

# **Pseudo Entropy in dS/CFT and Time-like Entanglement Entropy**

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# Introduction

- **Holographic Principle** is an important approach to formulate the Quantum Gravity.
- **Quantum Entanglement** plays an important role to understand the non-perturbative features of holography.
- However, for de Sitter holography there has not been a consensus about holographic relation for quantum entanglement.
- In this talk, we propose a formulation of holographic relation for quantum entanglement in **dS/CFT**.

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# Holographic Entanglement Entropy

## Ryu-Takayanagi formula

[Ryu, Takayanagi 2006]

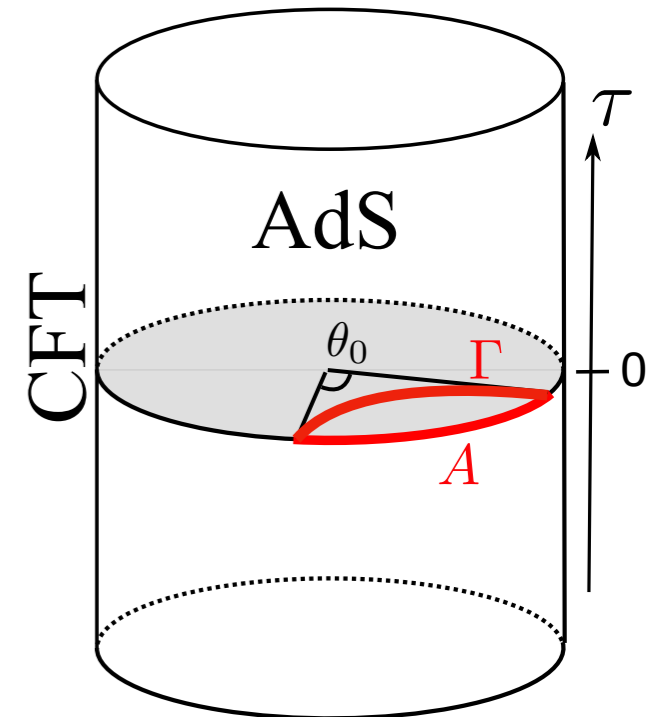
$$S_A = \min_{\Gamma} \text{ext} \left\{ \frac{\text{Area}(\Gamma)}{4G_N} \mid \Gamma : \text{bulk surfaces anchoring on } \partial A \right\}$$

- $S_A$ : **Entanglement Entropy (EE)** for a subsystem  $A$

$$S_A = -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log \rho_A], \quad \rho_A := \text{Tr}_{\bar{A}}[|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|]$$

e.g.) EE of the vacuum in CFT on  $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ .

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{AdS}}^2 (-\cosh^2 \rho d\tau^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho d\theta^2)$$



- Ryu-Takayanagi formula leads to

$$S_A = \frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{4G_N} \cosh^{-1} [\cosh^2 \rho_{\infty} - \sinh^2 \rho_{\infty} \cos^2 \theta_0]$$

$$D(X, Y) = \cosh^{-1} (X^{\mu} Y_{\mu})$$

$$\simeq \frac{R_{\text{AdS}}}{2G_N} \log \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \right) = \frac{c}{3} \log \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} \sin \frac{\theta_0}{2} \right)$$

$$\left( \epsilon = 2e^{-\rho_{\infty}}, c = \frac{3R_{\text{AdS}}}{2G_N} \right)$$

# Pseudo Entropy

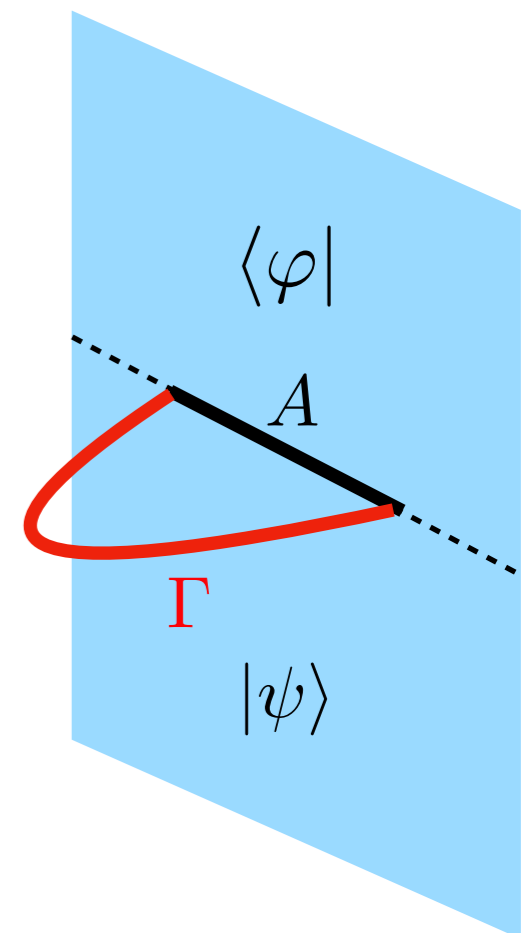
[Nakata, Takayanagi,  
Tamaoka, YT, Wei 2020]

- **Pseudo Entropy (PE)** is a generalization of EE as follows:

Transition matrix:  $\tau^{\psi|\varphi} := \frac{|\psi\rangle\langle\varphi|}{\langle\varphi|\psi\rangle}$  ( for  $\langle\varphi|\psi\rangle \neq 0$  )

Pseudo entropy:  $S_A = -\text{Tr} \left[ \tau_A^{\psi|\varphi} \log \tau_A^{\psi|\varphi} \right]$  ,  $\tau_A^{\psi|\varphi} := \text{Tr}_{\bar{A}} \left[ \tau^{\psi|\varphi} \right]$

- In general, PE takes complex-valued because transition matrix is non-Hermitian.
- The original motivation to introduce PE is to formulate the holographic relation for Euclidean geometry without time reversal symmetry.



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[Strominger 2001, Maldacena 2002]

dS/CFT

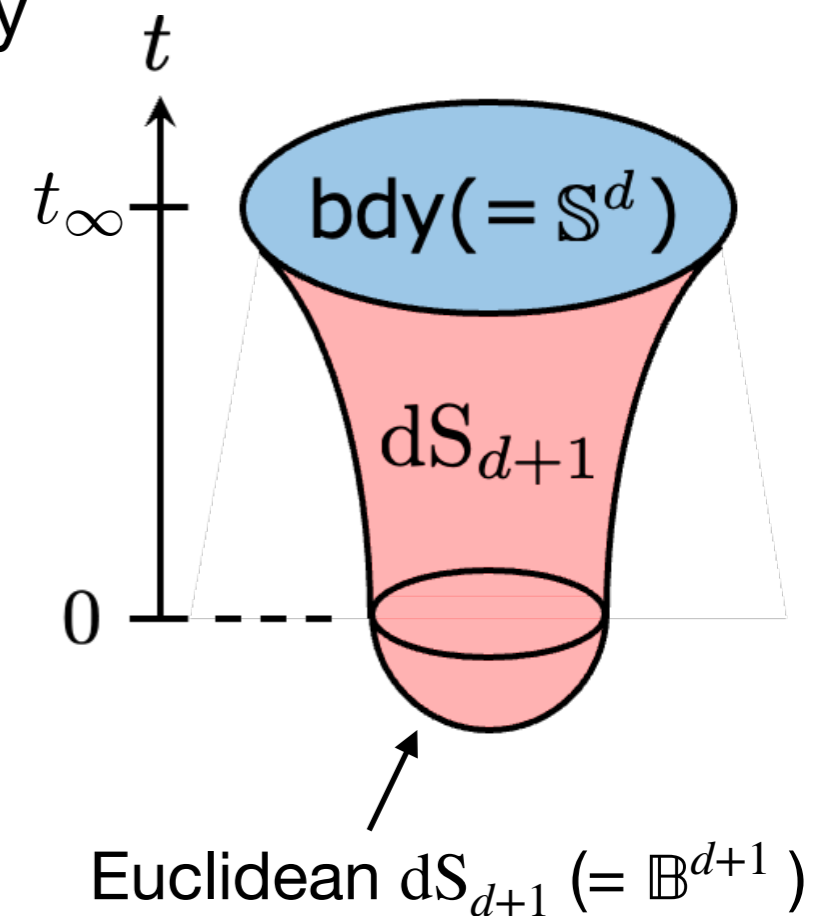
Quantum Gravity  
on  $dS_{d+1}$



Conformal Field Theory  
on  $d$ -dim boundary

- de Sitter spacetime has the **space-like** boundary at the **temporal infinity**.
- GKPW relation holds on the **(Hartle-Hawking) wave functional of universe**:

$$\Psi_{dS} \left[ \phi|_{\text{bdy}} = \phi^{(0)} \right] = \left\langle \exp \int d^d x \phi^{(0)}(x) \mathcal{O}(x) \right\rangle_{\text{CFT}}$$



## Properties of dual CFT (d=2)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Euclidean AdS}_3 & & \text{dS}_3 \\
 ds^2 = R_{\text{AdS}}^2 \frac{dz^2 + dt_{\text{E}}^2 + dx^2}{z^2} & \begin{array}{c} R_{\text{AdS}} = -iR_{\text{dS}} \\ z = -i\eta \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{array} & ds^2 = R_{\text{dS}}^2 \frac{-d\eta^2 + dt_{\text{E}}^2 + dx^2}{\eta^2}
 \end{array}$$

- The **central charge**  $c$  of CFT dual to  $\text{dS}_3$ : [Maldacena 2002]

$$c = \frac{3R_{\text{AdS}}}{2G_{\text{N}}} = -i \frac{3R_{\text{dS}}}{2G_{\text{N}}} \equiv -ic_{\text{dS}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{non-unitary!}$$

↑ [Brown, Henneaux 1986]

- Therefore the dual CFT is not “physical” theory. Nevertheless  $\text{dS}/\text{CFT}$  is useful in applications to
  - computation of cosmological correlators. [Maldacena 2002, ...]
  - determination of complex saddles in wave function of universe.

[Chen, Hikida, YT, Uetoko 2023]



## Question

Can we formulate holographic relation for quantum entanglement in dS/CFT?

# Holographic Entanglement Entropy in dS/CFT

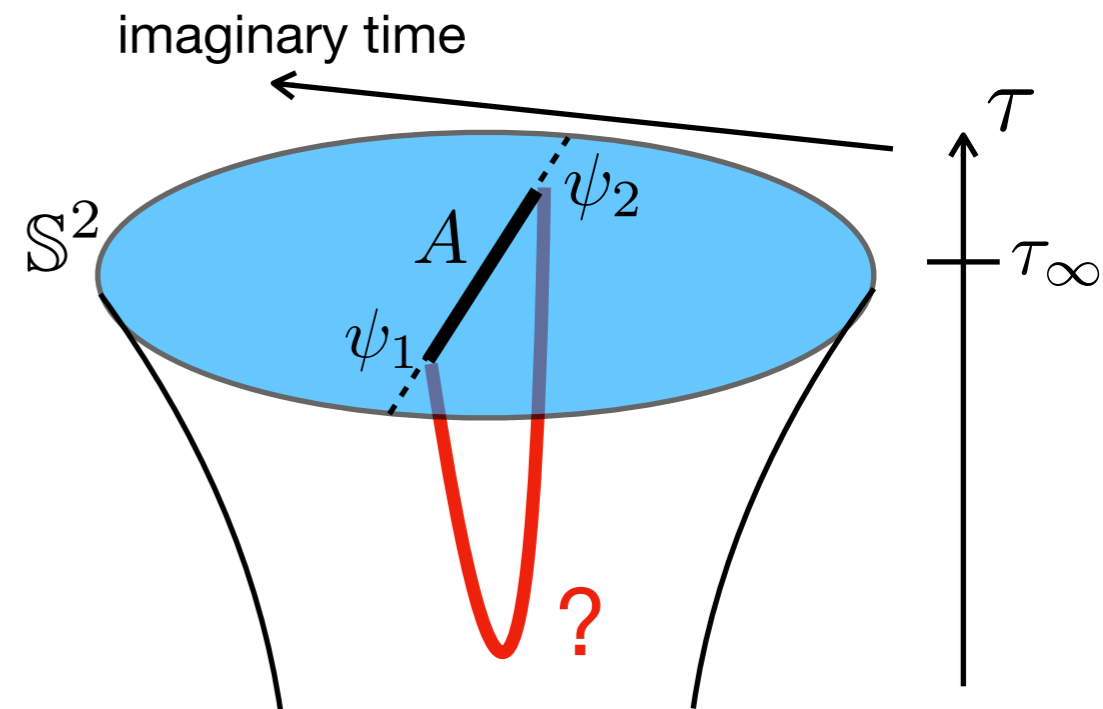
- In analogy with RT formula in AdS/CFT, EE in CFT dual to dS is also expected to be identical to the area of the extremal surface.

(c.f. [Narayan 2016] [Sato 2016] )

global dS<sub>3</sub>

$$ds^2 = R_{\text{dS}}^2 (-d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau d\Omega_{\mathbb{S}^2}^2)$$

$$d\Omega_{\mathbb{S}^2}^2 = d\psi^2 + \sin^2 \psi d\phi^2$$



- However, this picture seems to have problems.

Geodesics emanating from an edge of  $A$  should be **time-like**.

➔ (1) A geodesic emanating from one side of  $\partial A$  cannot go back to the other side of  $\partial A$ ?

(2) The area  $\int_{\Gamma} \sqrt{g}$  takes **imaginary-valued**.

# Holographic Entanglement Entropy in dS/CFT

- Naively applying the formula to geodesic between  $(\tau_\infty, \psi_1)$  and  $(\tau_\infty, \psi_2)$

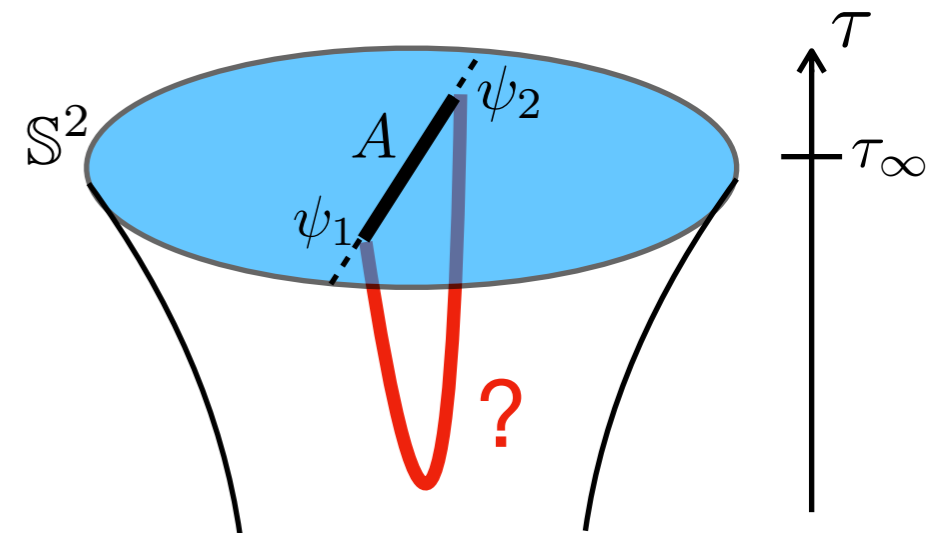
$$S_A = \frac{R_{\text{dS}}}{4G_N} \cos^{-1} \left( 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{\Delta\psi}{2} \cosh^2 \tau_\infty \right) \quad (\Delta\psi = \psi_1 - \psi_2)$$

$$\simeq \frac{c_{\text{dS}}}{6} \left[ \pi + \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta\psi}{2} \right) \right] \quad (\epsilon := 2e^{-\tau_\infty}, \epsilon \ll 1)$$

$$\simeq \underbrace{\frac{\pi c_{\text{dS}}}{6}}_{\text{real part}} + \underbrace{\frac{-i c_{\text{dS}}}{3} \log \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} \sin \frac{\Delta\psi}{2} \right)}_{\text{imaginary part}}$$

real part      imaginary part

→ there is no geodesic.



- However, this equals to analytic continuation of EE in CFT.

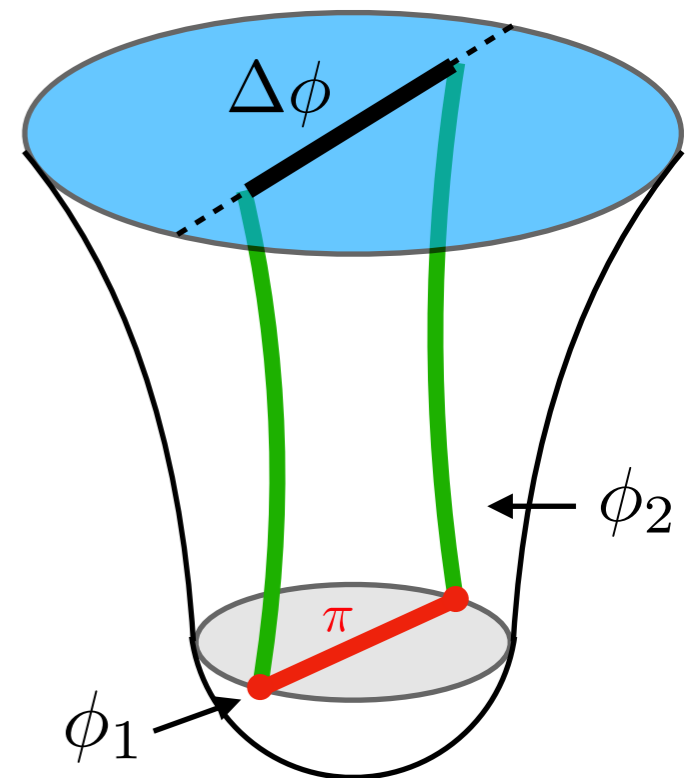
$$S_A = \frac{c_{\text{AdS}}}{3} \log \left( \frac{L}{\epsilon_{\text{AdS}}} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_A = \frac{\pi c_{\text{dS}}}{6} + \frac{-i c_{\text{dS}}}{3} \log \left( \frac{L}{\epsilon_{\text{dS}}} \right)$$

$$R_{\text{AdS}} = -i R_{\text{dS}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{AdS}} = -i \epsilon_{\text{dS}}$$

## Bulk complex geodesic

- How do we construct the geodesic configuration?  
→ ansatz: **The complex geodesic goes through the Euclidean part.**
- Consider constant slice  $\psi = 0$  of
$$ds^2 = R_{\text{dS}}^2(-d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau(d\psi^2 + \cos^2 \psi d\phi))$$
$$ds^2 = R_{\text{dS}}^2(d\tau_E^2 + \cos^2 \tau_E(d\psi^2 + \cos^2 \psi d\phi))$$
- We have to impose “extremalization condition” for this ansatz.
- First we fix the joint points as  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .



# Bulk complex geodesic

1. Solve the variation problem for each part.

Euclidean  $\rightarrow$  Varying  $D = R_{\text{dS}} \int d\tau_E \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \tau_E \phi'(\tau_E)^2}$

$\rightarrow D = \pi R_{\text{dS}}, \quad \phi_2 - \phi_1 = \pi$

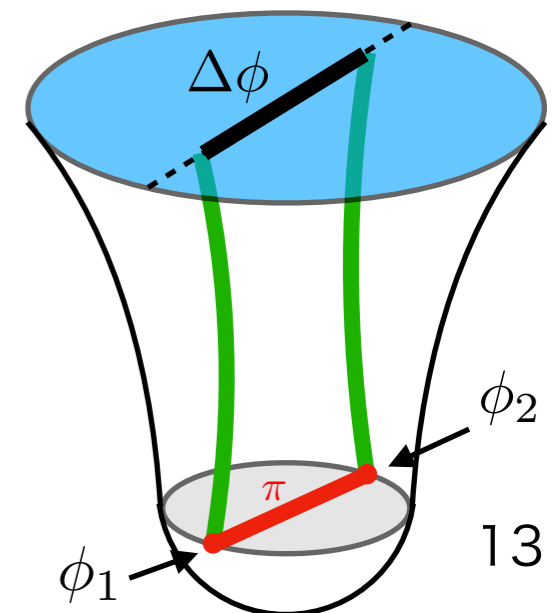
Lorentzian  $\rightarrow$  Varying  $D = R_{\text{dS}} \int d\tau \sqrt{-1 + \cosh^2 \tau \phi'(\tau)^2}$

$\rightarrow D \simeq iR_{\text{dS}} \log \left[ -\frac{1}{2} e^{2\tau_\infty} (\cos \Delta\phi + \cos 2\phi_1) \right]$

2. Solve  $\frac{dD}{d\phi_1} = 0$ , then we have

$$S_A = \frac{\pi c_{\text{dS}}}{6} + \frac{-i c_{\text{dS}}}{3} \log \left( \frac{2}{\epsilon} \sin \frac{\Delta\phi}{2} \right)$$

A half of dS entropy



# Higher dimensions

- We can straightforwardly extend the analysis to  $dS_{d+1}$

$$ds^2 = R_{dS}^2 (-d\tau^2 + \cosh^2 \tau d\Omega_{\mathbb{S}^d}^2)$$

with spherical subsystem  $A$ .

- The result is

$$S_A = \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{4G_N^{(d+1)}} \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-2}) \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}{2\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{4G_N^{(d+1)}} \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$$

A half of dS entropy

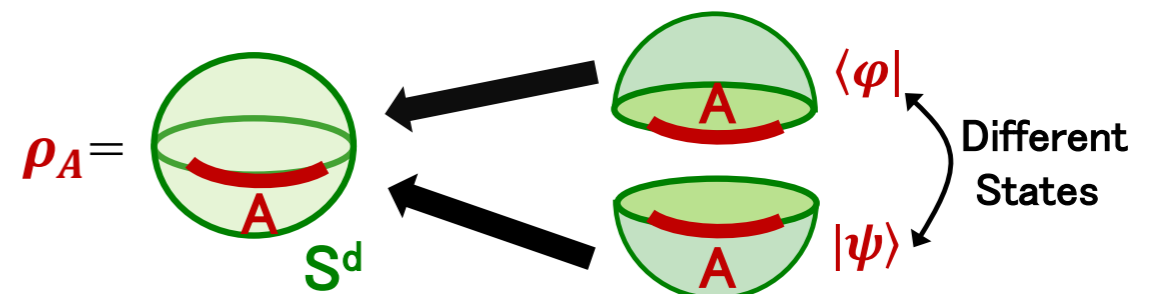
$$+i \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{4G_N^{(d+1)}} \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-2}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{d-3}{2}} \binom{\frac{d-3}{2}}{k} \frac{1}{d-2k-2} \left(\frac{T_0}{2\epsilon}\right)^{d-2k-2} \quad (d : \text{odd}) \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{d}{2}-2} \binom{\frac{d-3}{2}}{k} \frac{1}{d-2k-2} \left(\frac{T_0}{2\epsilon}\right)^{d-2k-2} + \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)} \log \frac{T_0}{2\epsilon} \quad (d : \text{even}) \end{array} \right.$$

# Holographic pseudo entropy in dS/CFT

- By definition, entanglement entropy should take real-valued.  
➔ Is the holographic formula in dS/CFT wrong?
- We claim that the quantity should be called “**pseudo entropy**” and it corresponds to a union of complex geodesics.
- This is because the dual CFT is a non-unitary theory associated with a non-Hermitian Hamiltonian  $H^\dagger \neq H$ .

➔ The bra and ket vectors prepared by path integral are different states:

$$|\Psi\rangle^\dagger \neq \langle\Psi|$$



➔  $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$  is non-Hermitian, so it is rather **transition matrix**.

$S_A = -\text{Tr}[\rho_A \log \rho_A]$  should be called **pseudo entropy**.

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# Timelike entanglement entropy

- We call the entanglement entropy for a timelike subsystem as **timelike entanglement entropy**
- We define it by using an analytic continuation.
- In 2d CFT, EE is given by

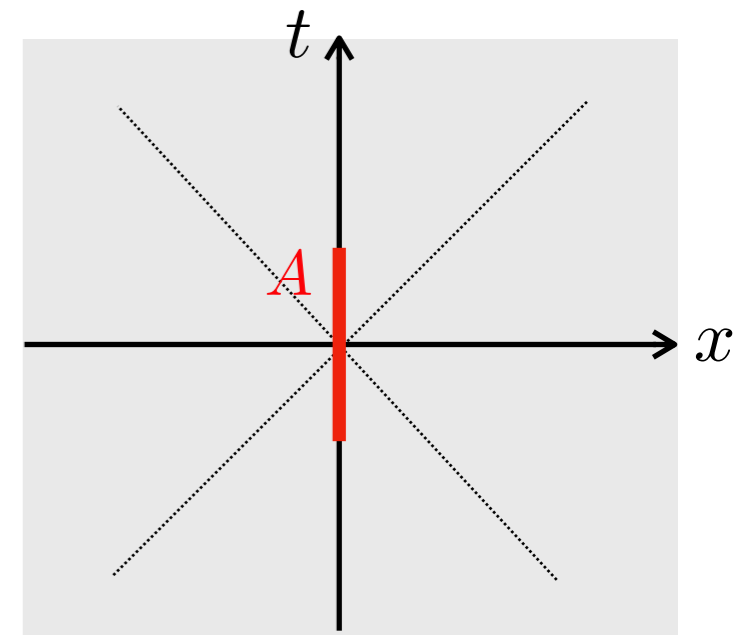
$$S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{L}{\epsilon}$$

Performing the Wick rotation  $L \rightarrow iT_0$ ,

$$S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{iT_0}{\epsilon} = \frac{c}{3} \log \frac{T_0}{\epsilon} + \frac{i\pi c}{6}$$

- Similarly, we can also consider the finite temperature system.

$$S_A = \frac{c}{3} \log \left[ \frac{\beta}{\pi\epsilon} \sinh \frac{\pi T_0}{\beta} \right] + \frac{i\pi c}{6}$$



# Time-like entanglement entropy in AdS<sub>3</sub>/CFT<sub>2</sub>

- We would like to give the bulk interpretation to

$$S_A = \underbrace{\frac{c}{3} \log \frac{T_0}{\epsilon}}_{\text{real part}} + \underbrace{\frac{i\pi c}{6}}_{\text{imaginary part}}$$

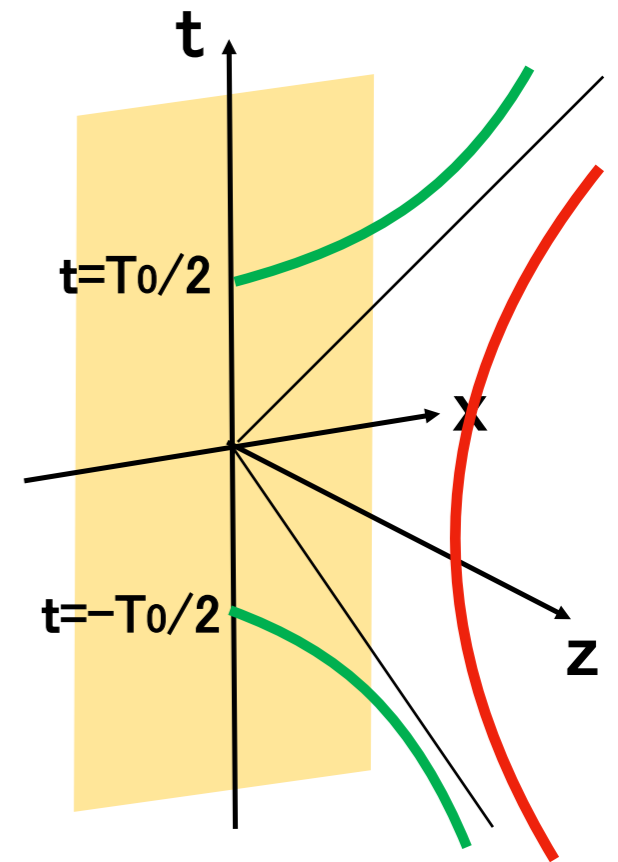
- We cannot connect two time-like separated points by single geodesic.

space-like geodesic:  $t^2 - z^2 = \left(\frac{T_0}{2}\right)^2$

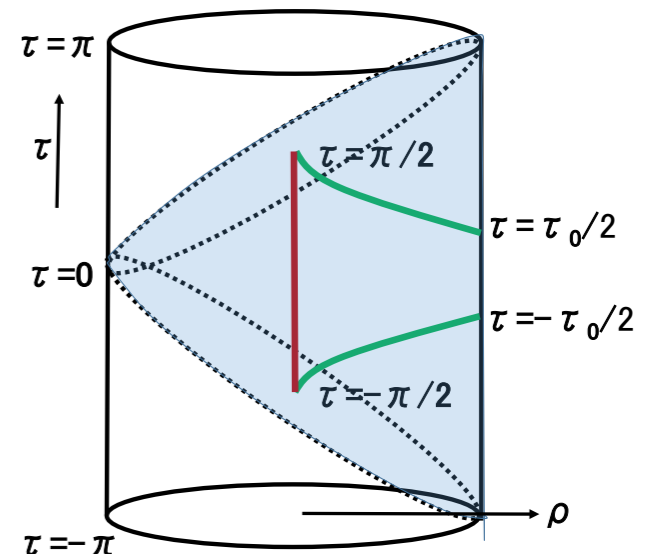
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}}{4G_N} = \frac{2R_{\text{AdS}}}{4G_N} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dz \frac{\sqrt{1 + t'(z)^2}}{z} = \frac{c_{\text{AdS}}}{3} \log \frac{T_0}{\epsilon}$$

time-like geodesic:  $z^2 - t^2 = \left(\frac{T_0}{2}\right)^2$   $\left(c_{\text{AdS}} = \frac{3R_{\text{AdS}}}{2G_N}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{Area}}{4G_N} = \frac{2R_{\text{AdS}}}{4G_N} \int_{T_0/2}^{\infty} dz \frac{\sqrt{1 + t'(z)^2}}{z} = \frac{i\pi c_{\text{AdS}}}{6}$$

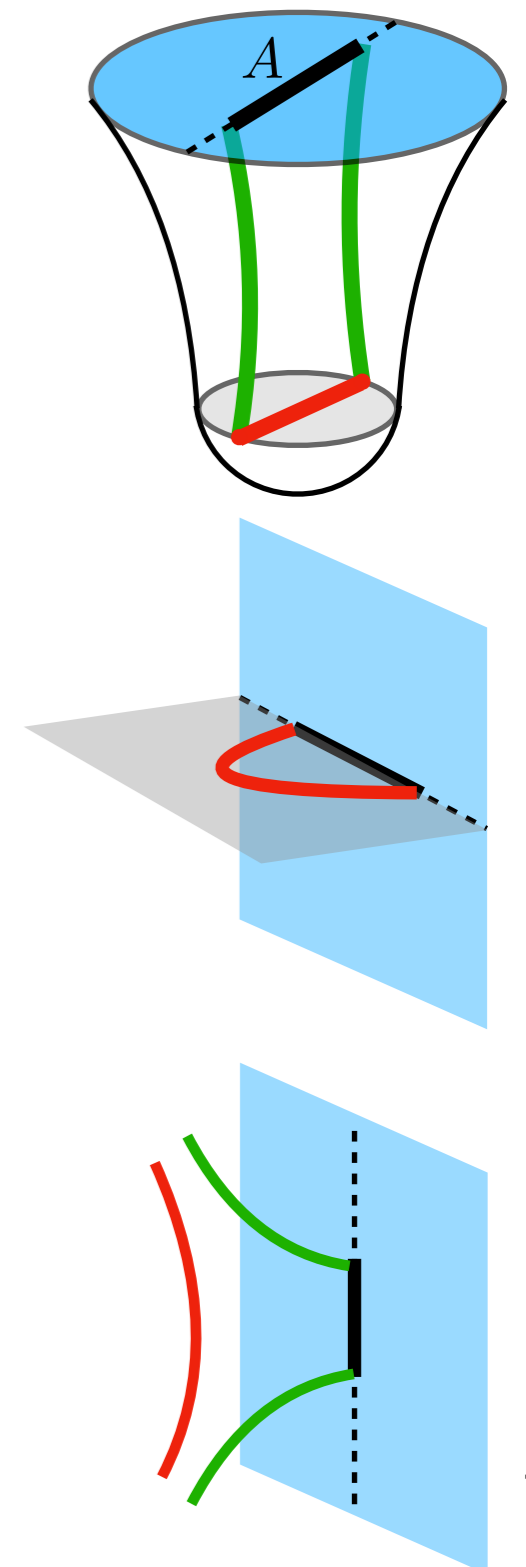
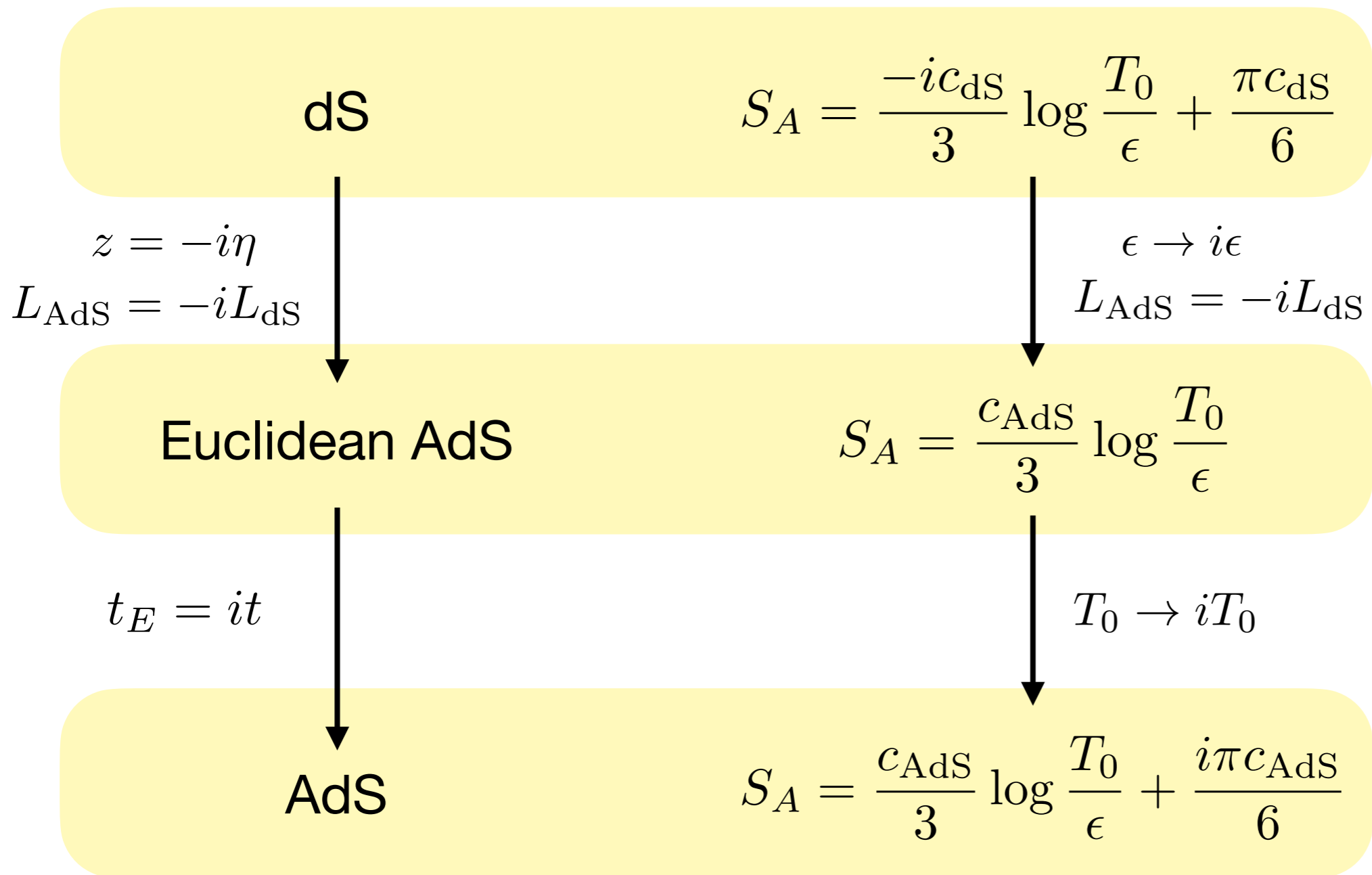


embedded  
in global AdS



# Relation to pseudo entropy in dS/CFT

- We can relate the time-like entanglement entropy to pseudo entropy in dS/CFT by double analytic continuations.



## 4. Summary and future problems

### Summary

- We attempted to extend holographic EE formula to dS/CFT.
- We claim that the **counterpart of Ryu-Takayanagi formula in dS/CFT is given for pseudo entropy**, which takes complex-valued.
- The corresponding quantity of dS pseudo entropy in AdS/CFT is **time-like entanglement entropy**.

### What we did for timelike EE

- In BTZ black hole
- Numerical study
- Higher dimensions