Black Hole and de Sitter Microstructures from a Semiclassical Perspective

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What happens if matter falls into a black hole?



A proposal [Bekenstein, 1973]

The entropy of a BH is proportional to its horizon area.

$$S_{\rm BH} = \frac{A}{4G_{\rm N}}$$
 Note: $G_{\rm N} = \ell_{\rm P}^2 \sim (10^{-33} \, {\rm cm})^2 \rightarrow {\rm huge \ entropy}$
ndeed, $\Delta \left(\frac{A}{4G_{\rm N}} + S_{\rm matter}\right) \ge 0$

Does this make sense?

$$\frac{A}{4G_{\rm N}} = 4\pi G_{\rm N} M^2 \xrightarrow{OS}_{M} = \frac{1}{T} \rightarrow \text{finite temperature}$$

Doesn't a BH only absorb stuff?

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Holography

A clue comes from the BH physics itself.

A BH is the highest entropy state of the region, and still $S \propto \frac{A}{\ell_{\rm P}^2}$

Strange!



The concept that spacetime exits down to $\sim l_P$ is an illusion!

→ suggests that there is a formulation of quantum gravity in spacetime **one less dimension** than the naïve one.

AdS/CFT correspondence [Maldacena, 1997]



BH evolution **must be** unitary.



A process in non-gravitational (unitary) theory

... problem "solved"





















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Alternatively



Hawking's analysis

information loss

 \rightarrow What was wrong with Hawking's analysis?

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Picture based on Global Spacetime — replica wormholes & QES prescription —

Start with "global spacetime"



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A: finite

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$$\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle = 0$$
 —

$$\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle \sim e^{-\frac{S}{2}}$$

semiclassical (QFT in curved spacetime)

quantum gravity

... only e^{S} independent states

$$\begin{split} |\Psi\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^{e^{S}} c_{i} |\psi_{i}\rangle \qquad c_{i} \sim e^{-\frac{S}{2}} \\ \langle\Psi_{1}|\Psi_{2}\rangle &= \sum_{i=1}^{e^{S}} c_{1,i}^{*} \, c_{2,i} \sim e^{\frac{S}{2}} e^{-S} \sim e^{-\frac{S}{2}} \\ \rightarrow e^{e^{S}} \text{ approximately orthogonal states} \end{split}$$

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 \rightarrow How to get this curve?

Page curve from replica wormholes

$$S_R \equiv -\mathrm{Tr}[\rho_R \ln \rho_R] = \lim_{n \to 1} \frac{1}{1-n} \ln \mathrm{Tr}[\rho_R^n]$$

Penington, Shenker, Stanford, Yang ('19); Almheiri, Hartman, Maldacena, Shaghoulian, Tajdini ('19)

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Quantum extremal surface (QES) prescription

Penington ('19); Almheiri, Engelhardt, Marolf, Maxfield ('19); ...



Quantum extremal surface (QES) prescription

Entanglement entropy of radiation in R is given by singularity $S_R = \min_{\partial I} \exp\left[\frac{\operatorname{Area}(\partial I)}{4G_N} + S_{\operatorname{von Neumann}}(R \cup I)\right]$ (island ∂I : quantum extremal surface (QES) Operators acting on *R* can represent physics occurring in I (entanglement wedge reconstruction) \rightarrow Hawking radiation emitted is **not** independent of the interior d.o.f.s! ...; Maldacena, Susskind ('13); ...

Penington ('19); Almheiri, Engelhardt,

Marolf, Maxfield ('19); ...



Picture based on Holography — unitary gauge construction —

Start with a "distant" (holographic) description



The d.o.f.s outside the horizon comprise the **entire** system.

 \rightarrow The evolution is unitary.

→ How does the "interior" emerge?

Papadodimas, Raju ('12-'15); Verlinde, Verlinde ('12-'13); Y.N., Sanches, Varela, Weinberg ('12-'15); ... Y.N. ('19, 20)

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Key features Y.N. ('19, 20), Murdia, Y.N., Ritchie ('22)

- defining characteristics of BHs



(II) Dynamics at the stretched horizon



\rightarrow "ultimate" thermalization in the zone



... universal across all low energy species

Emergence of the interior: Basic picture



... universally thermal

At late times, the BH is entangled with radiation

 $|\Psi_{\rm BH}\rangle \propto \sum_{i} e^{-\frac{E_{i}}{2T_{\rm H}}} |H_{i}\rangle |(S + R)_{i}\rangle \dots \text{ play the role of the mirror partners}$ Coarse-grained soft mode and radiation states (representing collective excitations of these modes)

... Interior d.o.f.s involve early Hawking radiation.

More details and math behind them

• Black hole **vacuum** state at time t

Complete thermalization by (redshifted) string dynamics

Excitations in the zone:

$$\begin{split} b_{\gamma} &= \sum_{n} \sqrt{n_{\gamma}} \left| \{ n_{\alpha} - \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \} \right\rangle \langle \{ n_{\alpha} \} | \\ b_{\gamma}^{\dagger} &= \sum_{n} \sqrt{n_{\gamma} + 1} \left| \{ n_{\alpha} + \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \} \right\rangle \langle \{ n_{\alpha} \} | \end{split}$$

... standard annihilation and creation operators

What about the interior?
More details and math behind them

• Black hole **vacuum** state at time t

$$|\Psi_{A,0}(M)\rangle = \sum_{n} \left[\sum_{i_n=1}^{e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M-E_n)}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\text{rad}}}} c^{A}_{ni_na} |\{n_\alpha\}\rangle |\psi_{i_n}^{(n)}\rangle |\phi_a\rangle \right]$$

index specifying

microstate: $A = 1, \cdots, e^{S_{\text{tot}}}$

$$e^{S_{\text{tot}}} \equiv \sum_{n} e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M-E_n)} e^{S_{\text{rad}}} = z e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M)+S_{\text{rad}}} \left(z \equiv \sum_{n} e^{-\frac{E_n}{T_{\text{H}}}} \right)$$

 $\left(\left\langle \{m_{\alpha}\} | \{n_{\alpha}\} \right\rangle = \delta_{mn}, \quad \left\langle \psi_{i_{m}}^{(m)} | \psi_{j_{n}}^{(n)} \right\rangle = \delta_{mn} \delta_{i_{m}j_{n}}, \quad \left\langle \phi_{a} | \phi_{b} \right\rangle = \delta_{ab} \right)$

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Mirror microstates for each A cf. Papadodimas, Raju ('12-'15); Verlinde, Verlinde ('12-'13); Y.N., Sanches, Varela, Weinberg ('12-'15);

Mirror microstates for each A

$$\|\{n_{\alpha}\}_{A}\rangle = \alpha_{n}^{A} \sum_{i_{n}=1}^{e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M-E_{n})}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\text{rad}}}} c_{ni_{n}a}^{A} |\psi_{i_{n}}^{(n)}\rangle |\phi_{a}\rangle \longrightarrow |\Psi_{A,0}(M)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \sum_{n} e^{-\frac{E_{n}}{2T_{\text{H}}}} |\{n_{\alpha}\}\rangle \|\{n_{\alpha}\}_{A}\rangle$$

normalization: $\alpha_{n}^{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i_{n}=1}^{e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M-E_{n})}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\text{rad}}}} c_{ni_{n}a}^{A*} c_{ni_{n}a}^{A}}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i_{n}=1}^{e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M-E_{n})}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\text{rad}}}} c_{ni_{n}a}^{A*} c_{ni_{n}a}^{A}}}$

$$= \sqrt{z} \ e^{\frac{E_{n}}{2T_{\text{H}}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{n}^{A}\right)}$$
exponentially small correction

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Mirror operators for each microstate (representing collective excitations of soft and far modes)

$$\tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A} = \sum_{n} \sqrt{n_{\gamma}} \left\| \{n_{\alpha} - \delta_{\alpha\gamma}\}_{A} \right\| \left\{ n_{\alpha} + \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \right\}_{A} \right\|$$
$$\tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A\dagger} = \sum_{n} \sqrt{n_{\gamma} + 1} \left\| \{n_{\alpha} + \delta_{\alpha\gamma}\}_{A} \right\| \left\{ \{n_{\alpha}\}_{A} + \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \right\}_{A} \right\|$$

... satisfy the commutation relation of ann./cre. operators up to exponentially suppressed corrections of $\sim e^{-S}$.

Infalling mode operators for each microstate

$$a_{\xi}^{A} = \sum_{\gamma} \left(\alpha_{\xi\gamma} b_{\gamma} + \beta_{\xi\gamma} b_{\gamma}^{\dagger} + \zeta_{\xi\gamma} \tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A} + \eta_{\xi\gamma} \tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A\dagger} \right)$$
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... describe interior spacetime for **the hard modes** (objects).



standard Bogoliubov coefficients

Sufficient? \rightarrow No

Hard modes (a falling object) may be entangled with soft modes.

$$|\Psi(t_*)\rangle = \sum_{A=1}^{S_{\text{tot}}} \sum_I d_{AI}(t_*) |\Psi_{A,I}(M)\rangle$$

 \rightarrow Which infalling micro-operators should we use?

Global promotion

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \sum_{A=1}^{e^{S_{\text{tot}}}} a_A |\Psi_{A,0}(M)\rangle \middle| a_A \in \mathbb{C}, \sum_{A=1}^{e^{S_{\text{tot}}}} |a_A|^2 = 1 \right\} \dots \text{ space of vacuum microstates}$$
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Globally promoted operators:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\gamma} = \sum_{A'=1}^{e^{S_{\text{eff}}}} \tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A'}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\gamma}^{\dagger} = \sum_{A'=1}^{e^{S_{\text{eff}}}} \tilde{b}_{\gamma}^{A'\dagger}$$
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$$|\Psi(t_{*})\rangle = \sum_{A=1}^{S_{tot}} \sum_{I} d_{AI}(t_{*})|\Psi_{A,I}(M)\rangle \xrightarrow[decomposition]{} |\Psi(t_{*})\rangle = \sum_{I=1}^{K} g_{I}|\Psi_{A(I),I}(M)\rangle$$
where $\mathcal{K} \leq S_{exc} < S_{bh}(M) + S_{rad}$
One can always choose
$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} \supseteq \widetilde{V}[|\Psi(t_{*})\rangle]$$
where $\widetilde{V}[|\Psi(t_{*})\rangle] = \operatorname{span}(\{|\Psi_{A(I),0}(M)\rangle\})$

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Effective theory of the interior

... erected at each time *t* (as measured in the asymptotic region)



Describing a large interior region requires **multiple** effective theories erected at different times.



Comments

- Intrinsic ambiguity

Infalling mode operators are not strictly orthogonal to $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$.

 $\Rightarrow \quad \text{ambiguity of the procedure} \\ \text{of erecting the effective theory} \quad \text{of order } \epsilon = \max\left\{\frac{e^{S_{\text{eff}}}}{e^{S_{\text{bh}}(M) + S_{\text{rad}}}}, \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}\{S_{\text{bh}}(M) + S_{\text{rad}}\}}}\right\}$

... manifestation of the fact that the theory has only a finite # of d.o.f.s.

- State dependence

 $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$, of dimension $e^{S_{\text{eff}}}$, can be taken large, $S_{\text{eff}} = c \{S_{\text{bh}}(M) + S_{\text{rad}}\}$ for any c (< 1)*unless c is exponentially close to 1*.

A single set of global operators cannot cover the entire \mathcal{M} .



... state dependence Papadodimas, Raju ('13-'15)

Young black holes

For a young BH, $S_{bh} > S_{rad}$, infalling operators can be taken to act only on soft modes, using the Petz map.

This option is **not** available for an old BH.
→ **must** involve early radiation.

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}^{A}[\mathcal{O}] = \sum_{\kappa} \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{O}_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\kappa}^{A} \alpha_{\lambda}^{A*} \sum_{i_{\kappa}, i_{\kappa}'=1}^{e^{S_{\rm bh}(M-E_{\lambda})}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\rm rad}}} X_{i_{\kappa}'i_{\kappa}}^{(\kappa,A)} c_{\kappa i_{\kappa}a}^{A} c_{\lambda j_{\lambda}a}^{A*} X_{j_{\lambda}j_{\lambda}'}^{(\lambda,A)} |\psi_{i_{\kappa}'}^{(\lambda)}\rangle \langle\psi_{j_{\lambda}'}^{(\lambda)}| \quad \left(X_{i_{\kappa}j_{\kappa}}^{(\kappa,A)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}S_{\rm rad}} \sum_{a=1}^{e^{S_{\rm rad}}} \frac{c_{\kappa i_{\kappa}a}^{A} c_{\kappa j_{\kappa}a}^{A*}}{\left|\alpha_{\kappa}^{A} \sum_{k=1}^{e^{S_{\rm bh}(M-E_{\kappa})}} c_{\kappa k_{\kappa}a}^{A*} c_{\kappa k_{\kappa}a}^{A}}\right|^{2}\right)$$

Summary

- unitary gauge construction -



— It is crucial for the string dynamics, $T_{loc} \sim M_{string}$, to lead to "ultimate" (universal) thermalization.

... the defining characteristic for BHs in this description

 $(\rightarrow A \text{ similar construction does$ **not**work for the surface of regular material.)

 Emergence of the interior does not require detailed knowledge about the UV physics.

... Some basic features (quantum chaos, fast scrambling, universality) are sufficient.

Relation between the Two Pictures — canonical vs path-integral views —

Reconstructing the interior of an old BH



Entanglement wedge reconstruction

• Effective theory of the interior

Operators representing the interior must involve **both** the horizon **and** radiation modes.

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Effective theory construction uses an **instantaneous state** to construct (the portion of) the interior.

Effective theories of the interior:

... representing the portion of the interior reconstructable

from the state at a given time by simple operations



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As time passes, the information in the horizon/radiation modes become inaccessible at the semiclassical level because of their complexity generated by the horizon dynamics. (Entanglement wedge reconstruction describes these "at once.")



Beyond Black Holes — de Sitter spacetime and others —

A similar construction for de Sitter spacetime



→ apply to regularized/"realistic" de Sitter spacetime



A similar construction for de Sitter spacetime



Reconstructing spacetime outside the dS horizon



... emergence of spacetime beyond the horizon from horizon d.o.f.s (applicable for Rindler regions in general)

Relation to the Shaghoulian-Susskind proposal

... effective description extracting semiclassical d.o.f.s "outside" the horizon

Black hole:



dS space:





Black hole conundrum Structure of quantum gravity

⊃ Quantm mechanics & General relativity, but in a subtle manner!
… only one of them being manifest

Global spacetime

- interior evident
- unitarity nonperturbative gravity

... path integral (GR friendly)

Unitary/holographic

- unitarity by construction
- interior collective phenomenon
 - ... operator (QM friendly)

→ Lower energy physics without details of microscopic physics

And yet, we want to understand the microscopic theory of quantum gravity ... string theory, quantum information science, ...