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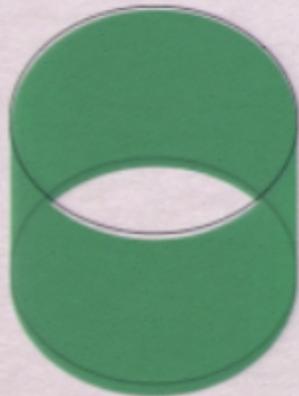
# OUTLINE

- AdS/CFT (and it's dictionary)
- Quantum hall droplets in AdS/CFT
- Dual supergravity description
- Beyond half BPS
- All loop string energies

# The AdS/CFT correspondence

Conjectured exact quantum duality between:

N=4 SYM on a sphere



Type IIB Superstring on

$$AdS_5 \times S^5$$



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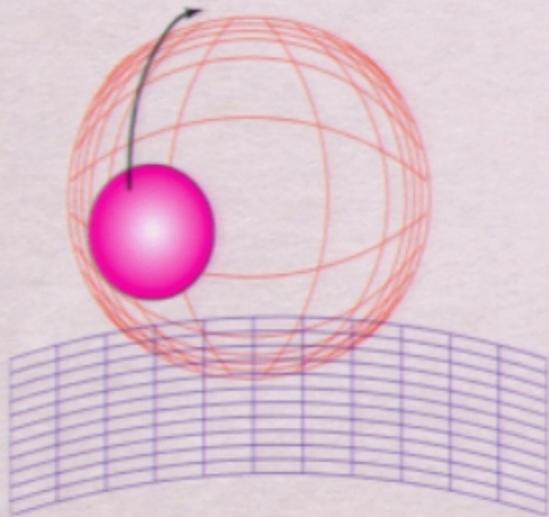
(Witten, Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov)

$$\text{tr}(Z^n)$$

Are there other interesting protected states?

There are stable D-branes (non-perturbative states) with the same quantum numbers.

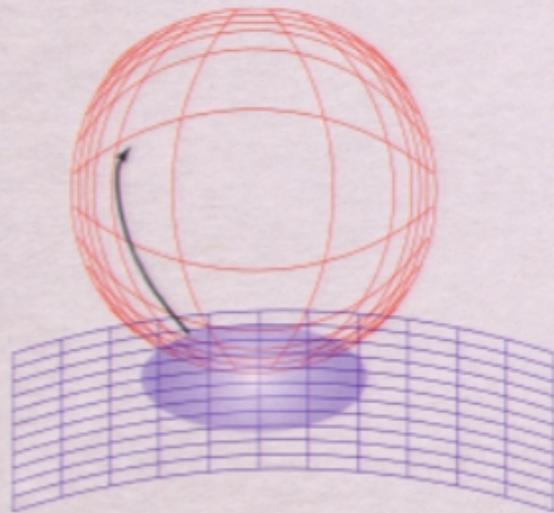
These are called giant gravitons (McGreevy, Susskind, Toumbas)



A D3 brane wrapping a 3 sphere inside the five sphere and with angular momentum on the five-sphere.

These were conjectured to resolve the technical issue that traces are not algebraically independent

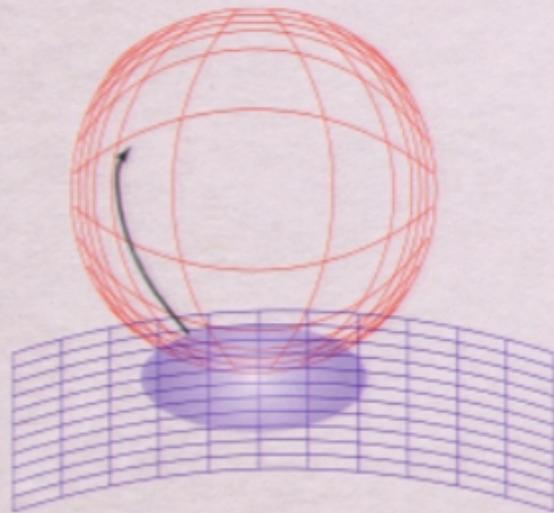
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What are the dual operators to giants?

Neither is a trace

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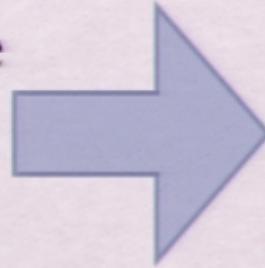
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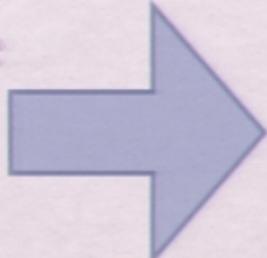
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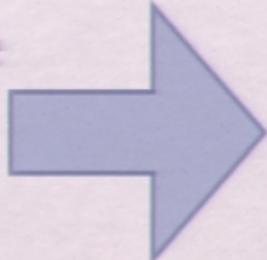
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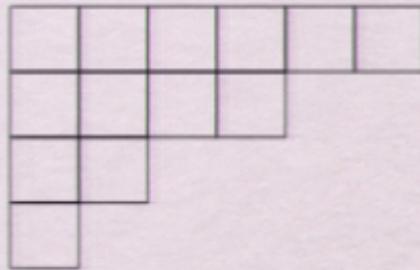
$$\text{Tr}(Z^{N+1}) = \text{Polynomial in } \text{Tr}(Z^k)$$

This basis is not orthogonal (it is approximately orthogonal in the large  $N$  limit, for fixed energy)

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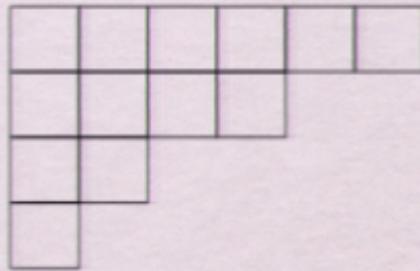
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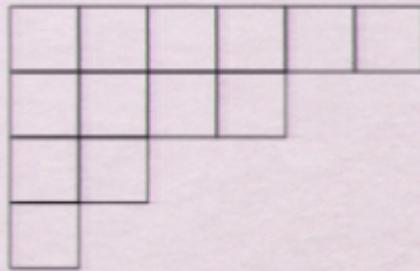
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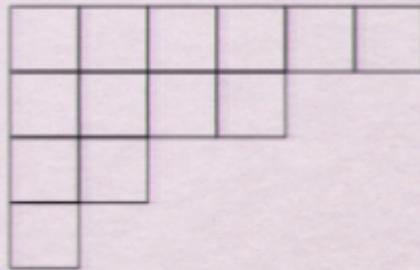
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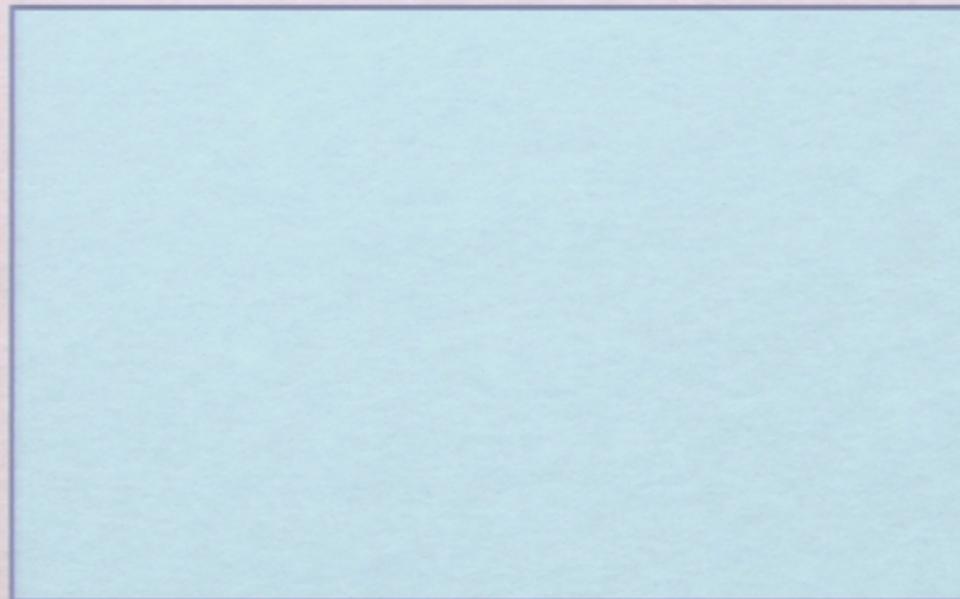
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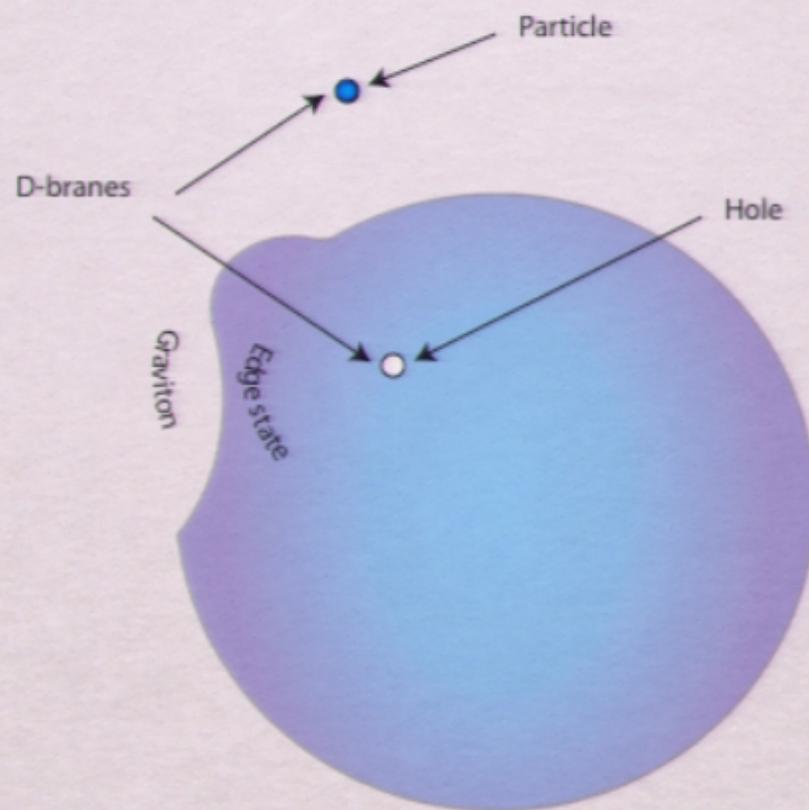
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Fermi sea is a circle centered around origin.  
Fermi statistics and uncertainty principle make these  
behave as an incompressible fluid (QHE droplet)

## Basic Dictionary between QHE and BPS states.

- ☀ Edge excitations are small gravitons (follows from work of M. Stone and others)
- ☀ Giants growing into AdS are electrons away from droplet
- ☀ Giants growing into S are holes away from edge.

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Indeed, there is a formalism that can reconstruct a geometry associated to any (macroscopic) droplet configuration. (Lin, Lunin, Maldecena)

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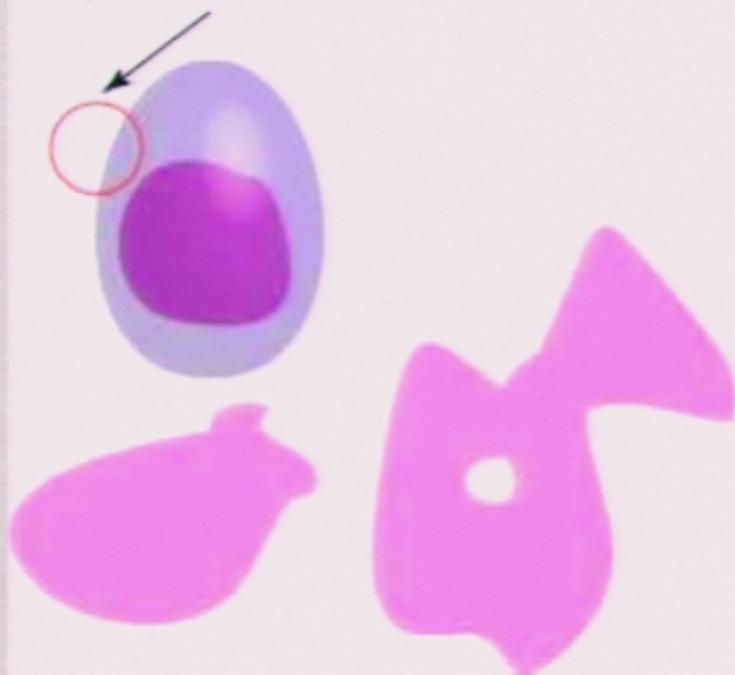
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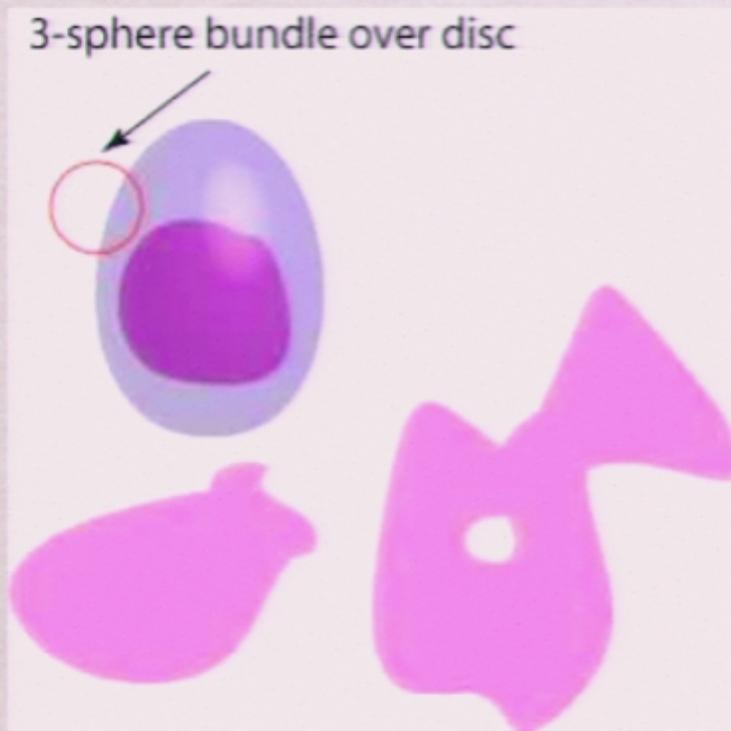
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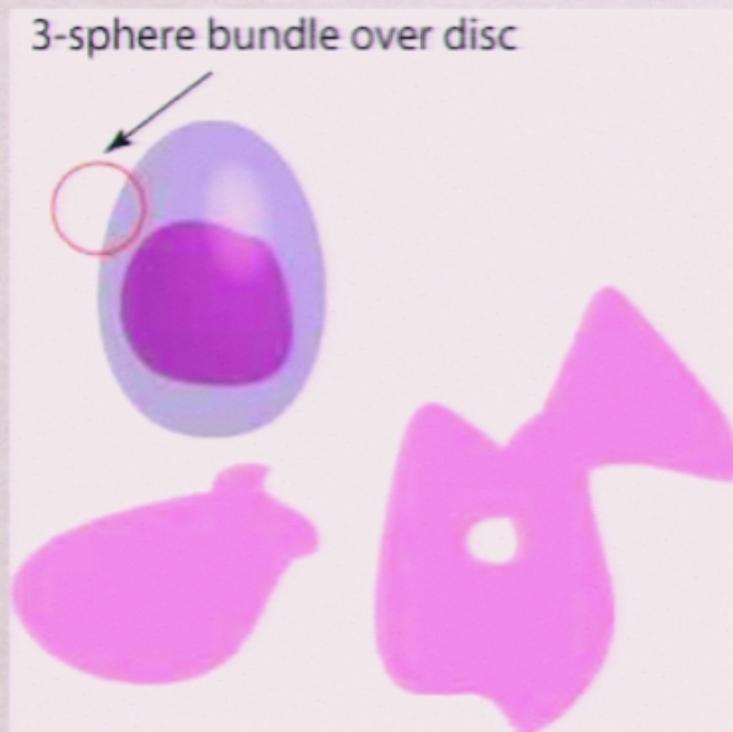
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How to get fermion density?

$$\psi_F = \prod_{i<j} (z_i - z_j) \exp(-\sum z\bar{z}/2)$$

Interpret square of wave function as probability density

$$p(\vec{x}_i) = \prod_{i<j} |z_i - z_j|^2 \exp(-\sum z\bar{z}) = \exp(-\sum z\bar{z} + 2\log(|z_i - z_j|))$$

Think of  $p(\mathbf{x})$  as a **thermodynamic** ensemble for Coulomb gas in two dimensions. Introduce  $\rho$  the fermion density

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i z_i \bar{z}_i &\rightarrow \int d^2x \rho(x) \bar{x}^2 \\ \sum_{i<j} 2\log(|z_i - z_j|) &\rightarrow \iint d^2x d^2y \rho(\vec{x}) \rho(\vec{y}) \log(|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|) \\ N &= \int d^2x \rho(x) \end{aligned}$$

We can find the **density**  $\rho$  by taking a variational approach: maximize  $p(x)$

One can try to push the following interpretation:

$$|\psi|^2 \sim Z_{gravity}$$

One can show that **coherent states** of traces in the fermion picture produce **deformations** of the fermion density which **match** the **supergravity deformations** of the function  $z$  at the boundary

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One can find ground state, and absorb square root of the measure in wave functions: **copied from free fermions**

$$\psi_0 \sim \exp\left(-\sum \vec{x}_i^2/2\right)$$

$$\hat{\psi} = \mu\psi$$

$$|\hat{\psi}_0^2| \sim \mu^2 \exp\left(-\sum x_i^2\right) = \exp\left(-\sum \vec{x}_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i<j} \log |\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j|\right)$$

Interpret in same way as half BPS states

Interpret collection of eigenvalues as **positions** of particles in **6d phase space**.

**N Bosons in 6d with logarithmic repulsive interactions.**

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Introduce Boson density, etc, and study the thermodynamics of this ensemble in the saddle point approximation.

Density of bosons is a singular configuration. Symmetries of ensemble suggest the following density of “eigenvalues”

$$\rho = N \frac{\delta(|\vec{x}| - r_0)}{r_0^{2d-1} \text{Vol}(S^{2d-1})}$$

We get a **round five sphere**

Can also add coherent states by traces of the complex matrices. These keep the singular aspect of density, but deform the shape. This is **very similar** to what happens in **gravity**, we therefore **identify it with gravity**.

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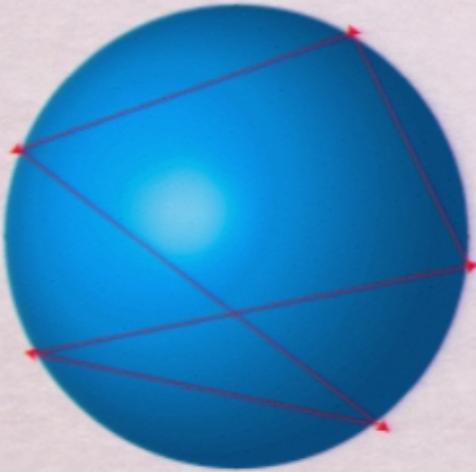
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Can also suggest **origin of string scale**: off-diagonal modes are massive and can be represented by lines joining eigenvalues (points on the sphere): **STRING BITS**. Need to dress them with gravity (eigenvalues).



One can also verify string tension

One can calculate the radius of the sphere **exactly**

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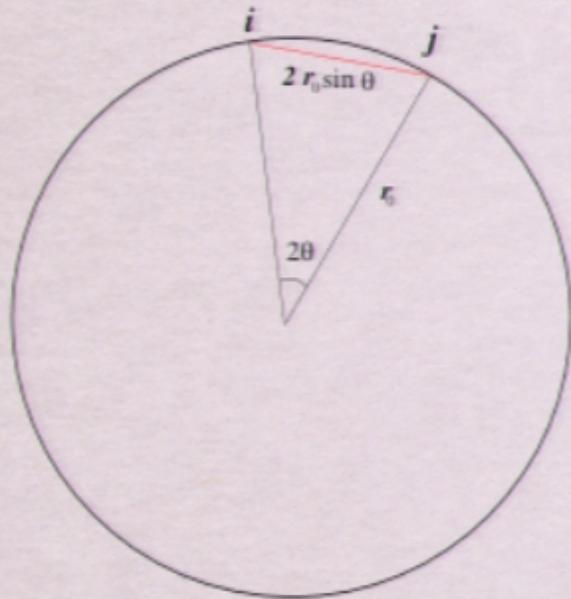


One treats the off-diagonal modes as **free fields**.

One calculates the energy of the BMN state **assuming** the off-diagonal modes **don't affect** the diagonal ones to first order.

The calculation of energies can be done in a saddle point approximation.

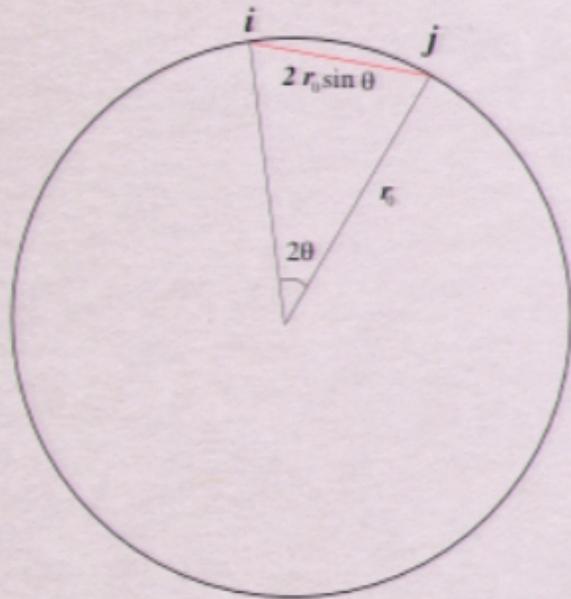
$$E \sim \frac{\langle \psi_k | H^{total} | \psi_k \rangle}{\langle \psi_k | \psi_k \rangle}$$



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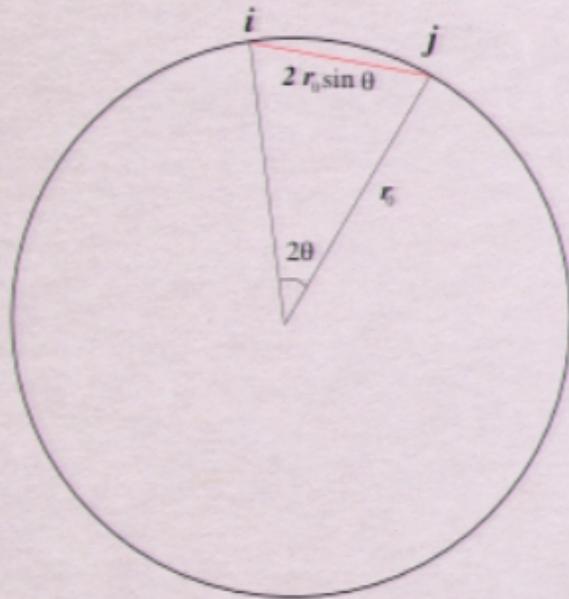


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Does not match string sigma model: approximation of free string bits is naive, but not in BMN limit.

# Conclusion

- **New understanding** of AdS/CFT
- Gravity appears as hydrodynamics (collective phenomena). **Locality can be addressed**
- **Background independence**: can address many topologies in one CFT
- Picture the **origin of strings** and **calculate some non-BPS energies exactly**
- Many questions and leads to follow