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# Averaged null energy condition in curved spacetime from AdS/CFT

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# Introduction

“Energy” and “Causality” for a physically sensible system

- Energy should be **positive** (at least **bounded below**) to have a stable ground state.

In general relativity, energy conditions are defined in terms of *stress-energy tensor*  $T_{\mu\nu}$  and specification of observers  $\xi^b$ .

- Propagation of physical fields should be “**causally** well behaved.”

Causality is governed locally by light cone and globally by *achronal null geodesics*.



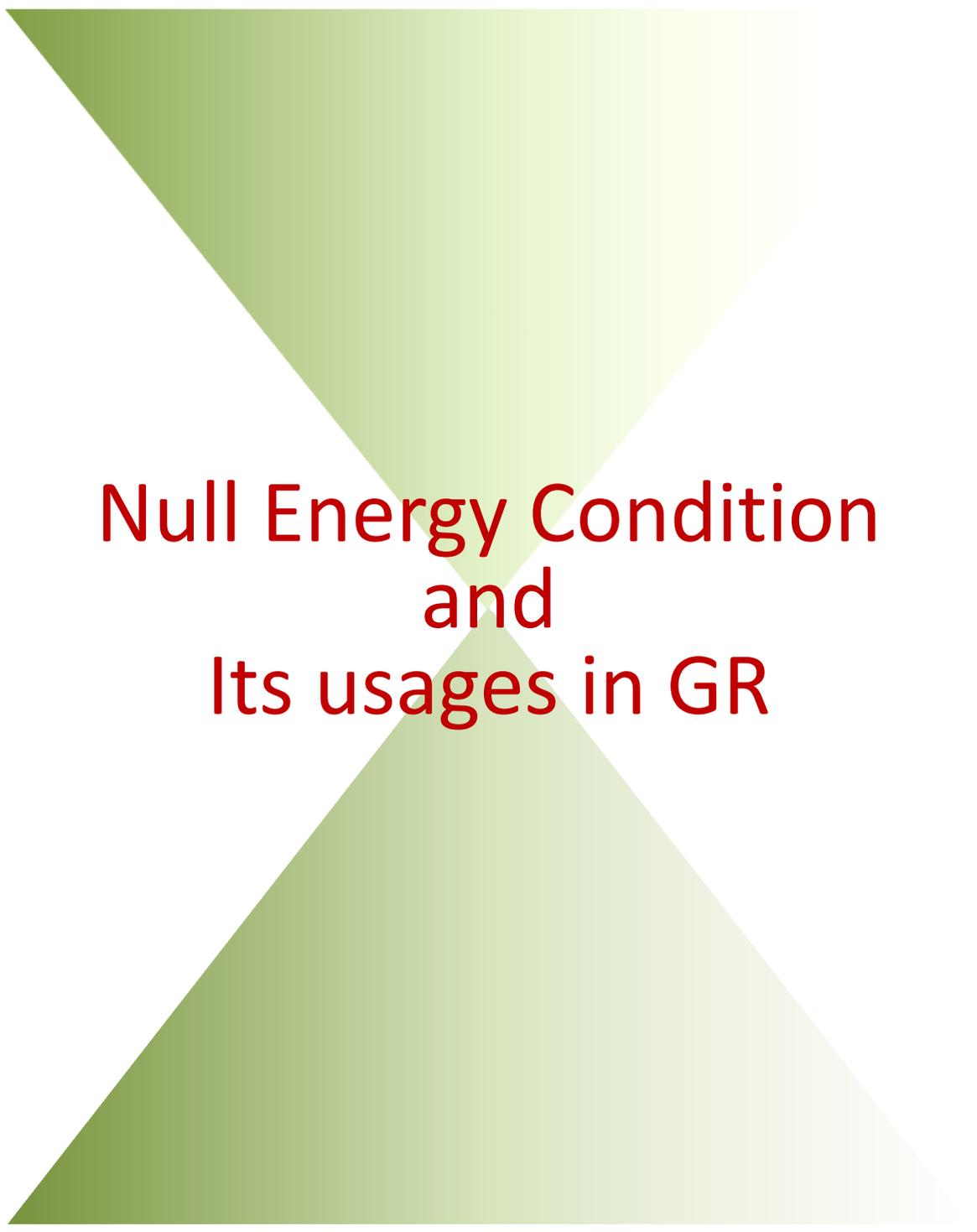
# Purpose

- We examine the compatibility of **energy conditions** and **global causality** in the context of AdS/CFT duality
- -- derive a certain type of energy condition **“ANEC”** on curved boundary spacetime.



# Plan

- Null Energy Condition and its role in GR: review
- Averaged NEC (ANEC) from AdS/CFT



**Null Energy Condition  
and  
Its usages in GR**

## Physically sensible conditions for Stress-Energy tensor

RHS of the Einstein equations  $R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R = 8\pi G T_{ab}$

Example: FLRW cosmology  $T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + P h_{ab}$

Weak Energy Conditions (WEC)

For any timelike vector  $\xi^a$   $\longrightarrow T_{ab} \xi^a \xi^b \geq 0$

- holds for **classical matter system** Ex. FLRW case  $\rho \geq 0$   $\rho + P \geq 0$

Dominant Energy Conditions (DEC)

For any future dir. timelike vector  $\xi^a$   
 $-T^a_b \xi^b$  also is a future dir. timelike or null vector

- Conservation theorem Ex. FLRW case  $\rho \geq |P|$

# Focusing conditions for geodesic congruences

## Strong Energy Conditions (SEC)

For any timelike vector  $\xi^a$   $\longrightarrow$   $\left(T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}Tg_{ab}\right)\xi^a\xi^b \geq 0$

- Timelike Focusing  $R_{ab}\xi^a\xi^b \geq 0$

Ex. FLRW case  $\rho + 3P \geq 0$   $\rho + P \geq 0$

## Null Energy Conditions (NEC)

For any null vector  $k^a$   $\longrightarrow$   $T_{ab}k^ak^b \geq 0$

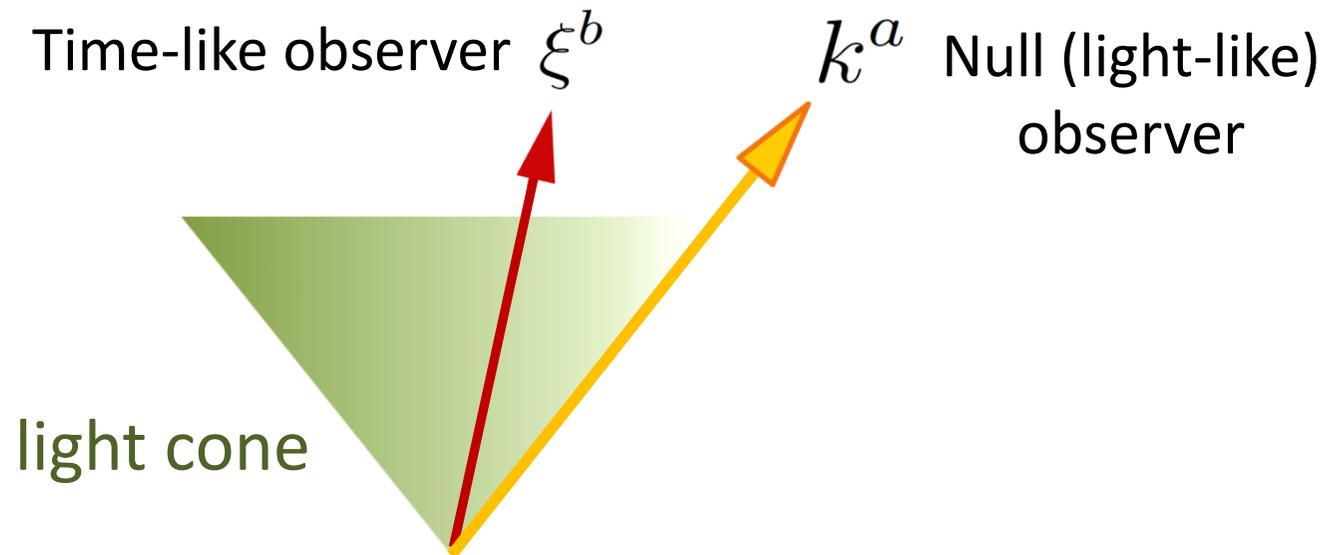
- Null Focusing  $R_{ab}k^ak^b \geq 0$  Null-limit of WEC

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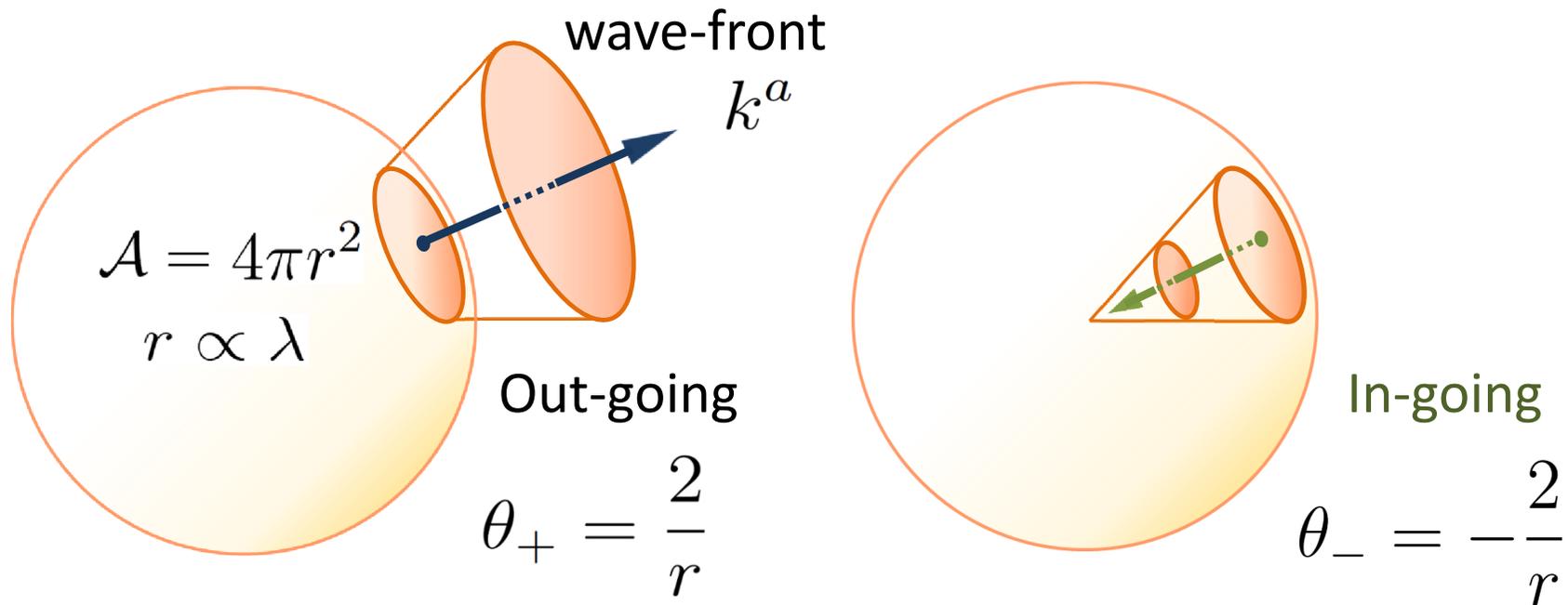
Classical expansion

$$\theta = \nabla_a k^a = \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} \frac{d\mathcal{A}}{d\lambda}$$

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$$\sigma_{ab}$$

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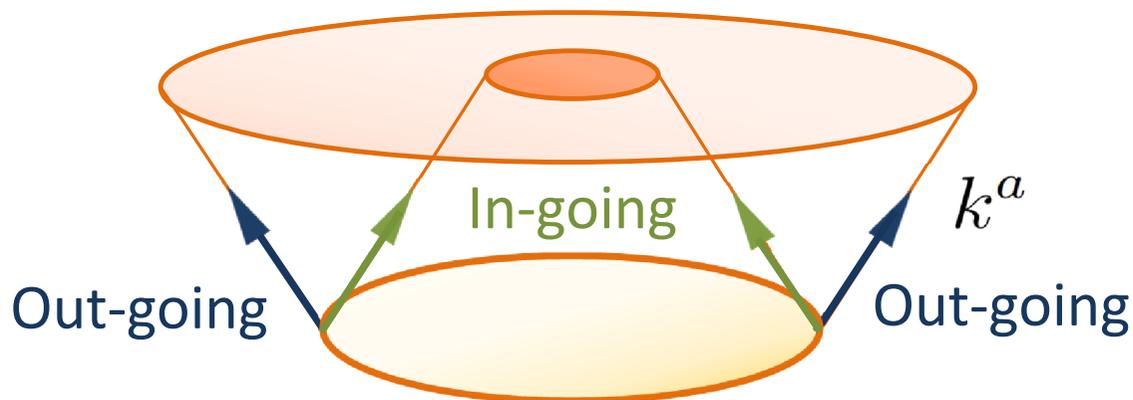
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$$\theta_+ = \frac{2}{r} > 0$$

$$\theta_- = -\frac{2}{r} < 0$$

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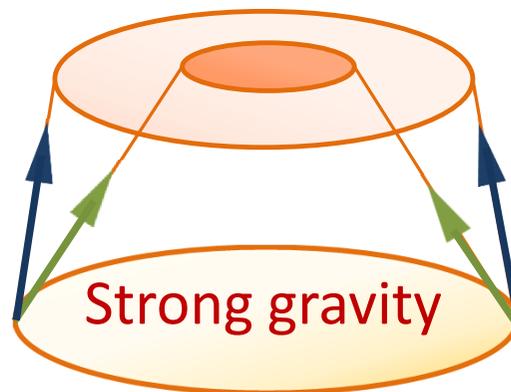
Ex: light-rays emanating from 2-sphere in **curved** spacetime  
e.g. inside BH

time



Out-going

In-going



both (out-, in-going) expansions  
can be negative

$k^a$

$$\theta_+ < 0$$

$$\theta_- < 0$$

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In curved spacetime, the expansion obeys **Raychaudhuri equation**

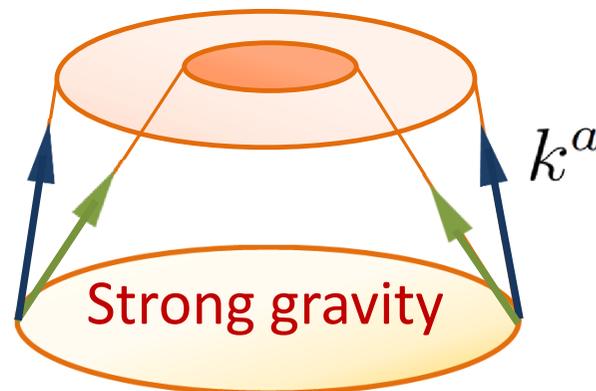
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$$T_{kk} \geq 0$$



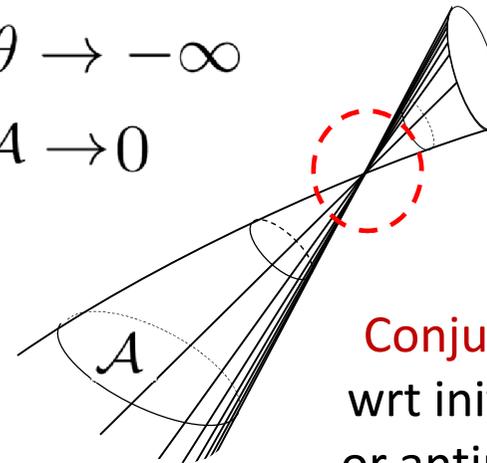
$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} \leq 0$$



if initially  $\theta_0 < 0$

$$\theta \rightarrow -\infty$$

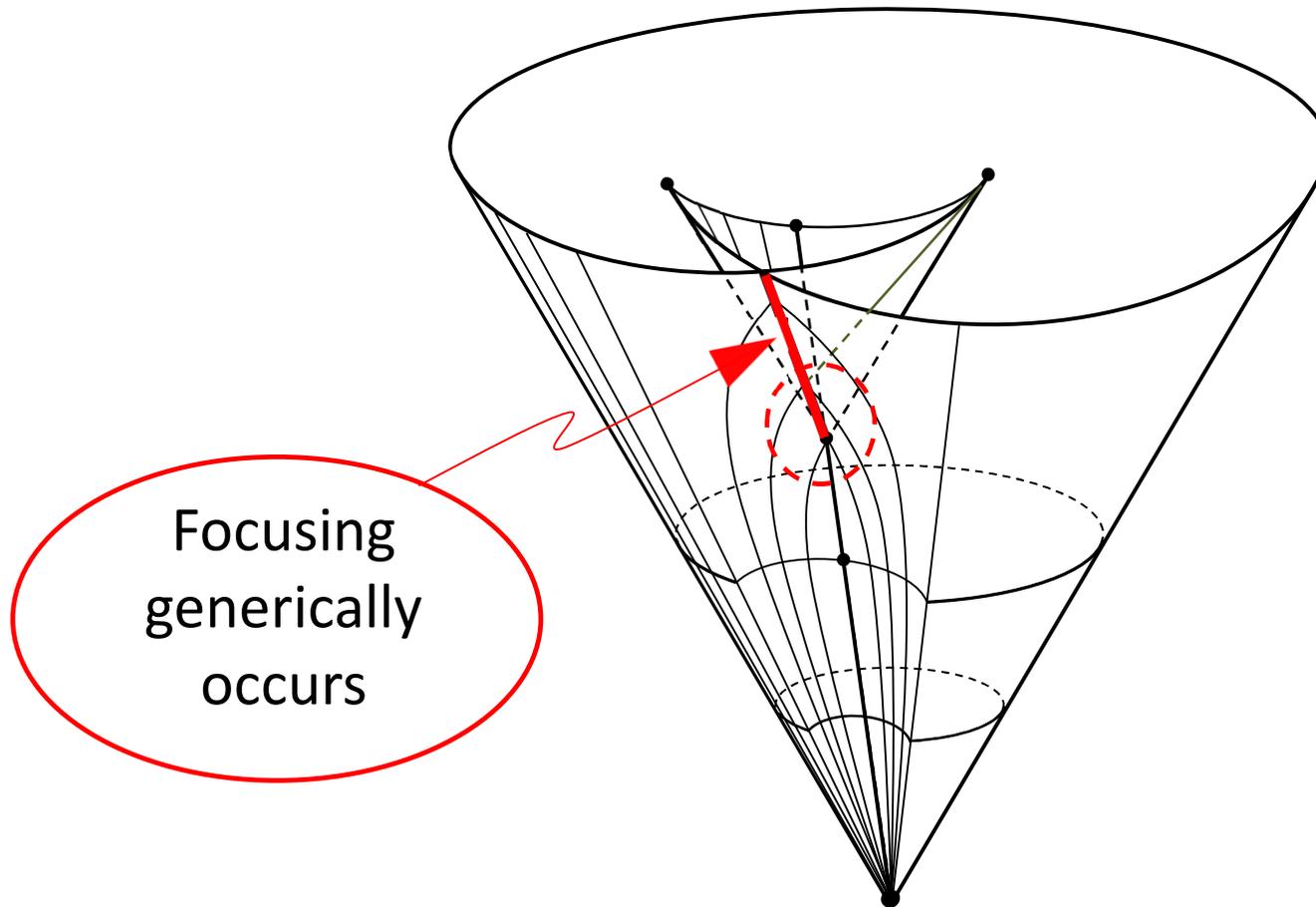
$$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow 0$$



Conjugate point  
wrt initial surface  
or antipodal point

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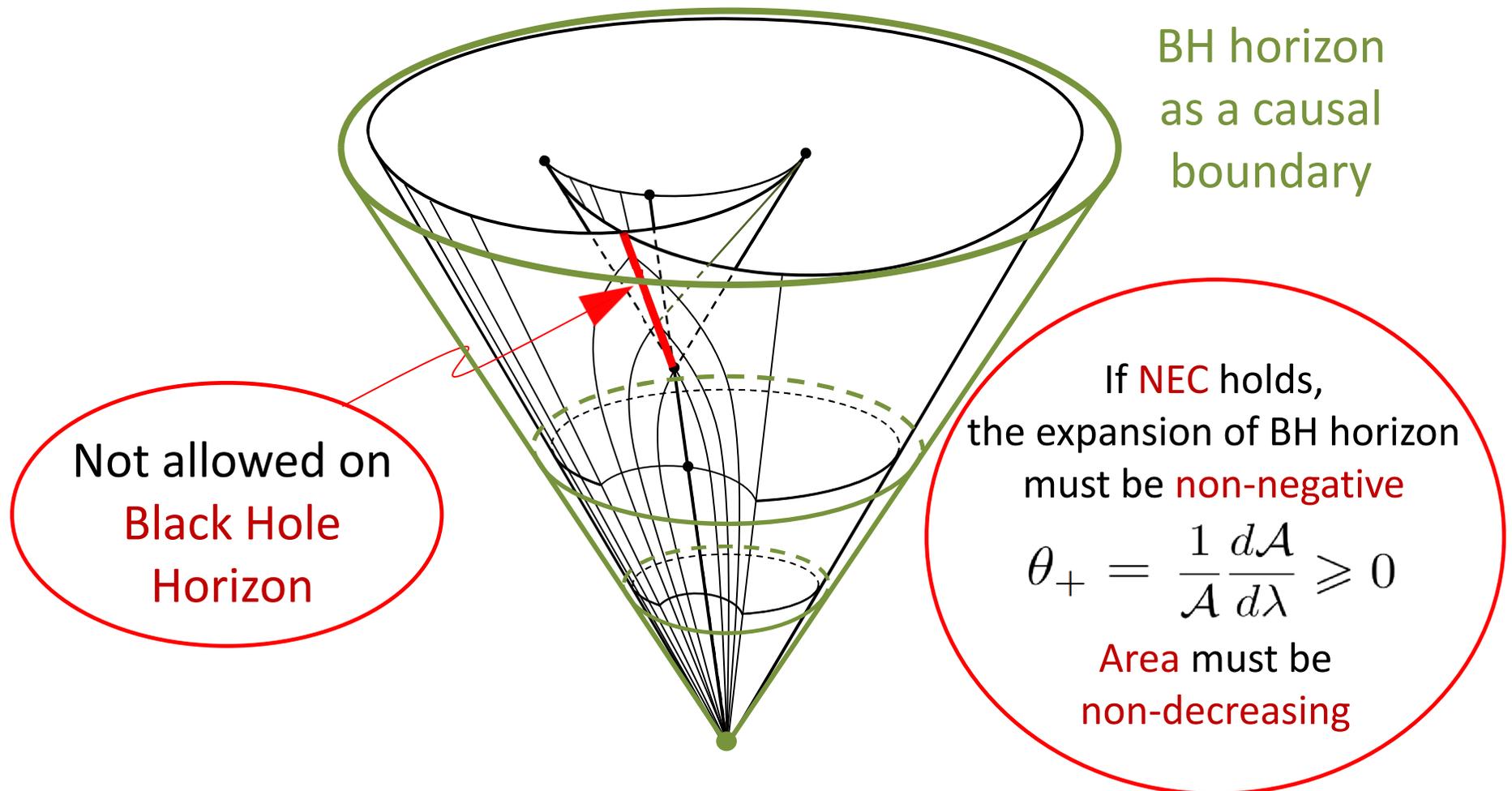
Focusing  $\theta \rightarrow -\infty$  of null geodesic congruence generically occurs under **NEC** and Null generic condition/initial convergence  $\theta_0 < 0$





# Area theorem and BH 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

Causal nature of the **BH event horizon** does **not allow** focusing  $\theta \rightarrow -\infty$  of the null generators toward future.



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Classical Focusing  
w. NEC



$$\delta \mathcal{A} \geq 0$$

Hawking 71

BH must have  
its own Entropy

$$S_{BH} = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{4G\hbar}$$

$$\delta S_{BH} \geq 0 \quad \text{Bekenstein 72}$$

Generalized Entropy

$$S_{gen} = S_{BH} + S_{out}$$

Bekenstein 73

$$S_{out} = -\text{Tr} \rho_{out} \log \rho_{out}$$

von Neumann entropy

Generalized 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

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e.g. Page 76, Unruh-Wald 82,  
Zurek-Thorne 85, Frolov-Page 93

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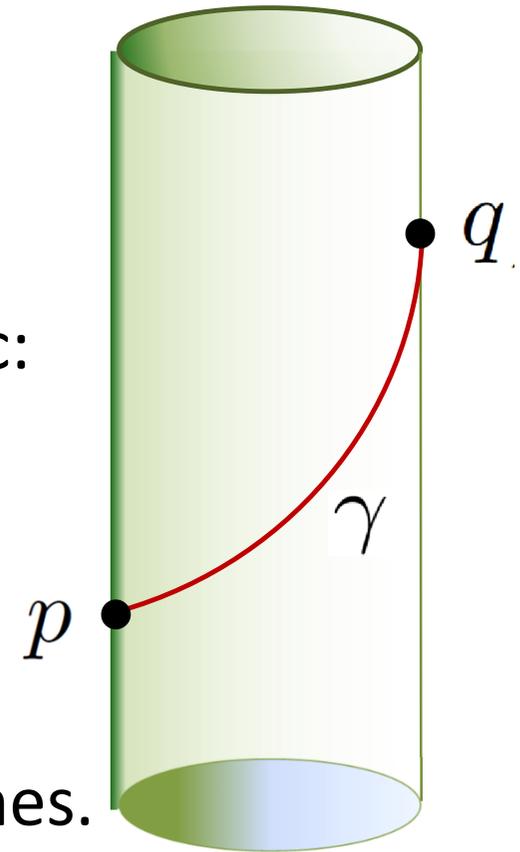
*No-Bulk-shortcut theorem*

## No-bulk-shortcut and AdS/CFT

- We are concerned with the compatibility of bulk-boundary causal structures and AdS/CFT duality
- Consider two boundary points  $p, q$  on a **boundary achronal null geodesic**  $\gamma$ .

Achronal null  $\gamma$  is the fastest null geodesic:  
No two points on  $\gamma$  can be connected by a boundary timelike curve .

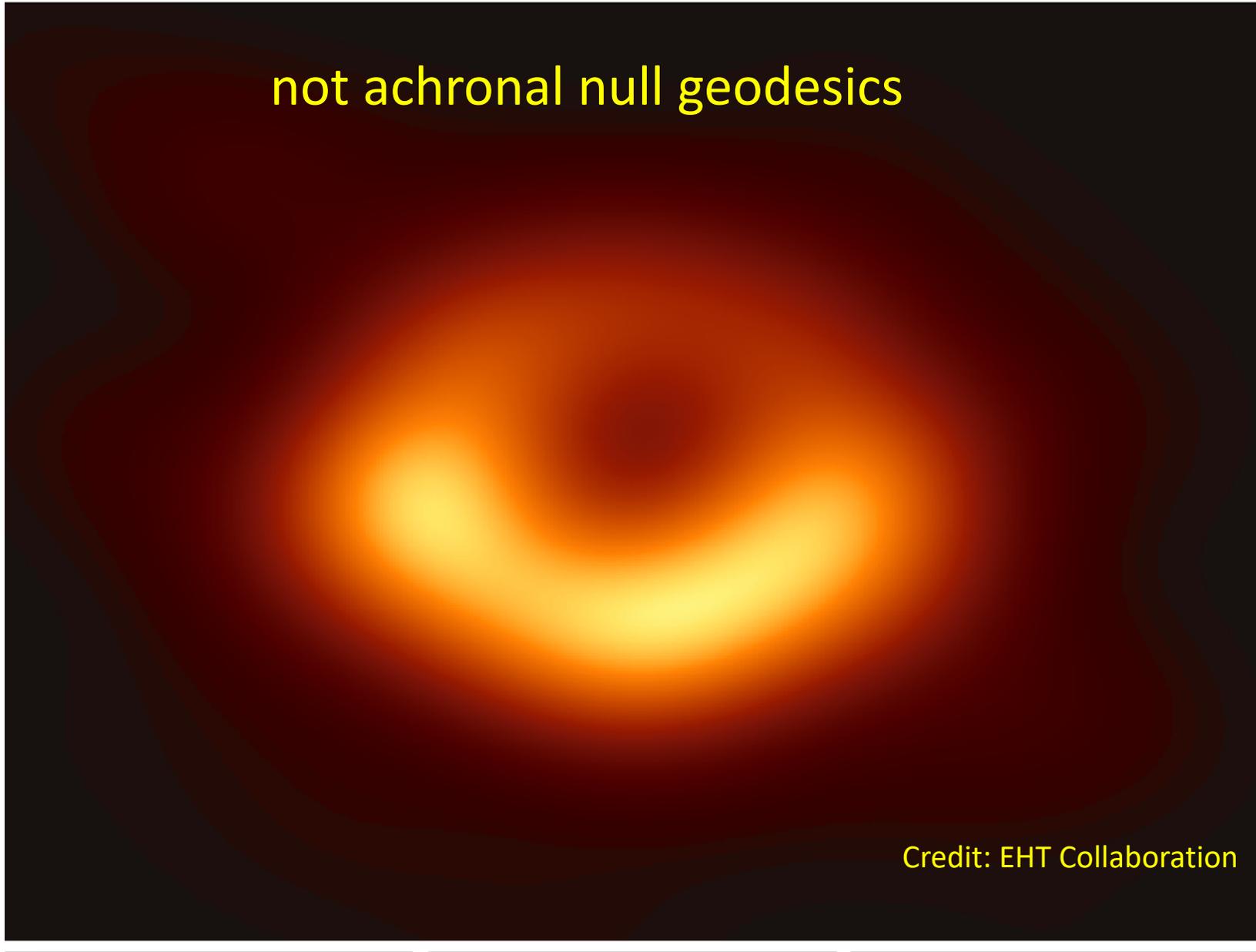
Any null geodesic is achronal in Minkowski space but *not* always so in *curved* spacetimes.



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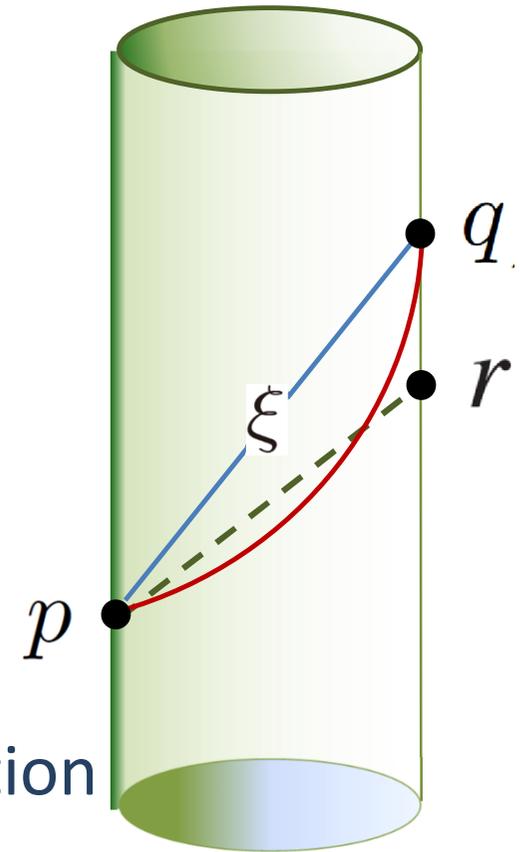
not achronal null geodesics



Credit: EHT Collaboration

## No-bulk-shortcut and AdS/CFT

- We are concerned with the compatibility of bulk-boundary causal structures and AdS/CFT duality
- Consider two boundary points  $p, q$  on a **boundary achronal null geodesic**.
- Suppose there is a **bulk-shortcut (timelike) curve  $\xi$** . Then  $p$  can be connected w/ a boundary point  $r$  strictly past to  $q$ , by a bulk causal curve (**dashed-line**).
- Then bulk propagator could carry information faster than boundary propagator. This is *not* a sensible causal property for bulk-boundary duality



# Basic questions

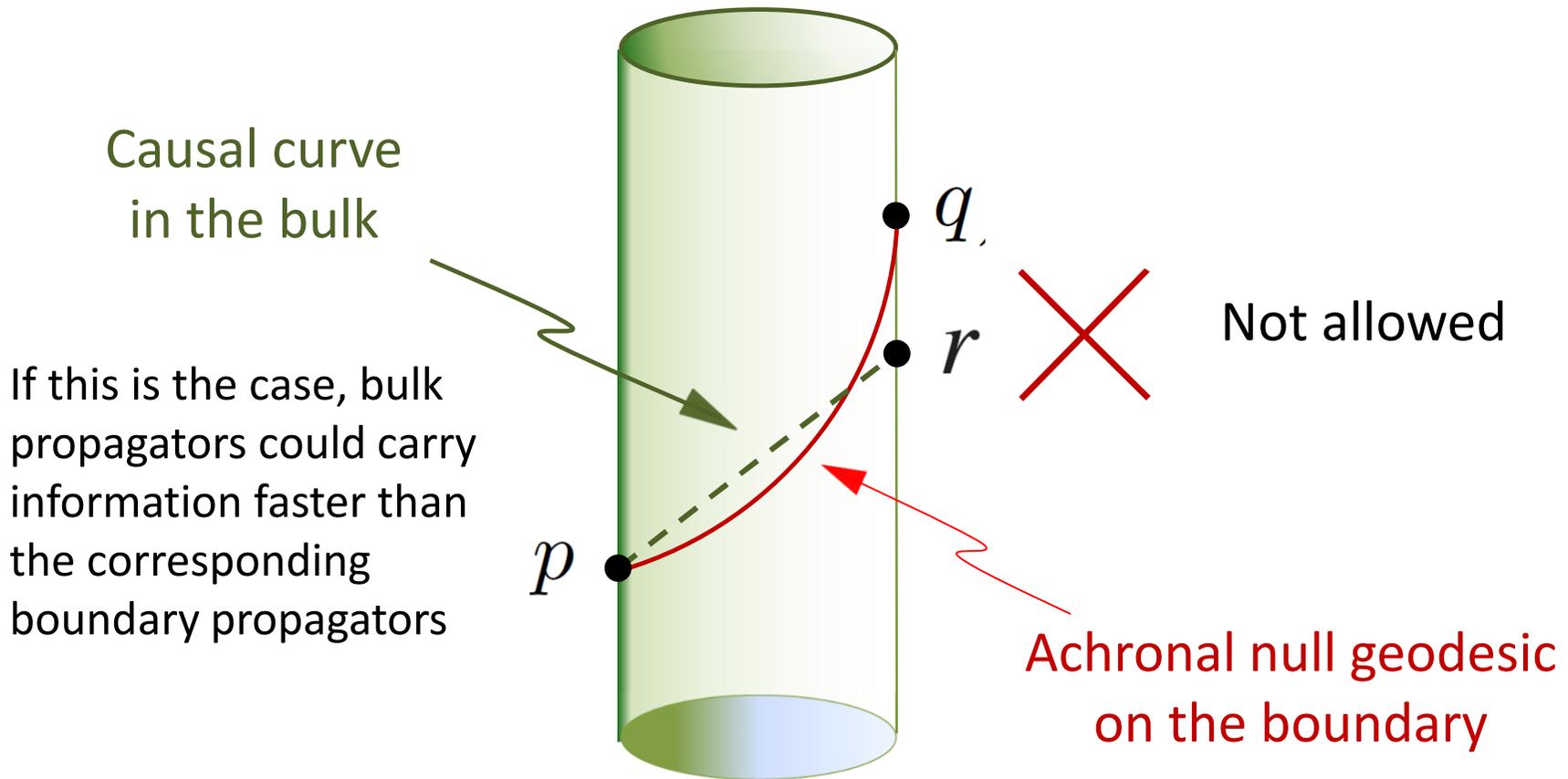
- (i) Given a boundary metric, what kind of effects on the boundary theory does a sensible bulk causal property (i.e., no bulk-shortcut ) give rise to?
- (ii) What kind of boundary metric admits bulk-shortcut?
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# No-bulk-shortcut Theorem

No acausal propagation

( Gao-Wald 00 )

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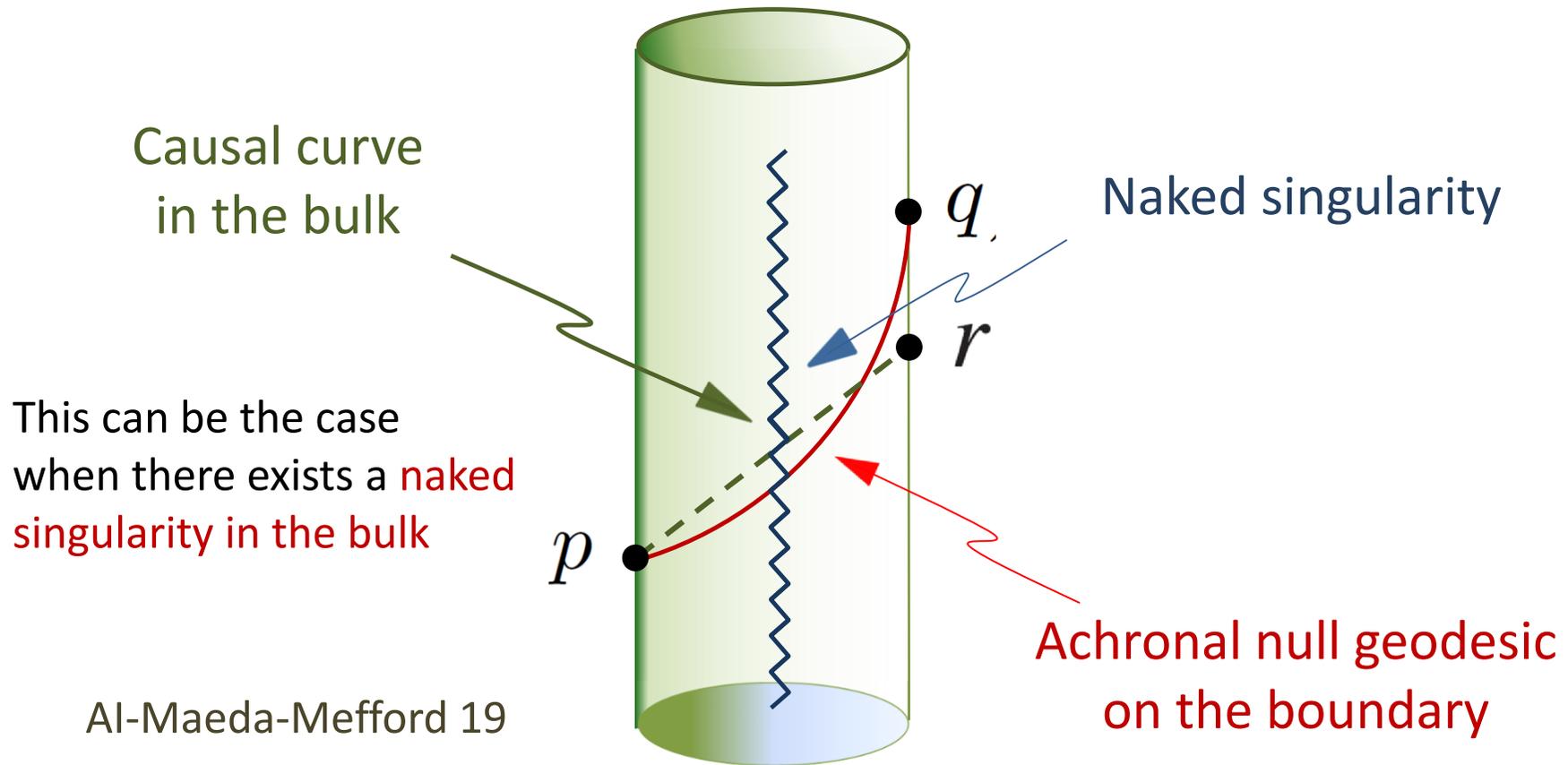


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# Violation of NEC and Non-local conditions

NEC (any local energy conditions) can be violated by quantum fields.

$$~~T_{kk} \geq 0 \quad \langle T_{ab} \rangle k^a k^b \geq 0~~$$

- by e.g. Hawking-radiation

Averaged Null Energy Conditions (ANEC)

$$\int \langle T_{ab} \rangle k^a k^b d\lambda \geq 0$$

Non-local: defined along  
any complete null geodesic

e.g. Wald-Yurtsever 91

ANEC can be violated by Quantum Fields.

$$\int \langle T_{ab} \rangle k^a k^b d\lambda \geq 0$$

e.g. Visser 96

Achronal averaged Null Energy Conditions (AANEC)

e.g. Graham and Olum 07

- However, **quantum field effects** violate NEC and ANEC.

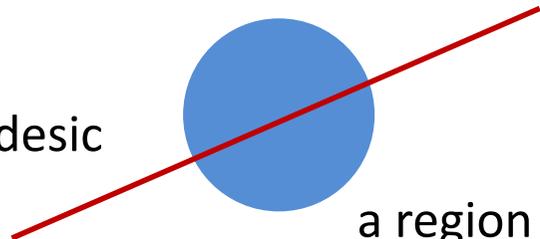
- Counter-examples of ANEC:

A local violation of NEC can be enhanced by conformal transformations. This can occur since **ANEC** itself is **not conformally invariant**.

Urban-Olum 10

Al-Maeda-Mefford 19

a null geodesic



a region where NEC is locally violated

# Basic questions

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# Purpose

- Taking the assertion of No-bulk-shortcut theorem as our guiding principle, we discuss the compatibility of bulk-boundary causality and AdS/CFT duality.
- We derive **ANEC with a weight function** on boundary curved spacetime.
- In odd-dimensions, it is **conformally invariant (CANEC)**



ANEC from AdS/CFT

## ANEC (CANEC) from AdS/CFT

- $(d+1)$ -asymptotic AdS metric and Fefferman-Graham expansion:

$$ds^2 = \frac{dz^2 + \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(z, x) dx^\mu dx^\nu}{z^2}$$

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(z, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_{(n)\mu\nu}(x) z^n + \frac{z^d \ln z^2 h_{\mu\nu}(x)}{\text{Only when } d \text{ is even}}$$

- Boundary stress-energy tensor: de Haro-Solodukhin-Skenderis 01

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \frac{d l^{d-1}}{16\pi G_{d+1}} g_{(d)\mu\nu} + X_{\mu\nu}$$

$X_{\mu\nu}$  : gravitational anomaly

(  vanishes in odd-dimensions )

## c.f. ANEC in Minkowski space from AdS/CFT

Kelly-Wall 14

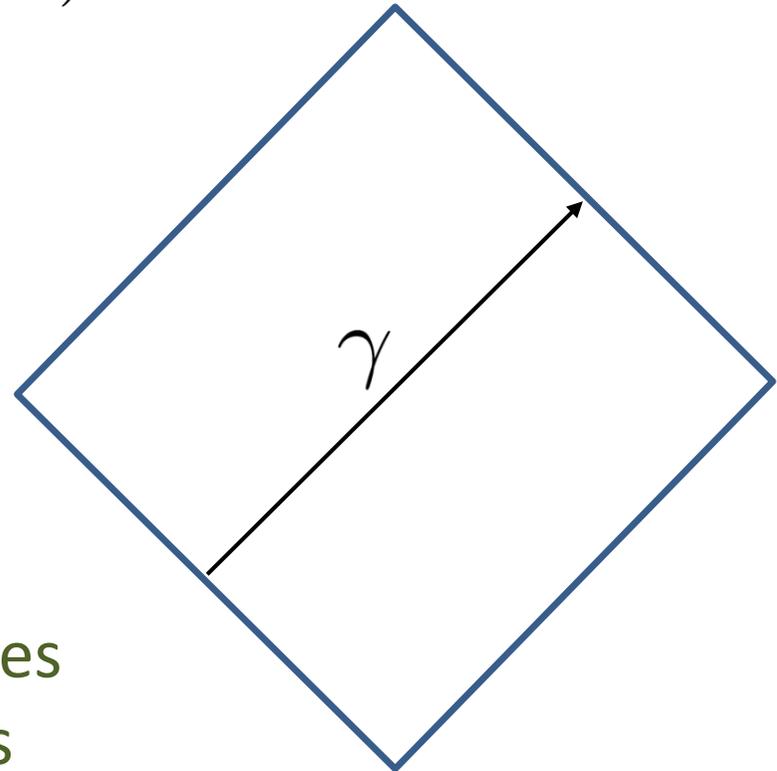
$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + z^d t_{\mu\nu} + O(z^{d+1})$$

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \frac{dl^{d-1}}{16\pi G} t_{\mu\nu}$$

In Minkowski space, all null curves are complete and achronal (fastest null curve).

In curved space, achronal null curves are limited: e.g. horizon generators

The above formulas involve the curved background metric, curvature, source terms and become more complicated in higher dimensions.





# ANEC in curved (closed) universe from AdS/CFT

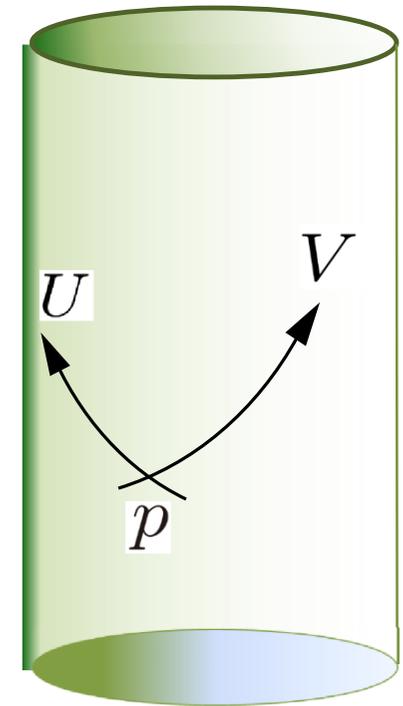
Iizuka-Al-Maeda 19, 20

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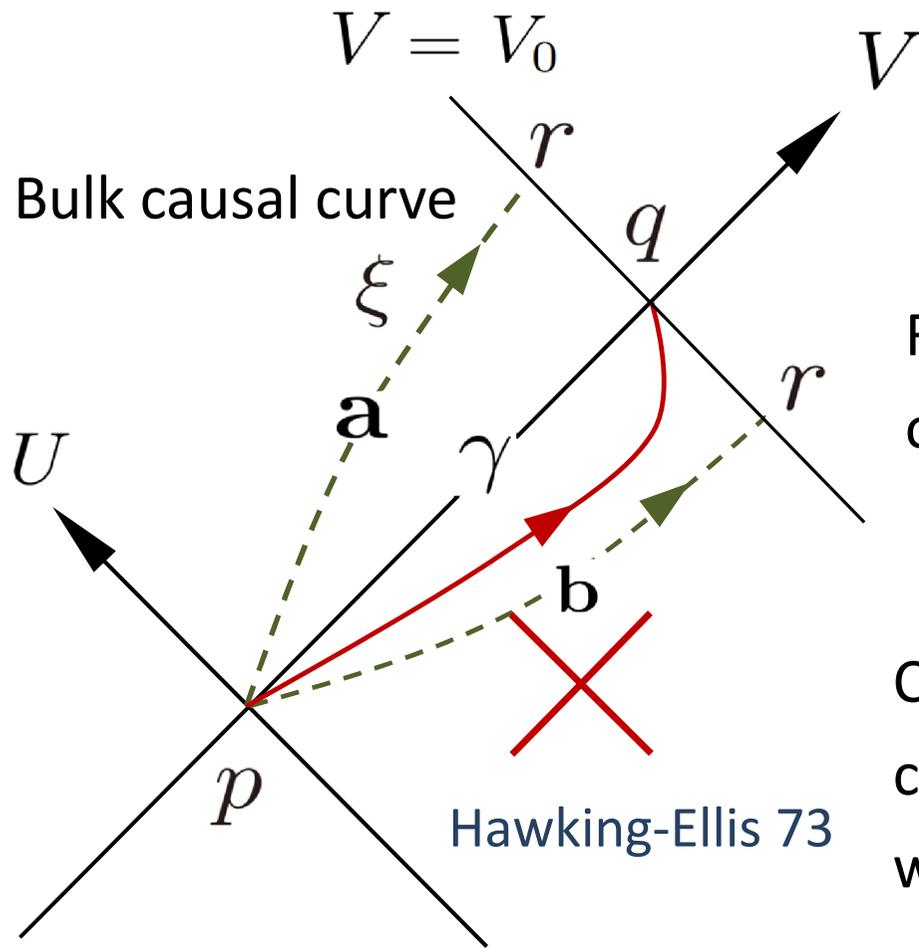
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Consider a boundary achronal null geodesic w/ tangent

$$l^\mu = (\partial_V)^\mu \quad (0 \leq \lambda \leq \sqrt{2}\pi)$$

Null-null component of boundary Ricci tensor is

$$\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} l^\mu l^\nu = \frac{1}{2}$$



Boundary achronal null geodesic

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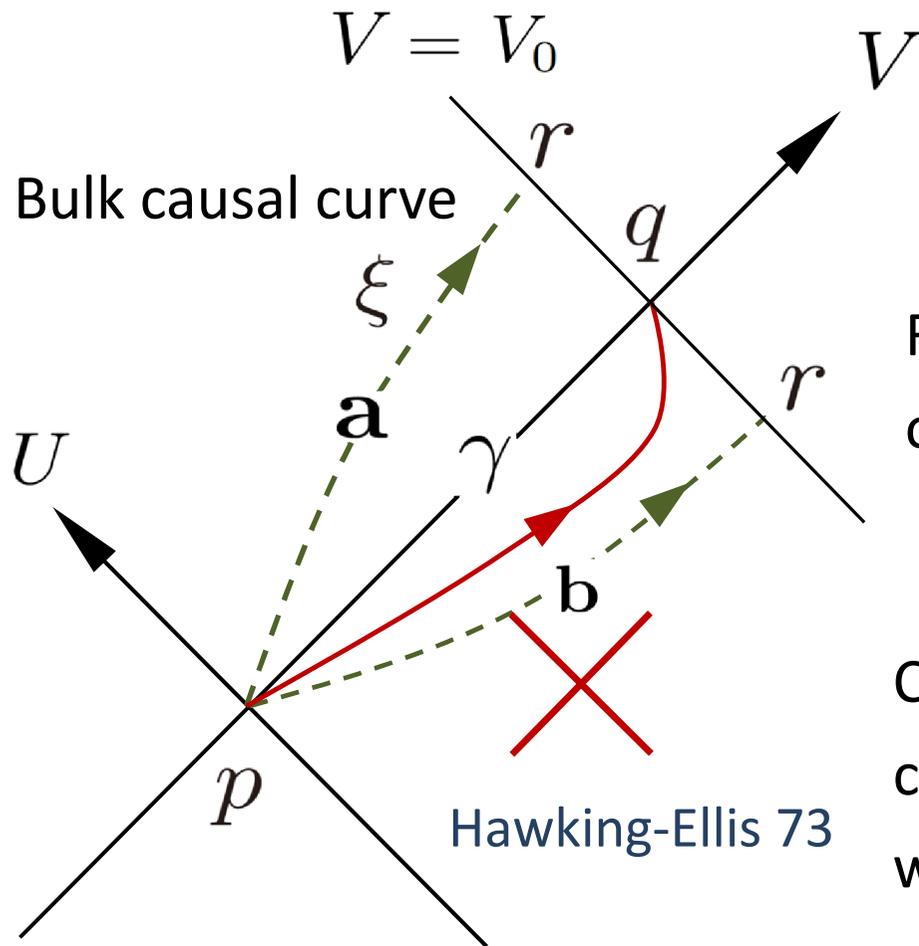
$$K^a = \left( \frac{dz}{d\lambda}, \frac{dU}{d\lambda}, \frac{dV}{d\lambda}, \frac{d\varphi}{d\lambda} \right)$$

$$z = \epsilon z_1 + \epsilon^2 z_2 + \dots$$

$$K^U = \epsilon^2 \frac{du_2}{d\lambda} + \epsilon^3 \frac{du_3}{d\lambda} + \dots$$

Since  $\xi$  is a causal curve

$$\hat{g}_{ab} K^a K^b \leq 0$$



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2<sup>nd</sup>-order of  $\epsilon$  yields

$$\ddot{z}_1 = -\frac{1}{2}z_1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad z_1 = \sin \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}}$$

thus  $z_1$  is just like a boundary

Jacobi field  $\eta$

Hawking-Ellis 73

- From  $\hat{g}_{ab} K^a K^b \leq 0$  and 3<sup>rd</sup>-order expansion, it follows:

$$U(\sqrt{2}\pi) \geq \frac{\epsilon^3}{2} \int_0^{\sqrt{2}\pi} z_1^3 \underline{g_{(3)\mu\nu}} l^\mu l^\nu d\lambda \geq 0$$

- Holographic renormalized stress-energy formula yields  $g_{(3)\mu\nu}$  corresponds to  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$
- Boundary Raychaudhuri equation implies that  $z_1$  can be viewed as the boundary Jacobi field  $\eta$

$$\ddot{z}_1 = -\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} l^\mu l^\nu z_1 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \ddot{\eta} = -\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} l^\mu l^\nu \eta$$

Bulk  Boundary

Thus we obtain:

$$\int_{\lambda_-}^{\lambda_+} \eta^3 \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle l^\mu l^\nu d\lambda \geq 0$$

- This is **invariant under conformal transformation**:

$$\tilde{g}_{(0)\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 g_{(0)\mu\nu} \quad \frac{d\tilde{\lambda}}{d\lambda} = \Omega^2 \quad \tilde{\eta} = \Omega \eta \quad \langle \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \Omega^{-1} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

- One can derive this **conformally invariant ANEC (CANEC)** in the case of more generic 3-dim. or 5-dim Boundary spacetime w/ positive spatial curvature

$$\int_{\lambda_-}^{\lambda_+} \eta^3 \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle l^\mu l^\nu d\lambda \geq 0 \quad \int_{\lambda_-}^{\lambda_+} \eta^5 \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle l^\mu l^\nu d\lambda \geq 0$$

3-dim. bndry case

5-dim. bndry case

- These inequalities are given in terms **only of the boundary quantities** .
- These inequalities can be used to restrict the extent of the negative value of the null energy  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle l^\mu l^\nu$
- The conf. transf. trick used for ANEC cannot invalidate **CANEC** .

- So far, we have focused on the **odd**-dimensional boundary case.
- In **even**-dimensions, one has to deal with **conformal anomalies**, which make relevant formulas more complicated.
- Boundary stress-energy tensor: [de Haro-Solodukhin-Skenderis 01](#)

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- d=2 case: We can obtain the ANEC.
- d=4 case:

$$4\pi G \int_{v_-}^{v_+} \eta^4 \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle l^\mu l^\nu \geq \frac{1}{12} \int_{v_-}^{v_+} \eta^4 \left[ \theta_+^2 \left( R_{uv} + \frac{R_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} \right) - \frac{\theta_+^2}{2} \cdot \mu(r) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \theta_+ \theta_- R_{vv} + \left( \frac{3}{2r^2} - \frac{R_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} - 2R_{uv} \right) R_{vv} \right]$$

$\theta_\pm$  : Expansion of boundary null geodesics

$\mu(r) := \frac{1}{r^2} + \theta_+ \theta_-$  : Quasi-local mass density

$R_{\mu\nu}$  : Boundary Ricci curvature



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Einstein-Static cylinder case

$$\geq \frac{1}{8} \int_{v_-}^{v_+} \eta^4 > 0$$

- Schwarzschild-AdS bulk and boundary ANEC

$$ds^2 = -\left(r^2 + 1 - \frac{M}{r^2}\right) dt^2 + \left(r^2 + 1 - \frac{M}{r^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\rho^2 + \sin^2 \rho d\Omega^2)$$

- The boundary weighted ANEC implies that the bulk mass parameter must be non-negative:

$$\longrightarrow M \geq 0$$

- -- suggests No-bulk-shortcut condition to be connected with the positive mass theorem in asymptotically AdS spacetime.

- A higher curved boundary spacetime in which ANEC is violated. Iizuka-AI-Maeda 19, 20
- C.f. conformal symmetry implies ANEC for CFT in dS and AdS and a similar lower bound for ANEC in closed universe (Lorentzian cylinder) is obtained. Rosso 20
- For some closed universe the minimum of the ANEC can be negative. Fischetti-Hickling-Wiseman 16

# Summary

- We have pursued the question of what is a sensible causal interaction between the bulk and conformal boundary in the context of AdS/CFT duality with **Gao-Wald's No-bulk-shortcut property** as our guiding principle for the appropriate choice of boundary geometry.
- We have derived, in the case of generic 3-dim. or 5-dim boundaries w/ compact positive spatial curvature, a **conformally invariant ANEC (CANEC)**, which is expressed in terms only of the boundary quantities.

**No-bulk-shortcut  $\Rightarrow$  CANEC**

- In the **even**-dimensional case, one has to deal with **conformal anomalies**. We have derived ANEC in 2-dimensions and a lower bound for ANEC with a certain weight function in 4-dimension.

