#### Blackhole Disappearance

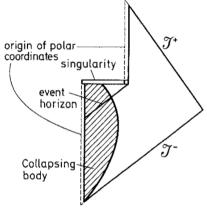
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### What really happens at the end of evaporation?



The Penrose diagram of a black hole which evaporates and leaves only empty space is shown in Fig. 5. The horizontal line marked "singularity" is really a region where the radius of curvature is of the order the Planck length. The matter that runs into this region might reemerge in another universe or it might even reemerge in our universe through the upper vertical line thus creating a naked singularity of negative mass.

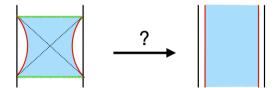
[Hawking, '75]

- Lots of activities in the '90s on BH evaporation in solvable 1+1d models
  - ► Callan-Giddings-Harvey-Strominger (CGHS)
  - ► Russo-Susskind-Thorlacius (RST)
- Results remain largely inconclusive
- In this talk, I will try to provide a new perspective taking advantage of newer developments on BH physics in the field
- We will focus on JT gravity for better control and making use of existing technologies

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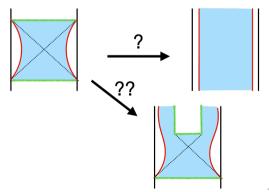
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#### Outline

- Review of JT gravity + matter
- $\bullet$  BH evaporation in JT + matter
- Wormholes
- In progress

Review of JT gravity + matter

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## JT gravity

1+1d EH gravity with dilaton

$$S_{JT} = rac{1}{16\pi G} \int_{M} \sqrt{g} \phi(R+2) + rac{1}{8\pi G} \int_{\partial M} \sqrt{h} \phi(K-1) + S_0 \chi$$

- dilaton EOM:  $R = -2 \Rightarrow \text{locally AdS}_2$  everywhere
- Einstein Eqs:

$$-e^{2\omega}\partial_{\pm}(e^{-2\omega}\partial_{\pm}\phi) = 8\pi G T_{\pm\pm}$$
$$2\partial_{+}\partial_{-}\phi + e^{2\omega}\phi = 16\pi G T_{+-}$$

- conformal factor  $ds^2 = -e^{2\omega(x^+,x^-)}dx^+dx^-$
- unless specified I will work at the disk level where  $S_0 \to \infty$

## AdS<sub>2</sub> coordinate systems

global

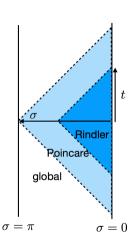
$$ds^2 = \frac{-dt^2 + d\sigma^2}{\sin^2 \sigma}, \quad \sigma \in [0, \pi]$$

Poincare

$$ds^2 = \frac{-dT^2 + dZ^2}{Z^2}, \quad Z \in [0, \infty)$$

Rindler

$$ds^2 = -\sinh^2 \rho d\tau^2 + d\rho^2, \qquad \rho = [0, \infty)$$
  
=  $\frac{4(-r^2 d\tau^2 + dr^2)}{(1 - r^2)^2}, \qquad r \in [0, 1]$ 



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#### boundary conditions

- The only dynamics in JT gravity comes from the boundary term  $\int_{\partial M} \sqrt{h} \phi(K-1) dx$
- asymptotic boundary defined by

$$\phi = \phi_b = \frac{\phi_r}{\epsilon}, \quad ds^2 = -\frac{du^2}{\epsilon^2}$$

• Let  $\{T(u), Z(u)\}$  be the "boundary trajectory" in Poincare coordinate

$$Z(u) = \epsilon T'(u) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Extrinsic curvature

$$K = 1 + \epsilon^2 \{ T(u), u \} + O(\epsilon^4)$$

Schwarzian derivative

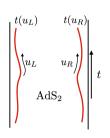
$$\{f(z), z\} \equiv \frac{f'''}{f'} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{f''}{f'}\right)^2$$

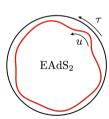
# JT gravity: boundary particle formalism

$$S_{JT} = rac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \int du \left\{ T(u), u \right\}$$

- ullet single gravitational D.O.F. T(u): reparametrization mode bulk coordinate time  $T \longleftrightarrow {\sf boundary\ physical\ time\ } u$
- $H = -\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \{T(u), u\}$  Hamiltonian (ADM energy)
- EOM of the system: energy conservation

$$-\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G}\partial_u H = \partial_u \{T(u), u\} = \partial_\mu K = 0$$





### Solution: Blackholes

$$H = -\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \{ T(u), u \} > 0$$

$$U \to iu$$

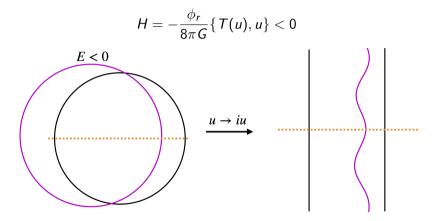
$$E > 0$$

#### Solution: Poincare vacuum

$$H = -\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \{ T(u), u \} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{u \to iu}_{E=0}$$

#### Solution: Eternal traversable Wormholes



### Solution: the comparison

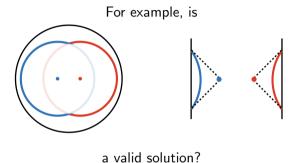
$$\partial_{u}H = -\frac{\phi_{r}}{8\pi G}\partial_{u}\{T(u), u\} = 0$$

$$E < 0$$

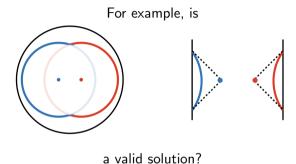
$$E > 0$$

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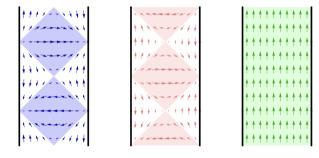
No, because the global SL(2) charge is not conserved!

#### SL(2) charges

•  $PSL(2; \mathbb{R})$ : Global isometry group for AdS<sub>2</sub>

$$T(u) 
ightarrow rac{a+bT(u)}{c+dT(u)}, \quad ad-bc 
eq 0$$

three generators: (Adapted from Lin-Maldacena-Zhao)



 $\hat{B}$ : "boost",  $\hat{P}$ : "momentum",  $\hat{E}$ : "global energy"

## SL(2) charges

• in terms of the reparametrization mode (similar expression for the left):

$$Q_R^- = \frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \left( \frac{T'''}{T'^2} - \frac{T''^2}{T'^3} \right)$$

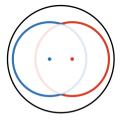
$$Q_R^0 = \frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \left( \frac{TT'''}{T'^2} - \frac{TT''^2}{T'^3} - \frac{T''}{T'} \right)$$

$$Q_R^+ = \frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \left( \frac{T^2 T'''}{T'^2} - \frac{T^2 T''^2}{T'^3} - \frac{2TT''}{T'} + 2T' \right)$$

$$B_R = Q_R^0, \quad P_R = \frac{1}{2} (Q_R^+ - Q_R^-), \quad E_R = \frac{1}{2} (Q_R^+ + Q_R^-)$$

This is a gauge symmetry: combined solutions must have trivial charges

$$\vec{Q}_I + \vec{Q}_R = 0$$

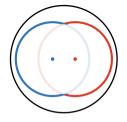






$$ec{Q}_L = \sqrt{H}(-\cosh lpha, 0, -\sinh lpha), \quad ec{Q}_R = \sqrt{H}(\cosh lpha, 0, -\sinh lpha)$$

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• However, extra charges can be compensated by adding matter:

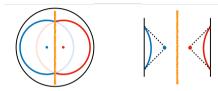
$$\vec{Q}_L + \vec{Q}_R + \vec{Q}_M = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\vec{Q}_M = (0, 0, E) = \sqrt{H}(0, 0, 2 \sinh \alpha)$ 

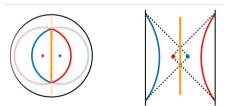
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#### solutions: JT+matter

• E > 0: Partially Entangled Thermal States (PETS) [Goel-Lam-Turiaci-Verlinde]



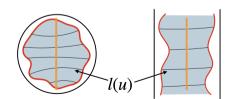
• E < 0: traverable BHs



## JT gravity: 1d QM formalism [Harlow-Jafferis, Gao-Jafferis-Kolchmeyer]

- classical phase space of JT gravity:
  - ► ADM energy *H*
  - (sum of) boundary time  $\delta = t_L + t_R$
- ullet or equivalently, can be expressed in terms of the renormalized length between boundaries  $\ell$  and its canonical conjugate  $p_\ell$

$$d\omega = d\delta \wedge dH = d\ell \wedge dP_{\ell}$$



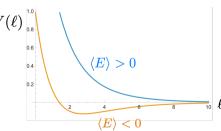
• can solve for H in terms of  $\ell$  and  $P_{\ell}$ 

$$H_L = \frac{1}{2}(P_\ell + P)^2 + (E + B)e^{-\ell/2} + 2e^{-\ell}$$
 $H_R = \frac{1}{2}(P_\ell - P)^2 + (E - B)e^{-\ell/2} + 2e^{-\ell}$ 

• work in symmetric configuration B=P=0 and do canonical quantization  $\Rightarrow$  1d QM on a Morse potential

$$H = H_L + H_R = (\hat{P}_\ell)^2 + 2 \langle E \rangle e^{-\ell/2} + 4e^{-\ell}$$

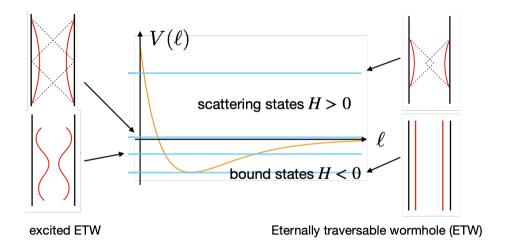
$$V(\ell)^{1.0}$$



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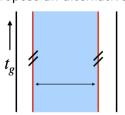
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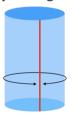
## Classical solutions for $\langle E \rangle < 0$

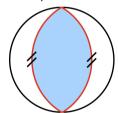


### An exemplary construction

- Many constructions to achieve negative E to stablize a traversable BH, e.g.
  - ▶ via double trace deformation  $S_{int} = \int O_L O_R dx$  [Gao-Jafferis-Wall]
  - ▶ via explicit coupling  $S_{int} = \int \frac{t'_{l}t'_{R}}{\cos^{2}(\frac{t_{l}-t_{R}}{t_{R}})} du$  [Maldacena-Qi]
  - ▶ via turing on a imaginary source of massless scalar field [(Garcia-Garcia)-Godet]
- Here we propose an alternative option by adding a bulk CFT with periodic b.c.







traversability is supported by the negative Casimir energy

$$E_{CFT} = \int \sqrt{g} \left\langle T_{ab} 
ight
angle \xi^a \xi^b dx^2 \sim \left\langle T_{tt} 
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angle = -rac{c}{16\pi}$$

#### Ground state solution

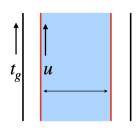
solution determined by balancing the charge

$$ec{Q_L} = ec{Q_R} = (0, 0, -\langle T_{tt} \rangle)$$

$$\Rightarrow t(u) = -\frac{\langle T_{tt} \rangle}{2} u, \quad T(u) = \tan \frac{t(u)}{2}$$

energy

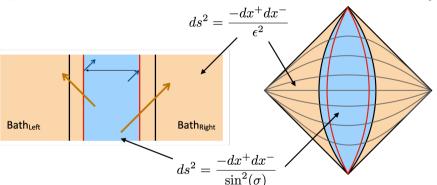
$$H = -rac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \{T(u), u\} = -rac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \left(rac{\langle T_{tt} \rangle}{2}
ight)^2$$



BH evaporation in JT + matter

#### **Evaporation**

Achieved by adding a bath CFT with transparent boundary condition
 [Almheiri-Engelhardt-Marolf-Maxfield, Almheiri-Hartman-Maldacena-Shaghouian-Tajdini]



• Create a BH from the ETW by throwing in some shockwave, then let evaporate

• EOM: energy balance condition at the asymptotic boundaries

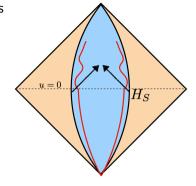
$$-\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G}\{T_{L/R}(u),u\}=(T_{++}-T_{--})_{bdy}$$

- sources for  $T_{\pm\pm}$ , focusing on the right bdy:
  - ▶ shockwave

$$T_{++}^{S} = H_{S}\delta(x), \quad T_{--}^{S} = 0$$

► line CFT (given by Weyl anomaly in the blue region)

$$T_{++}^B = 0, \quad T_{--}^B = -\frac{c_B}{24\pi} \{t(u), u\}$$



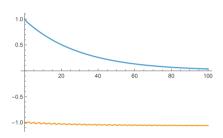
EOM of reparametrization mode t(u) in global coordinate

$$-\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G}\{\tan(t(u)/2), u\} = -\frac{c_B}{24\pi}\{t(u), u\} + H_S\delta(u), \quad (u > 0)$$

#### Numerics

See drastically different behavior depending on the sign of  $H_0 + H_S$ 

- $H_0 + H_S > 0$ : BH is formed in the bulk decays to *Poincare vacuum* H = 0
- $H_0 + H_S < 0$ : no BH is formed (ETW becomes excited) settles down to a ETW with lower energy H < 0



The system does not always find its true ground state!

## Analytics: The SL(2) charges formalism

Schwarzian EOM is a 4th order ODE

$$\partial_u \{T(u), u\} \sim T_{++} - T_{--}, \quad \{T, u\} = \frac{T'''}{T'} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{T''}{T'}\right)^2$$

- initial conditions { T(0), T'(0), T"(0), T"'(0)}
- can be expressed in terms of T(0) + three SL(2) charges by inverting the definition

$$Q^{-} = \left(\frac{T'''}{T'^{2}} - \frac{T''^{2}}{T'^{3}}\right) \qquad T' = \frac{1}{2}(E+P) - TB + \frac{T^{2}}{2}(E-P)$$

$$Q^{0} = \left(\frac{TT'''}{T'^{2}} - \frac{TT''^{2}}{T'^{3}} - \frac{T''}{T'}\right) \longrightarrow \frac{T''}{T'} = T(E-P) - B$$

$$Q^{+} = \left(\frac{T^{2}T'''}{T'^{2}} - \frac{T^{2}T'^{2}}{T'^{3}} - \frac{2TT''}{T'} + 2T'\right) \qquad \left(\frac{T''}{T'}\right)' = T'(E-P)$$

• we have traded the (ungauged) phase space  $\{T, T', T'', T'''\} \longrightarrow \{T, B, P, E\}$ 

## EOM in the charges formalism

• Hamiltonian given by quadratic Casimir of SL(2)

$$H = -\frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G} \{T, u\} = \frac{1}{2} (B^2 + P^2 - E^2)$$

- Four 1st order ODEs
  - one dynamical EOM

$$\partial_u H = T_{++} - T_{--}$$

▶ three "kinematic constraints" form the consistency condition between charges

$$2T' = (E+P) - 2TB + T^{2}(E-P)$$
$$0 = B'^{2} + P'^{2} - E'^{2}$$
$$T^{2} = (E'+P')/(E'-P')$$

Static solution

$$T(u) = \sqrt{\frac{P+E}{P-E}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{B}{ck}} e^{ku} - \sqrt{1 + \frac{B}{ck}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{B}{ck}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{B}{ck}} e^{ku}}, \quad c^2 = \frac{\phi_r}{8\pi G}, \ k^2 = 2H$$

### Adiabatic approximation

$$T(u) = \sqrt{\frac{P+E}{P-E}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{B}{ck}} e^{ku} - \sqrt{1 + \frac{B}{ck}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{B}{ck}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{B}{ck}} e^{ku}}$$

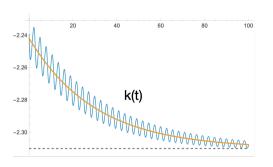
- promote B, P, E to be time dependent and assume  $B', P', E' \ll B, P, E$
- consistent with small c<sub>B</sub> limit
- dynamical EOM

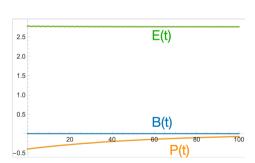
$$k^2 \equiv 2H = B^2 + P^2 - E^2,$$
 $-k' = \frac{c_b k}{48\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{k^2 (P^2 - E^2)}{(kP \cosh(ku) - BE \sinh(ku) - E\sqrt{P^2 - E^2})^2} \right)$ 

$$H_0 + H_S < 0$$

- universal behavior at small coupling
- breaks into slow and fast mode  $k \sim k_f(u) + k_s(u)$

$$k_s(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (E_{0+} + \sqrt{-2H_{0+}}) - e^{\frac{c_B}{24\pi}u} (E_{0+} - \sqrt{-2H_{0+}}) \right]$$

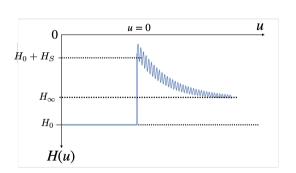


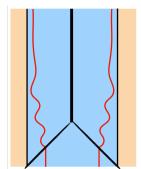


## $H_0+H_S<0$

- settles down to eternal traversable wormhole
- final state energy

$$H_{\infty} = (E_{0+} + \sqrt{-2H_{0+}})^2$$



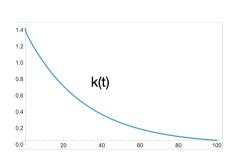


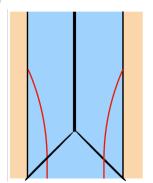
$$H_0+H_S>0$$

adiabatic solution:

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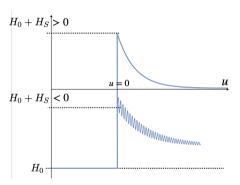
energy approaches 0 at late time (Poincare Vacuum)





### Recap

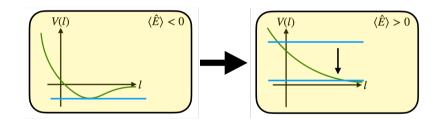
If the energy starts out positive, it remains positive



The system doesn't find its true ground state!

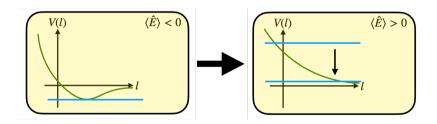
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- ullet system stuck at the false ground state H=0



However, non-perturbative effects (wormhole) can lead to large changes of charges

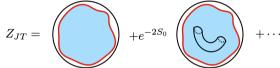
### Wormholes

### JT Wormholes

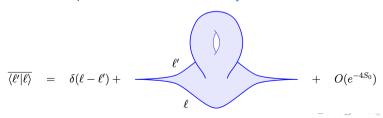
• corrections to JT path integral for finite  $S_0$ 

$$S_{EH} = S_0 \left( \int_M d^2 x \sqrt{g} R + 2 \int_{\partial M} dx K \right) = S_0 \chi$$

manifests in GPI as contribution from higher genus topology

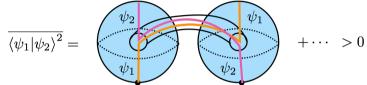


• introduce nontrivial inner product to wavefunctions [lliesiu-Levin-Lin-Maxfield-Mezei]

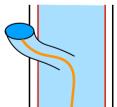


## Wormholes violate global symmetry

- ullet charges can exit through wormholes, violating global SL(2) symmetry
- ullet  $\ket{\psi_1},\ket{\psi_2}$  different charges  $o \overline{\langle \psi_1 \, | \, \psi_2 
  angle} = 0$

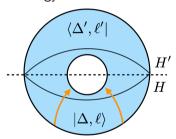


Lorentzian picture: charge lost by emission of baby universe



# Wormholes do not violate total energy

• while wormholes can change SL(2) charges or make matter disappear, it does not change the energy

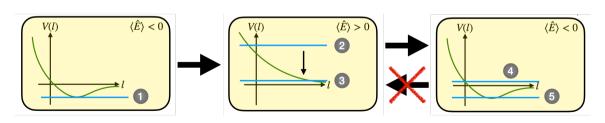


$$egin{aligned} \left\langle \Delta, \ell \,\middle|\, \Delta', \ell' \right\rangle &\sim \delta(\ell - \ell') + O(e^{-\mathcal{S}_0}) \ \left\langle H \,\middle|\, H' \right\rangle &\sim \delta(H - H') \end{aligned}$$

• The non-conservation of charges however is enough for our purpose

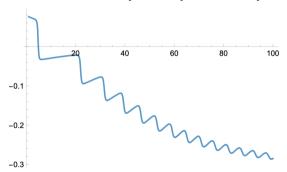
## A path to complete evaporation

- ① start with the ground state  $(H < 0, E_{mat} < 0)$
- ② throw in shock waves to form a BH  $(H > 0, E_{mat} > 0)$
- ③ evaporation → system decays to Poincare vacuum  $(H = 0, E_{mat} > 0)$
- ullet wormhole effect changes matter charge  $(H=0,E_{mat}<0)$
- $\odot$  system further evaporates to the original ground state  $(H < 0, E_{mat} < 0)$



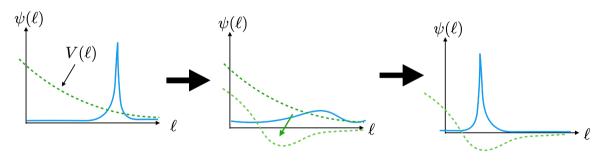
### In progress

- for this to work we must show that states with  $H \ge 0, E < 0$  evaporates to the true ground state
- already seen evidence in numerics, analytic analysis underway



# In progress (II)

- Define JT + negative matter on non-perturbative Hilbert space
- model evaporation process by adding dissipation into the system
- solve Lindblad equation of the density matrix



#### More to do

- Revisit BHs in CGHS/RST model, do they also evaporate completely if shcokwave is removed?
- Quantum Schwarzian coupled to thermal bath
- Higher dimensions? BTZ?

## **Takeaways**

- Non-perturbative effects are needed for black holes to disappear
- Global symmetry-violating wormholes provide a pathway for semi-classical evolution to reach the true ground state
- Otherwise we end up with a remnant

