

# Model-independent methods in Boundary & Interface

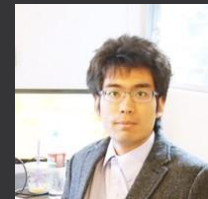
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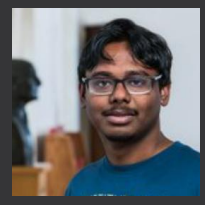
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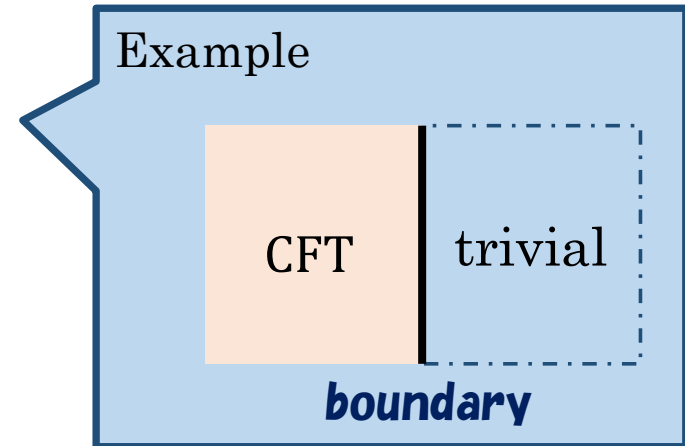
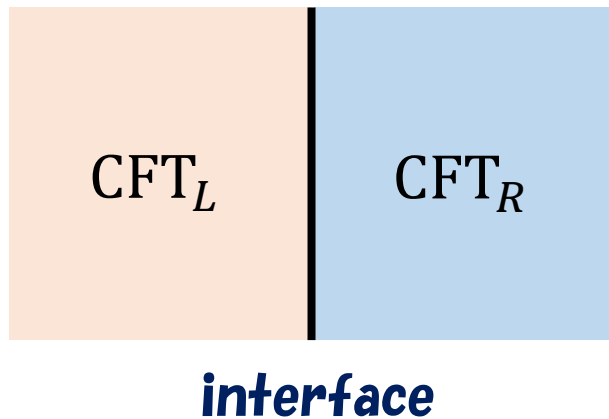
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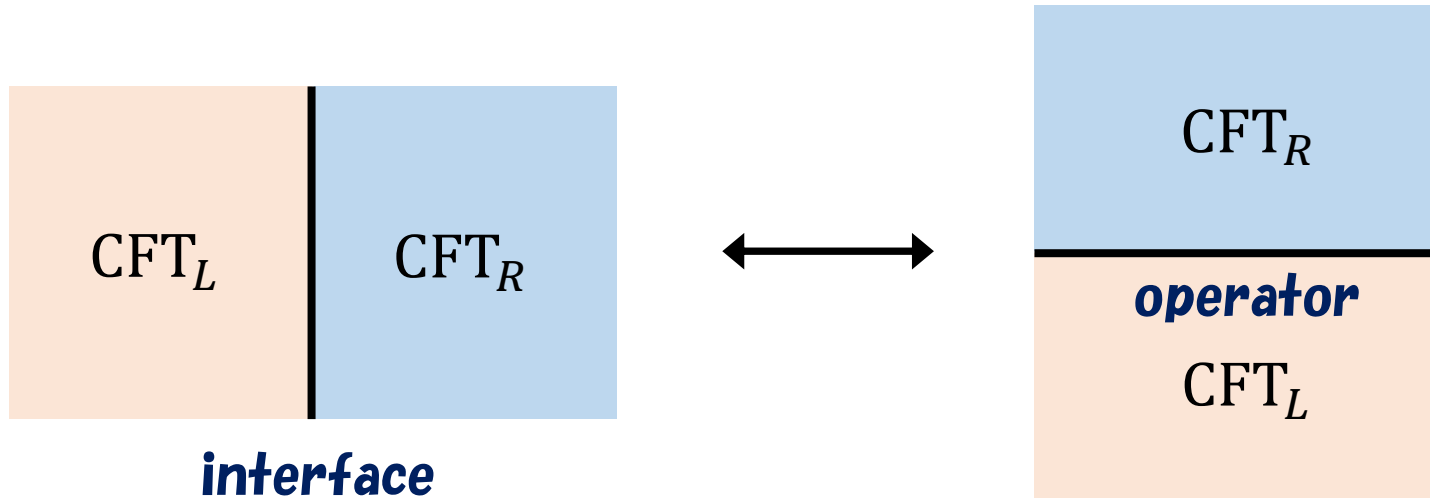
# Introduction

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 $\Rightarrow$  predict the effect of boundaries in real systems

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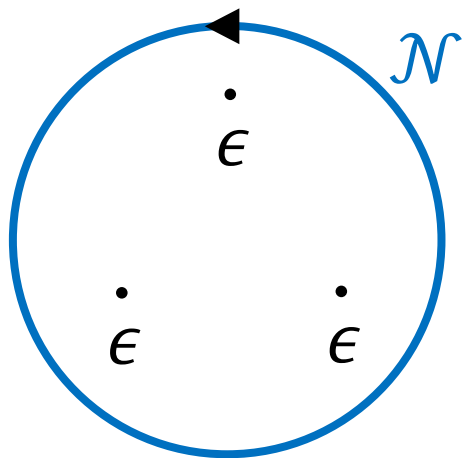


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viewed as an **operator** acting on Hilbert space

⇒ Non-local probe, such as Entanglement Entropy

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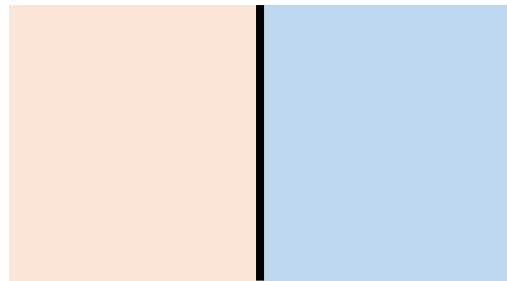
(Generalized) Ward-Takahashi identity

$\Rightarrow$  new selection rule for correlation functions

$$\langle \epsilon \epsilon \epsilon \dots \rangle = 0 \quad \text{if } \# \text{ of } \epsilon \text{ is odd}$$

developed as Generalized symmetry [Gaiotto]

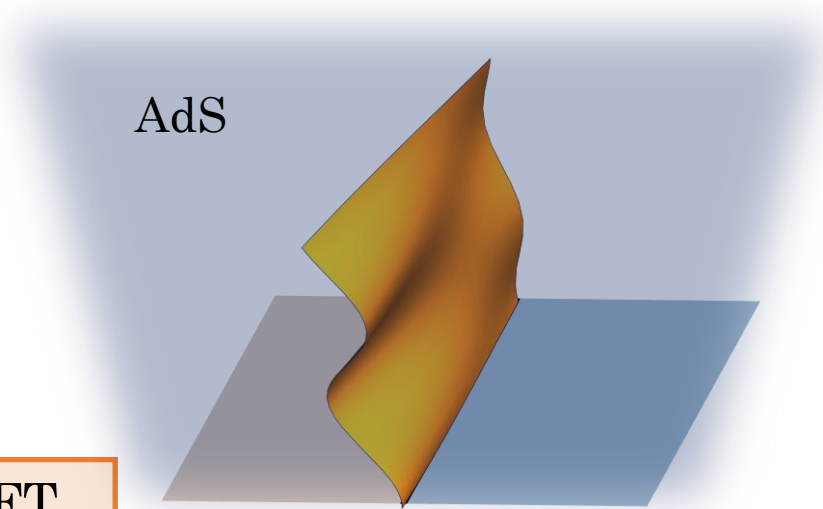
# Why Interface?



**interface**

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AdS/CFT



**brane**

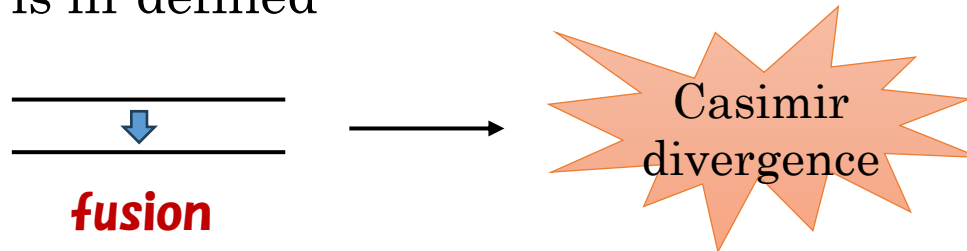
Holographic dual of ICFT involves brane

⇒ holographic approach to quantum gravity

- understanding braneworld holography
- providing tractable model of QG (with brane)  
(i.e., island model)

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Remark:

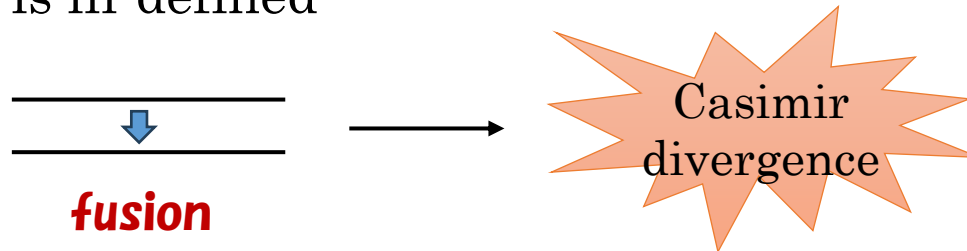
Topological interface is an exception, since it has no Casimir divergence.

⇒ nice structure, i.e., fusion category

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- Solvable concrete examples are very limited
  - ⇒ hard to conjecture universal formula from concrete examples



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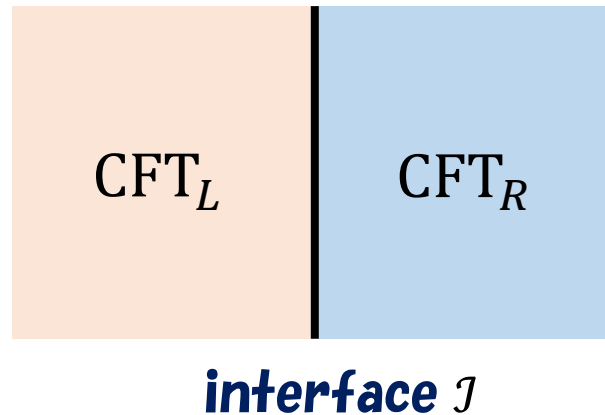
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  - Topological  $\Rightarrow$  generalized symmetry
  - Non-topological  $\Rightarrow$  “**generalized**” generalized symmetry



# Conformal Interface

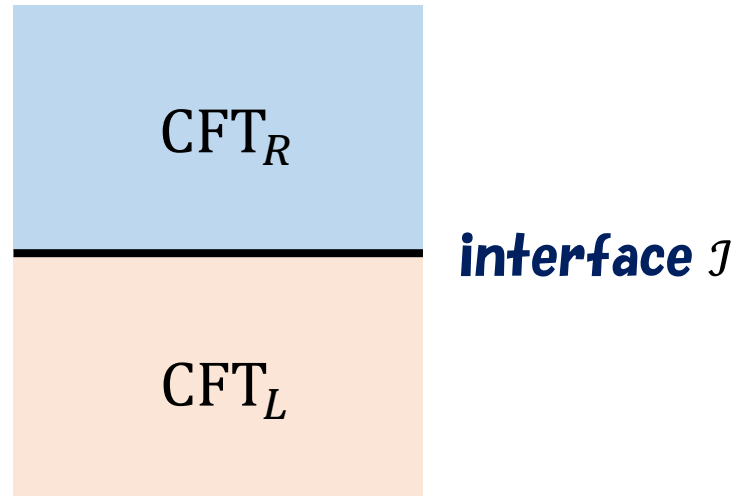


## Assumption

No absorption & emission of energy on  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$T^{(L)} - \bar{T}^{(L)} = T^{(R)} - \bar{T}^{(R)} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{I}$$

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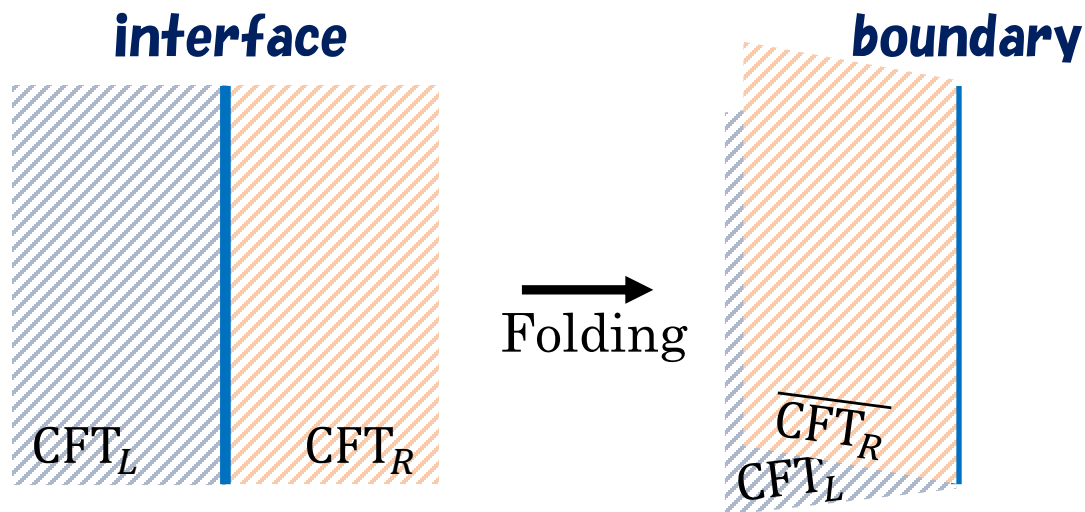


## Assumption(Operator formalism)

Map from states in  $\text{CFT}_L$  to states in  $\text{CFT}_R$ ,  
satisfying

$$\left( L_n^{(L)} - \bar{L}_{-n}^{(L)} \right) \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J} \left( L_n^{(R)} - \bar{L}_{-n}^{(R)} \right)$$

# ICFT $\rightarrow$ BCFT



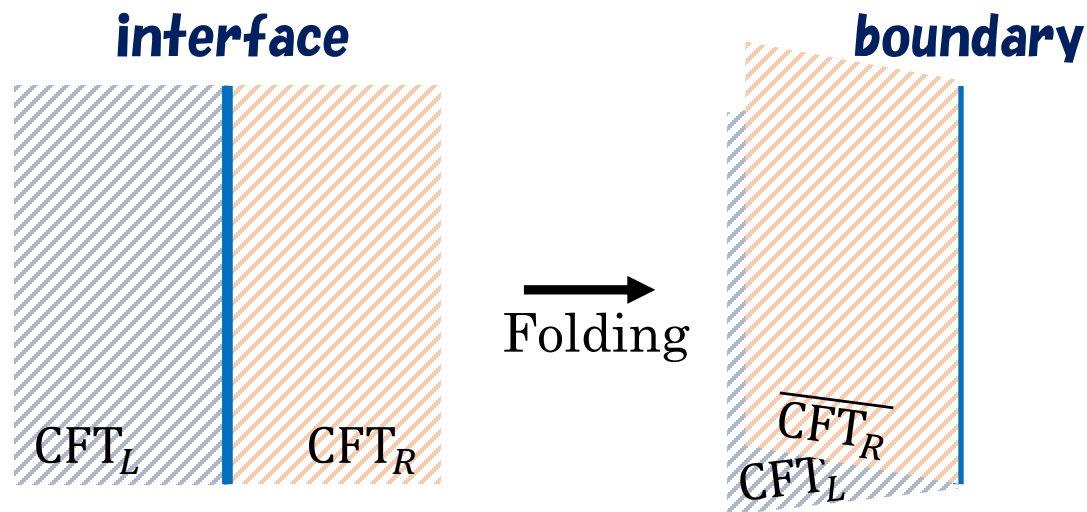
## Alternative Interpretation of Assumption

$$T^{(L)} - \bar{T}^{(L)} = T^{(R)} - \bar{T}^{(R)}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$T^{(L)} + \bar{T}^{(R)} = \bar{T}^{(L)} + T^{(R)}$$

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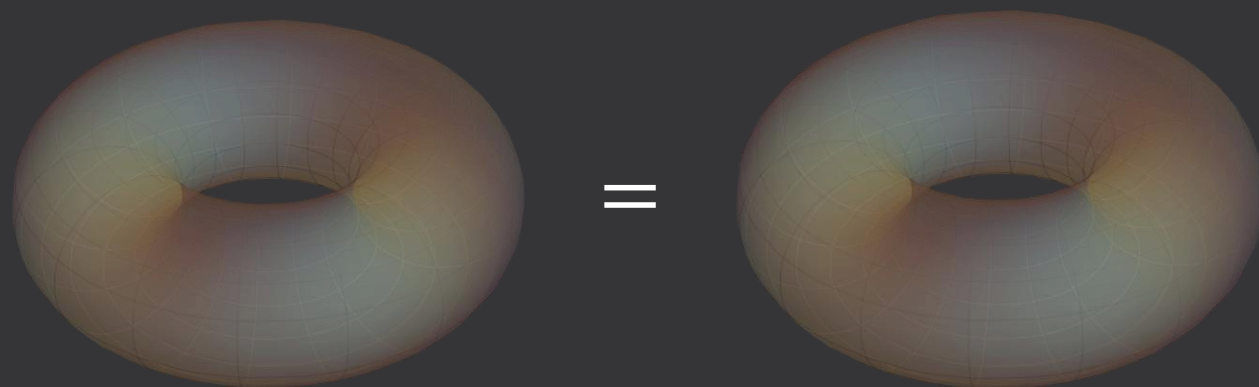


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Define  $T_{\text{tot}}$  as stress tensor of product CFT, then

$$T_{\text{tot}} = \overline{T_{\text{tot}}} \quad \text{on } \mathcal{I}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Conformal boundary condition



Bootstrapping  $\text{BCFT}_2$



# BCFT data

- Spectrum

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cylinder} \\ \text{[diagram of cylinder with dashed red line and scissors]} \end{array} = \int d\Delta_p \rho_{\text{bulk}}(\Delta_p) \begin{array}{c} \text{Two punctured disks} \\ \text{[diagram of two disks with points } p \text{]} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Strip} \\ \text{[diagram of strip with 'boundary' label, dashed red line, and scissors]} \end{array} = \int d\Delta_P \rho_{\text{bdy}}(\Delta_P) \begin{array}{c} \text{Two boundary punctured disks} \\ \text{[diagram of two disks with points } P \text{ on the boundary]} \end{array}$$

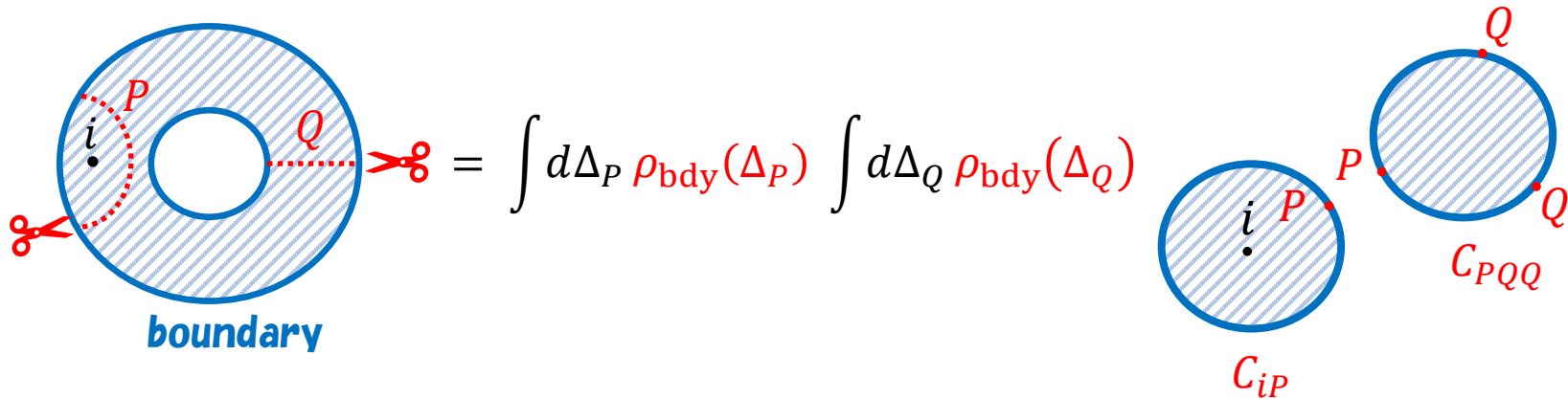
- OPE coef.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Disk with 3 points } i, j, k & \text{Disk with 3 boundary points } I, J, K & \text{Disk with 1 boundary point } I \text{ and 1 interior point } p \\ \text{[diagram]} & \text{[diagram]} & \text{[diagram]} \\ C_{ijk} & C_{IJK} & C_{pI} \end{array}$$

# BCFT data

With  $\{\rho_{\text{bulk}}(\Delta), \rho_{\text{bdy}}(\Delta), C_{ijk}, C_{iJ}, C_{IJK}\}$ ,  
any correlation function can be calculated

Example:



Solve CFT = Determine  $\{\rho_{\text{bulk}}(\Delta), \rho_{\text{bdy}}(\Delta), C_{ijk}, C_{iJ}, C_{IJK}\}$

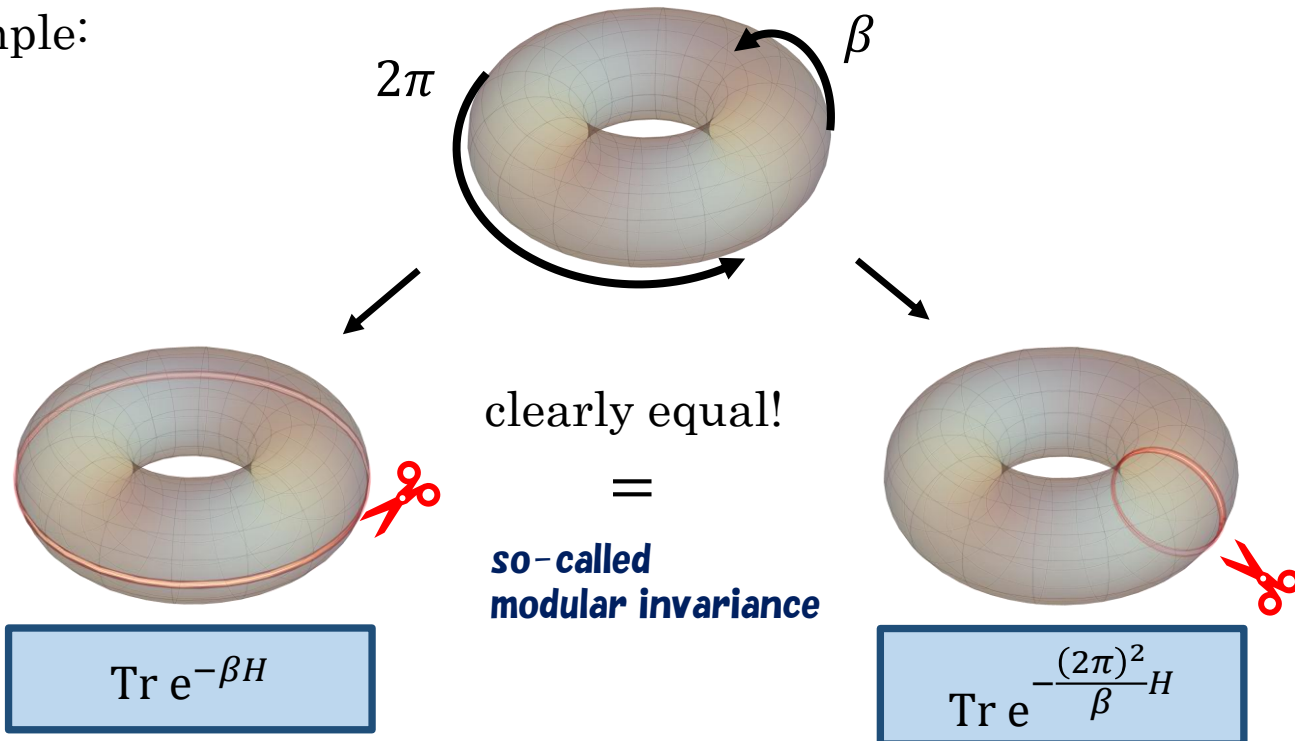
But how?

# Conformal Bootstrap

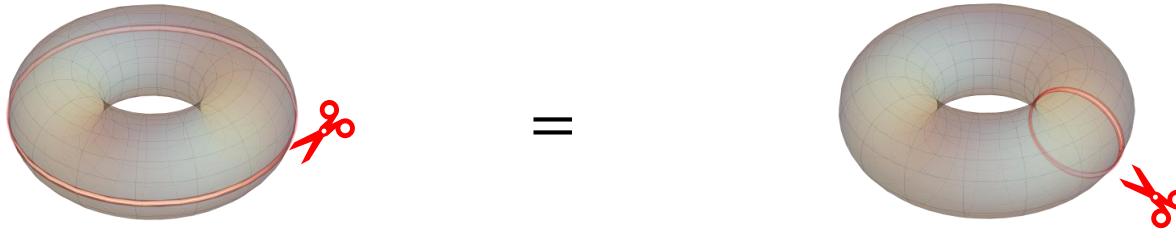
💡 Idea

Equation between two different **cuts**

Example:



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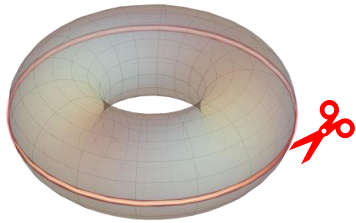
How to solve?

To solve it, we generally need some assumptions, such as low-energy spectrum, number of irreps, etc.

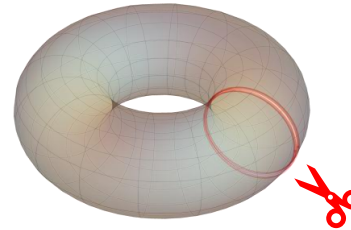
But in particular region, one can solve it without such assumptions, which leads to universal formula in CFT.

Let us see this.

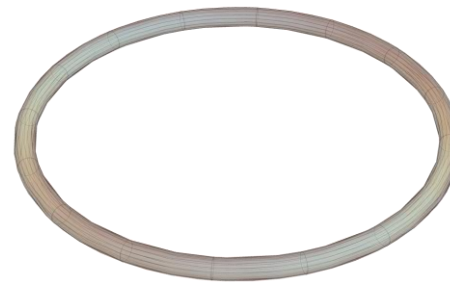
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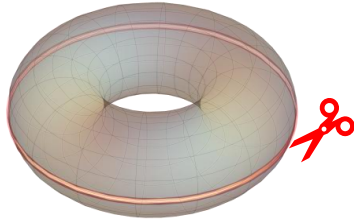


only **vacuum** propagates

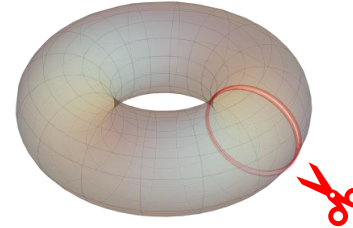
$$\text{Tr } e^{-\frac{(2\pi)^2}{\beta} H} \simeq e^{-\frac{(2\pi)^2}{\beta} E_0}$$

where  $E_0 = -\frac{c}{12}$

# Conformal Bootstrap



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$$\int d\Delta \rho_{\text{bulk}}(\Delta) e^{-\beta(\Delta - \frac{c}{12})} \simeq$$

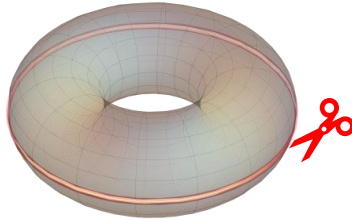
$$e^{\frac{(2\pi)^2}{\beta} \frac{c}{12}}$$

By the inverse Laplace trans., we obtain universal formula,

**Cardy formula**

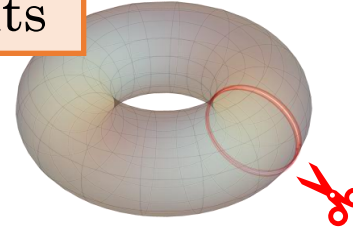
$$\rho_{\text{bulk}}(\Delta) \simeq \exp\left(2\pi\sqrt{\frac{c}{3}}\Delta\right)$$

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① different cuts

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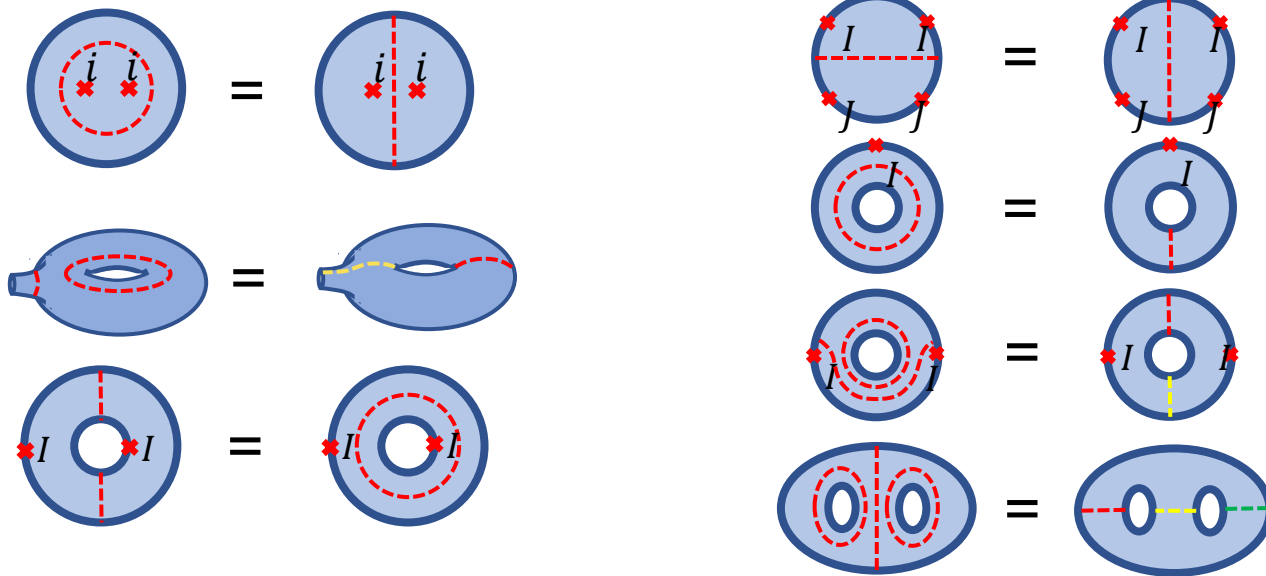


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## Result

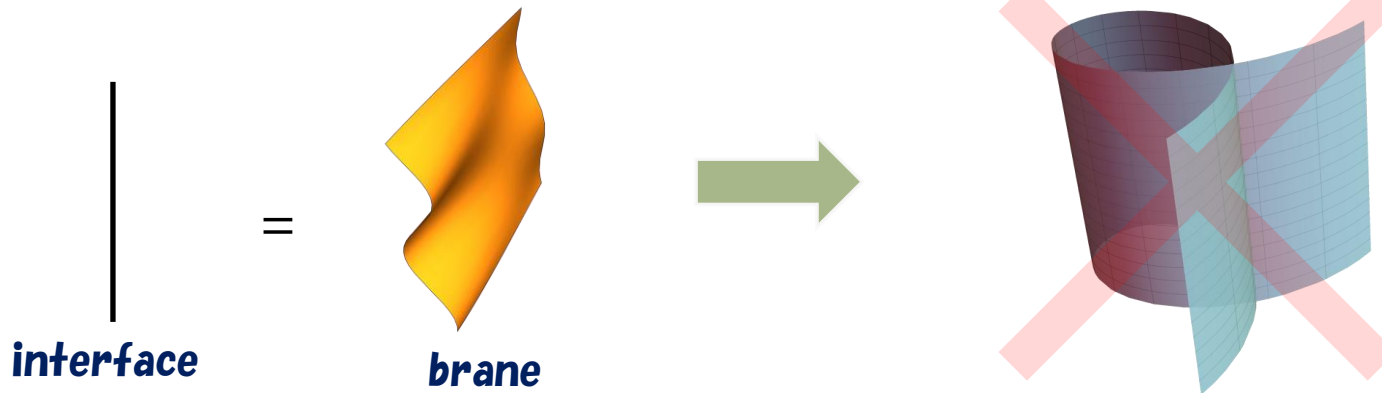
[YK], [Numasawa-Tsiaras]

In the limit  $\max\{h_i\}, \{h_I\} \gg c$ ,  
 $C_{ijk}, C_{iJ}, C_{IJK}$  are asymptotically universal

which is generalization of Cardy formula

# Application

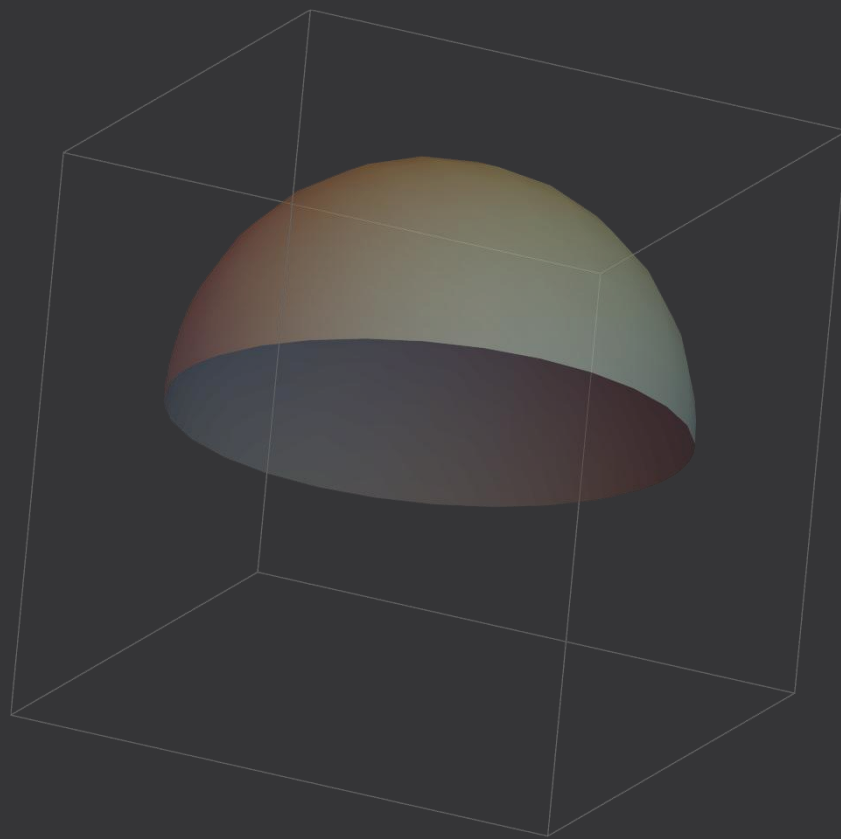
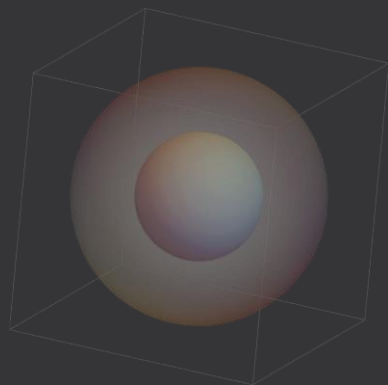
[YK], [YK, Wei]



Implication from universal formula

Self-interacted brane is impossible

When attempting to create self-interaction,  
black hole is always formed



Bootstrapping  $\text{BCFT}_d$

# Modular bootstrap in higher $d$ ?

$$\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{S}^1$$

**modular invariance**



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## Hint

One can still find a low-temperature description by

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on  $\Sigma_{d-1} \times S^1_\beta$

$\simeq$

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KK ansatz for background metric on  $\Sigma_{d-1} \times \mathbb{S}^1_\beta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{ij}(\vec{x}) dx^i dx^j + e^{2\phi(\vec{x})} d\tau^2 \\ &= e^{2\phi(\vec{x})} [\hat{g}_{ij}(\vec{x}) dx^i dx^j + d\tau^2] \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{g} := e^{-2\phi}$ , and  $e^{-2\phi} = \beta^{-2}$

In the  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  limit, gapped  $\Rightarrow$  depend only on background fields

$$Z[\Sigma_{d-1} \times \mathbb{S}^1_\beta] \rightarrow e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[\hat{g}]}$$

Weyl invariance constraints the form,

Weyl inv.  
 $Z[g, \phi] = Z[\hat{g}, 0]$

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$\hat{R}$  is dimensionless.

If making mass dimension explicit,

$$\hat{R} = \beta^2 R$$

$\Rightarrow$  suppressed by  $\beta^2$

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Note: Wilson coefficients are independent of background metric

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# Cardy formula in $\text{CFT}_d$

[Benjamin, Lee, Ooguri, Simmons-Duffin]

Consider  $\text{CFT}_d$  on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{S}_\beta^1$ , we have

$$S_{\text{eff}}[\hat{g}] \simeq -\frac{f}{\beta^{d-1}} \text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$$

EFT approach remains valid even in higher dimensions,

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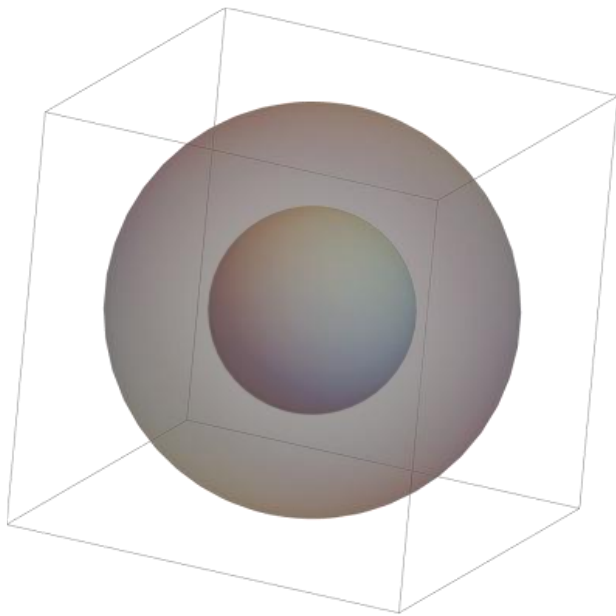
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Note: The sub-leading term is suppressed by  $\Delta^{-\frac{2}{d}}$ ,  
and its coefficient is determined by  $f$  and  $c_1$ .

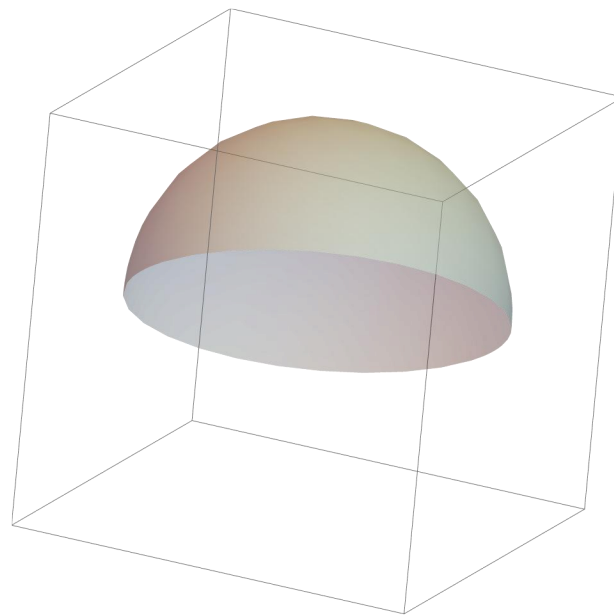
# Cardy formula in $\text{BCFT}_d$

Two ways to place boundaries on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{S}^1_\beta$



[Diatlyk, Khanchandani, Popov, Wang]

sandwiched by  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  boundaries

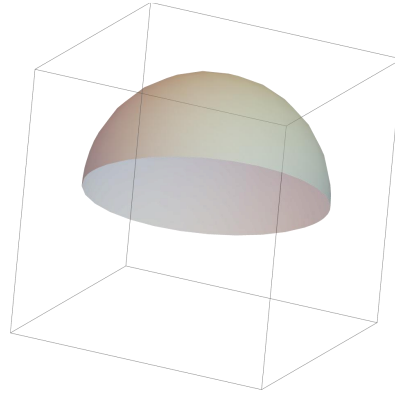


[Kusuki, Ooguri, Pal]

$\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  with  $\mathbb{S}^{d-2}$  boundary

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$$S_{\text{eff}}[\hat{g}] = \int d^{d-1}x \sqrt{\hat{g}}(-f + c_1 \hat{R} + \dots) \\ + \int d^{d-2}x \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}}(-g + b_1 \hat{K} + \dots)$$

$\sigma$ : induced metric on the boundary

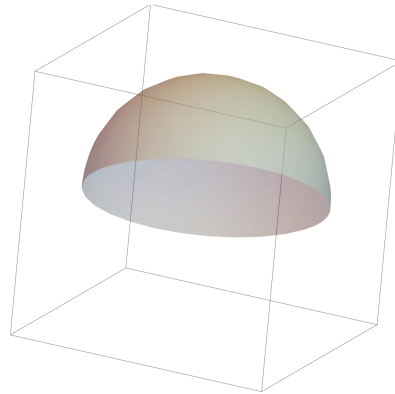
$K$ : trace of extrinsic curvature  $K_{ab} := \nabla_a n_b$

$n$ : unit vector normal to the boundary

boundary contribution

# Cardy formula in BCFT<sub>d</sub>

[Kusuki, Ooguri, Pal]



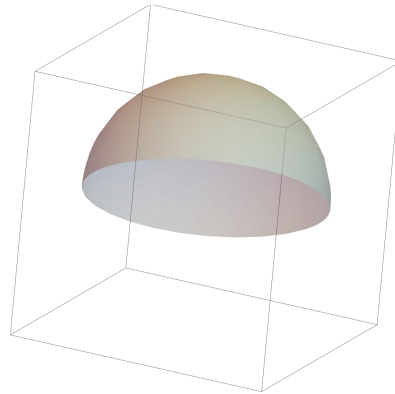
$\beta$  expansion of  $S_{\text{eff}}[\hat{g}]$  includes

- Bulk leading:  $-f \frac{\text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})}{2\beta^{d-1}}$
- Bulk sub-leading:  $c_1 \frac{(d-2)(d-1)\text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})}{2\beta^{d-3}}$
- Boundary leading:  $-g \frac{\text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-2})}{\beta^{d-2}}$  related to  $g$ -function in  $2d$

$\Rightarrow$  Next leading comes from the boundary leading

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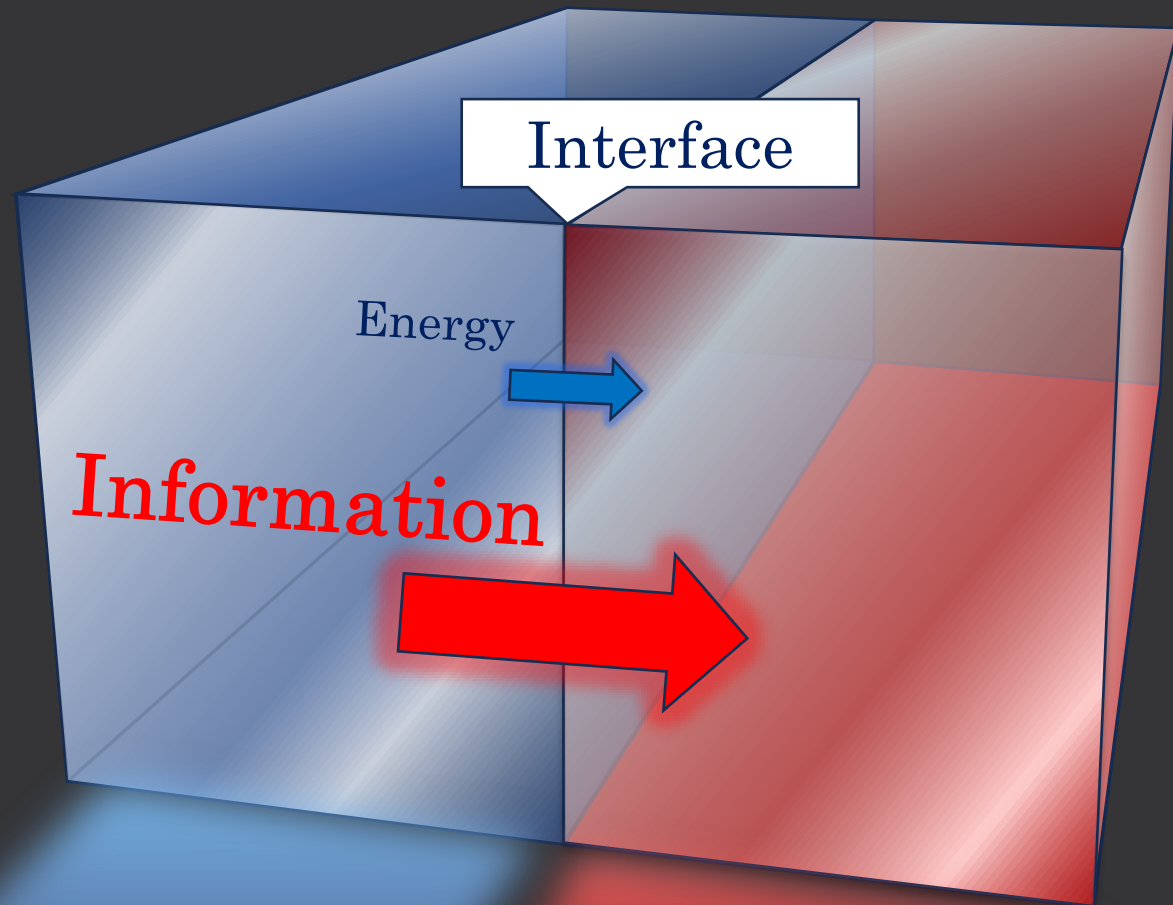


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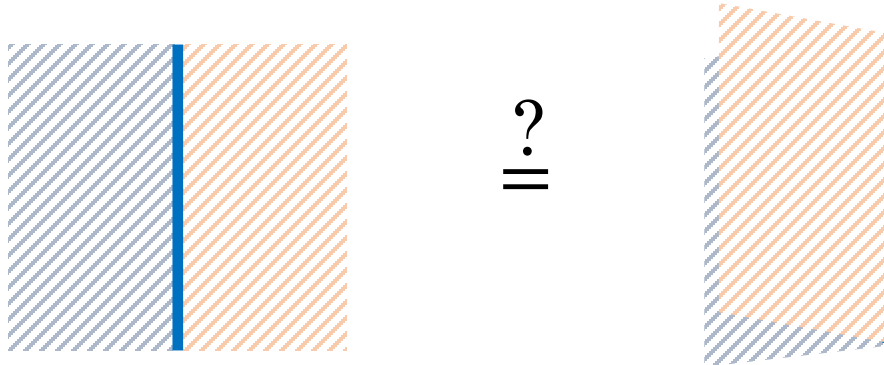
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AdS/ICFT

# ICFT $\stackrel{?}{=}$ BCFT



BCFT picture obscures unique properties of ICFT

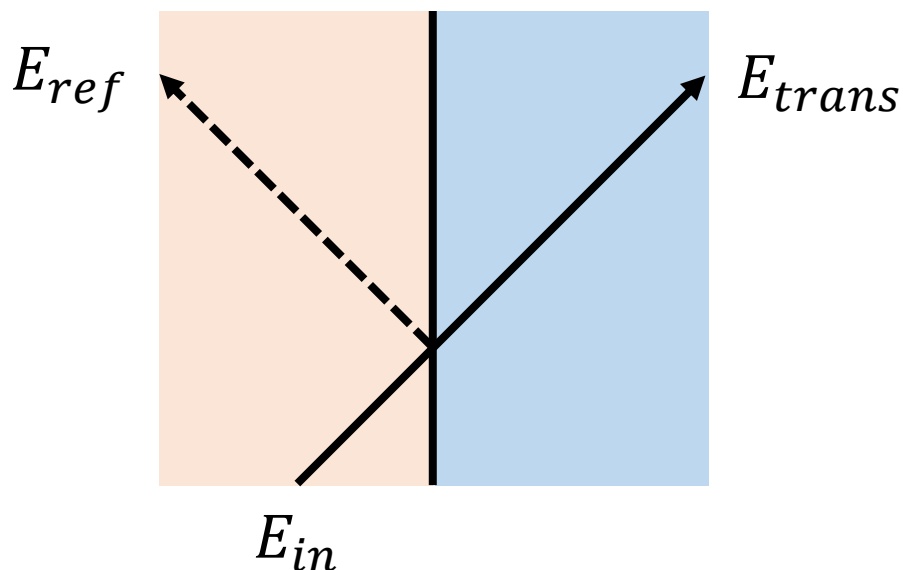
- Energy transmission from L to R
- Entanglement between L & R

which are encoded in BCFT but make sense only in ICFT

# Transmission Coefficient

[Quella, Runkel, Watts]

$$\mathcal{T} := \frac{E_{trans}}{E_{in}}$$



Transmission coef. can be extracted by

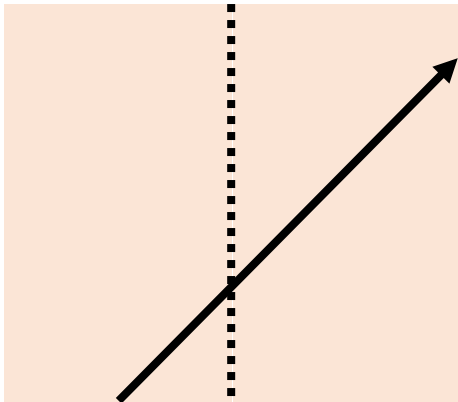
[Meineri, Penedones, Rousset]

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{c_{LR}}{c_{L/R}}, \quad \langle T_L(z) T_R(w) \rangle = \frac{c_{LR}}{2(z-w)^4}$$

# Transmission Coefficient

[Quella, Runkel, Watts]

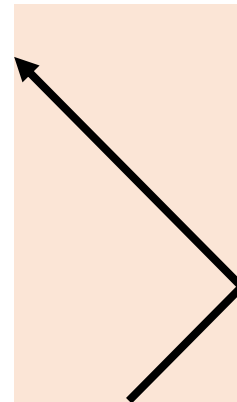
Two trivial cases



topological

$$\mathcal{T} = 1$$

max

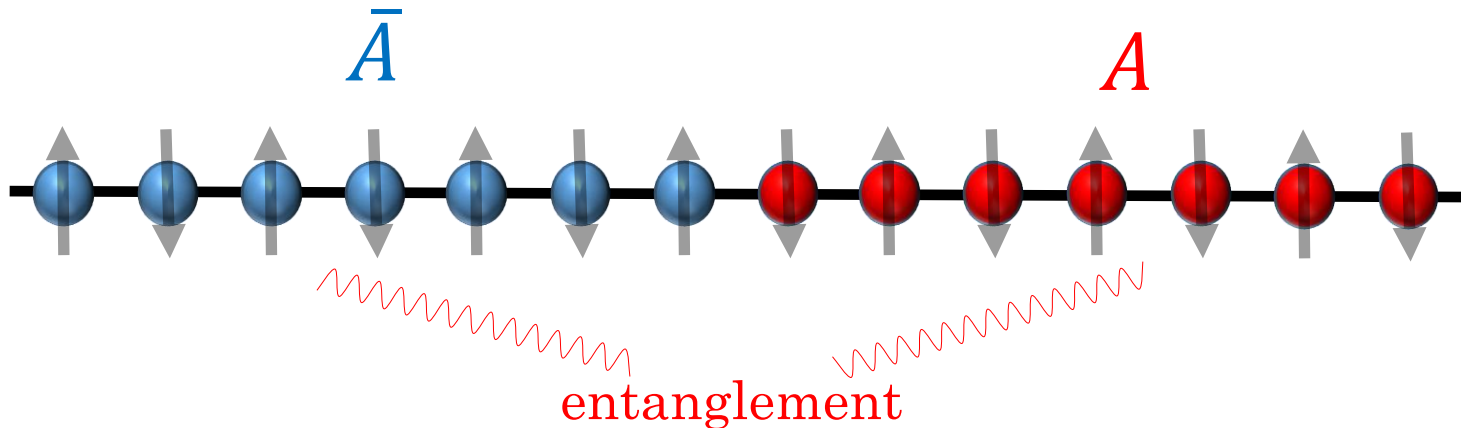


boundary

$$\mathcal{T} = 0$$

min

# Entanglement



## Definition

$$S_A^{(n)} := \frac{1}{1-n} \log \text{Tr } \rho_A^n$$

$$\rho_A := \text{Tr}_{\bar{A}} \rho$$

- Entanglement Entropy  $:= \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} S_A^{(n)}$
- Measuring the amount of entanglement (# of EPR pairs)

# Entanglement



Important quantity in ICFT

Amount of entanglement (# of EPR pairs) across interface

$$S_A \equiv -\text{tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A = \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{3} \log \frac{|A|}{\epsilon}$$

[Sakai, Satoh]

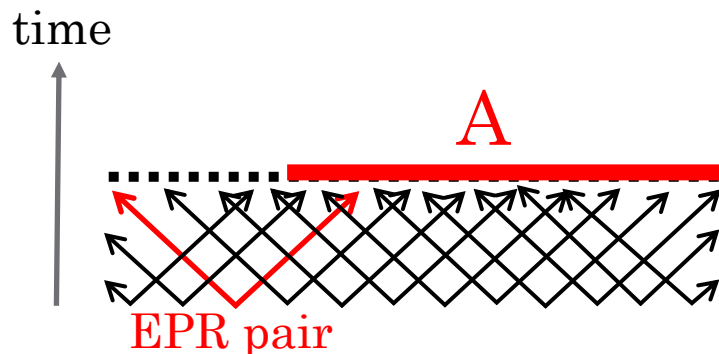
Alternative interpretation

$$\mathcal{J}_{L/R}^{\text{info}} = \frac{\text{transmitted information}}{\text{incident information}} = \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{c_{L/R}}$$

[Wen, Wang, Ryu]

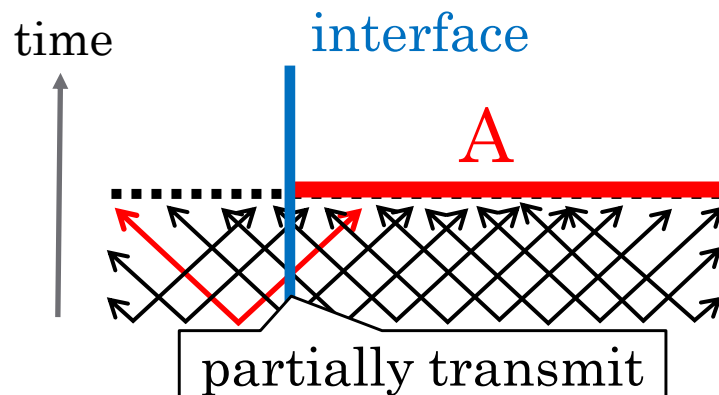
# $c_{\text{eff}}$ as Information Transmission

[Wen, Wang, Ryu], [Karch, YK, Ooguri, Sun, Wang]



EE under global quench

$$S_A = \# c t$$



EE under global quench

$$S_A = \# c_{\text{eff}} t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{c} = \text{information transmission}$$

# Issue

BCFT picture obscures unique properties of ICFT

- $\mathcal{T}$  : Energy transmission from L to R
- $c_{\text{eff}}$  : Entanglement between L & R

which are encoded in BCFT but make sense only in ICFT

## Problem 😞

Hard to calculate both  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $c_{\text{eff}}$

Only computed in a few examples by model-specific methods

⇒ How can we overcome this problem?



# AdS/ICFT

AdS/CFT

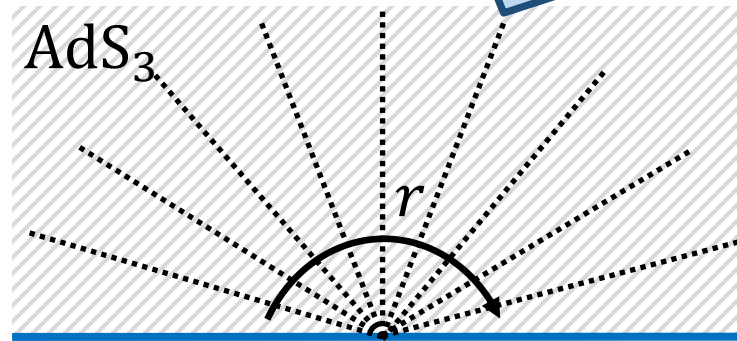
$$ds^2 = \cosh r \frac{dx^2 - dt^2}{x^2} + dr^2$$

AdS/ICFT

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} \frac{dx^2 - dt^2}{x^2} + dr^2$$

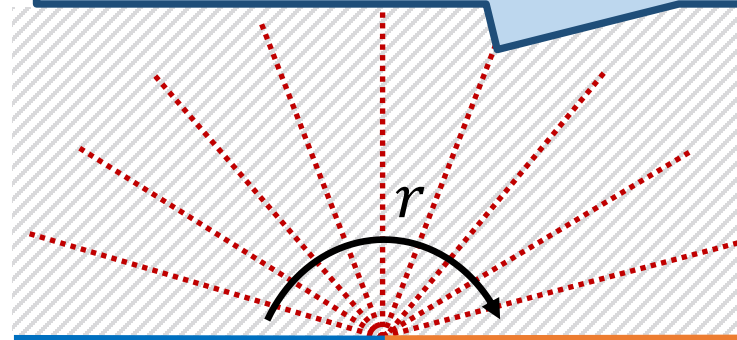
Details of interface  
is encoded in  $A(r)$

black dotted line =  $\text{AdS}_2$  slice



$\text{CFT}_2$

each  $\text{AdS}_2$  slice has a different  
warp factor  $A(r)$



$\text{CFT}_L$

**Interface**

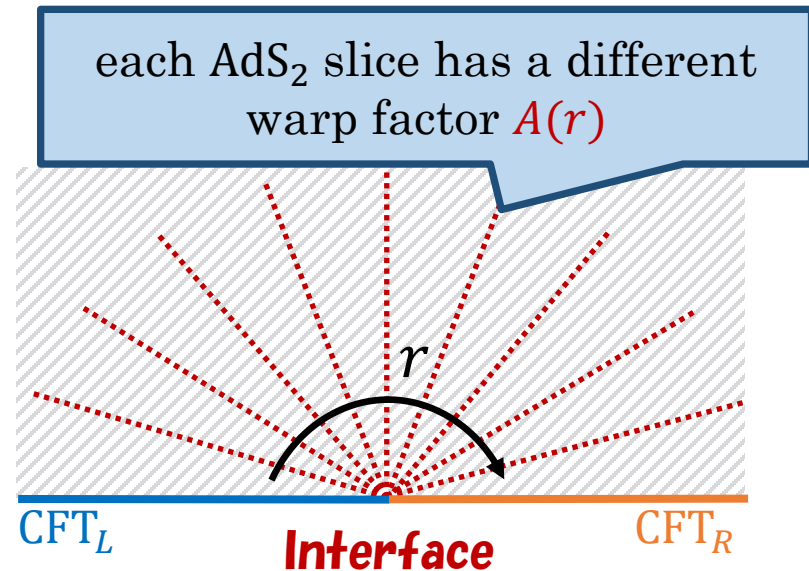
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# AdS/ICFT

AdS/ICFT

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Example:

- AdS:  $e^{2A(r)} = \cosh r$
- Janus:  $e^{2A(r)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - 2\gamma^2} \cosh 2r \right)$

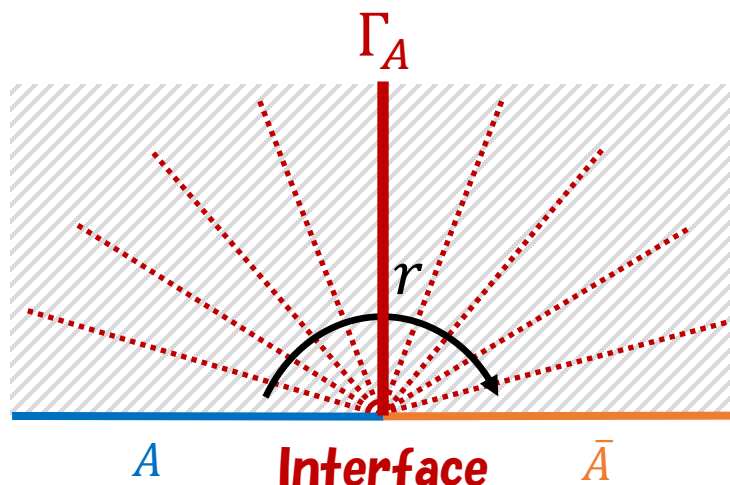
Generic interface is obtained from generic  $A(r)$

$\Rightarrow$  universal information of interface is encoded as  
universal property of  $A(r)$

# AdS/ICFT

AdS/ICFT

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} \frac{dx^2 - dt^2}{x^2} + dr^2$$



Gravity dual of EE (Ryu-Takayanagi formula)

$$S_A = \min_{\substack{\Gamma_A \\ \partial \Gamma_A = \partial A}} \left( \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N} \right)$$

still works in AdS/ICFT

# Universal Bounds

- Holographic  $c_{\text{eff}}$   
[Ryu, Takayanagi]
- Holographic  $c_{LR}$   
[Bachas, Baiguera, Chapman, Policastro, Schwartzman]

Point: Both are determined by  $A(r)$

- Generalized holographic  $c$  theorem (NEC)

$$A''(r) \leq e^{-2A(r)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  upper bound on  $c_{\text{eff}}$  [Karch, YK, Ooguri, Sun, Wang '23]

- Comparison between holographic  $c_{\text{eff}}$  &  $c_{LR}$

$\Rightarrow$  upper bound on  $c_{LR}$  [Karch, YK, Ooguri, Sun, Wang '24]

# Universal Bounds

[Karch, YK, Ooguri, Sun, Wang]  $\times 2$

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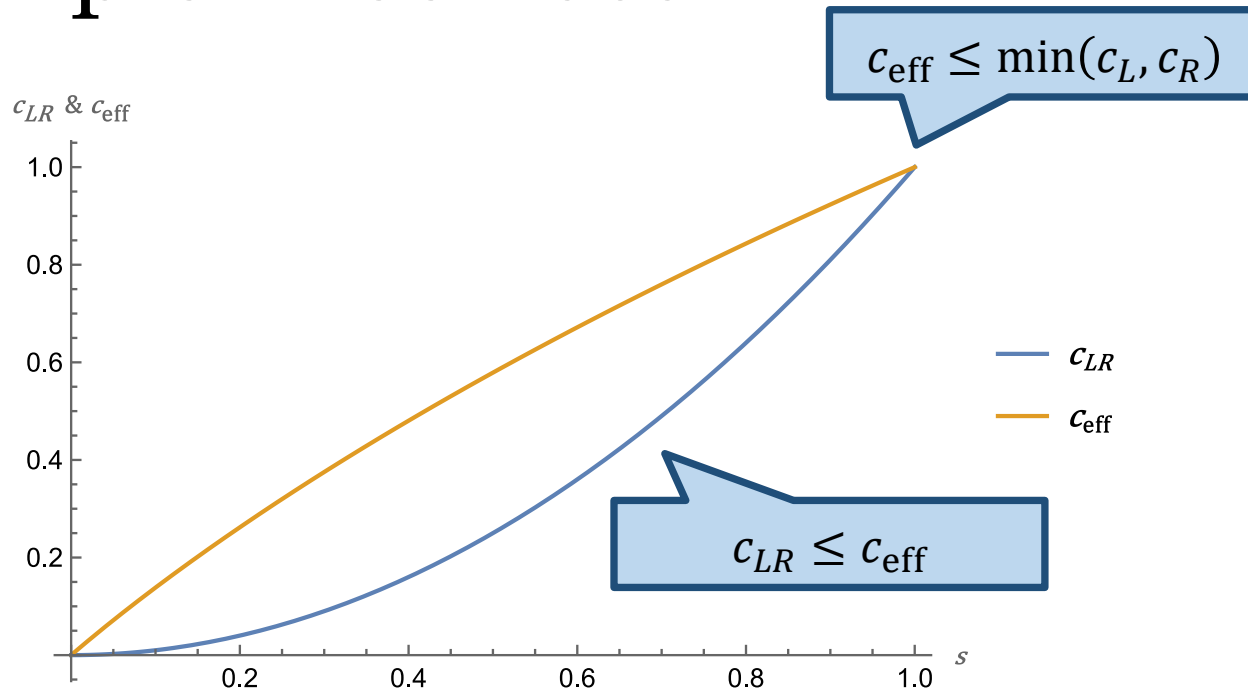
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## Result

$$0 \leq c_{LR} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\leq} c_{\text{eff}} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\leq} \min(c_L, c_R)$$

- ① The amount of energy transmission can never exceed the amount of information transmission
- ② Any interface decreases entanglement

# Example: free boson

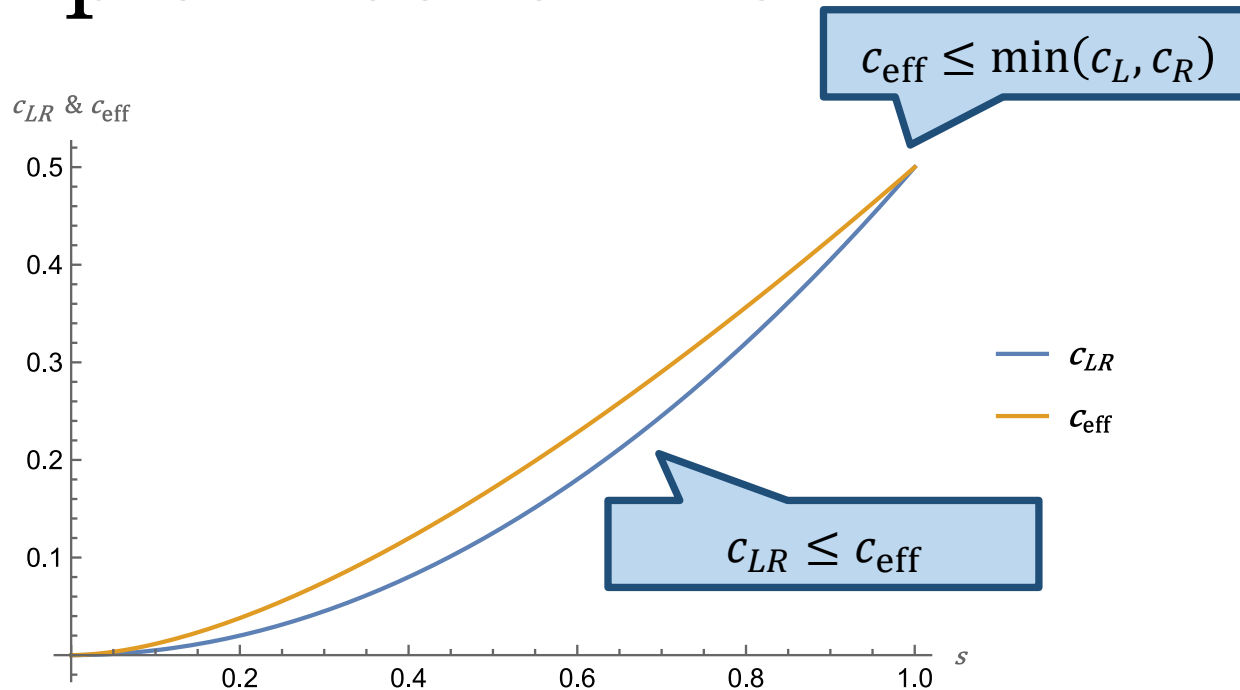


$c_{LR}$  &  $c_{eff}$  are parametrized by one parameter  $s \in (0,1)$ ;

$$c_{LR} = s^2$$

$$c_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} + s + \frac{3}{\pi^2} \left( (s+1) \log(s+1) \log s + (s-1) \text{Li}_2(1-s) + (s+1) \text{Li}_2(-s) \right)$$

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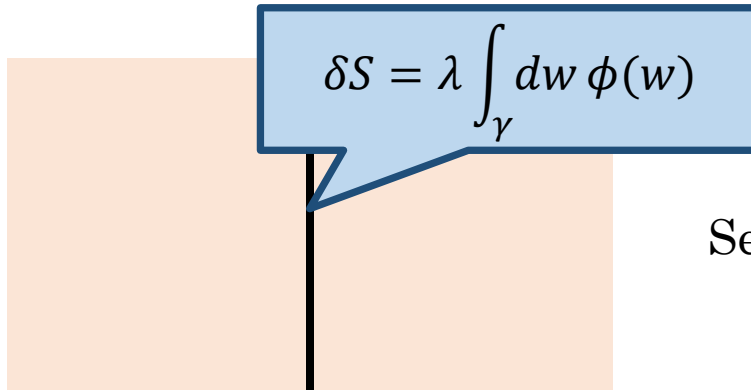


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# Example: defect perturbation



Setup: general CFT

$$\text{CFT}_L = \text{CFT}_R$$

Perturbation by defect field  $\phi$

$$\delta S = \lambda \int_{\gamma} dw \phi(w)$$

It has been shown in [Brehm],

$$c_{\text{eff}} = c \left( \mathcal{T} + \frac{1}{4}(1 - \mathcal{T}) \right) + O(\lambda^2)$$

This is consistent with  $\lambda$  expansion of  $c_{\text{eff}}$  in free fermion.

Since  $c_{LR} = c\mathcal{T}$  and  $0 \leq \mathcal{T} \leq 1$ ,

$$c_{LR} \leq c_{\text{eff}}$$

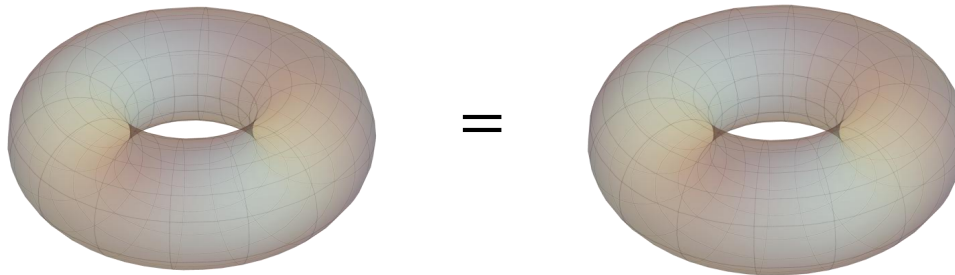


# Discussion

# Summary

## Our Goal

Model-independent methods in ICFT



## Conformal Bootstrap

Equation between two cuts  $\Rightarrow$  Asymptotic formula

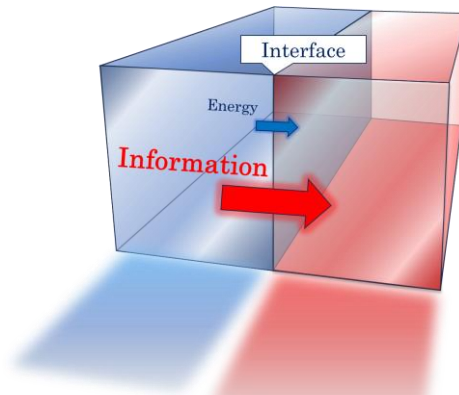
This approach can be applied to any CFT 😎

Resulting universal formula has important implications for quantum gravity

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## AdS/CFT

Known constraints on gravity  $\Rightarrow$  Nontrivial constraints on CFT

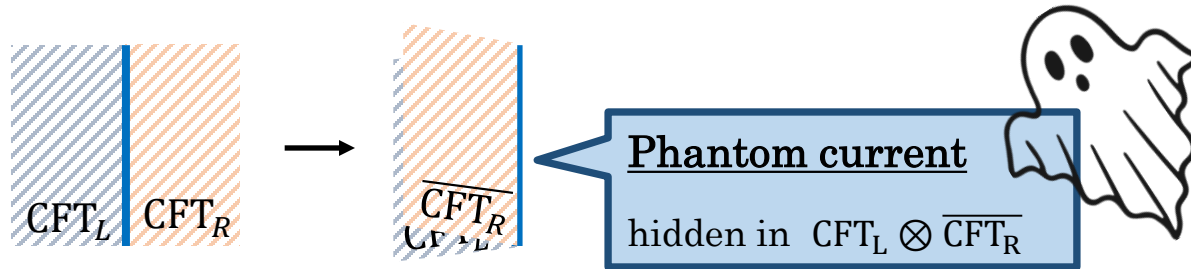
Example:

$$(\text{Energy transmission}) \leq (\text{Information transmission})$$

# Other topics in ICFT

- New model-independent method

[Furuta, YK, Onagi]



Focusing on the hidden structure—the phantom current—shared by many interfaces enables a model-independent computation of the transmission coefficient.

- Parity action on interface

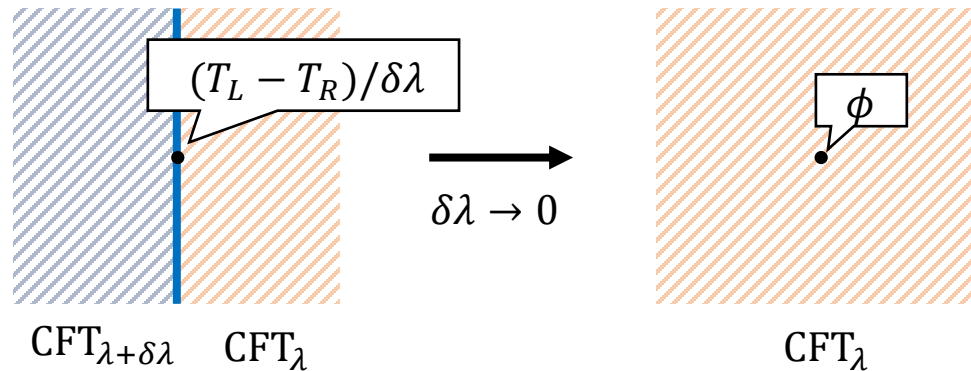
[Harada, Kaidi, YK, Liu]

$$\begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \otimes \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ b \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowleft \\ a \end{array} = \sum_{x,y} \sum_{\mu,\rho} \sum_{\nu,\sigma} (P_{ba}^x)_{\rho\mu} (P_{xa}^y)_{\nu\sigma} (F_{aba}^y)_{x\sigma\rho,x\mu\nu} \begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \otimes \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ y \end{array}$$

# Other topics in ICFT

- Conformal manifold implies exactly marginal operator?

[Komatsu, YK, Meineri, Ooguri]



The interface between deformed and undeformed CFT is useful to study CFT deformation.

One can show that a conformal manifold implies the existence of exactly marginal operators.

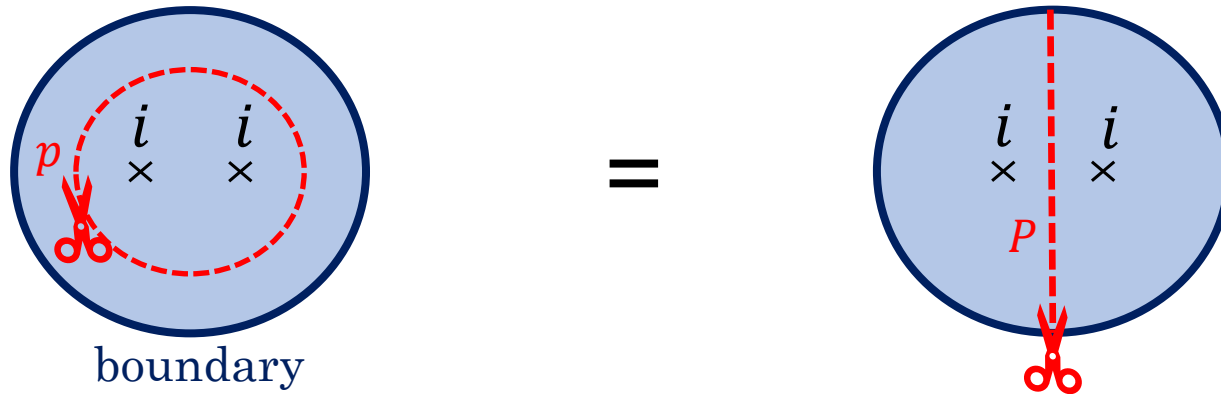
*Thank you*

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# Universal Asymptotic Formula

[YK], [Numasawa-Tsiares]



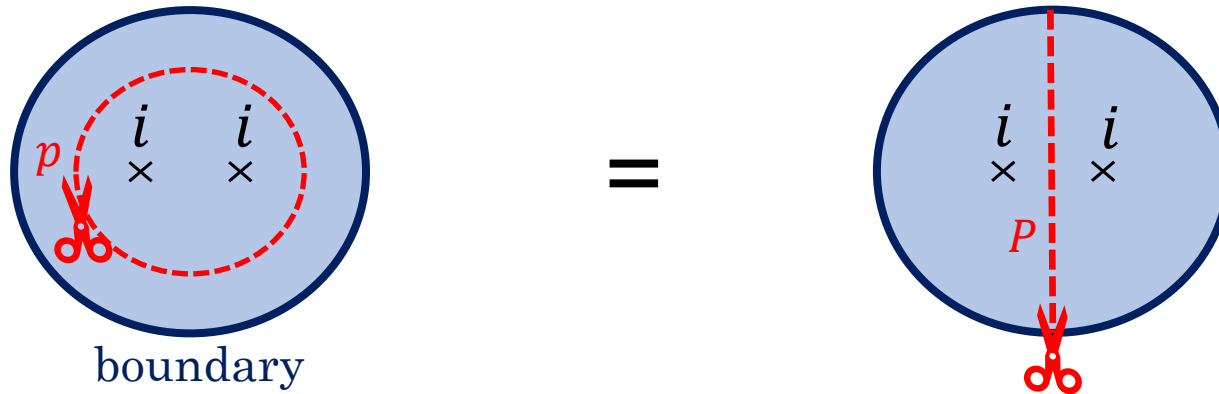
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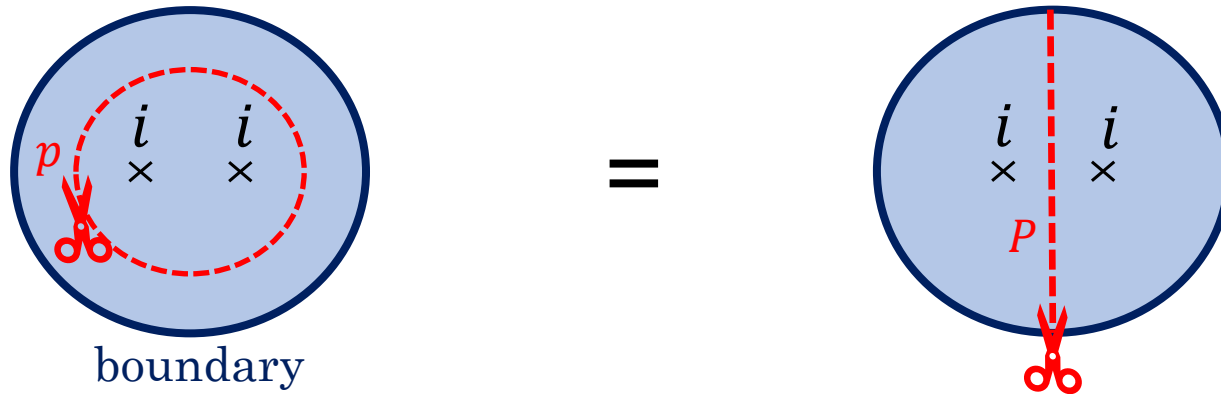
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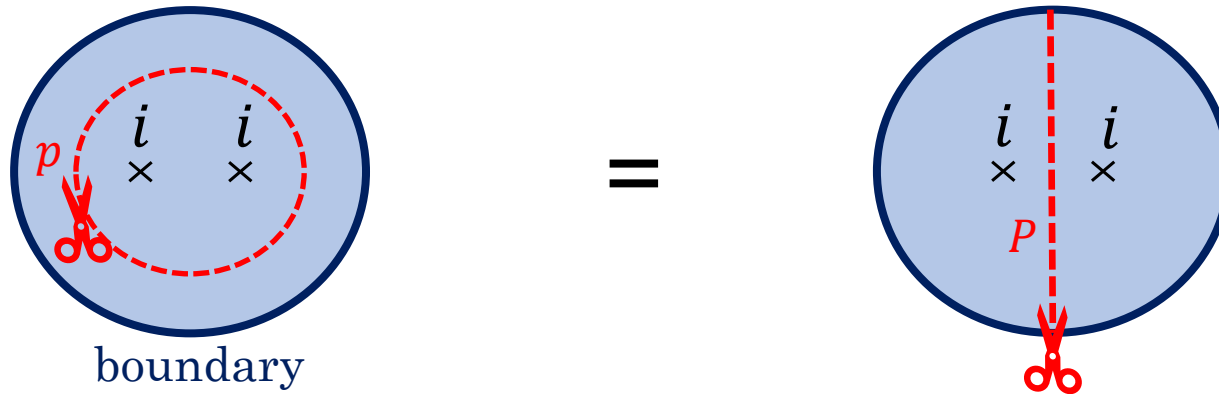
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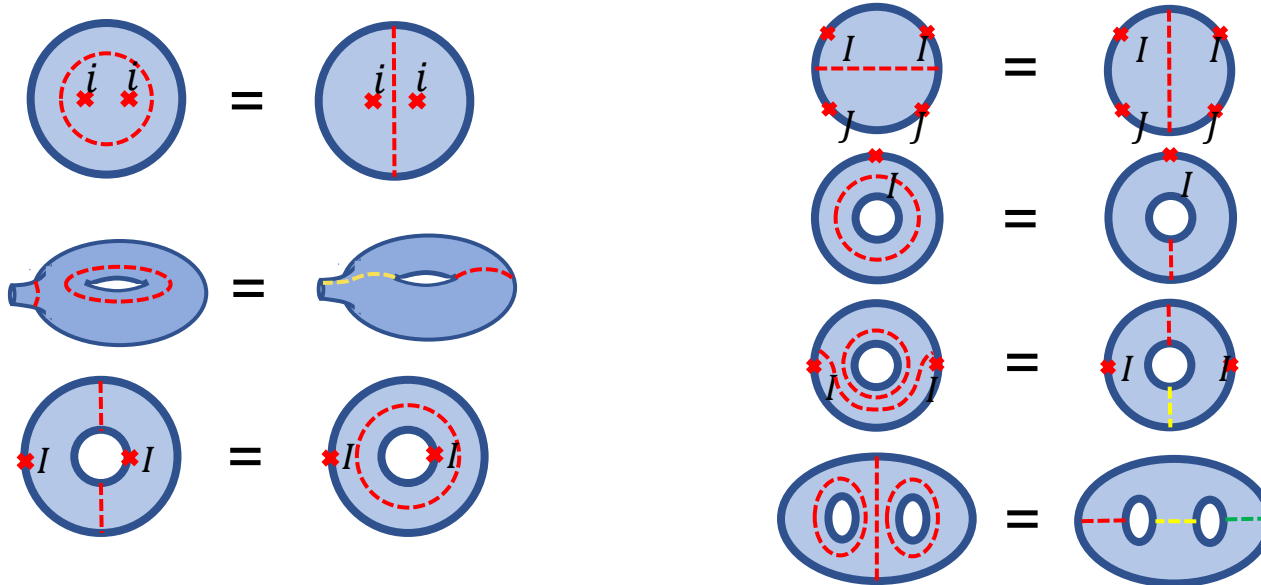
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## Result

$C_{ijk}, C_{iJ}, C_{IJK}$  = fusion matrix,      if  $\max\{h_i\}, \{h_I\} \gg c$

Note: fusion matrix does not depend on theory

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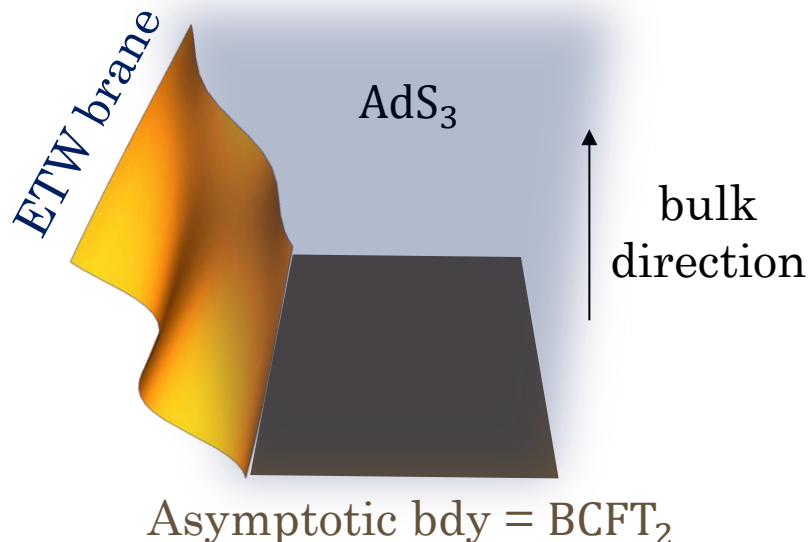
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[YK], [YK, Wei]

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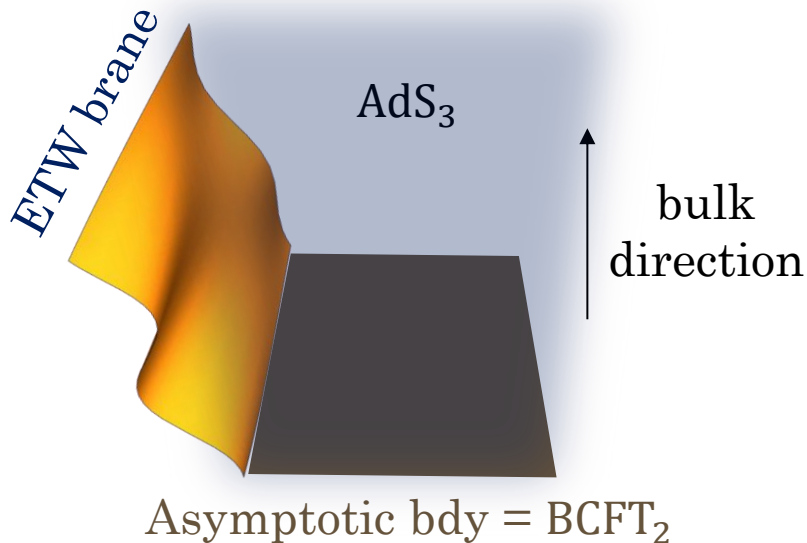
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## Extra assumption

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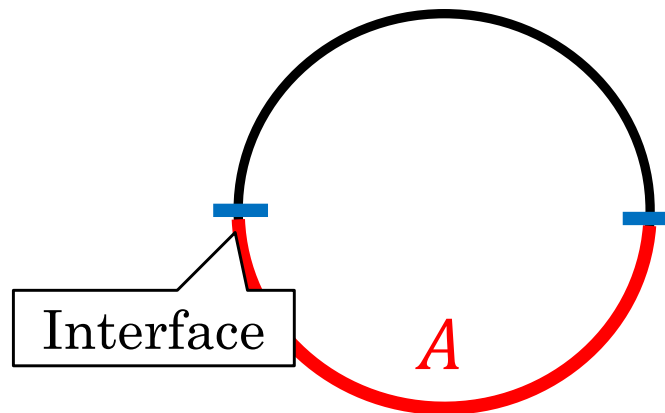
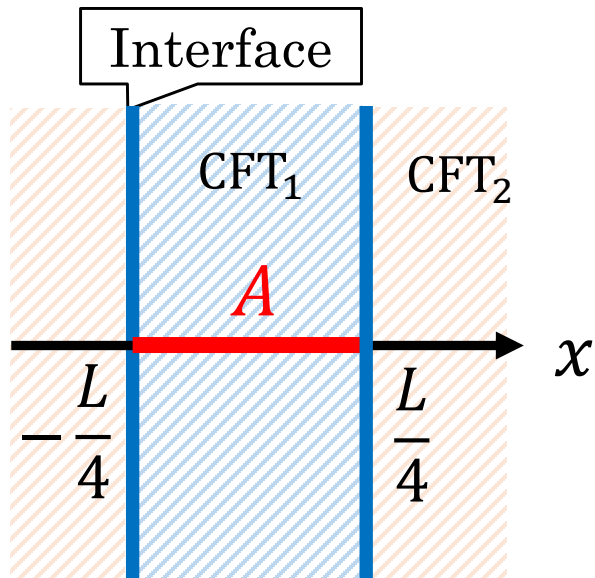
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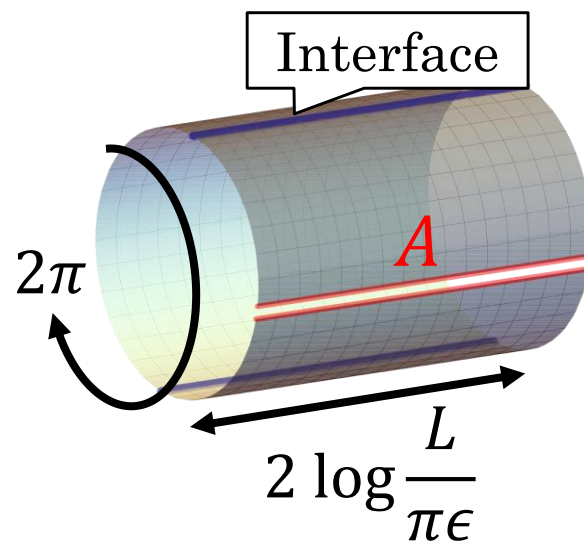
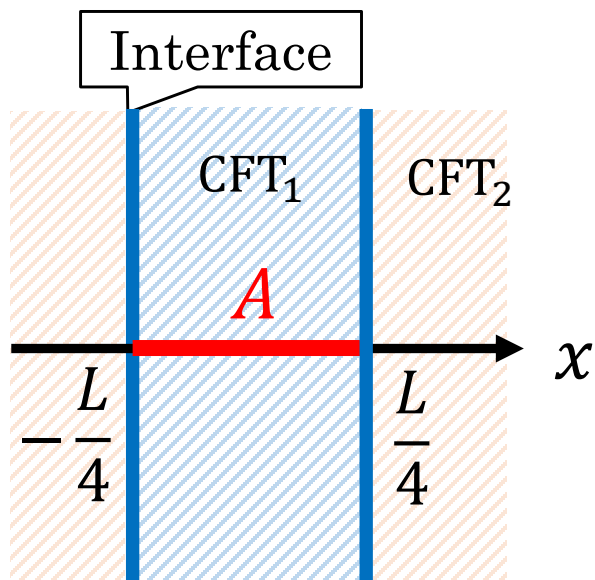
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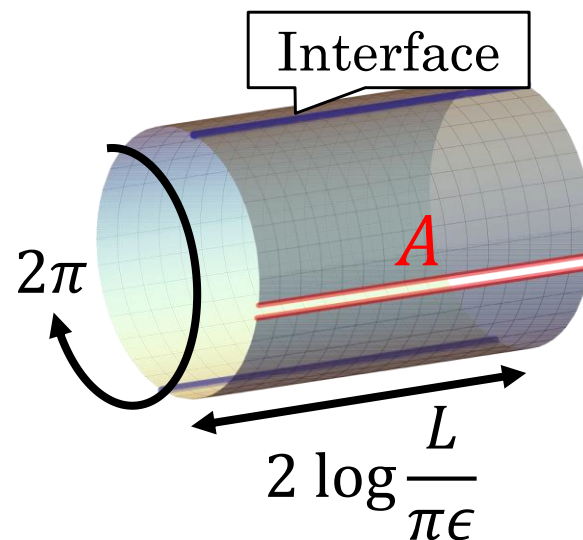
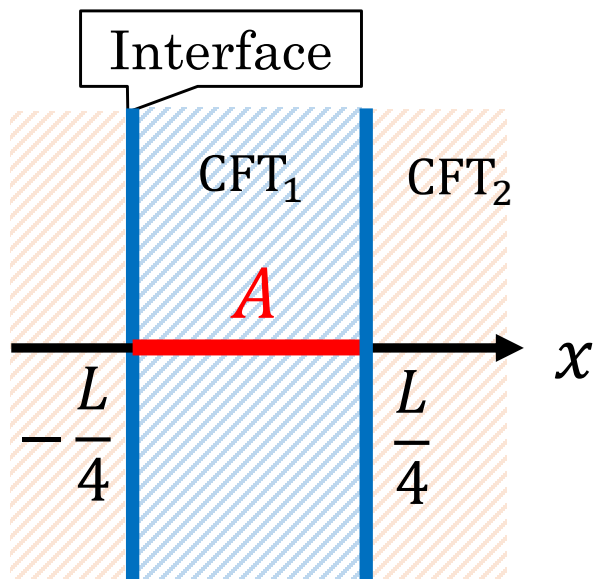
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Our setup



Conformal map  
 $z \rightarrow \log z$

# Calculation of EE



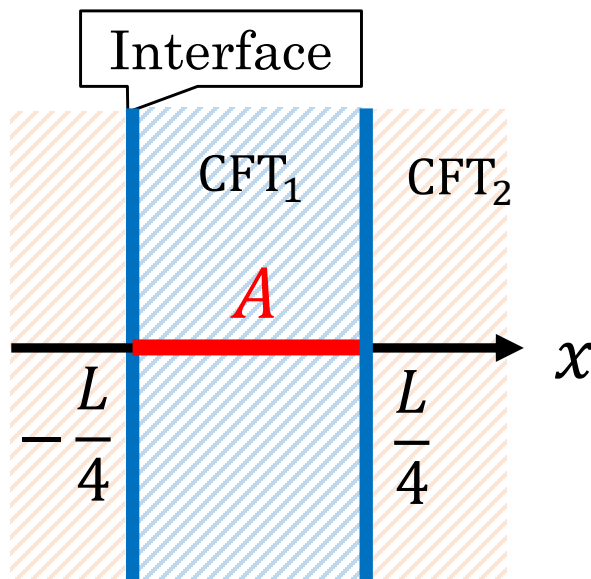
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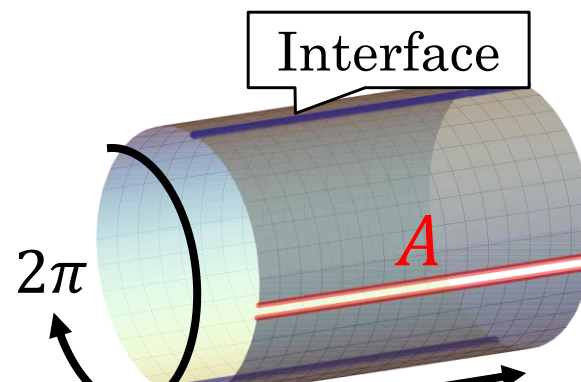


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Hamiltonian in BCFT is conventionally defined on  $[0, \pi]$ ,

$$H_{\text{conv}}^{(i)} = \pi \left( L^{(i)} - \frac{c_i}{24} \right)$$

But for convenience, we use

$$\beta H^{(i)} = \frac{2\pi}{2 \log \frac{L}{\pi \epsilon}} H_{\text{conv}}^{(i)}$$

# Calculation of EE

Open-closed duality

$$Z_n = \text{tr} \left( e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} H^{(1)}} \mathcal{J} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} H^{(2)}} \mathcal{J}^\dagger \right)^n = \langle B | e^{-\frac{(2\pi)^2}{2n\beta} H_n} | B \rangle$$

where  $H_n$  is the Hamiltonian of the theory with  $2n$  interfaces.  
( $B$  is some boundary condition imposed on entangling surface.)

In the high-temperature limit  $\beta = \frac{\pi^2}{\log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$ ,

only the vacuum ( $\equiv \Delta_n^0$ ) propagates through the cylinder,

$$Z_n \sim e^{-\frac{(2\pi)^2}{2n\beta} \Delta_n^0}$$

Thus, we have

$$S_A^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-n} \log \frac{Z_n}{(Z_1)^n} = \frac{2}{1-n} \left( \frac{\Delta_n^0}{n} - n \Delta_1^0 \right) \log \frac{l}{\epsilon}$$

# Calculation of EE

Open-closed duality

Just a formal expression  
No simple formula is known

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(Def) Effective central charge

$$c_{\text{eff}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 1} \frac{12n}{1 - n^2} \left( n\Delta_1^0 - \frac{\Delta_n^0}{n} \right),$$

where  $\Delta_n^0$  is the vacuum energy in the  $2n$ -interface Hilbert space.

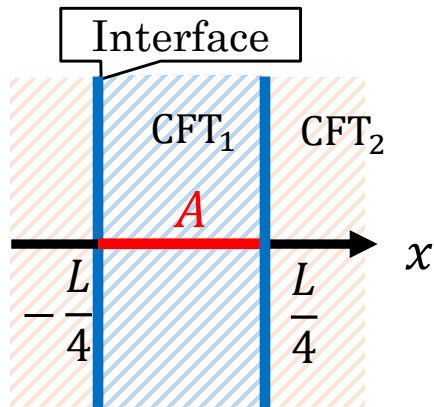
⇒ Is this useful to give insights into general interfaces?



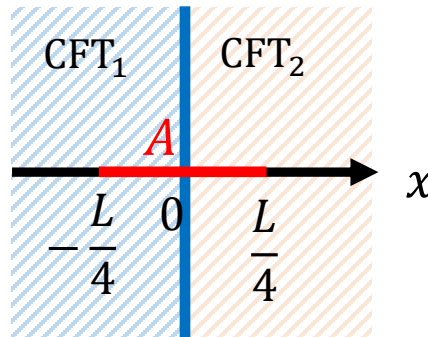
No nice property is known for  $\Delta_n^0$ .

# EE in various setups

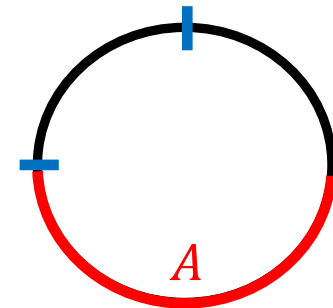
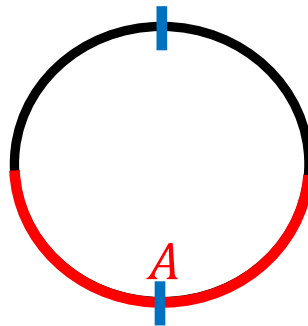
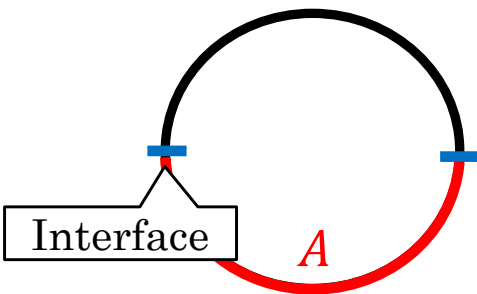
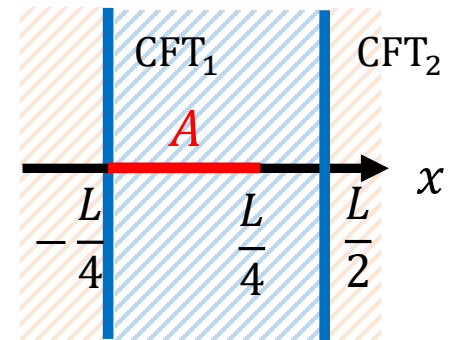
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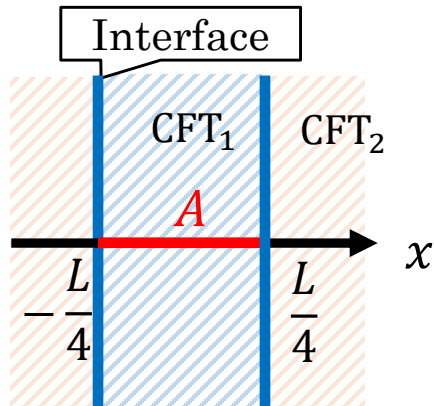


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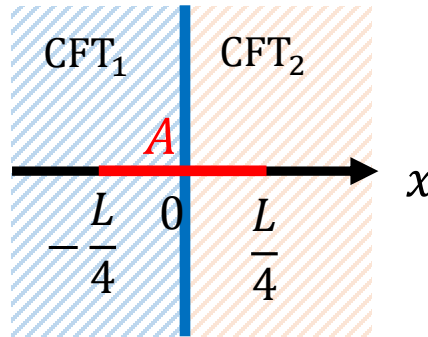
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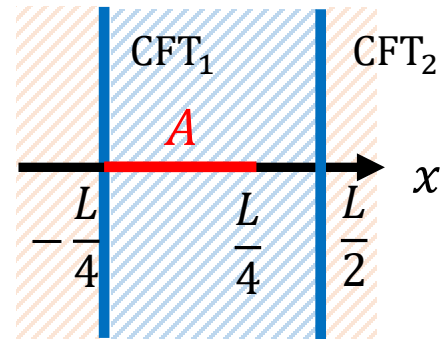
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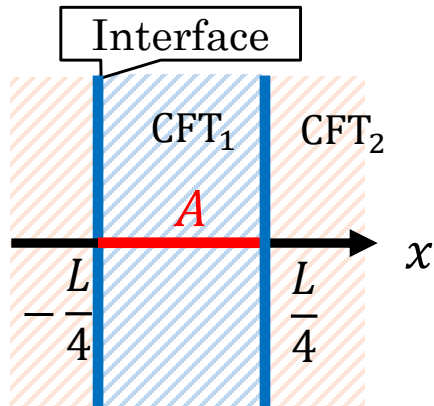
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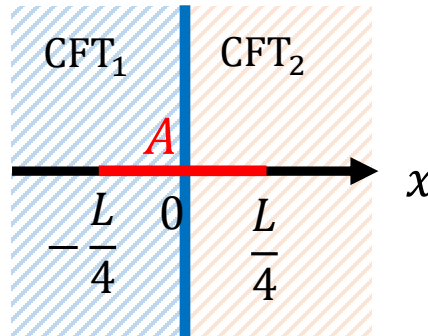
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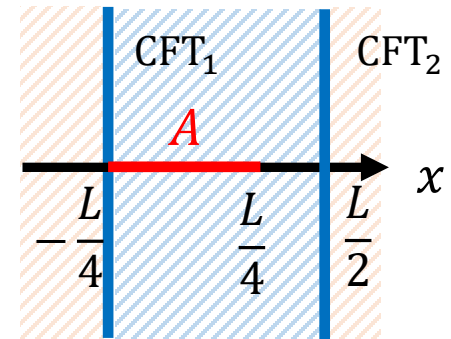
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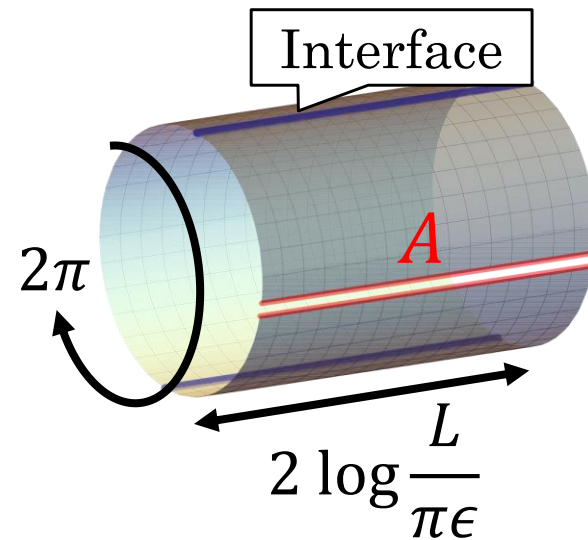
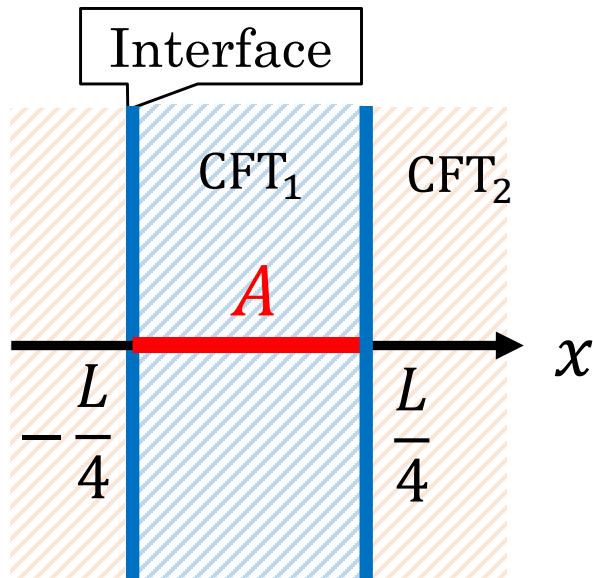
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Conjectured from  
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[Karch, Luo, Sun]  
& [Karch, Wang]



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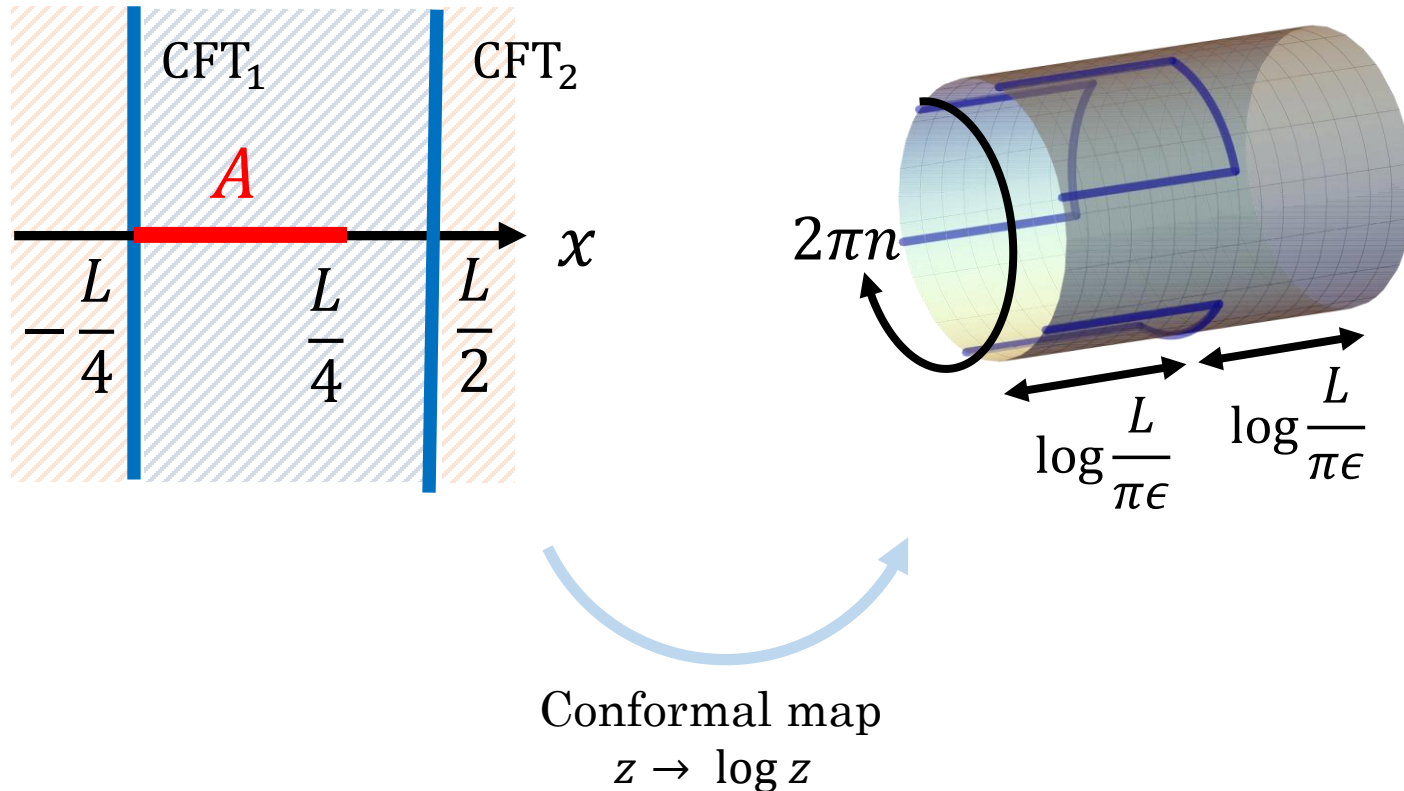
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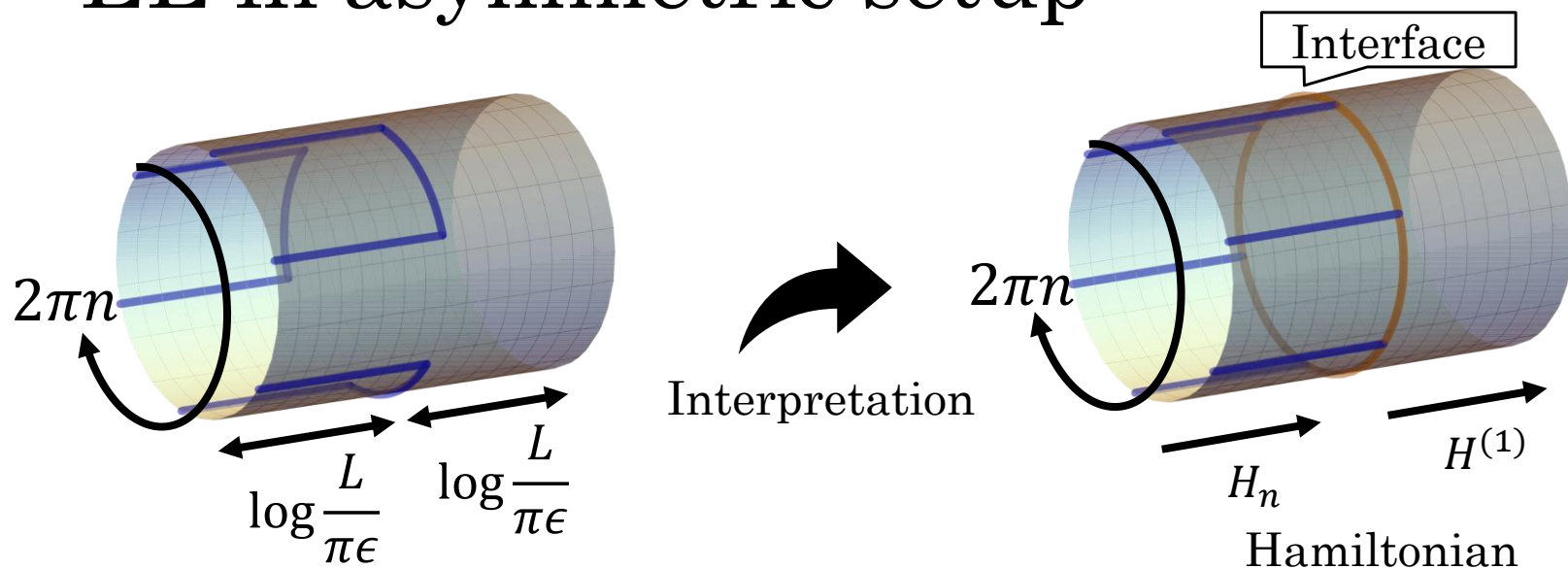
Conformal map  
 $z \rightarrow \log z$

# EE in asymmetric setup

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(Result)

$$Z_n = \langle B | e^{-\frac{1}{n} \log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon} H_n} \mathcal{J} e^{-\frac{1}{n} \log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon} H^{(1)}} | B \rangle$$

$$\sim e^{-\frac{1}{n} \log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon} \Delta_n^0} \times e^{-\frac{1}{n} \log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon} \Delta_{CFT_1}^0}$$

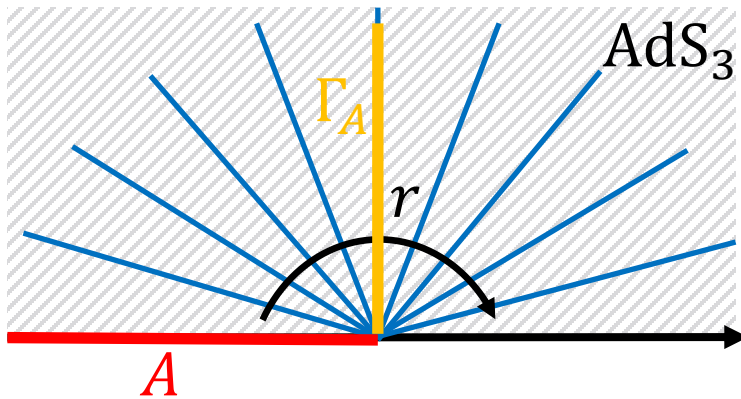
$$\Rightarrow S_A = \frac{c_1 + c_{\text{eff}}}{6} \log \frac{L}{\pi\epsilon}$$

Conjecture from gravity  
is now proven!

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# Holographic EE in ICFT



$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} \frac{dx^2 - dt^2}{x^2} + dr^2$$

Relation between  $c$  and  $A(r)$ :

$$c_L = \frac{3}{2G_N} \frac{1}{A'(\infty)}$$

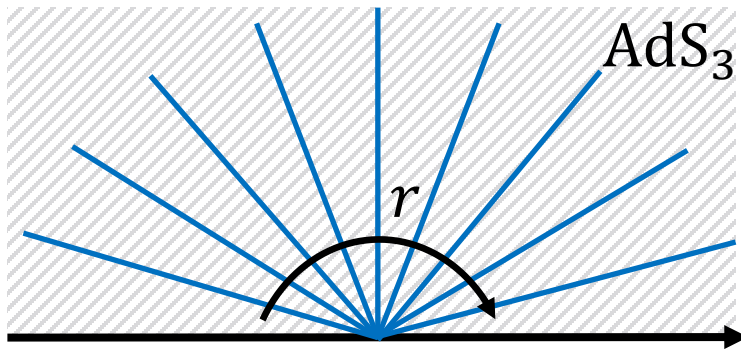
$$c_R = -\frac{3}{2G_N} \frac{1}{A'(-\infty)}$$

$$c_{\text{eff}} = \frac{3}{2G_N} e^{A(r_{\min})}$$

R-T formula

where  $r_{\min}$  is  $r$  that leads to the minimum value of  $A(r)$ .

# Holographic EE in ICFT



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Generalization of holographic  $c$ -theorem (=NEC):

$$A''(r) \leq -k e^{-2A(r)}$$

where  $k$  is the sign of the constant curvature of the 2d slice.

Remark:

- $k = 0$  leads to the standard  $c$ -theorem.
- $k = -1$  makes the inequality weaker, so nobody is interested in this case. But now we make use of this!

# Calculation of EE in ICFT

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(Result) Universal upper bound

$$F(r_{\min}) \geq F(\pm\infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-2A(r_{\min})} \geq A'(\pm\infty)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{\text{eff}} \leq \min(c_L, c_R)$$

AdS version of  
holographic c-theorem

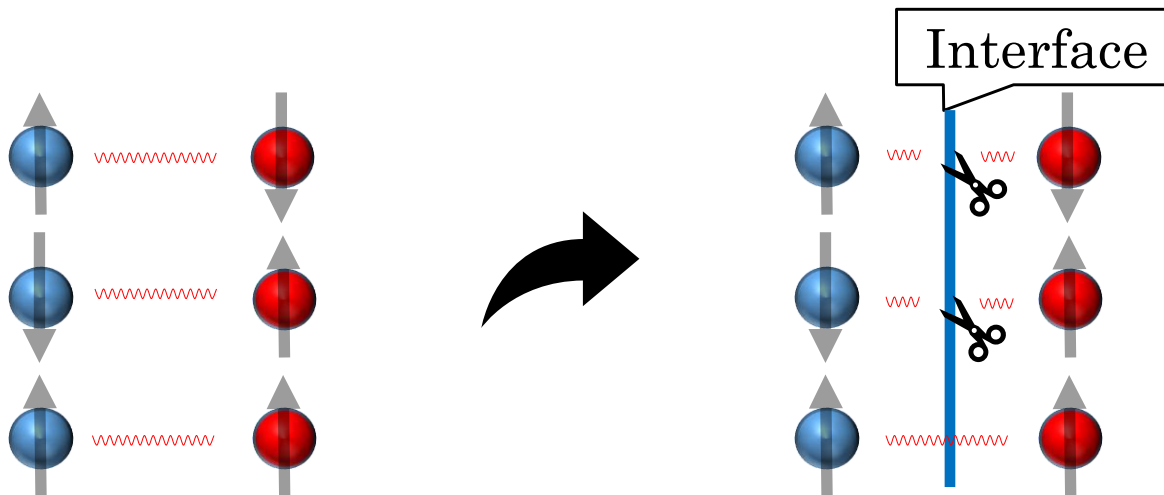
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Proof without AdS/CFT?

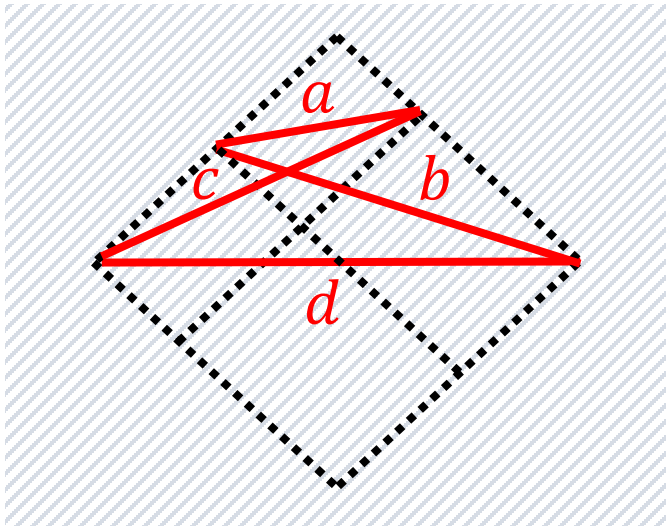
⇒ Entropic c-theorem (see details in our paper or App.)

# Upper bound from CFT

How can we show the upper bound on  $c_{\text{eff}}$  on the CFT side?

On the gravity side, the **holographic  $c$ -theorem** is the key!

$\Rightarrow$  The  $c$ -theorem may be useful on the CFT side.

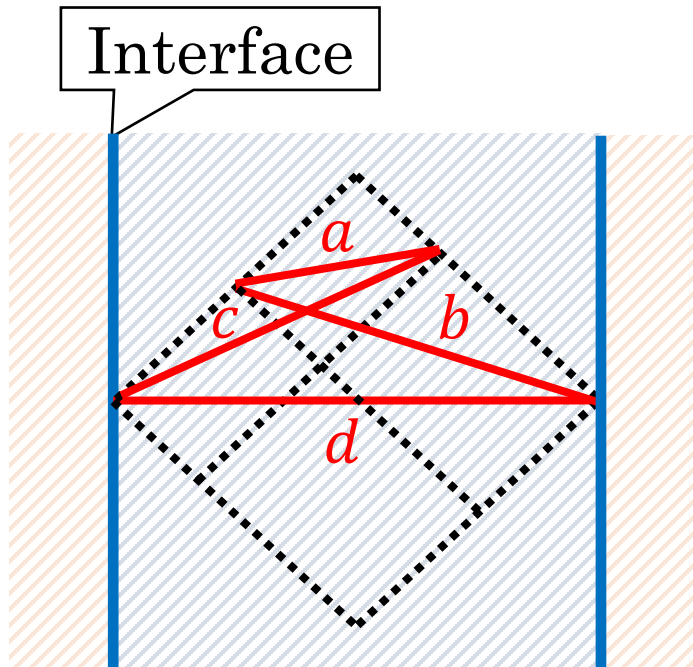


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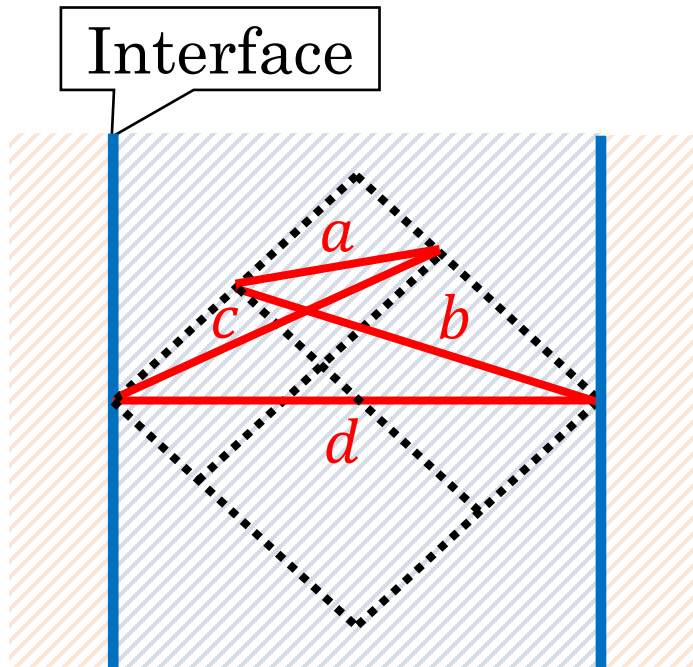
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Remark:

These two still work in ICFT.

$S(b)$  and  $S(c)$  are evaluated using the formula (iii).

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(Result)

$$\frac{c_1 - c_{\text{eff}}}{6} \log \frac{|d|}{|a|} \geq 0,$$

$$|d| \gg |a|$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{\text{eff}} \leq \min(c_1, c_2)$$

CFT version of the proof

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# Holographic $c_{LR}$

- metric

$$ds^2 = \Omega(\theta)^2 \left( \frac{dx^2 - dt^2}{x^2} + d\theta^2 \right), \quad \theta \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$$

- effective AdS radius

$$l(\theta) \equiv \frac{\Omega(\theta)^2}{\sqrt{\Omega(\theta)^2 + \Omega'(\theta)^2}}$$

- effective brane tension ( $\equiv \sigma(\theta)$ )

$$8\pi G_N \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta} = \frac{\Omega(\theta)|l'(\theta)|}{l(\theta)^2 \sqrt{\Omega(\theta)^2 - l(\theta)^2}}$$

Gravity calculation of  $c_{LR}$

$$c_{LR} = \frac{3}{G_N} \left( \frac{1}{l_L} + \frac{1}{l_R} + 8\pi G_N \sigma \right)^{-1}$$

# Simple bound [Karch, YK, Ooguri, Sun, Wang]

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$\sigma$  is complicated but has simple bound;

$$\begin{aligned} 8\pi G_N \int d\sigma &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{\Omega(\theta) |l'(\theta)|}{l(\theta)^2 \sqrt{\Omega(\theta)^2 - l(\theta)^2}} \\ &\geq \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{|l'(\theta)|}{l(\theta)^2} = \int \frac{|dl|}{l^2} \geq \left| \frac{1}{l_L} - \frac{1}{l_{\min}} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{l_{\min}} - \frac{1}{l_R} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$c_{LR} \leq \frac{3l_{\min}}{2G_N} = c_{\text{eff}}$$

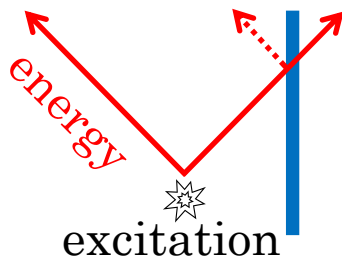
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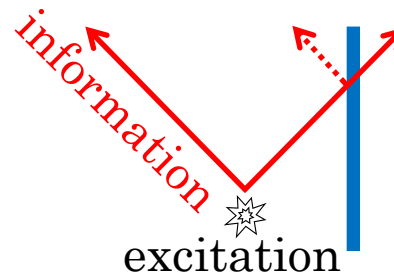
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(Interpretation)

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$\leq$



Amount of transmitted energy

Amount of transmitted information  
(= # of transmitted EPR pairs)

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Is the inequality sharp?

Only two possibilities:

- $c_{LR} = c_{\text{eff}} = 0$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  totally reflective)
- $c_{LR} = c_{\text{eff}} = c_L = c_R$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  totally transmissive)

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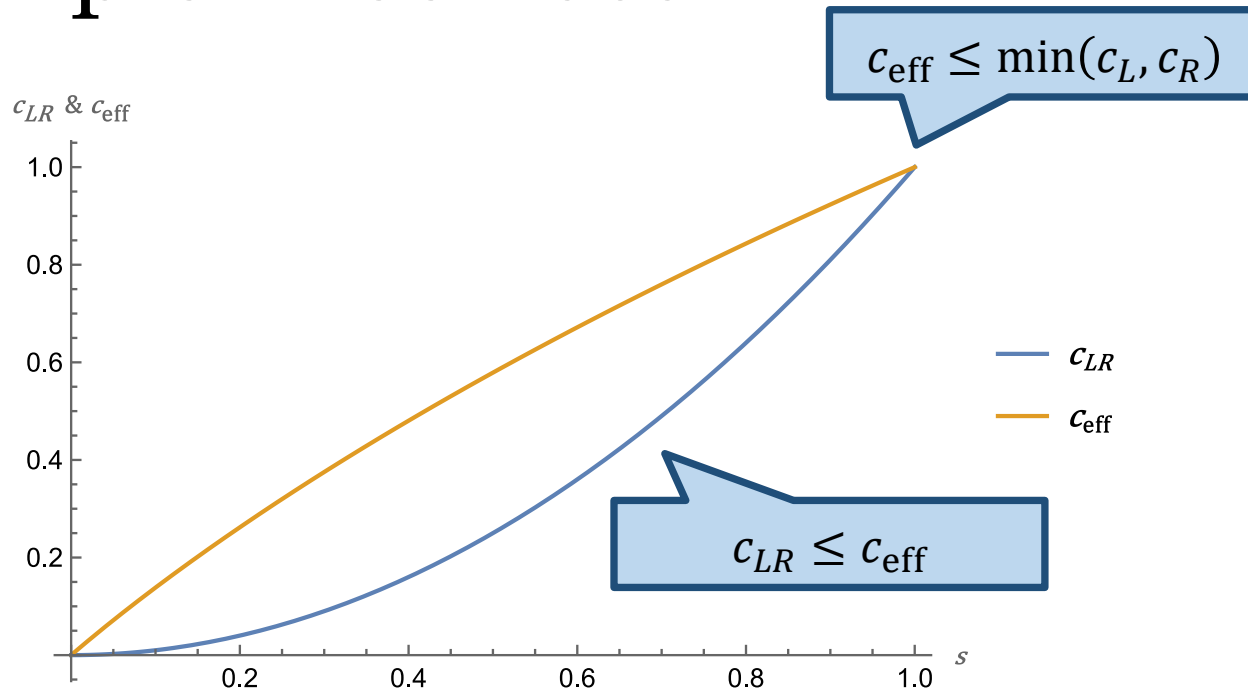
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Beyond holography?

⇒ One can check in some examples:

- free boson
- free fermion
- defect perturbation

# Example: free boson

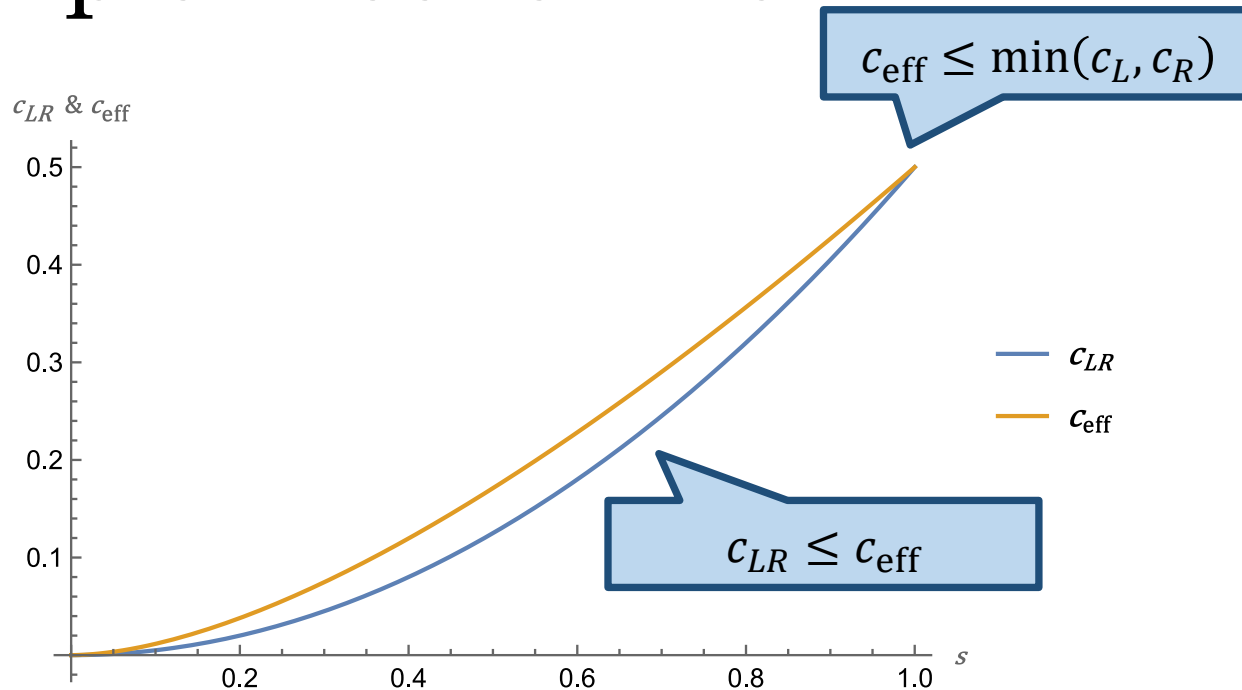


$c_{LR}$  &  $c_{\text{eff}}$  are parametrized by one parameter  $s \in (0,1)$ ;

$$c_{LR} = s^2$$

$$c_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} + s + \frac{3}{\pi^2} \left( (s+1) \log(s+1) \log s + (s-1) \text{Li}_2(1-s) + (s+1) \text{Li}_2(-s) \right)$$

# Example: free fermion

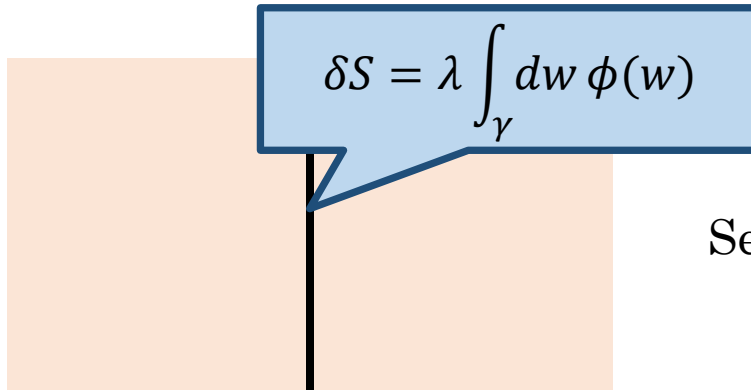


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# Example: defect perturbation



Setup: general CFT

$$\text{CFT}_L = \text{CFT}_R$$

Perturbation by defect field  $\phi$

$$\delta S = \lambda \int_{\gamma} dw \phi(w)$$

It has been shown in [Brehm],

$$c_{\text{eff}} = c \left( \mathcal{T} + \frac{1}{4}(1 - \mathcal{T}) \right) + O(\lambda^2)$$

This is consistent with  $\lambda$  expansion of  $c_{\text{eff}}$  in free fermion.

Since  $c_{LR} = c\mathcal{T}$  and  $0 \leq \mathcal{T} \leq 1$ ,

$$c_{LR} \leq c_{\text{eff}}$$



# Comment

In three examples,  $c_{\text{eff}}$  is a function of  $c_{LR}$ , which means that  $c_{\text{eff}}$  and  $c_{LR}$  have the same information.

Is this true?

☹ Answer is NO.

While  $c_{LR}$  is given by an integration over the entire region,  $c_{\text{eff}}$  depends only on the minimal value of  $A(r)$ .

⇒ Relation between  $c_{LR}$  &  $c_{\text{eff}}$  is highly nontrivial.

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# $c_{\text{eff}}$ in higher $d$

Question:

What is a higher-dimensional analog of  $c_{\text{eff}}$ ?

Assume  $d$  is even (few modifications in odd  $d$ )

General form of EE

$$S_A = s_{d-2} \left( \frac{l}{\epsilon} \right)^{d-2} + s_{d-4} \left( \frac{l}{\epsilon} \right)^{d-4} + \dots + C \log \frac{l}{\epsilon} + s_0$$

Candidate

# $c_{\text{eff}}$ in higher $d$

Setup:

CFT on  $\mathbb{R} \times S^{d-1}$  with interface along equator  $\mathbb{R} \times S^{d-2}$

Holographic ICFT:

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} ds_{\text{AdS}_d}^2 + dr^2$$

Holographic EE:

$$S_A = \cdots + (-1)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} 4 c_{\text{eff}} \log \frac{2}{\epsilon} + s_0$$

where

$$c_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{e^{(d-1)A(r_{\text{min}})}}{4\pi G_N^{(d-1)}}$$

# $c_{\text{eff}}$ in higher $d$

Proposition 1

$$c_L = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{(A'(\infty))^{1-d}}{4\pi G_N^{(d-1)}}$$
$$c_R = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{(A'(-\infty))^{1-d}}{4\pi G_N^{(d-1)}}$$
$$c_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{e^{(d-1)A(r_{\min})}}{4\pi G_N^{(d-1)}}$$

Proposition 2

NEC holds in any dimension

$$\Rightarrow e^{-2A(r_{\min})} \geq A'(\pm\infty)^2$$

(Result) Universal upper bound in any dimension

$$c_{\text{eff}} \leq \min(c_L, c_R)$$

# Higher-dimension

- Higher dimensional analog of universal formula

$$S_A = \frac{c_L + c_{\text{eff}}}{6} \log \frac{L}{\pi \epsilon} \quad \checkmark \text{ True}$$

- Higher dimensional analog of

$$c_{\text{eff}} \leq \min(c_L, c_R) \quad \checkmark \text{ True}$$

Our candidate for  $c_{\text{eff}}$  satisfies all higher dimensional analogs of universal formulae.

$\Rightarrow$  higher dimensional analog of  $c_{\text{eff}}$  is defined by

$$S_A = \cdots + (-1)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} 4 c_{\text{eff}} \log \frac{2}{\epsilon} + s_0$$

# $c_{\text{eff}}$ in odd $d$

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Holographic ICFT:

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} ds_{\text{AdS}_d}^2 + dr^2$$

Holographic EE:

$$S_A = \dots + (-1)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} 2\pi c_{\text{eff}}$$

Not log term

where

$$c_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \frac{e^{(d-1)A(r_{\min})}}{4\pi G_N^{(d-1)}}$$

Same as even  $d$