

An Introduction to Shape Dynamics

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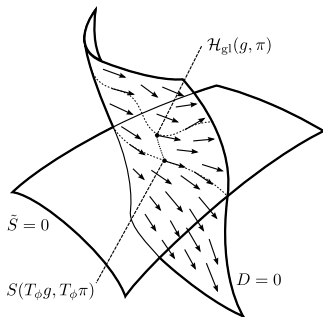
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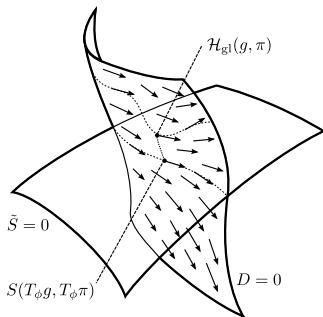
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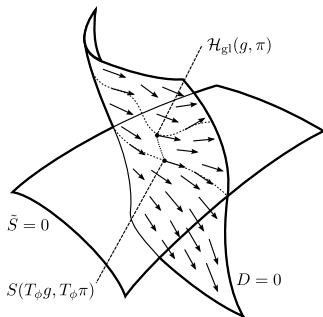


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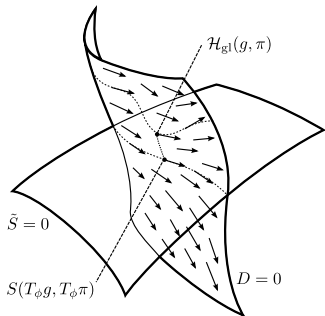


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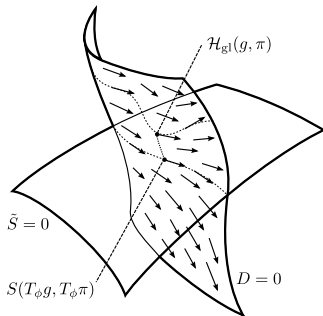


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- $\sqrt{-g} = 0$ when $r = m/2$ (horizon).
- $G_{00}(r = m/2) \propto \delta(r - m/2)$.
- Sourced by “exotic” matter in spacetime picture.

But, shape dynamics solution and parameters are all finite!

⇒ ‘exotic’ nature of matter is conformal.

∴ SD ontology suggests that the Einstein–Rosen bridge is physical!



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