

# Aspects of Extremal Surfaces in $(A)dS$

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- Gauge/string realizations of Lifshitz & hyperscaling violation, and Entanglement Entropy
- A lightlike limit of entanglement
- $dS/CFT$  at uniform energy density and a de Sitter bluewall
- Speculations on de Sitter extremal surfaces

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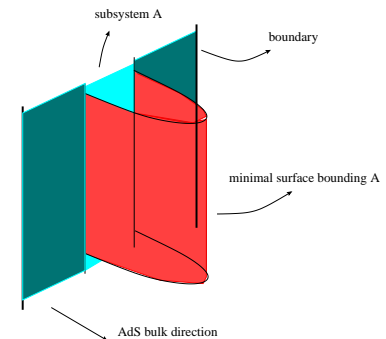
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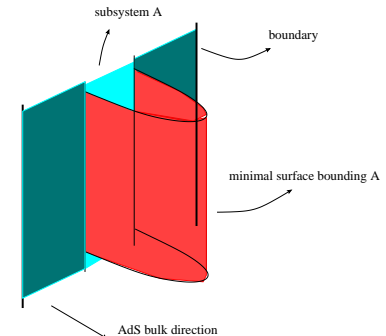
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[Operationally: (i) define a spatial subsystem on the boundary, (ii) consider corresponding constant time slice in the bulk  $(d + 1)$ -dim geometry, and a surface bounding the subsystem and dipping into the bulk, (iii) extremize area functional → minimal area (in Planck units).]

Non-static situations: extremal surfaces. (Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi)

Leading EE scaling:  $d$ -dim area law  $\frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}}$ . (Bombelli, Koul, Lee, Sorkin; Srednicki)

# Nonrelativistic Holography

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(smaller than Schrodinger symmetries: *e.g.* Galilean boosts broken)

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More general gravity phases:  $ds^2 = r^{2\theta/d_i} \left( -\frac{dt^2}{r^{2z}} + \frac{dx_i^2 + dr^2}{r^2} \right)$ .

$\theta$  = hyperscaling violation exponent;  $d_i$  = boundary spatial dim ( $x_i$ ).

[ Conformally Lifshitz. Effective Einstein-Maxwell-Dilaton theories (Trivedi et al; Kiritsis et al, ...)

$S \sim T^{(d_i - \theta)/z}$ . Thermodynamics  $\sim$  space dim  $d_{eff} = d_i - \theta$ : actual space is  $d_i$ -dim. ]

$\theta = d_i - 1$ : entanglement entropy  $\sim \log l$ , logarithmic behaviour.

Gravity duals of Fermi surfaces? (Ogawa,Takayanagi,Ugajin; Huijse,Sachdev,Swingle)

Aspects of hyperscaling violating holography (Dong,Harrison,Kachru,Torroba,Wang)

$d_i - 1 \leq \theta < d_i$ : entanglement entropy shows area law violations.

[Energy conditions:  $(d_i - \theta)(d_i(z - 1) - \theta) \geq 0$ ,  $(z - 1)(d + z - \theta) \geq 0$ .]

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(ii) Hyperscaling violation:  $AdS_{d+1}$  plane waves (KN)

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Normalizable  $g_{++}$  mode  $\Rightarrow$  dual CFT excited state, energy-momentum density  $T_{++} = Q$ .

Large boost, low temperature limit (Singh) of boosted black branes (Maldacena,Martelli,Tachikawa).

$AdS_5$  plane wave:  $d = 4, d_i = 2, \theta = 1, z = 3$ . Logarithmic behaviour of EE.

# Entanglement, $AdS$ plane waves

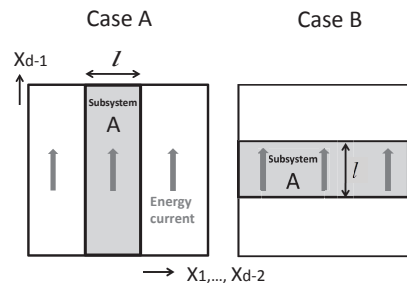
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EE, spacelike strips (width  $l$ ,  $\Delta x^+ > 0 > \Delta x^-$ ). (KN, Takayanagi, Trivedi)

Non-static spacetime  $\rightarrow$  use covariant HEE (Hubeny, Rangamani, Takayanagi).

(stationary point of area functional; if several extremal surfaces exist, choose minimal area).



Spacelike subsystem, UV cutoff  $\epsilon$ :  
leading divergence is area law  $\sim \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}}$

**Case A:** width direction  $x_i$ . Strip along energy flux.

Finite EE  $\pm \frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}} V_{d-2} \sqrt{Q} l^{2-d/2}$ .

$N^2 V_2 \sqrt{Q} \log(lQ^{1/4})$  [d=4]: less than  $N^2 T^3 V_2 l$

(thermal entropy), larger than  $-N^2 \frac{V_2}{l^2}$  (ground state).

**Case B:** Strip  $\perp$  flux.

**Phase transition** (no connected surface if  $\Delta x^+ > 0 > \Delta x^-$ ).

$S_A$  saturated for  $l \gtrsim Q^{-1/4}$ .



# $AdS_{d+1}$ plane waves, EE

Uniformize notation with nonconformal case: redefine  $Q \rightarrow Q \frac{G_{d+1}}{R^{d-1}}$ .

$$\left[ Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^2} \text{ (D3)}, Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^{3/2}} \text{ (M2)}, Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{N^3} \text{ (M5)} \right]$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2} (-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2) + \frac{G_{d+1} Q}{R^{d-3}} r^{d-2} (dx^+)^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2$$

Plane wave excited states:  $EE^{finite}$  (strip along flux direction):

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm \sqrt{Q} V_{d-2} l^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}}} \quad [+ : d < 4, \quad - : d > 4]; \\ & \sqrt{Q} V_2 N \log(lQ^{1/4}) \text{ (D3)}, \quad \sqrt{Q} L \sqrt{l} \sqrt{N^{3/2}} \text{ (M2)}, \quad -\sqrt{Q} \frac{V_4}{l} \sqrt{N^3} \text{ (M5)}. \end{aligned}$$

3d, 4d: finite entanglement grows with width  $l$  (large for fixed cutoff).

[spacelike strip subsystem: leading divergence is area law,  $\frac{V_2}{\epsilon^2}$  (4d),  $\frac{V_1}{\epsilon}$  (3d) ]

[Strip  $\perp$  flux: phase transition.]

[ $EE^{fin}$  scaling estimates  $\leftarrow$  approximate  $r_*$ ,  $S^{fin}$  for large  $Q, l$  from EE area functional]

[Ground state EE:  $S_A \sim \frac{R^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}} \left( \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} - c_d \frac{V_{d-2}}{l^{d-2}} \right)$ ]

[Temperature parameters:  $r_0^4 \sim G_{10} \epsilon_4$  (D3),  $r_0^6 \sim G_{11} \epsilon_3$  (M2),  $r_0^3 \sim G_{11} \epsilon_6$  (M5)

$\lambda \rightarrow \infty, \epsilon_{p+1} \rightarrow 0$ , with  $\frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon_{p+1}}{2} \equiv Q = \text{fixed}$ . Boundary  $T_{++} = Q$ .]

[ $G_5 \sim G_{10} R_{D3}^5, G_{4,7} \sim G_{11} R_{M2, M5}^{7,4}$ , with  $R_{D3}^4 \sim g_s N l_s^4, R_{M2}^6 \sim N l_P^6, R_{M5}^3 \sim N l_P^3$ ]

# Nonconformal brane plane waves

(KN)

(Recall Dp-brane phases, [Itzhaki, Maldacena, Sonnenschein, Yankielowicz](#))

$$ds_{st}^2 = \frac{r^{(7-p)/2}}{R_p^{(7-p)/2}} dx_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{G_{10} Q_p}{R_p^{(7-p)/2}} \frac{(dx^+)^2}{r^{(7-p)/2}} + R_p^{(7-p)/2} \frac{dr^2}{r^{(7-p)/2}} + R_p^{(7-p)/2} r^{(p-3)/2} d\Omega_{8-p}^2$$

$$e^{\Phi} = g_s \left( \frac{R_p^{7-p}}{r^{7-p}} \right)^{\frac{3-p}{4}}, \quad g_{YM}^2 \sim g_s \alpha'^{(p-3)/2}, \quad R_p^{7-p} \sim g_{YM}^2 N \alpha'^{5-p} \sim g_s N \alpha'^{(7-p)/2}.$$

[ $g_{++}$ -deformation obtained from double scaling limit of boosted black Dp-branes

$$r_0^{7-p} = (U_0 \alpha')^{7-p} \sim G_{10} \epsilon_{p+1}; \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty, r_0 \rightarrow 0, \text{ with } \frac{\lambda^2 \epsilon_{p+1}}{2} \equiv Q_p \text{ fixed.}]$$

Strongly coupled Yang-Mills theories with constant energy flux  $T_{++}$ .

Dimensionally reducing on  $S^{8-p}$  and  $x^+$ , Einstein metric

$ds_E^2 = e^{-\Phi/2} ds_{st}^2$  gives hyperscaling violating metrics with

$$\theta = \frac{p^2 - 6p + 7}{p - 5}, \quad z = \frac{2(p - 6)}{p - 5} \quad (\text{Singh}).$$

# D-brane plane waves, EE

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Ground state: [Ryu-Takayanagi](#), [Barbon-Fuertes](#)

$$S_A = N_{eff}(\epsilon) \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} - c_d N_{eff}(l) \frac{V_{d-2}}{l^{d-2}}, \quad N_{eff}(\epsilon) = N^2 \left( \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{\epsilon^{p-3}} \right)^{\frac{p-3}{5-p}}$$

Plane wave excited states [\(KN\)](#): leading divergence as above.

Scaling estimates from entanglement entropy area functional:

$$l \sim \frac{R_p^{\frac{7-p}{2}}}{r_*^{\frac{5-p}{2}}}, \quad S_A^{finite} \sim \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{(3-p) \sqrt{G_{10}}} \frac{R_p^{7-p}}{r_*^{(3-p)/2}} \quad (\text{strip along flux})$$

$$EE^{finite}: \quad \frac{1}{3-p} \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}} N \left( \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l^{p-3}} \right)^{\frac{p-3}{2(5-p)}} = \frac{\sqrt{N_{eff}(l)}}{3-p} \frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}}$$

[involves dimensionless combination  $\frac{V_{p-1} \sqrt{Q}}{l^{(p-3)/2}}$  and  $N_{eff}(l)$ ]

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$$\mathbf{D2-M2}: \quad V_1 \sqrt{l} \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{\frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l)^{1/3}}} (D2); \quad V_1 \sqrt{l} \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{N^{3/2}} (M2).$$

IIA regime of validity (**IMSY**) for turning point  $r_*$  gives  $1 \ll g_{YM}^2 N l_{D2} \ll N^{6/5}$ , and so  $N^{3/2} \ll \frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l)^{1/3}} \ll N^2$ . Thus  $S_A^{D2, sugra}$  betw free 3d SYM (UV) and M2 (IR) (RG-consistent).

$$\mathbf{D4-M5}: \quad -\frac{V_3 \sqrt{Q}}{\sqrt{l}} \sqrt{N^2 \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l}} (D4); \quad -\sqrt{Q} \frac{V_4}{l} \sqrt{N^3} (M5).$$

The finite parts for D4-sugra and M5-phases are actually same expression: D4 is wrapped M5 ( $R_{11} = g_s l_s = g_{YM}^2$ ) and  $V_4 = V_3 R_{11}$ ,  $Q_{D4} = Q_{M5} R_{11}$ . IIA:  $1 \ll \frac{g_{YM}^2 N}{l} \ll N^{2/3}$ .

$$\mathbf{D1}: \quad l \sqrt{Q} \sqrt{\frac{N^2}{(g_{YM}^2 N l^2)^{1/2}}}$$

Strip orthogonal to flux: indications of phase transitions, constrained however by IIA regime of validity.

# Mutual Information

MI (disjoint subsystems  $A$  &  $B$ ):  $I[A, B] = S[A] + S[B] - S[A \cup B]$ .

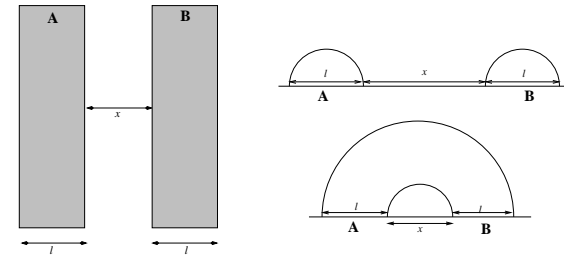
$I[A, B] \geq 0$ . Cutoff-dependent divergences cancel. Gives bound for correlation fns.

Holographic mutual information: find extremal surface for  $A \cup B$ .

Subsystems far, two disjoint minimal surfaces:  $MI = 0$ .

Subsystems nearby, connected surface has lower area.

Ryu-Takayanagi  $\rightarrow$  MI disentangling transition (Headrick).



Similar disentanglement for thermal states (Fischler, Kundu, Kundu):  $\frac{x_c}{l} \sim 0$  (for  $x, l \gg \frac{1}{T}$ ).

(Mukherjee, KN) MI for  $AdS$  plane wave excited states  $\rightarrow$

critical separation  $\frac{x_c}{l}$  between subsystems smaller than in ground state

(pure  $AdS$ ): e.g.  $\frac{x_c}{l} \simeq 0.732$  ( $AdS_5$ ) whereas  $\frac{x_c}{l} \simeq 0.414$  ( $AdS_5$

plane wave). [For wide strips ( $Ql^d \gg 1$ ), critical  $\frac{x_c}{l}$  independent of flux  $Q$ .]

[Narrow strips  $Ql^d \ll 1$ : perturbative corrections  $\Delta S$  ( $\sim$  EE thermodynamics)  $\rightarrow$  MI decreases.]

Mutual information disentangling occurs faster.

Suggests energy density disorders system.

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Lightlike limit of EE  $\equiv$  highly boosted limit of EE for spacelike

strips: boost  $x^{\pm} \rightarrow \lambda^{\pm 1} x^{\pm} \Rightarrow \alpha = \lambda$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{\lambda} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$

$$S = \frac{V_{d-2} R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} \int_{\epsilon}^{r_*} \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \frac{2 + \lambda^2 g_{++} r^2}{\sqrt{2 + \lambda^2 g_{++} r^2 - A^2 r^{2d-2}}}.$$

In regime  $\lambda^2 g_{++}(\epsilon) \epsilon^2 \gtrsim 1 \rightarrow$  EE on null time  $x^-$  slices ( $\beta = 0$ ).

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Lightlike limit of EE ( $\equiv$  highly boosted limit of spacelike EE:  $x^{\pm} \rightarrow \lambda^{\pm 1} x^{\pm}$ )

$$\xrightarrow{\text{large } \lambda} S \sim \frac{V_{d-2} R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} \int_{\epsilon}^{r_*} \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \frac{\lambda^2 g_{++} r^2}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 g_{++} r^2 - A^2 r^{2d-2}}},$$

*i.e.* EE on null time  $x^-$  slices in regime  $\lambda^2 g_{++}(\epsilon) \epsilon^2 \gtrsim 1.$

Subsystem stretched on  $x^+$ -plane:  $x^- = 0, \quad -\frac{l}{2} < x \leq \frac{l}{2}, \quad -\infty < x^+, y_i < \infty.$

Note: leading divergence milder  $S^{div} \sim \frac{R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} V_{d-2} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 g_{++}(\epsilon)}}{\epsilon^{d-3}}.$

Note also:  $g_{++} = 0 \Rightarrow$  lightlike EE (on  $x^-$  slices) vanishes.

[Similar structure for boosted black branes, nonconformal brane plane waves etc.]



# Null EE, $AdS_{d+1}$ plane waves

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Reminiscent of **ultralocality** in lightcone QFT (Wall).

Ground state:  $n$ -pt functions (fields at distinct locations) vanish. Suggests vanishing EE.

Excited states,  $P_+ \neq 0$ : can show free-field correlators non-vanishing. Suggests EE nonzero.

Boundary space:  $ds^2 = -2dx^+ dx^- + g^2 (dx^+)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{d-2} dx_i^2$ , with  $g^2 = T_{++} \epsilon^d \gtrsim 1$ .

$$\text{Usual area law } S^{div} \sim N^2 \frac{V_{x^+} V_{y_i}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} = N^2 V_{d-2} \frac{\sqrt{T_{++} \epsilon^d}}{\epsilon^{d-2}} = N^2 \sqrt{Q} \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d_{eff}-2}}.$$

# Null EE, $AdS_{d+1}$ -Lifshitz

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{r^2} [-2dx^+ dx^- + dx_i^2 + dr^2] + R^2 K^2 (dx^+)^2,$$

$AdS_{d+1}$  deformed by non-normalizable Lifshitz deformation, at scale  $K$ .

Lower dim Lifshitz theory arises on lengthscales  $\gg \frac{1}{K}$ .

Subsystem:  $x^+ = \alpha\chi, \quad x^- = -\beta\chi, \quad -\frac{l}{2} < x \leq \frac{l}{2}, \quad -\infty < \chi, y_i < \infty.$

$$\rightarrow S = \frac{V_{d-2} R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} \int_{\epsilon}^{r_*} \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \frac{2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2 K^2 r^2}{\sqrt{2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2 K^2 r^2 - A^2 r^{2d-2}}} \quad (\text{and width } l \sim r_*).$$

$S^{div} \sim \frac{V_{d-2}}{\epsilon^{d-2}}$ ,  $d$ -dim area law if  $\epsilon \ll \frac{1}{K}$  — in this case UV is original  $CFT_d$  dual to  $AdS_{d+1}$ .

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For larger lengthscales, *i.e.*  $\epsilon \gtrsim \frac{1}{K}$ , this is approximated as a lightlike limit (EE on null  $x^-$  slices)  $\rightarrow$  we see Lifshitz structure:  $S^{div} \sim \frac{V_{d-2} K}{\epsilon^{d-3}}$ .

Compactify  $\rightarrow V_{d-2} = \int (\prod_{i=1}^{d-3} dy_i) d\chi = V_{d-3} V_+$  and  $V_+ \sim \frac{1}{K} \rightarrow$  lower dim area law.

Compared with  $AdS$ :  $S^{fin} \sim \frac{V_{d-2} K}{l^{d-3}}$  larger for  $l \gg \frac{1}{K} \rightarrow$  perhaps reflection of more soft

modes in Lifshitz theory (recall Lifshitz singularities (Horowitz, Way)).

# de Sitter space and $dS/CFT$

de Sitter space:  $ds^2 = \frac{R_{dS}^2}{\tau^2} (-d\tau^2 + dw^2 + dx_i^2).$

Fascinating for various reasons.  $dS/CFT$ : fluctuations about  $dS$  encoded thro dual Euclidean non-unitary CFT on *e.g.* boundary at future timelike infinity  $\mathcal{I}^+$  (Witten; Strominger; Maldacena, '01-'02).

Still mysterious, but perhaps interesting to explore.

(Maldacena '02) analytic continuation  $r \rightarrow -i\tau$ ,  $R_{AdS} \rightarrow -iR_{dS}$  from Eucl  $AdS_4 \rightarrow$  Hartle-Hawking wavefunction of the universe  $\Psi[\varphi] = Z_{CFT}$ .

[Bulk EAdS regularity conditions, deep interior  $\rightarrow$  Bunch-Davies initial conditions in deSitter,  $\varphi_k(\tau) \sim e^{ik\tau}$  for large  $|\tau|$ .]  $[Z_{CFT} = \Psi[\varphi] \sim e^{iI_{cl}[\varphi]}$  (semiclassical)].

[Bulk expectation values  $\langle f_1 f_2' \rangle \sim \int D\varphi f_1 f_2' |\Psi|^2$ .]

Wavefunction  $\Psi[\varphi]$  not pure phase  $\rightarrow$

complex saddle points contribute to observables.

[Operationally,  $dS/CFT$  usefully defined by analytic continuation.]

# $dS/CFT$ at uniform energy density

(Sumit Das, Diptarka Das, KN)

$$ds_{d+1}^2 = \frac{R_{dS}^2}{\tau^2} \left( -\frac{d\tau^2}{1+\alpha\tau_0^d\tau^d} + (1 + \alpha\tau_0^d\tau^d)dw^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} dx_i^2 \right),$$

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$$\alpha = -(-i)^d, \quad l \geq \tau_0, \quad w \simeq w + \frac{4\pi}{(d-1)\tau_0}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  *complex* metric, solving  $dS$  gravity  $R_{MN} = \frac{d}{R_{dS}^2} g_{MN}$ .

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“Normalizable” metric modes  $\Rightarrow$  energy-momentum tensor vev.

$$T_{ij} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{h}} \frac{\delta Z_{CFT}}{\delta h^{ij}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{h}} \frac{\delta \Psi}{\delta h^{ij}} \propto i \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{G_{d+1}} g_{ij}^{(d)} \rightarrow dS \text{ black brane.}$$

$[g_{ij}^{(d)} = \text{coefficient of } \tau^{d-2} \text{ in Fefferman-Graham expn.}] \quad [dS/CFT: Z_{CFT} = \Psi].$

Note  $i$  arising from the wavefunction of the universe  $\Psi \sim e^{iI_{cl}}$

$\Rightarrow$  energy-momentum real only if  $g_{ij}^{(d)}$  pure imaginary.

$$dS_4/CFT_3: \quad \alpha = -i, \quad T_{ww} = -\frac{R_{dS}^2}{G_4}\tau_0^3 \quad \text{with} \quad T_{ww} + (d-1)T_{ii} = 0.$$

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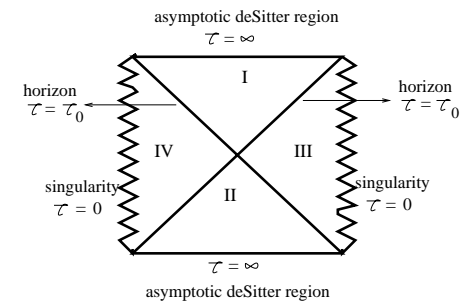
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Trajectories in the de Sitter bluewall and the Cauchy horizon  $\rightarrow$

Observers  $P_1$  are static while  $P_2$  has  $w$ -momentum  $p_w$ ,

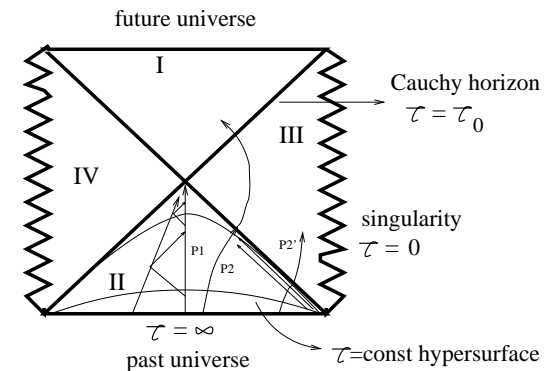
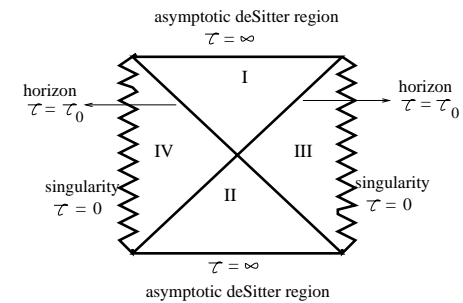
crosses the horizon, turns around inside and appears

to re-emerge in the future universe.

Incoming lightrays from infinity “crowd near” Cauchy horizon:

Late time infalling observers  $P_2$  see early lightrays blueshifted.

Infinite blueshift due to Cauchy horizon: instability.





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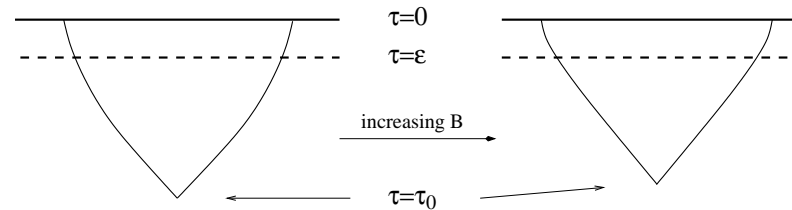
Important sign difference from  $AdS \Rightarrow$  no real “turning point”.  $x(\tau)$  is hyperboloid.

Extremal surface = two half-extremal-surfaces joined continuously at  $\tau_0$  but with sharp cusp.

$$S_{dS} = \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} V_{d-2} \int_{\epsilon}^{\tau_0} \frac{d\tau}{\tau^{d-1}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+B^2\tau^{2d-2}}}.$$

Minimize area w.r.t. parameter  $B \rightarrow$  increase  $B$ .

$\Rightarrow$  surface shape saturates, approaches  $\dot{x}^2 \rightarrow 1$ .



$B \gg \frac{1}{\epsilon^{d-1}} \rightarrow$  past lightcone wedge of subregion:  $x(\tau)$  null surface, vanishing area.

$\rightarrow$  analog of causal holographic information in  $AdS$  (Hubeny,Rangamani).

$dS/CFT$ : complex saddle points  $\rightarrow$  complex extremal surfaces?

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de Sitter (Poincare):  $ds_{d+1}^2 = \frac{R_{dS}^2}{\tau^2} (-d\tau^2 + dw^2 + dx_i^2)$ .

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$dS_4/CFT_3$ :  $B^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$  no turning point. Consider  $B^2 = -A^2 \rightarrow$

$$i\dot{x} = \frac{\pm A\tau^2}{\sqrt{1-A^2\tau^4}}, \quad \frac{i\Delta x}{2} \equiv \frac{il}{2} = \int_0^{\tau_*} \frac{A\tau^2 d\tau}{\sqrt{1-A^2\tau^4}} \sim \tau_* \rightarrow \text{complex extremal surface.}$$

$$\text{Area } \tilde{S}_{dS} = \frac{R_{dS}^2}{4G_4} V_1 \int_{\tau_{UV}}^{\tau_*} \frac{d\tau}{\tau^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-A^2\tau^4}} \sim \frac{R_{dS}^2}{4G_4} V_1 \left( \frac{1}{\tau_{UV}} - c \frac{1}{\tau_*} \right).$$

$$\tau_{UV} = i\epsilon, \quad \tau_* \sim il: \quad S_{dS} = -i\tilde{S}_{dS} \sim -\frac{R_{dS}^2}{4G_4} V_1 \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - c \frac{1}{l} \right).$$

(Anninos, Hartman, Strominger)  $\frac{R_{dS}^2}{4G_4} \sim -N$ : so  $S_{dS} > 0$ , real, resembles EE.

$\rightarrow$  analytic continuation from  $AdS$  Ryu-Takayanagi extremization.

$$S_{AdS}[R, x(r), r] = \frac{R^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} V_{d-2} \int \frac{dr}{r^{d-1}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dr}\right)^2}, \quad (x')^2 = \frac{A^2 r^{2d-2}}{1-A^2 r^{2d-2}} \rightarrow$$

$$\dot{x}^2 = \frac{-(-1)^{d-1} A^2 \tau^{2d-2}}{1-(-1)^{d-1} A^2 \tau^{2d-2}}, \quad S_{dS} = -i \frac{R_{dS}^{d-1}}{4G_{d+1}} V_{d-2} \int \frac{d\tau}{\tau^{d-1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(-1)^{d-1} A^2 \tau^{2d-2}}}.$$

Although these complex extremal surfaces show up in all  $dS_{d+1}$ , resulting analytically continued area is not always real-valued:  $S_{dS}$  real in  $dS_4/CFT_3$ . Physical interpretation: EE?

[ $dS_4$  black brane,  $CFT_3$  at uniform energy density:  $S_{dS}^{fin}$  resembles extensive thermal entropy.]

# Conclusions, questions

- Some gauge/string realizations of Lifshitz & hyperscaling violation involve  $x^+$ -reduction of  $AdS$  deformations with  $g_{++}$ .  
Entanglement in lower dim'nal theory arises on null time  $x^-$  slices upstairs  $\rightarrow$  lightlike limit of entanglement entropy.  
Better understanding in lightcone QFT, ultralocality, ...
- Deeper understanding of  $dS/CFT$  at uniform energy density.
- Deeper understanding of extremal surfaces in de Sitter, their physical interpretation (if any!).