

# Gravitational Screens

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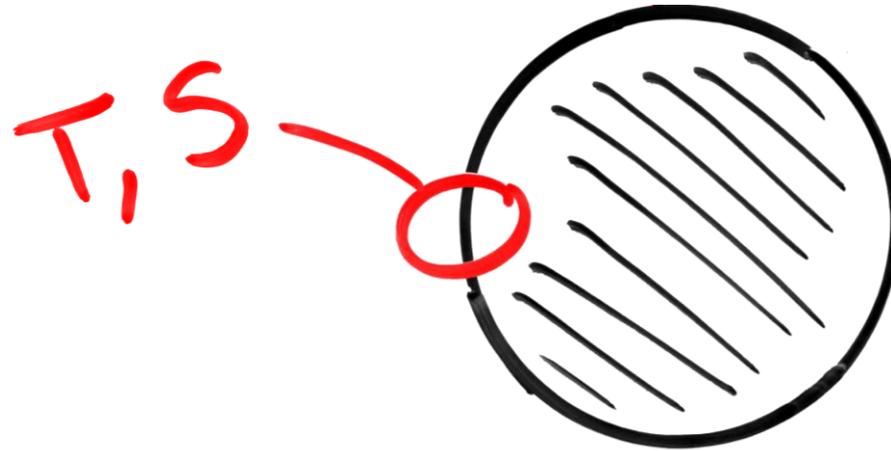
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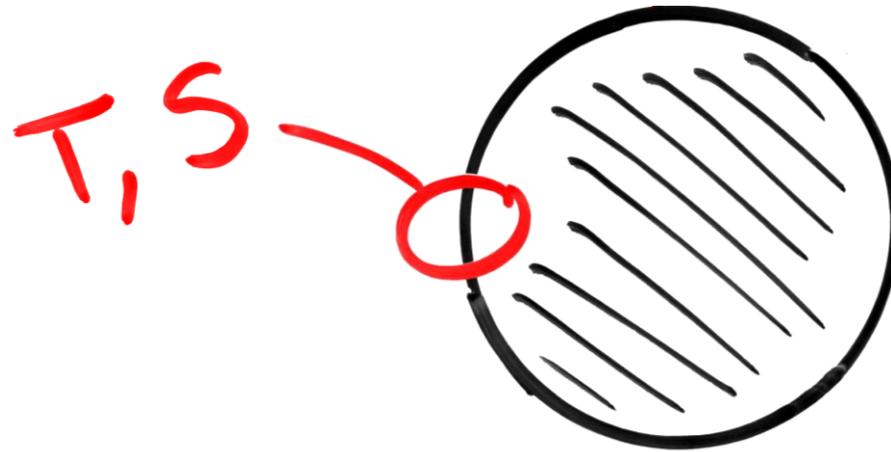
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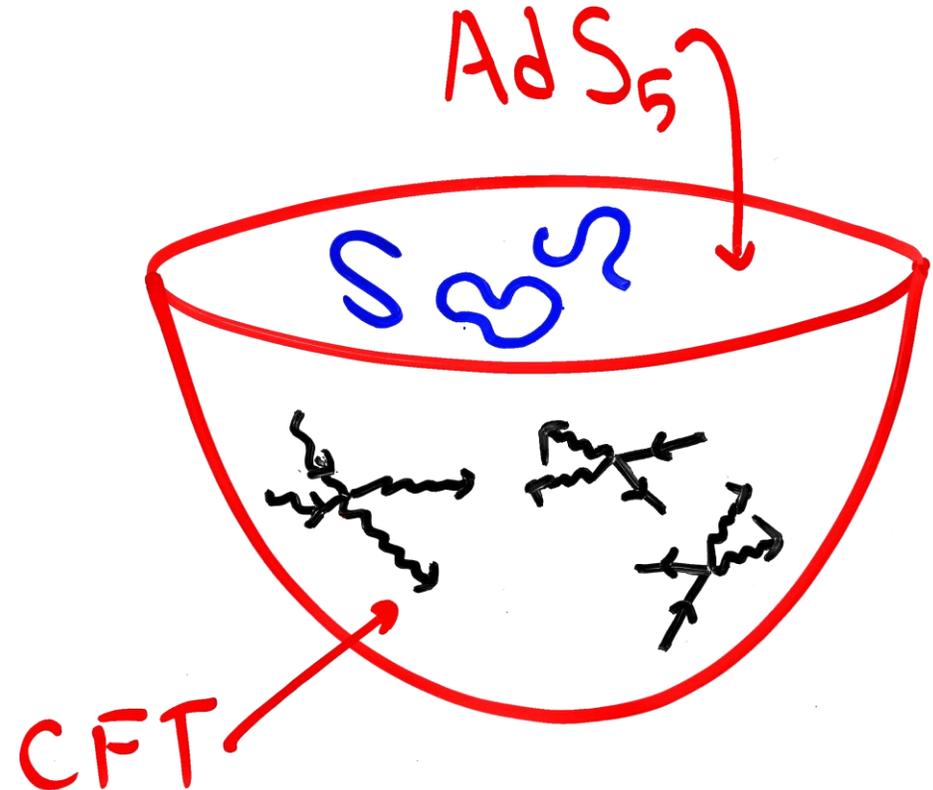
- **Can we understand the thermodynamic nature of gravity?**

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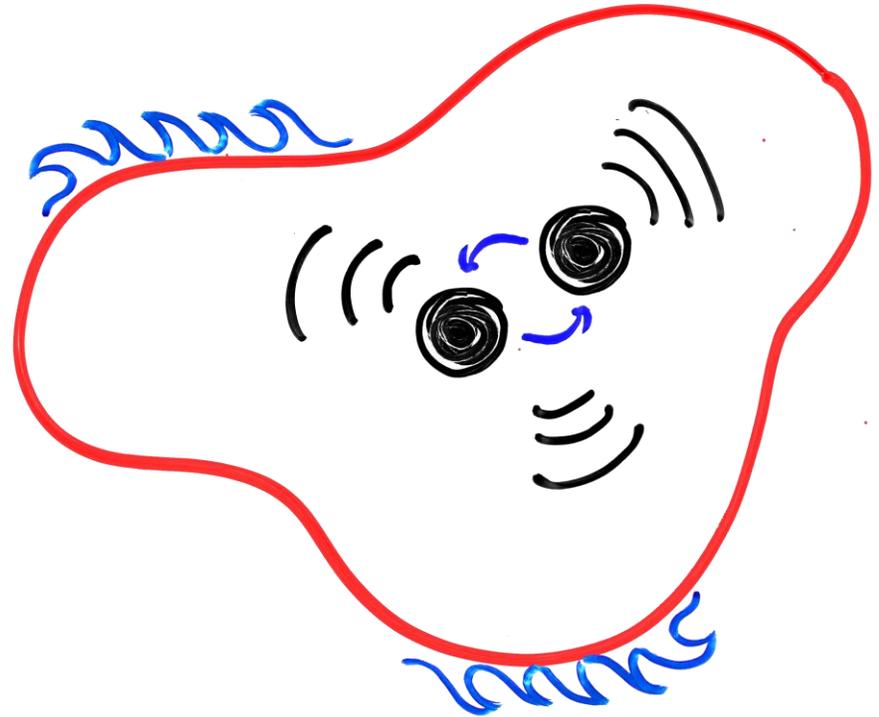
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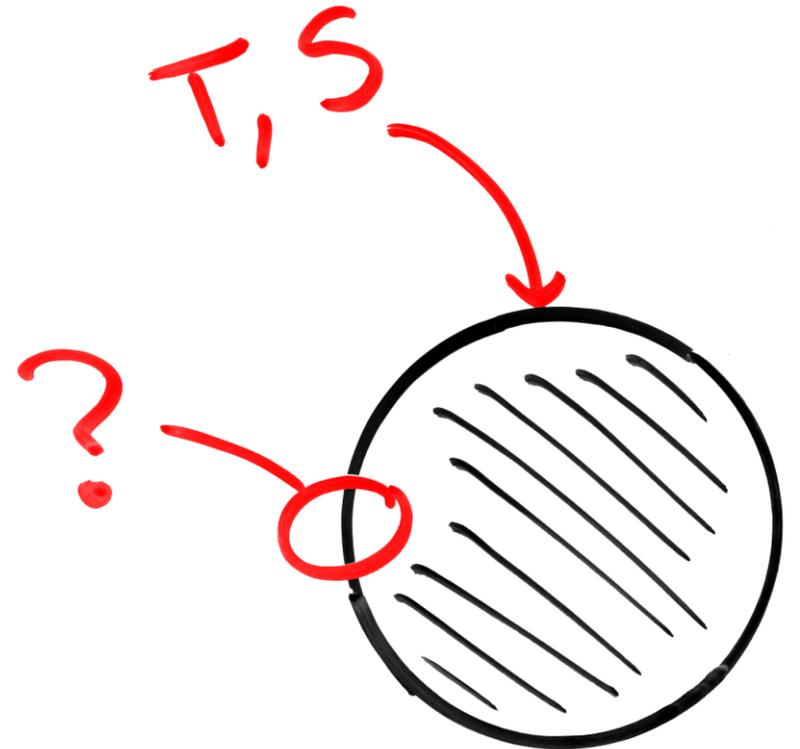
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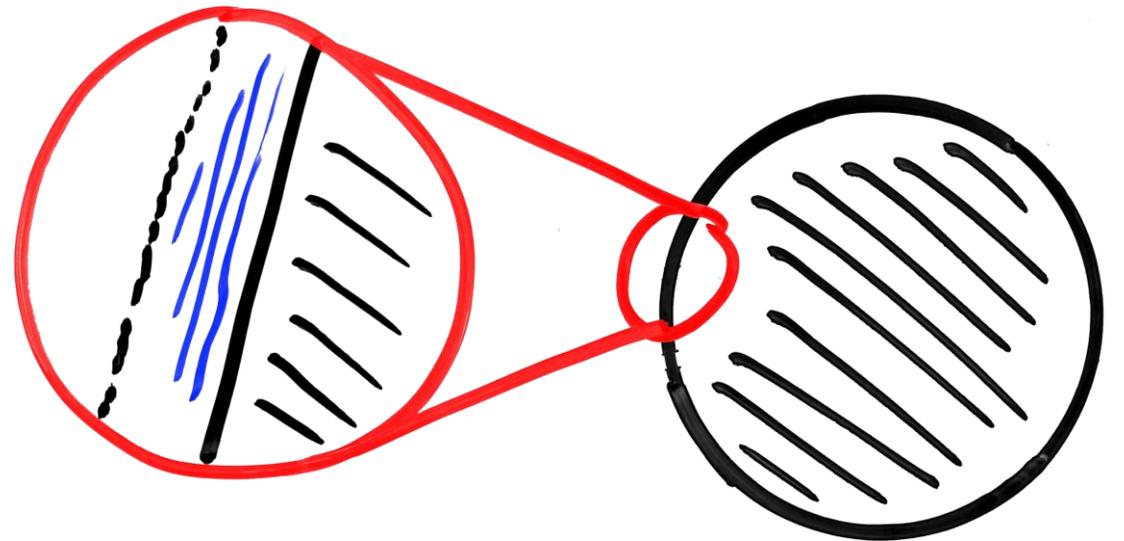
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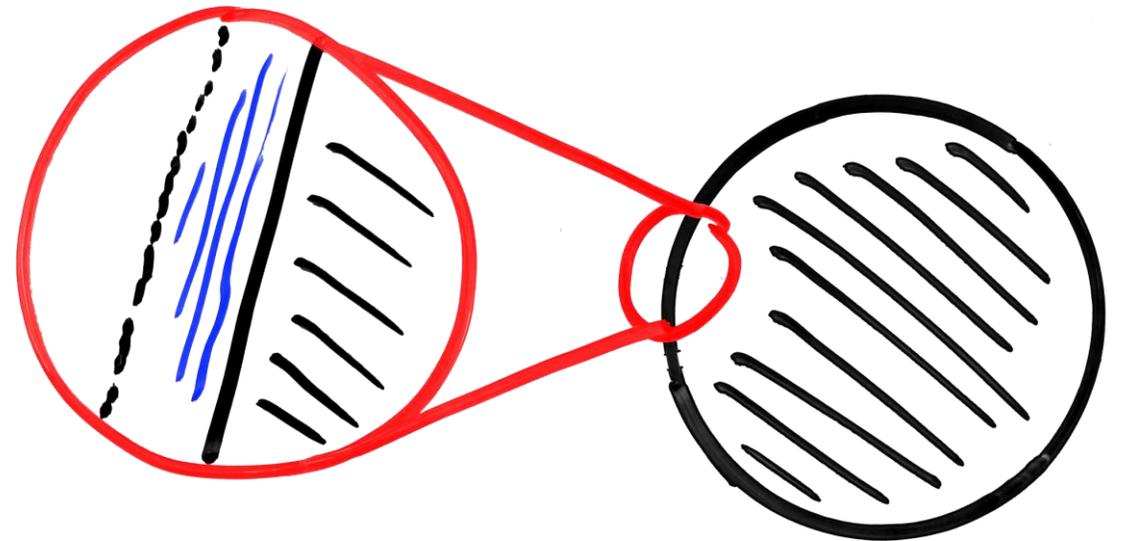
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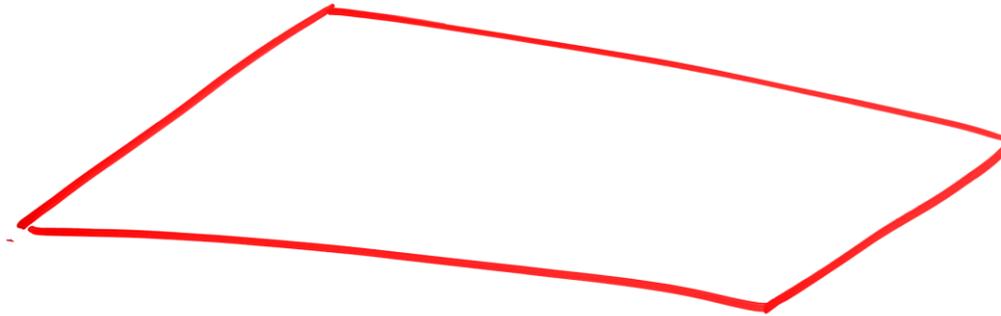


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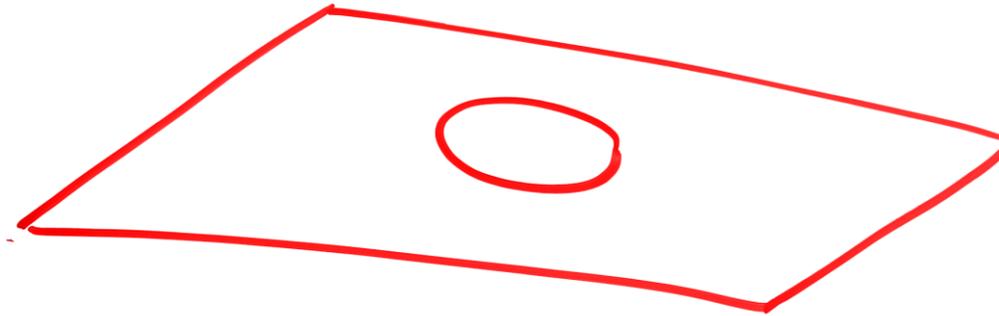
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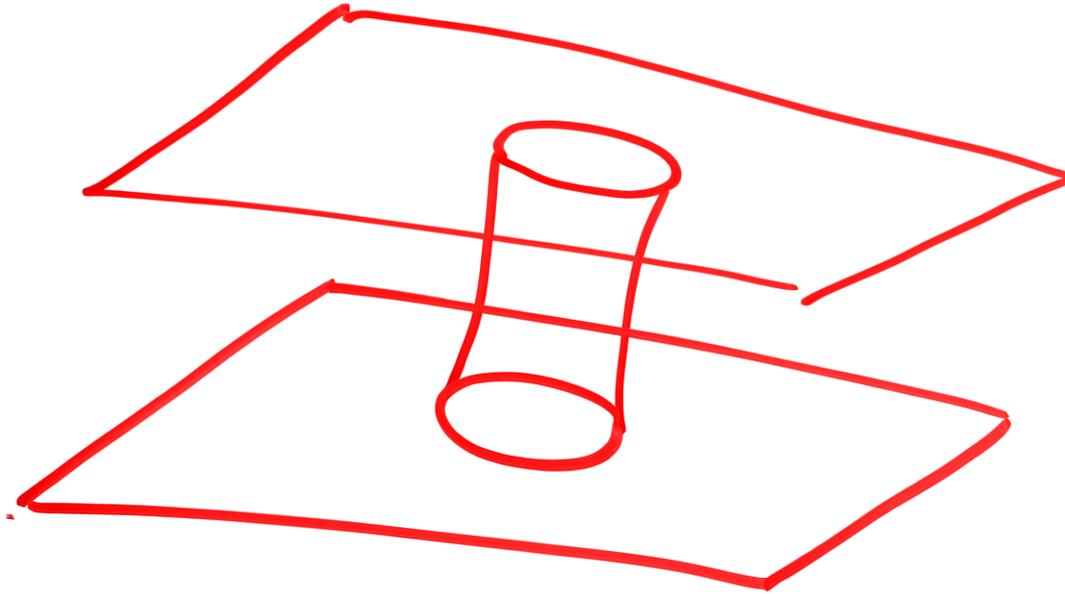
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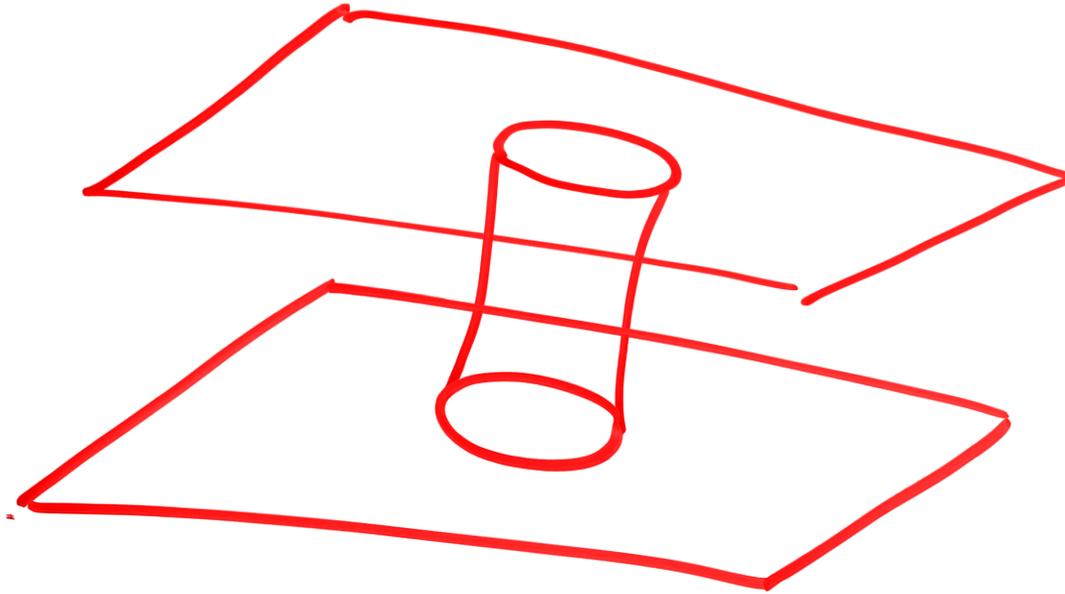
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- The time evolution of  $\mathcal{S}$  defines a time-like hypersurface  $\Sigma$

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- By construction we have that:

$$s^a s_a = 1, \quad u^a u_a = -1, \quad s^a u_a = 0$$

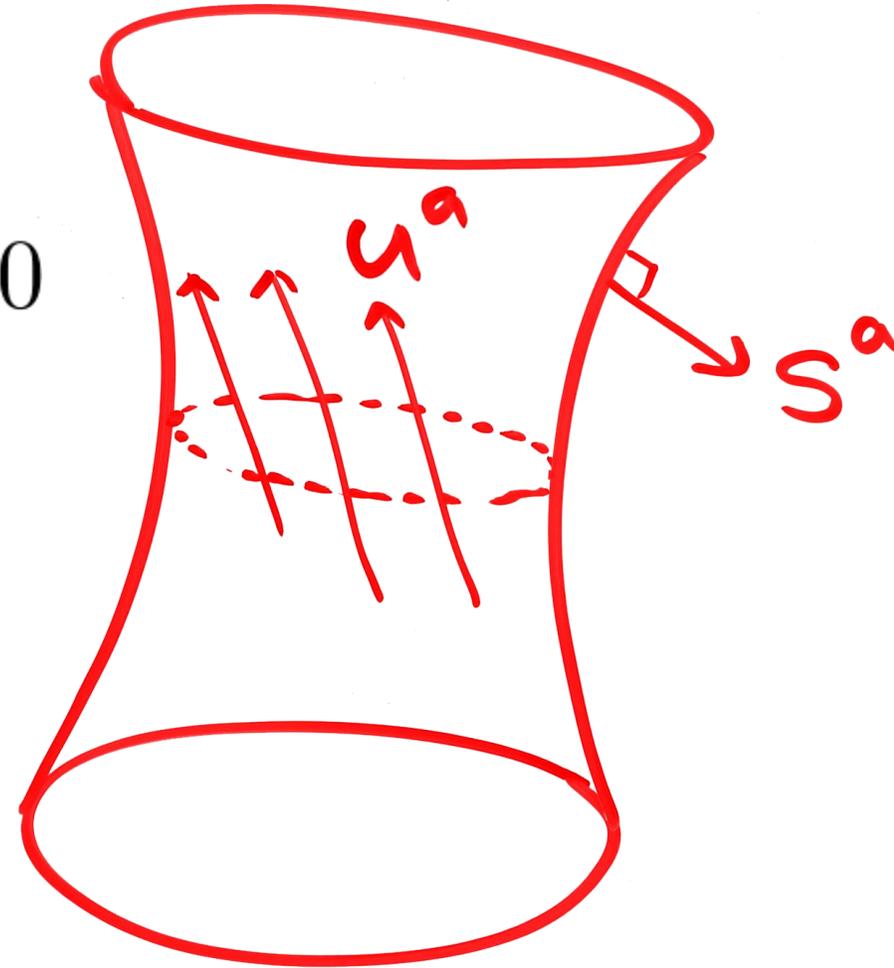
- The metrics on  $\Sigma$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are:

$$h_{ab} = g_{ab} - s_a s_b$$

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- The extrinsic curvature is:

$$H_{ab} = h_a^c h_b^d \nabla_c s_d$$



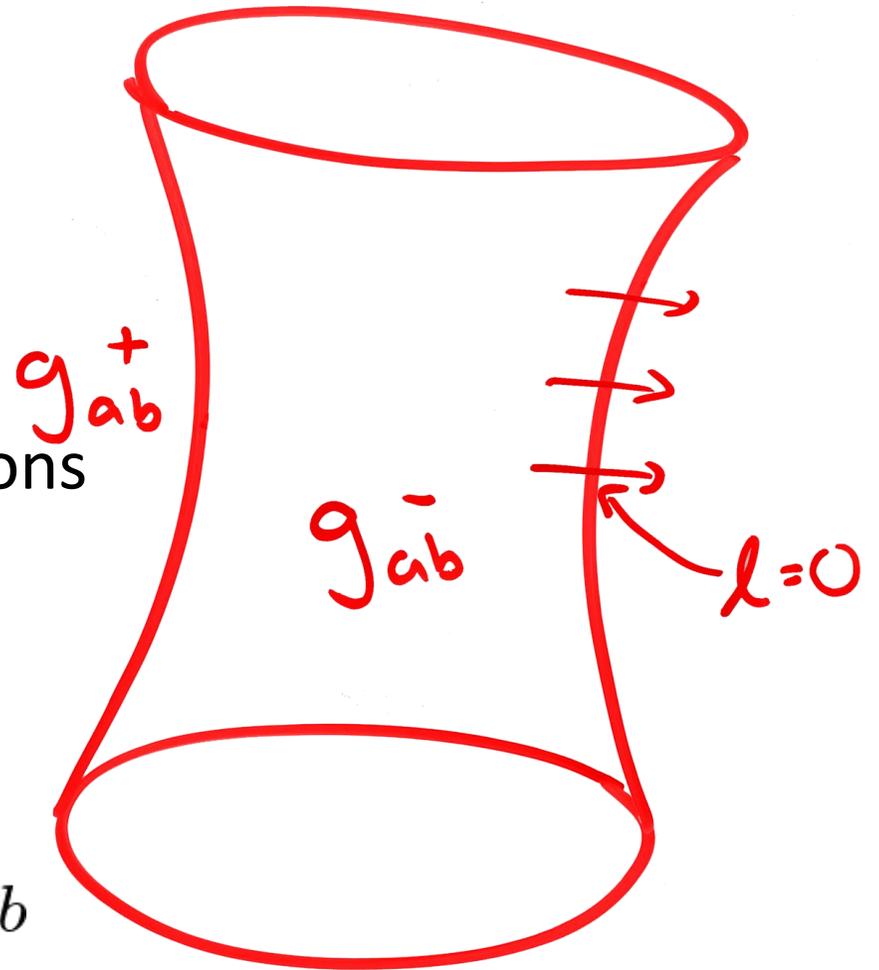
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- Discontinuity in extrinsic curvature across the boundary implies presence of singular stress energy on the boundary.
- Comes from requirement that Einstein equations are well-defined in terms of distributions:

$$g_{ab} = \Theta(l)g_{ab}^+ + \Theta(-l)g_{ab}^-$$

$$T_{ab} = \Theta(l)T_{ab}^+ + \Theta(-l)T_{ab}^- + \delta(l)S_{ab}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} S_{ab} &= H h_{ab} - H_{ab} \\ &= (h_c^e h_d^f \nabla_e s_f) h^{cd} h_{ab} - h_a^c h_b^d \nabla_c s_d \\ &= -\theta_s u_a u_b - \omega_a u_b - u_a \omega_b + (\gamma_u + \frac{1}{2} \theta_s) q_{ab} - \tilde{\Theta}_{sab} \end{aligned}$$

- We have defined:  $\theta_s \equiv q^{ab} \nabla_a s_b$        $\gamma_u \equiv s \cdot \nabla_u u$   
EXPANSION      NORMAL ACCELERATION

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The stress tensor on the boundary can be interpreted as that of a relativistic fluid with:

$$e = -\frac{\theta_s}{8\pi G}, \quad \pi_a = -\frac{\omega_a}{8\pi G}, \quad p = \frac{\gamma_u + \frac{1}{2}\theta_s}{8\pi G}, \quad \Pi_{ab} = -\frac{\tilde{\Theta}_{sab}}{8\pi G}$$

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- Projected into directions along  $u_a$  and orthogonal to  $u_a$  gives conservation of momentum and energy:

$$(D_b S^{ba}) q_{ad} = (T_{cb} S^b h^{ca}) q_{ad},$$

**MOMENTUM**

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- Dots denote derivatives along the fluid velocity:  $\dot{e} \equiv u^a \nabla_a e$

$$T_{su} \equiv T_{ab} s^a u^b = \text{energy flux through the surface}$$

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$$0 = -\dot{e} - (e + p + \pi)\theta - (d_a + 2a_a)q^a + \Pi^{ab}\sigma_{ab}$$

$$0 = a_a(e + p + \pi) + d_a(p + \pi) + (d_c + a_c)\Pi^c_a + q_{ab}\dot{q}^b + (\omega_{ca} + \sigma_{ca} + \frac{3}{2}\theta q_{ca})q^c$$

$\omega_{ab}$  = twist,     $\theta$  = expansion     $\sigma_{ab}$  = shear

(antisymmetric)

(trace)

(symmetric trace-free)

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- Similarly for conservation of momentum:

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- We have a direct correspondence between geometric variables describing screen evolution and thermodynamic variables describing a relativistic fluid!

# The Dictionary

$$e = -\frac{\theta_s}{8\pi G}$$

energy density = radial expansion

$$p + \pi = \frac{\gamma_u + \frac{1}{2}\theta_s}{8\pi G}$$

pressure = normal accel. + radial exp.

$$\theta = \theta_t$$

expansion = temporal expansion

$$\Pi_{ab} = -\frac{\tilde{\Theta}_{sab}}{8\pi G}$$

viscous stress = radial extrinsic curvature

$$\sigma_{ab} = \Theta_{uab}$$

shear = temporal extrinsic curvature

$$q_a = -\frac{\omega_a}{8\pi G}$$

heat flow = normal one-form

# Constitutive Relations

- Need a ‘constitutive relation’ or ‘equation of state’ to close the system, a relationship between stress and strain or energy and pressure/density:

$$\Pi(\sigma) \quad e(p, \rho) \quad e(p) \quad s(e)$$

- From the dictionary, a relationship between stress and strain is fixed by radial and temporal extrinsic curvature:

$$\Pi(\sigma) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \tilde{\Theta}_s(\Theta_u)$$

- If we know screen evolution, we know the constitutive relation, since  $\tilde{\Theta}_s$  and  $\Theta_u$  are determined by  $s^a$  and  $u^a$ .

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- We can use the Gibbs relation and the Euler relation to determine the screen fluid's entropy and temperature:

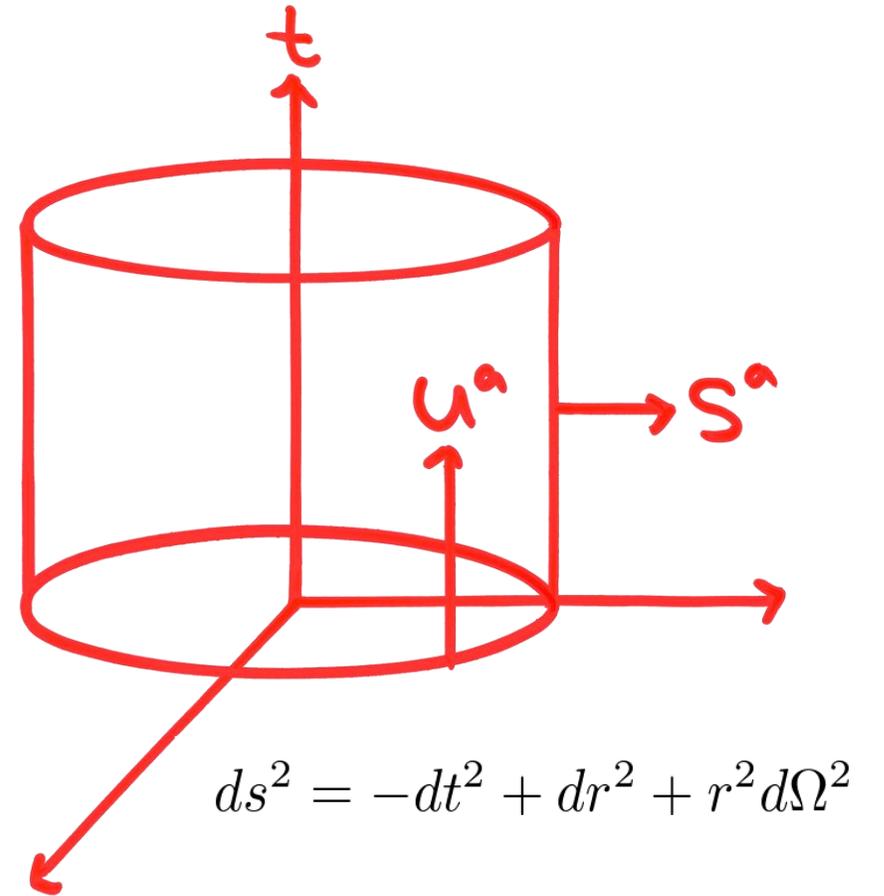
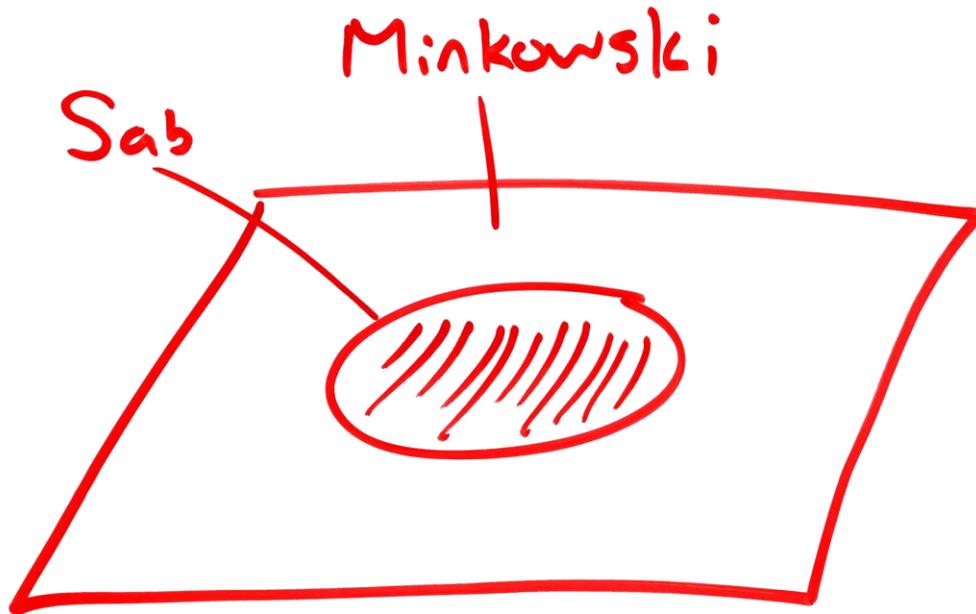
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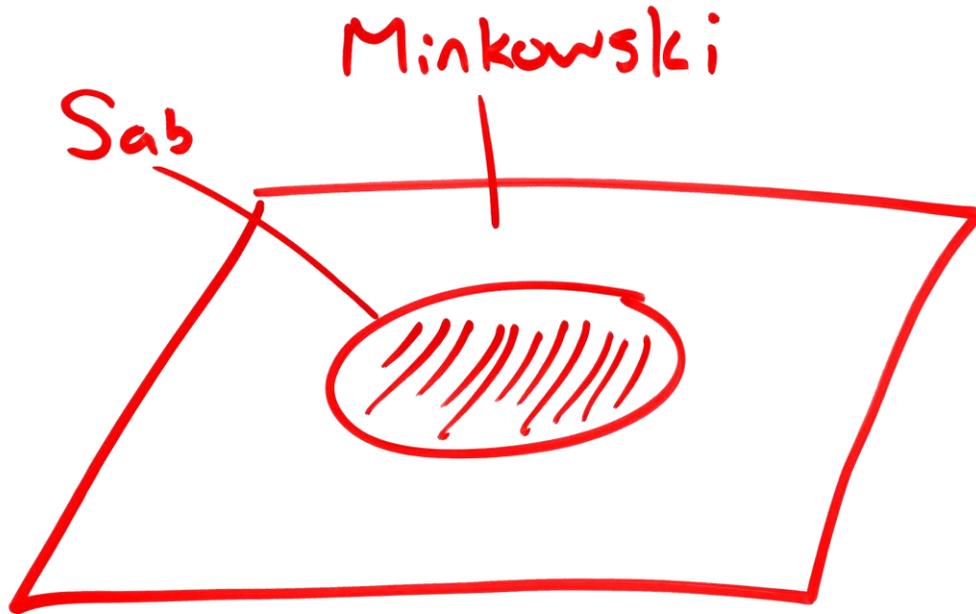
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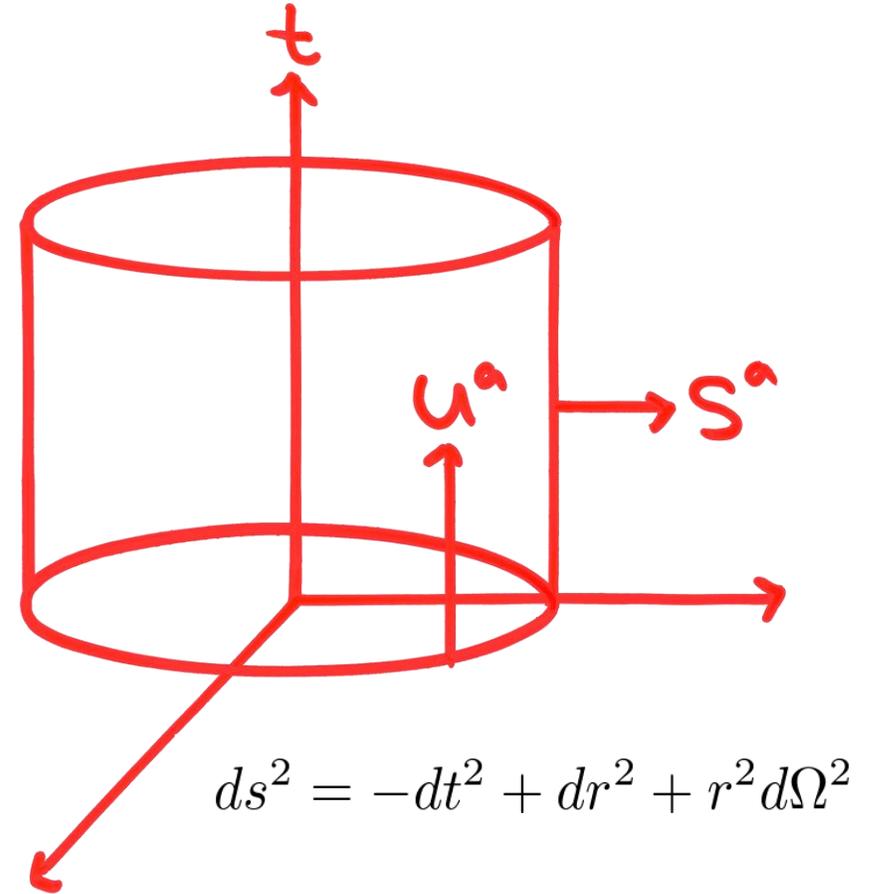


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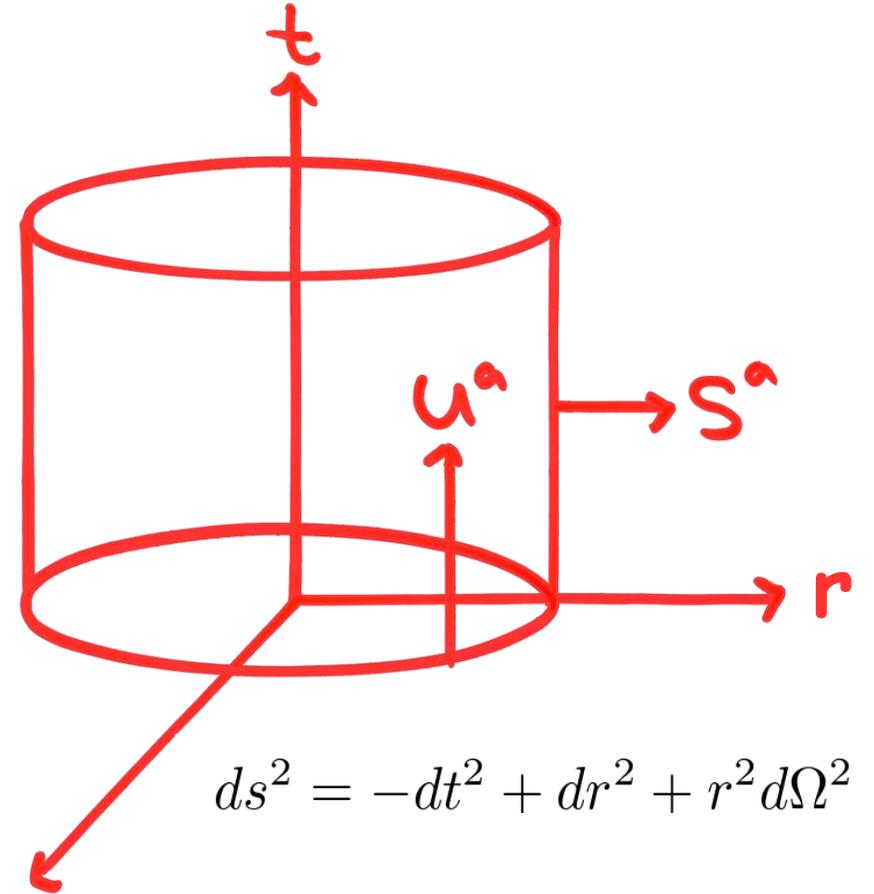
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- The equation of state is:

$$e(p) = -2p \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad s(e) = Ce^2$$

- The temperature is therefore:

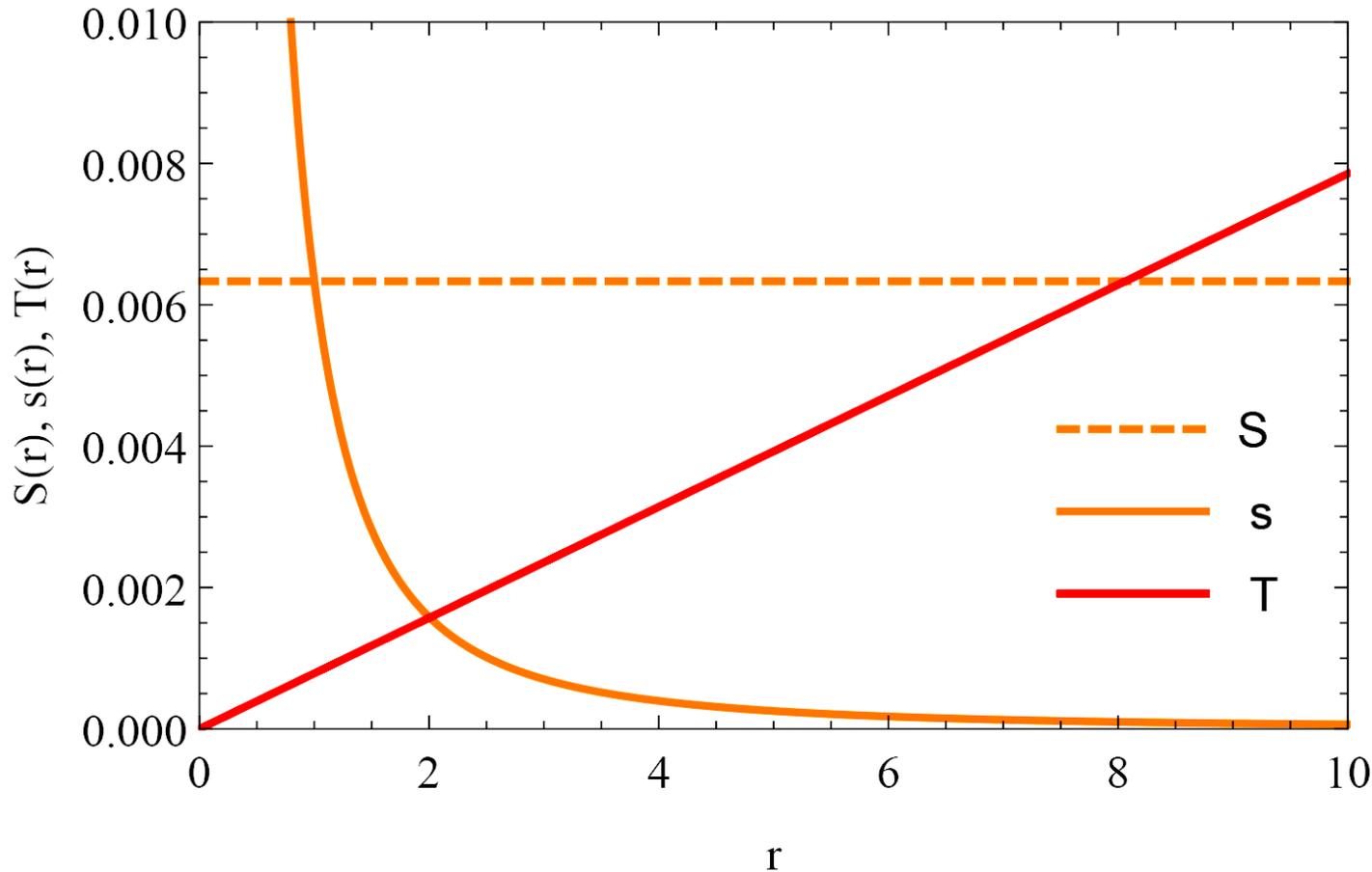
$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{ds}{de} \quad \rightarrow \quad T = \frac{1}{2Ce}$$



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- In terms of screen radius:

$$T(r) = \frac{r}{4C} \quad s(r) = \frac{4C}{r^2}$$



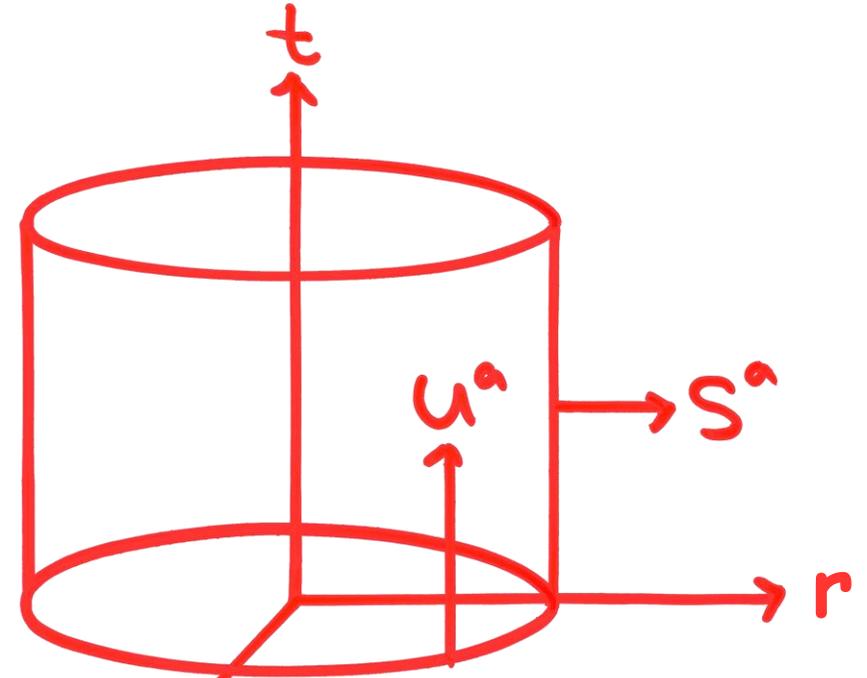
$$S = A \times s(r) = \text{constant}$$

Screen does not attribute entropy to flat space. ✓

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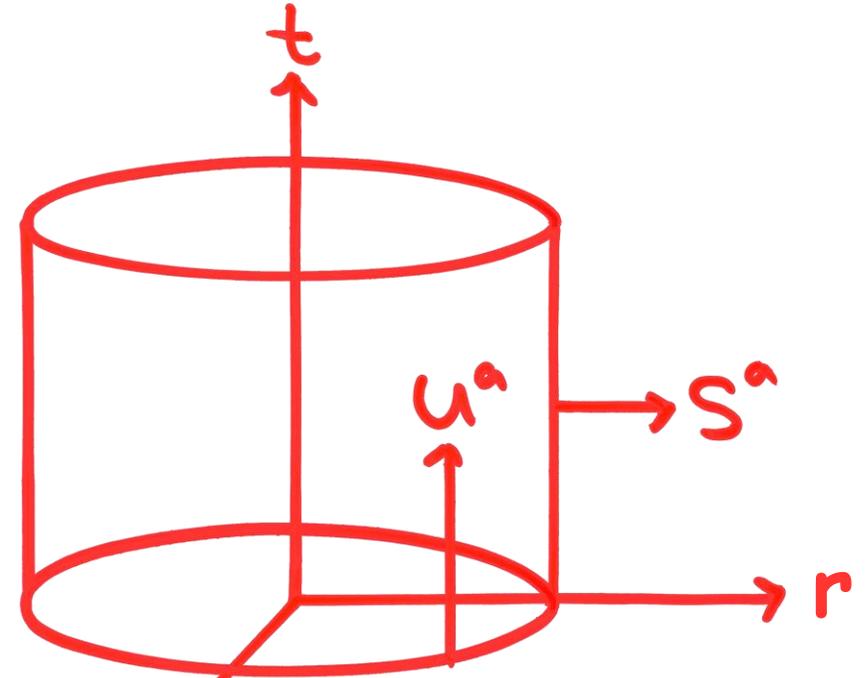
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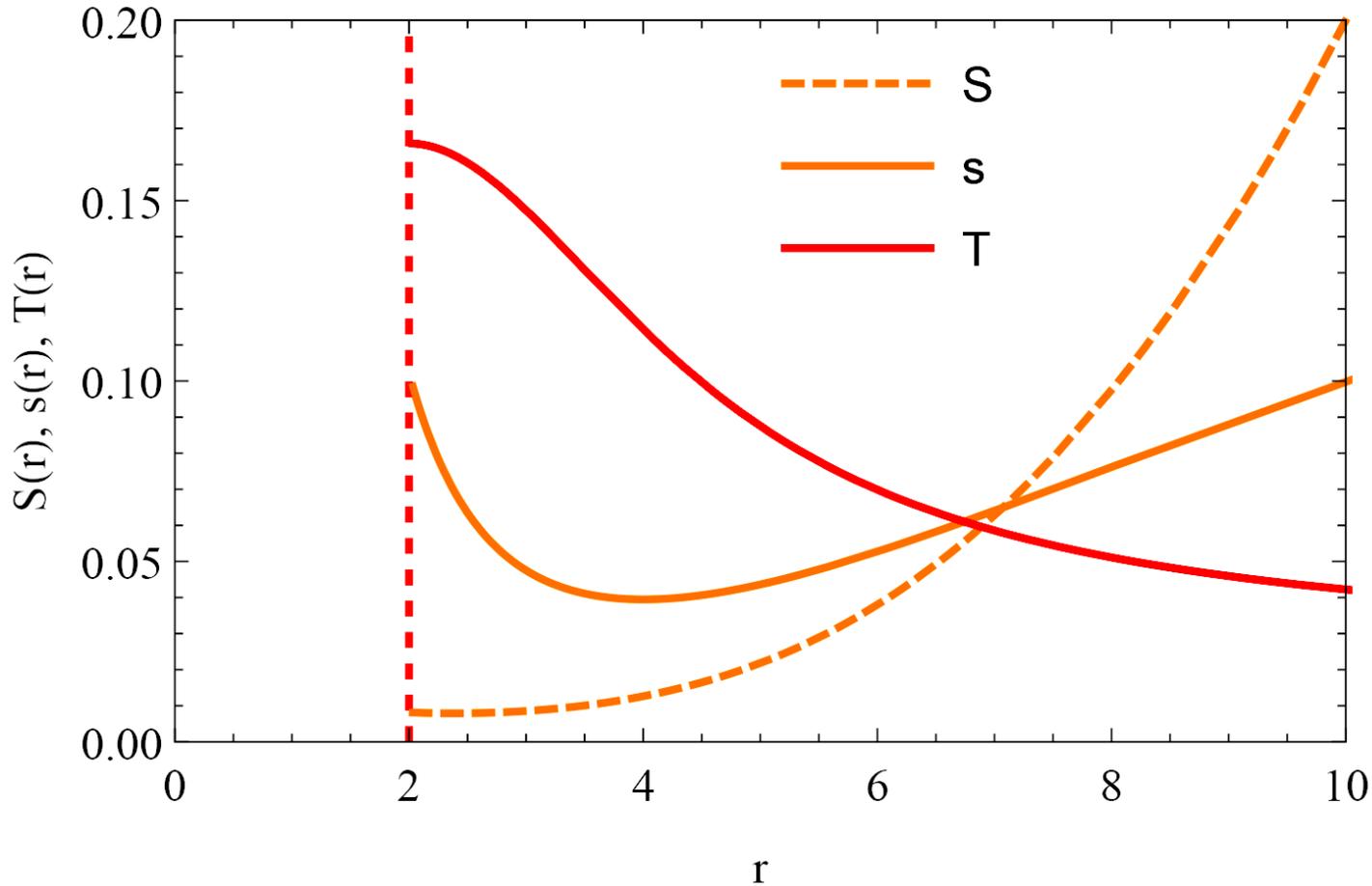
$$e(p) = \frac{4p(\sqrt{1 - 32\pi mp} + 32\pi mp - 1)}{(1 + \sqrt{1 - 32\pi mp})^2}$$
$$\approx -2p + 16\pi p^2 m + \mathcal{O}(m^2)$$



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- Entropy density falls off *slower* than  $1/r^2$ .
- Total fluid entropy *increases* when more space is enclosed.



# Future Work

- Classify which types of screens and evolutions have holographic fluid descriptions that are *physical* (satisfy the laws of thermodynamics).
- When is a perfect fluid insufficient? When do we have to resort to a non-equilibrium description?
- Can the fluid dynamics capture all of the gravitational physics present inside the screen (eg. gravitational waves)?

# Conclusions

- Einstein's equations projected onto a time-like hypersurface are equivalent to relativistic hydrodynamic conservation laws.
- This allows a holographic description of gravitational physics in a bulk region of spacetime in terms of a fluid on the boundary of that region.
- Provides a framework where the thermodynamic properties of gravity can be understood without restriction to spatial boundaries or null surfaces.

Questions?