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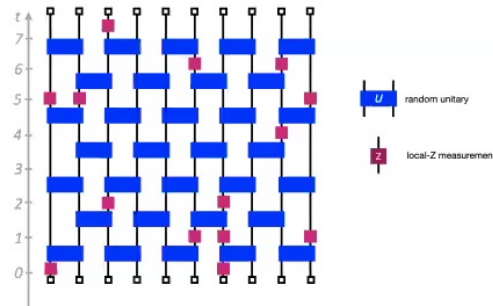
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Entanglement in Hybrid Quantum Circuits

Ultra Quantum Matter Summerschool
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MPA Fisher

Open, non-equilibrium, dynamical, quantum phases/transitions



Measurement driven entanglement transition



UQM: Mostly equilibrium...

Focus of UQM Summerschool:

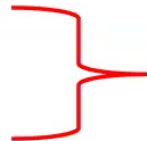
- Quantum Systems in Equilibrium
- Ground states
- Exotic order (topological/fracton)
- Quantum criticality



CMT, HET
(Thermodynamic limit)

Some other topics:

- Non-equilibrium quantum systems
- Open quantum systems
- Role of measurements (observer)



Quantum Info
(Often few body)

This talk:

Quantum phases/transitions driven by measurements
(in open, non-equilibrium systems, in thermodynamic limit)

Common thread: Entanglement Entropy



Entanglement entropy

Single eigenstate $|\psi\rangle$

Pure-state density matrix: $\hat{\rho} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

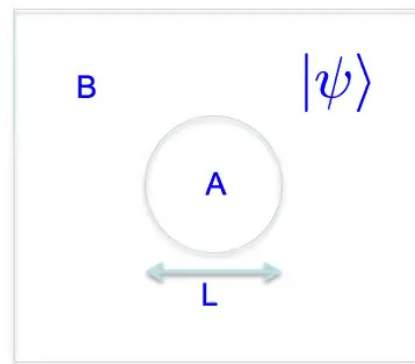
Spatial Bi-partition: Regions A and B

Reduced density matrix in A

$$\hat{\rho}_A = \text{Tr}_B(\hat{\rho})$$

Entanglement entropy:

$$S_A(L) = -\text{Tr}_A(\hat{\rho}_A \ln \hat{\rho}_A)$$



Spatial Scaling of Entanglement entropy

Ground states:

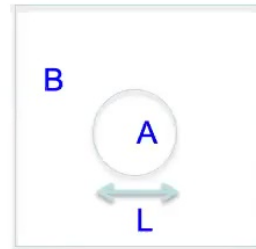
Gapped - area law:

$$S_A(L) \sim L^{d-1}$$

Gapless - area law, or log enhancement; 1d CFT/Fermi liquids

$$S_A(L) \sim L^{d-1} \ln(L)$$

Ground states manifest spatial locality



Excited eigenstates with finite energy-density

Volume-law entanglement entropy

$$S_A(L) = sL^d$$

Finite energy-density eigenstates are non-local



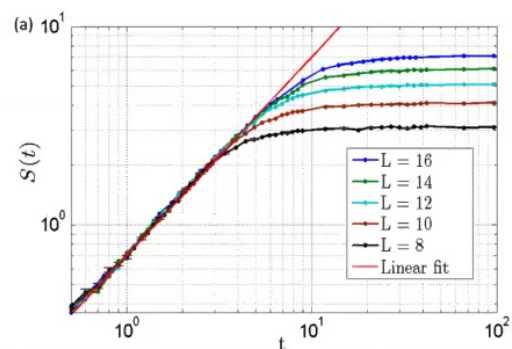
Entanglement **dynamics** out of equilibrium (closed system)

1) Quantum Quench

Evolve unentangled initial state w/ Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^L (g\sigma_i^x + h\sigma_i^z + J\sigma_i^z\sigma_{i+1}^z)$$

Entanglement spreads ballistically,
even though energy diffuses



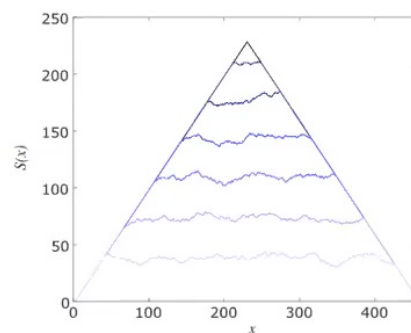
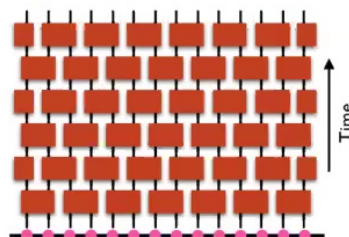
Half-cut entanglement entropy Kim + Huse (2013)

2) Unitary Dynamics with no energy conservation

Quantum circuit: evolve Qubits w/ (random) unitary gates

Initial state: unentangled product state

Entanglement spreads ballistically, into maximal entropy state

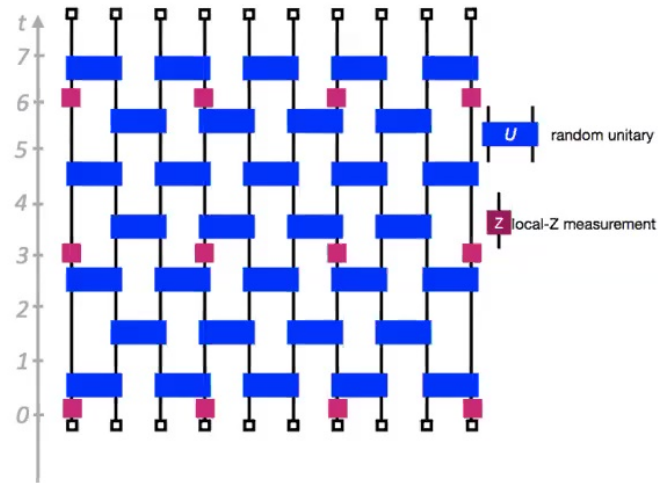


Nahum, Ruhman, Vijay, Haah (2017)



How to control (entanglement) entropy growth?

Via Measurements



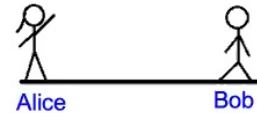
Measurement driven entanglement transition



Entanglement and measurements

Alice and Bob share a singlet state

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{AB} - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_{AB}]$$



Maximum entanglement entropy:

$$S_A = S_B = \ln(2)$$

Alice measures her spin:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle_{AB} - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle_{AB}]$$



$$\begin{cases} |\psi'\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B \\ |\psi'\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B \end{cases}$$

After measurement, direct product state

$$S_A = S_B = \ln(2)$$



$$S'_A = S'_B = 0$$

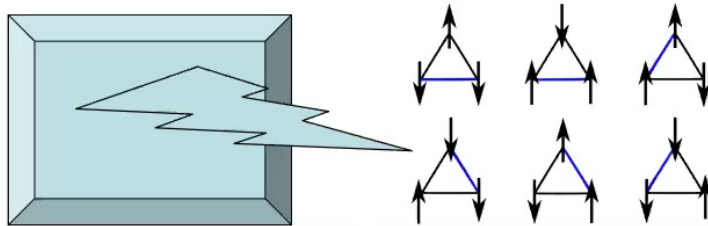
(Local) Measurement induces disentanglement



Open Quantum Systems

Two classes:

System coupled to a bath (environment)



- Initial pure density matrix becomes mixed
- Environment “measures” system, but results lost
- Decoherence
- Dynamics of density matrix evolves w/ (e.g.) Lindblad equation

System is monitored by an “observer”



- Initial pure state is measured and stays pure
- “Observer” keeps track of measurements
- Wavefunction evolves as a pure state
- Dynamics described in terms of (wavefunction) quantum trajectories

➤ **Measurement-driven
entanglement transition**



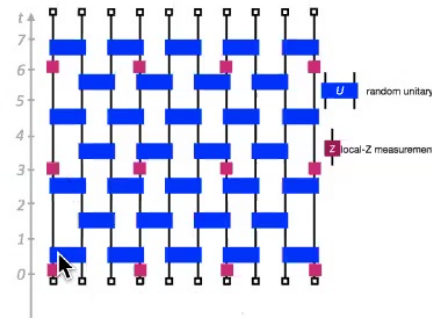
Extended systems w/ measurements (“monitored”)

“Hybrid Quantum Circuit” w/ both unitary and measurement gates

- Unitary evolution induces entanglement growth
- Measurements induce disentanglement

***Explore competition between
unitary evolution and measurements***

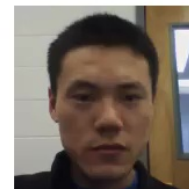
(by following wavefcn quantum trajectories)



- Li, Chen, MPAF (2018/2019)
- Skinner, Ruhman, Nahum (2018)
- Chan, Nandkishore, Pretko, Smith (2018)
- Choi, Bao, Qi, Altman (2019)
- Gullans, Huse (2019)
- Many more...



Yaodong Li



Xiao Chen



“Hybrid” Quantum Circuit

Initial density matrix $\hat{\rho}_0$

2-Qubit Unitaries:

$$\hat{\rho} \rightarrow \hat{U} \hat{\rho} \hat{U}^\dagger$$

1-Qubit Measurements

$$\hat{\rho} \rightarrow \frac{\hat{P}_\pm \hat{\rho} \hat{P}_\pm}{\text{Tr}[\hat{P}_\pm \hat{\rho} \hat{P}_\pm]}$$

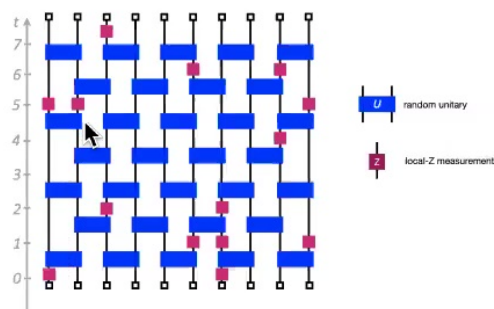
Projection operators $\hat{P}_\pm = (1 \pm \hat{Z})/2$

Measurement outcome probabilities $\text{Tr}[\hat{P}_\pm \hat{\rho} \hat{P}_\pm]$

Canonical Model:

- Randomly chosen 2-Qubit unitaries
- Single qubit measurements made with probability, p

Single parameter: $p \in [0, 1]$



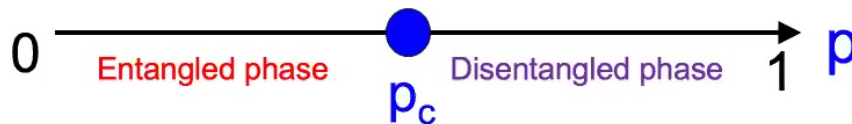
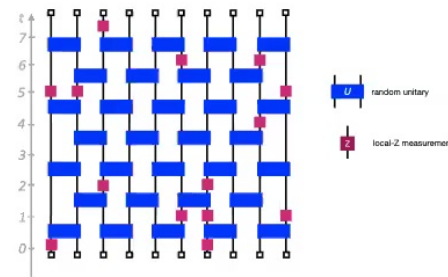
Phase diagram for hybrid circuit?

Initial state (say unentangled) $\hat{\rho}_0 = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$

- Run circuit dynamics to long times $\hat{\rho}_t = |\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t|$
- Density matrix stays **pure**
- Compute bipartite entanglement entropy $S_A(t) = -\text{Tr}_A(\hat{\rho}_A \log \hat{\rho}_A)$

Phase Diagram?

- $p=0$; No measurement, Volume law entanglement
- $p=1$; Measure every Qubit, no entanglement (area law)
- Transition at $p=p_c$?



Entanglement transition



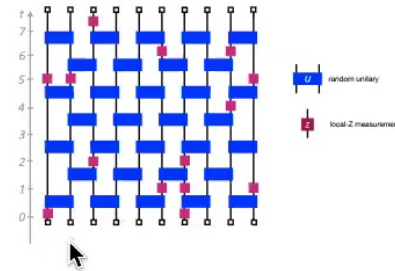
Numerics on Hybrid Circuits

Direct simulation very challenging for large L
(since the Hilbert space grows as 2^L)

Employ Quantum information “technology”:

- “**Stabilizers**” to encode special “**codeword**” quantum states
- Evolve stabilizers with **Clifford unitaries**
- Measurements of Z-component of spin

Gottesman-Knill Theorem: Such quantum circuits can be efficiently simulated on a classical computer (accessing >500 Qubits, say)



Pauli Strings, Stabilizers and Codewords

(Nielsen + Chuang)

Pauli operators for a single Qubit

$$\{1, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\} \rightarrow \{I, X, Y, Z\}$$

Pauli String Operators for L Qubits:

$$g = 1_1 Y_2 X_3 I_4 X_5 \dots Z_L$$

g



Stabilizers and “codewords”:

$|\psi\rangle$ is a “codeword” state if “stabilized” by L independent, commuting Pauli string operators $g_j |\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$

Example 1: $|\psi\rangle = |00, \dots, 0\rangle$ is stabilized by $g_j = Z_j$

Example 2: $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$ is stabilized by $g_1 = Z_1 Z_2$
 $g_2 = X_1 X_2$



Clifford Unitaries/Dynamics

Clifford unitaries take Pauli string operators into other Pauli string operators

$$\hat{U} \hat{g} U^\dagger = \hat{g}'$$



Unitary evolution of a “codeword” state: follow the dynamics of the L stabilizers:

If $|\psi\rangle$ stabilized by g_j then $|\psi'\rangle = U|\psi\rangle$ stabilized by $g'_j = U g_j U^\dagger$



Measurements and Stabilizers

Consider a projective measurement of a codeword $g_j|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_{\pm}|\psi\rangle \quad P_{\pm} = (1 \pm Z_j)/2$$

Measuring Z-component of j^{th} qubit

If Z_j anticommutes with g_1 and commutes with $g_2, \dots, g_L$ (say)
the stabilizers are modified under the measurement as:

$$\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_L\} \rightarrow \{\pm Z_j, g_2, \dots, g_L\} \quad \text{when the "result" of the measurement is } \pm 1$$



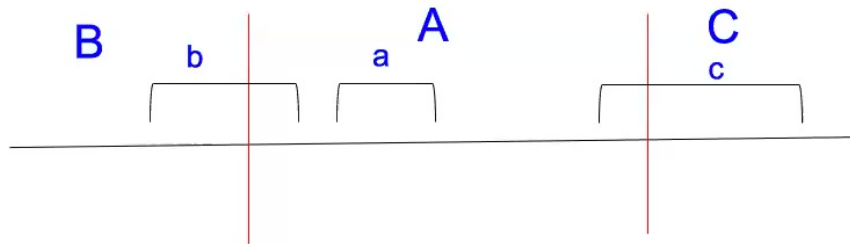
Entanglement and Stabilizers

Stabilizer length

$$g = 1_1 1_2 X_3 1_4 Z_5 Y_6 1_7 Z_8 1_9 1_{10}$$

length=6

Entanglement entropy S_A



Denote number of stabilizers starting in A and ending in A,B,C as n_a, n_b, n_c

Entanglement:
$$S_A = \frac{(n_b + n_c)}{2} \log(2)$$



Hybrid Clifford Circuit

All 2-Qubit unitaries taken from the Clifford group:

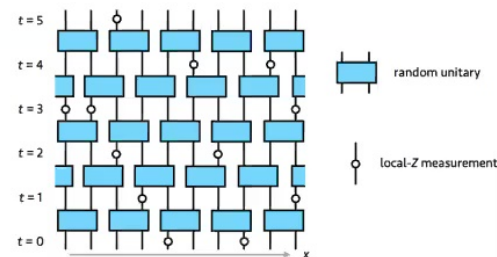
$$|\psi_t\rangle \rightarrow |\psi_{t+1}\rangle = U|\psi_t\rangle$$

All single Qubit measurements taken from Pauli group

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{P_{\pm}|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{p_{\pm}}} \quad P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm Z)$$

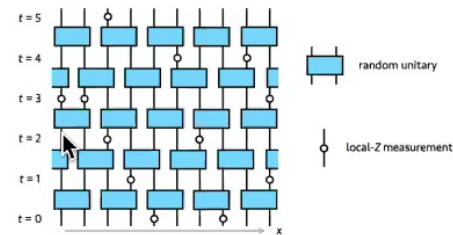
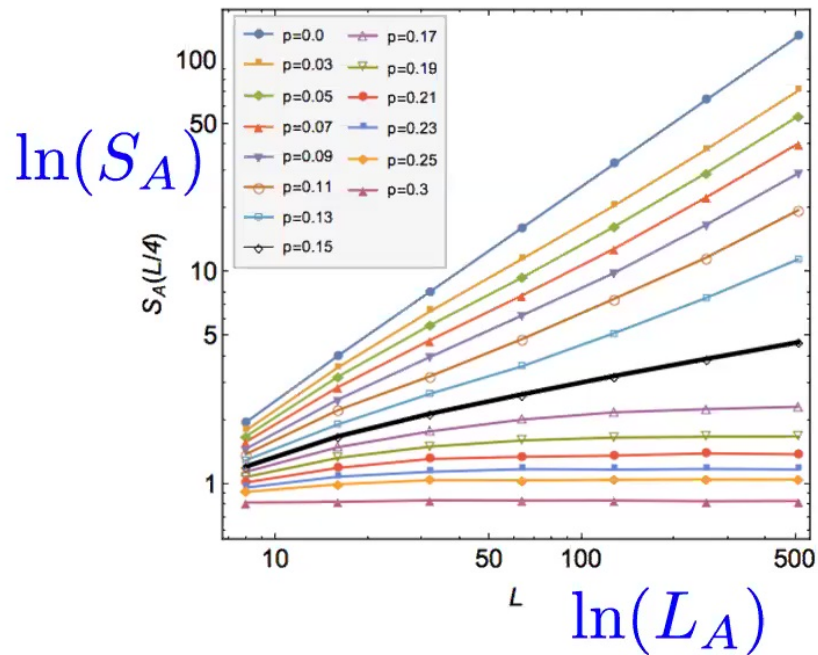
Make measurements with probability p

Simulate Clifford quantum circuits on classical computer
(accessing >500 Qubits)



Entanglement Entropy

w/ pure initial state,
long-time steady-state of Clifford circuit



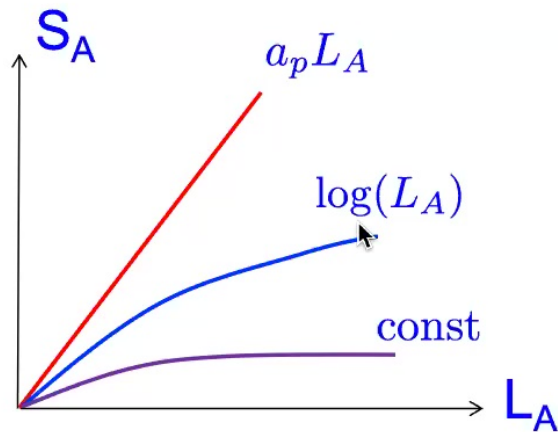
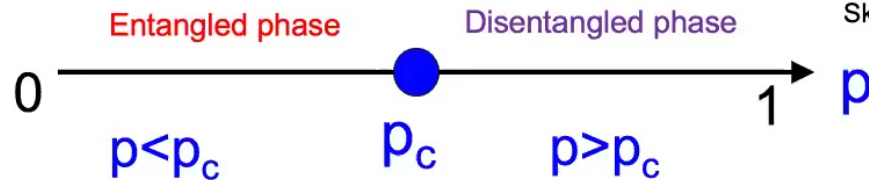
Volume law
entanglement

Increasing
measurement rate

Area law
entanglement

Entanglement Transition

Li, Chen, MPAF (2018)
Skinner, Ruhman, Nahum (2018)

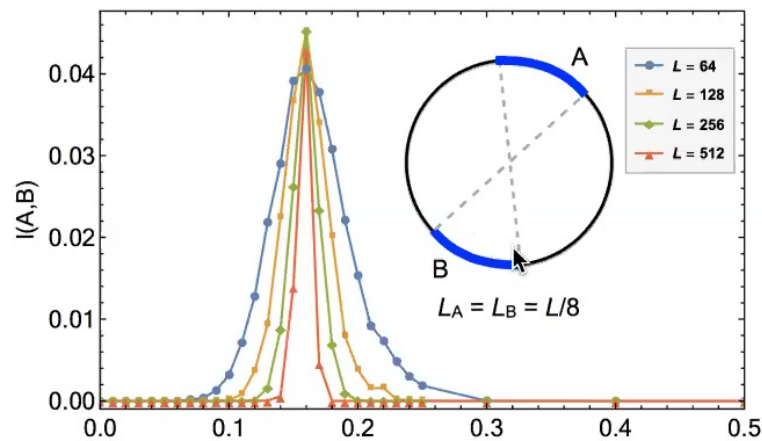


$$S_A(L_A) \sim \begin{cases} a_p L_A; & p < p_c \\ \log(L_A); & p = p_c \\ \text{const}; & p > p_c \end{cases}$$



Mutual Information: Locates transition

$$I_{AB} = S_A + S_B - S_{AB}$$

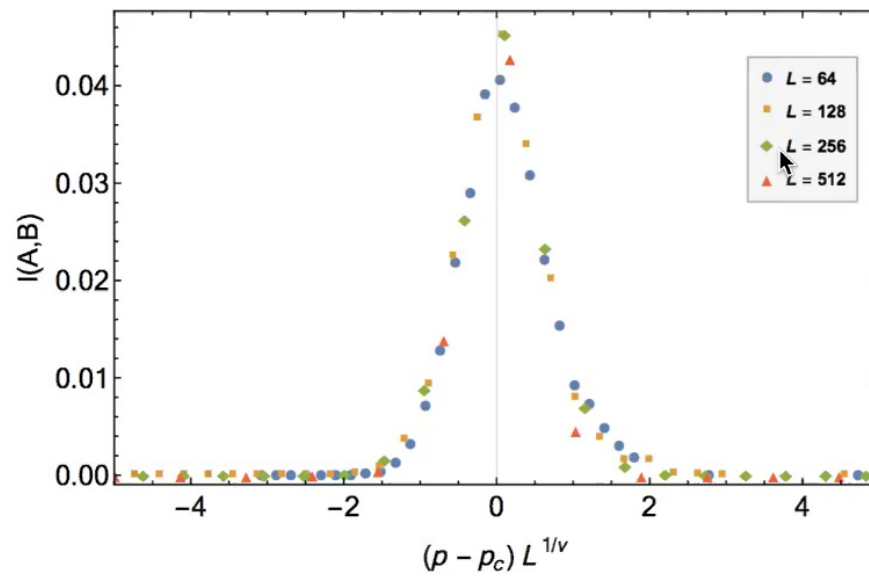


$$I_{AB}(L \rightarrow \infty) = \begin{cases} 0; & p \neq p_c \\ \text{const}; & p = p_c \end{cases}$$



Critical Properties of Transition:

Data Collapse for Mutual Information

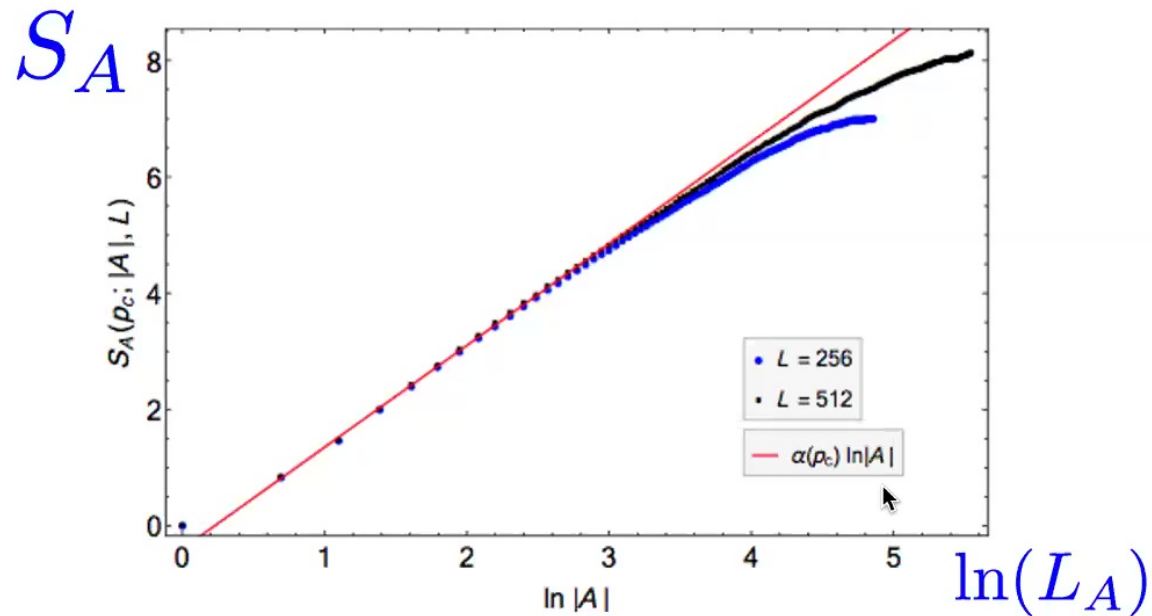


$$\nu \approx 1.4$$



Log Scaling at Criticality ($p=p_c$)

$$S_A(L_A) = \alpha_c \log(L_A) \quad \alpha_c \approx 1.6$$



Resembles 1+1 CFT ground state



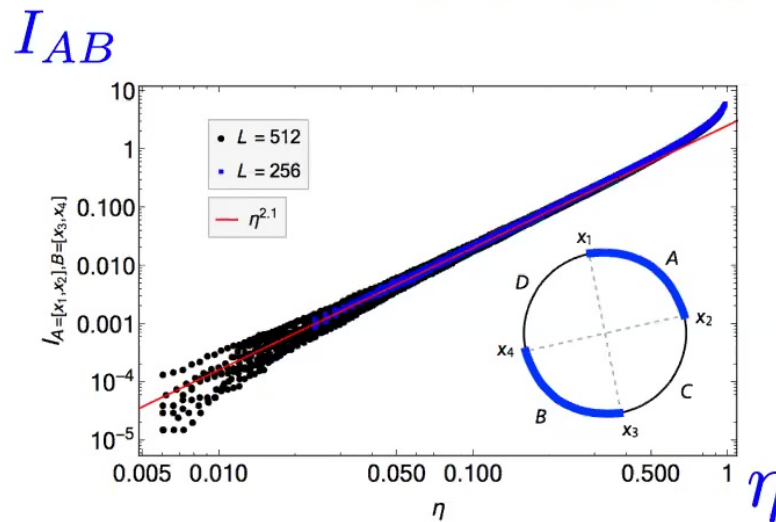
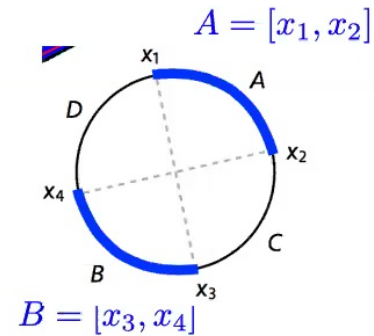
Conformal Symmetry at criticality ($p=p_c$)

If have underlying conformal field theory, then mutual information depends only on the cross ratio

$$I_{AB} = f(\eta)$$

$$\eta \equiv \frac{x_{12}x_{34}}{x_{13}x_{24}}$$

$$x_{ij} = \frac{L}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{L}|x_i - x_j|\right)$$

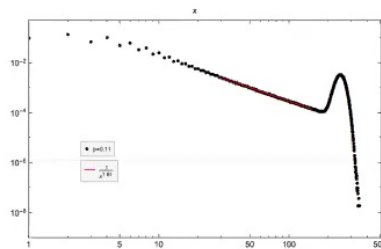


Nature of the volume law phase?

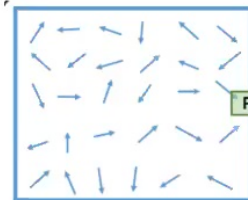
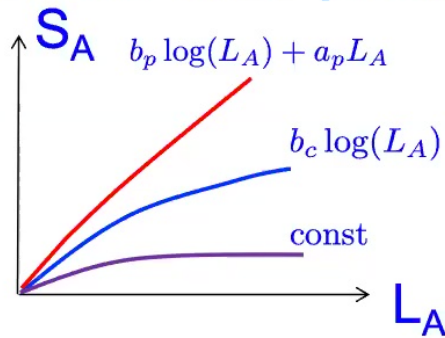
"Background" logarithm in volume law phase?



- Clifford numerics using stabilizer distribution function



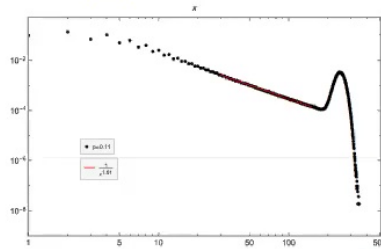
- Mapping to a stat mech model
 - Entanglement domain walls
 - Capillary wave theory



Stabilizer length distribution function

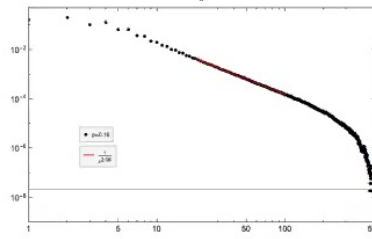
Increasing measurement rate

$\ln D(x)$



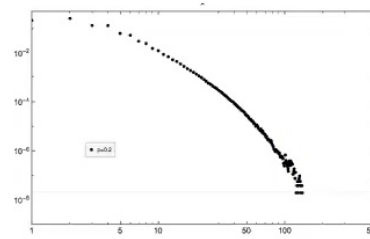
$p < p_c$

$$D(x) \approx \frac{1}{x^2} + \delta(x - L/2)$$



$p = p_c$

$$D(x) \approx \frac{1}{x^2}$$



$p > p_c$

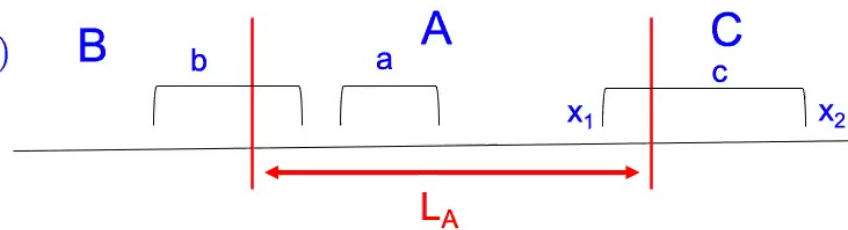
$$D(x) \approx \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-x/\xi}$$



log from Stabilizer length distribution

Entanglement entropy follows: $S_A(L_A) \approx \int_0^{L_A} dx_1 \int_{L_A}^L dx_2 D(x_1 - x_2, L)$

$$S_A = \frac{(n_b + n_c)}{2} \log(2)$$



Background log

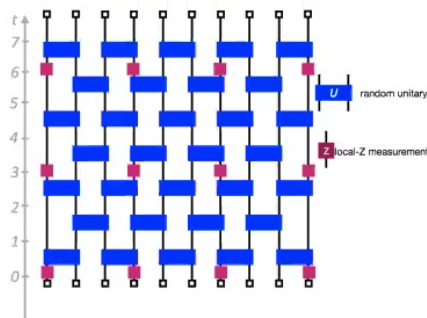
$$S_A(L_A) \approx \begin{cases} \log(L_A) + L_A; & p < p_c \\ a_c \log(L_A); & p = p_c \\ \log(\xi); & p > p_c \end{cases}$$



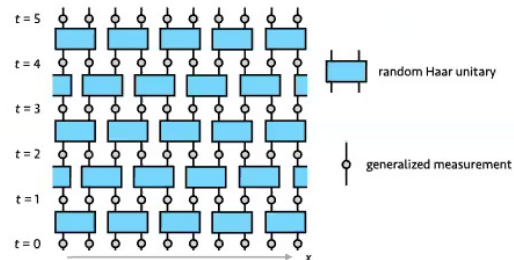
Mapping to Stat Mech (spin) model

Jian, You, Vasseur, Ludwig (2019)
 Bao, Choi, Altman (2019)

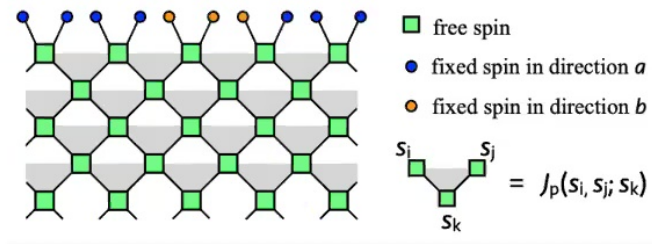
Random Clifford circuit
 w/ projective measurements



Random Haar circuit w/
 generalized measurements



Haar circuit mapped to
 “Generalized Potts” model
 (spins live on space-time
 manifold, 2d)

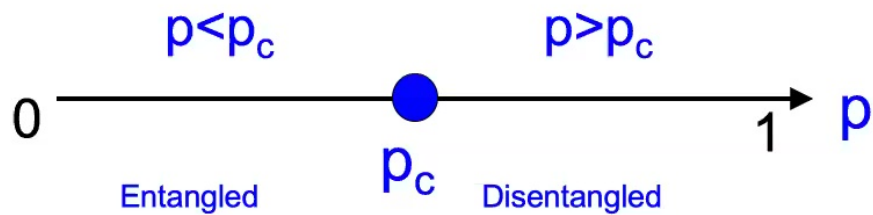


Phases in Stat mech model

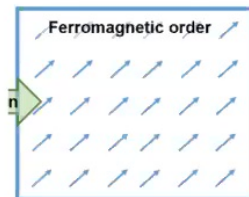
Volume law phase = “ordered” phase of stat mech model

Area law phase = “disordered” (paramagnetic) phase of stat mech model

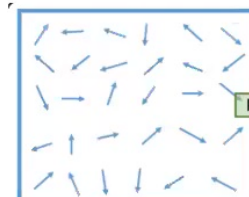
Critical point = phase transition in stat mech model



“Ordered” phase of
spin-model

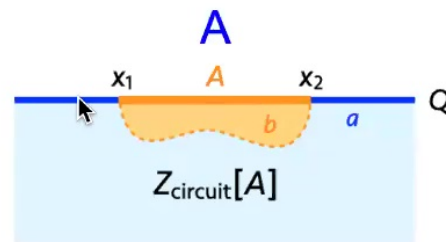
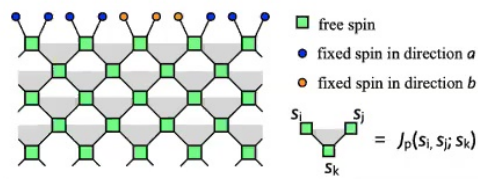


“Paramagnetic” phase
of spin model



Entanglement entropy from Stat Mech model

$S_A = F_A =$ free energy cost for changing boundary conditions in region A



Volume law (ordered) phase:
Free energy of domain wall

$$S_A = F_A \sim L_A$$

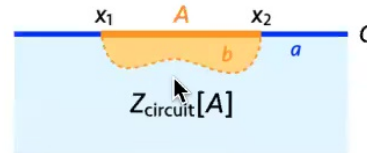
Area law (paramagnetic) phase:
Free energy from end-points

$$S_A = F_A = O(1)$$



Entanglement domain walls in volume law phase

S_A = Domain wall free energy



Capillary wave theory (MFT): $F_{CW} = -\ln(Z_{CW})$

$$Z_{CW}(A) = e^{-\beta\sigma|A|} \int Dy(x) e^{-\beta\sigma \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (\partial_x y)^2} \quad y(x) \quad \text{parameterizes domain wall}$$

Background log

$$S_A \approx F_{CW}(A) = \beta\sigma L_A + \frac{3}{2} \ln L_A$$

Fan, Vijay, Vishwanath, You (2020)
Li, MPAF (2020)

Volume law term
(surface energy)

Transverse fluctuations of
entanglement domain wall



Purification in Clifford circuit w/ mixed initial state

Start dynamics in maximally mixed state, maximum entropy

$$\hat{\rho}_0 = \frac{1}{2^L} \hat{1}$$

$$S(t=0) = L \ln 2$$

Run Clifford circuit:

Mixed state has fewer stabilizers than qubits

$$\{g_1, \dots, g_m\} \quad m < L$$

$$S = (L - m) \ln 2$$

Initially $m=0$, but measurements can increase number of stabilizers (and decrease entropy)

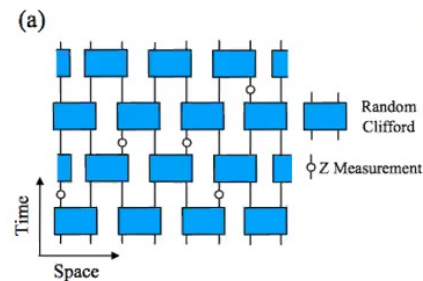
- If Z_j commutes w/ but is independent of $\{g_i\}$ then $m \rightarrow m+1$

$$\{g_1, \dots, g_{m+1}\} = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\} \cup Z_j$$

- If Z_j anticommutes with g_1 and commutes with $g_2, \dots, g_m$ (say)

$$\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\} \rightarrow \{Z_j, g_2, \dots, g_m\}$$

Gullans, Huse (2019)

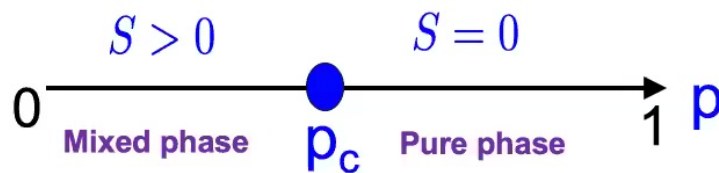


Purification Transition in hybrid Clifford circuit

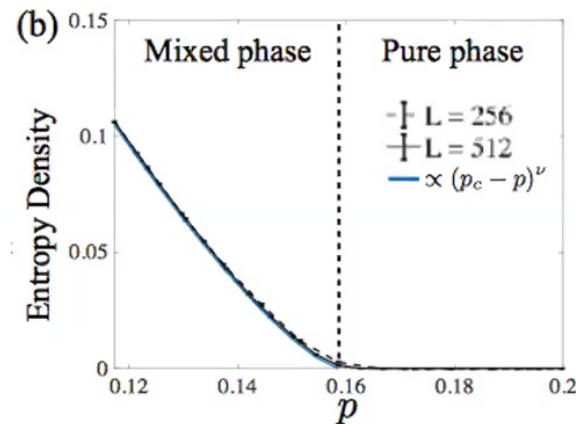
Run Clifford circuit from mixed state at $t=0$, to $t=cL$

Compute thermal entropy at time t

$$S_t = -\text{Tr}(\rho_t \ln \rho_t)$$



Gullans, Huse (2019)



Purification transition = entanglement transition

mixed ρ_0

pure $\rho_0 = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$



Quantum Error Correcting Code in mixed phase

Ippoliti, Gullans, Gopalakrishnan,
Huse Khemani (2020)
Li, MPAF (2020)

Shor's 9-Qubit (stabilizer) QECC

$[L,k,d] = [9,1,3]$ $L = 9$ physical qubits
 $k = 1$ logical qubit
 $L - k = 8$ stabilizers

Logical operators $\bar{Z}, \bar{X}$ $\bar{Z}|\bar{x}\rangle = (-1)^x|\bar{x}\rangle$
 $\bar{X}|\bar{x}\rangle = |\bar{x} \oplus 1\rangle$

$d =$ code distance: "Shortest logical operator"

A code w/ distance d can correct
any error acting on
 $(d-1)/2$ arbitrary qubits

With $d=3$, Shor code can correct
any arbitrary single qubit error

$$|\bar{0}\rangle = \frac{(|000\rangle + |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle + |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle + |111\rangle)}{2\sqrt{2}},$$

$$|\bar{1}\rangle = \frac{(|000\rangle - |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle - |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle - |111\rangle)}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= Z_1 Z_2 I_3 I_4 I_5 I_6 I_7 I_8 I_9, \\ g_2 &= I_1 Z_2 Z_3 I_4 I_5 I_6 I_7 I_8 I_9, \\ g_3 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 Z_4 Z_5 I_6 I_7 I_8 I_9, \\ g_4 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4 Z_5 Z_6 I_7 I_8 I_9, \\ g_5 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4 I_5 I_6 Z_7 Z_8 I_9, \\ g_6 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4 I_5 I_6 I_7 Z_8 Z_9, \\ g_7 &= X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 I_7 I_8 I_9, \\ g_8 &= I_1 I_2 I_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 X_7 X_8 X_9, \\ \bar{Z} &= X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 X_7 X_8 X_9, \\ \bar{X} &= Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 Z_5 Z_6 Z_7 Z_8 Z_9. \end{aligned}$$

Dynamically generated QECC in mixed phase

At $t=0$, purify mixed state w/ ancilla qubits (R), $|\Psi_{QR}\rangle$

$$\hat{\rho}_0 = \text{Tr}_R |\Psi_{QR}\rangle \langle \Psi_{QR}| = \frac{1}{2^L} \hat{1} \quad S_0 = L \ln 2$$

Evolve system Qubits (Q) with Hybrid circuit

After time t have an (L,k,d) QEC stabilizer code

L = physical qubits

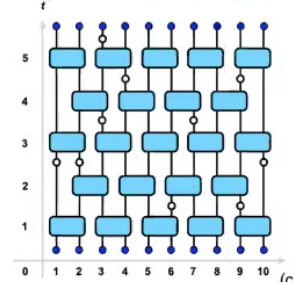
k = logical qubits = entropy of code space $k = S_t = -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_t \log \hat{\rho}_t)$

$m = L - k$ = stabilizers

Code rate = k/L = const.

Code distance??

System qubits (Q)



R



Code distance for Clifford circuit

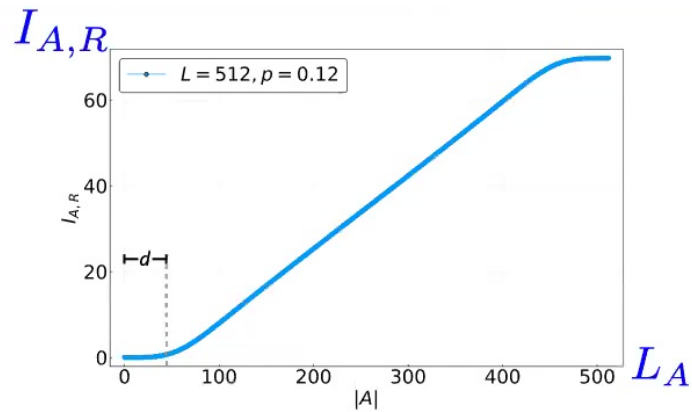
Mutual information numerically
for Clifford circuit

Extract code distance from condition;

$$I_{A,R} \approx 0; \quad |A| < d$$

Code distance scaling w/ L

$$d \sim L^{0.38}$$



Clifford numerics



Code distance from entanglement domain walls

2 competing domain wall configs

(a) dominates for $|A| > d$

(b) dominates for $|A| < d$

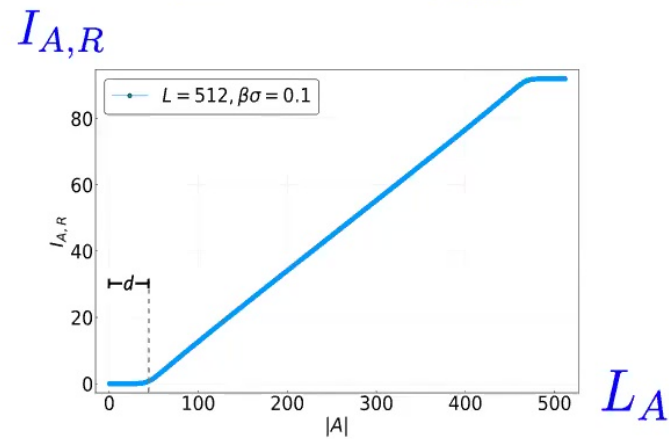
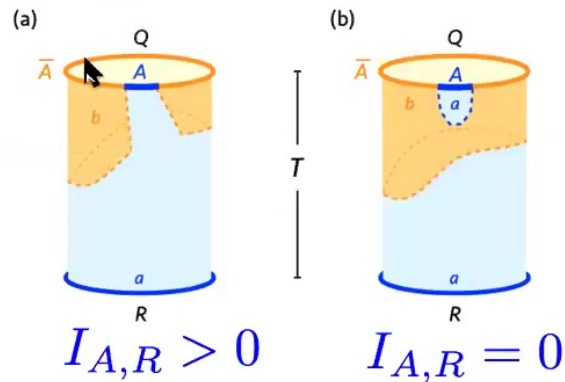
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Capillary wave theory

$$d_{CW} \sim \frac{1}{2\beta\sigma} (\ln L + \ln T)$$

Disagrees w/ Clifford numerics

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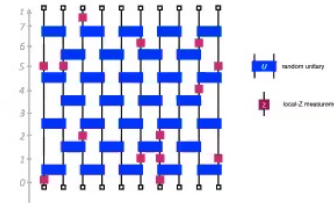
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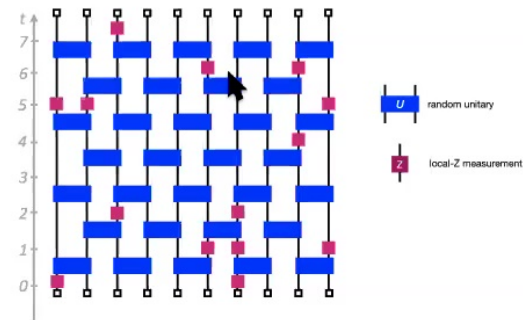


Summary: Entanglement Transitions

Quantum Entanglement Transition:

Competition between unitary induced entanglement and measurement induced disentanglement

(Entanglement transition = purification transition)



Open/future:

- Universality class of transition (CFT)?
- Role of randomness?
- Higher dimensions?
- Systems w/ feedback?
- Phases of QECC's? Phases of Quantum computers?
- Other dynamical phases in monitored open systems?
- Experimental observation of entanglement transition?



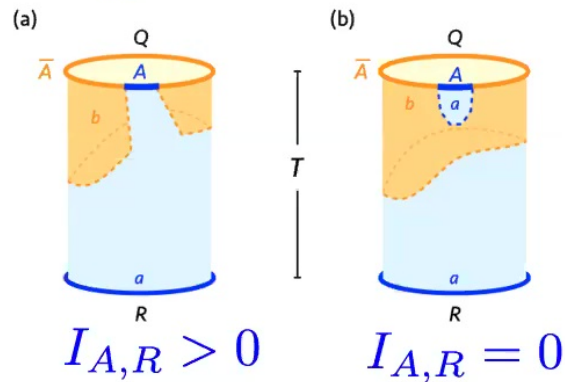
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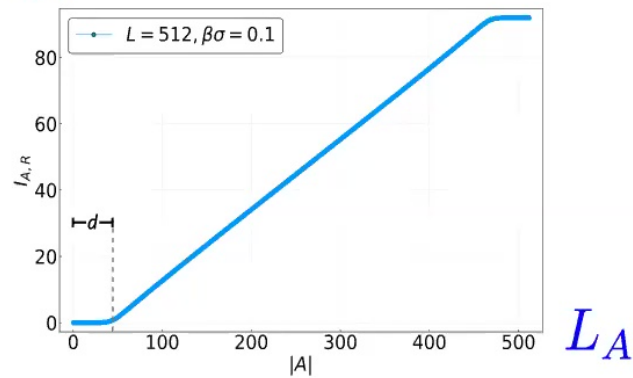
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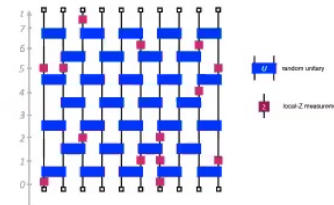
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