

Improved lattice method for determining entanglement measures in SU(N) gauge theories

Tobias Rindlisbacher¹, Niko Jokela², Arttu Pönni³, Kari Rummukainen² & Ahmed Salami²

 $u^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$

UNIVERSITÄT BERN

AEC ALBERT EINSTEIN CENTER FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS ¹ University of Bern, AEC & Institute for Theoretical Physics, Bern, Switzerland
 ² University of Helsinki, Department of Physics & Helsinki Institute of Physics, Helsinki, Finland
 ³ Aalto University, Department of Electronics and Nanoengineering, Espoo, Finland

NOLA Summer 2022, August 22-25, 2022



Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

SU(N) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$





UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

SU(N) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$

→ Density matrix element:







D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

SU(N) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$

 \rightarrow Divide lattice into two parts (A, B)





UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

SU(*N*) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$

- → Divide lattice into two parts (A, B)
- → Reduced density matrix ρ_A for part A







UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

SU(*N*) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$

- → Divide lattice into two parts (A, B)
- → Reduced density matrix ρ_A for part A



→ Entanglement entropy:

 $S_{EE} = -\operatorname{tr}_{A}(\rho_{A} \log \rho_{A})$ (how ?)



 $\boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{b}}$

⊳ UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

■ SU(*N*) gauge theory on $N_s^{d-1} \times N_t$ lattice

Partition function: $Z(N_t, N_s) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$

- → Divide lattice into two parts (A, B)
- → Reduced density matrix ρ_A for part A



→ Replica method for s-th Rényi entropy:

$$H_{s}(I, N_{t}, N_{s}) = \frac{1}{1-s} \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_{A}^{s}) = \frac{Z_{c}(I, s, N_{t}, N_{s})}{Z^{s}(N_{t}, N_{s})}$$

with "cut partition function" $Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)$

 $\rightarrow \quad Z_c(I=0,s,N_t,N_s) = Z^s(N_t,N_s) \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N} \\ \rightarrow \quad Z_c(I=N_s,s,N_t,N_s) = Z(sN_t,N_s) \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N}$



Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$S_{EE}(l, N_t, N_s) = -\lim_{s o 1} rac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(
ho_A^s)}{\partial s}$$



⊳ UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

 $\boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx \boxed{-\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s)} - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference



Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(l, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(l, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(l, 2, N_t, N_s) - \underbrace{(-2\log Z(N_t, N_s))}_{= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2)} = H_2(l, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference





Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference

Issue: UV-divergent piece
$$\frac{S_{EE}}{|\partial A|} = \boxed{\frac{C_0}{\epsilon^2}} - \frac{C}{l^q} + \text{(finite)}$$



UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}\left(\rho_A^s\right)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}\left(\rho_A^2\right) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference

Issue: UV-divergent piece
$$\frac{S_{EE}}{|\partial A|} = \frac{C_0}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{C}{l^q} + (finite)$$

→ Instead of EE, measure discrete derivative w.r.t. l > 0: $\frac{\partial S_{EE}(l', N_t, N_s)}{\partial l'} \Big|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\log Z_c(l+1, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-\log Z_c(l, 2, N_t, N_s))$



D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference

Issue: UV-divergent piece $\frac{S_{EE}}{|\partial A|} = \frac{C_0}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{C}{l^q} + (finite)$

→ Instead of EE, measure discrete derivative w.r.t. l > 0: $\frac{\partial S_{EE}(l', N_t, N_s)}{\partial l'}\Big|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx \frac{1}{\log Z_c(l+1, 2, N_t, N_s)} - (-\log Z_c(l, 2, N_t, N_s))$



Entanglement entropy on the lattice [P. Calabrese, J. Cardy (2004)]

→ Entanglement entropy (EE):

$$\begin{split} S_{EE}(I, N_t, N_s) &= -\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^s)}{\partial s} \\ &= -\left(\lim_{s \to 1} \frac{\partial \log Z_c(I, s, N_t, N_s)}{\partial s} - \log Z(N_t, N_s)\right) \\ &\approx -\log Z_c(I, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-2\log Z(N_t, N_s)) \\ &= -\log \operatorname{tr}(\rho_A^2) = H_2(I, N_t, N_s) \end{split}$$

→ measure free energy difference

Issue: UV-divergent piece $\frac{S_{EE}}{|\partial A|} = \frac{C_0}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{C}{I^q} + (finite)$

→ Instead of EE, measure discrete derivative w.r.t. l > 0: $\frac{\partial S_{EE}(l', N_t, N_s)}{\partial l'}\Big|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\log Z_c(l+1, 2, N_t, N_s) - (-\log Z_c(l, 2, N_t, N_s))$



Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem



D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(\alpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\left(-(1-\alpha) S_l[U] - \alpha S_{l+1}[U]\right), \text{ with } \alpha \in [0,1]$$

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

 $Z_{l}^{*}(\alpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\left(-(1-\alpha) \frac{S_{l}[U]}{S_{l}[U]} - \alpha S_{l+1}[U]\right), \text{ with } \alpha \in [0,1]$



Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)], [Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(\alpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\left(-(1-\alpha) S_l[U] - \alpha S_{l+1}[U]\right), \text{ with } \alpha \in [0,1]$$



Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(lpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\left(-(1-lpha) \ \mathcal{S}_l[U] \ -lpha \ \mathcal{S}_{l+1}[U] \
ight),$$
 with $lpha \in [0,1]$

→ measure
$$\langle S_{l+1} - S_l \rangle_{\alpha} = -\frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha}$$
 for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

 $\boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(lpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\Bigl(-(1-lpha) \ \mathcal{S}_l[U] \ -lpha \ \mathcal{S}_{l+1}[U] \ \Bigr),$$
 with $lpha \in [0,1]$

→ measure
$$\langle S_{l+1} - S_l \rangle_{\alpha} = -\frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha}$$
 for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

→ interpolate and integrate:

$$\frac{\partial S_{\mathsf{EE}}(l', \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{l}}, \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{S}})}{\partial l'} \bigg|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}\alpha \frac{\partial \log Z_{l}^{*}(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}\alpha \langle S_{l+1} - S_{l} \rangle_{\alpha}$$



UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(lpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \, \exp\Bigl(-(1-lpha) \, \, \mathcal{S}_l[U] \,\, -lpha \,\, \mathcal{S}_{l+1}[\,U] \,\, \Bigr),$$
 with $lpha \in [0,1]$

$$\ \, \rightarrow \quad \text{measure} \quad \left< S_{l+1} - S_l \right>_\alpha = - \frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \quad \text{for } \alpha \in [0,1]$$

→ interpolate and integrate:

$$\frac{\partial S_{EE}(l', N_t, N_s)}{\partial l'} \bigg|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\alpha \frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\alpha \langle S_{l+1} - S_l \rangle_\alpha$$

Issue: huge free energy barrier \rightarrow bad signal to noise ratio



data from [Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)],[Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(lpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \, \exp\Bigl(-(1-lpha) \, \, \mathcal{S}_l[U] \,\, -lpha \,\, \mathcal{S}_{l+1}[U] \,\, \Bigr),$$
 with $lpha \in [0,1]$

→ measure
$$\langle S_{l+1} - S_l \rangle_{\alpha} = -\frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha}$$
 for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

→ interpolate and integrate:

$$\frac{\partial S_{\textit{EE}}(l', \textit{N}_{\textit{t}}, \textit{N}_{\textit{s}})}{\partial l'} \bigg|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}\alpha \frac{\partial \log Z_{l}^{*}(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}\alpha \langle S_{l+1} - S_{l} \rangle_{\alpha}$$

Issue: huge free energy barrier \rightarrow bad signal to noise ratio



data from [Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]

Entanglement entropy on the lattice

- Measuring free energy differences:
 - → $I \rightarrow I + 1$ is non-local change \rightarrow overlap problem
- Approach from literature: [P. V. Buividovich, M. I. Polikarpov (2008)], [Y. Nakagawa et al. (2009)]
 - → interpolating partition function:

$$Z_l^*(lpha) = \int \mathcal{D}[U] \exp\left(-(1-lpha) \ \mathcal{S}_l[U] \ -lpha \ \mathcal{S}_{l+1}[U] \
ight),$$
 with $lpha \in [0,1]$

$$\ \, \rightarrow \quad \text{measure} \quad \left< \mathcal{S}_{l+1} - \mathcal{S}_l \right>_\alpha = - \frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \quad \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

→ interpolate and integrate:

$$\frac{\partial S_{EE}(l', N_t, N_s)}{\partial l'} \bigg|_{l'=l+1/2} \approx -\int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\alpha \frac{\partial \log Z_l^*(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}\alpha \langle S_{l+1} - S_l \rangle_\alpha$$

Issue: huge free energy barrier \rightarrow bad signal to noise ratio

→ $Z_l^*(\alpha)$ imposes simultaneously BC_A and BC_B on plaquettes P_1 , P_2 if $\alpha \neq 0, 1$.



How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



 \blacksquare Instead of "blending" from $\mathrm{BC}_{\textit{B}}$ and $\mathrm{BC}_{\textit{A}}$ for all

plaquettes P1, P2.





D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?







D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



■ Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.



 N_s

 P_2

 B_2





How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all

plaquettes P₁, P₂.



1

How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



■ Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.



How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.



 $\boldsymbol{u}^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathsf{b}}$

D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



t

- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.

 N_s

l = 2



b L

D UNIVERSITÄT BERN



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.







- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.





- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.



How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions







How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions







b UNIVERSITÄT

How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions







How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions







How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (2+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions











- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions











- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions







How can we avoid (huge) free energy barriers?



- Instead of "blending" from BC_B and BC_A for all plaquettes *P*₁, *P*₂.
- Interpolate by deforming entangling surface.
 - → Examples for specific ordering:
 - → in (3+1) dimensions









Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?



Free-energy plateau

■ Why does the free energy initially not change?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

Change of temp. BC over spatial link $(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \Leftrightarrow P_1, P_2$ swap their upper links.

→ Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?



Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

Change of temp. BC over spatial link $(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \Leftrightarrow P_1, P_2$ swap their upper links.

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?

Only if either for x_1 or x_2 all adjacent spatial link have same BC.





D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

Free-energy plateau

Why does the free energy initially not change?

Change of temp. BC over spatial link $(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \Leftrightarrow P_1, P_2$ swap their upper links.

- → Trivial if to-be-swapped links can be gauge transformed individually.
 - → When is this possible?

Only if either for x_1 or x_2 all adjacent spatial link have same BC.





D UNIVERSITÄT BERN

- Lattice setup:
 - → SU(*N*) Wilson gauge action on $N_s^{d-1} \times s \cdot N_t$ lattice.
 - \rightarrow For each site, define nearest neighbor map for both types of temp. BCs.
 - → Boolean variable for each spatial link to define which temp. BC applies \rightarrow defines regions A, B.



- Lattice setup:
 - → SU(*N*) Wilson gauge action on $N_s^{d-1} \times s \cdot N_t$ lattice.
 - \rightarrow For each site, define nearest neighbor map for both types of temp. BCs.
 - ightarrow Boolean variable for each spatial link to define which temp. BC applies ightarrow defines regions A, B.
 - → Define appropriately ordered list of spatial links that will be allowed to change BC \rightarrow "boundary links".



- Lattice setup:
 - → SU(*N*) Wilson gauge action on $N_s^{d-1} \times s \cdot N_t$ lattice.
 - \rightarrow For each site, define nearest neighbor map for both types of temp. BCs.
 - → Boolean variable for each spatial link to define which temp. BC applies \rightarrow defines regions A, B.
 - → Define appropriately ordered list of spatial links that will be allowed to change BC → "boundary links".
- Simulation strategy:
 - → normal Heatbath updates for bulk links. [A. D. Kennedy, B. J. Pendleton (1985)], [N. Cabibbo, E. Marinari]
 - → modified Heatbath/Metropolis update for links which are part of temporal plaquettes that are affected by allowed change of BC → simultaneous update of BC and link variable.
 - → Initial Wang-Landau (WL) sampling to achieve equally frequent temp. BC updates for all boundary links → WL weights provide initial estimator for free energy difference. [F. Wang, D. P. Landau (2001)]
 - → Record histograms with fixed WL weights → improve free energy estimate with histogram ratios and to determine errors.

- Lattice setup:
 - → SU(*N*) Wilson gauge action on $N_s^{d-1} \times s \cdot N_t$ lattice.
 - \rightarrow For each site, define nearest neighbor map for both types of temp. BCs.
 - → Boolean variable for each spatial link to define which temp. BC applies \rightarrow defines regions A, B.
 - → Define appropriately ordered list of spatial links that will be allowed to change BC \rightarrow "boundary links".
- Simulation strategy:
 - → normal Heatbath updates for bulk links. [A. D. Kennedy, B. J. Pendleton (1985)], [N. Cabibbo, E. Marinari]
 - → modified Heatbath/Metropolis update for links which are part of temporal plaquettes that are affected by allowed change of BC → simultaneous update of BC and link variable.
 - → Initial Wang-Landau (WL) sampling to achieve equally frequent temp. BC updates for all boundary links → WL weights provide initial estimator for free energy difference. [F. Wang, D. P. Landau (2001)]
 - → Record histograms with fixed WL weights → improve free energy estimate with histogram ratios and to determine errors.
- OpenMP (BC update non-local), MPI, WL + parallel tempering.

Results

Results in 4D

Entanglement entropy change as function of entangling region width *I* for SU(3) on $N_s^3 \times 2 \cdot N_t$ lattice with $N_s = N_t = 16$, $\beta \in \{5.7, 5.75, 5.8, 5.85\}$.



Results

Results in 4D

- Entanglement entropy change as function of entangling region width *I* for SU(3) on $N_s^3 \times 2 \cdot N_t$ lattice with $N_s = N_t = 16$, $\beta \in \{5.7, 5.75, 5.8, 5.85\}$.
 - → expected power law behavior $\sim I^{-3}$ (holography).
 - → finite volume effects?



Results

Results in 4D

- Entanglement entropy change as function of entangling region width *I* for SU(3) on $N_s^3 \times 2 \cdot N_t$ lattice with $N_s = N_t = 16$, $\beta \in \{5.7, 5.75, 5.8, 5.85\}$.
 - → expected power law behavior $\sim I^{-3}$ (holography).
 - → finite volume effects?
- Corresponding entropic C-function in comparison with results from literature.





Conclusions & outlook

Conclusions

- New method to determine entanglement measures (Rényi and entropies) in SU(N) lattice gauge theories.
 - quasi-absent free energy barriers in (2+1)d
 - significantly reduced free energy barriers in (3+1)d
 - → significant error reduction possible.
 - Comparison with literature results promising.

Outlook

- total free energy difference during interpolation between l and l + 1 is piecewise linear.
 - → useful to speed up simulations in (3+1)d?
- Application to further cases:
 - SU(N), N = 2, 3, 4, 5, ..., ?, $d = 3, 4, T = 0, T \neq 0$
 - different entangling region shapes; alternative entropy measures?
 - "metric reconstruction" (holography) for SU(2), SU(3)?
- "non-equilibrium work" approach [J. D'Emidio (2020)] applicable? More efficient?

