

# Cosmology inside a black hole: adding matter on the brane

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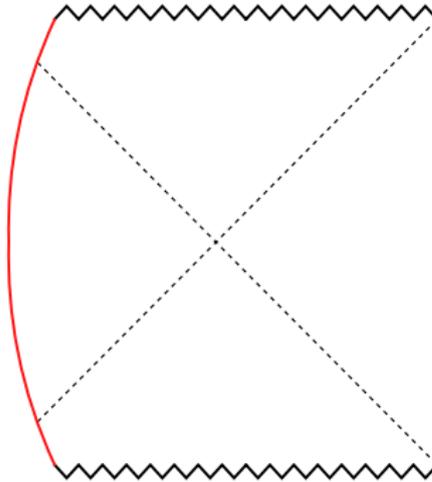
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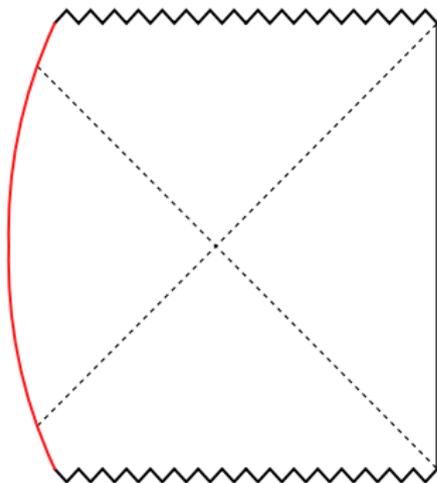
$$ds^2 = -f(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Sigma_k^2, \quad f(r) = k + \frac{r^2}{L^2} - \frac{\mu}{r^{d-2}},$$

with inverse temperature  $\beta$ ,

$$\beta = \frac{4\pi r_h L^2}{dr_h^2 + (d-2)kL^2},$$



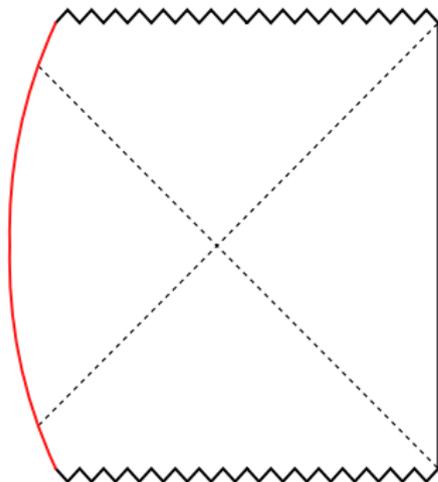
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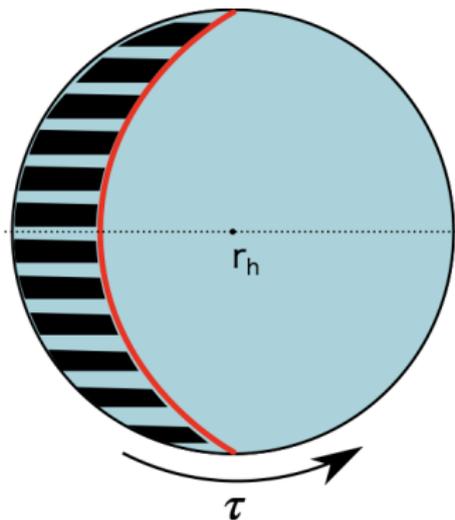
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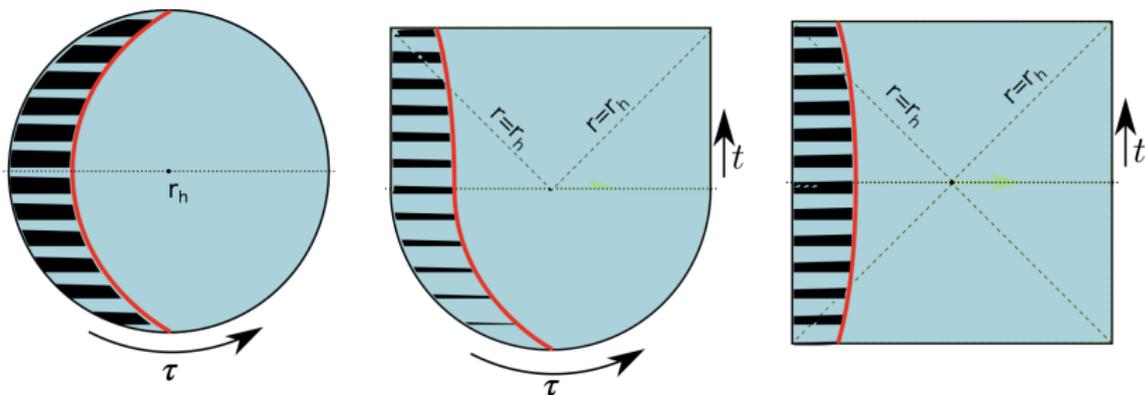
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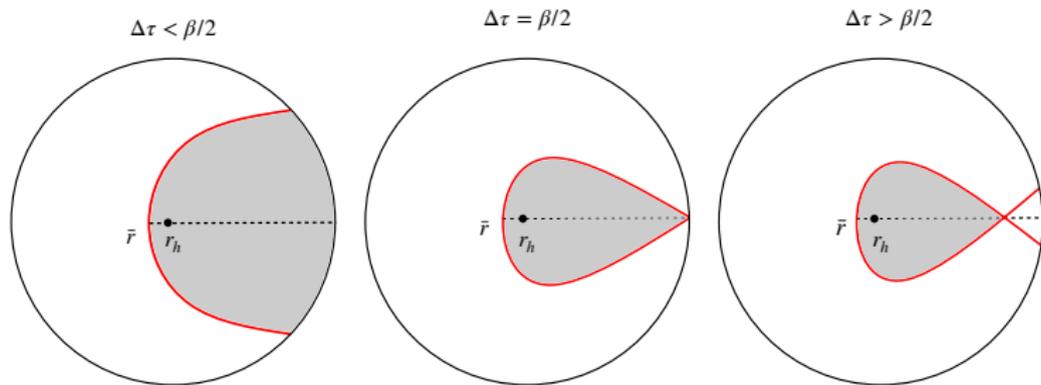
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Euclidean construction of the ETW brane inside an AdS black hole (Almheiri *et al.* 2023)

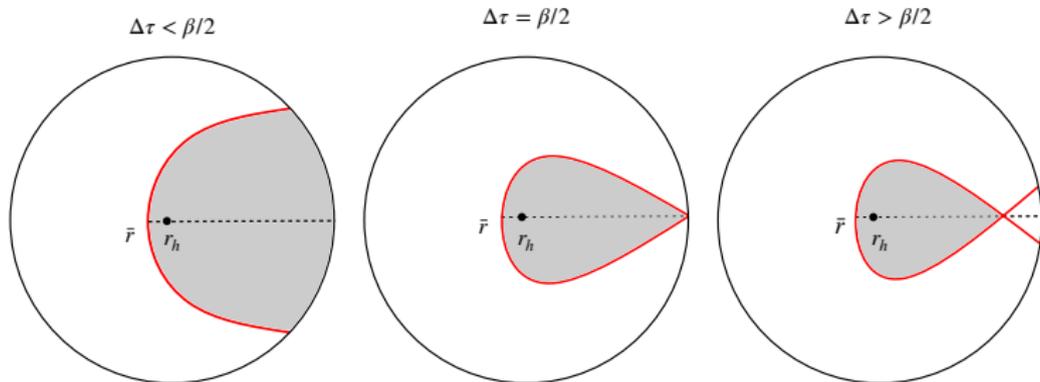
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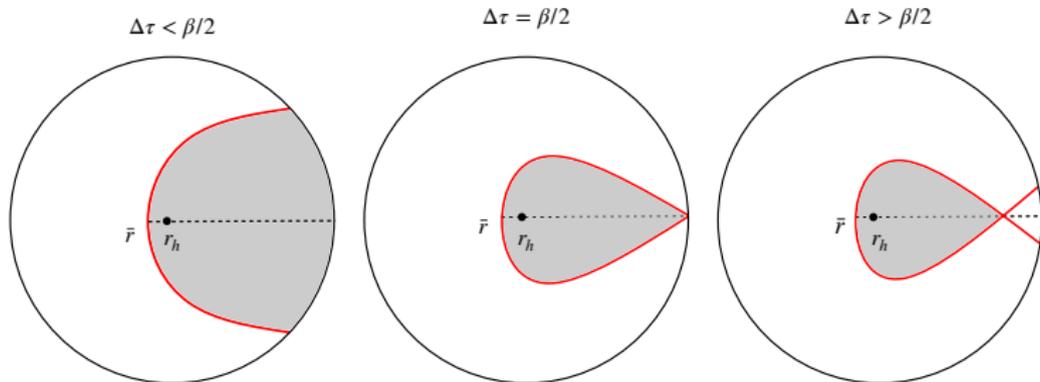
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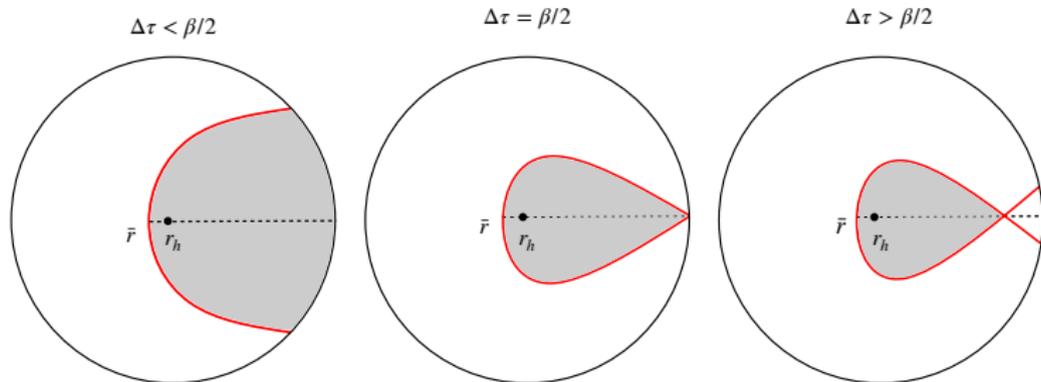


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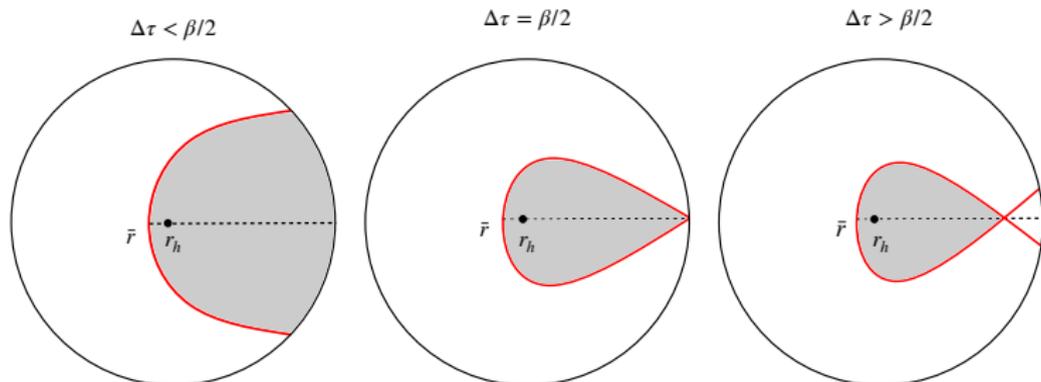


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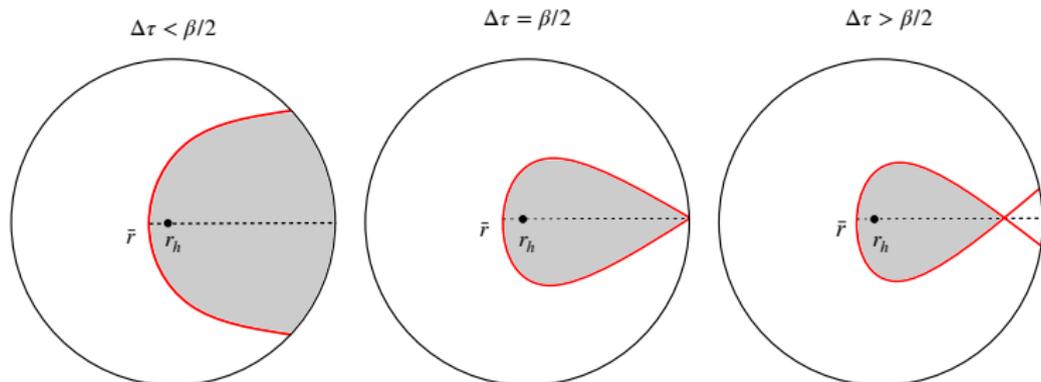
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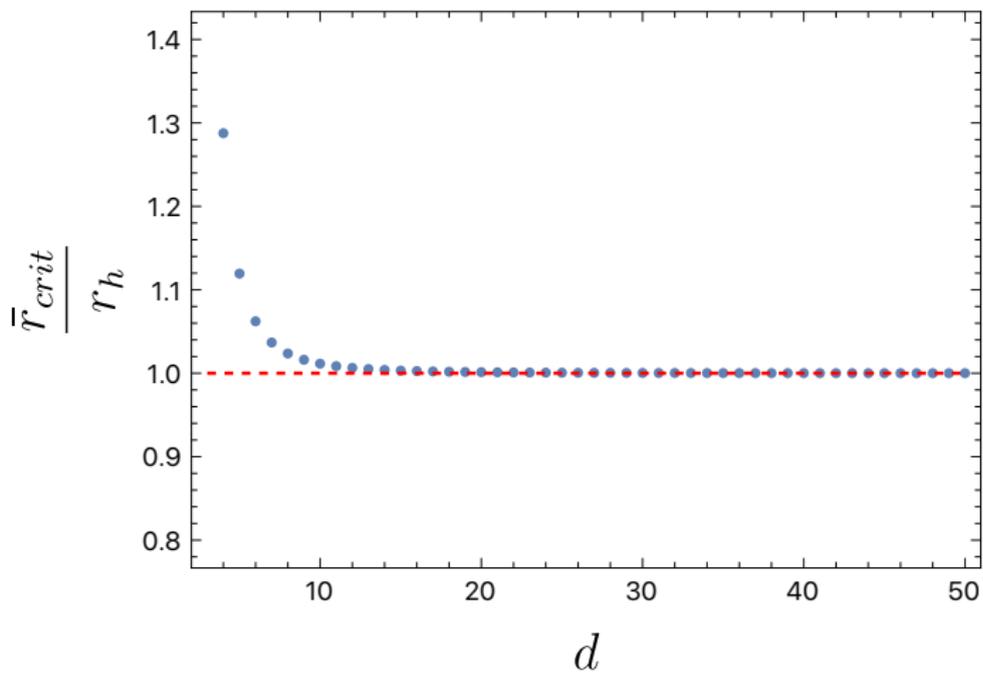
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$\bar{r}_{crit}$  in units of  $r_h$  vs spatial dimension  $d$

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- The key point is that the addition of brane matter enables us to solve the turning point equation in the small  $L$  regime, and to choose a large value of  $\bar{r}$ , without changing  $r_h$ .

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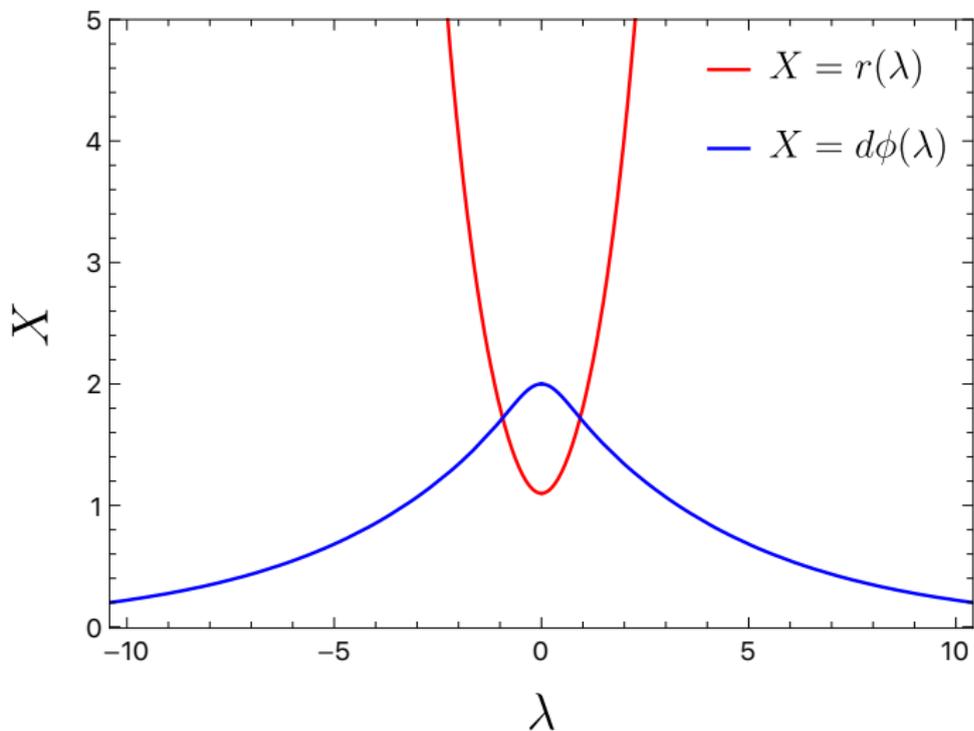
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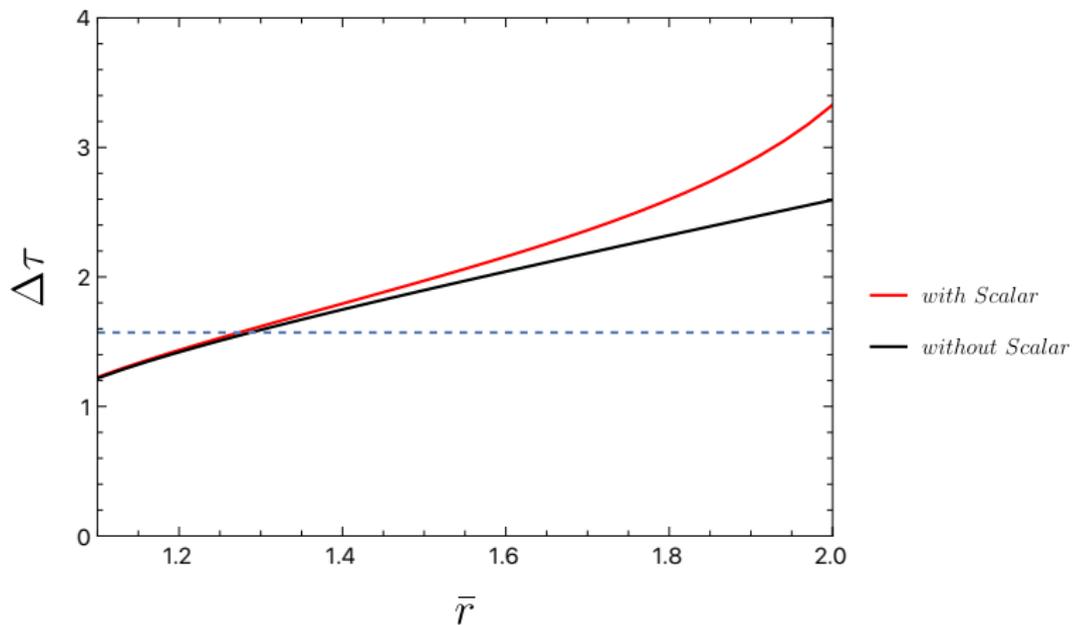
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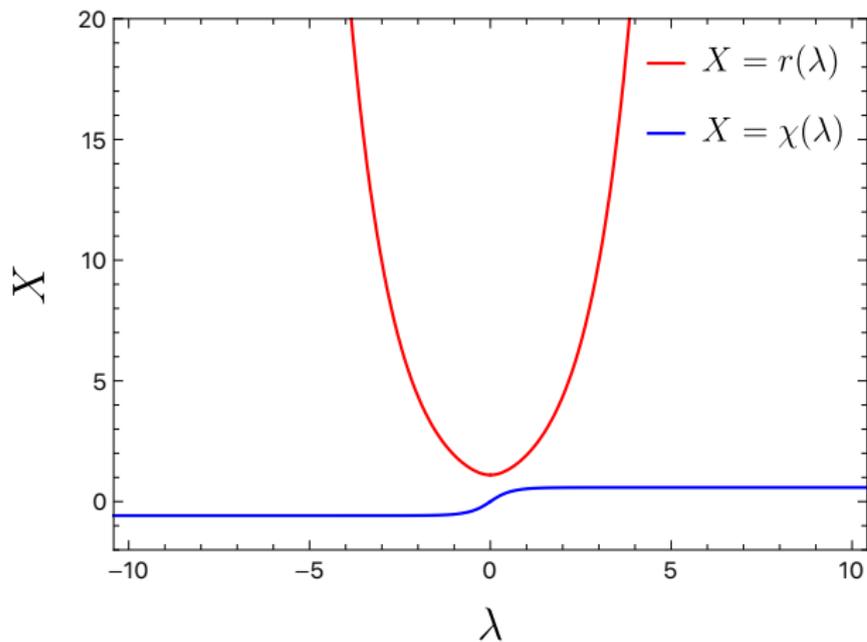
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(Betziou & Papadoulaki 2024)

*Thank You!*