

## The firewall problem :

Itzhaki '96, Braunstein et al. '09  
Mathur '09, AMPS '12, MP '13 /<sup>12</sup>

Assume unitary evolution, as in the Page model.

Add dynamics: combine the Page model with Hawking's model.

Use the pair production picture.

⇒ Need to learn about the ingoing modes q's.

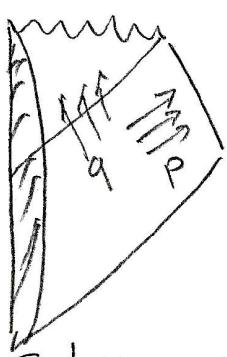


In going modes, pair production and all that

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More ambiguous: positive and negative frequencies cannot be defined precisely

Hawking: " A stationary observer outside the BH could regard the outgoing particles as a result of gravitational pair production similar to pair production of  $e^+e^-$  pair in a electric field. One member falls into the BH, the other emitted."



The Schwinger effect

$\epsilon > 0$

$$\epsilon_E = eEd, \quad \epsilon_{\text{pair}} = 2m \Rightarrow L = \frac{2m}{eE} \quad \dots$$

$$P_{\text{pair}} \sim e^{-\frac{L}{\lambda}}, \quad \lambda = \hbar/m$$

$$P \sim e^{-\frac{2m^2}{eE}}, \quad R_{\text{pp}} \sim (eE)^2 e^{-\frac{\pi m^2}{eE}}$$

Gravitational pair production

$$eE \leftarrow \frac{GM_{\text{BH}}}{R^2} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{particle}} \sim \frac{\epsilon_p}{R_s}$$

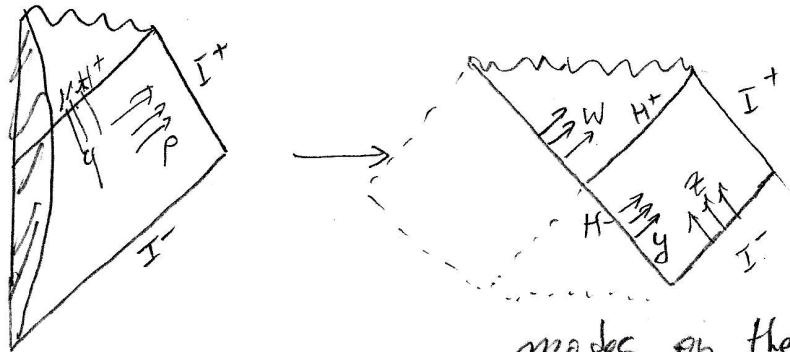
$$R_{\text{pp}} \sim \frac{\epsilon_p^2}{R_s^2} e^{-\frac{\pi \epsilon_p^2}{\epsilon_p/R_s}} = \frac{\epsilon^2}{R_s^2} e^{-\pi R_s \epsilon}$$

$$\frac{\partial R_{\text{pp}}}{\partial \epsilon} = 0 \quad (R_{\text{pp}})_{\text{max}} \Rightarrow \epsilon \sim \frac{1}{R_s} \sim T_H, \quad R_{\text{pp}} \sim \frac{1}{R_s^4} \sim T_H^4$$

Hawking: " The horizon states will be chosen so that some of them describe those negative energy particles that the stationary observer considers to exist inside the BH" !!

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Integrate shell and replace it by our external BH geometry  
with BC : PRD '76



modes on the full  $H^-$

$$\phi = \sum_i (f^{(1)} a_i^{(1)} + f^{(3)} a_i^{(3)} + f^{(u)} a_i^{(u)} + H.C.)$$

$$\{f^{(1)}, f^{(3)}, f^{(u)}\} \rightarrow \{z, w, y\},$$

$$z = f_1$$

$$y = \sqrt{1-x} f_3 \quad x = e^{-\frac{W}{T_H}}$$

$$w = \sqrt{1-x} f_4$$

$$(w): (g_w - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{W}{T_H}} b_w^+) |0-\rangle = 0$$

$$(y): (h_w - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{W}{T_H}} g_w^+) |0-\rangle = 0$$

$$z: j_w |0-\rangle = 0$$

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particles are created in pairs  
of outgoing and ingoing particles

Particles are created in a TFD state

Vacuum almost perfect.

$$|4\rangle \sim \sum_i e^{-\frac{\beta E_i}{2}} |E_i^{(+)}\rangle |E_i^{(-)}\rangle \sim |0-\rangle$$

$$\hat{f} = |4\rangle \langle 4| \Rightarrow \hat{f}_{\text{out}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{in}} \hat{f} = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} |E_i^{(+)}\rangle \langle E_i^{(+)}|$$

thermal state. See also discussion in more  
detail [6].

Pair picture only heuristic!

## The firewall problem:

When the outgoing radiation starts to purify, the state of the pairs near the horizon cannot be a thermofield double state  $\Rightarrow$  the state cannot be close to  $|0\rangle$

$\Rightarrow$  Highly excited state near horizon  $\Rightarrow$  "Firewall"  
breakdown of  
the Equivalence Princ.

New technical tool : Strong subadditivity

in 3 - partite Hilbert spaces

$$\boxed{A \mid B \mid C}$$

- AMPS :
- A - early radiation (emitted before the Page time)
  - B - late radiation (emitted after Page time)
  - C - ingoing partners of B

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Mathur :

- A - early radiation  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$
- B - next positive energy mode  $b_{n+1}$
- C - next negative energy mode  $c_{n+1}$

Strong subadditivity (SSA) Araki+Lieb '70

Assume A, B, C parts of ABC

$$\text{then } S^{ABC} + S^B \leq S^{AB} + S^{BC} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{or, } S^A + S^C \leq S^{AB} + S^{BC} \quad (2)$$

A	B	C
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(1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) by assuming a purifier D such that  $S^{ABC_D} = 0$   
 so  $S^{AB} = S^{CD}$ ,  $S^{BC} = S^D$  etc.

Strong subadditivity vs. subadditivity

$$S^{AB} \leq S^A + S^B$$

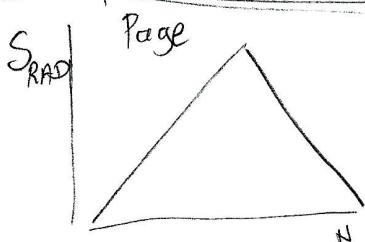
In QM this is not true!  $S^{AB} = 0$  pure state

while  $S^A, S^B \neq 0$

as we have seen previously

Problem 3: from paper 1203.5116

Show SSA for Rényi entropy (for free fields  $\text{I}_{\text{QS}} = \text{Gaussian states}$ )



$$S^A + S^C \leq S^{AB} + S^{BC}$$

Entropy of outgoing radiation is decreasing

$$S^{AB} < S^A$$

$S^{BC} \approx 0$  partners in  $\text{nTFD}$  static  
near vacuum  $\rightarrow$

$$S^A - S^{AB} + S^C \approx 0$$

Contradiction

$\downarrow$   $\uparrow$   
V V  
0 0  
thermol

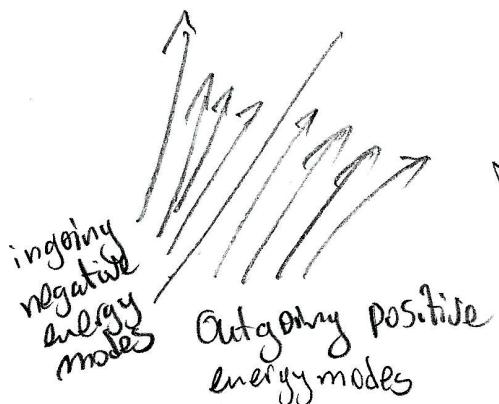
## Conclusion:

Near horizon state has to deviate substantially from TFD to allow Hawking radiation to begin to purify

## "Firewall"

Deviation from TFD

$\Rightarrow$  A state with excitations at arbitrary high energies limited only by QFT cutoff. "Planckian Wall of fire"

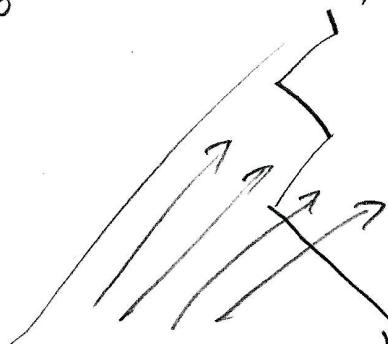


Equivalence principle is violated:  
Horizon can be detected (bottom)

Falling object  
will see a highly excited state - will burn

Izquierdo '96

will never reach horizon  
before BH evaporates  
completely



massless particle

"bombardeed by high energy  
Hawking modes"

Equivalence principle is violated: position of the horizon  
can be detected by an infalling observer.