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# Quantum effects in black hole interiors

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# Outline

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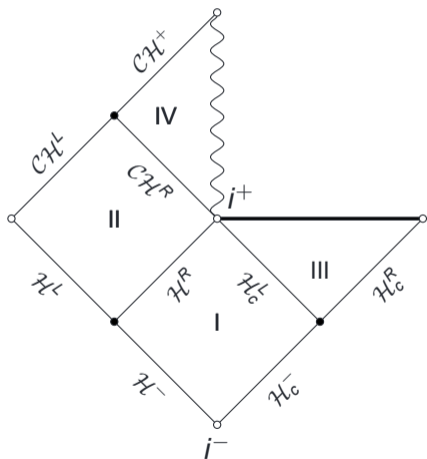
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Summary and outlook

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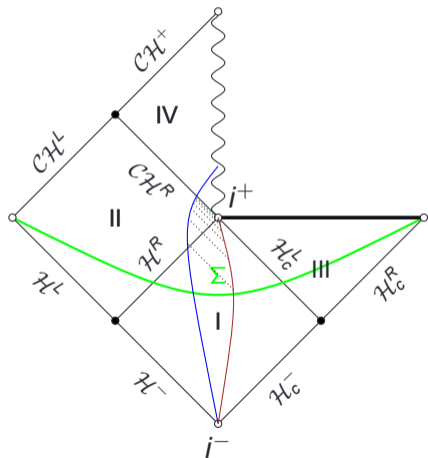
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# The RNdS spacetime



- $G_{\nu\rho} + \Lambda g_{\nu\rho} = 8\pi T_{\nu\rho}$
- $g = -f(r)dt^2 + f^{-1}(r)dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2$
- $f(r) = -\frac{\Lambda}{3}r^2 + 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{Q^2}{r^2}$
- Horizons:  $\mathcal{CH} \sim r_-$ ,  $\mathcal{H} \sim r_+$ , and  $\mathcal{H}_c \sim r_c$

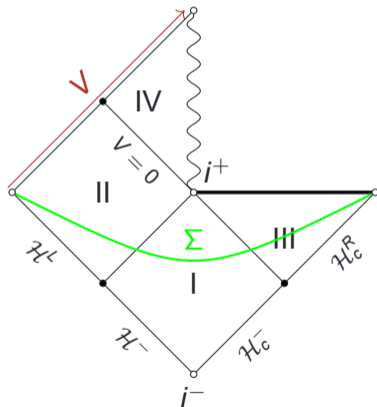
# Strong cosmic censorship



- Cauchy horizon beyond which events not determined by initial data on  $\Sigma$
- Signals reaching  $\mathcal{CH}^R$  infinitely blueshifted  
[Penrose, 1974]  $\Leftrightarrow$  Cosmological redshift
- Strong cosmic censorship conjecture (sCC):  
For generic initial data, metric is inextendible with certain regularity across  $\mathcal{CH}^R$

[Christodoulou, 2008]

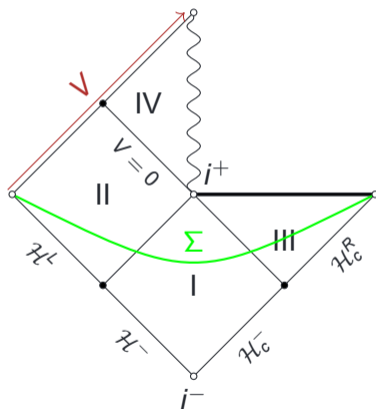
## Real scalar perturbations - classically



- Scalar test field:  $[\nabla_\nu \nabla^\nu - \mu^2]\phi = 0$
- sCC violated if  $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{\kappa_-} > \frac{1}{2}$  [Hintz, Vasy, 2017]
- $\alpha$  spectral gap of quasinormal modes,  $\kappa_-$  surface gravity of  $\mathcal{CH}$
- sCC violated classically for large  $Q$

[Cardoso et al., 2017]

# Real scalar perturbations - quantum



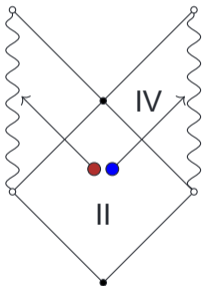
- Real quantum scalar field in state  $\Psi$   
Hadamard near  $\Sigma$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Energy flux } \langle T_{VV} \rangle_\Psi \sim \langle \partial_V \Phi \partial_V \Phi \rangle_\Psi \sim C V^{-2}$$

[Hollands et.al., 2020]

- $C \sim \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \omega n_{\ell}(\omega)$
  - $n_{\ell}(\omega)$  function of scattering coefficients
- $\Rightarrow$  Is  $C$  generically non-zero?

## Charged scalar fields



- Charged black hole  $\Rightarrow$  charged scalar field
- Classically: sCC still violated for large  $Q$

[Cardoso et.al., 2018, Dias et.al.,2018]

$\Rightarrow$  Can quantum effects restore sCC?

- Charged field in background electromagnetic field

$\Rightarrow$  Non-vanishing charge current

$\Rightarrow$  Intuitive picture: Creation of particle-antiparticle pairs and rapid discharge [Herman, Hiscock, 1994]

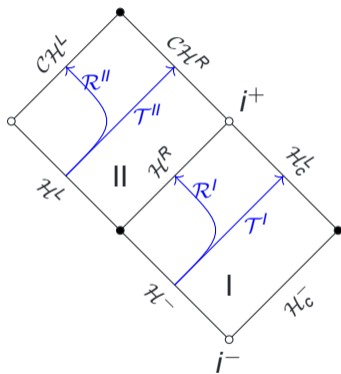
$\Rightarrow$  Can quantum effects charge the black hole?



# THE REAL SCALAR FIELD

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## Computation of the scattering coefficients

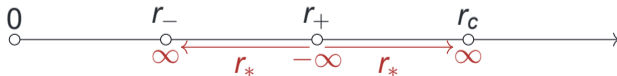


The "up"-modes

- Klein-Gordon-equation:  $[\nabla_\nu \nabla^\nu - \mu^2] \psi = 0$
  - Mode ansatz:  

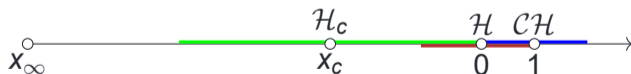
$$\psi_{\omega l m} = (4\pi|\omega|)^{-1} r^{-1} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) e^{-i\omega t} R_{\omega l}(r)$$
  - Equation for  $R_{\omega l}(r)$ :  

$$[\partial_{r_*}^2 - W(r) + \omega^2] R_{\omega l}(r) = 0$$
- ⇒ 1d scattering problem

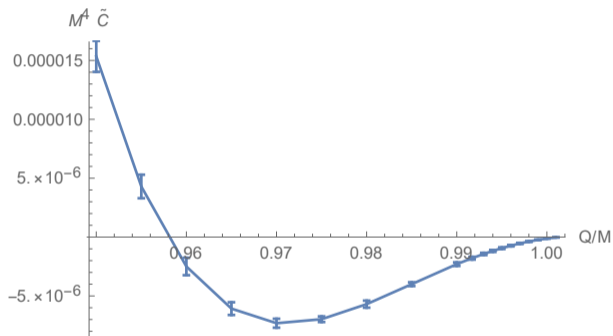


## Finding local solutions

- Adapted variable for  $\mathcal{H}$ :  $x = x_\infty \frac{r-r_+}{r-r_0}$  [Suzuki et al., 1999]
- Ansatz:  $(r^{-1}R_{\omega\ell})(x) \sim e^{i\omega r_*} \frac{x-x_\infty}{1-x_\infty} h(x)$
- Power-series ansatz:  $h(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h_n x^n$  with  $h_n = 0$  for  $n < 0$  and  $h_0 = 1$
- Repeat for other horizons

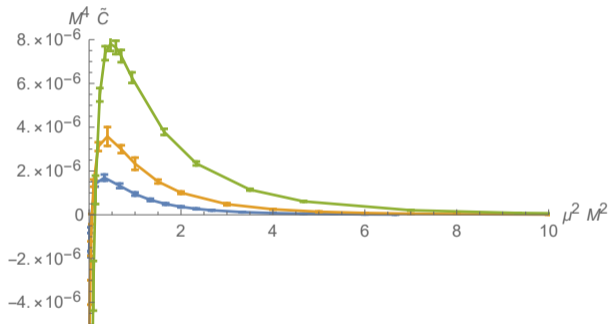


## $Q/M$ -dependence of the energy flux



Energy flux  $\langle T_{\nu\nu} \rangle_U$  at  $\mathcal{CH}^R (= \kappa_-^2 C)$  for the massless real scalar as a function of  $Q$

[Hollands, CK, Zahn, 2020]

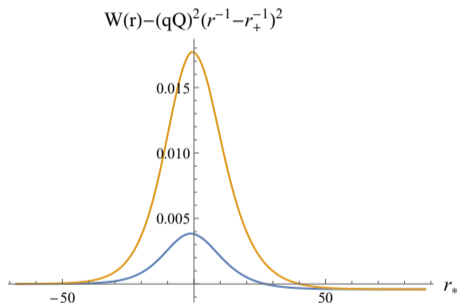
$\mu^2 M^2$ -dependence of the energy flux

Energy flux  $\langle T_{vv} \rangle_U$  at  $\mathcal{CH}^R$  for the real scalar generically non-vanishing [Hollands, CK, Zahn, 2020]

# THE CHARGED SCALAR FIELD



## The charged scalar on RNdS



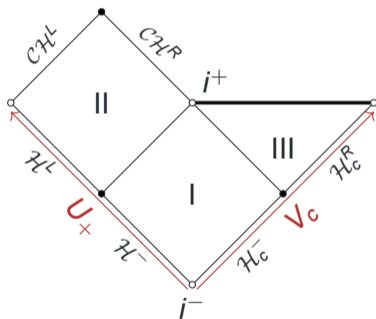
Potential in region I for  $\ell = 0$  (blue)  
and  $\ell = 1$  (orange)

- Klein-Gordon-equation:  $[D_\nu D^\nu - \mu^2] \psi = 0$
- $D_\nu = \nabla_\nu - iqA_\nu$ , and  $A = -\frac{Q}{r} dt$
- Mode ansatz:  

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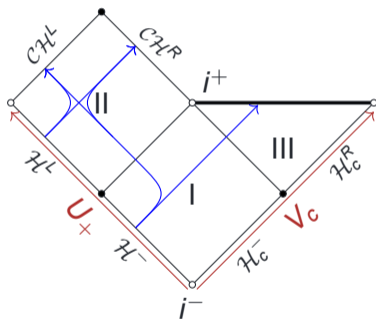
## The current in the Unruh vacuum



- Expansion of quantum field in Unruh modes:
 
$$\Phi(x) = \sum_J \int_0^\infty d\omega \left( \psi_{\omega J}^U(x) a_{\omega J} + \psi_{(-\omega)J}^U(x) b_{\omega J}^\dagger \right)$$
- ⇒ Unruh vacuum:  $a_{\omega J}|0\rangle_U = b_{\omega J}|0\rangle_U = 0$
- Charge current:
 
$$j_\nu(x) = iq(\Phi D_\nu^* \Phi^* - \Phi^* D_\nu \Phi)(x)$$
- Hadamard point-split renormalization

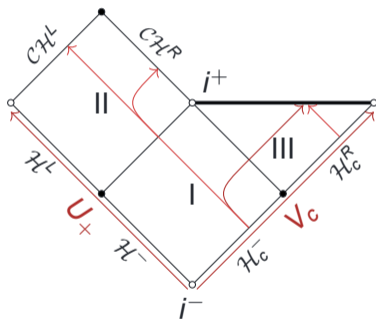


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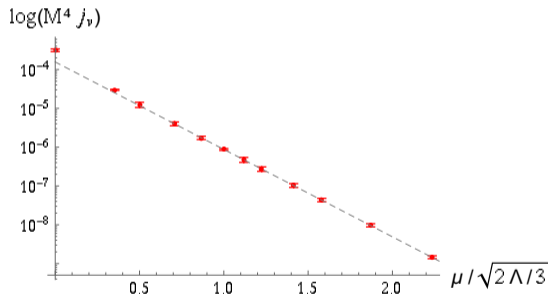
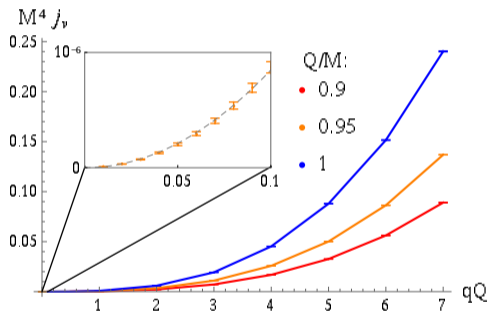
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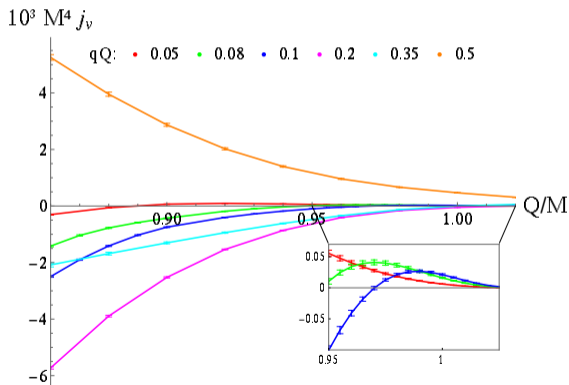
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## At the event horizon...



– Charge current through  $\mathcal{H}^R$  always positive  $\Rightarrow$  black hole is discharged

## ...and the Cauchy horizon



- Charge current can be negative
- ⇒ Charging of black hole
- Charge current positive near maximal  $Q$
- ⇒ Cannot overcharge black hole

# **SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK**



## Summary

- Real scalar field:  $C \neq 0$  generically
- $\Rightarrow$  sCC restored by quantum effects
- Sign of  $C$  depends on scalar field mass and black hole charge
- $\Rightarrow$  Final fate of an observer approaching  $\mathcal{CH}^R$  parameter-dependent
- Charged scalar:

$\mathcal{H}^R$	$\mathcal{CH}^R$
$\langle j_V \rangle_U$ always positive	$\langle j_V \rangle_U$ can be negative
$\Rightarrow$ Black hole discharges	$\Rightarrow$ Black hole can be charged

## Outlook

RNdS	Kerr-de Sitter
Black hole charge $Q$	Black hole angular momentum $a$
spherically symmetric	axisymmetric
static exterior region	stationary exterior region
Charge current $\langle j_V \rangle$	Angular momentum current $\langle T_{V\varphi_-} \rangle$

- Construction of the Unruh state on Kerr-de Sitter [CK: 2022]
- State-independence of the leading divergence of  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$  at  $\mathcal{CH}^R$
- Numerical computation of  $\langle T_{V\varphi_-} \rangle_{U-C}$



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