

# Collision in the interior of wormhole

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# Outline

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# Motivation

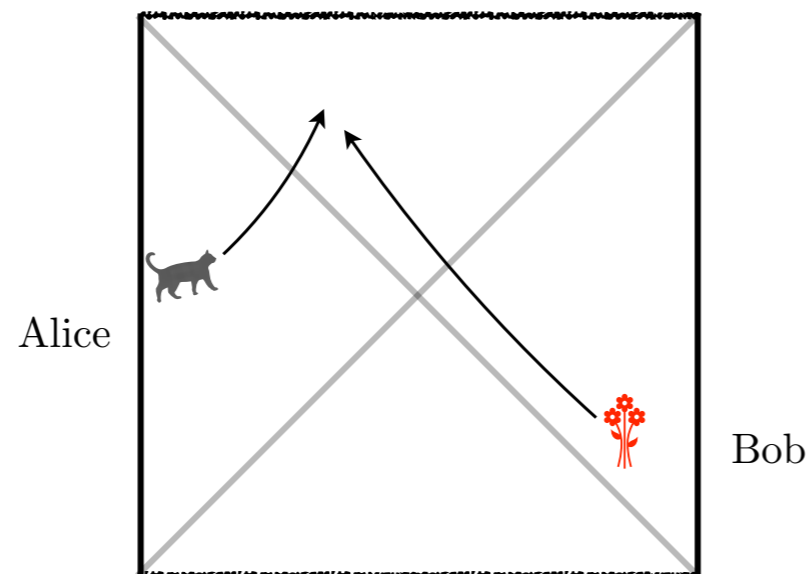
- The wormhole was interpreted as an entangled state.

ER = EPR

[J. Maldacena arXiv: hep-th/0106112](#)

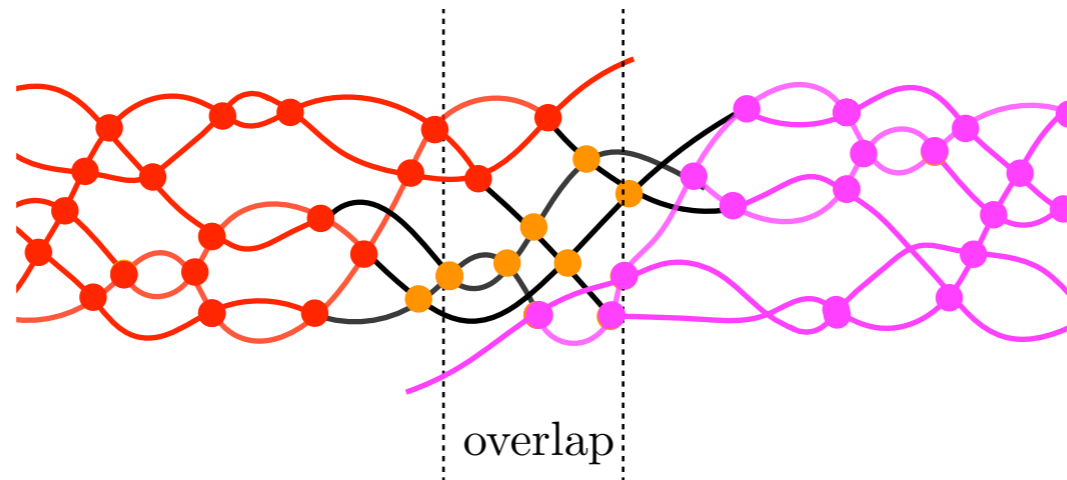
[J. Maldacena, L. Susskind arXiv: 1306.0533](#)

- Two infalling objects can meet in the interior.



- There are no boundary interactions.

- When Alice and Bob send in signals, they create growing perturbations in the quantum circuit.
- The two perturbations can have overlap in the circuit.



- This overlap represents the meeting of two signals in the interior.

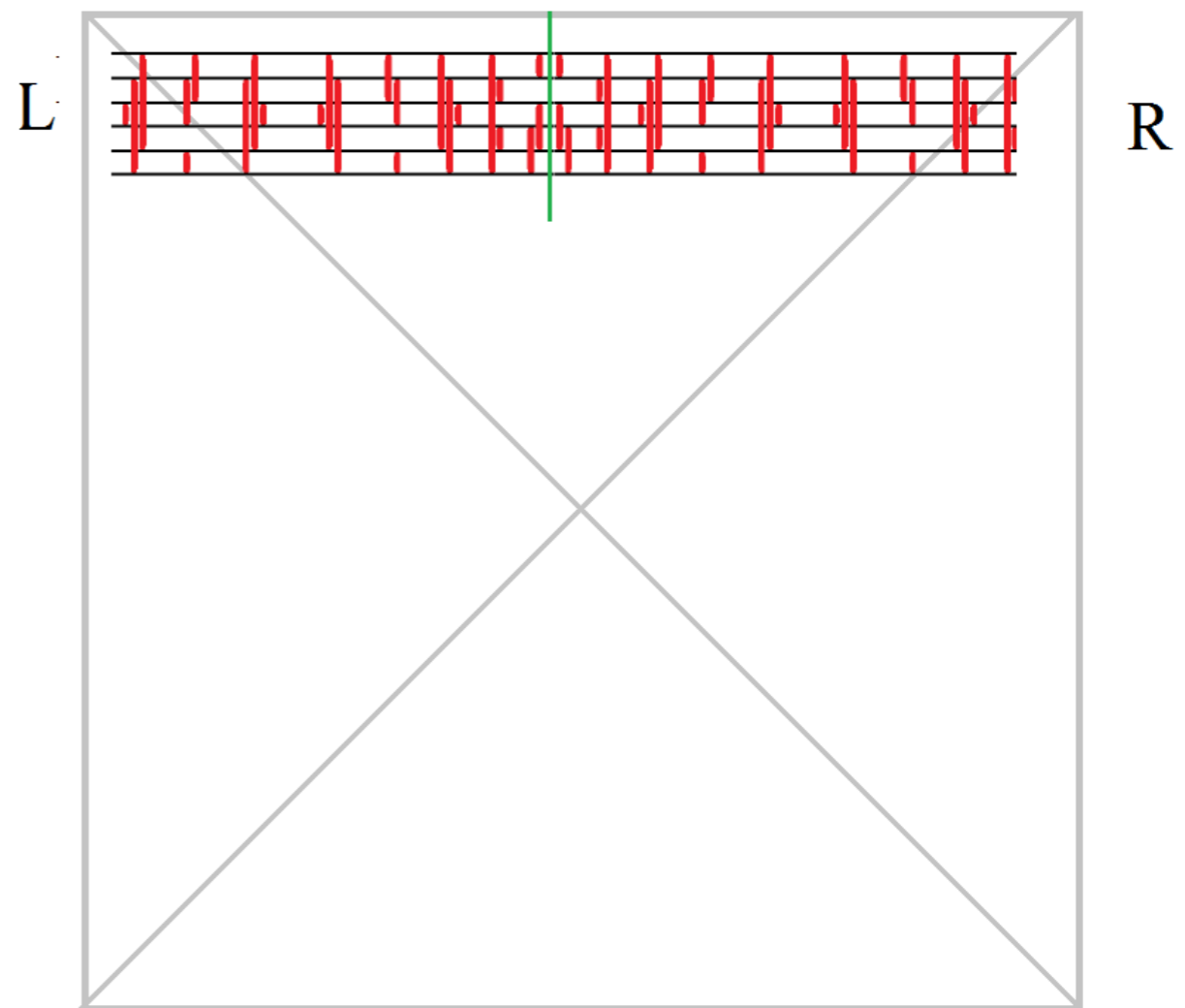
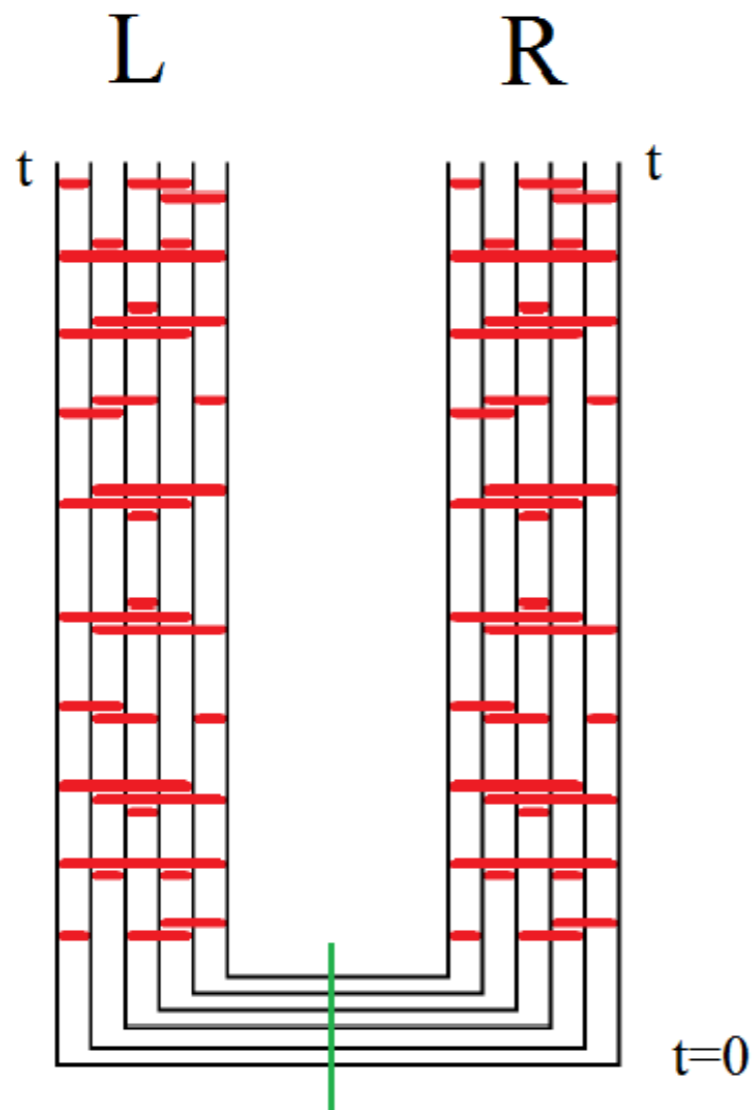
# Bulk tensor network and quantum circuit

B. Swingle arXiv:1209.3304

T. Hartman, J. Maldacena arXiv:1303.1080

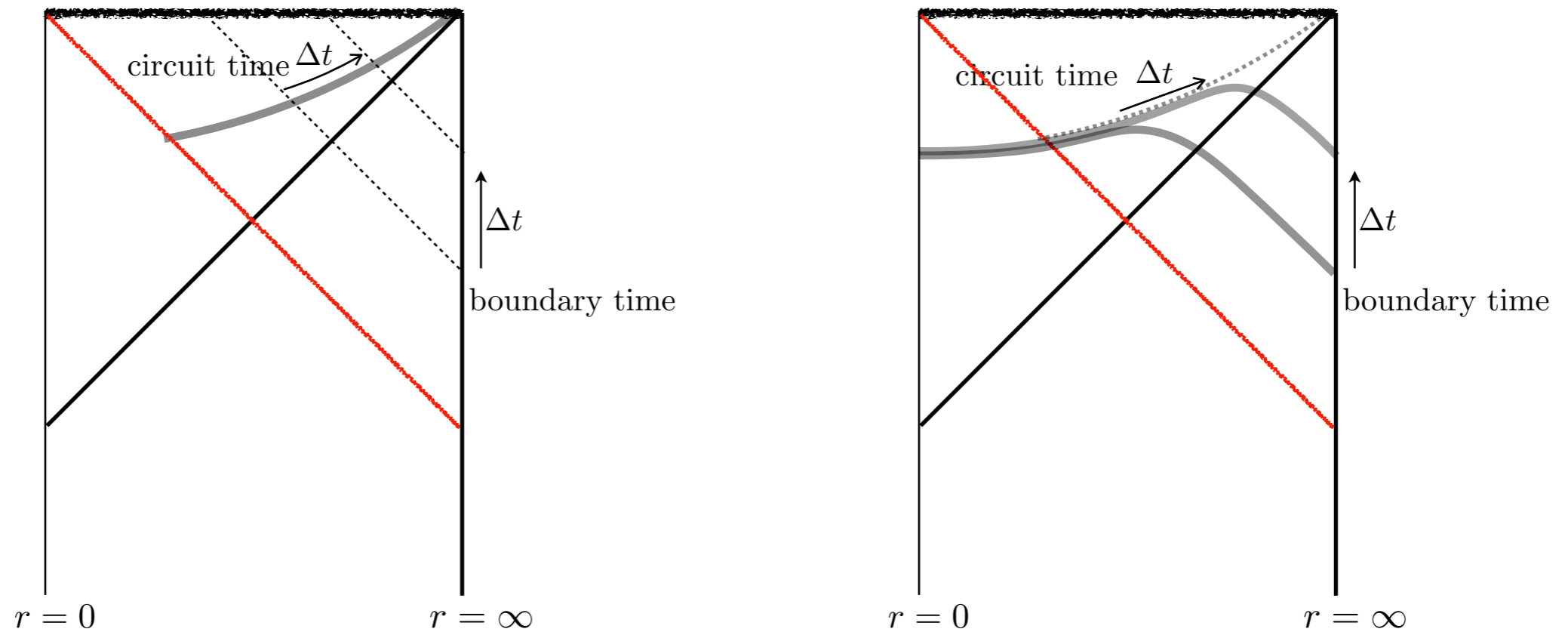
L. Susskind arXiv:1411.0690

- The bulk geometry reflects the minimal circuit preparing the state.



# Pure state black hole

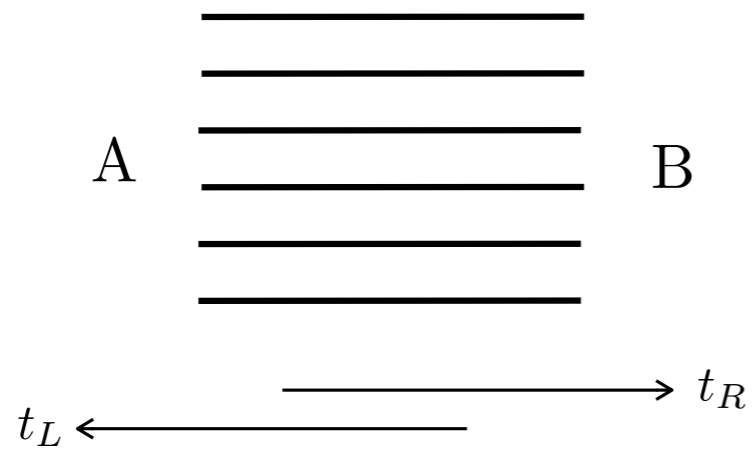
L. Susskind, Y. Z. arXiv:1408.2823



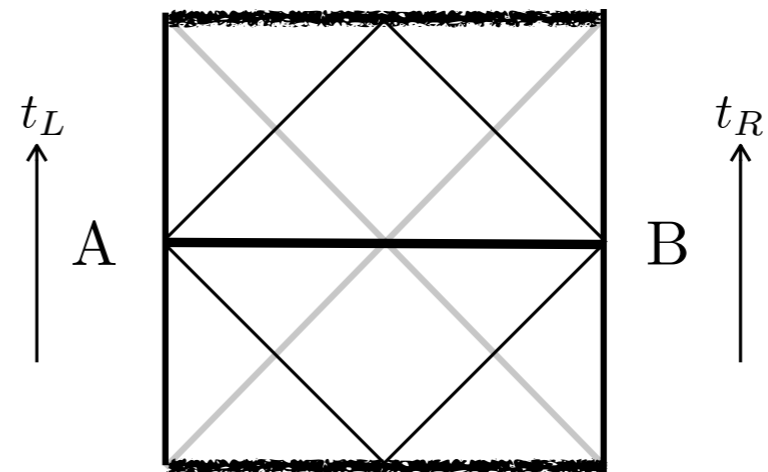
- As we apply unitary time evolution to the circuit, the state gets more complex, the minimal circuit gets longer, and the Einstein-Rosen bridge also gets longer.

- Identify circuit time with boundary time:  $d\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} dt$

# Thermofield Double



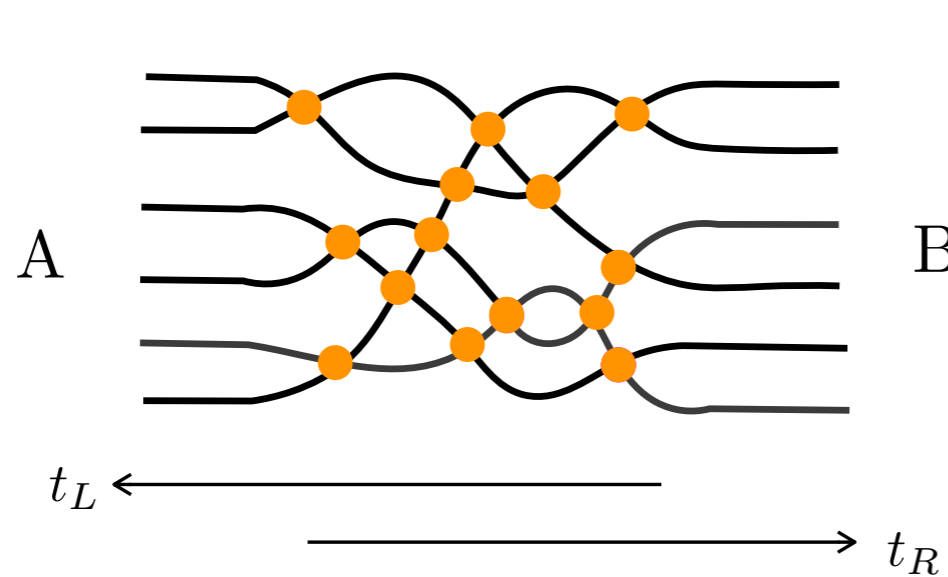
(a) Quantum circuit



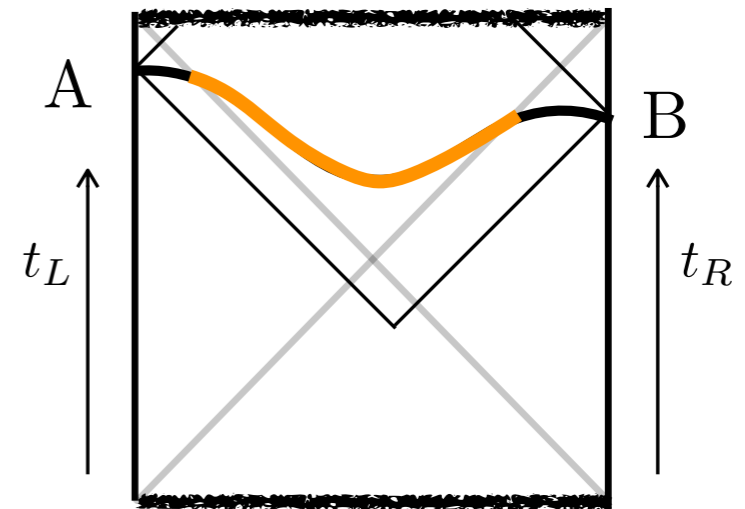
(b) Wormhole geometry

We represent thermofield double by  $S$  Bell pairs. The corresponding wormhole geometry has minimal length.

## Time-evolved thermofield Double



(a) Quantum circuit



(b) Wormhole geometry

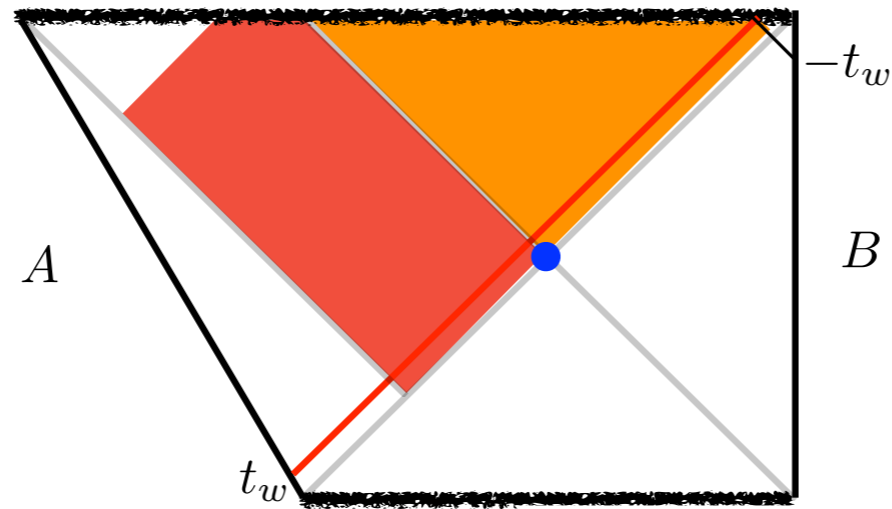
- The orange gates can be undone from either side. They do not belong to subsystem A or B alone.
- The wormhole gets longer but the part that gets longer is outside A's entanglement wedge and also outside B's entanglement wedge.



# Perturbed thermofield double

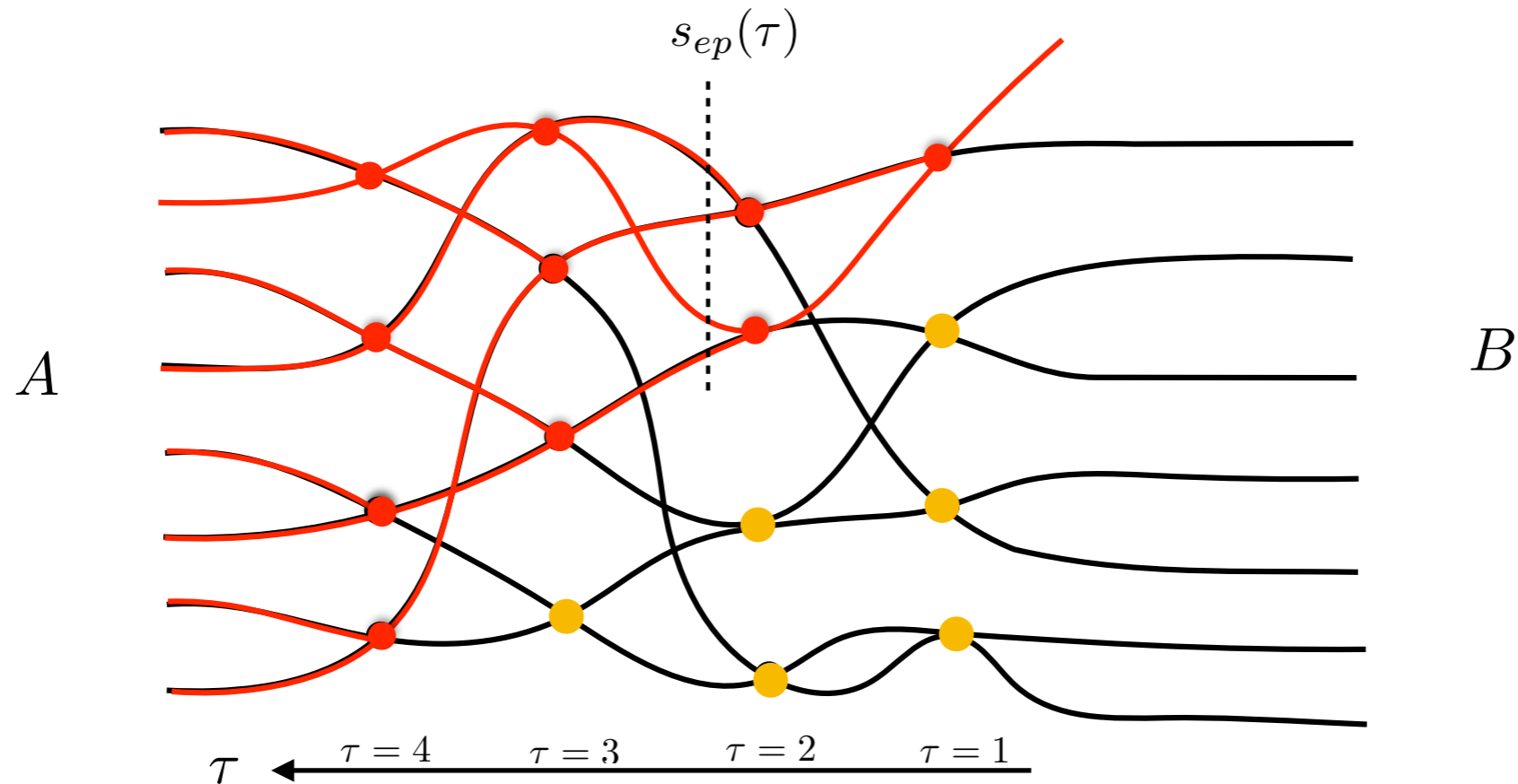
T. Dray, G. 't Hooft, 1985

S. Shenker, D. Stanford arXiv:1306.0622



# Epidemic model: the growth of an operator

P. Hayden, J. Preskill arXiv:0708.4025v2  
 L. Susskind, Y.Z. arXiv:1408.2823  
 A. Brown, L. Susskind, Y.Z. arXiv:1608.02612



$$\frac{ds_{ep}}{d\tau} = (S + 1 - s_{ep}) \frac{s_{ep}}{S} \quad \frac{s_{ep}(\tau)}{S + 1} = \frac{\frac{\delta S}{S} e^\tau}{1 + \frac{\delta S}{S} e^\tau}, \quad s_{ep}(0) = \delta S$$

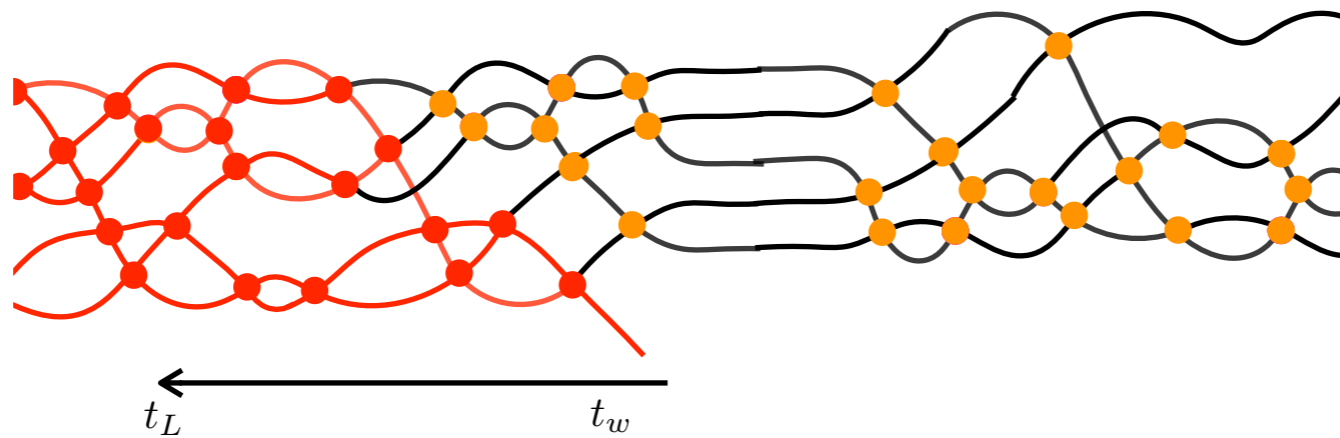
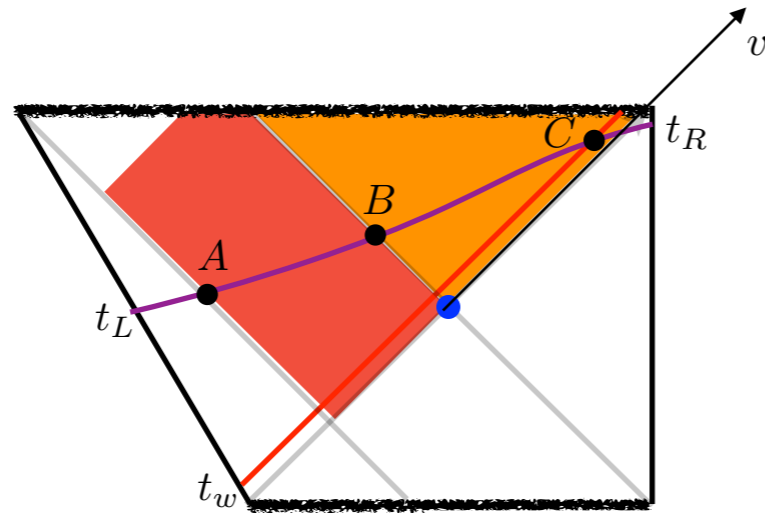
$s_{ep}(\tau)$  : gates that can be undone by Alice but not Bob

$S - s_{ep}(\tau)$  : gates that can be undone by Alice as well as Bob

$$\frac{dN_{\text{sick}}}{d\tau} = s_{ep} \quad \frac{dN_{\text{healthy}}}{d\tau} = S - s_{ep}$$

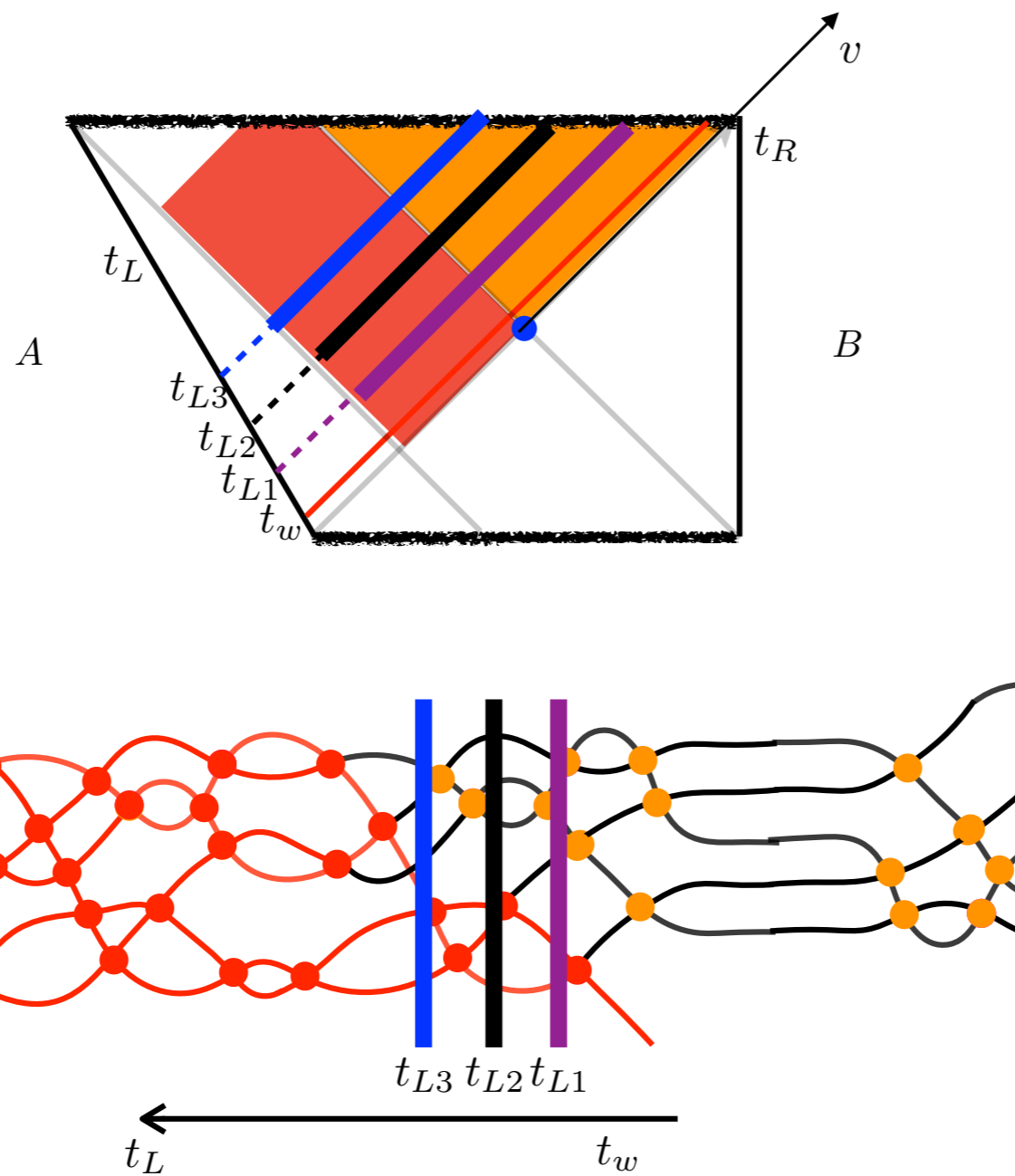
# Quantum circuit from the point of view of Alice

Y.Z. arXiv:1711.03125



$$\frac{d}{dt_L} \left( \frac{d_{AB}}{l} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t_L - t_w - t_*)}}{1 + e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t_L - t_w - t_*)}} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left( \frac{s_{ep}[\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t_L - t_w)]}{S} \right) = \frac{d}{dt_L} \frac{N_{\text{sick}}}{S}$$

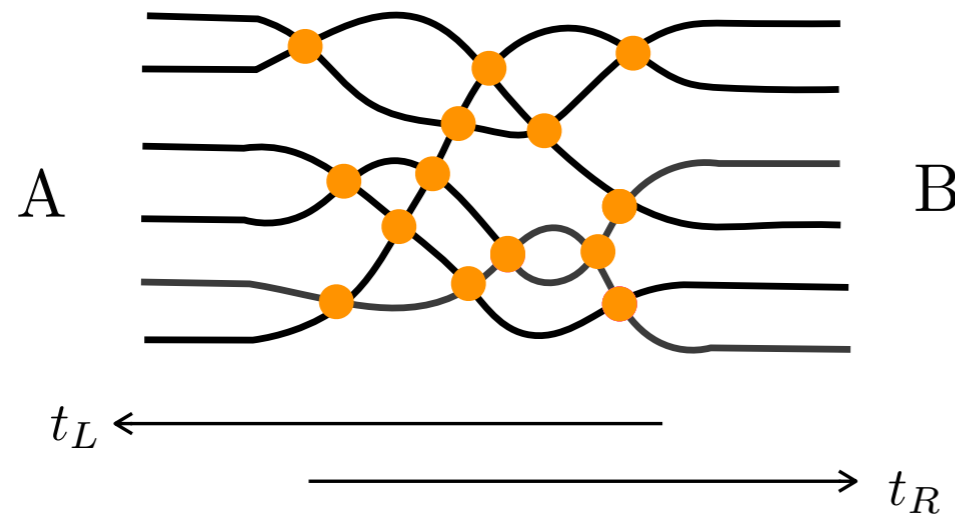
$$\frac{d}{dt_L} \left( \frac{d_{BC}}{l} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t_L - t_w - t_*)}} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left( 1 - \frac{s_{ep}[\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t_L - t_w)]}{S} \right) = \frac{d}{dt_L} \frac{N_{\text{healthy}}}{S}$$



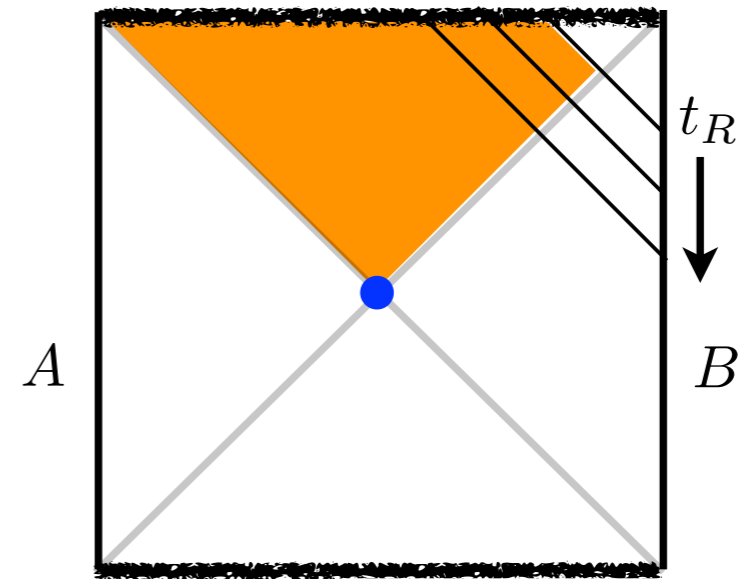
- The gates that can be undone by both Alice and Bob (healthy gates) are stored in the orange region.
- The gates that can be undone by Alice but not Bob are stored in the red region.

# Quantum circuit from the point of view of Bob

Without perturbation



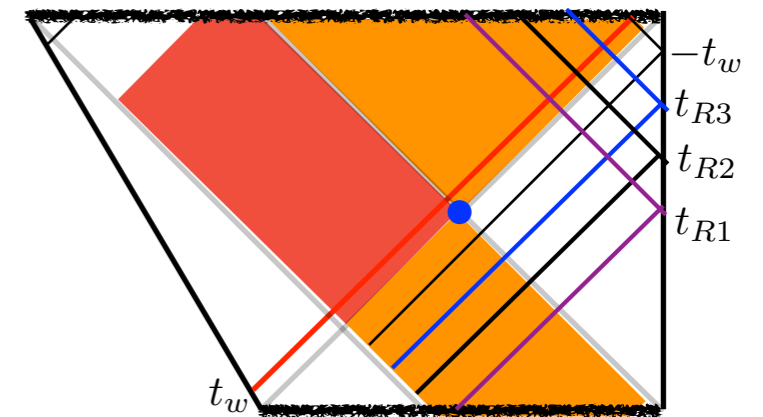
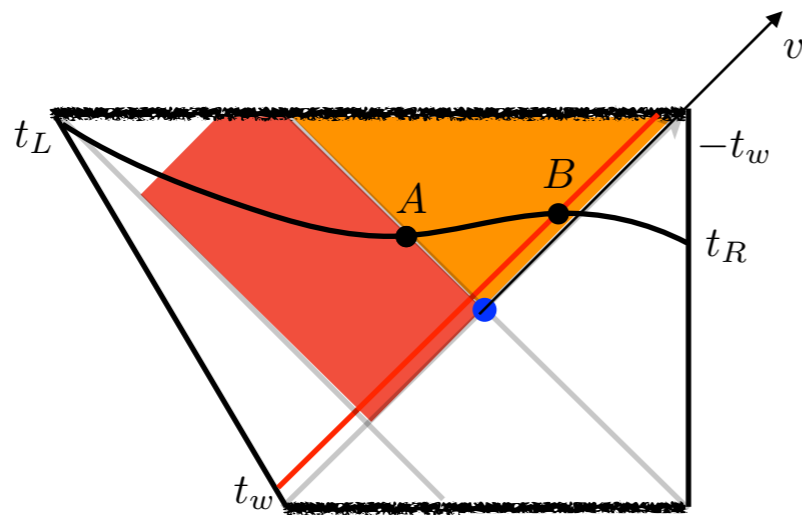
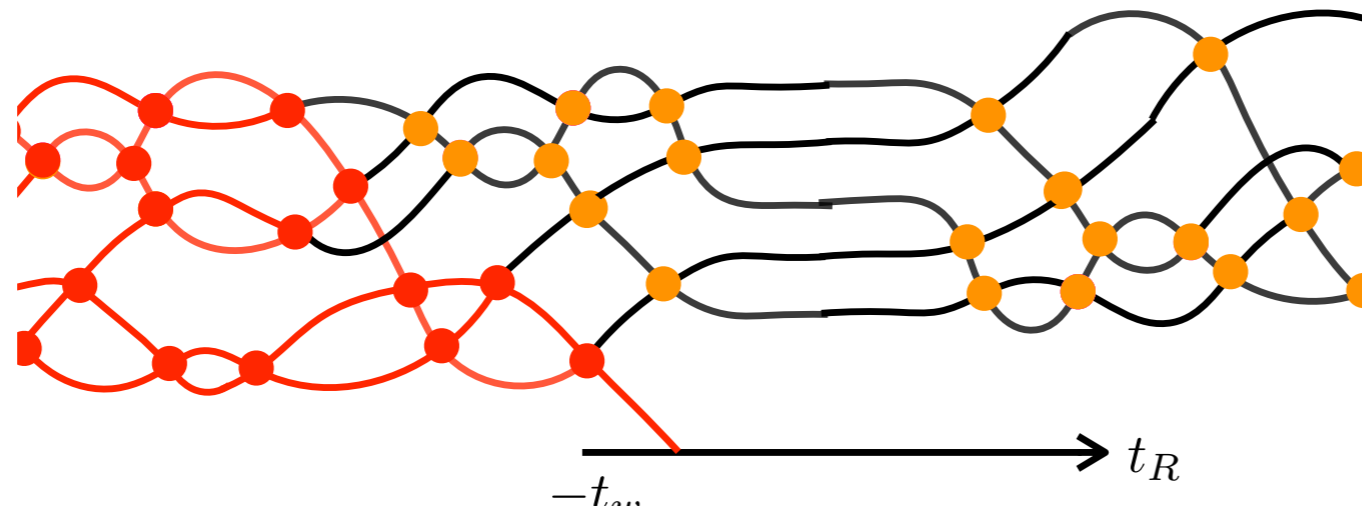
(a) Quantum circuit



(b) Wormhole geometry

- Without the perturbation, Bob can undo the gates stored in the orange region.

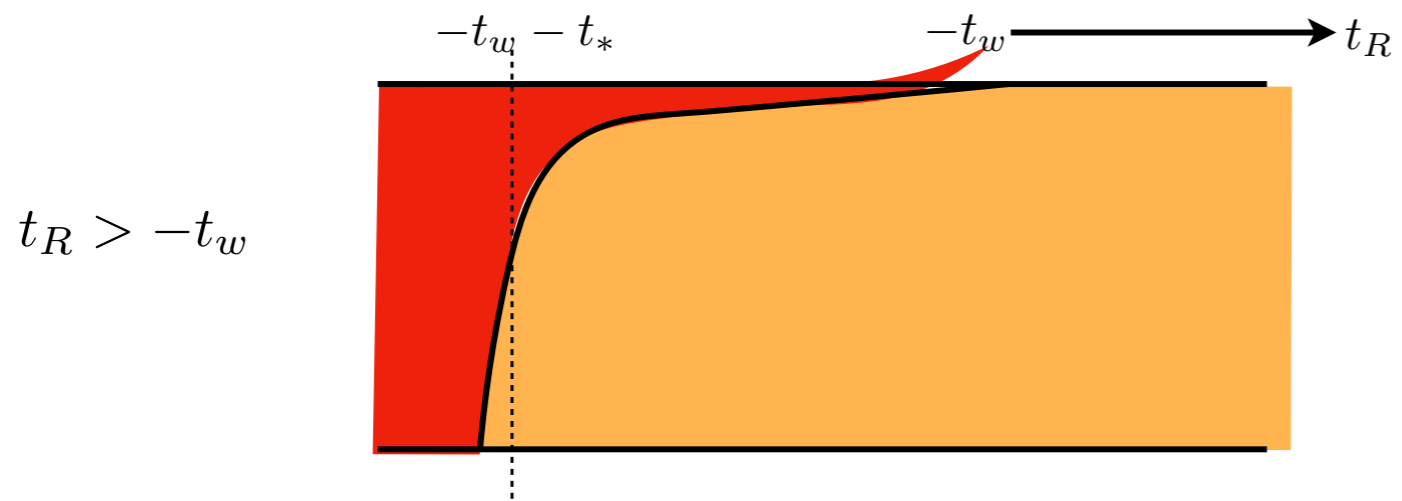
## With perturbation



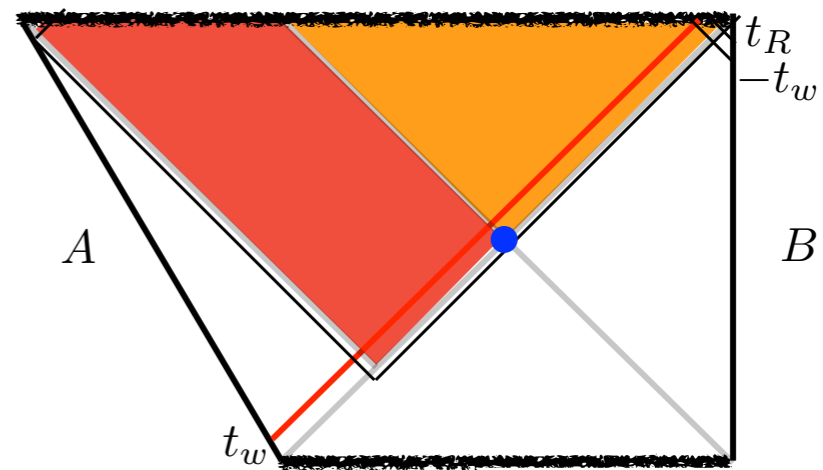
$$\frac{d_{AB}}{l} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (t_R + t_w + t_*) + \log \left( 1 + \alpha e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t_R} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt_R} \frac{d_{AB}}{l} = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left[ 1 - \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} (-t_w - t_* - t_R)}}{1 + e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} (-t_w - t_* - t_R)}} \right] = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left( 1 - \frac{s_{ep} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (-t_w - t_R) \right]}{S} \right) = \frac{d}{dt_R} \frac{N_{\text{healthy}}}{S}$$

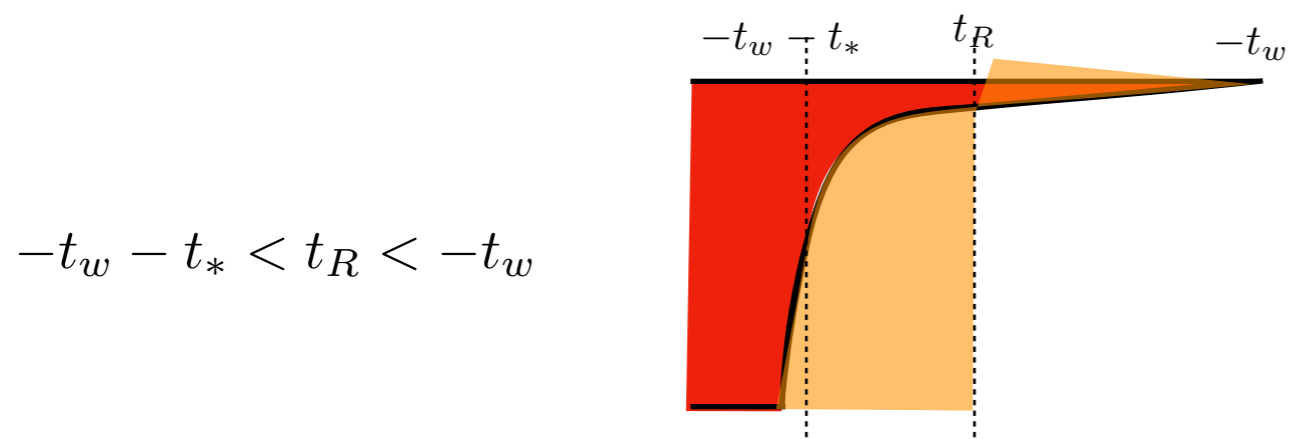
- At each time step,  $S$  gates are applied.  $S - s_{ep}$  gates are cancelled by the gates in the future interior.  $s_{ep}$  gates are stored in the past interior.



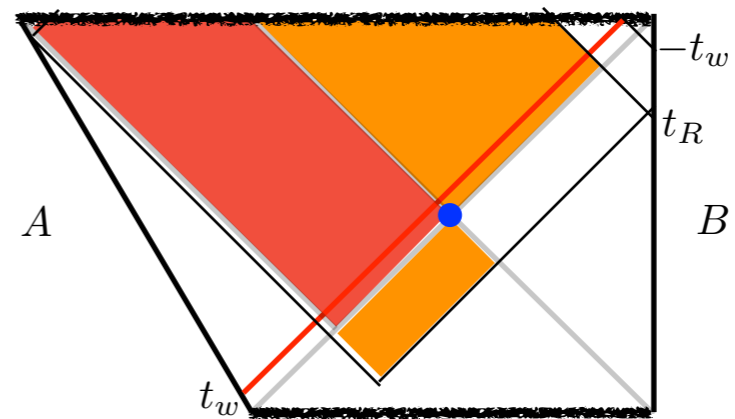
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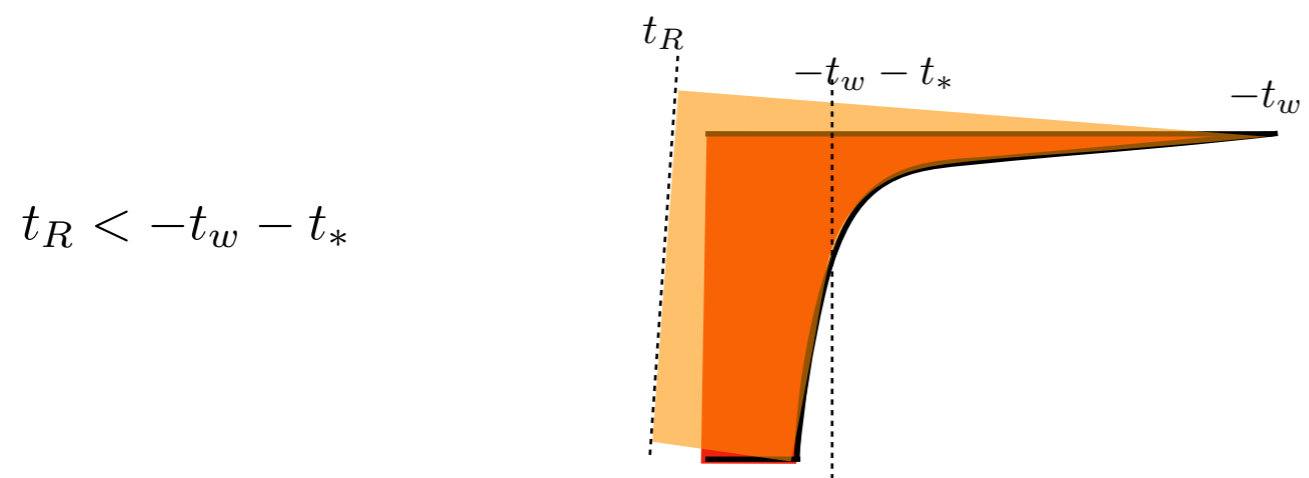
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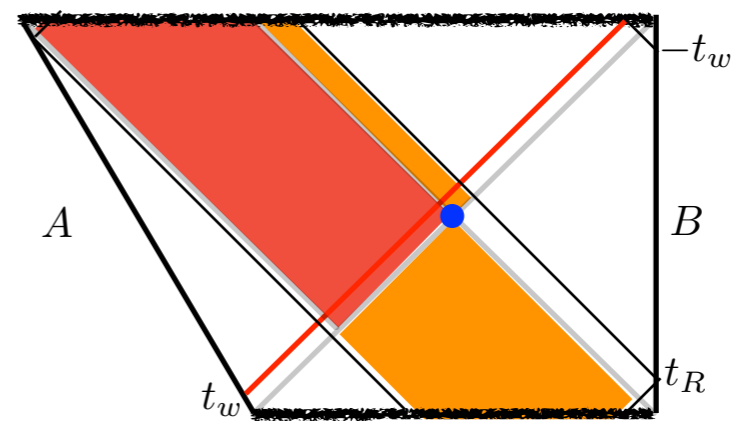
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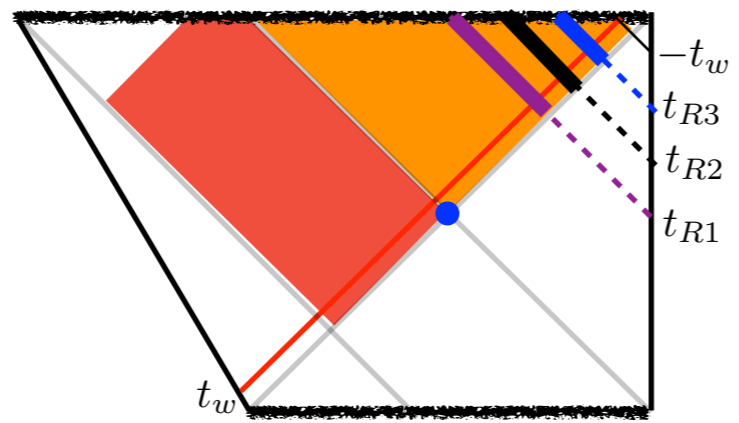
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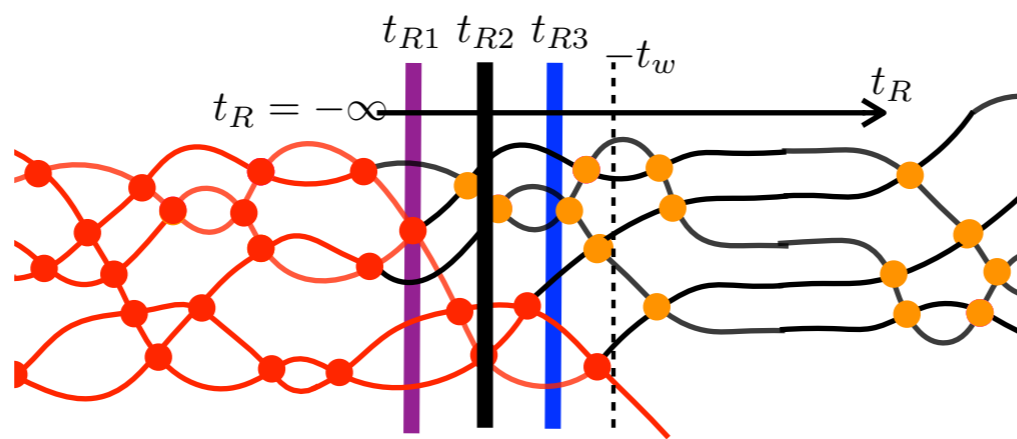
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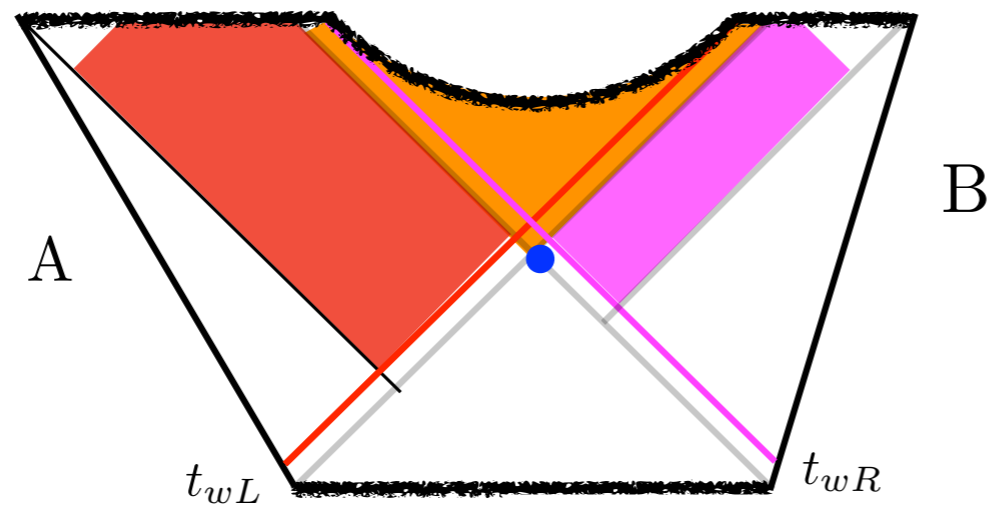
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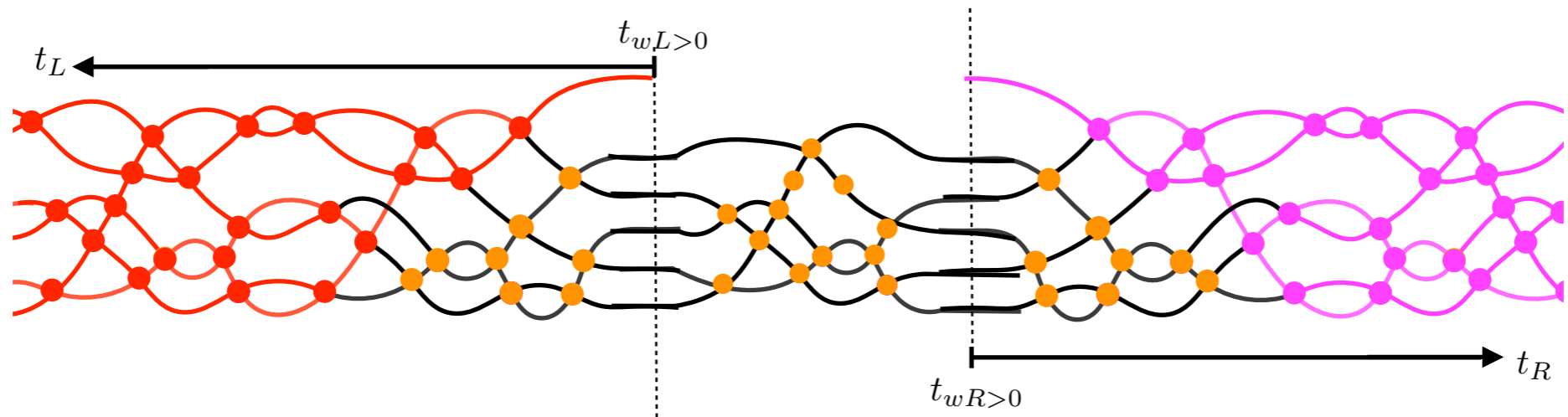


## Collision in the interior

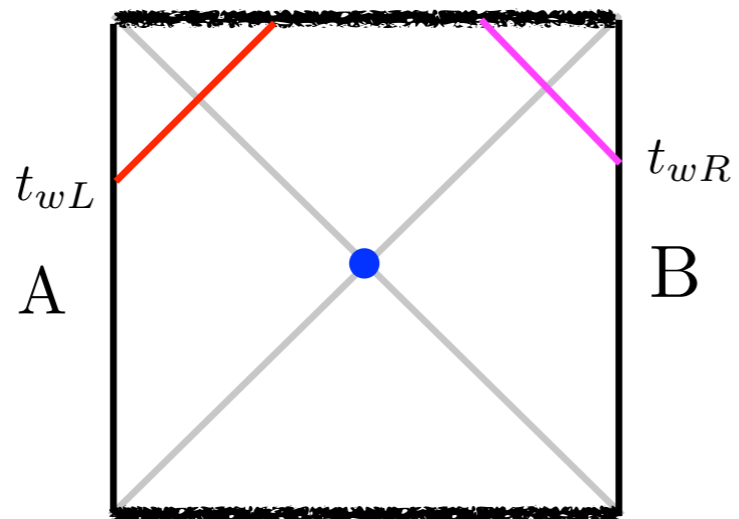


- Infalling objects from the two boundaries can meet in the interior.

$$t_{wL} > 0, \quad t_{wR} > 0$$

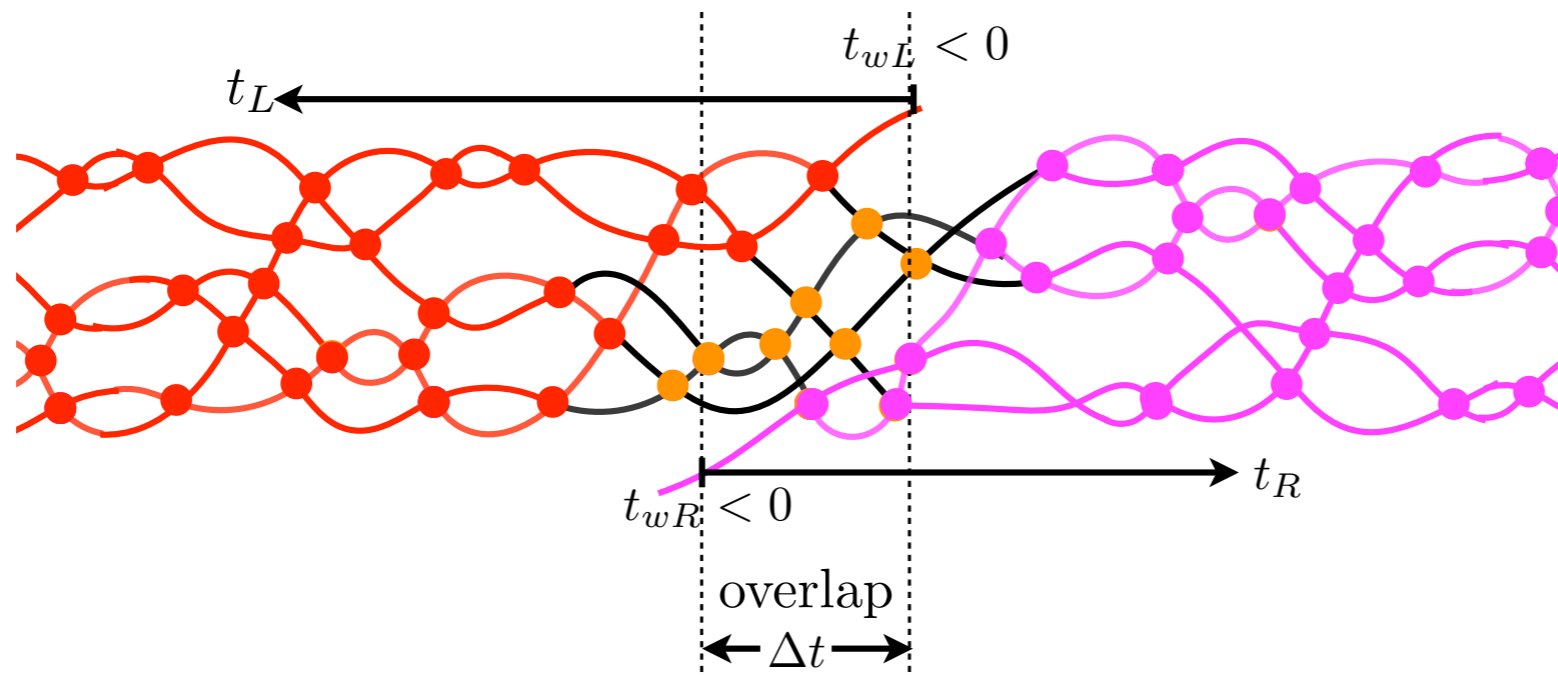


- There are no overlaps between the two perturbations.

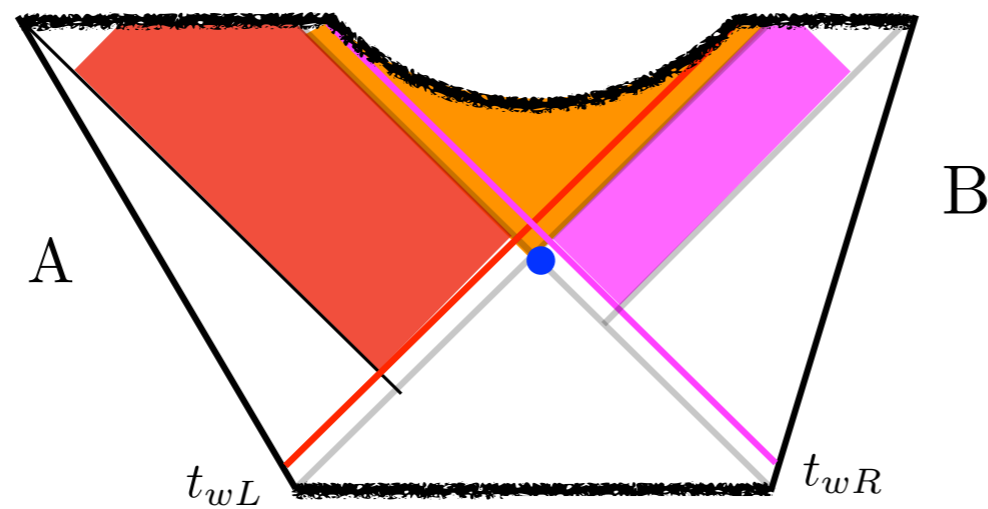


- The two perturbations do not collide in the interior.

$$t_{wR} < 0, \quad t_{wL} < 0$$

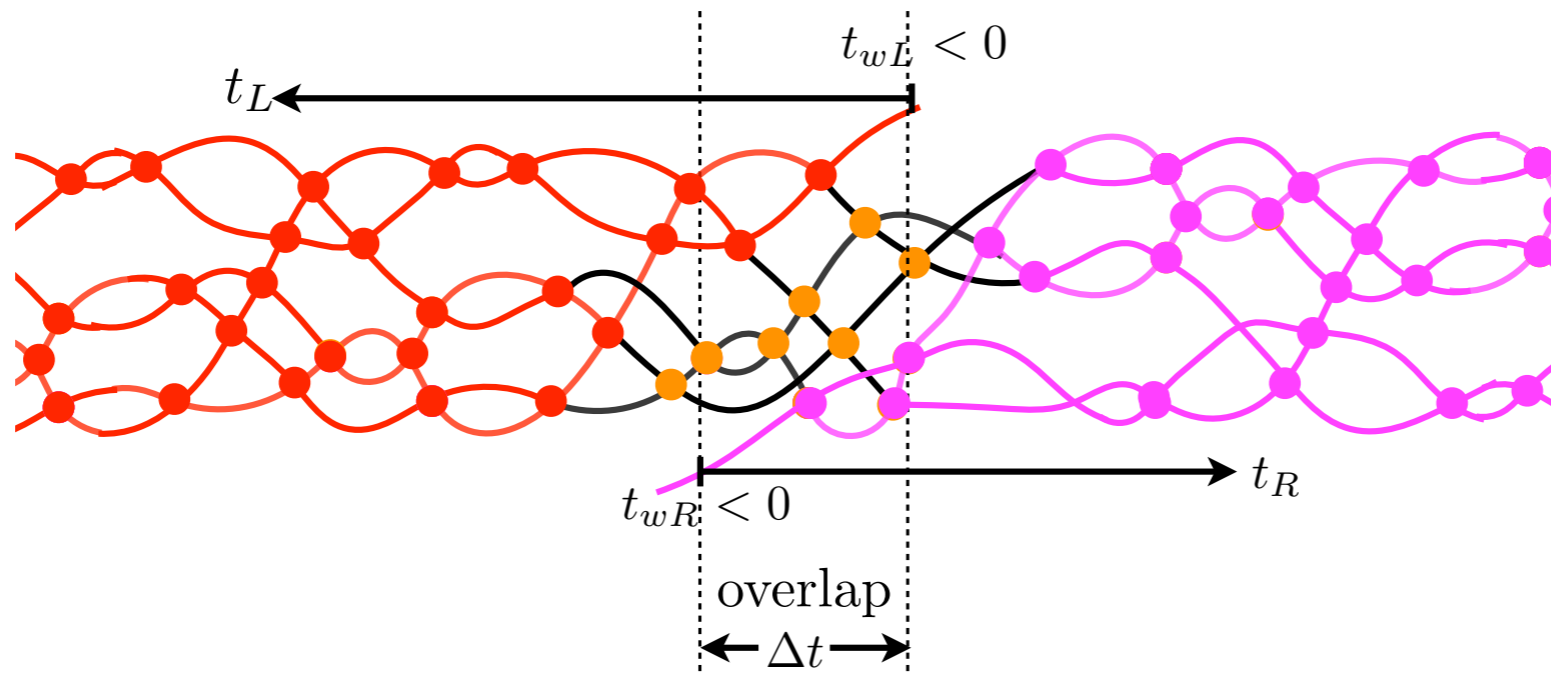


- The two perturbations have overlap in the quantum circuit.



- The two perturbations collide in the interior.

# The number of healthy gates in the overlap region



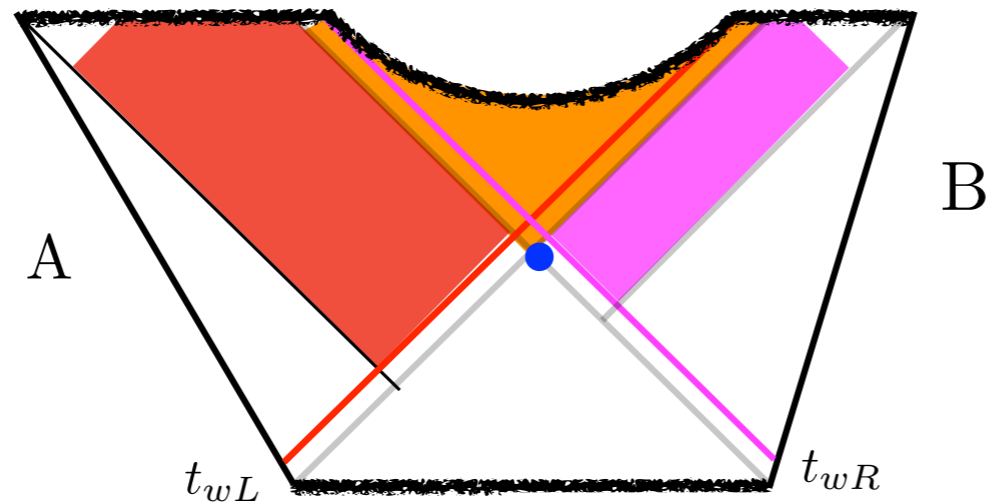
The probability of being healthy from the red epidemic:  $1 - \frac{s_{ep}^{red}}{S} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(-t_{wL}-t)}$

The probability of being healthy from the purple epidemic:  $1 - \frac{s_{ep}^{purple}}{S} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-t_{wR})}$

The probability of being healthy from both epidemic is product of these two.

## Number of healthy gates and post-collision region

- The post-collision region stores the healthy gates.



- Post-collision region: A larger black hole forms  $\Delta t \equiv -t_{wL} - t_{wR}$

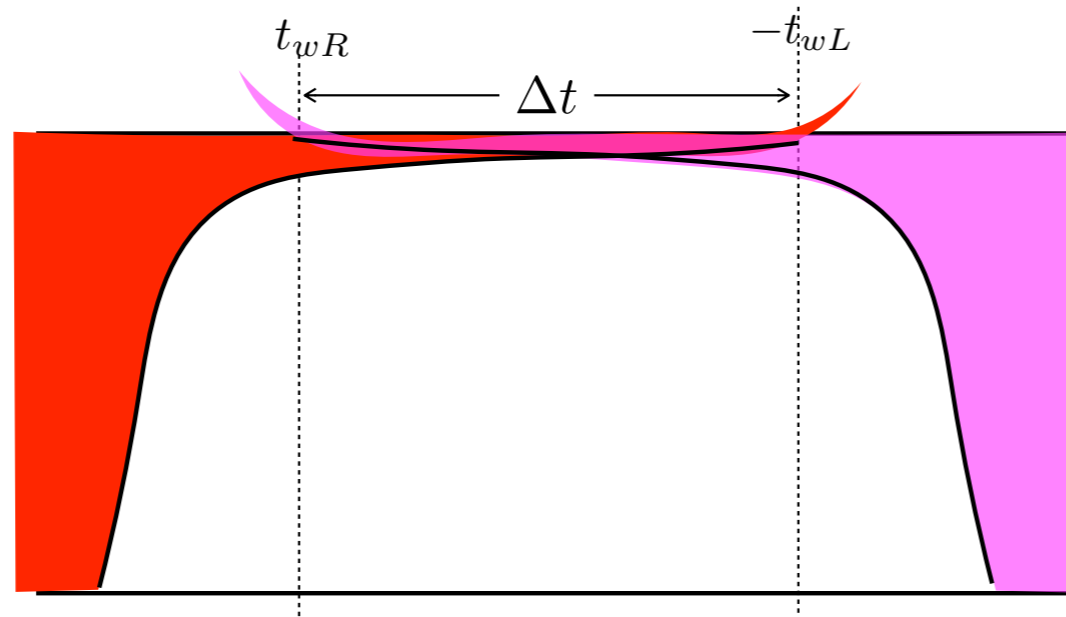
$$\frac{\tilde{r}_h^2}{r_h^2} = 1 + \frac{2\delta S_1}{S} + \frac{2\delta S_2}{S} + \frac{4\delta S_1\delta S_2}{S^2} \cosh^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{\beta} \Delta t \right)$$

T. Dray, G. 't Hooft 1985

S. Shenker, D. Stanford arXiv:1312.3296

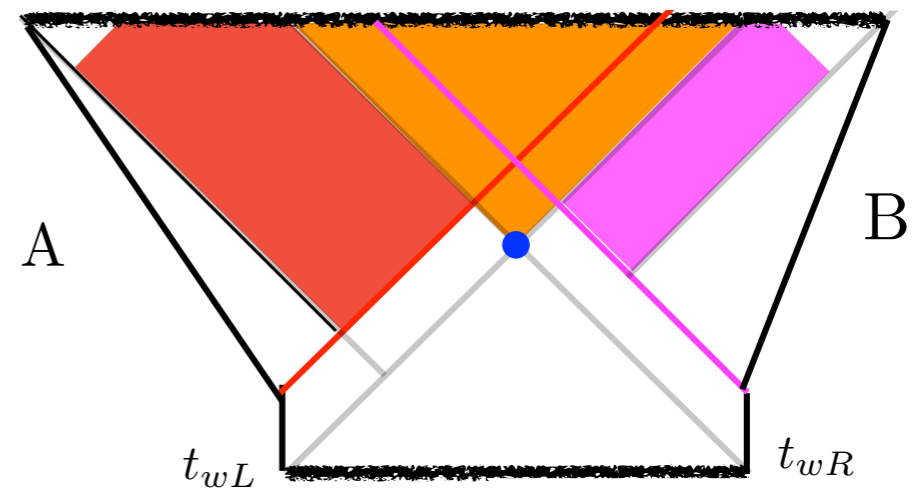
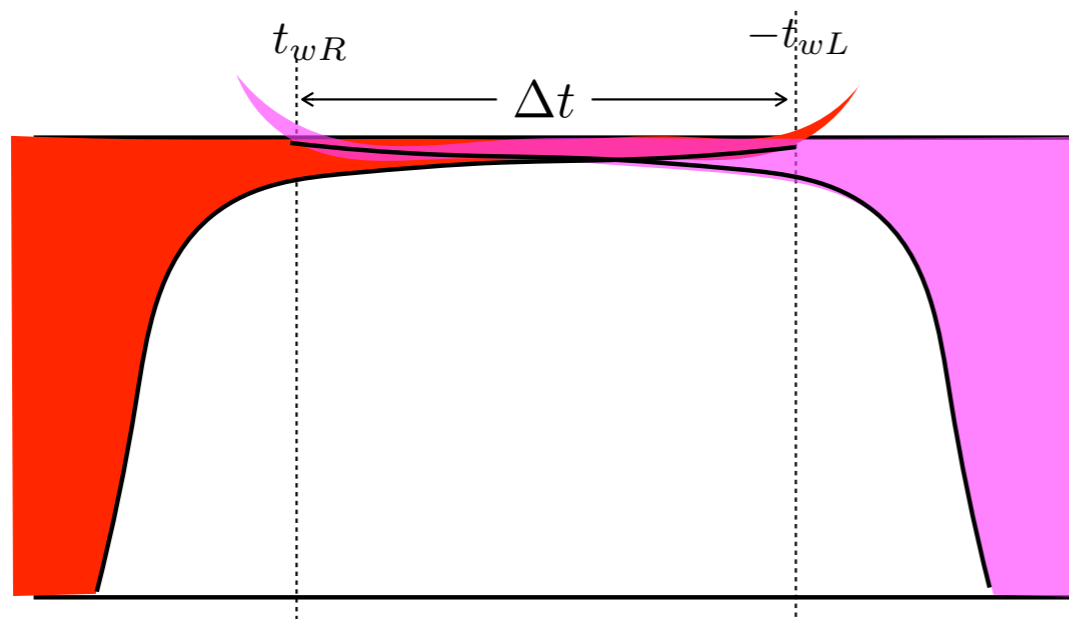
$$V = 2\pi\tilde{r}_h l^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\tilde{r}_h + r_c}{\tilde{r}_h - r_c} - \frac{r_c}{\tilde{r}_h} \right)$$

1. Early time  $\frac{\beta}{2\pi} \ll \Delta t \ll t_*$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N_{\text{healthy}}}{S} &= \int_{t_{wR}}^{-t_{wL}} \frac{2\pi}{\beta} dt \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(-t_{wL}-t)}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_2}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-t_{wR})}} \right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t - \frac{\delta S_1 + \delta S_2}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t} + \mathcal{O} \left( \left( \frac{1}{K} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t} \right)^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{V}{\pi r_h l^2} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t - \frac{\delta S_1 + \delta S_2}{2S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t}$$

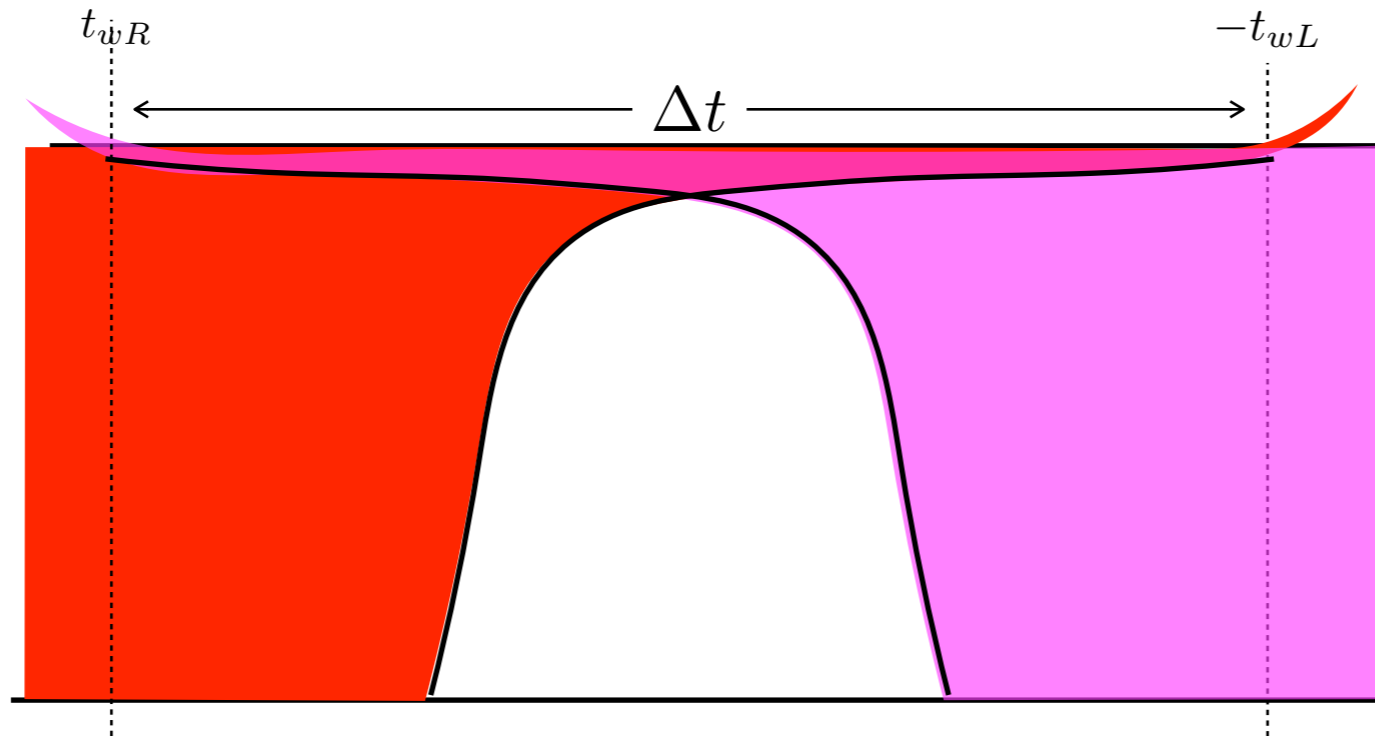


$$\frac{N_{\text{healthy}}^{\text{total}}}{S} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{2\pi}{\beta} dt \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(-t_{wL}-t)}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_2}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-t_{wR})}} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (2t_* - \Delta t)$$

$$\frac{V}{\pi r_h l^2} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (2t_* - \Delta t)$$

## 2. Intermediate time $t_* \ll \Delta t \ll 2t_*$



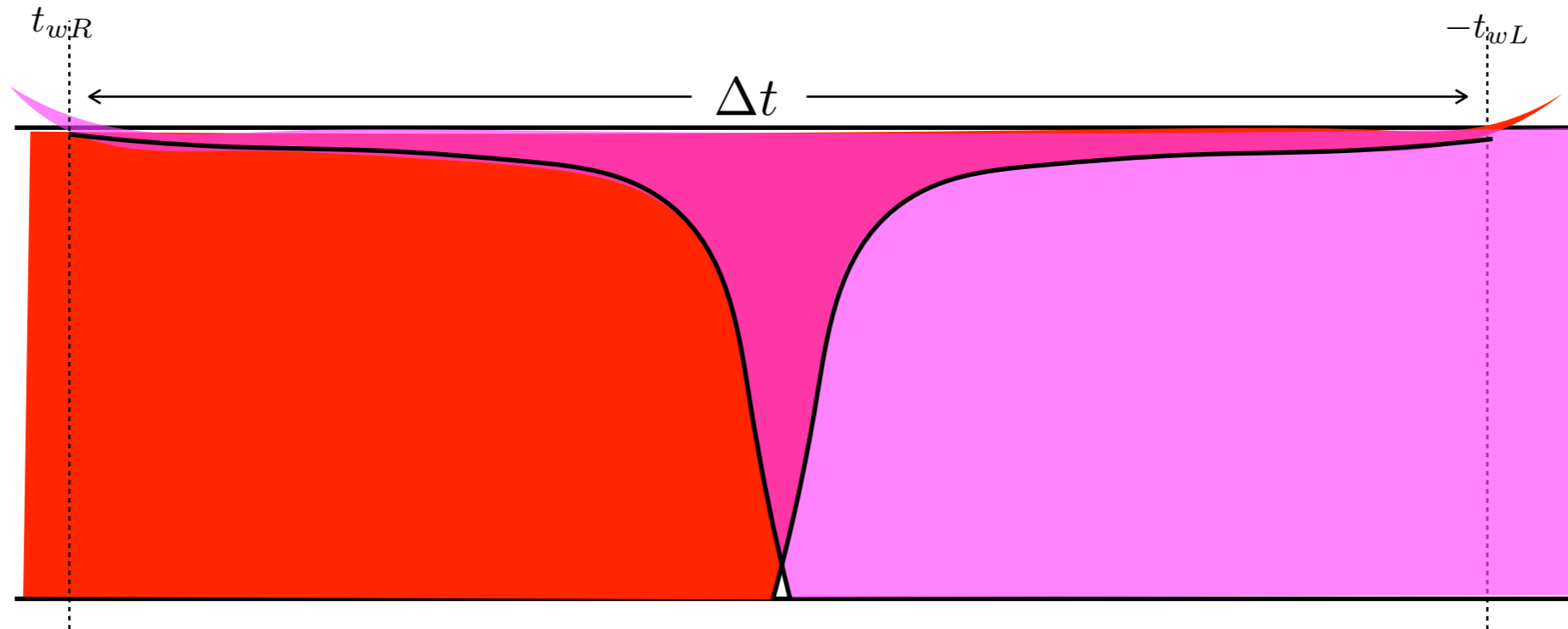
$$\frac{N_{\text{heathy}}}{S} = \int_{t_{wR}}^{-t_{wL}} \frac{2\pi}{\beta} dt \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(-t_{wL}-t)}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_2}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-t_{wR})}} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (2t_* - \Delta t) \left( 1 + \frac{\delta S_1 \delta S_2 e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t}}{S^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{V}{\pi r_h l^2} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (2t_* - \Delta t) \left( 1 + \frac{\delta S_1 \delta S_2}{2S^2} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta} \Delta t} \right)$$



### 3. Late time $\Delta t \gg 2t_*$



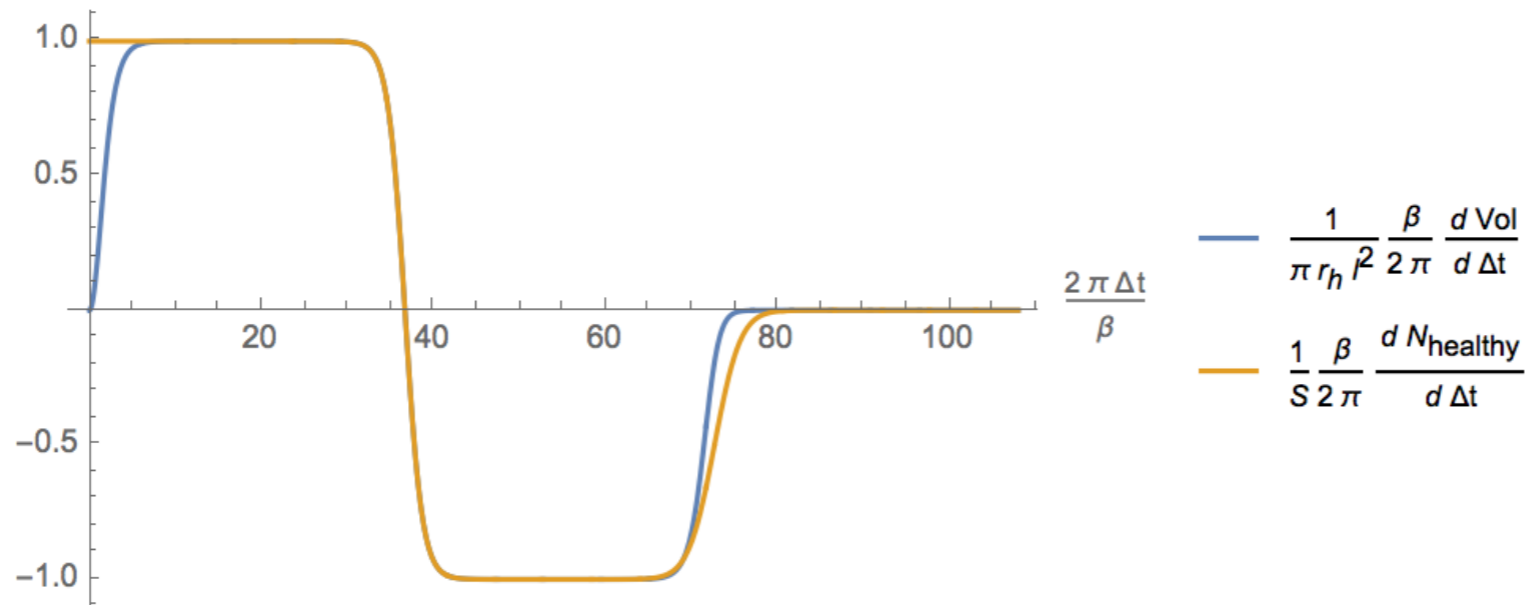
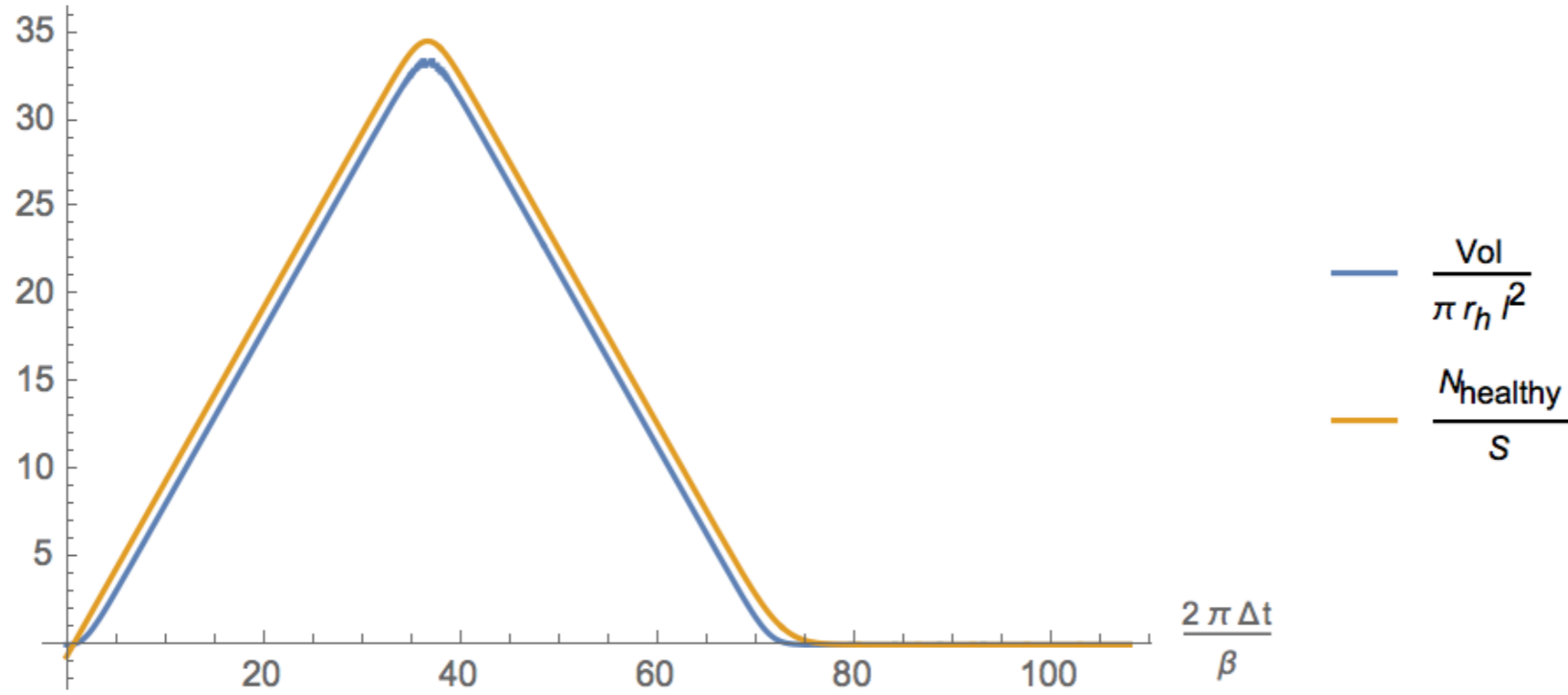
$$\frac{N_{\text{healthy}}}{S} = \int_{t_{wR}}^{-t_{wL}} \frac{2\pi}{\beta} dt \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_1}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(-t_{wL}-t)}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\delta S_2}{S} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(t-t_{wR})}} \right)$$

$$\approx e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(\Delta t - 2t_*)} (\Delta t - 2t_*)$$

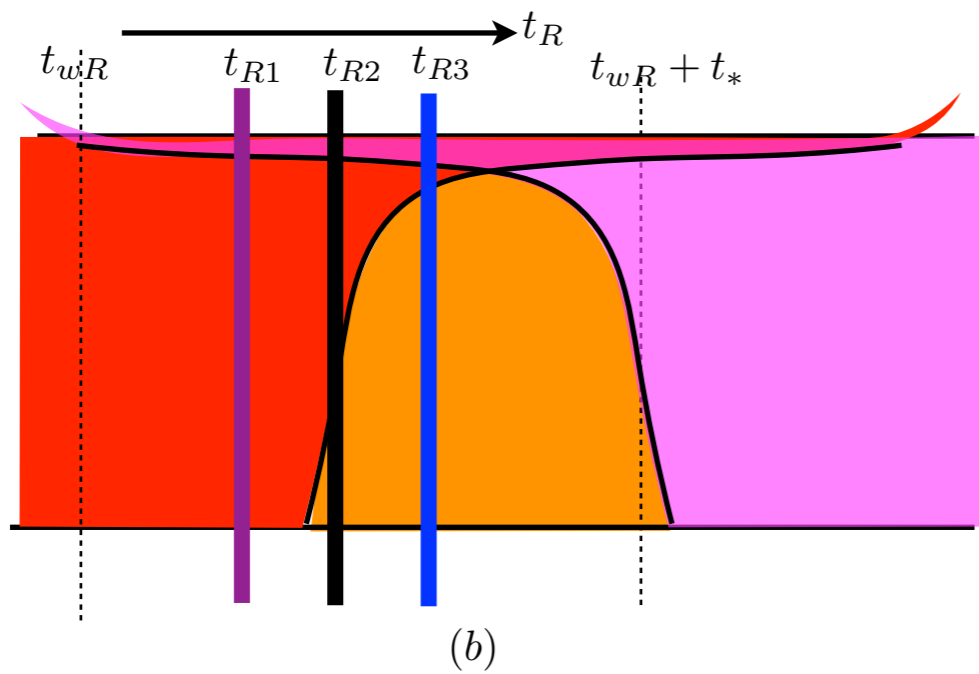
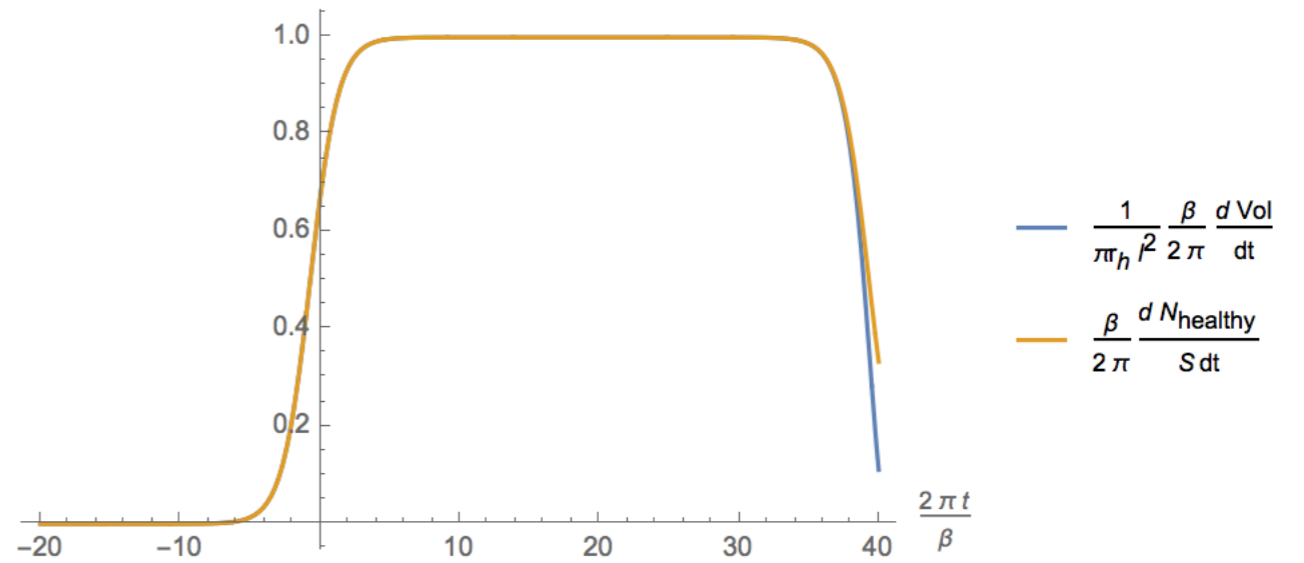
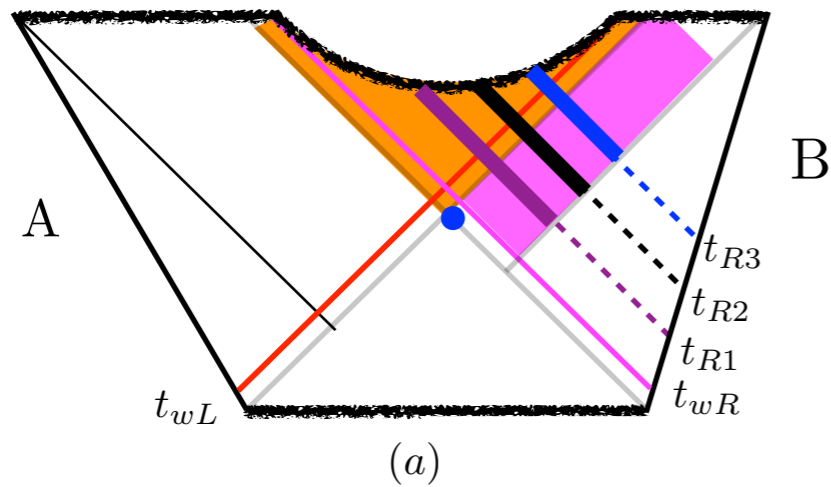
$$\frac{V}{\pi r_h l^2} \approx \frac{2}{3} e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta}(\Delta t - 2t_*)}$$

# Full comparison

$$\frac{2\pi}{\beta} t_* = 36$$



# More detailed comparison of time dependence



$$\frac{2\pi}{\beta} (t_{wR} + t_*) = 40, \quad \frac{2\pi}{\beta} (-t_{wL} - t_*) = 0$$

## Future directions

- Charged black holes
- How to diagnose if two perturbations overlap or not?

$$[W_L, W_R] = 0$$

- Singularity

**Thank you.**