

Title: Entanglement, Bekenstein-Hawking Entropy and Spinfoams

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Abstract: I review recent developments on vacuum entanglement perturbations in perturbative quantum gravity and spinfoams, and discuss their relevance for understanding the nature of black hole entropy.

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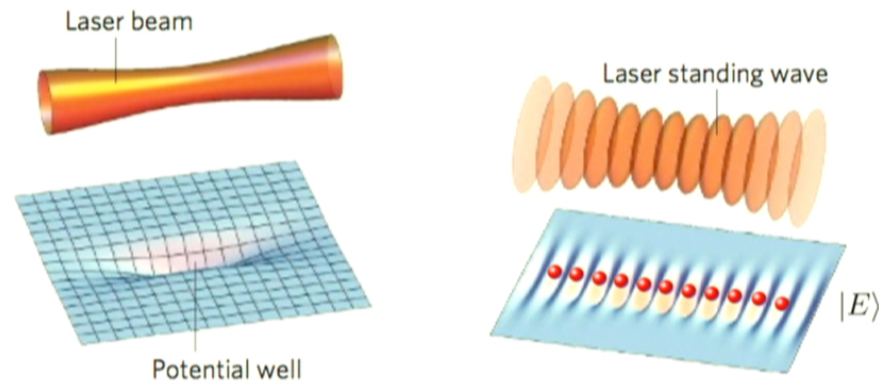
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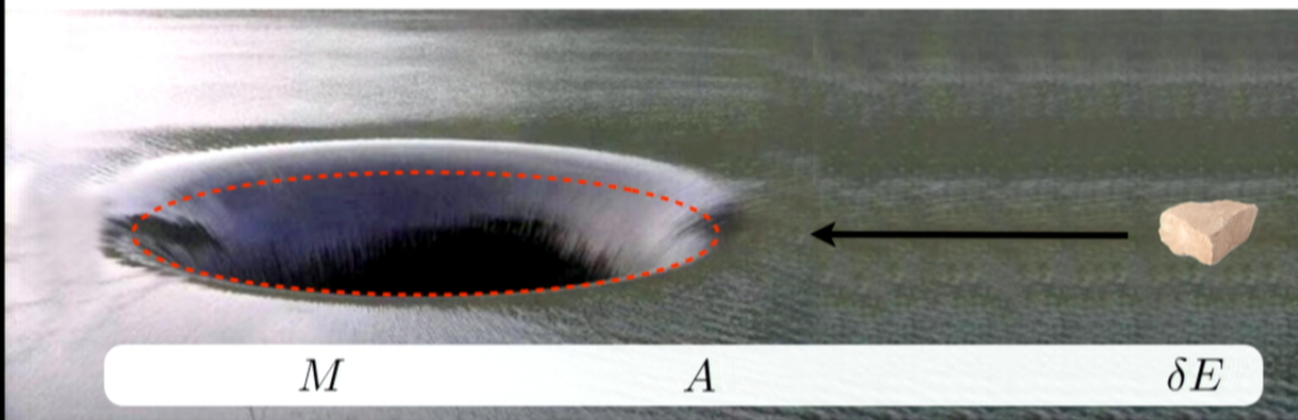
Example 1: Cold atoms in a optical lattice

- isolated quantum system in an energy-eigenstate $|E\rangle$
- subsystem: few atoms \Rightarrow thermal behavior, $T \simeq E/Nk_B$



Eigenstate Thermalization / Canonical Typicality / Entanglement Thermodynamics
[Deutsch 1991, Srednicki 1994, Popescu-Short-Winter 2006, Rigol-Dunjko-Olshanii 2008]

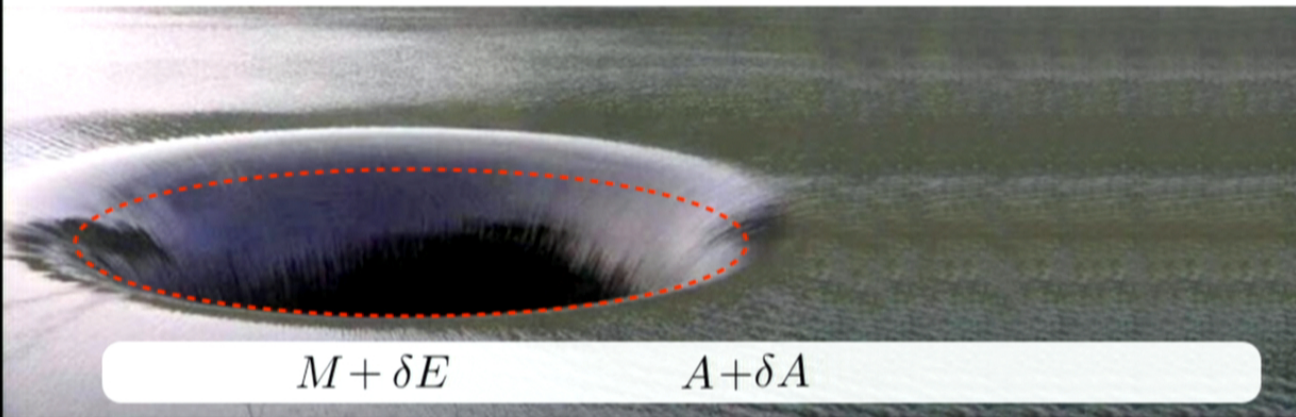
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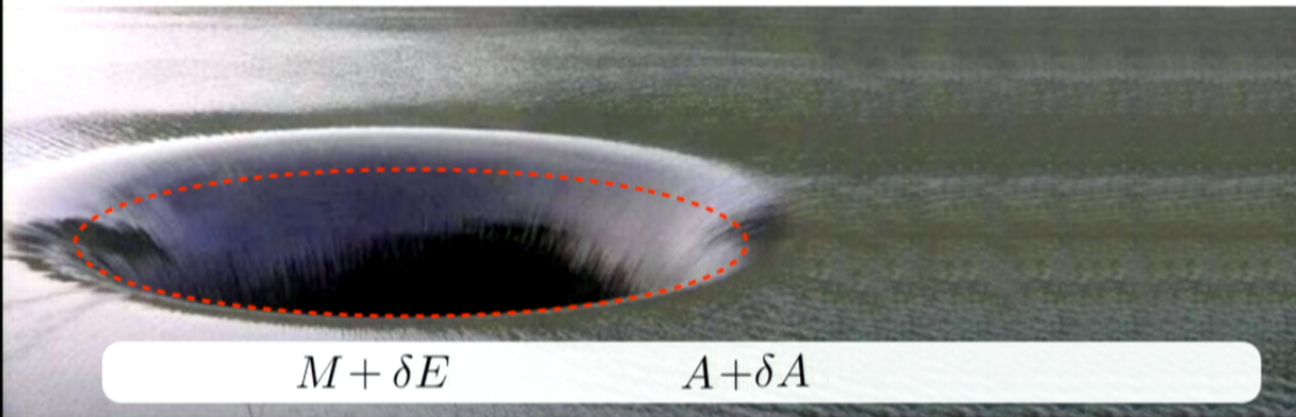


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 EB, 2012 "Entanglement thermodynamics and the nature of black hole entropy"

BH entropy: some of the new developments since Loops11 - Madrid

Near-Horizon physics: classical

- Mechanical Laws of the Rindler Horizon
Frodden-Ghosh-Perez 2011
Bianchi-Satz 2013
- Corner terms in the action
EB-Wieland 2012
Neiman-Bodendorfer 2013

Role of the Lorentz group: quantum, γ -independence

- Spinfoams, γ -simple reps, Quantum Rindler Horizon
Bianchi 2012
- Complex Ashtekar variables and the Lorentz group
Frodden-Geiller-Noui-Perez 2013
Pranzetti 2013

Entanglement entropy

- in perturbative QG and in Spinfoams
Bianchi 2012, EB-Satz 2013
EB-Myers 2013

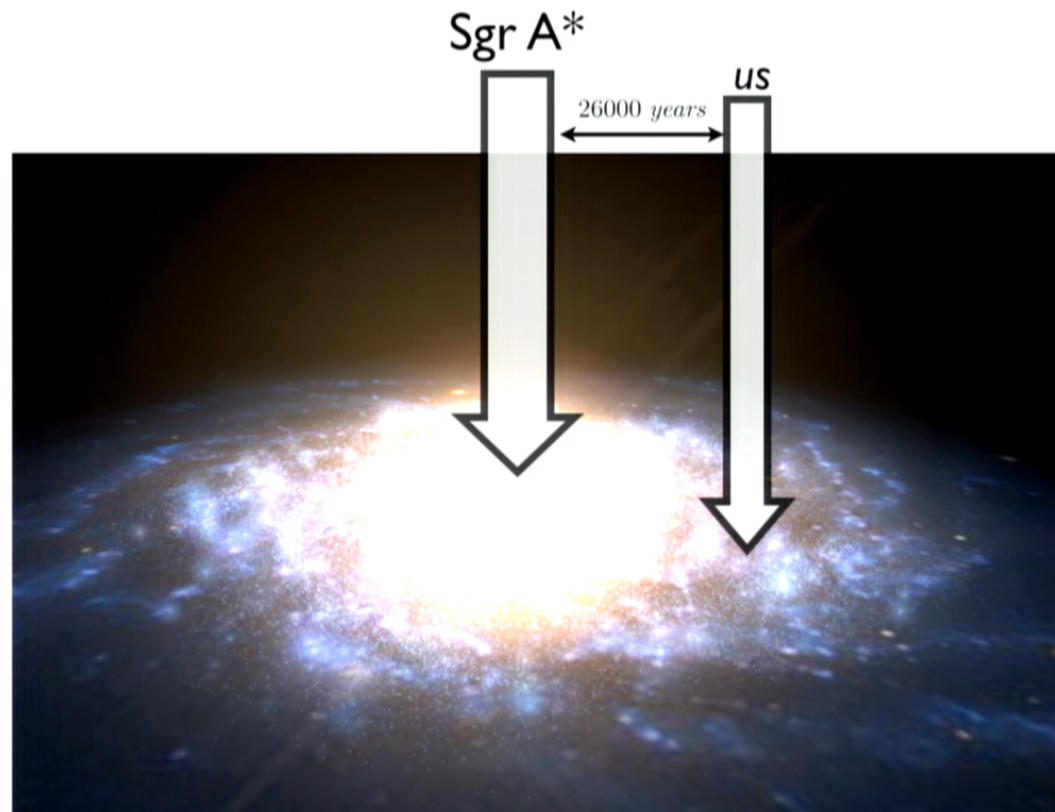
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- 3. Quantum fluctuations
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The black hole at the center of the Milky Way



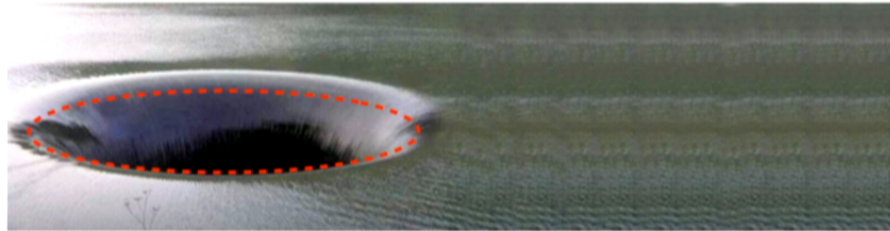
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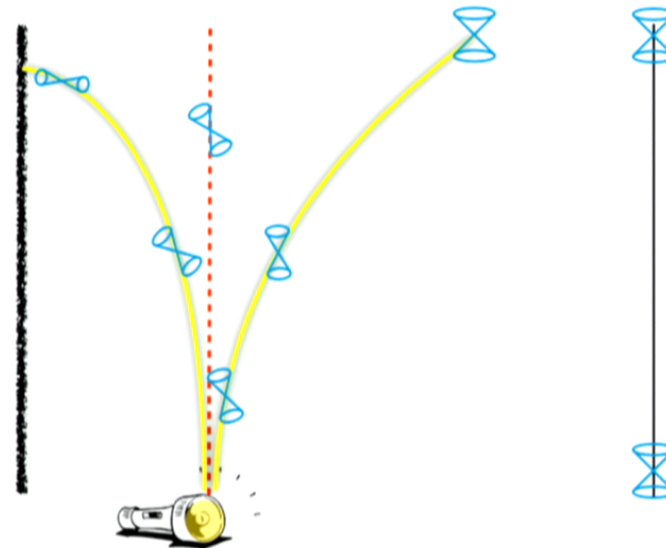
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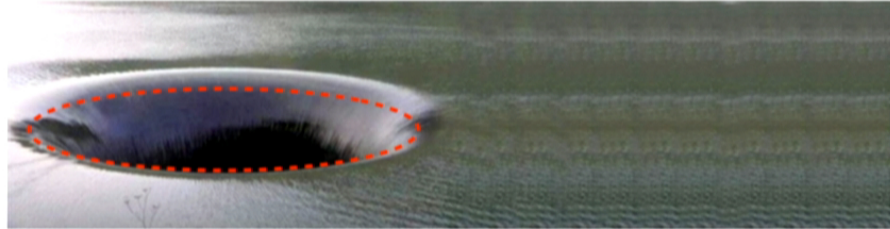
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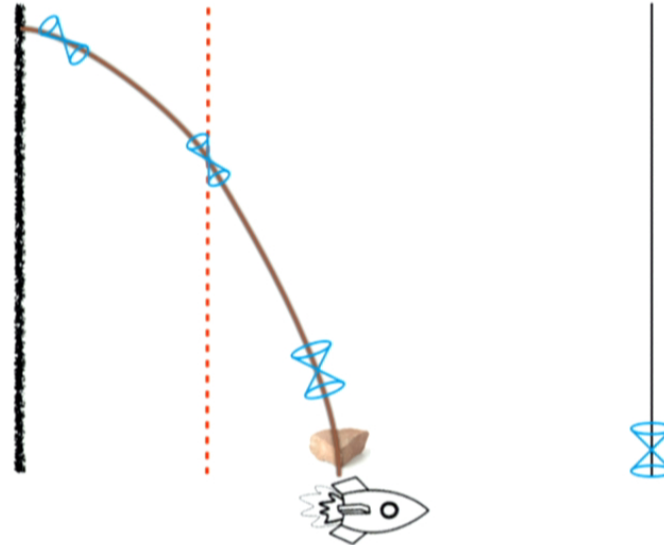
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Bipartite quantum system



- Hilbert space

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- Observables on B

$$\mathcal{O} = I_A \otimes \mathcal{O}_B$$

$$\longrightarrow \langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \psi \rangle = \text{Tr}_B(\mathcal{O}_B \rho_B)$$

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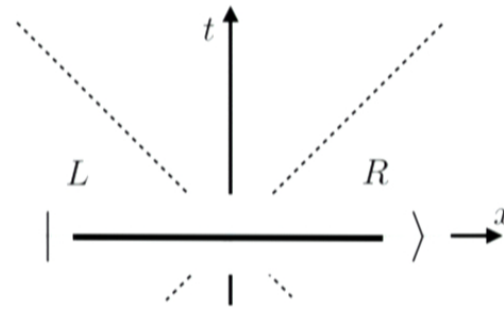
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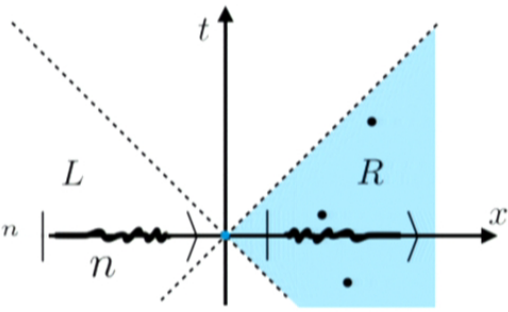
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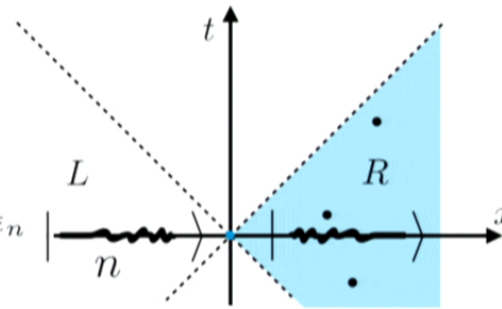
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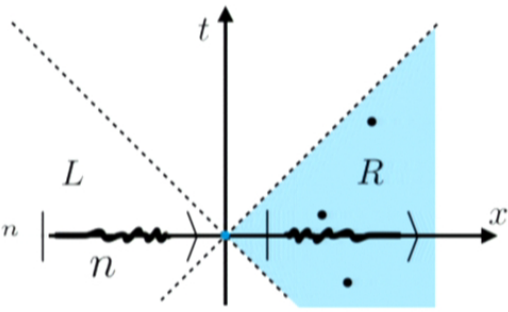
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- BH entropy? G_{IR} ? $1/4$? Species problem?

[Solodukhin Liv.Rev.Rel. 2011]

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UV divergences cancel

E.g.: 2d free massive scalar, 1-particle state in Unruh mode Ω (with A. Catuneanu and F. Mercati 2013)

$$|1\rangle = d_R^\dagger(\Omega)|0\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi E}} \left(\frac{E+k_1}{E-k_1} \right)^{+i\Omega/2} a^\dagger(k_1)|0\rangle$$

$$\rho_1 = \text{Tr}_L |1\rangle\langle 1| = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n e^{-2\pi\Omega n} |n, \Omega\rangle_R \langle n, \Omega|_R \right) \otimes_{\Omega' \neq \Omega} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi\Omega' n} |n, \Omega'\rangle_R \langle n, \Omega'|_R \right)$$

Entanglement entropy

$$S_{ent}(|1\rangle) - S_{ent}(|0\rangle) =$$

ii. $\delta S_{ent} = \delta Q / T$

thermodynamics of entanglement

Basic notions:

- Noether current $J_\mu = (\mathcal{J}_\mu)_{x0} = x T_{\mu 0} - t T_{\mu x}$

- Generator of x-boosts $K = \int J_\mu d\Sigma^\mu \stackrel{t=0}{=} \int x T_{00} dx dy_1 dy_2 = K_R - K_L$

- Rindler energy

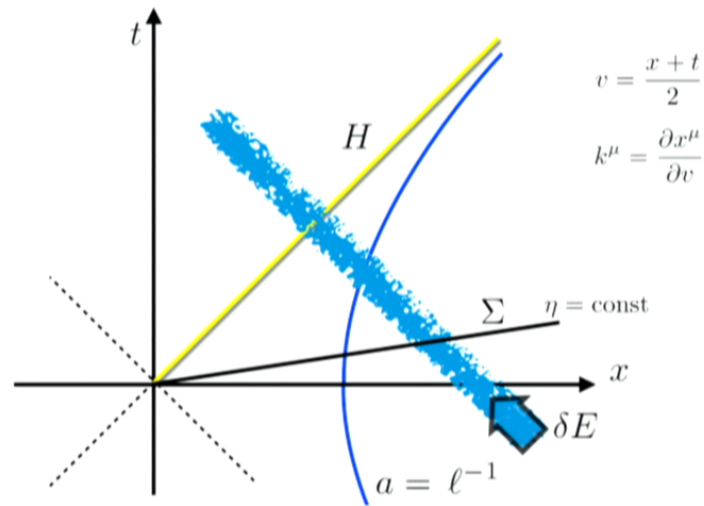
$$E_R = a K_R$$

- Energy crossing the Rindler horizon

$$E_H = a \int_H T_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu v dv dy_1 dy_2$$

- Energy conservation $\partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$

$$E_R = E_H + \cancel{E_\infty}$$



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$$\stackrel{*}{=} 2\pi \text{Tr}(K_R \delta\rho) + \cancel{\log Z \text{Tr}(\delta\rho)}$$

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E.g.: decay of an excited two-level atom coupled to field

[cf Unruh-Wald 1983]

$$|\psi_{-\infty}\rangle = |0\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$$



$$|\psi_{+\infty}\rangle = (1 - |\epsilon|^2/2)|0\rangle|\uparrow\rangle + \epsilon|1\rangle|\downarrow\rangle$$

- Density matrix for right modes of the field

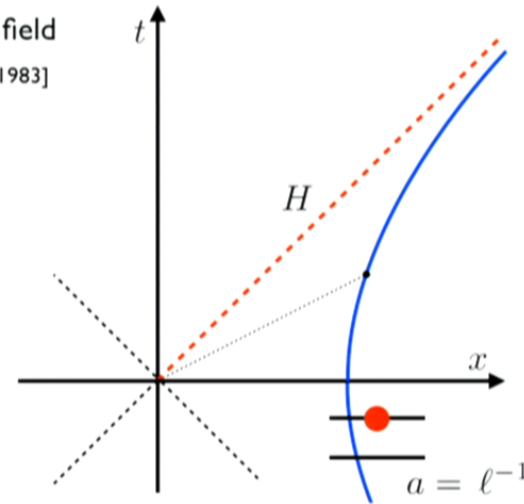
$$\rho_{\pm\infty} = \text{Tr}_L \text{Tr}_A (|\psi_{\pm\infty}\rangle\langle\psi_{\pm\infty}|)$$

- Energy difference (field only)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_H &= \text{Tr}(\hat{E}_H \rho_{+\infty}) - \text{Tr}(\hat{E}_H \rho_0) \\ &= |\epsilon|^2 \frac{\Omega}{2} (1 + \coth(\pi\Omega)) a \end{aligned}$$

- Entanglement entropy difference

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_{ent} &= S_{ent}(|\psi_{+\infty}\rangle) - S_{ent}(|0\rangle) \\ &= \pi\Omega (|\epsilon|^2 - 2) + \pi\Omega|\epsilon|^2 \coth(\pi\Omega) - \log(4|\epsilon|^2 \sinh^2(\pi\Omega)) + \log(e^{2\pi\Omega} - 1) \\ &\quad + 4|\epsilon|^2 \sinh^2(\pi\Omega) \text{LerchPhi}^{(0,1,0)}\left(e^{-2\pi\Omega}, -1, -\frac{(|\epsilon|^2 - 1)(\coth(\pi\Omega) - 1)}{2|\epsilon|^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$



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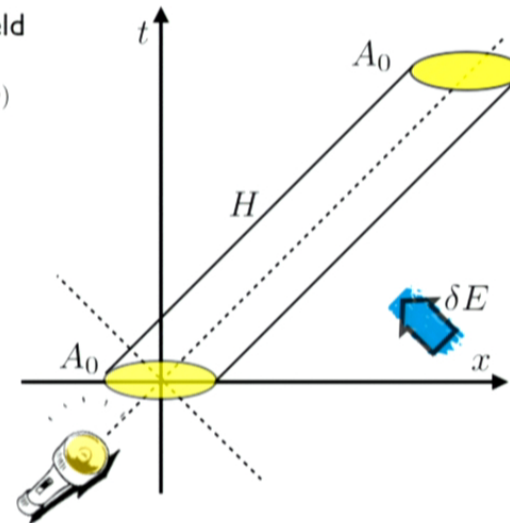
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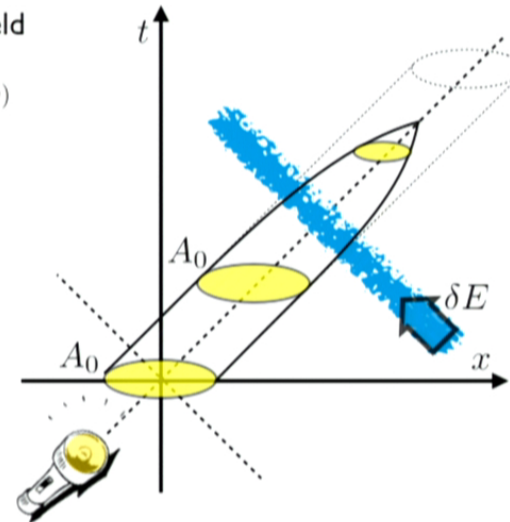
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- Collimated beam of light rays $\xi^\mu(v=0) = 0$
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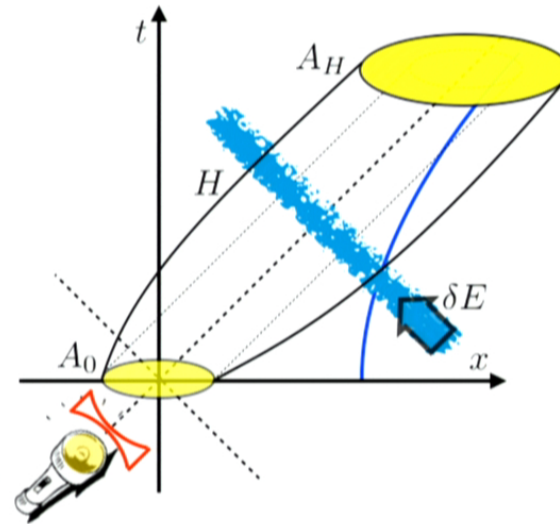
- out of sight
- reach infinity

$$v \rightarrow \infty \quad \dot{\xi}^\mu(v) \rightarrow 0$$

$$h_{\mu\nu}(x_0^\mu(v)) \rightarrow 0$$

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⇒ diverging beam so that collimated at infinity



Area of the Rindler Horizon:

$$(**) \quad A_H = A_0 + \sqrt{8\pi G} \int_B d^2\vec{y} \int_0^\infty -\square h_{\mu\nu}(x_0(v)) k^\mu k^\nu v dv$$

iii. Bekenstein-Hawking area law for entanglement

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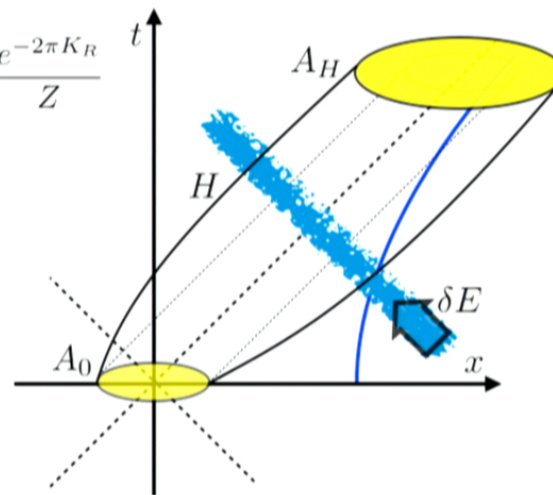
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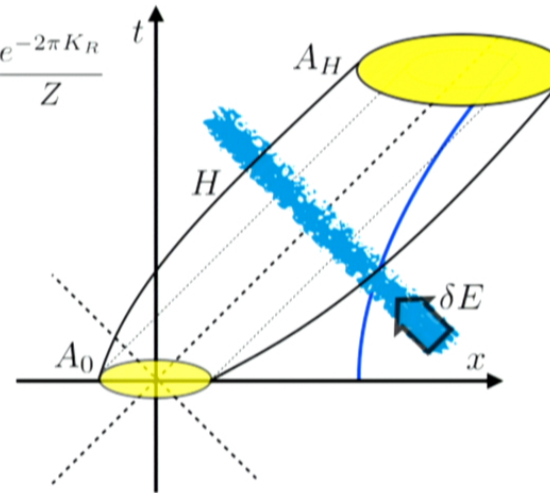
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- Universal:
independent of the number
and matter species
- No UV contribution
- Low-energy G

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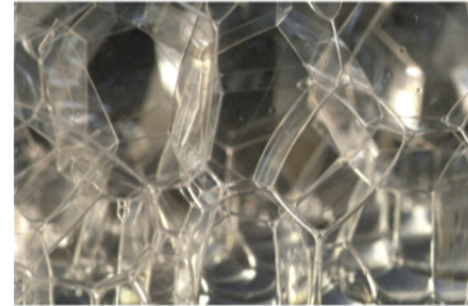
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Spin-foam path integral

- Realization of the path-integral over geometries for 4d Lorentzian gravity

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}g_{\mu\nu} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[g_{\mu\nu}]}$$

with gravitational d.o.f. unfrozen only on a 2d-foam



- Covariant formulation of loop quantum gravity (EPRL-FK)

$$Z_{\Delta_2} = \sum_{j_f, i_e} \prod_{f \in \Delta_2^*} (2j_f + 1) \prod_{v \in \Delta_2^*} \left\{ \bigotimes_{e \in v} \mathcal{I}_\gamma(i_e) \right\}$$

spin
foam
 γ -simple reps
invariant of the Lorentz group $SO(1,3)$

$K = \gamma L$
cf. Wigner $\{6j\}$ -symbol

See M.Han and F.Hellmann talks

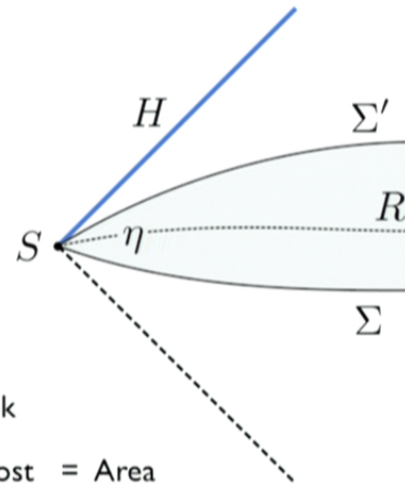
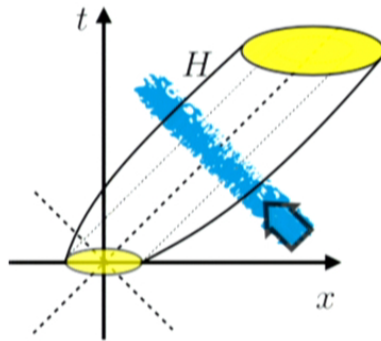
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Perturbative gravity

vs

Non-Perturbative GR



- GR action vanishes in the bulk
- Corner Hamiltonian = Boost = Area

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{\text{corner}} &= \int_S \epsilon^{IJ} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJKL} B^{KL} + \frac{1}{\gamma} B_{IJ} \right) \\
 &= \int_S K = \int_S \gamma L = \frac{A}{8\pi G}
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[Carlip-Teitelboim '93, Bianchi-Wieland '12, Smolin '12]

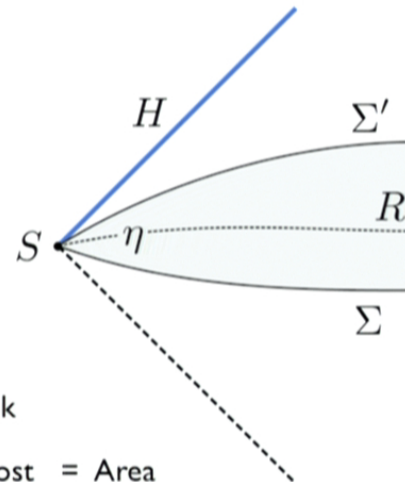
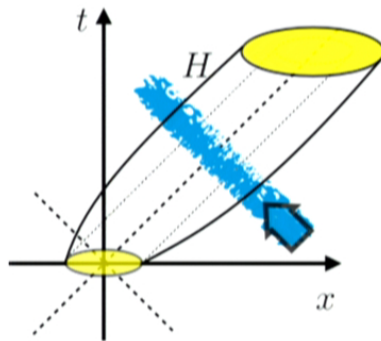
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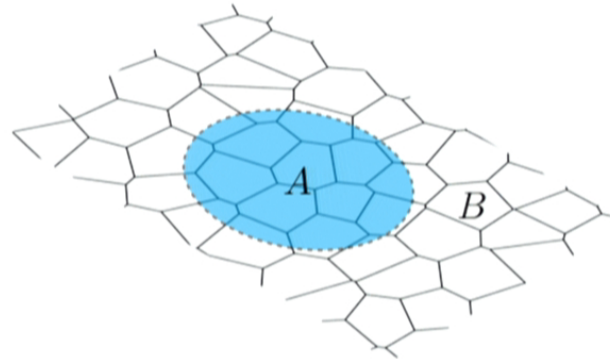
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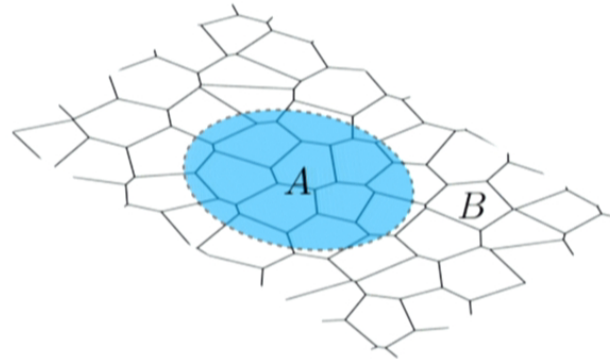
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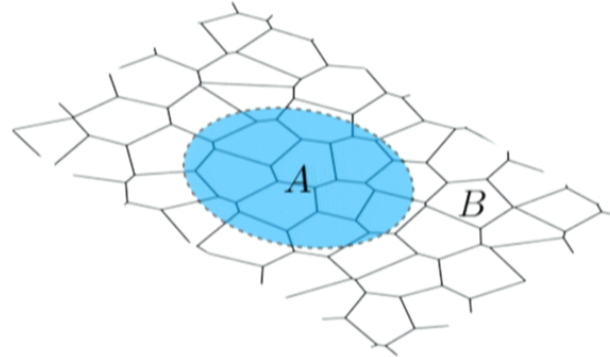
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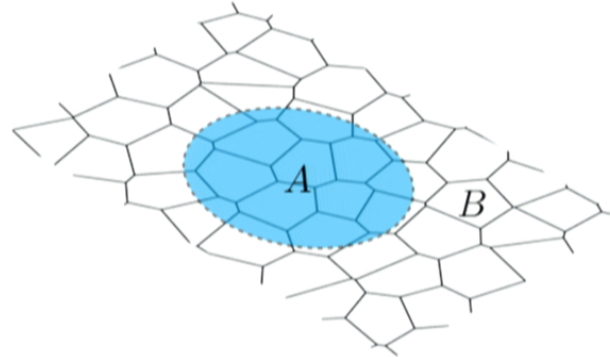
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EB 2012, EB-Myers 2013
cf Ghosh-Perez 2011-2013

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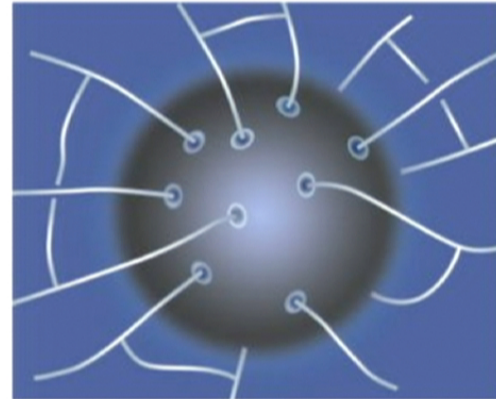
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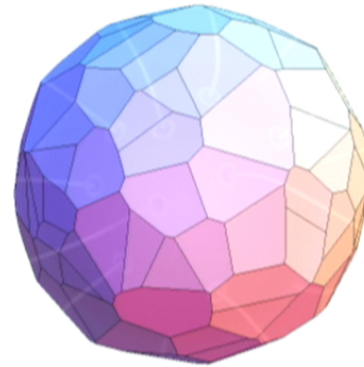
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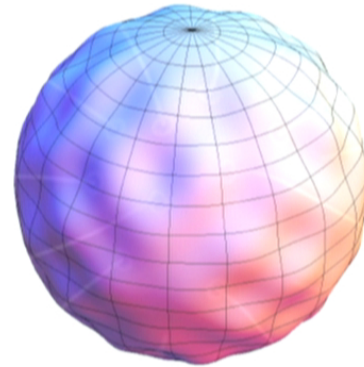
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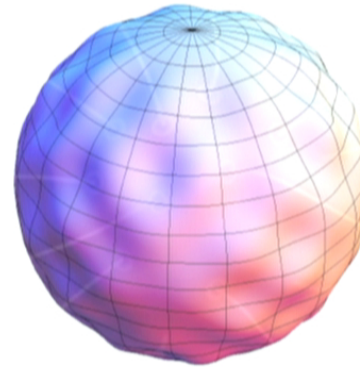
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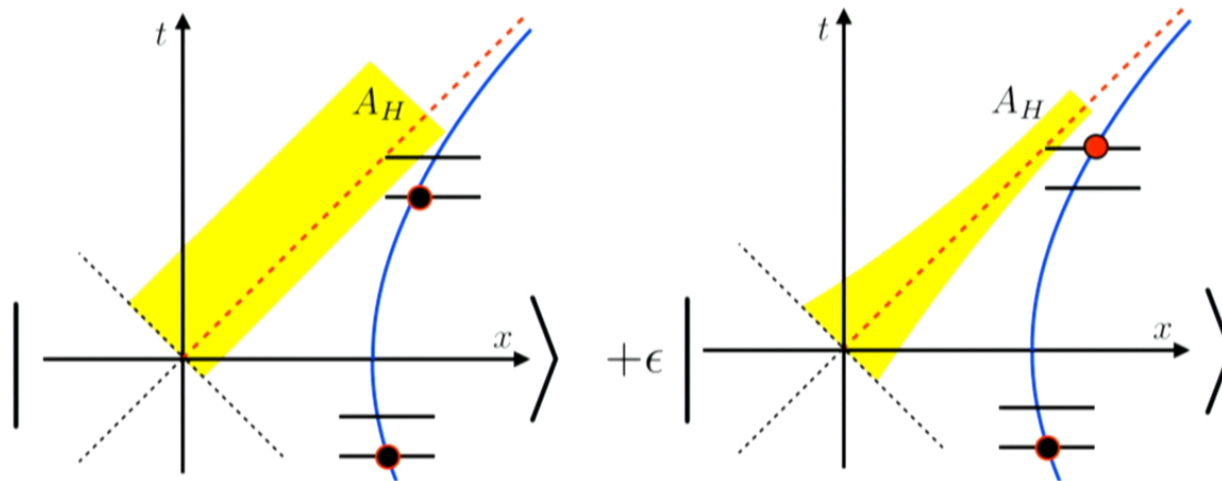
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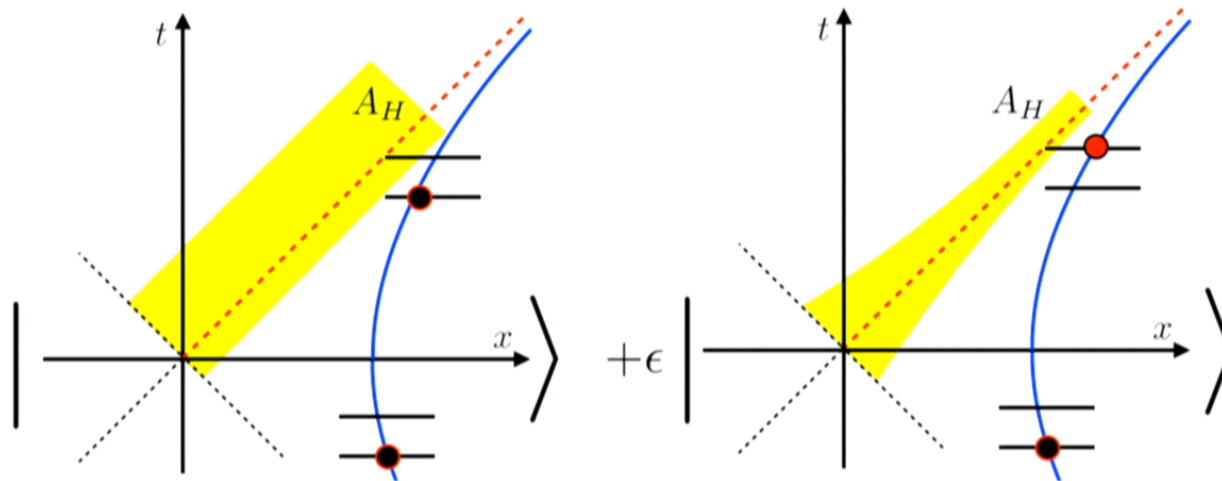
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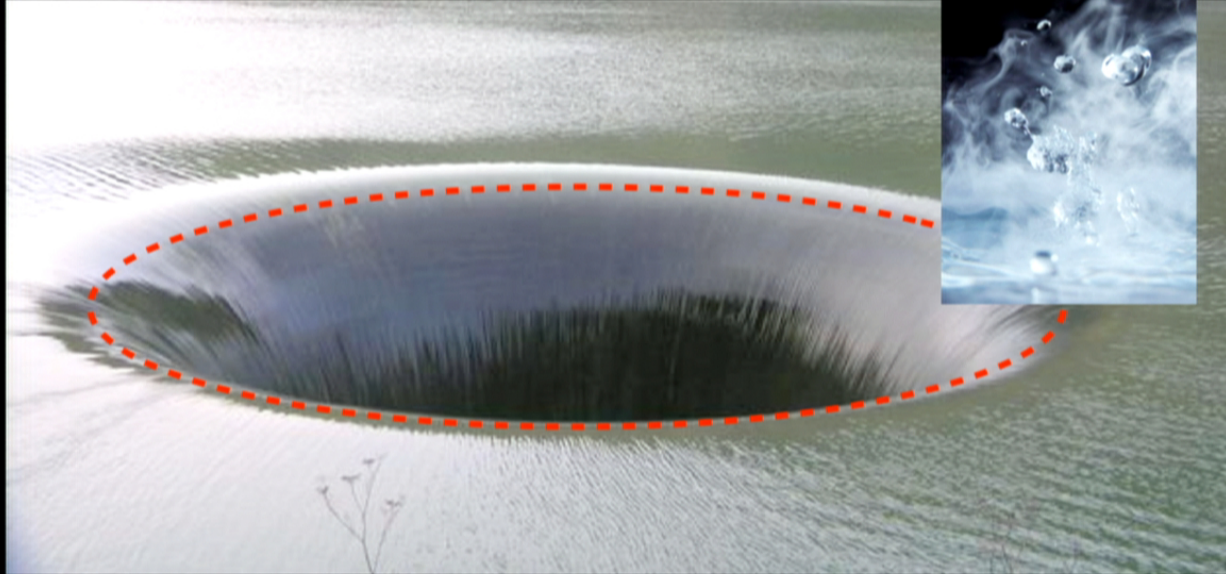
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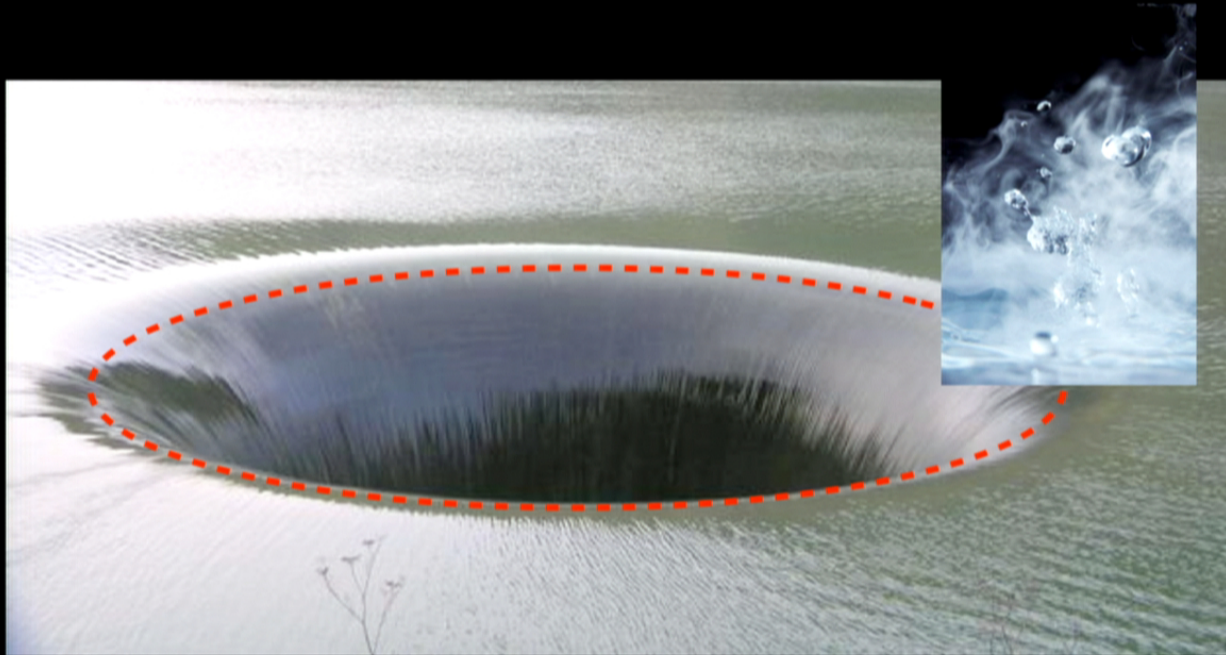
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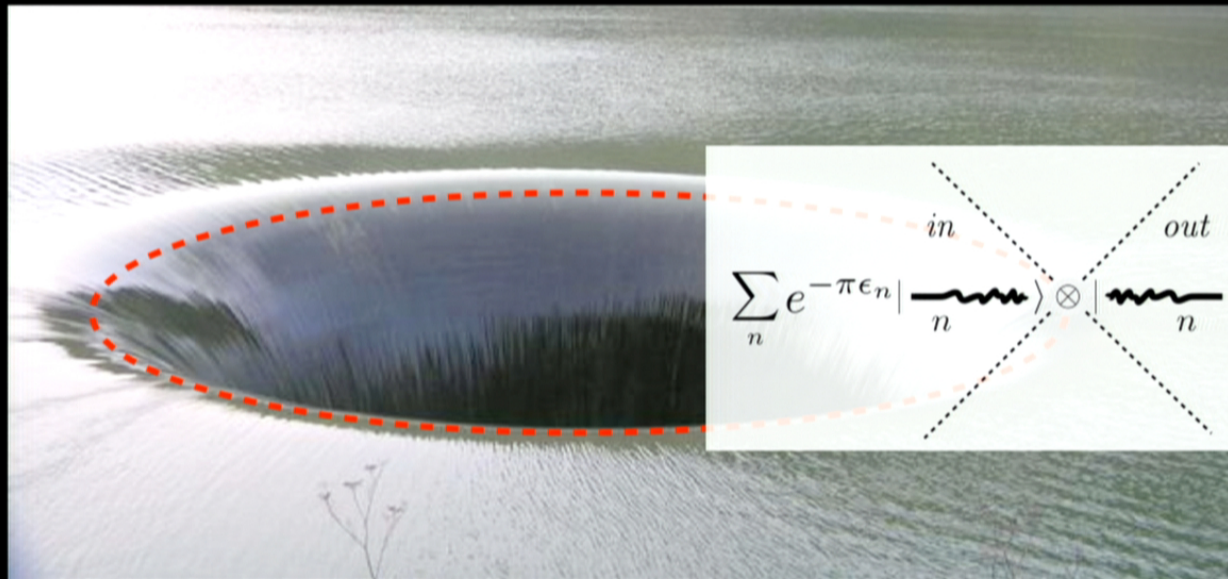
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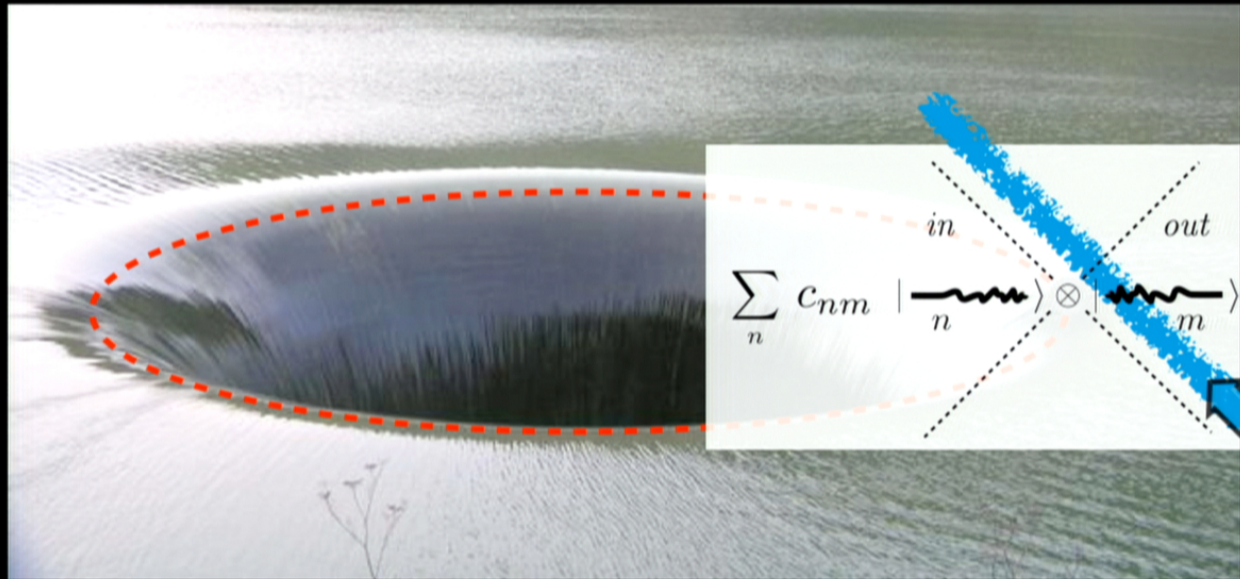
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