

Entropy of an Evolving Black Hole:

Clues from hydrodynamics

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Black holes in equilibrium

$$S = \left(\frac{kc^3}{G\hbar} \right) \frac{A}{4}$$

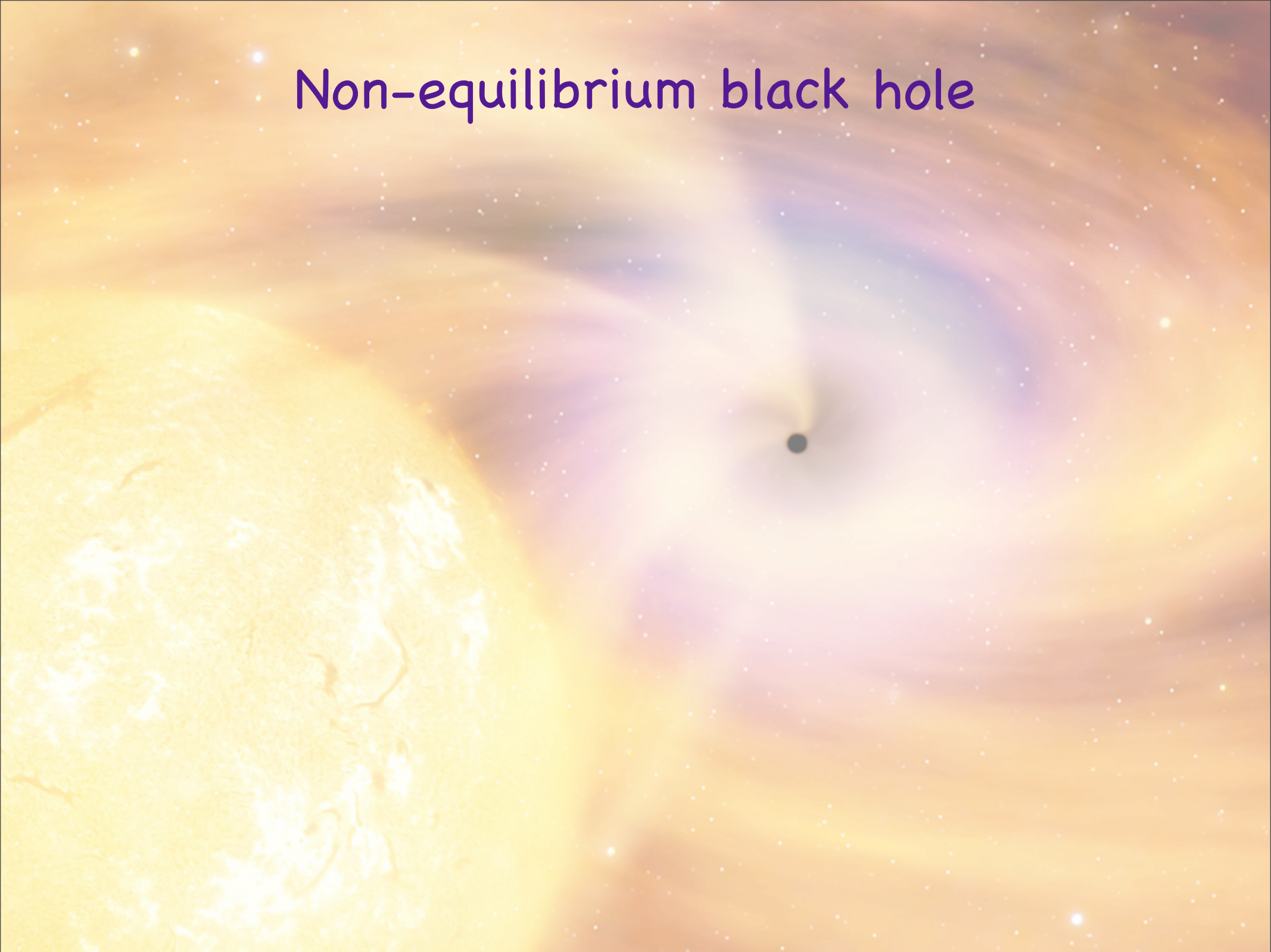
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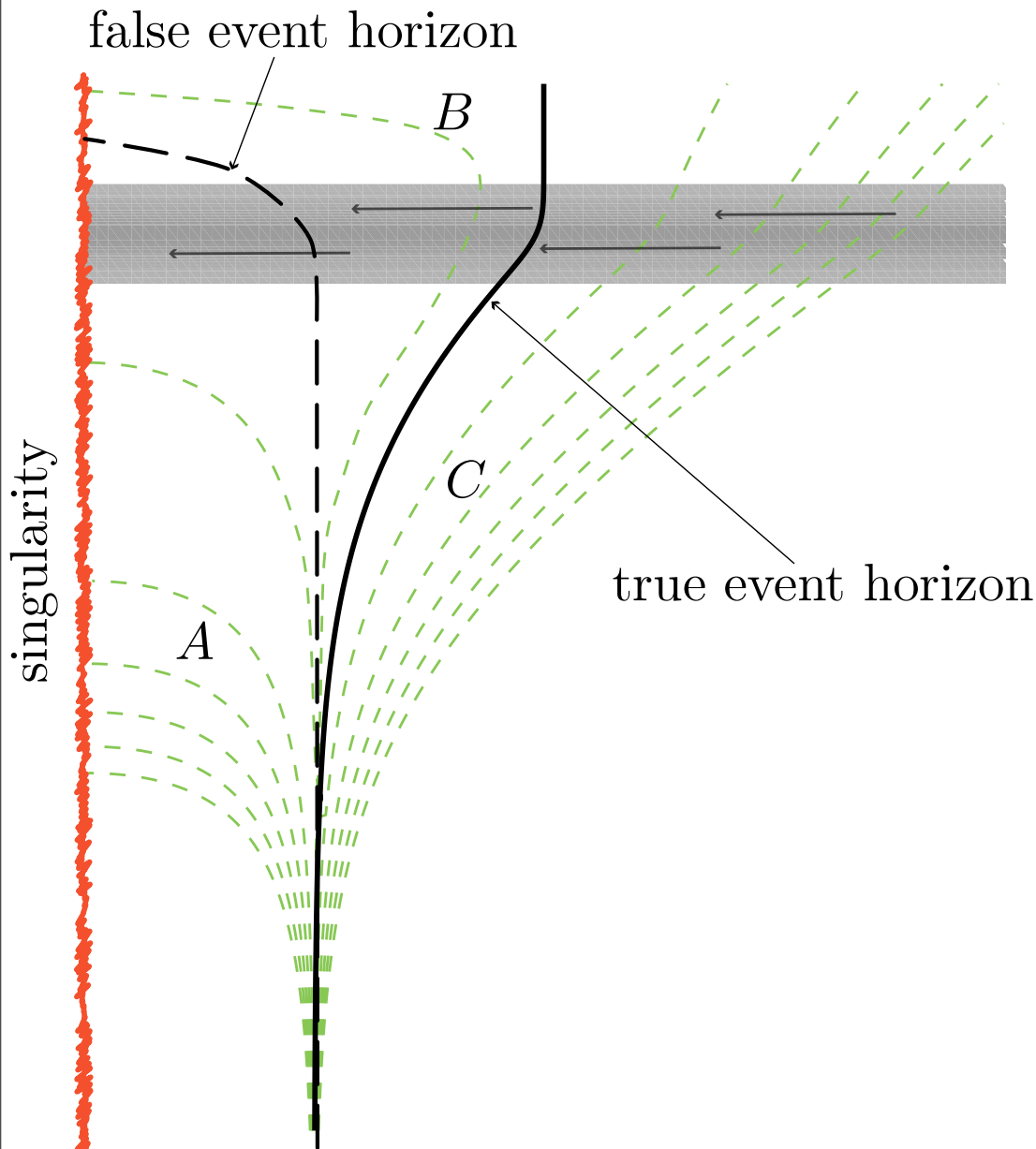
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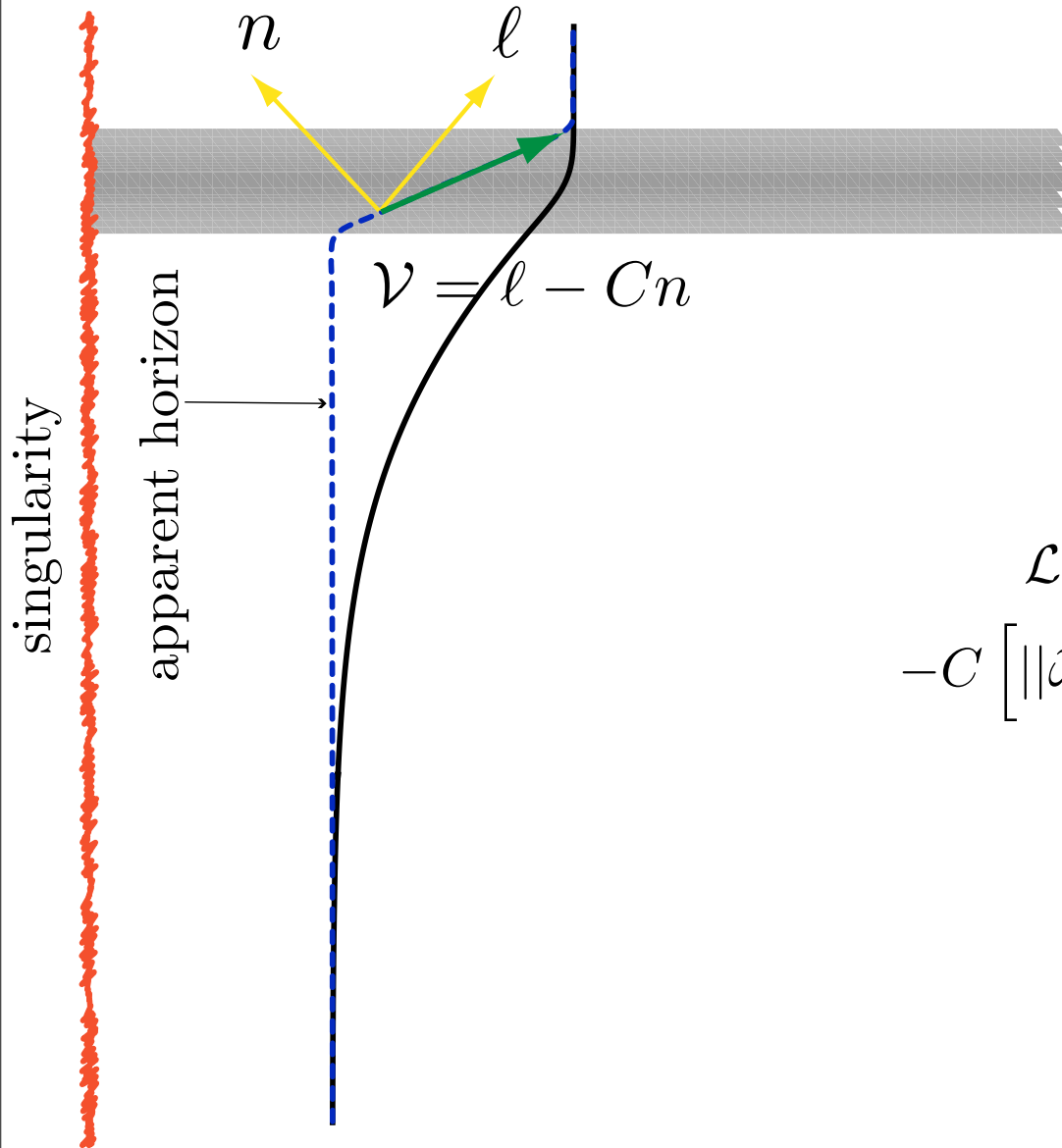


- Locally they are null hypersurfaces ruled by null geodesics

$$\mathcal{L}_\ell \theta_{(\ell)} = \kappa_\ell \theta_{(\ell)} - \|\sigma^{(\ell)}\|^2 - G_{ab} \ell^a \ell^b - \frac{\theta_{(\ell)}^2}{(n-1)}$$

- But exactly **which** hypersurface is defined by future boundary conditions

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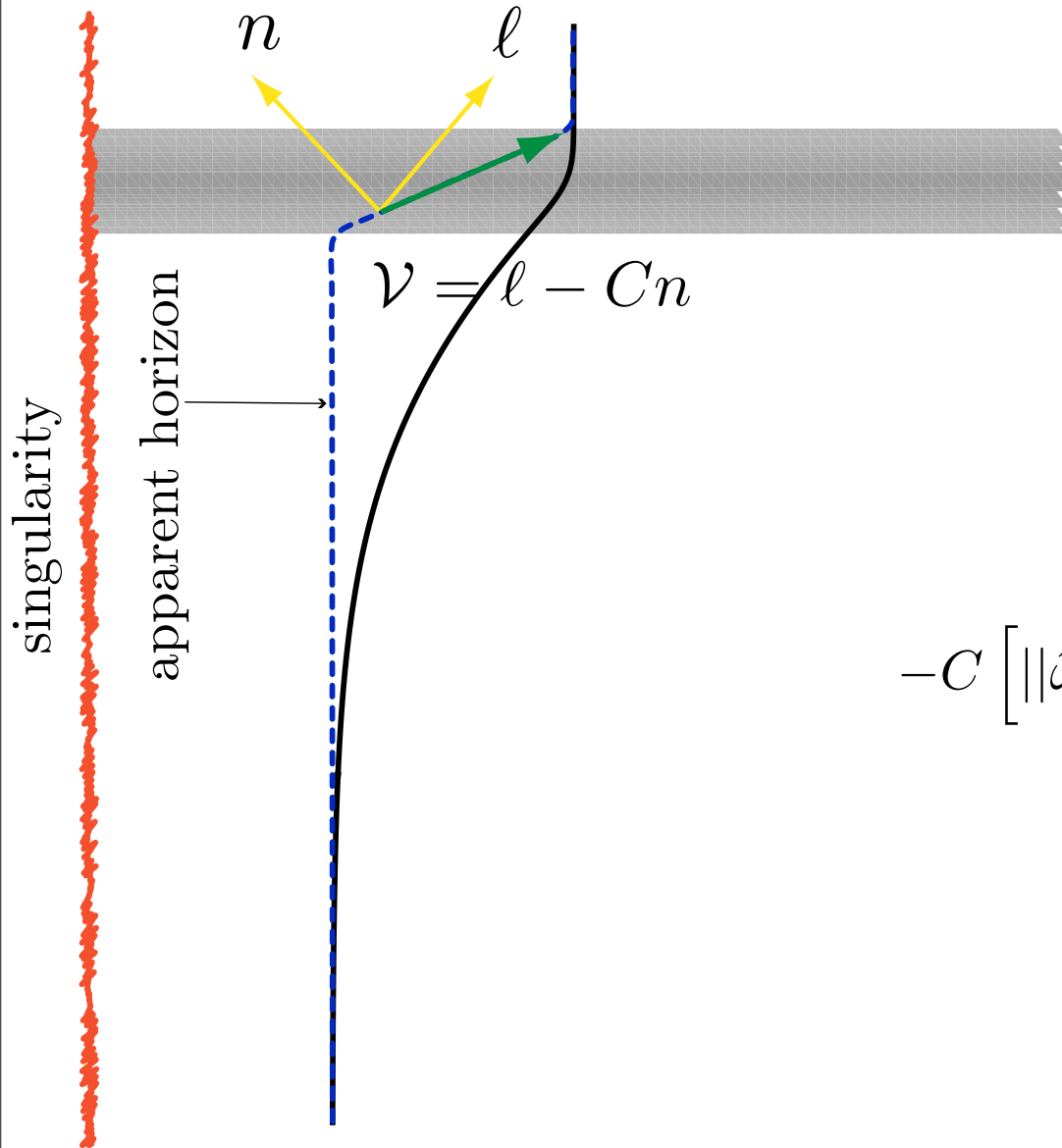
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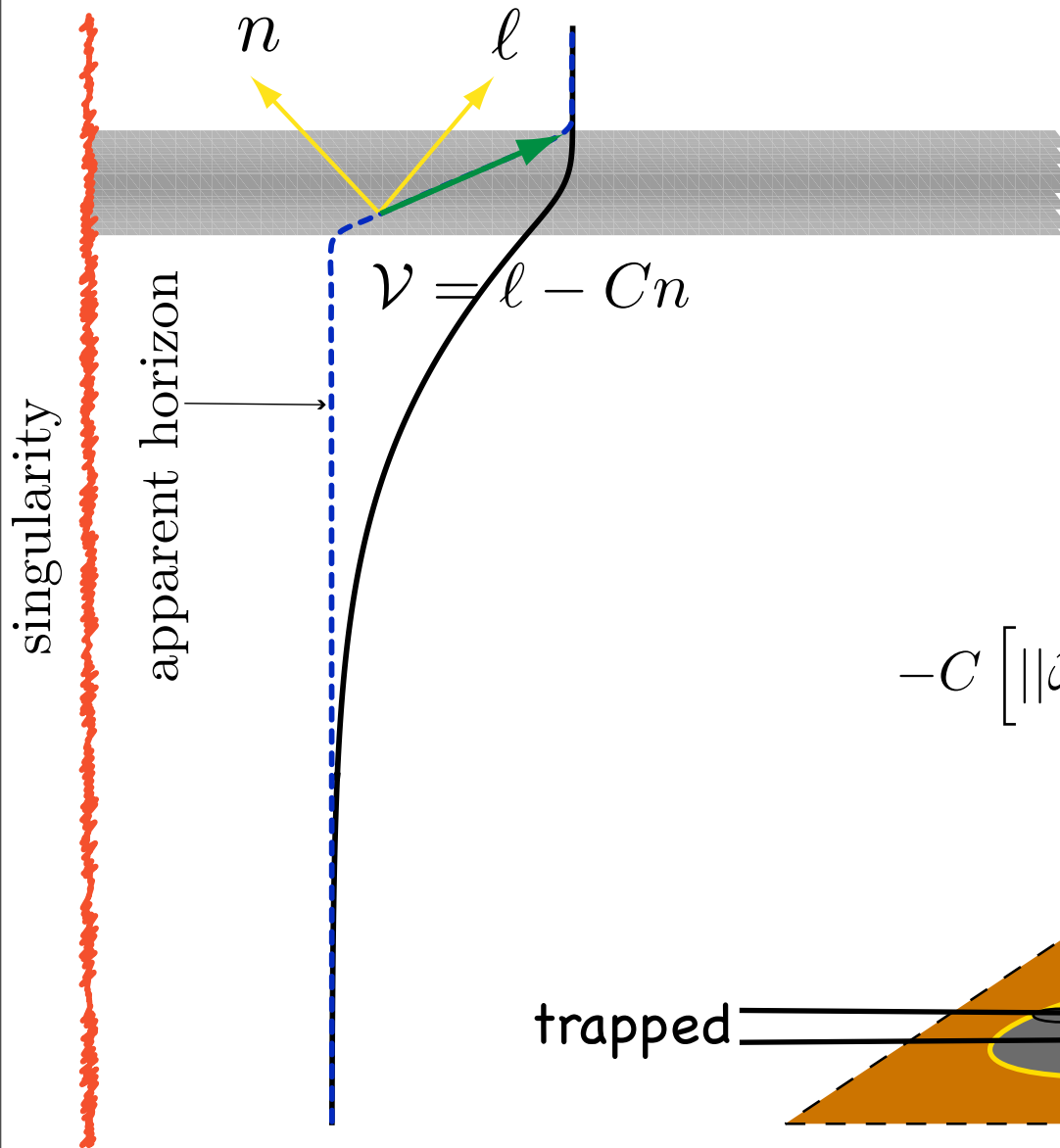
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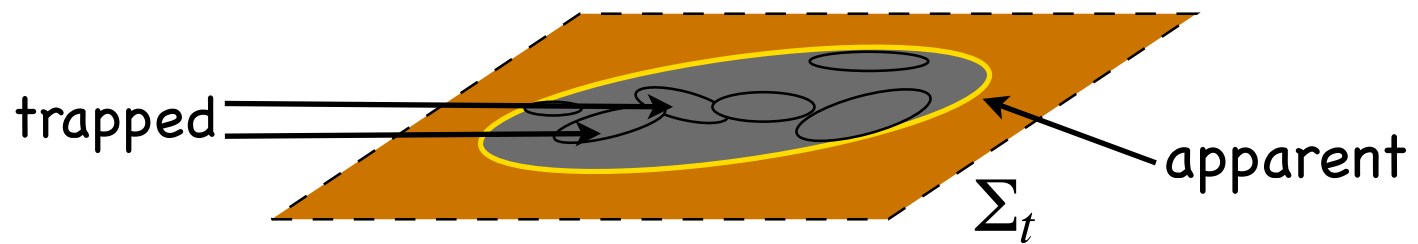
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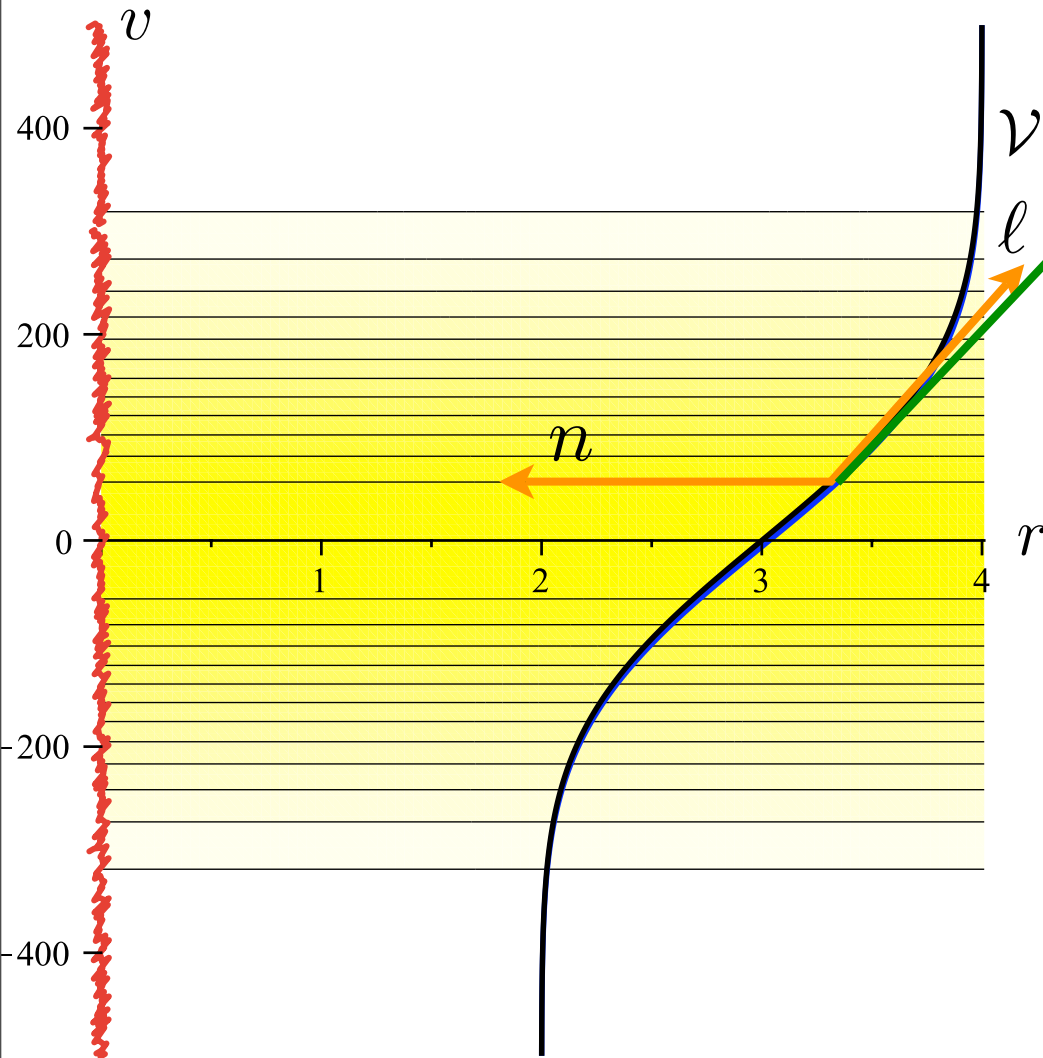
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Quasi-equilibrium regime



- Characterized by slowly evolving apparent horizons (BF 03,07)

$$\epsilon = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\nu}} \sqrt{\tilde{q}}}{\sqrt{\tilde{q}}} = -\sqrt{\frac{C}{2}} \theta_{(n)} \ll 1$$

- First law holds (probably all horizons)

$$\kappa_o \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{\nu}} \sqrt{\tilde{q}} \approx \sqrt{\tilde{q}} \left(\|\sigma^{(\ell)}\|^2 + G_{ab} \ell^a \ell^b \right)$$

- Various horizons are close (BM 10, Nielsen 10)

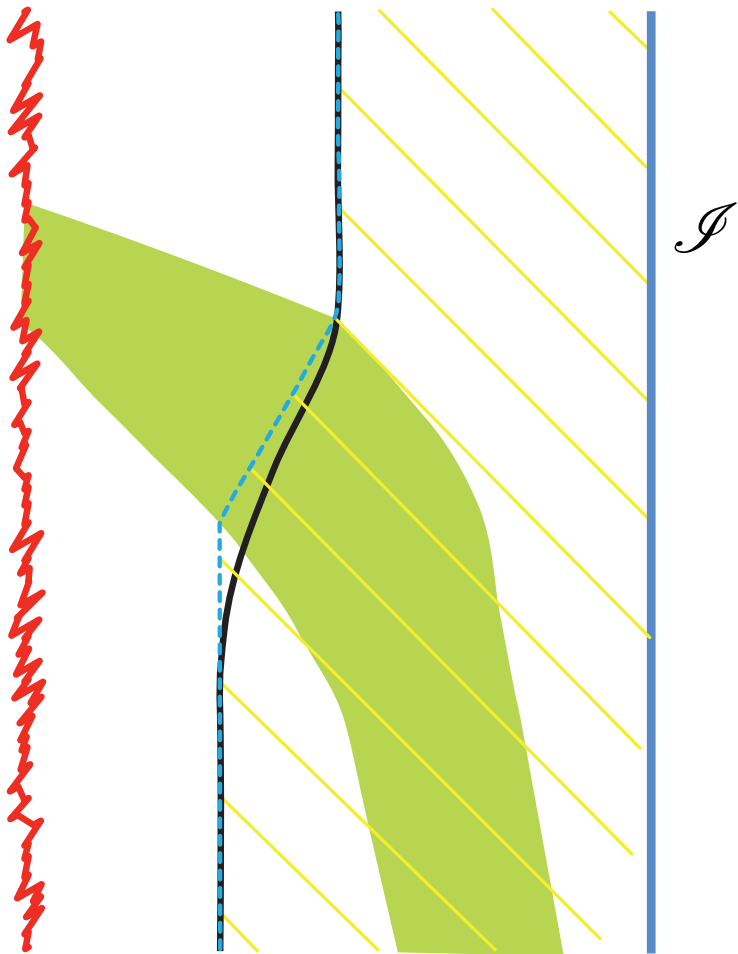
- Most black hole physics is in this regime - including some black hole formations (BK 05)

AdS-CFT - The hydrodynamic regime

- In the long-wavelength limit the CFT becomes a theory of conformally invariant fluid mechanics:

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu}_{\mathcal{I}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mu} J^{\mu}_I = 0$$

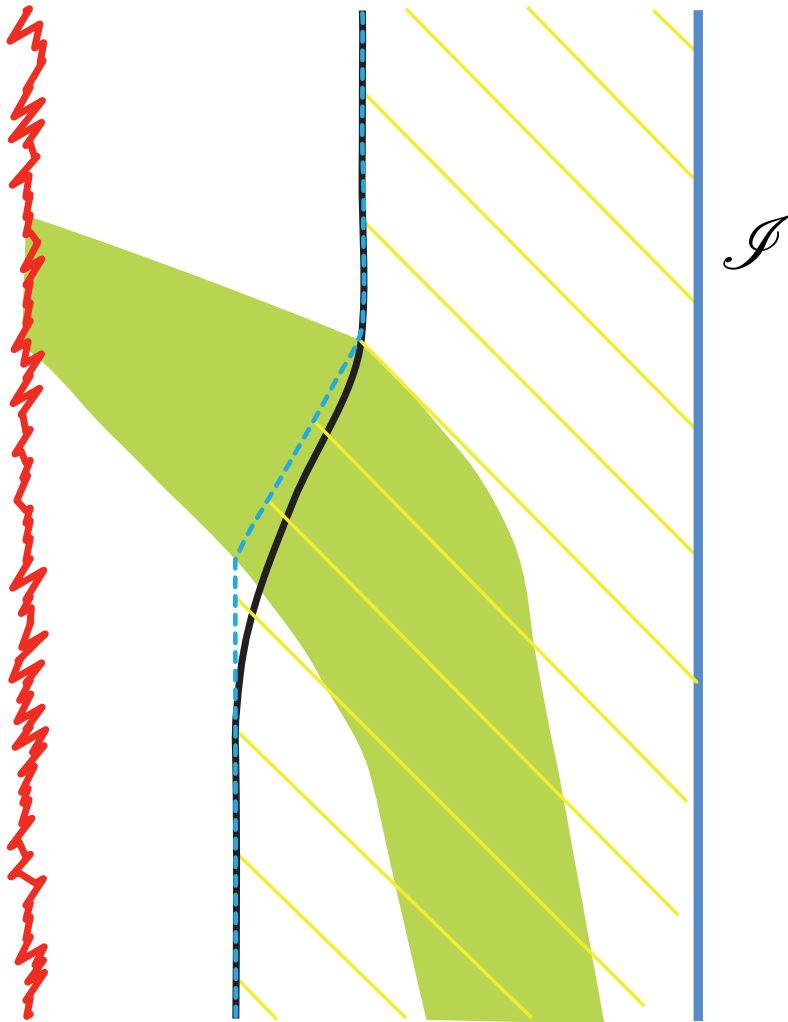
+ invariance under $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\phi} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$



- Fluid flows on boundary are dual to black brane/hole solutions
- Can be derived from a perturbed GR solution, independent of the original conjecture. (Bhattacharya, Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani 07)
- Quasi-equilibrium regime (on both sides)
- Thermodynamics should match

BUT....

- The boundary is dual to the FULL spacetime.



- How do you match bulk to boundary?
- Thermodynamics isn't uniquely defined on the boundary either...

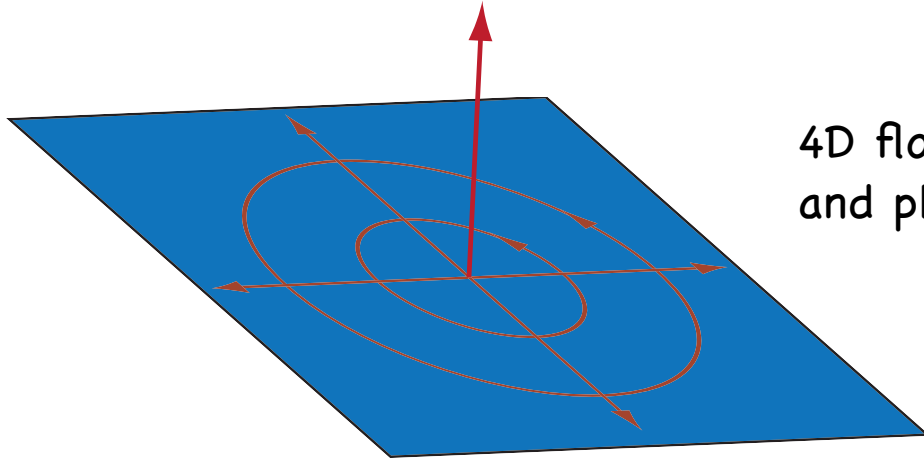
- thermodynamic quantities must be consistent with the symmetries
- entropy flow is a vector field with non-negative divergence

$$\nabla_{\mu} S^{\mu} \geq 0$$

- do the uncertainties match?

Bjorken flow

- A particularly simple example is boost-invariant flow:



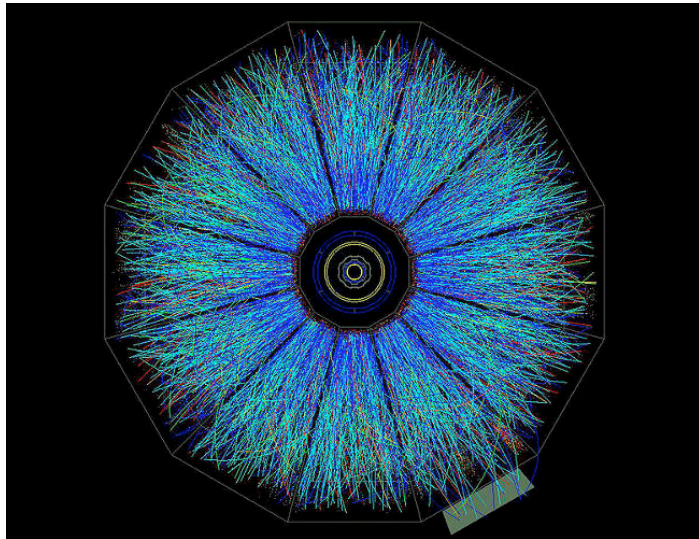
4D flow with boost invariance in direction of motion and planar symmetry perpendicular to motion

- All variables depend on proper time alone (large τ)

$$\varepsilon = e_o T^4 \quad , \quad s = \frac{4e_o}{3} T^3 \quad \text{and} \quad T \approx \frac{\Lambda}{\tau^{1/3}}$$

- Dual is a (perturbed) boosted black brane

$$ds^2 = -r^2 A(\tau, r) d\tau^2 + 2d\tau dr + (1 + \tau r)^2 e^{b(\tau, r)} dy^2 + r^2 e^{c(\tau, r)} dx_{\perp}^2$$



Quark-gluon plasma at RHIC (2000)

Bjorken flow – gravity vs fluid

- For apparent horizons, the formalisms nicely match:

i) natural expansion parameter is $\epsilon = \frac{1}{\tau^{2/3}}$

ii) surface gravity is $\kappa = \frac{2\pi\Lambda}{\tau^{1/3}}$

iii) first law: $\kappa_{\nu}\mathcal{L}_{\nu}\sqrt{\tilde{q}} = \sqrt{\tilde{q}}\|\sigma_{(\ell)}\|^2 \approx \frac{2\pi^2\Lambda^3}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^2}$

- Entropy:

i) fluid: $s_{bnd} \propto \frac{\Lambda^3}{\tau} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi\Lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{2/3}} + \frac{0.008\beta}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^2}\right) \right\}$

ii) AH: $s_{AH} = \frac{N_c^2\pi^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\Lambda^3}{\tau} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi\Lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{2/3}} + \frac{0.039}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^2}\right) \right\}$

iii) EH: $s_{EH} = \frac{N_c^2\pi^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\Lambda^3}{\tau} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi\Lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{2/3}} + \frac{0.056}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^2}\right) \right\}$

Why the discrepancy?

- **Answer #1: (practical entropy)** Either horizon is fine. For quasi-equilibrium thermodynamics, don't worry about second order. The horizons are arbitrarily close (BM 10).
- **Answer #2: (hydro dynamic unknowns)** There is some (unknown) way to fix the fluid entropy flow. Then it would match that of one horizon or the other.
- **Answer #3: (bulk corrections)** There are other corrections needed in the bulk...
- **Answer #3: (phenomenological entropy)** Ambiguity on the boundary matches an ambiguity in the bulk. One possibility is to associate entropy with "almost" null, "almost" vanishing $\theta_{(\ell)}$, expanding surfaces (with correct limits).

Conclusions

- There is an excellent match between the bulk gravity and boundary fluid thermodynamics.
- The uncertainty on the boundary does NOT match the ambiguity in AH location.
- That uncertainty may suggest a rethinking of entropy in the bulk.
- A more general calculation is on its way...