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Abstract: I will review implications of the AdS/CFT correspondence for quantum gravity, paying particular attention to holographic RG flows and the processing of information. Deformed hyperbolic geometries correspond to boundary field theory RG flows. Conversely, as I will exemplify using the recent approach of discrete holography, boundary RG flows may be used to reconstruct the bulk spacetime, for instance via tensor networks. I will discuss recent approaches towards including gravity dynamics into this reconstruction process.

The presenter will be joining via Zoom for this talk.

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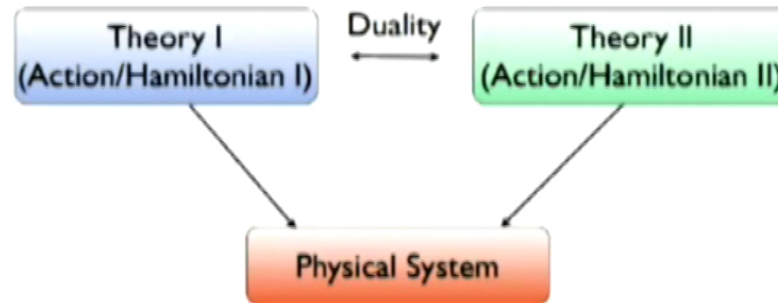
Overview

- I. AdS/CFT correspondence and renormalization group
- II. Information and gravity
- III. Discrete holography

Duality: A physical theory has two equivalent formulations

Same dynamics

One-to-one map between states



Gauge/Gravity Duality:

Gauge Theory
Quantum Field Theory



Gravity theory
in higher dimensions

Gauge/gravity duality

- Conjecture which follows from a low-energy limit of string theory
- Duality:
Quantum field theory at strong coupling
 \Leftrightarrow Theory of gravitation at weak coupling
- Holography:
Quantum field theory in d dimensions
 \Leftrightarrow Gravitational theory in $d + 1$ dimensions

AdS/CFT correspondence

AdS: Anti-de Sitter space, CFT: Conformal field theory

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SU(N) Super Yang-Mills theory

Anti-de Sitter space:

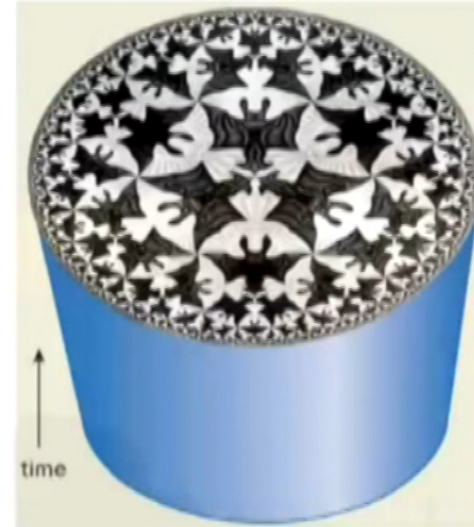
Space of constant negative curvature, has a boundary

In total: $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Isometries of AdS_{d+1} and symmetry of operators in a CFT_d :

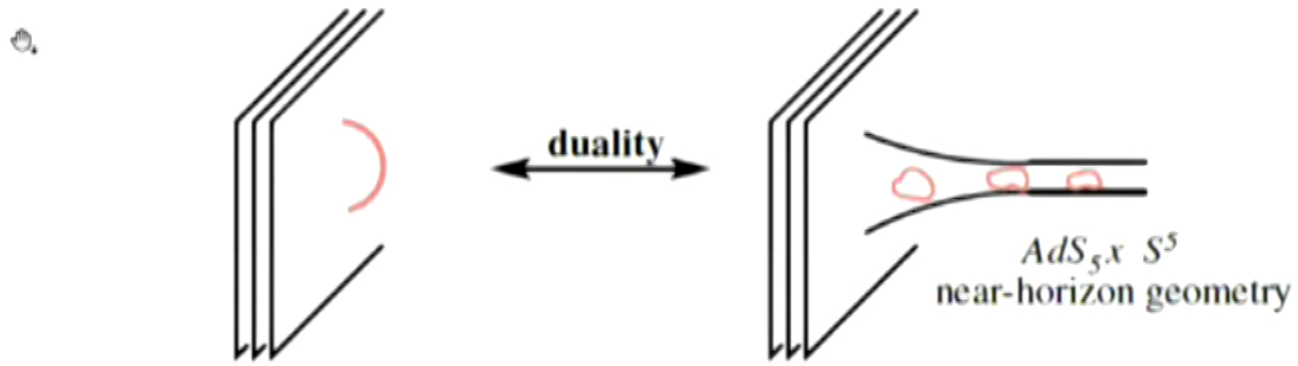
$$SO(d + 1, 1)$$

(Euclidean signature)



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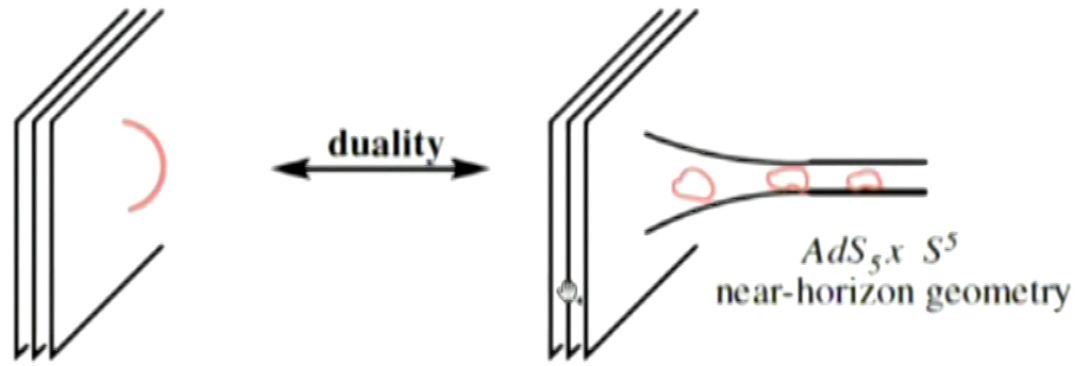
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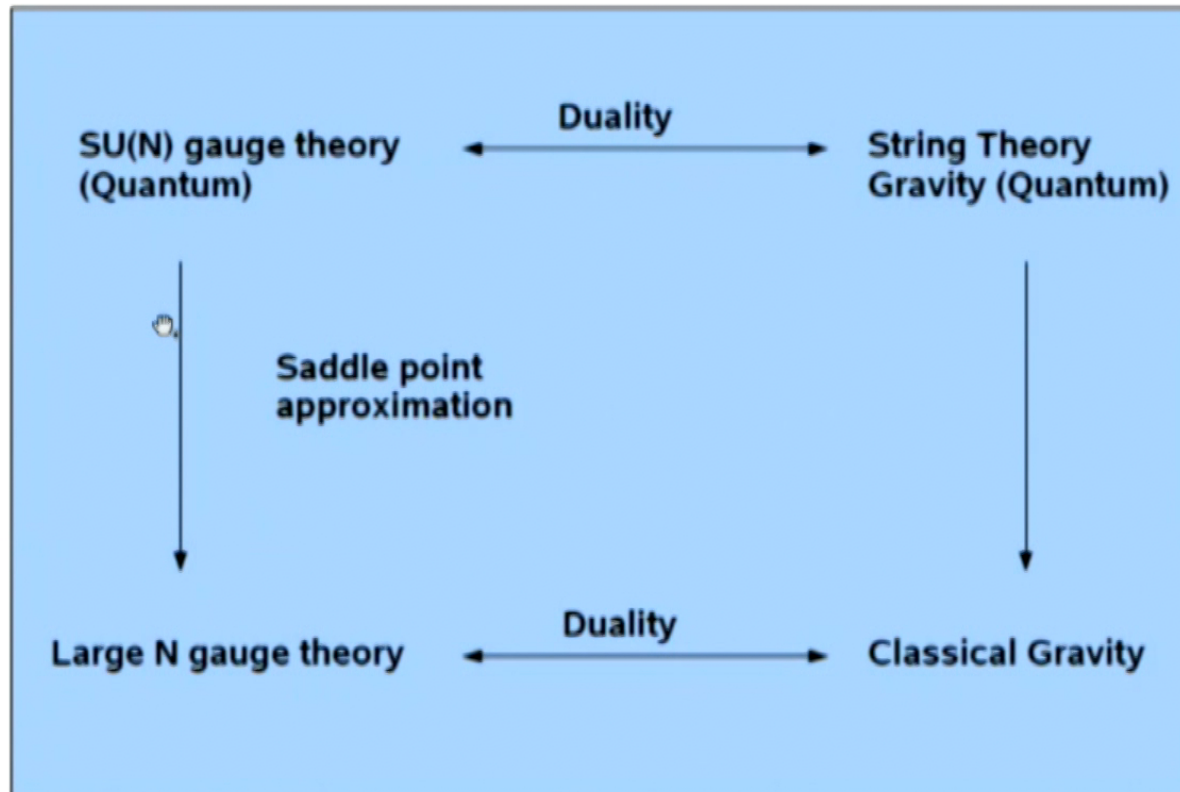


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Gauge/Gravity Duality: Low-energy limit



Different levels of the AdS/CFT correspondence

$$g_{\text{YM}}^2 = 2\pi g_s$$

$$\lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$$

$$2g_{\text{YM}}^2 N = L^4 / \alpha'^2$$

't Hooft coupling

	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory	IIB theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$
Strongest form	any N and λ	Quantum string theory, $g_s \neq 0$, $\alpha' \neq 0$
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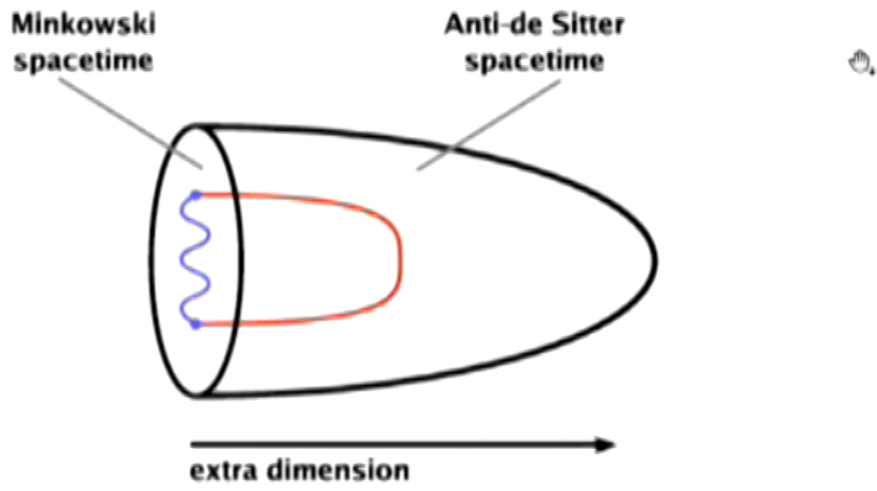
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Gauge/Gravity Duality



'Dictionary' Gauge invariant field theory operators
⇔ Classical fields in gravity theory

Symmetry properties coincide, generating functionals are identified

Test: (e.g.) Calculation of correlation functions

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AdS/CFT correspondence

- Field-operator correspondence:

$$\langle e^{\int d^d x \phi_0(\vec{x}) \mathcal{O}(\vec{x})} \rangle_{CFT} = Z_{\text{supergravity}} \Big|_{\phi(0, \vec{x}) = \phi_0(\vec{x})}$$

Generating functional for correlation functions of particular composite operators in the quantum field theory



coincides with

Classical tree diagram generating functional in supergravity

Holographic Renormalization Group Flows

Original AdS/CFT correspondence involves $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SU(N) Super Yang-Mills theory

Field content: One gauge field, four fermions, six real scalars

Beta function vanishes identically to all orders in perturbation theory

Theory at UV fixed point

Perturb by relevant operator preserving $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry

$$W_{\text{LS}} \equiv h \text{Tr} (\Phi_3 [\Phi_1, \Phi_2]) + \frac{m}{2} \text{Tr} \Phi_3^2 \quad \text{Leigh-Strassler flow}$$

IR fixed point: $\beta(g) \sim 2N (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3) \quad \beta_h = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3, \quad \beta_m = 1 - 2\gamma_3$

$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = -\frac{\gamma_3}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Holographic renormalization group flows: field-theory side

Leigh-Strassler flow $W_{LS} \equiv h \text{Tr} (\Phi_3 [\Phi_1, \Phi_2]) + \frac{m}{2} \text{Tr} \Phi_3^2$

C theorem: $\frac{a_{IR}}{a_{UV}} = \frac{c_{IR}}{c_{UV}} = \frac{27}{32}$

For coefficients of conformal anomaly in conformal Ward identity

$$\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi^2} \left(R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} R^2 \right), \quad c = \frac{N^2}{4}$$

Holographic Renormalization Group Flows

Gravity side of correspondence: Dual of Leigh-Strassler flow

Look for a solution of supergravity preserving the same global symmetries

Domain wall flow:

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{R}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_m \phi \partial^m \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

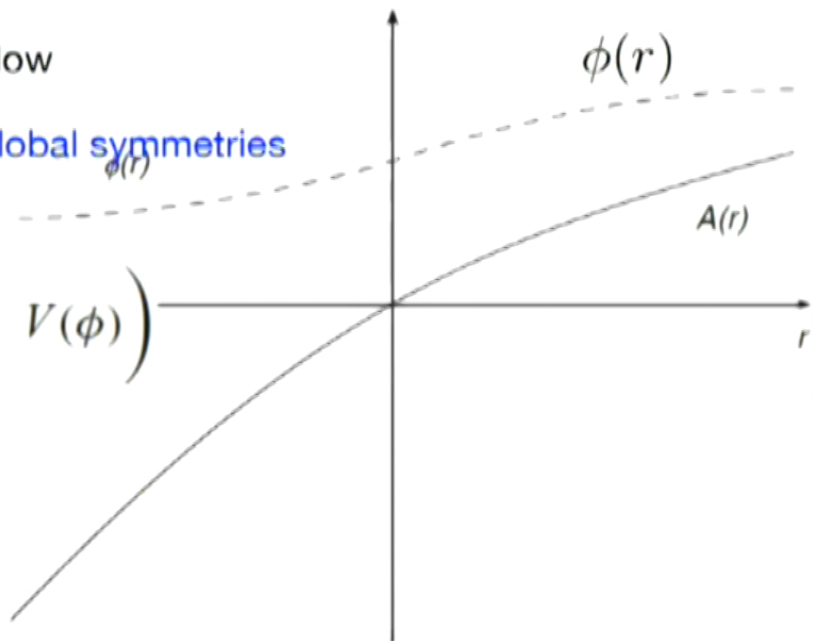
$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dr^2$$

Conformal anomaly at IR fixed point exactly reproduced

$$\langle T_\mu^\mu \rangle = \frac{k_5^3}{64\pi G_5} \left(R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} R^2 \right)$$

First order RG equation from gradient flow

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dW}{dr} \right)^2 - \frac{d}{d-1} W^2 \quad \sqrt{8\pi G} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{dW}{d\phi}, \quad A' = -\frac{\sqrt{8\pi G}}{(d-1)} W$$



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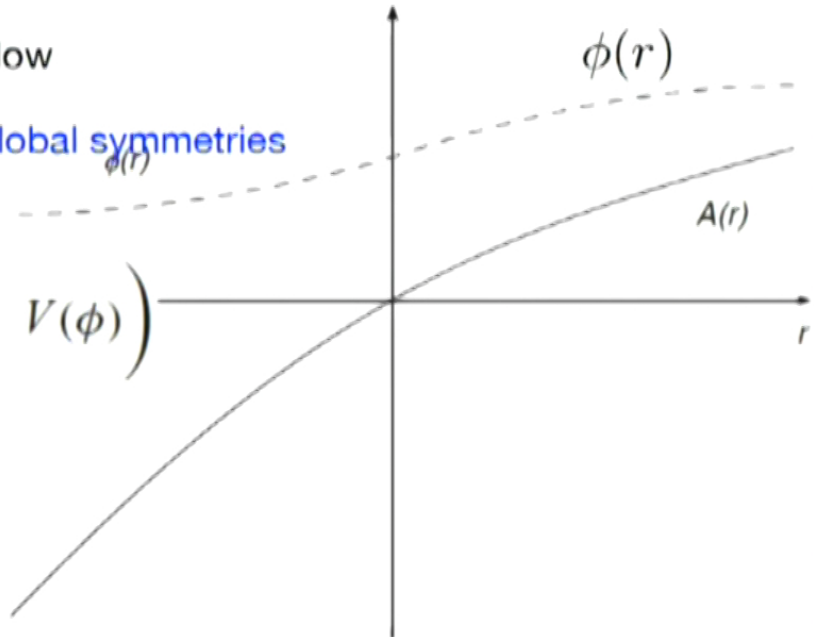
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Relation to quantum information



Entanglement entropy

Consider product Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

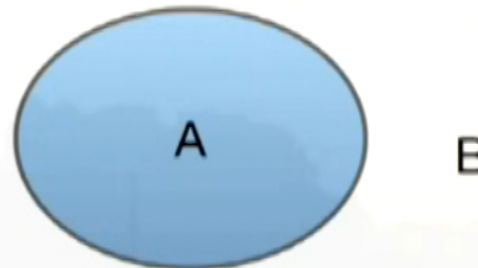
Reduced density matrix

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho_{\text{tot}}$$

Entanglement entropy

$$S_A = -\text{Tr}_A \rho_A \ln \rho_A$$

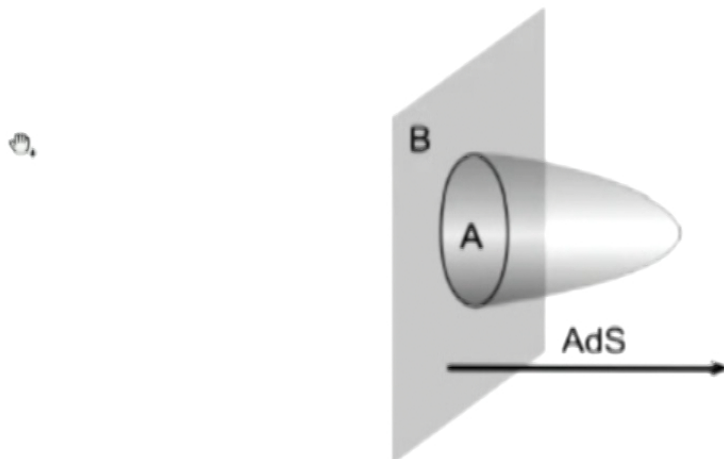
Entanglement for space regions



Entanglement entropy in Gauge/Gravity Duality

(Ryu, Takayanagi Phys.Rev.Lett. 96 (2006) 181602)

Leading term in entanglement entropy given by
area of minimal surface in holographic dimension



Entanglement entropy: Quantum field theory

Conformal field theory in 1+1 dimensions (Cardy, Calabrese, J.Stat.Mech. 0406 (2004) P06002):

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \ln(\ell\Lambda)$$

Reproduced by Ryu-Takayanagi result

$\Lambda \propto 1/\epsilon$, ϵ boundary cut-off in radial direction

$c = 3L/(2G_3)$ central charge of CFT

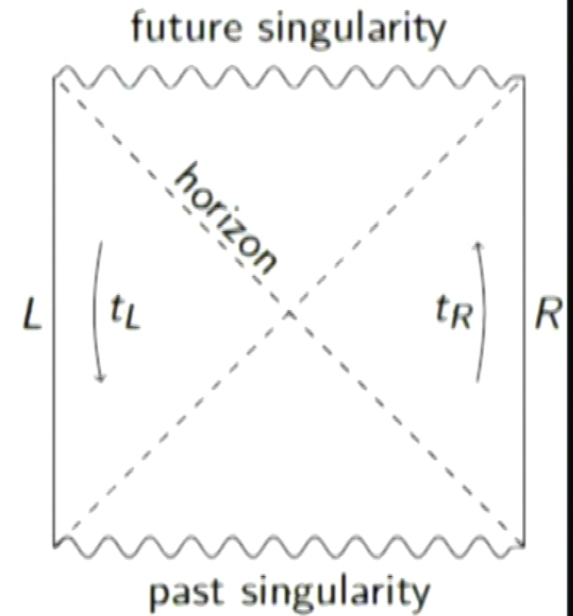
Finite temperature (at small ℓ):

$$S(\ell) = \frac{c}{3} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\pi\epsilon T} \sinh(2\pi\ell T) \right)$$

Von Neumann algebras, quantum gravity and AdS/CFT

Factorization puzzle Maldacena+Maoz '13; Harlow '16

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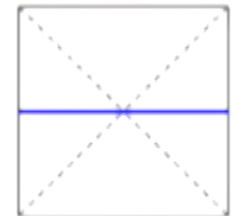
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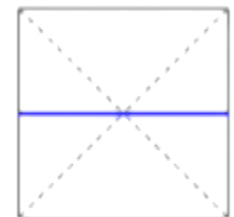
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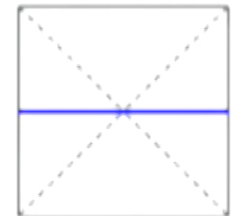
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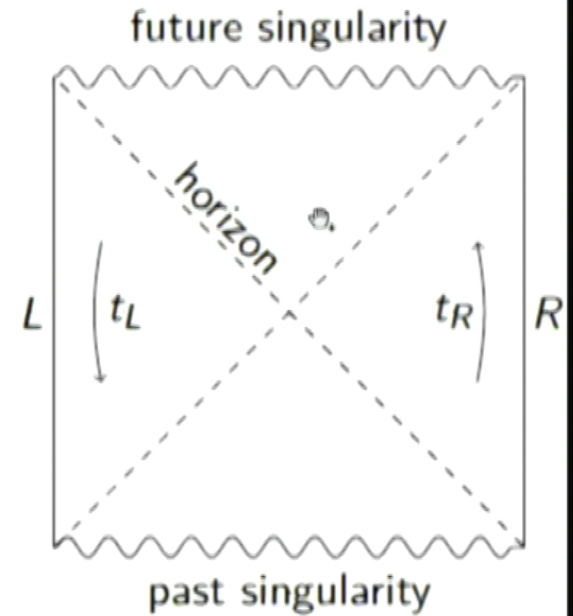
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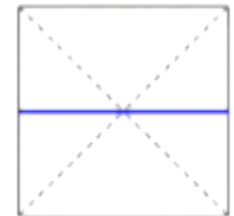
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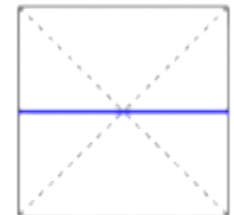
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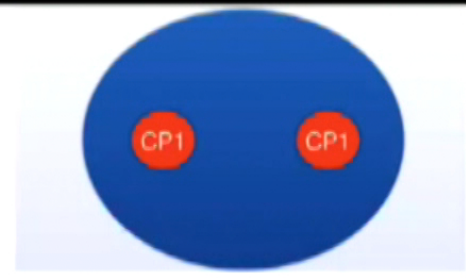
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**Analogy: Interacting two-spin system:
Berry phase and type I Von Neumann algebra**



$$H = JS_1 \cdot S_2 - 2\mu_B BS_{1z} \quad ; \quad \tan \alpha = 2\mu_B \frac{B}{J}$$

Entanglement entropy $S_{EE} = - \sum_{i=\uparrow,\downarrow} \kappa_i^2 \ln \kappa_i^2 = \sin \alpha \ln \frac{1 - \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - \ln \frac{\cos \alpha}{2}$

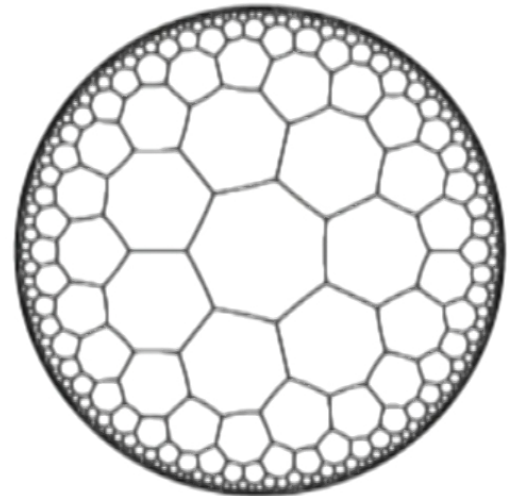
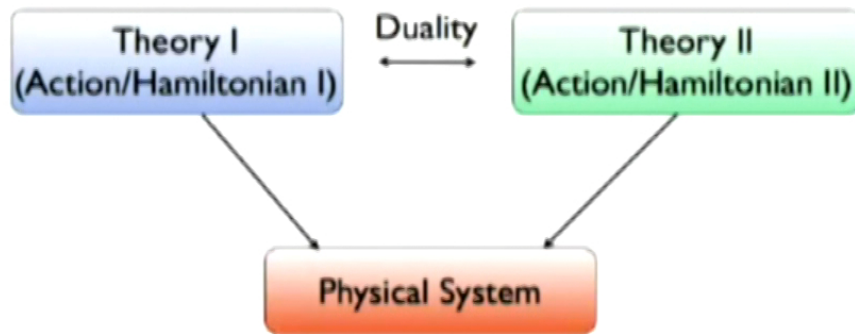
No entanglement (J=0) $S_{EE} = 0$ **Entanglement orbit** $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^1$
Berry phase maximal

Maximal entanglement (J very large) $S_{EE} = \ln 2$ $\frac{SU(2)}{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \mathbb{R}P^3$
Berry phase vanishes

Intermediate entanglement $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{R}P^3$
 $\int \Omega = \frac{\sin \alpha}{2} V(S^2) = 2\pi \sin \alpha$

Discrete Holography

Goal: Establish holographic duality on hyperbolic tiling



arXiv:2205.05081, Phys. Rev. Lett. '23 (Basteiro, Dusel, J.E., Hinrichsen, Meyer, Herdt, Schrauth)

arXiv:2205.05693, Sci Post Physics (Basteiro, Di Giulio, J.E., Karl, Meyer, Xian)

arXiv: 2212.11292 (Basteiro, Das, Di Giulio, J.E.)

Hyperbolic tilings through inflation rules

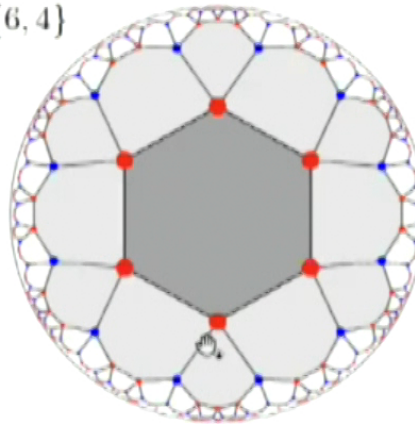
Starting point: central tile = 0-th layer
 ↓
 we construct concentric layers of tiles
 ↓
 After n layers: outermost set of edges and vertices = **boundary of the tiling**

- 2 internal neighbours = ● ↔ a
- 3 internal neighbours = ● ↔ b

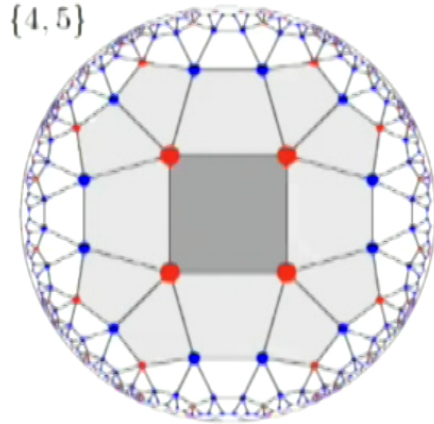
Inflation rule

$$\sigma_{\{p,q\}} : \begin{cases} a \rightarrow w_a(a,b) \\ b \rightarrow w_b(a,b) \end{cases}$$

{6, 4}



{4, 5}

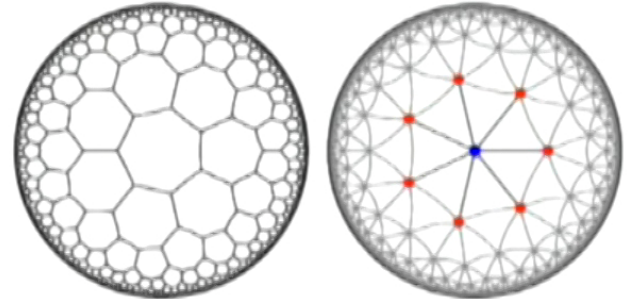


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$$\sigma_{\{4,5\}} : \begin{cases} a \rightarrow babab \\ b \rightarrow bab \end{cases}$$

The boundary of the tiling after a large number of inflation steps is characterised by a long **aperiodic sequence**, whose size grows by a factor $\lambda_+(p, q)$ at each step

Discrete holography



Spin chain at boundary realises bulk tiling construction principle at boundary

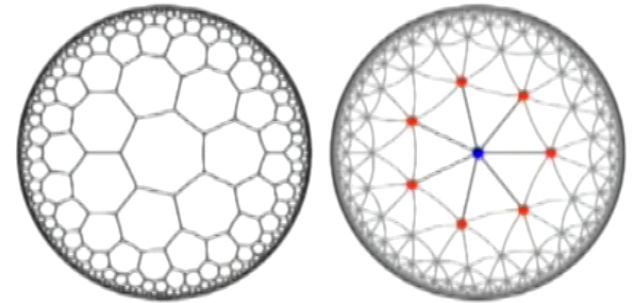
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Conclusion and Outlook

Gauge/Gravity Duality

Holographic principle

Holographic RG flows implemented from supergravity equations of motion

(Gradient flow) - Constructed to match global symmetries

New relations between quantum information and gravity

Entanglement entropy, mutual information, computational complexity

von Neumann algebras, Berry phases

Reconstruction of spacetime, discrete holography