

# Figures of lecture 2

## *Killing horizons and the zeroth law*

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# These lectures

provide an introduction to BH thermodynamics

- focussing on classical (non-quantum) aspects
- keeping the spacetime dimension  $n$  general
- not restricting the theory of gravity to general relativity

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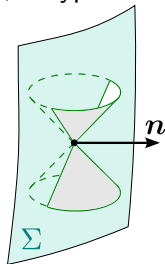
includes

- the lecture notes (draft)
- some SageMath notebooks
- these slides

# Three kinds of hypersurfaces

Boundary in spacetime  $\implies (n - 1)$ -dimensional submanifold, i.e. **hypersurface**

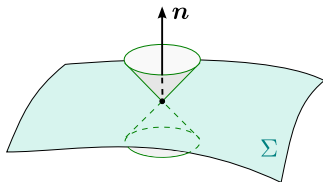
Locally, a hypersurface  $\Sigma$  can be of one of 3 types:



$\Sigma$  **timelike**

$g|_{\Sigma}$  Lorentzian

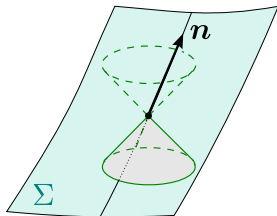
$n$  spacelike



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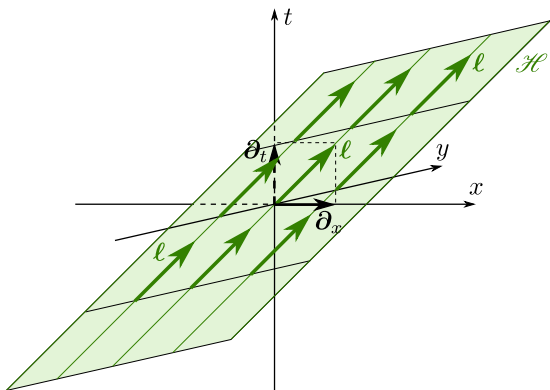


$\Sigma$  **null**

$g|_{\Sigma}$  degenerate

$n$  null (and tangent to  $\Sigma$ )

# Example 1: null hyperplane in Minkowski spacetime



$$g = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$u := t - x = 0$$

$$du = dt - dx$$

$$(du)_\alpha = \nabla_\alpha u = (1, -1, 0, 0)$$

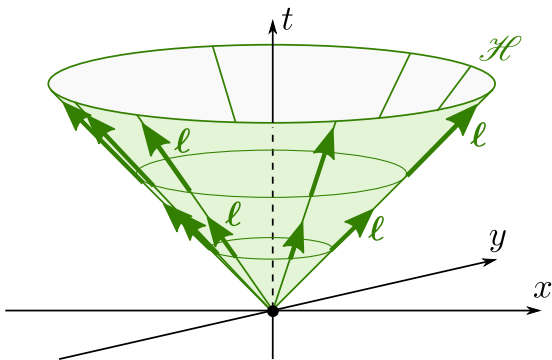
$$\nabla^\alpha u = (-1, -1, 0, 0)$$

Choose  $\rho = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \ell^\alpha = (1, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\ell = \partial_t + \partial_x$$

## Example 2: future null cone in Minkowski spacetime



$$g = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$u := t - \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 0$$

$$du = dt - \frac{x}{r}dx - \frac{y}{r}dy - \frac{z}{r}dz$$

$$r := \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\nabla_\alpha u = \left(1, -\frac{x}{r}, -\frac{y}{r}, -\frac{z}{r}\right)$$

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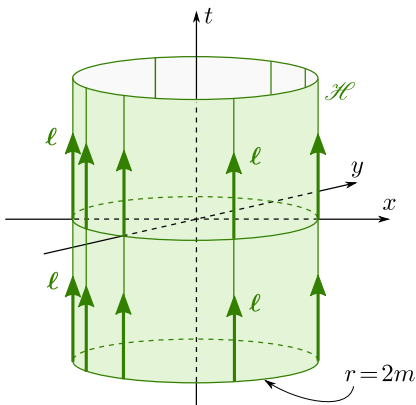
$$\Rightarrow l^\alpha = \left(1, \frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{z}{r}\right)$$

$$l = \partial_t + \frac{x}{r}\partial_x + \frac{y}{r}\partial_y + \frac{z}{r}\partial_z$$

# Example 3: Schwarzschild horizon

in Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates

$$g = - \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{4m}{r} dt dr + \left(1 + \frac{2m}{r}\right) dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$



$$u := \left(1 - \frac{r}{2m}\right) \exp\left(\frac{r-t}{4m}\right) = 0$$

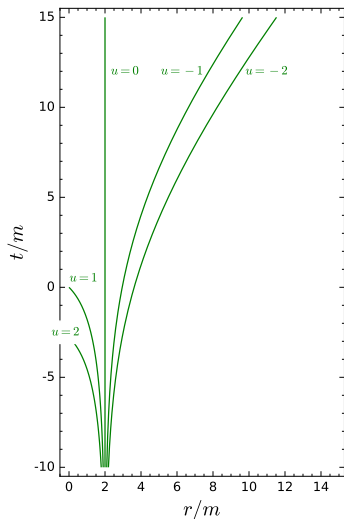
$$\mathcal{H} : u = 0 \iff r = 2m$$

$$du = \frac{1}{4m} e^{(r-t)/(4m)} \left[ - \left(1 - \frac{r}{2m}\right) dt - \left(1 + \frac{r}{2m}\right) dr \right]$$

*Exercise:* compute  $\ell$  with  $\rho$  chosen so that  $\ell^t = 1$  and get

$$\ell = \partial_t + \frac{r-2m}{r+2m} \partial_r \implies \ell \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} = \partial_t$$

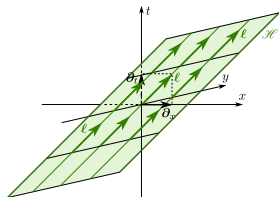
# Example 3: Schwarzschild horizon in Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates



Hypersurfaces of constant value of  $u$   
around the Schwarzschild horizon  $u = 0$

# Examples of null geodesic generators

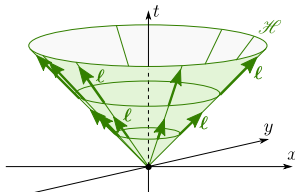
null hyperplane



$$\nabla_{\ell} \ell = 0$$

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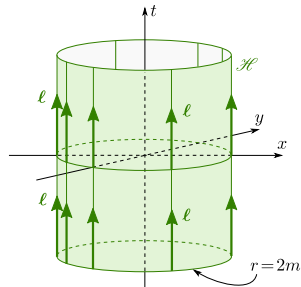
future null cone



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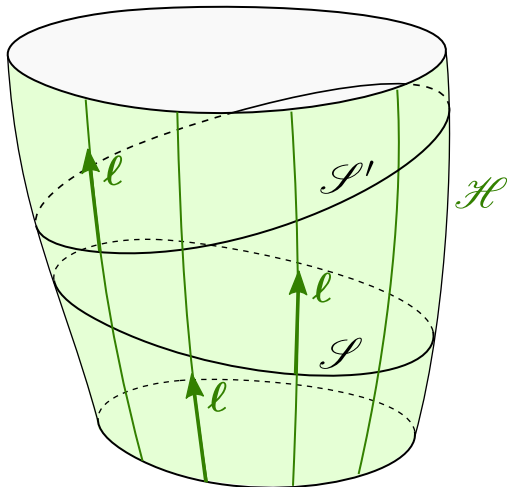


$$\nabla_{\ell} \ell = \kappa \ell$$

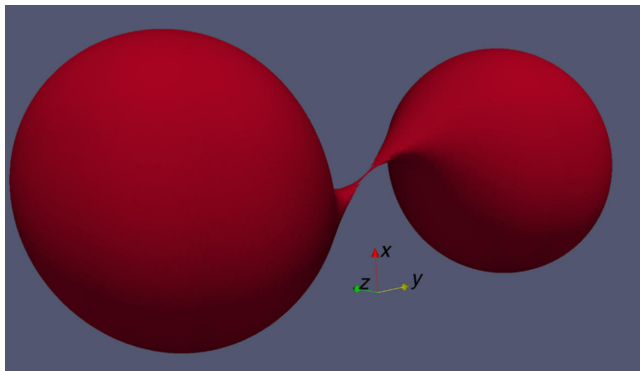
$$\kappa = \frac{1}{4m}$$



# Cross-sections of a null hypersurface



# Cross-section of the event horizon of a binary black hole merger

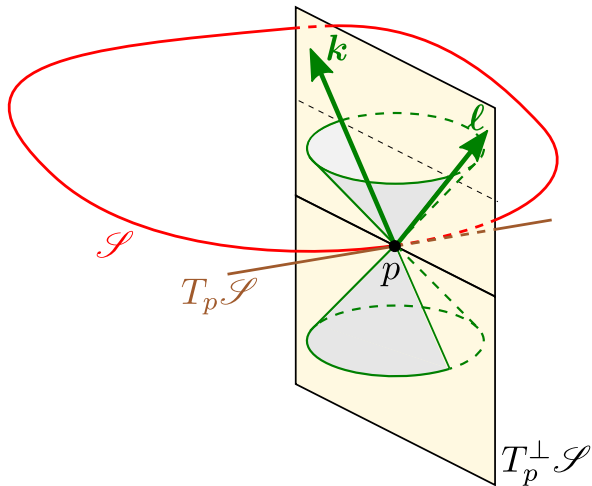


← First connected **cross-section** of the event horizon of an inspiralling binary black hole merger (slicing by coordinate time  $t$ )

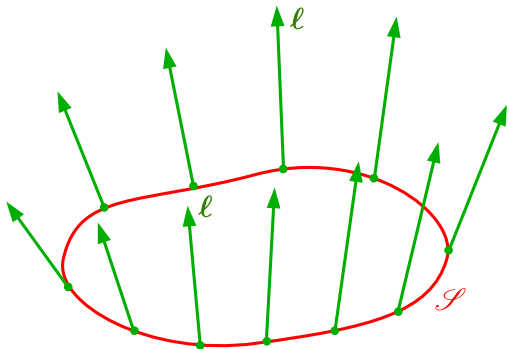
$(x, y)$ -axes: orbital plane

[Cohen, Kaplan & Scheel, PRD **85**, 024031 (2012)]

# Orthogonal complement of a cross-section tangent space

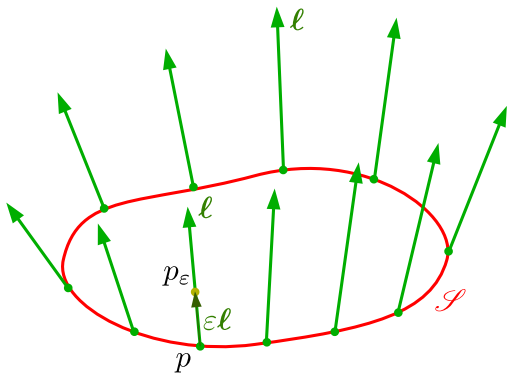


# Expansion along a null normal



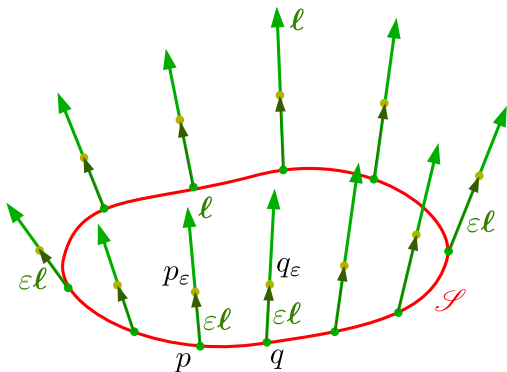
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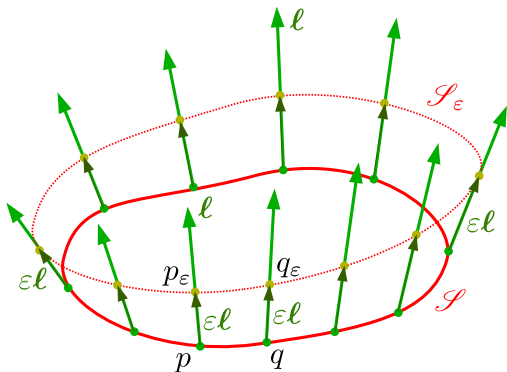
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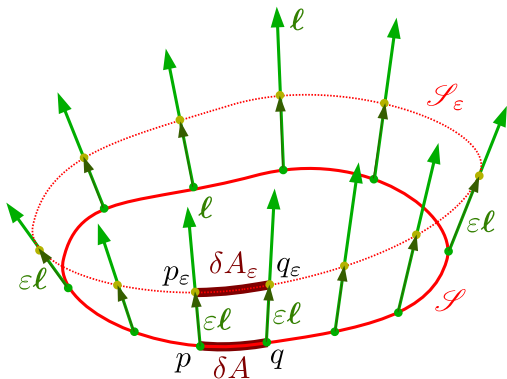
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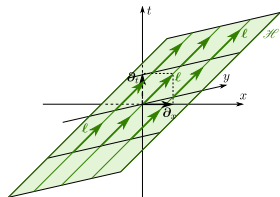
At each point, the **expansion along  $l$**  is defined from the relative change of the area element  $\delta A$ :

$$\theta_{(l)} := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\delta A_\epsilon - \delta A}{\delta A} = \mathcal{L}_l \ln \sqrt{q} = q^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu l_\nu$$



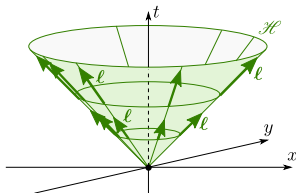
# Examples of expansions

null hyperplane



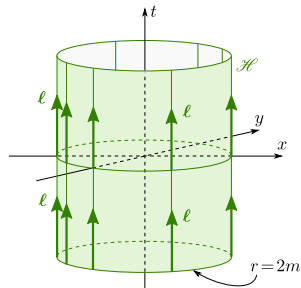
$$\theta(\ell) = 0$$

future null cone



$$\theta(\ell) = \frac{2}{r}$$

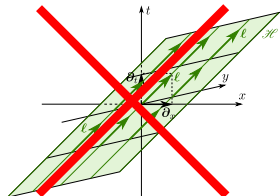
Schwarzschild horizon



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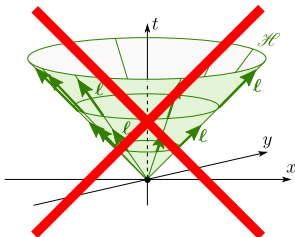
# (Counter-)examples of non-expanding horizons

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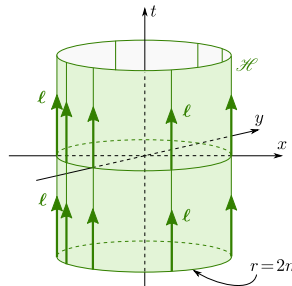
no closed cross-sections

future null cone



nonzero expansion

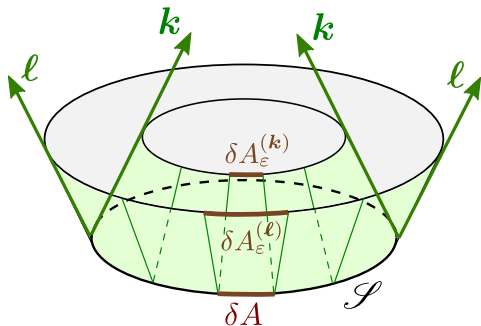
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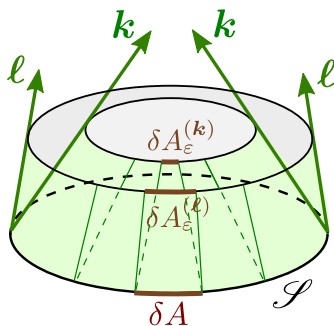
# Trapped surfaces

untrapped surface



$$\theta_{(\mathbf{k})} < 0 \text{ and } \theta_{(\mathbf{l})} > 0$$

trapped surface



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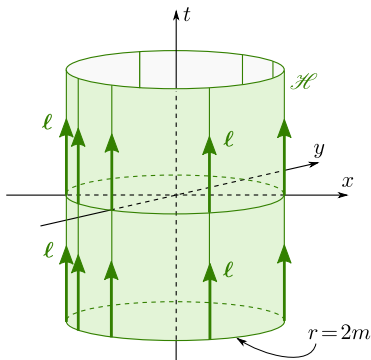
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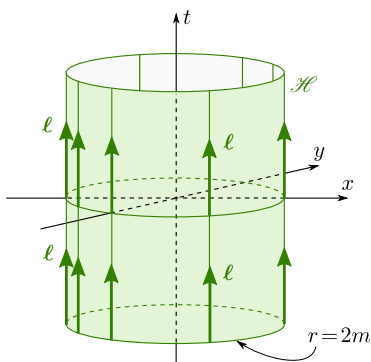
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$\Rightarrow$  induced metric on  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$q = (2m)^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow q := \det(q_{ab}) = (2m)^4 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \int_{\mathcal{S}} (2m)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 16\pi m^2$$