

Black holes

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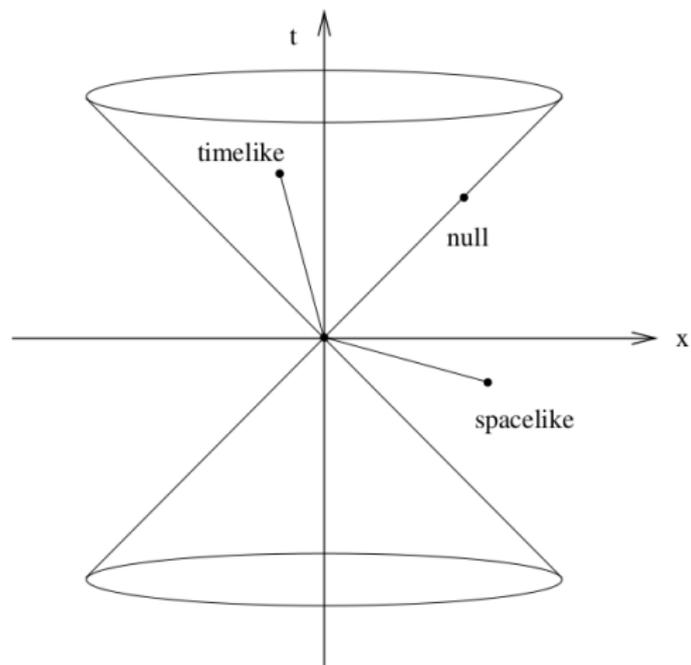
History of black holes

- ★ O. C. Rømer (1676) - from observations of the Jupiter moons from orbiting Earth → speed of light finite,
- ★ I. Newton (1686): gravitational force follows

$$F = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

- ★ J. Michell (1783): *"All light emitted from such a body would be made to return towards it by its own proper gravity"*,
- ★ P.S. Laplace (1796): Exposition du système du monde ("dark stars")
- ★ A. Einstein (1905): Special relativity
- ★ A. Einstein (1915): General relativity (GR)
- ★ K. Schwarzschild (1916): First exact solution of GR - a black hole,
- ★ H. Reissner (1916), G. Nordström (1918): electrically charged black hole solution,
- ★ M. Kruskal & G. Szekeres (1960): Global structure of Schwarzschild,
- ★ R. Kerr (1963): rotating stationary black hole.

The light cone



Timelike $ds^2 < 0$; spacelike $ds^2 > 0$; null (light-like) $ds^2 = 0$.

The Schwarzschild solution

Motivated by the form of the Minkowski metric,

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2 \underbrace{(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)}_{d\Omega^2},$$

let's choose a generally-enough form of a spherically-symmetric metric

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\alpha(r,t)} dt^2 + e^{2\beta(r,t)} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

To know the functions α and β , one must solve the Einstein equations (\rightarrow connection coefficients \rightarrow Riemann, Ricci tensors). The non-zero Christoffel symbols

$$\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\beta} (g_{\beta\nu,\rho} + g_{\beta\rho,\nu} - g_{\nu\rho,\beta})$$

are

$$\Gamma_{tt}^t = \partial_t \alpha, \quad \Gamma_{tr}^t = \partial_r \alpha, \quad \Gamma_{rr}^t = e^{2(\beta-\alpha)} \partial_t \beta, \quad \Gamma_{tt}^r = e^{2(\alpha-\beta)} \partial_r \alpha,$$

$$\Gamma_{tr}^r = \partial_t \beta, \quad \Gamma_{rr}^r = \partial_r \beta, \quad \Gamma_{r\theta}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{r}, \quad \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^r = -re^{-2\beta}, \quad \Gamma_{r\phi}^{\phi} = \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^r = -re^{-2\beta} \sin^2 \theta, \quad \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^{\theta} = -\sin \theta \cos \theta, \quad \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^{\phi} = \cot \theta.$$

The Schwarzschild solution

Ricci tensor non-zero components are:

$$R_{tt} = [\partial_t^2 \beta + (\partial_t \beta)^2 - \partial_t \alpha \partial_t \beta] + e^{2(\alpha-\beta)} [\partial_r^2 \alpha + (\partial_r \alpha)^2 - \partial_r \alpha \partial_r \beta + \frac{2}{r} \partial_r \alpha],$$

$$R_{rr} = -[\partial_r^2 \alpha + (\partial_r \alpha)^2 - \partial_r \alpha \partial_r \beta - \frac{2}{r} \partial_r \beta] + e^{2(\beta-\alpha)} [\partial_t^2 \beta + (\partial_t \beta)^2 - \partial_t \alpha \partial_t \beta],$$

$$R_{tr} = \frac{2}{r} \partial_t \beta, \quad R_{\theta\theta} = e^{-2\beta} [r(\partial_r \beta - \partial_r \alpha) - 1] + 1, \quad R_{\phi\phi} = R_{\theta\theta} \sin^2 \theta.$$

The solution is obtained by demanding $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$: trace-reversed version of the Einstein's equations is

$$R_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T_{\rho}^{\rho} g_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (T_{\mu\nu} = 0 \text{ in vacuum}).$$

$$\text{From } R_{tr} = 0 \rightarrow \partial_t \beta = 0,$$

$$\partial_t(R_{\theta\theta}) = 0 \text{ and } \partial_t \beta = 0 \rightarrow \partial_t \partial_r \alpha = 0.$$

$$\text{That is } \begin{cases} \beta = \beta(r), \\ \alpha = f(r) + g(t). \end{cases}$$

By redefining $dt \rightarrow e^{-g(t)} dt$,
 $g(t) = 0$ so that $\alpha = f$.

The Schwarzschild solution

We therefore have a metric with components independent of the t coordinate:

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\alpha(r)} dt^2 + e^{2\beta(r)} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

→ stationarity, timelike Killing vector.

Another useful combination from the Ricci tensor is:

$$\underbrace{R_{rr} + R_{tt}}_{=0} e^{2(\beta-\alpha)} = \frac{2}{r} (\partial_r \alpha + \partial_r \beta) \rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \underbrace{\text{const.} = 0}_{\text{coord. rescaling}}$$

and

$$R_{\theta\theta} = e^{-2\beta} [r(\partial_r \beta - \partial_r \alpha) - 1] + 1 = -e^{2\alpha} (2r\partial_r \alpha - 1) + 1 = 0,$$

→ $\partial_r (re^{2\alpha}) = 1$, that is $e^{2\alpha} = 1 + \frac{\mu}{r}$.

The metric is then

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

Weak field limit

In order to compare GR with the Newtonian theory, one must express GR in the limit of small velocities ($v/c \ll 1$) and time derivatives much smaller than spatial derivatives:

- ★ relate the geodesic equation to Newton's law of motion,
- ★ relate the Einstein equation to the Poisson equation.

Assume

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon h_{\alpha\beta}, \quad g^{\alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \epsilon h^{\alpha\beta} \quad (\text{because } g^{\mu\beta} g_{\nu\beta} = \delta_{\nu}^{\mu}).$$

The connection's Christoffel symbols are, in first order

$$\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\beta} (g_{\beta\nu,\rho} + g_{\beta\rho,\nu} - g_{\nu\rho,\beta}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \eta^{\mu\beta} (h_{\beta\nu,\rho} + h_{\beta\rho,\nu} - h_{\nu\rho,\beta})$$

The geodesic equation for slowly moving particle, for which $\tau \approx t$ and $dx^i/dt = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$:

$$\frac{d^2 x^{\mu}}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{d\tau} \rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^{\mu}}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} \frac{dx^{\nu}}{dt} \frac{dx^{\rho}}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^{\mu}}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{tt}^{\mu} \frac{dx^t}{dt} \frac{dx^t}{dt} = 0.$$

Weak field limit

The spatial part of the geodesic equation (three-acceleration):

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} + \Gamma_{tt}^i \frac{dx^t}{dt} \frac{dx^t}{dt} = c^2 \Gamma_{tt}^i, \quad \text{where} \quad dx^t/dt = c \quad (\text{'speed of time'}).$$

$$\Gamma_{tt}^i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \eta^{\mu\beta} (h_{\beta\nu,\rho} + h_{\beta\rho,\nu} - h_{\nu\rho,\beta}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \underbrace{(h'_{t,t} + h'_{t,t} - h'_{tt})}_{\text{small}} \approx -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon h_{tt}{}^{,i},$$

That is

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} = \frac{c^2}{2} \epsilon h_{tt}{}^{,i} = \frac{c^2}{2} \epsilon \nabla^i h_{tt}, \quad \text{to be compared with} \quad \underbrace{\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} = -\nabla^i \Phi}_{\text{Newtonian equation of motion}}$$

This means that one can identify the metric function g_{tt} with the Newtonian potential:

$$g_{tt} = \underbrace{\eta_{tt}}_{=-1} + \epsilon h_{tt} = -\left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right).$$

The Schwarzschild solution

Coming back to spherically-symmetric stationary metric:

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

The interpretation of the parameter μ in terms of physical quantities is done in the *weak field limit*. Far from the center,

$$g_{tt}(r \rightarrow \infty) = - \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{r}\right), \quad g_{rr}(r \rightarrow \infty) = \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{r}\right).$$

On the other hand, weak limit gives

$$g_{tt}(r \rightarrow \infty) = - \left(1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}\right),$$

with the Newtonian potential $\Phi = -GM/r$. Therefore, the Schwarzschild metric finally reads:

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

Spherically-symmetric pressureless collapse

Consider a collapse of a spherical star made of 'dust' (pressure $p = 0$). With $G = c = 1$ the outside metric is Schwarzschild vacuum solution

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2).$$

If radius of the star is $R(t)$, on the surface one has,

$$ds^2 = - \left(\left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 \right) dt^2 + R^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2),$$

and from symmetry the collapsing particles will infall in radial direction (follow radial timelike geodesics) $\rightarrow d\theta = d\phi = 0$:

$$\left(\frac{dt}{d\tau}\right)^2 \left(\left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 \right) = -1$$

with $ds^2 = d\tau^2$ denoting the proper time.

Spherically-symmetric pressureless collapse

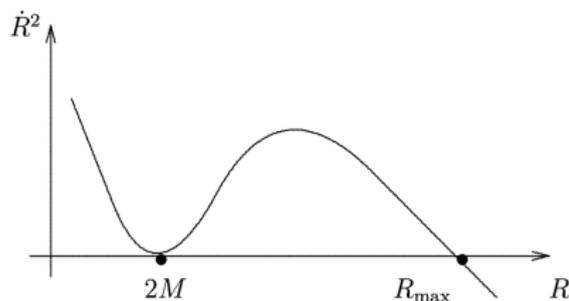
Schwarzschild spacetime admits one Killing vector, $\partial/\partial t$, responsible for time symmetries (conservation of energy).

$$\epsilon = -g_{t\mu}u^t = -g_{tt}\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)\frac{dt}{d\tau}$$

is **specific energy** of a particle, constant along the geodesic. This gives

$$\left(\frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 = \dot{R}^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2M}{R} - 1 + \epsilon^2\right)$$

(with $\epsilon < 1$ for bound particles).



For a collapse with $\dot{R}_{ini} = 0$ at $R_{\max} = 2M/(1 - \epsilon^2)$. R decreases approaching $R = 2M$ asymptotically (distant observer sees the collapse slowing down while it approaches $R = 2M$).

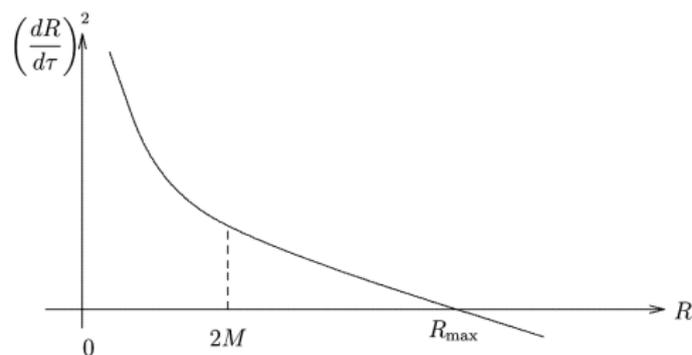
Spherically-symmetric pressureless collapse

What happens from the point of view of an infalling observer? Her clock measures the proper time along the radial geodesic, so one can rewrite

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\tau}{dt} \frac{d}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right) \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

to obtain, from the previous expression

$$\left(\frac{dR}{d\tau}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2M}{R} - 1 + \epsilon^2\right) = \left(\frac{R_{max}}{R} - 1\right) (1 - \epsilon^2).$$



Star collapses from R_{max} through $R = 2M$ in *finite proper time*. It falls to $R = 0$ in

$$t_{fall} = \frac{M\pi}{(1 - \epsilon)^{3/2}}$$

What happens near $r = 2M$?

To probe the spacetime near $r = 2M$ the coordinates adapted to infalling observers should be used. Let's consider photons ($ds^2 = 0$).

Schwarzschild radial null geodesics are

$$dt^2 = \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^2} \equiv d\bar{r}^2 = r + 2M \ln \left| \frac{r - 2M}{2M} \right|,$$

with \bar{r} is the Regge-Wheeler radial coordinate (made to be similar to time coordinate, $\bar{r} \in (-\infty, \infty)$). The Schwarzschild metric can be rewritten in the **Eddington-Finkelstein ingoing coordinates**

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) (-dt^2 + d\bar{r}^2) + r^2 d\Omega^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dv^2 + 2drdv + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

with $v = t + \bar{r}$ a new ingoing radial null coordinate.

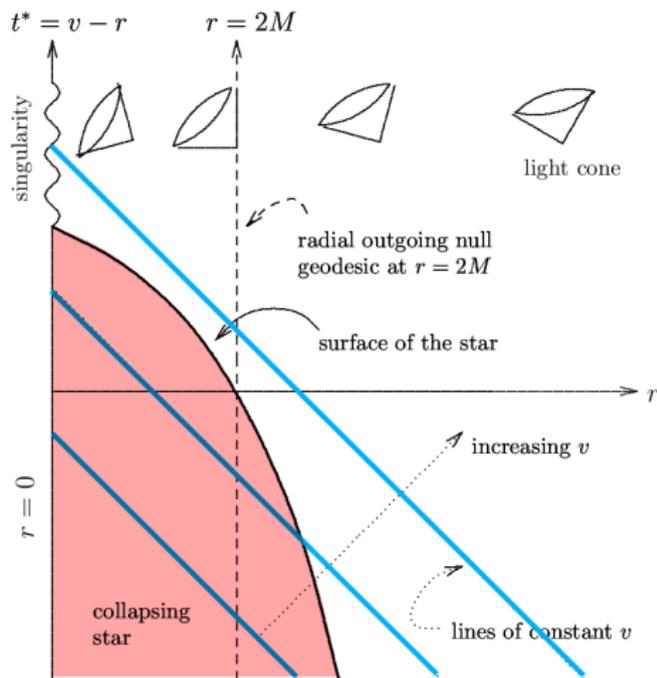
- ★ the metric coefficients related to dr are not singular at $r = 2M \rightarrow$ this singularity in Schwarzschild metric is a *coordinate singularity*.

What happens near $r = 2M$? Finkelstein diagram

For $r \leq 2M$,

$$2drdv = - \left(\left(\frac{2M}{r} - 1 \right) dv^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 - ds^2 \right) \leq 0 \text{ for } ds^2 \leq 0.$$

- ★ for all timelike or null worldlines $dr dv \leq 0$.
- ★ $dv > 0$ for future-directed worldlines, so $dr \leq 0$ with equality when $r = 2M$ (i.e., ingoing radial null geodesics - $d\Omega = 0$ - at $r = 2M$).



- ★ No future-directed timelike or null worldline can reach $r > 2M$ from $r \leq 2M$ - nothing physical (any **event**) can communicate from under the **event horizon**,
- ★ Coordinates change meaning: t becomes spacelike and r becomes timelike - singularity is no longer *where*, but *when*.

Penrose-Carter diagrams

The goal is to present the whole spacetime in a compact way. Let's start with the Minkowski spacetime:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad \text{with} \quad -\infty < t < \infty, \quad 0 \leq r < \infty.$$

By changing in to *null coordinates*

$$u = \frac{1}{2}(t + r), \quad v = \frac{1}{2}(t - r),$$

$$-\infty < u < +\infty,$$

$$-\infty < v < +\infty, \quad v \leq u$$

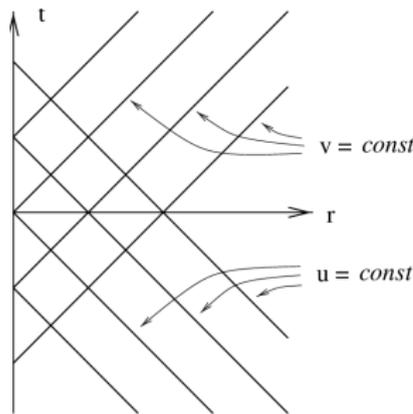
the metric is

$$ds^2 = -2(dudv + dvdu) + (u - v)^2 d\Omega^2.$$

This metric is in turn transformed to coordinates $U(u), V(v)$ that take finite value at infinity, such as

$$U = \arctan(u), \quad V = \arctan(v),$$

$$-\pi/2 < U < +\pi/2, \quad -\pi/2 < V < +\pi/2, \quad V \leq U.$$



Penrose-Carter diagrams

The Minkowski metric in terms of U and V is

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 U \cos^2 V} (-2(dUdV + dVdU) + \sin^2(U - V)d\Omega^2).$$

In order to recover the timelike and spacelike character of the coordinates, there is another transformation

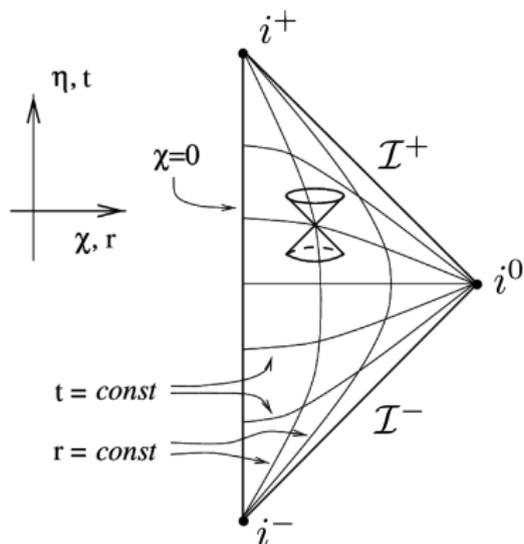
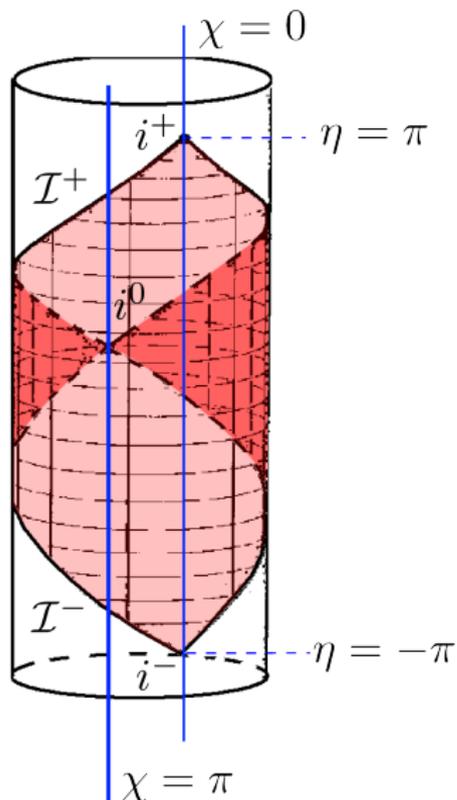
$$\underbrace{\eta = U + V}_{\text{timelike}}, \quad \underbrace{\chi = U - V}_{\text{spacelike (radial)}}, \quad \text{with } -\pi < \eta < \pi, \quad 0 \leq \chi < \pi.$$

The metric is then expressed by an unphysical conformal metric

$$ds^2 = \omega^{-2} (-d\eta^2 + d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \chi d\Omega^2), \quad \omega = \cos U \cos V = \frac{1}{2}(\cos \eta + \cos \chi),$$

where ω is the conformal factor.

Penrose-Carter diagram for Minkowski spacetime



- ★ i^+ future timelike infinity ($\eta = \pi, \chi = 0$),
- ★ i^0 spatial infinity ($\eta = 0, \chi = \pi$),
- ★ i^- past timelike infinity ($\eta = -\pi, \chi = 0$),
- ★ \mathcal{I}^+ future null infinity ($\eta = \pi - \chi, 0 < \chi < \pi$),
- ★ \mathcal{I}^- past null infinity ($\eta = -\pi + \chi, 0 < \chi < \pi$).

Kruskal–Szekeres coordinates

M. Kruskal and G. Szekeres (1960) defined coordinates that cover the whole Schwarzschild manifold - t and r coordinates are replaced by, for $r > 2GM$,

$$V = \left(\frac{r}{2GM} - 1\right)^{1/2} e^{r/4GM} \sinh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right),$$

$$U = \left(\frac{r}{2GM} - 1\right)^{1/2} e^{r/4GM} \cosh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right),$$

for $r < 2GM$:

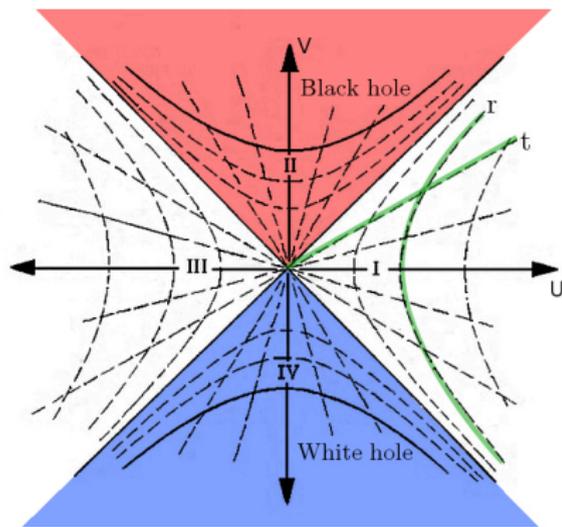
$$V = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2GM}\right)^{1/2} e^{r/4GM} \cosh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right),$$

$$U = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2GM}\right)^{1/2} e^{r/4GM} \sinh\left(\frac{t}{4GM}\right).$$

$$\text{with } V^2 - U^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2GM}\right) e^{r/2GM}$$

the metric is

$$ds^2 = \frac{32G^3M^3}{r} e^{-r/2GM} (-dV^2 + dU^2) + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$



Even horizon is defined by $V = \pm U$.

Kruskal–Szekeres coordinates

A null version of KS coordinates:

$$\tilde{U} = V - U, \quad \tilde{V} = V + U,$$

that with $\tilde{U}\tilde{V} = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2GM}\right) e^{r/2GM}$

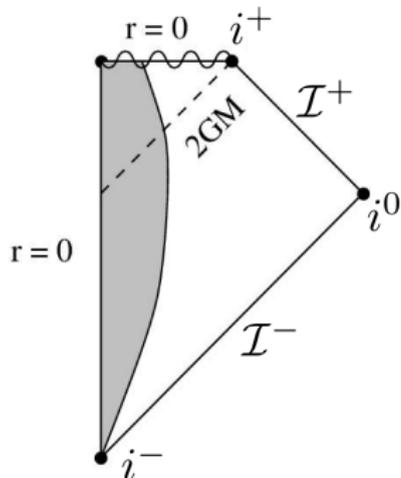
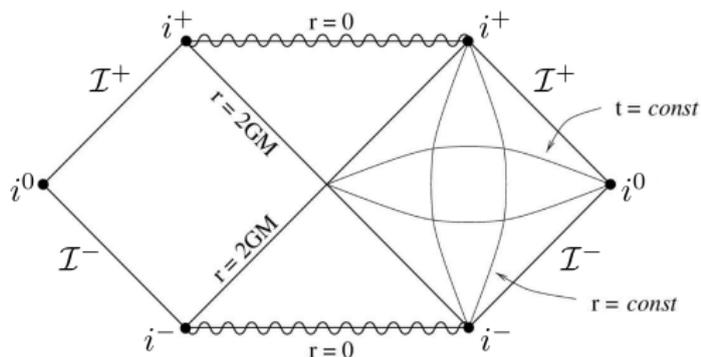
produces the metric

$$ds^2 = -\frac{32G^3M^3}{r} e^{-r/2GM} (d\tilde{U}d\tilde{V}) + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

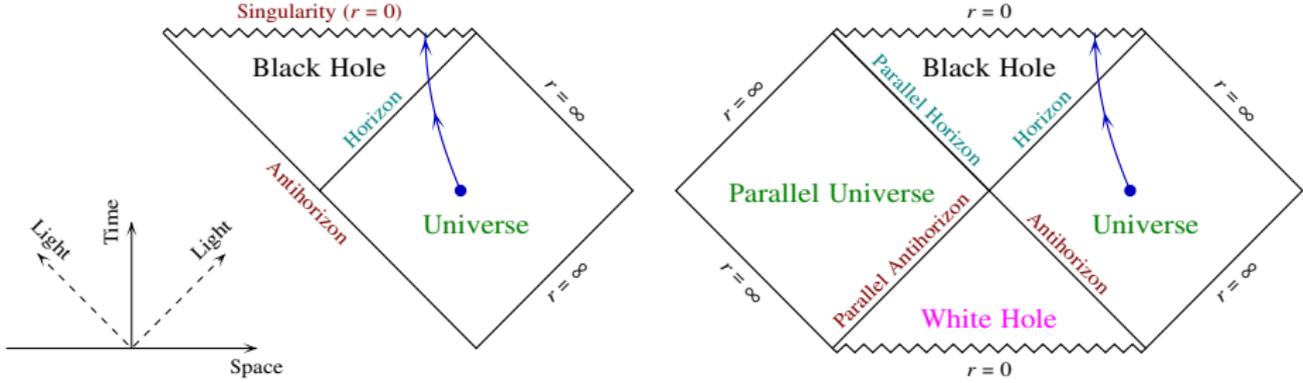
'Rescaling the infinities' to finite values

$$u = \arctan\left(\frac{\tilde{U}}{\sqrt{2GM}}\right), \quad v = \dots$$

gives the conformal structure similar to previous Minkowski case.



Penrose-Carter diagrams for Schwarzschild



Embedding of Schwarzschild spacetime

In order to visualize that the Schwarzschild spacetime is really curved, let's draw a 2-surface of $t = \text{const.}$ and $\theta = \pi/2$ - spatial slice of the line element

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2.$$

By comparing the Euclidean Cartesian with cylindrical ($x = r \cos \phi$, $y = r \sin \phi$) coordinates

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 + dz^2.$$

one obtains

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 = \left(1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dr}\right)^2\right) dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2.$$

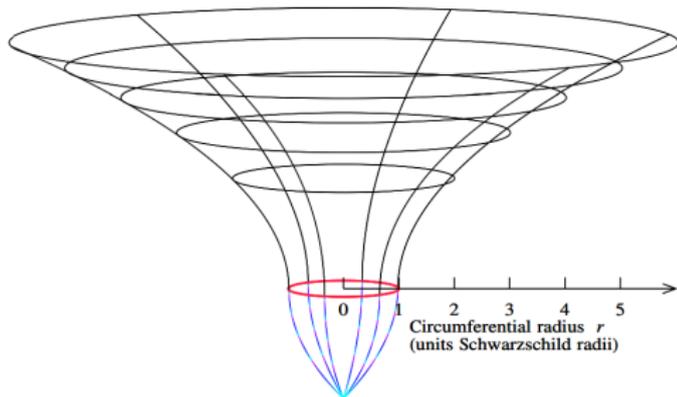
with $z(r)$, the *elevation function* that will visualize the actual shape of the surface embedded in the Euclidean space.

Embedding of Schwarzschild spacetime

Comparing the terms, one calculates the $z(r)$ function (a way to visualize how distorted the radial distances are):

$$1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dr}\right)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} \rightarrow$$

$$z(r) = \int_0^r \frac{dr}{\sqrt{r/2M - 1}}.$$



Orbits in Schwarzschild spacetime

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

In general, every symmetry of the metric (symmetry of the action) corresponds to a specific Killing vector field, $\mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = \xi_{\nu;\mu} + \xi_{\mu;\nu} = 0$. The Lie derivative of the metric g along ξ vanishes - ξ preserves g along its direction. From symmetry considerations we have the following constants of motion of an orbiting particle (λ a parameter along the path):

Time translation (energy conservation) : $g_{t\mu} u^\mu = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) \frac{dt}{d\lambda} = \epsilon,$

Spatial rotation (angular momentum conservation) : $g_{\phi\mu} u^\mu = r^2 \underbrace{\frac{d\phi}{d\lambda}}_{\text{Kepler's law}} = l,$

Also, on any geodesic : $g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = -\mathcal{E}$

(for massive particles it is $\mathcal{E} = m^2$, for massless $\mathcal{E} = 0$).

Orbits in Schwarzschild spacetime

Expanding the $g_{\mu\nu}(dx^\mu/d\lambda)(dx^\nu/d\lambda)$:

$$-\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) \left(\frac{dt}{d\lambda}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{dr}{d\lambda}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = -\mathcal{E}.$$

If multiplied by $1 - 2GM/r$ and with eqs. for ϵ and l it can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dt}{d\lambda}\right)^2 + V(r) = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2, \text{ where } V(r) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E}}_{\text{const.}} - \underbrace{\mathcal{E}\frac{GM}{r}}_{\text{Grav. pot.}} + \underbrace{\frac{l^2}{2r^2}}_{\text{centrifugal}} - \frac{GMl^2}{r^3}.$$

- ★ Equation of motion of a particle of energy $1/2\epsilon^2$ in a potential $V(r)$,
- ★ Last term in $V(r)$ - deviation from Newtonian result (which makes all the difference!)

Orbits in Newtonian 'spacetime'

The orbital movement depends on the $V(r)$ vs. $1/2\epsilon^2$ relation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dt}{d\lambda} \right)^2 + V(r) = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2$$

★ If $V(r) = 1/2\epsilon^2$ - turning point, particle starts to move the other way,

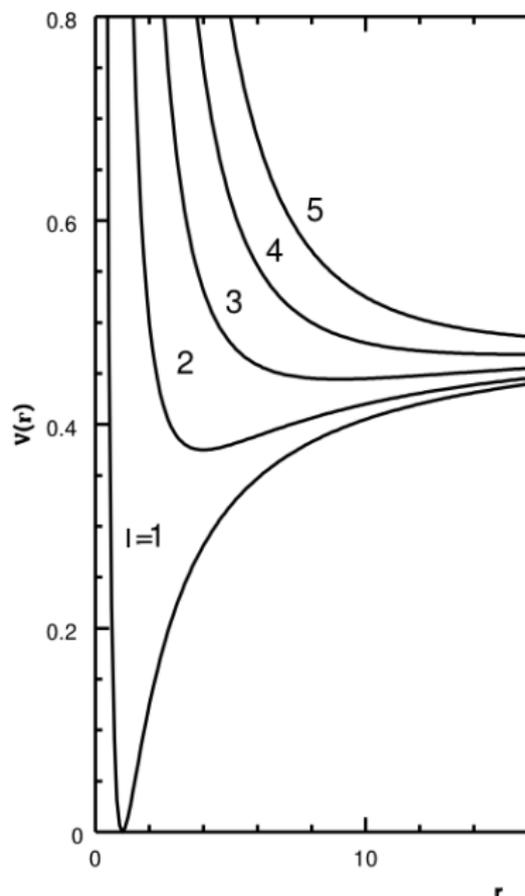
★ $r = \text{const.} \leftrightarrow dV/dr = 0$.

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \mathcal{E} GMr^2 - l^2 r + \underbrace{2GMl^2}_{GR \text{ term}} = 0.$$

In Newtonian gravity, circular orbits for

$$r = \frac{l^2}{GM\mathcal{E}}.$$

(no circular orbits for photons!)



Orbits in Schwarzschild spacetime: massless particles

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}\frac{GM}{r} + \frac{l^2}{2r^2} - \frac{GMl^2}{r^3}.$$

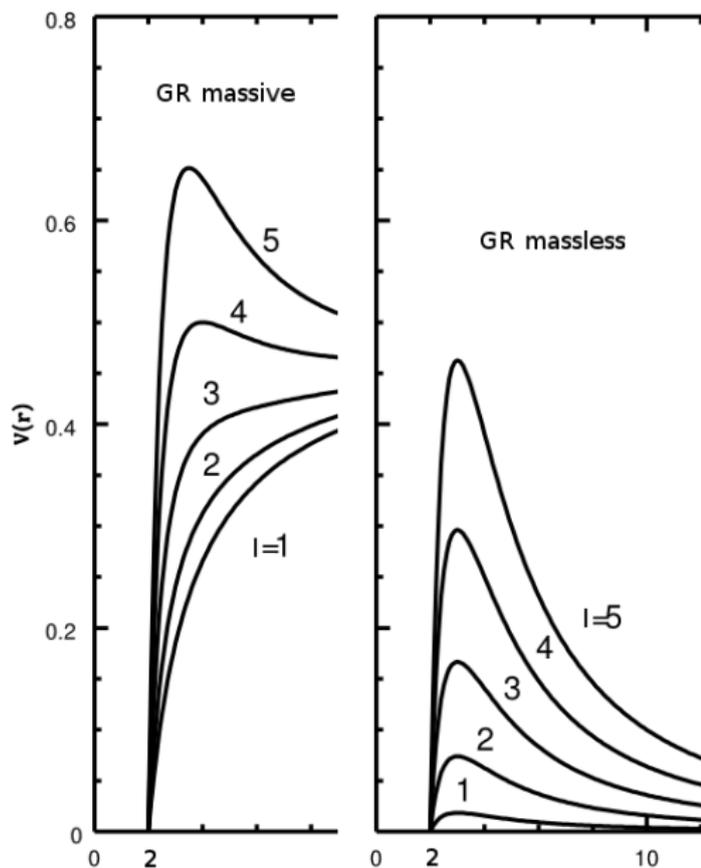
In GR, the additional term $-GMl^2/r^3$ is important for small r ($r \rightarrow \infty$ - Newtonian limit).

- ★ at $r = 2GM$ $V(r) = 0$,
- ★ for massless particles ($\mathcal{E} = 0$), the derivative of the potential gives

$$r = 3GM.$$

(a maximum for every l).

→ photon circular (unstable) orbit at $3GM$.



Orbits in Schwarzschild spacetime: massive particles

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E}^2 - \mathcal{E} \frac{GM}{r} + \frac{l^2}{2r^2} - \frac{GMl^2}{r^3}.$$

For massive particles ($\mathcal{E} \neq 0$),
 $V(r) = 0$ at $r = 2GM$. Also

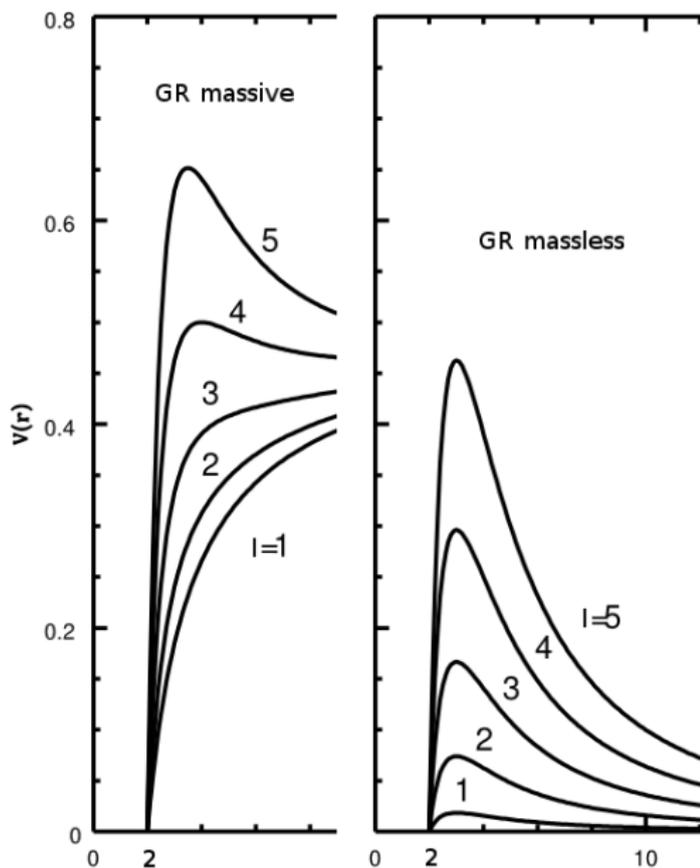
- ★ the circular orbits are at

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- ★ → for large l two orbits (one stable, one unstable). $l \rightarrow \infty$ gives limiting values

$$\underbrace{\frac{l^2}{GM}}_{\text{stable}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{3GM}_{\text{unstable}}.$$

→ approaching $3GM$ as for photons.



Orbits in Schwarzschild spacetime: massive particles

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}\frac{GM}{r} + \frac{l^2}{2r^2} - \frac{GMl^2}{r^3}.$$

For massive particles ($\mathcal{E} \neq 0$),
 $V(r) = 0$ at $r = 2GM$. Also

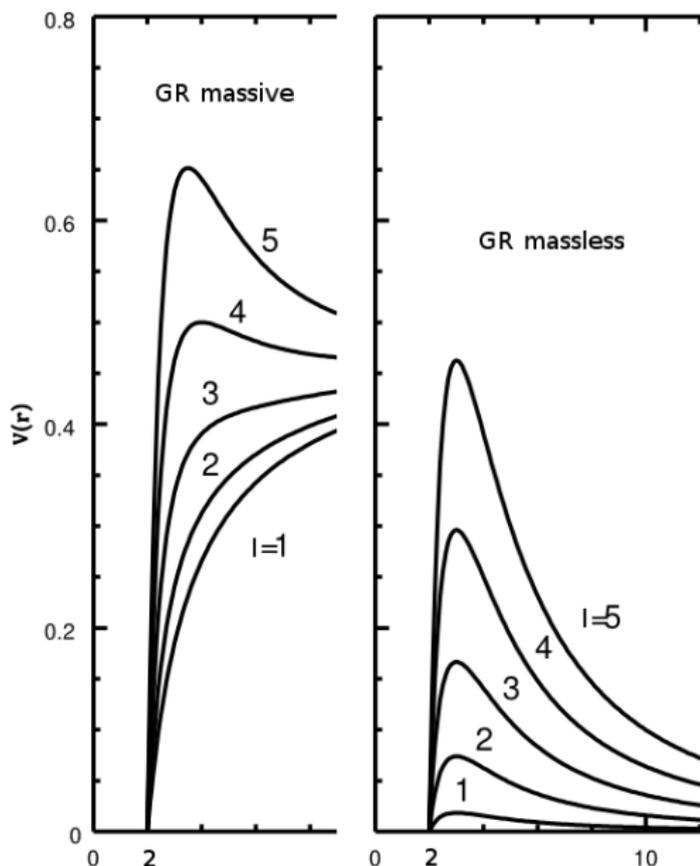
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$$r = \frac{l^2 \pm \sqrt{l^4 - 12G^2M^2l^2}}{2GM}$$

- ★ for small l two orbits coincide for
 $l = \sqrt{12}GM$ at

$$r = 6GM \quad (\text{last stable orbit}).$$

→ two regions of circular orbits:
 unstable ($3GM, 6GM$) and stable
 $> 6GM$.



Electrically charged black holes

Assuming spherical symmetry, the general metric is again

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\alpha(r,t)} dt^2 + e^{2\beta(r,t)} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

and the spacetime is not vacuum, but filled with electromagnetic field $F_{\mu\nu}$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(F_{\mu\delta} F_{\nu}^{\delta} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\delta\rho} F^{\delta\rho} \right).$$

From spherical symmetry, the only electric and magnetic components of $F_{\mu\nu}$ are the radial ones:

$$E_r = F_{tr} = f(r, t) = -F_{rt}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$B_r = g_{rr} \epsilon^{tr\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2g_{rr}}{\sqrt{|g|}} F_{\theta\phi} \rightarrow F_{\theta\phi} = -F_{\phi\theta} = h(r, t) \sin\theta.$$

($|g| \propto r^4 \sin^2\theta$). Then, the Maxwell equations together with the Einstein equations must be solved

$$g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} F_{\nu\delta} = 0, \quad \nabla_{[\mu} F_{\nu\delta]} = 0, \quad R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}.$$

Reissner-Nordström metric

The solution is given by H. Reissner (1916) and G. Nordström (1918):

$$ds^2 = -\Delta dt^2 + \Delta^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta = 1 - \frac{2GM}{r} + \frac{G(p^2 + q^2)}{r^2},$$

where p is the magnetic charge (equal to zero?), and q is the electric charge ($F_{rt} = -q^2/r$, $F_{\theta\phi} = p \sin\theta$). The horizon appears at r for which $\Delta = 0$:

$$r_{\pm} = GM \pm \sqrt{G^2 M^2 - G(p^2 + q^2)}$$

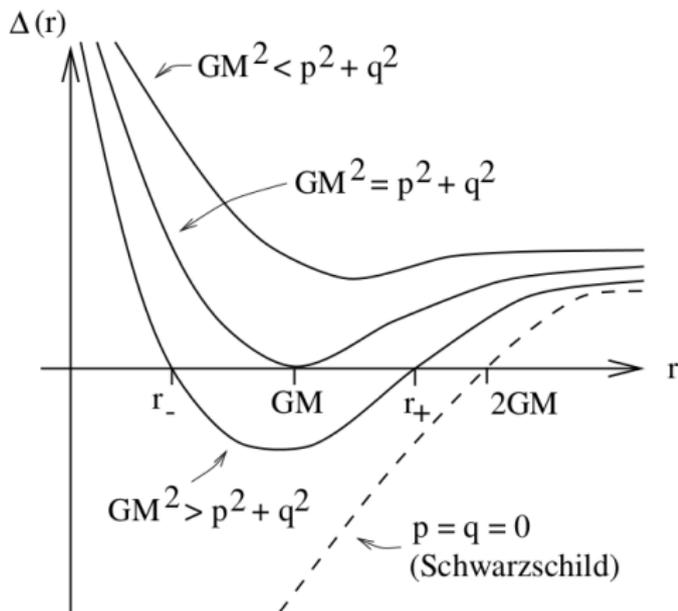
There are several possible cases:

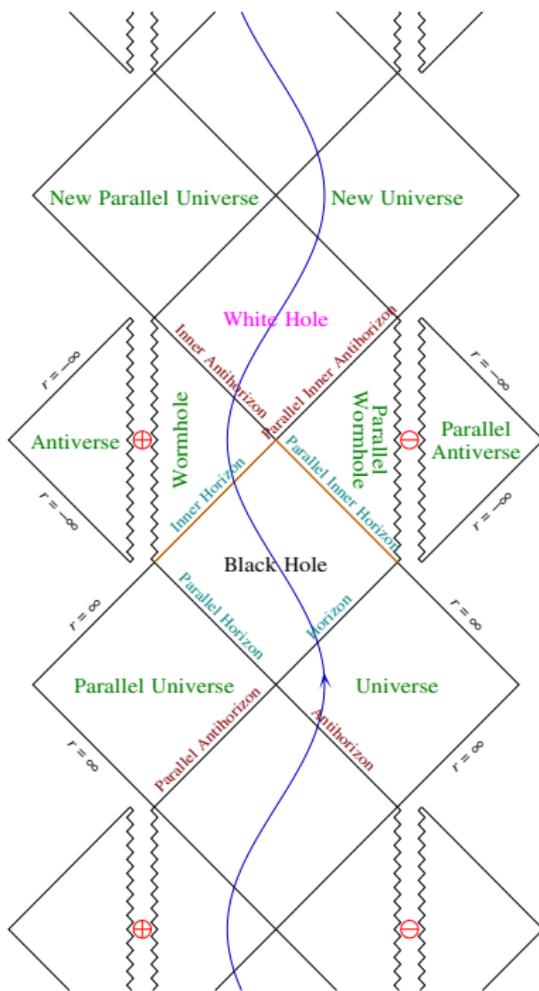
- ★ $p^2 + q^2 > GM^2 \rightarrow \Delta > 0$ - no metric singularity until $r = 0$, no event horizon: **naked singularity** (related: cosmic censorship conjecture - gravitational collapse of physical matter can never produce a naked singularity).

$p^2 + q^2 > GM^2$ indeed unphysical - total mass-energy of the BH is smaller than the electromagnetic field contribution.

Reissner-Nordström metric

- ★ $p^2 + q^2 < GM^2$ corresponds to real situation, r_{\pm} are coordinate singularities.
 - ★ $r \rightarrow r_+$ like in Schwarzschild case, for $r_- < r < r_+$ the radial coordinate changes character (from spacelike becomes timelike),
 - ★ for $r < r_-$ spacelike again \rightarrow not necessary doomed to hit the $r = 0$ singularity!
 - ★ $r = 0$ is timelike, as opposed to Schwarzschild spacelike singularity (\rightarrow not necessarily in the future).
 - ★ the in-falling observer can cross r_- again, and be forced in the direction of increasing r towards r_+ .





Some facts

- ★ **Birkhoff's theorem**: any spherically symmetric vacuum solution is static \rightarrow Schwarzschild. If electromagnetic fields are included (Einstein-Maxwell system) \rightarrow Reissner-Nordström.
- ★ In order to study real singularities, a measure of curvature must be used (Riemann tensor). Interesting invariant is **Kretschmann scalar**

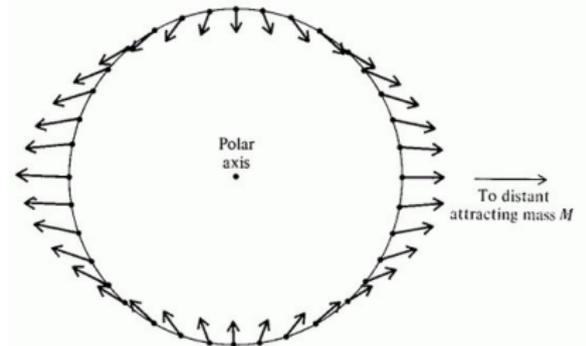
$$K = R_{\mu\nu\rho\delta}^R \mu\nu\rho\delta = \frac{48G^2 M^2}{c^4 r^6} .$$

Schwarzschild value

Tidal force acting on a body m of size l :

$$F = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \frac{l}{r} \propto \underbrace{\frac{l}{M^2}}_{\text{At the horizon}}$$

(it's better to fall into a big black hole).



("spaghettification")

Rotating black holes

The solution for a rotating black hole is due to R. Kerr (1963). The metric in Boyer-Lindquist coordinates reads

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta} dr^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2 + (r^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \frac{2GMr}{\rho^2} (a \sin^2 \theta d\phi - dt)^2,$$

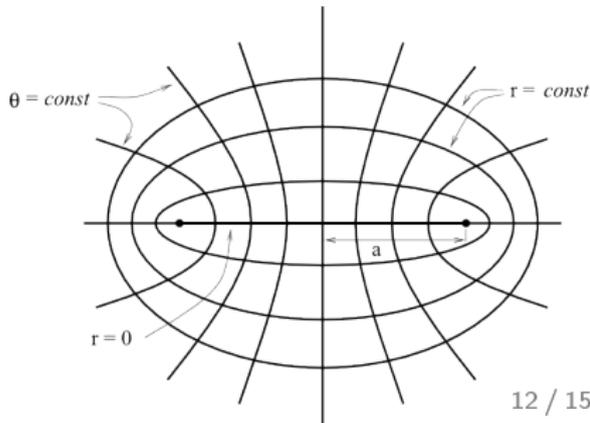
with

$$a = \underbrace{\frac{J}{Mc}}_{\text{spin parameter}} \in (0, 1), \quad \Delta(r) = r^2 - 2GMr + a^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho^2(r, \theta) = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta.$$

spin parameter

(by changing $2GMr$ to $2GMr - (q^2 + p^2)/G$ - the **Kerr-Newman** metric).

- ★ $a \rightarrow 0$ reduces to the Schwarzschild metric,
- ★ $a = \text{const.}, M \rightarrow 0$ - flat space (metric expressed in ellipsoidal coordinates).



Kerr black hole singularities: horizons

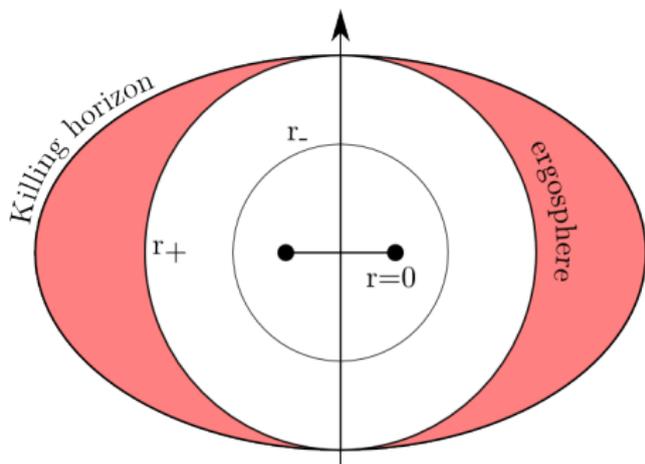
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Singularities can appear at $\Delta = 0$ and $\rho = 0$.

- ★ $(GM)^2 \leq a^2$ cases correspond to naked singularities (super-spiner) and the *extremal* solution ($a = 1$),
- ★ for $(GM)^2 > a^2$, it yields two singular points

$$r_{\pm} = GM \pm \sqrt{G^2 M^2 - a^2}.$$

(null surfaces, event horizons). r_+ (outer horizon) corresponds to the Schwarzschild horizon, r_- is called the Cauchy horizon.



Kerr black hole singularities: static limit

Rotating solution admits two Killing vectors, $\xi^\mu = \partial_t$ and $\eta^\mu = \partial_\phi$, corresponding to energy conservation and axial symmetry (ξ^μ not orthogonal to $t = \text{const.}$ hypersurfaces \rightarrow metric is stationary, not static).

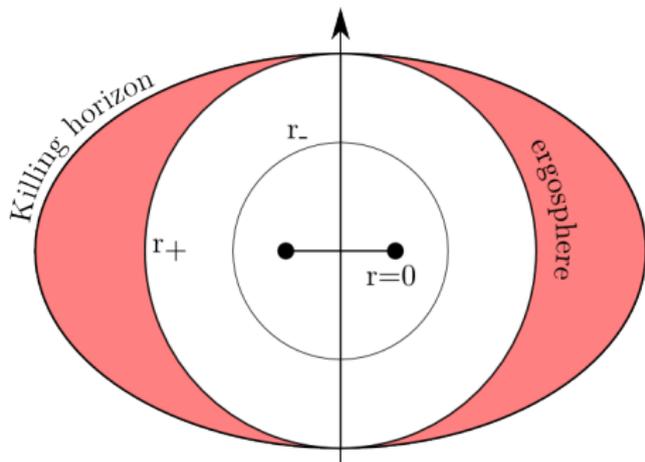
- ★ In Schwarzschild time-symmetry Killing vector $\xi^\mu = \partial_t$ becomes null at the horizon and spacelike inside.

In Kerr,

$$\xi^\mu \xi_\mu = -\frac{1}{\rho^2}(\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta) \quad \text{does not vanish at } r_+ \quad (\xi^\mu \xi_\mu(r_+) \geq 0).$$

The surface $\xi^\mu \xi_\mu = 0$ is the *Killing horizon (static limit)*:

$(r - GM)^2 = G^2 M^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta$. Region between it and r_+ is the *ergosphere* - inertial observers forced to move with the spin of the BH ($d\phi/dt > 0$).



Kerr black hole singularities: ring singularity

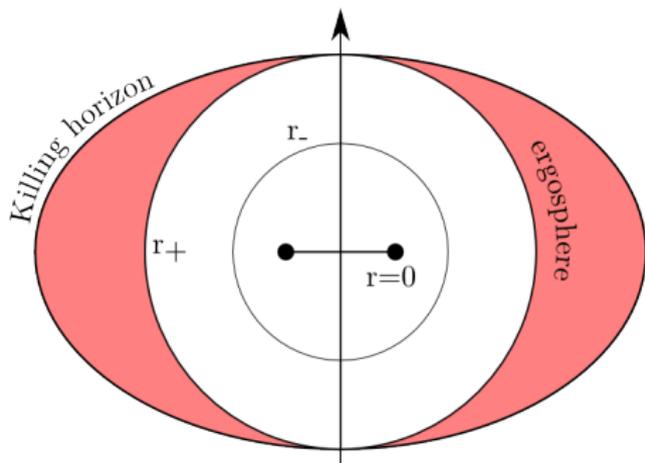
The true, central curvature singularity does not occur simply at $r = 0$, but $\rho = 0$:

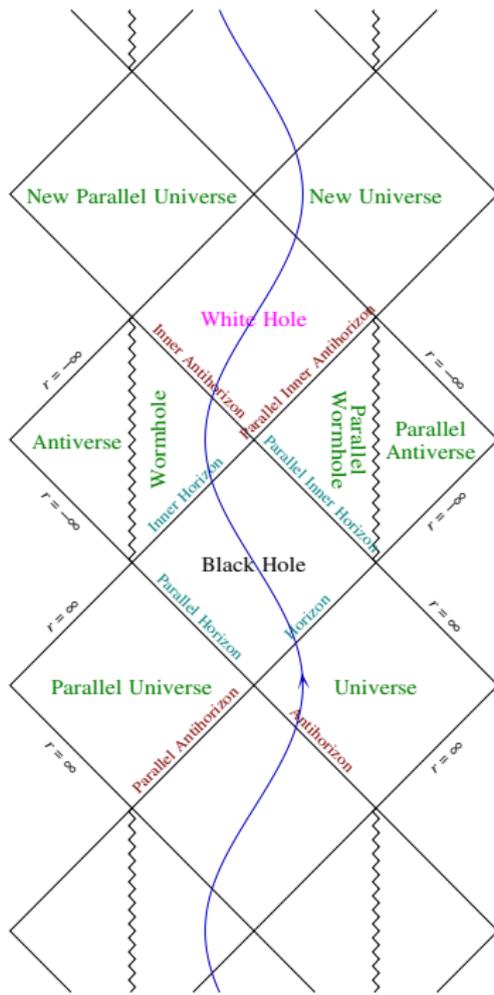
$$\begin{aligned}\rho^2 &= r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta = 0 \\ &\rightarrow r = 0 \text{ and } \cos \theta = 0.\end{aligned}$$

(a ring-like set of points). An observer who crosses the ring appears in a new Kerr spacetime with $r < 0 \rightarrow \Delta \neq 0 \rightarrow$ no horizons.

\rightarrow Closed timelike curves. For $t, \theta = \text{const.}$ the line element in ϕ direction is

$$ds^2 = a^2 \left(1 + \frac{2GM}{r} \right) d\phi^2 < 0, \quad \text{for small } r < 0.$$





Orbital constants of motion in rotating spacetime

General orbits of particles (or photons) with 4-momentum p^μ are described by *four* constants of motion on the geodesic:

- ★ total energy $E = -p_t = -\xi_\mu p^\mu = g_{t\mu} p^\mu$,
- ★ component of angular momentum parallel to symmetry axis $L = p_\phi = \eta_\mu p^\mu = g_{\phi\mu} p^\mu$,
- ★ Carter constant: $Q = p_\theta^2 + \cos^2 \theta (a^2 (m^2 - E^2) + L^2 / \sin^2 \theta)$, separation constant from the Hamilton-Jacobi equations (in the equatorial plane $Q = 0$),
- ★ mass of the particle m .

How to measure the angular momentum of the hole and its influence on the moving particles? A photon emitted at r in ϕ direction in the equatorial plane has

$$ds^2 = 0 = g_{tt} dt^2 + 2g_{t\phi} dt d\phi + g_{\phi\phi} d\phi^2,$$

which gives

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}}\right)^2 - \frac{g_{tt}}{g_{\phi\phi}}}.$$

Angular velocity of the hole

At the Killing horizon $g_{tt} = 0$ and

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}}\right)^2 - \frac{g_{tt}}{g_{\phi\phi}}} \rightarrow \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{2a}{(2GM)^2 + a^2},$$

which is interpreted as the angular drag of retrograde and prograde photons. "Frame dragging" at the horizon r_+ (minimal angular velocity of the particle there) can be defined as the angular velocity of the horizon itself:

$$\Omega_H = \left(\frac{d\phi}{dt}\right)(r_+) = \frac{a}{r_+^2 + a^2}.$$

The coordinate angular velocity of a circular orbit is ($G = c = 1$):

$$\Omega = \pm \frac{\sqrt{M}}{r^{3/2} \pm a\sqrt{M}}.$$

Circular orbits around the Kerr black hole

To summarize the characteristic distances and orbits in Kerr spacetime:

- ★ **Marginally-stable circular orbits (ISCO):**

$$r_{ms} = M(3 + Z_2 \mp (3 - Z_1)(3 + Z_1 + 2Z_2))^{1/2},$$

$$\text{with } Z_1 = 1 + \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{M^2}\right)^{1/3} \left(\left(1 + \frac{a}{M}\right)^{1/3} + \left(1 - \frac{a}{M}\right)^{1/3} \right),$$

$$Z_2 = (3a^2/M^2 + Z_1^2)^{1/2}.$$

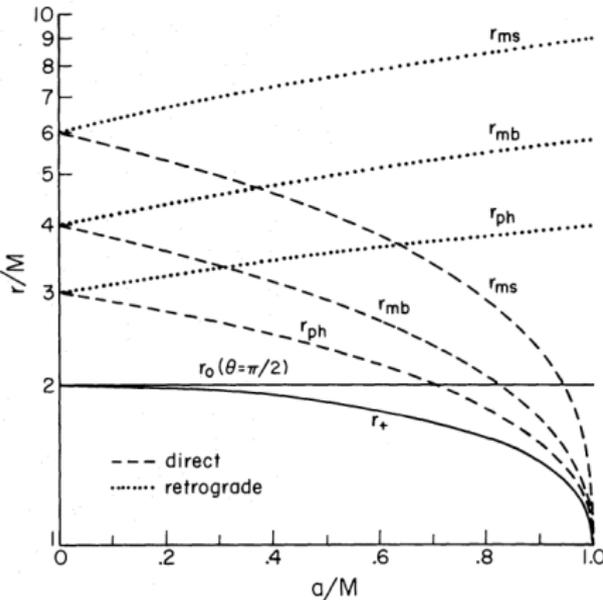
- ★ **Marginally-bound circular orbits:** limiting radius for marginal ("parabolic") circular orbit with $\epsilon = E/m = 1$,

$$r_{mb} = 2M \mp a + 2\sqrt{M(M \mp a)}.$$

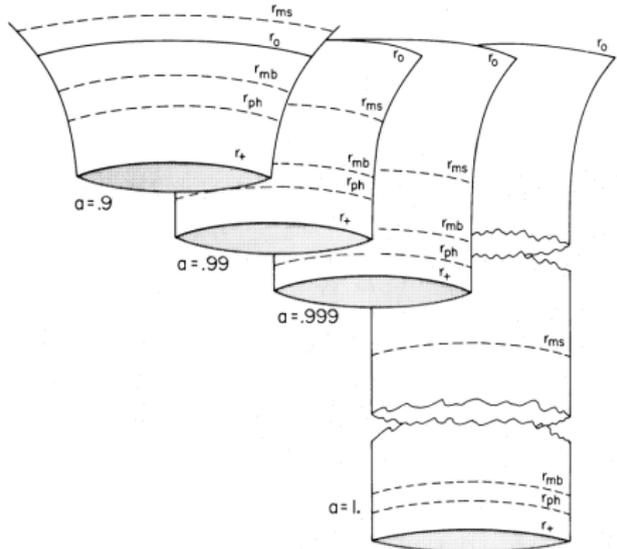
- ★ **Photon orbit:** in the limit of $E \rightarrow \infty$ the innermost boundary of the circular orbits for particles:

$$r_{ph} = 2M \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{2}{3} \cos^{-1}(\mp a/M)\right)\right).$$

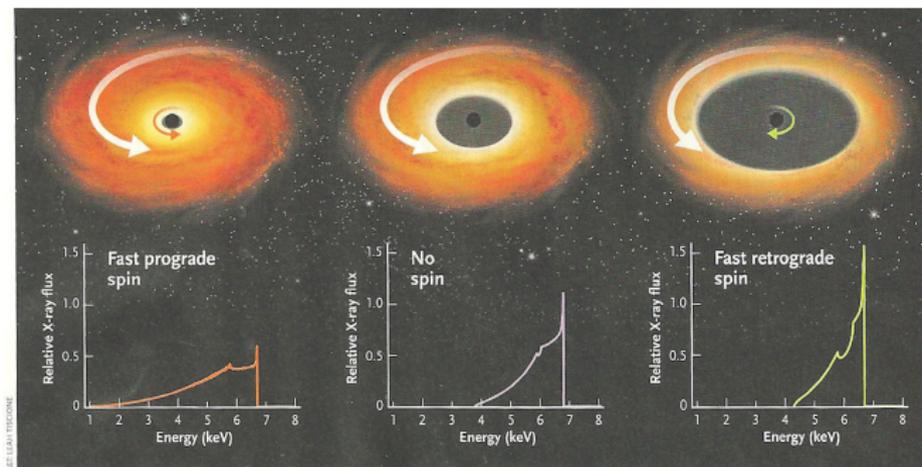
Circular orbits around the Kerr black hole



(from Bardeen et al., 1972)



Kerr vs. rotating star



- ★ The exterior metric of the Kerr metric differs from the rapidly rotation compact material star; they agree in the first order approximation - slow rotation:

$$r_{ms} = 6M \left(1 - \frac{J}{M^2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{3/2} \right).$$

- ★ No 'natural' material source for Kerr metric (infinitesimally thin counter-rotating discs etc.)

Penrose process

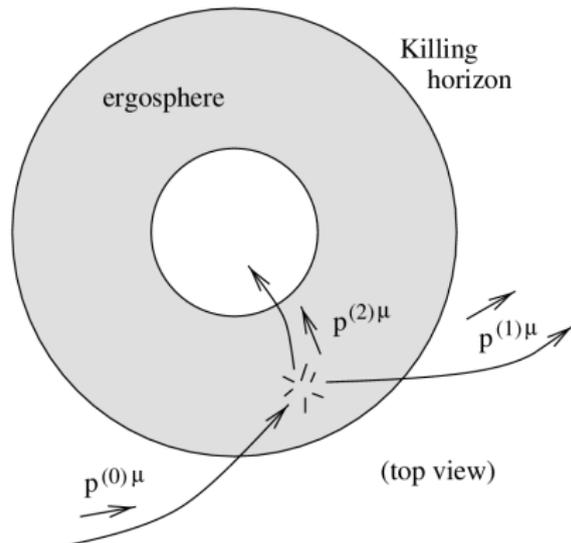
Inside the ergosphere ξ_μ becomes spacelike. There can exist particles with

$$E = -\xi_\mu p^\mu < 0.$$

Imagine particle with $p_{(0)}^\mu$ disintegrating in the ergosphere into two other particles:

$$p_{(0)}^\mu = p_{(1)}^\mu + p_{(2)}^\mu, \quad / \xi_\mu$$
$$\rightarrow E_{(0)} = E_{(1)} + E_{(2)}.$$

If arranged in such a way that $E_{(2)} < 0$, then $E_{(1)} > E_{(0)}$ -
production of energy.



Irreducible mass

Penrose process is the extraction of energy from the kinetic (rotational) energy of the black hole. Let's define an additional Killing vector

$$\chi_\mu = \xi_\mu + \Omega_H \eta_\mu,$$

null and tangent to the outer horizon r_+ . Particle (2) falls under the horizon if

$$p_{(2)}^\mu \chi_\mu = \underbrace{p_{(2)}^\mu \xi_\mu}_{-E_{(2)}} + \Omega_H \underbrace{p_{(2)}^\mu \eta_\mu}_{L_{(2)}} < 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{(2)} < \frac{E_{(2)}}{\Omega_H} < 0 \quad \text{since} \quad E_{(2)} < 0.$$

The black hole mass M and angular momentum $J = Ma$ are decreased by

$$\delta M = E_{(2)}, \quad \delta J = L_{(2)} \quad \text{so that} \quad \delta J < \frac{\delta M}{\Omega_H}.$$

Although the energy is extracted, the horizon area A is not decreasing (!). By integrating over the horizon surface:

$$A = 4\pi(r_+^2 + a^2).$$

Irreducible mass

How does it work? Let's define an *irreducible mass* of the black hole as follows:

$$M_{irr}^2 = \frac{A}{16\pi G^2} = \frac{1}{4G^2}(r_+^2 + a^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(M^2 + \sqrt{M^4 - (J/G)^2} \right).$$

A change in M_{irr} is related with δM and δJ

$$\delta M_{irr} = \frac{a}{4G\sqrt{G^2M^2 - a^2M_{irr}}} \underbrace{(\Omega_H^{-1}\delta M - \delta J)}_{>0} > 0,$$

hence δM_{irr} cannot decrease. The maximum amount of energy that can be extracted with a Penrose process is

$$M - M_{irr} = M - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(M^2 + \sqrt{M^4 - (J/G)^2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

for $a = 1$ Kerr BH it is approx. 30% of total mass-energy.

Thermodynamics of black holes

The analogous relation for the horizon area A is

$$\delta A = 8\pi G \frac{a}{\Omega_H \sqrt{G^2 M^2 - a^2}} (\delta M - \Omega_H \delta J),$$

which is usually rewritten as

$$\delta M = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi G} \delta A + \Omega_H \delta J.$$

and where the *surface gravity* κ of the black hole is introduced:

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{G^2 M^2 - a^2}}{2GM(GM + \sqrt{G^2 M^2 - a^2})}$$

(κ is acceleration of a ZAMO at the horizon; $\kappa = 0$ corresponds to extremal black holes). Curious relation to classical thermodynamics:

$$\delta M = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi G} \delta A + \Omega_H \delta J \leftrightarrow dU = T dS - p dV + \dots$$

- ★ $\Omega_H \delta J$ related to "work" term $-p dV$,
- ★ the area A never decreases as the entropy S - surface gravity $\kappa/8\pi G \sim T$.

Thermodynamics of black holes

The laws of black hole thermodynamics are (in comparison to classical):

- ★ **0th**: in equilibrium the temperature the bodies in contact have the same temperature (temperature constant through the system),
 - ★ **1st**: the change of energy is related to the change of entropy and work as in $dU = TdS - pdV$,
 - ★ **2nd**: the entropy S of an isolated system cannot decrease,
 - ★ **3rd**: the entropy of any pure substance in thermodynamic equilibrium approaches zero as the temperature approaches zero.
- ★ **0th**: for stationary black holes $\kappa/8\pi G$ is constant everywhere on the horizon,
 - ★ **1st**: the change of black hole mass is related to the change of the horizon area and angular momentum as in $\delta M = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi G} \delta A + \Omega_H \delta J$,
 - ★ **2nd**: the area A of the horizon never decreases.
 - ★ **3rd**: it is impossible to achieve $\kappa = 0$ in any physical process.

Blandford–Znajek process: EM analogue of Penrose process

Accretion disk with polar magnetic field, penetrating the ergosphere, dragged along and extracting the rotational energy. Power at light cylinder r_c :

$$P = B^2 \left(\frac{r}{r_c} \right)^4 r_c c = \frac{B^2 r^4 \omega^2}{c}$$

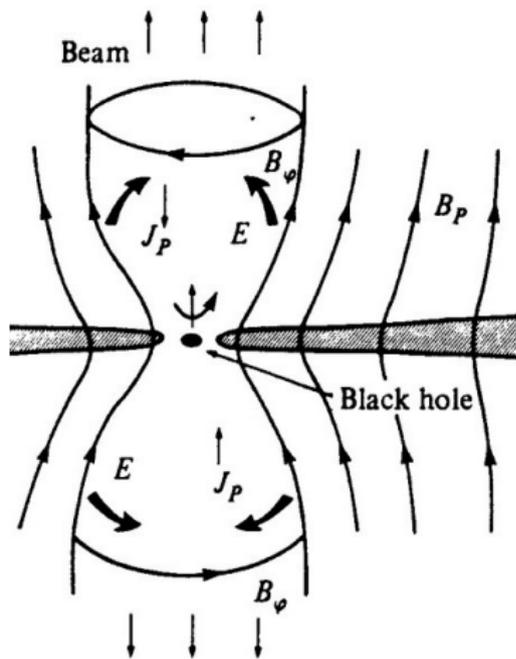
Total amount of energy is

$$E = 0.3 M c^2 \simeq 5 \times 10^{53} \frac{M}{M_\odot} \text{ erg}$$

Poynting flux $\vec{E} \times \vec{B} \rightarrow$ production of the jet.

Key open issues:

- ★ origin (generation mechanism?) of the magnetic field,
- ★ magnetic field dynamics in accretion disks,
- ★ mass loading/accretion disk outflows.



Hawking radiation

As a result of quantum particle creation effects, black hole radiates particles with a perfect black body spectrum of temperature proportional to surface gravity:

$$T = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi}$$

For Schwarzschild:

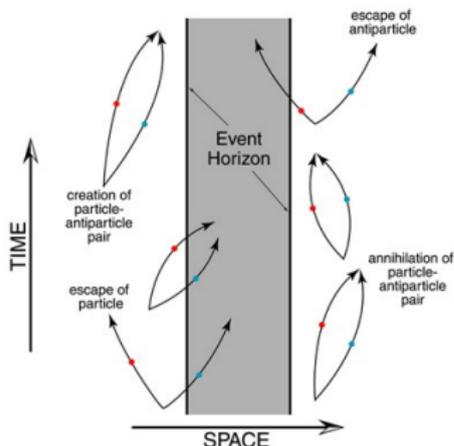
$$T = \frac{1}{8\pi M} = \left[\frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G M k_B} \right] \sim 6 \times 10^{-8} \frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \text{ K.}$$

Related:

- ★ Unruh effect - an accelerated observer detects black-body radiation of a vacuum field,

$$T = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi c k_B} \times \text{acceleration,}$$

- ★ Rindler coordinates and horizon observed by accelerated observers in Minkowski spacetime.



Further reading...

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- ★ *"Black holes"*, P.K. Townsend arXiv:gr-qc/9707012,
- ★ Penrose diagrams:
<http://jila.colorado.edu/~ajsh/insidebh/penrose.html>