# Gravitational singularities and Holographic Complexity<sup>1</sup>

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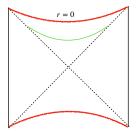
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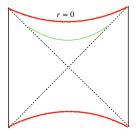
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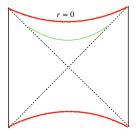


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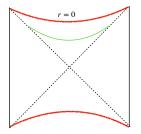
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   EAdS-BH at late times:

$$C \sim "ERB \text{ volume"}; \ \frac{dC}{dt} \sim T_{\perp}S, \quad A \equiv S \in \mathbb{R}$$

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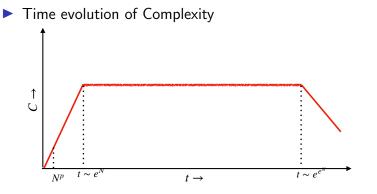
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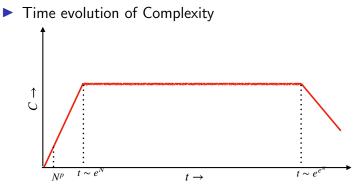
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• Quant. mech.,  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{1}^{2^{N}} \alpha_{i} |i\rangle$ 

 $C_{max} \sim 2^N$  !



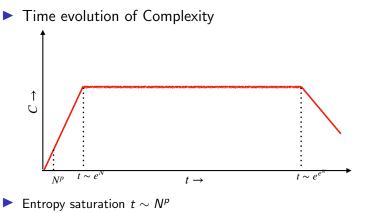
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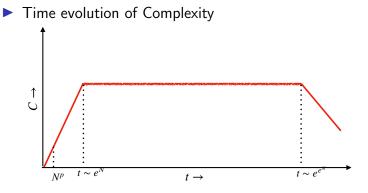
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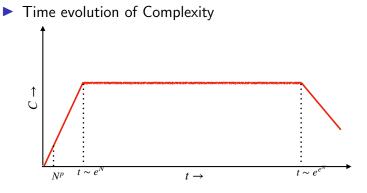
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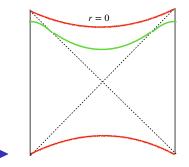
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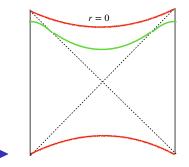
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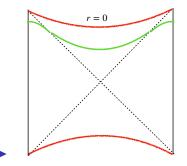
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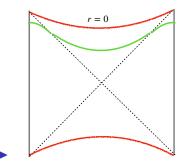
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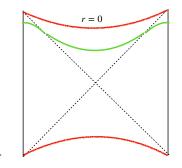


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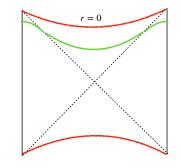
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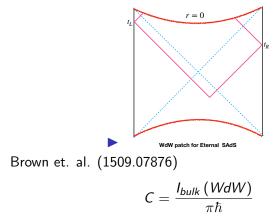
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- ► However, lesson from BH: lack of entanglement ⇒ singular spacetime (firewalls)

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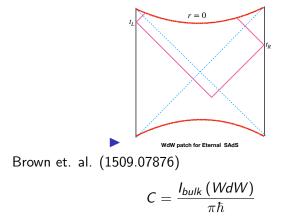
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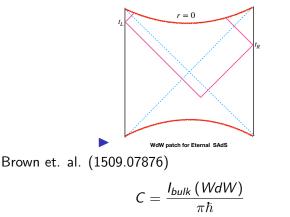
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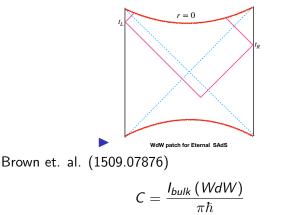
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- Still CV and CA matches perfectly!

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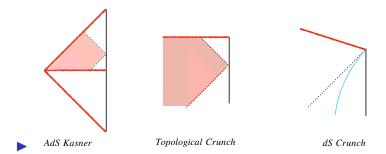
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Relevant: Time dependent Mass scale, M(t) = M sec t (dS/Crunch)

$$ds_{bulk}^2 = d\rho^2 + f^2(\rho, M) ds_{dS_d}^2$$

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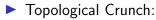


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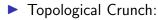
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Every case: Complexity decreases as we approach the singularity!

► Kasner

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{V}} &\sim N^2 \,\Lambda^{d-1} \, V_x \frac{|t|}{l} + N^2 \Lambda^{d-3} \frac{V_x}{tl} + O\left(\Lambda^{d-5}\right) \\ \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}} &\sim N^2 \,\Lambda^{d-1} V_x \frac{|t|}{l} + N^2 \Lambda^{d-3} \frac{V_x}{tl} + O\left(\Lambda^{d-5}\right) \end{split}$$

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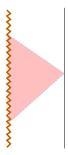
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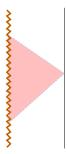
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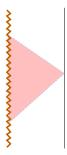
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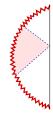
Overall action complexity (also C<sub>V</sub>) is less than empty global AdS! (criterion)

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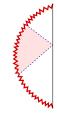
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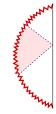


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