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# INSTABILITY OF DE SITTER SPACE AND CORPUSCULAR NATURE OF GRAVITY

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PERLMUTTER, RIESS, SCHMIDT 1998-99

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 $\sim 68\%$  dark energy,  
 $\Lambda \Rightarrow$  late-time cosmology is asymptotically dS

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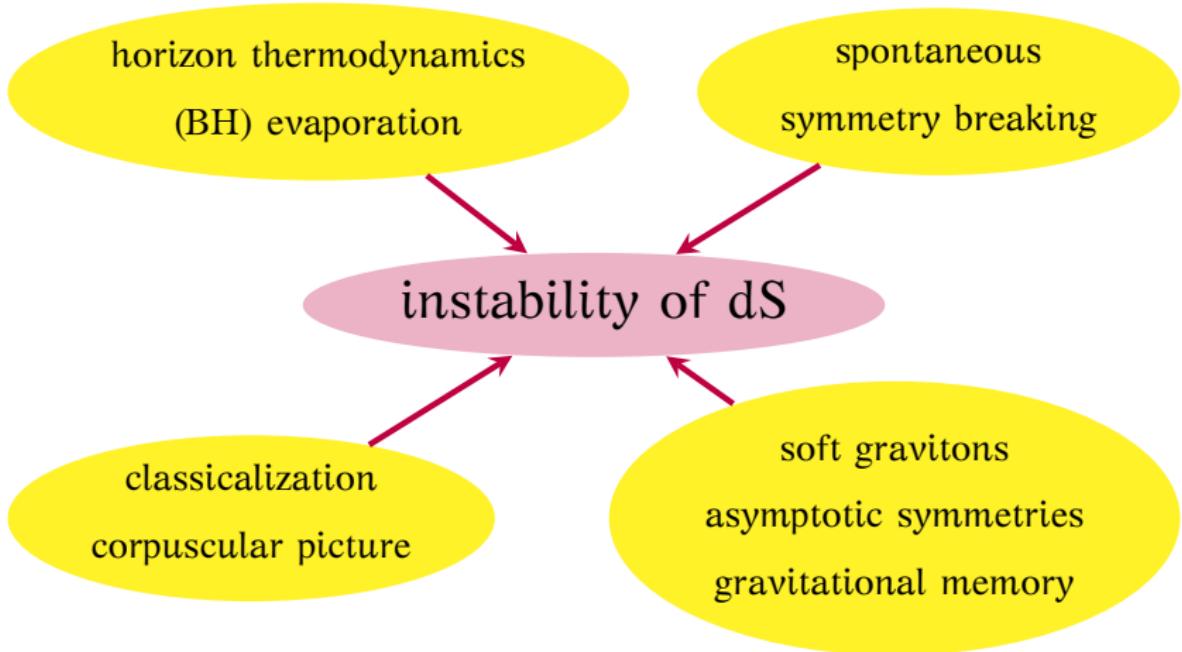
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renormalized stress energy tensor for conformally  
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# OUTLINE

## ① peculiar things we know

- Unruh effect, BH evaporation

## ② de Sitter instability

- review of two approaches

## ③ corpuscular picture of gravity

- BHs, dS space, some speculations about Dark Matter

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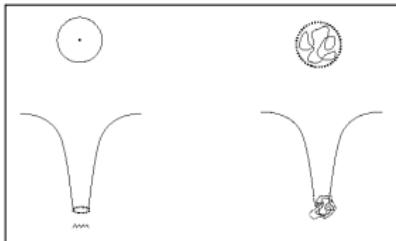
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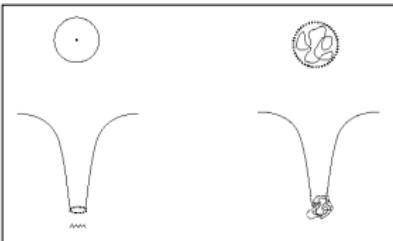
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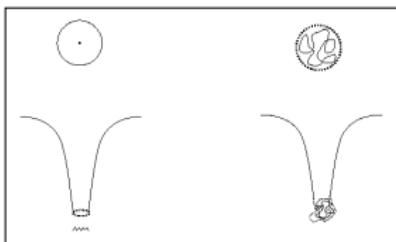
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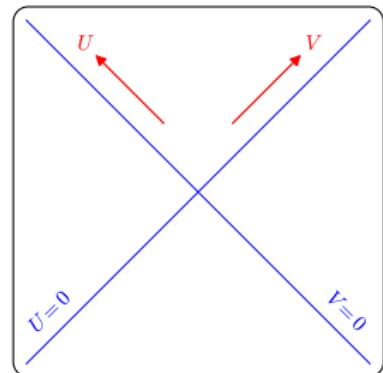
massless scalar in 2d Minkowski space

$$ds^2 = -dU dV$$

$$U = T - X \quad V = T + X$$

positive frequency modes ( $\omega > 0$ )

$$u_{in,\omega}^M \sim e^{-i\omega U} \quad u_{out,\omega}^M \sim e^{-i\omega V}$$



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Minkowski vacuum  $a_{in,\omega}|M\rangle = a_{out,\omega}|M\rangle = 0$

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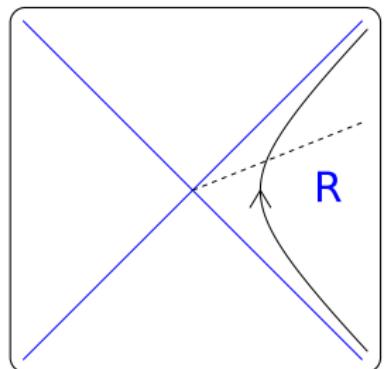
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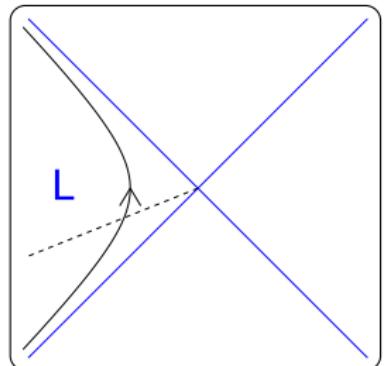
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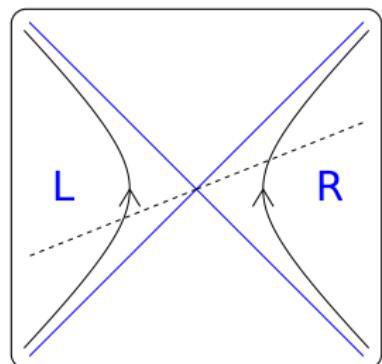
Minkowski Hilbert space in terms of Rindler modes

R-out, L-in sector

$$u_{out,\sigma}^R \sim \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{i\sigma}{a} \ln(aV)} & V > 0 \\ 0 & V < 0 \end{cases}$$

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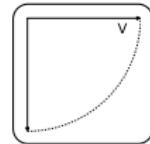
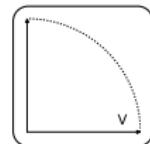
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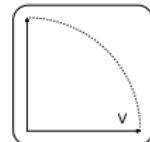
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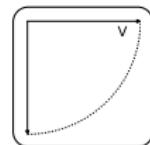
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repeat for

$u_{in,\sigma}^L$ ,  $\overline{u_{out,\sigma}^R}$ ,  $\overline{u_{in,\sigma}^L}$

positive frequency combinations

$$u_{out,\sigma}^R + e^{-\frac{\pi\sigma}{a}} \overline{u_{in,\sigma}^L} \quad u_{in,\sigma}^L + e^{-\frac{\pi\sigma}{a}} \overline{u_{out,\sigma}^R}$$

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Bogoliubov transformation

$$d_\sigma^1 = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi\sigma}{a}}\right)^{-1/2} (b_{out,\sigma}^R - e^{-\frac{\pi\sigma}{a}} b_{in,\sigma}^L)^\dagger$$
$$d_\sigma^2 = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi\sigma}{a}}\right)^{-1/2} (b_{in,\sigma}^L - e^{-\frac{\pi\sigma}{a}} b_{out,\sigma}^R)^\dagger$$

$|M\rangle$  is entangled state in  $|R\rangle \times |L\rangle$  Fock space

$$d_\sigma^1 |M\rangle = d_\sigma^2 |M\rangle = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |M_{out,\sigma}\rangle = \sum_n p_n(\sigma) |n_{out,\sigma}^R\rangle \times |n_{in,\sigma}^L\rangle$$

$$p_n(\sigma) = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\sigma}{T}}\right)^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{n\sigma}{2T}}$$

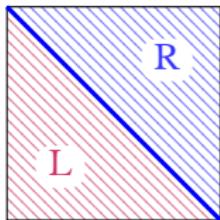
$$T = \frac{a}{2\pi}$$

Unruh  
temperature

thermal density matrix

$$\rho_R = \text{tr}_L |M_{out,\sigma}\rangle \langle M_{out,\sigma}| = \sum_n |p_n(\sigma)|^2 |n_{out,\sigma}^R\rangle \langle n_{out,\sigma}^R|$$

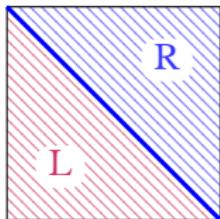
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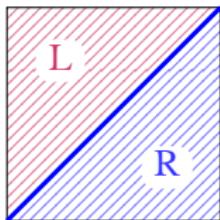
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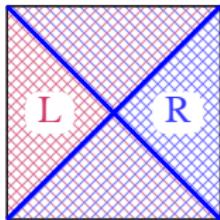
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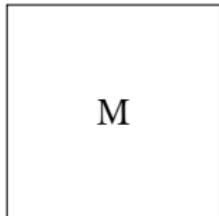
$$ds^2 = C(x^+, x^-) dx^+ dx^-$$

EM tensor

$$\langle T_{\pm\pm} \rangle = -\frac{1}{12\pi} C^{1/2} \partial_\pm^2 C^{-1/2}$$

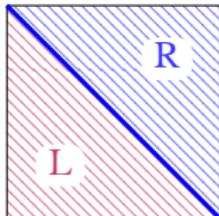
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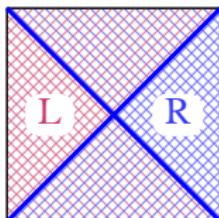
$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$$

Hartle–Hawking vacuum, time-symmetric



$$\langle T_{Uv} \rangle = \langle T_{UU} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle T_{vv} \rangle = -\frac{a^2}{48\pi}$$

Unruh vacuum, time-asymmetric, evaporation



$$\langle T_{uv} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle T_{vv} \rangle = \langle T_{uu} \rangle = -\frac{a^2}{48\pi}$$

Boulware vacuum, time-symmetric, singular

# BH EVAPORATION: PAGE TIME AND EMITTED QUANTA

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$$\Gamma = \frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{\#\zeta(3)}{4\pi^2} AT^3 = \frac{\#\zeta(3)}{128\pi^4} M^{-1}$$

number of emitted quanta

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$$\Rightarrow \quad r_h^3(t) = r_h^3(0) + \frac{\#L_P^2}{160\pi} t$$

dS Page time

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massive scalar in dS

$$(\square - m^2) \phi = 0 \quad ds^2 = \frac{1}{H^2 \tau^2} (-d\tau^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2) \quad \tau \in (-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{mode expansion} \quad \phi(x) = \sum_k \left[ u_k(x) a_k + \overline{u_k(x)} a_k^\dagger \right]$$

$$\text{positive frequency modes} \quad u_k(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \sim (-\tau)^{3/2} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} H_\nu^{(1)}(-k\tau)$$

$$\text{with } \nu^2 = \frac{9}{4} - m^2 H^{-2}$$

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trace component of  
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( $\hbar = G = 1$ )

$$\langle N | \Phi | N \rangle = \Phi_{cl}$$

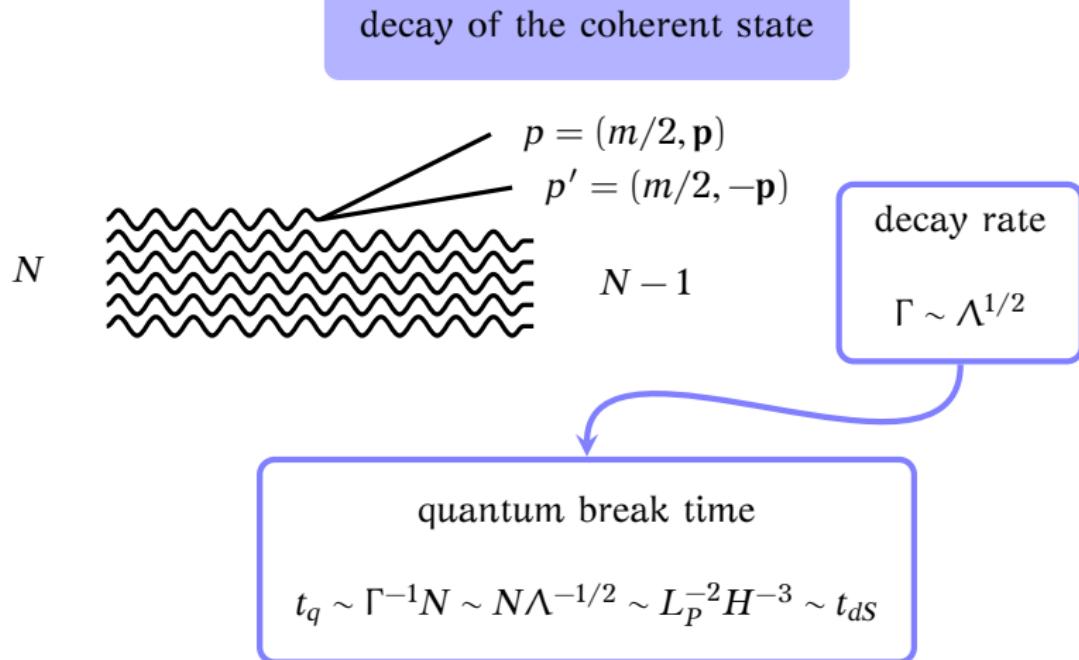
$$\Phi = \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V\omega_k}} (a_k e^{-ikx} + a_k^\dagger e^{ikx})$$

$$\text{coherent state } |N\rangle = e^{\sqrt{N}(a_0 - a_0^\dagger)} |0\rangle$$

$$N = \frac{V\Lambda^2}{8\pi m^3} \quad \text{with} \quad m = \sqrt{\Lambda}, \quad V \sim \Lambda^{-3/2}$$

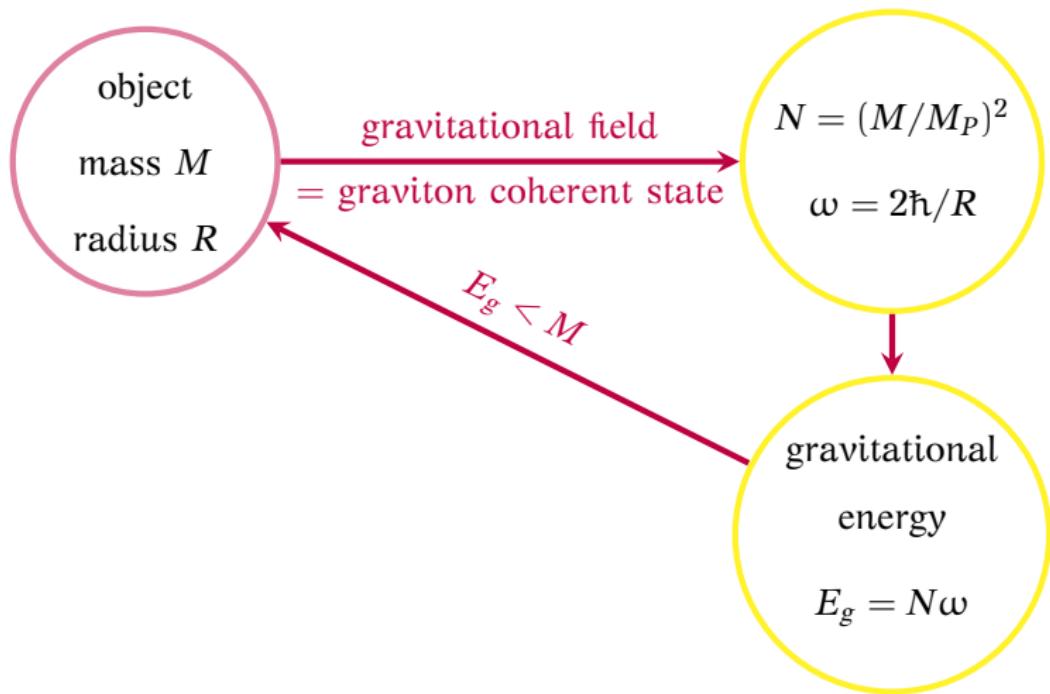
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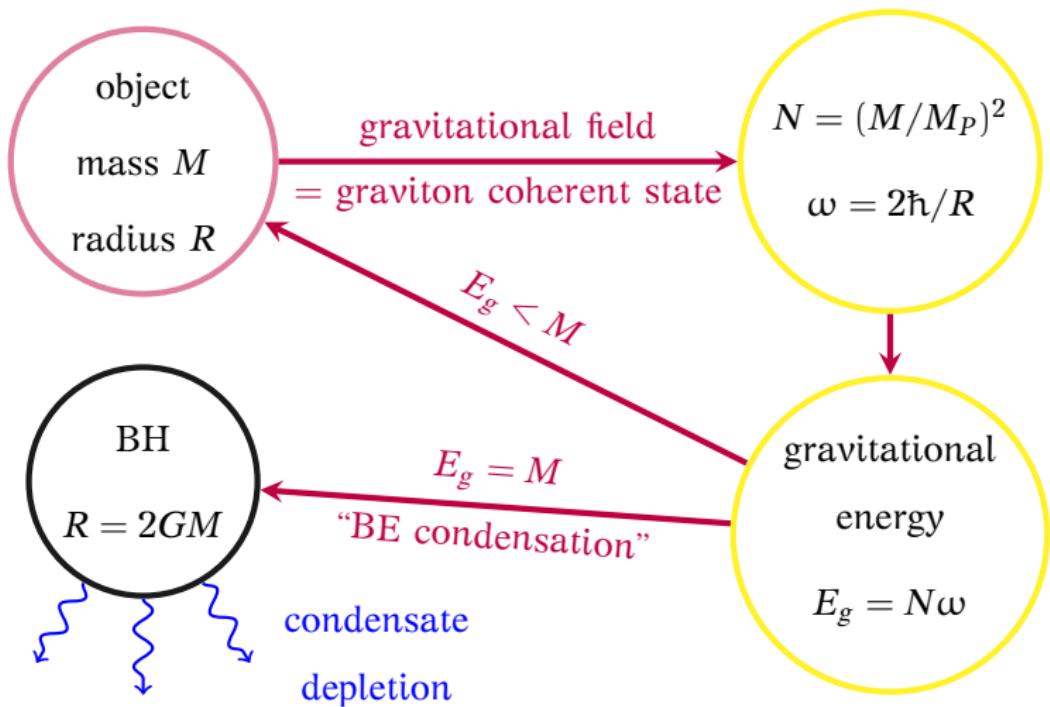
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For dS, turn the argument around:

$$m = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \varepsilon, \quad N\omega = \frac{m^2}{M_P^2} \frac{2\hbar}{R} = m \Rightarrow$$

Dark Energy density

$$\varepsilon = \frac{3}{8\pi G R^2}$$

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2 masses,  $m_1, m_2$ , of radii  $R_1, R_2$ , distance  $r_{12} \gg R_1, R_2$

# of gravitons

$$N = \frac{(m_1 + m_2)^2}{M_P^2} = \frac{m_1^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{m_2^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{2m_1m_2}{M_P^2}$$

gravitational energy

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total mass

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Newtonian gravitational potential

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1 equation, 2 unknowns

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match BTF  
kinematics

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$\mu$ : baryonic mass

dS asymptotics

horizon shift

$$Hr_h \approx 1 - \frac{\sqrt{HG\mu/6}}{1 + \alpha}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} + \frac{\sqrt{HG\mu/6}}{4\pi G} \frac{\alpha}{r^2}$$
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