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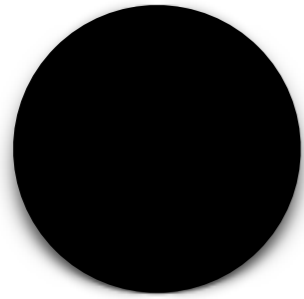
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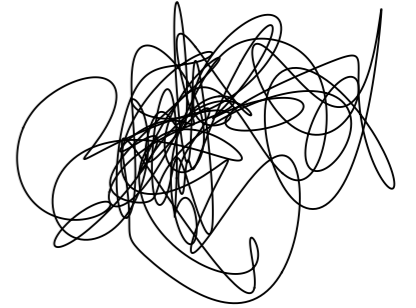
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General framework for **matching**  
**black holes and massive states of fundamental strings**  
at a point where their **physical properties** smoothly agree.

(mass, entropy, temperature, decay rates,...)

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## Plan:

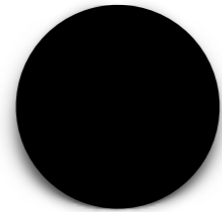
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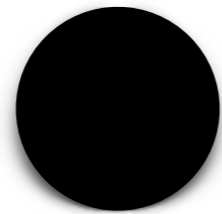


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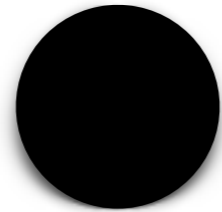
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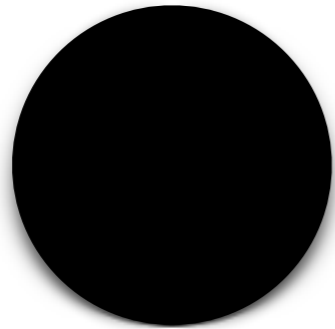
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→ **“Broad brush” picture**

Identify the relevant physics and ignore unnecessary details.

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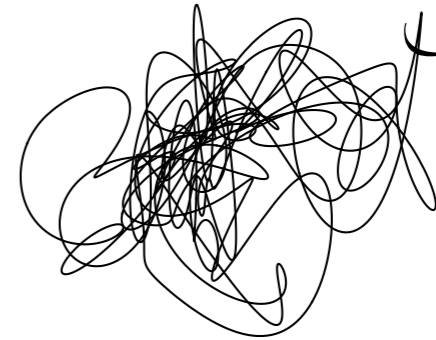
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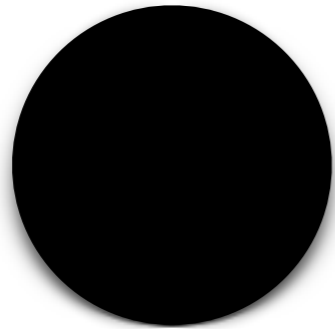
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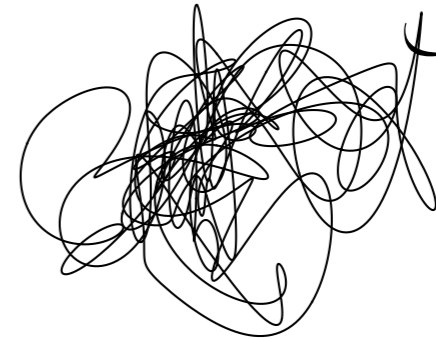


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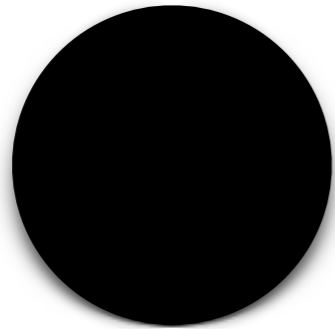


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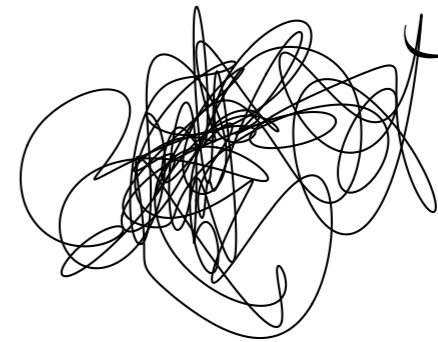


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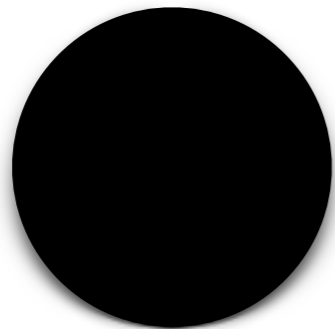
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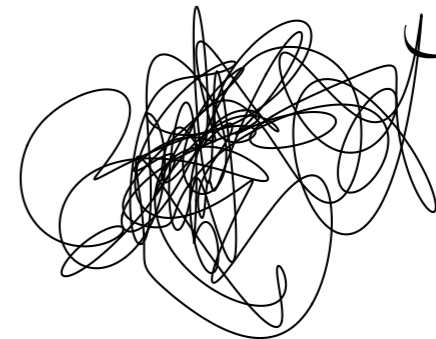
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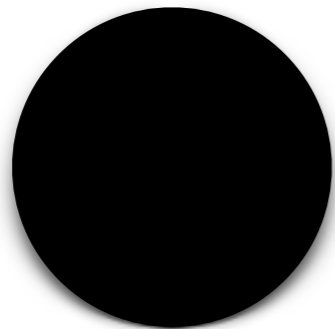
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**Mind the units!**

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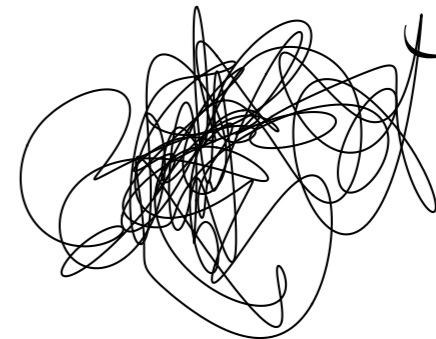
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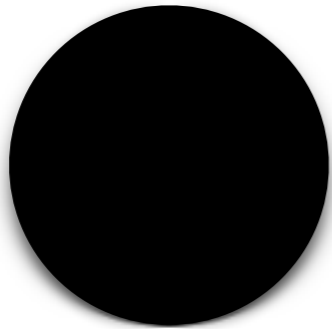
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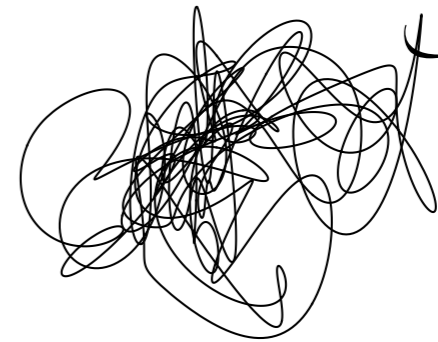
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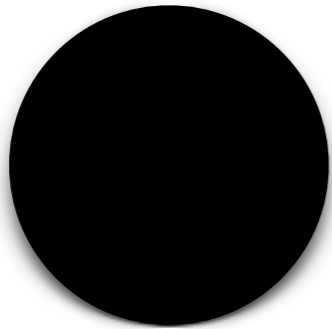
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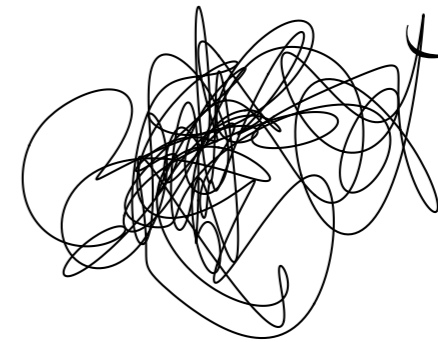
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**Does the black hole - string correspondence fail?**

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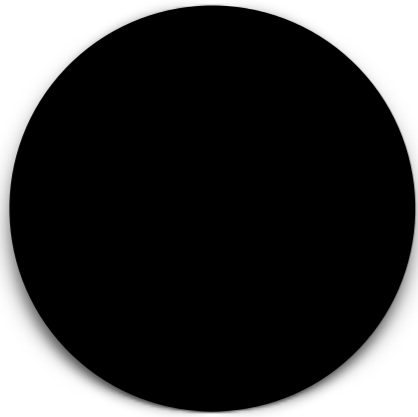
**account for dynamics !**

## II. Black hole - string correspondence

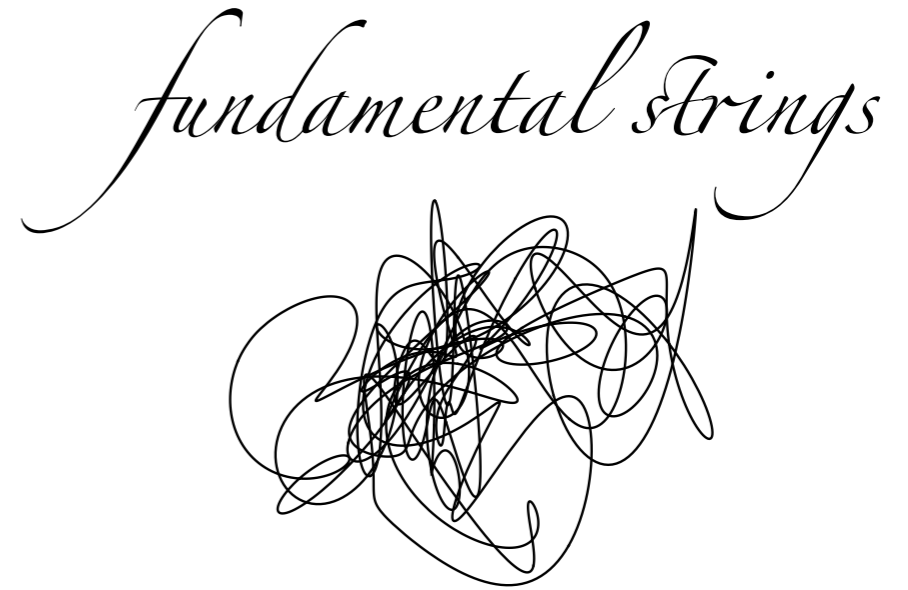
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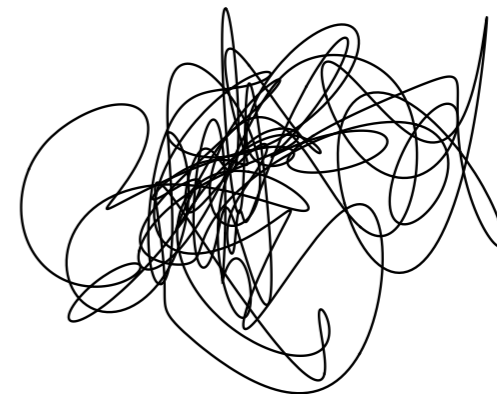
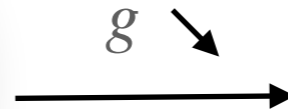
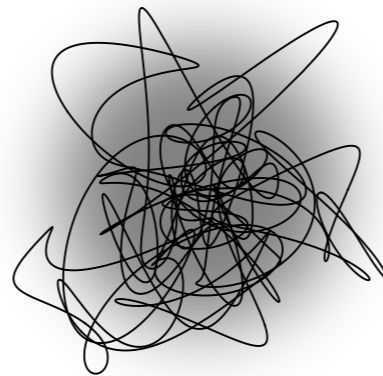
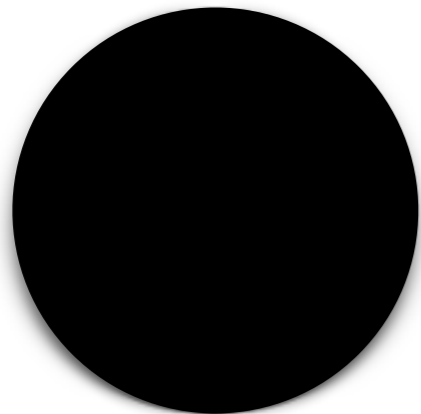
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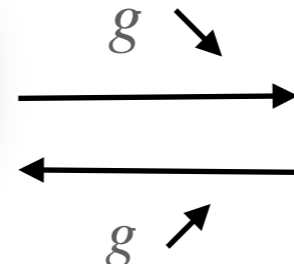
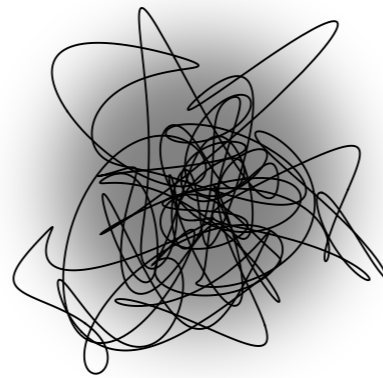
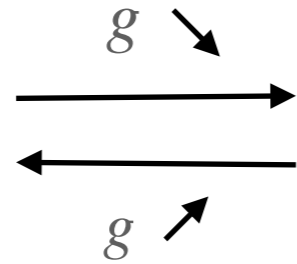
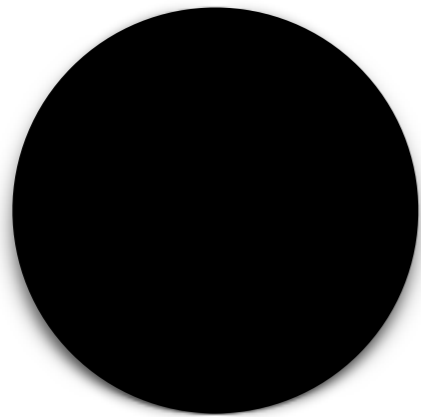
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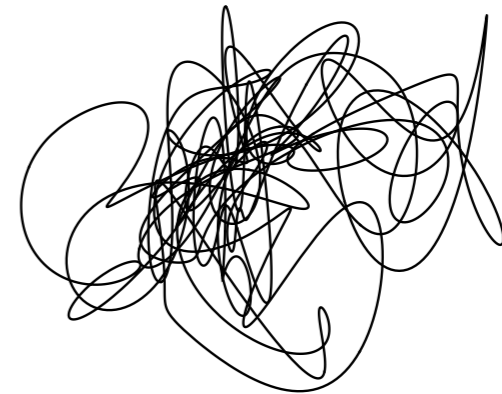
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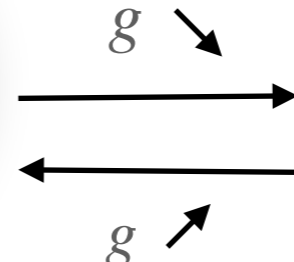
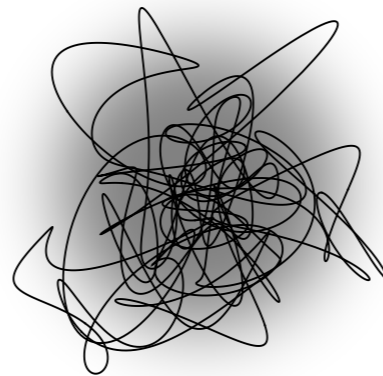
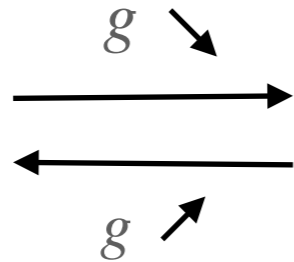
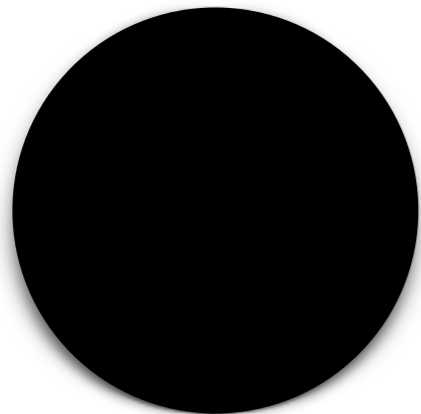
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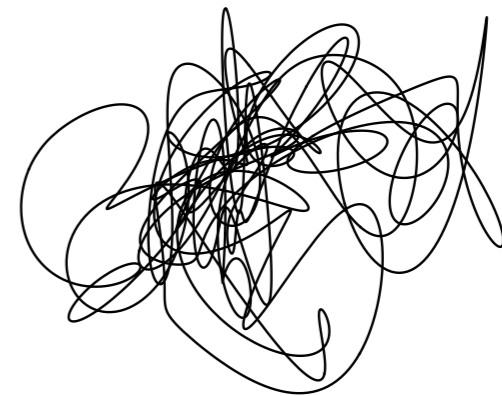
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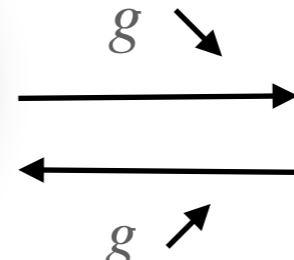
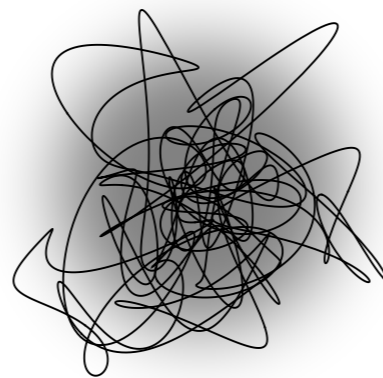
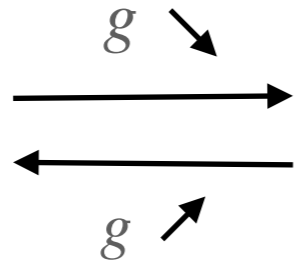
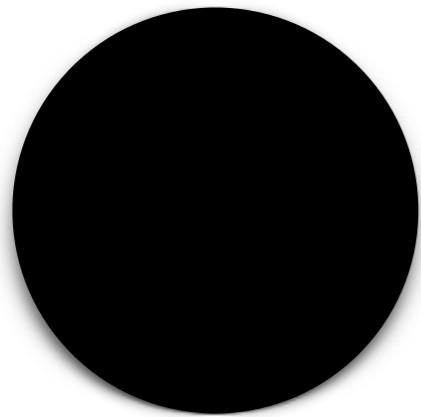
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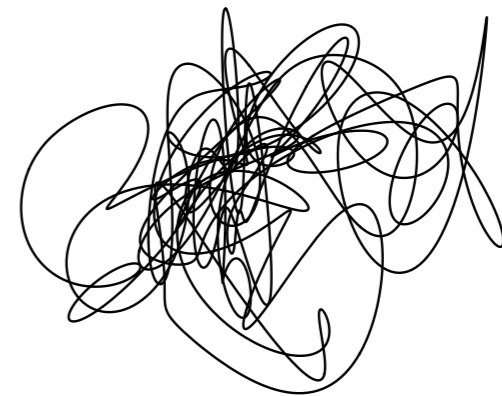
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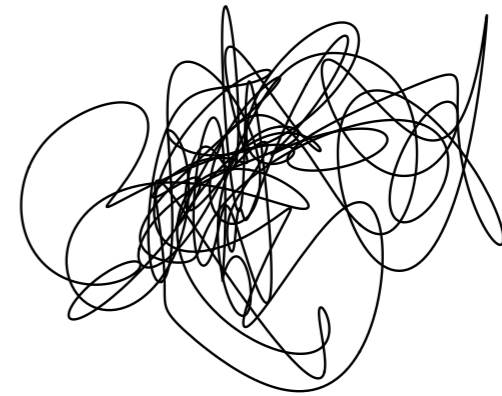
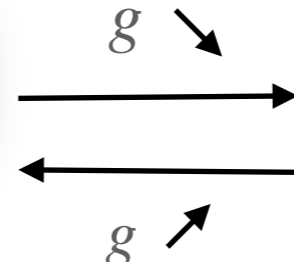
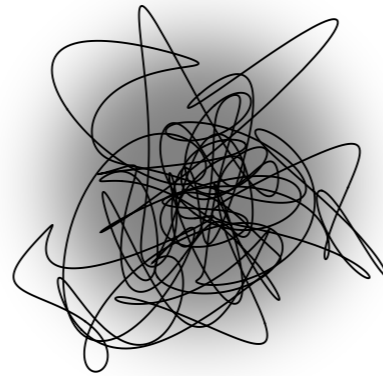
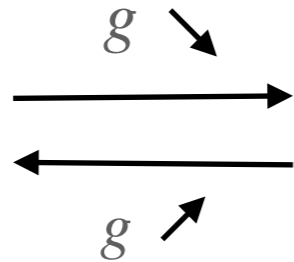
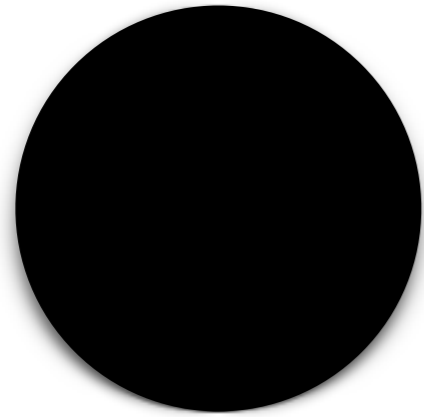
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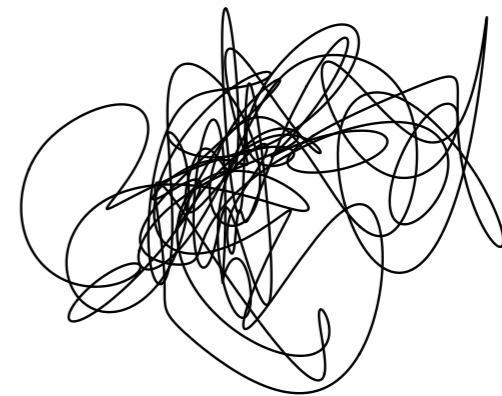
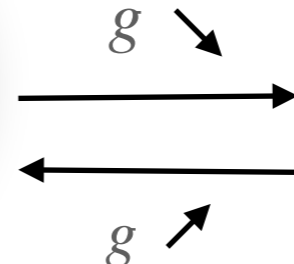
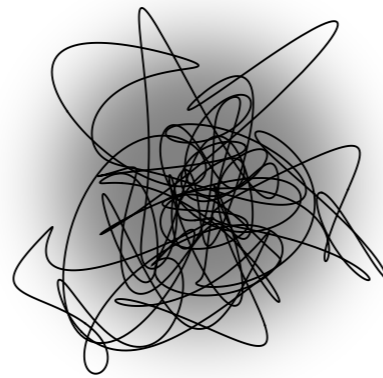
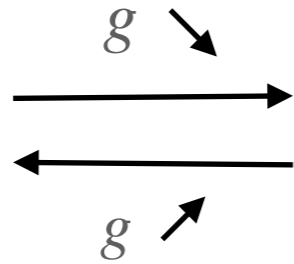
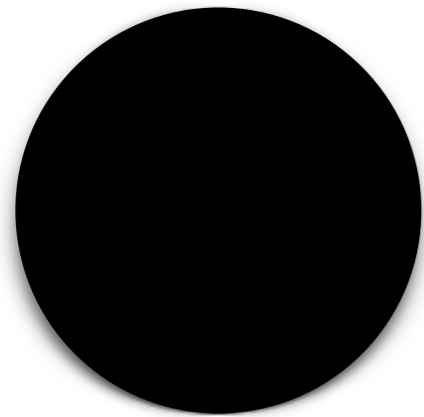
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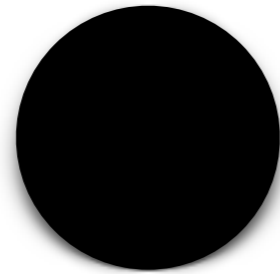
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So  $g^2 S$  plays the same role as  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$  in AdS/CFT or  $gN$  in D-brane systems.

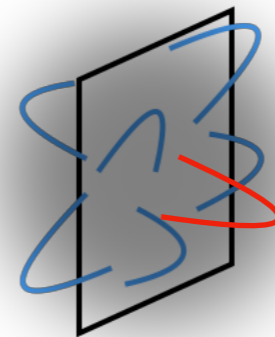
# Near vs far from BPS correspondences

[Strominger, Vafa '96]:

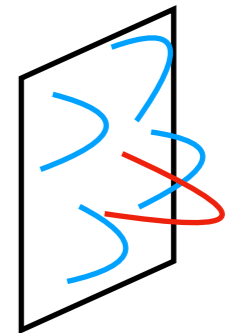
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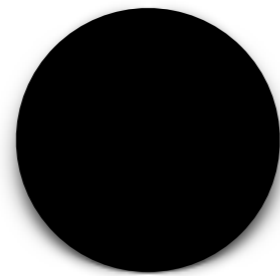


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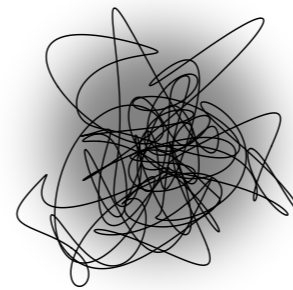
fix  $N$  & change  $g$

[Horowitz, Polchinski '96]:

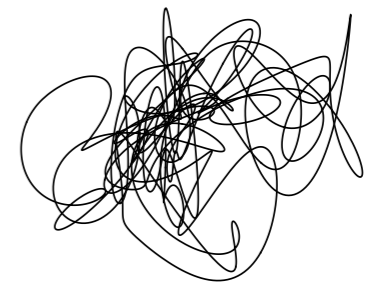
**Far from  
BPS**



$$g^2 S \gg 1$$



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fix  $S$  & change  $g$

# Black hole - string correspondence

= overarching framework for microscopic understanding of black holes in string theory,

e.g. BH entropy  $S = \frac{A}{4G}$

## General idea:

Interpolate by **changing the coupling  $\approx$  adiabatically**

while holding  **$S, J, Q$  fixed**.

**Mass renormalization** in general hard to control  
(prevents precise matching).

# Details of the correspondence

Properties of black hole and fundamental string  
have to match at correspondence point:

- Mass
- Size
- Decay rates
- ...

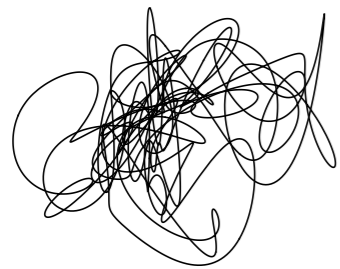
`Correspondence' only if  $\exists \approx$  adiabaticity.

Also need a `physical realization' or a `knob'.

# Mass

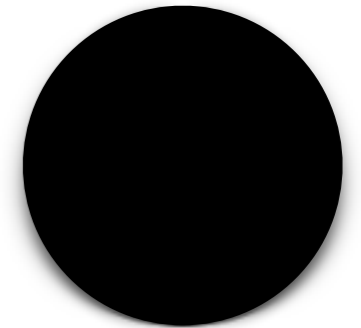
[Susskind'93]

Fixing  $S$  as we vary  $g \rightarrow$  mass of black hole and string get renormalized:



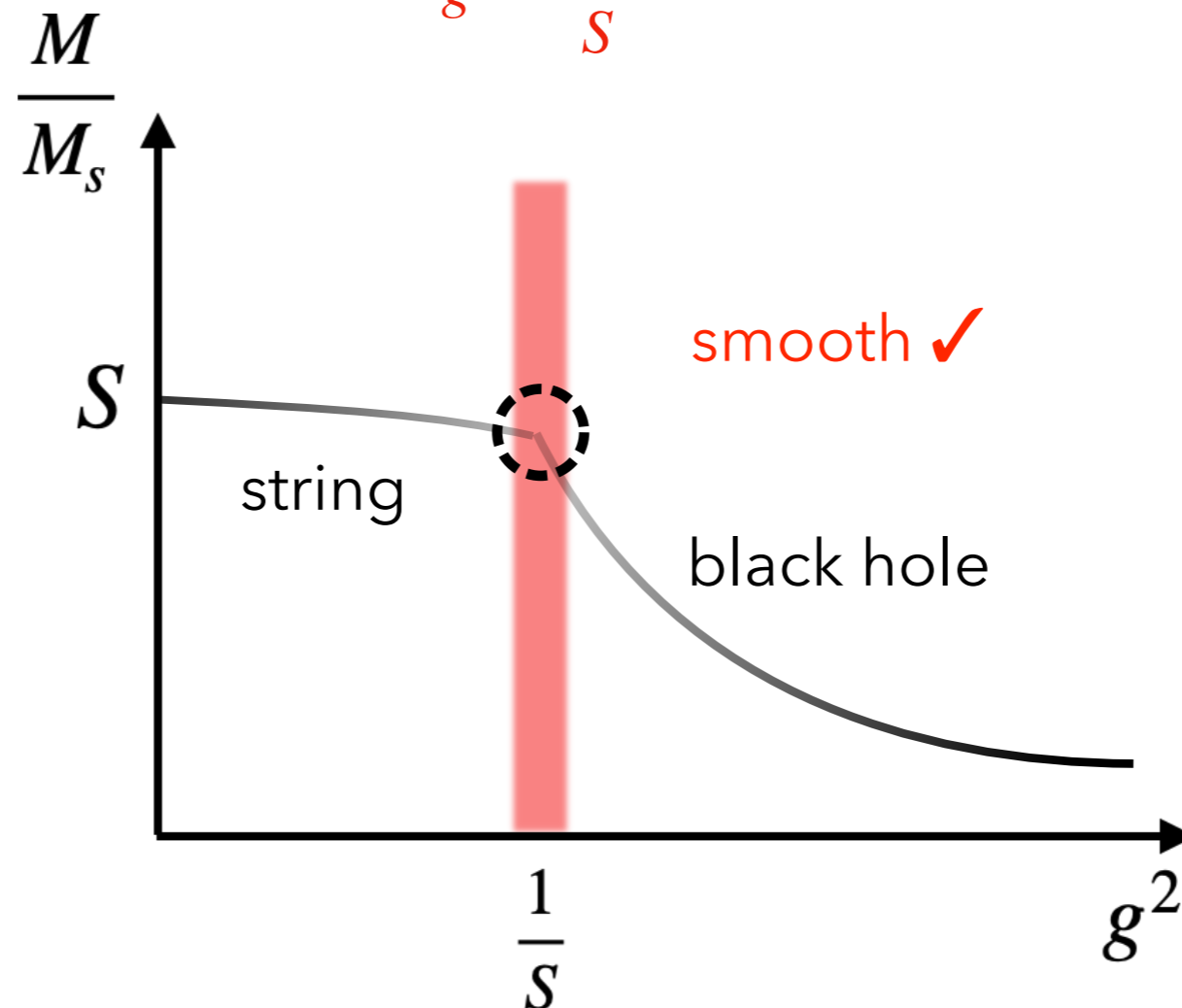
$$M = SM_s - O(g^2)$$

$$M = \frac{M_s}{g^2} (g^2 S)^{\frac{D-3}{D-2}}$$



$$g^2 = \frac{1}{S}$$

adiabats  $\rightarrow$   
curves along which  
entropy constant





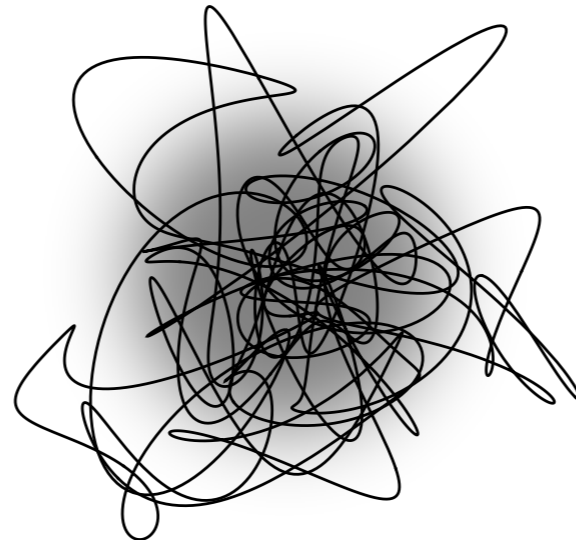
# Size

Discrepancy: **string much larger than black hole** @ correspondence point.

$$\sqrt{L\ell_s} = \sqrt{S\ell_s} \gg \ell_s$$

random-walk string

$$r_H = \ell_s$$



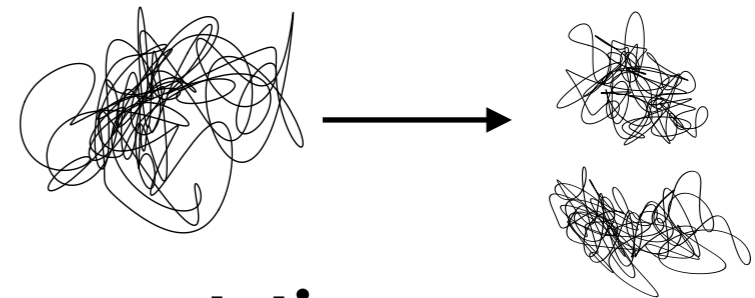
We have neglected the effect of **self-gravitation** of the string!



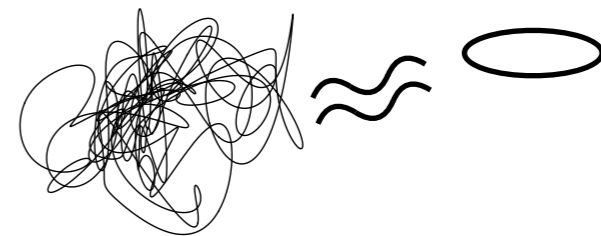
This will shrink the string. [Horowitz,Polchinski'97]

# Decay channels

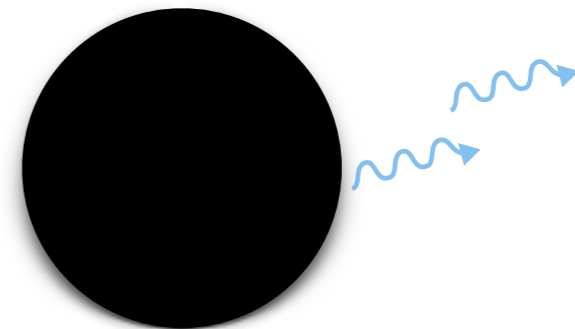
When  $0 < g < \infty$ : neither strings nor black holes stationary anymore!



Self-interaction of massive string  $\rightarrow$  decay  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{fragmentation} \\ \text{emission of light strings} \end{array} \right.$

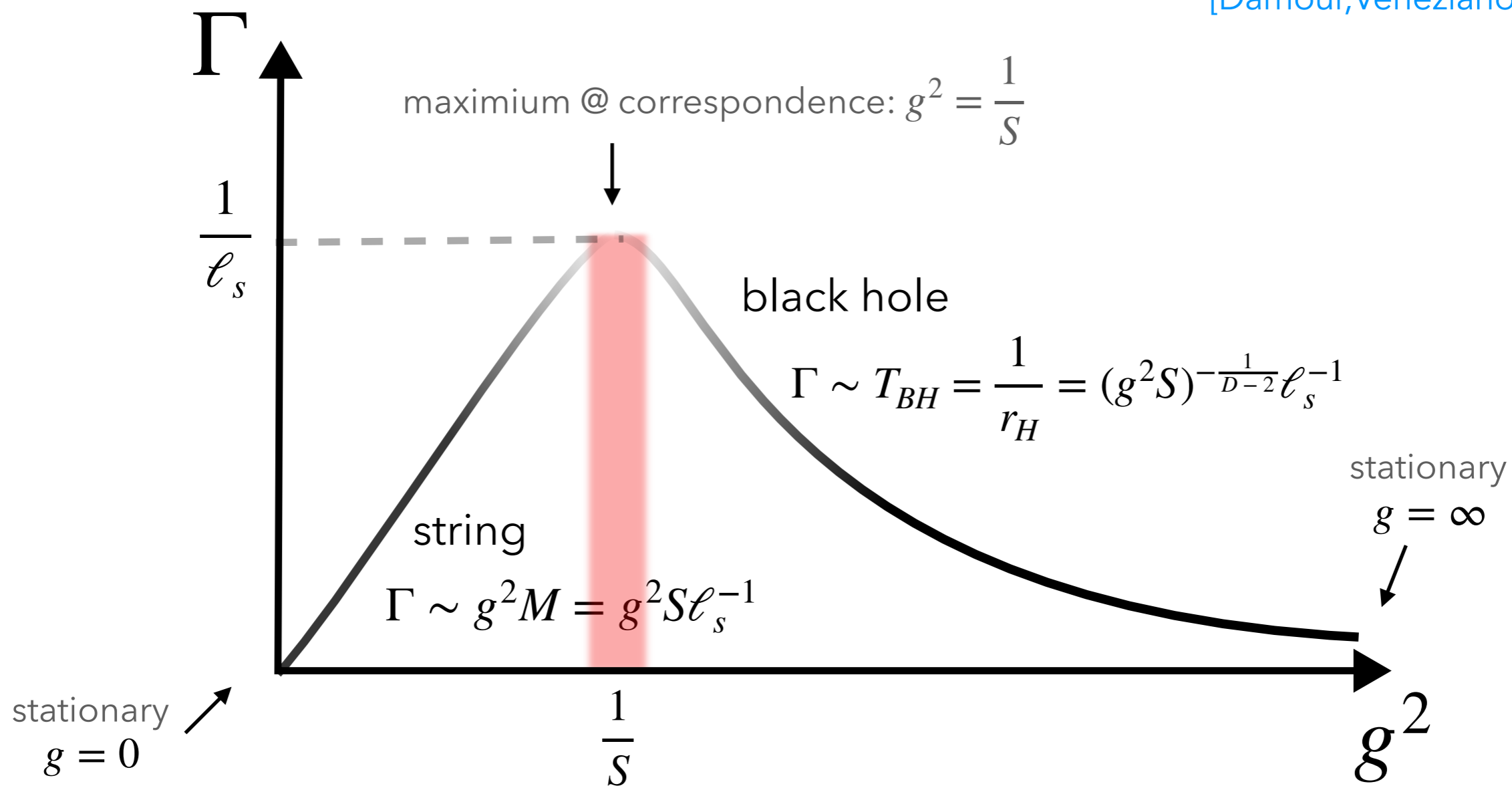


Quantum effects in black holes  $\rightarrow$  decay via **emission of Hawking radiation**



# Decay rates

[Damour, Veneziano '98]



# Adiabaticity ?

$$\text{rate of change } \Delta t_g^{-1} = \frac{\dot{g}}{g} = \dot{\phi} \text{ of system}$$

$g = e^\phi$   
↓

fast enough to stay  
@ const entropy

any finite  $g$ : radiation!

slow enough to  
not excite the state

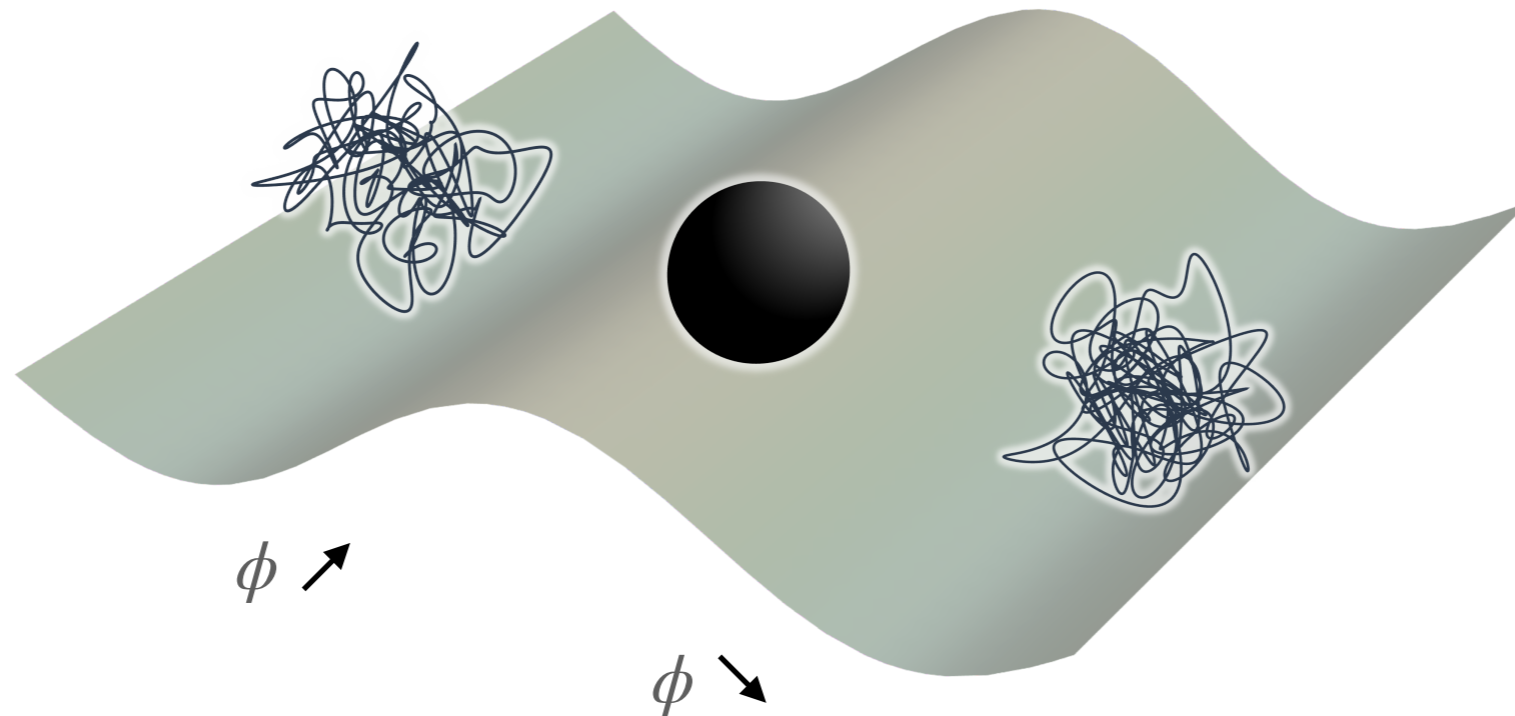
dilaton: long wavelength!

Goldilocks range for the rate of change of  $g$  – not too slow and not too fast :

$$\frac{1}{S\ell_s} < \Delta t_g^{-1} < \frac{1}{\ell_s}$$

# Correspondence in the 'dilaton lab'

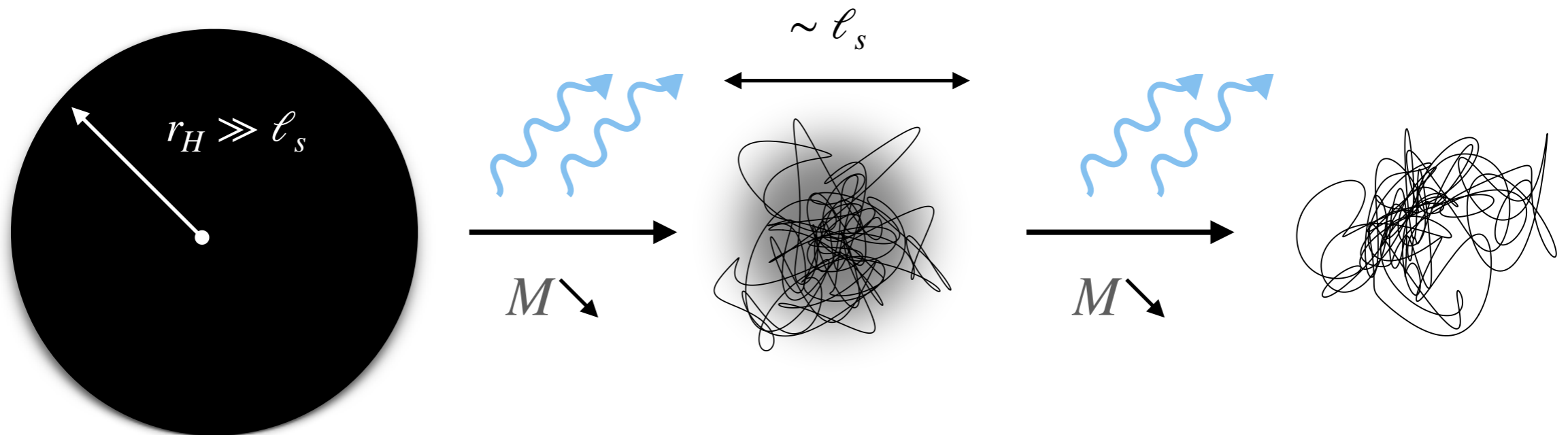
Tuning coupling  $g = e^\phi$  while entropy  $S$  is fixed,  
yields within Goldilocks adiabaticity range  
transitions between black hole  $\leftrightarrow$  string ball phases:



[Susskind'93], [Horowitz,Polchinski'96]

# Correspondence in evaporation

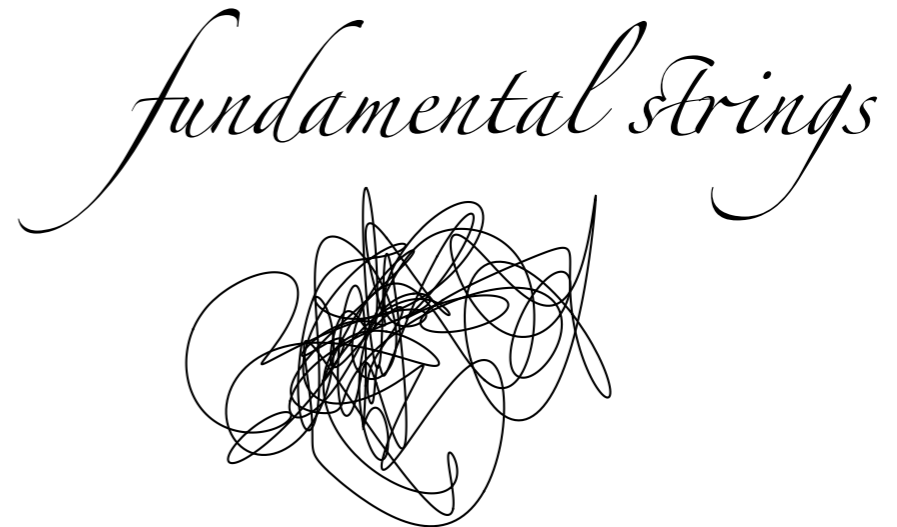
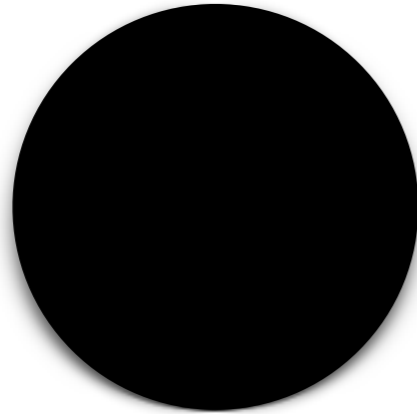
Now **coupling  $g$  stays fixed**, but **mass decreases** as the black hole emits **Hawking radiation**. Natural expectation: black hole  $\rightarrow$  string ball.



[Bowick, Smolin, Wijewardhana '86]

# Summary: **static** correspondence

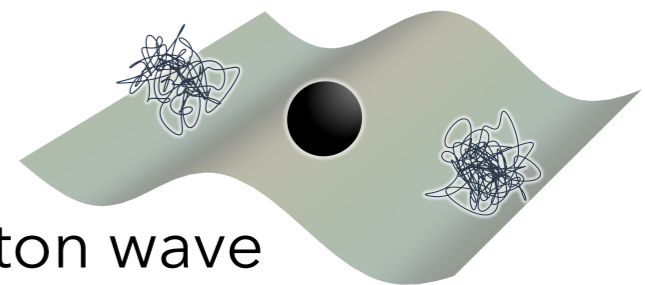
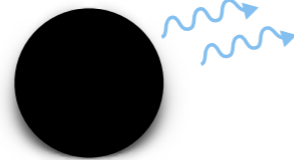
**BLACK HOLES**



→ relates black holes to weakly coupled strings and thus gives a **statistical interpretation of black hole entropy!**\*

\* is **not exact** counting of the entropy

→ is **physically realized** in evaporation or induced by dilaton wave

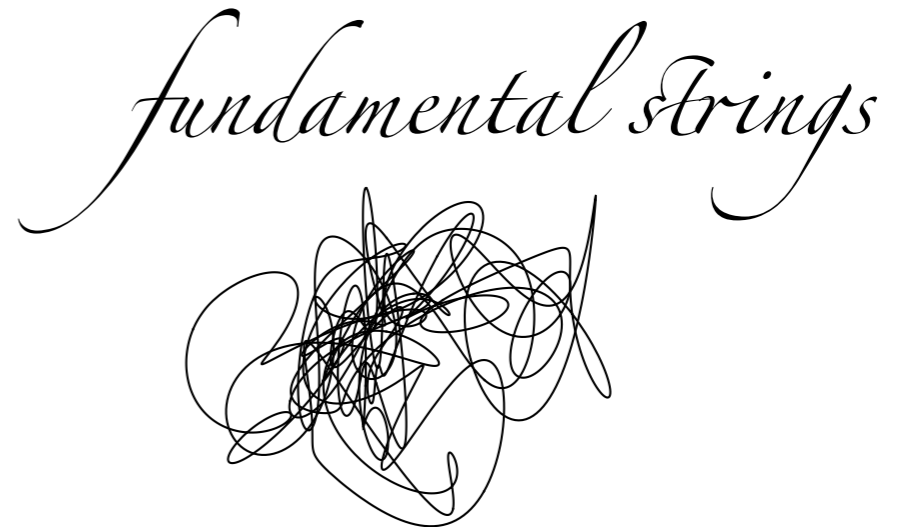
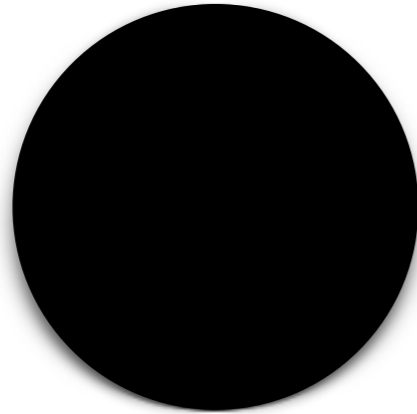


→ applies to **generic** black holes in general dimensions\*\*

\*\* so far only **static** black holes!

# Summary: **static** correspondence

**BLACK HOLES**



**Limitations:**

Only **parametric matching**, and **only at  $g^2 S \sim 1$**  (one value!)

**Adiabaticity only approximate** (but  $\exists$  Goldilocks regime).

**Self-gravity** necessary (smoothness of transition not guaranteed).

**Rotation adds qualitatively new features!**



# III. Black hole - string correspondence with rotation

Rotating black holes  
&  
fundamental strings

# A black hole – string zoo

characteristic  
length scales:

**mass length**

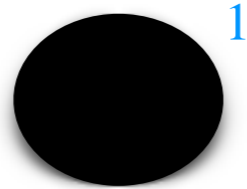
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**spin length**

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[Empanan, Harmark,  
Niarchos, Obers'09]

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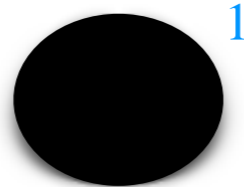
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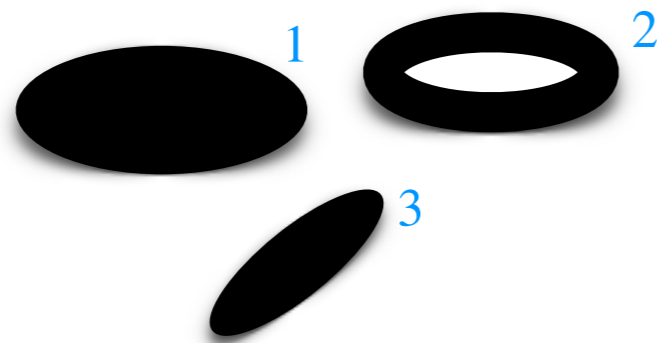
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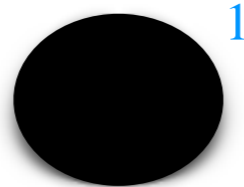
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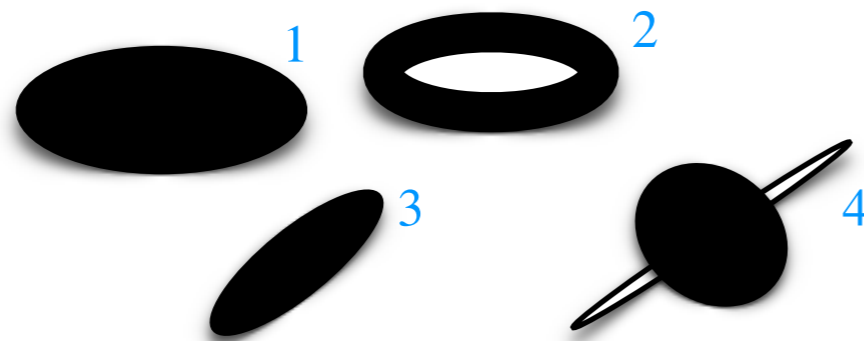
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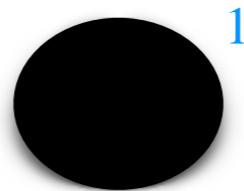
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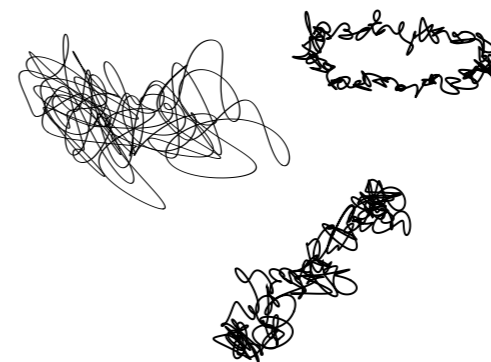
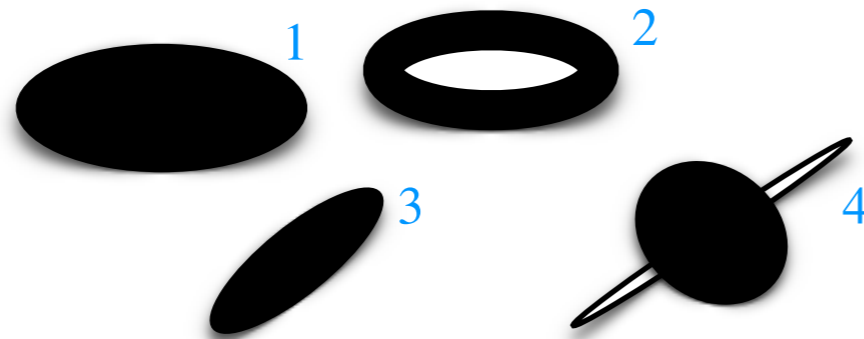
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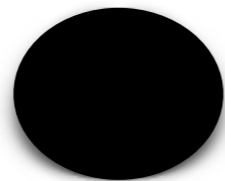
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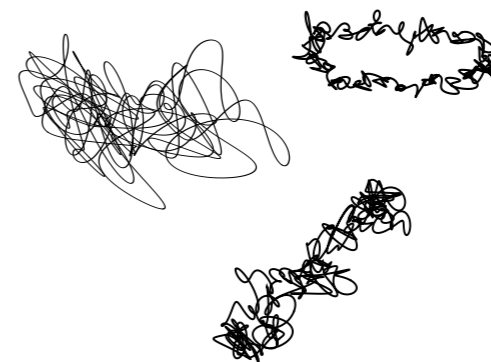
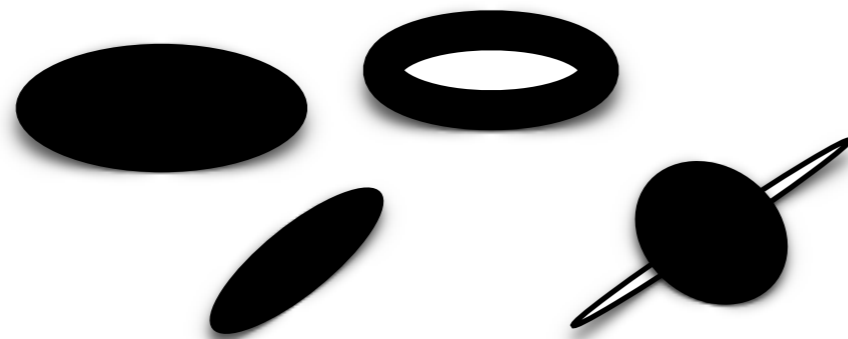
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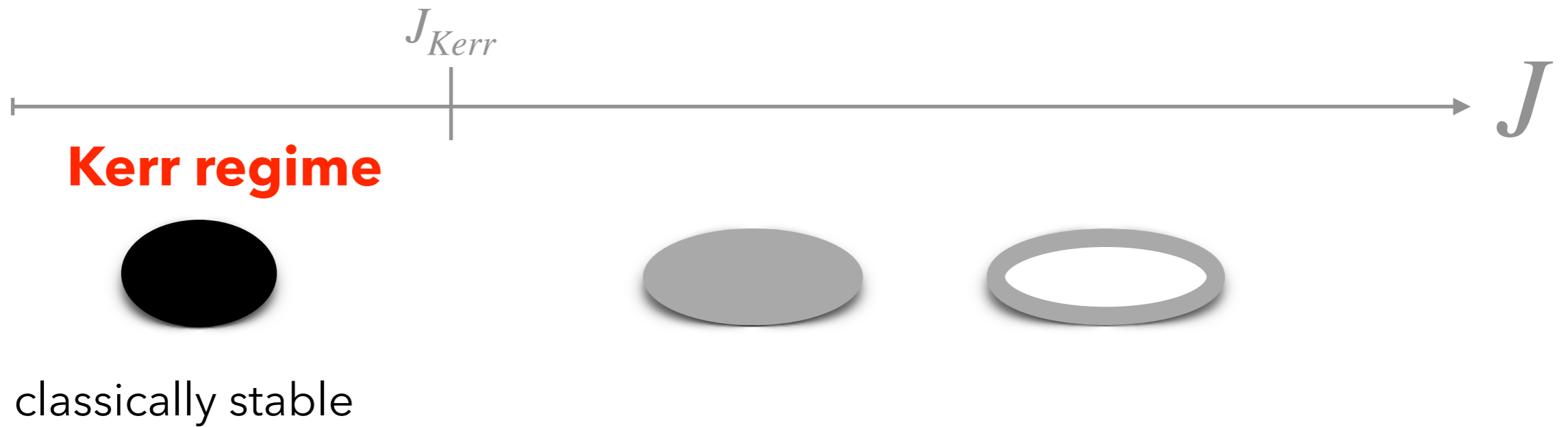
Focus on **rotation in a single plane**, express results in **adiabatic invariant  $S$**  and  **$J$** .

# Black hole instabilities





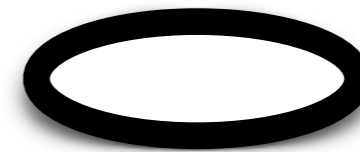
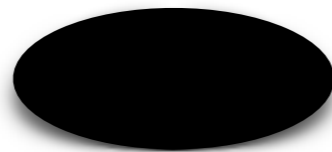
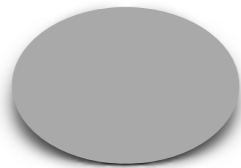
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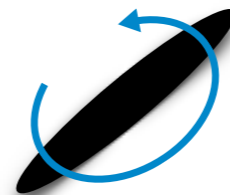


**Ultraspinning regime**

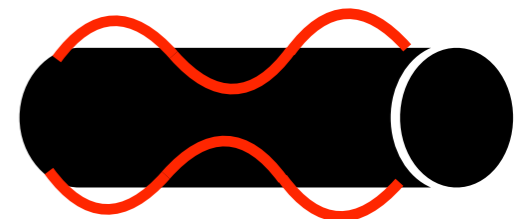


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bar instabilities



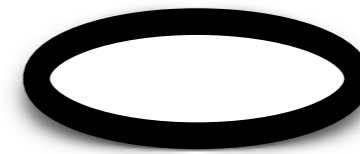
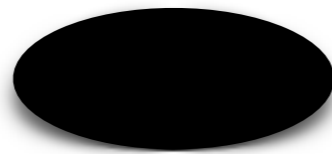
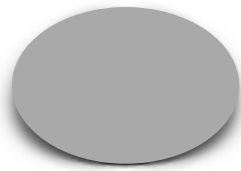
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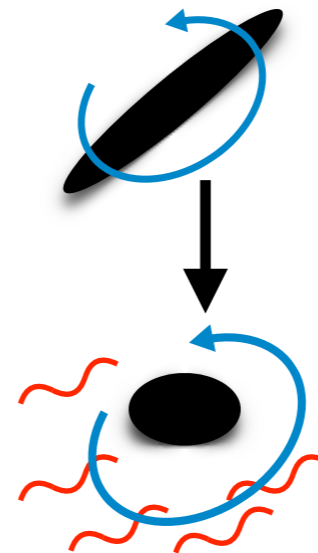


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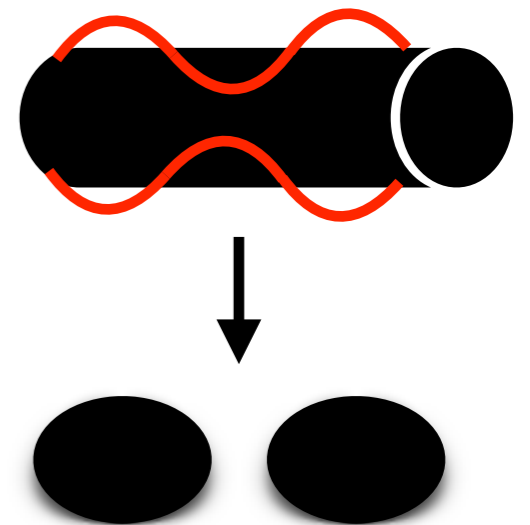
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Death by

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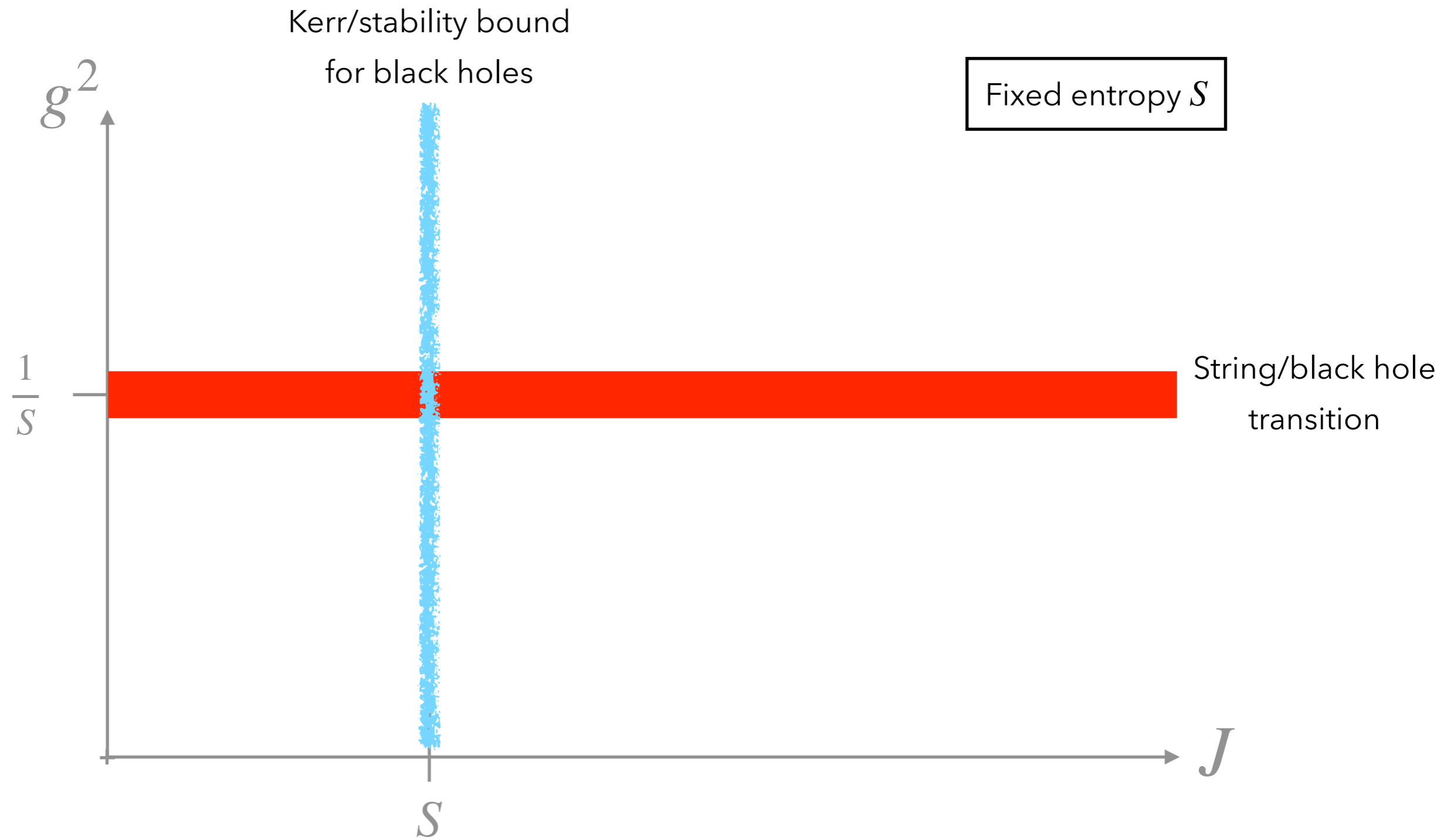
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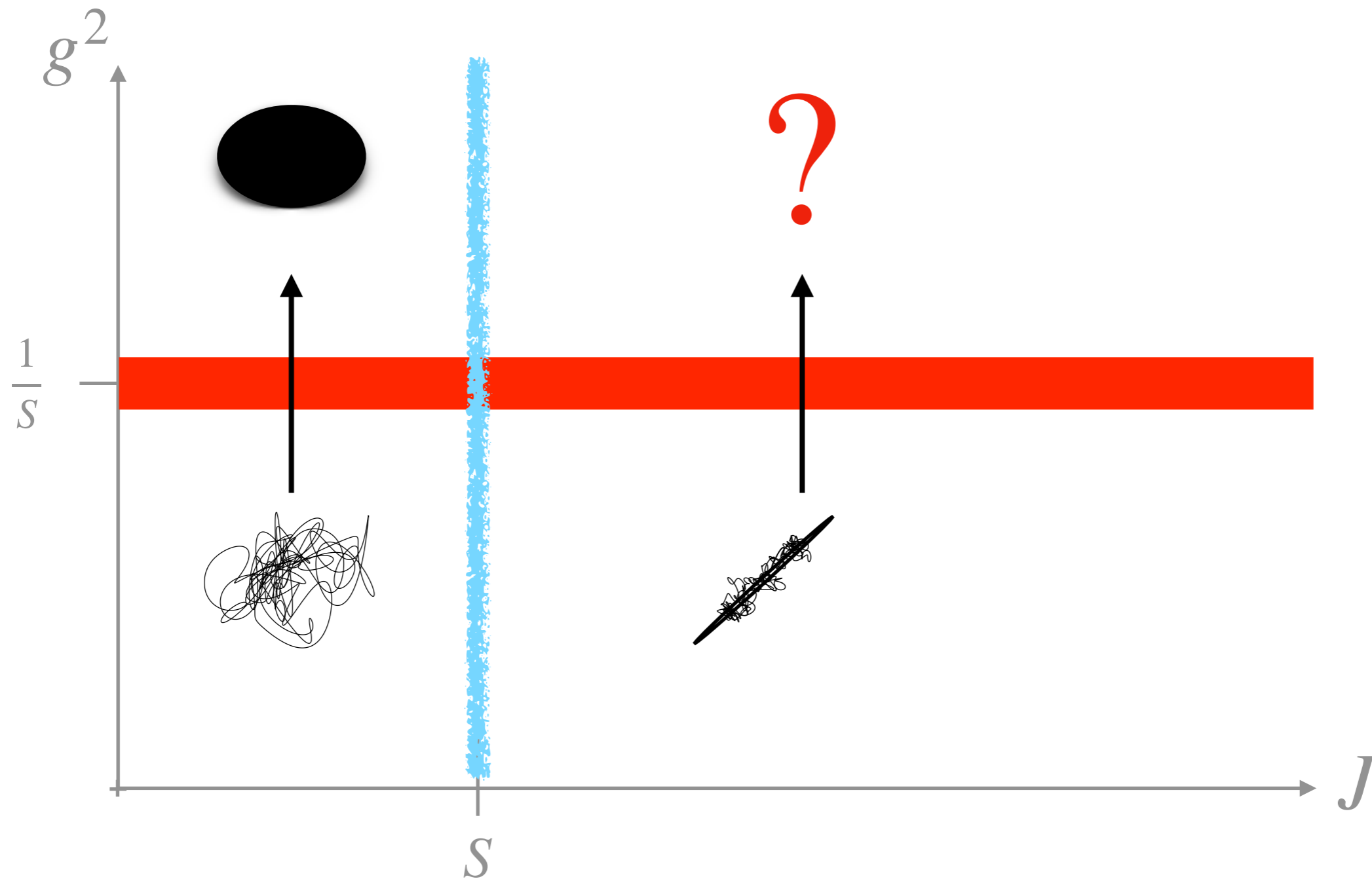
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The correspondence  
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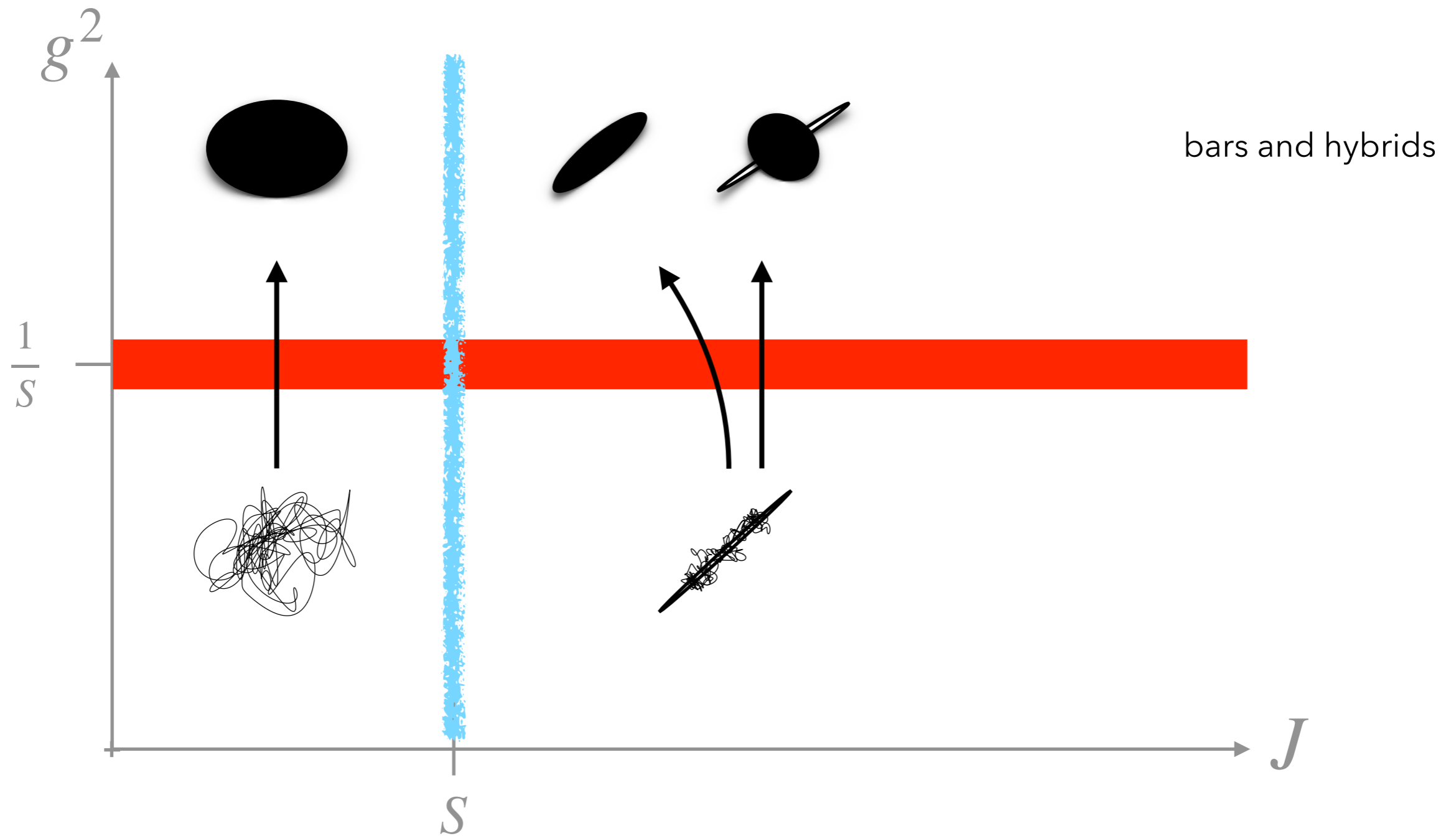
# Correspondence diagram



# Strings to black holes

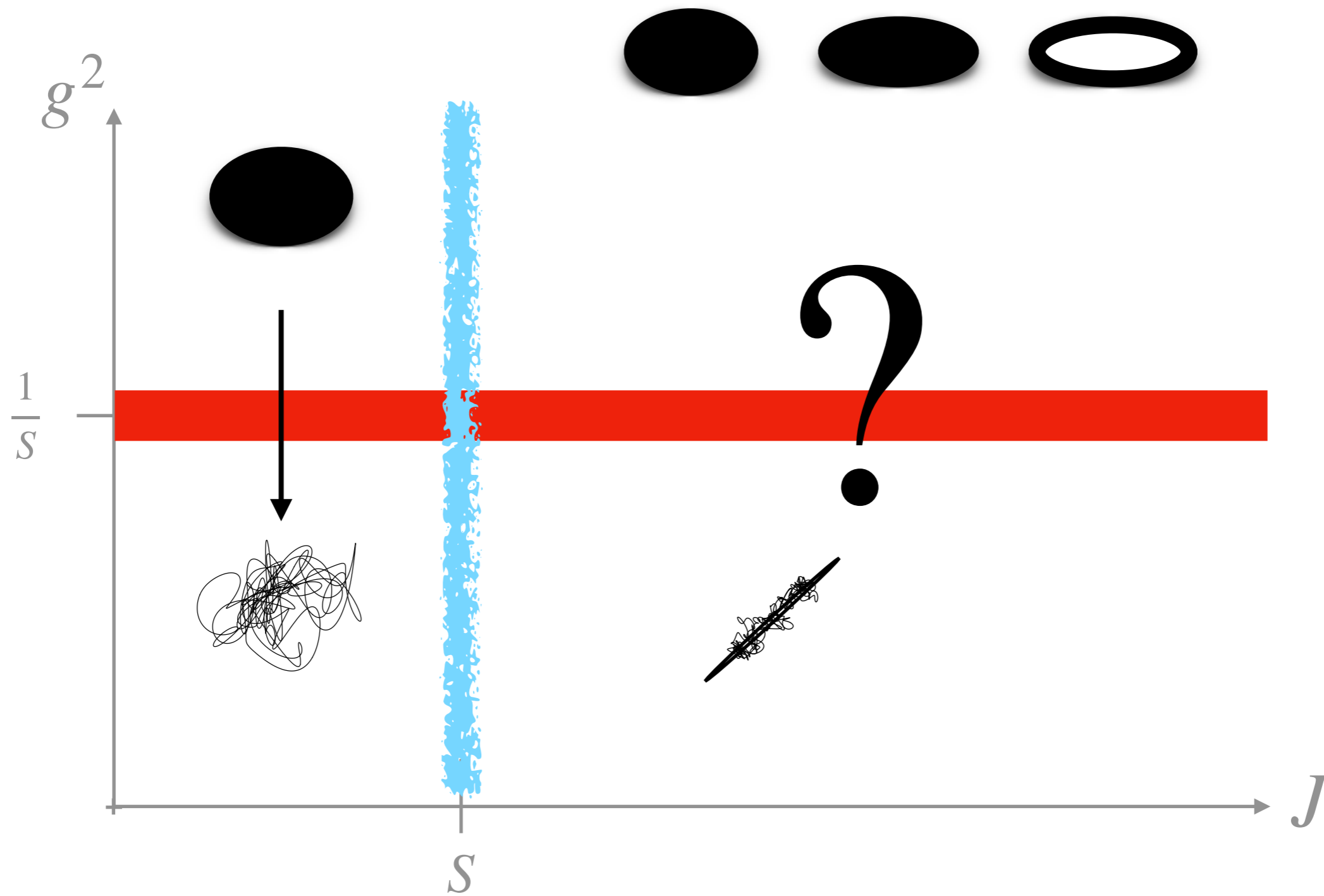


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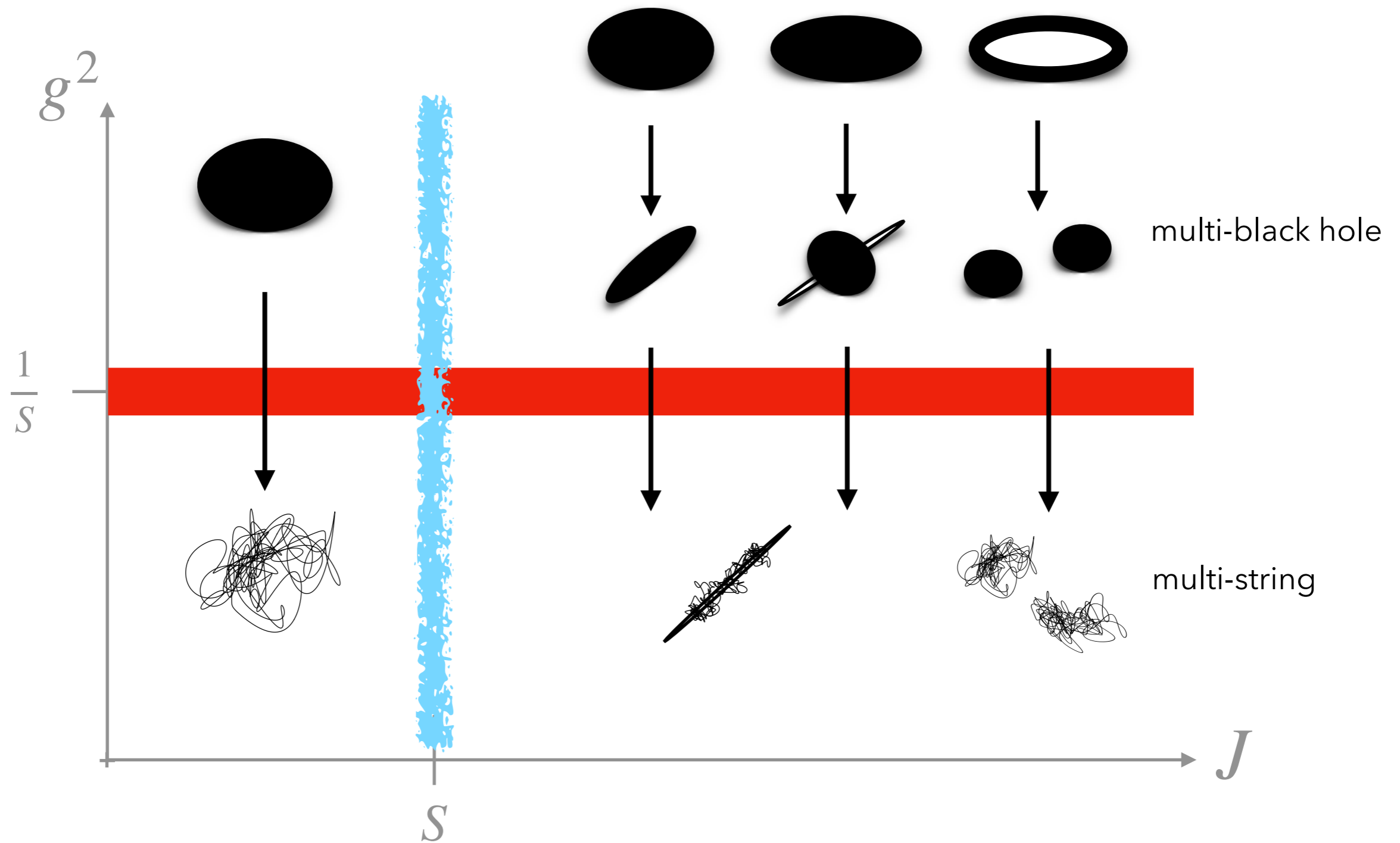
**Solves puzzle 1:** Highly rotating strings do have black hole counter parts in the form of non-stationary configurations!

# Black holes to strings





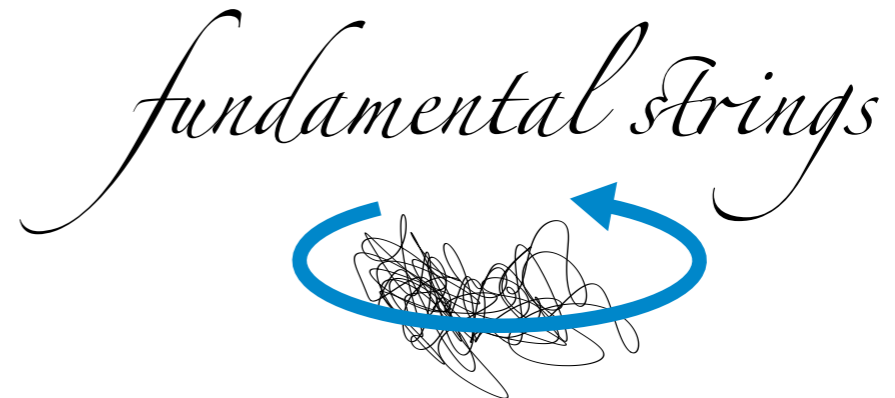
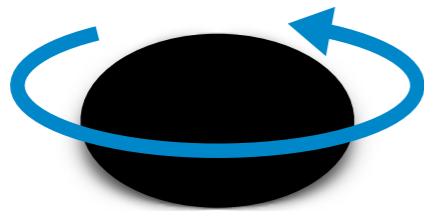
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**Solves puzzle 2:** Ultraspinning black holes are unstable, their decay products have stringy counterparts!

# Summary: **rotating** correspondence

**BLACK HOLES**



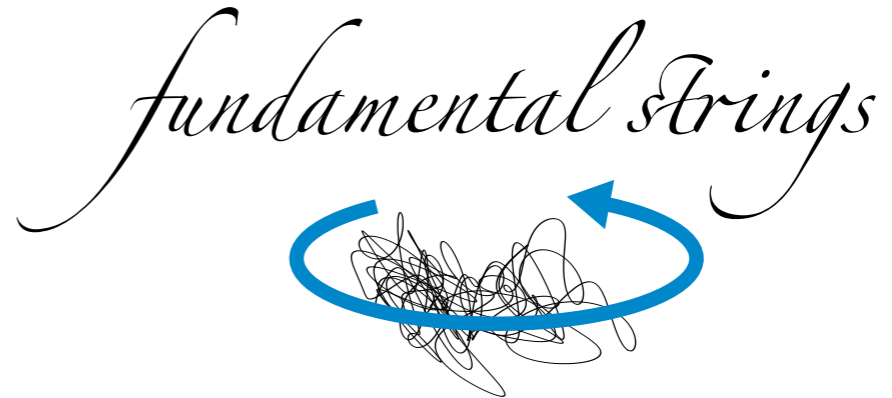
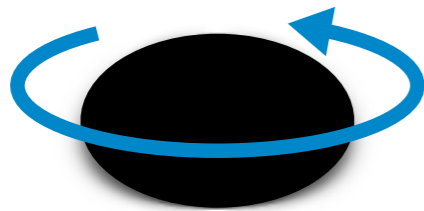
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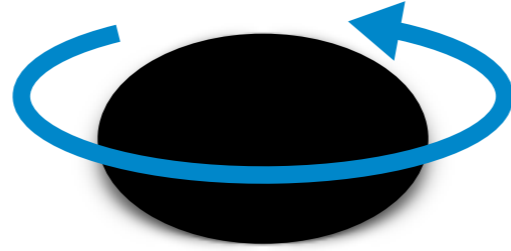
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→ Test the correspondence with rotation: shapes and sizes

# IV. Testing the correspondence with rotation

# Spinning up a black hole



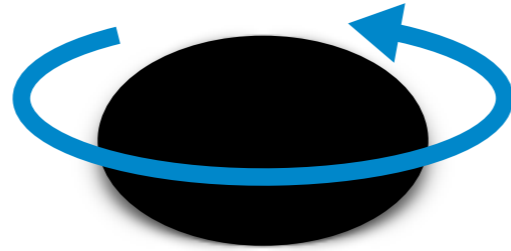
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# Spinning up a black hole



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Decreasing  $TS$  increases  $\Omega J$  for a given total energy.

Geometrical counterpart of  
heat (entropy) is horizon area.



Overall size of a black hole of mass  $M$  must be smaller for larger  $J$ .

$$\left(\frac{M}{M_P}\right)^{D-2} \propto S^{D-5} \left(\frac{S^2}{4\pi^2} + J^2\right) \quad |J| \leq S$$

# Spinning up a string



Oscillator excitations for mass  $M$



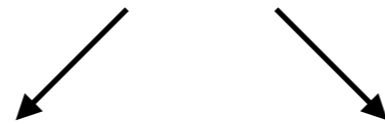
coherently rotate

jitter in a random-walk

# Spinning up a string



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Decreasing random-walk increases rotation for a given total energy.



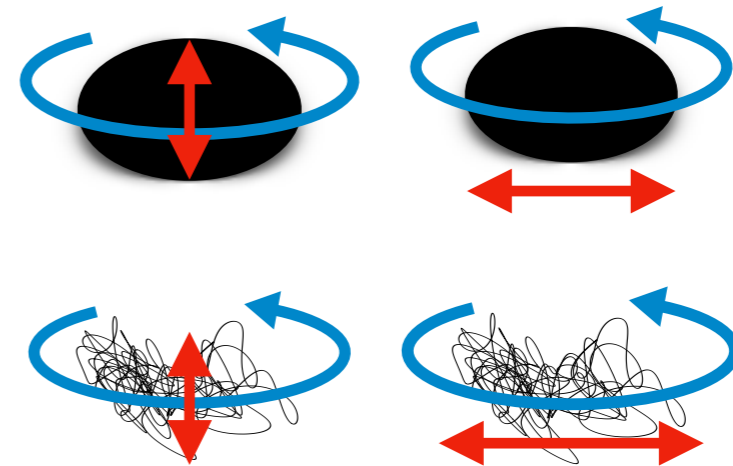
Overall size of the string ball must be smaller for larger  $J$ .

$$S^2 \propto \left( \frac{M}{M_s} \right)^2 - 2|J| \quad |J| = O\left( \frac{M}{M_s} \right)^2$$



# What do we expect?

Size  $\perp$  and  $\parallel$  to plane of rotation:



small  $J \ll S$ :

$$\frac{r_{\perp}^2}{r_{\parallel}^2} - 1 \propto -\frac{J^2}{S^2}$$

large  $J \gg S$ : pancake effect for string and black hole but no matching

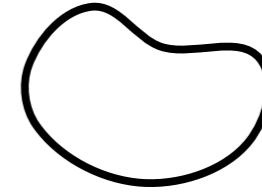
Size and shape  
of strings

# String

$$X^\mu(\tau, \sigma)$$



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Open or closed bosonic string in  $D$  spacetime dimensions.

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transverse directions

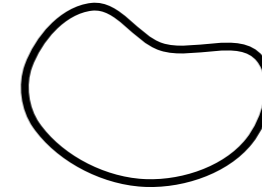
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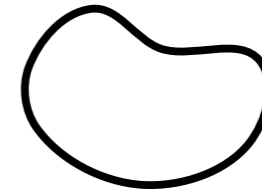
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# String

$$X^\mu(\tau, \sigma)$$



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Open or closed bosonic string in  $D$  spacetime dimensions.

Oscillators  $\alpha_n^\mu$  ( $\tilde{\alpha}_n^\mu$ ) with excitation level  $n$

transverse directions

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coherent rotation in a *single* plane

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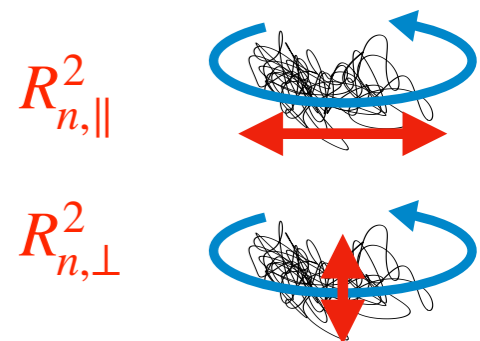
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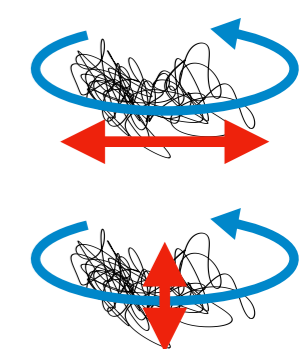
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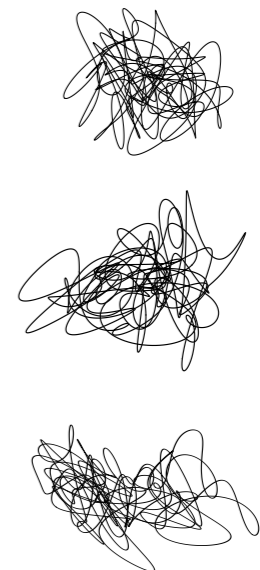
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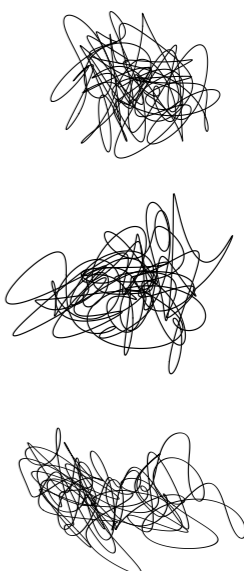
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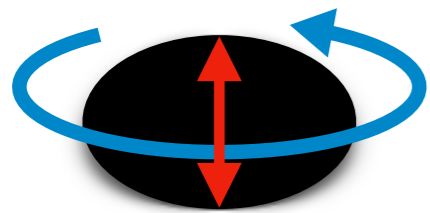
Size and shape  
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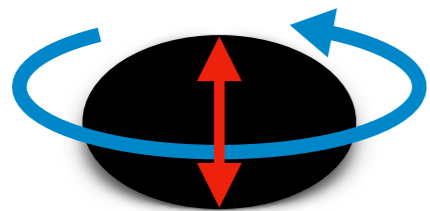
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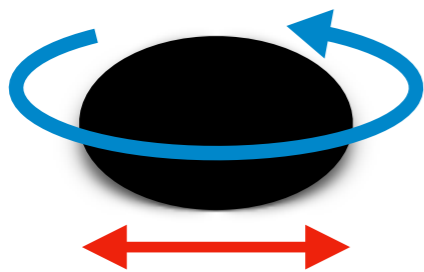


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horizon radius      spin length

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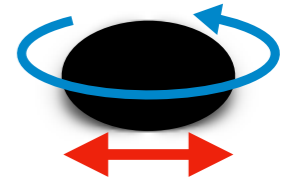
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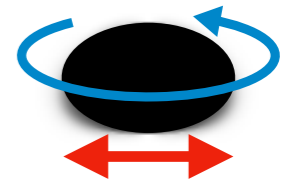
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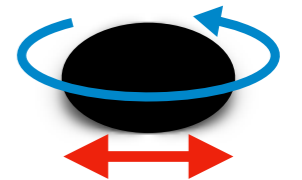
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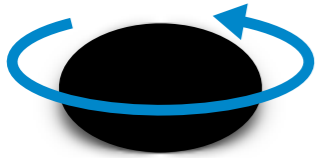
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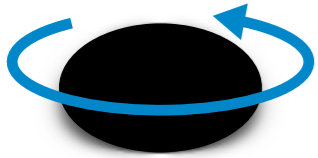
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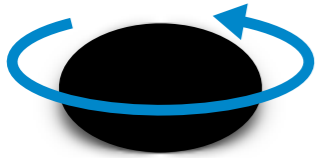


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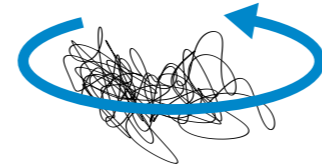
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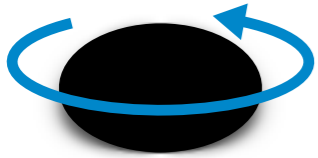


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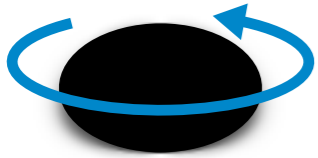
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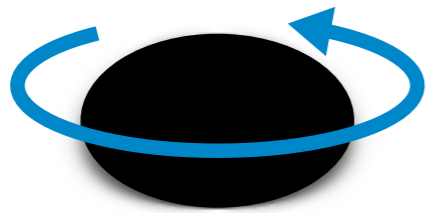
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## BLACK HOLES



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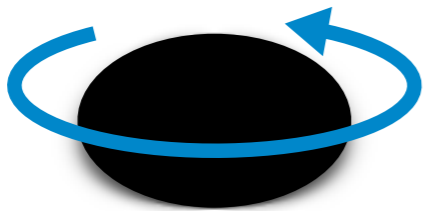
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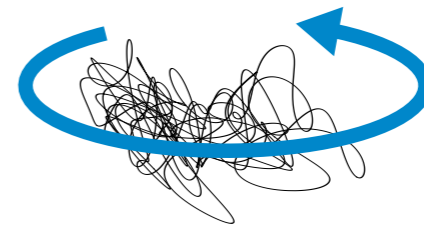
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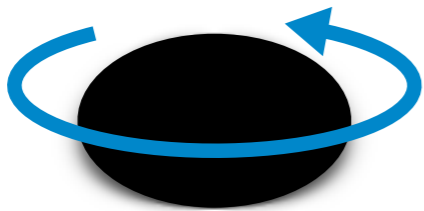
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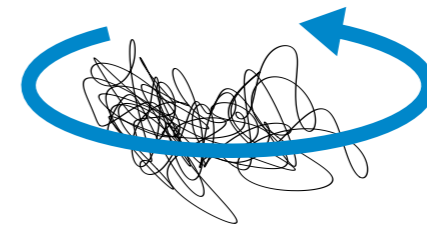
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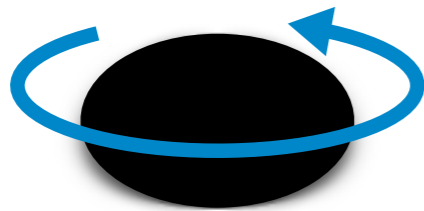
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$\frac{J^2}{n} \propto \frac{J^2}{S^2}$  our result ✓

$J \rightarrow -J$

$\frac{J^2}{S^2}$  semi-classical result

$\frac{J^2}{n^{3/2}} \propto \frac{J^2}{S^3}$  our result ✓

$\frac{\hbar J^2}{(\hbar S)^3}$  quantum correction

⋮

$\frac{\hbar^{-1} J^2}{\hbar S}$  cannot appear

$\frac{J^2}{n^{1/2}} \propto \frac{J^2}{S}$  does not appear ✓



Thank you!