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# Quantum Entanglement and Holographic Spacetime

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# ① Introduction

String Theory  $\Rightarrow$  a unified theory of quantum gravity

It has been still difficult to compute quantum corrections in cosmological spacetimes like big bang, de-Sitter etc.

However, a generalization of AdS/CFT (or holography) may be able to resolve this problem:

“Quantum Gravity = Quantum Many-body Systems”

For this, we need to understand the basic mechanism of AdS/CFT.  $\Rightarrow$  A key concept is **quantum entanglement**.

## What is the quantum entanglement ?

In quantum mechanics,  
a physical state = a vector in Hilbert space.

Consider a spin of an electron, any state is described  
by a linear combination:

$$|\Psi\rangle = a|\uparrow\rangle + b|\downarrow\rangle, \quad |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1.$$

Consider the following states in **two spin systems**:

(i) A direct product state (unentangled state)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \right] \otimes \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_B \right] \right].$$



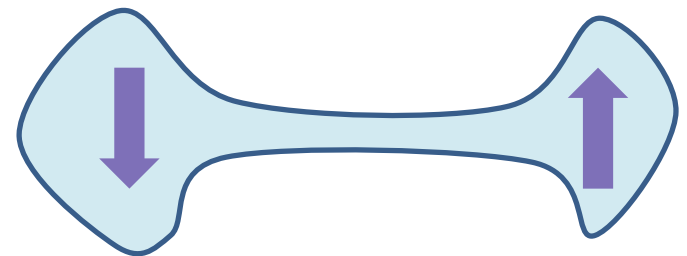
**Independent**

(ii) An entangled state (EPR pair)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B \right] / \sqrt{2}.$$



**One determines the other !**



**∃ Non-local correlation**

A measure of quantum entanglement is known as the **entanglement entropy** defined as follows.

Divide a quantum system into two subsystems A and B.

$$H_{tot} = H_A \otimes H_B \ .$$

Define the **reduced density matrix**  $\rho_A$  by

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| \ .$$

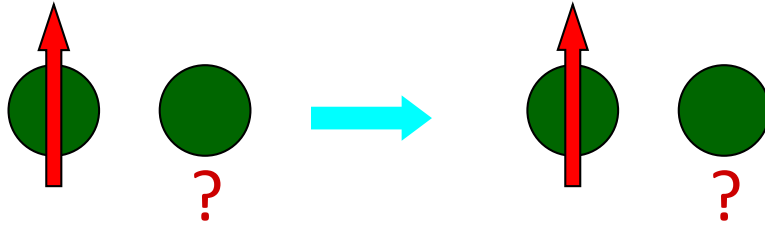
The **entanglement entropy**  $S_A$  is now defined by

$$S_A = -\text{Tr}_A \rho_A \log \rho_A \ . \quad (\text{von-Neumann entropy})$$

# The Simplest Example: two spins (2 qubits)

$$(i) \quad |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \right] \otimes \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_B \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [ |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| ] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A \langle\uparrow|_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \langle\downarrow|_A \right]$$

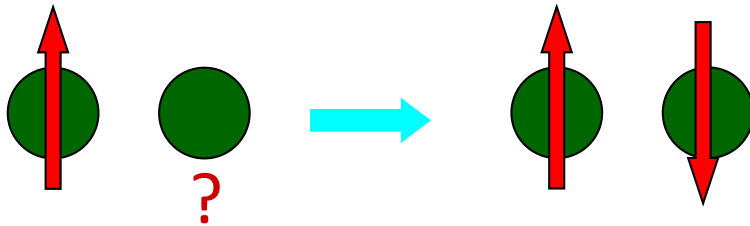


**Not Entangled**

$$S_A = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad |\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [ |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| ] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_A \langle\uparrow|_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A \langle\downarrow|_A \right]$$



**Entangled**

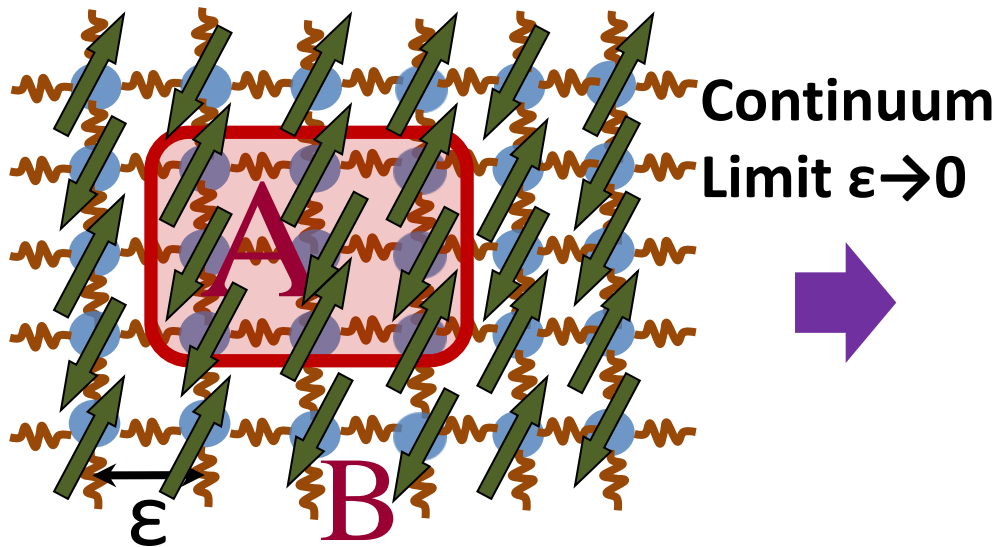
$$S_A = \log 2$$



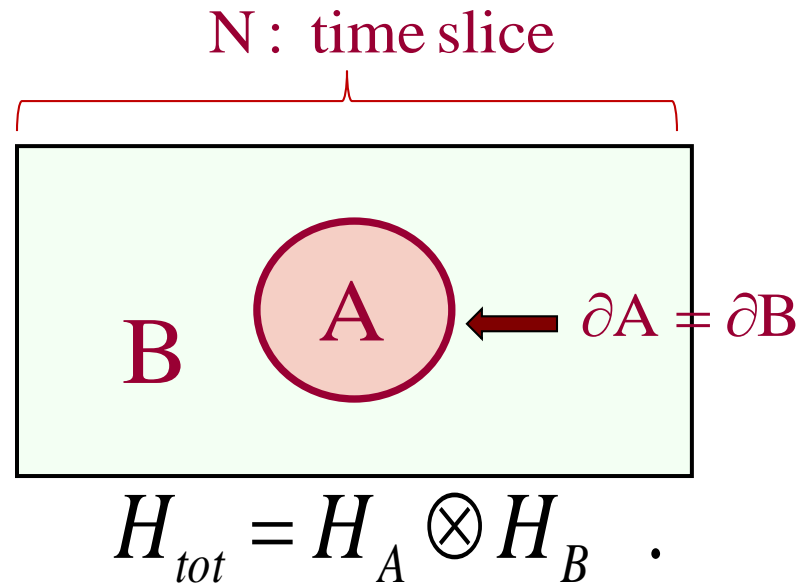
# EE in Quantum Many-body Systems and QFTs

We can define the EE geometrically:

## Quantum Many-body Systems



## Quantum Field Theories (QFTs)



In this talk, we will explain a deep connection between **quantum entanglement** and **spacetime geometries in gravity**.

# The Bekenstein-Hawking formula of black hole entropy:

$$S_{BH} = \frac{k_B \cdot c^3}{4G_N \cdot \hbar} \cdot \text{Area(Horizon)}.$$

Statistical Mechanics

Gravity (General Relativity)

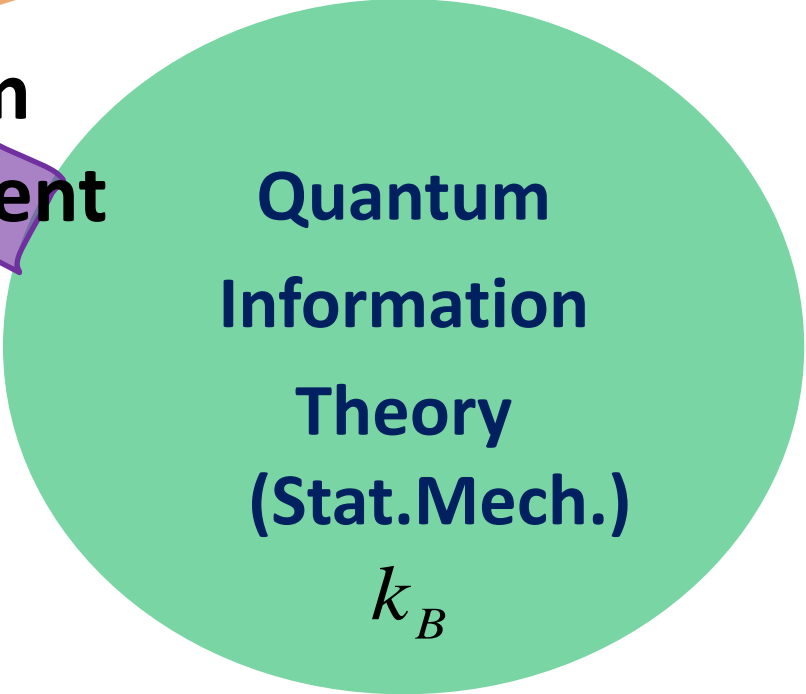
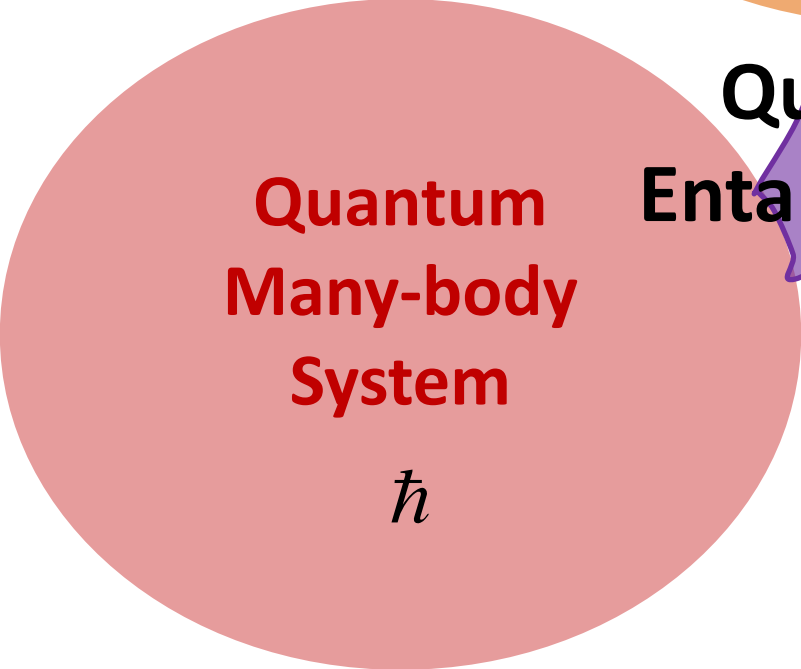
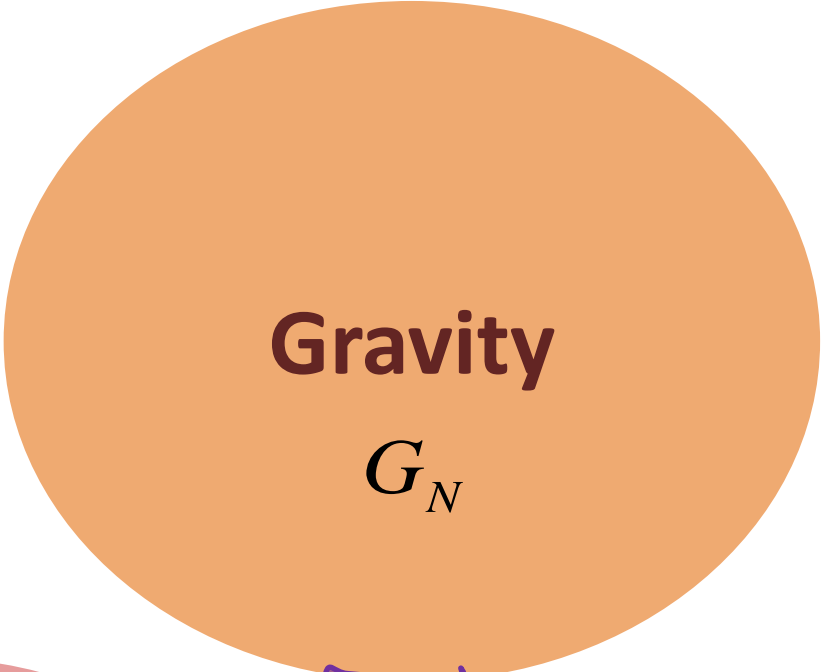
Quantum Mechanics

suggests a deep connection between

**quantum entanglement** and **space time geometry** .

**[Entropy]**

**[Area]**



## ② Holographic Entanglement Entropy

(2-1) AdS/CFT (the best example of holography)

### AdS/CFT

[Maldacena 97]

Quantum Gravity (String theory)  
on  $d+2$  dim. AdS spacetime  
(anti de-Sitter space)

=

Conformal Field Theory  
(CFT) on  $d+1$  dim.  
Minkowski spacetime



Classical limit

General relativity with  $\Lambda < 0$   
(Geometrical)



Large N limit

Strong coupling limit

Strongly interacting  
quantum many-body systems

**Basic Principle**

(Bulk-Boundary relation) :

$$Z_{Gravity} = Z_{CFT}$$

## (2-2) Holographic Entanglement Entropy Formula

[Ryu-TT 06; Proved by Lewkowycz-Maldacena 13]

$$S_A = \text{Min}_{\substack{\partial\gamma_A = \partial A \\ \gamma_A \approx A}} \left[ \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right]$$

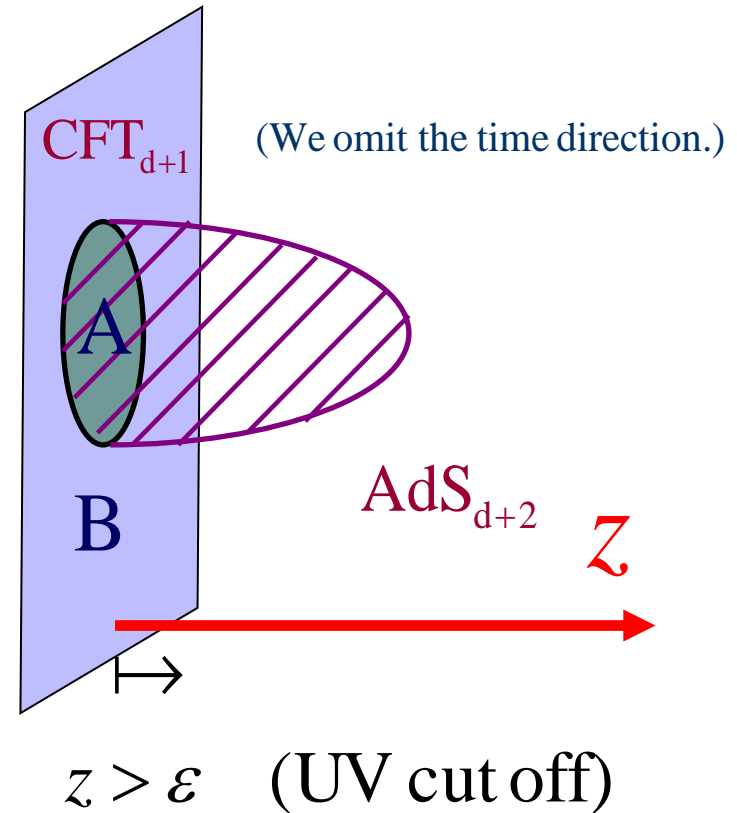
$\gamma_A$  is the minimal area surface (codim.=2) such that

$$\partial A = \partial\gamma_A \text{ and } A \sim \gamma_A \cdot$$

homologous

Note: In time-dependent spacetimes, we need to take extremal surfaces.

[Hubeny-Rangamani-TT 07]



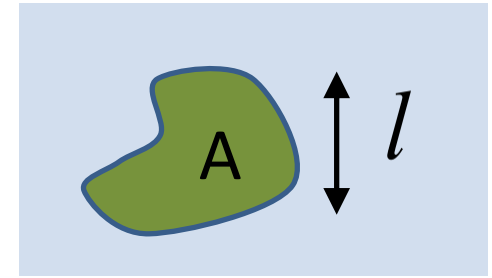
$$ds^2 = R^2 \cdot \frac{dz^2 - dt^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d dx_i^2}{z^2}$$

# Verification of HEE

- Confirmations of basic properties:  
Area law, Strong subadditivity (SSA), Conformal anomaly,....
- Direct Derivation of HEE from AdS/CFT:
  - (i) Pure AdS,  $A$  = a round sphere [Casini-Huerta-Myers 11]
  - (ii) Euclidean AdS/CFT [Lewkowycz-Maldacena 13, Faulkner 13, cf. Fursaev 06]
  - (iii) Disjoint Subsystems [Headrick 10, Faulkner 13, Hartman 13]
  - (iv) General time-dependent AdS/CFT → Not yet.  
[But,  $\exists$  confirmations of SSA: Allais-Tonni 11, Callan-He-Headrick 12, Wall 13]
- Corrections to HEE beyond the supergravity limit:  
[Higher derivatives: Hung-Myers-Smolkin 11, de Boer-Kulaxizi-Parnachev 11,..... ]  
[1/N effect: Barrella-Dong-Hartnoll-Martin 13,... ]  
[Higher spin gravity: de Boer-Jottar 13, Ammon-Castro-Iqbal 13]

# General Behavior of HEE [Ryu-TT 06]

$$S_A = \frac{\pi^{d/2} R^d}{2G_N^{(d+2)} \Gamma(d/2)} \left[ p_1 \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^{d-1} + p_3 \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^{d-3} + \dots \right]$$



$$\dots + \begin{cases} p_{d-1} \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right) + p_d & (\text{if } d+1 = \text{odd}) \\ p_{d-2} \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^2 + q \log\left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right) & (\text{if } d+1 = \text{even}) \end{cases}$$

Area law  
divergence

where  $p_1 = (d-1)^{-1}$ ,  $p_3 = -(d-2)/[2(d-3)]$ , .....

.....  $q = (-1)^{(d-1)/2} (d-2)!! / (d-1)!!$  .

A universal quantity (**F**) which characterizes **odd dim. CFT**.  
 $\Rightarrow$  A proof of c-theorem in 3 dim. (**F-theorem**). [Casini-Huerta 12, Liu-Mezei 12, Myers-Singh 12, ...]

Agrees with **conformal anomaly** (central charge) in **even dim. CFT**  
 [Calabrese-Cardy 04, Solodukhin 08, Hung-Myers-Smolkin 11 ...]

# Holographic Strong Subadditivity [Headrick-TT 07]

We can easily derive the strong subadditivity, which is the most important inequality satisfied by EE. [Lieb-Ruskai 73]

$$\Rightarrow S_{A+B} + S_{B+C} \geq S_{A+B+C} + S_B$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{A+B} + S_{B+C} \geq S_A + S_C$$



Note: the HEE formula can be regarded as a generalization of Bekenstein-Hawking formula of black hole entropy:

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{\text{Area of BH}}{4G_{\text{N}}}.$$

**A Killing horizon (time independent black holes)**

⇔ All components of extrinsic curvature are vanishing.

∩

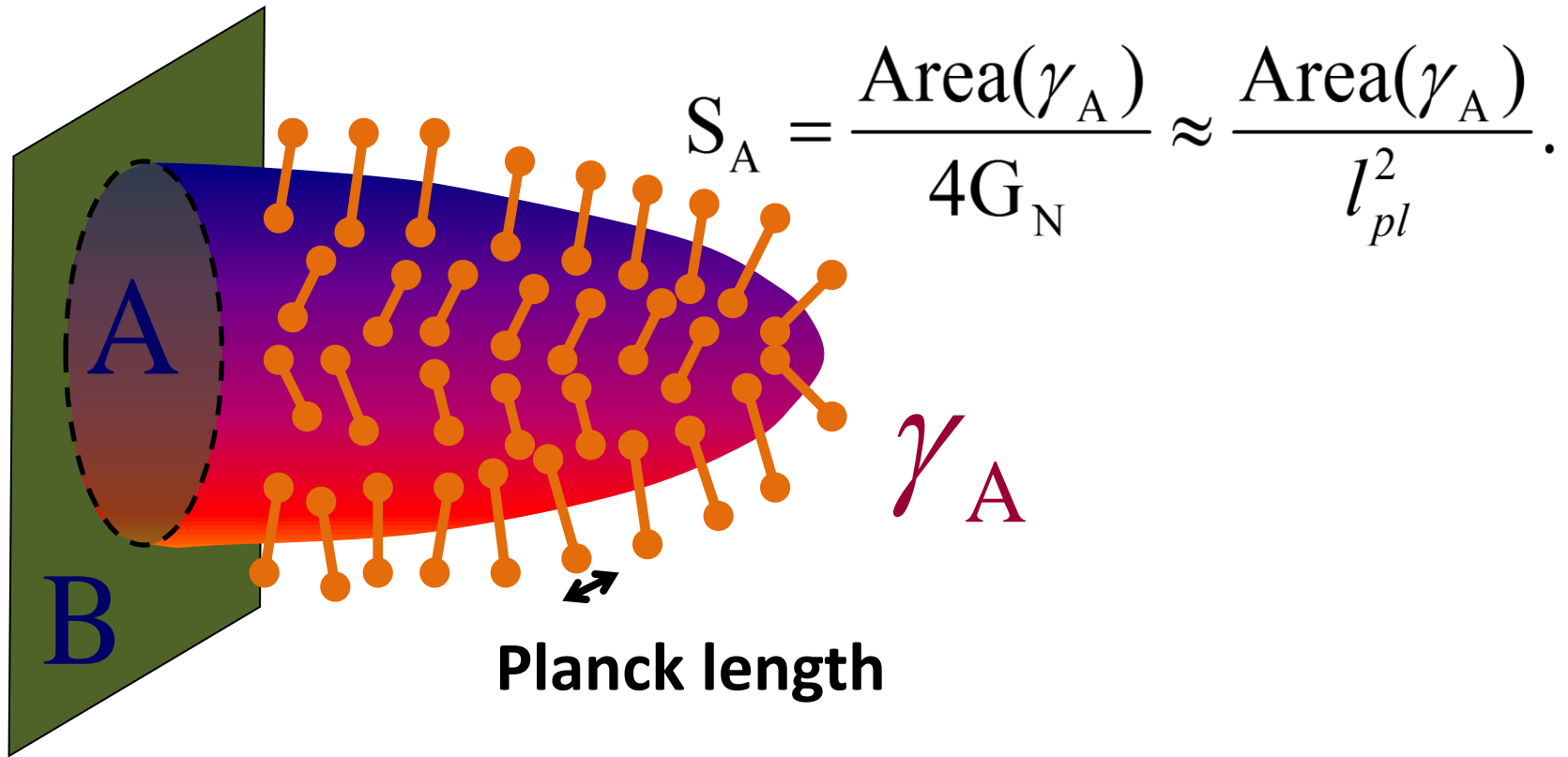
**A minimal surface (or extremal surface)**

⇔ Traces of extrinsic curvature are vanishing.

The HEE suggests that

**A spacetime in gravity**

**= Collections of bits of quantum entanglement**



A framework for this is the **entanglement renormalization**.

## ③ Entanglement Renormalization and AdS/CFT

(3-1) Tensor Network (TN) [See e.g. the review Cirac-Verstraete 09]

Recent remarkable progresses in numerical algorithms for quantum lattice models:

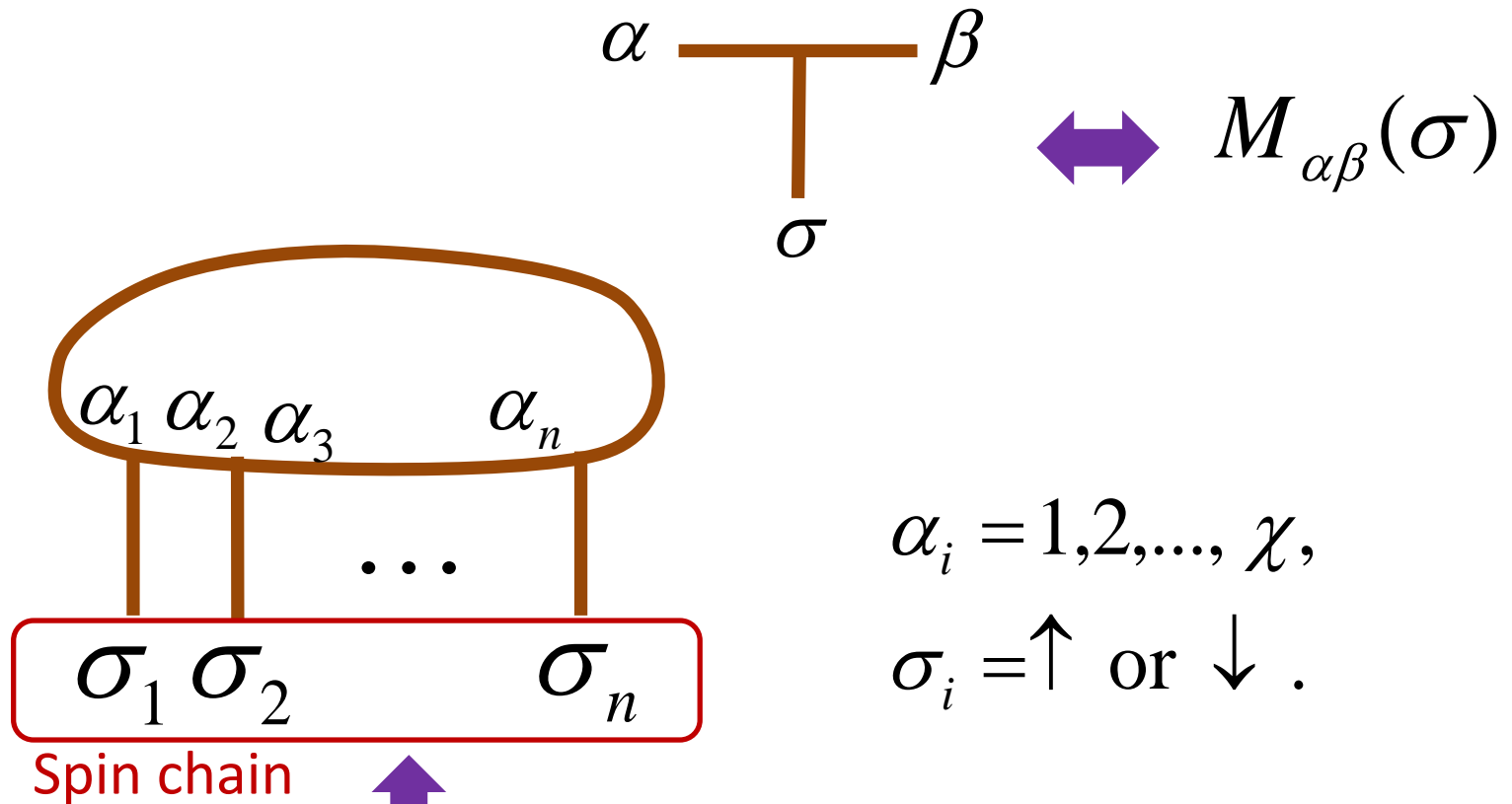
⇒ **Tensor network states**

= Efficient variational ansatz for the ground state wave functions in quantum many-body systems.

⇒ An ansatz is good if it respects the quantum entanglement of the true ground state.

# Ex. Matrix Product State (MPS)

[DMRG: White 92,...,  
Rommer-Ostlund 95,..]



$$\alpha_i = 1, 2, \dots, \chi,$$

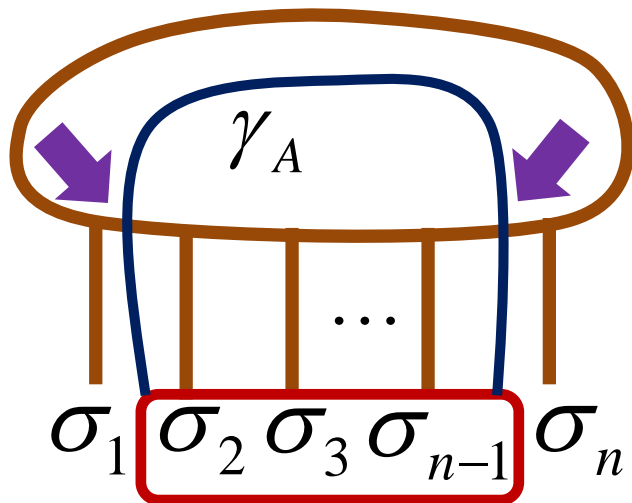
$$\sigma_i = \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow .$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n} \text{Tr}[M(\sigma_1)M(\sigma_2)\cdots M(\sigma_n)] |\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n\rangle$$

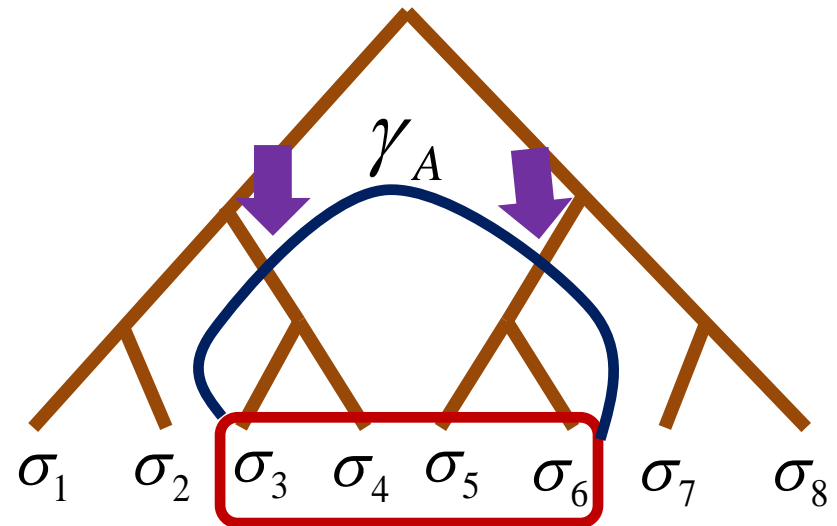
*n Spins*

MPS and TTN are not good near quantum critical points (CFTs) because entanglement entropies are too small:

$$S_A \leq 2 \log \chi \quad (\ll \log L \sim S_A^{CFT}).$$



A



A

In general,

$$S_A \sim N_{\text{int}} \cdot \log \chi,$$

$$N_{\text{int}} \equiv \min[\# \text{Intersections of } \gamma_A].$$

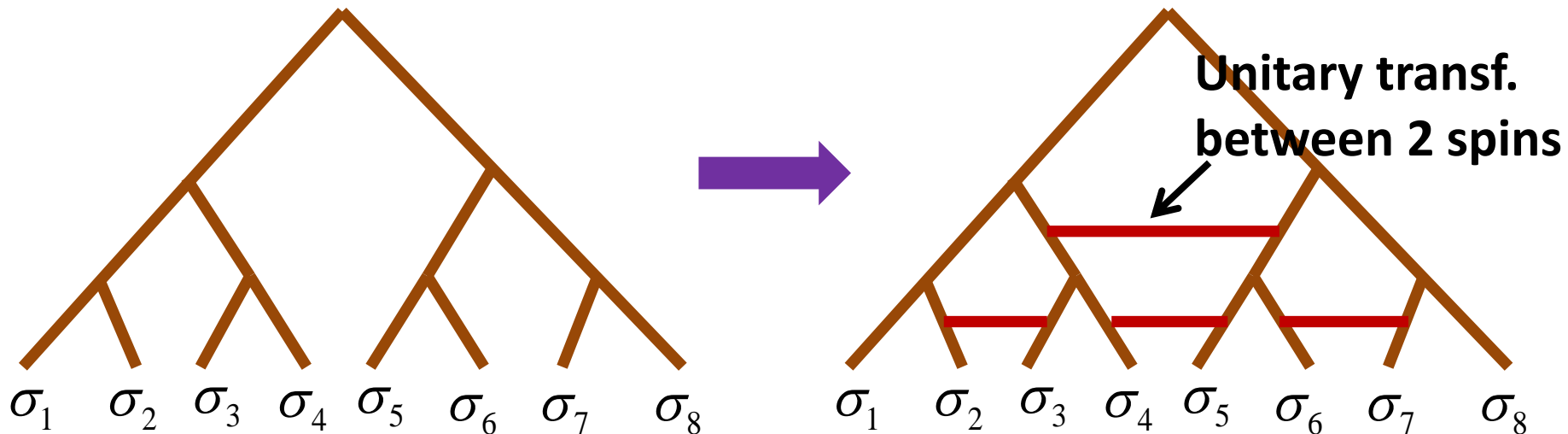
## (3-2) AdS/CFT and (c)MERA

MERA (Multiscale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz):

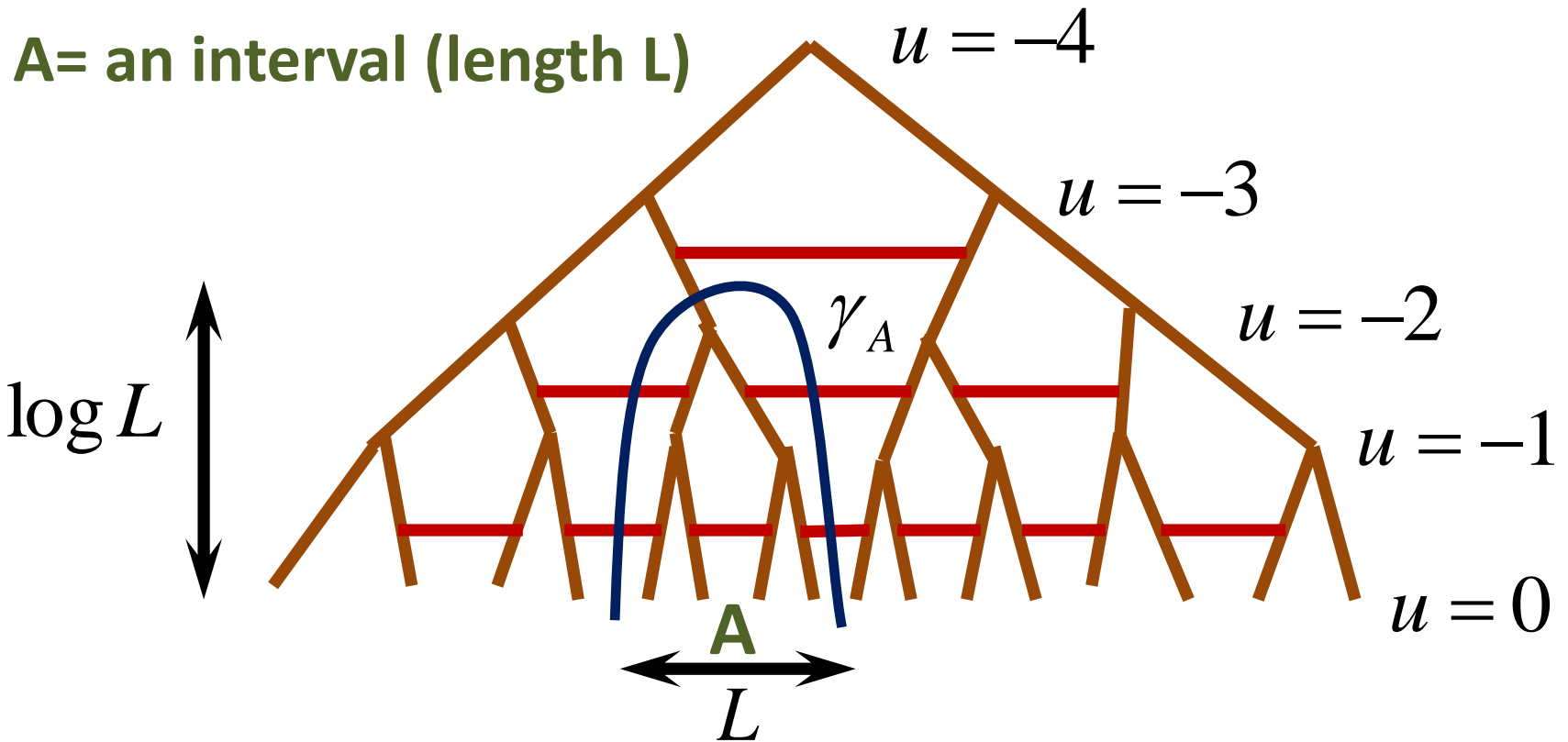
⇒ An efficient variational ansatz for CFT ground states.

[Vidal 05 (for a review see 0912.1651)]

To increase entanglement in a CFT, we add **(dis)entanglers**.



## Calculations of EE in 1+1 dim. MERA

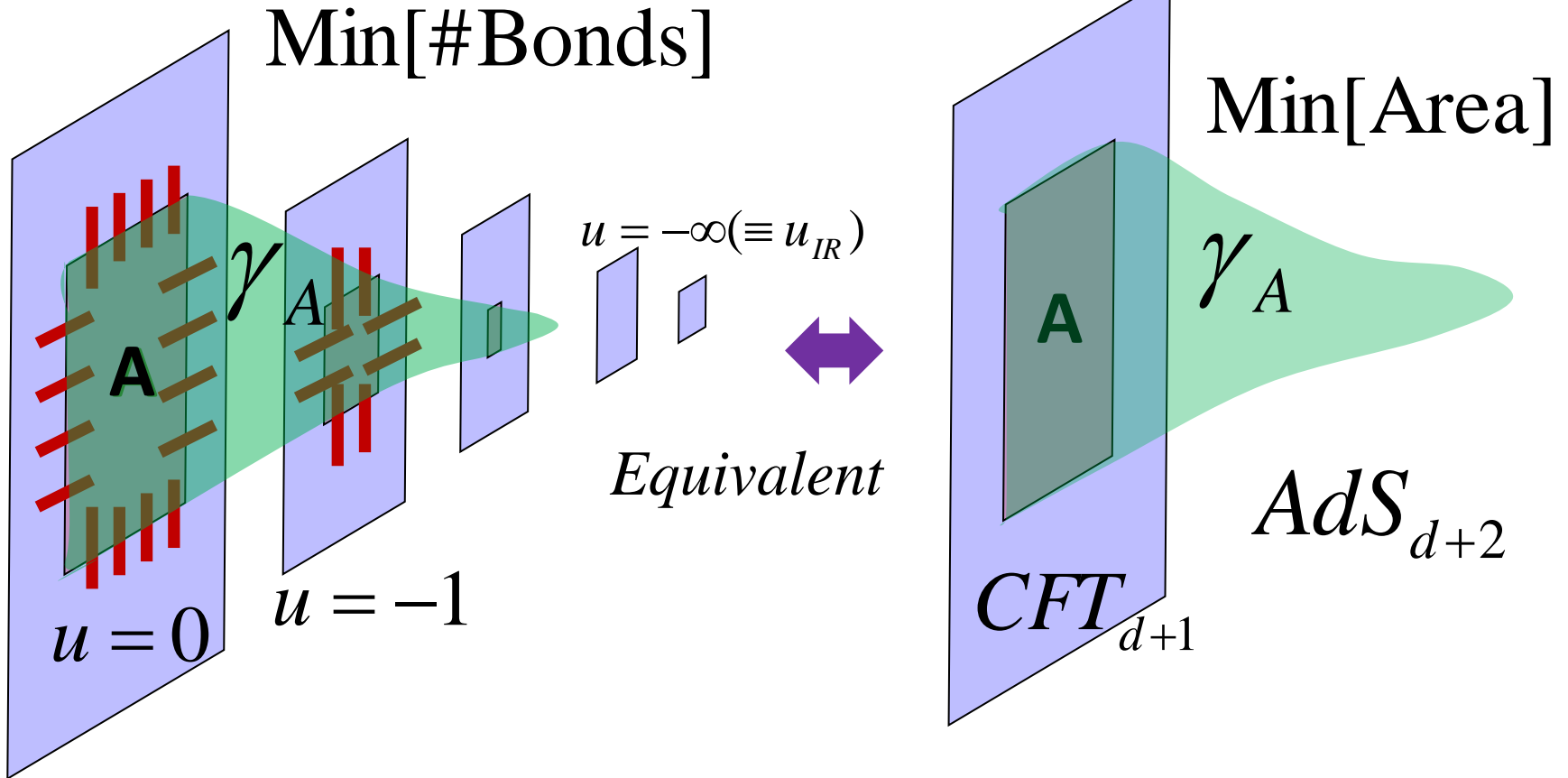


$$S_A \propto \text{Min}[\# \text{ Bonds}] \propto \log L$$

$\Rightarrow$  agrees with 2d CFTs.

# A conjectured relation to AdS/CFT

[Swingle 09]



$$\text{Metric} = ds^2 + \frac{e^{2u}}{\varepsilon^2} (-dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2) = \frac{dz^2 - dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2}{z^2},$$

where  $z = \varepsilon \cdot e^{-u}$  .



To make relate to AdS/CFT directly, we want to consider the MERA for quantum field theories.

Continuous MERA (cMERA) [Haegeman-Osborne-Verschelde-Verstraete 11]

$$\underbrace{|\Psi(u)\rangle}_{\text{True ground state (highly entangled)}} = P \cdot \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^u ds [K(s) + L]\right) \cdot \underbrace{|\Omega\rangle}_{\text{IR state (no entanglement)}},$$

$\Rightarrow$  Real space renormalization flow : length scale  $\sim \varepsilon \cdot e^{-u}$ .

**K(u) : disentangler, L: scale transformation**

Conjecture

$$d+1 \text{ dim. cMERA} = \text{gravity on AdS}_{d+2} \quad z = \varepsilon \cdot e^{-u}.$$

### (3-3) Emergent Metric from cMERA [Nozaki-Ryu-TT 12]

We focus on gravity duals of translational invariant static states, which are not conformal in general.

Our conjecture: metric in the extra direction

$$g_{uu} du^2 = N \cdot \left( 1 - \left| \langle \Psi(u) | e^{iLdu} | \Psi(u + du) \rangle \right|^2 \right).$$

$$N^{-1} \equiv \int dx^d \cdot \int_0^{\Lambda e^u} dk^d = \text{The total volume of phase space at energy scale } u.$$

( $\Lambda = 1/\varepsilon$  : cut off)

## Bures metric (Fisher information metric)

The **Bures distance** between two states is defined by

$$D(\psi_1, \psi_2) = 1 - \left| \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle \right|^2.$$

When the state depends on the parameters  $\{\xi_i\}$ ,

**Bures metric (Fisher information metric)** is defined as

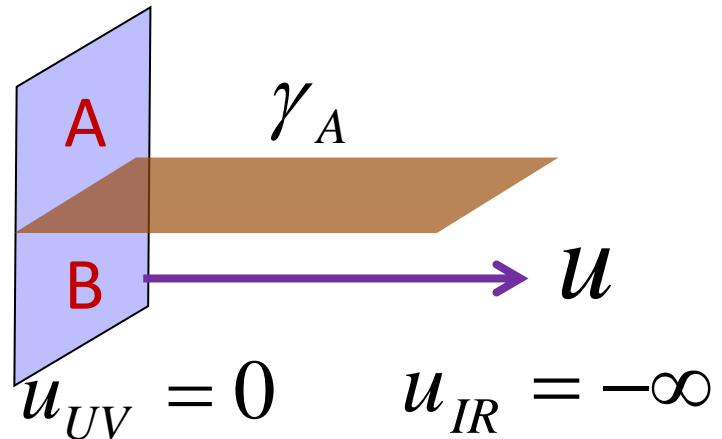
$$D[\psi(\xi), \psi(\xi + d\xi)] = g_{ij} d\xi^i d\xi^j.$$

⇒ Reparameterization invariant (in our case:  $u \rightarrow u'$ )

The operation  $e^{iLdu}$  removes the coarse-graining procedure to extract the density of disentanglers.

**⇒ Our metric  $g_{uu}$  = the density of disentanglers**  
**= the metric  $g_{uu}$  in the gravity dual**

$$S_A \sim \int_{u_{IR}}^0 du \sqrt{g_{uu}} \cdot e^{(d-1)u}$$



## (3-4) Emergent Metric in a (d+1) dim. Free Scalar Theory

**Hamiltonian:** 
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int dk^d [\pi(k)\pi(-k) + (k^2 + m^2)\phi(k)\phi(-k)].$$

**Ground state**  $|\Psi\rangle$  :  $a_k |\Psi\rangle = 0.$

The IR state  $|\Omega\rangle$  and the disentanglers  $\hat{K}(u)$  are defined :

$$a_x = \sqrt{M} \phi(x) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{M}} \pi(x), \quad (M \equiv \sqrt{\Lambda^2 + m^2}),$$

$$a_x |\Omega\rangle = 0, \quad |\Omega\rangle = \prod_x |0\rangle_x \Rightarrow S_A(\Omega) = 0 \text{ for any } A.$$

$$\hat{K}(u) = \frac{i}{2} \int dk^d \left[ \chi(u) \Gamma(k e^{-u} / \Lambda) a_k^+ a_{-k}^+ + (h.c.) \right], \quad (\Gamma(x) \equiv \theta(1 - |x|)).$$

$$\text{Metric: } g_{uu} = \chi(u)^2$$

$$ds_{\text{Gravity}}^2 = g_{uu} du^2 + \frac{e^{2u}}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot d\vec{x}^2 - g_{tt} dt^2$$

(i) Massless scalar (E=k)

$$g_{uu} = \chi(u)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{the pure AdS}$$

(ii) Lifshitz scalar (E=k<sup>v</sup>)

$$g_{uu} = \frac{v^2}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{the Lifshitz geometry}$$

(iii) Massive scalar

$$g_{uu} = \frac{e^{4u}}{4(e^{2u} + m^2 / \Lambda^2)^2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow ds^2 = \frac{dz^2}{z^2} + \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda^2 z^2} - \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) (d\vec{x}^2 - dt^2).$$

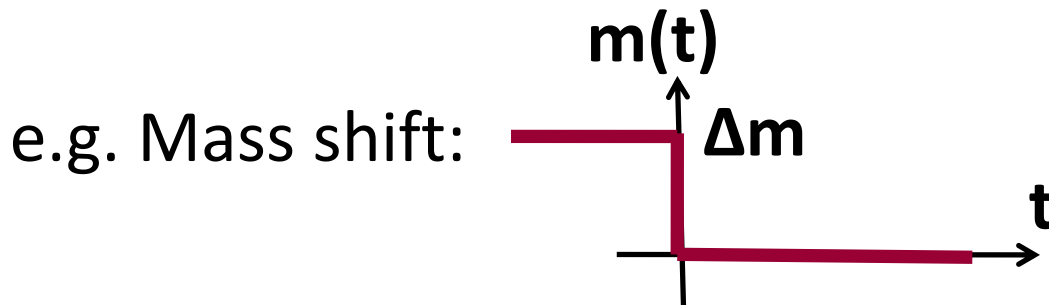
Capped off in the IR  $z < 1/m$

## ④ Finite Temperature CFT and AdS Black Holes

### (4-1) Excited States in MERA

#### Quantum quench

= Excited state induced by a sudden change of Hamiltonian



$\Rightarrow$  an excited state  
in CFT

$$|\Psi(t=0)\rangle \approx e^{-\frac{\beta H}{4}} \cdot |B\rangle.$$

Regularization factor

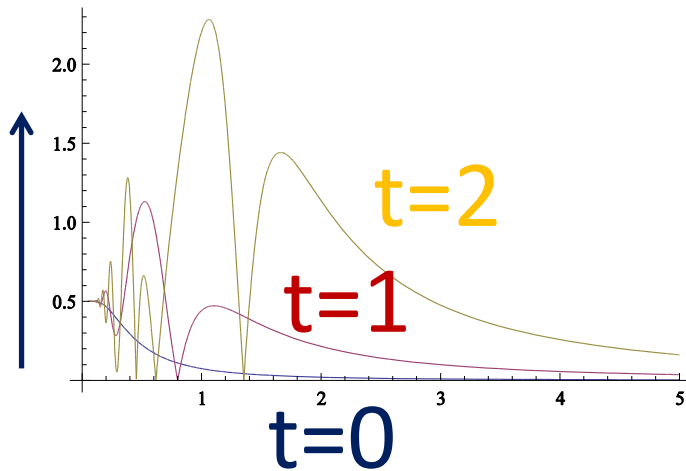
$\Delta m \sim 1/\beta$  ( $\sim$  effective temp.)

Boundary state

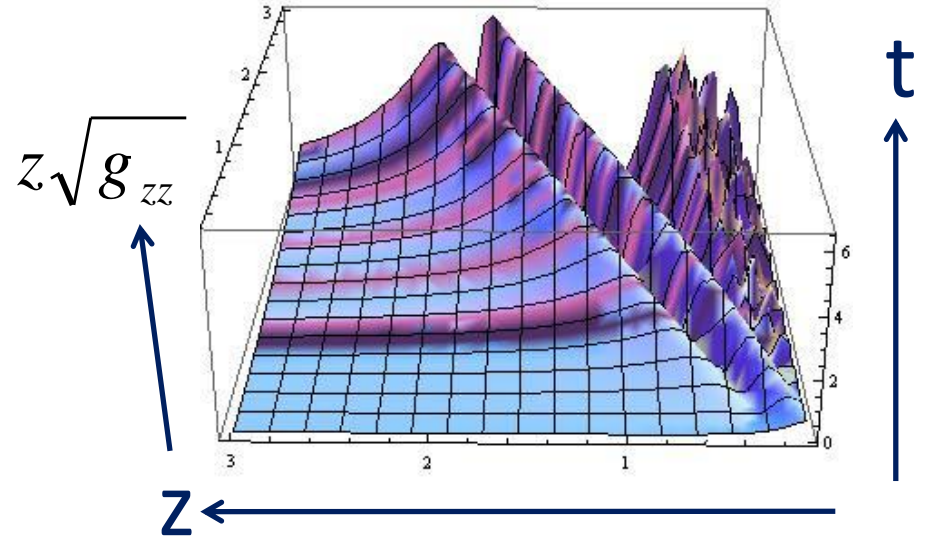
[Calabrese-Cardy 05,...  
Ho-Li-Lin-Ning 13,  
Ugajin 13]

# Metric from cMERA for 2d Quantum Quench

$$z\sqrt{g_{zz}} = g(u)$$



**Light cone:** looks like a gravitational wave.



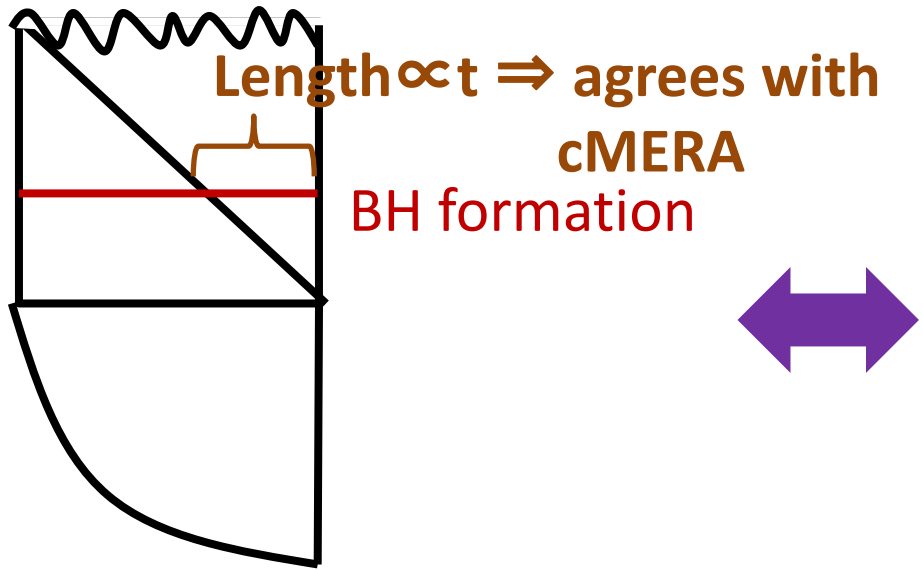
**We can also (analytically) confirm the linear growth:  $SA \propto t$  because  $g(u) \propto t$  at late time. This is also true in higher dim.**

This is consistent with the known CFT (2d) [Calabrese-Cardy 05].  
and with the holographic result (any d). [Hartman-Maldacena 13]

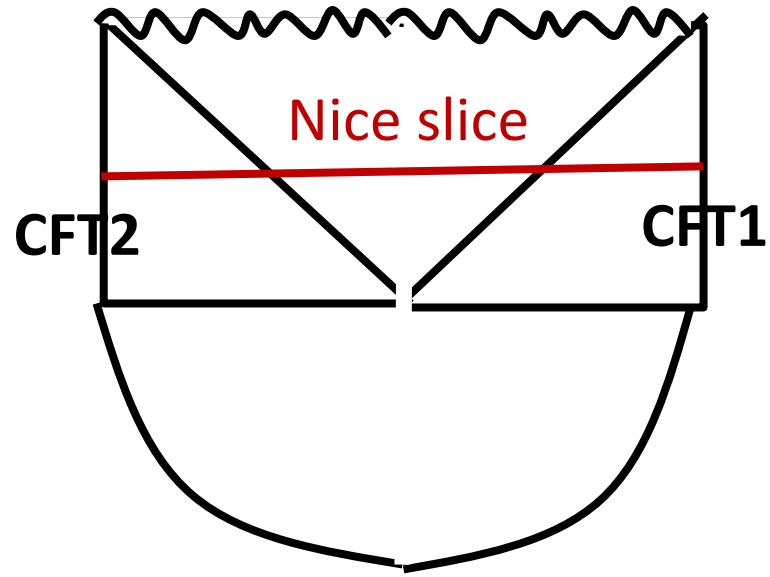


# Comparison with AdS BH

The gravity dual of a quantum quench was analytically constructed as a half of eternal AdS BH. [Hartman-Maldacena 13]



**Gravity dual of quantum quench**



**Eternal AdS BH  
dual to finite temp. CFT**

## (4-2) cMERA for Finite Temperature CFT

Indeed, in our free scalar model, we find this relation:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle_{\text{QQ}} = N \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int dk e^{-\beta k/2} e^{-2ikt} a_k^+ a_{-k}^+\right) |0\rangle.$$



Z<sub>2</sub> projection: CFT<sub>1</sub>=CFT<sub>2</sub>

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(t)\rangle_{\text{Finite } T} &= N' \cdot e^{-iHt} \cdot \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n\rangle_1 |\tilde{n}\rangle_2 \\ &= N' \cdot \exp\left(-\int dk e^{-\beta k/2} e^{-2ikt} a_k^+ \tilde{a}_{-k}^+\right) |0\rangle_1 |\tilde{0}\rangle_2. \end{aligned}$$

⇒ A construction of cMERA for finite temp. CFT !  
guu is the same as that for quantum quench.

## ⑤ Conclusions

- HEE suggests that spacetimes in gravity consist of bits of quantum entanglement.

⇒ A good framework for this is MERA.

MERA can be a basic mechanism of the AdS/CFT.

- EE plays a role of quantum order parameter in any QFTs.  
( ~ generalization of Wilson loop or central charge...)

- We proposed a holographic metric for cMERA

and constructed cMERA both for QQs and finite T CFTs

⇒ This naturally describes the inside of black hole horizon.

∃ suggestion of “charged BH horizon = Fermi surfaces” .

## Future Problems

- How to calculate gtt ? (Boosting the subsystem ?)
- Large N limit in cMERA ?  
(large N limit  $\Leftrightarrow$  locality  $\Rightarrow$  saturation of entropy bound ?)
- Free field theories  $\Rightarrow$  Higher spin gauge theory?
- Einstein eq. from cMERA in the strong coupling limit ?  
[cf. Nozaki-Numasawa-Prudenziati-TT 13, Bhattacharya-TT 13]
- Holography and MERA for more general spacetimes  
(e.g. A flat space shows a volume law  
 $\Rightarrow$  Non-local QFTs [Li-TT 11, Shiba-TT 13])