

# Are **Firewalls** really **Cataclysmic** events?

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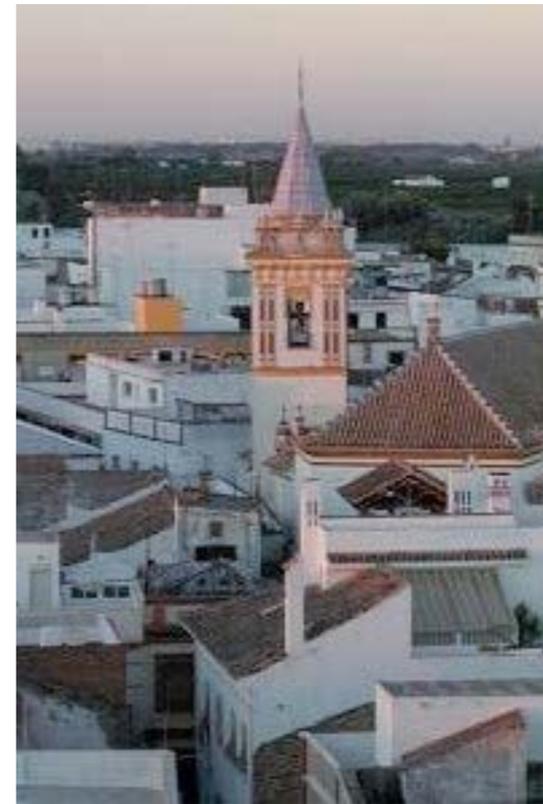
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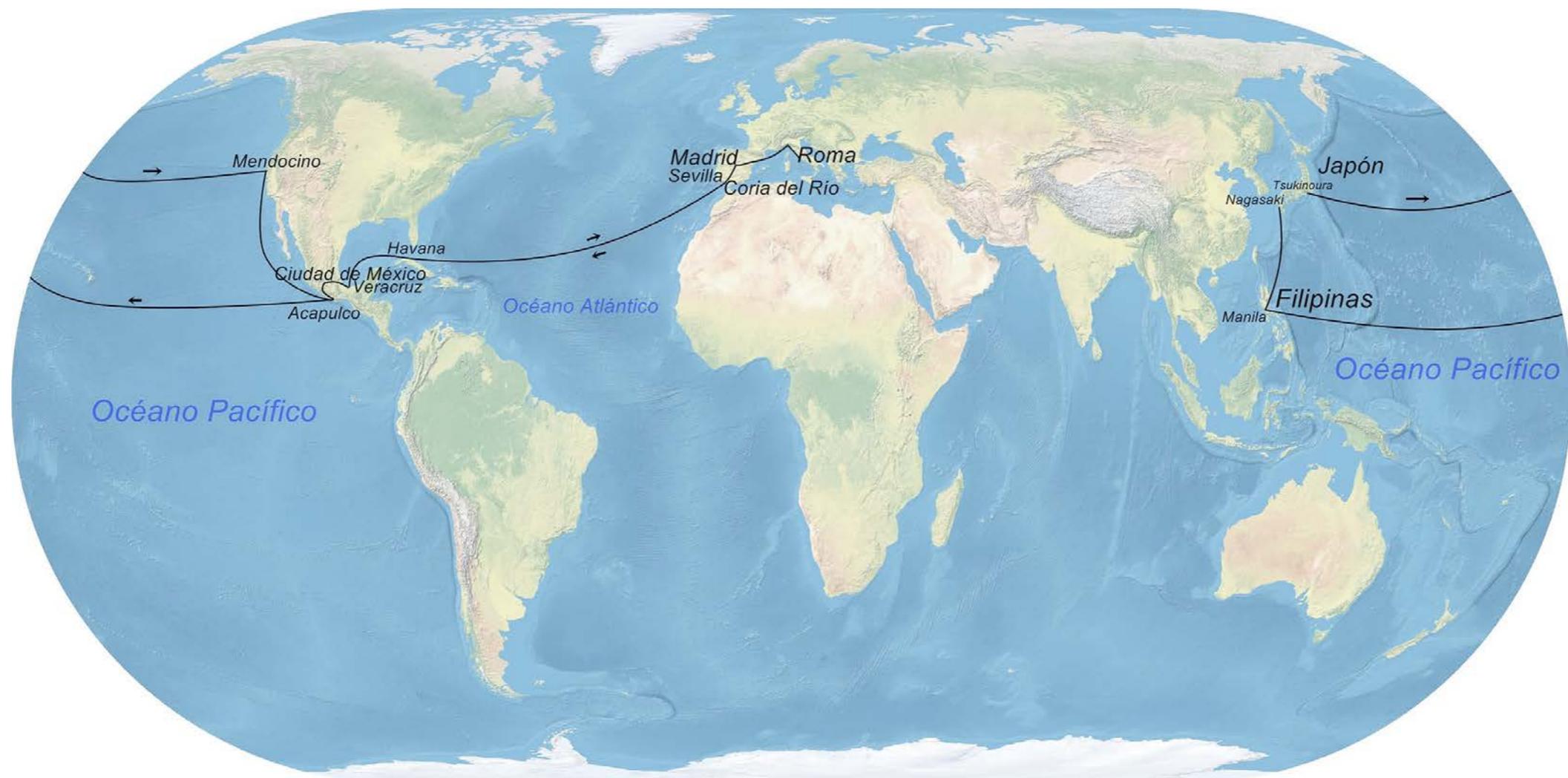
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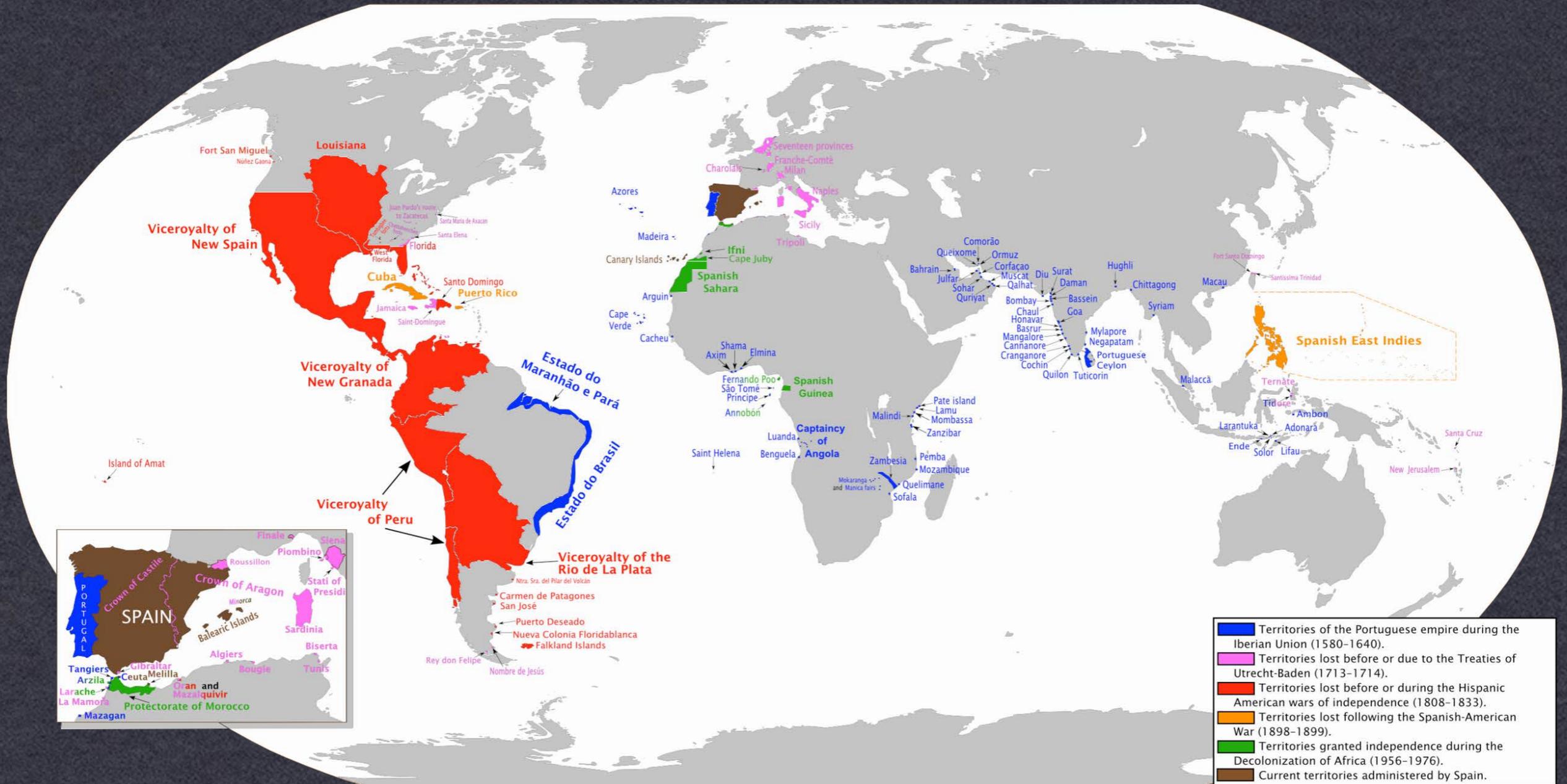
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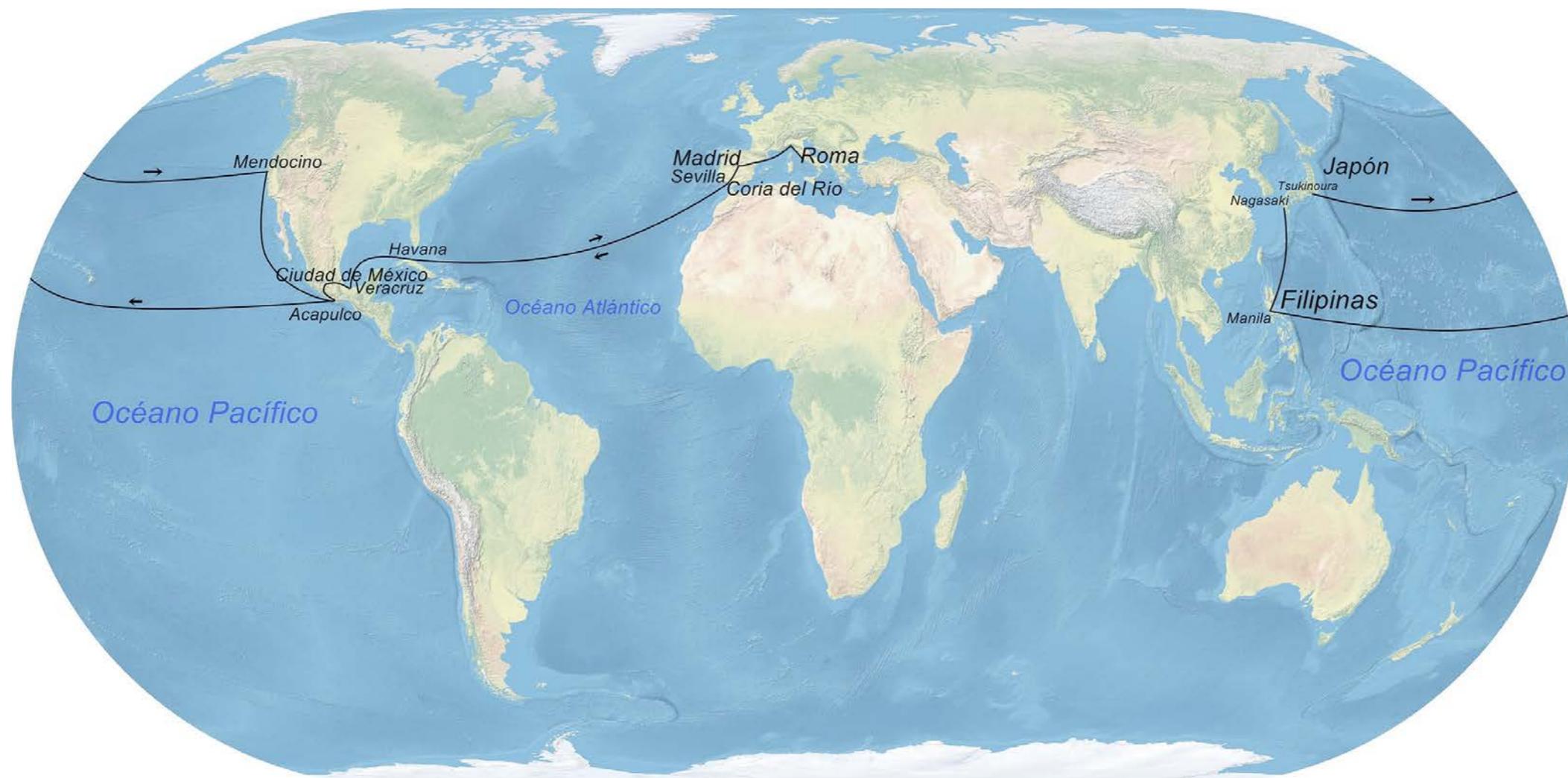


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The diplomatic mission of Hasekura Tsunenaga





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No other Japanese diplomatic mission to Europe until 1862





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# What if the chicken were to cross the Firewall?

## (1 + 1)D Calculation Provides Evidence that Quantum Entanglement Survives a Firewall

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### ABSTRACT

We analyze how preexisting entanglement between two Unruh-DeWitt particle detectors evolves when one of the detectors falls through a Rindler firewall in (1 + 1)-dimensional Minkowski space. The firewall effect is minor and does not wash out the detector-detector entanglement, in some regimes even preserving the entanglement better than Minkowski vacuum. The absence of cataclysmic events should continue to hold for young black hole firewalls. A firewall's prospective ability to resolve the information paradox must hence hinge on its detailed gravitational structure, presently poorly understood.

# Entanglement in a Stellar Collapse

We can write the annihilation operators of field modes in the asymptotic past in terms of the corresponding creation and annihilation operators defined in terms of modes in the future:

$u_{\omega}^{\text{hor}}$

$$u_{\omega}^{\text{out}} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi r \sqrt{\omega}} e^{-i\omega(v_H - 4m \ln \frac{|v_H - v|}{4m})} \theta(v_H - v)$$

$$u_{\omega}^{\text{hor}} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi r \sqrt{\omega}} e^{i\omega(v_H - 4m \ln \frac{|v_H - v|}{4m})} \theta(v - v_H)$$

$$a_{\omega'}^{\text{in}} = \int d\omega \left[ \alpha_{\omega\omega'}^* (a_{\omega}^{\text{out}} - \tanh r_{\omega} a_{\omega}^{\text{hor}\dagger}) + \alpha_{\omega\omega'} e^{i\varphi} (a_{\omega}^{\text{hor}} - \tanh r_{\omega} a_{\omega}^{\text{out}\dagger}) \right]$$

$$|0\rangle_{\text{in}} = \prod_{\omega} \frac{1}{\cosh r_{\omega}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\tanh r_{\omega})^n |n_{\omega}\rangle_{\text{hor}} |n_{\omega}\rangle_{\text{out}}$$

$\text{Tr}_{\text{hor}} \rightarrow$  Hawking radiation

# Black holes Information loss problem

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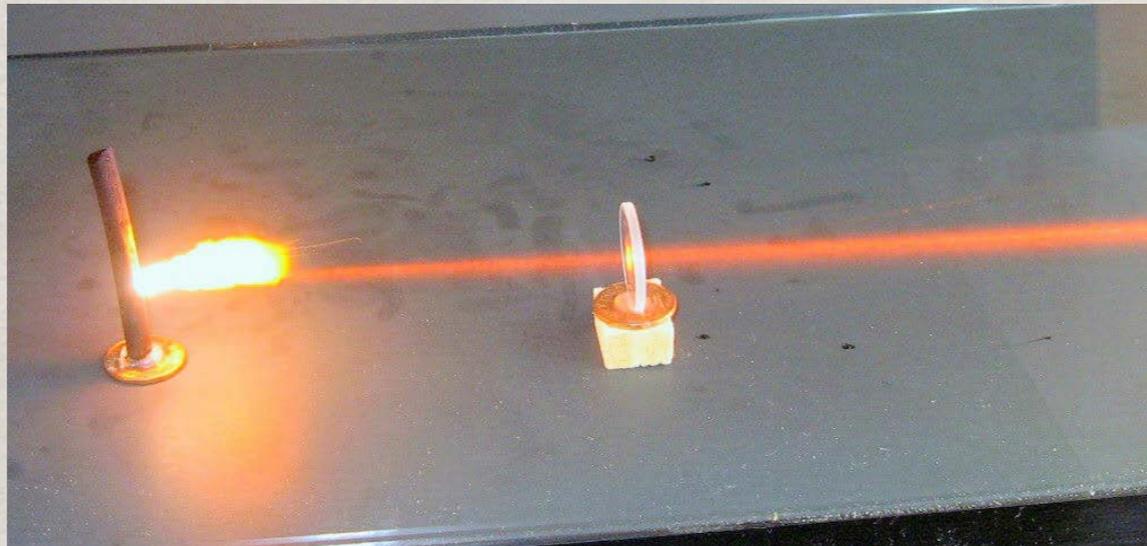
$$\text{Tr} (N_{\omega} \rho_{\text{out}}) = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/K_B T_H} - 1} \quad T_H = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \frac{\hbar c^3}{m K_B}$$

# Black hole Information loss problem

If we believe in quantum theory, information cannot be lost...

After corrections, the outflow may not be entirely thermal...

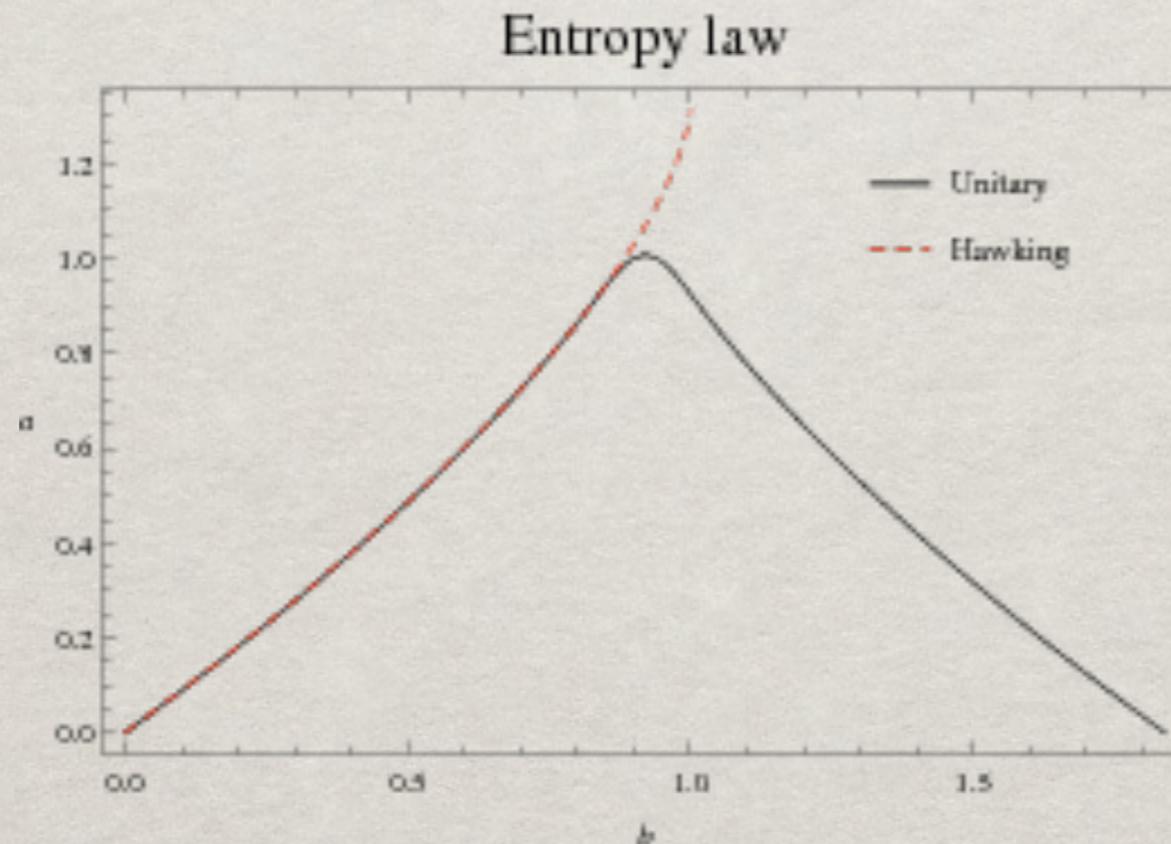
Like when a piece of charcoal burns



# Black holes Information loss problem

Page Hypothesis:

Entanglement between radiation emitted at different times  
in the black hole life!



Page time

# Black holes Information loss problem

So... The outflow is not entirely thermal...

Hold on!! that's potentially even worse!!

# Black holes Information loss problem



## EINSTEIN ATTACKS QUANTUM THEORY

Scientist and Two Colleagues  
Find It Is Not 'Complete'  
Even Though 'Correct.'

SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

Believe a Whole Description of  
'the Physical Reality' Can Be  
Provided Eventually.

# Black hole Information Paradox

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# Black hole Information Paradox

## Possible Solution: Firewalls!

Almheiri, Ahmed; Marolf, Donald; Polchinski, Joseph; Sully, James. *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2013 (2).

# Black hole Information Paradox (Firewalls)

What-if scenario:

Somehow dynamics is such that it destroys the correlations between “in” and “out” regions

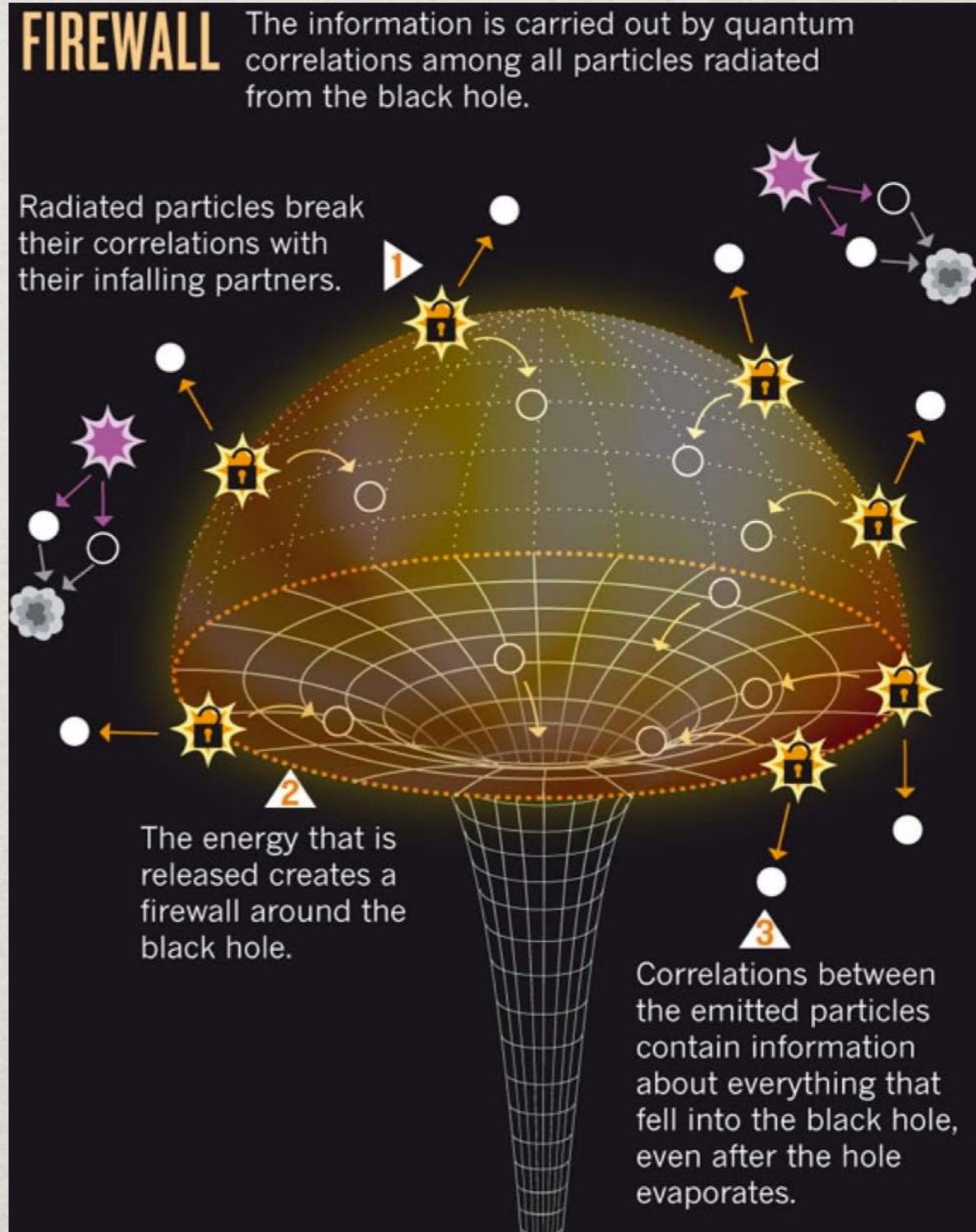
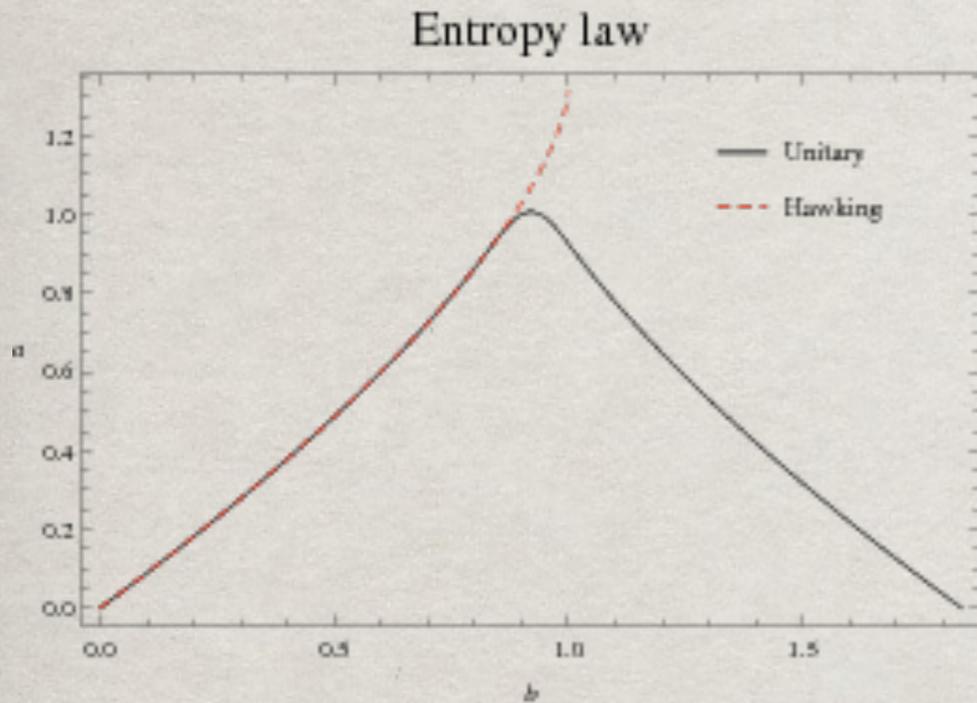
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Make this zero



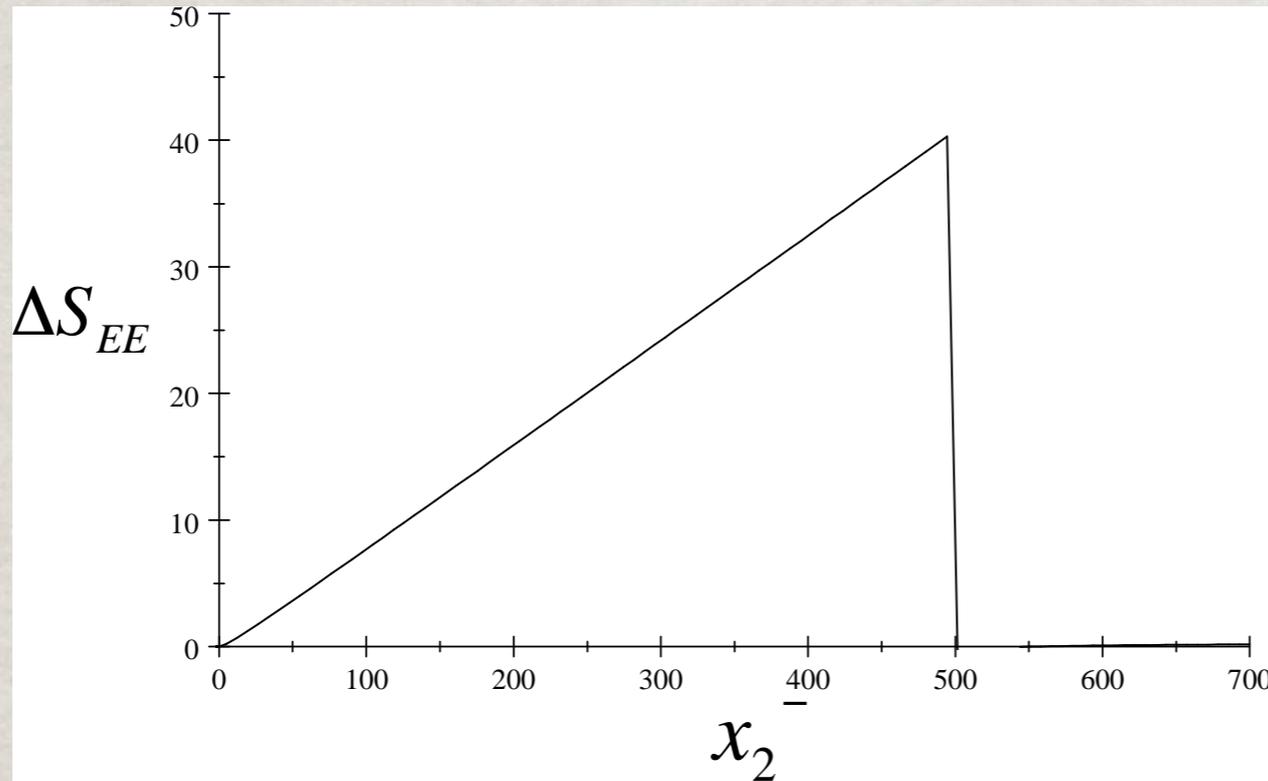
# Black hole Information Paradox (Firewalls)



“Charcoalization” of the BH

# Black hole Information Paradox (Firewalls)

Perhaps Information is released in vacuum fluctuations in a last burst



## The Fall of Black Hole Firewall: Natural Nonmaximal Entanglement for Page Curve

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The black hole firewall conjecture is based on Page curve hypothesis, which claims that entanglement between black hole and Hawking radiation is almost maximum. The hypothesis is inspired by Lubkin–Lloyd–Pagels–Page theorem for degenerate systems with zero Hamiltonian. Adopting canonical typicality for nondegenerate systems with nonvanishing Hamiltonians, the entanglement becomes nonmaximal, and energetic singularities (firewalls) do not emerge for general systems. For static thermal pure states of black hole and Hawking radiation, entanglement entropy equals thermal entropy of the smaller system.

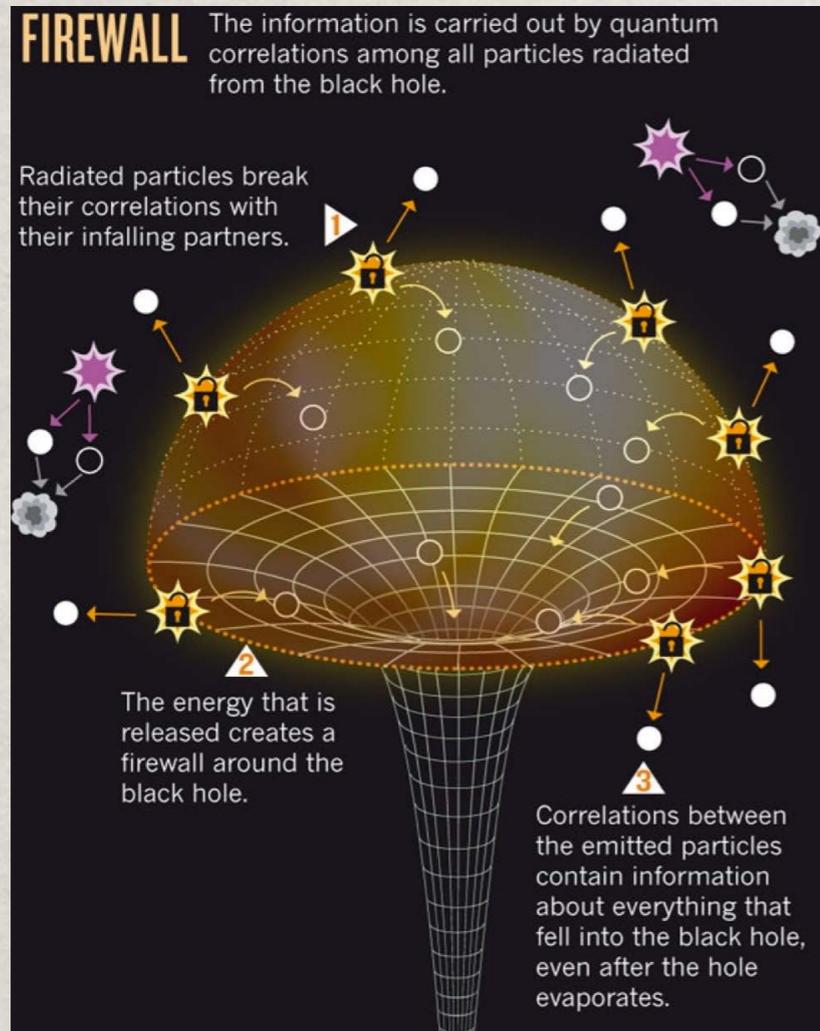
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# Firewalls are 'Monsters'



Divergences in the stress-energy tensor: Violence at the horizon

# Measuring the field

Monsters might exist, but how can you tell if you don't look under your bed?



# Measuring the field

How do we measure quantum fields?



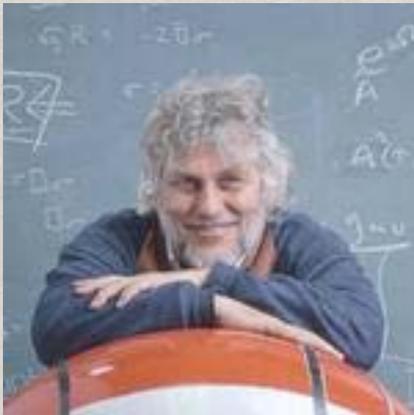
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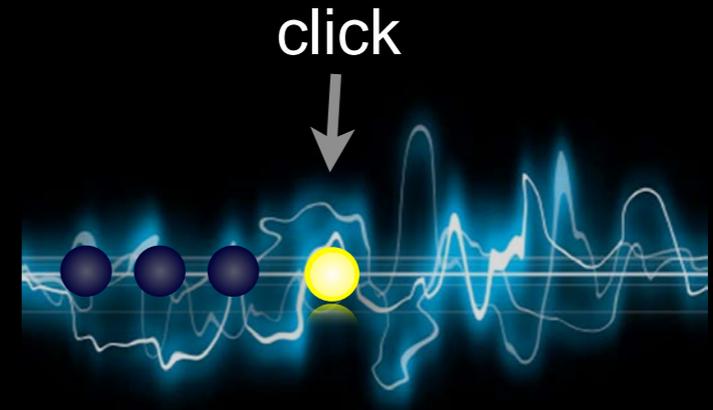
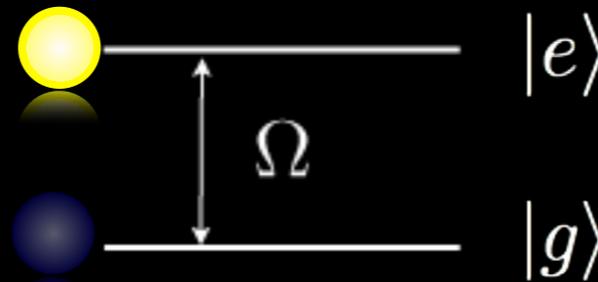


Particles are what particle detectors detect

# ALICE & BOB'S DETECTOR MODEL

## Unruh-DeWitt DETECTOR

-Two-level system



-Interaction Hamiltonian (interaction picture):

$$H_{I,\nu} = \lambda_\nu \chi_\nu(t) \mu_\nu(t) \Phi[\vec{x}_\nu, \eta(t)]$$

-Detectors:  $\nu = \{A, B\}$

# DETECTOR-FIELD INTERACTION HAMILTONIAN

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# DETECTOR-FIELD INTERACTION HAMILTONIAN

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moment

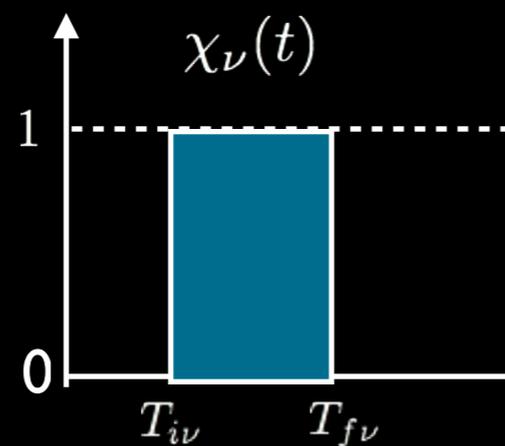
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Detector's  
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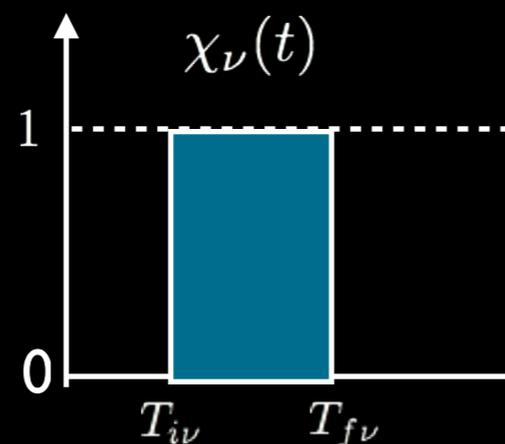
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Total Interaction  
Hamiltonian:

$$H_I = H_{I,A} + H_{I,B}$$

# Sees the Unruh effect (in fact thermalizes)

$$\rho_0 = |0_d\rangle\langle 0_d| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| \quad \text{Pointlike H.O. detector with acceleration "a"}$$

## What does time evolution do to the state?

The UDW detector experiences:

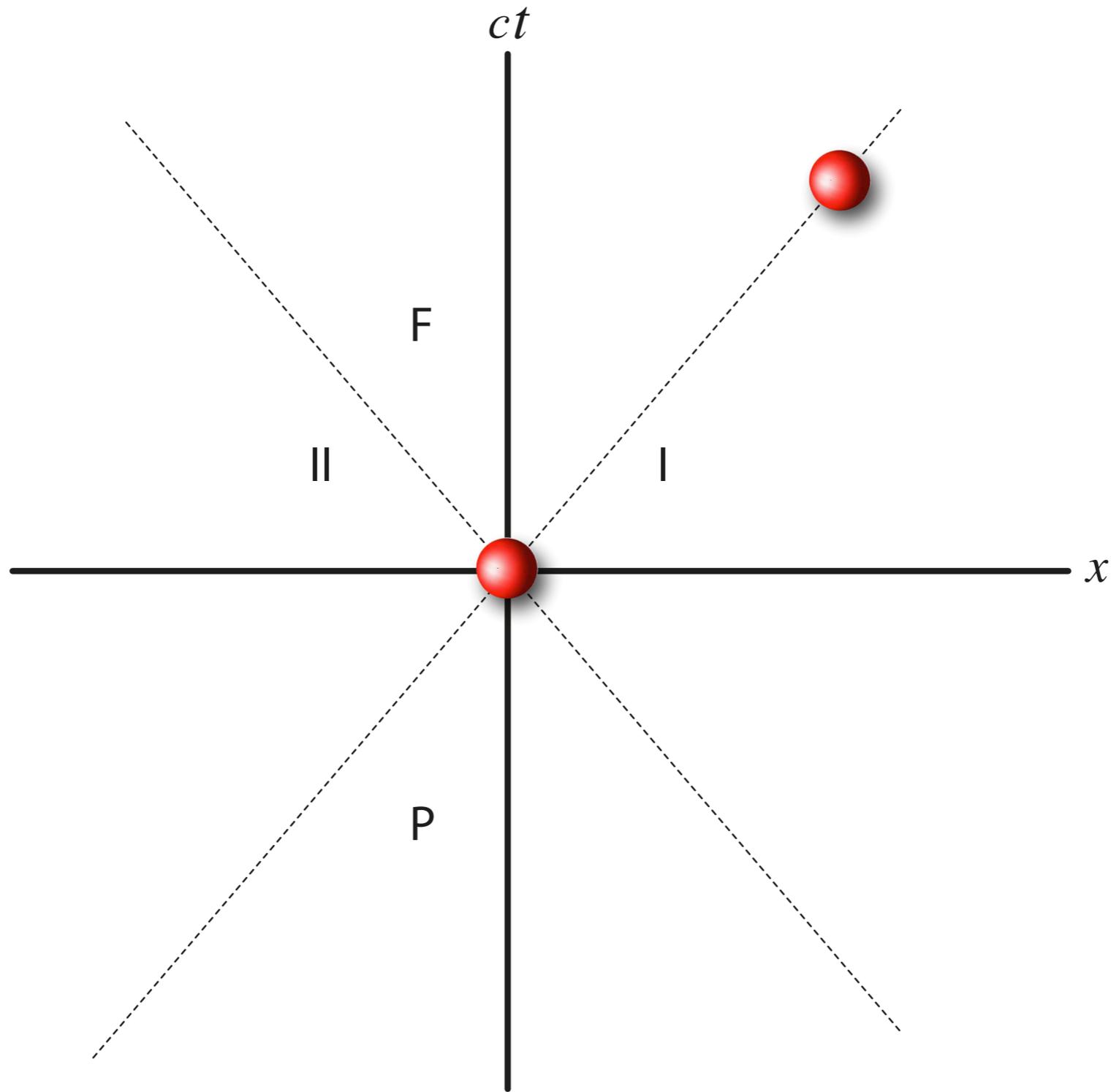
- Detector Squeezing
- Multimode squeezing detector-field  $\Rightarrow$  Squeezed thermal state
- Phase rotations

## How much squeezed?/ How much thermal?

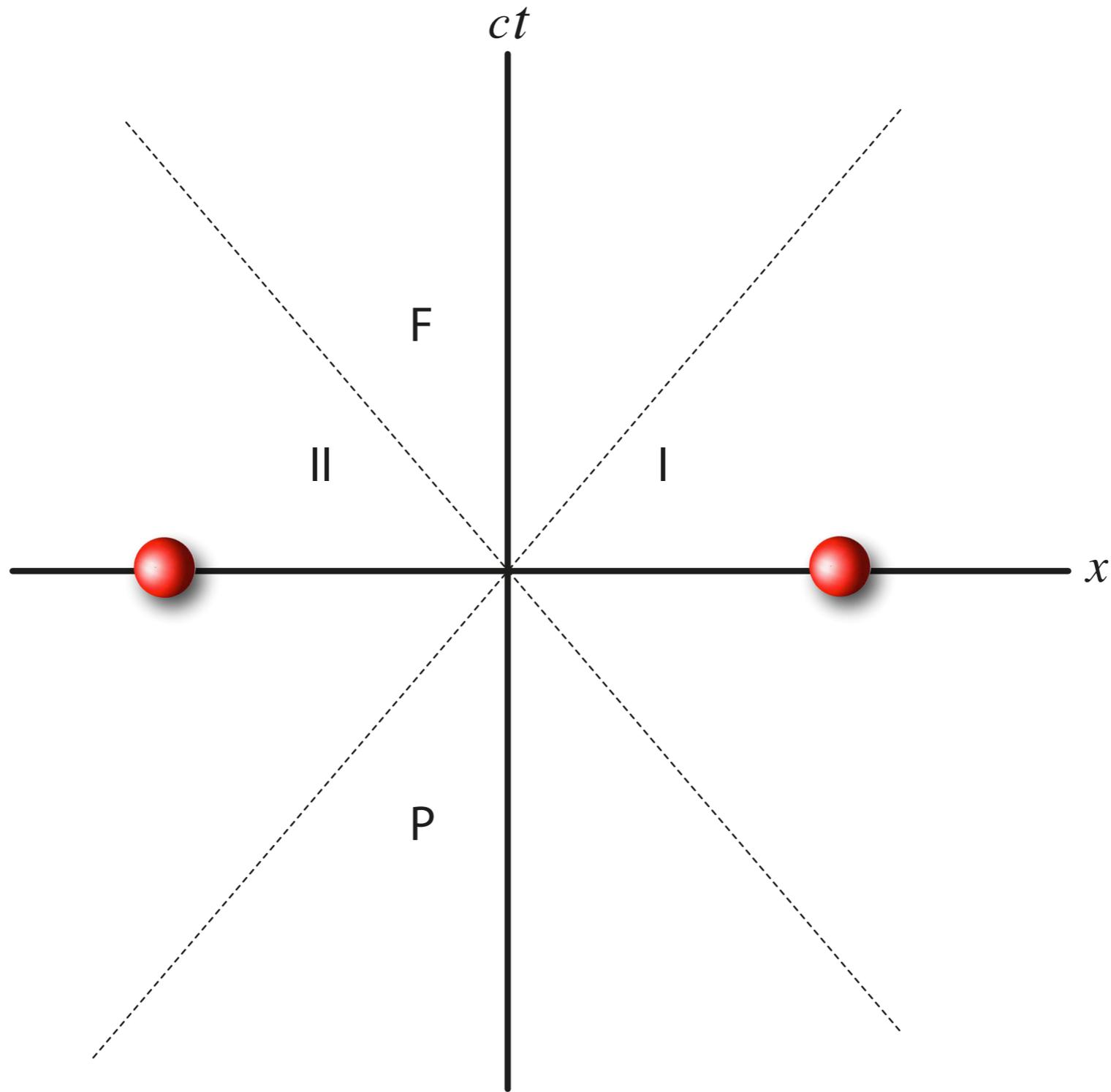
- (Relative) Entropy
- Ratio of the energy contribution from squeezing and thermality

W. G. Brenna, E. G. Brown, R. B. Mann, E. M-M, PRD 87, 084062 (2013)

# Entanglement Harvesting

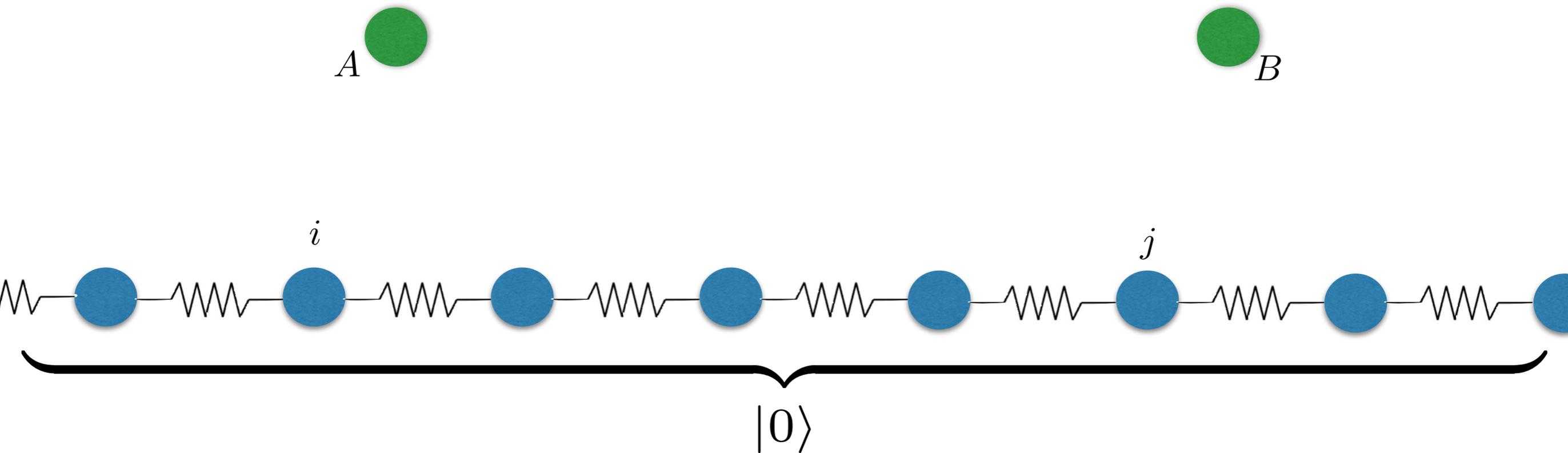


# (Spacelike) Entanglement Harvesting



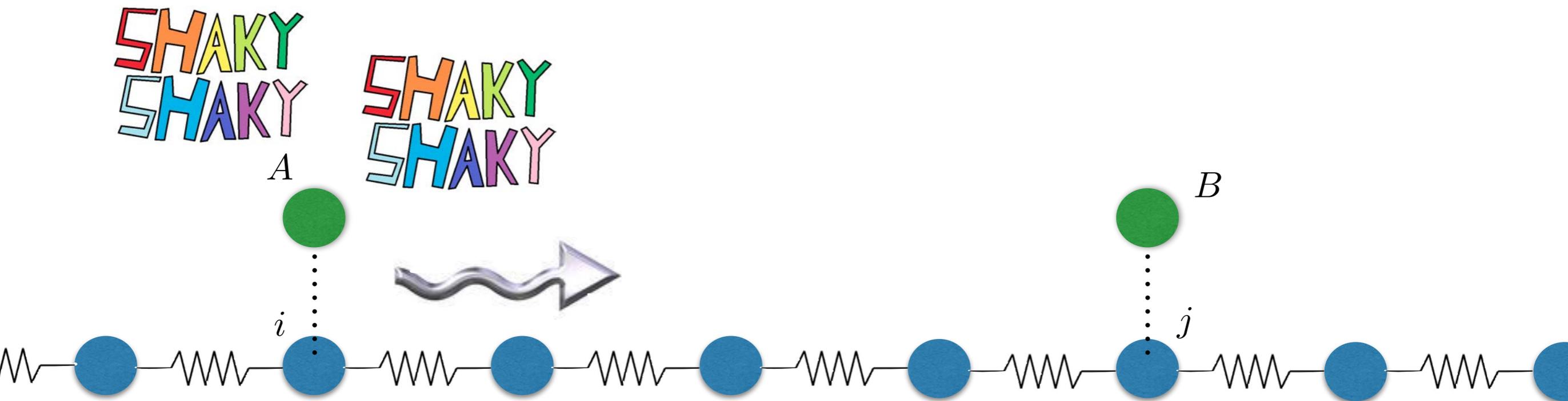
# 1-D Harmonic lattice in the Ground state

How do we get two systems entangled by means of local interactions with a lattice in the ground state?



Two possible mechanisms.

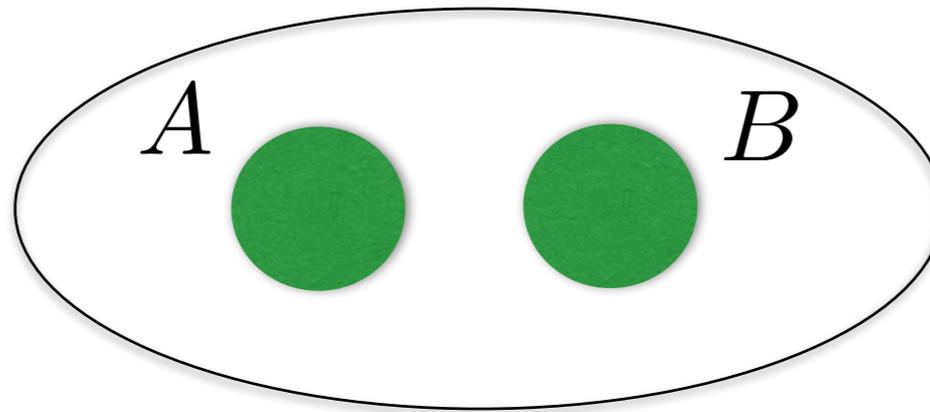
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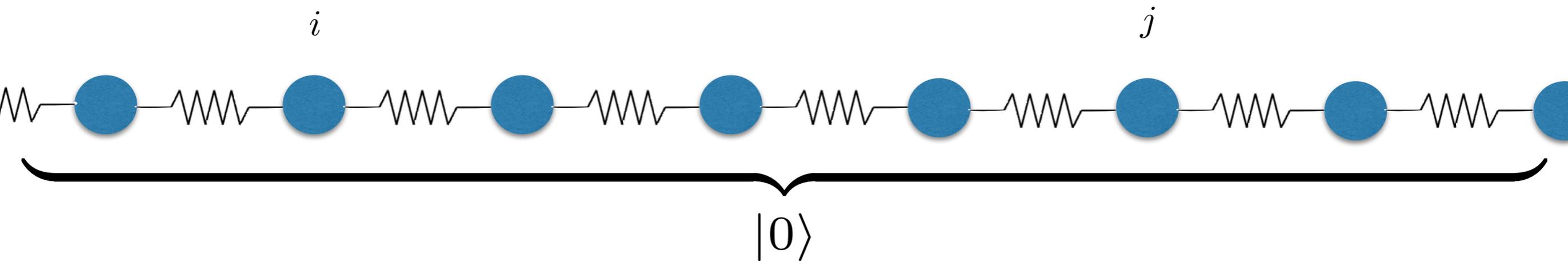
$$\rho_{AB} \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$$

Limited by the speed of 'sound'

# 1-D Harmonic lattice in the Ground state

There's another possibility:

Take advantage of pre-existent entanglement

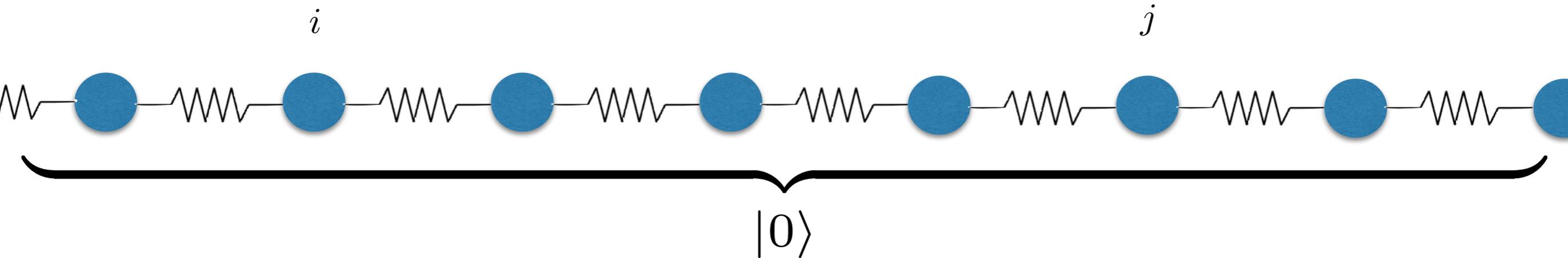


# 1-D Harmonic lattice in the Ground state

**‘Non-local’ basis: Normal modes**  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle, \dots$

**‘Local’ basis: individual number states**  $\{|n_1, \dots, n_i, \dots, n_j, \dots\rangle\}$

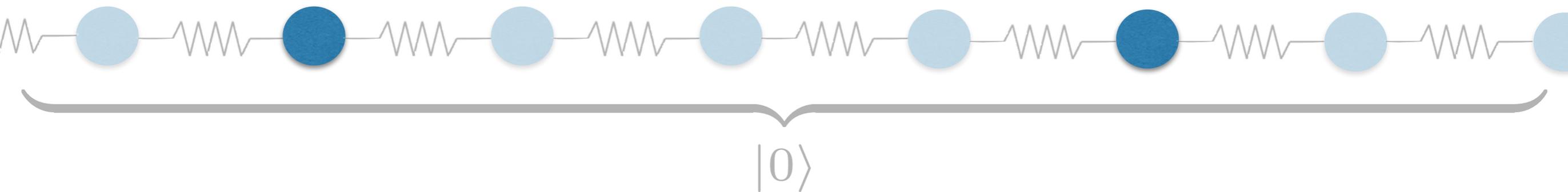
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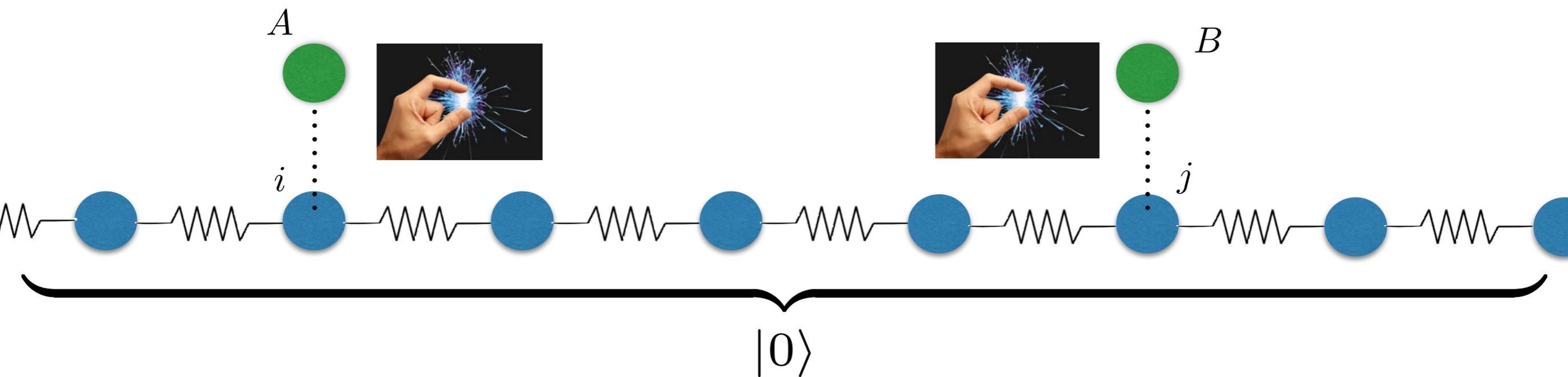
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$$\rho_{ij} = \text{tr}_{n \neq i,j} |0\rangle\langle 0| \neq \sum_k p_k \rho_i \otimes \rho_j$$



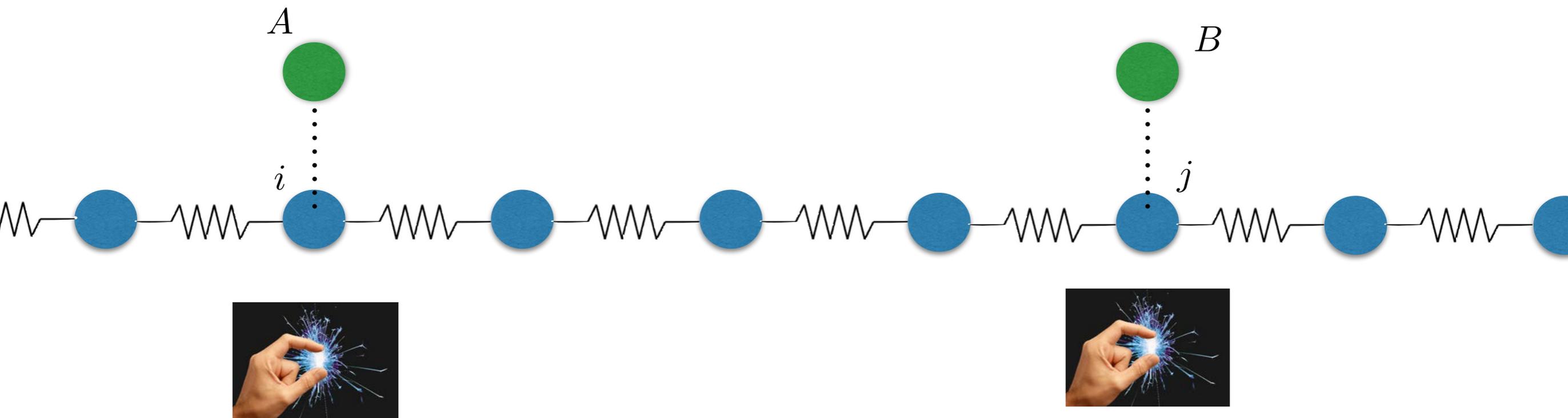
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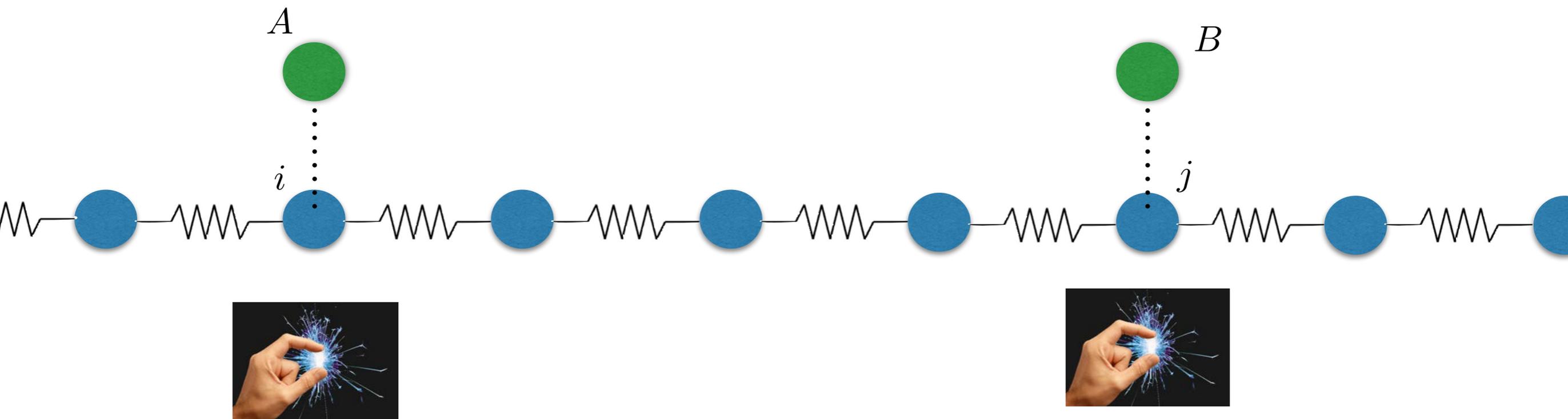
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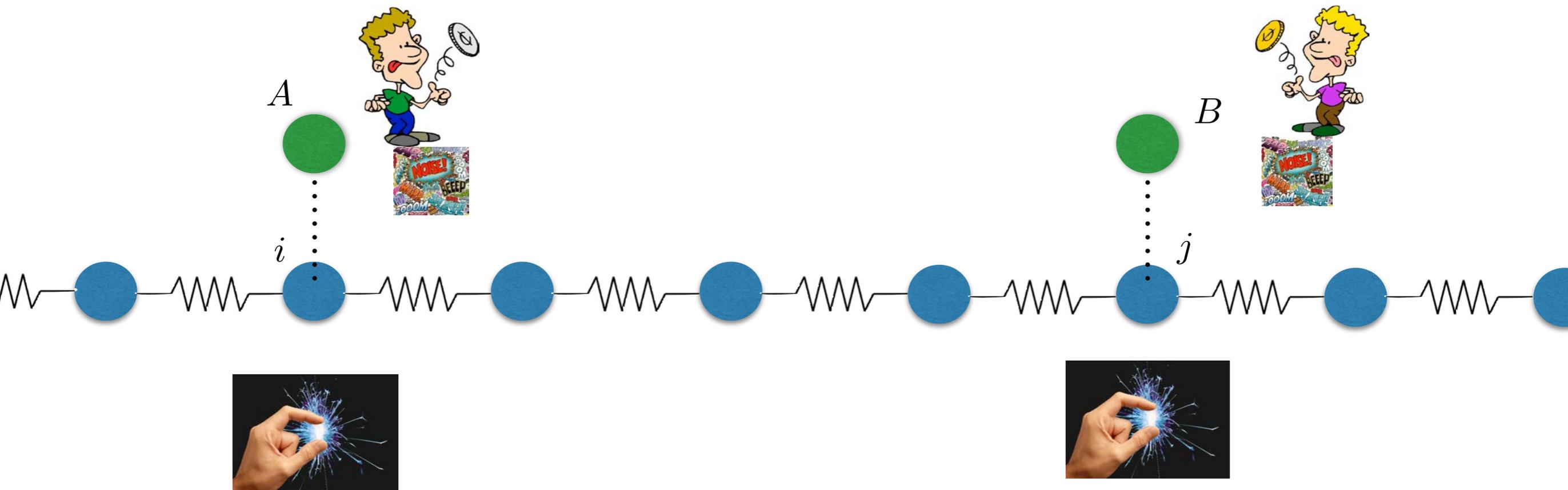
**Local coupling to the vacuum: Observed fluctuations are correlated**



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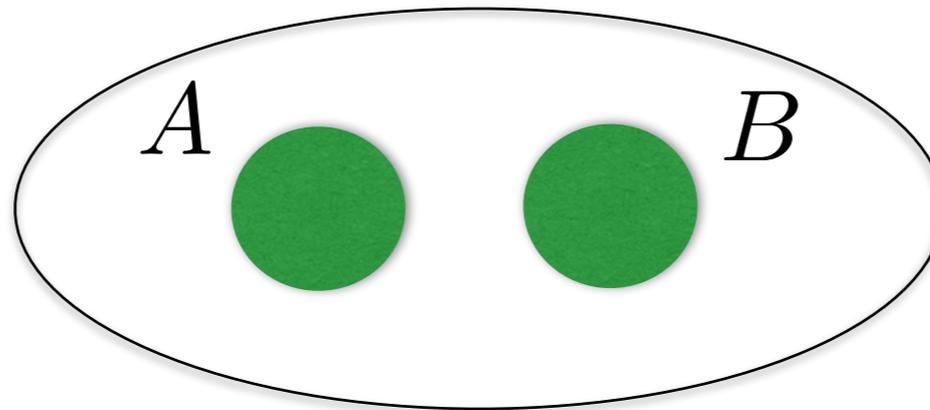
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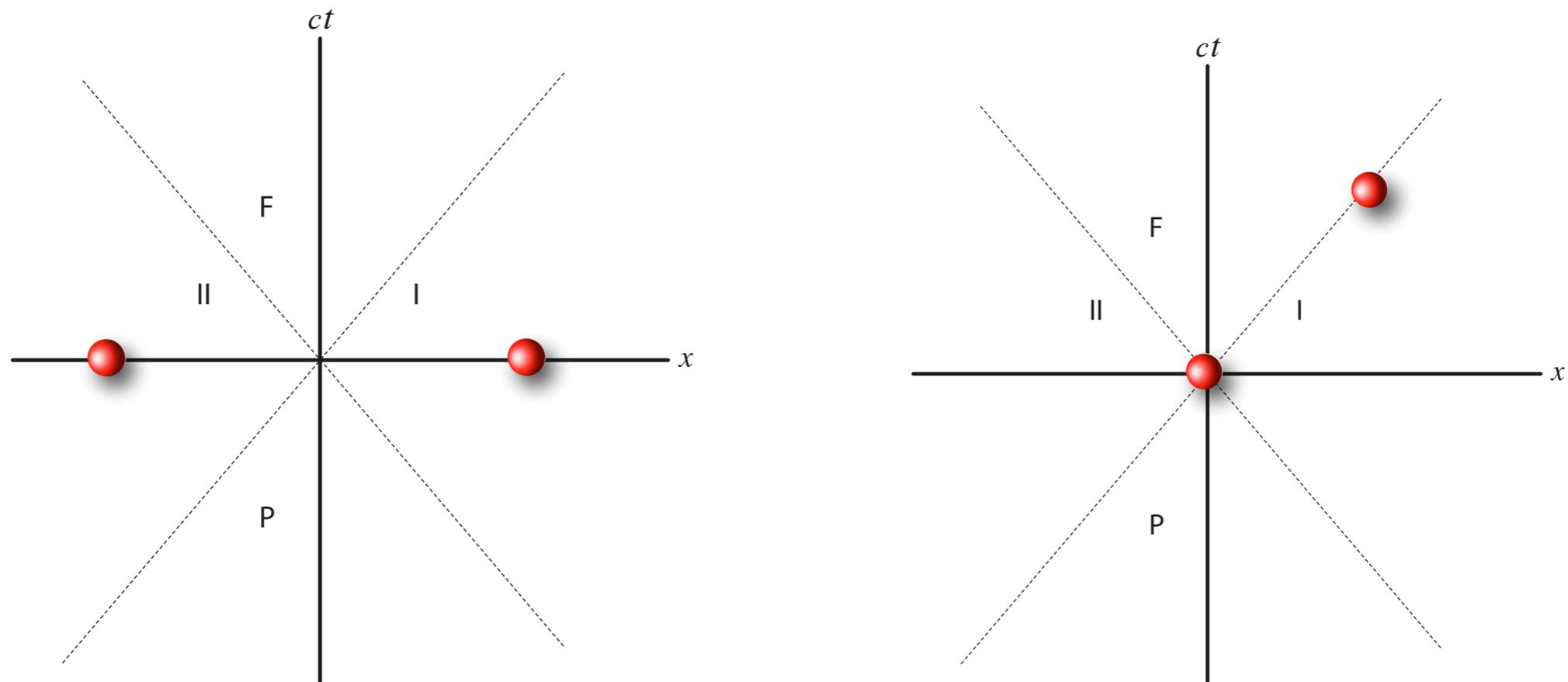


$$\rho_{AB} \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_A \otimes \rho_B$$

**NOT Limited by the speed of 'sound'**

# Quantum Fields

A 1D quantum field can be thought as the 'continuum limit' of such a lattice



Two mechanisms to get 'atoms' entangled via interaction with quantum fields:

- 1) Via exchange of real field quanta
- 2) Swapping vacuum entanglement

# Can we extract vacuum entanglement?

## Entanglement from the Vacuum

**Benni Reznik**<sup>1</sup>

*Received December 3, 2002*

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*We explore the entanglement of the vacuum of a relativistic field by letting a pair of causally disconnected probes interact with the field. We find that, even when the probes are initially non-entangled, they can wind up to a final entangled state. This shows that entanglement persists between disconnected regions in the vacuum. However the probe entanglement, unlike correlations, vanishes once the regions become sufficiently separated. The relation between entropy, correlations and entanglement is discussed.*

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**KEY WORDS:** entanglement; entropy; vacuum state; entanglement probes.

# Can we extract vacuum entanglement?

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## Non-local correlations in quantum electrodynamics

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It is shown that a pair of initially uncorrelated bare atoms, separated by a distance  $R$ , develop non-local statistical correlations in a time  $t < R/c$ . The effects arise from the non-locality of the Feynman photon propagator, and from interference between the two indistinguishable ways of jointly emitting a pair of photons. For physical dressed atoms, the latter effect leads to a non-locally correlated probability for joint spontaneous emission. The effects may also be understood in terms of non-locally-correlated vacuum-field fluctuations.

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## **Violating Bell's inequalities in vacuum**

Benni Reznik, Alex Retzker, and Jonathan Silman

PRL **106**, 110404 (2011)

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## **Entanglement between the Future and the Past in the Quantum Vacuum**

S. Jay Olson\* and Timothy C. Ralph

PRL **109**, 033602 (2012)

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## **Extracting Past-Future Vacuum Correlations Using Circuit QED**

Carlos Sabín,<sup>1</sup> Borja Peropadre,<sup>1</sup> Marco del Rey,<sup>1</sup> and Eduardo Martín-Martínez<sup>1,2</sup>

# Modeling a Firewall

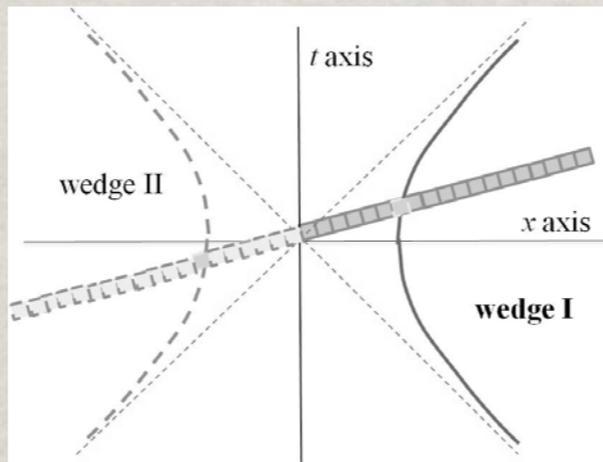
## The Rindler Firewall:

Break the correlations between the two Rindler wedges:

$$\rho = \rho_L \otimes \rho_R$$

$$\rho_R = \text{Tr}_L |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

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# Modeling a Firewall

## The Rindler Firewall:

### Examples of Dynamical generation:

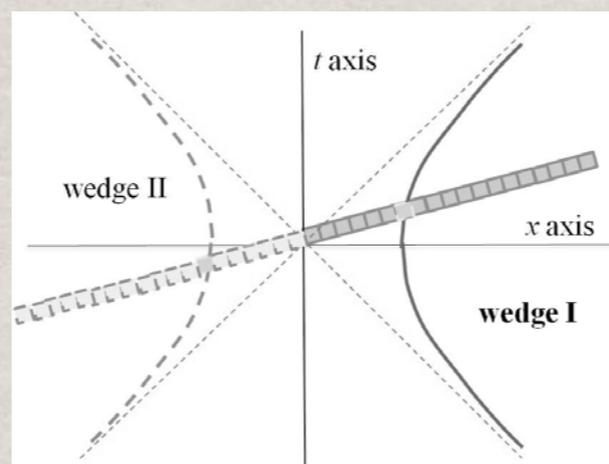
'Smooth and sharp creation of a Dirichlet wall in 1+1 quantum field theory: how singular is the sharp creation limit?

Eric Brown, Jorma Louko, JHEP 1508 (2015) 061

Mimics the severing of correlations that supposedly develop dynamically during evaporation as discussed in AMPS

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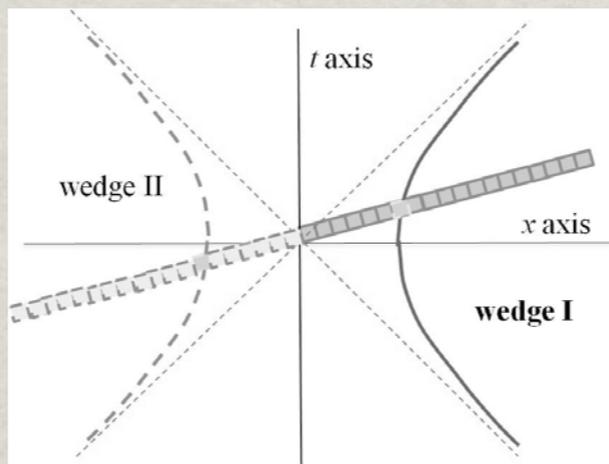
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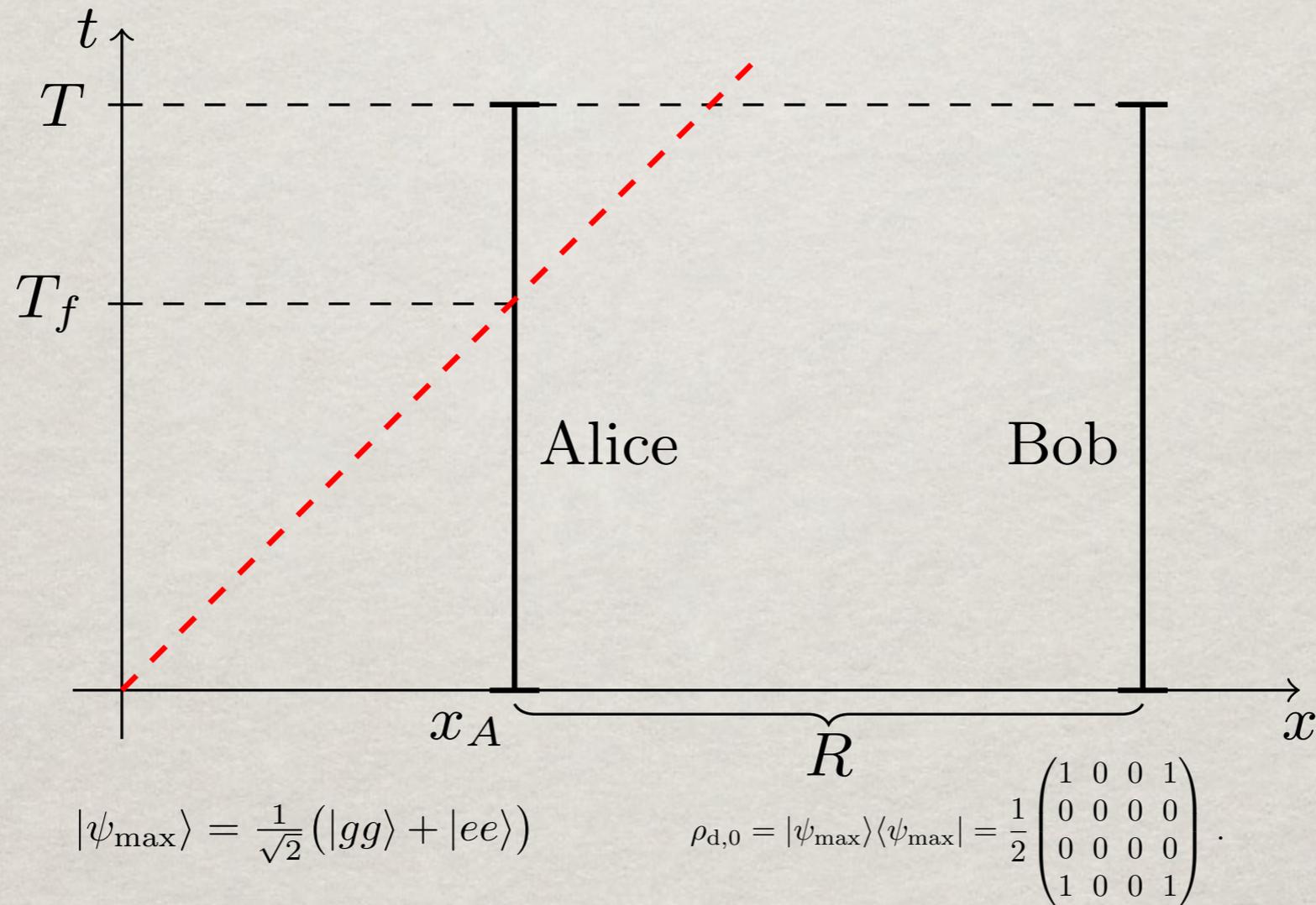
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Young black hole firewall.

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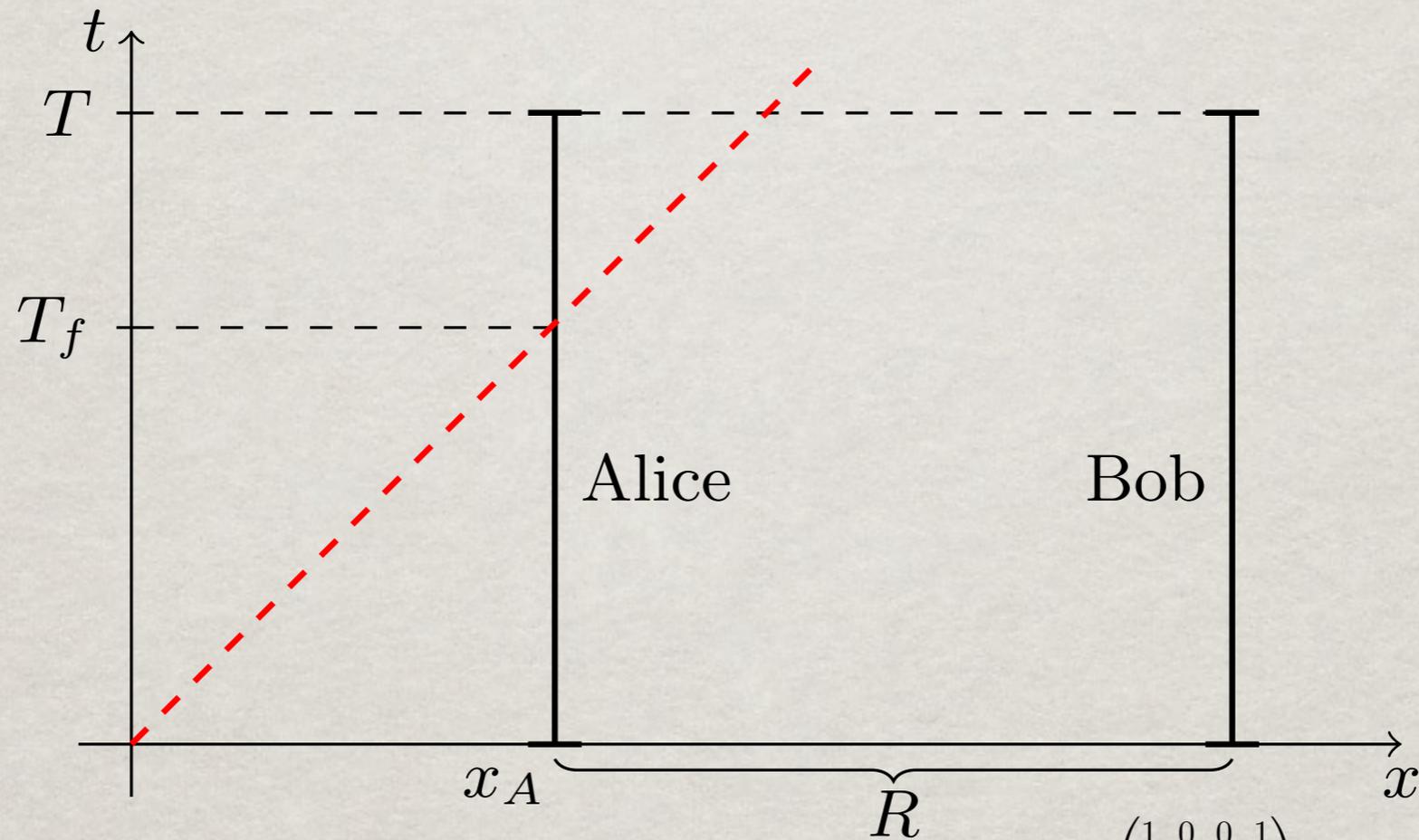
## Two Unruh-DeWitt detectors



More demanding than computing transition rates...

# Modeling a Firewall

## Two Unruh-DeWitt detectors



$$|\psi_{\max}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|gg\rangle + |ee\rangle) \quad \rho_{d,0} = |\psi_{\max}\rangle\langle\psi_{\max}| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\rho_T^{(1)} = U^{(1)} \rho_0 + \rho_0 U^{(1)\dagger},$$

$$\rho_T^{(2)} = U^{(1)} \rho_0 U^{(1)\dagger} + U^{(2)} \rho_0 + \rho_0 U^{(2)\dagger}.$$

# Modeling a Firewall

## Two max. entangled Unruh-DeWitt detectors

$$\rho_{d,T} = \text{Tr}_\phi(\rho_T) = \rho_{d,0} + \rho_{d,T}^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3),$$

$$\rho_{d,T}^{(2)} = \lambda_A^2 \rho_{AA} + \lambda_B^2 \rho_{BB} + \lambda_A \lambda_B \rho_{AB}$$

$$\rho_{AA} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \text{Re}(J_{-+}^{AA}) & 0 & 0 & -J_{-+}^{AA} - J_{+-}^{AA*} \\ 0 & I_{+-}^{AA} & I_{++}^{AA} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{--}^{AA} & I_{-+}^{AA} & 0 \\ -J_{+-}^{AA} - J_{-+}^{AA*} & 0 & 0 & -2 \text{Re}(J_{+-}^{AA}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{BB} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \text{Re}(J_{-+}^{BB}) & 0 & 0 & -J_{-+}^{BB} - J_{+-}^{BB*} \\ 0 & I_{+-}^{BB} & I_{--}^{BB} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{++}^{BB} & I_{+-}^{BB} & 0 \\ -J_{+-}^{BB} - J_{-+}^{BB*} & 0 & 0 & -2 \text{Re}(J_{+-}^{BB}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \text{Re}(J_{--}^{AB} + J_{--}^{BA}) & 0 & 0 & -J_{--}^{AB} - J_{--}^{BA} - J_{++}^{AB*} - J_{++}^{BA*} \\ 0 & I_{++}^{AB} + I_{--}^{BA} & I_{+-}^{AB} + I_{-+}^{BA} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{-+}^{AB} + I_{+-}^{BA} & I_{--}^{AB} + I_{++}^{BA} & 0 \\ -J_{++}^{AB} - J_{++}^{BA} - J_{--}^{AB*} - J_{--}^{BA*} & 0 & 0 & -2 \text{Re}(J_{++}^{AB} + J_{++}^{BA}) \end{pmatrix},$$

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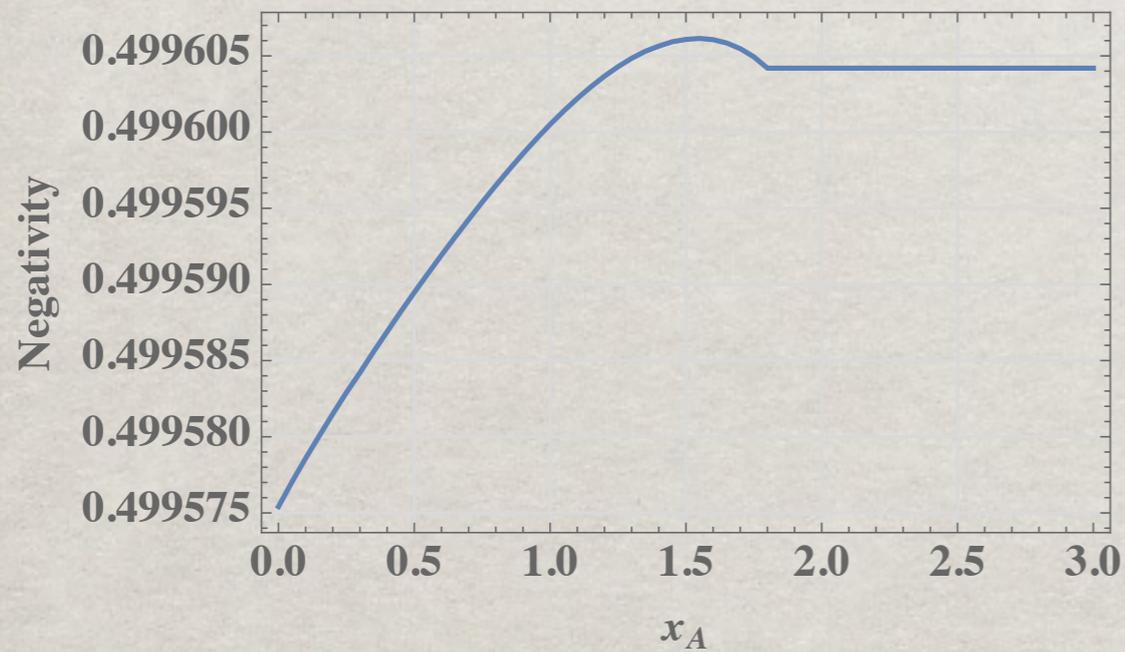
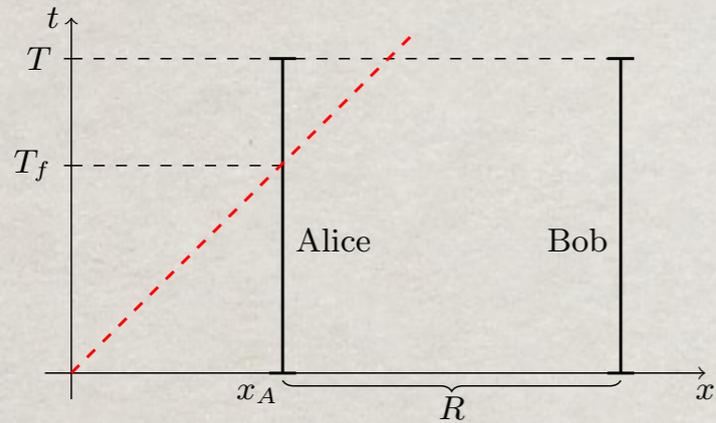
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Does this violence impact the information content of an in-falling detector?

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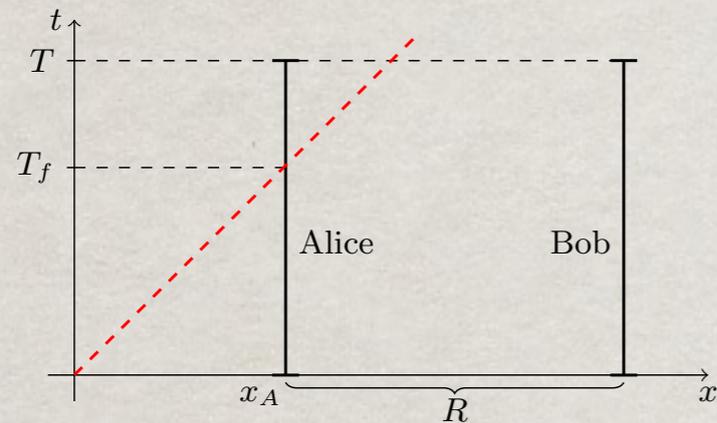
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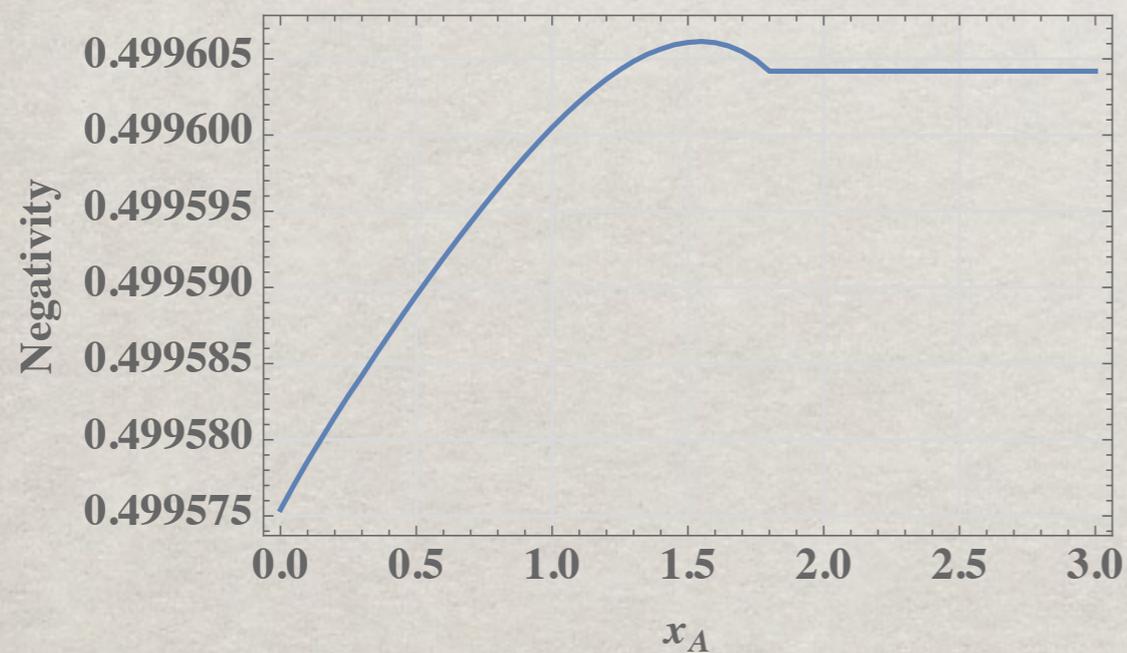
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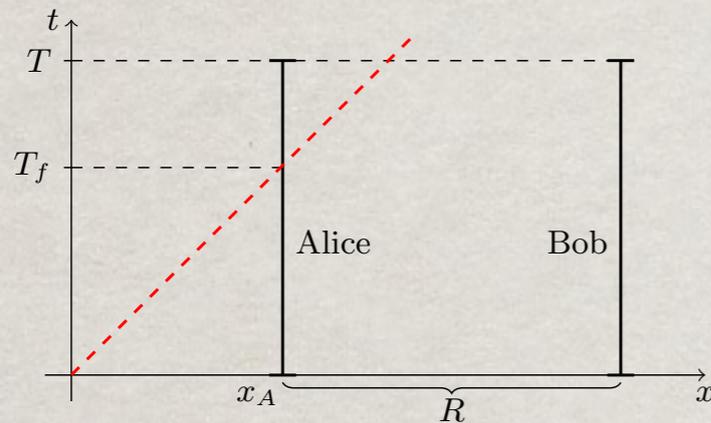
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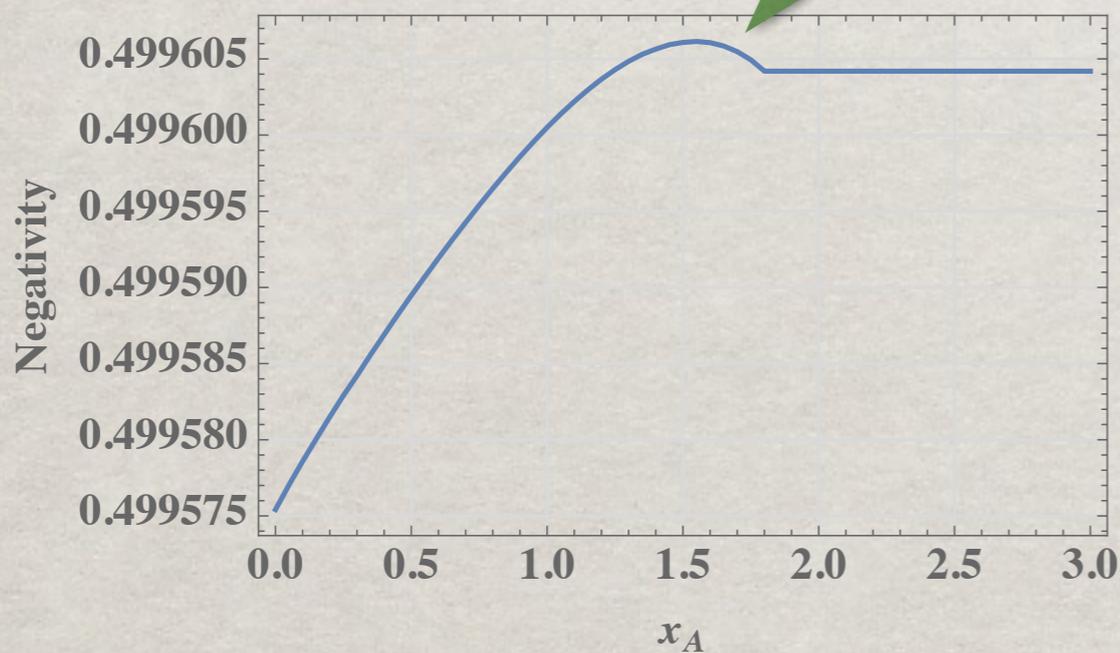
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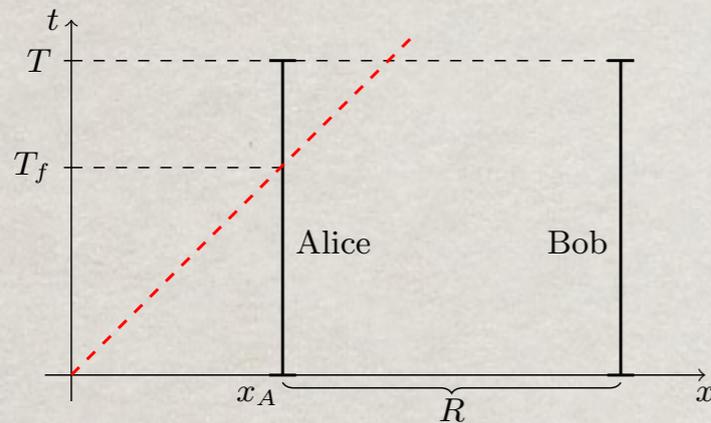
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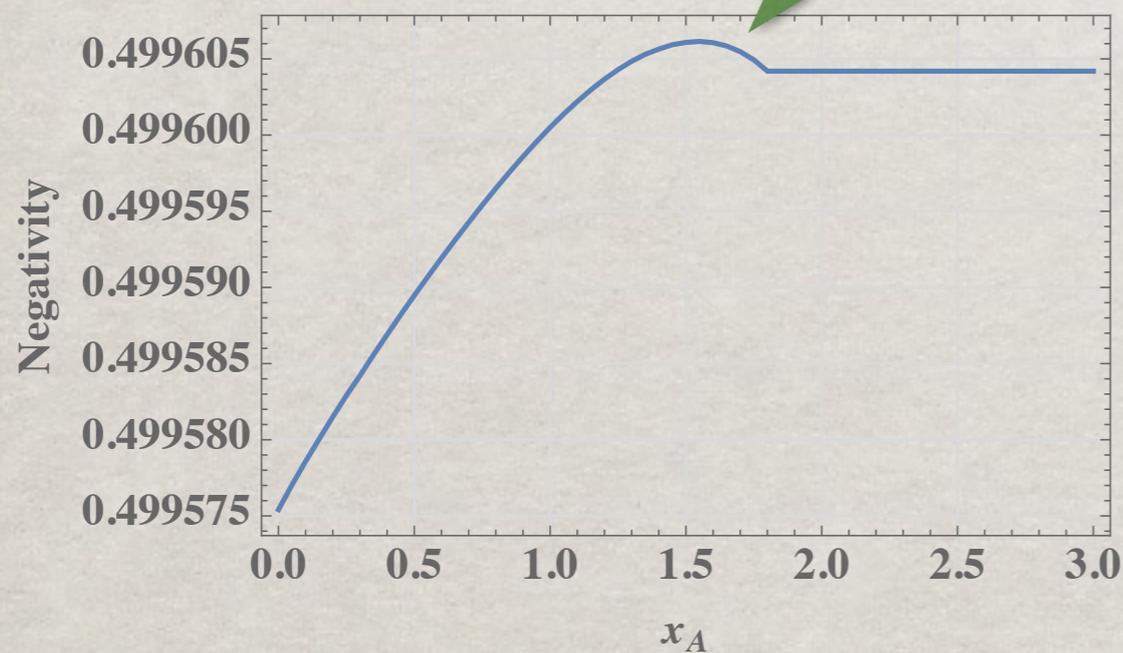
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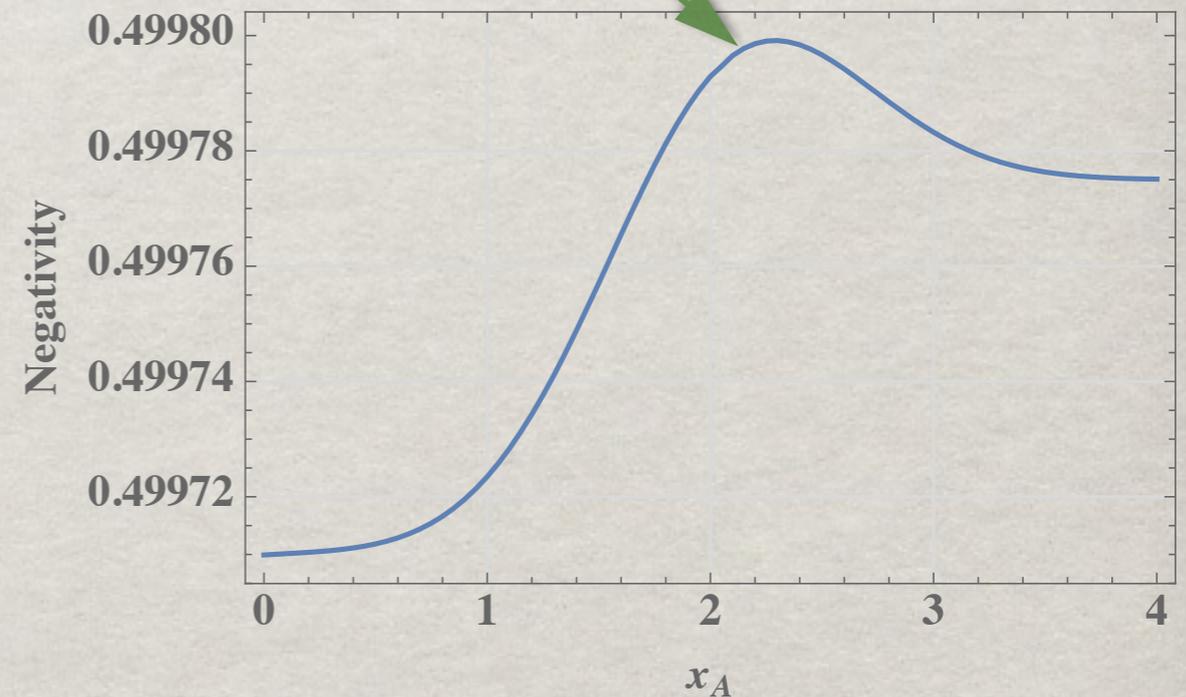


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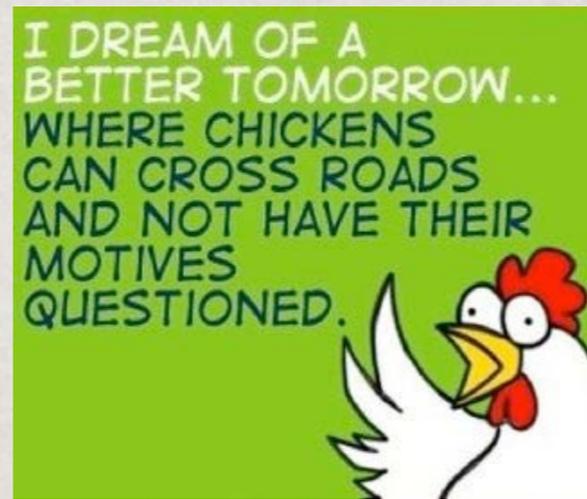
*Conclusions.*— Our main conclusion runs contrary to the vision of a firewall as a violently singular surface [3]: the Rindler firewall has only a modest effect on the entanglement between two inertial Unruh-DeWitt detectors when one of the detectors crosses the firewall. There is even a parameter range in which the firewall slows down the entanglement degradation, compared with the degradation that takes place in Minkowski vacuum.

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We cannot think of a firewall as a surface of cataclysmic events that erases all information about matter that crosses the firewall. If the matter is correlated with the outside world, these correlations will not be significantly altered by the crossing.

# Firewalls do not work as advertised!



Why did the chicken cross the firewall?

We do not know... but it did get to the other side, with most of its memories intact.

**Thanks!!**

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More to come: signalling across firewalls.