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Abstract:

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- I. Introduction
- II. The Model: Unruh-DeWitt Detector Theory
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I. Introduction

- Quantum entanglement plays a crucial role in EPR paradox, violation of Bell's inequality, quantum teleportation, etc.
 - Entanglement states are essentially "non-local" (cannot be modeled by any local hidden-variable theory.)
 - Entanglement entirely departs from classical line of thought.
 - Measure of entanglement for mixed states is known only for limited cases.
- We lack in experience and intuition on entanglement.

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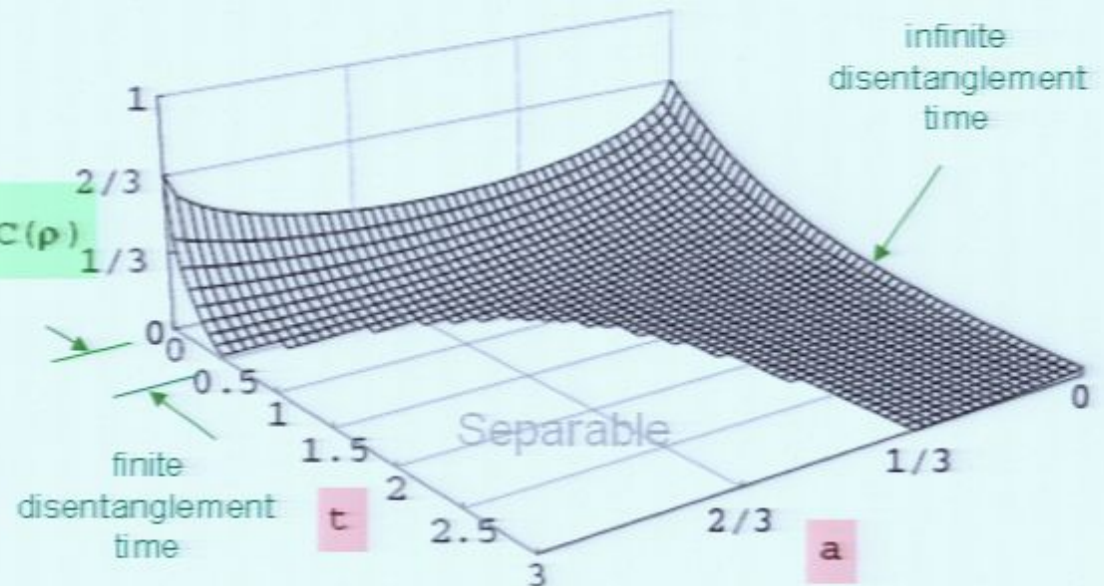
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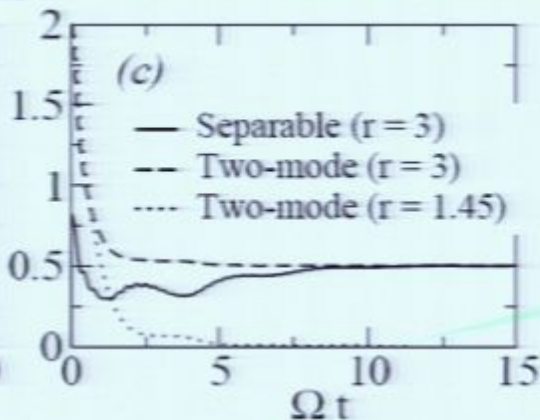
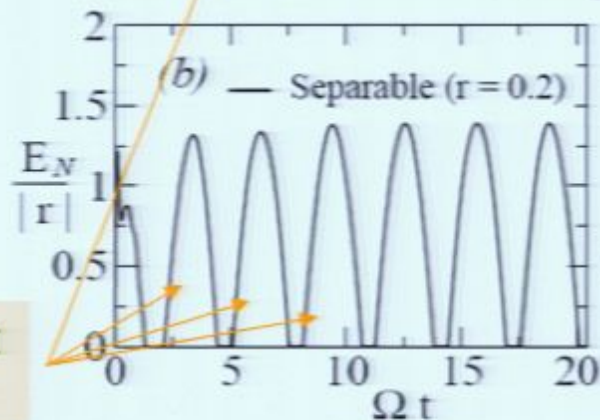
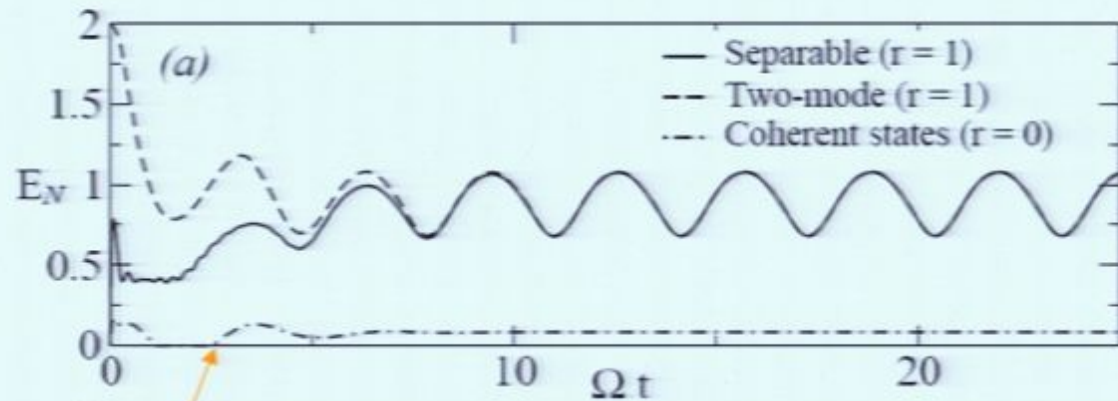
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■ Residual entanglement, entanglement revival

Ex: 2 harmonic Oscillators located at a point in space in a quantum field

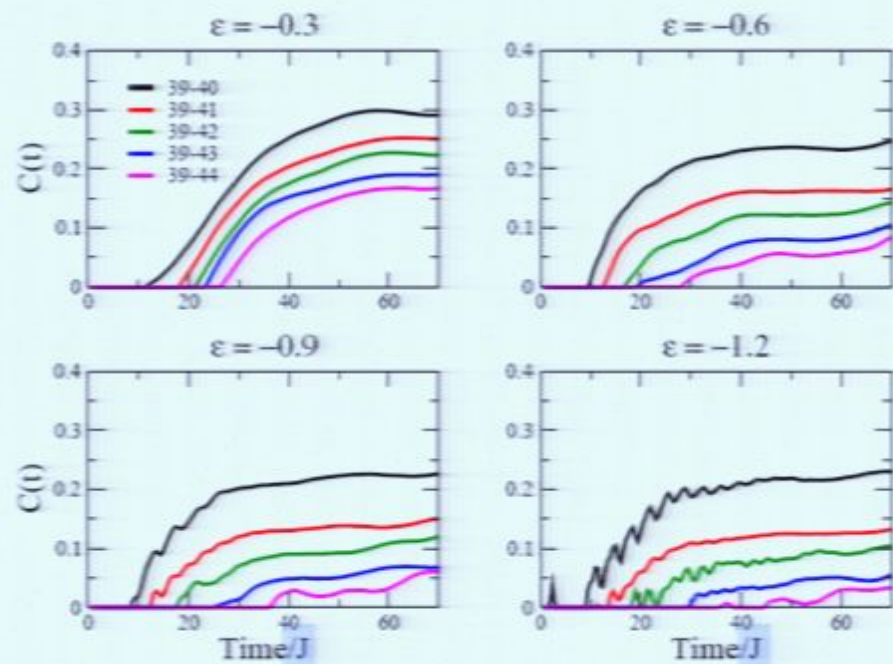
[Paz, Roncaglia, arXiv:0801.0464]



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- Entanglement generation (creation) [Braun 2002]

Ex: Qubits interacting separately in space, coupled with a spin chain
 [Lai, Hung, Mou, Chen, arXiv:0803.0364]



$$\mathcal{H}_{bath} = J \sum (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y + \Delta S_i^z S_{i+1}^z)$$

XXZ Heisenberg model

$$H_{int} = \sum_{i,\alpha} \epsilon_i^\alpha S_{A(B)}^\alpha S_i^\alpha$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$$

Initial state (separable)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}(|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

FIG. 7: Entanglement dynamics for an initially disentangled pair of qubits for the case of Heisenberg coupling. Here $\Delta = 0$ and $N = 80$.
 $(\epsilon_i^x = \epsilon_i^y = \epsilon_i^z \neq 0)$

"XY model"

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Detectors/atoms in a relativistic quantum field

Issues

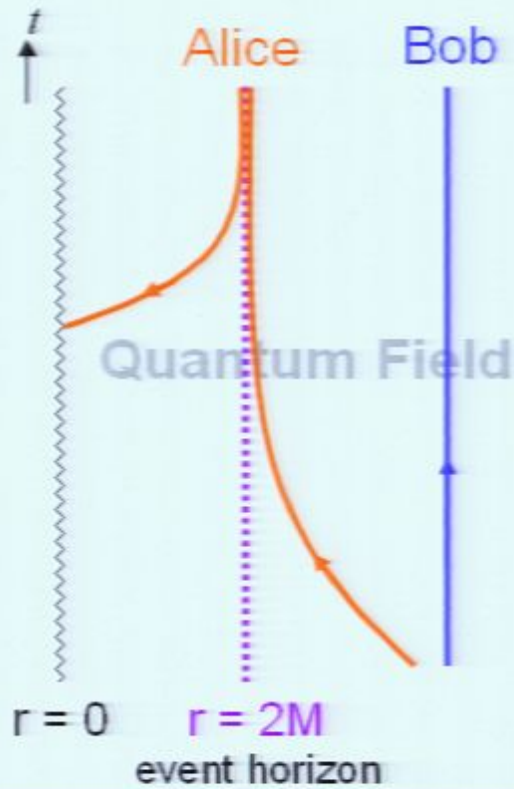
- Field states
 - infinite degrees of freedom
 - back-reaction/Interplay to the field
 - causality, retardation of mutual influences
 - spatial separation of atoms
 - Non-Markovian regime
- Coordinate (time-slicing) dependence,
 - time dilation
 - Accelerated detectors, Unruh effect
 - role of event horizon
- Entanglement dynamics of atoms
 - generation, revival, sudden death of entanglement and residual entanglement

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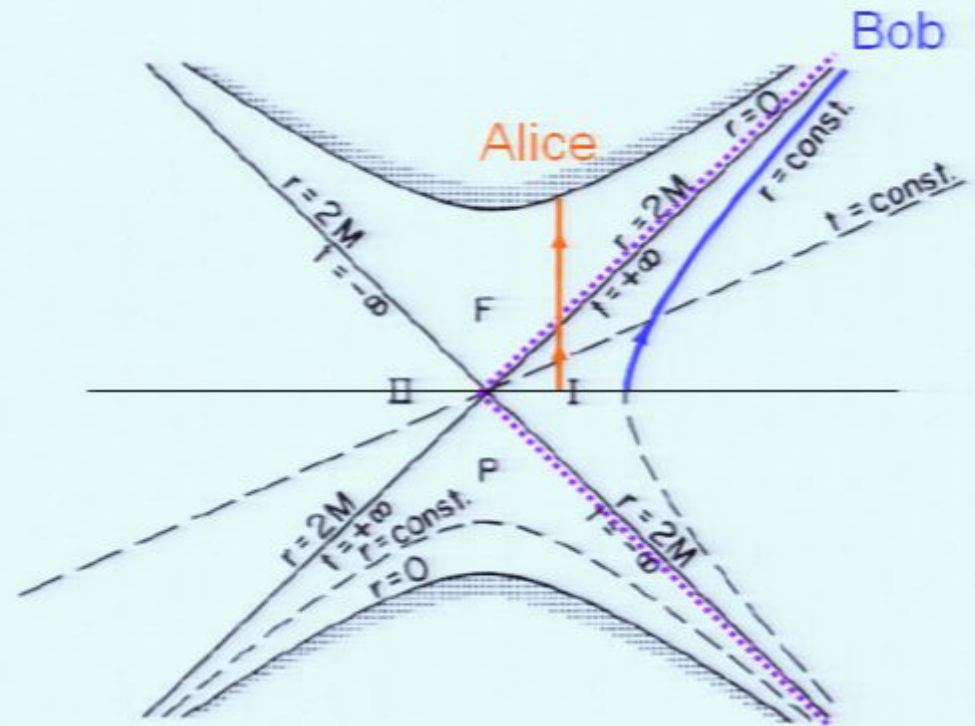
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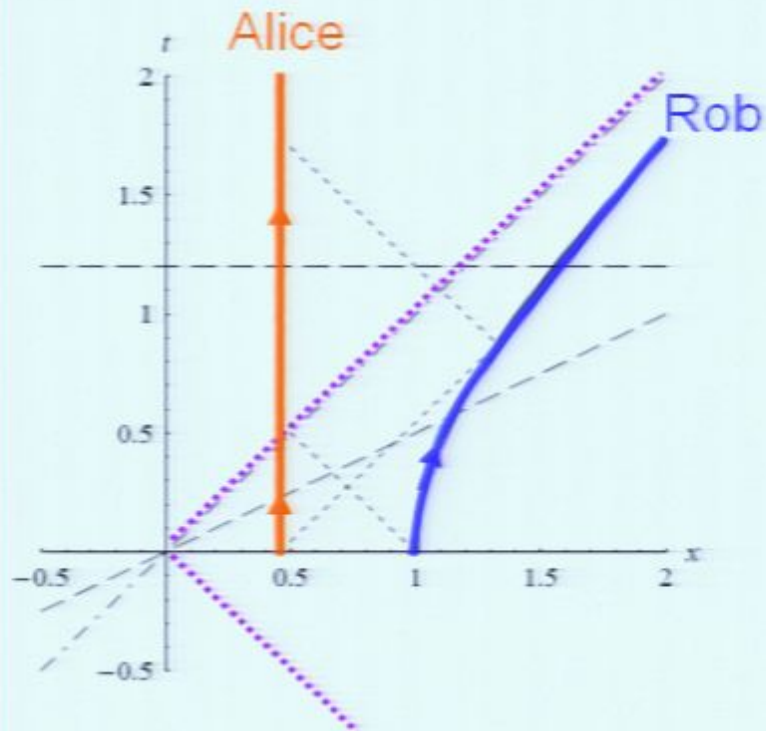
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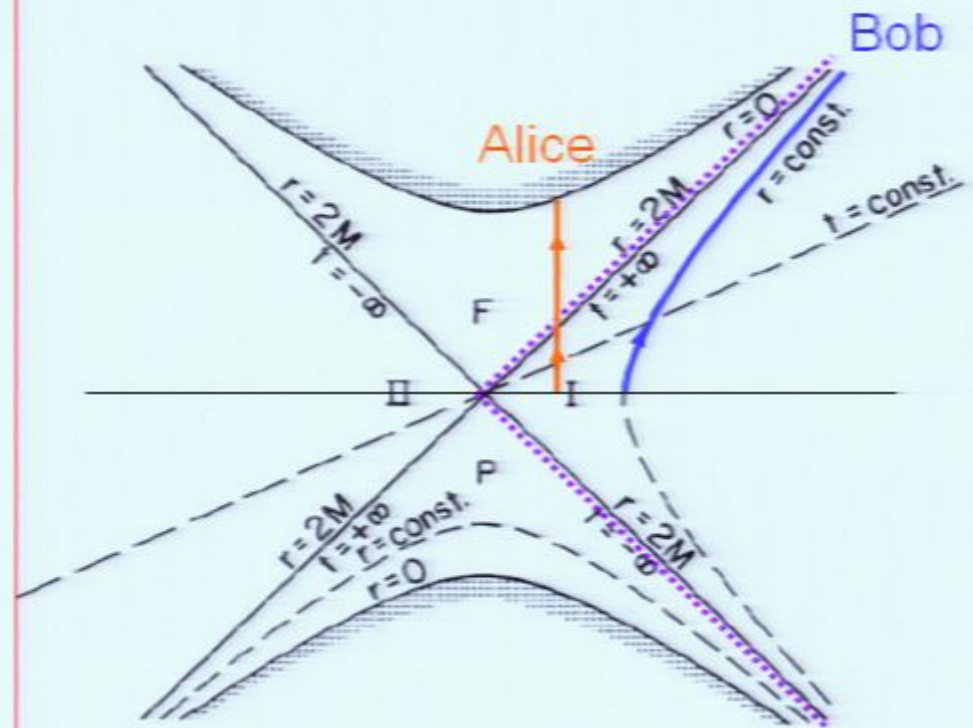
[Alsing and Milburn 2003]

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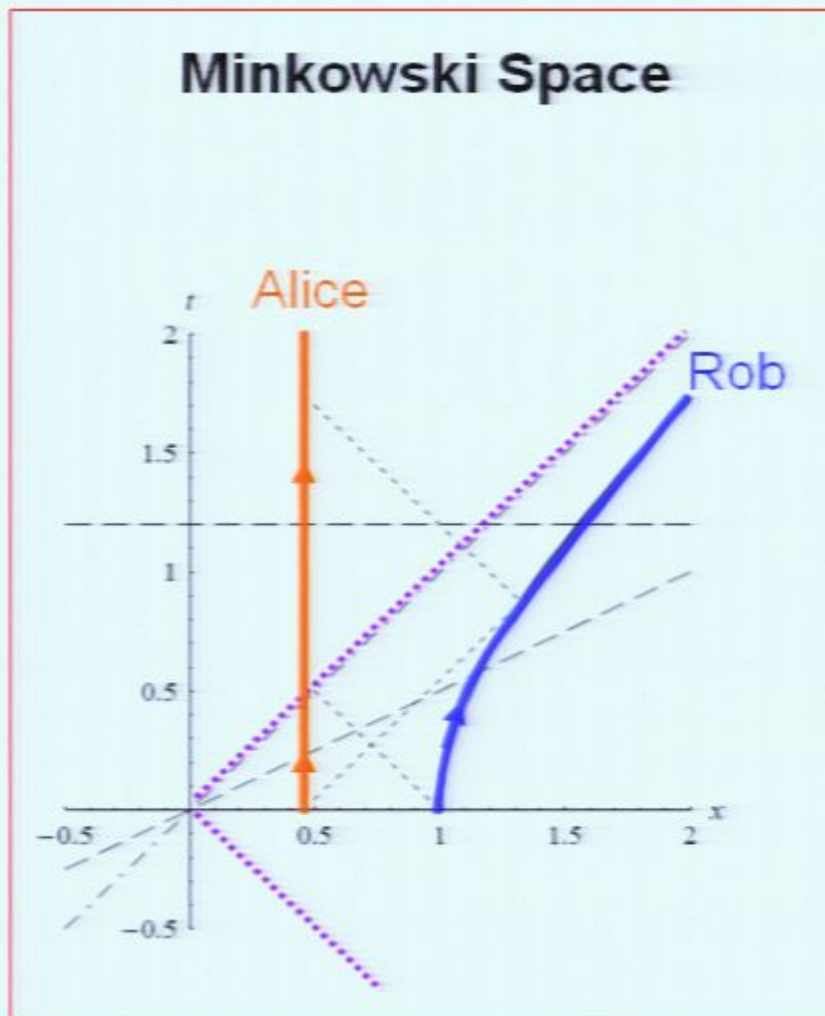
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[Alsing and Milburn PRL91, 180404(2003)]:

"...our result suggests that quantum entanglement is degraded in non-inertial frames."

(See also: Comment by Schützhold and Unruh, [quant-ph/0506028].)

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"...a state which is maximally entangled in an inertial frame becomes less entangled if the observers are relatively accelerated...which is a consequence of the Unruh effect ..."

Unruh effect: a detector uniformly accelerated in Minkowski vacuum will experience a thermal bath at Unruh temperature $T = a/2\pi$.

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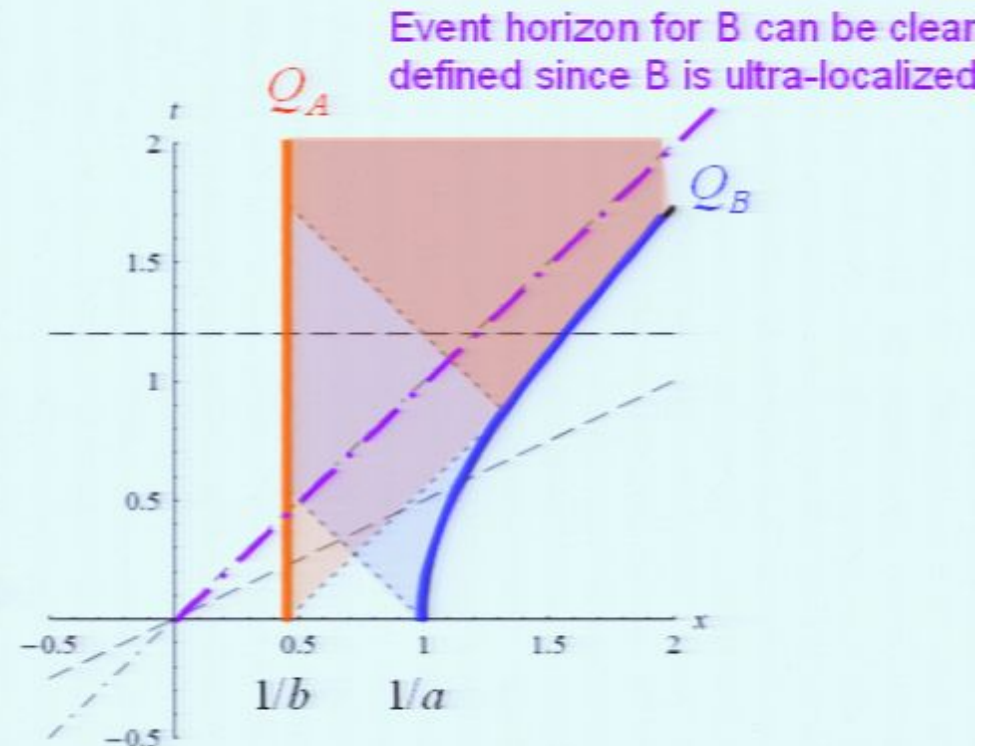
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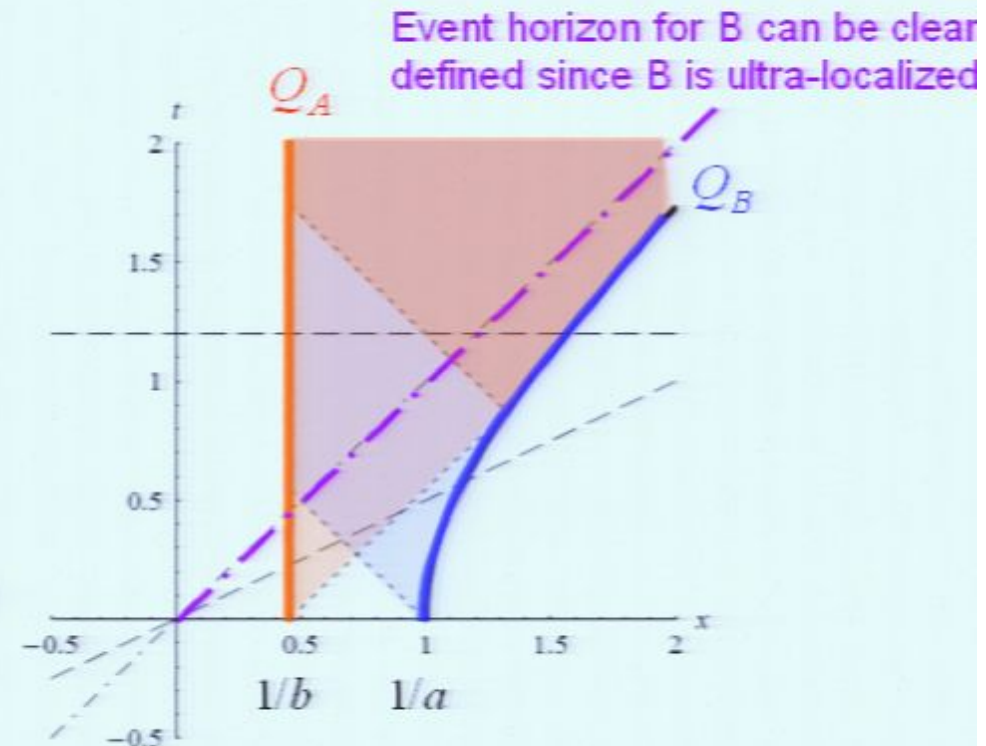
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Here, behavior of $\Sigma \sim$ (logarithm) negativity.

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Sketch of calculation

- Evolution of operators $Q_A, P_A, Q_B, P_B, \Phi, \Pi$ in Heisenberg picture.

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- Sandwiched by the initial state: 10 symmetric two-point functions

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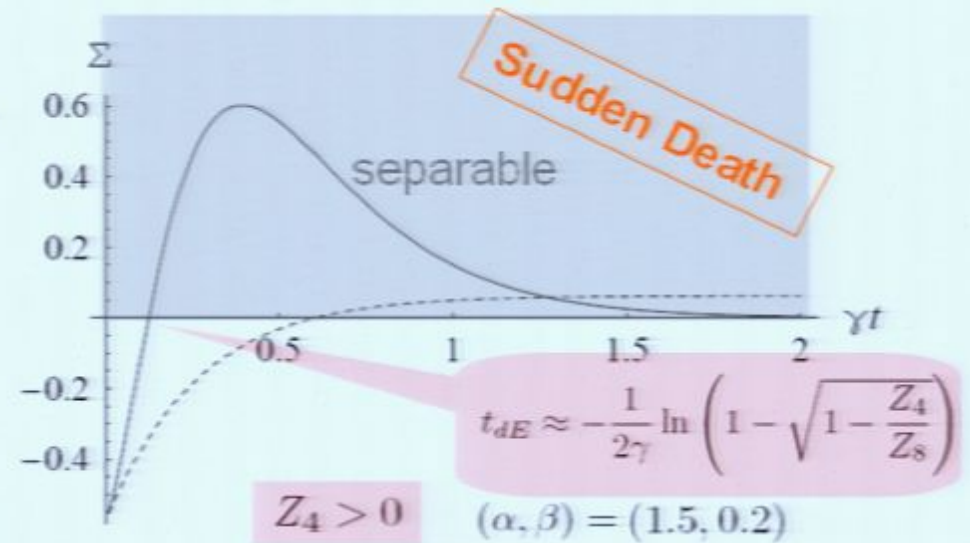
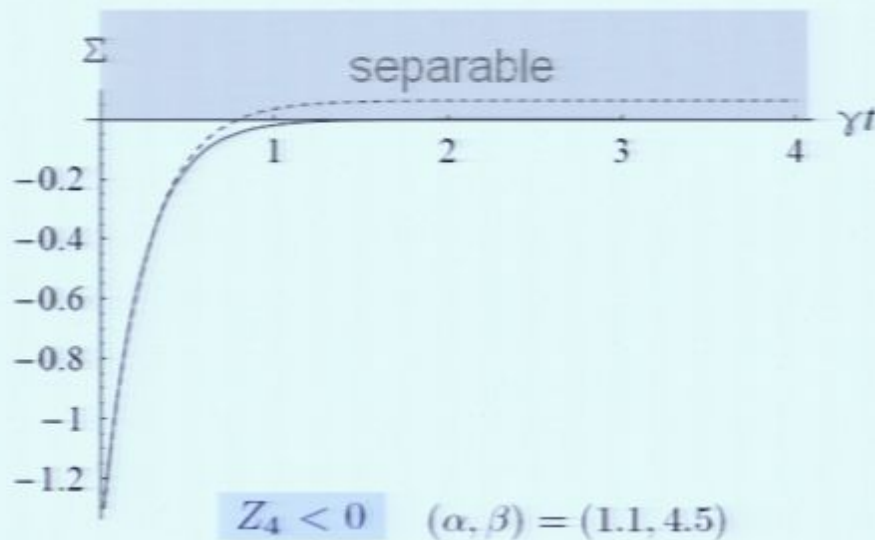
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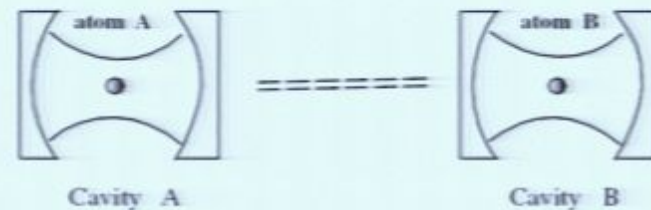
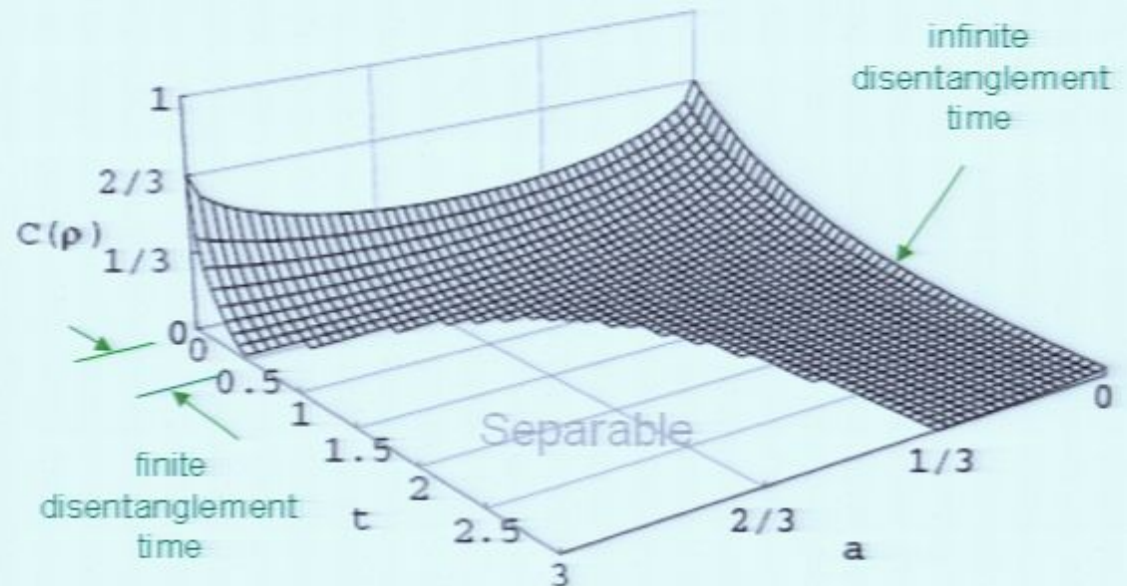
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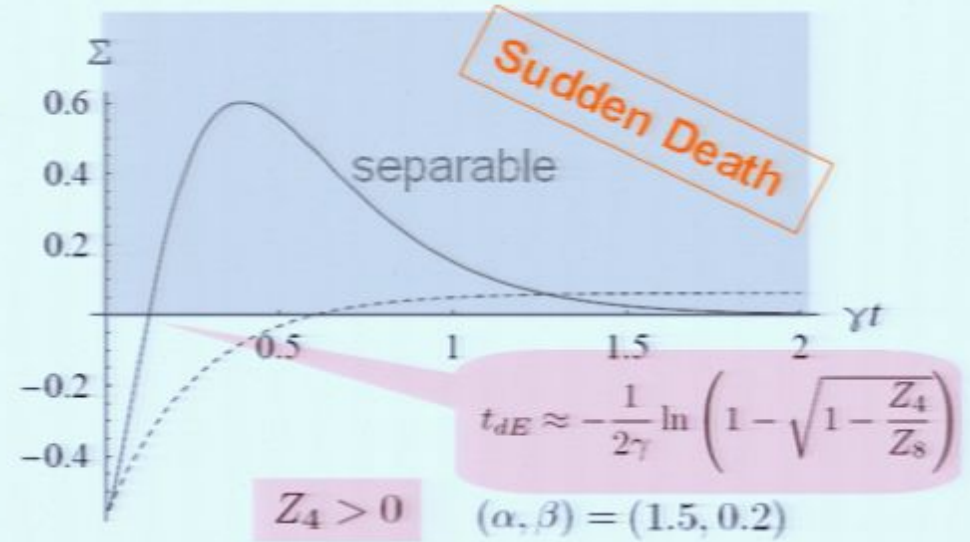
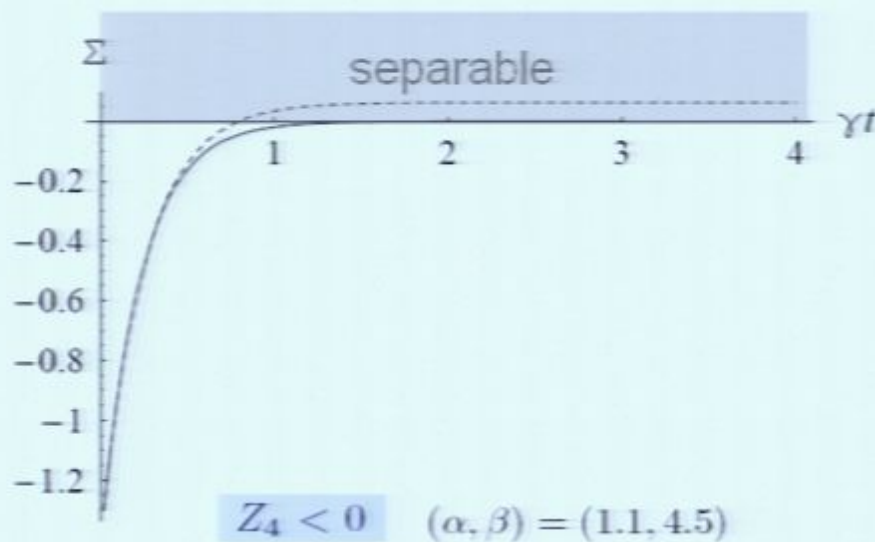
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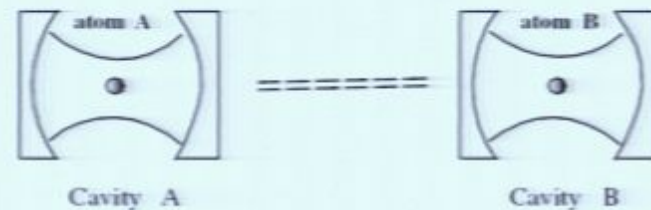
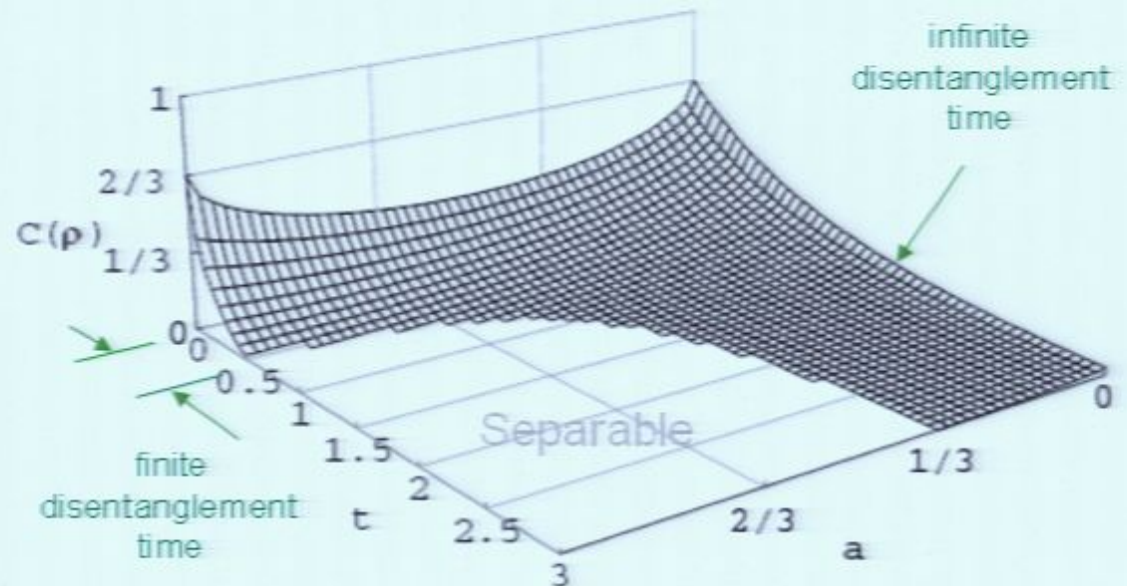
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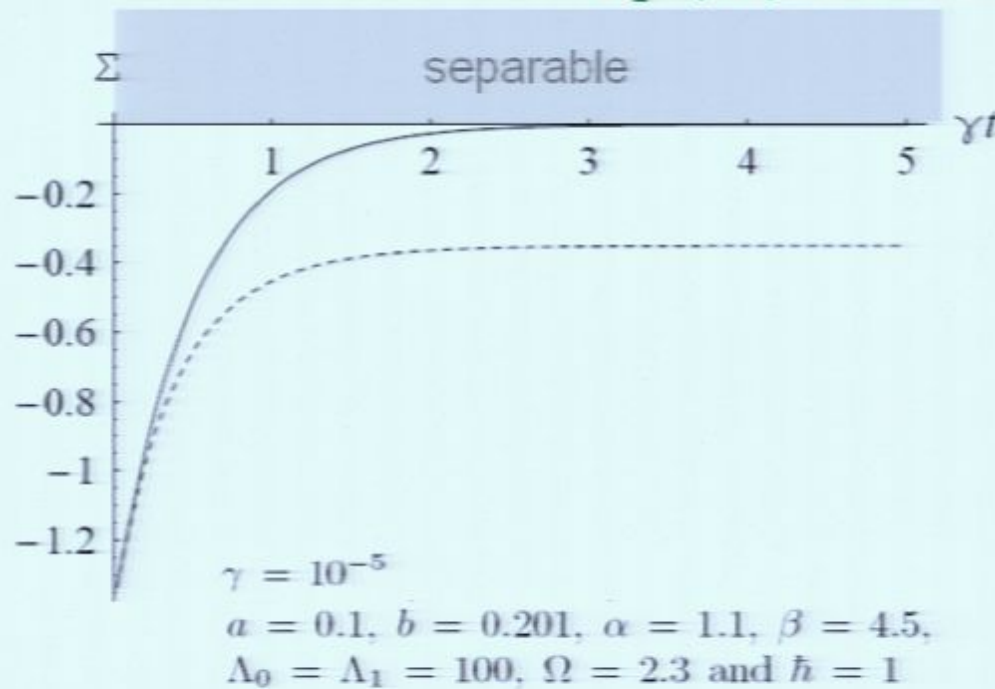
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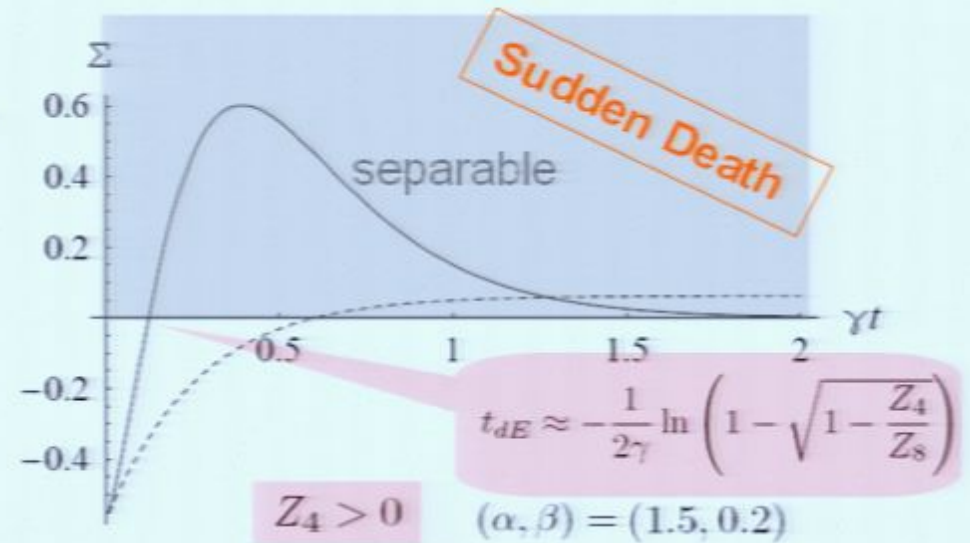
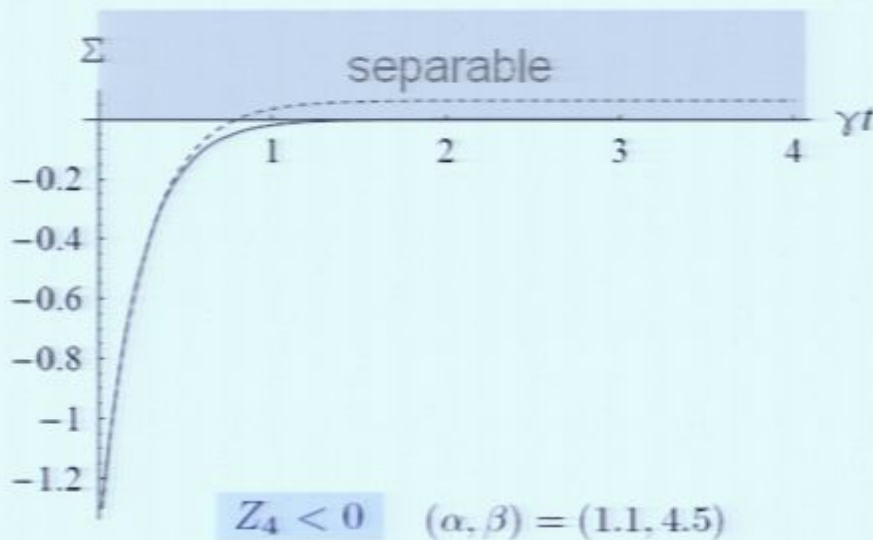
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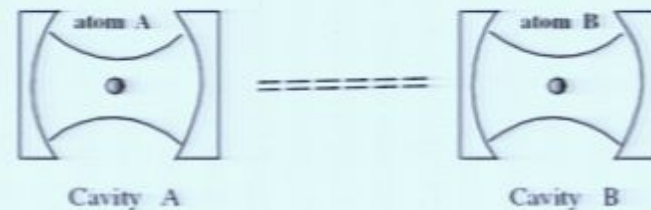
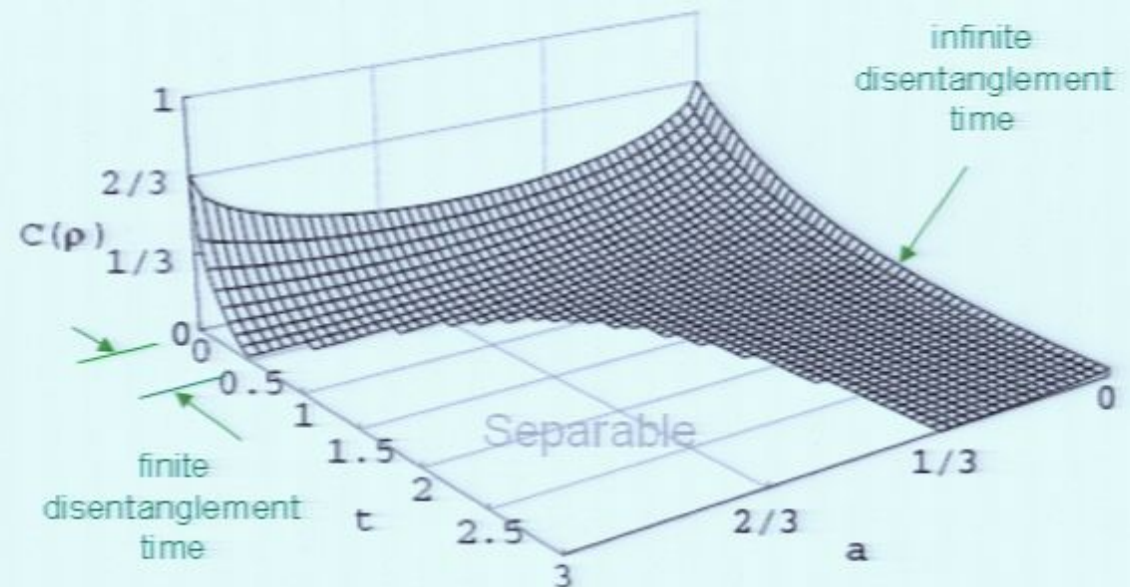
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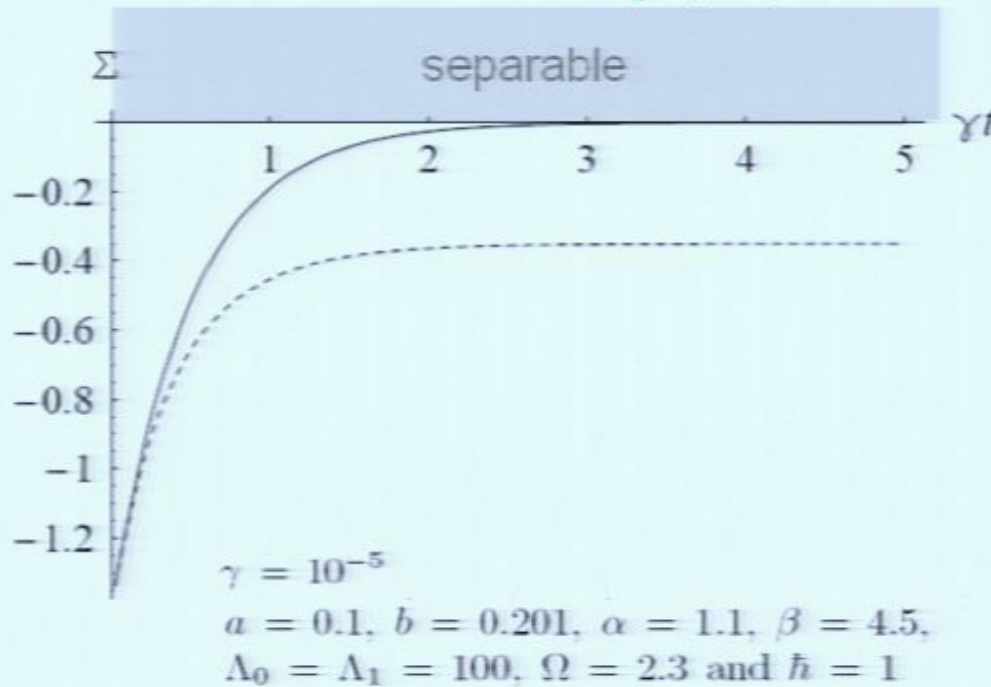
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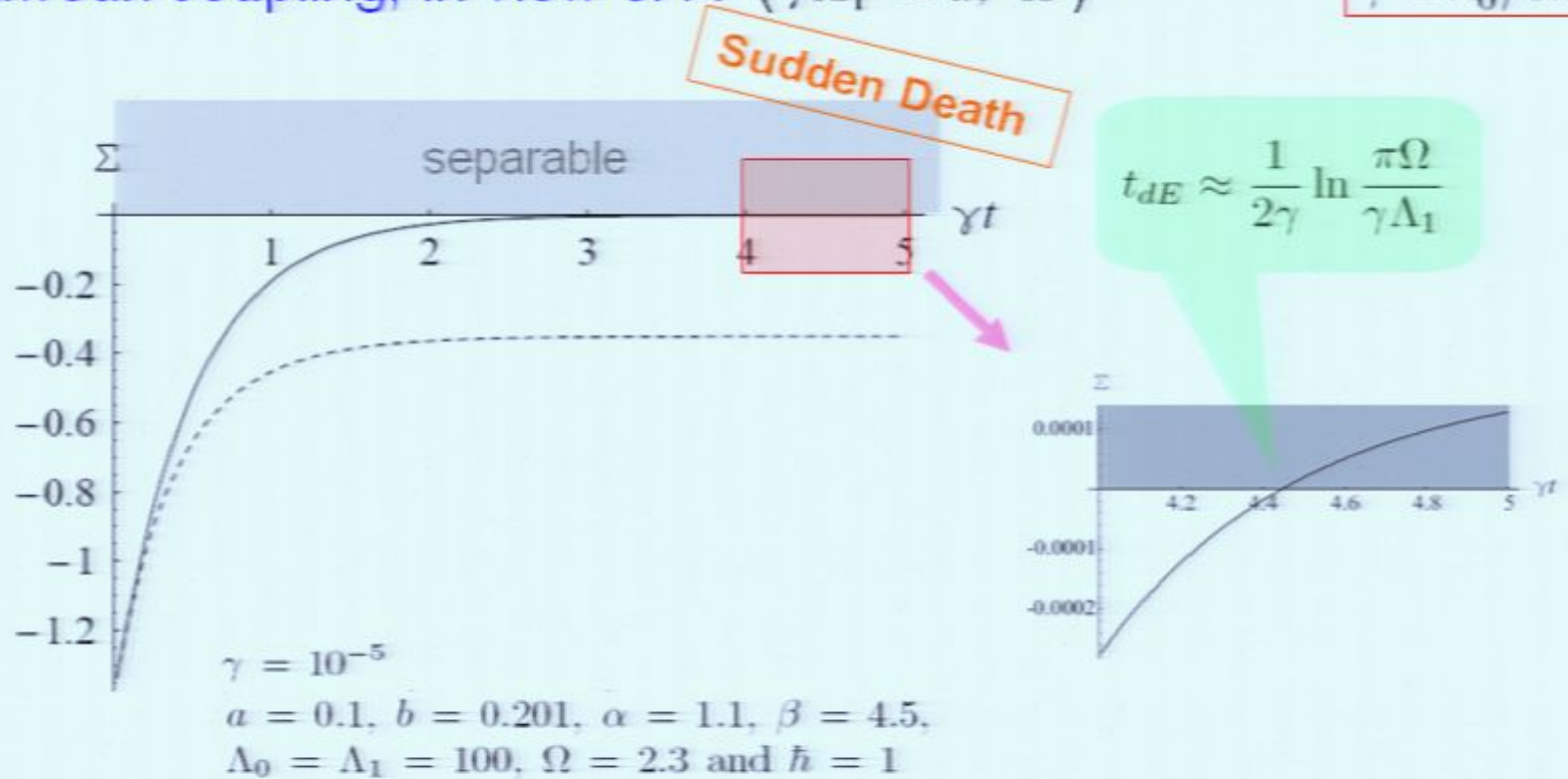
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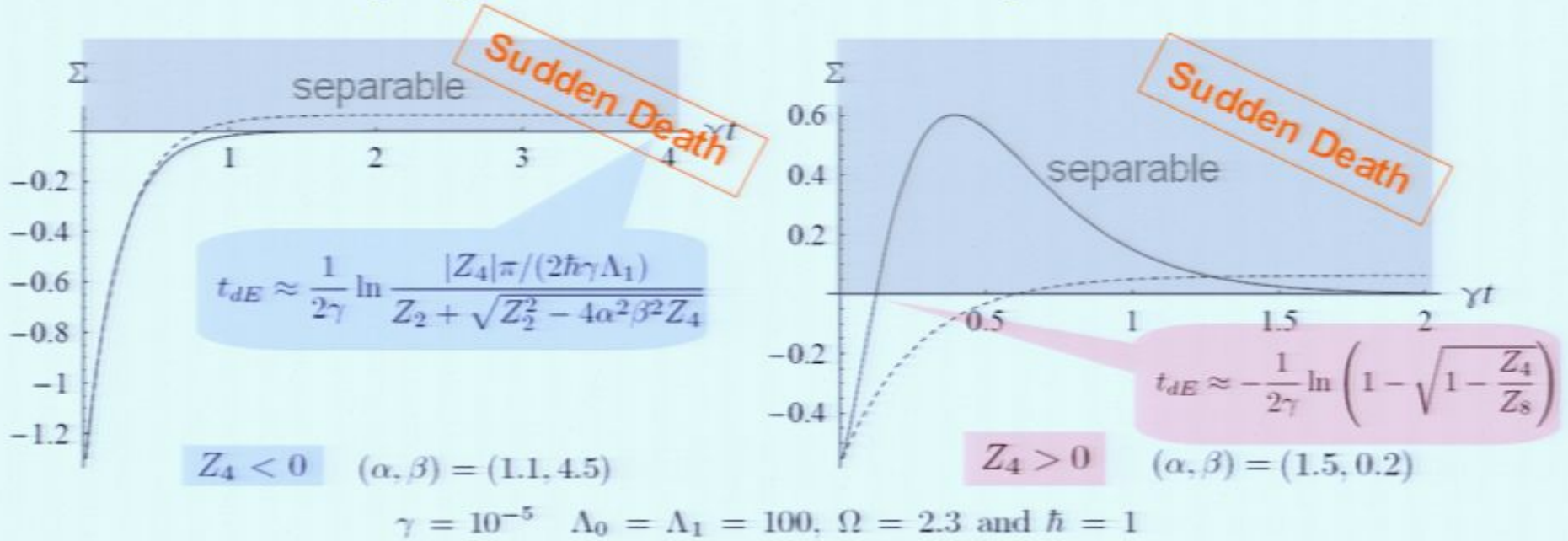


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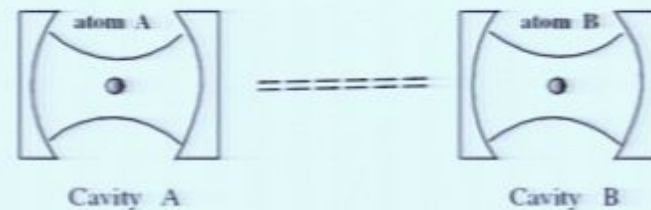
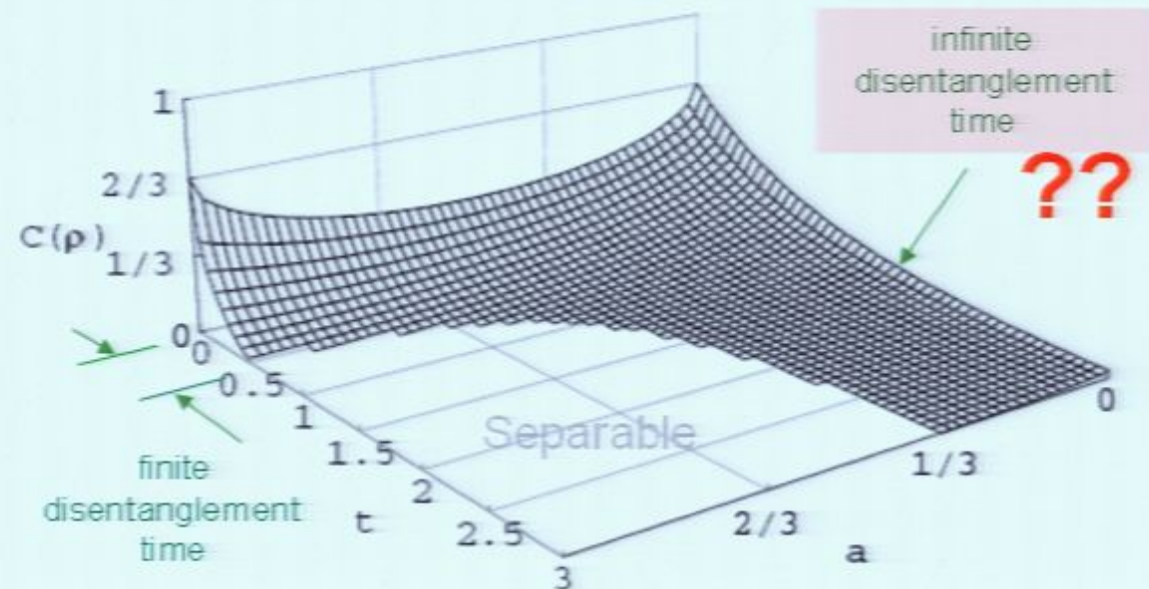
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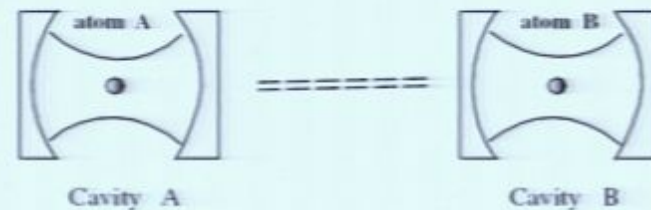
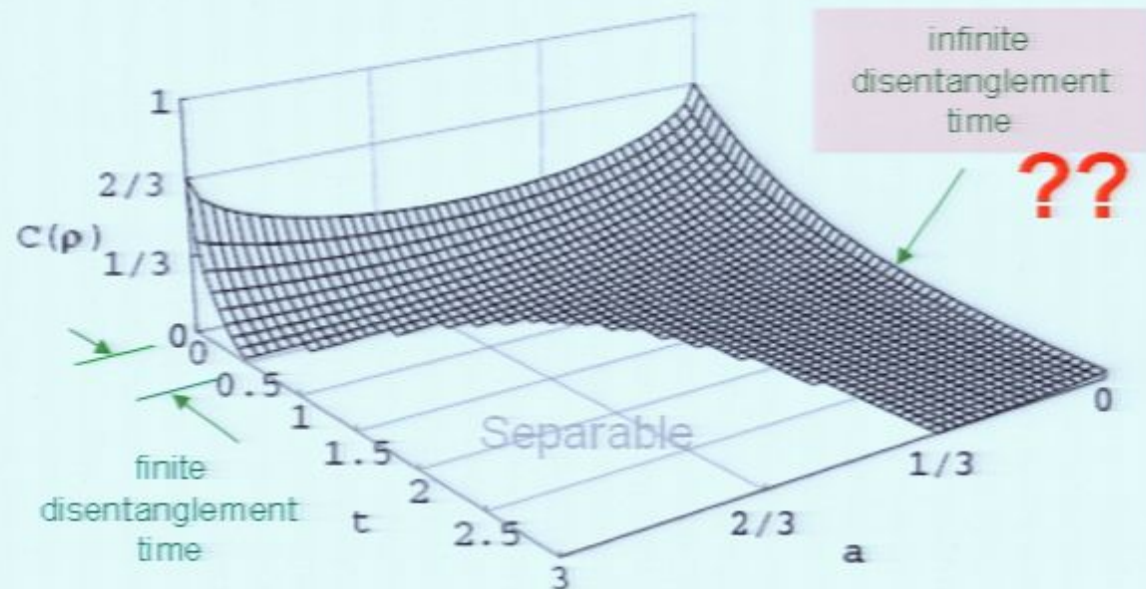
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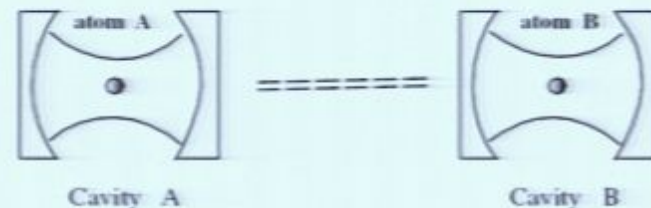
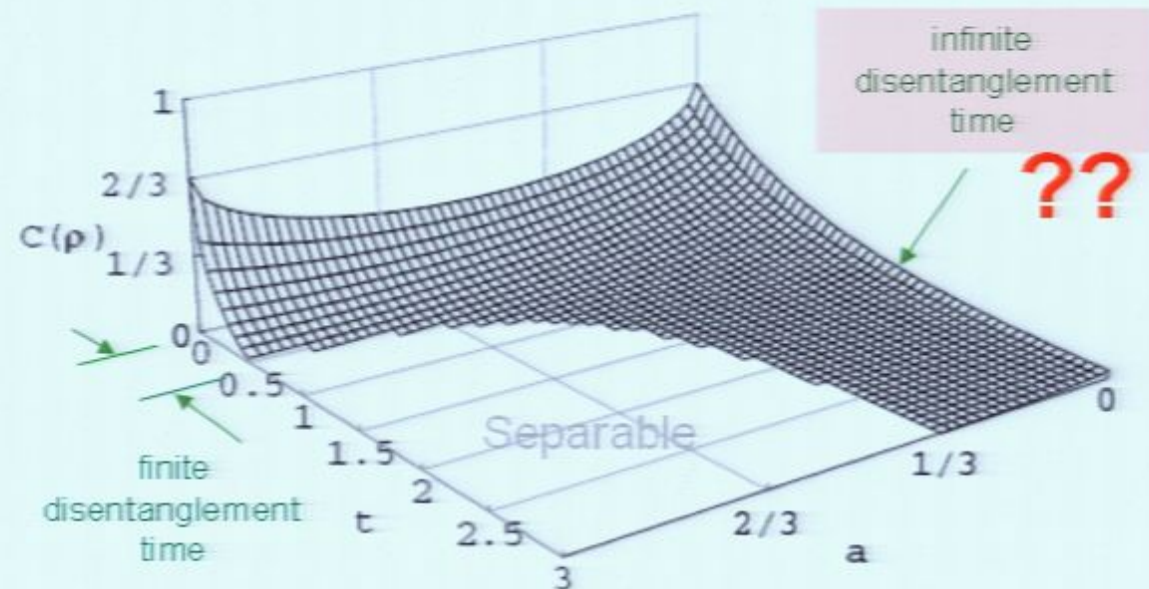
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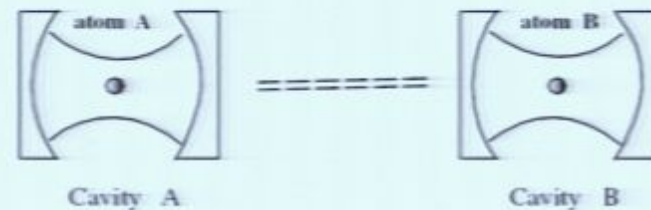
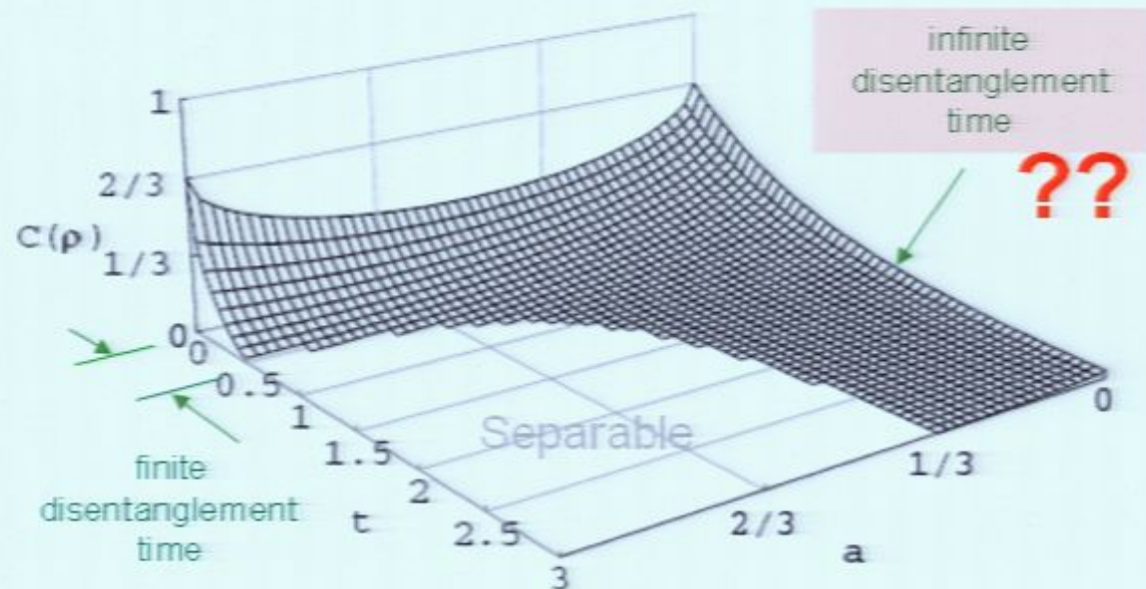
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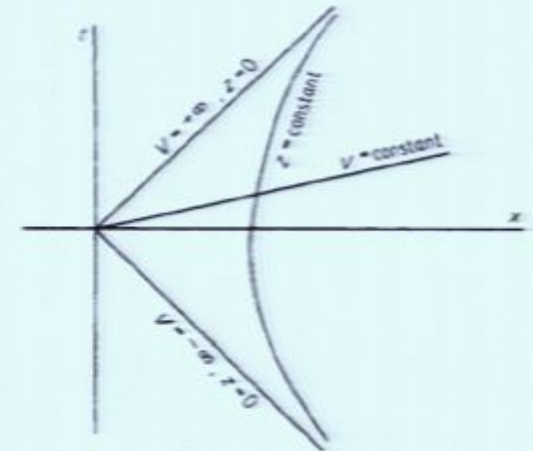
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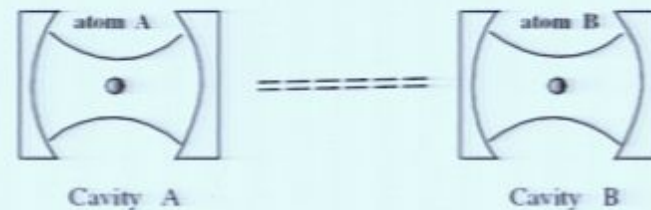
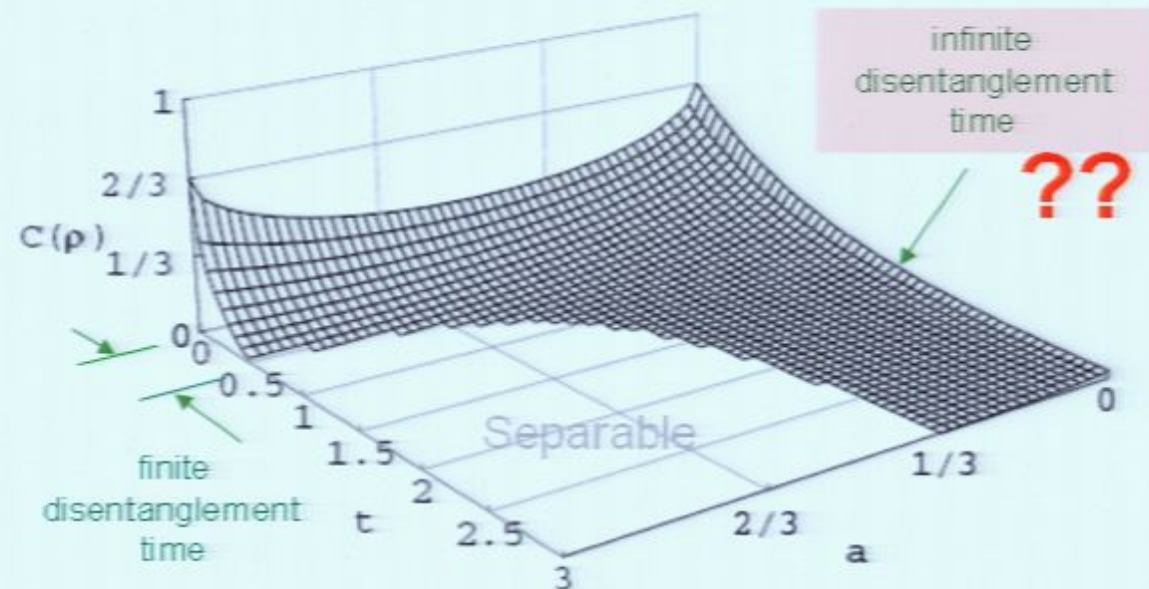
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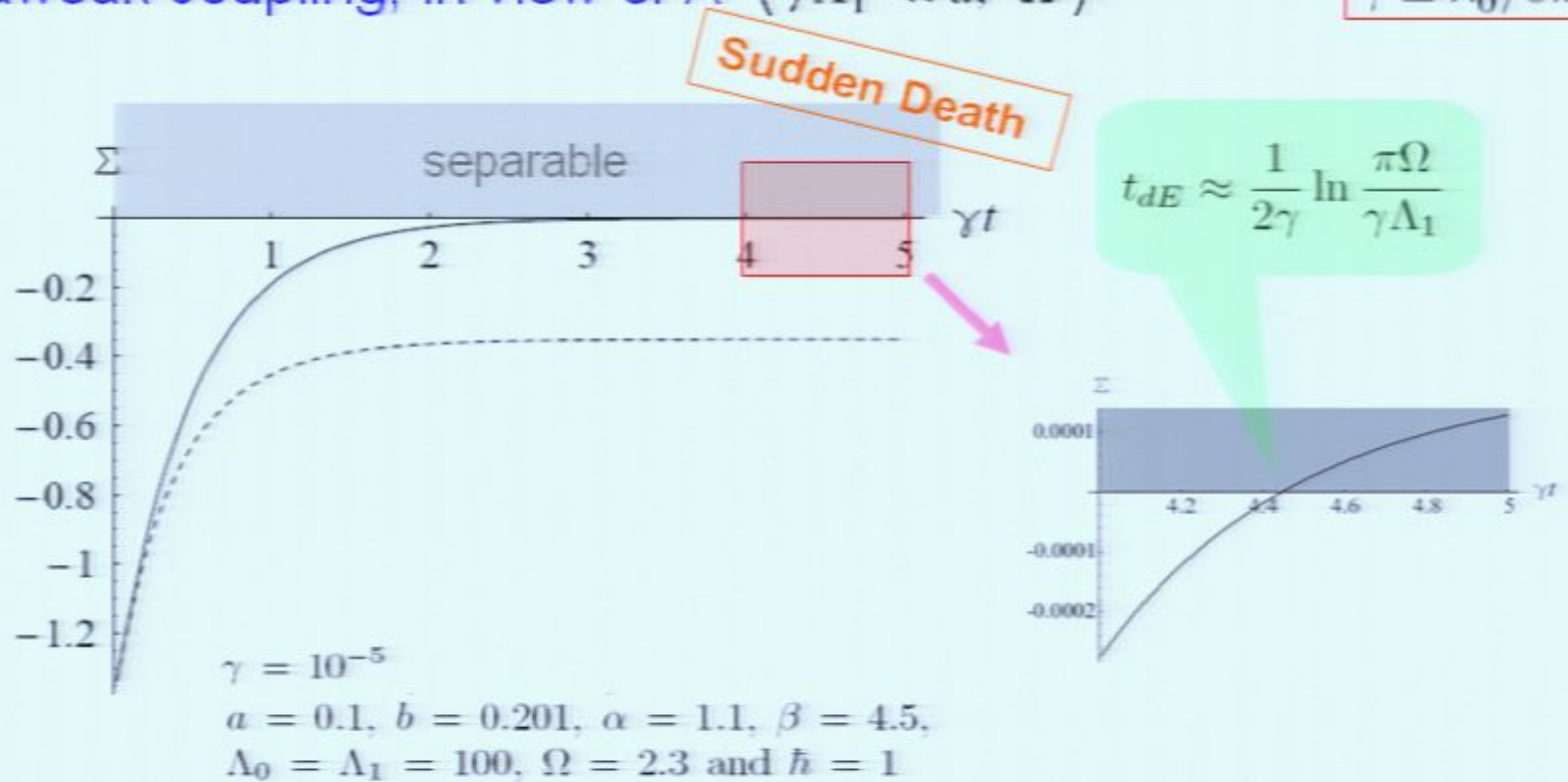
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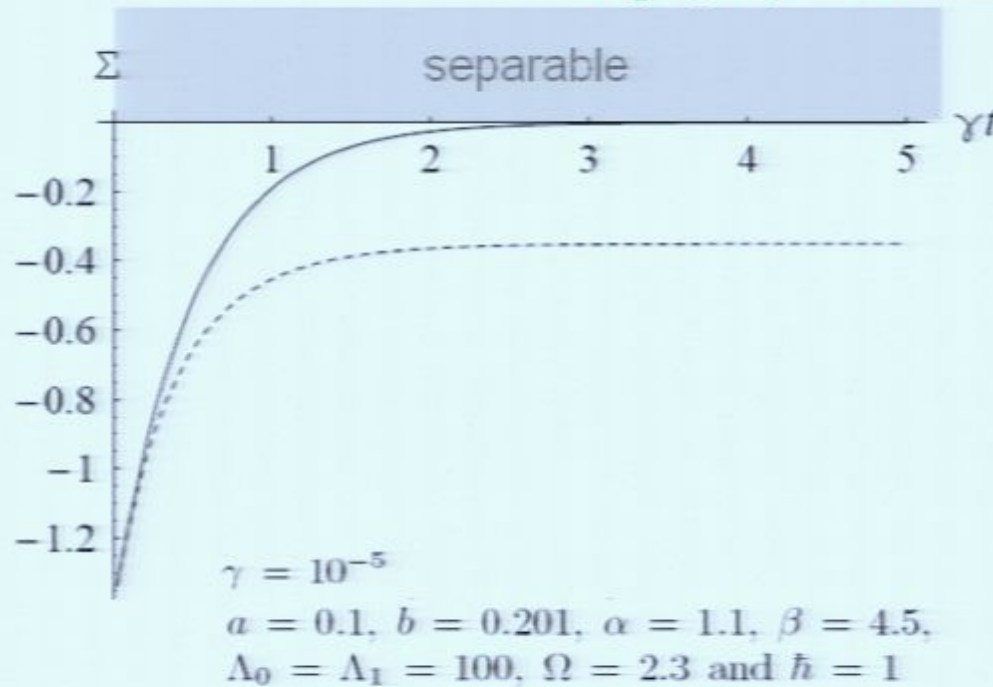
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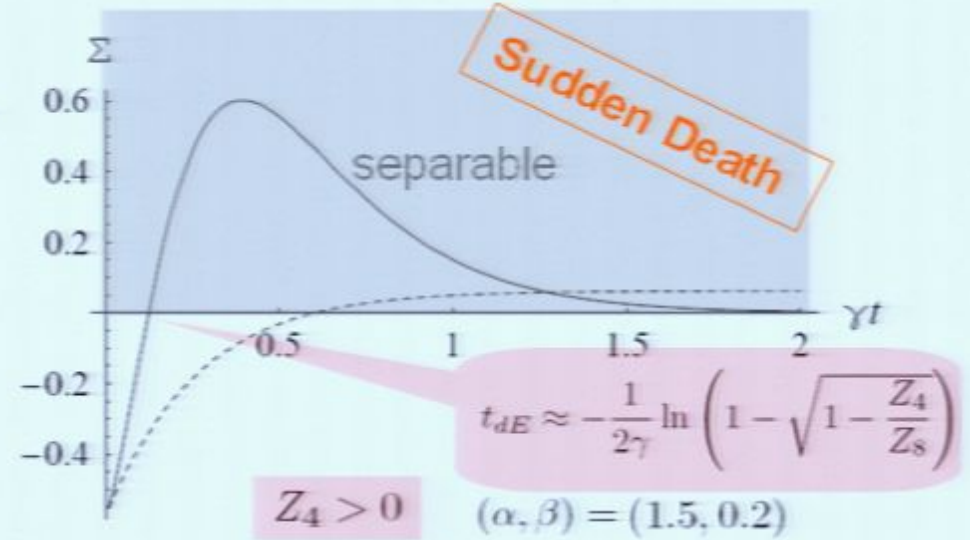
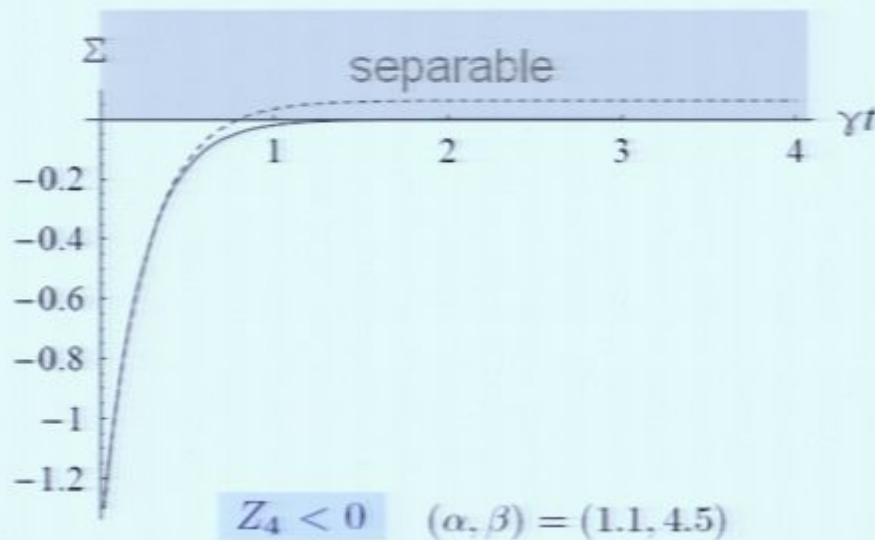
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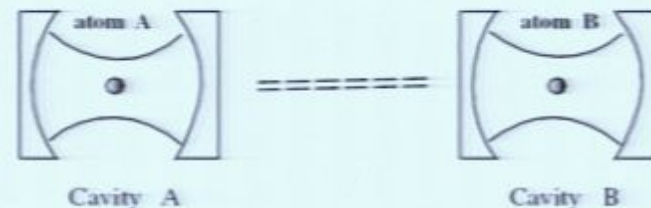
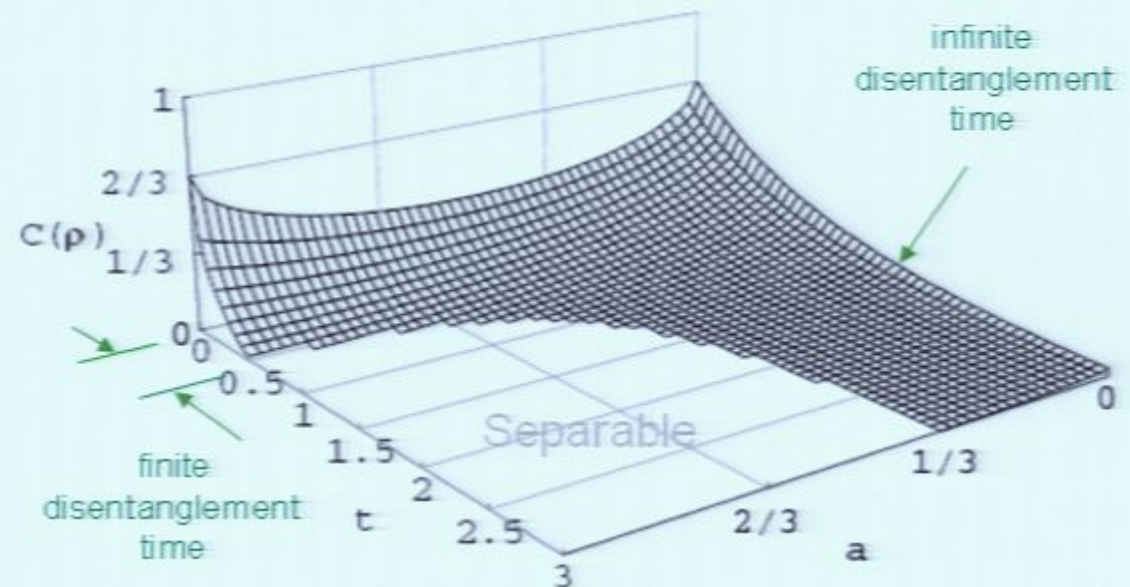
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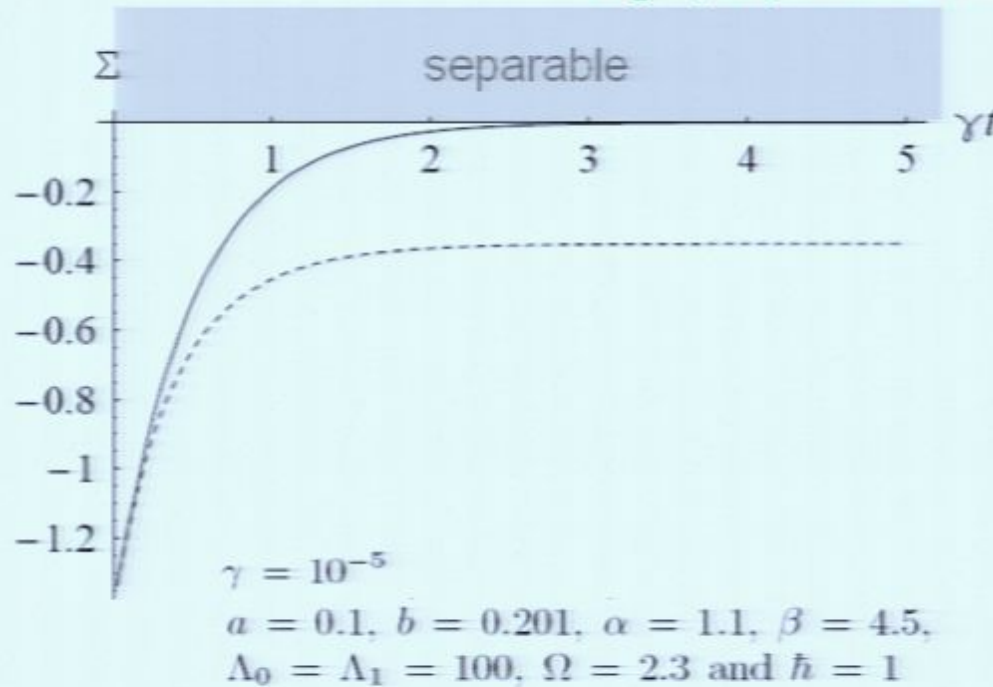
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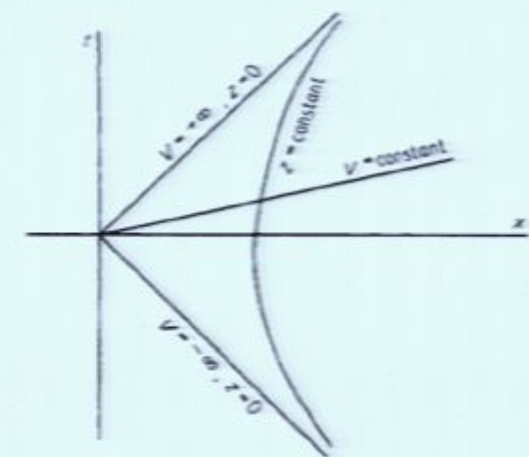
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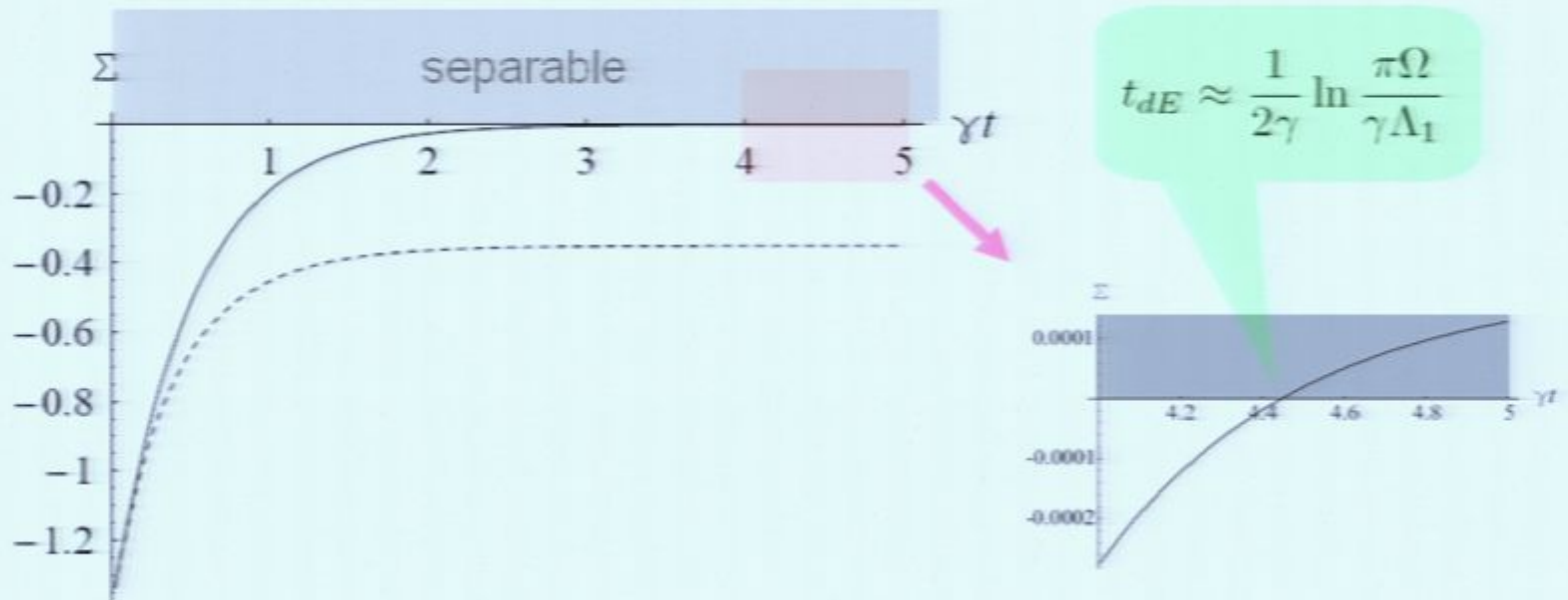
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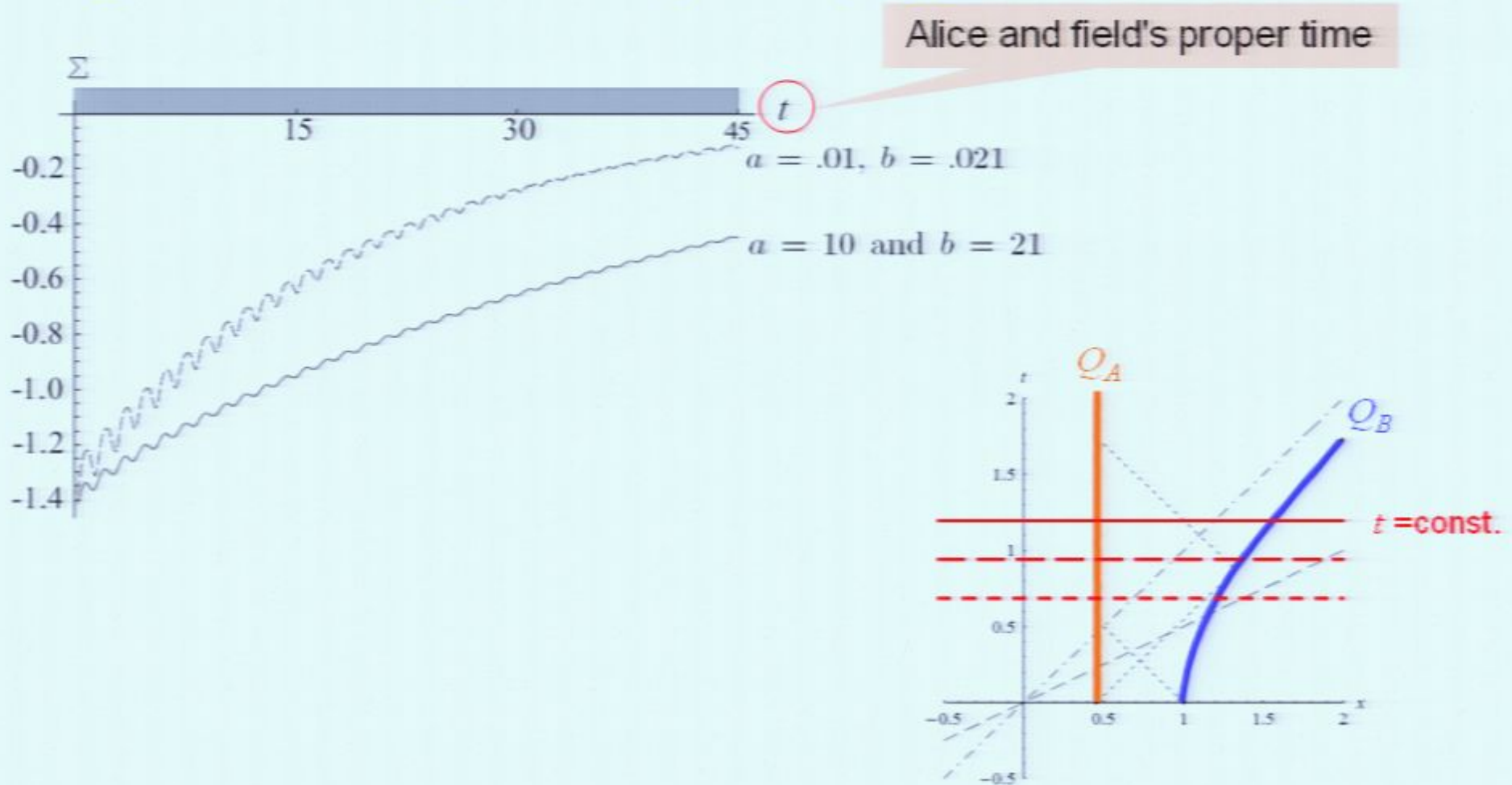


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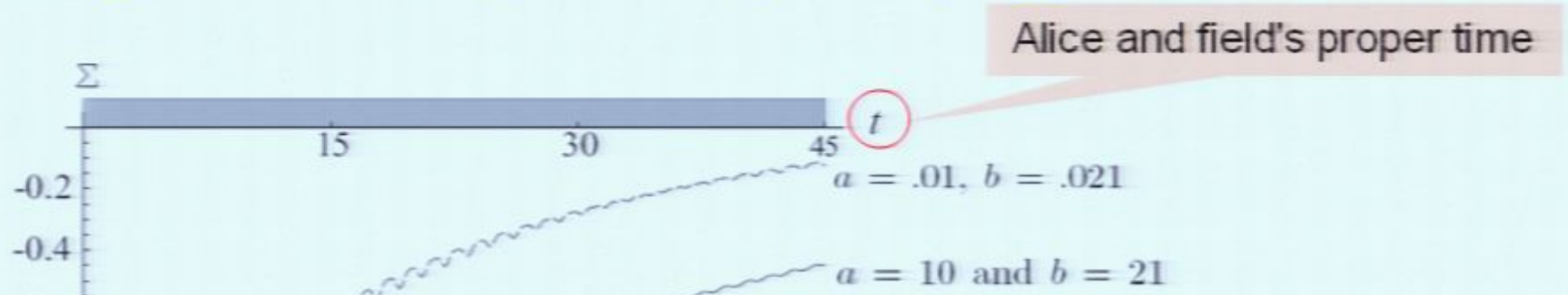
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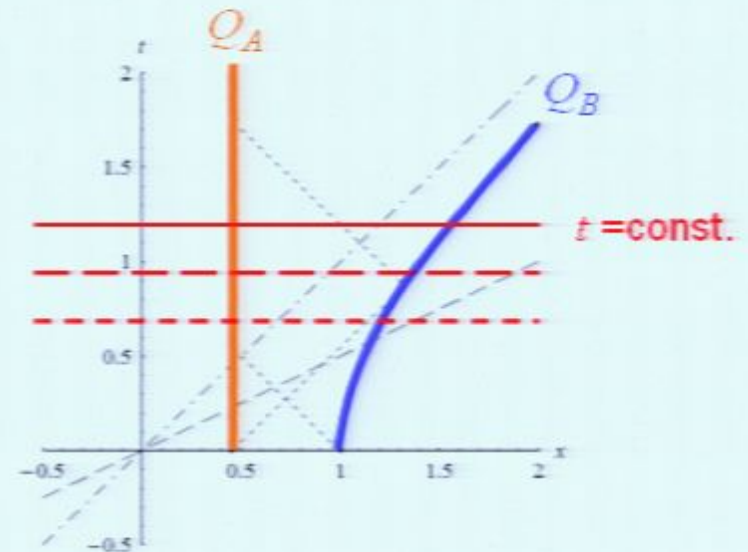


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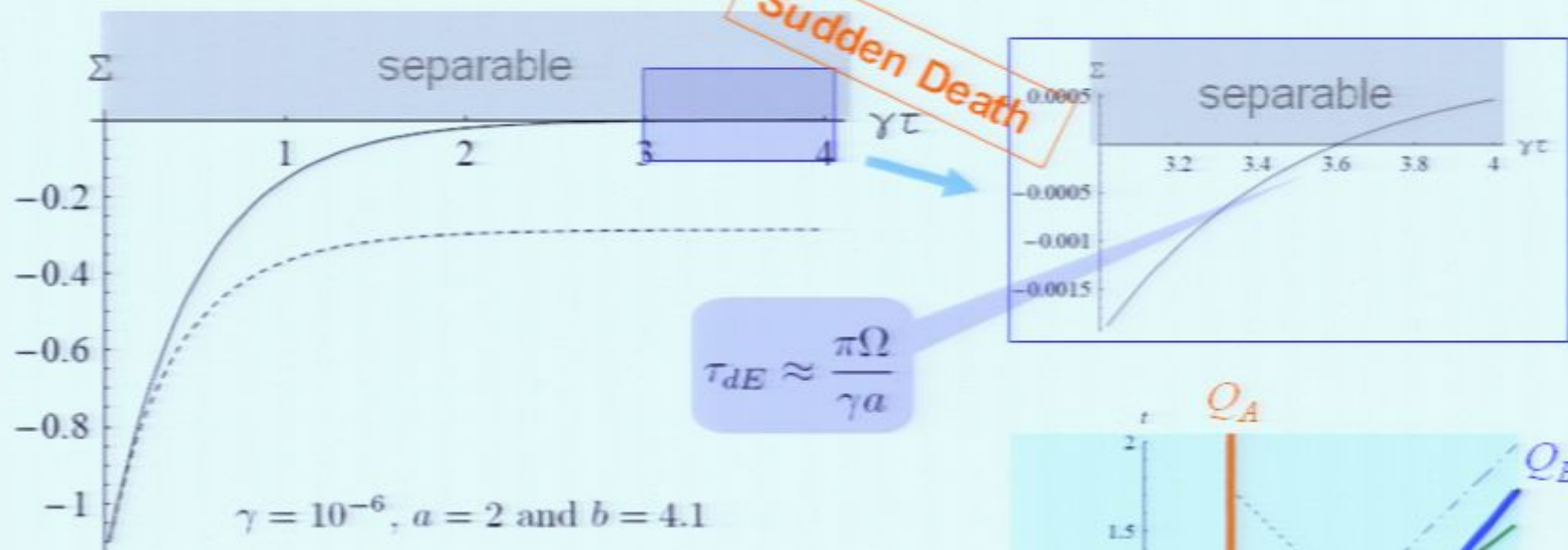
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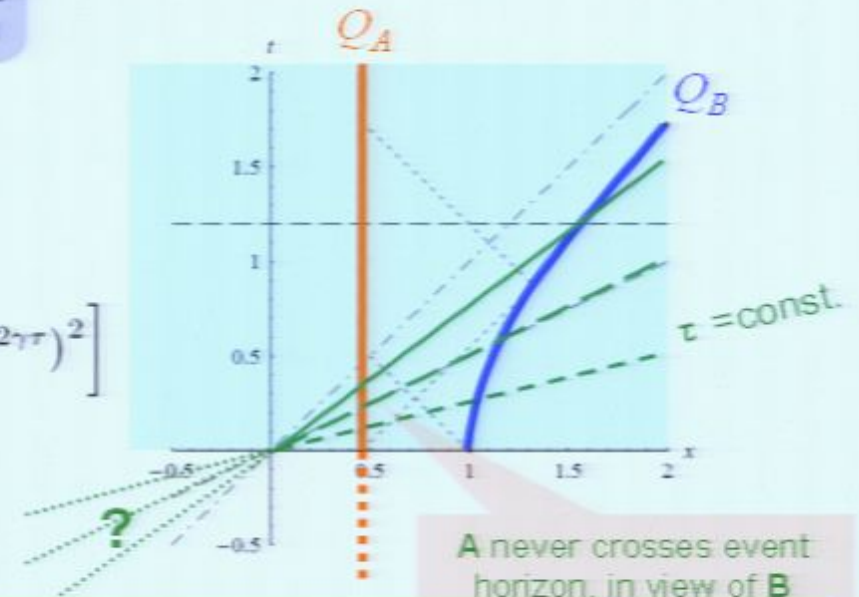
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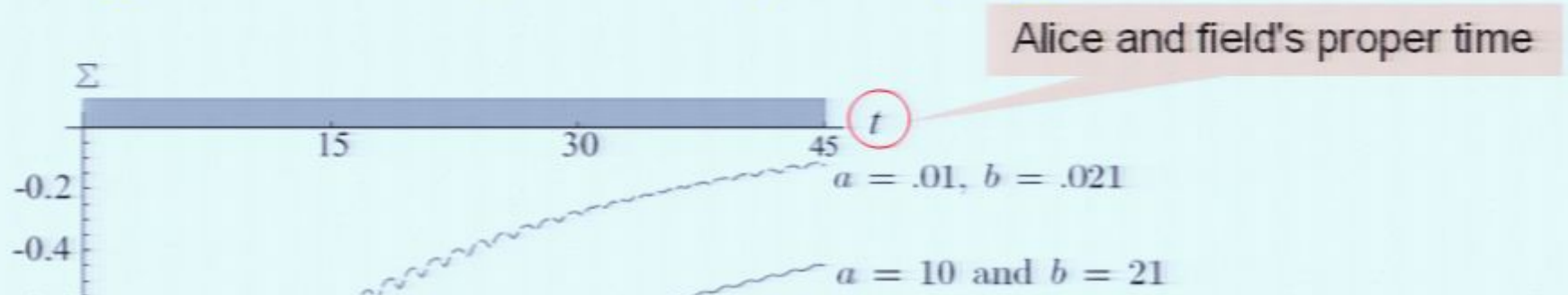
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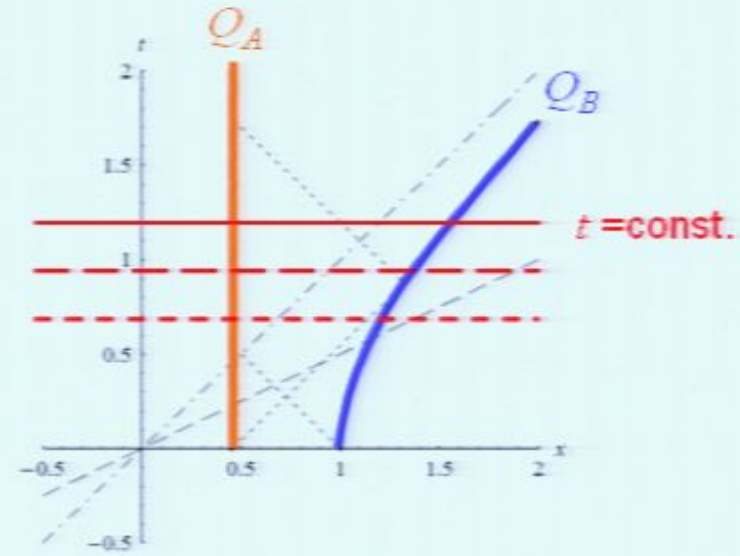


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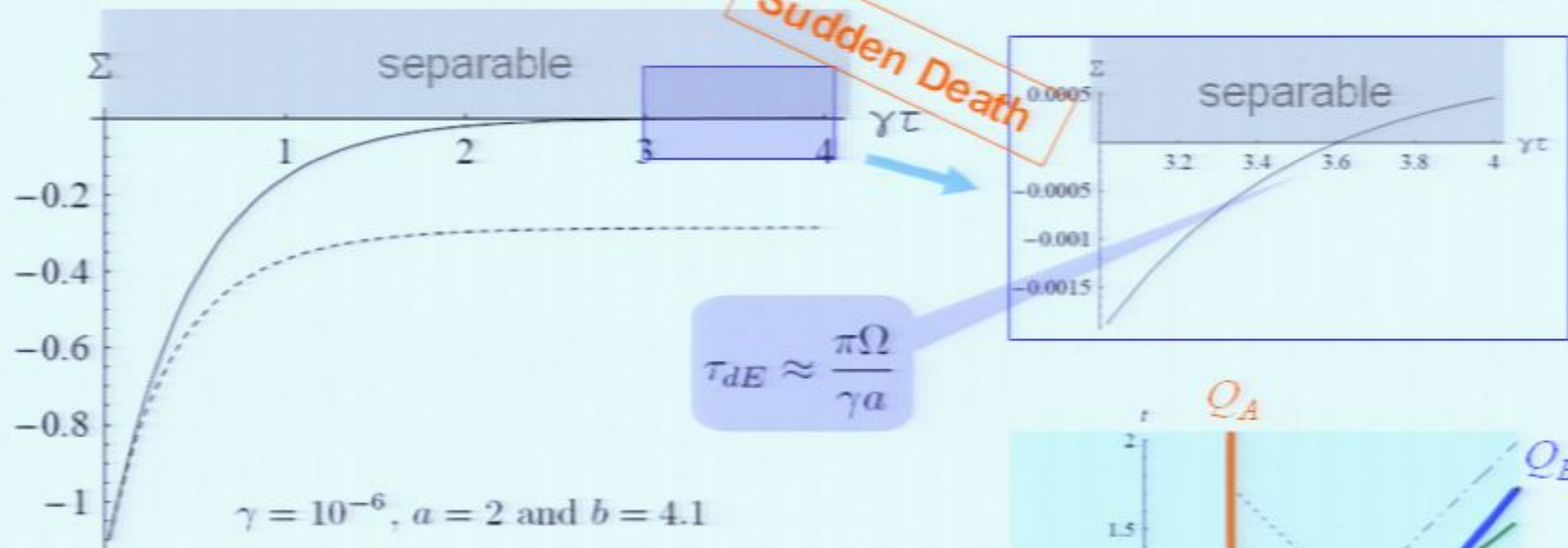
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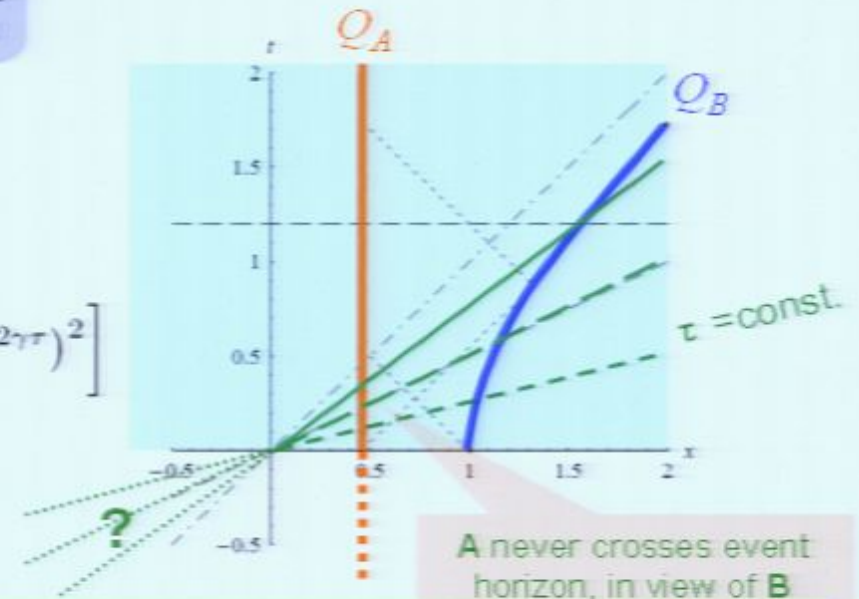
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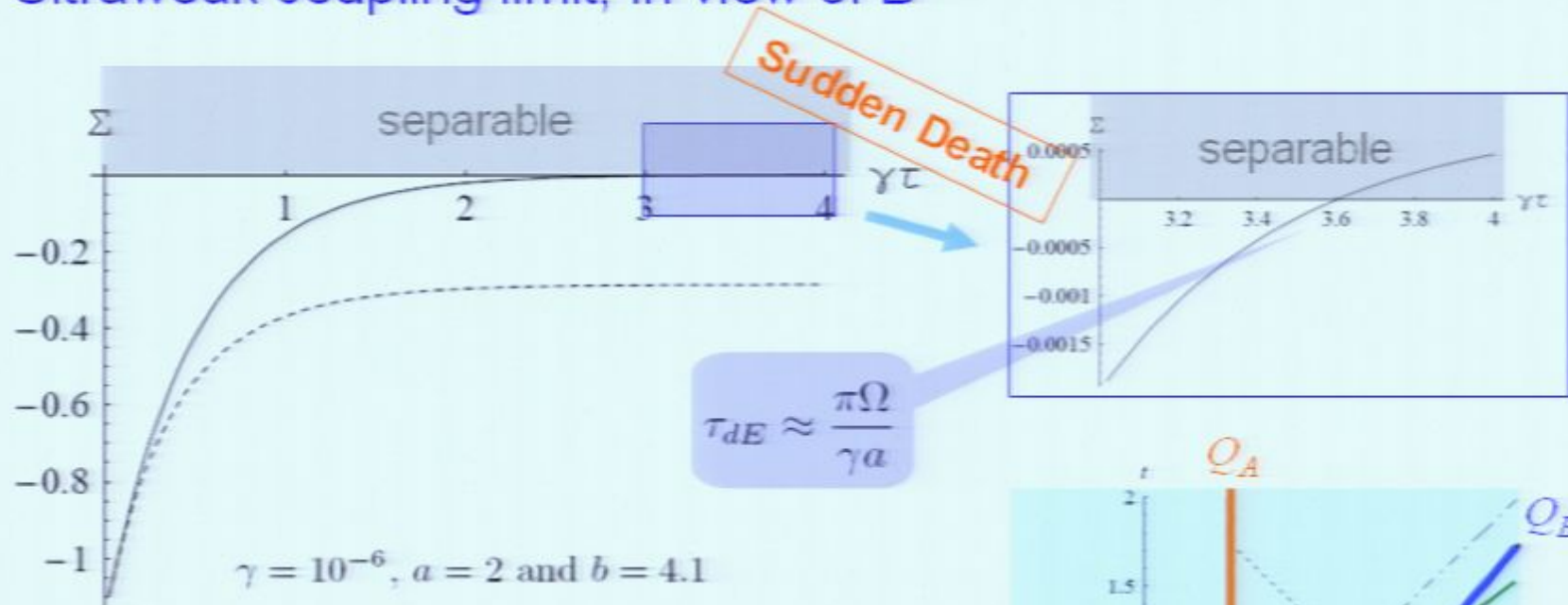
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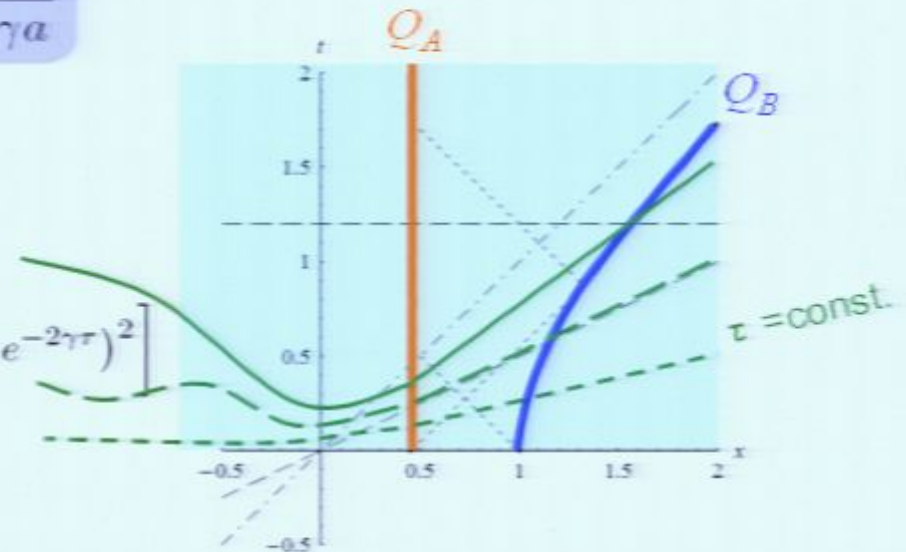
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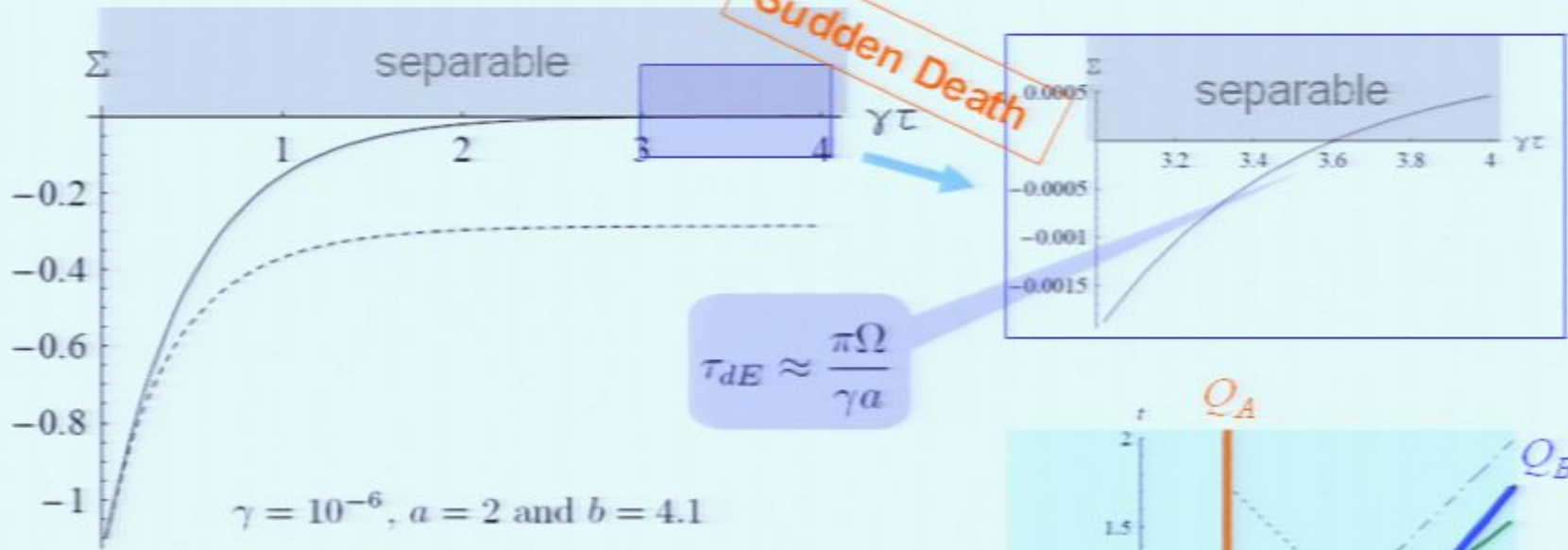
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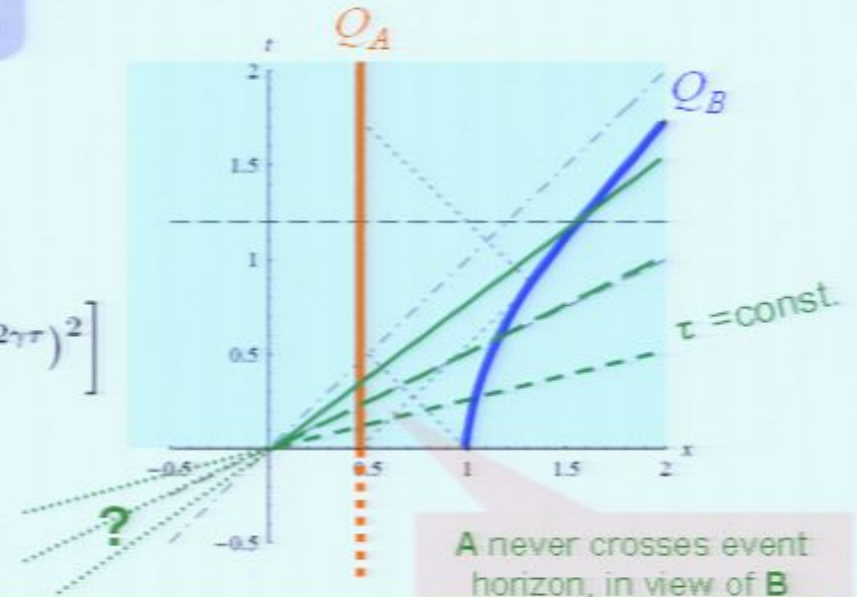
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"Entanglement is degraded in non-inertial frames." (AM03)



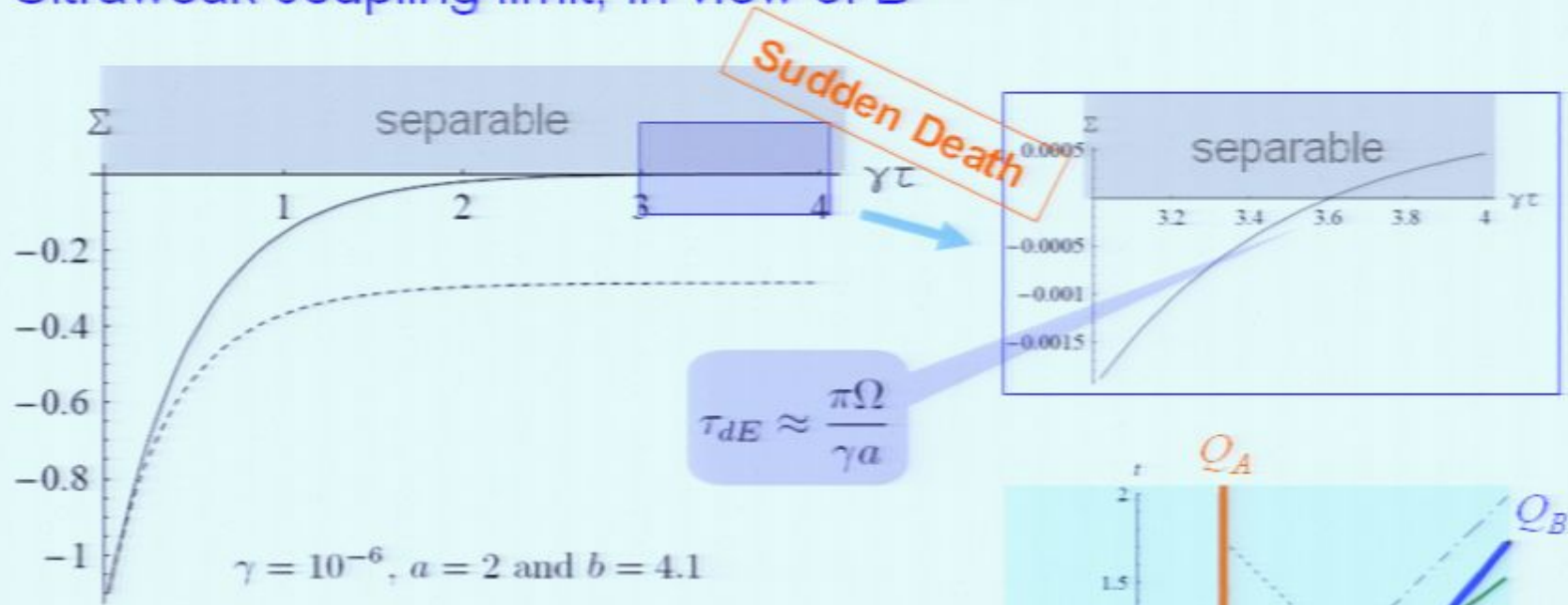
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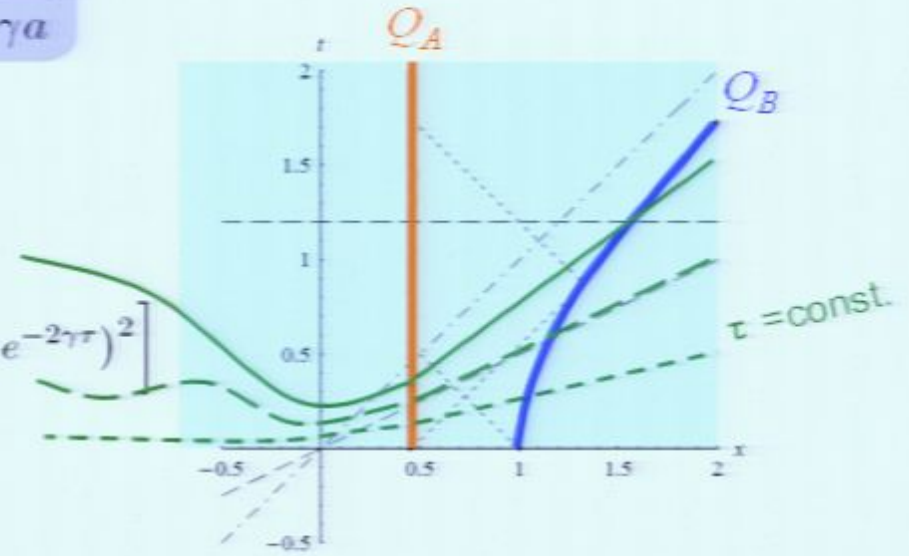
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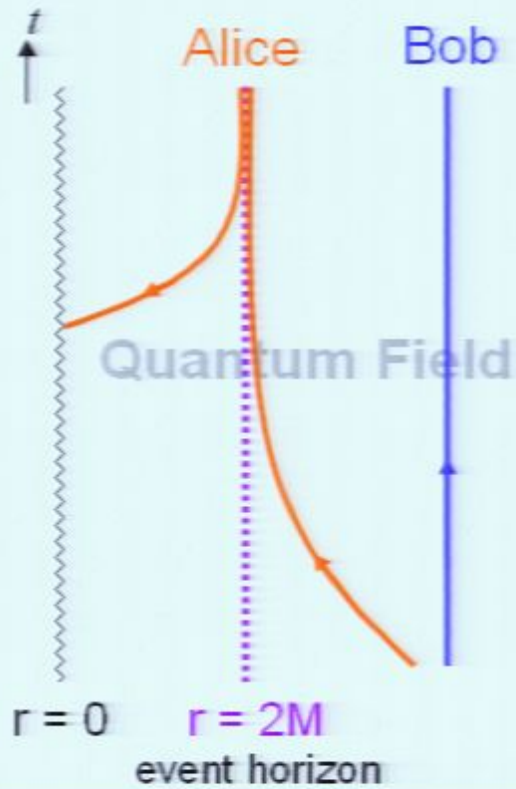


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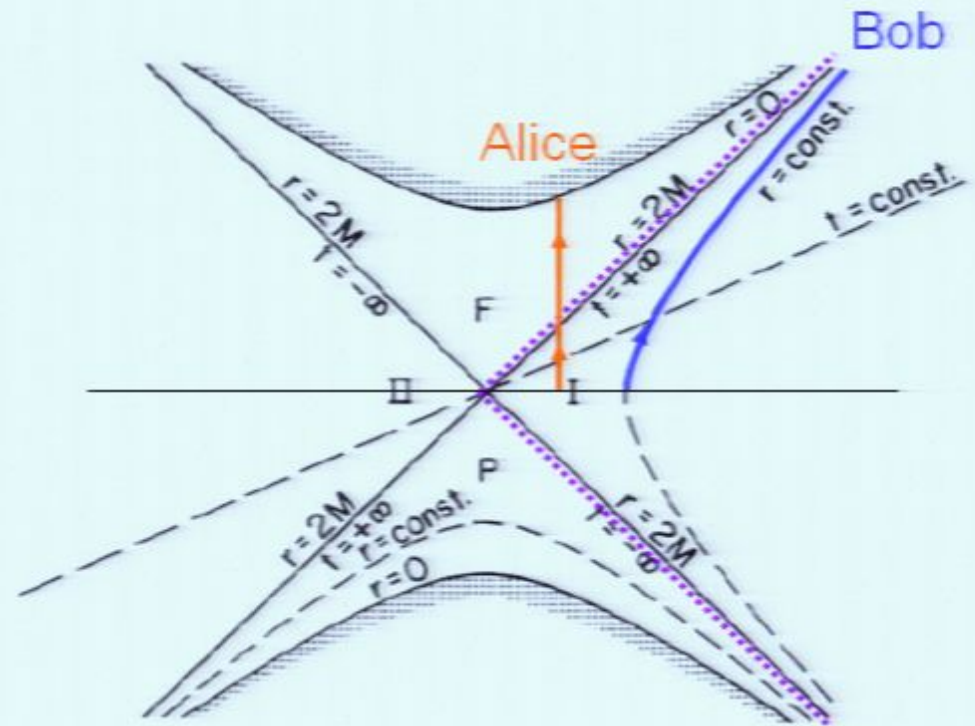
Q: Entanglement across the event horizon?

Schwarzschild black hole

Schwarzschild coordinate



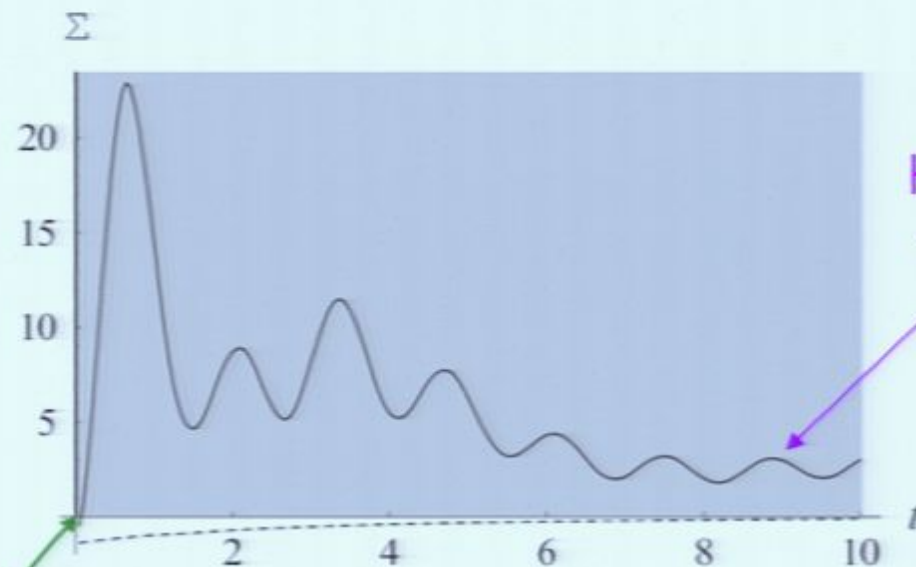
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c. Non-Markovian regime

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- Non-Markovian regime



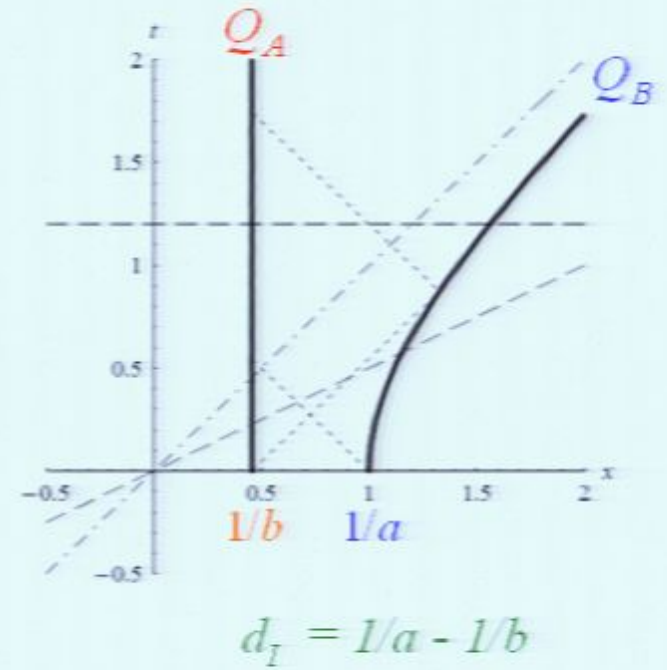
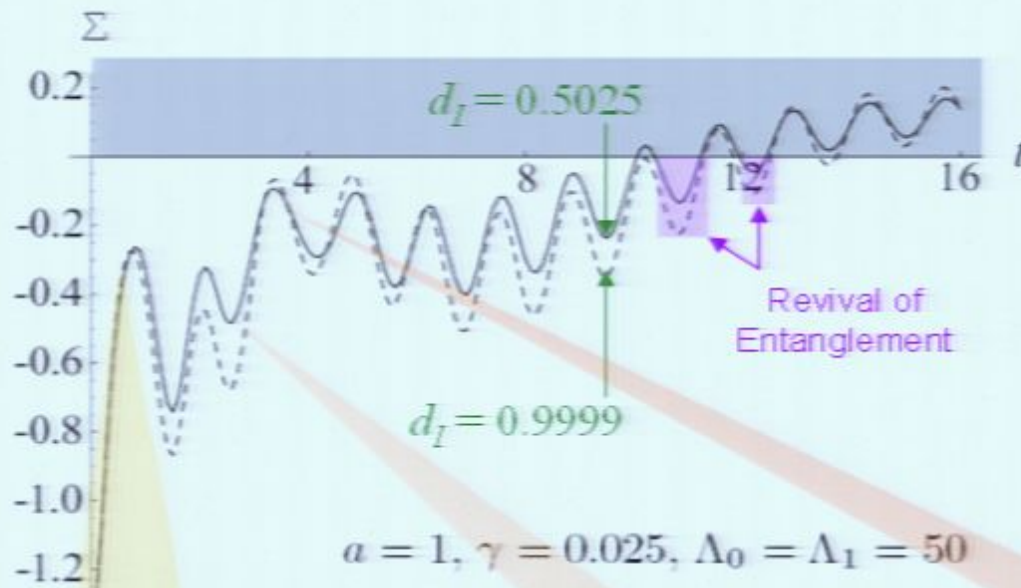
$$\gamma = 0.1, \Lambda_0 = \Lambda_1 = 50, a = 1, b = 2.01,$$

Quantum entanglement is destroyed
right after the coupling is switched on.

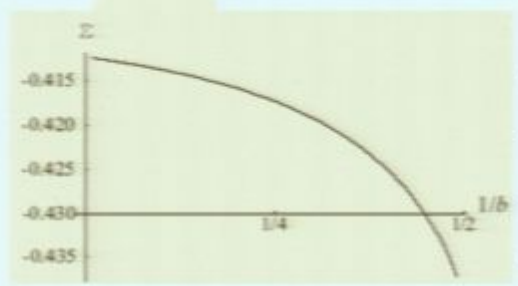
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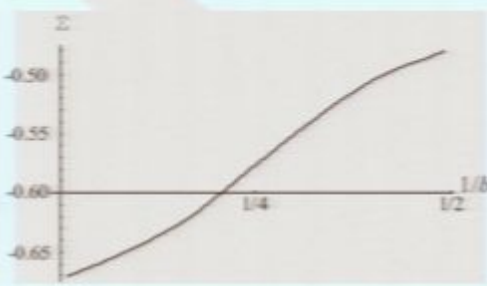
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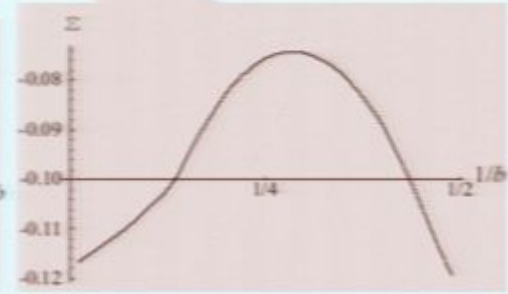
No clear relation between initial separation & entanglement



$t = 0.5$



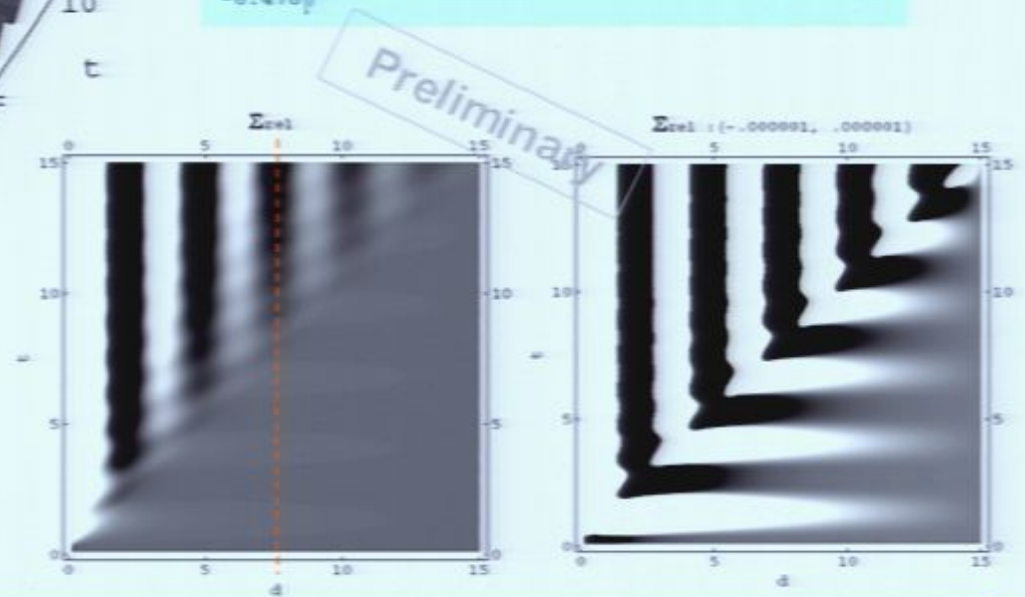
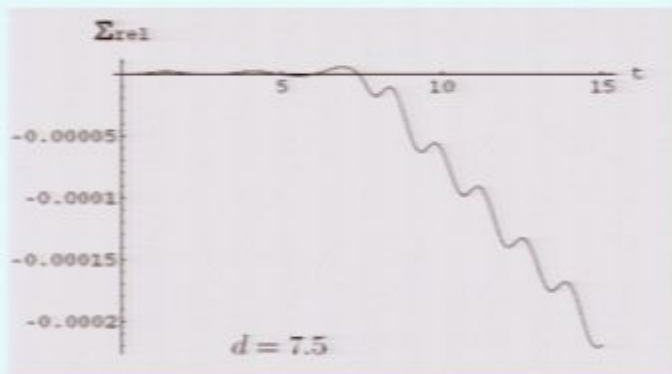
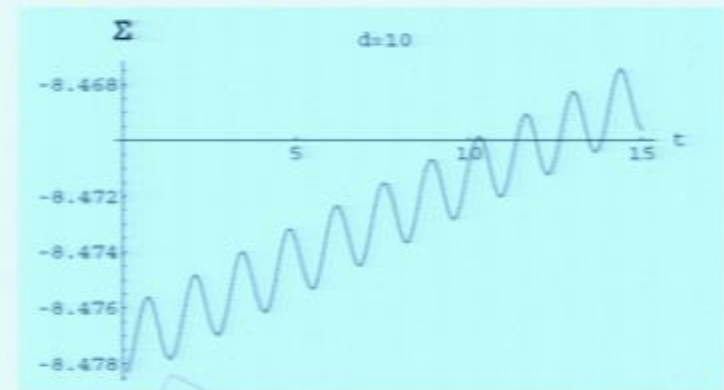
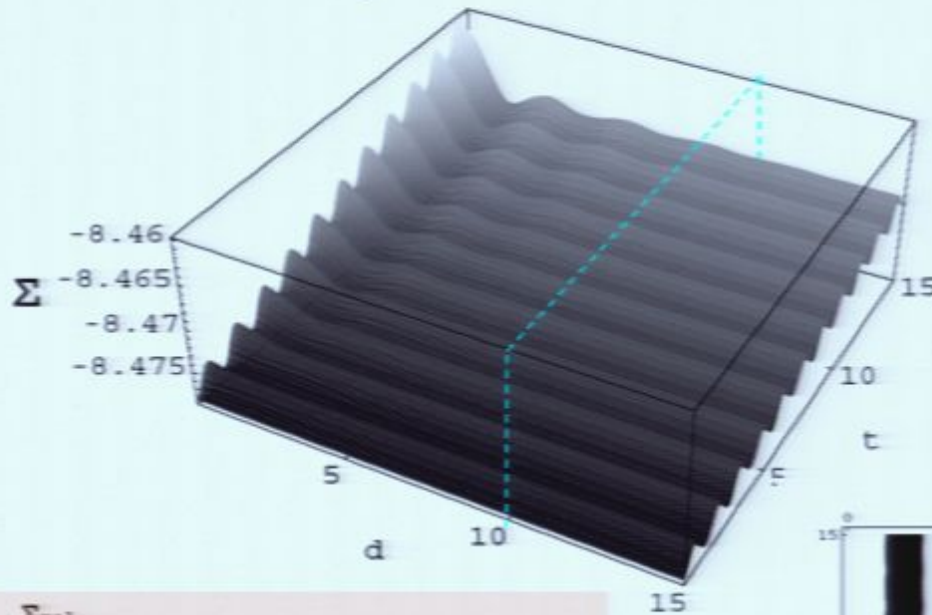
$t = 2.5$



$t = 3.2$

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- Two detectors at rest with spatial separation d , weakly coupled with the field (mutual influences are neglected.)



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■ Disentanglement

Interaction with the environment (QF) does induce disentanglement.

- Disentanglement time of A and B in **all** cases we studied is **finite**;
No residual $A \infty B$ (entanglement) at late times.
- No long-time ($> O(1/\Omega)$) $A \infty B$ generated.
- Strong impact kills quantum entanglement soon after the coupling is turned on in non-Markovian regime.



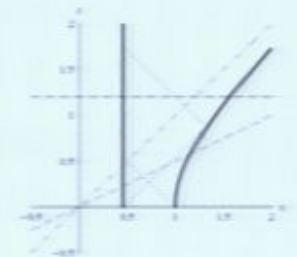
How generic are above features?

- We are considering an **linearly coupling** atom-field system in **(3+1)D free space** with **no direct interaction** between two **spatially well-separated (and running away)** atoms.

■ Coordinate

Each reduced density matrix is associated with a **time-slicing** scheme.

- Quantum field offers a natural choice of coordinate.
- In Minkowski time, the greater a , the longer disEnt time. (**time dilation**)
In Rindler time, the greater a , the shorter disEnt time, (**Unruh effect**)
the iff criterion ($\sim \text{sgn } \Sigma$), however, could not be valid.

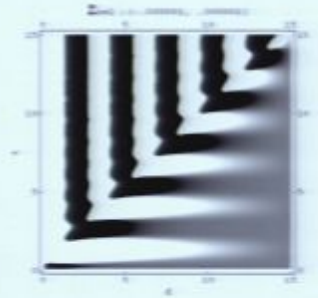


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■ Spatial separation

In weak-coupling limit, with mutual influences negligible:

- Outside the light-cone, the relation between entanglement "strength" and distance between two detectors changes in time.
- Inside the light-cone, for sufficiently large separations, the disentanglement time varies in spatial separation.



■ Role of event horizon

The event horizon helps to cut the higher order mutual influences.

■ Outstanding issues

- strong mutual influences
- explicit time-slicing scheme dependence
- entanglement creation, residual entanglement

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