

# de Sitter space and braneworld holography

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# Semi-classical gravity & backreaction

- Consider a theory of gravity coupled to matter, e.g.,

$$S = \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{(R - 2\Lambda)}{16\pi G_N} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} \right)$$

- We do not know how to quantize it, in general
- Often, we are interested in studying leading quantum effects
- Focus on semi-classical regime where

$$\ell_P \ll \ell \ll \ell_{\text{macro}}, \quad \ell_P \sim (\hbar G_N)^{1/(d-1)}$$

- Treat geometry classically; quantize matter fields
- At zeroth order QFT in a fixed background. More generally,

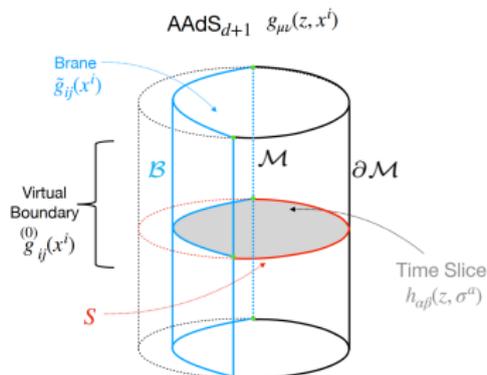
$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

Technical problem: iterative calculation with increasing complexity

# Braneworld holography I: AdS branes

- Start with pure AdS/CFT. Bulk AdS is dual to a CFT living on the boundary
- Introduce a pure tensional brane (analogous to [Karch-Randall]):

$$S = S_{\text{Bulk}}[\mathcal{M}] + S_{\text{GHY}}[\partial\mathcal{M}] + S_{\text{Brane}}[\mathcal{B}], \quad S_{\text{Brane}} = -\tau \int_{\mathcal{B}} d^d x \sqrt{-h}$$



- ‘Integrate out’ the UV [de Haro, Skenderis, Solodukhin]
- This pulls the CFT to the brane, coupled to dynamical gravity

# Braneworld holography I: AdS branes

- This process yields:

$$\tilde{S}_{\text{Brane}} = S_{\text{Bgrav}}[\mathcal{B}] + S_{\text{CFT}}[\mathcal{B}],$$
$$S_{\text{Bgrav}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_d} \int_{\mathcal{B}} d^d x \sqrt{-h} \left[ R - 2\Lambda_d + \ell^2 (R^2\text{-terms}) + \dots \right],$$

- $\ell \propto 1/\tau$  is a scale generated by integration
- $S_{\text{Bgrav}}$  arises from integrating non-normalizable modes
- $S_{\text{CFT}}$  arises from integrating normalizable modes  
→ Depends on bulk state, thus left unspecified

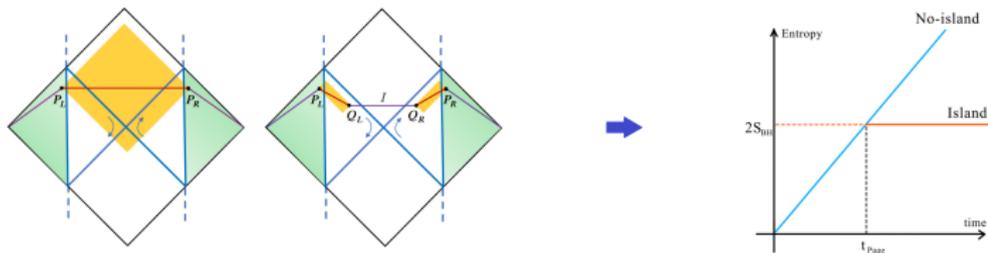
**Important:** Classical bulk solutions induce semi-classical solutions on the brane

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} + \dots = 8\pi G_N \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

exactly to all orders in backreaction!

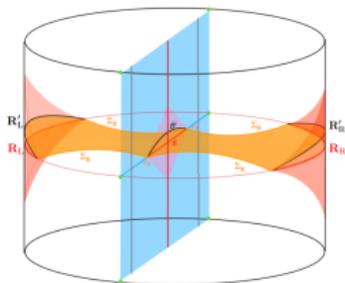
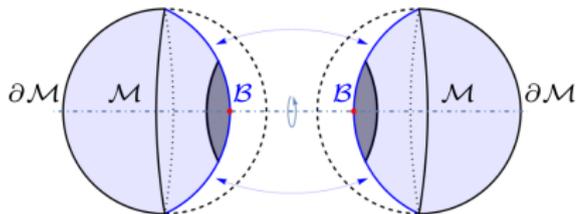
# Braneworld holography I: AdS branes

- Useful not only to derive consistent semi-classical solutions (e.g. [Emparan, Frassino, Way]), but also understand their semi-classical properties!
- Semi-classical corrections to complexity [Hernandez, Myers, Ruan; Emparan, Frassino, Sasieta, Tomašević]
- Semi-classical extended thermodynamics [Frassino, Pedraza, Svesko, Visser]
- BH evaporation [Emparan, Luna, Suzuki, Tomašević, Way]
- Entanglement islands in higher dimensions [Chen, Myers, Neuenfeld, Reyes, Sandor]. In 2D:

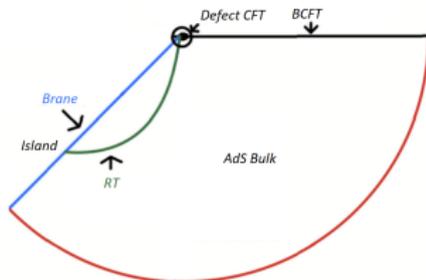


# Braneworld holography I: AdS branes

- We can arrange for a similar setting by constructing a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetric version, and put a BH on the brane. Islands emerge in higher dimensions:



- Via AdS/CFT, we have a ‘double holographic’ interpretation, with three equivalent descriptions of the same system Bulk/Brane/CFT:



## Braneworld holography II: dS branes

- So far I have discussed the standard braneworld setting with AdS branes. Can we relax some of the conditions?
- Position of the brane determined by Israel junction conditions  
→  $\Delta h_{ab} = 0, \quad \Delta K_{ab} - h_{ab} \Delta K = -8\pi G_N T_{ab}$
- Several ways to realize it. The picture I showed assumes a foliation of  $\text{AdS}_{d+1}$  with  $\text{AdS}_d$  slices, but we can likewise choose  $\text{dS}_d$  slices
- Start from Rindler AdS (consider a 4D bulk):

$$ds^2 = - \left( \frac{\rho^2}{\ell_4^2} - 1 \right) dt_R^2 + \frac{d\rho^2}{\frac{\rho^2}{\ell_4^2} - 1} + \rho^2 (d\vartheta^2 + \sinh^2 \vartheta d\phi^2)$$

- This covers a Rindler patch with associated  $T = \frac{1}{2\pi\ell_4}$ .
- Next, implement the following bulk diffeo (and redefine  $t = R_3 t_R / \ell_4$ ):

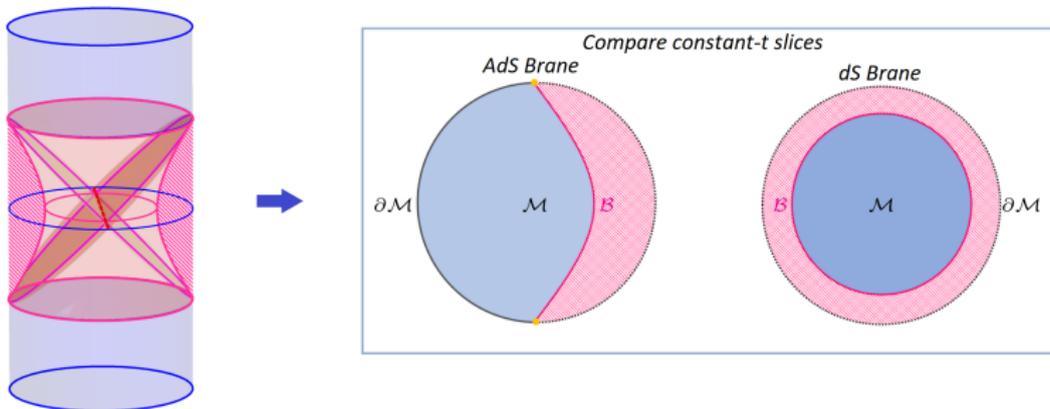
$$\frac{\hat{r}^2}{R_3^2} = \frac{\rho^2 \sinh^2 \vartheta}{\rho^2 \cosh^2 \vartheta - \ell_4^2}, \quad \cosh \sigma = \frac{\rho}{\ell_4} \cosh \vartheta$$

## Braneworld holography II: dS branes

- One obtains AdS foliated with dS slices:

$$ds^2 = \ell_4^2 d\sigma^2 + \frac{\ell_4^2}{R_3^2} \sinh^2 \sigma \left[ - \left( 1 - \frac{\hat{r}^2}{R_3^2} \right) dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{\hat{r}^2}{R_3^2} \right)^{-1} d\hat{r}^2 + \hat{r}^2 d\phi^2 \right]$$

- The brane in this case is embedded as follows:



- In this case a positive  $\Lambda$  is induced on the brane theory

## Adding structure: (Quantum) black holes in dS?

- Recall the Schwarzschild-dS solution:

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_{d-1}^2, \quad f(r) = 1 - \frac{m}{r^{d-2}} - \frac{r^2}{R^2}$$

$$m = \frac{16\pi G_N M}{d-1} \text{Vol}(S^{d-1})$$

- $f(r)$  has two real roots, corresponding to BH and cosmological horizons. Mass has a maximum value (Nariai limit).
- In 3D ( $d=2$ ) the mass term is a trivial shift  $m = 8G_N M$   
→ No classical black holes in  $dS_3$ !
- Instead, a conical singularity with angle deficit  $\delta = 2\pi(1 - \sqrt{1 - 8G_3 M})$  (also with an upper bound on the mass)
- To see that, define  $\gamma \equiv \sqrt{1 - 8G_3 M}$  and let  $\{\tilde{t} = \gamma t, \tilde{r} = \gamma^{-1} r, \tilde{\phi} = \gamma\phi\}$ :

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{\tilde{r}^2}{R_3^2}\right) d\tilde{t}^2 + \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{r}^2}{R_3^2}\right)^{-1} d\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{r}^2 d\tilde{\phi}^2$$

→ dS metric but with  $\tilde{\phi} \sim \tilde{\phi} + 2\pi\gamma$

## Adding structure: (Quantum) black holes in dS?

- In 3D  $G_N M$  is dimensionless. Extra scale required for BH horizon
- **Claim:** Quantum effects provide the extra scale,  $\ell_P$ , and lead to black holes!
- Case study: conformal scalar in conical dS space

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_3} \int d^3x \sqrt{-g} [R - 2\Lambda] - \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\nabla\Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{8} R\Phi^2 \right]$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{3}{4} \nabla_\mu \Phi \nabla_\nu \Phi - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} (\nabla\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \Phi \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \Phi + \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} \Phi \square \Phi + \frac{1}{8} G_{\mu\nu} \Phi^2$$

- Compute  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$  by point splitting

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}(x) \rangle = \lim_{x' \rightarrow x} \left( \frac{3}{4} \nabla_\mu^x \nabla_\nu^{x'} G - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha^x \nabla_\beta^{x'} G - \frac{1}{4} \nabla_\mu^x \nabla_\nu^x G + \frac{1}{16R_3^2} g_{\mu\nu} G \right)$$

- Here  $G(x, x')$  is the 2-pt function in conical dS

## Adding structure: (Quantum) black holes in dS?

- In pure dS:

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|x - x'|} + \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|x + x'|}$$

- Here  $|x - x'|$  is the geodesic distance in  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$  and  $\lambda$  picks particular BCs ( $\lambda = 0$  for transparent,  $\lambda = 1$  for Neumann and  $\lambda = -1$  for Dirichlet)
- We pick  $\lambda = 0$  which corresponds to the Euclidean vacuum
- For conical dS, we use the method of images. We let  $\gamma = 1/N$  for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and at the end analytically continue to  $N \in \mathbb{R}$

$$G_{\text{CdS}_3}(x, x') = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\text{dS}_3}(x, H^n x') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{|x - H^n x'|}$$

$$H \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi\gamma) & \sin(2\pi\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin(2\pi\gamma) & \cos(2\pi\gamma) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Adding structure: (Quantum) black holes in dS?

- The calculation spits (recall  $\gamma = \sqrt{1 - 8G_3M}$ ):

$$\langle T^\mu_\nu \rangle = \frac{F(M)}{8\pi r^3} \text{diag}(1, 1, -2)$$

$$F(M) = \hbar \frac{\gamma^3}{4\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \frac{3 + \cos(2\pi n\gamma)}{[1 - \cos(2\pi n\gamma)]^{3/2}}$$

- Finally, plugging this into the (linearized) Einstein's equations yields:

$$\delta g_{tt} = \delta g_{rr} = \frac{2\ell_P F(M)}{r}$$

- This generates an attractive potential, which may come from a modification of the blackening factor of the form:

$$f(r) = 1 - 8G_3M - \frac{r^2}{R_3^2} - \frac{2\ell_P F(M)}{r}$$

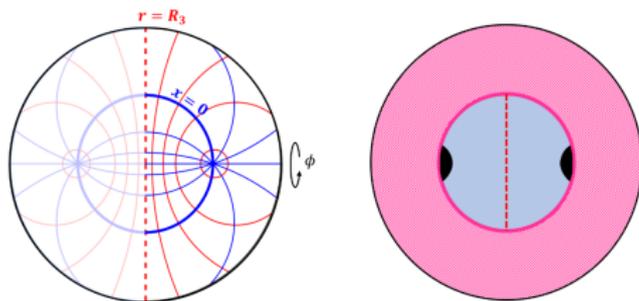
- However, perturbative calculation cannot be trusted beyond leading order

# Quantum black holes in dS from braneworlds

- We can tackle this problem via braneworld holography!
- Start with an accelerated BH in AdS<sub>4</sub>, which we take as the AdS<sub>4</sub> C-metric (a particular case of the Plebanski-Demianski type-D solutions):

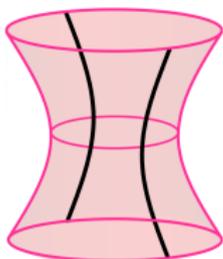
$$ds^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{(\ell + xr)^2} \left[ -H(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{H(r)} + r^2 \left( \frac{dx^2}{G(x)} + G(x)d\phi^2 \right) \right]$$
$$H(r) = 1 - \frac{r^2}{R_3^2} - \frac{\mu\ell}{r}, \quad G(x) = 1 - x^2 - \mu x^3$$

- Describes two BHs accelerating back to back, but we excise one of them
- $x = 0$  satisfies 'umbilic condition' ( $K_{ab} \propto h_{ab}$ ), trivializes junction conditions



# Quantum black holes in dS from braneworlds

- The BHs localize on the brane, the spacetime picture is:



- Leads to a truly quantum BH on  $dS_3$ !

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\phi^2, \quad f(r) = 1 - 8G_N M - r^2 H^2 - \frac{2c\ell_P F(M)}{r}$$

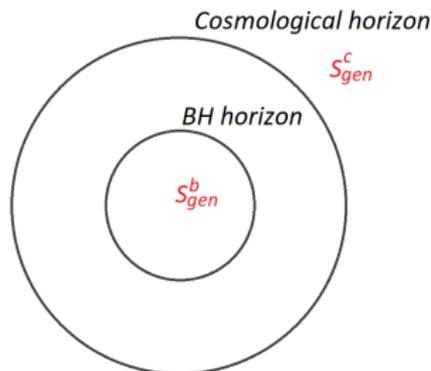
$$8G_N M = 1 - \frac{4x_1^2}{(3 - x_1^2)^2}, \quad F(M) = \frac{8(1 - x_1^2)}{(3 - x_1^2)^3}$$

- Same structure from perturbative analysis, but with a few key differences

# Thermodynamics of quantum BHs in $dS_3$

- 4D horizon areas map to generalized entropies in higher order 3D gravities:

$$S_{\text{gen}}^{(b,c)} \equiv S_{\text{Wald}}^{(b,c)} + S_{\text{vN}}^{(b,c)}$$



- The horizons satisfy:  $dM = T^b dS_{\text{gen}}^b$ ,  $dM = -T^c dS_{\text{gen}}^c$ , with

$$T^{(b,c)} = \kappa^{(b,c)} / 2\pi$$

- Altogether:

$$T^b dS_{\text{gen}}^b + T^c dS_{\text{gen}}^c = 0$$

# Entropy deficits and BH nucleation

- The probability of nucleating a small BH in dS is

$$\mathcal{P} \sim e^{-\Delta S}$$

- A brief calculation shows that for classical 4D dS BHs,

$$\Delta S = 2\pi R_4 M = \sqrt{S_0 s}$$

- [Susskind] recently argued that this behavior follows from Matrix theory, giving support to a conjecture for a dual of de Sitter
- More generally, for  $D$ -dimensional dS one finds:

$$\Delta S^{(D)} = \left( \frac{D-2}{2} \right) S_0^{\frac{1}{D-2}} s^{\frac{D-3}{D-2}}$$

- For our quantum dS BH solution in 3D we find:

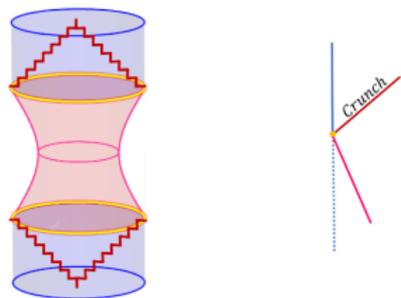
$$\Delta S_{\text{gen}}^{(3)} \sim \sqrt{S_{\text{gen},0} s_{\text{gen}}}$$

- For general quantum dS black holes in any dimension, we conjecture

$$\Delta S_{\text{gen}}^{(d)} \sim S_0^{\frac{1}{D-1}} s^{\frac{D-2}{D-1}}$$

## Double holographic interpretation?

- Since our setup contains AdS/CFT we can try to see if we have a double holographic interpretation, as we do for AdS branes
- Our branes only reach the boundary at  $\mathcal{I}^+$  and  $\mathcal{I}^-$  (dS time). The defect is hence, a Euclidean CFT, in the same spirit as dS/CFT [Strominger,...]
- Probing this from the higher dimensional bulk seems hard. Contrary to the AdS case, our branes are accelerating, and hence emitting radiation at the quantum level. At  $\mathcal{I}^+$  infinite amount of radiation is collected, which induces a crunch singularity (similarly for  $\mathcal{I}^-$ ).



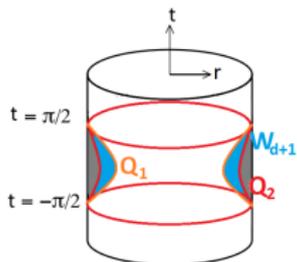
- One my try to circumvent this issue by preparing the in and out states (at  $\mathcal{I}^+$  and  $\mathcal{I}^-$ ) using a Euclidean path integral. Needs further study!

# 'Wedge holography' for dS and information transfer

- We want to study the information problem in dS [Sybesma; Aalsma, Sybesma; Hartman, Jiang, Shaghoulian; Shaghoulian; Balasubramanian, Kar, Ugajin...] in higher  $d$ . However, in our setup we have integrated out the UV and the radiation cannot be collected
- We introduce a second brane, that can act as a bath, in the spirit of 'wedge holography' or 'codimension-two holography' [Akal, Kusuki, Takayanagi, Wei; Geng, Karch, Perez-Pardavila, Raju, Randall, Riojas, Shashi]



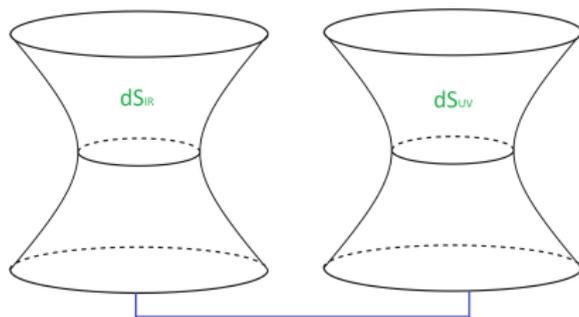
- In the full spacetime:



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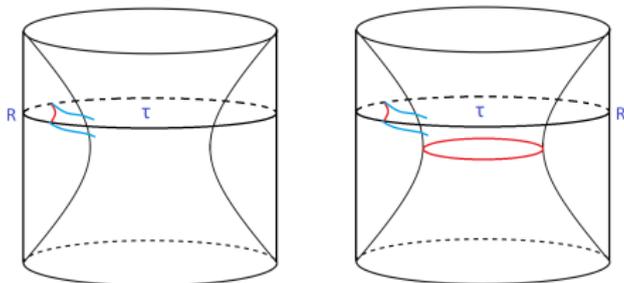
- Construction possible, provided  $\tau_{IR} < 0$
- Setup describes two disconnected, but entangled universes, in the spirit of [Balasubramanian, Kar, Ugajin], with a twist: universes are explicitly coupled



- The coupling implies it is possible to send signals from one brane to another, as evident from the bulk perspective
- To study information transfer, we start by considering a physical brane connected to a non-gravitating bath. This is possible if one sends the UV brane to the boundary

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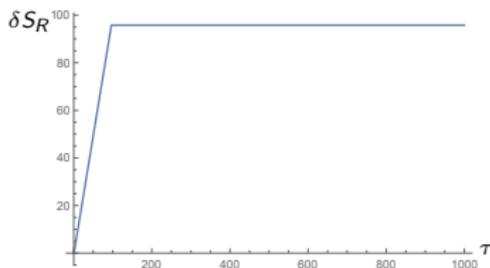
- We define a region  $R$  on the UV brane, where we are allowed to collect radiation, and find the HRT surfaces:



- There is a transition from a simple (disconnected) surface, to an 'island' surface connecting UV and IR branes.
- For large enough  $R$  the disconnected surface includes a portion that wraps the IR brane. This is analogous to global AdS black holes. This portion is needed to satisfy the homology constraint and is required to satisfy the Araki-Lieb inequality [Hubeny, Maxfield, Rangamani, Tonni]

# 'Wedge holography' for dS and information transfer

- Start with the original theory and partition IR and UV degrees of freedom  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{IR} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{UV}$  (e.g. in momentum space [Balasubramanian, McDermott, Raamsdonk]). Via braneworld holography, the IR sector is geometrized and replaced by a gravitational theory in dS, while the UV sector describes a dS QFT with a gap
- Further, pick a spatial subregion in the UV sector such that  $\mathcal{H}_{UV} = \mathcal{H}_R \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\bar{R}}$ , and compute  $S_R = -\text{Tr}[\rho_R \log \rho_R]$
- If  $R$  is the full space, then  $S_R = S_{UV} = S_{IR} = S_{dS}$ . This explains the disconnected term for large  $R$
- For other  $R$ , we find a Page curve:



# 'Wedge holography' for dS and information transfer

## Comments:

- In our setup, both  $\tau_{\text{Page}}$  and the final entropy scale with the UV cutoff. This may sound strange, however  $S_R$  includes correlations between  $R$  and  $\bar{R}$  and the Hilbert space of the UV dS QFT is infinite dimensional
- Further, in our setting, islands arise due to momentum space entanglement
- From the dS QFT perspective, the island phase arise due to the gap. In confining models of 'holographic QCD' a similar transition was observed since the early days of holography (e.g. [Klebanov, Kutasov, Murugan]), way before 'entanglement islands'
- Qualitatively the same in any dimension
- The case with dynamical gravity on both branes doesn't lead to interesting evolution. In this case HRT surfaces become trivial as one imposes Neumann BC on both branes [Geng, Karch, Perez-Pardavila, Raju, Randall]
- Currently investigating the case where the IR brane has a dS BH...

# Outlook

We studied various aspects of dS braneworlds but there are still lots to explore!

- Other observables: correlation functions, complexity, etc
- Tests of dS/CFT?
- Adding structure: BH with charge and rotation...
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