

Relativity of the event: examples in JT gravity

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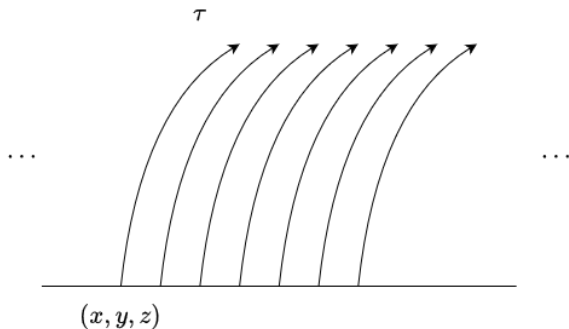


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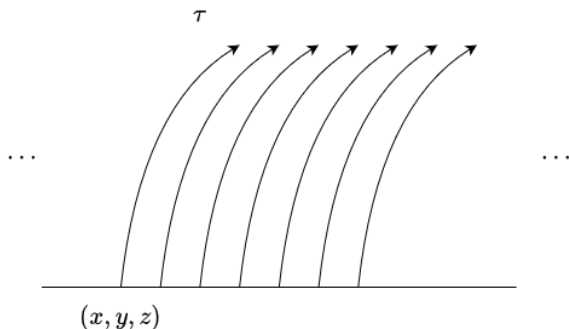


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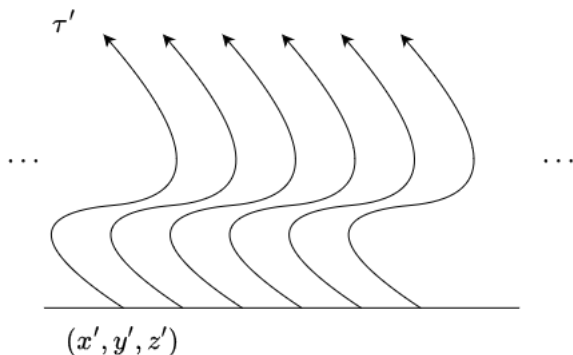


Figure 3: Bob coordinates. Bob has rocket boosters.

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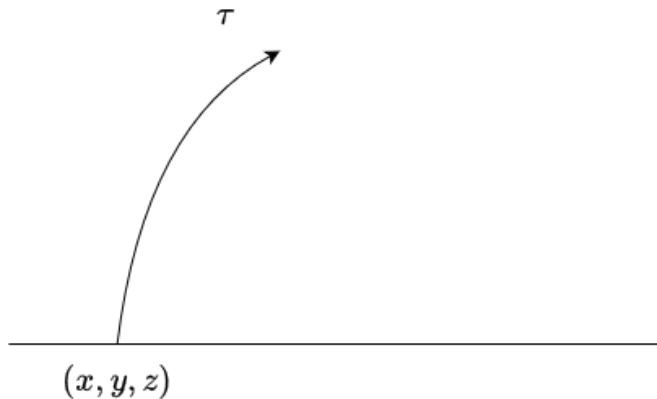


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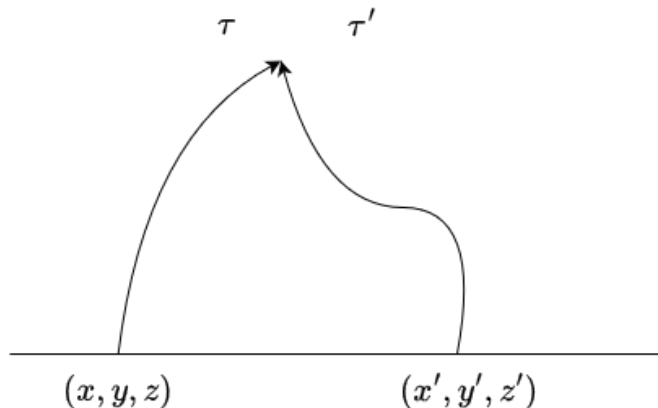


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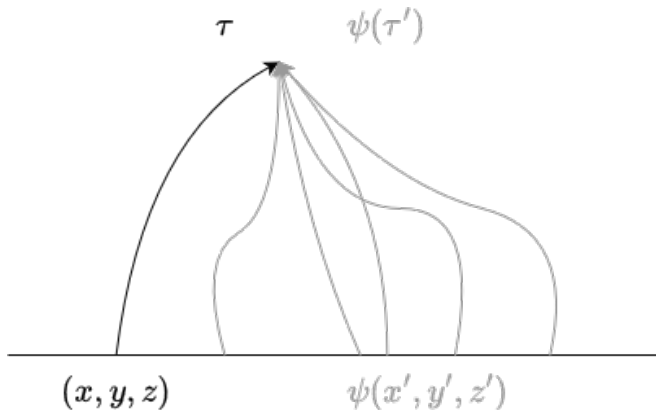


Figure 6: Spacetime in a superposition: Bob's label choice is probabilistic

Strategy

- ▶ Solvable quantum gravity theory
- ▶ Quantum state
- ▶ Observer coordinate systems (“localization”)

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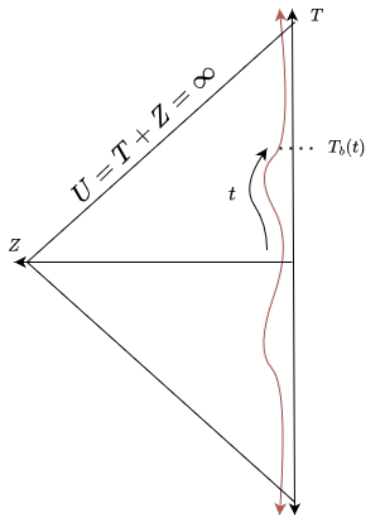
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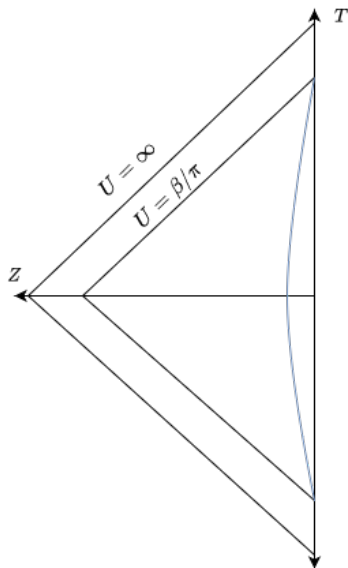
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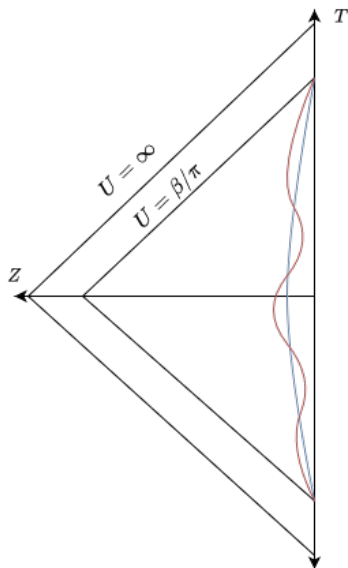
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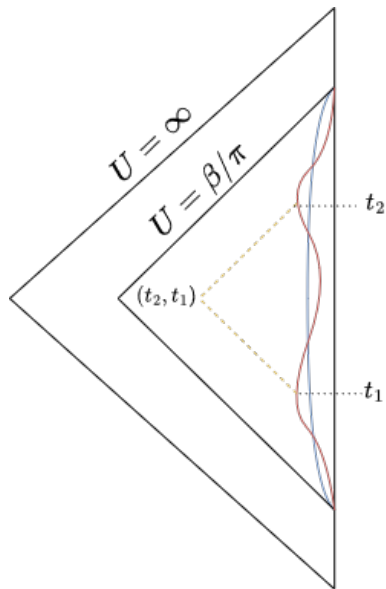


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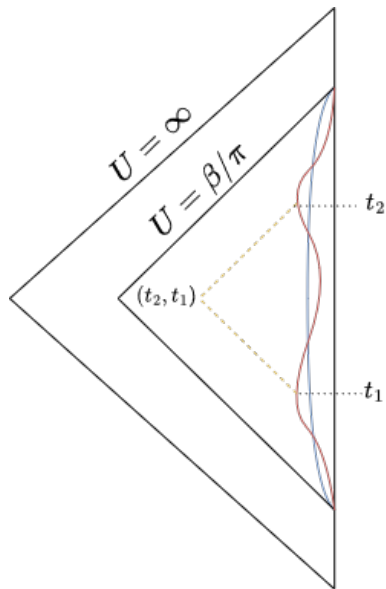
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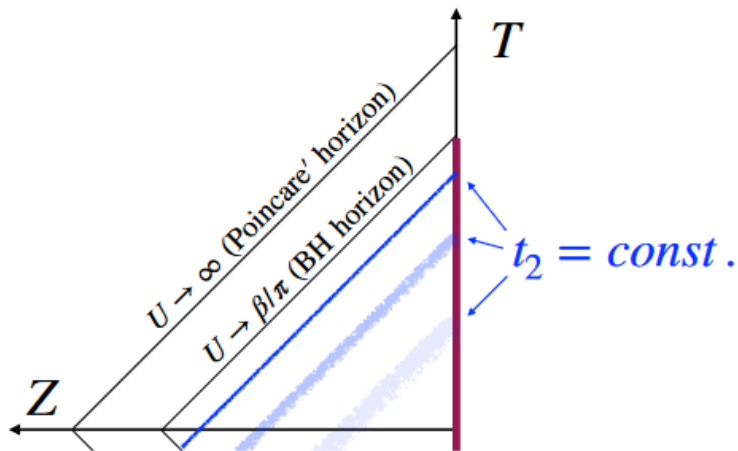
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- ▶ $t_2 = \text{const.}$ surface in (U, V) ?

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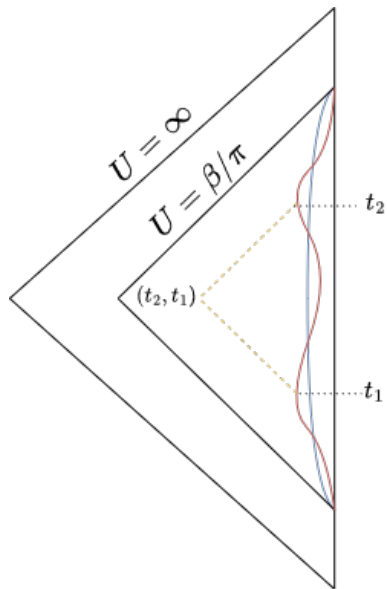


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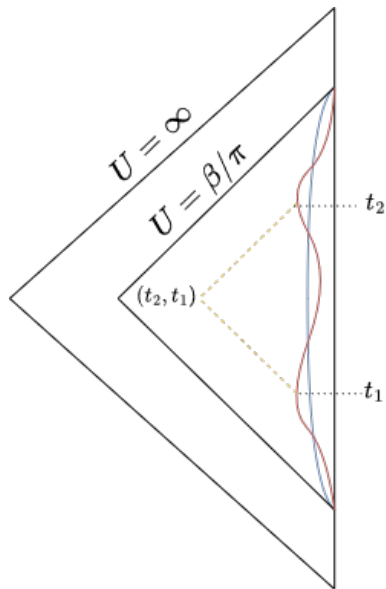


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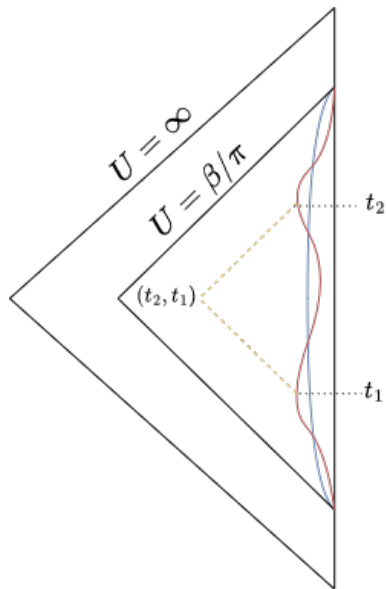
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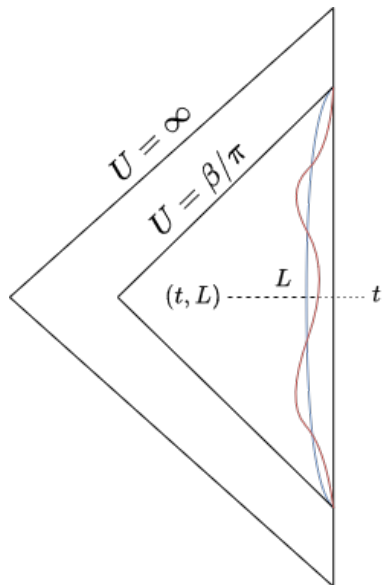


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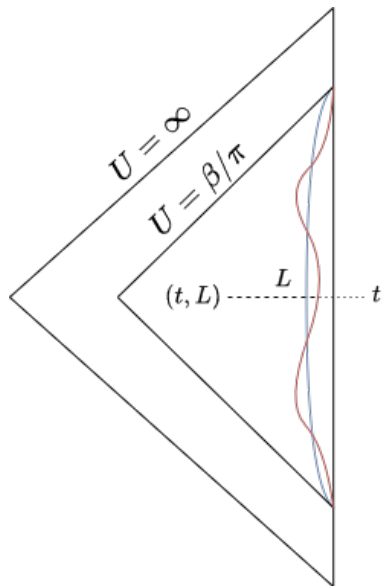
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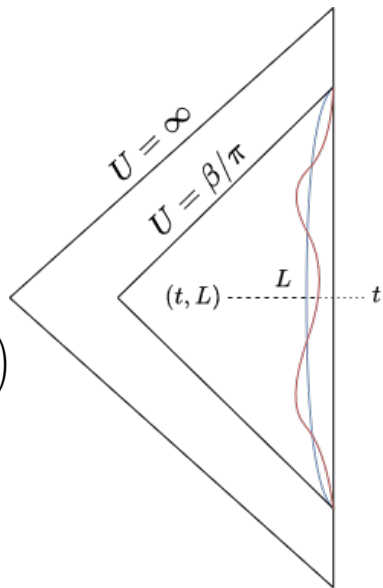
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- ▶ Infinitesimal causal structure

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = - \left(\frac{\ddot{T}_b}{\dot{T}_b} \pm e^{-L} \right)$$



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- ▶ Remarks and extensions
 - ▶ more physical frames?
 - ▶ relation to operator dressing?
 - ▶ non-commuting coordinates? (JT spacelike coordinates...)

Thank you :)

buffer frame

Black hole in JT

$$T_{b,BH}(t) = \frac{\beta}{\pi} \tanh\left(\frac{\pi t}{\beta}\right)$$

$$Z_{b,BH}(t) = \frac{\delta}{\cosh(\pi t/\beta)^2}$$

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$$z = \delta \quad (T_b(t), Z_b(t)) \quad \delta \rightarrow 0$$

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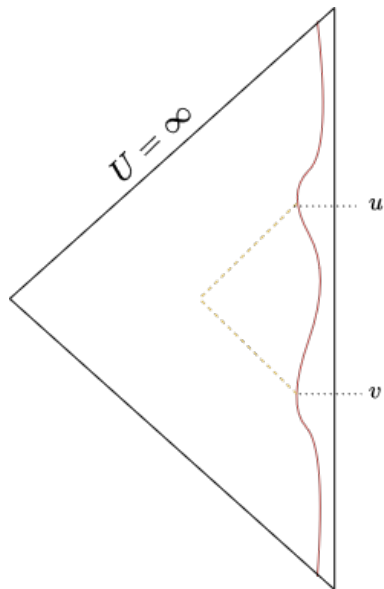
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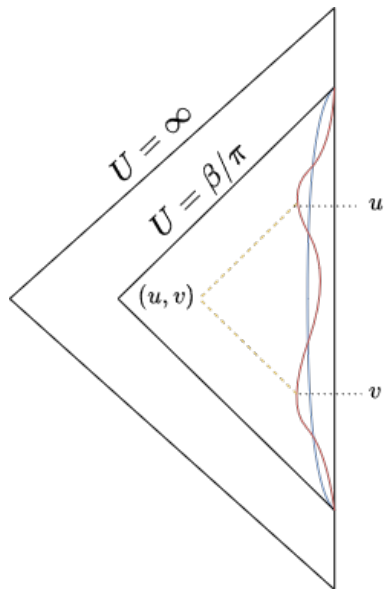
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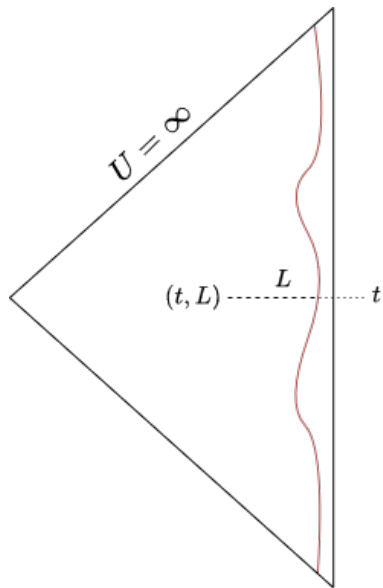


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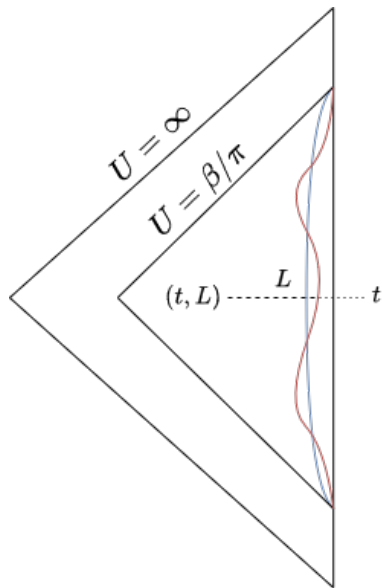
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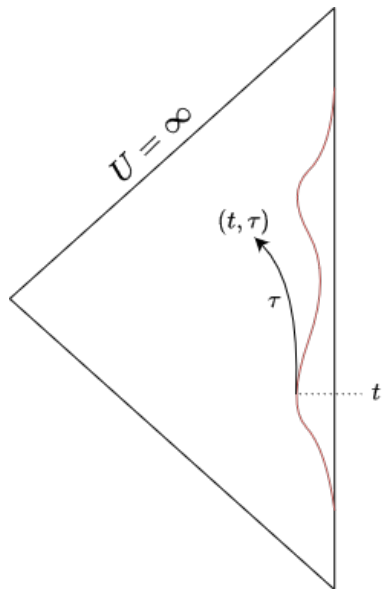


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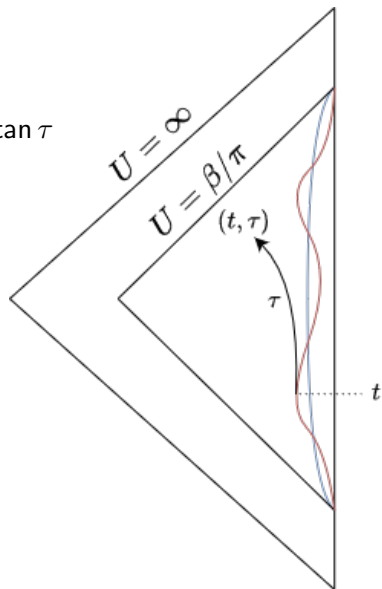


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