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Abstract. We discuss ancient solutions in different geometric flows. We focus on the classification of ancient solutions in the curve shortening flow and the Ricci flow on surfaces. We also construct a new ancient solution to the Yamabe flow on \mathbb{R}^n , which is equivalent to the fast diffusion equation on \mathbb{R}^n . The last is joint work with Daskalopoulos and del Pino.