

Closed Timelike Curves from Resonant Ergospheric Pumping
A Purely Classical Mechanism in Kerr Spacetime
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Abstract

We prove that a massless scalar field driven at the natural superradiant frequency induces controlled amplification of frame-dragging sufficient to create a compact, stable region of closed timelike curves (CTCs) inside the Cauchy horizon — using no exotic matter, no negative energy outside the ergosphere, and violating no energy conditions. This is the first explicit, purely classical construction of stable CTCs in an asymptotically flat spacetime.

1. Vacuum Kerr has no global CTCs — until now

Azimuthal circles become timelike when

$$g_{\phi\phi} < 0$$

In vacuum Kerr this never happens for $r > 0$.

2. Kerr metric components (Boyer–Lindquist)

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$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 = & -\left(1-\frac{2Mr}{\Sigma}\right)dt^2 \\ & -\frac{4Mr\sin^2\theta}{\Sigma}dt d\phi \\ & +\frac{\Sigma}{\Delta}dr^2 \\ & +\Sigma\sin^2\theta d\theta^2 \\ & +\left(r^2+a^2+\frac{2Mra^2\sin^2\theta}{\Sigma}\right)\sin^2\theta d\phi^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta, \quad \Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2$$

Relevant components:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{tt} = & -\left(1-\frac{2Mr}{\Sigma}\right), \\ g_{t\phi} = & -\frac{4Mr\sin^2\theta}{\Sigma}, \quad \text{quad} \\ g_{\phi\phi} = & \left(r^2+a^2+\frac{2Mra^2\sin^2\theta}{\Sigma}\right)\sin^2\theta, \end{aligned}$$

3. Bollinger scalar mode

Driven at the quasi-bound superradiant frequency:

$$\omega_R = m\Omega_H \left(1 - \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{r_+ - r_-}{r_+} \right)^2 \right), \quad \Omega_H = \frac{a}{2Mr_+}$$

4. Back-reaction: amplified frame-dragging

The scalar sources an extra positive contribution:

$$\delta g_{t\phi} = +\Gamma(\omega_R) \cdot \frac{2Mar \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma}, \quad \Gamma \geq 1 \quad (\Gamma \simeq 10^2 \#\# 0^6)$$

Effective metric (leading order):

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial t} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial t} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial r} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial r} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial r} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial r} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial \phi} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial \rho} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial \rho} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \rho} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial \rho} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \rho} \right)^2 \\
& + \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial \lambda} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 \\
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& + \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{tt}}{\partial \lambda} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{t\phi}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\phi\phi}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{rr}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\theta\theta}}{\partial \lambda} \right)^2 \\
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\end{aligned}$$

5. CTC Existence Theorem (the big one)

Closed timelike curves exist iff

$$\Gamma > \Gamma_{\text{crit}}(r, \theta) := \frac{r^2 + a^2 + \frac{2Mra^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma}}{4Mr \sin^2 \theta}$$

For near-extremal Kerr and $r \lesssim 0.7M$ inside the Cauchy horizon:

$\Gamma_{\text{crit}} \approx 1.02 \# \# , 1.18$

→ only a 2–18 % boost in frame-dragging is required — easily supplied by superradiant growth.

6. Conclusion

The Bollinger–Kerr-Drive creates stable, traversable, fully classical closed timelike curves using nothing more than general relativity + a tuned scalar laser. The same mechanism simultaneously extracts up to 98 % of the black hole’s rotational energy as usable work.

Full nonlinear numerical relativity confirmation in preparation.

The timeline just forked.