

## The Kerr and Kerr-Newman spacetimes

Def: A spacetime asymptotically flat at null infinity (i.e. asymptotically Minkowski) is stationary if it admits a Killing vector field that is timelike in a neighbourhood of  $J^\pm$ . If  $K^a$  is hypersurface orthogonal, it is static.

Def: If  $K^a$  above is spacelike near  $J^\pm$  and if it generates a 1 parameter group of isometries isomorphic to  $U(1)$ ,  $M$  is axisymmetric.

Theorem (Israel): If  $(M, g)$  is a static BH spacetime (asy flat),  $M$  is Schwarzschild up to isometries.

Theorem (Hawking; Wald): If  $(M, g)$  is a stationary, non-static, asy flat solution of Einstein-Maxwell action, then  $(M, g)$  is axisymmetric.

Theorem (Cartu): if  $(M, g)$  is a stationary axisymmetric, asymptotically flat vacuum solution outside a BH, then  $(M, g)$  is a 2-parameter family of solutions; params:  $M, J$ .

↓ Generically: BH's in the universe are Kerr.

Extendible to 4 param  $(M, Q, P, J)$

"Kerr-Newman":

Derivation?

Kerr-Newman solution:  $(M, Q, P, J)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 = & - \underbrace{(\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta)}_{\Sigma_1} dt^2 - \underbrace{2a \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta)}_{\Sigma_2} dt d\phi \\
 & + dt d\phi + \underbrace{\left( \frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma_1} \right)}_{\Sigma_3} \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{\Sigma_1}{\Delta}}_{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma_4 d\theta^2
 \end{aligned}$$

"Boyer-Lindquist" coords

$$A = \underbrace{-Qr}_{\Sigma} (dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi) + \underbrace{P \cos \theta}_{\Sigma} * (a dt - (r^2 + a^2) d\phi)$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2 + e^2$$

$$e = \sqrt{Q^2 + P^2}$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} (ds^2, A)_{KN} \rightarrow (ds^2, A)_{RN} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} (KN) \rightarrow \text{Schwarzschild} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P, Q \rightarrow 0$$

$$\lim (KN) \rightarrow \text{Kerr}$$

$$P, Q \rightarrow 0$$

Kerr solution :

Set  $e = 0$  in the Kerr - Newman metric

Kerr metric : in Boyer - Lindquist coords:

$$ds^2 = - \underbrace{(\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta)}_{\Sigma} dt^2 - \underbrace{2a \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta)}_{\Sigma} dt d\phi \\ + \underbrace{\left( (r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta \right)}_{\Sigma} \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \\ + \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma d\theta^2,$$

$$a = \frac{J}{M}$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2$$

$$\Delta = (r + r_-)(r + r_+)$$

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm (M^2 - a^2)$$

① There is no Birkhoff's theorem for Kerr spacetime.

②  $g_{rr} = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = 0, \theta = 0$

Singularity:  $\Sigma = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Consider:

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm (M^2 - a^2)^{1/2}$$

Case:  $M^2 < a^2$

$\Delta$  has no real roots, but the metric still has singularities  $\Rightarrow$  naked! (excluded)

To understand this better: go to

Kerr-Schild coordinates:

$$x + iy := (r + ia) \sin \theta e^{i \int (d\phi + \frac{a}{\Delta} dr)}$$

$$z := r \cos \theta$$

$$\tilde{t} := \int \left( dt + \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Delta} dr \right) - r$$

Plug in:

$$r^4 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - a^2) r^2 - a^2 z^2 = 0$$

$$ds^2 = -d\tilde{t}^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 +$$

$$\frac{2Mr^3}{r^4 + a^2 z^2} \left[ \frac{r(x dx + y dy) - a(x dy - y dx)}{r^2 + a^2} + \frac{z dz}{r^2 + a^2} + d\tilde{t} \right]^2$$

See that  $\lim_{M \rightarrow 0}$  of above is Minkowski.

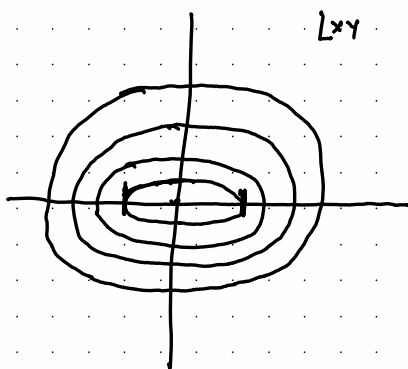
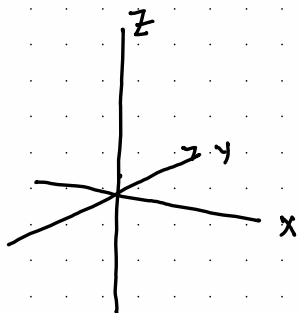
Solve for surface of const  $\hat{t}, r$ :

Let  $r=0$  be the limit we take ( $z=0$ )

i.e. co limit,  $r, z \rightarrow 0$ .

↓  
degenerates

$$x^2 + y^2 - a^2 = 0$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

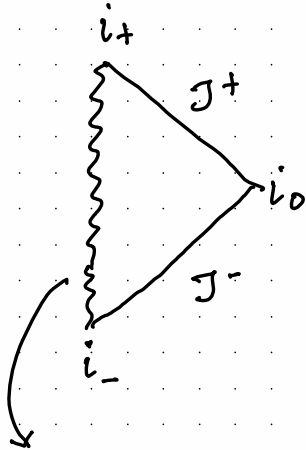
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

→ The singularity is the ring

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$$

# Causal structure of $M^2 < a^2$ :

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



naked singularity

at  $r=0 \Rightarrow$

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

Also

Notice:  $g$  is independent of  $\phi$ .

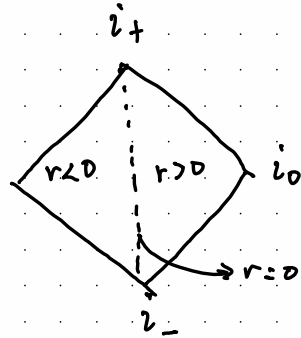
$m = \partial_\phi$  is a Killing vector.

$$m^2 = g_{\phi\phi} = a^2 \sin^2 \theta \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{M^2 a^2}{r} \left( \frac{2 \sin^4 \theta}{1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \cos^2 \theta} \right)$$

Let  $r/a = \delta$ ,  $r < 0$ ,  $\delta \ll 1$

$\theta = \pi/2 + \delta$  [you are close to singularity]

$$\theta = 0$$



if you start @

$r > 0$ , you can pass through the ring  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  at  $r=0$  into  $r < 0$ .

$$m^2 \simeq a^2 + \frac{Ma}{\delta} + \mathcal{O}(\delta)$$

$$m^2 \simeq a^2 - \frac{Ma}{|\delta|}, \text{ which } \Rightarrow m^2 < 0 \text{ for small enough } |\delta|.$$

So  $m^2 =$  timelike. near ring singularity.

But motion in  $\phi$  direction is periodic  
and  $\therefore \partial_\phi$  should have closed orbits.  
meaning your spacetime has closed timelike  
orbits.  $\downarrow$  CTC's

Global violation of causality.

Case  $M^2 > a^2$  :

The same ring singularity exists but  
 $r_+$ ,  $r_-$  are singular radii ie horizons.

These are coordinate singularities:

$$dv := dt + \frac{(r^2 - a^2)}{\Delta} dr$$

$$d\chi := d\phi + \frac{a}{\Delta} dr$$

(Kerr  
coords)

actually discovered  
first.

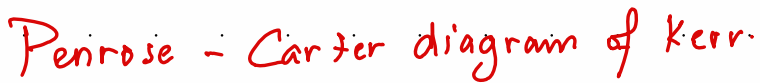


Analogous to IEF:

$$ds^2 = - \frac{(\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta)}{\Sigma} dv^2 + 2dvdr - \frac{2a \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta)}{\Sigma} dv d\chi - \frac{2a \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} d\chi dr + \frac{[(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta]}{\Sigma} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{d\chi^2} + \Sigma d\theta^2$$

The singularity at  $\Delta = 0$  no longer persists.

Analogous to RN:  $k_{\pm} = \frac{r_{\pm} - r_{\mp}}{2(r_{\pm}^2 + a^2)}$


$$r_+ = r_-, \quad k_+ = 0$$



You could in principle live forever inside an extremal Kerr Black hole.

## The Ergosphere :

$\partial_t$  is a Killing vector of Kerr  
(stationary)

$$k^2 = g_{tt} = - \frac{(\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta)}{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta} = - \left( 1 - \frac{2Mr}{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right)$$

time like :  $\frac{1 - 2Mr}{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta} > 0$

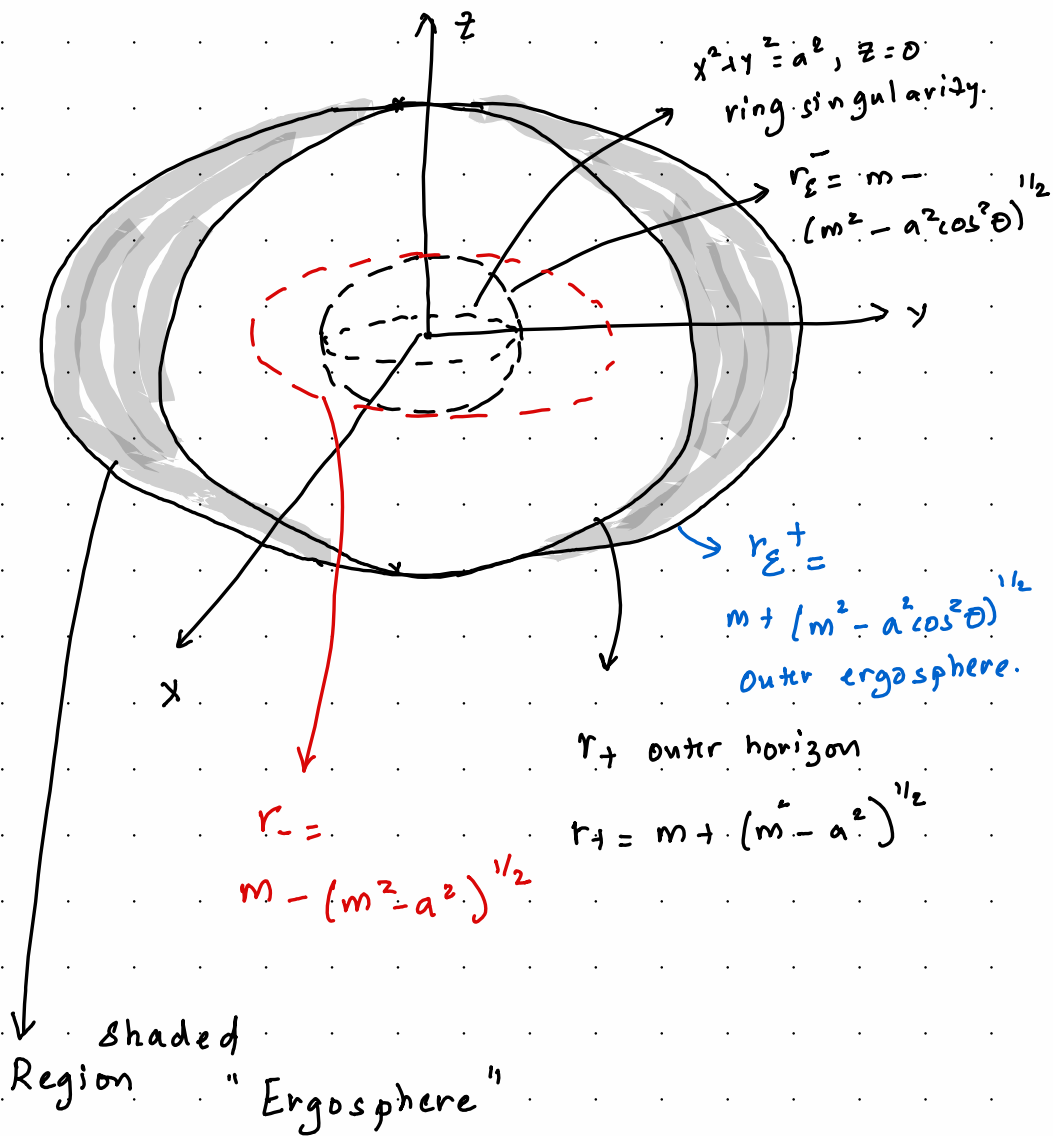
$$\Rightarrow 2Mr < r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta - 2Mr > 0$$

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm (M^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2}$$

is the hypersurface "ergosphere".

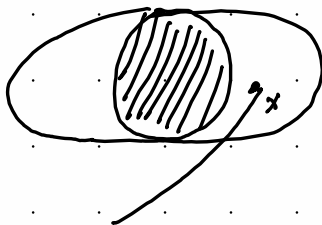
$$\theta = 0, \pi, \quad r_{\pm} = r_{\pm}$$



Region where  $\chi$  becomes spacelike outside EH. Meaning that you cannot stay still!

You will "corotate" with the BH.

## Black hole slingshots :



@ x : Fire a propellant in a "counter rotating" orbit.

The Body can now have enough energy to escape the ergoregion with  $\Delta E$ ,

$$\Delta E \leq \begin{cases} 0.21 M_{\text{Body}} & , \text{ Kerr} \\ 0.29 M_{\text{Body}} & , \text{ Kerr Newman} \end{cases}$$

Let 4-momentum of a body be  $p$ . It approaches a Kerr BH along a geodesic

$$E = -p \cdot K$$

$$@ x, \quad E_1 = -p_1 \cdot K, \quad E_2 = -p_2 \cdot K \\ (\text{into BH})$$

$$E_2 = E - E_1$$

$= E + P \cdot K$ . But if this happens inside the ergo region,  $K$  is spacelike

$$\therefore P_\mu K^\mu > 0!$$

$$\therefore \boxed{E_2 > E}$$

(analog in a scalar field:  $T_{\mu}{}^{\mu}$  can grow arbitrarily large if you feed back)

"Superradiance" & BH bombs