



# Entanglement Wedge Cross Section: A Review

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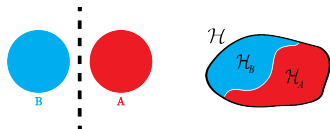
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# Outline

- (Holographic) Entanglement entropy
- Entanglement wedge
- holographic duals for entanglement wedge cross-section:
  - Entanglement of purification
  - Reflected entropy
  - Logarithmic negativity
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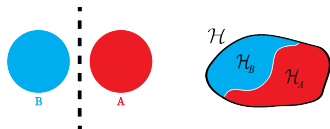
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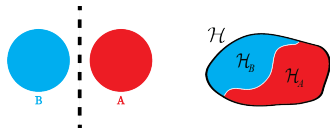
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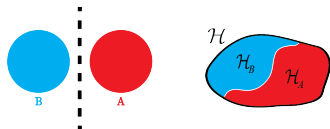


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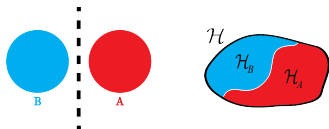
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### Entanglement entropy

A measure of entanglement in a given quantum state  $|\psi\rangle$ .

$$S_A = -\text{tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A) = \begin{cases} 0 & \Leftrightarrow \rho_A \text{ is pure} & \Leftrightarrow \text{separable state} \\ S > 0 & \Leftrightarrow \rho_A \text{ is mixed} & \Leftrightarrow \text{entangled state} \end{cases}$$

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Entanglement Entropy:  $S_A = -\text{tr}_A[\rho_A(-\beta H_A - \ln Z)]$

$$= \underbrace{\beta(\langle H_A \rangle - F)}_{\text{Thermal entropy for subsystem } A}, \quad F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z.$$

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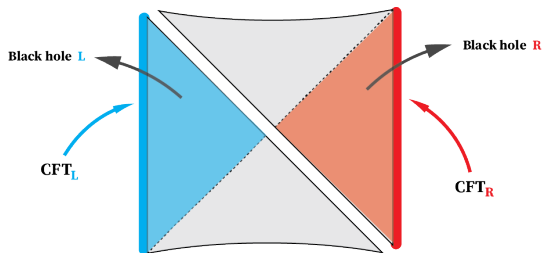
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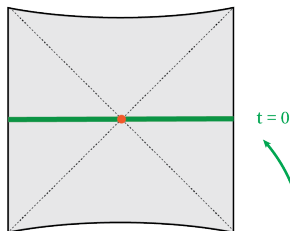


$$\sum_n e^{-\beta \frac{E_n}{2}} |n_L\rangle \otimes |n_R\rangle = |\psi\rangle$$

$$\sum_n e^{-\beta \frac{E_n}{2}} \left[ \text{triangle } n_L \right] \otimes \left[ \text{triangle } n_R \right] = \left[ \text{square with diagonal lines} \right]$$

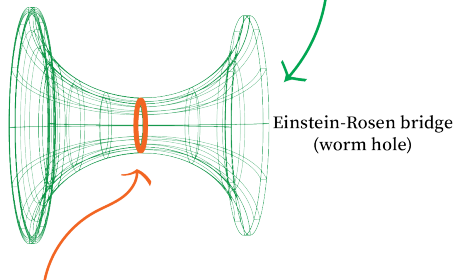
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Eternal Black hole  
(maximally extended AdS-Black hole)



- black hole entropy is entanglement entropy in this case.

- Classical smooth connection  $\Leftrightarrow$  Quantum Entanglement



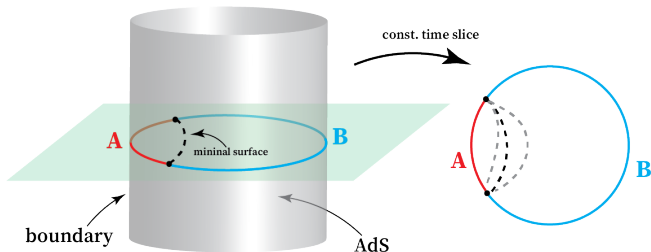
bifurcate horizon

$$S_A = -\text{tr}(\rho_A \ln \rho_A) = \min_{\gamma_A} \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G}$$

Entanglement entropy in CFT      Area of minimal surface

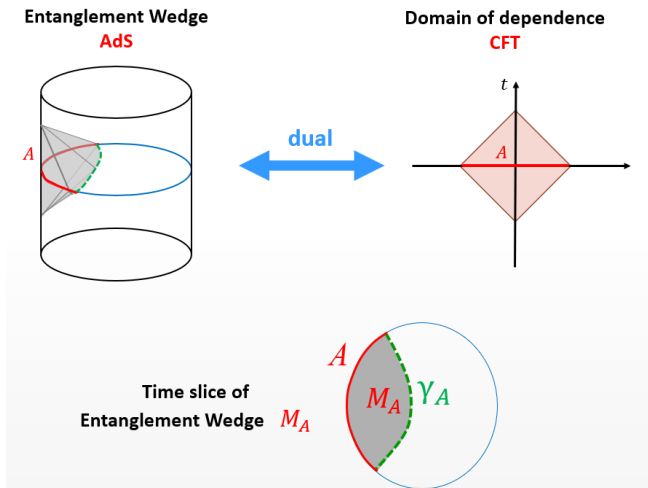
A minimal codimension-2 surface which satisfies:

- i)*  $\partial\gamma_A = \partial A$       *ii)*  $\gamma_A$  is homologous to  $A$



# Subregion/subregion duality

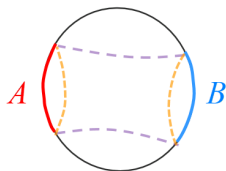
Information of  $\rho_A$  is included in **entanglement wedge**  $M_A$ .



[Czech-Karczmarek-Nogueira-Raamsdonk '12][Wall '12] [Headrick-Hubeny-Lawrence-Rangamani '14]

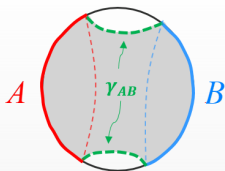
# EW of $A \cup B$

disjoint regions



correlated  
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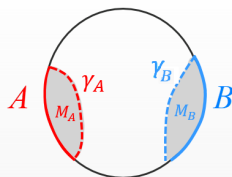
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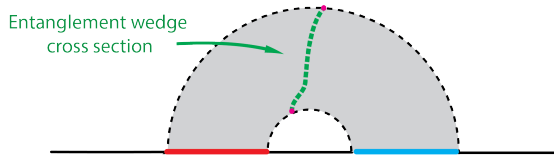
no correlation  
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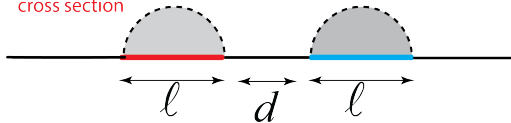


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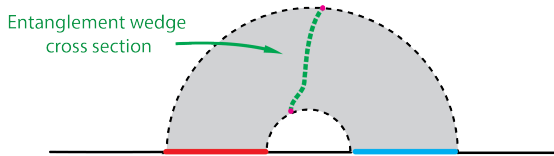
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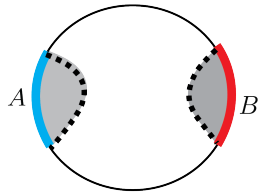
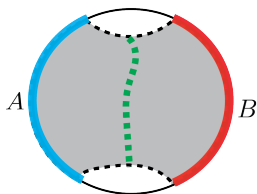
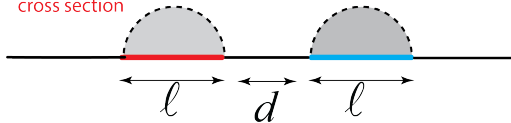
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## What's the dual of entanglement wedge cross-section?

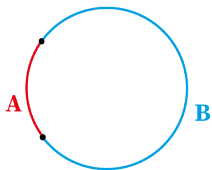
### Entanglement wedge and holography for mixed states?!

- Entanglement of purification? [Takayanagi-Umemoto'17] [Nguyen-Devakul-Halbasch- Zaletel-Swingle'17]
- Reflected entropy? [Dutta, Faulkner, '19]
- Logarithmic negativity? [Kudler-Flam,Ryu'18]
- Odd entropy? [Tamaoka'18]
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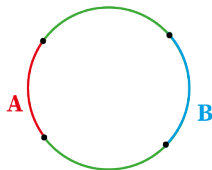


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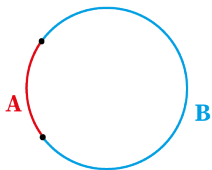
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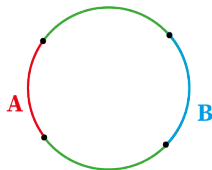
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Purification is not unique !

## Entanglement of purification [Terhal- Horodecki- Leung- DiVincenzo, '02]



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It measures both quantum and classical correlations between  $A$  and  $B$ .

It has an operational interpretation in terms of local operations and a small amount of communication.

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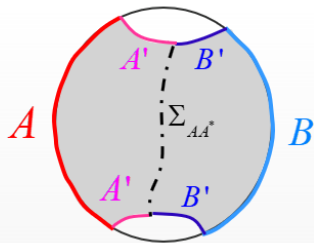
# Entanglement of purification and EWC

The entanglement wedge as a new holographic geometry?  
with the boundary  $\partial M_{AB} = A \cup B \cup A' \cup B'$

minimal cross-section  
of the entanglement wedge = Entanglement of Purification

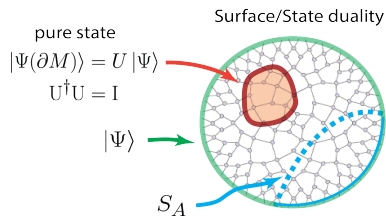
$$E_W(\rho_{AB}) \equiv \min_{\text{all } A'} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AA'}^{\min})}{4G} \right)}_{\text{HEE of } \rho_{AA'}}$$

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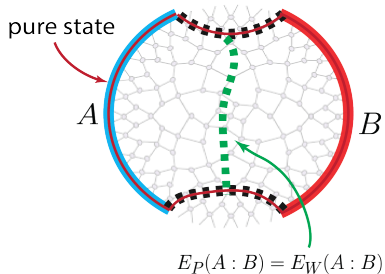
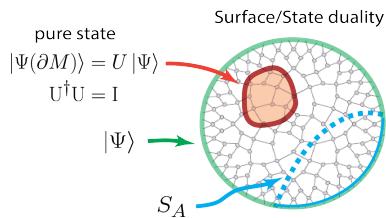
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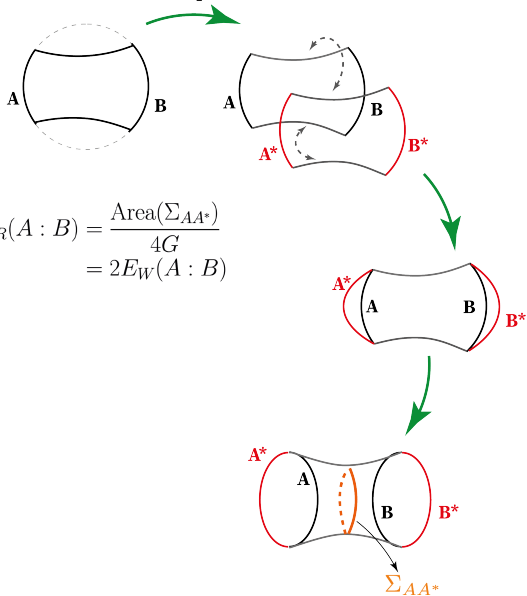
**reflected entropy:**

$$S_R(A : B) \equiv S_{AA^*} = -\text{tr}(\rho_{AA^*} \ln \rho_{AA^*})$$

$$\rho_{AA^*} = \text{tr}_{BB^*} (|\sqrt{\rho_{AB}}\rangle \langle \rho_{AB}|)$$



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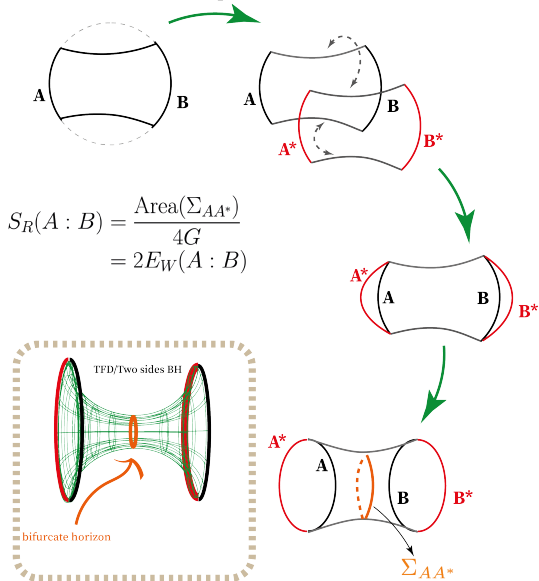


$$S_R(A : B) = \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma_{AA^*})}{4G}$$

$$= 2E_W(A : B)$$

# Reflected entropy and EWC

canonical purification



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Now one can obtain

$$Z_{n,m} \equiv \text{tr}_{AA^*} \left( \text{tr}_{BB^*} \left| \rho_{AB}^{m/2} \right\rangle\langle \rho_{AB}^{m/2} | \right)^n, \quad (\text{calculable via twist op's})$$

where  $Z_{1,m} = \text{tr} \rho_{AB}^m$  and

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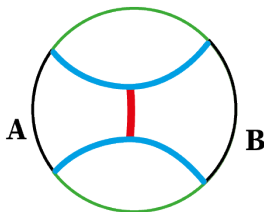
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A new constraint for Holographic CFTs?!

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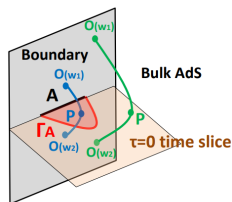
## Summary: EWC is dual to ...

- Entanglement of purification? [Takayanagi-Umemoto'17] [Nguyen-Devakul-Halbasch- Zaletel-Swingle'17]
- Reflected entropy? [Dutta-Faulkner '19]
- Logarithmic negativity? [Kudler-Flam,Ryu'18]
- Odd entropy? [Tamaoka'18]
- It seems that all of them are same in holographic CFTs.



## Further investigations

- bit threads description [Bao-Chatwin-Davies-Pollack-Remmen]
- entanglement wedge cross section can not be any axiomatic measures of the quantum entanglement. [Umemoto '19]
- dynamics of **local quench** via reflected entropy [Yuya-Tamaoka '19]
- checking the  $S_R = 2E_w$  duality at higher order terms in  $m - 1$  for  $\rho_{AB}^m$  [Jeong- Kim-Nishida'19]
- generalization for **multi-partite regions** [Bao-Cheng'18] [Bao-Halpern '18] [Akers-Rath'19]
- reconstructing EW via information metrics [Kusukia-Suzukib-Takayanagia-Umemotoa'19]



[borrowed from 1908.09939]

- EoP in free scalar QFTs [Bhattacharyya-Takayanagi-Umemoto '18]

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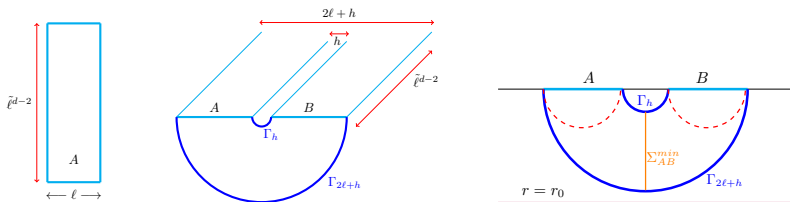
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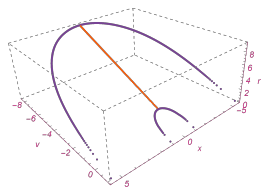
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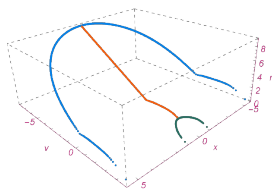
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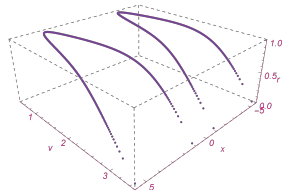
# Time evolution of EWC



Initial config.



mid time



late time

[Babaei-Mohammadi-Vahidinia (to appear)]

