

# A Duality Between Topology and Entanglement? ER=EPR, Part 1

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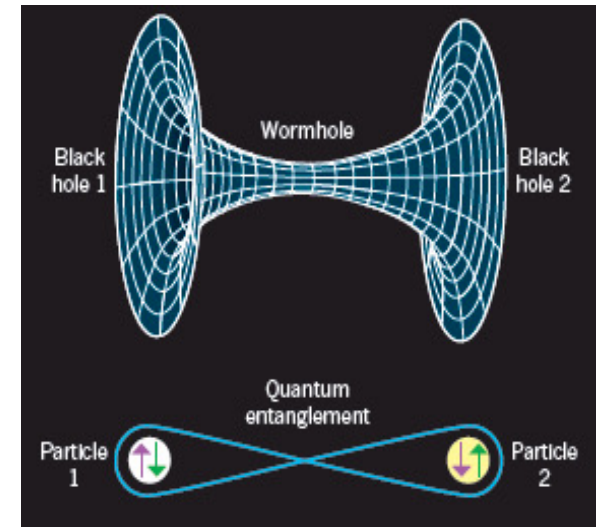
# 0. ER=EPR: Introduction

## The ER = EPR Hypothesis

The subsystems of a composite system in a quantum entangled state ("EPR") are connected by an Einstein-Rosen wormhole ("ER").

- A way to reconcile quantum theory with general relativity?
- A duality between quantum entanglement and spacetime topology?
- A solution to the Firewall Problem?
- Intriguing similarities between entangled states and wormholes:
  - *Both can't be used to send superluminal signals.*
  - *Both are not affected by "local operations".*

Maldaceno & Susskind (2013)



## Part 1: Review and Initial Motivation

### 1. ER Wormholes

- *Warm-Up: Minkowski Spacetime*
- *Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime*
- *Extended AdS-Schwarzschild Spacetime*

### 2. Quantum Entanglement and Spacetime Structure

- *Quantum Entanglement in Minkowski Spacetime*
- *Quantum Entanglement in Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime*

### 3. Initial Motivation: Maldacena's (2003) Example

- *Extended AdS-Schwarzschild Spacetime and the CFT Thermofield Double State*

## Part 2: Additional Motivations

### 1. Entanglement Entropy and Cross-Sectional Area of Wormhole Throat

### 2. "No-Go" Theorems

### 3. A Solution to the Firewall Problem?

### 4. A Causal Explanation of Entanglement Correlations?

# 1. ER Wormholes

Carroll (2004)  
Harlow (2016)

## 1.1. Warm-Up: Minkowski Spacetime

**Def. 1. Minkowski spacetime** is the unique zero curvature vacuum solution to the Einstein equations with spacetime interval in  $(t, x, y, z)$  coordinates given by

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

**Minkowski spacetime interval** in spherical coordinates  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$ :

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

$$x = r\sin\theta\cos\phi$$

$$y = r\sin\theta\sin\phi$$

$$z = r\cos\theta$$

## Minkowski spacetime as an extension of Rindler spacetime

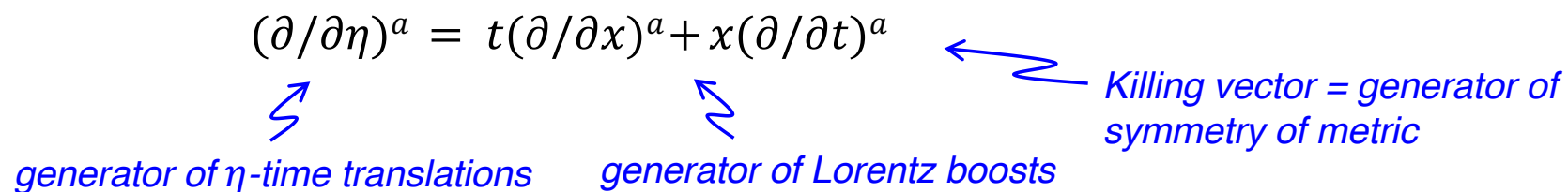
- Consider "right wedge" of Minkowski spacetime  $x > |t|$ .

- Introduce Rindler coordinates  $(\eta, \xi)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \xi \cosh \eta & \xi &= \sqrt{x^2 - t^2} & \leftarrow \xi > 0 \text{ for } x > |t| \\t &= \xi \sinh \eta & \eta &= \tanh^{-1}(t/x)\end{aligned}$$

- An  $\eta$ - "time" translation is equivalent to a  $(t, x)$ -Lorentz boost:

$$(\partial/\partial\eta)^a = t(\partial/\partial x)^a + x(\partial/\partial t)^a$$



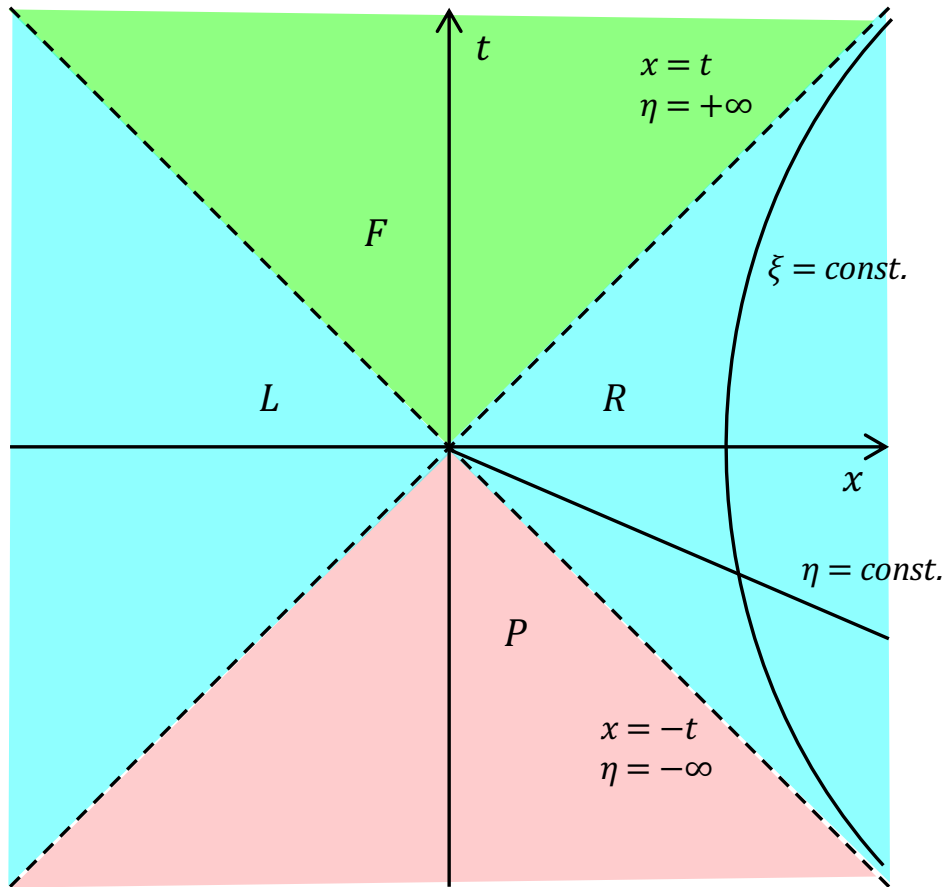
*generator of  $\eta$ -time translations*      *generator of Lorentz boosts*      *Killing vector = generator of symmetry of metric*

- Minkowski interval in  $(\eta, \xi)$  coordinates:  $ds^2 = -\xi^2 d\eta^2 + d\xi^2$

**Def 2. Rindler spacetime** is the  $x > |t|$  "right wedge" of Minkowski spacetime with spacetime interval in  $(\eta, \xi)$  coordinates:

$$ds^2 = -\xi^2 d\eta^2 + d\xi^2, \quad -\infty < \eta < \infty, \quad \xi > 0$$

# Minkowski spacetime as an extension of Rindler spacetime



## Region R = Rindler spacetime

Curves of constant  $\xi$  are:

- hyperbolae  $x^2 - t^2 = \text{const}$  with asymptotes at  $x = \pm t$  (dashed lines)
- orthogonal to  $\eta = \text{const}$  surfaces (Cauchy foliation)
- integral curves of  $(\partial/\partial\eta)^a = t(\partial/\partial x)^a + x(\partial/\partial t)^a$



*Timelike Killing vector distinct from  $(\partial/\partial t)^a$*

**Claim.** The null surface  $x = \pm t$  is a *bifurcate Killing horizon* generated by  $(\partial/\partial\eta)^a$ .



Fine print: Bifurcate Killing horizon = the union of two null hypersurfaces that intersect in a spacelike 2-dim surface (the bifurcation surface) and that are both Killing horizons (null hypersurface everywhere normal to a Killing vector) with respect to the same Killing vector.

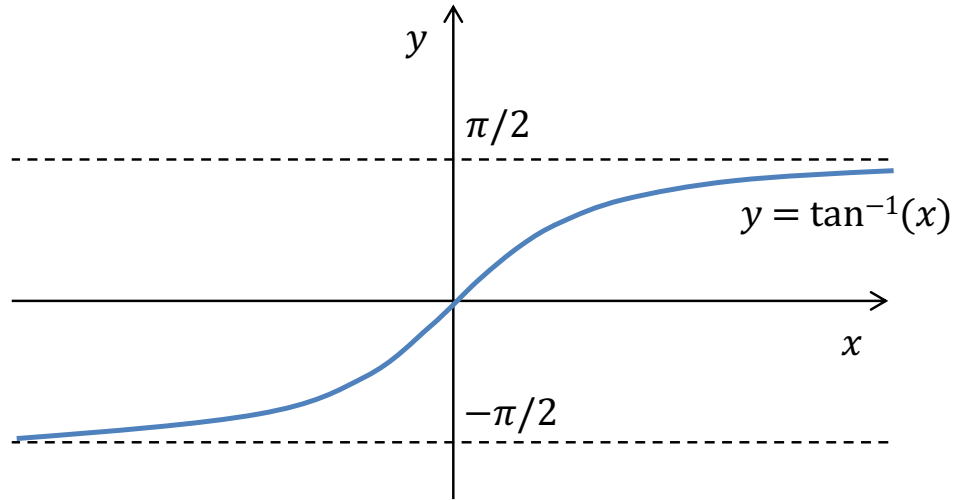


Bottom-line: A spacetime with a bifurcate Killing horizon:

- decomposes into 4 regions;
- admits two distinct timelike Killing vectors.

## Conformal Diagram for Minkowski Spacetime

- Construct new coordinates that "pull in" temporal, spatial, and null infinities.
- Intuition:  $\tan^{-1}(x)$  maps  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  to  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$



*Motivation for Penrose coordinates...*

## Conformal Diagram for Minkowski Spacetime

### Penrose Coordinates $(T', R')$ for Minkowski Spacetime

$$T' + R' = 2\tan^{-1}(t+r), \quad T' - R' = 2\tan^{-1}(t-r)$$

$$T' = \tan^{-1}(t+r) + \tan^{-1}(t-r), \quad R' = \tan^{-1}(t+r) - \tan^{-1}(t-r)$$

$$-\pi < T' < \pi \quad 0 \leq R' < \pi$$

**Minkowski spacetime interval** in Penrose coordinates  $(T', R', \theta, \phi)$ :

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(\cos T' + \cos R')^2} [-dT'^2 + dR'^2 + \sin^2 R' (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)]$$

Pre-factor blows up at:

$$T' = \pm\pi, \quad R' = 0$$

$$T' = 0, \quad R' = \pi$$

$$T' = \pi - R', \quad 0 < R' < \pi$$

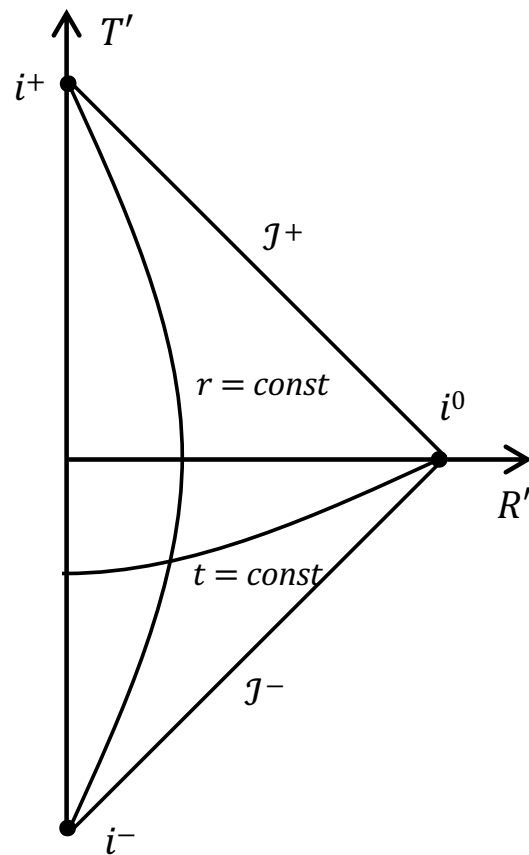
$$T' = -\pi + R', \quad 0 < R' < \pi$$

 *Points at infinity corresponding  
to  $t = \pm\infty, r = \pm\infty$*

*Encode them in the boundary of a conformally equivalent  
metric with interval*

$$\widetilde{ds}^2 = -dT'^2 + dR'^2 + \sin^2 R' (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

## Conformal Diagram for Minkowski Spacetime



$i^0 = \text{spacelike infinity } (T' = 0, R' = \pi)$

$i^+ = \text{future timelike infinity } (T' = \pi, R' = 0)$

$i^- = \text{past timelike infinity } (T' = -\pi, R' = 0)$

$J^+ = \text{future null infinity } (T' = \pi - R', 0 < R' < \pi)$

$J^- = \text{past null infinity } (T' = -\pi + R', 0 < R' < \pi)$

## 1.2. Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime

**Def. 3. Schwarzschild spacetime** is the unique spherically symmetric vacuum solution to the Einstein equations with spacetime interval in  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates:

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

Some properties:

1. *Exterior.* For  $r \gg r_S$ ,  $r_S = 2GM$ .
2. *Physical singularity.* At  $r = 0$ ,  $ds^2$  diverges.
3. *Coordinate singularity.* At  $r = r_S$ ,  $ds^2$  diverges.
4. *Event horizon.* At  $r = r_S$ , signature changes.  
 $(-dt^2, +dr^2)$ , for  $r > r_S$      $(+dt^2, -dr^2)$ , for  $r < r_S$

 *geodesic equation is 2<sup>nd</sup> Law for force due to grav field of spherically symmetric mass  $M$ .*

  *$R^{\sigma\mu\nu\rho}R_{\sigma\mu\nu\rho} = 12r_S^2/r^6$  diverges.*

 *No corresponding divergence in a curvature scalar.*



*$r$ -coordinate behaves like a temporal coordinate*



*Future-directed timelike/null curves eventually hit singularity at  $r = 0$ .*



*Event horizon  $\approx$  surface beyond which future-directed timelike/null curves cannot escape to infinity.*

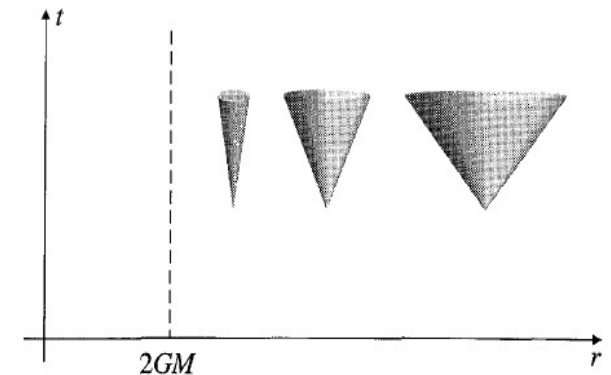
## Getting rid of the $r = r_s$ coordinate singularity...

- For radial ( $\theta, \phi$  constant) null ( $ds^2 = 0$ ) curves:

$$dt/dr = \pm(1 - r_s/r)^{-1}$$

Nicely behaved for  $r \gg r_s$ :  
 $dt/dr = \pm 1$ .

Badly behaved for  $r \rightarrow r_s$ :  
 $dt/dr \rightarrow \pm\infty$ .



Lightcones "close up"!

- Pick coordinates so that slope of a radial null curve is always  $\pm 1$ .  
 Require: (temporal coordinate) =  $\pm$ (radial coordinate) + const.

- Initial attempt: tortoise coordinate  $r_*$

$$t = \pm r_* + \text{const.}, \quad \text{where } r_* = r + r_s \ln(r/r_s - 1)$$

$t$ -coord as function of  
 $r$  for radial null curve

Problem:  $t, r_* = \pm\infty$  at  $r = r_s$

### Null Kruskal coordinates ( $U, V$ )

$$U = -e^{(r_* - t)/2r_s}, \quad V = e^{(r_* + t)/2r_s}$$

$$r = r_s \Rightarrow U, V = 0$$

$$r = 0 \Rightarrow UV = (1 - r/r_s)e^{r/r_s} = 1$$

Null coords: Curves of  
 constant  $U, V$  are null.

Problem solved, but at  
 expense of null coordinates...

### Kruskal Coordinates ( $T, R$ )

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(U+V), \quad R = \frac{1}{2}(V-U)$$

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$$U, V = \text{const.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \pm R + \text{const.}$$

$$r = r_S; U, V = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \pm R$$

$$r = 0; UV = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \pm \sqrt{1 + R^2}$$

$$r \gg r_S \quad \Rightarrow \quad R \gg T; R \ll T$$

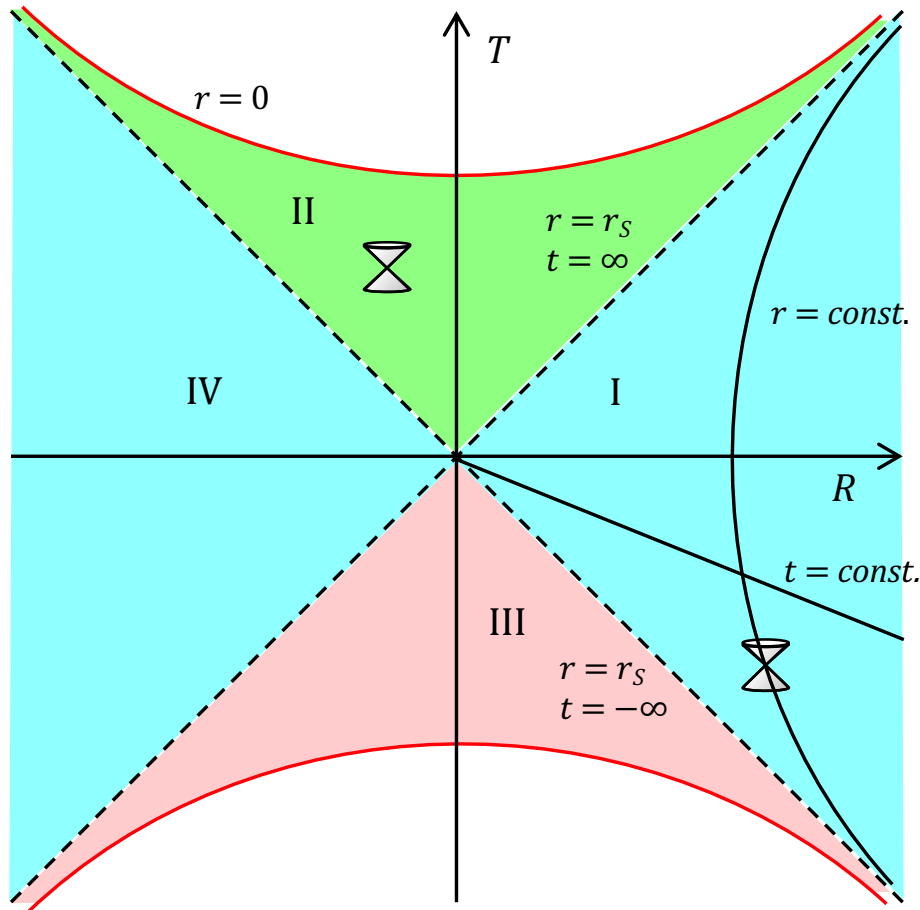
*Kruskal coordinates cover  
Schwarzschild spacetime twice!*

*Schwarzschild spacetime as a wedge in a larger spacetime (call it  
"Extended Schwarzschild spacetime") covered by Kruskal coordinates.*

**Extended Schwarzschild spacetime interval** in  $(T, R, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates:

$$ds^2 = \frac{4r_S^3}{r} e^{-r/r_S} (-dT^2 + dR^2) + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

# Extended Schwarzschild spacetime as an extension of Schwarzschild spacetime



## Region I = Schwarzschild spacetime

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Timelike Killing vector distinct from  $(\partial/\partial T)^a$

**Claim.** The event horizons  $R = \pm T$  form a bifurcate Killing horizon generated by  $(\partial/\partial t)^a$ .

Next Up: Interpret  $T = \text{const.}$  spatial slices as a wormhole that connect Regions I and IV...

## The Extended Schwarzschild Einstein-Rosen (ER) Wormhole

- Consider geometry of  $T = 0$  spatial slice in  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$  coords. Let  $\theta = \pi/2$  for simplicity:

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{2-dim surface}$$

- Embed it in 3-dim Euclidean space to visualize it:

$$ds^2 = dz^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dr}\right)^2\right] dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{3-dim Euclidean space}$$

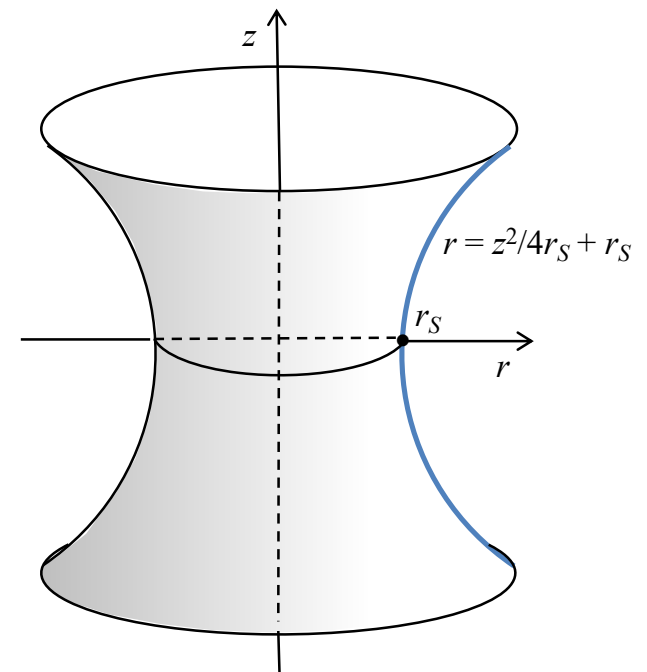
- Equate coefficients in front of  $dr^2$  and solve for  $z(r)$ :

$$\left(\frac{dz}{dr}\right)^2 = \frac{r_S}{r - r_S} \quad \Rightarrow \quad z(r) = \pm 2\sqrt{r_S} \sqrt{r - r_S}$$

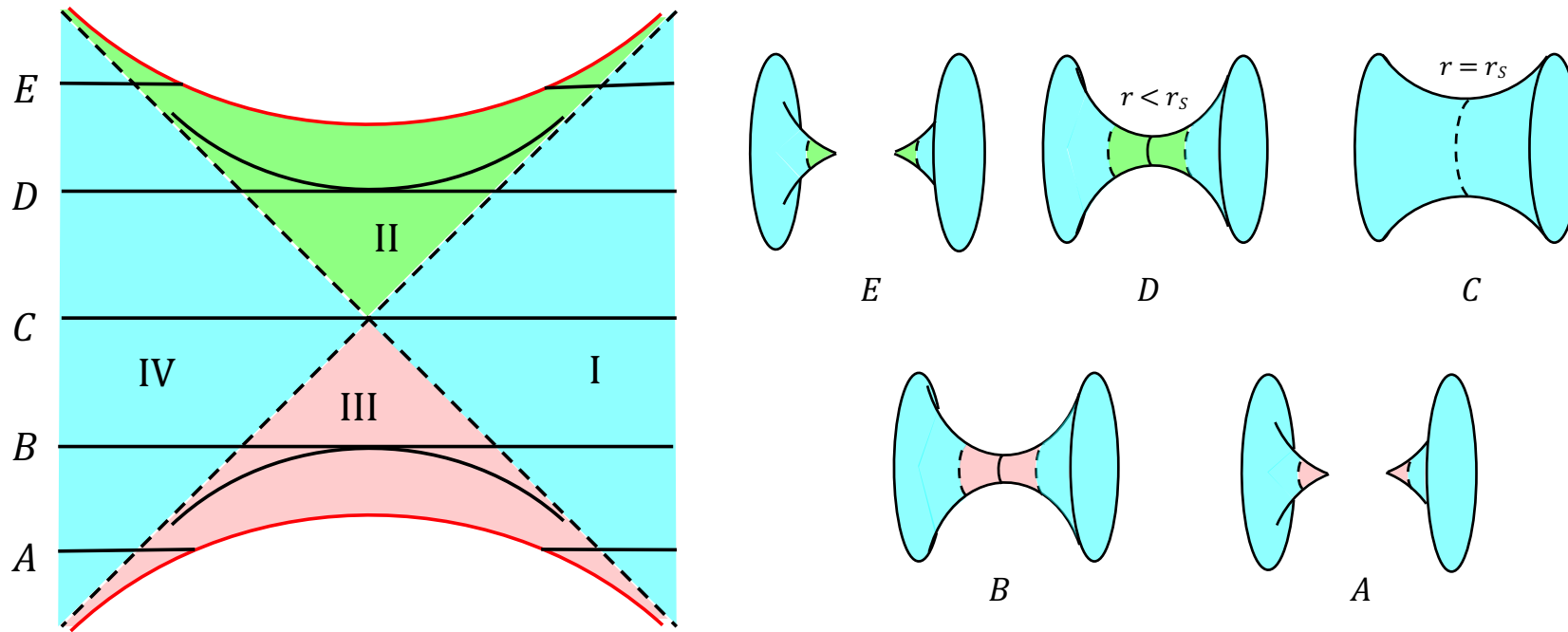
- Can now solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \frac{z^2}{4r_S} + r_S \quad \leftarrow \text{A parabola in the } r\text{-}z \text{ plane!}$$

*To get 2-dim  $T = 0$  spatial slice, rotate about  $z$ -axis to restore  $\phi$  dimension...*



# The Extended Schwarzschild Einstein-Rosen (ER) Wormhole



- Constant- $T$  spatial slices  $A, B, C, D, E$  are paraboloids of revolution.
- $C$  slice ( $T = 0$ ) has greatest minimal cross-sectional area  $4\pi r_s$ .
- $B, D$  slices have minimal cross-sectional area  $4\pi r, r < r_s$ .
- $A, E$  slices are disconnected.

## **Extended Schwarzschild ER Wormhole**

*Wormhole-at-an-instant:* Spatial slice of extended Schwarzschild spacetime

*Wormhole throat:* Region of spatial slice between left and right event horizons.

## Conformal Diagram for Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime

### Penrose Coordinates $(T'', R'')$ for Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime

$$T'' + R'' = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{T+R}{\sqrt{r_S}} \right), \quad T'' - R'' = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{T-R}{\sqrt{r_S}} \right)$$

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(1) Singularity  $r = 0$ ;  $T = \pm \sqrt{1 + R^2}$  or  $(T+R) = 1/(T-R)$

$$T'' = \begin{cases} \pi/4, & T - R > 0 \\ -\pi/4, & T - R < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tan^{-1}(1/x) = \begin{cases} \pi/2 - \tan^{-1}(x), & x > 0 \\ -\pi/2 - \tan^{-1}(x), & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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*In both cases  $R'' \in [-\pi/4, \pi/4]$*

$$0 \leq \tan^{-1}(x) < +\pi/2, \quad x > 0$$

$$-\pi/2 < \tan^{-1}(x) \leq 0, \quad x < 0$$

*$(T, R)$ -hyperbolae become  
 $(T'', R'')$ -straight lines*

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(2) Event horizon  $r = r_S$ ;  $T = \pm R$ :

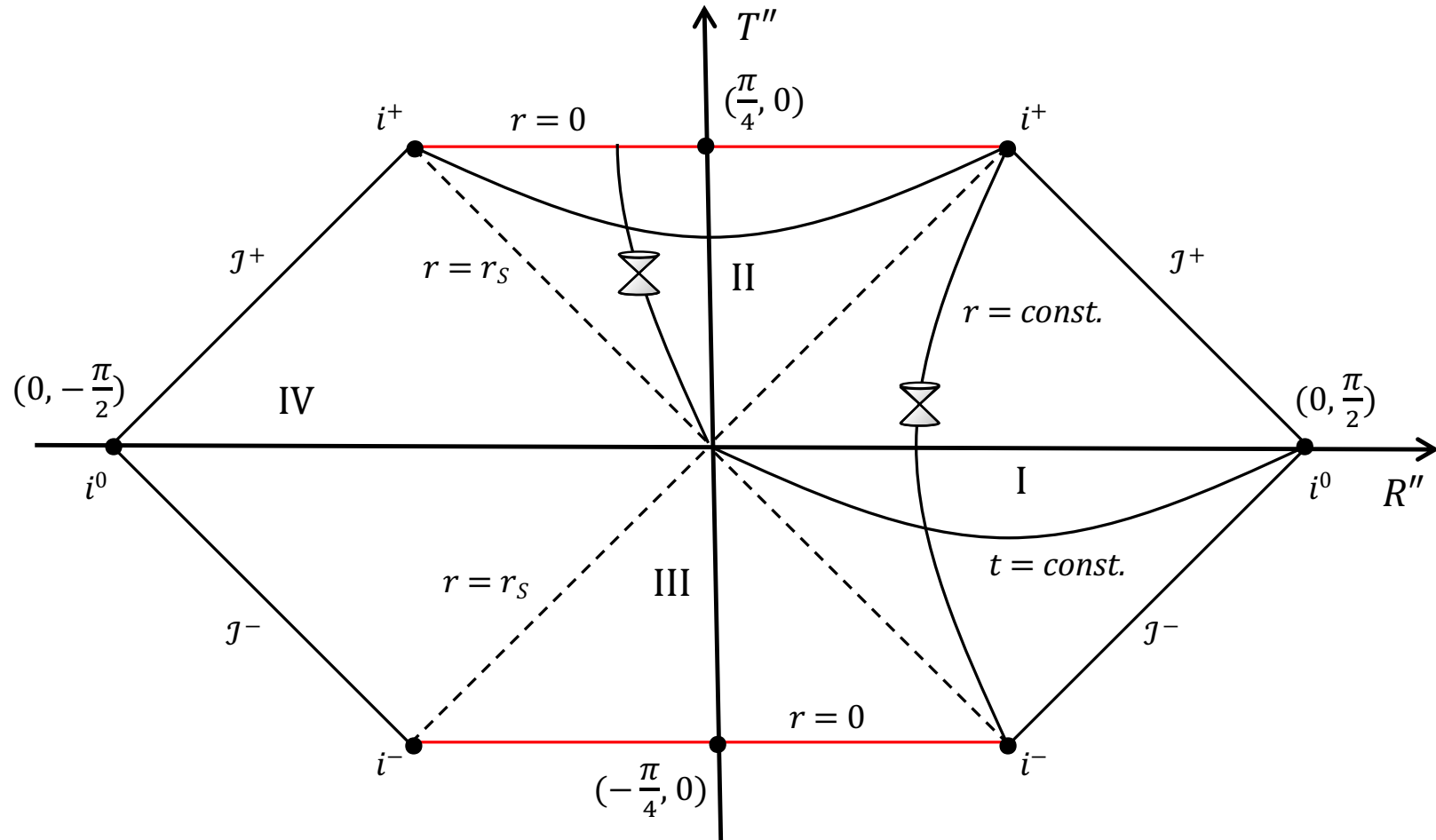
$$T'' = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2X}{\sqrt{r_S}} \right) = R'', & T = R \\ \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-2X}{\sqrt{r_S}} \right) = -R'', & T = -R \end{cases}$$

*$(T, R)$  straight lines remain  
 $(T'', R'')$  straight lines*

(3) If  $T = \pm R + \text{const.}$ , then  $T'' = \pm R'' + \text{const.}$

 *Penrose coords preserve  
invariant lightcone structure  
of Kruskal coords.*

# Conformal Diagram for Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime



### 1.3. Extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime

**Def. 4. Anti-de Sitter (AdS) spacetime** is the unique vacuum solution to the Einstein equations with constant negative curvature and spacetime interval in  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates:

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 + \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

- $a$  is radius of curvature
- As  $a \rightarrow \infty$ , curvature goes to zero, AdS interval becomes Minkowski interval.

**Def. 5. AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime** is the unique spherically symmetric vacuum solution to the Einstein equations with constant negative curvature and spacetime interval in  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates:

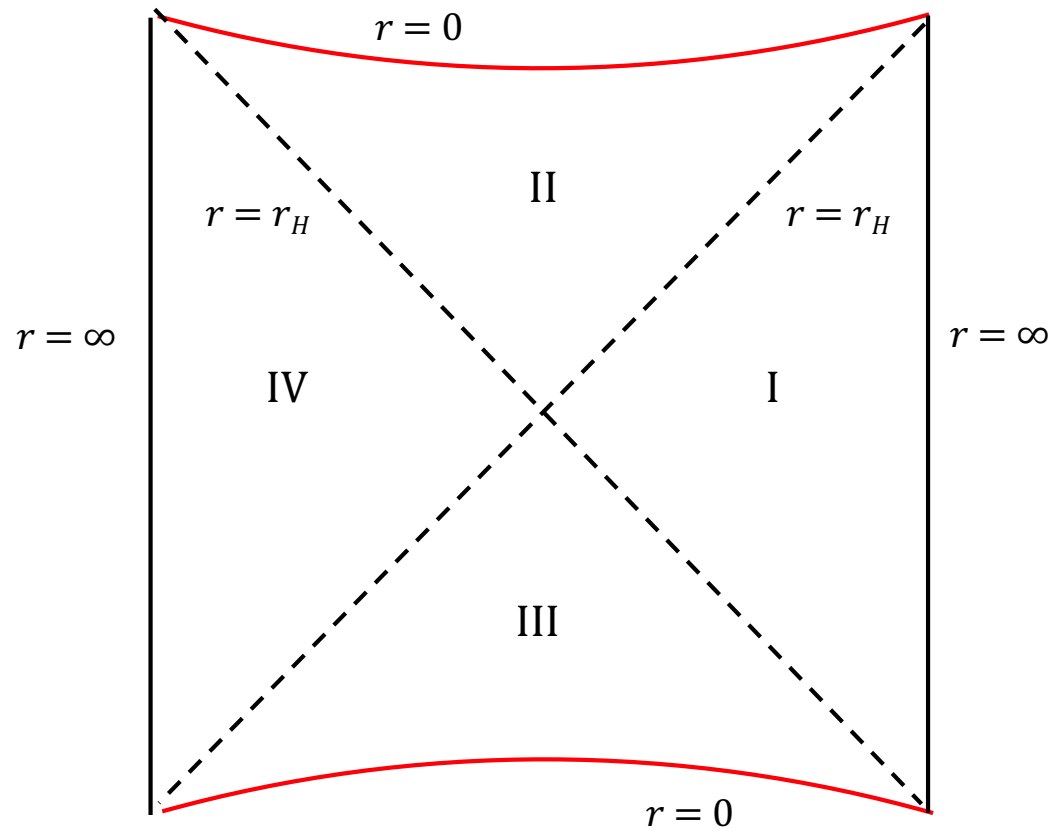
$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r} + \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r} + \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

- For large  $r$ , AdS-Schwarzschild interval becomes AdS interval.
- For small  $r$ , AdS-Schwarzschild interval becomes Schwarzschild interval.
- Coordinate singularity at the value  $r_H$  of  $r$  that solves  $1 - \frac{r_S}{r} + \frac{r^2}{a^2} = 0$

*Now: Transform to Kruskal-esque coordinates to get rid of coordinate singularity in a lightcone invariant way.*

**Claim.** Extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime admits an interpretation in terms of an ER wormhole.

## Conformal Diagram for Extended AdS-Schwarzschild Spacetime



|     | <u>Spacetime</u>  | <u>Extended Spacetime</u>  | <u>Wormhole?</u> |
|-----|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| (a) | Rindler           | Minkowski                  | no               |
| (b) | Schwarzschild     | Extended Schwarzschild     | yes              |
| (c) | AdS-Schwarzschild | Extended AdS-Schwarzschild | yes              |

*What do these spacetimes have to do with quantum entanglement?*

Story to come

- For (a), (b), (c), the vacuum state of a quantum field in the extended spacetime can be expressed as an entangled state across the left and right wedges.
- Maldacena (2003) reinterpreted entangled state in (c) as an entangled state in a boundary CFT.

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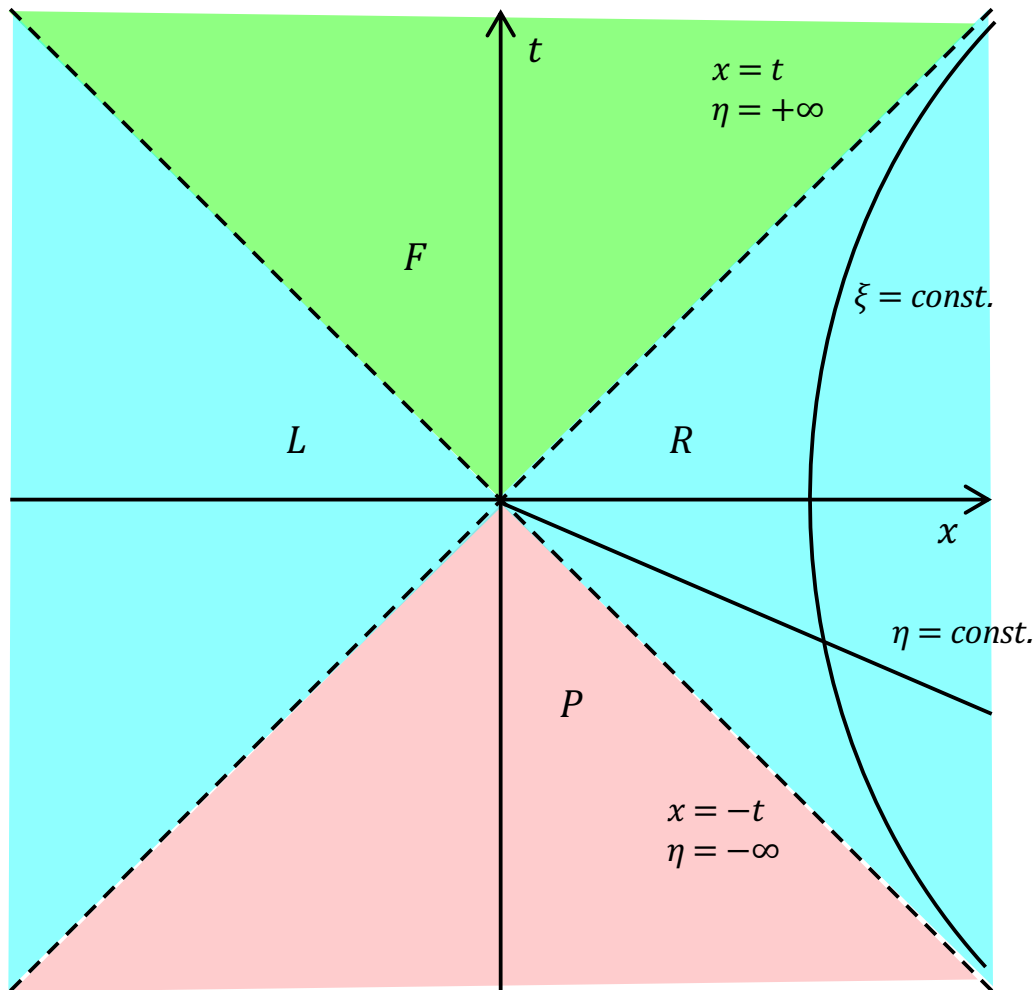
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## 2. Quantum Entanglement and Spacetime Structure

### 2.1. Quantum Entanglement in Minkowski Spacetime

**Claim.** The vacuum state of a quantum field in Minkowski spacetime can be expressed as an entangled state over the left and right Rindler wedges  $L, R$ .



*3 Routes to a demonstration...*

### Route 1: Standard Quantization Procedure

1. Decompose field into negative and positive frequency modes.
2. Equip space of pos freq solutions with inner product and complete to form single-particle Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .
3. Define multi-particle Fock space  $\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^{(n)}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^{(n)} = \bigotimes_n \mathcal{H}$ .

- Step 1 can be done in  $R$  via  $(\partial/\partial\eta)^a$  or  $(\partial/\partial t)^a$ .
  - Fock space built on  $\eta$ : Fulling representation with vacuum state  $|0_R\rangle$ .
  - Fock space built on  $t$ : Minkowski representation with vacuum state  $|0_M\rangle$ .

**Claim.** Let  $\mathcal{H}_L, \mathcal{H}_R$  be one-particle Hilbert spaces with respect to  $\pm(\partial/\partial\eta)^a$  on  $L$  and  $R$ , and let  $|0_M\rangle|_R$  be the restriction of  $|0_M\rangle$  to  $R$ . Then

$$|0_M\rangle|_R \propto \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n_L n_R\rangle$$

where  $\beta = 2\pi/\kappa$ ,  $\kappa$  = surface gravity of Killing horizon, and  $|n_L\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_L$ ,  $|n_R\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_R$  are eigenstates of energy in  $L$  and  $R$ .

**Problem:** Minkowski and Fulling representations are unitarily inequivalent!

## Route 2: Euclidean Path Integral Procedure

1. Express  $\langle \phi | 0_M \rangle$  as a Euclidean path integral  $\text{Int}_E[t_E, \phi]$ .
2. Change variables:  $\text{Int}_E[t_E, \phi] \rightarrow \text{Int}_E[\pm \eta_E, \phi_L, \phi_R]$ .
3. Express  $\text{Int}_E[\pm \eta_E, \phi_L, \phi_R]$  as a transition amplitude  $\langle \phi_L \phi_R | [\dots] | n_L n_R \rangle$ .

$$t_E = it$$

$$\eta_E = i\eta$$

**Step 1.**  $\langle \phi | 0_M \rangle \propto \lim_{t_E \rightarrow \infty} \langle \phi | e^{-t_E H} | \chi \rangle \propto \int_{\phi(t_E = -\infty) = \chi}^{\phi(t_E = 0) = \phi} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S}$

*Path integral over field configurations between  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  in lower half of Euclidean spacetime  $-\infty < t_E < 0$ .*

*Argument (1):  $t_E$  evolution "damps" out excited states.*

*Argument (2): At finite temperatures  $t_E = 1/\text{temp}$ ; hence large  $t_E$  states are low temperature states.*

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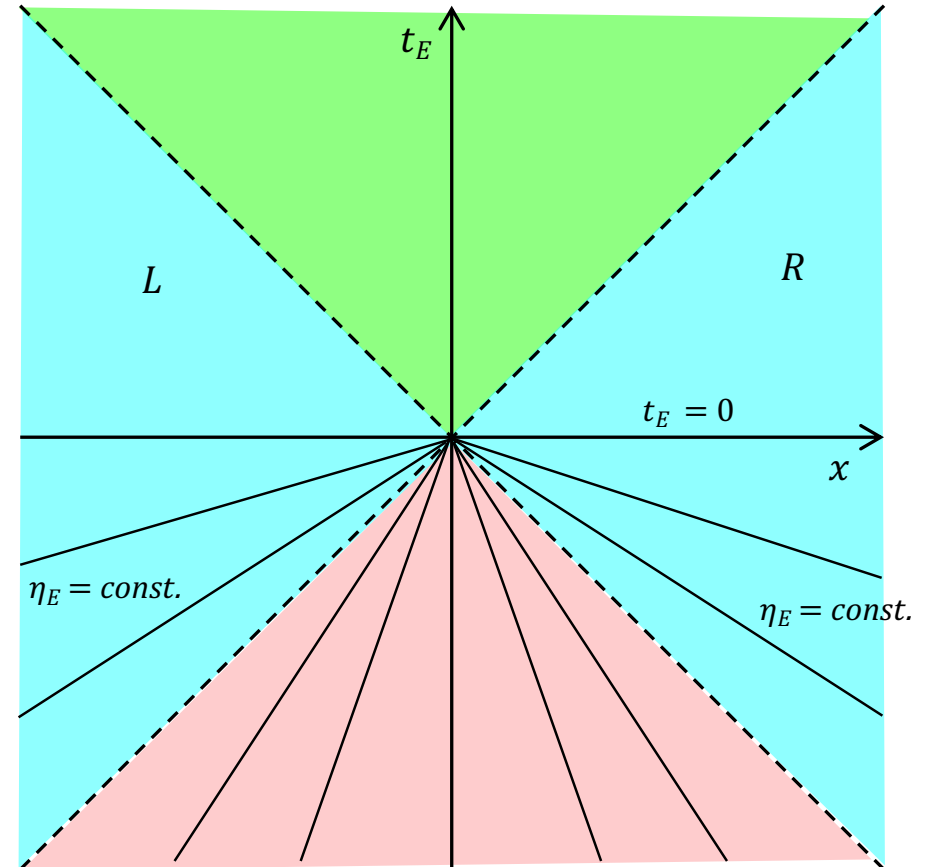
Harlow (2016)  
Jacobson (2013)  
Hartman (2015)

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**Step 2.** 
$$\int_{\phi(t_E=-\infty)=\chi}^{\phi(t_E=0)=\phi} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S} = \int_{\phi(\eta_E=\pi)=\Theta\phi_L}^{\phi(\eta_E=2\pi)=\phi_R} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S}$$

*Antiunitary  $\Theta = CP^1T$   
maps  $\mathcal{H}_L$  to  $\mathcal{H}_R$ .*



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3. Express  $\text{Int}_E[\pm \eta_E, \phi_L, \phi_R]$  as a transition amplitude  $\langle \phi_L \phi_R | [\dots] | n_L n_R \rangle$ .

$$t_E = it$$

$$\eta_E = i\eta$$

**Step 3.** 
$$\int_{\phi(\eta_E=\pi)=\Theta\phi_L}^{\phi(\eta_E=2\pi)=\phi_R} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S} \propto \langle \phi_R | e^{-\pi H_\eta} \Theta | \phi_L \rangle$$

$$= \sum_n e^{-\pi E_n} \langle \phi_R | n_R \rangle \langle n_R | \Theta | \phi_L \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Complete set of eigenstates of } H_\eta$$

$$= \sum_n e^{-\pi E_n} \langle \phi_R | n_R \rangle \langle \phi_L | \Theta^\dagger | n_R \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Antilinearity of } \Theta$$

$$= \sum_n e^{-\pi E_n} \langle \phi_L \phi_R | n_L^* n_R \rangle$$

• So:  $\langle \phi | 0_M \rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\pi E_n} \langle \phi_L \phi_R | n_L^* n_R \rangle$

• Hence (?):  $|0_M\rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\pi E_n} |n_L^* n_R\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{Problem: Minkowski and Fulling representations are unitarily inequivalent!}$

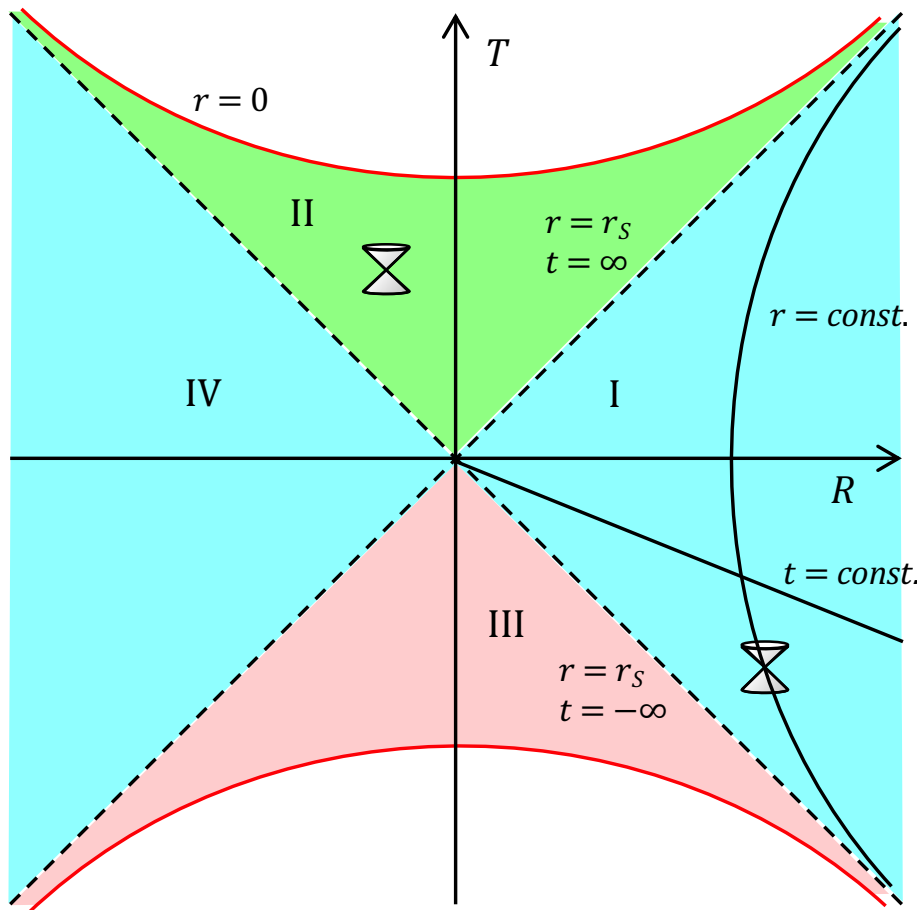
**Claim.** The vacuum state of a quantum field in Minkowski spacetime can be expressed as an entangled state over the left and right Rindler wedges  $L, R$ .

Route 3 Options:

- Insert cut-off; or,
- Appeal to Reeh-Schiedler Theorem for general claim concerning vacuum entanglement across spacelike separated regions.

## 2.2. Quantum Entanglement in Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime

**Claim.** The vacuum state of a quantum field in extended Schwarzschild spacetime can be expressed as an entangled state over regions IV and I.



### Quick and Dirty Argument

1. Near  $r = r_s$ , Schwarzschild spacetime is identical to Rindler spacetime.
2. Thus, near  $r = r_s$ ,

$$|0_{HH}\rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n_{IV}^* n_I\rangle$$

$\swarrow$   $\beta = 4\pi r_s$

"Hartle-Hawking"  
vacuum state for Fock  
space built on  $T$ .

## Euclidean Path Integral Procedure

1. For Euclidean Schwarzschild spacetime  $t_E$  is periodic:  $t_E = t_E + 4\pi r_S$ .
2. Express  $\langle \phi | 0_{HH} \rangle$  as a Euclidean path integral  $\text{Int}_E[t_E, \phi]$ .
3. Express  $\text{Int}_E[t_E, \phi]$  as a transition amplitude  $\langle \phi_L \phi_R | [\cdots] | n_L n_R \rangle$ .

**Step 1.** Euclidean Schwarzschild interval in  $(t_E, r)$  coordinates:

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right) dt_E^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2$$

- Let  $\rho = 2r_S \sqrt{1 - \frac{r_S}{r}}$

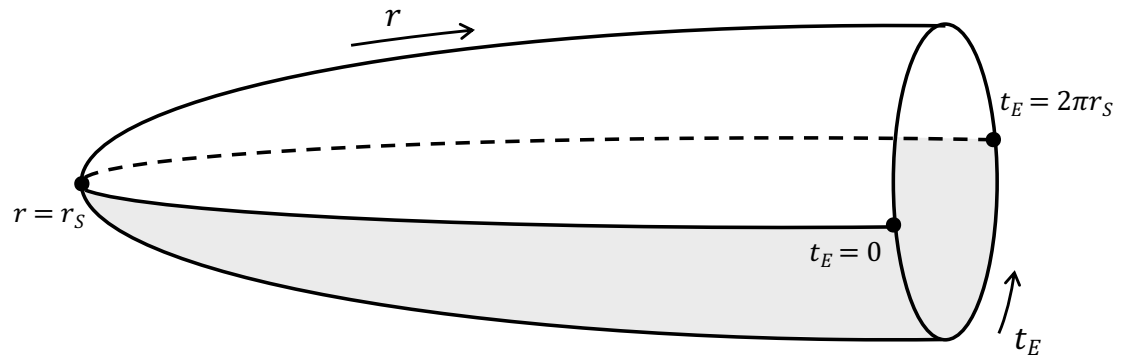
- For  $r \sim r_S$ :

$$ds^2 = \rho^2 \left( \frac{dt_E}{2r_S} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r}{r_S} \right)^2 d\rho^2$$

$$\approx \rho^2 \left( \frac{dt_E}{2r_S} \right)^2 + d\rho^2$$

*Looks like flat Euclidean space in polar coordinates*  
 $ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2$

*Singularity at  $\rho = 0$  ( $r = r_S$ ) can be treated as origin of 2-dim Euclidean plane, provided  $t_E$  plays role of angular polar coordinate:*



$$\frac{t_E}{2r_S} \equiv \theta = \theta + 2\pi$$

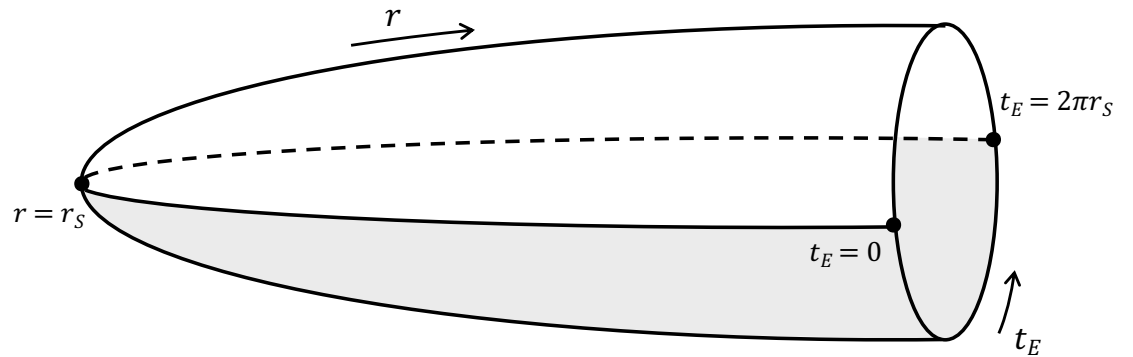
or  $t_E = t_E + 4\pi r_S$

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Path integral over field configs between  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  in lower half of Euclidean Schwarzschild spacetime  $0 < t_E < 2\pi r_S$ .



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← Problem:  $|0_{HH}\rangle$  and  $|n_L^* n_R\rangle$  belong to unitarily inequivalent representations!

## Part 1: Review and Initial Motivation

### 1. ER Wormholes

- *Warm-Up: Minkowski Spacetime*
- *Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime*
- *Extended AdS-Schwarzschild Spacetime*

### 2. Quantum Entanglement and Spacetime Structure

- *Quantum Entanglement in Minkowski Spacetime*
- *Quantum Entanglement in Extended Schwarzschild Spacetime*

### 3. Initial Motivation: Maldacena's (2003) Example

- *Extended AdS-Schwarzschild Spacetime and the CFT Thermofield Double State*

### 3. Maldacena's (2003) Example

- First glance: Quantum entanglement in extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime.
- New element: An appeal to the AdS-CFT correspondence to justify this expression.
- Alternatively: An appeal to this expression to justify an entry in the AdS-CFT dictionary.

**Old Claim.** The vacuum state of a quantum field in extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime can be expressed as an entangled state over regions IV and I.

**Maldacena's Proposal.** Under the AdS/CFT dictionary, extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime is dual to a CFT thermofield double state.

## Prelude: Thermofield double state

- For a given QFT with Hamiltonian  $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$ ,  $|n\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ , consider thermal mixed state:

$$\rho = e^{-\beta H} = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} |n\rangle\langle n|, \quad \beta = 1/\text{temperature}$$

- Now "purify"  $\rho$ : find a pure state of a larger system such that  $\rho$  is the reduced density operator for a given bi-partition.

**Thermofield double state** = purification of a thermal state  $\rho$  obtained by:

- Doubling degrees of freedom to form  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$  are copies of  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- Constructing pure state  $|\text{TFD}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$  such that  $\rho = \text{Tr}_2(|\text{TFD}\rangle\langle\text{TFD}|)$

- Result:

$$|\text{TFD}\rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n_1 n_2\rangle$$



*Standard interpretation:  
physical system (subsystem 1)  
in thermal equilibrium with a  
heat bath (subsystem 2).*

*Looks like entangled vacuum state  
of a QFT across left and right  
wedges of a spacetime admitting a  
bifurcate Killing horizon!*

## What does this have to do with AdS/CFT?

1. Take  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$  to be two copies of a CFT.
2. Express  $\langle \phi | \text{TFD} \rangle$  as a Euclidean path integral  $\text{Int}_E[t_E, \phi]$  over a spatiotemporal region  $\mathcal{S} = \Sigma \times \text{Interval}_{t_E}$ .
3. Use AdS/CFT dictionary to identify corresponding bulk spacetime.

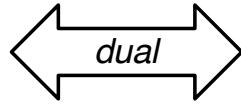
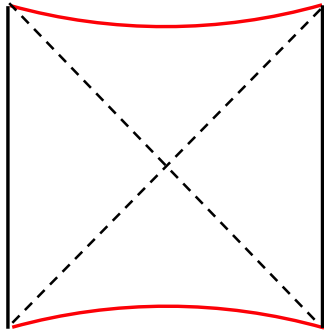
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*Path integral over field configs between  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  on  $\mathcal{S} = \Sigma \times [0, \beta/2]$*

**Step 3.** AdS/CFT dictionary:

$$Z_{\text{bulk}}[\partial M = \mathcal{S}] = Z_{\text{CFT}}[\mathcal{S}]$$

*Boundary of lower half of Euclidean extended AdS-Schwarzschild spacetime =  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \times [0, \beta/2]$ ,  
 $\beta = 4\pi r_S!$*



$$|\text{TFD}\rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n_1 n_2\rangle$$

### Two Interpretations:

Maldacena & Susskind (2013)

1. A single black hole in thermal equilibrium.

$$H_{\text{TFD}} = H_1 - H_2, \quad H_{\text{TFD}} |\text{TFD}\rangle = 0 |\text{TFD}\rangle$$

- 2a. Two entangled black holes in disconnected spaces I, IV with a common time.

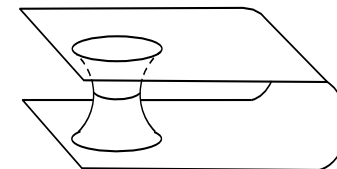
$$H_{\text{TFD}} = H_1 + H_2$$

$$|\text{TFD}(t)\rangle \propto \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} e^{-iE_n t} |n_1^* n_2\rangle$$

- 2b. Two distant entangled black holes in the same space.

← "Two-sided" black hole

A "rather suprising consequence":  
 "two completely noninteracting systems can nonetheless have an alternate description where there is a single connected geometry where observers from the right and the left can jump in and meet each other in the middle." (Harlow 2016, pg. 40)



| <u>Spacetime</u>  | <u>Extended Spacetime</u>  | <u>Wormhole?</u> | <u>Entangled State</u>                                           |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rindler           | Minkowski                  | no               | $ 0_M\rangle \propto \sum e^{-\beta E_n/2}  n_L^* n_R\rangle$    |
| Schwarzschild     | Extended Schwarzschild     | yes              | $ 0_{HH}\rangle \propto \sum e^{-\beta E_n/2}  n_L^* n_R\rangle$ |
| AdS-Schwarzschild | Extended AdS-Schwarzschild | yes              | $ TFD\rangle \propto \sum e^{-\beta E_n/2}  n_1^* n_2\rangle$    |

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