

# Entanglement and complexity of islands

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# What is a black hole?

Astrophysicist:

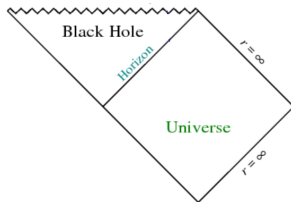
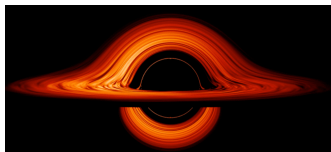
- Massive object in space
- Collapse from gravitational force

Theorist:

- Solution to Einstein's equations
- Singularity
- Event horizon

Information theorist:

- System with (nearly) maximal entropy
- Fast scrambling



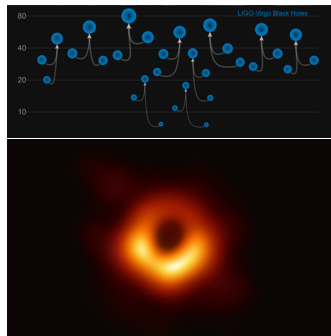
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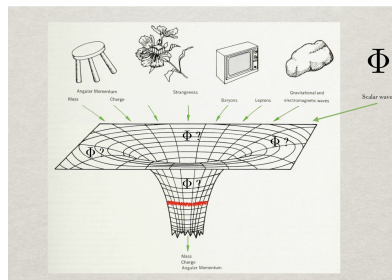
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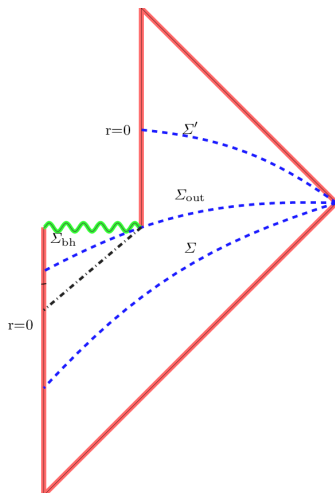
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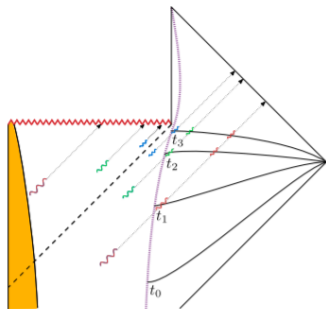
In a quantum theory, entanglement entropy  $\leq$  thermodynamic entropy

# Information paradox

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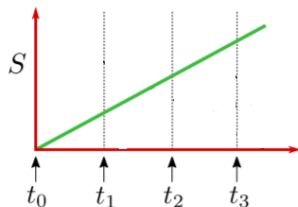
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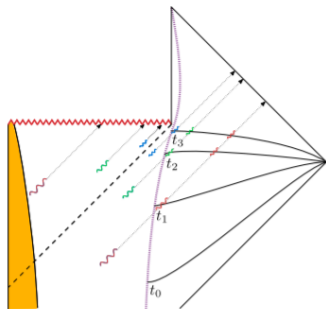


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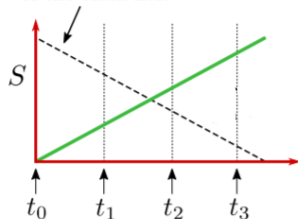
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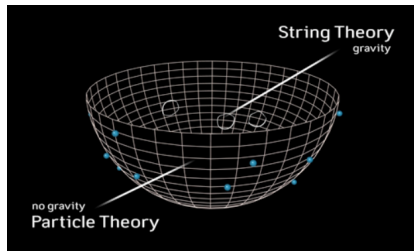
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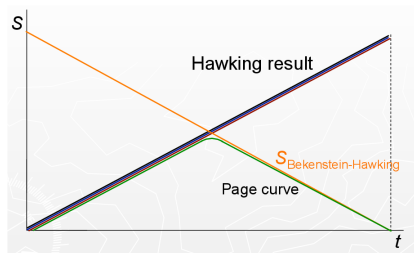
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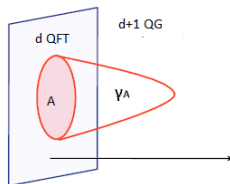
- Black hole in  $d + 1$  dimensional quantum gravity
- Think in terms of  $d$  dimensional quantum field theory
- Entanglement entropy must somehow decrease



# Holographic entanglement entropy

## Holographic dictionary

- Entanglement entropy of  $\rho_A$
- Area of surface  $\gamma_A$
- Geometric computation



$$S(\rho_A) = \frac{A(\gamma_A)}{4G}$$

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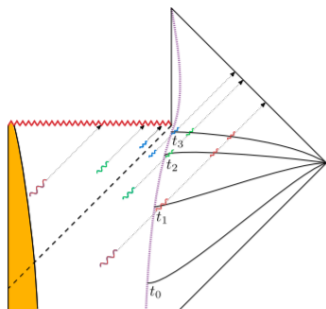
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$\frac{A(\partial I)}{4G}$  is very big. Islands only relevant when there is a lot of entanglement between  $R$  and  $I$

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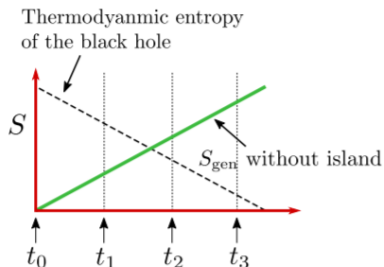
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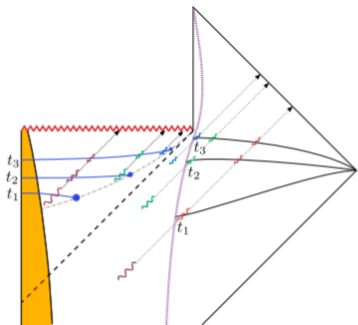
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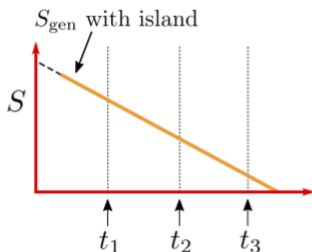
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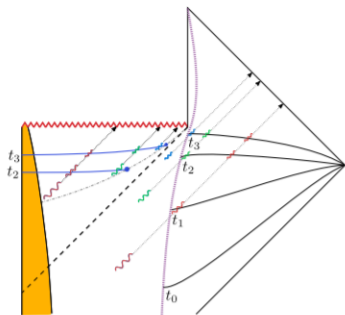
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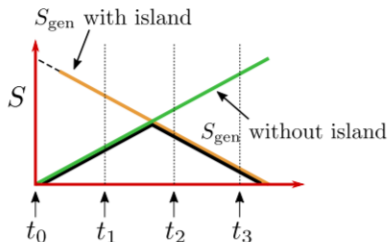
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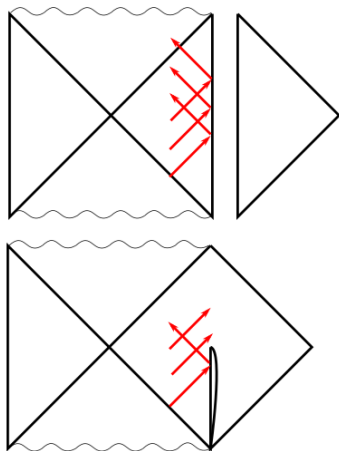
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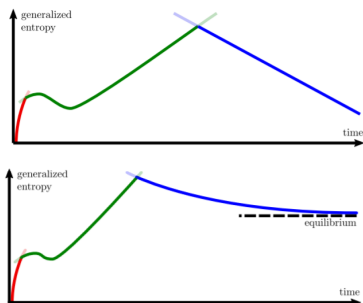
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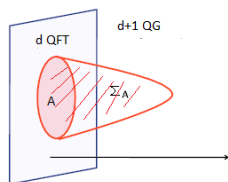
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Entanglement entropy is not enough

- Entanglement entropy equilibrates fast
- Quantifies entanglement between  $A$  and  $A^c$

Another measure of entanglement

- Keeps increasing for very long times
- Sensitive to entanglement within  $A$



$$C(\rho_A) = \frac{V(\Sigma_A)}{4G\ell}$$

# Complexity

## Circuit complexity

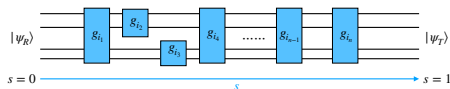
What is holographic complexity on the field theory side?

Circuit complexity

- Slow to thermalize
- Linear increase in time
- Reach very large values

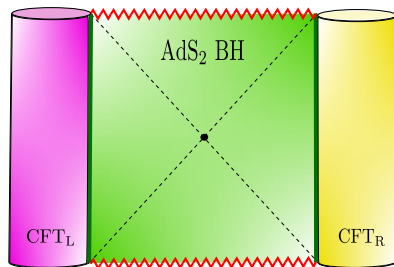
$$C_{\Psi_R}(\Psi_T) = \min_U D(U)$$

$$s.t. \quad U|\Psi_R\rangle = |\Psi_T\rangle$$



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Three extremal surfaces

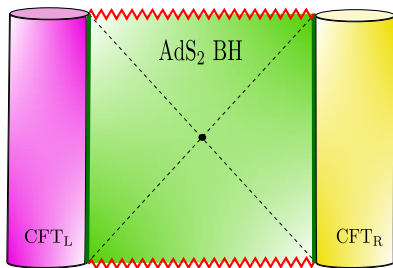
- Early time surface
- Thermal surface
- Island surface

Two phases

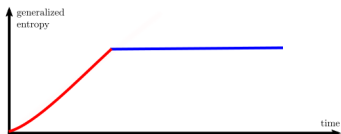
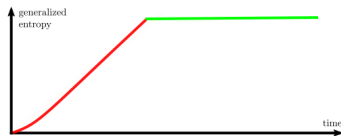
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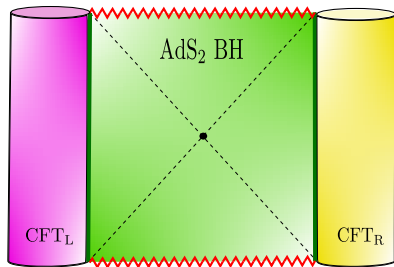


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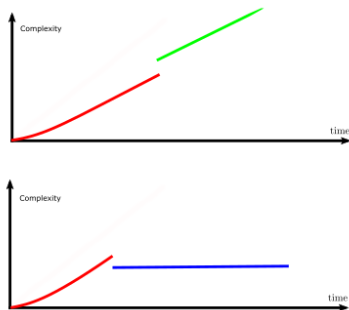


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- Resolution: islands
- Two measures of entanglement
- Entanglement entropy
- Complexity