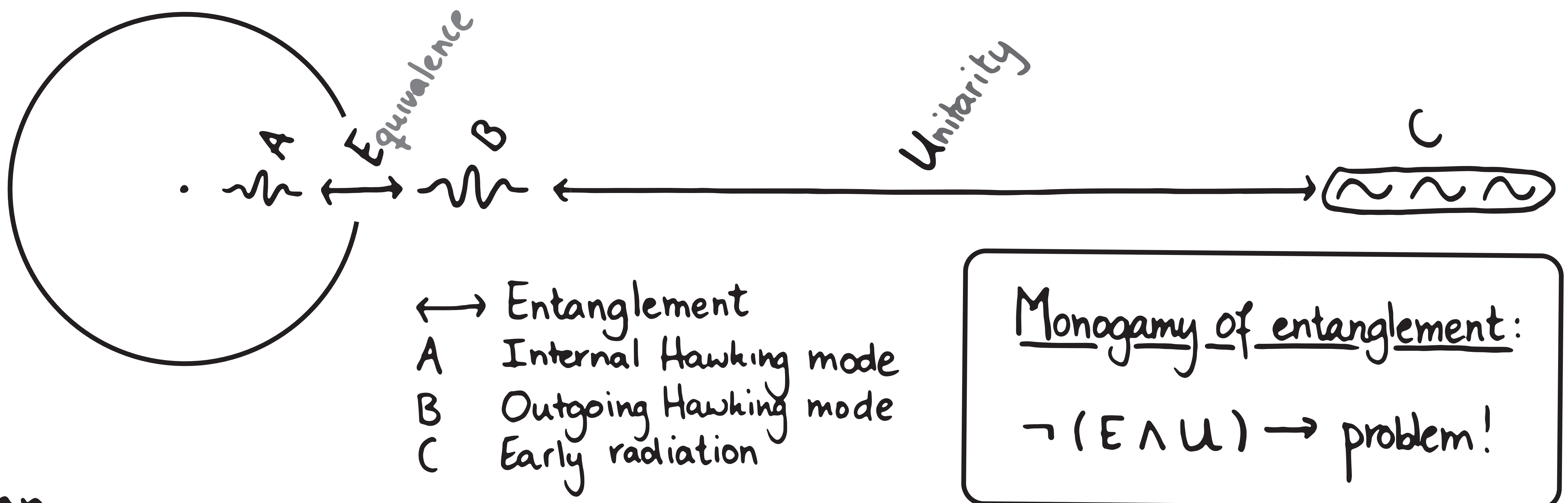


Entangled Wavepackets in the Vacuum

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The firewall paradox



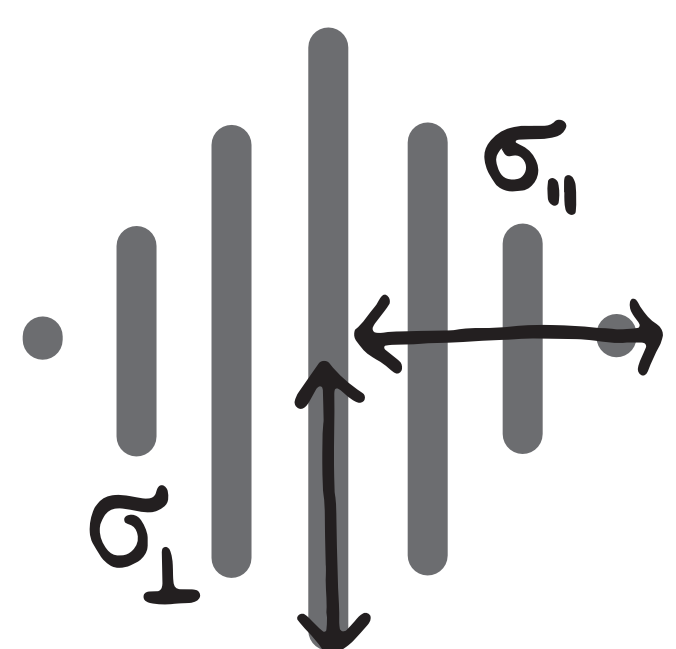
Question

How does the localization of modes influence their entanglement?

Results

In our cases of interest, the overall state is always the Minkowski vacuum. Since this is a pure state any entropy of a subsystem is due to entanglement. We calculate the von Neumann entropy S for various subsystems. Since S is a monotonically increasing function of the expectation value of the number operator $\langle \hat{N} \rangle$ we sometimes only list the latter.

Gaussian Wavepacket



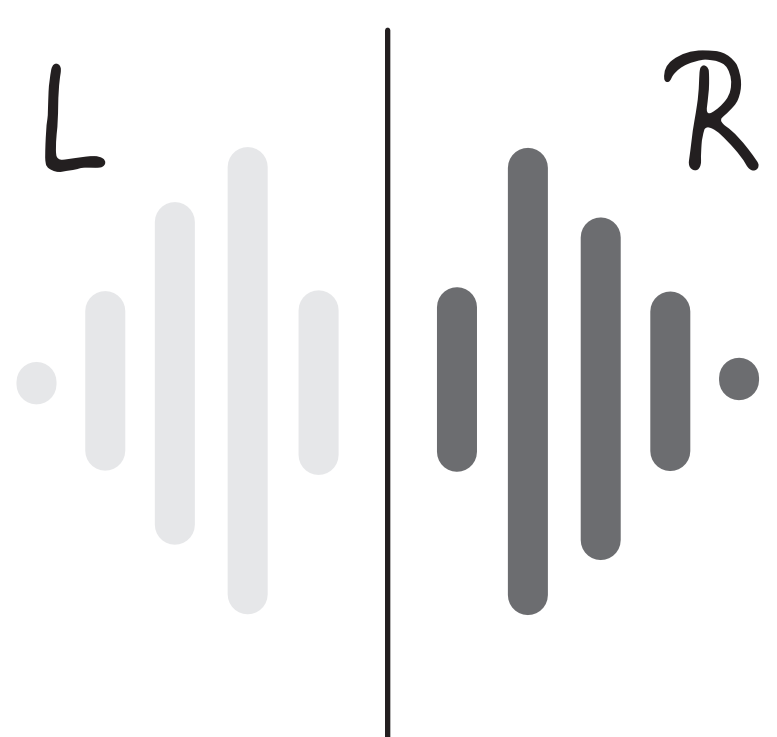
$$\langle \hat{N} \rangle = \frac{n(n+2)}{64(k\sigma_{\perp})^4} \left(1 + \frac{3}{(k\sigma_{\parallel})^2} + \frac{45}{4(k\sigma_{\parallel})^4} + \dots \right)$$

n number of perpendicular directions
 k approximate momentum

Spaghetti: large σ_{\parallel} , small σ_{\perp}
 Pancake: large σ_{\perp} , small σ_{\parallel} .

"In the vacuum, spaghetti has more entropy than pancakes."

Single Rindler Wavepacket



$$\langle \hat{N} \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{2\pi k} - 1} \left(1 + \frac{f(k)}{\sigma_{\parallel}^2} + \frac{n}{8\sqrt{2}k} \frac{\sigma_{\parallel}}{\sigma_{\perp}^2} e^{\sigma_{\parallel}^2(1-k^2)} + \dots \right)$$

Boring correction \downarrow Interesting correction! \downarrow

n number of perpendicular directions
 k approximate Rindler-momentum
 σ_{\parallel} is measured in Rindler-coordinates.
 f some known, boring function of k

Two Rindler wavepackets



In the limit $\sigma_{\perp} \rightarrow \infty$:

$$I \equiv S_L + S_R - S_{LR} = 2\tilde{S} + \frac{g(k)}{\sigma_{\parallel}^2} - \frac{1 + \log(2x^2)}{x^2}$$

Some known, boring function of k \downarrow
 Entropy of the pair in the limit $\sigma_{\perp} \rightarrow \infty, \sigma_{\parallel} \rightarrow \infty$ \uparrow

$$x = 2\sinh(\pi k)\sigma_{\parallel}$$

Two competing effects!

In the limit $\sigma_{\perp} \not\rightarrow \infty$:

Work in progress

Conclusion

- It is possible to construct a pair of highly entangled, localized modes
- Localization in the \perp -direction can be much more important than localization in the \parallel -direction.
- Paradox persists