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- **Original manifold non-singular:**

$$\varphi \sim \varphi + 2\pi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tau \sim \tau + \underbrace{2\pi/\kappa}_{\beta} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{T = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi}},$$

... which is the **Hawking's temperature**.

Gravitational partition function

$$\boxed{Z = \int Dg e^{-S_E[g]} \approx e^{-S_E(g_c)}} \quad \text{(using WKB approximation)}$$

- **Free energy:**

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log Z \approx \frac{S_E}{\beta} \quad \longrightarrow \quad S = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial T}$$

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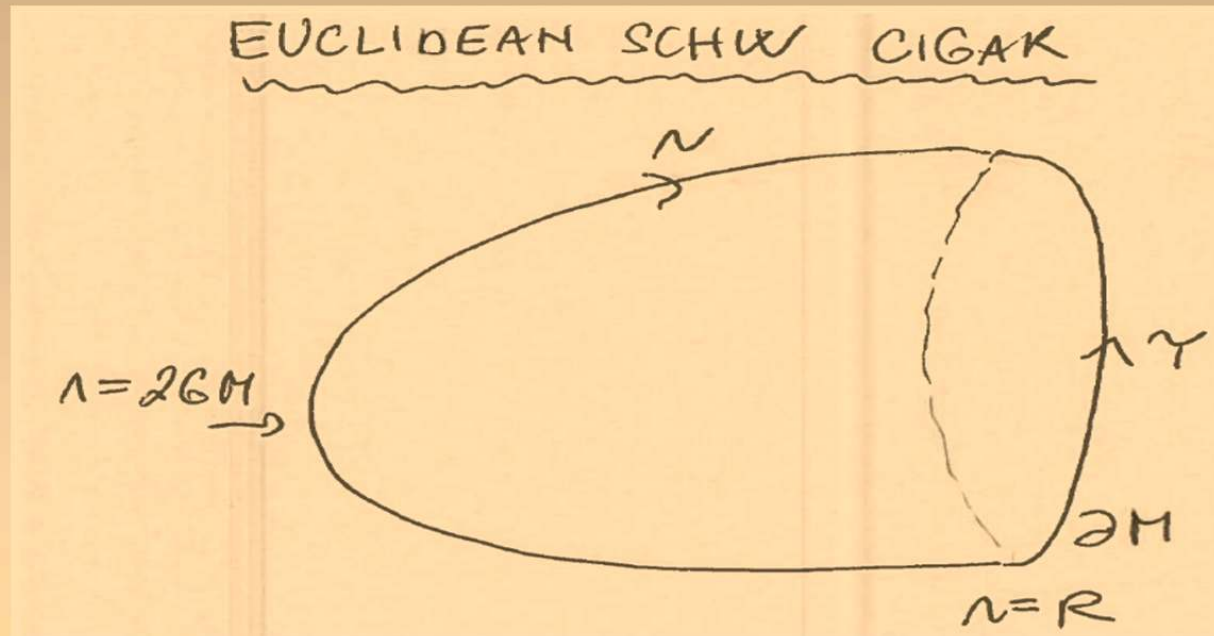
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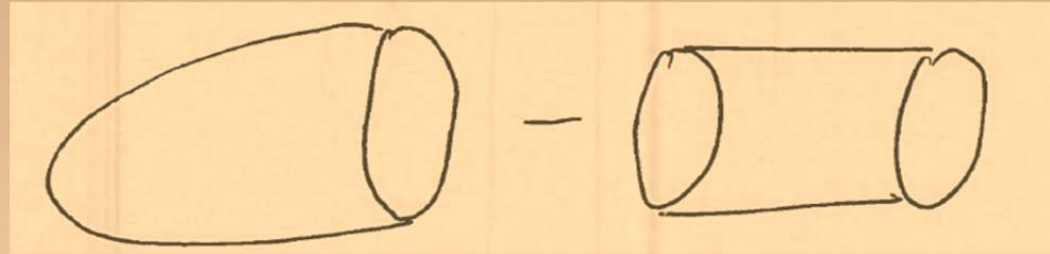
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Background subtraction

$$S_E = -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{g} R - \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_{\partial M} d^3x \sqrt{h} (K - K_0)$$



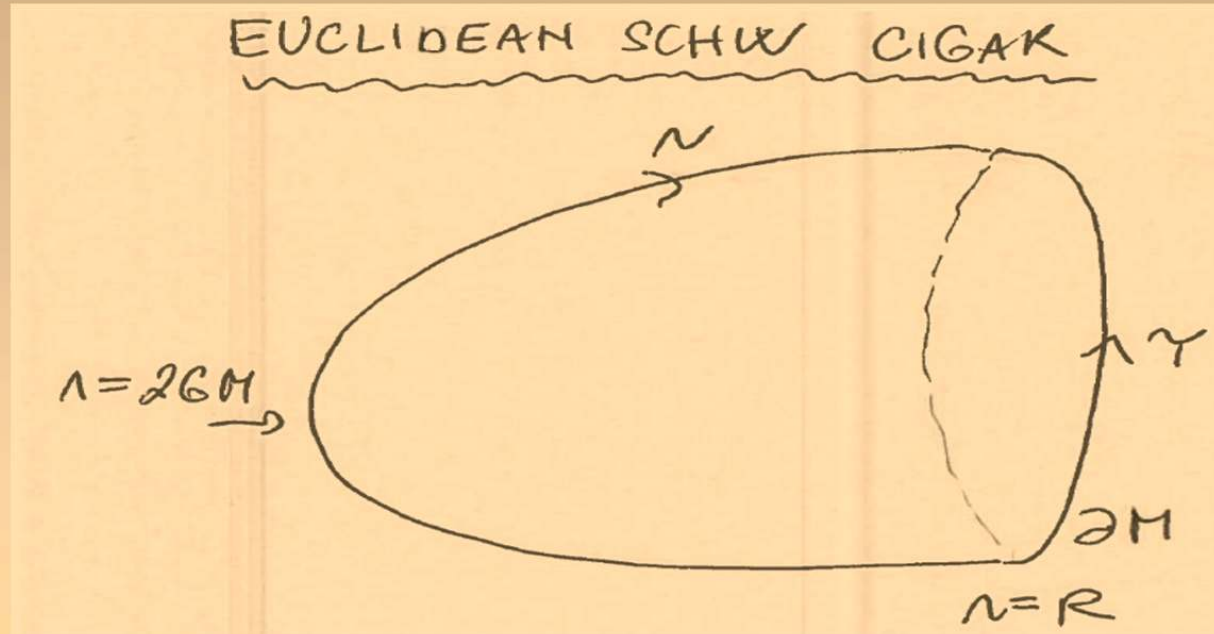
$$F = \frac{S_E}{\beta} = \frac{M}{2} = \frac{\beta}{16\pi} = M - TS$$

$$S = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial T} = \frac{\beta^2}{16\pi} = 4\pi M^2 = \pi r_+^2 = \frac{A}{4}$$

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- **Absence** of conical singularity implies:

$$T = \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{f'(r_+)}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{8\pi M}$$

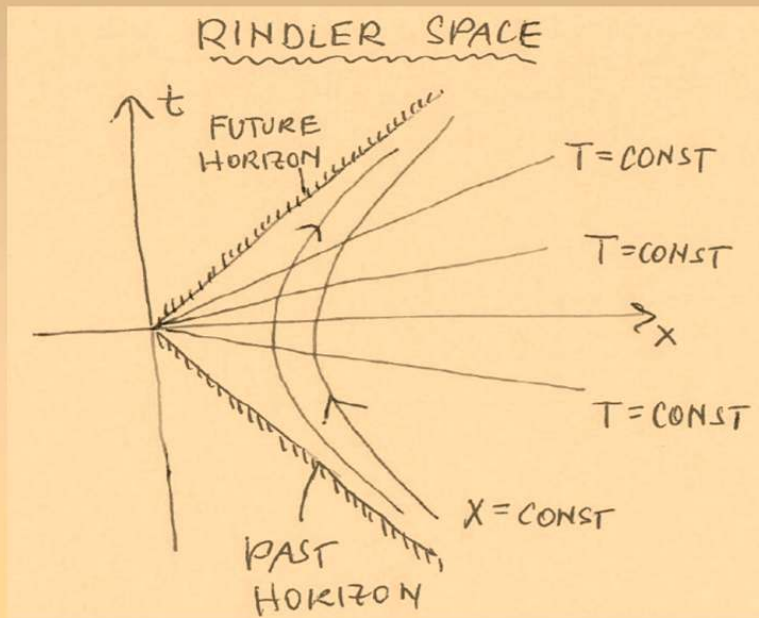
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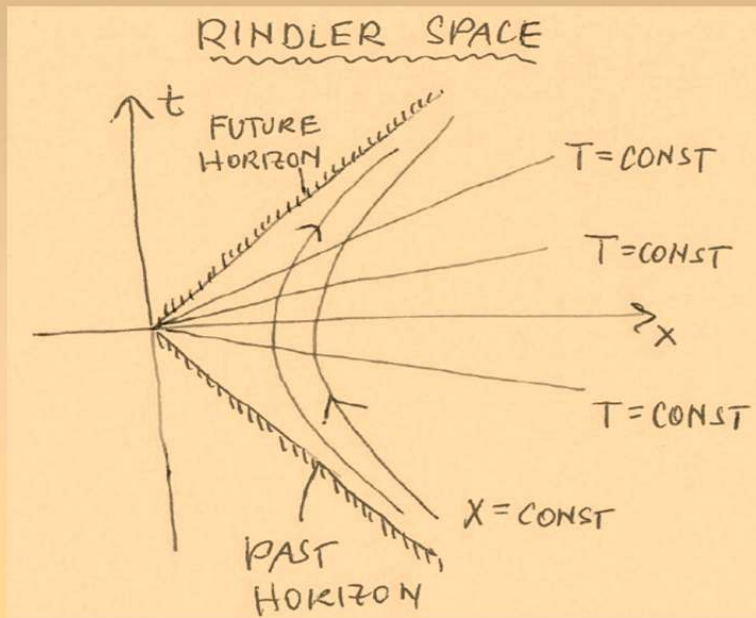
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Rindler horizon at:

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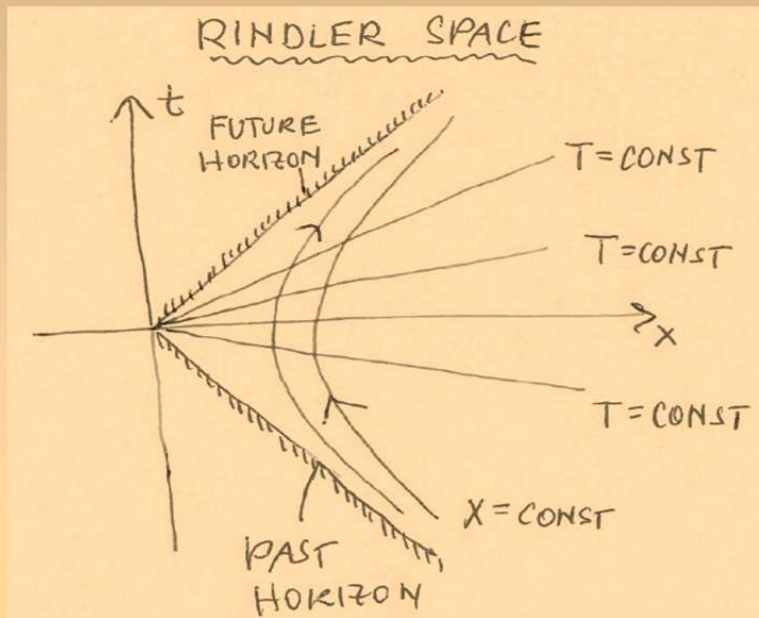
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Regularity on the horizon yields

$$T = \frac{a}{2\pi}$$

... which is **Unruh's temperature**.

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Example 3: de Sitter horizon

- **de Sitter (dS) space** = maximally symmetric solution of EE with positive Lambda:

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Lambda = \frac{3}{\ell^2}$$

- metric:

$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad f = 1 - \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}$$

- Cosmological horizon:

$$f(r_c) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_c = \ell$$

- repeating the Euclidean trick we get:

$$T = \frac{|f'(r_c)|}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi\ell} \quad \dots \text{ which is } \mathbf{Gibbons-Hawking} \\ \mathbf{temperature} \\ \text{(note the absolute value!)}$$

Summary

- 1) Black holes are **thermodynamic objects**. They can be assigned **Hawking's temperature** and **Bekenstein's entropy**. Obey the standard laws of TDs.
- 2) **Euclidean magic** predicts thermodynamics of BH, Rindler, or dS horizons. Namely:
 - i. **Regularity** of the **Euclideanized manifold** fixes periodicity of the Euclidean time and yields **Hawking temperature** of the black hole.
 - ii. **Gravitational partition function** yields free energy, which in WKB approximation recovers the **Bekenstein's area law** (& other conjugate quantities).
- 3) **AF case**: use **background subtraction** to calculate the action, ensemble not well defined!

Lecture 1: asymptotically flat BHs

- First law of black hole thermodynamics:

$$\delta M = T\delta S + \sum_i \Omega_i \delta J_i + \Phi \delta Q$$

- Smarr-Gibbs-Duhem relation:

$$\frac{d-3}{d-2}M = TS + \sum_i \Omega_i J_i + \frac{d-3}{d-2}\Phi Q$$

Basic properties:

- Thermodynamic ensemble not well defined ($C < 0$)!
- TD behaviour interesting, yet not exactly analogous to everyday thermodynamics!
- Where is the standard PdV term? (BH chemistry)

Global AdS4: a few basic facts

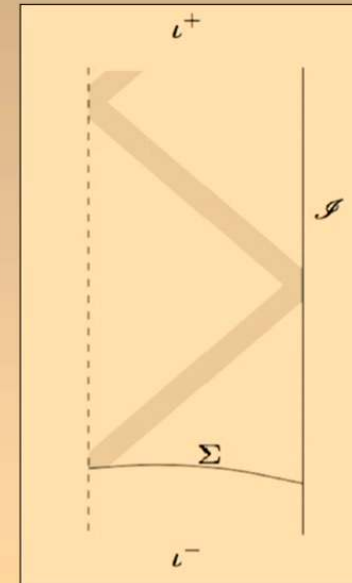
- **Anti de Sitter (AdS) space** = maximally symmetric solution of EE with negative Lambda:

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Lambda = -\frac{3}{\ell^2}$$

- metric:

$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad f = 1 + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}$$

- Pull of the negative cosmological constant implies that AdS acts like a **confining box**
- There is a timelike conformal boundary (due to reflective BCs, **nonlinearities do not decay**)



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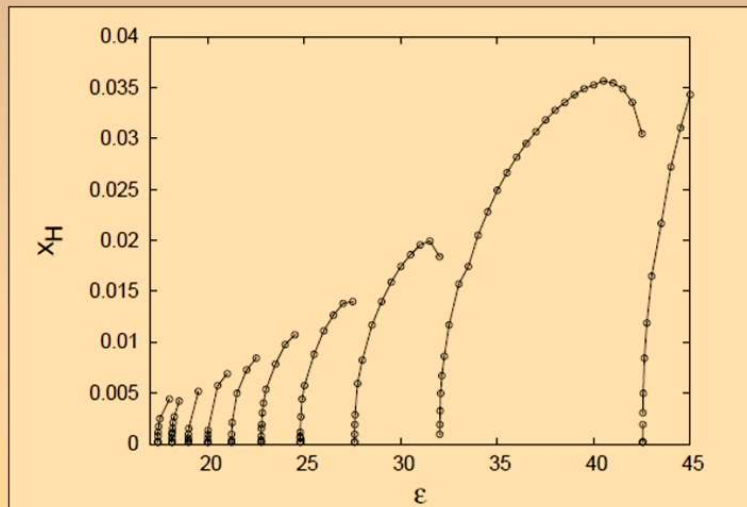
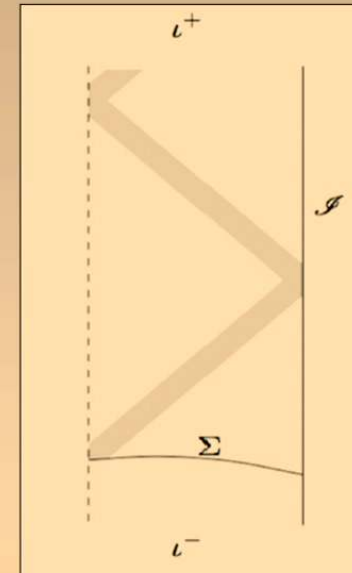


FIG. 1: Horizon radius vs amplitude for initial data (9). The number of reflections off the AdS boundary before collapse varies from zero to nine (from right to left).



Bizon and Rostworowski, *On weakly turbulent instability of anti-de Sitter space*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 031102 (2011).

Schwarzschild-AdS black hole

$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + r^2 d\Omega_k^2$$

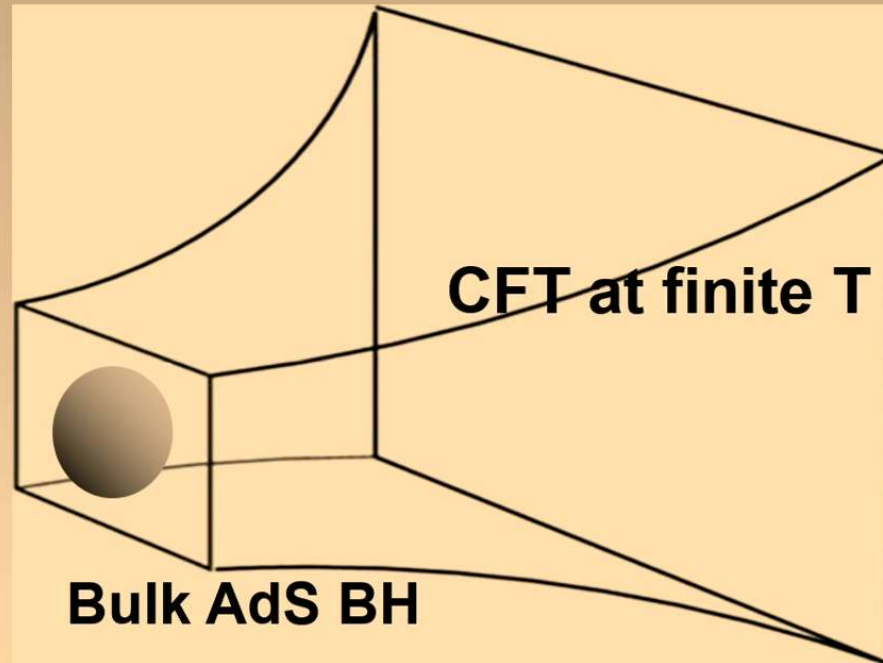
$$f = k - \frac{2m}{r} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}$$

- It is an **Einstein space** (vacuum with Lambda solution)

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Lambda = -\frac{3}{\ell^2}$$

- Choices of $k = 0, \pm 1$ correspond to various **horizon topologies** (with $d\Omega_k^2$ the corresponding metric).
- One can add, charge, or rotation – having charge-AdS, or Kerr-AdS black holes in 4 and higher dimensions.
- These have rather interesting properties.

AdS/CFT duality (at finite temperature)



Bulk:
Hawking temp T
BH entropy S
BH mass M



Boundary:
CFT at finite T
CFT entropy S
CFT energy E

Gravitational action in AdS

$$S_E = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_M d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[R + \frac{6}{\ell^2} \right] + \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\partial M} d^3x \sqrt{-h} \mathcal{K} \\ - \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\partial M} d^3x \sqrt{-h} \left[\frac{2}{\ell} + \frac{\ell}{2} \mathcal{R}(h) \right],$$

- The 2nd line are the covariant AdS counterterms (c.f. 'vague' background subtraction in AF case)
- Variation yields:

$$\delta S_E = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} d^3x \sqrt{-h} \tau_{ab} \delta h^{ab} + \text{bulk EOM}$$

here

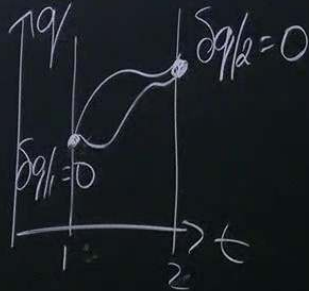
$$8\pi \tau_{ab} = \mathcal{K} h_{ab} - \mathcal{K}_{ab} + \ell G_{ab}(h) - \frac{2}{\ell} h_{ab}$$

is up to trivial (infinite) scaling the **holographic stress tensor**

VARIATIONAL PRINCIPLE

CLASSICAL MECHANICS

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta = \delta \frac{d}{dt}$$



$$L = L(q, \dot{q})$$

$$\delta S = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right) = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q + \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right]_1^2$$

"FIXED END POINTS" $\delta q|_1 = 0 = \delta q|_2$

$$\mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, q) = L(q, \dot{q}) + \frac{d\Lambda(q, \dot{q})}{dt}$$

$$\delta \tilde{S} = \delta S + \int_1^2 \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q + \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right) = \left[\frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q + \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right]_1^2$$

$$\text{BC: } \left[\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q + \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right]_1^2 = 0$$

EINSTEIN-HILBERT

$$\mathcal{L}(g)$$

$\partial/\partial g$

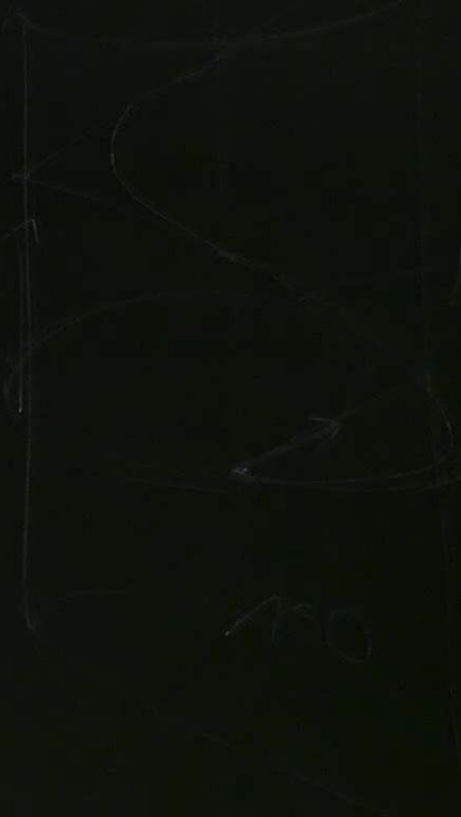
$$\delta g / \delta g = 0$$

$$R(g, \partial g, \partial^2 g)$$

\rightarrow 4TH-ORDER EOM (?)

$$R(g, \partial g) + \partial M R M(g, \partial g)$$

CONFINING BOX



PASSIVE PARTICLES

$$T_{M_v} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \vec{p} \\ \vec{p} & P \end{pmatrix} \quad E = \int \rho dV = \int T_{00} d^3x$$

M