

Entanglement and the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy

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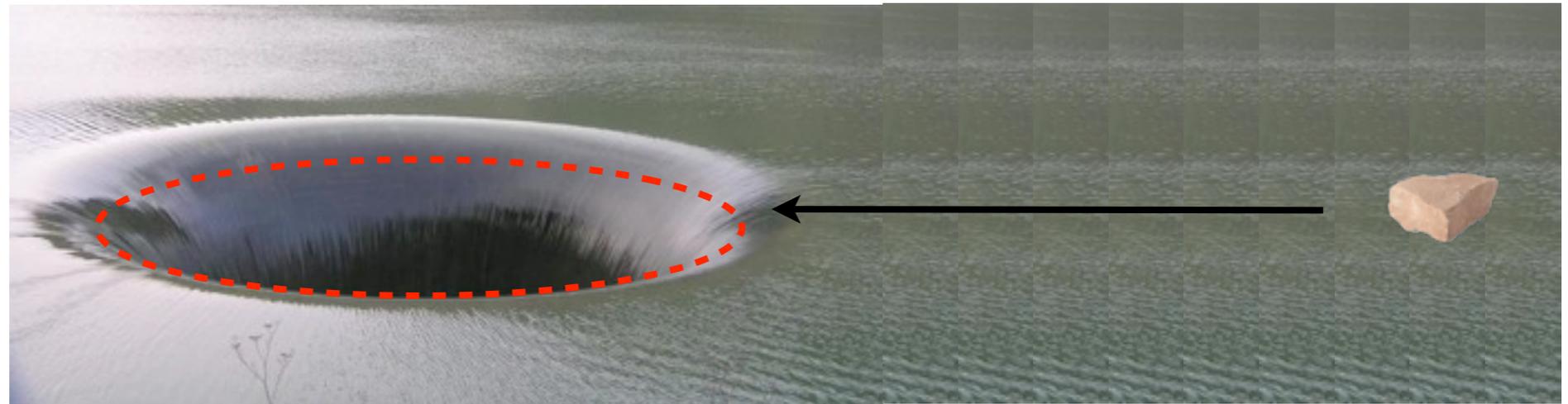


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Process:



matter falling in

M

A

δE

area increases

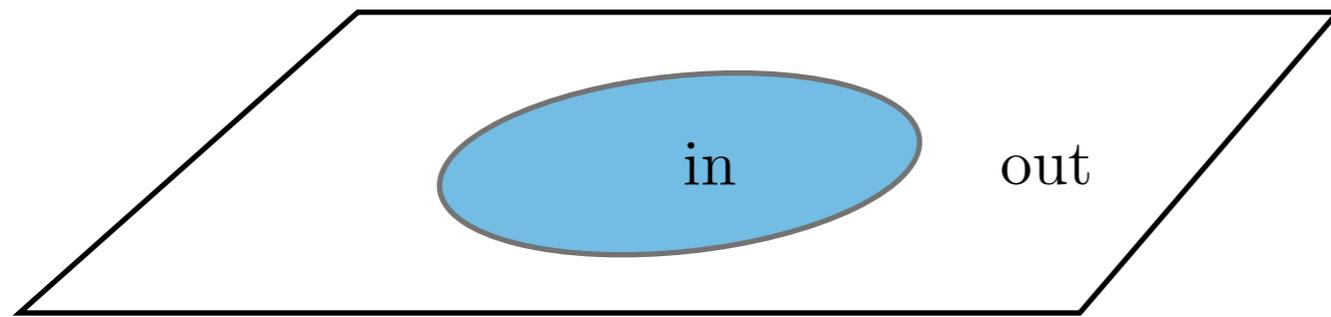
$M + \delta E$

$A + \delta A$

Entropy change δS_{BH}

$$\delta S_{BH} = \frac{\kappa c^3}{\hbar} \frac{\delta A}{4G}$$

Puzzle: the entropy of what?



Vacuum state $|0\rangle$
on Minkowski space

- Reduced density matrix $\rho_0 = \text{Tr}_{\text{in}}|0\rangle\langle 0|$
- Entropy due to correlations at space-like separations

$$S_0 = -\text{Tr}_{\text{out}}(\rho_0 \log \rho_0) = +\infty$$

- Divergent: introduce UV cut-off

$$S_0 = \underline{c_0 A_0 \Lambda^2} + c_1 \log \Lambda + c_2$$

Related to BH entropy?

$$\Lambda \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \Rightarrow S_0 \sim c_0 \frac{A_0}{G}$$

Problems:

- 1/4
- species

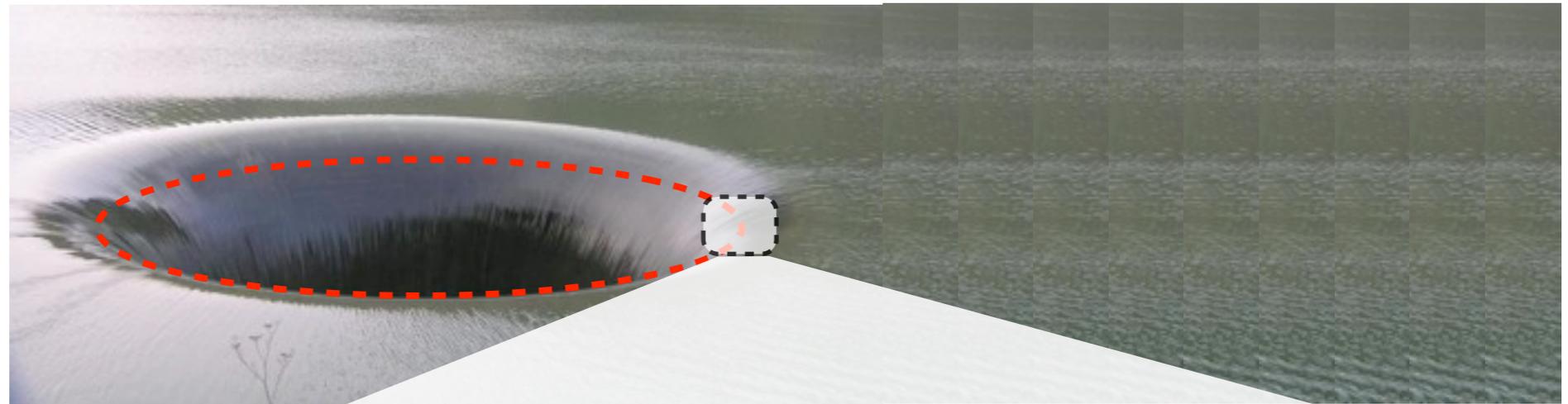
New result:

[arXiv:1211.0522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.0522)

in low-energy processes

$$\delta S_{\text{ent}} = \text{finite and universal} = \frac{\delta A}{4G}$$

Causal horizon



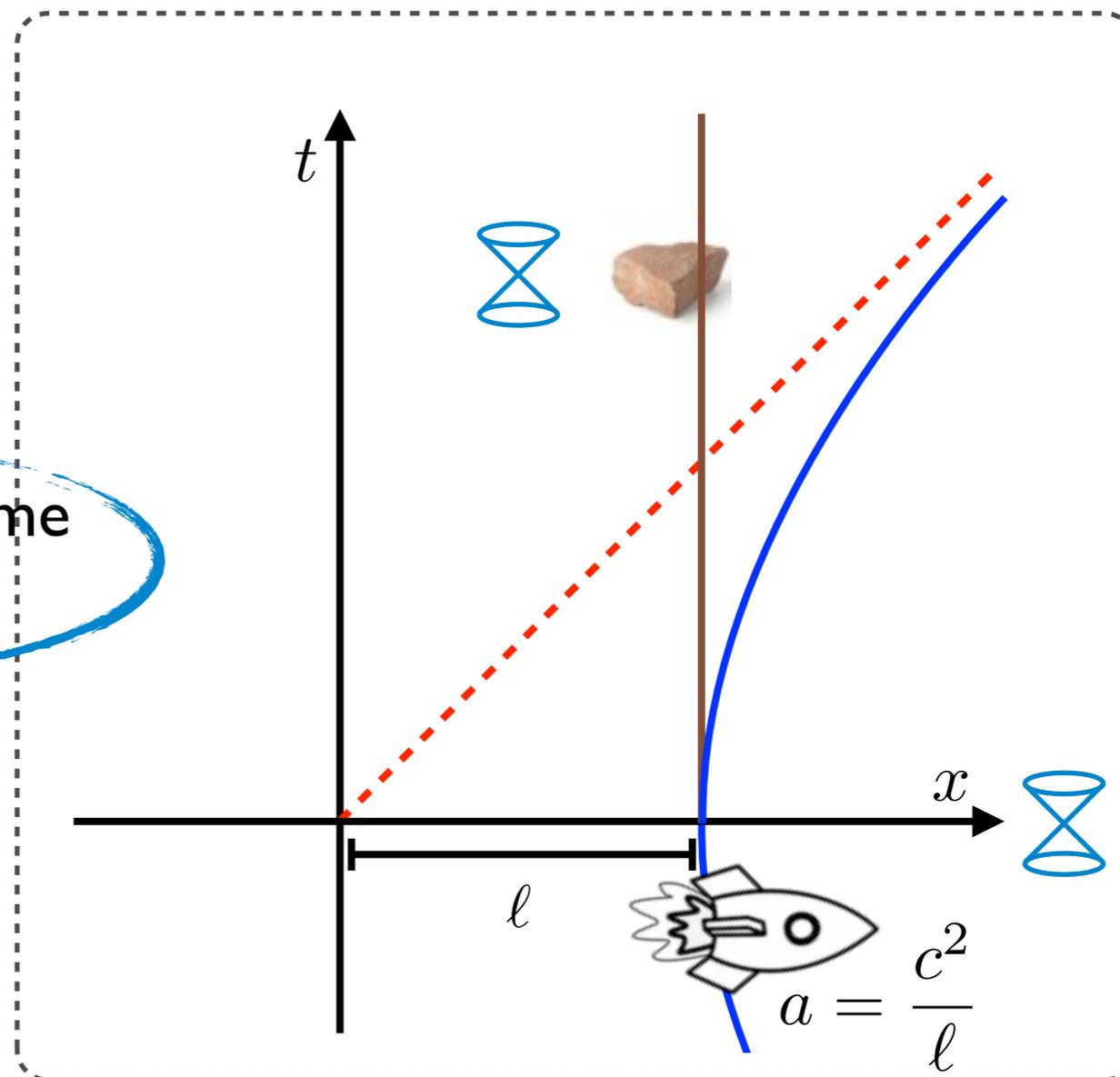
Horizon radius:

$$R_H = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

Minkowski space-time
at scales $d \ll R_H$

Curvature at the horizon:

$$R^\mu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} \sim \frac{1}{R_H^2}$$



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- I. Perturbative quantum gravity
- II. The perturbed Rindler horizon
- III. Entanglement and thermality
- IV. Area law for entanglement perturbations

I. Perturbative quantum gravity

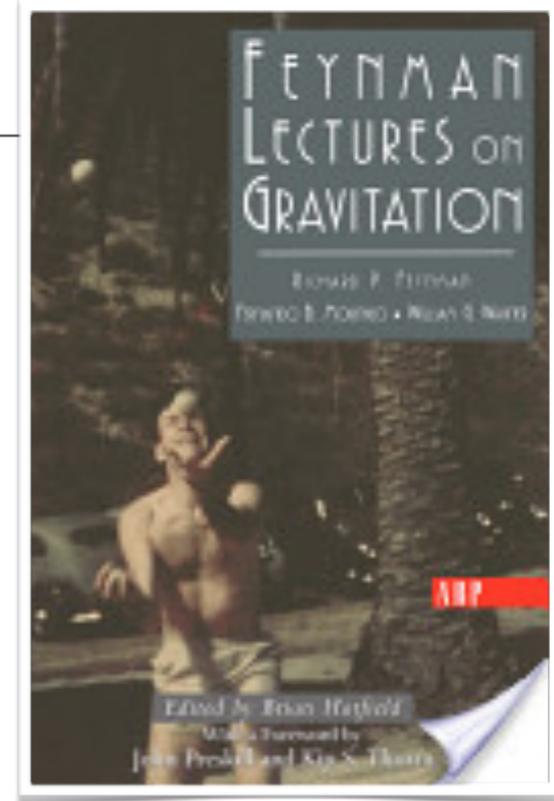
- Minkowski space-time

- Graviton field $h_{\mu\nu}$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{32\pi G} h_{\mu\nu}$$

- Action: (Einstein-Hilbert + matter; perturbative)

$$I = I_{\text{grav}}[h_{\mu\nu}] + I_{\text{matt}}[\phi] + \sqrt{8\pi G} \int d^4x h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$$



E.O.M.

$$(*) \quad \square h_{\mu\nu} = -\sqrt{8\pi G} \left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} T^\rho{}_\rho \right)$$

(Harmonic gauge $\partial^\mu h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\nu h^\mu{}_\mu$)

Energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} \sim (\partial h)^2 + (\partial \phi)^2 + \sqrt{8\pi G} (\dots)$$

↑
gravitons

↑
matter

Entanglement and gravity

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II. The Rindler horizon

Minkowski space-time

Cartesian coord. $x^\mu = (t, x, y, z)$

Rindler coord. (η, ρ, y, z)

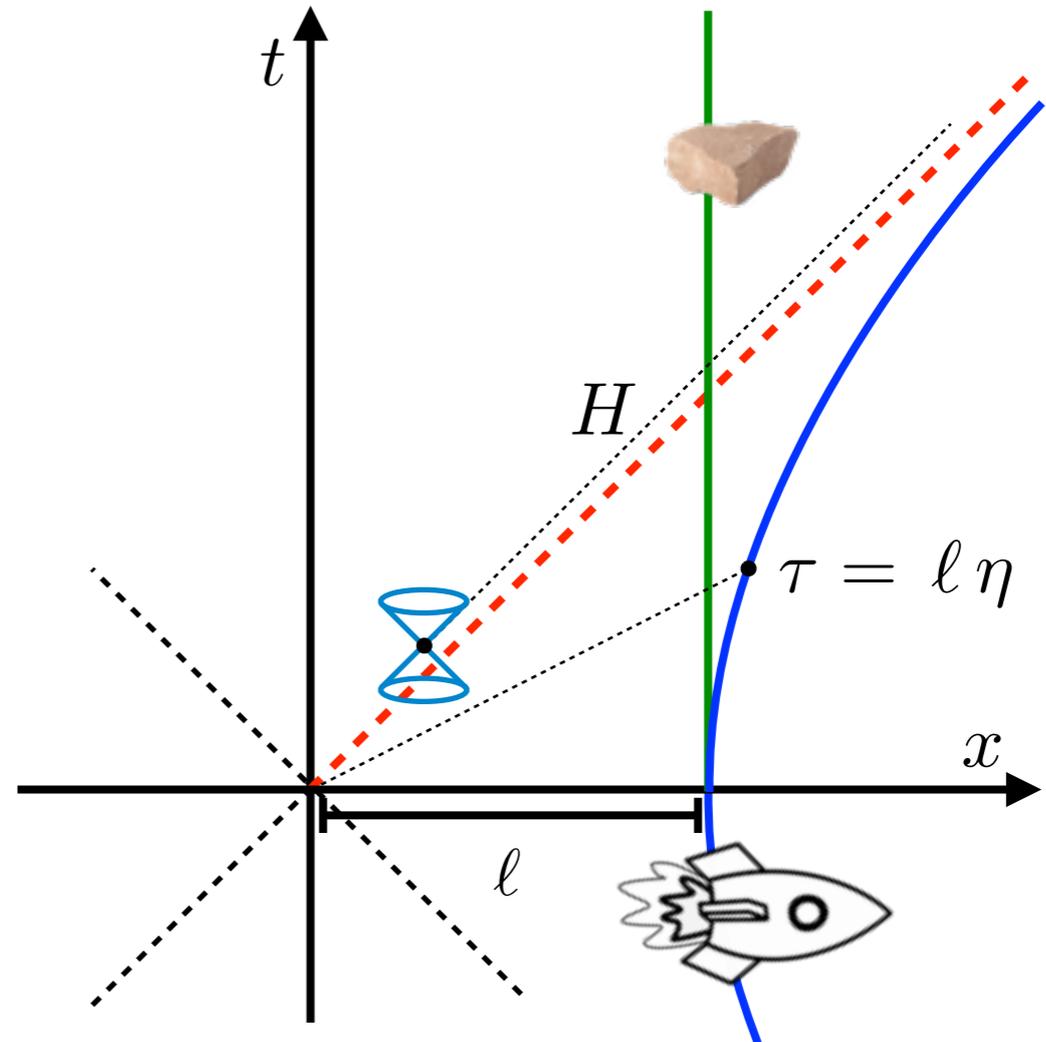
$$\begin{cases} t = \rho \sinh \eta \\ x = \rho \cosh \eta \end{cases}$$

Metric

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \\ &= -\rho^2 d\eta^2 + d\rho^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \end{aligned}$$

Accelerated observer at $\rho = \ell$: proper time $\tau = \ell \eta$, acceleration $a = \frac{1}{\ell}$

Rindler Horizon H : light-like surface (v, y, z) with $v = t + x$



II. The perturbed Rindler horizon

- Collimated beam of light rays
- Energy crossing the beam

Gravity is attractive: it focuses light rays

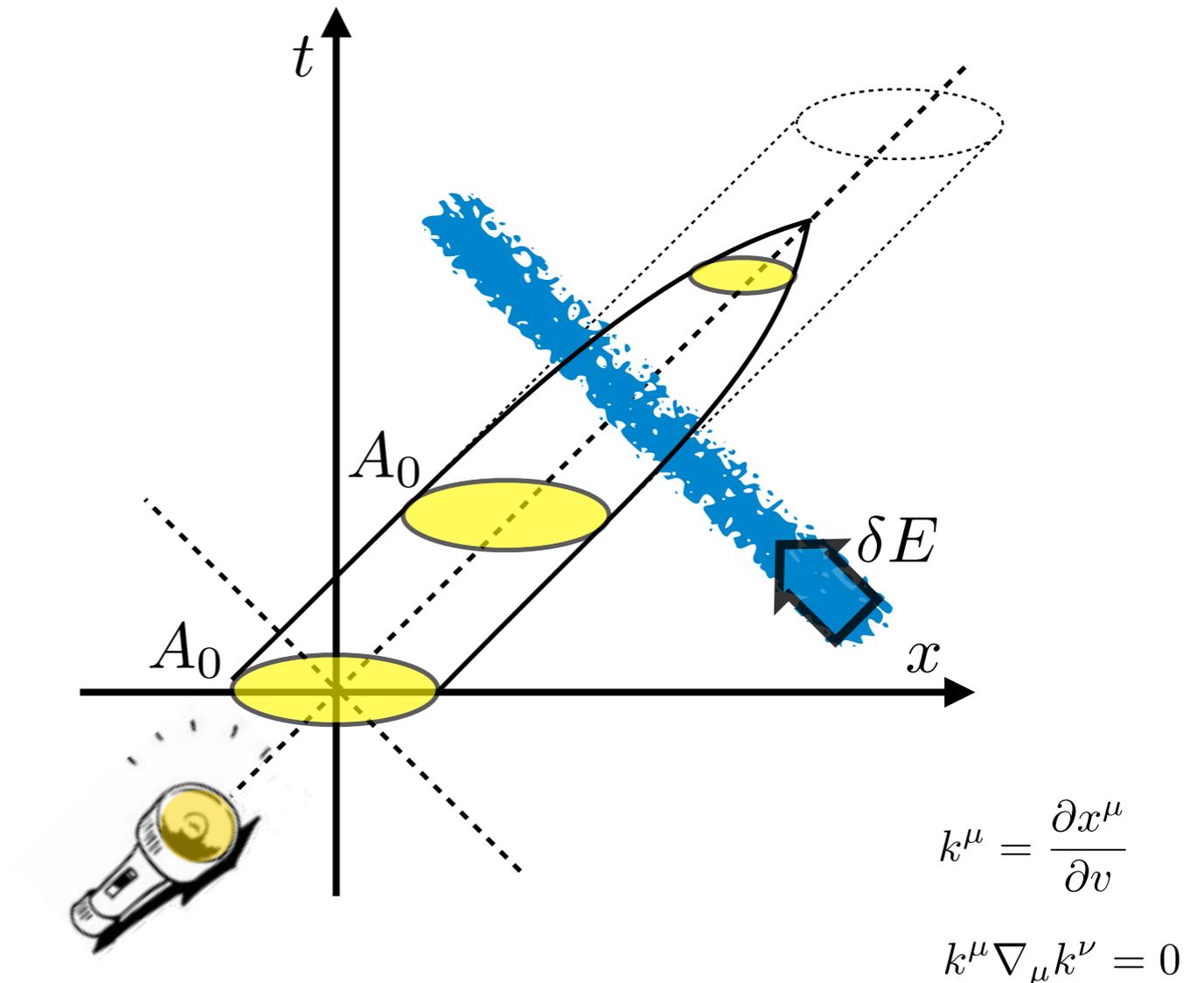
Perturbatively:

interaction $h_{\mu\nu}$ with light rays

In GR:

curvature \Rightarrow geodesic deviation

expansion, Raychaudhuri eq.



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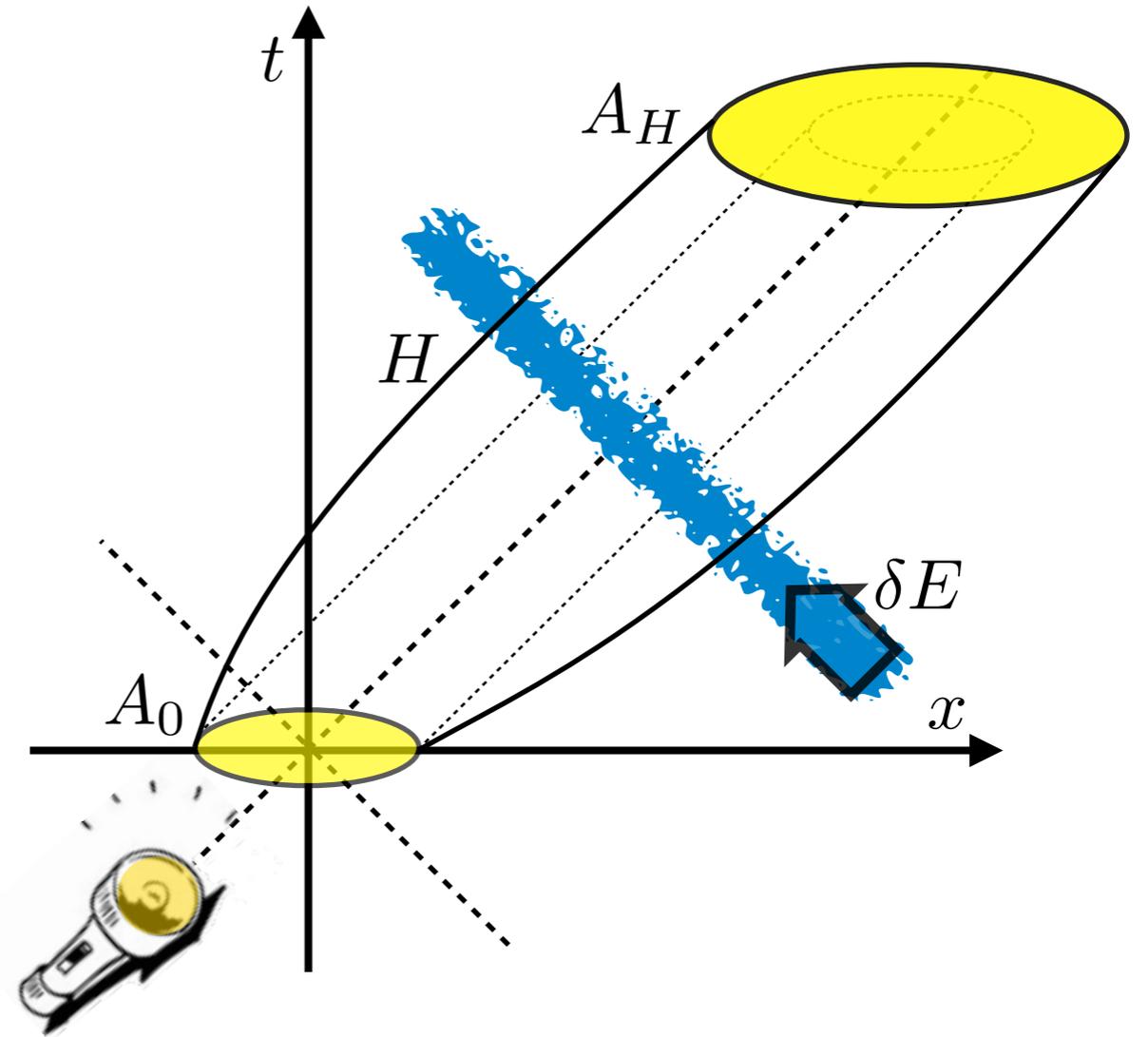
Event horizon:

Light rays finely
balanced between

- out of sight
- reach infinity

Gravity is attractive: it focuses light rays

⇒ diverging beam so that collimated at infinity



Area increase:

$$A_H = A_0 + \sqrt{8\pi G} \int_H (-\square h_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu) v dv dy dz$$

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II. Rindler energy

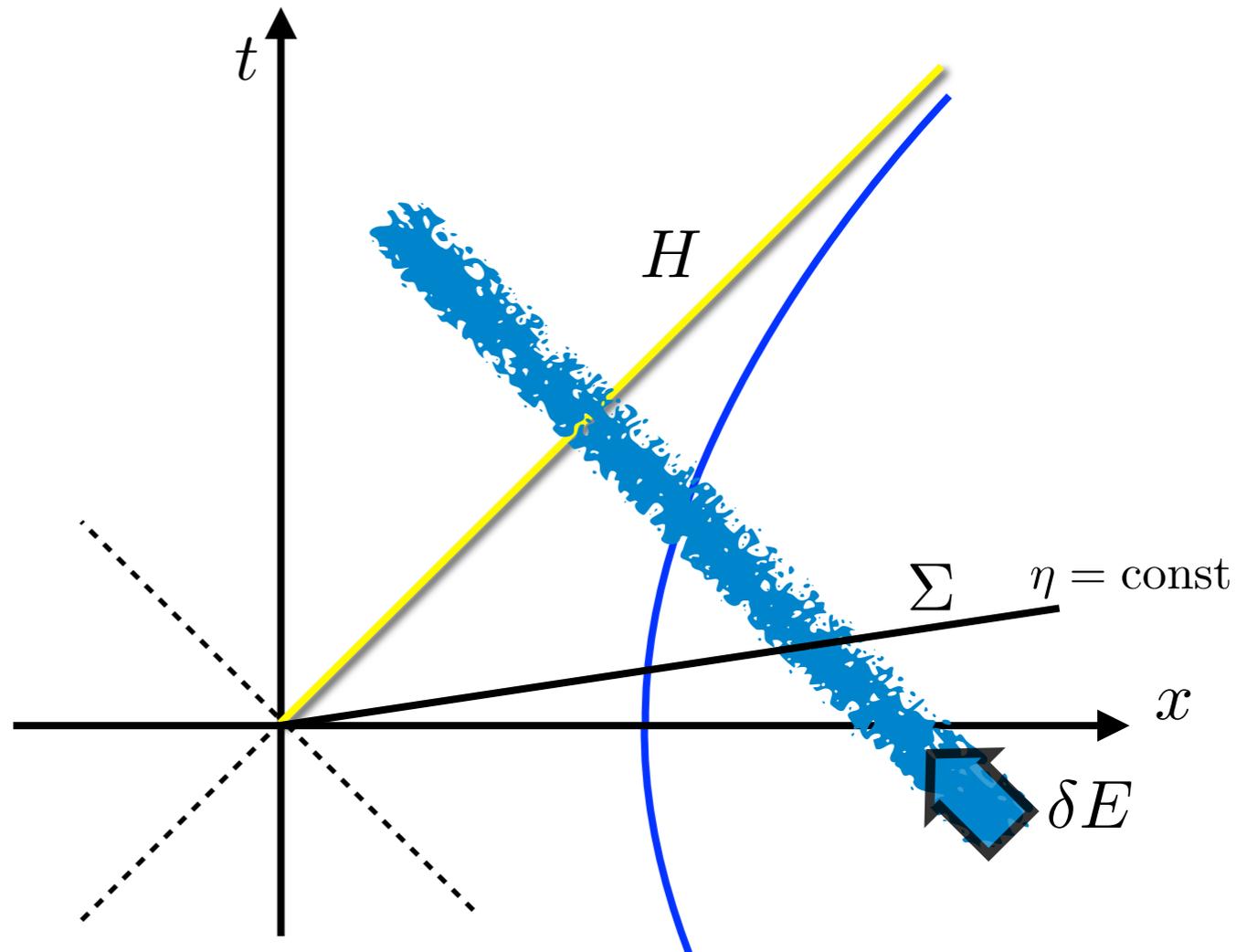
Rindler energy: $\chi^\mu = \text{boost Killing vector}$

$$K = \int T_{\mu\nu} \chi^\mu d\Sigma^\nu$$

$$= \int_H T_{\mu\nu} v k^\mu dH^\nu$$

$$= \int_H T_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu v dv dy dz$$

(***)



Energy flux through the horizon, $u^\mu = a\chi^\mu$

$$\delta E = \int_H T_{\mu\nu} u^\mu dH^\nu$$

$$= a K$$

$$\chi^\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \eta}$$

$$d\Sigma^\mu = \chi^\mu \rho^{-1} d\rho dy dz$$

$$k^\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial v}$$

$$dH^\mu = k^\mu dv dy dz$$

$$\chi^\mu \stackrel{H}{=} v k^\mu$$

$$d\Sigma^\mu \stackrel{H}{=} dH^\mu$$

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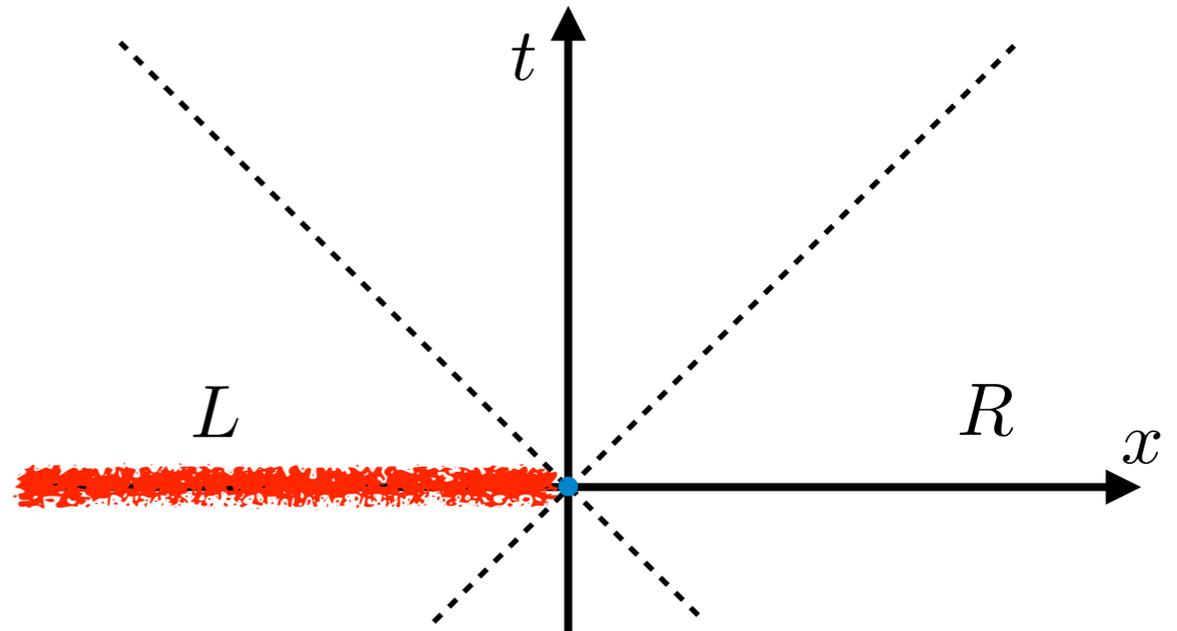
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Free field, Minkowski vacuum

$$|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_n e^{-\pi\epsilon_n} |\bar{n}_L\rangle \otimes |n_R\rangle$$

$$K|n\rangle = \epsilon_n|n\rangle$$



Minkowski vacuum, interacting QFT, $\varphi_L = (h_{\mu\nu}^L, \phi_L)$

$$|\Omega\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \int D\varphi_L D\varphi_R (\langle\varphi_L|e^{-\pi K}|\varphi_R\rangle) |\varphi_L\rangle \otimes |\varphi_R\rangle$$

Reduced density matrix: Gibbs state at temperature $T_{\text{geom}} = \frac{1}{2\pi}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &= \text{Tr}_R |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| \\ &= \int D\varphi_L |\langle\varphi_L|\Omega\rangle|^2 = \frac{e^{-2\pi K}}{Z} \end{aligned}$$

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$$(***) \quad \rho_0 = \frac{e^{-2\pi K}}{Z}$$

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IV. Entanglement perturbations and universality

Entanglement entropy of the vacuum

$$S_{\text{ent}}(|\Omega\rangle) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_0 \log \rho_0)$$

*If you can't change anything,
you are not doing thermodynamics*

IV. Low-energy perturbation of the vacuum

Excited state $|\mathcal{E}\rangle$, $\rho_1 = \text{Tr}_L |\mathcal{E}\rangle\langle\mathcal{E}|$ $S_{\text{ent}}(|\mathcal{E}\rangle) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_1 \log \rho_1)$

Entanglement entropy perturbation $\delta S_{\text{ent}} = S_{\text{ent}}(|\mathcal{E}\rangle) - S_{\text{ent}}(|\Omega\rangle)$

$\|\delta\rho\| \ll 1$, $\delta\rho = \rho_1 - \rho_0$

$\delta S_{\text{ent}} = -\delta \text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho) = -\text{Tr}(\delta\rho \log \rho_0) - \cancel{\text{Tr}(\rho_0 \frac{1}{\rho_0} \delta\rho)}$

$(\ast\ast\ast) = 2\pi \text{Tr}(K \delta\rho) + \log Z \cancel{\text{Tr}(\delta\rho)}$

$\text{Tr}(\delta\rho) = 0$

$(\ast\ast) = 2\pi \text{Tr}\left(\int_H T_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu v dv dy dy \delta\rho\right)$

$(\ast) = 2\pi \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi G}} \text{Tr}\left(\int_H -\square h_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu v dv dy dy \delta\rho\right)$

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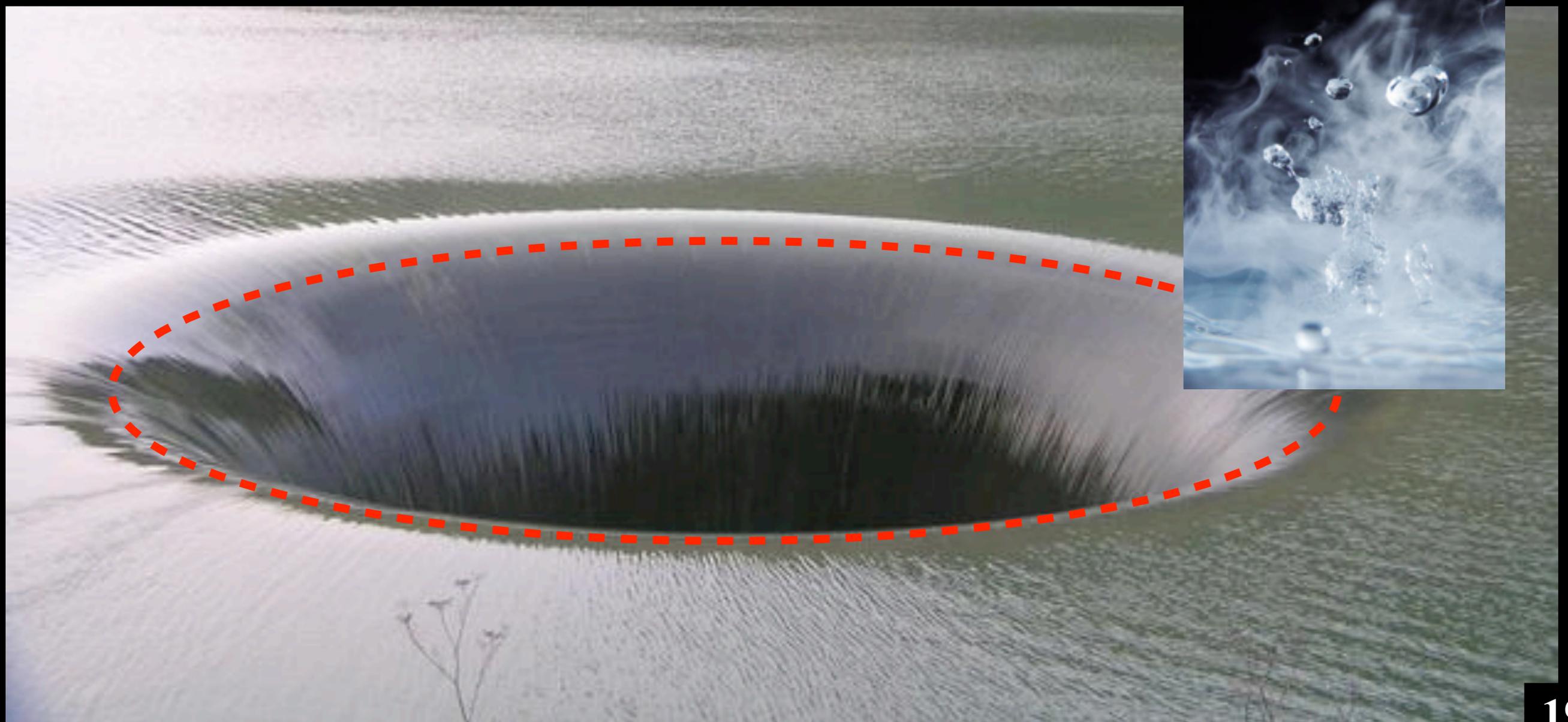
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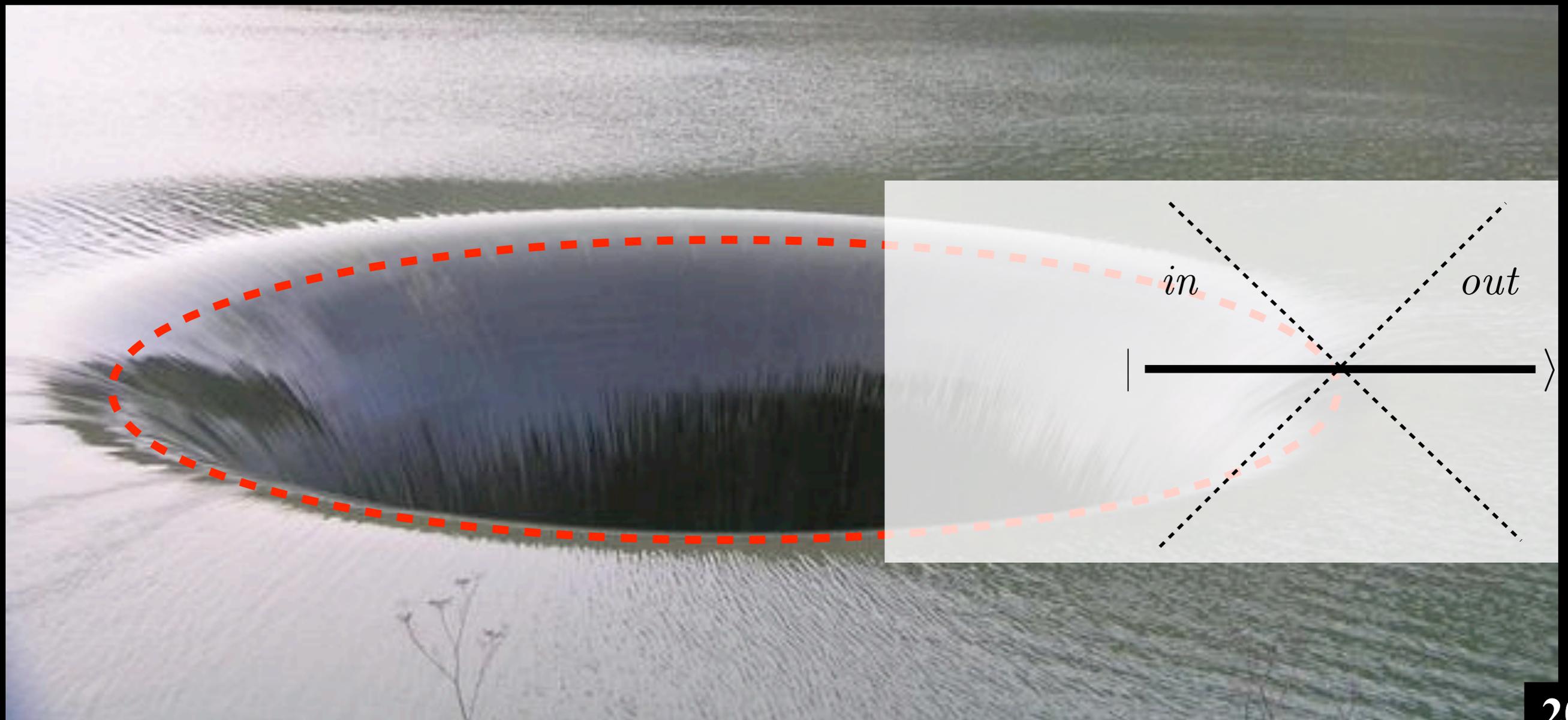
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$$\Rightarrow \quad \delta S_{\text{ent}} = S_{\text{ent}}(|\mathcal{E}\rangle) - S_{\text{ent}}(|\Omega\rangle) = \frac{\delta A}{4G}$$

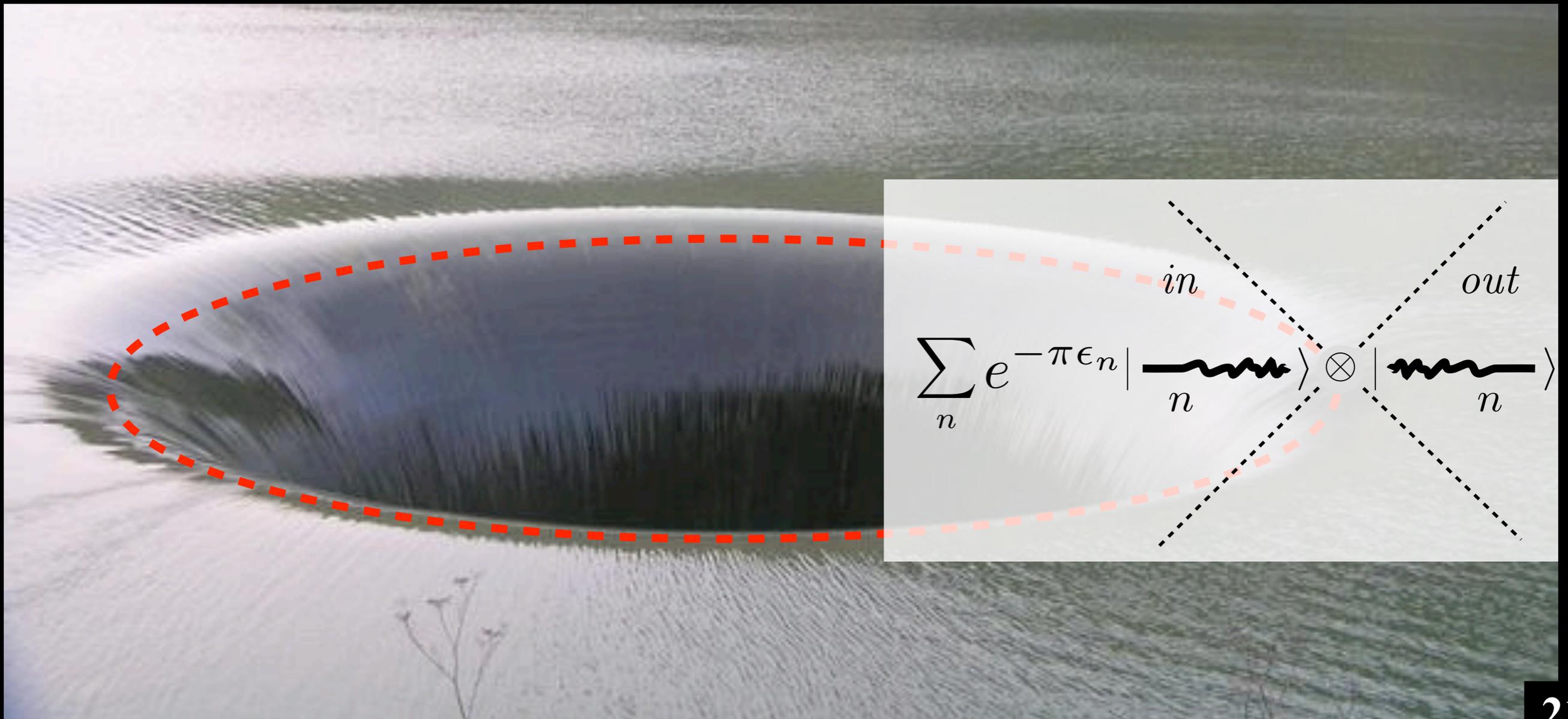
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because of entanglement across the horizon



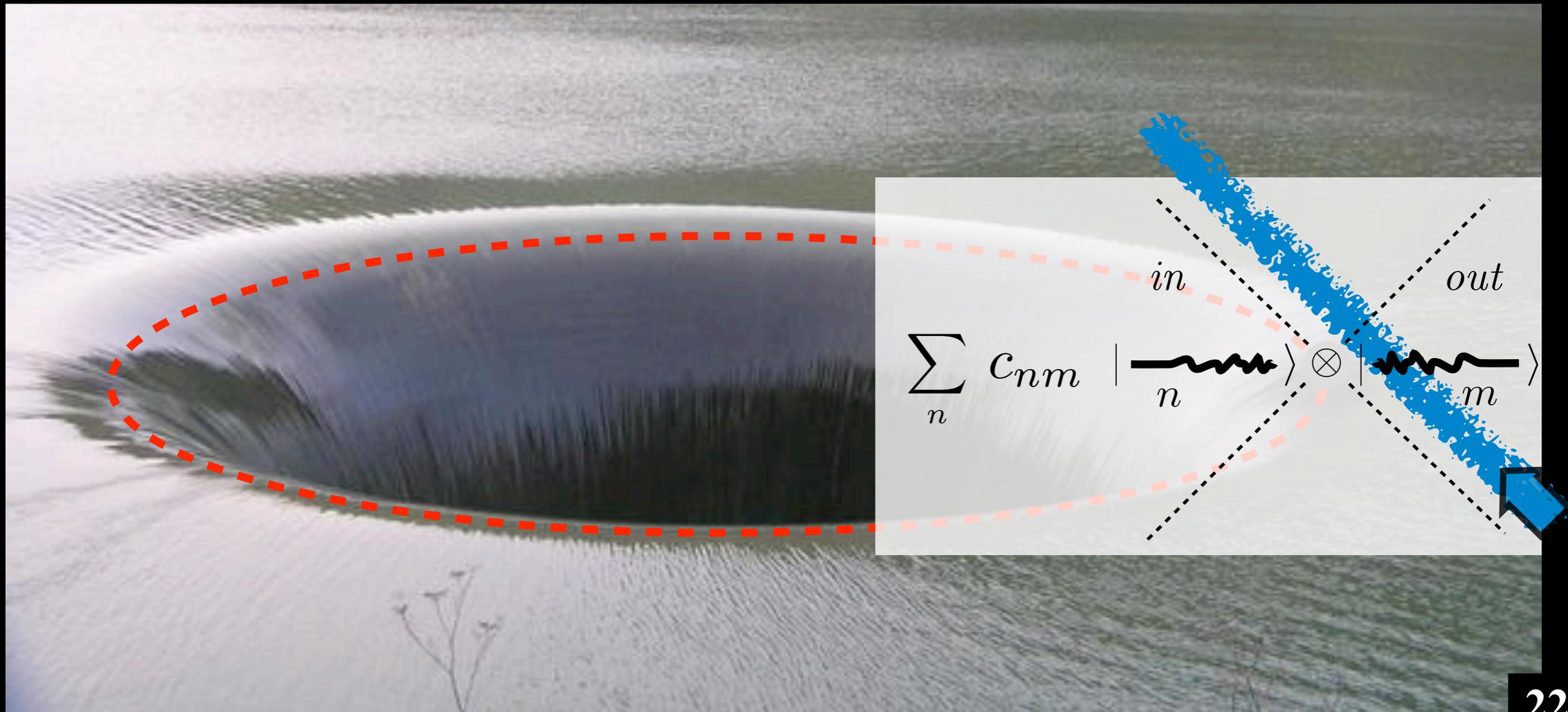
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In the spin-foam calculation of black-hole entropy

[arXiv:1204.5122](#)

- entanglement and the boost Hamiltonian

[ilqgs/bianchi101612.pdf](#)

$$|HH\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\pi\epsilon_n} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{in} \\ \text{---} \\ n \end{array} \right\rangle \otimes \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{out} \\ \text{---} \\ n \end{array} \right\rangle$$

- relation to the thermal ensemble picture

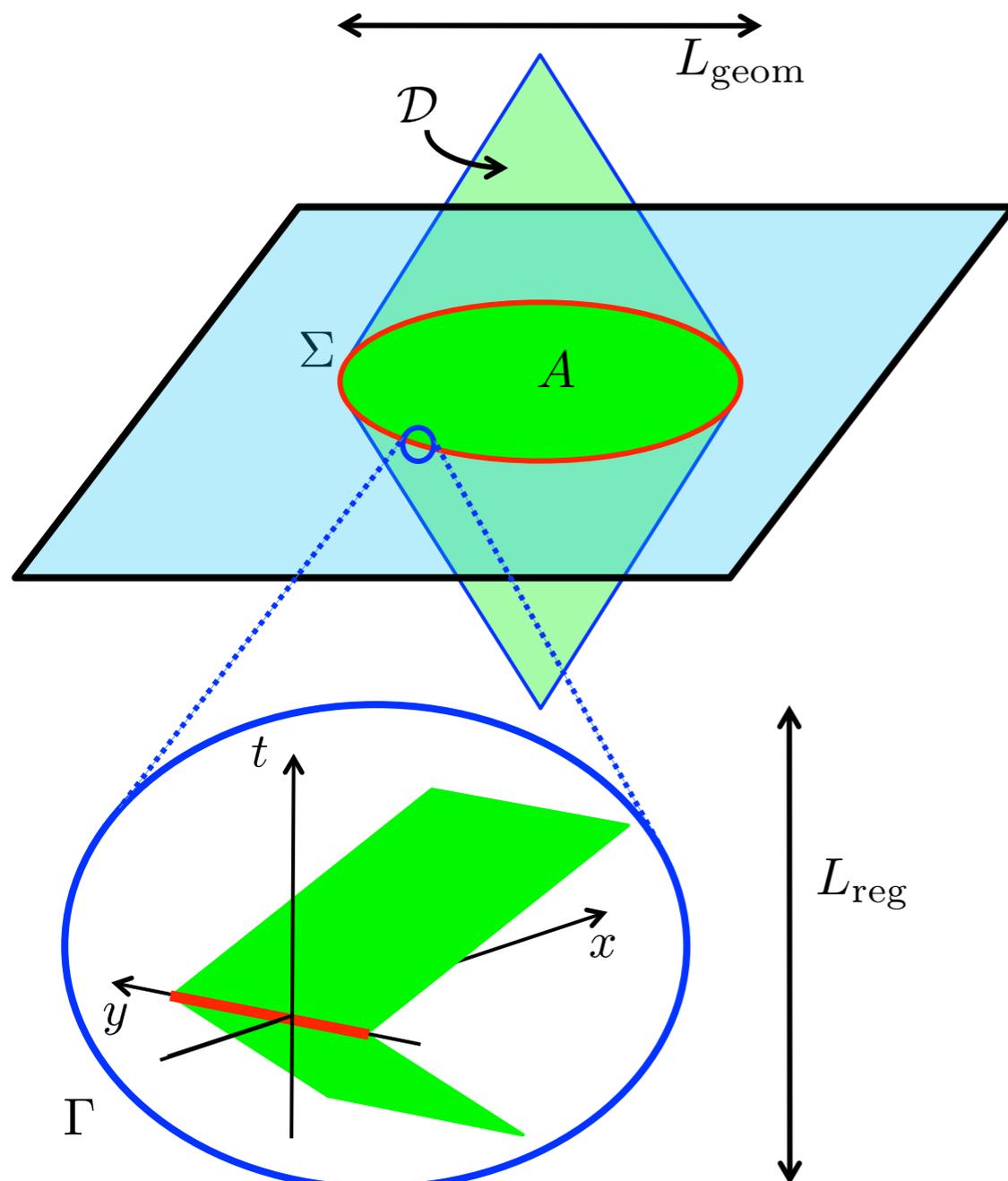
(ABCK, ENP, [ilqgs/perez032712.pdf](#))

$$\rho = \sum_n e^{-2\pi\epsilon_n} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ n \end{array} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ n \end{array} \right|$$

On the architecture of spacetime geometry

[1212.5183 \[hep-th\]](#)

with R. Myers



Conjecture:

- In a theory of quantum gravity,
- for every large region
- and smooth spacetime

$$S_{\text{ent}} = 2\pi \frac{\text{Area}}{\ell_P^2} + \dots$$

Entanglement entropy of a spin-network
as a probe of semiclassicality