



BLACK HOLES

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Classical Black Holes

07. Geodesics around a Rotating Black Hole

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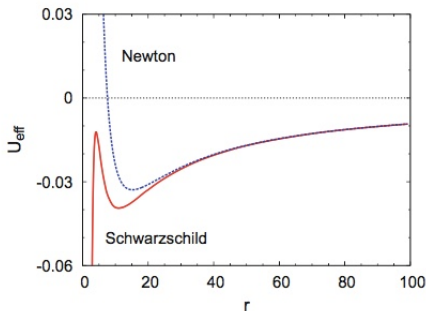
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Fig. 3.1 Effective potential $U_{\text{eff}}(r)$ for a test-particle moving in the gravitational field of a Schwarzschild black hole (red solid curve) and of a point-like mass in Newtonian gravity (blue dashed curve). Here $L_z = 3.9 M$ and $M = 1$. See the text for more details



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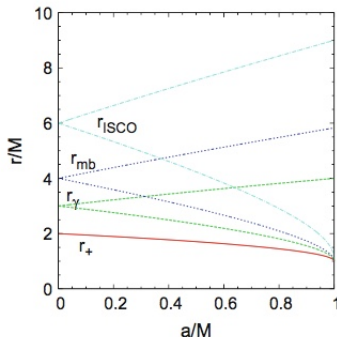
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Important Radii for Circular Orbits in the Equatorial Plane of Kerr Spacetime

Fig. 3.4 Radial coordinates of the event horizon r_+ , of the photon orbit r_γ , of the marginally bound circular orbit r_{mb} , and of the ISCO r_{ISCO} in the Kerr metric in Boyer–Lindquist coordinates as functions of a/M . For every radius, the upper curve refers to the counterrotating orbit, the lower curve to the corotating orbit



Outline for Part 2

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Boyer-Lindquist coordinates: (t, r, θ, ϕ)

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

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Separation of the Hamilton-Jacobi Equation. Carter Constant

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Carter Constant

Schwarzschild:

$$\mathcal{C} = \left(p_\theta^2 + \frac{p_\phi^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) - p_\phi^2 = \ell^2 - \ell_z^2$$

where $\ell = p_\theta^2 + \frac{p_\phi^2}{\sin^2 \theta}$ is the total angular momentum.

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- \mathcal{C} has not a direct physical interpretation.
- $\mathcal{C} = 0$ implies that the motion is in the equatorial plane.

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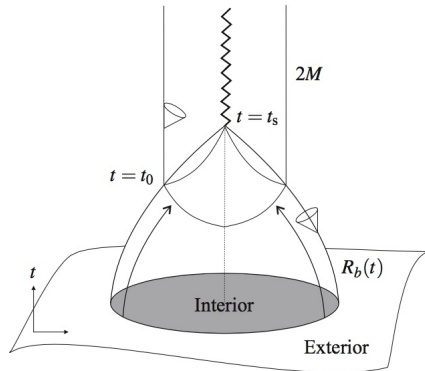
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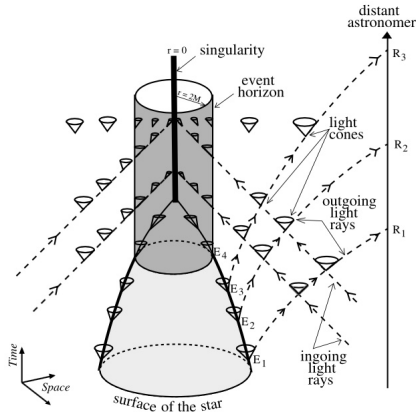
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