

# Singularity at the demise of a black hole

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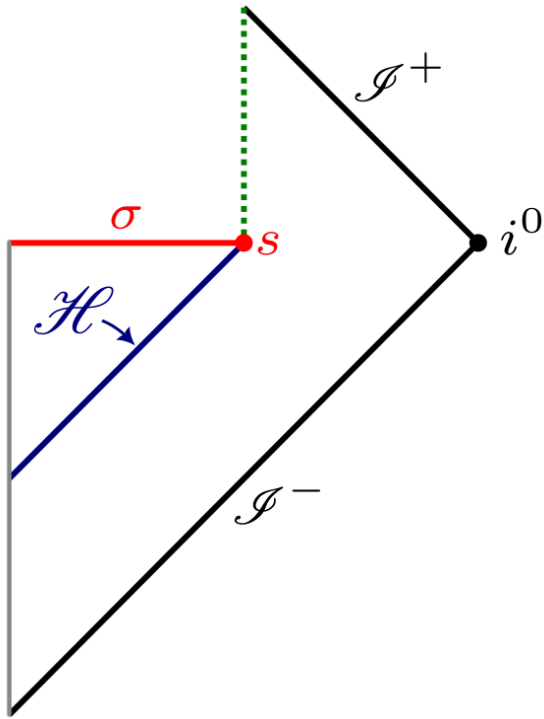
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# End state of a Black Hole

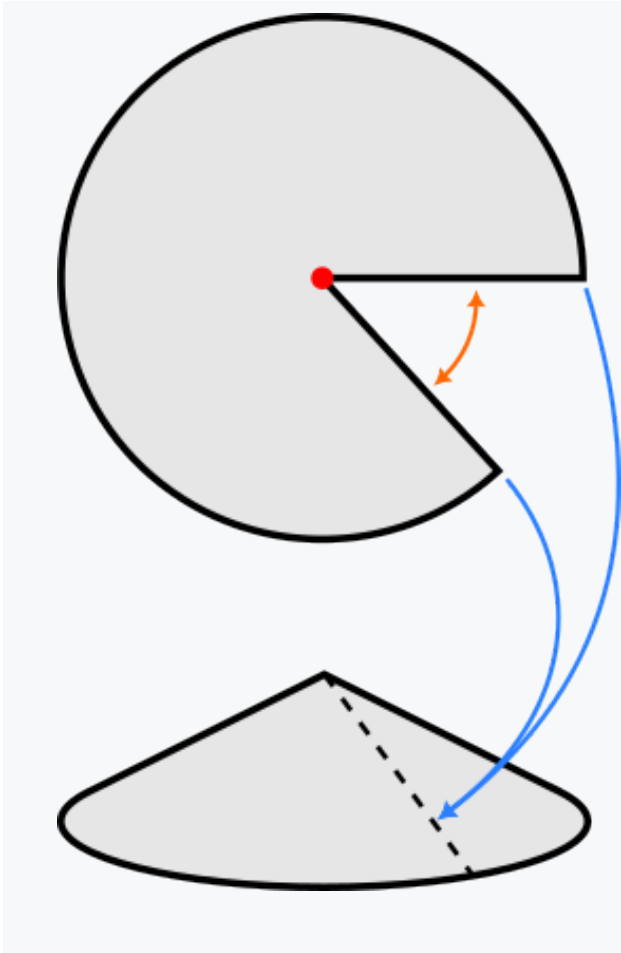


- What is the end state of an evaporating black hole?
  - Remnants, naked singularities, white holes, etc.<sup>†</sup>
- One possibility illustrated on left (horizon disappears)
- Can imagine regularizing singularity<sup>†‡</sup>  $\sigma$ , but what about  $s$ ?
- In this talk, I claim that:
  - i. If  $\sigma$  is regularized in the  $1 + 1$  case, then  $s$  is a quasiregular singularity.
  - ii.  $\exists$  theories that can describe quasiregular singularities.

<sup>†</sup>S Hossenfelder, L Smolin, Phys.Rev.D 81 (2010) 064009; P Martin-Dussaud, C Rovelli, Class. Quantum Grav. 36, 245002 (2019)

<sup>‡</sup>A Simpson, M Visser, JCAP 02 (2019) 042 [arxiv:1812.07114]

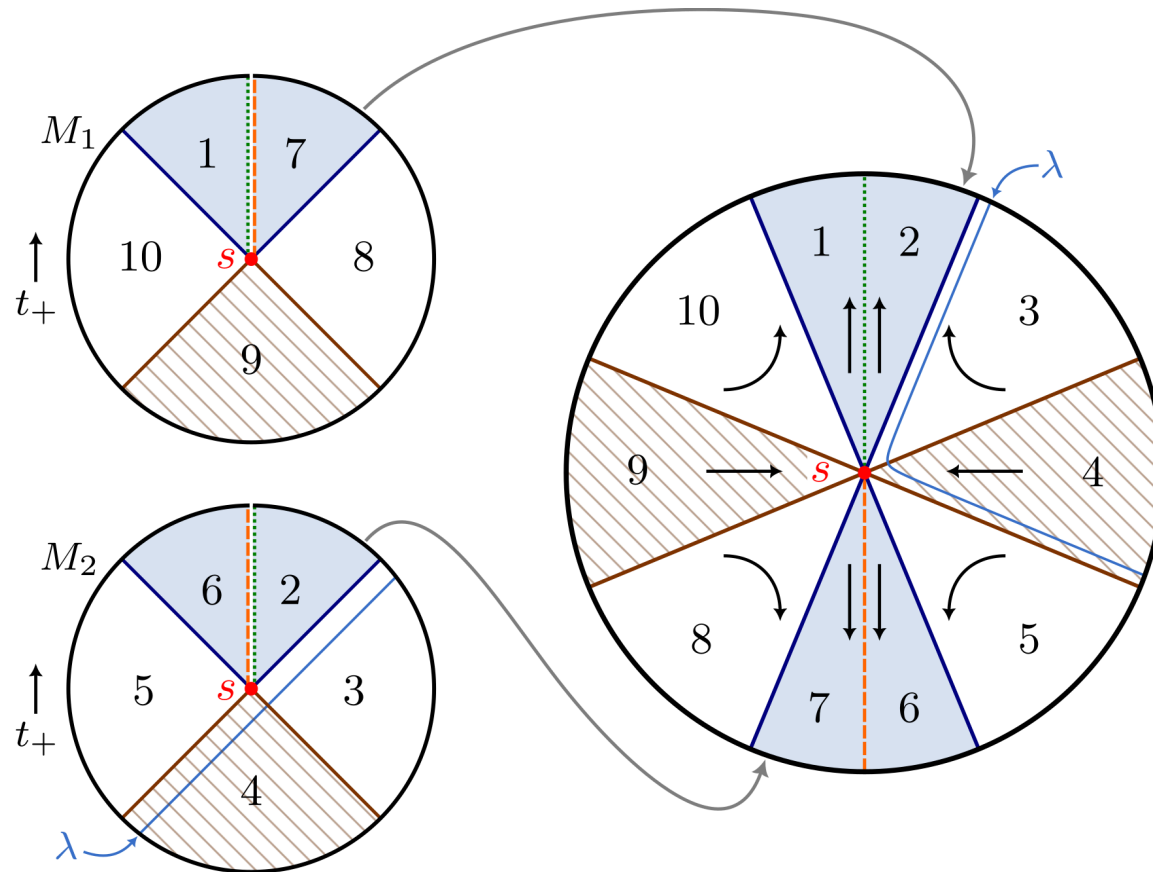
# Quasiregular singularities



- Here, singularities defined as (boundary) points on which inextendible geodesics terminate
- Curvature singularities defined by diverging curvature in parallel frame along geodesic
- Quasiregular singularity<sup>†</sup> has well-behaved curvature (can even be zero) in its neighborhood
  - Can easily construct with cut-and-paste procedures
  - Conical singularity is an example

<sup>†</sup>G F R Ellis and B G Schmidt, Gen. Rel. Grav. 8, 915 (1977).

# Saddlelike causally discontinuous singularity (SCDS)

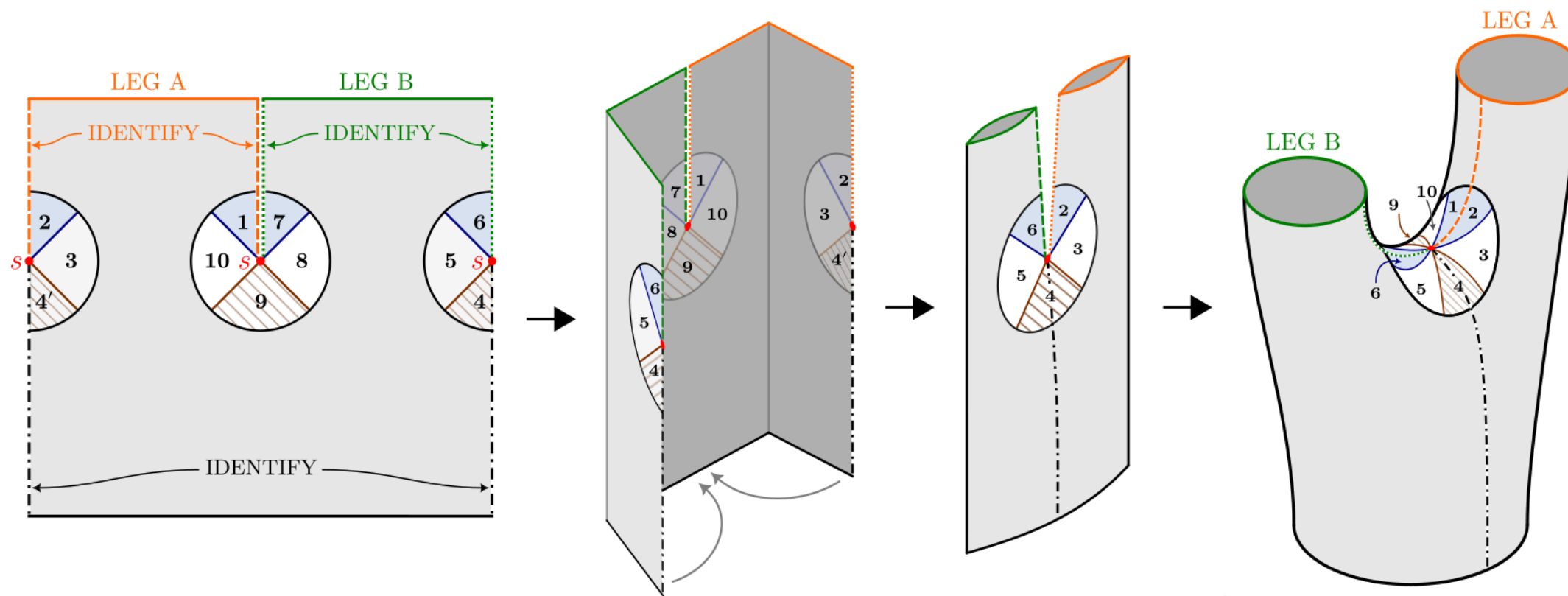


- Can construct by cut-and-paste procedure in  $1 + 1$  flat spacetime
- Two regions of  $1 + 1$  flat spacetime illustrated on left; nonconformal cartoon of result on right
- In  $1 + 1$  flat spacetime, each point has one future light cone and one past light cone
- Point  $s$  (SCDS) characterized by *two* future and *two* past light cones

cf. Fig 4(e) of G F R Ellis and B G Schmidt, Gen. Rel. Grav. 8, 915 (1977).

There are further generalizations with more light cones---see G F R Ellis and B G Schmidt, Gen. Rel. Grav. 8, 915 (1977).

# 1 + 1 Trousers<sup>†\*</sup> spacetime



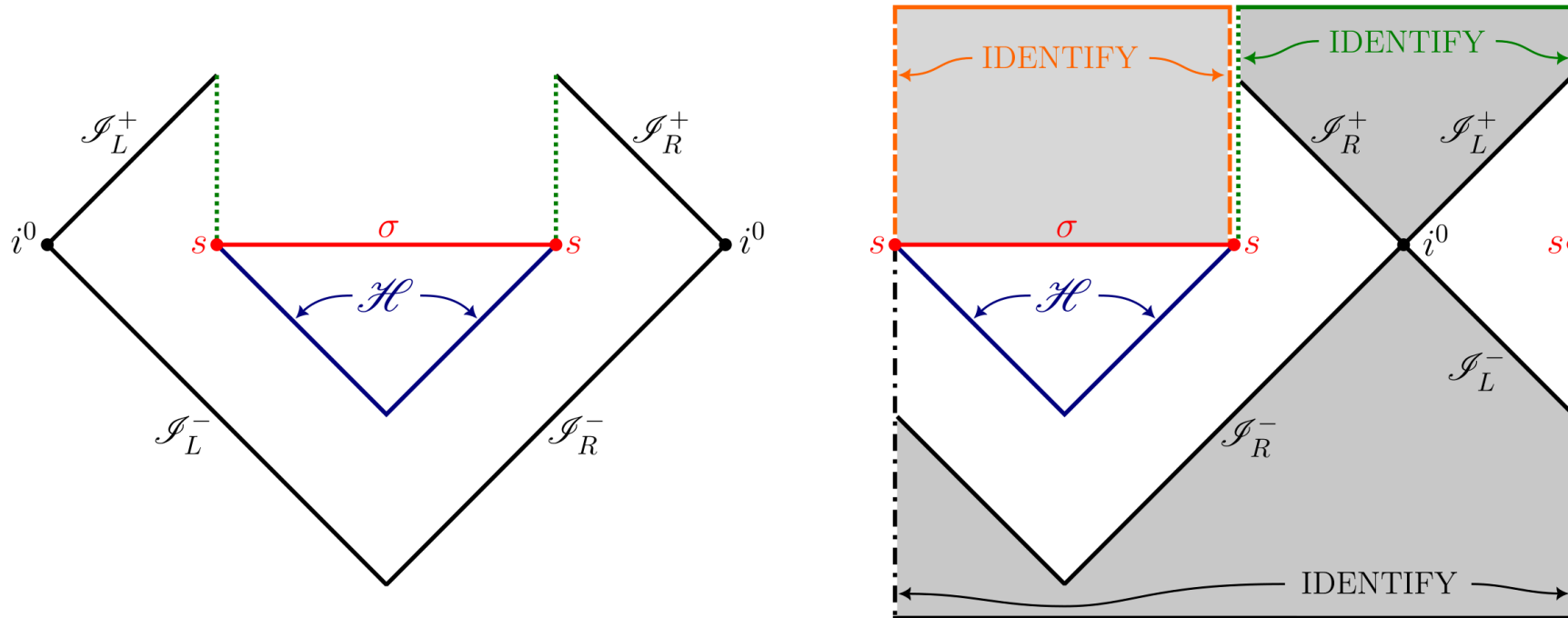
***s*** is a SCDS, characterized by 2 future and 2 past light cones.

<sup>†</sup>A Anderson, B S DeWitt, Found.Phys. 16 (1986) 91-105

<sup>\*</sup>F. Dowker, S. Surya, PRD 58, 124019 (1998) [arXiv:gr-qc/9711070]; Buck et al., Class.Quant.Grav. 34 (2017) 5, 055002 [arXiv:1609.03573]

# $1 + 1$ Black hole and trousers<sup>†</sup> spacetime

$1 + 1$  evaporating BH is conformal to trousers:  $s$  is quasiregular\* singularity!



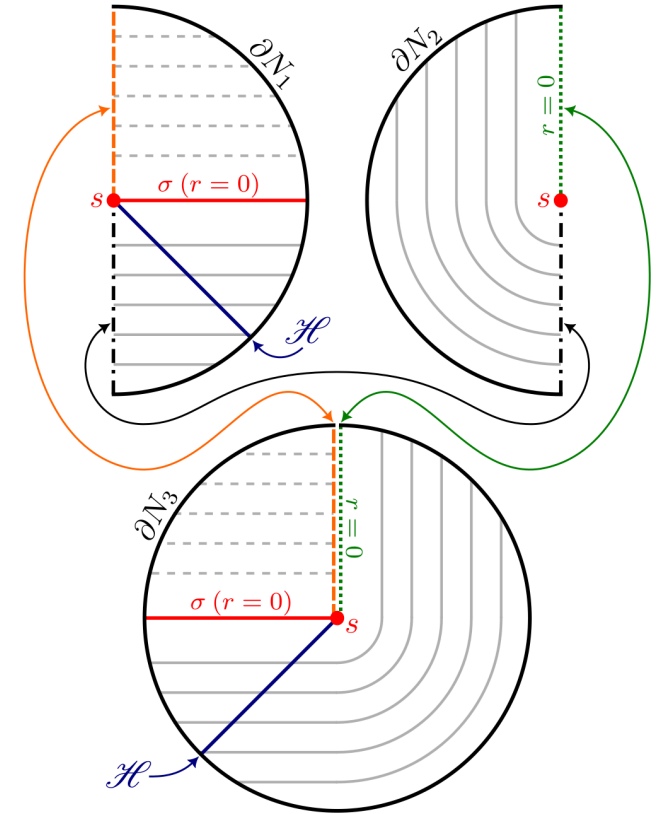
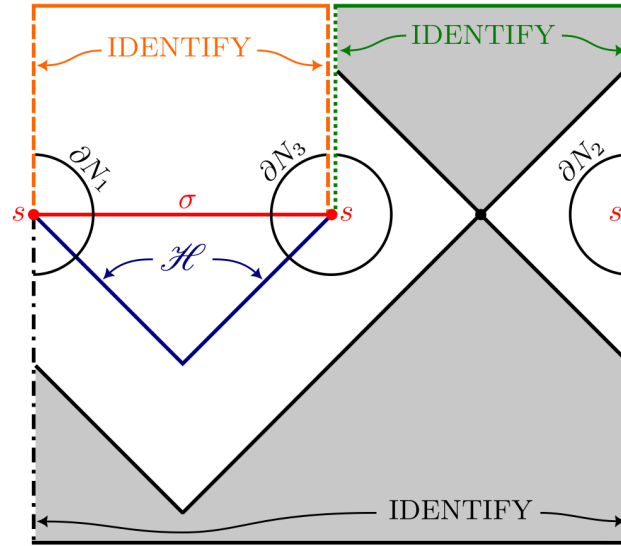
Planar slice of  $d + 1$  BH through origin can be regarded similarly.

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\*Provided that  $\sigma$  is regularized and spacetime analytically extended. If future topology of  $\mathcal{H}$  differs, this is still true but  $s$  may not be SCDS.  
Cf. Fig. 4 of S Hossenfelder, L Smolin, Phys.Rev.D81:064009,2010 [arXiv:0901.3156]

# Generalization to $d + 1$ spherically symmetric case

- Consider a planar  $(1 + 1)$  slice of spherically symmetric  $d + 1$  evaporating BH through origin
  - Can construct similar conformal diagram in slice
- Can treat areal radius  $r$  as a scalar function (contours of  $r$  in gray)
- Causal past of  $s$  is not a light cone; has topology  $(S^2 \times \mathbb{R}) \cup (S^2 \times \mathbb{R})$ 
  - One class of radial null curves corresponds to horizon
  - Another distinct class corresponds to incoming null curves from  $\mathcal{I}_-$
- $s$  is a quasiregular singularity, not a SCDS, maybe a generalization.



Left:  $1 + 1$  planar slice of  $d + 1$  evaporating BH thru origin

Right: Neighborhood  $\partial N$  of  $s$

# Emergent Lorentz signature theory

- There is at least one gravity theory that can describe a regularization of a SCDS.
- Postulate Euclidean-signature  $g_{ab}$  with shift-symmetric scalar-tensor action:<sup>†</sup>

$$S = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{|g|} L, \quad \varphi_a := \nabla_a \varphi, \quad \varphi_{ab} := \nabla_a \nabla_b \varphi, \quad X := \varphi^a \varphi_a$$
$$L = c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{ab} R^{ab} + c_3 R_{abcd} R^{abcd} + c_4 X R + c_5 R^{ab} \varphi_a \varphi_b$$
$$+ c_6 X^2 + c_7 (\square \varphi)^2 + c_8 \varphi_{ab} \varphi^{ab} + c_9 R + c_{10} X + c_{11}$$

- Theory is renormalizable,<sup>\*</sup> can avoid Ostrogradsky instability if  $S$  bounded
- Postulate that at long distance scales, matter coupled to effective metric:  $\mathbf{g}_{ab} = g_{ab} - \varphi_a \varphi_b / X_c$
- Eff. metric  $\mathbf{g}_{ab}$  is a disformal transformation; can show  $S$  reduces to Lorentzian scalar-tensor theory for  $\mathbf{g}_{ab}$  in long-distance limit.<sup>†‡</sup>

<sup>†</sup>S. Mukohyama, Phys. Rev. D 87, 085030 (2013)

<sup>‡</sup>S Mukohyama, J Uzan, Phys. Rev D. 87:065020 (2013)

<sup>\*</sup>K Muneyuki, N Ohta, Phys. Lett. B 725 (2013) 495-499



# ELST Field Equations

The field equations are as follows:

$$\nabla_a(J^a - \Phi^a) = 0$$

$$Q_{ab}^R + Q_{ab}^\varphi + g_{ab}Q = \frac{1}{2}T_{ab}$$

where  $\Phi^a$  and  $T_{ab}$  are matter sources.

The quantities  $J^a$ ,  $Q_{ab}^R$ ,  $Q_{ab}^\varphi$ , and  $Q$  are defined to the right, where as before:

$$\varphi_a := \nabla_a \varphi \quad \varphi_{ab} := \nabla_a \nabla_b \varphi.$$

Note that the quantities on the right simplify under the harmonic condition  $\square\varphi = 0$  and vanishing curvature.

$$J^a = (c_7 + c_8)\square\varphi^a - (c_5 + c_7)R^{ab}\varphi_b - \varphi^a(c_{10} + c_4R + 2c_6X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ab}^R = & -2c_9R_{ab} - 4c_2R_{ac}R_b{}^c - 4c_1R_{ab}R - 4c_3R_a{}^{cde}R_{bcde} \\ & + 4(c_2 + 2c_3)(R_{ac}R_b{}^c - R^{cd}R_{acbd}) \\ & + 2(2c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3)\nabla_a\nabla_bR - 2(c_2 + 4c_3)\square R_{ab}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ab}^\varphi = & -2c_{10}\varphi_{ab} + 4(c_5 - c_8)\varphi_{ab}\square\varphi + 4c_4\varphi_{cb}\varphi^c{}_a \\ & + 4(c_7 + c_8)(\varphi_{(a}\square\varphi_{b)}) + 2(2c_4 + c_5 - c_8)\varphi^c\nabla_c\varphi_{ab} \\ & - 2c_4(R\varphi_a\varphi_b + R_{ab}X - 2R_{acbd}\varphi^c\varphi^d) - 4c_6\varphi_a\varphi_bX \\ & - 4\varphi^c(c_5 + c_7)R_{c(a}\varphi_{b)}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q = & L - (c_5 + 2c_7)(\square\varphi)^2 + (c_5 + 2c_7)R^{cd}\varphi_c\varphi_d \\ & - (4c_1 + c_2)\square R - 2(2c_4 + c_5 + c_7)\varphi^c\square\varphi_c \\ & - (4c_4 + c_5)\varphi_{cd}\varphi^{cd}. \end{aligned}$$

# Regularized SCDS in quadratic ELST

Consider a saddle-like scalar field profile and flat metric:

$$\varphi = (u^2 - x^2)/(2l_0), \quad ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu = du^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$\text{Eff. Metric:} \quad \mathbf{g}_{ab} = g_{ab} - \varphi_a \varphi_b / X_c$$

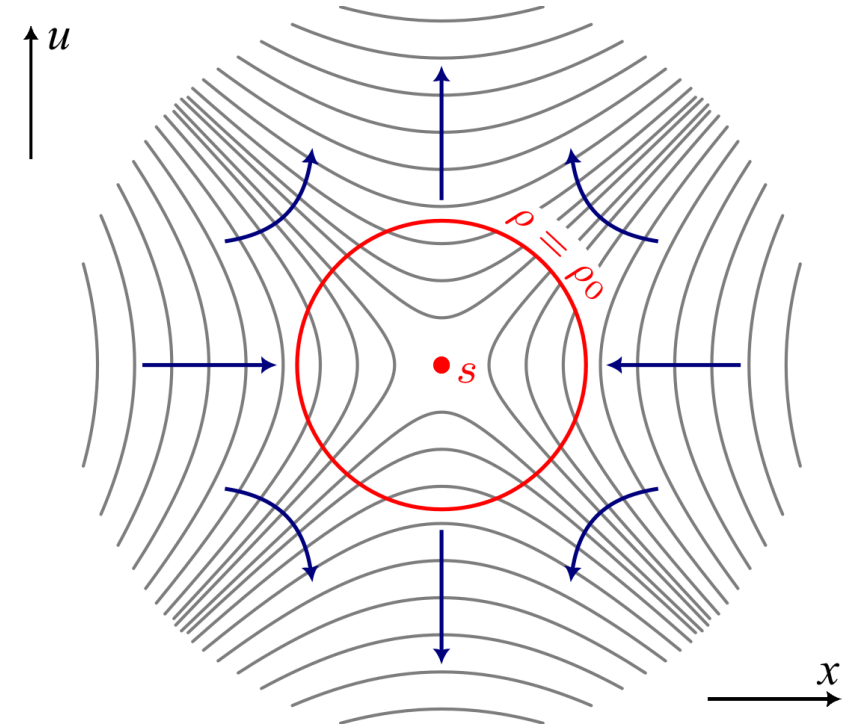
This is exact soln. for the parameters  $c_4 = c_6 = c_{10} = 0$  and  $l_0^2 = 2(c_5 - c_8)/c_{11}$ . Can also have exact solution for:

$$\varphi = (3u^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)/(2L_0)$$

Can get approximate soln. using Riemann normal coords:<sup>†</sup>

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} [R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta - \frac{1}{6} [\nabla_\gamma R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta x^\gamma - \left[ \frac{2}{45} R_{\mu\alpha\lambda\beta} R^\lambda_{\gamma\delta\nu} + \frac{1}{20} \nabla_\gamma \nabla_\delta R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \right]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta x^\gamma x^\delta + O(x^5)$$

where  $s$  is the origin.\*

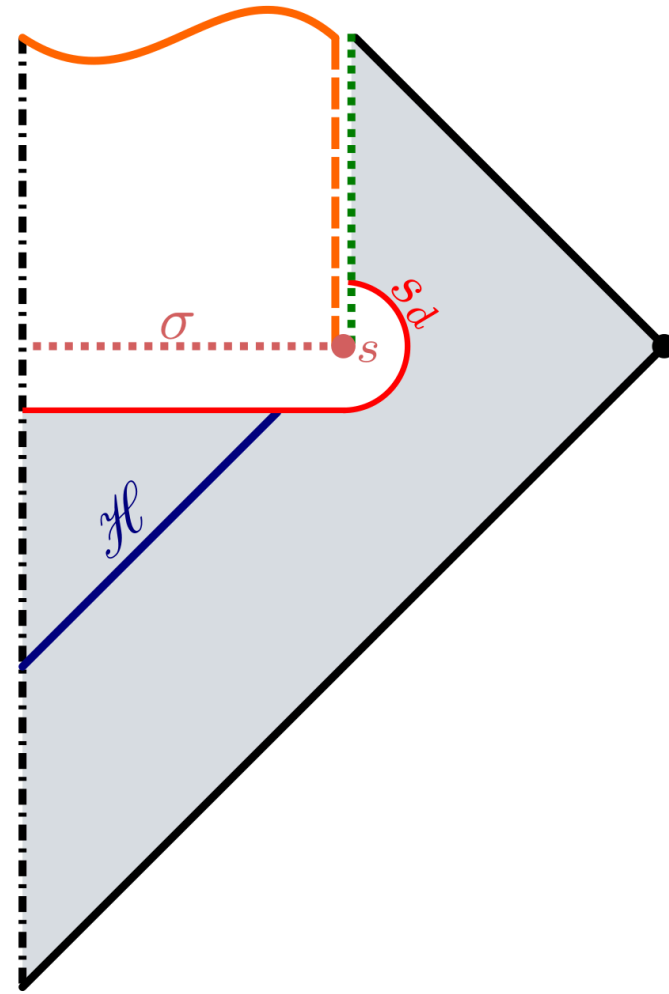
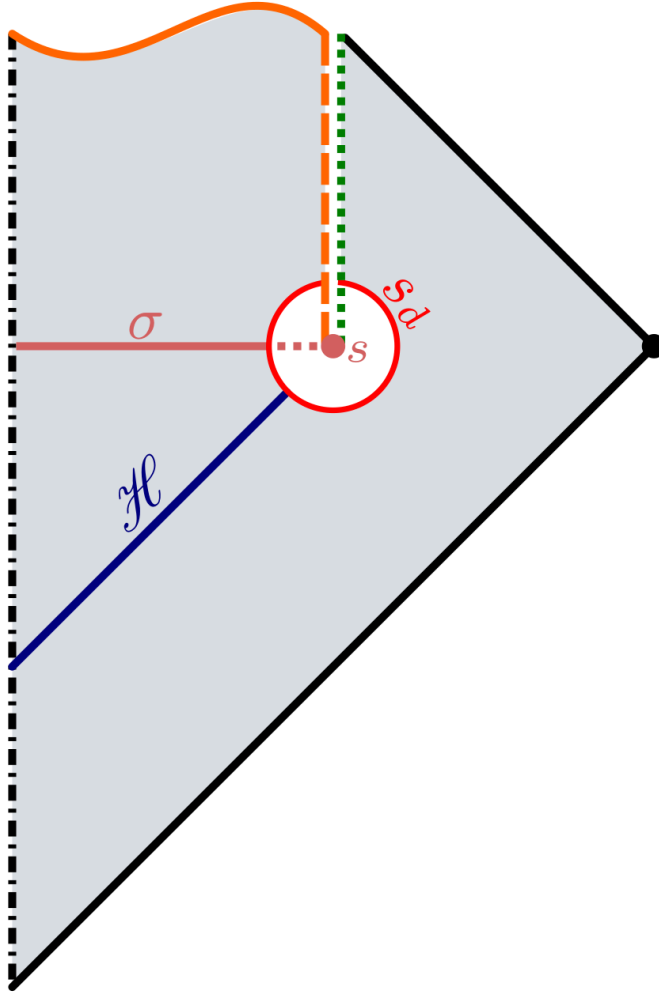


Where:  $\rho = \sqrt{u^2 + x^2}$ ,  $\rho_0 = \sqrt{X_c} l_0$

<sup>†</sup>U Muller, C Schubert, and A M E van de Ven, Gen. Rel. Grav. 31, 1759 (1999);

A Z Petrov, *Einstein Spaces*, Pergamon (1969); E Kreysig, *Intro. to Diff. Geom. and Riem. Geom.*, U Toronto Press (1968)

# Regularization possibilities



# Remarks on BH Information paradox

- A "baby universe" resolution to BH information paradox?
- There was some debate whether pinch off point relevant for unitarity<sup>†‡</sup>
- Clear that pinch off point is singular; expect nontrivial consequences for unitarity
- Whether ELST can resolve this depends on its quantization

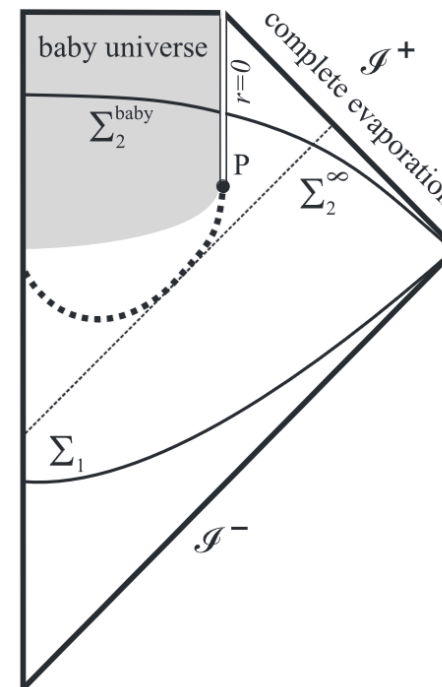


Figure 4: Option 4A: Example of a baby universe scenario. The pinch-off point is marked with P, the thick dotted line indicates the apparent horizon. The double thin line is a boundary between two disconnected regions. The grey shaded region is potentially subject to non-negligible quantum gravitational corrections. The thin dashed line represents the lightlike surface where the event horizon of the collapsing matter had been without evaporation.

<sup>†</sup>S Hossenfelder, L Smolin, Phys.Rev.D81:064009,2010 [arXiv:0901.3156]

<sup>‡</sup>Bianchi et al. Class.Quant.Grav. 35 (2018) 22, 225003

# Issues/questions to think about

- A "baby universe" resolution<sup>†</sup> to BH information paradox seems to require a study of quasiregular singularities and their regularization
  - In the  $1 + 1$  case, you have SCDS, in the  $d + 1$  case, have a generalization
- ELSTs can describe SCDS (the analysis here is classical!)
  - Singularity regularized only in fundamental metric and scalar field;  $g_{ab}$  still singular
  - SCDS might work in  $d + 1$  case, but need to better understand structure of  $d + 1$  singularity
  - More comprehensive analysis needed to see whether scenario is indeed realized at end of BH evap.
  - Regarding ELSTs: Questions about quantization, time evolution, long-distance behavior remain
    - Preliminary results suggest ELST requires strong constraints on parameters if massless DoFs in pert. theory propagate with Lorentzian dispersion relation
- How might other theories handle quasiregular singularities?

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## Finite areal radius at the origin

Consider line element for  $R \times S^2$  manifold:

$$ds^2 = du^2 + dv^2 + r(u, v)^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \phi d\phi^2)$$

For a the  $v = 0$  surface, extrinsic curvature is:

$$K_{\cdot} = \text{diag} \left( 0, \frac{\partial_v r(u, v)|_{v=0}}{r(u, 0)}, \frac{\partial_v r(u, v)|_{v=0}}{r(u, 0)} \right)$$

If left side is reflection of right side, can have finite areal radius  $r$  at  $v = 0$  and smooth ( $C^1$  at least) geometry provided that  $\partial_v r(u, v)|_{v=0} = 0$ .

# Approximate solution in Riemann normal coordinates

Explicitly, the approximate solution near the origin has the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &= (u^2 - v^2)/(2L_0) + \varphi_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu + O(x^3) \\ g_{\mu\nu} &= \delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} [R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta - \frac{1}{6} [\nabla_\gamma R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta x^\gamma \\ &\quad - \left[ \frac{2}{45} R_{\mu\alpha\lambda\beta} R^\lambda_{\gamma\delta\nu} + \frac{1}{20} \nabla_\gamma \nabla_\delta R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \right]_0 x^\alpha x^\beta x^\gamma x^\delta + O(x^5)\end{aligned}$$

with coefficients satisfying:

$$\begin{aligned}&\left[ 4\{(c_2 + 4c_3)\square R_{\mu\nu} - (2c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3)\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu R\} + 4c_{10}\varphi_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ &\quad + 8\{c_3 R_\mu^{\alpha\beta\gamma} R_{\nu\alpha\beta\gamma} - (c_2 + 2c_3)(R_{\mu\alpha} R_\nu^\alpha - R^{\alpha\beta} R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta})\} \\ &\quad + 8\{c_2 R_{\mu\alpha} R_\nu^\alpha - c_4 \varphi_{\alpha\mu} \varphi^\alpha_\nu\} + 4(c_9 + 2c_1 R) R_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + 2g_{\mu\nu} \left\{ (4c_1 + c_2)\square R - c_{11} - c_9 R - c_1 R^2 - c_2 R_{\alpha\beta} R^{\alpha\beta} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - c_3 R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} - (c_8 - 4c_4 - c_5)\varphi_{\alpha\beta} \varphi^{\alpha\beta} \right\} + T_{\mu\nu} \right]_0 = 0\end{aligned}$$