

Probing the black hole interior in AdS/CFT

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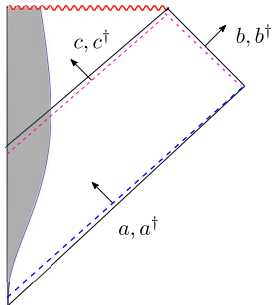
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Outline

- review basic formulation of information paradox
- explain the relevance of smoothness of horizon
- formulate the problem in AdS/CFT
- a proposal for describing the BH interior from CFT

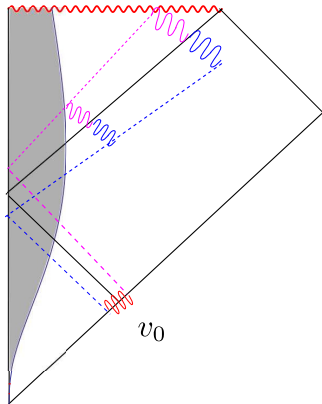
Hawking radiation



$$\phi(x) = \sum f_i(x) \mathbf{a}_i + h.c.$$

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$$\mathbf{a}_i |0\rangle_{\text{in}} = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad {}_{\text{in}}\langle 0 | \mathbf{b}^\dagger \mathbf{b} | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}} = \sum |\beta_{ij}|^2 \neq 0$$



Properties of Hawking radiation

$$\langle b_{\omega}^{\dagger} b_{\omega'} \rangle = \delta(\omega - \omega') P(\omega, l) \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1}$$

where $\beta^{-1} = T$ is

$$T = \frac{1}{8\pi GM}$$

and where $P(\omega, l)$ is the absorption probability (gray-body factor)

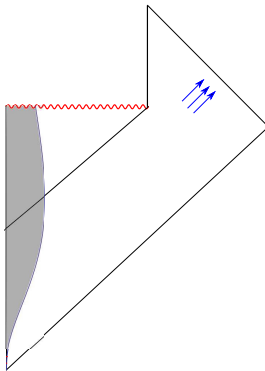
Moreover

$$\langle bbbb... \rangle = \text{product of 2-point functions}$$

The Hawking particles seem to be thermal and uncorrelated.

The density matrix of the radiation is thermal (diagonal in occupation level basis)

Black Hole Evaporation



$$t_{\text{evap}} \propto G^2 M^3$$

Information Paradox

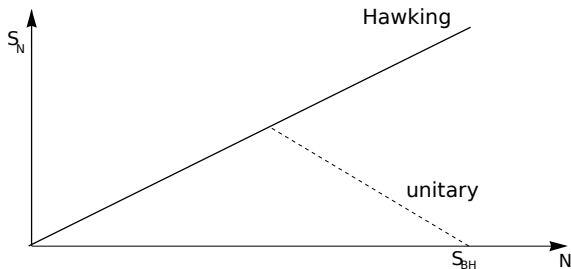
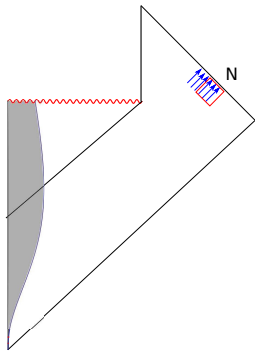
Hawking's computation seems to contradict Unitarity in Quantum Mechanics

It predicts that a pure state $|\Psi\rangle$ can evolve into a mixed state ρ_{thermal} while in QM we have

$$\Psi(t) = e^{-iHt}\Psi(0)$$

Hawking's computation predicts that many initial states of same mass M , give the same final state $\Rightarrow$ fundamental irreversibility, information loss

Entropy of Hawking radiation



Consider the first N Hawking particles, compute reduced density matrix ρ_N and its von Neumann entropy

$$S_N \equiv -\text{Tr}[\rho_N \log \rho_N]$$

Possible resolution

Information encoded in Hawking radiation in small correlations between particles

Can small corrections to Hawking's computation resolve the information paradox?

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2) When talking about “small corrections to Hawking’s computation” it is important to be precise about the quantities to which these corrections apply.

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This claim relies on a basic property of Quantum Statistical Mechanics:

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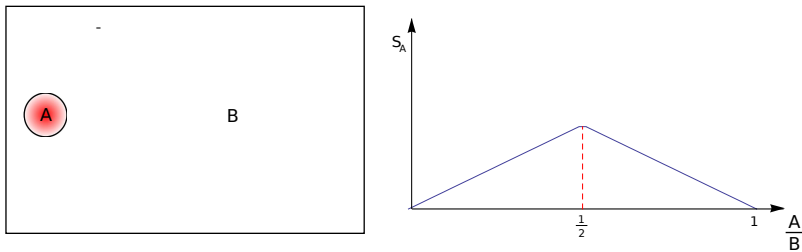
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$$\overline{(\langle \Psi | A | \Psi \rangle - \text{Tr}[\rho_m A])^2} = \frac{1}{e^S + 1} (\text{Tr}[\rho_m A^2] - \text{Tr}[\rho_m A]^2)$$

where “overline” denotes Haar-average over pure states, and $\rho_m = \frac{\mathbb{I}}{e^S}$.

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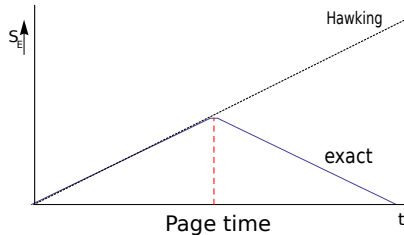
Entanglement entropy of subsystem



Large system $A \otimes B$ in typical pure state $|\Psi\rangle$

Subsystem A : if A is small, reduced density matrix ρ_A is exponentially close to maximally mixed and its EE is $S_A \approx \log |A|$. This breaks down once $|A| > \frac{|B|}{2}$

Page curve



Assuming evaporation is unitary we have that:

1. Before Page time: new Hawking particles mostly entangled with remaining black hole
2. After Page time: new Hawking particles mostly entangled with older radiation

Implications for Hawking radiation

If Quantum Gravity effects unitarize Hawking radiation, we generally expect that they will modify the predictions of Hawking to simple observables by $e^{-S_{BH}}$ corrections.

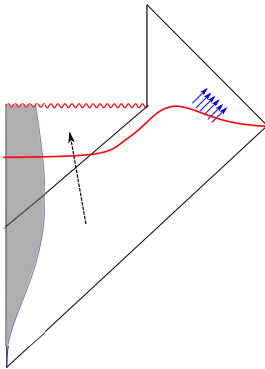
Hawking's computation is reliable for the approximate computation of low-point functions of photons, up to exp-small corrections.

Hawking's computation is not reliable for S_{BH} -point functions between photons, with sufficient accuracy to identify microstate.

The quantum information of the BH microstate is encoded in S_{BH} -point functions

So far we have not said anything about the effect of these small corrections to the black hole interior.

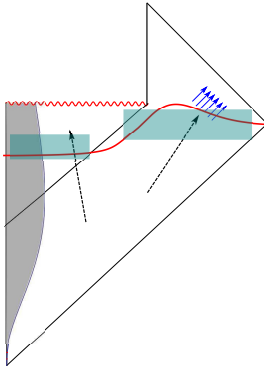
Quantum cloning on nice slices



Importance of BH interior for information paradox

Black Hole complementarity

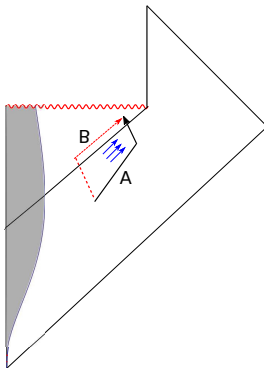
[t'Hooft, Susskind-Thorlacius]



In gravity:

$$\mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{H}_{\text{in}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{out}}$$

A consistency check of complementarity

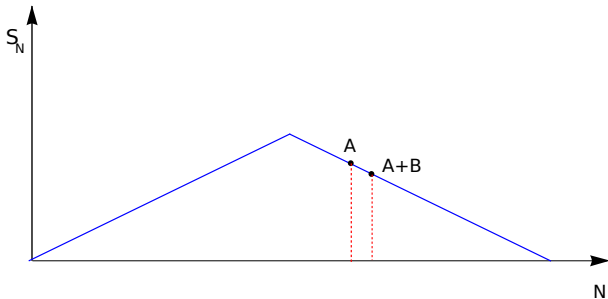
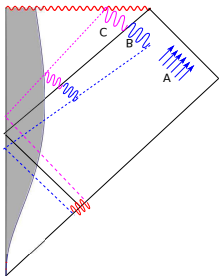


Observer A needs at least $\beta \log S$ to extract information of qubit (Hayden-Preskill) and then dive into BH

Qubit B would have to be sent with transplanckian energy to reach A

Strong subadditivity paradox

[Mathur, AMPS]



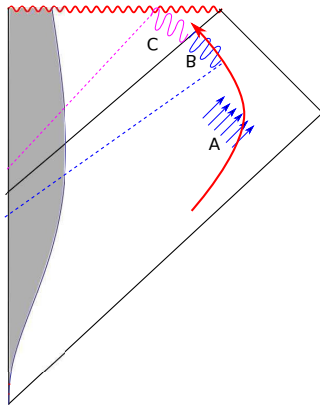
Theorem: strong subadditivity of Entanglement entropy

$$S_{AB} + S_{BC} \geq S_A + S_C$$

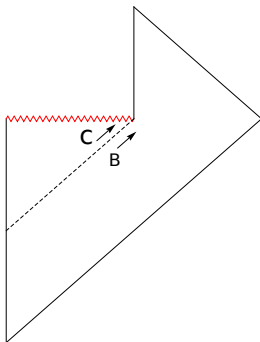
+Mathur's theorem for small corrections

Observing the paradox

[AMPS]



Quantum chaos vs specific entanglement

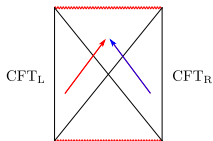


Smooth horizon requires **specific** pattern of entanglement between field operators at B and C

Fragile under perturbations due to chaotic nature of system

Hard to imagine how **typical states** will end up with the correct, **specific** entanglement needed for smoothness

Eternal black hole



$$H_{\text{total}} = H_L + H_R$$

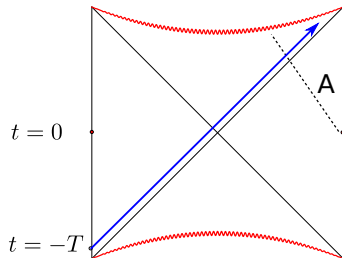
$$|\text{TFD}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_i e^{-\frac{\beta E_i}{2}} |E_i\rangle_L \otimes |E_i\rangle_R$$

Smoothness of horizon depends on correct entanglement

$$\langle \text{TFD} | \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_R | \text{TFD} \rangle \sim O(1)$$

But, for a typical state $|\Psi\rangle$ (with same amount, but different details of entanglement) we find using ETH

$$\langle \Psi | \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_R | \Psi \rangle \sim O(e^{-S})$$



We start with $|\text{TFD}\rangle$ and perturb it by a small operator (energy of $O(1)$) at time $t_L = -T$.

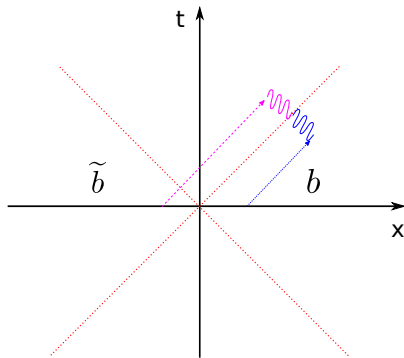
For small T , effect on infalling observer A is small. But center of mass collision energy grows exponentially with T

For $T > \beta \log S$ (scrambling time) we can no longer ignore backreaction.

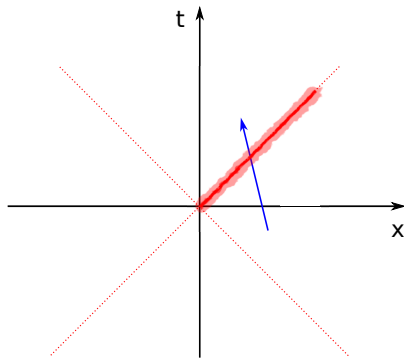
The “correct entanglement” of the TFD disrupted even by small perturbations due to chaos.

What if there is no entanglement of Hawking particles with interior modes after Page time?

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If, after Page time, the Hawking particles are no longer entangled with something inside the black hole, playing the role of the *interior partner* C , then an infalling observer would not see the vacuum but rather a highly excited state of the quantum field.

This corresponds to a very large $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ which would backreact and dramatically modify the region behind the horizon (firewall/fuzzball?)

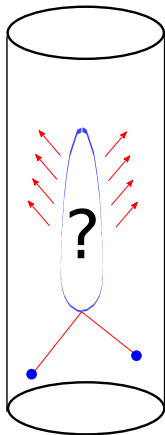
In particular the infalling observer would not experience a smooth horizon.

This effect would be there even for black holes of very large mass, thus violating the predictions of classical GR in a regime of low curvatures.

Summary

1. Information paradox from the point of view of asymptotic observer: natural (in-principle) resolution, consistent with generic expectations from quantum statistical mechanics
2. Preserving smoothness of the horizon: more challenging. Seems to violate monogamy of entanglement. Seems to contradict generic expectations from quantum statistical mechanics (requires specific detailed entanglement for typical states).
3. We will make some of these paradoxes more precise in AdS/CFT

Information paradox in AdS/CFT



CFT dual $\Rightarrow$ Evaporation manifestly unitary

What about smoothness of horizon?

Large BHs in AdS

In flat space we emphasized the relation between the information paradox and the smoothness of the horizon.

A natural question is whether large black holes in AdS have a smooth interior.

These black holes do not evaporate, so one might expect that there would be no paradox to address.

We will see that even for these black holes it is difficult to reconcile the smoothness of their horizon with unitarity in the CFT.

Mathematically precise version of the paradox.

Comments on bulk reconstruction

-CFT with gravity dual, large N , large λ

-HKLL construction

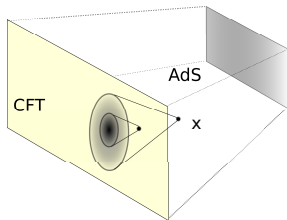
$$(\square_{\text{AdS}} - m^2)\phi = 0 \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^{-\Delta} \phi(x, z) = \mathcal{O}(x)$$

$$\phi_{\text{CFT}}(t, \Omega, z) = \sum_m \int_{\omega > 0} d\omega \left(\mathcal{O}_{\omega, m} f_{\omega, m}(t, \Omega, z) + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$[\phi_{\text{CFT}}(P_1), \phi_{\text{CFT}}(P_2)] = 0$, if points P_1, P_2 spacelike with respect to AdS metric

-On-shell, uses bulk EOMs

-perturbative in $1/N$



$$\phi_{\text{CFT}}(t, \Omega, z) = \int dt' d\vec{\Omega}' K(t, \Omega, z ; t', \Omega') \mathcal{O}(t', \Omega')$$

where K is some known kernel

Black Hole Exterior

Consider big black hole in AdS. Expectation from bulk effective field theory (EFT) for a free scalar

$$\phi(t, r, \Omega) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \sum_{lm} b_{\omega lm} e^{-i\omega t} f_{\omega, l}(r) Y_{lm}(\Omega) + \text{h.c.}$$

where (dropping l, m indices) we have

$$[b_\omega, b_{\omega'}^\dagger] = \delta(\omega - \omega') \quad [H, b_\omega] = -\omega b_\omega$$

and

$$\langle b_\omega^\dagger b_\omega \rangle \sim \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1}$$

How do we reconstruct this from the CFT?

In typical QGP pure state $|\Psi\rangle$ (energy $O(N^2)$), single trace correlators factorize at large N

$$\langle\Psi|\mathcal{O}(x_1)\dots\mathcal{O}(x_n)|\Psi\rangle = \langle\Psi|\mathcal{O}(x_1)\mathcal{O}(x_2)|\Psi\rangle\dots\langle\Psi|\mathcal{O}(x_{n-1})\mathcal{O}(x_n)|\Psi\rangle + \dots$$

The 2-point function in which they factorize is the thermal 2-point function

$$G(t, x) \equiv Z^{-1} \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H} \mathcal{O}(t, x) \mathcal{O}(0, 0)]$$

which is hard to compute, but obeys KMS condition

$$G(t - i\beta, x) = G(-t, -x)$$

Consider single-trace operator $\mathcal{O}$ in CFT, dual to bulk field ϕ . Define Fourier modes

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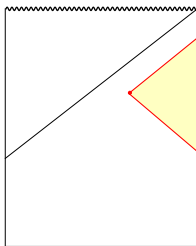
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and, using KMS and large N, we have

$$\langle b_{\omega lm}^\dagger b_{\omega lm} \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1}$$



Local bulk field outside horizon of AdS black hole

$$\phi_{\text{CFT}}(t, \Omega, z) = \sum_m \int_0^\infty d\omega \mathcal{O}_{\omega, m} f_{\omega, m}^\beta(t, \Omega, z) + \text{h.c.}$$

At large N (and late times) the correlators

$$\langle \Psi | \phi_{\text{CFT}}(t_1, \Omega_1, z_1) \dots \phi_{\text{CFT}}(t_n, \Omega_n, z_n) | \Psi \rangle$$

reproduce those of semiclassical QFT on the BH background (in AdS-Hartle-Hawking state).

Some subtleties with spacelike modes

Fix ω , take $\vec{k} \rightarrow \infty$. If we normalize bulk wavefunctions so that $f \rightarrow 1$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, then at any finite r they grow like

$$e^{\alpha \frac{\beta |\vec{k}|}{2}}$$

For BTZ $\alpha = 1$, for higher dimensional AdS-BHs $\alpha < 1$

HKLL reconstruction is possible because of exponential decay of spacelike thermal correlators.

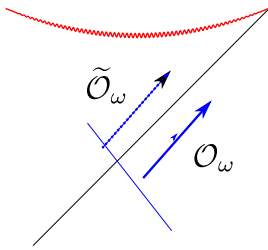
[S.Banerjee, KP, S.Raju, P.Samantray, P. Shrivastava]

We recently derived a bound for spacelike thermal correlators in any QFT

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\omega_1, \vec{k}_1) \dots \mathcal{O}(\omega_n, \vec{k}_n) \rangle_\beta \leq e^{-R\beta}$$

where R is smallest sphere enclosing $\vec{k}_i$.

Local analysis near the horizon



Demanding that low-point correlators of local fields at late times look locally like flat space we find some conditions which must hold at large N

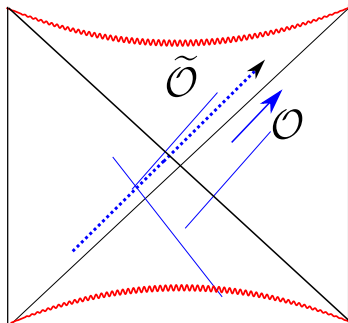
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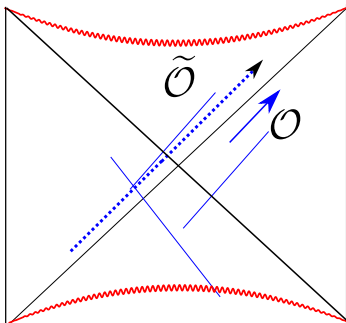
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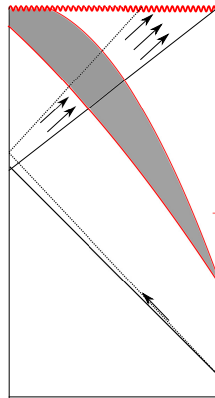
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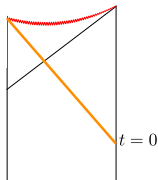
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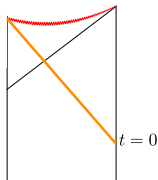
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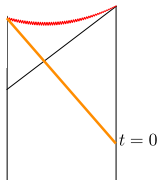
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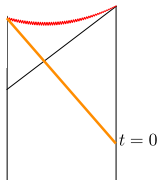
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$$Tr[e^{-\beta H} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\omega}^{\dagger} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\omega}] < 0$$

There is no problem to find these operators in particular, special states.

$$[\tilde{\mathcal{O}}, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger] = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger = \text{"creation operator"}$$

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$$[H, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger] = -\omega \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger$$

implies that $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger$ lowers the energy so it maps CFT states of energy E to $E - \omega$.

But in CFT, we have $S(E) > S(E - \omega)$.

$\Rightarrow$ if $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}^\dagger$ is an ordinary linear operator, it must have a nontrivial kernel.

Inconsistent with statement (*).

$\Rightarrow$ The CFT does not contain $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ operators and cannot describe the BH interior (?)

A related paradox

[Bousso]

Consider the number operator N_a for some modes relevant for the infalling observer. If typical states have a smooth horizon then we expect

$$\mathrm{Tr}_E[N_a] = 0$$

where the trace is over states of energy $E \pm \delta E$.

A trace can be evaluated in any basis of orthonormal vectors.

The number operator of Schwarzschild modes $N_b = \mathcal{O}^\dagger \mathcal{O}$ obeys $[H, N_b] = 0$ and can be simultaneously diagonalized with H .

$$\mathrm{Tr}_E[N_a] = \sum \langle n_b | N_a | n_b \rangle > 0$$

since eigenstates $|n_b\rangle$ of Schwarzschild number operator have excited horizon

Paradox for eternal black hole

Using entanglement to go behind the horizon

[KP, S. Raju]

The quantum fields outside the horizon appear to be in an entangled state. They are entangled with certain CFT d.o.f. which can play the modes of the interior. There is a natural mathematical construction allowing us to identify those.

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Then the Tomita-Takesaki theorem says (among other things) that:

The representation of the algebra $\mathcal{A}$ on $\mathcal{H}$ is reducible, and the algebra has a non-trivial commutant $\mathcal{A}'$ also acting on $\mathcal{H}$. Moreover $\mathcal{A}'$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{A}$. Finally, the algebras $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}'$ are entangled in a particular way.

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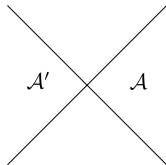
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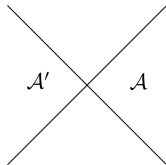
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Reeh-Schlieder theorem: The Minkowski vacuum $|0\rangle$ is a cyclic and separating state for the algebra $\mathcal{A}$:

1. States of form $a_1 \dots a_n |0\rangle$ $a_i \in \mathcal{A}$, span dense subspace of $\mathcal{H}$
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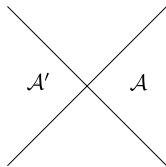
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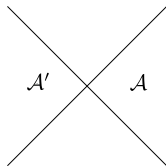
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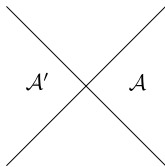


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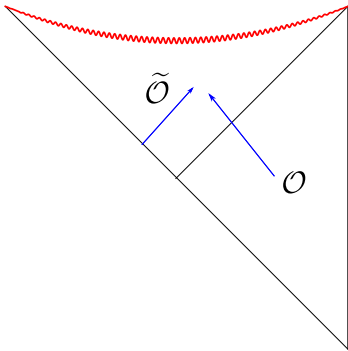
The small algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is not an exact algebra, hence the Tomita-Takesaki theorem can not be applied *exactly*. Hence $\mathcal{A}'$ is not an exact commutant.

From a physical point of view this is a **desirable feature** of the construction. It realizes the idea of black hole complementarity in a precise setting.

It also naturally implies that there is some non-locality in the construction of the interior.

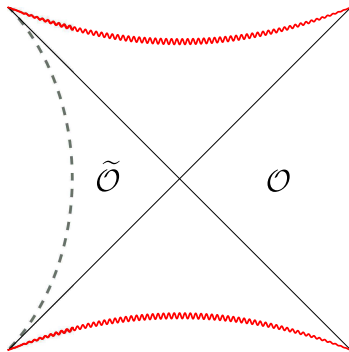
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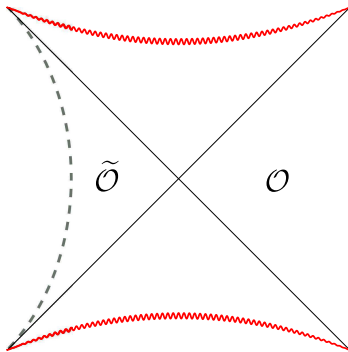


$$\phi(t, r, \Omega) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \left[\mathcal{O}_\omega f_\omega(t, \Omega, r) + \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_\omega g_\omega(t, \Omega, r) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

Extended geometry



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The cutoff on the left is determined by ω_* .

Since $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ do not fundamentally commute with $\mathcal{O}$, left region should not be though as a fundamentally independent part of the Hilbert space (BH complementarity)

State-dependence

- ▶ Interior operators defined by

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- ▶ Solves previous paradoxes (Negative trace, Chaos vs Entanglement problem,...)

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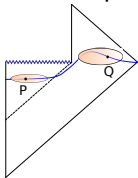
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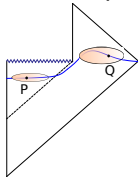
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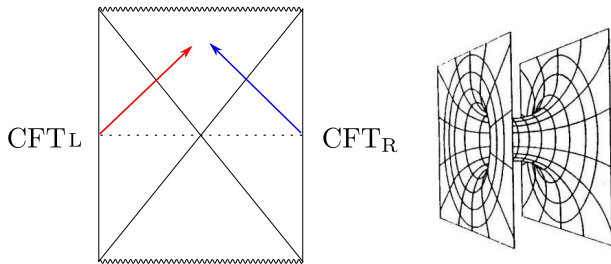
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The Hilbert space of Quantum Gravity **does not** factorize as $\mathcal{H}_{\text{inside}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{outside}}$

- 1) Solves problem of Monogamy of Entanglement (and avoids Mathur’s theorem)
- 2) Is consistent with locality in EFT, concrete mathematical realization of complementarity

Eternal AdS black hole



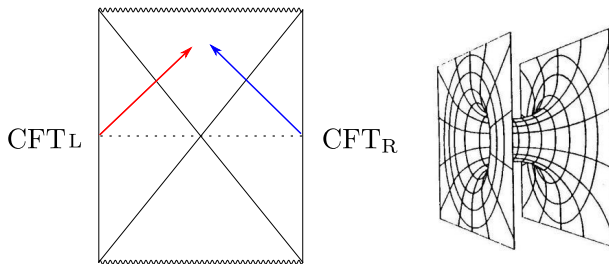
Two identical non-interacting CFTs

$$H = H_L + H_R$$

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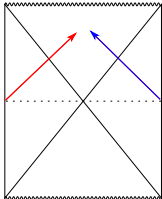
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In the bulk they are connected by a wormhole (Einstein-Rosen bridge).

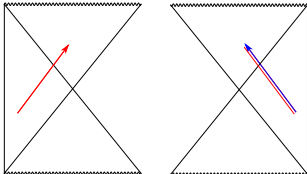
It is not traversable, consistent with the fact that CFTs are non-interacting

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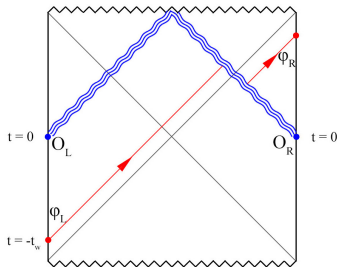


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Gao-Jafferis-Wall protocol



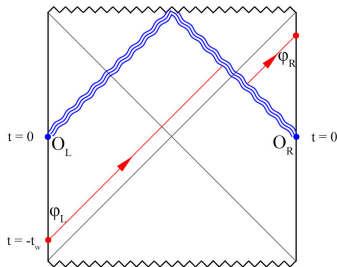
at $t = 0$ we briefly couple the CTFs by a double-trace interaction

$$H = H_L + H_R + gf(t)\mathcal{O}_L\mathcal{O}_R$$

For given sign of g this creates negative energy shockwaves in the bulk. Probe undergoes time advance when crossing shockwaves

Wormhole becomes traversable

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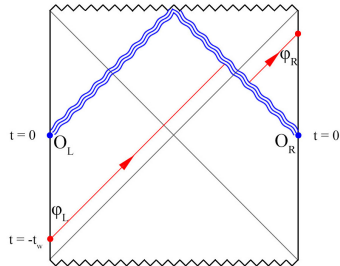
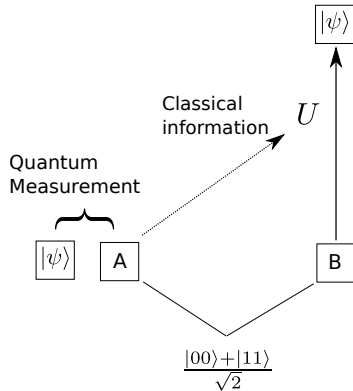
Change of CFT energy

$$\delta\langle H_R\rangle \propto g\langle\mathcal{O}_L\mathcal{O}_R\rangle + O(g^2)$$

Black hole horizon shrinks somewhat, probe can cross the wormhole
CFTs briefly interacted via $O_L O_R$ at $t = 0$, so information can be exchanged

Notice ϕ vs O

Quantum Teleportation Interpretation



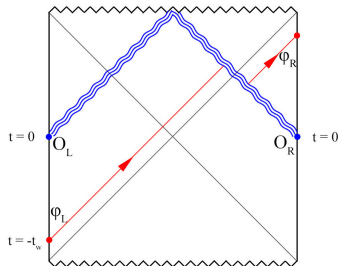
Measure O_L on CFT_L , then apply

$$e^{igo_L \mathcal{O}_R}$$

on CFT_R . The probe ϕ is teleported.

Gao-Jafferis-Wall protocol

analysis by [Maldacena-Stanford-Yang]



We create the probe on the left by

$$e^{i\epsilon\phi_L(-t)}|\text{TFD}\rangle$$

At $t = 0$ we apply double-trace perturbation coupling the two CFTs

$$e^{igO_LO_R(0)}e^{i\epsilon\phi_L(-t)}|\text{TFD}\rangle$$

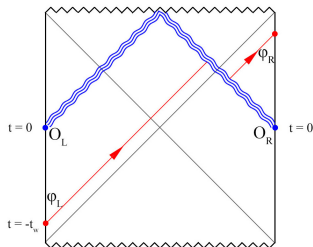
We measure the operator $\phi_R(t)$ on this state. To leading order in ϵ we need

$$\langle\text{TFD}|[\phi_L(-t), e^{-igO_LO_R(0)}\phi_R(t)e^{igO_LO_R(0)}]|\text{TFD}\rangle$$

Expanding in g

$$\langle\text{TFD}|[\phi_L(-t), O_L(0)][\phi_R(t), O_R(0)]|\text{TFD}\rangle$$

Traversable wormholes and quantum chaos



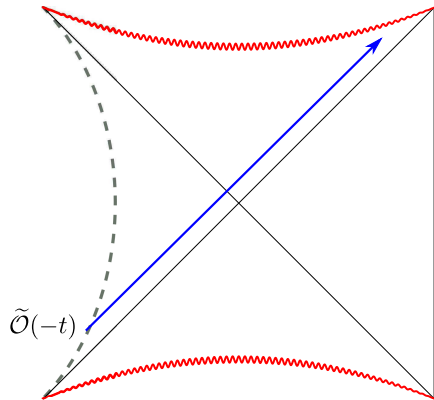
Growth of out-of-time-order-correlators (OTOC) due to **quantum chaos**

$$\langle \text{TFD} | [\phi_L(-t), O_L(0)] [\phi_R(t), O_R(0)] | \text{TFD} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{N^2} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t}$$

Including higher orders in g , we find that the commutator is zero up to scrambling time $t \approx \beta \log S$, when it becomes nonzero and we get a nontrivial signal, corresponding to the probe appearing in the right CFT.

- ▶ Gao-Jafferis-Wall identified an S-matrix-like experiment which probes the interior of eternal black hole
- ▶ CFT correlators contain information about geometry inside horizon
- ▶ Computations provide evidence for smoothness of horizon of eternal black hole, dual to the TFD state, and ER/EPR proposal
- ▶ However, the real difficulty in reconciling unitarity with the smoothness of the black hole horizon is not for the TFD (which is a very special, atypical state), but rather for *typical black hole microstates*.
- ▶ Can we find a way of applying a similar protocol to (1-sided) typical black hole microstates, which will allow us to probe their interior?

Exciting the left region

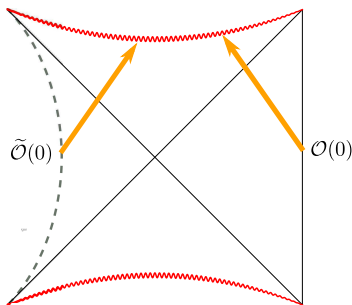


Mirror quench: we perturb the CFT Hamiltonian by $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ at $-t$

Excitation is invisible by simple CFT operators

Creating negative energy shockwaves for 1-sided black hole

[J. de Boer, R. van Breukelen, S. Lokhande, KP, E. Verlinde, arXiv: 1804.10580, 1901.08527]

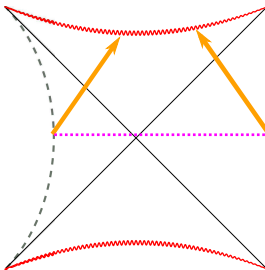


At $t = 0$ we perturb CFT Hamiltonian by

$$gf(t)\mathcal{O}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(0)$$

Compute effect on bulk correlators $\Rightarrow$ generates negative energy shockwaves for appropriate choice of g

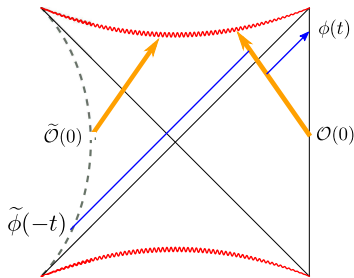
Some subtleties (in progress)



Operators $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ are gravitationally dressed wrt the right $\Rightarrow$ Wilson lines extending across geometry

Backreaction and Einstein equations at subleading order?

The experiment



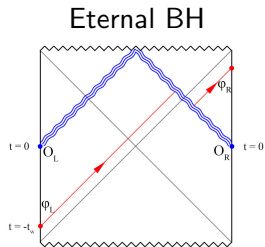
We create a probe in the left region of the black hole by acting with $\tilde{\phi}(-t)$.

Then at $t = 0$ we perturb the CFT by $gf(t)\mathcal{O}(0)\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(0)$. Finally we detect the probe by measuring $\phi(t)$.

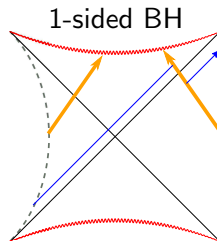
The postulated Penrose diagram makes a prediction about CFT correlators (singal around $t = \beta \log S$)

$$\langle \Psi_0 | [\tilde{\phi}(-t), e^{-ig\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\mathcal{O}(0)} \phi(t) e^{ig\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\mathcal{O}(0)}] | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Comparison



$$C = \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H} \mathcal{X}(\phi, O)]$$



$$C' = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{X}(\phi, O) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Using properties of the TFD state and the mirror operators we find that both experiments are governed by the expectation value of **exactly the same** string of ordinary CFT operators $\chi(\phi, \mathcal{O})$. Moreover, in stat-mech we have

$$C' = \text{Tr}[\rho_m \mathcal{X}(\phi, \mathcal{O})] + O(e^{-S})$$

Condition for CFT correlators

$$C = \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H} \mathcal{X}(\phi, O)] \quad C'' = \text{Tr}[\rho_m \mathcal{X}(\phi, O)]$$

A **necessary** condition for horizon of typical BH microstate to be smooth is

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C''$$

keeping frequencies $\omega < \omega_*$.

- ▶ Not obvious, trace-distance $\|\rho_\beta - \rho_m\|$ between ensembles is almost maximal.
- ▶ $\mathcal{X}(\phi, O)$ is a complicated observable, product of operators at time separation $\Delta t \sim \beta \log S$
- ▶ Condition is related to whether $\mathcal{X}(\phi, O)$ obeys Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis (ETH)

$$\langle E_i | \mathcal{X} | E_j \rangle = f(E_i) \delta_{ij} + R_{ij} e^{-S/2} \quad (1)$$

with $\frac{df}{dE} \sim O(1/S)$

Condition for CFT correlators

- ▶ Interesting effect comes from subleading corrections of the form

$$\frac{1}{N^2} e^{\frac{2\pi t}{\beta}}$$

At scrambling time they become $O(1)$.

Are these “chaos-enhanced” $1/N^2$ corrections the same in typical pure states and thermal ensemble?

- ▶ Our condition requires that correlators agree *even after analytic continuation* by $t \rightarrow t - i\frac{\beta}{2}$ (keeping frequencies up to ω_*)

Evidence

1. ETH holds for products of operators at small time separation. We can show that it also holds for very large time separations (when chaos saturates). It is natural to expect that it holds for intermediate times of order $\beta \log S$
2. In 2d CFTs with large c and sparse spectrum correlators are dominated by Virasoro identity block. In this case the conjecture is true.
3. Numerical evidence in SYK model

The SYK model

N -Majorana fermions in $0 + 1$ d

$$\{\psi^i, \psi^j\} = \delta^{ij}$$

$$H = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \psi^i \psi^j \psi^k \psi^l$$

where J_{ijkl} random couplings

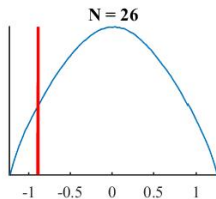
$$\dim \mathcal{H} = 2^{\frac{N}{2}}$$

Flows to strongly coupled CFT in IR

Model of black hole in AdS_2

The mirror operators in the SYK model

Typical state in SYK



$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |E_i\rangle$$

Introduce the spin operators [\[Kourkoulou, Maldacena\]](#)

$$S_k = 2i \psi_{2k-1} \psi_{2k}$$

The mirror operators in the SYK model

$$\begin{aligned} |1\rangle &= |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ |2\rangle &= S_{1,\omega_1} |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ |3\rangle &= S_{1,\omega_2} |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ &\vdots \\ |n\rangle &= S_{2,\omega_1} |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ |n+1\rangle &= S_{2,\omega_2} |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ &\vdots \\ |l\rangle &= S_{2,\omega_2} S_{1,\omega_1} |\Psi_0\rangle, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The mirror operators in the SYK model

To simplify the notation, we denote these states as

$$|I\rangle \equiv \mathcal{O}_I |\Psi_0\rangle, \quad (3)$$

where $\mathcal{O}_I$ is a combination of the spin operators introduced above. We define

$$G_{IJ} \equiv \langle I|J\rangle$$

and

$$B_{IJ,k\omega} \equiv \langle I| \tilde{S}_{k,\omega} |J\rangle, \quad (4)$$

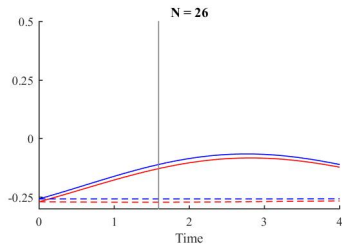
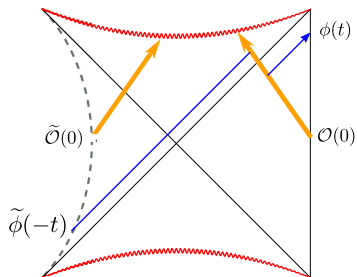
or using the equations for the mirror operators

$$B_{IJ,k\omega} = \langle \Psi_0 | \mathcal{O}_I^\dagger \mathcal{O}_J e^{-\frac{\beta H}{2}} S_{k,\omega} e^{\frac{\beta H}{2}} | \Psi_0 \rangle. \quad (5)$$

Finally we can represent the mirror operators explicitly as

$$\tilde{S}_{k,\omega} = G^{IJ} B_{JK,k\omega} G^{KL} |I\rangle \langle L|. \quad (6)$$

Extracting particle from behind the horizon



Relation to Kourkoulou-Maldacena

They consider a class of **a-typical**, non-equilibrium states in the SYK model

$$e^{-\frac{\beta H}{2}}|B_s\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad S_k|B_s\rangle = s_k|B_s\rangle$$

On these states they consider the (state-dependent) perturbation of the form

$$\delta H = g \sum_k s_k S_k$$

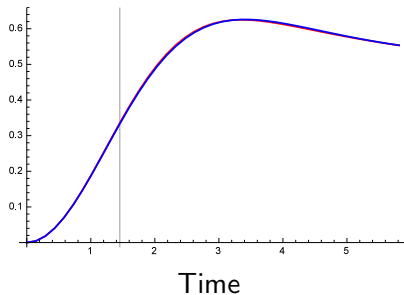
and they argue that this exposes part of the region behind the horizon.

This thought experiment is closely related to the perturbations

$$\delta H = g \mathcal{O} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$$

that we discussed earlier.

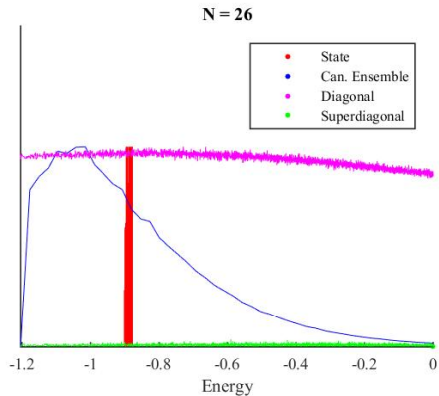
Pure vs thermal state OTOC in SYK



$$\langle \{\psi^i(t), \psi^i(0)\}^2 \rangle$$

on thermal state (red) vs typical pure state (blue).

ETH for chaotic observables in SYK



Matrix elements in SYK of

$$\{\psi^i(t), \psi^i(0)\}^2$$

for $t \approx \beta \log S$

Recovering information from a black hole

We throw a qubit into black hole. How long do we need to wait to recover the information from Hawking radiation?

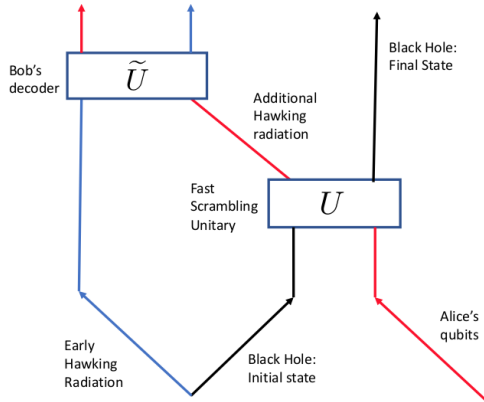
$$t_{\text{evap}} \sim G^2 M^3$$

Hayden Preskill (2007): if we have access to more than half of Hawking radiation we only need to wait scrambling time

$$t_S \sim GM \log S$$

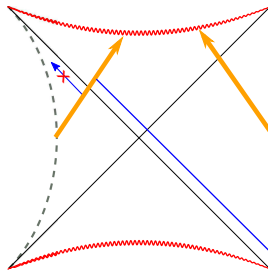
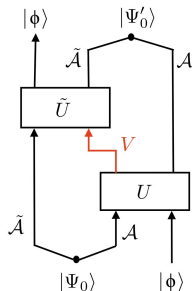
to recover information. For the protocol to work we need to know the initial state of the black hole.

Hayden-Preskill protocol



Reformulated by Maldacena-Stanford-Yang in terms of traversable wormholes

A realization of Hayden-Preskill



We throw qubit $\phi(-t_s)$ into black hole

At $t = 0$ we act with $\mathcal{O}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$

After scrambling time we can extract the quantum information of the qubit by measuring operator $\tilde{\phi}(t_s)$.

This provides an explicit decoding Hayden-Preskill protocol

Knowledge of the quantum state related to state-dependent $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$.

Summary

- ▶ The nature of space-time behind the horizon remains mysterious
- ▶ This question becomes particularly sharp for typical black hole microstates in AdS
- ▶ Presented a proposal for their geometry, by making use of state-dependent operators.
- ▶ Developments related to traversable wormholes: new calculational tools to probe BH interior
- ▶ Interesting connections with quantum teleportation and quantum chaos in pure states.