

de Sitter, extremal surfaces and time entanglement

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- de Sitter space, dS/CFT and de Sitter entropy;
- dS extremal surfaces: future-past, no-boundary, time-entanglement/pseudo-entropy, analytic cont'ns, LM replica geometries, pseudo-Renyi
- QM: pseudo-entropy, time-entanglement $\rightarrow$ cosmological transition matrix
- Slow-roll inflation, no-bndy surfaces

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Holography and asymptotics

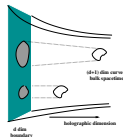
25+ yrs since AdS/CFT '97 Maldacena; '98 Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov; Witten.

Holography: quantum gravity in $\mathcal{M} \leftrightarrow$ dual without gravity on $\partial\mathcal{M}$ ('t Hooft, Susskind).

(Witten@Strings'98, '01) Gauge/gravity duality and asymptotics —

$\Lambda < 0$: AdS $\rightarrow$ asymptotics at spatial infinity.

Dual: unitary Lorentzian CFT, includes time.



$\Lambda = 0$: flat space $\rightarrow$ null infinity.

S-matrix, symmetries, Carroll/celestial ...

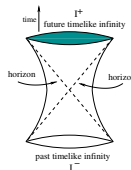
$\Lambda > 0$: de Sitter space

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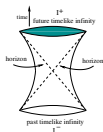
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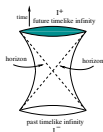
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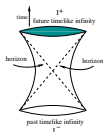
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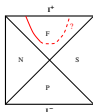
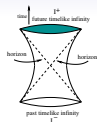
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Global/static dS from global AdS : other analytic continuations.

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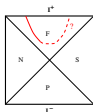
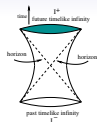
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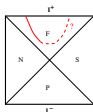
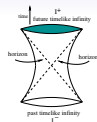


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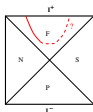
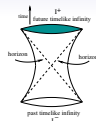
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Areas: new object $\rightarrow$ Pseudo entropy or “Time entanglement”.

(EE-like structures, timelike separations) **Doi, Harper, Mollabashi, Takayanagi, Taki; KN, '22**

[LM replica on
 $\Psi_{dS} = Z_{CFT}$]

$$\tau_{F|I}^A = \text{Tr}_B \left(\frac{|F\rangle\langle I|}{\text{Tr}(|F\rangle\langle I|)} \right) \quad [\text{entropy of reduced transition matrix (Nakata, Takayanagi, Taki, Tamaoka, Wei, '20)}]$$

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- $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \xrightarrow{\text{tr}_B} \text{RDM}_A$, remaining ghost-spin $\rightarrow$ von Neumann entropy.

$$2 \text{ g.s.}, \sum \psi^{ij} |ij\rangle: \quad \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = \gamma_{ik} \gamma_{jl} \psi^{ij} \psi^{kl*} = |\psi^{++}|^2 + |\psi^{--}|^2 - |\psi^{+-}|^2 - |\psi^{-+}|^2 = \pm 1$$

$$\text{RDM: } (\rho_A)^{ik} = \gamma_{jl} \psi^{ij} \psi^{kl*}; \quad \text{EE: } S_A = -\gamma_{ij} (\rho_A \log \rho_A)^{ij} \quad [\text{new patterns}]$$

- $-ve \text{ norm} \leftrightarrow \text{Im}(S_A)$ • $+ve \text{ norm } |\psi\rangle \nRightarrow +ve \text{ RDM, EE.}$

- Nontrivial adjoint $\Rightarrow \rho \sim$ transition matrix $\rightarrow$ pseudo-entropies.

- 2 copies: entangle identical ghost-spins from each copy $\rightarrow +ve \text{ norm, RDM, EE}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \psi^{++}|+\rangle|+\rangle + \psi^{--}|-\rangle|-\rangle \Rightarrow \text{Positivity} \rightarrow \text{correlated ghost-spins}$$

Also true for 2 copies of general ghost-spin ensembles: $|\psi\rangle = \sum |\sigma_n\rangle \psi^{\sigma_n, \sigma_n} |\sigma_n\rangle |\sigma_n\rangle \rightarrow \text{Positivity.}$

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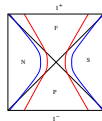
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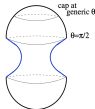
Bndry Eucl time slice, any S^{d-1} equatorial plane (OR $t=const$ slice).



Future-past (timelike) surfaces connecting I^+ to I^-

Hartman-Maldacena (AdS bh) rotated.

$$[\text{area div} -i \frac{\pi l^2}{G_4} \frac{R_C}{l}]$$



$$\underline{dS \text{ (global)}}: ds_{d+1}^2 = -d\tau^2 + l^2 \cosh^2 \frac{\tau}{l} d\Omega_d^2.$$

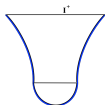
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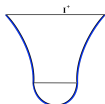


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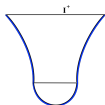
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Suggests $S_{nb} \equiv \Psi_{dS}, \quad S_{fp} \equiv \Psi_{dS}, \Psi_{dS}^* (I^+ \cup I^-).$

$$[dS_4] \quad S_{fp} = -i \frac{\pi l^2}{G_4} \frac{R_c}{l}; \quad S_{nb} = -i \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} \frac{R_c}{l} + \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4}$$



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Ordinary unitary 2-dim CFTs: EE is $S = \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{\Delta^2}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{-(\Delta t)^2 + (\Delta x)^2}{\epsilon^2}$.

Ordinary spacelike intervals $\Delta^2 > 0 \rightarrow S = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\Delta x}{\epsilon}$.

Entirely timelike interval, width Δt so $\Delta^2 < 0$: $S = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon} + \frac{c}{6} (i\pi)$.

[Usual Eucl CFT replica $\rightarrow$ Wick-rotate to timelike interval]

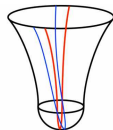
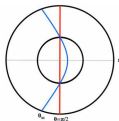
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Analytic cont'n $\equiv$ space $\leftrightarrow$ time rotation: AdS RT surface from $r \rightarrow \infty$ (boundary) to $r = 0$ (and back) $\longrightarrow$ IR dS RT/HRT surface from $r \rightarrow \infty$ (future boundary) to $r = l$ (Lorentzian dS) going around Eucl hemisphere ($r = l$ to $r = 0$) (& back to I^+).

dS RT/HRT surfaces on bndry Eucl time slice $[r = l \cosh \frac{\tau}{l}]$

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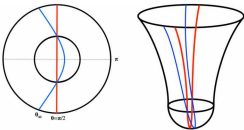


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Analytic cont'n $\equiv$ space $\leftrightarrow$ time rotation: AdS RT surface from $r \rightarrow \infty$ (boundary) to $r = 0$ (and back) $\rightarrow$ IR dS RT/HRT surface from $r \rightarrow \infty$ (future boundary) to $r = l$ (Lorentzian dS) going around Eucl hemisphere ($r = l$ to $r = 0$) (& back to I^+).

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(blue: generic θ_∞)

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Cosmic brane not spacelike $\leftrightarrow$ Euclidean + timelike no-bndry dS extremal surface.

LM replica formulation: entropy = area of cosmic brane created from “nothing”.

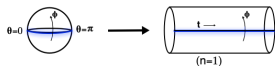
Amplitude divergent if Lorentzian part (till I^+) real. Here timelike part = pure phase cancels in probability (finite: bounded real part from hemisphere, set by dS entropy).

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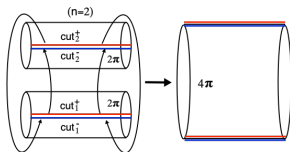
Extend boundary I^+ replica $\rightarrow$ explicit dS -like **smooth** bulk replica- n geometry

$$\text{Boundary Renyi entropy } S_n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log\left(\frac{Z_n}{Z_1^n}\right) = \frac{1}{1-n} \log\left(\frac{\Psi_n}{\Psi_1^n}\right) \sim i \frac{I_n - n I_1}{1-n}$$



Maximal subregion: $S^2 \rightarrow$ cylinder conformal transfm
 $\rightarrow$ smooth bulk replica geometry

$$ds^2 = -\frac{dr^2}{\frac{r^2}{l^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}} + \left(\frac{r^2}{l^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) dt^2 + r^2 d\phi^2$$



Replica boundary condns $\phi \equiv \phi + 2\pi n$ at I^+ .

[Euclidean part $r < \frac{l}{n}$: $t \rightarrow i\tau_E$ and $\tau_E = [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$]

$$\text{Renyi entropy } S_n^{nb} = \frac{1+n}{2n} \left(\frac{\pi l}{4G_3} + \frac{i l}{2G_3} \log \frac{2R_c}{l} \right)$$

$n \rightarrow 1$ limit $\rightarrow$ extremal surface area earlier.

Cosmic brane: consider above metric in boundary-quotiented variables $\phi \equiv \phi + 2\pi$.

Now $r = 0$ is singularity (North+South poles). This is **Schwarzschild** dS_3 :

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - 8G_3 E - \frac{r^2}{l^2}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - 8G_3 E - \frac{r^2}{l^2}} + r^2 d\tilde{\phi}^2, \quad 8G_3 E = 1 - \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Cosmic brane ($r = 0$) timelike in Lorentzian region.

Replica geometries: dS_4

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Convenient to construct dS_4 replica in hyperbolic coords ($dH_2^2 = d\chi^2 + \sinh^2 \chi d\psi^2$): recall AdS hyperbolic black holes, replicas, Renyi entropies, [Hung,Myers,Smolkin,Yale,'11](#).

Pure dS_4 : $ds^2 = -\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + l^2 f(r) d\phi^2 + r^2 dH_2^2$, $f(r) = \frac{r^2}{l^2} + 1$, $r = [il, 0] \cup [0, R_c]$.

EucL: $r = i\rho$, $\chi = i\varphi$: $ds^2 = \frac{d\rho^2}{1 - \frac{\rho^2}{l^2}} + l^2 \left(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{l^2}\right) d\phi^2 + \rho^2 (d\varphi^2 + \sin^2 \varphi d\psi^2)$

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Regularity criterion: smooth Euclidean continuation $r = i\rho$ (dS_4 brane: [Das,Das,KN,'13](#)).
 $\rightarrow -AdS$ type space. In dS variables $\rightarrow$ complex geometry, “ends” at complex horizon.

Boundary Renyi entropy $S_n = \frac{i}{1-n} \frac{2\pi A n}{16\pi G_4 l} \left(r_h (-r_h^2 + l^2) - 2il^3 \right)$.

$n \rightarrow 1$ limit, extremal surface area: $S_1 = -\frac{l^2}{4G_4} A \equiv \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} \left(\frac{iR_c}{l} + 1 \right)$.

Note: the hyperboloid area A is complex, since dS_4 in hyperbolic foliation is a nontrivial embedding in global dS_4 (even for $n = 1$) [$\cosh \chi_{max} \sim \frac{R_c}{il}$]. [Explicit dS_4 embedding coords for hyperboloid surface in covering space]

Can be generalized to higher dim dS . Overall this is equivalent to analytic continuation from AdS .

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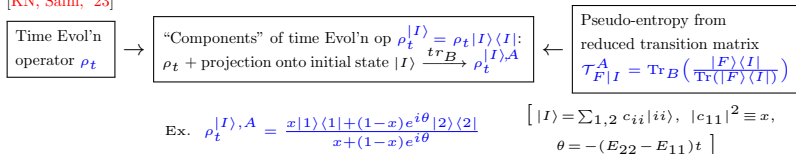
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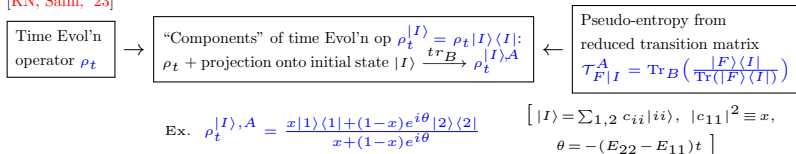
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• $|\psi_{fp}\rangle \rightarrow$ f-p density matrix $\rho_{fp} \equiv |\psi\rangle_{fp} \langle \psi|_{fp} \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_p} \text{positive structures.}$

• Transition matrix operator $\mathbb{T} \equiv \frac{|\psi(t)\rangle \langle \phi(t)|}{\text{Tr}(|\psi\rangle \langle \phi|)} = \frac{\mathcal{U}(t) |\psi\rangle \langle \phi| \mathcal{U}(t)^\dagger}{\text{Tr}(|\psi\rangle \langle \phi|)}$: (Nanda, KN, Porey, Yadav)
useful for operators localized to subregions, autocorrn fns etc (also Milekhin, Adamska, Preskill).

“Cosmological transition matrix”

Nanda,KN,Porey,Yadav

Drawing experience from QM, revert to cosmology $\rightarrow$ consider

“Cosmological transition matrix” from I^- to I^+ : $\mathbb{T}_{dS} \equiv \Psi[I^+] \Psi^*[I^-]$

Can now construct time-entanglement or pseudo-entropy quantities in various cosmological contexts.

“Boundedness” since de Sitter entropy is finite. Consider $\Psi[I^-] = \Psi[I^+] = \Psi_{dS}^{HH}$. This amounts to gluing the past and future Euclidean hemispheres.

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$$\text{using } dS_4 : \quad \log \Psi[I^+, R_c] = \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} + i \frac{\pi R_c^3}{8G_4} \left(-\frac{4}{l} + \frac{6l}{R_c^2}\right), \quad S_{nb} = \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} + i \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} \frac{R_c}{l}$$

Entirely Lorentzian dS_4 suggests $\Psi[I^-] = \Psi[I^+]^*$

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$$dS/CFT \Rightarrow Z_{CFT} = \Psi_{dS} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\mathbb{T}_{dS} \equiv Z_{CFT}[I^+] Z_{CFT}^*[I^-]}.$$

For $Z_{CFT}[I^+] = Z_{CFT}[I^-]$, this is positive: encodes dS entropy.

More generally, a single Z_{CFT} copy encodes boundary Renyi entropies.

Further aspects:
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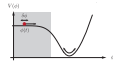
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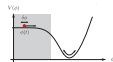
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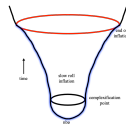
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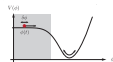
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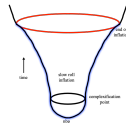
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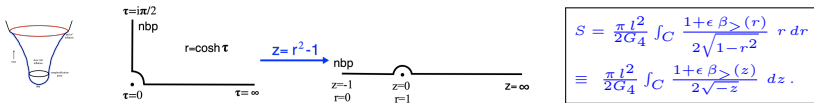
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Extra singular terms at complexification point $r = 1$ (poles in $\beta(r)$ terms) (like Wavefn)

Define as complex-time-plane integral + time-contour (avoid $r = 1$). Normalize to leading dS .

Slow-roll no-boundary extremal surfaces



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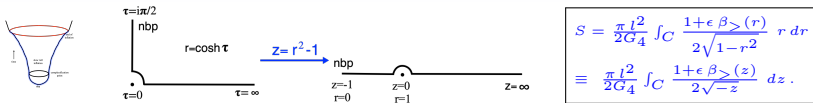
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- Divergent parts pure imaginary. Vindicates finite cosmic brane creation probability, set by size of maximal hemisphere ($\equiv dS$ entropy + slow-roll corrections [< 0]).
 - No clean separation betw real/imaginary parts of area, slow-roll corrections mix all.
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- Divergent parts pure imaginary. Vindicates finite cosmic brane creation probability, set by size of maximal hemisphere ($\equiv dS$ entropy + slow-roll corrections [< 0]).
 - No clean separation betw real/imaginary parts of area, slow-roll corrections mix all.
- Finite terms in particular arise from entire surface, both timelike and hemisphere parts.

Finite parts above (cosmic brane probability) match those in dS_4 Wavefunction:

$$iI_{sr4} = \frac{\pi l^2}{2G_4} \left[1 + \epsilon \left(\log 4 - \frac{7}{2} + i\pi \right) - i \left(r_c^3 - \frac{3}{2} r_c \right) + i\epsilon \left(r_c^3 \left(\log r_c - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \frac{r_c}{4} (6 \log r_c - 11) \right) \right]$$

(Maldacena '24) $\Psi \sim e^{iI_{sr4}}$, obtained by evaluating on-shell action via ADM formulation.

- AdS BH: IR RT surface wraps horizon, $S^{fin} \sim$ BH entropy $\leftarrow$ action $\equiv$ partition fn

Conclusions, questions

- dS future boundary: no $I^+ \rightarrow I^+$ turning point. Surfaces do not return to I^+ .
(a) Future-past surfaces, $I^+ \leftrightarrow I^-$. Timelike. (b) No-boundary surfaces, Real part (hemisphere) = $\frac{1}{2} dS$ entropy.

Pseudo-entropy: AdS analytic cont'n $\equiv$ space $\leftrightarrow$ time rotation, Lewkowycz-Maldacena.
Explicit dS replica geometries for maximal subregions $\rightarrow$ boundary Renyi entropies.

? *Complex dS -like geometries*: rules for replicas, time-contours?
multiple extremal surfaces? KSW?

QM & Time-entanglement/Pseudo-entropy: EE-like structures, timelike separations:

- (i) reduced time evolution operator $\leftrightarrow$ red. transition amplitudes,
- (ii) positivity in future-past entangled states & density matrices.

“Cosmological transition matrix” using dS Wavefunction $\rightarrow dS$ entropy, future-past areas...

? Dual using two copies of ghost-like CFTs?

- *Slow-roll inflation*: no-boundary areas must be defined carefully via complex time plane integrals with appropriate time contours avoiding potential poles.

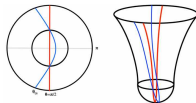
Maximal cosmic brane creation probability (= dS_4 entropy + slow-roll corrections [< 0])

matches $|\text{Wavefunction}|^2$. Dual CFT understanding? Time-contours, more general cosmologies?

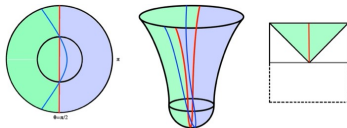
? Pseudo-entropy meta-observables $\leftrightarrow$ standard Big-Bang cosmology observers/observables?

dS surfaces, subregion duality, geometrically

IR surface, $t = \text{const}$ slice, maximal subregion $\rightarrow$ **red** surface;
 Generic subregion, **blue**: tilted “great circle” in hemisphere,
 joining with tilted timelike surface in Lorentzian top half.
 dS_3 explicitly solvable; dS_{d+1} , perturbatively analysed.

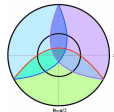


Time-entanglement/Pseudo-entanglement
 wedge: Max subregion, $t = \text{const}$ slice: **green**
 bulk region bounded by (**red**) IR surface and
 boundary subregion. (**Violet** complement region)



Including t -direction $\rightarrow$ top wedge (containing future of IR surface on vertical
 $t = \text{const}$ slice), bounded by I^+ subregion $\equiv$ analytic continuation from AdS .
 Space-time rotation from AdS EE wedge. (dS/CFT via relative entropy, modular flow etc?)

Multiple disjoint boundary subregions: **red**, **violet**, **blue** no-boundary dS
 extremal surfaces. Complex areas so quite different from AdS EE.
 Bulk subregions not disjoint: except for IR (maximal) subregions.

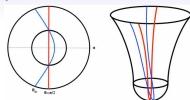


[Maybe other possibilities: subregion duality in Lorentzian dS via future-past surfaces..]

dS surfaces, entropy relations/inequalities

$$dS_3 : S_t^{\theta\infty} = -i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log \frac{R_c}{l} - i \frac{l}{4G_3} \log(\sin^2 \theta_\infty) + \frac{\pi l}{4G_3}$$

$$\text{IR}, \theta_\infty = \frac{\pi}{2} : S_t^{IR} = -i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log \frac{R_c}{l} + \frac{\pi l}{4G_3}$$

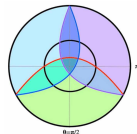


Two adjacent disjoint subregions A, B ($2\theta_\infty = \frac{\pi}{2}$); $A \cup B \equiv (2\theta_\infty = \pi)$.

“Mutual time-information” or “mutual pseudo-information”:

$$I_t[A, B] = S[A] + S[B] - S[A \cup B] = -i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log \frac{R_c}{l} + i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log 2 + \frac{\pi l}{4G_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Re } I_t \geq 0, \quad \text{Im } I_t \leq 0. \quad (\text{antipodal subregions, } I_t = 0)$$



Tripartite time-information: 3 disjoint adjacent quadrant subregions A, B, C ($2\theta_\infty = \frac{\pi}{2}$).

$A \cup B, B \cup C$ maximal (IR) subregions. $A \cup C$, antipodal quadrants (extr. surf. = “inner” ($\equiv B$) + “outer”).

$$S_A = S_B = S_C = S_t^{\pi/4}, \quad S_{AB} = S_{BC} = S_t^{\pi/2}, \quad S_{AC} = S_t^{\pi/4} + S_t^{\pi/4}, \quad S_{ABC} = S_t^{\pi/4};$$

$$I_3^t[A, B, C] = S_A + S_B + S_C - S_{AB} - S_{BC} - S_{AC} + S_{ABC} = i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log 2 \Rightarrow \text{Im } I_3^t \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Strong subadditivity: } \left. \begin{aligned} S_{AB} + S_{BC} - S_{ABC} - S_B &= -i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log 2, \\ S_{AB} + S_{BC} - S_A - S_C &= -i \frac{l}{2G_3} \log 2. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Re } SSB_{1,2}^t &\geq 0, \\ \text{Im } SSB_{1,2}^t &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

dS area/entropy relations special (relative to qubit system pseudo-entropies).

Note: AdS analytic continuation $il \rightarrow -L \Rightarrow MI \geq 0, I_3 \leq 0, SSB^{1,2} \geq 0$.

Consistent with AdS RT/HRT areas which are also special [Hayden, Headrick, Maloney, '11](#).

Qubits, pseudo-entropy inequalities

Pseudo-entropy $\rho_t = \frac{|F\rangle\langle I|}{\text{Tr}(|F\rangle\langle I|)} = \frac{\mathcal{U}(t)|I\rangle\langle I|}{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{U}(t)|I\rangle\langle I|)}$ [= time evolv op $\mathcal{U}(t) = e^{-iHt}$ with projection]
for TFD-type initial state $|I\rangle$ and its time-evolved final state $|F\rangle = \mathcal{U}(t)|I\rangle$.

2-qubits: $|I\rangle = c_{11}|11\rangle + c_{22}|22\rangle$, $|F\rangle = c_{11}e^{-iE_{11}t}|11\rangle + c_{22}e^{-iE_{22}t}|22\rangle$
 $[|c_{11}|^2 + |c_{22}|^2 = 1; |c_{11}|^2 \equiv x; \theta = -(E_{22} - E_{11})t]$

$$\rho_t^1 = \text{Tr}_2 \rho_t, \quad \rho_t^2 = \text{Tr}_1 \rho_t, \quad \rho_t^2 = \rho_t^1 = \frac{1}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} \left(x|1\rangle\langle 1| + (1-x)e^{i\theta}|2\rangle\langle 2| \right),$$

$$S_t^2 = S_t^1 = -\frac{x}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} \log \frac{x}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} - \frac{(1-x)e^{i\theta}}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} \log \frac{(1-x)e^{i\theta}}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}}$$

Near $t = 0$: $S_t^1(t) \sim S_t^1(0) + \frac{d}{dt} S_t^1(0) t \equiv S_0$,

$$S_t^1(0) = -x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x), \quad \frac{d}{dt} S_t^1(0) = -i \Delta E x(1-x) \log \frac{x}{1-x}$$

Mutual pseudo-information: $I_t[1, 2] = S_t^1 + S_t^2 - S_t \sim 2S_0; \quad \text{Re } I_t > 0, \quad \text{Im } I_t \gtrless 0$

3-qubits: $|I\rangle = c_{111}|111\rangle + c_{222}|222\rangle$, $|F\rangle = c_{111}e^{-iE_{111}t}|111\rangle + c_{222}e^{-iE_{222}t}|222\rangle$
 $\rho_t^{123} = \frac{|F\rangle\langle I|}{\text{Tr}(|F\rangle\langle I|)}, \quad \rho_t^1 = \text{Tr}_{23} \rho_t^{123} = \frac{1}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} \left(x|1\rangle\langle 1| + (1-x)e^{i\theta}|2\rangle\langle 2| \right), \quad \rho_t^2 = \rho_t^3 = \rho_t^1,$
 $\rho_t^{12} = \text{Tr}_3 \rho_t^{123} = \frac{1}{x+(1-x)e^{i\theta}} \left(x|11\rangle\langle 11| + (1-x)e^{i\theta}|22\rangle\langle 22| \right), \quad \rho_t^{23} = \rho_t^{13} = \rho_t^{12}$

Tripartite pseudo-information: $I_3^t[1, 2, 3] = S_t^1 + S_t^2 + S_t^3 - S_t^{23} - S_t^{13} - S_t^{12} + S_t^{123} = 0$

SSB: $SSB_1^t = S_t^{12} + S_t^{23} - S_t^{123} - S_t^2 = S_t^1; \quad SSB_2^t = S_t^{12} + S_t^{23} - S_t^1 - S_t^3 = 0$
 $\text{Re } SSB_1^t > 0, \quad \text{Im } SSB_1^t \gtrless 0 \quad (x \neq \frac{1}{2})$

[Specific TFD states above; more general states?]

“Time-Entanglement”, examples: 2-qubits etc

2-state system: $H|k\rangle = E_k|k\rangle$, ($k = 1, 2$; $\langle 1|2\rangle = 0$); $|k\rangle_F \equiv |k(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_k t}|k\rangle_P$.

$$\rho_t = \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}}(|1\rangle\langle 1| + e^{i\theta}|2\rangle\langle 2|), \quad \theta = -(E_2 - E_1)t; \quad \text{2-spin analogy: } |1\rangle \equiv |++\rangle, \quad |2\rangle \equiv |--\rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_B} \rho_t^A \rightarrow \text{entropy } S_A^\theta = -\text{tr}(\rho_t^A \log \rho_t^A) = -\frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}} \log \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-i\theta}} \log \frac{1}{1+e^{-i\theta}}$$

Real-valued, oscillating in time, periodicity $\sim \frac{1}{\Delta E}$; unbounded at $t = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\Delta E}$; $\min S_A^\theta = \log 2$ at $t = \frac{2n\pi}{\Delta E}$.

General 2-qubit Hamiltonian $H = E_{11}|11\rangle\langle 11| + E_{22}|22\rangle\langle 22| + E_{12}(|12\rangle\langle 12| + |21\rangle\langle 21|)$

$$\rho_t = \mathcal{N}_t \sum_{i,j} e^{-iE_{ij}t} |ij\rangle\langle ij| = \frac{(|11\rangle\langle 11| + e^{i\theta_1}|22\rangle\langle 22| + e^{i\theta_2}(|12\rangle\langle 12| + |21\rangle\langle 21|))}{1+e^{i\theta_1}+2e^{i\theta_2}} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} t=0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{1} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_2} \rho_t^A = \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta_1}+2e^{i\theta_2}} \left((1+e^{i\theta_2})|1\rangle\langle 1| + (e^{i\theta_1}+e^{i\theta_2})|2\rangle\langle 2| \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \theta_1 = -(E_{22}-E_{11})t, \\ \theta_2 = -(E_{12}-E_{11})t. \end{array}$$

Generically complex-valued von Neumann entropy. (mixed EE, imaginary temp $\beta = it$)

$\frac{\rho_t^{|I\rangle}\langle I|}{\text{Tr}(\rho_t^{|I\rangle}\langle I|)}$: Projection onto Thermofield-double initial states $|I\rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij}|ij\rangle$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Tr}_2} \rho_t^{|I\rangle,A} = \frac{1}{|c_{11}|^2 + |c_{22}|^2 e^{i\theta}} \left(|c_{11}|^2 |1\rangle\langle 1| + |c_{22}|^2 e^{i\theta} |2\rangle\langle 2| \right) \quad [\theta = -(E_{22} - E_{11})t]$$

$\equiv$ reduced transition matrix for $|I\rangle$ and $|F\rangle = \sum c_{ii} e^{-iE_{ii}t} |ii\rangle$ ($\rightarrow$ pseudo-entropy).

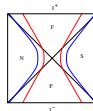
Max. entangled (Bell-pair) states $|c_{11}|^2 = |c_{22}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow S_A^\theta$ (2-state above). $\min S_A^\theta = \log 2 = \text{EE}(|I\rangle)$.

Future-past surfaces, f-p “entanglement”

dS future-past surfaces connecting I^+ to I^- .

(Hartman-Maldacena (AdS bh) rotated)

Suggests future-past entanglement (betw $I^\pm$).



Recall eternal AdS bh dual to $CFT_L \times CFT_R$ in TFD state (Maldacena)

Speculation: (Lorentzian) dS_4 dual to $CFT_F \times CFT_P$ in thermofield-double entangled state $|\psi_{fp}^{tfd}\rangle = \sum \psi_{i_n^F, i_n^P}^{i_n^F, i_n^P} |i_n^F\rangle |i_n^P\rangle$?

[KN '17; also

Arias,Diaz,Sundell,'19]

Tracing fp-dm over past copy gives mixed state at I^+ .

2 copies of future-past entangled states & density matrices: positive entropy $EE > 0$.

$|\psi_{fp}\rangle \rightarrow$ f-p density matrix $\rho_{fp} \equiv |\psi\rangle_{fp} \langle \psi|_{fp} \xrightarrow{Tr_P}$ positive structures.

Connectedness of fp-entangled states & timelike entanglement $\leftrightarrow$ emergence of time?

van Raamsdonk: space emerges from entanglement.

Factorized fp-states $|\psi_f^{(1)}\rangle |\psi_P^{(2)}\rangle$: $\text{Tr}_P \rho_{fp} \rightarrow$ pure.

Entangled fp-states: reduced transition matrix $\equiv$ time evolution operator.

$[\mathcal{U}(t) = \text{Tr}_2(|\psi_{fp}\rangle \langle \psi_I|)]$ Time evol'n $\equiv$ f-p EE. Timelike ER=EPR?