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Abstract: This talk will be about entanglement entropy in empty 4-dimensional de Sitter spacetime of a non-conformal QFT [1]. I will first briefly describe the set-up and show how a hydrodynamic plasma dilutes and falls out of equilibrium due to expansion towards empty de Sitter spacetime. Interestingly, in the empty setting we can show that extremal surfaces in the holographic dual of spherical entangling regions on the boundary QFT probe beyond the dual event horizon if and only if the entangling region is larger than the cosmological horizon.

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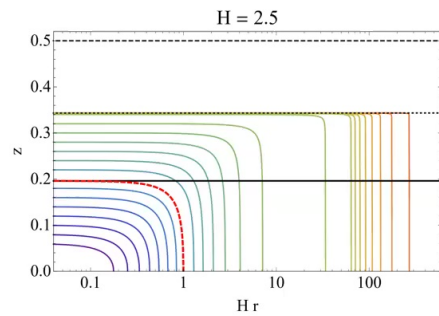
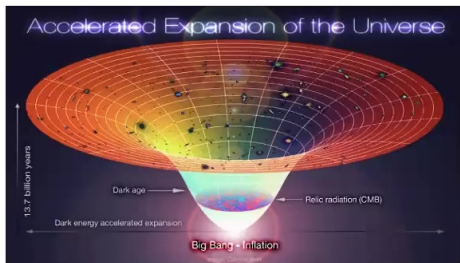


# ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY IN EXPANDING SPACETIMES

## HOLOGRAPHIC QFTS ON CURVED BACKGROUNDS

With Jorge Casalderrey-Solana, Christian Ecker and David Mateos

Reference: 2011.08194 (JHEP)



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# OUTLINE

## Set-up, hydrodynamics and empty de Sitter space-time

- Non-conformal model
- Expansion driven decay towards empty de Sitter

## Entanglement in de Sitter space-time

- Event and apparent horizons
- From boundary cosmological horizon to entanglement horizon/shadow

## Recent results / outlook on backreacted de Sitter (semi-classical)

# NON-CONFORMAL MODEL ON DE SITTER<sub>4</sub>

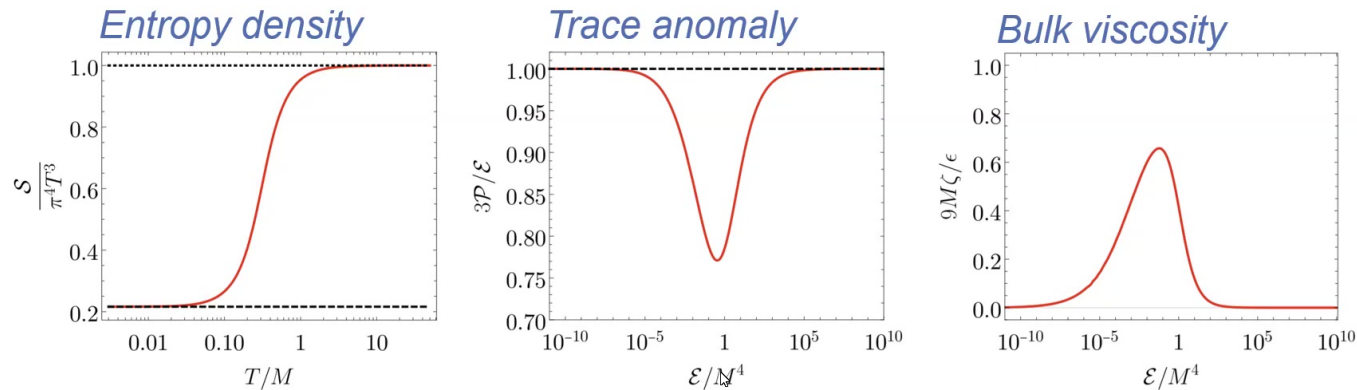
De Sitter is conformally flat: almost trivial for CFT

- Break scale invariance by  $V(\Phi)$  with source  $M=1$ :

$$S = \frac{2}{8\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{4} R[g] - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right)$$

$$L^2 V(\phi) = -3 - \frac{3}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{1}{3} \phi^4 + \left( \frac{1}{3\phi_M^2} + \frac{1}{2\phi_M^4} \right) \phi^6 - \frac{1}{12\phi_M^4} \phi^8$$

- Leads to non-trivial EOS and bulk viscosity (no shear considered):



# HOLOGRAPHIC RENORMALISATION

$$ds_b^2 = -dt^2 + S_0(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2, \quad S_0(t) = e^{Ht}$$

$$ds^2 = -A(r, t)dt^2 + 2drdt + S(r, t)^2 d\vec{x}^2, \quad \phi = \phi(r, t),$$

Action needs (scheme-dependent) counter-terms:

$$S_{\text{ct}} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\gamma} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{8} R[\gamma] - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} (\log \rho) \mathcal{A} + (\alpha \mathcal{A} + \beta \phi^4) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_g + \mathcal{A}_\phi, \quad \mathcal{A}_g = \frac{1}{16} (R^{ij} R_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} R^2), \quad \mathcal{A}_\phi = -\frac{\phi^2}{12} R$$

Leads to an ambiguity in the stress-tensor:

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = -\frac{3a_{(4)}(t)}{4} - M\bar{\phi}_{(2)}(t) + \frac{3S_0'(t)^4}{16S_0(t)^4} + M^2 \left( \xi(t)^2 + \frac{S_0'(t)^2}{8S_0(t)^2} + \frac{2S_0''(t)}{3S_0(t)} \right) - M^2 \alpha \frac{S_0'(t)^2}{2S_0(t)^2} - M^4 \left( \beta - \frac{7}{36} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{P}(t) = -\frac{a_{(4)}(t)}{4} + \frac{1}{3} M\bar{\phi}_{(2)}(t) + \frac{S_0'(t)^2 (S_0'(t)^2 - 4S_0(t)S_0''(t))}{16S_0(t)^4} - \frac{M^2}{3} \left( \xi(t)^2 + \frac{S_0'(t)^2}{8S_0(t)^2} + \frac{13S_0''(t)}{12S_0(t)} \right) + M^2 \alpha \left( \frac{S_0'(t)^2}{6S_0(t)^2} + \frac{S_0''(t)}{3S_0(t)} \right) + M^4 \left( \beta - \frac{5}{108} \right)$$

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  encode scheme dependencies (cosmological constant); fixed such that late time solution has vanishing energy

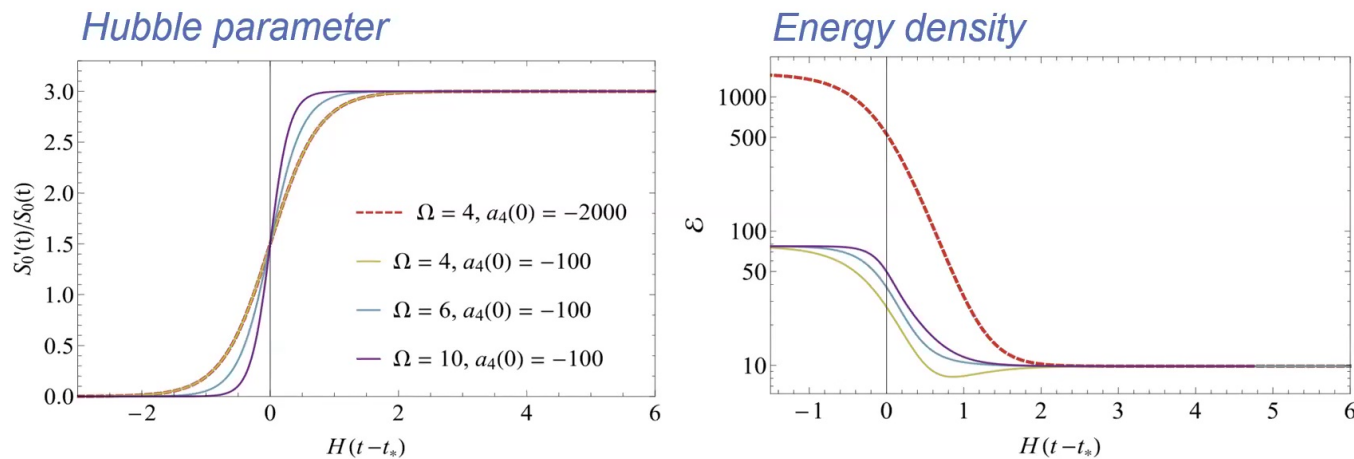
Ambiguities come in at order  $H^2$

## HOW WE SET UP A STATE

**Non-trivial boundary metric:**  $ds_b^2 = -dt^2 + S_0(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2$ .  $S_0(t) = e^{Ht}$

**Start with thermal (high-temperature) state in flat space**

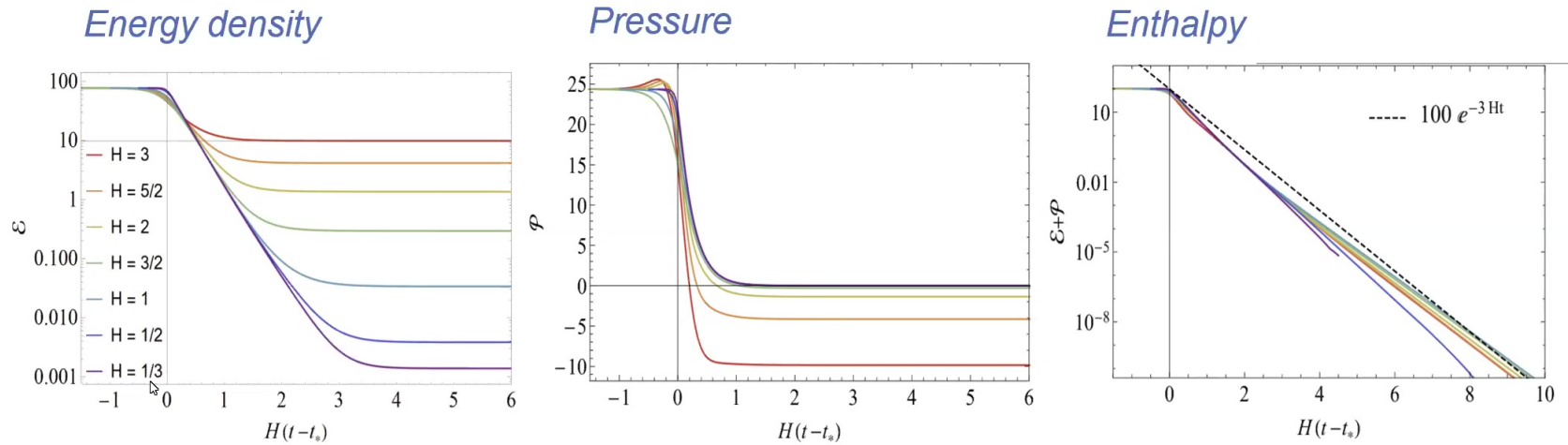
- Quench system by suitable fast tanh to constant Hubble parameter
- Energy density decreases towards final 'vacuum energy' (VE)
- Final (Bunch-Davis)-VE is ambiguous  $\rightarrow$  chose scheme with zero VE



# TIME EVOLUTION OF THE PROTOCOL

## Evolution of stress tensor for different Hubble constants

- Energy density decreases towards VE (can be renormalised to zero)
- Pressure decreases, changes sign and becomes  $-VE$
- Enthalpy is scheme independent; decays due to expansion



## THE APPROACH TOWARDS HYDRODYNAMICS

$$ds_b^2 = -dt^2 + S_0(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2. \quad S_0(t) = e^{Ht}$$

Comparing with the hydrodynamic constituent relations:

$$T_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} = P(\varepsilon)\Delta^{\mu\nu} - \eta(\varepsilon)\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta(\varepsilon)\Delta^{\mu\nu}(\nabla \cdot u),$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + u^{\mu}u^{\nu}$$

Symmetric set-up: only non-trivial part is bulk viscosity:

$$\Delta\mathcal{P}^{\text{hydro}}(t) \equiv \Delta p_{\text{eq}}(\Delta\mathcal{E}(t)) - 3H\zeta(\Delta\mathcal{E}(t)) + O(H^2),$$

A subtlety: EOS and viscosity computed in flat space;  
what is the energy density in de Sitter space?

**We decided to fix  $\alpha$  such that late time solution has zero energy density**

(in any case: ambiguity is order  $H^2$ )

(also, note that  $\alpha$  depends on  $S_0(t) / H$  for our choice)



# THE APPROACH TOWARDS HYDRODYNAMICS

## Non-trivial hydrodynamic prediction

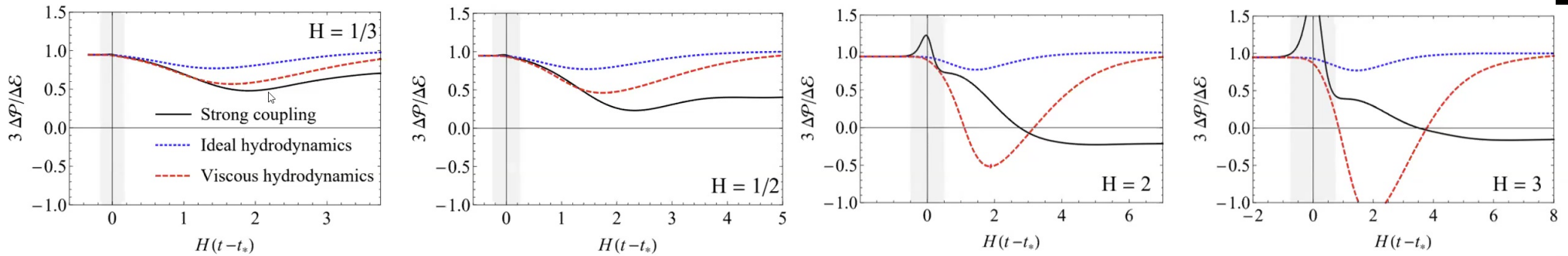
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$$\begin{aligned} \Pi = & -\zeta (\nabla \cdot u) + \zeta \tau_{\Pi} D (\nabla \cdot u) + \xi_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \xi_2 (\nabla \cdot u)^2 \\ & + \xi_3 \Omega^{\mu\nu} \Omega_{\mu\nu} + \xi_4 \nabla_{\mu}^{\perp} \ln s \nabla_{\perp}^{\mu} \ln s + \xi_5 R + \xi_6 u^{\alpha} u^{\beta} R_{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

- Conjecture: ambiguities cancelled by higher order transport coefficient  $\xi_5$

## Results

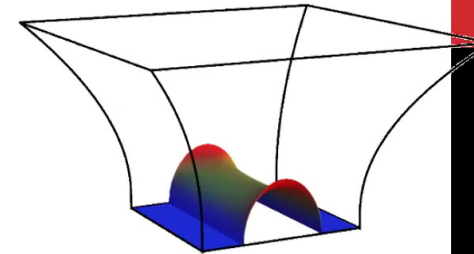
- Viscous hydro works for small H (gradients). Negative 'EOS' for large H.



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# BLACK HOLE THERMODYNAMICS

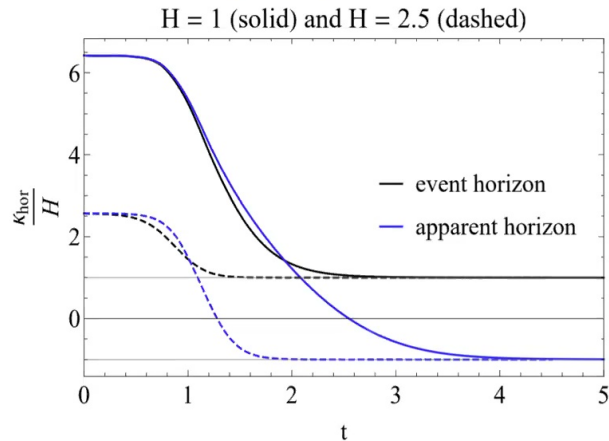
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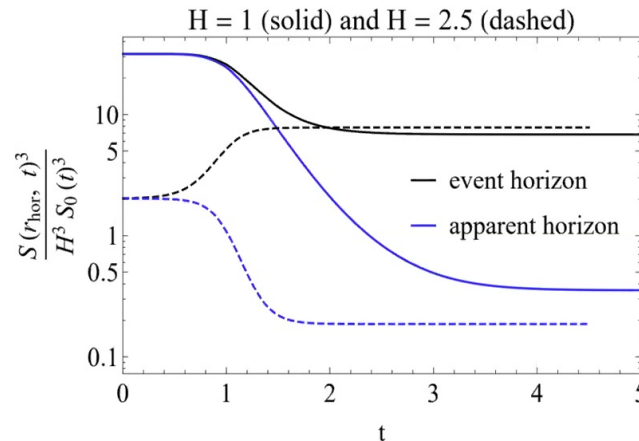
## Keep track of bulk event and apparent horizons (EF coordinates)

- Dynamical setting: horizons not coincide at late times:
- Surface gravities can be shown analytically:  $\kappa_{\text{EH}} = -\kappa_{\text{AH}} = H$   
EH confirms Hawking's temperature in de Sitter
- Area density apparent horizon vanishes for conformal theory

### Surface gravity



### Area densities



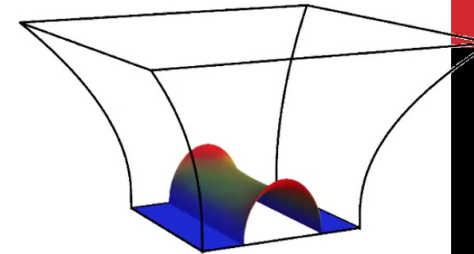
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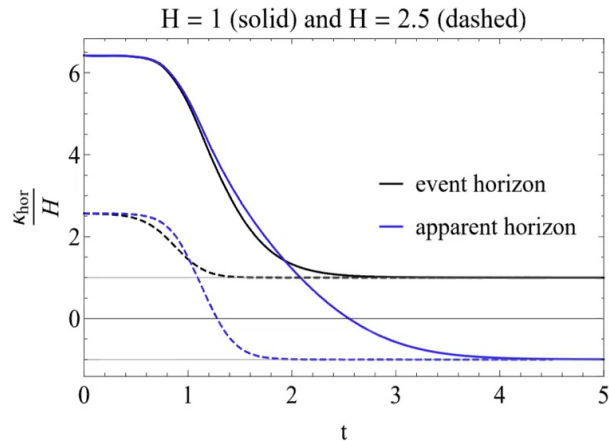
## Several interpretational issues

- Expanding space: mapping boundary to bulk horizon not clear
- Apparent horizon: time slicing dependent
- In general: no volume law entropy density expected

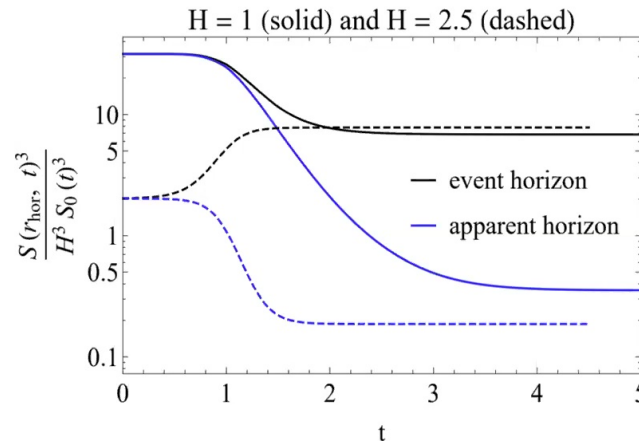


**Resolution** → entanglement entropy is well defined

### Surface gravity



### Area densities



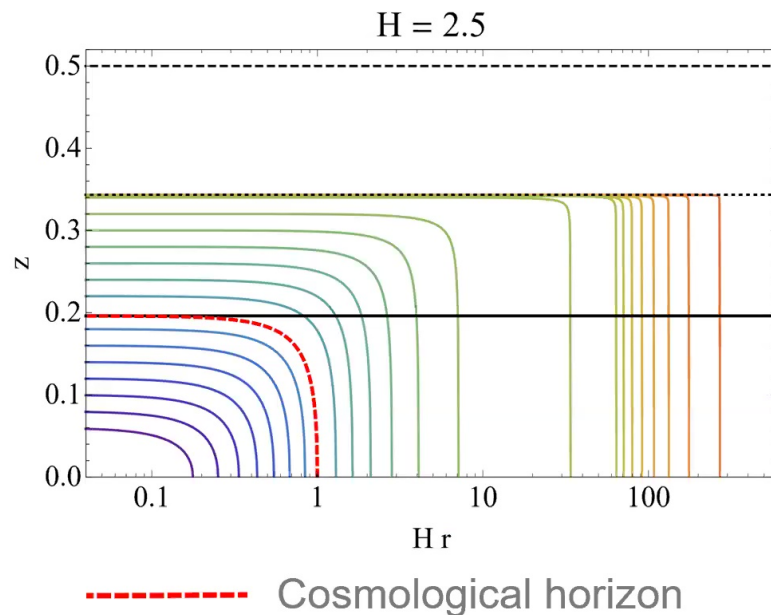
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# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

Extremal surfaces dual to spherical entangling regions:

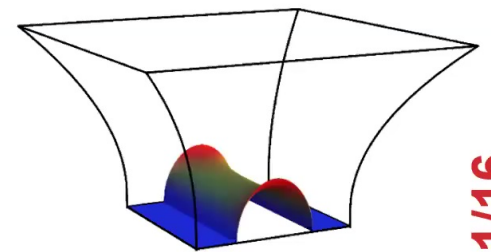
- Large entangling regions probe beyond event horizon
- A new 'entanglement horizon' forms, between AH and EH, with zero surface gravity



Apparent horizon:  $T = -\frac{H}{2\pi}$

Entanglement horizon/shadow:  $T = 0$

Event horizon:  $T = \frac{H}{2\pi}$

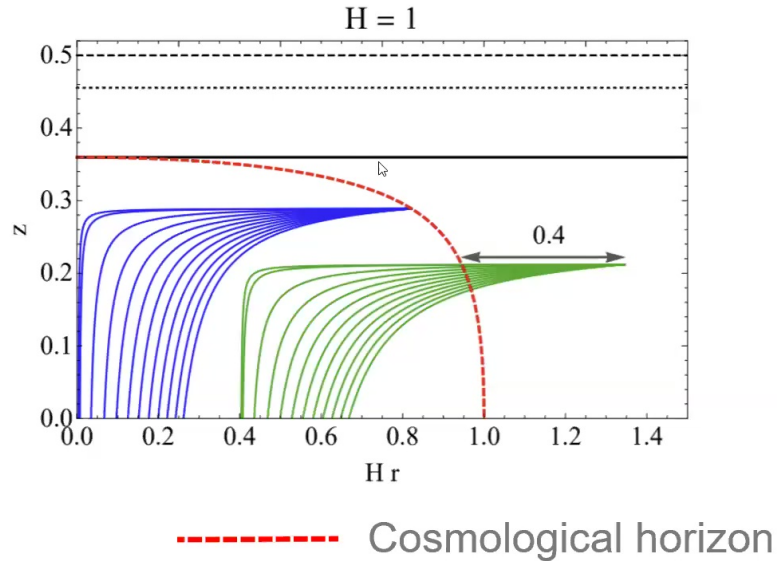


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# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

Extremal surface dual to cosmological horizon:

- Separates points in the bulk from which light can reach the (boundary) origin
- *Boundary cosmological horizon*  $\rightarrow$  *full bulk cosmological horizon*

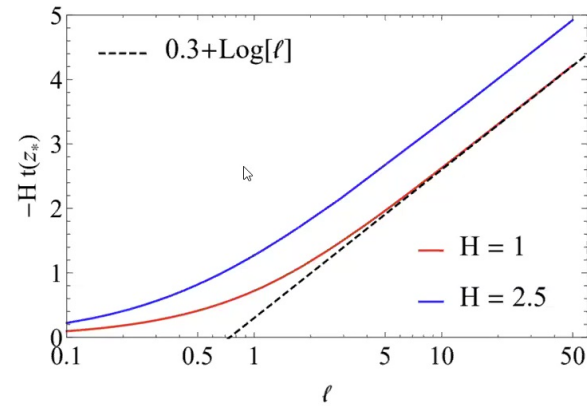
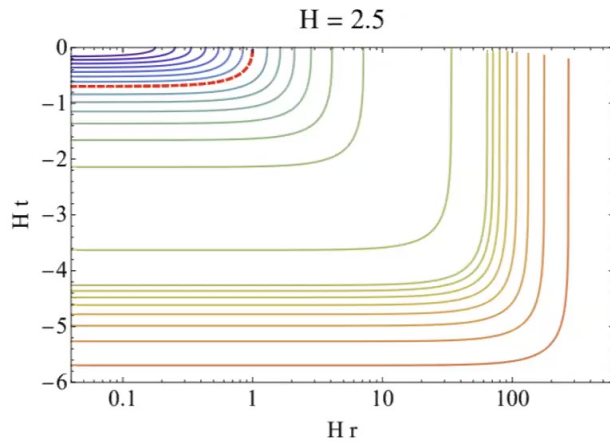


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# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

## Extremal surfaces go backward in time

- Time at the deepest point grows exactly as  $\log(\ell)$  for large  $\ell$
- *Implies that 'entanglement horizon' contribution has a constant instead of volume law contribution*
- Standard 'area law' divergence still applies



----- Cosmological horizon

# OUTLOOK: BOUNDARY GRAVITY

$$ds_b^2 = -dt^2 + S_0(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2$$

**Future work: study dynamics including semi-classical gravity:**

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_{N,4} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

- Stress-tensor includes possible cosmological constant
- NB: renormalisation counterterms are now physical
- We treat the boundary Newton constant as a (small) parameter

**Dynamics of scale factor  $S_0(t)$  is now consequence of Friedmann equations**

**Still working on the best way to initialise the dynamics**

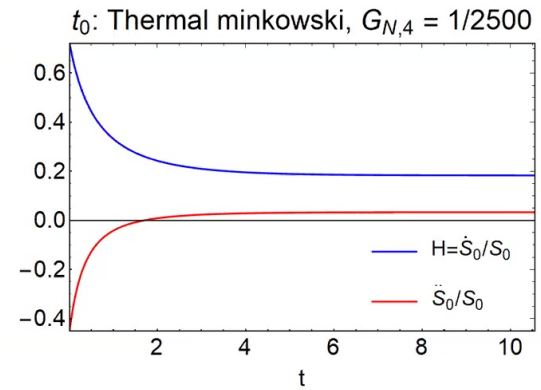
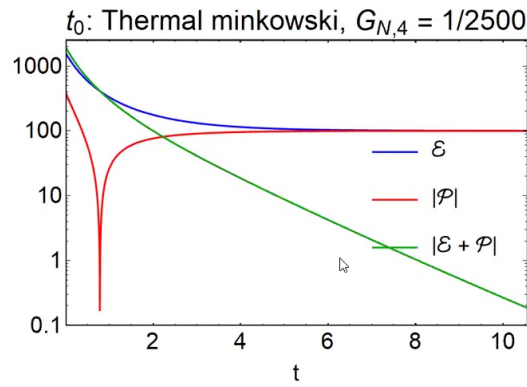
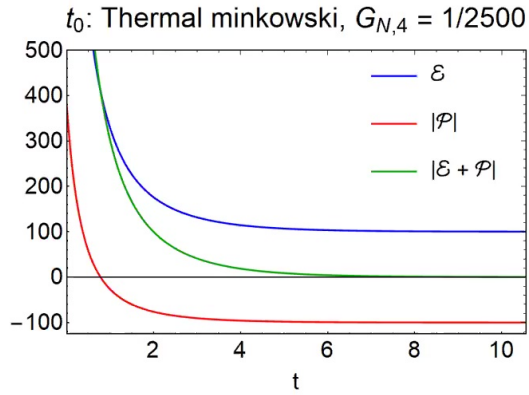
- Starting with an after-quench de Sitter result as presented above
  - Not guaranteed that Friedmann implies the same Hubble rate
  - Could tune  $\Lambda$  such that it does
- Start with thermal Minkowski profile and small boundary  $G_{N,4}$

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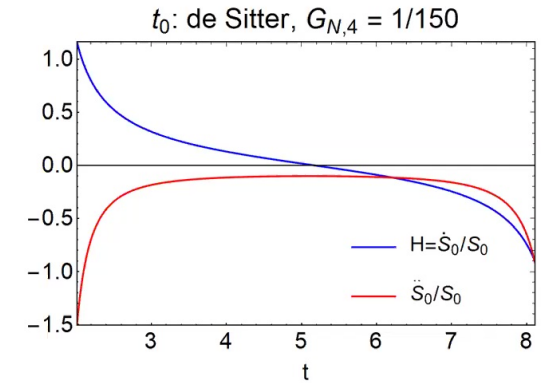
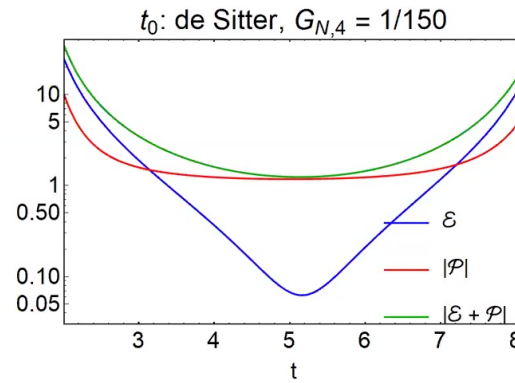
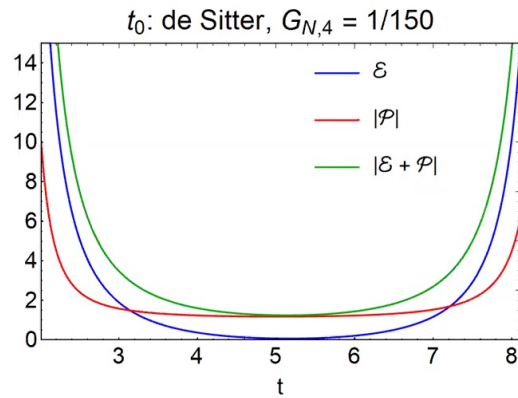
# OUTLOOK: BOUNDARY GRAVITY

$$ds_b^2 = -dt^2 + S_0(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2$$

## Preliminary results, thermal Minkowski: 'standard' result



## Preliminary results, de Sitter + matter: big crunch geometry



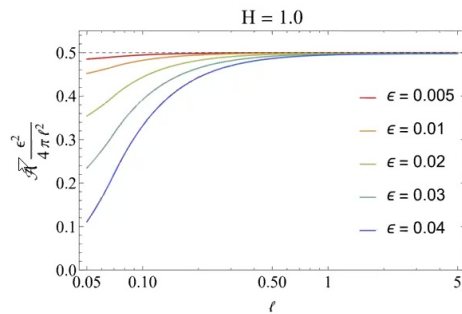


# DISCUSSION

## Hydrodynamics and Entanglement in de Sitter

- Viscous hydrodynamics works for small gradients
- Event and apparent horizon differ: negative temperature AH (?)
- Extremal surfaces beyond cosmological horizon probe behind EH
- Extremal surface cosmological horizon extends into bulk as bulk CH

Numerically hard to extract ‘interesting’ piece of the EE: area HRT surface:



Phenomenologically not realistic: physics at a vacuum with  $e < T^4$ , with  $T$  about  $10^{-30}$  K..

Outlook: backreacted de Sitter. In principle nothing stops us from relaxing symmetries?