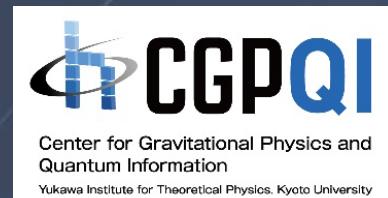
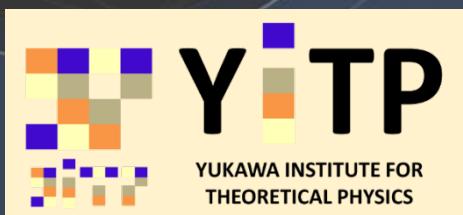


# Emergence of Extreme Universe from Quantum Information

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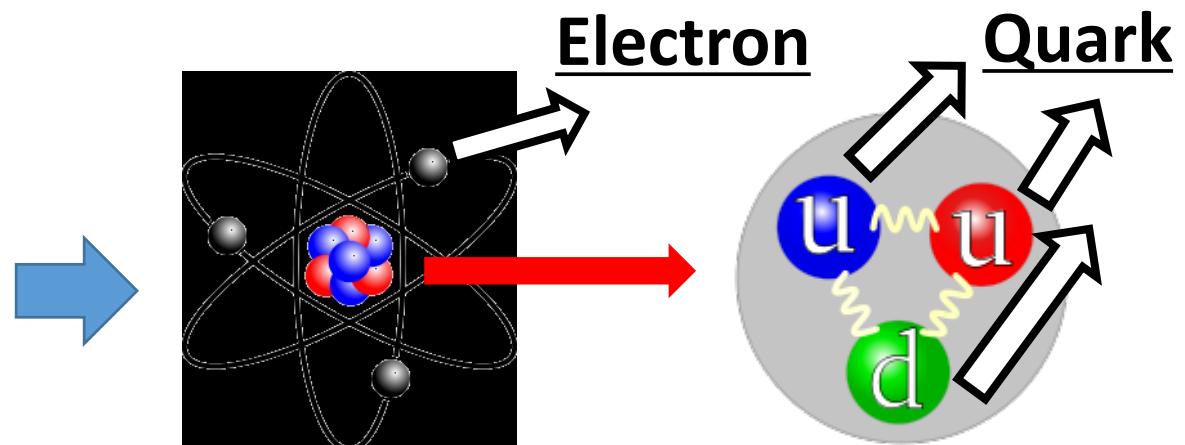


# ① Introduction

## What is particle physics ?

The study of fundamental particles and forces that constitute matter and radiation.

⇒ Exploring the **minimal unit** of matter



Matter

Atom = Electrons + Nucleus

Proton

# Four fundamental forces of Nature and Unification

**① Electromagnetic force**

**② Strong Interaction  
(Nuclear force)**

**③ Weak Interaction  
( $\beta$ -decay)**

Unified in terms of  
Quantum Field Theory

Gauge Theory  
(Standard model)

**④ Gravitational force**

Macroscopic theory  
→ Einstein's general  
relativity

Microscopic theory ?  
(Quantum theory)

Should be Unified!

Unification of All forces  
= Quantum Gravity ?  
Our Target !

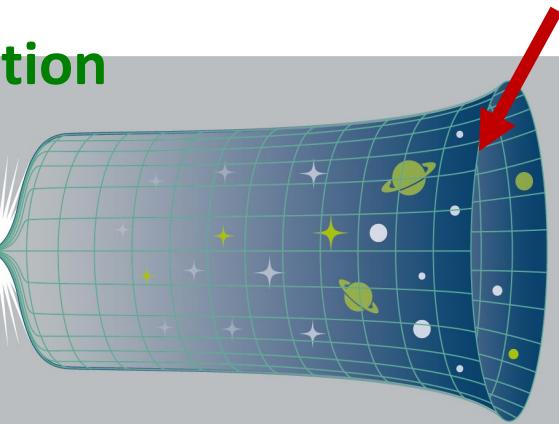
To understand the creation of Universe,  
we need quantum gravity !

Quantum Gravity  
= Microscopic theory  
of gravity

Explain the creation  
of the Universe

Big Bang

Present Universe

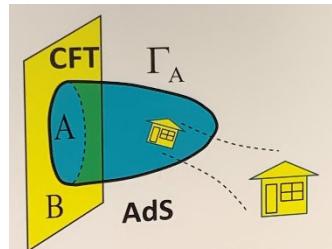
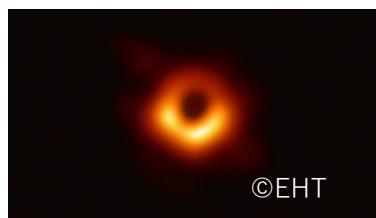
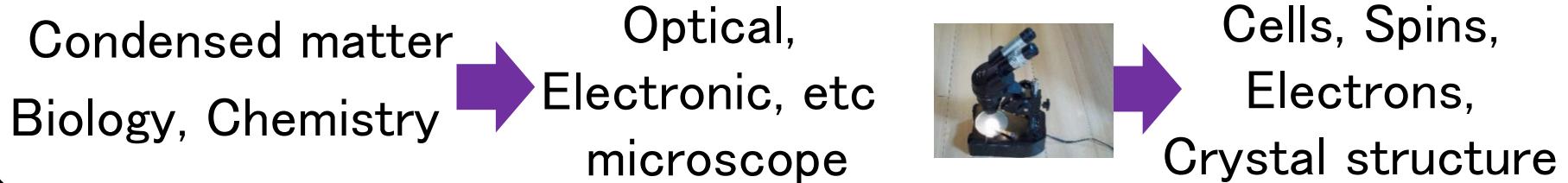


First of all, we want to magnify the Universe.

→ We need a “good microscope” !

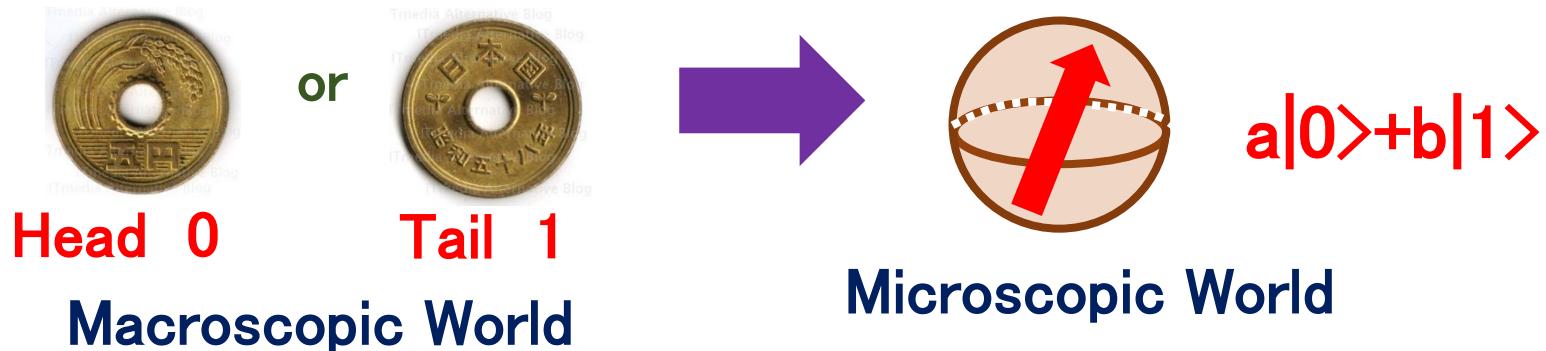
What is the minimal unit of spacetime ?

→ Holography plays a role of microscope in thought experiments !

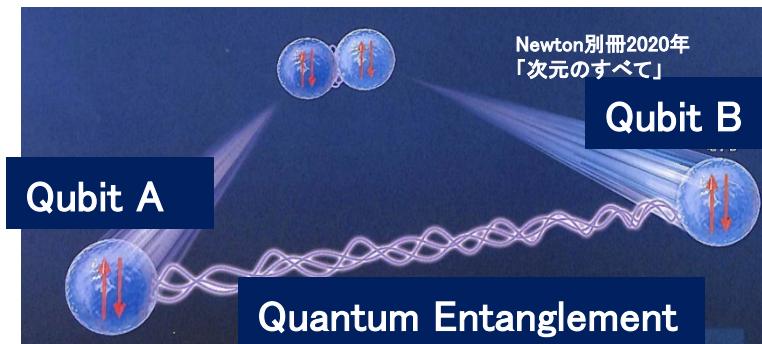


# What is the minimal unit of spacetime ? → Qubit ?!

**Qubit** = The unit of microscopic information (= a spin)



## Quantum Entanglement = Correlation between Qubits



The Nobel Prize in Physics  
2022

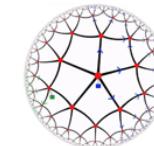


John A. Wheeler, 1990 (known for popularizing the term “**Black hole**”)

“**It from bit** symbolizes the idea that every item of the physical world has at bottom ? a very deep bottom, in most instances ? an immaterial source and explanation; that which we call reality arises in the last analysis from the posing of yes-or-no questions and the registering of equipment-evoked responses; in short, that **all things physical are information-theoretic in origin** and that this is a participatory universe.”



In US, “**It from Qubit**: Simons Collaboration on Quantum Fields, Gravity and Information”  
[Stanford Univ. ,⋯Kyoto U., 2015-2022]



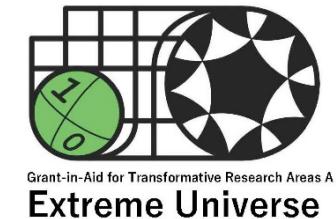
It from Qubit  
Simons Collaboration



In Japan : “**Extreme Universe Collaboration**”

[FY 2021-2025, MEXT-KAKENHI

Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A)]



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**Extreme Universe**

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## ② Quantum Entanglement

### Wave–Particle Duality

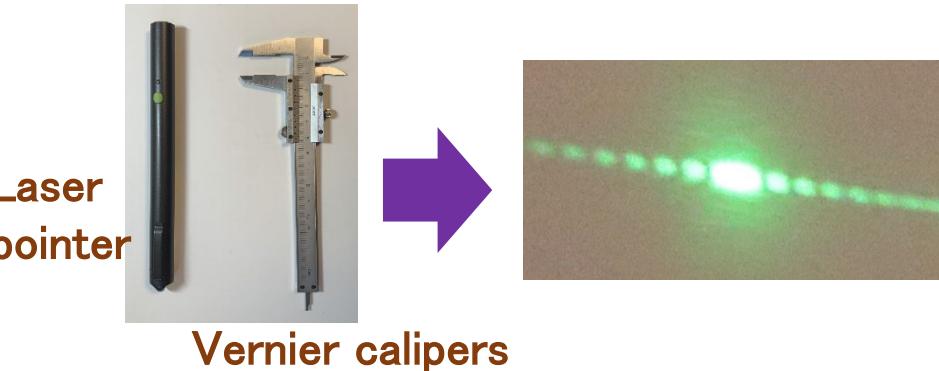
What is the nature of light ?

(A) Particle (photon) [Newton,⋯]

→Light travels straight.

(B) Wave [Huygens,⋯]

→It shows diffraction and interference.



Both are correct !

1905 Einstein's  
light quantum hypothesis

Any matter such as  
electrons also have  
wave-particle duality !

# Quantum Theory is based on wave-particle duality

Particle = Wave (wave function)



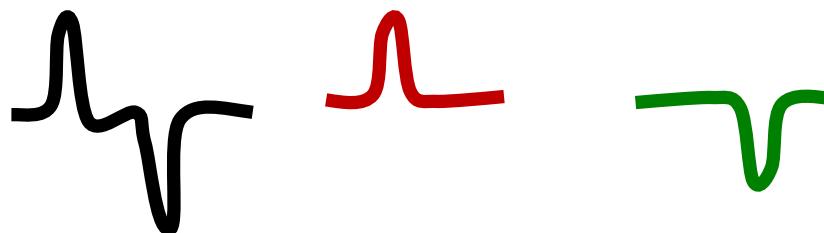
→ We can superpose waves !

Quantum State  $|\Psi\rangle = a|f\rangle + b|g\rangle$

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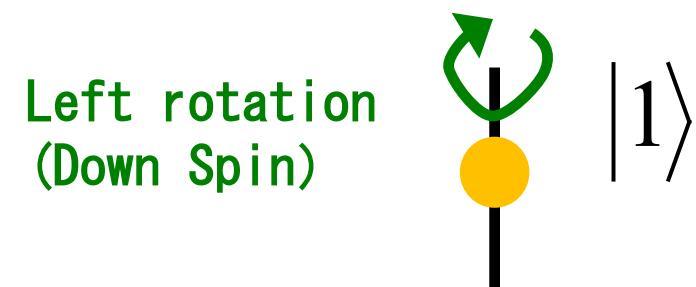
Sum of functions

Wave Function  $\Psi(x) = a f(x) + b g(x)$



# Qubit

As an example of quantum state consider **electron's spin**.



→ One qubit state:  $|\Psi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$

## Classical Computer

Classical Information

# of C info. = Bits

0 1 0 1 1 0

## Quantum Computer

Quantum Information

# of Q info. = Qubits



# Quantum Entanglement

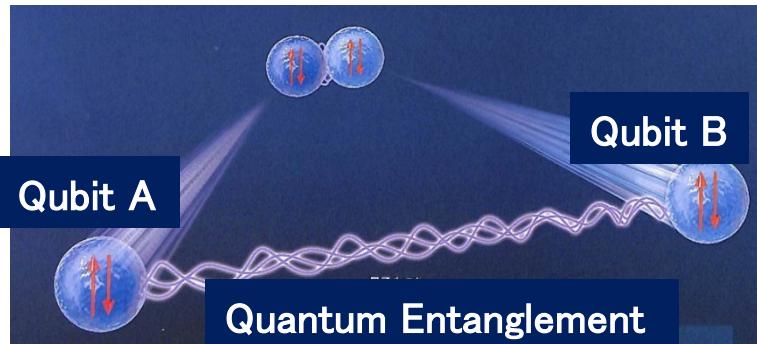
We start with a two qubit system: A and B.

Consider the **Bell state**:

$$|\Psi_{Bell}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B)$$

If we measure A spin, then that tells us B spin at the same time !

This correlation between A and B is **Quantum Entanglement** !



Though we know the state for the total system AB, the state for a subsystem is not definite.

# Entanglement Entropy (EE)

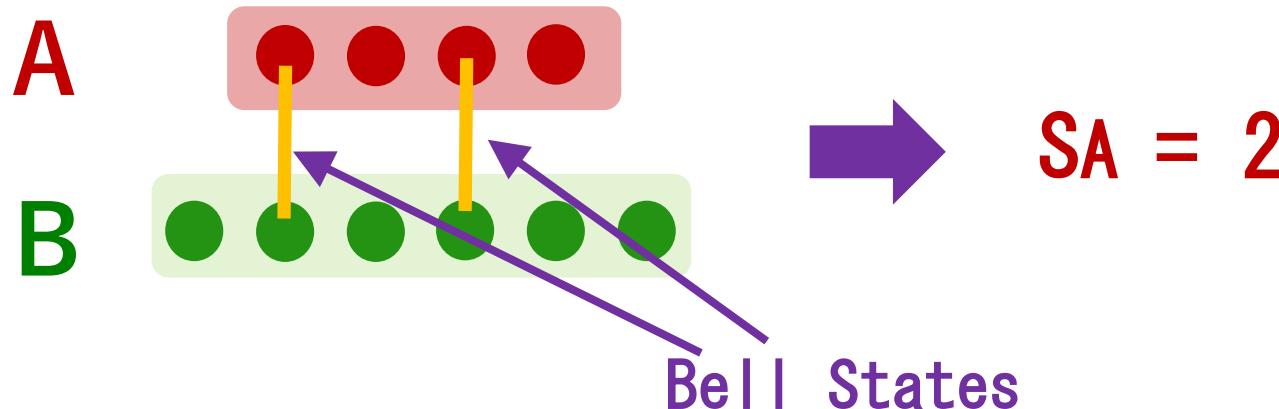
A measure of the amount of quantum entanglement

→ **Entanglement Entropy (EE)**

Entanglement Entropy between A and B:

**SA** = # of Bell states between A and B

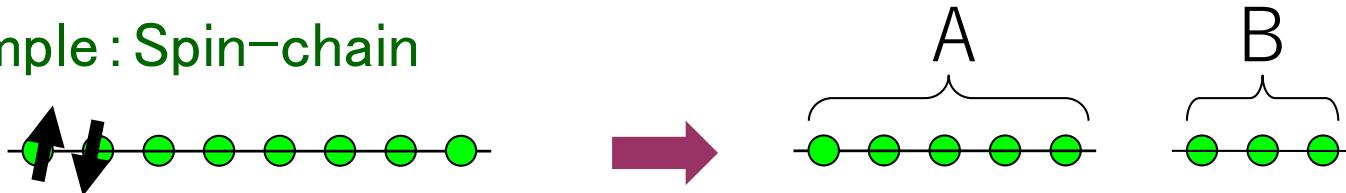
= the amount of “lost information”  
if an observer can only be accessible to A.



# Precise definition of Entanglement Entropy (EE)

First we decompose the Hilbert space:  $H_{tot} = H_A \otimes H_B$ .

Example: Spin-chain



We introduce the reduced density matrix  $\rho_A$

by tracing out B  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [\Psi_{tot} \rangle \langle \Psi_{tot}]$ .

The entanglement entropy (EE)  $S_A$  is defined by

$$S_A = -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log \rho_A]$$

$\propto$  # of Bell Pairs  
between A and B

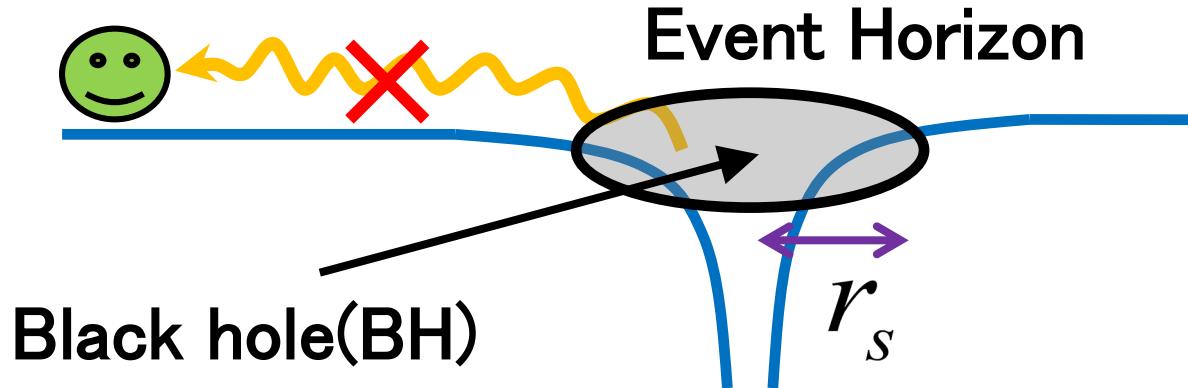
### ③ Black hole and Entropy

#### Black hole (BH)

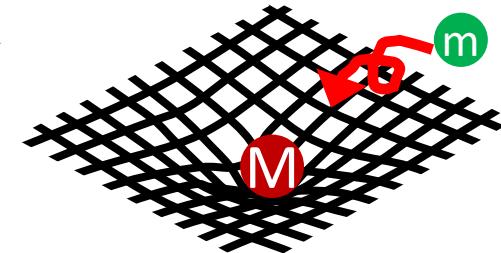
An extremely dense astrophysical object.

Due to its strong gravitational force, even light rays cannot come out from black hole.

→ Characteristic object in general relativity



Following general relativity,  
the spacetime gets distorted !



#### Schwarzschild Radius

$$r_s = 2G_N M$$

$M$  = mass of the sun

$$\rightarrow r_s = 3\text{km}$$

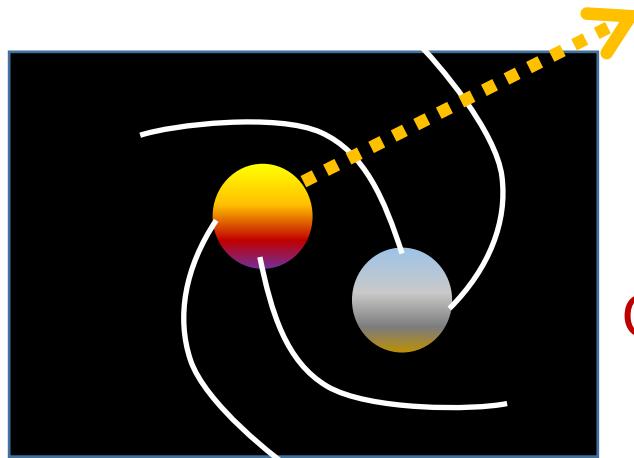
$M$  = mass of the earth

$$\rightarrow r_s = 9\text{mm}$$

# BH Entropy

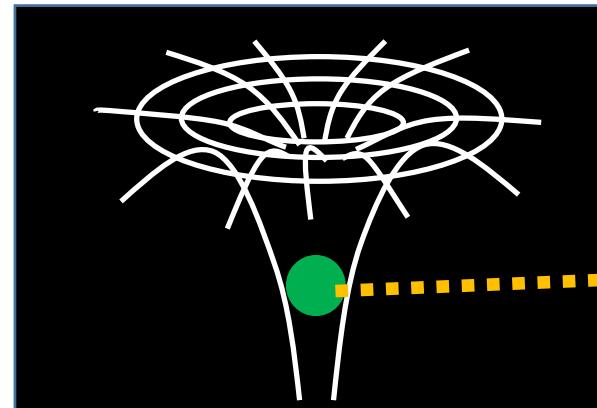
After stars collapsed into a BH, outside observers cannot access the information inside the BH.

Stars



Gravitational collapse

BH



A lot of Information can be obtained !

Hidden Information !



BH entropy !

# Bekenstein–Hawking Formula of BH Entropy [1972–1976]

Calculations in general relativity show  
that a BH has the following entropy:  
⇒ Still mysterious !

$$S_{BH} = \frac{k_B c^3}{\hbar} \times \frac{A_{BH}}{4G_N}$$



BH thermodynamics !

$A_{BH}$ = Surface Area of Black hole ⇒ Geometry

$G_N$ =Newton constant ⇒ Gravity

$\hbar$ =Planck constant ⇒ Quantum Mechanics

$k_B$ =Boltzmann const. ⇒ Stat. Mech. , Quantum Info.

} Quantum Gravity!

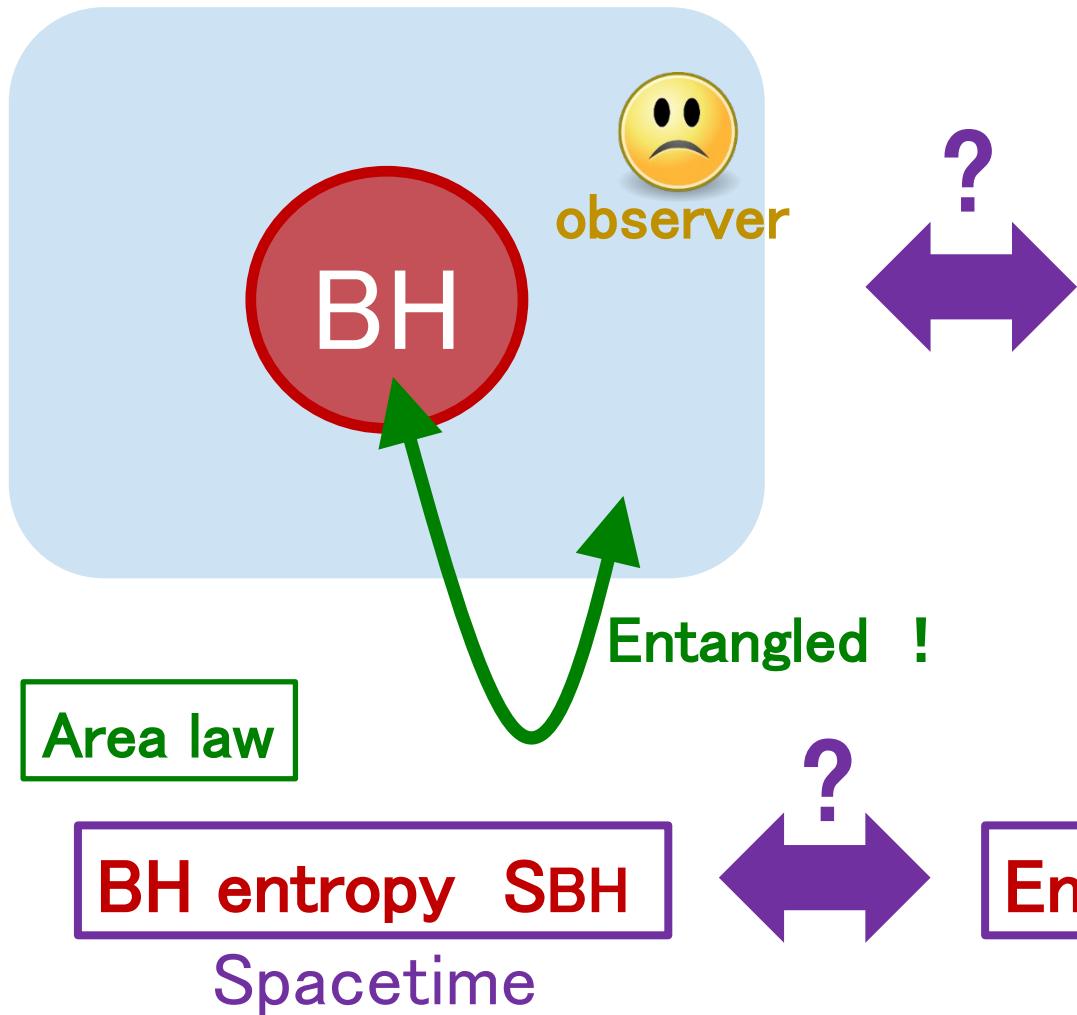
[1] BH Entropy is proportional to the **area**, not to the volume !

[2] BH has the entropy even in the **classical theory** of Gravity !

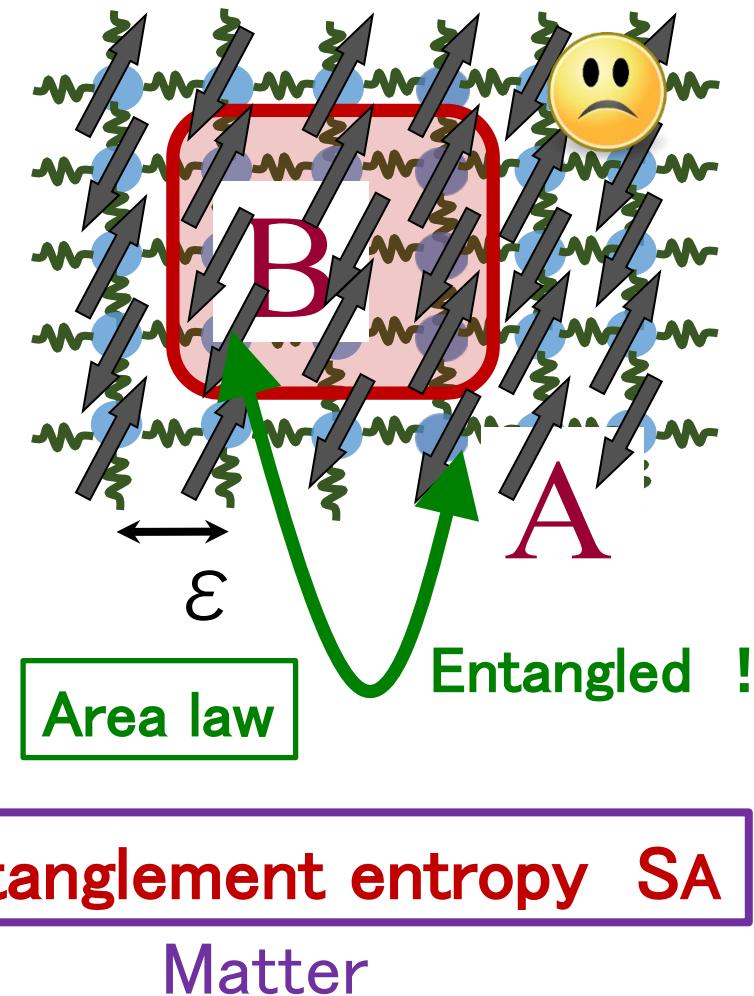
# Analogy between BH and Qubits

[Original motivation of studying EE in QFTs, Bombelli et.al. 1986, Srednicki 1993]

## Blackhole Spacetime



## Quantum Spin System



## ④ Holography and Quantum Entanglement

BH Entropy  
Formula

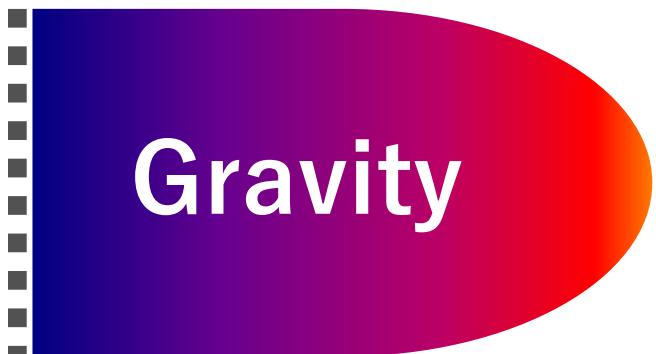
$$S_{BH} = \frac{A_{BH}}{4G_N}$$

Degrees of freedom  
in Gravity  $\propto$  Area

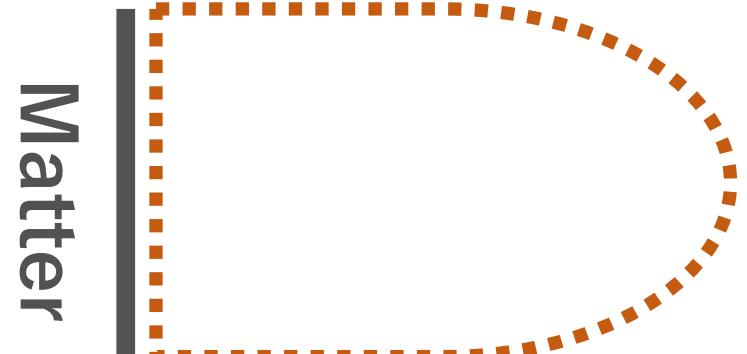
Holography

['t Hooft 1993, Susskind 1994]

Gravity on  $M$       =      Quantum Matter on  $\partial M$



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BH entropy( $\propto$  Area) = Thermal Entropy of Matter ( $\propto$  Volume)

# Gauge/Gravity Duality: best known example of holography

## — Gauge/Gravity Duality (AdS/CFT) — [Maldacena 1997] —

(Quantum) Gravity on  
d+1 dim. Anti-de Sitter Space

= d dim. Gauge theory  
(or Conformal field theory)

Anti-de Sitter space (AdS)  
→ Universe with  
negative curvature

Conformal Field Theory(CFT)  
→ Gapless matter  
at quantum critical point

(quantum field theory  
with only massless fields)

Gravity on AdS<sub>d+1</sub>

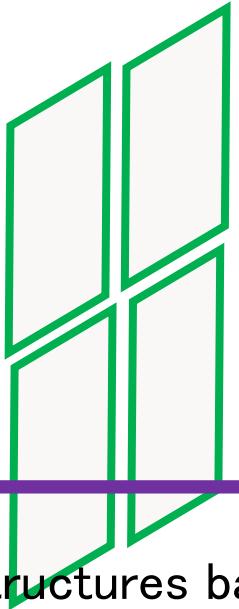
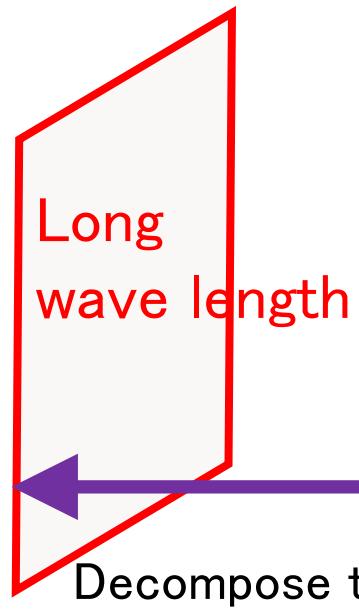
Boundary

Quantum Matter (CFT)

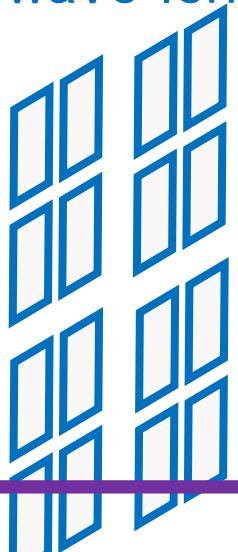
AdS metric

$$ds^2 = R^2 \cdot \frac{dz^2 - dt^2 + \sum_{i=1}^d dx_i^2}{z^2}$$

# A sketch on how AdS/CFT works

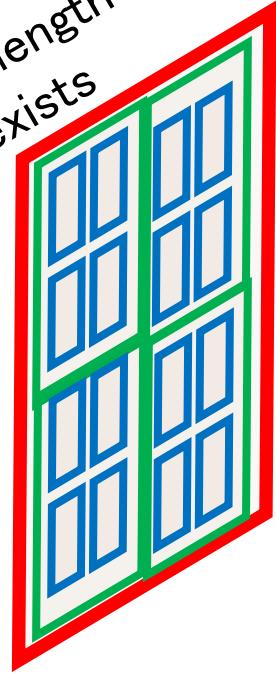


Short wave length

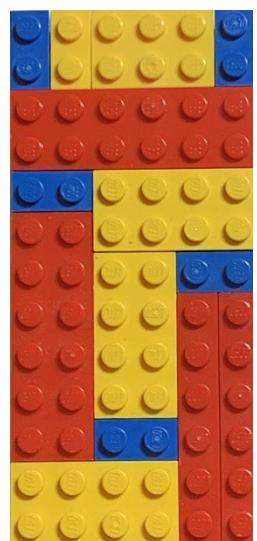
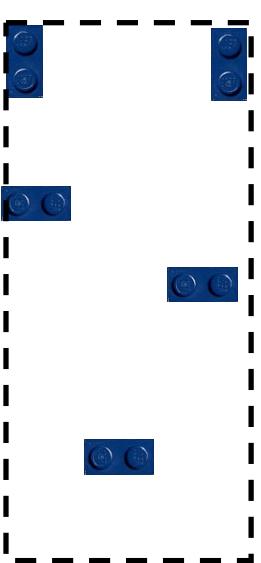
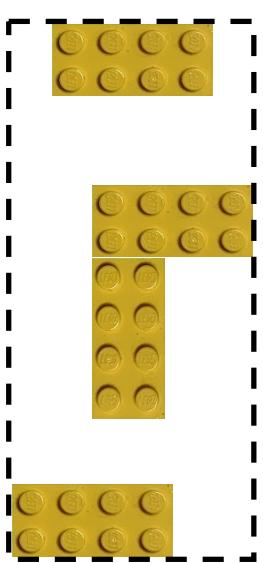
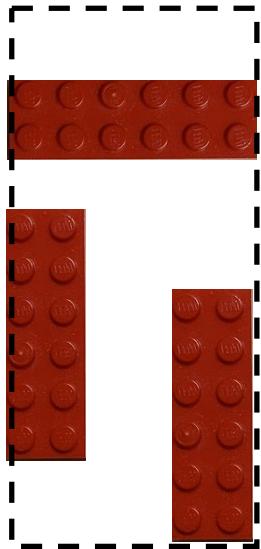


Structures of  
various length scales  
do coexists

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Decompose the structures based on wave length !

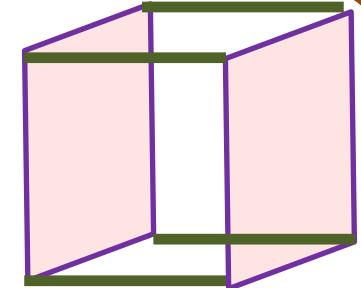


# Three Types of Universe    $\Lambda \rightarrow$ cosmological constant

## [1] $\Lambda=0$ (Zero curvature)

→ Flat Spacetime (Current Universe is almost flat)

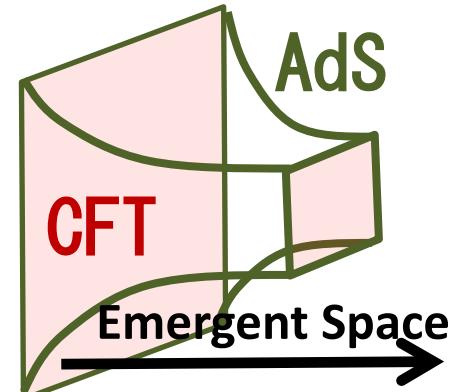
Quantum gravity is described by string theory.



## [2] $\Lambda < 0$ (Negative curvature)

→ Anti de-Sitter Space (AdS)

We can apply the AdS/CFT to describe quantum gravity in terms of quantum matter.



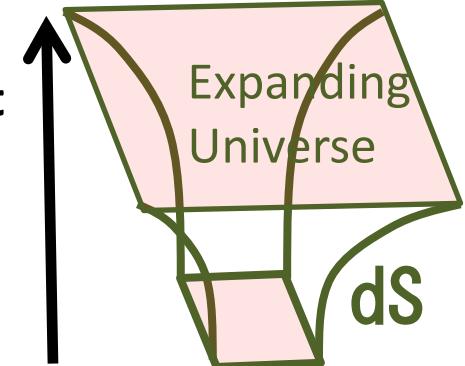
## [3] $\Lambda > 0$ (Positive curvature)

→ de-Sitter Space(dS)

This describes the creation of Universe.

What is the holographic dual ??

Emergent  
Time ?



# Holographic Entanglement Entropy

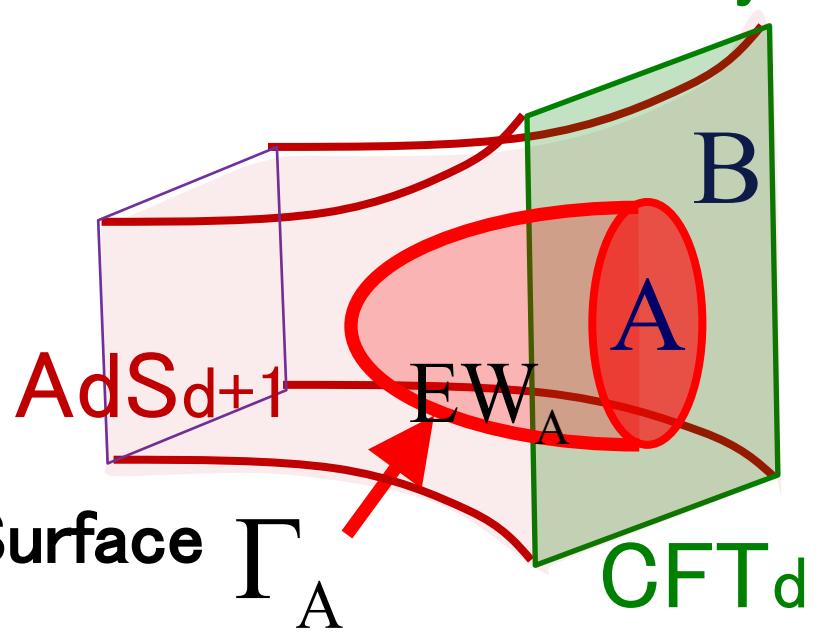
[Ryu–Takayanagi 2006]

$\Gamma_A$  = Minimal Area Surface  
which surrounds A in AdS

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$

Entanglement Entropy  
between A and B

Gravity in AdS = Quantum matter on Boundary



Minimal Surface  $\Gamma_A$

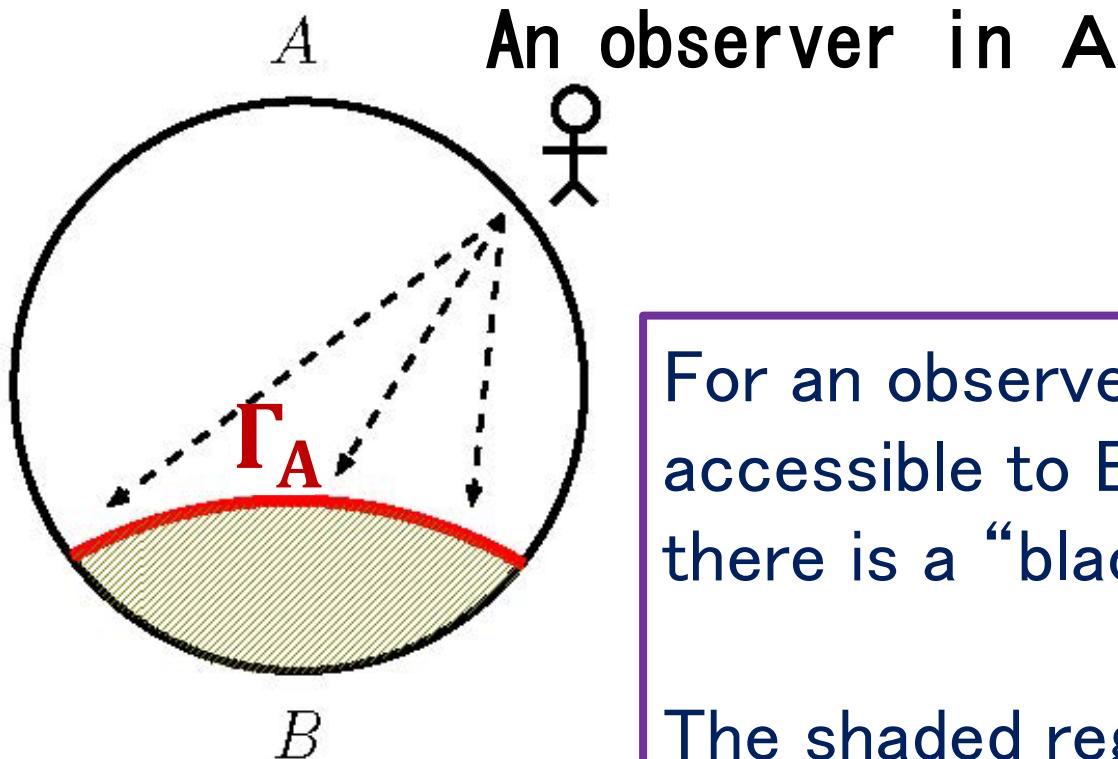
→ A huge generalization of black hole entropy formula !

→ Information in A is encoded in the entanglement wedge  $\text{EW}_A$  !  
[Czech–Karczmarek–Nogueira–Raamsdonk, Wall 2012, Headrick–Hubeny–Lawrence–Rangamani 2014···]

→ An extremal surface area gives the time-dependent EE !

[Hubeny–Rangamani–Takayanagi 2007]

# Intuitive Understanding this formula



An observer in  $A$

For an observer who is not accessible to  $B$ , it looks like there is a “black hole” at  $\Gamma_A$  .

The shaded region is hidden behind the “black hole”.

⇒ This BH entropy is  $S_A$  !

# Algebraic properties in Quantum Information ⇔ Geometric properties in Gravity

## Holographic Proof of Strong Subadditivity(SSL)

[Headrick-TT 07]

$$\begin{array}{c}
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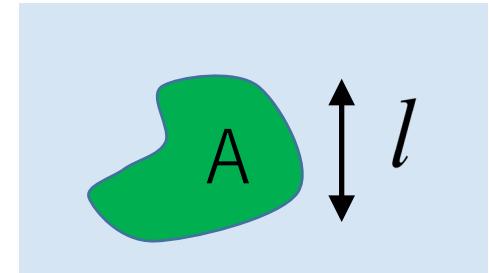
(Note:  $AB \equiv A \cup B$ )

“Triangle inequalities in Geometry = SSA”

# General Behavior of HEE (=EE in CFT<sub>d+1</sub>)

[Ryu-TT 06, ...]

$$S_A = \frac{\pi^{d/2} R^d}{2G_N^{(d+2)}\Gamma(d/2)} \left[ p_1 \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^{d-1} + p_3 \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^{d-3} + \dots \right]$$



$$\dots + \begin{cases} p_{d-1} \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right) + p_d & (\text{if } d+1 = \text{odd}) \\ p_{d-2} \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right)^2 + q \log \left(\frac{l}{\varepsilon}\right) & (\text{if } d+1 = \text{even}) \end{cases},$$

where  $p_1 = (d-1)^{-1}$ ,  $p_3 = -(d-2)/[2(d-3)]$ , ...

.....  $q = (-1)^{(d-1)/2} (d-2)!!/(d-1)!!$  .

A universal quantity ( $F$ ) which characterizes odd dim. CFT.

Agrees with conformal anomaly (central charge) in even dim. CFT

**Area law divergence**

# Einstein Equation from Quantum Entanglement

First Law of EE

First law of  
thermodynamics

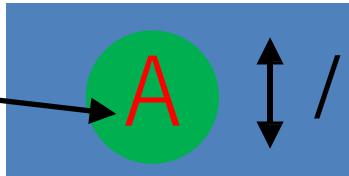
$$T\Delta S = \Delta E$$

$$\Delta S_A \approx \Delta E_A$$

[ $E_A = -\log \rho_A$ : Modular Hamiltonian]

[Casini–Huerta–Myers 13, Bhattacharya–Nozaki–Ugajin–TT 13 ]

(t,x)



$$\left( \partial_l^2 - \partial_l - \partial_x^2 - \frac{3}{l^2} \right) \Delta S_A(t, x, l) = \langle O \rangle \langle O \rangle$$

[Nozaki–Numasawa–  
Prudenziati–TT 13 ]

[de Sitter space: de Boer–Haehl–  
Heller–Myers 16]

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}$$

Kinetic term                            C.C.                                      Matter

→ The 1st law of EE explains the perturbative Einstein eq.

[Linear order: Raamsdonk et.al. 13, Non-linear order: Faulkner et.al 17, Sarosi–Ugajin 17]

# Pseudo Entropy and Holography [Nakata–Taki–Tamaoka–Wei–TT, 2020]

Q. What is the meaning of the minimal surface area  
in an Euclidean time-dependent asymptotically AdS geometry ?

Transition Matrix:  $\mathcal{T}^{\psi|\varphi} := \frac{|\psi\rangle\langle\varphi|}{\langle\varphi|\psi\rangle}$   $(\mathcal{T}_A^{\psi|\varphi} := \text{Tr}_{\bar{A}} \mathcal{T}^{\psi|\varphi})$

Initial State  Final State

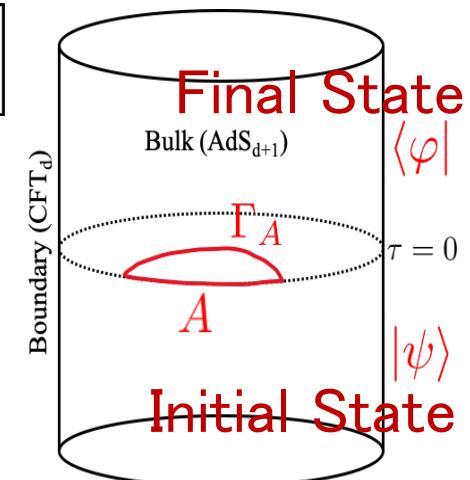
Reduced Transition Matrix  $\Rightarrow$  Not Hermitian in general !

**Pseudo Entropy:**  $S(\mathcal{T}_A^{\psi|\varphi}) = -\text{Tr} [\mathcal{T}_A^{\psi|\varphi} \log \mathcal{T}_A^{\psi|\varphi}]$

$\curvearrowright$  In general, complex valued !

Holographic Pseudo Entropy

$$S(\mathcal{T}_A^{\psi|\varphi}) = \min_{\Gamma_A} \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4G_N}$$



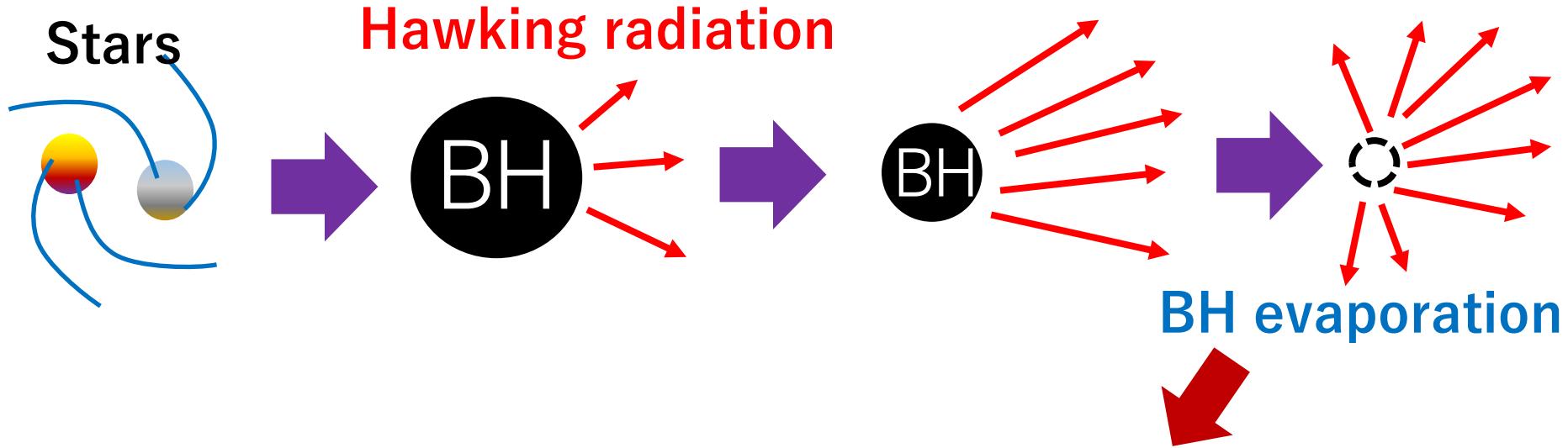
## ⑤ Applications to Black hole Information Problem

### Black hole (BH) information Problem

A BH has a temperature and is a thermal object.

Thus, a BH radiates (Hawking radiation) and loses its energy.

Eventually it evaporates and disappears, called BH evaporation.



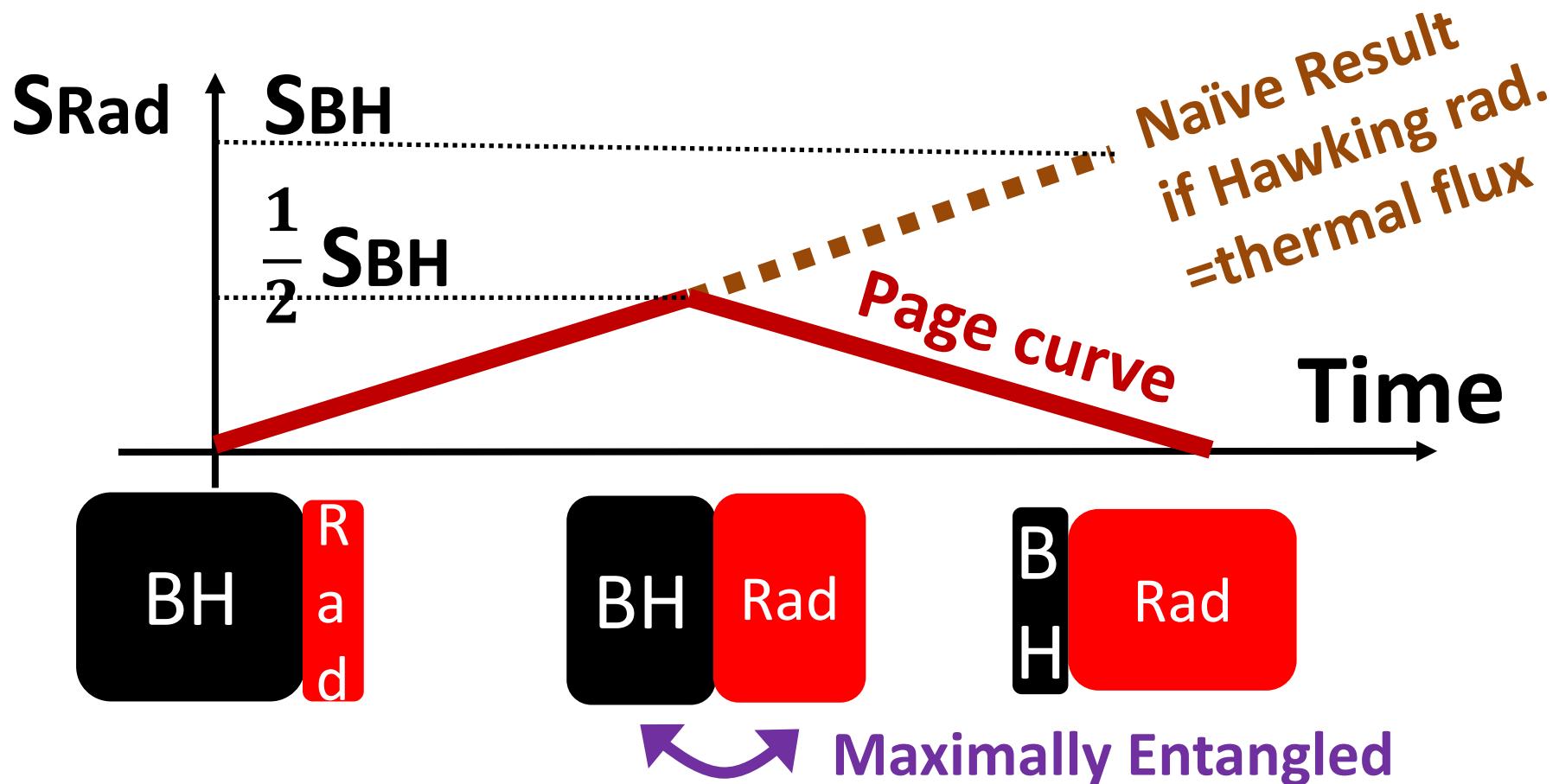
The information inside BH seems to disappear !

→ If so, this contradicts with the unitarity of quantum mechanics !

# Page curve [A quantification of BH information problem]

**Model:**  $H_{tot} = H_{BH} \otimes H_{Rad}$      $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle \in H_{tot}$

$$\rho_{Rad}(t) = \text{Tr}_{BH} [\langle\psi(t)|\psi(t)\rangle] \rightarrow S_{Rad}(t) = -\text{Tr}[\rho_{Rad}(t) \log \rho_{Rad}(t)]$$



# Black hole information problem and Island Formula

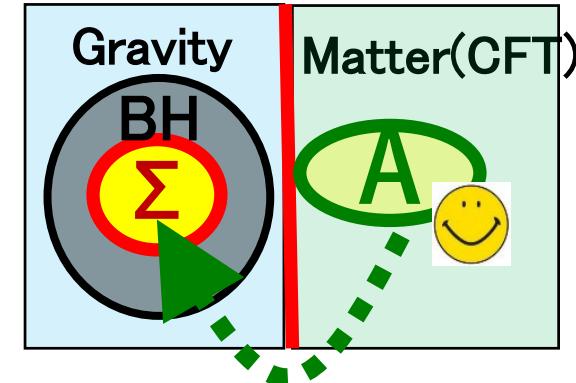
Recently, the Page curve was derived by generalizing the HEE formula to CFTs which is coupled to gravity, so called the Island formula !

## Island Formula:

[Penington 2019,  
Almheiri et.al. 2019]

$$S_A = \text{Min} \left[ \frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma)}{4G_N} + S_{A \cup \Sigma} \right]$$

↑  
EE for Radiations    BH entropy    Bulk EE

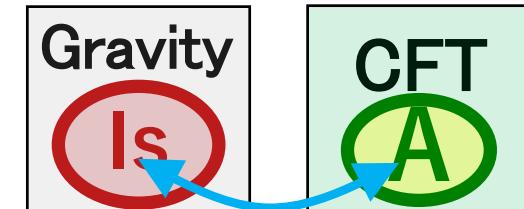


Accessible to the Island  $\Sigma$

Generalization

This explains the Page curve !  
→ Unitarity of BH evaporation!

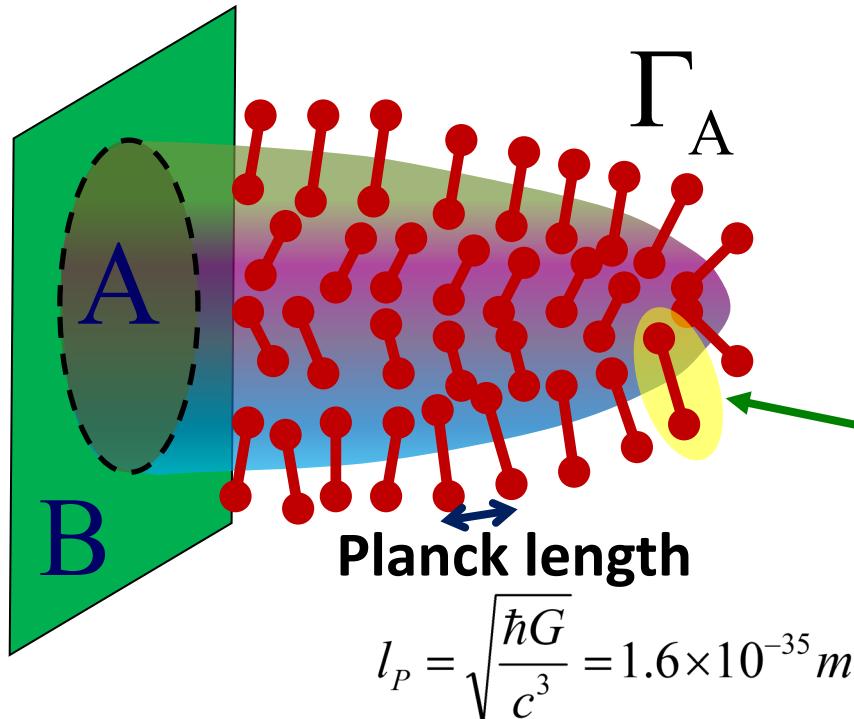
As the BH evaporation proceeds,  
a secret hole (called Island) appears inside BH.  
Via this secret tunnel, we recover BH information.



Entangled !  
[Balasubramanian  
–Kar–Ugajin 2020–2021]

## ⑥ Emergence of Universe from Quantum Entanglement

The HEE suggests that there is one qubit of entanglement for each Planck length area !



$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma_A)}{4l_{pl}^{D-1}}$$

$\sim 10^{65}$  qubits per  $1\text{cm}^2$  !

Bell pair  
  
= Planck scale  
mini Universe

$$l_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-35} \text{m}$$

Spacetime may emerge from entangled Qubits !  
→ Tensor Network (TN) realizes this idea !

# Tensor Network (TN)

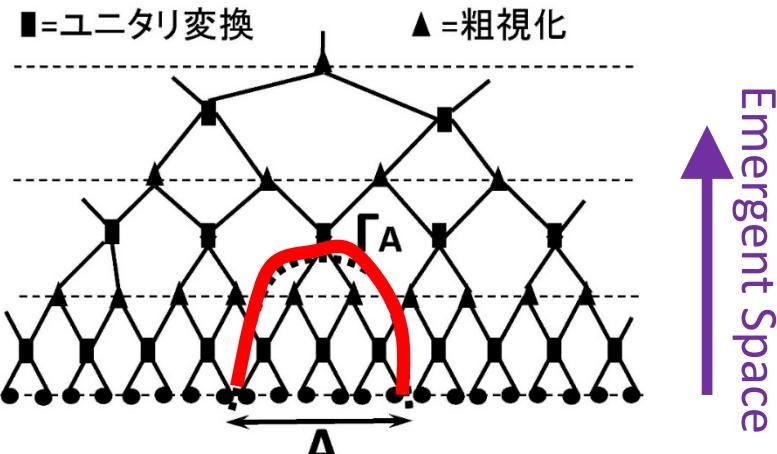
[DMRG: White 92,.. CTM: Nishino–Okunishi 96,  
PEPS: Verstraete–Cirac 04, …]

**TN = Graphical description of quantum states**

**Quantum State = Network of quantum entanglement**

**[Ex. 1] MERA TN** [Vidal 2005]

→ **Describe CFT vacuum**

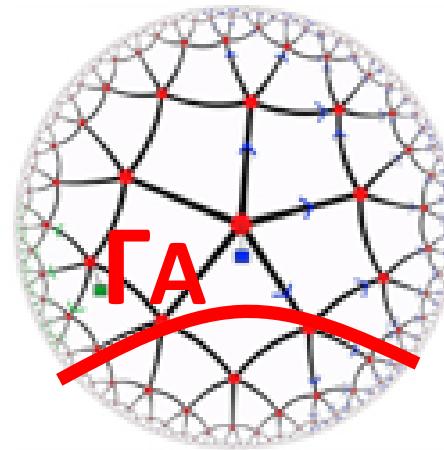


**SA = Minimal Cross Section of TN !**

**[Ex. 2] HaPPY model**

[Patawski–Yoshida–Harlow–Preskill 2015]

→ **Use quantum error correcting code**



**Geometric Structure of Qubits = AdS**

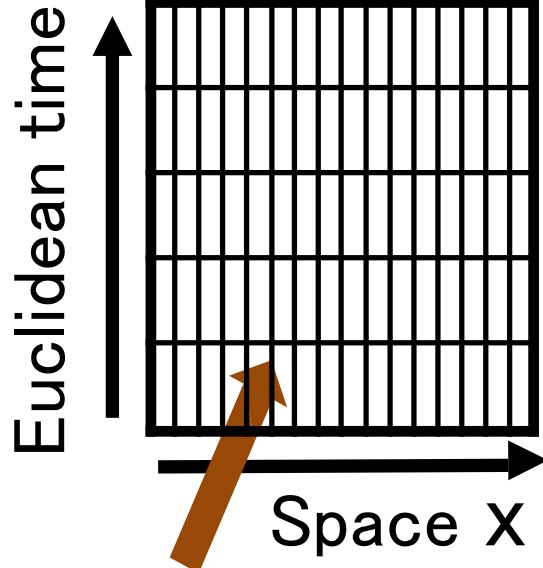
[Swingle 2009]

# [Ex.3 Path-integral Optimization] [Caputa–Kundu–Miyaji–Watanabe–TT 2017]

Q. Can we describe CFT as a tensor network ?  $\Rightarrow$  Path-integral

## Basic Principle

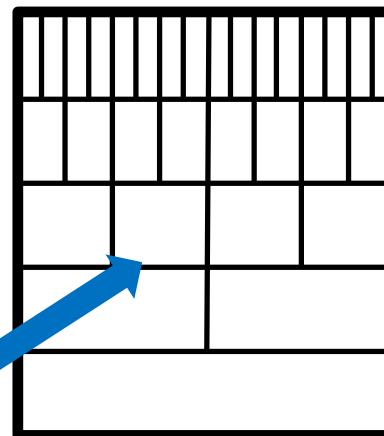
Minimize the computational cost of (discretized) path-integral.



Optimize

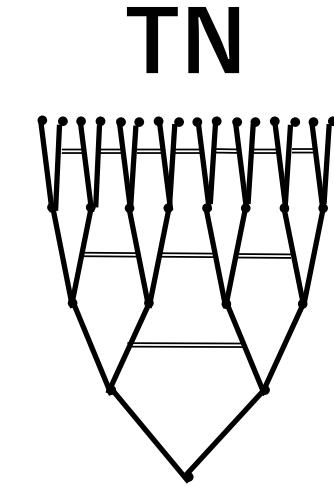
We change  
cut off scale  
locally.

II



$\approx$

II

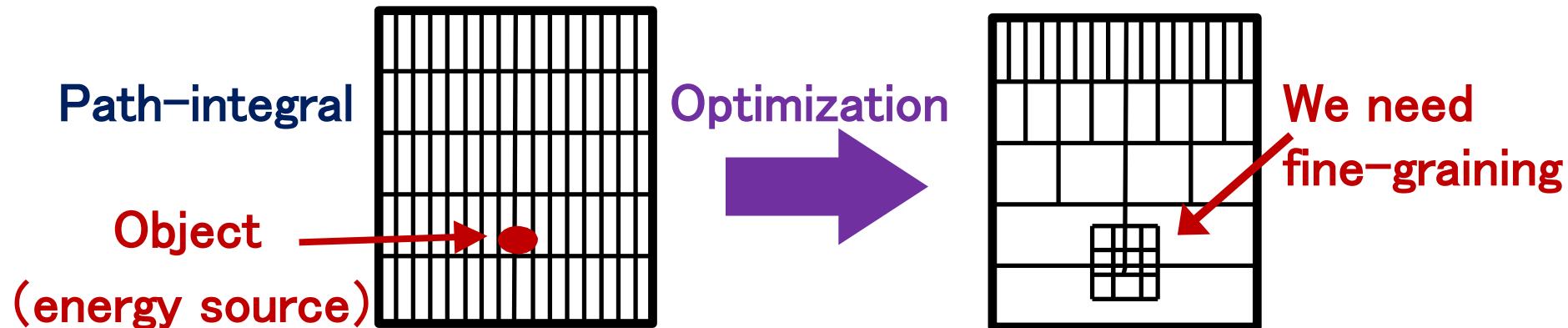


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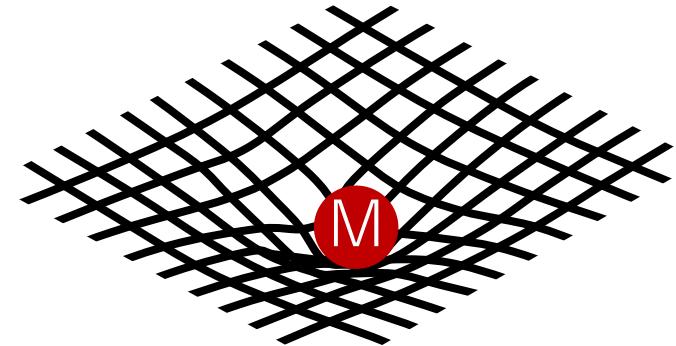
Initially, short wave length modes can be neglected.

A time slice of AdS emerges !

# Upshot: Minimizing computational costs leads to gravity !



Energetic source (=information source)  
distorts the spacetime  
→ The essence of general relativity !



Recent Update [Boruch-Caputa-Ge-TT 2021]

**Path-integral Optimization**  
= Maximization of Hartle-Hawking wave function for *AdS Universe*

Gravity might be an ideal “quantum computer” ?

# How to optimize path-integral (in 2 dim. CFT)

Idea: Local change of UV cut off scale = Metric change

$$ds^2 = e^{2\omega(x,z)}(dx^2 + dz^2).$$

Owing to conformal symmetry, the wave function behaves as

$$\Psi[\phi, \omega] = e^{C[\omega]} \cdot \Psi[\phi, \omega = 0]$$

Optimization  $\Rightarrow$  Minimize the cost  $C[\omega]$  !  
[ $C[\omega]$  ≈ Computational Complexity]

In two dim. CFT,  $C[\omega]$  is given by Liouville action:

$$C_{2D}[\omega] = \frac{c}{24\pi} \int dx dz \left[ (\partial_x \omega)^2 + (\partial_z \omega)^2 + e^{2\omega} \right]$$

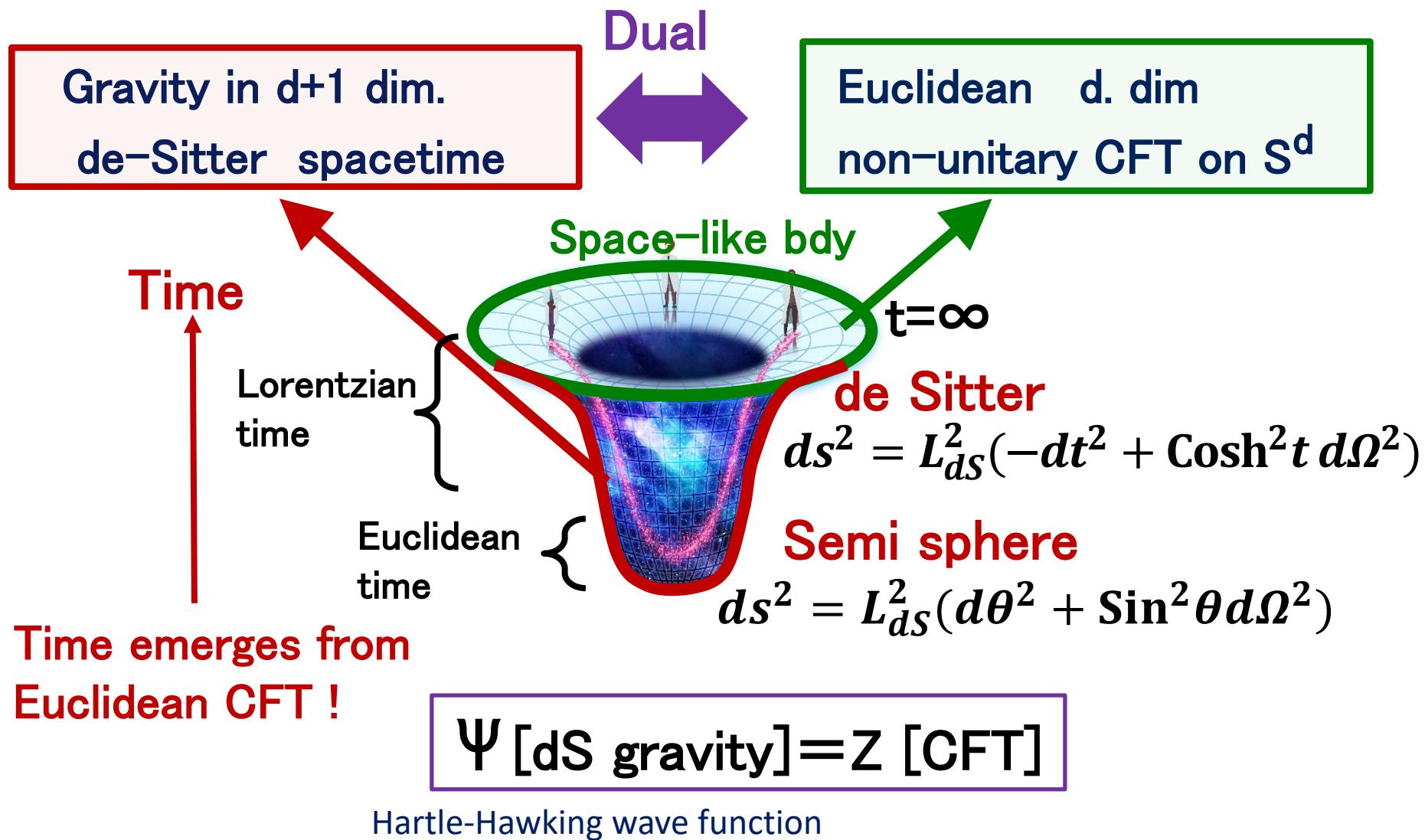
Minimization  
leads to  
AdS metric !

**How our universe emerges from quantum information ?**

 **How about de Sitter space instead of AdS ?**

# A sketch of dS/CFT

[Strominger 2001, Maldacena 2002,⋯]



# First Example for CFT dual of dS in Einstein gravity

[Hikida–Nishioka–Taki–TT, PRL 129 (2022) 4, 041601 (Editor’s suggestion)]

**Large c limit of  $SU(2)^k$  WZW model (a 2dim. CFT)**

= **Einstein Gravity** on 3 dim. de Sitter (radius  $L_{ds}$ )

**Level**

$$k \approx -2 + \frac{4iG_N}{L_{ds}} \rightarrow \Delta \approx iL_{ds} \cdot E_{ds}$$

Energy in dS

**Central charge**

$$c = \frac{3k}{k+2} \approx i \frac{3L_{ds}}{2G_N}$$

$$Z[S^3, R_j] = |S_j^0|^2 \approx e^{\frac{\pi L_{ds}}{2G_N} \sqrt{1-8G_N E}}$$

CFT partition function

De Sitter Entropy



VIEWPOINT

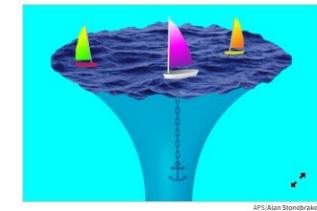
## Steps toward Quantum Gravity in a Realistic Cosmos

Jordan Cotler

Society of Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

July 18, 2022 • Physics 15, 107

Theorists have modeled an expanding spacetime—akin to our Universe—by taking inspiration from string theory framework in which spacetime is emergent.



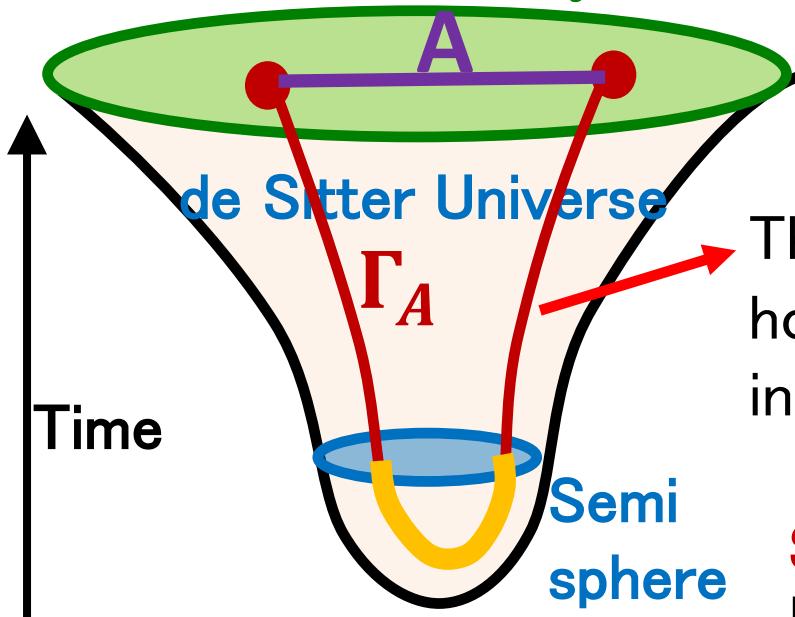
APS/Alan Stonebraker

Introduced as Viewpoint in “Physics”, published by APS [2022, July]

# How does TIME emerge from quantum information ?

[Doi–Harper–Mollabashi–Taki–TT 2022]

CFT on the boundary



The geodesic  $\Gamma_A$  which gives holographic entanglement entropy **SA** includes the **time-like part !**



**SA becomes complex valued !**

[This is more properly regarded as the **pseudo entropy !**]

Real part of SA → Emergence of space coordinate

Imaginary part of SA → Emergence of time coordinate

# ⑦ Conclusions

Our contributions  
and recent developments

## Traditional Physics

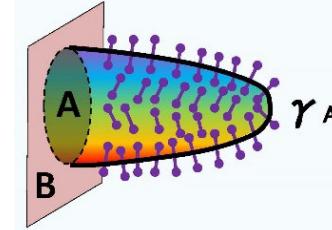
Microscopes  
Accelerators



Matter = Collection of Particles

Crystallization

The formula  
“Entropy=Area”  
is robust for general  
spacetimes



## A New direction in Physics

Holography



Universe = Collection of Qubits

Emergence

Is gravity the fastest “quantum computer” ?

→New insights into quantum matter, quantum computation  
and quantum cryptography



Does gravitational spacetime emerge from qubits ?

→New approach to quantum gravity

## Future problems

- An explicit proof of AdS/CFT [ $\Leftarrow$ Quantum info. ?]
- Generalization of AdS/CFT to other spacetimes  
(e.g. cosmological spacetimes such as de Sitter spaces)
- Understanding the microscopic origin of BH entropy  
purely from a gravitational (closed string) viewpoint.
- Solve BH information problem completely
  - :
  - :
- Quantum Gravity Origin of Our Universe

**Thank you very much !**