

# ENTANGLEMENT EQUILIBRIUM IN HIGHER CURVATURE GRAVITY

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Entanglement Equilibrium

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Extension to Higher Curvature Gravity

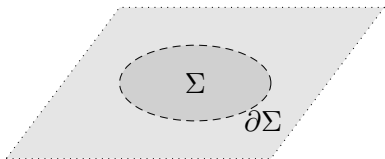
First Law of Thermodynamics

# ENTROPY = GRAVITY

- ❖ Black holes obey thermodynamic laws. *Hawking, Bekenstein, ...*
- ❖ Assuming thermodynamic laws implies gravity. *Jacobson*
- ❖ Bulk reconstruction using entanglement entropy in AdS/CFT *van Raamsdonk, Ryu, Takayanagi, ...*
- ❖ AdS is a tensor networks *Swingle, ...*
- ❖ Emergent gravity *Verlinde*
- ❖ Entanglement equilibrium implies the Einstein equation.  
*Jacobson*

# ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY OF A GEODESIC BALL

- ❖ We start in the vacuum of a QFT<sub>d</sub>.
- ❖ Consider the  $S_{EE}$  of a geodesic ball.
- ❖ Claim:  $S_{EE}$  is maximal for the vacuum.



# MAXIMAL VACUUM ENTANGLEMENT HYPOTHESIS

The Maximal Vacuum Entanglement Hypothesis (MVEH) for Einstein gravity states [Jacobson](#)

$$\delta S_{EE}|_V = 0.$$

The variation splits in a UV and IR part

$$\delta S_{EE} = \delta S_{UV} + \delta S_{IR}.$$

One can show that for Einstein gravity

$$\delta S_{UV}|_V \propto -\frac{G_{ab}}{4G}, \quad \delta S_{IR}|_V \propto 2\pi T_{ab}.$$

Thus the MVEH implies the Einstein equation

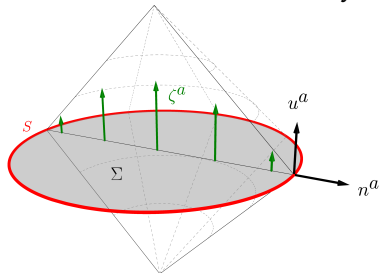
$$\boxed{G_{ab} = 8\pi G T_{ab}}$$

# WHY SHOULD ONE BELIEVE IN THE MVEH?

MVEH is a microscopic interpretation of the First Law of Diamond Mechanics (FLDM), the classical first order identity:

Iyer,Wald

$$\delta H_\zeta = \delta \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_\zeta,$$



where  $H_\zeta$  is the Hamiltonian generating evolution along the flow of the conformal killing vector  $\zeta$  and  $Q_\zeta$  is the Noether charge  $(d - 2)$ -form.

$\delta H_\zeta$  receives contributions from changes in the state  $|\psi\rangle$ , and the geometry  $g_{ab}$ , such that the FLDM reads

$$\delta H_\zeta^\psi + \delta H_\zeta^g - \delta \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_\zeta = 0.$$

## WHY KEEP THE VOLUME FIXED?

For pure Einstein gravity the expressions in the FLDM read

$$\delta H_{\zeta}^g = -\frac{1}{8\pi G} \frac{d-2}{\ell} \delta V = -\frac{1}{8\pi G} \frac{\partial A}{\partial V} \delta V,$$
$$\delta \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_{\zeta} = -\frac{1}{8\pi G} \delta A.$$

The FLDM then reads

$$\delta H_{\zeta}^{\psi} + \delta H_{\zeta}^g - \delta \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_{\zeta} = \delta H_{\zeta}^{\psi} + \frac{1}{8\pi G} \delta A|_V = 0.$$

Identifying  $2\pi\delta H_{\zeta}^{\psi} = \delta S_{\text{IR}}$  and  $\frac{\delta A}{4G} = \delta S_{\text{UV}}$ , we find the MVEH.

$$\boxed{\delta S_{EE}|_V = 0}$$

# HIGHER CURVATURE GRAVITY

What would the generalization to higher curvature gravity look like?

$$\delta S_{EE}|_V = 0 \Rightarrow \delta X|_Y = 0$$

A natural guess for the entropy is the Wald entropy

$$\delta S_{\text{Wald}}|_Y = 0.$$

But what is the generalization of volume?



## BACK TO FIRST LAW OF DIAMOND MECHANICS

What would the generalization to higher curvature gravity look like?

$$\delta H_{\zeta}^{\psi} + \delta H_{\zeta}^g - \delta \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_{\zeta} = 0.$$

Wald's formalism provides the extension to higher curvature gravity

$$\oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_{\zeta} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} S_{\text{Wald}}$$

$$S_{\text{Wald}} = -2\pi \int_{\partial\Sigma} dA E^{abcd} n_{ab} n_{cd}, \quad E^{abcd} \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial R_{abcd}},$$

$$\delta H_{\zeta}^g = -\frac{4}{\ell} \delta \int_{\Sigma} dV \left( E^{abcd} u_a u_d h_{bc} - E_0 \right) \equiv -\frac{d-2}{8\pi G\ell} \delta W$$

The generalization of volume is

$$W = \frac{1}{d-2} \int_{\Sigma} dV \frac{1}{E_0} (E^{abcd} u_a u_d h_{bc} - E_0),$$

# BACK TO ENTANGLEMENT EQUILIBRIUM

Can we still interpret the FLDM as a generalized MVEH?

$$\begin{aligned} \delta H_\zeta^\psi + \delta H_\zeta^g - \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_\zeta = \\ \delta H_\zeta^\psi + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \delta S_{\text{Wald}} - \frac{\partial S_{\text{Wald}}}{\partial W} \delta W \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

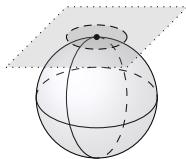
The generalized MVEH reads

$$\boxed{\delta S|_W = 0}$$

# RIEMANN NORMAL COORDINATES

We can extract the equations of motion from the FLDM using Riemann Normal Coordinates (RNC)

$$g_{ab}(x) = \eta_{ab} + \frac{1}{6}R_{acbd}(0)x^c x^d + \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$



Therefore a small variation around flat space is

$$\delta g_{ab}(x) = \frac{1}{6}R_{acbd}(0)x^c x^d + \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$

In a ball of radius  $\ell < L_c$  every spacetime looks locally like a variation around flat space.

# EXTRACTING THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION

Evaluating the FLDM with RNC in small geodesic balls leads to

$$\delta H_{\zeta}^{\psi} + \delta H_{\zeta}^g - \oint_{\partial\Sigma} Q_{\zeta} \propto u_a u_b \delta \mathcal{E}^{ab}(0) + \mathcal{O}(\ell^2).$$

We can extract the *linear* equations of motion for higher curvature gravity. Note that Jacobson found the *non-linear* Einstein equations in pure Einstein gravity.

# LINEARIZING EQUATIONS OF MOTION WITH RNC

Remember that the metric perturbation in RNC reads

$$\delta g_{ab}(x) = \frac{1}{6} R_{acbd}(0) x^c x^d + \mathcal{O}(x^3)$$

However, curvatures do not vanish for small balls

$$\delta R(x) = R(0) + \mathcal{O}(x)$$

Linearizing the Einstein tensor around flat space reads

$$\begin{aligned} \delta G_{ab}(x) &= \left( R_{ab}[0] - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ab} R[0] \right) + \mathcal{O}(x) \\ &= G_{ab}[0] + \mathcal{O}(x), \end{aligned}$$

while linearization of higher curvature terms vanishes

$$\delta(R^2) = 0 + \mathcal{O}(x) \Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{E}_{ab}(x) \neq \mathcal{E}_{ab}[0] + \mathcal{O}(x).$$

## FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS

The first law of thermodynamics reads

$$dU = -PdV + TdS,$$

where

$$T \equiv \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right) \Big|_V, \quad P \equiv - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right) \Big|_S = T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right) \Big|_U.$$

Thus the first law of thermodynamics can also be rewritten as

$$dU = T dS|_V,$$

which should remind you of the FLDM

$$\delta H_\zeta^\psi + \frac{1}{2\pi} \delta S_{\text{Wald}}|_W = 0.$$

The FLDM can be interpreted as a first law, identifying

$$H_\zeta^\psi = -U, \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} = T, \quad S_{\text{Wald}} = S, \quad W = V.$$

# CONCLUSION

- ❖ The Maximal Vacuum Entanglement Hypothesis (MVEH) provides new insights into the emergence of gravity.
- ❖ The MVEH is an interpretation of the First Law of Diamond Mechanics (FLDM).
- ❖ The FLDM and MVEH can be generalized to higher curvature gravity.
- ❖ Extracting the non-linear e.o.m. from the MVEH is special to pure Einstein gravity.
- ❖ The FLDM can alternatively be interpreted as a first law of thermodynamics.
- ❖ We propose a generalized volume for higher curvature gravity.

# OUTLOOK

- ❖ Can our generalized volume be applied to Complexity/Fidelity Susceptibility [Susskind, Brown/ Miyajia, Numasawaa, Shiba](#)
- ❖ Can we include non-conformal matter?
- ❖ What is the role of the cosmological constant?
- ❖ Include higher order corrections. Can this lead to the non-linear e.o.m. for higher curvature gravity?