

Black hole and shock wave collisions in higher dimensions

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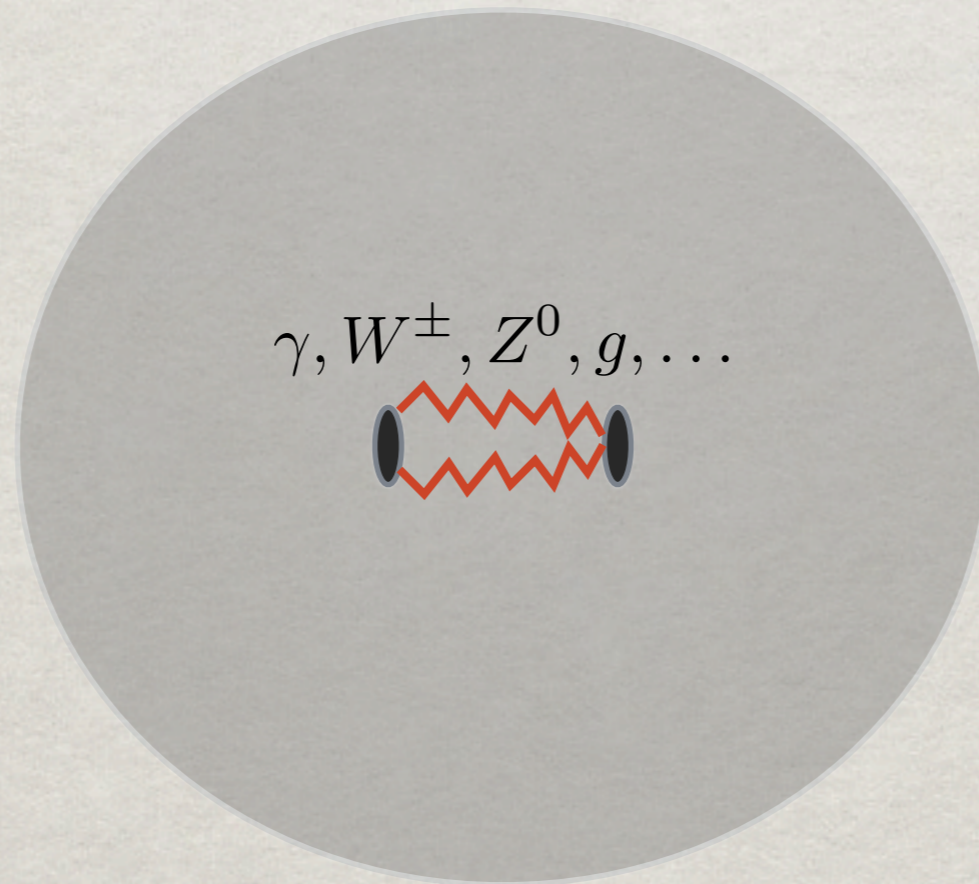


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$$\gamma, W^{\pm}, Z^0, g, \dots$$
A Feynman diagram representing a propagator. It consists of a red zigzag line connecting two black ovals. The zigzag line is composed of two parallel lines, one above and one below, connected by vertical segments, creating a series of peaks and valleys. The black ovals are positioned at the ends of the zigzag line, representing interaction vertices.

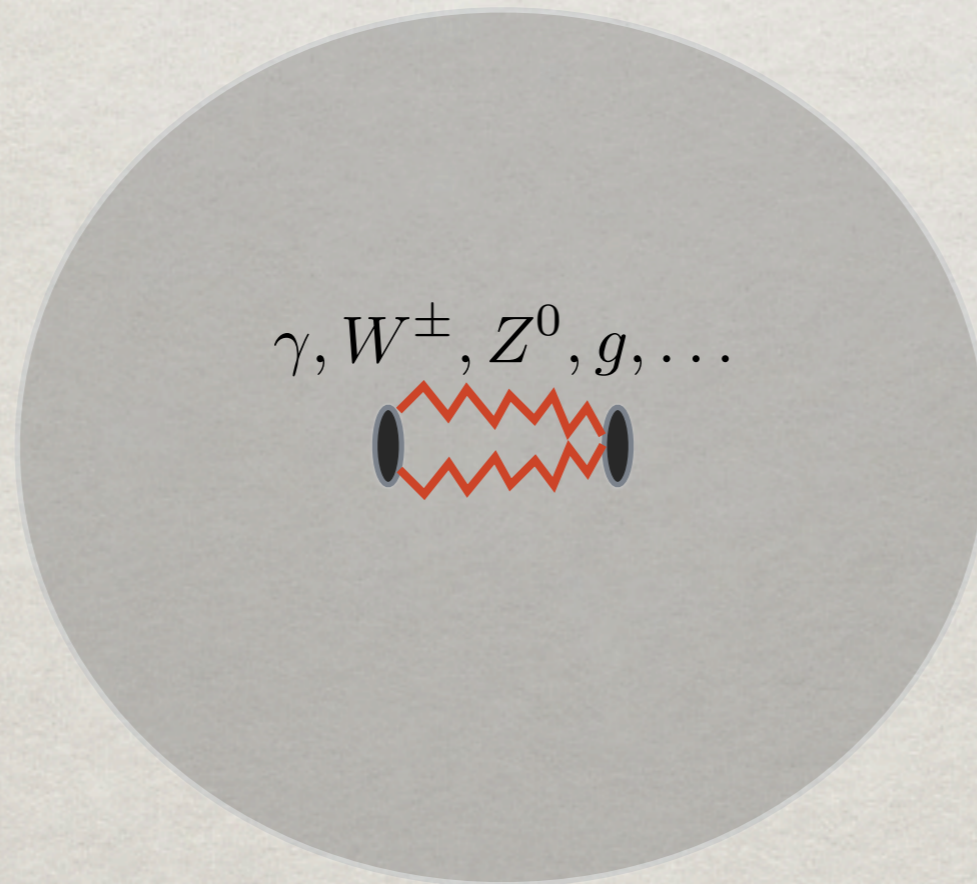
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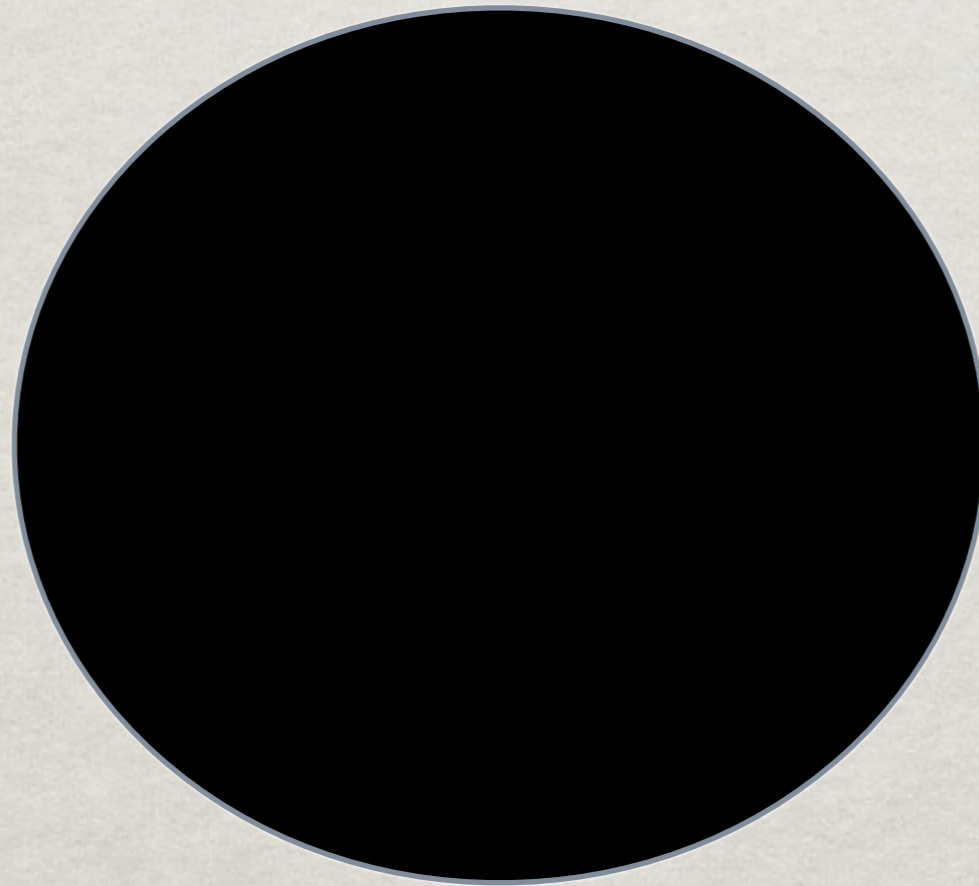
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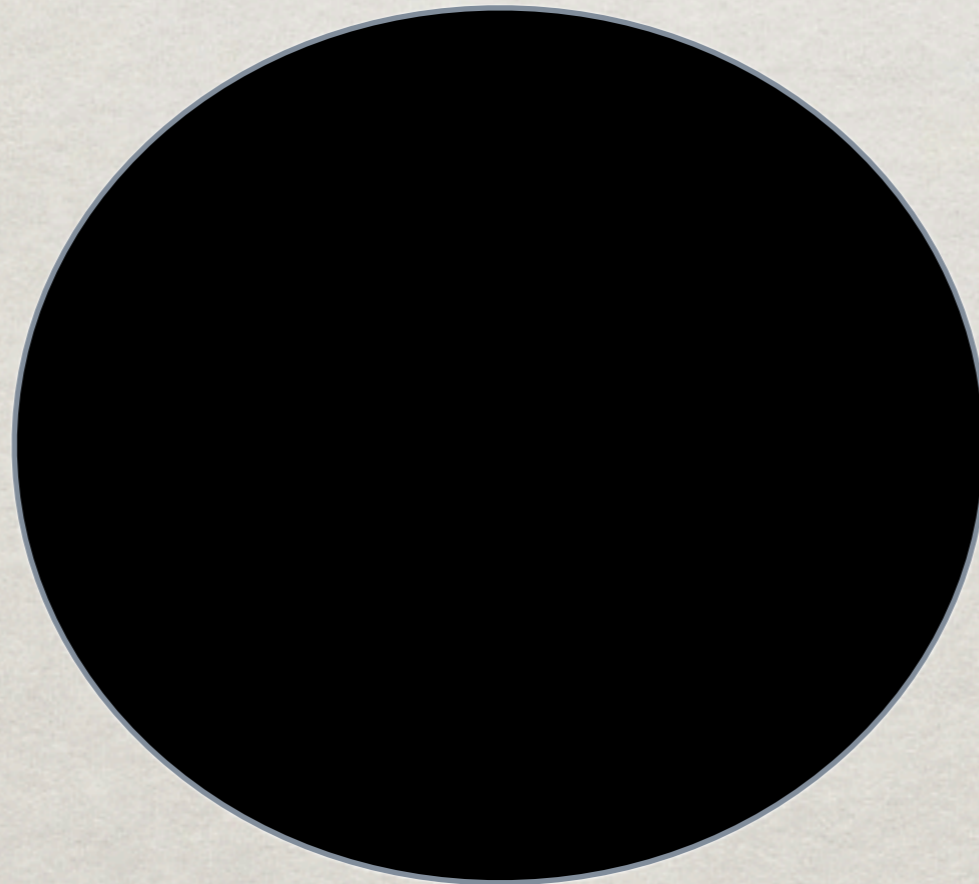


At energies well above the Planck energy, black hole production sets in, accompanied by the coherent emission of real gravitons (gravitational waves) 't Hooft '87;

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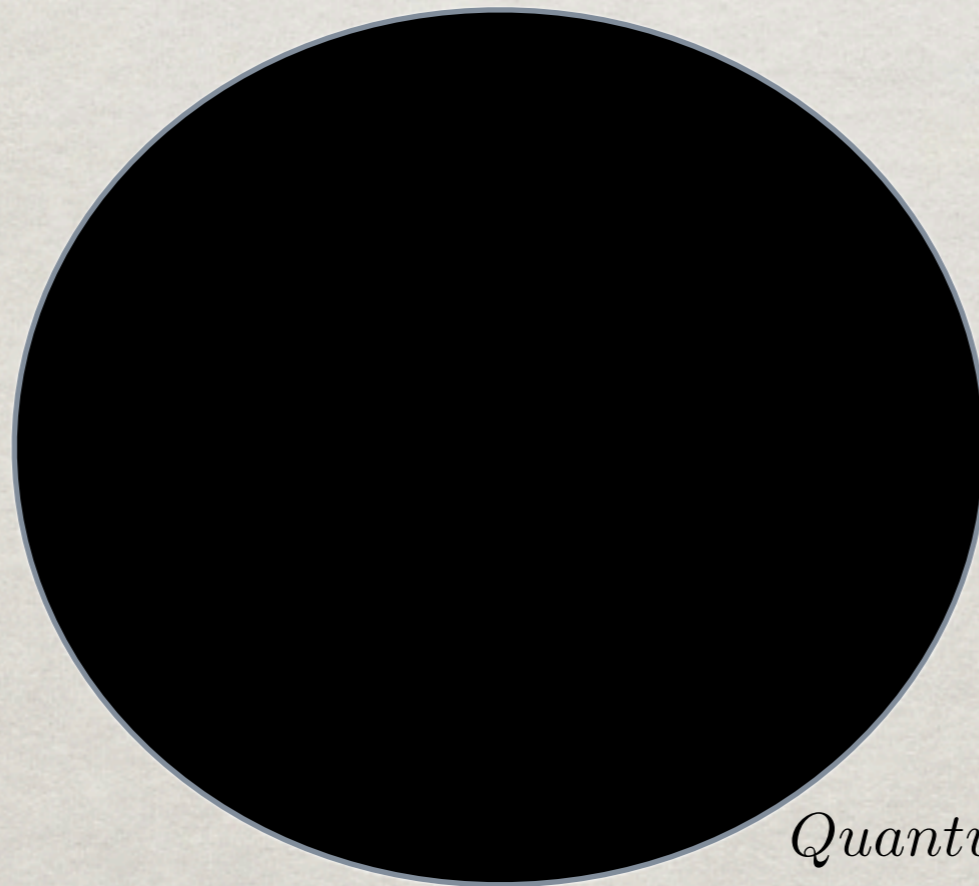


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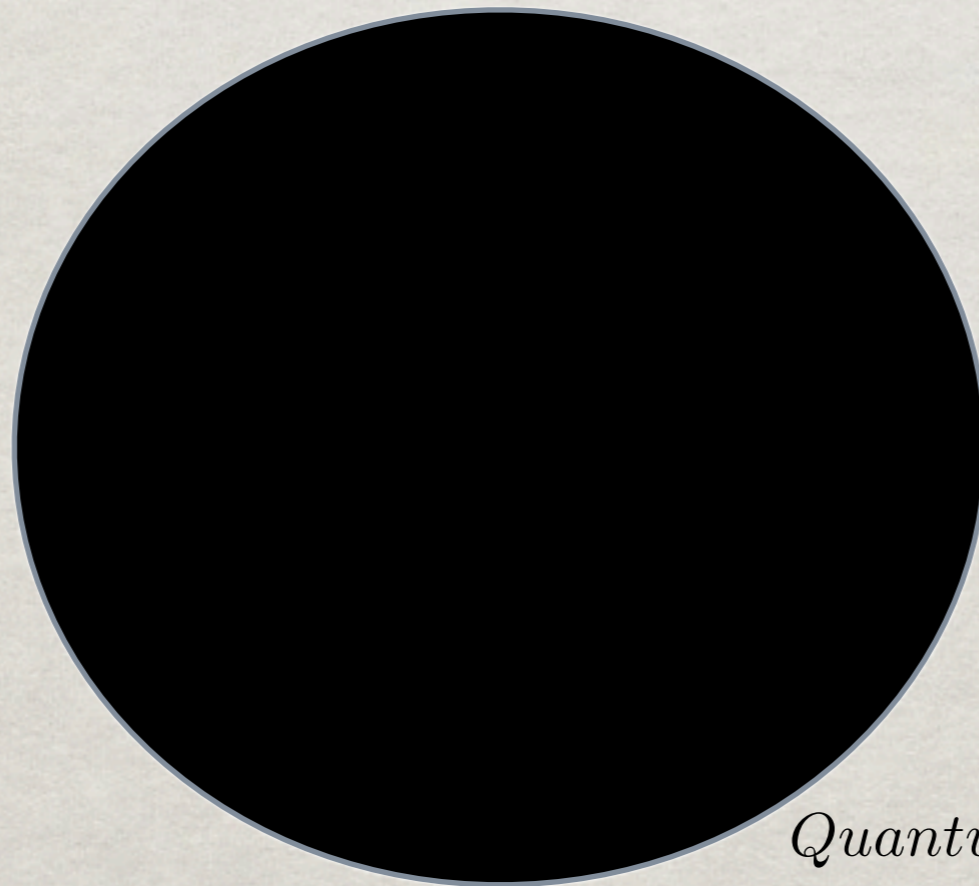
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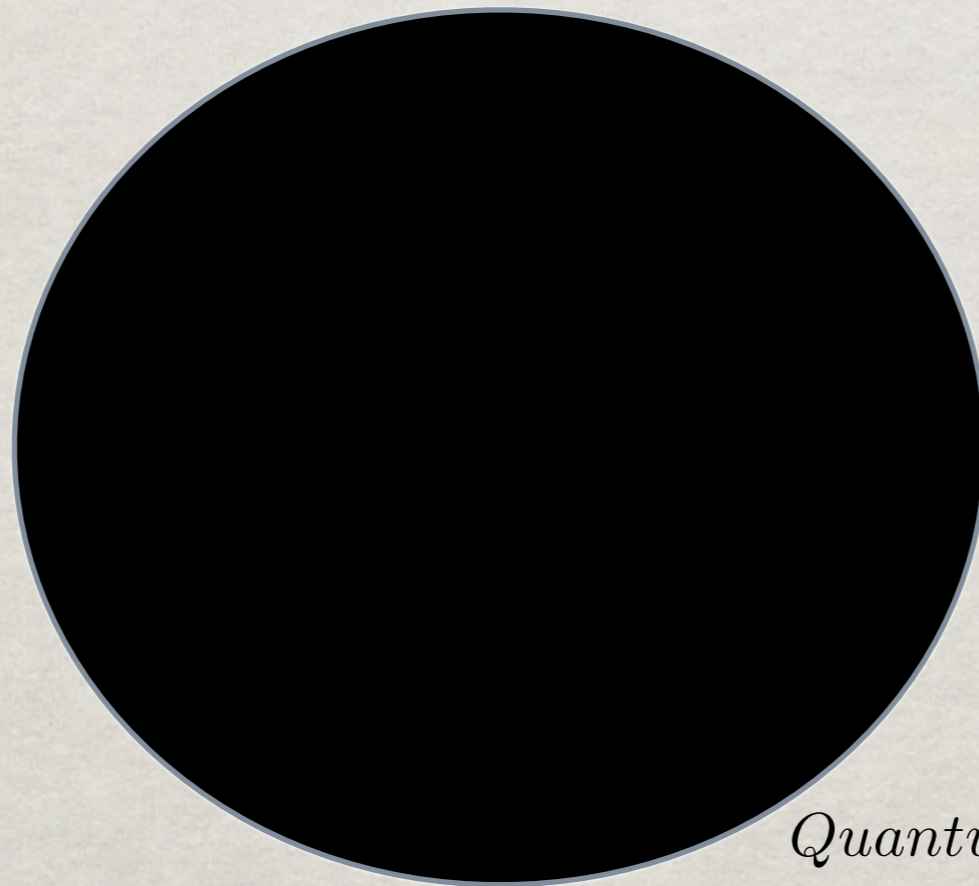


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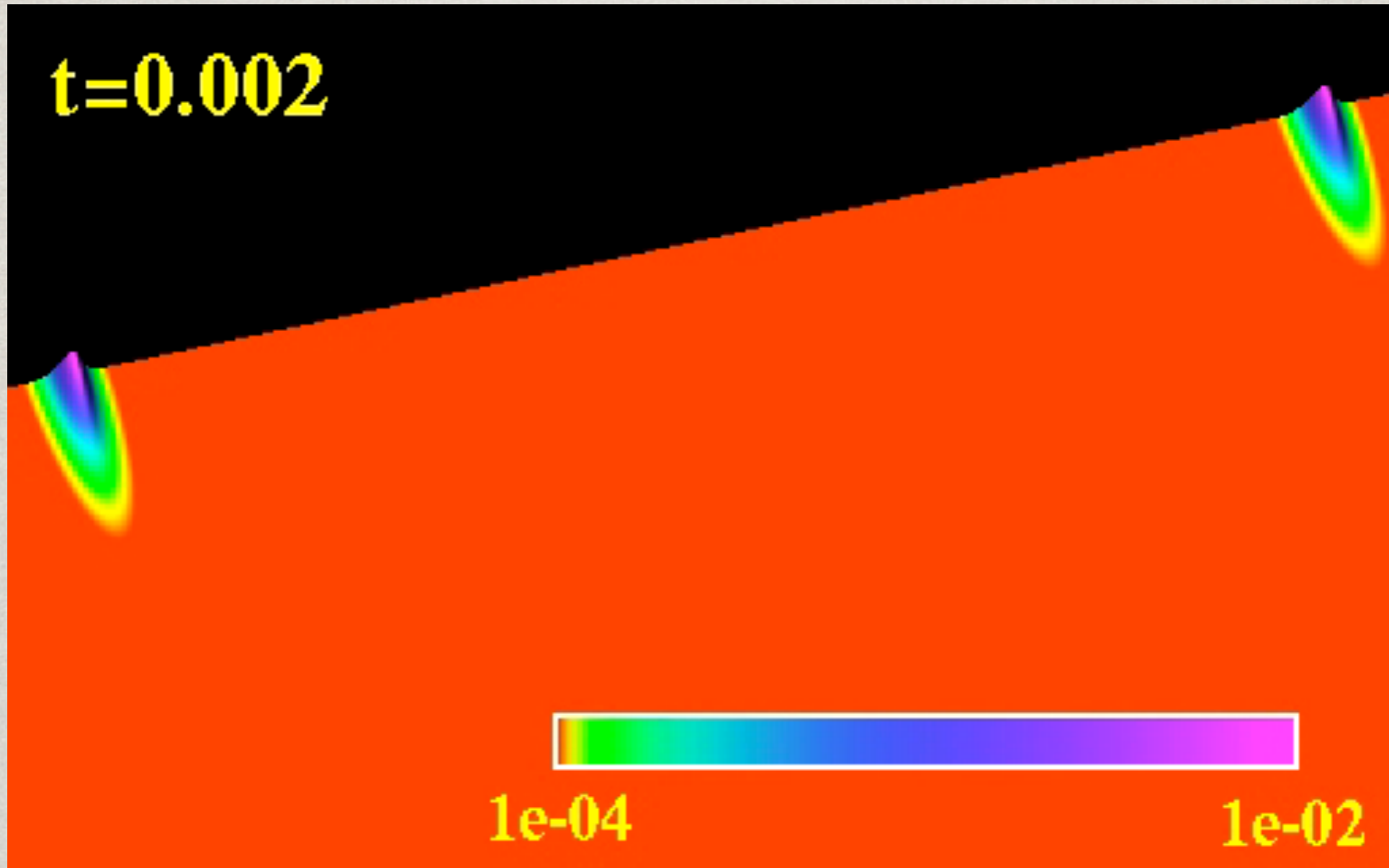
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Graviton dominance in ultra-high-energy scattering

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Depicted is the magnitude of the scalar field. Copyright Frans Pretorius; <http://physics.princeton.edu/~fpretori/>

What is the fraction of the total energy radiated away
(**inelasticity**)
in a head-on collision of two particles
at (almost) the speed of light
computed in classical gravity?

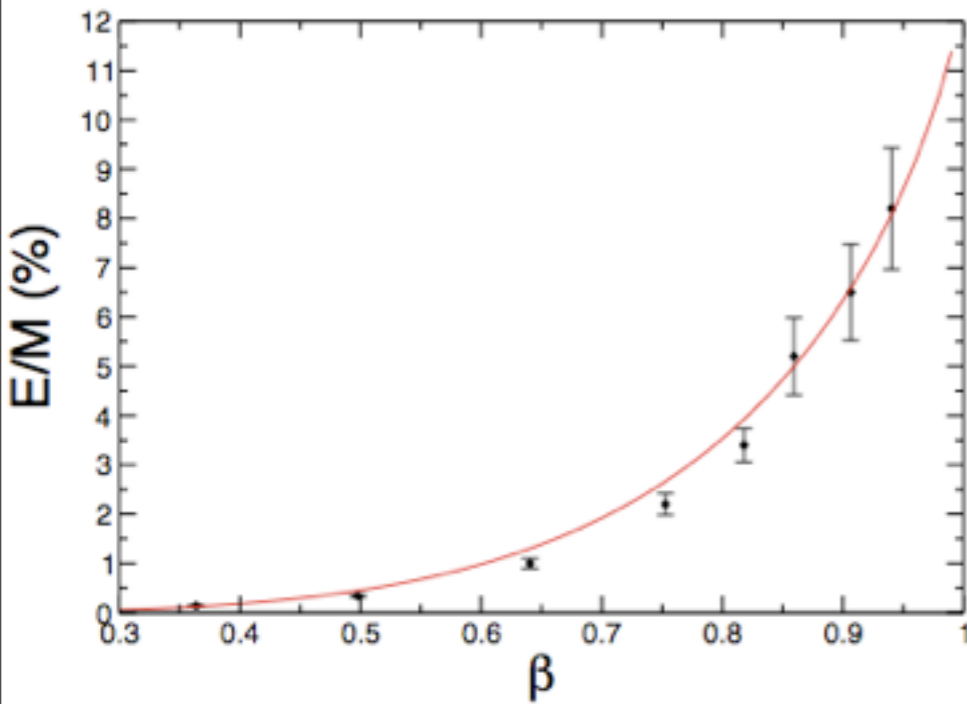
Part I:

Black hole collisions using numerical relativity:

- in higher-dimensions

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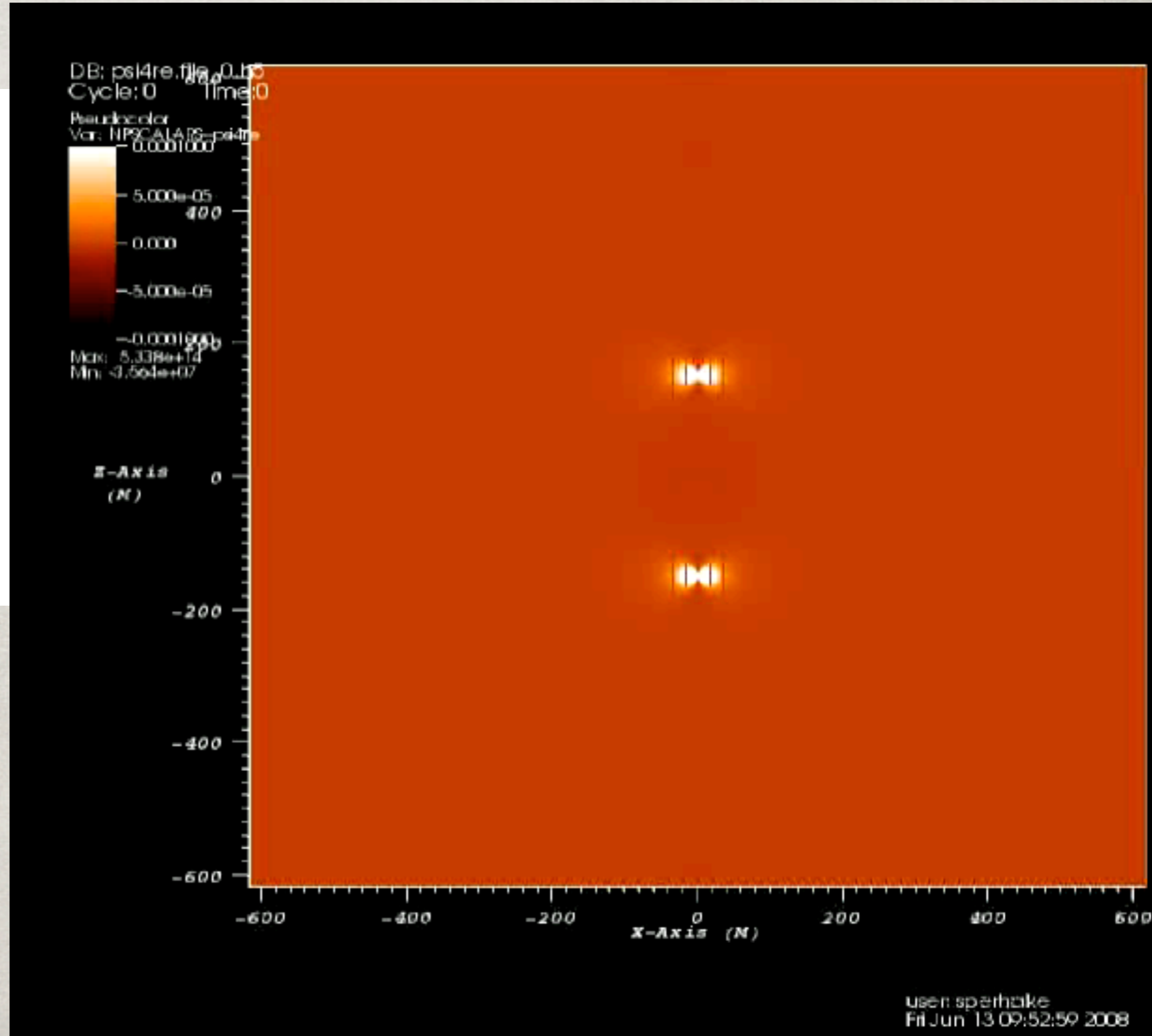


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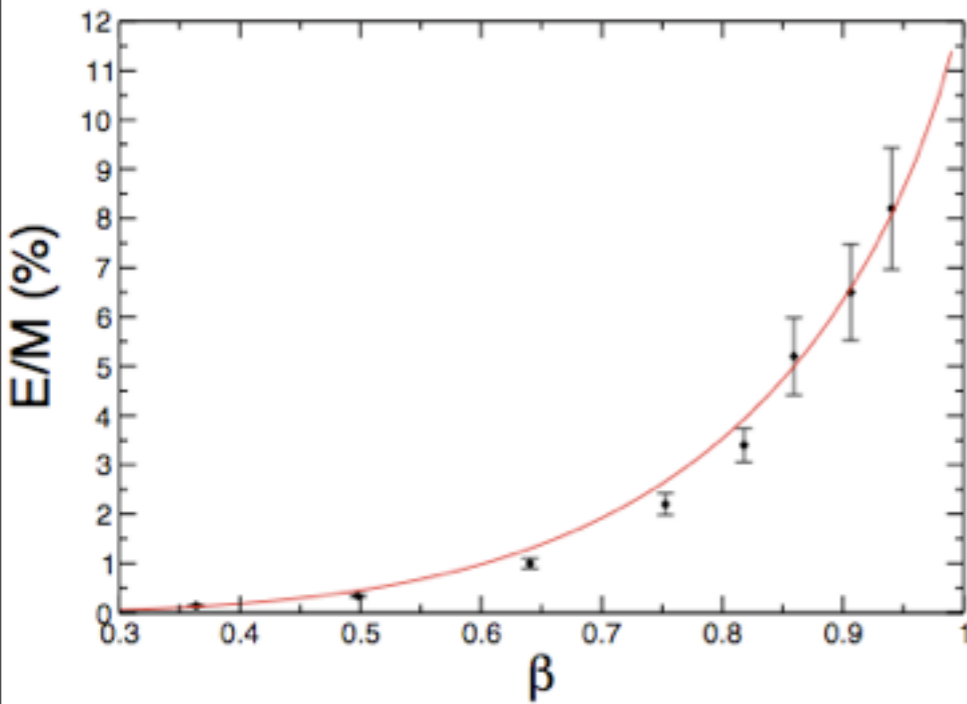
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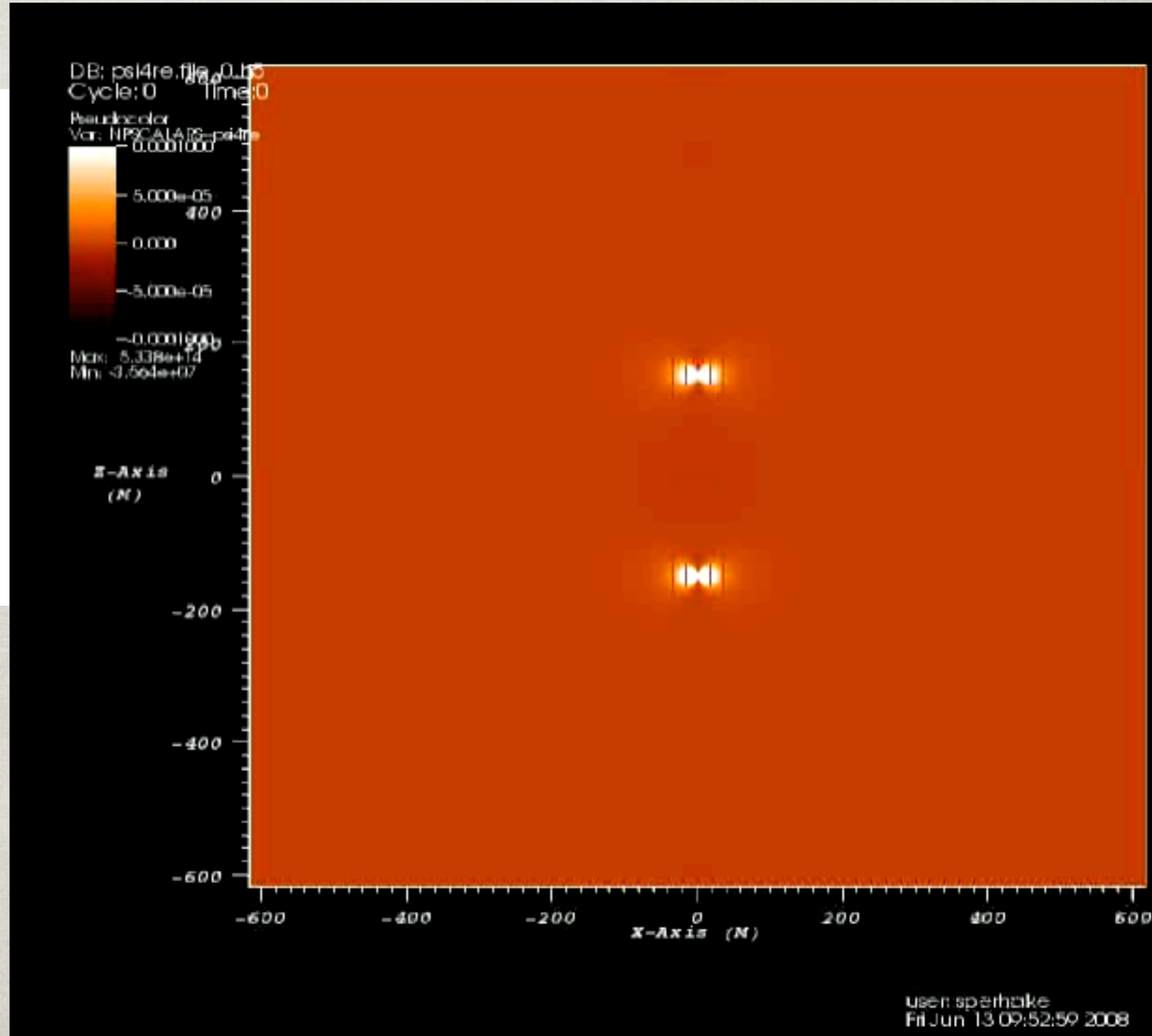


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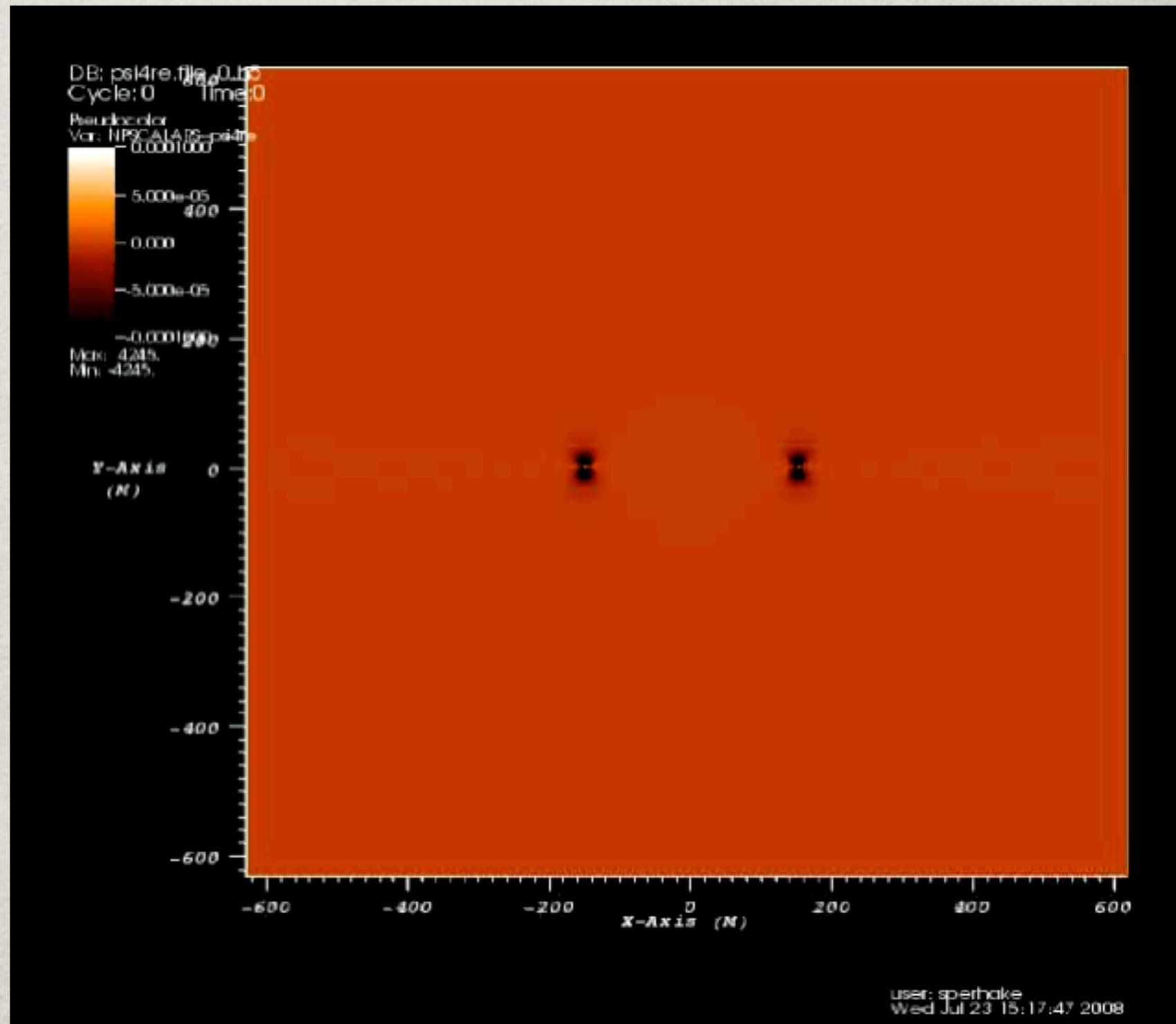
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very close to extremal

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- scattering threshold
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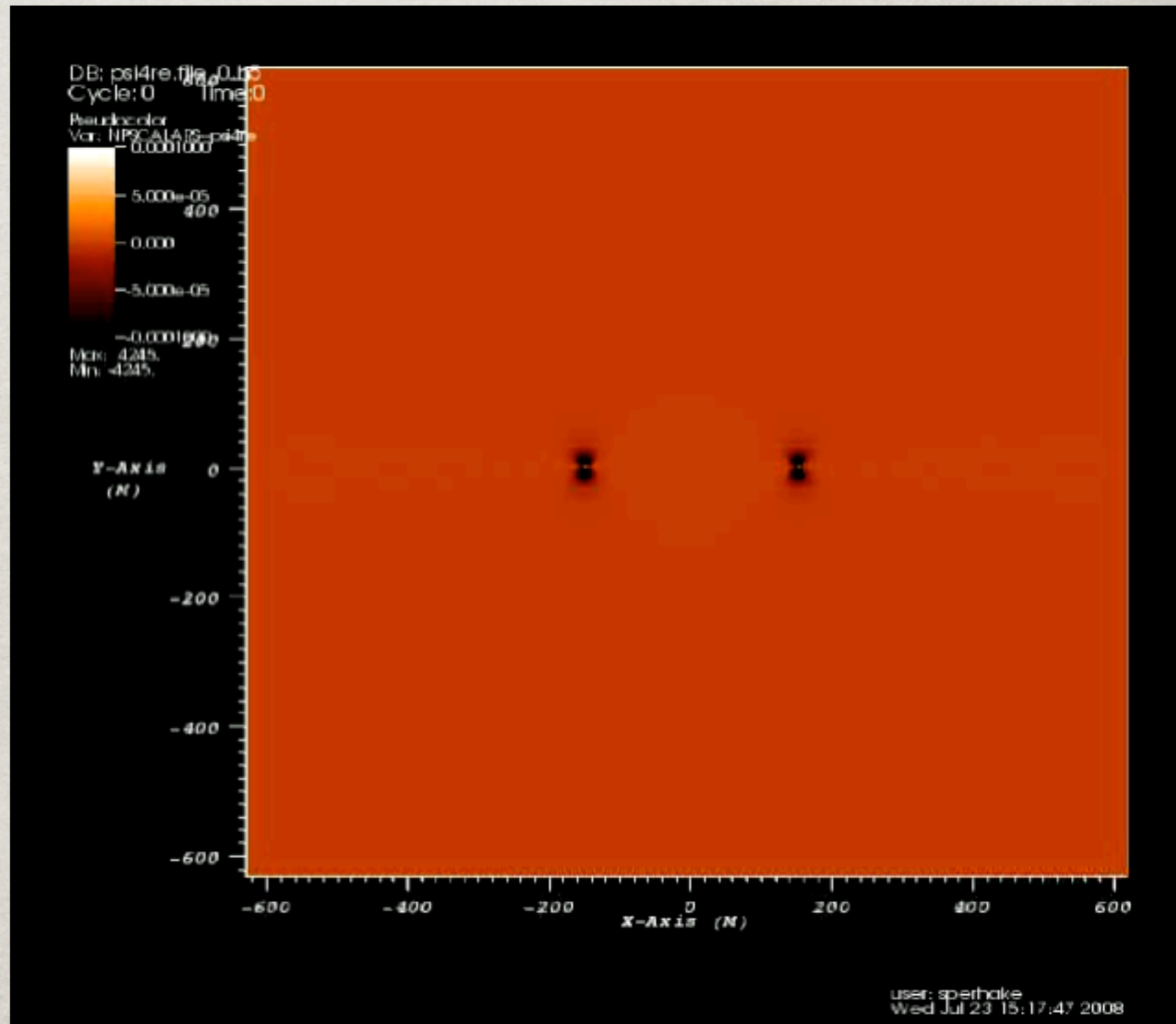
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Black hole collisions:

i) Higher dimensional black holes

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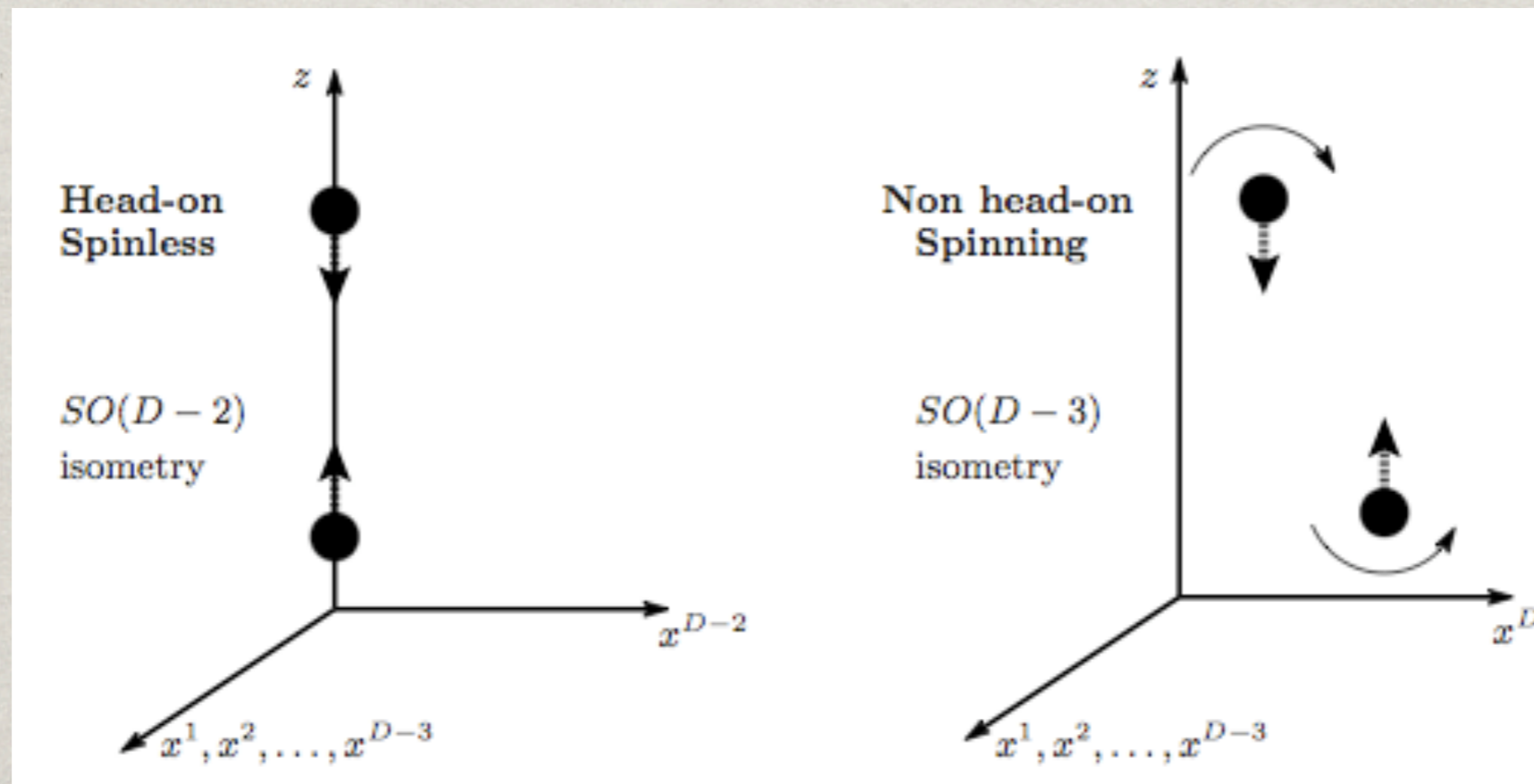
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In higher dimensions: Dimensional reduction by isometry and quasi-matter

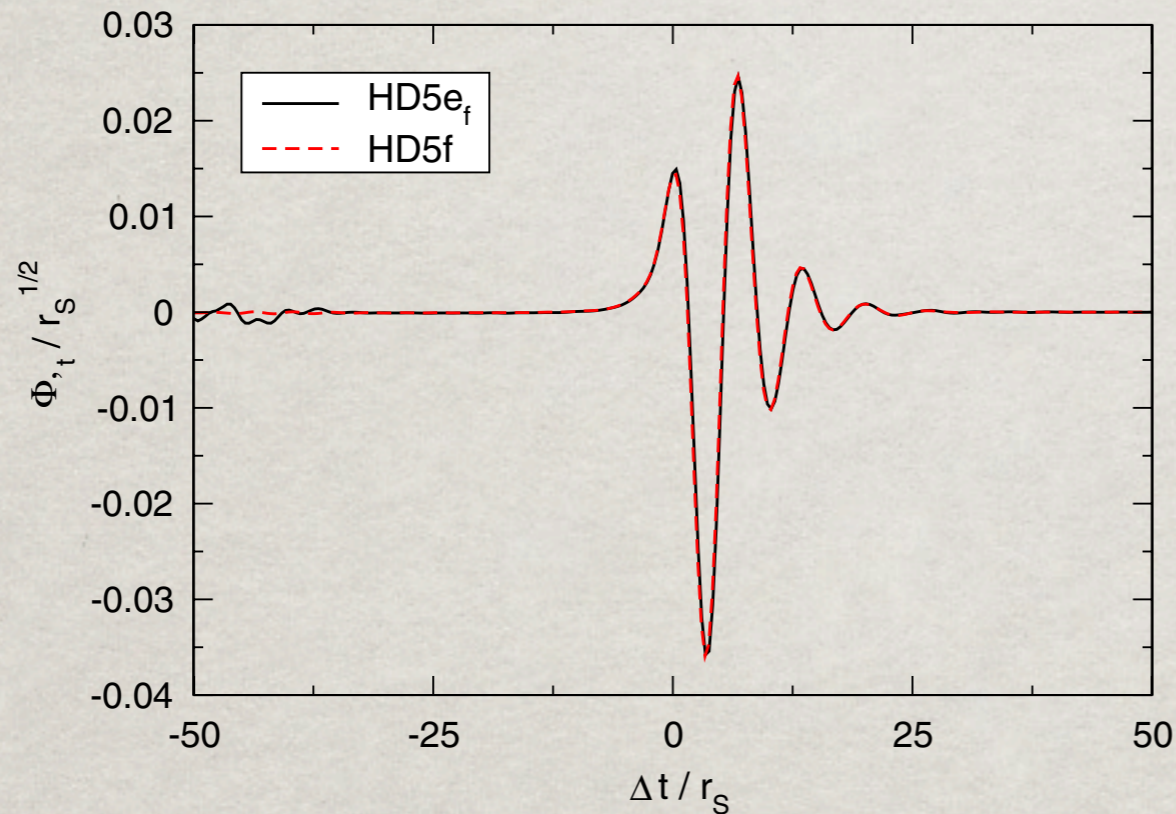
Impose “axial” symmetry $SO(D-3)$; make dimensional reduction on $(D-4)$ -sphere



D-dimensional vacuum Einstein equations yield 4-dimensional Einstein equations with “quasi-matter” (scalar field)

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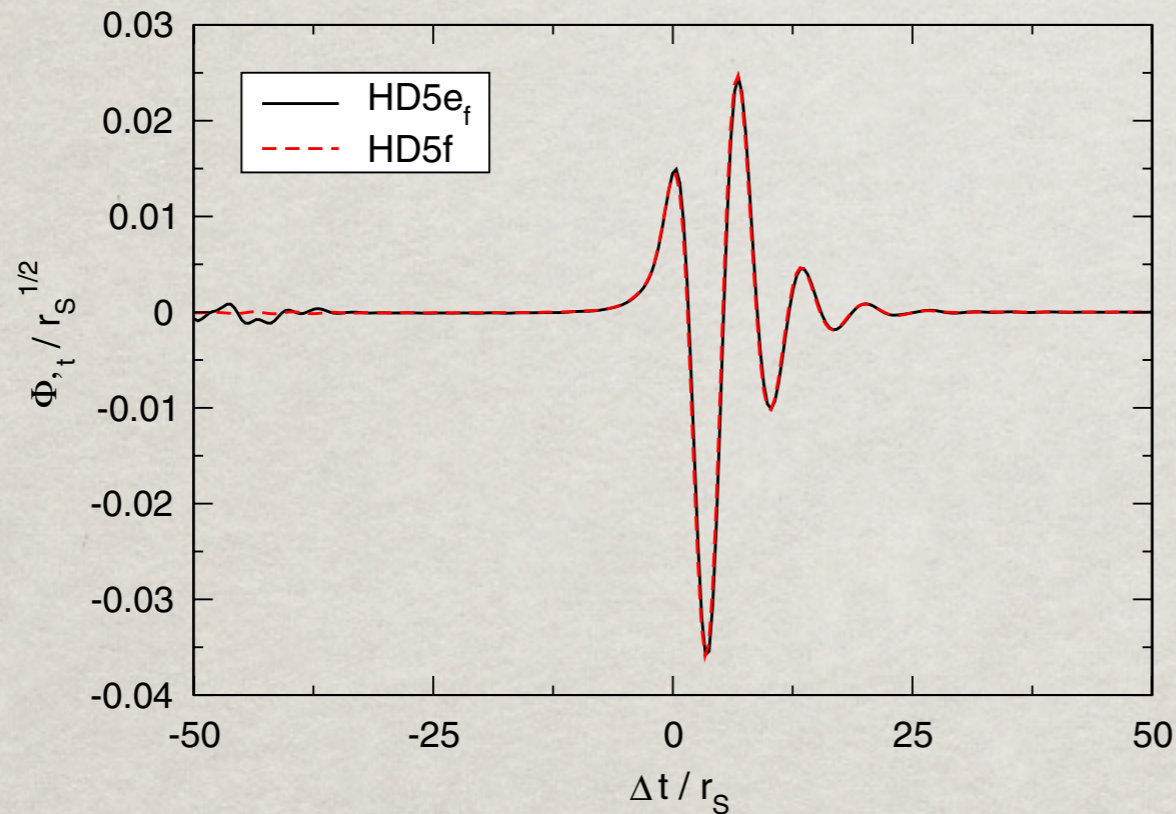
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Achieved:

- First higher D BH collisions
- For unequal masses there is good agreement with point particle results
- Difficult to get to (highly) boosted collisions **PRD 84 (2011) 084039**

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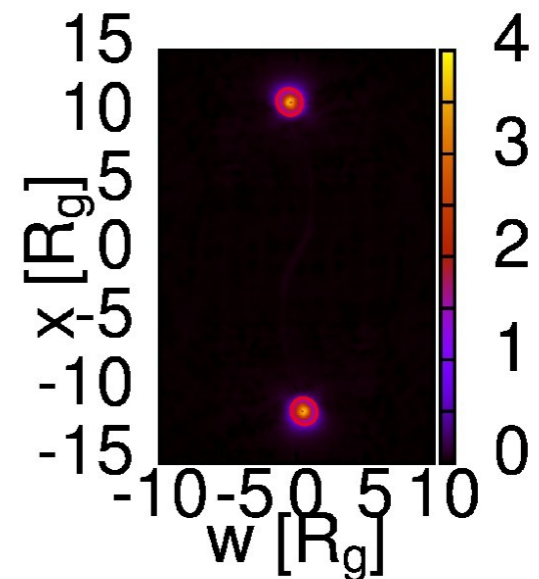
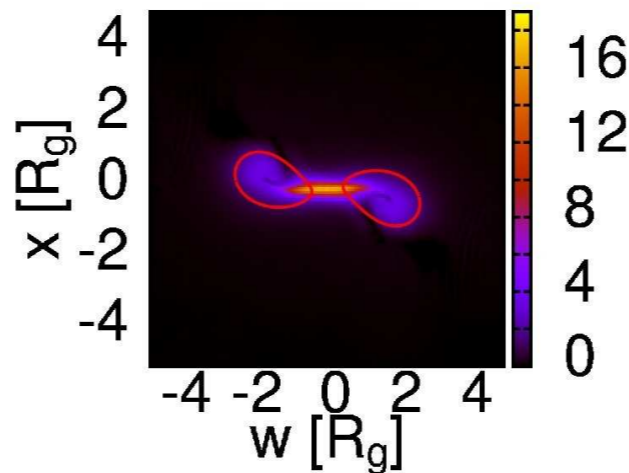
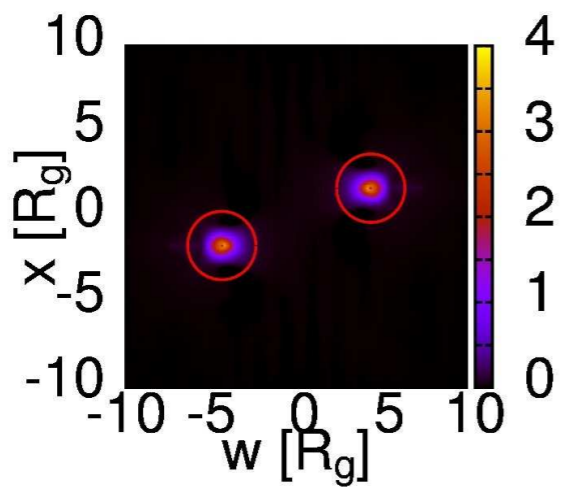
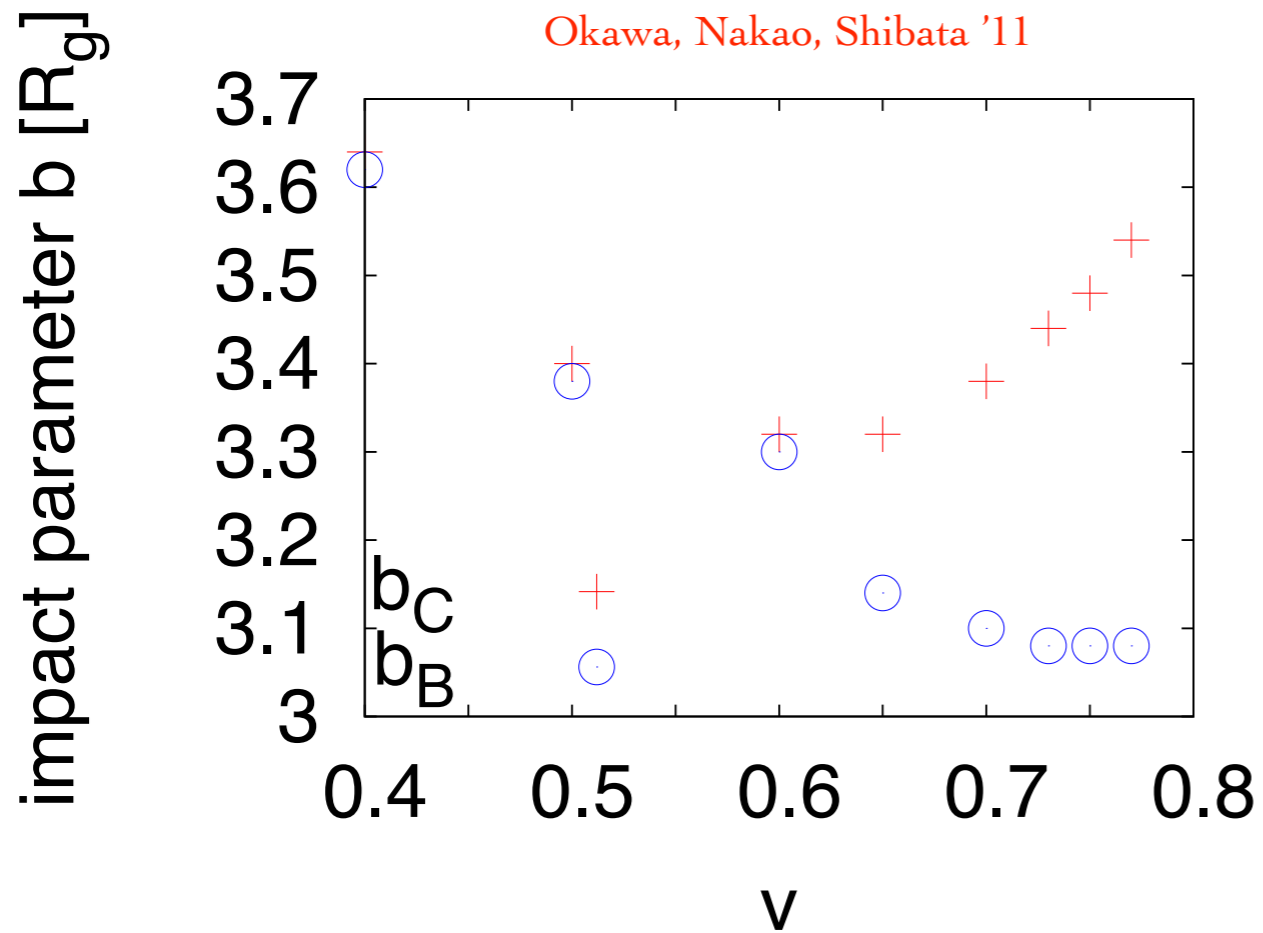
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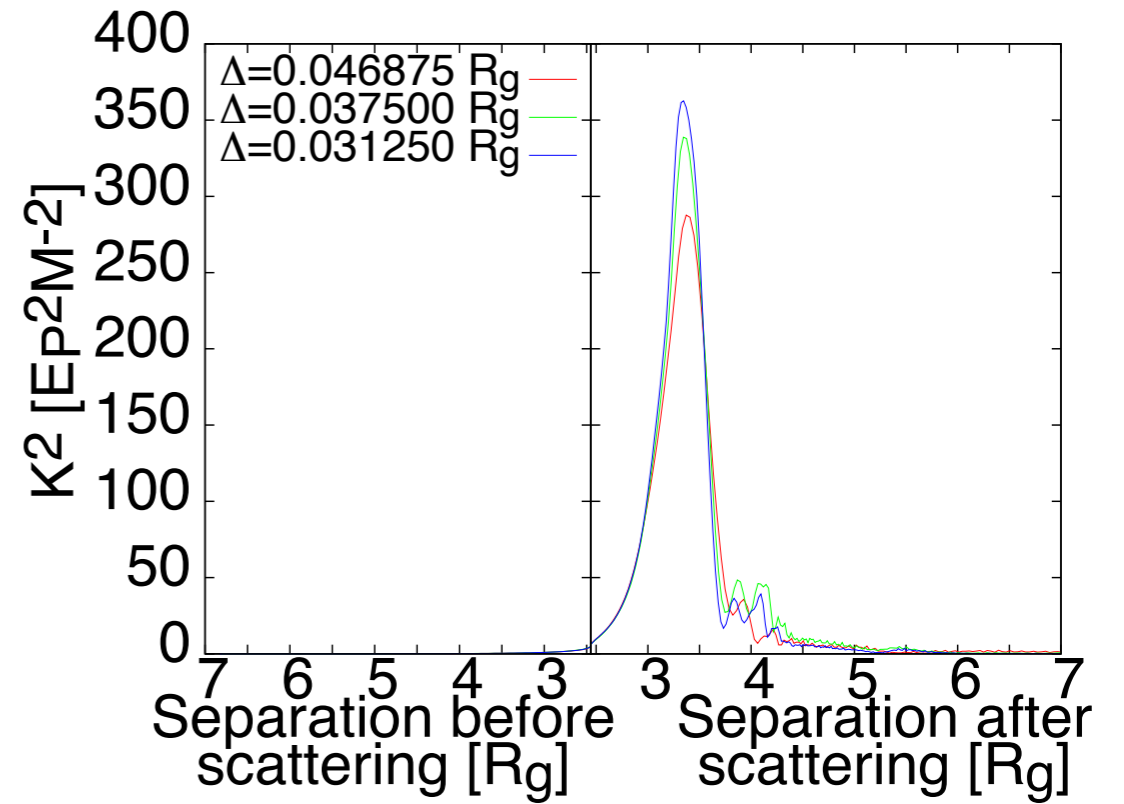
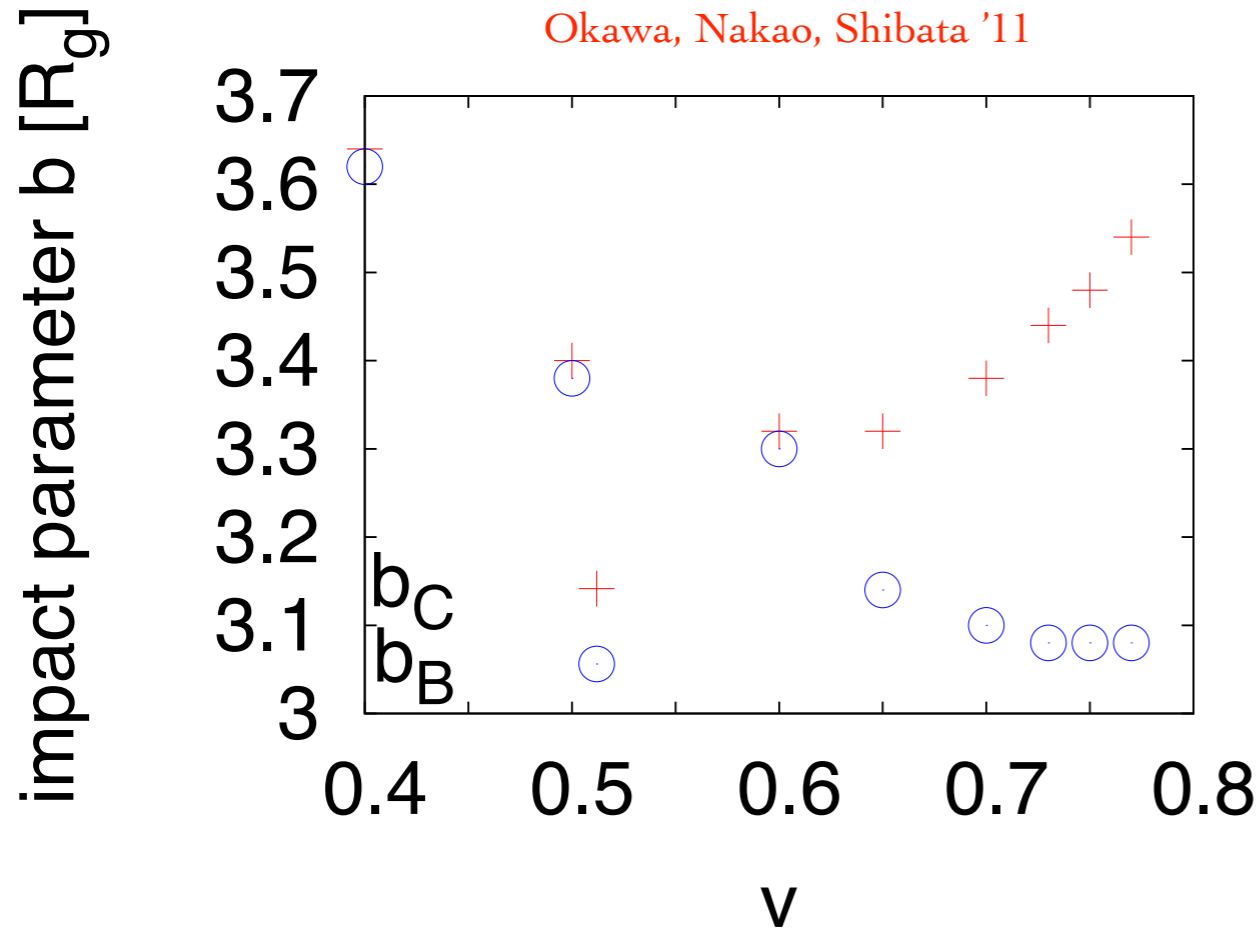
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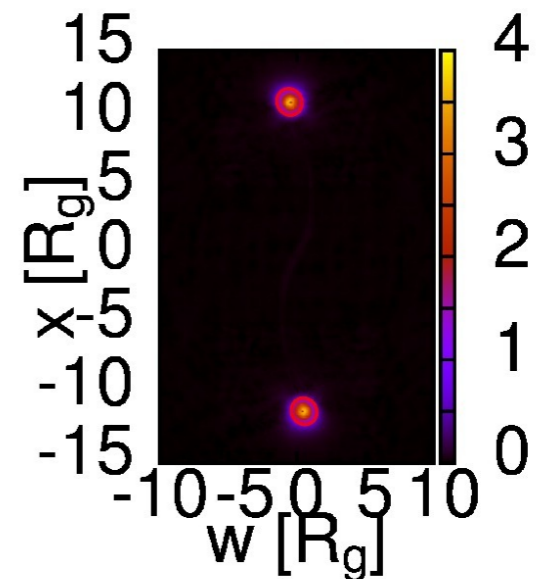
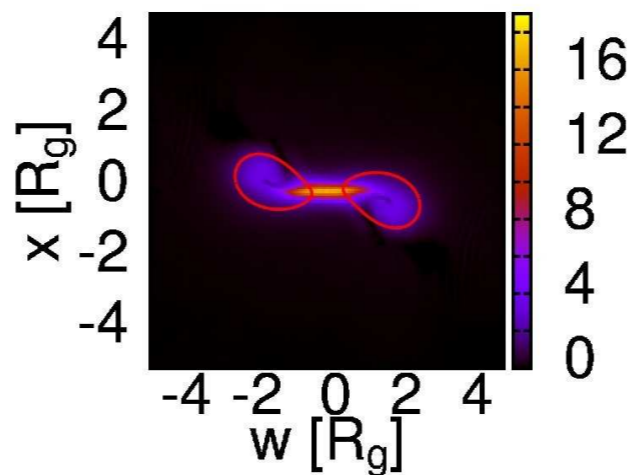
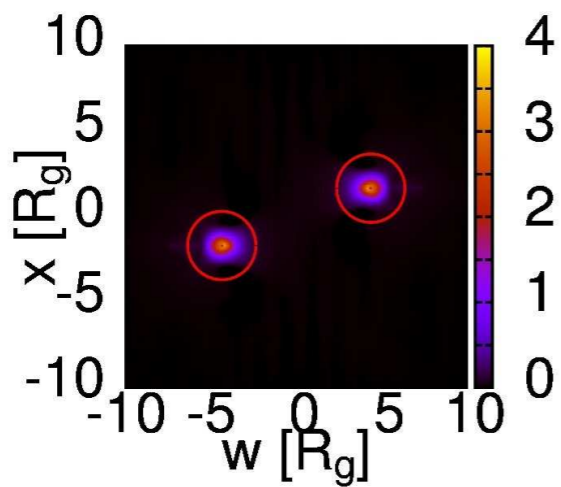
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Part II:

Shock wave collisions in D -dimensions (semi-analytical technique)

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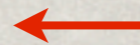
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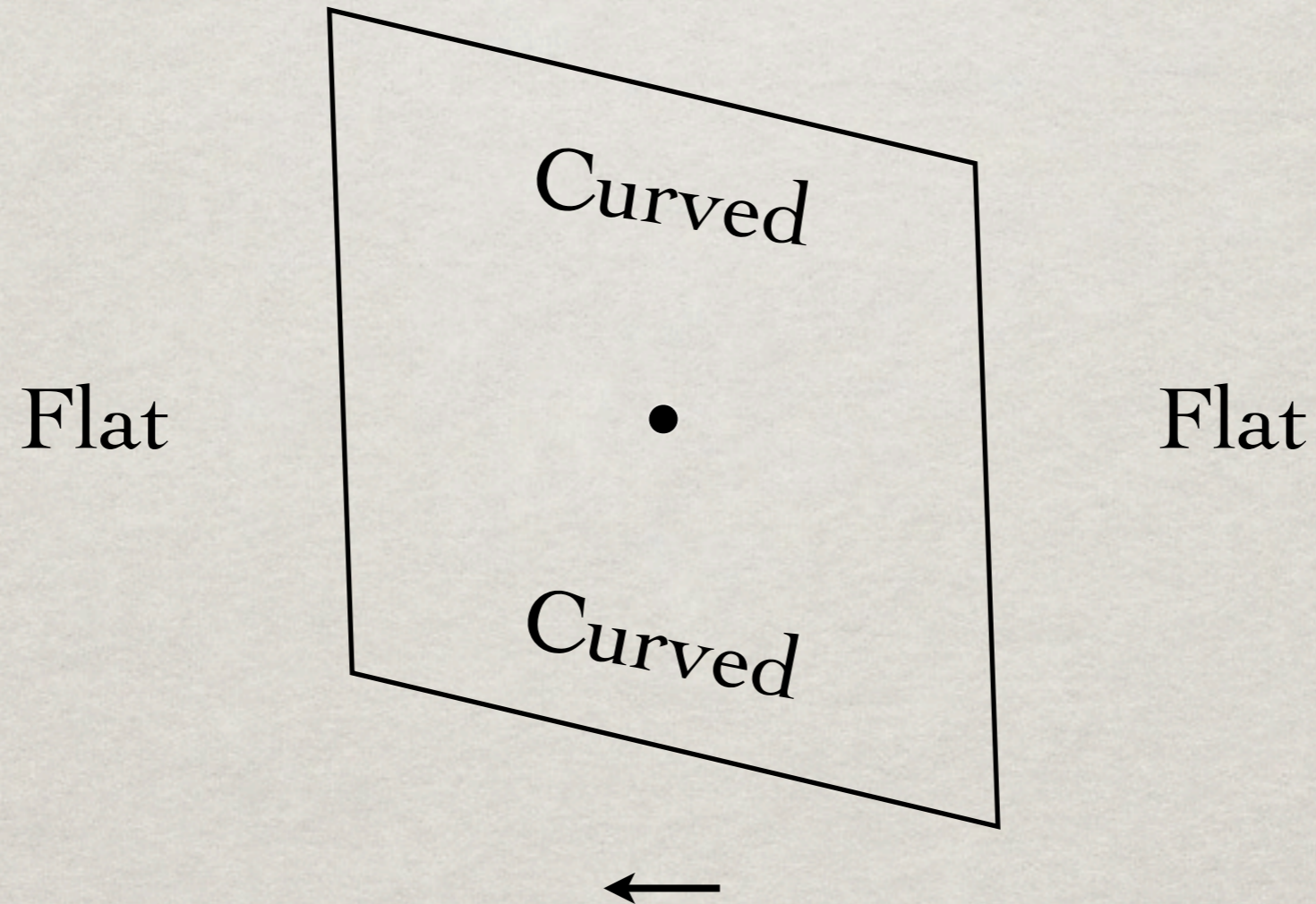


Boost particle and take a limit of fixed energy

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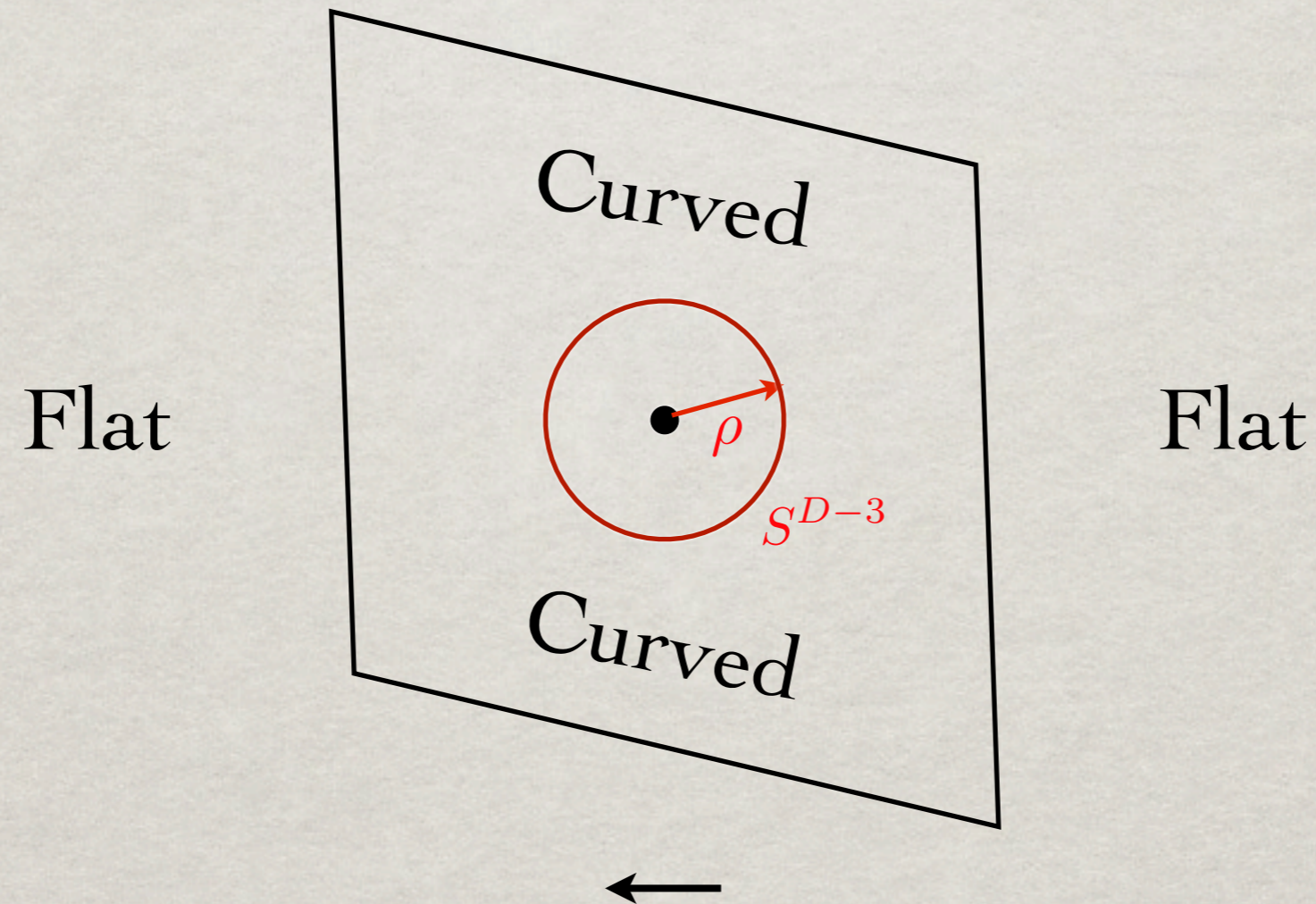


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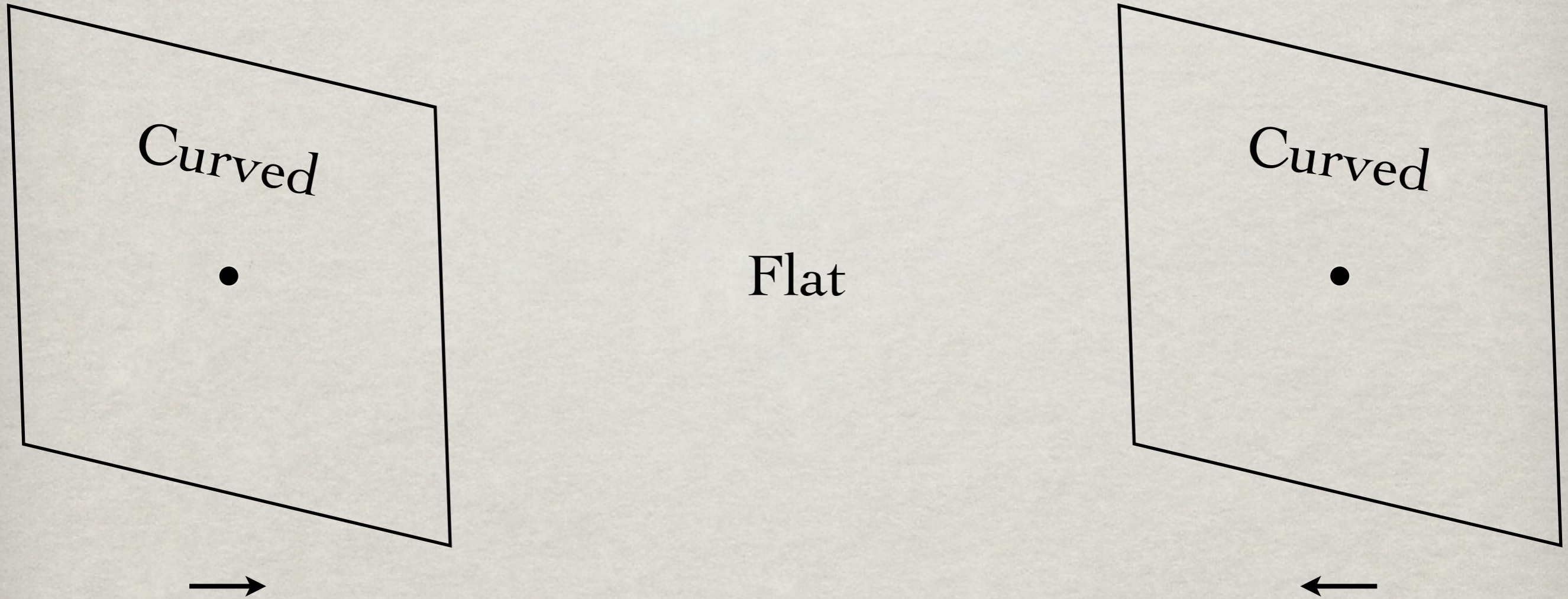
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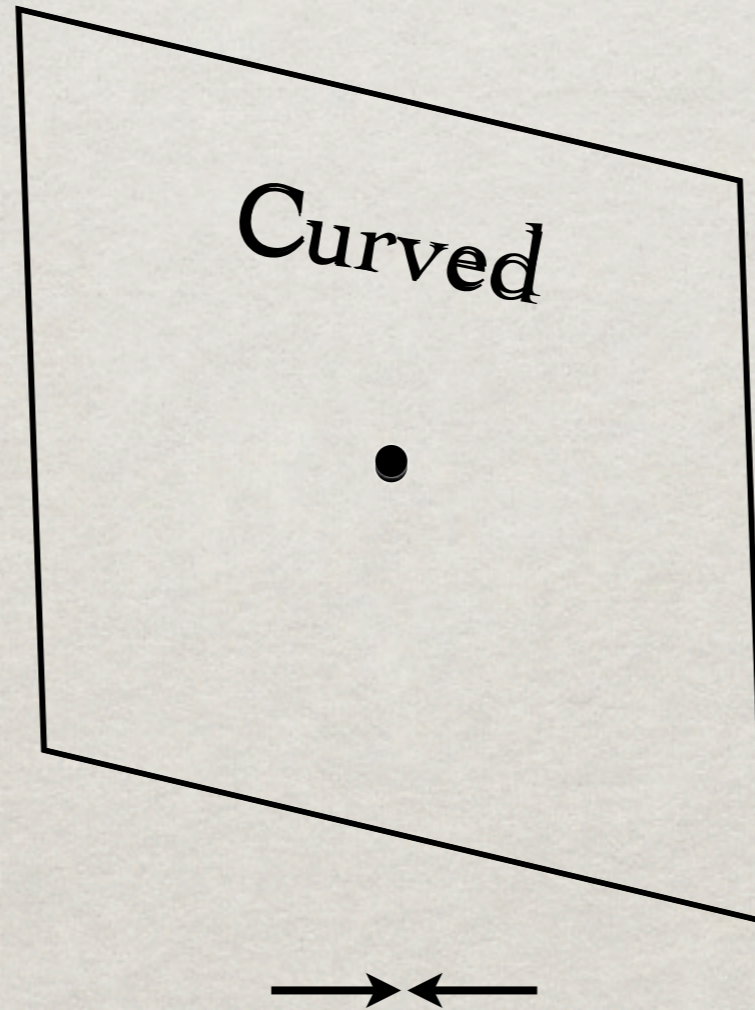
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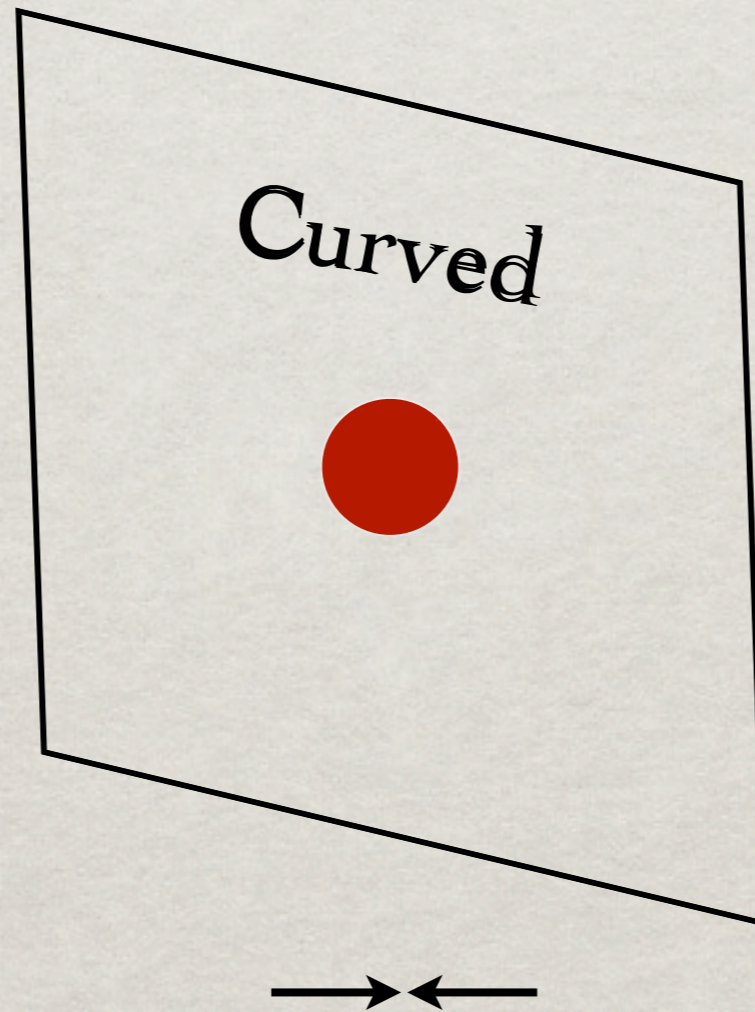


Metric is the superposition of the two shock waves
(until collision)

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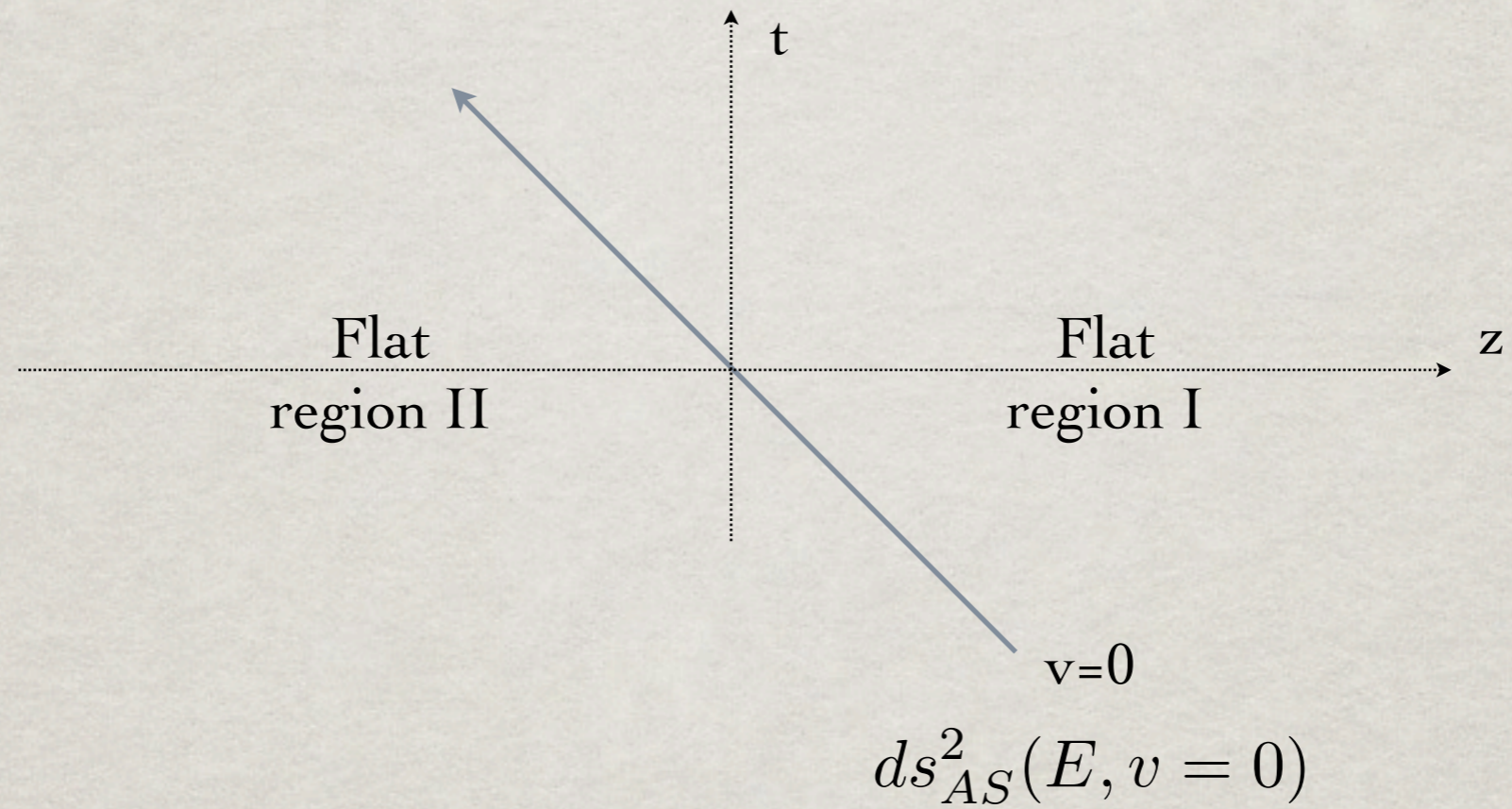


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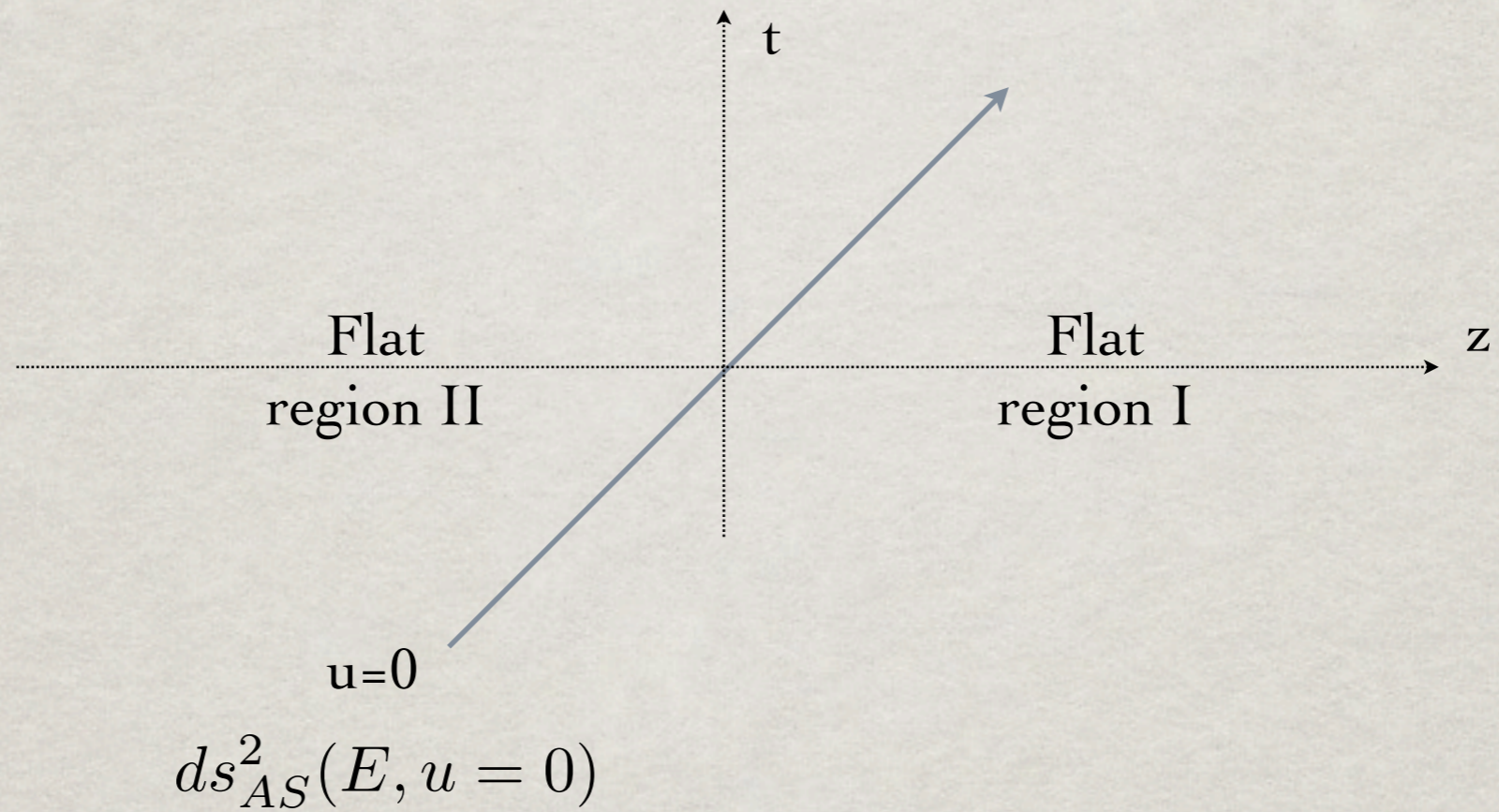


In a head on collision we expect a black hole to form
(smoking gun: find an **apparent horizon**)

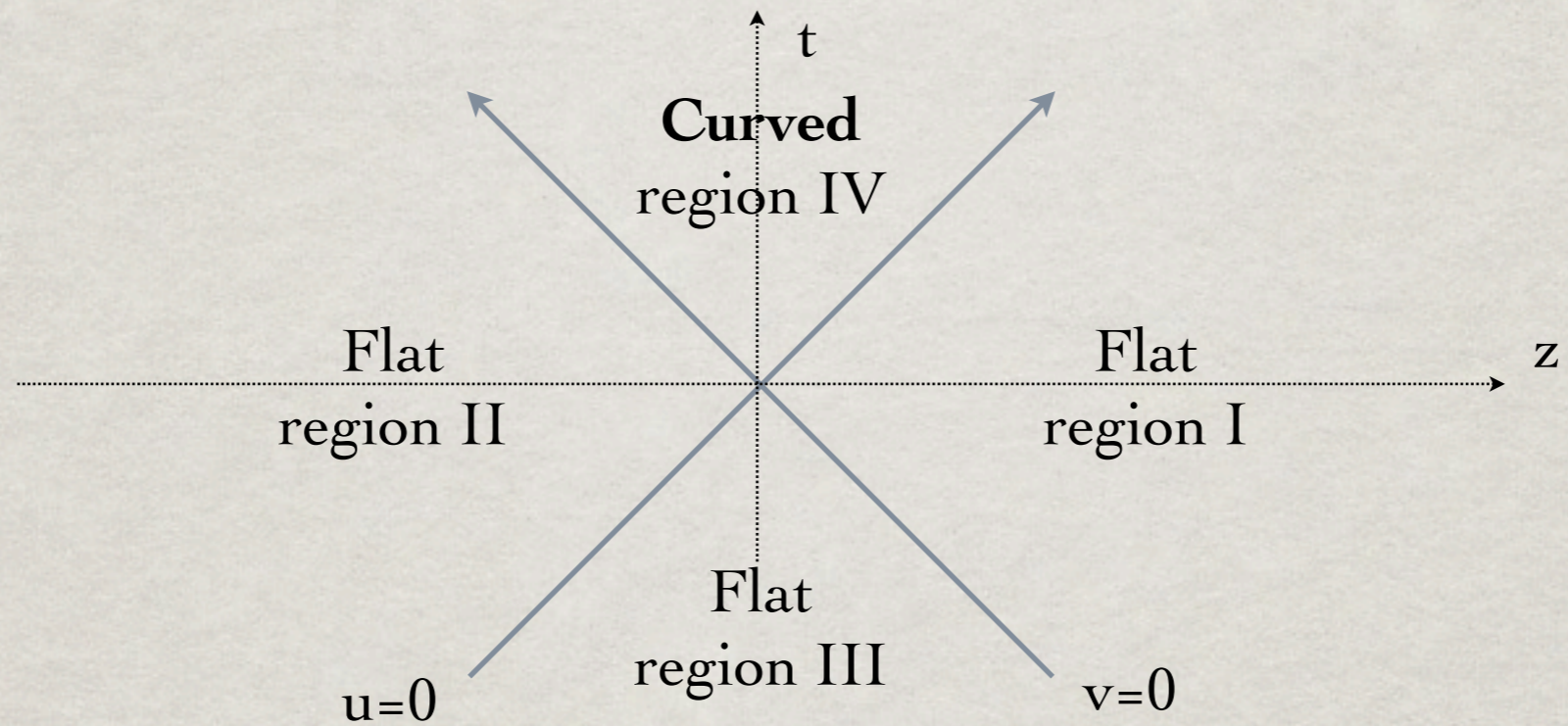
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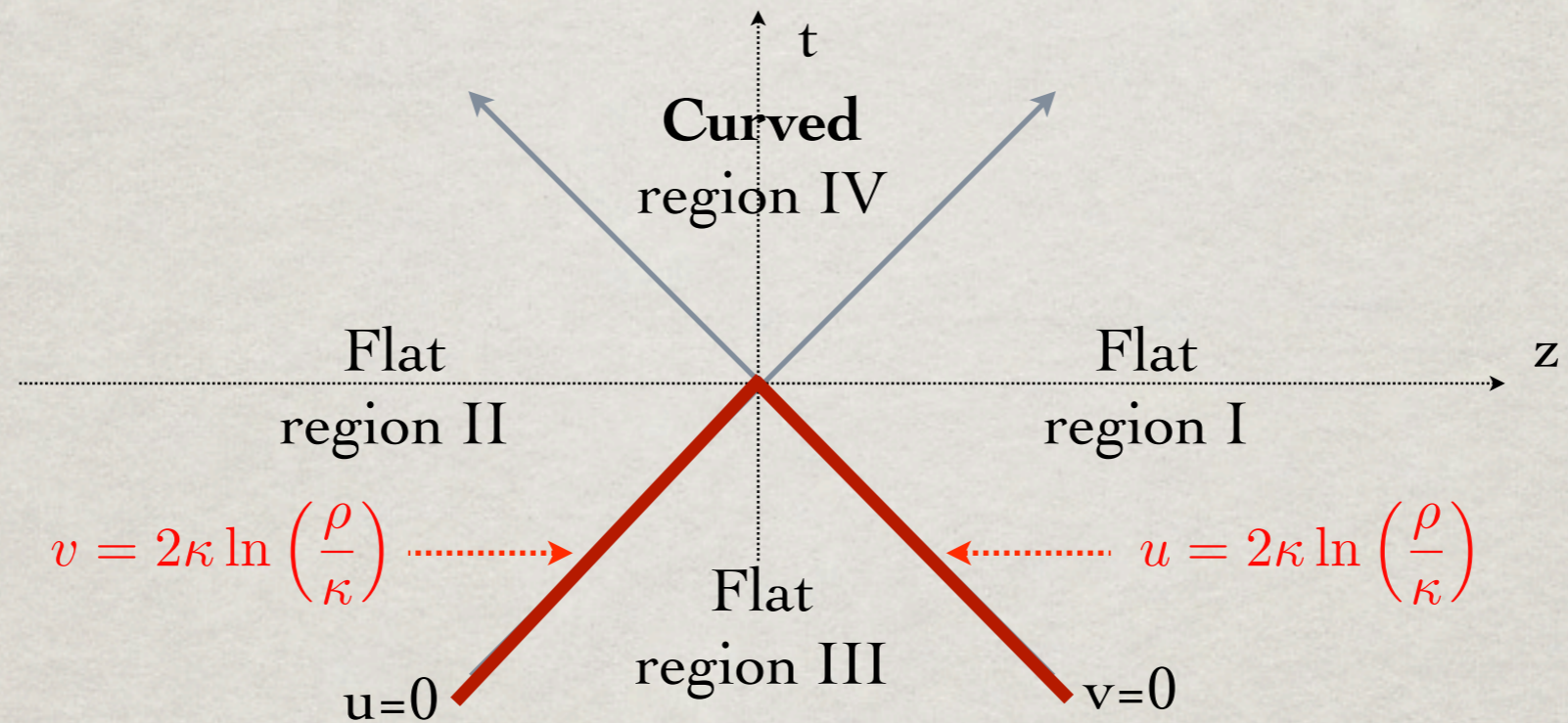


regions I, II and III

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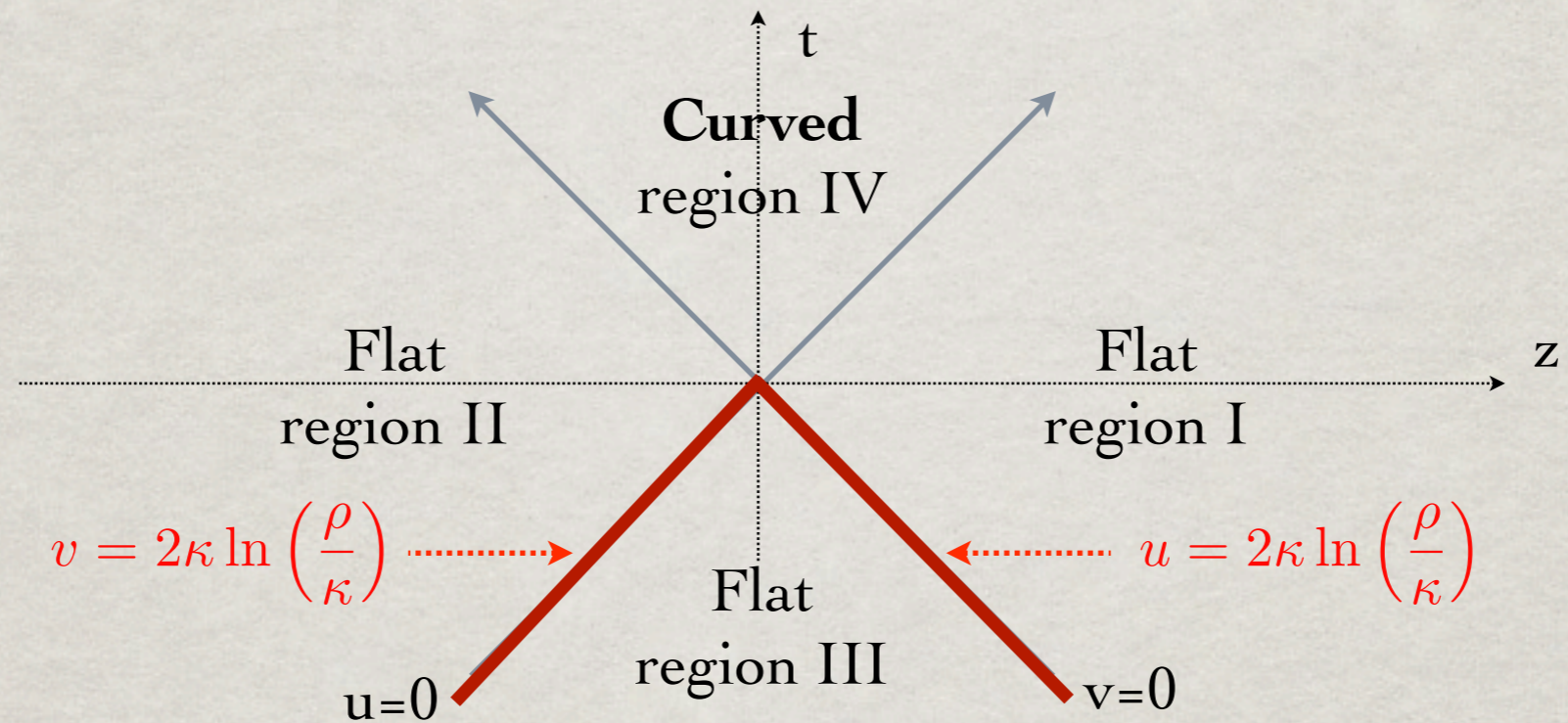
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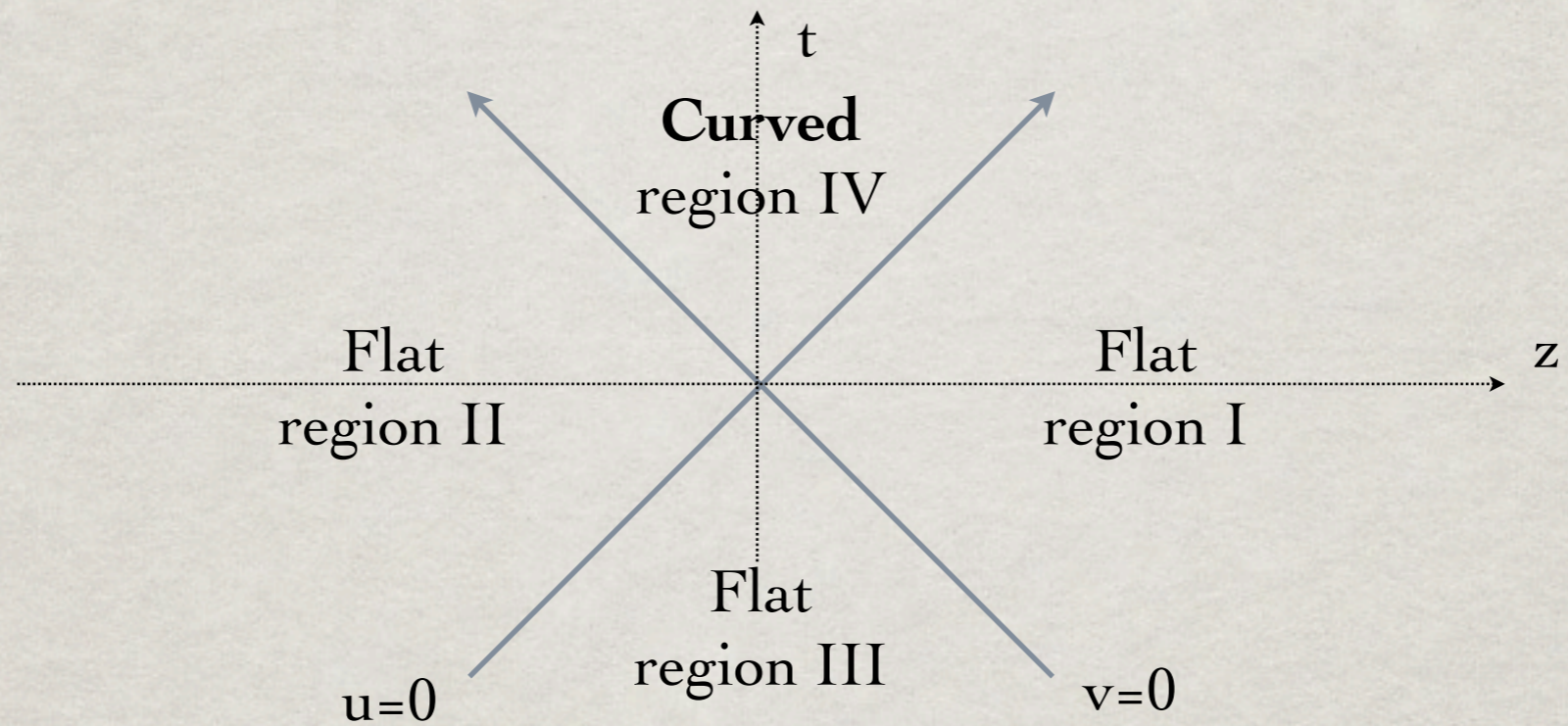
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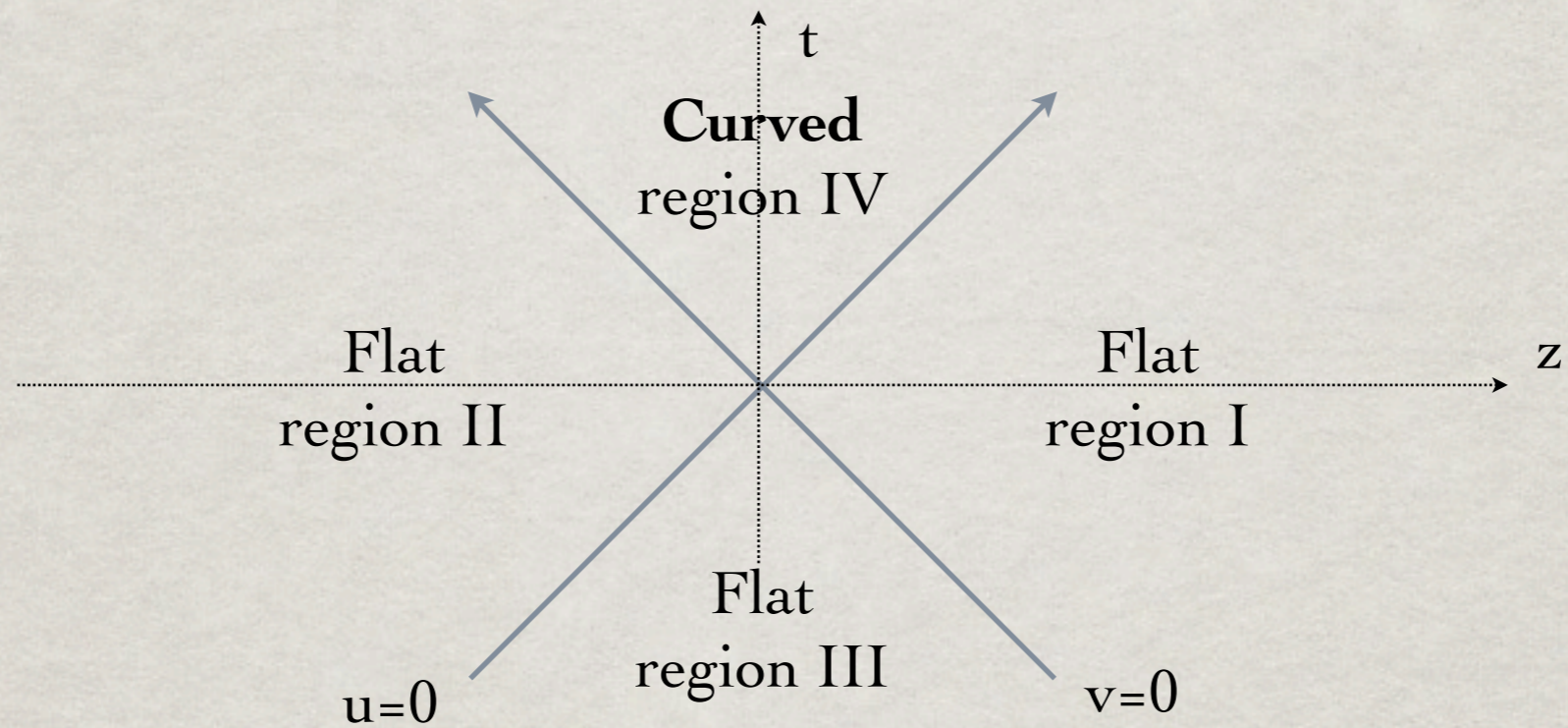
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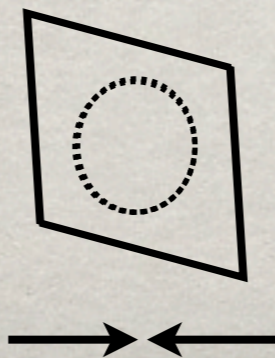


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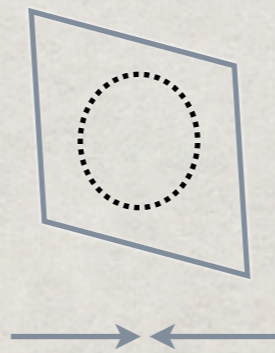
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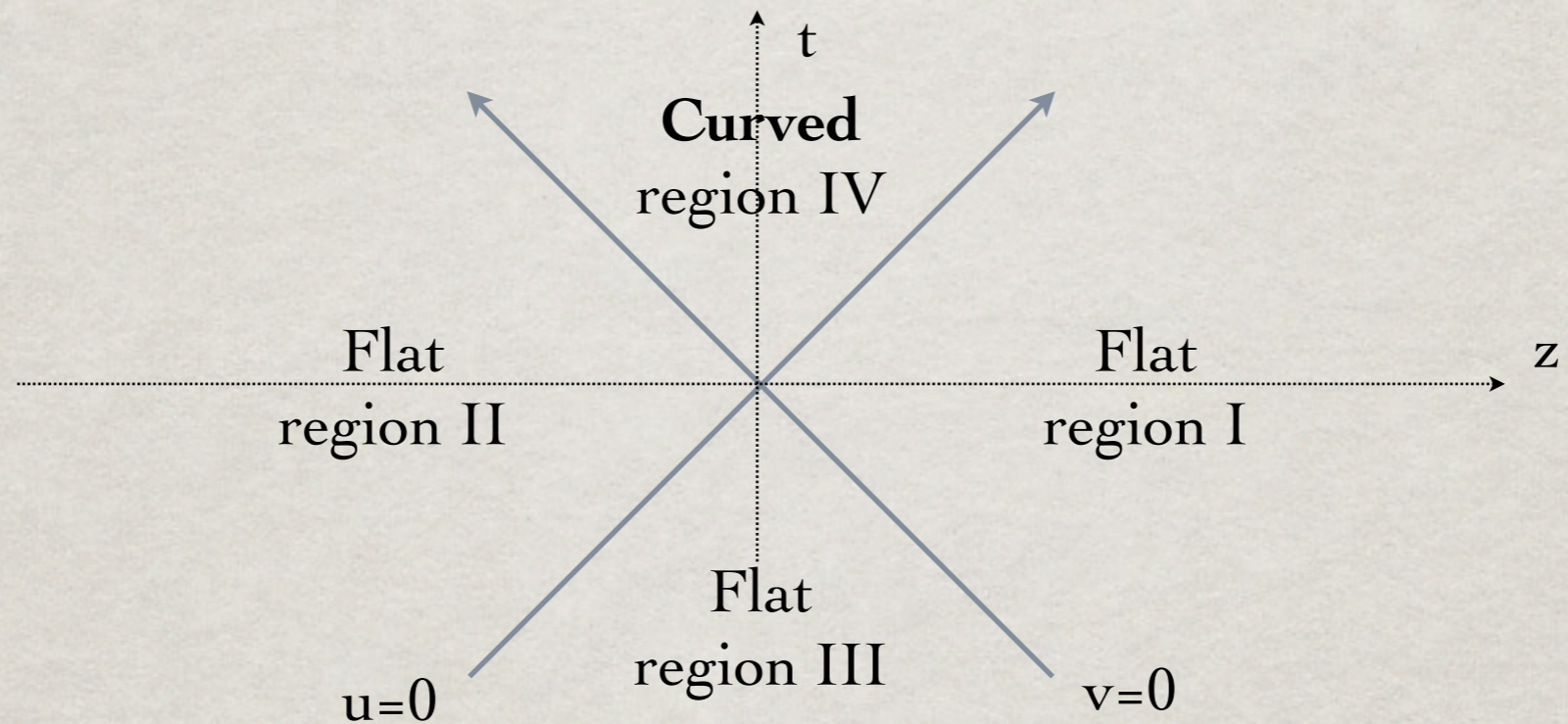


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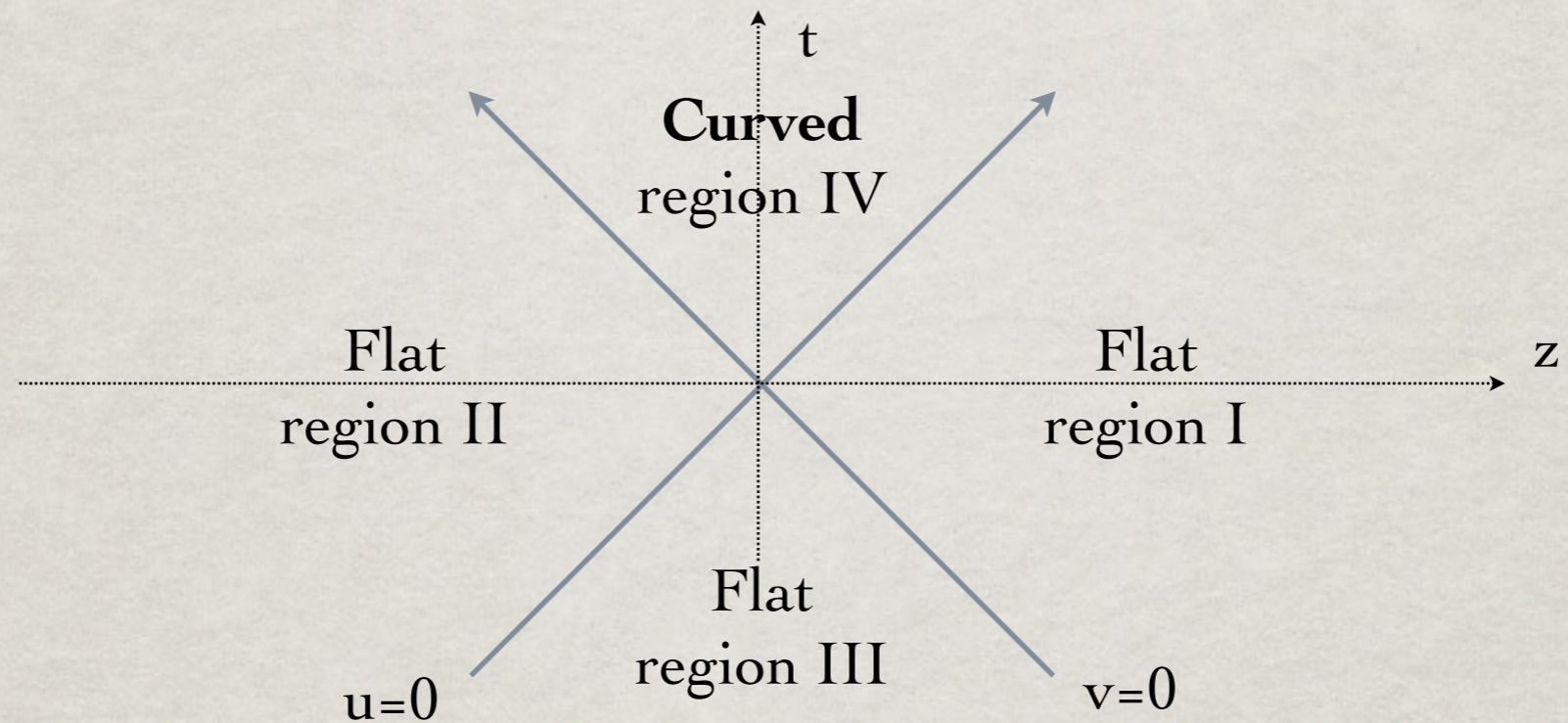
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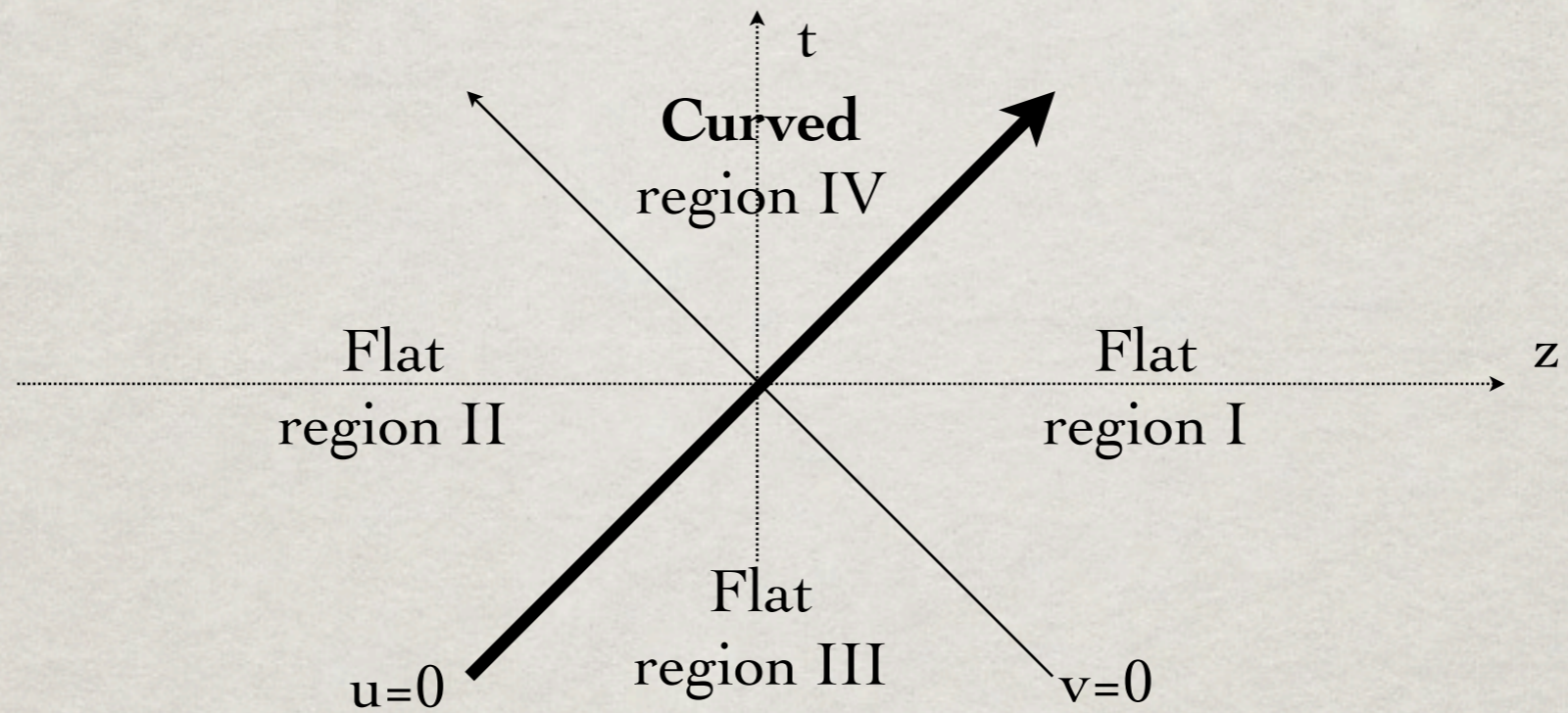


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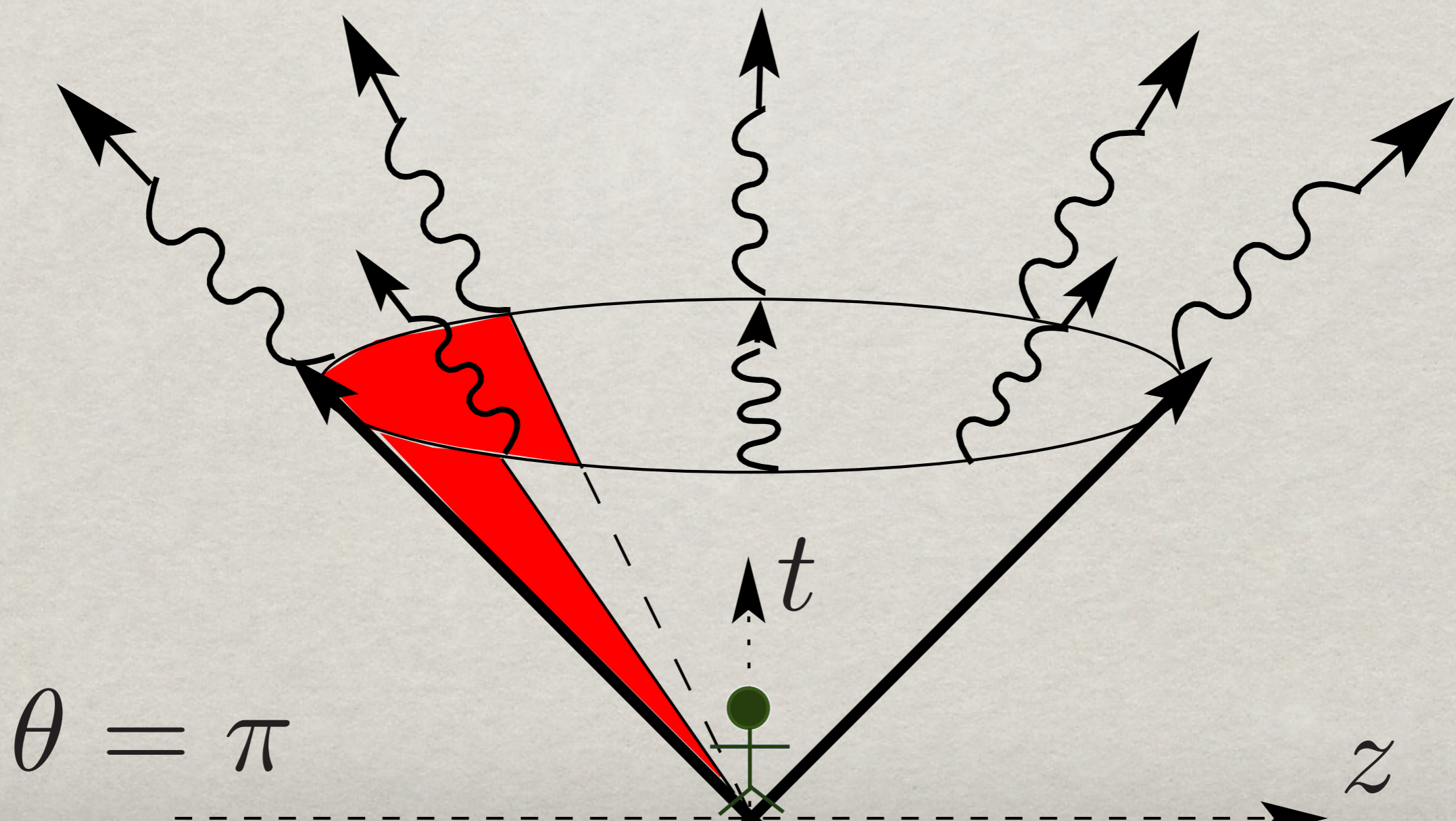
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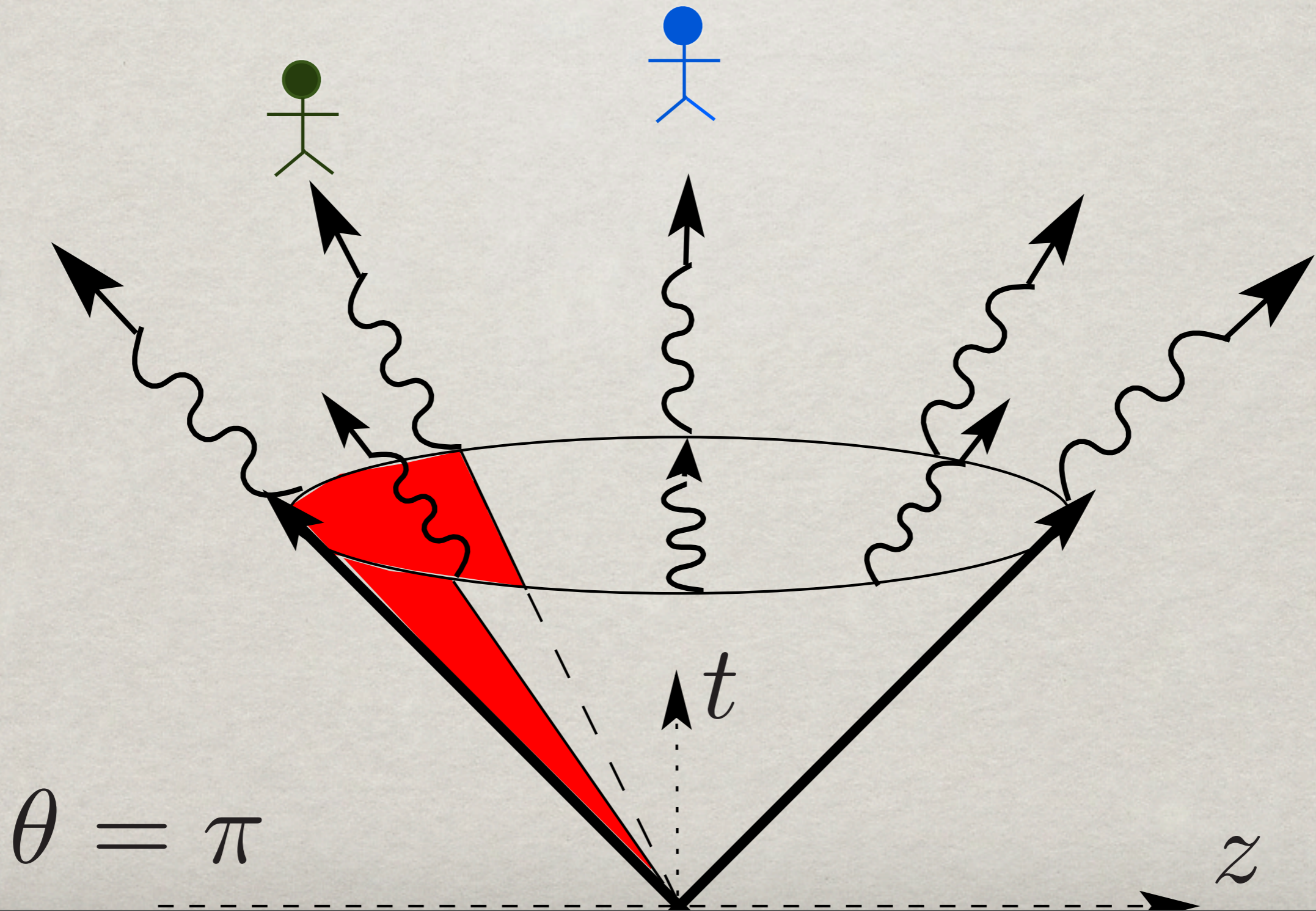
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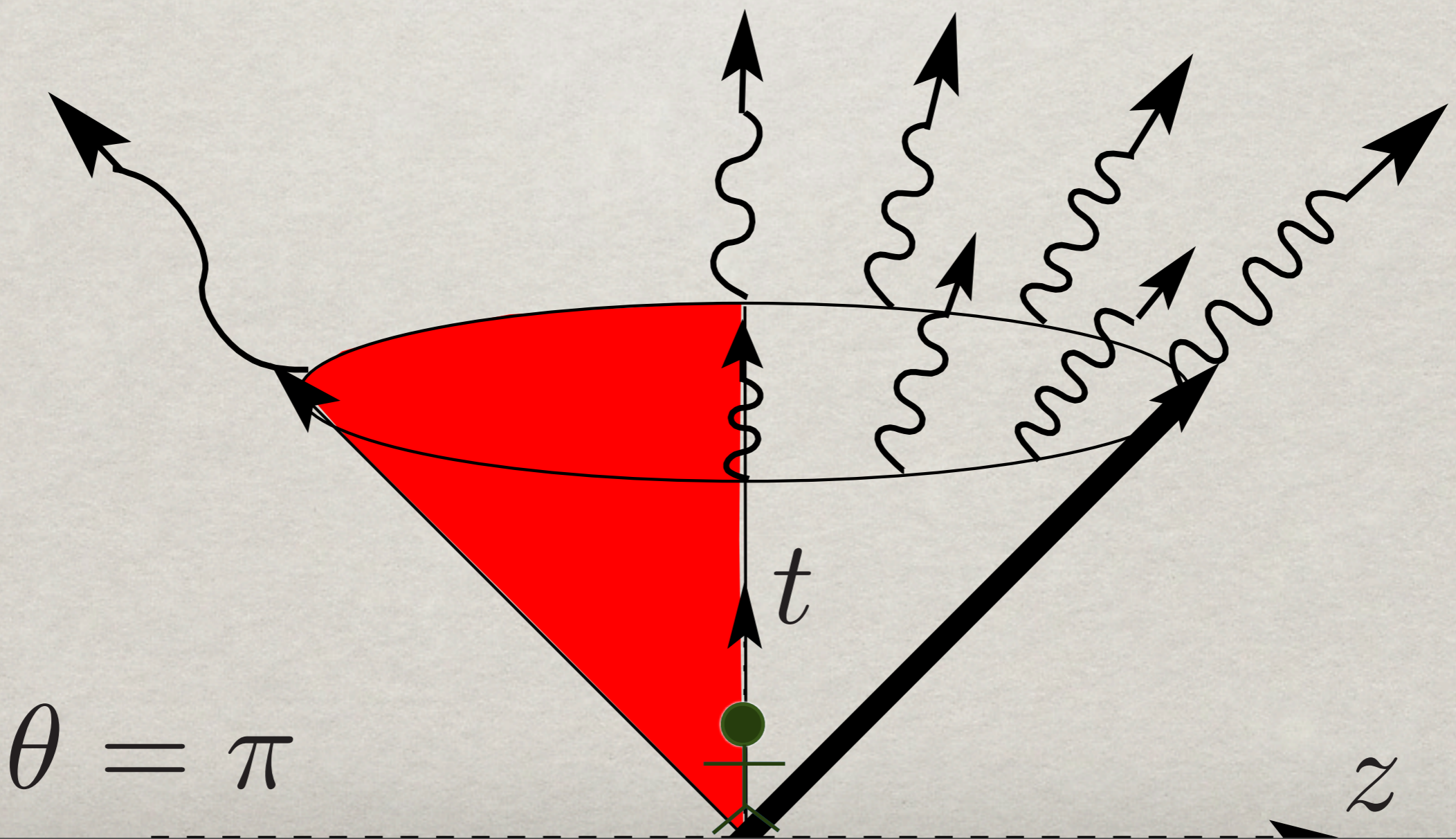
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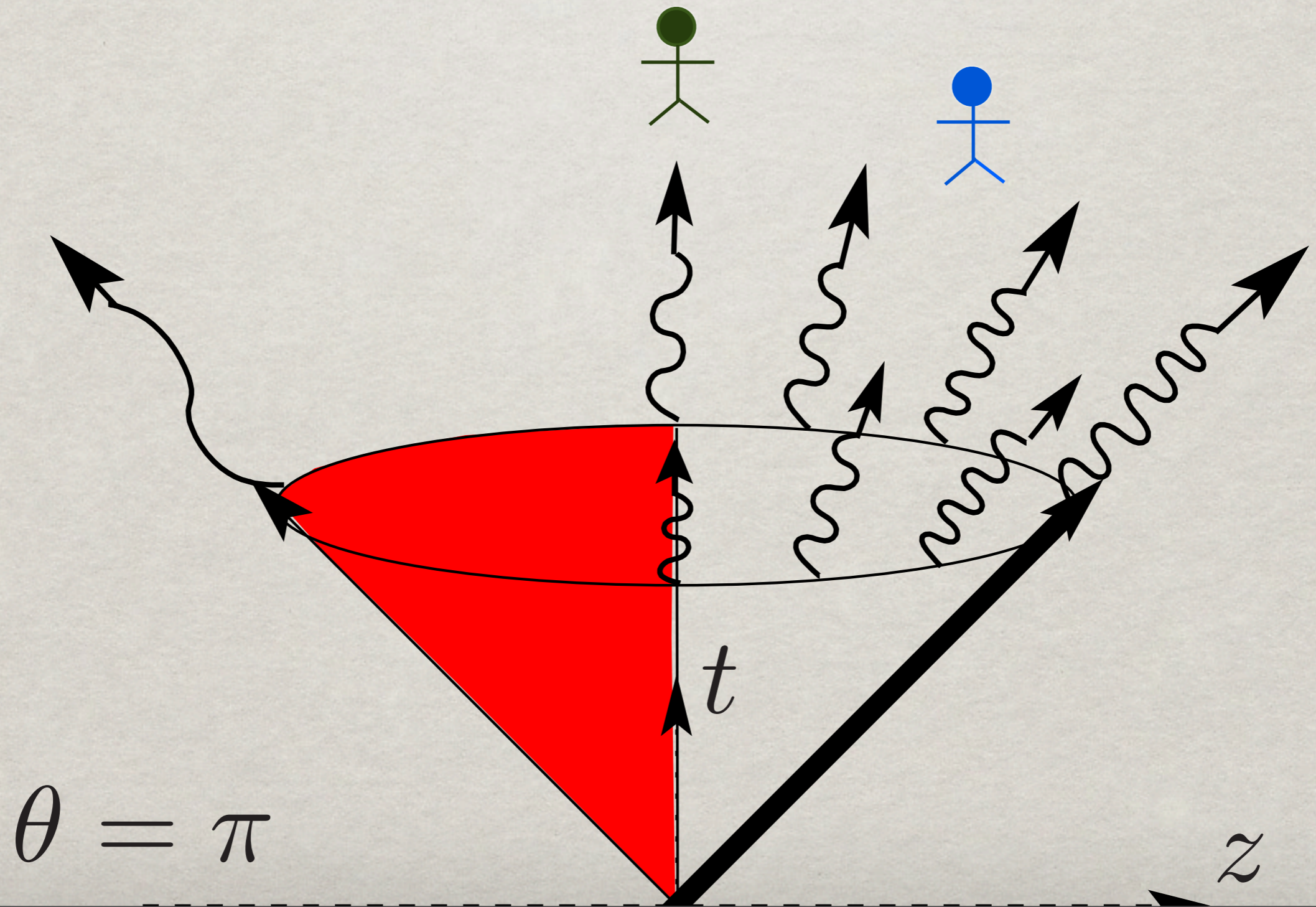
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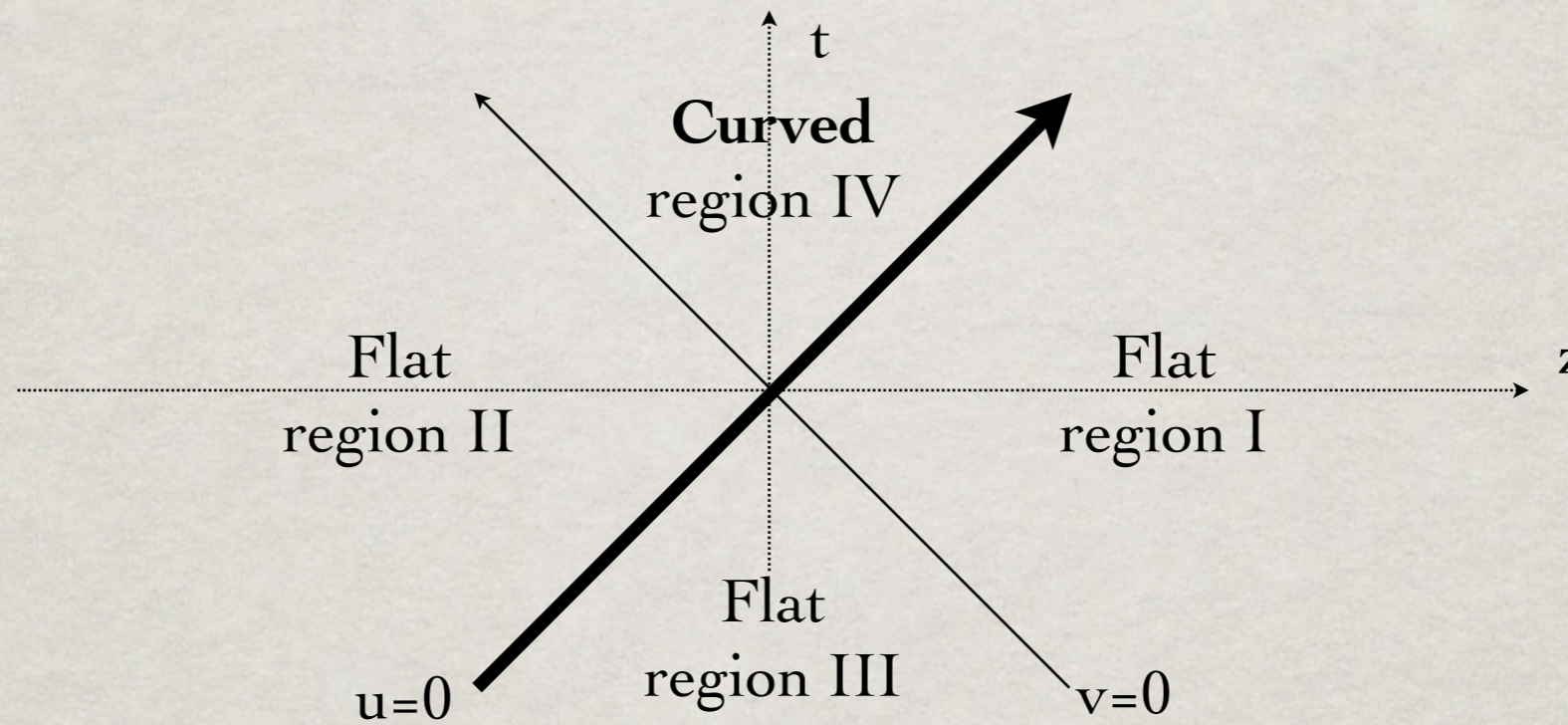
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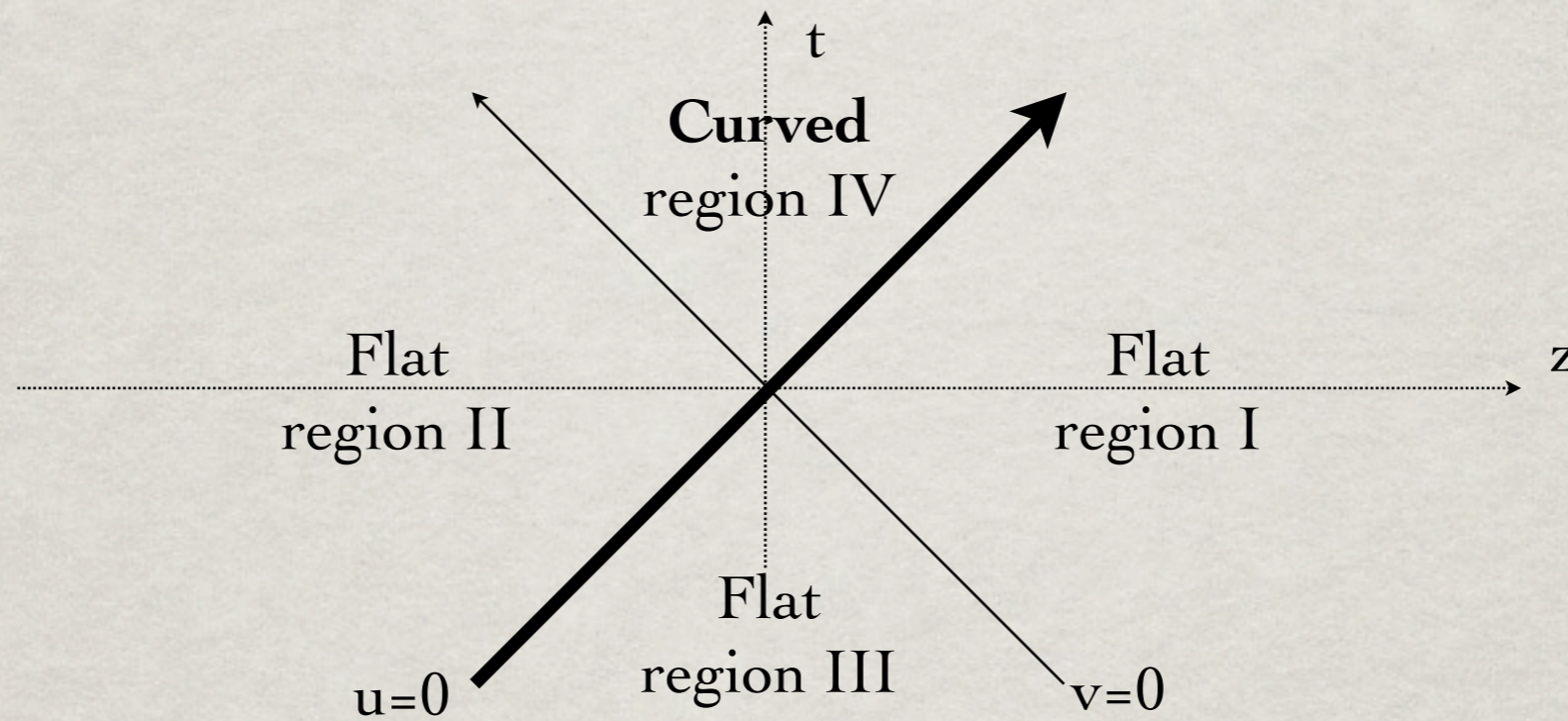
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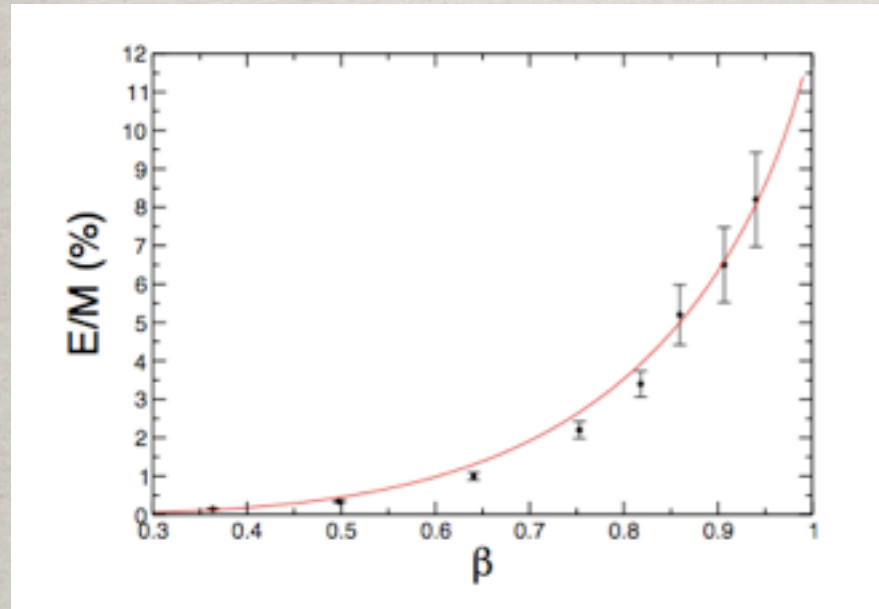
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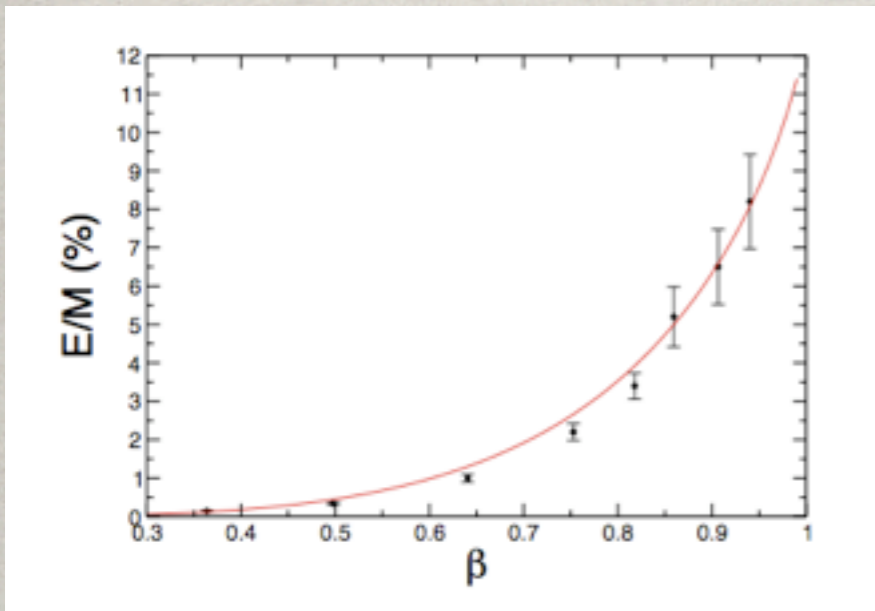
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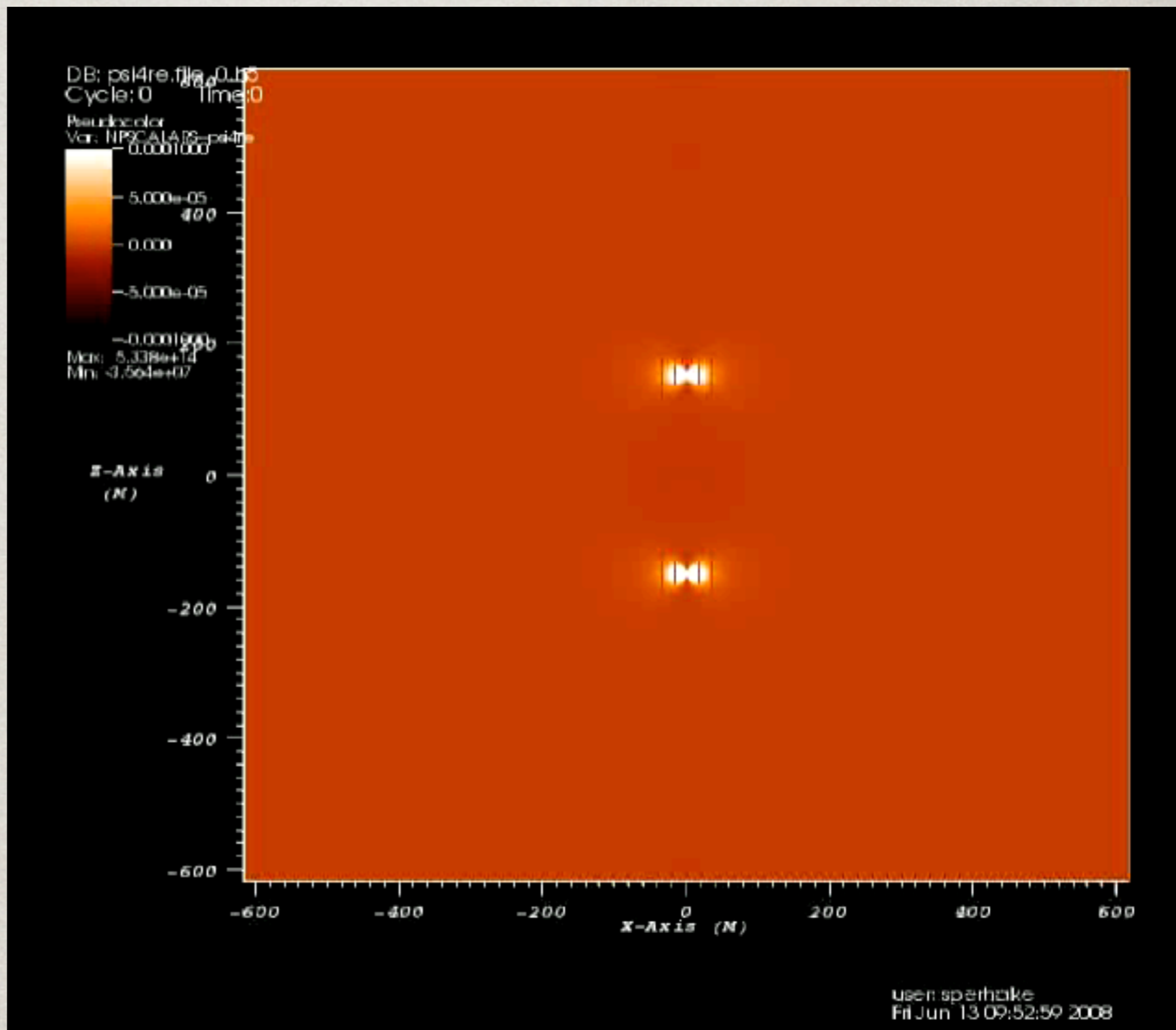


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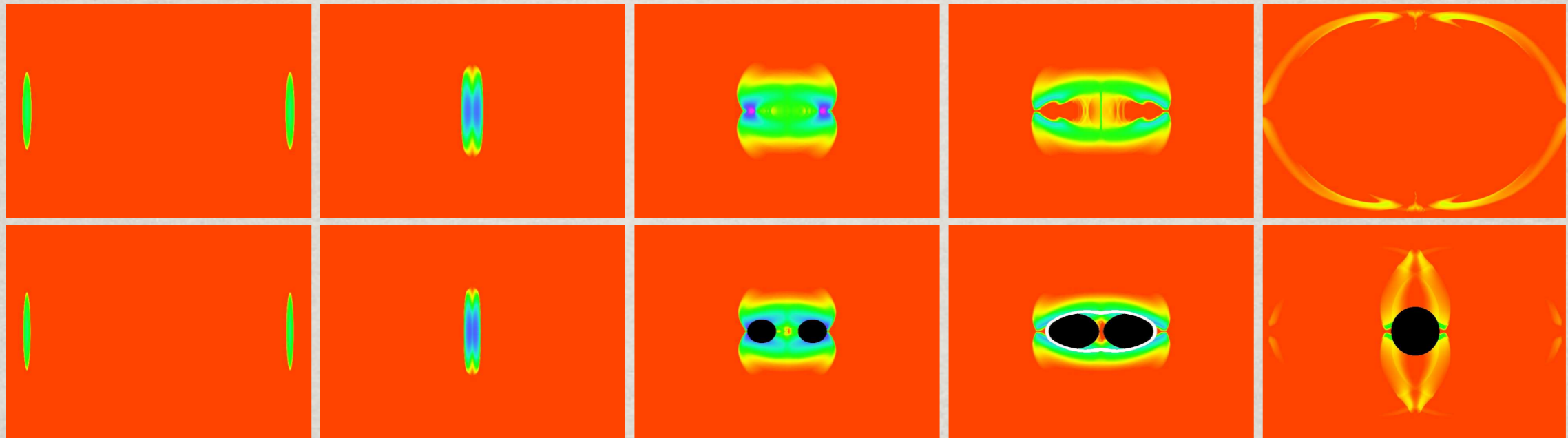
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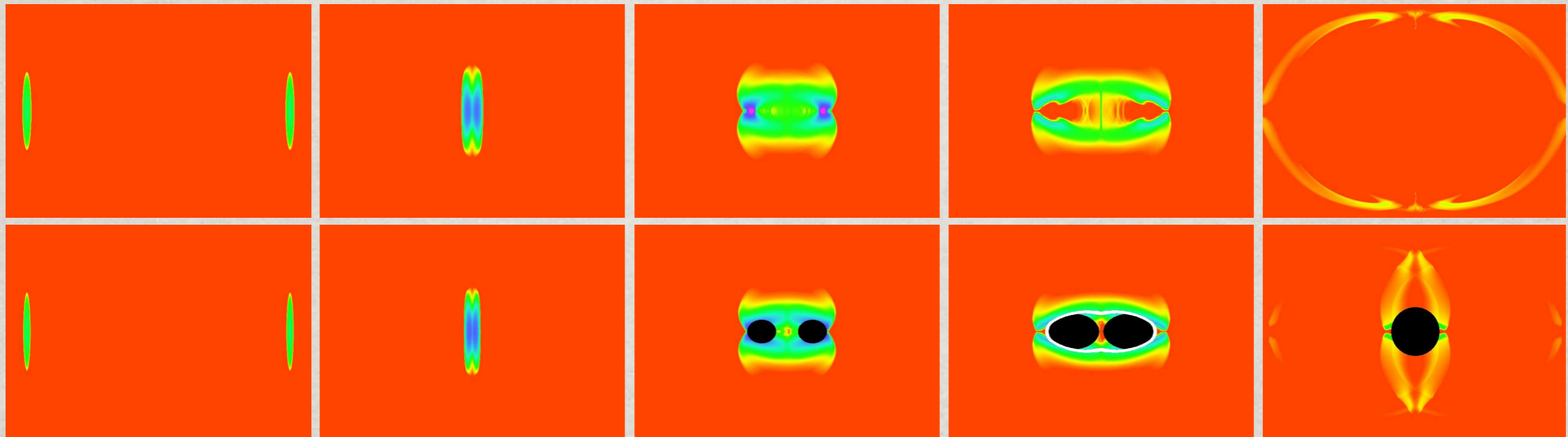
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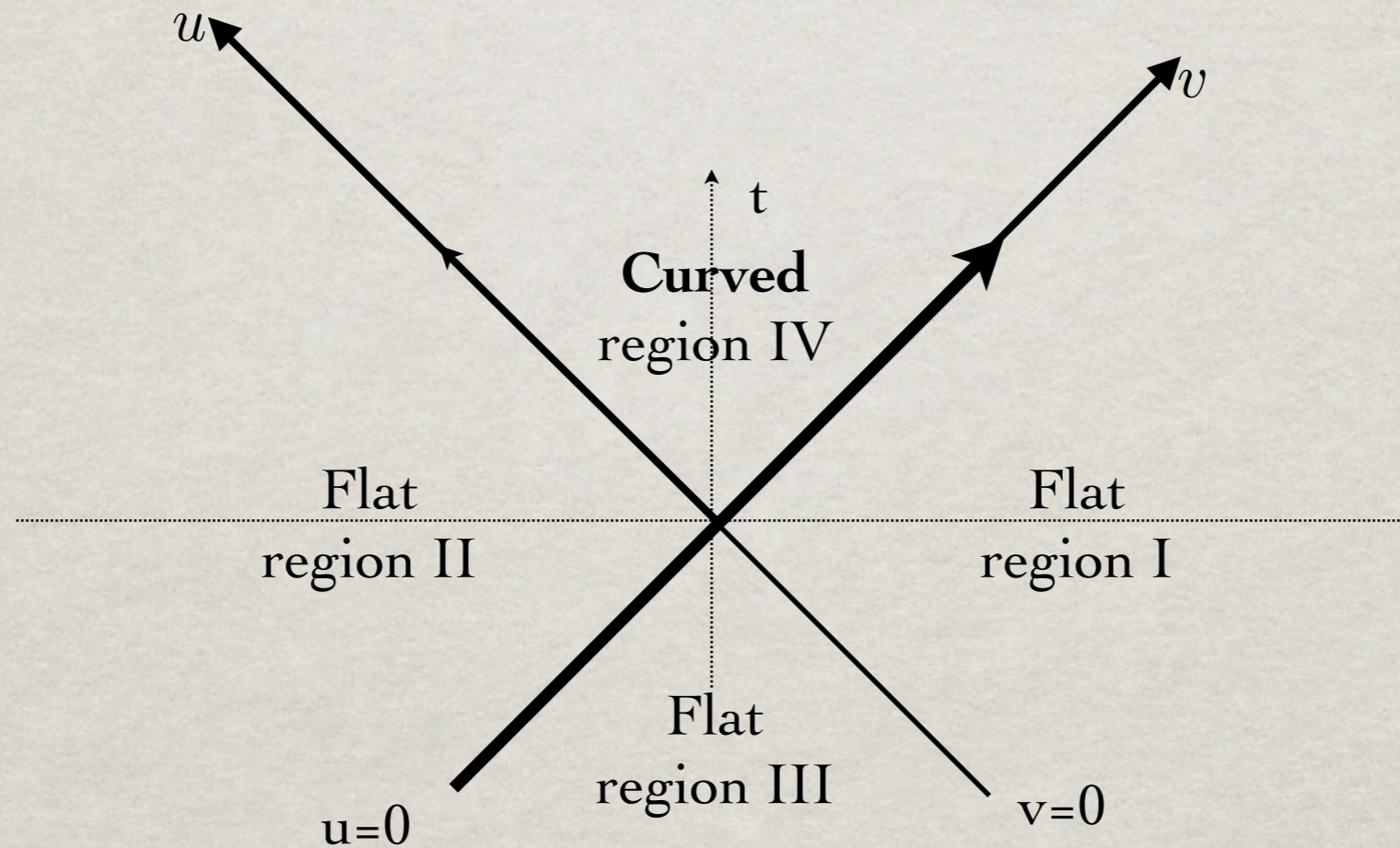
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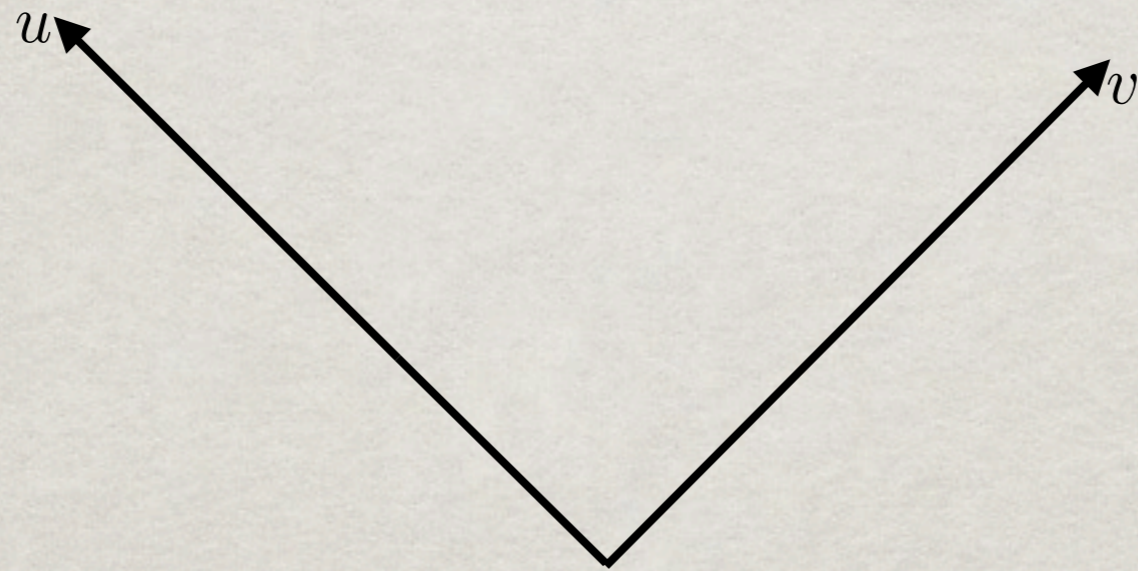
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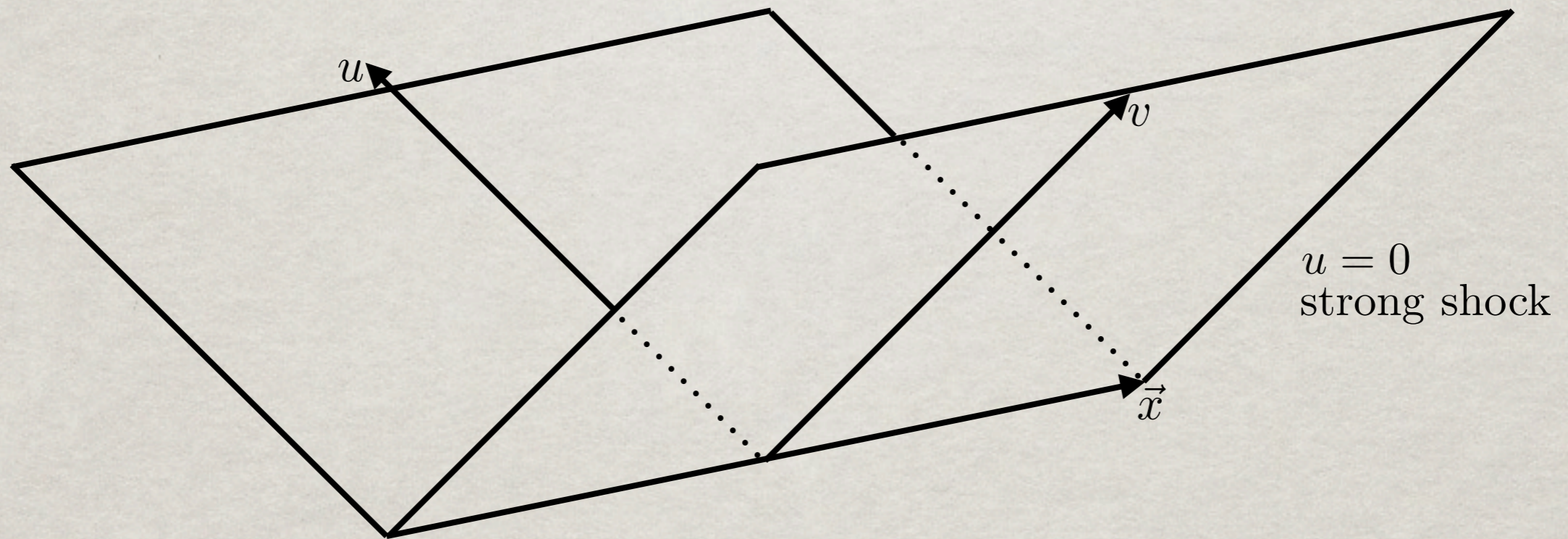
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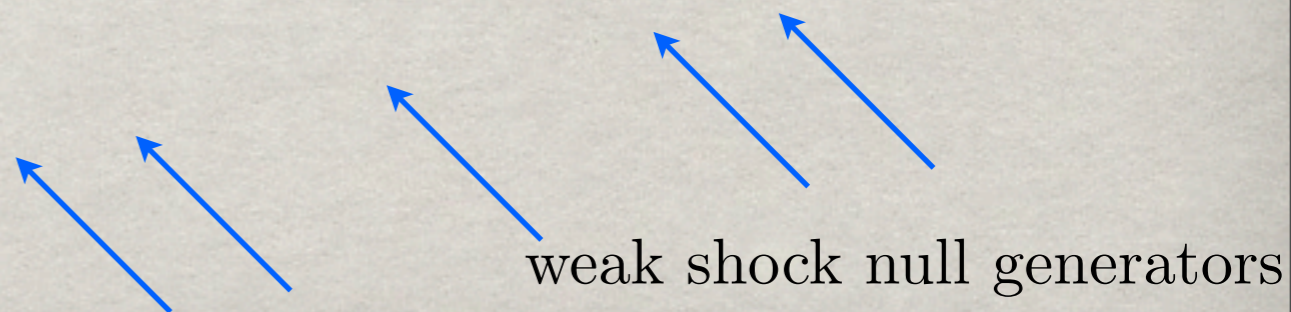
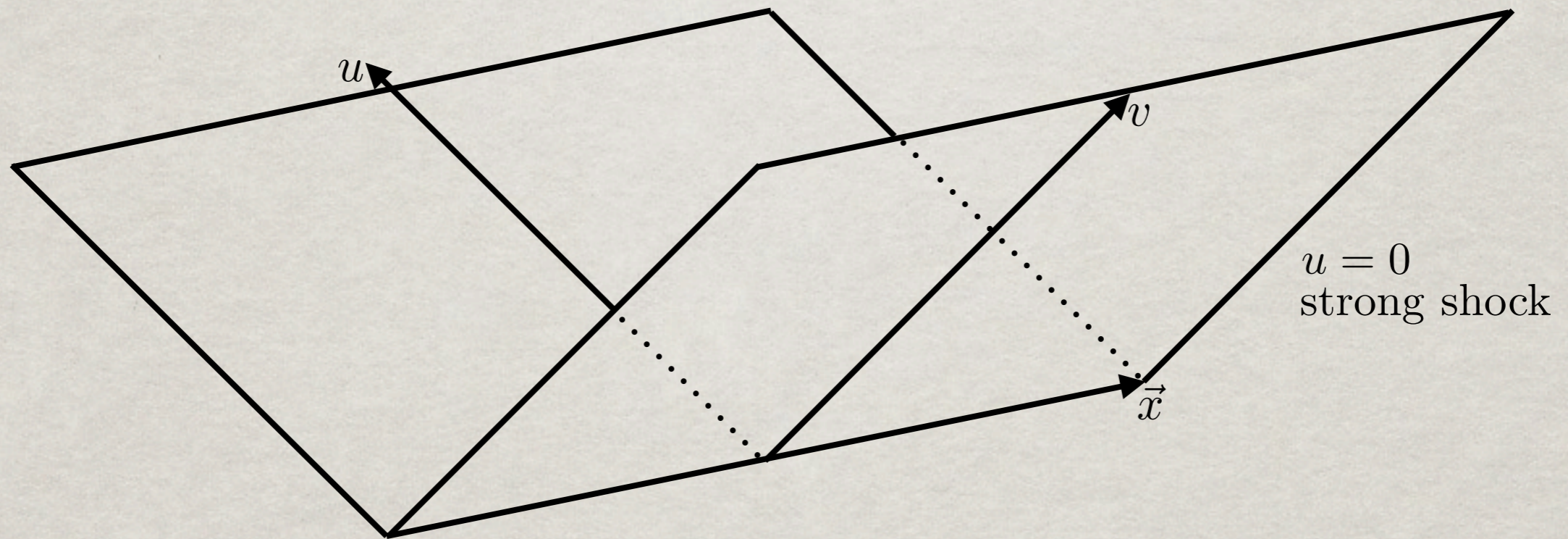
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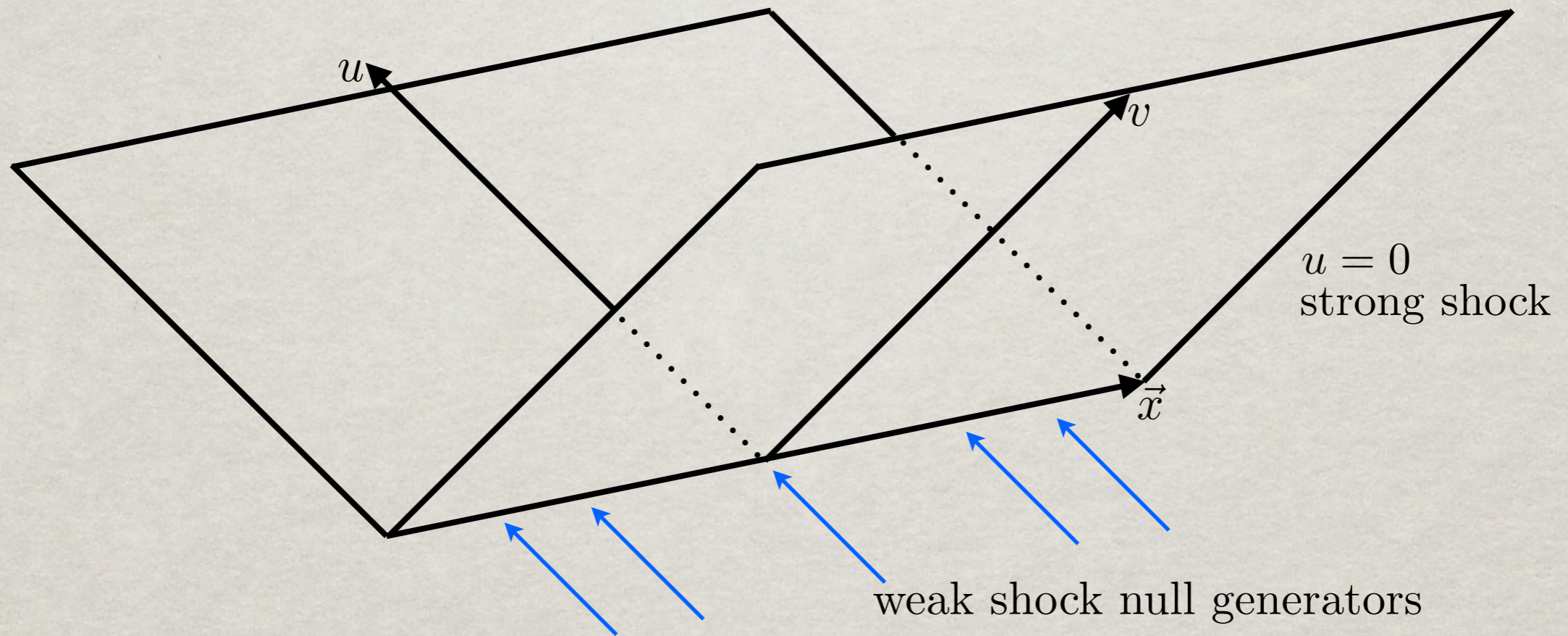
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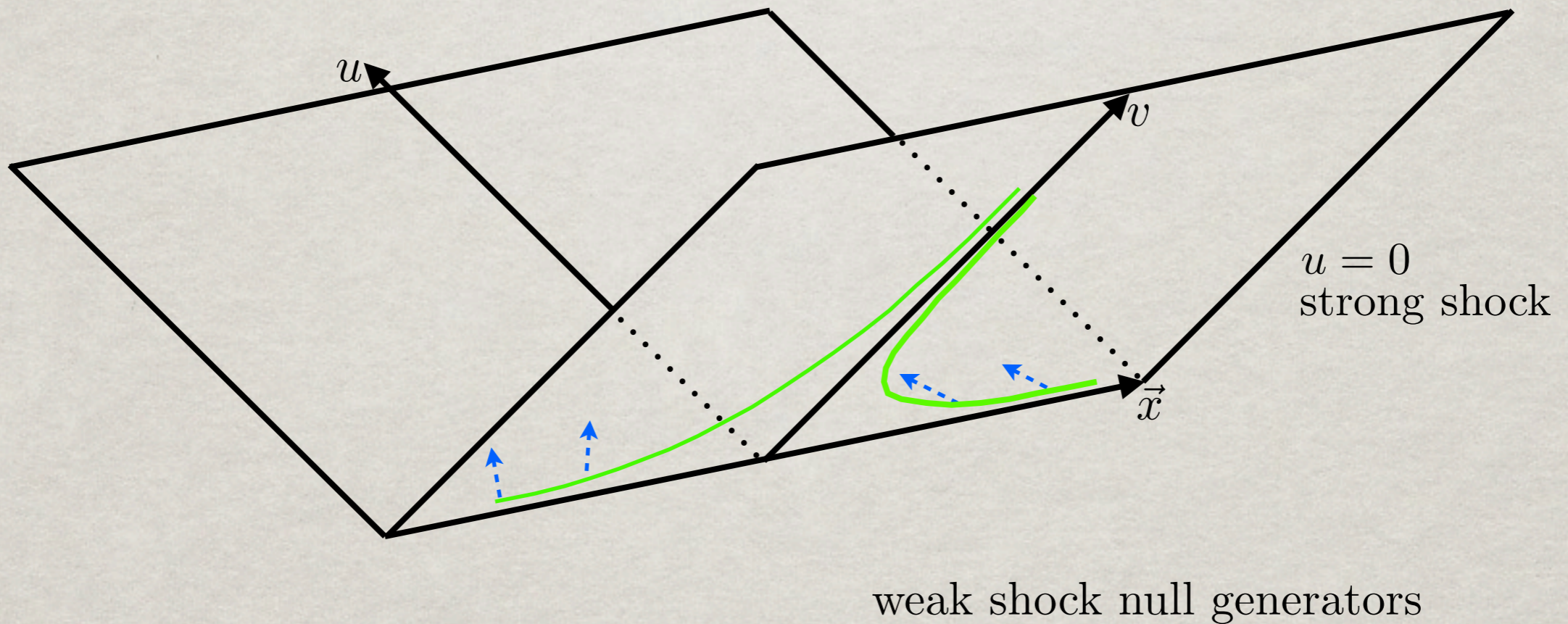
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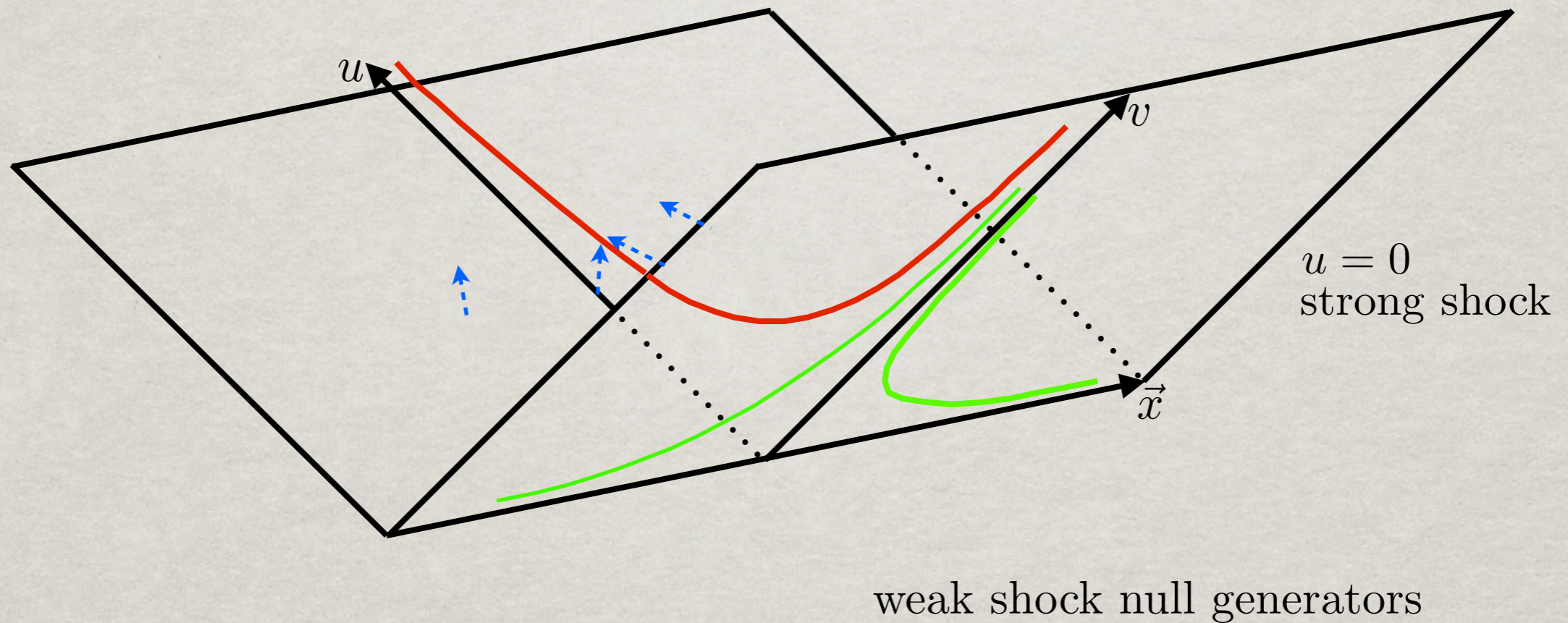
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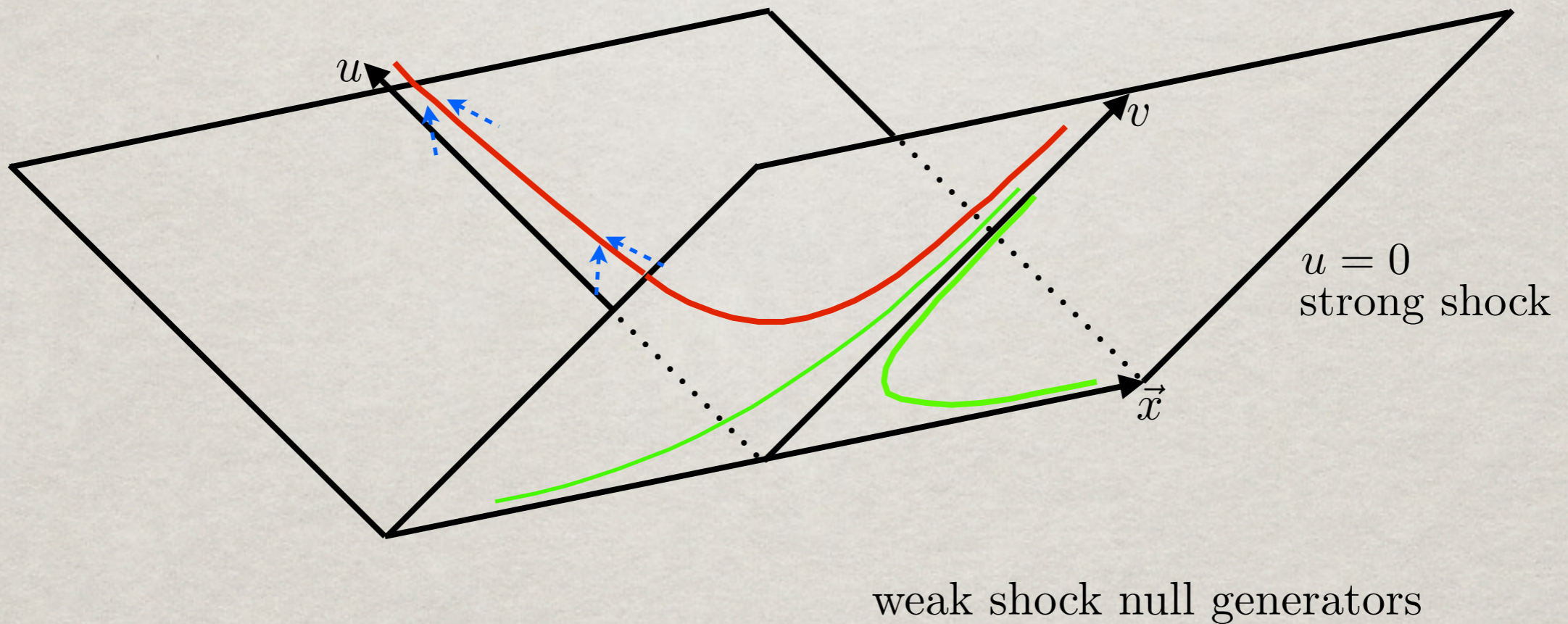
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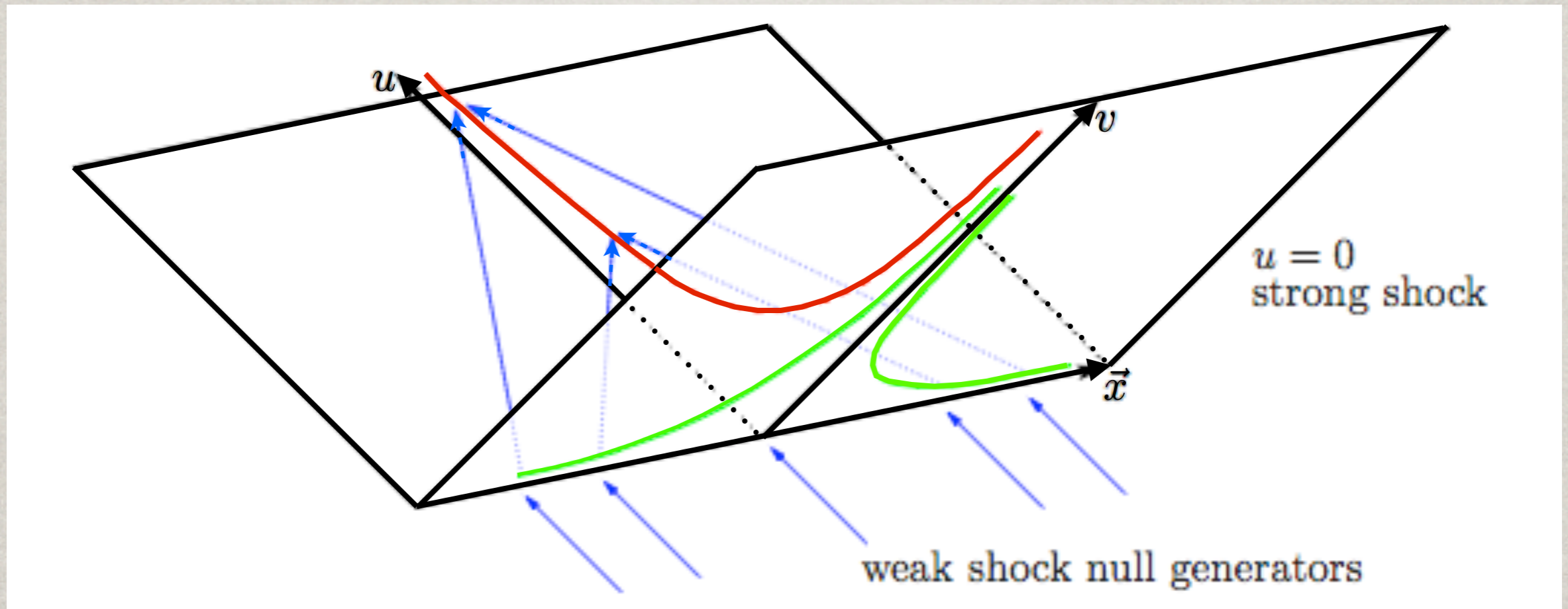
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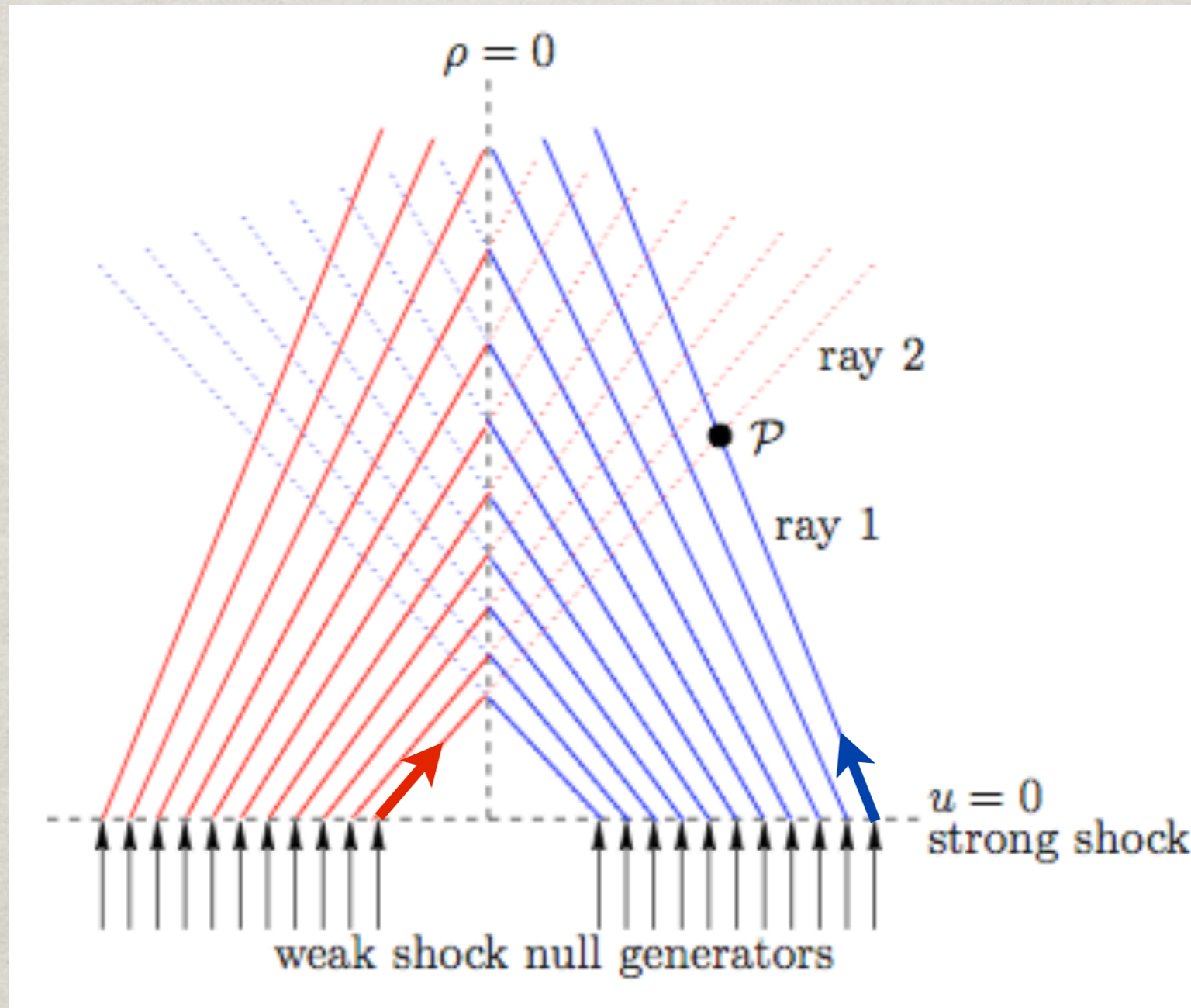
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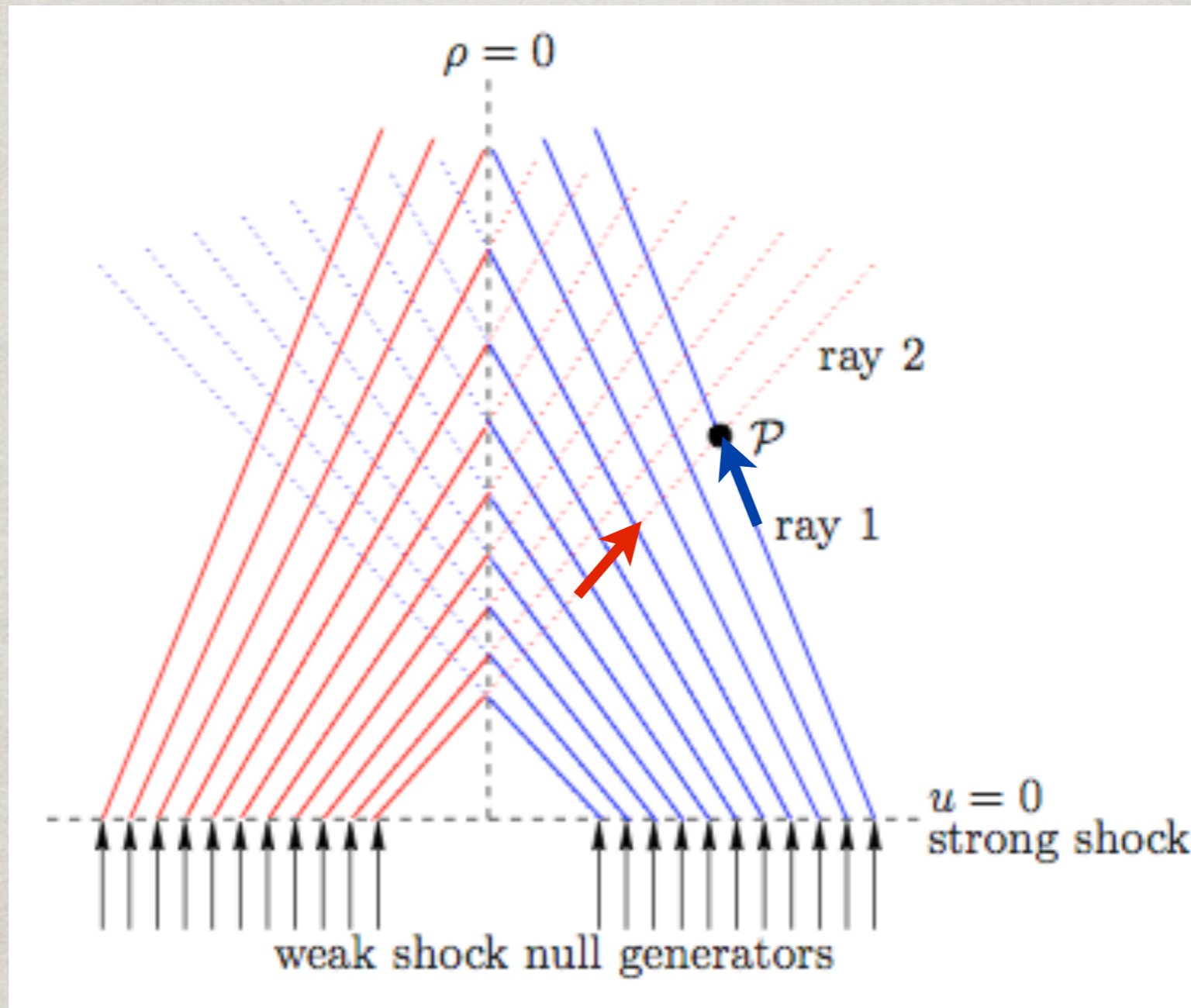
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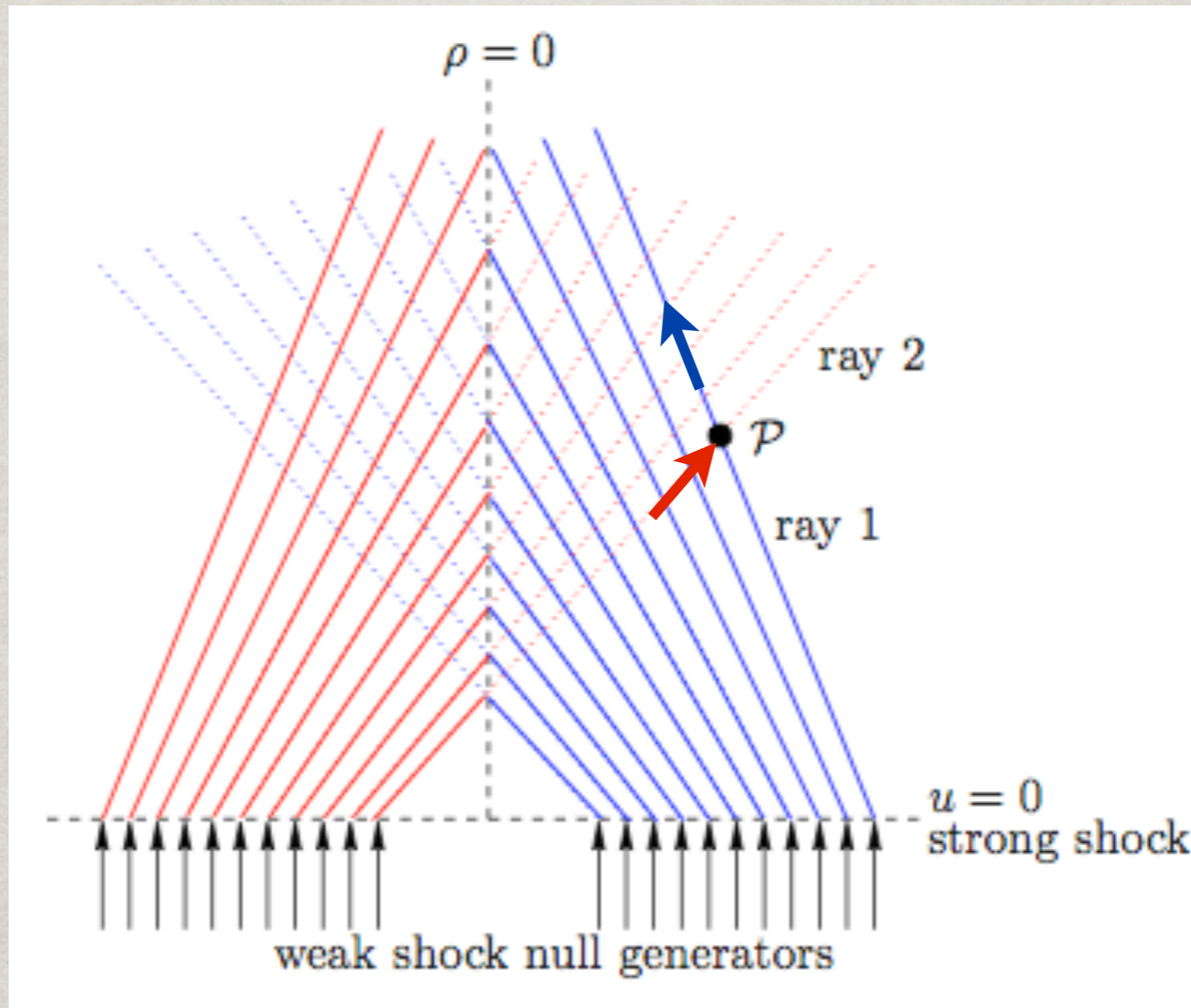


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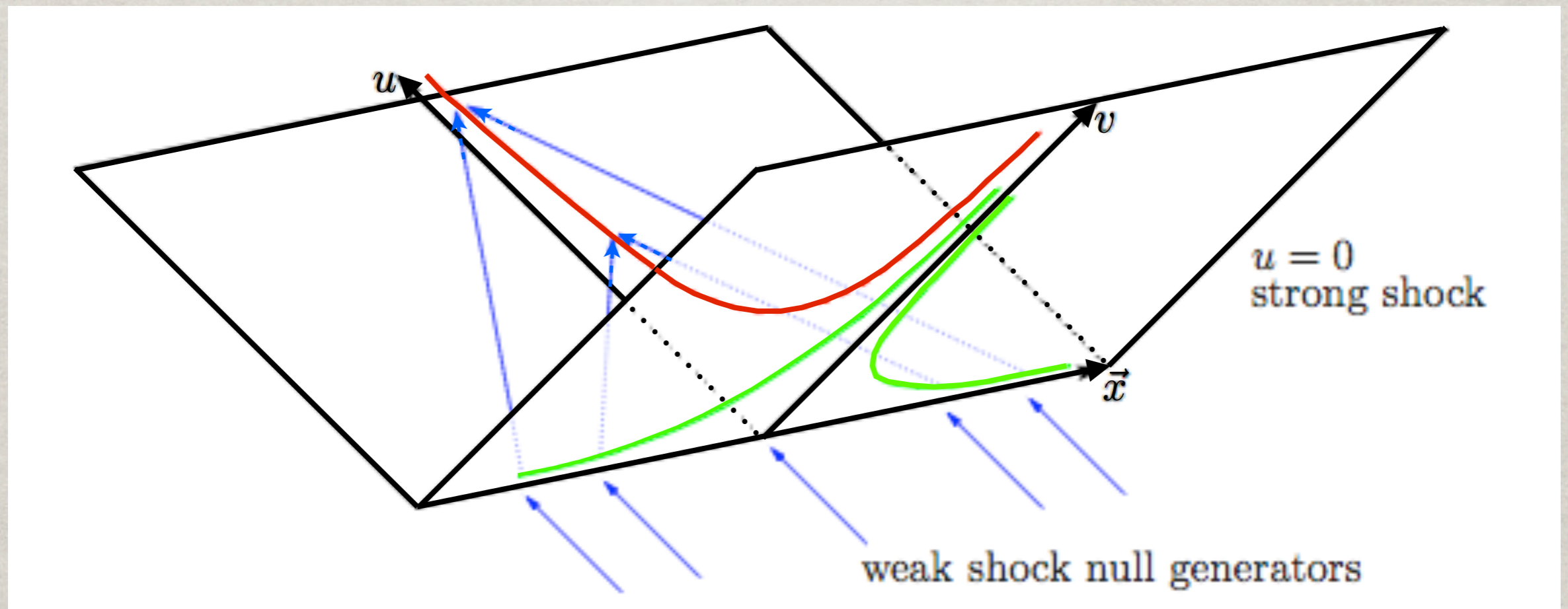
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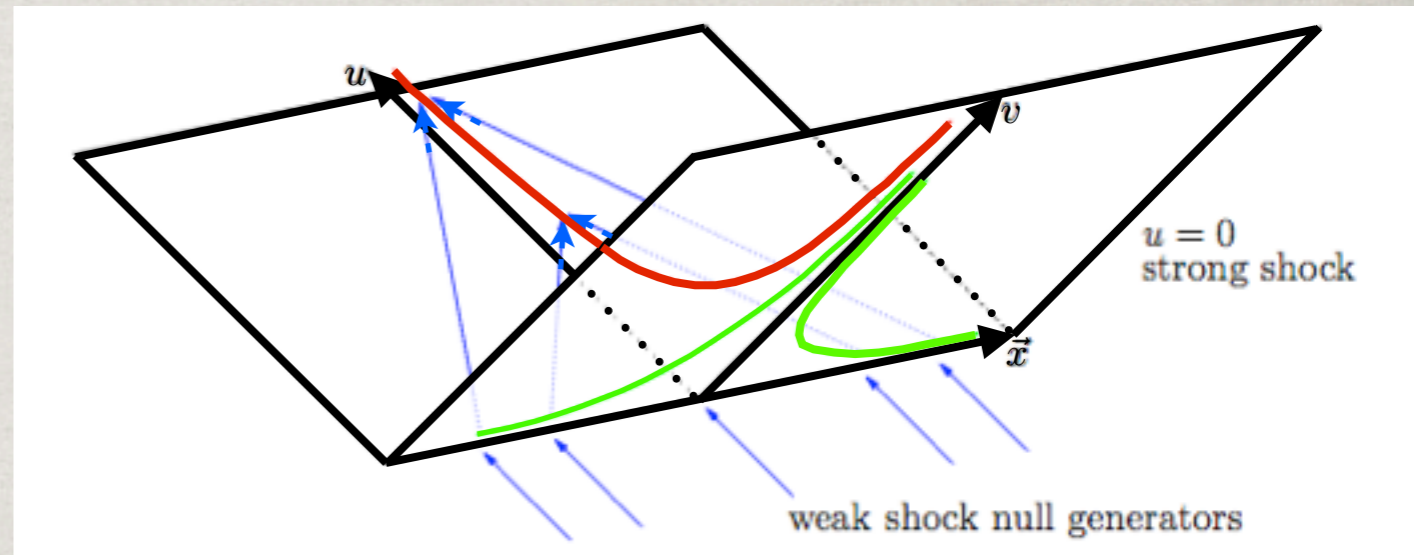
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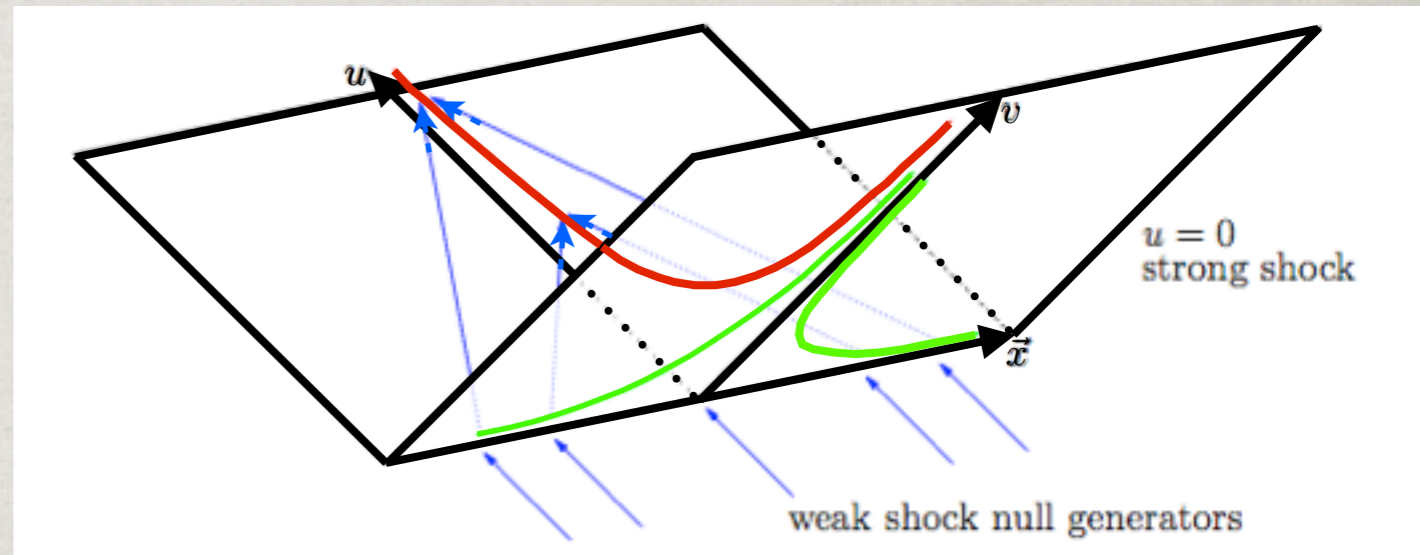
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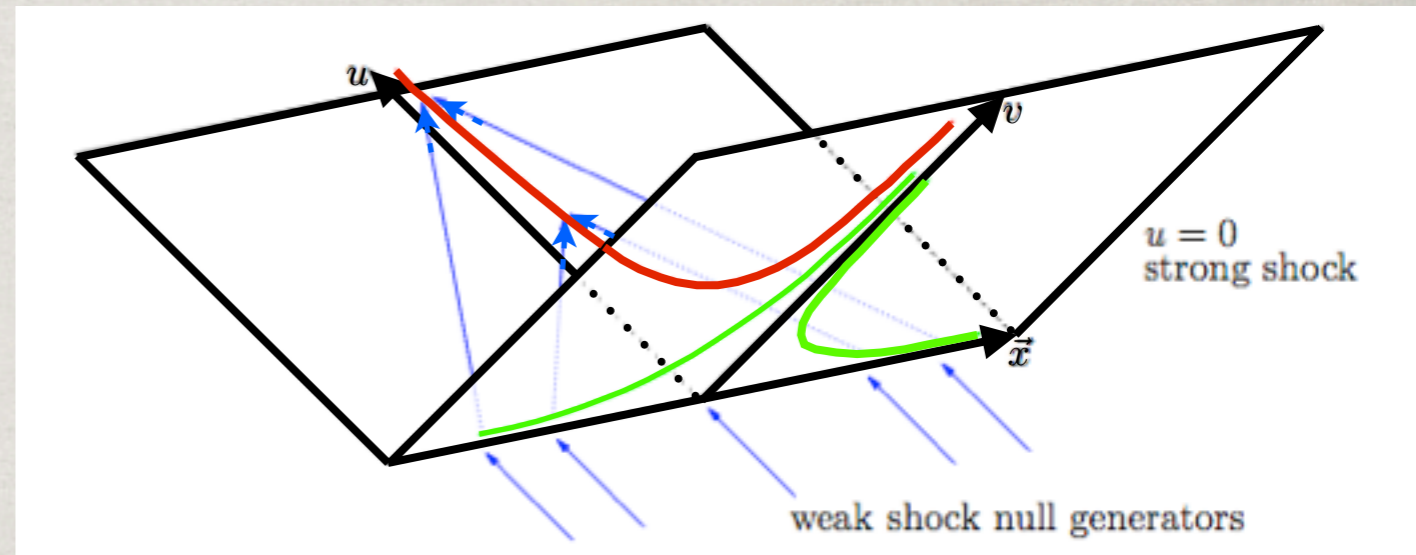
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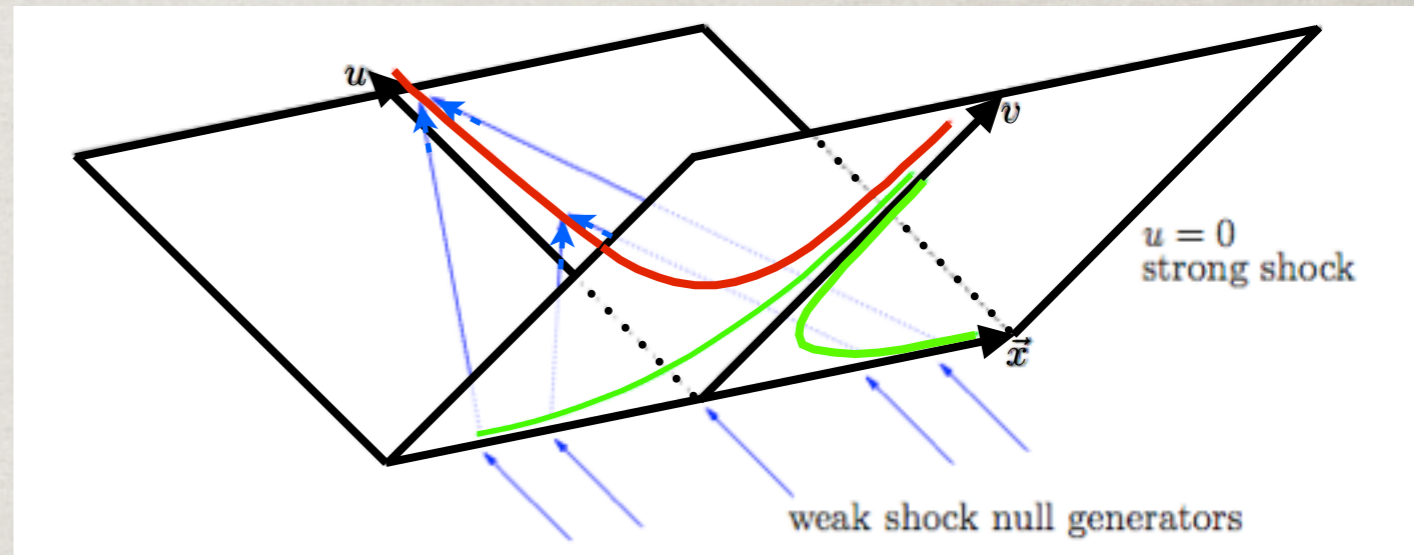
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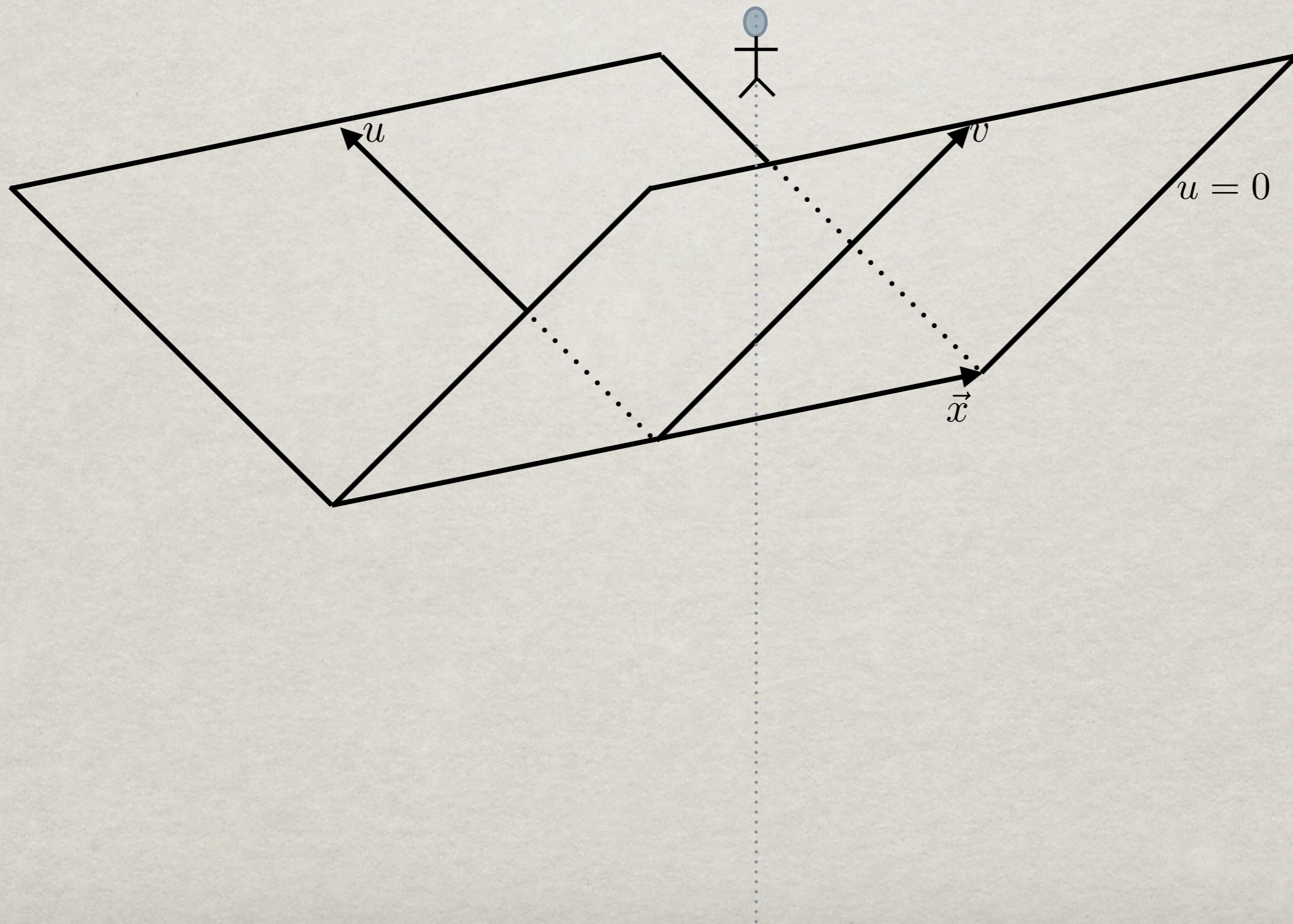
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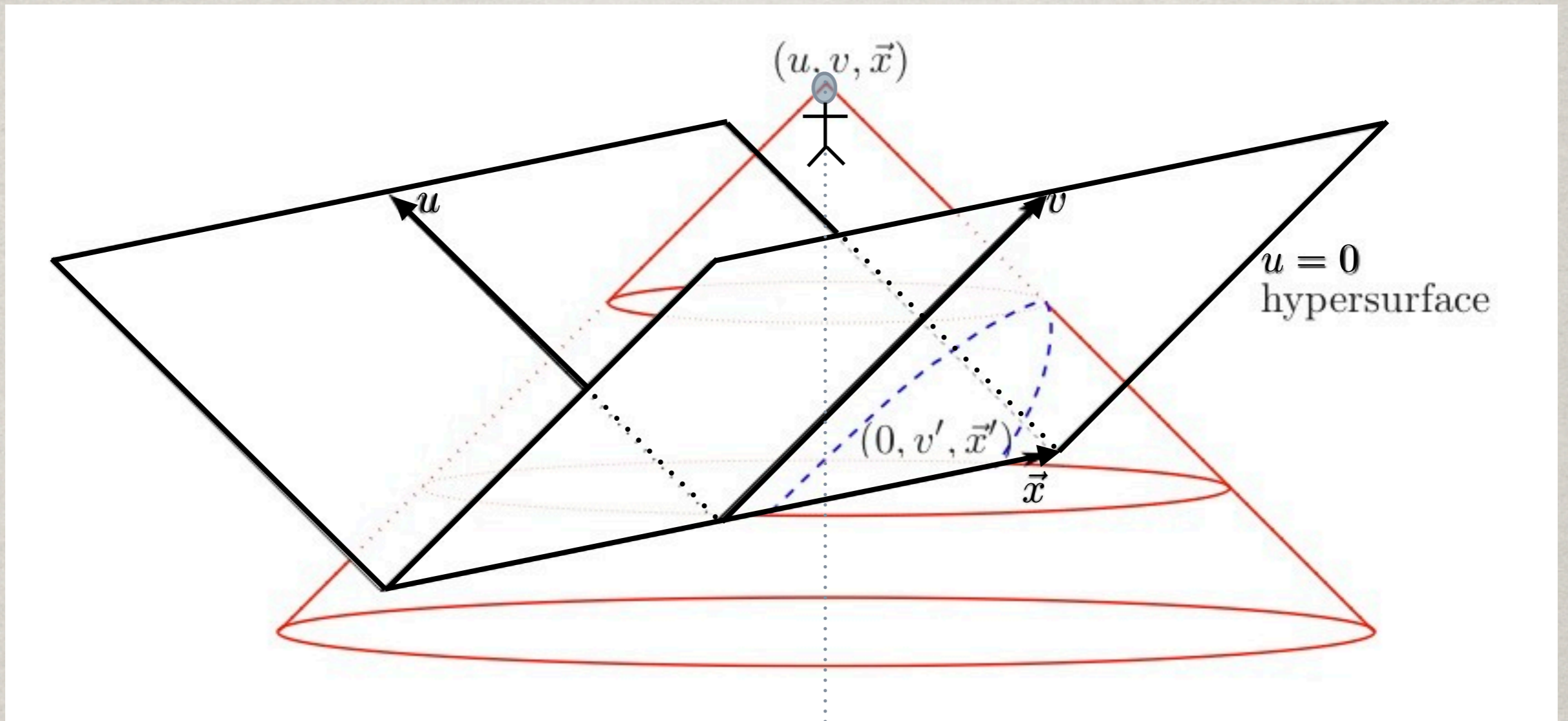
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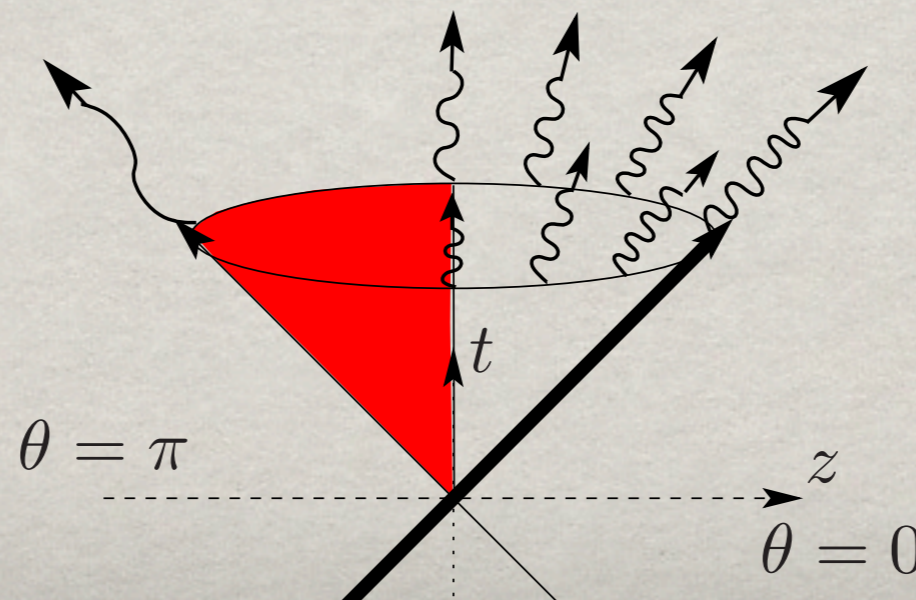
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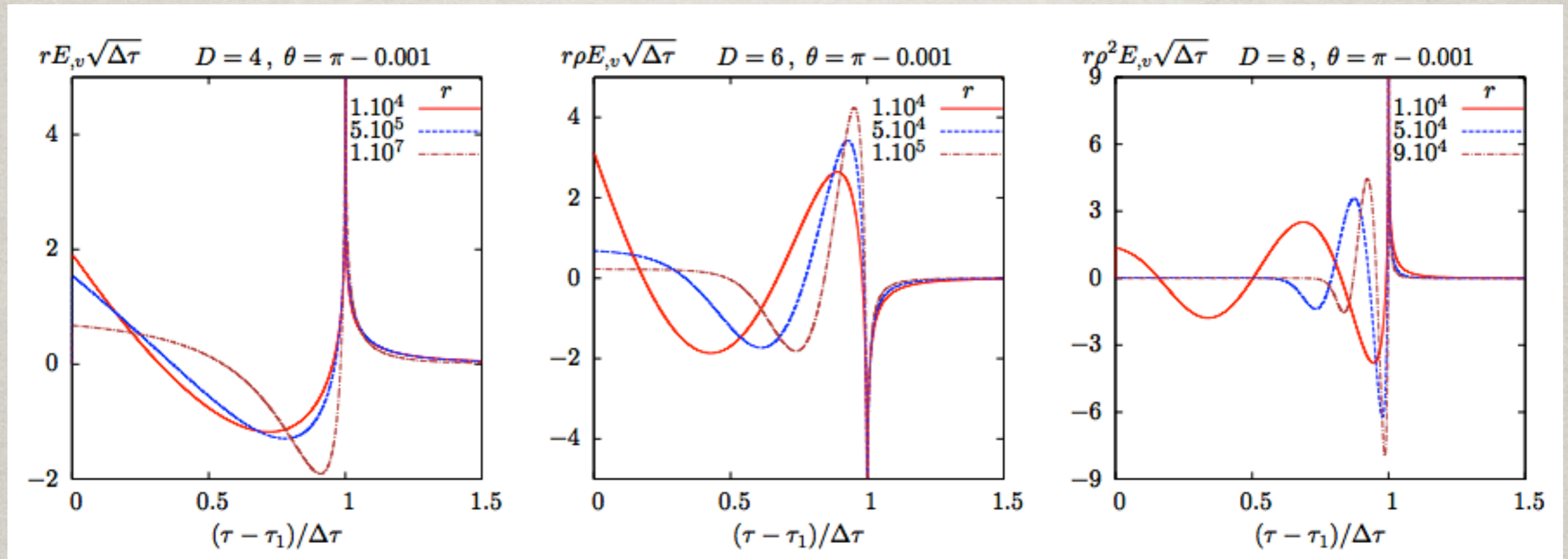
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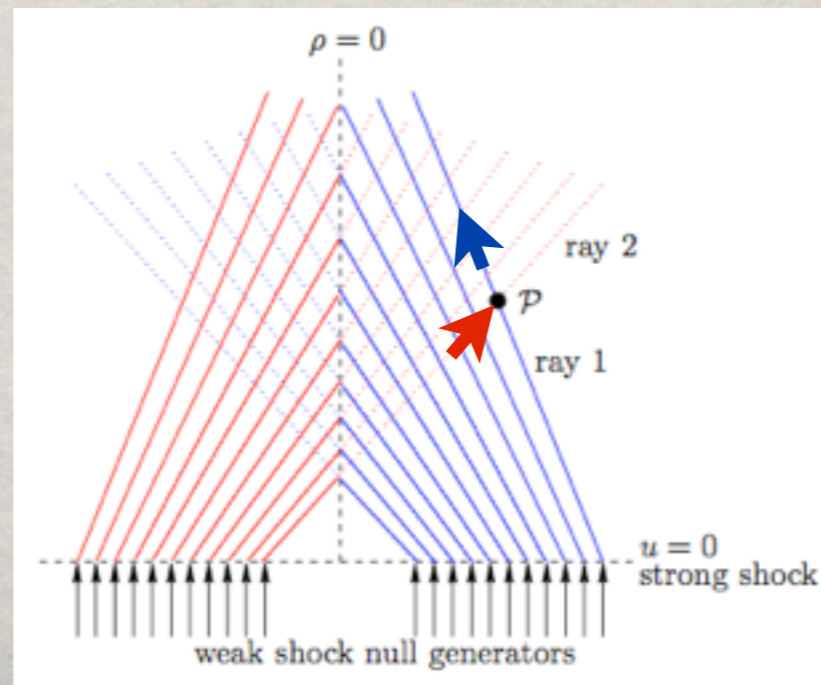
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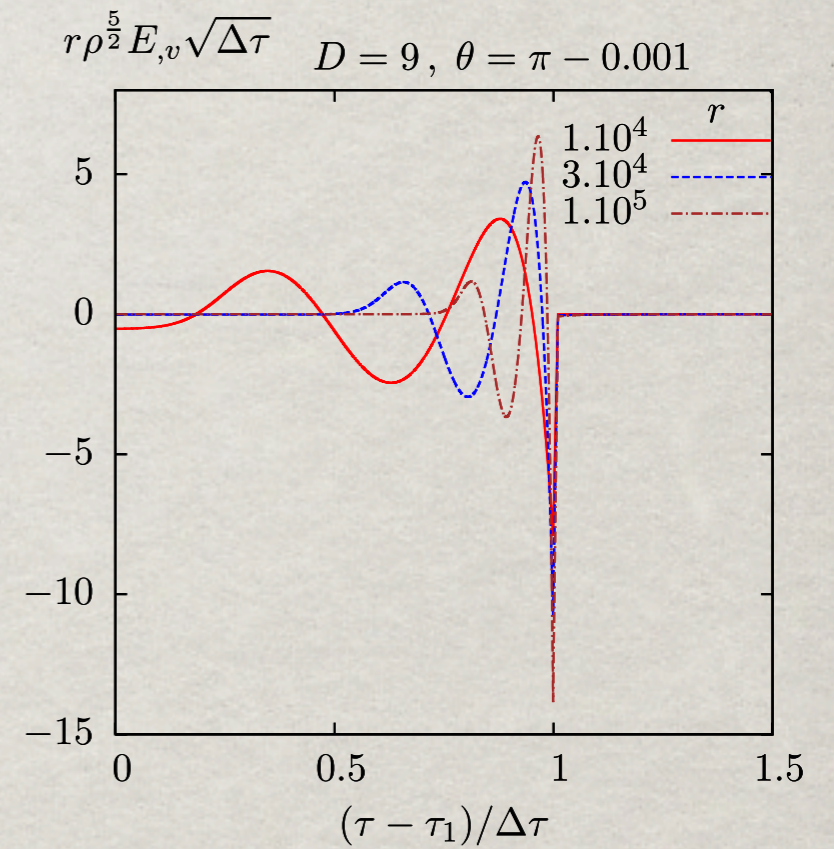
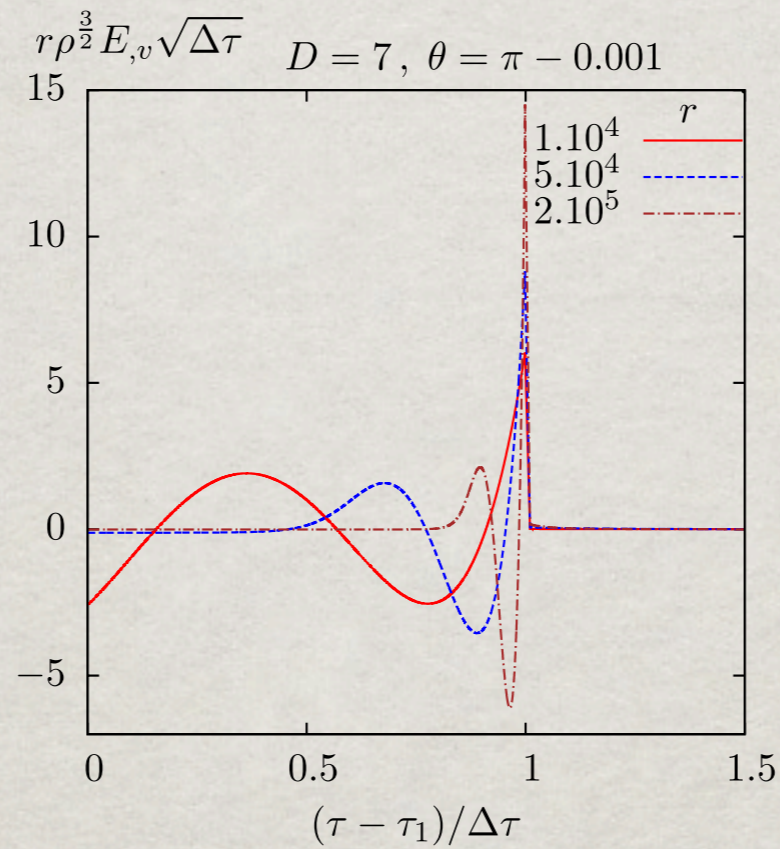
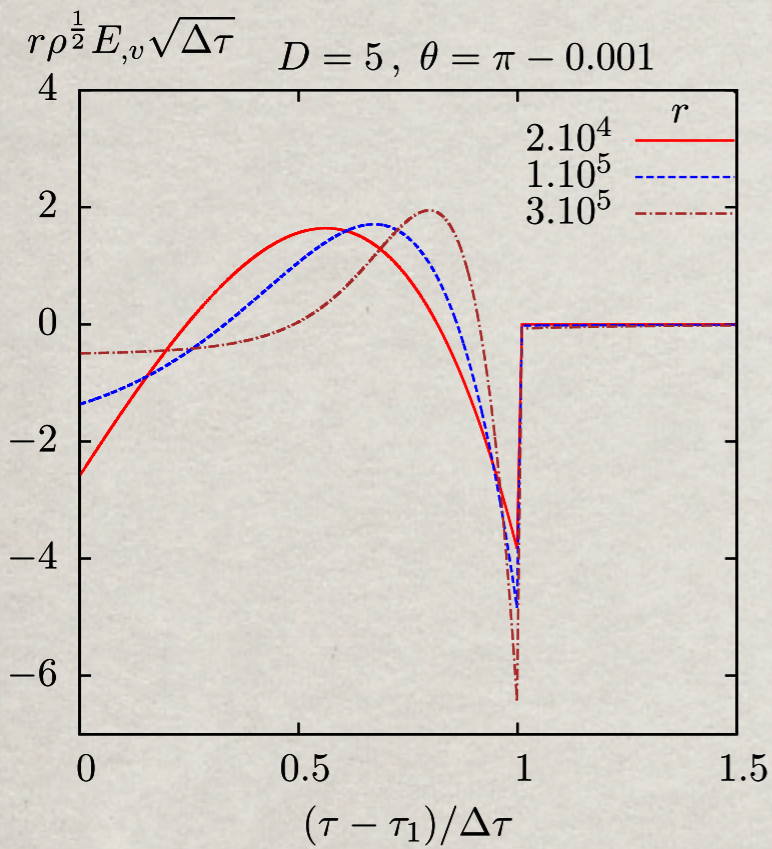
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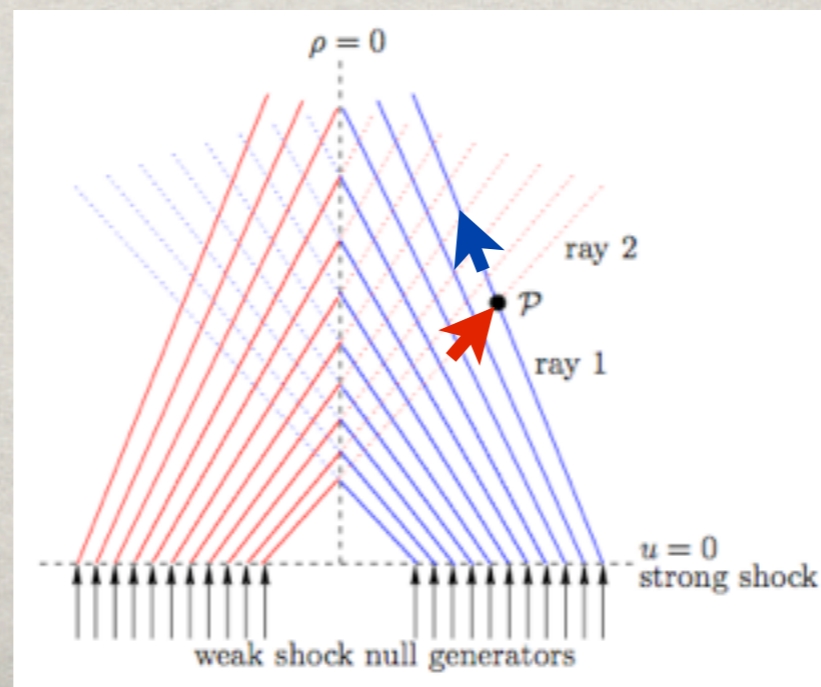
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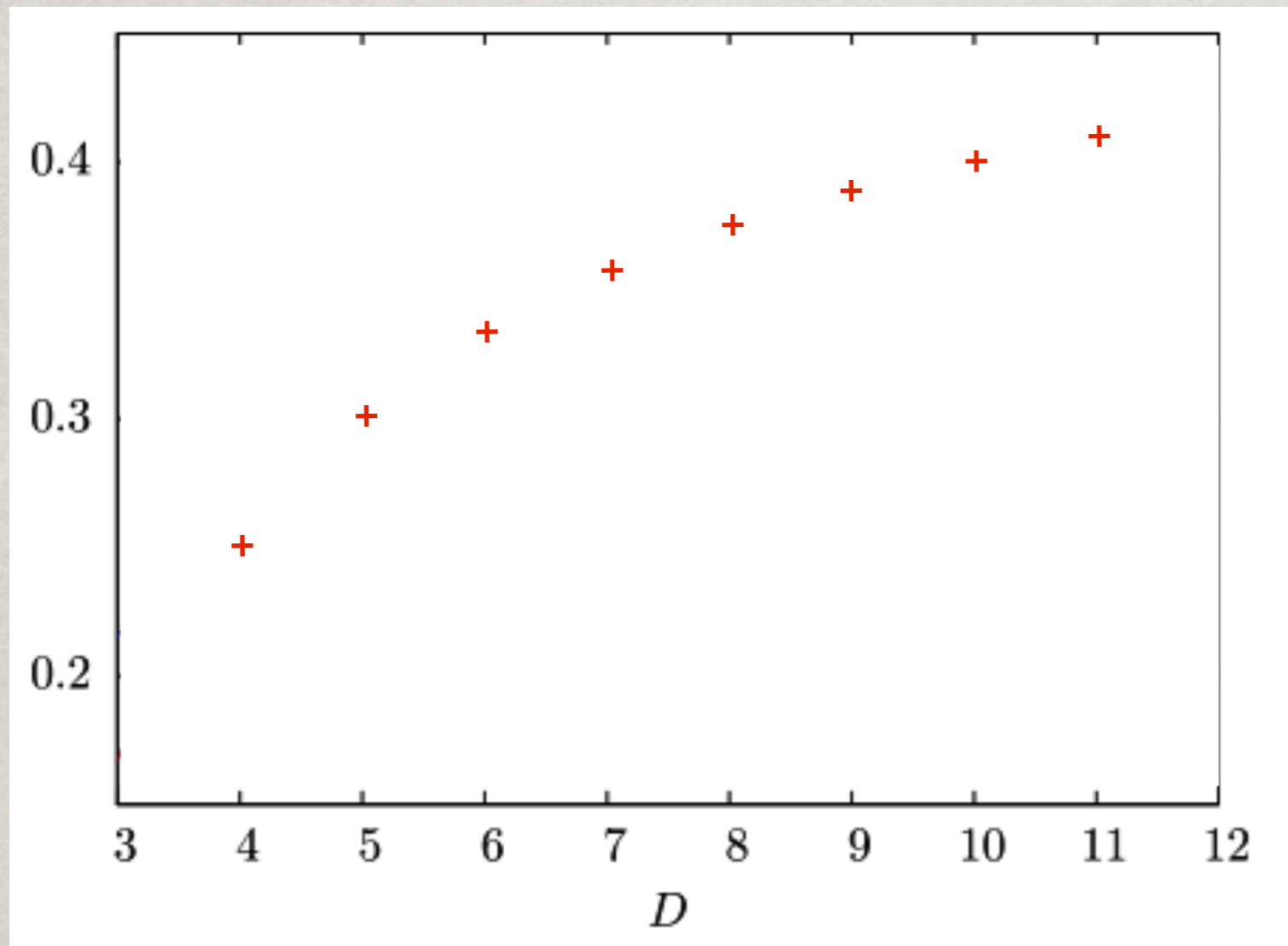
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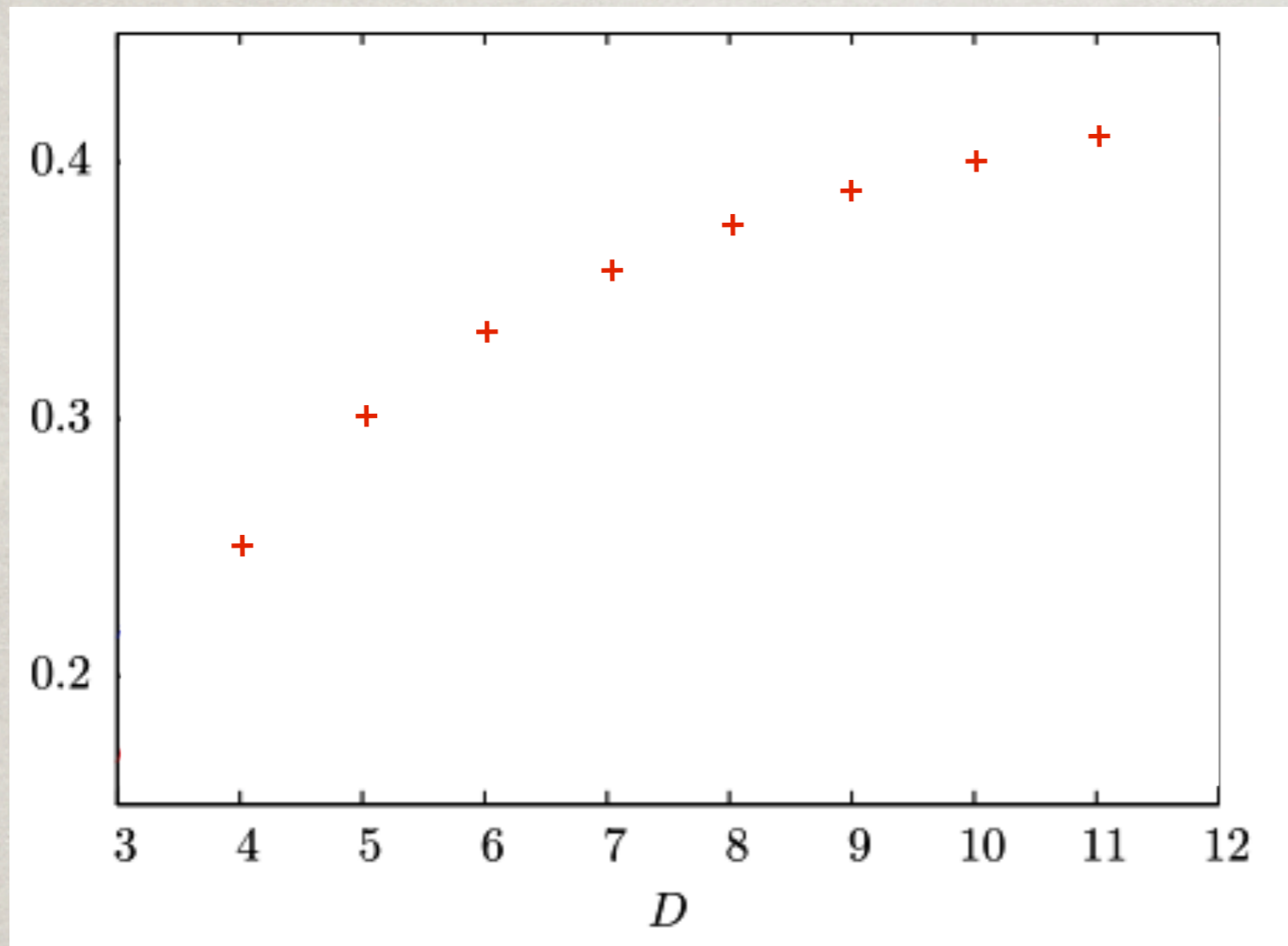
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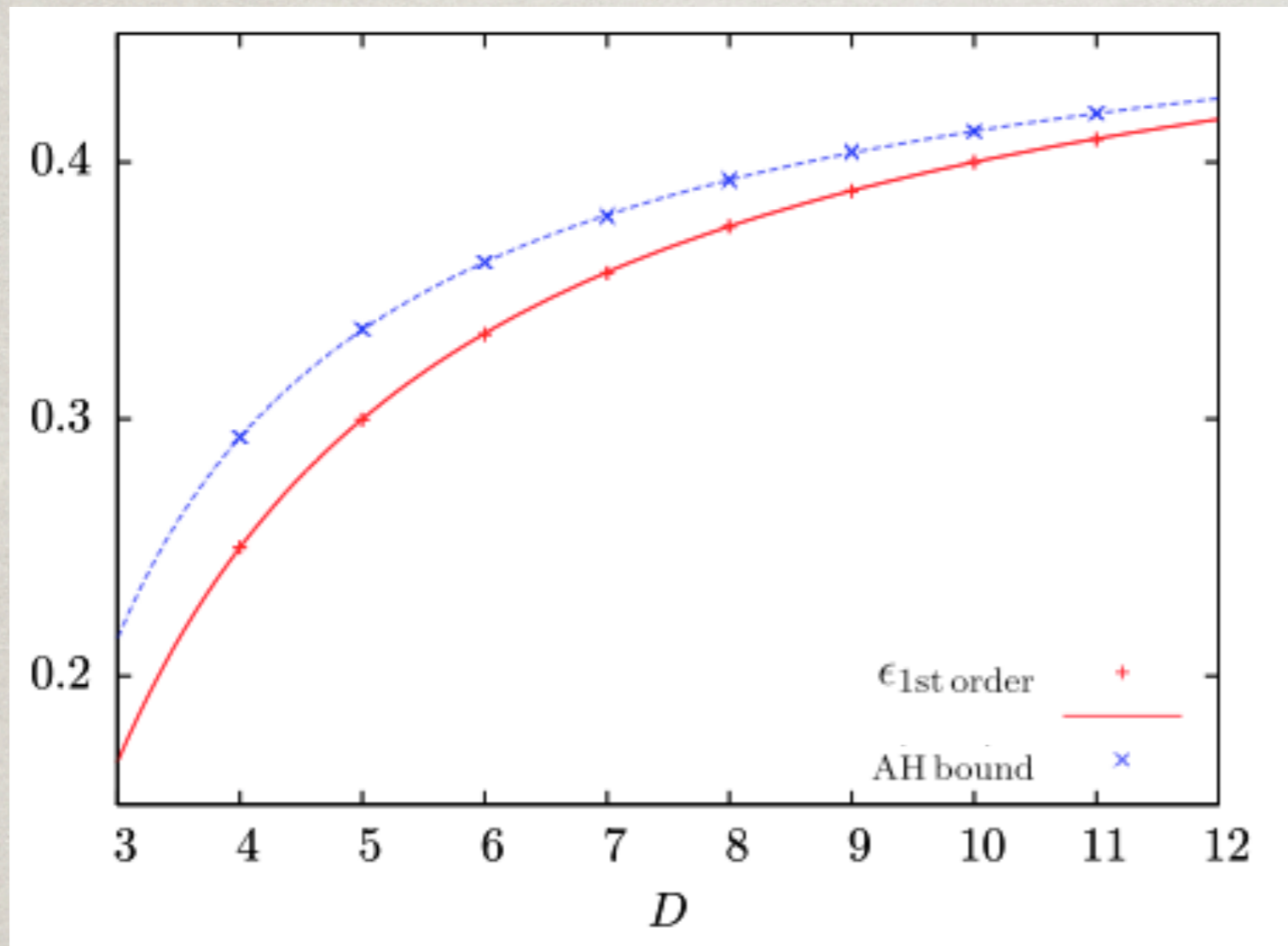
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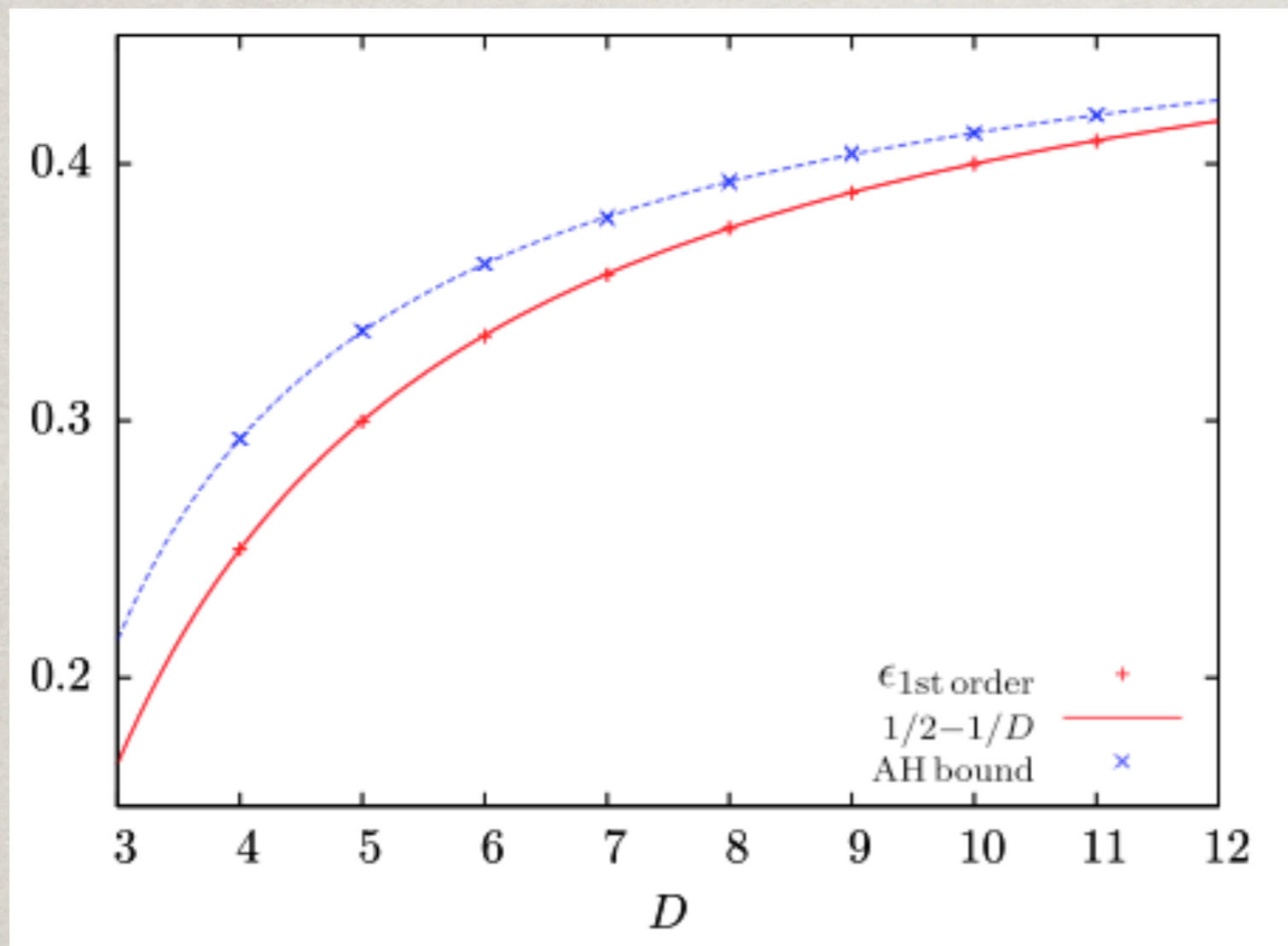
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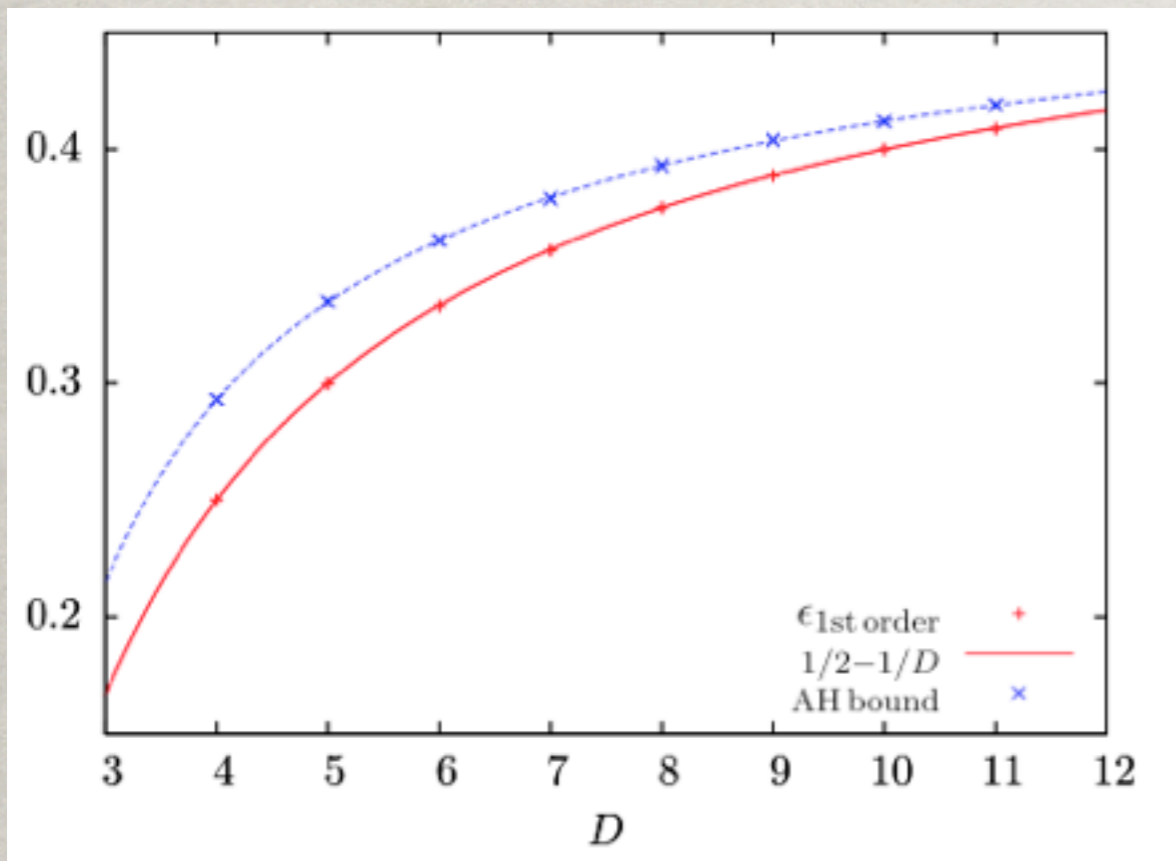
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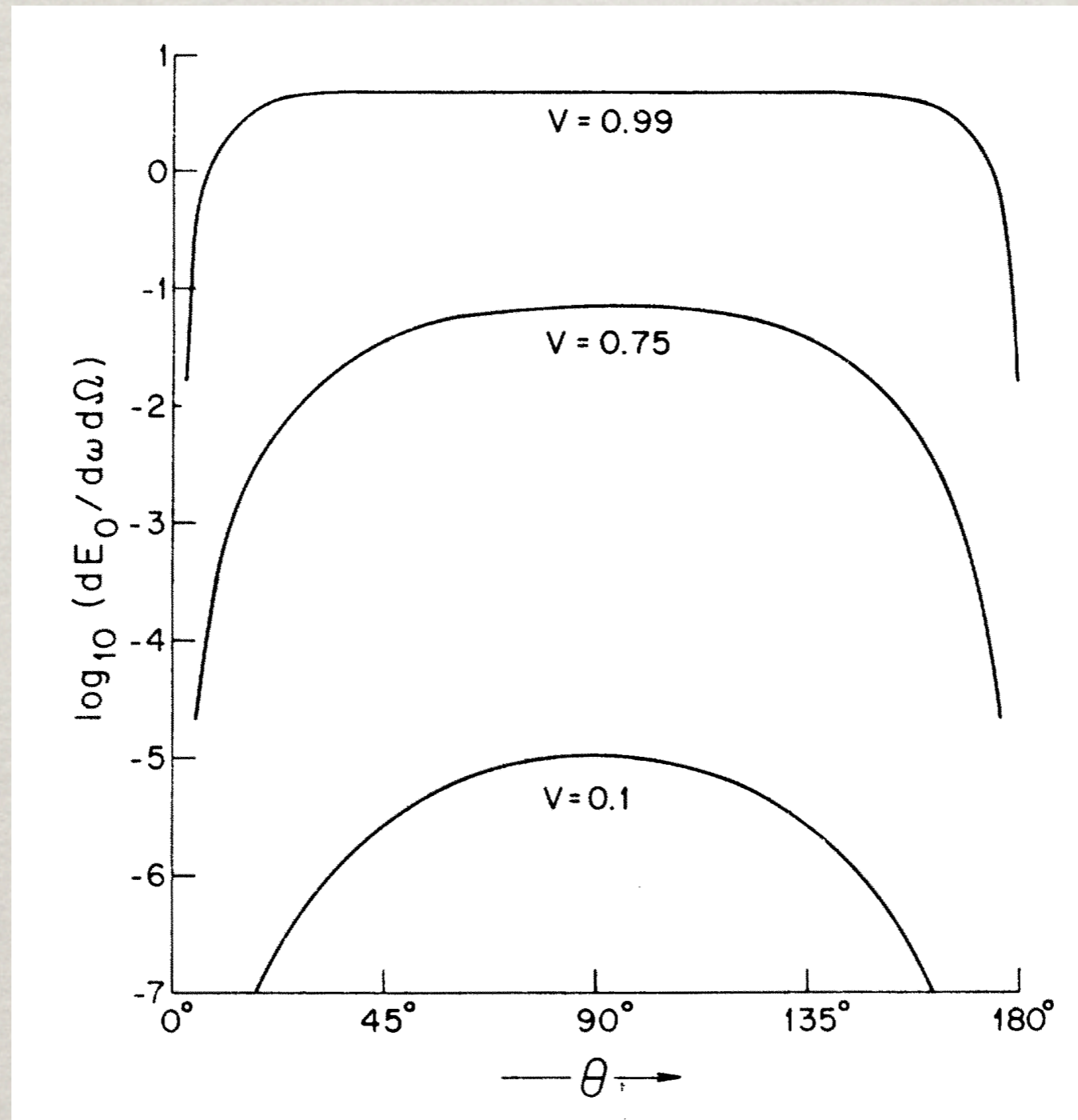
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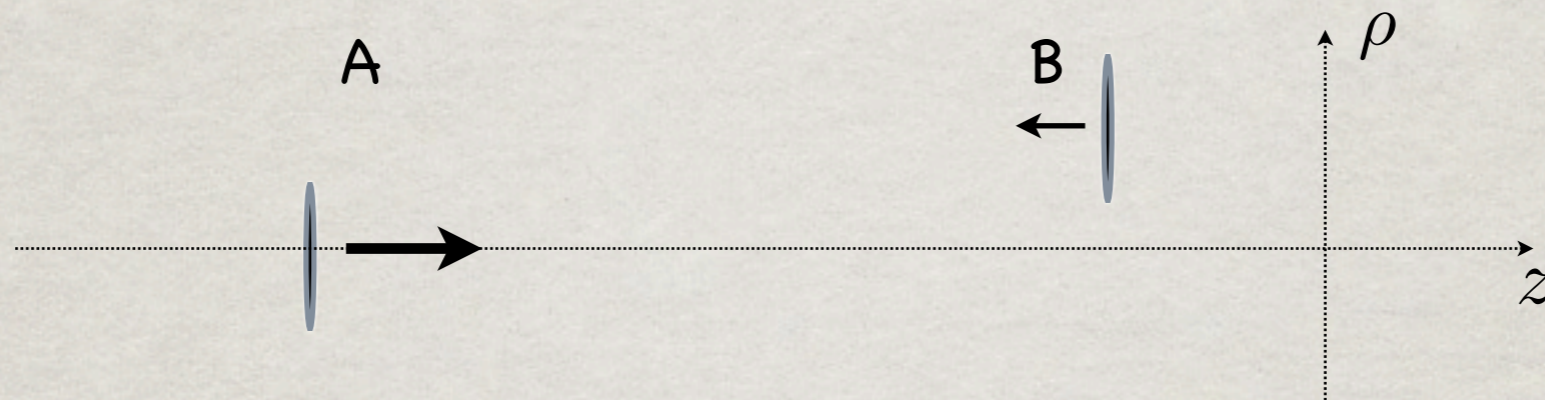
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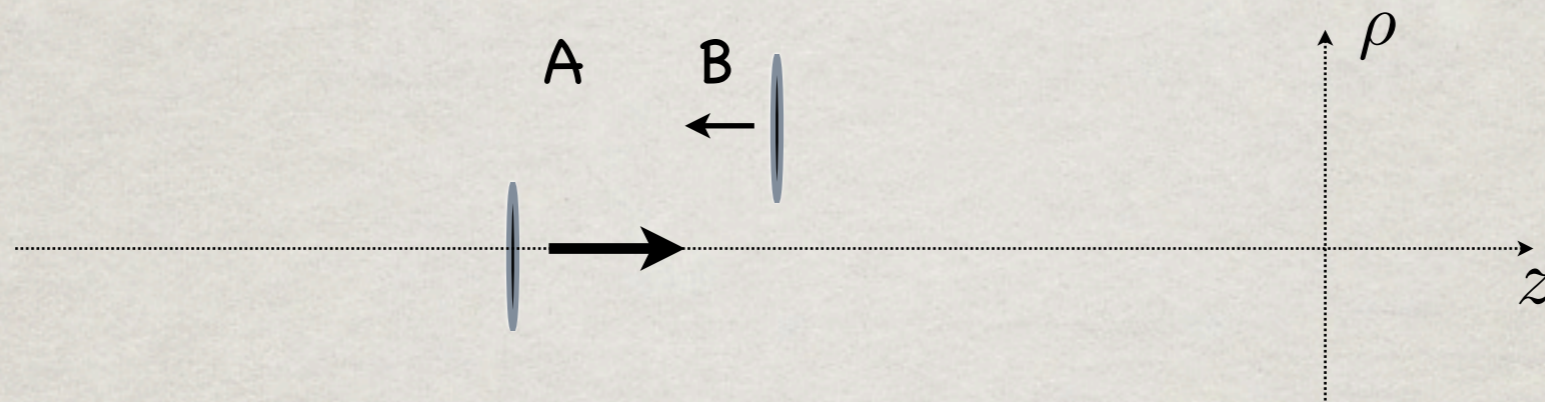
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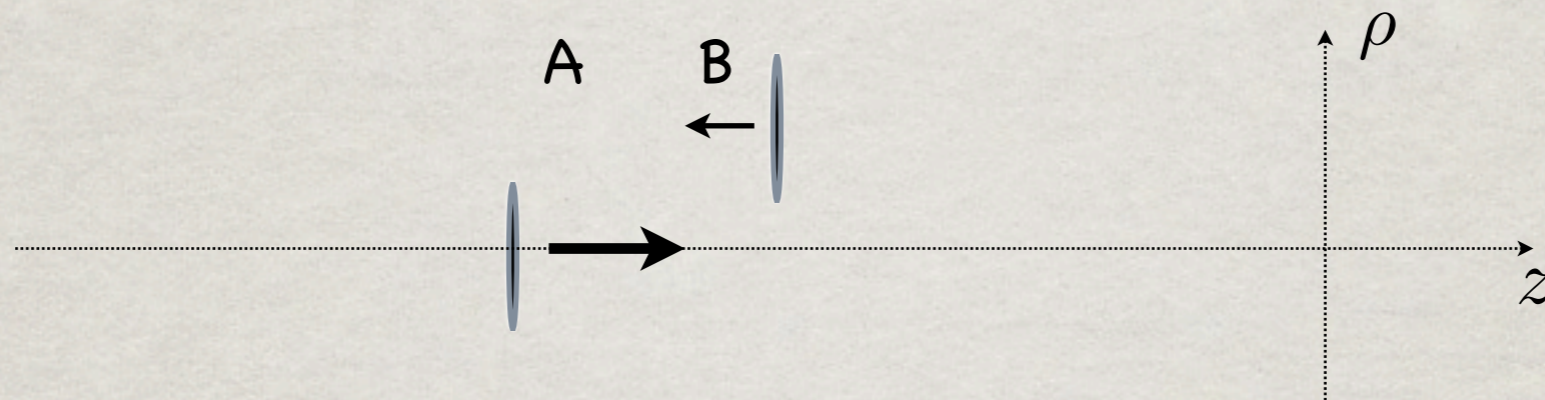
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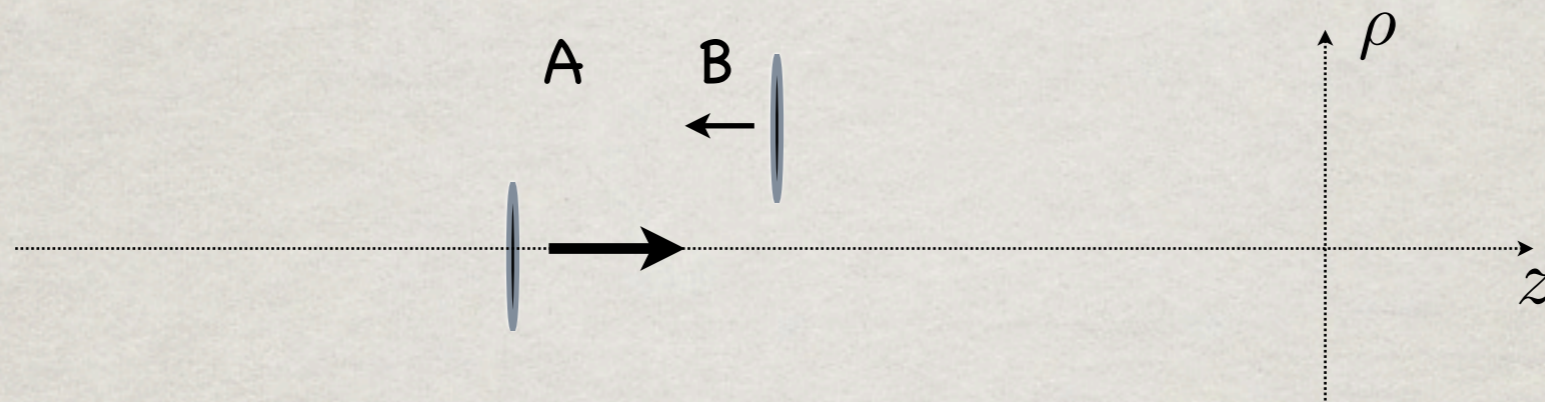
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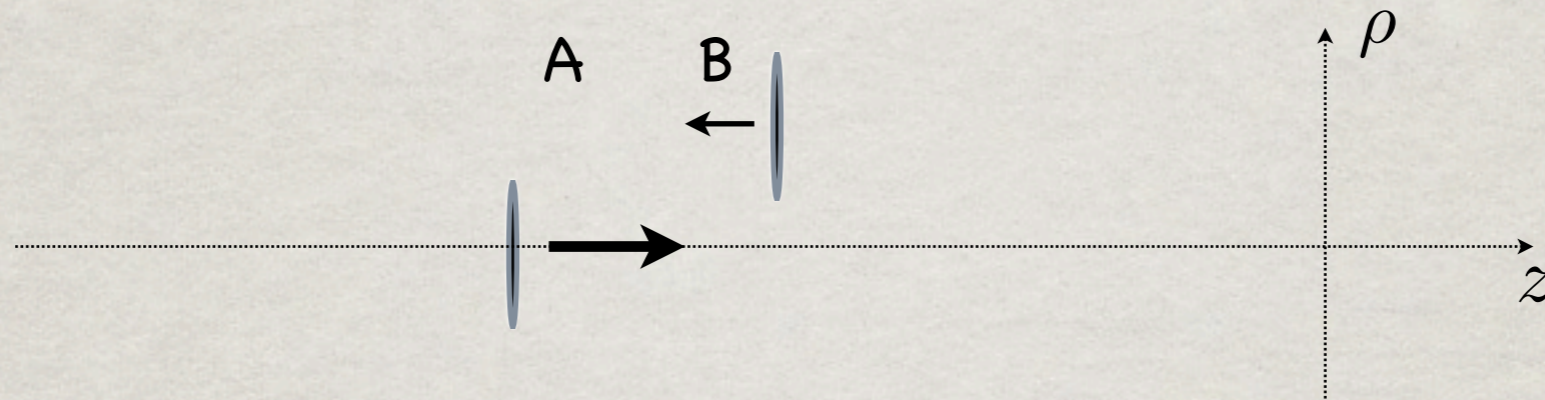


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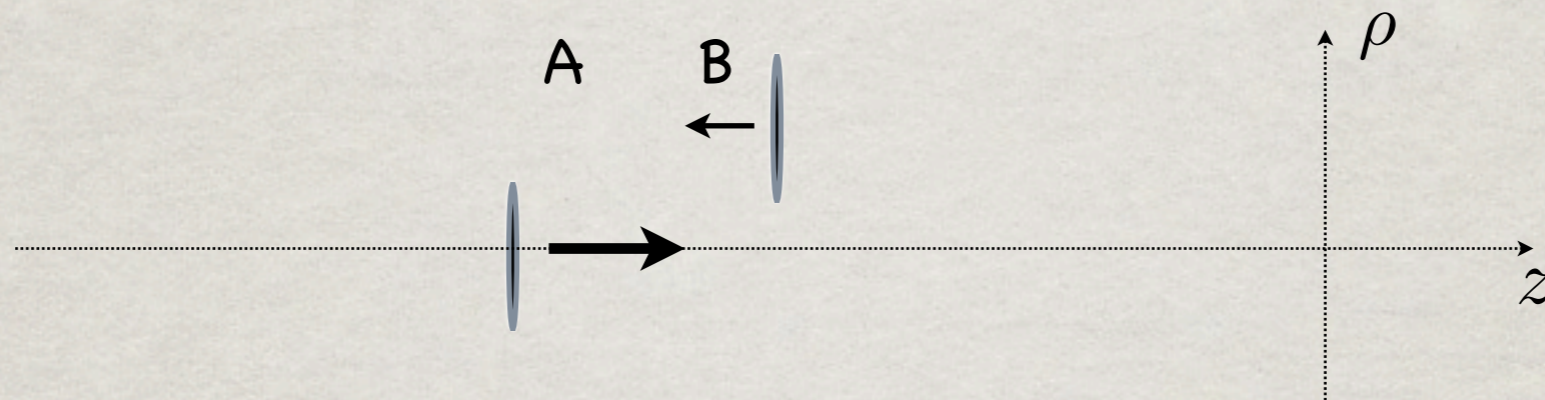
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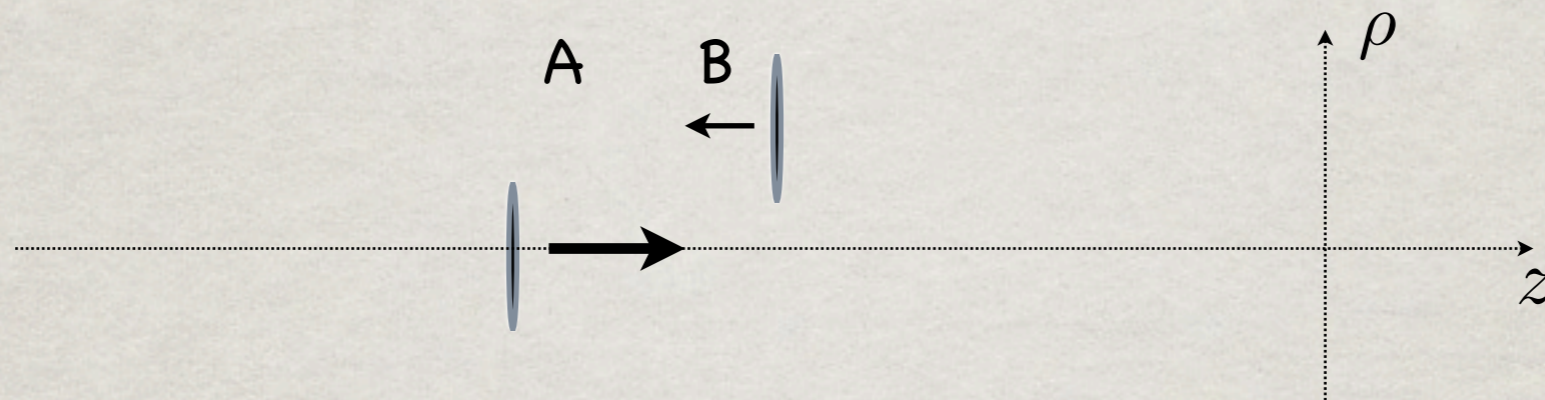
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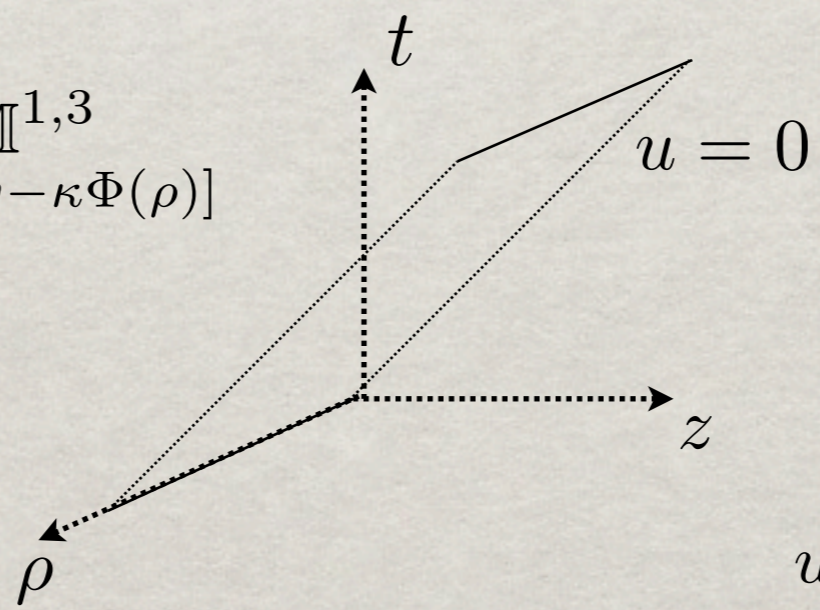
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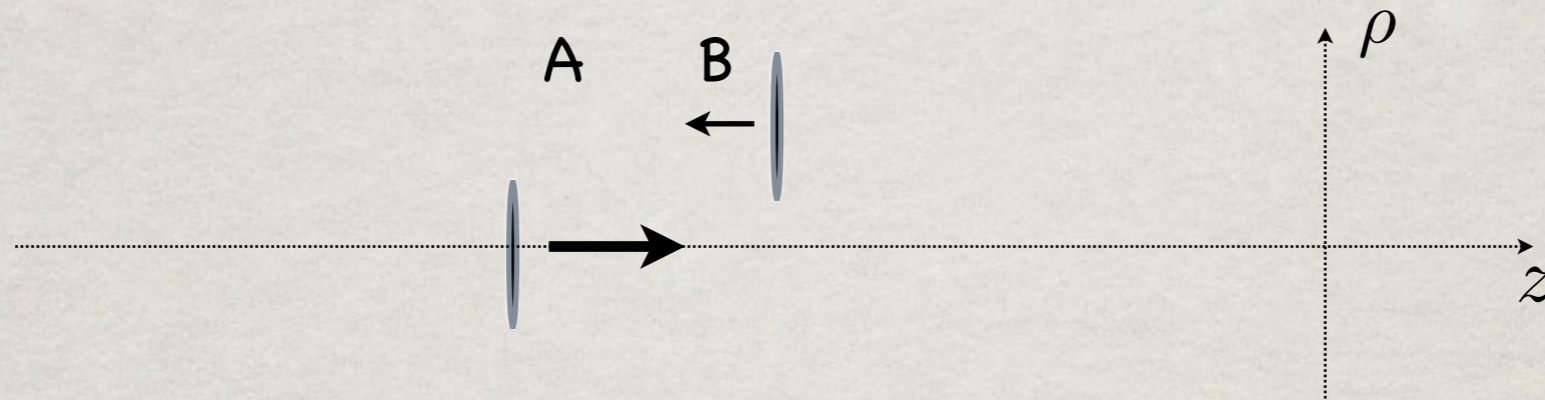


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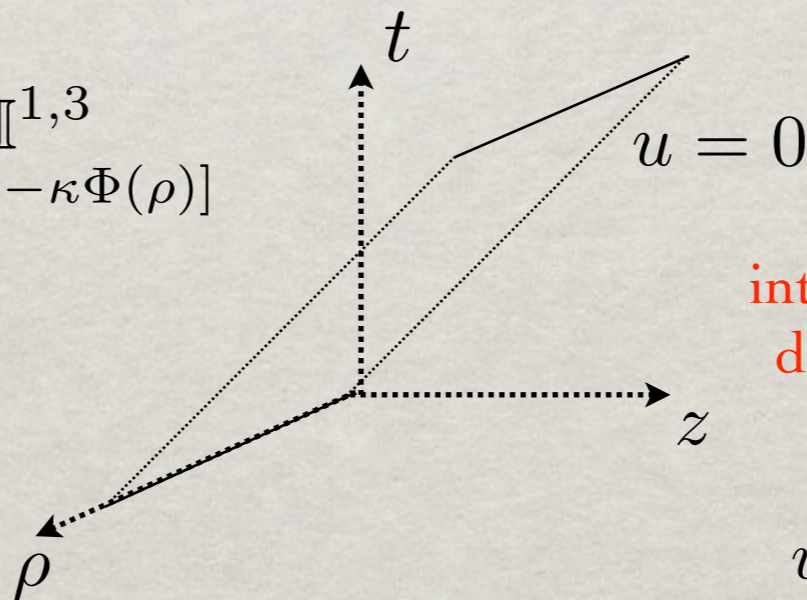
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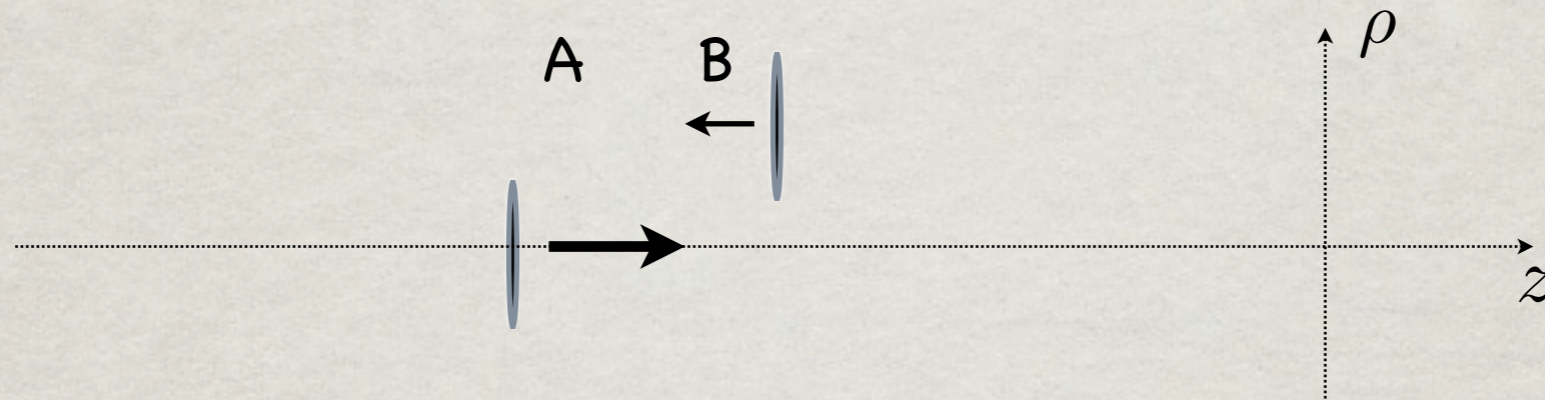


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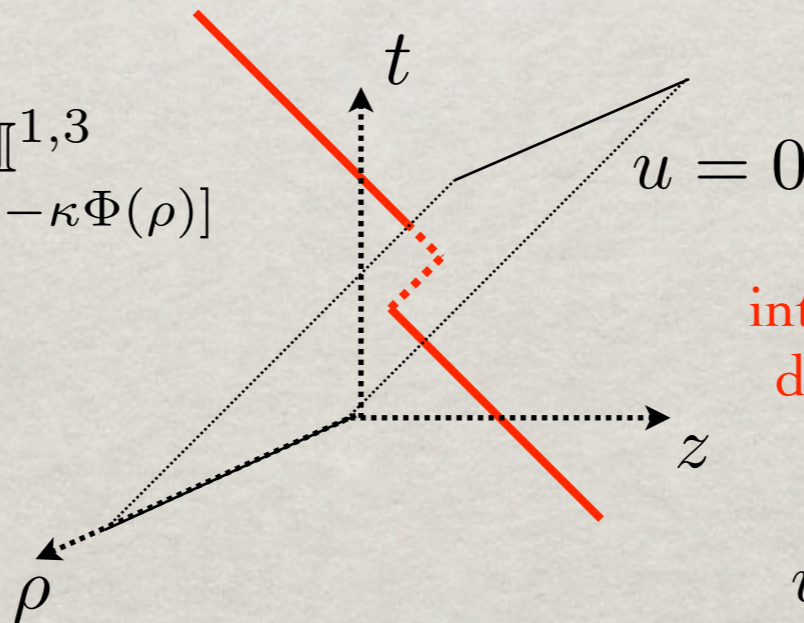
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