The Maldacena-Qi model describes two copies of the Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model coupled with an additional coupling and is dual to the Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity, which exhibits an eternal traversable wormhole in the low-temperature limit. In this work, we study an experimental consequence of the existence of the traversable wormhole by considering the tunneling spectroscopy for the Maldacena-Qi model. Making comparisons to the high-temperature black-hole phase where the bulk geometry is disconnected, we find that both the tunneling probability and the differential conductance in the low-temperature wormhole phase show nontrivial oscillation, which directly provides an unambiguous signature of the underlying SL(2) symmetry of the bulk geometry. We also perform bulk calculations in both high- and low-temperature phases, which match the results from the boundary quantum theory.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Holographic duality has established many valuable connections between some strongly interacting quantum systems and the semiclassical gravity theory [1]. The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model [2–5], which describes $N$ randomly interacting Majorana zero modes, is one of the concrete examples where a holographic description exists. In the large-$N$ and low-temperature limit, the model effectively describes the Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity in two-dimensional nearly anti–de Sitter (AdS$_2$) space-time [6]. Later, several generalizations of the SYK model have been introduced to study different physics [7–22], including tunneling spectroscopy [7–10] for generalizations with U(1) symmetry [11–13]. Moreover, the quantum simulation of the SYK model [23] has been performed in NMR systems [24] and there are several other proposals for realizing the SYK model in different experimental systems [25–28].

Meanwhile, wormholes have become a central topic in the fields of gravity and quantum information. It is an essential entry point to understand the quantum teleportation [29,30], the late-time behavior of the spectral form factor [31], and the resolution of the information paradox [32,33]. Besides, a simple quantum model for wormholes is the coupled SYK model introduced by Maldacena and Qi [14]. The Maldacena-Qi (MQ) model consists of two copies (left/right) of the original SYK model, with additional direct hopping between corresponding modes. Each copy of the SYK model corresponds to a boundary of the AdS space-time. In the low-temperature limit, a traversable wormhole [29,30] between the left and the right boundary is formed. At higher temperatures, there is a first-order transition to a geometry with two disconnected black holes. Dynamical evolution and equilibrium properties of the MQ model have been studied in [34–36]. Later, the model is generalized into the complex fermion version with U(1) symmetry [37,38] and is found to be related to the large-$M$ random spin models [39]. There is also an experimental proposal for realizing the MQ model [40].

In this work, we study the experimental consequence of the eternal traversable wormhole in the bulk from the transport perspective. As in the conventional experimental setup for measuring the tunneling current, we consider attaching leads to each side of the complex MQ model, as shown in Fig. 1. We then apply a voltage at the left lead and measure the current through the right lead. Intuitively, when the MQ

![FIG. 1. Schematics of the setup where we couple each side of the MQ model to a lead that allows us to measure the tunneling current. Here the blue/red blob represents specific SYK interaction terms for the L/R copy, which acts nontrivially on four fermion modes. V represents bias voltage added to the left lead and the current on the right lead $J_R$ is measured by the ammeter $A$. The inverse temperature is $\beta_L$ for the left lead, $\beta$ for the right lead, and $\beta$ for the complex MQ model system.](image-url)
model is in the wormhole phase, an electron in the left lead dives into the traversable wormhole and will appear in the right lead, leading to a large tunneling probability when the energy matches the intrinsic modes of the AdS$_2$ space-time. On the other hand, if the MQ model is in the black-hole phase, the correlation between the two sides becomes much weaker, and the tunneling probability becomes small. We show that this intuition is indeed consistent with detailed calculations on either the quantum side or the gravity side, and the tunneling spectroscopy provides an unambiguous signature of the bulk geometry.

II. MODEL

We consider coupling each side of the complex MQ model to a different lead described by noninteracting fermions. The Hamiltonian is

\[ H = \hat{H}_{\text{MQ}} + \hat{H}_{\text{Lead}} + \sum_{i,p} \left( \lambda_i \hat{c}_{L,i}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{L,p} \hat{c}_{R,i} + \lambda_i \hat{c}_{R,i}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{R,p} + \text{H.c.} \right), \]

where \( \hat{H}_{\text{MQ}} \) and \( \hat{H}_{\text{Lead}} \) read

\[ \hat{H}_{\text{MQ}} = \sum_{i<j<k<l} J_{ijkl} (\hat{c}_{L,i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{L,j} \hat{c}_{L,k} \hat{c}_{L,l} + \hat{c}_{R,i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{R,j} \hat{c}_{R,k} \hat{c}_{R,l}) + \mu \left( \sum_i \hat{c}_{L,i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{L,i} + \sum_i \hat{c}_{R,i}^\dagger \hat{c}_{R,i} \right), \]

\[ \hat{H}_{\text{Lead}} = \sum_p \left( \epsilon_p \hat{\psi}_{L,p}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{L,p} + \epsilon_p \hat{\psi}_{R,p}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{R,p} \right). \]

Here \( i, j, k, l = 1, 2, \ldots, N \), \( \hat{c}_{L,i} \) and \( \hat{c}_{R,i} \) are the annihilation operators in the left/right copy of the SYK model, where two copies are coupled by \( \mu \). \( \hat{\psi}_{L,R,p} \) describes fermions in the left/right lead with momentum \( p \) with a gapless dispersion \( \epsilon_p \). Note that the number of modes in leads does not scale with \( N \). \( J_{ijkl} \) and \( \lambda_i \) are independent random Gaussian variables with zero mean and variance:

\[ |J_{ijkl}|^2 = \frac{2J^2}{N^2}, \quad |\lambda_i|^2 = \frac{\lambda^2}{N}. \]

Here \( D \) is the number of coupled modes in the lead.

We first consider the total system at thermal equilibrium and inverse temperature \( \beta \). Since the leads only contain O(1) modes, to the leading order of \( 1/N \), the two-point function of the MQ model is not modified by a finite \( \lambda \). Consequently, the system still contains two different phases. In the low-temperature limit, the MQ model is dual to an eternal traversable wormhole, where two copies of the SYK model are connected through a holographic bulk. Here the perfect correlation between two copies plays an important role for obtaining a wormhole solution in the low-temperature limit [14]. At higher temperatures, the system turns into a black-hole phase where the emergent space-times in the gravitational description correspond to nearly disconnected black holes.

We then analyze modes in the leads. Without the coupling to the SYK dots, the left and the right leads are decoupled. When \( \lambda \) is turned on, the fermion can tunnel from the left lead to the right lead through the MQ model. Explicitly, we define the retarded Green’s function \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \equiv -i \theta(t) \langle \hat{\psi}^\dagger(0) \hat{\psi}(t) \rangle \) and focus on the local fermion modes \( \hat{\psi}_a = \sum_p \hat{\psi}_{a,p}^\dagger / \sqrt{D} \) with \( a = L/R \) that couple to the MQ model. In other words, we put the contact point of the lead to the SYK models at \( x = 0 \). Taking into account the self-energy from the MQ model, the Schwinger-Dyson equation of \( \psi \) reads

\[ (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega))^{-1}_{\alpha\gamma} = (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega))^{-1}_{\gamma\alpha} - \lambda^2 G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega). \]

Here \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \) is the retarded Green’s function of the MQ model (\( \alpha \gamma \) component). \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \) is the bare Green’s function of leads. Here we assume that the density of states of leads can be approximated as a constant \( \rho_0 \). Other real-time Green’s functions \( G^\text{A}_{\psi} \) and \( G^\text{R}_{\psi} \) are then determined by \( G^\text{A}_{\psi}(\omega) = G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \) and at inverse temperature \( \beta \) the fluctuation-dissipation theorem gives

\[ G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\alpha\gamma} = (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) - G^\text{A}_{\psi}(\omega)) \langle \hat{J} \hat{Q} \rangle_{\alpha\gamma}, \]

where \( \langle \hat{J} \hat{Q} \rangle_{\alpha\gamma} = 1 - 2 f_{\beta}(\omega) = \tanh(\beta \omega)/2, \) with \( f_{\beta}(\omega) \) being the Fermi-Dirac distribution function.

III. TUNNELING SPECTROSCOPY

Now we consider the nonequilibrium problem of calculating the tunneling current. The charge of the right lead is defined as \( Q_R = \sum_p \hat{\psi}_{R,p}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{R,p} \). Consequently, the current flowing from the right SYK model to the right lead reads

\[ J_R = -i \langle \hat{J} \hat{Q} \rangle = -i \sum_{i,p} (\lambda_i \hat{\psi}_{R,p}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_{L,i} - \lambda_i \hat{\psi}_{R,p} \hat{\psi}_{L,i}). \]

When the full system is at thermal equilibrium, the current vanishes. We are interested in the setup shown in Fig. 1, where we tune the voltage \( V \) and the inverse temperature \( \beta \) of the lead while fixing all other parts of the system to \( V = 0 \) and \( \beta \). Measuring \( \langle \hat{J} \hat{Q} \rangle \) then detects how many particles from the left lead can tunnel through the MQ model.

The calculation of the tunneling current can be analyzed using the Schwinger-Keldysh formalism. The contours of this path-integral method contain a forward and a backward evolution with fermionic fields \( c_{a,i,f/b} \) and \( \psi_{a,p,f/b} \). After the Keldysh rotation

\[ c_{a,1/2} = c_{a,i,f} \pm c_{a,i,b}, \quad \tau_{a,1/2} = \tau_{a,i,f} \mp \tau_{a,i,b}, \]

and similarly for \( \psi_{a,p,1/2} \). The Green’s function \( G^\text{O}_{\psi}(\omega)_{ab} \) becomes \( 4 \times 4 \) matrices with both \( a, \gamma = L/R \) and \( b = 1/2 \) labels. Explicitly, in 1/2 space we have

\[ G^\text{O}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\alpha\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\alpha\gamma} & G^\text{A}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\alpha\gamma} \\ 0 & G^\text{A}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\gamma\alpha} \end{pmatrix}. \]

and similarly for \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega)_{\alpha\gamma} \). As in Eq. (4), the Schwinger-Dyson equation for \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \) now reads

\[ (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega))^{-1}_{ab} = (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega))^{-1}_{ba} - \lambda^2 (G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega))_{ab}. \]

Similarly to the equilibrium case, \( G^\text{R}_{\psi}(\omega) \) is the equilibrium real-time Green’s function of the MQ model, which satisfies the fluctuation-dissipation theorem, Eq. (5), at \( \beta \) without additional chemical potential. On the contrary, \( G^\text{O}_{\psi} \) does not satisfy the fluctuation-dissipation theorem since the left lead is at a different temperature and chemical potential. Nevertheless,
we have relations for the bare Green’s functions of leads:

\[ G^{R,0}_β(ω)_{LL} = -2π i ρ_0 F_β(ω - V), \]
\[ G^{R,0}_β(ω)_{RR} = -2π i ρ_0 F_β(ω). \]  

(9)

Then the tunneling current \( \langle J_R \rangle \) can be computed to the leading order under the 1/\( N \) expansion. Diagrammatically, we have

\[ 2 \langle J_R \rangle = \ldots – (\text{Reverse all arrows}). \]

(10)

Here we have defined \( Γ = π ρ_0 λ^2 \). \(|T(ω)|^2\) can be understood as the tunneling probability from the left lead to the right lead. Explicitly, the tunneling current is 0 if there is no left-right correlation in the MQ model. In the following sections, we analyze the tunneling current in different phases, focusing on the \( β_L = β \) case. One can also derive a similar formula for the energy current with an additional factor of \( ω \) [8].

A. Wormhole phase

We first consider the system in the zero-temperature limit and focus on small \( μ/J \). Holographically, the MQ model is dual to the eternal traversable wormhole geometry in the global AdS\(_2\) space-time with a metric \( g_{μ/ν} \) space-time.

Here the dashed line represents \( ψ \) fields and the solid line represents \( c \) fields. The black dots represent the insertion of the identity operator \( (I \otimes I) \) in \( L/R \) and 1/2 space, while the open circles represent vertex \( λ^2 (P_R \otimes σ) \). Here \( P_R \) is the projector into the \( R \) space and \( σ \) is in the Pauli matrix in the 1/2 space. Implicitly, all internal labels of modes, momenta, and the frequency \( ω \) should be summed up or integrated over. Summing up all diagrams gives

\[ \langle J_R \rangle = \frac{λ^2}{2} \int \frac{dω}{2π} \text{tr} [G_β (P_R \otimes σ_c)G_ψ - G_ψ (P_R \otimes σ_c)G_β]. \]

(11)

Here the trace is taken in both \( L/R \) and 1/2 space. Using the explicit formula for \( G_β \) and \( G_ψ \), we find

\[ \langle J_R \rangle = \int \frac{dω}{2π} |T(ω)|^2 (f^L_β(ω - V) - f^R_β(ω)). \]

(12)

with

\[ |T(ω)|^2 = \frac{2Γ(G^R_β)_{LR}}{(Γ(G^R_β)_{LL} - Γ(G^R_β)_{LR})^2 + i(Γ(G^R_β)_{LL} + Γ(G^R_β)_{LR})}. \]

(13)

The full expression for the tunneling probability \(|T(ω)|^2\) can then be derived as

\[ |T(ω)|^2 = \frac{4π^5 Γ^2}{Γ^2 I D_{3/4}(ω)^2} + \frac{8 J^3 cos^2(2πω) D_{3/4}(ω)^2}{π^2 Γ^2} - 4 cos(2πω) + 8 \]

(15)

We plot \(|T(ω)|^2\) using the conformal solutions in Fig. 2(a). For extremely small coupling \( Γ \), the fermion modes can only tunnel through the MQ model when they are on resonance with the MQ model. As a result, we have narrow peaks for the tunneling probability near \( ω_0 \), with \(|T(ω)|^2 \approx 1\). This shows that the tunneling current is a direct probe of the eternal traversable wormhole and the underlying SL(2) symmetry. For larger coupling \( Γ \), the narrow peaks get broadened, and the two peaks at \( ±ω_0 \) merge to a single broad peak.

If we further increase \( Γ \), we find the peaks shift to \( ω_n' = ±t'(3/4 + n) \) at small \( ω \). At large \( Γ \), Eq. (15) asymptotically approaches \((2J^3 D_{3/4}(ω)^2)/(π^3 Γ^2)\), which gives rise to the shift of peaks at \( ω_n' \). Physically, this means that in the large-\( Γ \) limit, the low-energy tunneling is dominated by the contribution of bulk fields with scaling dimension \( 3/4 \), which corresponds to the operator \( t_{n,i} = \sum_{j,k} \delta_{j,k} \delta_{a,i} \delta_{a,k} \delta_{a,i} \). Similar effects have been studied in the SYK chain model [41] and give rise to the low-high voltage duality for the tunneling spectroscopy of the single SYK model [7].

We then consider the finite temperature and the finite \( μ/J \) corrections within the wormhole phase. In this case, we numerically solve the retarded Green’s functions for the MQ model [34,35] and then compute the tunneling probability \(|T(ω)|^2\). As found in [34,35], at finite temperature, the real-time Green’s functions decay and there is a finite lifetime for quasiparticle modes. Moreover, the weight of modes decays quickly when \( n \) increases. Consequently, as shown in Fig. 2(b), the tunneling probability, although still showing a
The Green’s functions are self-consistently calculated in solutions, Eq. (15). (b) The tunneling probability obtained by directly using the solutions of the Schwinger-Dyson equation in Eq. (13). At \( \omega \) the black-hole phase where each side lives on the boundary transition in the MQ model after which the system gets into also plot the differential conductance few peaks, becomes smaller than 1 when \( n \) becomes large. We also plot the differential conductance \( d(J_R)/dV \) in Fig. 2(c). As an essential physical quantity in condensed matter experiments, we find that differential conductance measurement at finite temperature also shows multiple peaks at \( \omega_n \) or \( \omega_n' \), providing the prominently nontrivial predictions for the experiments.

B. Black-hole phase

If we increase the temperature \( T \gtrsim \mu \), there is a first-order transition in the MQ model after which the system gets into the black-hole phase where each side lives on the boundary of a separate Rindler space-time with \( ds^2 = -r(r - 2)dt^2 + \)

\[
- \frac{\Gamma^2}{J'} = 9 \times 10^{-4} \quad - \frac{\Gamma^2}{J'} = 1 \quad - \frac{\Gamma^2}{J'} = 9 \times 10^{-2} \quad - \frac{\Gamma^2}{J'} = 4
\]

FIG. 2. (a) The tunneling probability obtained from conformal solutions, Eq. (15). (b) The tunneling probability obtained by directly using the solutions of the Schwinger-Dyson equation in Eq. (13). The Green’s functions are self-consistently calculated in \( \beta J = 120 \) and \( \mu/J = 0.025 \), which results in \( t'/J = 0.3 \). (c) The differential conductance defined by taking the derivative of Eq. (12). We also use the same Green’s functions as in (b). In (a)–(c), the left panel exhibits peaks at \( \omega_n \equiv t'(n + 1/4) \) and the right panel exhibits peaks at \( \omega_n' \equiv t'(n + 3/4) \).

\[
|T(\omega)|^2 = \frac{4\mu^2/G^2}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{2\mu^2}{\beta R^2} \frac{1}{r(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{r}{\pi})}}}
\]

Differently from the wormhole phase, the spectral function is now a single peak near \( \omega \sim 0 \). We expect similar behavior for the tunneling probability, as verified in Fig. 3(a). We also plot differential conductance \( d(J_R)/dV \) in Fig. 3(b), which, in contrast with the wormhole phase, shows no oscillating behavior. Plus, according to Eq. (17), the magnitude of the tunneling probability is proportional to \( (\mu/J)^2 \) in the small-\( \mu/J \) limit and is much smaller than the wormhole phase result in the order of magnitude 1.

IV. HOLOGRAPHIC PICTURE

Now we analyze the problem from a bulk perspective. To get a simple holographic picture, we now choose a specific dispersion \( \epsilon_p \). We assume that each lead can be described as a half-infinite line with both massless left-moving and massless right-moving Dirac fields living on a flat space-time; we show that a gravity calculation can reproduce previous results.

We first give a brief introduction of the holographic dictionary [1]. The holographic duality states that there is an equivalence between a strongly correlated quantum many-body system and a semiclassical system with gravity. The best understood example is the duality between an AdS gravity theory with space-time dimension \( d + 1 \) and a conformal field theory with space-time dimension \( d \), where the isometry group of the AdS space-time matches the conformal group of the quantum theory. Mathematically, the holographic duality says

\[
\int D\phi \ e^{iS_{GR}[\phi] + fJ}\partial \phi \partial \phi = e^{iS_{huk}[\Phi, e]}|_{\phi \rightarrow J}
\]
A general solution for the Dirac equation contains two independent coefficients $C_1$ and $C_2$, whose relation should be determined from the boundary conditions. The space-time contains two important limits: I, the horizon at $r \to 2$; and II, the space-time boundary at $r \to \infty$. We first consider the solution near the horizon. Expanding the general solution, (A6), around $r = 2$, one finds

$$\psi_+^I(r) = (C_1 + C_2) \frac{2^{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}} \pi (r - 2)^{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}} \csc (\frac{\pi}{2} (1 + i \omega))}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - i \omega \right) \Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} \right)}$$

$$\psi_+^I(r) = 2^{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}} \pi (r - 2)^{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}} \csc (\frac{\pi}{2} (1 - i \omega)) \frac{\Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m + i \omega \right) \Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} - m \right) - C_2 \Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} - m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m - i \omega \right)} \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m \right). \tag{20}$$

Here we use the label I to represent the Dirac field near the horizon $r = 2$, as shown in Fig. 4(b). From the factor of $(r - 2)^{1/2 + \frac{i}{2}}$, we find that $\psi_+^I$ represents a wave moving towards $r = 2$, which is called an in-falling solution, and $\psi_+^I$ represents a wave moving outwards, which is called an outgoing solution. Physically, one might expect that a physical object should only contain in-falling components, which means that we should impose the boundary condition that $\psi_+^I = 0$ when computing the retarded Green’s function [1].

This determines the relation between $C_1$ and $C_2$:

$$C_1 = \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m - i \omega \right) \Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} - m \right)}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m - i \omega \right) \Gamma \left( i \omega + \frac{1}{2} + m \right)} \tag{21}$$

We then study the asymptotic behavior of the solution at the AdS boundary at $r \to \infty$. The result reads

$$\begin{align*}
\psi_+^{II} &= C_2 \frac{r^{1/2} \Gamma \left( 1 - m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i \omega \right)}{2 \left( 1 - 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \omega \right)} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -1 \end{array} \right) \\
+ C_1 \frac{r^{1/2} - m \Gamma \left( 1 + m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i \omega \right)}{2 \left( 1 + 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \omega \right)} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right). \tag{22}
\end{align*}$$

Likewise, we use the label II for the result expanded near $r = \infty$. Now we should specify what is the boundary value of the bulk fields. Near $r \to \infty$, we see that there are two independent solutions proportional to $r^{1/2+m}(1, -1)$ and $r^{-1/2-m}(1, 1)$. The boundary value of the bulk field is defined as the coefficient of the solution $r^{-1/2-m}(1, 1)$. This relates the source $J(\omega)$ and $C_1$,

$$J(\omega) = C_1 \frac{\Gamma \left( 1 + m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i \omega \right)}{2 \left( 1 + 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \omega \right)} \tag{23}$$

which fixes the solution, Eq. (A6), in the bulk together with Eq. (21).

One can then determine the right-hand side of Eq. (18) by using the solution, with additional boundary counter-terms for the holographic renormalization [1]. The result shows that there is a shortcut to this calculation, where the coefficient of the other solution near $r \to \infty$ is just proportional to the ex-
pection of the boundary operator \( O(\omega) \), with finite source term \( J \):

\[
(O(\omega) \rangle_J \propto C_2 \frac{\Gamma(1-m)\Gamma(1/2-m+i\omega)}{2^m\Gamma(2m)\Gamma(1/2+i\omega)}.
\]

(24)

The Green’s function is then determined by

\[
G_{\rho \sigma}(x) = \frac{\langle O(\omega) \rangle_J}{J(\omega)} \propto \frac{4^m\Gamma(m+1/2)\Gamma(-m-i\omega+1/2)}{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(m-i\omega+1/2)}.
\]

(25)

This exactly takes the form of the conformal Green’s function in 0 + 1 dimension with a scaling dimension \( \Delta = 1/2 - m \), which matches Eq. (16) for \( m = 1/4 \), if we also make the substitution \( \omega \to \omega/\pi \) due to the relation between the boundary and the global Rindler time \( t = \beta R/2\pi \).

Similarly, one can consider the wormhole geometry, where there are two boundaries. The solution of Dirac equations can also be derived analytically. Its asymptotic form near each boundary also contains terms with different powers of coordinate as in Eq. (22), whose coefficients determine the value of the source term and the operator expectation. Similar calculations on a global AdS can reproduce Eq. (14).

A. Wormhole geometry

Having introduced the basic idea of holographic calculations, we are now ready to explain the calculation of the tunneling probability. We first focus on the wormhole phase where the correlation between the left and the right system gives rise to the left-moving or right-moving component. Geometrically, the left and the right system are described by a semi-infinite AdS bulk with mass \( m = 1/2 - \Delta \). Recall that we assume the leads are described by massless Dirac fermions on a global AdS geometry shown in Fig. 4(a),

\[
S_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{WH}} = \int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \left( i \overline{\Psi} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi - m(x)\overline{\Psi}\Psi \right),
\]

(26)

where \( D \) is the covariant derivative of spinors on curved space-time. The metric \( d^4x = (-dt^2 + dx^2)/\xi^2(x) \) and the mass \( m(x) \) depend on the spatial coordinate as

\[
(\xi(x), m(x)) = \begin{cases} 
(\epsilon, 0), & x \in (-\infty, \infty) \cup (\pi - \epsilon, \infty), \\
(\sin x, 1/4), & x \in (\epsilon, \pi - \epsilon).
\end{cases}
\]

(27)

Here \( \epsilon \) is a cutoff where we glue different geometries and it should be related to \( \Gamma \). We also assume that \( \epsilon \ll 1 \) and neglect higher orders of \( \epsilon \). As we see, this corresponds to a large coupling \( \lambda \) in the original model. Note that we have assumed a solid background of AdS2 geometry for the MQ model, which is a direct consequence of having a small number of probe fields. When the external field contains \( O(N) \) degrees of freedom, there will be back-reaction, which changes the AdS2 geometry.

The tunneling probability \( |T(\omega)|^2 \) corresponds to a scattering problem in the gravity theory. Writing the Dirac field as \( \Psi = (\psi_-, \psi_+) \), in the \( x < \epsilon \) region, we consider an ingoing right-moving fermion \( \psi_+(x) = e^{i\omega x} \) with momentum \( p = \omega \) and a reflected left-moving fermion \( \psi_-(x) = R(\omega)e^{-i\omega x} \). In the \( x > \pi - \epsilon \) region, only a right-moving component \( \psi_+ = T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega)e^{i\omega x} \) exists.

To determine \( T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega) \), we need to match the boundary condition between the global AdS space-time and the flat space-time by requiring the Dirac field is smooth. The complete solution of the Dirac equation in this coordinate is given in the Appendix. In the limit of small \( \epsilon \), we only need the asymptotic behavior of \( \Psi \) near \( x = 0 \) and \( x = \pi \). Near \( x = 0 \), we have the expansion for the spinor fields

\[
\psi_1^L(x) = 2^{-1/4}C_1 \xi^{1/4},
\]

(28)

\[
\psi_2^L(x) = 2^{1/4}C_2 \xi^{-1/4},
\]

while expanding around \( x = \pi \), we find

\[
\psi_1^R(x) = 2^{3/4}\pi/(\pi - x)^{1/4} \left( \frac{C_1 \Gamma(1/4)}{\Gamma(1/4)D_{1/4}(\omega) + i\tilde{C}_{1\omega}} \right),
\]

\[
\psi_2^R(x) = 2^{1/4}\pi(\pi - x)^{1/4} \left( \frac{C_2 \Gamma(1/4)}{\Gamma(1/4)D_{1/4}(\omega) + i\tilde{C}_{1\omega}} \right).
\]

(29)

Here \( L/R \) represents that the general solutions with constants \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \) are expanded around \( x = 0 \) or \( x = \pi \). As we define in the Appendix, the linear combinations of these spinor fields give rise to the left-moving or right-moving component at each boundary. The continuous condition of the left-moving component at the right boundary \( x = \pi - \epsilon \) leads to the constraint \( \psi_1^L(x = \pi - \epsilon) = (\psi_1^R(x = \pi - \epsilon) - \psi_2^R(x = \pi - \epsilon))/(2i) = 0 \), which finally can be simplified as

\[
\tilde{C}_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2D_{1/4}(0)}\cos(2\pi\omega)D_{1/4}(\omega) - 2\pi^2 \sqrt{\epsilon} \sin(\pi\omega))}{\sqrt{\epsilon}D_{1/4}(0)\cos(2\pi\omega)D_{1/4}(\omega) - 4\pi^2 \sin(\pi\omega)}.
\]

(30)

Moreover, the continuous conditions of the right-moving component at the left or right boundary give that

\[
e^{i\omega \epsilon} = \left( \psi_1^L(\epsilon) + \psi_2^L(\epsilon) \right)/2.
\]

(31)

These two equations determine the tunneling probability \( |T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega)|^2 \) as

\[
|T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega)|^2 = \left| e^{i\omega (\pi - \epsilon)} \frac{\psi_1^R(\pi - \epsilon) + \psi_2^R(\pi - \epsilon)}{\psi_1^L(\epsilon) + \psi_2^L(\epsilon)} \right|^2 = \frac{4D_{1/4}(0^2) + \epsilon \cos^2(2\pi\omega)D_{1/4}(\omega^2)}{\epsilon D_{1/4}(0^2) - 4\cos(2\pi\omega) + 8}.
\]

(32)

Finally, we find that \( |T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega)|^2 \) becomes exactly the same as Eq. (15) once we identify \( \epsilon = \sqrt{t'}D_{1/4}(0^2)/\pi^{5/2}\Gamma^2 \) and recall that in the bulk calculation we are measuring energy with respect to \( t'_r \), which differs from the boundary energy \( t' \) by a factor of \( t' \), i.e., \( t'_r = t' \), and the \( \omega \) here corresponds to \( \omega \) in Eq. (15).

B. Black-hole geometry

We then consider the bulk calculation in the black-hole phase. Geometrically, the left and the right system are decoupled and each side of the MQ model can be replaced by a massive Dirac fermion in the Rindler space-time. The bulk
action then reads
$$S_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{BH}} = \sum_{\alpha=L/R} \int d^3 x \sqrt{-g} \sqrt{-\gamma} \frac{d}{dt_R} \left( i \bar{\Psi}_a \gamma^\alpha \Psi_a - m(r) \bar{\Psi}_a \Psi_a \right),$$
(33)
with $d\xi = -dt_R/\ell^2(r) + \ell^2(r) dr^2$ and $m(r)$ being
$$\left( \zeta(r), m(r) \right) = \begin{cases} (\tilde{c}, 0), & r \in (1/\tilde{c}, \infty); \\ (1/\sqrt{r(r-2)}, 1/4), & r \in (2, 1/\tilde{c}). \end{cases}$$
(34)
Here boundary I, $r = 2$, is the location of the horizon, and the Rindler space-time is connected to the flat space-time at boundary II, $r = 1/\tilde{c}$, where $\tilde{c}$ is not necessarily the same as $c$. The boundary time $t$ is related to $t_R$ as $t = \beta t_R/2\pi$. Furthermore, to distinguish the left ($L$) and right ($R$) systems, we introduce additional labels $\alpha = L/R$ on spinor fields and constants. Equation (20) and Eq. (22) now read
$$\psi_{-}^{\alpha}(r) = (C_1^\alpha + C_2^\alpha) \frac{2^{-i/4} \pi (r-2)^{-i/4} \csc \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + i\omega \right)}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - i\omega \right) \Gamma(i\omega + 1/2)},$$
$$\psi_{+}^{\alpha}(r) = -\frac{2^{-i/4} \pi (r-2)^{-i/4} \csc \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - i\omega \right)}{\Gamma \left( i\omega + 1/2 \right)} \times \left( C_1^\alpha \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i\omega \right)}{\Gamma \left( 1 - 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m - i\omega \right)} - C_2^\alpha \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m - i\omega \right)}{\Gamma \left( 1 - 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m + i\omega \right)} \right),$$
(35)
$$\left( \psi_{+}^{\alpha}, \psi_{-}^{\alpha} \right) = C_2^\alpha \frac{r^{-\frac{1}{2} m \Gamma \left( 1 - m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i\omega \right) \left( 1 \right)}{2^{m} \Gamma \left( 1 - 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\omega \right)} + C_1^\alpha \frac{r^{-\frac{1}{2} m \Gamma \left( 1 + m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m + i\omega \right) \left( 1 \right)}{2^{m} \Gamma \left( 1 + 2m \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + i\omega \right)}.$$ (36)
Up to now, the left and right copies are still decoupled. To have a nonvanishing contribution, we further need to add the coupling between the boundary II in different copies:
$$\Delta S_{\text{bulk}}^{\text{BH}} \sim \nu \int \sqrt{-\gamma} d\xi_R \left( \bar{\Psi}_L^\alpha \gamma^\alpha \Psi_R^\alpha + \text{H.c.} \right).$$ (37)
Here $\Psi_R^\alpha$ is the corresponding boundary operator at side $\alpha$ and $\gamma$ is the reduced metric on the boundary. The coupling constant $\nu$ should be proportional to $\mu$. This geometry is illustrated in Fig. 4(b).

The tunneling probability can now be determined perturbatively. When $\nu = 0$, by again imposing the in-falling boundary condition near the horizon, we can compute an ingoing Dirac fermion in the left lead scattered by the left black hole. The metric in flat space, defined in Eq. (34), reveals that the ingoing Dirac fermion is a mode $e^{-i\omega \tilde{c}^2 r}$ in the left lead which moves towards $r = 2$. Note that the sign of the ingoing mode is determined by the convention of coordinates. Here the ingoing mode moves to the direction that $r$ decreases, in contrast to the wormhole phase where the ingoing mode moves to the direction where $x$ increases, as denoted in Figs. 4(a) and 4(b). The matching between the mode and Eq. (22) at $r = 1/\tilde{c}$ gives
$$e^{-i\omega \tilde{c}^2} = \psi_{-}^{II}(1/\tilde{c}).$$ (38)
Here we have added the $L/R$ indices for the bulk fields to distinguish two Rindler space-times. Together with the result of in-falling boundary conditions,
$$\frac{C_1^\alpha}{C_2^\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} + m - i\omega \right) \Gamma \left( i\omega + \frac{1}{2} - m \right)}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} - m - i\omega \right) \Gamma \left( i\omega + \frac{1}{2} + m \right)},$$ (39)
Eq. (38) determines the wave function $(\psi_{-}^L(r), \psi_{+}^L(r))$ on the left copy.

We then take the coupling, Eq. (37), into account perturbatively. The coupling term can be understood as a source term on the right boundary, whose strength is proportional to $\nu$ times the expectation of the left system boundary operator $[1]$, i.e., the coefficient in Eq. (36) that is proportional to $r^{-1/2+\nu}$. This gives
$$\delta J^R = \nu \frac{C_1^\alpha \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \Gamma \left( i\omega + \frac{1}{2} \right)}{2^{1/4} \sqrt{\Gamma(i\omega + 1/2)}}.$$ (40)
With this additional contribution, we can determine two continuous conditions at the right copy to the leading order of $\nu$. First, the absence of the ingoing wave at boundary II of the right copy ensures that $(1/\tilde{c})^{-3/4} \delta J^R + \psi_{+}^{II}(1/\tilde{c}) = 0$. This can be written explicitly:
$$\nu \frac{C_1^\alpha \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \Gamma(i\omega + 1/2)}{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \Gamma(i\omega + 1/2)} \delta J^R + \psi_{+}^{II}(1/\tilde{c}) = 0.$$ (41)
Second, the outgoing wave can be similarly calculated as $T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega) e^{i\omega \tilde{c}^2} = (1/\tilde{c})^{-3/4} \delta J^R + \psi_{+}^{II}(1/\tilde{c})$. Finally, we obtain the tunneling probability:
$$|T_{\text{bulk}}|^2 = \left| \frac{(1/\tilde{c})^{-3/4} \delta J^R + \psi_{+}^{II}(1/\tilde{c})}{\psi_{-}^{II}(1/\tilde{c})} \right|^2$$ (42)
$$= \frac{4 \nu^2 \tilde{c}}{1 + \nu^2 \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) / \sqrt{\Gamma \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)}}.$$ (43)
By identifying
$$\nu = \mu / (\Gamma \sqrt{\tilde{c}}), \quad \tilde{c} = 4 \sqrt{\mu} / \sigma \Gamma \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) / \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$$ (44)
and again making the substitution $\omega \sim \omega / 2\pi$, we find that $|T_{\text{bulk}}(\omega)|^2$ matches the result [Eq. (17)] on the quantum side exactly.

V. CONCLUSION

We consider the tunneling spectroscopy for the MQ model by coupling each side to a different lead. In the low-temperature wormhole phase and for small coupling to leads, both the tunneling probability $|T(\omega)|^2$ and the differential conductance $dJ(\nu)/d\nu$ show peaks at $|\omega_0| = t'(1/4 + \nu)$, which is fixed by the SL(2) symmetry. In the high-temperature black-hole phase, there is only a single peak near $\omega = 0$. We further give a holographic picture in both phases and find an exact match for the calculation between the gravity side and the quantum side.

There are several extensions of the current work. One can consider adding chemical potential to the complex version of the MQ model, which should be dual to adding gauge fields in the bulk. It is also interesting to consider a large number
of modes in the leads, and then there will be nontrivial backreaction for the AdS$_2$ background and the problem should be solved self-consistently. We defer these to further studies.

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**APPENDIX: THE SOLUTION OF THE DIRAC EQUATION**

In this Appendix, we give the general solutions of the Dirac equation in both the wormhole geometry and the black-hole geometry. We first consider the global AdS$_2$ space-time for the equation in both the wormhole geometry and the black-hole geometry. When collaborating on previous works [42,43], P.Z. also thanks Yingfei Gu for helpful discussions. P.Z. also acknowledges support from the Walter Burke Institute for Theoretical Physics at Caltech.

The bulk wave function moving to the direction where $r$ increases when $m = 0$ is labeled by $\psi_-(t_R, r)$, and vice versa. Then we perform Fourier transform on the Rindler time $t_R$ and get the corresponding frequency $\omega$. The equation becomes

$$\frac{i\omega}{\sqrt{r(r-2)}} \psi_-(r) + \sqrt{r(r-2)} \partial_r \psi_-(r) + \frac{r-1}{2\sqrt{r(r-2)}} \psi_-(r) + m \psi_+(r) = 0,$$

$$\frac{i\omega}{\sqrt{r(r-2)}} \psi_+(r) + \sqrt{r(r-2)} \partial_r \psi_+(r) + \frac{r-1}{2\sqrt{r(r-2)}} \psi_+(r) + m \psi_-(r) = 0.$$
Here we also abbreviate $\psi_{-/+}(\omega, r)$ as $\psi_{-/+}(r)$. The solutions of these differential equations have the form \cite{13}

\[
\psi_-(r) = \left( C_1 \frac{2^m (\frac{1}{2})^m (m+1)(1-\frac{2}{r})^{-\frac{m}{2}} \Gamma(m+i\omega + \frac{1}{2})_2 F_1 (m, m-i\omega + \frac{1}{2}; 2m+1; \frac{2}{r})}{(r^2 - 2r)^{1/4} \Gamma(2m+1) \Gamma(i\omega + \frac{1}{2})} 
+ C_2 \frac{2^{-m} (\frac{1}{2})^{-m} \Gamma(1-m) (1-\frac{2}{r})^{-\frac{m}{2}} \Gamma(-m + i\omega + \frac{1}{2})_2 F_1 (-m, -m-i\omega + \frac{1}{2}; 1-2m; \frac{2}{r})}{(r^2 - 2r)^{1/4} \Gamma(1-2m) \Gamma(i\omega + \frac{1}{2})}\right),
\]

\[
\psi_+(r) = \left( C_1 \frac{2^m (\frac{1}{2})^m (m+1)(1-\frac{2}{r})^{-\frac{m}{2}} \Gamma(m+i\omega + \frac{1}{2})_2 F_1 (m, m-i\omega + \frac{1}{2}; 2m+1; \frac{2}{r})}{(r^2 - 2r)^{1/4} \Gamma(2m+1) \Gamma(i\omega + \frac{1}{2})} 
- C_2 \frac{2^{-m} (\frac{1}{2})^{-m} \Gamma(1-m) (1-\frac{2}{r})^{-\frac{m}{2}} \Gamma(-m + i\omega + \frac{1}{2})_2 F_1 (-m, -m-i\omega + \frac{1}{2}; 1-2m; \frac{2}{r})}{(r^2 - 2r)^{1/4} \Gamma(1-2m) \Gamma(i\omega + \frac{1}{2})}\right).
\]

Here we have two undefined constants, $C_1$ and $C_2$.

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