

# QFT/Strings panel discussion



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FLDSTRDUAL: Field theory dualities from string dualities



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HCFT: Holographic conformal field theories



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SSFTBM: Solving super-conformal field theories by bootstrap methods



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EFTforBSM: Guiding the search for new fundamental physics with field theory techniques



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DONAGT: Constructing novel defect operators in non-abelian gauge theory

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Main discussion (10 mins per fellow)
- 3) General discussion

Please ask questions at any time by either raising a hand, or writing in the chat.



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# FLDSTRDUAL

use dualities

(same physics, two different descriptions,  
one is calculable, other isn't)

to prove / derive new dualities



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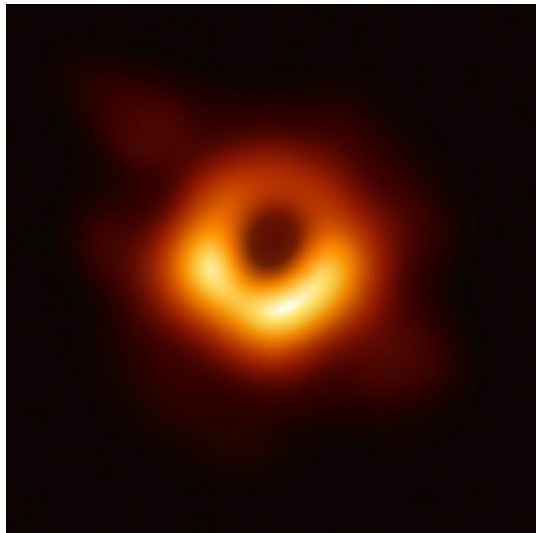
Target:

Weapon:

very powerful: explore otherwise-inaccessible physical observables

Target:

black hole microstates



Weapon:

field theory (CFT)  
'generating function'

$$\oint \prod_i \frac{dz_i}{2\pi i z_i} e^{N_c^2 S_{\text{eff}}}$$



matter & gauge in 3d  
(minimal to no susy)

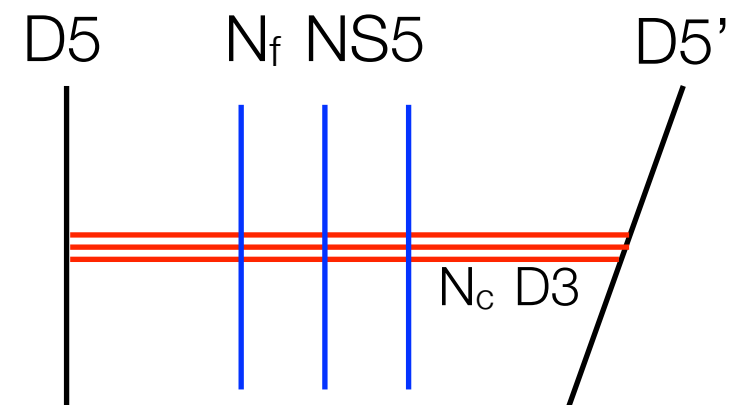
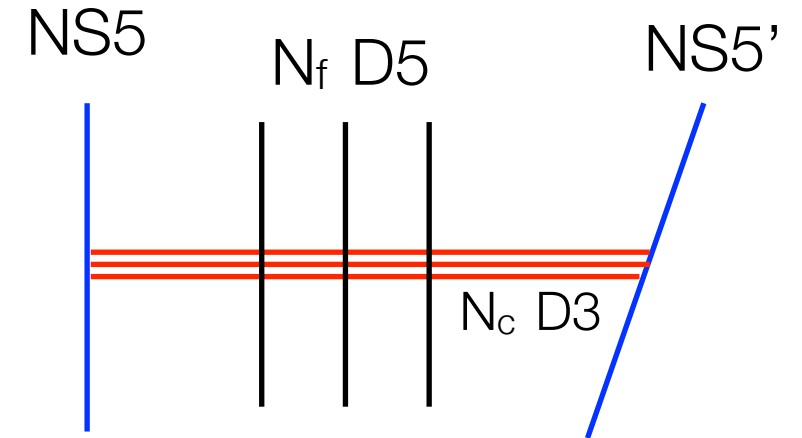


string theory

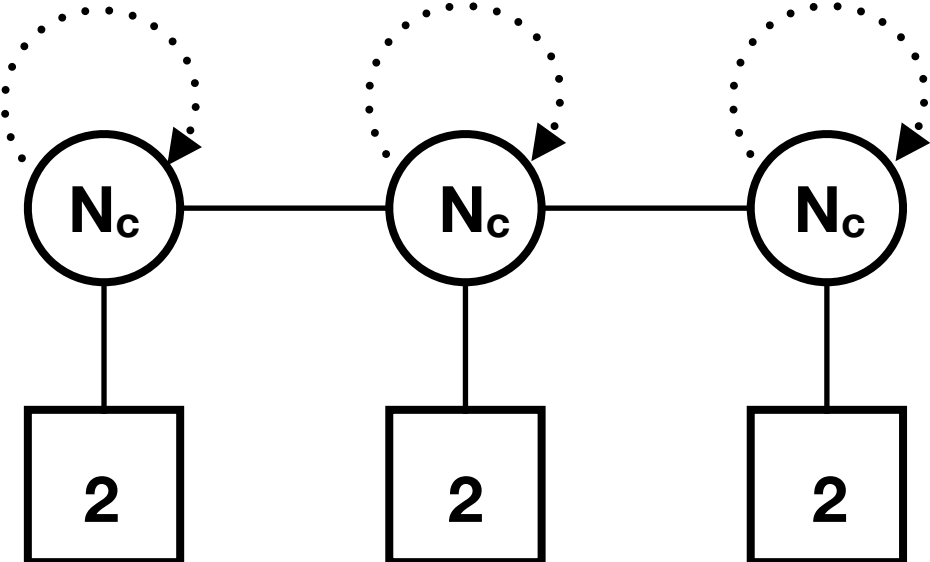
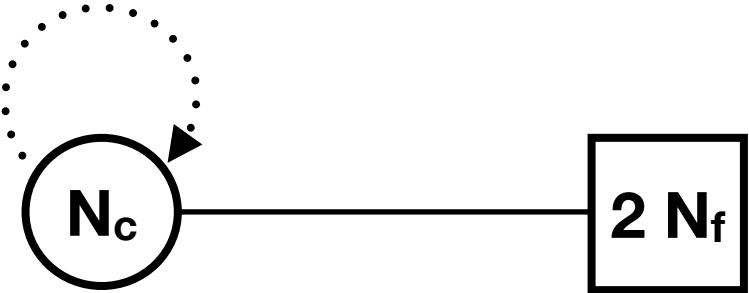
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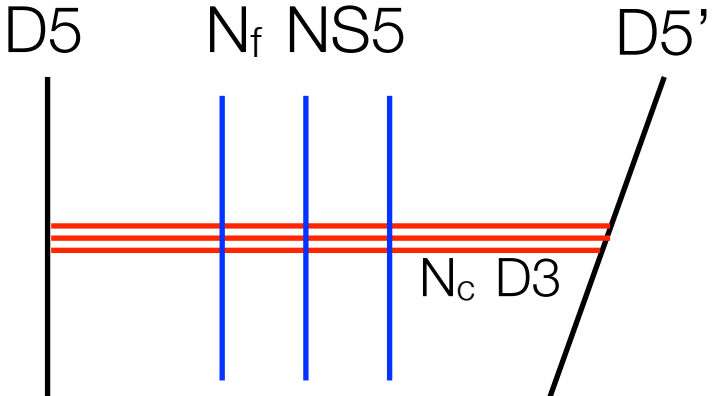
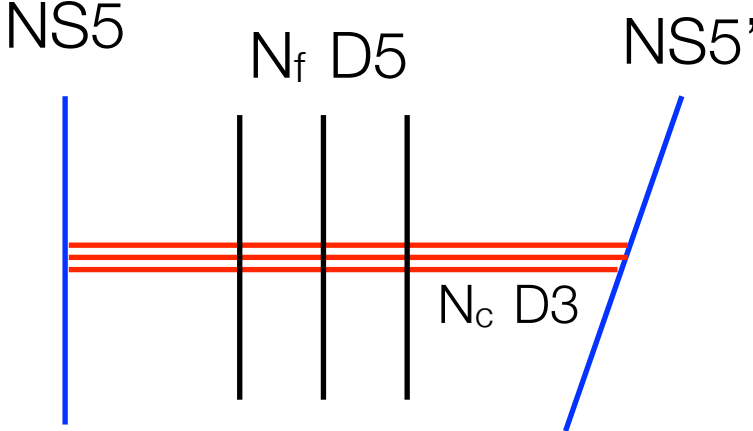
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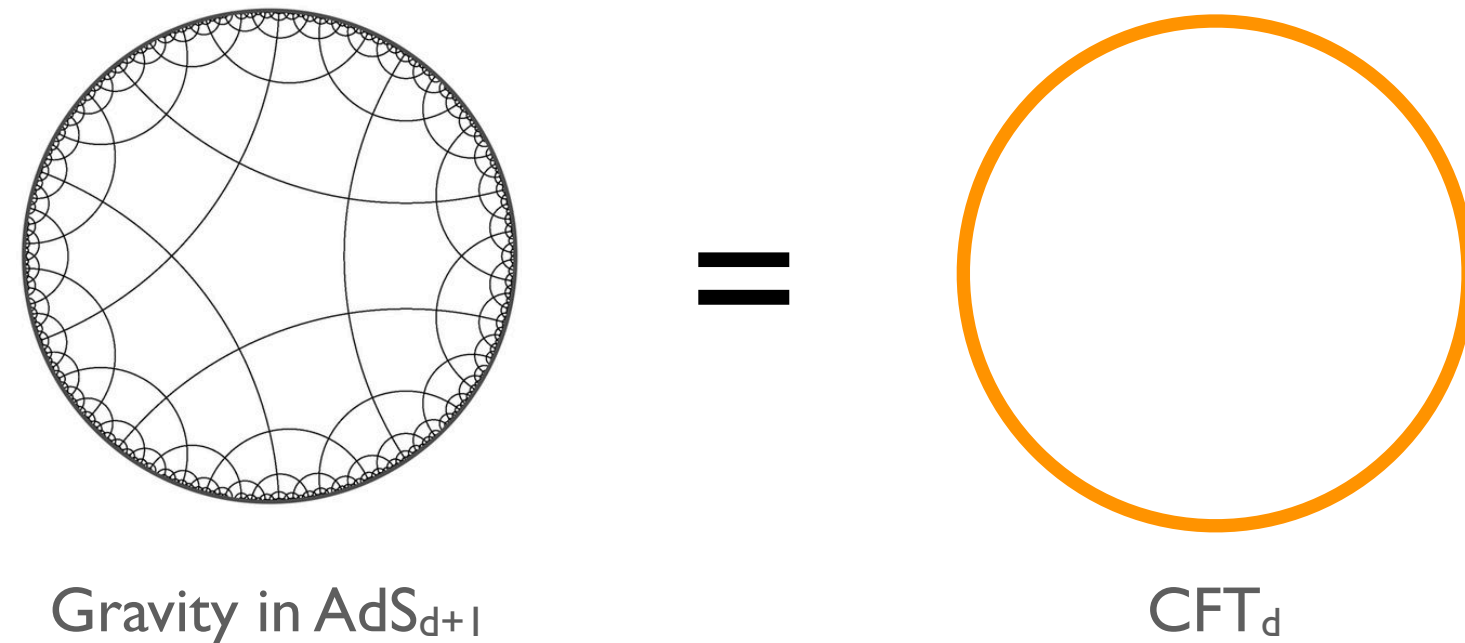


# HCFT - Holographic Conformal Field Theories



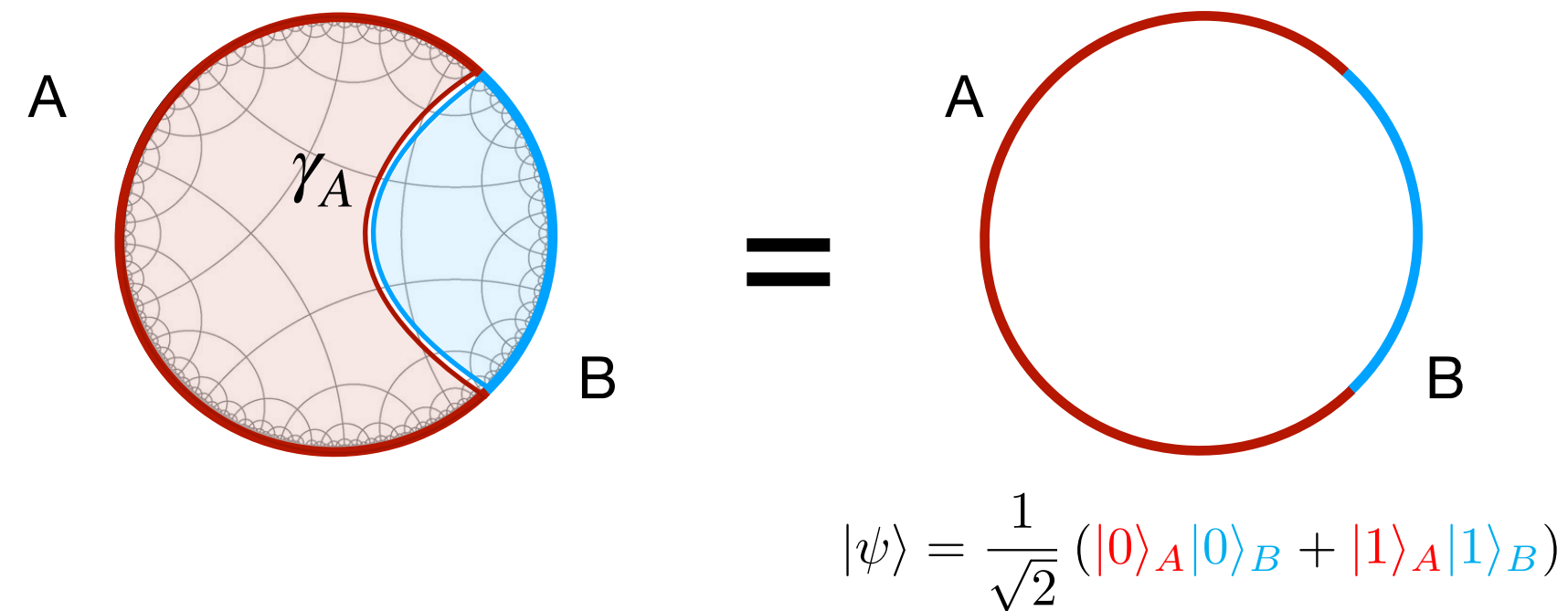
**Holographic principle:** gravity and spacetime as emergent phenomena resulting from the collective behavior of a large number of non-gravitational degrees of freedom

AdS/CFT:



How gravity is encoded in the underlying holographic CFT degrees of freedom?

**Quantum Information:** provides a useful language and organizing principle

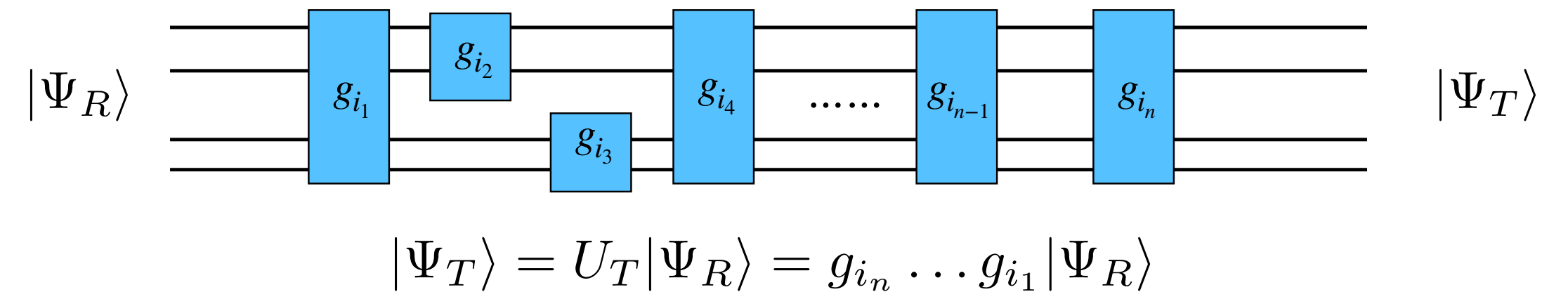


Spacetime geometry ~ entanglement structure

<p>Entanglement Entropy</p> $S(A) = -\text{Tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A$	$\longleftrightarrow$	<p>Holographic Entanglement Entropy</p> $S(A) = \frac{\text{Min}(\text{Area}_{\gamma_A})}{4G_N}$
<p>First Law of Entanglement Entropy</p> $\delta S(A) = \delta \langle H(A) \rangle$	$\longleftrightarrow$	<p>Einstein's Equations</p> $G_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} \Lambda = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$

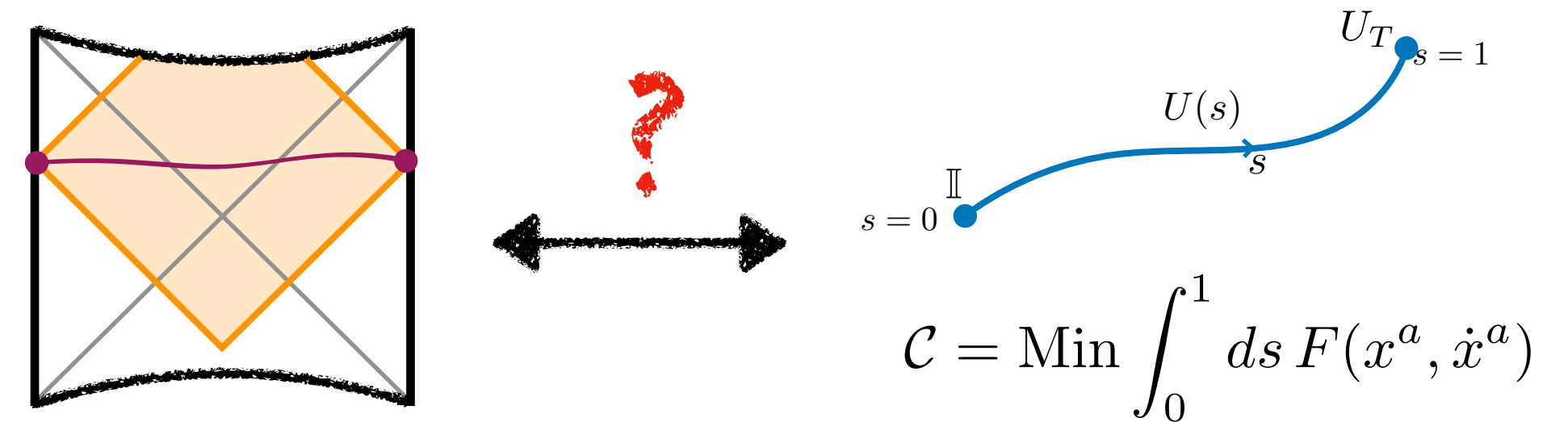
# HCFT

Quantum circuit complexity: cost of the optimal circuit connecting a target and reference state through the action of unitaries

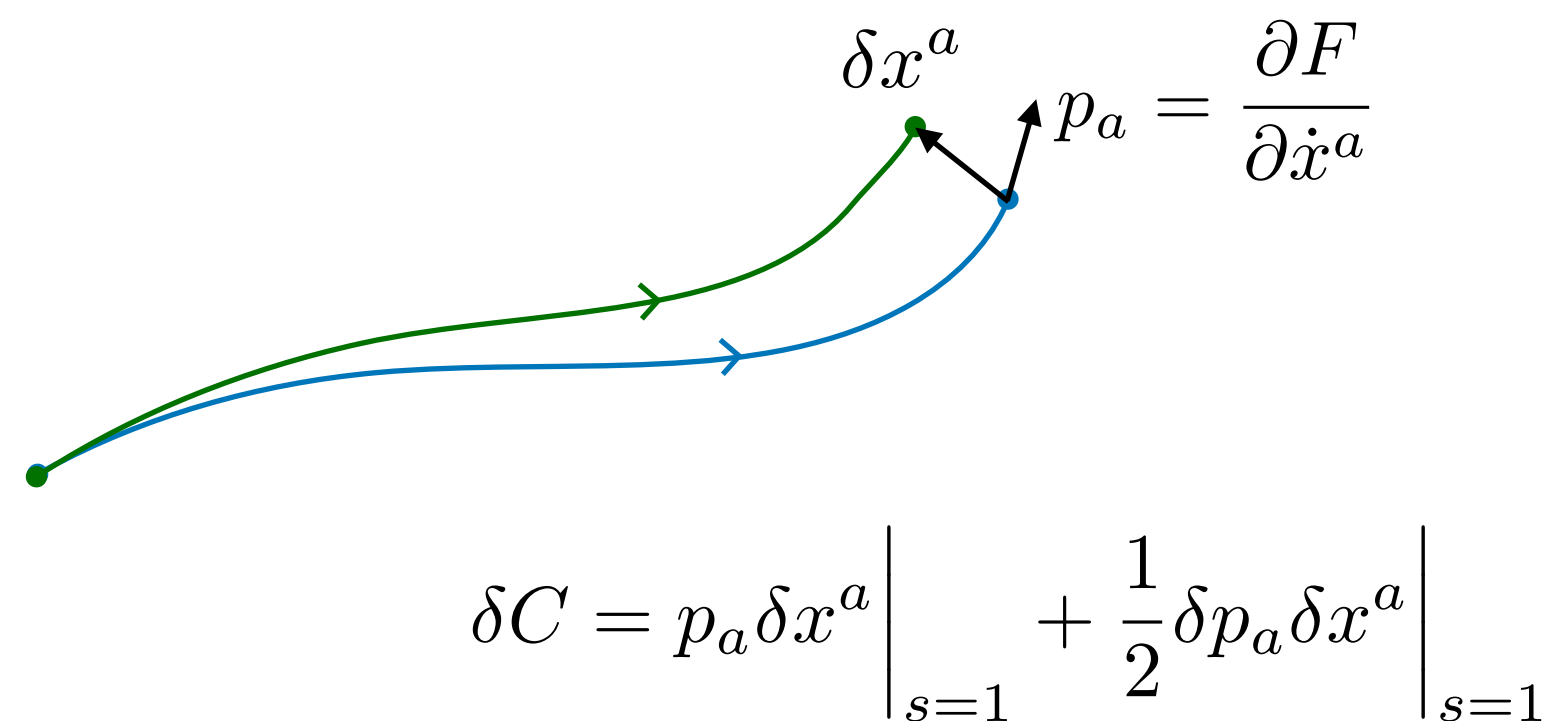


Different holographic proposals and field theory attempts, but quite disconnected.

Can we build a connection between the field theory and holographic directions?



First law of complexity: how complexity varies under a small change of the target state



Vacuum perturbation by coherent scalar states

- Coherent states orthogonal to vacuum AdS circuit direction
- Restrictions on field theory proposals compatible with holography
- Guiding principle to shed light on the implicit choices in the holographic complexity measure

# Solving superconformal field theories by bootstrap methods



- A. Conformal Perturbation Theory and S-duality in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM
- B. Vertex Algebras and  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Superconformal Field Theories in 4d

- ▶ The simplest 1d SCFT:

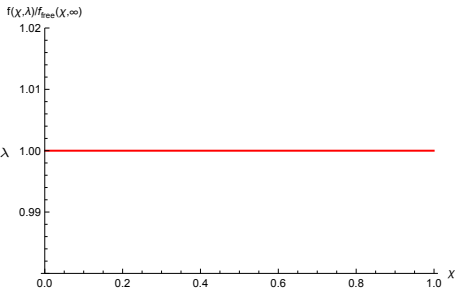
$$W_C \sim \text{Tr Pexp} \int_C (A + \phi)$$

in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM

- ▶ Perturbative analytic bootstrap methods ( $\lambda \sim \infty$ ):

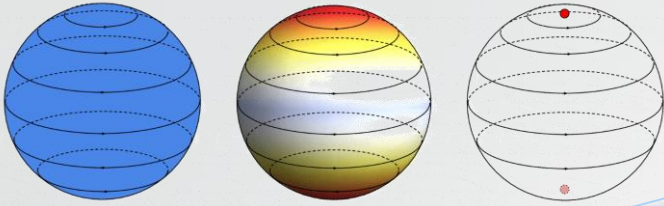
$$f(\chi, \lambda) = \langle \phi(0) \phi(\chi) \phi(1) \phi(\infty) \rangle_\lambda$$

- ▶ What's next?

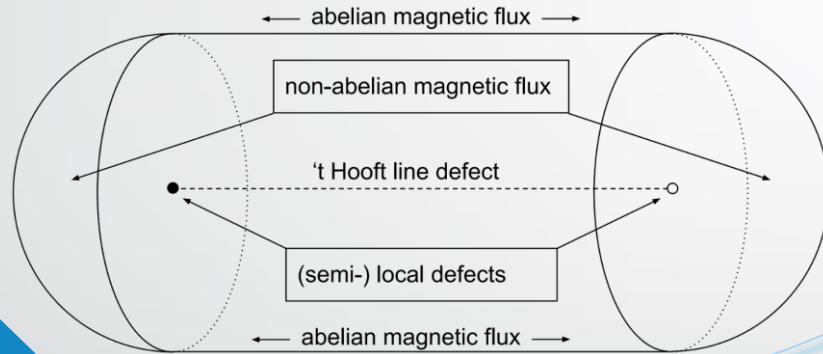




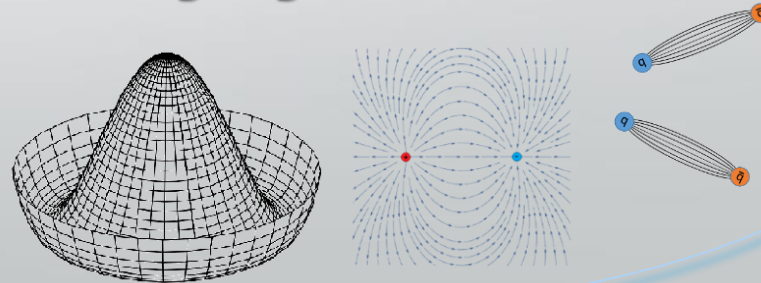
# Using localization



# and defect operators



# to study phases of gauge theories



study twisted indices

w/ Hosseini and Zaffaroni,  
w/ Griguolo and Lundberg

define defects in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM

in progress

proof of concept: ABJM vs  $\mathcal{N}=8$

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explore non-supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory and QCD

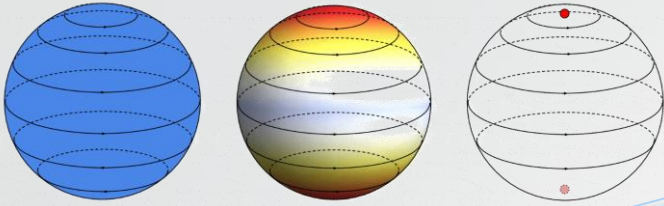


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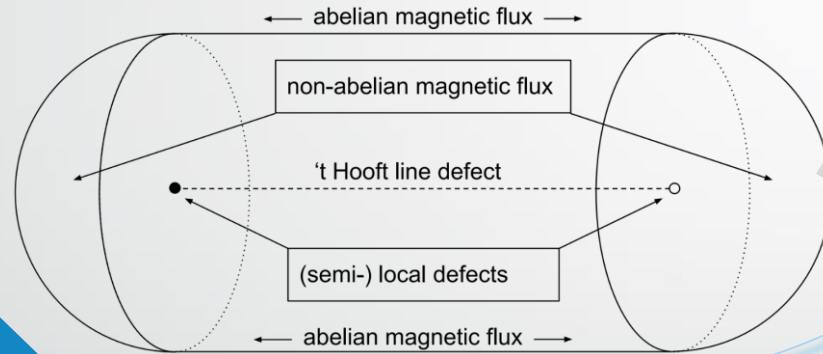
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$$\mathcal{I} = \# \langle \text{bosonic states} \rangle - \# \langle \text{fermionic states} \rangle$$

and defect operators

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{BPS}} \rangle \stackrel{\text{deform}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{BPS}} e^{-t\delta \int V_{\text{loc.}}} \rangle \stackrel{\text{localize}}{=} \int_{\text{moduli}} \left( \text{one loop} \right) \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_{\text{BPS}} e^{-S}}_{\text{classical}}$$



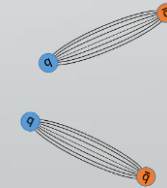
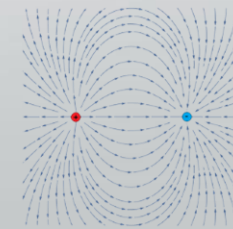
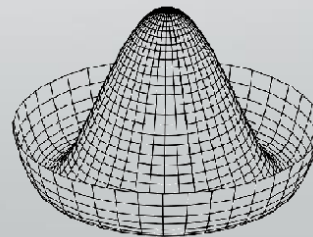
states live here

connection to black holes

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A}{4G} \stackrel{?}{=} \log d_{\text{micro}}$$

to study phases of gauge theories

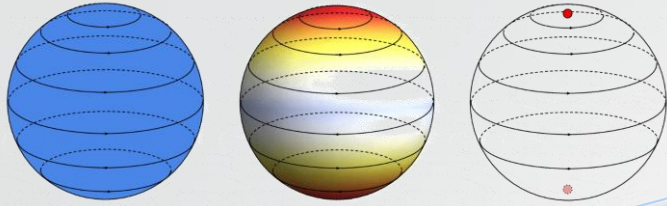
$$\lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{I} = S_{\text{BH}}!$$



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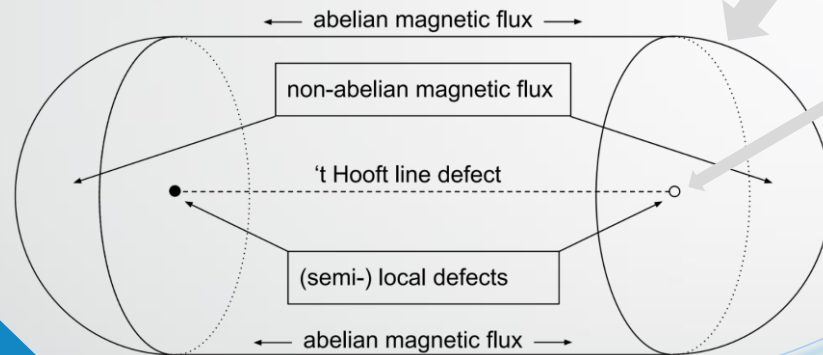


Define defects in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM

Supergravity background

and defect operators

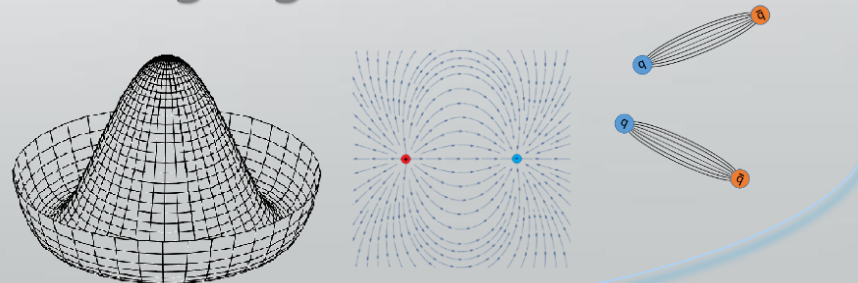
$$\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{tr} F \wedge F = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{(4)}(\vec{x})$$



supersymmetrized version!

- ✓ scalars
- ✓ stable
- ✓ BPS

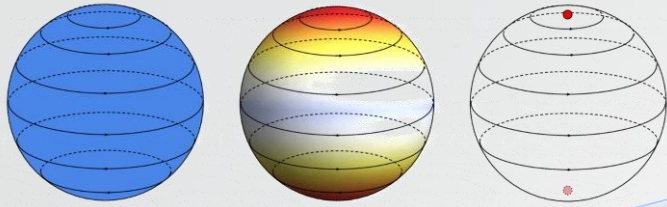
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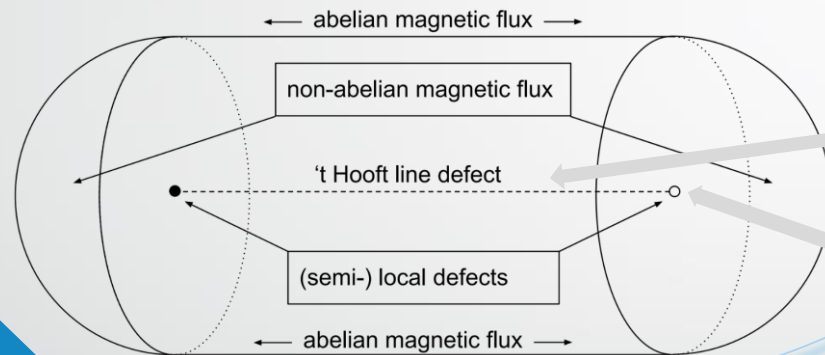
Using localization



EM duality in  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM

$$g_{YM} \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{g_{YM}}$$

and defect operators



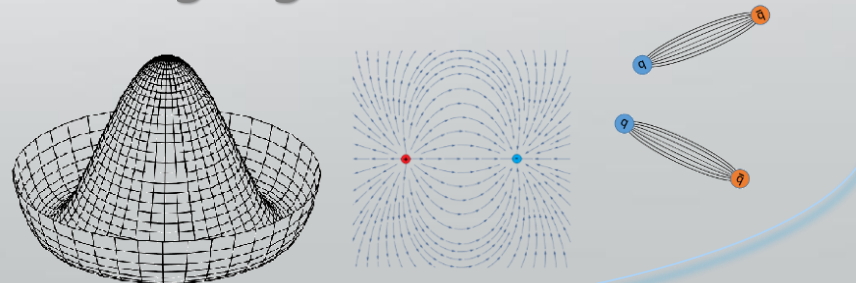
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Wilson loop

local defect

squark?

to study phases of gauge theories

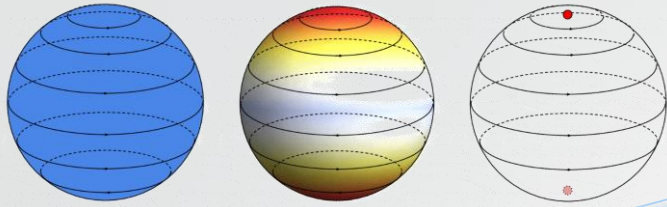


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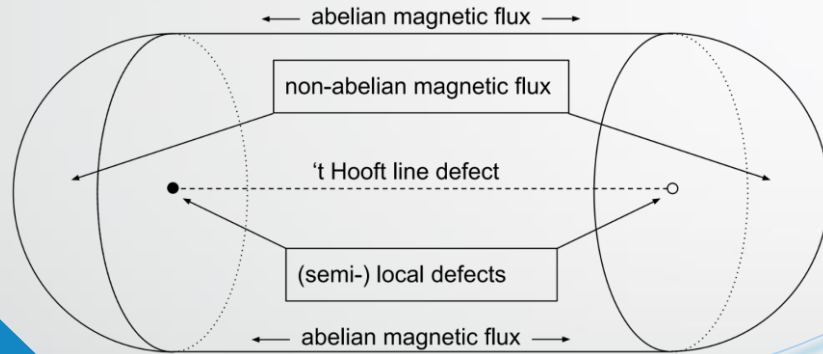




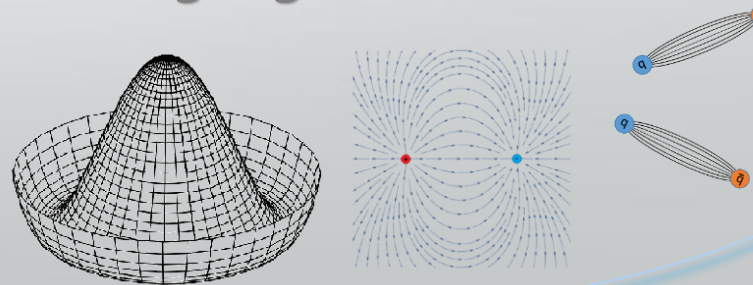
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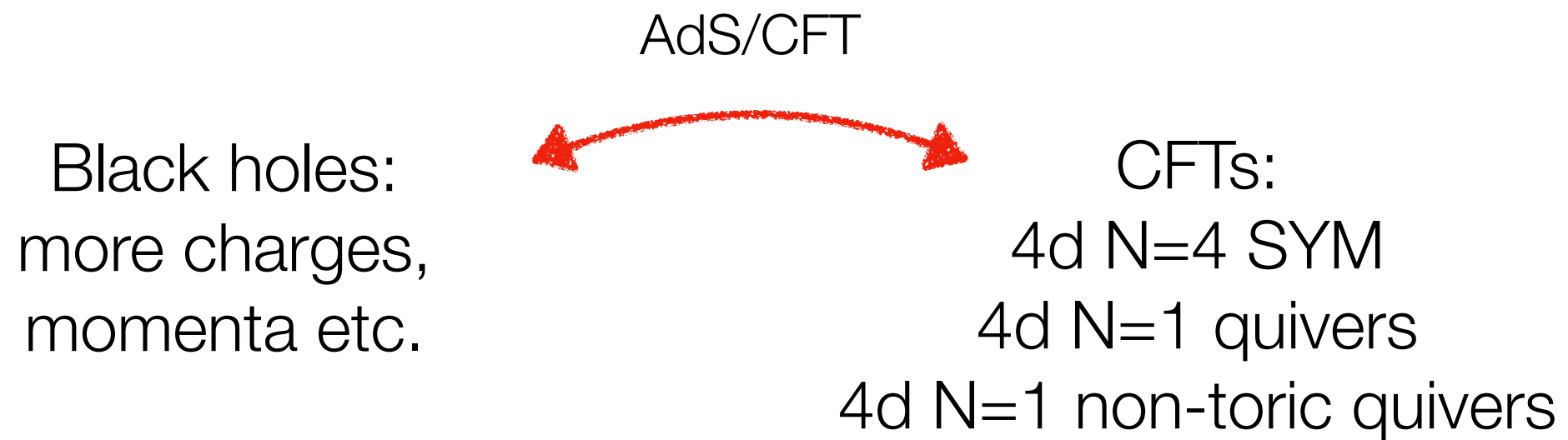
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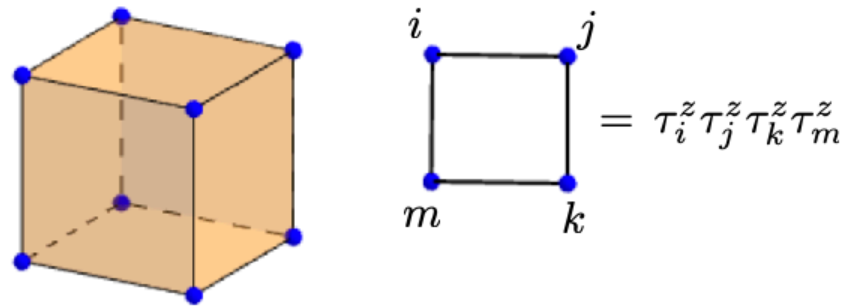


Many unexplored examples of the following gravity/gauge duality:



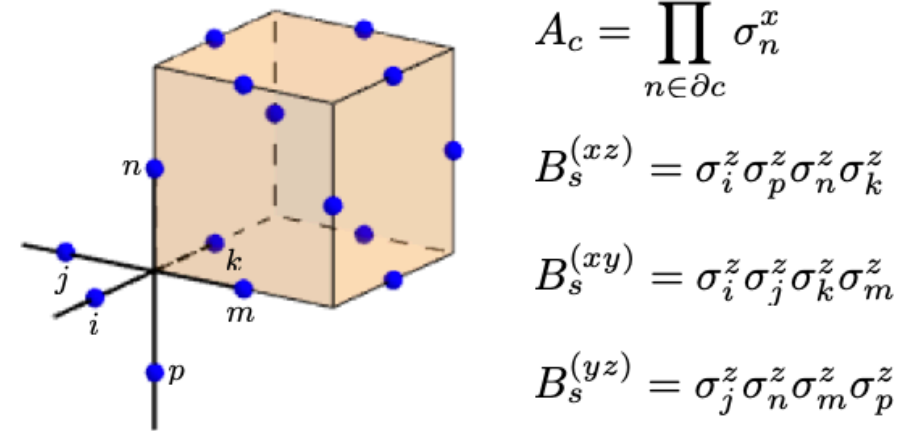
exploit algebraic topology/ML to extract quantitative statistical predictors for exotic phases of matter such as 3d fractons

### Classical Spin System



**Plaquette Ising Model**

### Fracton Topological Phase



**X-Cube Model**

extract critical exponents and existence of phase transitions

derive dualities to 'ordinary' (tensor) gauge theories (continuum models)