

# Holographic Calculations of Renyi Entropy

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## Renyi Entropy:

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- recover entanglement entropy as a limit:  $S_{EE} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} S_\alpha$
- latter is now part of “standard” approach to calculating  $S_{EE}$   
(powers easier than logarithm)
- other interesting limits:

$$S_\infty = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} S_\alpha = -\log \lambda_1 \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 \text{ is largest eigenvalue}$$

$$S_0 = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} S_\alpha = \log [\mathcal{D}]$$

where  $\mathcal{D} =$  number of nonvanishing eigenvalues

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(Calabrese & Cardy)

- simple universal result for interval of length  $\ell$  in d=2 CFT:

$$S_n = \frac{c}{6} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \log (\ell/\delta) \quad \left[ S_{EE} = S_1 = \frac{c}{3} \log (\ell/\delta) \right]$$

(Calabrese, Cardy & Tonni)

- two intervals (in d=2 CFT):  $S_n$  considerably more complicated  
    → involves entire spectrum; continuation to  $n=1$  unknown
- for  $d > 2$ : growing number of examples (analytic and numerical)  
    (Metlitski, Fuertes & Sachdev; Hastings, Gonzalez, Kallin & Melko; . . . )  
    → calculations are demanding;  
    “standard” approach relies on replica trick

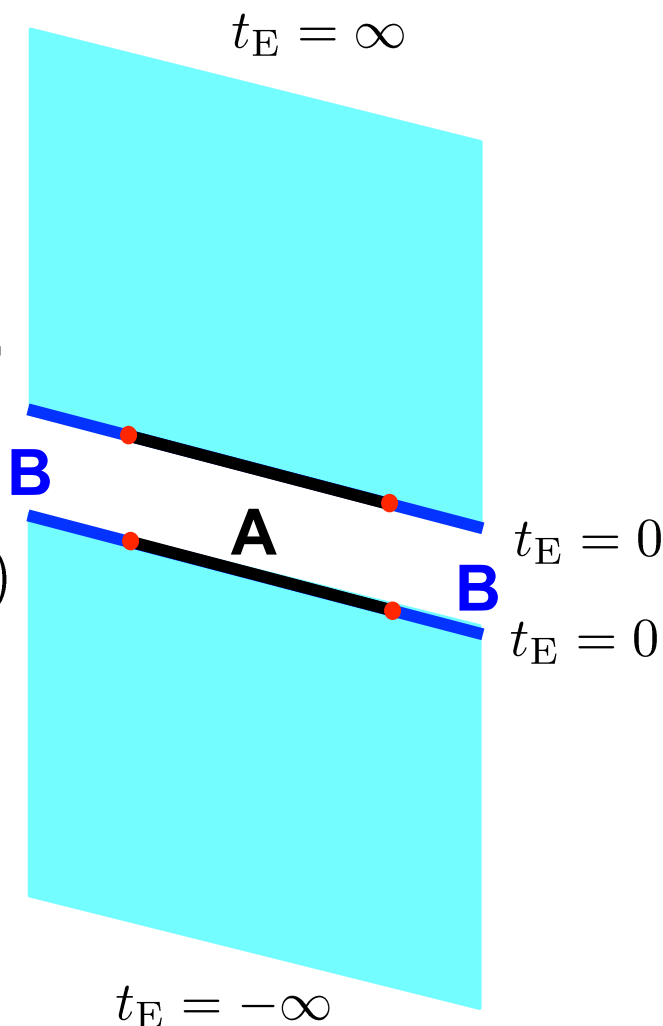
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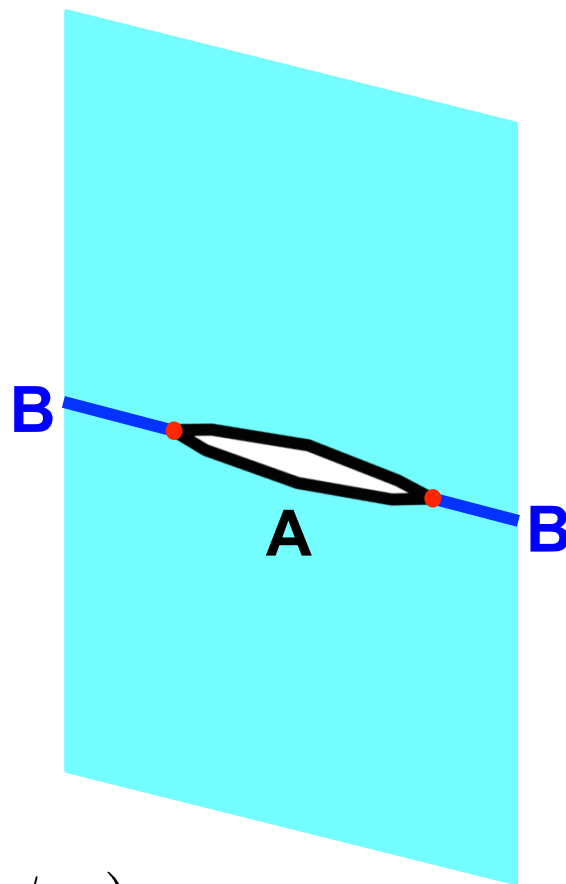
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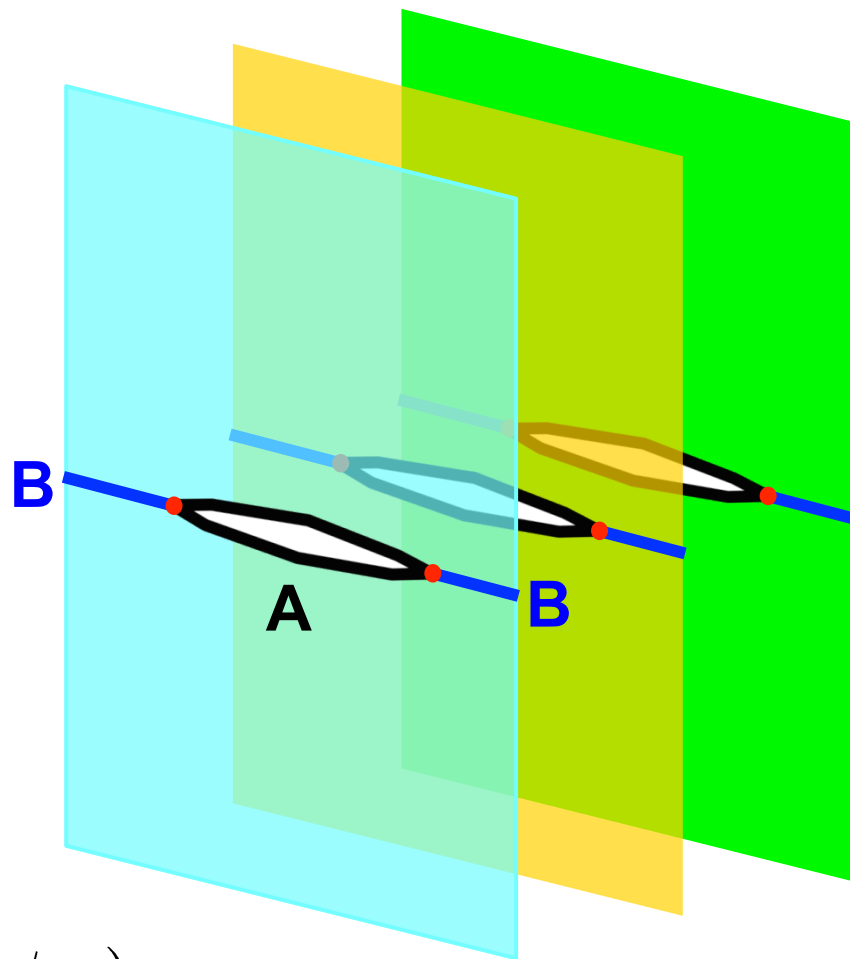
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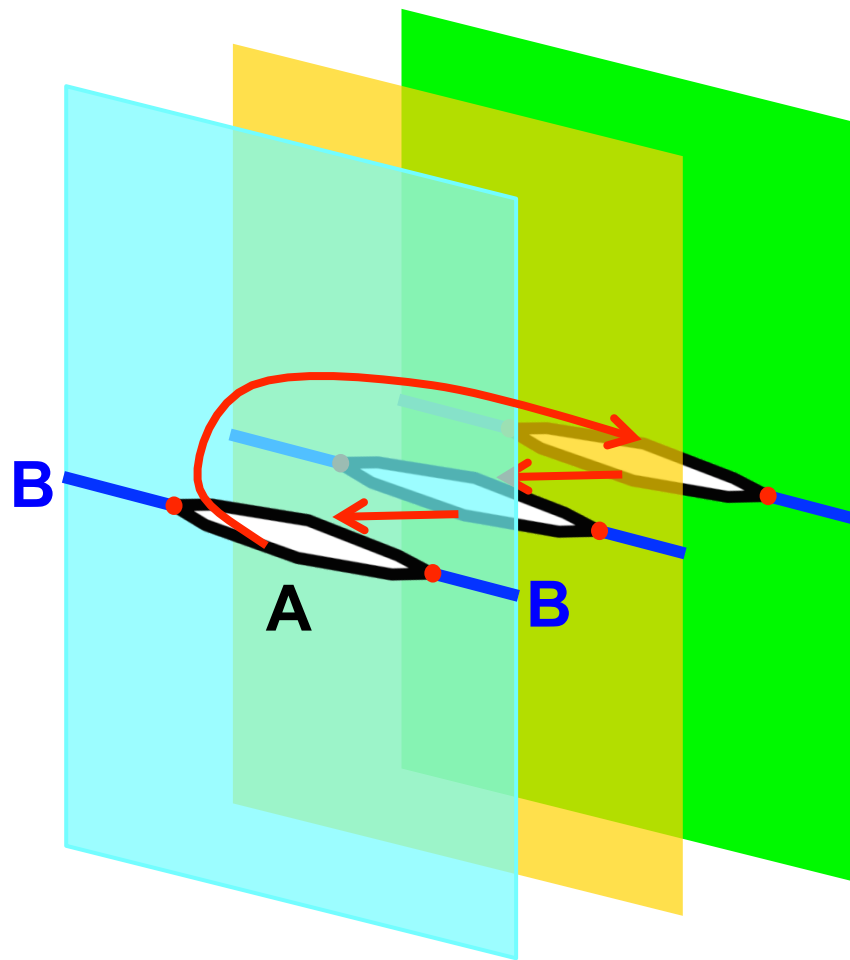
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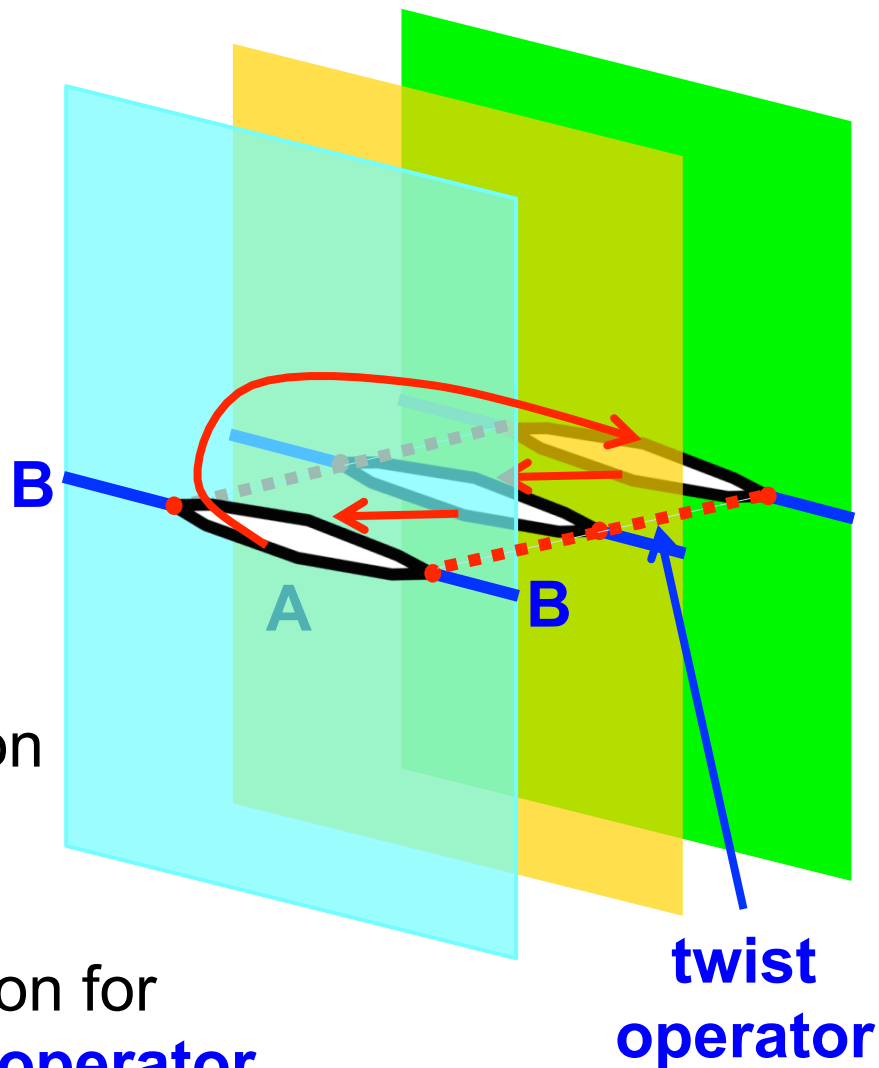
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evaluate euclidean partition function on n-fold cover of original space

or

evaluate euclidean partition function for n copies of field theory with **twist operator** inserted at boundary of region **A**



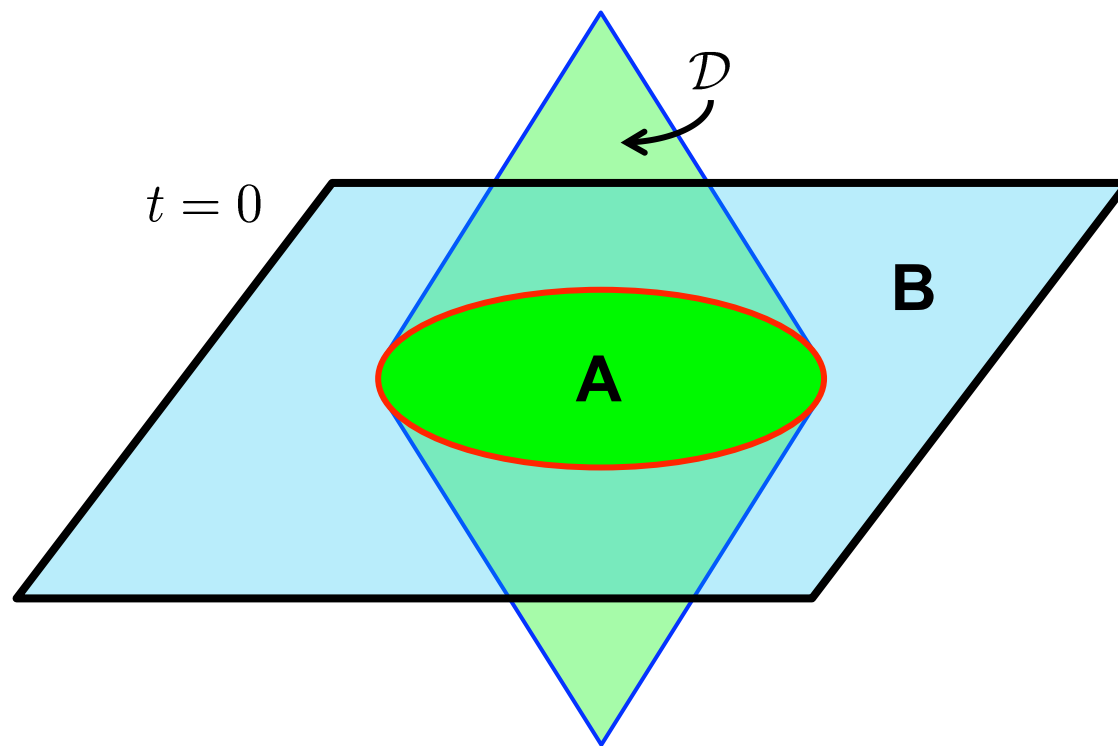


## Calculating Renyi Entropy with Holography:

- “standard” approach to calculate  $S_n$  relies on replica trick
- replica trick involves path integral of QFT on **singular** n-fold cover of background spacetime
- holographic slogan: **“its all geometry!”**
  - how do we deal with singularity in boundary???
- “live with it!” → singularity extends into the bulk and it is effectively “extremized” as part of bulk gravity path integral
- problem: you get the wrong answer
- “smooth it out!” → use conformal symmetry to “unwrap” singularity; find smooth boundary metric and corresponding smooth bulk solution (particularly “simple” for  $d=2$ : all bdy metrics locally conformally flat, all bulk sol’s locally  $AdS_3$ )
- **need another calculation with simpler holographic translation\***
  - (\*realizing “smooth it out!” strategy in disguise)

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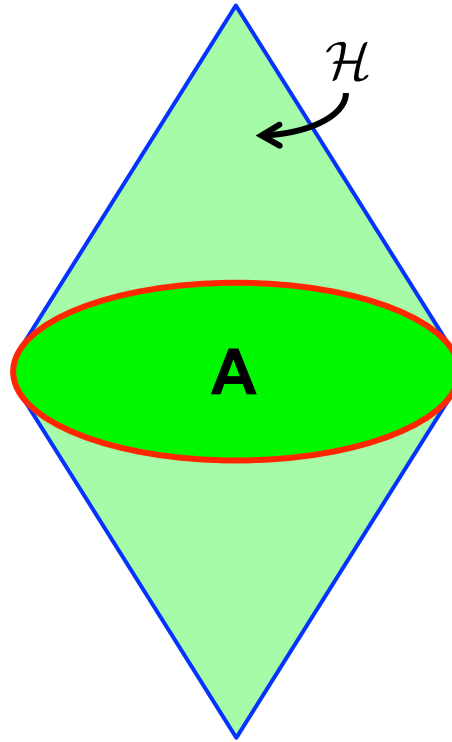
- take **CFT** in d-dim. flat space and choose  $\Sigma = S^{d-2}$  with radius R  
 → entanglement entropy:  $S_{EE} = -Tr [\rho_A \log \rho_A]$



- density matrix  $\rho_A$  describes physics in entire causal domain  $\mathcal{D}$
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curvature scale:  $1/R$

temperature:  $T=1/2\pi R$  !!

- for CFT:  $\rho_{thermal} = U \rho_A U^{-1} \longrightarrow \boxed{S_{EE} = S_{thermal}}$

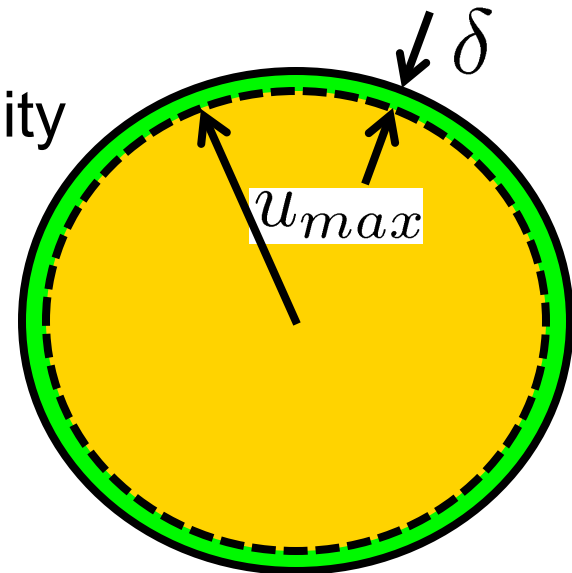
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$$S_{EE} = S_{thermal}$$

- note both sides of equality are divergent
  - $S_{thermal}$  sums constant entropy density over infinite volume
- must follow original UV cut-off through conformal mapping to IR cut-off on  $H^{d-1}$

$$u_{max} \simeq R/\delta$$



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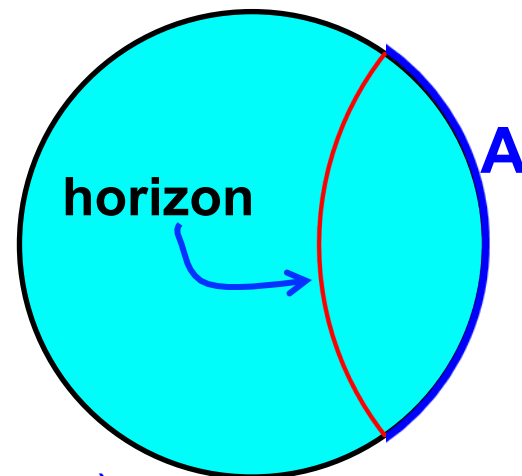
## AdS/CFT correspondence:

- thermal bath in CFT = black hole in AdS

$$S_{EE} = S_{thermal} = S_{horizon}$$

- only need to find appropriate black hole
  - topological BH with hyperbolic horizon which intersects  $\partial A$  on AdS boundary

(Aminneborg et al; Emparan; Mann; . . . )





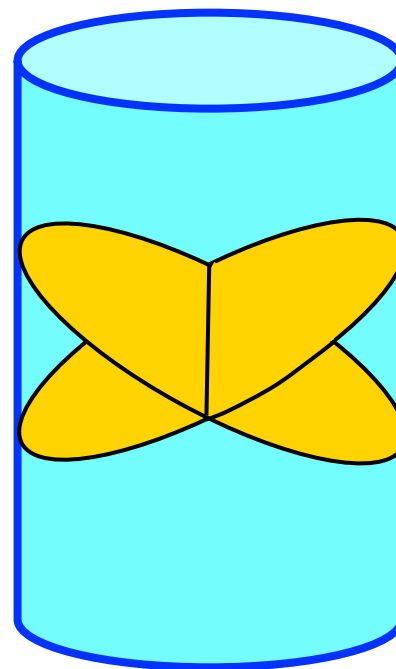
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- bulk coordinate transformation implements desired conformal transformation on boundary

- “Rindler coordinates” of AdS space:



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- apply Wald’s formula (for any gravity theory) for horizon entropy:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -2\pi \int d^{d-1}x \sqrt{h} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma}} \hat{\varepsilon}^{\mu\nu} \hat{\varepsilon}_{\rho\sigma} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\pi^{d/2}} \Gamma(d/2) a_d^* V(H^{d-1}) \end{aligned}$$

(RCM & Sinha)

where  $a_d^*$  contains all the couplings from the gravity theory

eg  $a_d^* = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \frac{L^{d-1}}{\ell_P^{d-1}}$  for even d  
 = entanglement entropy defines effective central charge for Einstein gravity  
 for odd d

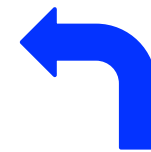
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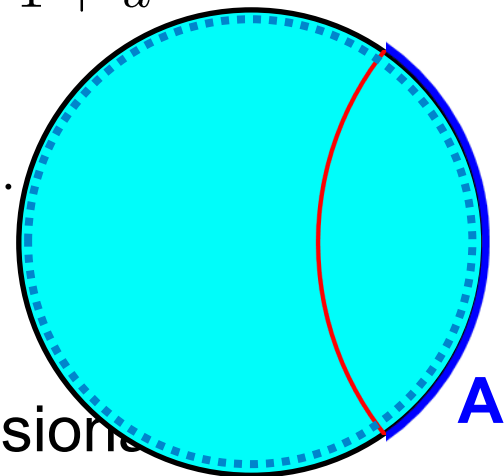


$$ds^2 = \frac{du^2}{1 + u^2} + u^2 d\Omega_2^{d-2}$$

intersection with standard  
regulator surface:  $z_{min} = \delta$

$$S = a_d^* \frac{4\pi^{\frac{d-3}{2}}}{(d-2)\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})} \underbrace{\left(\frac{R}{\delta}\right)^{d-2}} + \dots$$

“area law” for d-dimensions



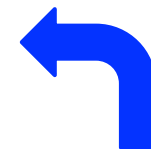
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- discussion extends to case with background:  $R^{1,d-1} \rightarrow R \times S^{d-1}$
- for Einstein gravity, coincides with Ryu & Takayanagi result and horizon (bifurcation surface) coincides with R&T surface

→ no extremization procedure here?!?

- applies for classical bulk theories beyond Einstein gravity
- can **imagine** calculating “quantum” corrections (eg, Hawking rad)



# Holographic Renyi entropy:

- apply previous approach to calculate Renyi entropy

$$S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr} [\rho_A^n]$$

- their discussion lead to “thermal” density matrix

$$\rho_A = U^{-1} \frac{e^{-H/T_0}}{\text{Tr} [e^{-H/T_0}]} U \quad \text{with} \quad T_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi R}$$

$$\text{Tr} [\rho_A^n] = \frac{\text{Tr} [e^{-nH/T_0}]}{\text{Tr} [e^{-H/T_0}]^n} \quad \leftarrow \text{partition function at new temperature, } T = T_0/n$$

- hence find convenient formulae using  $F(T) = -T \log Z(T)$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{1-n} \frac{1}{T_0} [F(T_0) - F(T_0/n)]$$

# Holographic Renyi entropy:

- then use  $S = -\partial F / \partial T$  to find:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0/n}^{T_0} S(T) dT \quad \text{with } T_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi R}$$

$\uparrow$   
 Renyi entropy  
 for spherical  $\Sigma$ 

 $\uparrow$   
 thermal entropy  
 on hyperbolic space  $H^{d-1}$



- **turning to AdS/CFT correspondence,**  
 we need topological black hole solutions at arbitrary temperature

$$ds^2 = - \left( \frac{r^2}{L^2} f(r) - 1 \right) N^2 dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{\frac{r^2}{L^2} f(r) - 1} + r^2 d\Sigma_{d-1}^2 \quad \left[ N^2 = \frac{L^2}{f_\infty R^2} \right]$$

- work with gravity theories where we can calculate: Einstein, Gauss-Bonnet, Lovelock, quasi-topological, .....

# Holographic Renyi entropy:

- for example, with Einstein gravity:

$$S_q = \frac{\pi q}{q-1} \left( \frac{L}{\ell_P} \right)^{d-1} (2 - x_q^{d-2} (1 + x_q^2)) V(H^{d-2})$$

where  $x_q = \frac{1}{qd} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - 2dq^2 + d^2q^2} \right)$

→ need to regulate integral over horizon:

$$V(H^{d-2}) \simeq (-)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} \frac{2\pi^{(d-2)/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \log(2R/\delta) \quad \text{for even } d$$


→ translate gravity couplings to CFT parm's:

$$C_T = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \left( \frac{L}{\ell_P} \right)^{d-1}$$

→  $(S_q)_{univ} = (-)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} C_T \frac{2q}{1-q} (2 - x_q^{d-2} (1 + x_q^2)) \log(2R/\delta)$   
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- compare to d=2 result:

$$S_n = \frac{c}{6} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \log(\ell/\delta)$$

 matches universal result of Calabrese & Cardy 

- might suggest simple universal form for even d:

$$(S_q)_{univ} = C_T \times f(d, q) \times \log(2R/\delta)$$

# Holographic Renyi entropy:

- consider Gauss-Bonnet gravity (**with d=4**):

$$I = \frac{1}{2\ell_p^3} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{12}{L^2} + R + L^2 \frac{\lambda}{2} \left( \underline{R^{abcd} R_{abcd} - 4R_{ab} R^{ab} + R^2} \right) \right]$$

4d Euler density

- higher curvature but eom are still **second order!!** (Lovelock)
- studied in detail for stringy gravity in 1980's  
(Zwiebach; Boulware & Deser; Wheeler; Myers & Simon; . . . .)
- interest recently in AdS/CFT studies – a toy model with  $c \neq a$

$$c = \pi^2 \frac{\tilde{L}^3}{\ell_P^3} (1 - 2\lambda f_\infty) , \quad a = \pi^2 \frac{\tilde{L}^3}{\ell_P^3} (1 - 6\lambda f_\infty)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{L} = L/\sqrt{f_\infty} \quad \text{and} \quad f_\infty = (1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda})/(2\lambda)$$

(eg, Brigante, Liu, Myers, Shenker, Yaida, de Boer, Kulaxizi, Parnachev, Camanho, Edelstein, Buchel, Sinha, Paulos, Escobedo, Smolkin, Cremonini, Hofman, . . . .)



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- for example, with GB gravity and **d=4**:

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where  $0 = x^3 - \frac{3c-a}{5c-a} \left( \frac{x^2}{n} + x \right) + \frac{1}{n} \frac{c-a}{5c-a}$

- unfortunately indicates no simple universal form:

$$(S_n)_{univ} = a \times f \left( d, n, \frac{c}{a}, t_4, \dots \right) \times \log(2R/\delta)$$

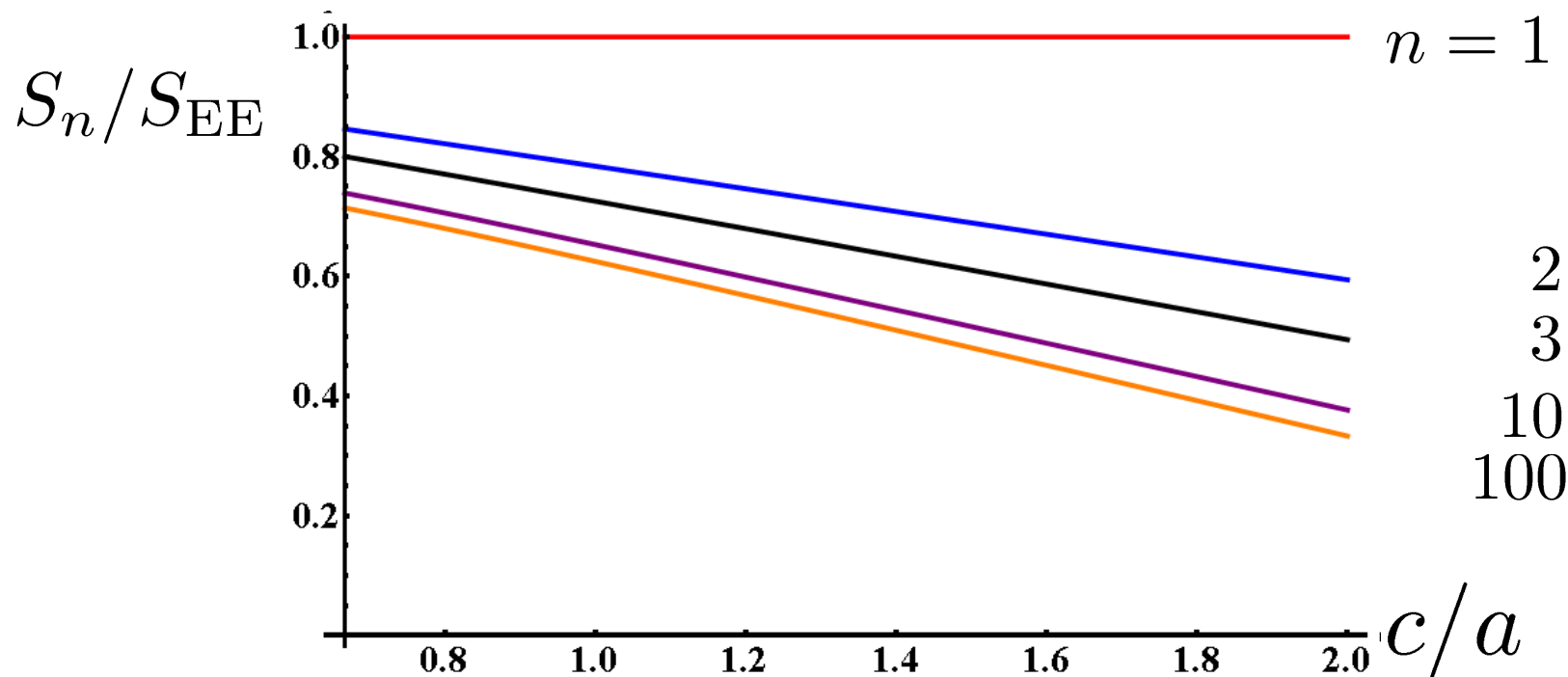
- further work (with quasi-topological gravity) shows the universal coefficient depends on more CFT data than central charges

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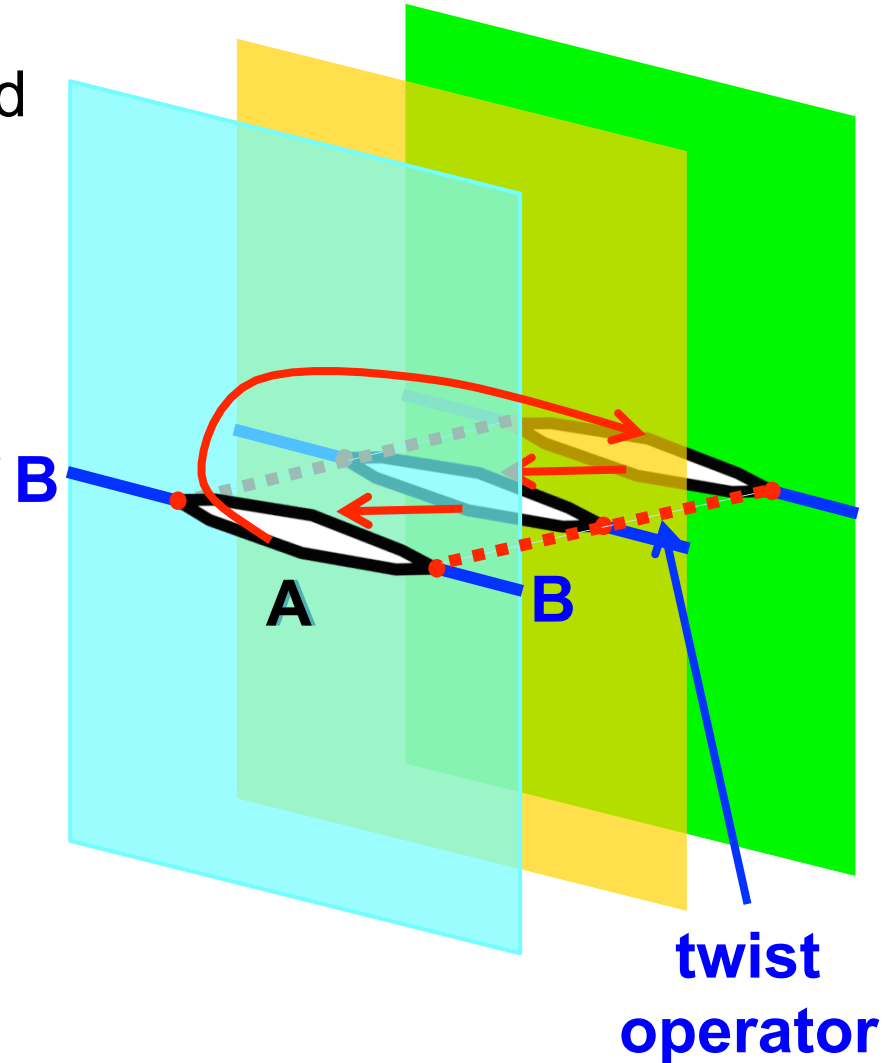
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- note despite intimidating expression, results relatively simple:



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- elegant results for  $d=2$ , eg, scaling dimension of twist operators

$$h_n = \frac{c}{12} \left( n - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

(Calabrese & Cardy)

- in  $d$  dimensions, would be  $(d-2)$ -dimensional surface operators but little is known about their properties

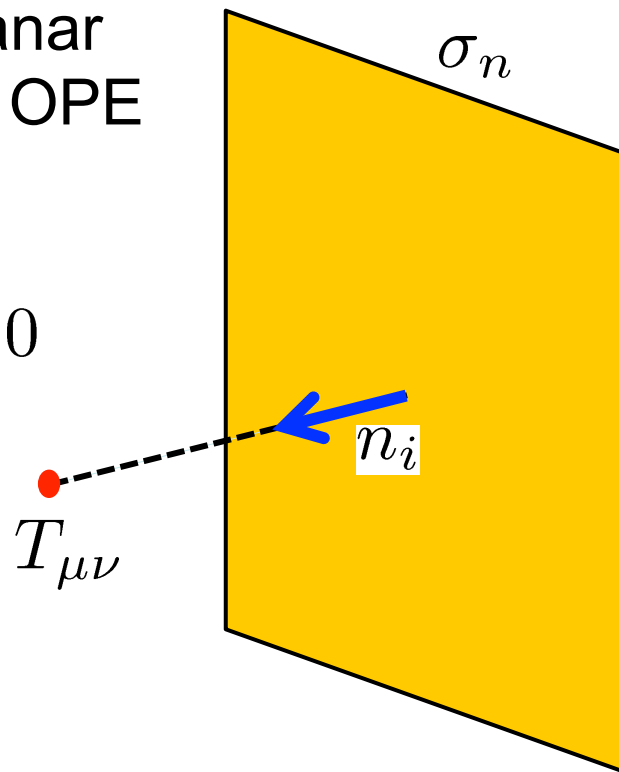
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- consider insertion of stress tensor near planar twist operator for CFT in  $R^d \rightarrow$  structure of OPE fixed by symmetry

$$\langle T_{ab} \sigma_n \rangle = -\frac{h_n}{2\pi} \frac{\delta_{ab}}{r_{\perp}^d}, \quad \langle T_{ai} \sigma_n \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle T_{ij} \sigma_n \rangle = \frac{h_n}{2\pi} \frac{(d-1)\delta_{ij} - d n_i n_j}{r_{\perp}^d}$$

where  $a, b \parallel \sigma_n$  and  $i, j \perp \sigma_n$



- $h_n$  commonly called scaling dimension (precisely matches  $d=2$ )



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$$S^1 \times H^{d-1} : \quad ds^2 = d\tau_E^2 + R^2 (du^2 + \sinh^2 u d\Omega_{d-2}^2)$$

coord. transformation:  $\exp(-u - i\tau_E/R) = \frac{R - r - it_E}{R + r + it_E}$

$$[R^d]_n : \quad ds^2 = \Omega^2 [dt_E^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_{d-2}^2]$$


$$\Omega^2 = \frac{4R^4}{(R^2 - r^2 + t_E^2)^2 + 4r^2 t_E^2}$$

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→ “generates” spherical twist operator  $\sigma_n$  on  $S^{d-2}$  :  $r = R$

## Strategy to evaluate $h_n$

- evaluate  $\langle T_{\alpha\beta} \rangle$  in thermal bath; map back to  $[R^d]_{n_i}$  ;  
evaluate  $\langle T_{\alpha\beta} \sigma_n \rangle$  in limit that  $T_{\alpha\beta}$  approaches twist operator ;  
read  $h_n$  off from singularity in correlator

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(compare: Marolf, Rangamani & Van Raamsdonk)

- read off  $h_n$  from short distance singularity

$$h_n = 2\pi \frac{n R^d}{d-1} \left( \mathcal{E}(T_0) - \mathcal{E}(T_0/n) \right)$$

**[ no holography, yet!! ]**

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$$h_n = \frac{n}{4\pi} (x^2 - 1) [c - a - x^2(5c - a)]$$

where  $0 = x^3 - \frac{3c - a}{5c - a} \left( \frac{x^2}{n} + x \right) + \frac{1}{n} \frac{c - a}{5c - a}$

- no simple universal form can be expected
- again, CFT data beyond central charges also appears

## Twist Operators:

- holographic results show remarkable simplicity with  $n \rightarrow 1$

$$\partial_n h_n|_{n=1} = \frac{2}{d-1} \pi^{1-\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma(d/2) \textcircled{C_T}$$

- recall general (non-holographic) formula:

$$h_n = 2\pi \frac{n R^d}{d-1} \left( \mathcal{E}(T_0) - \mathcal{E}(T_0/n) \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \partial_n h_n|_{n=1} = -\frac{2\pi R^d}{(d-1)T_0} \langle T_{\tau\tau} H \rangle$$

- clear that result comes for OPE of two stress tensors!
- verify precise form above holds as general result for any CFT

- generalize:

$$\partial_n^k h_n|_{n=1} = \frac{(-)^k 2\pi R^d}{(d-1)T_0^k} \left( \langle \hat{T}_{\tau\tau} \overbrace{H \cdots H}^k \rangle - k T_0 \langle \hat{T}_{\tau\tau} \overbrace{H \cdots H}^{k-1} \rangle \right) \quad \text{for } k \geq 2$$

- verified precise form for  $k=2$  as general result for any CFT

## Conclusions:

- AdS/CFT correspondence (gauge/gravity duality) has proven an robust tool to study strongly coupled gauge theories
- holographic entanglement/Renyi entropy is part of interesting dialogue has opened between string theorists and physicists in a variety of fields (eg, condensed matter, nuclear physics, . . .)
- potential to learn lessons about issues in boundary theory  
eg, readily calculate Renyi entropies and study twist operators for wide class of (holographic) theories in higher dimensions
- potential to learn lessons about issues in bulk gravity theory  
eg, holographic entanglement entropy may give new insight into quantum gravity or emergent spacetime

**Lots to explore!**