

# Black Tsunamis and Naked Singularities in AdS

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# Horizons & Singularities

# Horizons

limit what can be observed

# Singularities

limit what can be predicted  
(using classical General Relativity)

# **weak Cosmic Censorship Conjecture**

You can predict everything you can observe  
from afar

weak **Cosmic Censorship**

Naked singularities can't form

# weak **Cosmic Censorship**

Nature hides Planck-scale physics from us

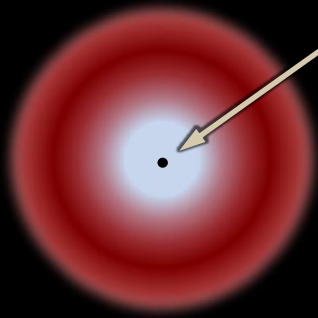
weak **Cosmic Censorship**

can be violated!



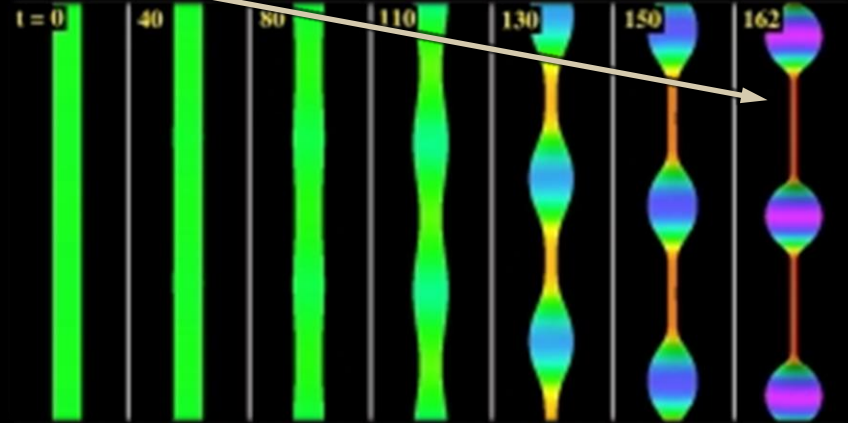
# wCC violations

diverging curvature



Critical collapse

*Choptuik 1993*



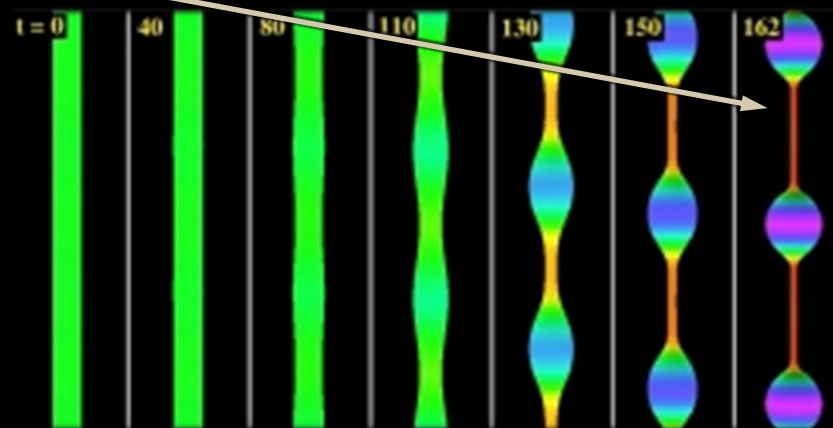
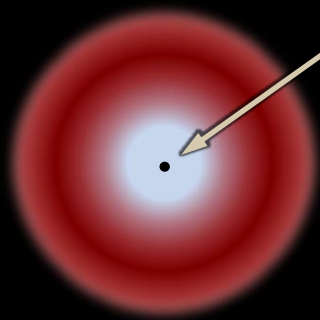
Black string instability

*Gregory+Laflamme 1993*  
*Lehner+Pretorius 2011*

Does Nature give us a chance to  
probe Planck-scale physics?


# wCC violations

small mass, small extent



# Improved weak Cosmic Censorship

*Predictivity lost, predictivity regained*

Only mild naked singularities can form,  
small (Planck-scale) mass, size, and duration

They may even be controlled by attractors



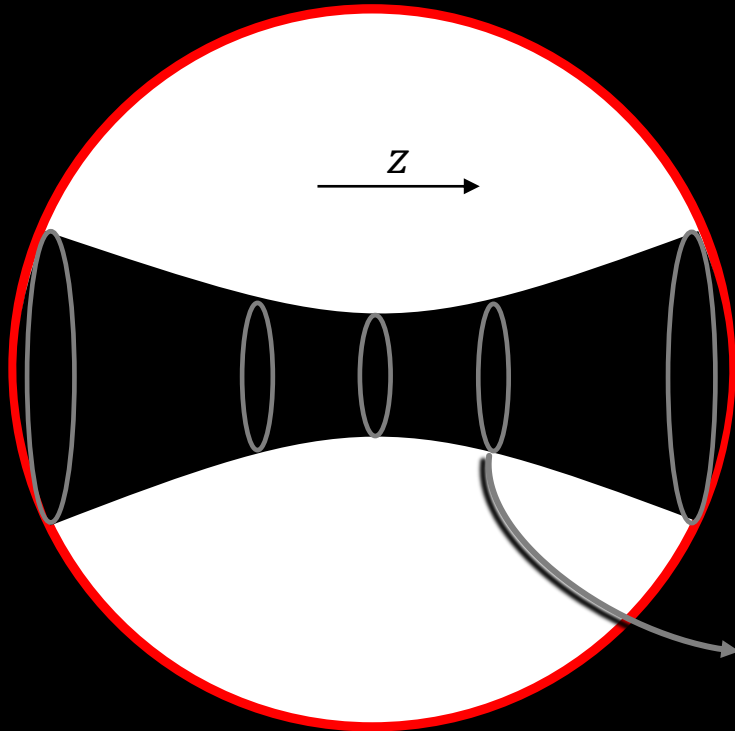
What does AdS/CFT say about this?

What setup?

# Black String instability in AdS

# Setup

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{\cos^2 z} (dz^2 + ds^2(\text{Schw} - \text{AdS}_{D-1}))$$



**Boundary:**  
Sphere with two black holes  
at antipodes

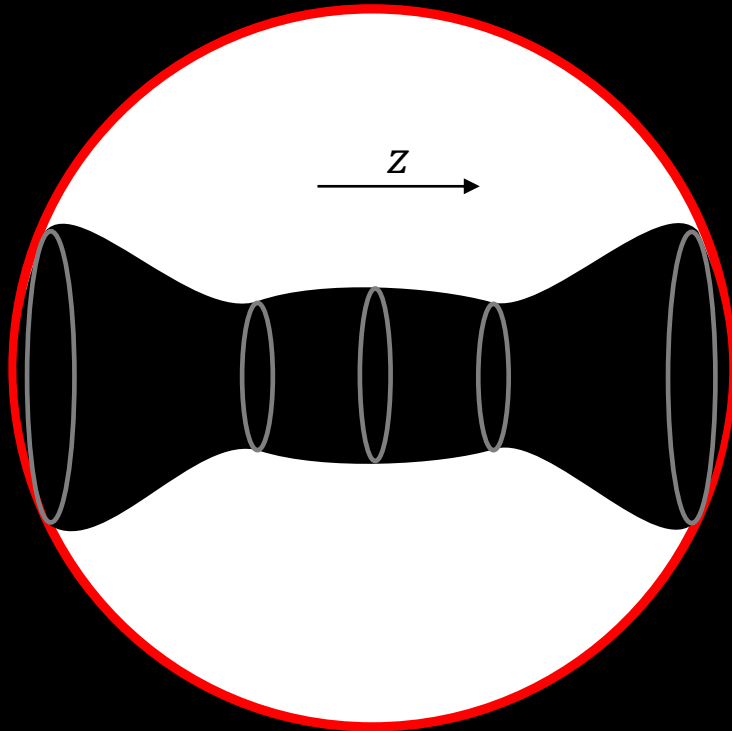
fixed geometry

Schw - AdS<sub>D-1</sub>

Thin enough black strings are  
unstable to rippling

similar to Gregory-Laflamme

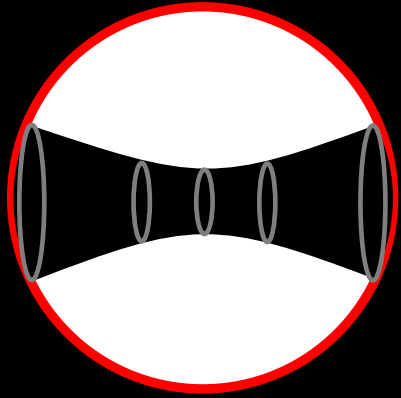
*Hirayama+Kang 2001*



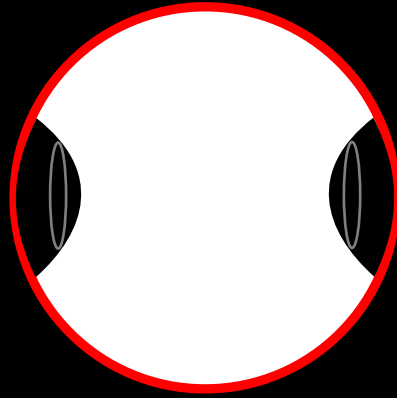
What's the endpoint of  
the instability?



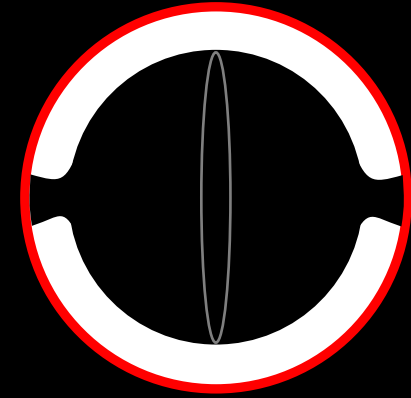
# Static phases



Uniform black string  
Black funnel



Black droplets



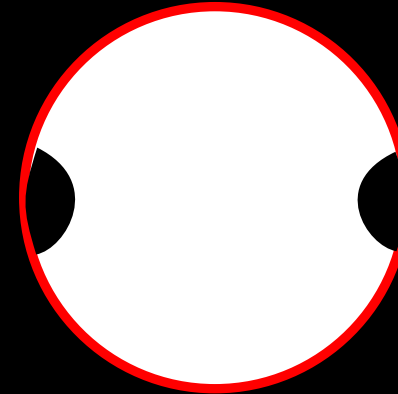
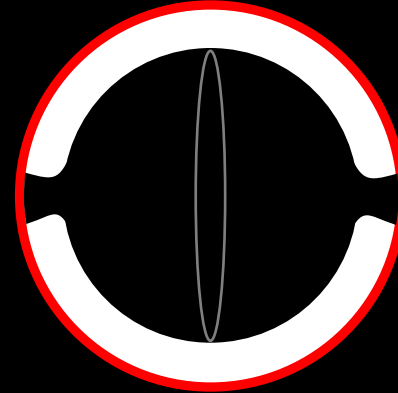
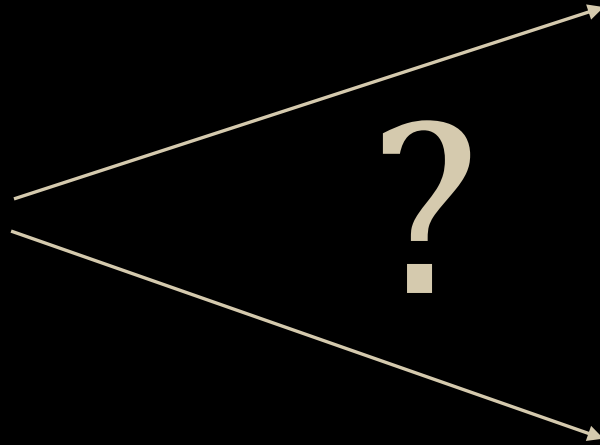
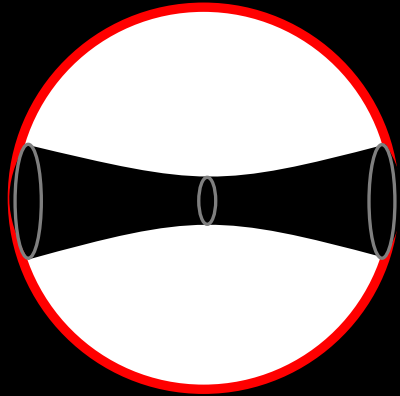
Fat funnels

(other possibilities too)

*Marolf+Santos 2019*

# Dynamical evolution?

Thin unstable funnel



# Black Tsunami flows

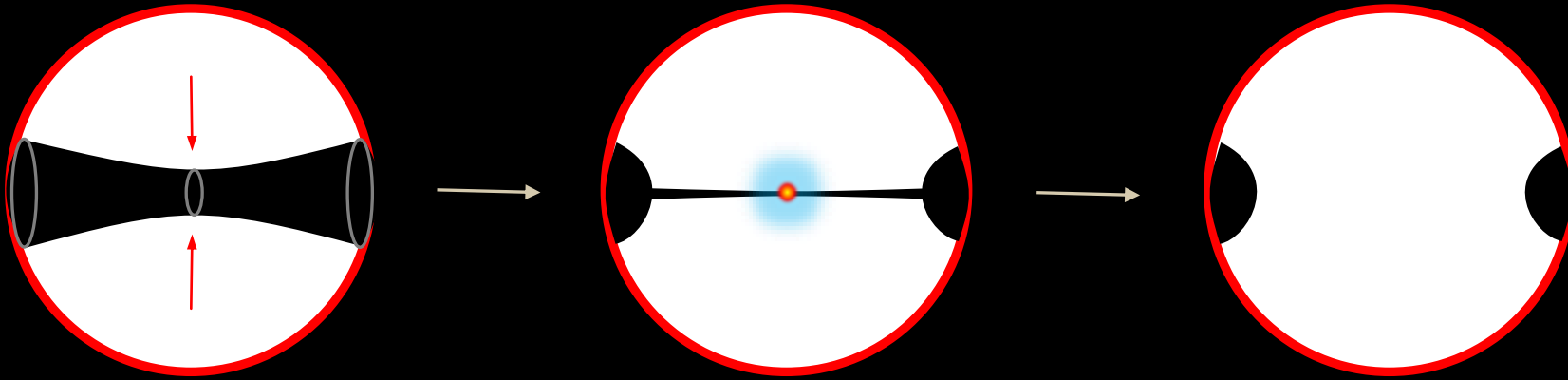


Possible

Fixed black hole @bdry acts as heat source/sink

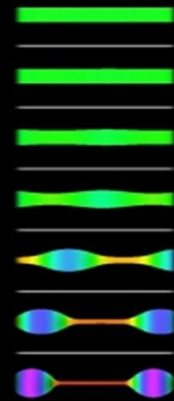
Horizon generators can flow in/out of bdry: **Black Tsunami**

# Singular pinch off



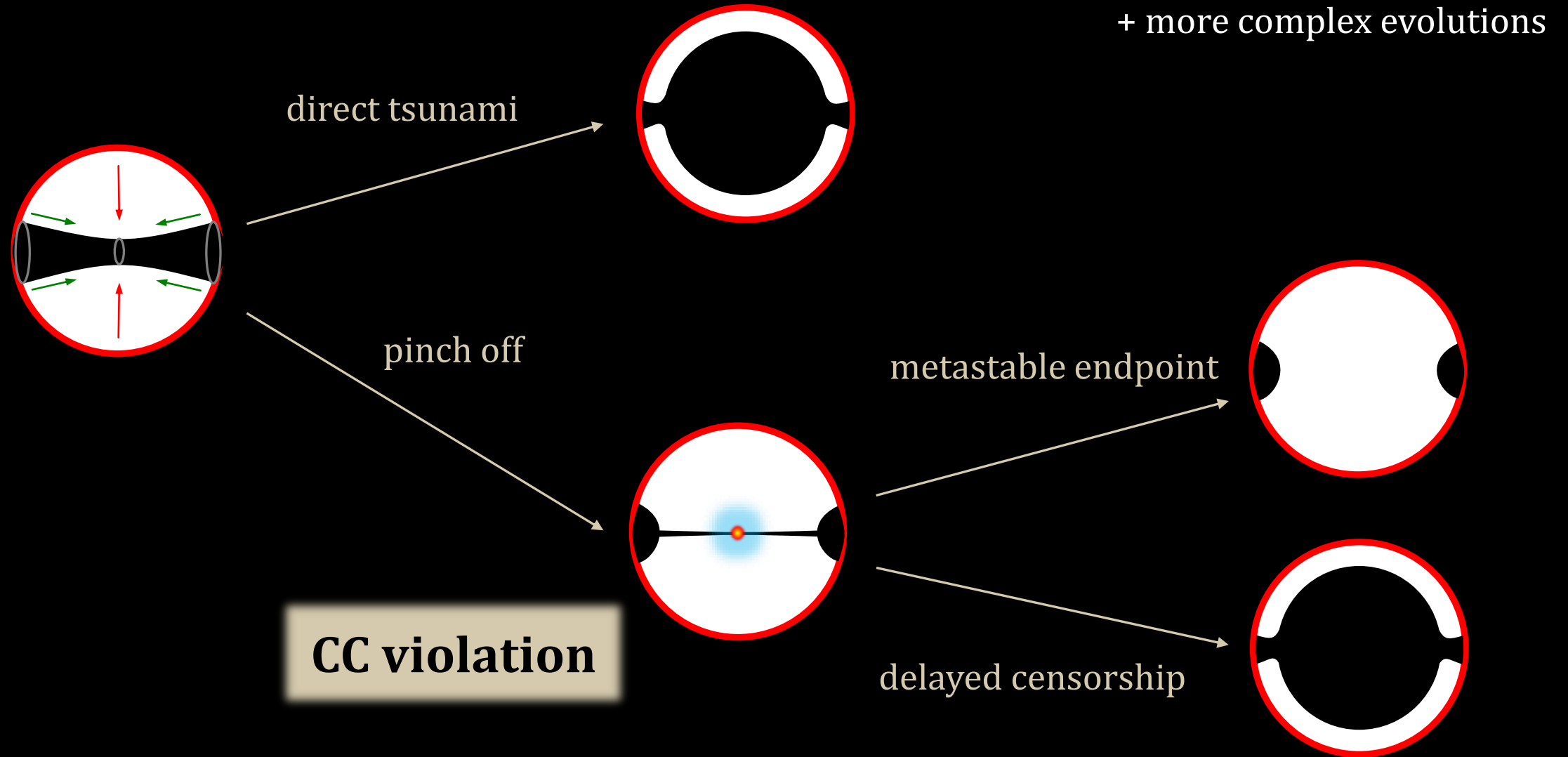
Possible

If string thickness  $\ll$  AdS radius  $\Rightarrow \sim$

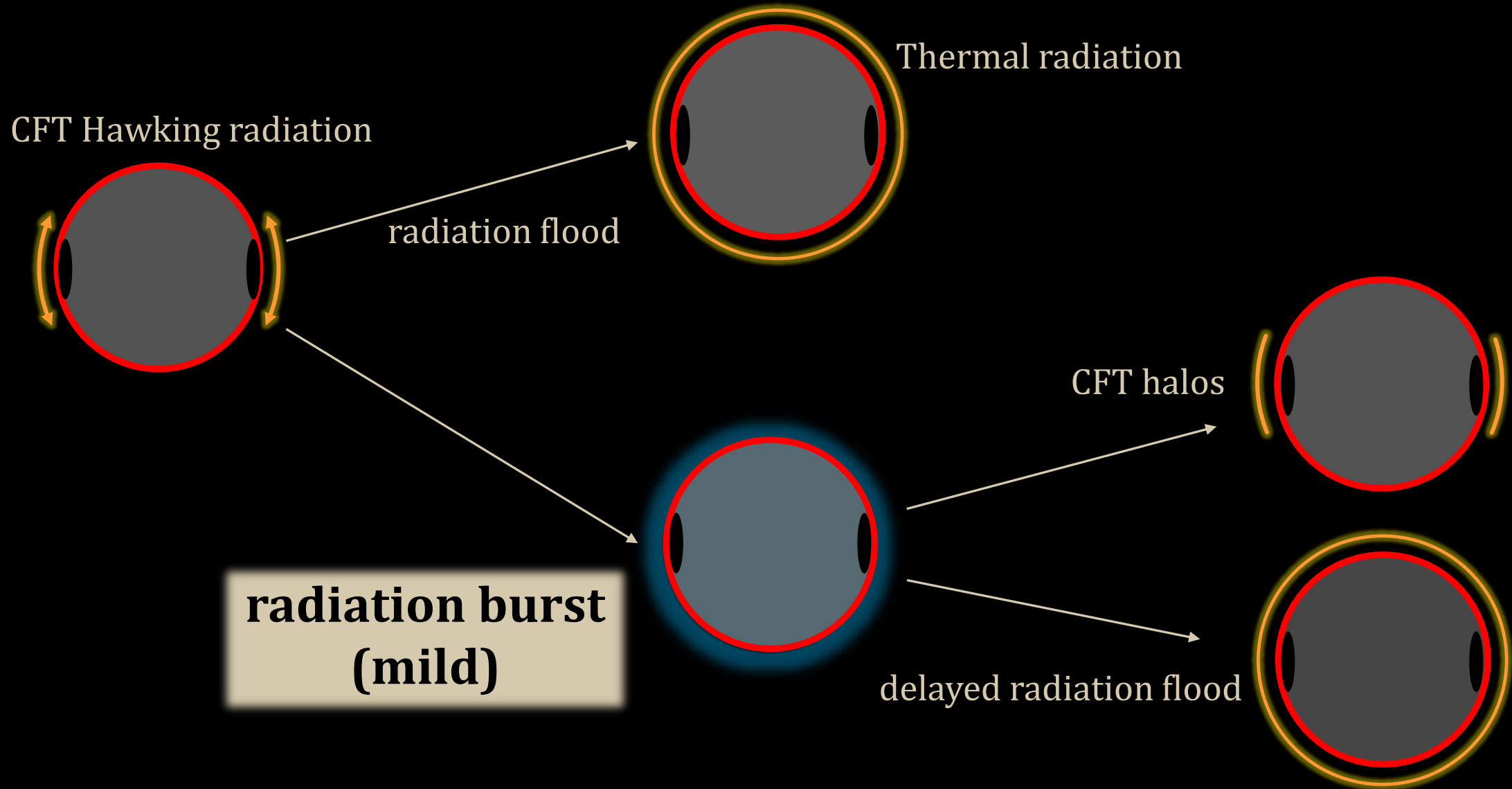




# What we have found



# What we have found – dual view

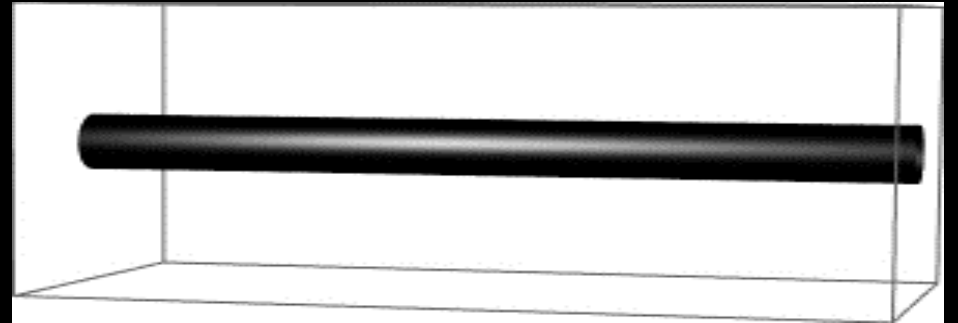


How?

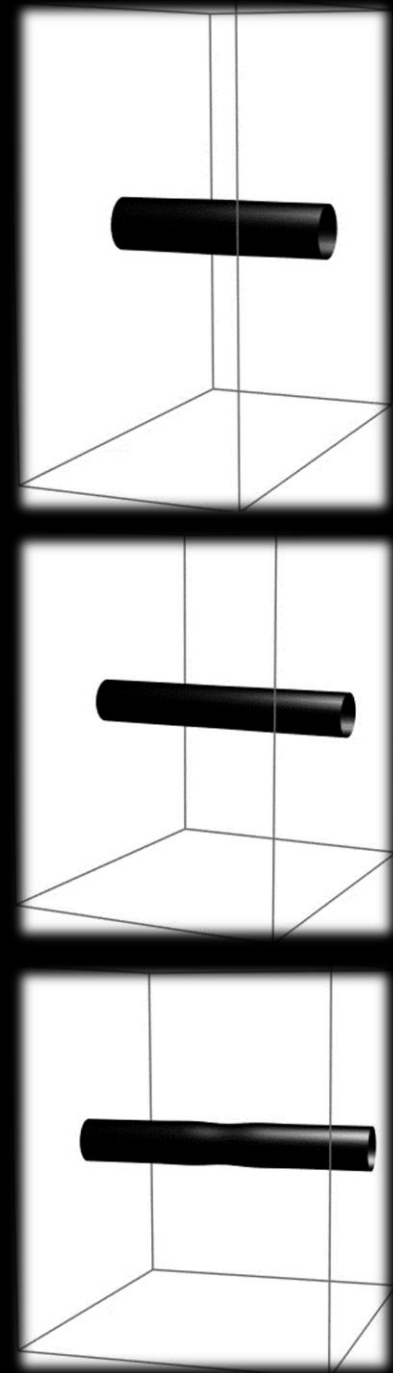
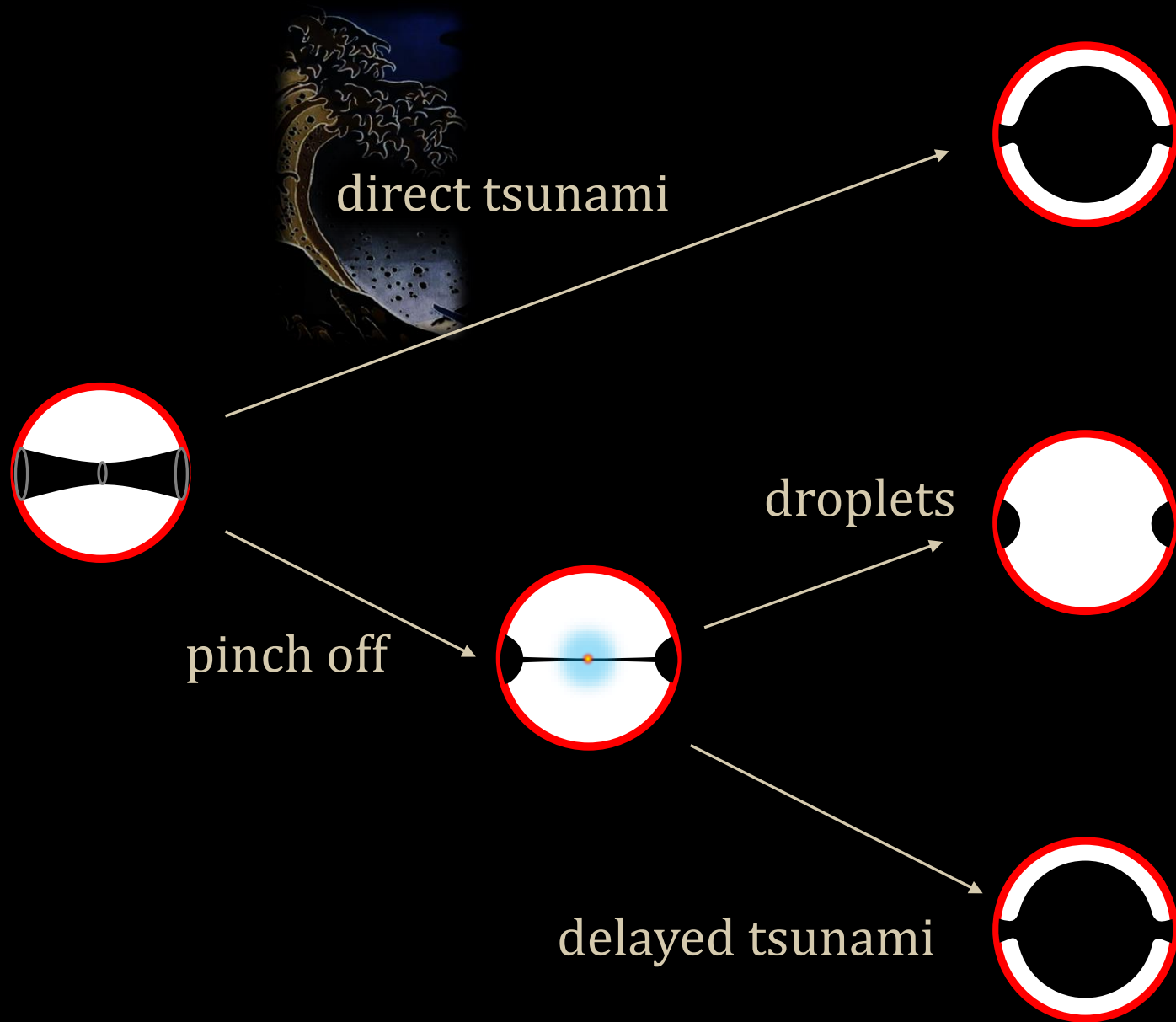
Large- $D$  *effective* theory

# Black string instability in AF space

$D \rightarrow \infty$  effective theory



# Non-linear evolution of AdS black strings



Boundary CFT signal of  
naked singularity formation

Large  $D$ :

Not easy to extract signal at boundary

Non-perturbative in  $1/D$



# A linearized model

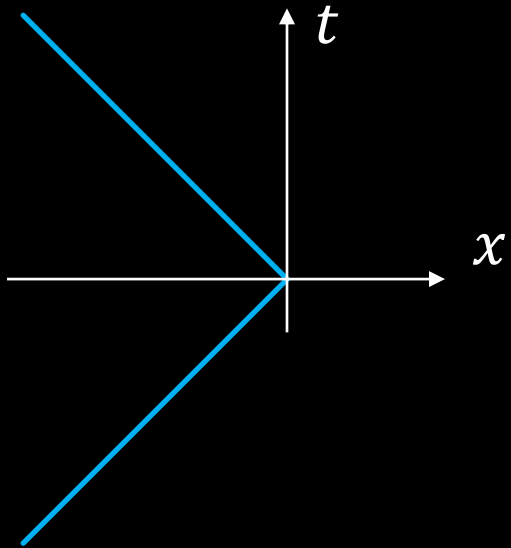
*after Chesler+Way 2019*

Critical collapse and Black string pinch  
show Self-Similarity

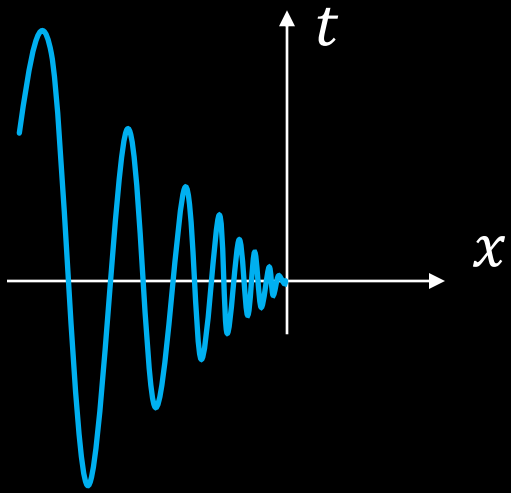
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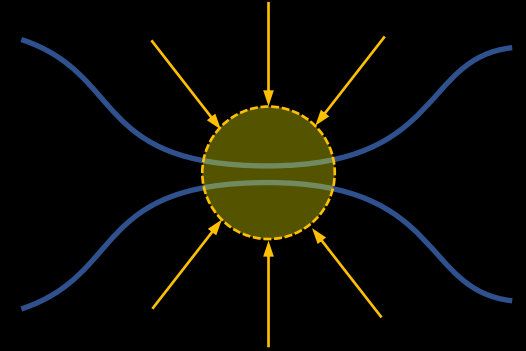
Continuous CSS:  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$



Discrete DSS:  $\lambda = k\Delta \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$



Assume that



- naked singularity formation occurs through **self-similar shrinking**
- self-similar region is largely **independent of smoother surroundings**
- in a sizable part of it, **gravity is approx linear**

Find solution to *linearized gravity* in AdS that  
is Discrete Self-Similar near  $r = 0 \quad t = 0$

Extract holographic stress tensor near  $r = \infty$

# For DSS gravitational field

dual CFT stress tensor

$$\langle T_{tt} \rangle \sim t - \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{vanishes}$$

(pressures vanish too)

$$\langle T_{it} \rangle \sim \text{const}$$

$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t - \frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \text{shear}$$

$\frac{\pi}{2}$  = propagation time to bdry

Boundary signal is not smooth:

it oscillates an infinite number of times before  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$

→ It reaches arbitrarily high frequencies

But the energy density vanishes as  $t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$

In CFT at large  $N$ , we expect

- a few,  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  quanta, with energy  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  each
- large localized shears



Not deadly

You don't notice a few gamma rays hitting you



What have we learned?



- Cosmic Censorship can be violated by AdS black strings
- Evolution is a combination of pinch-offs and tsunamis
- Dual CFT interpretation: Hawking radiation+burst
- Boundary burst: shearing, but mild – a few  $\gamma$ -gravitons

# Going further

- CFT resolution of singularity at finite  $N$  ?
- Hawking radiation + gravitational backreaction  
→ Black hole evaporation as classical bulk evolution





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**Thank you**

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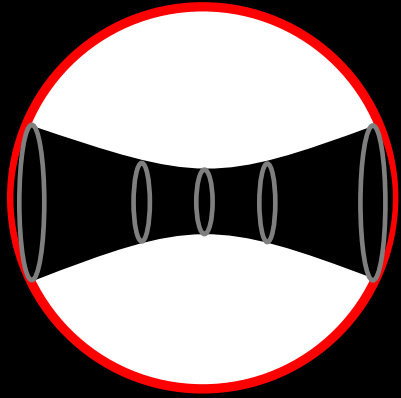




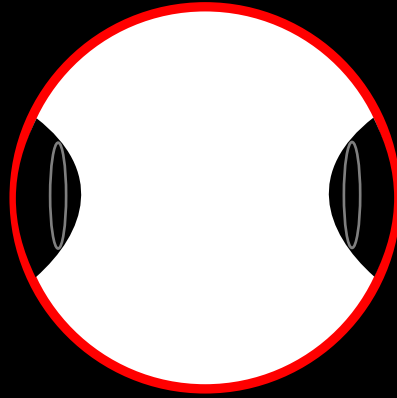
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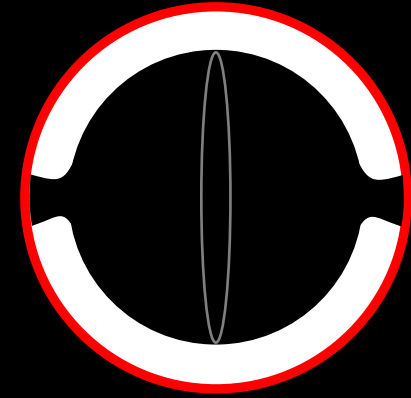
# Thermodynamics – canonical



Can dominate for  
large BH@bdry



Never dominant



Dominant for small  
BH@bdry

Can dominate for  
large BH@bdry

# Large $D$ setup and effective equations

$$D = n + 5$$

$r_0$  = thickness in AdS units

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}\right)} \left( \frac{H dx^2}{n} - (1+r_0^{-2}) \textcolor{blue}{A} dt^2 + u_t \frac{2 dt dR}{n R} - \frac{2}{n} \textcolor{blue}{C} dt dx + r_0^2 R^{\frac{2}{n}} d\Omega_{n+1} \right)$$

mass (area) density

momentum density

$$\textcolor{blue}{A} = 1 - \frac{m(t, x)}{R}$$

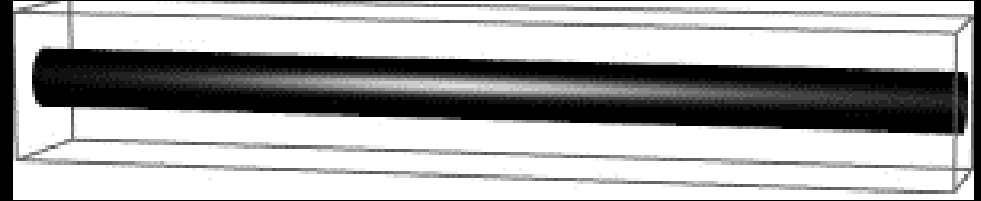
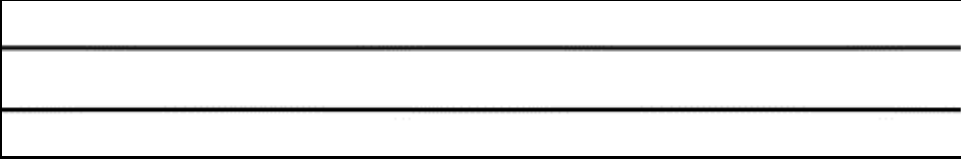
$$\textcolor{blue}{C} = \frac{p(t, x)}{R}$$

$$\partial_t m + (\partial_x + x)(p - \partial_x m) = 0$$

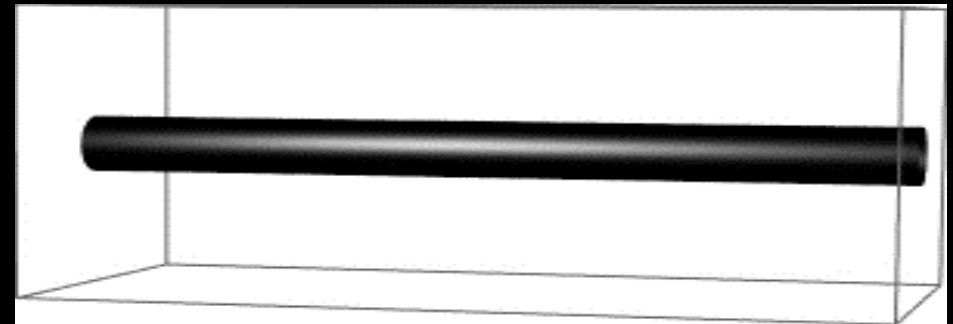
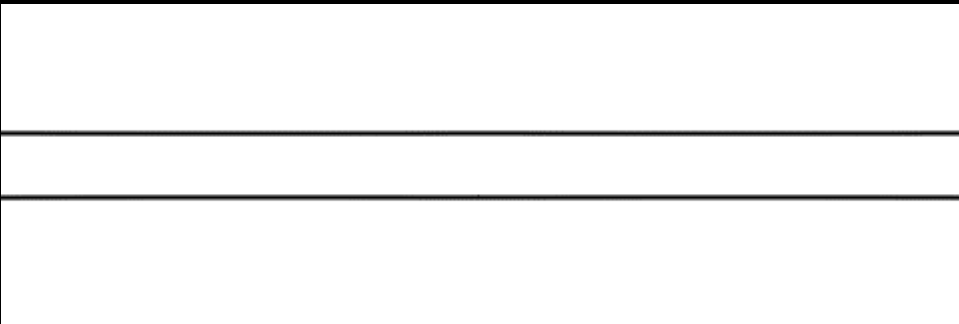
$$\partial_t p - (\partial_x + x) \left( \partial_x p - \frac{p^2}{m} \right) - (1 + r_0^{-2}) \partial_x m = 0$$



Moderate  $D$

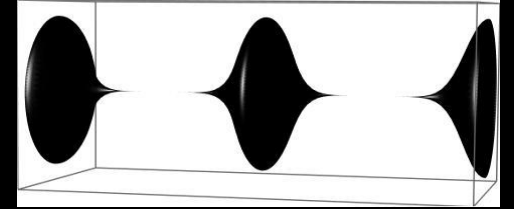


$D \rightarrow \infty$  effective theory

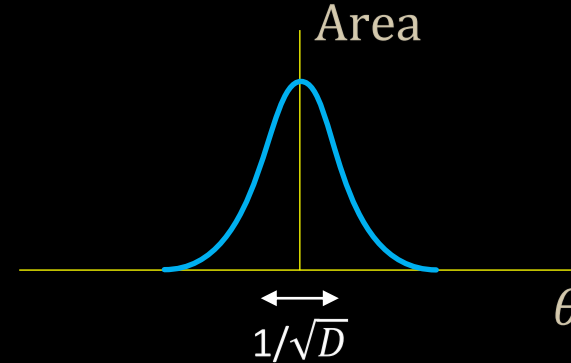
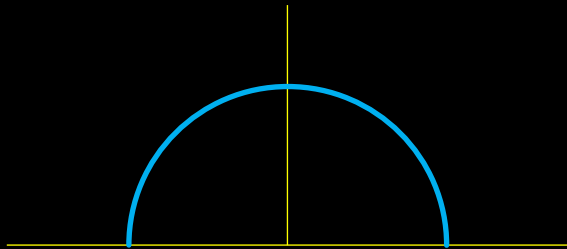


# Black holes @ large $D$ : gaussian blobs

$$d\Omega_{D+1} = d\theta^2 + \cos^2 \theta d\Omega_D$$

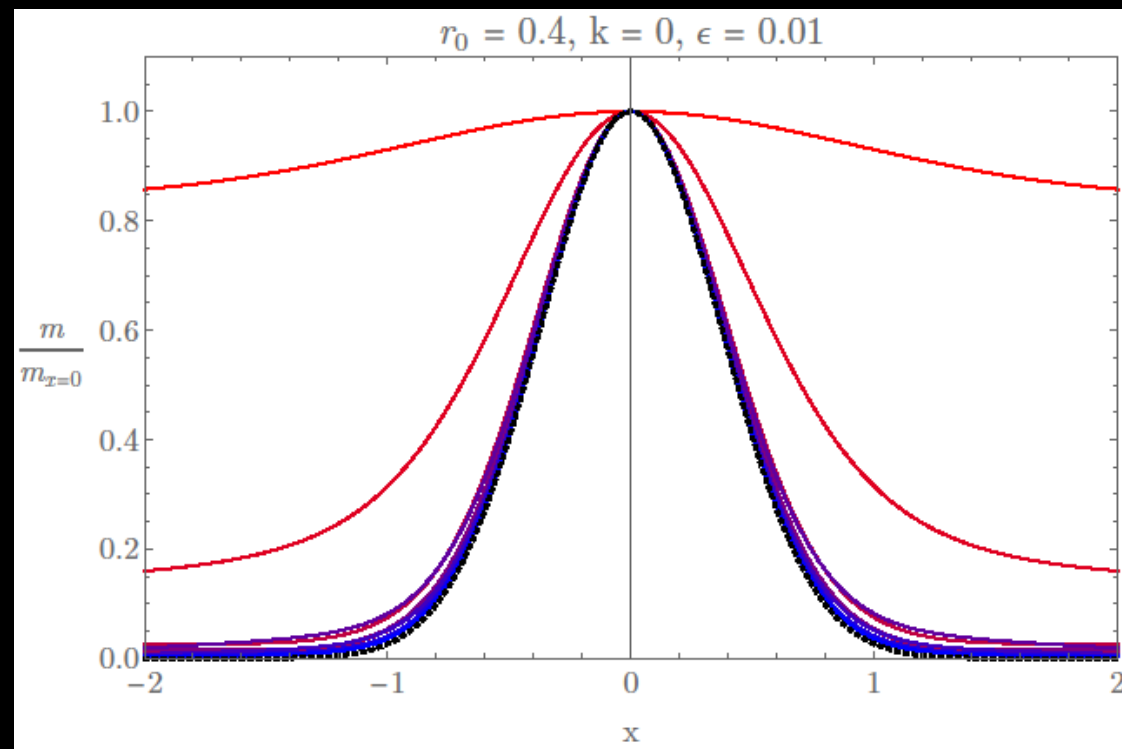
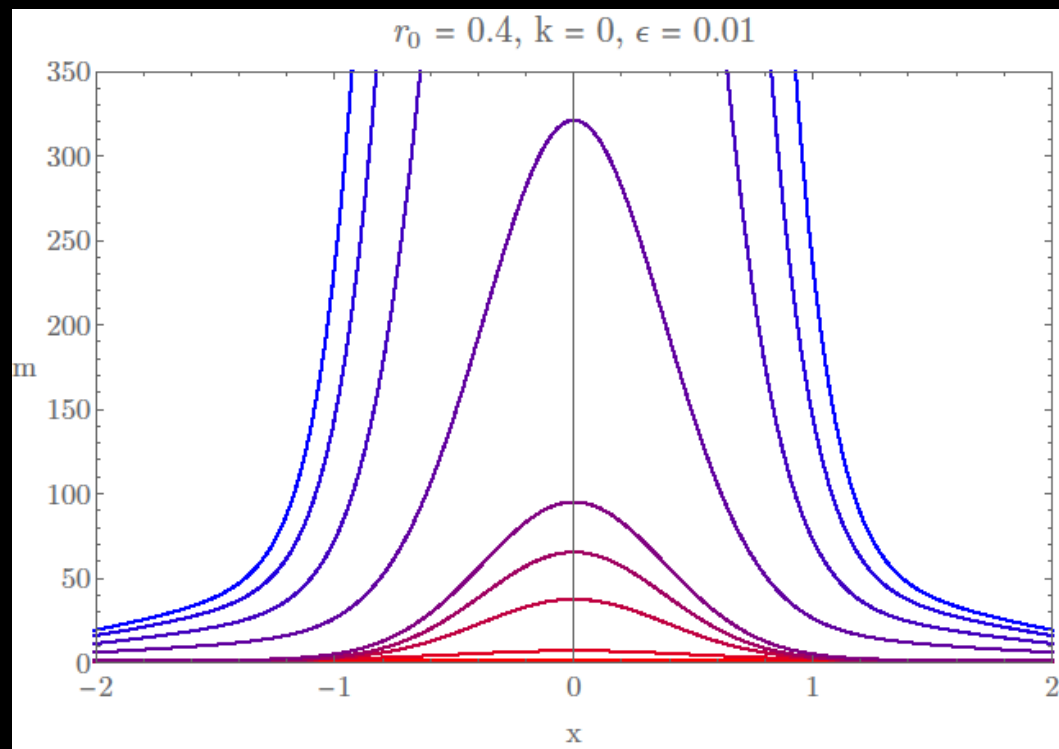


$$\text{Area}(\theta) = \cos^D \theta \sim e^{D\theta^2/2}$$

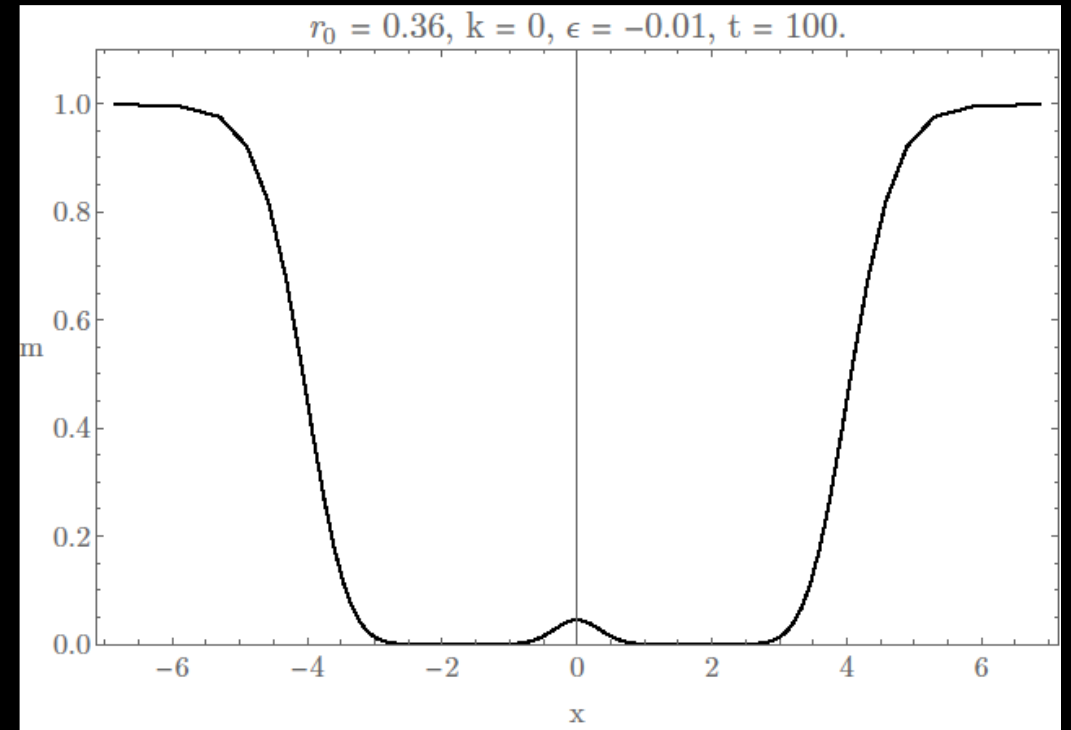
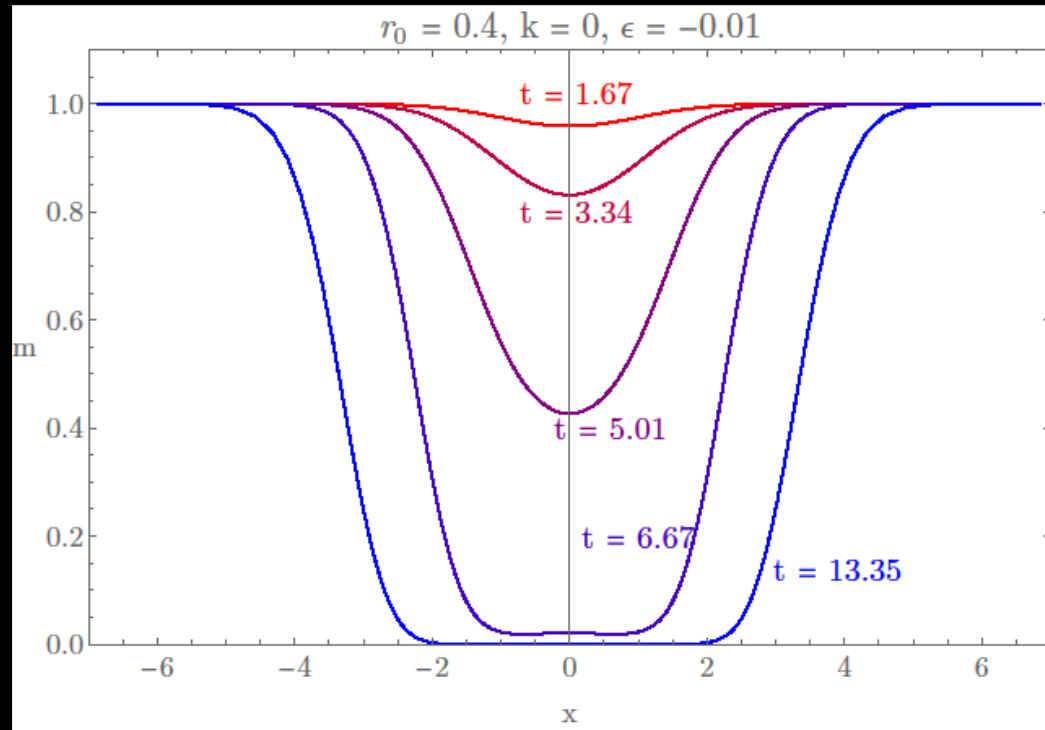


Area strongly localized near equator

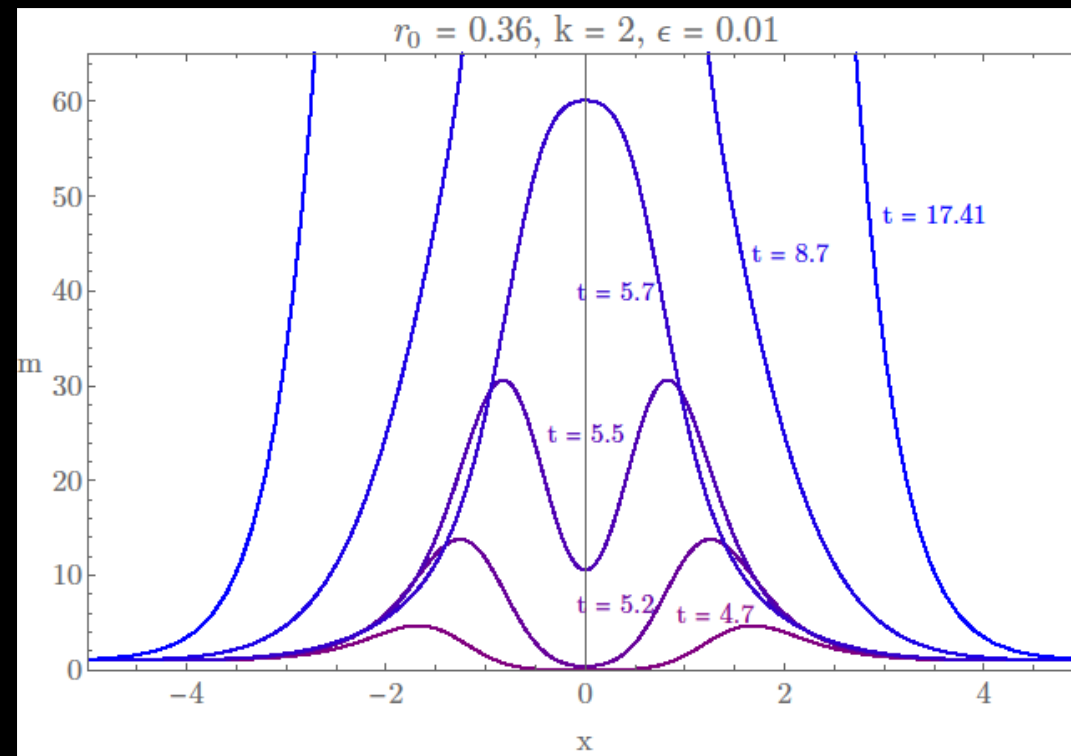
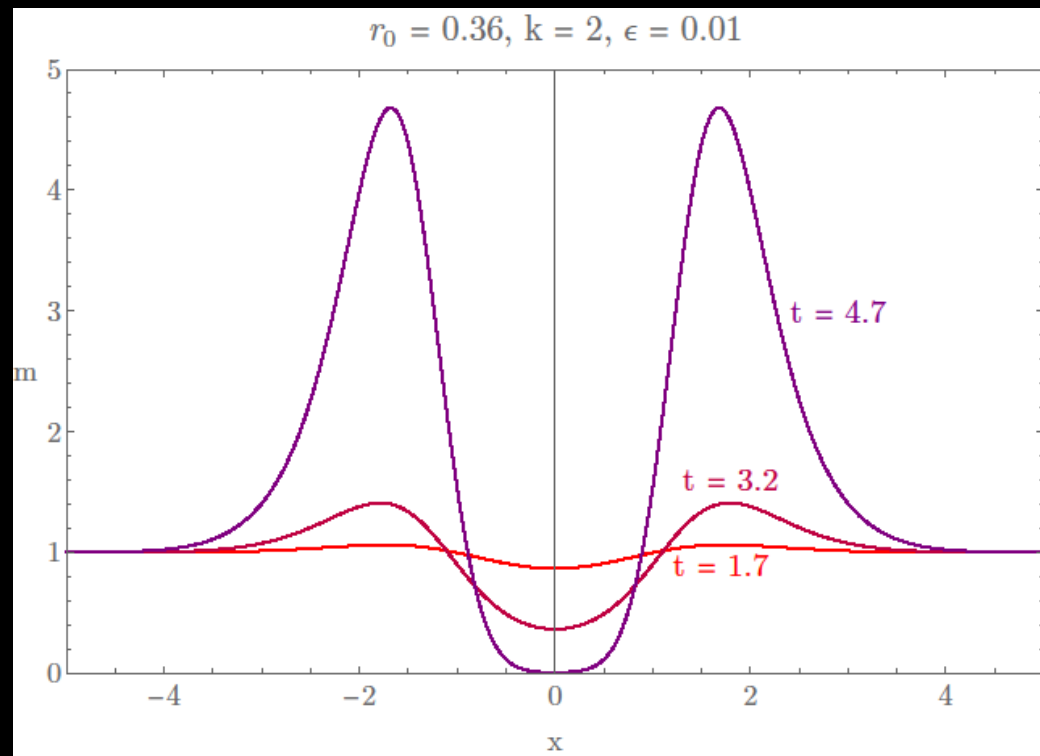
# Tsunami to Fat funnel



# Pinch-off to Droplets



# Pinch+Tsunami



For critical scalar field collapse, this gives

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\varphi \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$\frac{\pi}{2}$  = propagation time to bdry

As observed in numerical evolution



# Linearized SS solution (scalar field)

sum over AdS normal modes

$$\varphi \sim \sum_n a_n F(nt, nx)$$


self-similarity (high  $n$ )

$$a_n = a_{n/\lambda}$$

self-similar about  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\varphi \rangle \sim \partial_t \sum_n a_n G \left( n \left( t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right) \sim \frac{1}{t - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_\varphi \rangle \sim \partial_t F \left[ \log \left( t - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right] \sim \frac{1}{t - \frac{\pi}{2}}$$


DSS

$\frac{\pi}{2}$  = propagation time to bdry



For a DSS function of  $\log(t - t_*)$

$$\partial_t \sim \frac{1}{t - t_*}$$

A CSS function of only  $t$  must be constant

- Stress-energy conservation:

$$\partial_t \langle T_{tt} \rangle = \nabla^i \langle T_{it} \rangle \quad \partial_t \langle T_{ti} \rangle = \nabla^j \langle T_{ji} \rangle$$

- DSS:  $\partial_t \sim \frac{1}{t-t_*}$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T_{tt} \rangle \sim (t - t_*) \langle T_{it} \rangle \sim (t - t_*)^2 \langle T_{ij} \rangle$$

Conservation:

$$\langle T_{tt} \rangle \sim (t - t_*) \langle T_{it} \rangle \sim (t - t_*)^2 \langle T_{ij} \rangle$$

Shear mode (tensor)  $\sim$  scalar field:

$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t - t_*}$$

$$\langle T_{tt} \rangle \sim t - t_* \text{ vanishes!}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\langle T_{it} \rangle \sim \text{const}$$

$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t - t_*}$$

(explicit solution bears this out)