

# Explorations in entanglement and black holes

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# EINSTEIN ATTACKS QUANTUM THEORY

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Scientist and Two Colleagues  
Find It Is Not 'Complete'  
Even Though 'Correct.'

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SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

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NYT headline, May 4, 1935

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$|\Psi_2\rangle$  is an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) pair

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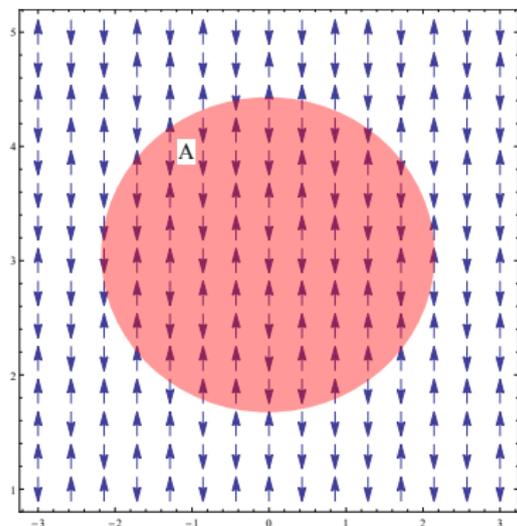
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Example: Two-spin system  $|\Psi_2\rangle$

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# Entanglement in field theory

Lattice system  $\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_i \mathcal{H}_i$



Ground state (or low-lying)

$$S_{EE}(A) \sim \# \text{ links cut by } \partial A + \dots$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{L}{\epsilon}\right)^{d-2} + \dots$$

$$\sim \log \frac{L}{\epsilon} + \dots \quad (\text{in } d = 2)$$

Bombelli, Koul, Lee, ... '86

**Important**

$$\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \implies S_{EE}(A) \rightarrow \infty$$

It is possible to remove the UV singularities consistently in the  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit

# Renormalized entanglement entropy

Example: critical models  $d = 2$



$$S(A) = \frac{c}{3} \log \left( \frac{R}{\epsilon} \right) + \dots$$

Calabrese, Cardy, '04

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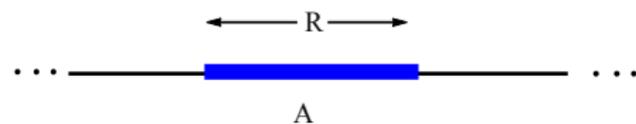
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Entangling region  $S^{d-1}$

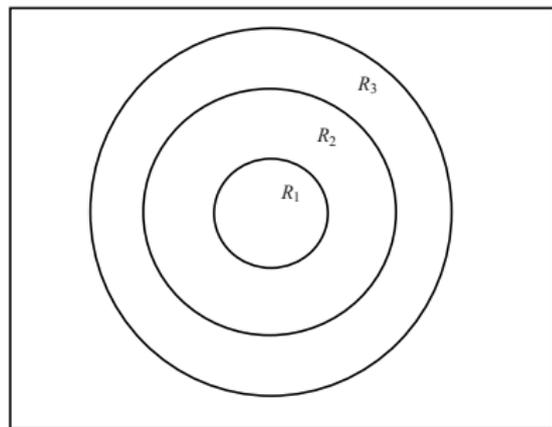
In a CFT  $\mathcal{S} = \text{const}$

Under RG-flow

$$\mathcal{S}(R_1) > \mathcal{S}(R_2) > \mathcal{S}(R_3)$$

It provides a "c-function" !!

$$\partial_R \mathcal{S} < 0$$



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Relates naturally to QFT monotonicity theorems: the c-theorem (Zamolodchikov '86), a-theorem (Schwimmer, Komargodski '11) and F-theorem (Klebanov et al '13).

# The Ryu-Takayanagi prescription

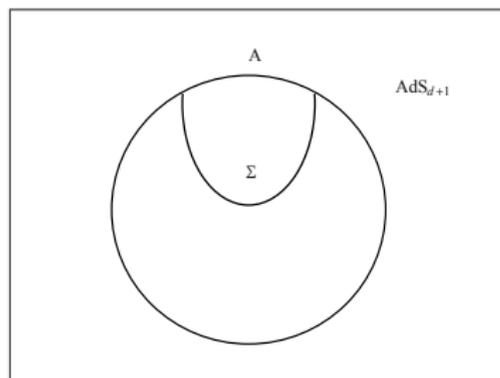
Field Theory dual to EH

State  $\leftrightarrow$  static space-time

$$S_{EE} = \frac{1}{4G} \min_{\Sigma} \text{Area}(\Sigma)$$

$\Sigma$  co-dimension 2,  $\partial\Sigma = \partial A$

Ryu, Takayanagi '06



The RT formula passes many tests

1. Reproduces replica computations, [Lewkowycz, Maldacena '13](#)
2. Obeys basic properties of EE, e.g SSA,... [Headrick, Takayanagi '07](#)
3. BTZ yields Calabrese-Cardy [Ryu, Takayanagi '06](#)
4. Covariant version [Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi '07](#)

# REE for BPS black objects

A. Bhattacharyya, S. Haque and AV-O '14

# $\mathcal{N} = 2$ gSUGRA in a nutshell

Lagrangian in 4d and 5d

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} R - G_{i\bar{j}} \partial_\mu \phi^i \partial^\mu \bar{\phi}^{\bar{j}} + \frac{1}{4} \Im \mathcal{N}_{IJ} F_{\mu\nu}^I F^{J\mu\nu} - g^2 V_F(\phi, \bar{\phi})$$

- ▶ The field content is:
  - ▶ Dynamical metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$  two derivative EH
  - ▶ Complex scalar fields (Moduli)  $\phi^i$   $i = 1, \dots, n_V$
  - ▶ Abelian gauge fields  $A_\mu^I$   $I = 1, \dots, n_V + 1$
- ▶ Structure determined by holomorphic prepotential:
  - ▶  $G_{i\bar{j}}$  is a special Kähler metric.
  - ▶  $\mathcal{N}_{IJ}$  scalar dependent gauge couplings.
  - ▶  $V_F(\phi, \bar{\phi})$  flux potential.

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Period vector and symplectic transformations

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{pmatrix} X^I \\ F_I \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{X}^I \\ \tilde{F}_I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U & Z \\ W & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X^I \\ F_I \end{pmatrix}$$

Prepotential and structure constants

$$F = -c_{ijk} \frac{X^i X^j X^k}{X^0} \equiv -c_{ijk} (X^0)^2 \phi^i \phi^j \phi^k$$

Charges and FI gaugings

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} P^I \\ Q_I \end{pmatrix} \quad G = \begin{pmatrix} h^I \\ h_I \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions with symplectically related vectors are physically equivalent

# $\frac{1}{4}$ -BPS black objects

AdS Black solutions  $\longleftrightarrow$  Purely algebraic problem

$$ds^2 = -a(r)^2 dt^2 + a(r)^{-2} dr^2 + b(r) d\Omega_k \quad k = 0, \pm 1$$

Everything written with **symplectic invariant**

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Halmagyi, Katmadas 2014

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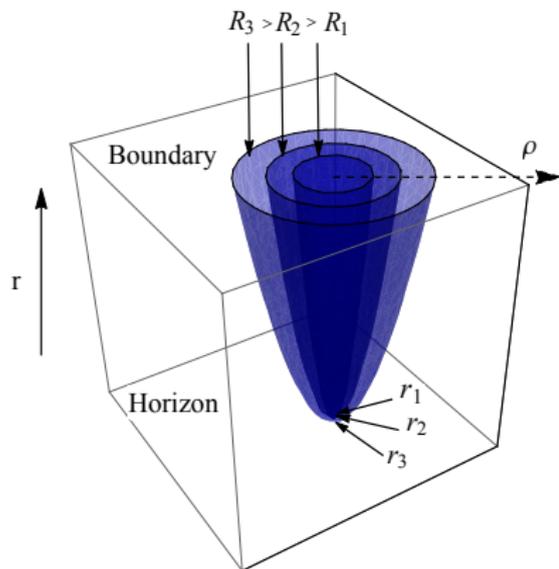
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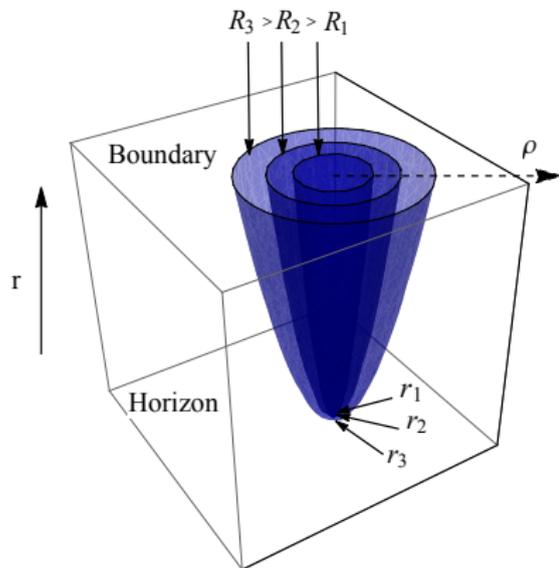
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**BPS Black holes:** It is quite a complicated equation!!

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What seems a curse is a blessing

Depth into the bulk  $\longleftrightarrow$  Entangling disk radius

Very handy to relate EE and RG

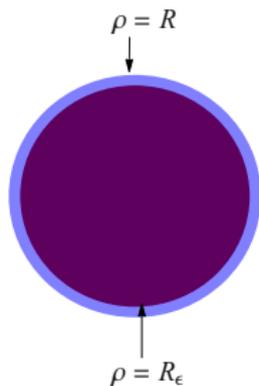
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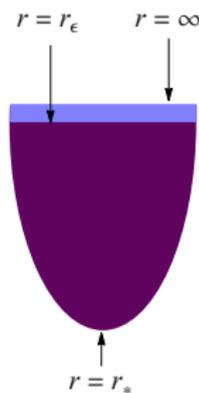
Area needs to be regulated

Bulk  $r < r_\epsilon$ ,  $\frac{l_4}{b(r_\epsilon)} = \epsilon$

Boundary  $\rho < R_\epsilon$ ,  $\frac{l_4}{b(\tilde{r}(R_\epsilon))} = \epsilon$



Boundary



Bulk

Construct a function  $S^{(\text{reg})}(R, \epsilon) = \int_0^{R_\epsilon} d\rho \mathcal{A}(R, \rho)$

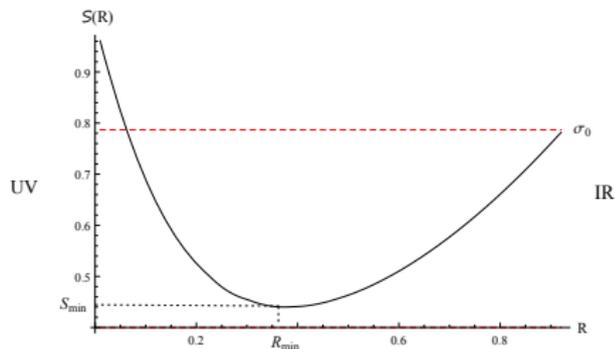
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Intuitive field theory picture

Black objects  $\longleftrightarrow$  Mixed density matrix

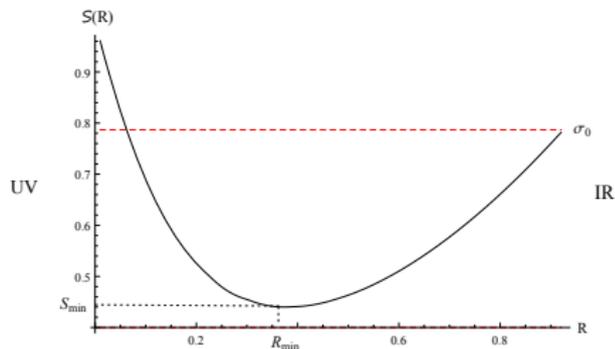
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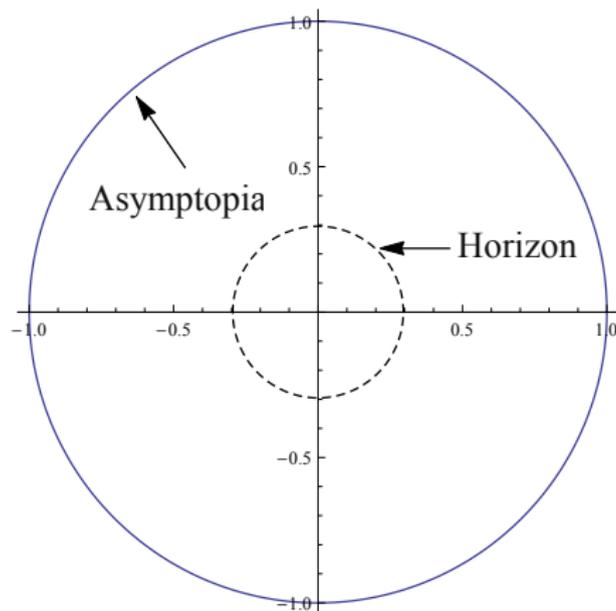


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$\rho_A \approx$  Decoherence + Black object degeneracy

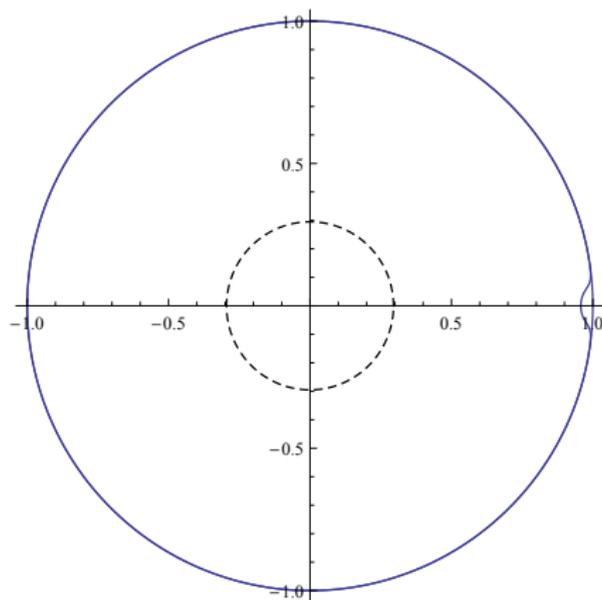
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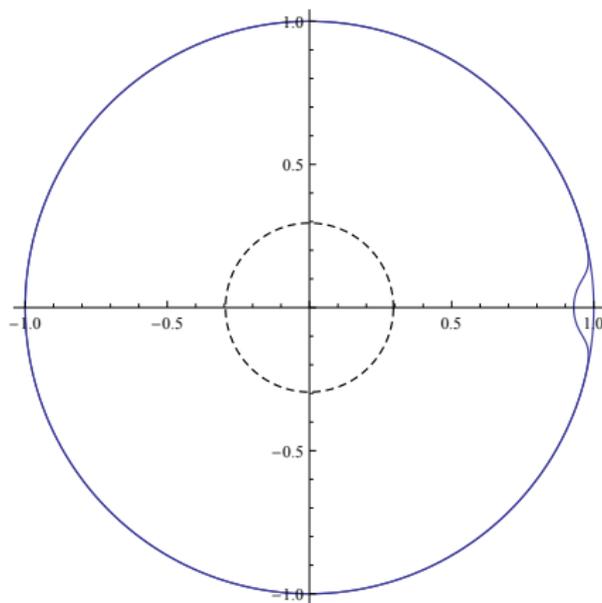
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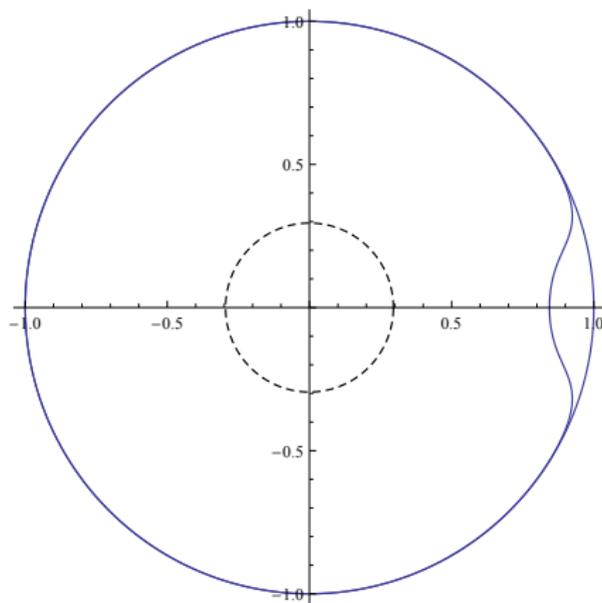
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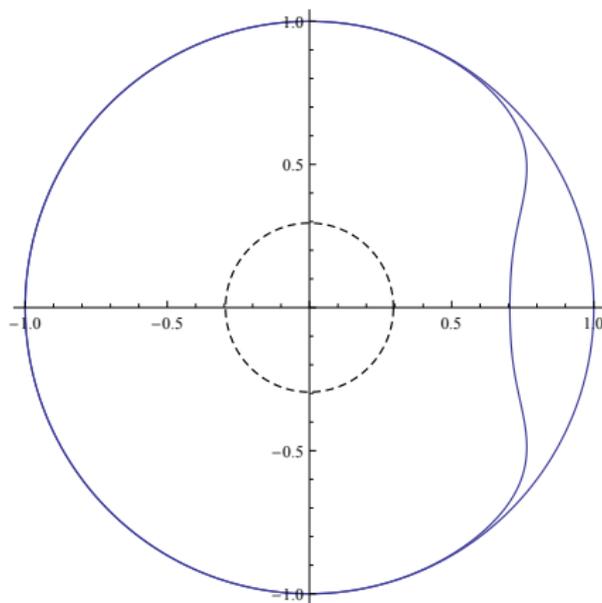
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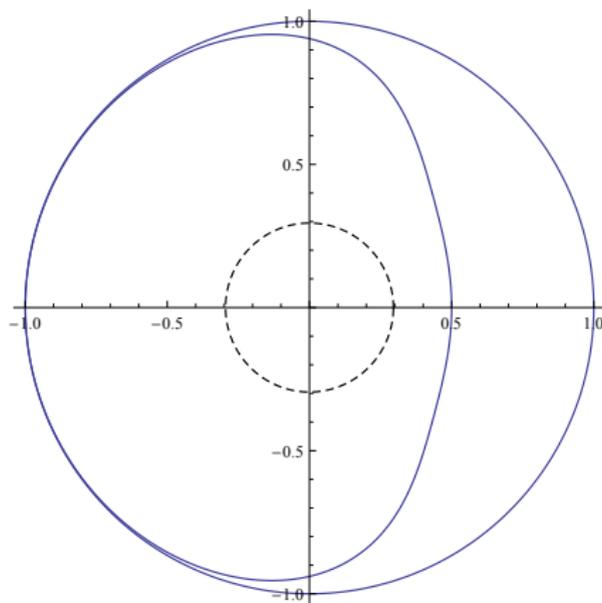
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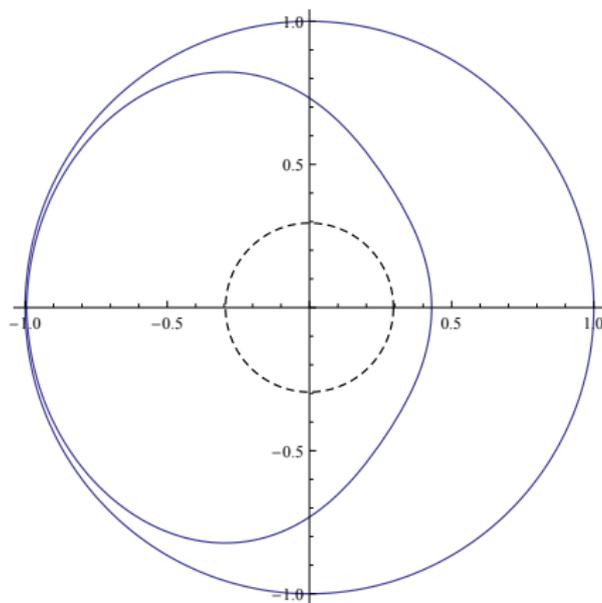
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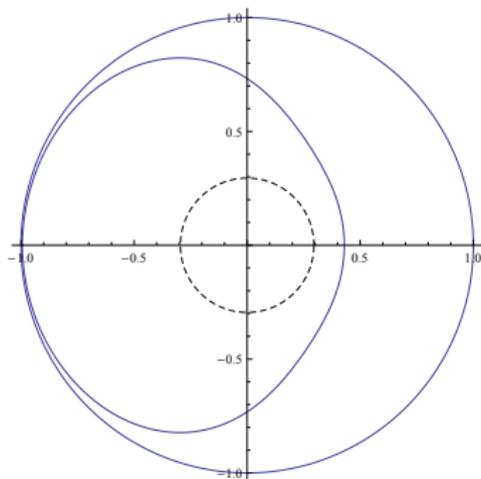


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REE is monotonically decreasing up to a scale set  
by symplectic combinations of charge/FI

$\mathcal{S}_{min}$  depends only upon the NH  $AdS_2$  radius



# Epilogue

Ongoing projects

REE for microstate geometries

S. Haque, V. Jejjala and AV-O

REE for AFlat black holes

S. M. Hosseini and AV-O



Thank you for your attention!!