

# Subregion Complementarity in AdS/CFT

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# Introduction

# One way to study quantum gravity is AdS/CFT duality

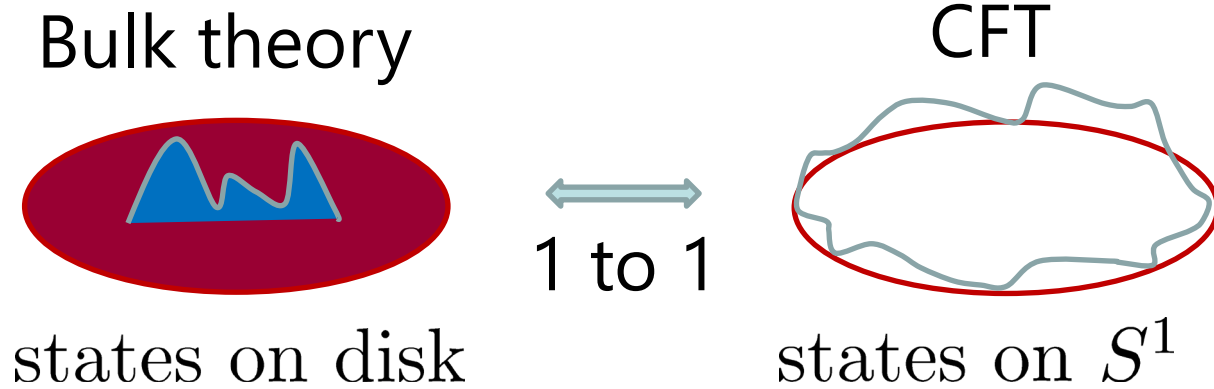
Maldacena

Quantum gravity on AdS

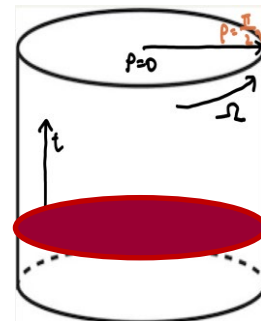
= conformal field theory (CFT)

In operator formalism, AdS/CFT is  
equivalence between  
Hilbert spaces and Hamiltonians  
of gravity on AdS and CFT

# Low energy states of bulk theory and CFT



They are on a fixed time slice of AdS or cylinder



**We will focus on Large  $N$  limit,  
which is essential for AdS/CFT duality**

**We can EXPLICITLY show that**

Low energy spectrum of large  $N$   $CFT_d$

 **equivalent!**

Spectrum of free gravity on  $AdS_{d+1}$

**We have explicit map between these two**

## Using this map, I will explain below

- **violation of entanglement wedge reconstruction**
- **how AdS/CFT for subregion is realized**
- **Black hole complementarity like property (subregion complementarity) is important.**

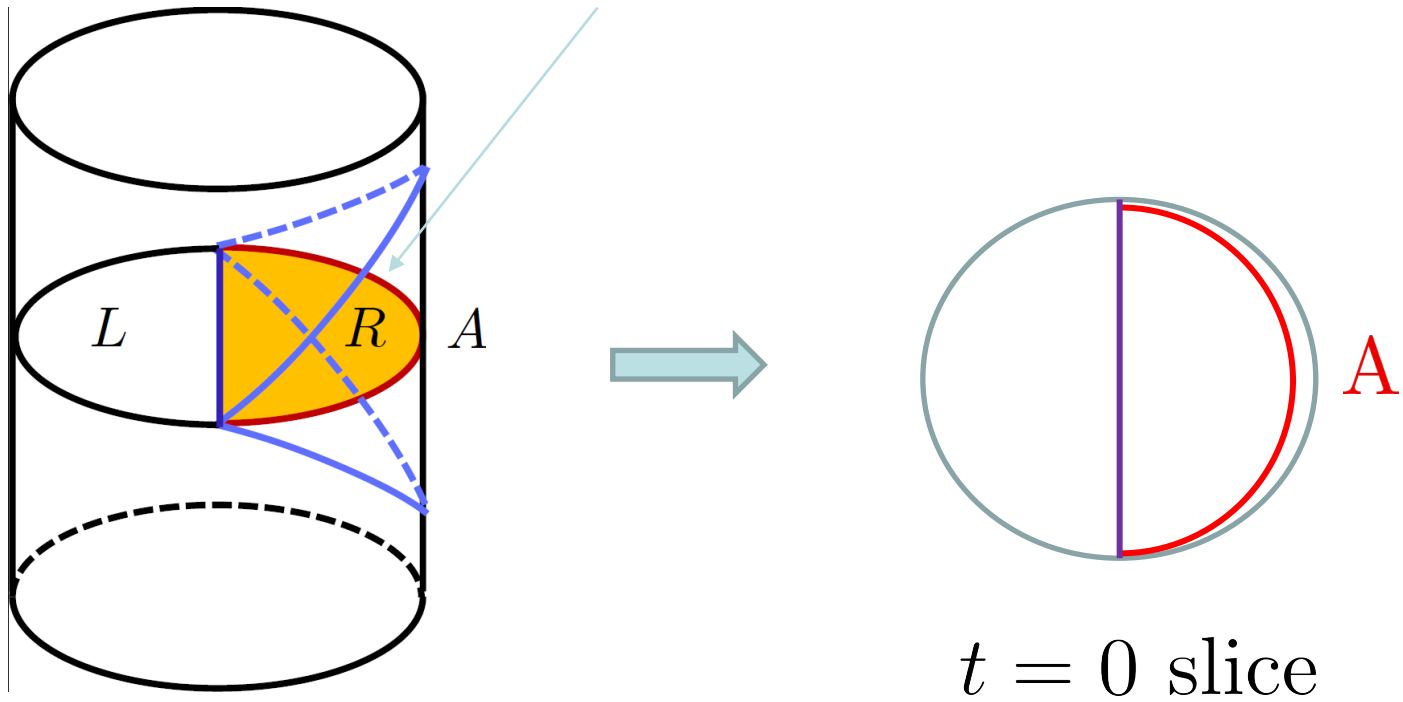
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- 2. Violation of entanglement wedge reconstruction**
- 3. AdS/CFT for subregion**
- 4. Conclusion**



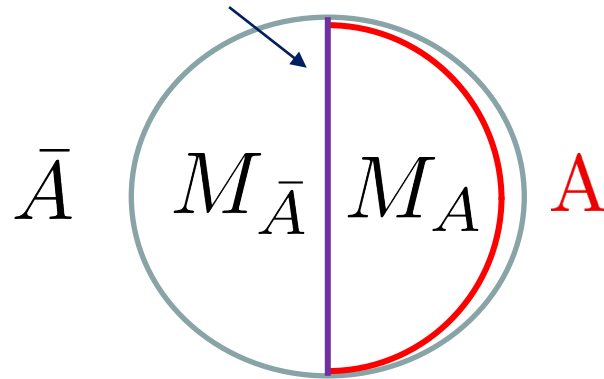
Counter example of  
entanglement wedge reconstruction  
(and subregion duality)

# Entanglement wedge of $A$



# Decompositions for Bulk and CFT

Ryu-Takayanagi surface



CFT space ( $= S^{d-1}$ ) =  $A + \bar{A}$

Bulk space =  $M_A + M_{\bar{A}}$

$M_A$  = Entanglement wedge of  $A$

## Subregion duality:

For density matrices  $\rho, \sigma$ ,

$$\rho_A = \sigma_A \Leftrightarrow \rho_{M_A} = \sigma_{M_A}$$

where  $\rho_A = \text{tr}_{\bar{A}}(\rho)$ ,  $\rho_{M_A} = \text{tr}_{M_{\bar{A}}}(\rho)$

## Entanglement wedge reconstruction:

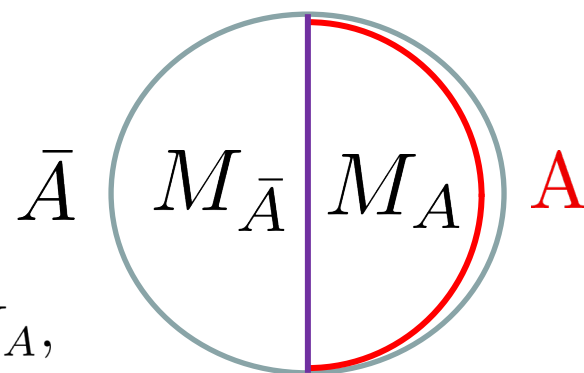
For low energy state  $|\phi\rangle$ ,

$$\forall \mathcal{O}_{M_A} |\phi\rangle = \exists \mathcal{O}_A |\phi\rangle,$$

$\mathcal{O}_{M_A}$  is bulk operator supported in  $M_A$ ,

$\mathcal{O}_A$  is CFT operator supported in  $A$

Dong-Harlow-Wall



# ”Derivation”

Jafferis-Lewkowycz-Maldacena-Suh (JLMS) showed  
CFT relative entropy = bulk relative entropy



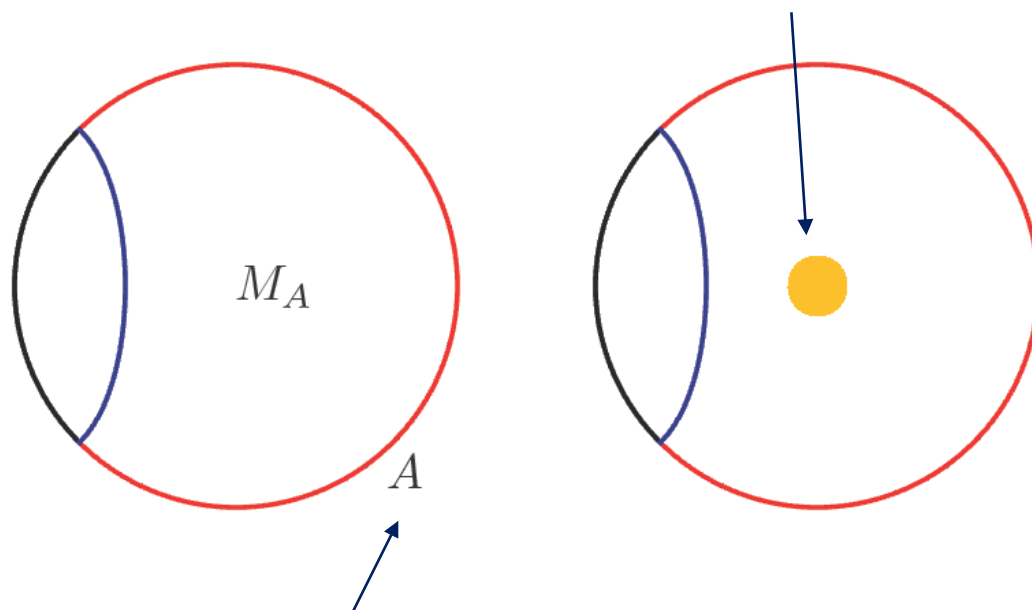
Subregion duality



Entanglement wedge reconstruction

# Counterexample of entanglement wedge reconstruction

bulk operator  $\phi$  supported on small region around the center such that  $\phi$  is spherically symmetric and Hermite



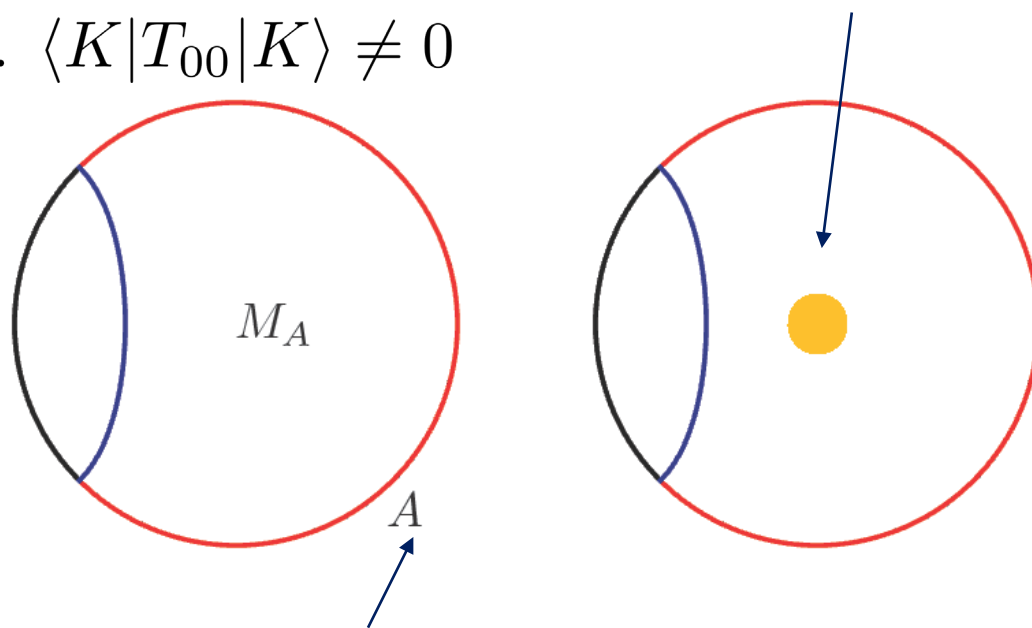
a CFT subregion  $A$  such that its causal wedge  $M_A$  includes the bulk region around the center

Consider the state  $|K\rangle = e^{i\phi}|0\rangle$ .

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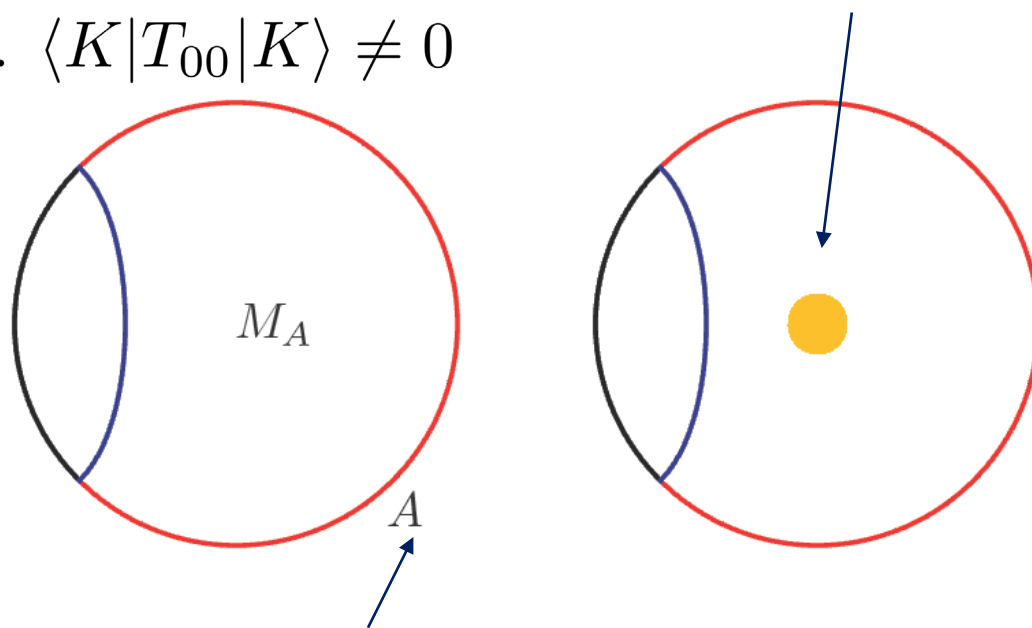


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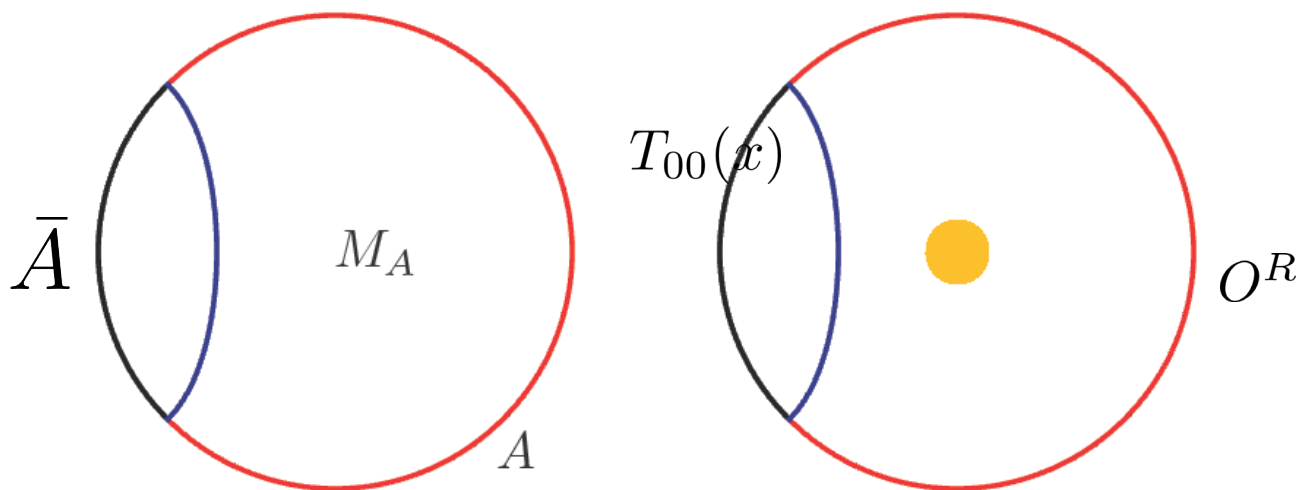
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# Violation of entanglement wedge reconstruction

The answer is no because

$\langle 0|e^{-iO^R} T_{00}(x)e^{iO^R} |0\rangle = 0$  where  $x \in \bar{A}$   
by the causality  $[T_{00}(x), O^R] = 0$ .



There is no  $O^R$  such that  $e^{iO^R} |0\rangle = e^{i\phi} |0\rangle$ .

Thus, the entanglement wedge reconstruction is not valid.

## Remarks:

Everything here is  $\mathcal{O}(N^0)$ .

By smearing of the operators in spacetime, everything here is considered low energy.

The difference in energy fluxes means difference in 3-point functions  $\langle 0 | [\phi, [T_{00}(x), \phi]] | 0 \rangle$ .

Reeh–Schlieder th. gives any state, but not an operator.

$\phi$  and  $O^R$  can be represented by global and AdS-Rindler HKLL reconstructions.

Then,  $e^{iO^R} |0\rangle \neq e^{i\phi} |0\rangle$ . means the two HKLL reconstructions give different operators at same bulk point.

# Why does this happens?

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Free theory on the bulk Rindler patch  $M_A$  is incorrect as an approximation of the CFT, i.e. the quantum gravity, in particular on "horizon".

Failure of low-energy effective theory(=bulk gravity)!  
i.e. failure of asymptotic  $1/N$  expansion

**Jafferis-Lewkowycz-Maldacena-Suh used  
1-loop correction of Ryu-Takayanagi formula  
(Faulkner-Lewkowycz-Maldacena),  
which assume that  
the bulk gravity theory is valid even for the subregion.**

**But, this is not justified.**

**(In particular, the entanglement entropy depends on the  
boundary of the subregion, i.e. "horizon".)**

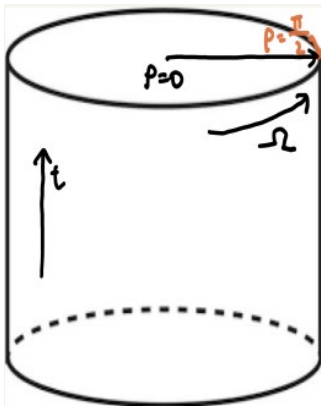
**Such a violation is an essential property of (black hole)  
horizon, which is universal to general black hole horizons.  
(related to "Brick wall")**

# AdS/CFT for subregion

# (Global) $AdS_{d+1}$

The metric of global  $AdS_{d+1}$  ( $l_{AdS} = 1$ ) is

$$ds^2_{AdS} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(\rho)} (-dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sin^2(\rho)d\Omega_{d-1}^2)$$



where  $0 \leq \rho < \pi/2$

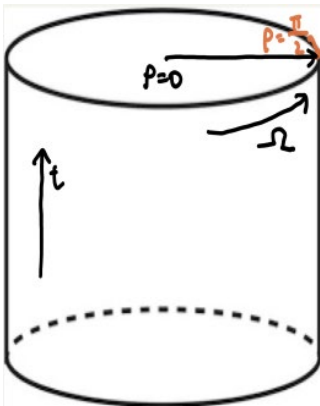
$$z \equiv \pi/2 - \rho$$

Boundary of AdS is at  $z = 0$

# Boundary of (Global) $AdS_3$

The boundary of  $AdS_3$  is the cylinder

$$ds^2_{cylinder} = -dt^2 + d\theta^2$$





# (Global) HKLL bulk reconstruction

Bulk local field  $\phi(t_0, z_0, \theta_0)$

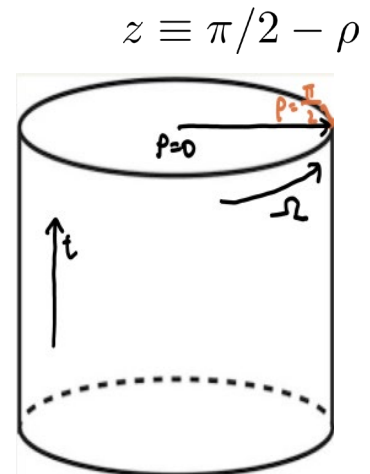
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Then, using BDHM relation  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(t, z, \theta)}{z^\Delta} \sim \mathcal{O}(t, \theta)$



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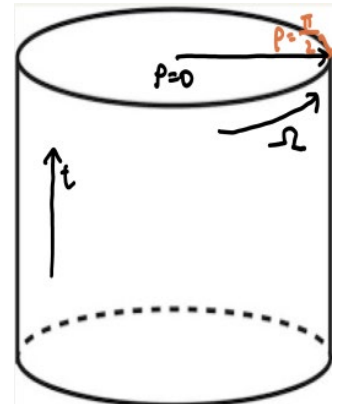
We will denote the CFT operator as

$$\phi^G(t, z, \theta) \equiv \int dt' d\theta' K(\theta', t') \mathcal{O}(\theta', t')$$

Then, we can show

$$\langle 0 | \phi(t, z, \theta) \phi(t', z', \theta') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \phi^G(t, z, \theta) \phi^G(t', z', \theta') | 0 \rangle$$

i.e. bulk correlation function  
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# Rindler $AdS_3$

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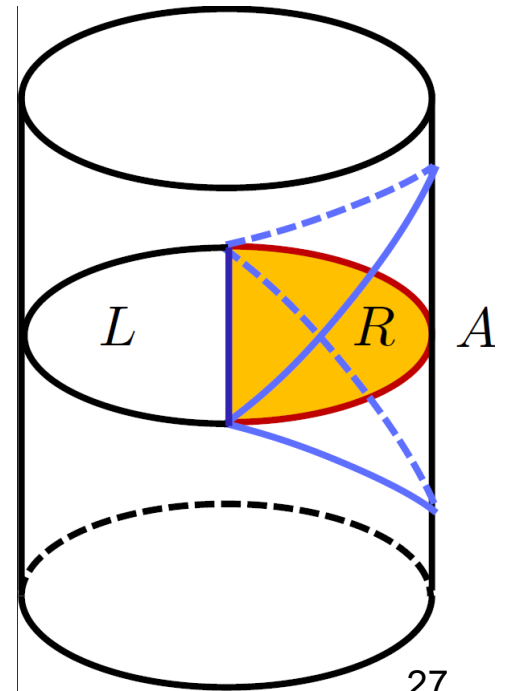
$$ds^2 = -\xi^2 dt_R^2 + \frac{d\xi^2}{1 + \xi^2} + (1 + \xi^2) d\chi^2$$

where  $-\infty < t_R < \infty$ ,  $-\infty \leq \chi < \infty$

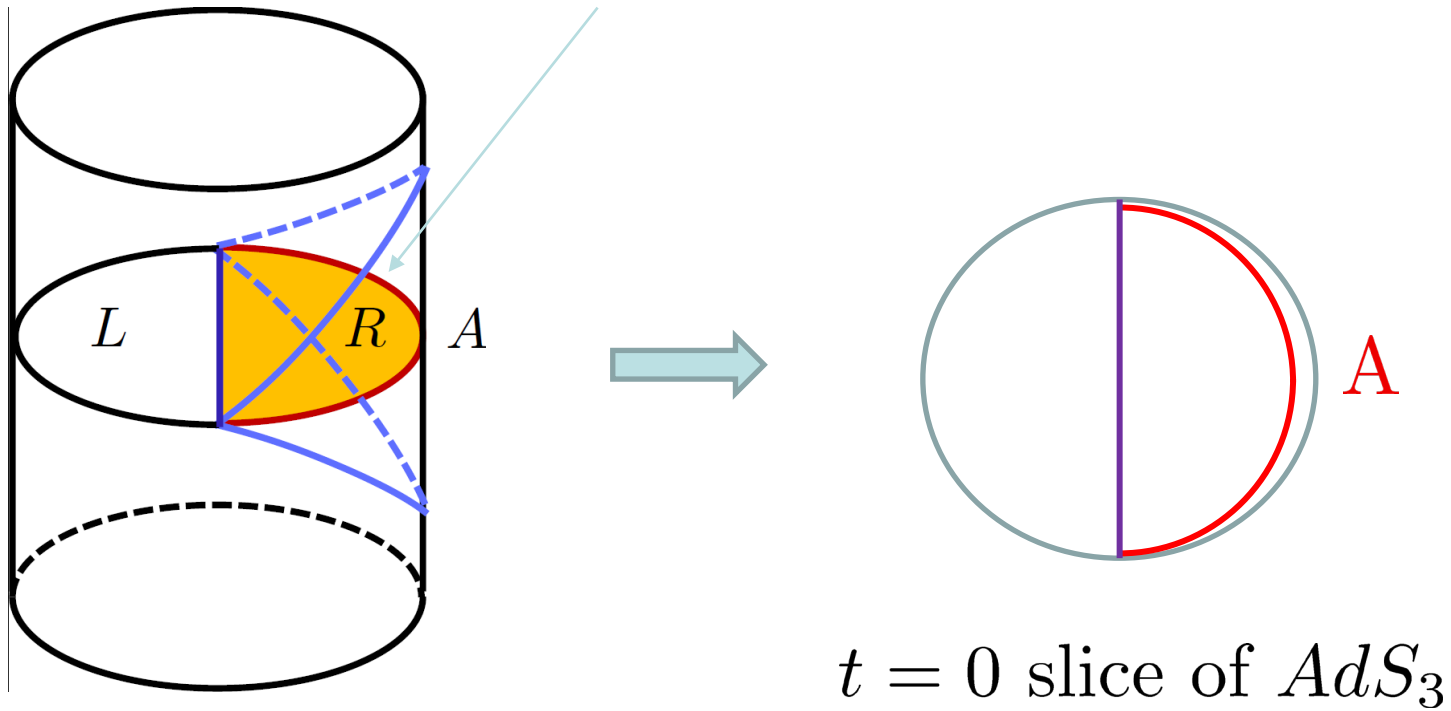
$$0 \leq \xi < \infty$$

Boundary of  $AdS_3$  is located at  $\xi = \infty$

Rindler horizon is at  $\xi = 0$



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# AdS-Rindler HKLL bulk reconstruction

As for global case, we can reconstruct bulk operator.

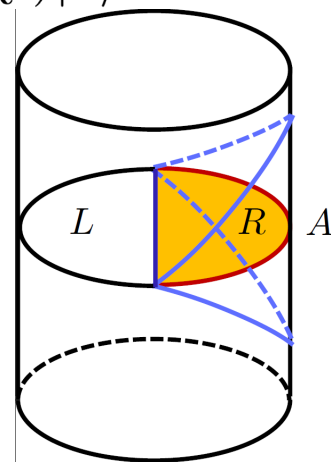
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Then, if  $\{t_R, \xi, \chi\}$  are in AdS-Rindler patch,

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i.e. bulk correlation function in  $M_A$   
is reproduced by CFT operator in  $A$



# Subregion complementarity

Both of  $\phi^G, \phi^R$ , reconstructed by CFT operator, give bulk correlation function for  $X, X' \in M_A$ :

$$\langle 0 | \phi(X) \phi(X') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \phi^G(X) \phi^G(X') | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \phi^R(X) \phi^R(X') | 0 \rangle$$

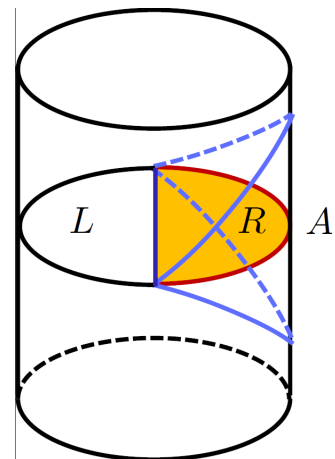
Thus, both describe bulk physics in  $M_A$ .

Nevertheless, these are different:  $\phi^R(X) | 0 \rangle \neq \phi^G(X') | 0 \rangle$   
( Note that  $\langle 0 | \phi(X) \phi(X') | 0 \rangle \neq \langle 0 | \phi^G(X) \phi^R(X') | 0 \rangle$  )

Same bulk operator in different coordinate patches are realized in CFT differently!



Subregion complementarity  
(similar(?) to Black hole complementarity)



# What is black hole complementarity

Consider a black hole, and two observers:

Infalling observer:

According to an infalling observer, nothing special happens at the event horizon itself

Outside observer:

infalling information heats up the stretched horizon, which then reradiates it as Hawking radiation

Black hole complementarity:

These two observers see different physics, but no problems because they can not communicate.

Subregion complementarity may be similar to this.

# Conclusion

- **Entanglement wedge reconstruction (and subregion duality) is not valid.**
- **AdS/CFT for subregion works even though the subregion duality does not work.**
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# Future directions

- **There are lots of important things to investigate and understand, at least for me.**

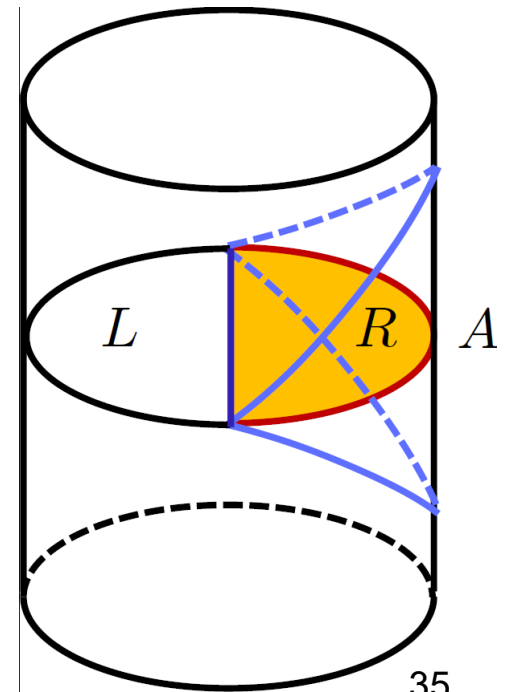
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The boundary of Rindler patch of  $AdS_3$   
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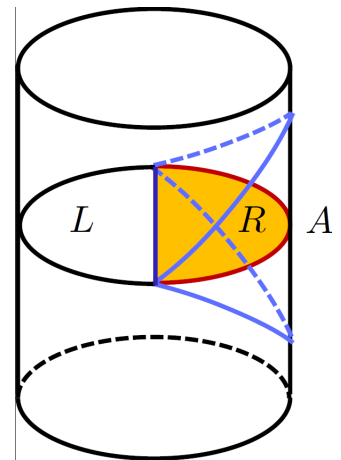
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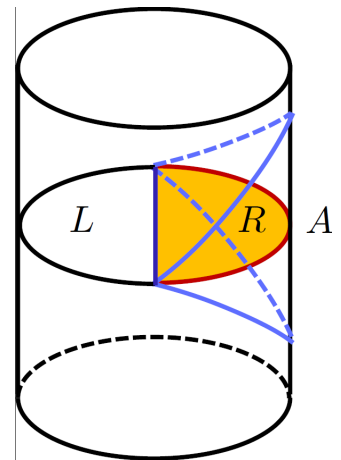
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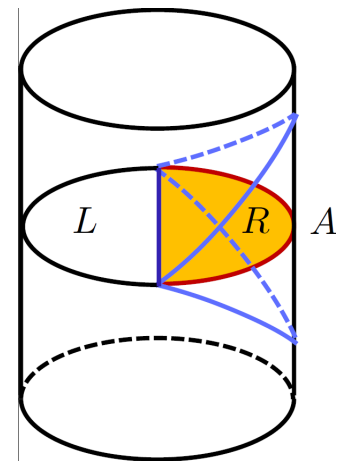
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Difference between  
bulk semi-classical gravity theory  
and finite N CFT

# CFT operator in Rindler patch

By the conformal transformation,  
CFT primary operator in Rindler patch is same as  
CFT primary operator in Minkowski space



# Free scalar in Bulk Rindler patch

We expand  $\phi$  by the modes  $v_{\omega,\lambda,\mu}(t_R, \xi, \chi)$ ,

$$\phi(t_R, \xi, \chi) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\lambda \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \tilde{\psi}_{\omega,\lambda}(\xi) \left[ a_{\omega,\lambda} e^{-i\omega t_R + i\lambda\chi} + a_{\omega,\lambda}^\dagger e^{i\omega t_R - i\lambda\chi} \right].$$

Modes are given as

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\omega,\lambda}(\xi) = \frac{N_{\omega,\lambda}}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} \xi^{i\omega} (1+\xi^2)^{-\frac{i\omega}{2} - \frac{\Delta}{2}} {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{i\omega - i\lambda + \nu + 1}{2}, \frac{i\omega + i\lambda + \nu + 1}{2}; \nu + 1; \frac{1}{1+\xi^2} \right)$$

$$N_{\omega,\lambda} = \frac{|\Gamma(\frac{i\omega - i\lambda + \nu + 1}{2})| |\Gamma(\frac{i\omega + i\lambda + \nu + 1}{2})|}{\sqrt{4\pi\omega} |\Gamma(i\omega)|}$$

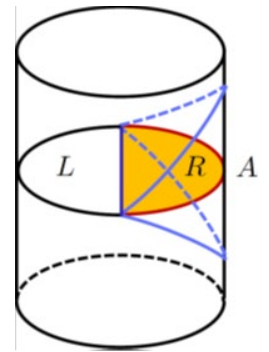
Here, energy  $\omega$  is any real number



# BDHM relates Bulk and CFT pictures

In global and Rindler, fields are identical.

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \xi^\Delta \phi(t_R, \xi, \chi) = O_\Delta(t_R, \chi).$$



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Modes with  $\omega < |\lambda|$  are tachyonic!

Thus, different from CFT primary field

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