

Figures of lecture 1

Definition and main properties of black holes

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It all started 50 years ago at Les Houches...

The Four Laws of Black Hole Mechanics

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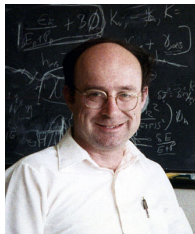
B. Carter and S. W. Hawking

Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, England

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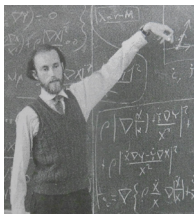
This work was carried out while the authors were attending the 1972 Les Houches Summer School on Black Holes. The authors would like to thank Larry Smarr, Bryce de Witt and other participants of the school for valuable discussions.

[Commun. Math. Phys., 31, 161 (1973)]



James Bardeen, ~1980

Éricourgoulhon (LUTH)



Brandon Carter, 1972

Intro to black hole thermodynamics 1



Stephen Hawking, 1972 ▶

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Picture credit: 1: Wikipedia
2, 3: Kip Thorne

Also at Les Houches 1972: the first Kerr BH shadow...

... presented in J. Bardeen's lecture:

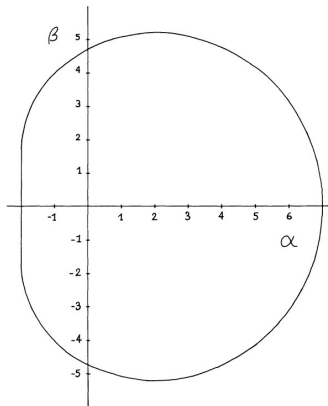


Figure 6. The apparent shape of an extreme ($a = m$) Kerr black hole as seen by a distant observer in the equatorial plane, if the black hole is in front of a source of illumination with an angular size larger than that of the black hole.

[J. Bardeen, in *Black Holes – Les astres occlus*, proc. of Les Houches Summer School 1972, ed. C. DeWitt and B. DeWitt, (1973), p. 215.]

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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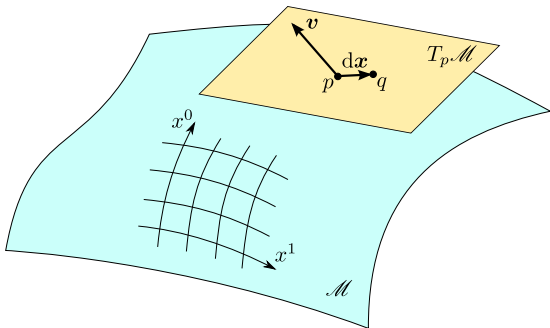
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includes

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

spacetime = (\mathcal{M}, g)

- \mathcal{M} : n -dimensional smooth manifold
- g : Lorentzian metric on \mathcal{M}



Smooth manifold:

topological space \mathcal{M} that *locally* resembles \mathbb{R}^n (but maybe not globally)

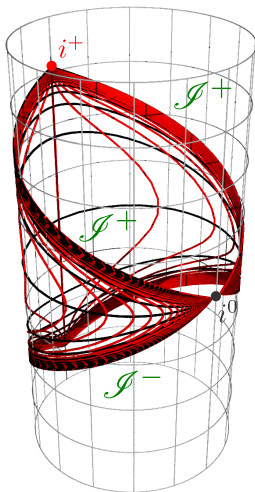
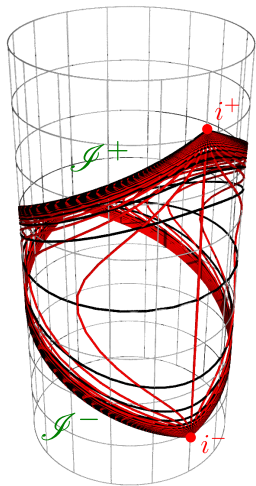
\Rightarrow **coordinate charts**

\Rightarrow **tangent vectors**

Remark: vector connecting two points p and q defined only for p and q infinitely close

Conformal completion of Minkowski spacetime

Embedding into the Einstein cylinder

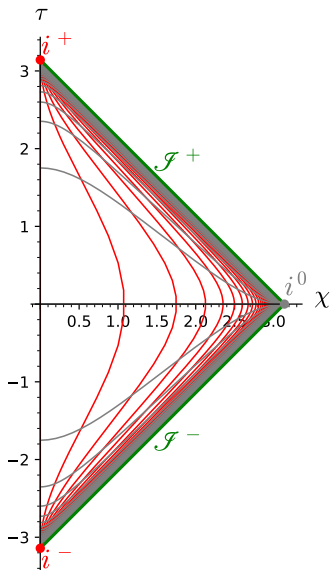


- on \mathcal{E} :
 $-\infty < \tau < +\infty$
 $0 \leq \chi \leq \pi$
- on \mathcal{M} :
 $\chi - \pi < \tau < \pi - \chi$
 $0 \leq \chi < \pi$

cf. https://nbviewer.org/github/egourgoulhon/BHlectures/blob/master/sage/conformal_Minkowski.ipynb for an interactive 3D view

Conformal completion of Minkowski spacetime

Conformal diagram



View in the (τ, χ) coordinate plane

$$0 \leq \chi < \pi$$

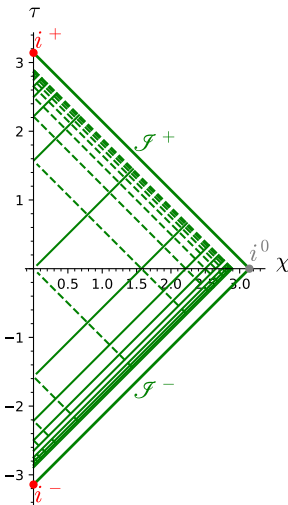
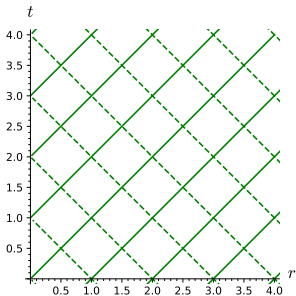
$$\chi - \pi < \tau < \pi - \chi$$

red: $r = \text{const}$

grey: $t = \text{const}$

Conformal completion of Minkowski spacetime

Conformal diagram



Radial null geodesics:
solid:

$$u := t - r = \text{const}$$

dashed:

$$v := t + r = \text{const}$$

Radial null geodesics
appear as straight
lines with $\pm 45^\circ$ slope

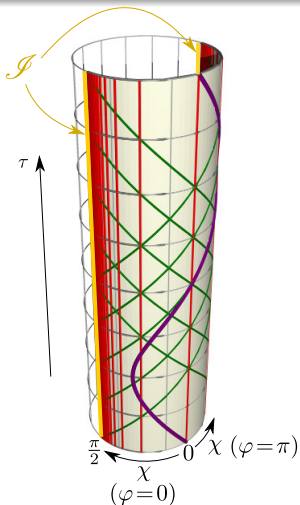
\Rightarrow conformal diag.

also called

Penrose diagram
or Carter-Penrose
diagram

Conformal completion of anti-de Sitter spacetime

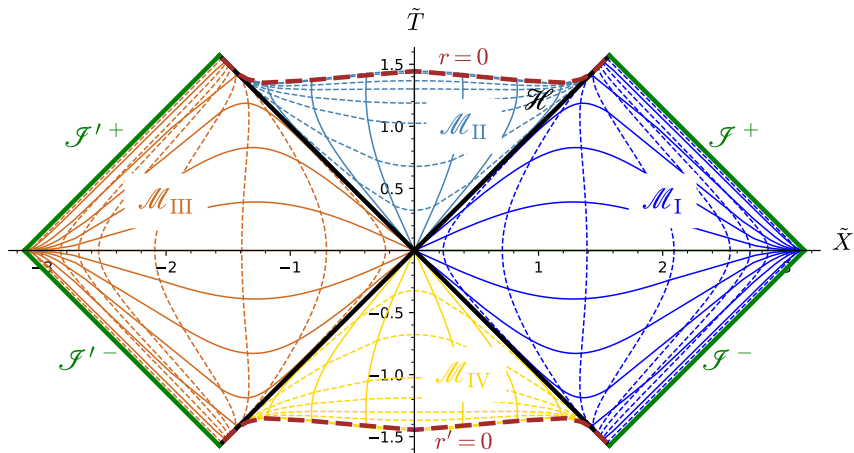
Embedding into the Einstein cylinder



- on \mathcal{E} :
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- on \mathcal{M} :
 $-\infty < \tau < +\infty$
 $0 \leq \chi < \pi/2$

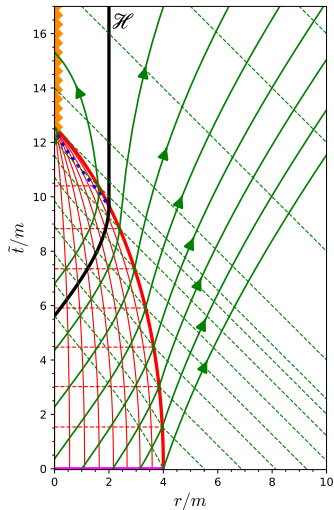
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Example 1: the Schwarzschild black hole

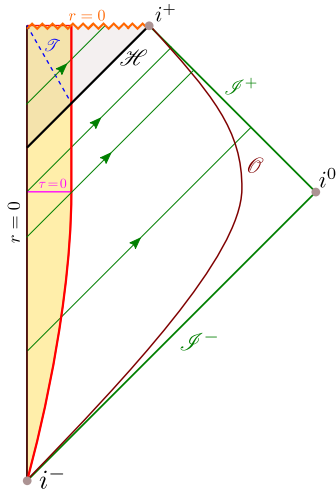


Maximal extension of Schwarzschild spacetime represented in Penrose-Frolov-Novikov coordinates

Example 2: black hole in Oppenheimer-Snyder collapse



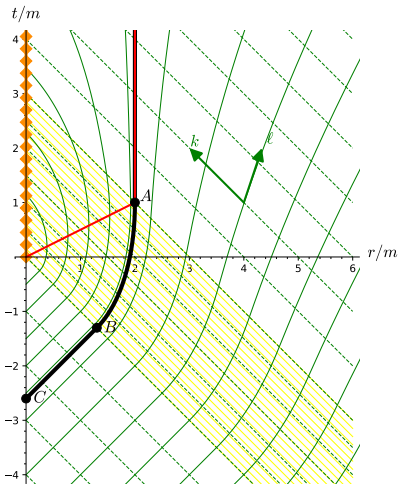
Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates



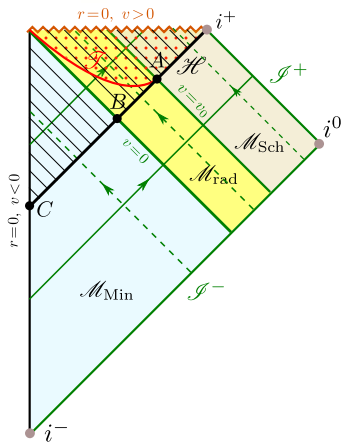
Carter-Penrose diagram

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Example 3: black hole in Vaidya collapse



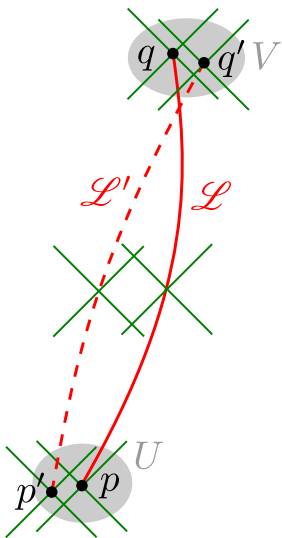
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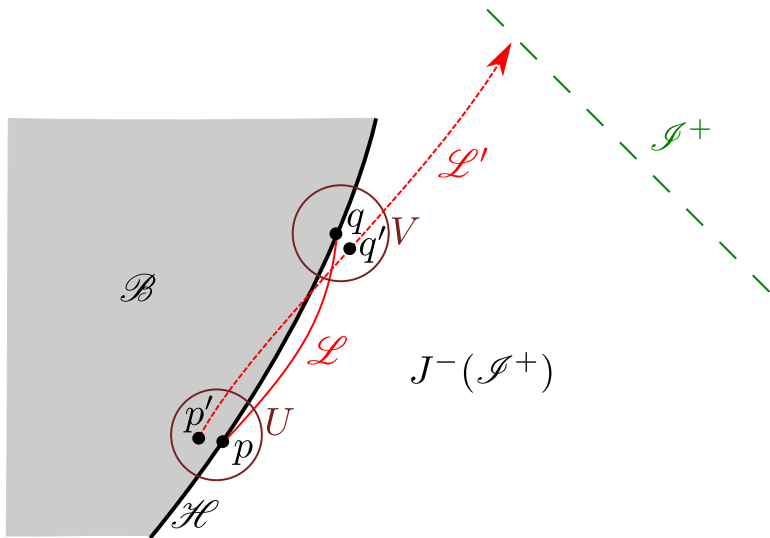
Carter-Penrose diagram

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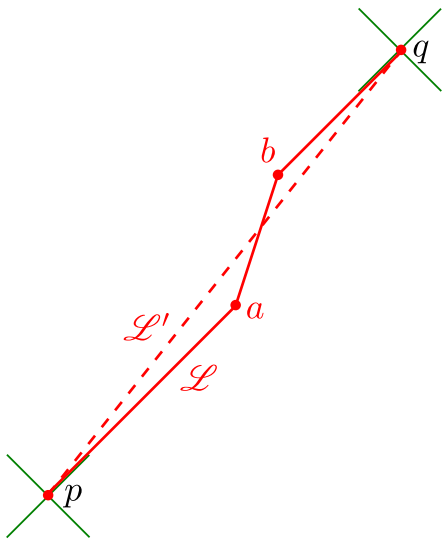
Lemma: stability of timelike curves



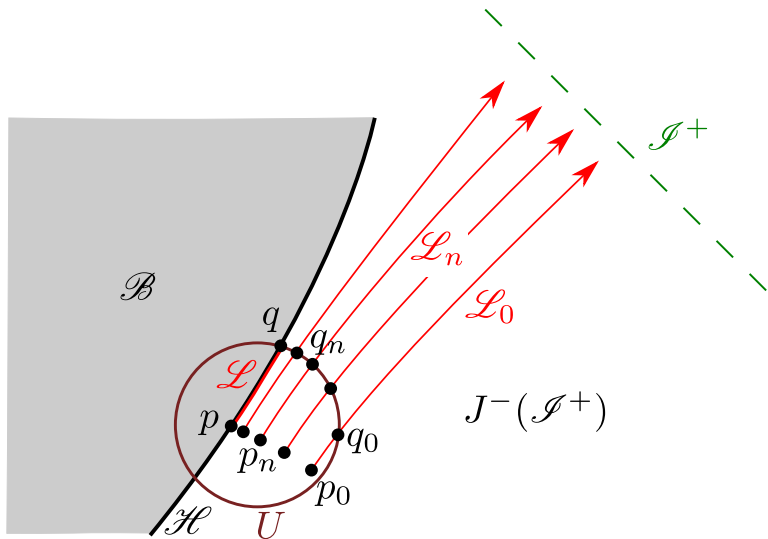
Proving that \mathcal{H} is achronal



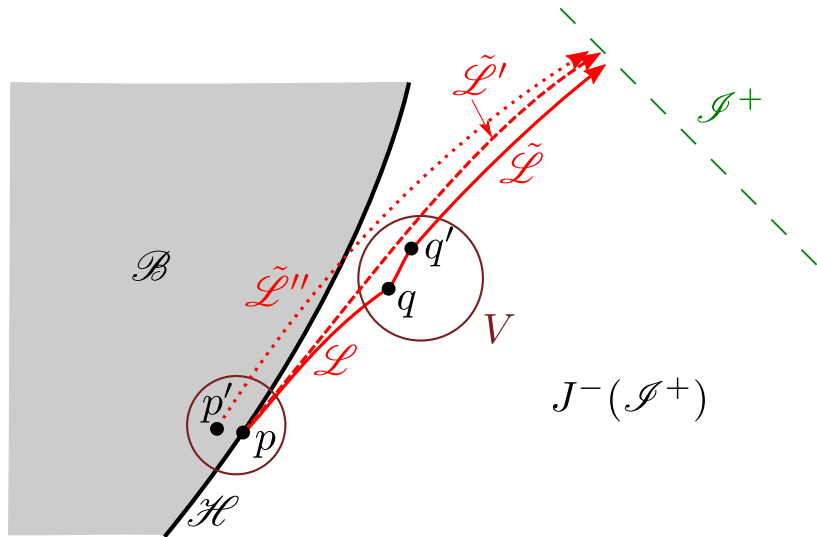
The timelike segment lemma



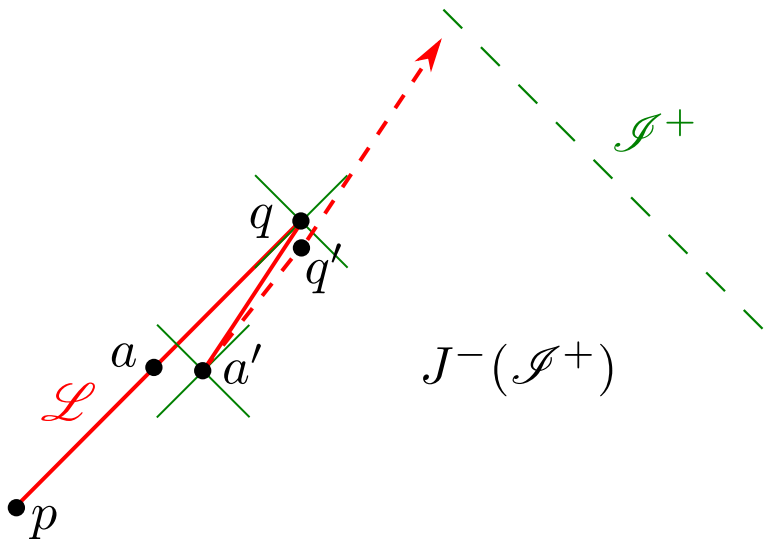
Causal curve connecting p to q



Proving by contradiction that q lies in \mathcal{H}

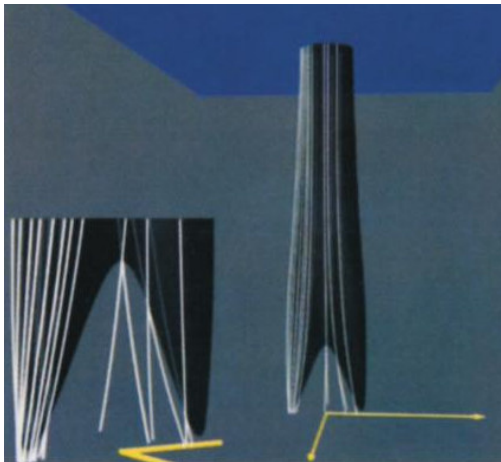


Proving that \mathcal{L} lies entirely in \mathcal{H}



Event horizon of a binary black hole merger

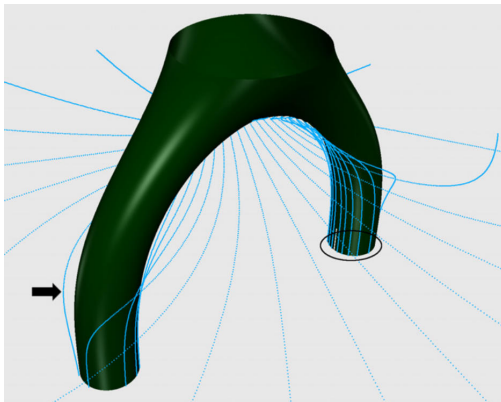
Head-on merger



[R.A. Matzner et al., Science **270**, 941 (1995)]

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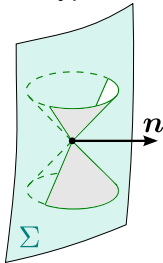


[Cohen, Pfeiffer & Scheel, CQG **26**, 035005 (2009)]

Three kinds of hypersurfaces

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

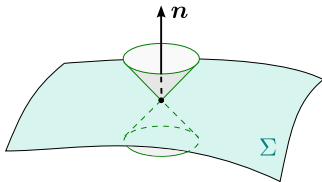
Locally, a hypersurface Σ can be of one of 3 types:



Σ **timelike**

$g|_{\Sigma}$ Lorentzian

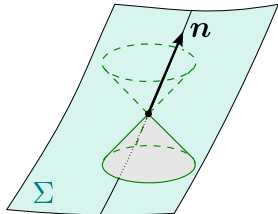
n spacelike



Σ **spacelike**

$g|_{\Sigma}$ Riemannian

n timelike

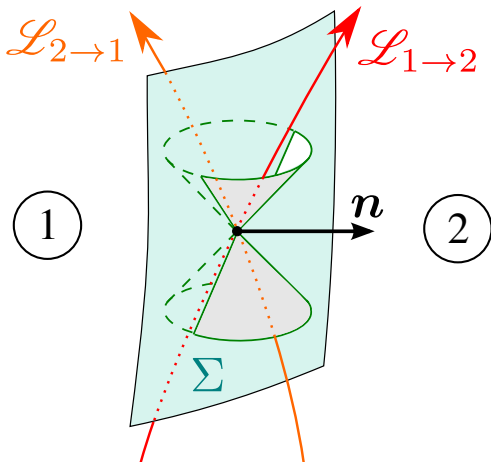


Σ **null**

$g|_{\Sigma}$ degenerate

n null (and tangent to Σ)

Timelike hypersurface

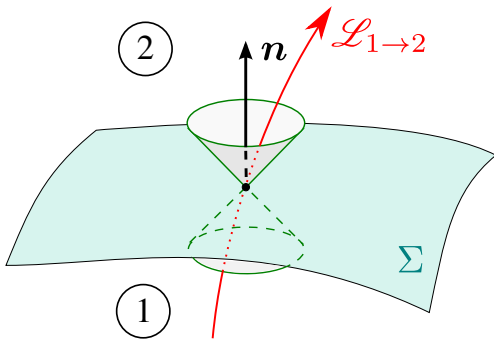


For worldlines \mathcal{L} directed towards the future:

timelike hypersurface = **2-way membrane**

\Rightarrow not eligible for a black hole boundary

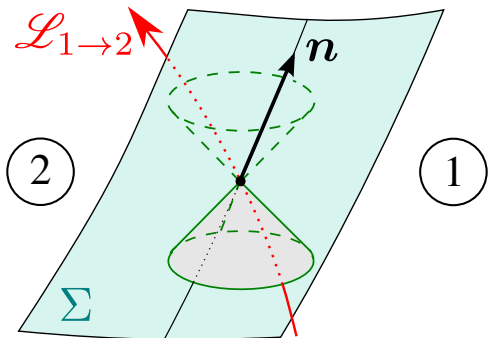
Spacelike hypersurface



For worldlines \mathcal{L} directed towards the future:

spacelike hypersurface =
1-way membrane
 \implies eligible for a black hole boundary

Null hypersurface

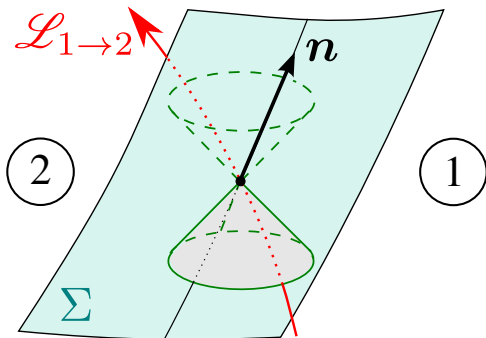


For worldlines \mathcal{L} directed towards the future:

null hypersurface = **1-way membrane**

\implies eligible for a black hole boundary...

Null hypersurface



For worldlines \mathcal{L} directed towards the future:

null hypersurface = **1-way membrane**

\implies eligible for a black hole boundary...

...and elected!

Theorem (Penrose)

The **event horizon** of a black hole is a topological hypersurface of spacetime. Wherever it is smooth, it is a **null hypersurface**.