

Partial entanglement network and geometry reconstruction in AdS/CFT

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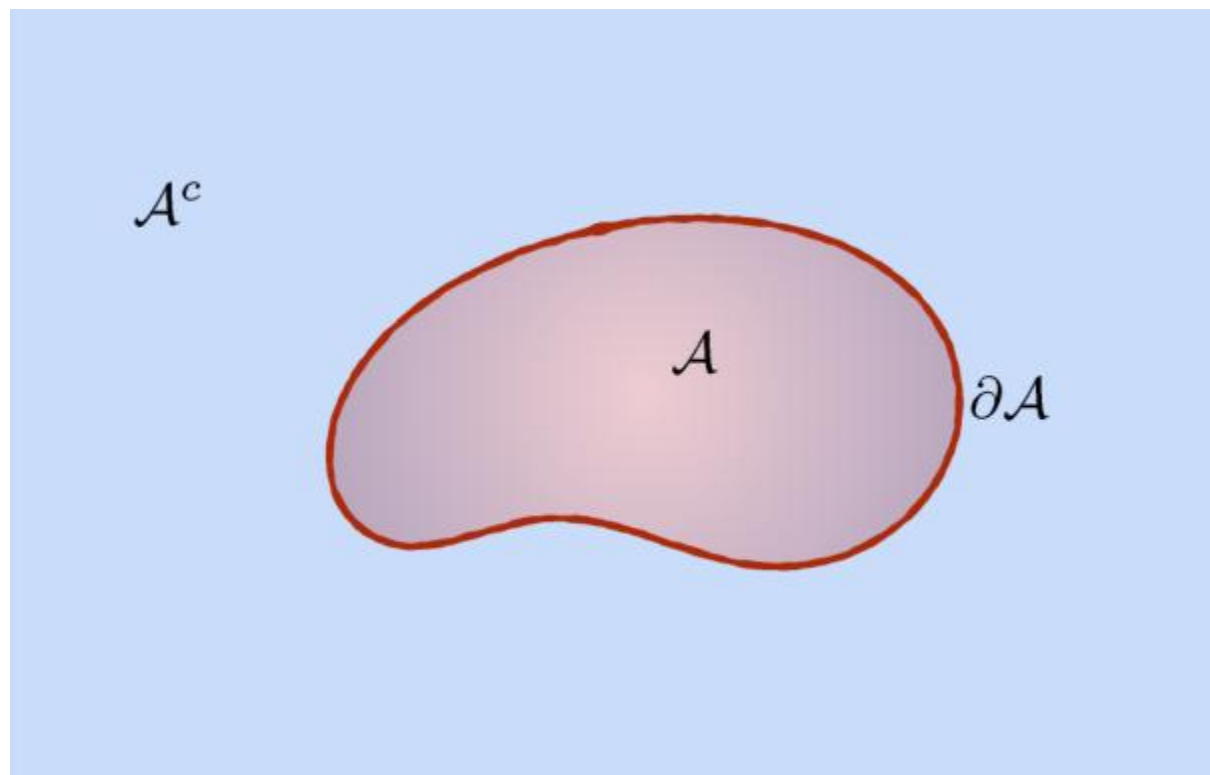
- **Lin, Lu and Wen**, Geometrizing the Partial Entanglement Entropy: from PEE Threads to Bit Threads, [2311.02301](#) JHEP
- **Lin, Lu and Wen**, Partial entanglement network and geometry reconstruction in AdS/CFT, [2401.07471](#)
- **Lu, Wen and Zhong** [in progress](#)

Outline

- **Holographic entanglement entropy**
- **Partial entanglement entropy and PEE threads**
- **Single intervals and spherical regions**
- **Multi-intervals and weight of the PEE threads**
- **Entropy interpretation of the Crofton formula**

Holographic entanglement entropy

Entanglement Entropy



- **Reduced density matrix**
- **Entanglement entropy**

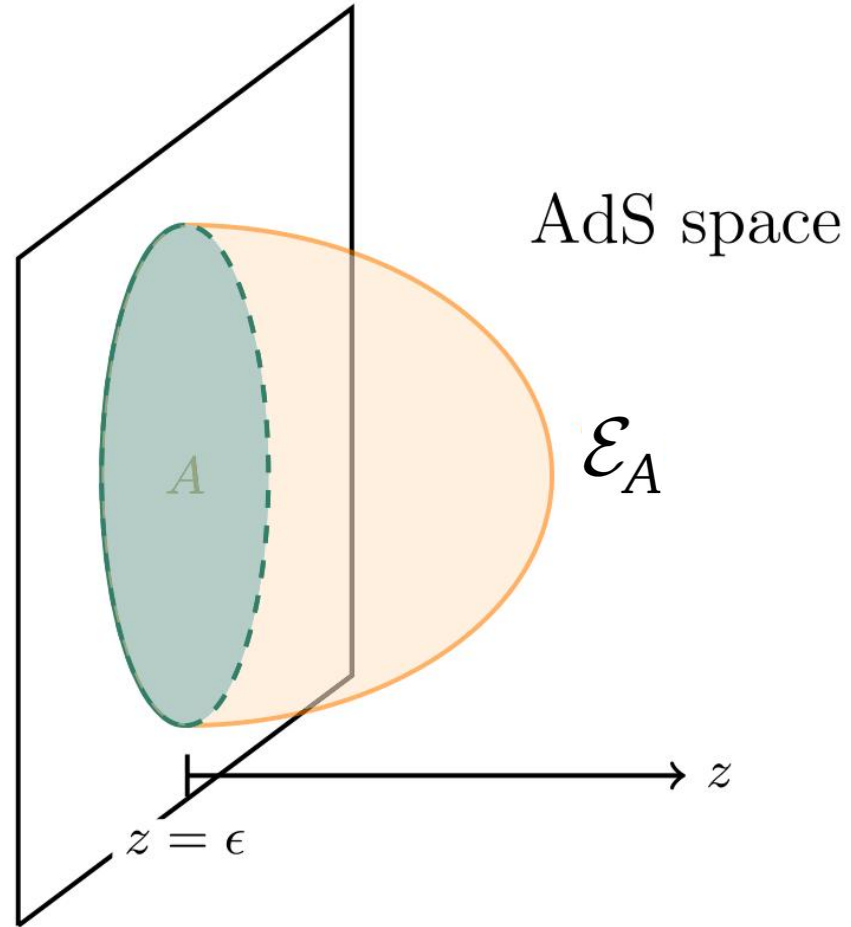
$$\rho_{\mathcal{A}} = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}^c} (|\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|)$$

$$S_{\mathcal{A}} = -\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}} (\rho_{\mathcal{A}} \log \rho_{\mathcal{A}})$$

Holographic entanglement entropy in AdS /CFT

Ryu-Takayanagi formula 06'

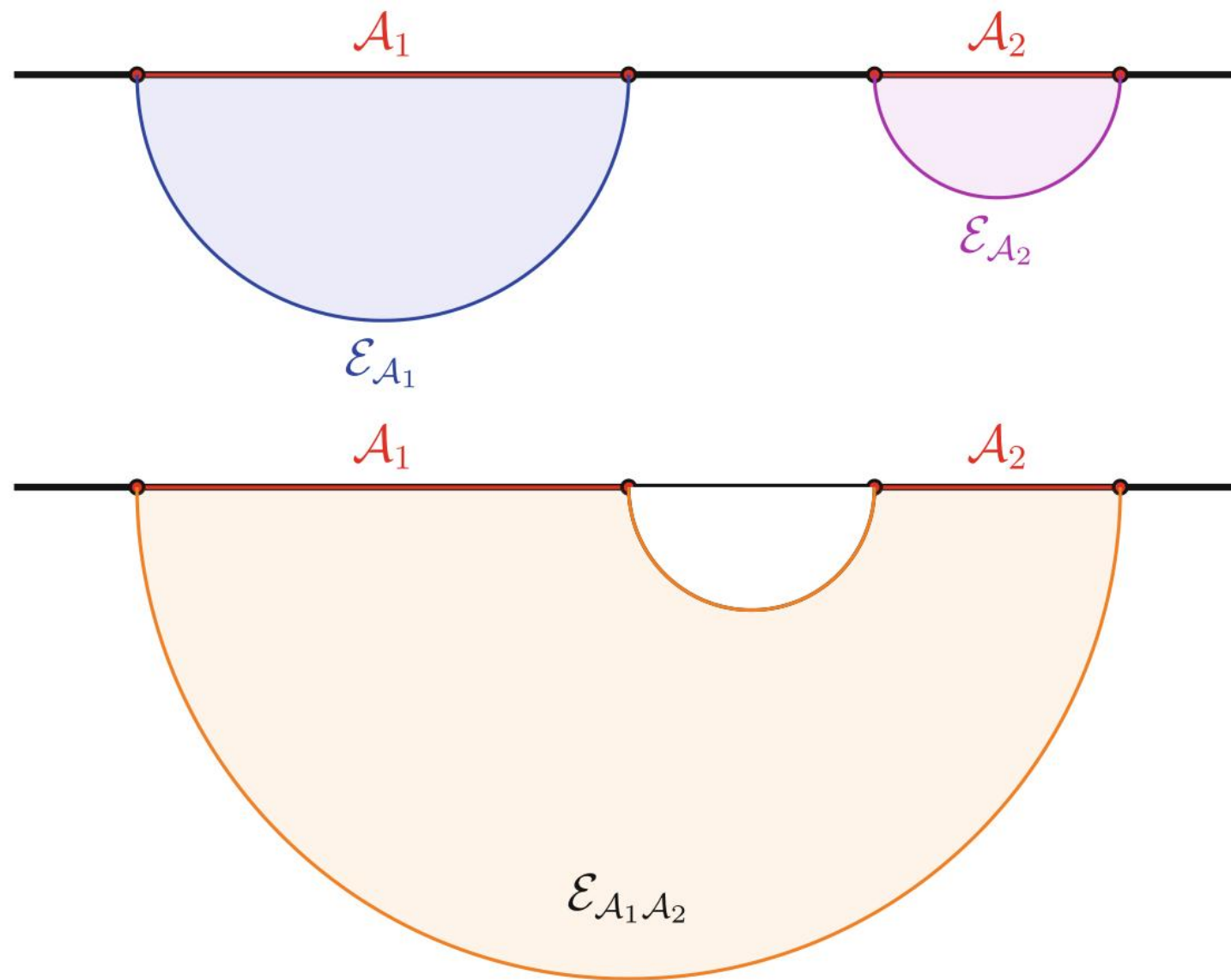
$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\mathcal{E}_A)}{4G_N}$$



Quantum entanglement \longleftrightarrow **Bulk geometry**

Consistent with the
field theory
calculation at large c
limit

Hartman 2011'



Homology surface
Entanglement wedge

Partial entanglement entropy (PEE) and PEE threads!

Partial entanglement entropy

Chen, Vidal, JSTAT, 2014

Wen, PRR, 2020

1. *Additivity*: $\mathcal{I}(A, B \cup C) = \mathcal{I}(A, B) + \mathcal{I}(A, C)$;
2. *Permutation symmetry*: $\mathcal{I}(A, B) = \mathcal{I}(B, A)$;
3. *Normalization*: $\mathcal{I}(A, \bar{A}) = S_A$; **For spherical regions**
4. *Positivity*: $\mathcal{I}(A, B) > 0$;
5. *Upper bounded*: $\mathcal{I}(A, B) \leq \min\{S_A, S_B\}$;
6. $\mathcal{I}(A, B)$ should be Invariant under local unitary transformations inside A or B ;
7. *Symmetry*: For any symmetry transformation \mathcal{T} under which $\mathcal{T}A = A'$ and $\mathcal{T}B = B'$, we have $\mathcal{I}(A, B) = \mathcal{I}(A', B')$.

Unique solution of Poincare invariant theories.

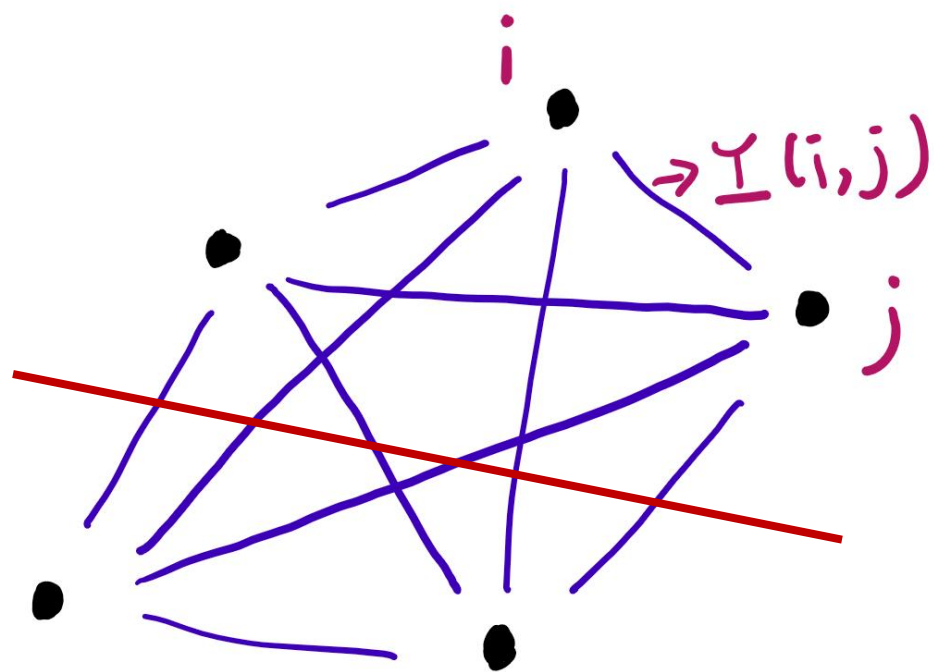
Explicit formula for CFTs

Wen, PRD, 2018

Wen, PRR, 2020

Casini, Huerta, JHEP, 2010

Partial Entanglement Entropy



$$\mathcal{I}(A, B) = \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} \mathcal{I}(i, j)$$

$$\mathcal{I}(A, B) = \int_A d^{d-1} \mathbf{x} \int_B d^{d-1} \mathbf{y} \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}).$$

$$S_A = \int_A d^{d-1} \mathbf{x} \int_{\bar{A}-\epsilon} d^{d-1} \mathbf{y} \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

For spherical regions

- **Unique solutions exist** at least in:
 - 1, Generic two-dimensional theories where all the degrees of freedom settled with a natural order
 - 2, Highly symmetric higher dimensional theories where the entanglement structure only vary along one spatial direction configurations
 - 3, Higher dimensional theories with Poincaré symmetry

Two point PEE for (Vacuum) CFTs

Basu, Lin, Lu, Wen, *Scipost Phys.*, 2023
Casini, Huerta, *JHEP*, 2010

Additivity and permutation symmetry give:

$$\mathcal{I}(A, B) = \int_A d\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} \int_B d\sigma_{\mathbf{y}} \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}).$$

In CFT2

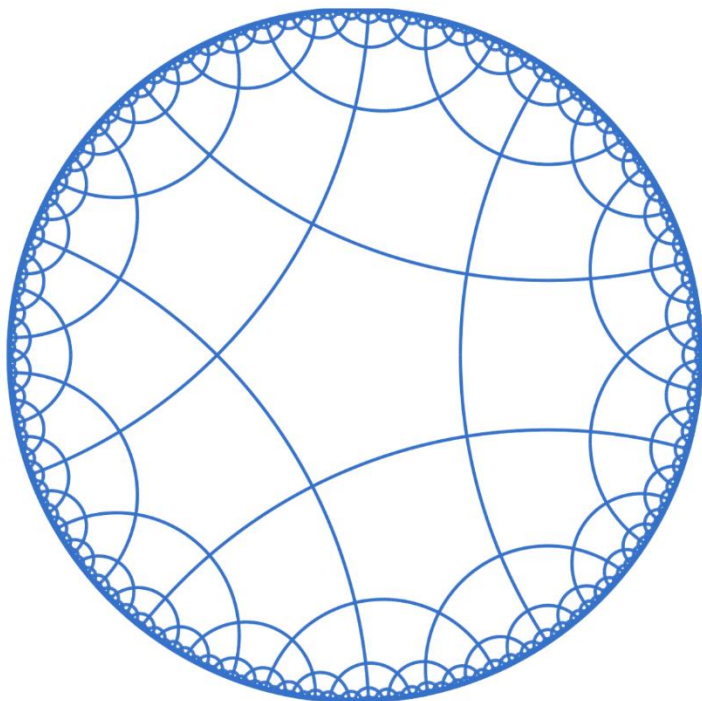
$$\mathcal{I}(x, y) = \frac{c}{6} \frac{1}{(x - y)^2}$$

In d-dimensional CFT,

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{c}{6} \frac{2^{d-1}(d-1)}{\Omega_{d-2} |\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1|^{2(d-1)}}.$$

Geometrizing the PEE 1:

Representing the two-point PEE via the bulk geodesics



PEE threads!

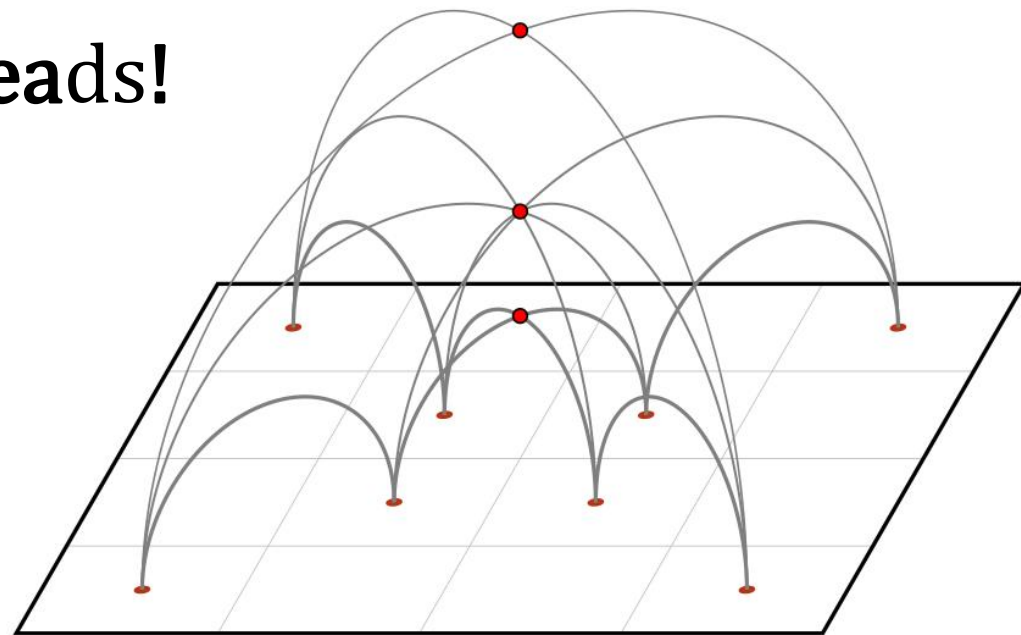
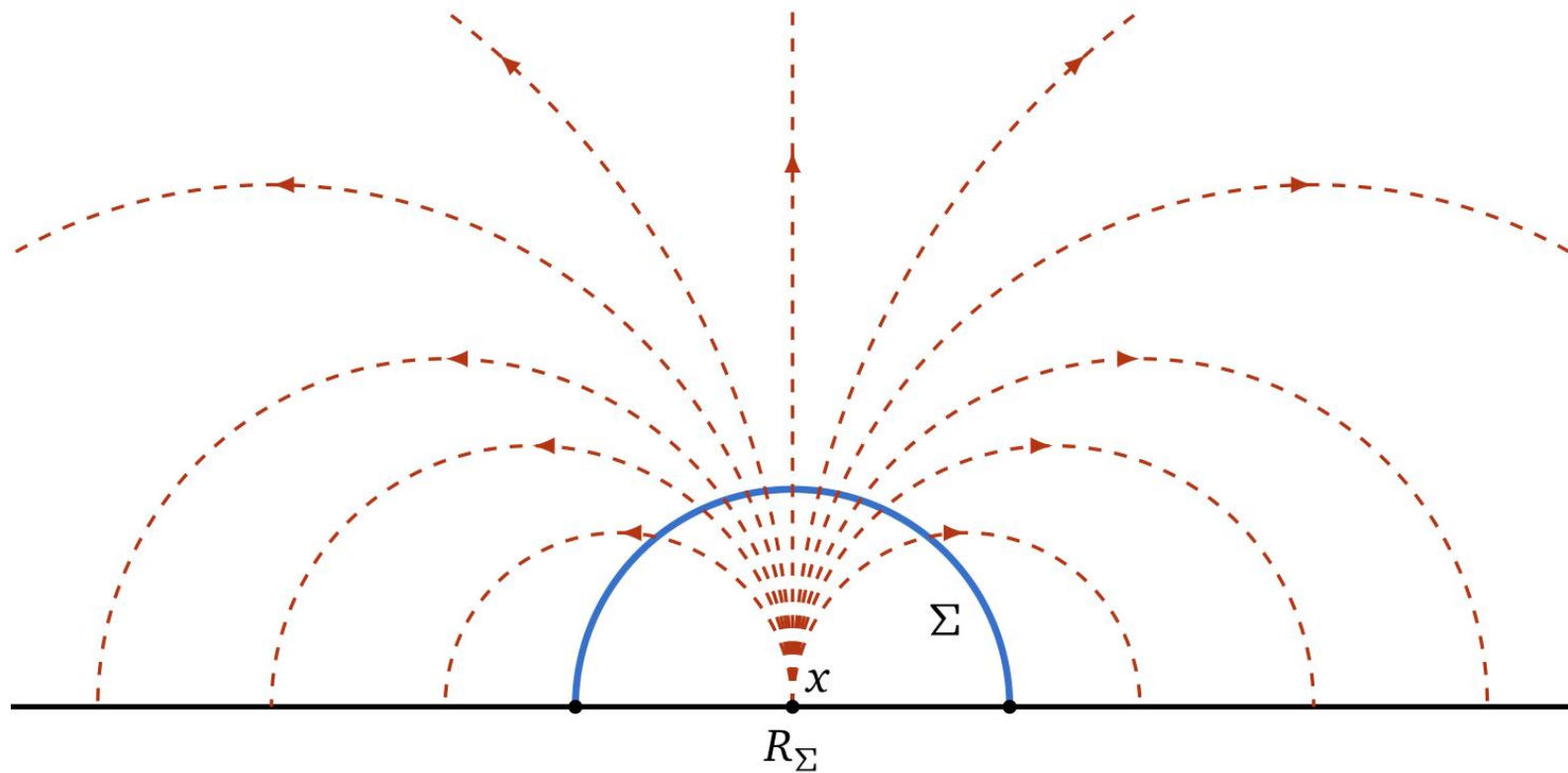


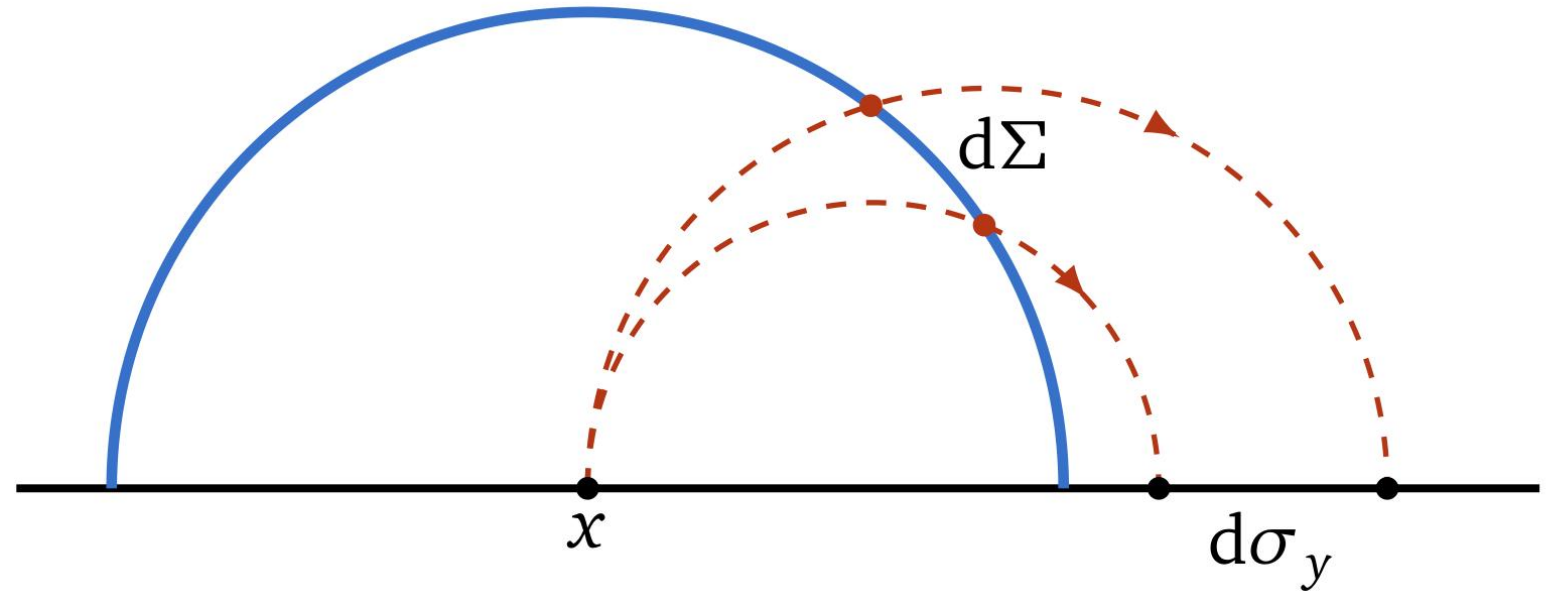
Figure 1: PEE threads on a static time slice of global $\text{AdS}_3/\text{CFT}_2$.



PEE flow from x :

$$V_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu} = |V_{\mathbf{x}}| \tau_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu}$$

Geometrizing the
PEE 2:
Flux description
of the PEE
structure

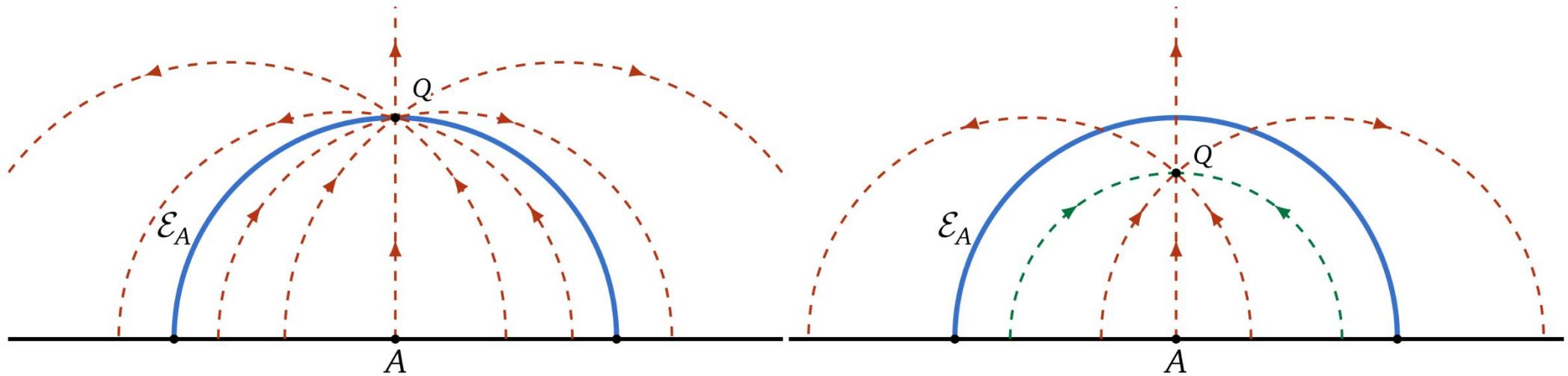


$$d\sigma_y \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d\Sigma \sqrt{h} V_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu} n_{\mu}$$

$\mathcal{I}(A, \bar{A}) = S_A$:The flux of PEE threads from A to barA

the PEE thread flow V_O^μ at the point $Q = (\bar{r}, \bar{z})$

$$V_O^\mu(Q) = \frac{1}{4G_N} \frac{2\bar{z}^2\bar{r}}{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2)^2} \left(\bar{z}, \frac{\bar{z}^2 - \bar{r}^2}{2\bar{r}} \right).$$



$$V_A^\mu(Q) = \int_{-R}^R dr_0 V_{r_0}^\mu = \frac{\bar{z}^2}{4G_N} \frac{2R}{((R - \bar{r})^2 + \bar{z}^2)((R + \bar{r})^2 + \bar{z}^2)} (2\bar{z}\bar{r}, R^2 - \bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2)$$

PEE threads and bit threads in AdS_{d+1}

$$V_O^\mu(Q) = \frac{2^d \bar{z}^d}{4G_N} \frac{(d-1)}{\Omega_{d-2}} \frac{\bar{r}}{(\bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2)^d} \left(\bar{z}, \frac{\bar{z}^2 - \bar{r}^2}{2\bar{r}} \right)$$

Static spherical region

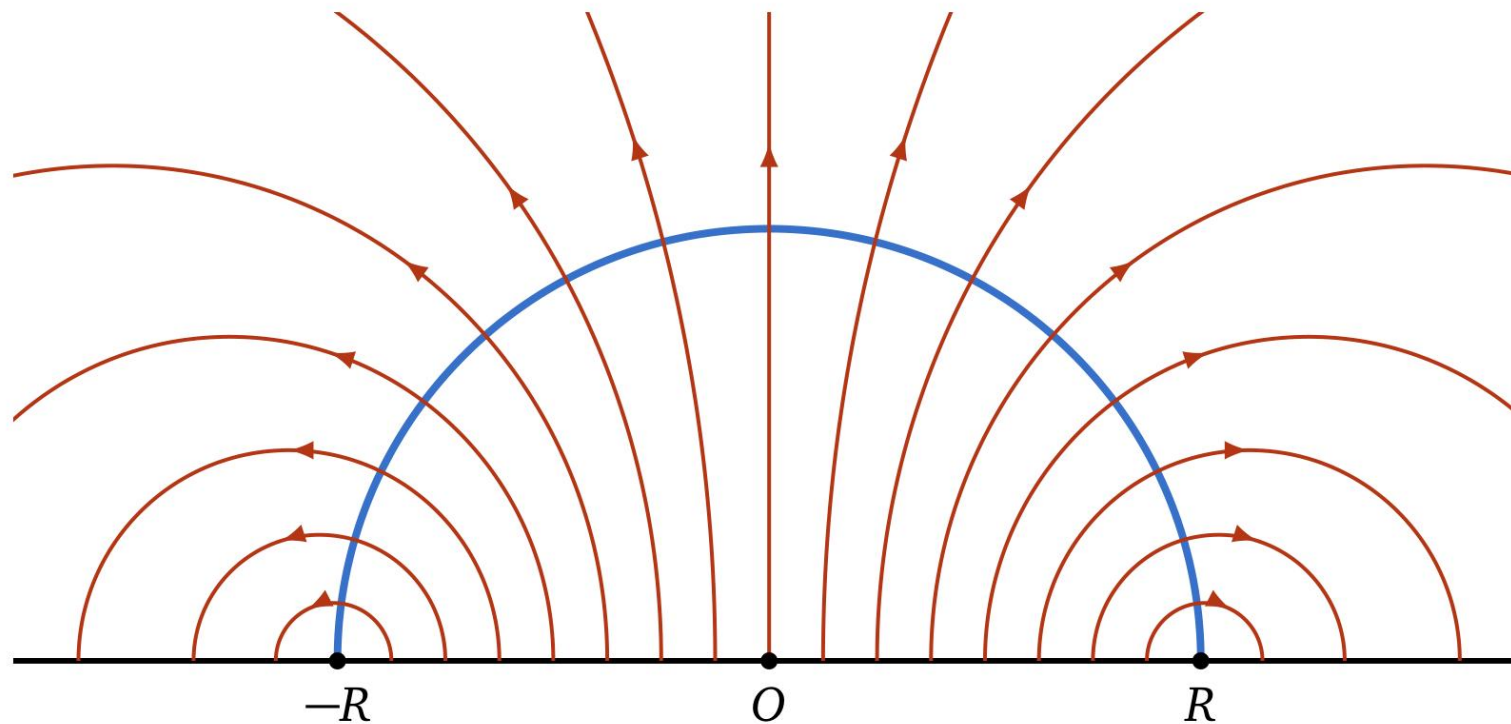
Agón, De Boer,
Pedraza, JHEP 05, 075

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$$V_A^r(Q) = \int_{\bar{r}-R}^{\bar{r}+R} dr_0 V_{\text{partial}}^r \bigcirc_{r_0} = \frac{1}{4G_N} \frac{\bar{r}\bar{z}}{R} \left(\frac{2R\bar{z}}{\sqrt{(R^2 + \bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2)^2 - 4R^2\bar{r}^2}} \right)^d,$$

$$V_A^z(Q) = \int_{\bar{r}-R}^{\bar{r}+R} dr_0 V_{\text{partial}}^z \bigcirc_{r_0} = \frac{1}{4G_N} \frac{R^2 - \bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2}{2R} \left(\frac{2R\bar{z}}{\sqrt{(R^2 + \bar{r}^2 + \bar{z}^2)^2 - 4R^2\bar{r}^2}} \right)^d$$

Other A? **No!**

$V_A^\mu(Q)$ 

Agón, De Boer,
Pedraza, JHEP 05, 075

$$\int_A V_{\mathbf{x}}^\mu(Q) d^{d-1} \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{4G} n^\mu(Q),$$

point Q on the RT surface \mathcal{E}_A

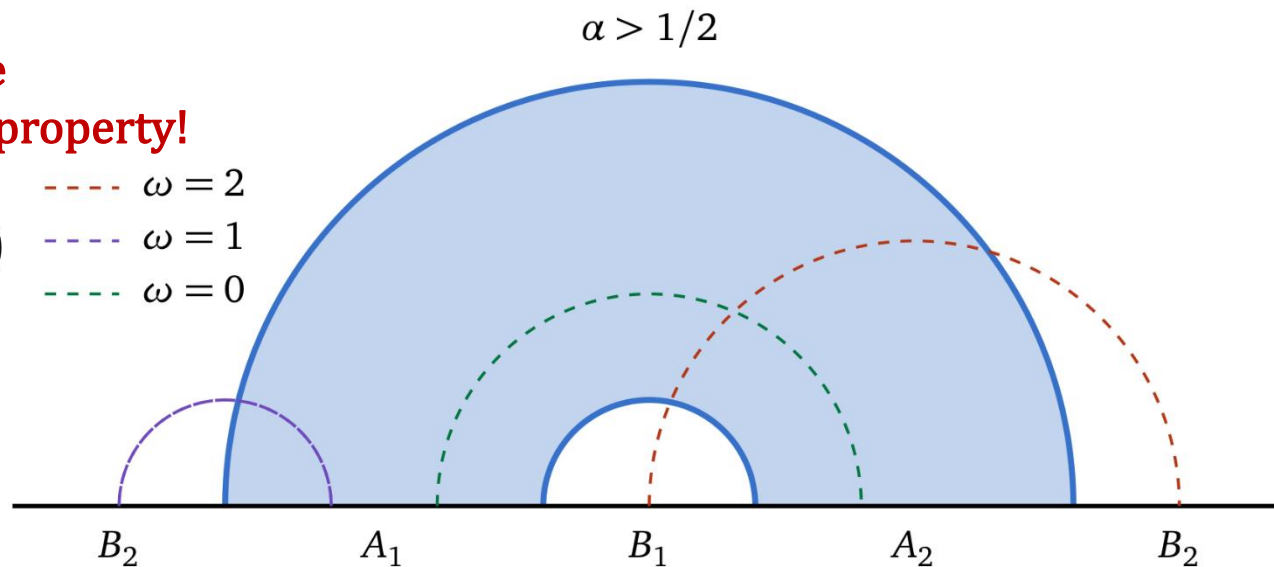
Multi-intervals and Weighting the PEE threads!

Provided RT formula is right!

PEE threads for multi-intervals

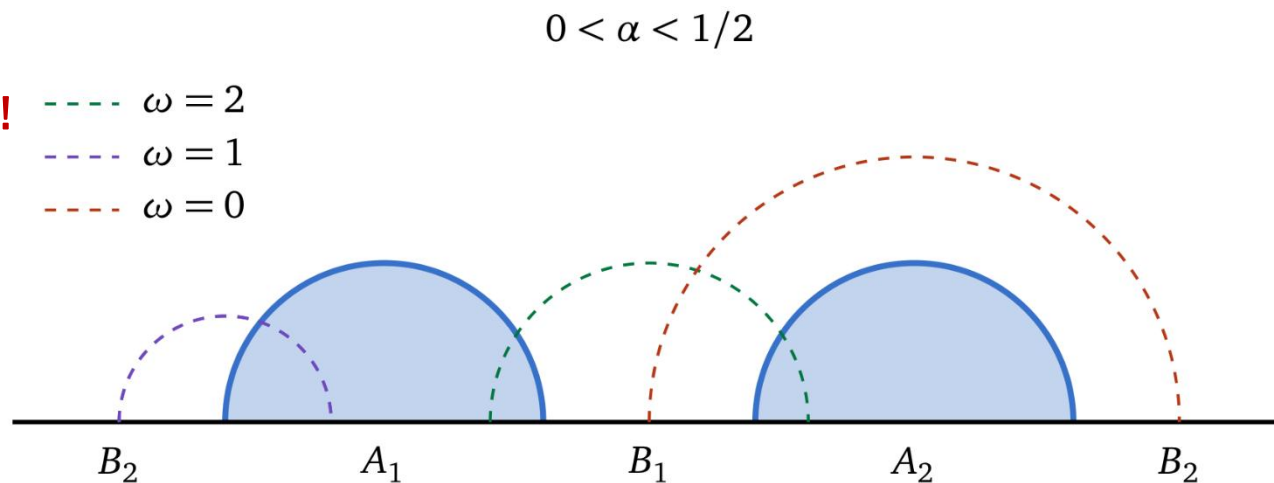
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{I}(A, \bar{A}) \\
 & \uparrow \\
 S_A &= \mathcal{I}(A_1, B_1 \cup B_2) + \mathcal{I}(A_2, B_1 \cup B_2) + 2\mathcal{I}(B_1, B_2) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup B_2, B_1) + \mathcal{I}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup B_1, B_2) \\
 &= S_{B_1} + S_{B_2},
 \end{aligned}$$

Violation of the normalization property!



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{I}(A, \bar{A}) \\
 & \uparrow \\
 S_A &= \mathcal{I}(A_1, B) + \mathcal{I}(A_2, B) + 2\mathcal{I}(A_1, A_2) \\
 &= S_{A_1} + S_{A_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Violation of the normalization property!

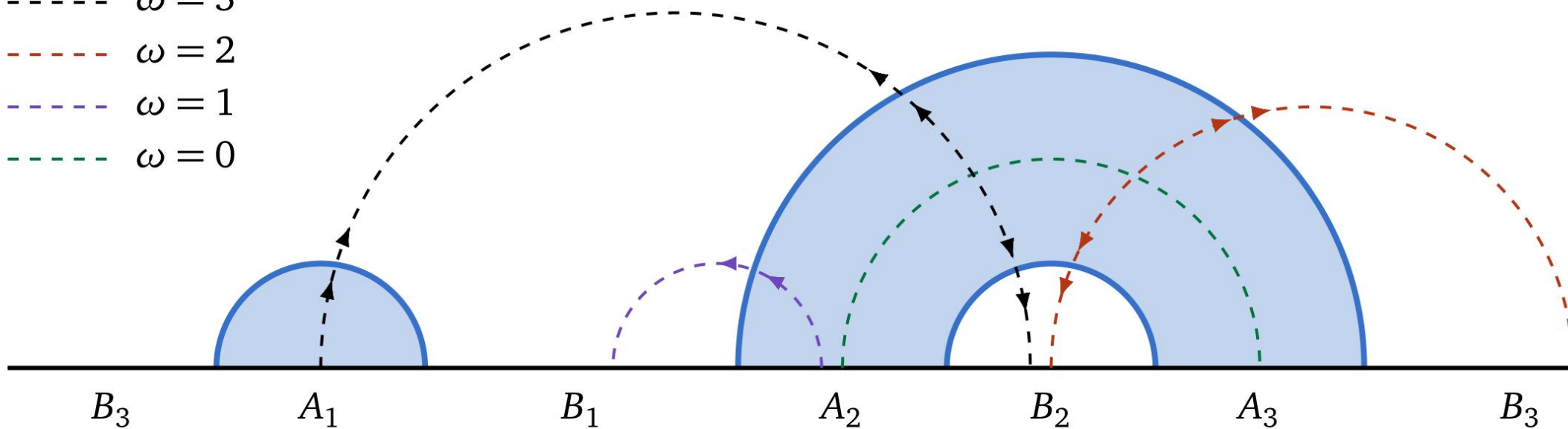


Flux from A to \bar{A}



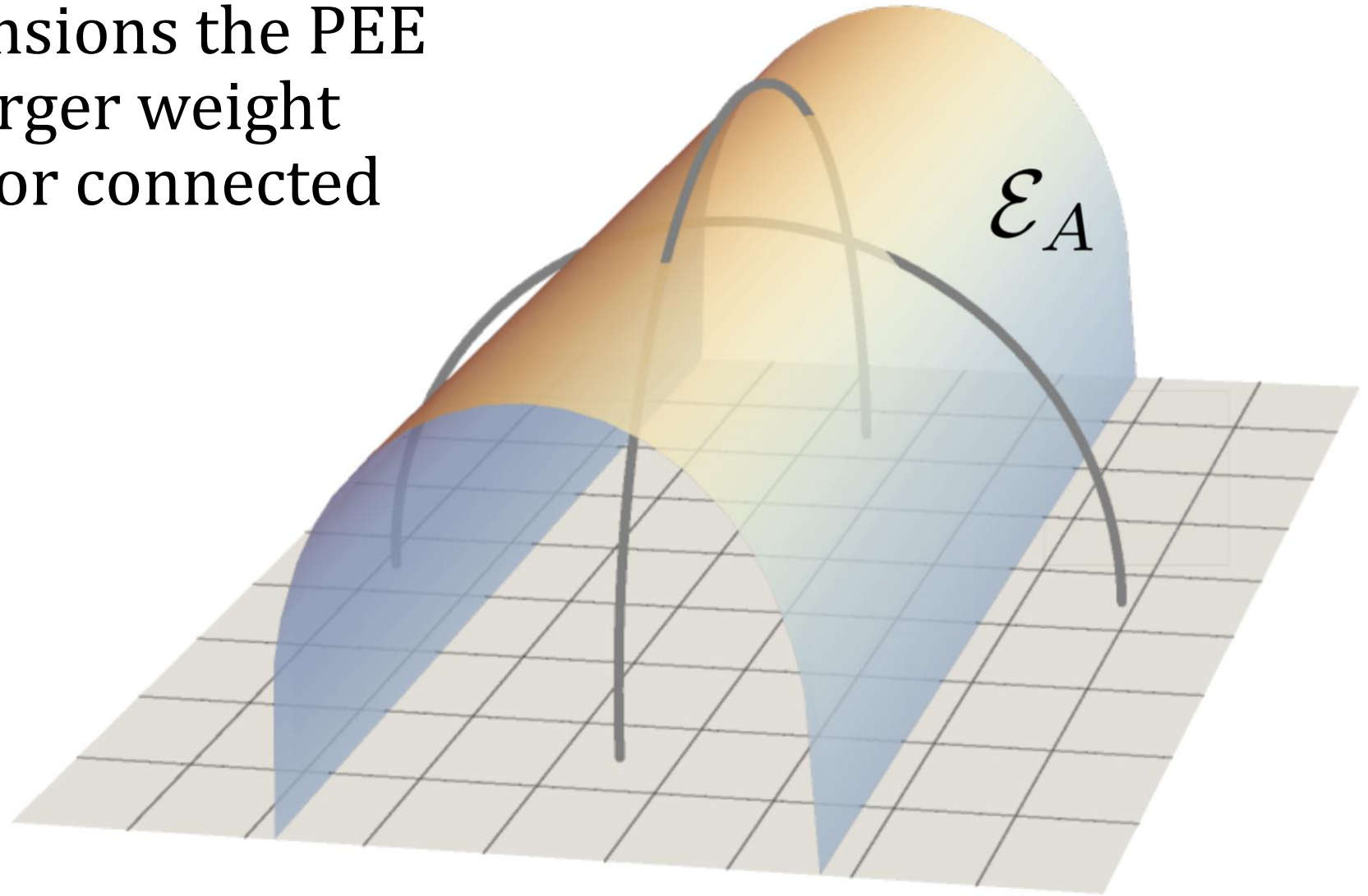
Flux from \mathcal{W}_A to \mathcal{W}_B

- $\omega = 3$
- - - - - $\omega = 2$
- - - - - $\omega = 1$
- - - - - $\omega = 0$



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_A &= \mathcal{I}(A_1, B_1 B_3) + 2\mathcal{I}(A_1, A_2 A_3) + 3\mathcal{I}(A_1, B_2) + \mathcal{I}(A_2 A_3, B_1 B_2 B_3) + 2\mathcal{I}(B_1 B_3, B_2) \\
 &= \mathcal{I}(A_1, A_2 A_3 B_1 B_2 B_3) + \mathcal{I}(B_2, A_1 A_2 A_3 B_1 B_3) + \mathcal{I}(A_2 B_2 A_3, A_1 B_1 B_3) \\
 &= S_{A_1} + S_{B_2} + S_{A_2 \cup B_2 \cup A_3},
 \end{aligned}$$

- In higher dimensions the PEE threads with larger weight happens even for connected regions



**A reformulation of the RT formula
and
A reconstruction for the bulk geometric quantities**

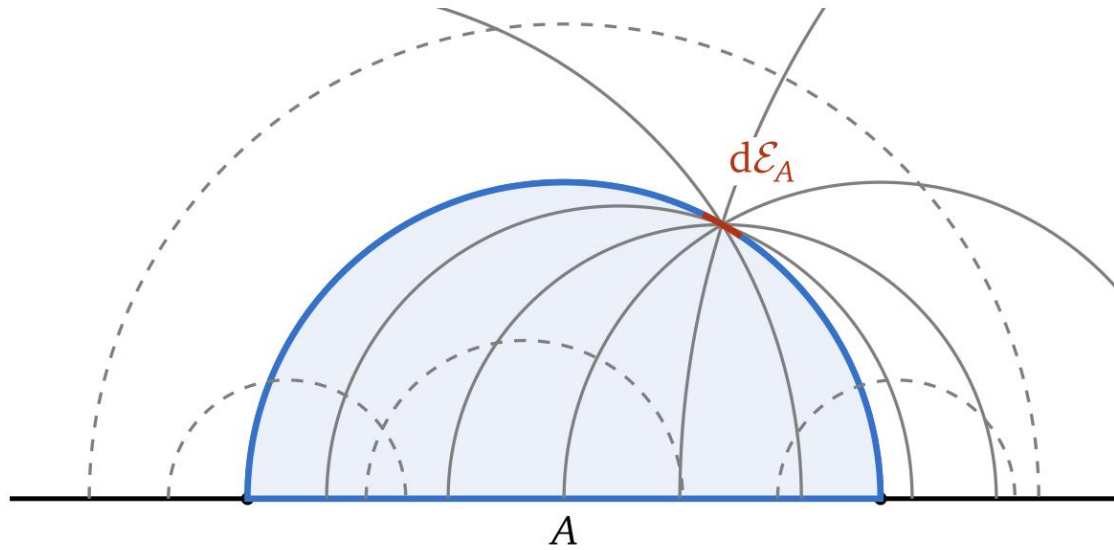
Conjecture: A reformulation of RT formula based on the configurations of the PEE threads (or network)

$$S_A = \min_{\Sigma_A} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{x} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{y} \omega_{\Sigma_A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

Or

$$S_A = \min_{\Sigma_A} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_A} d\Sigma_A \sqrt{h} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{x} |V_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu} n_{\mu}|.$$

Proof:



Consider an area element on the RT surface for **any** spherical region.

Only the third class of PEE threads will pass the area element

Consider a spherical region A . Its RT surface \mathcal{E}_A is just a hemisphere, and the PEE threads can be classified into three classes,

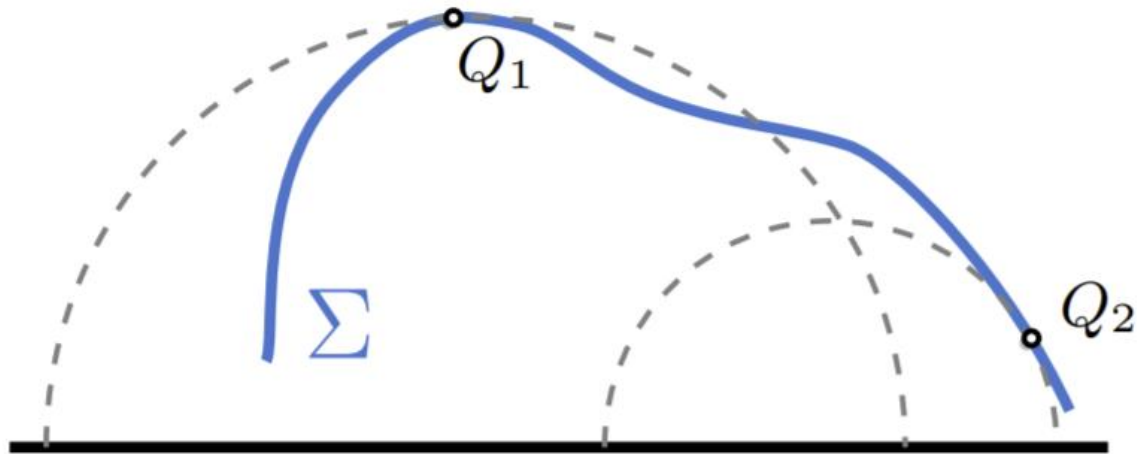
The flux strength is $1/4G$!

1. $\omega_{\mathcal{E}_A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in A$;

2. $\omega_{\mathcal{E}_A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ for $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \bar{A}$;

3. $\omega_{\mathcal{E}_A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1$ for $\mathbf{x} \in A, \mathbf{y} \in \bar{A}$ or $\mathbf{x} \in \bar{A}, \mathbf{y} \in A$.

$$\int_A d^{d-1}\mathbf{x} |V_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu}(Q)n_{\mu}(Q)| = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{x} |V_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mu}(Q)n_{\mu}(Q)| = \frac{1}{4G}$$



Consider an arbitrary surface in the bulk

Any element area can be embedded in the RT surface for a spherical region!

Again the flux strength across this area element is $1/4G$!

Conclusion: the strength of the PEE flux at any point, along any direction, is always $1/4G$!

In other words, if we set $1/4G$ as the upper limit for the strength of the PEE threads, **then AdS space is full of PEE threads!**

For an arbitrary homologous surface, the PEE flux from one side of it to the other side is proportional to its area.

$$\begin{aligned} S_A &= \frac{1}{4G} \min_{\Sigma_A} \int_{\Sigma_A} d\Sigma_A \sqrt{h} \\ &= \min_{\Sigma_A} \frac{\text{Area}[\Sigma_A]}{4G} = \frac{\text{Area}[\mathcal{E}_A]}{4G}, \end{aligned}$$

This is exactly the RT formula!

Reconstruction for more generic geometric quantities

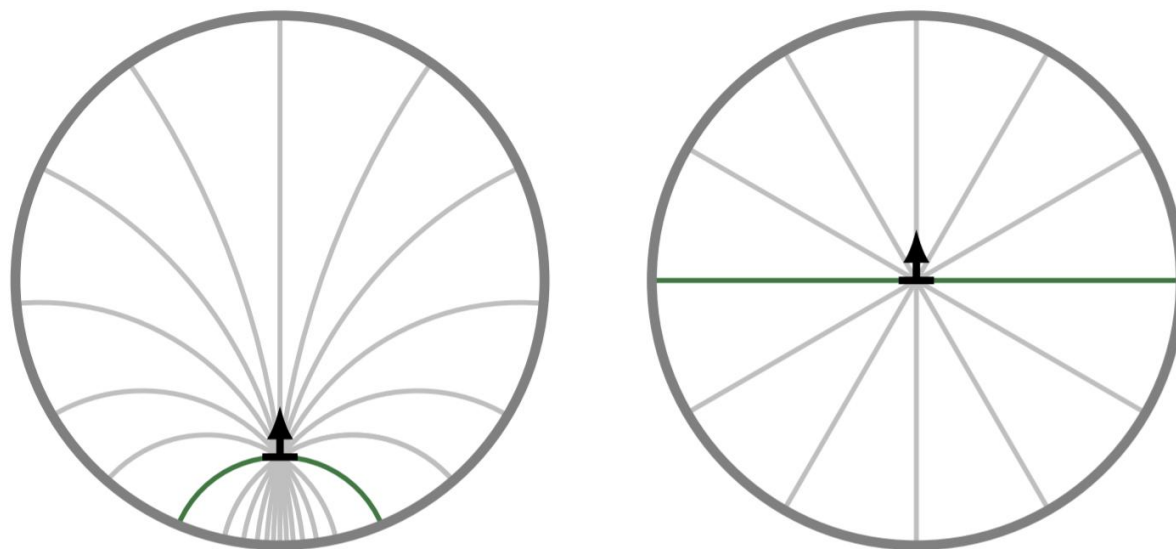
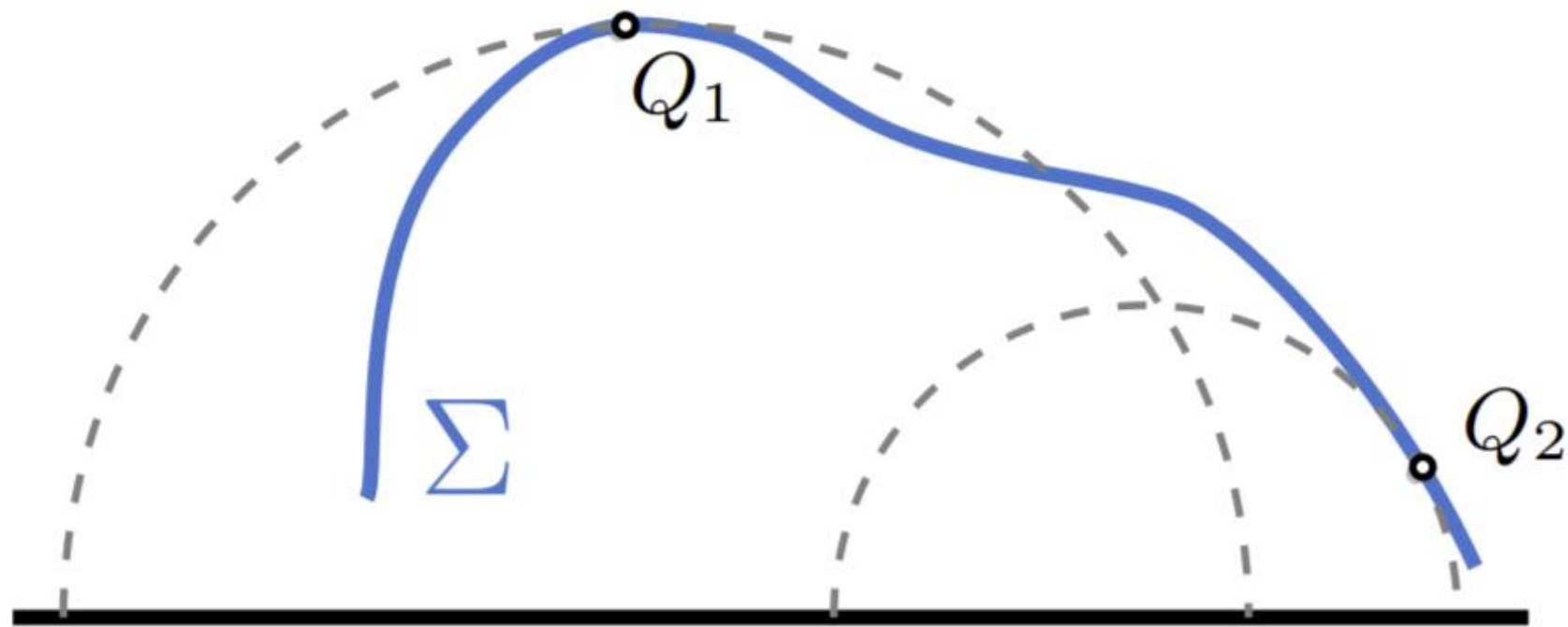


FIG. 6. The area element $d\Sigma$ and its direction is represented by the black arrow. The gray curves represent all the PEE threads that involve in the reconstruction of $d\Sigma$, and the green curve represents the PEE thread that saturates the lower bound.



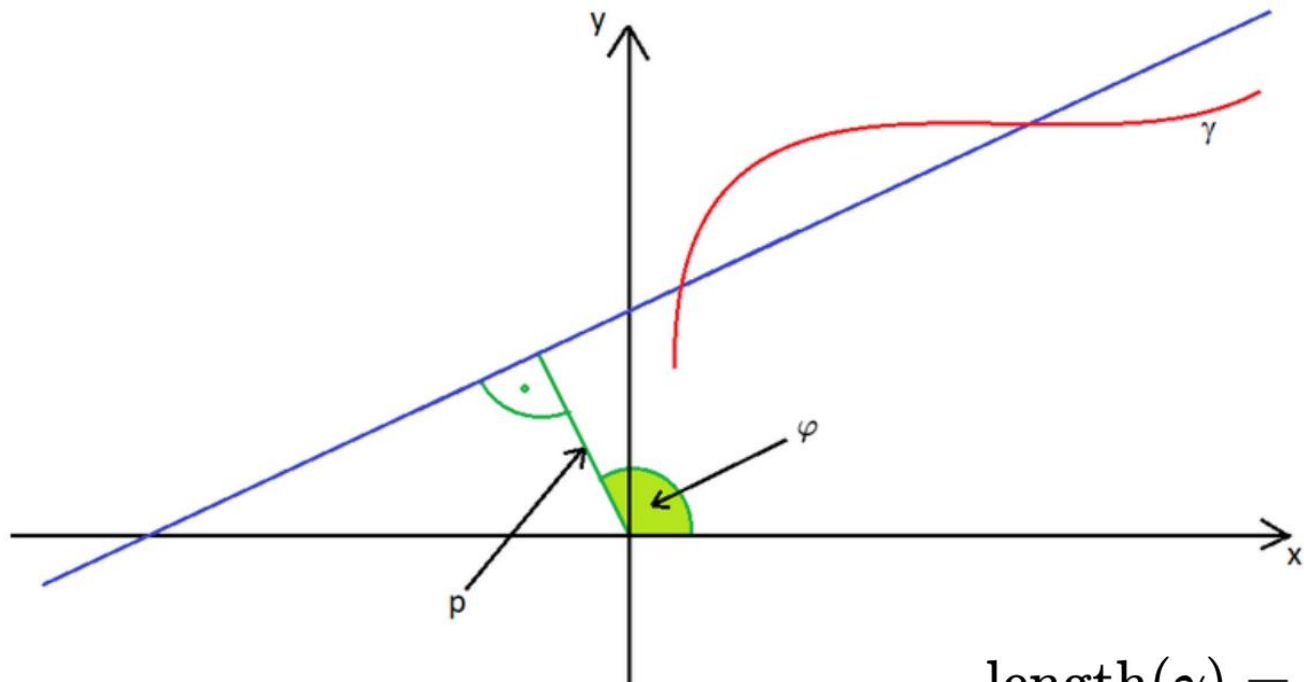
$$\frac{\text{Area}(d\Sigma)}{4G} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{x} \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} d^{d-1}\mathbf{y} \omega_{d\Sigma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

Entropy interpretation of the Crofton formula

See also

[Bartek Czech et al JHEP 2015, 2016](#)

[Xing Huang and Fengli Lin, JHEP 2015](#)



$$\text{length}(\gamma) = \frac{1}{4} \iint n_\gamma(\varphi, p) d\varphi dp.$$

The differential form

$$d\varphi \wedge dp$$

is invariant under rigid motions of \mathbb{R}^2 , so it is a natural integration measure for speaking of an "average" number of intersections. It is usually called the **kinematic measure**.

Crofton formula in more generic manifold

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d-1}{\Omega_{d-2}} \int_{\Gamma \cap \Sigma \neq \emptyset} n(\Sigma \cap \Gamma) d\Gamma = \text{Area}(\Sigma).$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\Gamma &= (dp_\mu \wedge dx^\mu)^{d-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d dp_1 \wedge dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dp_{i-1} \wedge dx^{i-1} \wedge dp_{i+1} \wedge dx^{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dp_d \wedge dx^d, \end{aligned}$$

Kinematic measure: An invariant measure of $(2d - 2)$ -dimensional set of geodesics

For a time slice of $d+1$ AdS spacetime

$$p_\mu|_{x_2} = \partial \ell(x_1, x_2) / \partial x_2^\mu$$

$$d\Gamma = \det \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1 \partial \mathbf{x}_2} \right) d\mathbf{x}_1 \wedge d\mathbf{x}_2,$$

$$d\mathbf{x}_{1,2} = dx_{1,2}^1 \wedge dx_{1,2}^2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{1,2}^{d-1}$$

$$\ell(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = 2 \log \frac{|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|}{\epsilon}$$

Kinematic measure:

$$\det \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1 \partial \mathbf{x}_2} \right) = \det \left(2 \frac{-\delta_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^2 + 2 (x_1^i - x_2^i) (x_1^j - x_2^j)}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^4} \right) = \frac{2^{d-1}}{(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2)^{2d-2}}.$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{c}{6} \frac{2^{d-1}(d-1)}{\Omega_{d-2} |\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|^{2(d-1)}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{c}{6} \frac{d-1}{\Omega_{d-2}} \det \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1 \partial \mathbf{x}_2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\text{Area}(\Sigma)}{4G} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} d^{d-1} \mathbf{x}_1 \int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} d^{d-1} \mathbf{x}_2 \omega_{\Sigma}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$$



$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \frac{d-1}{\Omega_{d-2}} \int_{\Gamma \cap \Sigma \neq \emptyset} n(\Sigma \cap \Gamma) d\Gamma = \text{Area}(\Sigma).}$$

Summary

- The static AdS space is full of PEE threads with no empty space, hence we can interpret the area of any geometric quantity in terms of the number of PEE threads passing through it.
- Mathematically this context is a special application of the Crofton formula, but in the context of AdS/CFT with entropy interpretation for all the bulk geodesics.
- The contribution from “inner threads” to entanglement entropy gives us new understanding about the contribution distribution of entanglement entropy.

Future directions

- How to go beyond Poincare AdS? Black hole? With matter fields? Non-AdS spacetime?
- Go beyond static scenarios?
- Toy models of quantum gravity based on the tensor network of PEE threads?

Thanks!