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Goal of this talk: show that **Planck scale deformations of translations** naturally lead to the possibility of generalized quantum time evolution of Lindblad type!

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Outline

- **Topological particles and group momentum space in 3d gravity**
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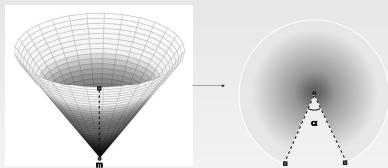
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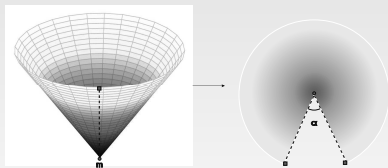
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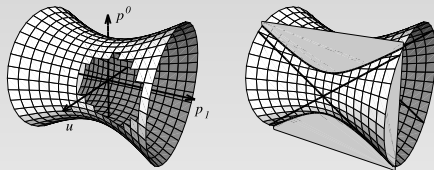
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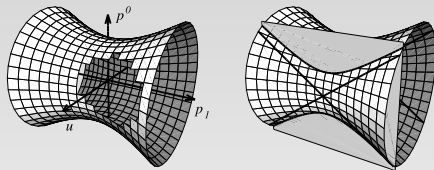


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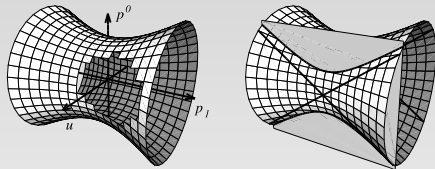


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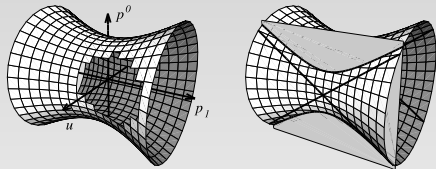
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