

# Aspects of Holographic Entanglement of Purification Conjecture

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# AdS/CFT correspondence

## Holographic principle

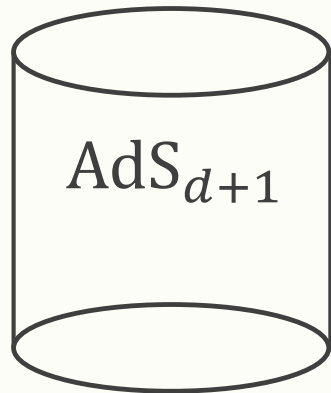
A way to formulate **Quantum Gravity**



## AdS/CFT correspondence

[Maldacena '97] [Gubser-Klebanov-Polyakov, Witten '98]...

Quantum gravity on  $d + 1$ -dimensional asymptotic **Anti de Sitter (AdS) spacetime**



$\text{CFT}_d$

Penrose diagram

**Equivalent**

$d$ -dimensional **Conformal Field Theory (CFT)** on the boundary

# AdS/CFT correspondence

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Ultimate goal

Reveal **the mechanism of holography** from AdS/CFT

# AdS/CFT correspondence

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An approach

Application of quantum information theory

# Ryu-Takayanagi formula

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[Ryu-Takayanagi '06]

$$S_A := -\text{Tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A = \min_{\gamma_A} \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$

Entanglement entropy (CFT)

Area of minimal surface (AdS)

# Ryu-Takayanagi formula

## Entanglement entropy

$$S(\rho_A) := -\text{Tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A \quad (\rho_A := \text{Tr}_B [|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|_{AB}])$$

A measure of **quantum entanglement** on  $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$  (pure states)

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_i \sqrt{\lambda_i} |i\rangle_A |i\rangle_B$$

Schmidt decomposition



$$S(\rho_A) = -\sum_i \lambda_i \log \lambda_i$$

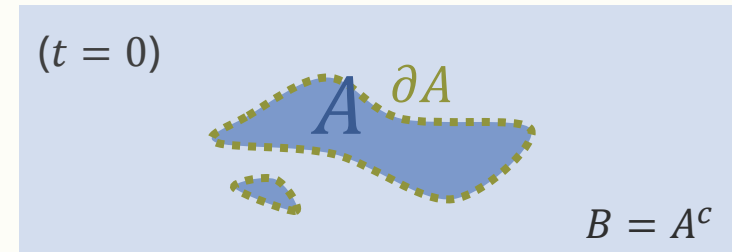
$$(\rho_A = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i|_A)$$

- An operational interpretation in many copies regime

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} \Leftrightarrow |\text{EPR}\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes S_A}$$

Local Operations and Classical Communication

- In quantum field theory  $A$  is a spatial subregion



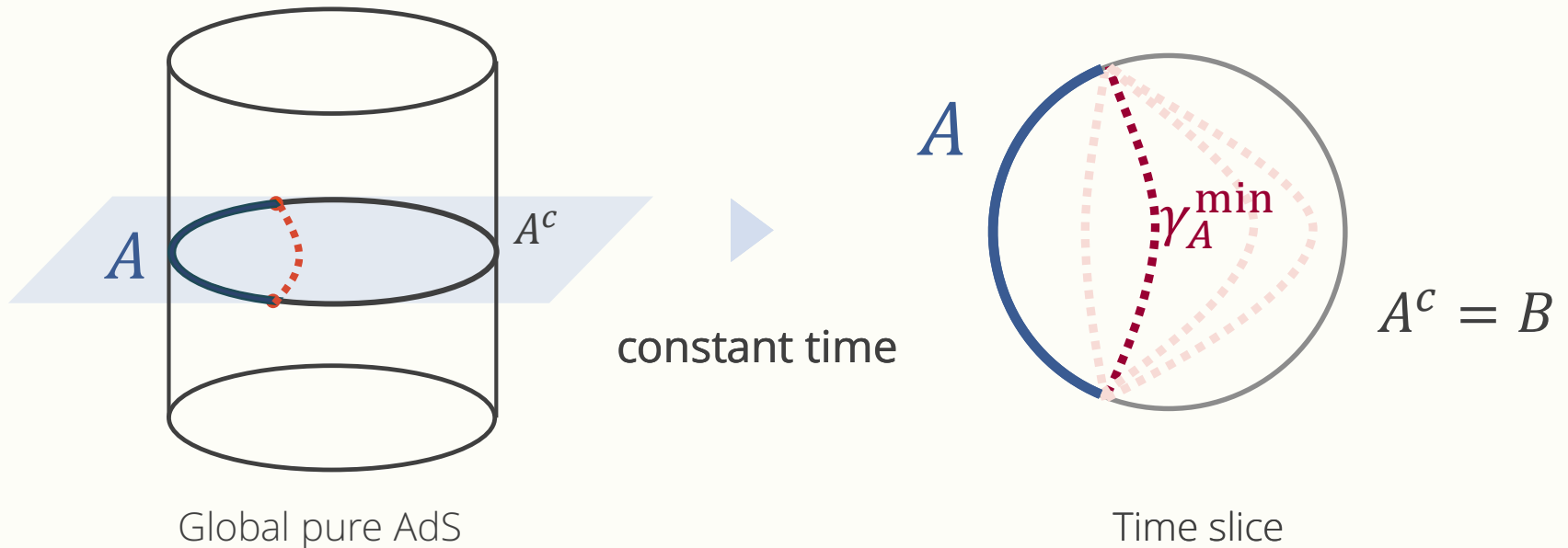


# Ryu-Takayanagi formula

## Holographic entanglement entropy

$$\min_{\gamma_A} \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$

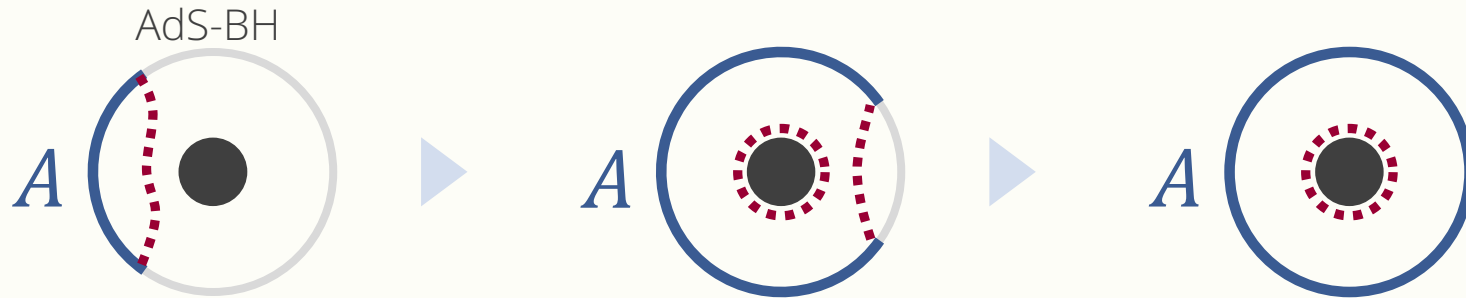
The **minimal area** of codimension-2 surfaces which satisfy  
(1)  $\partial\gamma_A = \partial A$                       (2)  $\gamma_A$  is homologous to  $A$



$\gamma_A^{\min}$  Ryu-Takayanagi (RT) surface

# Ryu-Takayanagi formula

## Example AdS-black hole



Cf. homology condition

$$S_{CFT} = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_{\text{Horizon}})}{4G_N}$$

# Ryu-Takayanagi formula

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Entanglement entropy (CFT)

Area of minimal surface (AdS)

Data of bulk geometry is encoded as quantum entanglement  
in the boundary field theory

[Raamsdonk '09, '10]...

**Built up spacetime from entanglement**

# Motivation

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Ryu-Takayanagi formula is **not enough** to characterize the structure of entanglement in holography

Why?

Entanglement entropy **can not** measure quantum entanglement **for mixed states**

$$\rho_{AB} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|_{AB} \quad \blacktriangleright \quad \rho_{AB} = \sum_n p_n |\Psi_n\rangle\langle\Psi_n|_{AB} \quad (p_n \geq 0, \sum_n p_n = 1)$$

Pure Mixed

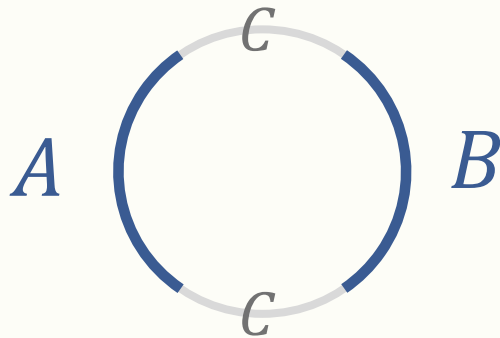
E.g.  $S_A$  may be positive even for **uncorrelated** state  $\rho_A \otimes \rho_B$  if  $\rho_A$  is mixed

Entanglement theory for mixed states is excellently formulated in terms of LOCC (will not go into details) E.g. [Horodecki-Horodecki-Horodecki-Horodecki '09]

# Motivation

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A typical situation



$\rho_{AB}$  is typically a mixed state if  $B \neq A^c$

$$\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_C[|\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega|]$$

Any of  $(S_A, S_B, S_{AB})$  **does not** measure entanglement **between A and B**

# Motivation

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## Our goal

Find **a connection** between geometry and entanglement  
in general situations (**for mixed states**)

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# Holographic EoP conjecture

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Takayanagi-KU, Nat. Phys. 14 (2018) 6, 573-577

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[Nguyen-Devakul-Halbasch-Zaletel-Swingle '17]

$$E_P(\rho_{AB}) := \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} S_{AA'} = \min_{\Sigma_{AB}} \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AB})}{4G_N}$$

Entanglement of purification (CFT)

Entanglement wedge cross section (AdS)

# Entanglement of Purification

## Purification

A purification of  $\rho_X$

$$|\psi\rangle_{XX'} \text{ in } \mathcal{H}_{XX'} \text{ s. t. } \text{Tr}_{X'}[|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{XX'}] = \rho_X \text{ on } \mathcal{H}_X$$

### Example

$$\rho_X = \sum_i \lambda_i |i\rangle\langle i|_X \quad \text{diagonalized}$$



$$|\psi\rangle_{XX'} = \sum_i \sqrt{\lambda_i} |i\rangle_X |i\rangle_{X'} \quad X' \text{ is a "copy" of } X$$

Purification is **not unique**

up to **local unitary transformations**  $I_X \otimes U_{X'}$

and the **dimension** of auxiliary system  $\mathcal{H}_{X'}$  ( $\geq \text{rank}\rho_X$ )

# Entanglement of Purification

[Terhal-Horodecki-Leung-DiVincenzo '02]

$$\rho_{AB} \mapsto |\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}$$

$$E_P(\rho_{AB}) := \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} S(\rho_{AA'}) \quad (\rho_{AA'} := \text{Tr}_{BB'}[|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AA'BB'}])$$

- Returns to entanglement entropy for  $\rho_{AB} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}$

$$E_P(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}) = S_A = S_B$$

- Quantifies **entanglement and classical correlations** between  $A$  and  $B$  as **minimal entanglement** between  $AA'$  and  $BB'$

$$\text{E.g. } E_P(\rho_{AB}) > 0 \text{ for separable states } \rho_{AB} = \sum_i p_i \rho_A^i \otimes \rho_B^i$$

- An operational interpretation in terms of EPR pairs

$$\rho_{AB} \Leftarrow |\text{EPR}\rangle_{AB}^{\otimes E_P(\rho_{AB})}$$

Local Operations and asymptotically negligible communication

# Entanglement of Purification

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- Satisfies the following information-theoretic properties

[Bagchi-Pati '15]

(1) Faithfulness:  $E_P(\rho_{AB}) = 0$  if and only if  $\rho_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$

(2)  $E_P(\rho_{AB}) \leq \min\{S_A, S_B\}$

(3) Monotonicity under partial trace:  $E_P(\rho_{AB_1B_2}) \geq E_P(\rho_{AB_1})$

(4)  $E_P(\rho_{AB}) \geq \frac{I(A:B)}{2}$

(5)  $E_P(\rho_{AB_1B_2}) \geq \frac{I(A:B_1)}{2} + \frac{I(A:B_2)}{2}$

(6) Additivity (under a certain condition):

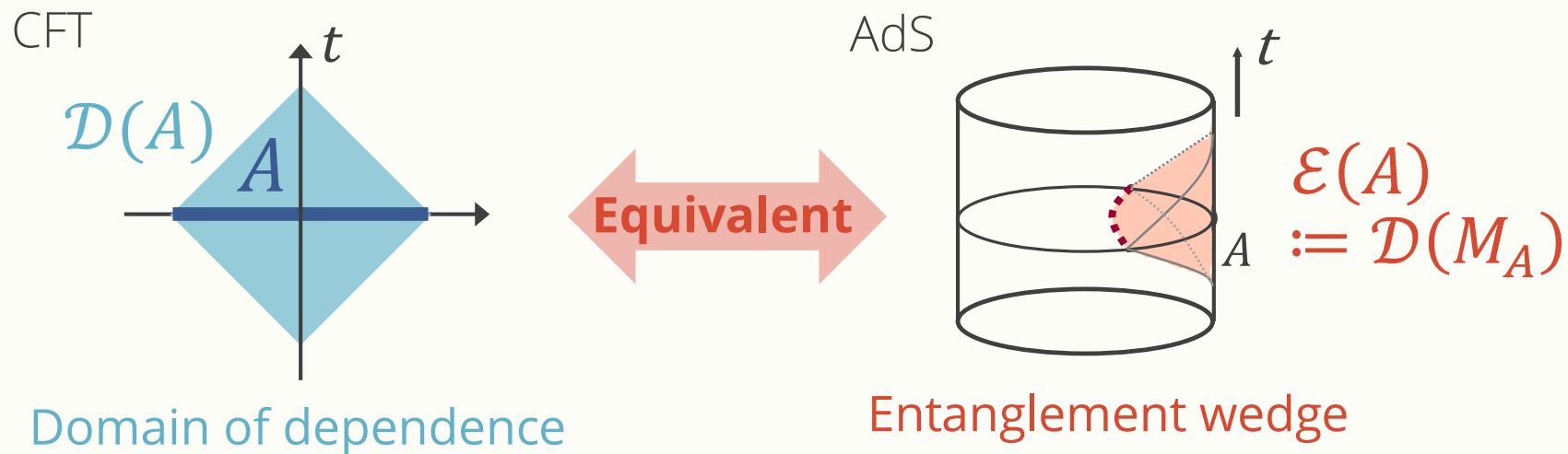
$$E_P(\rho_{A_1B_1} \otimes \rho_{A_2B_2}) = E_P(\rho_{A_1B_1}) + E_P(\rho_{A_2B_2})$$

Etc.

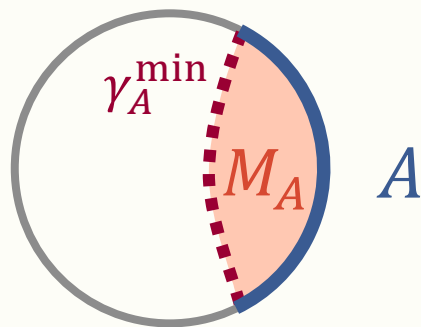
# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

## Subregion/subregion duality

[Czech-Karczmarek-Nogueira-Raamsdonk '12] [Wall '12]  
[Headrick-Hubeny-Lawrence-Rangamani '14] ...

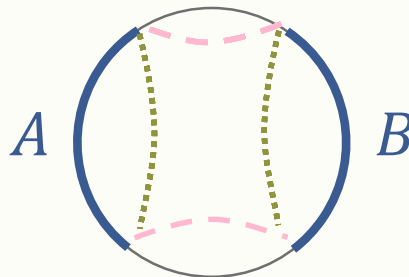


On a time slice



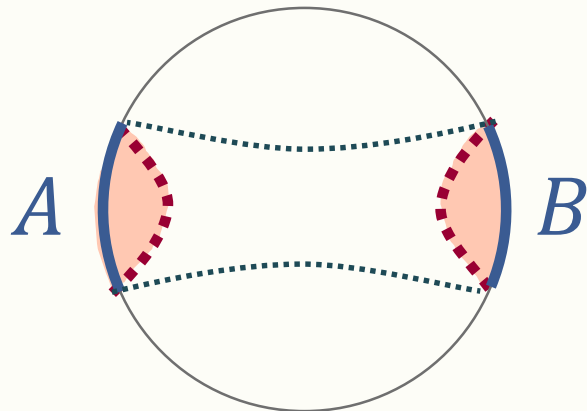
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Entanglement wedge of  $A \cup B$



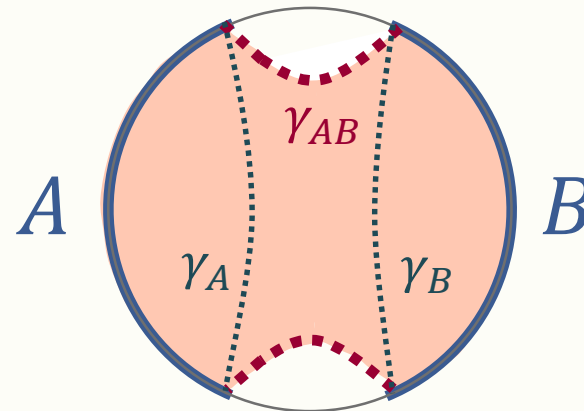
A and B are **distant**

$$M_{AB} = M_A \cup M_B$$



A and B are **close**

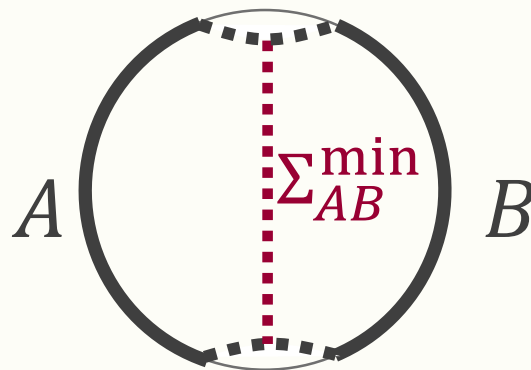
$$M_{AB} \neq M_A \cup M_B$$



# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

[Takayanagi-KU '17] [Nguyen-Devakul-Halbasch-Zaletel-Swingle '17]

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) := \min_{\Sigma_{AB}} \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AB})}{4G_N}$$

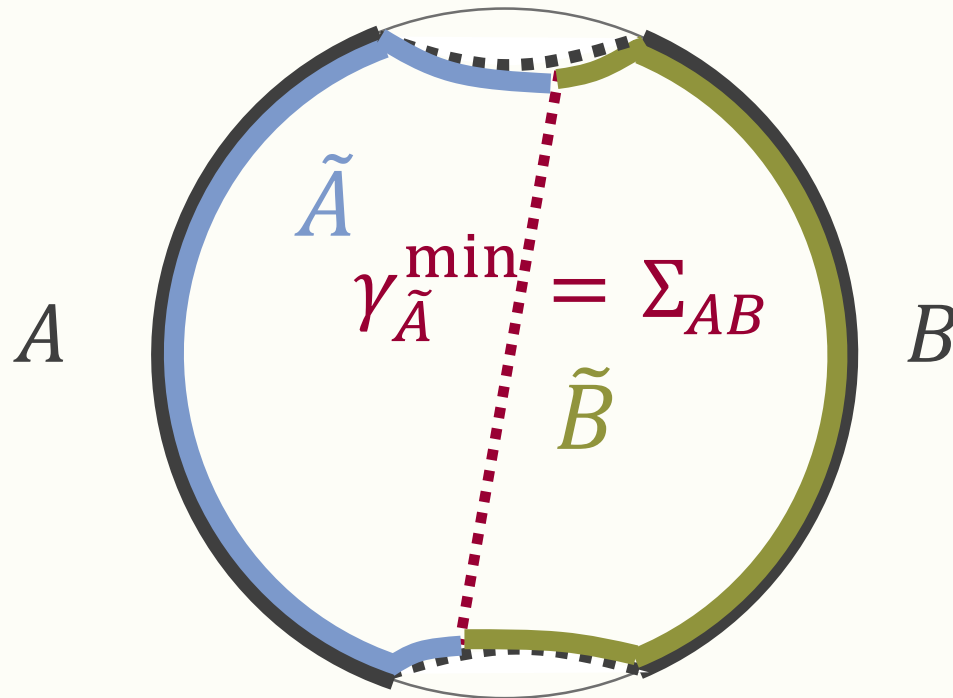


## Formal definition

1. Divide the boundary of entanglement wedge  $\partial M_{AB}$  into  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  so that  $\tilde{A} \supset A, \tilde{B} \supset B$
2. Compute  $S_{\tilde{A}} = \min_{\gamma_{\tilde{A}}} \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_{\tilde{A}})}{4G_N} =: \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AB})}{4G_N}$  for this  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}$
3. Minimize  $S_{\tilde{A}}$  over all possible divisions  $\partial M_{AB} = \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}$

# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

Example1 Pure AdS

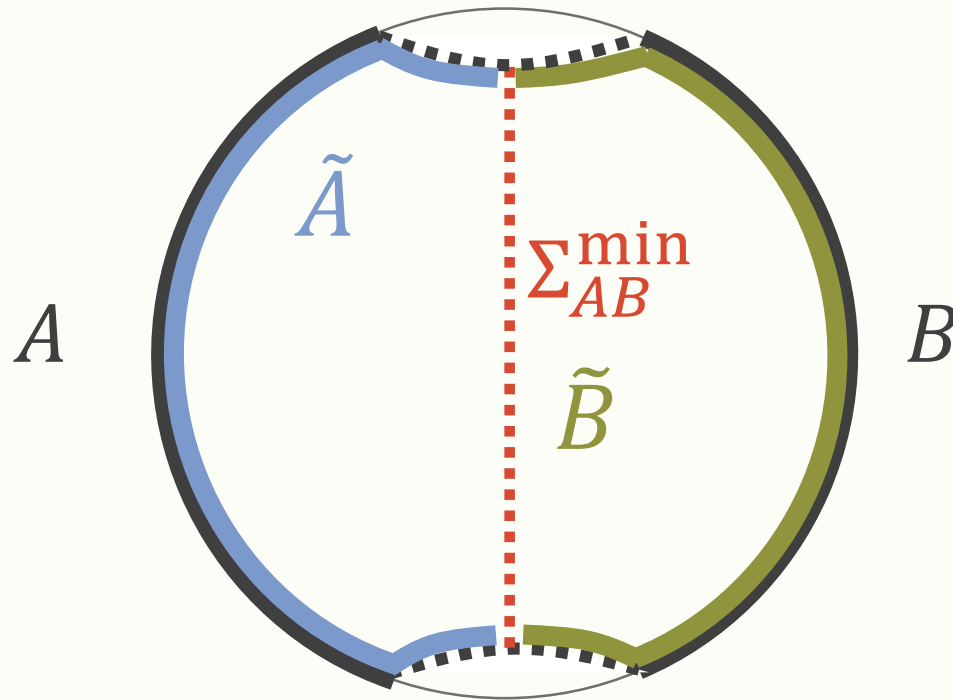




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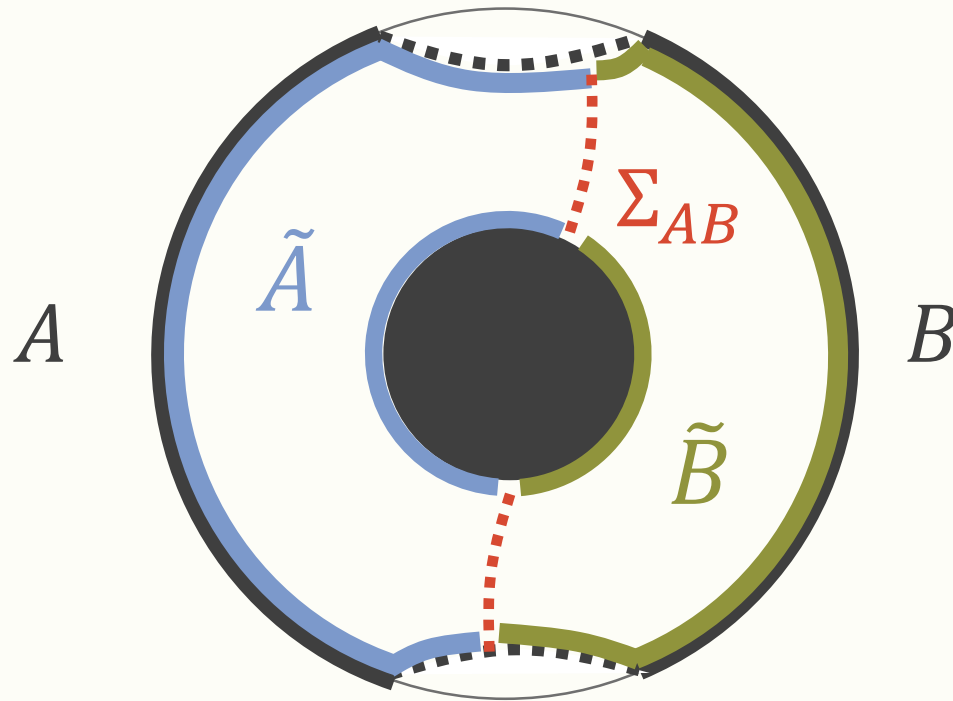
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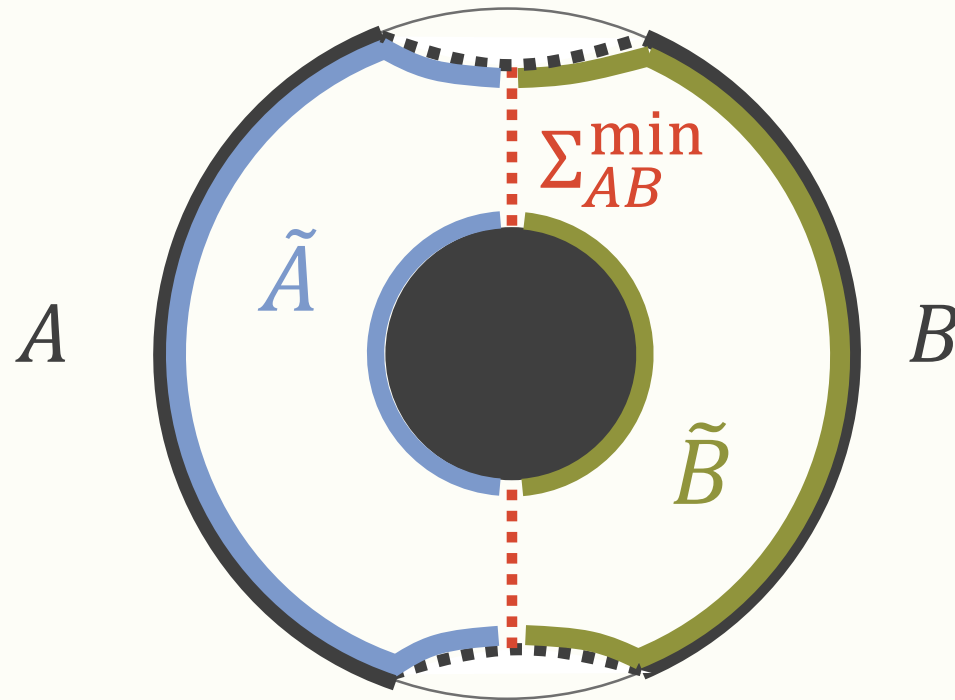
Example2 AdS-black hole



# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

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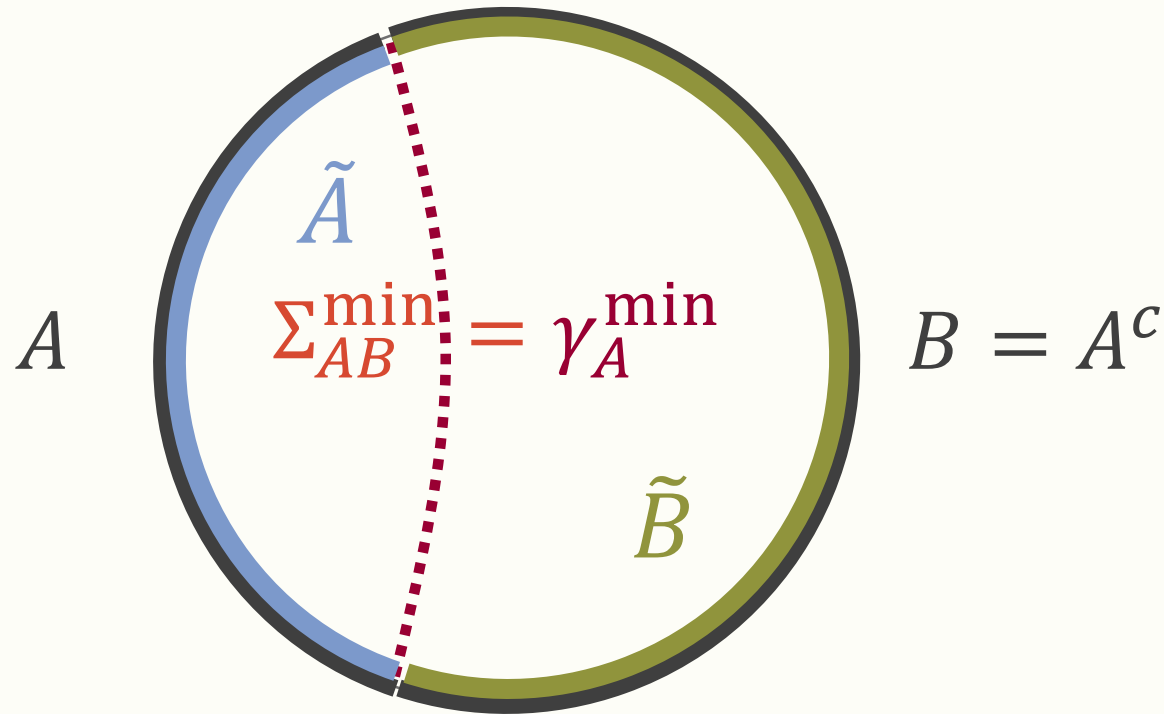
Example2 AdS-black hole



# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

EWCS is a **generalization** of Ryu-Takayangi surface

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) = S_A = S_B \text{ if } \rho_{AB} \text{ is pure}$$



# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

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Moreover, EWCS satisfies **all of known properties** of EoP

(1) Faithfulness:  $E_W(\rho_{AB}) = 0$  if and only if  $\rho_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$

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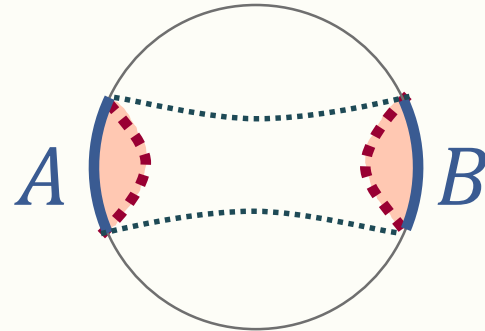
# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

Example 1

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \rho_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$$

Geometrical proof

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$



$$\Leftrightarrow \gamma_{AB}^{\min} = \gamma_A^{\min} \cup \gamma_B^{\min}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow S_{AB} = S_A + S_B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho_{AB} = \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$$

# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section

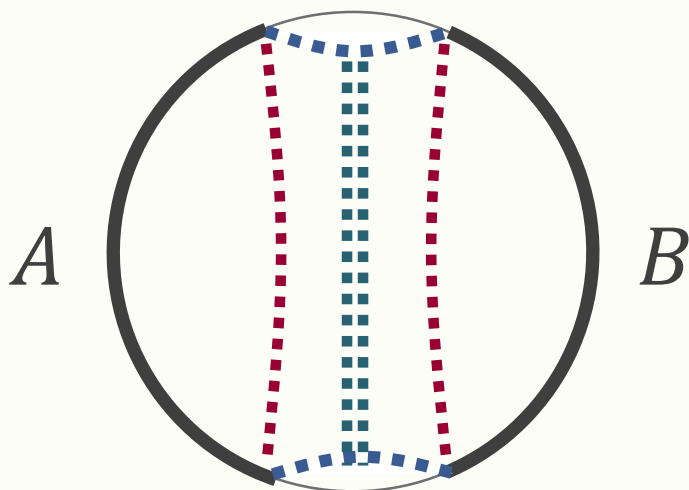
Example 2

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) \geq \frac{I(A:B)}{2}$$

Mutual information

$$I(A:B) := S_A + S_B - S_{AB}$$

Another measure of entanglement and classical correlations



Geometrical proof

$$2E_W(\rho_{AB}) + S_{AB} \geq S_A + S_B$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) \geq I(A:B)/2$$

# Holographic EoP conjecture

$$E_P(\rho_{AB}) = E_W(\rho_{AB})$$

Entanglement of purification (CFT)    Entanglement wedge cross section (AdS)

- Supported by agreement of their various properties
- Interpretation from Tensor Network description of AdS/CFT

[Swingle '09] [Miyaji-Takayanagi '15] ..

$$E_P(\rho_{AB}) = \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} \left( \text{Diagram 1} \right) = \left( \text{Diagram 2} \right) = E_W(\rho_{AB})$$

The diagram consists of two circular regions representing a disk geometry. In the left diagram, a vertical dashed orange line connects two horizontal red segments at the top and bottom, labeled A' and B'. The regions to the left and right of this line are labeled A and B. The orange line is labeled S<sub>AA'</sub>. In the right diagram, a vertical dashed red line connects two horizontal red segments at the top and bottom, labeled A' and B'. The regions to the left and right of this line are labeled A and B. The red line is labeled S<sub>AA'</sub>. The two diagrams are connected by an equals sign, and the entire expression is equated to E<sub>W</sub>(ρ<sub>AB</sub>).

Assuming that the minimum is obtained by “geometrical states”



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There have been lots of progress in many directions

A part of such works

- Bit thread formalism

[Freedman-Headrick '16]

[Agón-Boer-Pedraza '18] [Du-Chen-Shu '19]...

- EWCS by other information measures

[Kudler-Flam-Ryu '18]

[Tamaoka '18]...

- Complexity of purification

[Cáceres-Couch-Eccles-Fischler '18]

[Ghodrati-Kuang-Wang-Zhang-Zhou '19]...

- EWCS for Higher dimensional black holes/Lifshitz holography

[Yang-Zhang-Li '18]

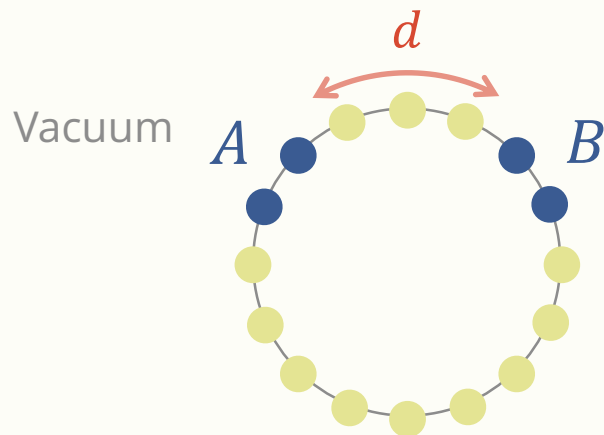
[Velni-Mozaffar-Vahidinia '19]...

# EoP in Many Body Systems

Bhattacharyya-Jahn-Takayanagi-KU, To appear in PRL

## Numerical calculations of EoP

- (1) 2d free scalar field theories on a lattice    (2) 2d transverse-field Ising model



$N$ : total sites number  
 $w$ : width of subsystems  $|A| = |B|$   
 $d$ : # of sites between  $A$  and  $B$

The minimization of EoP is implemented by

(1) - minimal Gaussian purification ansatz  $\Psi_{AA'BB'}^G(\vec{\phi}) = \mathcal{N} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \vec{\phi}^T V \vec{\phi}\right)$

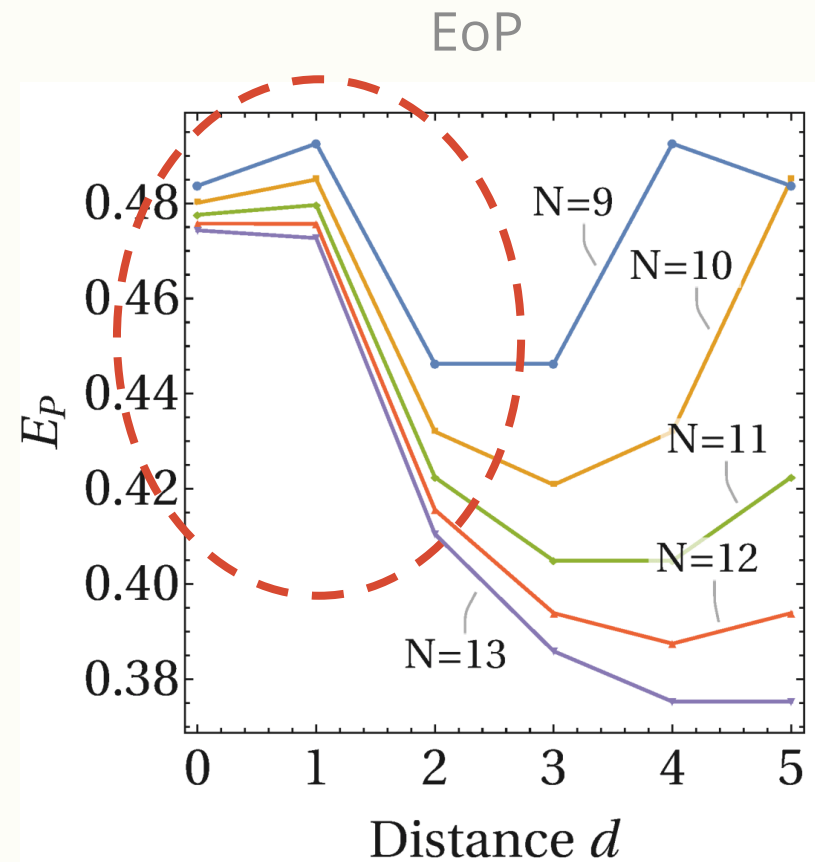
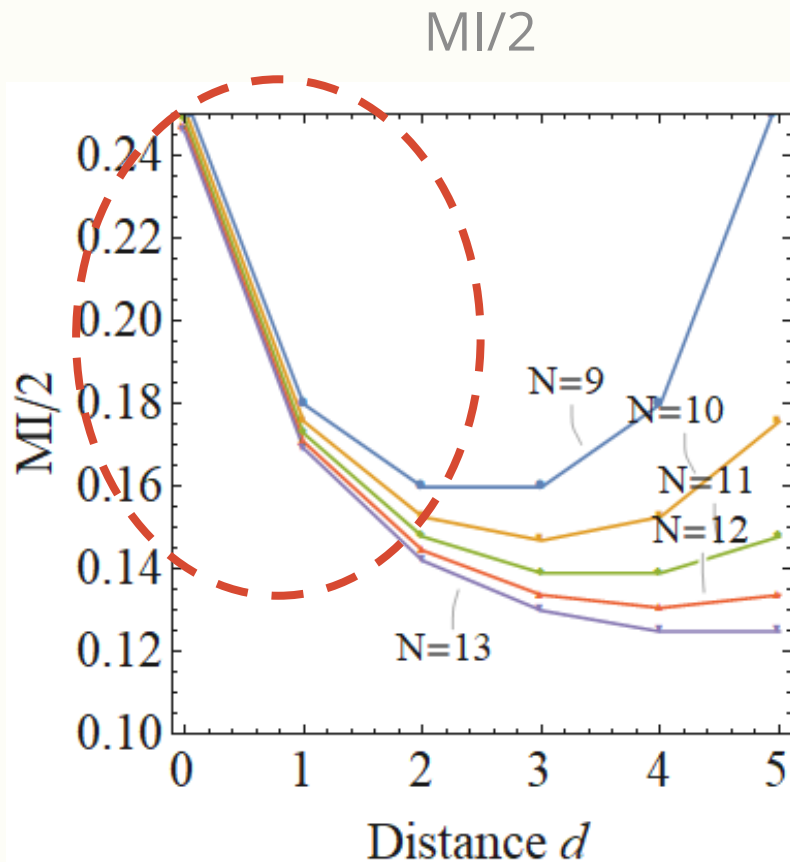
(2) - Full minimization over all possible purifications

of the dimensions  $\{\dim \mathcal{H}_{A'}, \dim \mathcal{H}_{B'}\} \leq \text{rank} \rho_{AB}$  [Ibinson-Linden-Winter '06]



# EoP in Many Body Systems

(I) EoP becomes a non-monotonic function of the distance  $d$  for small  $N$



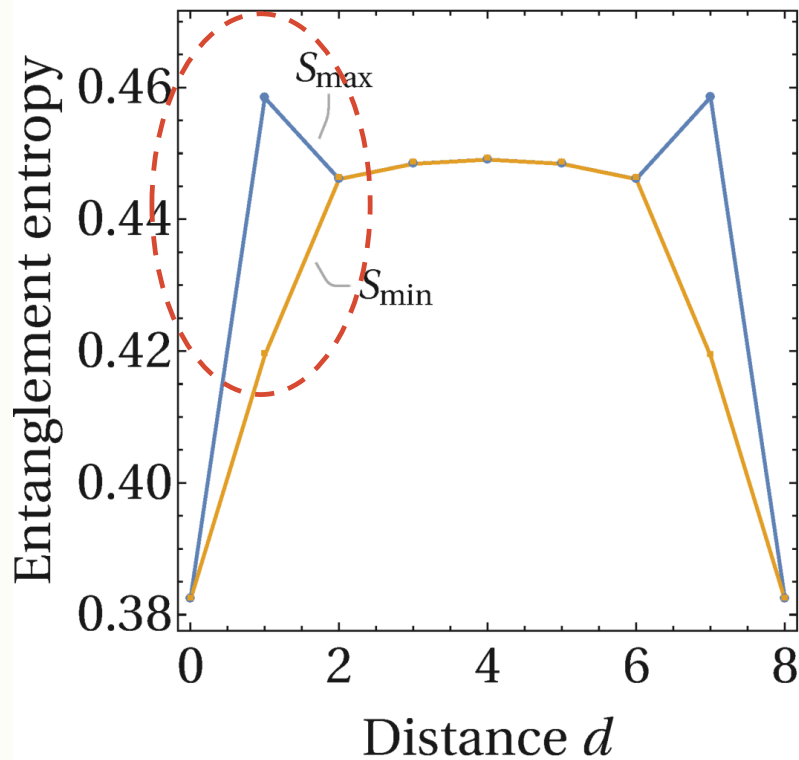
(critical Ising,  $w = 2$ )

# EoP in Many Body Systems

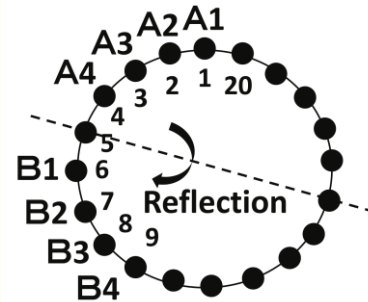
(II) The **symmetry** exchanging  $A$  and  $B$  breaks in optimal purifications

$$S_{\max} = \max\{S_{A'}, S_{B'}\}$$

$$S_{\min} = \min\{S_{A'}, S_{B'}\}$$



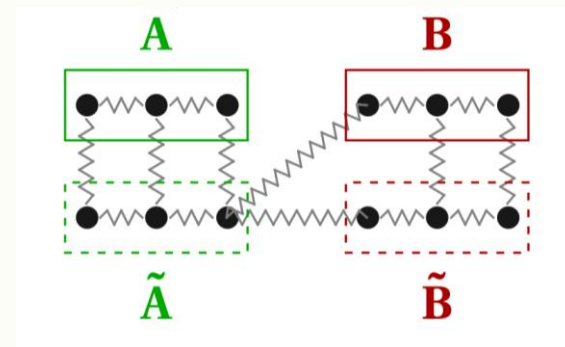
(critical Ising,  $w = 1$ )



Reflection symmetry  $\rho_{AB} = \rho_{BA}$

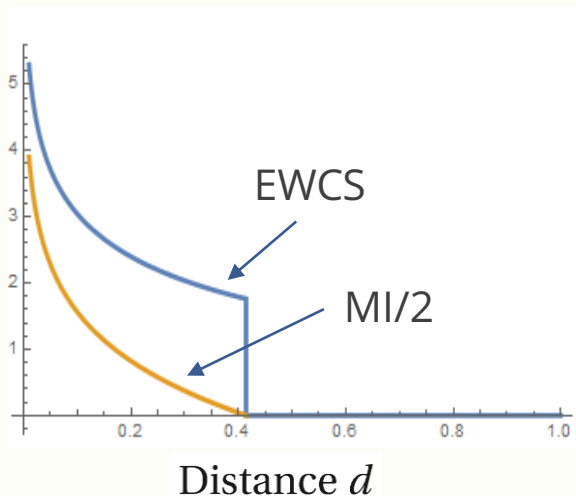
Can be non-trivially broken in optimal purifications

$$S(\rho_{A'}^*) \neq S(\rho_{B'}^*)$$

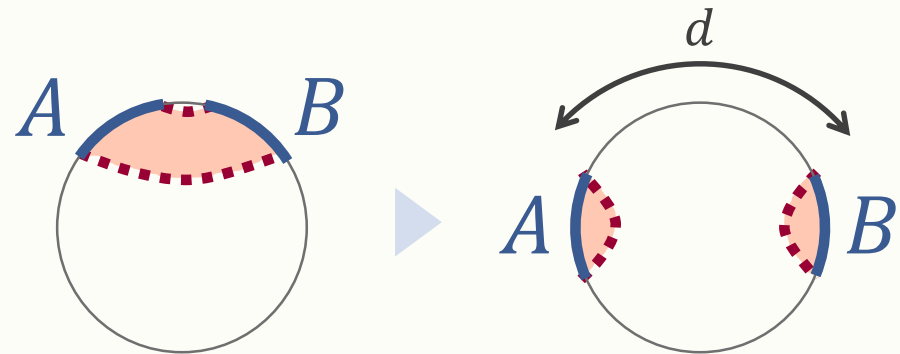


# EoP in Many Body Systems

- Both results (I), (II) can be explained as an interplay between quantum entanglement and classical correlations
- A potential relation to holographic EoP conjecture



Holographic calculation of MI and EWCS



- (I) EWCS behaves differently than MI around the transition point of  $M_{AB}$
- (II) Reflection symmetry could be broken in excited states or  $O(1)$  correction

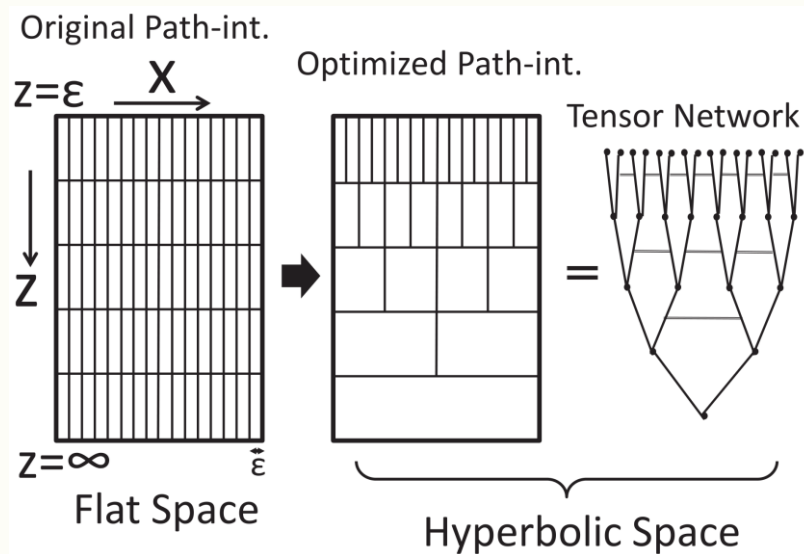
# HEoP from Path integral complexity

Caputa-Miyaji-Takayanagi-KU, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 (2019) no.11, 111601

## Path integral complexity

Path integral optimized by “minimal complexity” criteria in CFTs

[Caputa-Kundu-Miyaji-Takayanagi-Watanabe '17]...

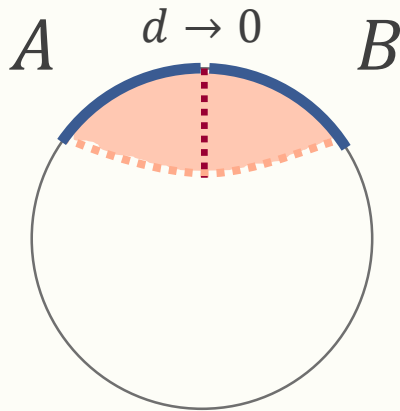


It forms a subclass of purifications of  $\rho_{AB}$   
where  $|\psi^{\text{PI-opt.}}\rangle_{AA'BB'}$  has the minimal complexity



# HEoP from Path integral optimization

The  $S(\rho_{AA'}^{\text{PI-opt.}})$  over the minimal complexity purifications exactly agrees with EWCS when  $A$  and  $B$  are adjacent ( $d \rightarrow 0$ )



$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) = \min_{A'} S(\rho_{AA'}^{\text{PI-opt.}})$$

$$= \frac{c}{6} \log[1 + 2z + 2\sqrt{z(z+1)}]$$

$$A = [a_1, a_2], B = [b_1, b_2] \quad z \equiv \frac{(a_2 - a_1)(b_2 - b_1)}{(b_2 - a_1)(b_1 - a_2)}$$

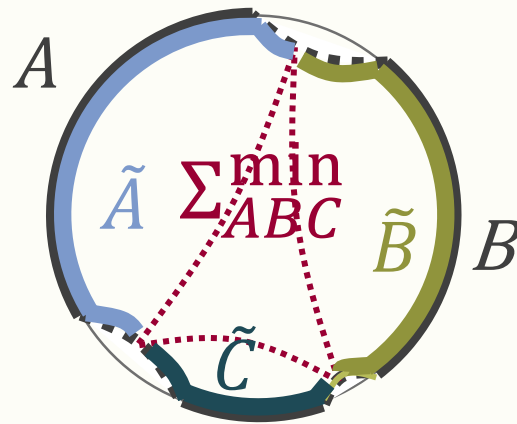
Minimal complexity  $\cong$  Minimal entanglement (?)

$S(\rho_{AA'}^{\text{PI-opt.}})$  slightly deviates from EWCS for  $d > 0$  where PI optimization is untrustable

# Multipartite holographic EoP conjecture

KU-Zhou, JHEP 1810 (2018) 152

A generalization of EoP/EWCS for multipartite systems



$$E_P(\rho_{A_1 \dots A_n}) := \frac{1}{2} \min_{|\psi\rangle_{A_1 A'_1 \dots A_n A'_n}} [\sum_{i=1}^n S_{A_i A'_i}]$$

$$E_W(\rho_{A_1 \dots A_n}) := \frac{1}{2} \min_{\Sigma_{A_1 \dots A_n}} \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{A_1 \dots A_n})}{4G_N}$$

# Multipartite holographic EoP conjecture

We confirmed the perfect agreement of their various properties

- (1)  $E_{P,W}(|\psi\rangle_{A_1\dots A_n}) = \sum_i S_{A_i} / 2$
  - (2)  $E_{P,W}(\rho_{A_1\dots A_n}) = 0$  if and only if  $\rho_{A_1\dots A_n} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \rho_{A_i}$
  - (3)  $E_{P,W}(\rho_{A_1\dots A_n}) \leq \min_i [S_{A_1} + \dots + S_{A_1\dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1}\dots A_n} + \dots + S_{A_n}] / 2$
  - (4)  $E_{P,W}(\rho_{A_1\dots A_{n-1}(A_n \cup A'_n)}) \geq E_{P,W}(\rho_{A_1\dots A_{n-1}A_n})$
  - (5)  $E_{P,W}(\rho_{A_1\dots A_{n-1}(A_n \cup A'_n)}) \geq \frac{T(A_1:\dots:A_n)}{2}, \frac{D(A_1:\dots:A_n)}{2}$
  - (6)  $E_{P,W}(\rho_{ABC}) \geq (E_{P,W}(\rho_{AB}) + E_{P,W}(\rho_{BC}) + E_{P,W}(\rho_{CA})) / 2$
- Etc.

The holographic EoP conjecture is strengthened and generalized to

$$E_P(\rho_{A_1\dots A_n}) = E_W(\rho_{A_1\dots A_n})$$

# Summary

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We proposed the **holographic entanglement of purification conjecture** as a generalization of Ryu-Takayanagi formula

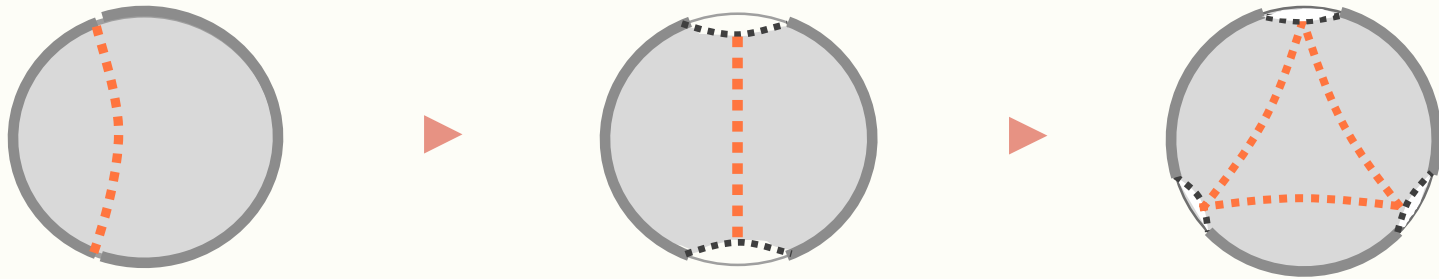
$$E_P(\rho_{AB}) := \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} S_{AA'} = \min_{\Sigma_{AB}} \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AB})}{4G_N}$$

- It is supported by various consistency checks and interpretation
- We calculated EoP in free scalar and Ising model by numerics and found **non-monotonicity** and **reflection symmetry breaking**
- We calculated EoP within minimal complexity purifications in CFTs and found **the agreement with EWCS** for adjacent  $A \cup B$
- We generalized holographic EoP conjecture to **multipartite systems**

# Future directions

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- Analytical calculation of EoP in holographic CFTs
- EoP in strongly interacted many body systems
- EWCS and reflection symmetry breaking
- Applications
  - Kinematic space
  - Constraints on holographic states
  - Squashed entanglement
- An operational interpretation of multipartite EoP



Thank you for your attention