

# Lorentzian Geometry & Hyperbolic PDEs

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# Part I: Lorentzian Geometry

Lorentzian metric:

$(\mathbb{R}^d, g)$   $g$  symmetric non-degenerate quadratic form (2-form)

i)  $(\forall X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^d) \quad g(X, Y) = g(Y, X)$

ii)  $(\forall X \in \mathbb{R}^d) \quad g(X, \cdot) = 0 \implies X = 0$

$X = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^T, Y = (y_1, \dots, y_d)^T, \quad g(X, Y) = X^T \hat{g} \cdot Y, \quad \hat{g} \in GL(n)$

i)  $\hat{g} = \hat{g}^T$

ii)  $\det \hat{g} \neq 0$



**Spectral Theorem**  $\Rightarrow (\exists R \in O(n)) \underline{R^T \hat{g} R = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d)}$ ,  
 $\underline{\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^d \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}}$ . WLOG  $\underline{\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_s > 0 > \lambda_{s+1} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_d}$

Signature of  $g$ :  $(\underbrace{++ \dots +}_s \underbrace{-- \dots -}_{d-s})$

Riemannian:  $(++ \dots +)$   $s = d$

Lorentzian:  $(\underline{+ - \dots -})$   $s = 1$

Warning: sometimes  $(\underline{- ++ \dots +})$

Convention:  $\underline{\mathbb{R}^{1,d} = (\mathbb{R}^{1+d}, \eta)}$ ,  $\hat{\eta} = \text{diag}(1, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_d)$



# (pseudo-)Orthonormal Basis (ONB)

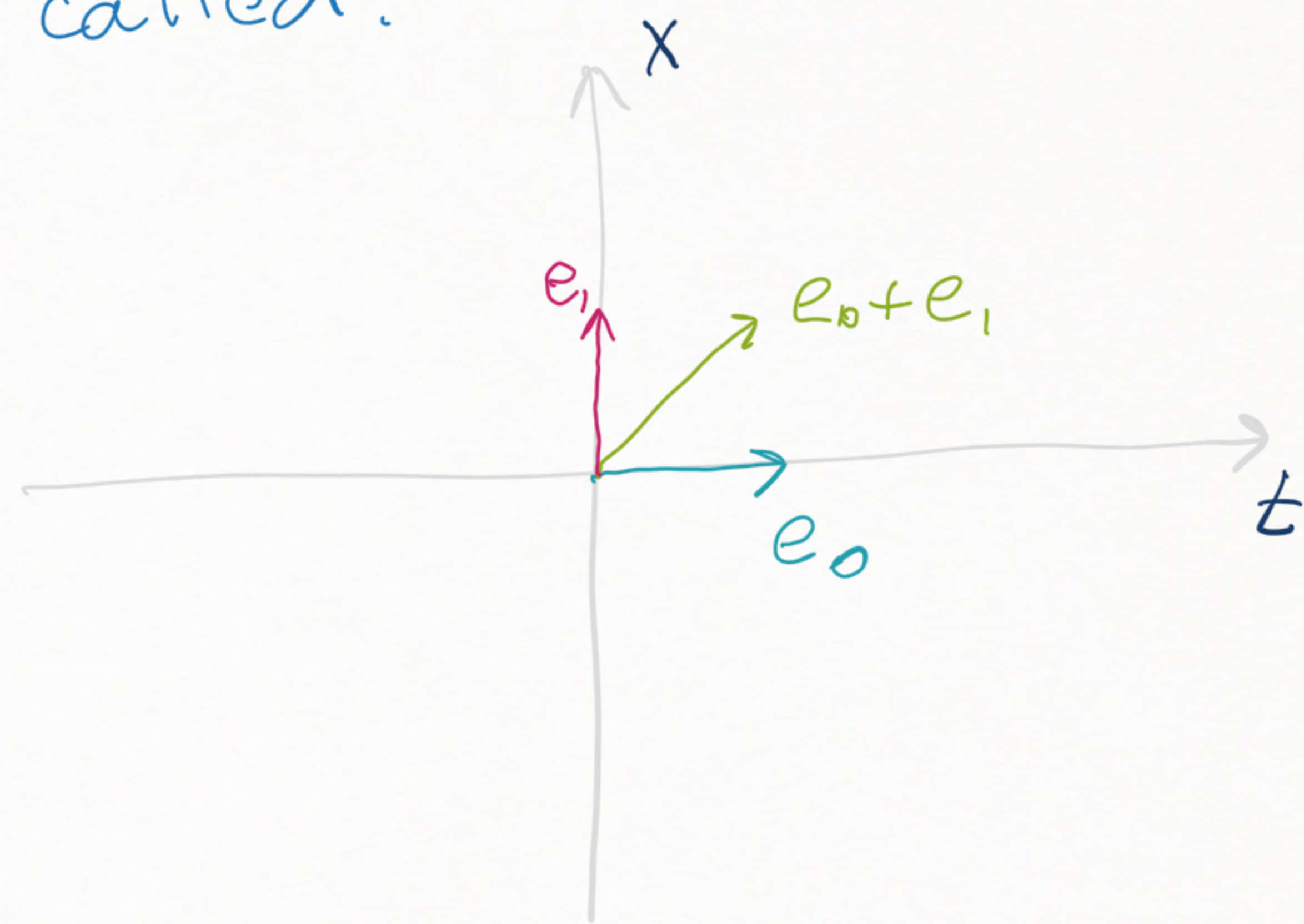
$$\{X_i\}_{i=0}^d \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1,d} \text{ s.t. } \eta(X_0, X_0) = 1 \wedge \eta(X_1, X_1) = \dots = \eta(X_d, X_d) = -1.$$

Example:  $\{e_i\}_{i=0}^d$ ,  $e_0 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_1 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $e_d = (0, \dots, 1)$

$$\eta(e_0, e_0) = \underline{e_0^T \hat{\eta} e_0} = 1, \quad \eta(e_i, e_i) = \underline{e_i^T \hat{\eta} e_i} = -1, \quad i = 1, \dots, d.$$

A vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{1,d}$  is called:

- Spacelike:  $\eta(X, X) < 0$
  - Light like/null:  $\eta(X, X) = 0$
  - Timelike:  $\eta(X, X) > 0$
- } Causal





# Lorentzian Manifold (Spacetime)

$(M, g)$   $M$ -connected  $C^\infty$  manifold  
 $g \in C^\infty(T_x M^{\otimes 2})$  symmetric type  $(0,2)$  tensor s.t.  
 $(\forall p \in M) g(p)$  is a Lorentzian form on  $T_p M$ .  
 $g$  - Lorentzian metric

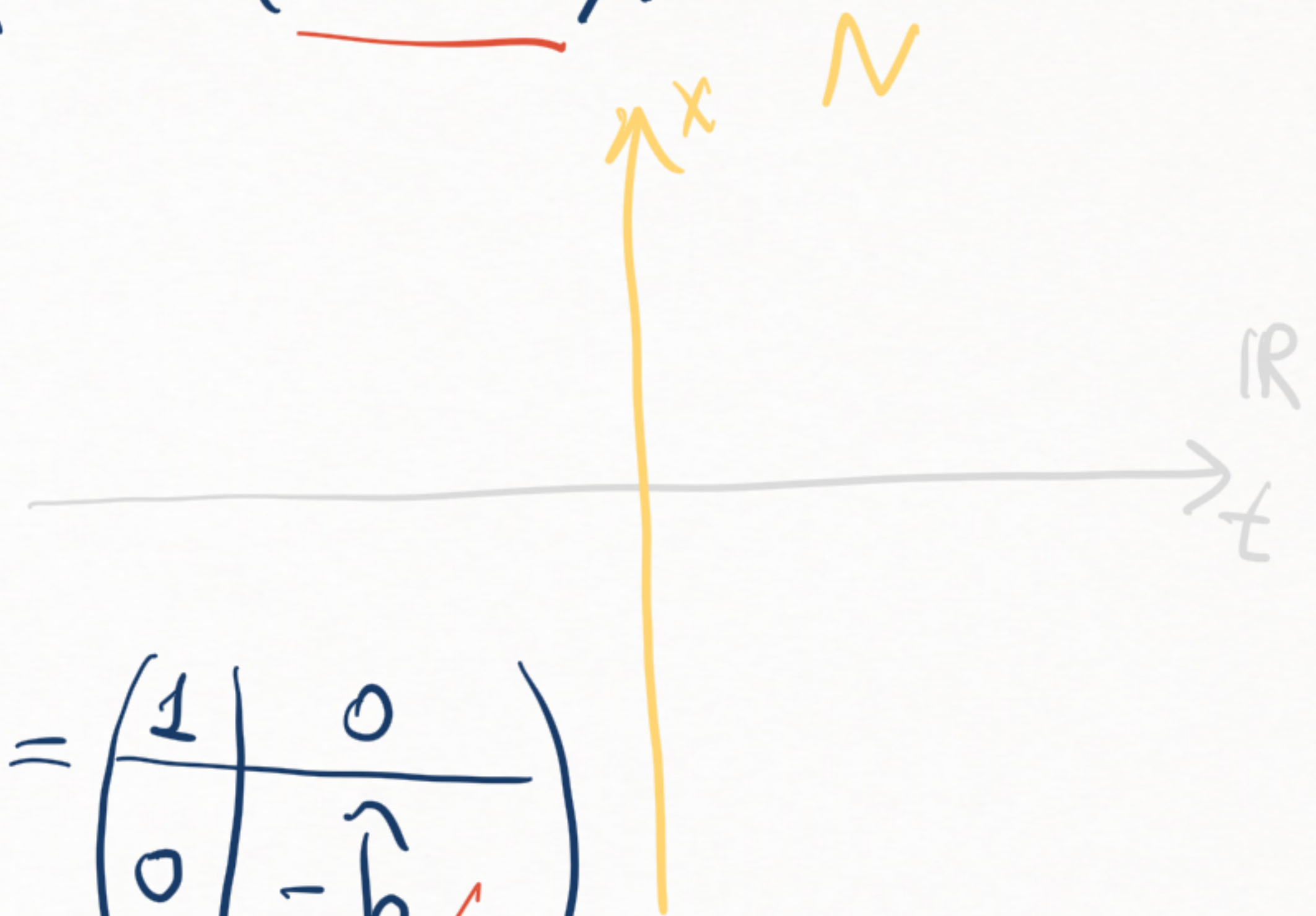
Example: Minkowski spacetime  $\mathbb{R}^{1,d} = (\mathbb{R}^{1+d}, \eta)$ .

Example:  $(N, h)$  - Riemannian manifold

$$M \cong \mathbb{R} \times N$$
$$g \cong \mathbb{1} \oplus -h$$

$(M, g)$  - Lorentzian manifold

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{h} \end{pmatrix}$$



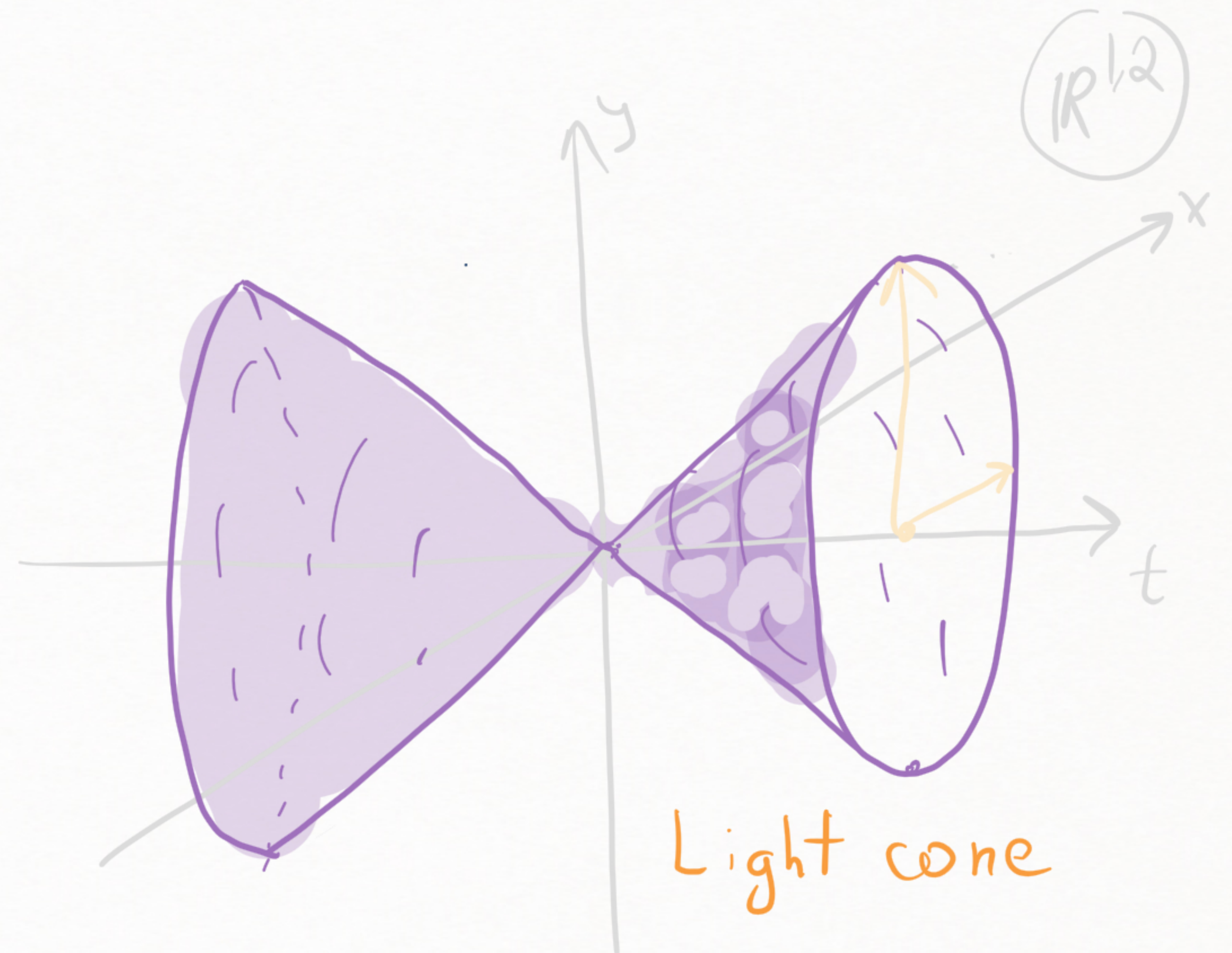
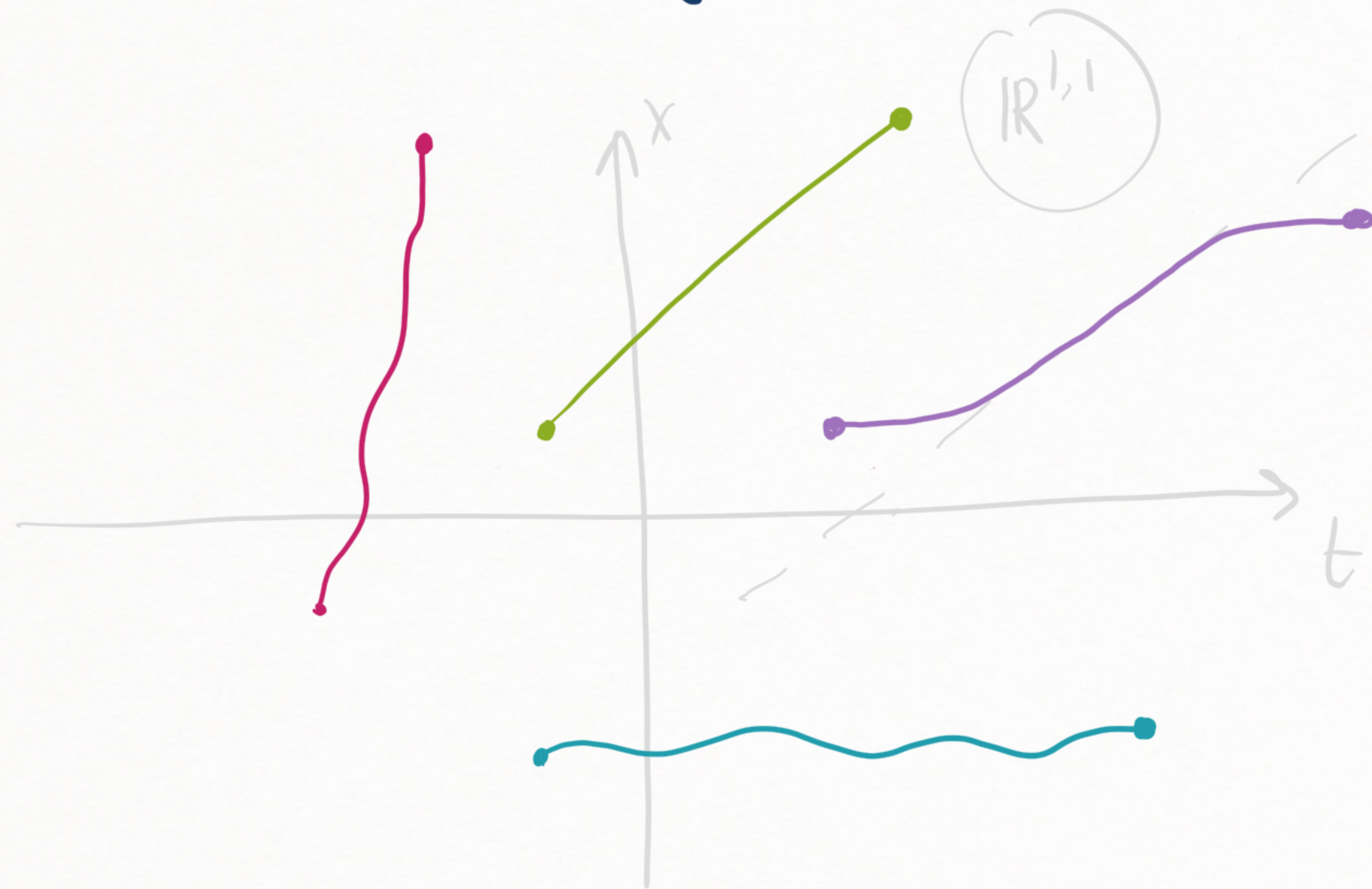


# Causal Structure:

A curve  $\gamma \in C^1([0,1], M)$  is called

- Spacelike  $g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) < 0, \forall s \in [0,1]$
- Lightlike/null  $g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) = 0, \forall s \in [0,1]$
- Timelike  $g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) > 0, \forall s \in [0,1]$

Causal  $g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) \geq 0, \forall s \in [0,1]$





# Time Orientation (future/past)

A vector field  $X \in C^\infty(TM)$  is called

Spacelike  
Light like/null  
Timelike

$$g(X(p), X(p)) < 0, \forall p \in M$$

$$g(X(p), X(p)) = 0, \forall p \in M$$

$$g(X(p), X(p)) > 0, \forall p \in M$$

Time Orientation: timelike vector field  $\tau \in C^\infty(TM)$ ,  $g(\tau, \tau) > 0$ .

A causal vector  $X \in T_p M$  is called

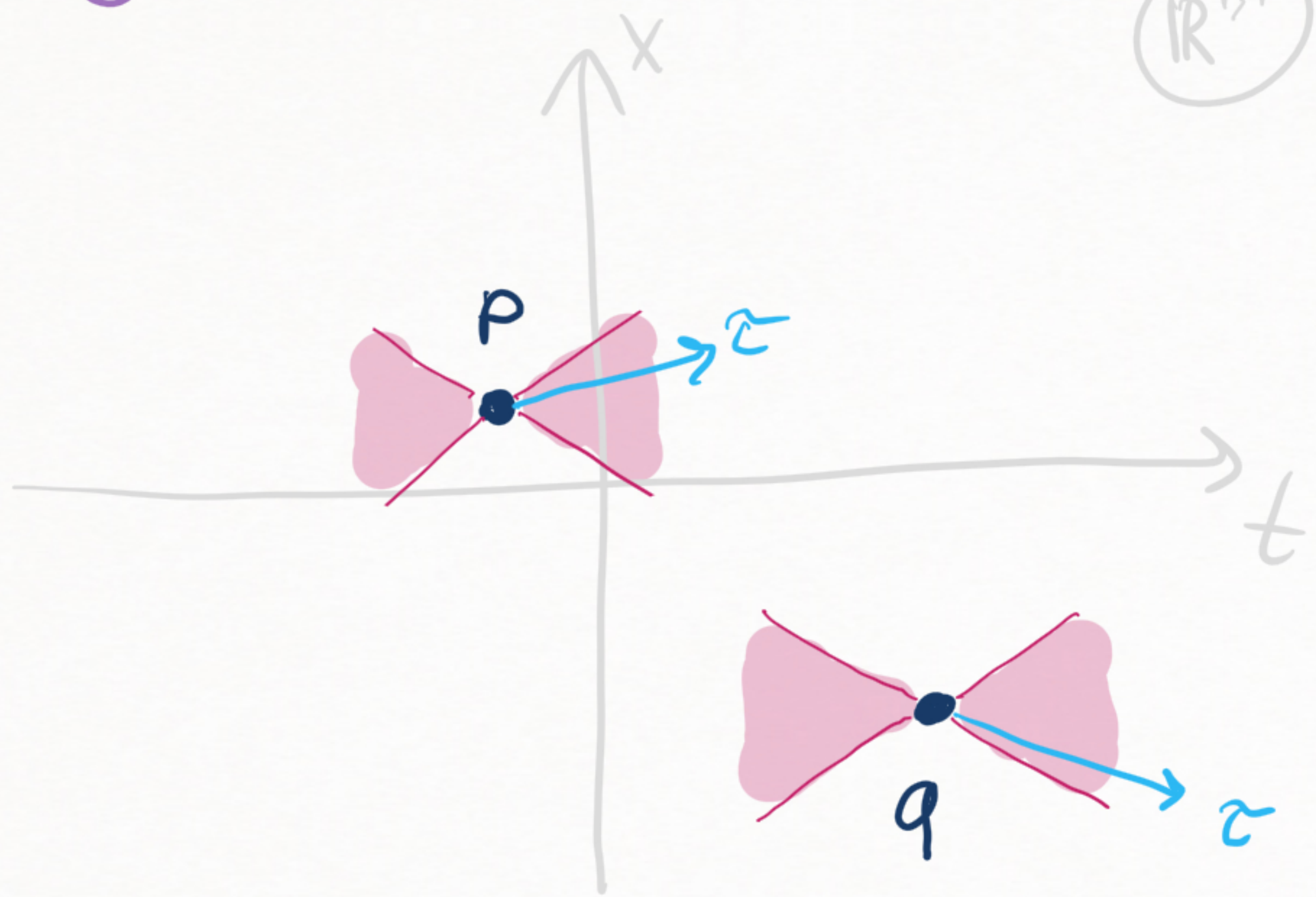
Future-directed

$$\underline{g(X, \tau(p)) > 0}$$

Past-directed

$$\underline{g(X, \tau(p)) < 0}$$

By definition,  $\tau$  is future-directed.





Causal/Chronological future/past:

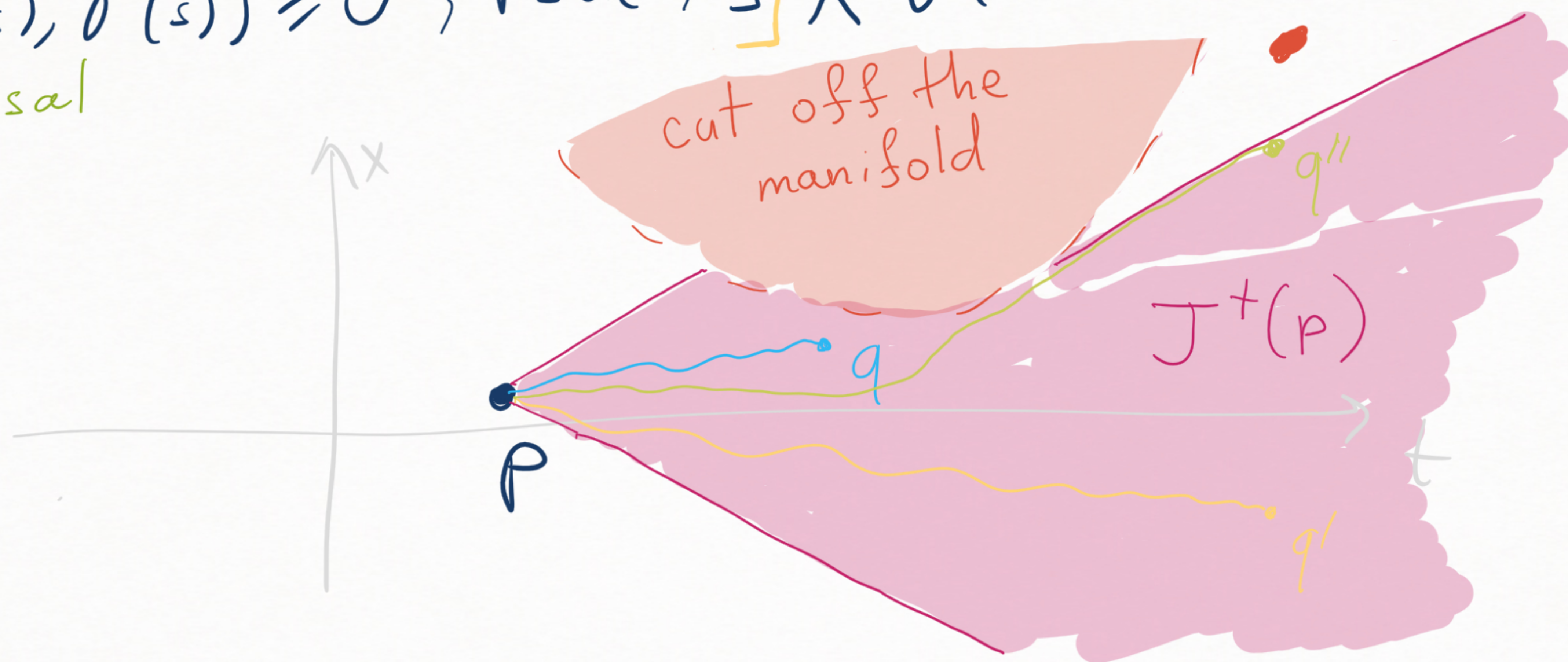
A causal curve  $\sigma \in C^1([0,1], M)$  is called  
**Future/past-directed**  $\dot{\sigma}(s)$  is future/past-directed,  $\forall s \in [0,1]$ .

Causal Future of  $p \in M$

$$J^+(p) = \{q \in M \mid \exists \sigma \in C^1([0,1], M) \text{ s.t. } \underbrace{g(\dot{\sigma}(s), \dot{\sigma}(s))}_{\text{future-directed}} > 0 \wedge$$

$$g(\dot{\sigma}(s), \dot{\sigma}(s)) \geq 0, \forall s \in [0,1] \wedge \sigma(0) = p \wedge \sigma(1) = q\} \cup \{p\}.$$

*causal*





## Causal Past of $p \in M$

$$\mathcal{J}^-(p) = \left\{ q \in M \mid \exists \gamma \in C'([0,1], M) \text{ s.t. } \left[ \begin{array}{l} g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \tau(\dot{\gamma}(s))) < 0 \wedge \\ \text{past-directed} \\ g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) \geq 0, \forall s \in [0,1] \end{array} \right] \wedge \gamma(0) = p \wedge \gamma(1) = q \right\} \cup \{p\}$$

## Chronological Future of $p \in M$

$$\mathcal{I}^+(p) = \left\{ q \in M \mid \exists \gamma \in C'([0,1], M) \text{ s.t. } \left[ \begin{array}{l} g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \tau(\dot{\gamma}(s))) > 0 \wedge \\ \text{future-directed} \\ g(\dot{\gamma}(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) > 0, \forall s \in [0,1] \end{array} \right] \wedge \gamma(0) = p \wedge \gamma(1) = q \right\}$$

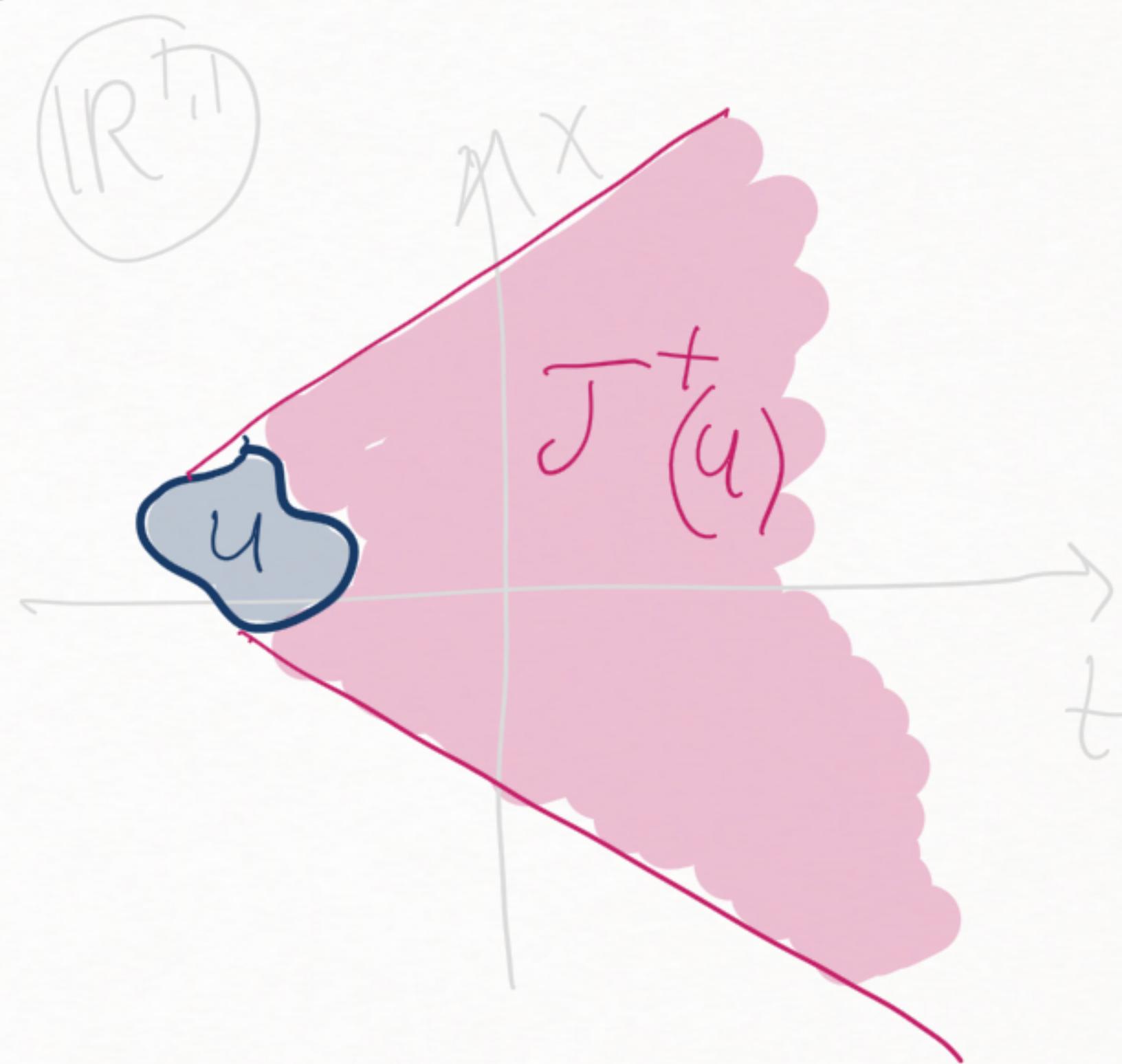
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# Causal/Chronological future/past of $U \subseteq M$

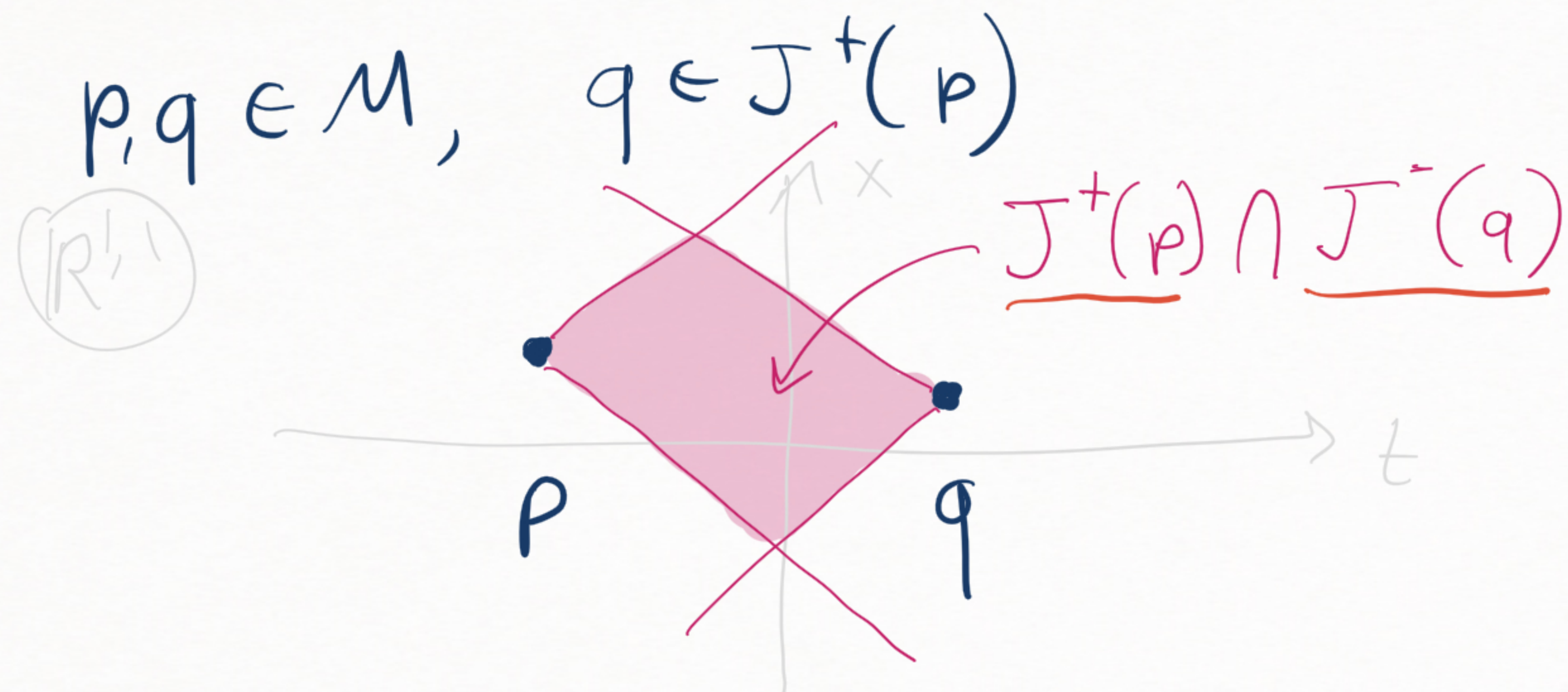
$$J^\pm(U) = \bigcup_{q \in U} J^\pm(q), \quad \mathcal{J}^\pm(U) = \bigcup_{q \in U} \mathcal{J}^\pm(q)$$



Properties:

- $\mathcal{J}^\pm(U) = J^\pm(U)$  (interior)
- $J^\pm(U)$  need not be closed

## Causal diamond





# Curvature and Geodesics

Definitions remain valid independent of signature:

Levi-Civita connection (covariant derivative)

$$\nabla g = 0 \quad \wedge \quad T(\nabla) = 0$$

torsion-free

$$\nabla_X = X + \Gamma_X \quad \forall X \in C^\infty(TM)$$

Christoffel symbols

Riemannian curvature

$$R(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}, \quad \forall X, Y \in C^\infty(TM)$$

Geodesics

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = 0$$

Null geodesics — light  
Timelike geodesics — "freely  
falling" massive objects



## Local coordinates

$(t, x_1, \dots, x_d)$   $\partial_t$  timelike,  $\{\partial_{x_i}\}_{i=1}^d$  spacelike

$$g = g_{00} dt \otimes dt + \sum_{i=1}^d g_{0i} (dt \otimes dx_i + dx_i \otimes dt) + \sum_{i,j=1}^d g_{ij} dx_i \otimes dx_j$$

## Quadratic form notations

$$ds^2 = g_{00} dt^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^d g_{0i} dt dx_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^d g_{ij} dx_i dx_j$$

$$ds^2 = (dt \ dx_1 \ \dots \ dx_d) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \hat{g} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx_1 \\ \vdots \\ dx_d \end{pmatrix}$$



# Examples of spacetimes

Minkowski	$M = \mathbb{R}^{1+d}$	$g(t, x) = 1 \oplus -\mathbb{1}_d$	$ds^2 = dt^2 -  d\vec{x} ^2$
Ultrastatic	$M = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$	$g(t, x) = 1 \oplus -h(x)$	$ds^2 = dt^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^d h(x)^{ij} dx_i dx_j$
		$(\Sigma, h)$ - Riemannian manifold	

## Warped product

$$M = N \times Q \quad g(t, x, y) = \tilde{g}(t, x) \oplus -a(t, x)^2 \cdot h(y)$$

$(N, \tilde{g})$  - Lorentzian manifold

$(Q, h)$  - Riemannian manifold

$a \in C^\infty(N, (0, +\infty))$  - warp function



# Examples of spacetimes (cont.)

An extreme case  $(N, \tilde{g})$  - 1-dim. spacetime ( $d=0$ , no space)

$(Q, h)$  - Riemannian manifold

$\beta, a \in C^\infty(N, (0, +\infty))$

$M = \underline{N \times Q}$

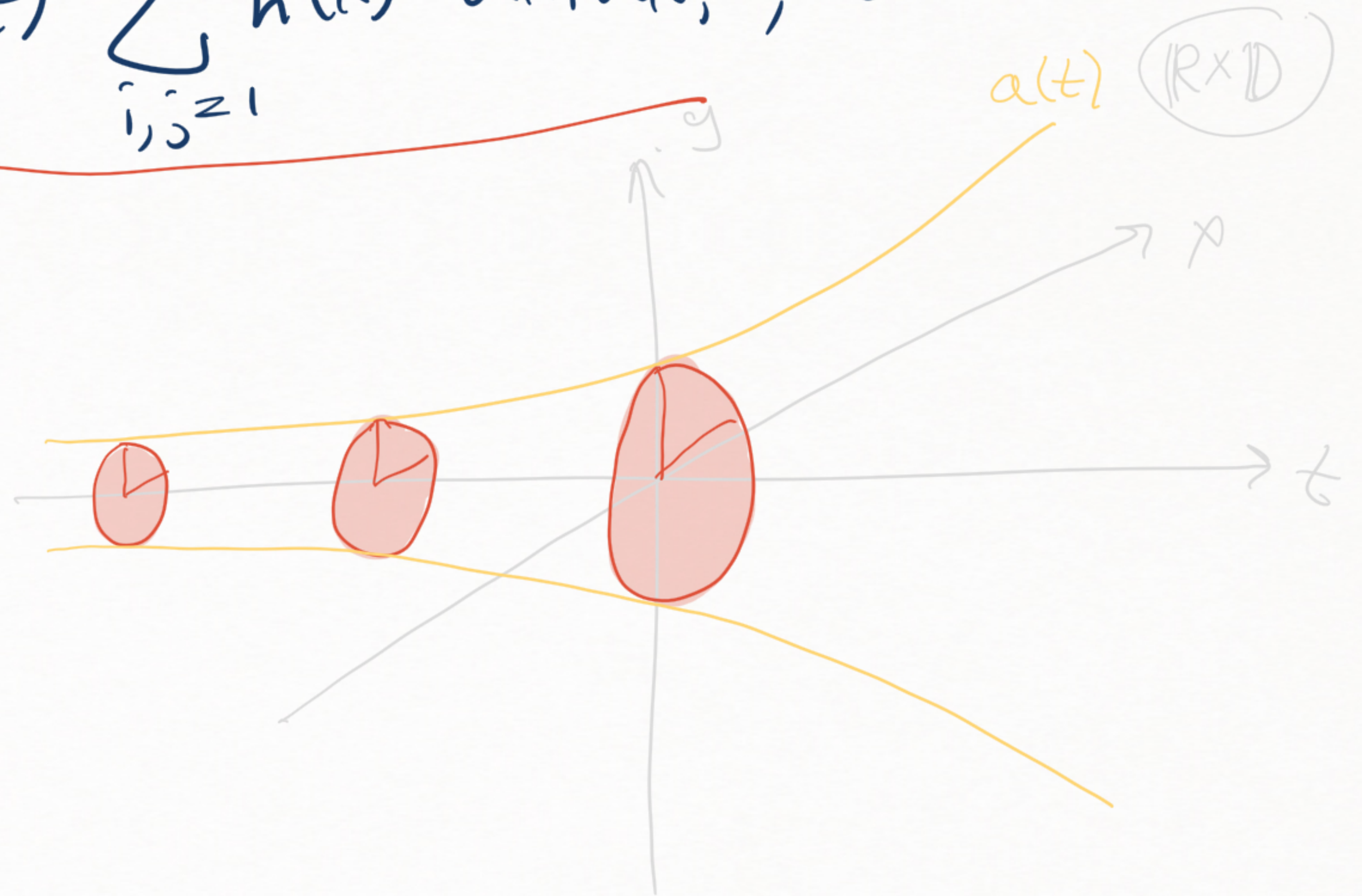
$g(t, x) = \underline{\beta(t)^2 \oplus -a(t)^2 h(x)}$

$ds^2 = \underline{\beta(t)^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^d h(x)^{ij} dx_i dx_j}$ ,  $d = \dim Q$ .

Time reparameterization

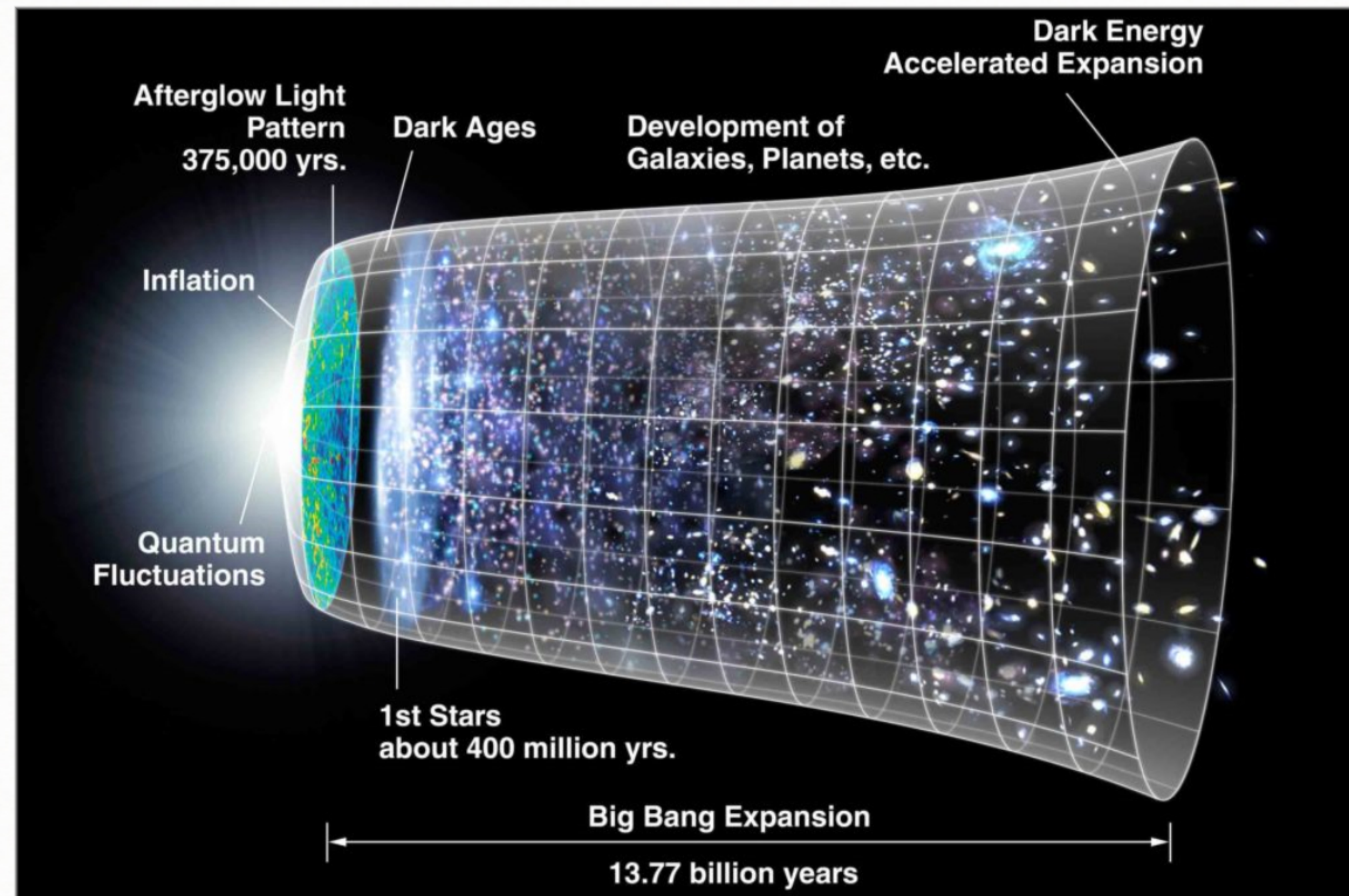
$T(t) = \int_0^t \beta(\tau) d\tau$ ,  $A(T) = a(t)$

$g(T, x) = 1 \oplus -A(T)^2 h(x)$





# A typical Big Bang spacetime



Google search "cosmology". Subject to copyright, I suppose.



# Isometries

Defined in the same way as for Riemannian manifolds.

$$\text{Iso}(M, g) = \{ \psi \in \text{Diffeo}(M) \mid \underline{d\psi^*g} = g \} \quad \text{Lie group}$$

$G' \subseteq \text{Iso}(M, g)$  a Lie subgroup,  $G'$  acts on  $(M, g)$  by isometries.

Left action notation:  $(\forall \underline{a} \in G') (\forall x \in M) \underline{\psi_a(x)} = \underline{a \cdot x}$

$$0 \leq \dim \text{Iso}(M, g) \leq \underline{\frac{(d+1)(d+2)}{2}}$$



# Minkowski spacetime

$$(M, g) = (\mathbb{R}^{1+d}, \eta) = \mathbb{R}^{1,d}$$

$$\text{Iso}(\mathbb{R}^{1,d}) = \underline{\mathbb{R}^{d+1}} \times \underline{O(1,d)} \quad \text{Poincaré group}$$

$$O(1,d) \quad \text{Lorentz group}$$

$G = \text{Iso}(\mathbb{R}^{1,d})$  acts transitively on  $\mathbb{R}^{1,d}$ ,  $G \cdot p = M, \forall p \in M$

Wigner's classification of elementary particles of nature based on the rep. theory of  $\text{Iso}(\mathbb{R}^{1,d})$ .



# Homogeneous Cosmological Spacetimes

$(M, g)$  spacetime,  $G$  Lie group

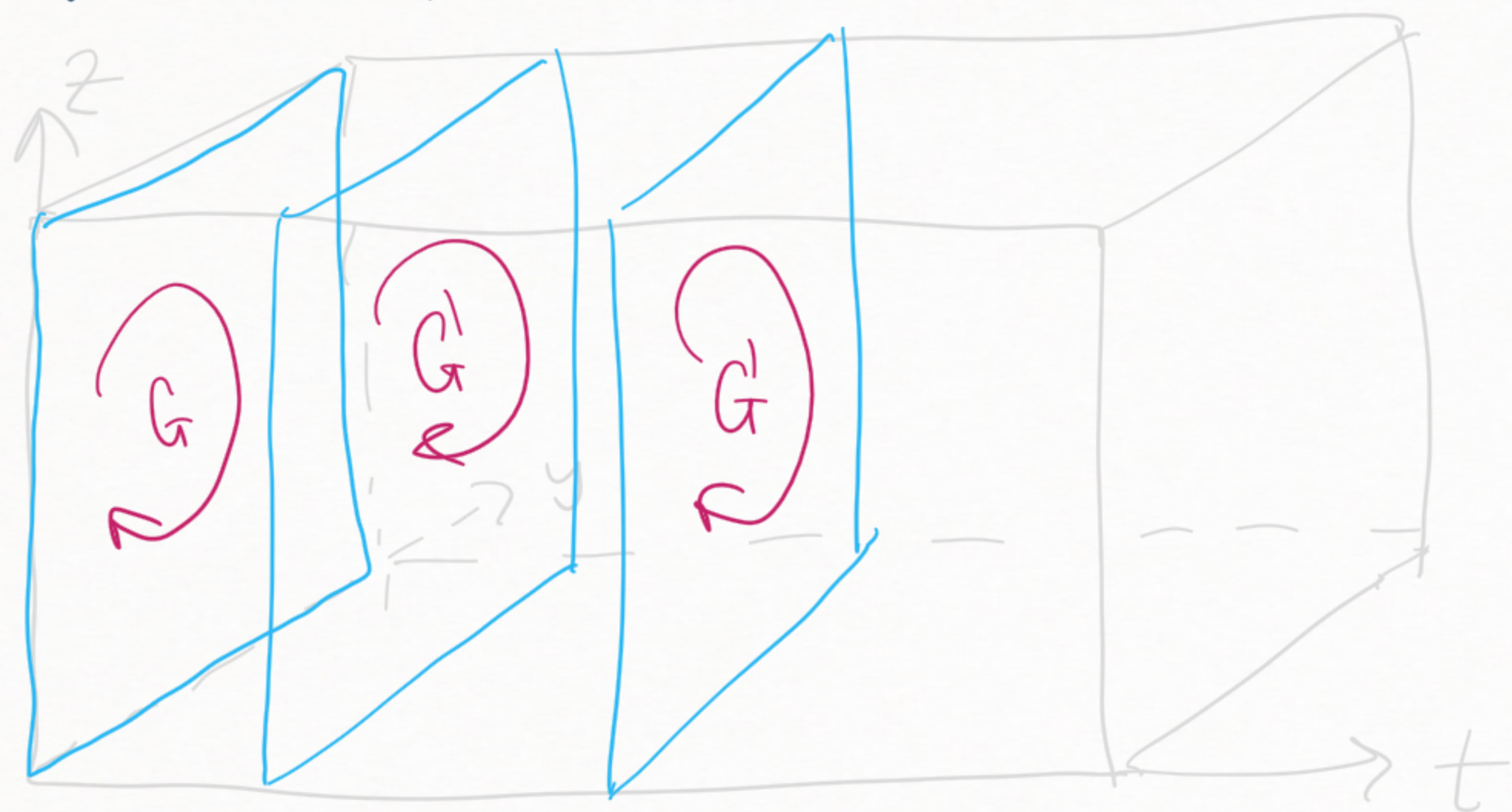
Spatial homogeneity  
isometries so that

Let  $G$  act on  $(M, g)$  by

$(\forall p \in M) G \cdot p \subseteq M$  spacelike and  $\dim G \cdot p = d$  ( $= \dim M - 1$ )

$$\Sigma = G \cdot p, \quad \underline{h = g|_{\Sigma}}$$

$(\Sigma, h)$   $G$ -homogeneous  
Riemannian  
manifold





# Examples

FRW spacetimes  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma \in \{\mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{S}^3\}$

$$g(t, x) = \mathbb{1} \oplus -a(t)^2 h(x)$$

$(\Sigma, h)$  =  $E(3)_0 / SO(3)$  Flat, Euclidean universe  $K=0$   
 $SO(4) / SO(3)$  Closed universe  $K>0$   
 $SO(1,3)_0 / SO(3)$  Open universe  $K<0$

More generally:  $g(t, x) = \mathfrak{g}(t)^2 \oplus -h_t(x)$ ,  $(\Sigma, h_t)$  -  $G^1$ -hom. Riem. man.  
 $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$



## Inextendible Curves

A curve  $\tilde{\gamma} \in C^1(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}, M)$  is called an **extension** of a curve  $\gamma \in C^1(\alpha, \beta, M)$  if  $\gamma(\alpha, \beta) \subsetneq \tilde{\gamma}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta})$



A curve is called **inextendible** if it has no extensions.

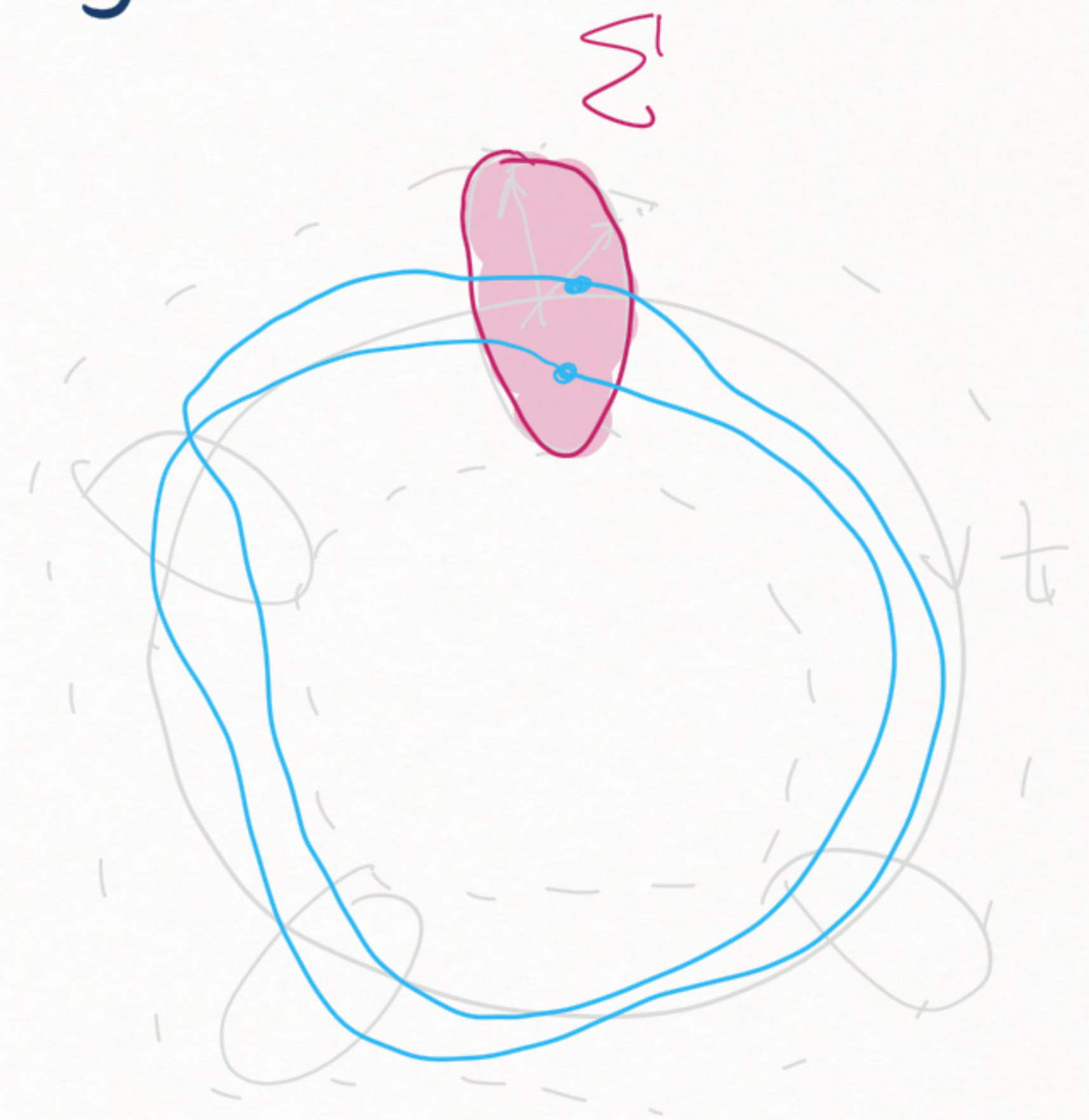
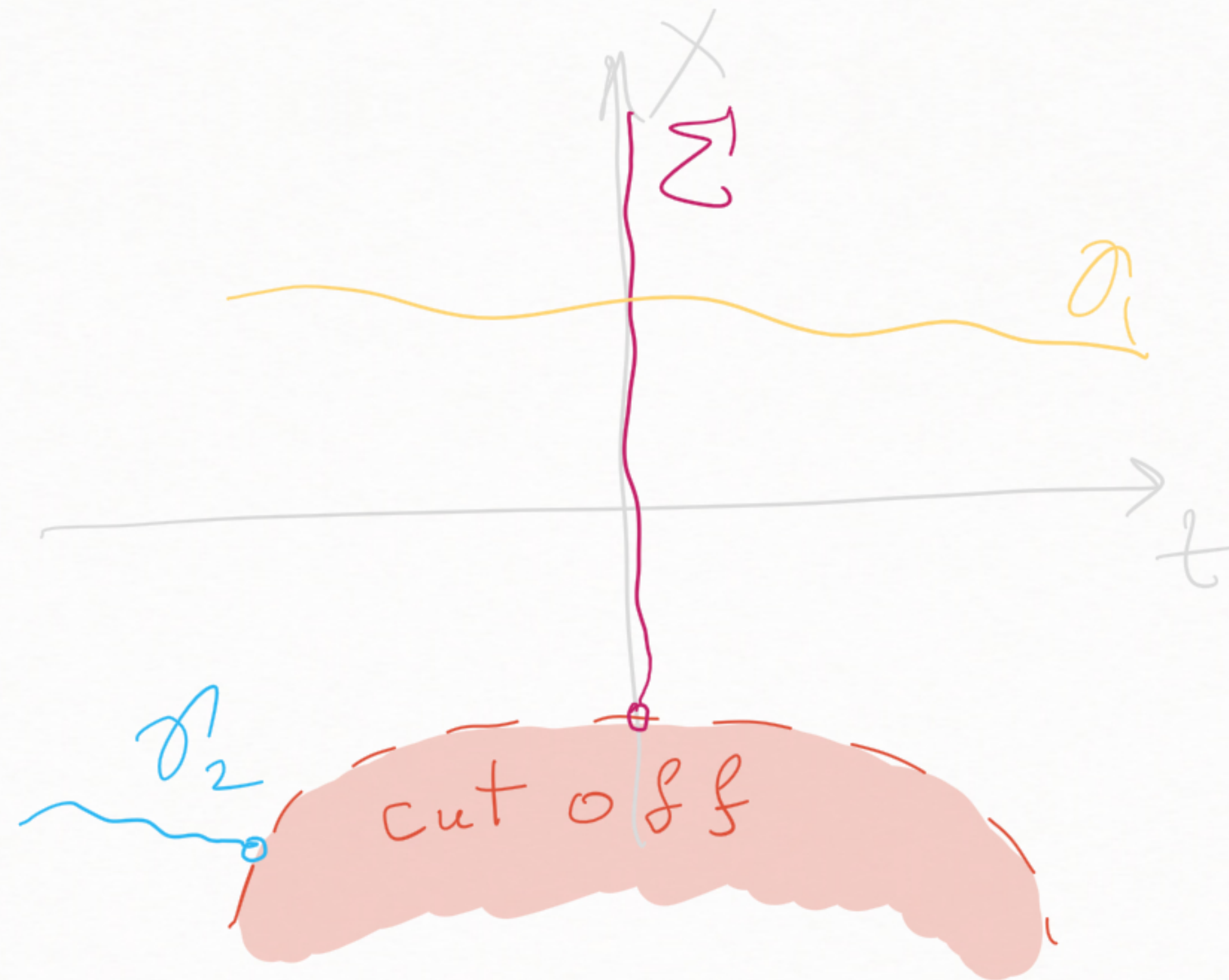
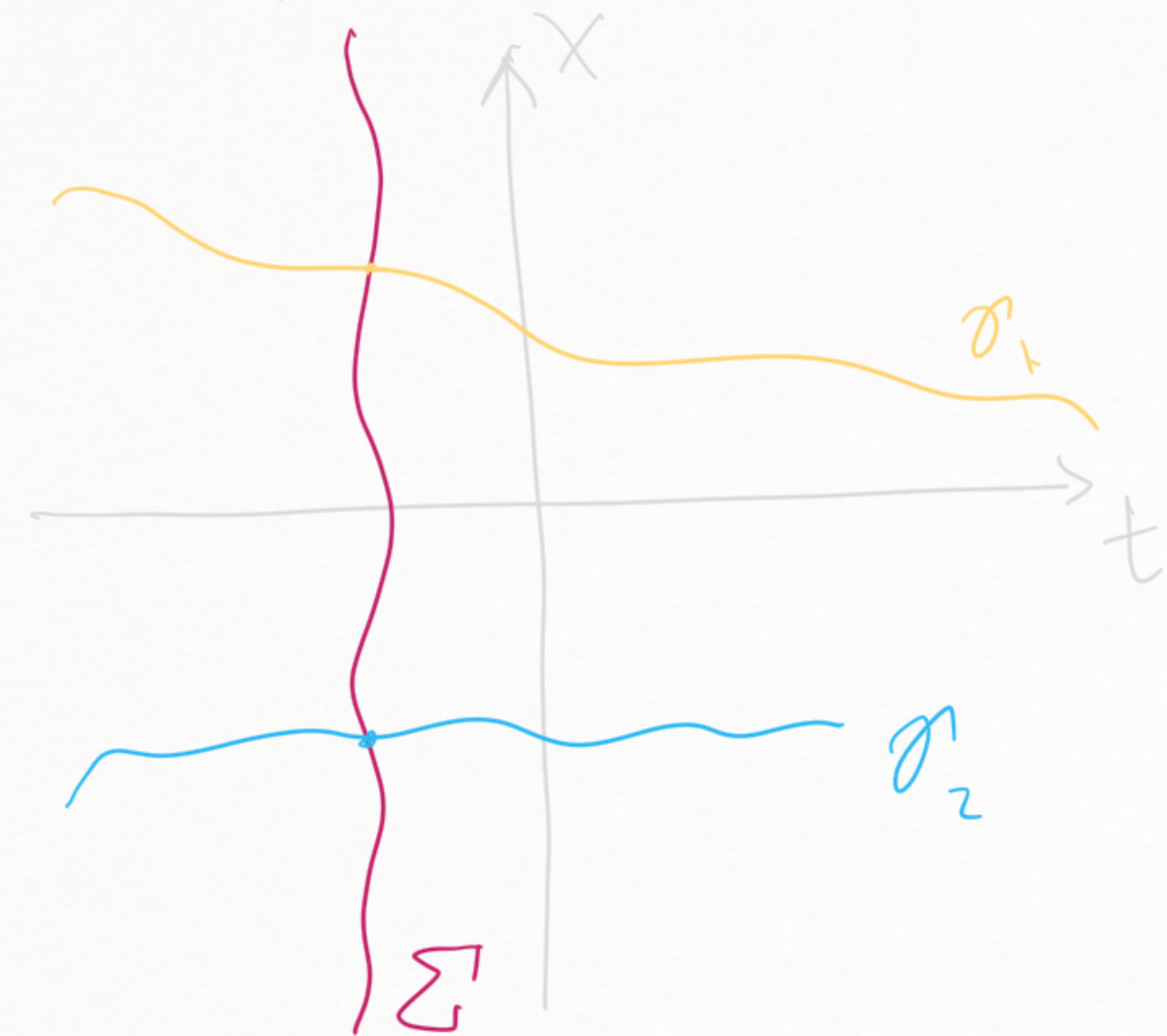




# Global Hyperbolicity

**Cauchy hypersurface** A  $C^0$ -hypersurface  $\Sigma \subseteq M$  s.t.  
 $\forall \sigma \in C^1((\alpha, \beta), M)$  causal inextendible,  $\# \sigma((\alpha, \beta)) \cap \Sigma = 1$ , or  
 $(\exists! s \in (\alpha, \beta)) \sigma(s) \in \Sigma$ .

$(M, g)$  is **globally hyperbolic** if it has a Cauchy hypersurface





# Global Time Function

**Time function**  $t \in C(M)$  s.t.  $\forall \gamma \in C^1([0,1], M)$  timelike, future-directed,  
 $(\forall s_1, s_2 \in [0,1]) s_1 < s_2 \Rightarrow t(\gamma(s_1)) < t(\gamma(s_2))$ .

Early results:  $(M, g)$  glob. hyp.  $\Rightarrow M \stackrel{\text{homeo}}{\simeq} \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  global time function

Questions: • Is  $M \stackrel{\text{diffeo}}{\simeq} \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ ?

• Does exist  $C^\infty$  time function  $t$ , s.t.

$M \xrightarrow{t} (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  trivial fibre bundle  
with Cauchy hypersurface fibres?



## Factorization

Bernal, Sanchez 2003, 2005:

**Theorem:** Let  $(M, g)$  be globally hyperbolic. Then it is isometrically diffeomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, \beta^2 \oplus -h_t)$  (with time orientation preserved)

$$\underline{(\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, \beta^2 \oplus -h_t)}$$

where  $\beta \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, (0, +\infty))$  and  $\mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \underline{h_t} \in C^\infty(T^*\Sigma^{\otimes 2})$  is a smooth family of Riemannian metrics on  $\Sigma$ .

Moreover,  $(\forall t \in \mathbb{R}) \underline{\{t\} \times \Sigma} = \Sigma_t \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$  is a Cauchy hypersurface.

$$\underline{g(t, x) = \beta^2(t, x) \oplus -h_t(x)}$$



## Classification

Which spacetimes  $(\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus -h_*)$  are globally hyperbolic?

Classical:  $\mathfrak{g}(t, x) = \mathfrak{g}(t)$ ,  $h_t(x) = a(t)^2 \cdot h(x)$ ,  $(\Sigma, h)$  complete

Choquet-Bruhat, Cotsakis 2002

1.  $0 < m \leq \mathfrak{g}(t, x) \leq M$

2.  $(\Sigma, h_0)$  complete

3.  $\inf_{X \in TM} \frac{h_t(X, X)}{h_0(X, X)} \geq A > 0$

}  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus -h_*)$  globally hyperbolic

Does not cover homogeneous cosmological spacetimes or open causal diamonds  $\mathcal{I}^+(p) \cap \mathcal{I}^-(q)$ .



## Classification (cont.)

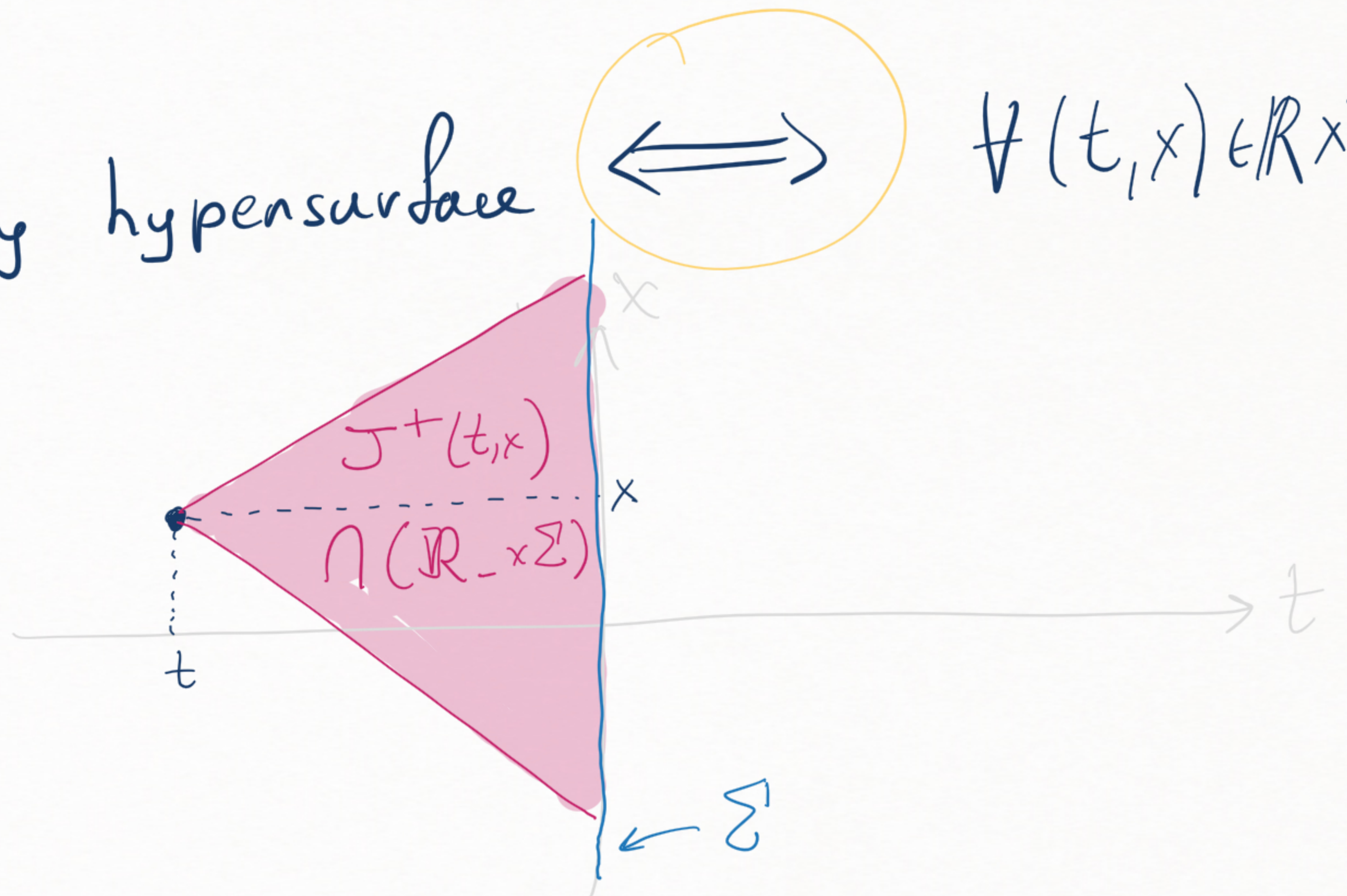
**Z.A. 2021:** Let  $h_\infty$  be a  $C^0$  Riemannian metric on  $\Sigma$  s.t.  $(\Sigma, h_\infty)$  is complete. Introduce  $D: \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  as

$$D(t, x) = \frac{\mathfrak{B}(t, x)^2}{\min_{\substack{X \in T_x \Sigma \\ h_\infty[x](X, X) = 1}} h_t[x](X, X)}, \quad \forall (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma.$$

Then  $\Sigma_0 = \{0\} \times \Sigma$  is a Cauchy hypersurface ↔  $\forall (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma,$

$$\sup_{J^+(t, x) \cap (\mathbb{R}_- \times \Sigma)} D < \infty.$$

$$J^-(t, x) \cap (\mathbb{R}_+ \times \Sigma)$$





# Homogeneous Cosmological Spacetimes (cont.)

Let  $(G, M, g)$  be a homogeneous cosmological spacetime.

2 foliations: by  $G$ -orbits v.s. by Cauchy hypersurfaces

Questions: Can the 2 foliations coincide? Minimal set of assumptions?

Z. A. 2021:

1.  $G$  acts on  $M$  properly

2. Generators  $\{x\}$  of  $G$  spacelike  
 $\max \dim \{x\} = d$

3.  $G$ -orbits connected

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1. \text{ } \underline{G} \text{ acts on } M \text{ properly} \\ 2. \text{ Generators } \{x\} \text{ of } \underline{G} \text{ spacelike} \\ \quad \max \dim \{x\} = d \\ 3. \text{ } \underline{G}\text{-orbits connected} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (G, M, g) \simeq \underline{(\mathbb{R} \times (G, \Sigma), \beta^2 \oplus h_*)},$$

$\Sigma_t = \{t\} \times \Sigma$  Cauchy hypersurface.



## Homogeneous Cosmological Spacetimes (cont.)

Are conditions 1.-3. sharp/necessary/minimal?

**Z.A. 2021:** For connected  $G$ , compact  $H \subseteq G$ ,  $\Sigma = G/H$ ,  
and any spacetime  $(\mathbb{R} \times (G, \Sigma), \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus -h_x)$ , the conditions  
1.-3. hold true.

**Conclusion:** Conditions 1.-3. are the appropriate  
definition of a homogeneous cosmological spacetime.

The equivariant factorization  $M \cong \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$  is automatic.



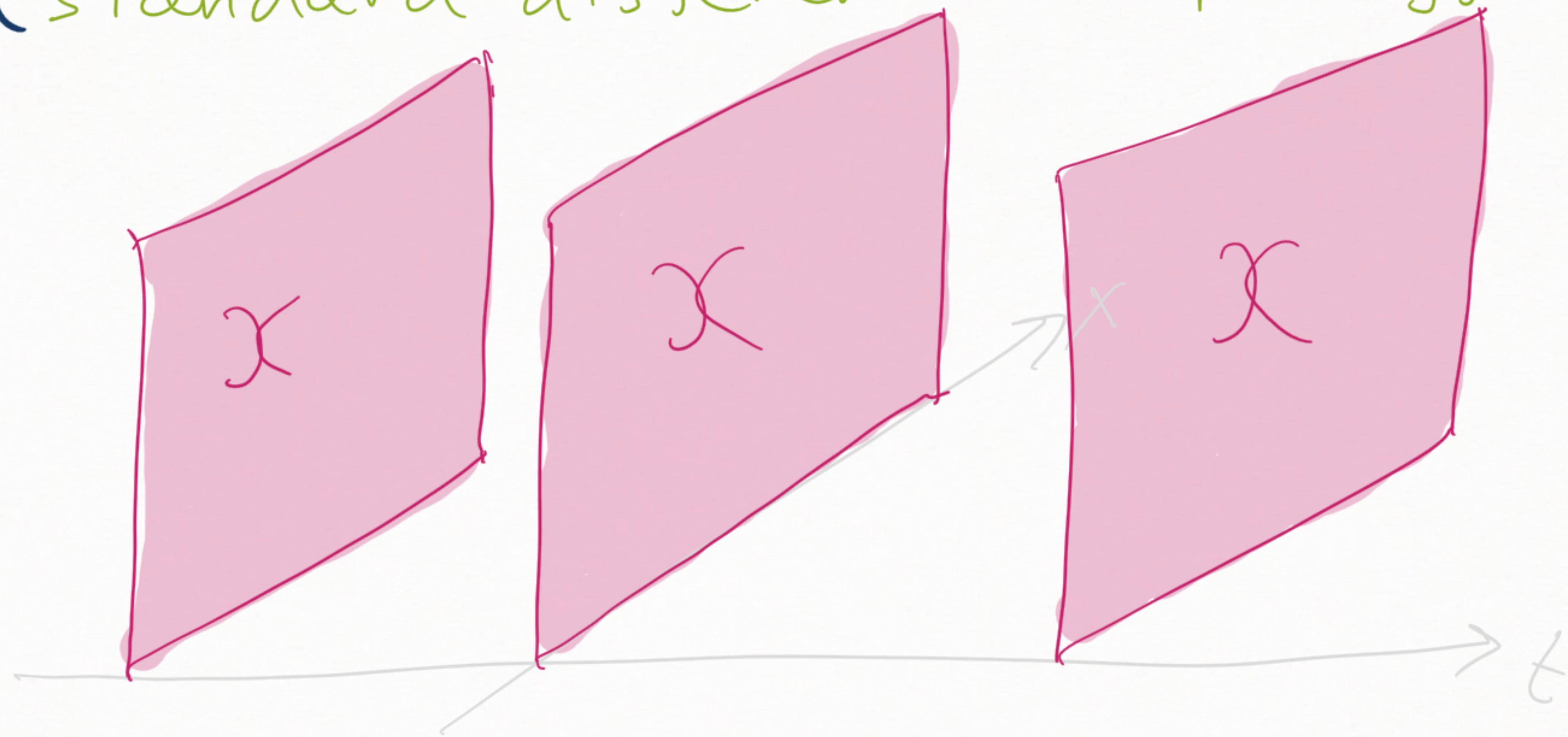
# Homogeneous Cosmological Vector Bundles

Take  $M = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$  and a vector bundle  $\mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ .

Denote  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{J}|_{\Sigma_0}$ .

Question:  $\mathcal{J} \simeq \underline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{X}}$ ?

Answer: Yes (standard differential topology)





# Equivariant Factorization

Homogeneous cosmological vector bundle

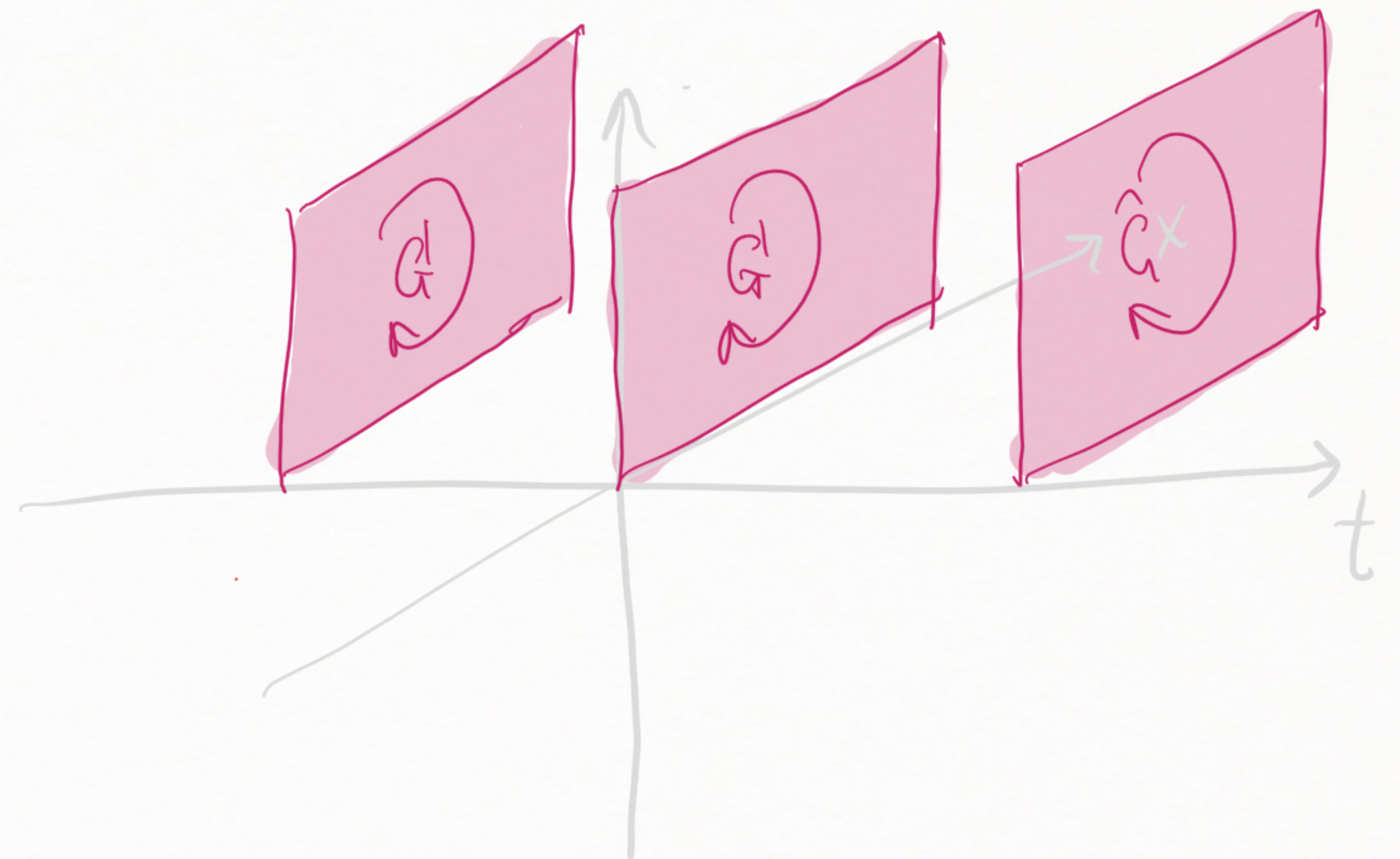
1.  $(G, \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma) \cong \mathbb{R} \times (G, \Sigma)$  hom. cosm. spacetime

2.  $G$  acts smoothly on the vector bundle

$J \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$  s.t.  $\pi$  is  $G$ -equivariant.

Question:  $(G, J) \cong \mathbb{R} \times (G, X)$  ?

Z.A. 2021: YES.





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# Part II: Hyperbolic PDEs

## Scalar PDEs

$M$   $C^\infty$  manifold,  $P: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  linear PDO with  $C^\infty$  coefficients ( $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ), of order  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Local:  $Pu(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) \underline{D^\alpha} u(x)$ ,  $a_\alpha \in C^\infty$

Invariant:  $\text{PDO}_0(M) = \underline{C^\infty(M)}$   $Pu(x) = P(x)u(x)$ ,  $\forall P \in \text{PDO}_0(M)$

$\text{PDO}_m(M) = \{P \in \text{Hom}(C^\infty(M), C^\infty(M)) \mid \underline{[P, Q] \in \text{PDO}_{m-1}(M)}, \forall Q \in \text{PDO}_0(M)\}$

$$\underline{[\partial^m, a]u} = \partial^m(au) - a\partial^m u = \underline{\partial a \cdot \partial^{m-1} u} + \dots + \partial^m a \cdot u$$



Petre's theorem:  $\text{PDO}(M) = \{P \in \mathcal{L}(C^\infty(M)) \mid \text{supp } Pu \subseteq \text{supp } u, \forall u \in C^\infty(M)\}$

Principal symbol:  $P \in \text{PDO}_m(M)$   $p_m \in C^\infty(T^*M)$  (not sections!  $C^\infty(T^*M \otimes^m \rightarrow M)$ )

$$P = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha \quad p_m(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha(x) (i\xi)^\alpha \quad (x, \xi) \in T^*M$$

$$p_m(q) = \frac{1}{m!} \underbrace{[Q, [Q, \dots, [Q, P] \dots]]}_{m}(\pi(q)),$$

$$Q \in \text{PDO}_0(M), \\ dQ \circ \pi(q) = q \in T^*M$$

Elliptic  $P$  elliptic at  $x \in M$  if  $p_m(x, \xi)$  an elliptic polynomial,

$$(\forall \xi \in T_x^*M^*) \quad p_m(x, \xi) = 0 \Rightarrow \xi = 0$$

$P$  elliptic on  $M$  if elliptic  $\forall x \in M$

$P$  elliptic if  $\exists P^{-1} \in \Psi\text{DO}_{-m}(M)$



# Hyperbolic



No such thing as "hyperbolic per se".

Hyperbolic

$P$  is called hyperbolic at  $x \in M$  w.r.t.  $N \in T_x M^*$   
"time" direction

iff

- $P_m(x, N) \neq 0$

- $(\exists A > 0)(\forall \xi \in T_x M^*)(\forall t \in \mathbb{C}) \underline{I_{|t| > A}} \Rightarrow \underline{P_m(x, \xi + tN) \neq 0}$

This implies that  $(\forall \xi \in T_x M^*) P_m(x, \xi + tN) = (t - t_1) \dots (t - t_m)$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$  then strongly/strictly hyperbolic.



# Example

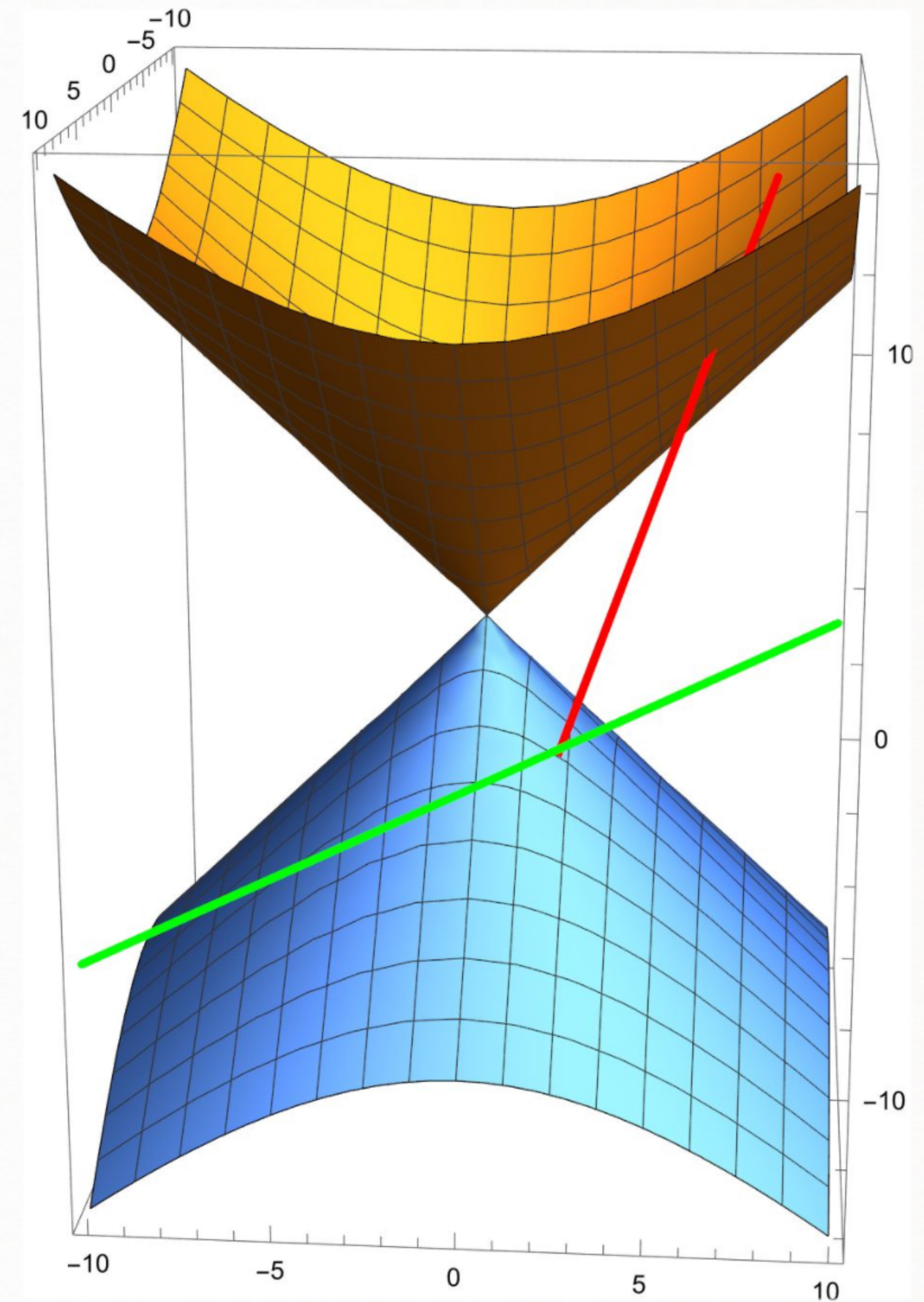
$$P_m(x, \xi) = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 - \xi_3^2$$

—  $N_1 = (1, 1, 2)$

—  $N_2 = (4, 2, 1)$

$$P = -\partial_{x_1}^2 - \partial_{x_2}^2 + \partial_{x_3}^2$$

Hyperbolic w.r.t.  $N_1$   
not hyperbolic w.r.t.  $N_2$ .





## Hyperbolic (cont.)

It makes sense to speak of hyperbolicity on  $M$  w.r.t. a 1-form  $N$  on  $M$ .

On a spacetime  $(M, g)$

$\tau$  time orientation,  $N_\tau = g(\tau, \cdot)$  time direction

Normally hyperbolic  $m=2$ ,  $p_m(x, \xi) = g(x)(\xi, \xi)$ ,  $(x, \xi) \in T^*M$ .

Normally hyperbolic  $\Rightarrow$  strictly hyperbolic w.r.t.  $N_\tau$ .

Wave operators  $\square_g + X + c$



# Cauchy-hyperbolic

$M$   $C^\infty$  manifold,  $P \in \text{PDO}_m(M)$ ,  $\Sigma \subseteq M$   $C^\infty$  hypersurface

$N \in C^\infty(T^*M|_\Sigma)$ ,  $N|_{T\Sigma} = 0$  (normal covector)

## Cauchy problem (global)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{P}u = \underline{f} \in C^\infty(M) \Rightarrow \underline{WF}(u) \subseteq \underline{\text{Char}(P)} \cup \underline{WF(f)} \\ \underline{B}^{m-1} u|_\Sigma = \underline{u}_{m-1} \in \underline{C^\infty(\Sigma)} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{B}^0 u|_\Sigma = \underline{u_0} \in \underline{C^\infty(\Sigma)} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{but we want } \underline{u} \in \underline{C^\infty(M)}$$

$B^j \in \text{PDO}_j(M)$ ,  $j=0, \dots, m-1$   
 $b_j^i(N) \neq 0$



## Cauchy-hyperbolic (cont.)

$$\Sigma \subseteq U \subseteq M, \quad U \text{ open}, \quad U \stackrel{*}{=} \underbrace{[-T, T]} \times \underbrace{\Sigma} \ni (t, x)$$

$$\underline{d\psi_* N = dt}$$

Cauchy problem (local)

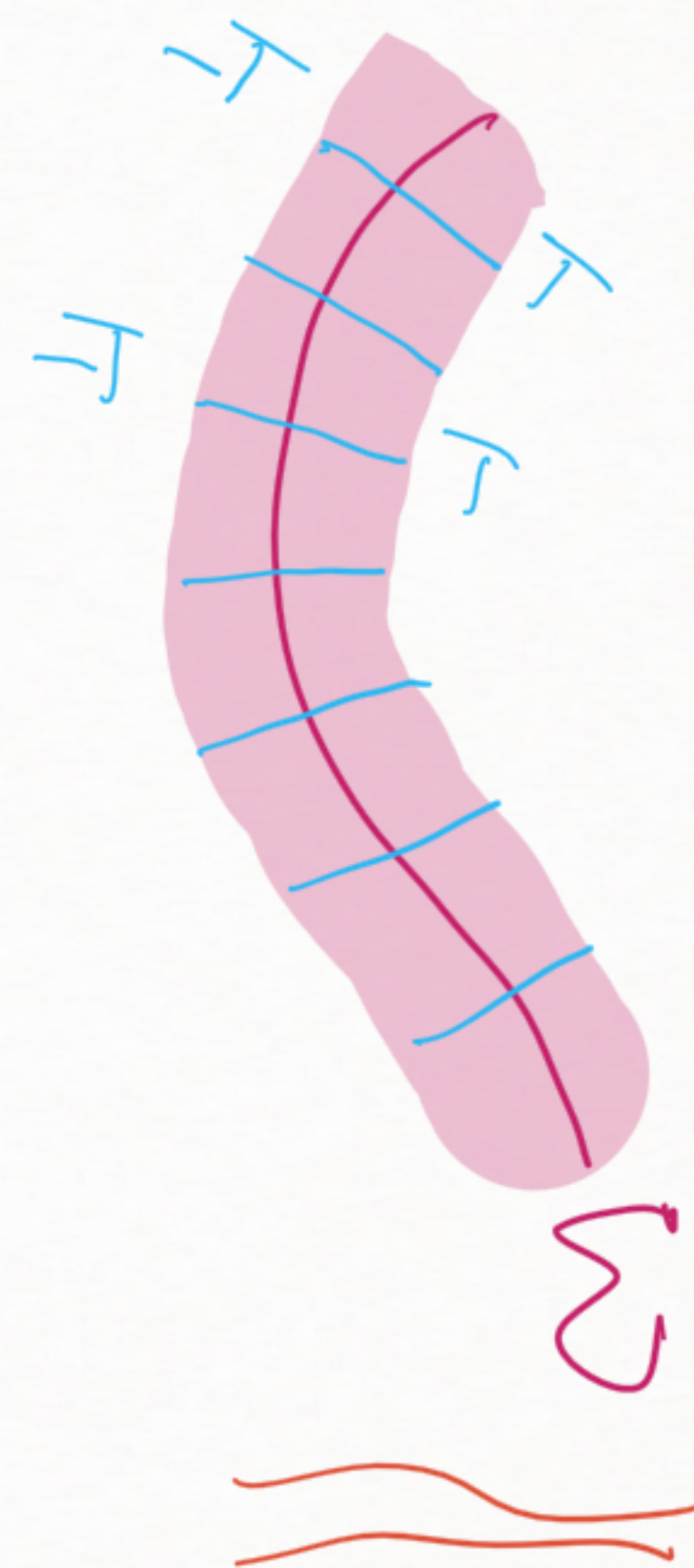
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P u = f \in C^\infty(U) \\ \partial_t^{m-1} u|_{t=0} = u_{m-1} \in C^\infty(\Sigma) \\ \vdots \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0 \in C^\infty(\Sigma) \end{array} \right.$$

Theorem:

$P$  strictly  
hyp. w.r.t.  
 $N$  in  $U$



Well-posed,  
 $\exists! u$





# Hyperbolic vs Cauchy-hyperbolic

(strictly, or analytic etc.) hyperbolic  $\Rightarrow$  (local etc.) Cauchy-hyperbolic

Conversely

Theorem: Cauchy problem " $H_\infty$ -well-posed" in  $[-T, T] \times \mathcal{S}$



$$\underline{P_m(0, x; sN) = (s-s_1) \cdots (s-s_m) \cdot \text{const}}$$

$P$  hyperbolic w.r.t.  $N$  at  $t=0$



# Causally Cauchy-hyperbolic

$(M, g)$  spacetime,  $\tau$  time-orientation,  $\Sigma \subseteq M$  spacelike hypersurface,  $g(\tau, T\Sigma) = 0$ ,  $N = g(\tau, \cdot)$ .  $\tau \sim \partial_t$

## Cauchy problem (global)

spatially compactly supported 

$$\begin{cases} P u = 0 \\ \tau^{m-1} u|_{\Sigma} = u_{m-1} \in \underline{C_c^\infty}(\Sigma) \\ \vdots \\ u|_{\Sigma} = u_0 \in \underline{C_c^\infty}(\Sigma) \end{cases}$$

## Causal well-posedness

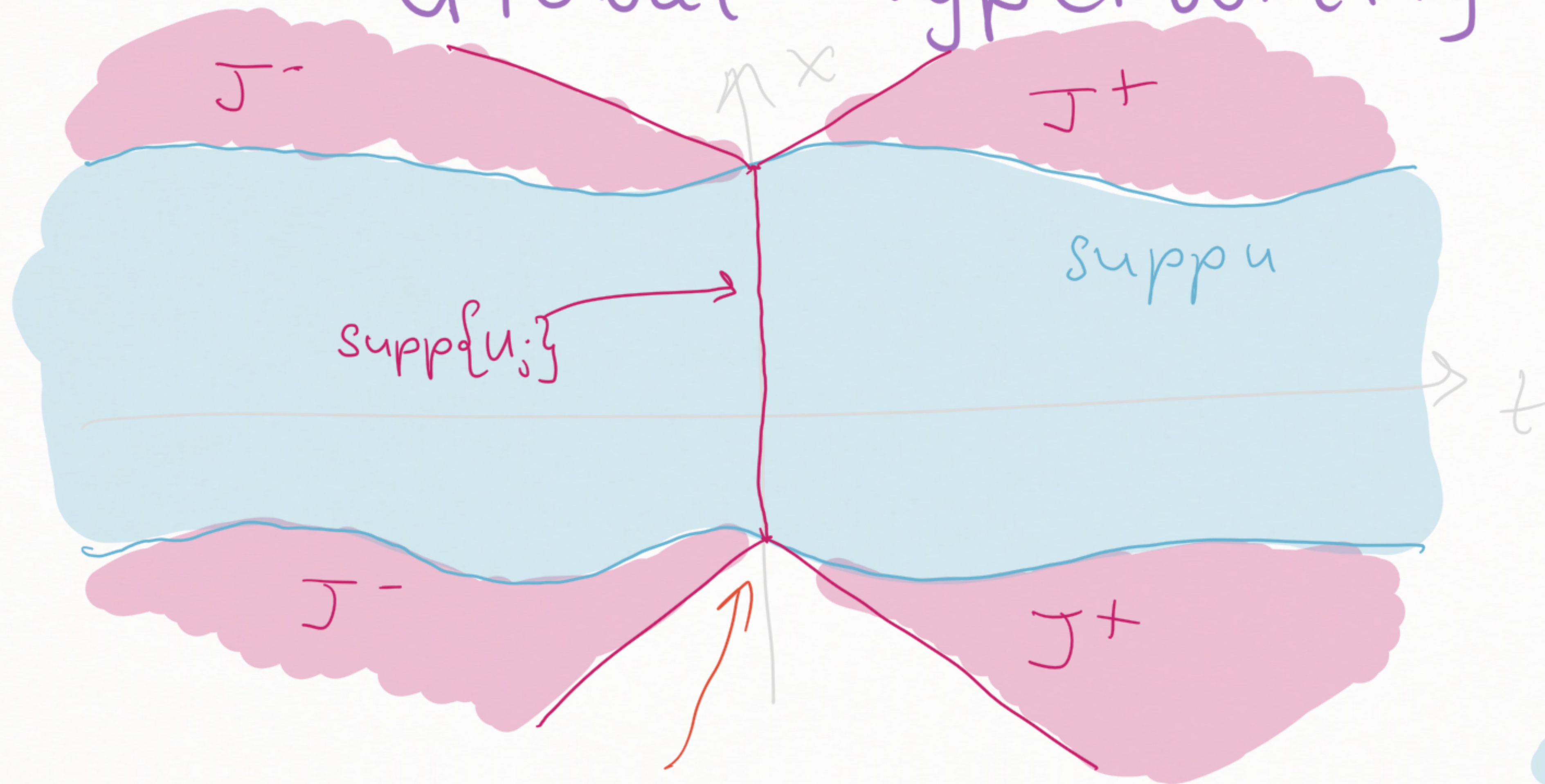
$$\underbrace{\{u_j\}_{j=0}^{m-1}} \xrightarrow{P} \underbrace{u \in C_{sc}^\infty(M)} \leftarrow$$

$\text{supp } u \in \bigcup_{j=0}^{m-1} J^+(\text{supp } u_j) \cup J^-(\text{supp } u_j)$

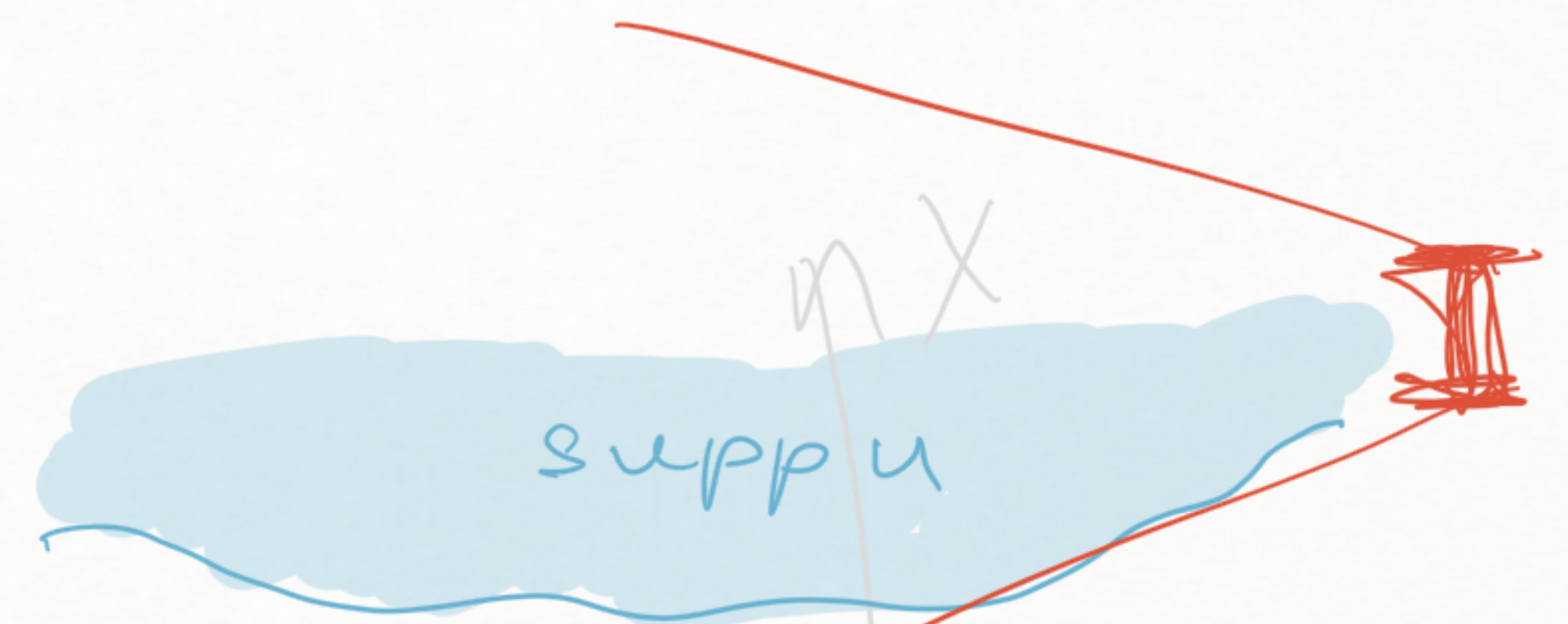
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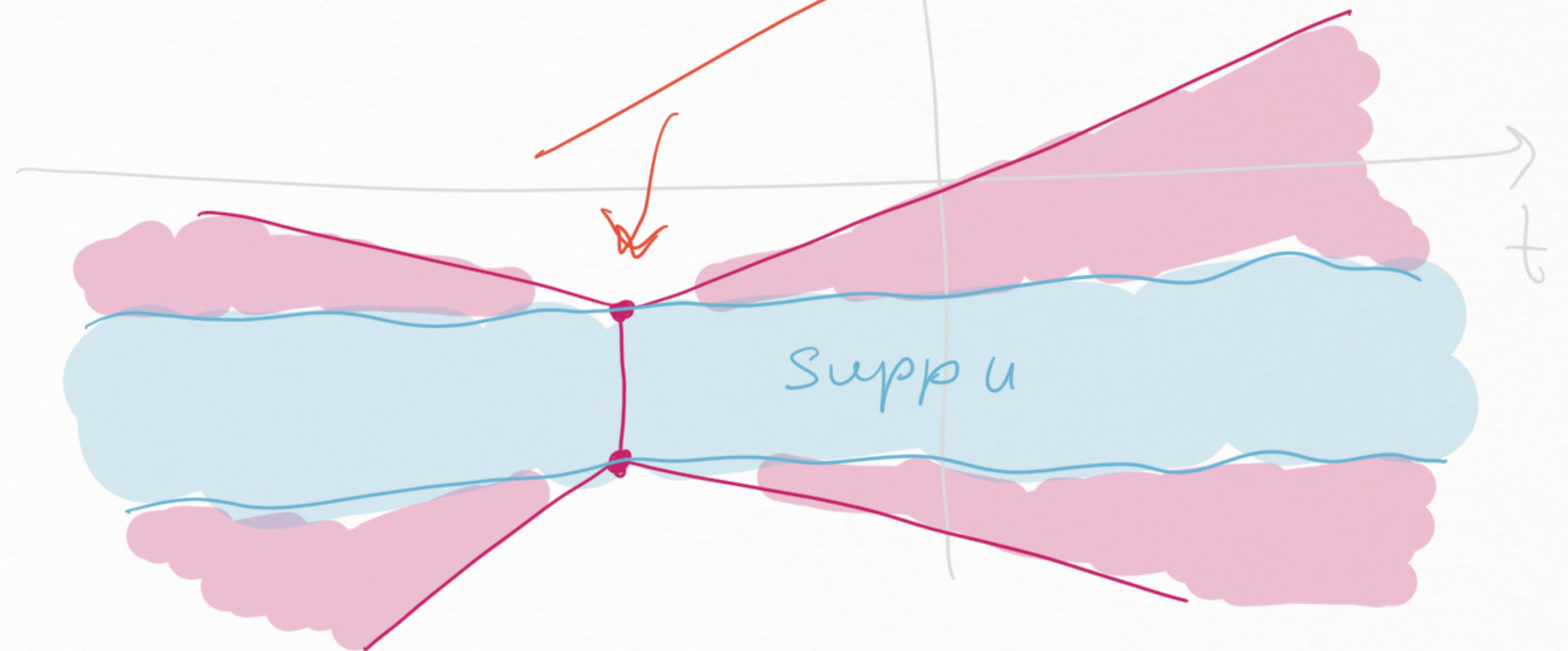
# Global hyperbolicity (is necessary)



Good 😊



Bad 😞





# Green-hyperbolic

$(M, g)$  spacetime,  $\tau$  time-orientation,  $P \in \text{PDO}_m(M)$

Advanced/retarded Green's functions

- $\underline{E_{\pm}}: \underline{C_c^{\infty}(M)} \longrightarrow \underline{C_{sc}^{\infty}(M)}$

- $\underline{PE_{\pm}} = \underline{\mathbb{1}_{C_c^{\infty}(M)}}$

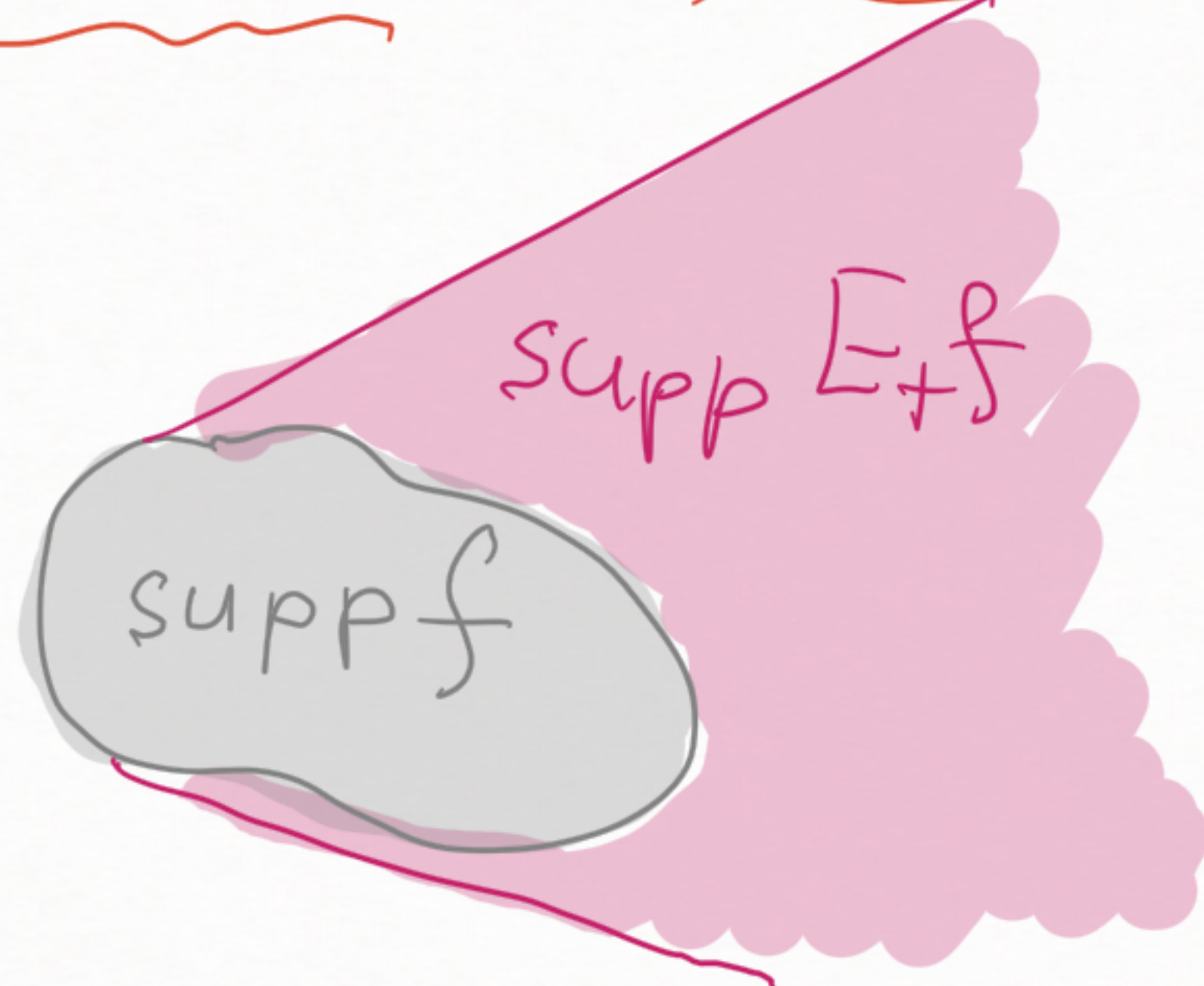
- $\underline{E_{\pm}P} = \underline{\mathbb{1}_{C_{sc}^{\infty}(M)}}$

- $\underline{\text{supp}(E_{\pm}f)} \subseteq \underline{J^{\pm}(\text{supp}f)}$ ,  $\forall f \in C_c^{\infty}(M)$

$$\underline{Pu} = \underline{f}, \quad \underline{f} \in C_c^{\infty}(M)$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\underline{(\exists! u_{\pm})} \quad \underline{\text{supp}u_{\pm} \subseteq J^{\pm}(\text{supp}f)}$$

$$\underline{u_{\pm} = E_{\pm}f}$$





# Example

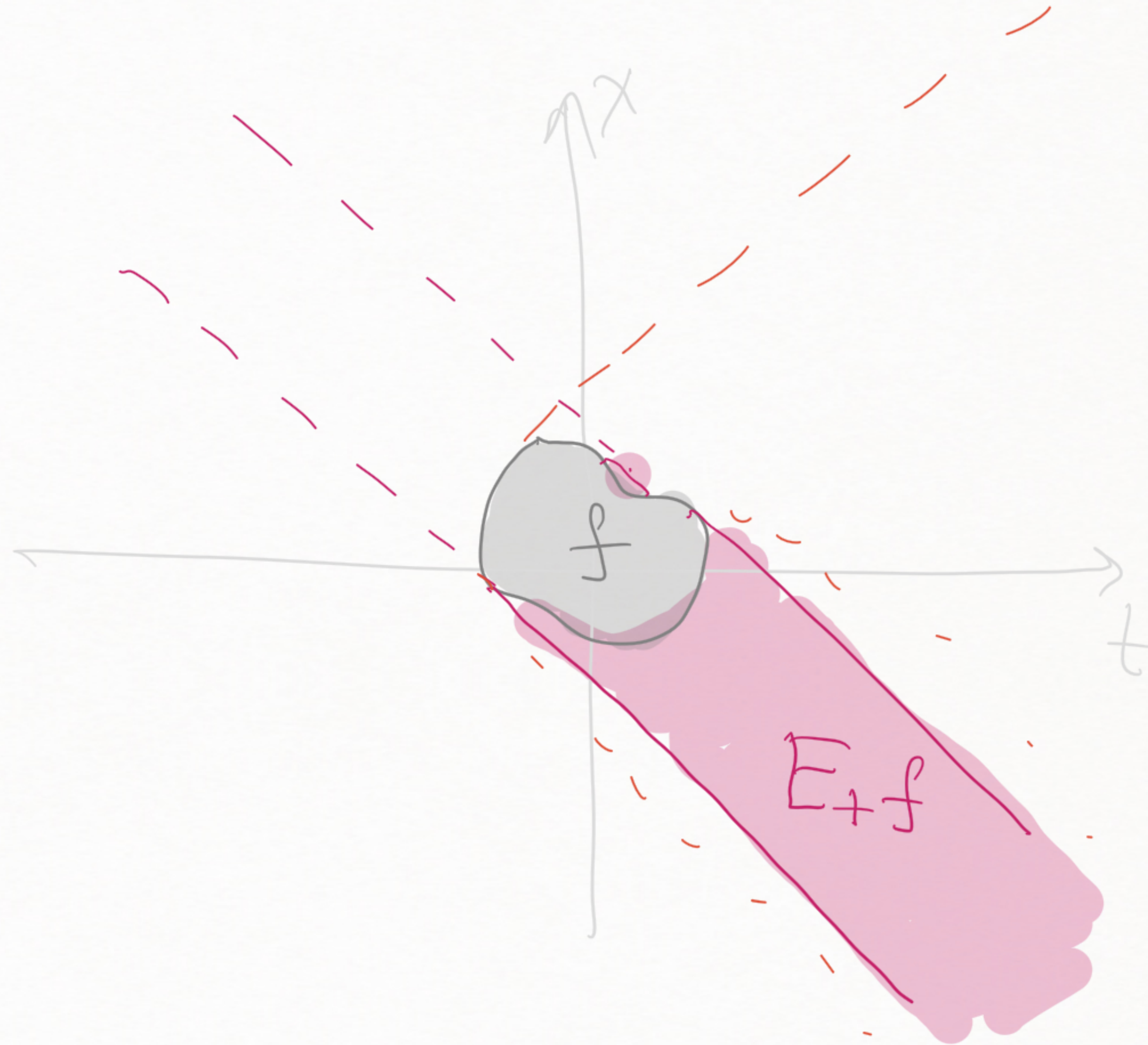
$$Pu = f$$

$$(M, g) = \mathbb{R}^{1,1}, \quad P = \partial_t - \partial_x$$

$$E_+ f(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{t-x} f\left(\frac{t+x+s}{2}, \frac{t+x-s}{2}\right) ds$$

$$E_- f(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{t-x}^{+\infty} f\left(\frac{t+x+s}{2}, \frac{t+x-s}{2}\right) ds$$

$$u_t - u_x = f$$





# Causal propagator

$$E \triangleq \underline{E_+ - E_-} : C_c^\infty(M) \rightarrow C_{sc}^\infty(M)$$

$$\underline{PE} = \underline{EP} = 0$$

$$\underline{Ef(t, x)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{t+x+s}{2}, \frac{t+x-s}{2}\right) ds$$

Example

$$E(t, x; s, y) = -2 \delta(2[t+x-s-y])$$

Fact:  $E : C_c^\infty(M) \rightarrow \{u \in C_{sc}^\infty(M) \mid \underline{Pu=0}\}$   
surjective



## Cauchy problem

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) = E f_u(0, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_u\left(\frac{x+s}{2}, \frac{x-s}{2}\right) ds$$

$$E f_u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_u\left(\frac{x+t+s}{2}, \frac{x+t-s}{2}\right) ds = E f_u(0, x+t)$$

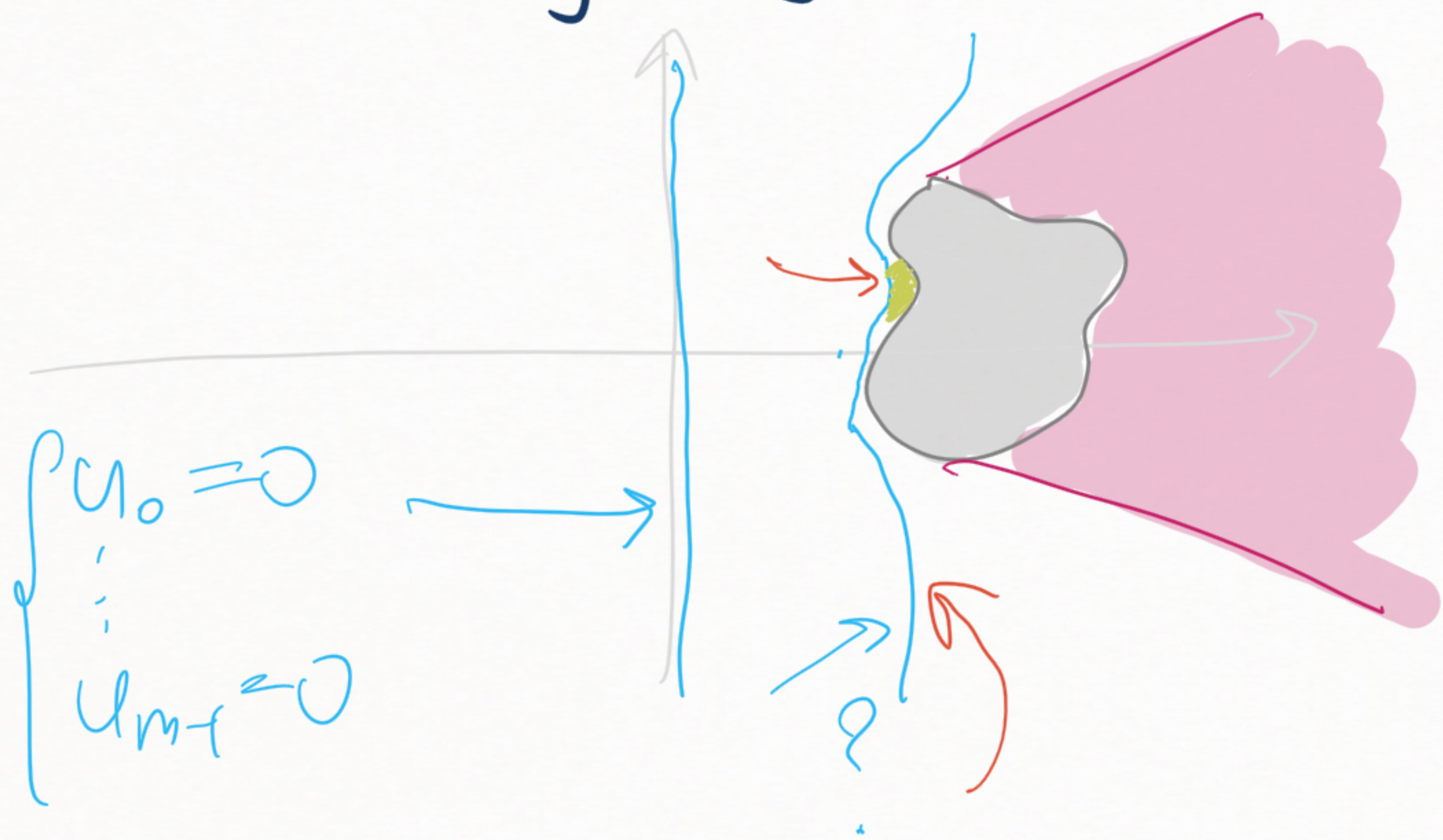
$$u(t, x) = \underline{u_0(x+t)}$$

Green-hyperbolic  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$  Cauchy-hyperbolic



# Converse

Cauchy-hyperbolic  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$  Green-hyperbolic



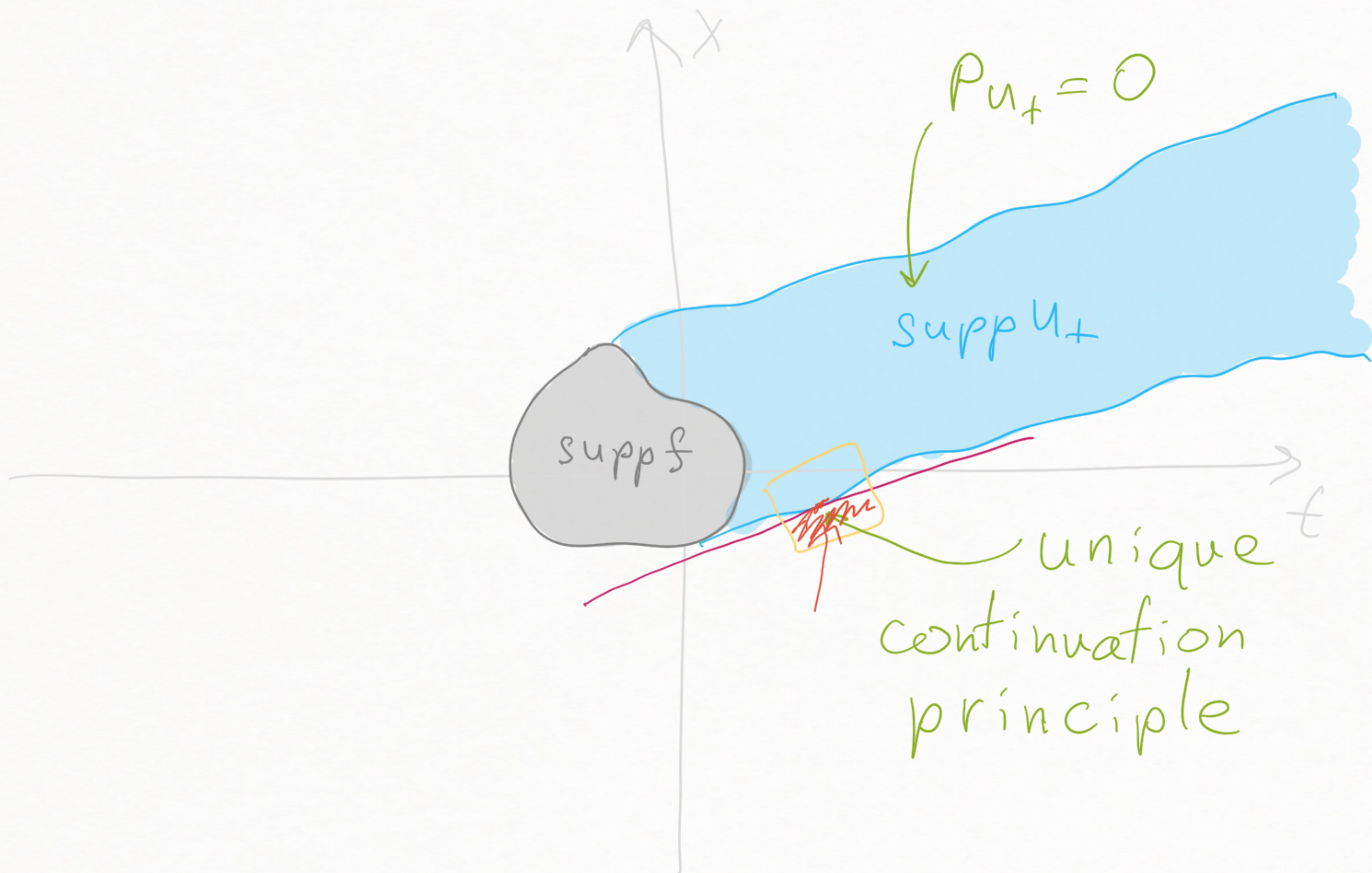
$$\begin{cases} P u = f \in C_c^\infty(M) \\ \partial_t^{m-1} u|_\Sigma = 0 \\ \vdots \\ u|_{\Sigma=0} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\exists! \underline{u} \neq \underline{E_+ f}$$



# Green-hyperbolic vs hyperbolic



$$\underline{Pu_+ = f}, \quad u_+ \in C_{sc}^\infty(M)$$
$$\underline{u_+ = E_+ f}, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(M)$$



## Vector-valued PDEs

$\mathcal{J} \rightarrow M$   $C^\infty$  vector bundle,  $P: C^\infty(\mathcal{J}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{J})$   
linear PDO with  $C^\infty$  coefficients.

Local:  $Pu(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u(x)$ ,  $a_\alpha \in C^\infty(\text{Hom}(\mathcal{J}))$

The invariant definition and Peetre's theorem remain valid.

Principal symbol:  $P \in \text{PDO}_m(\mathcal{J})$ ,  $P_m \in C^\infty(T^*M \times \text{Hom}(\mathcal{J}))$

$$P_m(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha(x) (i\xi)^\alpha$$



# Microlocal

Characteristic set  $\text{Char}(P) = \{(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi}, \omega) \mid \underline{P}_m(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})\omega = 0\} \in T^*M \oplus \mathbb{T}$

Polarization set  $\text{WF}_{\text{pol}}(u) = \bigcap_{\substack{P: C^\infty(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow C^\infty(M) \\ Pu \in C^\infty(M)}} \text{Char}(P)$

Elliptic  $P$  elliptic at  $\underline{x} \in M$  if  $\det \underline{P}_m(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$  elliptic

Hyperbolic  $P$  (strictly) hyperbolic at  $\underline{x} \in M$

w.r.t.  $N \in (T_x M)^*$  if  $\det \underline{P}_m(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$  (strictly) hyperbolic.

strictly hyperbolic  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{WF}_{\text{pol}}$  propagates along Hamiltonian trajectories



# Causal Cauchy problem

$(M, g) = (\mathbb{R} \times \Sigma, \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus -h_*)$  globally hyperbolic spacetime,  $N = \mathbb{R}^2 dt$ ,  $\tau = \partial_t$

Problem: What do we mean by  $\partial_t u|_{t=0}$  for  $u \in C^\infty(\mathcal{J})$ ?

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(t, \cdot) - u(0, \cdot)}{t}$$

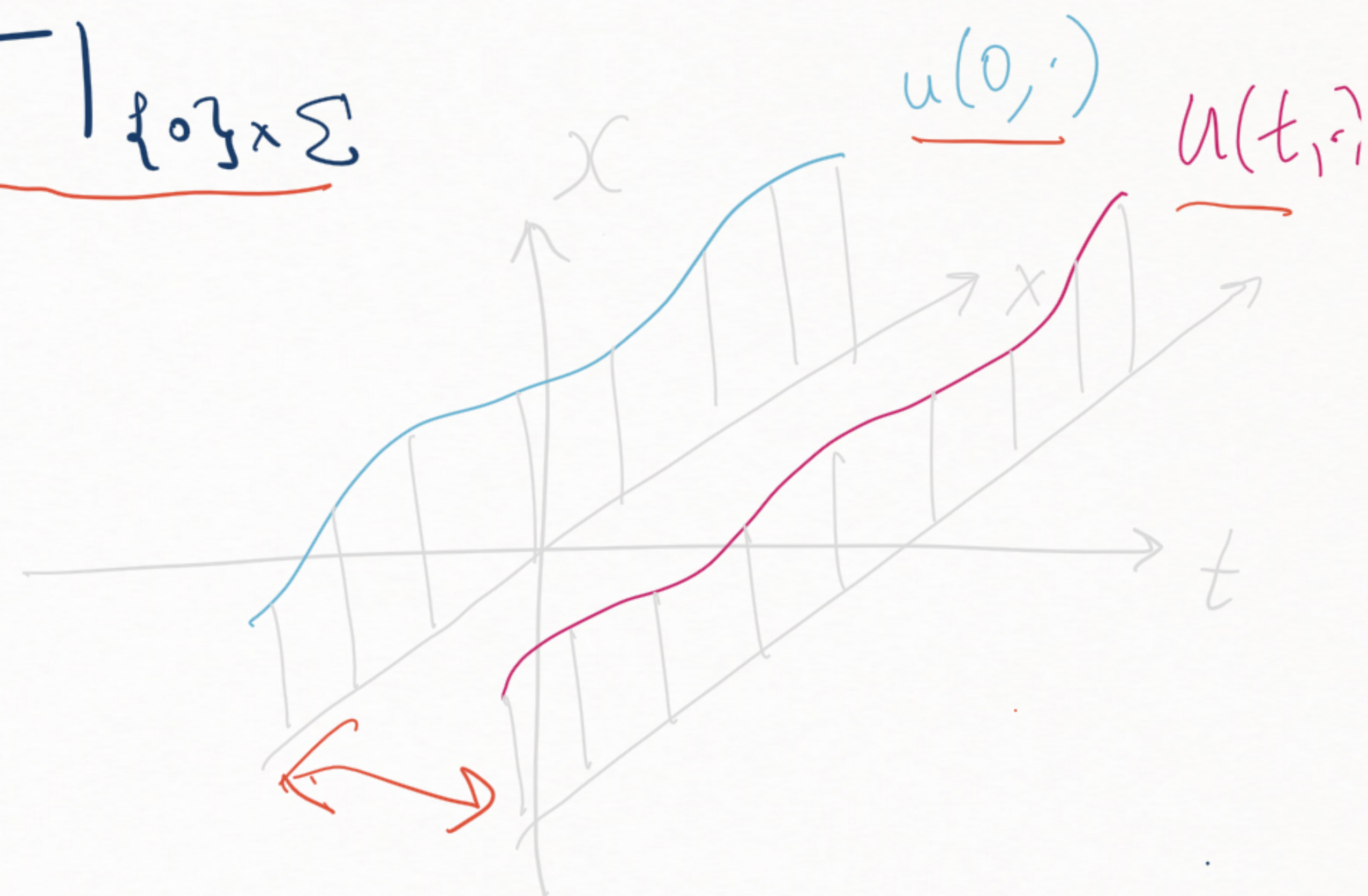
$$u(t, x) \in \mathcal{J}|_{\{t\} \times \Sigma}$$

$$u(0, x) \in \mathcal{J}|_{\{0\} \times \Sigma}$$

Factorization:  $\mathcal{J} \simeq \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{J}|_{\{0\} \times \Sigma}$

$$\mathbb{R} \ni t \xrightarrow{u} u(t, \cdot) \in C^\infty(\mathcal{X})$$

$$u(t, x) \in \mathcal{J}|_{\{t\} \times \Sigma} \simeq \mathcal{J}|_{\{0\} \times \Sigma} = \mathcal{X} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$





## Causal Cauchy problem (cont.)

$$P \in \text{PDO}_m(\mathbb{R} \times X)$$

$$P u = f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times X)$$

$$\partial_t^{m-1} u|_{t=0} = u_{m-1} \in C_c^\infty(X)$$

$\vdots$

$$u|_{t=0} = u_0 \in C_c^\infty(X)$$

$$\exists! u \in C_{sc}^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times X)$$

$$\text{supp } u \subseteq \underbrace{J^+(\text{supp}\{u_j\}_{j=0}^{m-1}) \cup J^-(\text{supp}\{u_j\}_{j=0}^{m-1})}_{\cup J^+(\text{supp } f) \cup J^-(\text{supp } f)}$$

Normal hyperbolic  $P_m(x, \xi) = g(x)(\xi, \xi) \cdot \mathbb{1}$ ,  $\forall (x, \xi) \in T^*M$   
 $m=2$

Theorem: Normal hyperbolic  $P$  are (globally) Cauchy-hyperbolic.



# Hyperbolic vs Cauchy-hyperbolic

(strictly, on 1st order...) hyperbolic  $\not\Rightarrow$  (local, etc.) Cauchy-hyperbolic

Series of papers by Garetto, Jäh, Ruzhansky

**Problem:** global existence (long-time estimates) rely on energy functionals that involve fibre metric.

Factorization

$$P = \sum_{n=0}^{m_*} A_n(t) \partial_t^n$$

$$A_n(t) \in \text{PDO}_{m-n}(X)$$



## Converse

Cauchy-hyperbolic

(" $H_\infty$ -well-posed" + 1st order)  
+ regularity of spectrum...



Hyperbolic

(i.e., spectrum  
real at  $t=0$ ...)

Higher order

$$[O_p(p), O_p(q)] = O_p(\{p, q\}) \text{ mod } PDO_{m-1}$$

Microlocal diagonalization not enough

$$R = C^\infty(\mathcal{J})[\partial], \quad p \in \mathcal{M}(R, n)$$

non-commutative linear  
algebra



# Green-hyperbolic

Green's functions  $E_{\pm}: C_c^{\infty}(\mathcal{J}) \rightarrow C_{sc}^{\infty}(\mathcal{J})$ ,  $Pu = f \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathcal{J})$

$\exists! u_{\pm} = E_{\pm} f \in C_{sc}^{\infty}(\mathcal{J})$  s.t.  $\text{supp } u_{\pm} \subseteq \mathcal{J}^{\pm}(\text{supp } f)$

The concept was introduced 2013-2015 by C. Bär.

Theorem; The class of Green-hyperbolic operators is closed under

- compositions
- spacetime embeddings
- direct sums



# Example

$$(M, g) = \mathbb{R}^{1,1}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \mathbb{R}^{1,1} \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u_t - u_x = f \\ v = h \end{cases}$$

$$E_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{\pm} f \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_m(x, \xi) = \begin{pmatrix} i\xi_t - i\xi_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$P$  neither hyperbolic  
nor Cauchy-hyperbolic



## Example 2

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\forall Q \in \text{PDO}_m(\mathbb{R}^{1,1}), \quad m > 1.$$

$$\underline{P \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix}} \iff \begin{cases} u_t - u_x + Qv = f \\ v = h \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} u_t - u_x = f - Qh \\ v = h \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{E_{\pm} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{\pm}(f - Qh) \\ h \end{pmatrix}} \quad \underline{P_m(x, \xi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \underline{q_m(x, \xi)} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

The principal symbol doesn't cut it,  
and is sometimes marginally relevant.



# Restricted Cauchy problem

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_t - u_x + v = 0 \\ v = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(t, x) = F(t+x)$$

$$\underline{v(t, x) = 0}$$

$$\begin{cases} P \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$u(0, x) = F(x) = u_0(x)$$

$$\underline{v(0, x) = 0 = v_0(x)}$$

## Restricted well-posedness

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \\ \oplus \\ 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \left. \begin{array}{l} C_{sc}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{1,1}) \\ \oplus \\ 0 \end{array} \right|$$



# Degeneracy vs Symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

Reducing the order

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & Q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f - Qh \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

Reducing degeneracy

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t - \partial_x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t - \partial_x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h_t - h_x \end{pmatrix}$$

hy parabolic

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_t - \partial_x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix} + \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \partial_t - \partial_x \end{pmatrix}$$



# Algebraic quantization

$(M, g)$  globally hyperbolic spacetime,  $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow M$  vector bundle

$P: C^\infty(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{T})$  Green-hyperbolic

$\text{Sol}_{sc} \triangleq \text{Ker } P \cap C_{sc}^\infty(\mathcal{T}) = \{u \in C_{sc}^\infty(\mathcal{T}) \mid Pu = 0\}$

$E = E_+ - E_- : C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \text{Sol}_{sc}(\mathcal{T})$  surjective

$\text{Ker } E = P C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T})$ .

$C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T}) / P C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T}) \xrightarrow{E} \text{Sol}_{sc}(\mathcal{T})$   
isomorphism

$C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T}) \ni f \mapsto [f]_P = f \text{ mod } P C_c^\infty(\mathcal{T})$

Isomorphism  $[f]_P \mapsto Ef$



# Algebraic quantization (cont.)

Symplectic form  $\mathcal{B}([f], [h]) \triangleq \langle Ef, h \rangle_g$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_g$  bilinear pairing

$$\langle Pf, h \rangle_g = \langle f, Ph \rangle_g, \quad \forall f, h \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{J}).$$

$\mathcal{B}$  well-defined:  $h-h' = Ph'' \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}([f], [h-h']) = \langle Ef, Ph'' \rangle_g = \langle PEf, h'' \rangle_g = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{B}(u, v) \triangleq \mathcal{B}([f_u], [f_v]), \quad u, v \in \text{Sol}_{sc}, \quad u = Ef_u, \quad v = Ef_v.$$

$(\text{Sol}_{sc}, \mathcal{B})$  - symplectic vector space

\*-algebra  $\mathcal{A} \triangleq \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} [\mathbb{C} \otimes \text{Sol}_{sc}]^{\otimes n} / \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}$  ideal,

$$\mathcal{A}^* = \overline{\mathcal{A}}$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \left\langle \underbrace{u \otimes v - v \otimes u}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \frac{i}{2} \mathcal{B}(u, v)}} \mid u, v \in \text{Sol}_{sc} \right\rangle$$



# Algebraic quantization (cont.)

$\mathcal{A}$  - unital  $*$ -algebra,  $\text{Sol}_{sc} \xrightarrow{J} \mathcal{A}$  embedding.

"infinitesimal generators" of a  $C^*$ -algebra

State  $\omega$ , GNS rep.  $(\pi_\omega, \mathcal{H}_\omega, \Omega_\omega)$  s.t.

$(\forall A \in \mathcal{A}) \pi_\omega(A)$  densely defined on  $\mathcal{H}_\omega$ .

$\text{Sol}_{sc} \ni \underline{u} \mapsto J(u) \mapsto \underline{\pi_\omega(J(u))} \sim \text{Op}(u)$