Stress Tensor On Null Boundaries

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 If the variational principle is not well-posed the above method does not work!

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 Details of this formalism, e.g. complete decomposition of the curvature tensors, is described in: S. Aghapour, Gh. Jafari, M. Golshani, 1808.07352

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