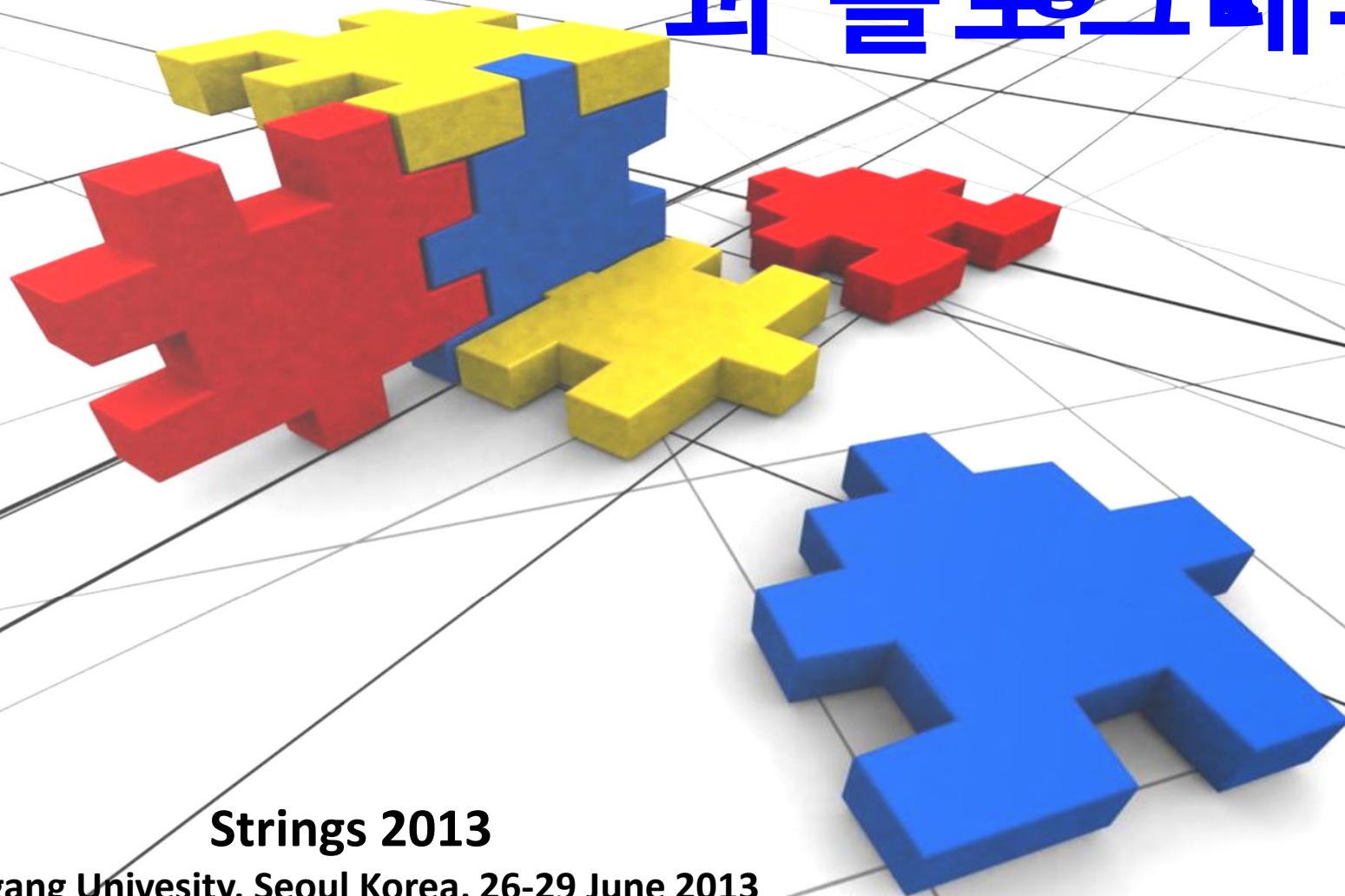


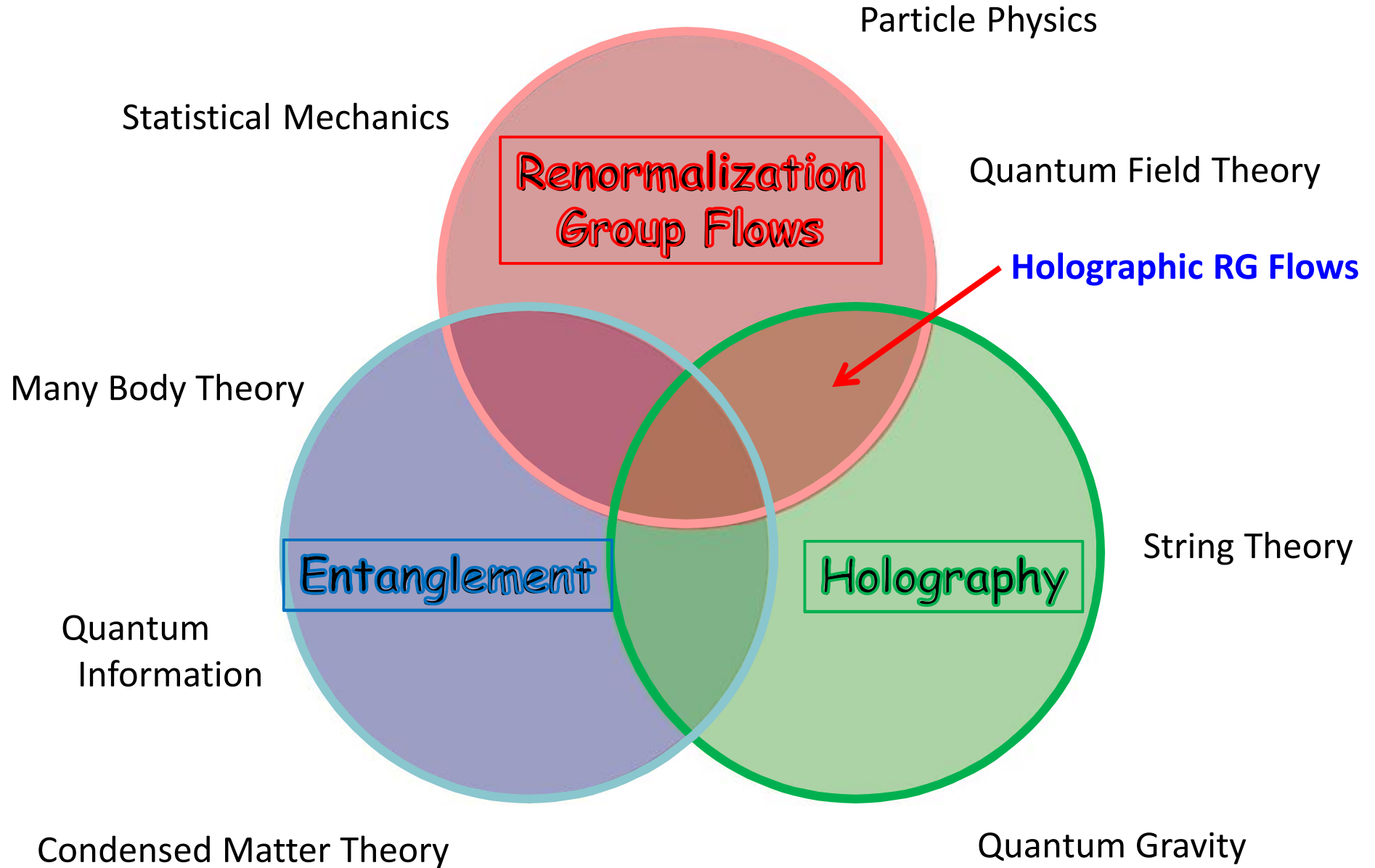
RCF Flow, Entanglement, Holography



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New Dialogues in Theoretical Physics:

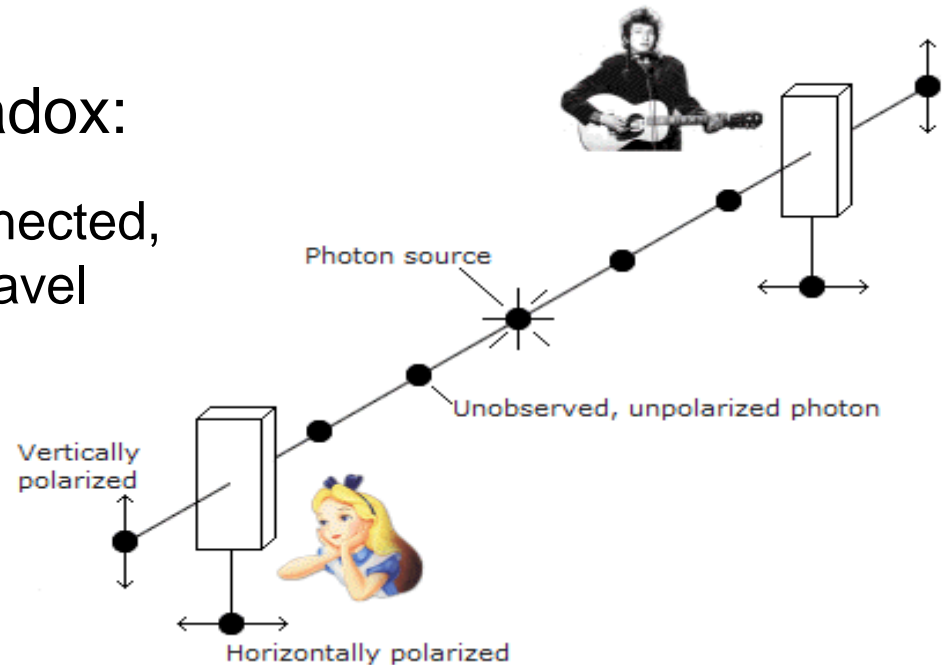


Quantum Entanglement

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“ properties of pair of photons connected,
no matter how far apart they travel

“*spukhafte Fernwirkung*” =
spooky action at a distance



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Quantum Information: entanglement becomes a resource for
(ultra)fast computations and (ultra)secure communications

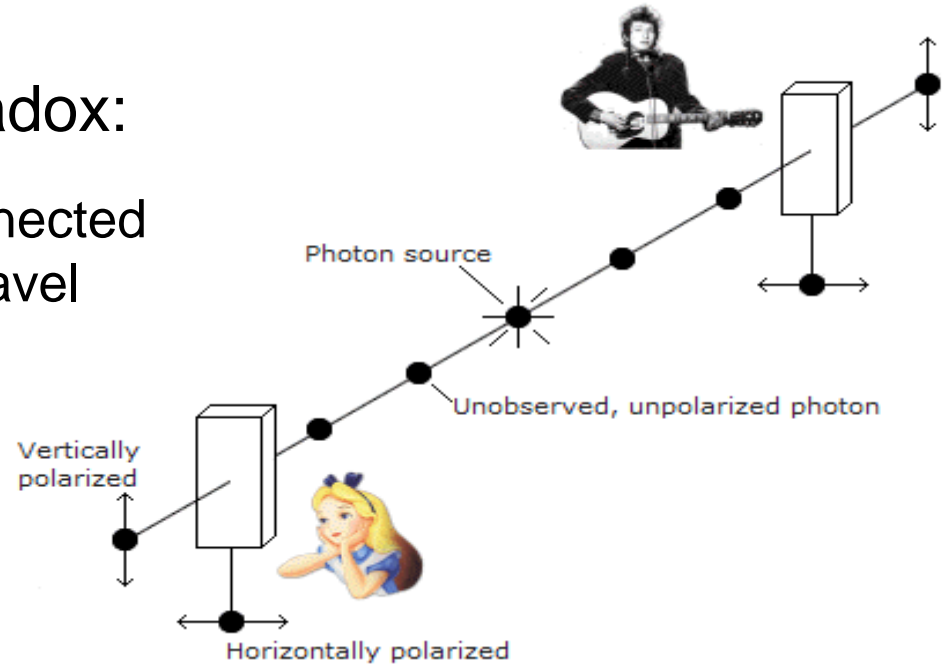
Condensed Matter: key to exotic phases and phenomena,
e.g., quantum Hall fluids, unconventional superconductors,
quantum spin fluids,

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 $= \frac{1}{2} \left(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \right) \otimes \left(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \right) \rightarrow$ **No Entanglement!!**

$$|\psi''\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left(|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \right) \rightarrow$$
 Entangled!!

Entanglement Entropy:

“ general diagnostic: divide quantum system into two parts and use entropy as measure of correlations between subsystems

“ procedure:

“ divide system into two subsystems, eg, A and B

“ trace over degrees of freedom in subsystem B

“ remaining dof in A are described by a density matrix ρ_A

“ calculate **von Neumann entropy**: $S_{EE} = -Tr [\rho_A \log \rho_A]$

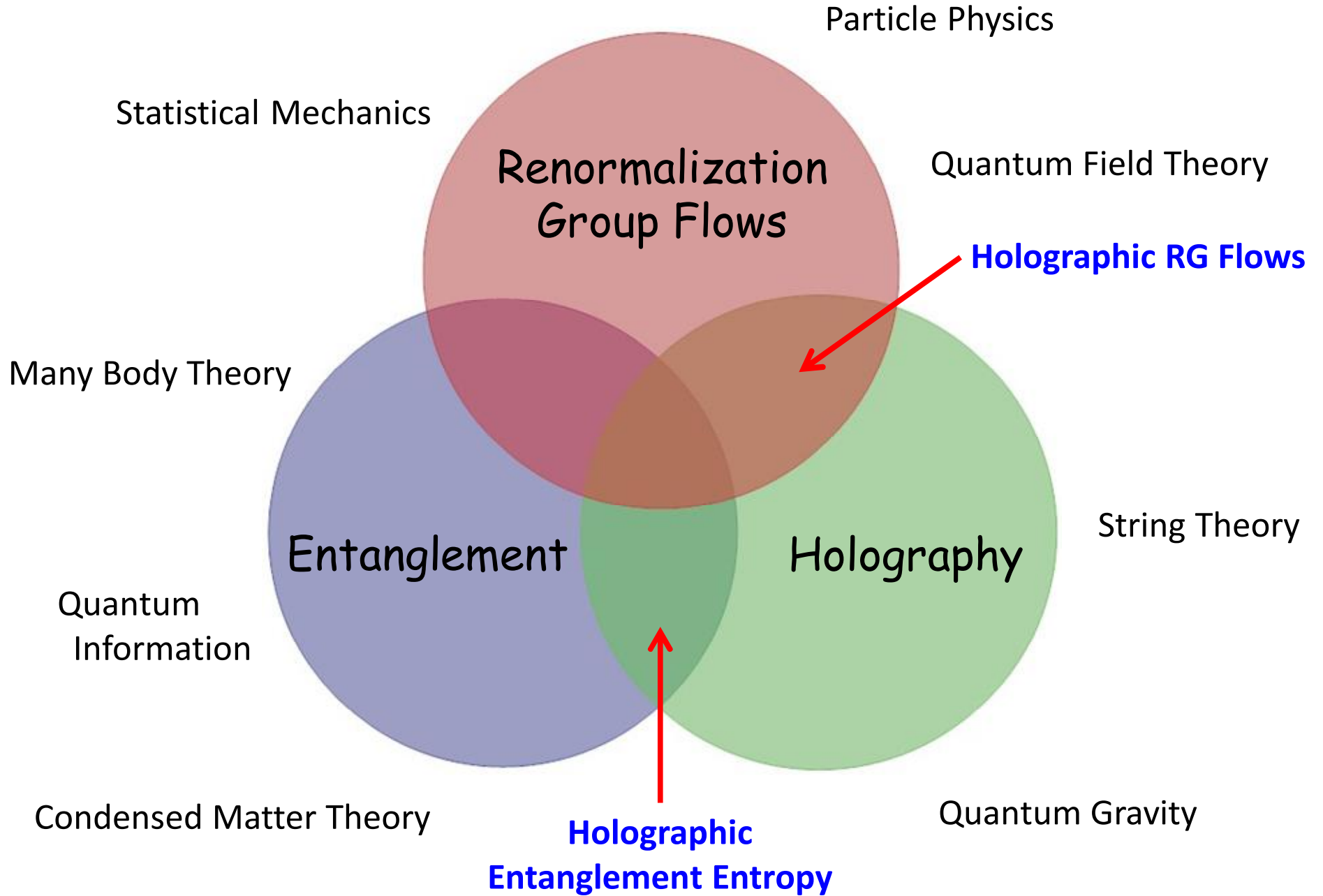
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \right) \longrightarrow \rho = \text{Tr}_2 (|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = \frac{1}{2} (|\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow| + |\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow|) \longrightarrow S_{EE} = \log 2$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \right) \otimes \left(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \right) \longrightarrow \text{No Ent! } S_{EE} = 0 \text{ ent!!}$$

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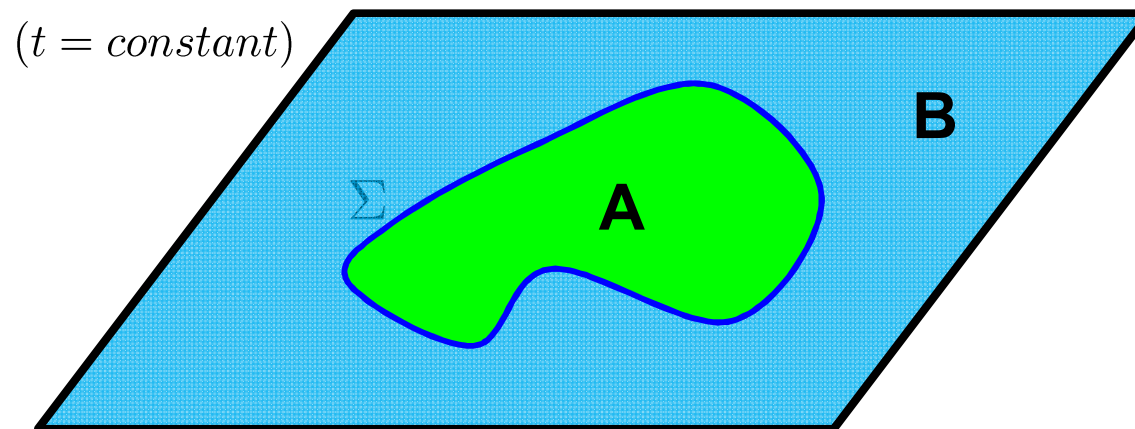
“ in the context of holographic entanglement entropy, S_{EE} is applied in the context of **quantum field theory**

“ in QFT, typically introduce a (smooth) boundary **or entangling surface** Σ which divides the space into two separate regions

“ integrate out degrees of freedom in %outside+region

“ remaining dof are described by a density matrix ρ_A

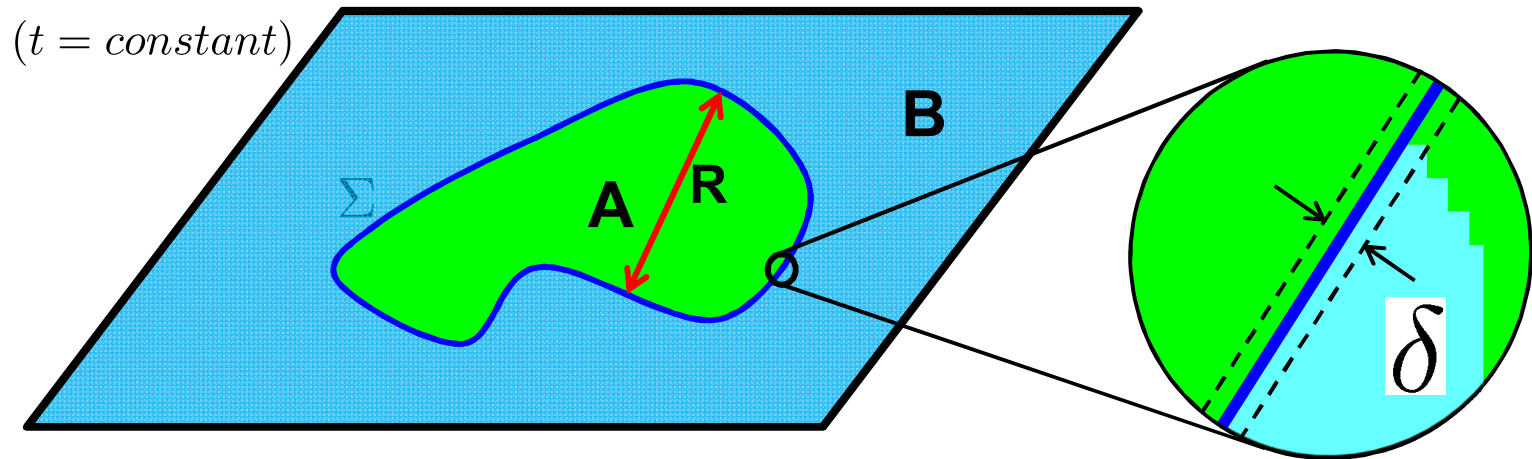
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“ result is UV divergent!

“ must regulate calculation: $\delta = \text{short-distance cut-off}$

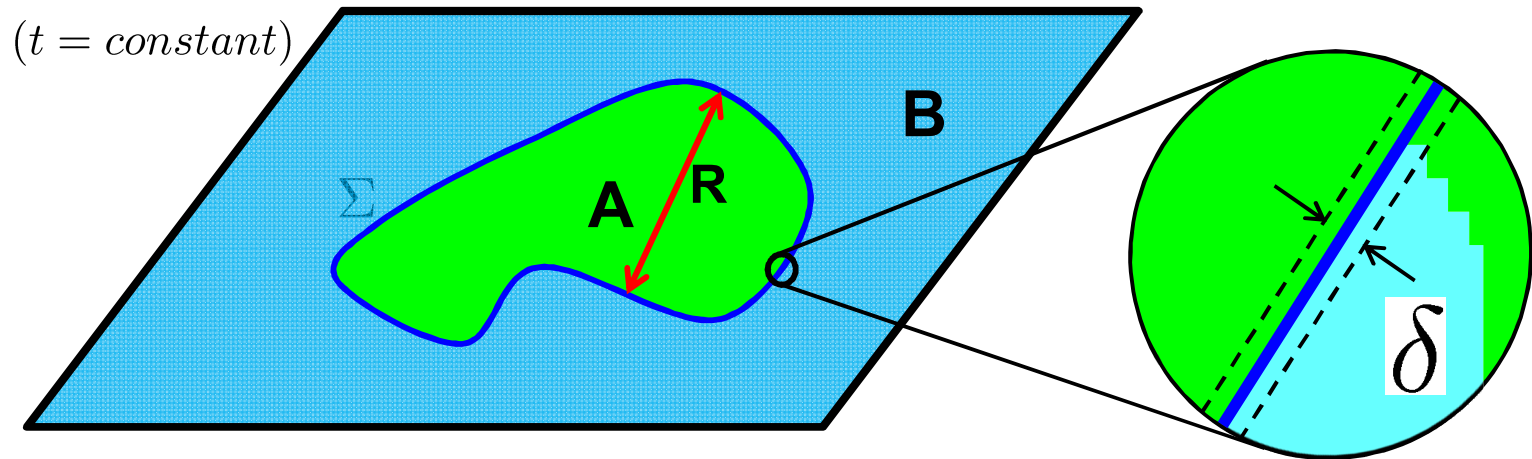
$$S = c_0 \frac{R^{d-2}}{\delta^{d-2}} + c_2 \frac{R^{d-4}}{\delta^{d-4}} + \dots \quad d = \text{spacetime dimension}$$

“ careful analysis reveals geometric structure, eg, $S = \tilde{c}_0 \frac{A_\Sigma}{\delta^{d-2}} + \dots$

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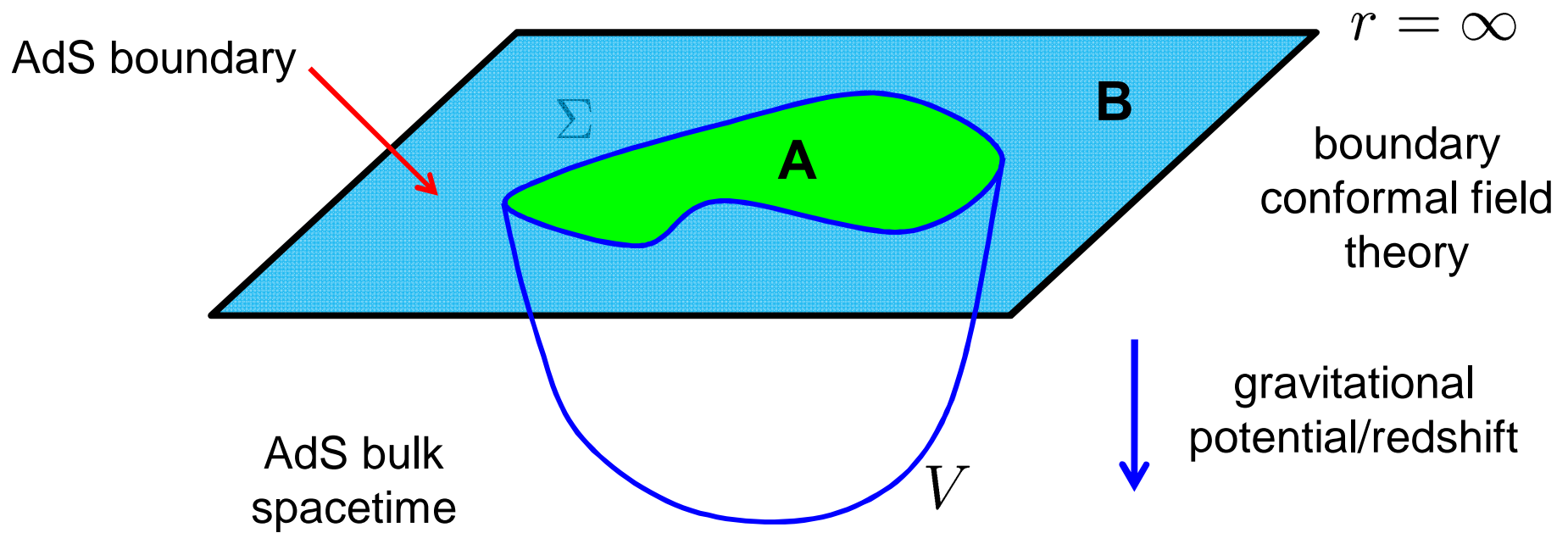
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“ leading coefficients sensitive to details of regulator, eg, $\delta \rightarrow 2\delta$

“ find universal information characterizing underlying QFT in subleading terms, eg, $S = \dots + c_d \log(R/\delta) + \dots$

(Ryu & Takayanagi '06)

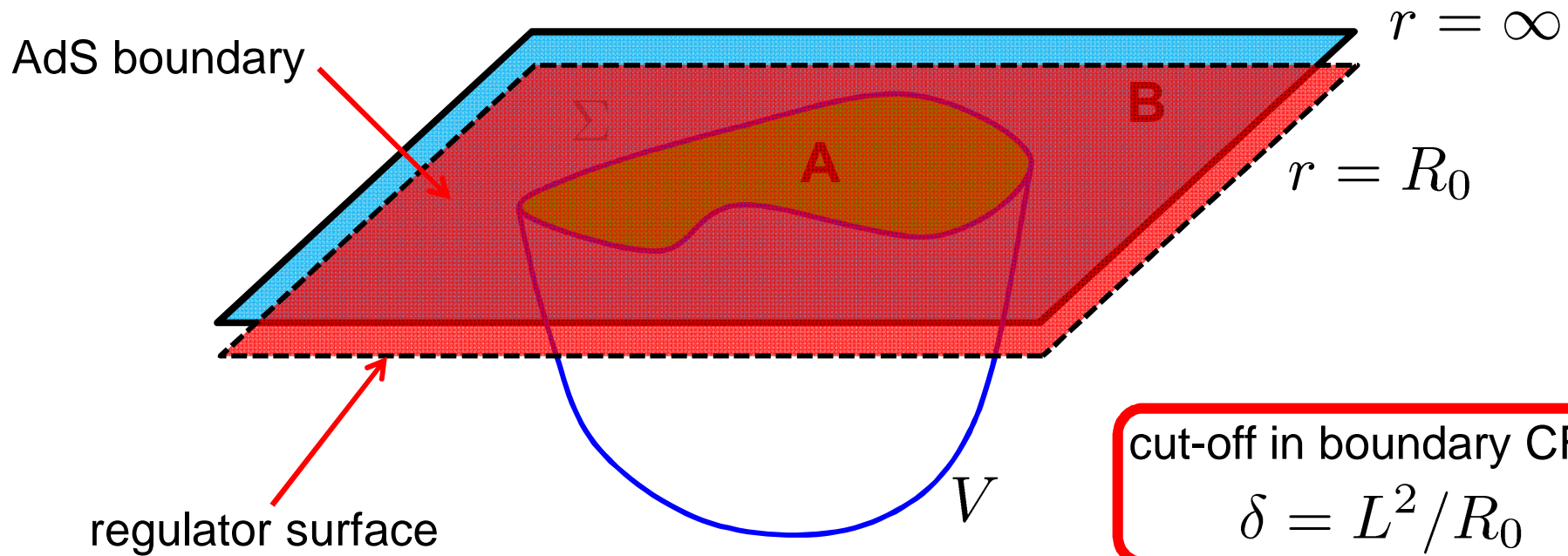
Holographic Entanglement Entropy:



$$S(A) = \int_{\partial V = \Sigma} \kappa \frac{A_V}{4G_N} = \infty!!$$

"divergence because area integral extends to $r = \infty$ looks like BH entropy!"

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:



cut-off in boundary CFT:
 $\delta = L^2 / R_0$

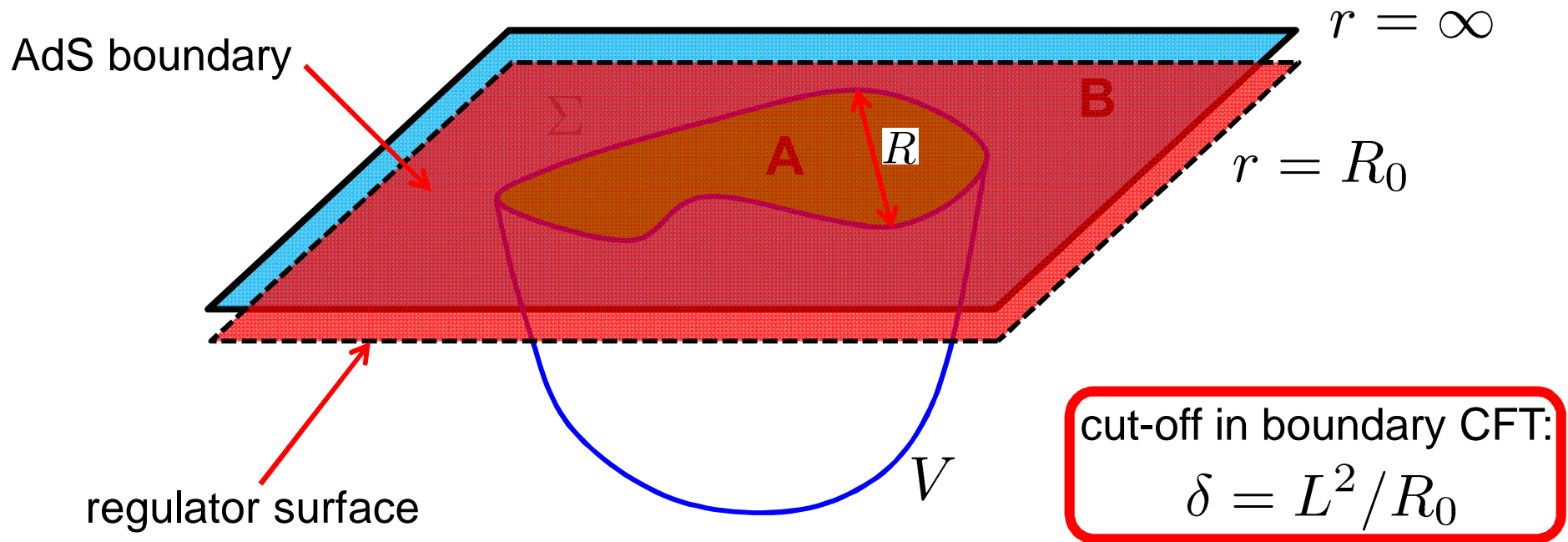
$$S(A) = \text{ext}_{\partial V = \Sigma} \frac{A_V}{4G_N} \simeq \frac{L^{d-1}}{G_N} \frac{A_\Sigma}{\delta^{d-2}} + \dots$$

" UV divergence because area integral extends to $r = \infty$

" as usual, in the regulator surface at large radius: $r = R_0$

(counts dof) $(L/\ell_{Planck})^d$
 → short-distance cut-off in boundary theory: $\text{Area} \frac{L^2}{R_0}$

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:



general expression (as desired):

$$S(A) \simeq c_0 (R/\delta)^{d-2} + c_2 (R/\delta)^{d-4} + \dots$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + c_{d-2} \log(R/\delta) + \dots \quad (\text{d even}) \\ + \underbrace{c_{d-2} + \dots}_{\text{universal contributions}} \quad (\text{d odd}) \end{array} \right.$$

universal contributions

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:

$$S(A) = \text{ext}_{\partial V = \Sigma} \frac{A_V}{4G_N}$$

conjecture

Extensive consistency tests:

1) leading contribution yields area law+ $S \simeq \frac{L^{d-1}}{G_N} \frac{\mathcal{A}_\Sigma}{\delta^{d-2}} + \dots$

2) recover known results for d=2 CFT:

(Holzhey, Larsen & Wilczek)
(Calabrese & Cardy)

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \log \left(\frac{C}{\pi \delta} \sin \frac{\pi \ell}{C} \right)$$

3) $S(A) = S(\bar{A})$ in a pure state

\longrightarrow A and \bar{A} both yield same bulk surface V

4) for thermal bath: $S(A) \supset S_{therm} = \alpha T^{d-1} \times volume$

\uparrow $R \gg 1/T$

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:

$$S(A) = \text{ext}_{\partial V = \Sigma} \frac{A_V}{4G_N}$$

conjecture

Extensive consistency tests:

5) strong sub-additivity: $S(A \cup B) + S(A \cap B) \leq S(A) + S(B)$

(Headrick & Takayanagi)

[further monogamy relations: Hayden, Headrick & Maloney]

6) for even d, connection of universal/logarithmic contribution in S_{EE} to central charges of boundary CFT, eg, in d=4

$$S_{uni} = \log(R/\delta) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Sigma} d^2x \sqrt{h} \left[\mathbf{c} \left(C^{ijkl} \tilde{g}_{ik}^{\perp} \tilde{g}_{jl}^{\perp} - K_a^{ib} K_b^{ia} + \frac{1}{2} K_a^{ia} K_b^{ib} \right) - \mathbf{a} \mathcal{R} \right]$$

(Hung, RM & Smolkin)

7) derivation of holographic EE for spherical entangling surfaces

(Casini, Huerta & RM, RM & Sinha)

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:

$$S(A) = \text{ext}_{\partial V = \Sigma} \frac{A_V}{4G_N} \quad \text{--- conjecture ---}$$

Extensive consistency tests: \longrightarrow **new proof!!!**

(Lewkowycz & Maldacena)

“ generalization of Euclidean path integral calc\$ for S_{BH} , extended to %periodic+bulk solutions without Killing vector

“ for AdS/CFT, translates replica trick for boundary CFT to bulk

$$\Delta\tau = 2\pi \rightarrow 2\pi n \quad \longrightarrow \quad \log Z(n) = \log \text{Tr} [\rho^n] = -I_{\text{grav}}(n)$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad S = -n \partial_n [\log Z(n) - n \log Z(1)] \Big|_{n=1}$$

“ at $n \sim 1$, linearized gravity eom demand: $K^\alpha = h^{ij} K_{ij}^\alpha = 0$

\longrightarrow τ shrinks to zero on an extremal surface in bulk

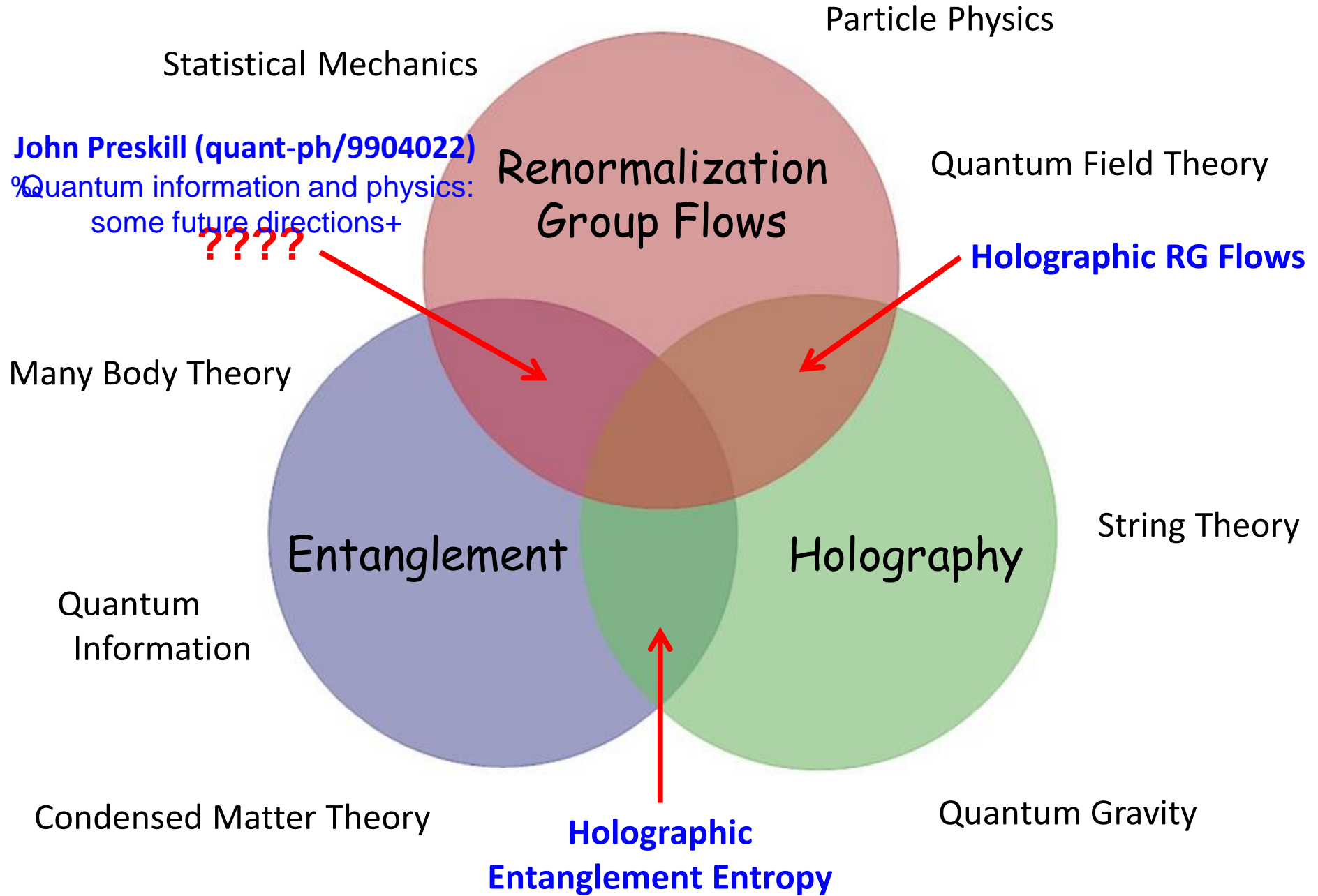
“ evaluating Einstein action yields $S = A/4G_N$ for extremal surface

Topics currently trending in **Holographic S_{EE}** :

(Ryu & Takayanagi '06 \longrightarrow 111 cites in past year of total of 317)

- “ **thermodynamic properties of S_{EE} for excited states**
(Bhattacharya, Naki, Takayanagi & Ugajin; . . .)
- “ entanglement tsunami+. probe of holo-quantum quenches
(Liu & Suh)
- “ probe of large-N phase transitions at finite volume (Johnson)
- “ phase transitions in holographic Renyi entropy
(Belin, Maloney & Matsuura)
- “ holographic S_{EE} in higher spin gravity
(Ammon, Castro & Iqbal; de Boer & Jottar)
- “ holographic S_{EE} beyond classical gravity
(Barrella, Dong, Hartnoll & Martin)
- “ probing causal structure in the bulk
(Hubeny, Maxfield, Rangamani & Tonni)
- “ holographic Renyi entropy for disjoint intervals (Faulkner; Hartman)

New Dialogues in Theoretical Physics:



Zamolodchikov c-theorem (1986):

“ renormalization-group (RG) flows can be seen as one-parameter motion

$$\frac{d}{dt} \equiv -\beta^i(g) \frac{\partial}{\partial g^i}$$

in the space of (renormalized) coupling constants $\{g^i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ with beta-functions as velocities+

“ for unitary, renormalizable QFTs in **two dimensions**, there exists a positive-definite real function of the coupling constants $c(g)$:

1. monotonically decreasing along flows: $\frac{d}{dt}c(g) \leq 0$

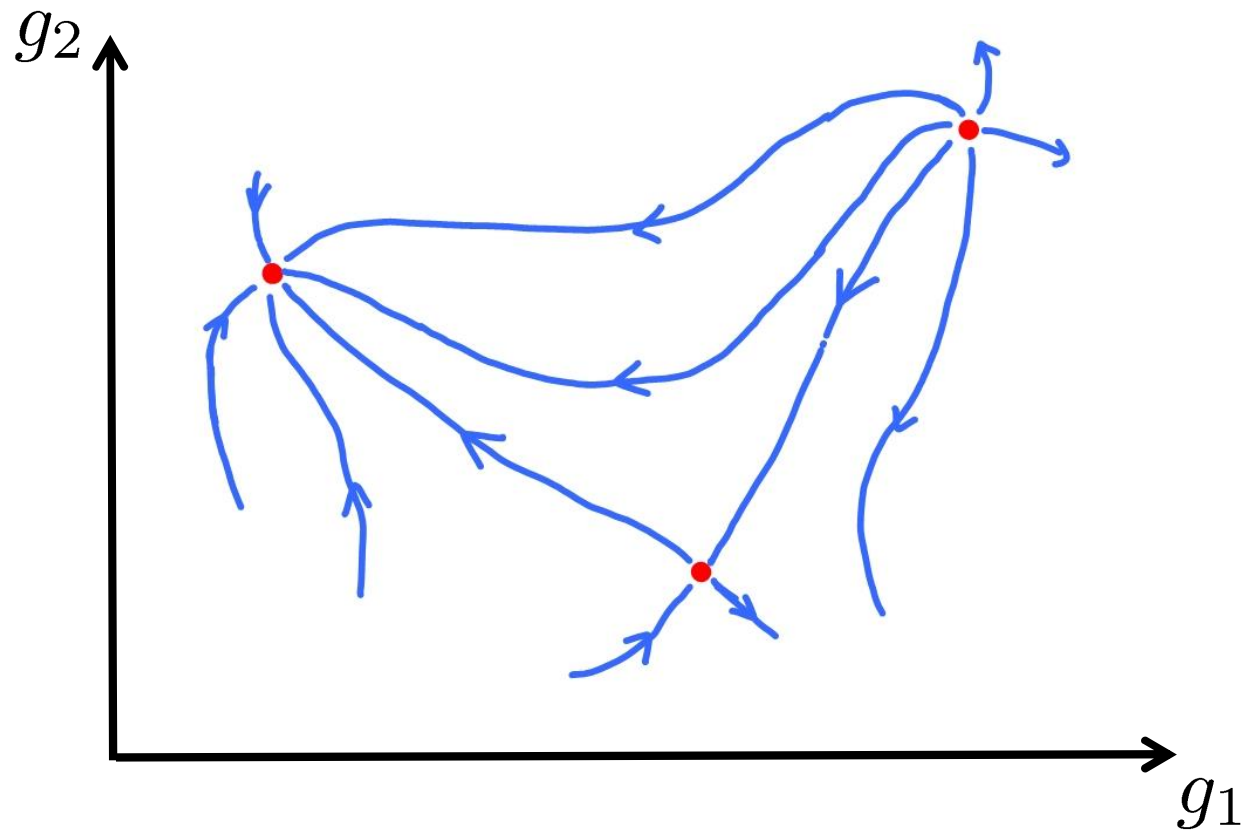
2. stationary at fixed points $g^i = (g^*)^i$:

$$\beta^i(g^*) = 0 \iff \frac{\partial}{\partial g^i}c(g) = 0$$

3. at fixed points, it equals central charge of corresponding CFT

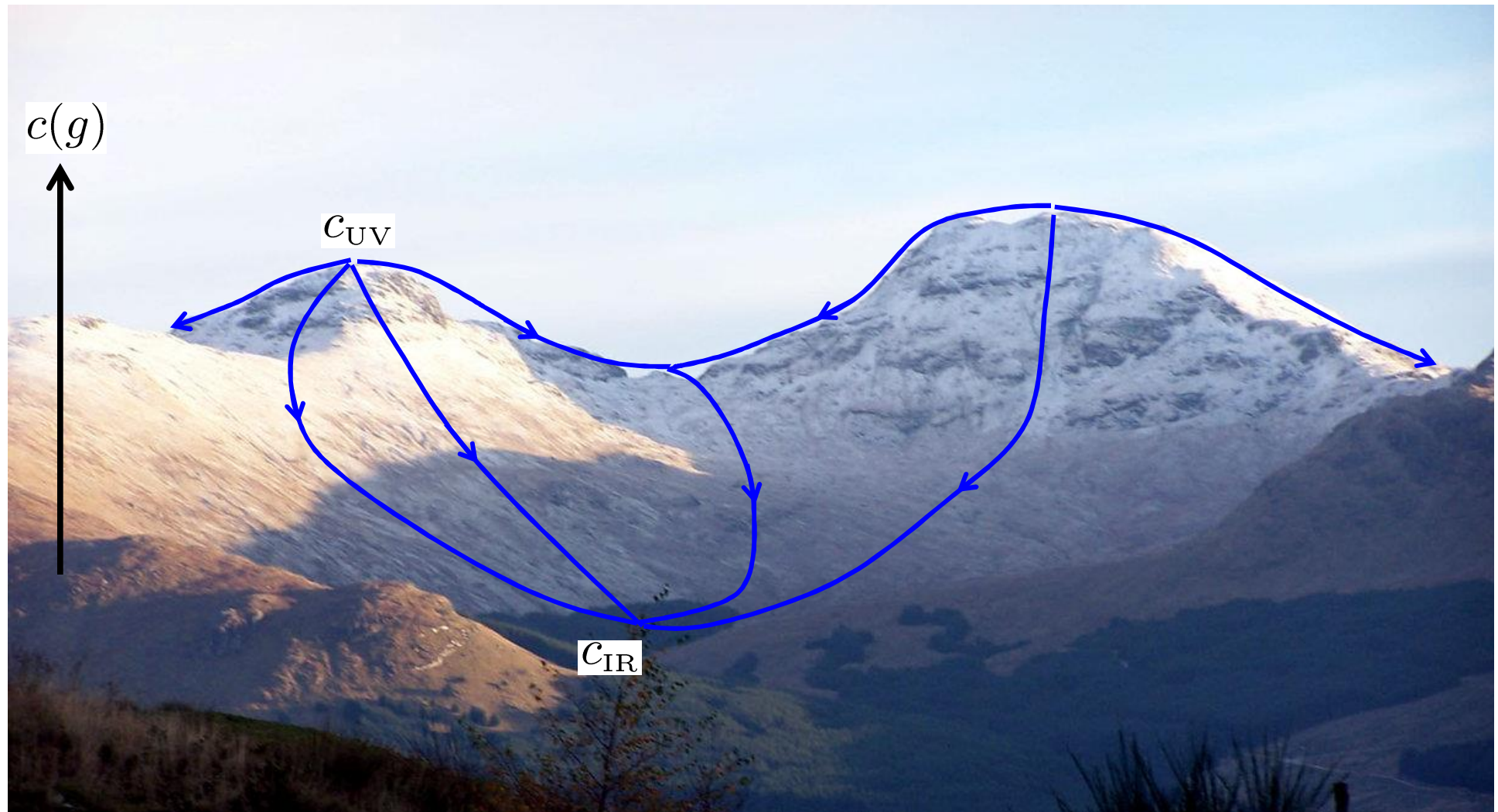
$$c(g^*) = c$$

with Zamolodchikov's framework:



BECOMES

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Consequence for any RG flow in $d=2$: $c_{UV} > c_{IR}$

C-theorems in higher even dimensions??

$$d=2: \quad \langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle = -\frac{c}{12} R$$

$$d=4: \quad \langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle = \frac{c}{16\pi^2} I_4 - \frac{a}{16\pi^2} E_4 - \frac{a'}{16\pi^2} \nabla^2 R$$

$$I_4 = C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad E_4 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$$

“ in 4 dimensions, have three central charges: c , a , a'

“ do any of these obey a similar ~~to~~ theorem under RG flows?

✗ a' -theorem: a' is scheme dependent (not globally defined)

✗ c -theorem: there are numerous counter-examples

Cardy's conjecture (1988):

a -theorem: for any RG flow in $d=4$, $a_{UV} > a_{IR}$

“ numerous nontrivial examples, eg, perturbative fixed points (Jack & Osborn), SUSY gauge theories (Anselmi et al; Intriligator & Wecht)

“ JP: perhaps QI can provide insight into c-theorems for **odd** dim

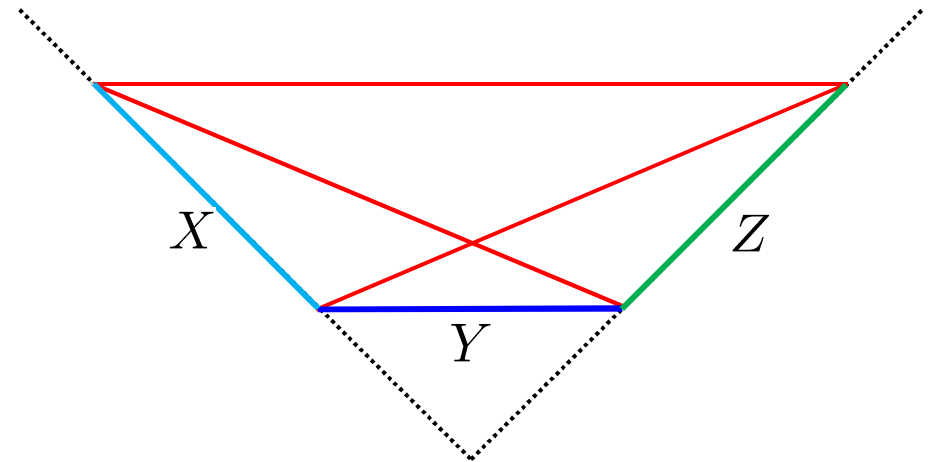
Entanglement proof of c-theorem:

" c-theorem for d=2 RG flows can be established using unitarity, Lorentz invariance and **strong subadditivity inequality**:

$$S(X \cup Y \cup Z) - S(X \cup Y) - S(Y \cup Z) + S(Y) \leq 0$$

" define: $C(\ell) = 3 \ell \partial_\ell S(\ell)$

$$\longrightarrow \partial_\ell C(\ell) \leq 0$$



" for d=2 CFT: $S(\ell) = \frac{c}{3} \log(\ell/\delta) + a_0$

(Holzhey, Larsen & Wilczek)

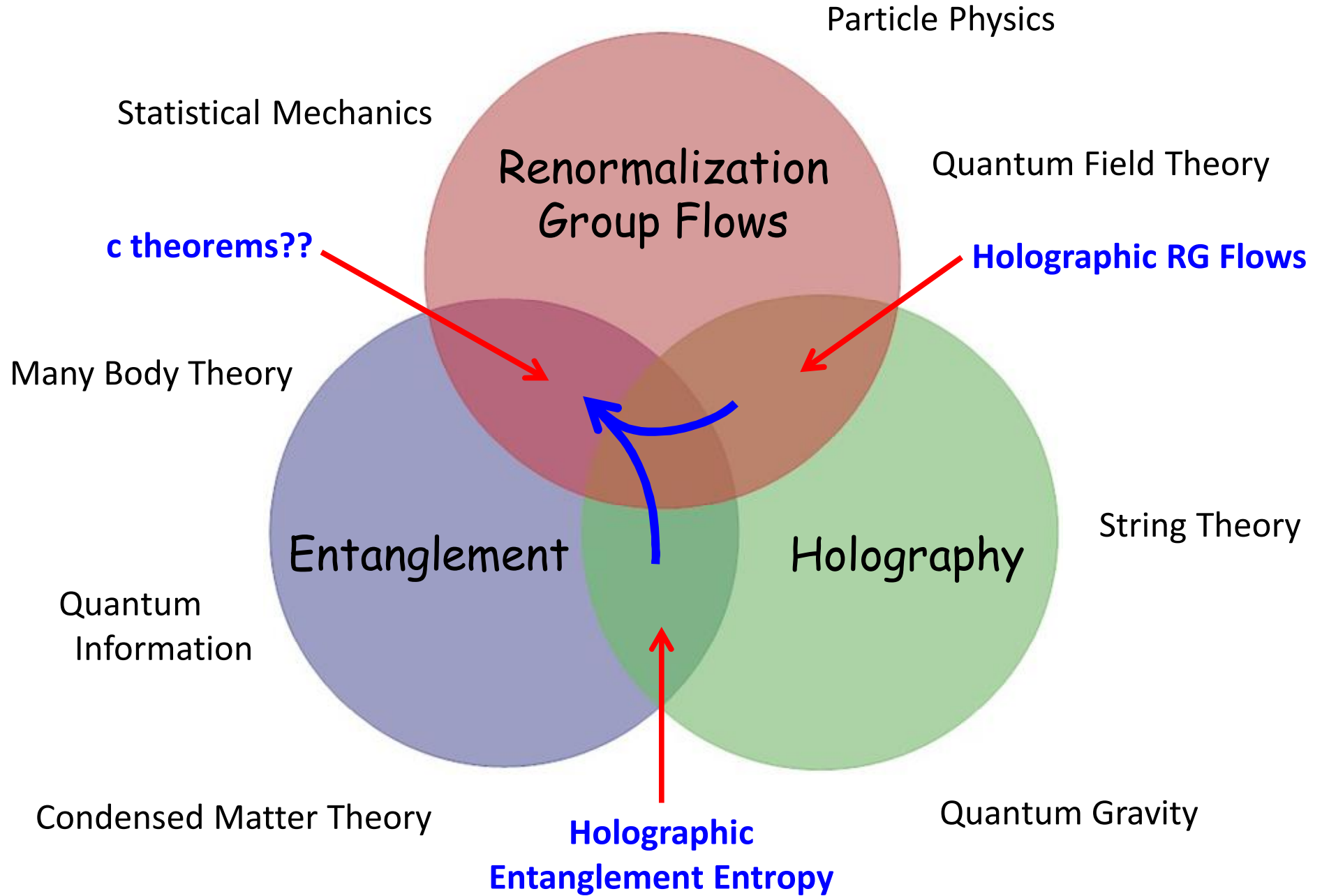
(Calabrese & Cardy)

$$\longrightarrow C_{\text{CFT}}(\ell) = c$$

" hence it follows that:

$$c_{\text{UV}} > c_{\text{IR}}$$

New Dialogues in Theoretical Physics:



(Girardello, Petrini, Porrati and Zaffaroni, hep-th/9810126)

(Freedman, Gubser, Pilch & Warner, hep-th/9904017)

Holographic RG flows:

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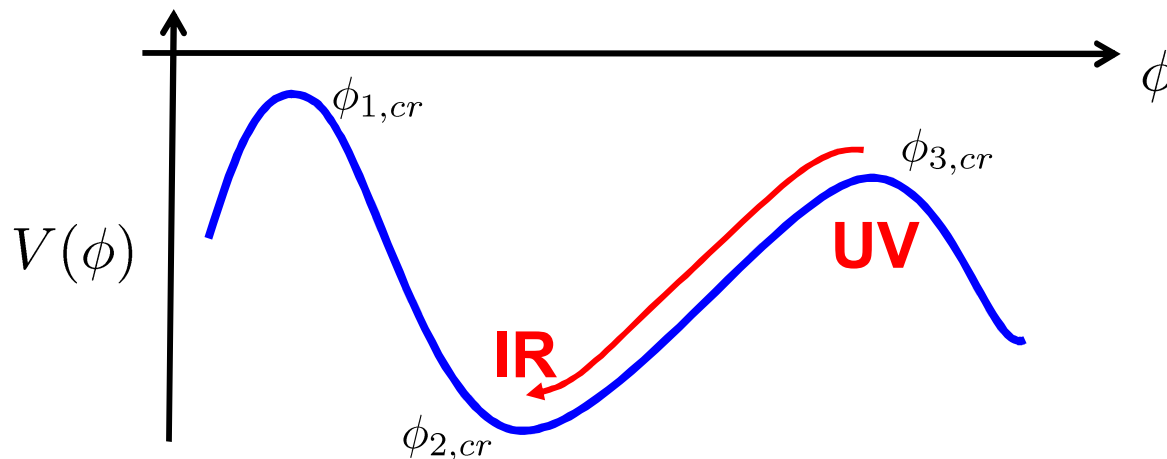
“ imagine potential has stationary points giving negative

$$\longrightarrow V(\phi_{i,cr}) = -\frac{12}{L^2}\alpha_i^2$$

“ consider metric: $ds^2 = e^{2A(r)}(-dt^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2) + dr^2$

“ at stationary points, AdS₅ vacuum: $A(r) = r/\tilde{L}$ with $\tilde{L} = L/\alpha_i$

“ **HRG flow**: solution starts at one stationary point at large radius and ends at another at small radius . connects CFT_{UV} to CFT_{IR}



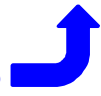

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Holographic RG flows:

“ for general flow solutions, define: $a(r) \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{\ell_P^3 A'(r)^3}$

$$a'(r) = -\frac{3\pi^2}{\ell_P^3 A'(r)^4} A''(r) = -\frac{\pi^2}{\ell_P^3 A'(r)^4} (T^t_t - T^r_r) \geq 0$$

Einstein equations  **null energy condition** 
($T_{\mu\nu} \ell^\mu \ell^\nu \geq 0$)

“ at stationary points, $a(r) \rightarrow a^* = \pi^2 \tilde{L}^3 / \ell_P^3$ and hence

$$a_{UV}^* \geq a_{IR}^*$$

“ using holographic trace anomaly: $a^* = a$

(e.g., Henningson & Skenderis)

 supports Cardy's conjecture

“ for Einstein gravity, central charges equal ($a = c$): $c_{UV} \geq c_{IR}$

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Holographic RG flows:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\ell_P^{d-1}} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right]$$

“ same story is readily extended to (d+1) dimensions

“ defining: $a_d(r) \equiv \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2) (\ell_P A'(r))^{d-1}}$

$$a'(r) = -\frac{(d-1)\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2) \ell_P^{d-1} A'(r)^d} A''(r) = -\frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2) \ell_P^{d-1} A'(r)^d} (T^t_t - T^r_r) \geq 0$$

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“ using holographic trace anomaly: $a^* \propto$ central charges

for even d! what about odd d?

(e.g., Henningson & Skenderis)

Improved Holographic RG Flows:

- “ add higher curvature interactions to bulk gravity action
 - provides holographic field theories with, eg, $a \neq c$ so that we can clearly distinguish evidence of a-theorem
(Nojiri & Odintsov; Blau, Narain & Gava)
- “ construct toy models with fixed set of higher curvature terms (where we can maintain control of calculations)

What about the swampland?

- “ constrain gravitational couplings with consistency tests (positive fluxes; causality; unitarity) and **use best judgement**
- “ ultimately one needs to fully develop string theory for interesting holographic backgrounds!
- “ *“if certain general characteristics are true for all CFT’s, then holographic CFT’s will exhibit the same features”*

Toy model:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\ell_P^3} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{12}{L^2} \alpha^2 + R + L^2 \frac{\lambda}{2} \chi_4 + L^4 \frac{\mu}{4} \mathcal{Z}_5 \right]$$

with $\chi_4 = R^{abcd} R_{abcd} - 4R_{ab} R^{ab} + R^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_5 = & R_{ab}^c{}^d R_{dc}^e{}^f R_{ef}^a{}^b + \frac{1}{56} (21R_{abcd} R^{abcd} R - 72R_{abcd} R^{abc}{}_e R^{de} \\ & + 120R_{abcd} R^{ac} R^{bd} + 144R_a{}^b R_b{}^c R_c{}^a - 132R_a{}^b R_b{}^a R + 15R^3) \end{aligned}$$

“ three dimensionless couplings: L/ℓ_P , λ , μ

“ again, gravitational eom and null energy conditon yield:

$$a_{UV} \geq a_{IR}$$

(RM & Sinha)

where $a = \frac{\pi^2}{f_\infty^{3/2}} \frac{L^3}{\ell_P^3} (1 - 6\lambda f_\infty + 9\mu f_\infty^2)$ ← central charge a of boundary CFT

with $\alpha^2 - f_\infty + \lambda f_\infty^2 + \mu f_\infty^3 = 0$

“ toy model supports for Cardy's conjecture in four dimensions

(RM & Sinha)

“ for holographic RG flows with general d , find:

$$(a_d^*)_{UV} \geq (a_d^*)_{IR}$$

where $a_d^* = \frac{\pi^{d/2} L^{d-1}}{\Gamma(d/2) f_\infty^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \ell_P^{d-1}} \left(1 - \frac{2(d-1)}{d-3} \lambda f_\infty - \frac{3(d-1)}{d-5} \mu f_\infty^2 \right)$

with $\alpha^2 - f_\infty + \lambda f_\infty^2 + \mu f_\infty^3 = 0$

“ trace anomaly for CFT $_d$ with even d :

(Deser & Schwimmer)

$$\langle T_\mu^\mu \rangle = \sum B_i (\text{Weyl invariant})_i - 2(-)^{d/2} A (\text{Euler density})_d$$

“ verify that we have precisely reproduced central charge

$$a_d^* = A$$

(Henningson & Skenderis; Nojiri & Odintsov; Blau, Narain & Gava;
Imbimbo, Schwimmer, Theisen & Yankielowicz)

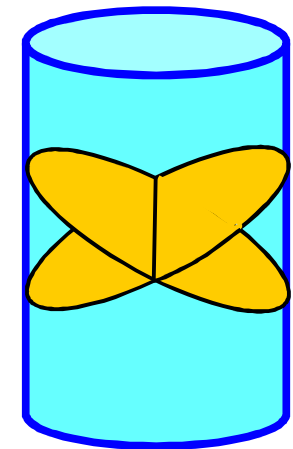
→ agrees with Cardy's conjecture

What about odd d ??

Holographic Entanglement Entropy:

- “ S_{EE} for CFT in d -dim. flat space and choose S^{d-2} with radius R
- “ conformal mapping relate to thermal entropy on $\mathcal{H} = R \times H^{d-1}$ with $\mathcal{R} \sim 1/R^2$ and $T=1/2 R$
- “ holographic dictionary: thermal bath in CFT = black hole in AdS

$$S_{EE} = S_{thermal} = S_{horizon}$$



- “ desired black hole is a hyperbolic foliation of AdS
- “ bulk coordinate transformation implements desired conformal transformation on boundary
- “ apply Wald's formula (for any gravity theory) for horizon entropy:
universal contributions:

$$S = \dots + (-)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} 4 a_d^* \log(2R/\delta) + \dots \quad \text{for even } d$$
$$\dots + (-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} 2\pi a_d^* + \dots \quad \text{for odd } d$$

C-theorem conjecture:

“ identify central charge with universal contribution in entanglement entropy of ground state of CFT across sphere S^{d-2} of radius R :

$$S_{univ} = \begin{cases} (-)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} 4 a_d^* \log(2R/\delta) & \text{for even } d \\ (-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} 2\pi a_d^* & \text{for odd } d \end{cases}$$

(any gravitational action)

“ for RG flows connecting two fixed points

$$(a_d^*)_{UV} \geq (a_d^*)_{IR} \quad (\% \text{unitary+models})$$

→ unified framework to consider c-theorem for **odd** or even d

→ connect to Cardy's conjecture: $a_d^* = A$ for any CFT in even d

F-theorem:

“ examine partition function for broad classes of 3-dimensional quantum field theories on three-sphere (SUSY gauge theories, perturbed CFTs & O(N) models)

“ in all examples, $F = -\log Z(S^3) > 0$ and decreases along RG flows

$$\longrightarrow \text{conjecture: } F_{UV} > F_{IR}$$

“ also naturally generalizes to higher odd d

“ **coincides with entropic c-theorem**

(Casini, Huerta & RM)

“ focusing on renormalized or universal contributions, eg,

$$F_3 = -\log Z|_{finite} = -S_{univ} = 2\pi a_3^*.$$

“ generalizes to general odd d :

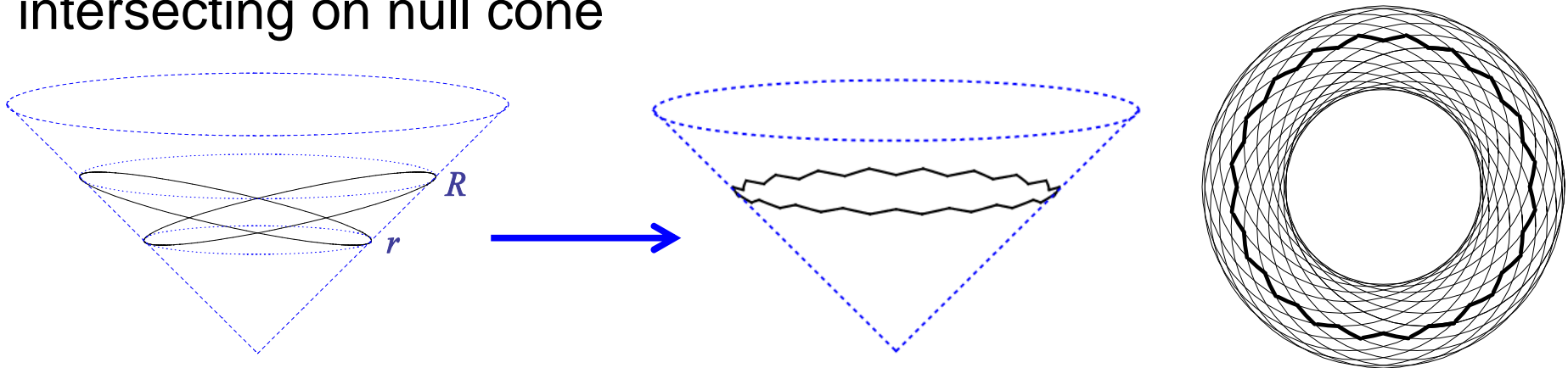
$$F_d = -\log Z|_{finite} = -S_{univ} = (-)^{\frac{d+1}{2}} 2\pi a_d^*.$$

Entanglement proof of F-theorem:

" F-theorem for $d=3$ RG flows established using unitarity, Lorentz invariance and **strong subadditivity**

$$\sum_i S(X_i) \geq S(\cup_i X_i) + S(\cup_{\{ij\}} (X_i \cap X_j)) + S(\cup_{\{ijk\}} (X_i \cap X_j \cap X_k)) + \dots + S(\cap_i X_i)$$

" geometry more complex than $d=2$: consider many circles intersecting on null cone



(no corner contribution from intersection in null plane)

" define: $C(R) = RS'(R) - S(R) \longrightarrow \partial_R C(R) \leq 0$

" for $d=3$ CFT: $S(R) = c_0 R - 2\pi a_3 \longrightarrow C_{\text{CFT}}(R) = 2\pi a_3$

" hence it follows that: $[a_3]_{\text{UV}} > [a_3]_{\text{IR}}$

“Renormalized” Entanglement Entropy:

- “ S_{EE} is UV divergent, so must take care in defining universal term
- “ divergences determined by local geometry of entangling surface with covariant regulator,

$$S = c_0(\mu_i \delta) \frac{R^{d-2}}{\delta^{d-2}} + c_2(\mu_i \delta) \frac{R^{d-4}}{\delta^{d-4}} + \cdots + (-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} 2\pi a_d(\mu_i \delta) + O(\delta/R)$$

- “ can isolate finite term with appropriate manipulations, eg,

$$d=3: \mathcal{S}_3(R) = RS'(R) - S(R) \quad \longleftarrow \text{c-function of Casini \& Huerta}$$

$$d=4: \mathcal{S}_4(R) = R^2 S''(R) - RS'(R)$$

- “ unfortunately, holographic experiments indicate $\mathcal{S}_d(R)$ are **not** good c-functions for $d > 3$

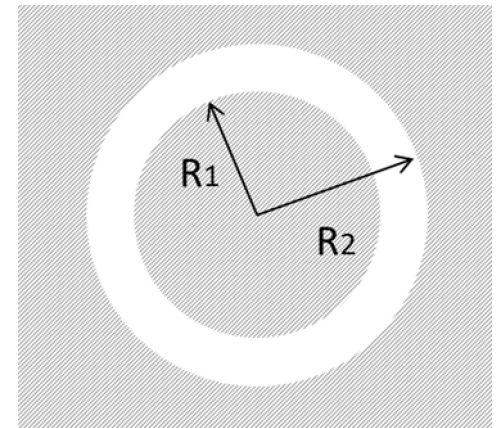
“Renormalized” Entanglement Entropy 2:

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- “ **mutual information** is intrinsically finite and so offers alternative approach to regulate S_{EE}

$$I(A, B) = S(A) + S(B) - S(A \cup B)$$

- “ with $R_{1,2} = R \pm \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $R \gg \varepsilon \gg \delta$,

$$I(A, B) = 2 \left(\frac{\tilde{a}}{\varepsilon} + b \right) R - 4\pi a_3 + O(\varepsilon)$$



- “ choice ensures that a_3 is not polluted by UV fixed point
- “ naturally extends to defining a_d in higher odd dimensions
- “ for $d=3$, entropic proof of F-theorem can be written in terms of mutual information

(Komargodski & Schwimmer; see also: Luty, Polchinski & Rattazzi)

a-theorem and Dilaton Effective Action

“ analyze RG flow as %broken conformal symmetry+ (Schwimmer & Theisen)

“ couple theory to %dilaton+(conformal compensator) and organize effective action in terms of $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = e^{-2\tau} g_{\mu\nu}$

diffeo X Weyl invariant: $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\sigma} g_{\mu\nu} \quad \tau \rightarrow \tau + \sigma$

“ follow effective dilaton action to IR fixed point, eg,

$$S_{anomaly} = -\delta a \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\tau E_4 + 4(R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu} R) \partial_\mu \tau \partial_\nu \tau - 4(\partial\tau)^2 \square \tau + 2(\partial\tau)^4 \right)$$

 $\delta a = a_{UV} - a_{IR}$: ensures UV & IR anomalies match

“ with $g \rightarrow \eta$, only contribution to 4pt amplitude with null dilatons:

$$S_{anomaly} = 2 \delta a \int d^4x (\partial\tau)^4$$

“ dispersion relation plus optical theorem demand: $\delta a > 0$

a-theorem, Dilaton and Entanglement Entropy

“ find anomaly contribution for S_{EE}

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$$[S_{EE}]_{anom} = \frac{\pi}{8} \delta a \int_\Sigma d^2\sigma \sqrt{\gamma} [\tau \mathcal{R}_\Sigma(\gamma) + (\partial_\Sigma \tau)^2]$$

“ for conformally flat background and flat entangling surface,

$$\longrightarrow [S_{EE}]_{anom} = \frac{\pi}{8} \delta a \int_\Sigma d^2\sigma \sqrt{\gamma} (\partial_\Sigma \tau)^2$$

“ can express coefficient in terms of spectral density for $\langle T(x)T(y) \rangle$

$$\delta a = \frac{1}{90\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\mu}{\mu^2} C^{(0)}(\mu) > 0$$

“ analogous to effective-dilaton-action analysis for $d=2$

Questions:

“ how much of Zamalodchikov’s structure for $d=2$ RG flows extends higher dimensions?

→ $d=3$ entropic c-function not always stationary at fixed points
(Klebanov, Nishioka, Pufu & Safdi)

“ can c-theorems be proved for higher dimensions? eg, $d=5$ or 6

→ dilaton-effective-action would require subtle refinement for $d=6$
(Elvang, Freedman, Hung, Kiermaier, RM & Theisen; Elvang & Olson)

“ does scale invariance imply conformal invariance beyond $d=2$?

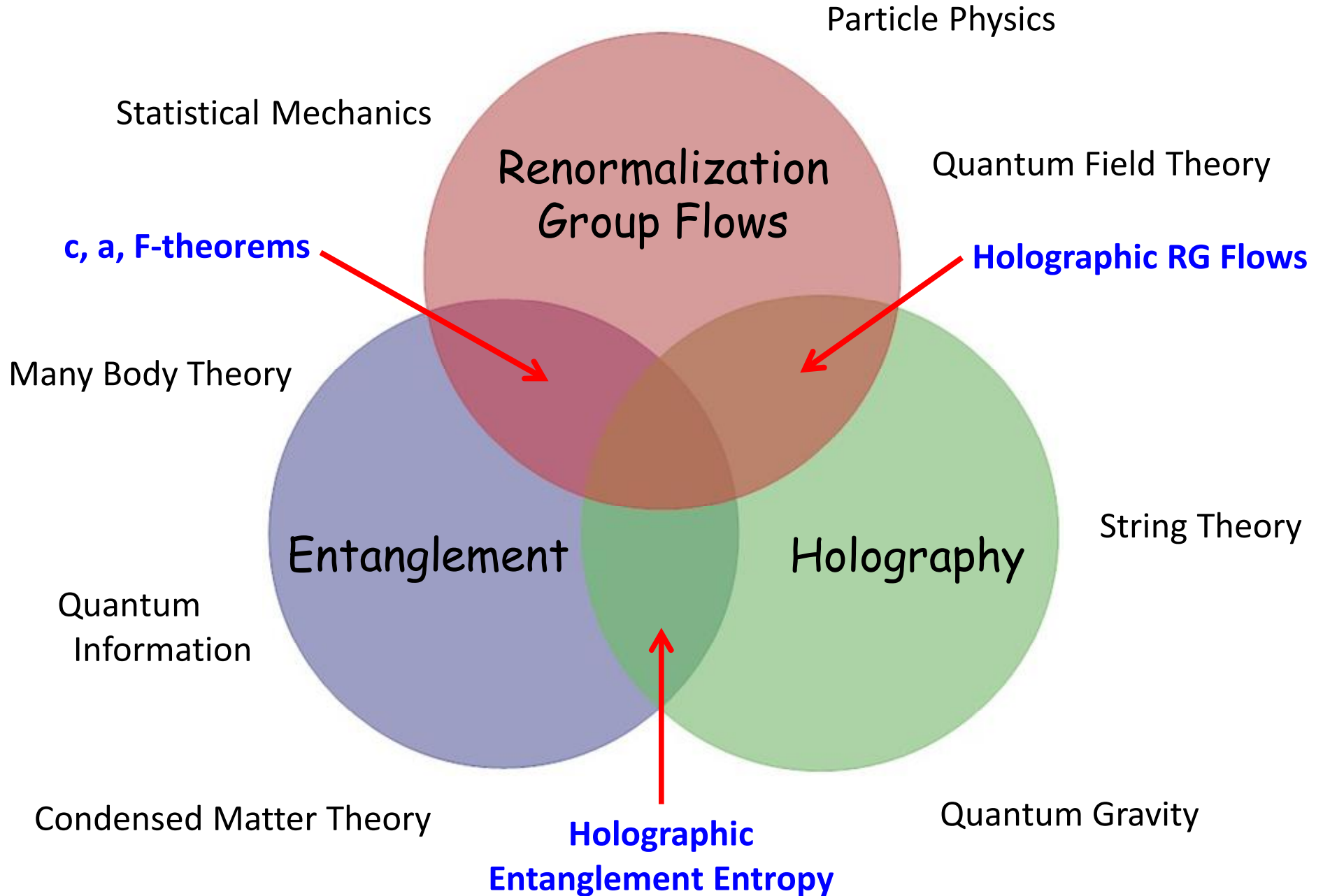
→ at least, perturbatively in $d=4$ (Nakayama)
(Luty, Polchinski & Rattazzi)

“ further lessons for RG flows and entanglement from holography?

→ translation of null energy condition to boundary theory?

“ what can entanglement entropy/quantum information really say about renormalization group and holography?

New Dialogues in Theoretical Physics:



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conjecture

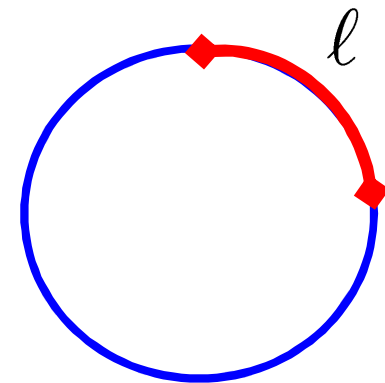
Extensive consistency tests:

1) leading contribution yields area law+ $S \simeq \frac{L^{d-1}}{G_N} \frac{\mathcal{A}_\Sigma}{\delta^{d-2}} + \dots$

2) recover known results of Calabrese & Cardy for d=2 CFT

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \log \left(\frac{C}{\pi \delta} \sin \frac{\pi \ell}{C} \right)$$

(also result for thermal ensemble)



$C = \text{circumference}$

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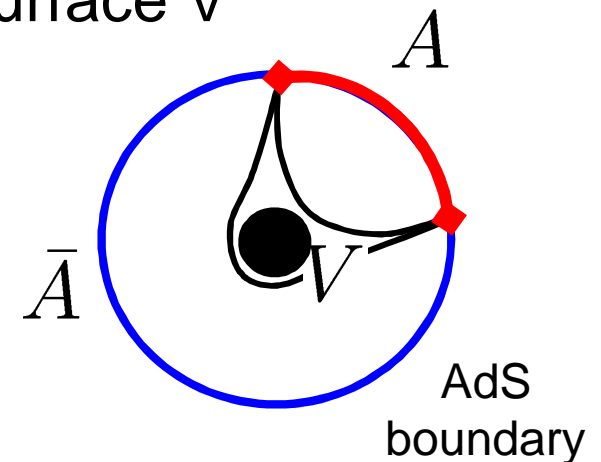
Extensive consistency tests:

3) $S(A) = S(\bar{A})$ in a pure state

→ A and \bar{A} both yield same bulk surface V

cf: thermal ensemble k pure state

horizon in bulk → $S(A) \neq S(\bar{A})$



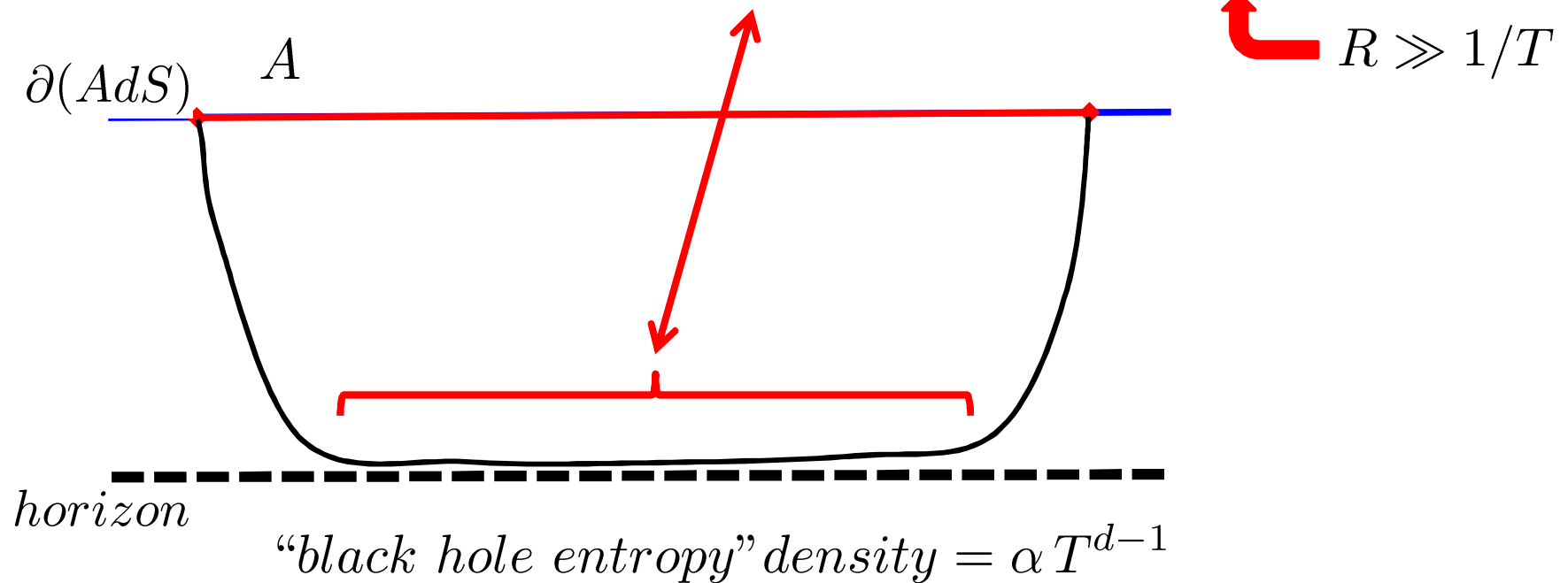
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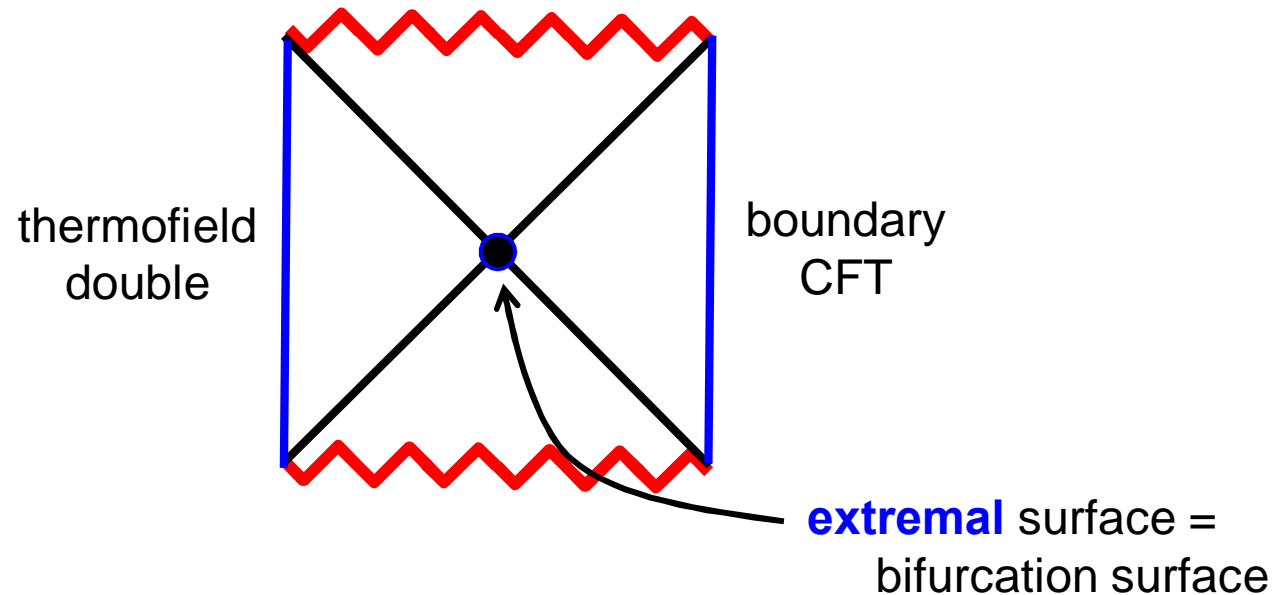
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(Maldacena; Headrick)



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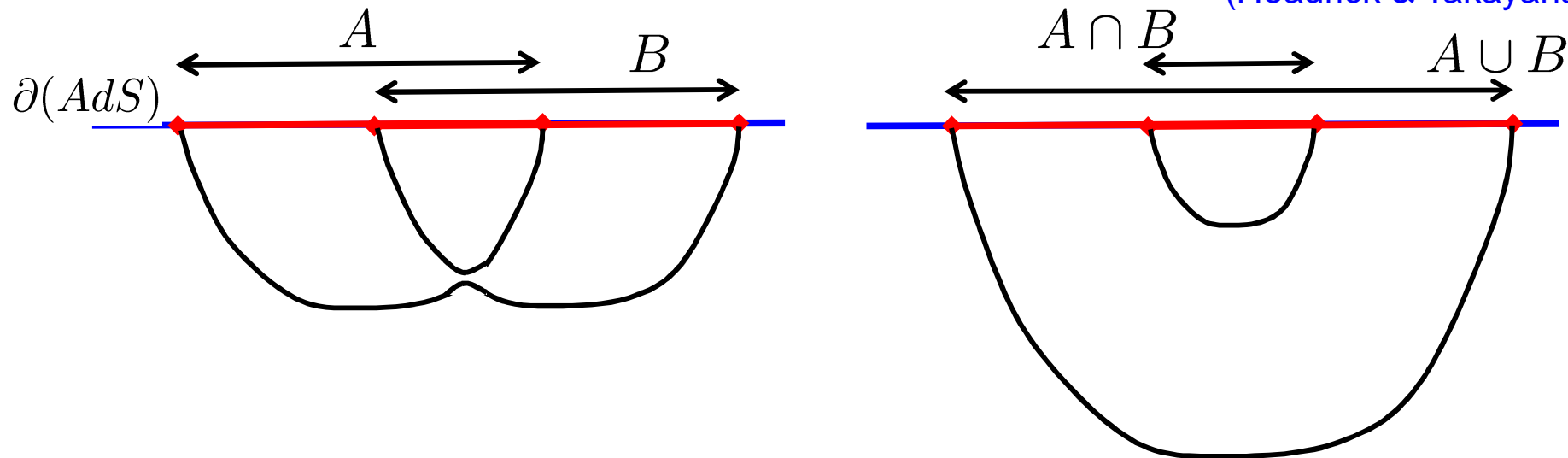
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[further monogamy relations: [Hayden, Headrick & Maloney](#)]

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 g_s corrections

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(deBoer, Kulaxizi & Parnachev)
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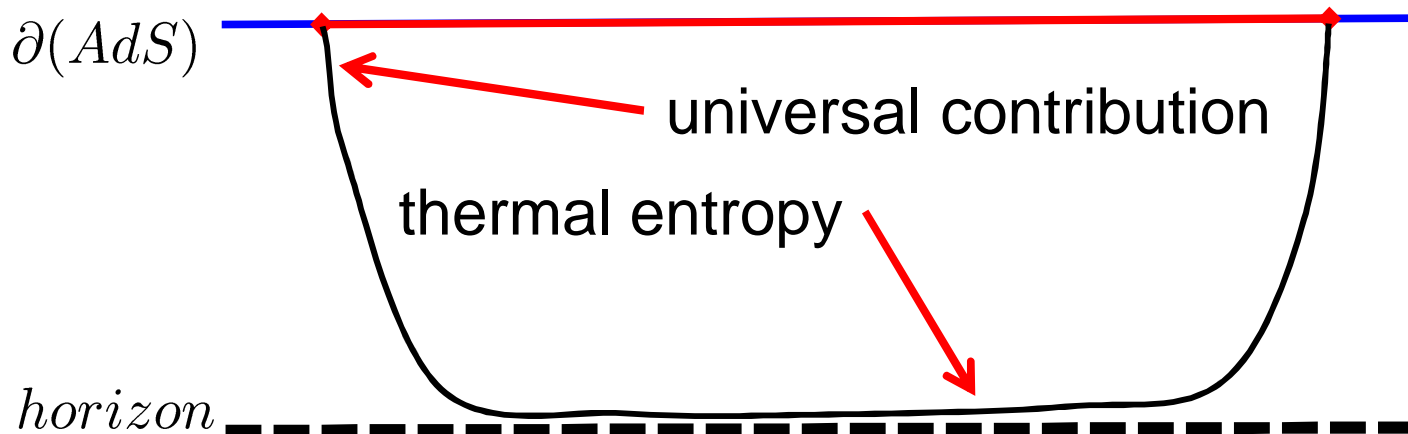
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“ seems consistent with Lewkowycz-Maldacena proof

(Bhattacharyya, Kaviraj & Sinha; Fursaev, Patrushev & Solodukhin)
(Chen & Zhang??)

Lessons from Holographic EE:

“ compare two theories:

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{2\ell_p^3} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{12}{\tilde{L}^2} + R \right] \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_{BH} = 2\pi \mathcal{A} / \ell_p^3$$

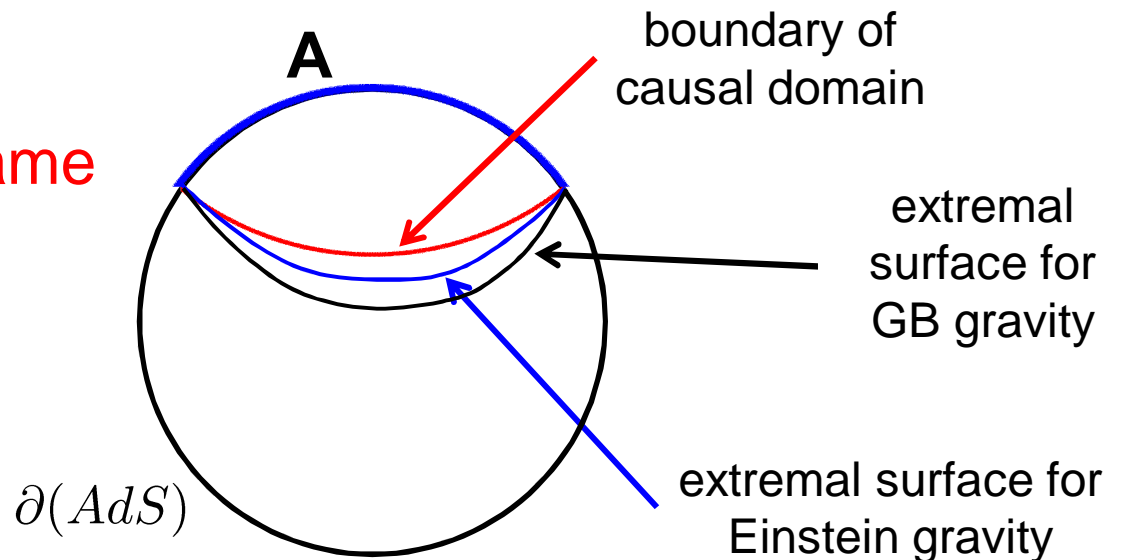
$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2\ell_p^3} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{12}{L^2} + R + L^2 \frac{\lambda}{2} (R^{abcd} R_{abcd} - 4R_{ab} R^{ab} + R^2) \right]$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad S_{JM} = \frac{2\pi}{\ell_p^3} \int d^3x \sqrt{h} [1 + \lambda L^2 \mathcal{R}]$$

“ tune: $\tilde{L}^2 = \frac{L^2}{2} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\lambda})$

→ both theories have **same** AdS vacuum

“ clearly S_{EE} is not tied to causal structure or even geometry alone



F-theorem:

“ examine partition function for broad classes of 3-dimensional quantum field theories (SUSY and non-SUSY) on three-sphere

“ in all examples, $F = -\log Z > 0$ and decreases along RG flows

“ **coincides with our conjectured c-theorem!** (Casini, Huerta & RM)

“ consider S_{EE} of d -dimensional CFT for sphere S^{d-2} of radius R

“ conformal mapping: causal domain $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow$ (static patch of) dS_d

curvature $\sim 1/R$ and thermal state: $\rho = \exp[-2\pi R H_\tau]/Z$

$\longrightarrow S_{EE} = S_{thermal}$



“ stress-energy fixed by trace anomaly . vanishes for odd d !

“ upon passing to Euclidean time with period $2\pi R$:

$$S_{EE} = \log Z|_{S^d} \quad \text{for any odd } d$$

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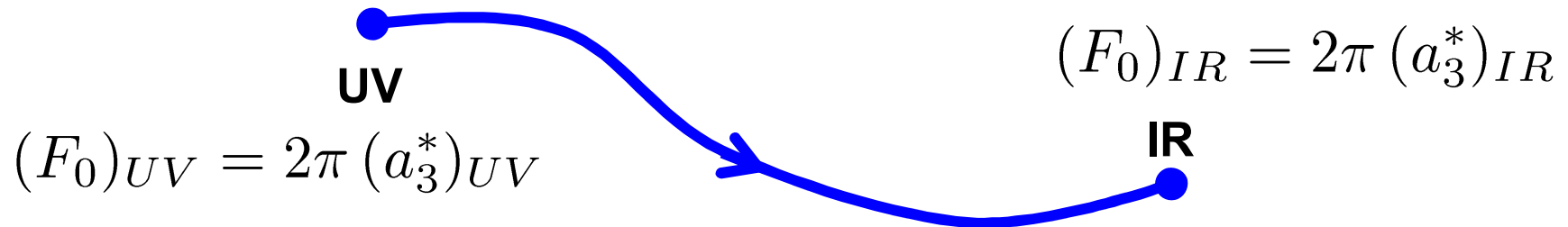
“ must focus on renormalized or universal contributions, eg,

$$F_0 = -\log Z|_{finite} = -S_{univ} = 2\pi a_3^*.$$

“ generalizes to general odd d:

$$(-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \log Z|_{finite} = (-)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} S_{univ} = 2\pi a_d^*.$$

“ equivalence shown only for fixed points but good enough:



“ evidence for F-theorem (SUSY, perturbed CFTs & O(N) models) supports present conjecture and our holographic analysis provides additional support for F-theorem