

# **Holographic entanglement entropy in the FLRW universe**

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# Why Quantum Gravity & Information in Expanding Universe?

(motivation from a cosmologist point of view)

1. How **time** emerges in quantum gravity?
2. Can we derive **consistency conditions on cosmological scenarios** in the same spirit as bootstrap, landscape/swampland etc?

As an introduction part of this talk,

let me spend some time to share the second motivation with you all.

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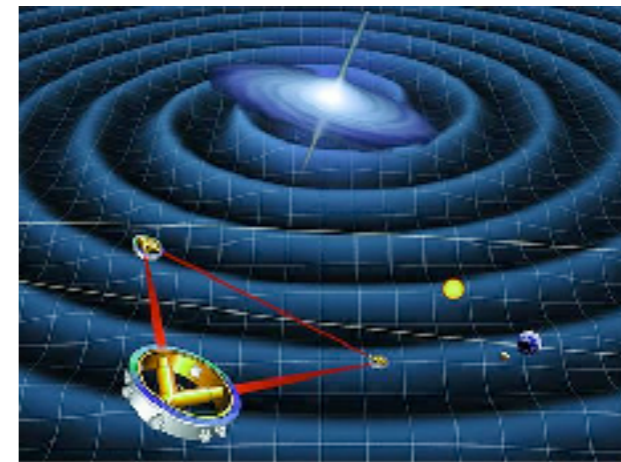
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Status of the theory side:

- SUSY and WIMP were told to be promising (in my undergrad age).
- But now there is a vast space of cosmological models (ex. DM).
- Intuitions/lore of QFT (on flat space) do not work anymore?
- **We need new guiding principles in theoretical cosmology!**

Recent attempts to **bootstrap approaches for cosmology**

# S-matrix/conformal bootstrap

## S-matrix bootstrap

- Unitarity has been an important principle for UV completion of EFTs.
- Together w/analyticity, an infinite set of bounds on scattering amplitudes.
  - ※ Positivity bounds on 4pt forward amplitudes [..., Adams et al '06, ...]
  - ※ Non-forward amplitudes w/crossing symmetry  
[Bellazzini et al '20, Caron-Huot et al '20, Tolley et al '20, Sinha et al '20, Arkani-Hamed et al '20, ...]
  - ※ Gravitational EFT [Tokuda et al '20, Caron-Huot et al '22, ...]
- Application to particle pheno (ex. SMEFT) and cosmology (ex. inflation, DE)

## Conformal bootstrap + AdS/CFT

Similar bounds on AdS scattering [Hartman et al '15, ..., Caron-Huot et al '21, ...]

- ※ This motivated cosmologists to explore **bootstrap in expanding universe!**

# Towards bootstrap in de Sitter spacetime

Unitarity has been important also in phenomenology of inflation.

- Positivity bounds on 4pt functions in multi-field inflation [Suyama-Yamaguchi '07]
- Non-analyticity of inflationary correlators as a probe of new particles  
[Chen-Wang '09, Baumann-Green '11, TN-Yamaguchi-Yokoyama '12, Arkani Hamed-Maldacena '15, ...]
- Further studies on symmetries and non-analyticity of inflationary correlators with catch copy “cosmological bootstrap” [Arkani Hamed-Baumann-Lee-Pimentel '18, ...]

The studies so far are mostly on symmetry and non-analyticity,

but the community is aiming at implementing notion of UV completion.

※ dS/CFT gives some inspiration, but bulk unitarity  $\neq$  boundary unitarity

→ **dS bootstrap = conformal bootstrap w/modified notion of unitarity**



Sounds good so far,

but current studies rely on full Lorentz/AdS/dS symmetries.

Actually, phenomenologically interesting situations in cosmology

often come with **spontaneous breaking of boost symmetry**.

# Boost symmetry breaking in cosmology

ex. EFT of inflation (EFT of quantum fluctuations during inflation)

$$\mathcal{L} = -M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H} (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 + \alpha \left( -2\dot{\pi} + (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 \right)^2 + \beta \left( -2\dot{\pi} + (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 \right)^3 + \dots$$

※  $\pi \simeq \frac{\delta\phi}{\dot{\phi}}$  is NG boson for time diffs that nonlinearly realize boosts.

※ Necessary for non-Gaussianities within the scope of near-future observations.

There are some attempts to S-matrix w/o boost symmetry,

but complication of analyticity is an obstruction [Hui et al '23, Creminelli et al '23].

**Necessary to explore alternative approaches for less symmetric setups!**

# Bootstrap w/o boost symmetry?

# density matrix & equal-time correlators

- Perturbative unitarity from purity bounds [Pueyo-Goodhew-McCulloch-Pajer '24]

- Analytic structure of equal-time correlators in spatial momentum space

[Hui-Nicolis-Podo-Zhou '25]

# Thermodynamic & quantum information perspective of gravity?

- Causality constraints on BH thermo & similarity w/weak gravity

[Hamada-TN-Shiu '18, ..., Abe-TN-Medevielle-Yoshimura to appear]

- Toward QG constraints from holography [ex. Harlow-Ooguri '18]

※ consistency of gravity/geometry  $\Leftrightarrow$  consistency of thermo & info

**Is holography for expanding universe useful in this context too?**

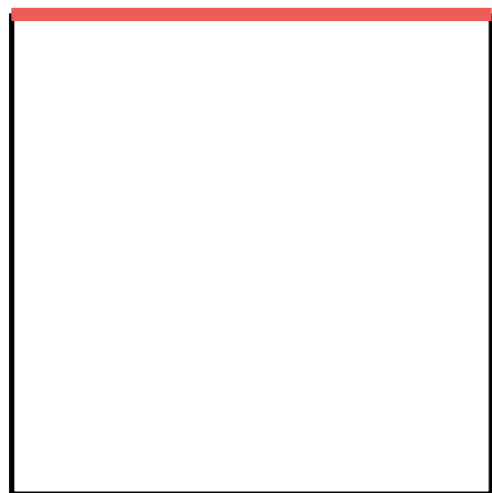
It is important to explore what we can learn about cosmology  
*if* we succeed in establishing holography for the universe.

For this purpose,

it is mandatory to extend dS holography to more general FLRW universe, even at a bottom-up approach level (e.g., assuming the RT formula).

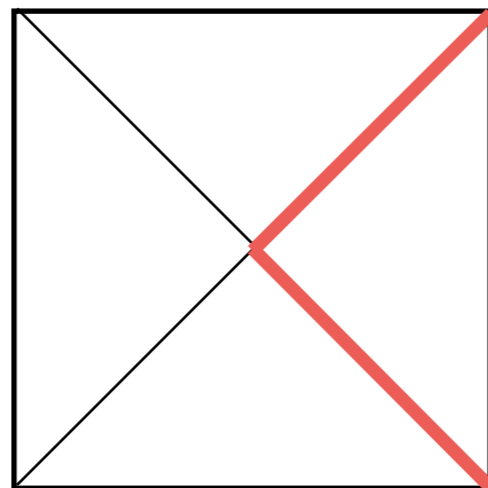
cf. ER = EPR in closed FRW universe [Franken-Partouche-Rondeau-Toumbas '23]

# de Sitter holography



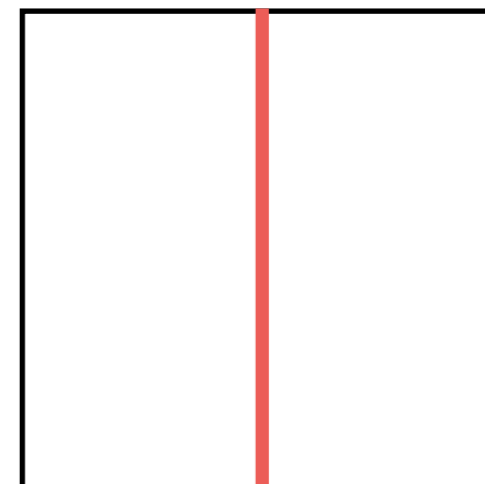
dS/CFT

[Strominger '01]



static patch holography

[Susskind '21]



half holography

[Kawamoto et al '23]

**CFT is non-unitary**

**Bulk and boundary share time & notion of unitarity**

In this talk

I consider **analogue of static patch & half holography in 3D flat universes**

and discuss when **subadditivity of holographic entanglement entropy** is satisfied.

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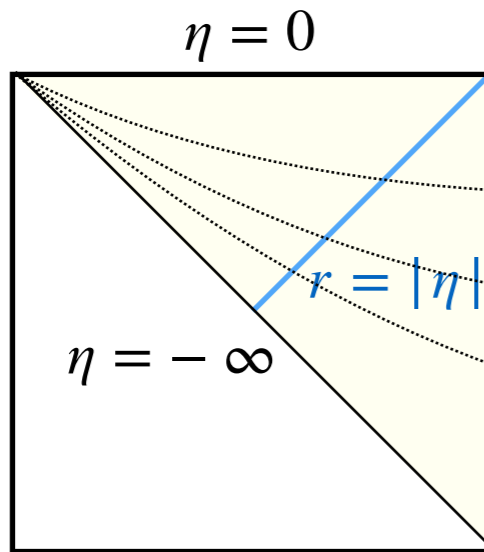
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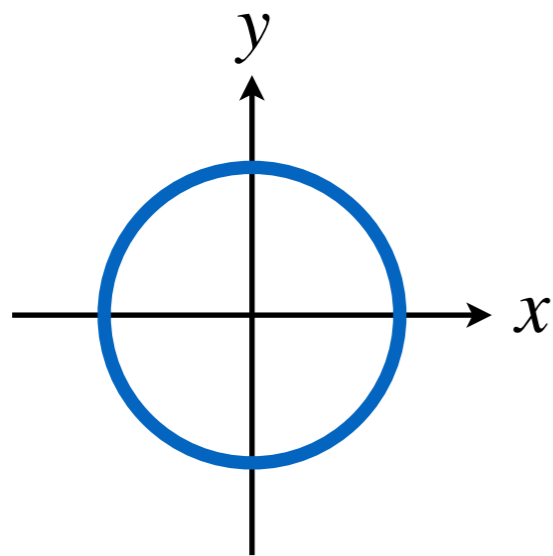
# Flat de Sitter universe

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$$ds^2 = \frac{-d\eta^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2}{\eta^2} \quad (-\infty < \eta < 0)$$

※ constant- $\eta$  spatial slice

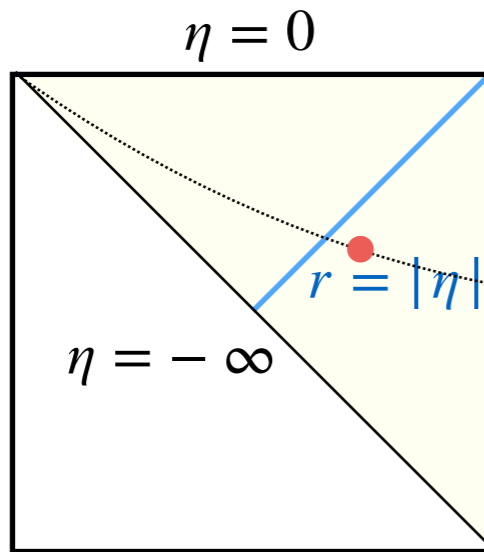


The event horizon of an observer at  $r = 0$  is  $r = |\eta|$ .

We consider two types of symmetric embedding of a 1+1 dim holographic screen.

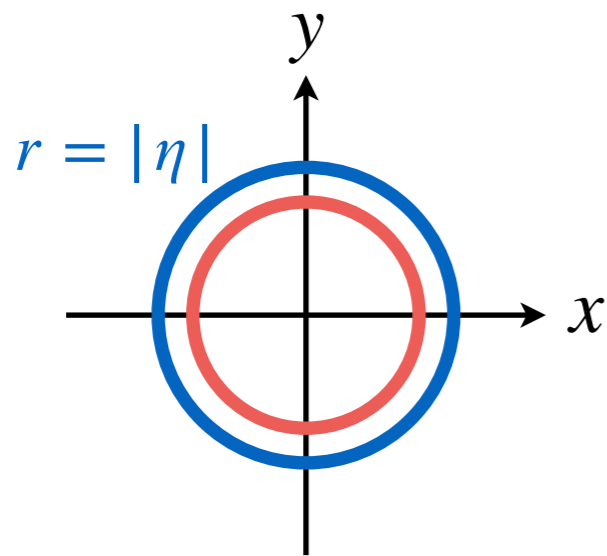
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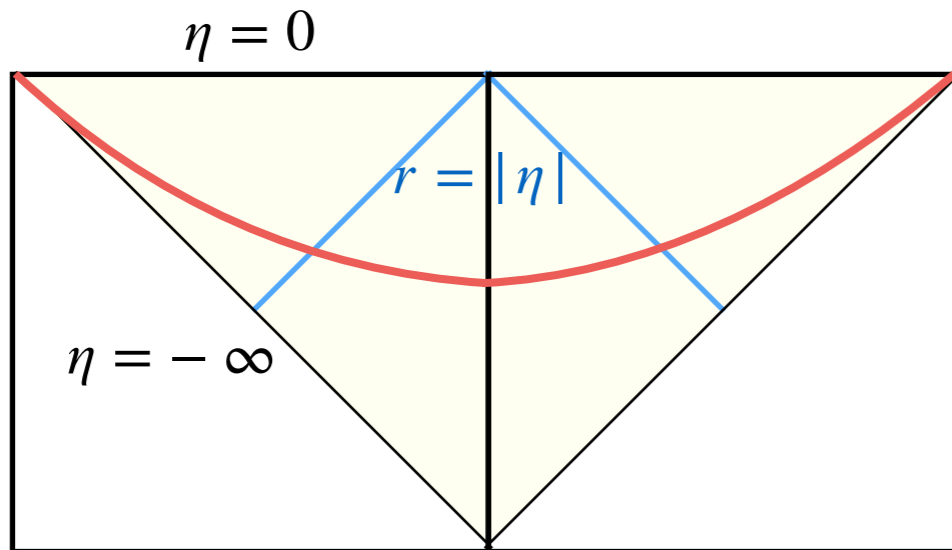
Holographic screen is located at  $r = \lambda |\eta|$ .

※  $\lambda$ : screen size relative to horizon size

※ shift symmetry of the spatial coordinate  $\phi$

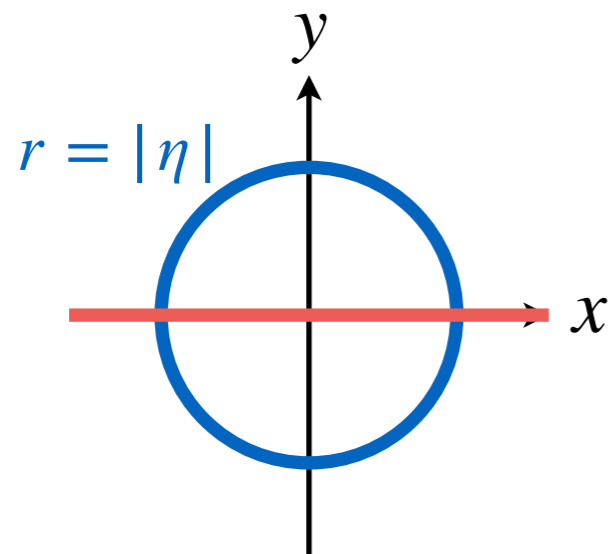
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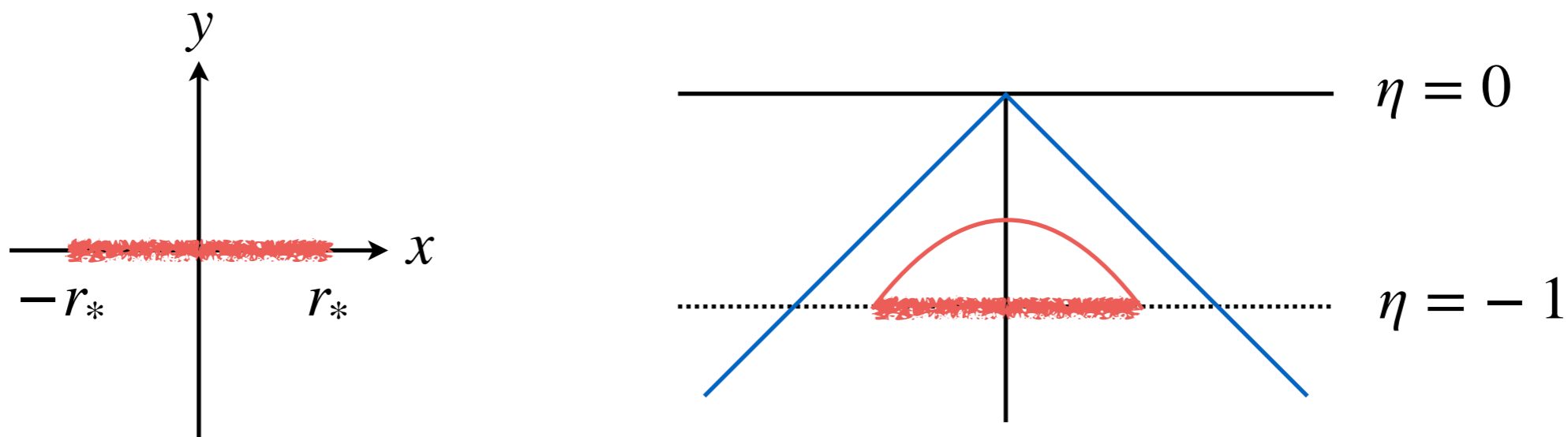
Holographic screen cuts the flat universe in half.

※ shift symmetry of the spatial coordinate  $x$

Holographic entanglement entropy in half holography type scenario

## Half holography type scenario (1/2)

Consider a subregion  $-r_* \leq x \leq r_*$  at a time  $\eta = -1$ .



Assuming the RT formula,

holographic EE is determined by geodesic length of the two boundary points.

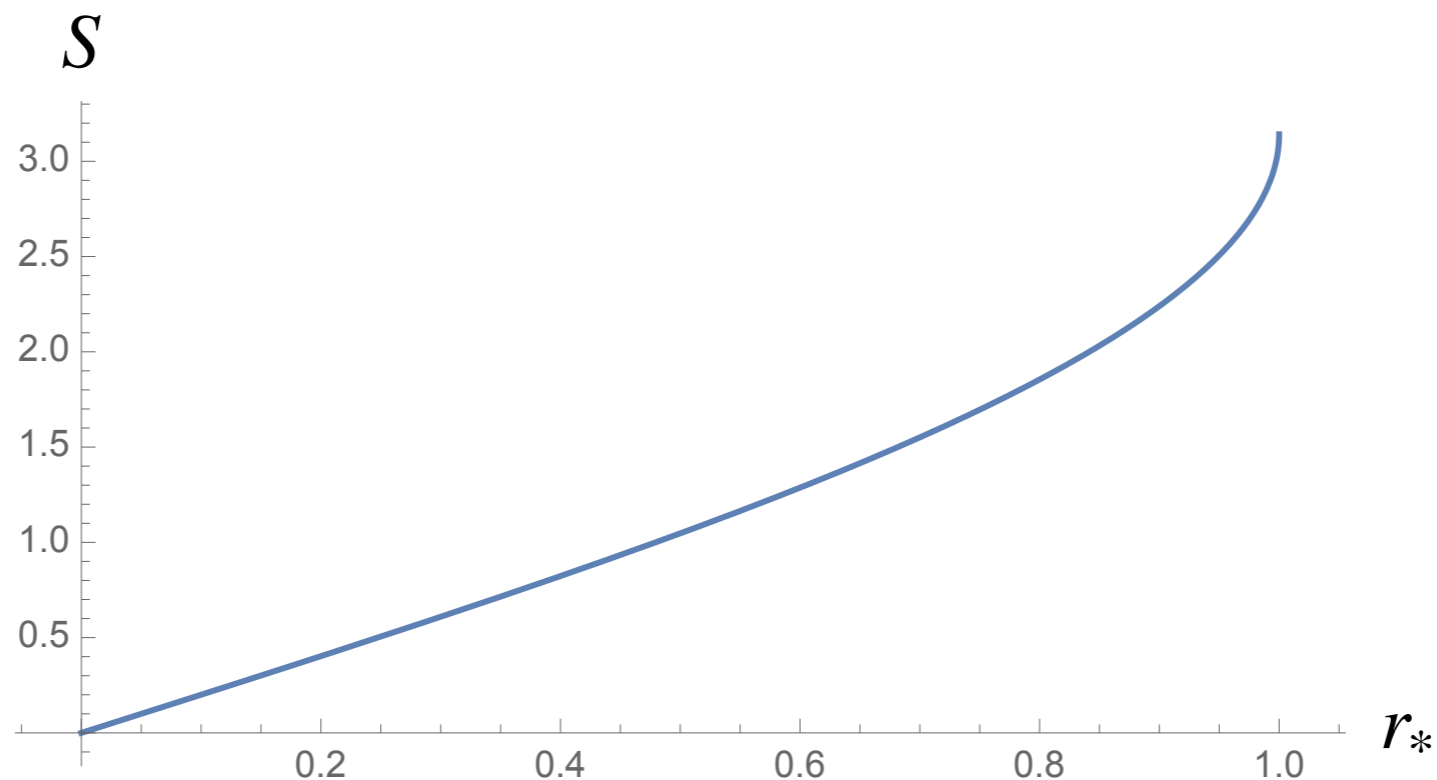
※ Boundary points are connected by a spatial geodesic only when  $r_* < 1$ ,

for which we have  $S = \frac{1}{4G} \arccos [1 - 2r_*^2]$ .

※ Otherwise, the RT curve is a union of time-like & spatial curves.

[Kawamoto-Ruan-Suzuki-Takayanagi '23]

## Half holography type scenario (2/2)



The holographic EE is convex, so that subadditivity is violated.

More explicitly, we find  $\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial r_*^2} = \frac{1}{2G} \frac{r_*}{(1 - r_*^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} > 0$ .

→ no standard holographic dual in this scenario.

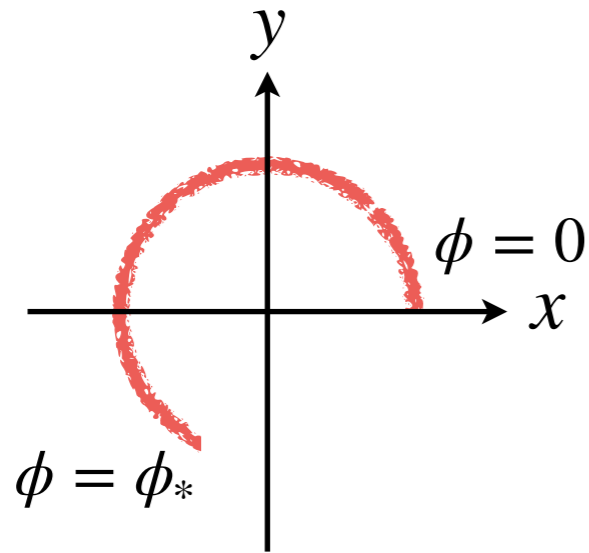
※ For symmetric embedding,  $S_{AB} \leq S_A + S_B \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 S(\ell)}{\partial \ell^2} \leq 0$ .

※  $4G = 1$  in the plot

Holographic entanglement entropy in horizon type scenario

## Horizon type scenario (1/2)

Consider a subregion  $0 \leq \phi \leq \phi_*$ ,  $r = \lambda$  at a time  $\eta = -1$ .



Geodesic length depends only on boundary points, so that we can recycle the previous analysis simply by the replacement  $r_* \rightarrow \lambda \sin \frac{\phi_*}{2}$ .

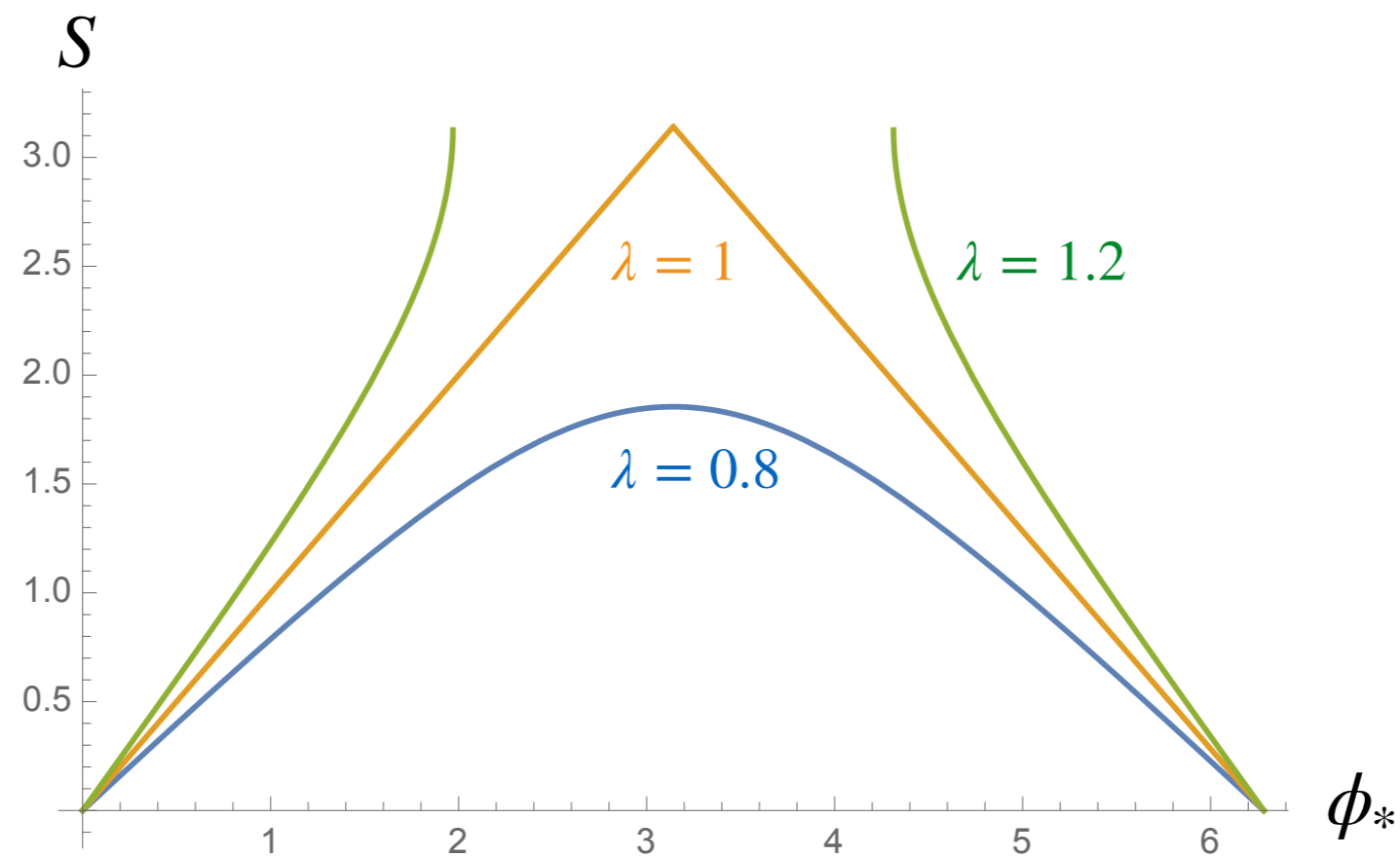
Holographic EE and its second derivative in the subsystem size read

$$S = \frac{1}{4G} \arccos \left[ 1 - 2\lambda^2 \sin^2 \frac{\phi_*}{2} \right], \quad \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \phi_*^2} = -\frac{(1 - \lambda^2)}{8G} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 \sin^2 \frac{\phi_*}{2}}}{(1 - \lambda^2 \sin^2 \frac{\phi_*}{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

✳ **Concave when the screen is on or inside the horizon  $\lambda \leq 1$ .**



## Horizon type scenario (2/2)



- Subadditivity is satisfied in the horizon type scenario when the holographic screen is on or inside the horizon.
- It is saturated when the screen is on the horizon.

summary

Subadditivity is satisfied only in the horizon type scenario with  $\lambda \leq 1$ .

※ The same conclusion holds for closed/open de Sitter universe too.

Q. What about more general FLRW universes,

for which apparent horizon  $\neq$  event horizon?

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## Flat FLRW universe

Consider a flat universe in 3 dimensions:  $ds^2 = a(\eta)^2 [-d\eta^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2]$ .

※ The apparent horizon has a speed of light,

so that its location  $r = r_H$  is determined by the Hubble law:  $\dot{a} r_H = \frac{a'}{a} r_H = 1$ .

For concreteness, we assume the universe is filled with a perfect fluid

of constant equation of state  $w = \frac{p}{\rho}$  ( $\rho > 0$  : energy density,  $p$  : pressure).

※ Scale factor enjoys a simple power law  $a \propto |\eta|^{1/w}$ , so that  $r_H = w\eta$ .

※ Accelerating expansion for  $w < 0$ :  $ds^2 = (-\eta)^{2/w} [-d\eta^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2]$  ( $-\infty < \eta < 0$ ).

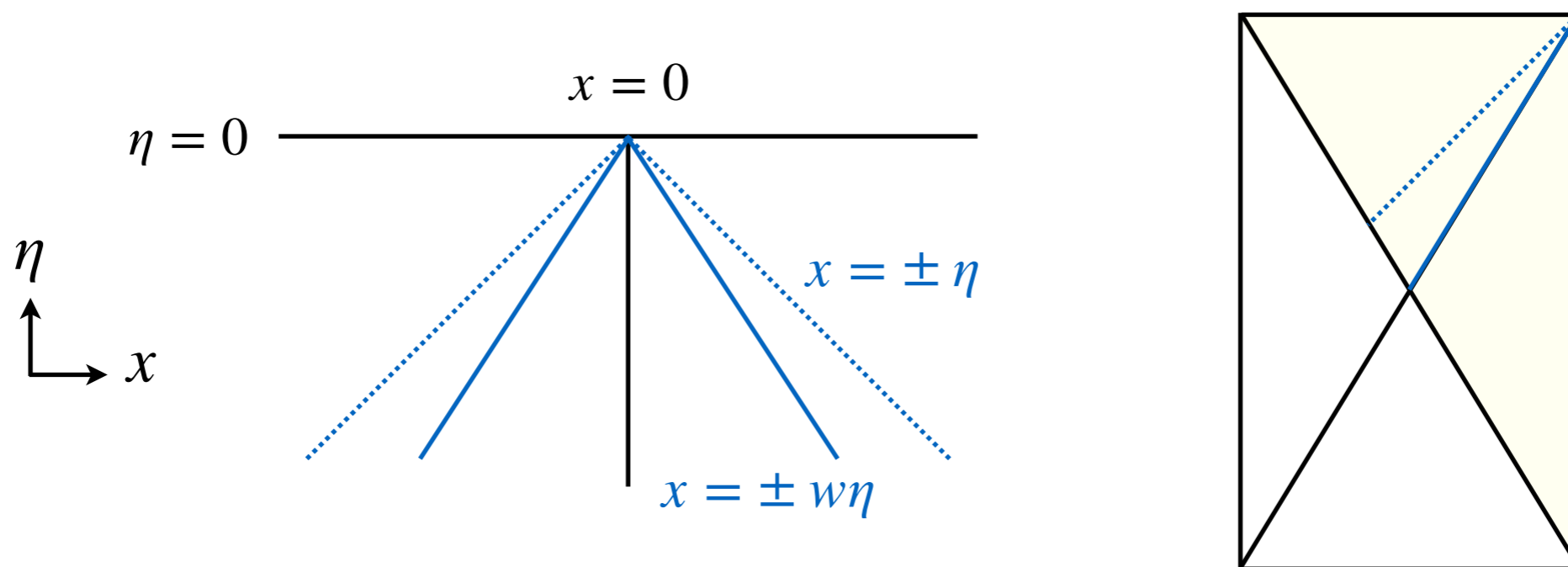
※ Null energy condition is satisfied when  $w \geq -1$  (dS:  $w = -1$ ).

In the following I focus on accelerating universes ( $w < 0$ )  
to see the difference of NEC satisfying and violating universe.

※ See our coming paper for decelerating universe and closed/open universe.

(1) Accelerating universe satisfying NEC  $-1 \leq w < 0$

# Apparent horizons vs event horizon



When the null energy condition is satisfied ( $-1 < w < 0$ ),

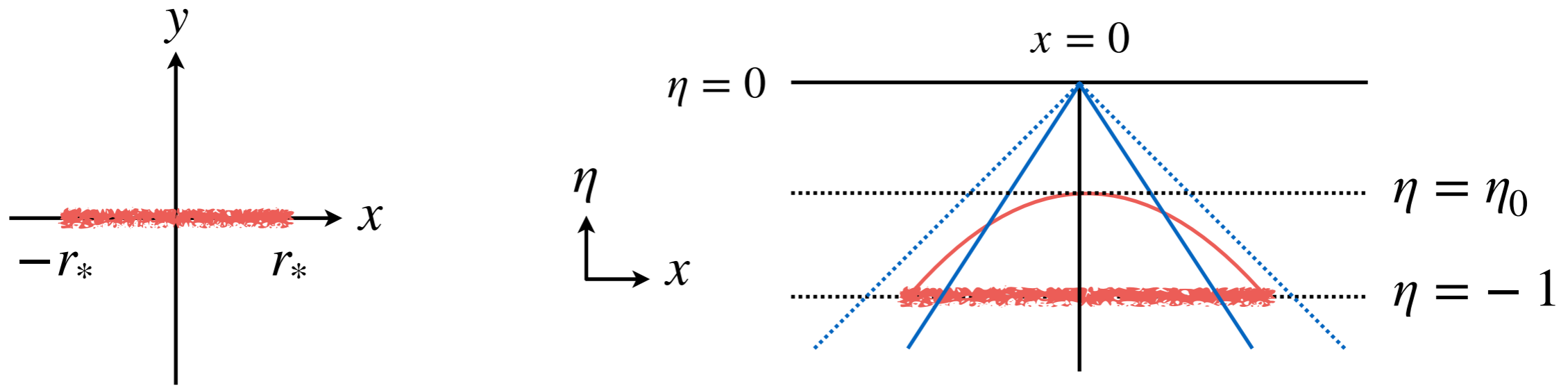
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Half holography type scenario



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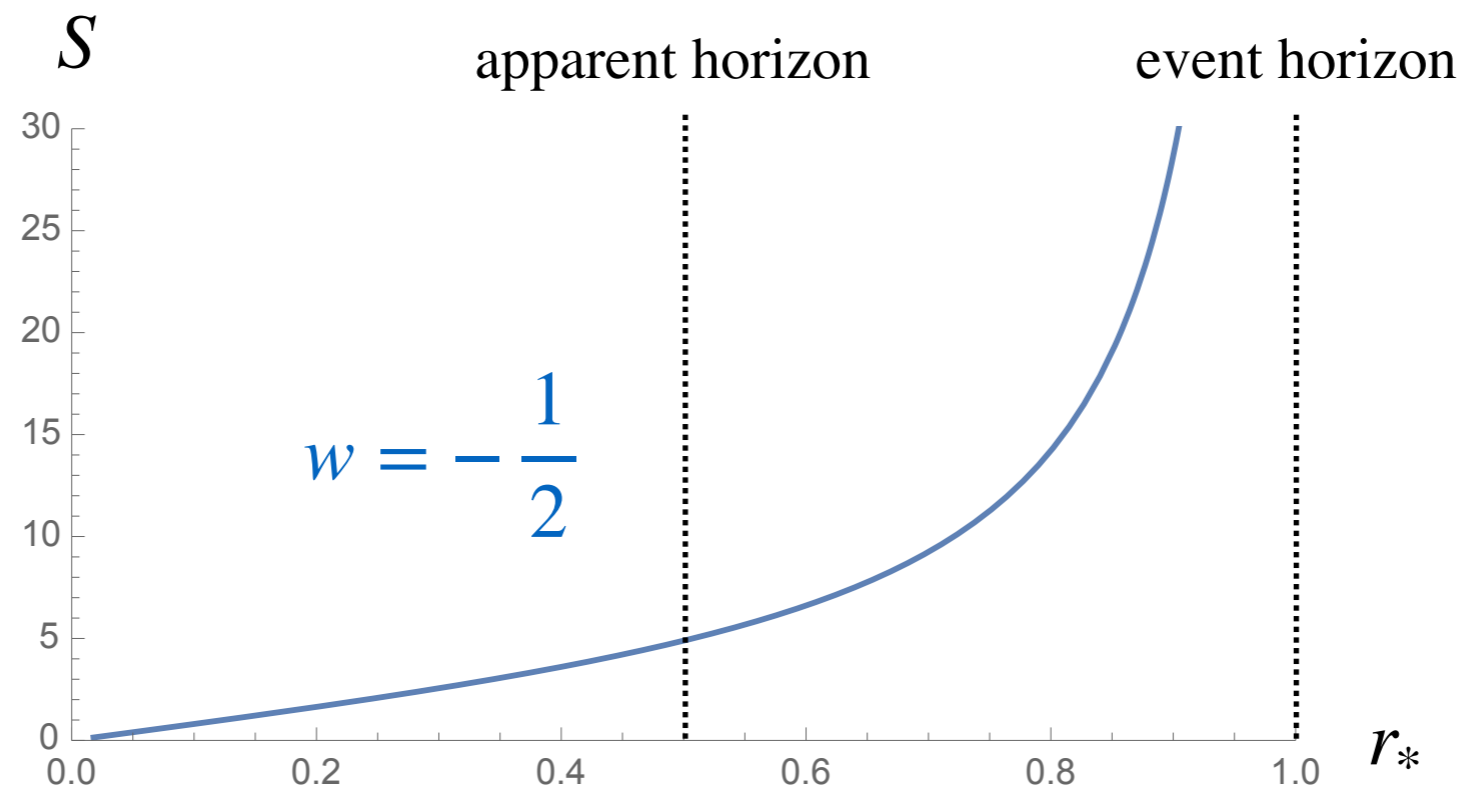


- Boundary points are connected by a spatial geodesic as long as  $r_* \leq 1$ .
- Subsystem size  $r_*$  and holographic EE  $S$  as a function of turning time  $\eta_0$ :

$$r_* = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma\left(\frac{2+w}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+w}{2}\right)}\eta_0 + {}_2F_1\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{w}{2}; \frac{2+w}{2}; (-\eta_0)^{-2/w}\right]$$

$$S = \frac{1}{4G}(w\eta_0)^{1+\frac{1}{w}}\left[\frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma\left(\frac{2+w}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3+w}{2}\right)} - \frac{(-\eta_0)^{-1-\frac{2}{w}}}{1+\frac{w}{2}}{}_2F_1\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2+w}{2}; \frac{4+w}{2}; (-\eta_0)^{-2/w}\right]\right]$$

## Half holography type scenario (2/2)



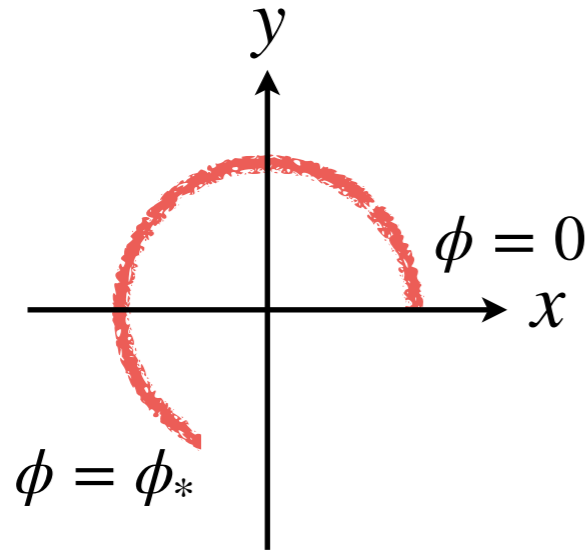
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→ no standard holographic dual in this scenario.

Horizon type scenario

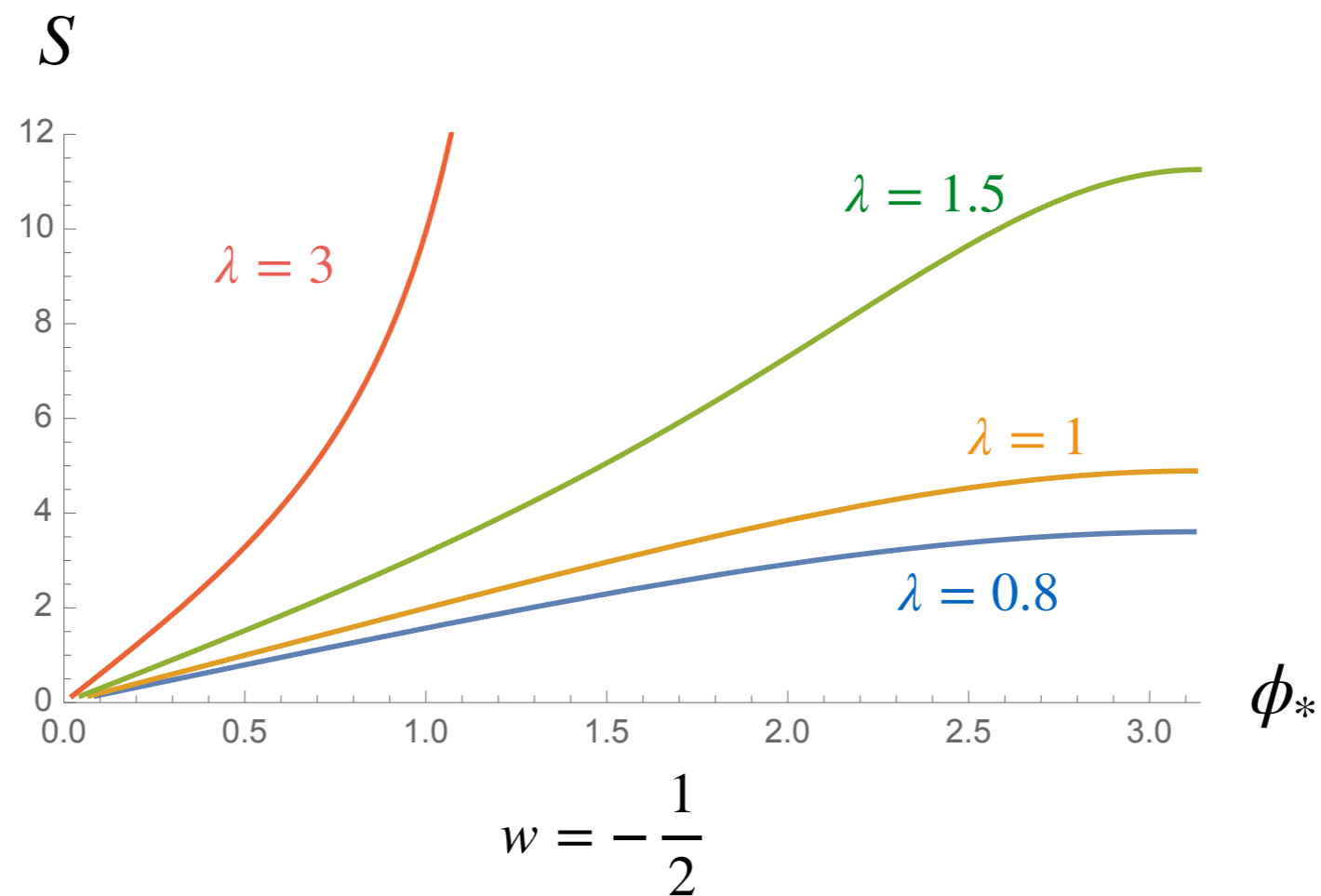
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Assume that the holographic screen is at  $r = \lambda |w|$   
and consider a subregion  $0 \leq \phi \leq \phi_*$  at a time  $\eta = -1$ .  
※  $\lambda$  is screen size relative to apparent horizon size.



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## Horizon type scenario (2/2)



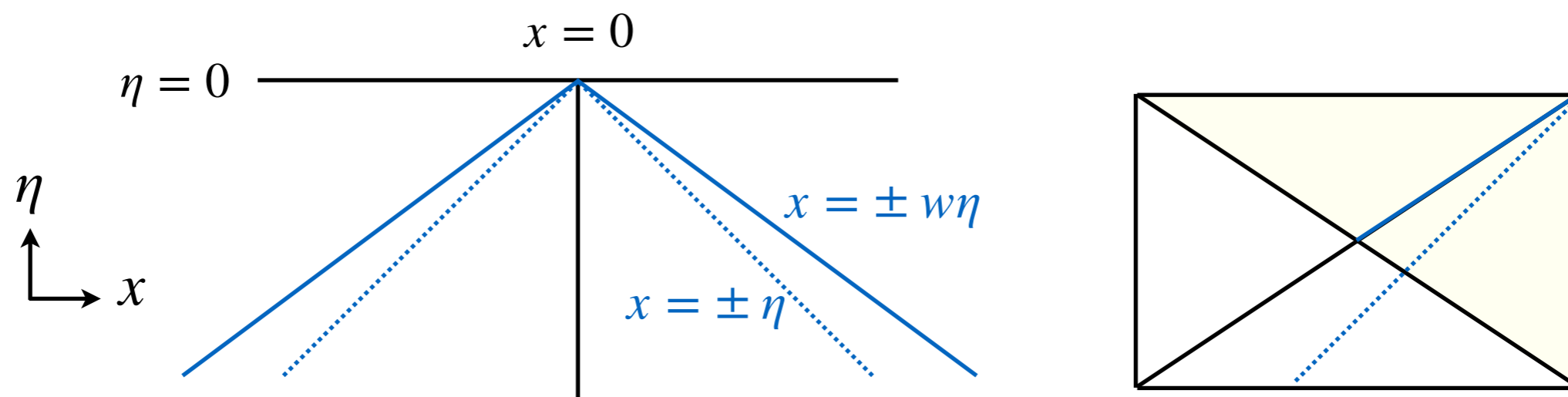
Subadditivity is satisfied in the horizon type scenario when holographic screen is on or inside apparent horizon.

※ This can be checked analytically for general  $w \geq -1$ , e.g., by performing the small  $\phi_*$  expansion.

※  $4G = 1$  in the plot

(2) Accelerating universe violating NEC  $w < -1$

# Apparent horizons vs event horizon



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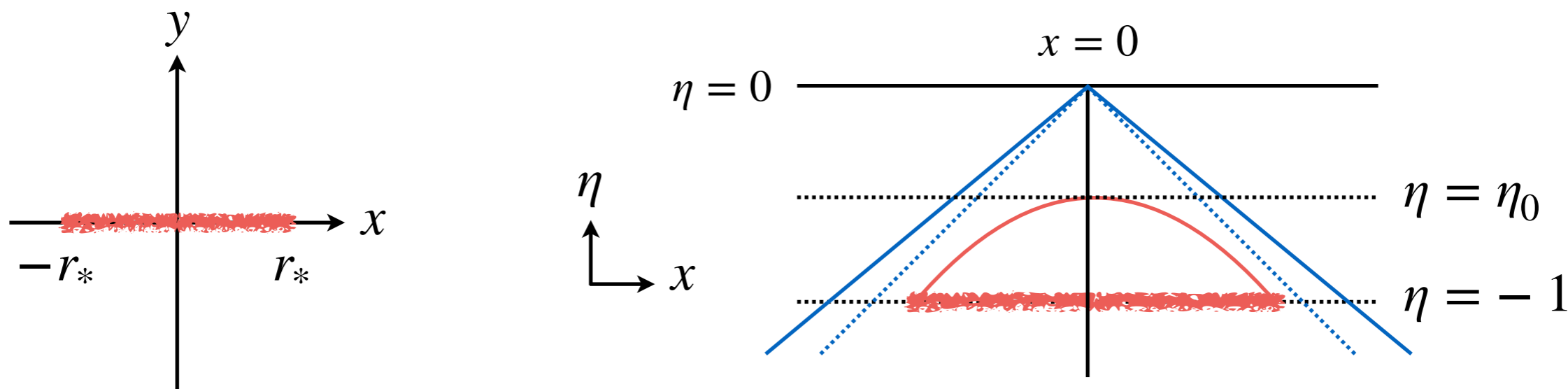
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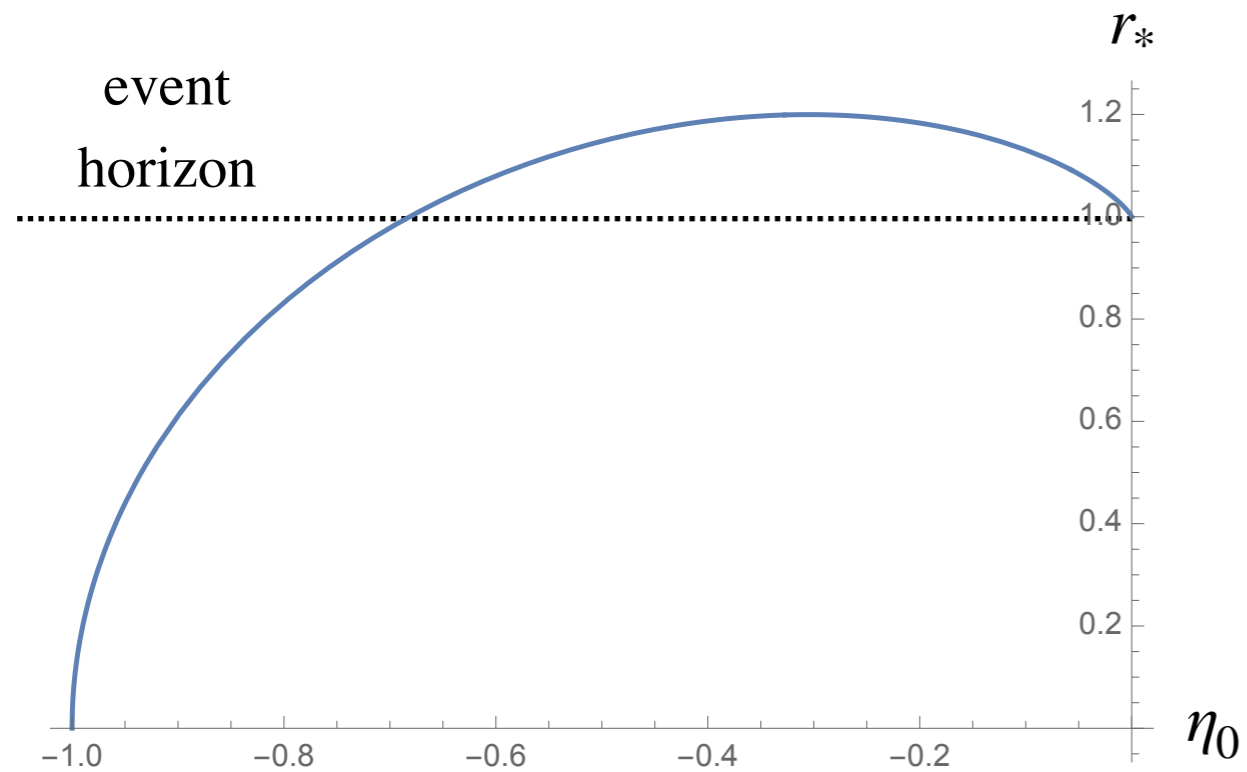
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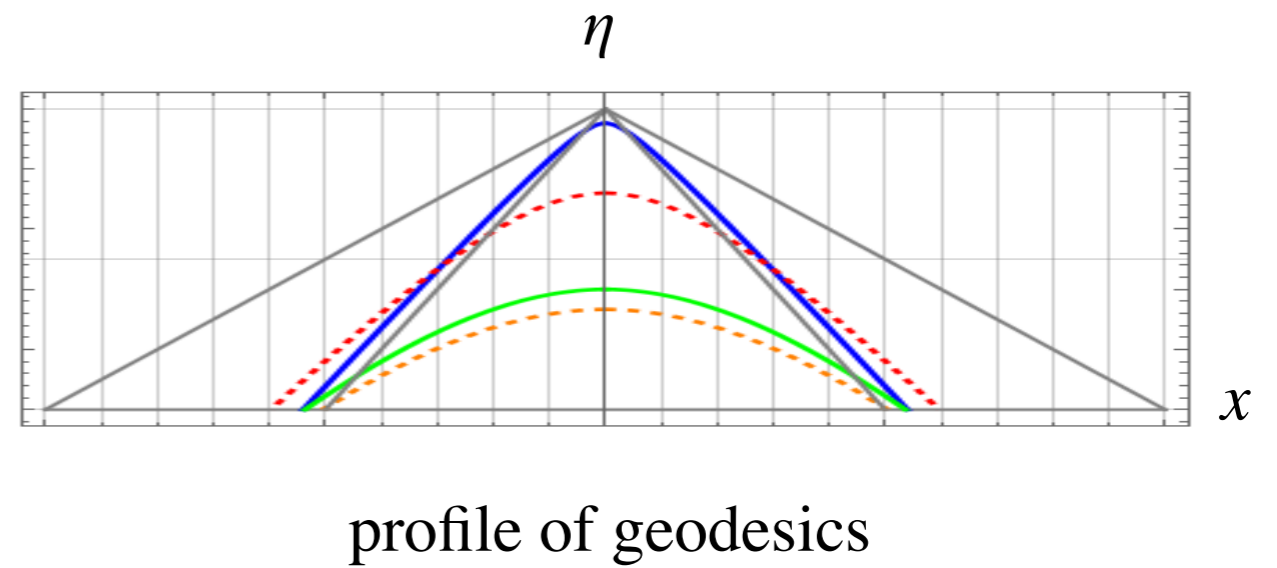


- $r_*$  and holographic EE  $S$  as a function of turning time  $\eta_0$  enjoy the same analytic expression as the  $-1 \leq w < 0$  case.
- The geodesic is not unique in some range with  $r_* \geq 1$  (next page).

# Half holography type scenario (2/3)



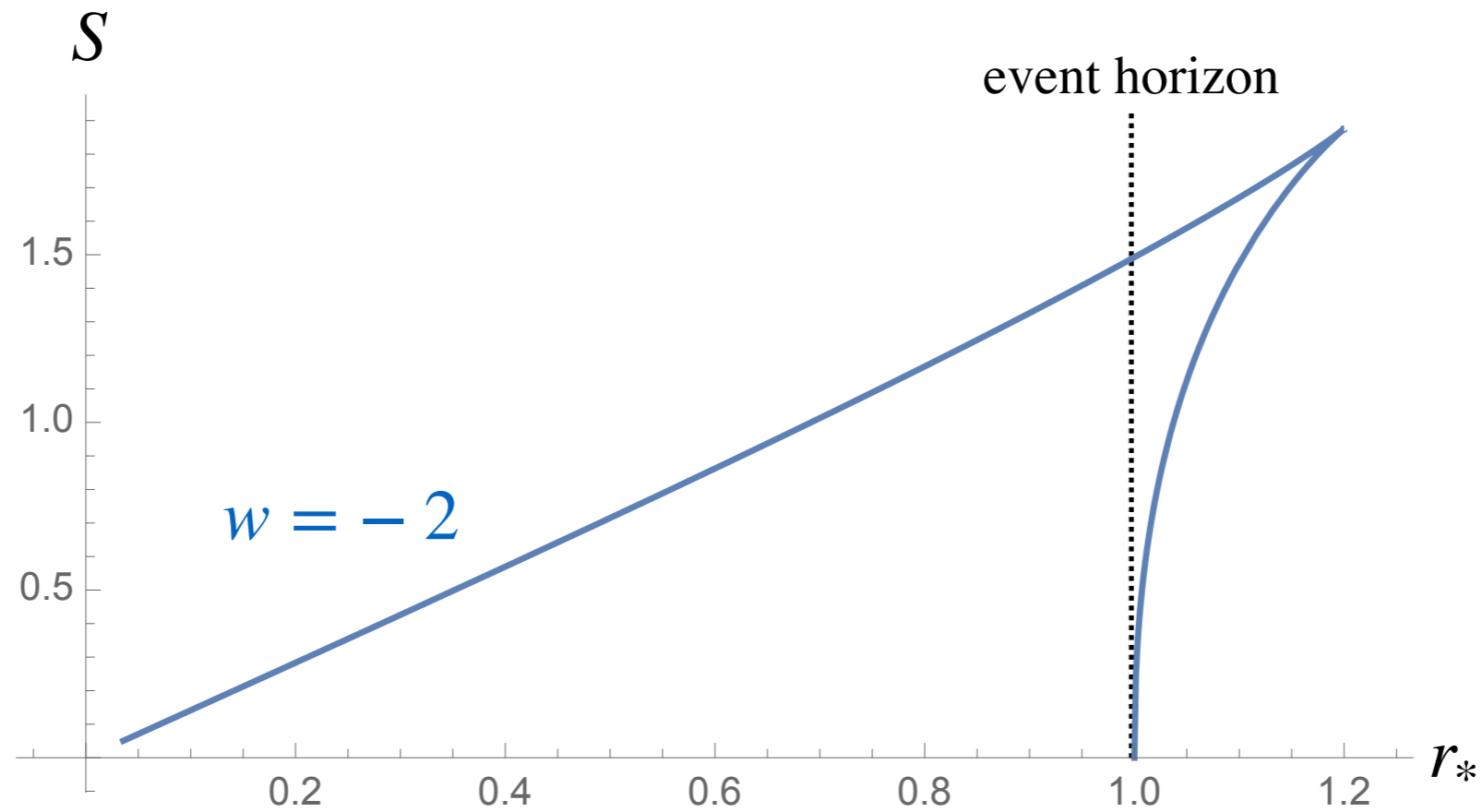
subsystem size vs turning time



profile of geodesics

※ plot is for  $w = -2$

## Half holography type scenario (3/3)



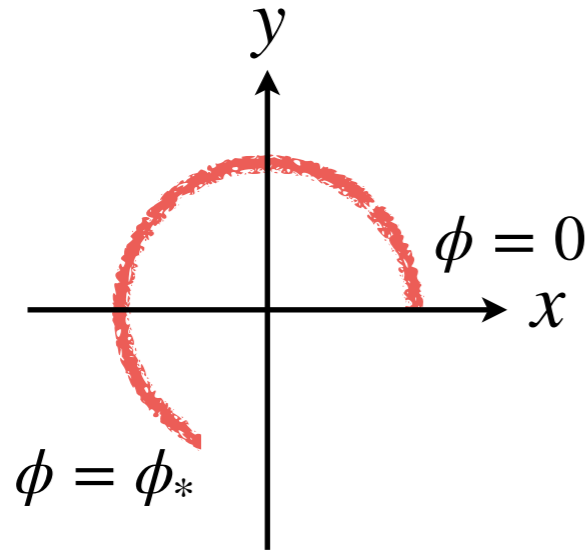
Subadditivity is violated due to the transition at the event horizon scale  $r_* = 1$ .

→ no standard holographic dual in this scenario.

Horizon type scenario

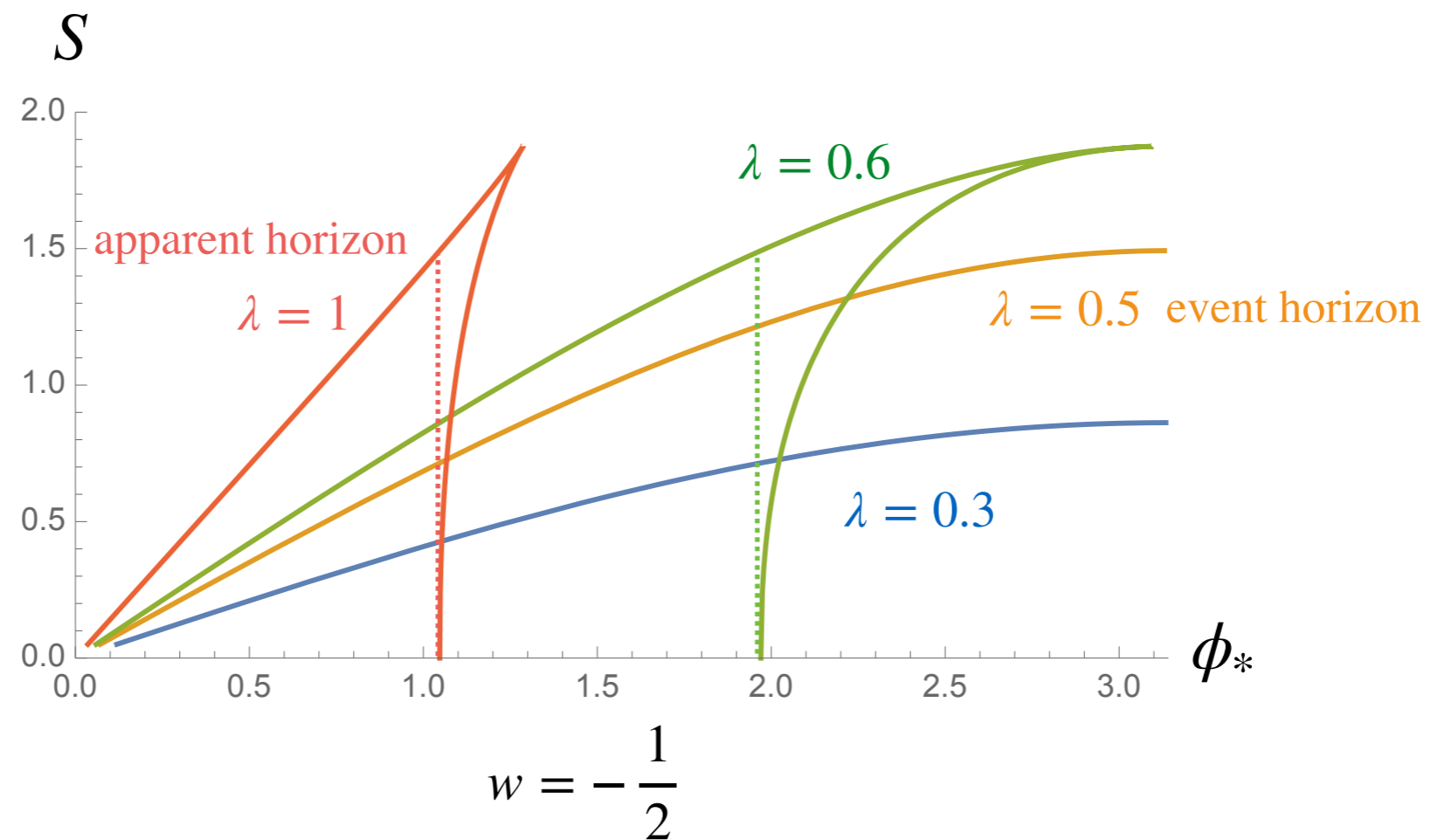
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**# Bootstrap for less symmetric cosmological scenarios is important.**

**→ Can holography & quantum information offer a new approach?**

※ consistency of info  $\Leftrightarrow$  consistency of geometry (numerically calculable).

※ Discussion: is brane world holography useful to study landscape/swampland?

# We studied analogue of static patch & half holography in 3D flat universes.

**Holographic EE satisfies subadditivity in horizon like scenario**

**if the screen is on/inside **apparent horizon (NEC satisfying case  $w \geq -1$ )****

**event horizon (NEC violating case  $w < -1$ )**

※ Transition at the horizon scale was relevant for  $w < -1$ .

※ Consistent with [Franken et al'23] based on Bousso bound perspective

# Future directions

- Can we derive NEC by studying consistency of other quantities?

- In cosmology, dominant components of energy density are not necessarily dominant components of (typically coarse-grained) entropy density.

How such “hidden” matter entropy affects the story?

*Thank you!*