# Multiparty entanglement, random codes, and quantum gravity

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# Outline

- Entanglement in random tensor networks
- Proof ingredients including some new results on stabilizer states
- Quantum gravity interlude
- Random holographic codes



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### The random tensor network model

Given a graph G = (V, E) and bond dimension  $2^N$ , we consider



$$|\Psi
angle = \left(\bigotimes_{\langle xy
angle\in E}\langle xy|
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We are interested in the behavior for large N.

*Prior/related work:* Swingle (MERA with expanders), Collins *et al* (random MPS), Hastings (random MERA)

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### Stabilizer states

### $D=2^n$

From now on: we use random stabilizer states as the vertex tensors  $|V_x\rangle$ . Then the tensor network state  $|\Psi\rangle$  is also a stabilizer state.

Stabilizer states: Eigenvector of maximal subset of Pauli operators. Ex:  $|GHZ\rangle = |000\rangle + |111\rangle$  is stabilized by  $X_1X_2X_3$ ,  $Z_1Z_2$ ,  $Z_2Z_3$ .

- ► Useful for codes, efficient random constructions (Friday)
- Reason: 2-design, 3-design for qubits
- Tripartite entanglement structure is simple:



I(A:B)=2c+g

where g is the number of GHZ states.

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For p = 2, stabilizer states form a 3-design. For p > 2, not the case!  $D = 2^{N}$ 

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In fact:  $\{r(T)^{\otimes N}\}$  are a basis of the commutant of  $\{U_{\text{Cliff}}^{\otimes t}\}$ 

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How to obtain codes from a tensor network?

- red legs = logical qudits
- black legs = physical qudits

We obtain a map  $bulk \rightarrow boundary$ .



bond dimensions D,  $D_b$ 

#### Lemma

If  $D \gg D_b$  then we obtain an isometry and hence a stabilizer code (w.h.p.)

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# Summary and outlook



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- ► Bipartite & multipartite entanglement properties dictated by geometry
- Toy model & explanation of some structural features of AdS/CFT
- Erasure codes with geometric structure ('holographic' codes)
- ► Techniques: spin models for random tensor averages; stabilizer states

Outlook:

- ▶ What can we do with higher moments of stabilizer states? (~> Friday)
- ► QI beyond toy models: design new diagnostics.
- Dynamics, backreaction, superpositions of geometries, ...

Thank you for your attention!