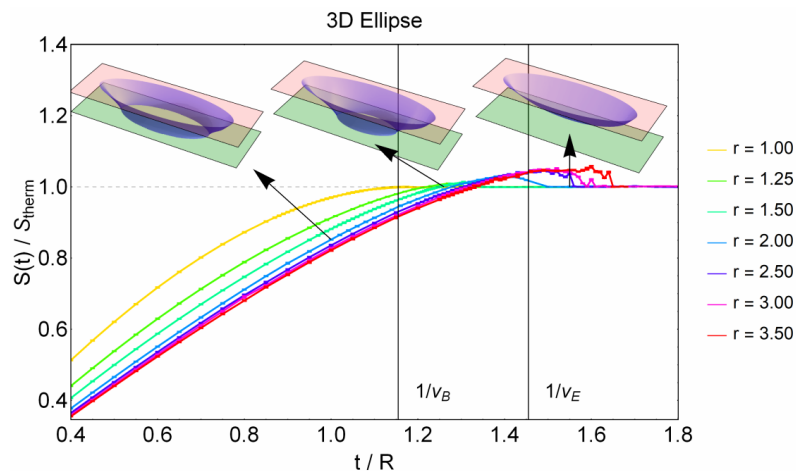


# ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY AT STRONG COUPLING – THERMALIZATION AND EXPANDING SPACETIMES

INCLUDING A SHORT INTRO ON MEMBRANE THEORY

With Márk Mezei and Jorge Casalderrey-Solana, Christian Ecker and David Mateos

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# OUTLINE

## **A quench and entanglement saturation**

- Entanglement tsunami: entanglement and butterfly velocities
- Membrane theory: a hydrodynamic approach

## **Numerics: chaotic thermalisation in stadia and ellipsoids**

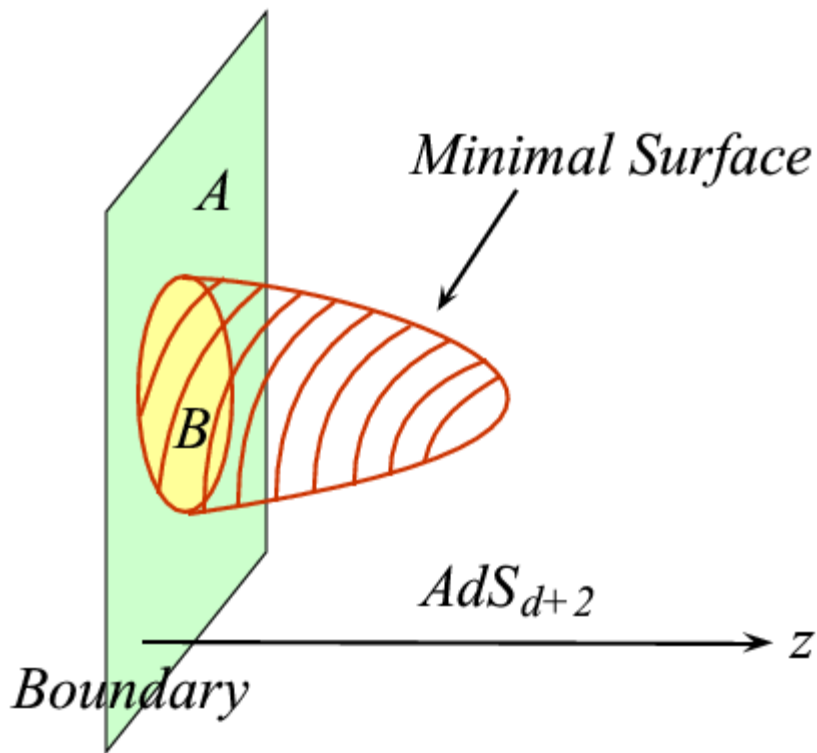
- Black holes thermalize fast for a large class of shapes

## **Entanglement in de Sitter space-time**

- From boundary cosmological horizon to bulk event, apparent and entanglement horizons

# HOLOGRAPHIC ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY

Entanglement entropy CFT  $\cong$  geometry AdS



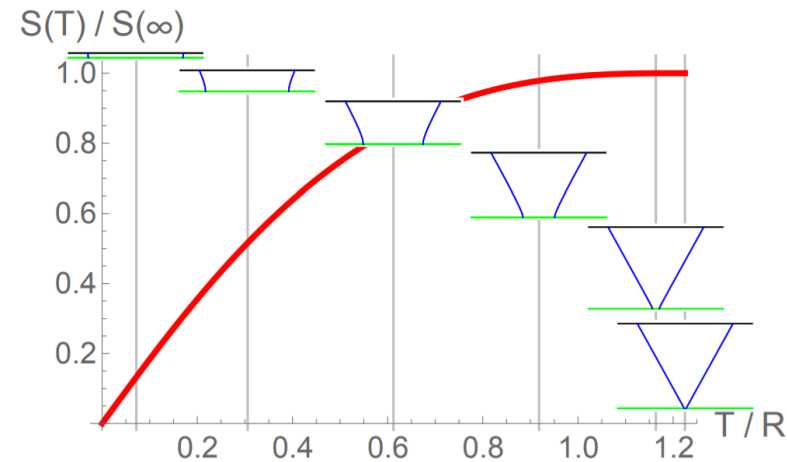
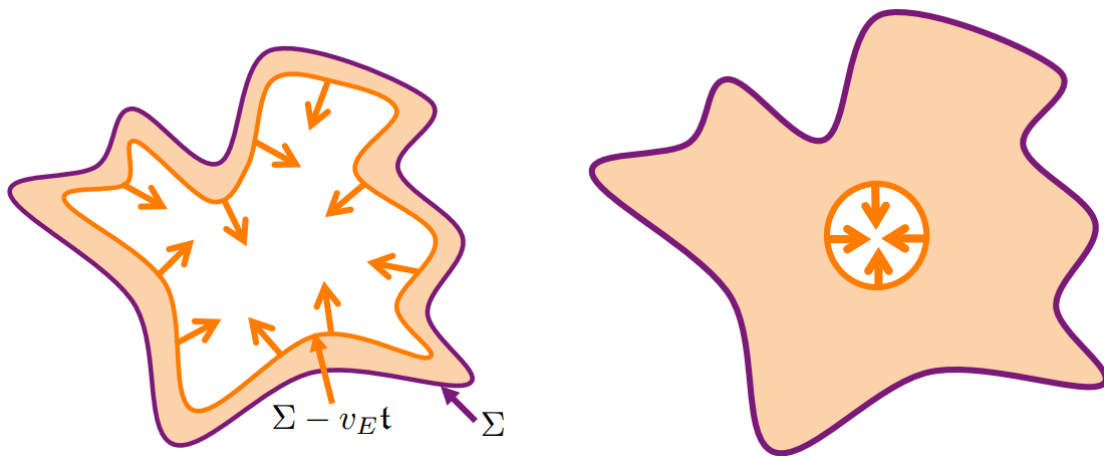
## Prescription:

- Find minimal surface in AdS that matches entangling region on boundary
- AdS is 'smaller' at large  $z$  (IR), so minimal surface goes to IR for large regions
- Time dependence: minimal  $\rightarrow$  extremal (harder)

# VAIDYA QUENCH: ENTANGLEMENT TSUNAMI

## Entanglement grows after quench to thermal value

- Early time ( $t \sim 1/T$ ) ignored: details of quench are unimportant (Vaidya)
- Stripes: constant growth ( $v_E = 1$  for  $d=2$ )



**Early time linear growth:**

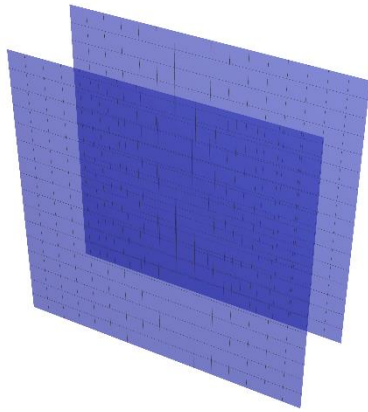
$$v_E = \sqrt{-\frac{a(z)}{z^{2(d-1)}}} \Big|_{\max} = \frac{\left(\frac{d-2}{d}\right)^{(d-2)/(2d)}}{\left(\frac{2(d-1)}{d}\right)^{(d-1)/d}}$$

# TWO EXAMPLES

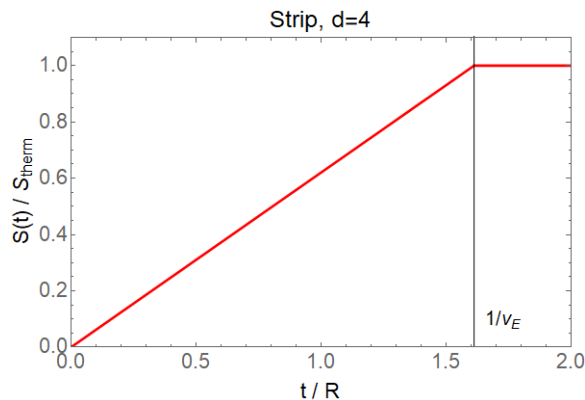
$$\eta = 2(d - 1)/d$$

## Stripe

- Linear growth till (discontinuous) saturation

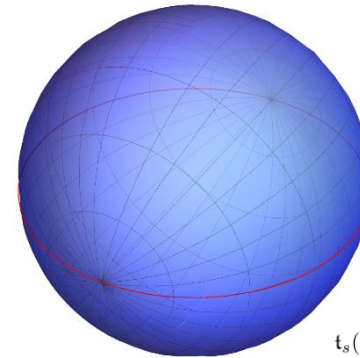


$$v_E = \frac{(\eta - 1)(\eta - 1)/2}{\eta^{\eta/2}}$$



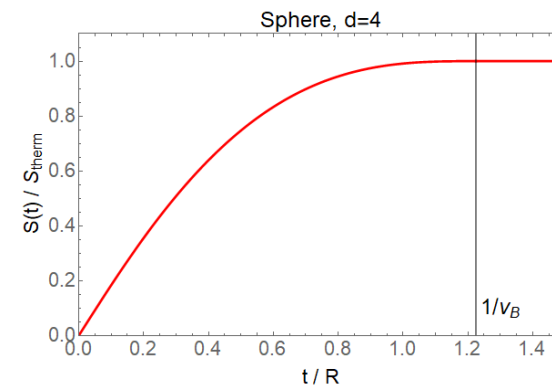
## Sphere

- Shape dependent growth till (critical) saturation



$$t_s(R) = \frac{1}{c_E} R - \frac{d-2}{4\pi T} \log R + O(R^0)$$

$$v_B = 1/\sqrt{\eta}$$



# MEMBRANE THEORY: HOLOGRAPHY

Metric ( $t > 0$ ): 
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[ -a(z) dt^2 - \frac{2}{b(z)} dt dz + d\vec{x}^2 \right]$$

Important limit: times and regions much larger than  $1/T$ : possible to integrate out holographic direction

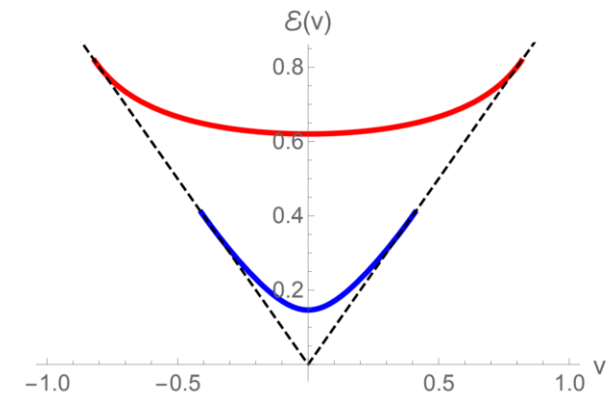
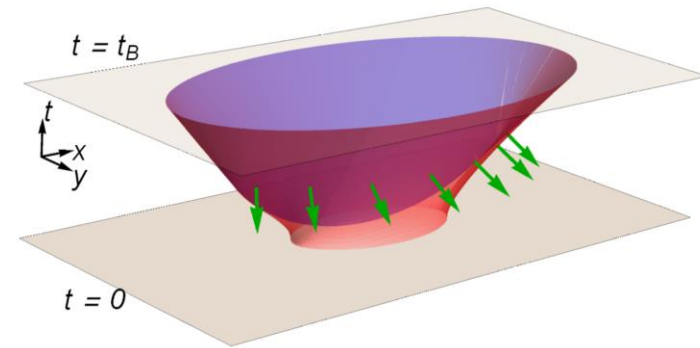
Extremal surface:

$$S = s_{\text{th}} R^{d-1} \int d\tau d\Omega \rho^{d-2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{(\partial_\Omega \rho)^2}{\rho^2}} \mathcal{E}(v)$$

$$= s_{\text{th}} R^{d-1} \int d\text{area} \frac{\mathcal{E}(v)}{\sqrt{1-v^2}},$$

$$\mathcal{E}(v) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{-a'(\zeta)}{2(d-1)\zeta^{2d-3}} \Big|_{\zeta=c^{-1}(v^2)}}$$

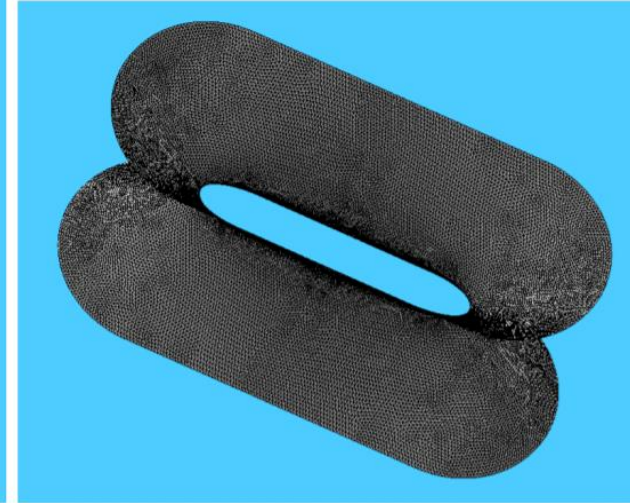
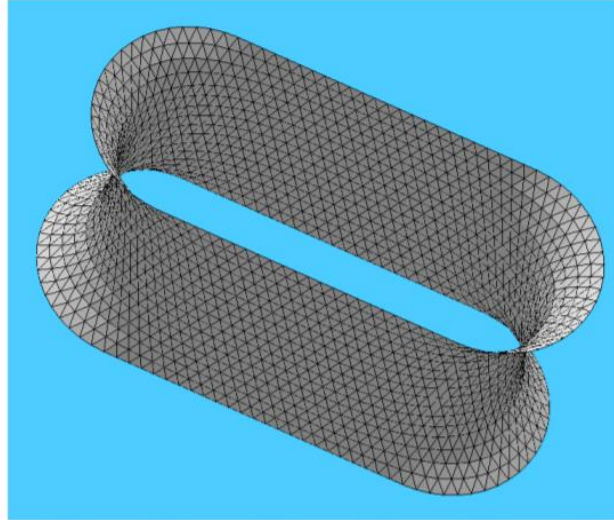
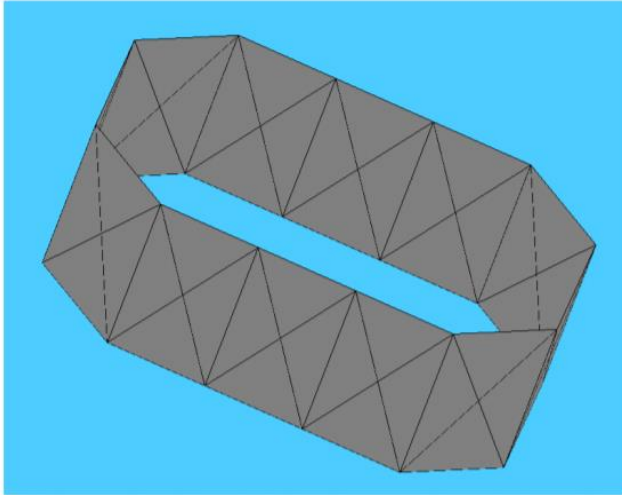
Important: extremising  $\rightarrow$  minimising



Tension for neutral (red) and charged (blue) black brane

# NUMERICS: SURFACE EVOLVER

Refine and relax surface:

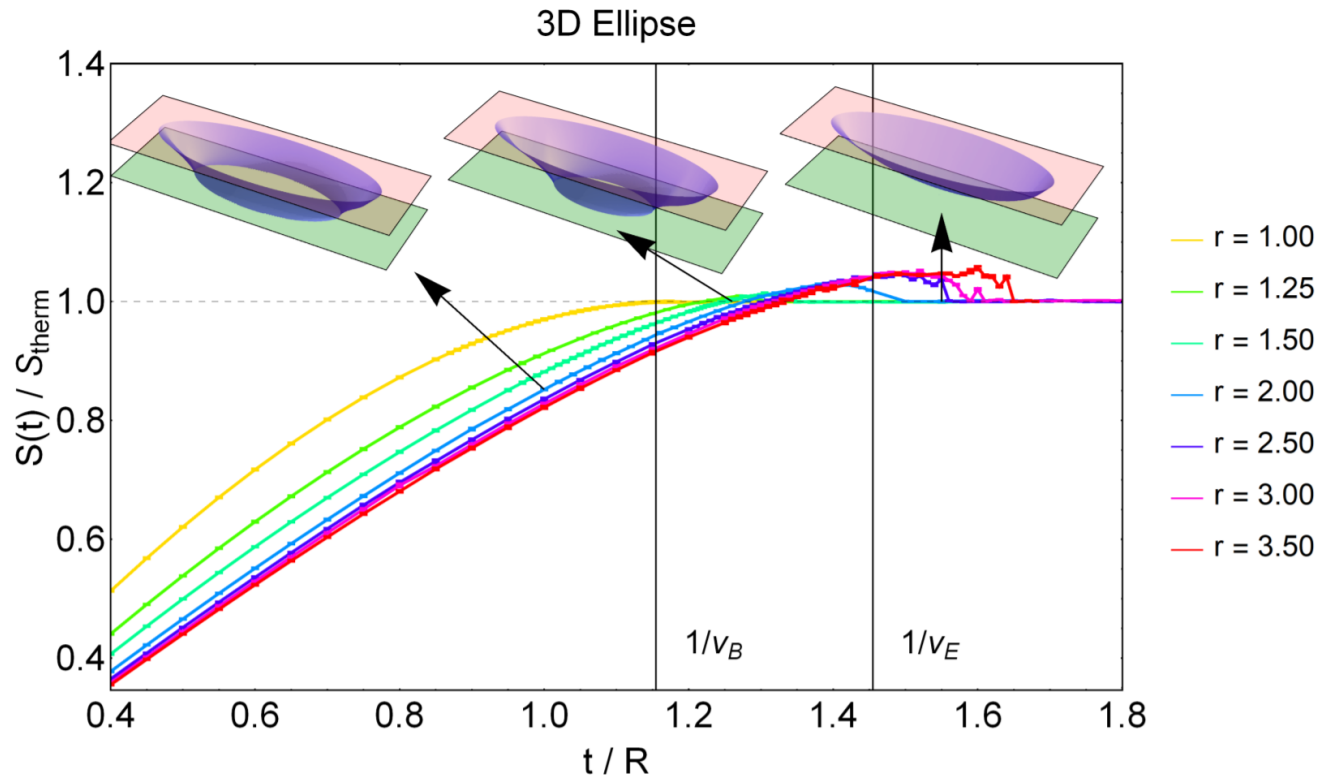


Relax by minimising  
membrane action:

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gVu := {V; u; g 25;}
gogo := {
  scale:=0.001;
  r 2; gVu 50;
  scale:=0.0025;
  r; g 12000;
  V; u; g 29000;
  gVu 8000;
  scale:=0.0005;
  g 30000;
  r; gVu 15;
  g 20000;
  r; gg 10;
  g 100000
},
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# 3D RESULTS

Thermalises *almost* at butterfly speed for spheres; otherwise slower:



Not as interesting, as no fast thermalisation bound conjectured

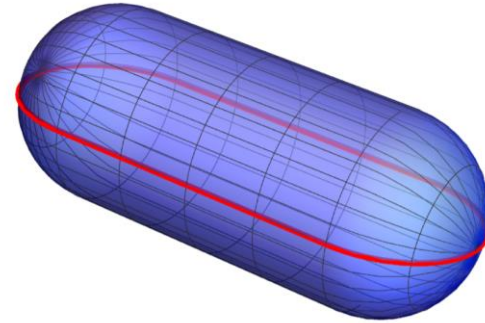


# 4D RESULTS

Two options with same amount of symmetry:

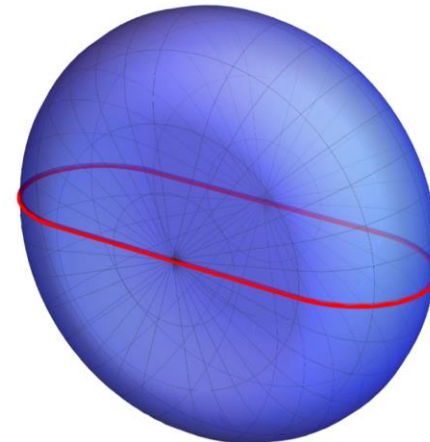
## Tube

- Infinite ratio: cylinder
  - Saturates at butterfly speed
- Ratio  $> 1$



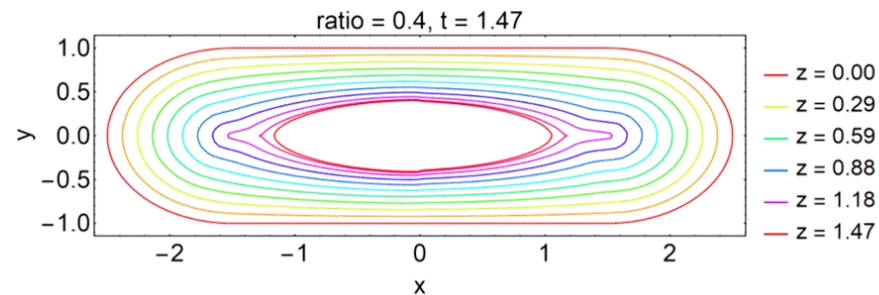
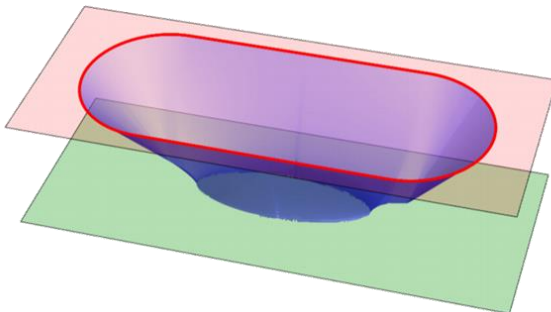
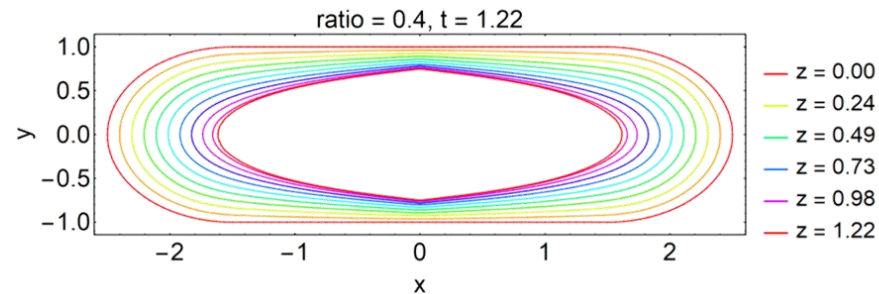
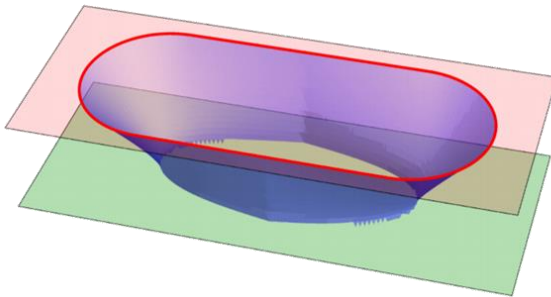
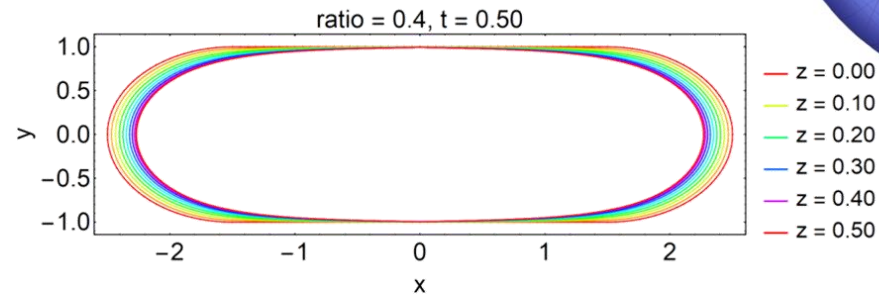
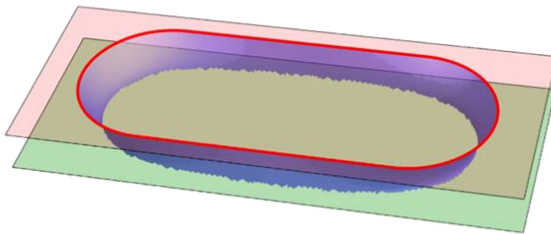
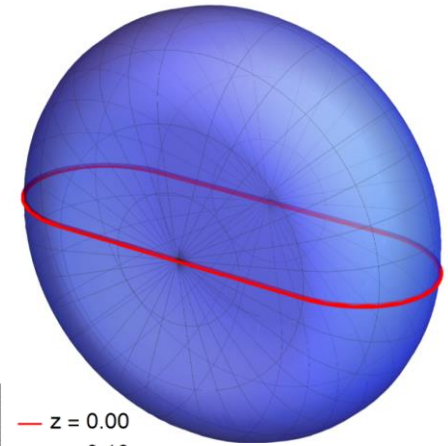
## Icecream waffle

- Infinite ratio: stripe
  - Saturates at entanglement speed
- Ratio  $< 1$

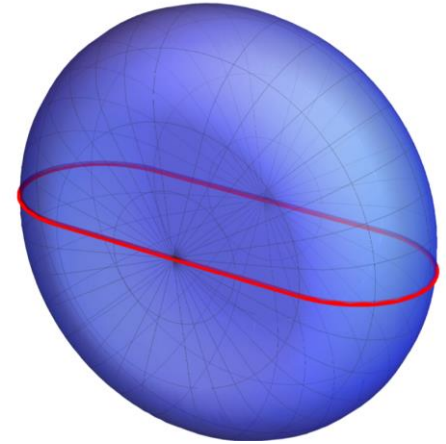


# 4D WAFFLE

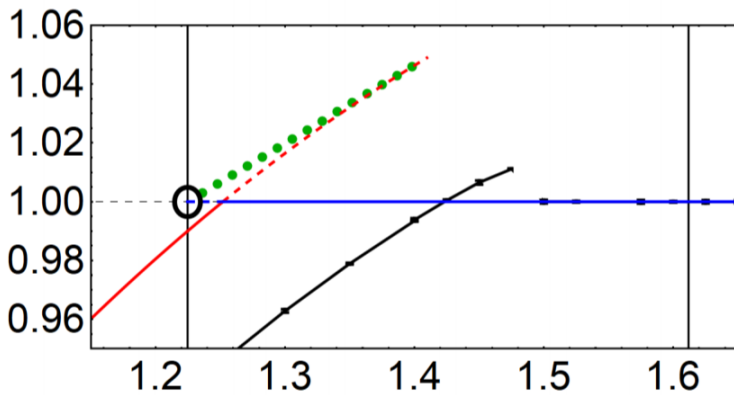
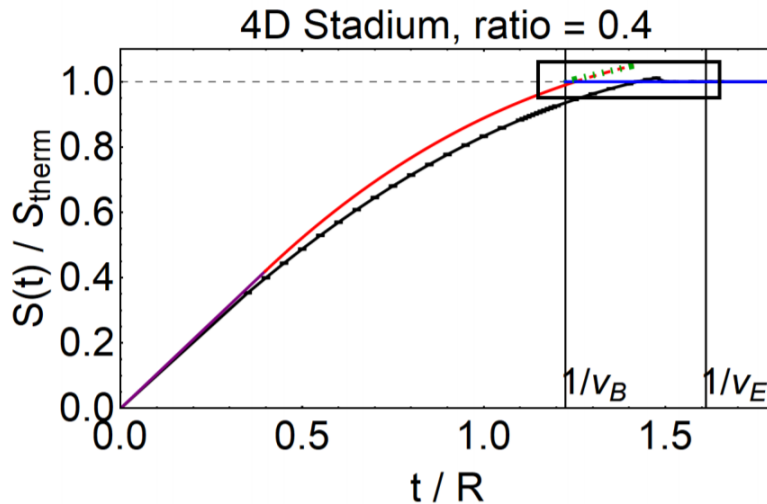
Membrane at several times; also: cusp formation



# 4D WAFFLE



## Thermalisation curve:



### Analytic bound (red):

- Construct membrane with constant butterfly velocity + from  $t=t'$ :  $v=0$  part:

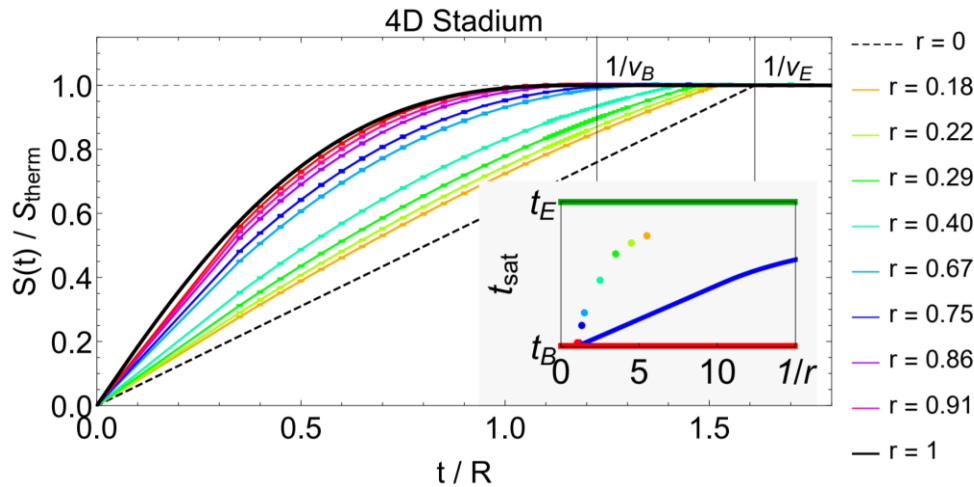
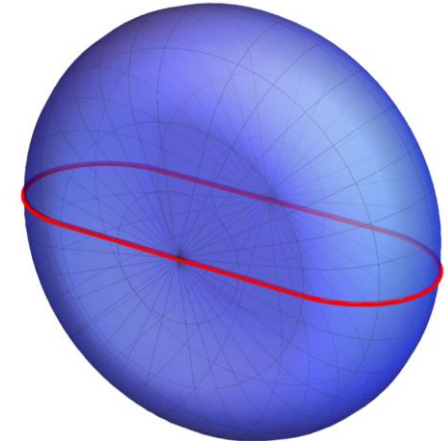
$$S_{\max}[A(t)] = s_{\text{th}} \min_{0 \leq t' \leq \min(t, t_B)} [(\text{vol}(A) - \text{vol}(A')) + v_E \text{area}(A') t']$$

- Corollary: butterfly time is saturation time iff  $t' = t_B$

# 4D WAFFLE

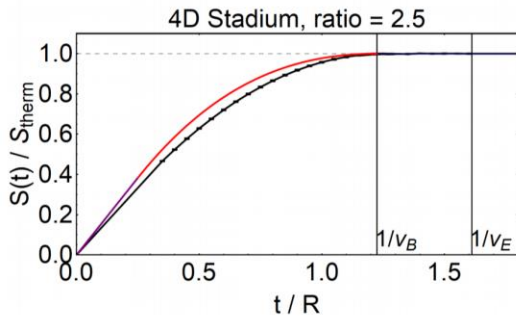
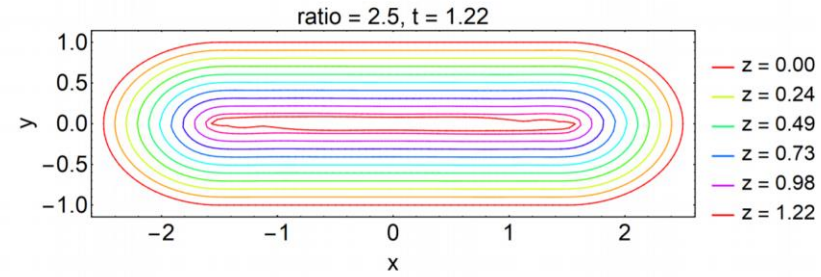
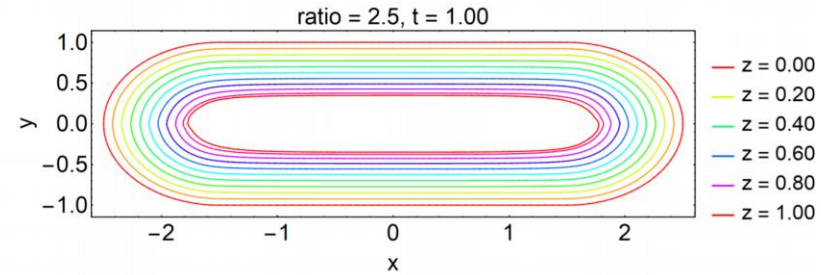
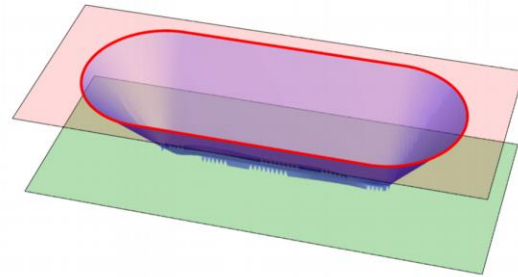
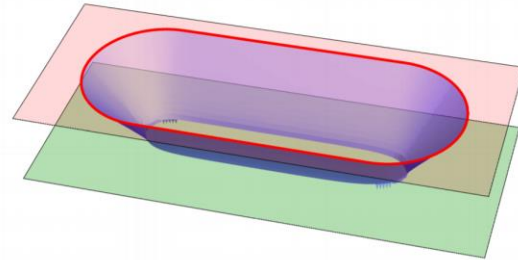
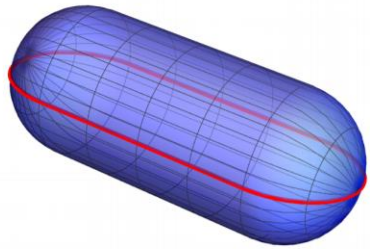
## Saturation times for many ratios:

- Saturates approximately at  $t_B$  for  $r > 0.75$
- Indeed approaches  $t_E$  (stripe) for large ratios

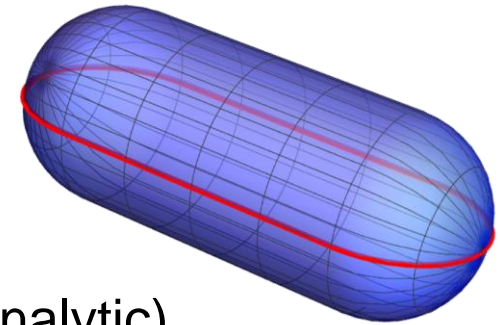


# 4D TUBE

Membrane at several times; also: cusp formation

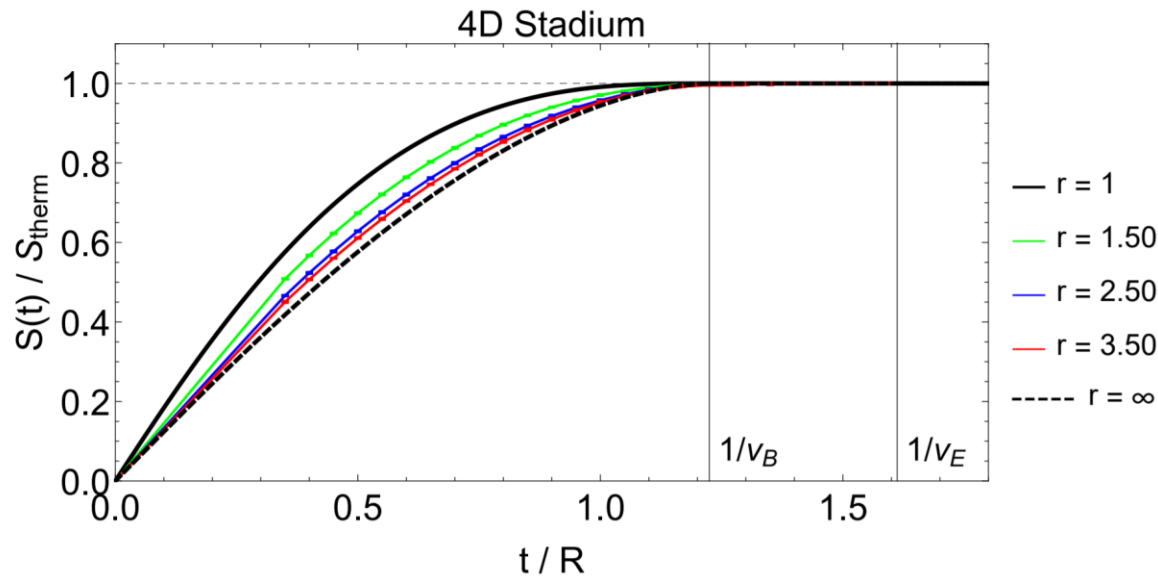


# 4D TUBE



## Saturation times for many ratios:

- Nicely interpolates between sphere and cylinder (analytic)
- *All of them saturate at butterfly time*
  - Shows genericity of black holes as fast scramblers



# IMPORTANT LESSON

## Saturation of the butterfly bound on entanglement saturation:

- Analytically known: cylinders saturate, stripes do not
- New result: true for general 'class' around spheres and stripes:
  - Waffles don't saturate (from  $r \lesssim 0.75$ )
  - Tubes always saturate (making bound generic)

## Difference between cylinders and stripes:

- Stripes have 'two large directions', i.e. much larger than  $R$ 
  - $R$  is radius largest inscribed sphere
- Somewhat intuitive: thermalisation over 'large' space takes longer

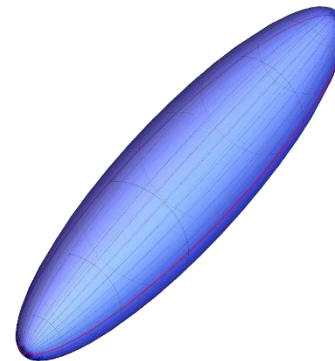
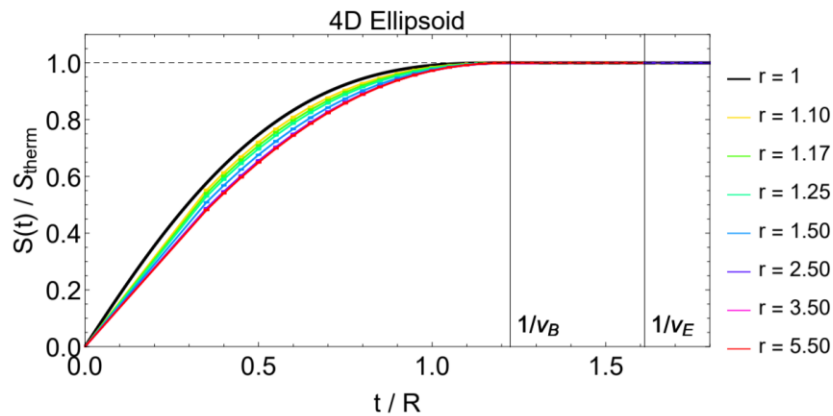
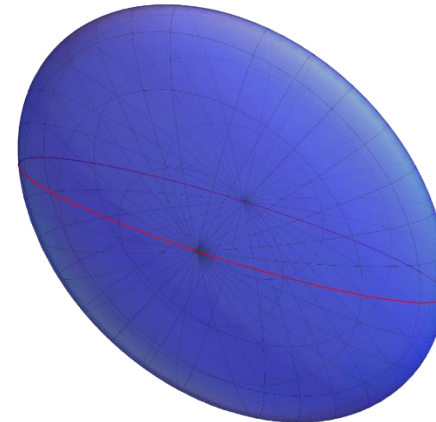
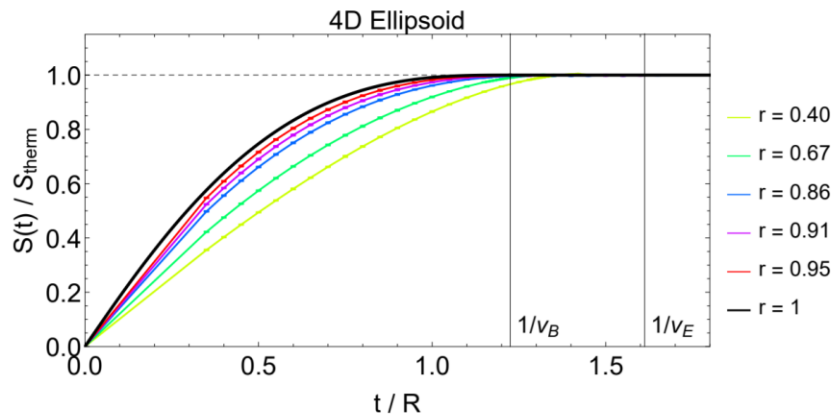
## Independent: charged spheres do not always saturate

- Schwarzschild black holes really the fastest scramblers?
- Comparison with free theory? (typically infinite saturation time...)

# MORE GENERAL: ELLIPSOIDS

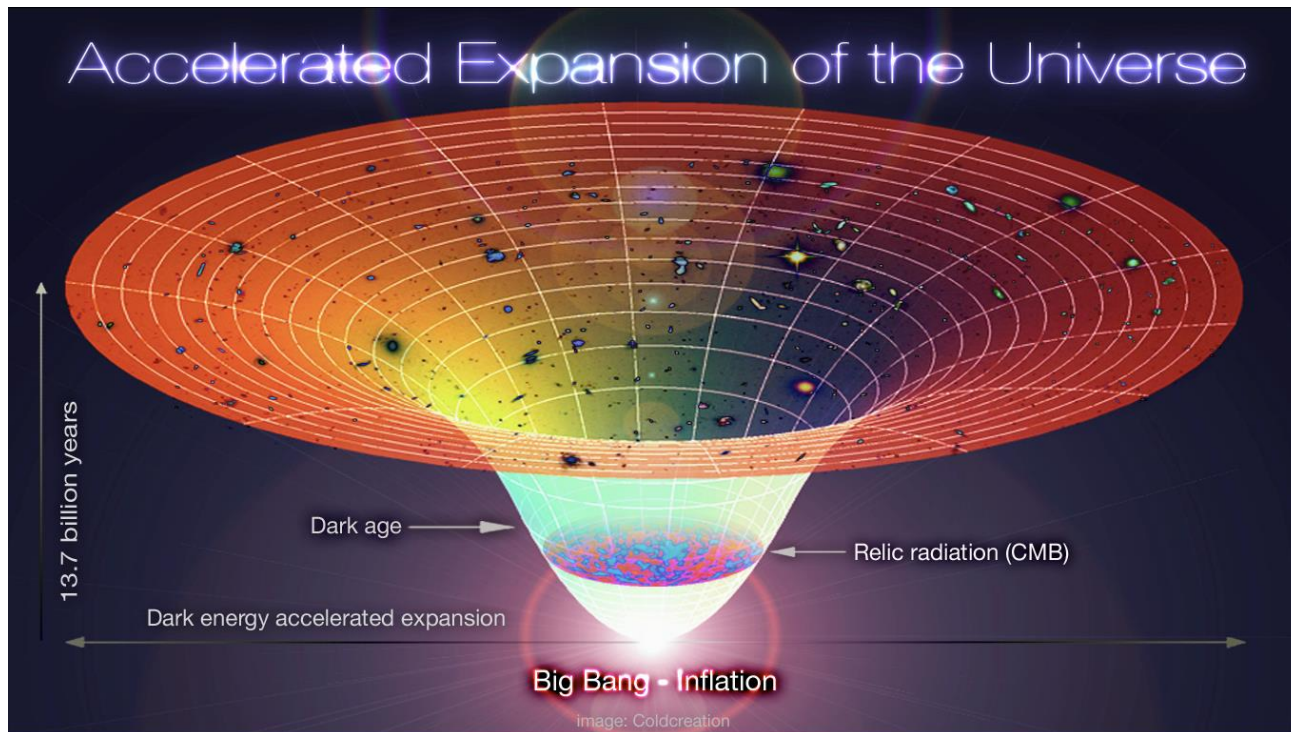
Similar for ellipsoids: 'cylinder-like' thermalises in butterfly time

- Non-trivial: no analytic arguments for limiting cases





# ENTANGLEMENT ON DE SITTER<sub>4</sub>



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

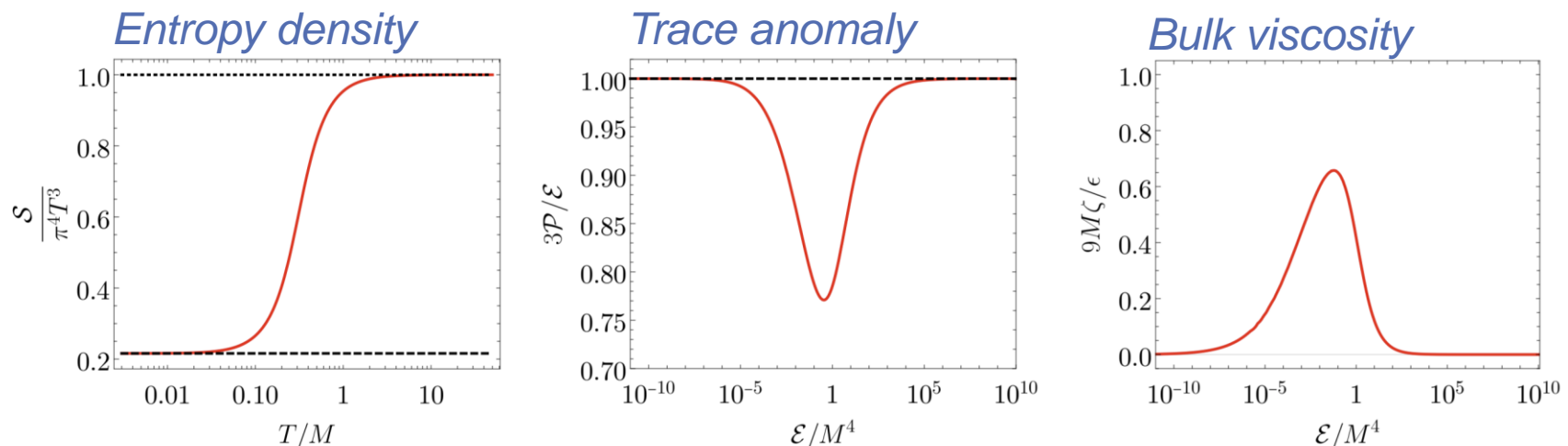
De Sitter is conformally flat: almost trivial for CFT

- 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):



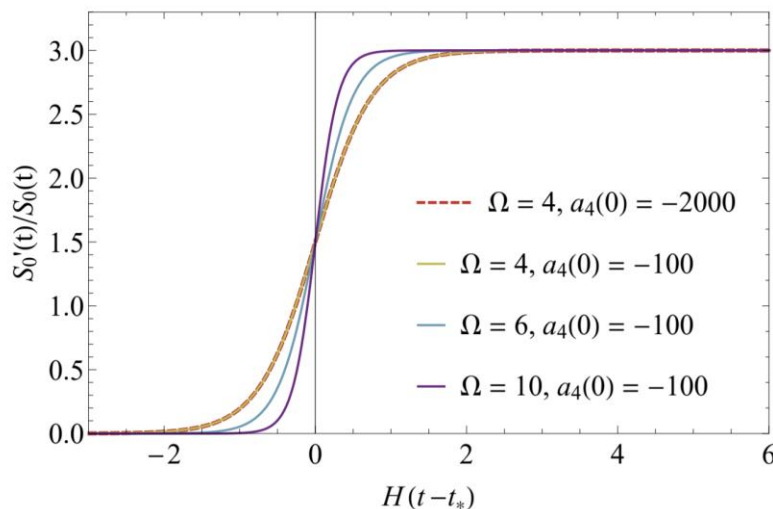
# HOW WE SET UP A STATE

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

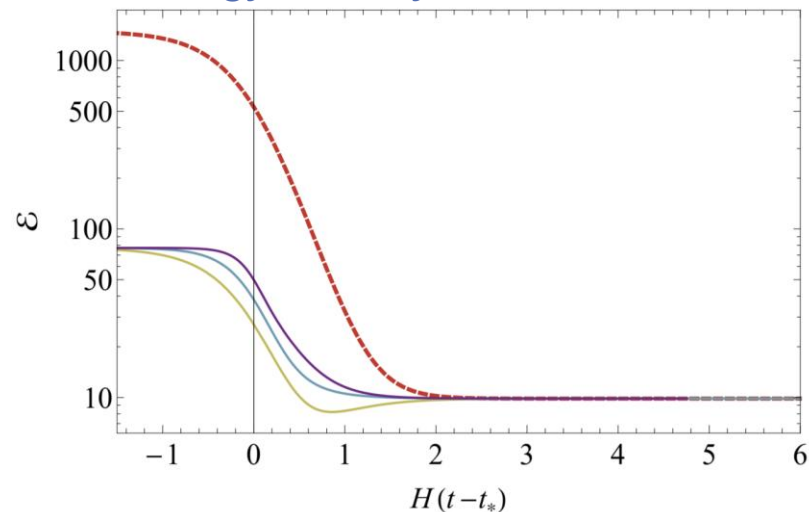
**Start with thermal (high-temperature) state in flat space**

- 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

*Hubble parameter*



*Energy density*

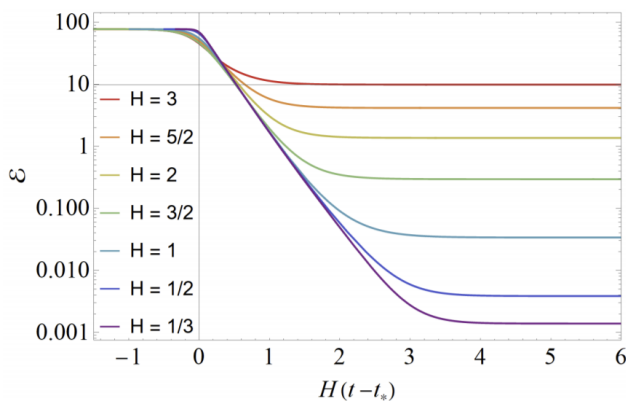


# TIME EVOLUTION OF THE PROTOCOL

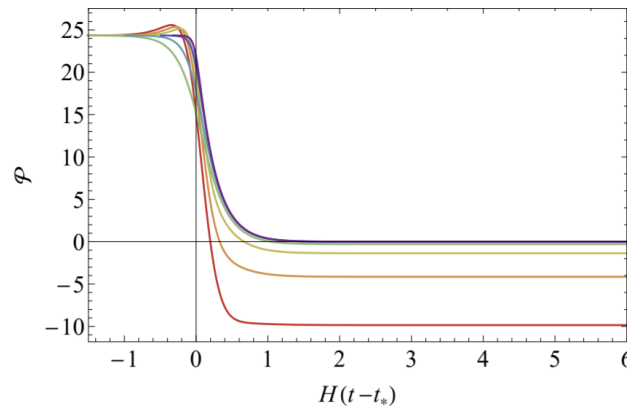
## Evolution of stress tensor for different Hubble constants

- 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

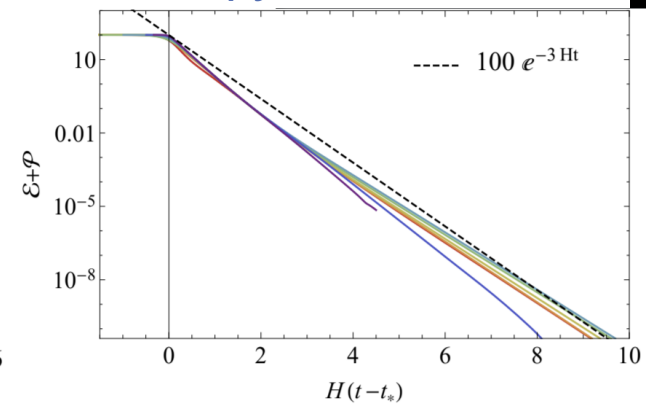
*Energy density*



*Pressure*



*Enthalpy*



# THE APPROACH TOWARDS HYDRODYNAMICS

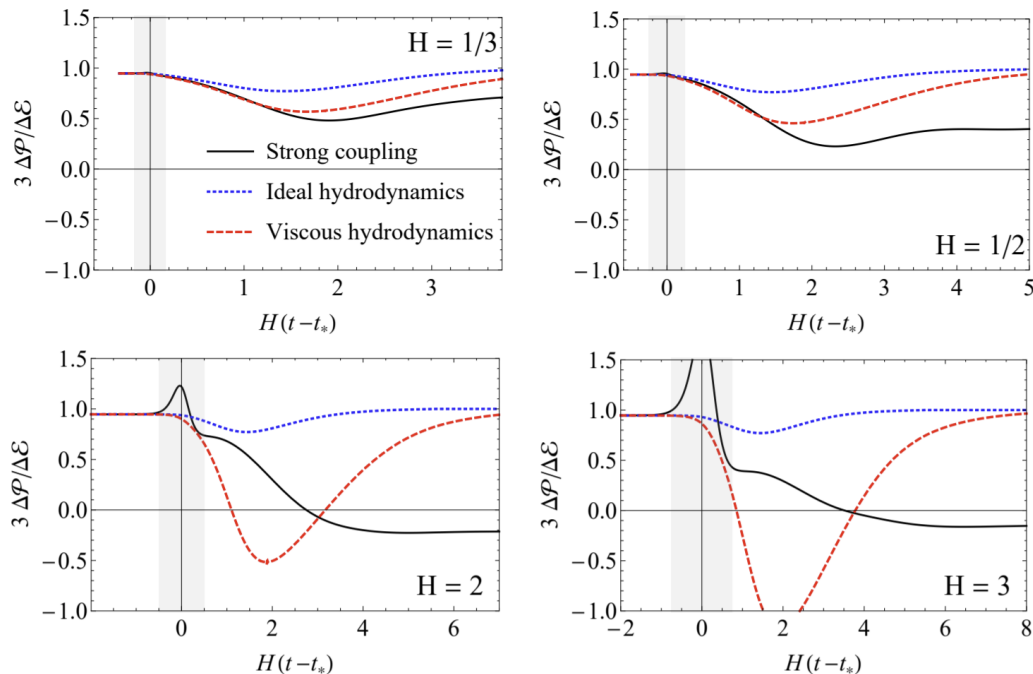
## Non-trivial hydrodynamic prediction

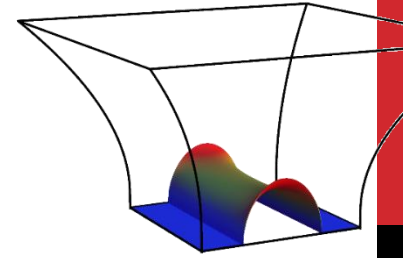
$$\Delta \mathcal{P}^{\text{hydro}}(t) \equiv \Delta p_{\text{eq}}(\Delta \mathcal{E}(t)) - 3H\zeta(\Delta \mathcal{E}(t)) + O(H^2),$$

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

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

- All done with `subtracted' quantities (e.g. VE = 0)
- A puzzle: at which energy to take bulk viscosity? (irrelevant at 1<sup>st</sup> order)
- Viscous hydro works for small H (gradients). Negative `EOS' for large H.



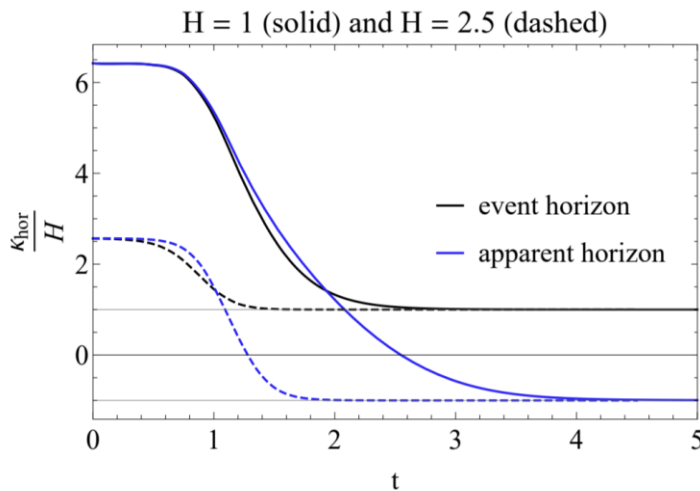


# BLACK HOLE THERMODYNAMICS

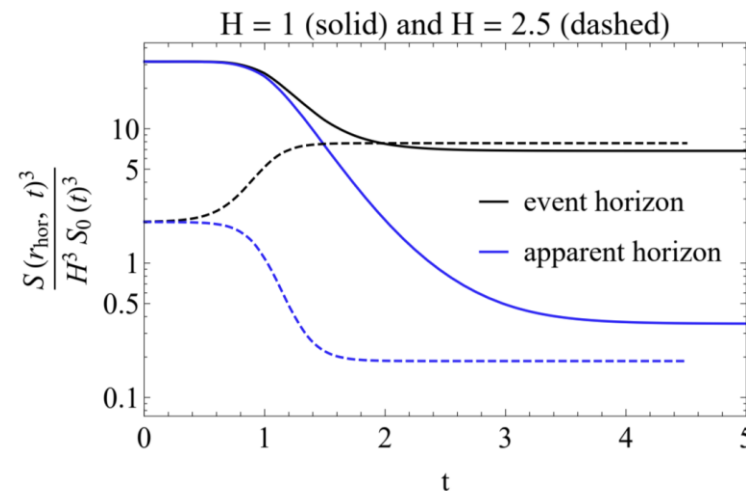
## Keep track of bulk event and apparent horizons (EF coordinates)

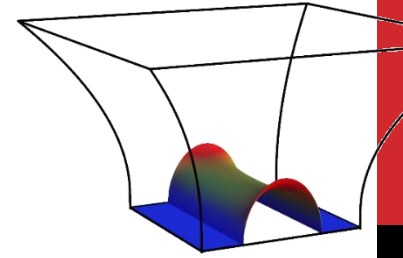
- Dynamical setting: horizons not coincide at late times:
- Surface gravities can be shown analytically:  $\kappa_{\text{EH}} = -\kappa_{\text{AH}} = H$   
EH confirms Hawking's temperature in de Sitter
- Area density apparent horizon vanishes for conformal theory

### Surface gravity



### Area densities





# BLACK HOLE THERMODYNAMICS

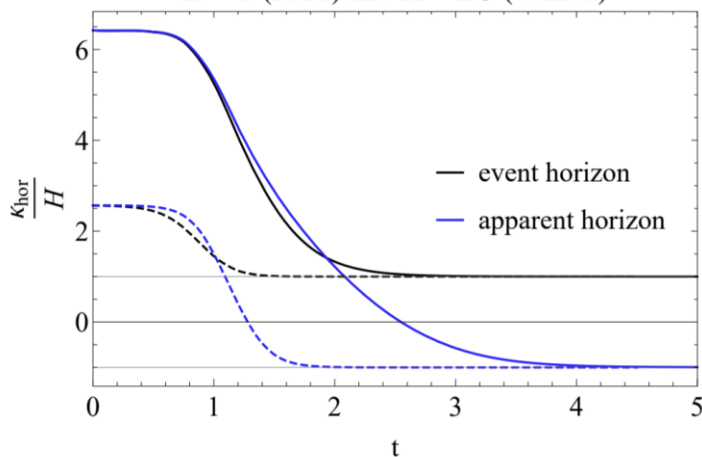
## Several interpretational issues

- 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

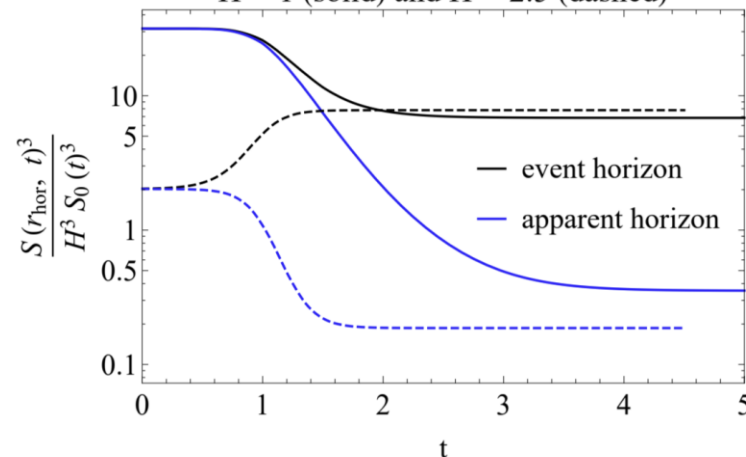
### Surface gravity

H = 1 (solid) and H = 2.5 (dashed)



### Area densities

H = 1 (solid) and H = 2.5 (dashed)

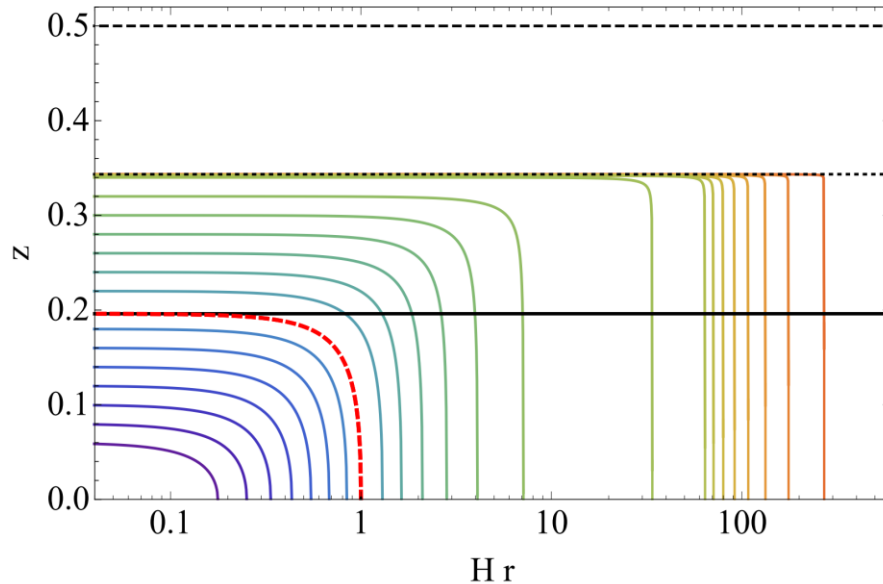


# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

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

$H = 2.5$

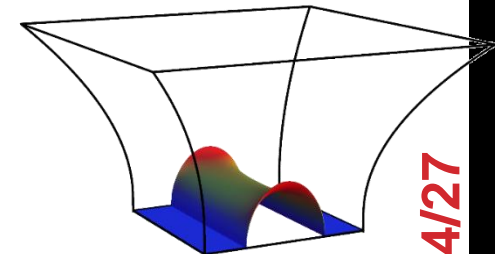


----- Cosmological horizon

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

Entanglement horizon:  $T = 0$

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

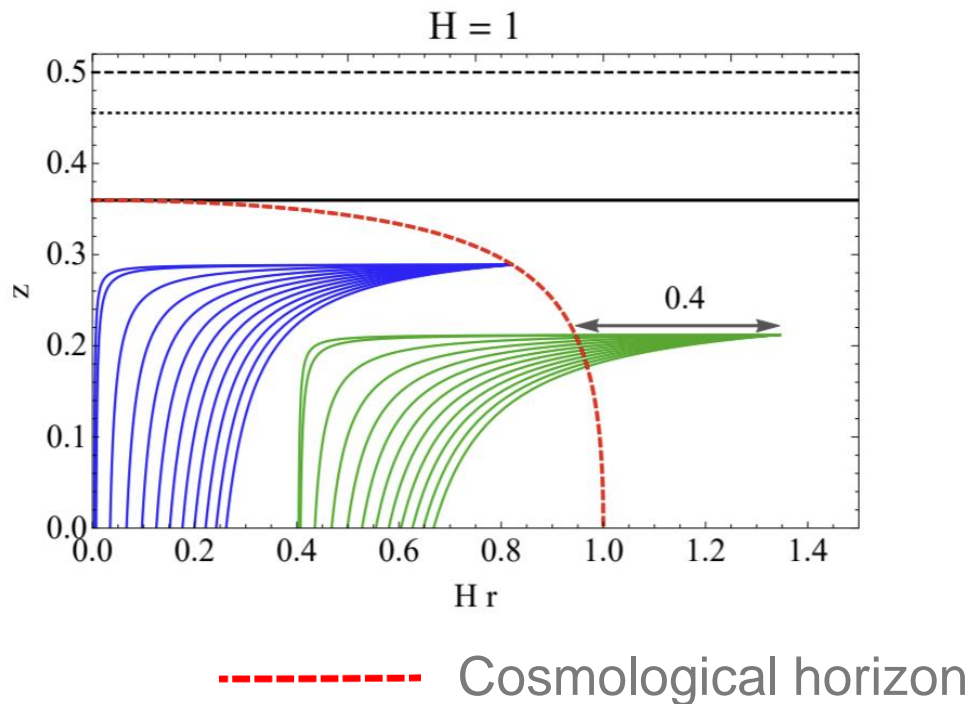




# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

Extremal surface dual to cosmological horizon:

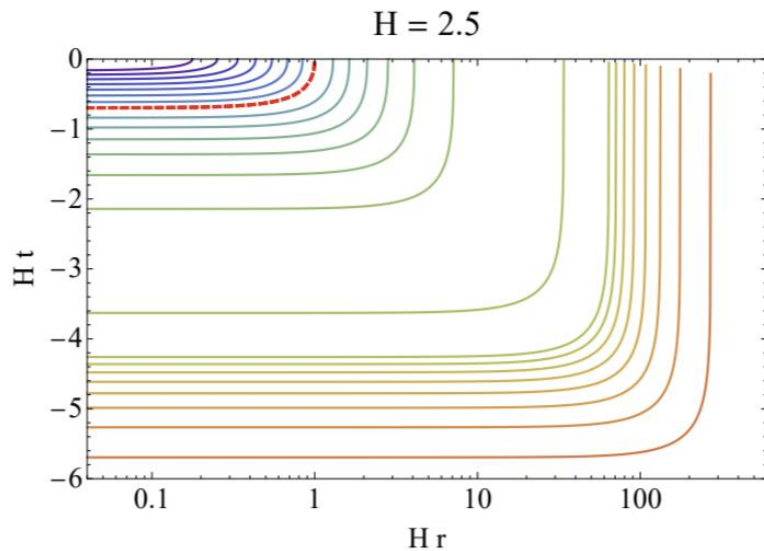
- Separates points in the bulk from which light can reach the (boundary) origin
- *Boundary cosmological horizon*  $\rightarrow$  *full bulk cosmological horizon*



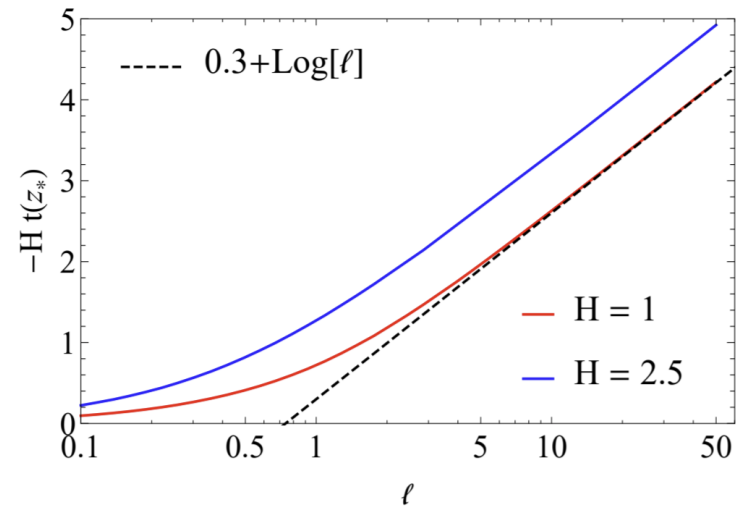
# ENTANGLEMENT IN DE SITTER

Extremal surface 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



# DISCUSSION

## Entanglement entropy thermalisation

- Membrane theory: large time and length behaviour (hydro):
  - Extremisation  $\rightarrow$  minimisation problem

## Surface evolver

- Solved variety of shapes: waffles, tubes, ellipsoids, 3D + 4D ...
- Butterfly thermalisation *for large class of shapes*
- Mechanism quite clear by analytic bound:
  - Excludes measure zero for black holes as fast scramblers

## Entanglement in de Sitter

- 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
- Area law divergence + constant term from 'entanglement horizon'

# ENTANGLEMENT IN 1+1 CFT, VAIDYA

**Vaidya: far-from-equilibrium quench, instantaneous & homogeneous**

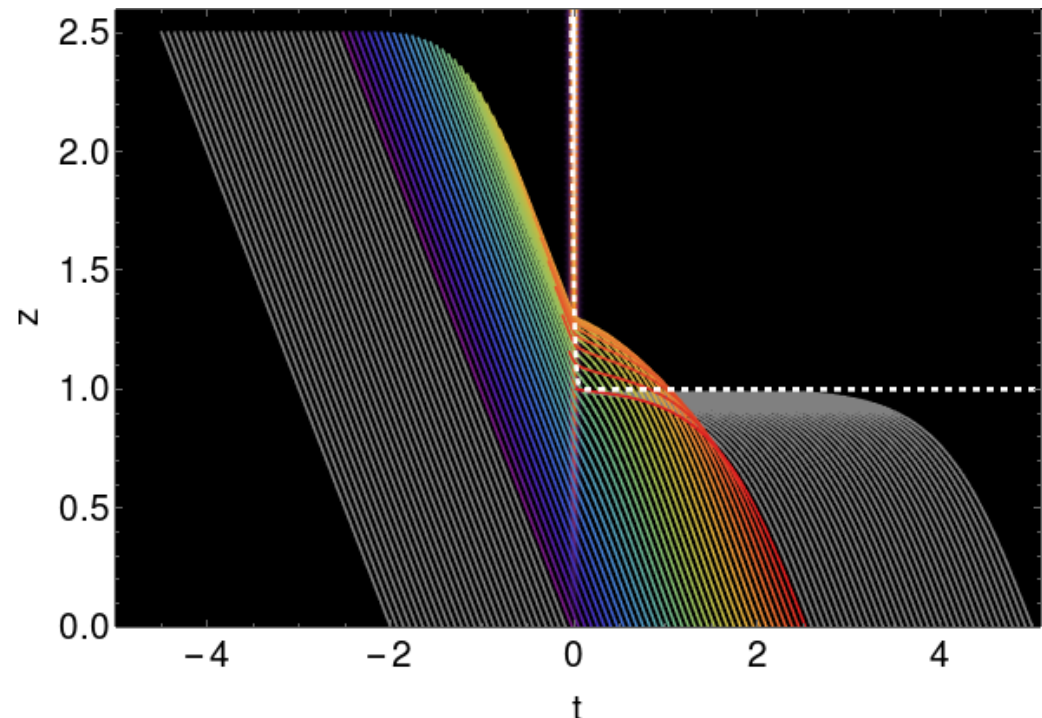
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} (-(1 - M(t)z^2)dt^2 - 2dt dz + dx^2)$$

- Interesting: coloured geodesics/surfaces cross matter shell
- Some geodesics can cross horizon, but never at  $x=0$

**Time-AdS projection (no x)**

- **Size region: 5**
- Vaidya matter shell at  $t = 0$
- Horizon: dashed line
- Coloured extremal surfaces cross shell (till  $L/2$ )

**NB: Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates**

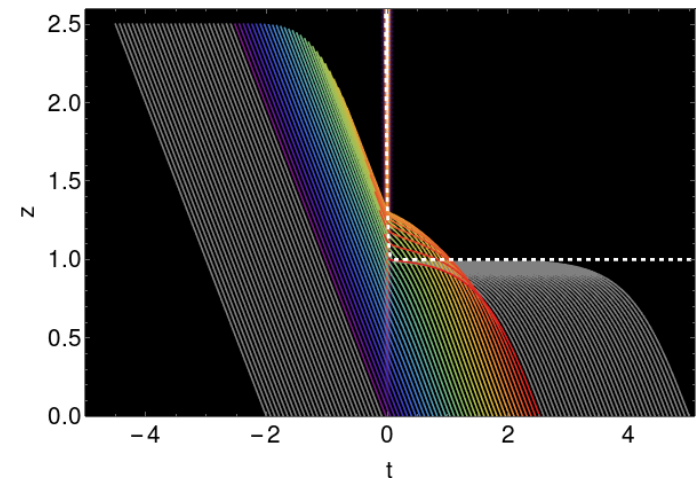
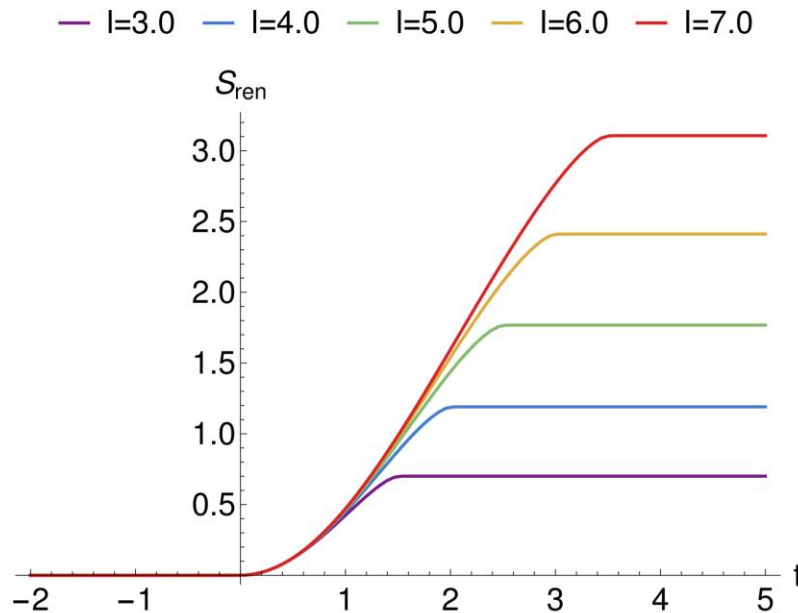


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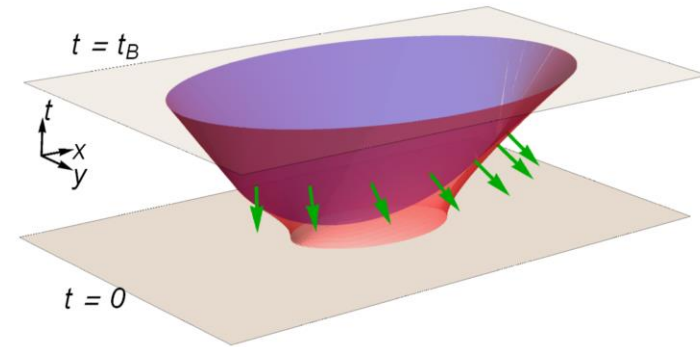
- Time evolution, and saturation when geodesics do not cross shell anymore (pure thermal)



# MEMBRANE THEORY: HOLOGRAPHY

**Metric ( $t > 0$ ):** 
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[ -a(z)dt^2 - \frac{2}{b(z)} dt dz + d\vec{x}^2 \right]$$

**Rescaling:**  $t \equiv R\tau, \quad r(t, \Omega) \equiv R\rho(\tau, \Omega), \quad z(t, \Omega) \equiv \zeta(\tau, \Omega)$



**Extremal surface:**

$$S = s_{\text{th}} R^{d-1} \int d\tau d\Omega \frac{\rho^{d-2}}{\zeta^{d-1}} \sqrt{Q},$$

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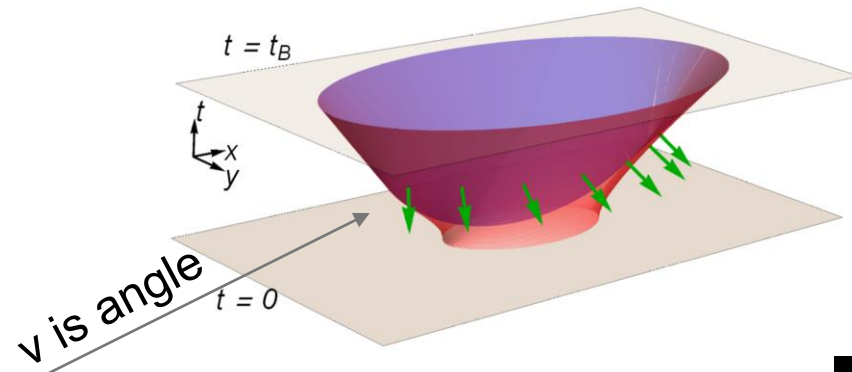
**Important: holographic  $\zeta$  direction has no derivative (large R limit)**

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**Extremal surface, several tricks**

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**Integrate out  $\zeta$ : algebraic E-L:**  $v^2 \equiv \frac{(\partial_\tau \rho)^2}{1 + \frac{(\partial_\Omega \rho)^2}{\rho^2}} = a(\zeta) - \frac{\zeta a'(\zeta)}{2(d-1)}$

**New action in terms of 'membrane':**

$$S = s_{\text{th}} R^{d-1} \int d\tau d\Omega \rho^{d-2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{(\partial_\Omega \rho)^2}{\rho^2}} \mathcal{E}(v)$$

$$= s_{\text{th}} R^{d-1} \int d\text{area} \frac{\mathcal{E}(v)}{\sqrt{1-v^2}},$$

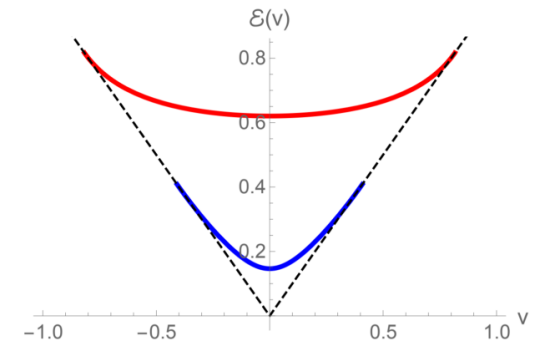
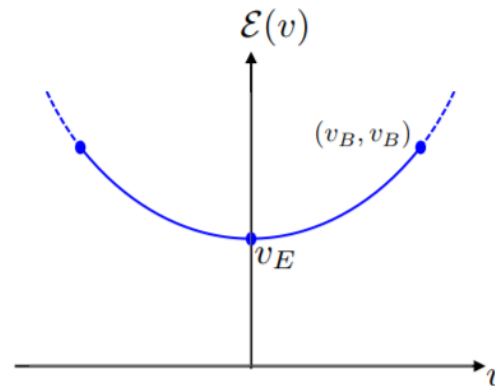
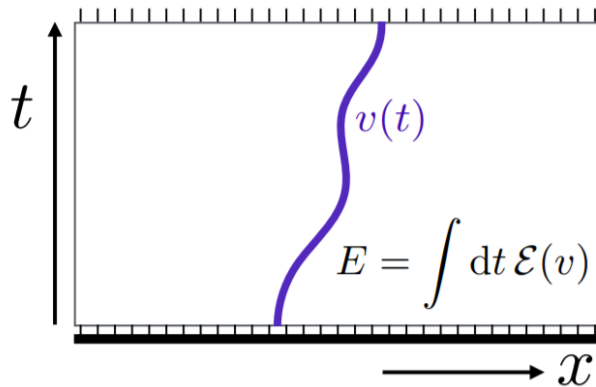
$$\mathcal{E}(v) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{-a'(\zeta)}{2(d-1)\zeta^{2d-3}} \Big|_{\zeta=c^{-1}(v^2)}}$$

**Important: now minimization of timelike membrane in 3+1 Minkowski**

(was: extremisation of spacelike membrane in 4+1 AdS)

# MEMBRANE THEORY: TENSOR NETWORKS

Was first understood in 1+1D quantum mechanics



Tension for neutral (red) and charged (blue) black brane

Understood as 'entanglement velocity' + minimisation membrane tension problem

- Monotonic function (assuming ANEC in bulk)
- Interesting:  $\mathcal{E}(0) = v_E$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'(0) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(v_B) = v_B$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'(v_B) = 1$
- (butterfly velocity can be related to horizon and OTOC)

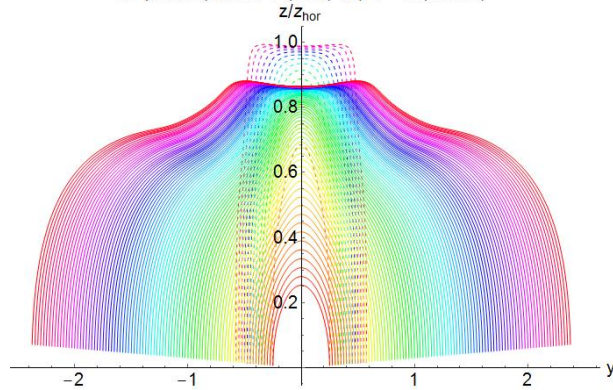


# OUTLOOK

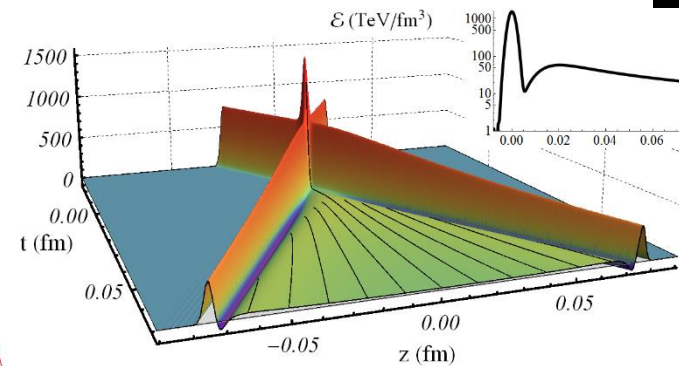
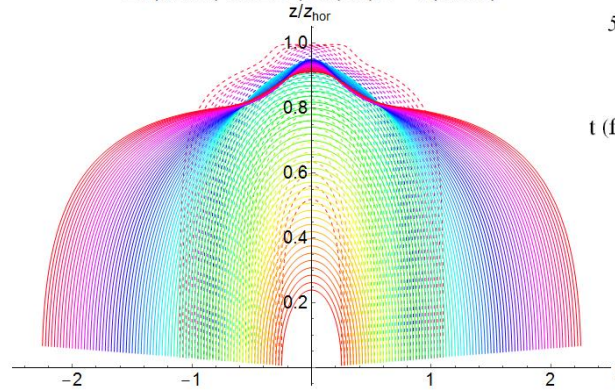
## Non-homogeneous thermalisation: membrane theory as hydro

- For instance shock wave geometry:

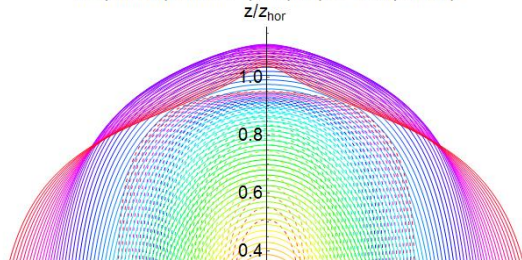
EE (dashed) and 2PF (solid) at  $\mu t = 0$ . (narrow)



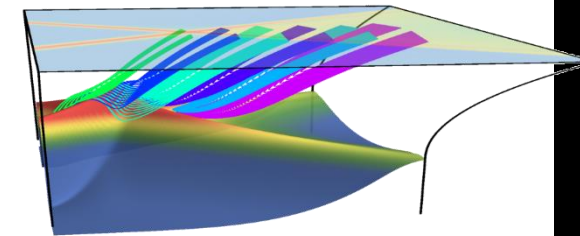
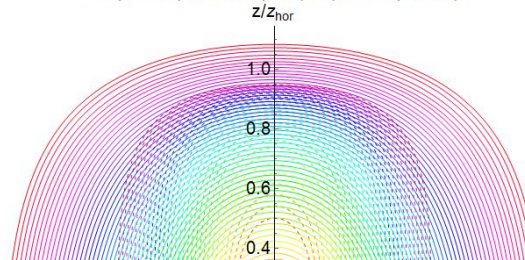
EE (dashed) and 2PF (solid) at  $\mu t = 1$ . (narrow)



EE (dashed) and 2PF (solid) at  $\mu t = 1.5$ . (narrow)



EE (dashed) and 2PF (solid) at  $\mu t = 2$ . (narrow)



Highlight: vacuum and dynamic intuition on depth  
2PF versus EE don't coincide (compare short vs large  $L$ )!