

Entanglement islands in regular black holes

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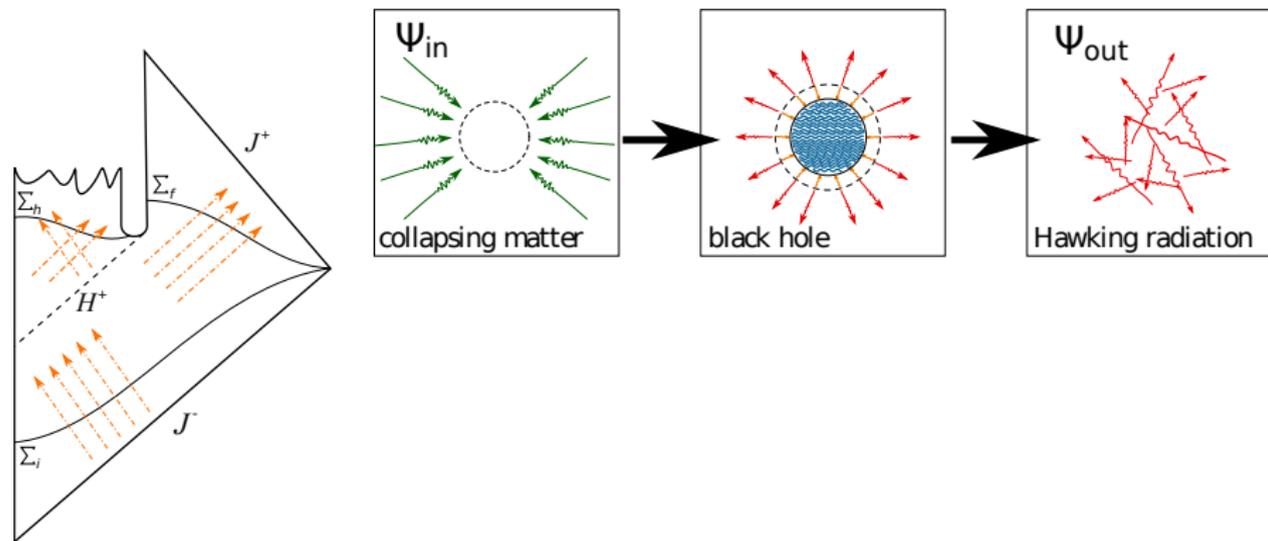
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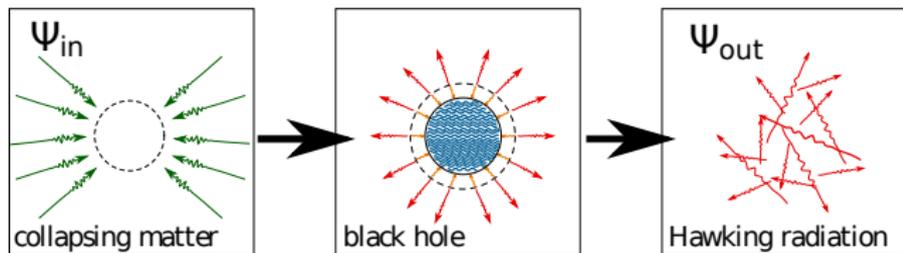
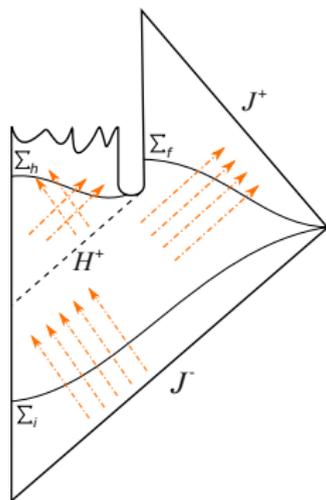
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Apparent violation of unitarity:

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

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

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

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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.

ArXiv:gr-qc/9607022 't Hooft

- Microscopic: fundamental dofs in Quantum Gravity.

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

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

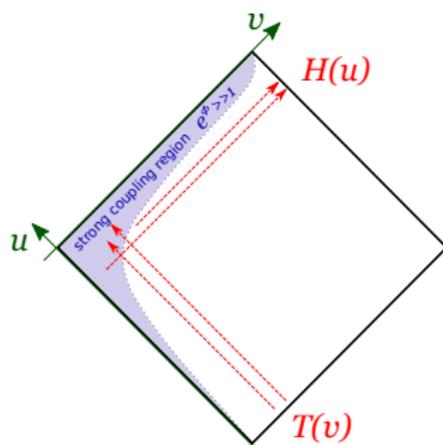
$$e^{-2\phi} = -\lambda^2 vu - \mathcal{T}(v) - \mathcal{H}(u)$$

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

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

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + f^{-1}(r)dr^2,$$

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{M}{2\lambda \exp(2\lambda r)}.$$



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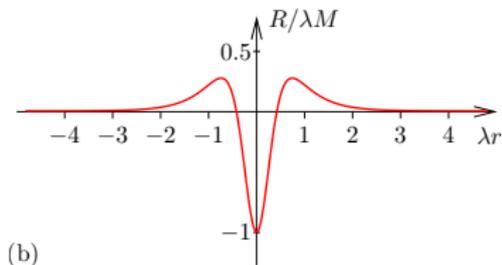
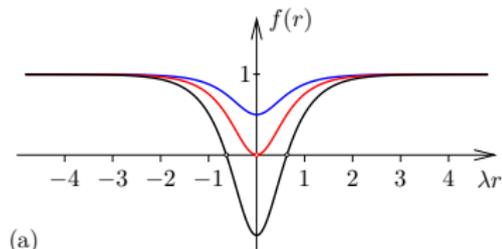
- Limiting curvature $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^2 < \Lambda^2$.

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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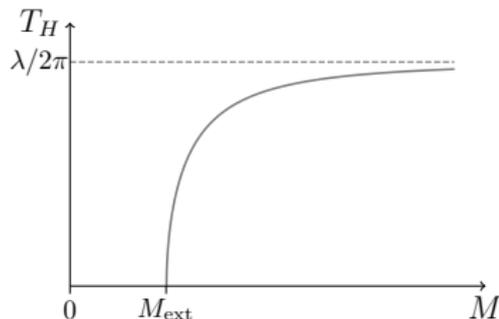
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Regular black hole temperature and entropy

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

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

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

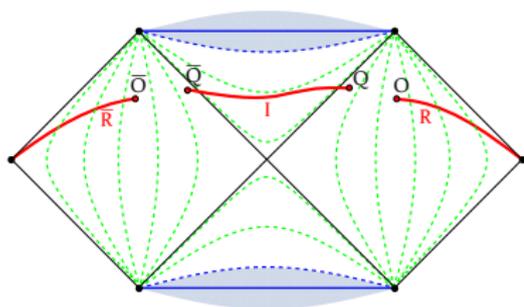


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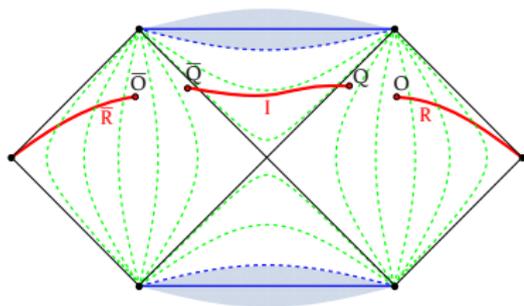
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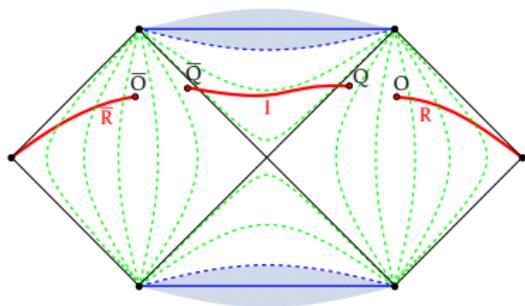
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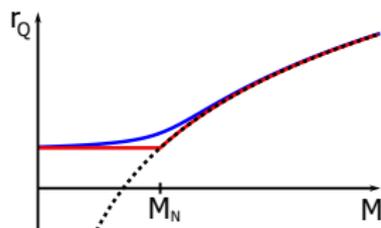
For linear dilaton CGHS $W(\phi) = e^{-2\phi}$ and sinh-CHGS $W(\phi) = -\frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{2\lambda} \sinh(2\phi)$

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

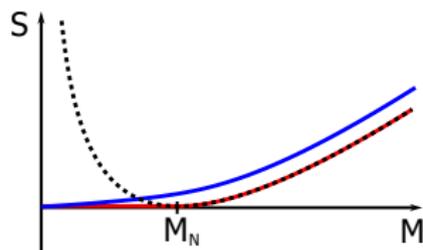
where ρ is metric factor: $ds^2 = -e^{2\rho} dvdu$. Vary S_{gen} with respect to t_Q and r_Q .

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)

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Position of QEP at $r_0 \rightarrow +\infty$ (red line)

$$1. \quad r_Q \simeq r_{\text{hor}}(M), \quad M > M_N,$$

$$\text{where } M_N = \frac{N\lambda}{24\pi}$$

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Zero entropy for lightest black hole: $S_{\text{ent}}^0(0) = 0$

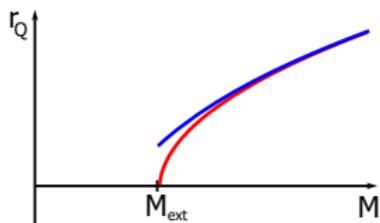
Analytic answer at $r_0 \rightarrow +\infty$

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

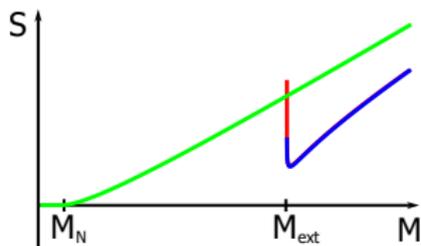
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QEP at $r_O \rightarrow +\infty$ and horizon at (red line)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Law of evaporation

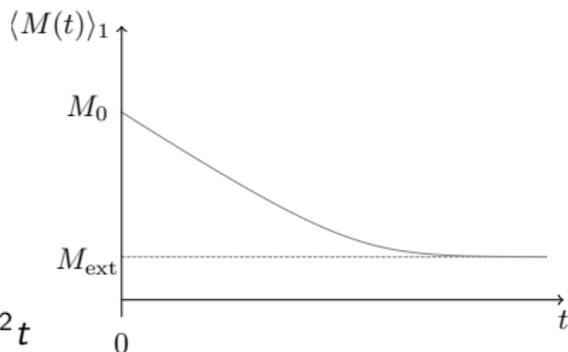
2D Stefan–Boltzmann

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

⇒ averaged mass function

$$M(t) + \frac{M_{\text{ext}}}{2} \log \left(\frac{M(t) - M_{\text{ext}}}{M(t) + M_{\text{ext}}} \right) = M_0 - \frac{\lambda^2 t}{48\pi}$$

with initial value $M_0 \gg M_{\text{ext}}$.



Remnants formation

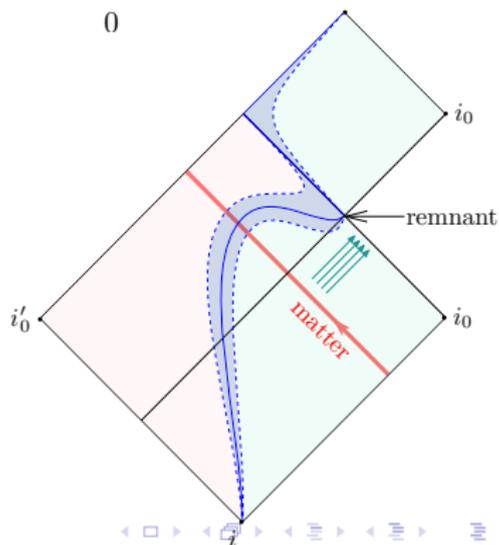
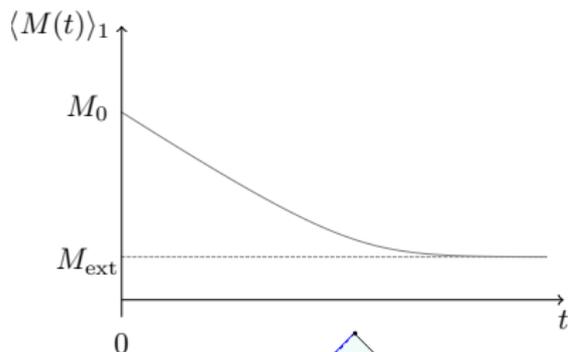
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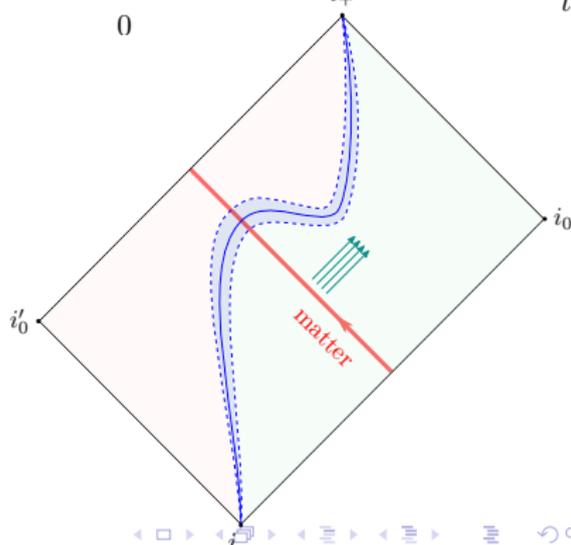
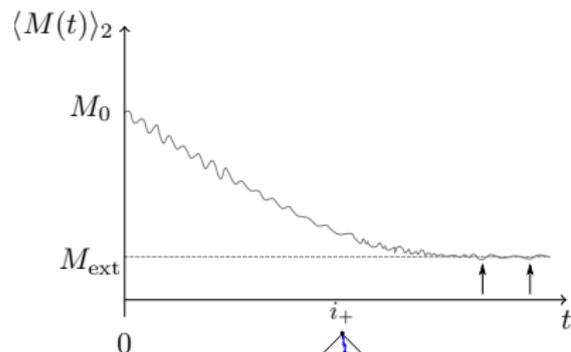
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Fluctuations of Hawking flux

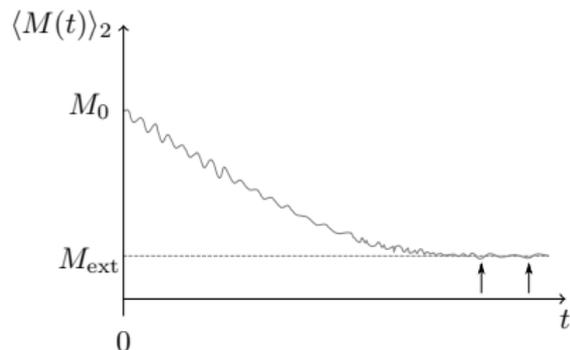
$$\langle : \Delta \hat{T}_{tr} : \rangle = O(1) \langle : \hat{T}_{tr} : \rangle$$

on timescale $O(M)$

gr-qc/9905012 Wu, Ford



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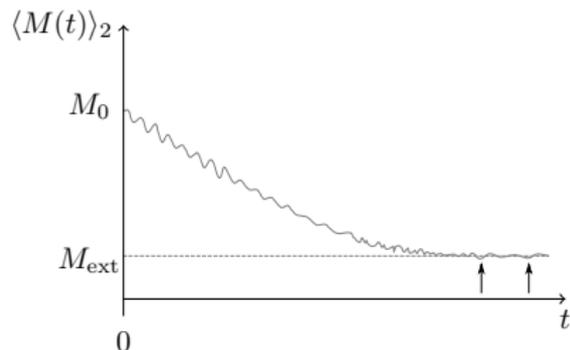
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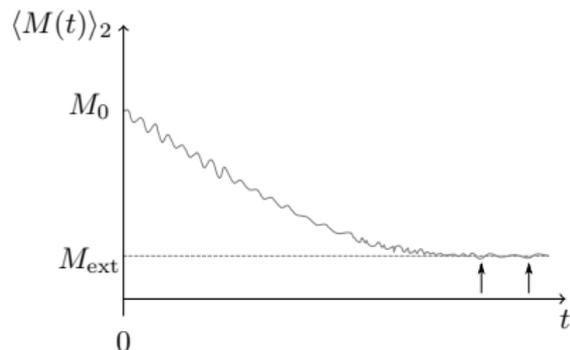
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Adiabaticity condition: change in mass is negligible

$$T \frac{\partial T}{\partial M} \ll T \Rightarrow T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \gg 1 \Rightarrow T \gg \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi^2 M_{\text{ext}}}$$

We need quantum treatment of remnant decay.

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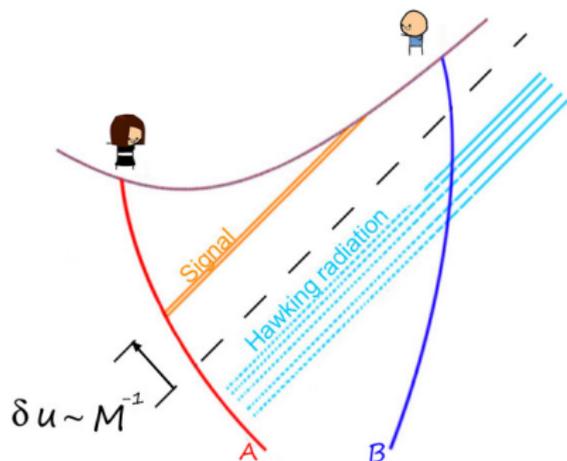
- Real EFT solutions:

$$S \mapsto S + \frac{N}{96\pi} \int R \frac{1}{\square} R, \quad (1\text{-loop effective action})$$

Example: Bardeen black hole, arXiv: 2405.13373

Looming problem

Alice and Bob perform quantum cloning...



...but singularity prevents their attempts

Quantum xerox/cloner paradox:

$$|\psi\rangle \mapsto |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle - \text{forbidden}$$

Wootters, Zurek (1982)

but black holes seems to do exactly this

Solution (?): complementarity

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

Page, Preskill et al.

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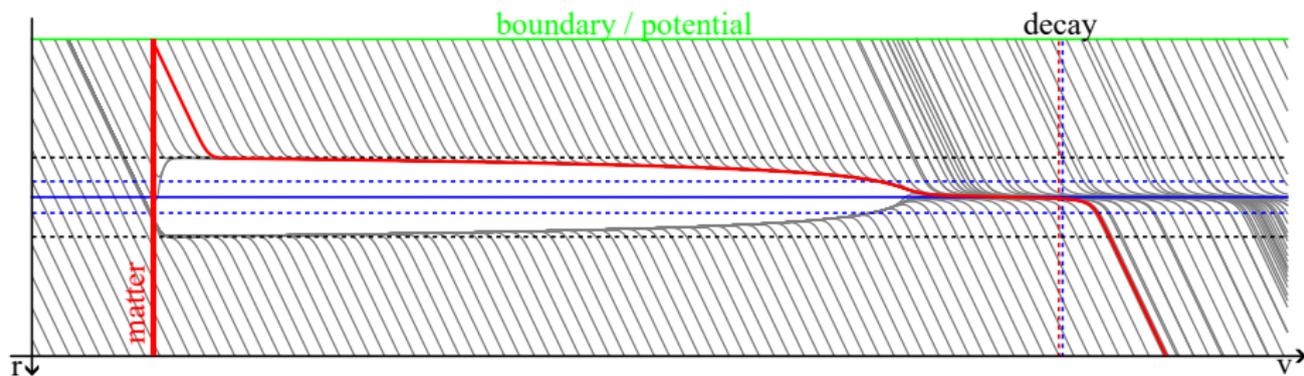
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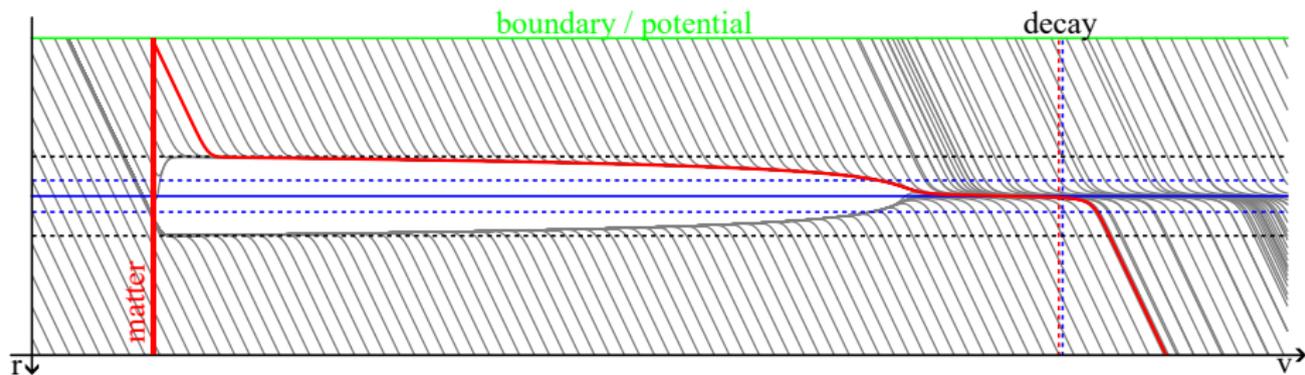


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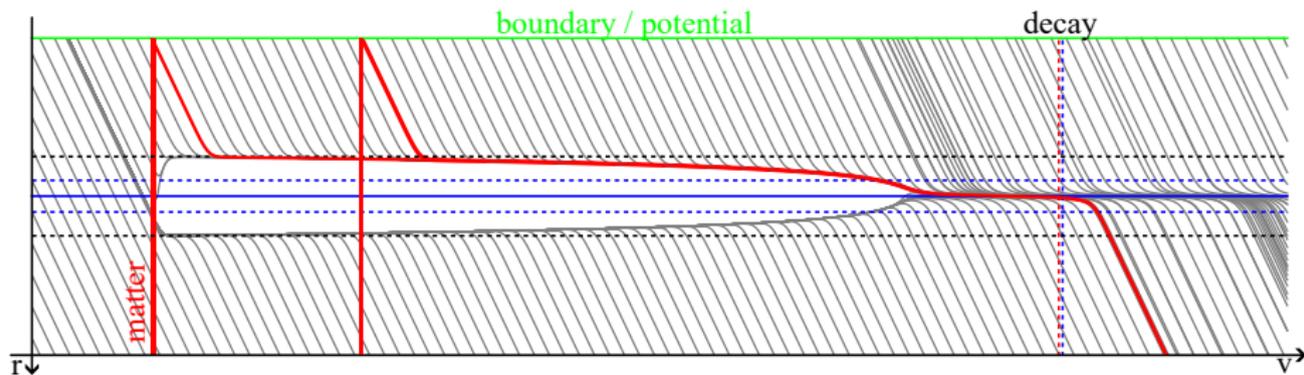
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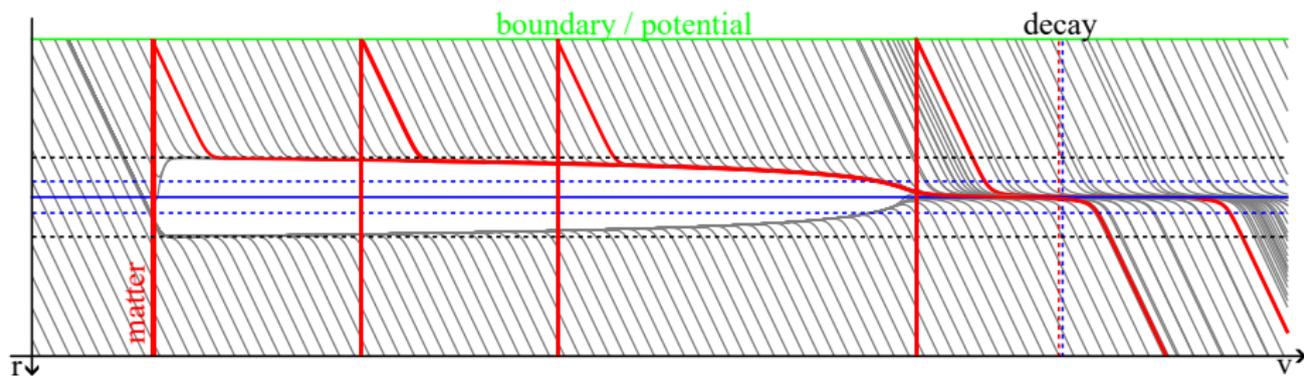
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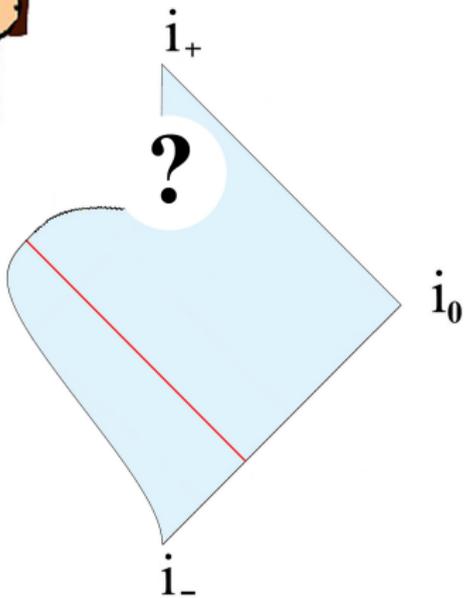
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 - Model with one-loop corrections: numerical solutions for black hole decay.
 - Regularization: tunneling solutions.
 - Use them both to test unitarity

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

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



Thank you!