

Introduction to Holographic Entanglement

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- Static Prescription
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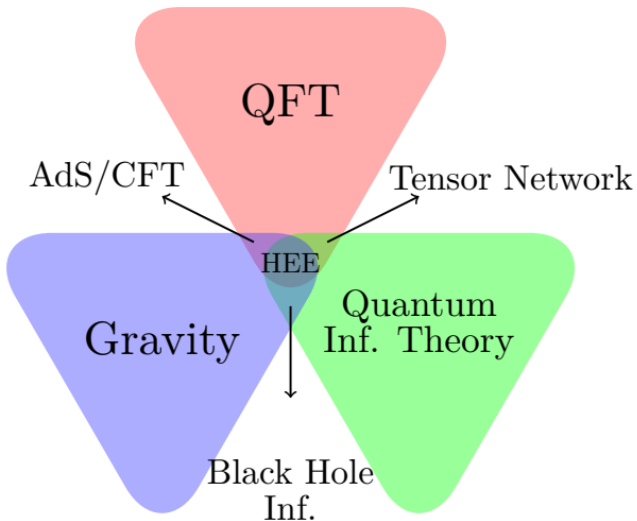
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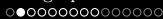
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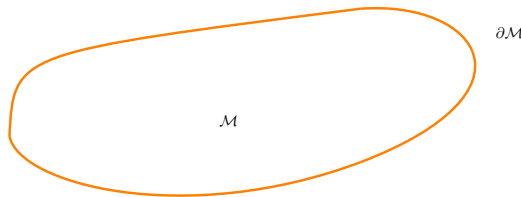
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Motivation





Holographic Principle



Naive View

- Information content of a quantum gravity theory in \mathcal{M} can be encoded in an effective theory at $\partial\mathcal{M}$
- An equivalence between boundary and bulk DOFs!

Bekenstein–Hawking Entropy

$$S_{BH} = \frac{A}{4G_N}$$

AdS/CFT duality

- ✓ **Specific relation between parameters in $AdS_5 \times S^5$**
 - String theory has two expansion parameters: g_s, ℓ_s
 - CFT has two expansion parameters: λ, N
 - AdS background has a length scale L (AdS radius)

$$N = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi g_s} \qquad \lambda = \left(\frac{L}{\ell_s}\right)^4$$

- For fixed λ , $N \rightarrow \infty \implies g_s \rightarrow 0$

$g_s \sim 0$: String theory at tree level!

- Now $\lambda \rightarrow \infty \implies L \gg \ell_s$

$\ell_s \sim 0$: Classical string theory becomes classical gravity!

- quantum corrections: $\frac{1}{N}$

stringy corrections: $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

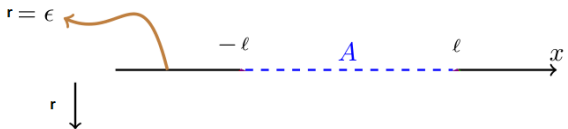
Holographic Entanglement Entropy

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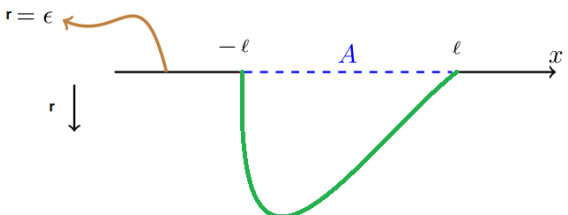
- **Example** Finite interval in CFT_2



- Assume that the region located on AdS boundary at $r = \epsilon$



- Choose a profile for the RT surface, e.g., $x = x(r)$



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- Find the induced metric on $x = x(r)$ and $t = \text{const.}$

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} (-dt^2 + dx^2 + dr^2) \rightarrow ds_{\text{ind}}^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} (x'(r)^2 + 1) dr^2$$

- Compute the area functional

$$\mathcal{A} = \int \sqrt{g_{\text{ind}}} dr = \int \frac{L}{r} \sqrt{x'(r)^2 + 1} dr$$

- Employ the Euler-Lagrange equation to minimize the area

$$\mathcal{A} = L \int \mathcal{L}(x'(r), r) dr, \quad \mathcal{L}(x'(r), r) = \frac{\sqrt{x'(r)^2 + 1}}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'} = 0$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(x'(r), r) = \frac{\sqrt{x'(r)^2 + 1}}{r} \quad \frac{\cancel{\partial \mathcal{L}}}{\cancel{\partial x}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'} = 0$$

- A constant of motion

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x'} = \text{const.} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{x'(r)}{\sqrt{x'(r)^2 + 1}} = \text{const.} \equiv \frac{1}{r_t}$$

- Solve the differential equation to find the profile

$$x'(r) = \mp \frac{r}{\sqrt{r_t^2 - r^2}} \rightarrow x_{\pm}(r) = \pm \sqrt{r_t^2 - r^2} + c_{\pm}$$

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- A circle in $r-x$ plane: $r^2 + x^2 = \ell^2$
- Compute the on-shell area functional

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{on-shell}} = \int \frac{L}{r} \sqrt{x'(r)^2 + 1} dr = 2L\ell \int_{\epsilon}^{\ell} \frac{dr}{r\sqrt{\ell^2 - r^2}}$$

- HEE

$$S_A = \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{on-shell}}}{4G_N} = \frac{L}{2G_N} \log \frac{2\ell}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{c = \frac{3L}{2G_N}} \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{2\ell}{\epsilon}$$

- Exactly matches with previous CFT results!
- Leading large N behavior is N^2 ($G_N \sim N^{-2}$)

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$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} \left(-f(r) dt^2 + dx^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} \right) \quad f(r) = 1 - \frac{r_0^2}{r^2}$$

- **Exercise** In an AdS₃ black brane geometry show that
 - 1 the length of the entangling region is given by

$$\ell = r_0 \log \frac{r_0 + r_t}{r_0 - r_t}$$

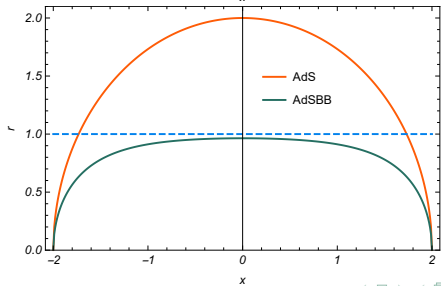
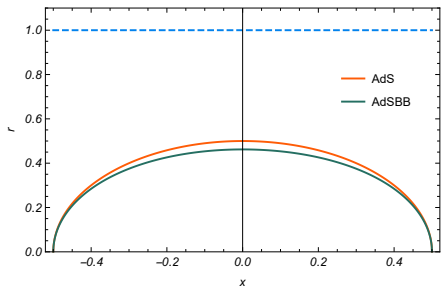
- 2 the HEE is

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\sinh \pi \ell T}{\pi \epsilon T} \quad T = \frac{1}{2\pi r_0}$$

- 3 the low and high temperature behavior of HEE is given by

$$S \sim S_{\text{AdS}} + \frac{c}{3} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} (\pi \ell T)^2 + \dots & \ell T \ll 1 \\ \pi \ell T + \dots & \ell T \gg 1 \end{cases}$$

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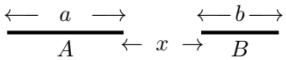
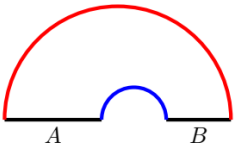
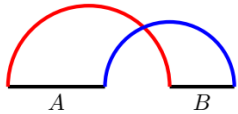
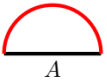
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- **Further generalizations:** higher dimensions, mixed and excited states, entanglement inequalities, information and entanglement measures, multipartite entanglement, ...

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- Multipartite entanglement

$$S_{A \cup B}, S_{A \cup B \cup C}, \dots$$


 $S_{\text{con.}}$

 $S_{\text{int.}}$

 $S_{\text{dis.}}$


$$S_{A \cup B} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_{\text{dis.}} = S(a) + S(b) \\ S_{\text{con.}} = S(a + b + x) + S(x) \end{array} \right.$$

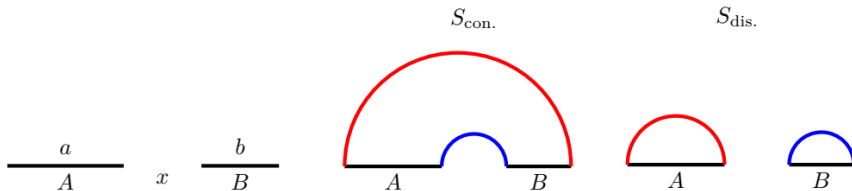
$$S_{\text{dis.}} = S(a) + S(b) \quad x > x_{\text{crit}}$$

$$S_{\text{con.}} = S(a + b + x) + S(x) \quad x < x_{\text{crit}}$$

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- Mutual information

$$I(A, B) = S_A + S_B - S_{A \cup B}$$



$$I(A, B) = \begin{cases} 0 & x > x_{\text{crit}} \\ S(a) + S(b) - S(a + b + x) - S(x) & x < x_{\text{crit}} \end{cases}$$

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- Exercise

Show that **holographic mutual information** is **monogamous!**

$$I(A, B \cup C) \geq I(A \cup B) + I(A \cup C)$$

- Holographic tripartite information is negative!

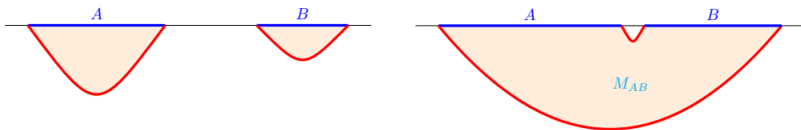
$$I_3(A, B, C) = I(A \cup B) + I(A \cup C) - I(A, B \cup C) \leq 0$$

- In a typical QFT I_3 can be either +, - or 0!

- $I_3 \leq 0$ is not satisfied by generic states in QFTs!

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- The entanglement wedge in disconnected phase is trivial!



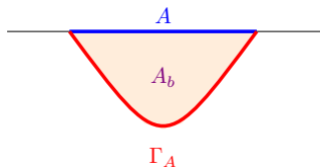
- Quantum corrections gives nonzero I for $x > x_{\text{crit}}$
 $(G_N \sim N^{-2})$

$$I = \frac{(\dots)}{G_N} + \# G_N^0 + \dots$$

Holographic entanglement entropy beyond classical gravity!

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- Quantum correction at 1 loop!



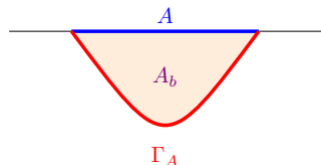
$$S(A) = S_{\text{cl}}(A) + S_{\text{q}}(A) + \mathcal{O}(G_N)$$

$$S_{\text{cl}}(A) = \min \left(\frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right) \quad S_{\text{q}}(A) = S_{\text{bulk-ent}}(A_b)$$

- Minimize the area and then add $S_{\text{bulk-ent}}$.
- Ignore the variation of Γ_A at leading order!

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- All order quantum corrections!



- Generalized entropy

$$S_{\text{gen}}(\Gamma_A) = \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} + S_{\text{ent}}(\Gamma_A)$$

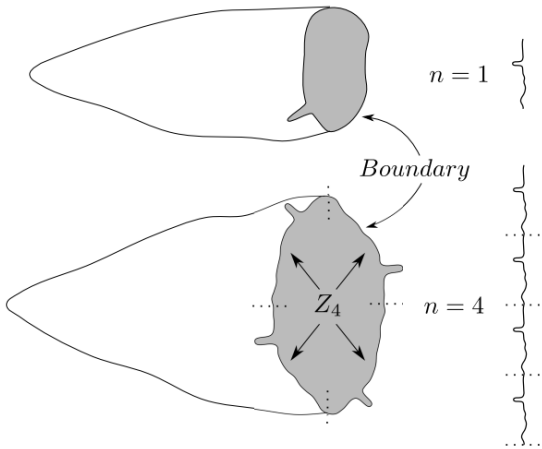
- Minimize the total generalized entropy functional!

Quantum minimal surface!

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- Derivation of the RT prescription
- Earlier attempts to prove the formula: Fursaev 2006.
- Proof of the formula for spherical regions: CHM 2011.
- Generalized gravitational entropy: LM 2013.
- Basic idea: extending the replica trick to the bulk!
- For $n = 1$: boundary \mathcal{M} , bulk \mathcal{B} , metric $g_{\mu\nu}$
- For $n > 1$: boundary \mathcal{M}_n , bulk \mathcal{B}_n , metric $g_{\mu\nu(n)}$
- \mathcal{M}_n has a Z_n replica symmetry which extends to the \mathcal{B}_n .

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Adapted from arXiv:1304.4926.

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- Boundary replica trick:

$$S_A = -n \partial_n (\log Z(n) - n \log Z(1)) \Big|_{n=1} \quad Z(n) = \text{Tr}(\rho^n)$$

- Remember that due to AdS/CFT $\log Z(n) = -I^{on}(n)$

$$S_A = n \partial_n (I^{on}(n) - nI^{on}(1)) \Big|_{n=1}$$

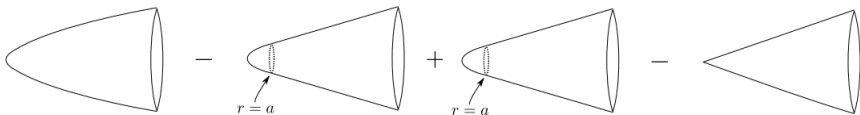
- $I^{off}(n)$ is a $\mathcal{O}(n-1)$ off-shell configuration

$$S_A = n \partial_n \left(I^{on}(n) - I^{off}(n) + I^{off}(n) - nI^{on}(1) \right) \Big|_{n=1}$$

- All configurations have the same b.c. with $\tau \sim \tau + 2\pi n$

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$$S_A = n \partial_n \left(I^{on}(n) - I^{off}(n) + I^{off}(n) - nI^{on}(1) \right) \Big|_{n=1}$$



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$$I^{on}(n) - I^{off}(n) \propto \frac{\delta I}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial n} \sim 0$$

$$I^{off}(n) - nI^{on}(1) \propto (\text{Area}) \int_{\text{vertex}} d^2 x \sqrt{g} R$$

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$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}}{16\pi G_N} n \partial_n (4\pi(n-1)) = \frac{\text{Area}}{4G_N}$$

- what is the origin of minimal area condition?

Demand that $g_{\mu\nu(n)}$ obeys EoMs up to $\mathcal{O}(n-1)$.

- Expand the EoMs near the tip of the cone ($r \rightarrow 0$)

$$G_i^i \propto \frac{K^1 + K^2}{r} + \text{regular terms} \quad i = 1, \dots, d-1$$

- Vanishing trace of the extrinsic curvature in the normal directions!
minimal surface condition

HRT Proposal

- Static case: Euclidean geometries!
 - ✓ boundary Cauchy slice Σ uniquely determines the bulk Cauchy slice $\tilde{\Sigma}$
- Considering a spacelike Σ the minimality is meaningful

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + \dots$$

- Dynamical case: Lorentzian geometries!
- The minimality condition is not applicable!

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + \dots$$

HRT Proposal

- Classical prescription

$$S_A = \mathit{min}_{\Gamma_A} \left[\mathit{ext}_{\Gamma_A} \left(\frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right) \right]$$

- Covariant generalized entropy

$$S_{\text{gen}}(\Gamma_A) = \mathit{min}_{\Gamma_A} \left[\mathit{ext}_{\Gamma_A} \left(\frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} + S_{\text{ent}}(\Gamma_A) \right) \right]$$

A formula for the entropy of quantum systems coupled to gravity

- Extremize the total generalized entropy functional!

Quantum extremal surface!

HRT Proposal

- Properties of the co-dimension two **HRT surface**:
 - ① $\partial\Gamma_A = \partial A$
 - ② A surface with vanishing expansions of null geodesics
 - ③ A saddle point of the proper area functional
- Some properties of **HRT prescription**:
 - ① Obeys strong subadditivity of HEE
 - ② Obeys monogamy of mutual information

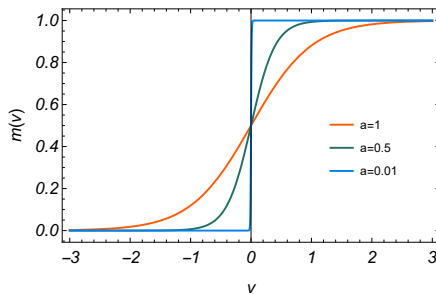
Time evolution of HEE in quenched holographic systems!

HRT Proposal

- A holographic set-up dual to a **global quench**

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{r^2} \left(-f(r, v) dv^2 - 2drdv + d\vec{x}^2 \right), \quad dv = dt - \frac{dr}{f}$$

$$f(r, v) = 1 - m(v)r^d \qquad m(v) = \frac{m}{2} \left(1 + \tanh \frac{v}{a} \right)$$



HRT Proposal

- Example Quantum quench in CFT_2



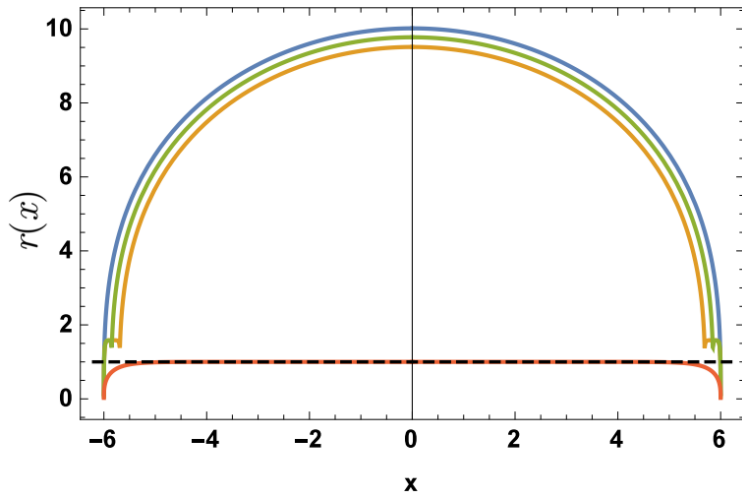
- profile of the HRT surface: $r = r(x)$ and $v = v(x)$
- Area functional

$$\mathcal{A} = \int \frac{dx}{r} \sqrt{1 - 2v'r' - v'^2 f(r, v)} dr$$

- Boundary conditions $r(\pm \frac{\ell}{2}) = 0$ $v(\pm \frac{\ell}{2}) = t$
- Exercise

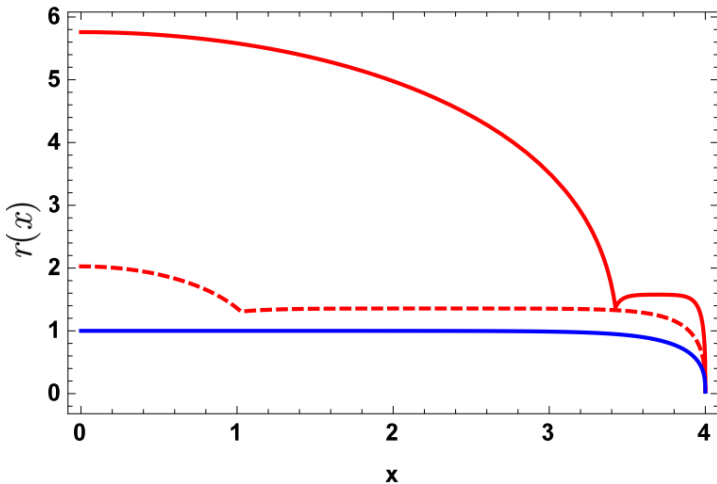
Find the profile of the HRT surface and compute $S_A(t)$

HRT Proposal



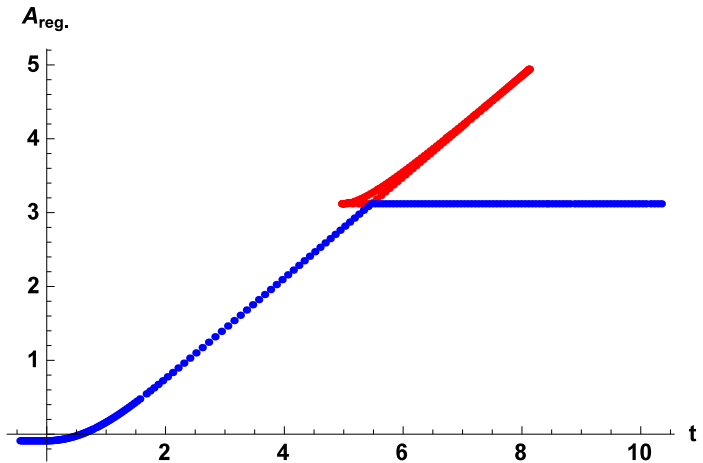
- An evolution from AdS profile to AdS Black-brane profile

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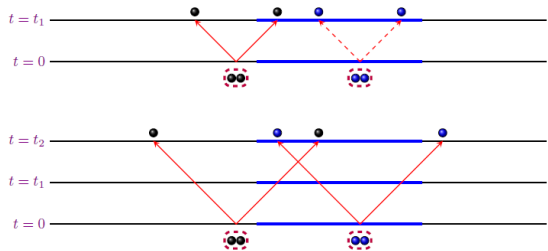
- Presence of multiple solutions to EoMs for a given time!

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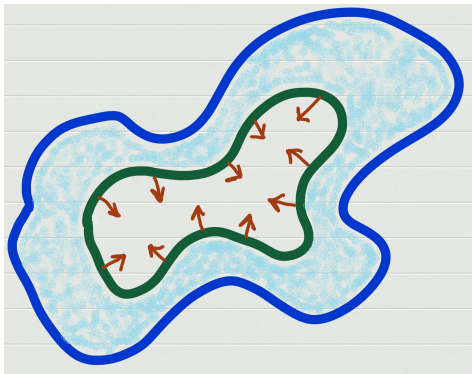
HEE

- According to HRT prescription (after a quench) HEE has:
 - ① an early time quadratic growth
 - ② an intermediate linear growth
 - ③ a late time saturation
- Quasi particle picture!

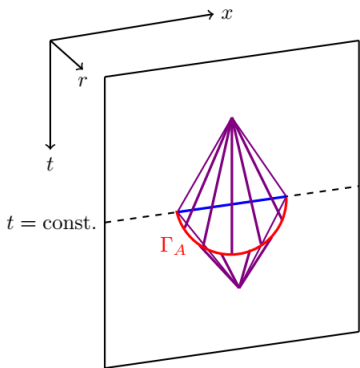


- Entanglement Tsunami

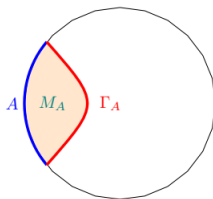
A picture for the growth of EE in a strongly coupled QFT!



Entanglement Wedge



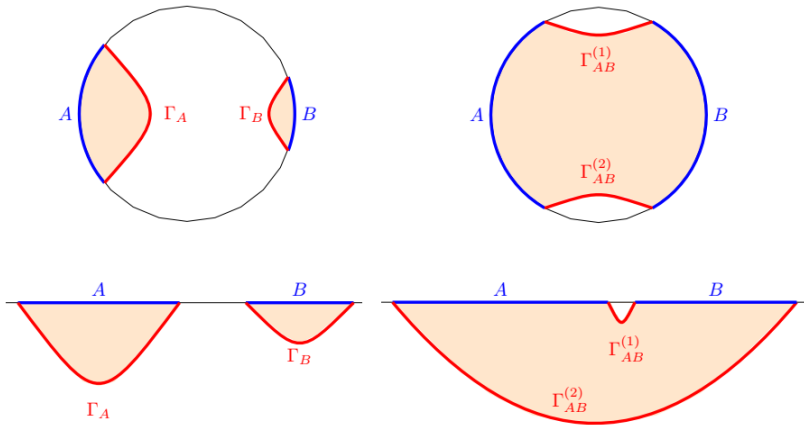
Time Slice of EW



- $\partial M_A = A \cup \Gamma_A$

Entanglement Wedge

- Two boundary subsystems: $\partial M_{AB} = A \cup B \cup \Gamma_{AB}$

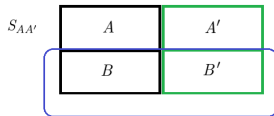
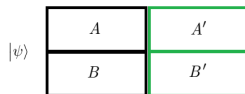
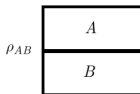


Entanglement of Purification

- Consider a mixed state in $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ describe by ρ_{AB}
- Enlarge \mathcal{H} to $\mathcal{H}_{AA'} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{BB'}$ by adding some auxiliary degrees of freedom $\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_{A'B'} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

Purification is not unique!

$$E_P = \min_{\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_{A'B'} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|} S_{AA'}$$



Entanglement of Purification

E_P :

- reduces to S_A for **pure** states
- enjoys several **inequalities**

$$\textcircled{1} \quad E_P(A, B) \leq E_P(A, B \cup C)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{I(A, B)}{2} \leq E_P(A, B) \leq \min\{S_A, S_B\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{I(A, B) + I(A, C)}{2} \leq E_P(A, B \cup C)$$

- is a **UV finite** quantity
- ...

First Law of EE

- ✓ Some basic questions:
- What is the gravity dual of ρ_A ?
 - What part of the bulk can be fully reconstructed from ρ_A ?
 - Given ρ_A , in what region of the bulk can we uniquely reconstruct the geometric data ($g_{\mu\nu}$)?
 - Given the EEs of a collection of regions in the boundary QFT, what is the corresponding geometry?
 - Can we find gravitational dynamics from entanglement pattern?

The bulk reconstruction program!

✓ Modular Hamiltonian (K_A)

- ρ_A is both **hermitian** and **positive semidefinite**

$$\rho_A = e^{-K_A}$$

K_A : Modular Hamiltonian

(Similar to $\rho = e^{-\beta H}$!)

- Generically K_A is not a local operator!
- For a spherical region in the vacuum of a CFT

$$K_A = 2\pi \int_{|x|<R} d^{d-1}x \frac{R^2 - r^2}{2R} T_{00}(x)$$

✓ Relative entropy $S(\rho|\sigma)$

- A measure of distinguishability between density matrices

$$S(\rho|\sigma) = \text{tr}(\rho \log \rho) - \text{tr}(\rho \log \sigma)$$

- Positivity Condition $S(\rho|\sigma) \geq 0$

- Exercise:

- 1 Show that $S(\rho|\sigma) = \Delta\langle K_\sigma \rangle - \Delta S$ where

$$\Delta\langle K_\sigma \rangle = \text{tr}(\rho K_\sigma) - \text{tr}(\sigma K_\sigma) \qquad \Delta S = S(\rho) - S(\sigma)$$

- 2 Assume $\rho = \sigma + \epsilon\sigma_1 + \dots$, show that at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ we have

$$\delta S = \delta\langle K_\sigma \rangle,$$

First Law of Entanglement! (Similar to $dS = \beta d\langle H \rangle$!)

Linearized gravitational dynamics

- 1 Consider **perturbations** around the AdS geometry

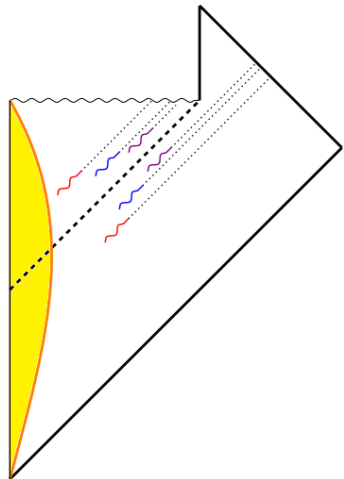
$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{AdS}} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathcal{O}(h) \ll \mathcal{O}(g)$$

- 2 Choose a **ball-shaped** entangling region
 - **Linearized gravity from the 1st law**

$$\delta\langle S \rangle = \delta\langle K_\sigma \rangle \Leftrightarrow \delta\mathbf{E} = 0$$

Information Paradox!

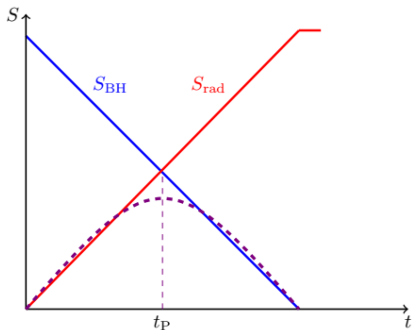
- Formation and evaporation of a black-hole:



Information Paradox!

- Assumption: radiation \cup black-hole = pure state

$$S_{\text{rad}} = S_{\text{bh}} \leq S_{\text{BH}}$$



Generalized Entropy

- A gravitational formula for the von Neumann entropy

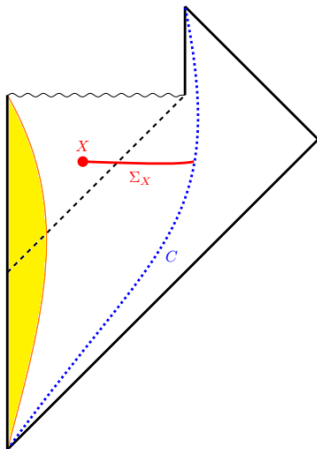
$$S_{\text{gen}}(X) = \underset{X}{\min} \left[\underset{X}{\text{ext}} \left(\frac{\text{Area}(X)}{4G_N} + S_{\text{ent}}(\Sigma_X) \right) \right]$$

- X : quantum extremal surface
- Σ_X : region bounded by X and a cutoff surface C
- C : separates interior region where gravity is dynamical

from the exterior region

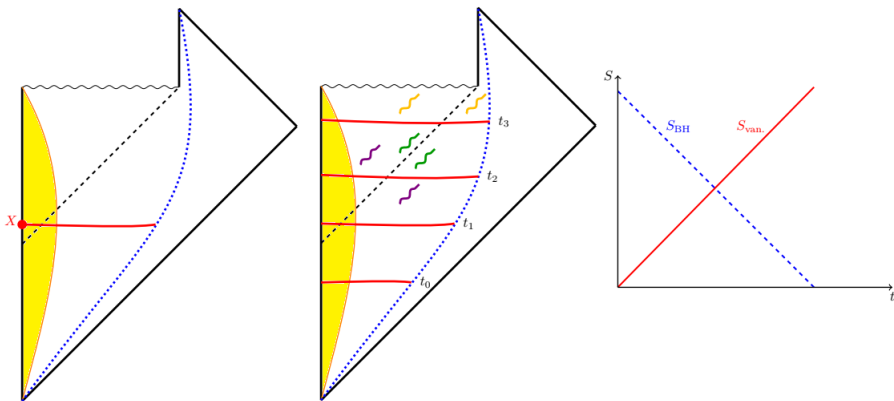
Quantum Extremal Surface

$$S_{\text{gen}}(X) = \min_X \left[\text{ext}_X \left(\frac{\text{Area}(X)}{4G_N} + S_{\text{ent}}(\Sigma_X) \right) \right]$$



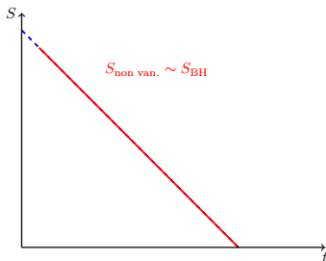
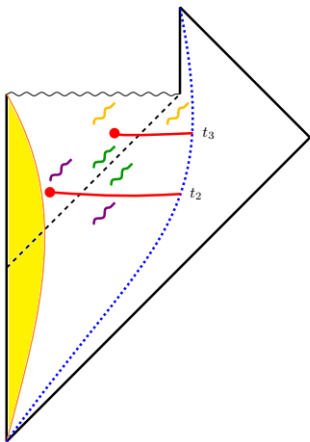
Vanishing Surface

- At early times X shrinks down to zero size!



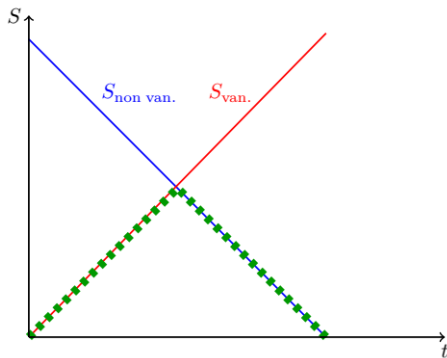
Non-vanishing Surface

- A new saddle appears shortly after the radiation starts!



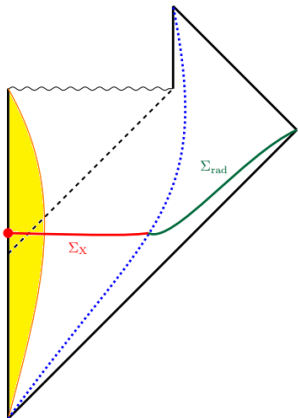
Page Curve

- Choose the minimal area surface!

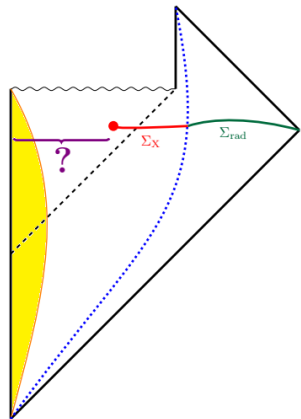


Island

- The state is pure on the whole Cauchy slice at any time



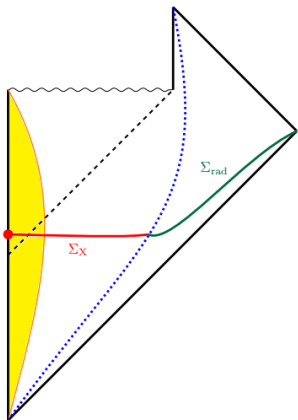
$$\Sigma_{\text{early}} = \Sigma_X \cup \Sigma_{\text{rad}}$$



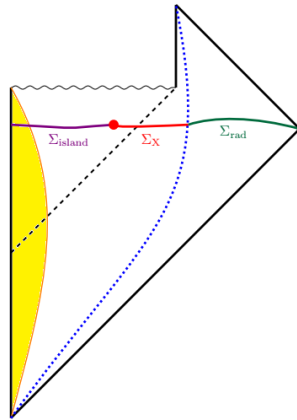
$$\Sigma_{\text{late}} = \Sigma_X \cup \Sigma_{\text{rad}} \cup ?$$

Island

- Island: A disconnected region inside the black-hole!



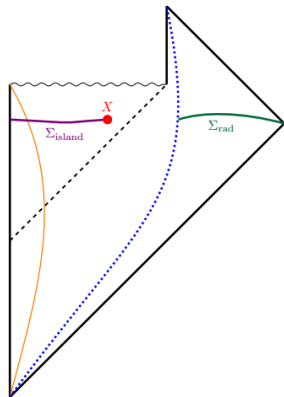
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$$\Sigma_{\text{late}} = \Sigma_X \cup \Sigma_{\text{rad}} \cup \Sigma_{\text{island}}$$

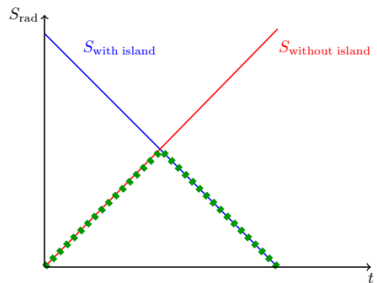
Entropy of Radiation

$$S_{\text{rad}} = \min_X \left[\text{ext}_X \left(\frac{\text{Area}(X)}{4G_N} + S_{\text{ent}}(\Sigma_{\text{rad}} \cup \Sigma_{\text{island}}) \right) \right]$$



Entropy of Radiation

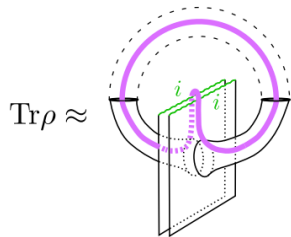
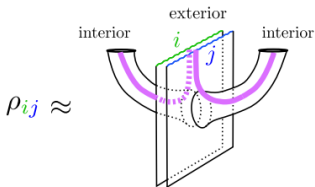
- The entropy of the black hole and the entropy of the radiation region are equal





Replica Wormholes

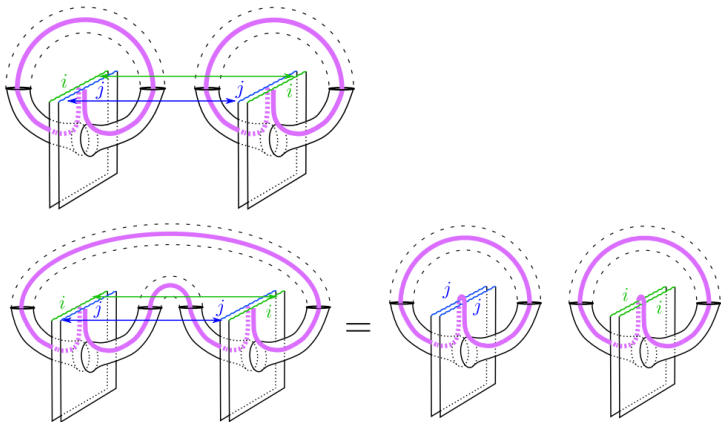
- Compute S_{rad} , assuming that the black hole formed from a pure state.
- Blackhole initial state: $|\psi\rangle$ Final radiation state: $|i\rangle$
- $\rho_{ij} = \langle i|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|j\rangle$



Adapted from arXiv:2006.06872.

Replica Wormholes

- Hawking saddle: $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) \ll (\text{Tr}\rho)^2$
- Wormhole saddle: $\text{Tr}(\rho^2) = (\text{Tr}\rho)^2 \rightarrow S = 0$



Some achievements/extensions related to HEE

- Holographic entanglement measures
- Entanglement and renormalization
- Entropic c -functions
- Surface/State correspondence, AdS/cMERA
- HEE & causality in CFT and gravity
- Entanglement inequalities holographic entropy Cone
- Higher dimensional twist operators
- HEE as a probe for QPT
- Holographic tensor network and quantum error correction
- Holographic computational complexity
- ...