

Title: Quantum Entanglement and Quantum Criticality

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Abstract: The entanglement entropy of a pure quantum state of a bipartite system is defined as the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix obtained by tracing over one of the two parts. Critical ground states of local Hamiltonians in one dimension have entanglement that diverges logarithmically in the subsystem size, with a universal coefficient that is related to the central charge of the associated conformal field theory. In this talk I will discuss the extension of these ideas to two dimensional systems, either at a special quantum critical point or in a topological phase. We find the entanglement entropy for a standard class of  $z=2$  quantum critical points in two spatial dimensions with scale invariant ground state wave functions: in addition to a nonuniversal "area law" contribution proportional to the size of the boundary of the region under observation, there is generically a universal logarithmically divergent correction, and in its absence a universal finite piece is found. This logarithmic term is completely determined by the geometry of the partition into subsystems and the central charge of the field theory that describes the equal-time correlations of the critical wavefunction. On the other hand, in a topological phase there is no such logarithmic term but instead a universal constant term. We will discuss the connection between this universal entanglement entropy and the nature of the topological phase.

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- ▶ Can the structure of the topological field theory of a topological phase be determined by a suitable set of entanglement measurements?

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- ▶ This construction generalizes to states with non-Abelian braid statistics (Fendley and Fradkin, 2005)

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$$S = \alpha L - \gamma + O(L^{-1}), \quad \text{Kitaev and Preskill, Levin and Wen}$$

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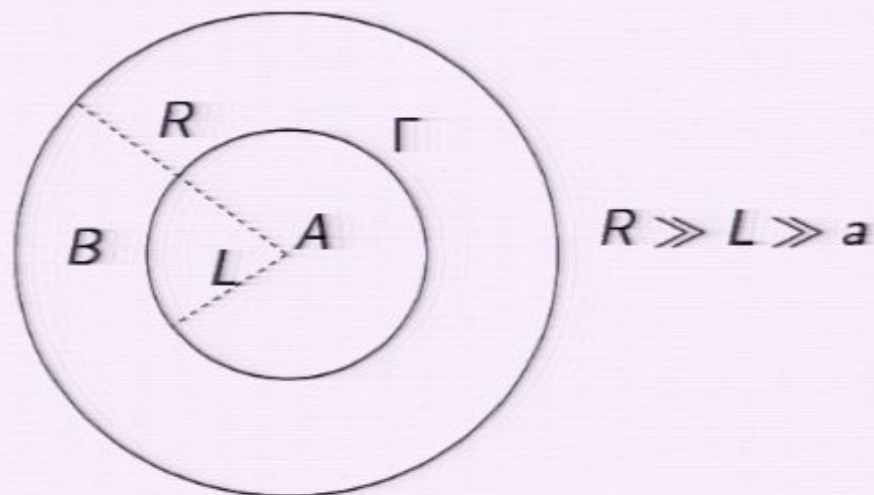
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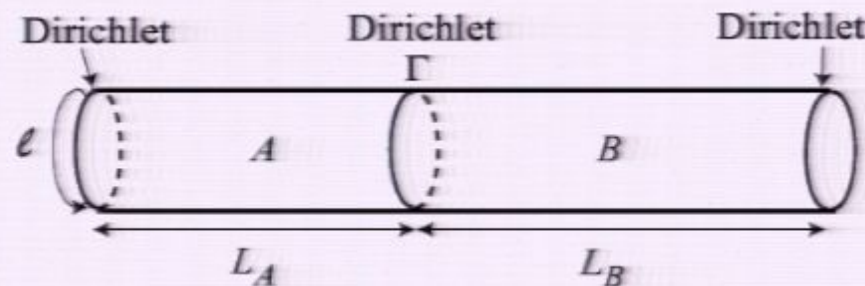
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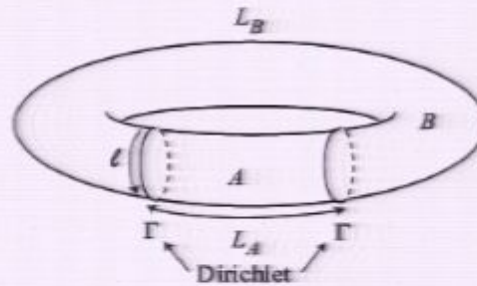


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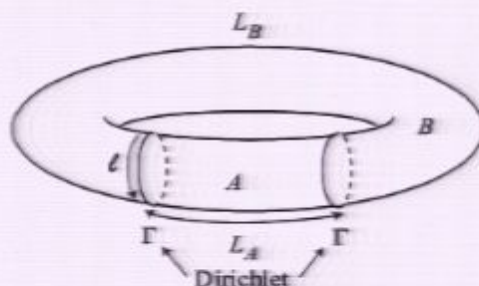
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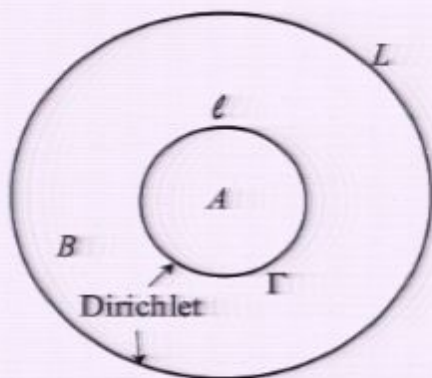


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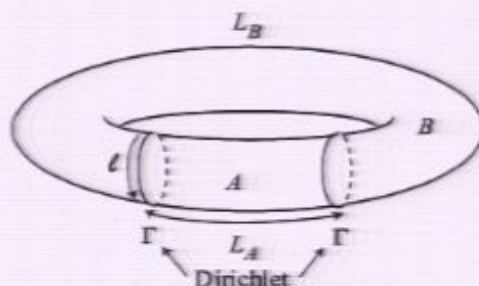
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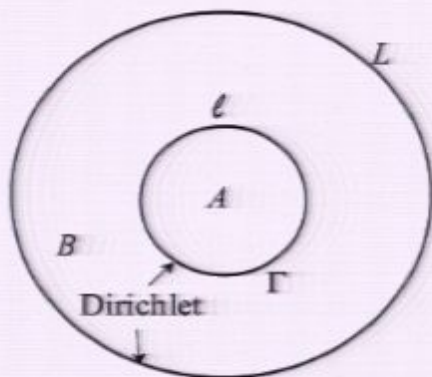


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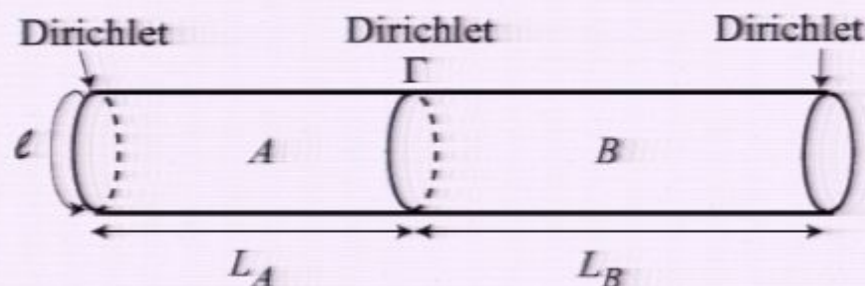


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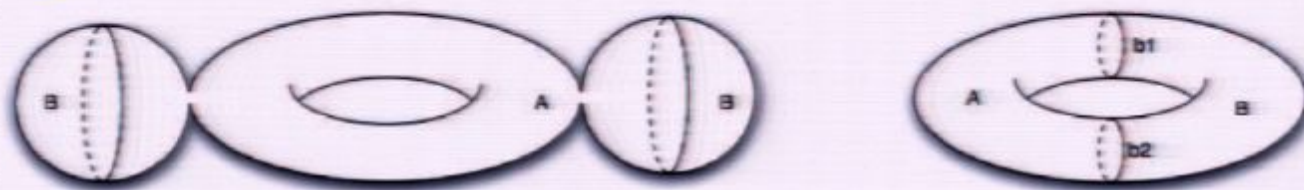
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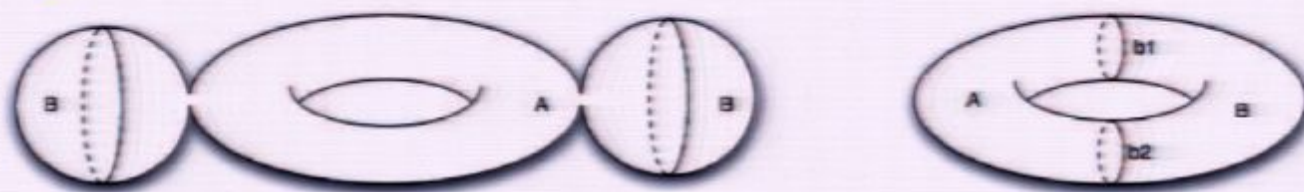
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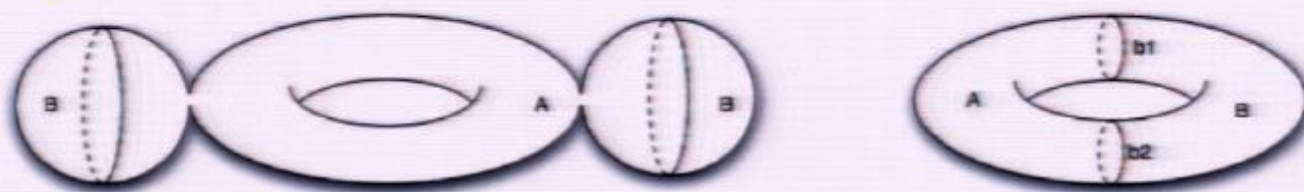


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with Shying Dong, Sean Nowling and Rob Leigh (2008)

- ▶ The FQH wave functions represent topological fluids with a finite correlation length  $\xi \propto \ell$  ( $\ell$  is the magnetic length).
- ▶ The entanglement entropy of FQH states has been computed numerically (K. Schoutens and coworkers, 2007).
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# Universal Contributions to the Entanglement Entropy as a Boundary CFT Problem

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$$\text{tr} \rho_A^n = \frac{\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} Z[\lambda, n]}{\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} Z[\lambda, n]}$$

- ▶ QLM with compactification radius  $R$ , on a cylinder of length  $L$  and circumference  $\ell$
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- ▶ Length of the cylinders: imaginary time. The partition functions become amplitudes between boundary states



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$$\lim_{\ell/L \rightarrow 0} \text{tr} \rho_A^n = R^{1-n} (1 + \dots)$$