

Remnants and entanglement islands in linear dilaton gravity with regular black holes

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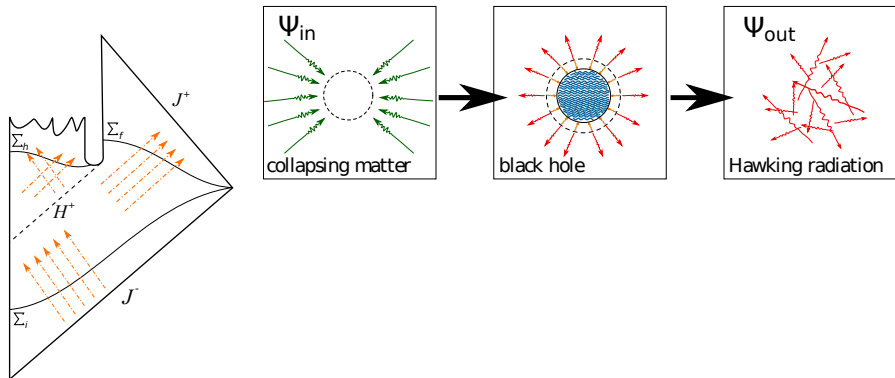
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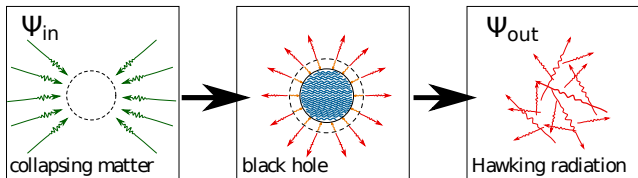
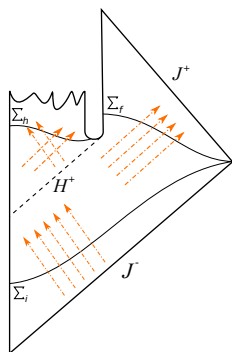
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Apparent violation of unitarity:

$$\hat{\rho}_{in} = |\Psi_{in}\rangle\langle\Psi_{in}| \mapsto$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{out} = \text{Tr}_{BH} (|\Psi_{ext}\rangle\langle\Psi_{BH}|\langle\Psi_{BH}|\langle\Psi_{ext}|)$$

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{out}^2) < 1 \quad \text{Danger to quantum laws!}$$

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This is *information paradox*.

S.W. Hawking, 1976

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- Problems?

- AMPS-firewall: unitarity vs equivalence principle.

Almheiri et al.

- Dynamics: S-matrix derivation (path integral)

ArXiv:gr-qc/9607022 't Hooft

- Microscopic: fundamental dofs in Quantum Gravity.

Toy models

CGHS model

$$S = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \left[e^{-2\phi} (R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + 4\lambda^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla f)^2 \right]$$

ArXiv:9111056 [hep-th] C. Callan, S. Giddings, J. Harvey, A. Strominger, 1991

In the bulk: $ds^2 = -e^{2\phi} dvdu$,

$f(v, u) = f_{out}(u) + f_{in}(v)$

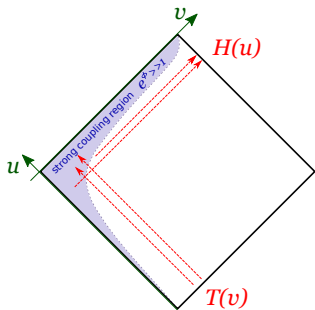
$e^{-2\phi} = -\lambda^2 vu - \mathcal{T}(v) - \mathcal{H}(u)$

$\partial_v^2 \mathcal{T} = (\partial_v f_{in})^2/2$, $\partial_u^2 \mathcal{H} = (\partial_u f_{out})^2/2$

Eternal black hole metric: linear $\phi = -\lambda r$,

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Models

Sinh-CGHS model

$$S_{\text{sinh}} = -\frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{2\lambda} \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \sinh(2\phi) (R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + 4\lambda^2)$$

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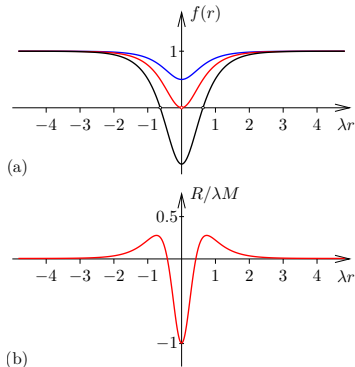
- Limiting curvature $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^2 < \Lambda^2$.

Markov, 2111.14318 [gr-qc] Frolov ...

- Other models: Bardeen's black hole, black bounces, planck stars...

1812.07114 Visser, 1802.04264 Rovelli...

ArXiv:2202.00023 [gr-qc] M.F.



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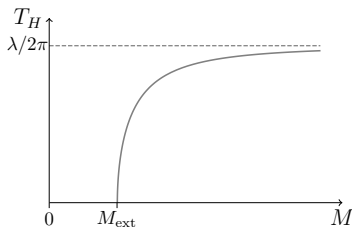
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Regular black holes temperature and entropy

$$S_{BH} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} M \sqrt{1 - \frac{M_{\text{ext}}^2}{M^2}}$$

$$T_H = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{M_{\text{ext}}^2}{M^2}}$$

Sinh-CGHS reduces to CGHS in $M_{\text{ext}} \rightarrow 0$.

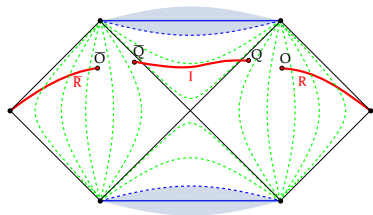


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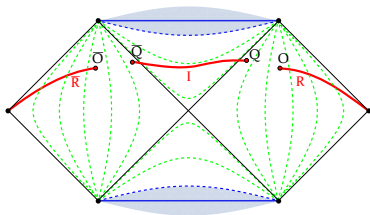
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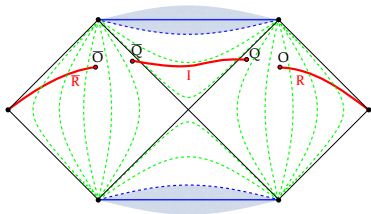
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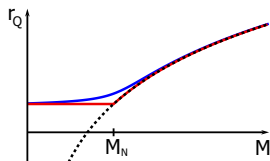
For linear dilaton CGHS $W(\phi) = e^{-2\phi}$ and sinh-CHGS $W(\phi) = -\frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{2\lambda} \sinh(2\phi)$

$$S_{\text{gen}} = 8\pi W(-\lambda r_Q) + \frac{c}{3} \log(\epsilon^{-2}(v_0 - v_Q)(u_Q - u_0)) + \frac{c}{3}(\rho_0 + \rho_Q)$$

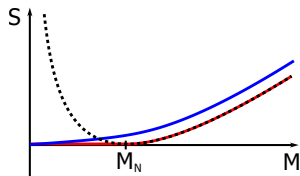
where ρ is metric factor: $ds^2 = -e^{2\rho} dvdu$. Vary S_{gen} with respect to t_Q and r_Q .

Quantum Extremal Point and S_{ent} in CGHS model

Position of QEP



Entanglement entropy

Horizon at $r_{\text{hor}}(M) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \ln(M/2\lambda)$ (black dashed)Position of QEP at finite r_O (blue line)Position of QEP at $r_O \rightarrow +\infty$ (red line)

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$$\text{where } M_c = \frac{c\lambda}{24\pi}$$

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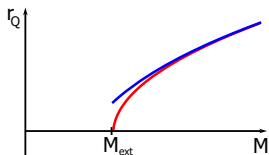
Zero entropy for lightest black hole: $S_{\text{ent}}^0(0) = 0$ Analytic answer at $r_O \rightarrow +\infty$

$$1. \quad S_{\text{ent}} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} M - \frac{c}{12} (\ln(M/M_c) + 1), \quad M > M_c$$

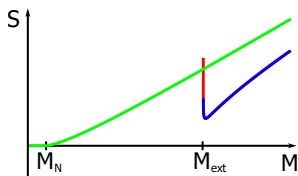
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QEP at $r_0 \rightarrow +\infty$ and horizon at (red line)

$$r_{\text{hor}}(M) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \ln \left(M/M_{\text{ext}} + \sqrt{(M/M_{\text{ext}})^2 - 1} \right)$$

Extremal hole is heavy $M_{\text{ext}} > M_c$. At finite r_A its entropy diverges!

$$S_{\text{ent}} \simeq \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{\lambda r_0}, \quad M \rightarrow M_{\text{ext}}$$

What if far observer can not distinguish CGHS and sh-CGHS, $S_{\text{ent}}(M)/S_{\text{ent}}^0(M) \simeq 1$ as $M \rightarrow +\infty$,

$$S_{\text{ent}} \simeq \frac{c}{6} \ln \left(\frac{M_c}{M - M_{\text{ext}}} \right) + \dots,$$

Minimal entropy at $M_{\text{qb}} \simeq M_{\text{ext}} + 2M_c^2/M_{\text{ext}}$,

$$S_{\text{min}} \simeq \frac{c}{6} \left(1 + \ln(M_{\text{ext}}/M_c) - 2M_c/M_{\text{ext}} \right)$$

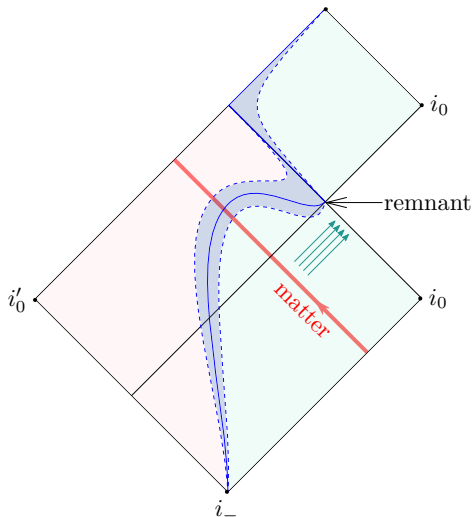
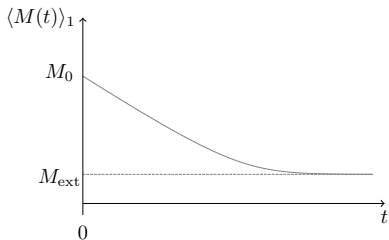
Remnants formation

2D Stefan–Boltzmann law

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -\frac{\pi}{12} T_H^2(M)$$

⇒ asymptotically

$$M \simeq M_{\text{ext}} \left(1 + \exp \left(-\frac{\lambda^2 t}{24\pi M_{\text{ext}}} \right) \right)$$



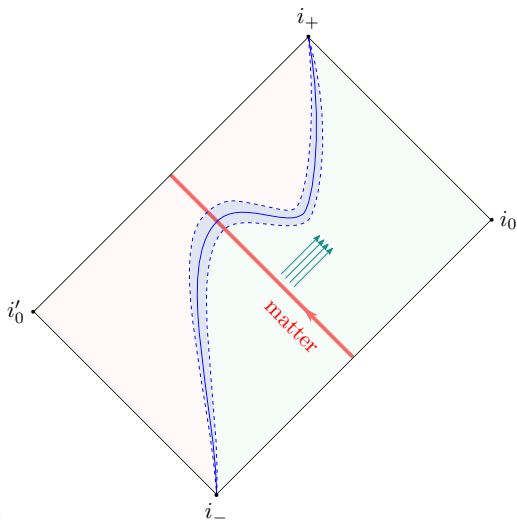
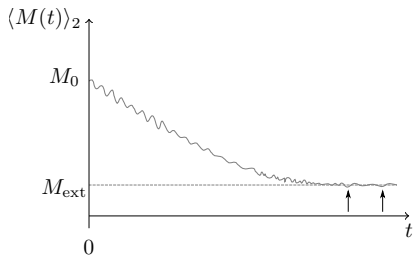
Remnants decay

Fluctuations theory estimate (naive)

$$\langle (\Delta M)^2 \rangle = -\frac{\partial \langle E \rangle}{\partial \beta} \simeq \frac{\lambda^2}{M_{\text{ext}}} O(1)$$

$$t_{\text{dec}} \simeq 48\pi \frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{\lambda^2} \log \left(\frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{\lambda} \right)$$

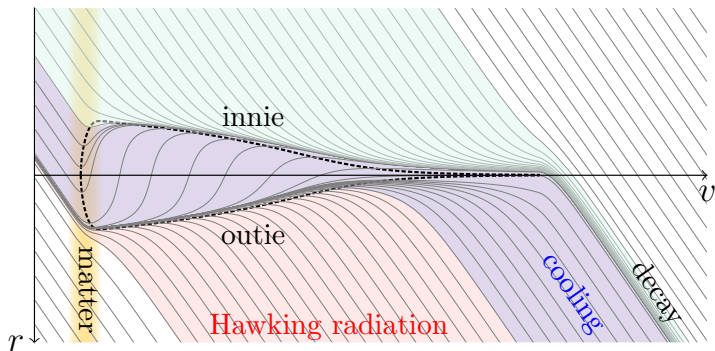
assuming $\Delta M \ll M_{\text{ext}}$.



Horizonless spacetime

Vaydia metric: $ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{M(v)}{M_{\text{ext}} \cosh(2\lambda r)} \right) dv^2 + 2dvdr,$

$M(v) = \int dv (\partial_v f(v))^2$ - Bondi mass.



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- Complex saddle points:

$$S \mapsto S + i\epsilon T \quad T - \text{“interaction time”}$$

$$\text{Amplitude : } \mathcal{A} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \mathcal{A}_\epsilon$$

Levkov, Panin et al (ϵ -regularization)

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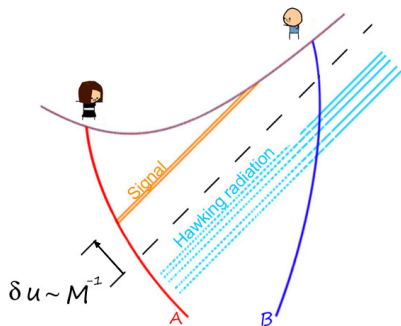
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Transition probability: $\mathcal{P}_{fi} = |\mathcal{A}_{fi}|^2 \simeq \exp(-\Delta S_{BH})$

For a statistical ensemble: $\langle M_f \rangle = M_i - T_H(M_i)$ for large M_i ,
if M_i becomes comparable with M_{ext} black hole decays completely: $\langle M_f \rangle < M_{\text{ext}}$.

Quantum xerox

Alice and Bob perform quantum cloning...



...but singularity prevents their attempts

Quantum xerox/cloner paradox:

$|\psi\rangle \mapsto |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle$ - **forbidden** by unitarity

Wooters, Zurek (1982)

but black holes seems to do exactly this

Complementarity as solution (?)

with scrambling time $t_{\text{SCR}} \sim T_H^{-1} \ln S_{\text{BH}}$

Page, Preskill et al.

Complex saddle-point solutions relating t_{SCR} to **tunneling time** - to investigate.

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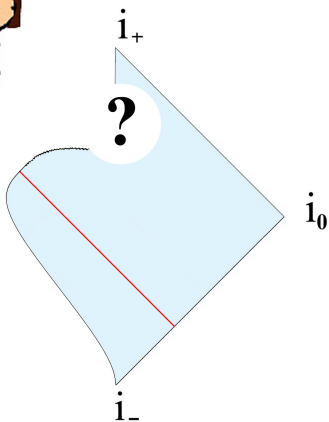
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- What next:
 - Model with one-loop corrections: numerical solutions for black hole decay.
 - Regularization: tunneling solutions.
 - Use them both to test unitarity

$$\int \mathcal{D}c_k^* \mathcal{D}c_k e^{-\int dk c_k^* c_k} \langle b | \hat{S}^\dagger | c \rangle \langle c | \hat{S} | a \rangle = \langle b | a \rangle ,$$

where path integrals for the S-matrix are evaluated using saddle points method.



Thank you!