

A Gravitational Twist to Quantum Entanglement

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- ▶ In this talk, focus is on how gravity could entangle two masses, provided gravity was quantum in nature.

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- ▶ Bose et al. (2022) uses a principle of quantum information theory, where local classical interactions cannot entangle particles.

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- ▶ LOQC therefore is “Local Operations and Quantum Communication”.

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- ▶ If mutual gravitational interaction between two masses entangles them, then the mediating gravitational field is necessarily quantum mechanical in nature.

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Mechanism for Gravitationally Induced Entanglement

- ▶ The Bose-Marletto-Vedral (BMV) experiment (Christodoulou & Rovelli, 2020) relies on two assumptions:
 1. The interaction between two masses is mediated only by a gravitational field (Bose et al., 2017), and
 2. Entanglement between two systems cannot be created by LOCC (Bose et al., 2017; Marletto & Vedral, 2017).
- ▶ Bose et al. (2022) further described a mechanism for gravity to entangle masses.
- ▶ They calculate a shift in the energy of the graviton vacuum due to the interaction.
- ▶ And subsequently a measure of entanglement called concurrence. (Hill & Wootters, 1997; Rungta et al., 2001)
- ▶ We further calculate Entanglement Entropy as another measure of entanglement for the same cases.

Induced Entanglement

- ▶ Consider two matter systems in harmonic traps separated by a distance d , and initial state $|\psi_i\rangle = |0\rangle_A|0\rangle_B$.
- ▶ Let the harmonic traps be in a superposition.



$$\hat{x}_A = -\frac{d}{2} + \delta\hat{x}_A, \quad \hat{x}_B = \frac{d}{2} + \delta\hat{x}_B,$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{matter}} = \frac{\hat{p}_A^2}{2m} + \frac{\hat{p}_B^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega_m^2}{2}\delta\hat{x}_A^2 + \frac{m\omega_m^2}{2}\delta\hat{x}_B^2,$$

$$\delta\hat{x}_A = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_m}}(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger), \quad \delta\hat{x}_B = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_m}}(\hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger),$$

$$\hat{p}_A = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar m\omega_m}{2}}(\hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger), \quad \hat{p}_B = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar m\omega_m}{2}}(\hat{b} - \hat{b}^\dagger),$$

Induced Entanglement

- ▶ Introduce a small interaction potential, λH_{AB} , and the perturbed final state is given by,

$$|\psi_f\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{n,N} C_{nN} |n\rangle |N\rangle,$$

where $\mathcal{N} = \sum_{n,N} |C_{nN}|^2$, $|n\rangle$ and $|N\rangle$ are numbered states.

- ▶ The coefficient of the unperturbed state is $C_{00} = 1$, and the remaining are given by (Bose et al., 2022),

$$C_{nN} = \lambda \frac{\langle n | \langle N | \hat{H}_{AB} | 0 \rangle | 0 \rangle}{2E_0 - E_n - E_N}$$

- ▶ If the interaction was classical, the remaining coefficients would be 0 due to orthogonality of $|n\rangle |N\rangle$ and $|0\rangle |0\rangle$.

Induced Entanglement

If we set $A_n \equiv C_{n0}$ and $B_N \equiv C_{0N}$, then we can write the perturbed state as (Balasubramanian et al., 2012; Bose et al., 2022),

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_f\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \left(|0\rangle|0\rangle + \sum_{n>0} A_n |n\rangle|0\rangle + \sum_{N>0} B_N |0\rangle|N\rangle + \sum_{n,N>0} C_{nN} |n\rangle|N\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \left(\left(|0\rangle + \sum_{n>0} A_n |n\rangle \right) \left(|0\rangle + \sum_{N>0} B_N |N\rangle \right) + \sum_{n,N>0} (C_{nN} - A_n B_N) |n\rangle|N\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The first term would yield a separable state, second an entangled state.
- ▶ It shows the stark difference between LOCC and LOQC.

Concurrence

- ▶ The density matrix for the system is given by

$$\hat{\rho}_A = \sum_{N_B} \langle N_B | \psi_f \rangle \langle \psi_f | N_B \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{n,n',N} C_{nN} C_{n'N}^* |n\rangle \langle n'|$$

(Bose et al., 2022)

- ▶ Thus the concurrence can be calculated by

$$C \equiv \sqrt{2(1 - \text{tr}[\hat{\rho}_A^2])}$$

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$$C = \sqrt{2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}^2} \sum_{n,n',N,N'} C_{nN} C_{n'N}^* C_{n'N'} C_{nN'}^* \right)}$$

- ▶ For an unentangled system, $C = 0$, and $\sqrt{2}$ for a maximally entangled system³.

³with an infinite dimensional Hilbert Space

Entanglement Entropy

- ▶ Another measurement of the degree of entanglement is the von Neumann Entanglement Entropy (Balasubramanian et al., 2012; Marshman et al., 2020; Brahma et al., 2020).



$$\mathcal{S}(\hat{\rho}_A) = -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_A \log \hat{\rho}_A)$$

- ▶ This can be calculated relatively easily by calculating the logarithm of the density operator, which is diagonalizable.
- ▶ We have seen that quantum interactions induce entanglement, and that Concurrence and Entanglement Entropy.

Linearization of Gravity

- ▶ Now that we know quantum interactions induce entanglement, we want to substitute the general quantum interaction with a quantum gravitational interaction.
- ▶ To do that, we must first understand how gravity is quantized.
- ▶ And to do that, we must understand how Einstein's Field Equations can be linearized.

Linearization of Gravity

- ▶ Follow the same procedure as Gupta (1952), with minor modifications.
- ▶ Consider the Einstein Field Equations, $R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}\kappa^2 T^{\mu\nu}$.
- ▶ Covariant divergence of the Stress-Energy tensor is 0, so we can write a Stress-Energy tensor *density* $\mathfrak{T}^{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu}$ (where g is the determinant of the metric).



$$\frac{\partial \mathfrak{T}^\nu_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{T}^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\mu} = 0.$$

- ▶ Define Stress-Energy *pseudo-tensor density* (Gupta, 1952) for the gravitational field, satisfying the equation,

$$\frac{\partial t^\nu_\mu}{\partial x^\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{T}^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^\mu}.$$

- ▶ Then the conservation of stress-energy tensor can be written as,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} (\mathfrak{T}^\nu_\mu + t^\nu_\mu) = 0$$

Linearization of Gravity

- ▶ Following Gupta (1952) and Einstein (1918) we can obtain a linear approximation for the field by considering small perturbations $h_{\mu\nu}$.



$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu},$$

where $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, +1, +1, +1)$.

- ▶ It is also convenient to decompose $h_{\mu\nu}$ as $h_{\mu\nu} = \gamma_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}\gamma$, where $\gamma = \gamma_{\lambda\lambda}$.
- ▶ Choose coordinate/supplementary conditions given by (Gupta, 1952),

$$\frac{\partial h_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_{\lambda\lambda}}{\partial x_\mu} = 0$$

Linearization of Gravity

- ▶ Thus, simplifying the Einstein equations with these constraints, we get,

$$\frac{\partial t_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\nu} = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\nu\lambda}}{\partial x_\mu} T_{\nu\lambda} - \frac{\kappa^2}{4} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x_\mu} T_{\nu\nu}$$

$$\frac{\partial \gamma_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\nu} = 0$$

$$\square^2 \gamma_{\mu\nu} = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$$

- ▶ These are only valid in a first order approximation.
- ▶ One can now find the Hamiltonian density by solving for $t_{\mu\nu}$ and calculating t_{00} .
- ▶

$$H = t_{00} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \gamma_{\lambda\rho}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\lambda\rho}}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\rho\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \gamma_{\lambda\rho}}{\partial x_\sigma} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\lambda\rho}}{\partial x_\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x_\sigma} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\rho\rho}}{\partial x_\sigma} \right) \right]$$

Canonical Quantization

- ▶ Now that we have the Hamiltonian, we can proceed to do a canonical quantization, again following Gupta (1952).
- ▶ The Lagrangian Density is given by,

$$L = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial \gamma_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x_\lambda} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x_\lambda} \right)$$

- ▶ We can calculate the canonical conjugate of $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ and γ using,

$$\pi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial \gamma_{\mu\nu} / \partial t)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \gamma_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t}$$

$$\pi = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial \gamma / \partial t)} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial t}$$

Canonical Quantization

- ▶ The ETCRs are found to be,

$$[\gamma_{\mu\nu}(x), \pi_{\lambda\rho}(x')] = i(\eta_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\rho} + \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\lambda})\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'),$$

$$[\gamma(x), \pi(x')] = -4i\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}').$$

- ▶ The perturbations can be written in an operator valued form (Bose et al., 2022),

$$\hat{h}_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{A} \int d\mathbf{k} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{\mathbf{k}}(2\pi)^3}} (\hat{P}_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \text{h.c.}),$$

where \mathbf{k} is the three-vector, $d\mathbf{k} \equiv d^3k$.

- ▶ $\hat{P}_{\mu\nu}$ & $\hat{P}_{\mu\nu}^\dagger$ are the graviton annihilation and the creation operators, and $\mathcal{A} = \sqrt{16\pi G/c^2}$.

Canonical Quantization

- ▶ Thus we get an on-shell spin-2 graviton through $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ and an off-shell spin-0 graviton through γ given by,

$$\hat{\gamma}_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{A} \int d\mathbf{k} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_k(2\pi)^3}} (\hat{P}_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \hat{P}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}),$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = 2\mathcal{A} \int d\mathbf{k} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_k(2\pi)^3}} (\hat{P}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \hat{P}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}).$$

- ▶ The ETCRs for the mode operators are,

$$[\hat{P}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}), \hat{P}_{\lambda\rho}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')] = (\eta_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\rho} + \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\lambda})\delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}'),$$

$$[\hat{P}(\mathbf{k}), \hat{P}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')] = -\delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}').$$

- ▶ Finally, the graviton vacuum energy is given by,

$$\hat{H}_g = \int d\mathbf{k} \hbar\omega_k \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{P}_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{P}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k}) - \hat{P}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \hat{P}(\mathbf{k}) \right).$$

Quantum Gravitational Interaction



$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{h}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{T}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{r})$$

- ▶ The first order contribution to the shift in energy is zero, i.e. $\langle 0 | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | 0 \rangle = 0$.
- ▶ Thus the shift in the graviton vacuum energy is given by the second order perturbation theory,

$$\Delta \hat{H}_g \equiv \sum \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | \mathbf{k} \rangle \langle \mathbf{k} | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | 0 \rangle}{E_0 - E_{\mathbf{k}}}.$$

- ▶ The sum indicates summation over all one particle projectors $|\mathbf{k}\rangle\langle\mathbf{k}|$, and $E_{\mathbf{k}} = E_0 + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$.
- ▶ This defines the quantum gravitational interaction and now we can find the induced entanglement.

Entanglement in Static Limit

- ▶ In this case, stress energy tensor is

$$\hat{T}_{00}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv mc^2(\delta(\mathbf{r} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_A) + \delta(\mathbf{r} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_B))$$

(Bose et al., 2022). This is the non-relativistic limit.



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{int}} = & -\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \mathcal{A} \int d\mathbf{k}' \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{k'}(2\pi)^3}} \left(\hat{P}_{00}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') e^{-i\mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{r}} \right. \\ & \left. + \hat{P}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') e^{-i\mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{r}} + \text{H.c.} \right) \hat{T}_{00}(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The shift in the graviton vacuum energy in this case is then given by,

$$\Delta \hat{H}_g \equiv \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{\langle 0 | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | \mathbf{k} \rangle \langle \mathbf{k} | \hat{H}_{\text{int}} | 0 \rangle}{E_0 - E_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

- ▶ $|\mathbf{k}\rangle = (\hat{P}_{00}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) + \hat{P}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}))|0\rangle$ is the one particle state constructed in the unperturbed background, $E_{\mathbf{k}} = E_0 + \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$

Entanglement in Static Limit

- ▶ Thus, we get,

$$\Delta \hat{H}_g = -\frac{Gm^2}{|\hat{x}_a - \hat{x}_b|}.$$

- ▶ This is the Newtonian potential!
- ▶ The lowest order interaction term is $\hat{H}_{AB} = \frac{2Gm^2}{d^3} \delta \hat{x}_A \delta \hat{x}_B$
- ▶ The final state is given by,

$$|\psi_f\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\mathfrak{g}/(2\omega_m))^2}} [|0\rangle|0\rangle - \frac{\mathfrak{g}}{2\omega_m} |1\rangle|1\rangle].$$

- ▶ Where we define the coupling, \mathfrak{g} , as, $\mathfrak{g} = \frac{Gm}{d^3\omega_m}$.
- ▶ Thus, the concurrence is given by,

$$C = \frac{Gm}{d^3\omega_m^2}$$

Entanglement in Non-Static Case

- ▶ In this case, stress energy tensor once again given by the interaction Hamiltonian, but is more complicated since the system is no longer static.
- ▶ Specifically, we consider two particles in QHOs moving along the x -axis such that the only non-zero components of $T_{\mu\nu}$ are given by T_{00} , $T_{01} = T_{10}$, and T_{11} .
- ▶ Following the exact same method as in the previous case, we get that the shift in the graviton vacuum energy in this case is then given by,

$$\Delta\hat{H}_g = -\frac{Gm^2}{|\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B|} - \frac{G(3\hat{p}_A^2 - 8\hat{p}_A\hat{p}_B + 3\hat{p}_B^2)}{2c^2|\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B|} - \frac{G(5\hat{p}_A^4 - 18\hat{p}_A^2\hat{p}_B^2 + 5\hat{p}_B^4)}{8c^4m^2|\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B|}$$

- ▶ There are now relativistic corrections to the Newtonian potential.
- ▶ Let us term them “Correction-1” and “Correction-2”.

Correction-1

- ▶ The lowest order interaction term in this correction is given by,

$$\hat{H}_{AB} \approx \frac{4G\hat{p}_A\hat{p}_B}{c^2d} + \dots$$

- ▶ The final state can now be calculated to be,

$$|\psi_f\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\mathfrak{g}/(2\omega_m))^2}} [|0\rangle|0\rangle + \frac{\mathfrak{g}}{2\omega_m} |1\rangle|1\rangle].$$

- ▶ Where the coupling is, $\mathfrak{g} = \frac{2Gm\omega_m}{c^2d}$.
- ▶ The concurrence for this correction then is

$$C = \frac{2Gm}{c^2d}.$$

Correction-2

- ▶ The lowest order interaction term in this correction is given by,

$$\hat{H}_{AB} \approx \frac{9G\hat{p}_A^2\hat{p}_B^2}{4c^4m^2d} + \dots$$

- ▶ The final state can now be calculated to be,

$$|\psi_f\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (\mathfrak{g}/(2\omega_m))^2}} [|0\rangle|0\rangle - \frac{\mathfrak{g}}{2\omega_m} |2\rangle|2\rangle].$$

- ▶ Where the coupling is, $\mathfrak{g} = \frac{9G\hbar\omega_m^2}{16c^4d}$.
- ▶ The concurrence for this correction then is

$$C = \frac{9G\hbar\omega_m}{16c^4d}.$$

Calculation of Entanglement Entropy

- ▶ Each of the previous cases has similar final state and a common expression for the density matrix as a function of the coupling.
- ▶ If we were to define $\xi = \frac{g}{2\omega_m}$, then the density matrix for each case is given by,

$$\rho_A(\xi(g)) = \frac{1}{1 + \xi^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

- ▶ Common expression for the entanglement entropy,

$$\mathcal{S}(\rho_A(g)) = \log \left(1 + \left(\frac{g}{2\omega_m} \right)^2 \right) - \frac{2 \left(\frac{g}{2\omega_m} \right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{g}{2\omega_m} \right)^2} \log \left(\frac{g}{2\omega_m} \right).$$

- ▶ We can further approximate this to be,

$$\mathcal{S}_A \approx \xi^2 \left((1 - 2 \log(\xi)) \right) + \xi^4 \left(2 \log(\xi) - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\xi^6),$$

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- ▶ Thus we can now simply plug in the coupling for each case, and get the entanglement entropy.

- ▶ Static case:

$$S_A \approx \left(\frac{Gm}{2d^3\omega_m^2}\right)^2 \left(1 - 2\log\left(\frac{Gm}{2d^3\omega_m^2}\right)\right) + \left(\frac{Gm}{2d^3\omega_m^2}\right)^4 \left(2\log\left(\frac{Gm}{2d^3\omega_m^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

- ▶ Non-static Correction-1:

$$S_A \approx \left(\frac{Gm}{c^2d}\right)^2 \left(1 - 2\log\left(\frac{Gm}{c^2d}\right)\right) + \left(\frac{Gm}{c^2d}\right)^4 \left(2\log\left(\frac{Gm}{c^2d}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

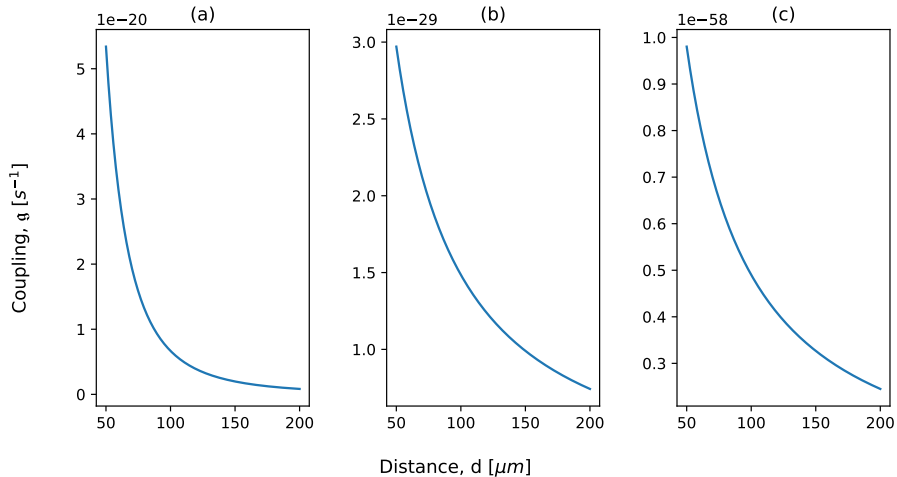
- ▶ Non-Static Correction-2:

$$S_A \approx \left(\frac{9G\hbar\omega_m}{32c^4d}\right)^2 \left(1 - 2\log\left(\frac{9G\hbar\omega_m}{32c^4d}\right)\right) + \left(\frac{9G\hbar\omega_m}{32c^4d}\right)^4 \left(2\log\left(\frac{9G\hbar\omega_m}{32c^4d}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Comparisons

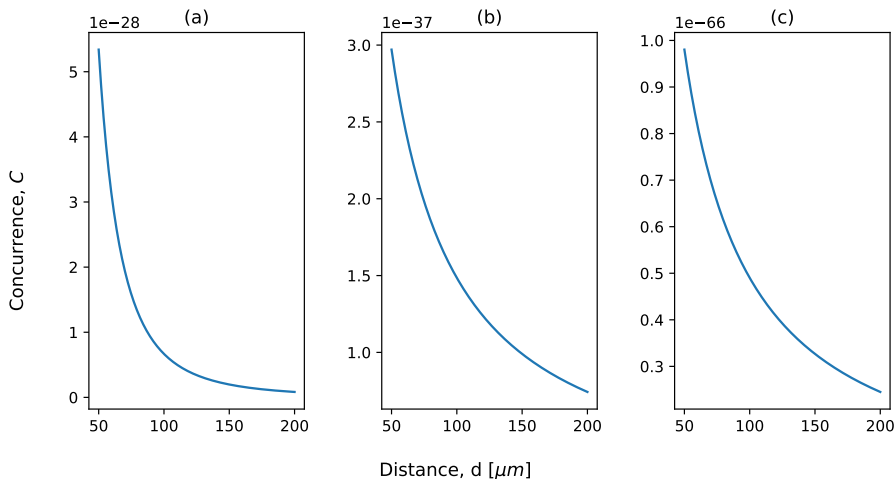
- ▶ Both Concurrence and Entanglement Entropy have non-zero positive values for each case.
- ▶ Expressions for Coupling, Concurrence and Entanglement Entropy easier to understand with a visualisation.
- ▶ Take mass as 10^{-14} Kg, and $\omega_m = 10^8$ Hz as fixed. Then we can plot the quantities against distance.

Comparisons



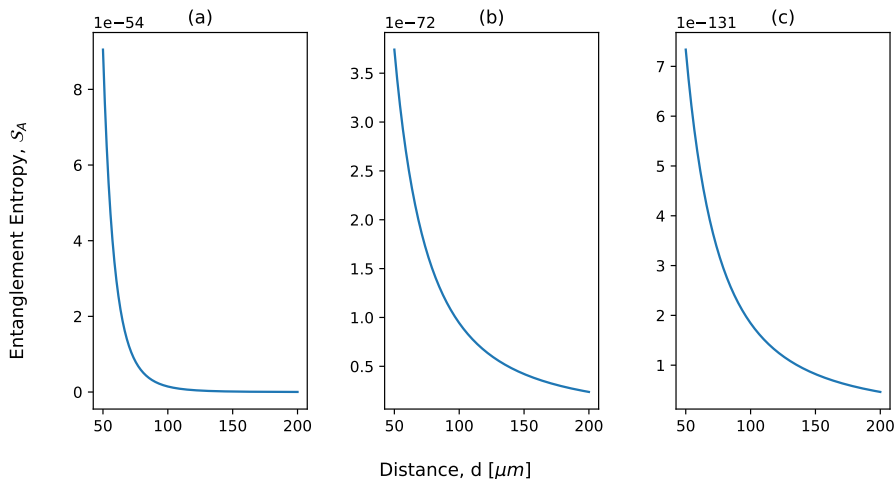
Comparison of Coupling for Different Cases: (a) Static Case; (b) Non-static Correction 1 (c) Non Static Correction 2

Comparisons



Comparison of Concurrence for Different Cases: (a) Static Case; (b) Non-static Correction 1
(c) Non Static Correction 2

Comparisons



Comparison of Entanglement Entropy for Different Cases: (a) Static Case; (b) Non-static Correction 1 (c) Non Static Correction 2

Summary

- ▶ We have talked about the recent table-top experiments to probe the quantum nature of gravity.
- ▶ We then talked about how Entanglement can be used to determine if gravity is a quantum entity.
- ▶ Next, we explored how entanglement is induced by quantum interactions.
- ▶ Then, in order to use a quantum gravitational interaction, we saw how gravity can be linearized and then quantized.
- ▶ We then calculated the shift in the graviton vacuum energy for an interaction between two particles in different cases, static and non-static.
- ▶ We finally calculated the two measures of entanglement, Concurrence and Entanglement Entropy.
- ▶ For each case, they yielded non-zero positive values. Thus, if gravity is a quantum entity, we can detect entanglement between two particles.

Conclusion

- ▶ Quantum entanglement can be used to confirm that gravity indeed is a quantum entity!
- ▶ This can be verified using table-top experiments.
- ▶ If classical interactions cannot entangle masses, and gravity does entangle masses, then gravity must be quantum natured. (Bose et al., 2017; Marletto & Vedral, 2017)
- ▶ This study was mainly done using a flat background spacetime. It will be interesting to see the results of these calculations done on a curved spacetime.
- ▶ Results on deSitter spacetime particularly interesting due to cosmological reasons.

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