

# Delicate windows into evaporating black holes

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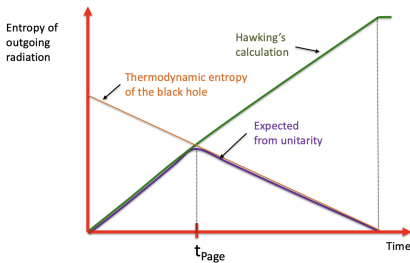


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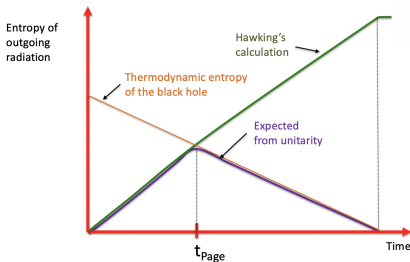


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- This Page curve is robust to unitary quantum dynamics within the observer / bath.

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In this work we study these questions in the model of the evaporating  $\text{AdS}_2$  black hole in JT gravity coupled to a flat reservoir ( $\text{AEM}^4\text{Z}$ ).

[Almheiri et. al. 1905.08762, 1908.10996](#); [Chen et. al., 1911.03402, 2007.11658](#)

Eternal black hole case was studied in [Balasubramanian et. al., 2107.14746](#);

[Hollowood et. al., 2109.01895](#)

# Outline

- Review of the  $\text{AdS}_2$  black hole evaporating into an external bath (AEM<sup>4</sup>Z model)
- Revisiting the Page curve of a semi-infinite radiation segment
- Entanglement entropy dynamics of finite segments of the radiation: dynamics of the interior access

# Evaporating black hole with doubly holographic radiation

- Microscopic perspective

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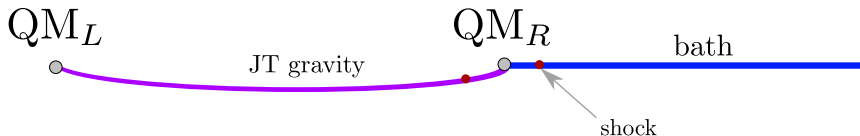


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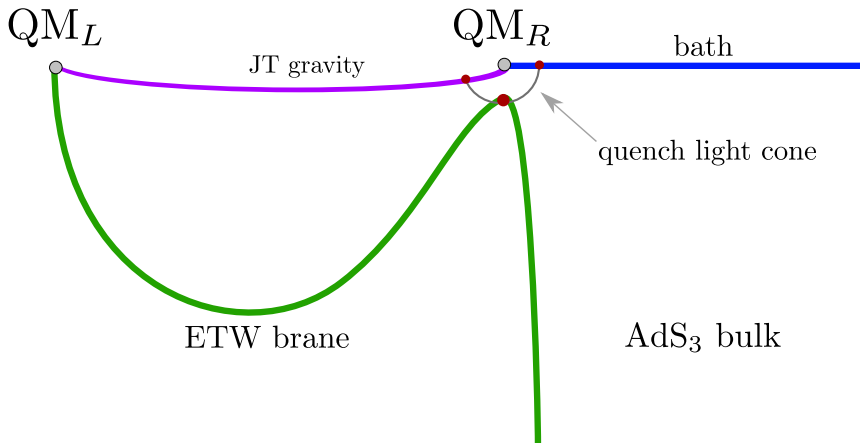
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# Evaporating AdS<sub>2</sub> black hole

JT gravity:

$$I = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^2x \sqrt{-g} \{ \phi_0 R + \phi(R+2) \} + 2 \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \{ (\phi_0 + \phi_b) K \} \right] + I_{CFT}.$$

Poincaré metric in the gravitational region

$$ds_{\text{AdS}}^2 = - \frac{4dx^+ dx^-}{(x^+ - x^-)^2},$$

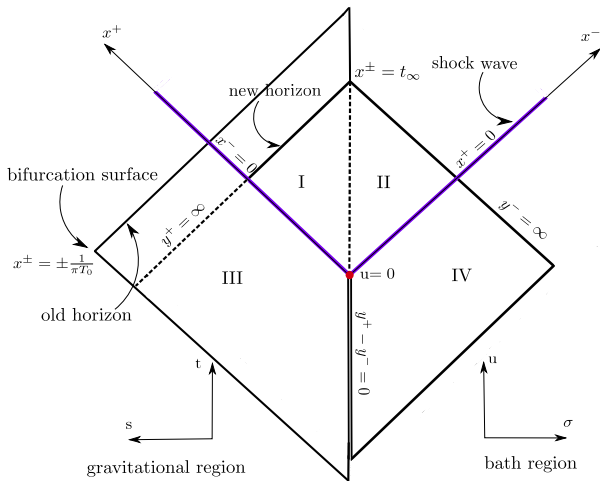
where  $x^\pm = t \pm s$ ;  $t = \frac{x^+ + x^-}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $s = \frac{x^+ - x^-}{2} > 0$ . Bath region:

$$ds_{\text{bath}}^2 = - \frac{dy^+ dy^-}{\epsilon^2},$$

where  $y^\pm = u \mp \sigma$ ;  $u = \frac{y^+ + y^-}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $\sigma = \frac{y^- - y^+}{2} > 0$ .

We extend the  $x$  coordinates into the bath and similarly the  $y$  coordinates into the AdS region by gluing  $x^\pm = f(y^\pm)$ .

# Poincare patch of evaporating black hole glued to the bath



# The quench data

- Before the quench:

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{\pi T_0} \tanh(\pi T_0 u);$$

$$\phi(y) = 2\phi_r \pi T_0 \coth(\pi T_0(y^+ - y^-)).$$

$T_0$  - initial black hole temperature

- After the quench: production of a shock with energy

$E_S = \frac{\bar{\phi}_r \pi}{4G} (T_1^2 - T_0^2)$ . The JT solution:

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{\pi T_1} \frac{l_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k}) K_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k} e^{-\frac{ku}{2}}) - K_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k}) l_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k} e^{-\frac{ku}{2}})}{l_1(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k}) K_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k} e^{-\frac{ku}{2}}) + K_1(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k}) l_0(\frac{2\pi T_1}{k} e^{-\frac{ku}{2}})};$$

$$\phi = \phi_r \left( \frac{f''(y^-)}{f'(y^-)} + 2 \frac{f'(y^-)}{x^+ - x^-} \right), \quad x^\pm = f(y^\pm), .$$

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# The island formula for holographic radiation

$$S(A) = \min \operatorname{ext}_{\mathcal{I}} [S_{\text{CFT}}(A \cup \mathcal{I}) + \text{Area}(\text{d}\mathcal{I})] ,$$

(Almheiri, Mahajan, Maldacena, Zhao; Penington, Shenker, Stanford, Yang; Almheiri, Hartman, Maldacena, Shaghoulian)

Algorithm:

1. Compute the dilaton profile for the area term contribution to the generalized entropy.
2. Compute the von Neumann entropy  $S_{vN}$  of the CFT matter. Since the CFT is holographic, this part of the generalized entropy is given by the (H)RT formula. It involves competition between configurations of geodesics in  $\text{AdS}_3$  bulk.
3. Extremize the resulting generalized entropy  $S_{gen} = S_{\phi} + S_{vN}$  for each configuration independently, and pick the one for which the resulting entropy is smallest.

## CFT entanglement entropy

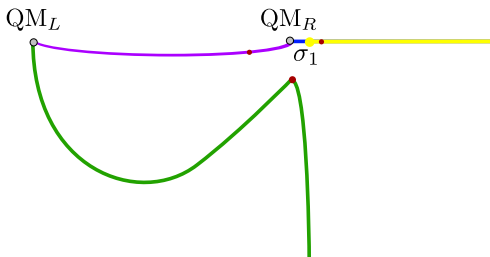
For a holographic BCFT on a half-plane one has

$$S_{\text{CFT}}(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{c}{6} \log \left( \frac{|z_1 - \bar{z}_1| |z_2 - \bar{z}_2|}{\delta^2} \right) + 2 \log g & \eta < \eta^*, \\ \frac{c}{6} \log \left( \frac{|z_1 - z_2| |\bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2|}{\delta^2} \right) & \eta > \eta^*. \end{cases}$$

where  $\delta$  is the UV divergence,  $\eta^* = \frac{1}{1+g^{12/c}}$  and in the doubly holographic model  $g$  has the meaning of ETW brane tension. We assume  $g = 0$ . Half plane is mapped to the physical  $\text{AdS}_2 + \text{bath}$  background using

$$z(y^-) = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{c}{12\pi E_s}\right)^2 \frac{i}{f(y^-)}, & y^- < 0, \\ iy^-, & y^- > 0, \end{cases}$$
$$\bar{z}(y^+) = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{c}{12\pi E_s}\right)^2 \frac{i}{f(y^+)}, & y^+ > 0, \\ iy^+, & y^+ < 0, \end{cases}$$

## QES / island formula for the semi-infinite interval



Possible phases [Chen et. al., 1911.03402](#):

- Quench phase: trivial QES, RT geodesic ending on the ETW brane
- Scrambling phase: nontrivial QES to the past of the shock, close to the horizon
- Late time phase: nontrivial QES to the future of the shock, inside the horizon

## Generalized entropies

$$\text{quench: } S_{gen}^Q = \frac{c}{6} \log \left( \frac{12\pi E_s}{c\delta\epsilon} y^- \frac{f(y^+)}{\sqrt{f'(y^+)}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{2}{\delta} + \frac{2\pi T_0 \phi_r + \phi_0}{4G},$$

$$\text{scrambling: } S_{gen}^S = \frac{c}{6} \log \left( \frac{24\pi E_s x_{QS}^- y^- (x_{QS}^+ - f(y^+))}{c\delta^2 \epsilon (x_{QS}^- - x_{QS}^+) \sqrt{f'(y^+)}} \right) + \frac{\phi_0 + \phi(x_{QS}^+, x_{QS}^-)}{4G}$$

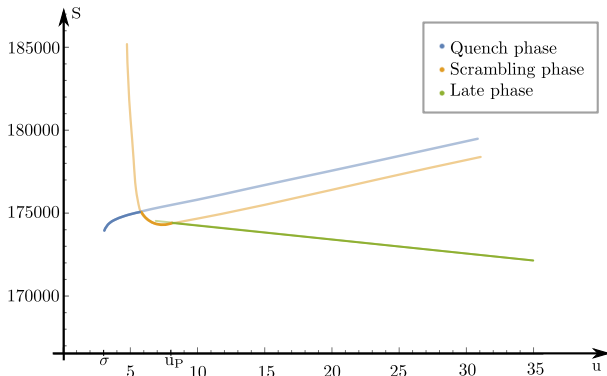
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$$\text{late: } S_{gen}^L = \frac{c}{6} \log \left( \frac{2(y^- - y_{QL}^-)(x_{QL}^+ - f(y^+))}{\delta^2 \epsilon (x_{QL}^- - x_{QL}^+)} \sqrt{\frac{f'(y_{QL}^-)}{f'(y^+)}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\phi_0 + \phi(x_{QL}^+, x_{QL}^-)}{4G} + \frac{c}{6} \log \frac{2}{\delta} + \frac{2\pi T_0 \phi_r + \phi_0}{4G}.$$

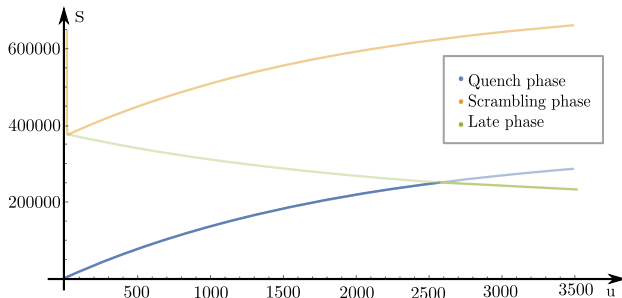
Green terms are included if  $QM_L$  included, and blue terms are included if  $QM_L$  not included.

## Page curve for semi-infinite radiation segment plus $QM_L$



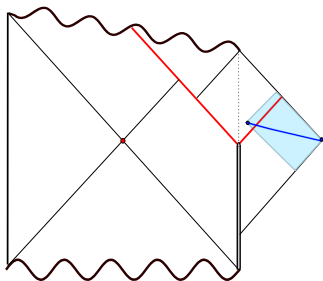
Time evolution of the entanglement entropy of a  $QM_L$ +semi-infinite segment of radiation in the bath. The scrambling and late phases both have nontrivial QES.

# Page curve for semi-infinite radiation segment (without $QM_L$ )

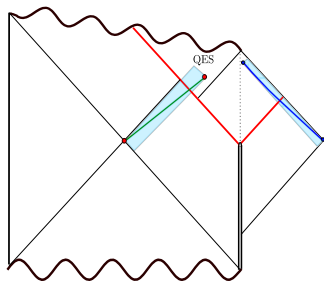


Time evolution of the entanglement entropy of a semi-infinite segment of radiation in the bath with  $\phi_0 = 0$ . The scrambling phase is gone.

# Entanglement wedge evolution of semi-infinite segments



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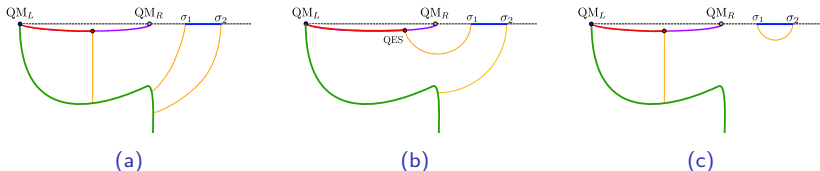


(b) Late phase

The page time is given by  $u_{\text{Page}} \sim \frac{1}{k} \log \left( \frac{3\pi T_1 \phi_r}{\pi \phi_r (2T_1 - T_0) - \phi_0} \right) + O(k)$ .

Islands appear within the regime of applicability only for small  $\phi_0$ .

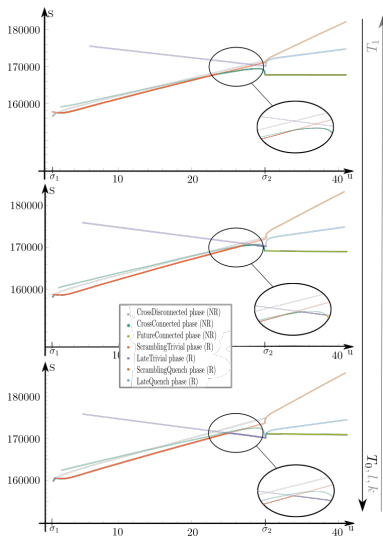
## QES formula for finite segments of radiation + $QM_L$



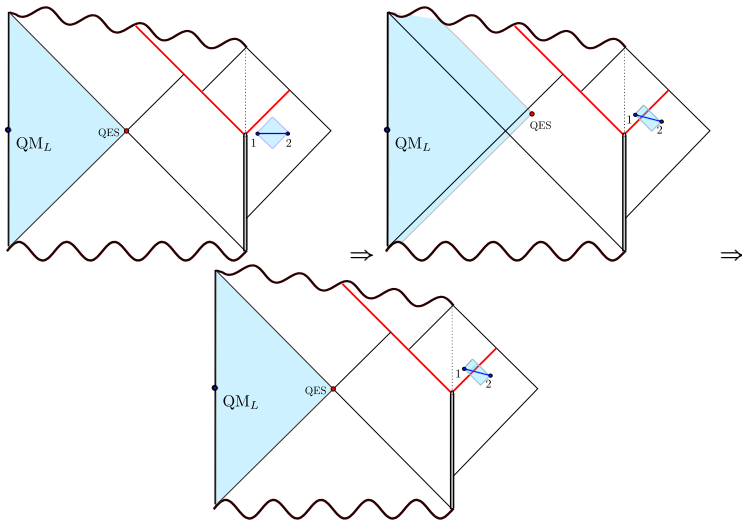
Possible phases: many. Relevant ones at intermediate times are

- CrossDisconnected phase: 2 RT geodesics ending on ETW brane, trivial QES
- CrossConnected phase: RT geodesic connecting the segment endpoints (with the shock in between), trivial QES
- ScramblingTrivial phase: one nontrivial QES outside the horizon, second endpoint has RT geodesic ending on the brane
- LateTrivial phase: one nontrivial QES inside the horizon, second endpoint has RT geodesic ending on the brane

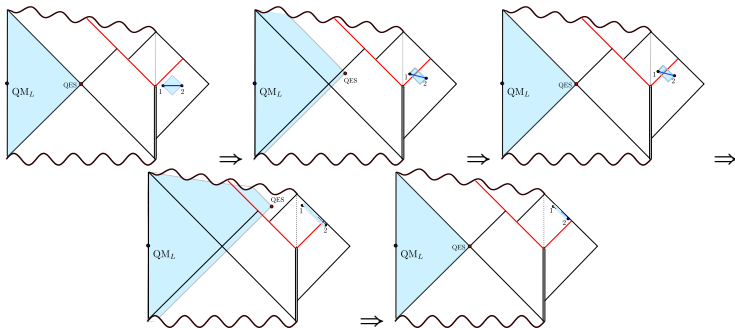
# Page curve possibilities for finite segments



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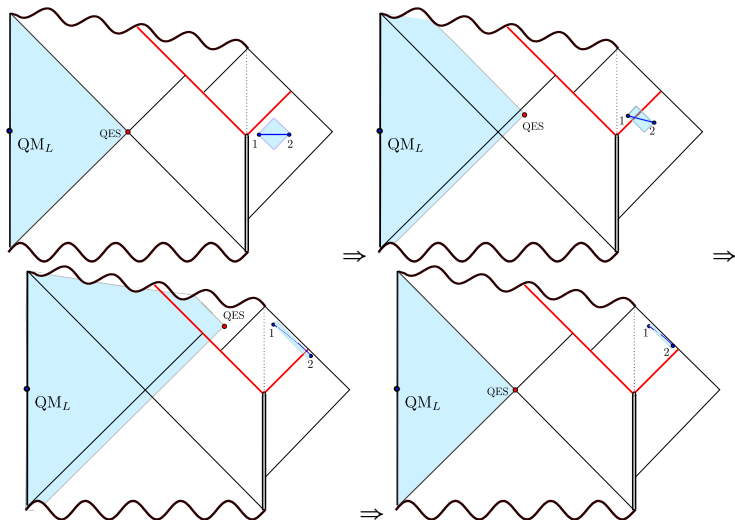


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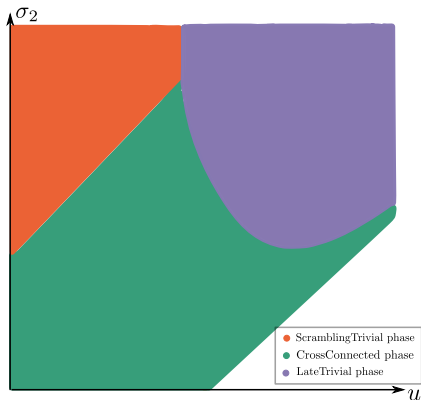


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## Scenario 3 of EW evolution

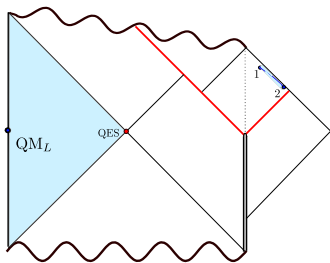


## Phase diagram for the non-monotonic reconstruction windows in $t, \sigma_2$ variables

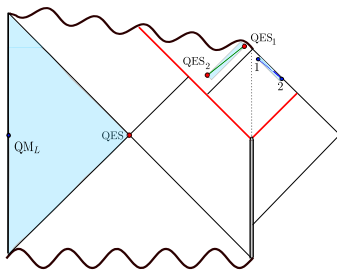


- in  $t$ -direction, the reconstruction window is generally nonmonotonic
- in  $\sigma_2$ -direction, however, the entanglement wedge nesting is respected

## Comment on late times



(a) FutureConnected phase



(b) LateLate phase

**Figure:** A sketch of the entanglement wedges for the possible phases of the entanglement entropy for  $QM_L$ +finite segment during very late times.

The LateLate phase (on the right) is not realized for finite segments within the regime of applicability of the model.

# Conclusions

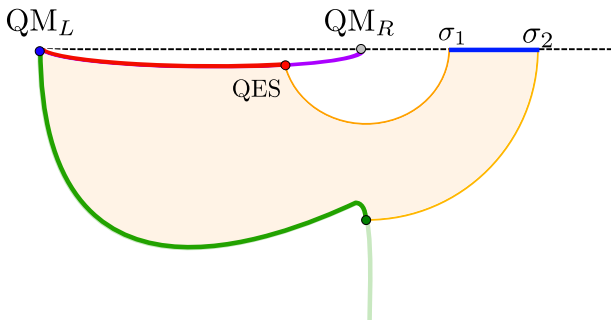
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Thank you for attention!

Complexity = volume for radiation subregions



Typical volume which computes complexity of the bath subregion  $[\sigma_1, \sigma_2] \cup QM_L$  in a reconstructing phase.

# Subregion complexity for the radiation segments

