

More on singularity theorems

- Assume a set of symmetries of matter and spacetime has been chosen.
- Assume an exact solution or at least its asymptotic properties at early times have been found.
- Assume, we choose a timelike congruence e.g. of geodesics.

⇒ We can now explicitly calculate the twist, shear and expansion along the congruence:

The Hubble functions:

In particular, we can see how the expansion or contraction of the universe behaves dynamically e.g. when the condition of perfect isotropy is relaxed:

- Now we have different expansions in different directions, nonlinearly influencing another.

## □ Recall:

The expansion in one direction can be enhanced by shear, as long as shear shrinks other directions.

## □ Definition:

We define a rate of expansion tensor that includes shear:

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu} := \overset{\text{shear}}{\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}} + \frac{1}{3} \overset{\text{projector } \perp \text{ to the}}{\theta h_{\mu\nu}} \overset{\text{timelike u-field}}{\downarrow} \text{expansion scalar.}$$

symmetric part of  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}$

◻  $\Theta_{\mu\nu}$  is fully spacelike and symmetric  $\Rightarrow \Theta_{\mu\nu}$  can be diagonalized in suitable ON frame  $\{e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ :

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{3 space-like directions.}$$

with the traditional expansion being the trace (because  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu}$  is traceless):

$$\Theta = \theta_0 + \theta_1 + \theta_2 \quad \Rightarrow \text{is not quite projector}$$

$\downarrow$  why  $\frac{1}{3}$ ? Recall that  $\text{Tr}(h_{\mu\nu}) = 3$

◻ Definition:  $H_i := \frac{1}{3} \theta_i$  Local Hubble expansion function in direction  $e_i$ .

$H := \frac{1}{3} \Theta$  Overall local Hubble expansion function.

### ◻ Definition:

We use  $H_i, H$  to define local directional and general scale factors  $l_i, l$ :

The  $l_i, l$  are defined as the solutions to:

$$\frac{\dot{l}_i}{l_i} = H_i$$

$$\frac{\dot{l}}{l} = H$$

Here, the time derivative is defined as:

$$\dot{l} = u(l) = \underset{\text{recall: } u \text{ is timelike.}}{\downarrow u^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} l}$$

◻ What behavior can occur in the far past?

Full set of cases not yet known.

But:

Explicit examples are known where e.g.:

- ▢ All  $\ell_i \rightarrow 0$  as in FL cosmologies
- ▢  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \rightarrow 0, \ell_3 \rightarrow \infty$  "cigar singularity"
- ▢  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \rightarrow 0, \ell_3 \rightarrow \text{const}$  "barrel singularity"
- ▢  $\ell_1, \ell_2 \rightarrow \text{const}, \ell_3 \rightarrow 0$  "pancake singularity"

▢ Note: For homogeneous, isotropic FL models,  $H$  is the regular Hubble parameter and  $\ell$  is its scale factor.

## Singularity theorems for black holes

In 1915, Schwarzschild found this black hole solution to the Einstein equation:

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2(d\theta^2 + d\varphi^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

Singularity:  $r = 0$

Horizon:  $r = 2M$

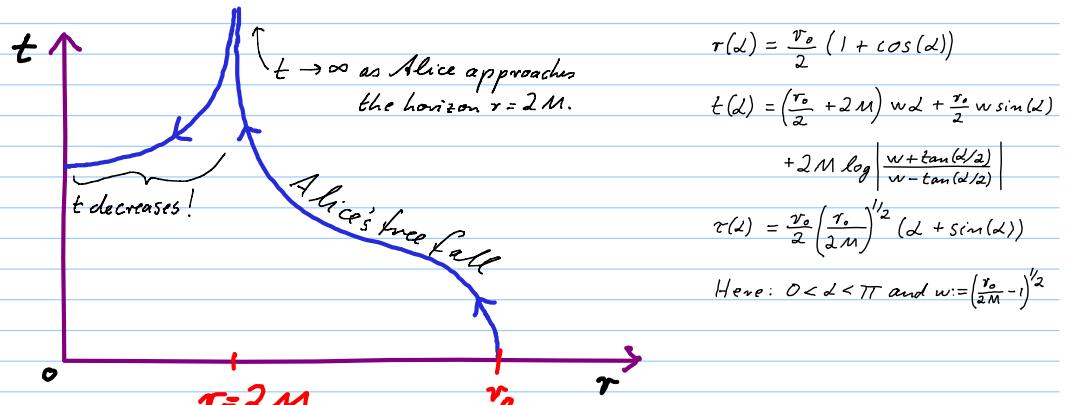
Here,  $X = (t, r, \varphi, \theta)$  are called the Schwarzschild coordinates.

Schwarzschild coordinates long misled intuition:

▢ The singularity at  $r = 2M$  is not real: it disappears in other coordinate systems. The curvature is smooth across  $r = 2M$ .

□ Due to the sign changes across  $r = 2M$ , for  $r < 2M$   
 $dt$  is spacelike and  $dr$  is timelike for  $r < 2M$ .

▢ Consider, for example, a traveler, Alice, who is freely falling from  $r = r_0$  to  $r = 0$ :



⇒ need better choices of coordinate systems!

Simplification:

For now, we drop the  $\varphi$  and  $\theta$  coordinates.

First design of a new cds  $(T, R)$  - Alice's choice (for  $r_0 = 2M$ ):

▢ Require  $g_{\mu\nu}(T, R)$  to be regular across  $r = 2M$ .

▢ Require  $g_{\mu\nu}(0, 0) = g_{\mu\nu}$  at  $r = 2M$ . If there's really no singularity at  $r = 2M$  this must be possible.

▢ Extend this cds so that  $g_{\mu\nu}(T, R) = f(T, R) g_{\mu\nu}$

⇒ Alice's choice are the Kruskal-Szekeres coordinates  $(T, R)$ :

$$T(t, r) := 4M \left| \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{r-2M}{4M}} \left( \sinh\left(\frac{t}{4M}\right) \theta(r-2M) + \cosh\left(\frac{t}{4M}\right) \theta(2M-r) \right)$$

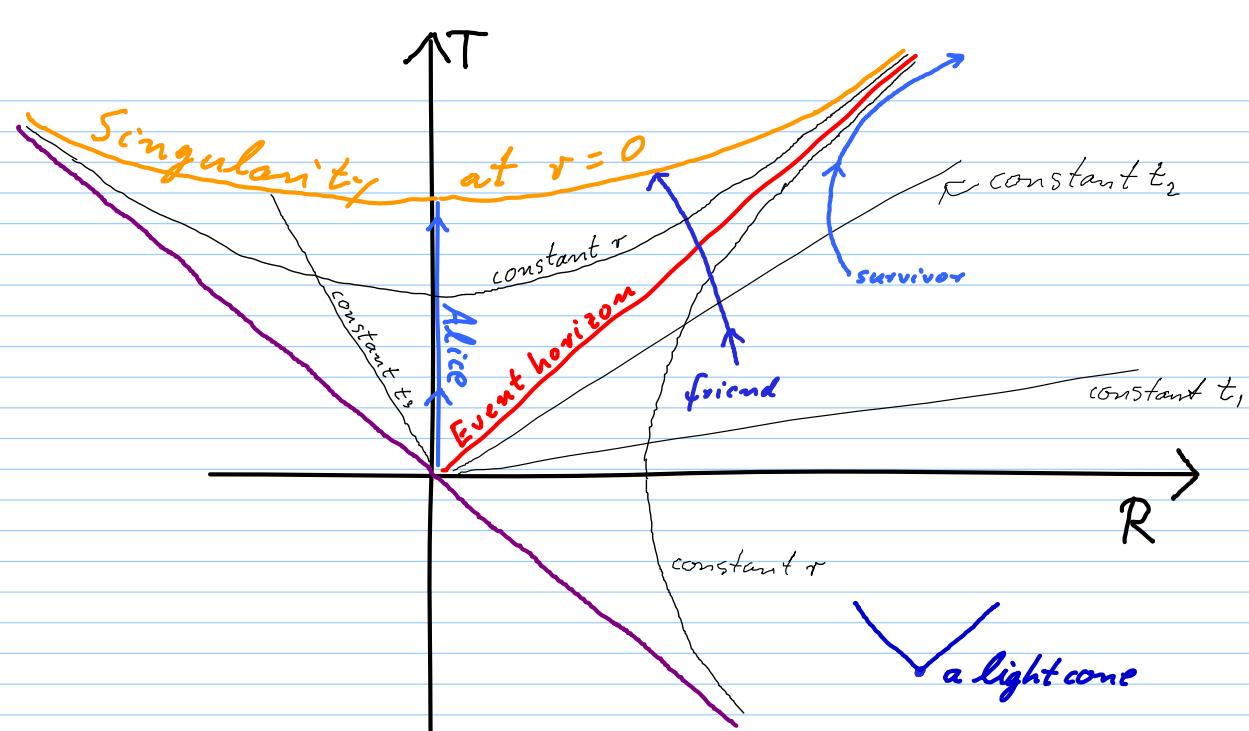
$$R(t, r) := 4M \left| \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{r-2M}{4M}} \left( \cosh\left(\frac{t}{4M}\right) \theta(r-2M) + \sinh\left(\frac{t}{4M}\right) \theta(2M-r) \right)$$

This map is, in principle, invertible, to obtain  $t(T, R)$ ,  $r(T, R)$ .

The Schwarzschild metric now takes this form:

$$ds^2 = \frac{2M}{r(T, R)} e^{1 - \frac{r(T, R)}{2M}} (dT^2 - dR^2) \quad \text{obeys all conditions!}$$

Conformal prefactor = 1 as  $r=2M$



□ Alice was at rest at the event horizon.

□ The singularity is at  $T(R) = \left( R^2 + \frac{16M^2}{e} \right)^{1/2}$  and is spacelike.

Alice's light cone coordinates:

$$u := T - R, \quad v := T + R$$

Metric:  $ds^2 = \frac{2M}{r(u,v)} e^{1 - \frac{r(u,v)}{2M}} du dv$

conformal factor  
(which is 1 at horizon)

light cone  
Minkowski

$\Rightarrow$  The action  $S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \phi \partial_{\beta} \phi \sqrt{g} d^2x$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{T>R} (\partial_T \phi(T,R))^2 - (\partial_R \phi(T,R))^2 dT dR \\ &= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (\partial_u \phi(u,v)) (\partial_v \phi(u,v)) dv du \end{aligned}$$

$\leftarrow$  b/c region  $T > R$  means  $T+R > 0$ , i.e.  $v > 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Eqn of motion:  $\partial_u \partial_v \phi(u,v) = 0$

Bob's choice of coordinate system

Bob is far from the black hole.

He wants a cds in which:

□  $g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

□  $g_{\mu\nu}(x) = f(x) \eta_{\mu\nu}$  everywhere.

This is so that in his cds too

□ photons travel at  $45^\circ$

□ equations of motion of matter fields will be simple (useful in QFT!)

$\rightsquigarrow$  Bob's choice is the Tortoise coordinate system.

## Tortoise cds ( $t^*$ , $r^*$ ):

□ In terms of the Schwarzschild cds:

$$t^* := t$$

must require  $r > 2M$ !

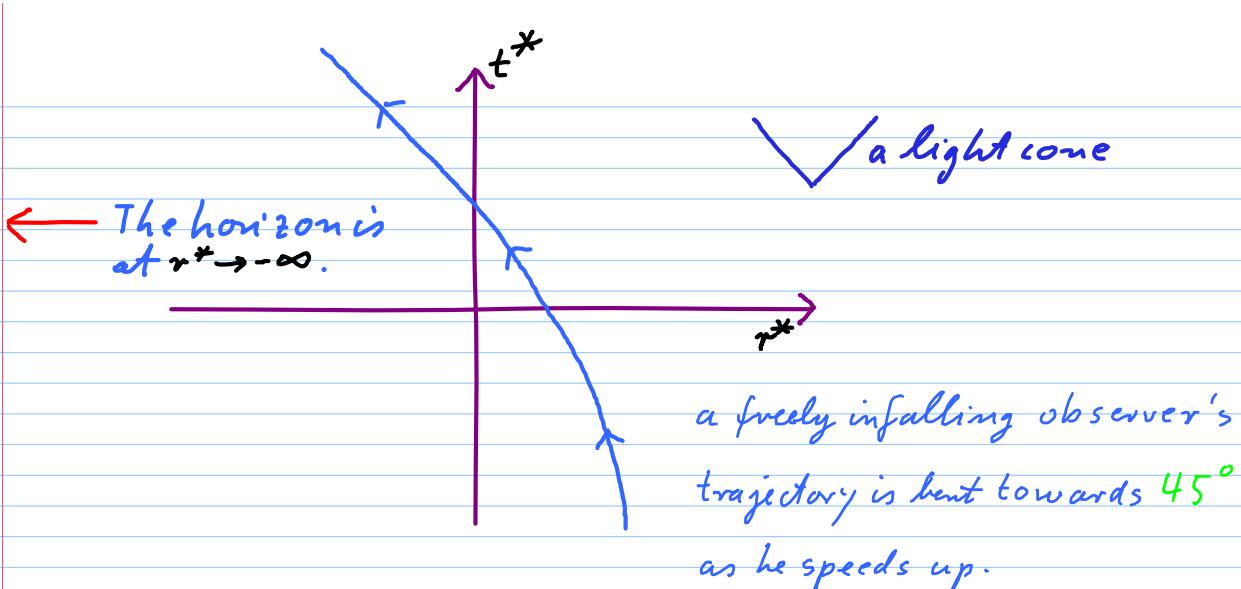
$$r^* := r - 2M + 2M \log\left(\frac{r}{2M} - 1\right)$$

⇒ Important: This is in principle invertible, to obtain  
 $r = r(r^*)$   
but only for  $r > 2M$ !

⇒ The tortoise cds only cover the BH's outside!

Metric:  $ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r(r^*)}\right) (dt^*{}^2 - dr^*{}^2)$

(conformal factor  $\rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , as planned but  $\rightarrow 0$  at horizon.)



Bob's light cone coordinates:  $\bar{u} := t^* - r^*$ ,  $\bar{v} := t^* + r^*$

The metric is then:  $ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r(\bar{u}, \bar{v})}\right) d\bar{u} d\bar{v}$

$\rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 2M$

$\Rightarrow$  The action:

$$S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int g^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{,\alpha} \phi_{,\beta} \sqrt{g} d^2x \text{ becomes:}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{R^2} (\partial_t^\alpha \phi(t^\alpha, r^\alpha))^2 - (\partial_r^\alpha \phi(t^\alpha, r^\alpha))^2 dt^\alpha dr^\alpha$$

$$= 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\partial_{\bar{u}} \phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v})) (\partial_{\bar{v}} \phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v})) d\bar{v} d\bar{u}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Eqn of motion: } \partial_{\bar{u}} \partial_{\bar{v}} \phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = 0$$

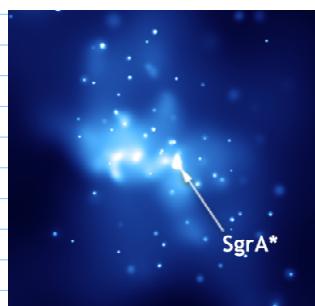
Do real black holes possess a singularity?

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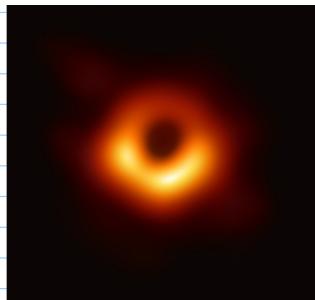
□ 4 Mio stellar masses

□ Diameter 44 Mio km

□ 26000 light years away  
at centre of Milky Way.



$\rightarrow$  Observation of M87 by the  
**Event Horizon Telescope**  
(in mm band) with enough  
resolution to see the event horizon:



How to model properties of real black holes roughly?

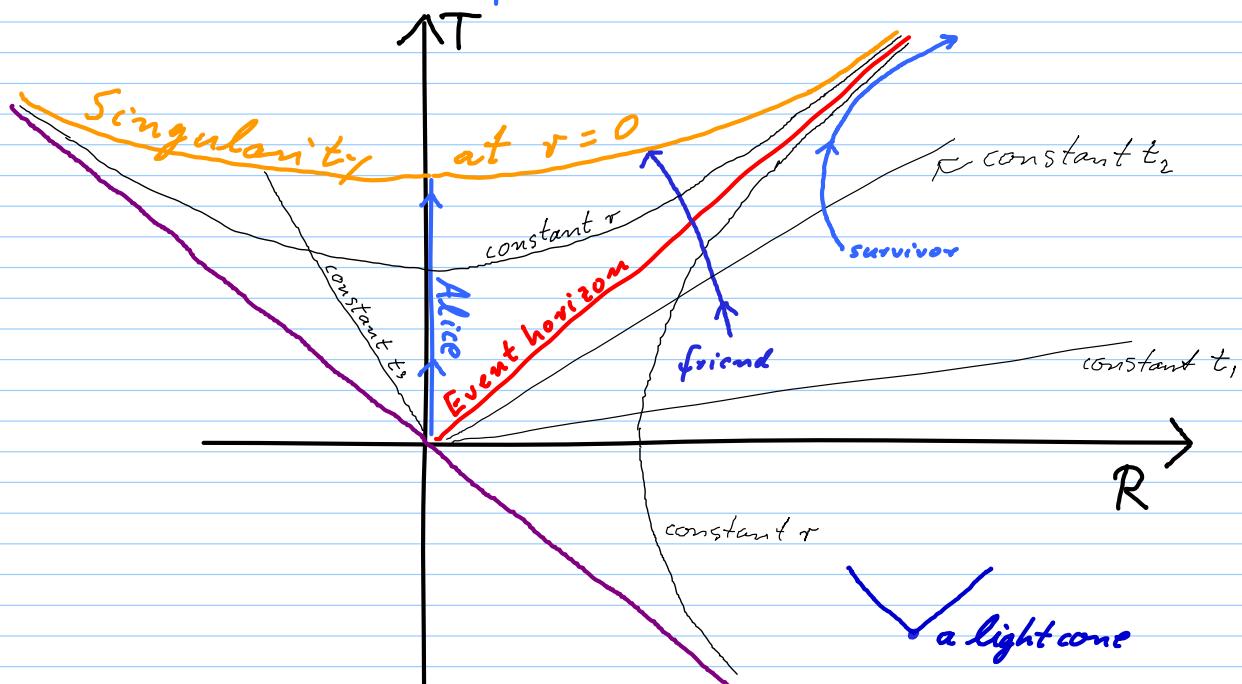
Singularity theorems suitable for black holes involve the concept and assumption of a **trapped surface**:

Def:

- Let  $\Sigma$  be a spacelike hypersurface. (Note:  $\Sigma$  is 3-dimensional)
- Let  $T \subset \Sigma$  be a compact, 2-dimensional smooth spacelike submanifold of  $\Sigma$ . Consider the ingoing and the outgoing future-directed null geodesics that are orthogonal to  $T$ .
- If all these geodesics possess negative expansion,  $\theta < 0$ , then  $T$  is called a **trapped surface**.

Examples of trapped surfaces:

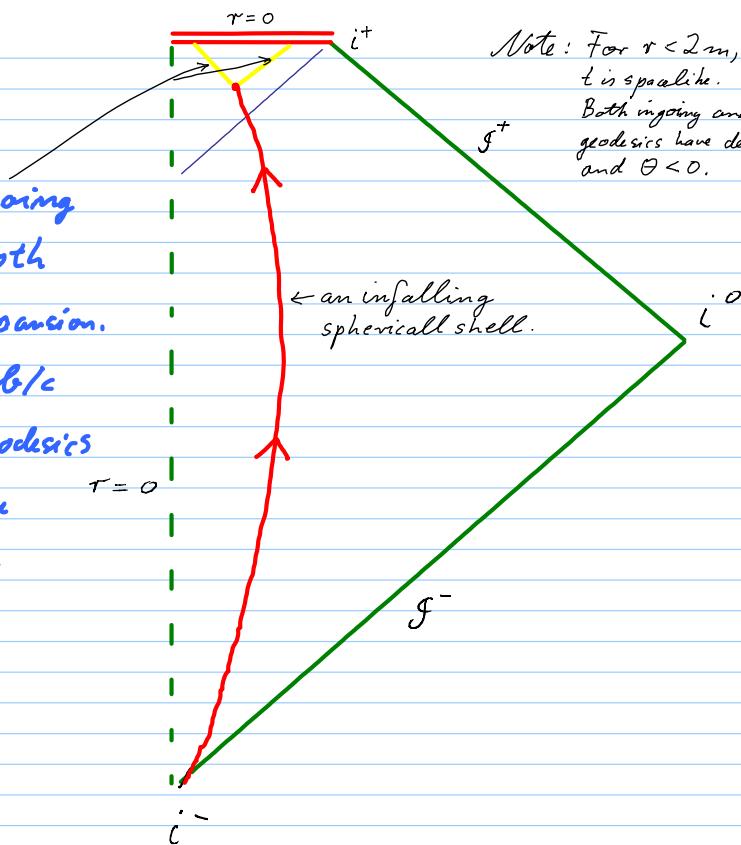
All spheres  $r = \text{const.}$  inside a Schwarzschild black hole.



Generally:

The in- and outgoing null geodesics both have negative expansion.

Can't see it here b/c the neighboring geodesics are neighbors in the suppressed angular directions.



Note: For  $r < 2m$ ,  $r$  is timelike and  $t$  is spacelike.  
Both ingoing and outgoing null geodesics have decreasing  $r$ , and  $\theta < 0$ .

Def: Let  $\Sigma$  be a spacelike hypersurface.

Then, the (3-dim. spacelike) union,  $\mathcal{T}$ , of all trapped surfaces  $T \subset \Sigma$  is called the **trapped region** of  $\Sigma$ .

Def: The boundary  $\partial\mathcal{T} \subset \Sigma$  is called the **apparent horizon** of the spacelike hypersurface  $\Sigma$ .

Note:  $\partial\mathcal{T}$  is 2-dimensional and spacelike.

Def: If we foliate spacetime into spacelike hypersurfaces  $\Sigma_\alpha, \alpha \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$

each with its apparent horizon,  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$ , then their union

$$\mathcal{H} := \bigcup \mathcal{T}_\alpha$$

is called the **Trapping horizon** of the spacetime.

## Remarks:

□ To check for the existence of an event horizon

$j^-$  (worldline to  $i^+$ )

in principle requires knowledge of the full future.

□ But one can check for the existence of an apparent horizon in any spacelike hypersurface by calculating the expansions only at that time!

□ The notion of apparent horizons is dependent on the choice of foliation of spacetime into spacelike hypersurfaces.

□ For static Schwarzschild black holes the event and apparent horizons coincide.

□ Singularity theorems for black holes make assumptions of apparent horizons.

## Comment:

Hawking radiation is usually thought to emanate from the apparent horizon.