

# GENERALIZED BLACK HOLE ENTROPY IS VON NEUMANN ENTROPY

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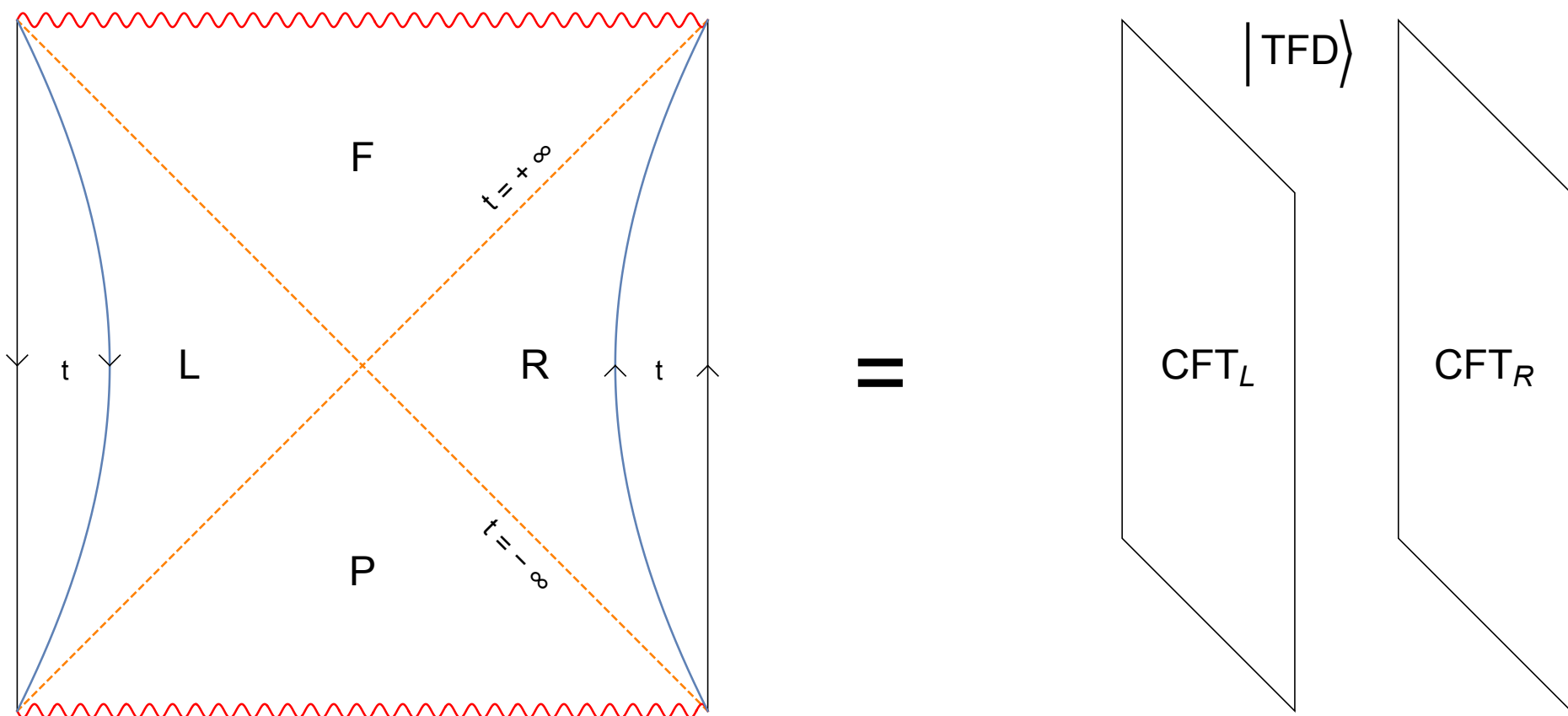
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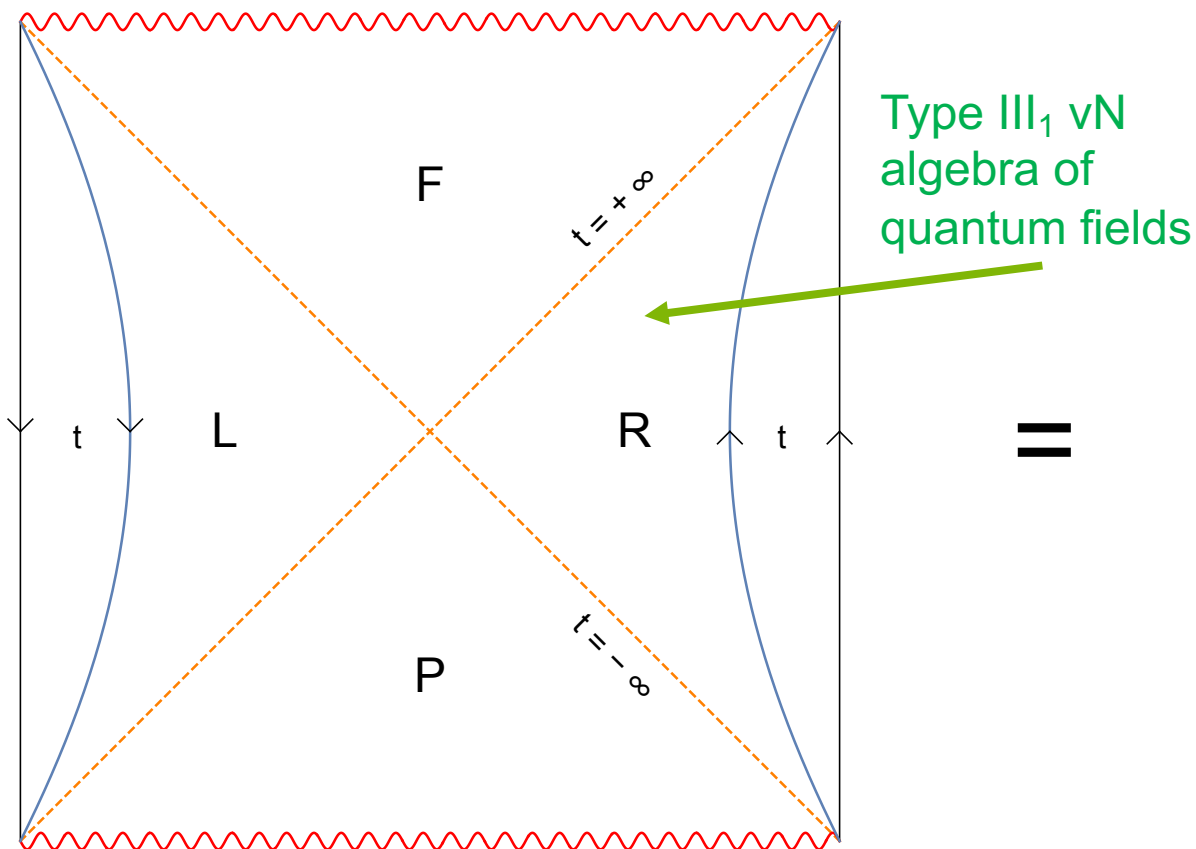
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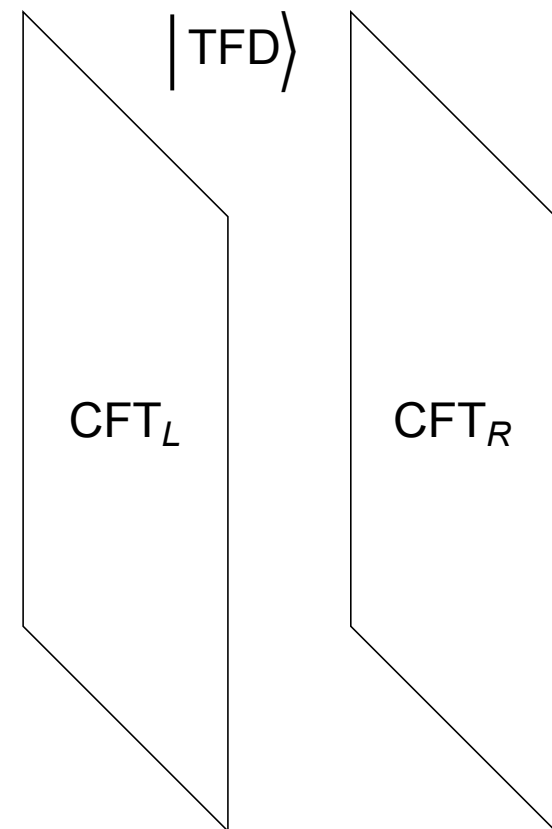
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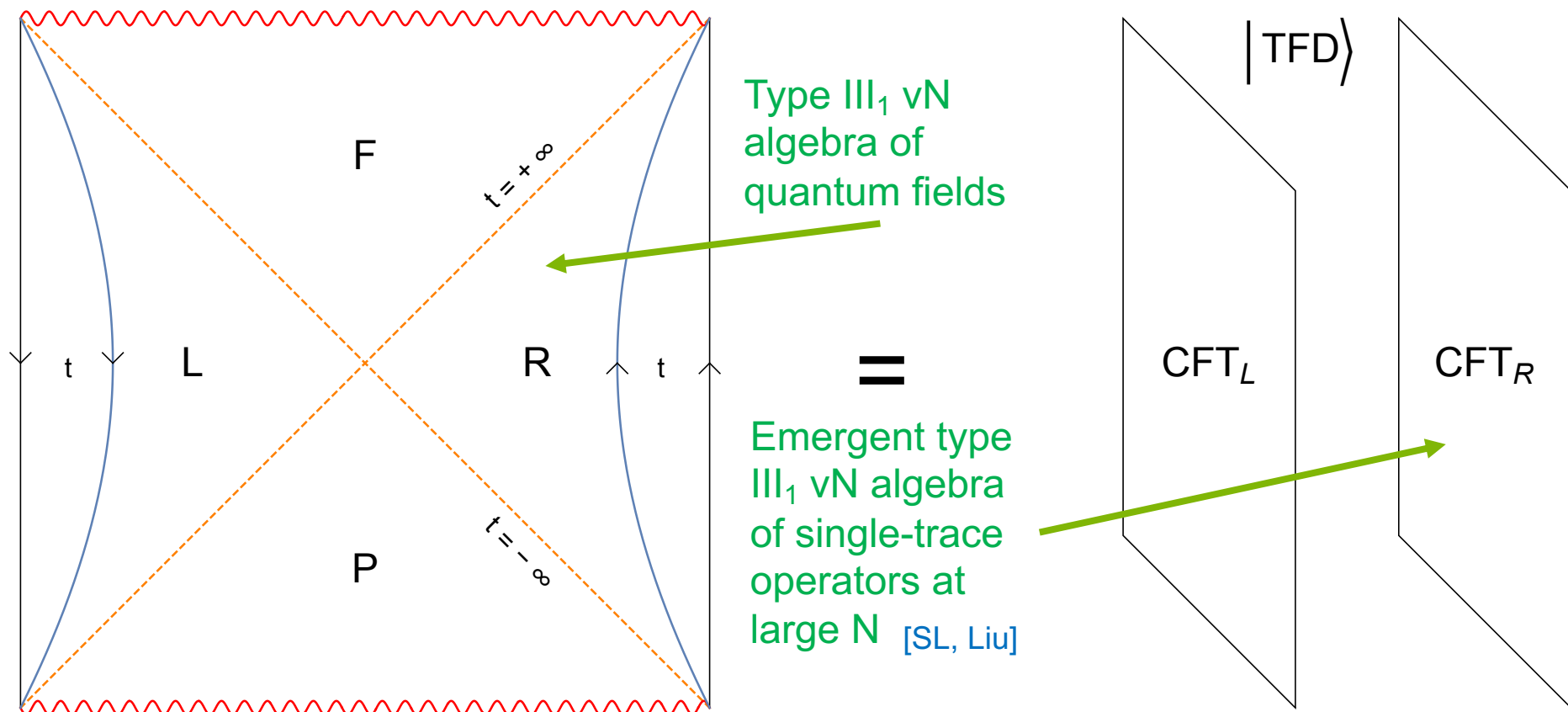
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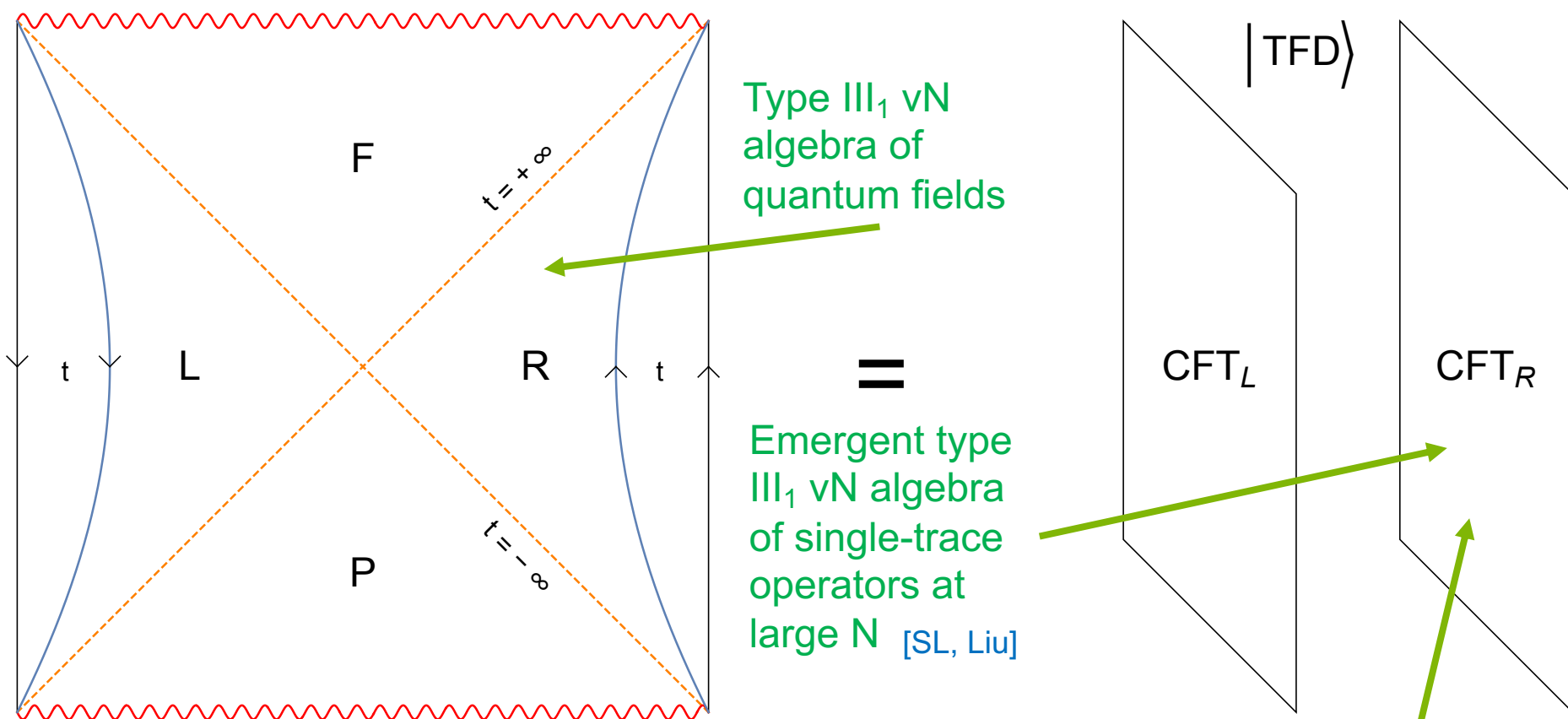
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# Main Result

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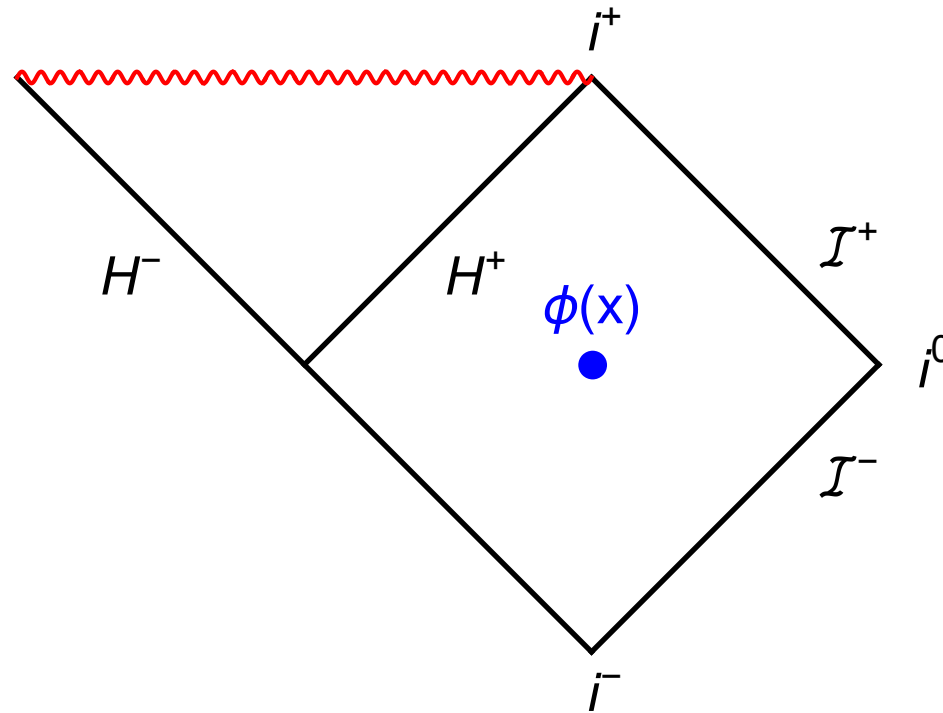
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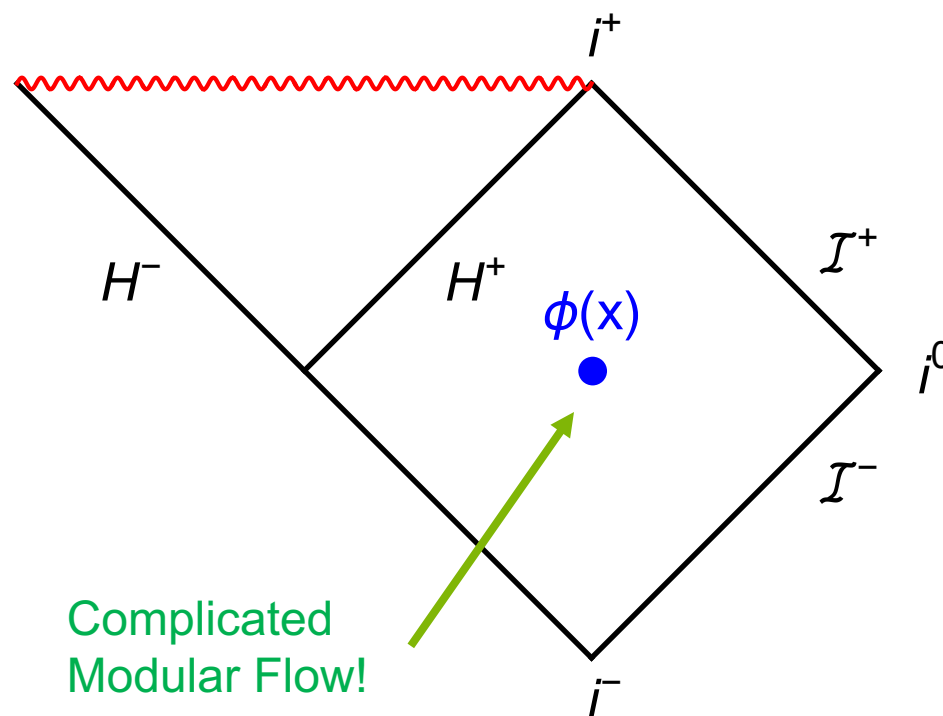
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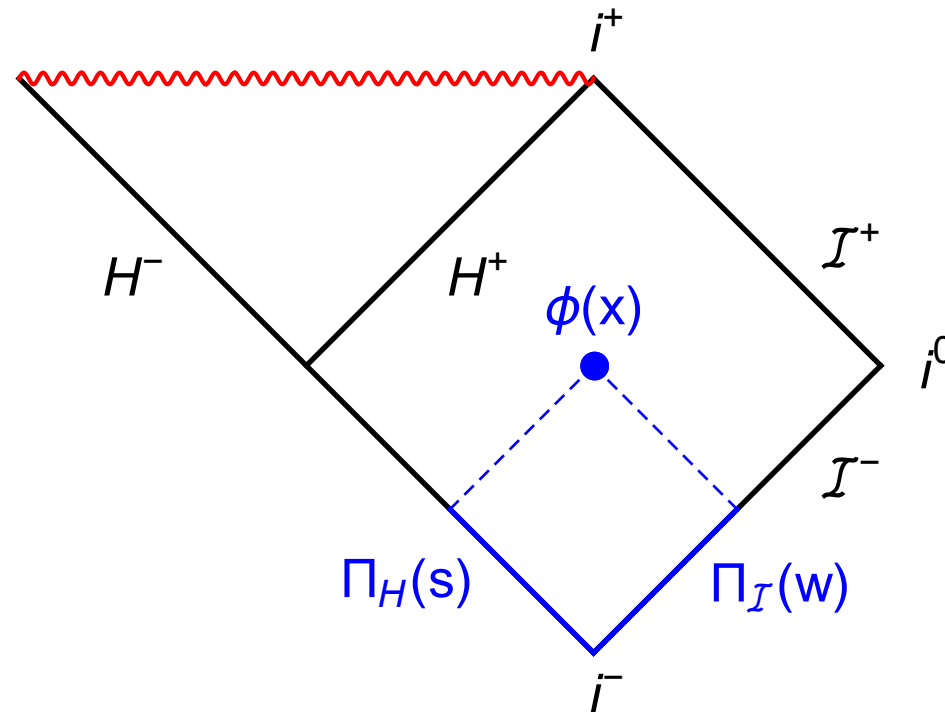
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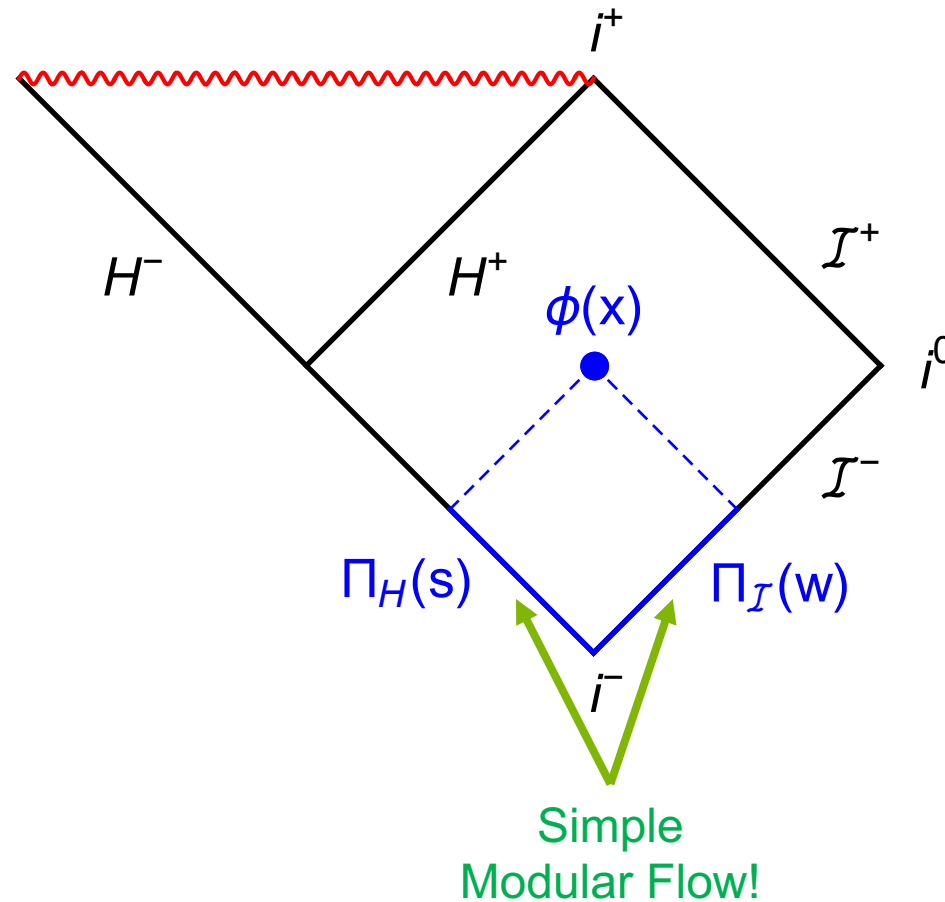
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1. vN Algebras and the Crossed Product
2. Quantization on Killing Horizons
3. Gravitational “Charges” and “Dressed” Operators
4. Asymptotically Flat Kerr Black Hole
5. Schwarzschild de Sitter Black Hole
6. Future directions



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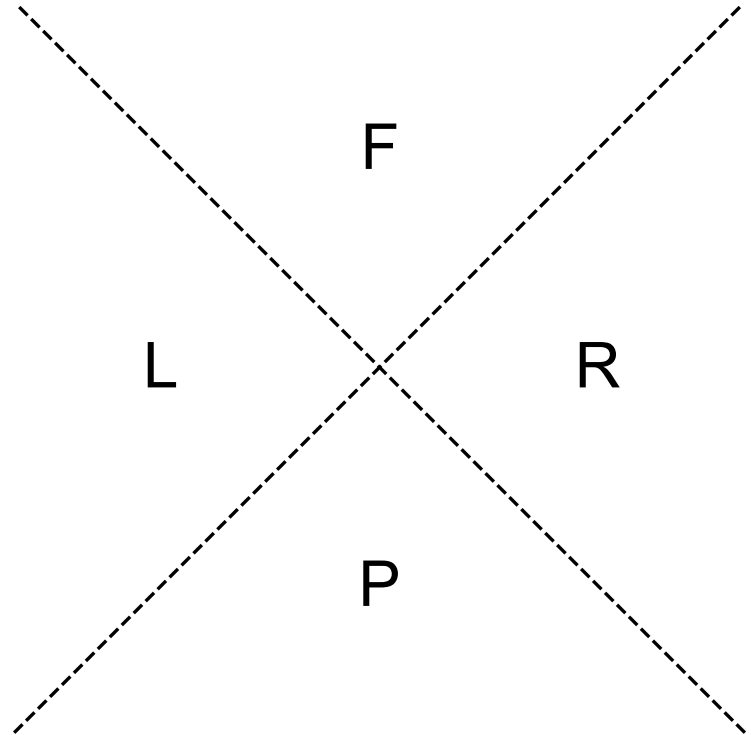
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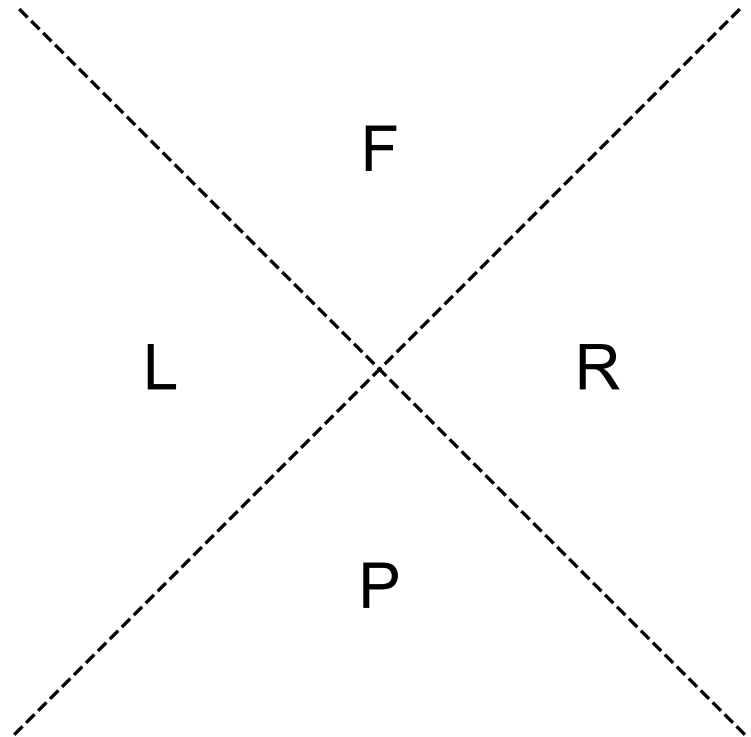
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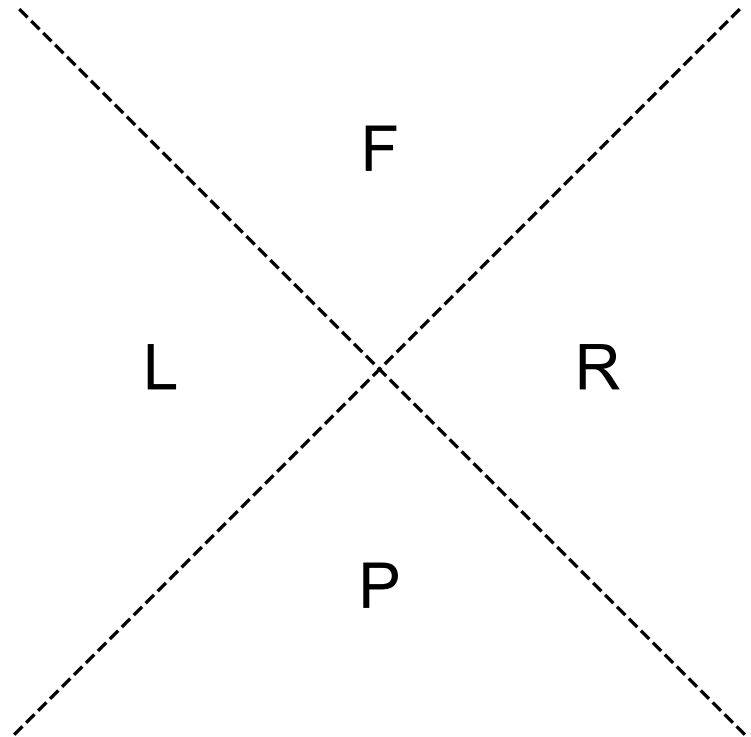
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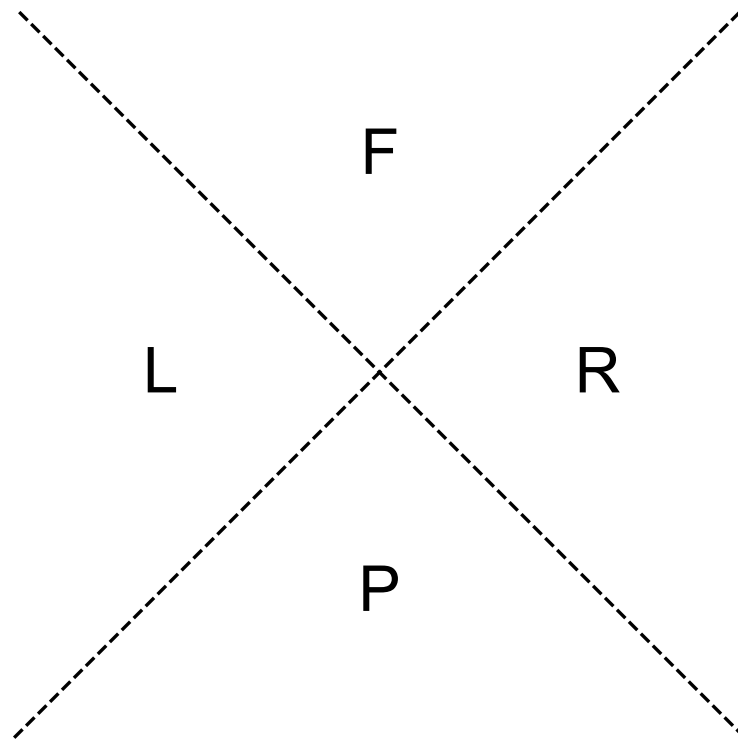
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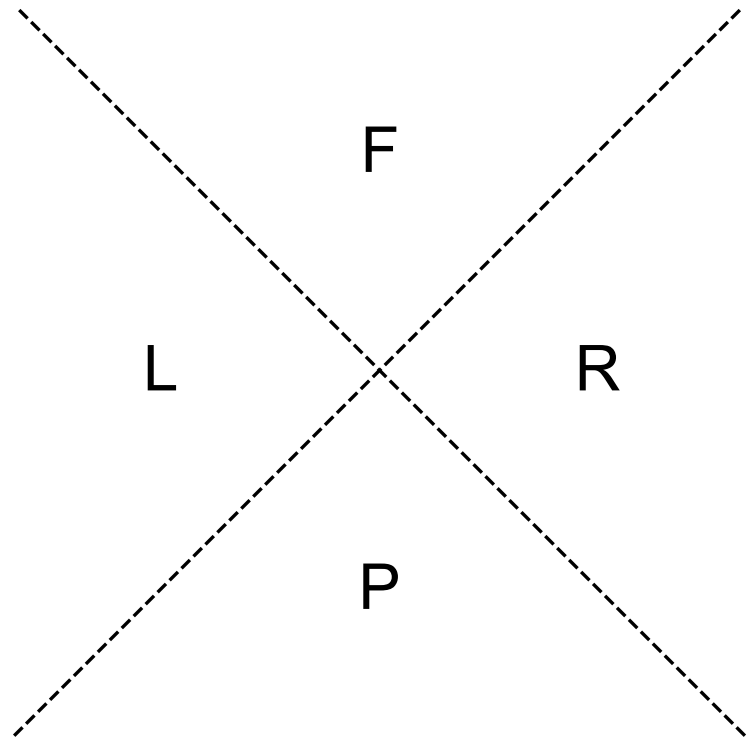
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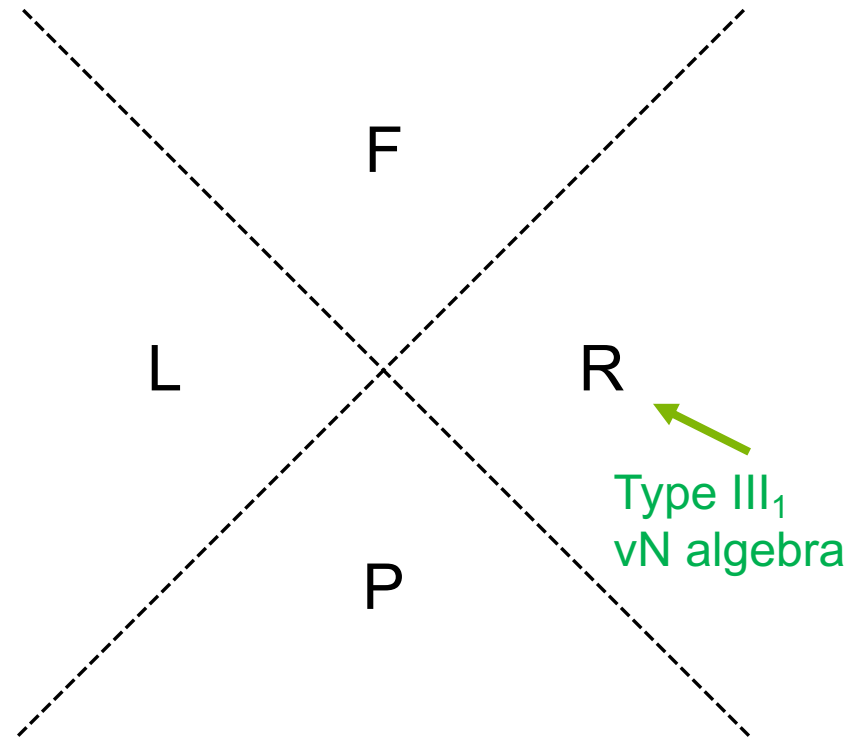
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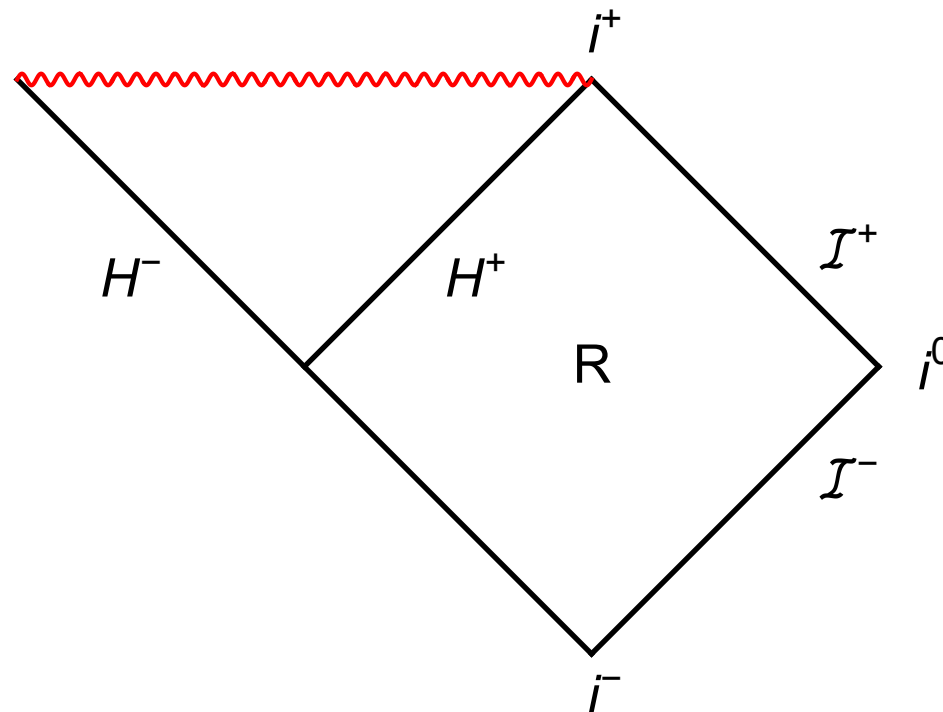
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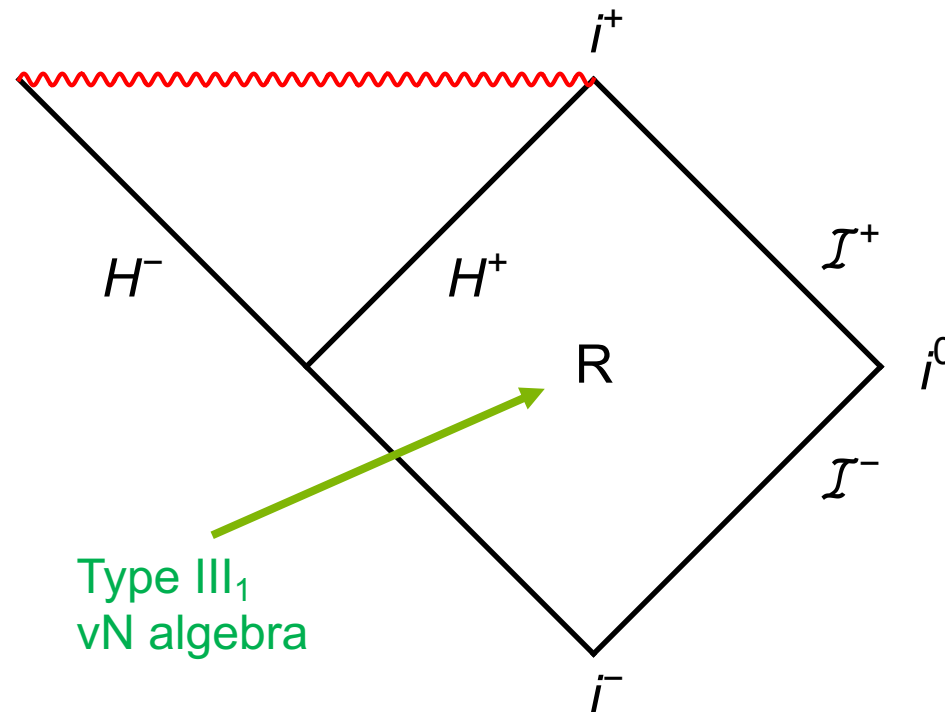
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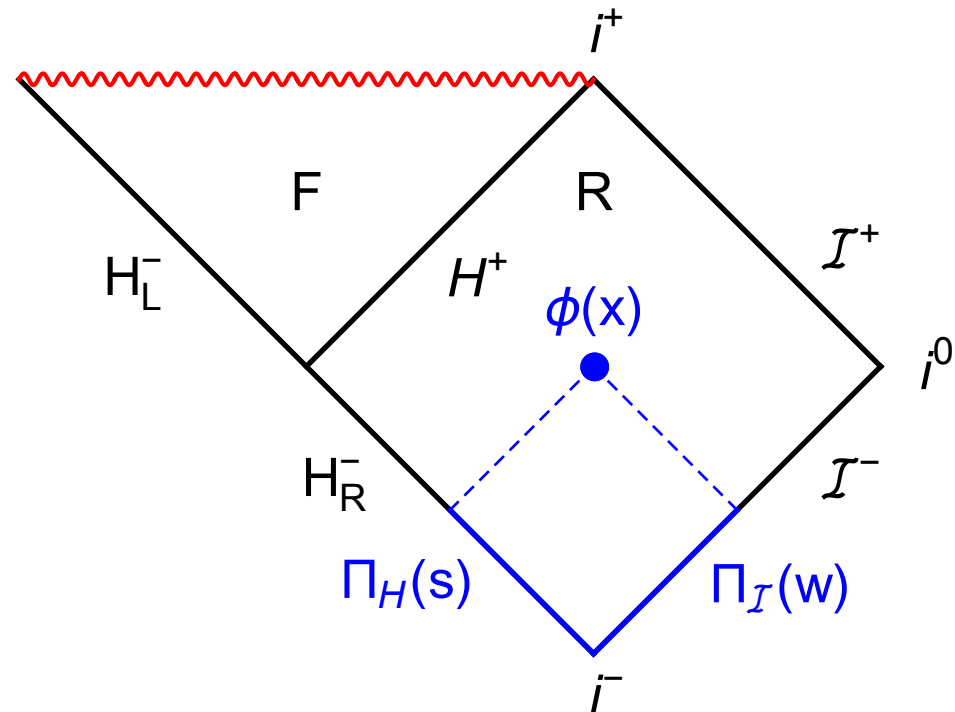
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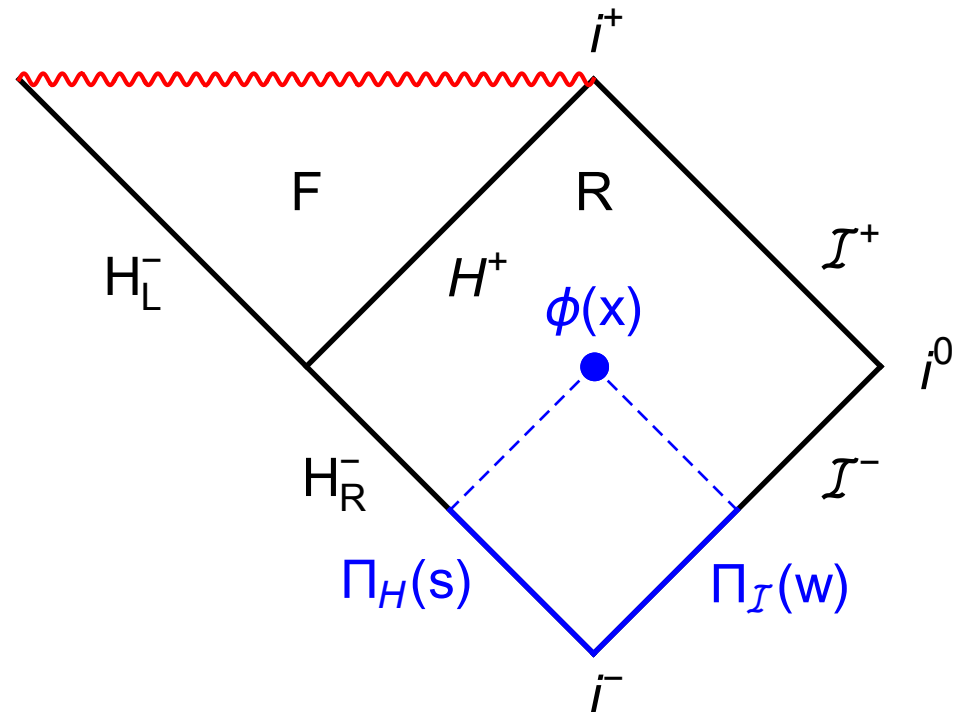
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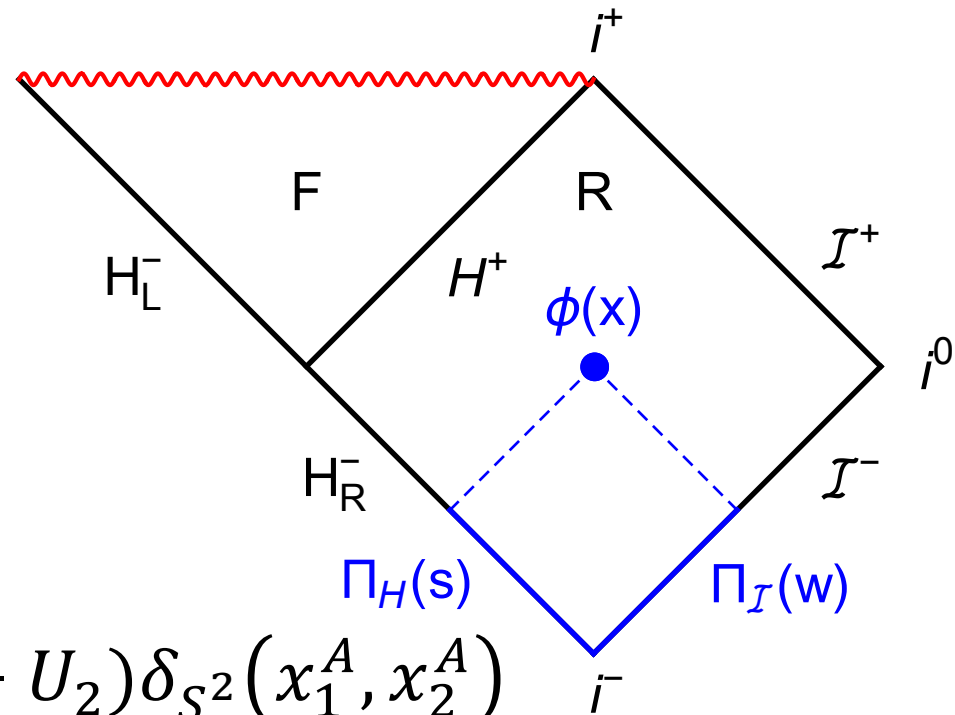
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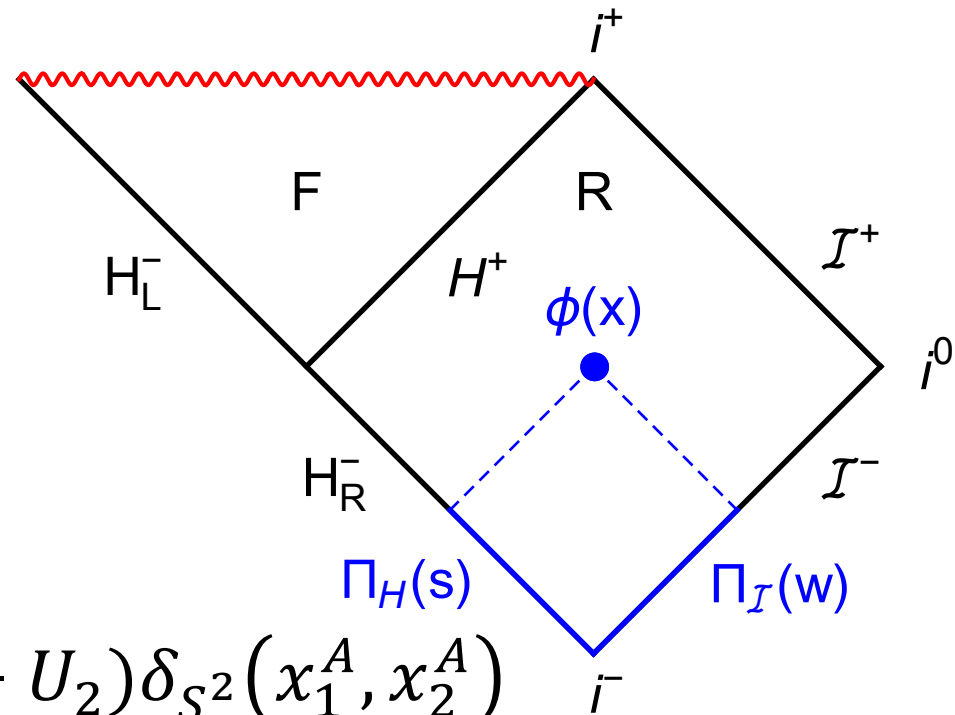
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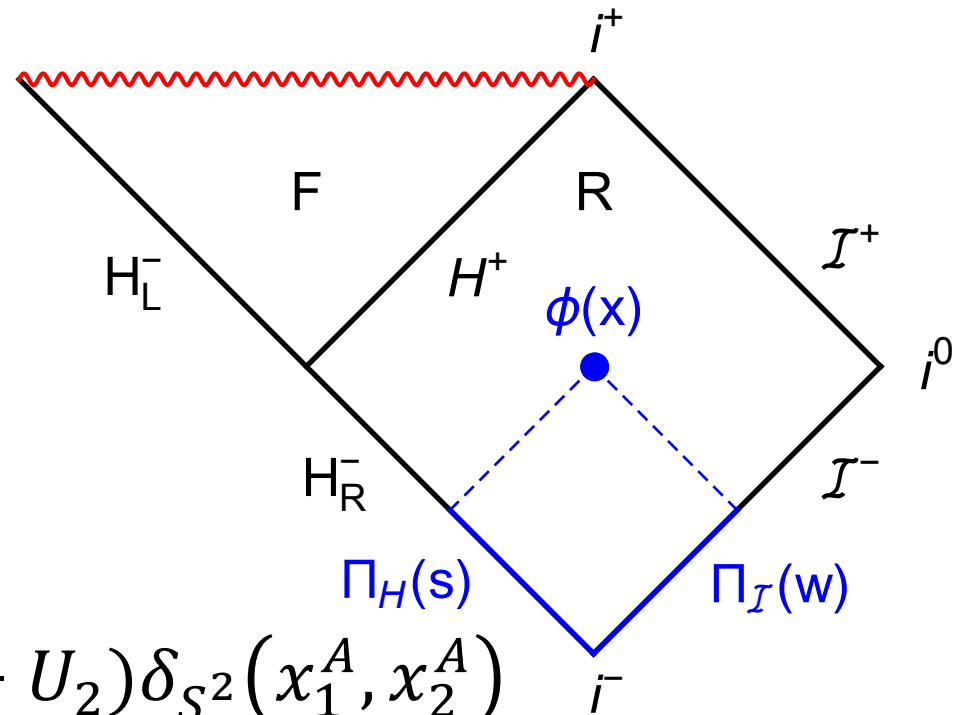
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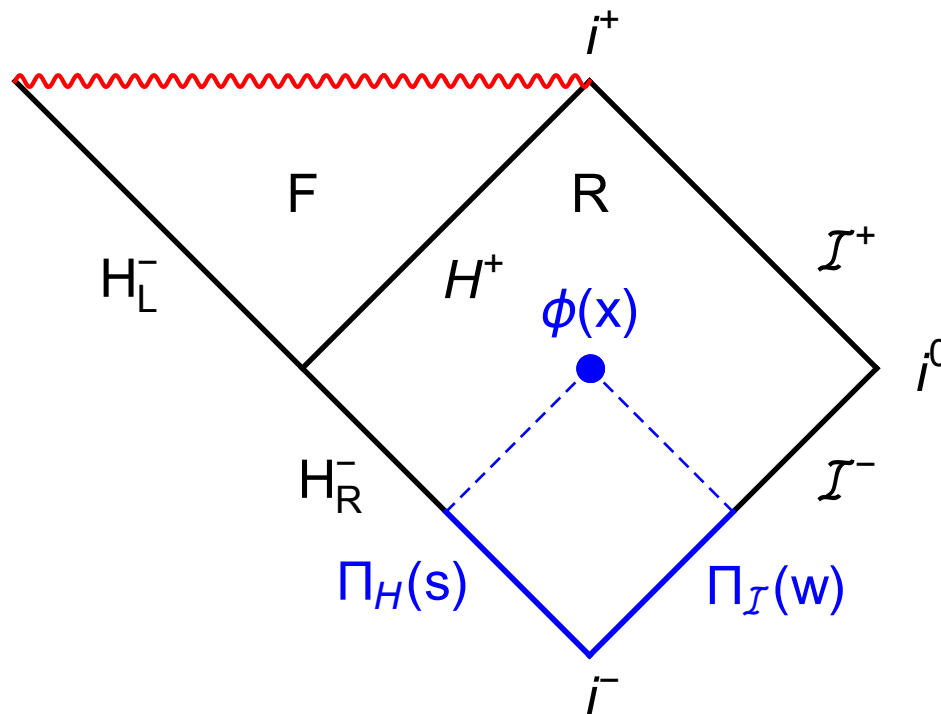
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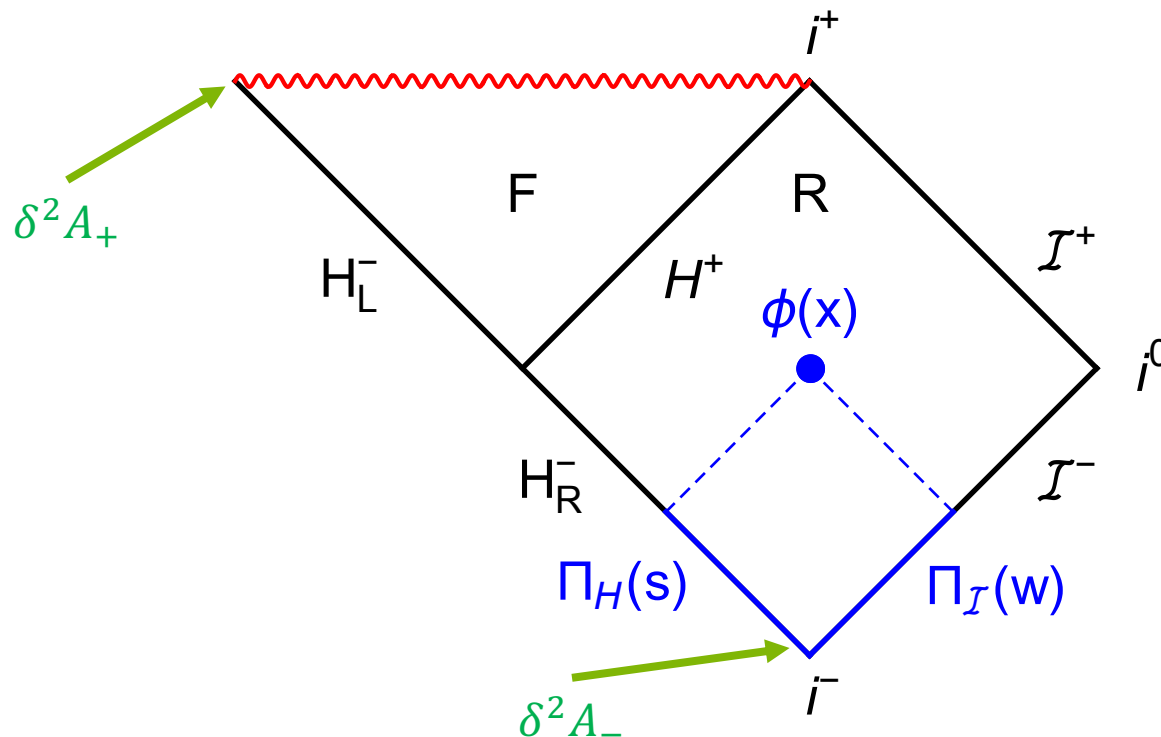
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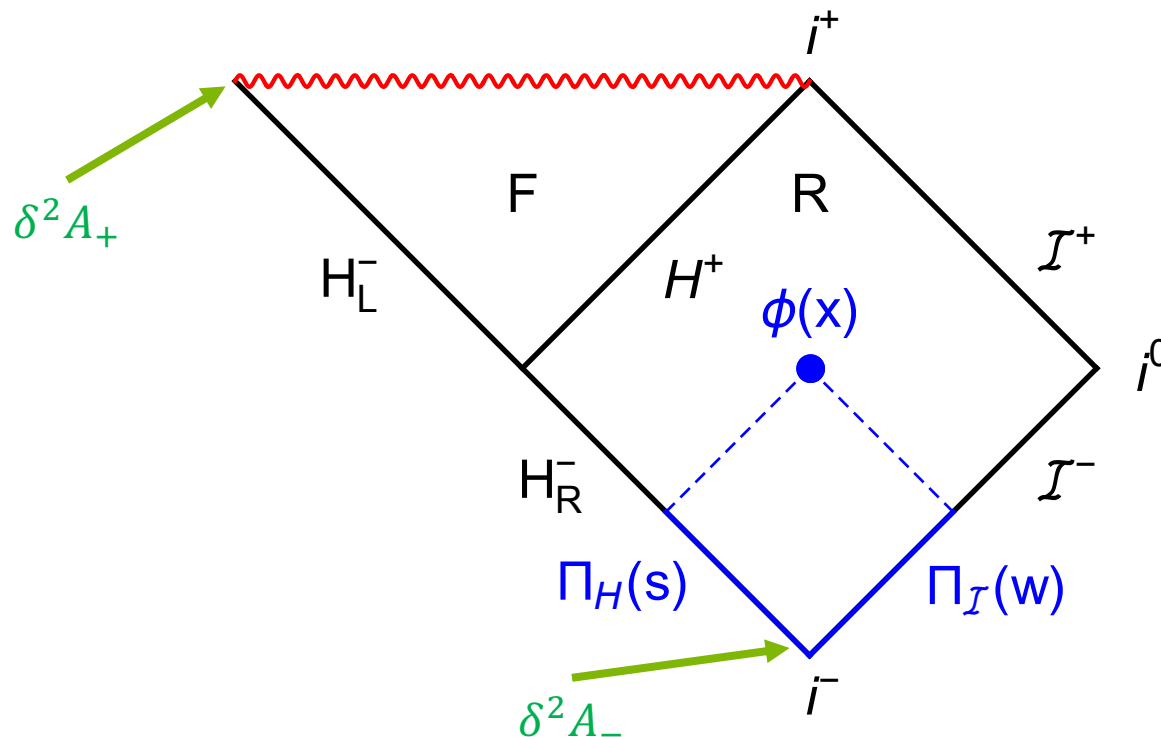
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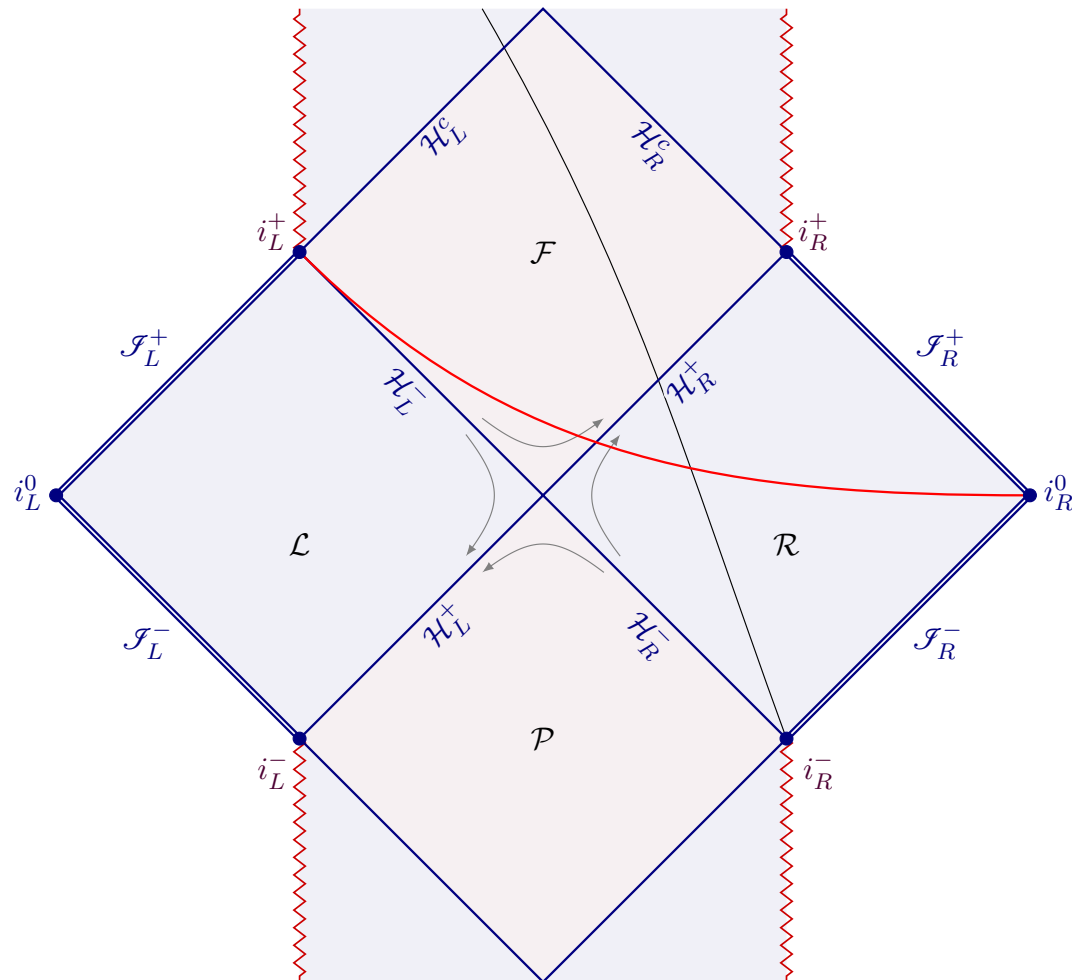
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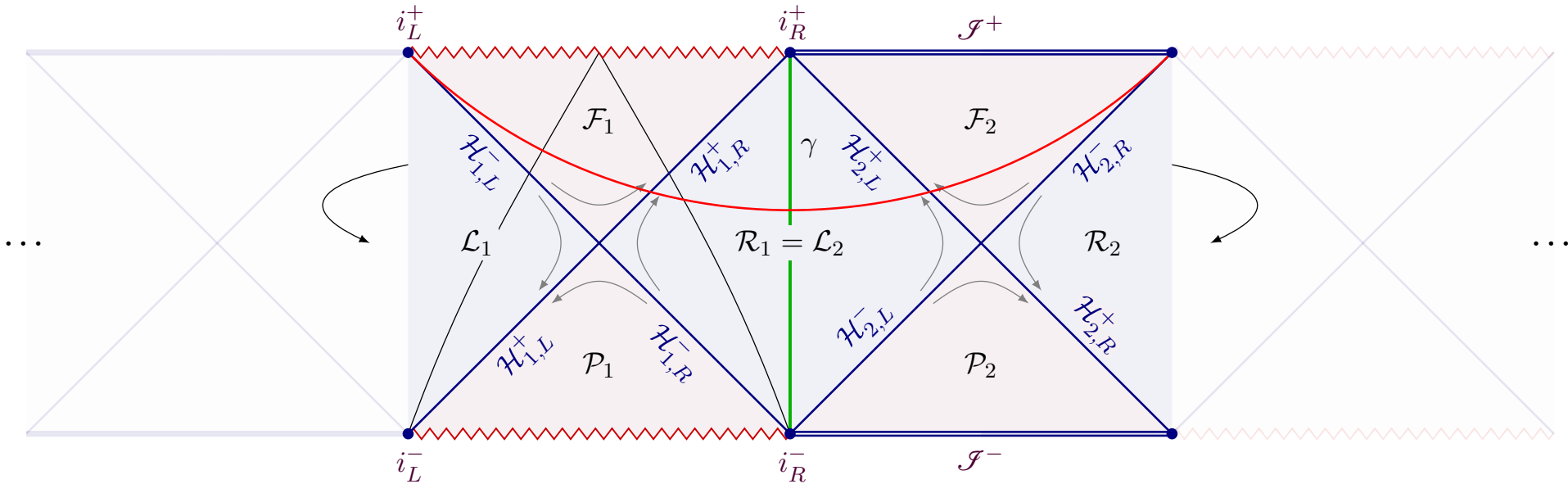
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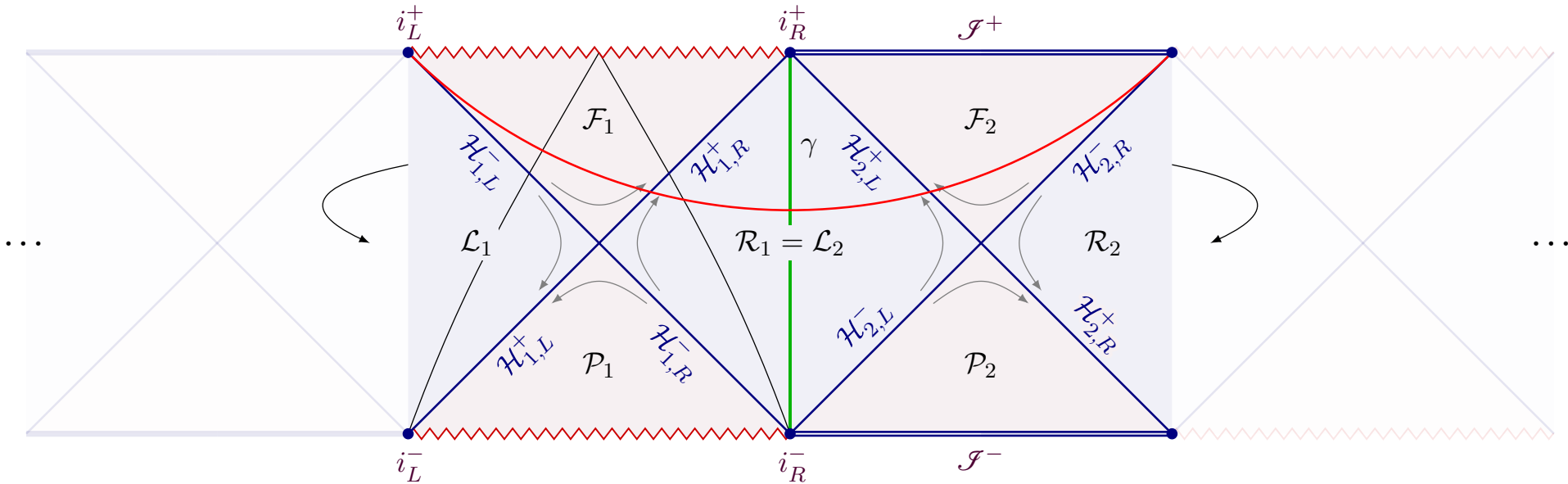
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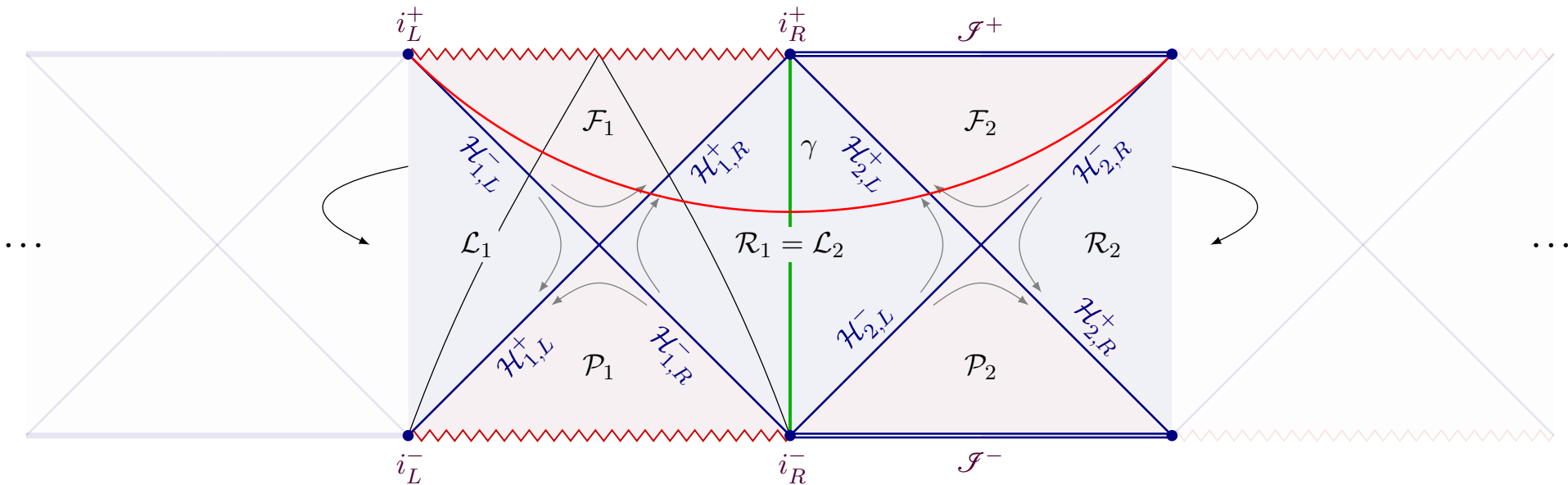


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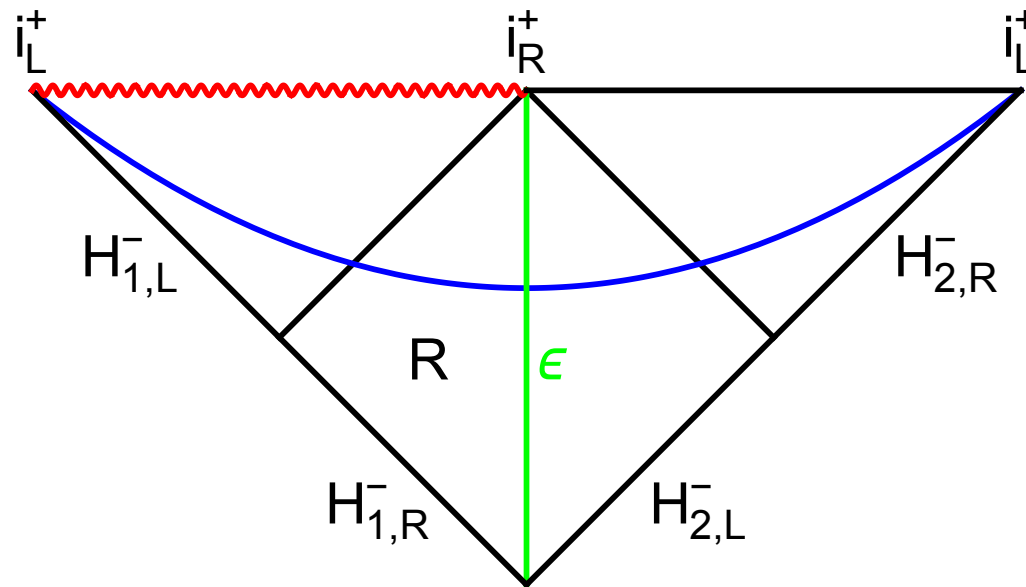
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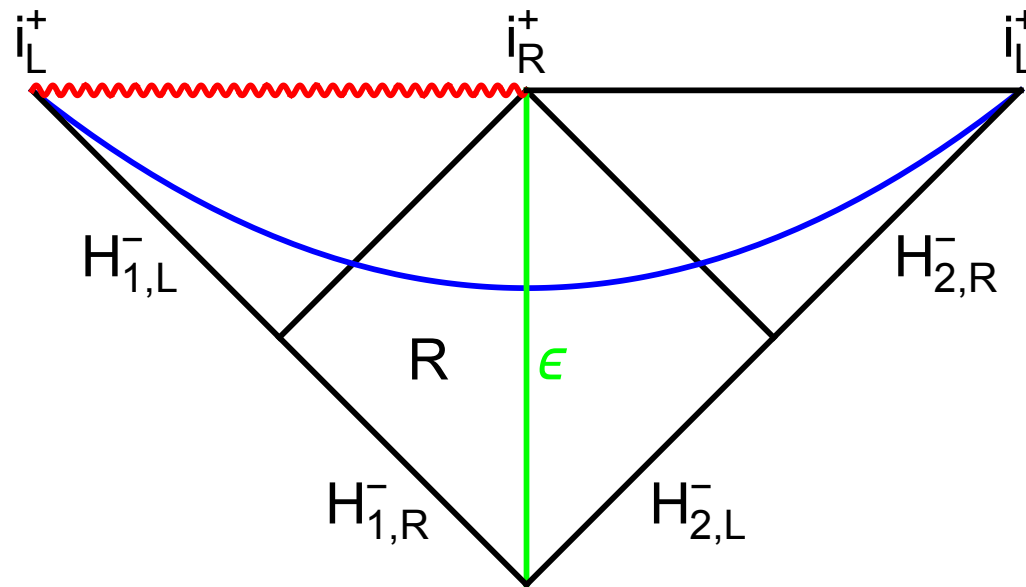
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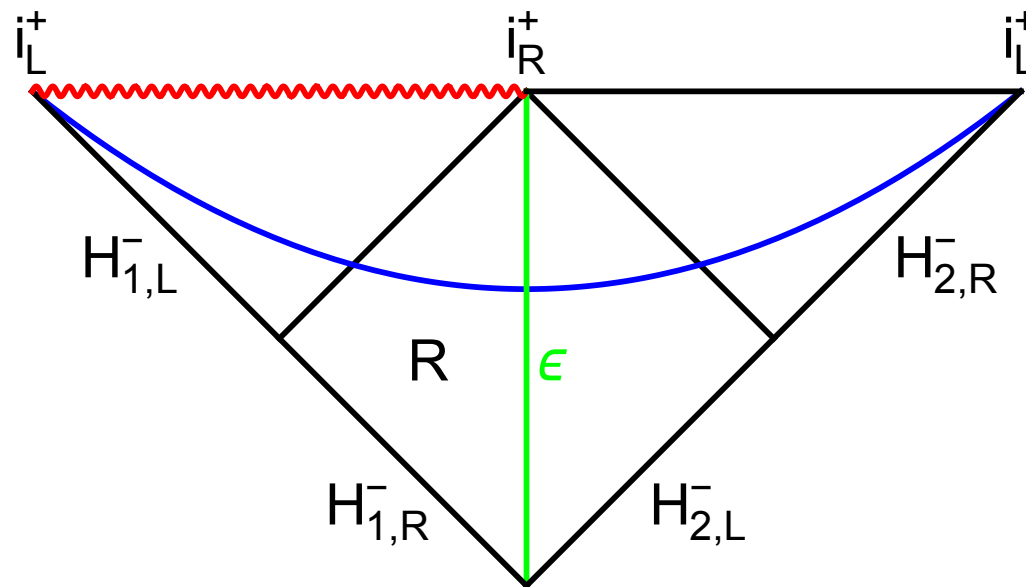
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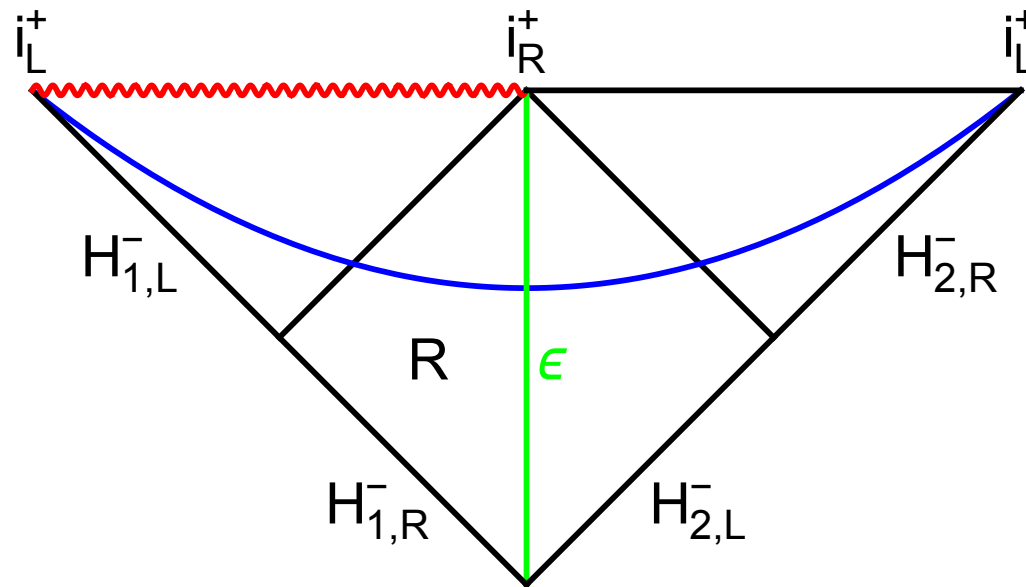
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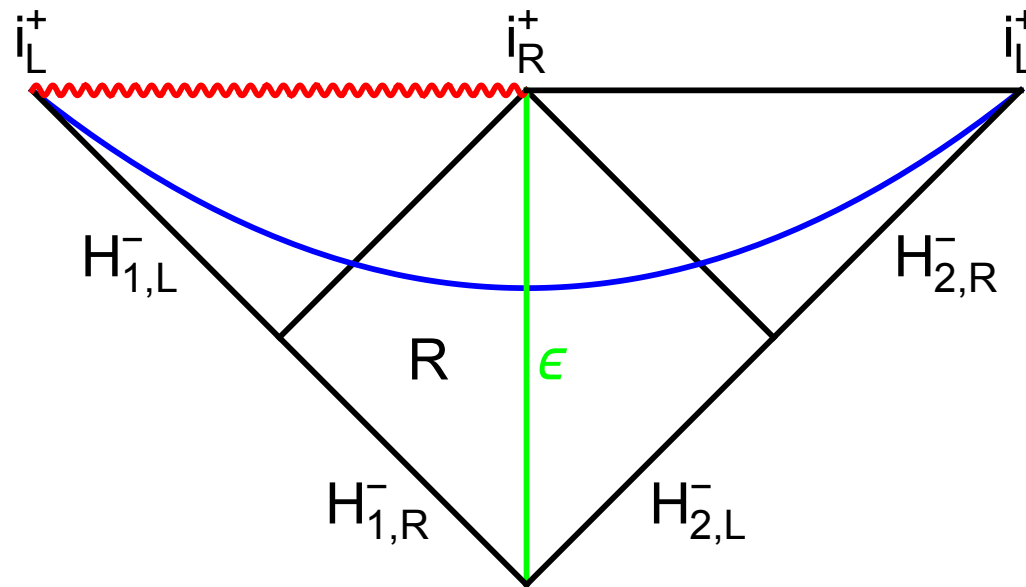


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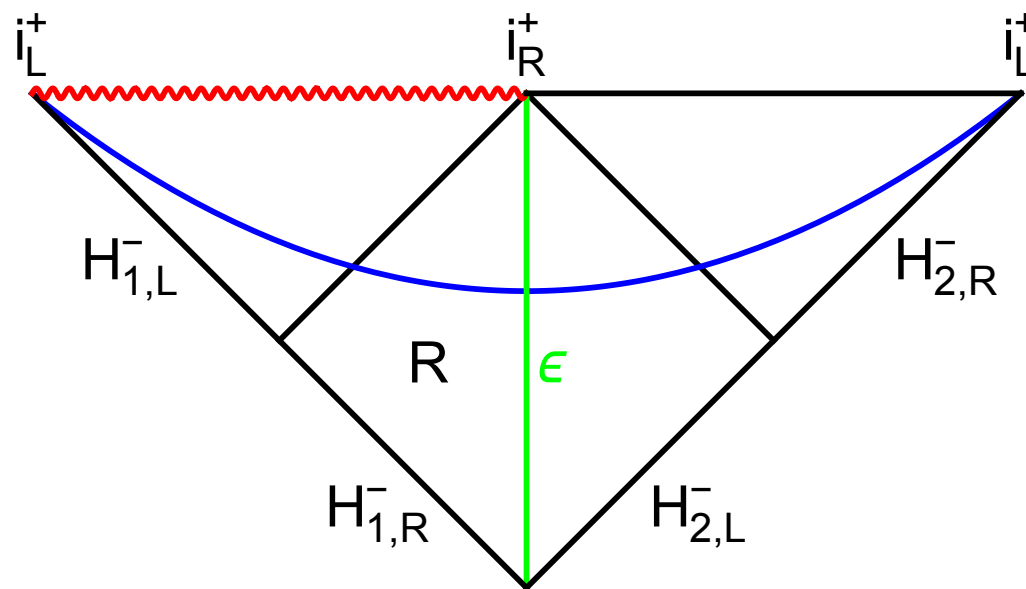
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# Future directions

- Construction for general horizon cuts and applications to the generalized second law
- Understand notions of entropy associated to general bulk surfaces [\[Jensen, Sorce, Speranza `23\]](#)
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Thank you!

