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# Emergence of Holographic Spacetime From Quantum Entanglement “Surface/State Correspondence”

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“Surface/State Correspondence”

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[3] A paper in preparation with Masamichi Miyaji (YITP, Kyoto),

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# ① Introduction

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

It is 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”**

on  $M_{d+2}$

on  $\partial M_{d+1}$

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

**Entanglement Entropy (EE)**  $S_A = -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log \rho_A]$

⇒ The best measure of quantum entanglement

## EE measures

- (1) How much a many-body wave function is entangled.
- (2) Active degrees of freedom. (~central charges)
- (3) A quantum order parameter.
- (4) An observable in numerical experiments.
- (5) a ***geometry*** of quantum many-body system.

## Area law of EE [Bombelli-Koul-Lee-Sorkin 86, Srednicki 93]

EE in QFTs includes UV divergences.

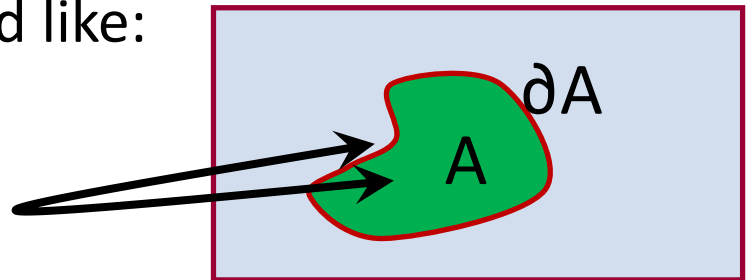
In a  $d+1$  dim. QFT ( $d>1$ ) with a UV relativistic fixed point, the leading term of EE at its ground state behaves like

$$S_A \sim \frac{\text{Area}(\partial A)}{\varepsilon^{d-1}} + (\text{subleading terms}),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a UV cutoff (i.e. lattice spacing). [d=1: log div.]

Intuitively, this property is understood like:

**Most strongly entangled**



# Holographic Entanglement Entropy (HEE)

[Ryu-TT 06; derived by Casini-Huerta-Myers 09, Lewkowycz-Maldacena 13]

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

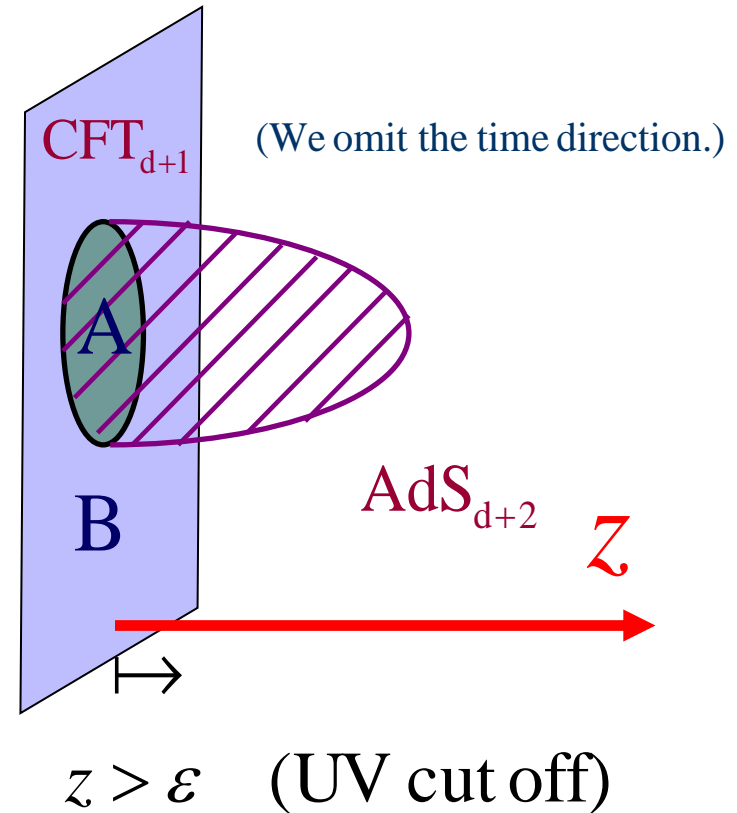
$\gamma_A$  is the minimal area surface (codim.=2) such that

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

homologous

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

[Hubeny-Rangamani-TT 07]

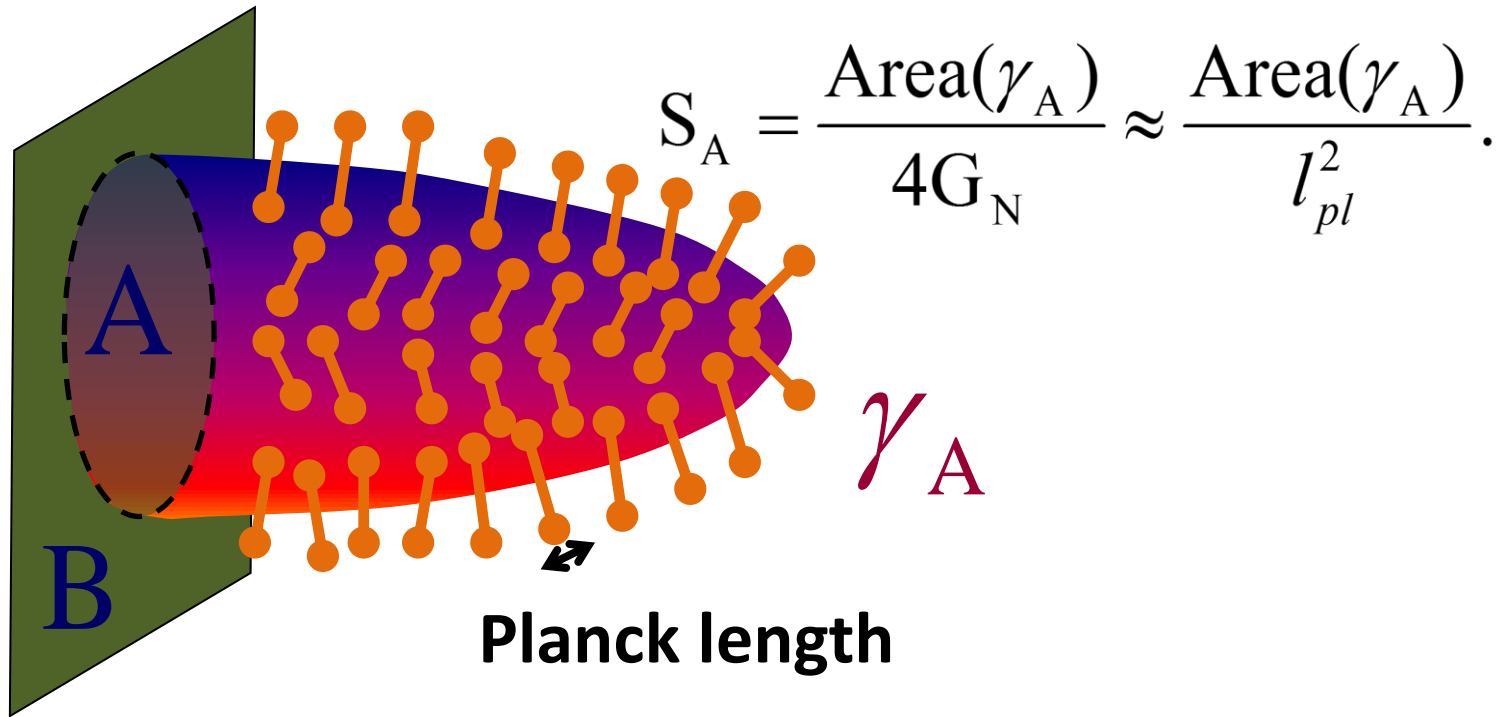


$$ds^2 = R^2 \cdot \frac{dz^2 - dt^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d dx_i^2}{z^2}$$

The HEE suggests the following novel interpretation:

“**A spacetime in gravity**

**= Collections of bits of quantum entanglement”**

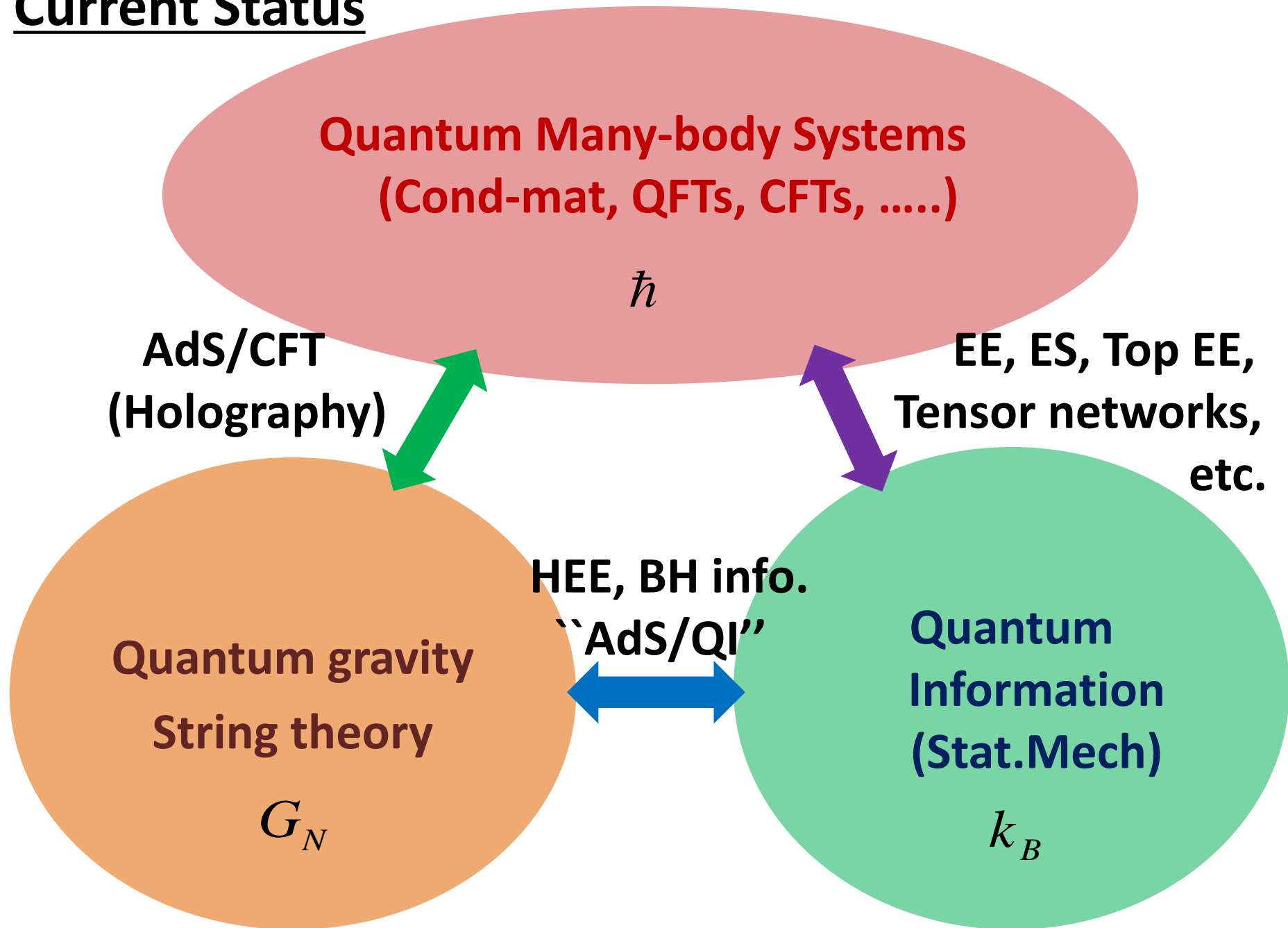


⇒ Manifestly realized in the recently found connection between AdS/CFT and tensor networks !

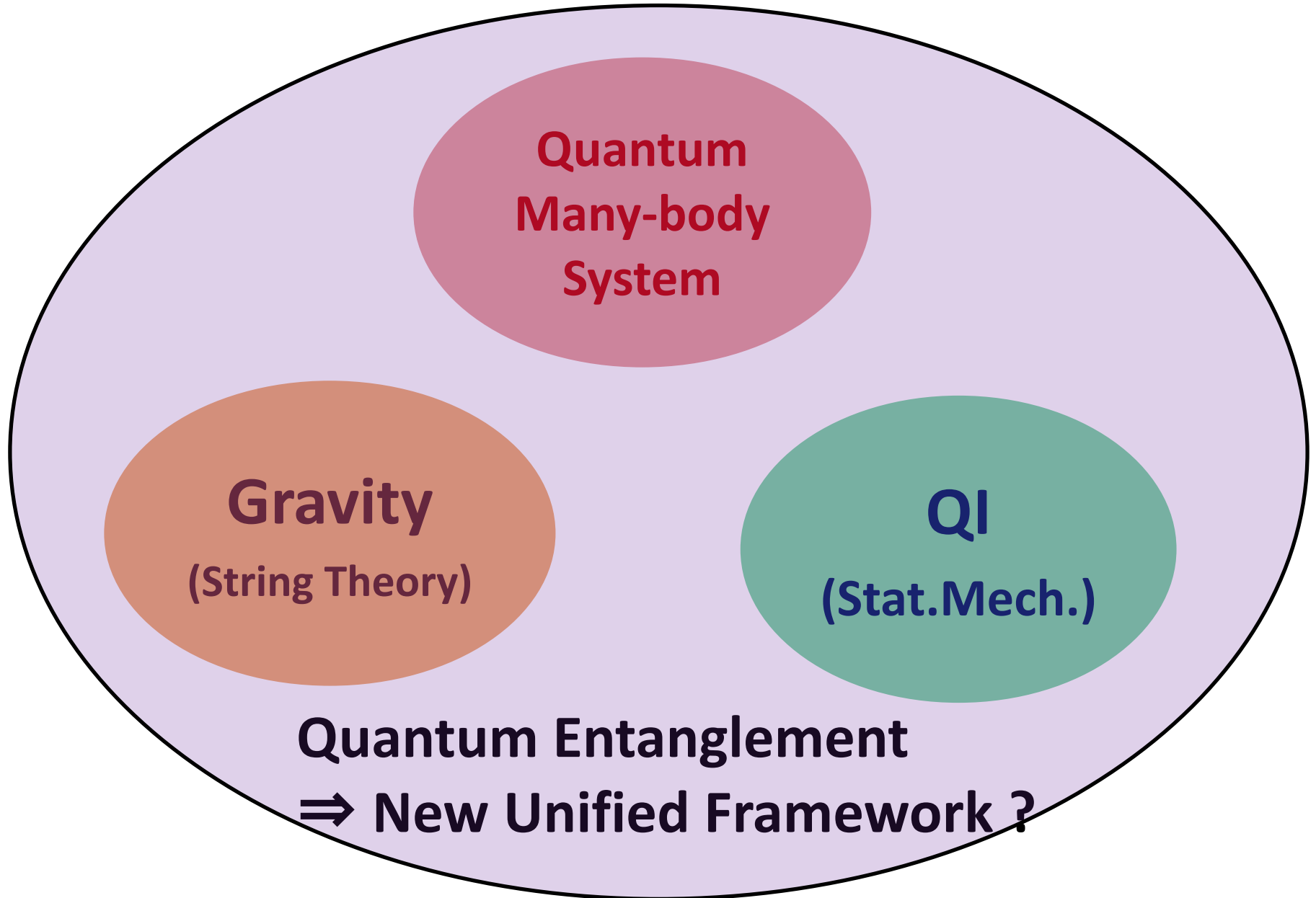
[Swingle 09, .....]



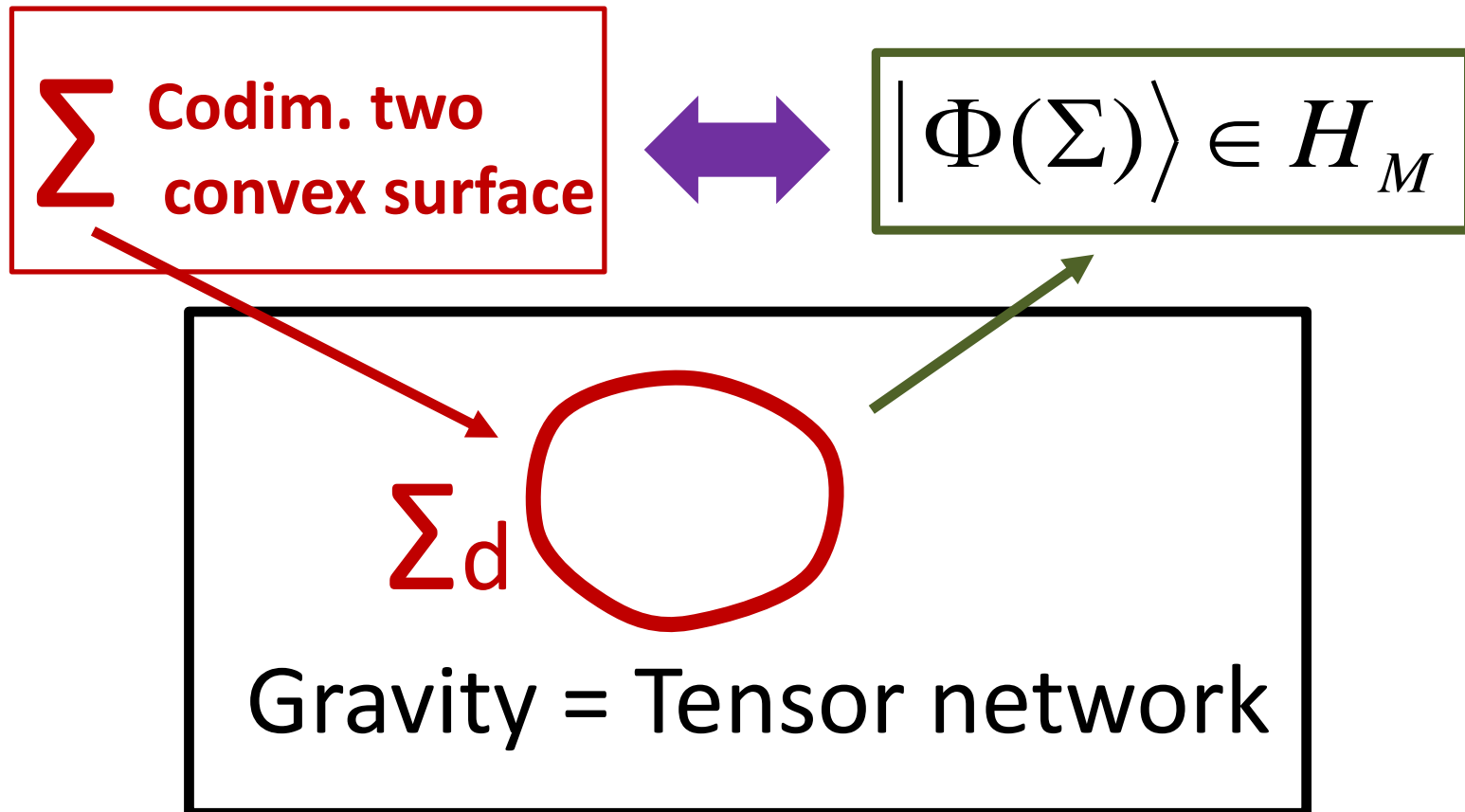
# Current Status



# Our Hope?



In this talk we want to push a bit more in this direction by proposing the **Surface / State correspondence** as a new generalization of holography.



## ② AdS/CFT and Tensor Network

(2-1) Tensor Network [See e.g. Cirac-Verstraete 09(review)]

### Tensor network states

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

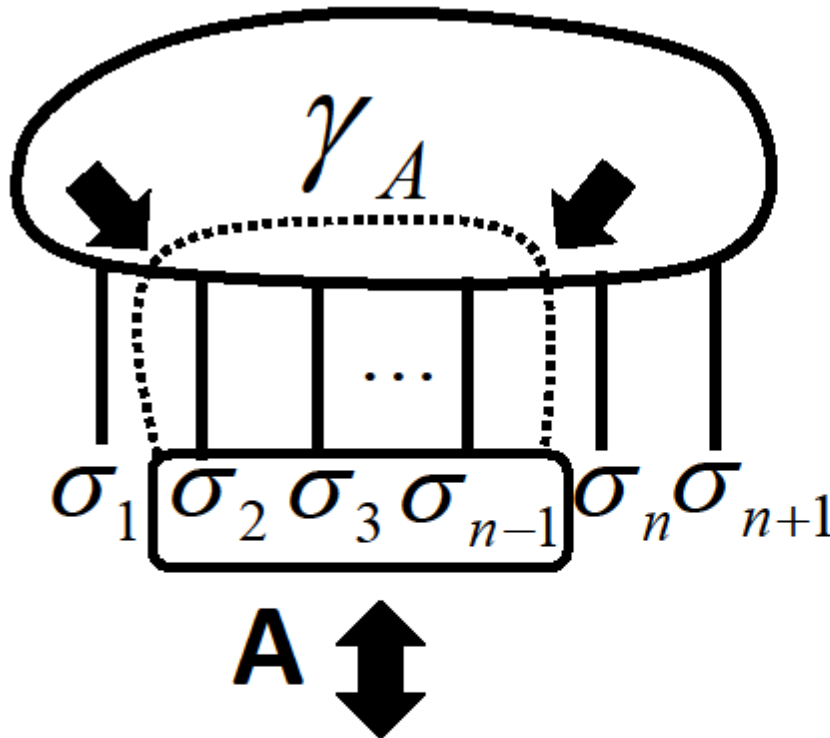
[A tensor network diagram = A wave function]

⇒ An ansatz should respect the correct quantum entanglement of ground state.

~Geometry of Tensor Network

# Ex. Matrix Product State (MPS)

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



$$\alpha_i \begin{array}{c} M_{\alpha\beta}(\sigma) \\ | \\ \sigma \end{array} \alpha_{i+1}$$

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

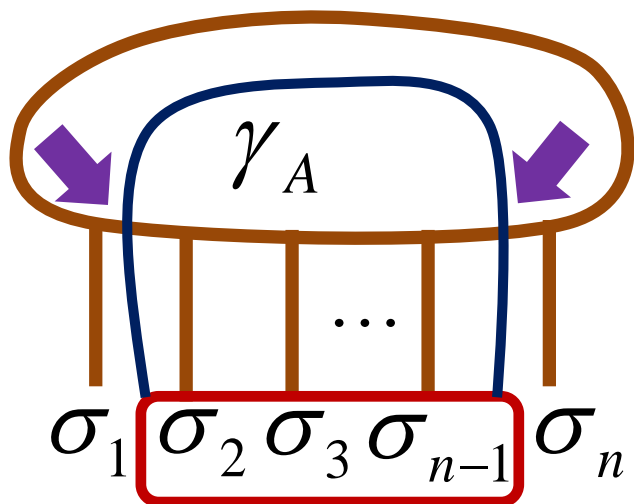
$$\sigma_i = \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow .$$

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

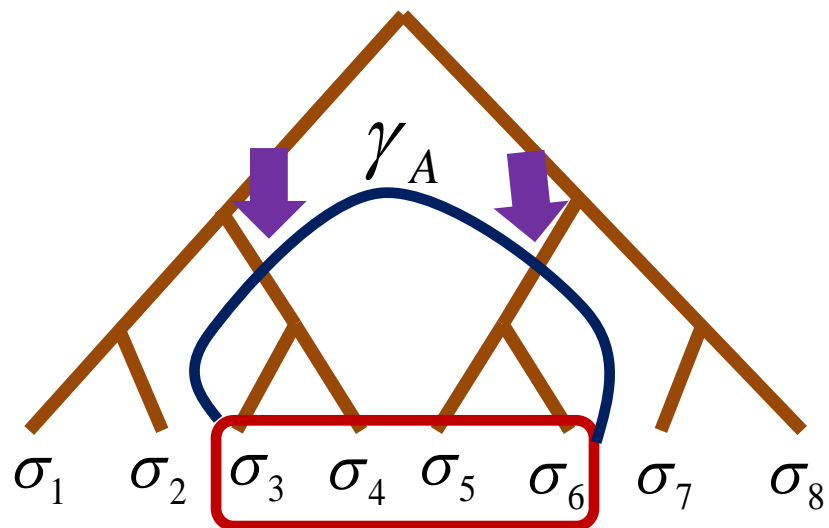
*n Spins*

MPS with finite  $\chi$  does not have enough EE to describe  
 1d quantum critical points (2d CFTs) :

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



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In general,

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

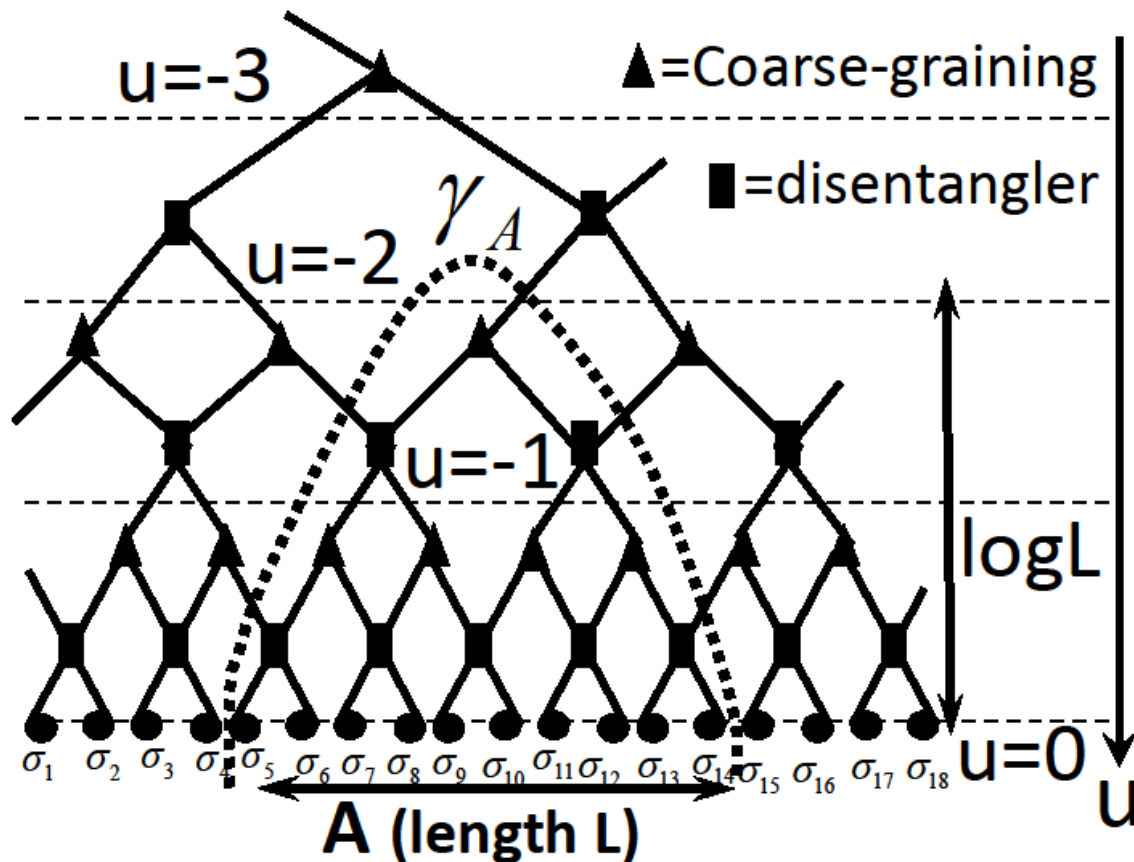
$$N_{\text{int}} \equiv \min[\# \text{ Intersections of } \gamma_A].$$

## (2-2) MERA

MERA (Multiscale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz) [Vidal 05]

⇒ An efficient variational ansatz for CFT ground states.

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



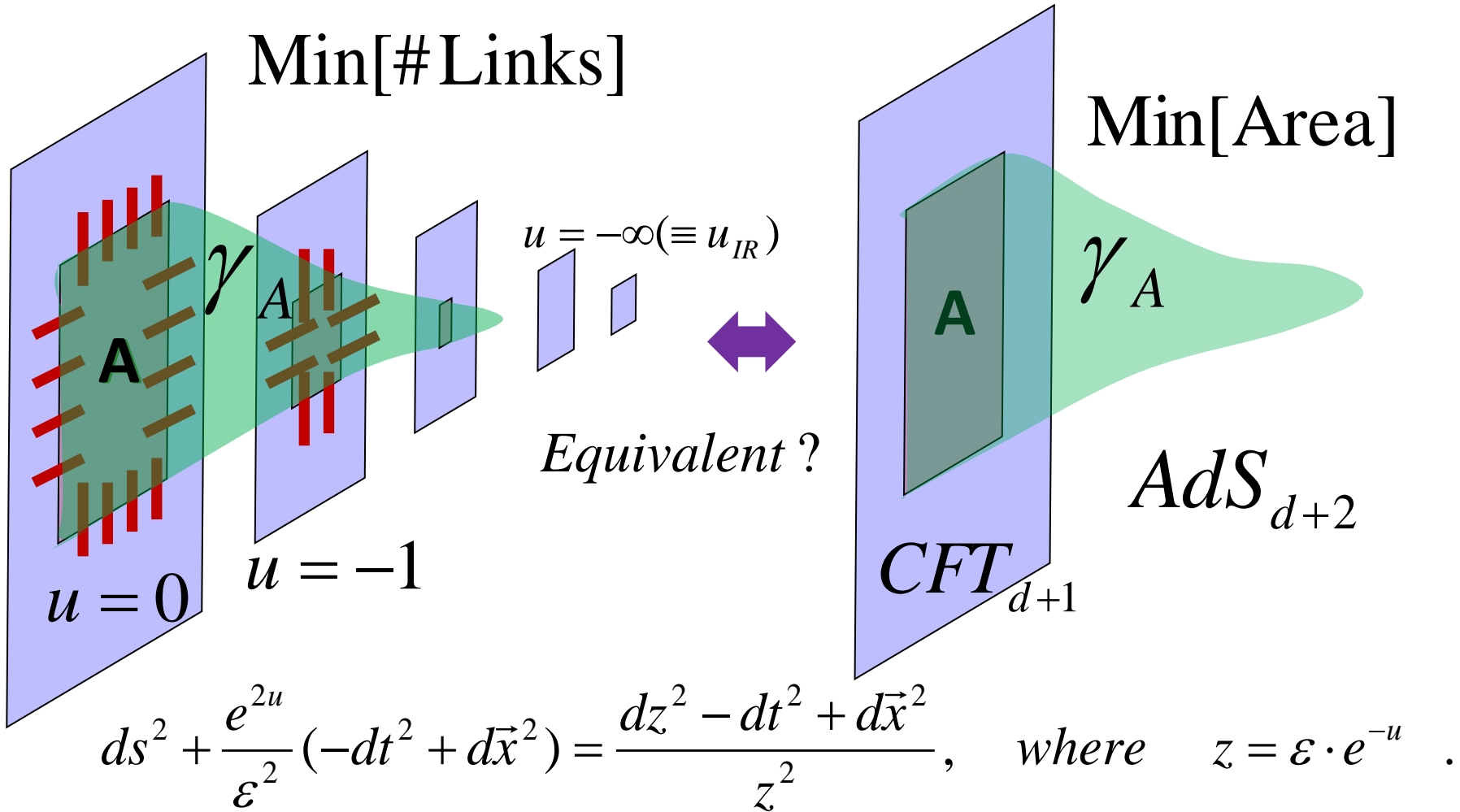
$$S_A \propto \text{Min}[\# \text{links}]$$

$$\propto \log L$$

⇒ agrees with  
results in 2d CFT!

# A conjectured relation to AdS/CFT

[Swingle 09]



However, MERA has lattice artifacts.  $\Rightarrow$  Continuum limit?

Other modifications: e.g. [Qi 13, Pastawski-Yoshida-Harlow-Preskill 15]



(2-3) cMERA [Haegeman-Osborne-Verschelde-Verstraete 11  
reformulation and AdS/CFT interpretation: Nozaki-Ryu-TT 12]

To remove lattice artifacts, take a continuum limit of MERA:

$$\underbrace{|\Phi(u)\rangle}_{\text{State at scale } u} = P \cdot \exp\left(-i \int_{u_{IR}}^u ds \hat{K}(s)\right) \cdot \underbrace{|\Omega\rangle}_{\text{IR state}}.$$

$u_{IR} = -\infty$

$\hat{K}(u)$ : (dis)entangler at length scale  $\sim \varepsilon \cdot e^{-u}$

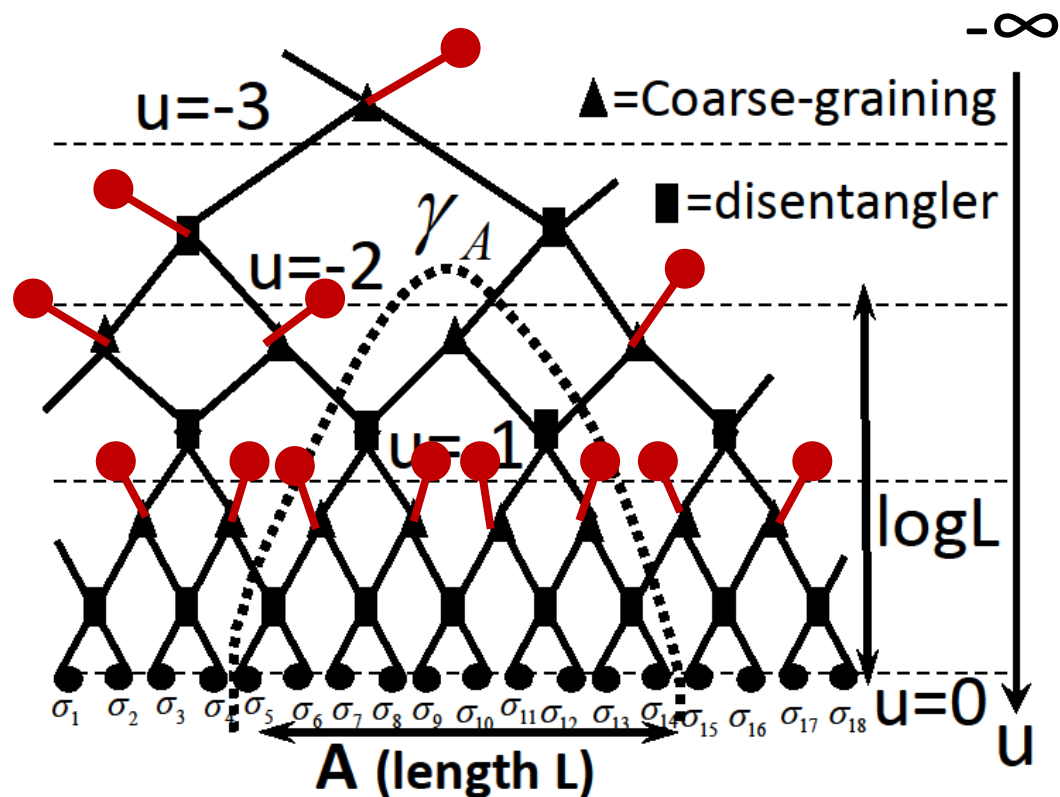
$|\Omega\rangle$ : unentangled state in real space


$\rightarrow S_A = 0$  for any  $A$ .



What is this state ?  
Our next topic !

# Relation to (discrete) MERA



By adding dummy states  $|0\rangle$  , we keep the dimension of Hilbert space for any  $u$  to be the same.

$\Rightarrow$  We can formally describe the real space RG by a **unitary transformation**.

### ③ Boundary State as Gravity Dual of Point-like Space

[Miyaji-Ryu-Wen-TT 14]

Q. A general construction of the IR states  $|\Omega\rangle$  in CFTs ?

#### Argument 1

We can realize **disentangled states (IR states  $|\Omega\rangle$ )**  
 **$\Leftrightarrow$  Trivial (Point-like) spaces**

by performing a (infinitely) massive deformation:

$$H_m = H_{CFT} + m^{d+1-\Delta_o} \int dx^d O(x),$$

$$\underset{m \rightarrow \infty}{\Rightarrow} |\Omega\rangle = \text{the ground state of } H_m.$$

Now we apply the idea of *quantum quenches*.

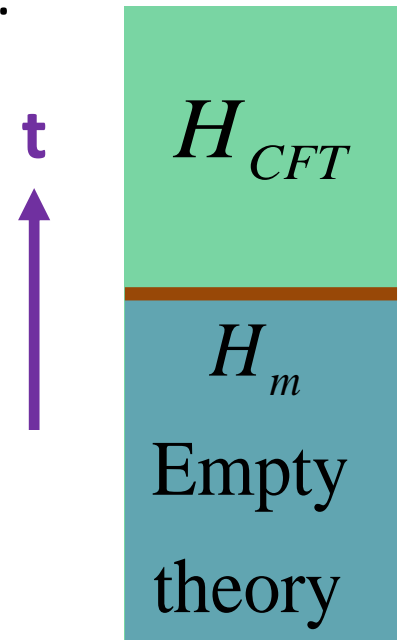
⇒ For  $t < 0$ , we assume the ground state of the massive Hamiltonian  $H_m$ . Then at  $t = 0$ , we suddenly change the Hamiltonian into  $H_{CFT}$  as in [Calabrese-Cardy 05].

In this setup, the state at  $t = 0$  is identified with the boundary state:

$$|\Psi_m(t = 0)\rangle = |\Omega\rangle = |B\rangle.$$

We may introduce the UV cut off like

$$|\Omega_m\rangle \propto e^{-H/m} \cdot |B\rangle.$$



## Boundary states in CFTs (assume 2d CFT)

A **boundary state** (Ishibashi state) :  $|B\rangle$

= A state which gives a conformally invariant boundary condition:

$$\left[ L_n - \tilde{L}_{-n} \right] |B\rangle = 0.$$

In terms of the Virasoro algebra:  $|B\rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} |\vec{k}\rangle_L |\vec{k}\rangle_R$

where  $\vec{k} = (k_1, k_2, \dots)$  represent

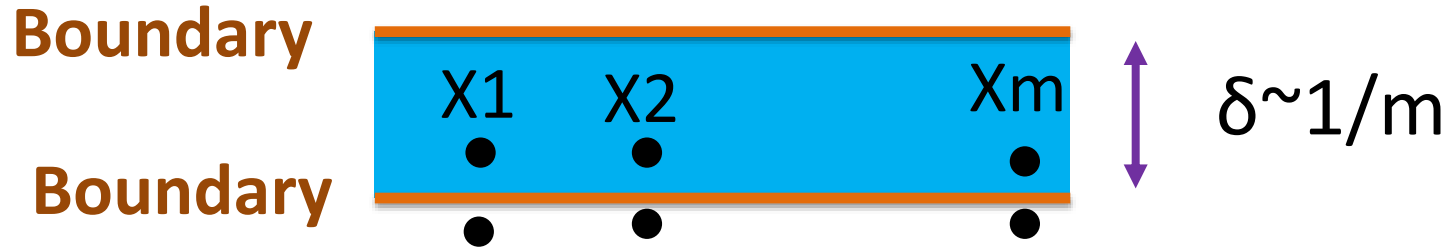
$$|\vec{k}\rangle = \sum (L_{-1})^{k_1} \cdot (L_{-2})^{k_2} \cdots |\Delta\rangle.$$

$\Rightarrow$  A maximally entangled state

between left and right moving sectors !

$\Rightarrow$  But, the real space entanglement is quite suppressed !

## Argument 2: Correlation functions of local operators



$$\frac{\langle \Omega | O(x_1) O(x_2) \cdots O(x_n) | \Omega \rangle}{\langle \Omega | \Omega \rangle} \approx \prod_{i=1}^n \langle O(x_i) \rangle.$$

$\Rightarrow$  When  $(x_i - x_j) \gg \delta$ , there is no correlations !

$\Rightarrow$  Disentangled !

### Argument 3: Direct calculation of EE

For the regularized IR state  $|\Omega\rangle = e^{-H\delta} |B\rangle$ ,  
we can compute the EE explicitly in free fermion CFTs:

[Ugajin-TT 10]

$$S_A \approx \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} + [\text{Finite}], \quad (\delta \rightarrow 0).$$

Thus we can set  $S_A \approx 0$  when  $\delta \approx \varepsilon$ .

Note: Boundary states can still have non-zero finite  
*topological entanglement*.

## ④ Surface/State Correspondence [Miyaji-TT 15]

### (4-1) Basic Principle

Consider Einstein gravity on a  $d+2$  dim. spacetime  $M$ .

**We argue the following correspondence:**

**$\Sigma$  : an  $d$  dim. convex space-like surface in  $M$   
which is closed and homologically trivial**



$$|\Phi(\Sigma)\rangle \in H_M$$

**A pure state**





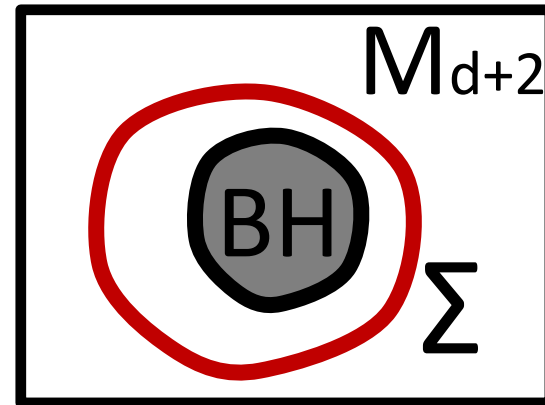
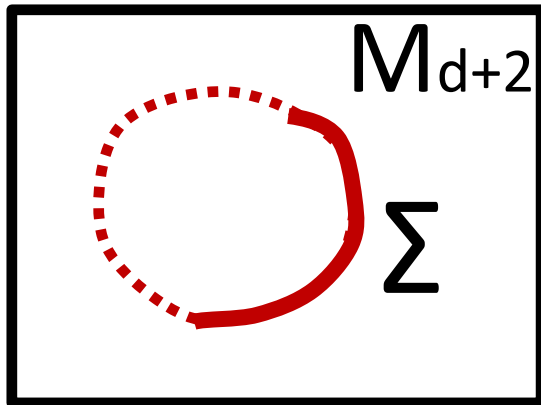
More generally,  
the quantum state dual to a convex surface  $\Sigma$  is

a **mixed state**  $\rho(\Sigma)$

if  $\Sigma$  is open

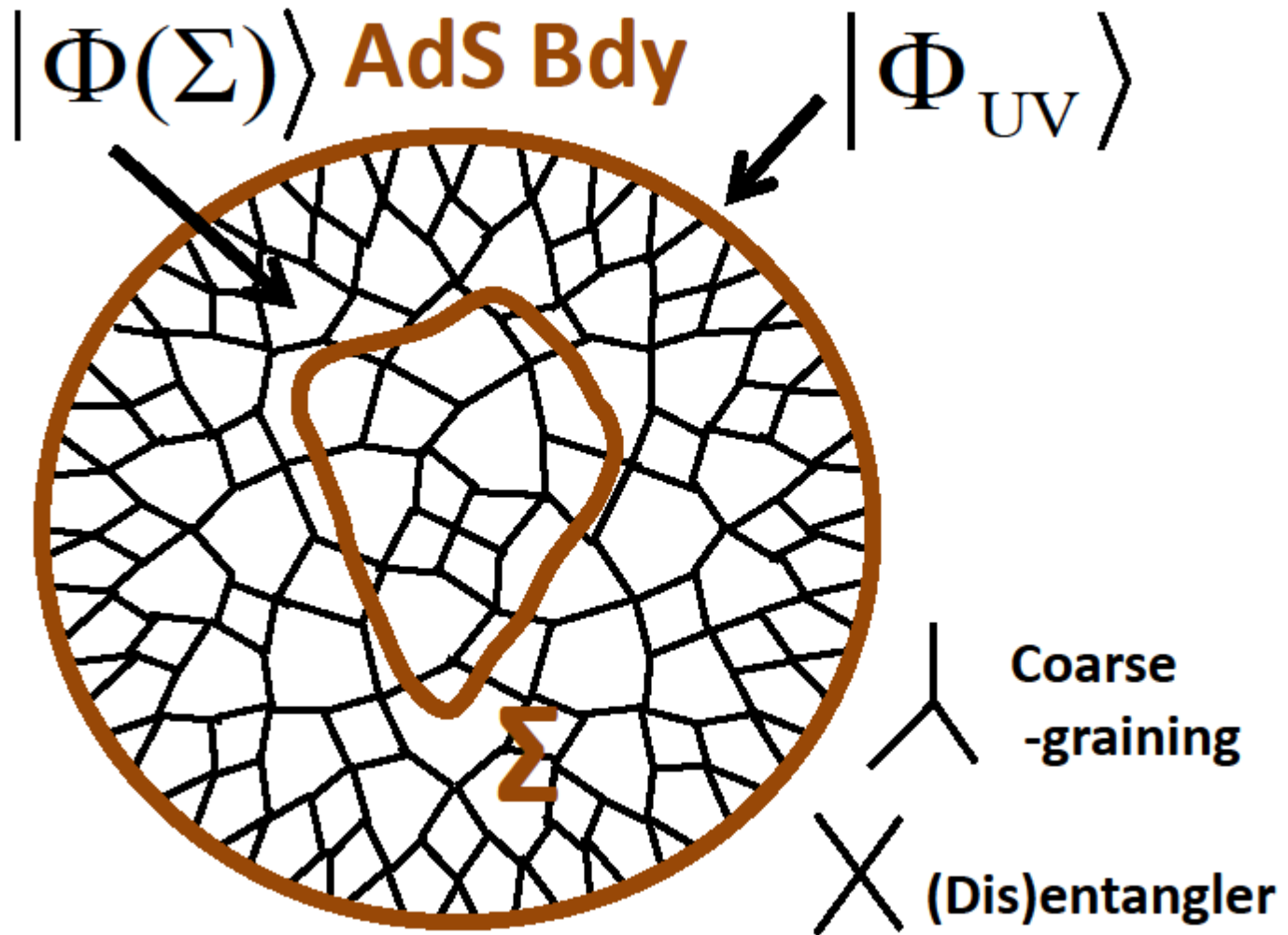
or

topologically non-trivial.



On the other hand, the **zero size limit of  $\Sigma$**  corresponds to the **trivial state**  $|\Omega\rangle$  with no real space entanglement.

This surface/state correspondence is partially motivated by the tensor network description of holography.

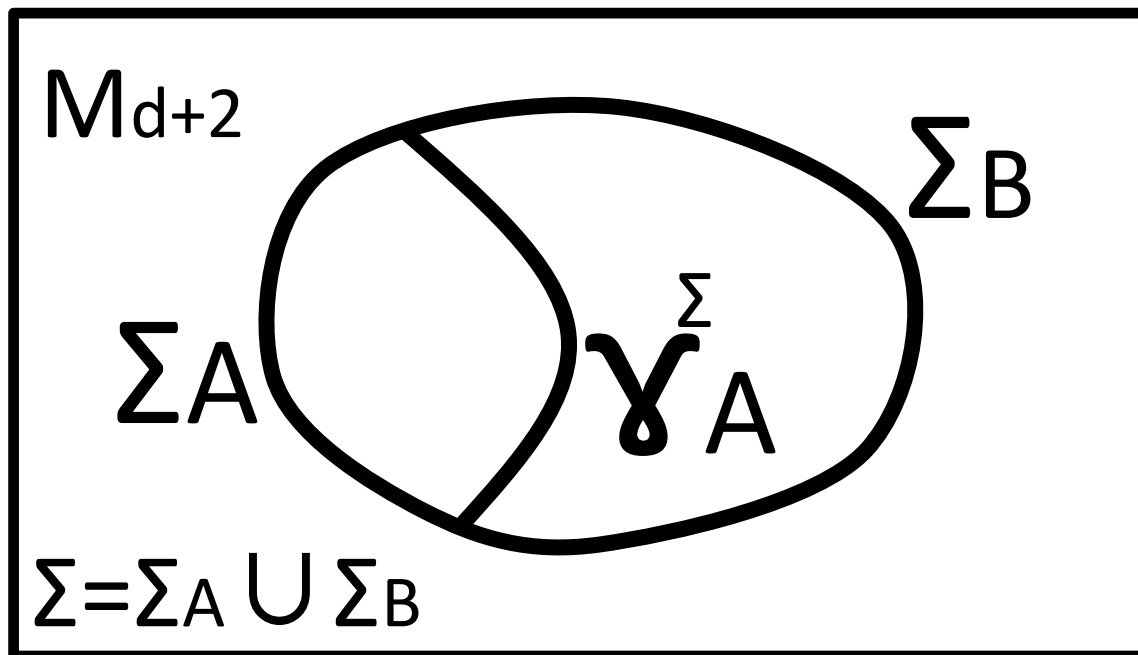


## (4-2) Entanglement Entropy

We can naturally generalize HEE for our setup :

$$H_{\Sigma} = H_A \otimes H_B, \quad \rho_A^{\Sigma} = \text{Tr}_B[\rho(\Sigma)],$$

$$\Rightarrow S_A^{\Sigma} = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A^{\Sigma})}{4G_N}.$$



## (4-3) Effective Dimension

By dividing the surface  $\Sigma$  into infinitesimally small pieces  $\Sigma = \cup A_i$ , we easily find:

$$\sum_i S_{A_i}^\Sigma = \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma)}{4G_N}.$$



We interpret this as the log of effective dim. for  $\Sigma$

$$\log[\text{dim}H_\Sigma^{\text{eff}}]$$

This is because  $\rho_{A_i}^\Sigma$  is expected to be maximally entangled (except the dummy states).

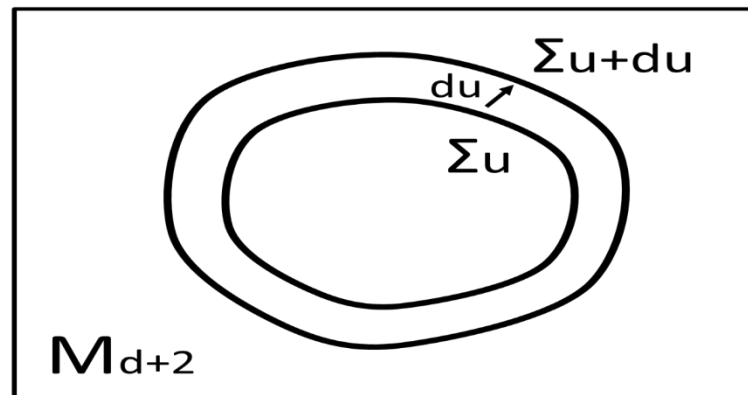
[cf. Differential entropy: Balasubramanian-Chowdhury-Czech-deBoer-Heller 13]

## (4-4) Inner Products and Information Metric

Another intriguing physical quantity is an inner product  $\langle \Sigma | \Sigma' \rangle$  between two surfaces.

Here focus on the two surfaces separated infinitesimally.

⇒ Consider an information distance between them



$$ds^2 = R^2 du^2 + g_{\mu\nu}(x, u) dx^\mu dx^\nu.$$

Remember the correspondence:  $\Sigma_u \Leftrightarrow |\Phi(u)\rangle$ .

The information metric is given by

$$1 - \left| \langle \Phi(u) | \Phi(u + du) \rangle \right| = (du)^2 \cdot G_{uu}^{(B)}$$

Define the Hamiltonian  $H(u)$  s.t.  $|\Phi(u)\rangle$  is its ground state.

Then the standard perturbation theory leads to

$$1 - \left| \langle \Phi(u) | \Phi(u + du) \rangle \right| = (du)^2 \cdot \sum_k \frac{\left| \langle k | \partial_u H(u) | 0 \rangle \right|^2}{(\Delta E_k)^2}.$$

This consideration leads to the following form:

$$G_{uu}^{(B)} = \frac{1}{G_N} \int_{\Sigma u} dx^d \sqrt{g(x)} \int_{\Sigma u} dy^d \sqrt{g(y)} \cdot P_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}(x, y, u) \frac{\partial g^{\mu\nu}(x, u)}{\partial u} \frac{\partial g^{\alpha\beta}(y, u)}{\partial u}.$$

If the metric is x-independent, we have

$$G_{uu}^{(B)} \sim \frac{1}{G_N} \int_{\Sigma u} dx^d \sqrt{g(x)} (K_u)^2.$$

**Example 1: a flat spacetime**  $\Rightarrow G_{uu}^{(B)} = 0$ .

[Translational inv.  $\Rightarrow |\Phi(u + du)\rangle = |\Phi(u)\rangle$ . ]

**Example 2: an AdS spacetime** [Nozaki-Ryu-TT 12]:

$$G_{uu}^{(B)} = N_{\text{deg}} \cdot \frac{V_d}{\mathcal{E}^d} \cdot e^{du} \Rightarrow \text{Agrees with cMERA for CFT}_{d+1}$$

# Quantum Estimation Theory

A quantum version of **Cramer-Rao bound** argues

$$\left\langle (\delta u)^2 \right\rangle \geq \frac{1}{G_{uu}^{(B)}}. \quad [\text{Helstrom 76}]$$

Mean square error

In the case of AdS/CFT, this leads to

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta z^2}{z^2} \right\rangle = \left\langle (\delta u)^2 \right\rangle \geq \frac{G_N}{\text{Area}(\Sigma)} \sim \frac{1}{\log[\dim H_{\Sigma}^{\text{eff}}]} \propto N^{-2}.$$

In the large N limit, this error is highly suppressed.

⇒ Locality of the bulk in the large N limit ?

⇒ Some uncertainty principle of surfaces in QG ?

$$\left\langle (\delta \text{Area}(\Sigma))^2 \right\rangle \geq G_N \cdot \text{Area}(\Sigma) \quad .$$



## ⑤ SS-correspondence in AdS/CFT

[Miyaji-Numasawa-Shiba-Watanabe-TT, in preparation]

We will show that the formulation of cMERA can be generalized so that it describes the SS-duality.

Let us focus on a AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFT<sub>2</sub> setup. It is useful to start with the symmetry of global AdS<sub>3</sub> space:

$$ds^2 = R^2 (-\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\phi^2),$$

whose isometry  $SL(2, R) \times SL(2, R)$  is generated by

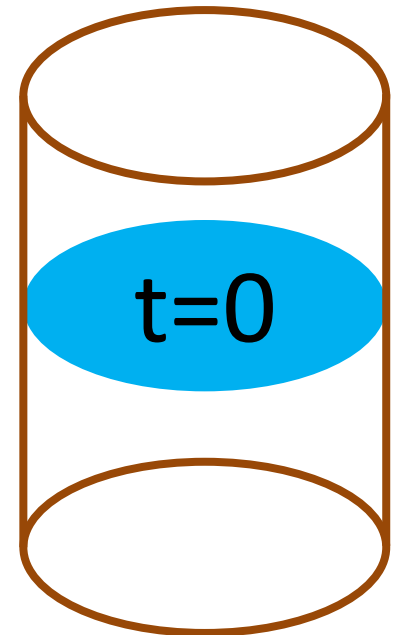
$$\begin{aligned} L_0 &= i\partial_+, & \tilde{L}_0 &= \partial_-, \\ L_{\pm 1} &= ie^{\pm i x^+} \left[ \frac{\cosh 2\rho}{\sinh 2\rho} \partial_+ - \frac{1}{\sinh 2\rho} \partial_- \mp \frac{i}{2} \partial_\rho \right], \\ \tilde{L}_{\pm 1} &= ie^{\pm i x^-} \left[ \frac{\cosh 2\rho}{\sinh 2\rho} \partial_- - \frac{1}{\sinh 2\rho} \partial_+ \mp \frac{i}{2} \partial_\rho \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we are interested in the  $SL(2,R)$  subgroup which preserves the time slice  $t=0$  (i.e.  $H_2$ ) of the  $AdS_3$ .

They are generated by  $l_n = \tilde{L}_{-n} - L_n$ , ( $n = 0, \pm 1$ ), which annihilates the boundary states.

The  $SL(2,R)$  action which maps  $\rho=0$  to the point  $(\rho, \phi)$  is given by

$$g(\rho, \phi) = e^{i\phi l_0} e^{\frac{\rho}{2}(l_{-1} - l_1)}.$$



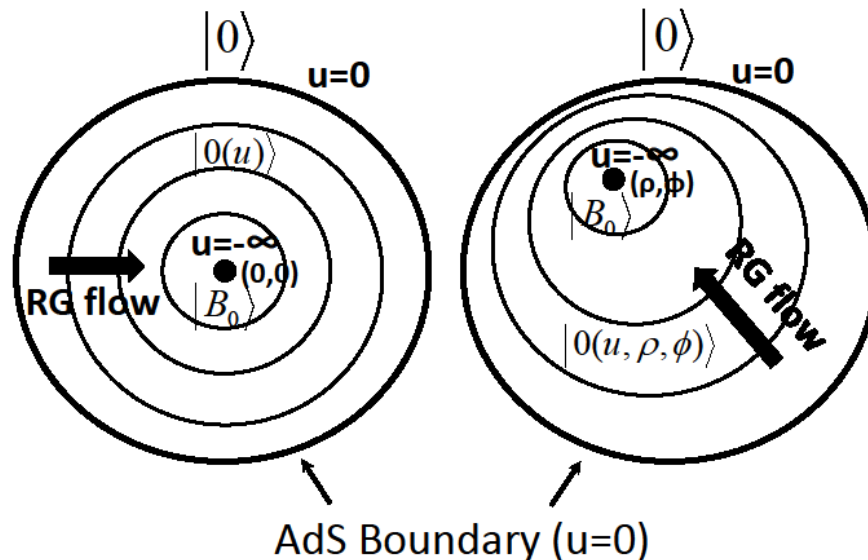
cMERA for the ground state of CFT2 is formulated as:

$$|0\rangle = P \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^0 \hat{K}(u) du\right) |B_0\rangle. \leftarrow \text{boundary (Ishibashi) state for the identity sector}$$

If we act the  $SL(2,R)$  transformation  $g(\rho, \phi)$  we find

$$|0\rangle = P \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^0 \hat{K}_{(\rho, \phi)}(u) du\right) |B_0\rangle,$$

where  $\hat{K}_{(\rho, \phi)}(u) = g(\rho, \phi) \cdot \hat{K}(u) \cdot g(\rho, \phi)^{-1}$ .



More generally, we can describe the **diffeomorphism**

by taking into account  $l_n = \tilde{L}_{-n} - L_n$ , ( $|n| = 2, 3, \dots$ ):

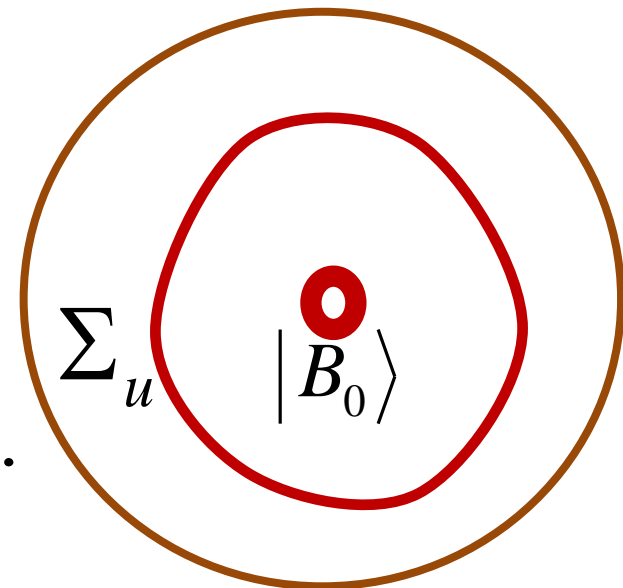
$$|0\rangle = P \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^0 \hat{K}_g(u) du\right) |B_0\rangle,$$

$$\hat{K}_g(u) = \hat{g}(u) \hat{K}(u) \hat{g}(u)^{-1} + \partial_u g(u) \cdot g(u)^{-1},$$

where  $g(u) = \exp\left[\sum_n \xi_u(u) l_n\right]$  with  $\xi_n(0) = 0$ .

The dual state of a surface  $\Sigma_u$  expected in SS-correspondence is given by the form:

$$|\Phi(\Sigma_u)\rangle = P \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^u \hat{K}_g(s) ds\right) |B_0\rangle.$$



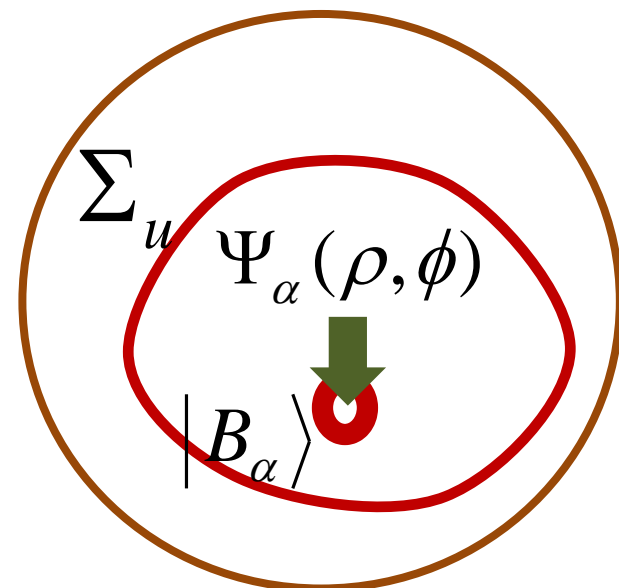
# How to describe the bulk excitation ?

We argue the identification:

$$\underbrace{\Psi_{\alpha}(\rho, \phi)}_{\text{Bulk local operator}} |0\rangle_{\text{Bulk}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |\Psi_{\alpha}(\rho, \phi)\rangle_{\text{CFT}} = P \exp\left(-i \int_{-\infty}^0 \hat{K}_{(\rho, \phi)}(s) ds\right) \underbrace{|B_{\alpha}\rangle}_{\substack{\text{Ishibashi state} \\ \text{for primary } \alpha}} .$$

This is because the local operator insertion does not change the bulk metric (= entanglement).



We argue this state is evaluated as

$$|\Psi_\alpha(\rho, \phi)\rangle_{CFT} \approx g(\rho, \phi) \cdot e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i(L_0 + \tilde{L}_0)} \cdot \underbrace{e^{-\varepsilon H}}_{\text{some UV cut off}} \cdot \underbrace{|\mathbf{J}_\alpha\rangle}_{\substack{SL(2, R) \\ \text{Ishibashi State}}}.$$

This satisfies the correct EOM:

$$\square_{\text{AdS3}} |\Psi_\alpha(\rho, \phi, t)\rangle_{CFT} = 0.$$

We can compute the information metric:

$$|\langle \Psi_\alpha(\rho, \phi) | \Psi_\alpha(\rho + \delta\rho, \phi + \delta\phi) \rangle| = 1 - G_{ab} dx^a dx^b,$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\phi^2).$$

$\approx c^2$  (as in AdS/CFT) by choosing  $\varepsilon \approx c^{-1}$ .

## ⑥ Conclusions

- Quantum entanglement represents a geometry of quantum state in many-body systems.

Ex.1 HEE  $\Rightarrow$  EE probes the metric of hol. geometry

Ex.2 AdS/TN(MERA,...)  $\Rightarrow$  Entanglement = geometry

Ex.3 Boundary state  $\Leftrightarrow$  trivial (point-like) space

- This gravity/entanglement duality looks more general than AdS/CFT and even than holography.  
 $\Rightarrow$  We proposed the surface/state correspondence.

## The SS-duality argues

Top. trivial convex surface	$\Leftrightarrow$	a pure state
Top. non-trivial surface	$\Leftrightarrow$	a mixed state
Zero size surface	$\Leftrightarrow$	Boundary states
Area of surface	=	$\log[\text{Eff. Dimension}]$
(Extrinsic curvature) <sup>2</sup>	=	Information metric

## Future problems

- Derivation of Einstein eq.
- Application to spacetime without (time-like) boundary e.g. de-Sitter spaces.
- Analysis of compact directions e.g.  $S^5$  in  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ .