

Loop Quantum Gravity & Quantum Information

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THE QUANTUM INFORMATION
STRUCTURE OF SPACETIME

■ Quantum Gravity - Question:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}} |\rangle$$

* What is the quantum nature of spacetime geometry?

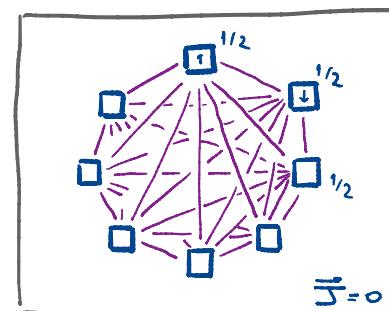
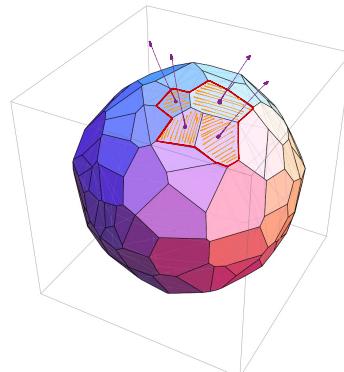
■ Quantum Information - Tools:

* Entanglement entropy $S_R(|\Psi\rangle)$ of a spacetime region.

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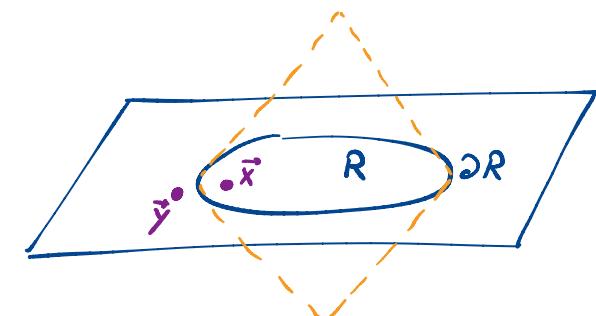


Spin System
(Random Heisenberg)

□ Area Law & QFT on a Classical Spacetime

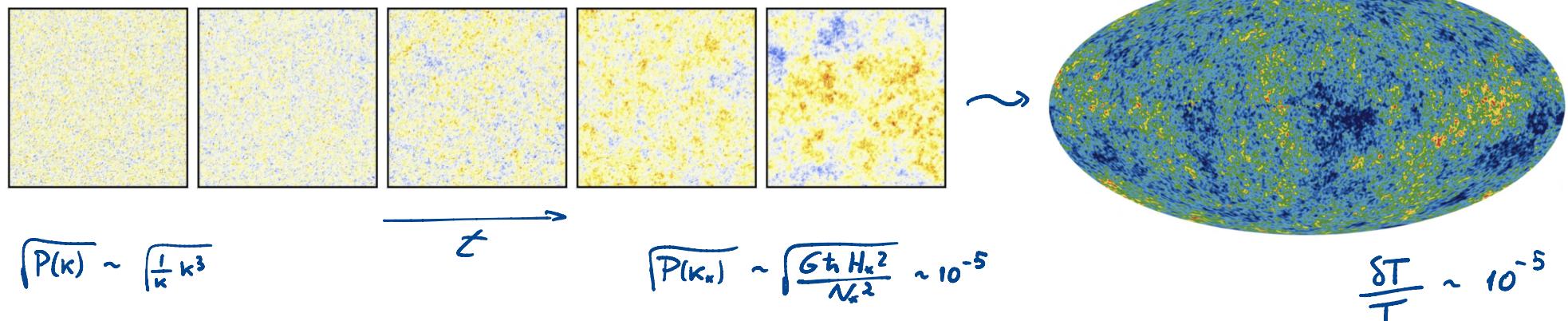
■ Quantum Field on Minkowski Spacetime

- Vacuum Correlations $\langle 0|\varphi(\vec{x}, t) \varphi(\vec{y}, t)|0\rangle \sim \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|^2}$
 $|\vec{x} - \vec{y}| \ll \ell$
- Robust property (Hadamard Condition)



■ Cosmological Perturbations

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{FLRW}}(t) + \hat{h}_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$$



■ Entanglement Entropy of $|14\rangle$ restricted to R [Sorkin 1983]

$$S_R(|14\rangle) = \frac{\text{Area}(\partial R)}{\epsilon^2} + \dots \quad \text{Area Law Divergence}$$

□ Zero Law & Ripping Apart Spacetime

- Quantum Field in Minkowski Spacetime
- Initial State $|0\rangle$, vacuum ($++$, $m=0$)

■ Rip in space \Rightarrow Large energy flux

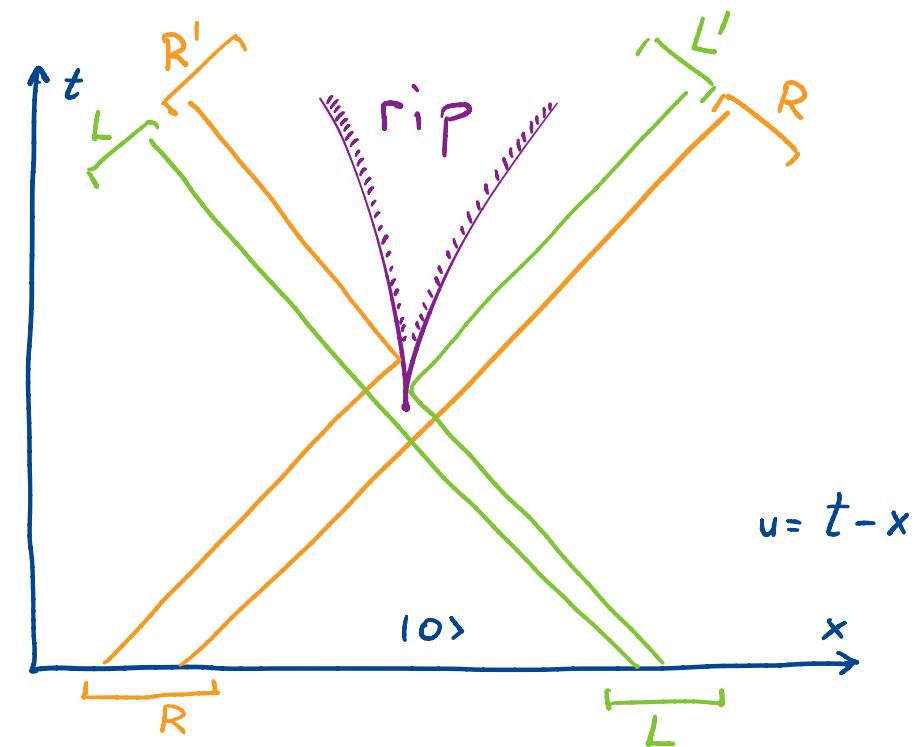
* large gravitational back reaction
 $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \langle \hat{T}_{\mu\nu} \rangle$

[Anderson & DeWitt, Found. Phys. (1986)
 "Does the topology of space fluctuate?"]

• Energy-Flux/Entanglement Entropy Relation

$$F(u) = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} (6 \dot{S}^2(u) + \ddot{S}(u))$$

[EB & Smerlak, PRD(2014)]



■ Ripping apart the entanglement structure of a quantum field
Cuts out the causal domain to the future of the rip

Area Law & Semiclassicality

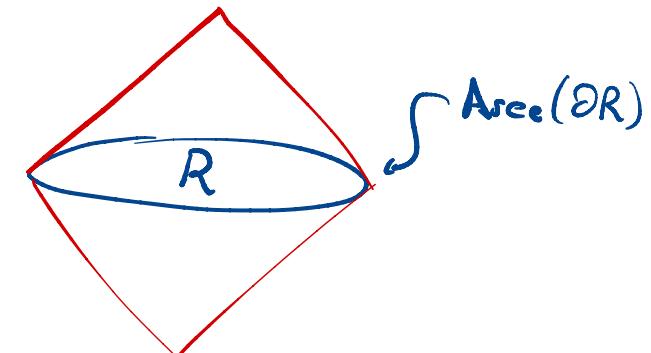
- In CM & QFT, as we lower the energy, we transition from volume-law to area-law
- In CM, zero law states are high-energy (not Fock in QFT)
- In QG, we don't have an immediate notion of energy or energy-density

⇒ Reverse Perspective: Entanglement as a Probe

Architecture Conjecture

Semiclassical $|14\rangle$ in QG
belong to the area-law corner of $\mathcal{H}_{\text{phys}}$

$$S_R(|14\rangle) = 2\pi \frac{\langle \text{Area}(\partial R) \rangle}{\ell_P^2} + \dots$$



Bianchi-Myers [1212.5183] (CQG)

Bianchi-Guglielmon-Hackl-Yokomizo [1609.02219] (PRD)

Baytas-Bianchi-Yokomizo [1805.05856] (PRD)

Bianchi-Dona-Vilensky [1812.10796] (PRD)

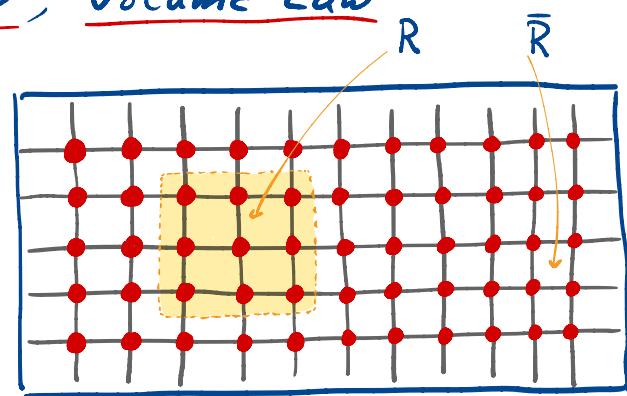
Volume Law and Zero Law States
are genuine quantum geometries
far from classical spacetime
+ quantum perturbation

Hierarchy of States: Zero-Law, Area-Law, Volume Law

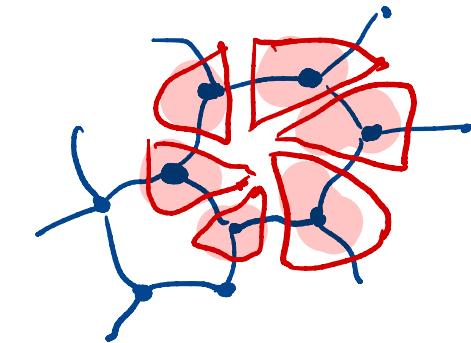
Model System: qubits in 3d cubic lattice

$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{n=1}^N \mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{H}_R \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\bar{R}}$$

$$S_R(|\psi\rangle) = -\text{Tr}_R(p_R \log p_R), \quad p_R = \text{Tr}_{\bar{R}}(|\psi\rangle \langle \psi|)$$



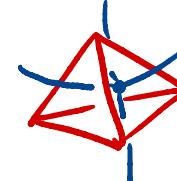
* Cf: Loop Quantum Gravity as a many body system
SU(2) lattice



Volume-Law States

- Random States
- High Temperature

$$S_R(|\psi\rangle) = \alpha V_R + \dots$$

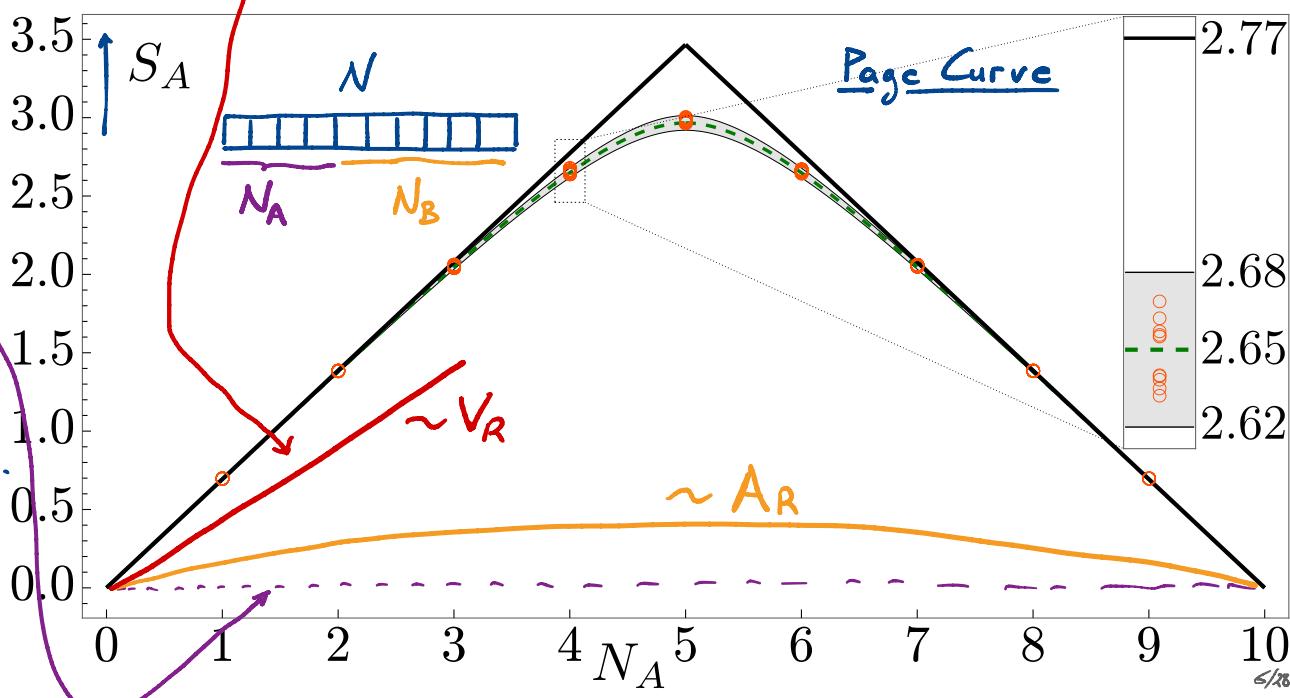


Zero-Law States $S_R(|\psi\rangle) = c_0 + \dots$

- QG basis states
- High Energy (no T)

Area-Law States $S_R(|\psi\rangle) = \alpha A_R + \dots$

- Ground State of Local H
- Long-Range Correlations



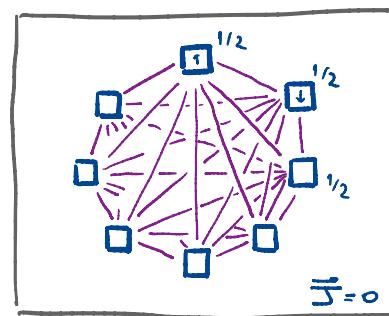
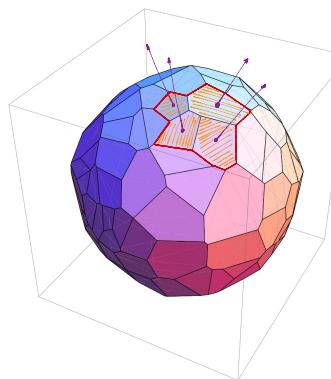
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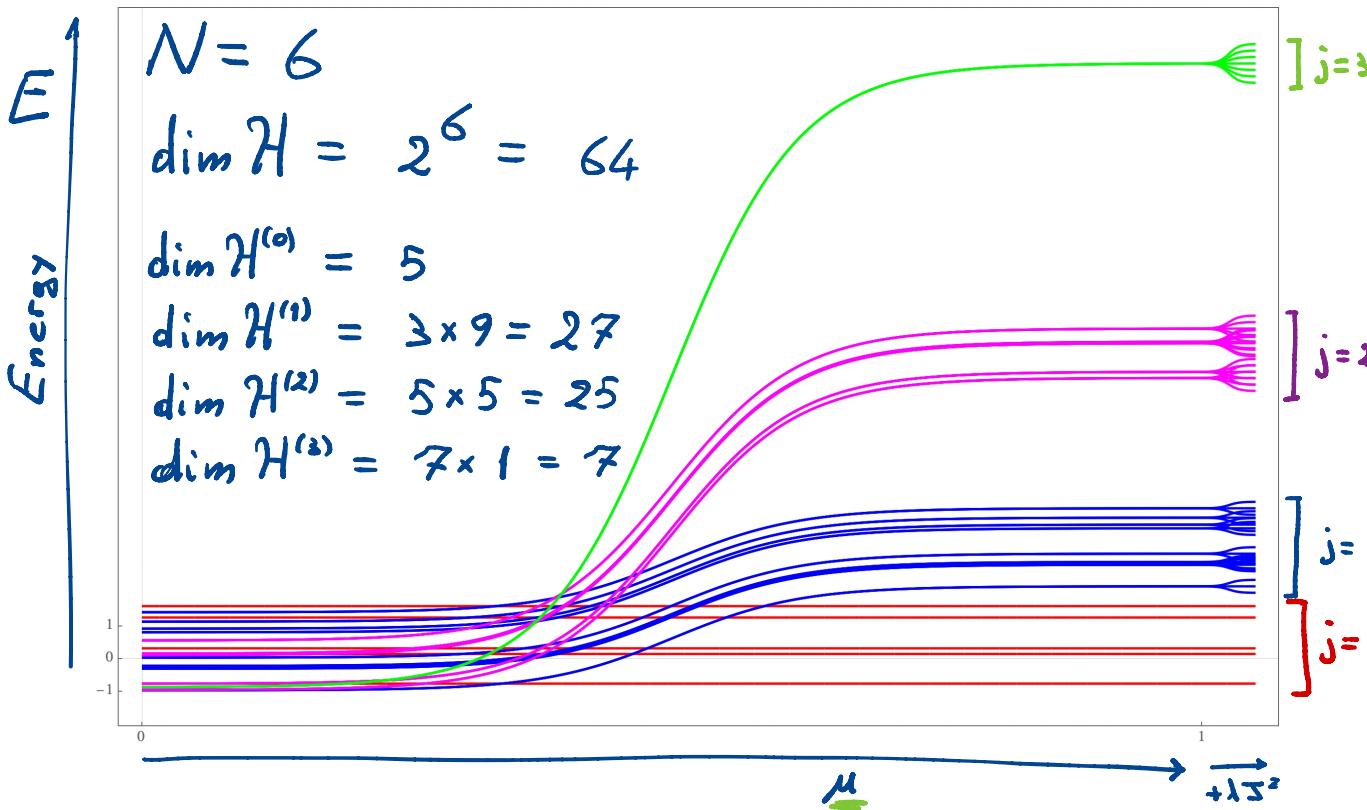
- EB - Donà - Kumar (to appear)
- EB - Hackl - Kieburg - Rigol - Vidmar [2112.06959] PRX (2022)
- EB - Donà [1904.08370] PRD (2019)
- EB - Donà - Speziale [1009.3402] PRD (2011)

see also:

- EB - Living [2302.05922] QG handbook (2023)
- Murthy - Babakani - Iniguez - Srednicki - YungerHalpern [2206.05310] PRL (2023)

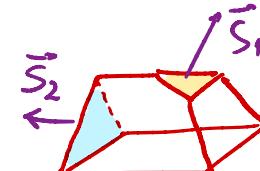
1 Symmetry-Resolved Sectors in a Spin System

- System of N spin $\frac{1}{2}$, $H_N = \bigotimes_{n=1}^N H^{(n)}$, $\square \square \square \square \square \square \square \square \square$
- "Local" Observables $\vec{S}_n \rightarrow$ local basis $|s_1^z\rangle |s_2^z\rangle \dots |s_N^z\rangle$ $s_z^z = \pm \frac{1}{2}$
- Hamiltonian: chaotic, SU(2) symmetric
 - e.g.: $H = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n,n'} C_{nn'} \vec{S}_n \cdot \vec{S}_{n'} + \underline{\mu} \vec{J}^2$
 - $[H, \vec{J}] = 0$
 - $\vec{J} = \sum_{n=1}^N \vec{S}_n$
- Symmetry-Resolved Sectors:



$$H_N = \bigoplus_{j=0}^{N/2} H_N^{(j)}$$

$H^{(0)}$ = Quantum Polyhedron

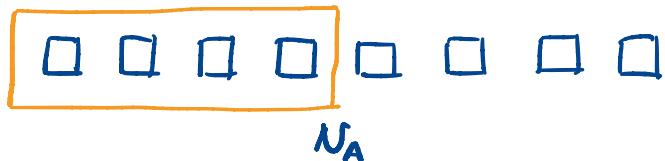


K-Local Observables vs G-Local Observables

- Algebra of Observables on \mathcal{H}_N , generated by S_n^i , $n=1, \dots, N$

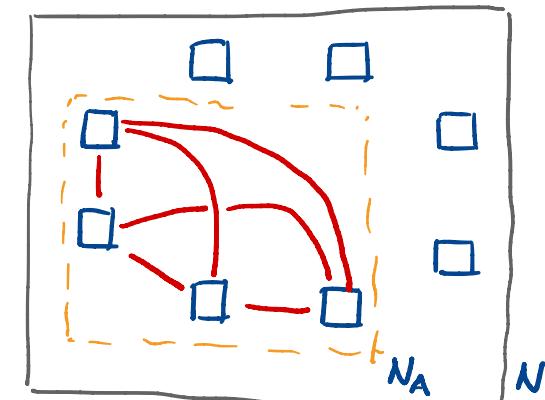
- K-local subalgebra in A

generated by S_a^i , $a=1, \dots, N_A$



- G-local subalgebra in A, condition $[O_A, \vec{\Sigma}] = 0$

generated by $\vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_{a'}$, $a, a' = 1, \dots, N_A$



* Note :

- both subalgebras define local subsystems

- G-local observables preserves energy sectors, while K-local do not

$$\langle E_n | \vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_{a'} | E_{n'} \rangle = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} & j=0 & \\ & \textcircled{0} & \\ \textcircled{0} & & j=1 \\ & \textcircled{0} & \\ & & j=2 \\ & & \textcircled{0} \\ & & j=3 \end{array} \right)$$

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G-Local Subsystem in $\mathcal{H}_N^{(j)}$

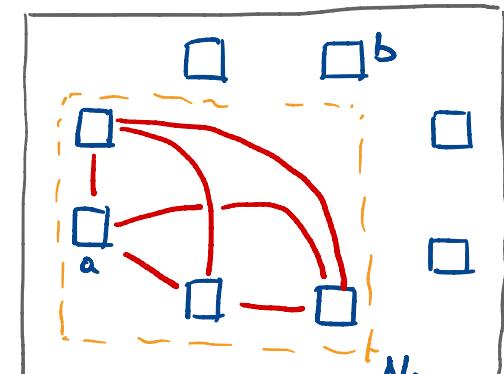
* Note: Sector $\mathcal{H}_N^{(j)}$ does not have a local tensor-product structure $\mathcal{H}_N^{(j)} \neq \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}$

→ Construction of local subsystem from G-local observables

- Algebra of observables on $\mathcal{H}_N^{(j)}$, $[O, \bar{J}] = 0$, e.g. $\vec{S}_n \cdot \vec{S}_{n'}$ $n=1, \dots, N$
- Observables in subsystem A → $O_A = \vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_{a'}$ $a=1, \dots, N_A$
- Observables in complement \bar{A} → every O that commutes with all O_A

$$[O_A, O_{\bar{A}}] = 0 \quad \text{e.g.} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{S}_b \cdot \vec{S}_{b'} \\ \bar{J}_A^2 = \left(\sum_{a=1}^{N_A} \vec{S}_a \right)^2 \end{array} \right\} b = 1, \dots, N_B$$

* Note: $\vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_b$ does not belong neither to A nor to \bar{A}



• Center: $Z = A \cap \bar{A} = \{\bar{J}_A^2\}$

• Decomposition:

$$\mathcal{H}_N^{(j)} = \bigoplus_{j_A} (\mathcal{H}_A^{(j_A)} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}^{(j, j_A)})$$

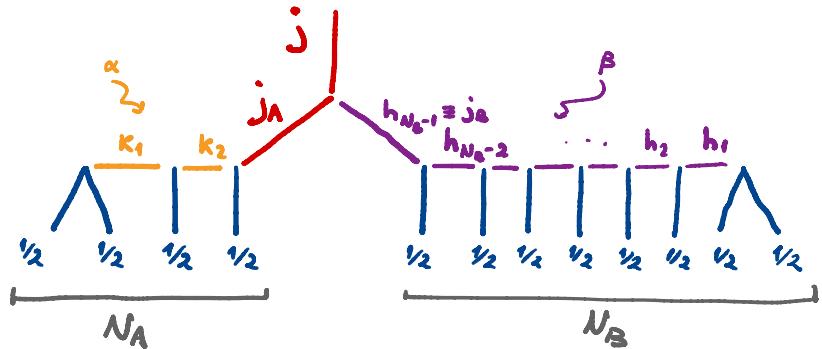
■ Basis adapted to G-local observables and entropy

- Diagonalize first the observables in the center $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{O}_A \cap \mathcal{O}_{\bar{A}} = \{\bar{J}_A^2\}$,
then on basis of $\mathcal{H}_A^{(j_A)}$ and of $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}^{(j, j_A)}$

$$|\Psi^{(j)}\rangle = \sum_{j_A=0}^{N_A/2} \sqrt{p_{j_A}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \gamma_{j_A \alpha \beta}^{(j)} |j_A, \underline{\alpha}\rangle |(j, j_A), \underline{\beta}\rangle$$

* N_A even

- Technique: recoupling scheme



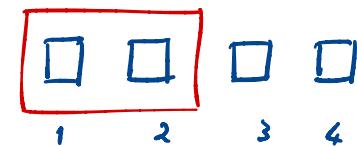
- G-local subsystem $\rho_{AG} = \bigoplus_{j_A} p_{j_A} \rho_{j_A}$

- G-local entanglement entropy

$$S_{AG}(|\Psi^{(j)}\rangle) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_{AG} \log \rho_{AG}) = \sum_{j_A} p_{j_A} (-\text{Tr} \rho_{j_A} \log \rho_{j_A}) - \sum_{j_A} p_{j_A} \log p_{j_A}$$

Example: Quantum Tetrahedron and Subsystems

- $N=4$ spin $\frac{1}{2}$, Sector $\mathcal{H}_4^{(j=0)}$
- State $|4_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{m=-1,0,1} |t,m\rangle_{12} |t,-m\rangle_{34}$



$$\text{triplet } |t,m\rangle = \begin{cases} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle & m=+1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle) & m=0 \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle & m=-1 \end{cases}$$

- Subsystem A = measurements of \vec{S}_1 and \vec{S}_2

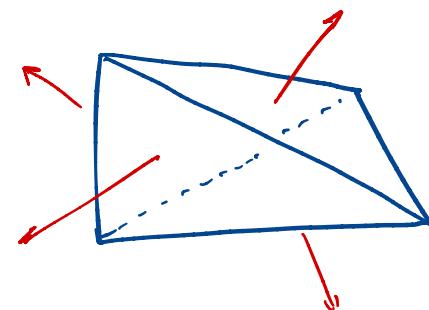
K $S_{AK}(|4_0\rangle) = \log 3$

- Subsystem obsA = measurements of $\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2$, G-local obs.

G $S_{AG}(|4_0\rangle) = \underline{\underline{0}}$ because eigenstate
 $(\vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2)^2 |4_0\rangle = + (1+1) |4_0\rangle$

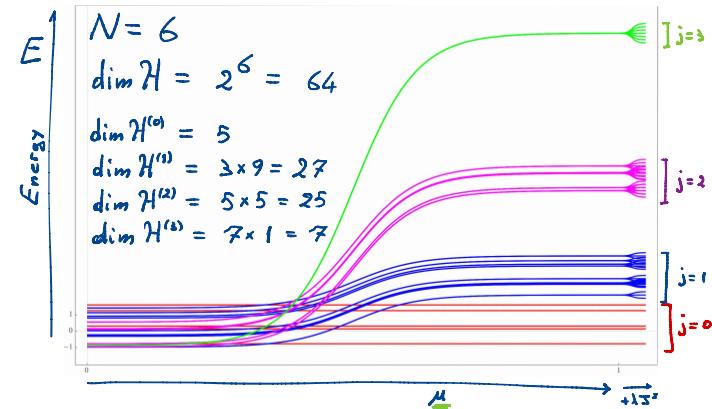
- * Note: $|4_0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{(0)}$

$$S_{AK}(|4_0\rangle) = \log 3 > \log \underline{\dim \mathcal{H}^{(0)}} = \log 2$$



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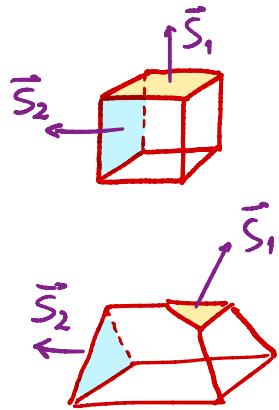
$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha | \text{cube} \rangle + \beta | \text{polyhedron} \rangle$$

The diagram shows two quantum states: a cube and a polyhedron, each represented by a red wireframe with a blue shaded face.

3 Regions & Entanglement Entropy in a Quantum Polyhedron

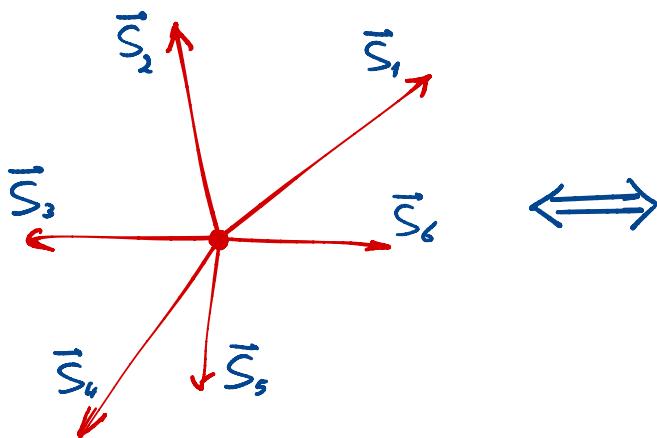
2 The Classical Polyhedron : a 2d model of discrete geometry on S^2

Polyhedron in \mathbb{R}^3 with N faces of fixed area

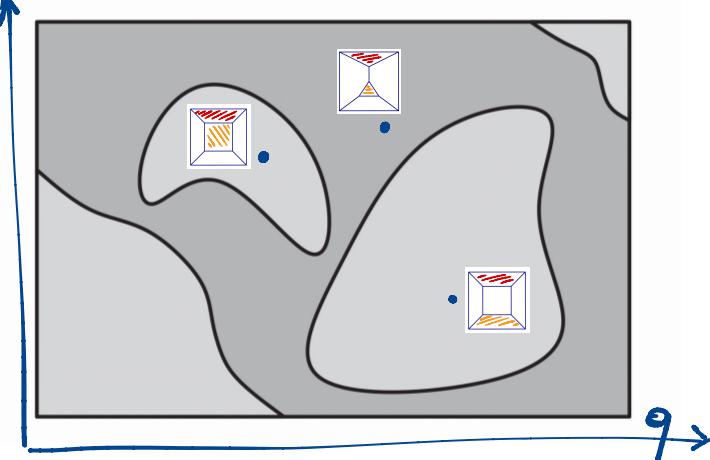


(Minkowski: 1897)

N vectors with constraint $\sum_{n=1}^N \vec{S}_n = 0$



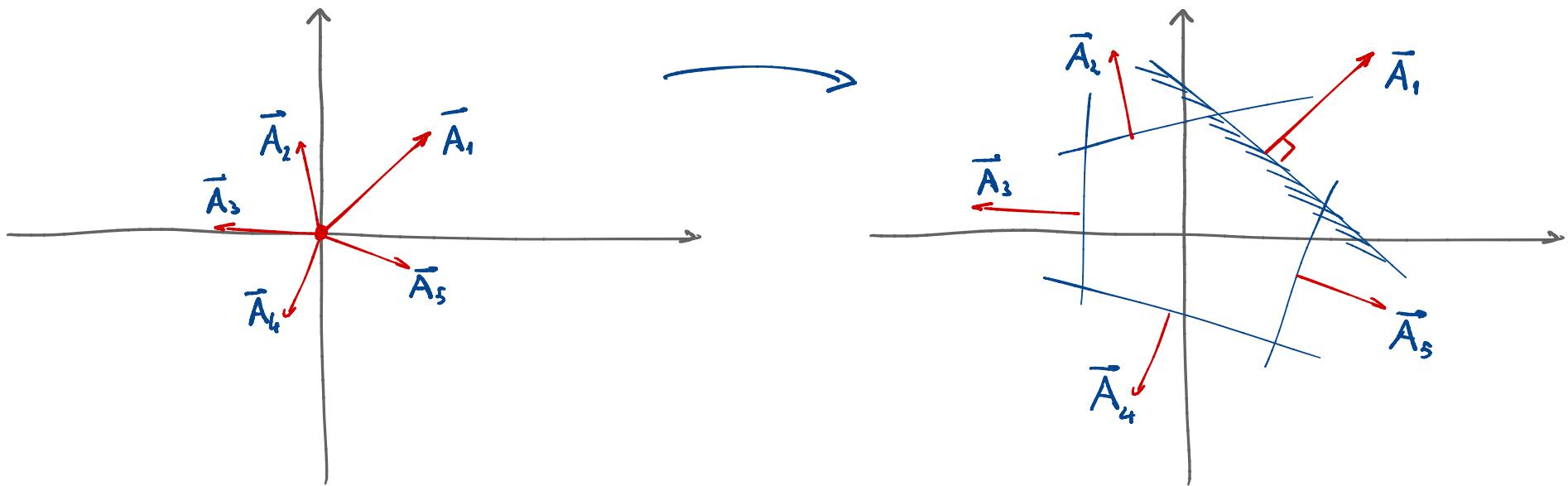
Phase space (Kapovich-Millson) and adjacency basins



- Intrinsic Geometry on S^2 , e.g. adjacency relations and deficit angles ε_n induced from normals \vec{S}_n
- Classical, Discrete
- Quantization \rightarrow $SU(2)$ intertwiner space $\mathcal{H}_N^{(0)}$ and quantum polyhedron
(d.o.f. at nodes in loop quantum gravity)

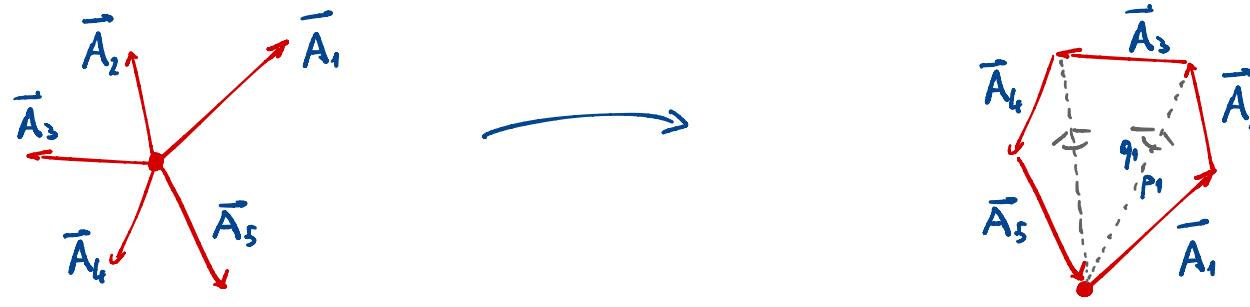
■ Classical Polyhedron : Convex Hull

- N vectors \vec{A}_n that sum to zero , $\sum_{n=1}^N \vec{A}_n = 0$
- \Rightarrow Polyhedron in 3d Euclidean Space [Minkowski: 1897]
- N faces of area $|\vec{A}_n|$
 - unit-normals to faces $\frac{\vec{A}_n}{|\vec{A}_n|}$



Classical Polyhedron : Phase Space

- Phase space of a polyhedron with N faces of fixed area



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} q_1 = \text{Angle between} \\ \text{planes } \vec{A}_1, \vec{A}_2 \\ \text{and } \vec{A}_1 + \vec{A}_2, \vec{A}_3 \\ p_1 = |\vec{A}_1 + \vec{A}_2| \end{array} \right\}$$

Canonical Variables $\{q_i, p_j\} = \delta_{ij}$ [Kapovich-Millson 1996]

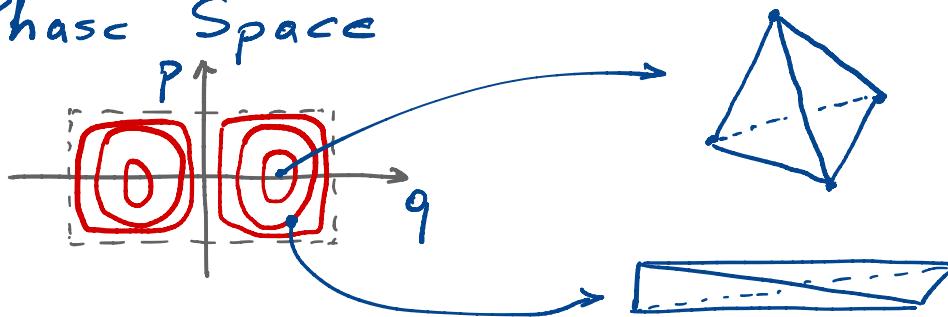
- Quantization : Intertwiner Space $H^{(0)}$

$$\vec{A}_n \leftrightarrow \vec{S}_n \text{ spin operators, LQG area } A_n = 8\pi G \hbar r \sqrt{j(j+1)}$$

- Coherent States peaked on a point in phase space
→ Coherent polyhedron

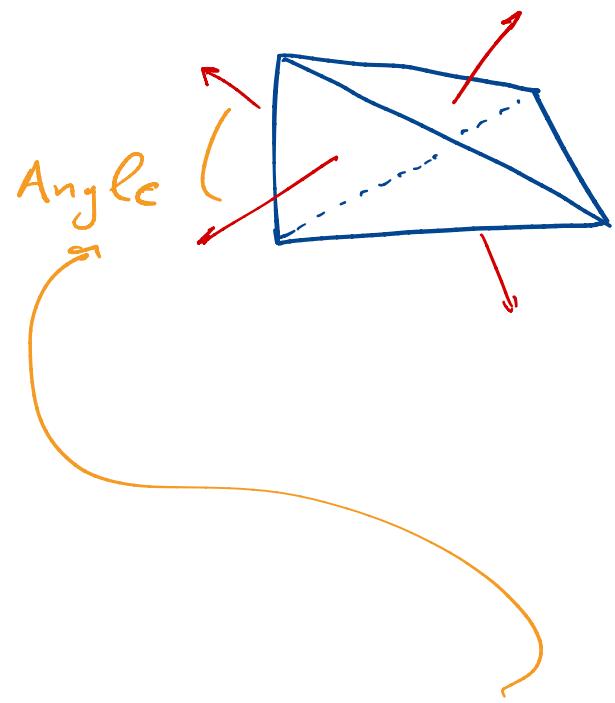
* Example : $N=4$, Tetrahedron

- Phase Space



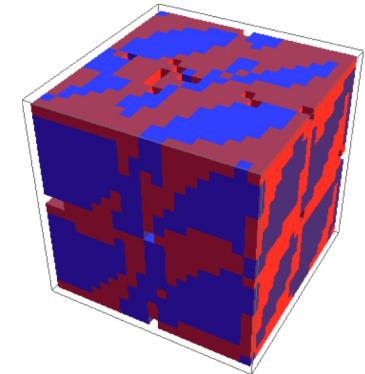
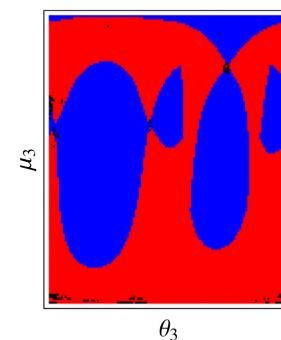
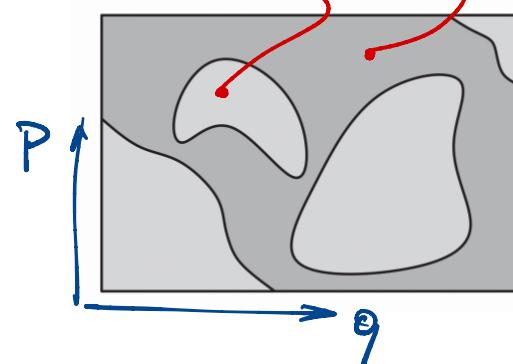
- Classical Observables

- Area of faces, A_n fixed
- Angle between faces $\vec{A}_n \cdot \vec{A}_{n'} = A_n A_{n'} \cos \underline{\theta_{nn'}}$
- Volume
- ...

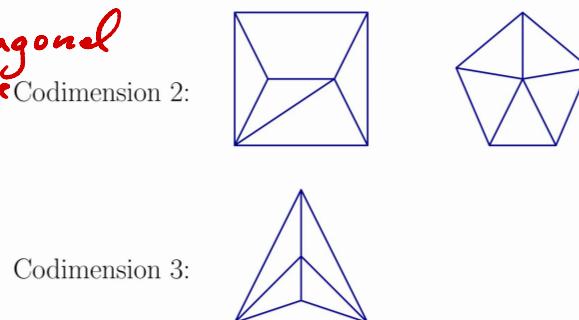
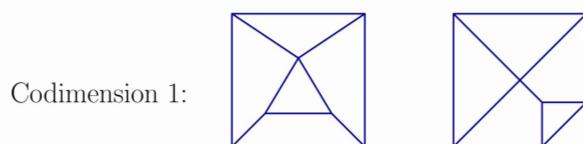
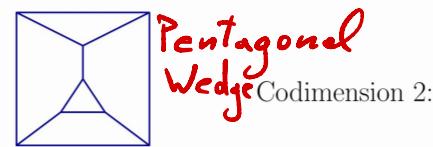
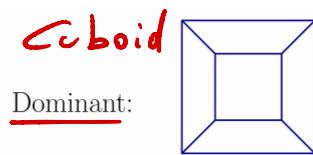


* Example: $N=6$, Cuboid, Pentagonal Wedge, ...

- Phase Space



* Adjacency of faces depends on the point in phase space

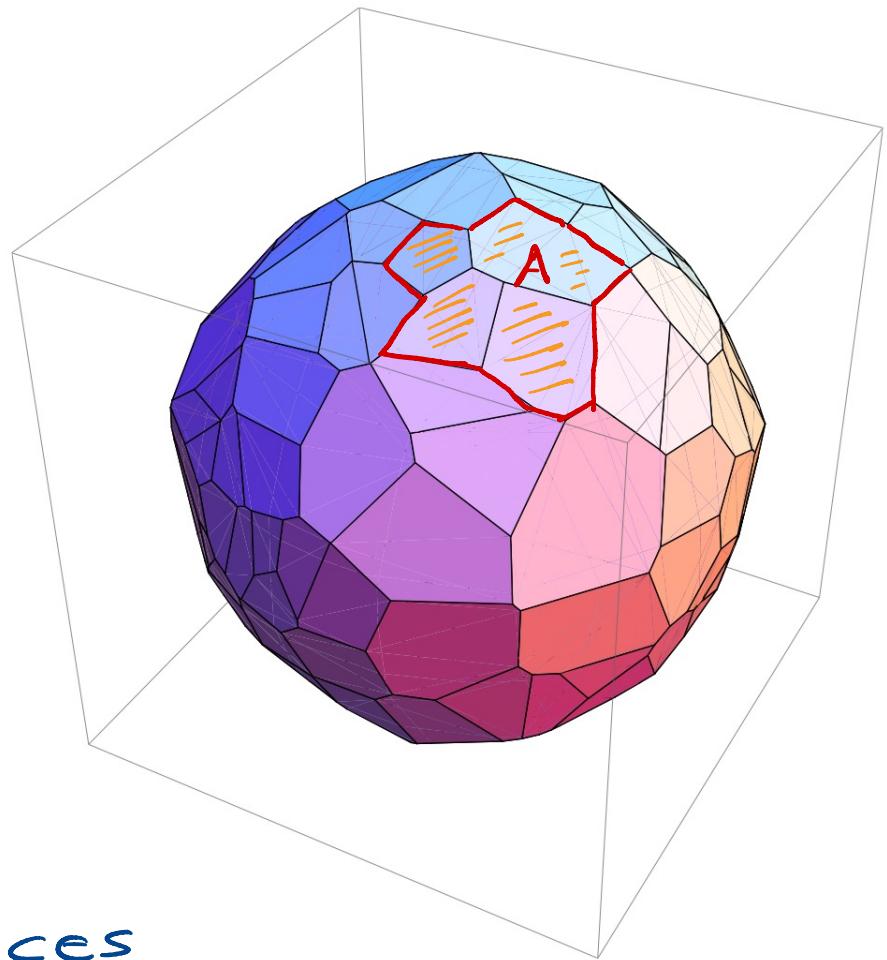
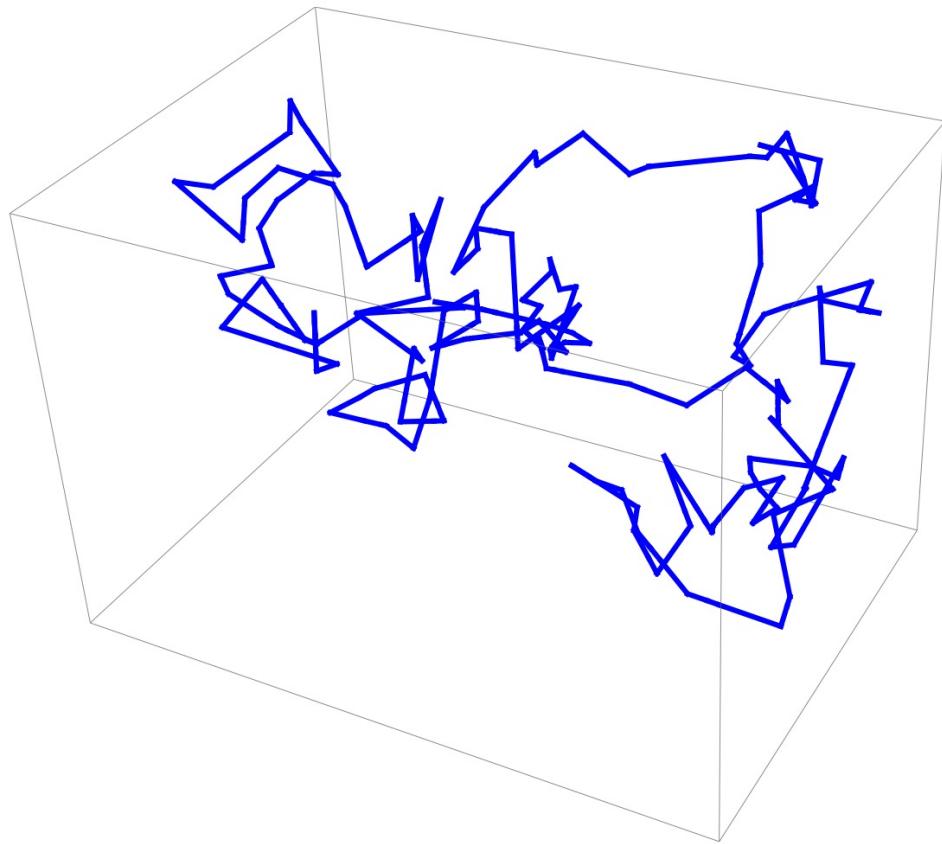


- Superposition of adjacencies

$$| \Psi \rangle = \alpha | \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \rangle + \beta | \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{array} \rangle$$

- Local Subsystem \rightarrow $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{subalgebra } \vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_{a'} \\ \cdot \text{semidess. state } |\Psi\rangle \text{ peaked on config.} \end{array} \right.$

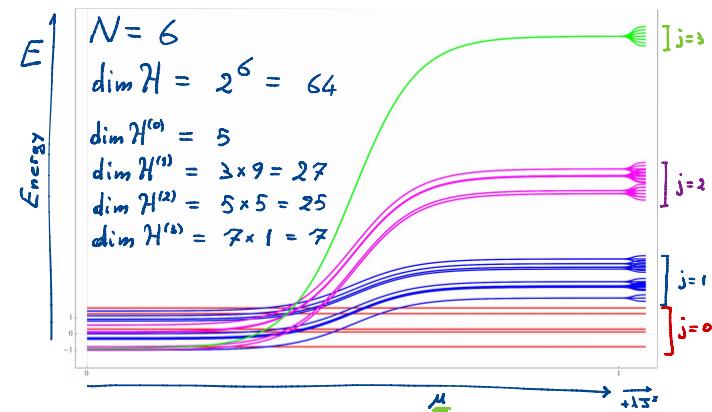
$N \rightarrow \infty$, Tessellation of the Sphere S^2



*Note: Adjacency of faces
determined by point in phase space
~ local subsystem A from adjacency matrix

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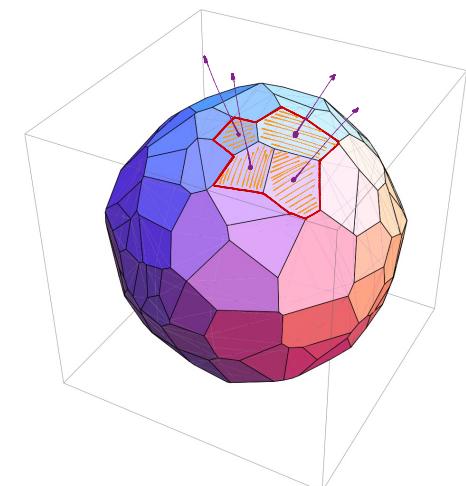
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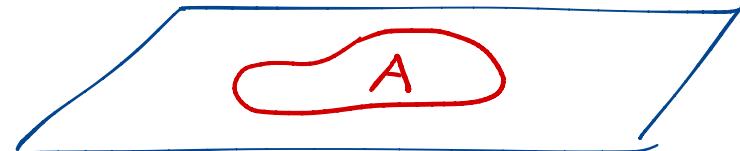
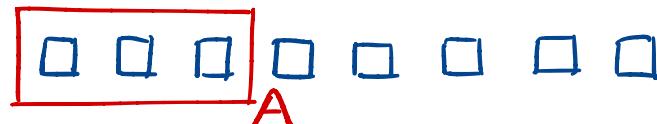
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3 Regions & Entanglement Entropy in a Quantum Polyhedron



3 What is a region in quantum gravity?

- In Many-Body Quantum Systems and in Quantum Field Theory



- local subsystem \rightsquigarrow local subalgebra of observables
 $O_A \otimes \mathbb{1}_B$ on $H = H_A \otimes H_B$
 \rightsquigarrow same subalgebra for all states

- In Quantum Gravity: superposition of geometries

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha | \text{geometry A} \rangle + \beta | \text{geometry B} \rangle$$

- subsystem \rightsquigarrow sub-algebra of observables

$$\vec{S}_a \cdot \vec{S}_{a'}$$

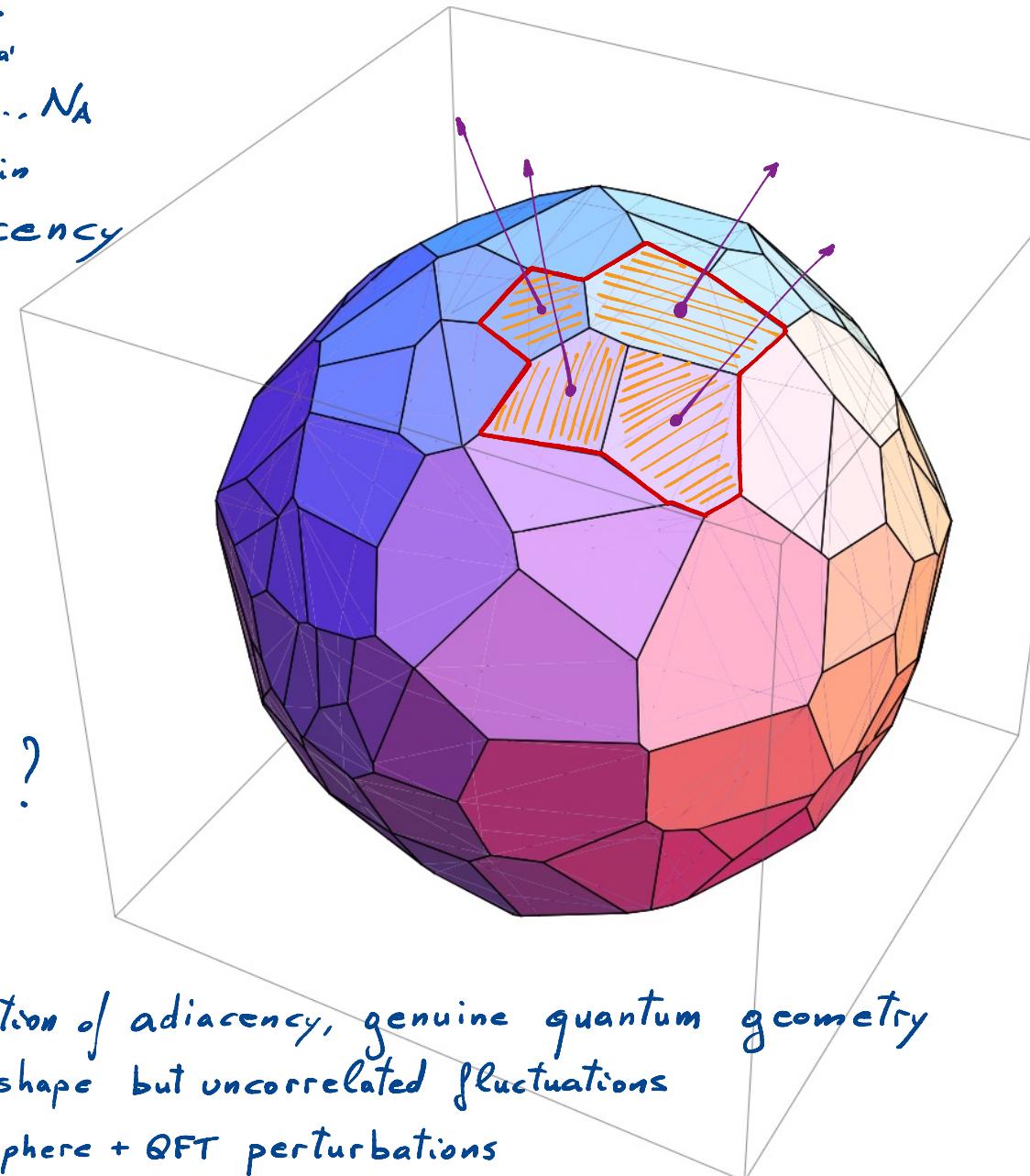
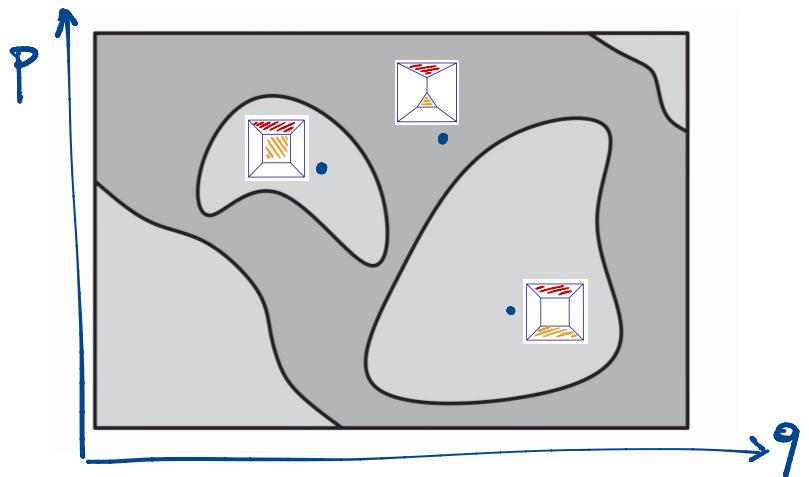
$$H^{(0)} = \bigoplus_{j_A} \left(H_A^{(j_A)} \otimes H_{\bar{A}}^{(0,j_A)} \right)$$

- local subsystem \rightsquigarrow "Geometric Region"
 - sub-algebra of observables
 - semiclassical state

3 How do we define regions as local subsystems of a quantum polyhedron?

- Classical Polyhedron

region $\rightarrow \begin{cases} - \text{subalgebra } \bar{S}_a \cdot \bar{S}_{a'} \\ a, a' = 1, \dots, N_A \\ - \text{phase-space basin with fixed adjacency} \end{cases}$



- Quantum Polyhedron \rightarrow Region R?

- subalgebra $\bar{S}_a \cdot \bar{S}_{a'}$ and

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A Random State \sim Superposition of adjacency, genuine quantum geometry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | B Coherent State \sim Peak over shape but uncorrelated fluctuations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | C Squeezed State $\sim N \rightarrow \infty$ Sphere + QFT perturbations |

$$\hat{h}_{ab} \sim h_{ab}^{cl} + \delta \hat{h}_{ab}$$

3 @ Random Polyhedron: Typical Entanglement Entropy

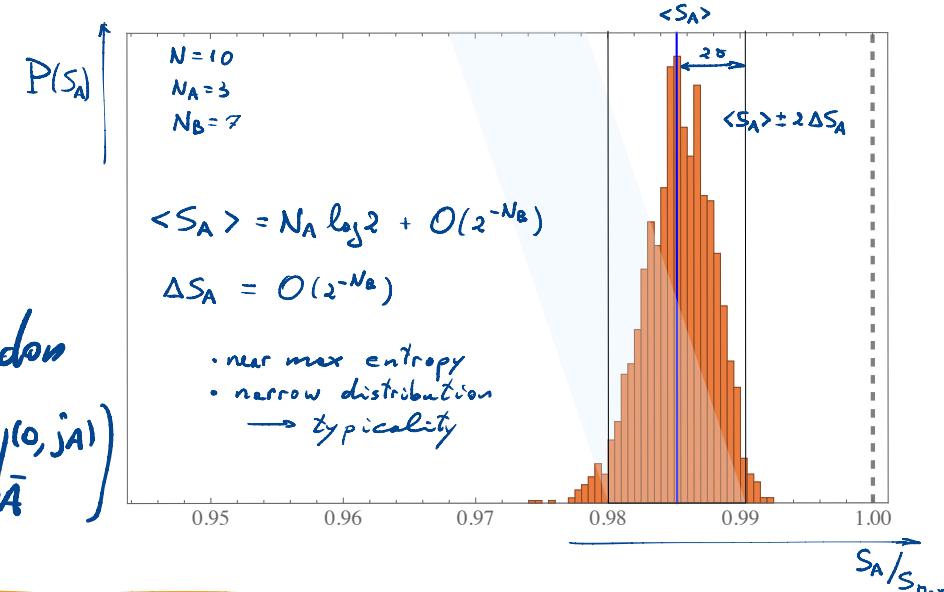
- Random State of N spins

→ Typical Entanglement Entropy
 [Page, PRL 1993] $|+\rangle \in \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

- Random State of a Quantum Polyhedron

$$|\psi_0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{(0)} = \bigoplus_{jA} \left(\mathcal{H}_A^{(jA)} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}^{(0, jA)} \right)$$

[Bianchi-Donà, PRD 2019]



$$\langle S_{AG}(|\psi_0\rangle) \rangle = \sum_{jA} \frac{d_A d_{\bar{A}}}{D} \left(\Psi(D+1) - \Psi(\max(d_A, d_{\bar{A}})+1) - \min\left(\frac{d_A-1}{2d_{\bar{A}}}, \frac{d_{\bar{A}}-1}{2d_A}\right) \right)$$

where $d_A = \dim \mathcal{H}_A^{(jA)}$, $d_{\bar{A}} = \dim \mathcal{H}_{\bar{A}}^{(0, jA)}$, $D = \dim \mathcal{H}^{(0)}$

- Random State, $N \rightarrow \infty$, $f = \frac{N_A}{N}$ fixed

$$\langle S_{AG}(|\psi_0\rangle) \rangle \approx \underline{\underline{N_A}} \log 2 - \frac{1}{2} \log N_A$$

$$+ \frac{3}{2} \frac{N_A}{N} + \log\left(1 - \frac{N_A}{N}\right) + \frac{1}{2}(\log 2 - 2 + \gamma_E)$$

Random State \Rightarrow Volume Law

Random Superposition of Adjacencies

Genuine Quantum Geometry



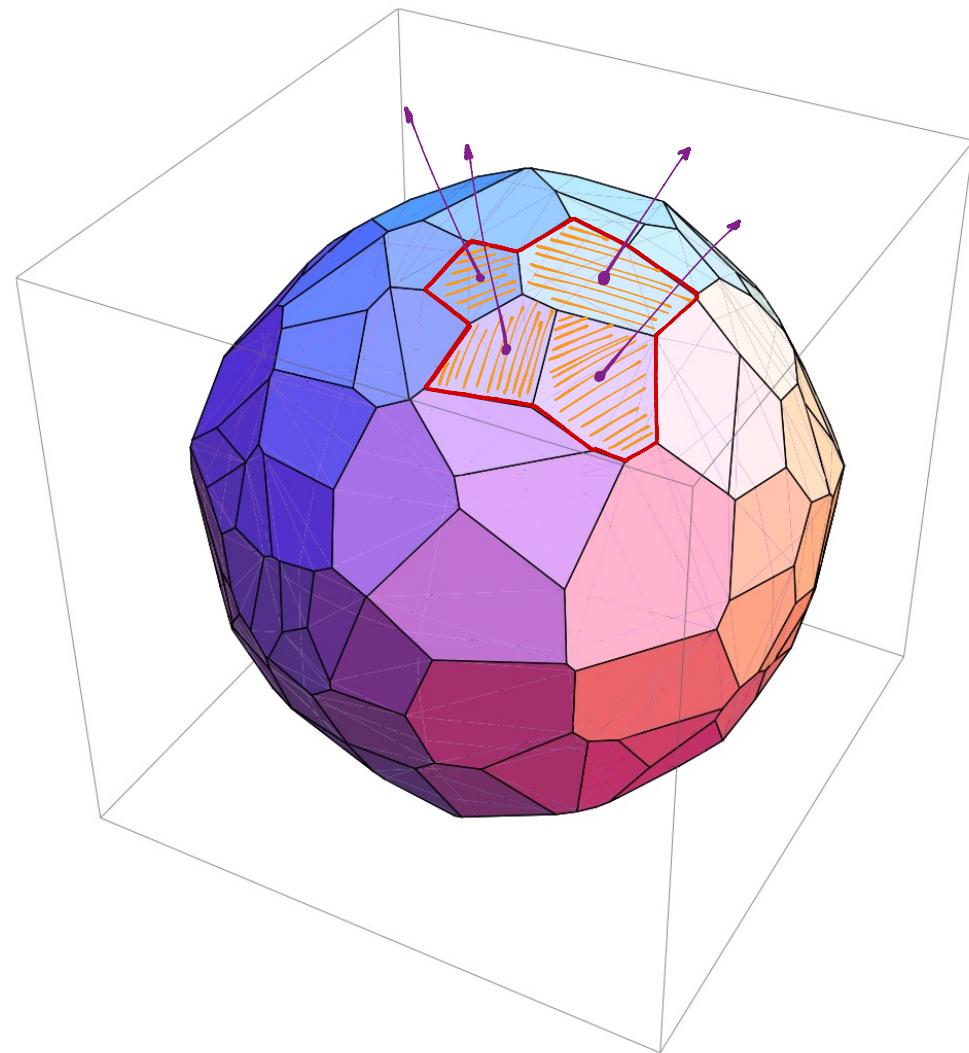
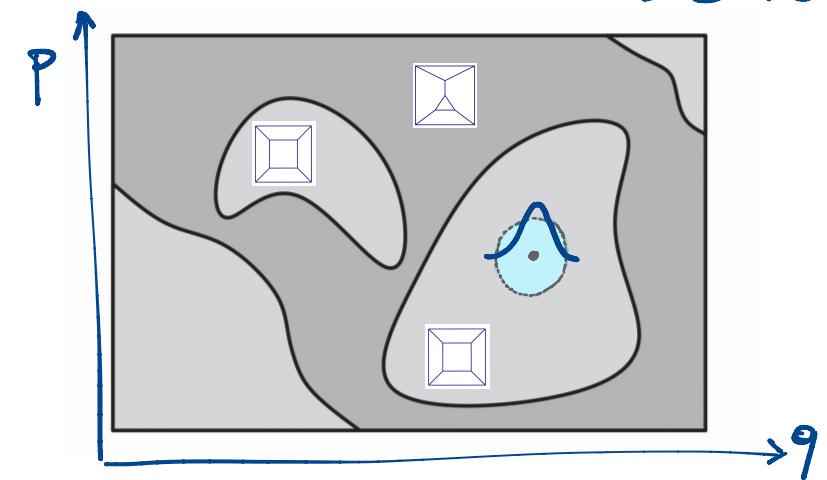
[3] [b] Coherent Polyhedron

[Livine-Speziale, PRD 2007]

$$|\{\vec{n}_1, \dots, \vec{n}_N\}\rangle = \int dg \left(U(g) |\frac{1}{2}, \vec{n}_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes U(g) |\frac{1}{2}, \vec{n}_N\rangle \right)$$

$$S_A(|\{\vec{n}_1, \dots, \vec{n}_N\}\rangle) \sim \frac{1}{2} \log N_A$$

sub extensive



- Peaked on a classical geometry
- Uncorrelated fluctuations

3 C Squeezed Polyhedron

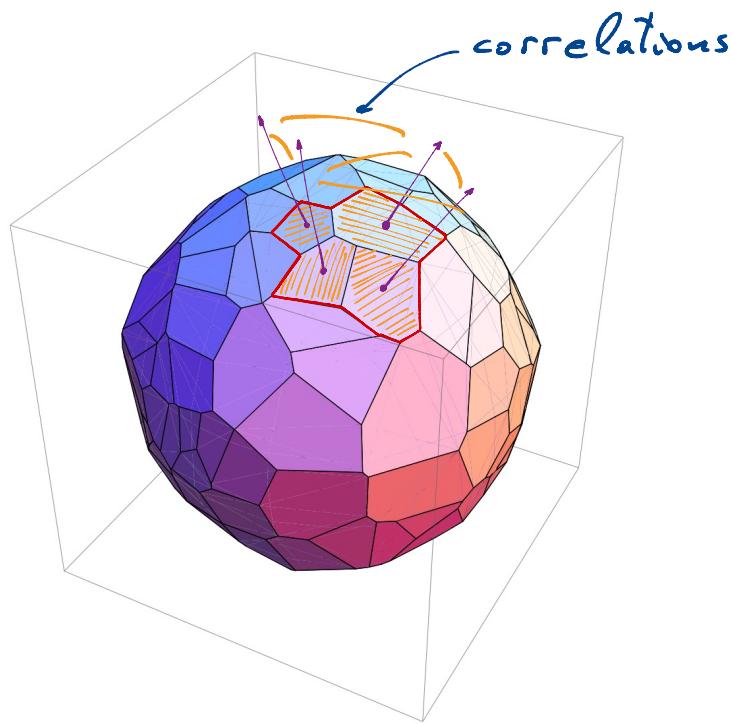
$$|\gamma\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Xi}} e^{\sum_{nm} \gamma^{nm} \epsilon_{AB} \hat{a}_n^A \hat{a}_m^B} |0\rangle$$

with γ^{nm} squeezing matrix
 → Adjacency matrix for correlations

$$S_A(|\gamma\rangle) \sim \sqrt{N_A} \quad \text{"Area Law"} \quad (\text{perimeter})$$

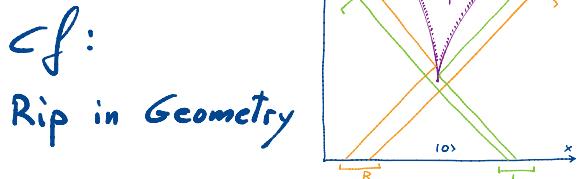
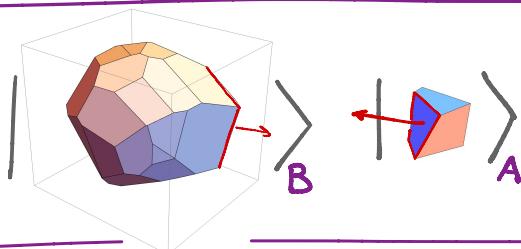
$$N \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Sphere + QFT perturbation}$$

$$\hat{h}_{ab} \sim \underline{h_{ab}^{cl}} + \underline{\delta h_{ab}}$$

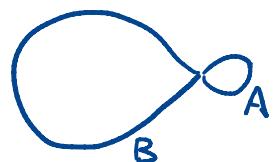


b) Zero-Law Polyhedron → Splits to two polyhedra

$$|\gamma^{nm}\rangle = |\gamma^{bb'}\rangle_B |\gamma^{aa'}\rangle_A =$$



and



$$\gamma^{nm} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{aa'} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{bb'} \end{pmatrix}$$

How do we define regions as local subsystems of a quantum polyhedron?

* Entanglement as a probe
of semiclassicality & locality

[EB-Myers CQG (2014)]

Two ingredients:

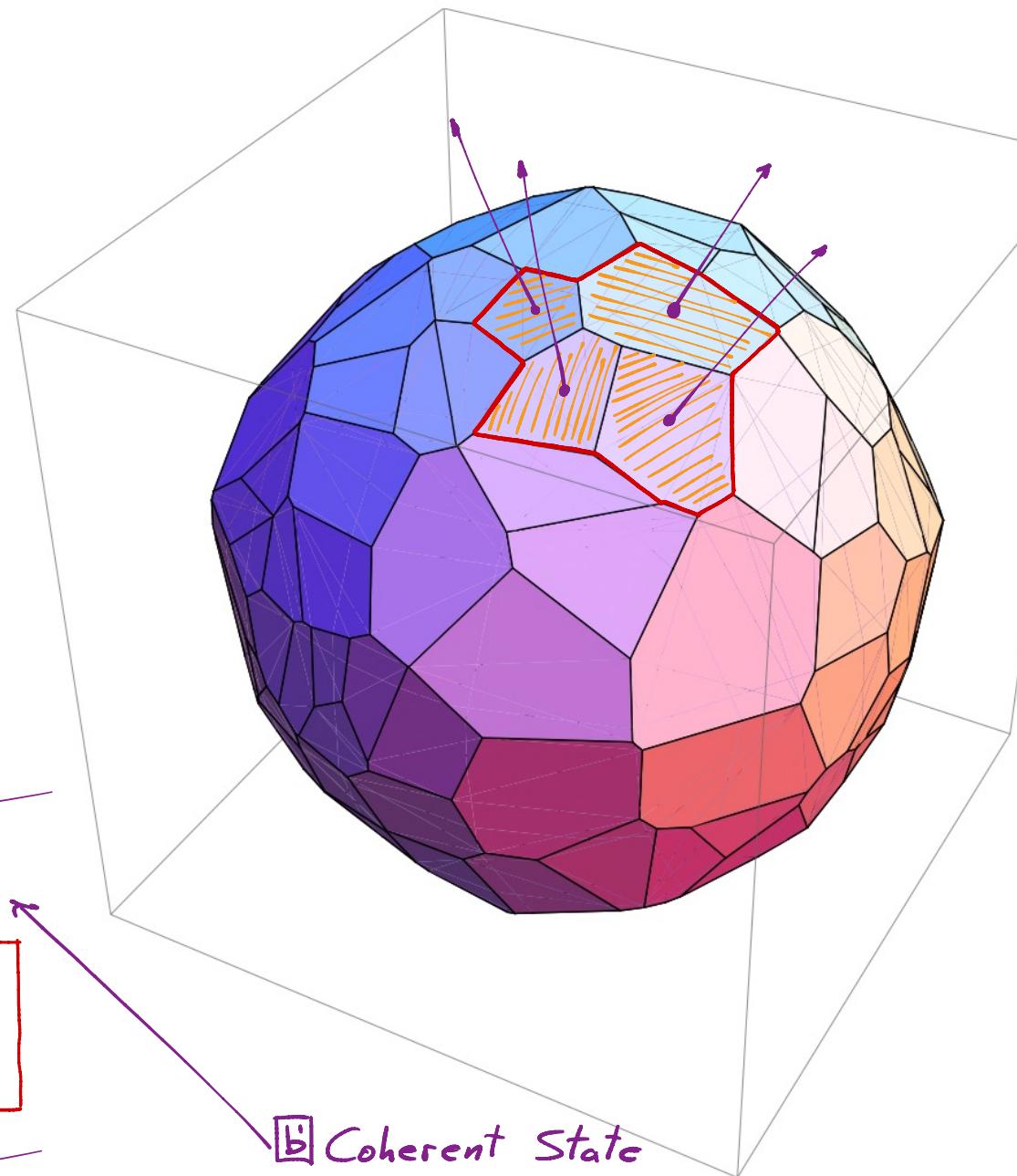
- State $| \Psi \rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{(0)}$
- G -local subalgebra
 $A = \{ \bar{S}_a \cdot \bar{S}_{a'} \mid a, a' = 1, \dots, N_A \}$

Requirement on $| \Psi \rangle$:

$$S_A(| \Psi \rangle) =$$

~ 1	zero law
$\sim (N_A)^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$	"Area" law <small>\rightarrow perimeter for $d=2$</small>
$\sim N_A$	"Volume" law

C

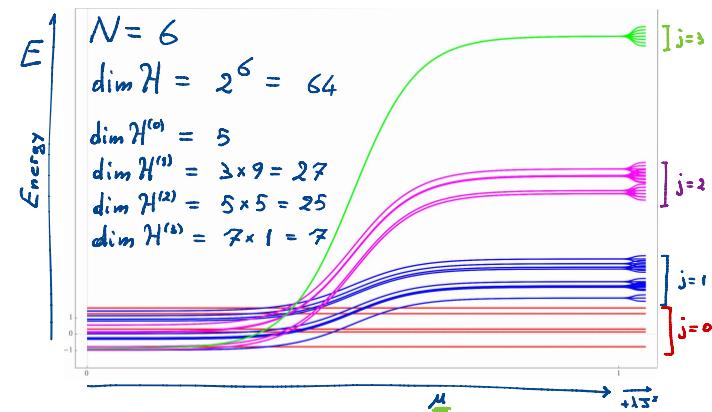


b Coherent State
a Random State

* \Rightarrow Parametrization of the semiclassical corner of the Hilbert space

Quantum Geometry : Regions and Symmetry-Resolved Entanglement

1 Symmetry-Resolved Entanglement in a Spin System



2 Quantum Geometry on S^2 : The Quantum Polyhedron

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha | \text{cube} \rangle + \beta | \text{polyhedron} \rangle$$

3 Regions & Entanglement Entropy in a Quantum Polyhedron

