

S-Matrix Exclusion of de Sitter and Consequences

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Some notations:

Vacuum energy density $\equiv \Lambda$

Newton's gravitational coupling $\equiv G$

4D Planck mass $\equiv M_P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}}$

de Sitter (Hubble) radius $\equiv R$

$$\bar{R}^2 = \Lambda G$$

Number of particle species $\equiv N_{sp}$

String coupling $\equiv g_s$

String scale $\equiv M_s$

Implications for cosmology: Exclusion of de Sitter

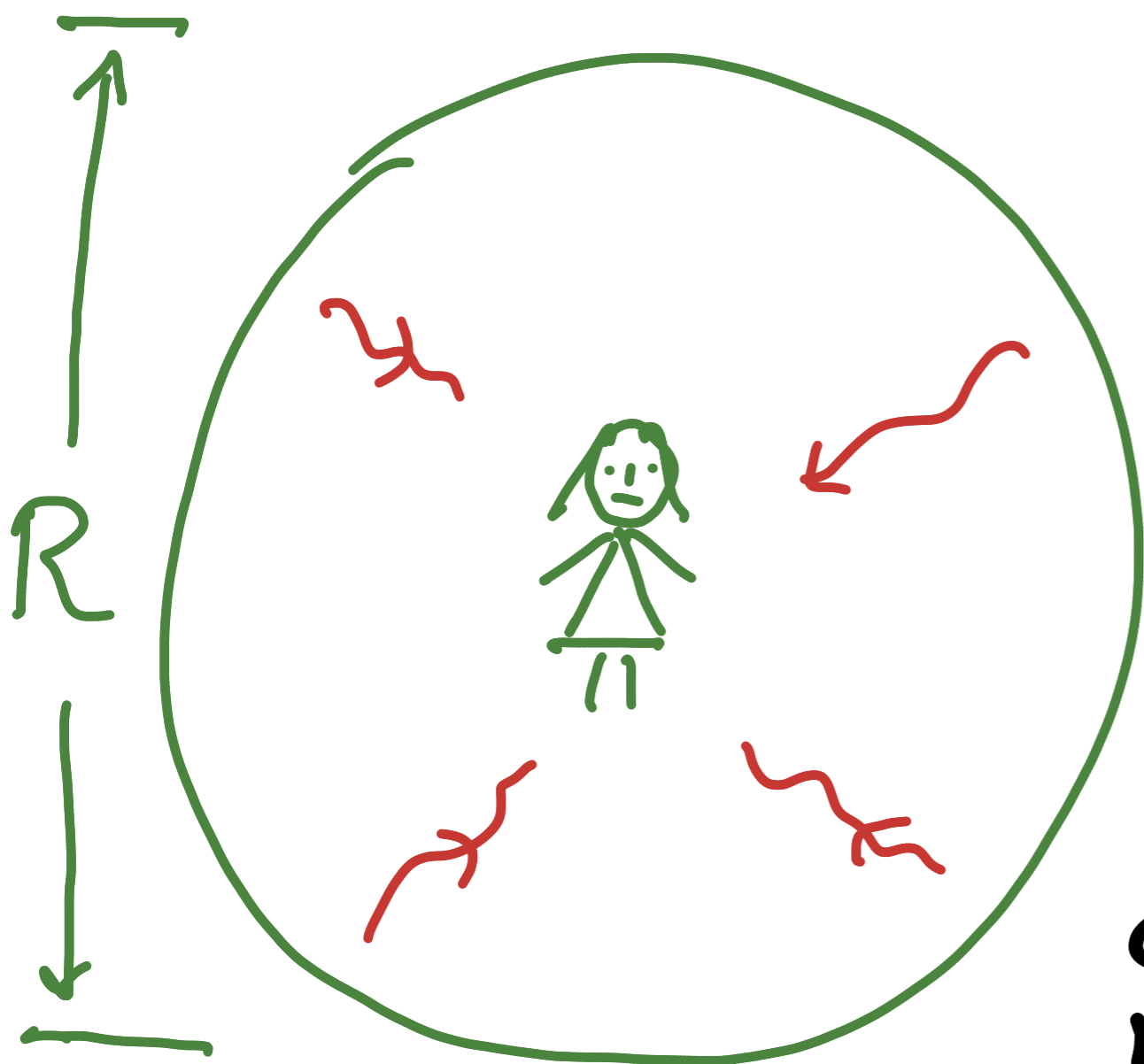
$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) dx^2$$

scale factor

$$a(t) \propto e^{\frac{t}{R}}$$

cosmological
constant

$$\frac{1}{R^2} = \frac{\Lambda}{M_P^2}$$



Gibbons-Hawking
temperature:

$$T_{GH} = \frac{1}{R}$$

and entropy

$$S_{GH} = (RM_P)^2$$

De Sitter (dS)-like states
are of fundamental importance
in cosmology and particle
physics.

They also create a puzzle
(why is Λ small?)

What does quantum gravity has to
say about de Sitter?

We shall argue that
quantum gravity/string theory
excludes de Sitter vacua,
both stable and meta-stable.

No de Sitter future eternity.

The story is profound and S -matrix plays a fundamental role in it.

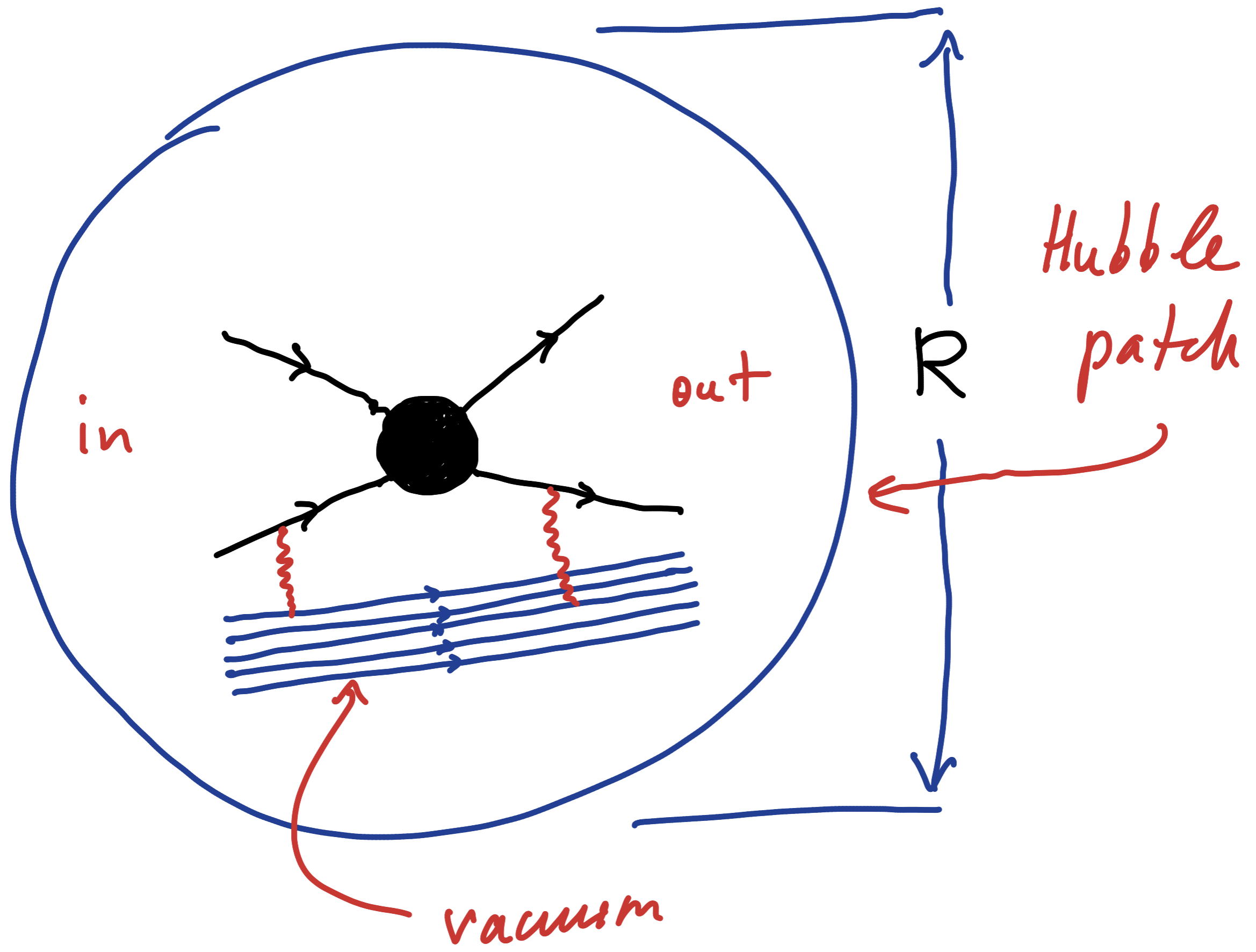
In string theory/quantum gravity the S -matrix is:

- ① $*$ A computational tool;
- ② $*$ The formulation of the theory.

Necessary conditions:

- ① Globally-defined time;
 ↑ Absent in classical deSitter.
- ② S -matrix vacuum.

What about quantum theory?
What about effective S -matrix?



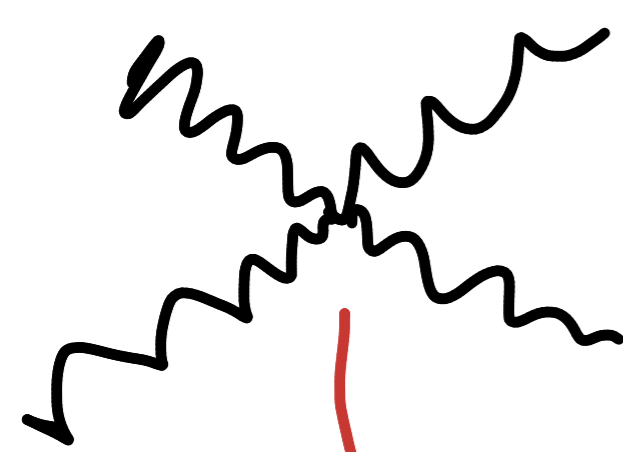
The vacuum should not be able to recoil and absorb some information.

This is only possible in double-scaling limit:

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \infty, \quad \Lambda G = \bar{R}^{-2} = \text{finite}.$$

$$G \rightarrow 0 \quad (M_p \rightarrow \infty),$$

But in the same limit graviton quantum coupling vanishes



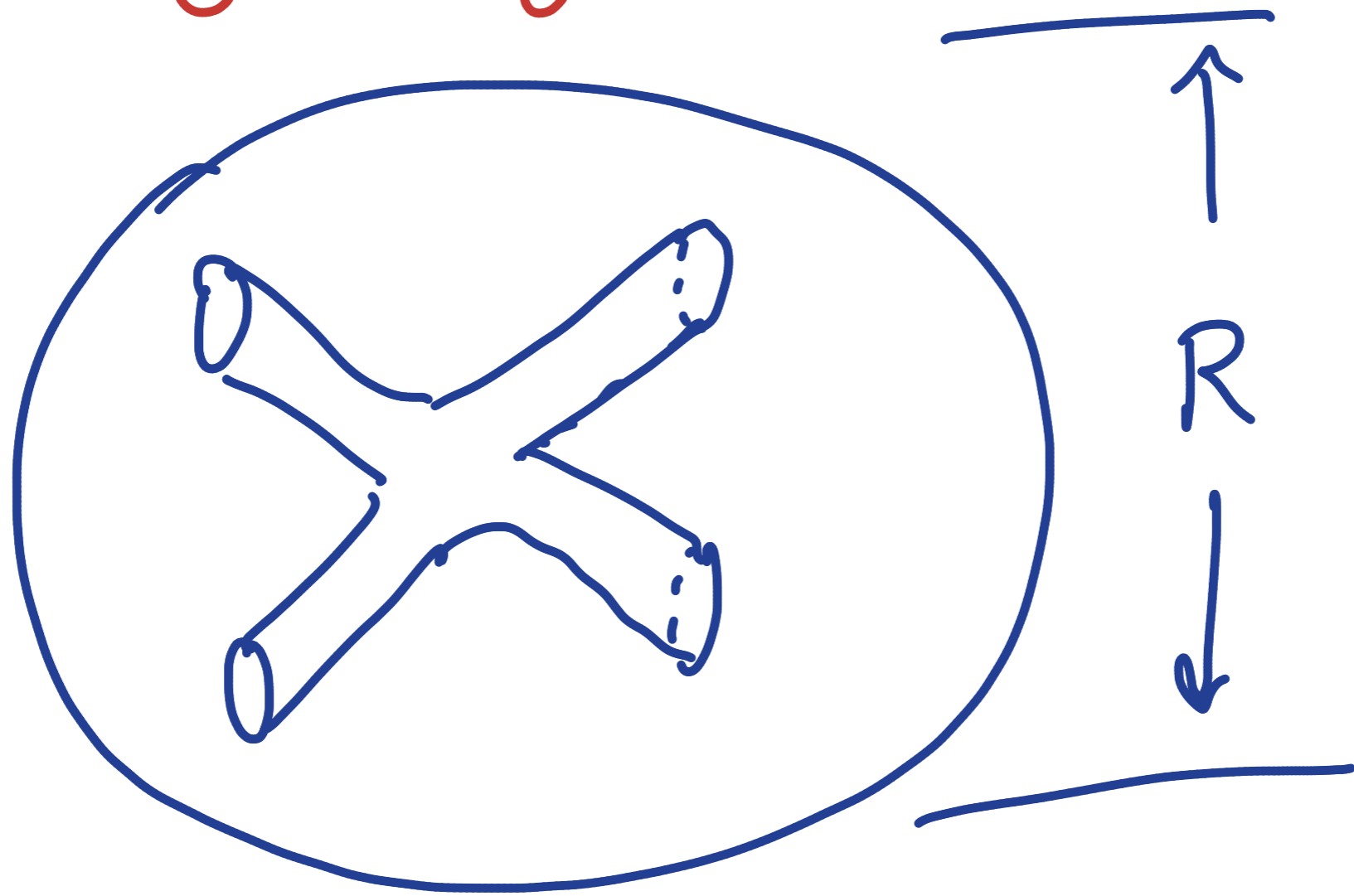
momentum-transfer

$$\alpha_{\text{gr}} = \frac{G}{\lambda^2} = \frac{q^2}{M_p^2} \rightarrow 0$$

wavelength

graviton S-matrix is trivial!

In string theory



$$R^{-2} = \Lambda G = \Lambda \frac{g_s^2}{M_s^8} = \text{finite}$$

in rigid limit:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Lambda \rightarrow \infty \\ G \rightarrow 0 \\ R = \text{finite} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow g_s^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Closed string S-matrix is trivial.

(Open strings, more subtle)

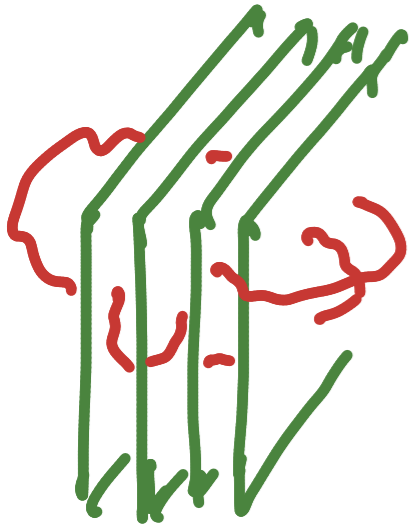
A bit more explicit: de Sitter
from D-brane uplifting

G.D., Tye '98; G.D. '99; G.D., Shafi, Solganic '01;
Burgess, Majumdar, Nolte, Quevedo, Rajesh,
Zhang, '01; Kachru, Kallosh, Linde,
Trivedi '03; + Maldacena, McAllister '03

Take e.g. $n \times D_9 - \bar{D}_9$ in IIB

Srednicki '98

(Of course system has tachyon, Sen '99, ...)



$$\Lambda \cdot G = R^{-2}$$

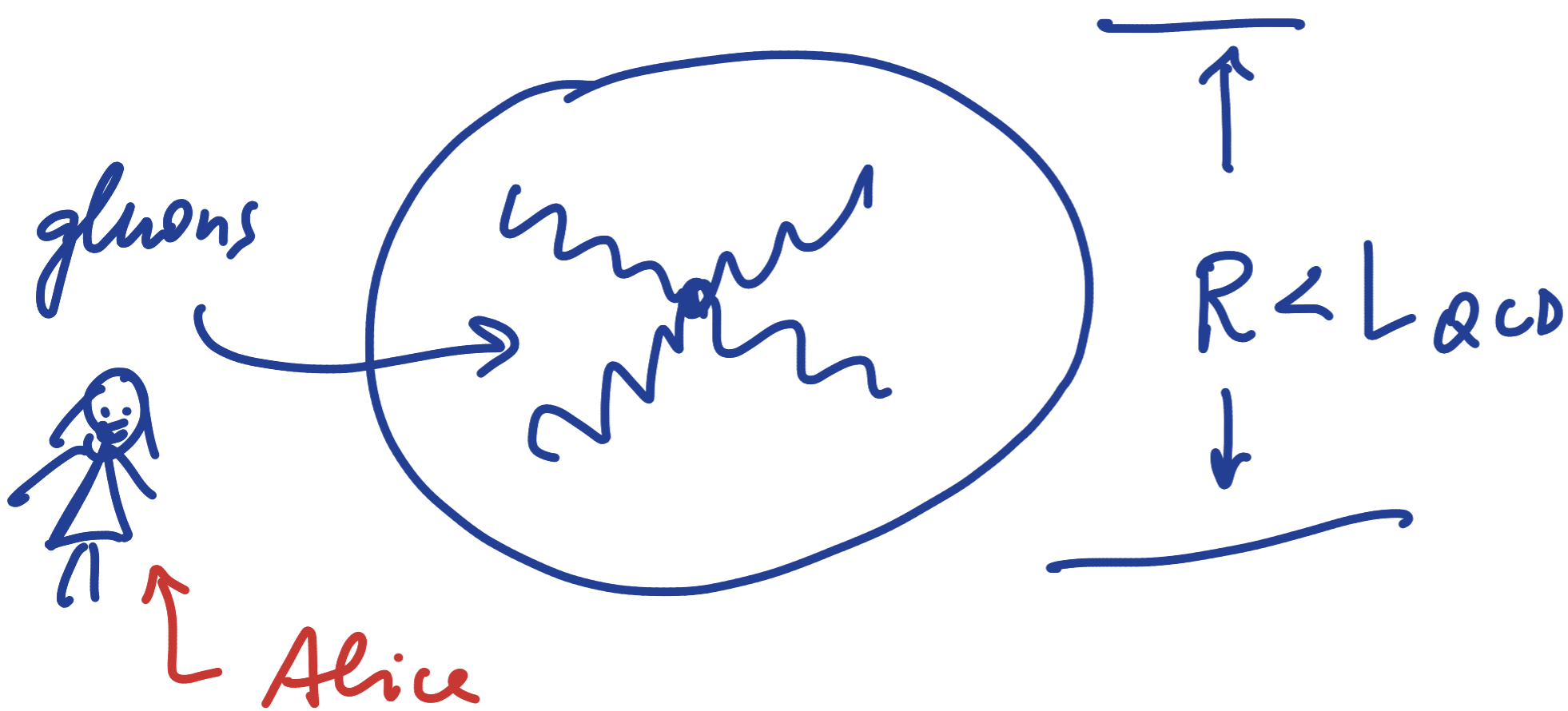
$$n \frac{M_s^{10}}{g_s} \cdot \frac{g_s^2}{M_s^8} = (ng_s) M_s^2$$

rigid limit: $\begin{matrix} \searrow & \searrow & \searrow \\ & 0 & \infty & \text{finite} \end{matrix}$

Only possible if: $g_s \rightarrow 0$ $ng_s = \text{finite}$
for $M_s = \text{finite}$

Notice, there is no problem of keeping other (Wilsonian) interactions intact.

E.g. QCD



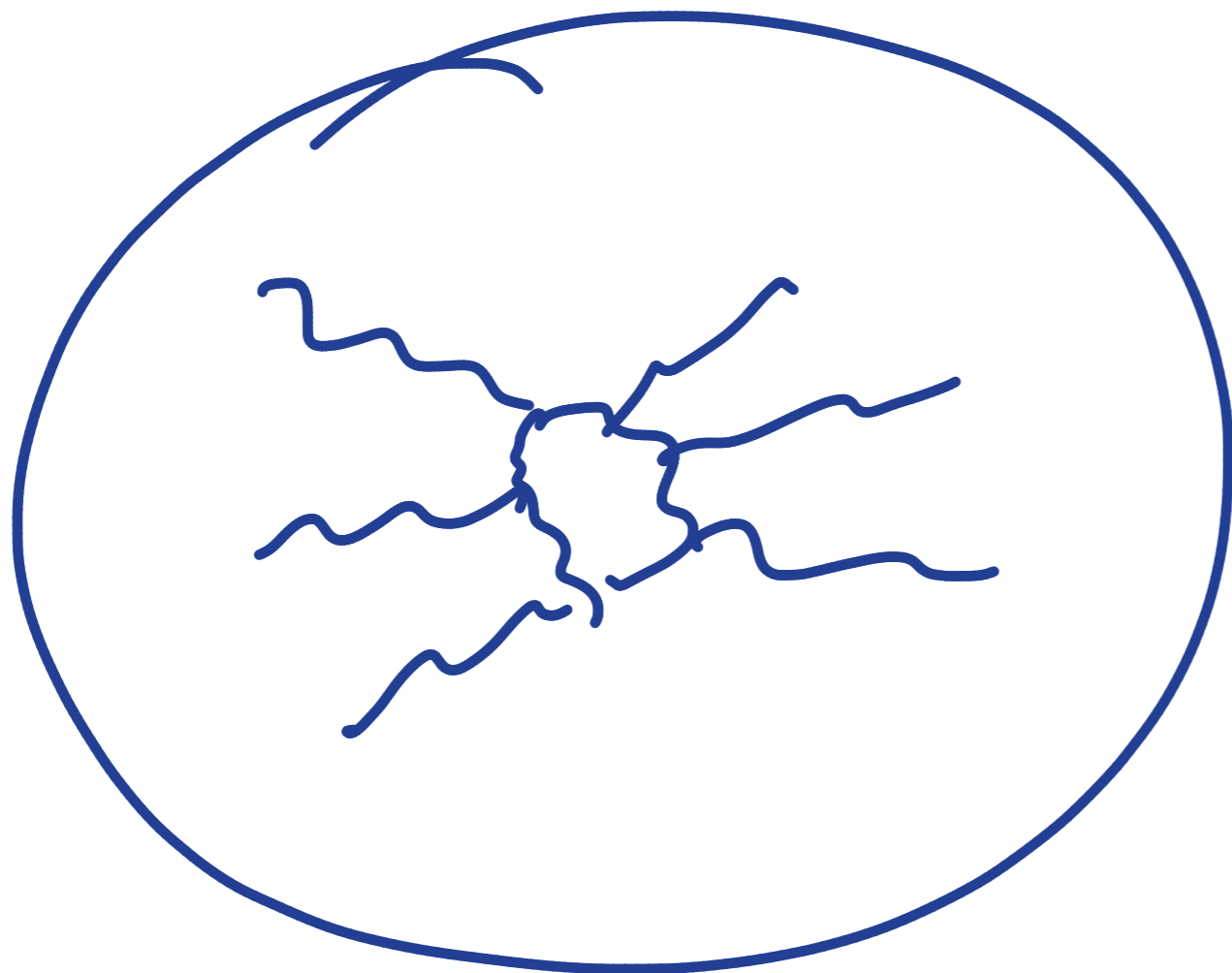
Thus, the issue is quantum gravitational.

$$(de Sitter = vacuum) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \alpha_{gr} &= 0 \\ g_s &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

There are clear signals of
 S -matrix inconsistency already
for finite $M_p(G)$.

For example, scattering of
quanta of center of mass energy

$$E \sim M_p^2 R$$



How is the S -matrix constraint enforced?

Corpuscular picture of de Sitter ("N-portrait"): G.D., Gomez '11, '13, ...

Since $|dS\rangle$ is not a vacuum, it can only be an excited state constructed on S -matrix vacuum (Minkowski).

$$|dS\rangle = |N\rangle$$

↑ number of constituents

We choose coherent state but others are also OK

$$\langle N | \hat{T}_{\mu\nu} | N \rangle = g_{\mu\nu} \leftarrow \text{classical } dS$$

New concept:
Corpuscular completion (resolution)

Very different from and insensitive to
UV-completion.

Universal properties:

Number of constituent $N = \frac{1}{\alpha_{gs}}$

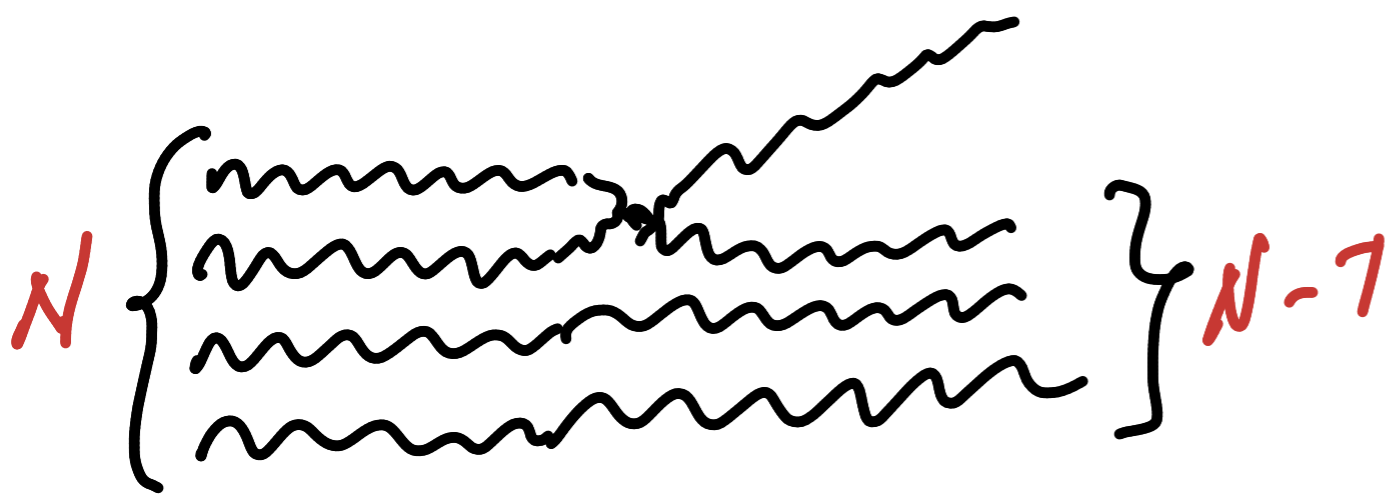
Their frequencies $\sim \frac{1}{R}$

$$\alpha_{gs} = \frac{1}{(M_p R)^2} = \frac{1}{N}$$

de Sitter is a saturated

state.

Gibbons-Hawking radiation
is a Hamiltonian process of
a decay



Emission rate $\Gamma \sim \frac{d^2 N}{R^2} = \frac{1}{R}$

Emission time $\tau = \Gamma^{-1} \sim R$

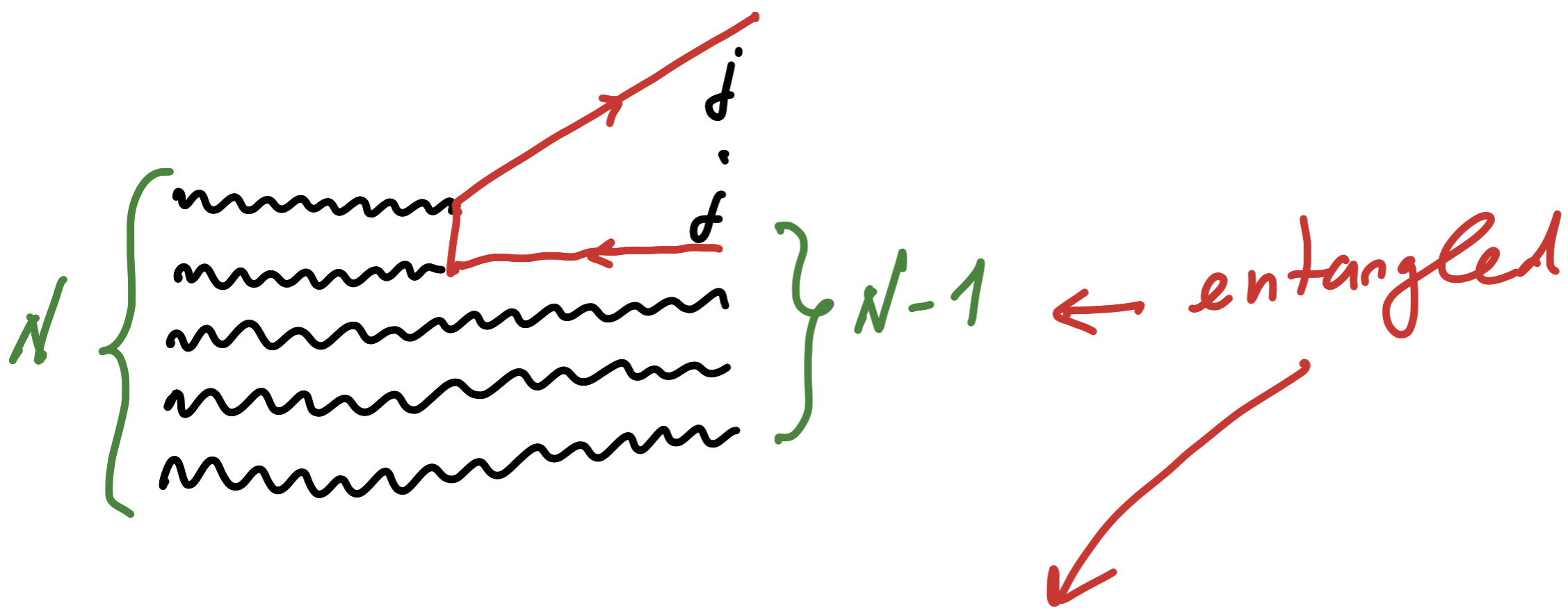
The resulting Gibbons-Hawking
temperature $T_{GH} = \frac{1}{R}$

Thus, de Sitter "ages" due to
an internal quantum clock.

The decay is democratic in species.

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{sp}$$

↑ species label



$$|N\rangle \rightarrow \sum_j |N-1\rangle_j \cdot |j\rangle$$

Maximal departure from semi-classical evolution after

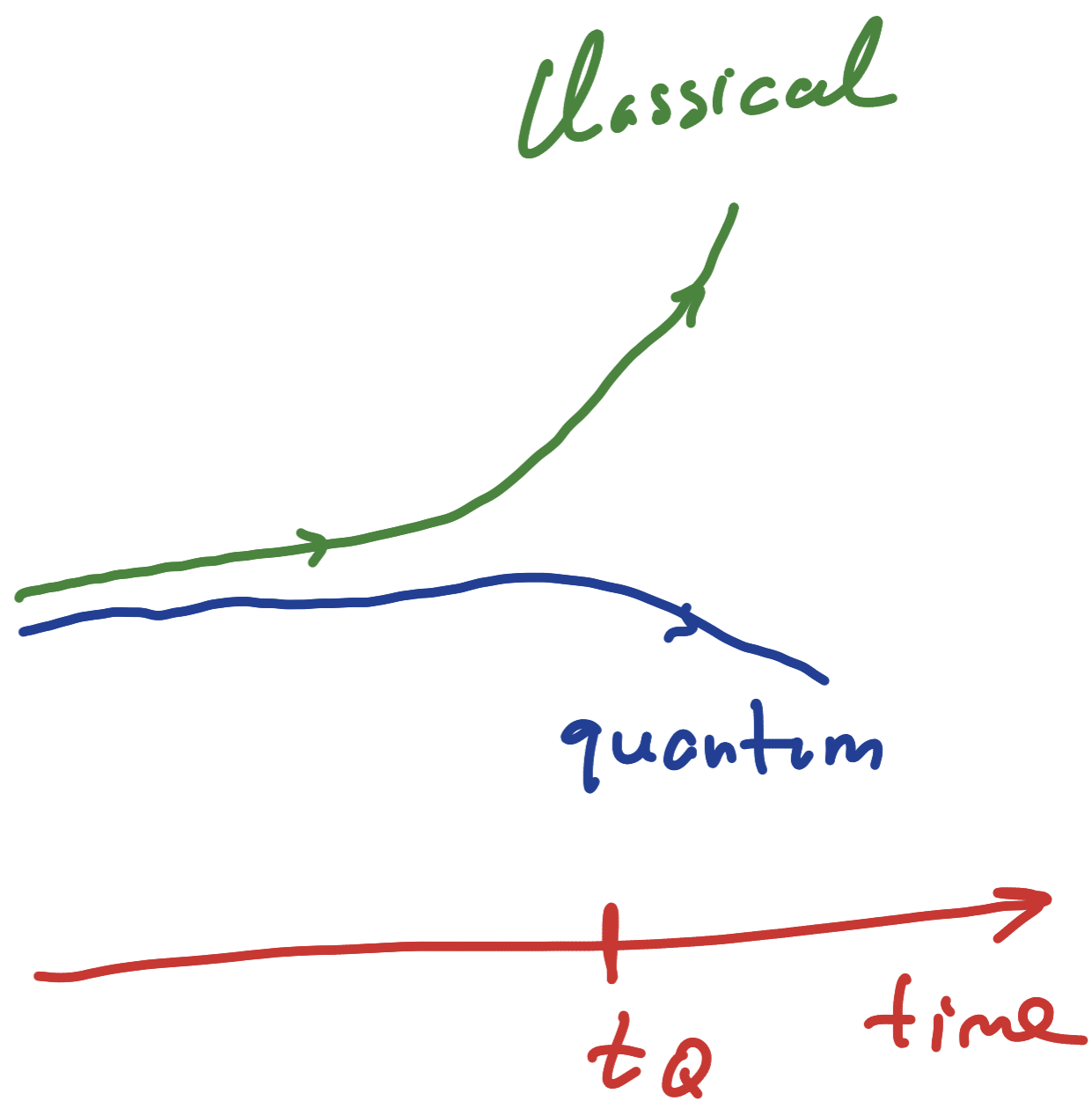
$$t_Q = R \frac{N}{N_{sp}} = R \frac{(RM_p)^2}{N_{sp}}$$

Quantum break-time for a generic saturated system:

G.D. Gomez '13, + Zell '17

$$t_Q = \frac{t_{ce}}{\alpha N_{sp}}$$

↑
quantum coupling



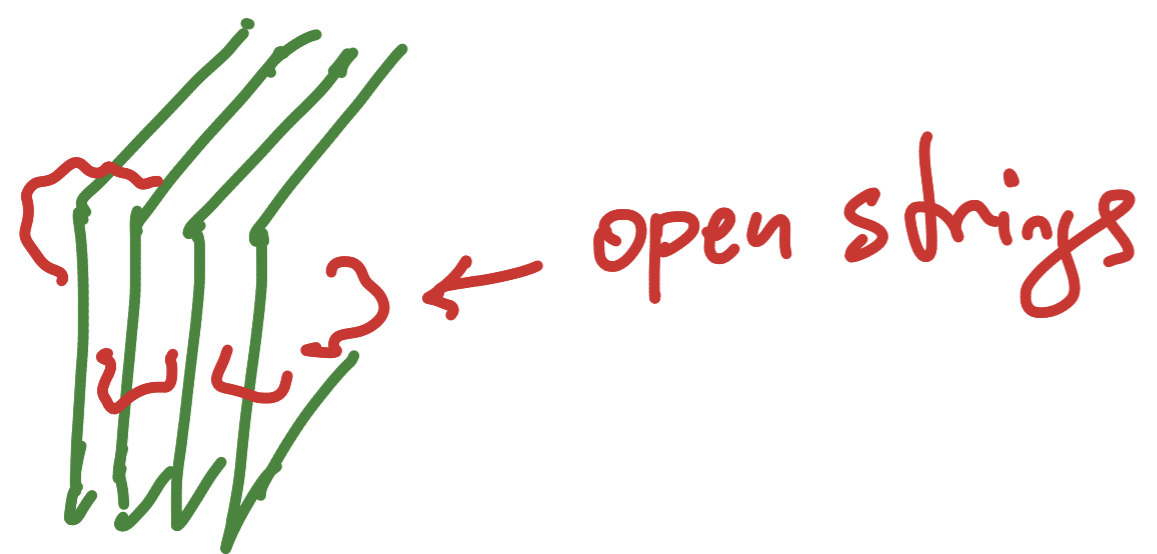
For de Sitter

$$t_{ce} = R \quad \alpha = \alpha_{gr} = \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{(M_p R)^2}$$

So we recover:

$$t_Q = R \frac{N}{N_{sp}} = \frac{R (R M_p)^2}{N_{sp}}$$

e.g. in $n \times D_9 - \overline{D}_9$ example



Chan-Paton species



$$t_Q = \frac{R}{(ng)^6}$$

$$N_{sp} = n^2$$

In generic string construction:

$$t_Q = R \frac{(RM_s)^8}{g_s^2} \frac{1}{N_{sp}}$$

Notice, after t_Q also entropy effects contribute into quantum breaking via so-called "memory burden" effect.

Gibbons-Hawking entropy = N

G.D., Eisemann, Michel, Zell, '18

If system has Lyapunov time t_L , quantum break-time can be much shorter

G.D., Flassig, Gomez, Pritzel, Wintergerst '13

$$t_Q = t_L \ln\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) = t_L \ln(N)$$

See also, Kortun, Zantedeschi '20;

Berezhiani, Zantedeschi '20;

Thus, a Hubble patch must gracefully exit de Sitter phase after time $t_{\text{exit}} < t_Q$.

This excludes any sort of meta-stability.

For inflation $t_{\text{exit}} = \sqrt{e} R$

The strength of observable imprints from quantum gravity

$$\delta = \frac{t_{\text{exit}}}{t_Q} = \sqrt{e} \frac{N_{\text{sp}}}{N}$$

enhanced by species!

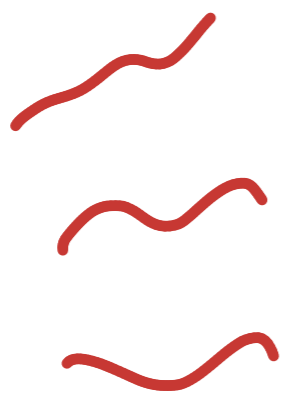
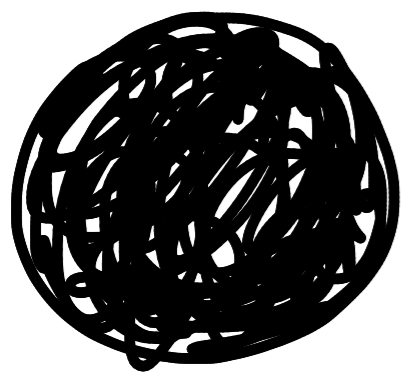
The power of species in enhancing quantum gravity effects

Non-perturbative bound on gravity cutoff:

G.D. '07, C.D., Redi '08

$$M_* \leq \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{N_{sp}}}$$

Black hole evaporation



$$\frac{\dot{M}}{T^2} = N_{sp} \frac{T^2}{M_P^2}$$



Thermality breaks at:

$$T_{MAX} = \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{N_{sp}}}$$

The same in de Sitter:

Energy density of Gibbons-Hawking radiation

$$N_{sp} T_{GH}^4 = N_{sp} R^{-4} = N_{sp} \Lambda$$

becomes equal to Λ for

$$R^{-1} = \frac{M_p}{\sqrt{N_{sp}}}$$

Smallest possible radius of de Sitter:

$$\frac{\sqrt{N_{sp}}}{M_p} \equiv M_*^{-1}$$

Quantum break-time gives a new meaning to species bound.

$$\text{For } N_{sp} = (M_p R)^2$$

the quantum break-time is one Hubble!

$$t_Q = \frac{R (M_p R)^2}{N_{sp}} = R$$

In other words, the number of species cannot exceed the number of de Sitter constituents:

$$N_{sp} \leq (M_p R)^2 = N$$

Since species shorten t_Q , they provide an exceptional opportunity of observing imprints of quantum gravity.

The corrections from the quantum gravity clock can be potentially very large

$$\delta = \sqrt{e} \frac{\sqrt{sp}}{N}$$

even when standard fluctuations (from inflaton) are negligible.

Notice, the phenomenological bound
on N_{sp} (from LHC, ...) is

$$N_{sp} \lesssim 10^{32}$$

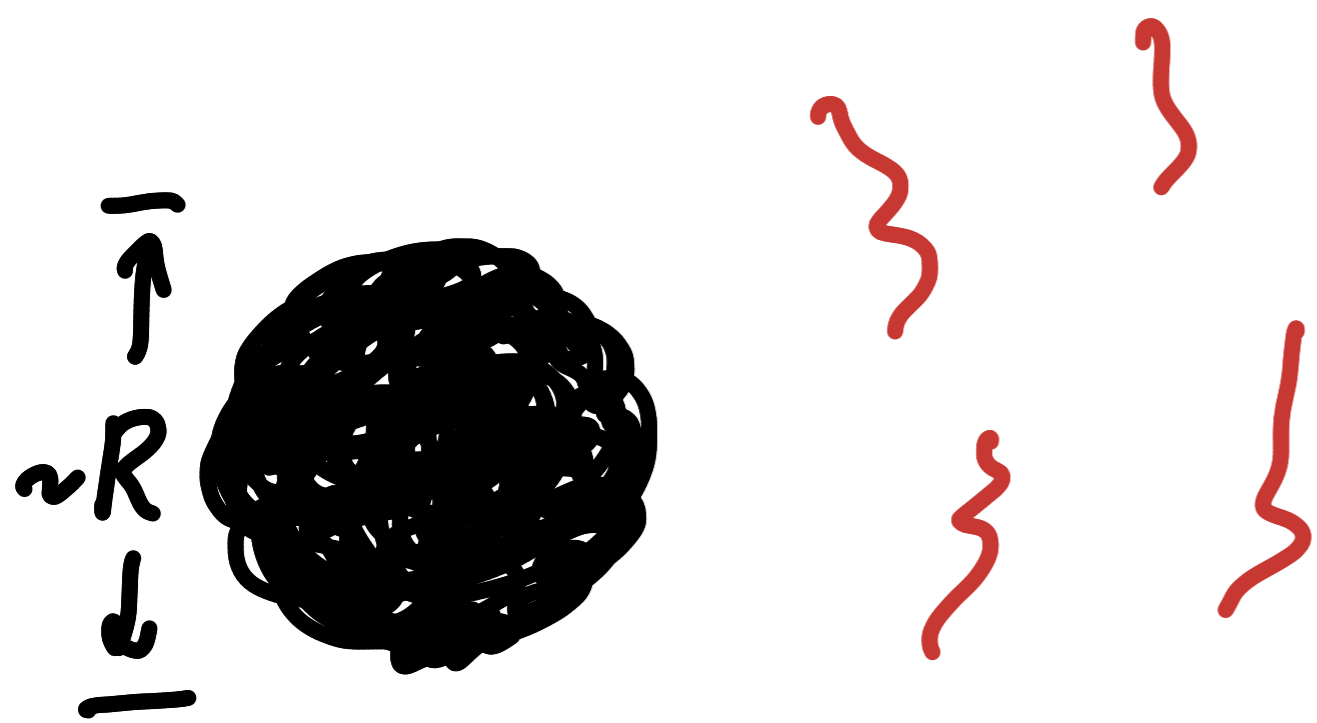
Motivated by hierarchy Problem.

This gives a large room
for dominance of quantum
gravitational effects in
inflationary scenarios.

Entanglement in de Sitter and in Black Hole

"Page's curves" for
de Sitter and Black Hole

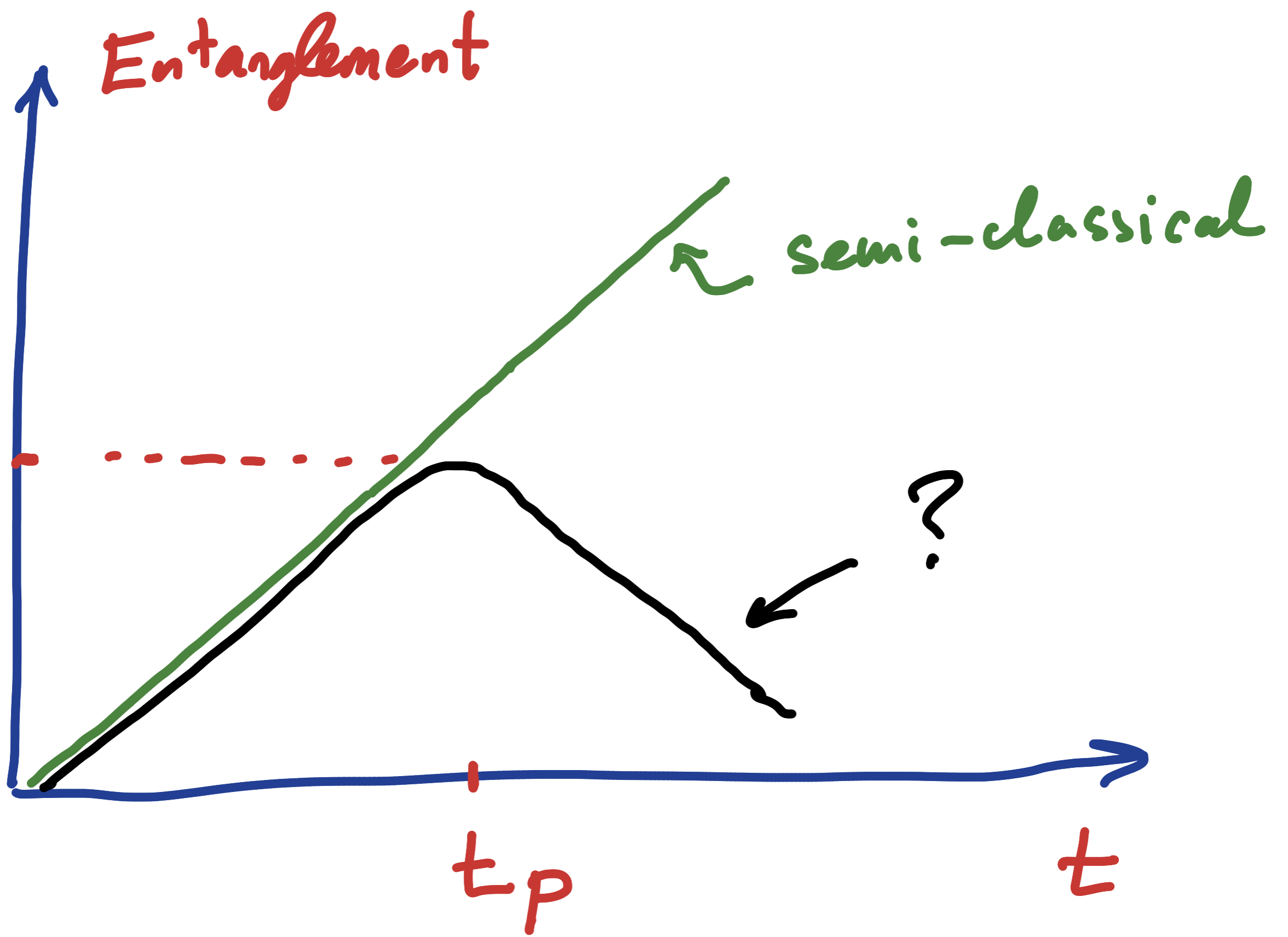
Hawking radiation



$$T_H = \frac{1}{R}$$

Page's time:

$$t_p = R^3 M_p^2 = \underline{t_Q}$$

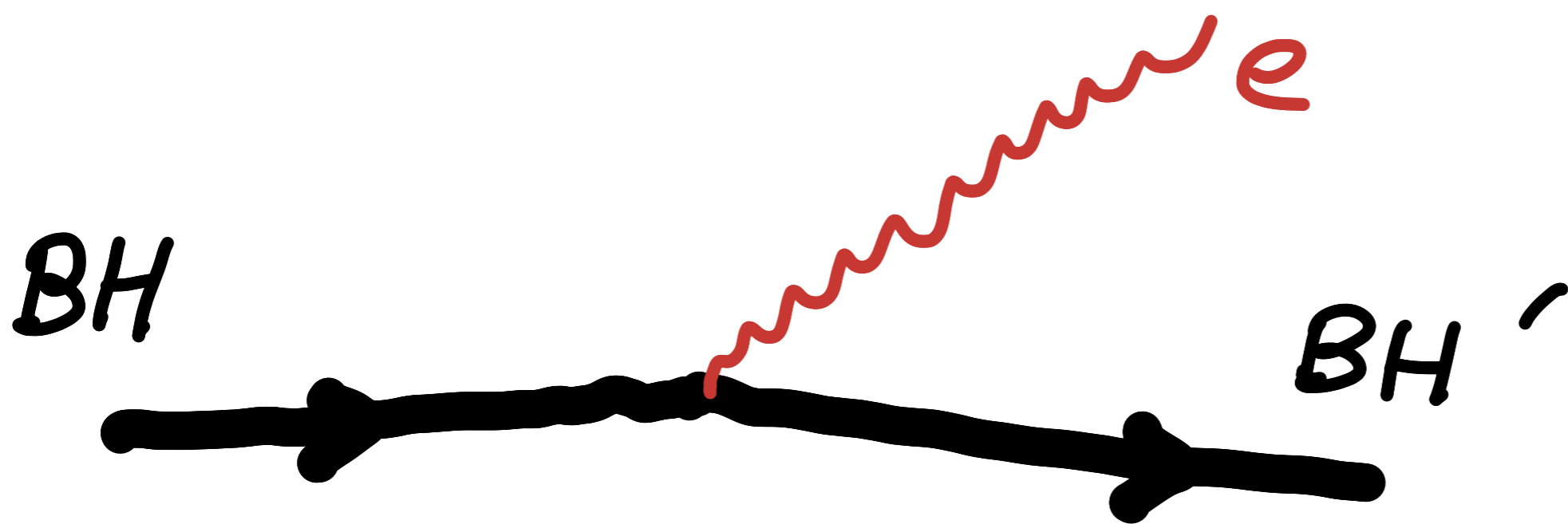


Entanglement must reach maximum.

(Which entanglement?)

In semi-classical picture
there is only one type of
entanglement:

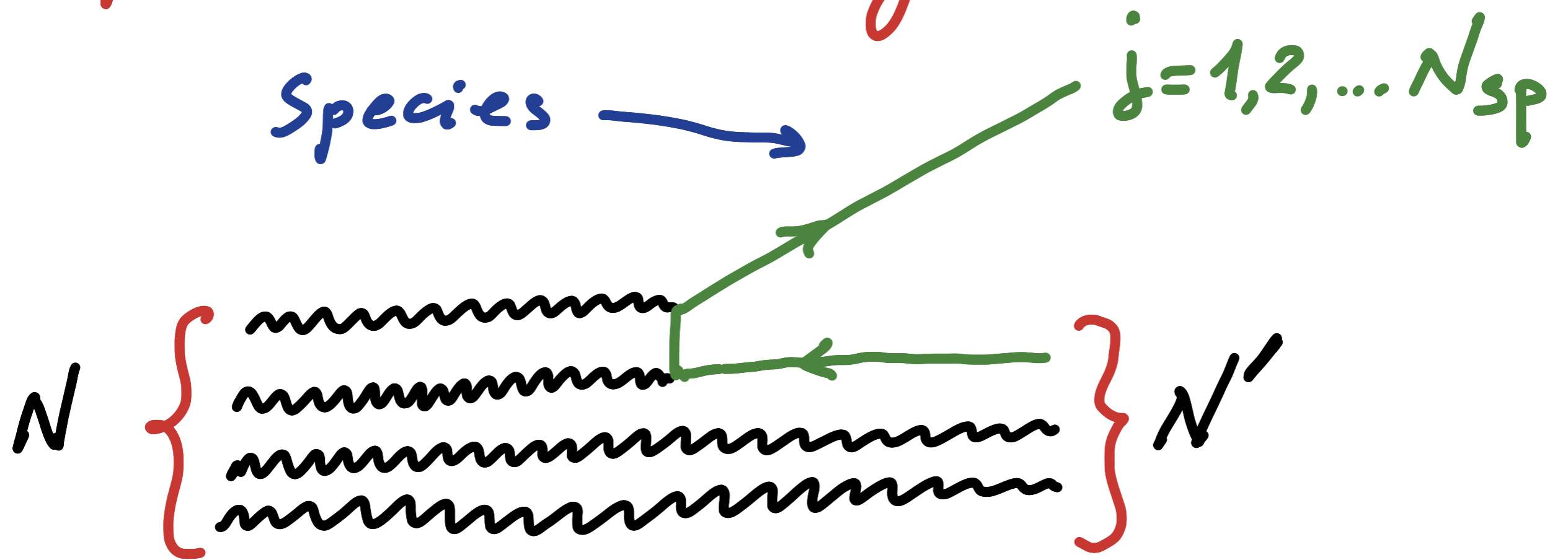
Between black hole and
outgoing quanta



$$|BH\rangle \longrightarrow |\uparrow\rangle_{BH} \cdot |\downarrow\rangle_e + |\downarrow\rangle_{BH} \cdot |\uparrow\rangle_e$$

Corpuscular theory reveals
a different story.

At initial times, gravitons
deplete at Hawking's rate



$$|N\rangle \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N_{sp}} |N', j\rangle \cdot |j\rangle$$

Self-entangled state

The new concept of
inner (self) entanglement.

Inner entanglement is present both in black hole and de Sitter.

Not visible in semi-classics.

The engine:

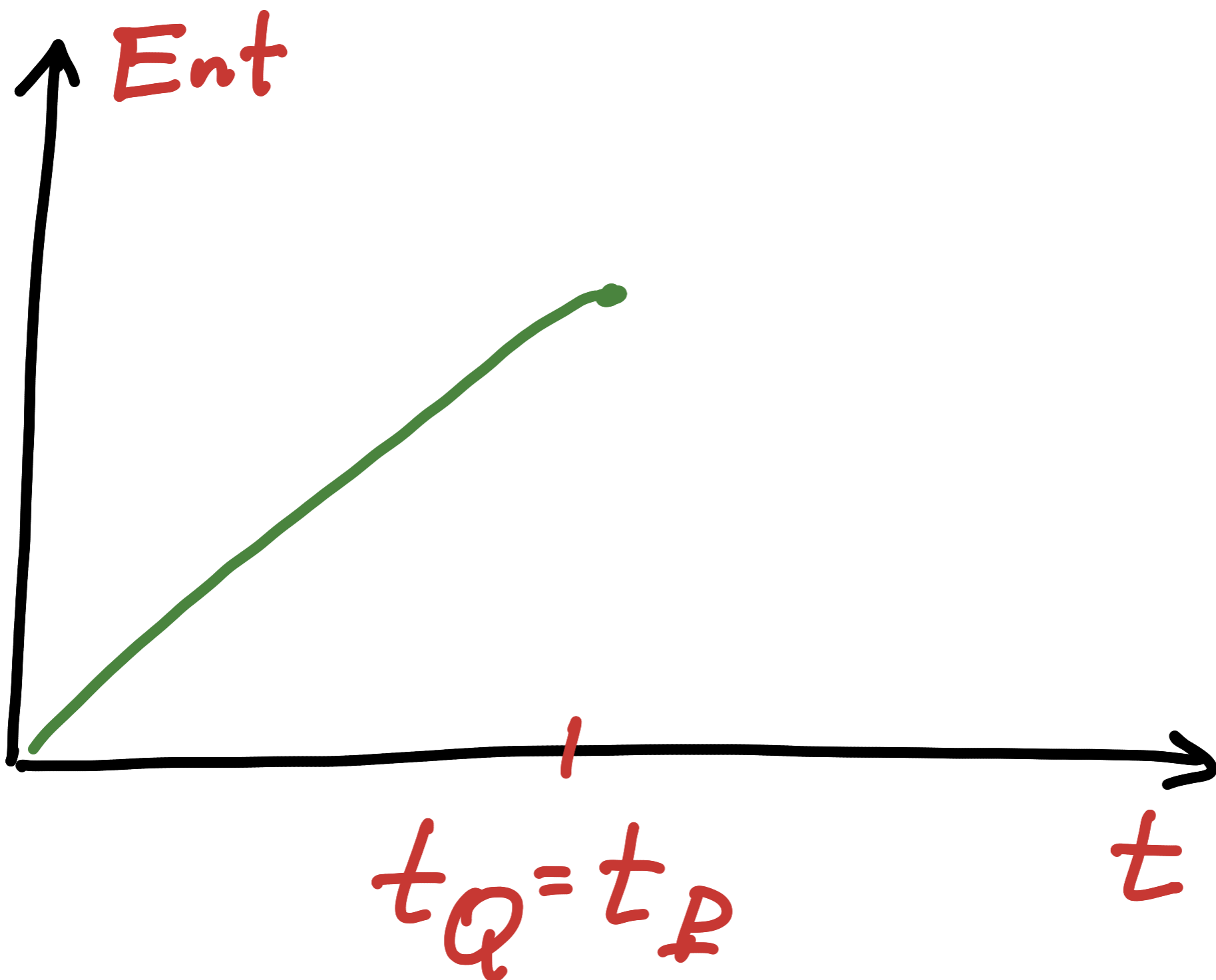
⊛ Entanglement among constituents.
(soft-modes);

⊛ Entanglement among memory modes (super-soft) information carriers: "Memory burden".

G.D., '17; G.D., Eisemann, Michel,
Zell '18

Prihadi, Dwiputra, Zen '20

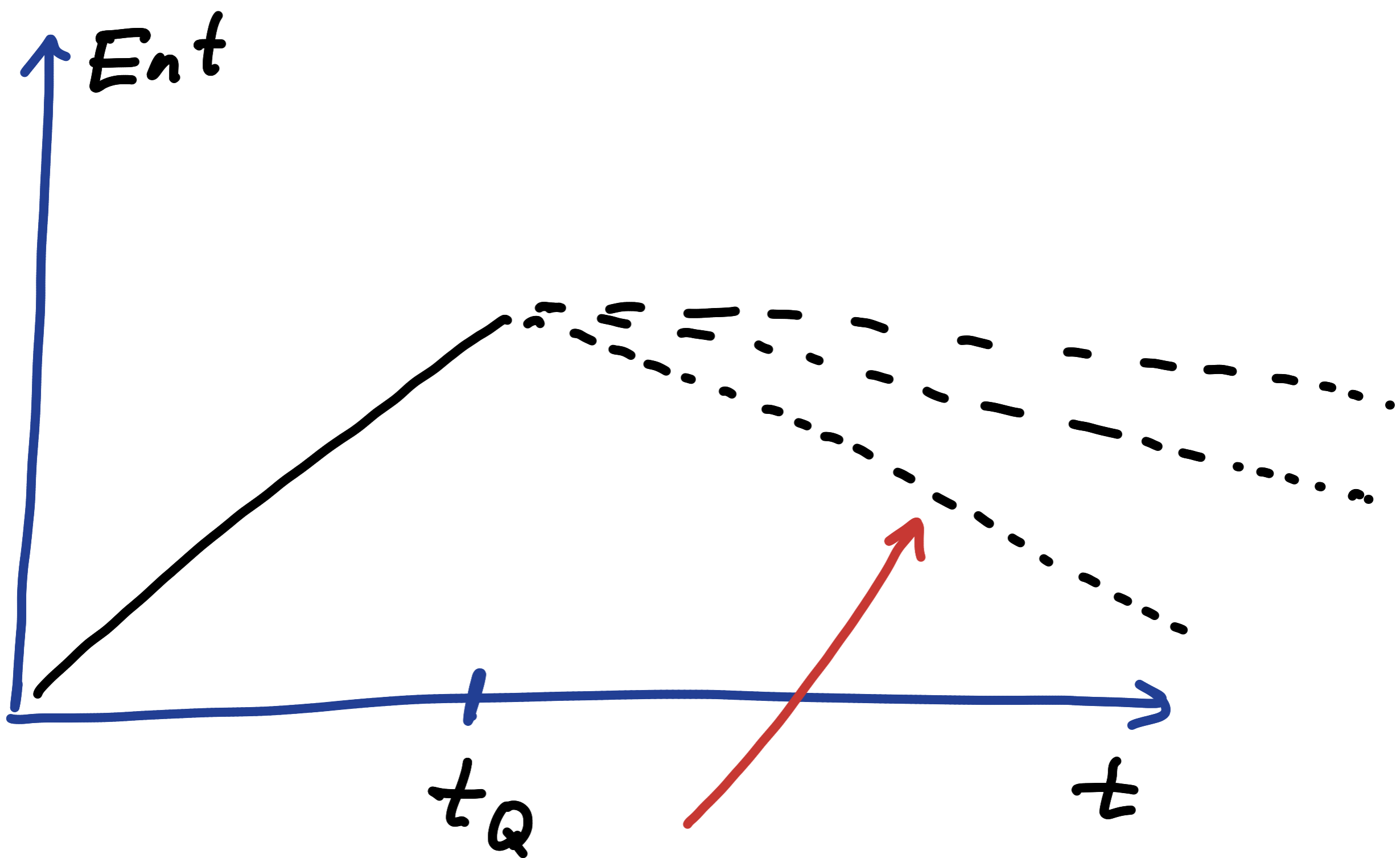
Maximal entanglement
at $t_Q = t_P$



Both for de Sitter and
Black hole.

For $t > t_Q$ are fundamental
differences.

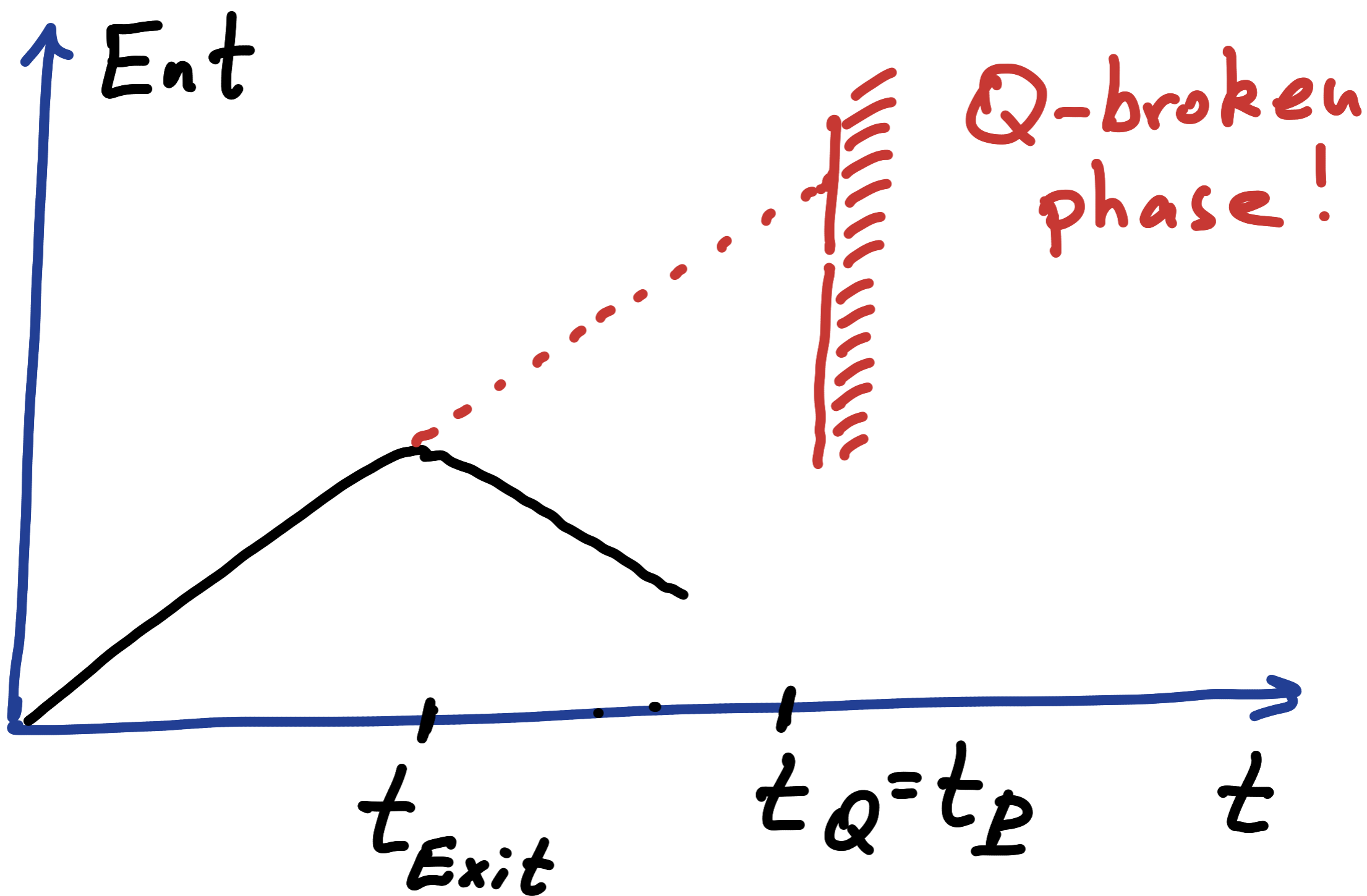
Black holes:



Decay can slow down due to "memory burden".

G.D., Eisemann, Michel, Zell '19.

de Sitter cannot exist
for $t > t_Q$



Graceful exit must take
place for

$$t_{Exit} \leq t_Q$$

Conclusions:

①* S-matrix formulation of gravity (string theory) excludes de Sitter vacua, both stable and meta-stable.

①* This imposes a corpuscular view in which de Sitter is a saturated (coherent) state on top of valid S-matrix vacuum of Minkowski (or AdS?)

①* The S-matrix constraint is enforced by an anomalous quantum break-time

$$t_Q = R \frac{(RM_p)^2}{N_{sp}} = R \frac{N}{N_{sp}}$$

⊛ Universe must find a graceful exit from de Sitter within time $t_{\text{exit}} < t_Q$

⊛ Potentially observable quantum gravity imprints are

$$\delta = \frac{t_{\text{exit}}}{t_Q} = N_e \frac{N_{\text{sp}}}{N}$$

and are enhanced by number of particle species N_{sp} .

⊛ Bound $N_{\text{sp}} \lesssim 10^{32}$ gives room for interesting new effects:

⊛ We predicted that Λ cannot
be part of Universe's energy
budget. G.O., Gomez '13, ...

Then, what is dark energy?

(More precision analysis is
welcome.)

Colin, Mohayaee, Rameez, Sarkar '18)