

Geometry and Dynamics from Entanglement Entropy

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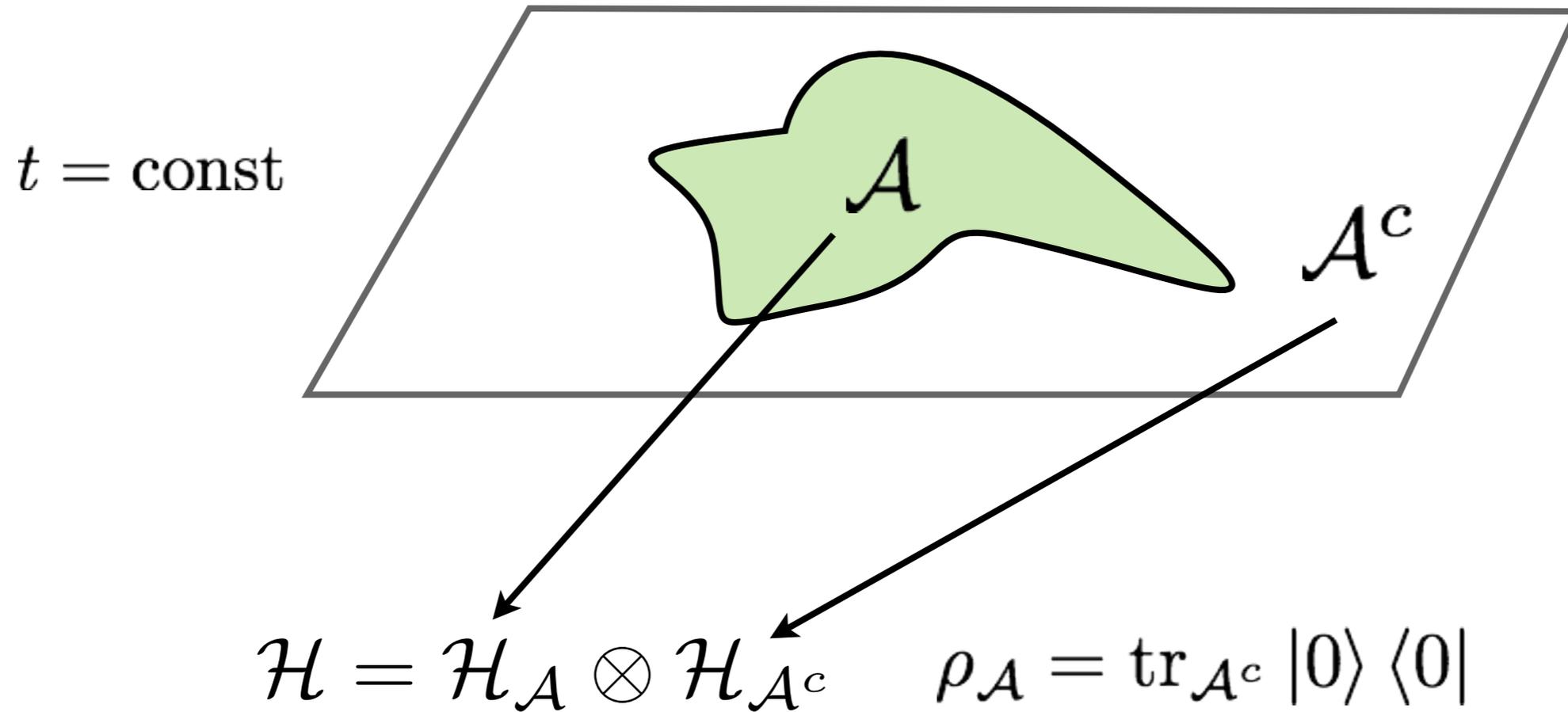
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with: M. Guica, T. Hartman, R. Myers, M. Van Raamsdonk

Entanglement Entropy

Characterize entanglement in QFT:

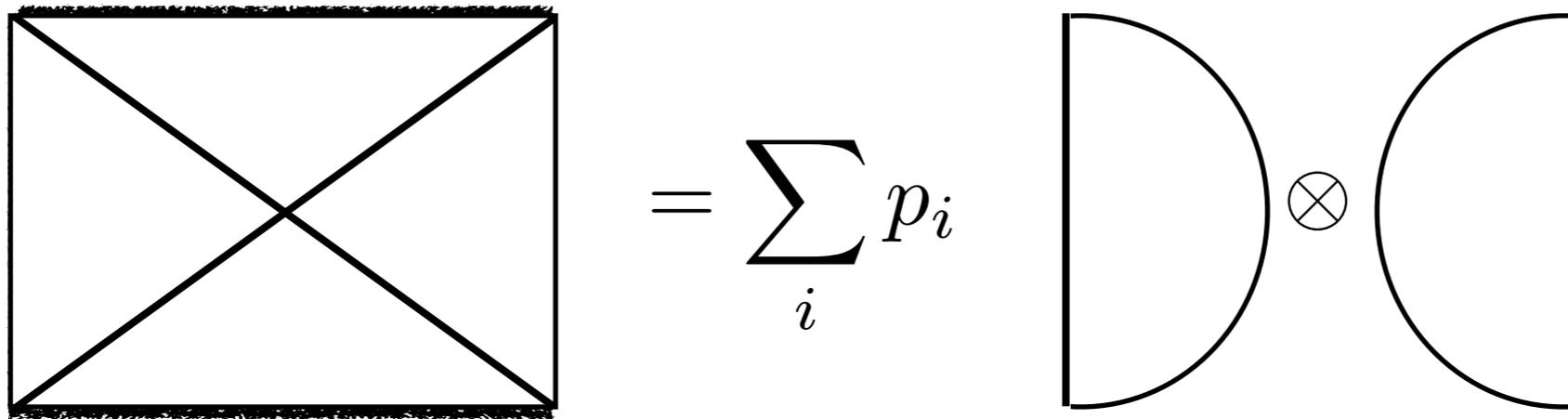


$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A^c} \quad \rho_A = \text{tr}_{A^c} |\mathbf{0}\rangle \langle \mathbf{0}|$$

$$S_{EE} = -\text{tr} \rho_A \ln \rho_A$$

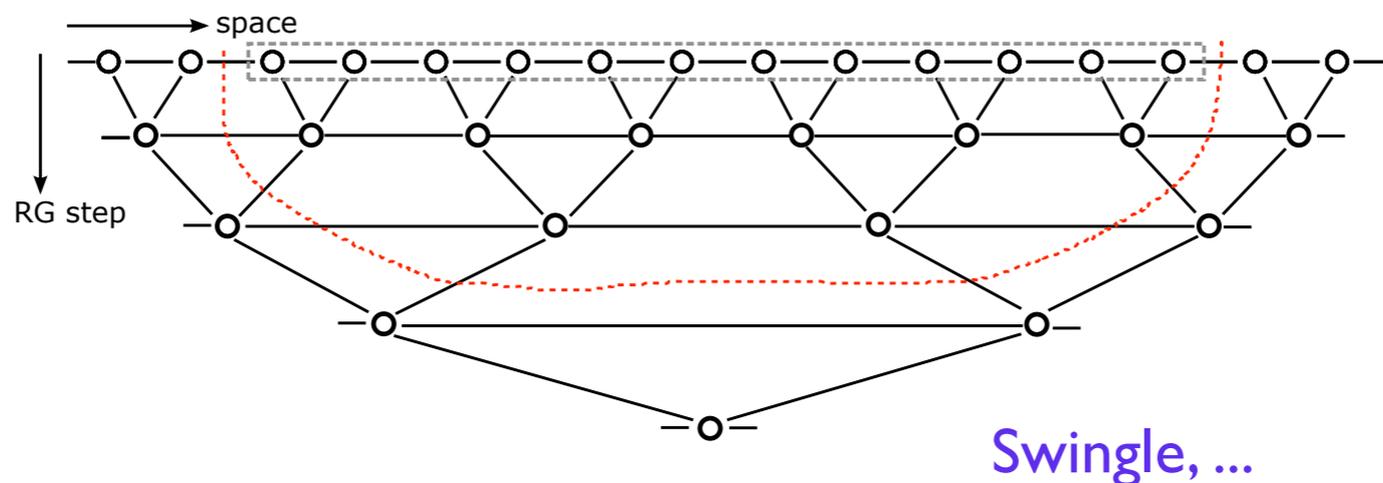
Emergent Geometry & Entanglement

Some relationship between entanglement and emergent geometry:



Maldacena; Van Raamsdonk; Maldacena-Susskind (EPR = ER) ...

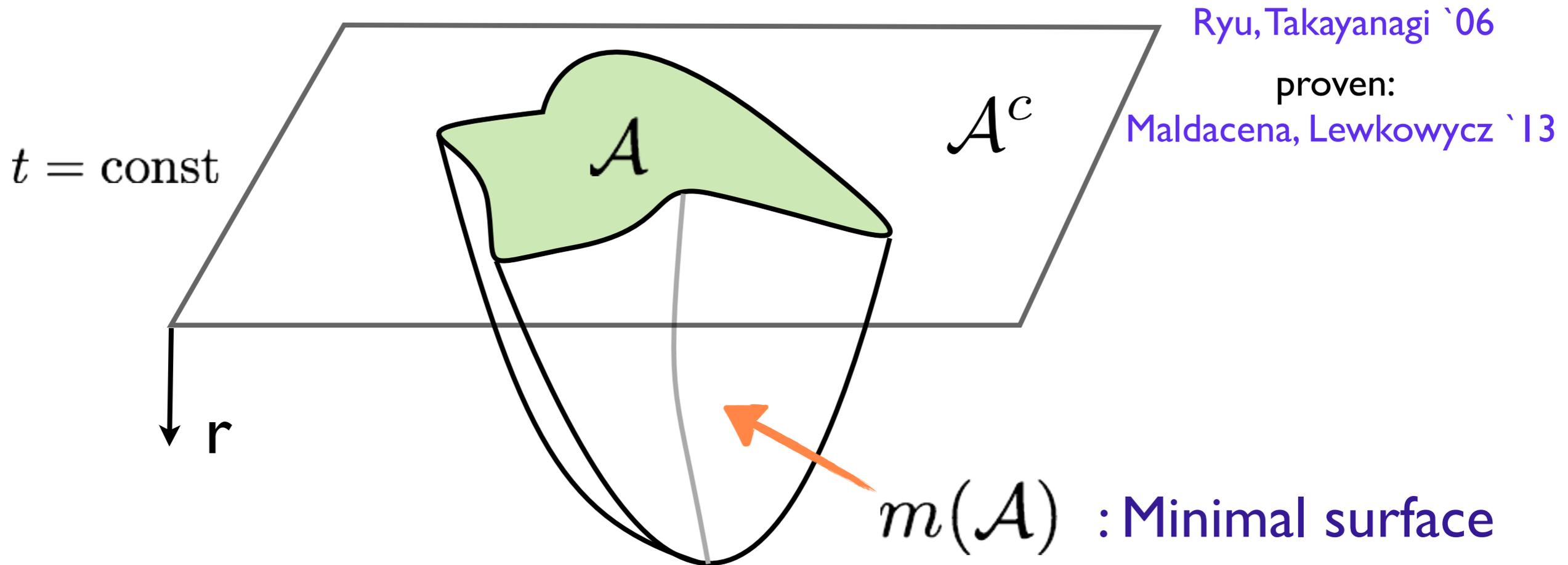
Tensor Networks:



Swingle, ...

Ryu-Takayanagi formula

AdS/CFT: geometry emerges out of CFT



Classical gravity limit:

$$S_{EE} = \frac{\text{area}(m(\mathcal{A}))}{4G_N}$$

Beautiful generalization
of Bekenstein-Hawking
area law for Black Holes

**Entanglement = probe of emergent
geometry!**

Plan:

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- Large-N phase transitions in Entanglement Entropy
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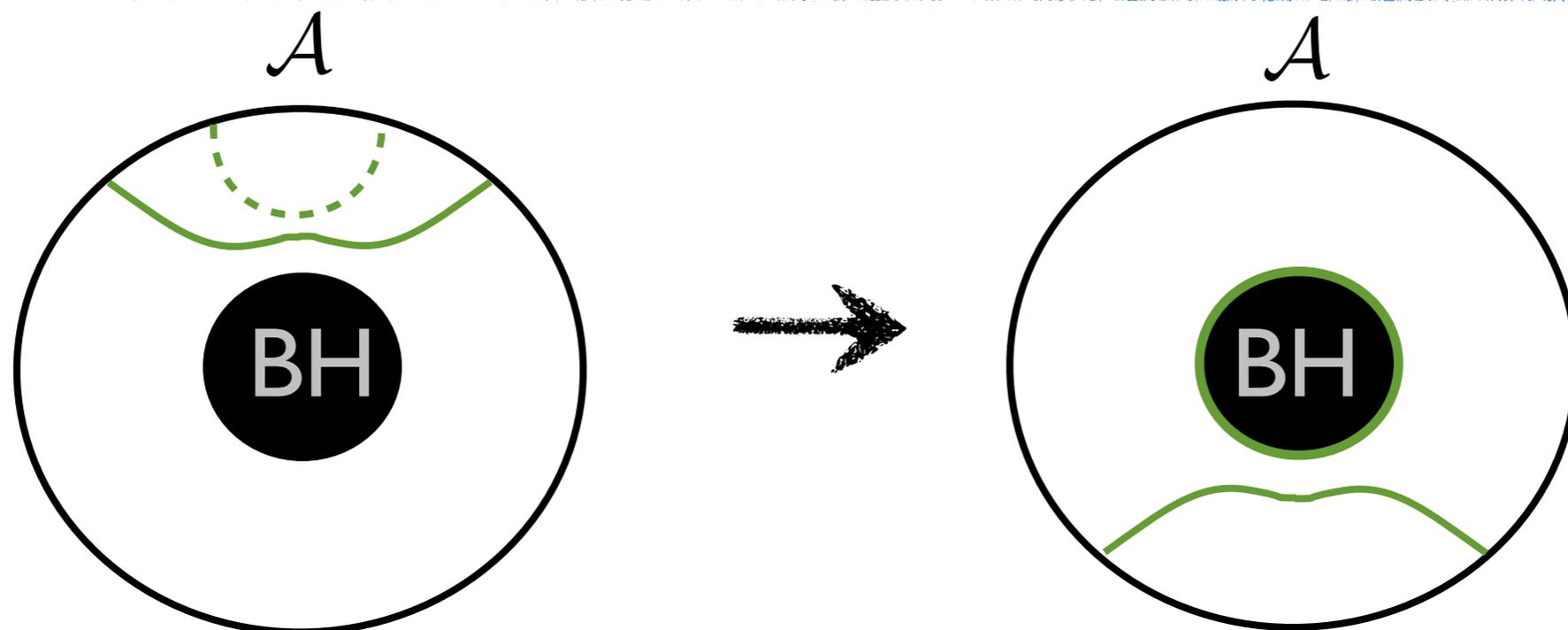
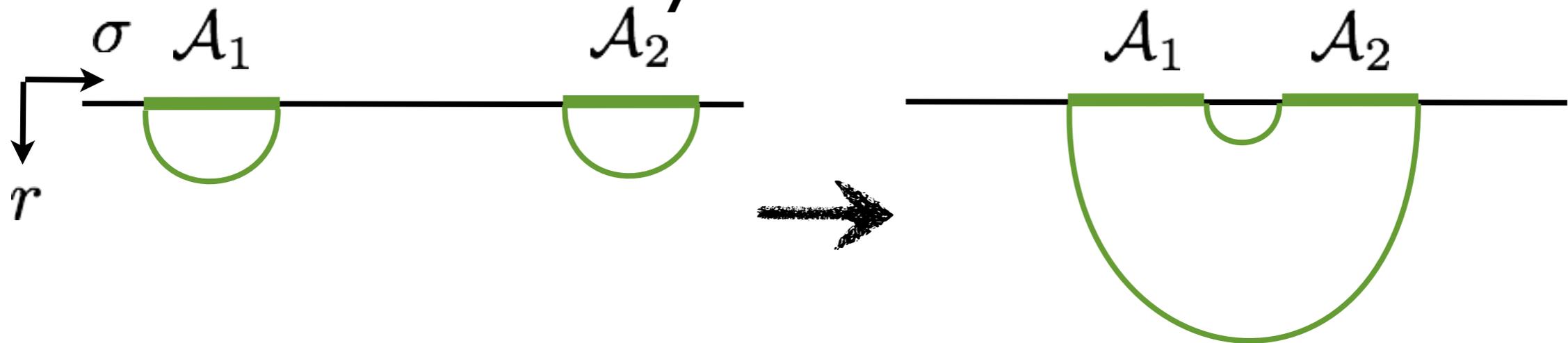
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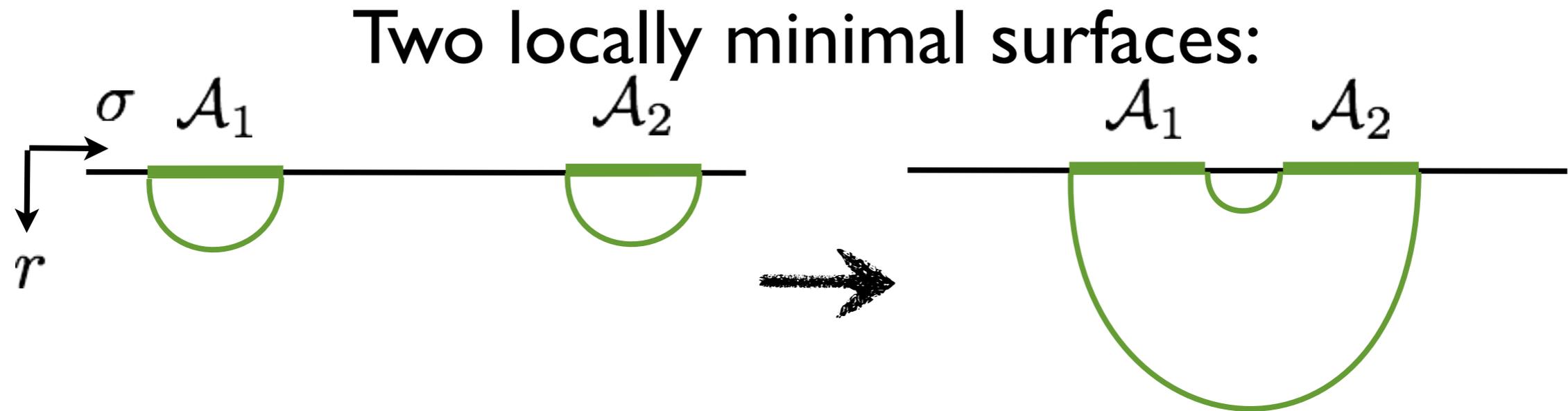
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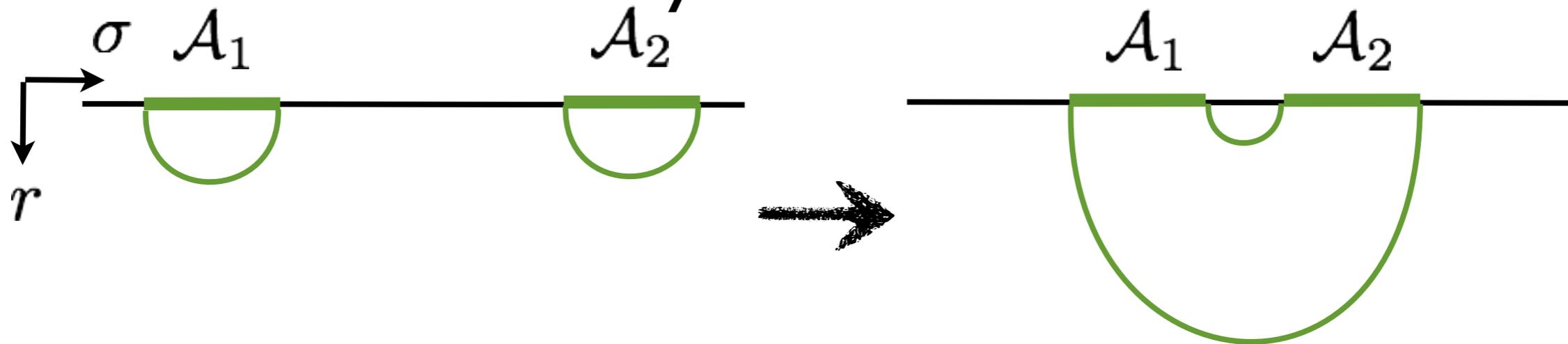
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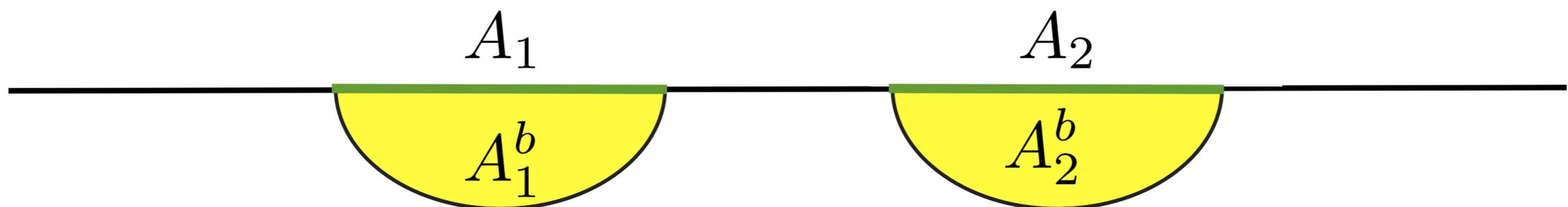
Bulk Quantum Corrections to RT

In a local QFT: Mutual Information can never be zero

$$I \geq \left(\left\langle \hat{O}_{A_1} \hat{O}_{A_2} \right\rangle_c \right)^2$$

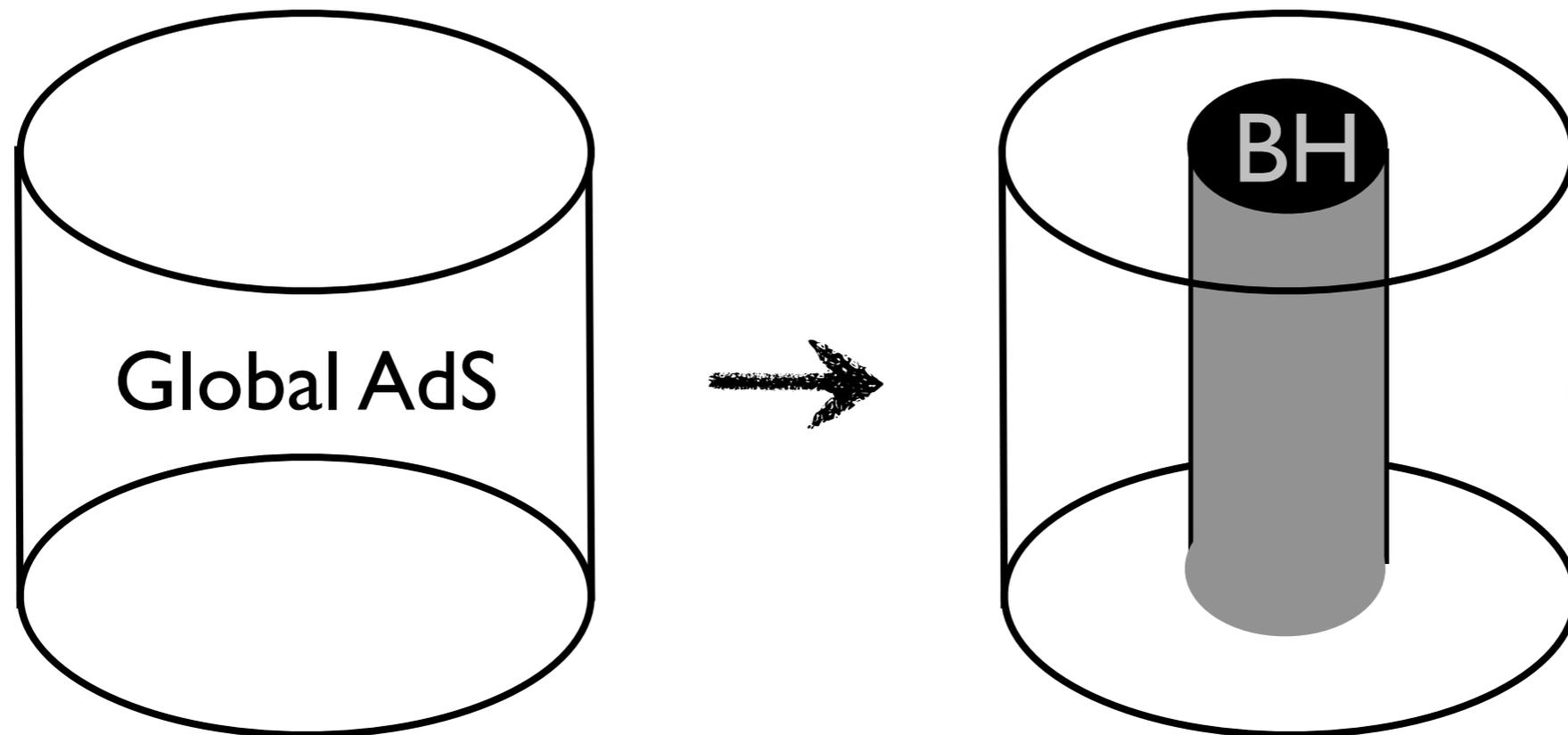
In fact we argued leading correction comes from mutual information of bulk fields:

$$S_{EE}^{1\text{-loop}} = S_{EE}(A_b) + S_{\text{loc}} \quad \text{TF, Lewkowycz, Maldacena}$$



$$I(A_1; A_2) = I_{\text{bulk}}(A_1^b; A_2^b)$$

Many similarities with Hawking-Page



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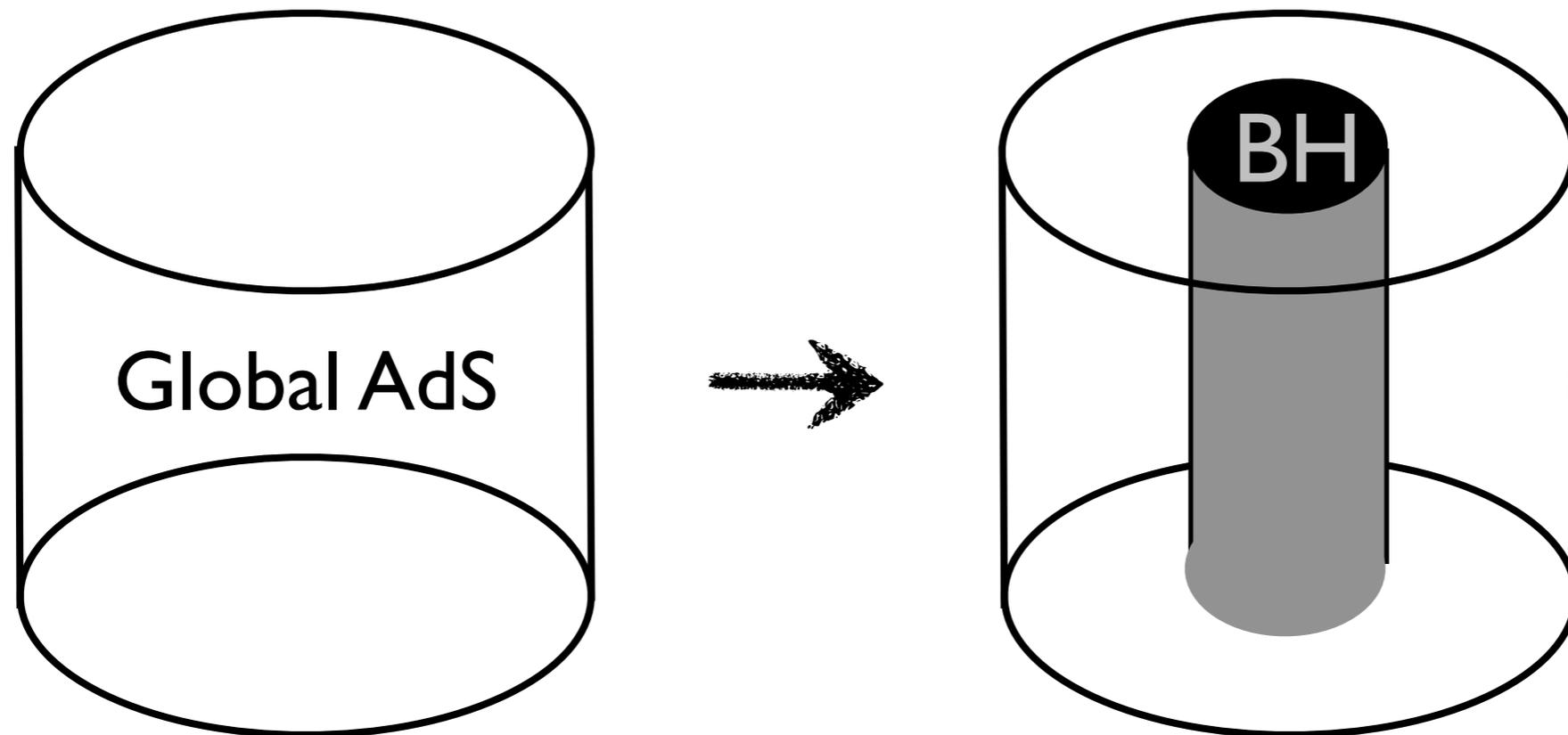
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Main computational tool for EE in QFT

$$S_{EE}(\mathcal{A}) = -\text{Tr} \rho_{\mathcal{A}} \ln \rho_{\mathcal{A}}$$

hard to deal
with

Introduce Entanglement Renyi Entropy:

$$S_n(\mathcal{A}) = -\frac{1}{n-1} \ln \text{Tr} \rho_{\mathcal{A}}^n$$

Compute for integer $n \geq 2$ **attempt** to continue to non-integer ... take the limit

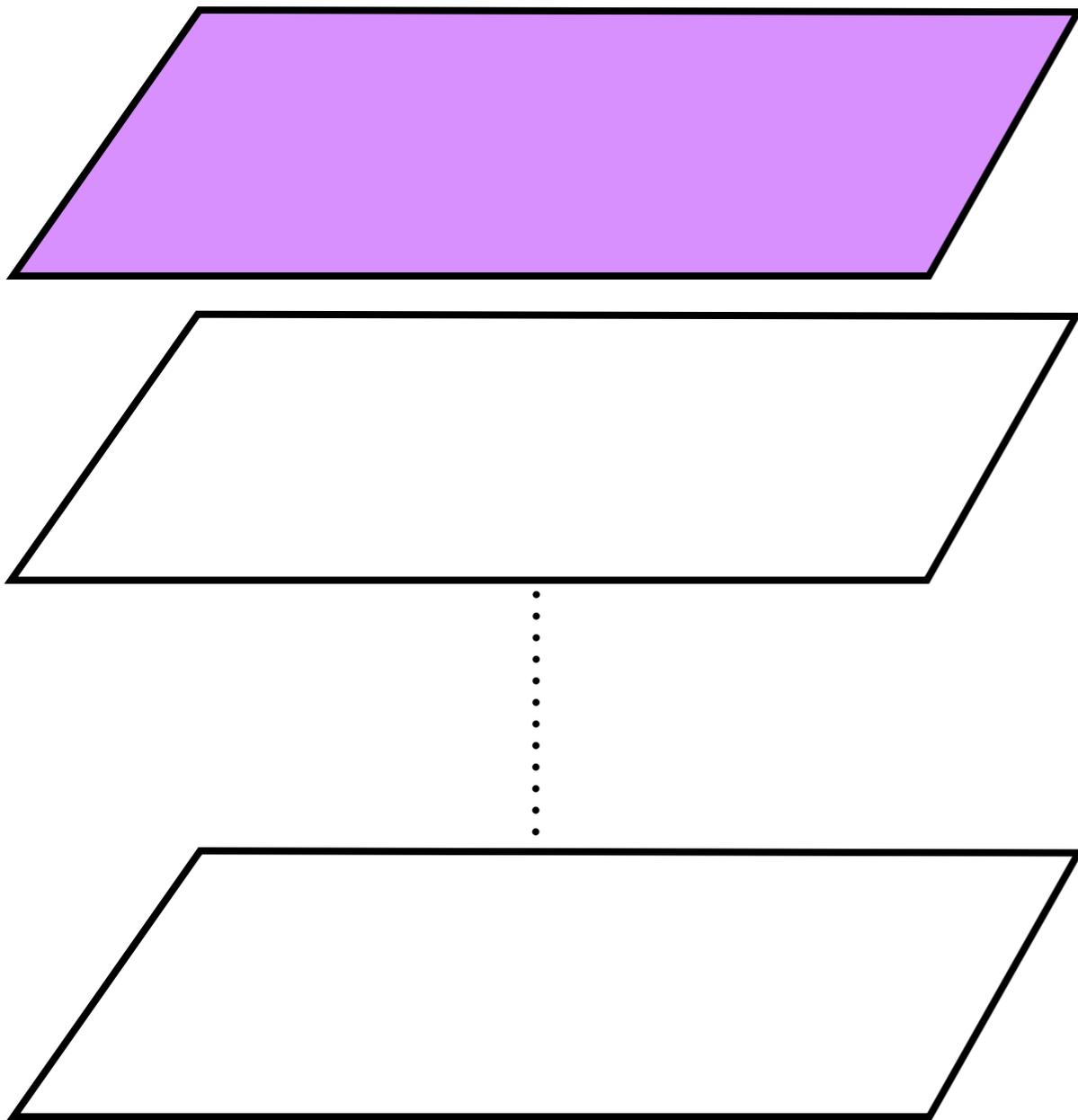
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow 1} S_n(\mathcal{A}) = S_{EE}(\mathcal{A})$$

Why? One can formulate $\text{Tr} \rho_{\mathcal{A}}^n$ as a *euclidean* path-integral

The replica trick

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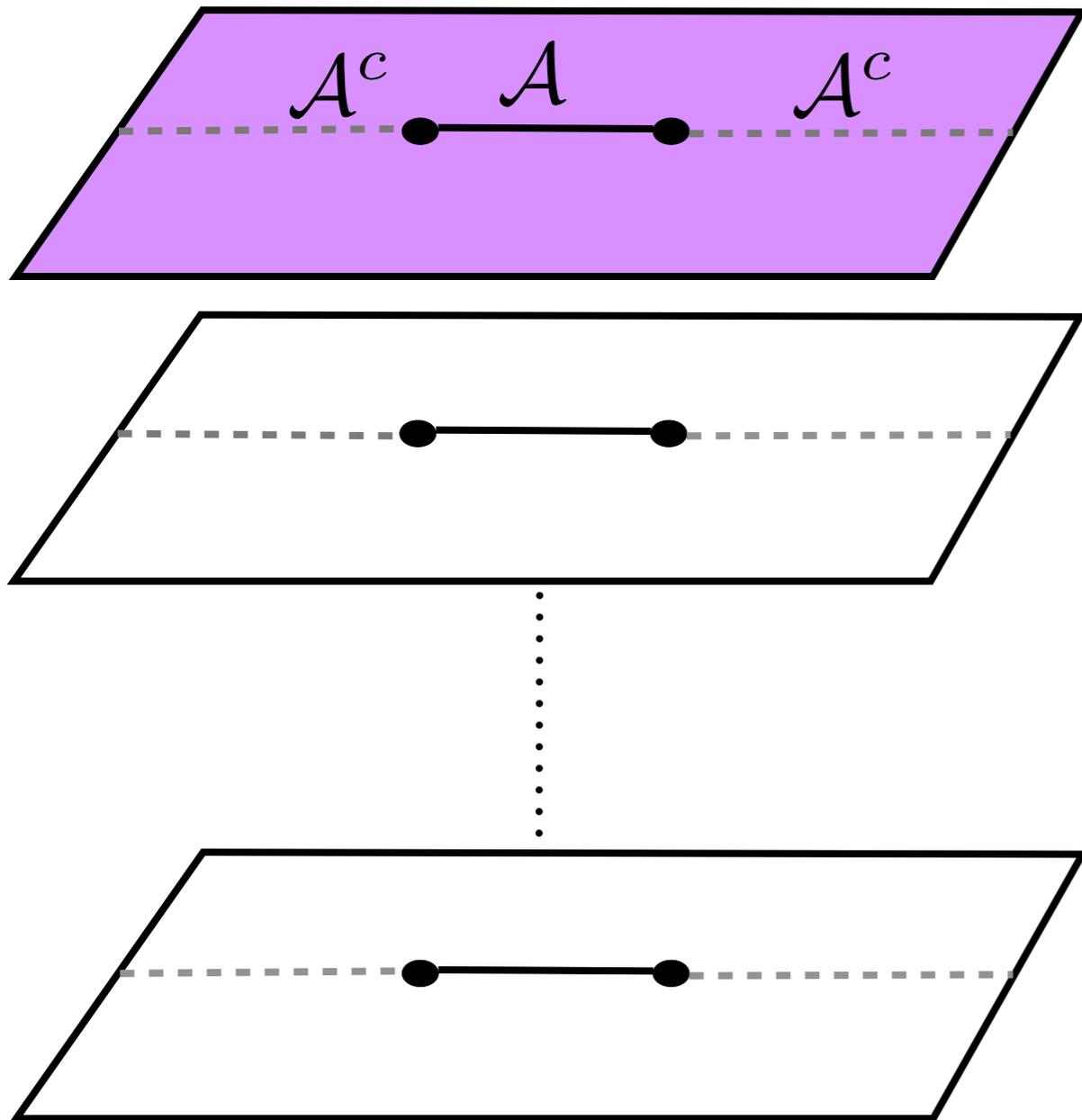
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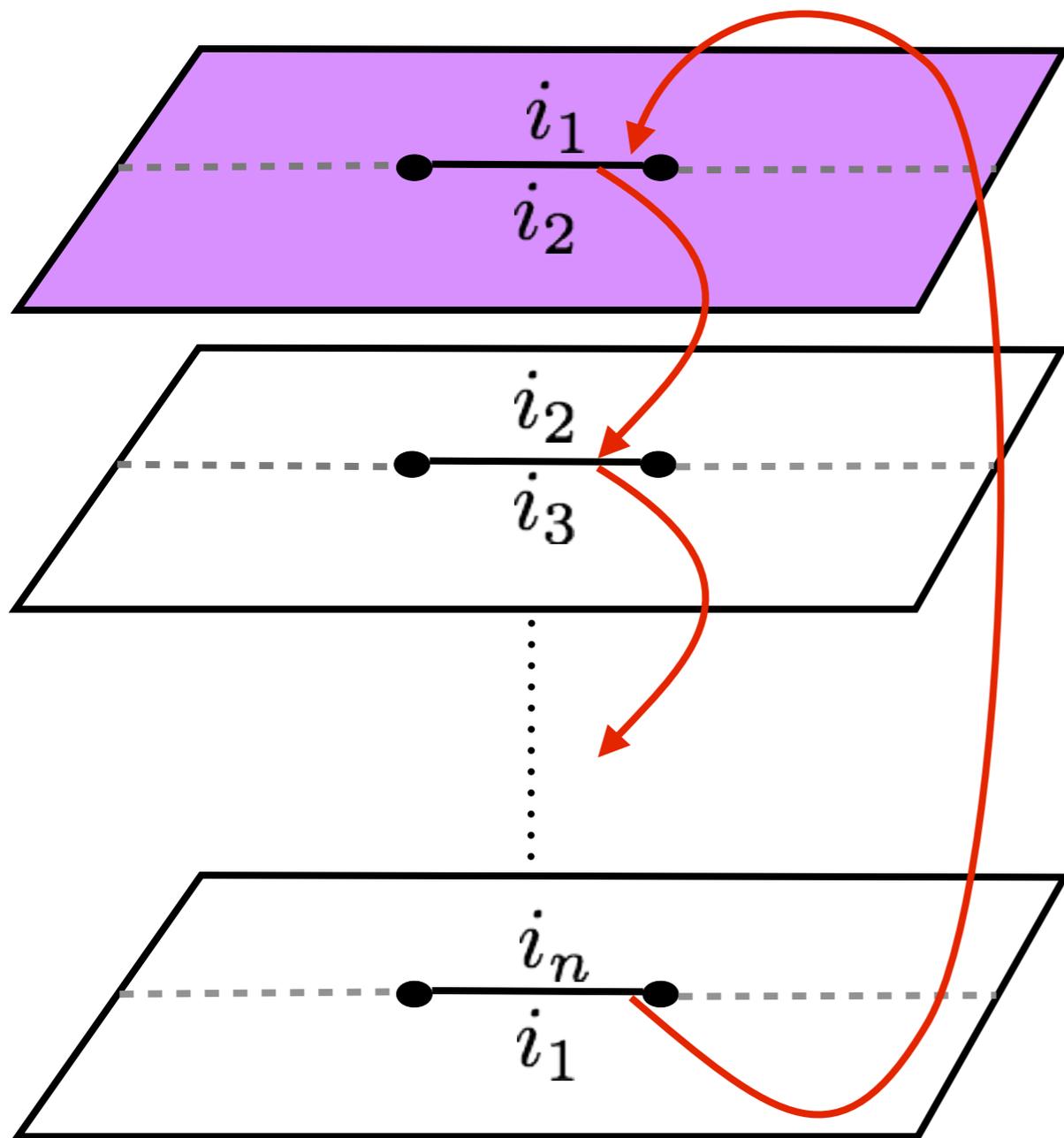


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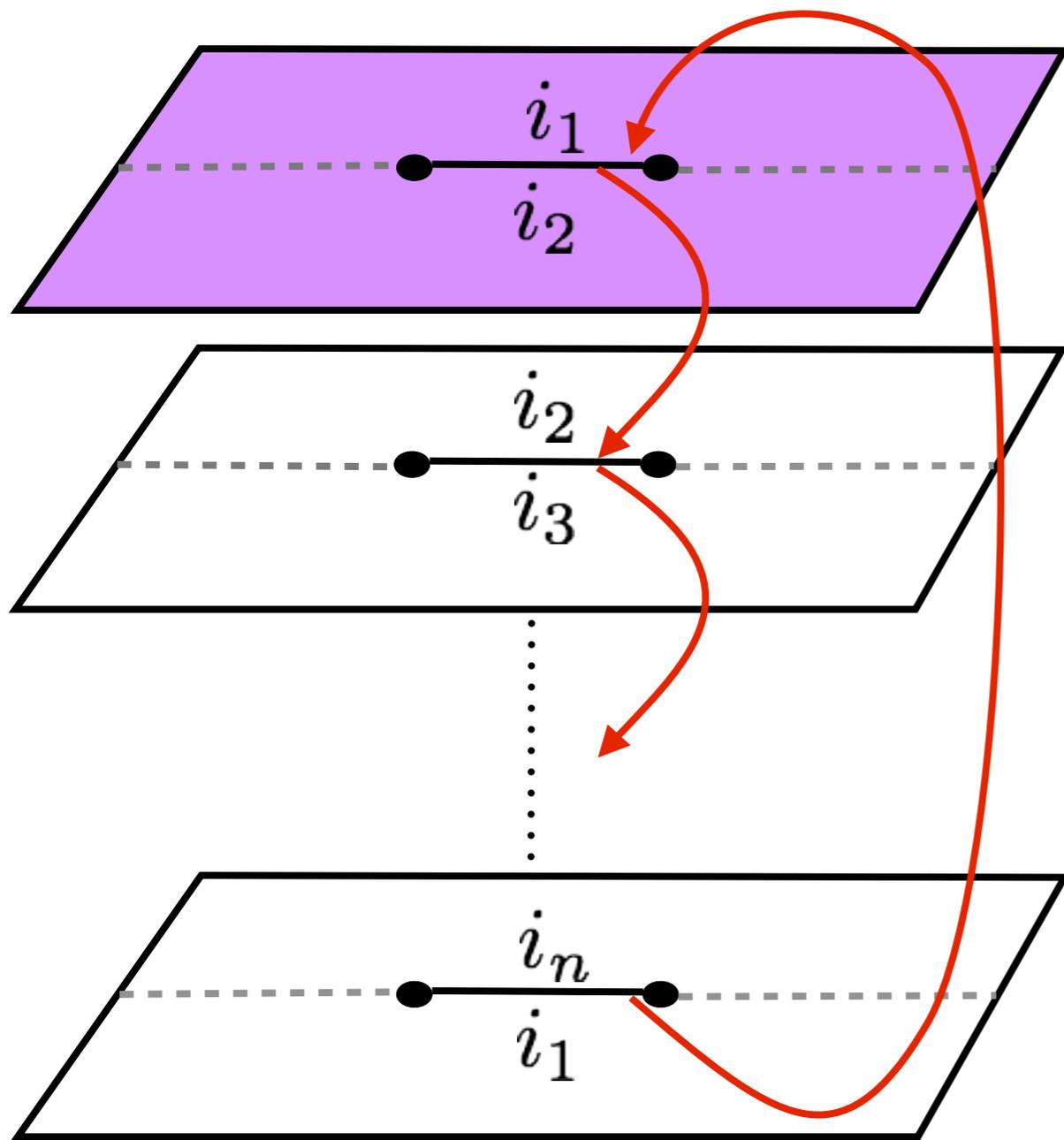


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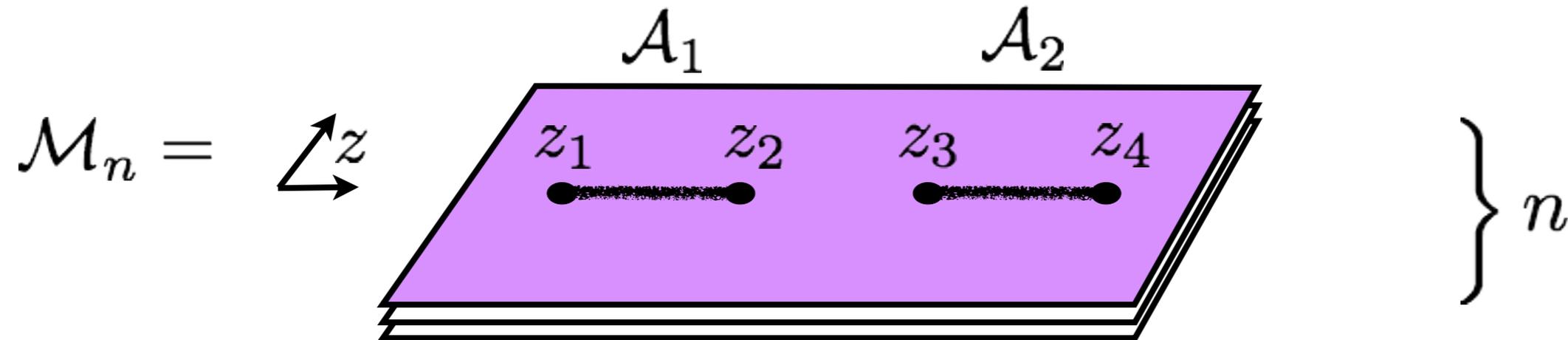
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- Partition function on this manifold:

$$\text{tr} \rho_{\mathcal{A}}^n = \frac{Z_{\mathcal{M}_n}}{Z_1^n}$$

$$S_n(\mathcal{A}) = -\frac{1}{n-1} (\ln Z_{\mathcal{M}_n} - n \ln Z_1)$$

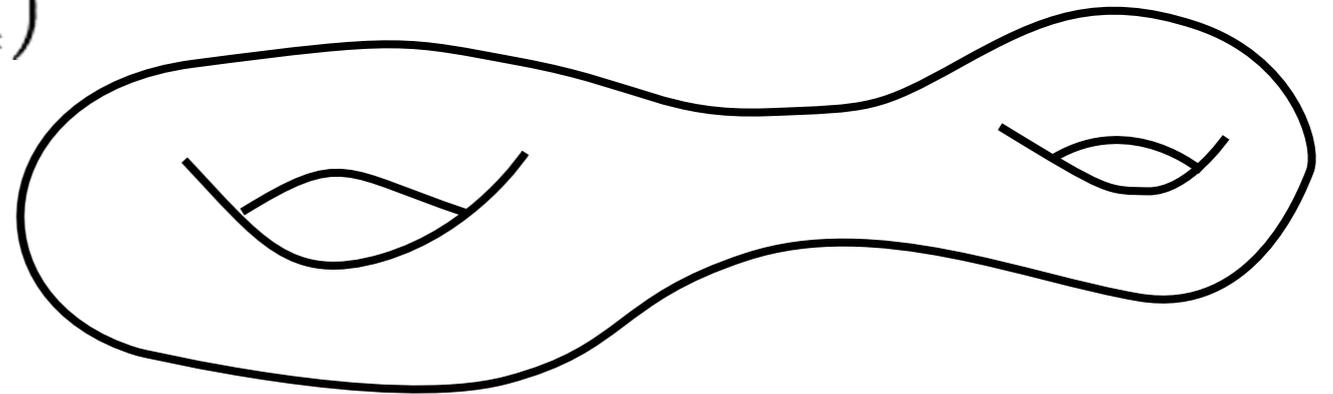
Two intervals leads to a complicated surface:

Riemann surface:



$$y^n = \frac{(z - z_1)(z - z_3)}{(z - z_2)(z - z_4)}$$

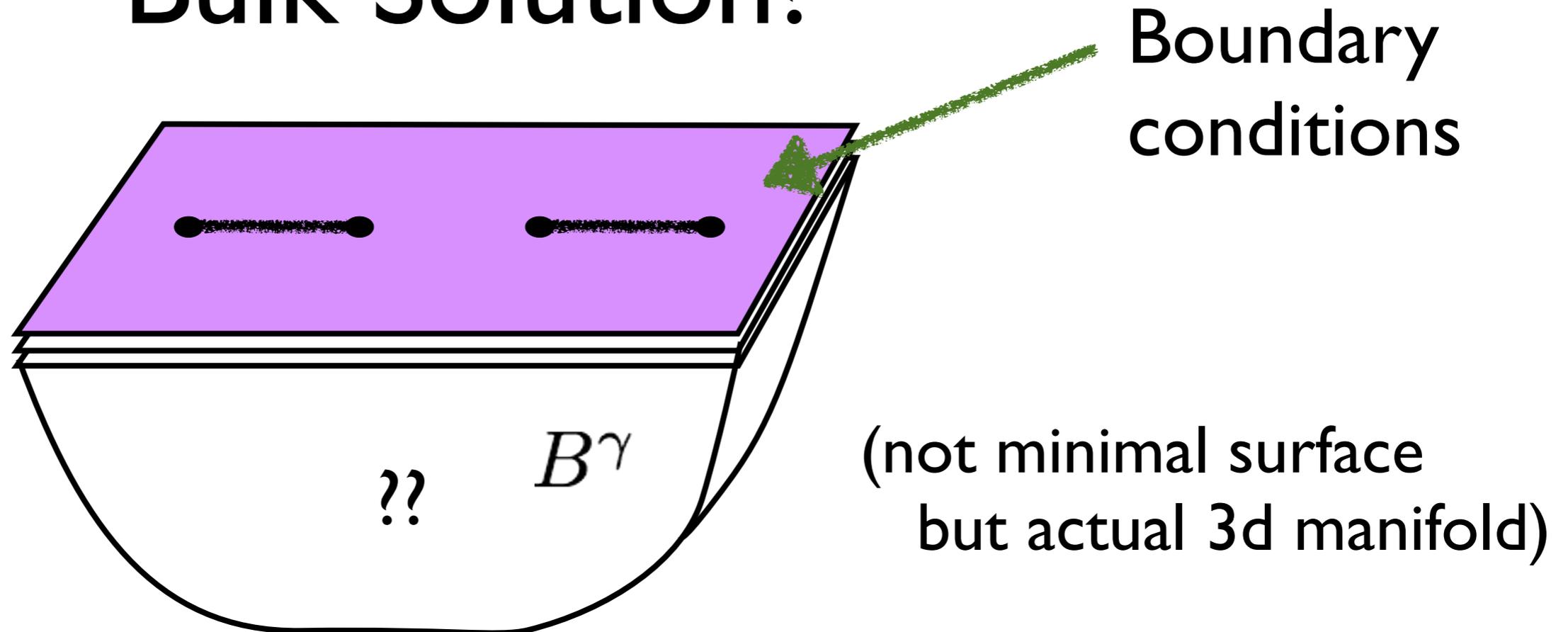
Genus (n-1)



$Z(\mathcal{M}_n) =$ complicated!

- Goal: use usual rules of AdS/CFT to compute the partition function: $Z_{\text{CFT}}(\mathcal{M}_n)$

Bulk Solution?



Solve Einstein's equations subject to boundary conditions and bulk regularity. $\partial B^\gamma = \mathcal{M}_n$

Many solutions! $\mathcal{O}(c)$

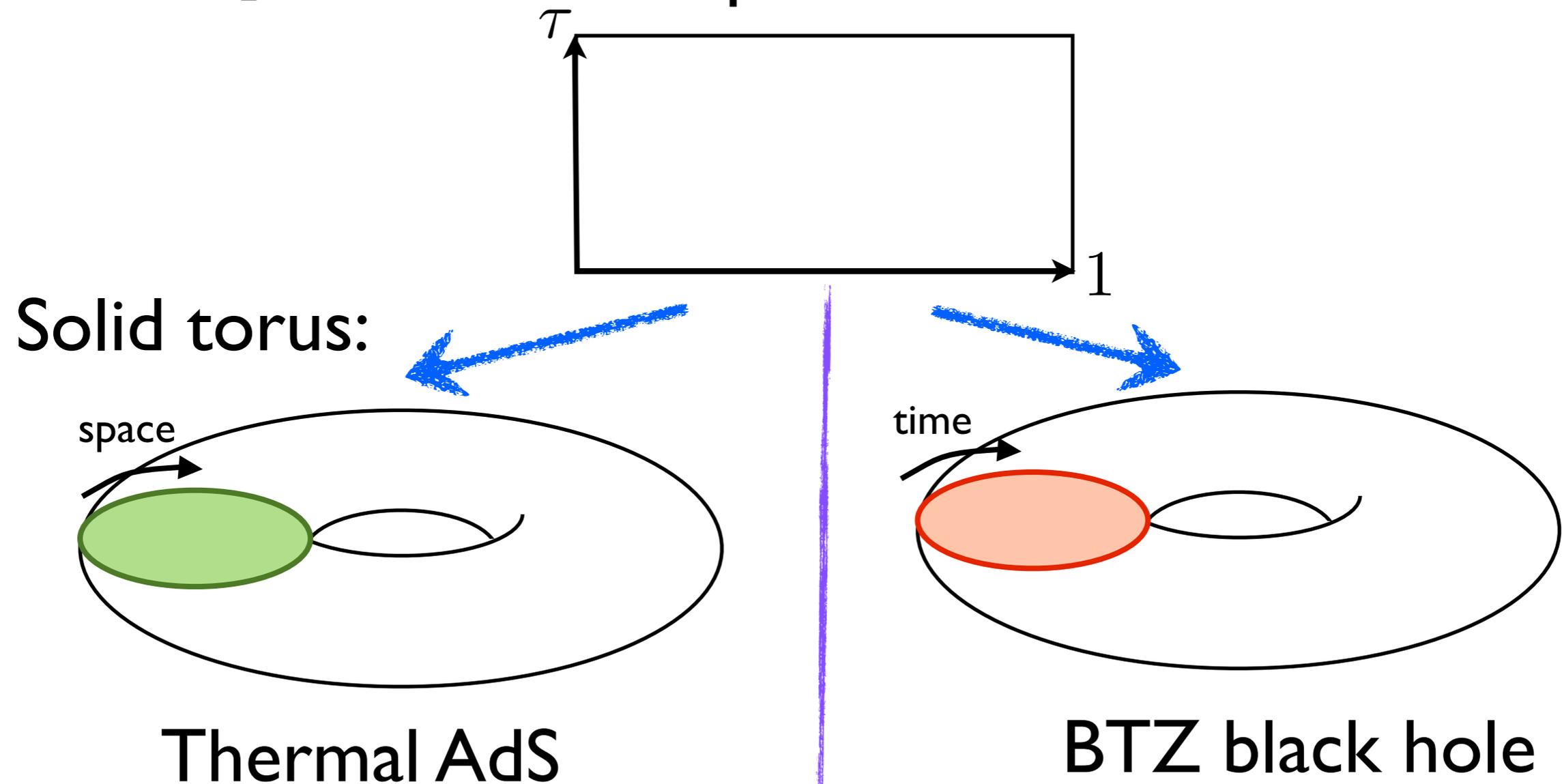
$$Z_{\mathcal{M}_n} = \sum_{\gamma} \exp \left(-S_{\text{grav}}^{\gamma} + \mathcal{O}(c^0) \right) \quad G_N \propto c^{-1}$$

Classical gravity limit: only need least action solution

The case $n = 2$ is easy:

Double cover gives a simple torus,
and $Z_{\mathcal{M}_2}$ is the thermal partition function.

Headrick '10

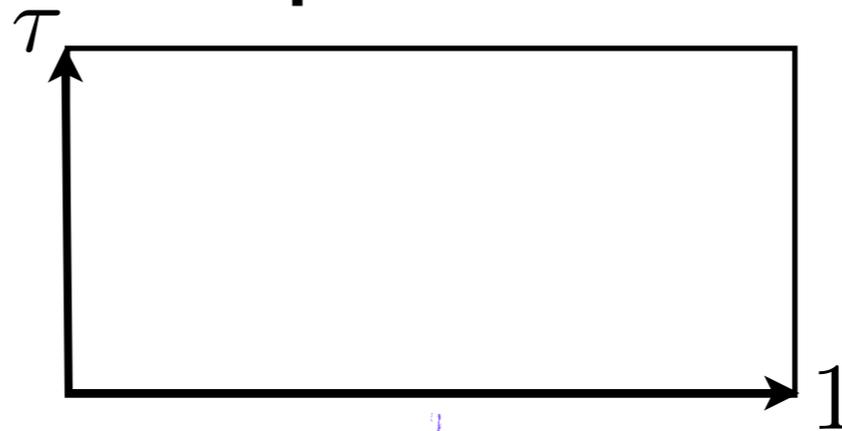


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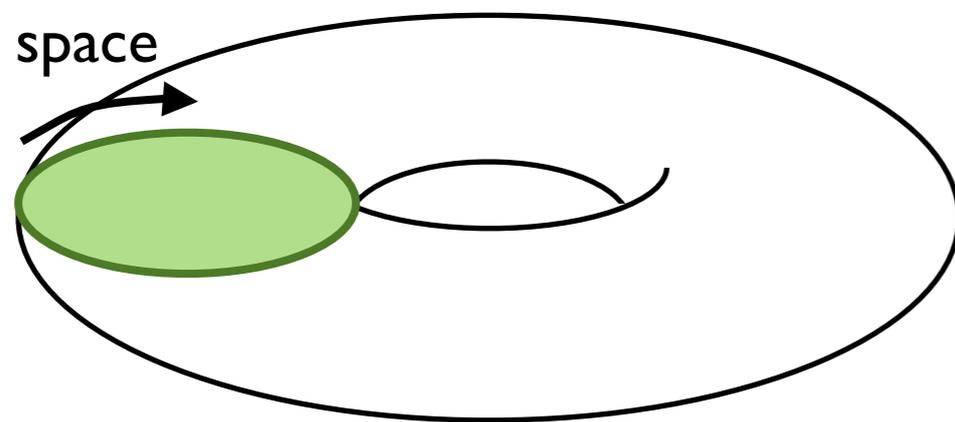
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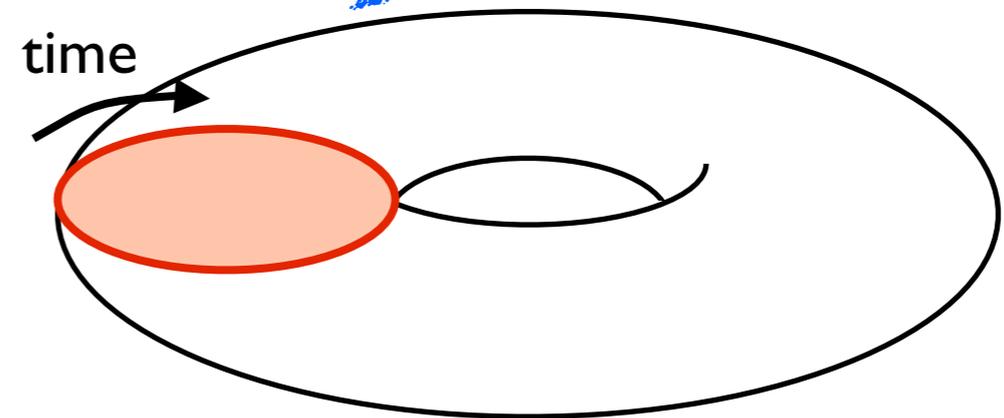
$$\tau = i \frac{K(x-1)}{K(x)}$$

$$x = \frac{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)}{(z_2 - z_4)(z_1 - z_3)}$$

Solid torus:



Thermal AdS



BTZ black hole

$$x = 1/2$$

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But to find EE need solutions for all integer n ??

Simplifying assumptions:

1. Least action solution is a handlebody
2. This handlebody preserves the boundary symmetries:

\mathbb{Z}_n replica symmetry not spontaneously broken

← cyclic permutations of the replicas

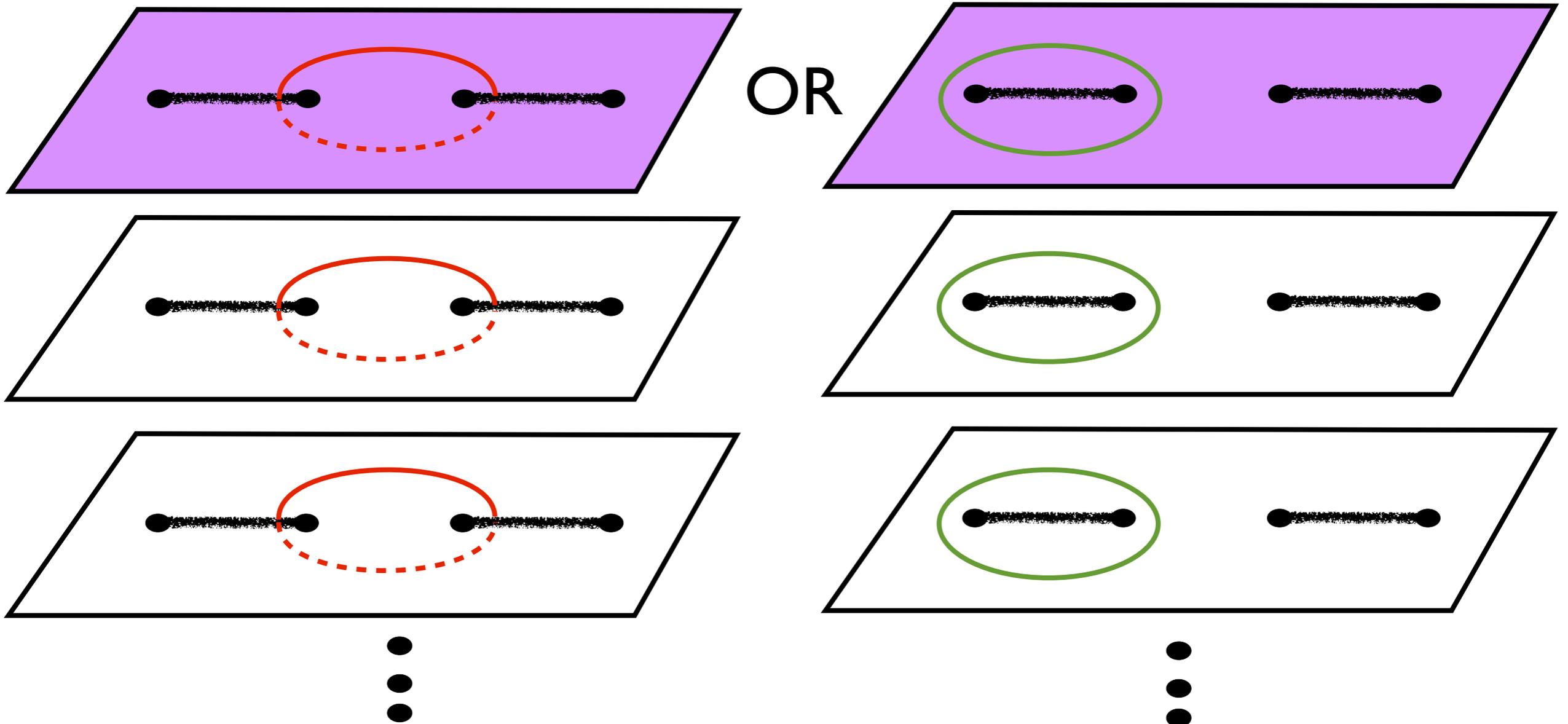
We found two solutions satisfying these assumptions

Exchange dominance at $x = 1/2$ for all n

Analytically continue the action to $n = 1 - RT$

A Handlebody is a 3 manifold which fills in the Riemann surface in such a way that there are $g=(n-1)$ contractible cycles in the bulk (analog of solid torus)

Pick these cycles symmetrically to preserve replica symmetry:



Constructed as follows:

Find a flat $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ connection living on \mathcal{M}_n . This can then be extended to a 3d solution of Einstein's equations (a`la Witten's $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ CS description of gravity.)

In particular contractible cycles must necessarily have zero $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ monodromy and this uniquely specifies the flat connection
(e.g. we can find it numerically)

Extract Renyi Entropy!

Large-N phase transition at $x=1/2$

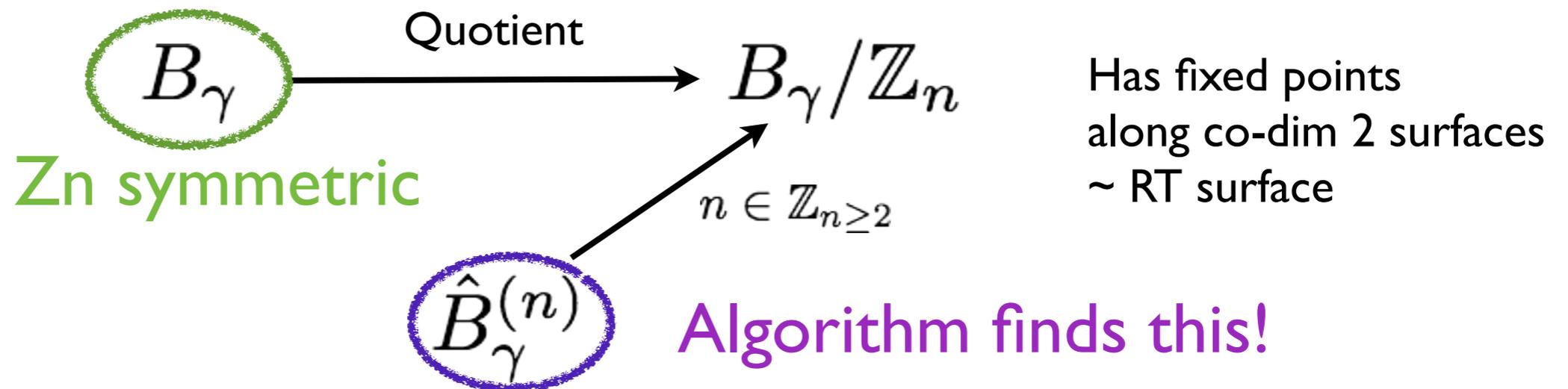
Bulk action is then easy to compute (numerically.)

Actually this algorithm works for non-integer n .

Why?

General Lessons: Maldacena Lewkowycz

Why can we analytically continue in n ?



- $\hat{B}_\gamma^{(n)}$ has conical deficit singularities, opening angle: $2\pi/n$
- For $n \approx 1$ regain original bulk + tensionless cosmic string
- Equations for cosmic string fixed by Einstein's equations - RT answer

General Lessons: Universality at large- c

(Riemann \propto Ricci)

Solutions we construct are locally AdS_3 which is maximally symmetric and thus remains a solution including higher derivative corrections

Expect Renyi Entropy to be universal for large- c CFTs

$$S_n = c f_{\text{universal}} + \mathcal{O}(c^0)$$

← Recall $S_{\text{grav}} \propto c$

Like universality of thermodynamics at large- c

Dijkgraaf, Maldacena, Moore, Verlinde '00

Keller '11

Additional constraint on spectrum: density of states is $\mathcal{O}(c^0)$ for $h < \mathcal{O}(c)$

CFT derivation

Hartman 13

- Exact same prescription can be arrived at in a completely different way for large- c CFTs

$$Z(\mathcal{M}_n) = \langle \sigma_+ \sigma_- \sigma_+ \sigma_- \rangle = \sum_p C_{+-}^p C_{+-}^p F(h_n, h_p, c; x)$$

Twist operators in $(CFT)^n / \mathbb{Z}_n$ primaries

OPE coefficients

conformal blocks
“Classical conformal blocks”
Zamolodchikov '87

- At large- c the relevant F 's are computed by the same monodromy problem as for the handlebodies
- Assuming nice behavior of the spectrum of primaries as well as for the OPE coefficients one arrives at the same result

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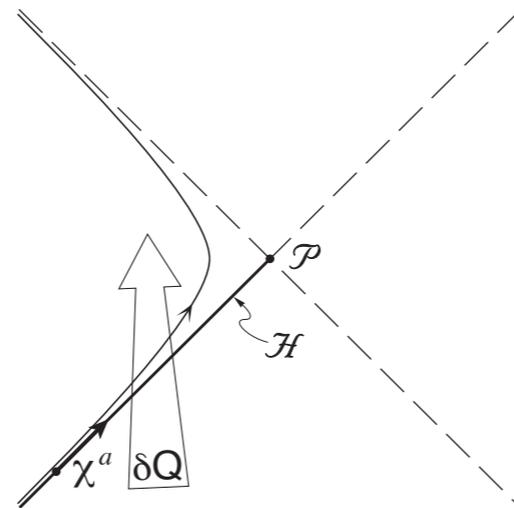
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Dynamics & Entanglement

If geometry emerges, what about the dynamics of this geometry? eg Einstein's Equations

Many Hints - Thermodynamic in Nature



Jacobson '95

Padmanabhan; Verlinde

Recent precise statement: linearized Einstein's Equations from "First Law of Entanglement"

Lashkari, McDermott, Van Raamsdonk

Now: discuss a simple proof of this result and extension to higher derivative gravity

First Law of Entanglement Entropy

$$|0\rangle \in (\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A^c}) \longrightarrow \rho_A = \text{tr}_{A^c} |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$S_A(\rho_A) = -\text{tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A$$

Modular Hamiltonian (Entanglement Hamiltonian):

$$H_A^{(|0\rangle)} \equiv -\log \rho_A + C \quad (T = 1)$$

State dependent operator (always vacuum for this talk)

Calculate expectation in another state: Modular Energy

$$\rho'_A = \text{tr}_{A^c} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \quad E_A(\rho'_A) = \text{tr} \rho'_A H_A^{(|0\rangle)}$$

“Small” variation in state

$$E_A(\rho'_A) - E_A(\rho_A) = \delta E_A \approx \delta S_A = S_A(\rho'_A) - S_A(\rho)$$

Some Comments:

- “Small” change in state:

$$|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = |0\rangle + \lambda|\phi\rangle + \dots$$

- Can be understood as a consequence of the positivity of relative entropy:

$$S(\rho_A|\rho'_A) = \delta E - \delta S \geq 0$$

Casini '08
a form of the
Bekenstein Bound

Blanco, Casini, Hung, Myers '13

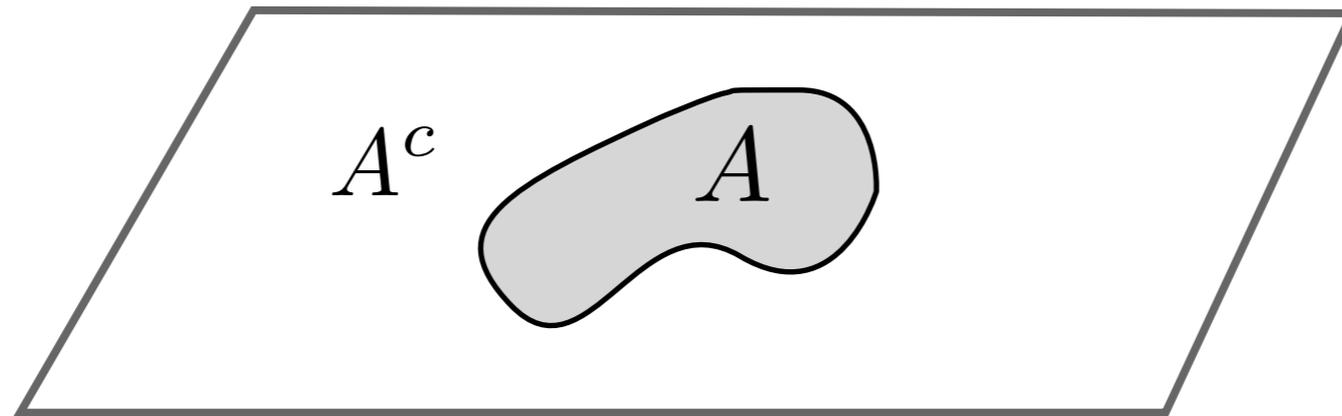
- For a ρ_A a thermal density matrix: $\exp(-\beta H)$
an exact quantum statement of the first law
allowing for arbitrary first order variations:

$$T\delta S = \delta E$$

Energy Energy

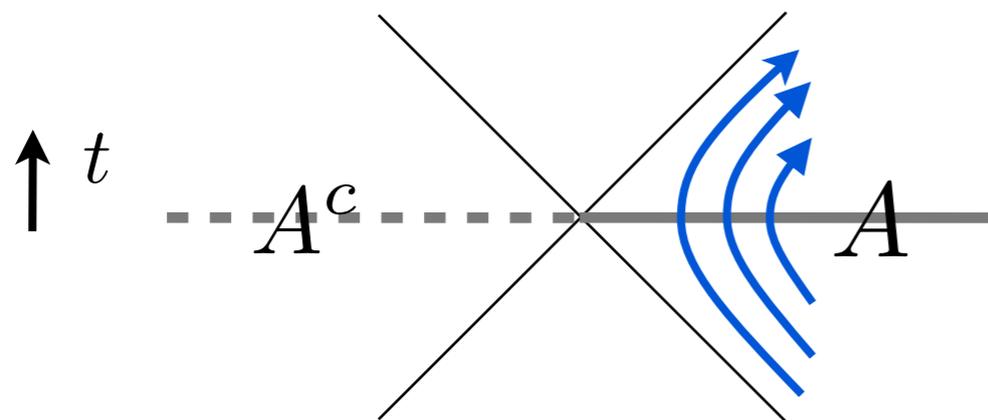
Modular Hamiltonian

Consider a local QFT; take A to be a subregion in a constant time slice of the QFT:



In general H_A will be some horrible non local operator

Well known example of a Modular Hamiltonian:

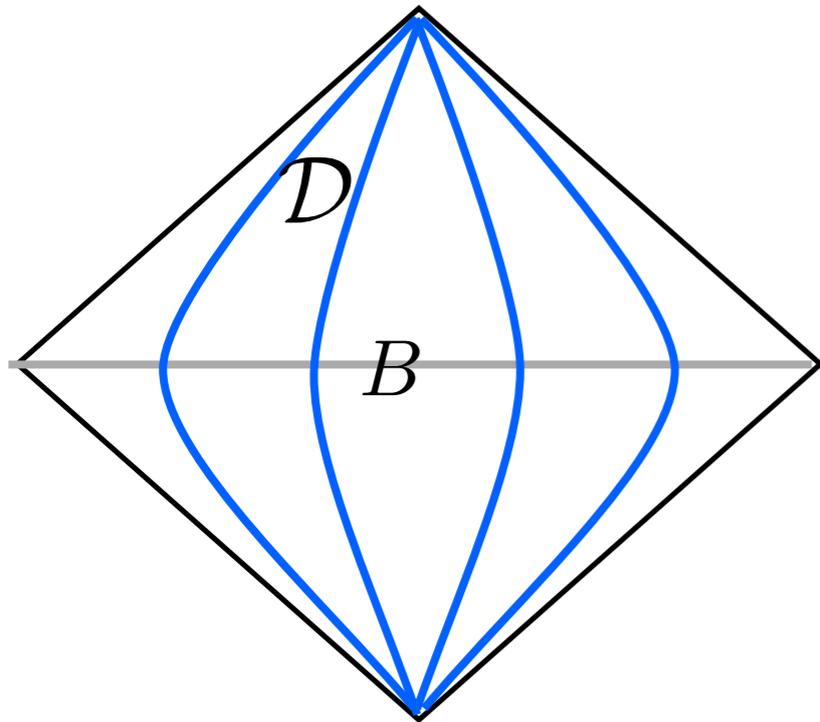


Half space/Rindler wedge
 $H_A =$ boost generator

Modular Hamiltonian for a Ball in CFT

In a CFT can conformally map half space to a ball and the Rindler wedge to \mathcal{D}

Casini, Huerta, Myers '11



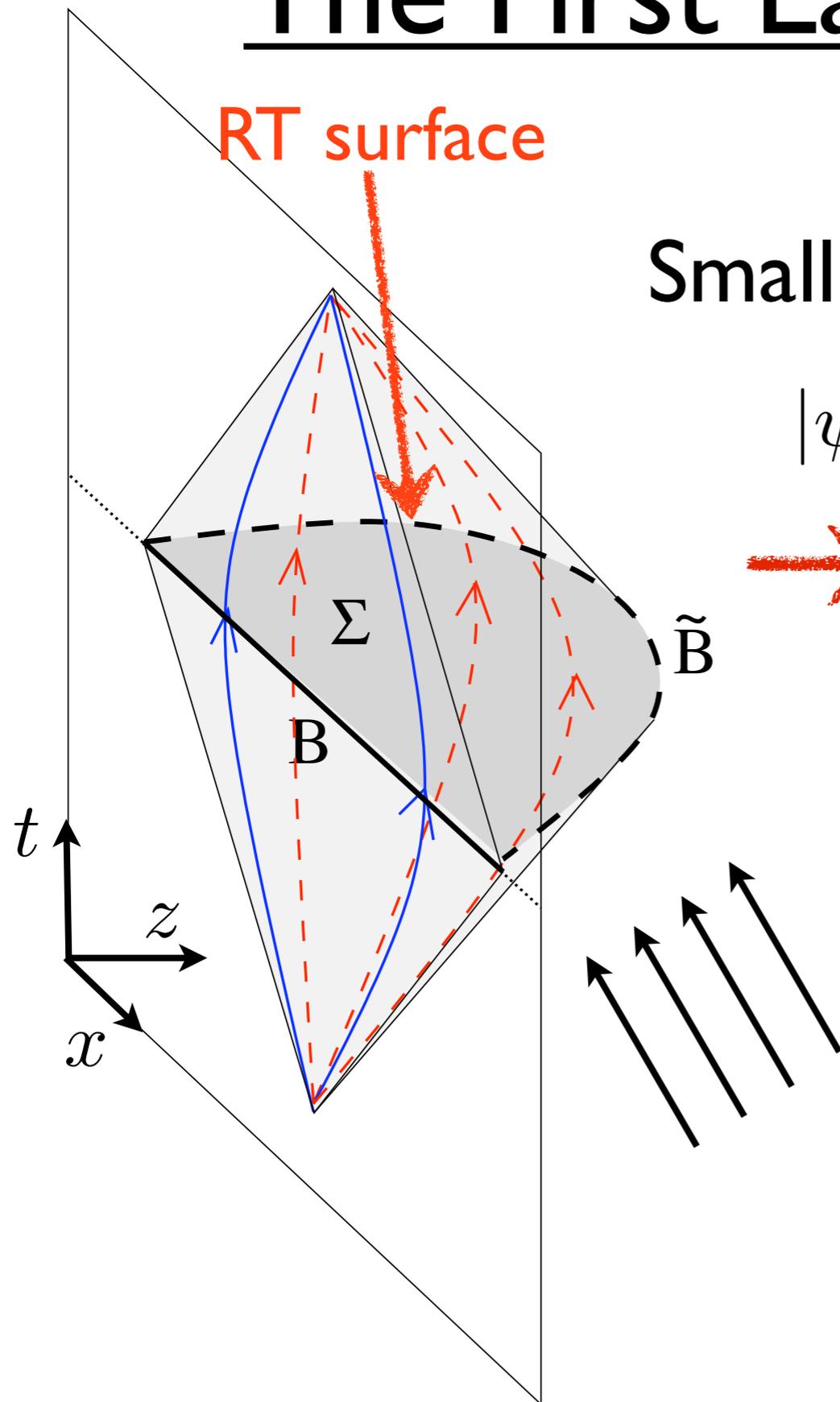
Boost generator maps to:
Conformal Killing Vector

$$\zeta_B = \frac{\pi}{R} \left((R^2 - t^2 - \vec{x}^2) \partial_t - 2tx^i \partial_i \right)$$

$$H_B = 2\pi \int_B d^{d-1}x \frac{R^2 - \vec{x}^2}{2R} T_{tt}$$

This explicit expression for H will allow us to understand the consequences of first law in AdS/CFT!

The First Law in AdS/CFT



Basic setup:

Small perturbation to vacuum:

$$|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = |0\rangle + \lambda|\phi\rangle + \dots$$

$$g_{ab} = g_{ab}^{AdS} + h_{ab} \quad h \ll 1$$

Consider gravity waves on AdS

Entanglement Entropy:

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{4G_N} \int_{\tilde{B}} \delta \sqrt{g_{\tilde{B}}}$$

Modular Energy in AdS/CFT

Asymptotically AdS: *

$$ds^2 = z^{-2} (dz^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu) + z^{d-2} h_{\mu\nu}^{(d)} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \dots$$

Stress tensor constructed from asymptotic expansion:

Balasubramanian, Kraus ...

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \equiv \frac{d}{16\pi G_N} h_{\mu\nu}^{(d)} \quad (\text{Einstein Gravity})$$

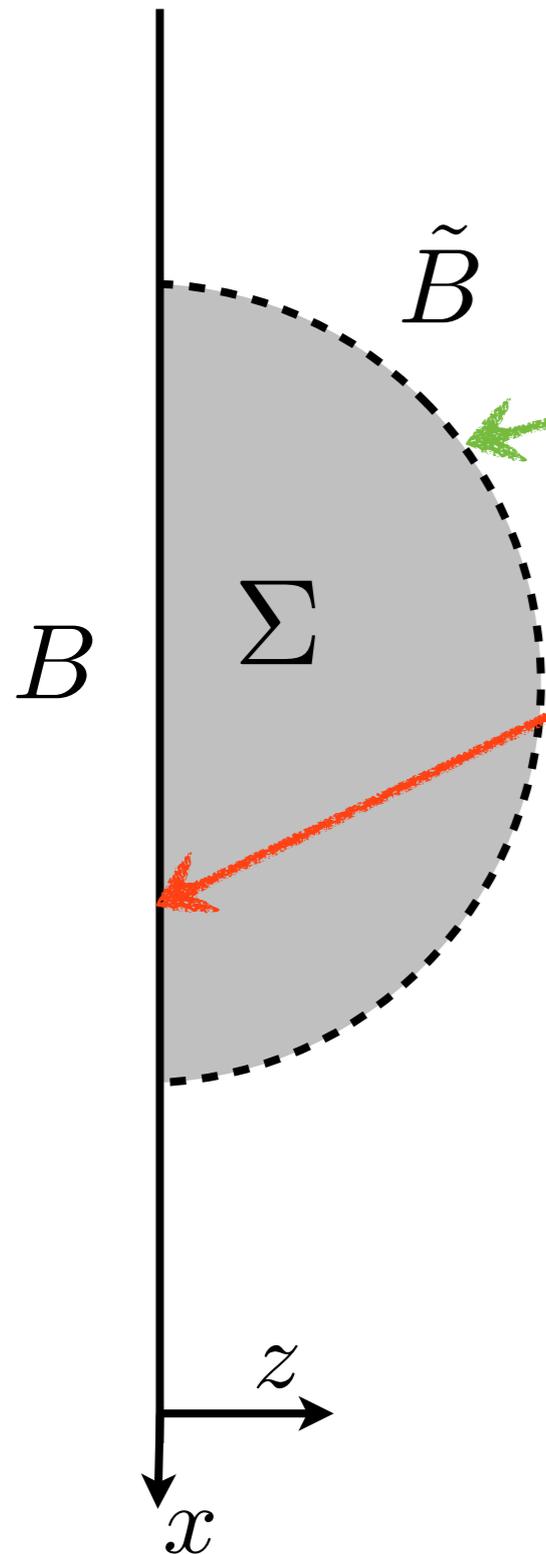
Modular Energy:

$$\langle H_B \rangle \equiv E_B = \frac{d}{8G_N} \int_B \frac{(R^2 - \vec{x}^2)}{2R} h_{tt}^{(d)}$$

$B : \vec{x}^2 < R^2$

*(expansion found by solving EOM. We are soon to discuss deriving the EOM - might worry this is circular. Never fear: first law can also be used to directly derive this asymptotic behavior.)

The First Law in AdS/CFT



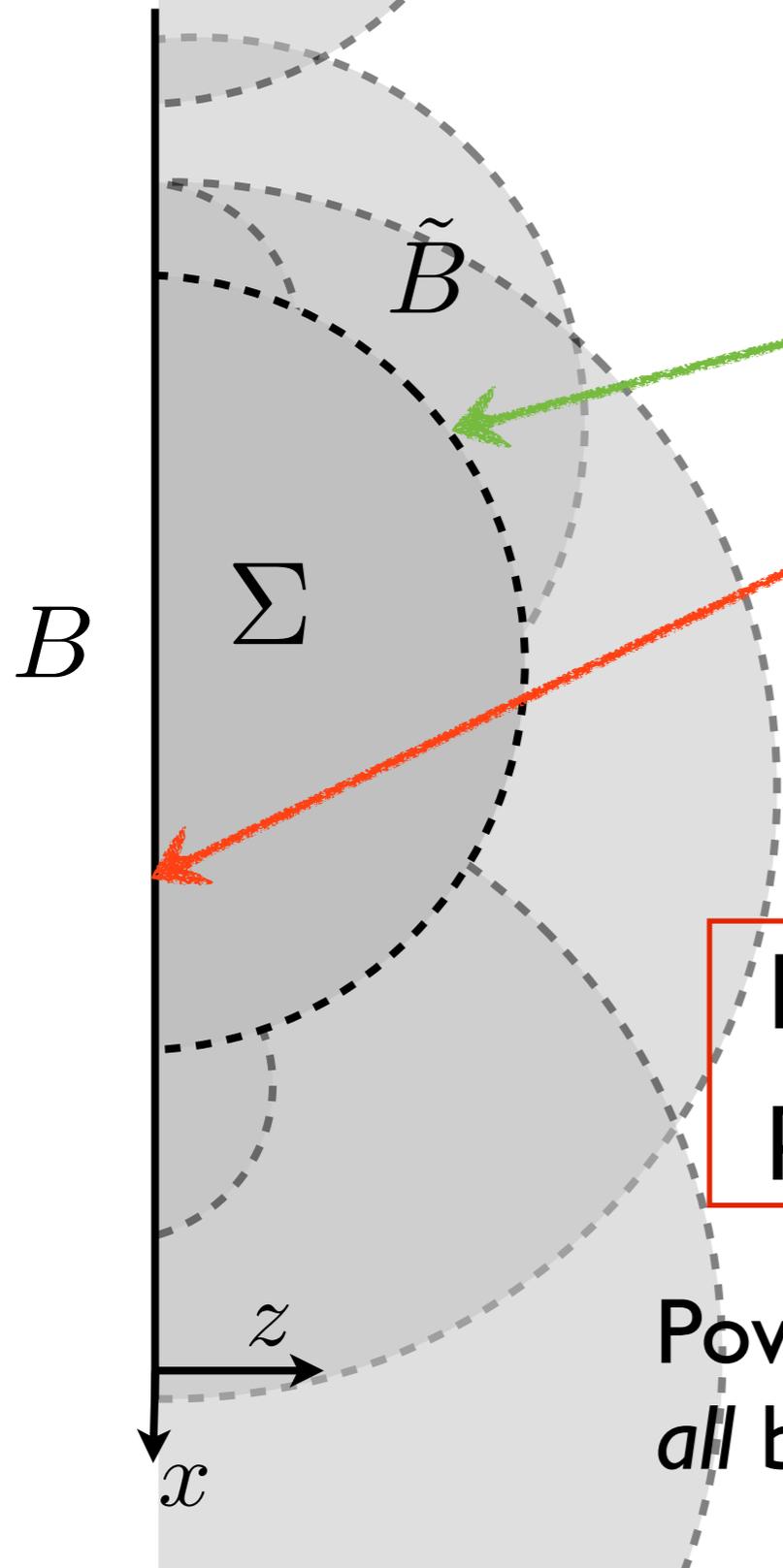
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Non-local constraint on metric perturbations

Power: applies to *all* sizes of balls centered at *all* boundary points, in *all* Lorentz frames

EOM \longleftrightarrow First Law

Claim: this set of non-local constraints on h ,
equivalent to Einstein's Equations

To show this we constructed a (D-2) form: $\chi(h)$
with the following properties:

$$\int_B \chi = \delta E_B \qquad \int_{\tilde{B}} \chi = \delta S_B$$

$$d\chi \propto (\text{EOM})_{\mathbf{v}_\Sigma}$$

Linearized metric EOM
(tt component)

Simple application of Stokes:

$$0 = \delta S_B - \delta E_B \propto \int_\Sigma (\text{EOM})$$

Since this should be true for all balls of all sizes etc:

$$(\text{EOM})_{tt} = 0$$

EOM \longleftrightarrow First Law

In all Lorentz frames labelled by a 4-vector: u^μ

$$u^\mu u^\nu (\text{EOM})_{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies (\text{EOM})_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Does not work for the z-components of the EOM

Appeal to initial value formulation of gravity on radial slices where these equations are constraint equations. Just need to show they are satisfied at the boundary ($z = 0$)

Then this is preserved under radial evolution.

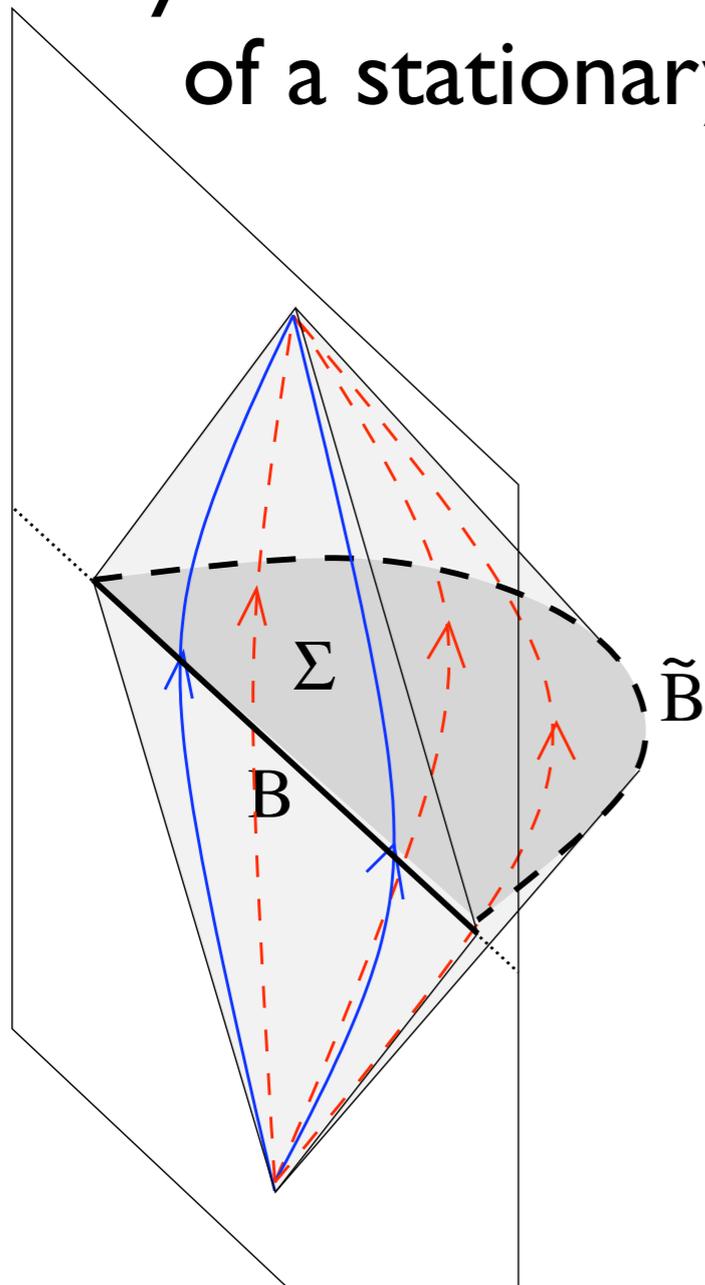
 Follows from conservation + tracelessness of $T^{\mu\nu}$ \square

EOM \longrightarrow First Law

But how did we construct this magical form $\chi(h)$?

Short answer: looked up Iyer & Wald '94

They showed that all **on-shell** linearized perturbations of a stationary black hole with a killing horizon satisfy a first law.



The region of interest to us can be thought of as a Rindler wedge with a killing horizon:

$$\xi_B = -\frac{2}{R}t[z\partial_z + x^i\partial_i] + \frac{1}{R}[R^2 - z^2 - t^2 - \vec{x}^2]\partial_t$$

$$\xi_B|_{z=0} \rightarrow \zeta_B$$

Killing energy = modular energy

EOM \longleftrightarrow First Law

Iyer & Wald '94

Constructed a closed (D-2) form $\chi(h, \xi_B)$
for on-shell perturbations.

We generalized to

$$d\chi \propto (\text{EOM}) \mathbf{v}_\Sigma$$

Bonus: [TF, Guica, Hartman, Myers, Van Raamsdonk '13](#)

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derivative gravity

EOM ↔ First Law

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(Covariant phase space formalism)

We generalized to

$$\chi = \delta Q[\xi_B] - \xi_B \cdot \Theta(h)$$

$$d\chi \propto (\text{EOM}) \nu_\Sigma$$

Noether Charge

Symplectic
potential

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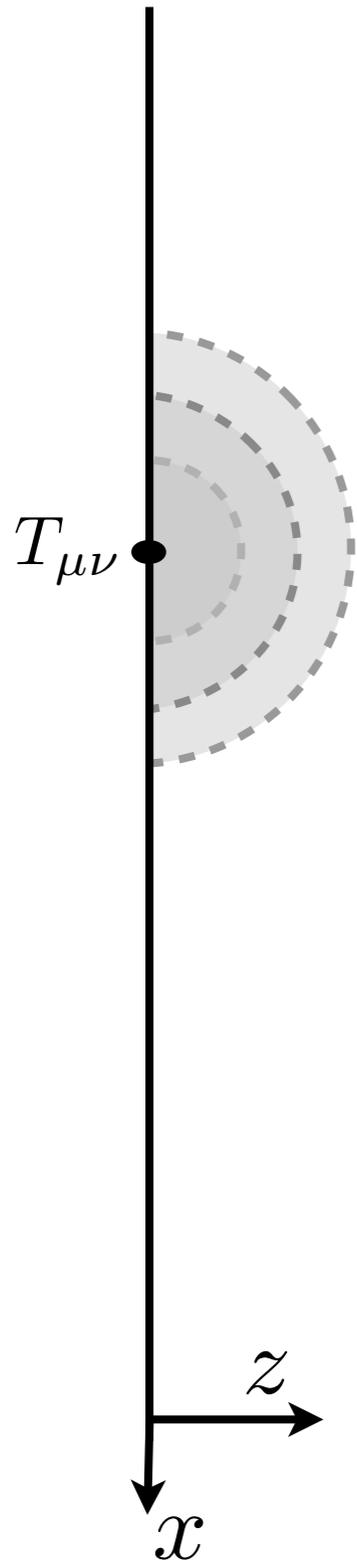
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Holographic Dictionary from First Law

Remedy a gap in the proof:

Take size of ball to be vanishingly small:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} R^{-d} \delta E_B = \frac{2\pi \Omega_{d-2}}{d^2 - 1} \delta \langle T_{tt}(x_0) \rangle$$
$$\parallel$$
$$\delta S_B = \delta S_{Wald}$$



First law along with the Wald functional allows us to read off the stress tensor from the asymptotic metric!

Allows us to derive the full Fefferman-Graham expansion.

Conclusions

- First Law for Entanglement Entropy:
 - Non-local constraint on dual spacetime
 - Equivalent to linearized metric EOM
 - Also gives us the holographic dictionary
- Further work:
 - Non-linear equations?
 - More precise relationship to Jacobson?