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“Fortuity in the D1D5 system”

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Abstract: Recent work has highlighted a sharp distinction among BPS microstates in AdS/CFT at finite N : *fortuitous* states, which cease to be BPS as the gravitational coupling is decreased, in contrast with *monotone* states. Chang and Lin proposed that fortuitous states account for the black hole entropy, while monotone states account for the entropy of smooth horizonless geometries. In this talk, I will test and further refine the fortuity proposal in the D1–D5 system. I will present the evidence and implication of the R-charge concentration conjecture: that all fortuitous states concentrate in a single space of the supercharge cochain complex. I’ll also discuss the interplay of fortuity and global symmetry.