

Exploring the black hole interior

The surprising simplicity of near-AdS₂

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Based on: - Gao, Jafferis and Wall
- JM, Douglas Stanford and Zhenbin Yang.
- Ioanna Kourkoulou and JM.

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SYK
model

Nearly AdS₂
gravity

Emergent reparametrization symmetry
which is spontaneously and explicitly broken

Dominate many
aspects of
the IR dynamics

$$S = -C \int du \{f(u), u\}$$

Schwarzian action

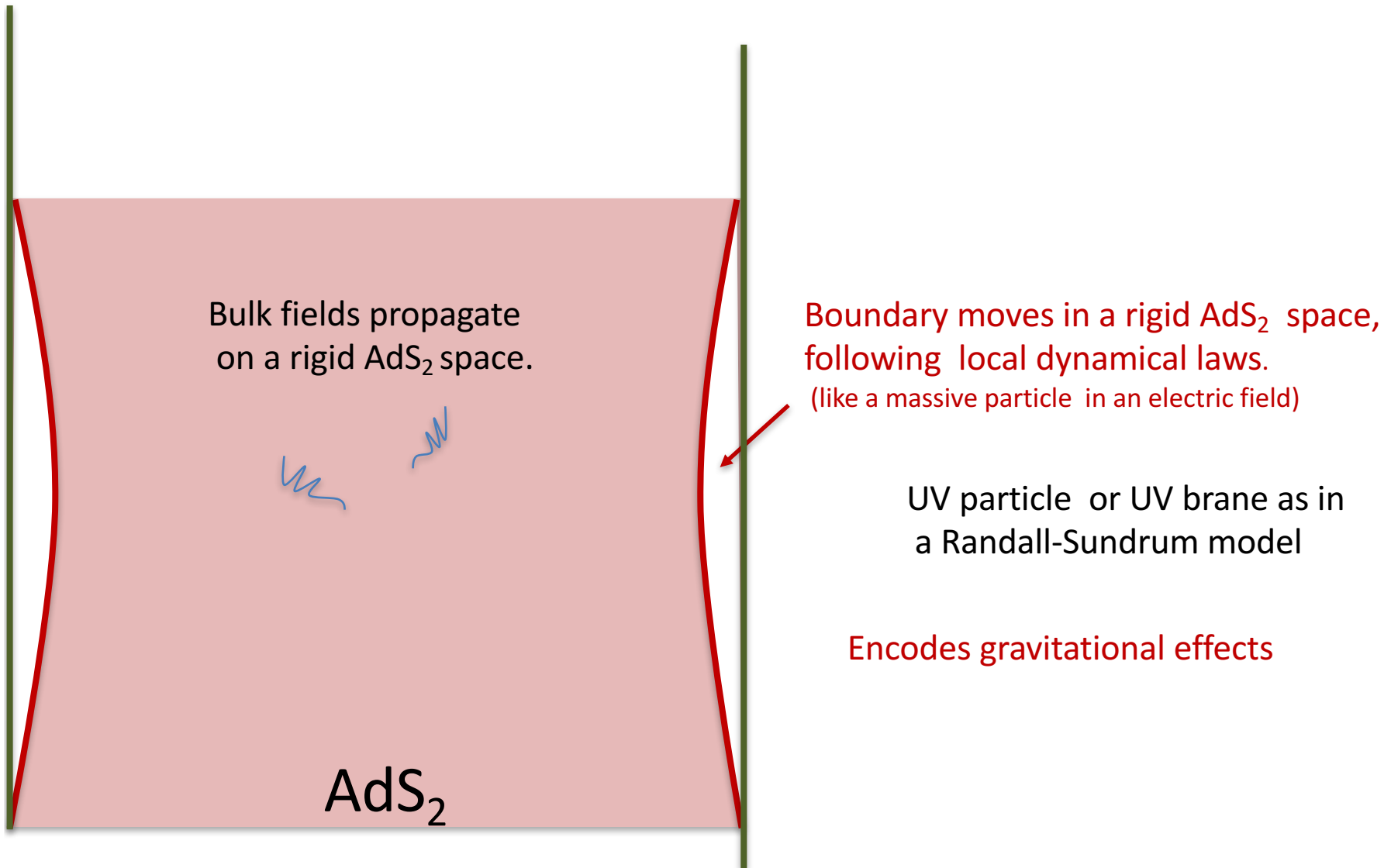
Motion of the boundary in AdS₂

- Low temperature entropy
- Gravitational backreaction
- Chaos exponent
- Wormhole traversability
(location of horizon)

Very simple gravitational dynamics in NAdS_2

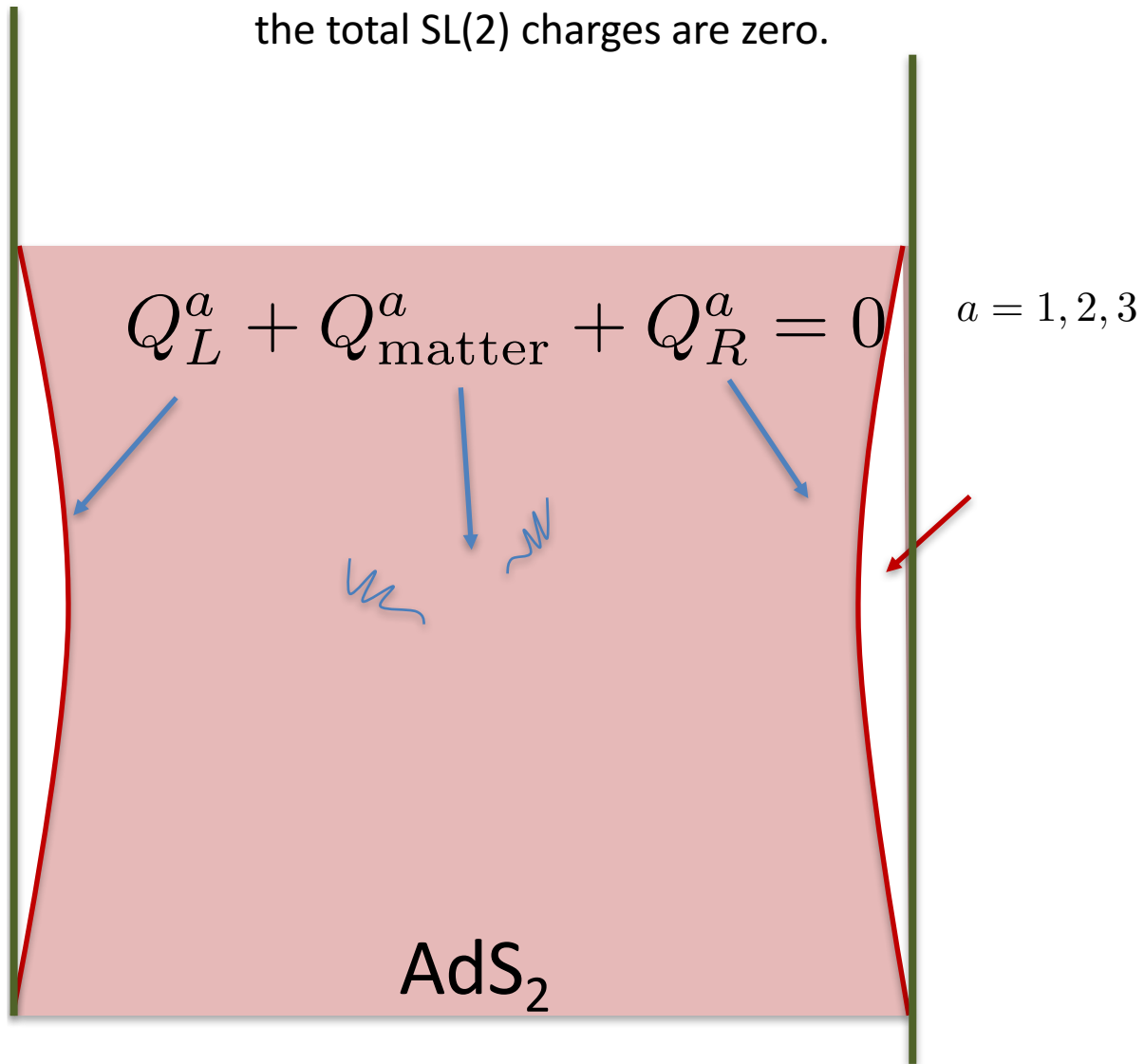
The Schwarzian \rightarrow motion of the boundary

Nearly AdS₂ Dynamics



Constraints

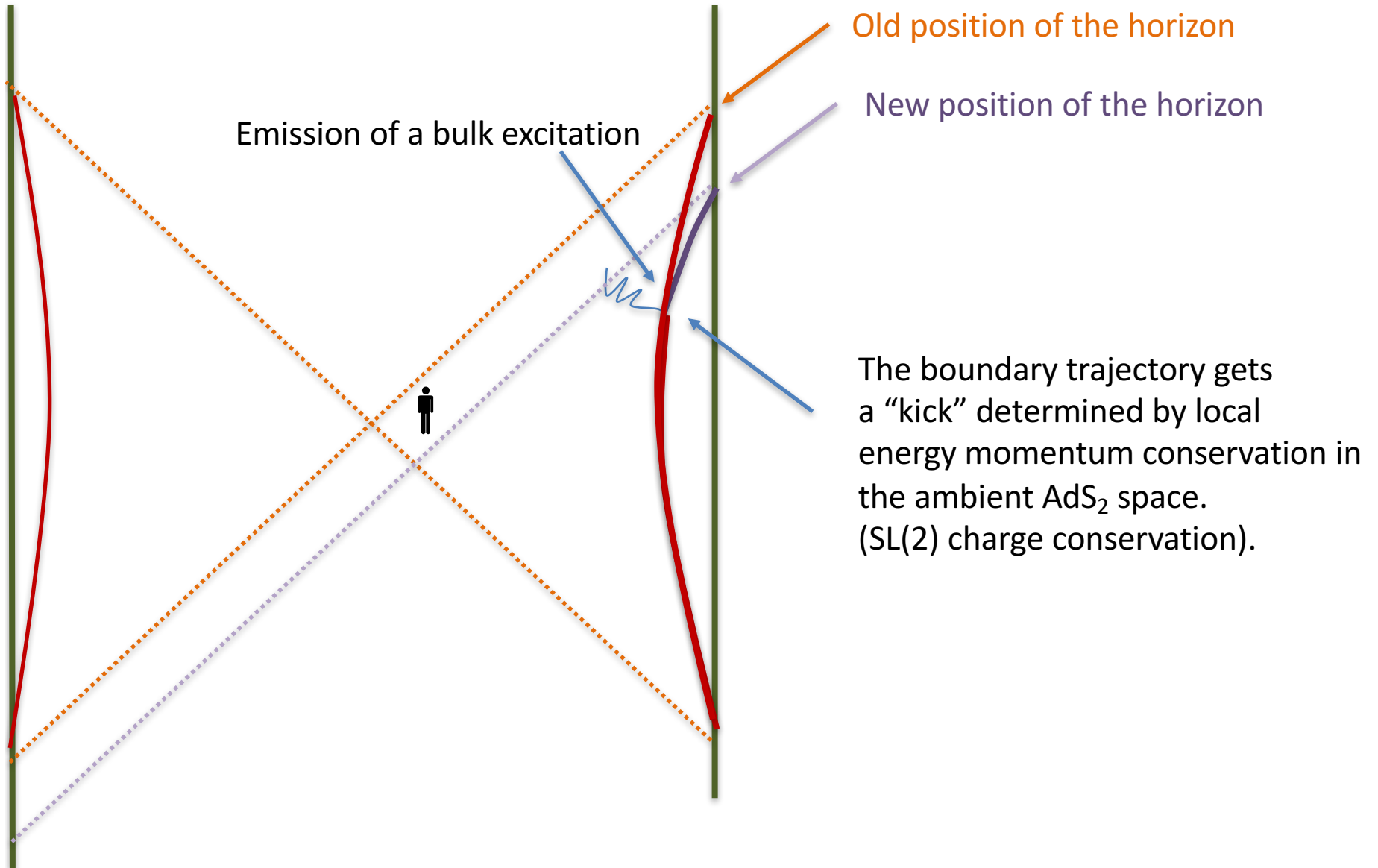
Linked by the constraints that
the total SL(2) charges are zero.



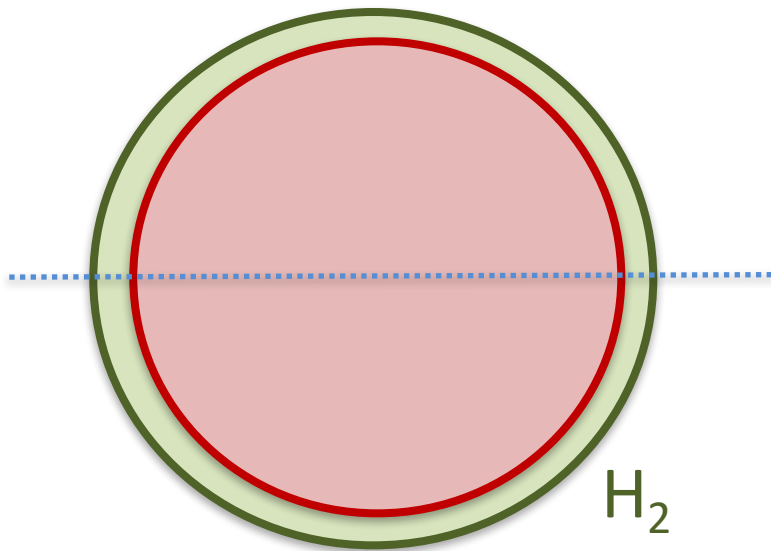
Example

The horizon moves out when you drop in a particle

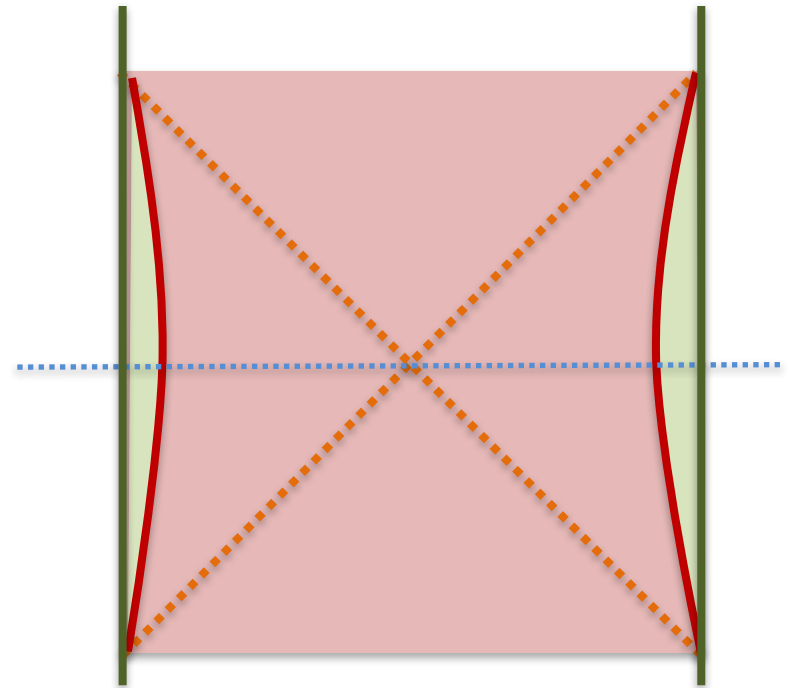
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Euclidean & Lorentzian pictures



Euclidean black hole

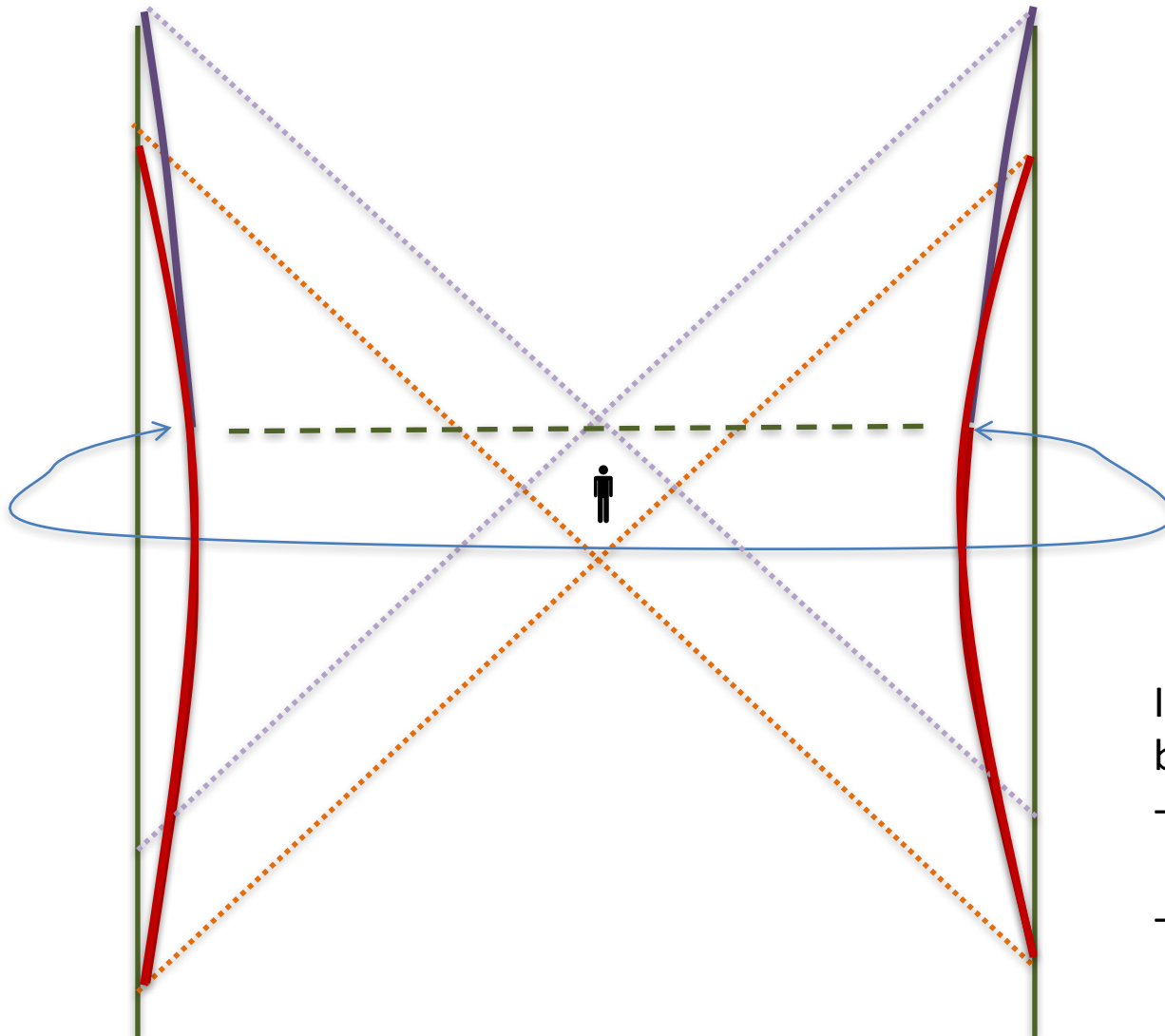


Rindler AdS_2 coordinates,
wormhole

$$|TFD\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |\bar{E}_n\rangle_L \times |E_n\rangle_R$$

Interaction between the two boundaries

Gao Jafferis Wall



Insert in the evolution operator

$$e^{ig\phi_L(t_L)\phi_R(t_R)}$$

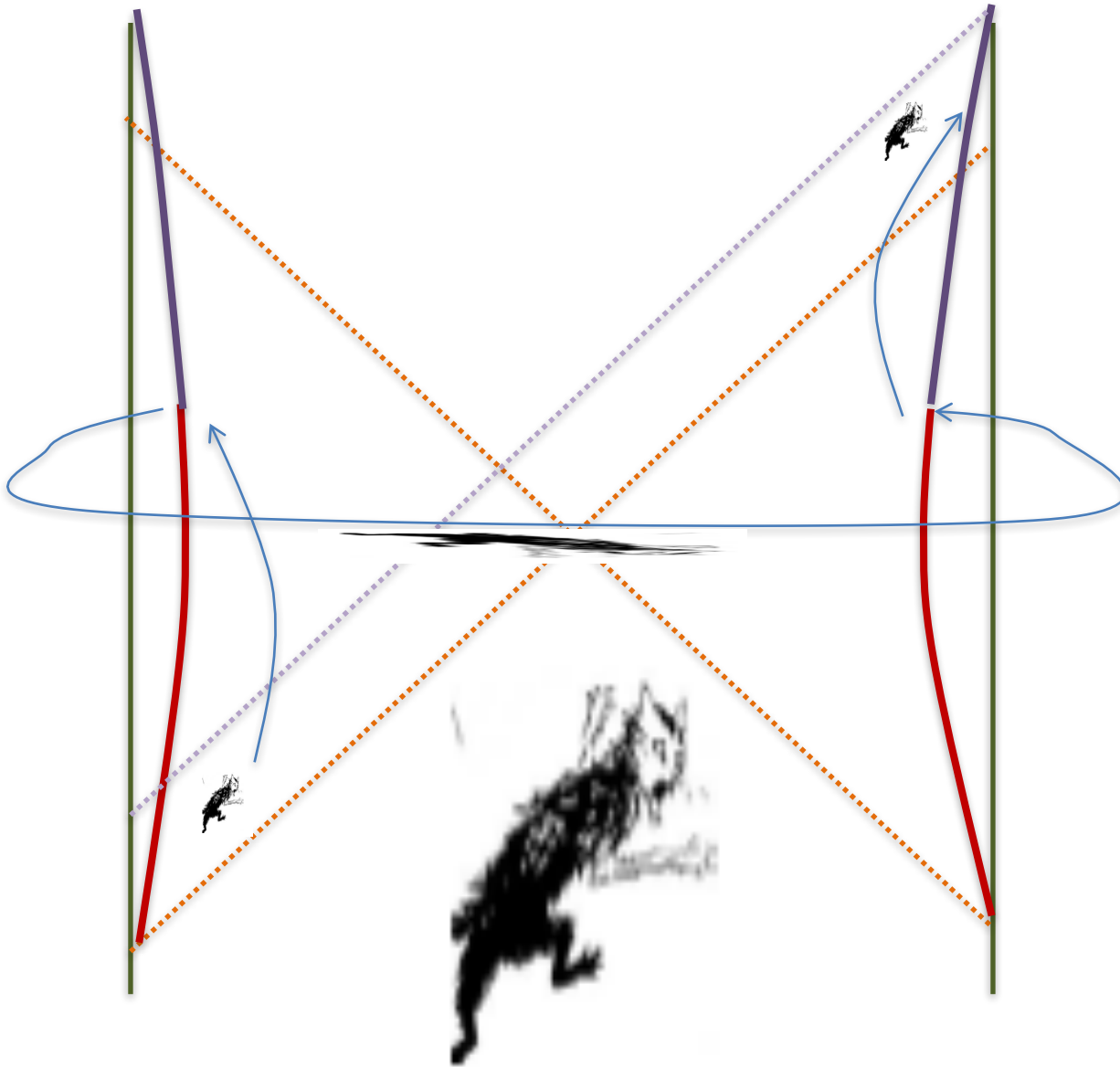
approximate

$$e^{ig\langle\phi_L(t_L)\phi_R(t_R)\rangle}$$

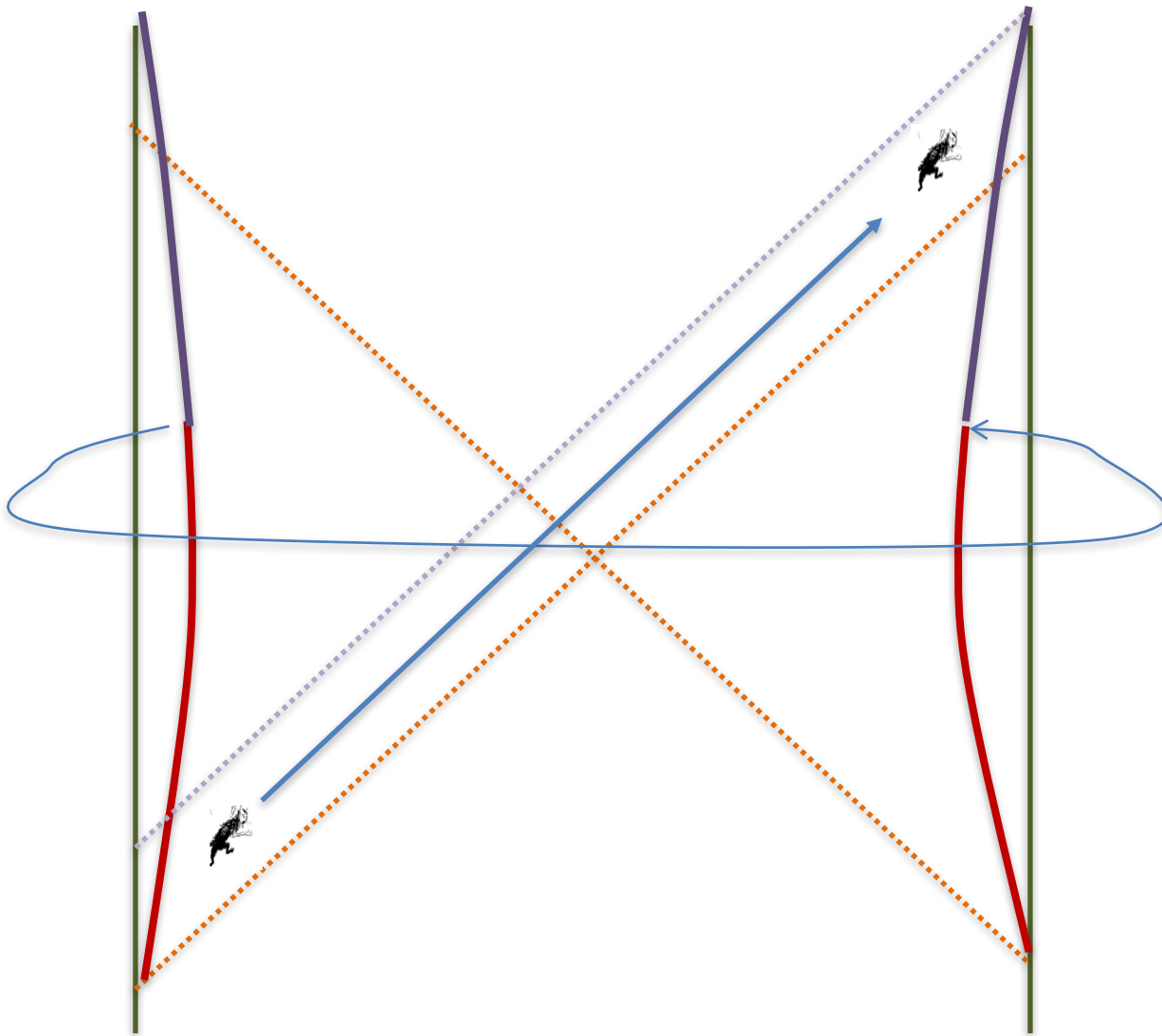
Impulsive force between the two boundaries.

- Can be attractive for the right sign of g .
- Kicks the trajectories inwards.

What it is NOT!



The cat feels fine going through the wormhole



No animals were harmed during this experiment

Simpler protocol

Minor differences with usual teleportation discussion:

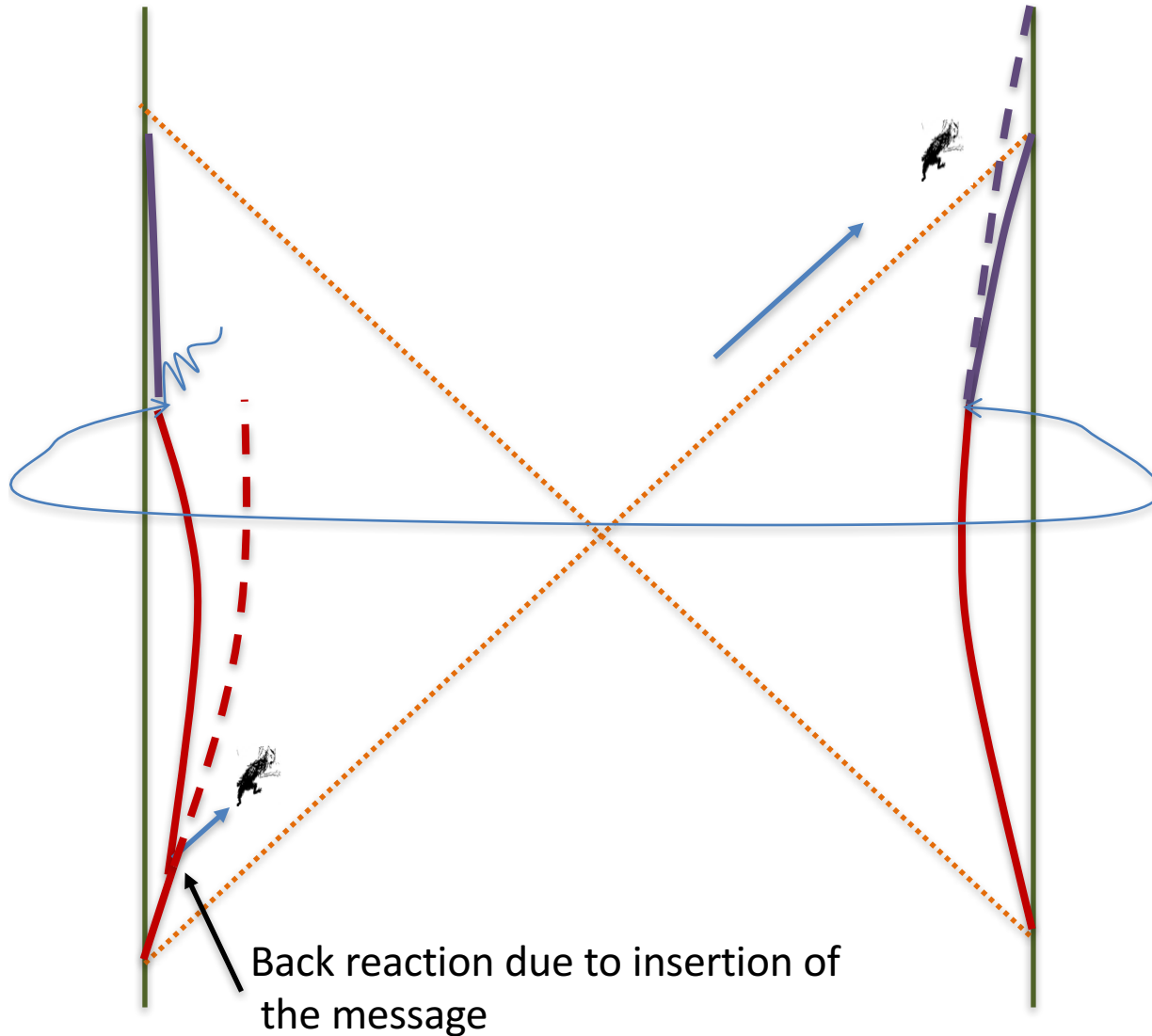
- We do not need to measure the left state completely.
- Encoding and decoding are done via standard Hamiltonian evolution.

As usual:

There is a bound on the information we can send:

$$N_{\text{classical bits}} \geq 2N_{\text{quits}}$$

Origin of the bound in gravity



The insertion of the message also gives a small kick to the trajectory.

Moves the insertion points of the non-local operator away from each other

$\langle \phi_L(t_L) \phi_R(t_R) \rangle$ becomes smaller

Attractive force weakens \rightarrow no opening of the wormhole.

Back reaction due to insertion of the message

Precise formula for the 2pt function

$$C = \langle e^{-igV} \chi_R(t) e^{igV} \chi_L(-t) \rangle , \quad V = \phi_L(0)\phi_R(0)$$

- Fourier transform the signals we want to send.
- Correlator of V is evaluated on a background with momentum p \rightarrow p dependent SL(2) transformation on V .
- Effect is amplified by boosts, or chaos $G_N e^t \sim \frac{1}{N} e^t$
- Get an extra phase from $\langle V \rangle$

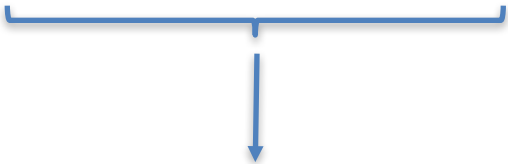
$$C \sim \int dp (p)^{2\Delta-1} e^{ip} e^{-ig} e^{i \frac{g}{(1+pG_N e^t)^{2\Delta}}}$$

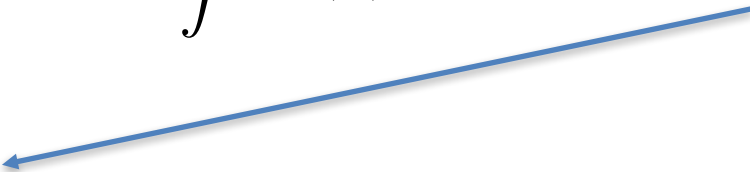
Includes gravitational back reaction

Amount of information we can send is roughly g $\langle V \rangle = 1$, $\langle \phi_L^2(0) \rangle \sim 1$

Simplified limit

$$C = \langle e^{-igV} \chi_R(t) e^{igV} \chi_L(-t) \rangle, \quad V = \phi_L(0) \phi_R(0)$$

$$C \sim \int dp (p)^{2\Delta-1} e^{ip} e^{-ig} e^{i \frac{g}{(1+G_N p e^t)^{2\Delta}}}$$


$$C \sim \int dp (p)^{2\Delta-1} e^{ip} e^{-i(g2\Delta G_N e^t)p}$$


Just a simple "translation" (one of the operations of SL(2)).

The signal does not "feel" anything ! Composite objects are simply translated whole !

Shock waves in two dimensions are not felt. (In higher dimensions there are tidal forces).

Quantum mechanical model

The SYK model

Sachdev Ye Kitaev
Georges, Parcollet

$$H = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_4} J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \psi_{i_3} \psi_{i_4}$$

Low energies.

$$S[f] \propto -\frac{N}{J} \int \{f, \tau\} d\tau$$

Same as the action for the
UV boundary
in the gravity description.

$$H = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_4} J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \psi_{i_3} \psi_{i_4}$$

Low energies.

Morally like the AdS₂ metric

$$G(t, t') = \langle \psi^i \psi^i(t') \rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{|t - t'|^{2\Delta}}$$

$$S[f] \propto -\frac{N}{J} \int \{f, \tau\} d\tau$$

$$G(t, t')_f = \left[\frac{f'(t)f'(t')}{(f(t) - f(t'))^2} \right]^\Delta$$

Same as the action for the UV boundary in the gravity description.

Dependence of Correlators on the boundary position

- We got the same action for the boundary degree of freedom (Schwarzian).
- All that we said about the motion of the UV boundary NAdS_2 bulk, also holds for SYK.
- Traversability in SYK !
- Same formula !

Convenient operators

Define the “spin” operators:

$$S_1 = i\psi^1\psi^2, \quad S_2 = i\psi^3\psi^4, \dots$$

$$S_k^2 = 1$$

“spin operators”, +1, -1 eigenvalues

$$V = \sum S_{kL}(0)S_{kR}(0)$$

Interaction between the boundaries

Pure states in SYK

Measure all spins $S_k \rightarrow s_k \rightarrow$ get the joint eigenstate $|B_s\rangle$

This set generates the full Hilbert space

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{-H\beta/2} |B_s\rangle \quad \text{Project on to lower energy states}$$

“Diagonal” correlators on this state

$$\langle \Psi | \psi^i(t) \psi^i(t') | \Psi \rangle = \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H} \psi^i(t) \psi^i(t')] + o(1/N^{q-1})$$



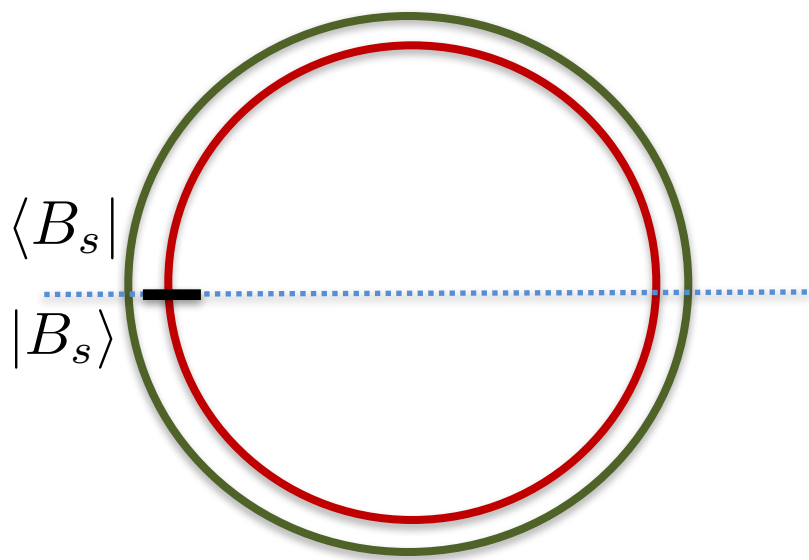
Same as in the thermal state

Off diagonal correlators:

$$\langle \Psi | i\psi^1(t) \psi^2(t) | \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi | S_1(t) | \Psi \rangle = s_1 G_\beta(t)^2 + o(1/N)$$

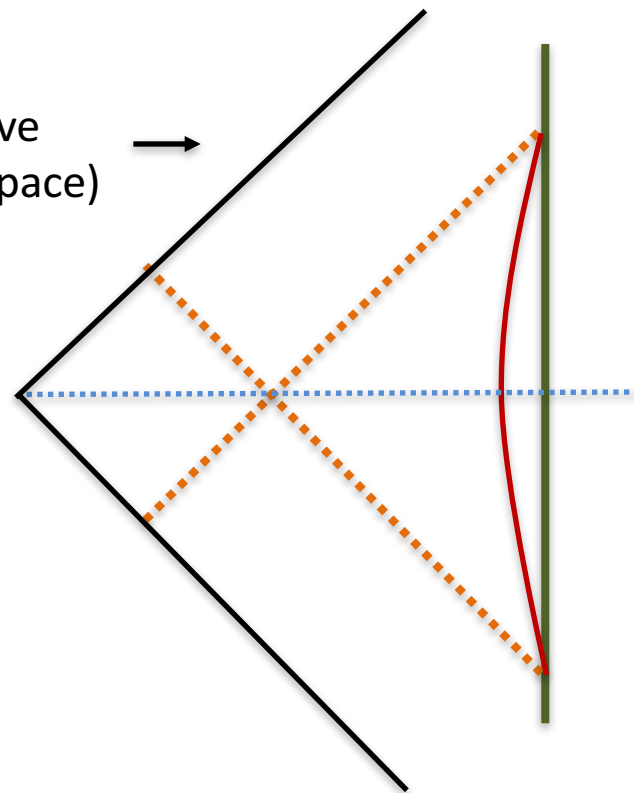


Given in terms of thermal two point function



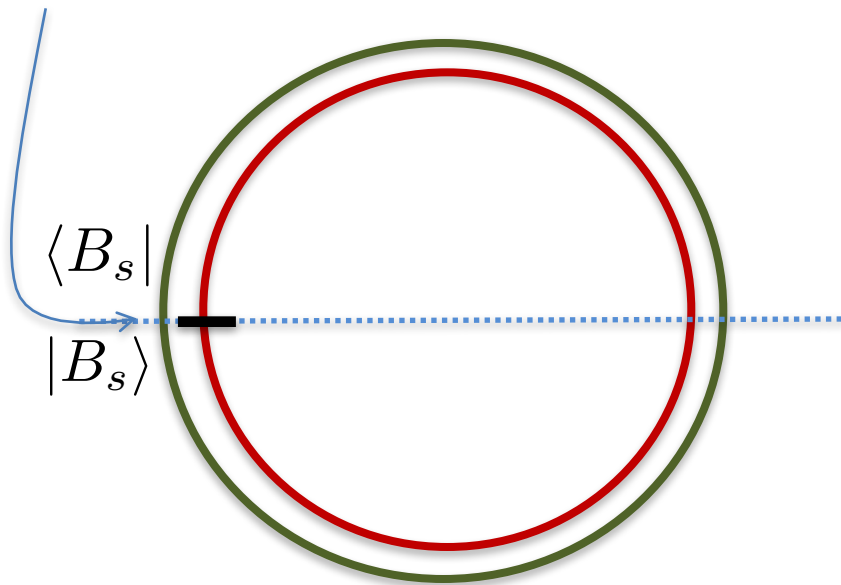
Euclidean configuration

Shock wave
(end of space)



$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{-H\beta/2} |B_s\rangle$$

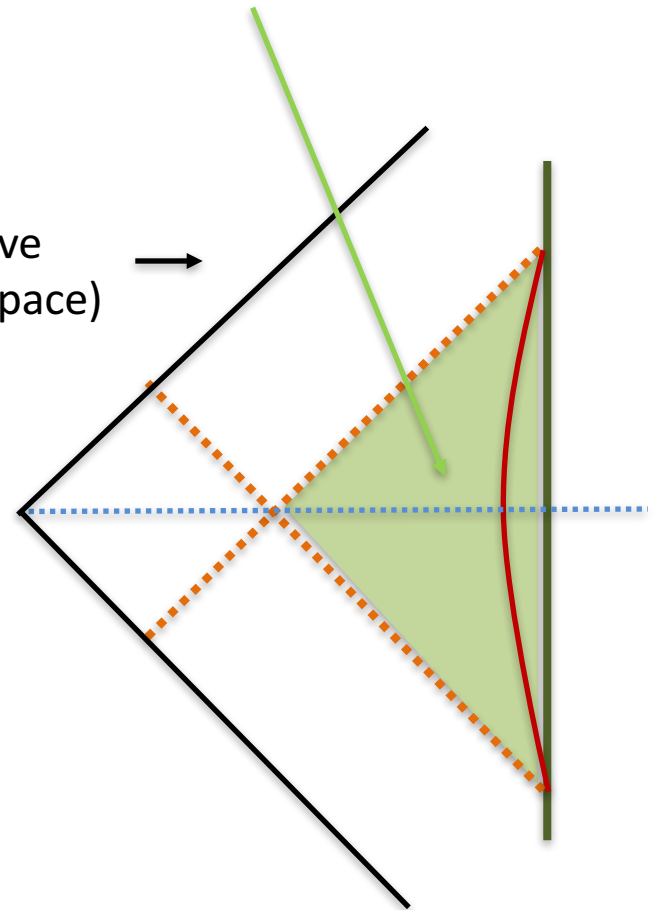
Complete measurement



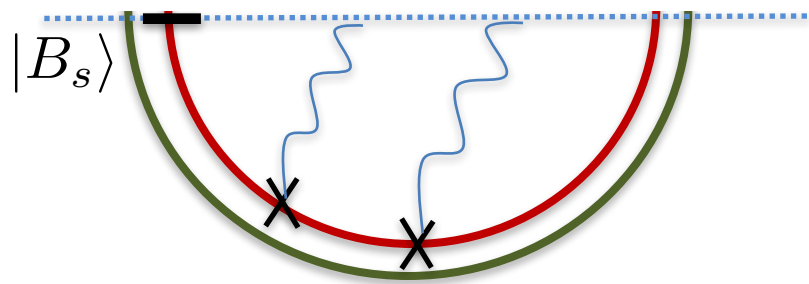
Euclidean configuration

Region outside the horizon

Shock wave
(end of space)



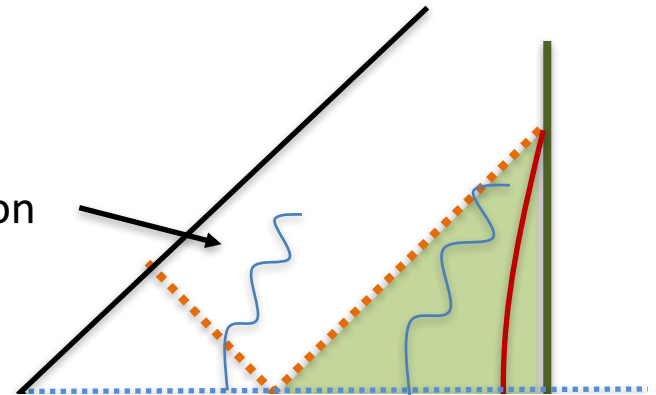
$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{-H\beta/2} |B_s\rangle$$



Adding bulk particles

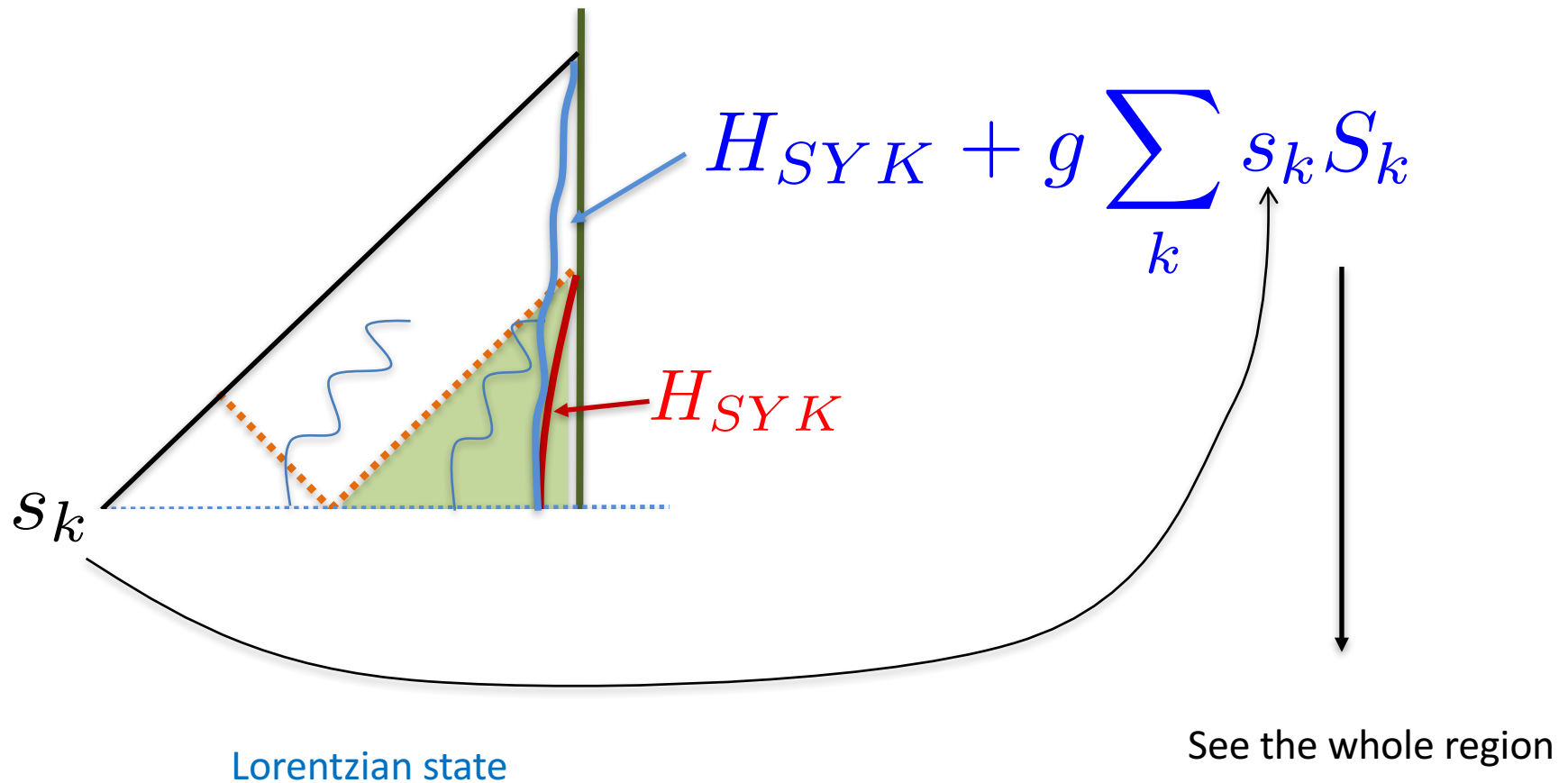
Euclidean preparation

Behind horizon



Lorentzian state

How can we see behind the horizon ?



$$\langle e^{-ig \int dt i s_k S_k} \rangle \sim e^{-i \int dt g \langle B_s | i s_k S_k | B_s \rangle} \rightarrow e^{i S_{\text{extra}}(f)}$$

$$S_{\text{extra}}[f] = g \int dt (f')^{2\Delta}$$

$$S = S_{\text{Schwarzian}} + S_{\text{extra}}$$

Gives this modified evolution.

Extra term \rightarrow new force pushing the boundary particle inwards

Relation to the black hole cloning
paradox

Relation to the black hole cloning paradox

Susskind-Thorlacius
Hayden-Preskill

- Alice has an old black hole.
- Bob has a quantum computer entangled with Alice's black hole.
- Alice sends in a M -qubit message. And waits for it to scramble in
- Bob only needs a few more than M qubits ($2M$ bits) of Hawking radiation from Alice's hole to decode the message.

Cloning puzzle

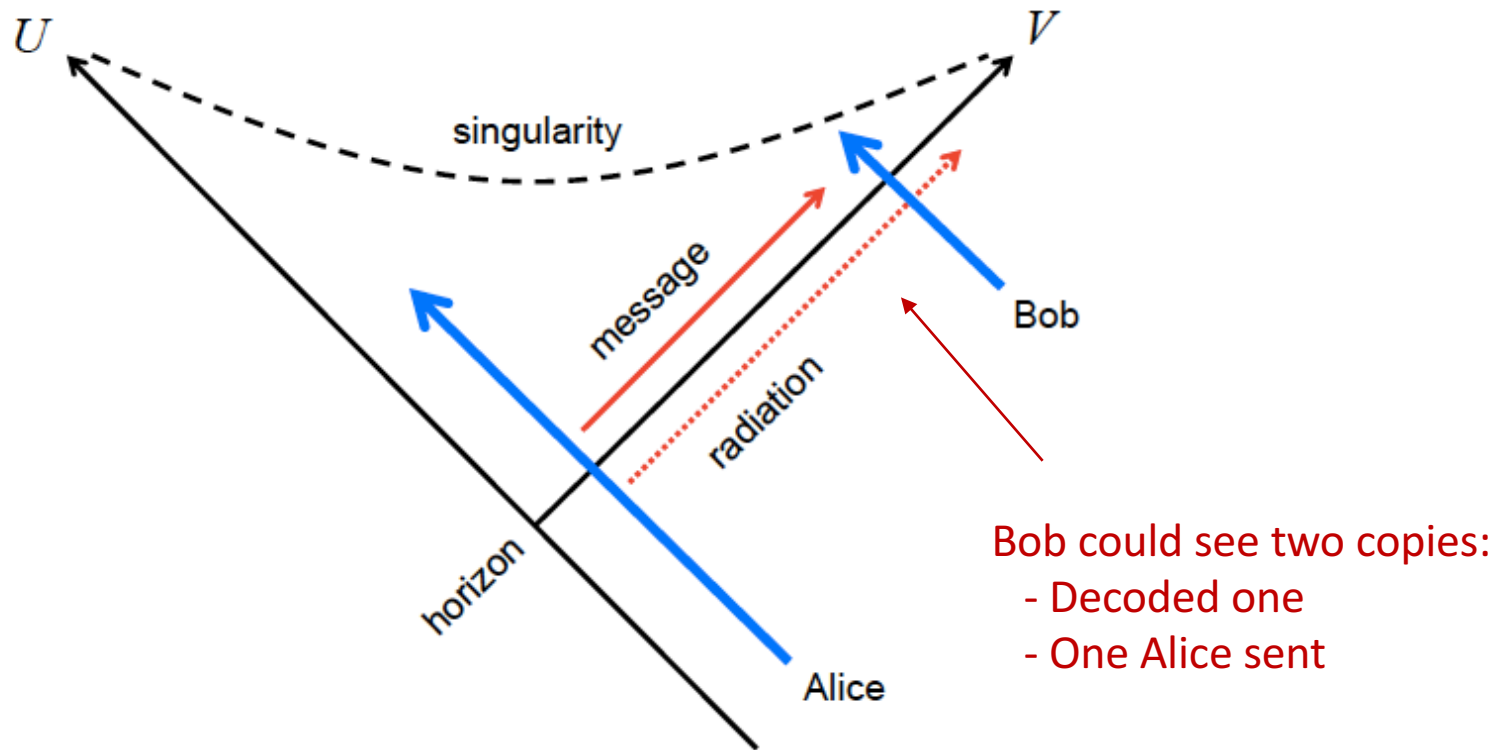
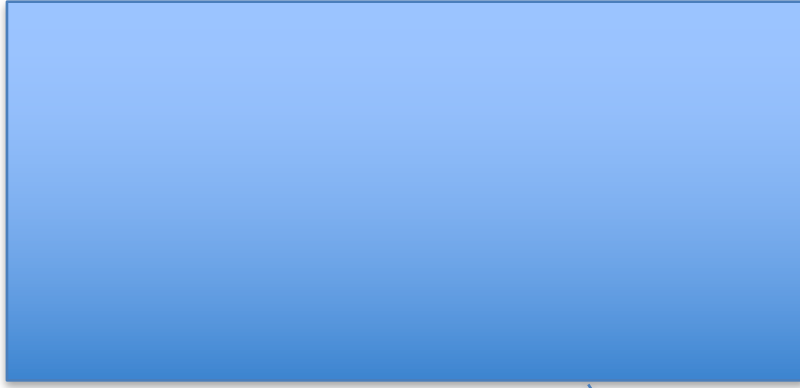


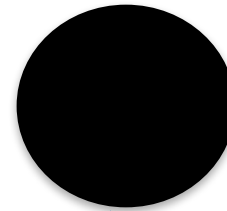
Figure from the paper of Preskill and Hayden.

Analysis

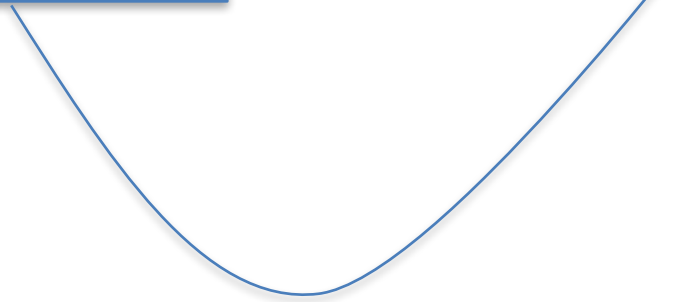
Bob's computer



Alice's black hole

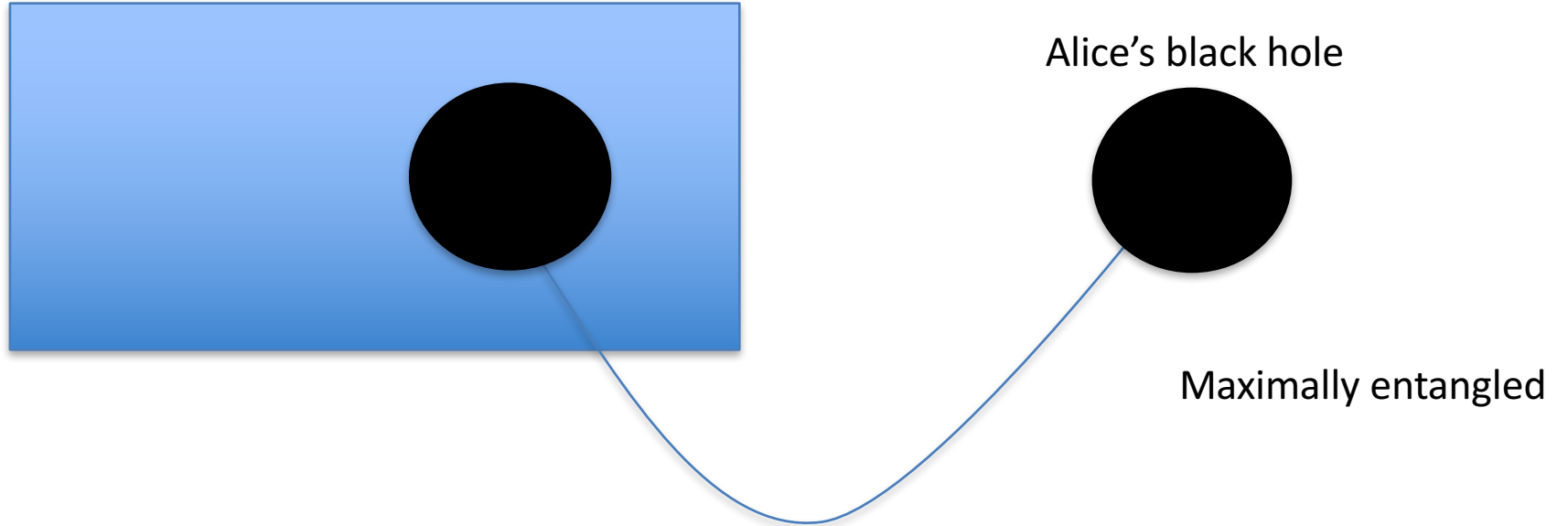


Maximally entangled



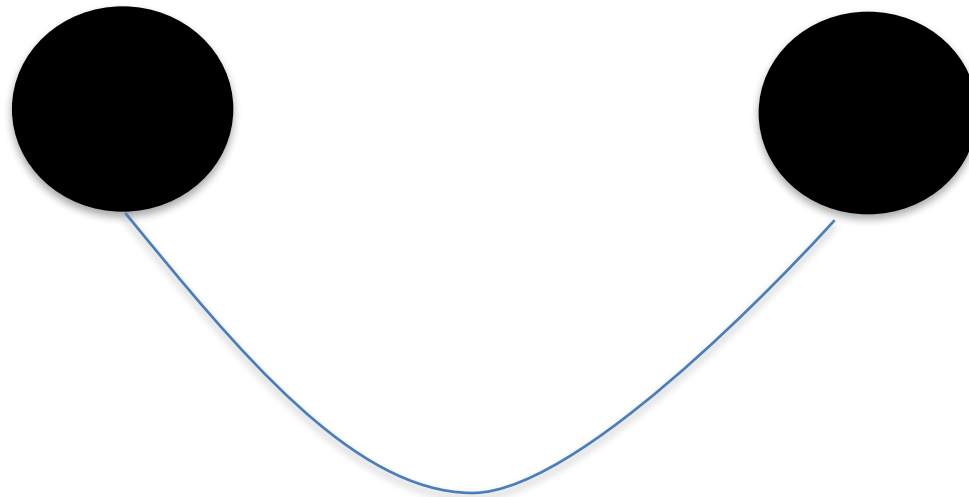
Bob → produces a second black hole,
maximally entangled with the first.

(This is hard to do
Harlow Hayden)



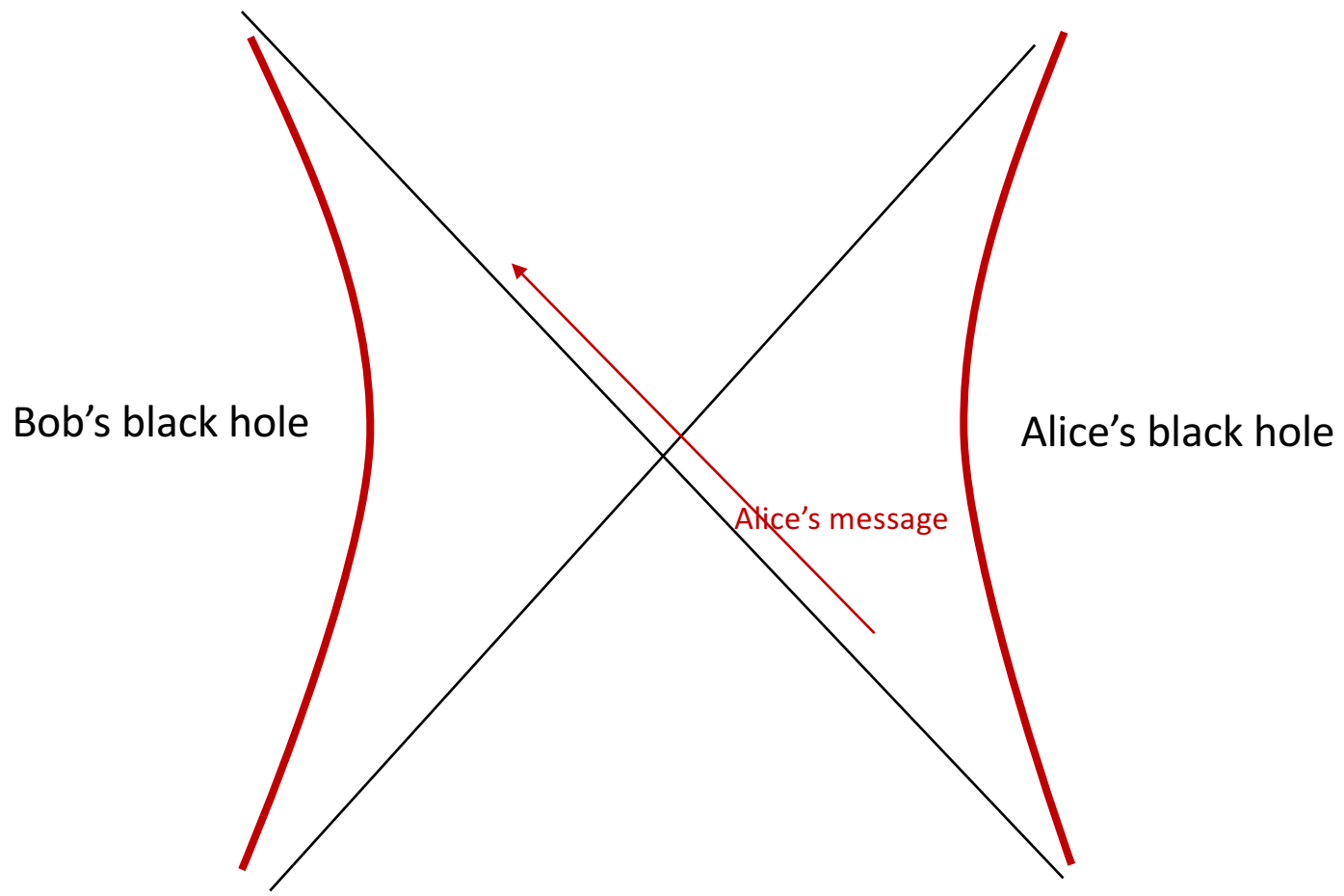
Bob's black hole

Alice's black hole

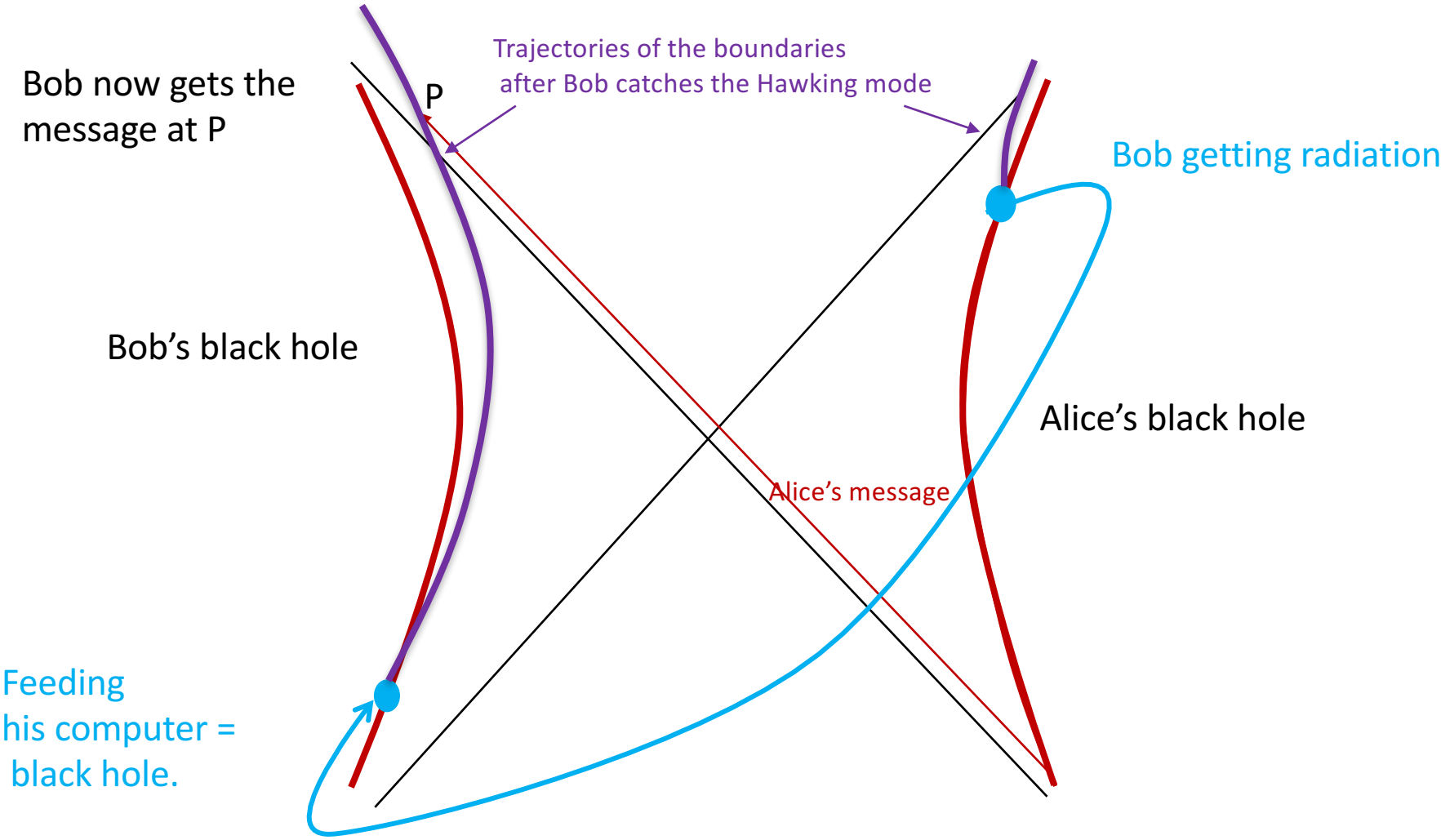


Maximally entangled

Say they are nearly AdS_2 black holes...

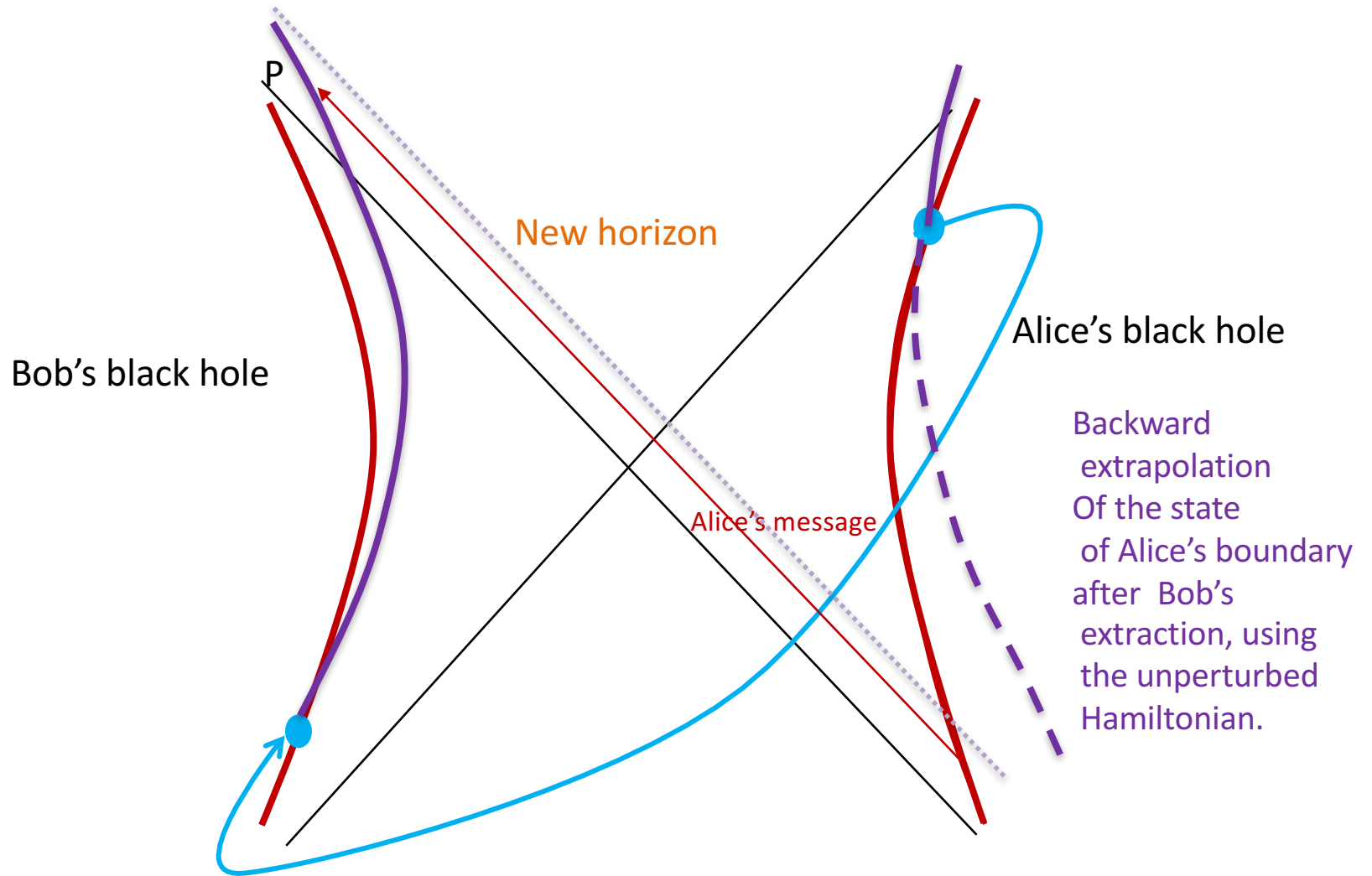


Bob gets some radiation and feeds it to his computer (black hole).



Only one copy of the message in the bulk !

The message switched sides !



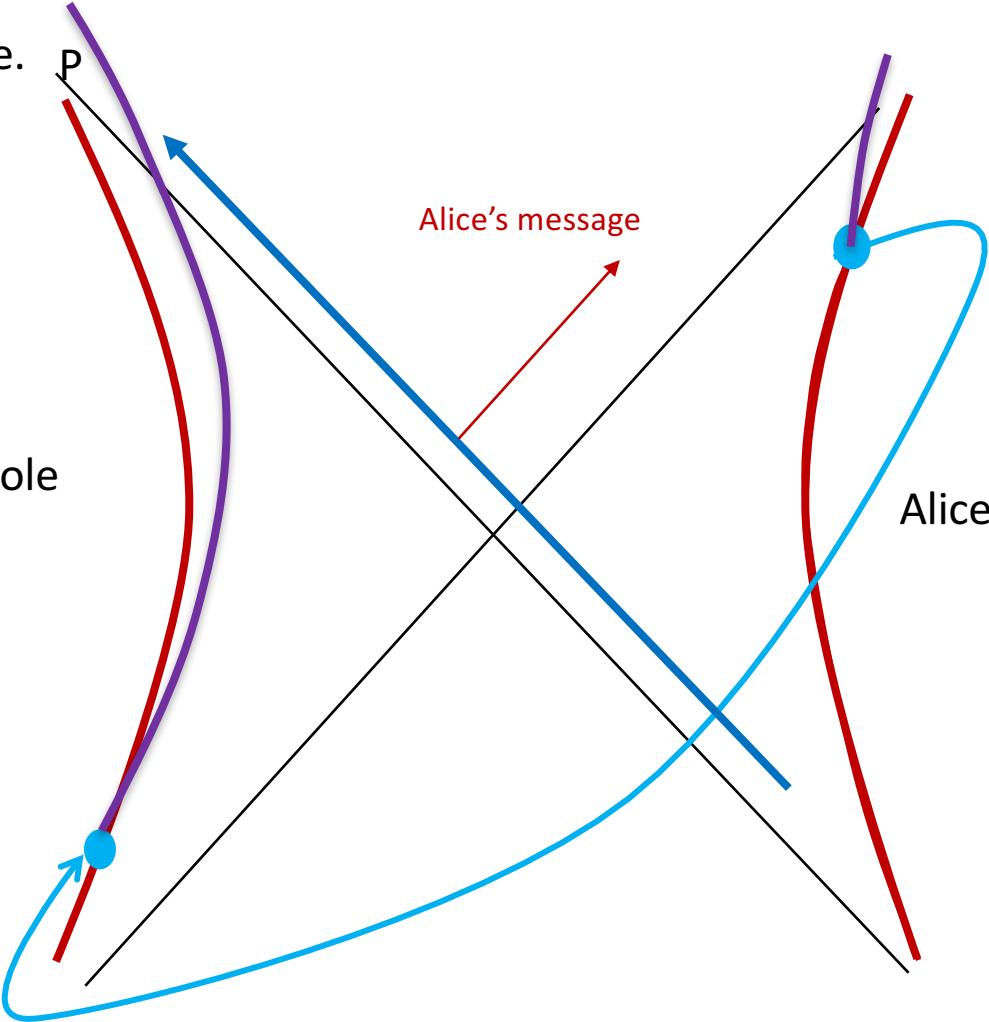
More like the HP figure...

Bob will not get it here.

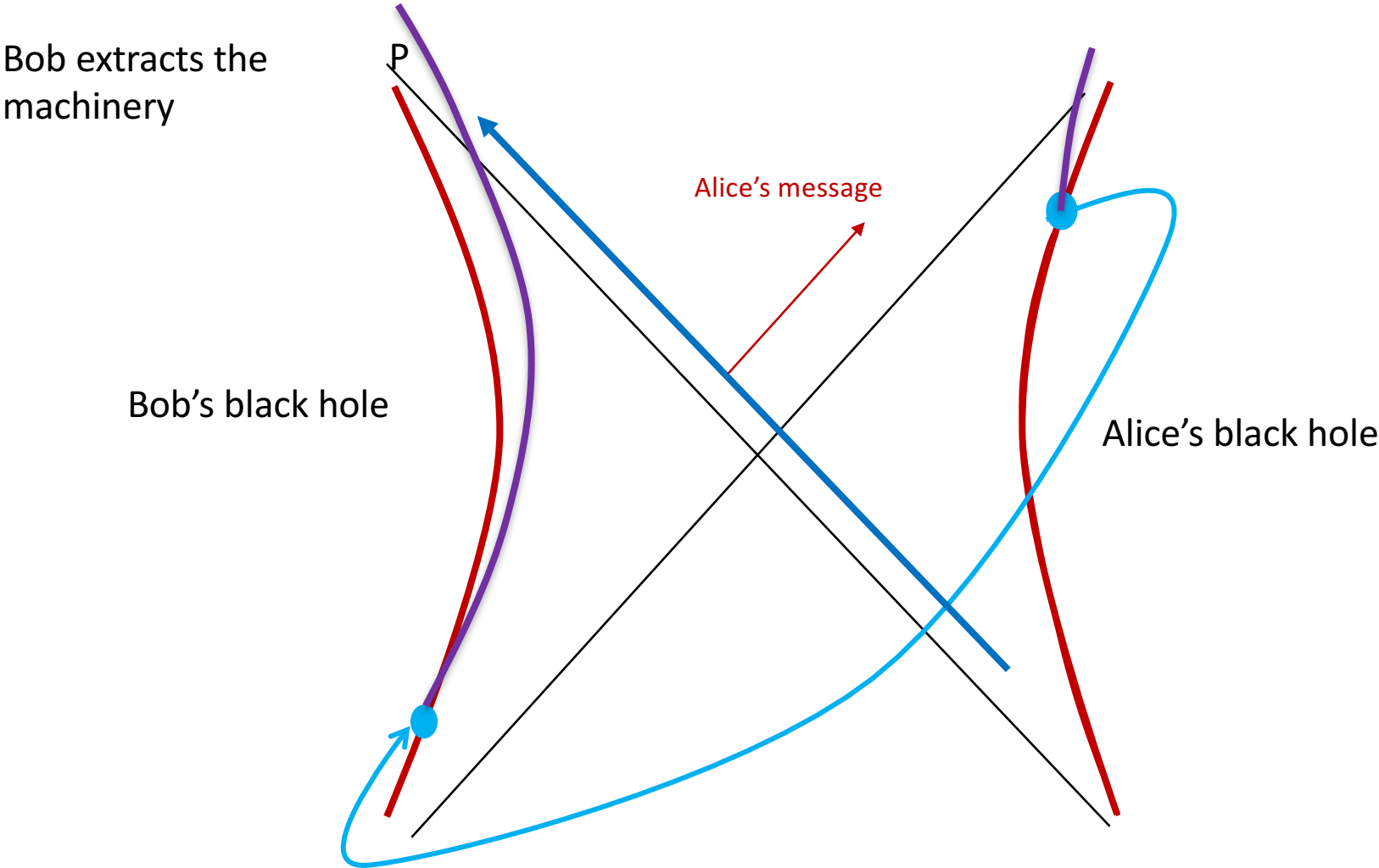
Bob gets the empty machinery

Bob's black hole

Alice's black hole

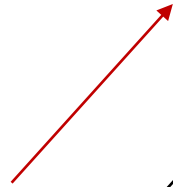


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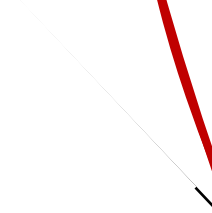
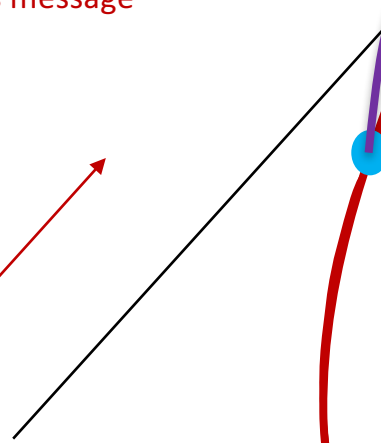




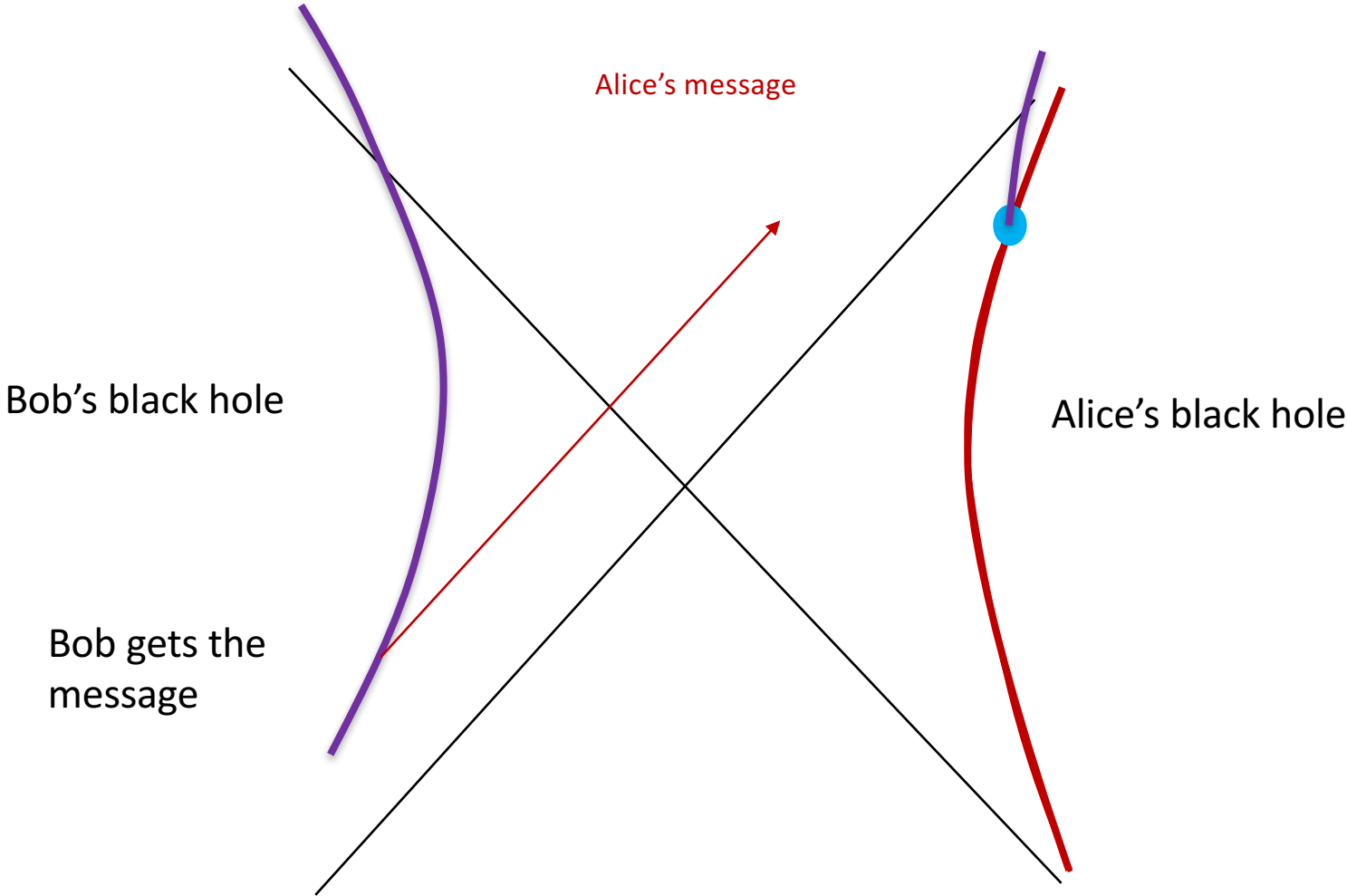
Alice's message



Alice's black hole



Bob evolves backwards in time



- The message is never duplicated in the bulk picture.
- The process of extracting the message puts it out of reach from Alice.
- No need to invoke unknown new transplanckian physics to solve the no-cloning problem.
- All understandable from standard rules of gravity on the wormhole geometry.
- Assumes ER=EPR.

Conclusions

- Simple picture for the gravitational dynamics of nearly-AdS₂.
- Traversability has a simple origin.
- Nothing special is felt by the traveler.
- Traversability and teleportation.
- Traversability in SYK has the same description.
- Consistent with information transfer bounds.
- We constructed a full set of pure states which appear to have smooth horizons. And generate the Hilbert space.
- We showed how to look at the whole region behind these horizons.

Extra Slides

Nearly AdS₂

Keep the leading effects that perturb away from AdS₂

Jackiw Teitelboim
Almheiri Polchinski

$$\phi_0 \int d^2x \sqrt{g} R + \int d^2x \sqrt{g} \phi (R + 2)$$

Ground state entropy

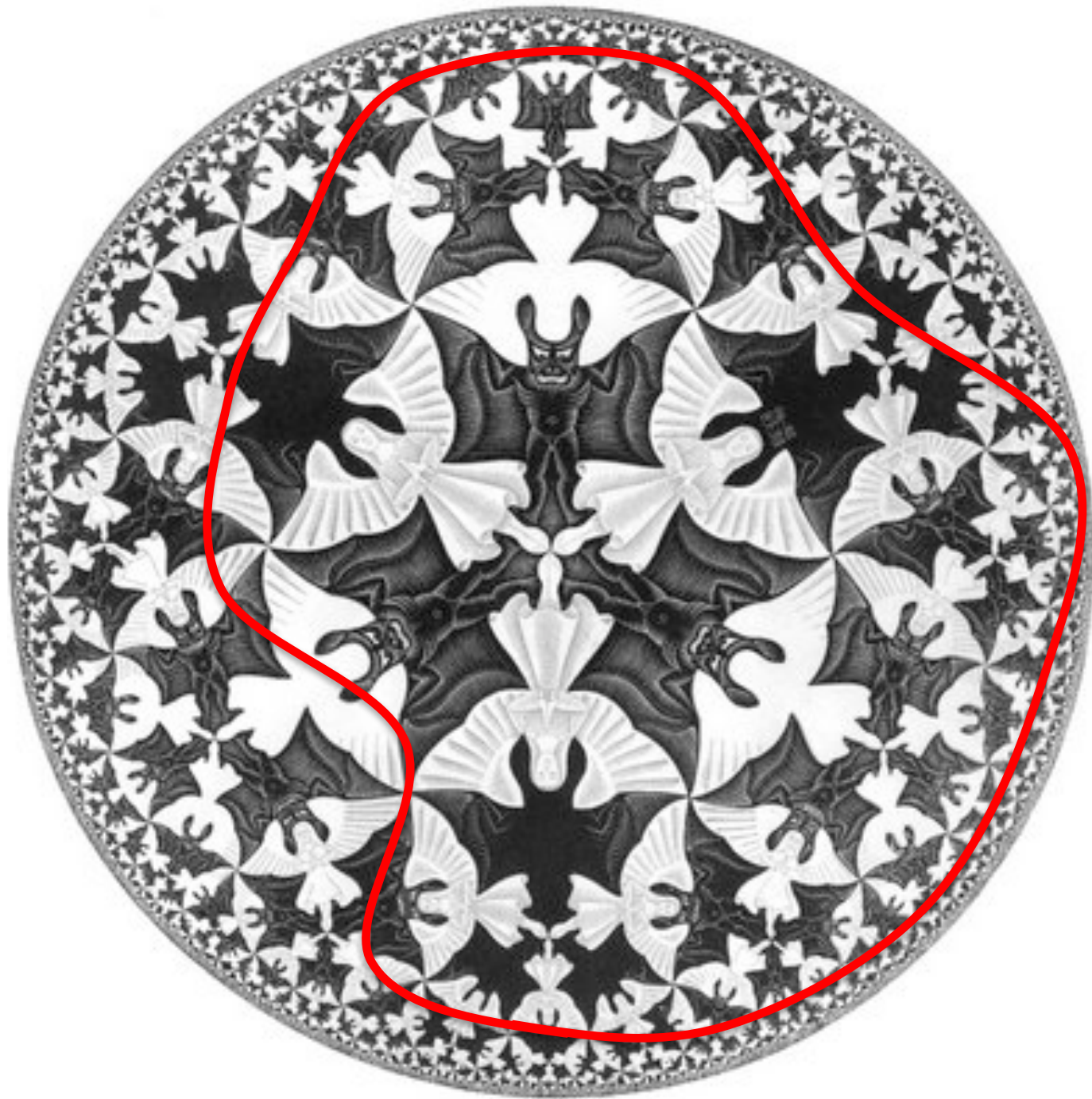
Comes from the area of the additional dimensions, if we are getting this from 4 d gravity for a near extremal black hole. General action for any situation with an AdS₂ region.

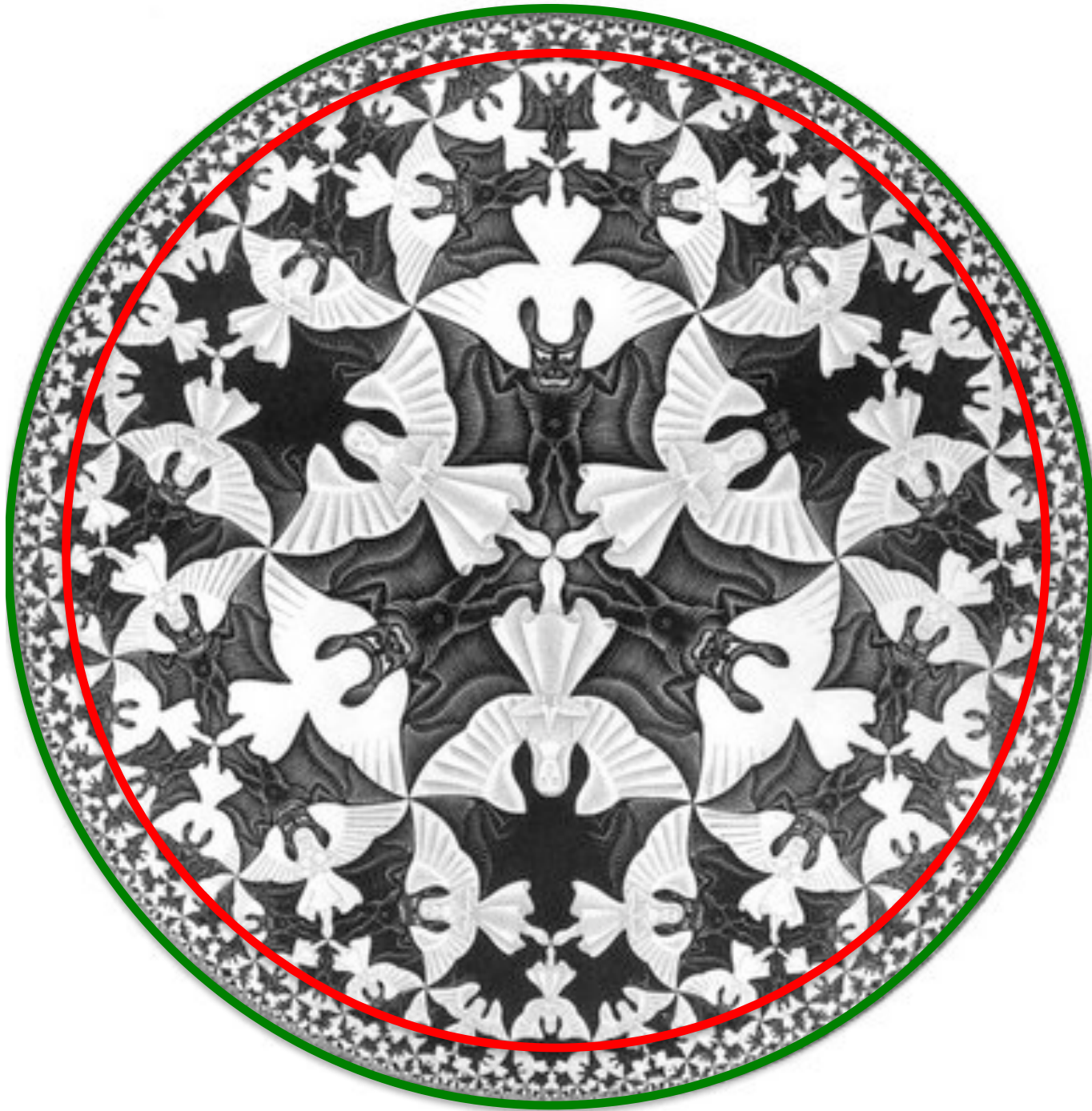
$$\int_{\text{Bulk}} \sqrt{g} \phi (R + 2) + \phi_b \int_{\text{Bdy}} K + S_{\text{matter}}[g, \chi]$$

Equation of motion for $\phi \rightarrow$ metric is AdS_2 . Rigid geometry !

Only dynamical information \rightarrow location of the boundary.

$$\phi_b \int_{\text{Bdy}} K \quad \text{Local action on the boundary}$$



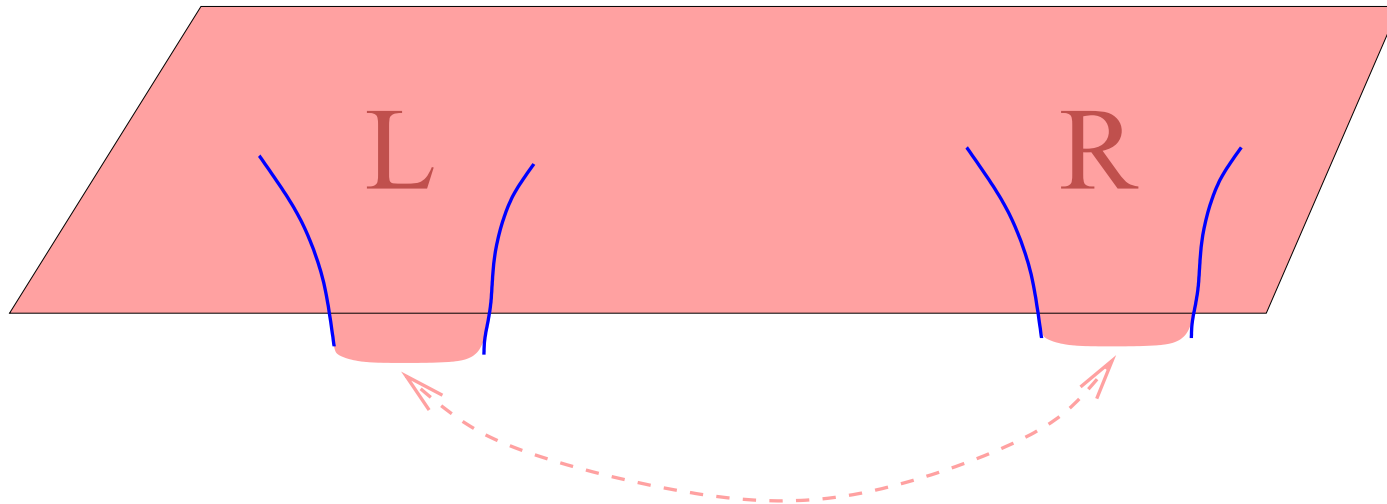


One solution

ADM mass \rightarrow size

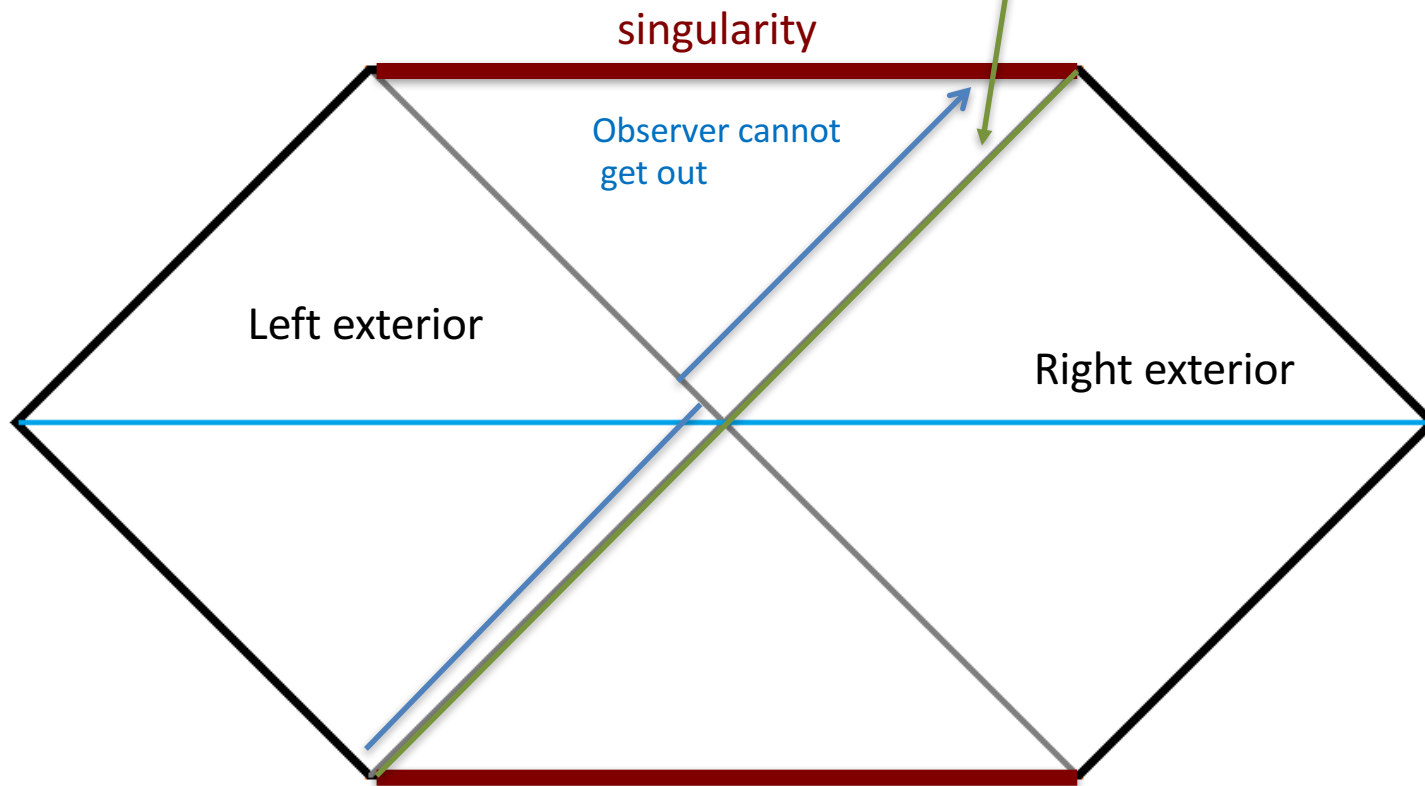
Rest of solutions
Related by AdS_2
isometries

- General relativity has wormhole-like solutions.
- Simplest version is the maximally extended Schwarzschild solution.



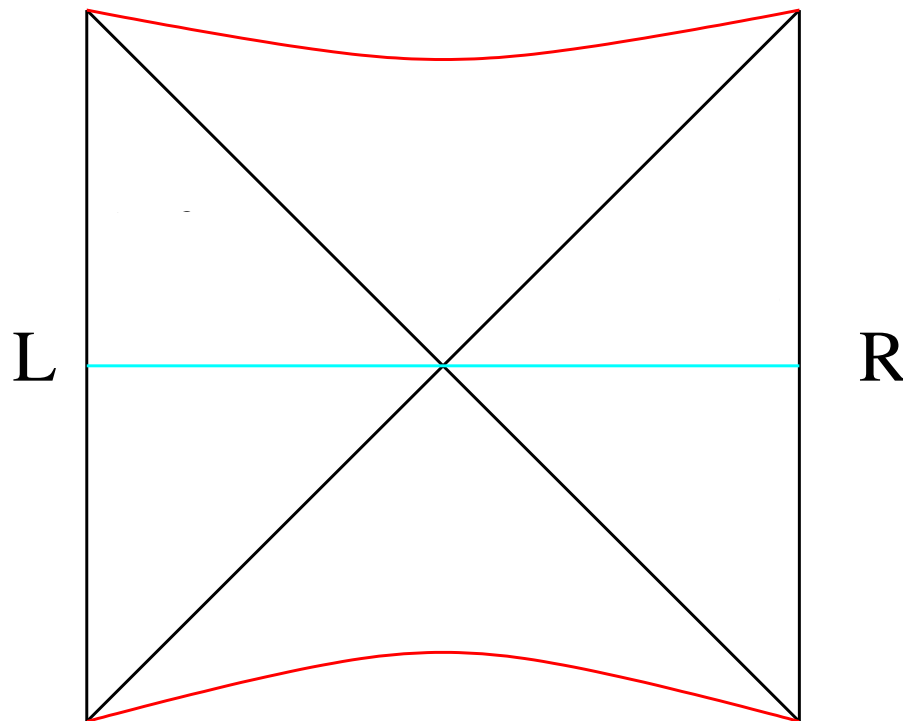
These are not traversable. Even quantum mechanically \rightarrow Integrated null energy condition

$$\int dx^+ T_{++} \geq 0$$



- This is good, otherwise general relativity would lead to violations of the principle on which it is based: a maximum propagation speed for signals.
- We will talk about some special situations where it makes sense to talk about traversable wormholes. These do not violate any of the above principles. But they tell us interesting things about black holes.

Kruskal-Schwarzschild-AdS black hole



Geometric connection
from entanglement

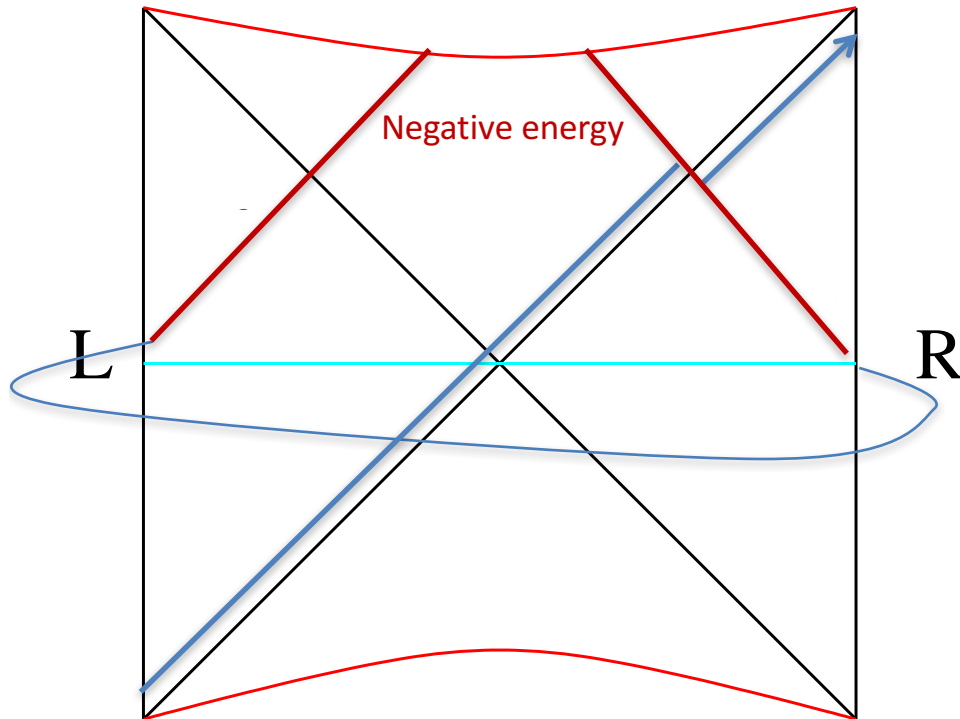
Entangled state in
two non-interacting
quantum systems.

Israel
JM

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |\bar{E}_n\rangle_L \times |E_n\rangle_R$$

Traversable wormholes

Gao, Jafferis, Wall



Couple the two field theories.
Direct interaction between fields near
each boundary.

$$S_{int} = g\phi_L(0)\phi_R(0)$$

Can create negative energy in the interior →

Gravitational scattering pushes the particle
through.

- We will study this phenomenon in more detail for the particular case of nearly-AdS₂ , where the effect is particularly simple
- We will show that the SYK quantum mechanical theory displays the same phenomenon.
- We will show that we can use this to analyze some aspects about cloning of quantum information in black holes.

In Classical mechanics ?

- Two classical systems in the analog of the TFD (same positions and opposite momenta)
- Two cups of water (classical) in the TFD.



- Tap on the left one at some early time, $-t$.
- At $t=0$ we let them touch each other and transfer vibrations
- At time t on the right we feel the bump on the right cup.

Similar effect in classical mechanics

- Two classical systems in the analog of the TFD (same positions and opposite momenta)
- At some early time, $-t$, we perturb x_{2L} on the left side.
- At $t=0$ we couple $x_{1L}x_{1R}$ (is another coordinate).

$$S_{int} = g(x_{1L}(0) - x_{1R}(0))^2$$

- At time t on the right we measure p_{2R} and find it displaced in a manner correlated with the initial displacement of x_{2L}

Change in x_{1L}
From changing x_{2L}

Change in p_{2R} due to change in p_{1R}

$$\frac{\partial x_{1L}(0)}{\partial x_{2L}(-t)} \frac{\partial p_{2R}(t)}{\partial p_{1R}(0)} \sim \{x_{1L}(0)p_{1L}(-t)\} \{p_{2R}(t)x_{1R}(0)\} \sim (\dots)^2$$

$$S_{int} = g(x_{1L}(0) - x_{1R}(0))^2$$

Interaction \rightarrow kick to p_{1R} .



Are equal

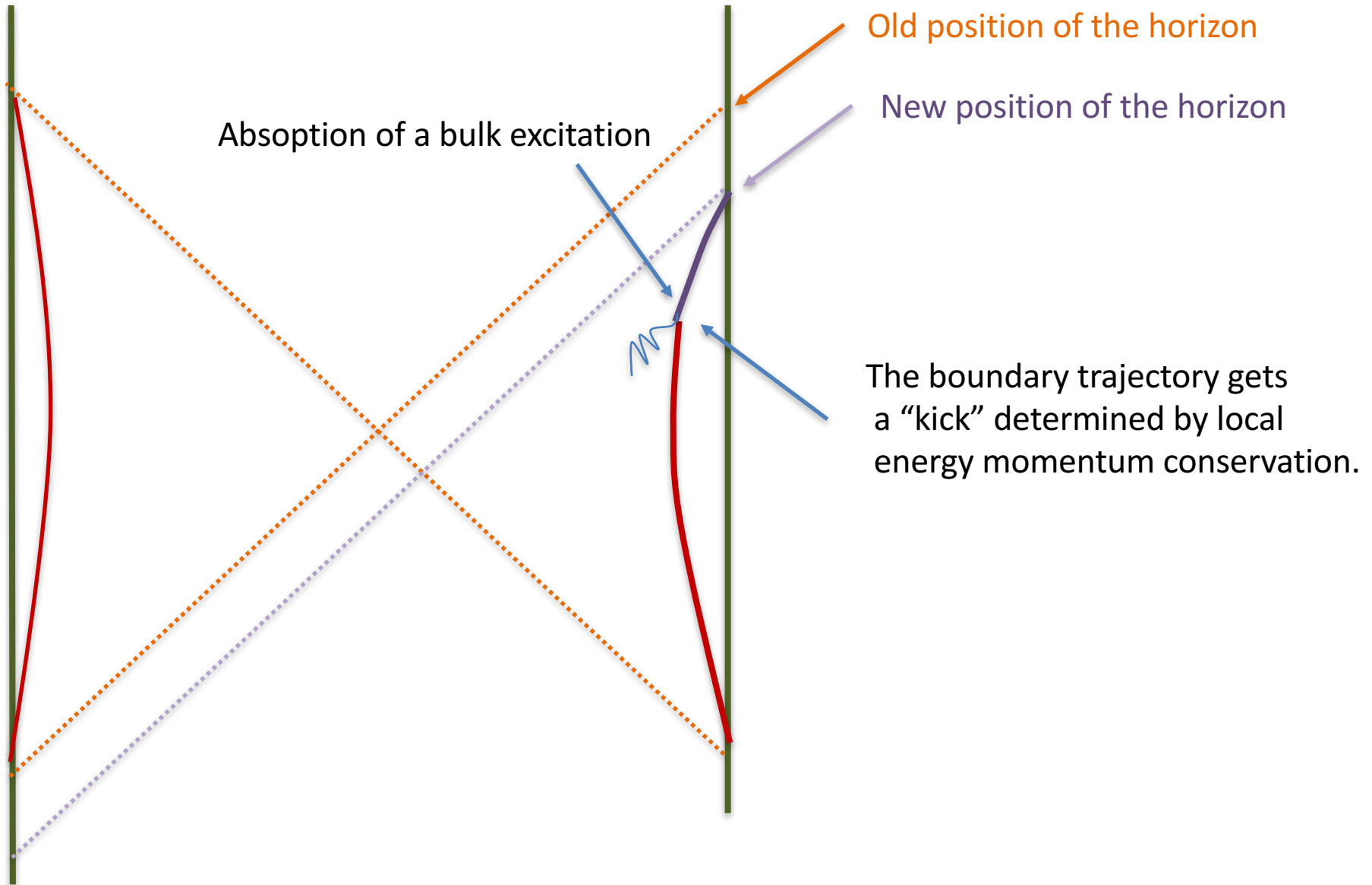
Change in p_{2R} is correlated with change of x_{2L}

$$\delta p_{2R}(t) \propto e^{\lambda_L t} \delta x_{2L}(-t)$$



Chaos fueled growth

Dynamics



The SYK model

N Majorana fermions

$$\{\psi_i, \psi_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

Sachdev Ye Kitaev
Georges, Parcollet

$$H = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_4} J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \psi_{i_3} \psi_{i_4}$$

Random couplings, gaussian distribution.

$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^2 \rangle = J^2 / N^3$$

To leading order \rightarrow treat J_{ijkl} as an additional field

J = dimensionful coupling. We will be interested in the strong coupling region

$$1 \ll \beta J, \quad \tau J \ll N$$

Define new variable

$$G(\tau, \tau') = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \psi_i(\tau) \psi_i(\tau') \rangle$$

Integrate out fermions and get an action in terms of a new field G

$$S = N f[G(\tau, \tau')]$$

Is analogous to the full bulk gravity + matter action.

There is a particular G that minimizes the action. It is SL(2) invariant.
(analogous to the vacuum AdS geometry)

Set of low action fluctuations of this solution. Parametrized by a function of a single variable.
Reparametrization mode.

$$G_f = (f'(\tau) f'(\tau'))^\Delta G(f(\tau), f(\tau'))$$

Low energy action:

$$S = \frac{N}{J} \int \{f, \tau\} d\tau$$

Same as the action for the UV boundary
in the gravity description.

$$H = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_4} J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \psi_{i_3} \psi_{i_4}$$

$$\hat{G}(t, t') = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \psi^i(t) \psi^i(t')$$

$$\langle \hat{G}(t, t') \rangle = G_c(t, t') \propto \frac{1}{|t - t'|^{2\Delta}}$$

Low energies.

$$\int \mathcal{D}\hat{G} e^{-S[\hat{G}]} \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}f e^{-S[f]}$$

$$S[f] \propto -\frac{N}{J} \int \{f, \tau\} d\tau$$

Same as the action for the UV boundary in the gravity description.

$$\int \mathcal{D}\hat{G} \hat{G}(t, t') e^{-S[\hat{G}]} \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}f e^{-S[f]} (f'(t) f'(t'))^\Delta G_c(f(t), f(t'))$$

Same precise formula for the 2pt function

$$C = \langle e^{-igV} \chi_R(t) e^{igV} \chi_L(-t) \rangle, \quad V = g\phi_L(0)\phi_R(0)$$



$$C = \langle e^{-igV} \psi_{jR}(t) e^{igV} \psi_{jL}(-t) \rangle, \quad V = g \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K \psi_L(0)\psi_R(0)$$

$$C \sim \int dp(p)^{2\Delta-1} e^{ip} e^{-ig} e^{i \frac{g}{(1+pe^t)^{2\Delta}}}$$

Amount of information we can send is roughly g

Before transfer: Alice has the message but Bob does not

After transfer: Bob has it but Alice does not !

