

GEOMETRY SESSION

## Mass and topology of a static stellar model

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## Abstract.

This study investigates the topological implications arising from stable (free boundary) minimal surfaces in a static perfect fluid space while ensuring that the fluid satisfies certain energy conditions. Based on the main findings, it has been established the topology of the level set  $\{f = c\}$  (the boundary of a stellar model), where c is a positive constant and f is the static potential of a static perfect fluid space. We prove a non-existence result of stable free boundary minimal surfaces in a static perfect fluid space. An upper bound for the Hawking mass for the level set  $\{f = c\}$  in a non-compact static perfect fluid space was derived, and the positivity of Hawking mass is provided in the compact case when the boundary  $\{f = c\}$  is a topological sphere. We dedicate a section to revisit the Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff solution, an important procedure for producing static stellar models. We will present a new static stellar model inspired by Witten's black hole (or Hamilton's cigar).

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