we acquire a relative minus sign, suggesting complex areas for timelike extremal surfaces. In this sense, future-past surfaces have overall i which we are removing. (a bit like calling the length of a timelike geodesic as time, rather than i-space ?)

So perhaps this is a new object, "temporal entanglement"?

[Also complex extremal surfaces: AdS RT analytic cont'n ('15, KN; Sato; Miyaji, Takayanagi)]

Generic 2-dim dilaton gravity: dim. red'n

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_2} \int d^2 x \sqrt{-g} \left(\phi \mathcal{R} - U(\phi) \right)$$

Equations of motion:

$$g_{\mu\nu}\nabla^2\phi - \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\phi + \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{2}U = 0, \quad \mathcal{R} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial\phi} = 0$$

- curvature divergence: $U \sim \phi^n \to \mathcal{R} \sim \phi^{n-1} \xrightarrow{n < 1}$ IR singularity as $\phi \to 0$. Conformally AdS_2 .
- on-shell action divergence: UV divergence at large ϕ $S^{o.s.} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_2} \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \left(\phi \partial_{\phi} U U\right)$.

[Distinct from JT gravity $(U = -2\phi)$: const curvature (R = -2); vanishing on-shell action.] AdS/CFT experience: fixable - •introduce black hole •counterterms, holographic RG (stress tensor, correlators).

Suggests generic 2d gravity akin to $D \ge 4$ gravity \rightarrow not "near JT".

UV-incomplete effective theory \equiv thermodynamic ensemble. Extra scalar: similar features.

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e.g.
$$AdS_{d_i+2}$$
 reduction: bulk action & Gibbons-Hawking boundary term \rightarrow renormalized with counterterm
 $S_{ren} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_2} \left[\int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \left(\phi \mathcal{R} - U(\phi) \right) - 2 \int dt \sqrt{-\gamma} \phi \mathcal{K} - 2 \int dt \sqrt{-\gamma} \phi \frac{d_i+1}{2d_i} d_i \right]; \quad (U = 2\Lambda \phi^{\frac{1}{d_i}})$
Varying renormalized action with boundary metric $\hat{\alpha} \rightarrow$ holographic energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{tt}^{ren} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{-\hat{\gamma}}} \frac{\delta S_{ren}}{\delta \hat{\gamma}^{tt}} = \frac{\epsilon^{(d_i+1)/2}}{8\pi G_2} \left(-\sqrt{g^{rr}} \partial_r \phi - d_i \phi^{\frac{d_i+1}{2d_i}} \right) \gamma_{tt}$$
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 $T_{tt}^{ren} = \frac{d_i}{16\pi G_2 r_0^{d_i+1}}$

 T_{tt}^{ren} is ϵ -expansion: counterterms cancel divergences, pick finite pieces $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0}$.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Matches familiar higher dim } \delta S^{grav} \text{ calculation, after reconciling redux+Weyl:} \\ -\frac{1}{16\pi G_D} \int d^d i^{+1} x \sqrt{-h} \left(K_{\mu\nu} - K h_{\mu\nu} \right) \delta h^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi G_2} \int dt \sqrt{-\gamma} \sqrt{g^{rr}} \partial_r \phi \, \gamma_{tt} \, \delta \gamma^{tt} + \dots \end{array}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Scalar probes with dilaton coupling: } -\int d^2x \sqrt{g} \, \phi_B(\partial \psi)^2 \ \rightarrow \ \psi = e^{-i\omega\tau} \, \psi_\omega(r) \xrightarrow{d_i \rightarrow 2} \\ -S \sim \int d\omega \left. \frac{1}{\epsilon^d_i} \left. \psi_{-\omega} \partial_r \psi_\omega \right|_\epsilon \ \rightarrow \ \int d\omega \, \psi_{-\omega}^0 \, \psi_\omega^0 \left(\frac{-\omega^2}{\epsilon} + \omega^3 + \dots \right) \right. \ \text{Remove divergence via counterterm} \rightarrow \\ \text{nonlocal term} \rightarrow \langle O(\tau)O(\tau') \rangle \sim \ \frac{1}{(\Delta \tau)^4} . \ \text{Similar to higher dim calc'n: } 0+1 \ \text{dim FT} \rightarrow O \quad \text{conf.dim. } 1 + \frac{d_i}{2} \ . \end{array}$

Holographic entanglement entropy

Entanglement entropy: entropy of reduced density matrix of subsystem.

EE for spatial subsystem A, $S_A = -tr\rho_A \log \rho_A$, with partial trace $\rho_A = tr_B \rho$.

Ryu-Takayanagi: $EE = \frac{A_{min.surf.}}{4G}$

[~ black hole entropy] Area of codim-2 minimal surface in gravity dual. Non-static situations: extremal surfaces (Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi).



Operationally: const time slice, boundary subsystem \rightarrow bulk slice, codim-2 extremal surface

Example: CFT_d ground state = empty AdS_{d+1} , $ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2}(dr^2 - dt^2 + dx_i^2)$.

Strip, width $\Delta x = l$, infinitely long. Bulk surface x(r). Turning point r_* .

$$S_A = \frac{V_{d-2}R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} \int \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \sqrt{1 + (\partial_r x)^2} \quad \rightarrow \quad (\partial_r x)^2 = \frac{(r/r_*)^{2d-2}}{1 - (r/r_*)^{2d-2}} \,, \quad \frac{l}{2} = \int_0^{r_*} dr \partial_r x \,.$$

$$\begin{split} S_A &= \frac{V_{d-2}R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} \int_{\epsilon}^{r_*} \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - (r/r_*)^{2d-2}}} &\longrightarrow S_A &= \frac{R}{2G_3} \log \frac{l}{\epsilon} \ , \quad \frac{3R}{2G_3} = c \quad \text{[2d]}. \end{split}$$
$$S_A &\sim \frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}} (\frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} - c_d \frac{V_{d-2}}{l^{d-2}}) \ , \qquad \frac{R^3}{G_5} \sim N^2 \quad \text{[4d]}, \quad \frac{R^2}{G_4} \sim N^{3/2} \quad \text{[3d]}. \end{split}$$

CFT thermal state (AdS black brane): minimal surface wraps horizon. $S^{fin} \sim N^2 T^3 V_2 l$

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Surface (t(r), x(r)). Trng pt $(t_*, r_*), t_* = t(r_*)$. $S = \frac{V_{d_i-1}}{4G_{d_i+2}} \int dr \phi \sqrt{\frac{ef}{\frac{ef}{\frac{d_i}{d_i+1}/d_i}} (1 - (\partial_r t)^2) + (\partial_r x)^2}$ $\rightarrow \quad (\partial_r x)^2 = A^2 \; \frac{\frac{e^f}{\phi^{(d_i+1)/d_i}} \left(1 - (\partial_r t)^2\right)}{\phi^2 - A^2}, \quad S = \frac{V_{d_i} - 1}{4G_{d_i} + 2} \int dr \; \frac{e^{f/2} \; \phi^{(3-1/d_i)/2}}{\sqrt{\phi^2 - A^2}} \; \sqrt{1 - (\partial_r t)^2} \; \sqrt{1 - (\partial_r t)^2$ Time extrmz'n $\rightarrow (1 - t'^2)(d_i^2 t' + \frac{r(t^2 - A^2 r^2 d_i)}{a} - \frac{d_i r}{4}) - \frac{(t^2 - A^2 r^2 d_i)d_i r t''}{a} = 0$ $\phi_* = A = \frac{t_*}{d_i} \rightarrow t'_* = \frac{r_*}{d_i t_*} > 0 \rightarrow \frac{dr}{dx}\Big|_* = 0, \quad \frac{dt}{dx}\Big|_* = \frac{t'_*}{(\partial_r x)_*} = 0 \Rightarrow t\text{-max} \text{ (maximin)}$ $t' \ll 1 \rightarrow t - eqn \xrightarrow{approx} d_i^2 t^3 t' + r(t^2 - A^2 r^{2d} i) - d_i r t^2 - (t^2 - A^2 r^{2d} i) d_i r t'' = 0$ $t(r) = t_0 + \frac{1}{12t_0}r^2 - \frac{1}{432t_0^3}r^4 + \frac{1}{7776t_0^5}r^6 + \frac{A^2}{160t_0^3}r^8 - \frac{103A^2}{160\cdot540t_0^5}r^{10}$ Numerically solve \rightarrow $+\frac{3943A^2}{160\cdot540\cdot252t_0^7}r^{12}+\frac{A^4}{160\cdot4t_0^5}r^{14}-\frac{7A^4}{160\cdot72t_0^7}r^{16}+\frac{15011A^4}{160\cdot540\cdot1120t_0^9}r^{18}$ AdS₅ Kasner: $A \sim \frac{t_0}{r^3} \gtrsim \frac{1}{t^2}$ $+\frac{91A^{6}}{160\cdot880t_{0}^{7}}r^{20}+\frac{8453A^{6}}{22302720t_{0}^{9}}r^{22}+\frac{493338049A^{6}}{3653185536000t_{1}^{11}}r^{24}+\frac{19A^{8}}{56320t_{0}^{9}}r^{26}+\ldots$ $\rightarrow t_* = t_0 + \frac{r_*^2}{t_0} \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{160} + \frac{1}{160\cdot 4} + \frac{91}{160\cdot 880} + \frac{19}{160\cdot 352} + \dots \right) \rightarrow t_* > t_0.$ Surface lies almost on $t \sim const$ slice & bends away from singularity $(t_* \gtrsim t_0)$

IR limit
$$r_* \to \infty$$
 more delicate: $A \to 0$ $(A \lesssim 1/t_0^2)$
 $t(r) = t_0 + \frac{1}{12 t_0} r^2 - \frac{1}{432 t_0^3} r^4 + \frac{1}{7776 t_0^5} r^6 - \frac{17}{1866240 t_0^7} r^8 + \frac{247}{335923200 t_0^9} r^{10} + \dots$
 $r_* \to \infty, \quad t_0 \to \infty, \quad \frac{t_0}{r_*} \lesssim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t_* > t_0$

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