

# The moduli space of dynamical spherically symmetric black hole spacetimes and the extremal threshold

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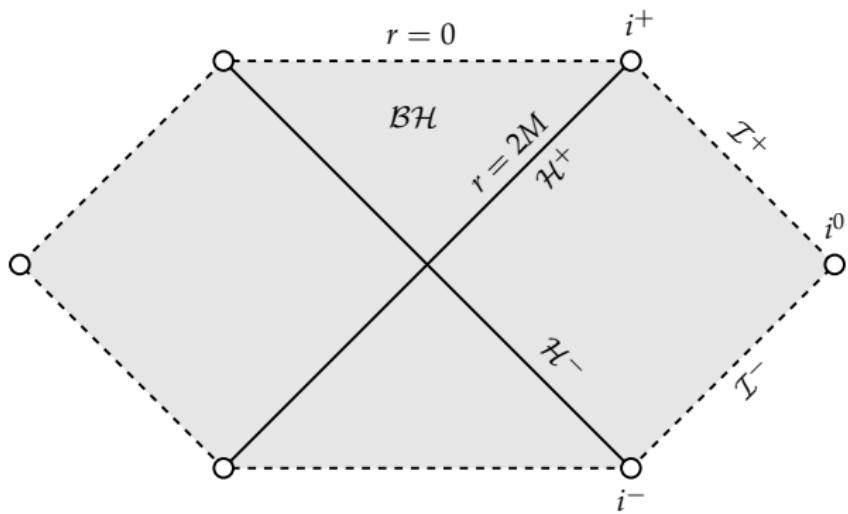
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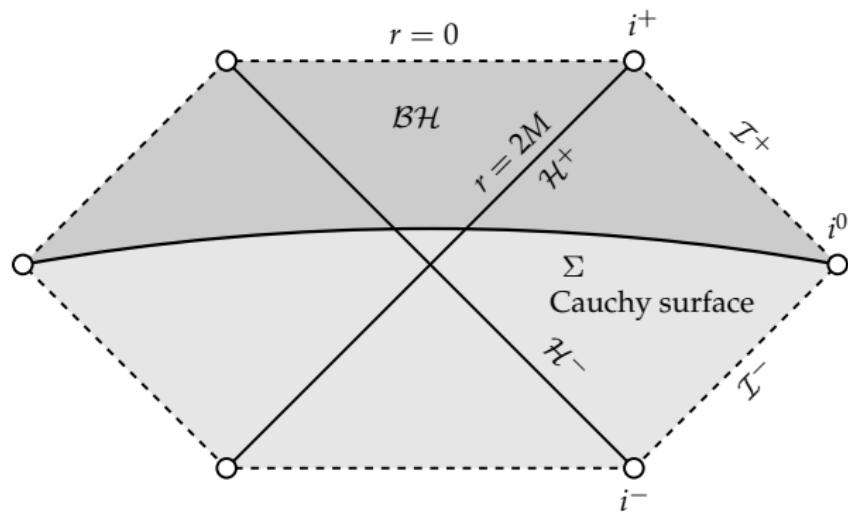
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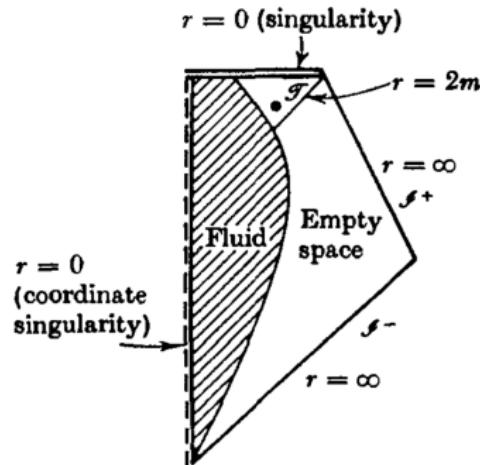


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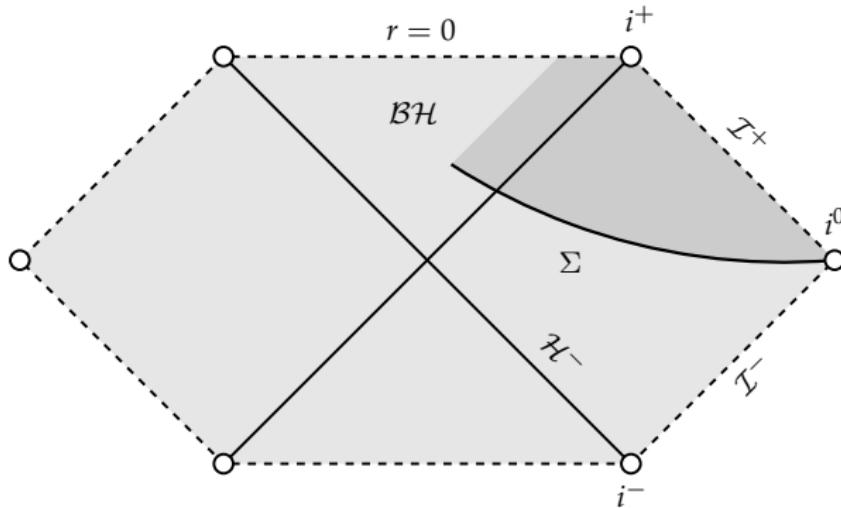
Maximally extended Schwarzschild is the unique maximal Cauchy development of the data induced on a spacelike hypersurface  $\Sigma \cong \mathbb{R} \times S^2$  not on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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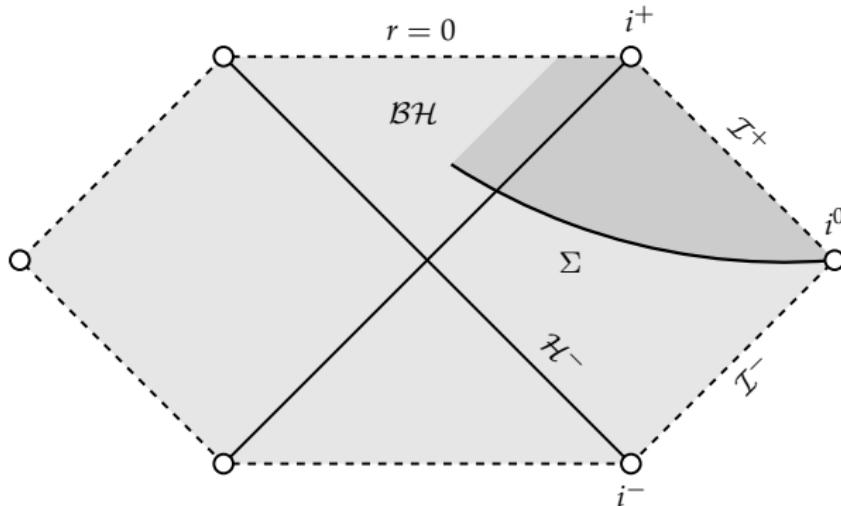
- ▶ Penrose diagram of gravitational collapse (Oppenheimer-Snyder, '39)
- ▶ Black hole formation from regular initial data.
- ▶ Oppenheimer-Snyder collapse  $\in \mathfrak{M}$ .

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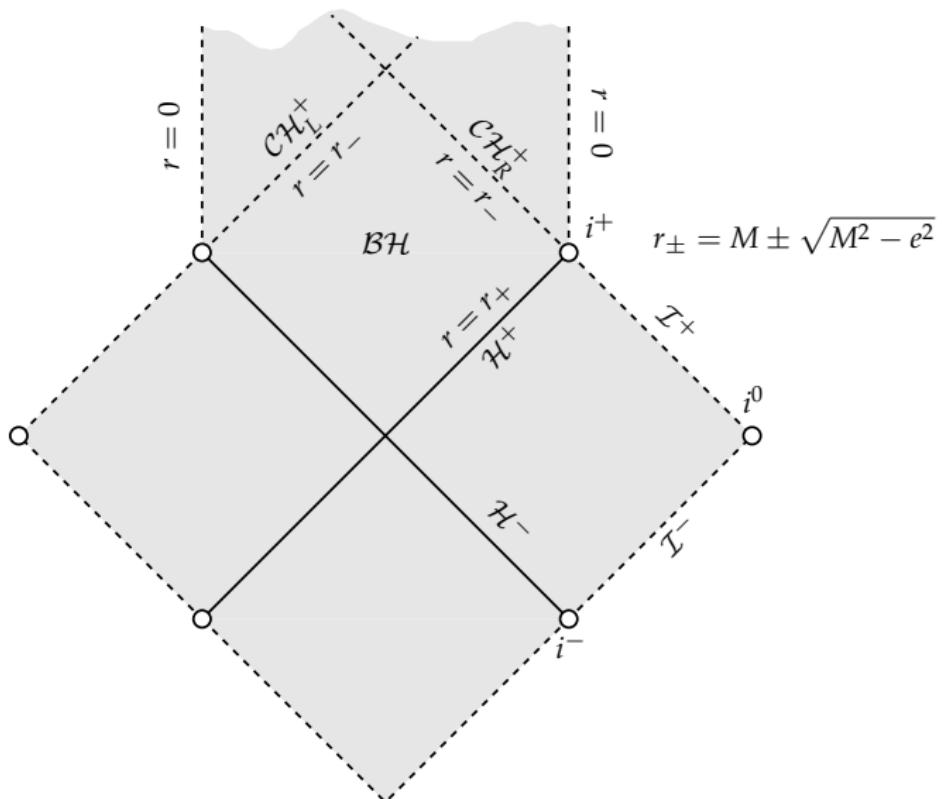
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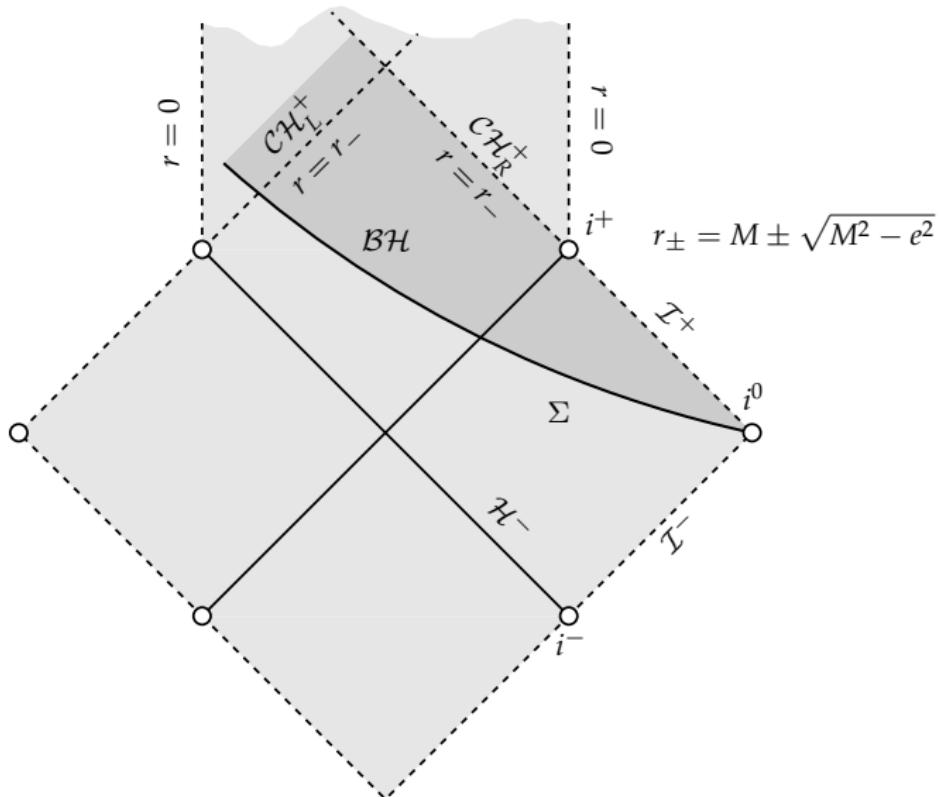


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- Remark: **No** region of negative-mass Schwarzschild is relevant for the study of  $\mathfrak{M}$  because elements in  $\mathfrak{M}$  cannot have negative Hawking mass  $m$

$$1 - \frac{2m}{r} = g(\nabla r, \nabla r).$$

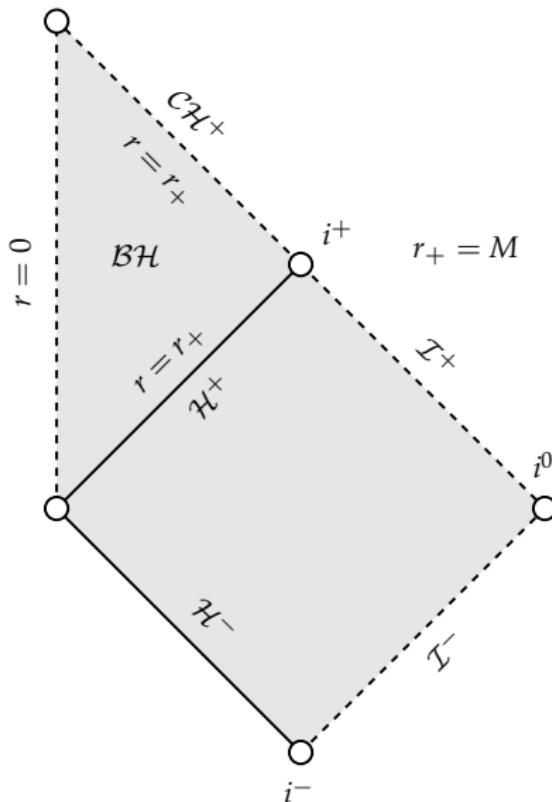


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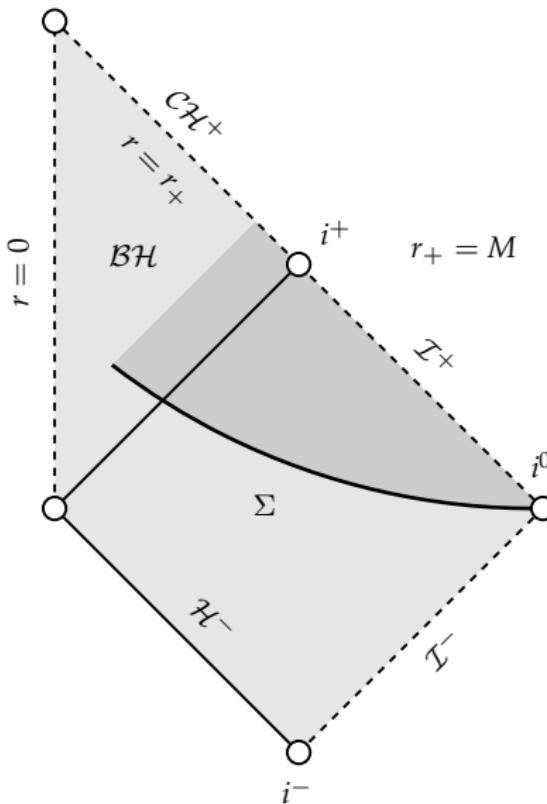


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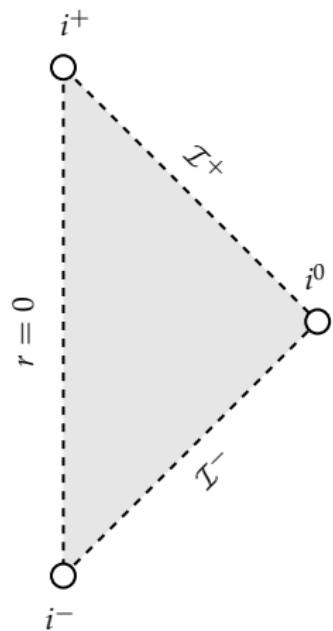


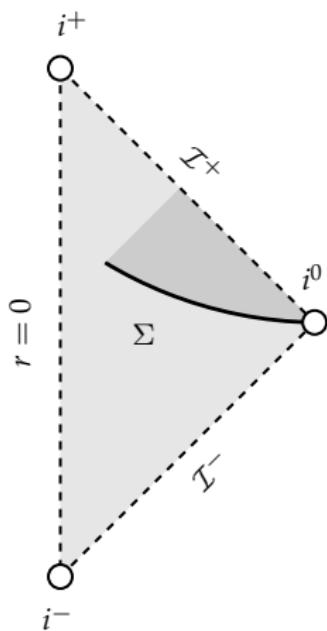
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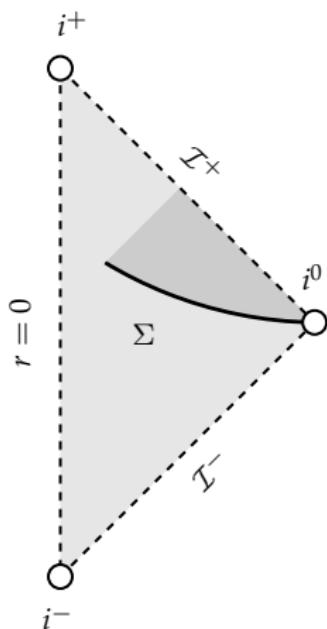
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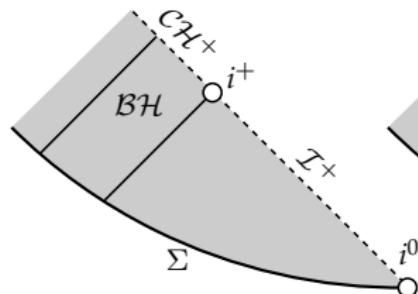
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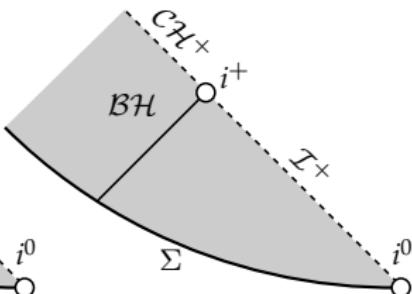
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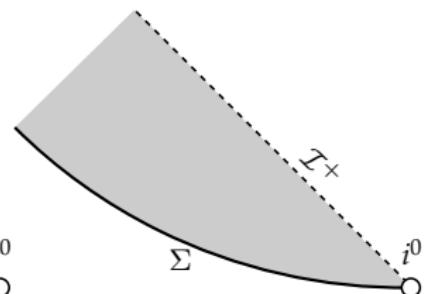
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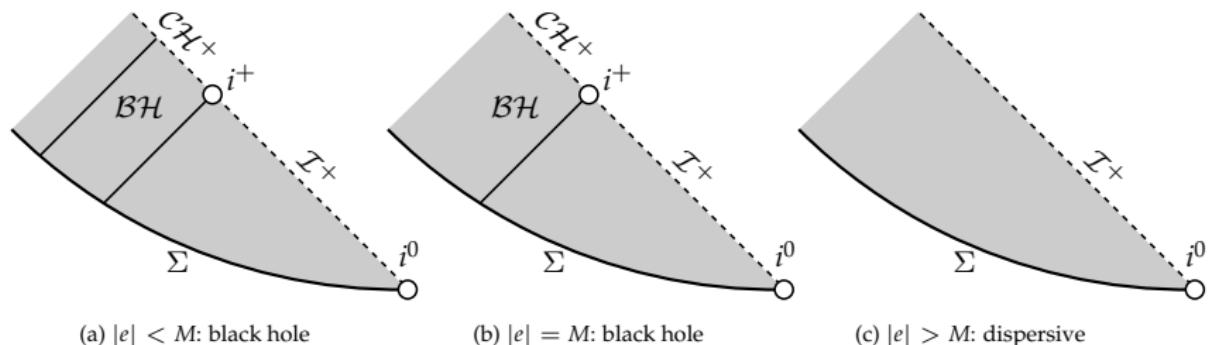


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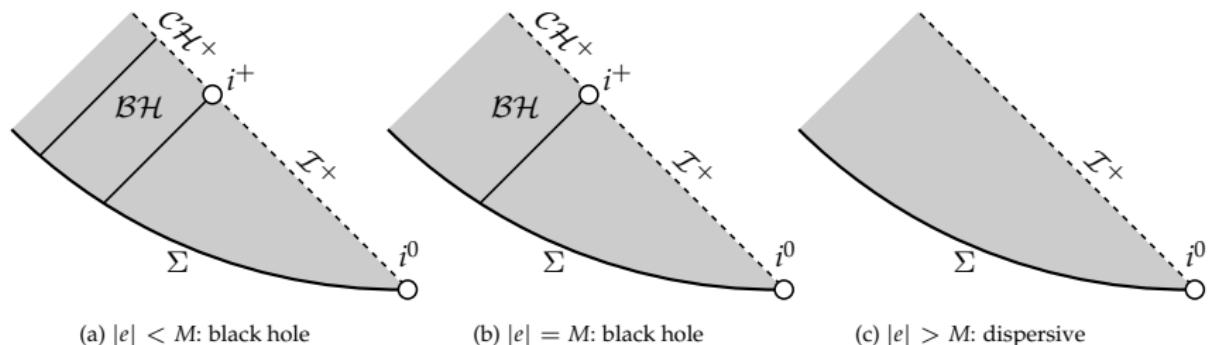


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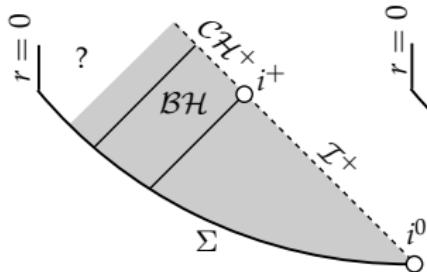


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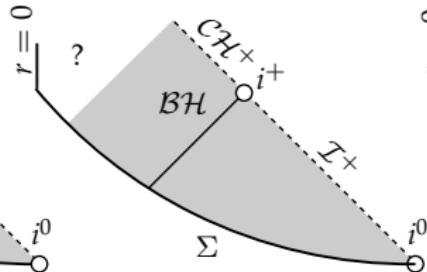
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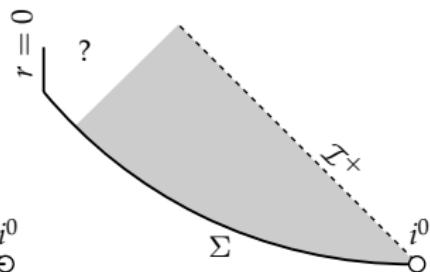
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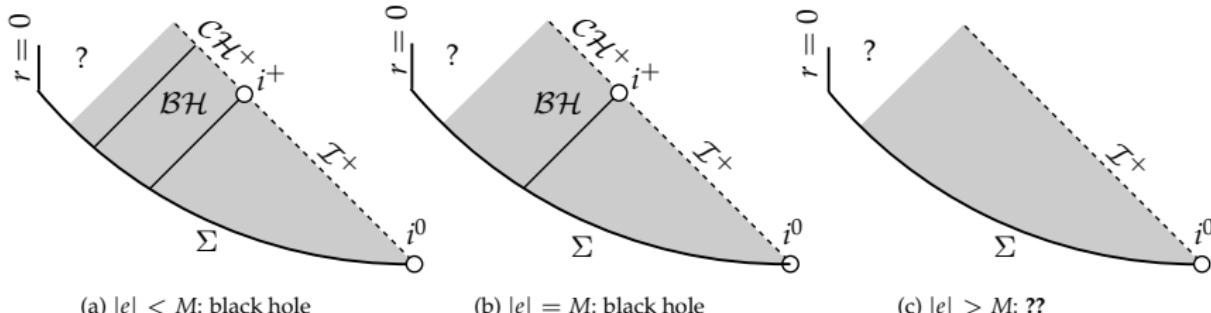


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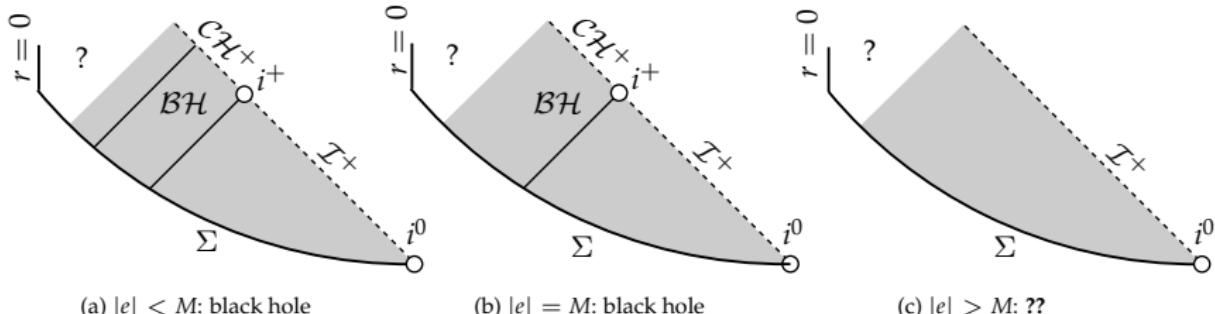
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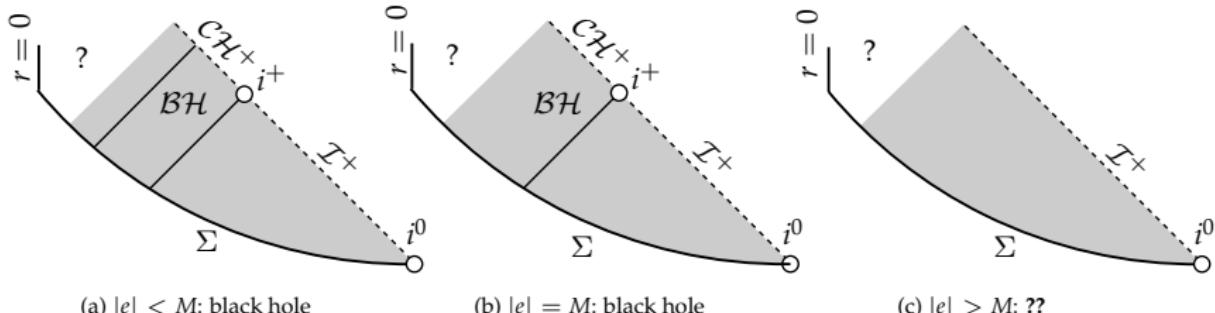
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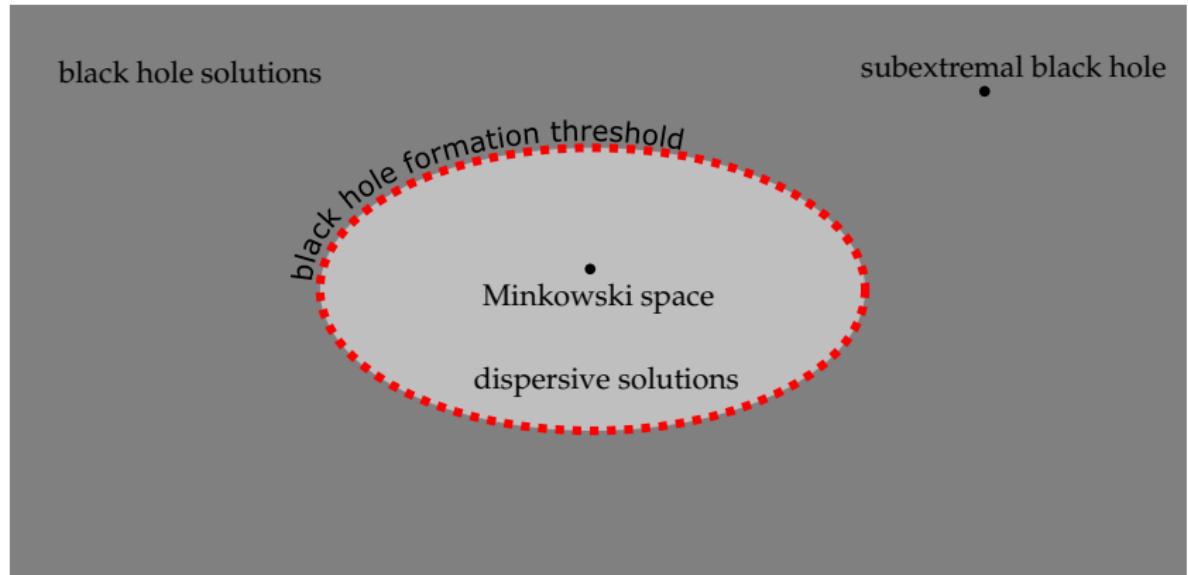
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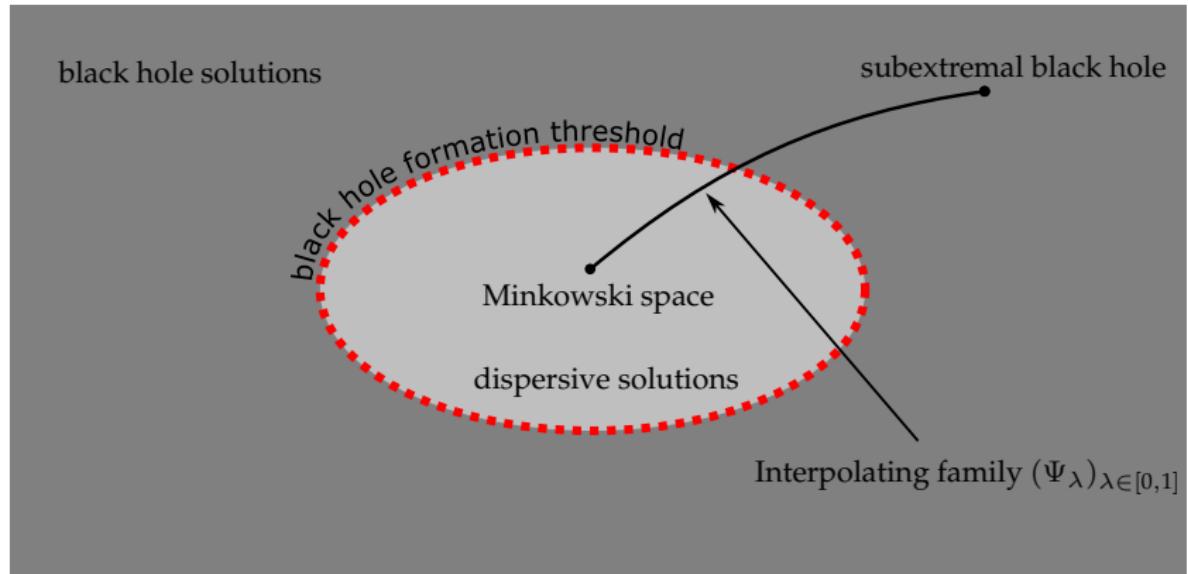


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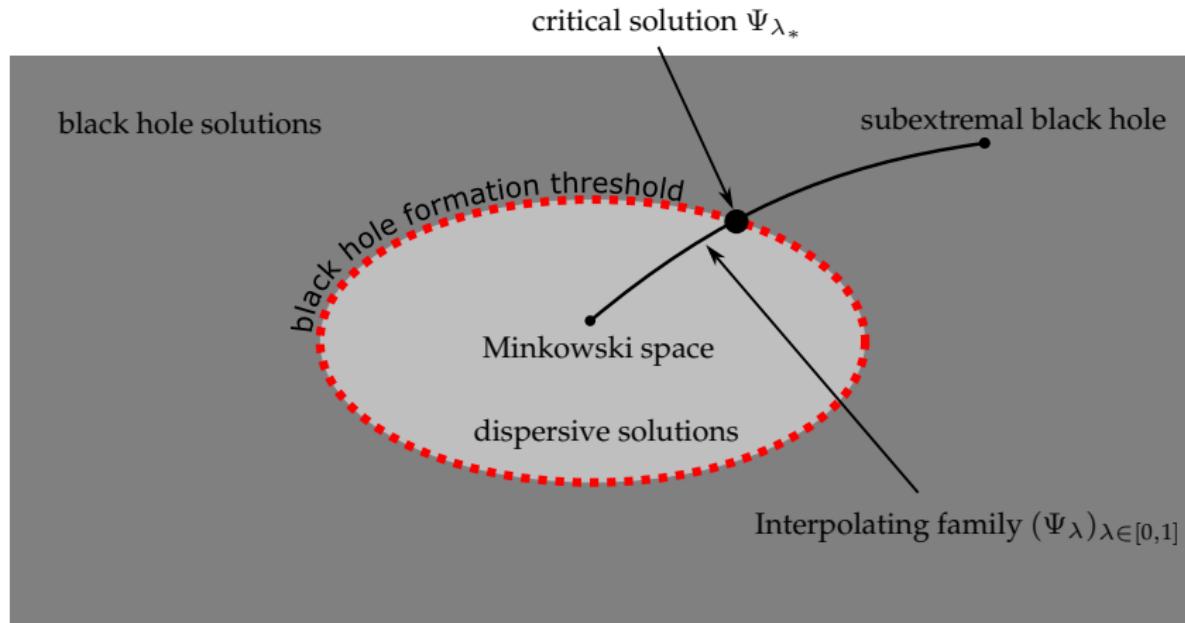
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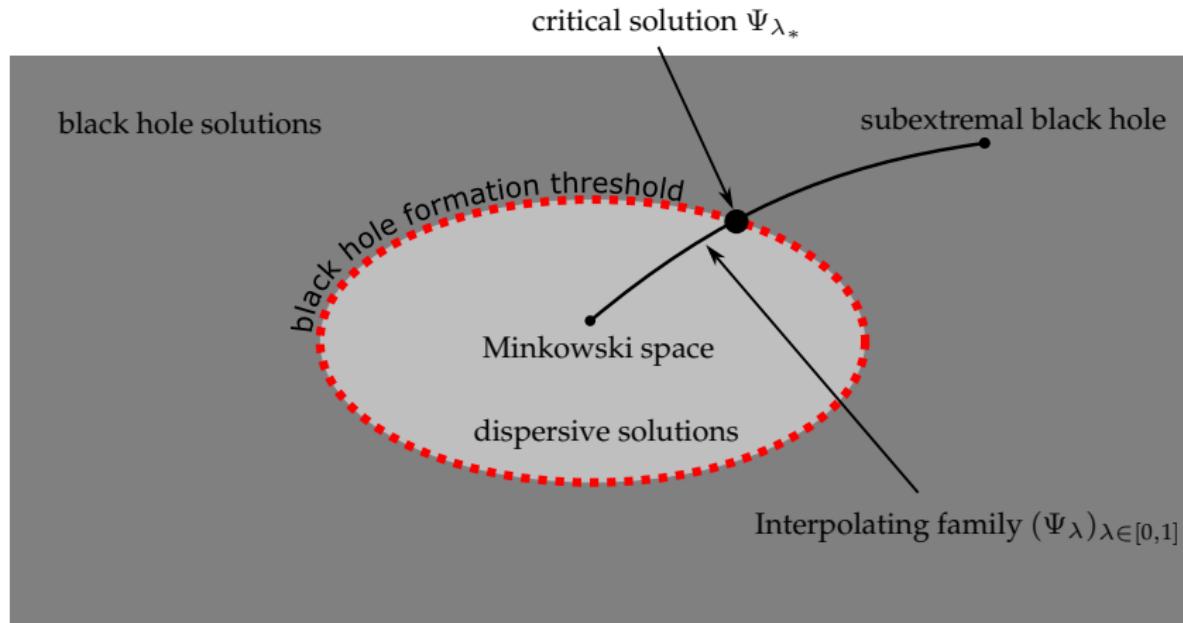
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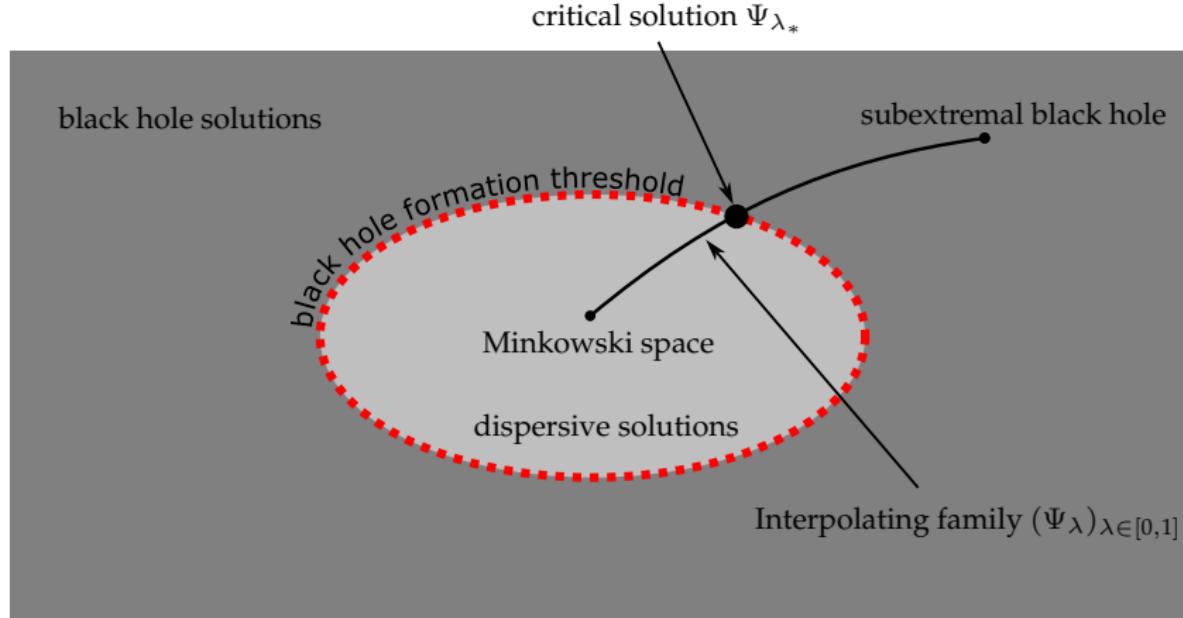


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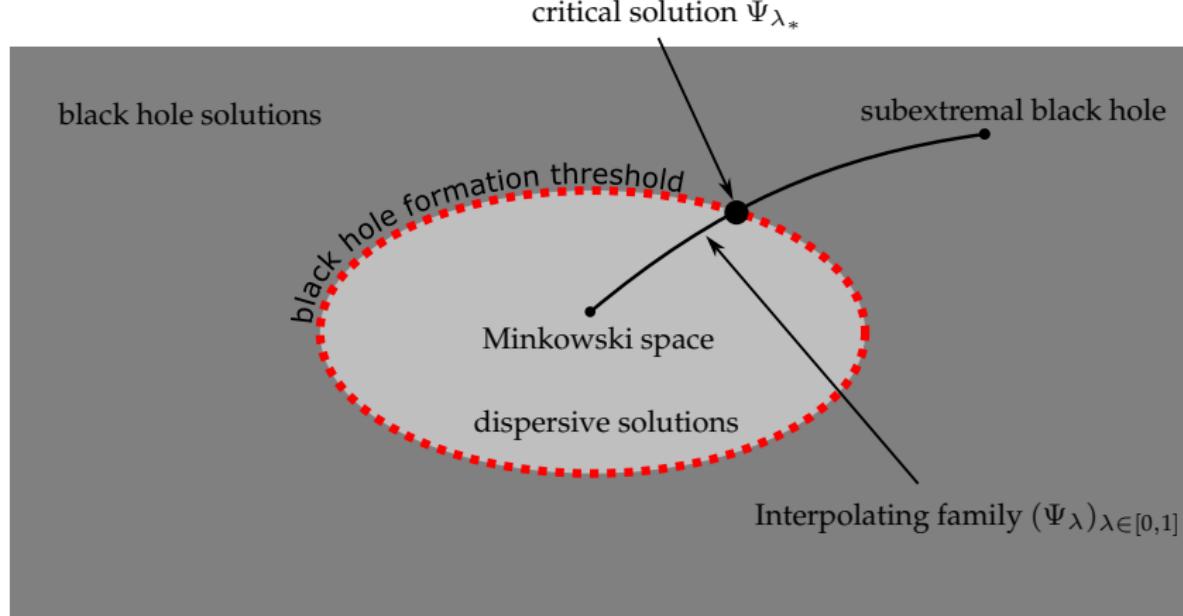


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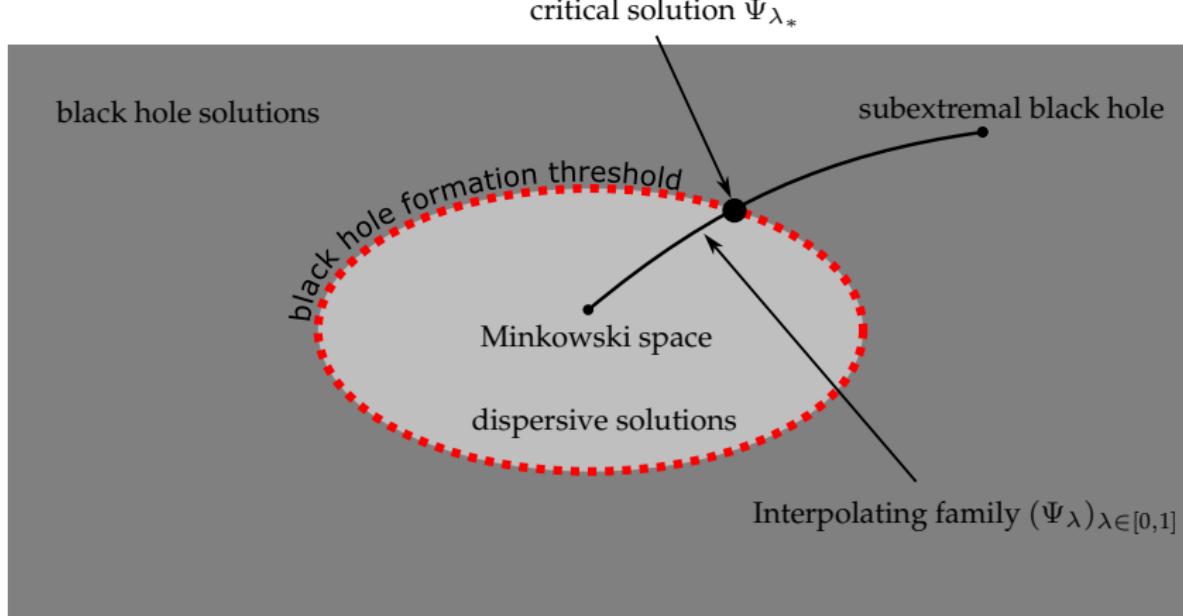
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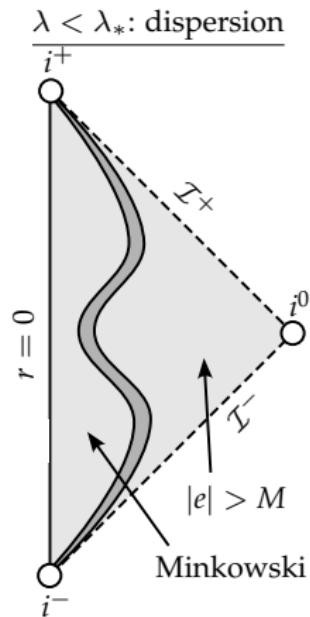
### Theorem (K.–Unger '24).

There exists a smooth 1-parameter family of solutions  $\{D_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in [0,1]}$  and a critical value  $\lambda_* \in (0, 1)$  such that:

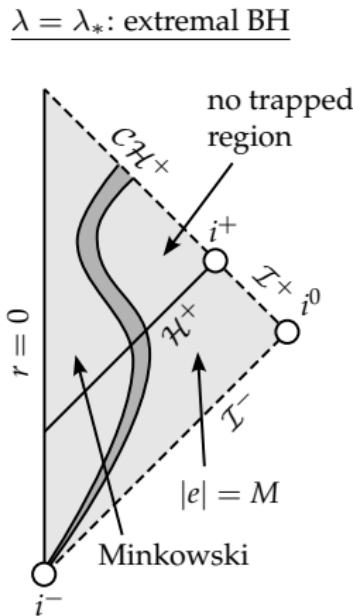
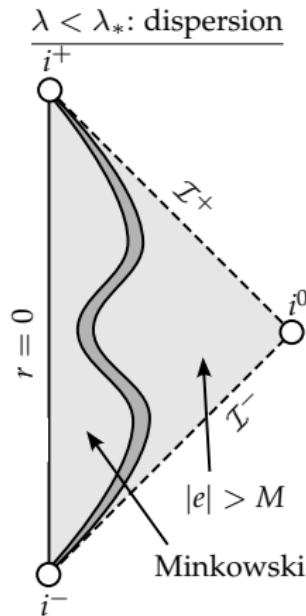
- If  $0 \leq \lambda < \lambda_*$ , the solution **disperses** to Minkowski space and **no** black hole forms.
- If  $\lambda = \lambda_*$ , an **extremal** black hole forms.
- If  $\lambda_* < \lambda \leq 1$ , a **subextremal** black hole forms.

There exist **extremal** black holes on the black hole formation threshold!

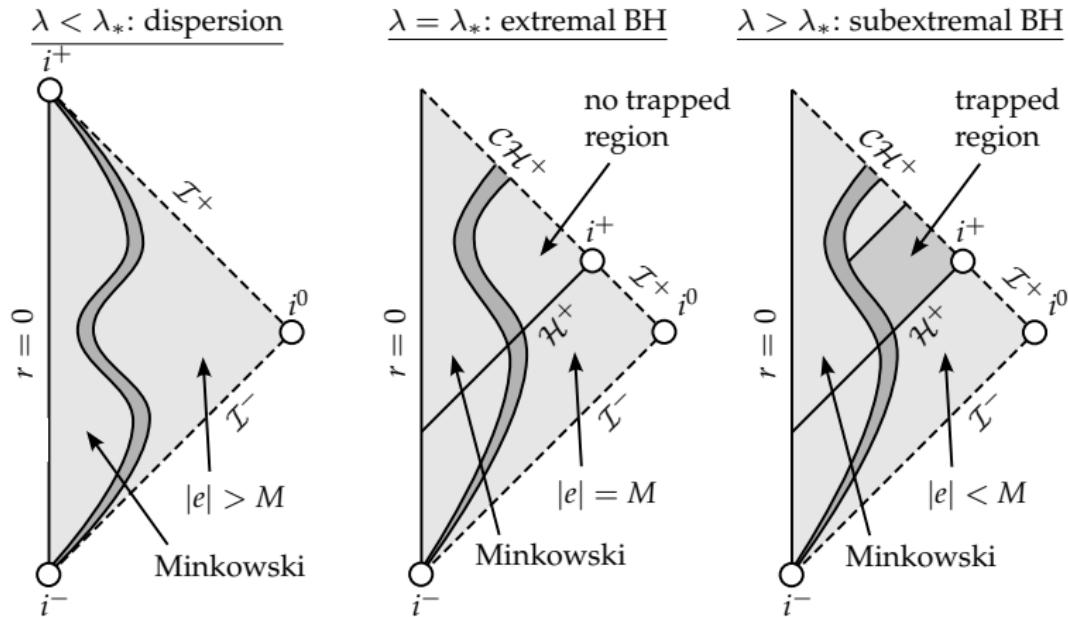
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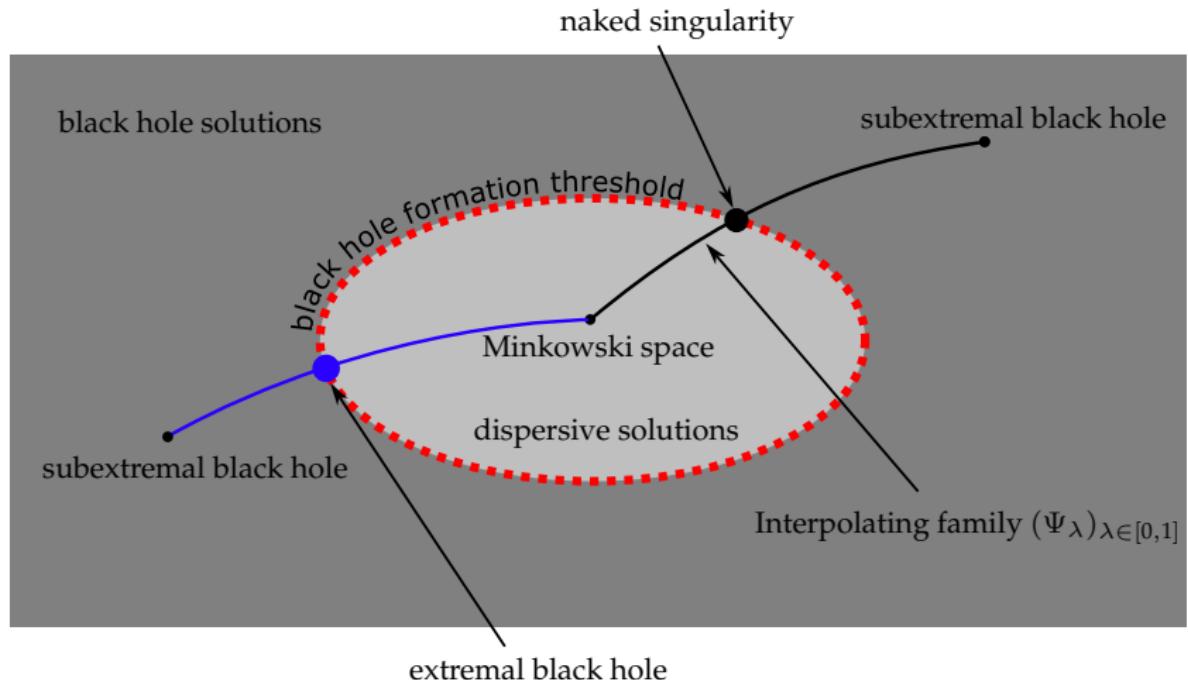
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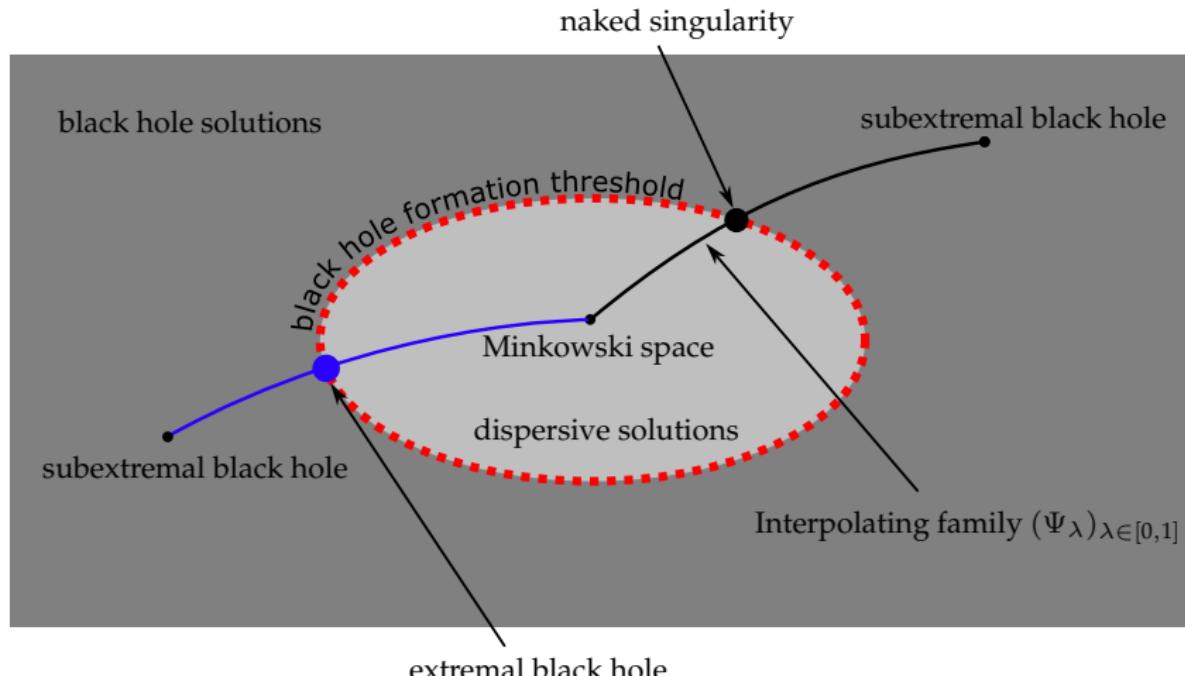
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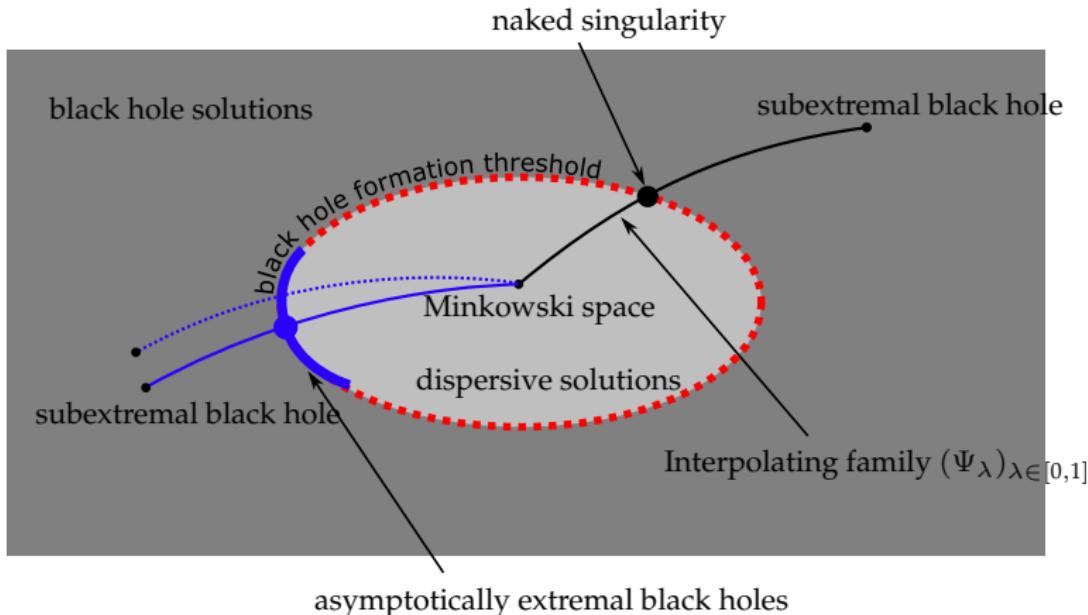
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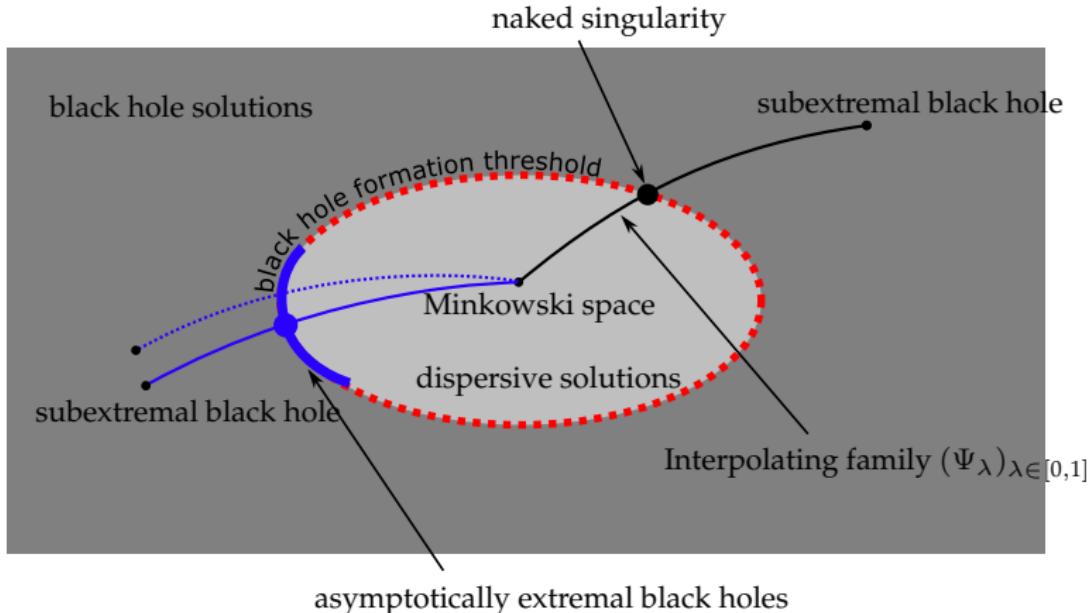
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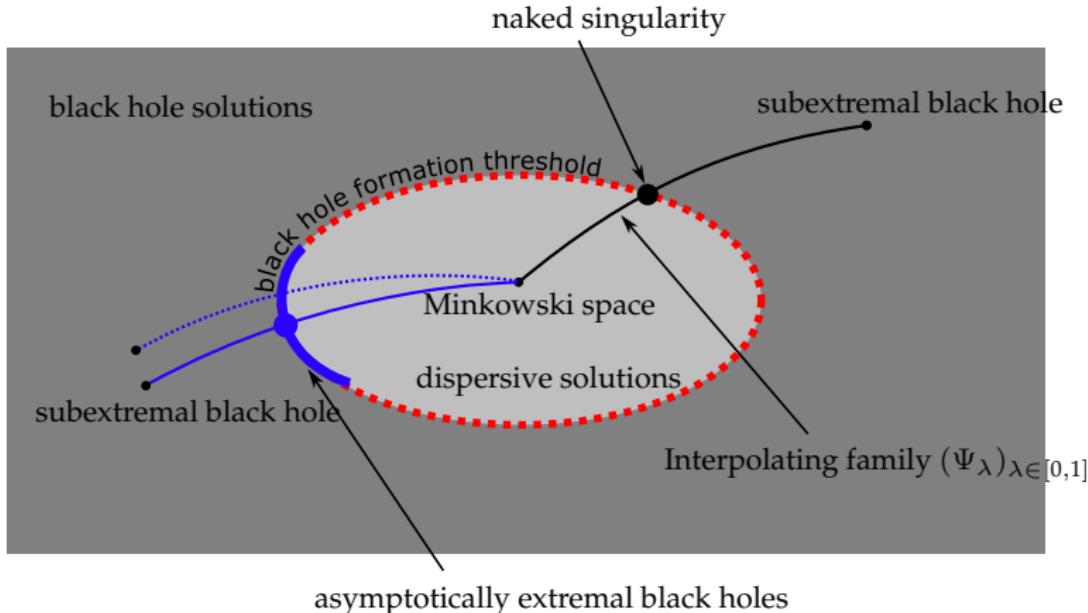


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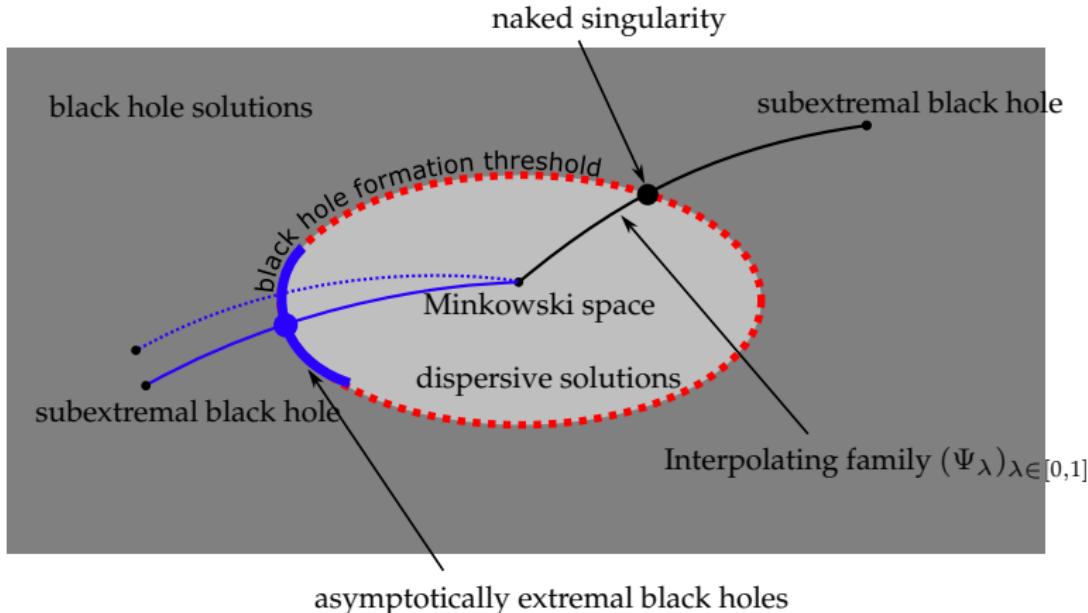


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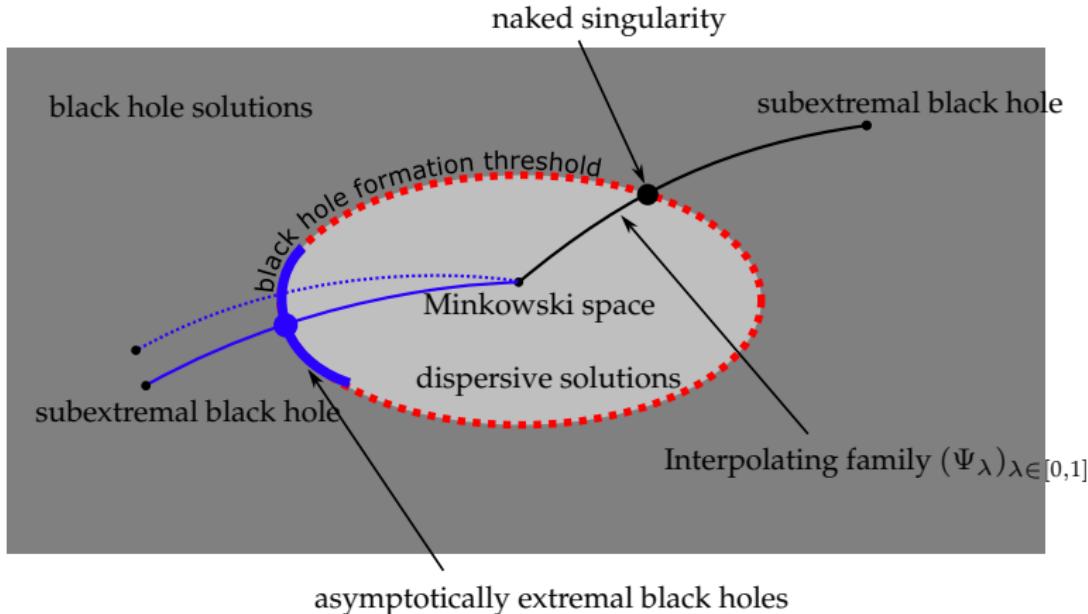


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$$\text{Ric}(g) - \frac{1}{2}R(g)g = 2(T^{\text{EM}} + T^{\text{SF}}),$$

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and Raychaudhuri's equations

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$(\phi, r, \varpi, Q)$

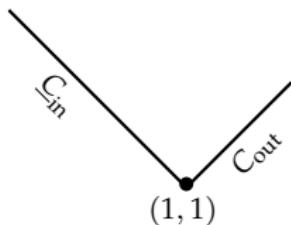
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$$\varpi \doteq m + \frac{Q^2}{2r}, \quad Q = \text{const.}$$

This is the renormalized Hawking/Dougan–Mason mass in spherical symmetry.

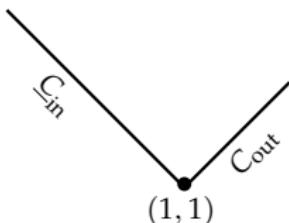
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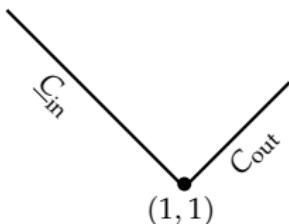
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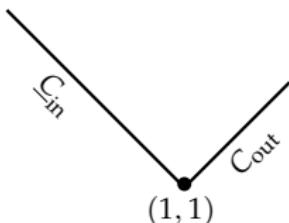
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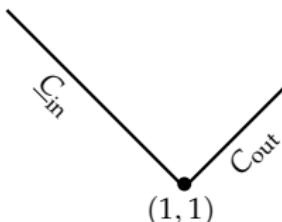
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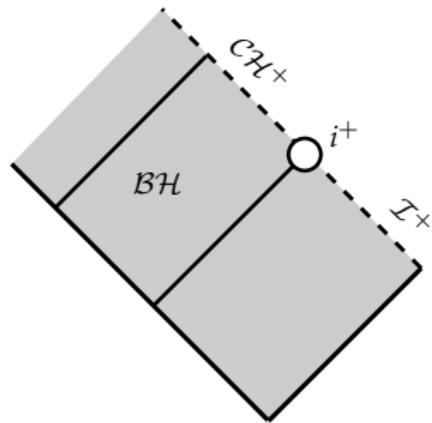
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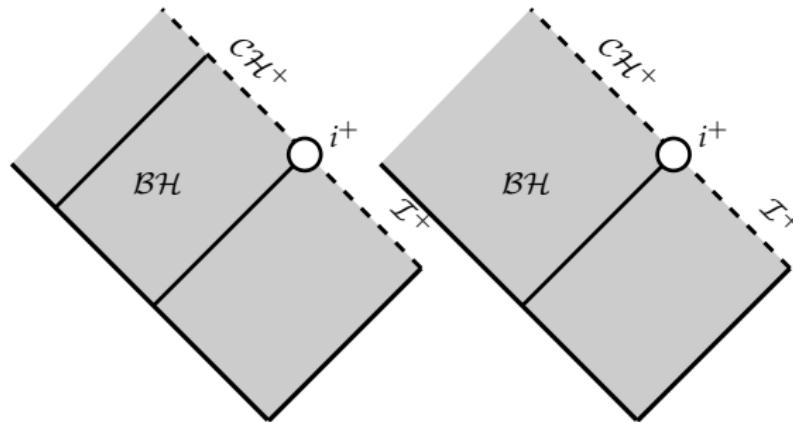
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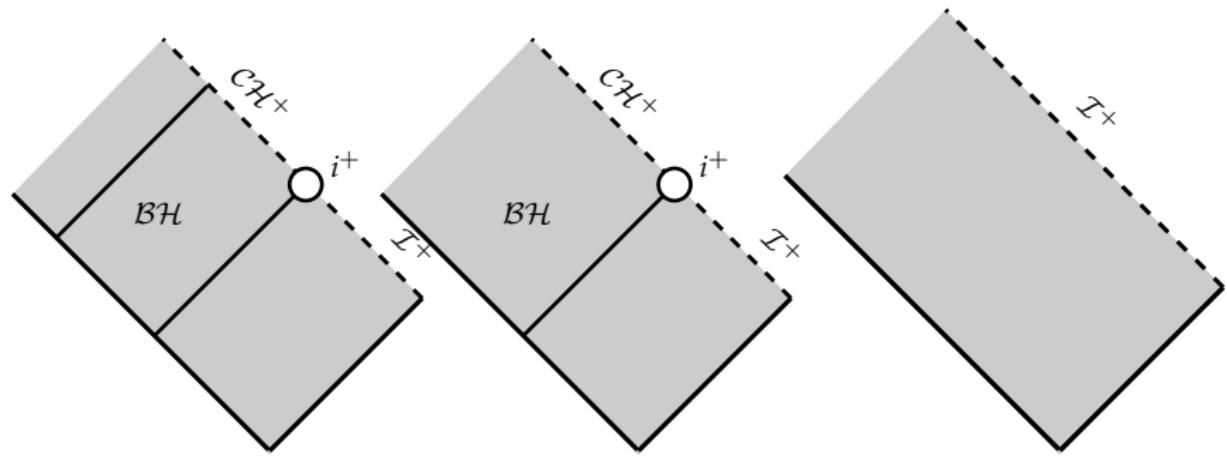
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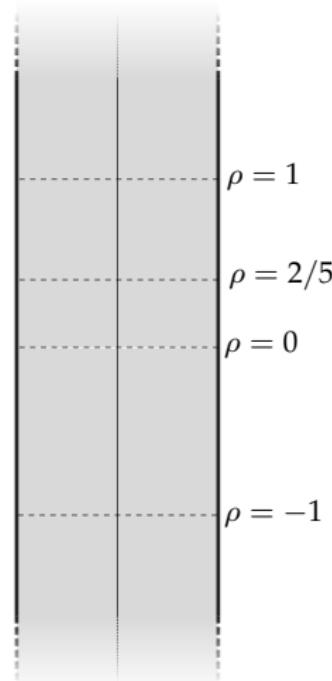
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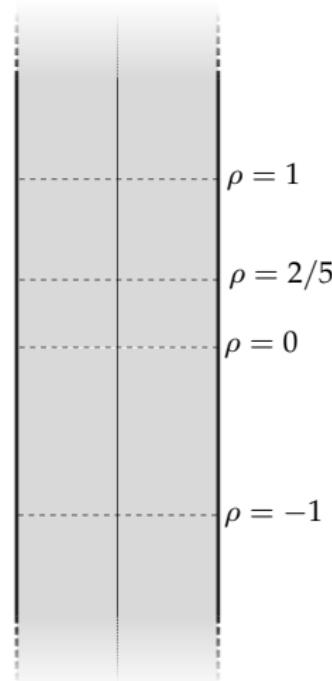
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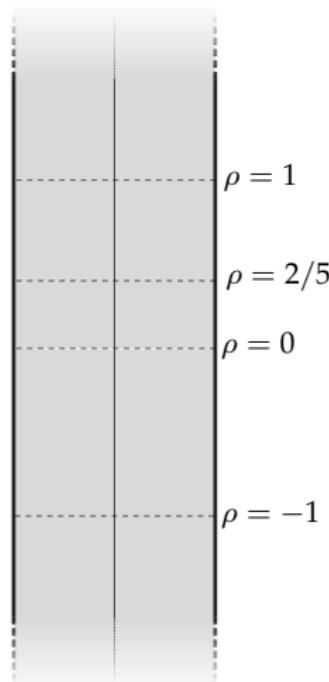
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This is a general result exploiting the

- ▶ *monotonicities* of Raychaudhuri's equations,
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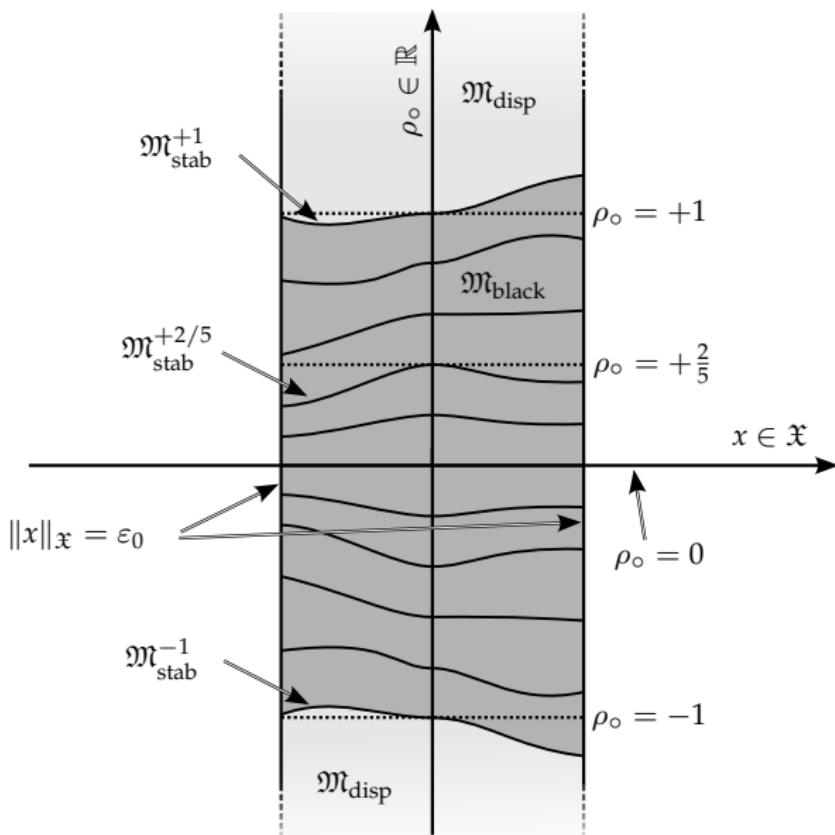
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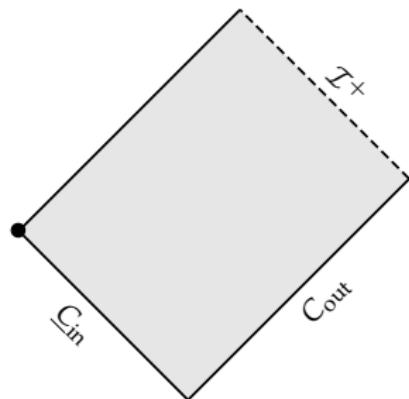
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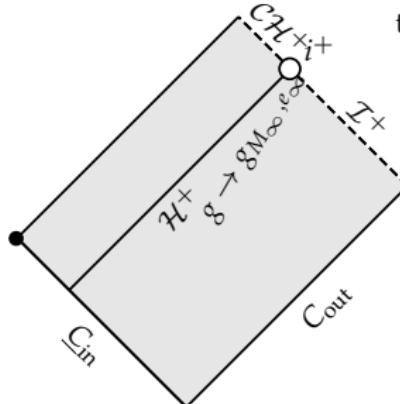


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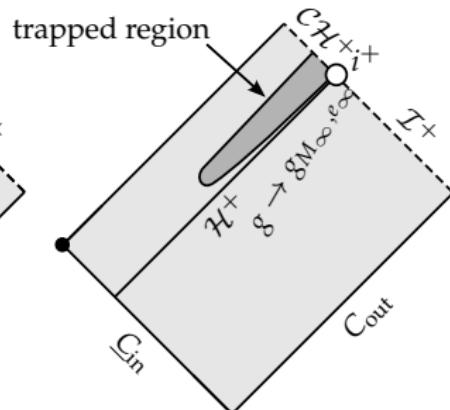
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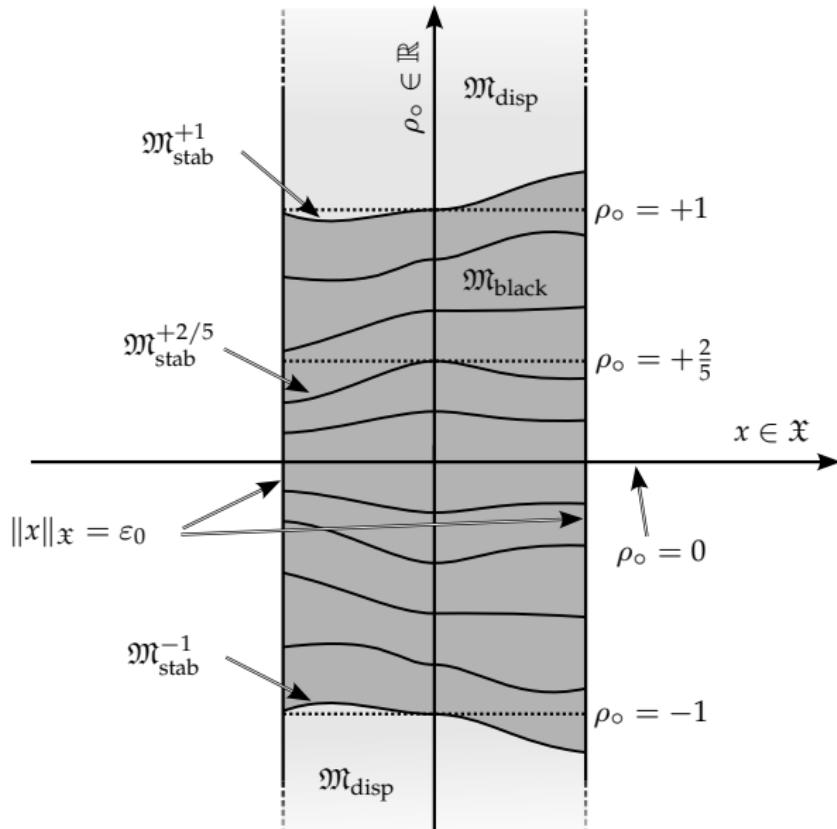
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