

# Ultrahyperbolic Equations: Well-Posedness, Visualization and Applications

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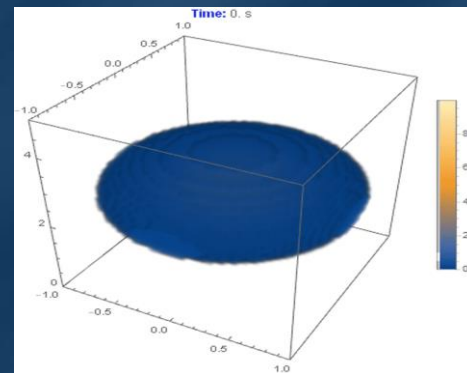
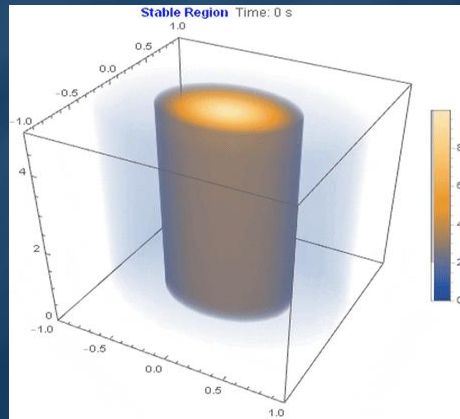
# Ultrahyperbolic Wave Equation

$$\underbrace{\Delta_x u(x, \kappa)}_{\text{spatial Laplacian}} = \underbrace{\Delta_\kappa u(x, \kappa)}_{\text{temporal Laplacian}},$$

$$\Delta_x u = \sum_{i=1}^{d_s} \partial_{x_i}^2 u \quad \Delta_\kappa u = \sum_{i=1}^{d_t} \partial_{\kappa_i}^2 u$$

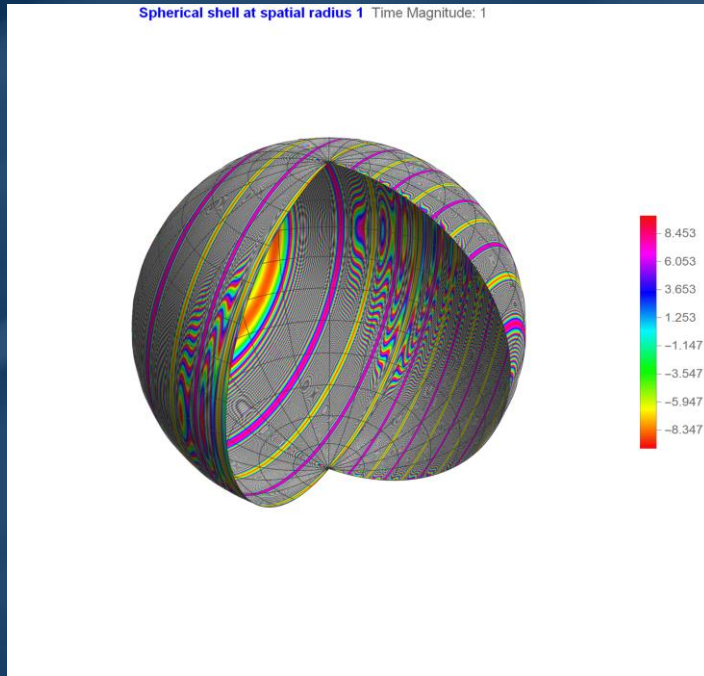
$$\mathbf{u}(\kappa_1 = \mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{u}_0(x, \kappa_2) \leftarrow$$

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- ❑ The default (unrestricted) Cauchy Initial Value problem is ill-posed.
- ❑ Prescribing values on the characteristic hypersurface  $|\kappa| = |x|$  ensures unique solution  $|\kappa| \geq |x|$

# (2D+2D) Visualization of Cauchy Data Solution



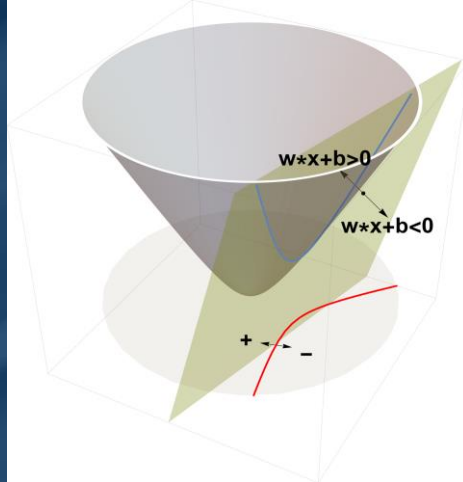
$$\partial_t^2 u + \frac{1}{t} \partial_t u + \frac{1}{t^2} \partial_\phi^2 u = \Delta_x u \leftarrow$$

$$u(1, \phi, \mathbf{x}) = f(\phi, \mathbf{x}) \leftarrow$$

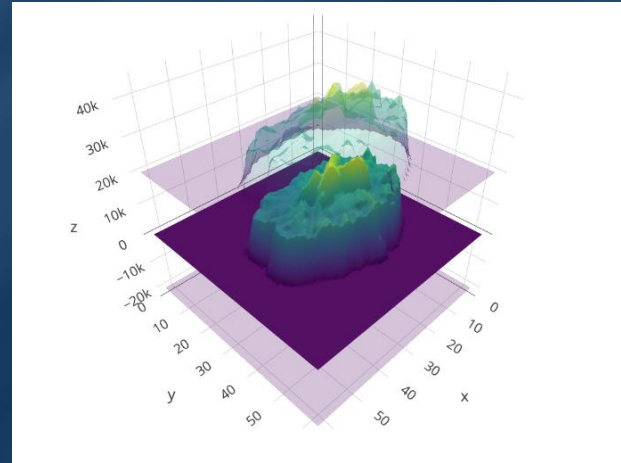
Spherical spacetime equation:  
A basis Of Separable solution  
Visualized at Fixed Spatial Location



# Applications



Classification in hyperbolic geometry (SVM)



The fMRI data series is intrinsic 3+2 dimensional, which resonates with ultrahyperbolic geometry  
Spatial dimensions: voxels  
Temporal dimensions: complex magnitudes



Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent.  
—Ludwig Wittgenstein

