

Title: Entanglement entropy from thermodynamic entropy in one higher dimension

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Abstract: <p>In recent years, entanglement has become a new frontier with applications across several fields in physics. Nevertheless, simple conceptual pictures and practical ways to quantify entanglement in many-body systems have remained elusive even for the simplest models. In this talk, I will consider entanglement and Renyi entropies as well as quantum (mutual, tripartite, etc.) information in a quantum field theory. For free field theories, I will show that quantum entropies and information can be computed and understood by analogy with the thermal Casimir effect in one higher dimension. Furthermore, I will introduce a geometrical picture for the quantum (mutual, tripartite) information as a sum over polymers establishing a connection to purely entropic effects that prove useful in deriving information inequalities. Finally, I will show that similar ideas may be extended beyond free field theories.</p>

Entanglement entropy from thermodynamic entropy in one higher dimension

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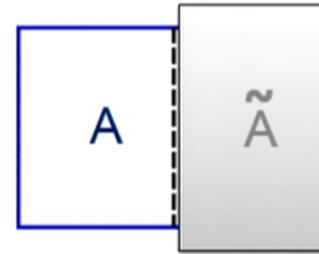
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**Entanglement
Frontier**

Entanglement entropy

State of a subsystem

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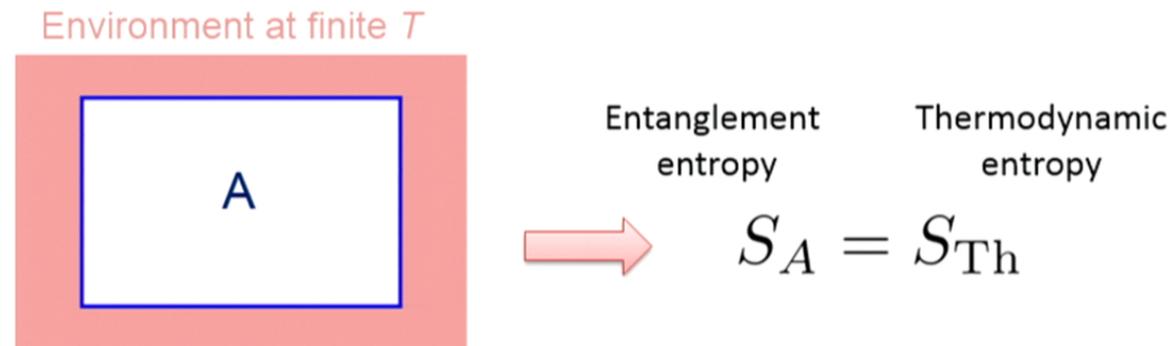


➤ A measure of entanglement:

Von Neumann (entanglement) entropy

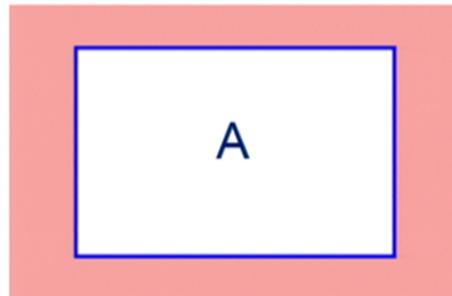
$$S_A = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$$

Entanglement vs thermodynamic entropy



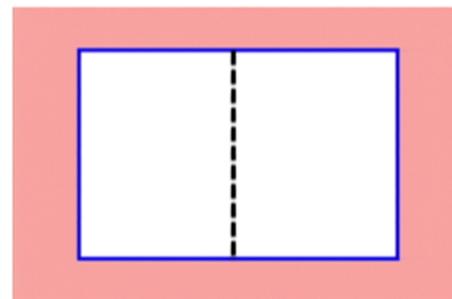
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Environment at finite T



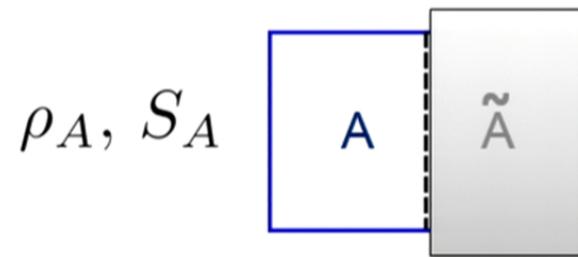
Entanglement entropy Thermodynamic entropy

→ $S_A = S_{\text{Th}}$

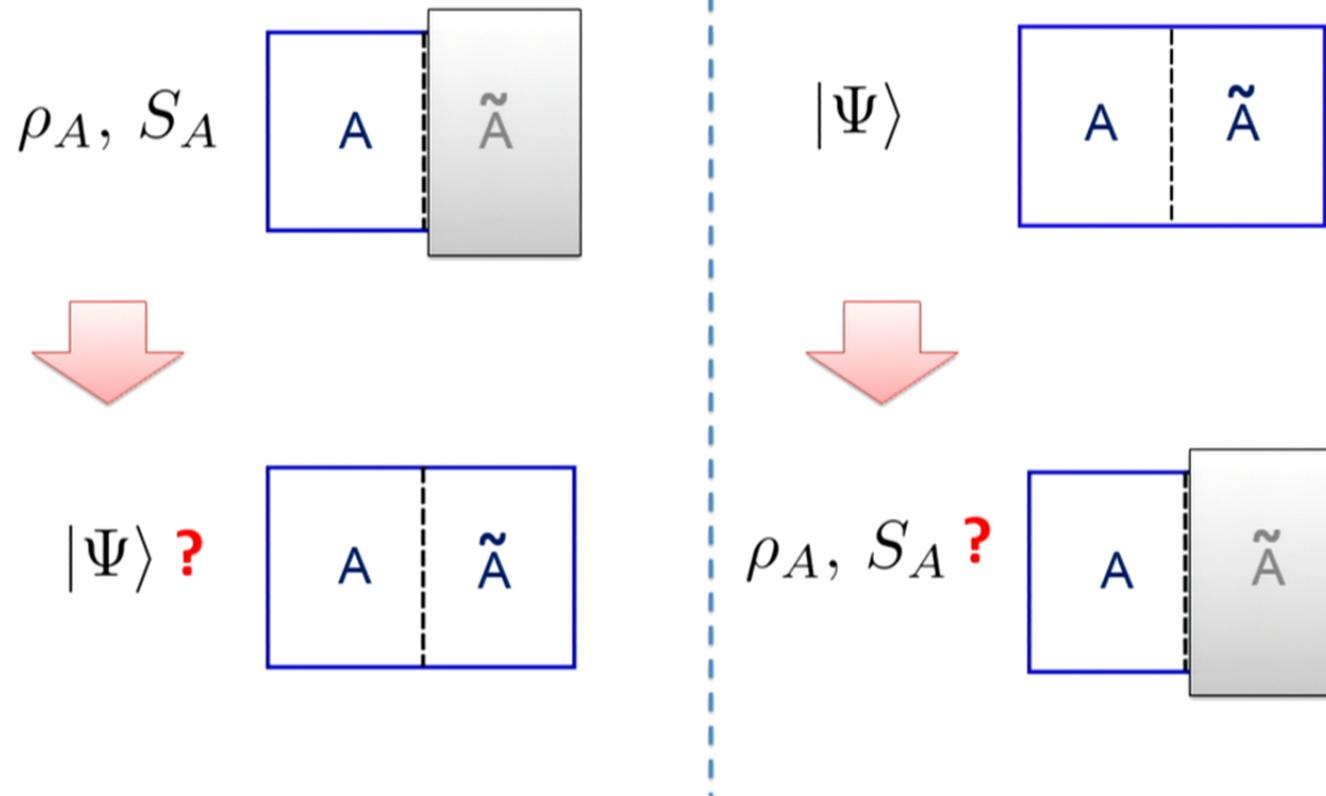


Thermodynamic entropy is extensive

Entanglement entropy



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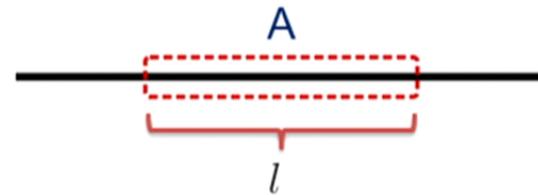
Information about many-body or field theory

➤ 1+1 conformal field theory

$$S_A \sim (c/3) \log l$$



Central charge



Holzhey, Larsen, Wilczek '94

$$S_{A \cup B} \longrightarrow \text{Information content of CFT}$$



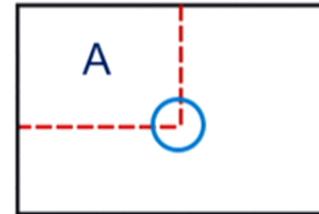
Calabrese, Cardy, Tonni '11
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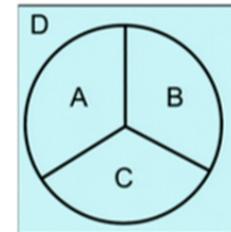
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Casini, Huerta '07

...
Melko's group
Myers' group

- Topological quantum field theory



Kitaev, Preskill '06
Levin, Wen '06

- And more ...

Entanglement entropy

Free field theories?

All information content \rightarrow 2-point functions

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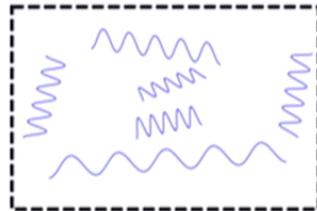
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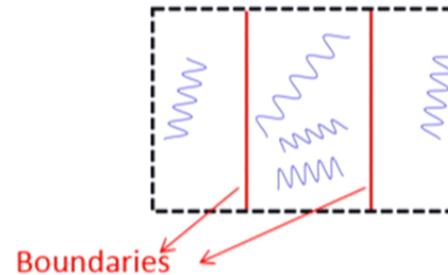
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Vacuum of a free QFT is simple



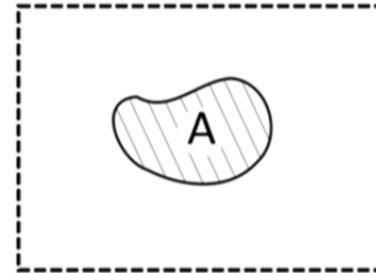
Casimir energy, not so simple!



Entanglement entropy

➤ Entanglement entropy depends on geometrical, and topological, properties of A

- Computational scheme?
- Conceptual and pictorial scheme?



Outline

- Free field theory (with or without coupling to matter)
- Connections with *thermal Casimir effect*
- Mutual information of disjoint regions
from *thermodynamic entropy* in one higher dimension
- A *polymer* interpretation of the mutual, tripartite, ... information
- Beyond free field theories?

Density matrix from path integral

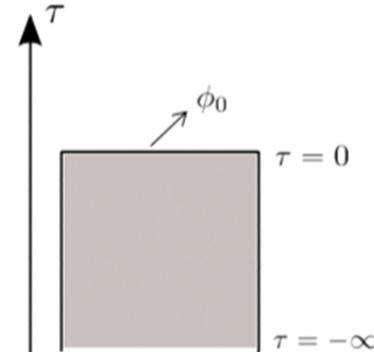
Ground state wavefunction:

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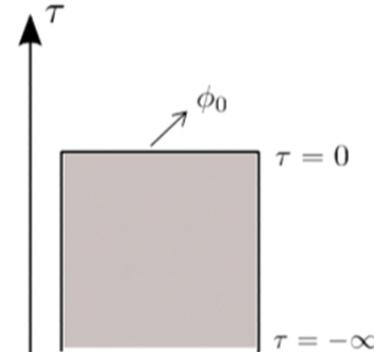
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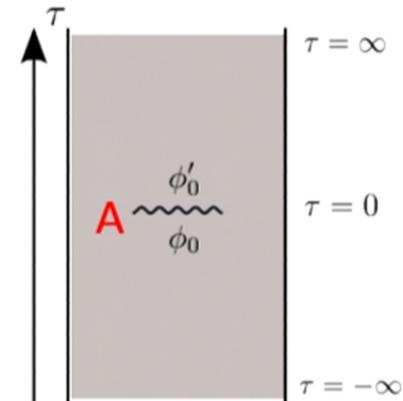
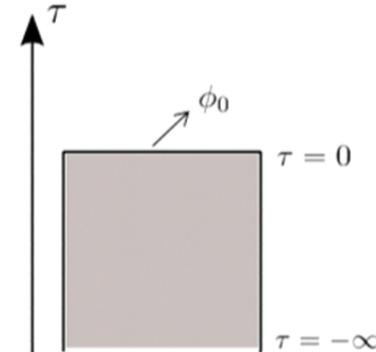
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➤ Reduced density matrix of **A**

$$\rho_A(\phi_0, \phi'_0) \propto \int D\phi e^{-S[\phi]}$$



Renyi entropy

$$\text{Tr} (\rho_A^2) = \int D\phi_0 D\phi'_0 \rho_A[\phi_0, \phi'_0] \rho_A[\phi'_0, \phi_0]$$

Free Scalar Field

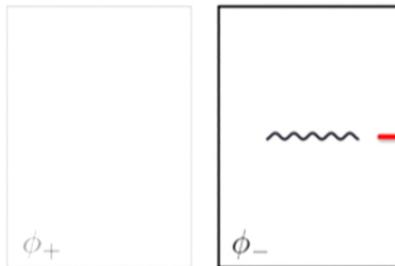
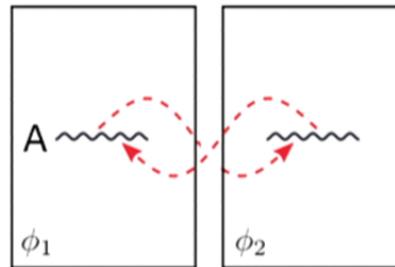
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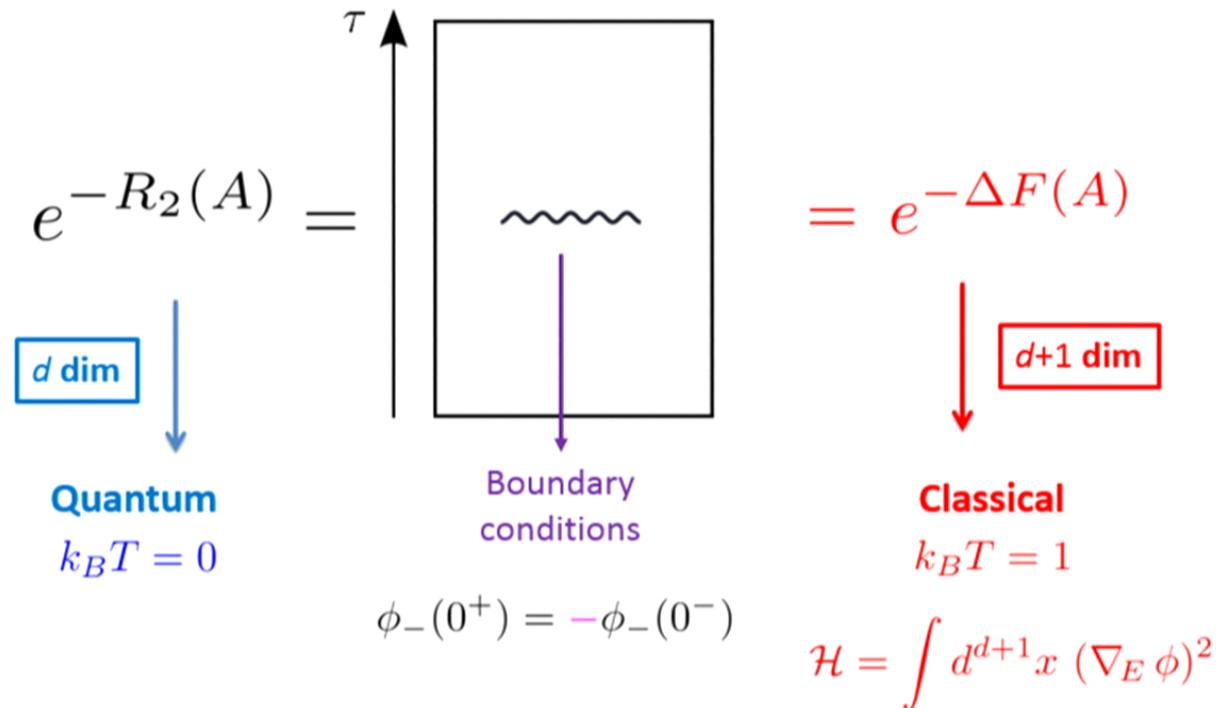
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Boundary conditions

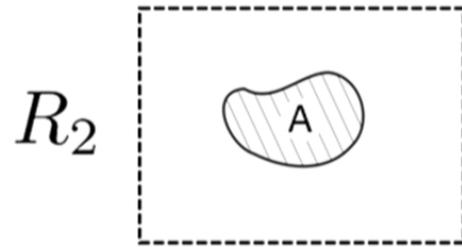
$$\phi_-(0^+) = -\phi_-(0^-)$$

Renyi entropy from partition function



Renyi entropy from free energy

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$$= \Delta F \left(\begin{array}{c} \tau \\ \tau = 0 \\ \text{Dirichlet boundary } \phi = 0 \\ \text{conditions} \end{array} \right)$$

The diagram shows three 3D representations of a flat surface with a vertical axis labeled τ . The first term is a white surface with a yellow shaded region A on top, labeled $\tau = 0$. A yellow arrow points from the text 'Dirichlet boundary $\phi = 0$ conditions' to this region. The second term is a yellow surface with a white hole in the shape of A . The third term is a solid yellow surface. These three terms are separated by a plus sign and a minus sign, respectively, and enclosed in large parentheses.

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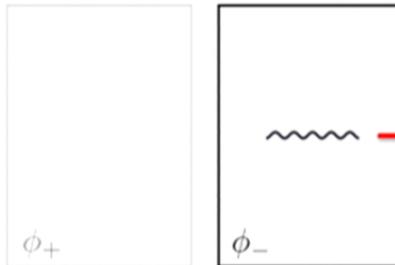
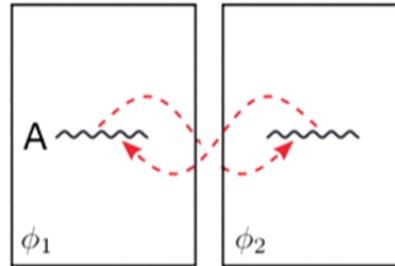
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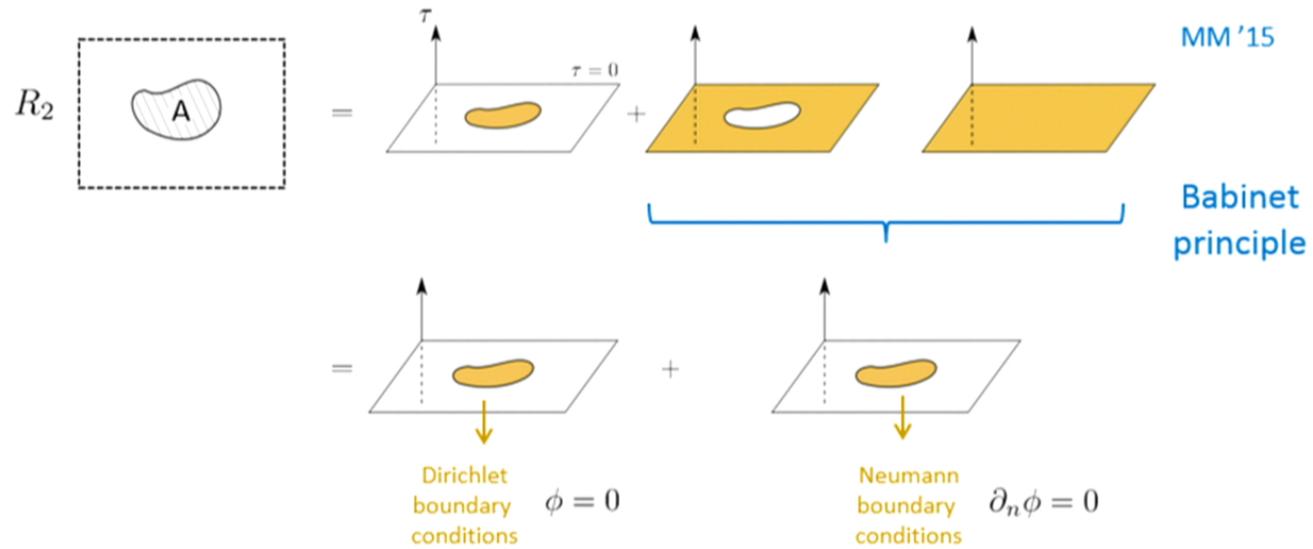
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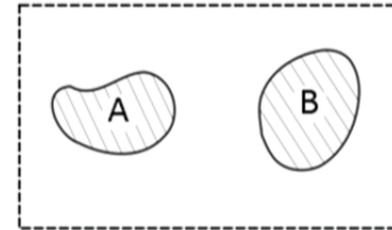


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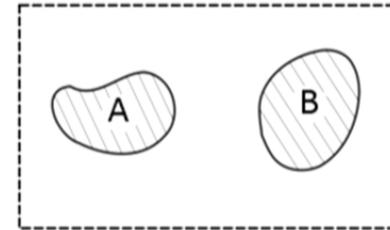


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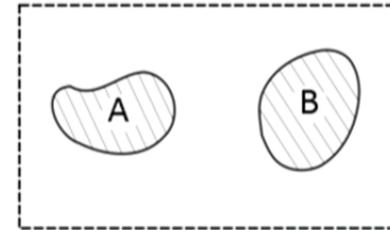
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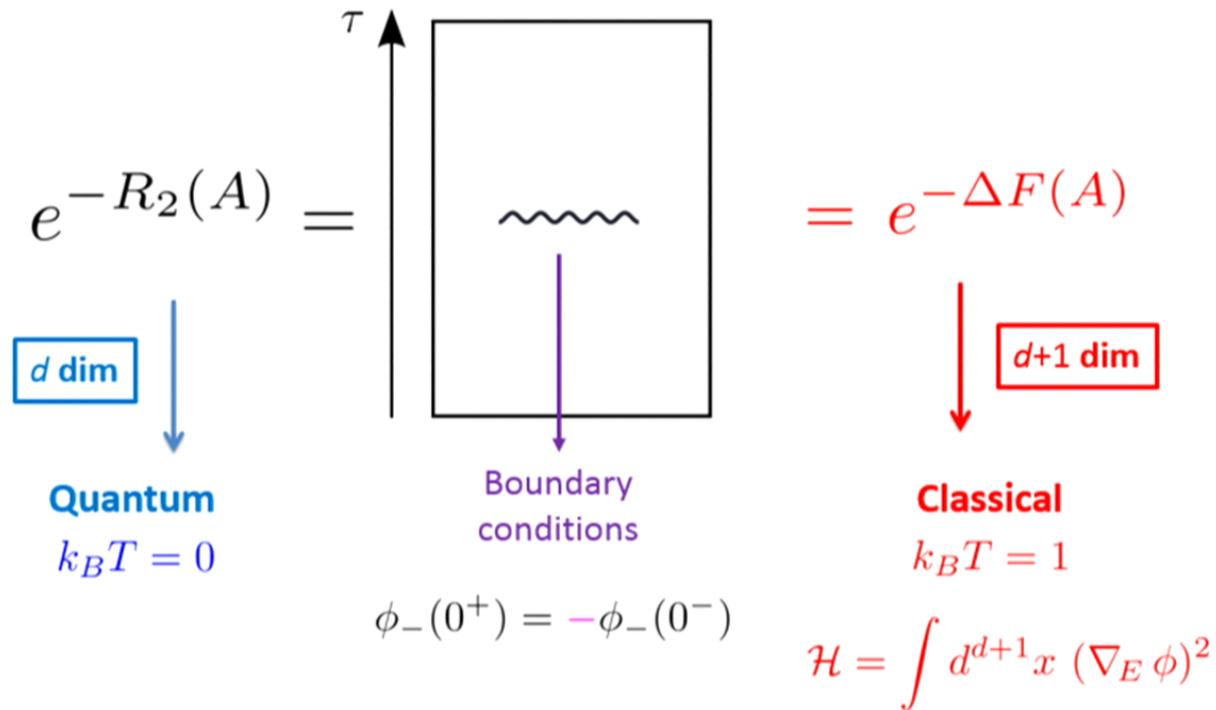
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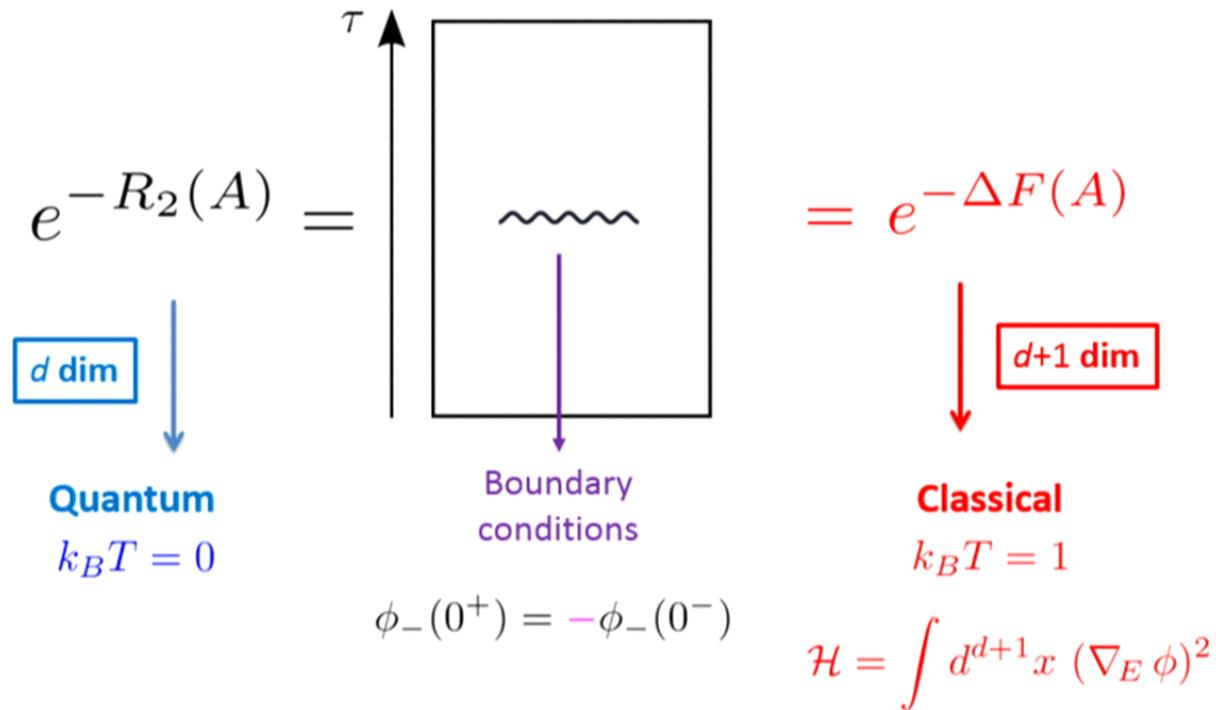
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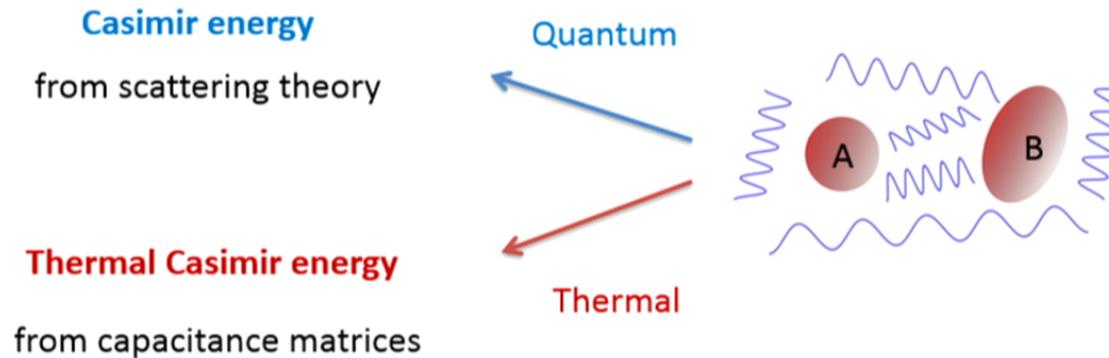


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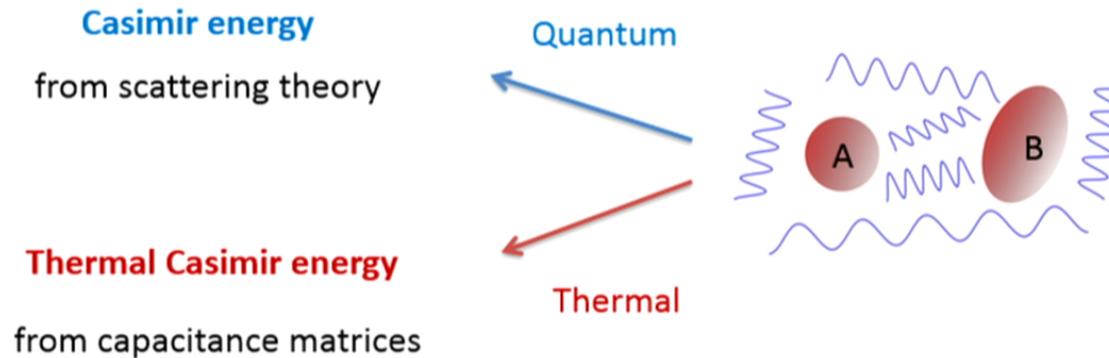
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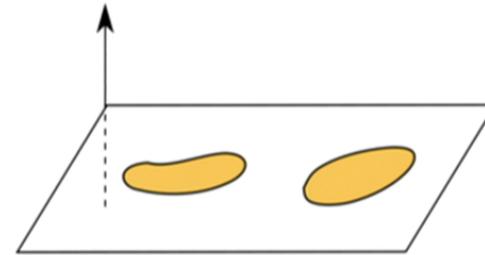
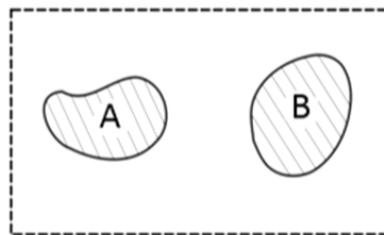
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Mutual information from **capacitances** in one higher dimension!

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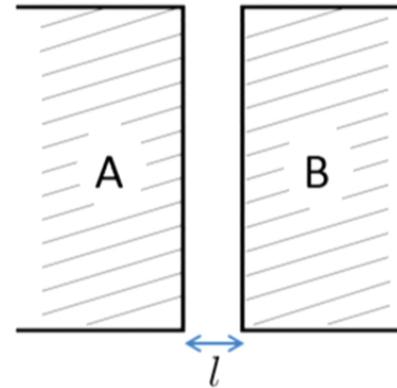
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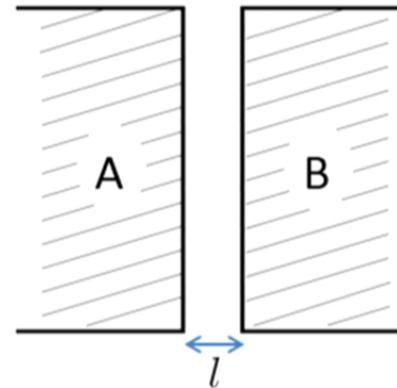
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$$I_2 \sim \begin{cases} \text{area}/l^{d-1}, & d > 1 \\ \log(L/l), & d = 1 \end{cases}$$



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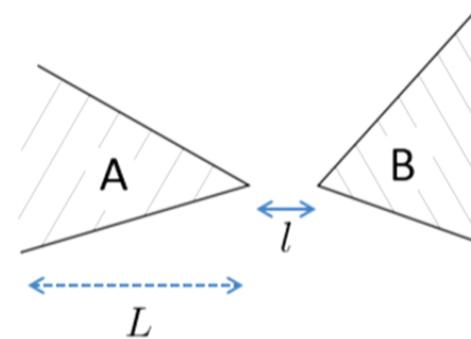
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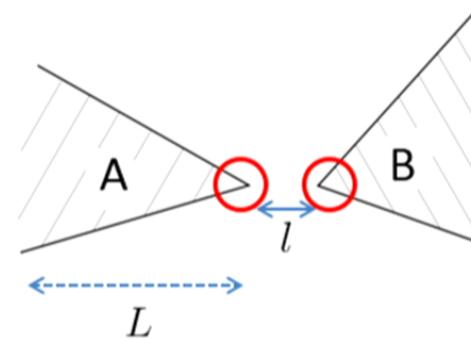
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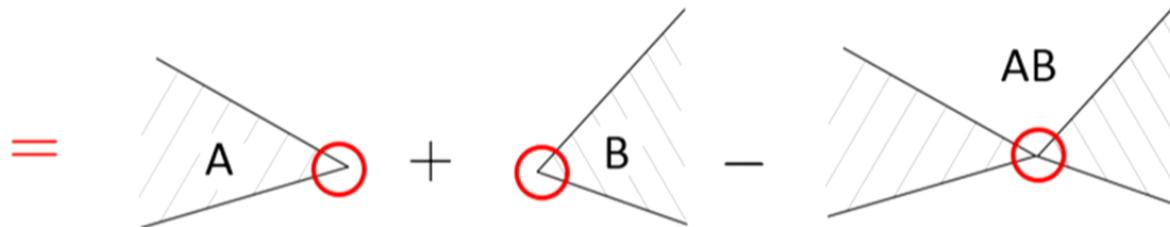
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Universal coefficient



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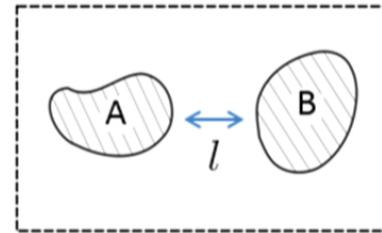
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Monotonicity of information?



Mutual information from Th. entropy

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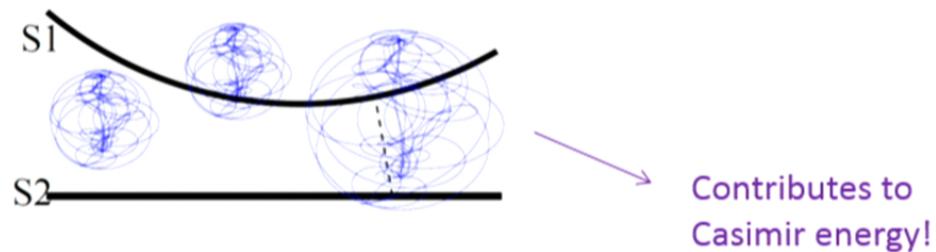
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Vacuum energy: A sum over closed loops or polymers!



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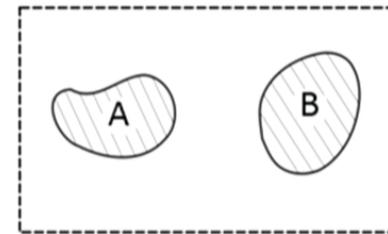
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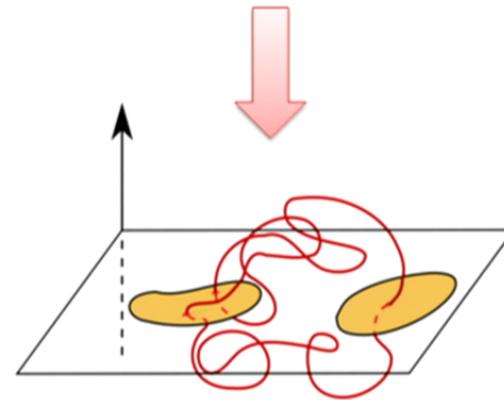
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- Sum over configurations → Entropic

Counting



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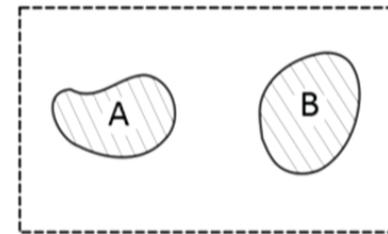
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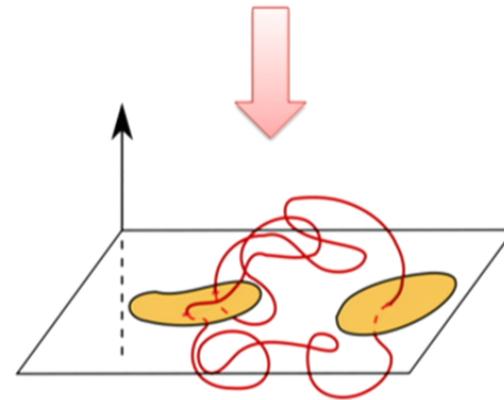
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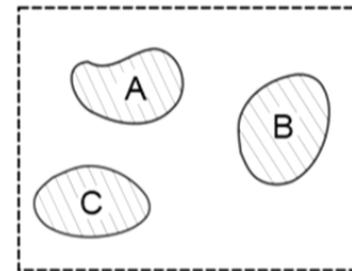
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Tripartite
information

Mutual
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$$I(A, B, C) \leq I(A, B)$$



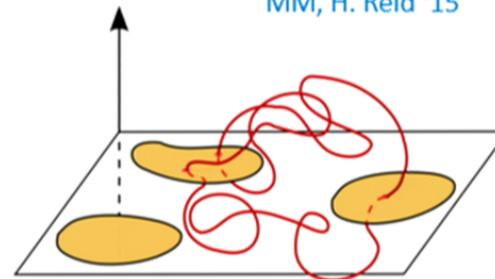
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✓ Trivial in terms of polymers !!



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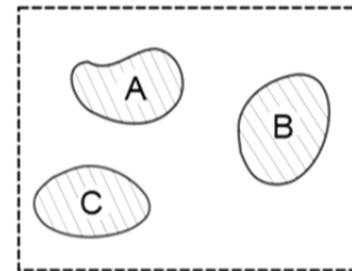
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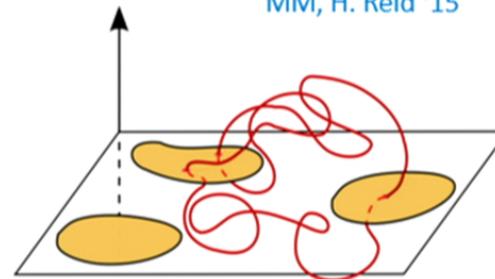
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What can we learn from it?

Every physicist who is any good knows six or seven different representations for the same physics.

Richard P. Feynman

Computational

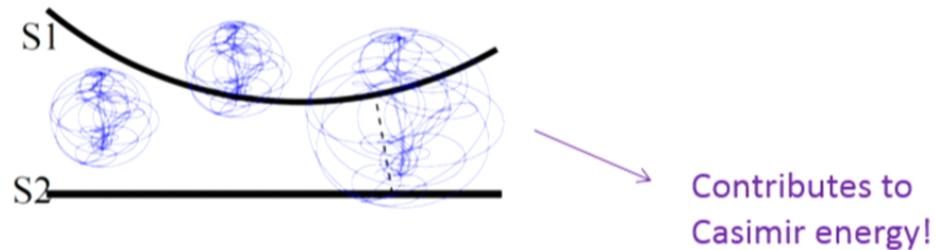
Conceptual

Pictorial

Mutual information \rightarrow Thermodynamic **free energy**

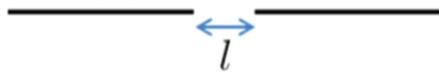
But why thermodynamic *entropy*?!

Vacuum energy: A sum over closed loops or polymers!



Beyond Gaussian theory

Conformal field theory in 1+1D



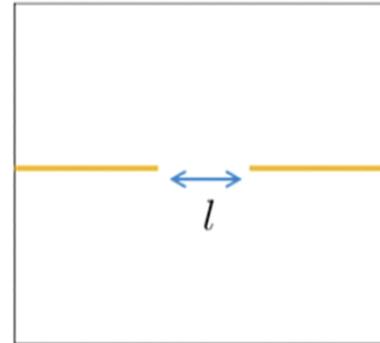
1+1 dim

Quantum

$$k_B T = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dl} I_2 = -\frac{c}{4} \frac{1}{l}$$

Calabrese, Cardy '04



2 dim

Classical

$$k_B T = 1$$

For each
conformally invariant
boundary condition

$$f = -\frac{c}{8} \frac{1}{l}$$

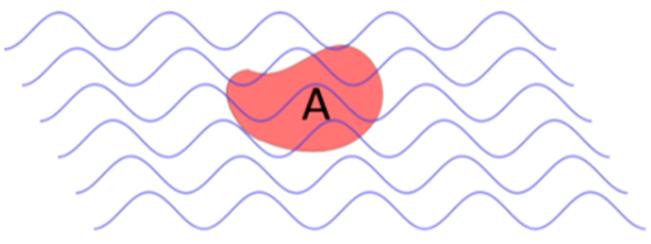
Bimonte, Emig, Kardar '15

Field coupled to matter

Is the second Renyi entropy too special?

MM, H. Reid '15

Action $[\phi, \psi]$



Free scalar field Matter degrees of freedom Interaction

$$\int (\partial\phi)^2 \quad + \quad \text{Harmonic oscillators} \quad + \quad \int_A \phi\psi$$

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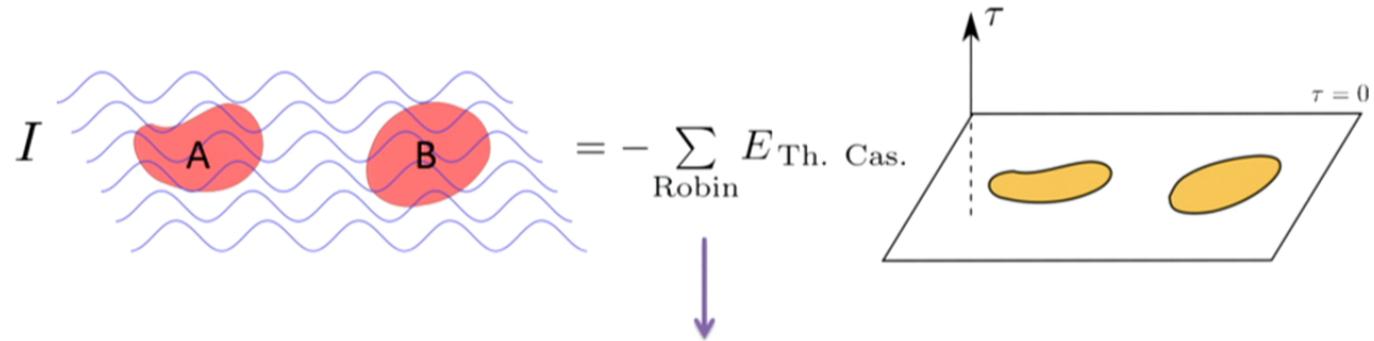
➤ Entanglement between field and matter?

Mutual information

- Mutual information between two material bodies?

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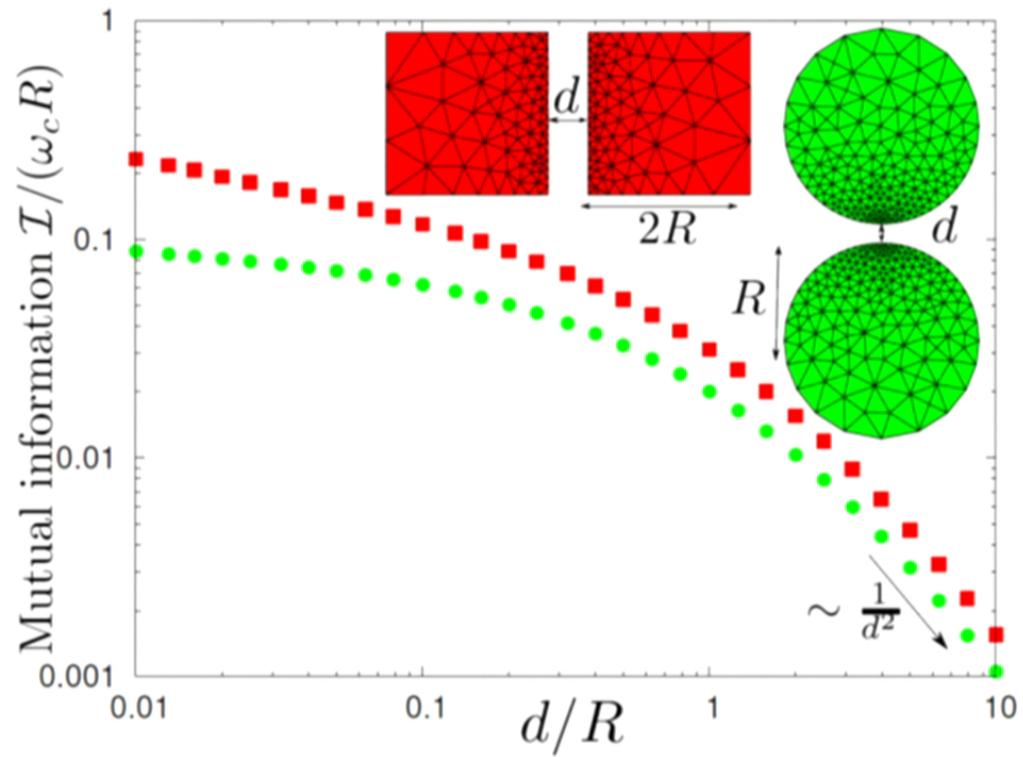
From von Neumann entropy



A continuum of boundary conditions!

Mutual information

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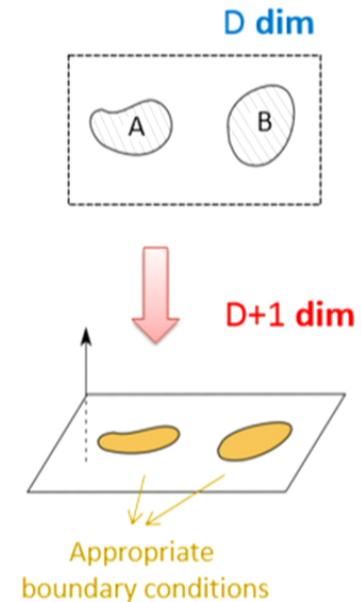
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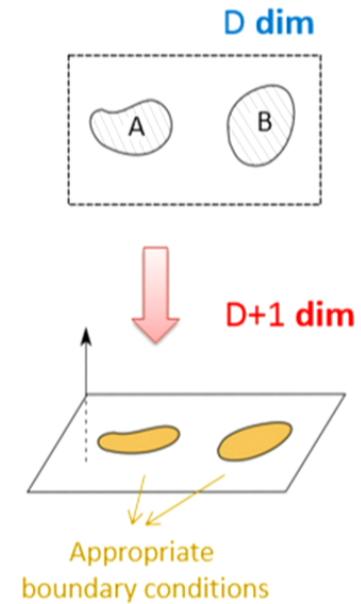
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