

# Disentangling Topological Insulators by Tensor Networks

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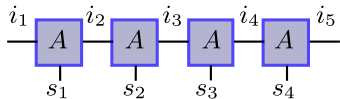
# Tensor network approach to quantum manybody systems

Tensor network:

way to avoid exponential complexity of many-body problems

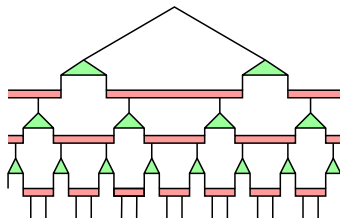
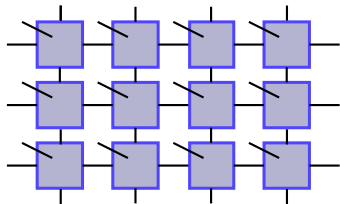
Tensor network wave functions of various kinds:

MPS (matrix product state) or DMRG



MERA  
(multiscale entanglement  
renormalization ansatz)

PEPS (projected entangled pair state)



# Tensor network approach to quantum manybody systems

- Representing many-body wavefunctions by contracting many tensors  
DMRG, MPS, MERA, PEPS, etc.

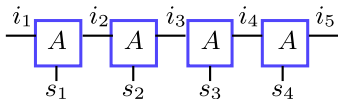
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots} C^{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots} |s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots\rangle$$

Product state:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s_a\}} A^{s_1} A^{s_2} A^{s_3} \dots |s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots\rangle = \prod_i \sum_{s_i} A^{s_i} |s_i\rangle \quad \text{EE} = 0$$

MPS (matrix product state) :

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s_a\}} \sum_{\{i_n=1, \dots, \chi\}} A_{i_1, i_2}^{s_1} A_{i_2, i_3}^{s_2} A_{i_3, i_4}^{s_3} A_{i_4, i_5}^{s_4} \dots |s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots\rangle$$



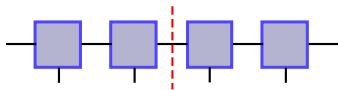
physical degrees of freedom

auxiliary index

## structure of tensor-network and entanglement entropy

Matrix product state (DMRG):

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s_a\}} \sum_{\{i_n=1, \dots, \chi\}} A_{i_1, i_2}^{s_1} A_{i_2, i_3}^{s_2} A_{i_3, i_4}^{s_3} A_{i_4, i_5}^{s_4} \dots |s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \dots\rangle$$



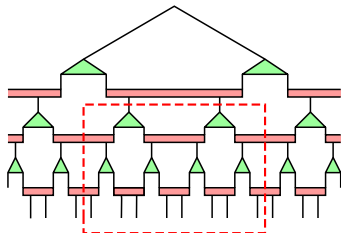
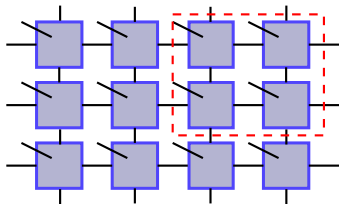
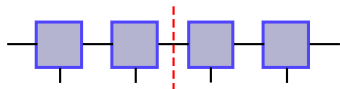
$$\text{EE: } S_A \leq \log \chi$$

$\chi$ : dimension of the aux space ("bond dimension")

Area law scaling in 1D: quite generic in gapped quantum ground states.

# Can we extract information from tensor network in an efficient way ?

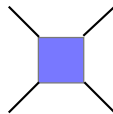
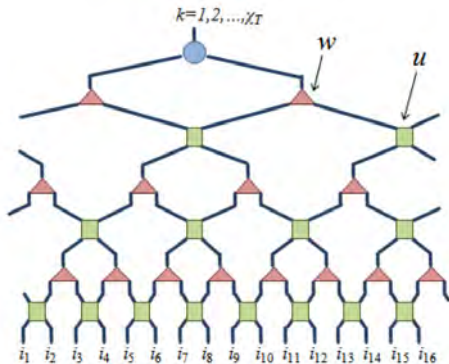
--> Cutting up tensor networks!



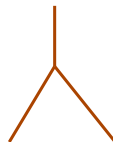
Cutting up = defining "reduced density matrix"

# multiscale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)

[Vidal (07-08)]



"disentangler"



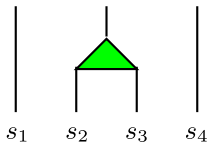
isometry  
(coarse-graining)

# block spin decimation and disentangler

## - Block spin decimation

$$\rho_{tot} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

$$\rho_{23} = \text{Tr}_{14}\rho_{tot} = \sum_i p_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$



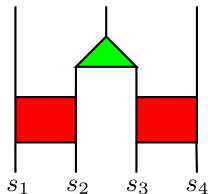
small  $p_i \rightarrow$  throw away

## - Disentangler

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)_{34}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad p_i = \frac{1}{4} (\forall i)$$

$$U \frac{(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)_{12}}{\sqrt{2}} = |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle_{12}$$

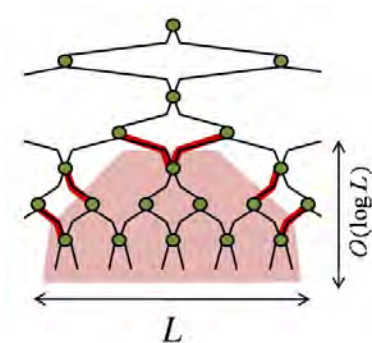
$$\text{Tr}_{14} [U_{12} \otimes U_{34} \rho_{tot} (U_{12} \otimes U_{34})^\dagger]$$





# MERA and holographic entanglement entropy

[Swingle (09)]



EE for (1+1)D case:  $S_A \sim \log(l/a)$

# Geometry $\leftrightarrow$ Entanglement

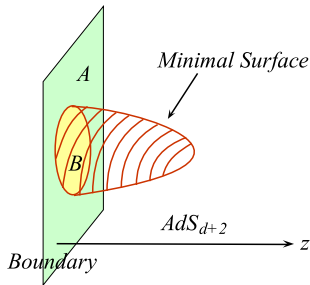
- Holographic formula for EE

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area of minimal surface } \gamma_A}{4G_N}$$

- Entanglement  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry

$$ds^2 = g_{uu} du^2 + \frac{e^{2u}}{\epsilon^2} d\vec{x}^2 + g_{tt} dt^2$$

$$S_A = \frac{1}{4G_N} \cdot \frac{V_{d-1}}{\epsilon^{d-1}} \int_{u_{\text{IR}} (= -\infty)}^{u_{\text{UV}} (=0)} du \sqrt{g_{uu}} e^{(d-1)u}$$



Can we make "AdS/MERA" more precise ?

- Quantum circuit representation of the target states:

$$|\Psi(u_{\text{IR}})\rangle \equiv |\Omega\rangle \quad |\Psi(u_{\text{UV}})\rangle \equiv |\Psi\rangle$$

$$|\Psi(u)\rangle = U(u, u_{\text{IR}})|\Omega\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = U(0, u)|\Psi(u)\rangle$$

$\infty$

$$u_{\text{UV}} = 0$$

$$u_{\text{IR}} = -$$

- MERA evolution operator

$$U(u_1, u_2) = P \exp \left[ -i \int_{u_2}^{u_1} (K(u) + L) du \right]$$

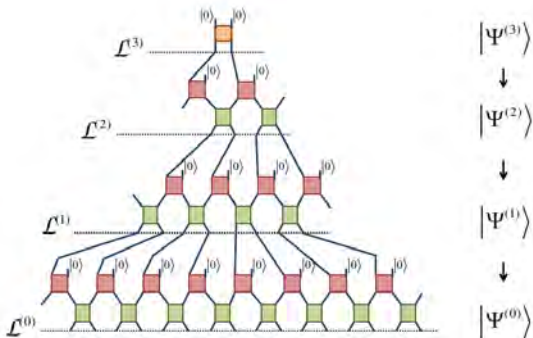
disentangler

coarse-graining

- Optimizing  $|\Omega\rangle, U \rightarrow$  true ground state

## MERA and quantum circuit

- Tensor network method can be formulated as a quantum circuit (successive applications of unitary transformations)
- For MERA: add dummy states  $|0\rangle$



## cMERA for free boson

- free boson in  $d+1$  dim:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d k [\pi(k)\pi(-k) + \epsilon_k^2 \cdot \phi(k)\phi(-k)]$$

$$\phi(k) = \frac{a_k + a_{-k}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_k}} \quad \pi(k) = \sqrt{2\epsilon_k} \left( \frac{a_k - a_{-k}^\dagger}{2i} \right)$$

- IR state:

$$\left( \sqrt{M}\phi(x) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{M}}\pi(x) \right) |\Omega\rangle = 0 \quad \text{completely uncorrelated}$$

$$(\alpha_k a_k + \beta_k a_{-k}^\dagger) |\Omega\rangle = 0$$

$$\alpha_k = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{M}{\epsilon_k}} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k}{M}} \right) \quad \beta_k = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{M}{\epsilon_k}} - \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k}{M}} \right)$$

- coarse-graining

$$e^{-iuL}\phi(k)e^{iuL} = e^{-\frac{d}{2}u}\phi(e^{-u}k)$$

$$e^{-iuL}\pi(k)e^{iuL} = e^{-\frac{d}{2}u}\pi(e^{-u}k)$$

- disentangler

$$K(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d k [g(k, u)(\phi(k)\pi(-k) + \pi(k)\phi(-k))]$$

$$g(k, u) = \chi(u) \cdot \Gamma(|k|/\Lambda)$$

cutoff function



- variational principle:

$$E = \langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle = \langle \Omega | H(u_{\text{IR}}) | \Omega \rangle$$

$$\chi(u) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{e^{2u}}{e^{2u} + m^2/\Lambda^2}, \quad M = \sqrt{\Lambda^2 + m^2}$$

- Scale-dependent Bogoliubov transformation:

$$(\alpha_k, \beta_k) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ a_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} |\Omega\rangle = 0 \quad \text{IR}$$



$$U(u)(\alpha_k, \beta_k) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ a_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} |\Omega\rangle = 0$$

$$(\alpha_k, \beta_k) \cdot U(u) \begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ a_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger(u) \cdot U(u) |\Omega\rangle = 0$$

$$(\alpha_k, \beta_k) \cdot M(u) \begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ a_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} |\Psi(u)\rangle_L = 0$$

$$(A_k, B_k) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ a_{-k}^\dagger \end{pmatrix} |\Psi(u)\rangle_L = 0 \quad \text{UV}$$

## Bures distance (quantum distance)

- Bures distance:  $D_B(\rho_1, \rho_2) := 2 \left( 1 - \text{Tr} \sqrt{\rho_1^{1/2} \rho_2 \rho_1^{1/2}} \right)$

- For pure states:  $\rho_1 = |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1|$      $\rho_2 = |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2|$

$$D_B(\psi_1, \psi_2) = 2 \left( 1 - |\langle\psi_1|\psi_2\rangle| \right)$$

- For infinitesimally close state:

$$D_B[\psi(\xi), \psi(\xi + d\xi)] = g_{ij}(\xi) d\xi_i d\xi_j$$

$$g_{ij}(\xi) = \text{Re} \langle \partial_i \psi(\xi) | \partial_j \psi(\xi) \rangle - \langle \partial_i \psi(\xi) | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | \partial_j \psi(\xi) \rangle$$

- Berry gauge field

$$A_i(\xi) = -i \langle \psi(\xi) | \partial_i \psi(\xi) \rangle$$

$$\langle \partial_i \psi(\xi) | [1 - \rho(\xi)] | \partial_j \psi(\xi) \rangle = g_{ij} + i F_{ij}$$



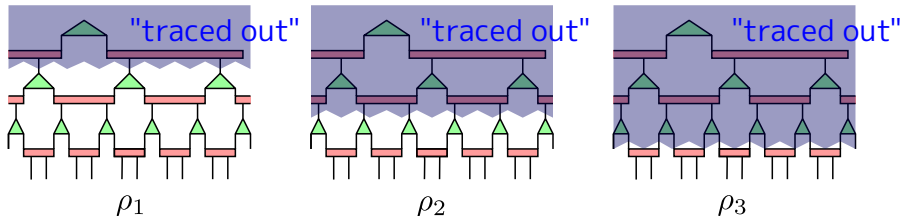
## Introducing metric in MERA

- Proposal for a metric in radial direction: [arXiv:1208.3469](https://arxiv.org/abs/1208.3469)

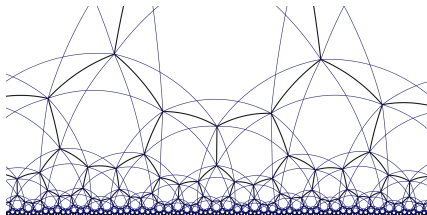
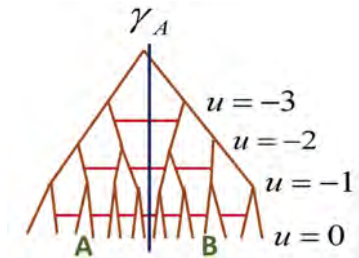
$$g_{uu}(u)du^2 = \mathcal{N}^{-1} (1 - |{}_L\langle\Psi(u)|\Psi(u+du)\rangle_L|^2)$$

where  $|\Psi(u+du)\rangle_L = e^{iLu}|\Psi(u)\rangle$  wfn in "interaction picture"

$$\mathcal{N} = \text{Vol.} \int_{|k| \leq \Lambda e^u} d^d k \quad \text{normalization}$$



# Motivation for the metric



$$S_A \propto L^{d-1} \sum_{u=-\infty}^0 n(u) \cdot 2^{(d-1)u}$$

$$S_A = \frac{1}{4G_N} \cdot \frac{V_{d-1}}{\epsilon^{d-1}} \int_{u_{\text{IR}}(=-\infty)}^{u_{\text{UV}}(=0)} du \sqrt{g_{uu}} e^{(d-1)u}$$

strength of disentangler

## Case study for the metric

- Relativistic free scalar:

$$g_{uu}(u) = \chi(u)^2 = \frac{e^{4u}}{4(e^{2u} + m^2/\Lambda^2)^2}$$

$$ds^2 = g_{uu}du^2 + \frac{e^{2u}}{\epsilon^2}dx^2 + g_{tt}dt^2$$

massless limit:

$$g_{uu}(u) = \text{const.}$$

AdS metric

massive case:

$$e^{2u} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2 z^2} - \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

AdS soliton

$$ds^2 = \frac{dz^2}{4z^2} + \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda^2 z^2} - \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) dx^2 + g_{tt}dt^2$$

- Flat space:

$$H = \int d^d x \phi(x) e^{-\Lambda(-\partial^2)^{w/2}} \phi(x)$$

$$\epsilon_k \propto e^{\Lambda k^w}$$

$$g_{uu}(u) = g(u)^2 \propto e^{2wu}$$

c.f. Li-Takayanagi (10)

## Issues

- Large-N ? higher spin ? [cf. Swingle (12)]
- Diffeo invariance ?

- Time-component of metric  $g_{tt}$  ?
- Effects of interactions ?
- Einstein equation?

[cf. Faulkner-Guica-Hartman-Myers-Van Raamsdonk 13,  
Nozaki-Numasawa-Prudenziati-Takayanagi 13,  
Bhattacharya-Takayanagi 13, etc]

### Advantages of AdS/MERA:

- No need for large-N
- Can define geometry for generic many-body states

## MERA for Topological Phases of Matter

- Topological phases: gapped phases of matter with a lot of entanglement
  - e.g. QH states (described by Chern-Simons theories)
- No classical order parameter, highly entangled quantum states of matter
- There is no adiabatic path to topologically trivial states (e.g. atomic insulator v.s. QHE)
- Topological phases: we cannot completely remove entanglement

What happens if we try to construct disentanglers and MERA ?

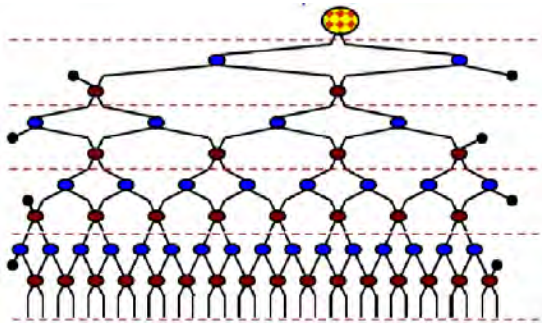
## MERA for topological phase

- MERA for Kitaev toric code and Levin-Wen String nets:

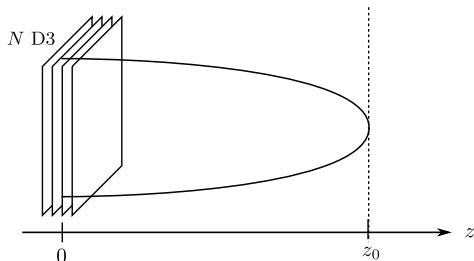
[Koenig, Reichardt, Vidal (08)]

[Aguado-Vidal (09)]

Topological information is stored in "top tensor"



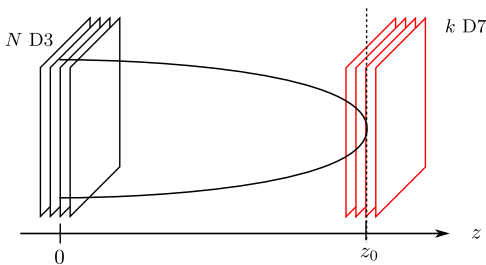
# Holographic dual of gapped phases



Holographic dual of pure YM  
in (2+1)D [Witten (98)]

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (-dt^2 + f(z)dy^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + f^{-1}(z)dz^2)$$

$$f(z) = 1 - (z/z_0)^4$$



Holographic dual of CS

[Fujita-Li-Ryu-Takayanagi (10)]

$$S_{D3} = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int \text{tr} \left( A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A \right)$$

$$S_{top} \sim \frac{k^2}{2} \log N$$

Branes = Top tensor ?

## Chern Insulators

- QHE without uniform magnetic field
- Continuum Dirac model with k-dependent mass:

$$H = \int d^2\mathbf{k} \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) [\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}] \psi(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{k}) = (k_x, k_y, m - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})$$

- Two phases having different topological invariant (Hall conductance)

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^2k \mathbf{R} \cdot (\partial_{k_x} \mathbf{R} \times \partial_{k_y} \mathbf{R})$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = +1 \quad m > 0 \quad \text{"topological"}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = 0 \quad m < 0 \quad \text{"trivial"}$$



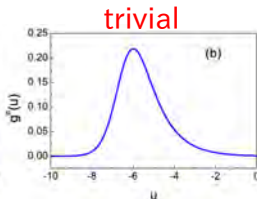
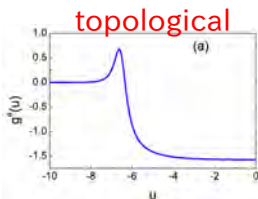
# Disentangler and Metric for Chern Insulators

- IR state:

$$|\Omega^{\text{trivial}}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

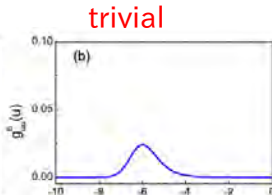
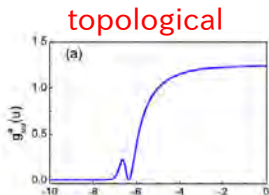
- Disentangler:

$$\hat{K}(u) = i \int d^2\mathbf{k} [g_{\mathbf{k}}(u) \psi_1^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \psi_2(\mathbf{k}) + g_{\mathbf{k}}^*(u) \psi_1(\mathbf{k}) \psi_2^\dagger(\mathbf{k})]$$



$$g_{\mathbf{k}}(u) = g(u) \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{\Lambda e^u}\right) \frac{k}{\Lambda e^u} e^{-i\theta}$$

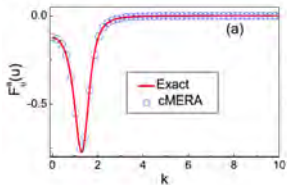
- Metric:



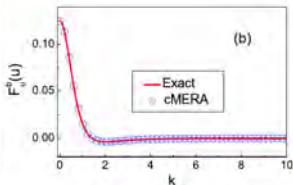
# Berry flux at UV

- Small  $k$ :

topological

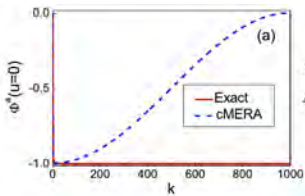


trivial

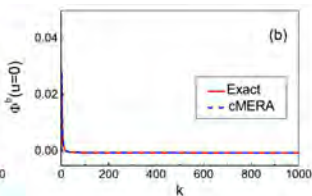


- Large  $k$ :

topological

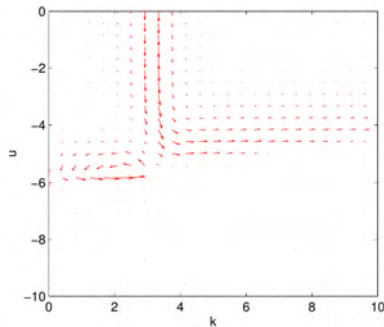


trivial



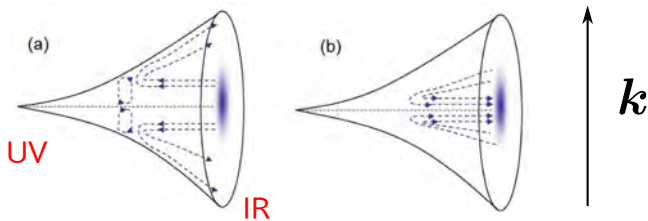
# Berry flux in the bulk

topological case



UV

IR



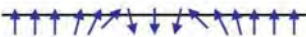
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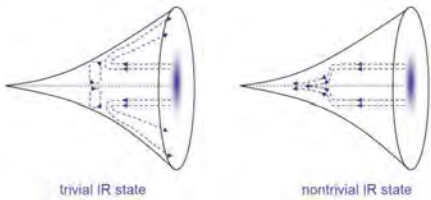
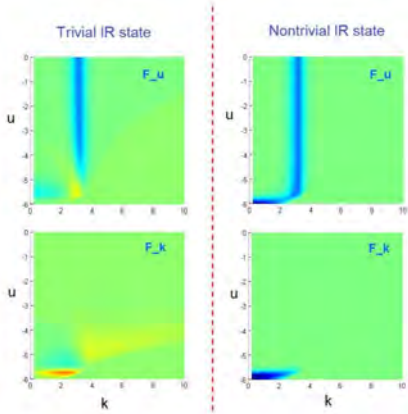
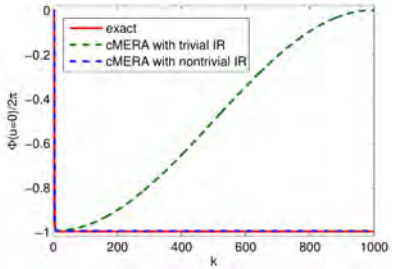
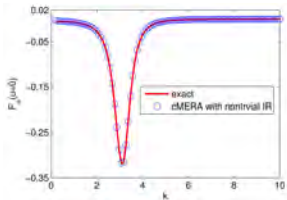
$$|\Omega^{\text{trivial}}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\Omega^{\text{nontrivial}}\rangle = |\Psi(\mathbf{k}, u = u_{\text{IR}})\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-i\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

trivial IR: 

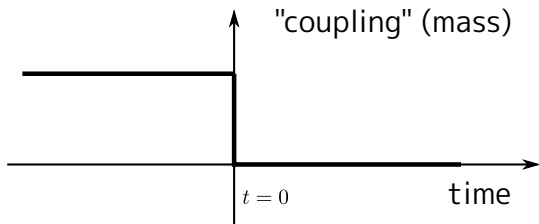
nontrivial IR:  times a phase

UV:   
large k      k=0      large k



## Quantum quench and finite T

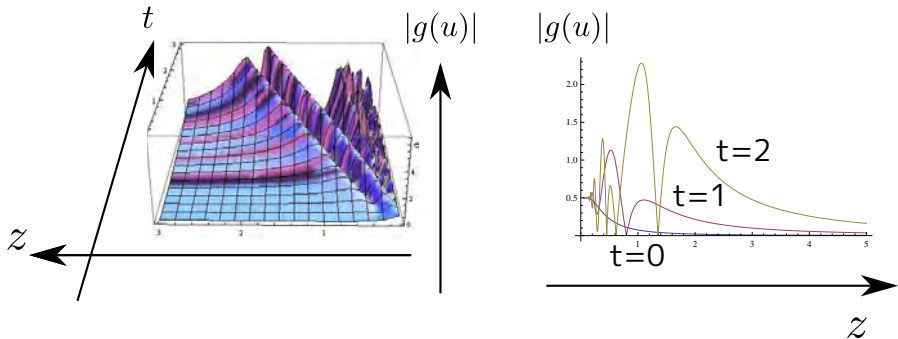
- MERA at finite T (mixed state)
- Quantum quench (pure state)



$$|\Psi(t=0)\rangle = e^{-\frac{\beta}{4}H}|B\rangle \quad \text{"Boundary state"} \quad [\text{Calabrese-Cardy 06}]$$

$$|\Psi(t=0)\rangle \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int dk e^{-\frac{\beta \epsilon_k}{2}} a_k^\dagger a_{-k}^\dagger\right) |0\rangle$$

# Metric after quantum quench for 2d free boson



- Light-cone like structure

$$g_{uu} = g(u)^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 + \frac{a_1 k^2 \beta^2 + a_2 k^2 t^2}{\sinh^2(k\beta/2)} \right]$$

- t-linear growth of  $S_A$

$$\Delta S_A \sim \int_{-\log \beta/\epsilon}^0 du (\sqrt{g_{uu}} - 1/2) + \int_{-\infty}^{-\log \beta/\epsilon} du \sqrt{g_{uu}} \sim \frac{t}{\beta}$$

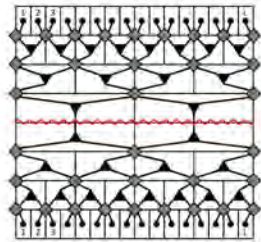
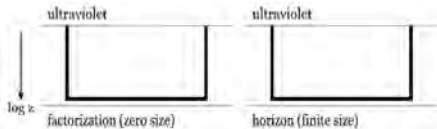
[Calabrese-Cardy (05)  
Hartman-Maldacena (13)]

# What can we say about finite T ?

- Thermofield double description:

[Matsueda, Molina-Vilaplana, etc]

[Swingle (12)]



- Concrete setup in cMERA (cf. Hartman-Maldacena, next slide):

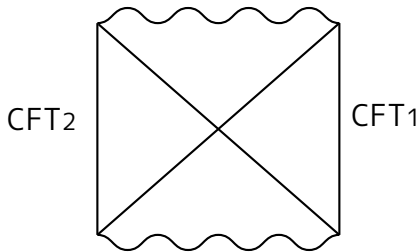
$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi(0, t)\rangle_{th} &= \mathcal{N} \cdot e^{-it(H_1+H_2)} \cdot \prod_k \sum_{n_k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta \epsilon_k n_k / 2} |n_k\rangle_1 |n_k\rangle_2 \\
 &= \mathcal{N} \cdot \exp \left( \int dk e^{-\frac{\beta \epsilon_k}{2}} e^{-2i\epsilon_k t} a_k^\dagger \tilde{a}_k^\dagger \right) |0\rangle |\tilde{0}\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Can use the same disentangler for quantum quench

$$\tilde{a}_k \rightarrow a_{-k}, \quad |0\rangle |\tilde{0}\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle.$$

$$|\Psi(0, t=0)\rangle_{th} = P e^{-i \int_{u_{IR}}^0 \hat{K}(s) ds} \otimes P e^{-i \int_{u_{IR}}^0 \hat{K}(\tilde{s}) d\tilde{s}} |\Omega(\beta)\rangle. \quad \text{same metric as quench}$$





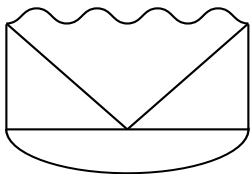
thermofield double

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n e^{iE_n t} e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle_1 |n\rangle_2$$

$$ds^2 = -\frac{1-z^2/z_H^2}{z^2} d\tau^2 + \frac{dz^2}{z^2(1-z^2/z_H^2)} + \frac{dx^2}{z^2}$$

[Israel (76), Maldacena]

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle_1 |n\rangle_2$$



quantum quench

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n e^{iE_n t} e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle$$

## Summary

- Proposal for definition of of bulk metric and gauge field for MERA representation of quantum states
- Behaviors expected from AdS/CFT
- Classical phases of matter  $\leftrightarrow$  group theory (symmetry breaking)  
Quantum phases of matter  $\leftrightarrow$  geometry (entanglement)  
Topological phases  $\leftrightarrow$  D-branes (non-trivial IR)