

Structure of Kerr Black Hole Spacetimes in Weyl Conformal Gravity

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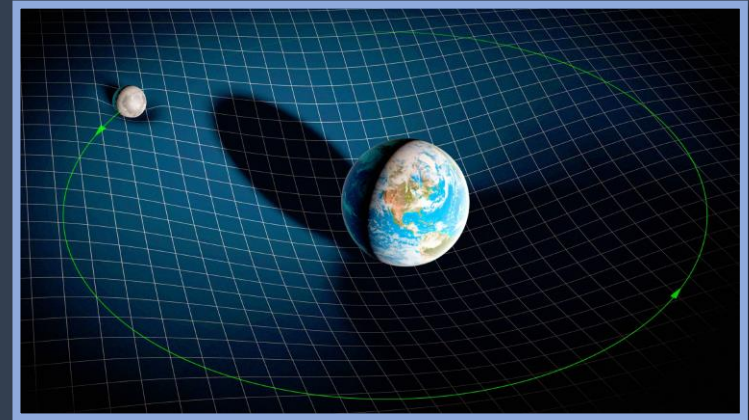
General Relativity

Einstein Field Equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

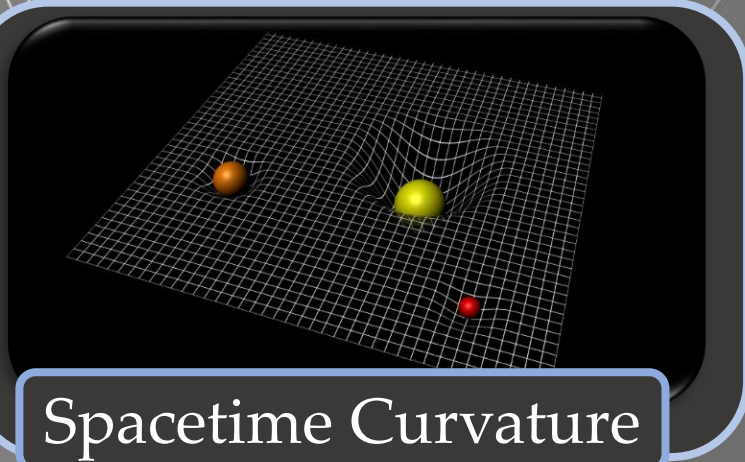
Einstein
Curvature Tensor

Stress-Energy
Tensor



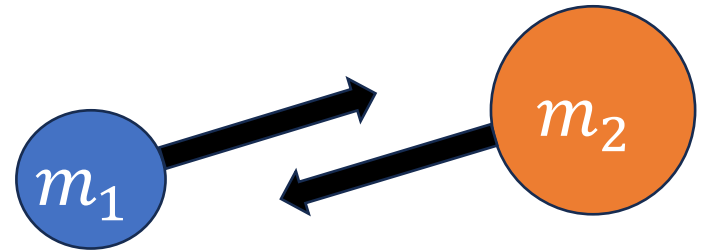
“Matter tells spacetime how to curve; spacetime tells matter how to move.” – John Archibald Wheeler

Gravity is spacetime ($g_{\mu\nu}$) itself.



Spacetime Curvature

VS



Newtonian Forces

Problems with GR

Galactic Scales: Flat Galactic Rotation Curves

Add Dark Matter



$T_{\mu\nu}$

Cosmological Scales: Accelerating Expansion of the Universe

Add Dark Energy



$T_{\mu\nu}$

This is Λ CDM.

Issues

1. *Ad Hoc*
2. No direct evidence
3. Magnitude of Dark Energy is 120 orders of magnitude too low

Weyl Conformal Gravity (1918)



Invariances

1. Coordinate Transformations: $g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu}(x')$
2. Lorentz Transformations: $x^\mu \rightarrow \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu$
3. Local Conformal Transformations:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = \Omega^2(x)g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$\Omega(x)$: Stretching Factor

GR

CG



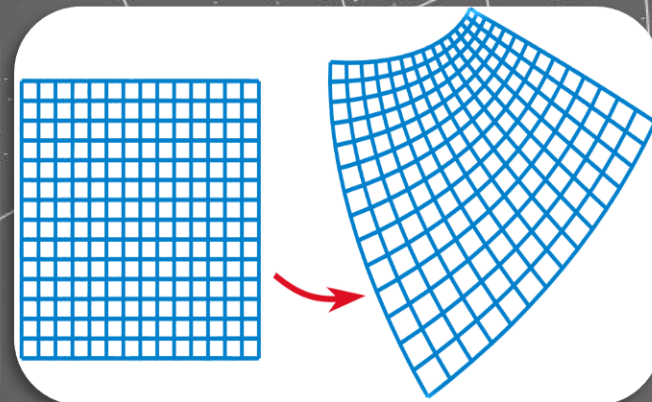
CG Field Equations

Stress-Energy Tensor

Bach Curvature Tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\alpha_g} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Gravitational Coupling Constant



GR Schwarzschild Metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

Static, spherically-symmetric point mass distribution

$$ds^2 = -B(r) dt^2 + B(r)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

$$B(r) = 1 - \frac{2\beta}{r}$$

$G = c = 1$

Geometrized Mass

$$\beta = GM/c^2 \text{ (cm)}$$

CG Schwarzschild Metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$ds^2 = -\tilde{B}(r) dt^2 + \tilde{B}(r)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

Galactic Scales

Cosmological Scales

$$\tilde{B}(r) = 1 - \frac{\beta(2 - 3\beta\gamma)}{r} - 3\beta\gamma + \gamma r - \kappa r^2$$

Black Holes

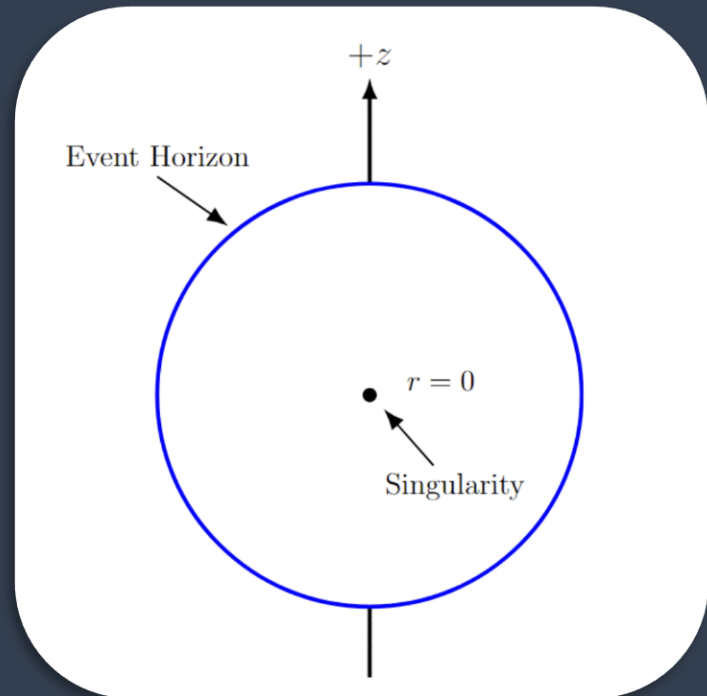
$$ds^2 = g_{tt} dt^2 + g_{rr} dr^2 + g_{\theta\theta} d\theta^2 + g_{\phi\phi} d\phi^2$$

Where $g_{rr} \rightarrow \infty \longrightarrow$ Event Horizon at $r^H = 2\beta$

GR Schwarzschild Geometry

One Event Horizon

Point Singularity :
Infinite Curvature



GR Kerr Metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

Spin parameter: a (cm)

Stationary, rotating, axially-symmetric mass distribution

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2\beta r}{\rho^2} \right) dt^2 - \left(\frac{4\beta r a \sin^2 \theta}{\rho^2} \right) dt d\phi + \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\Delta_r} \right) dr^2 \\ + \rho^2 d\theta^2 + \left(r^2 + a^2 + \frac{2\beta r a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\rho^2} \right) \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

$$\rho^2 \equiv r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

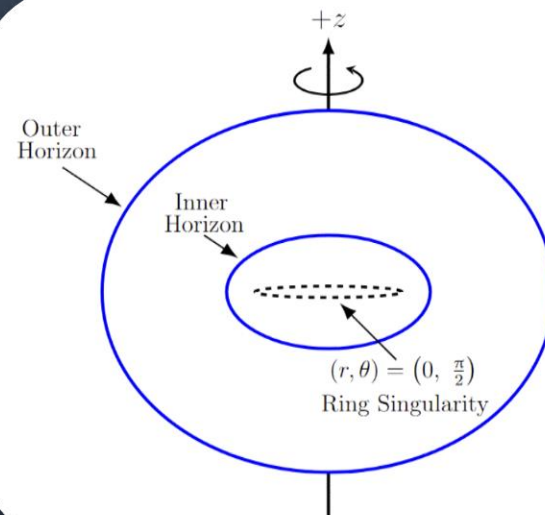
$$\Delta_r \equiv r^2 - 2\beta r + a^2$$

$$ds^2 = g_{tt} dt^2 + 2g_{t\phi} dt d\phi + g_{rr} dr^2 + g_{\theta\theta} d\theta^2 + g_{\phi\phi} d\phi^2$$

Two Horizons

Inner Cauchy Horizon
Outer Event Horizon

Ring Singularity



CG Kerr Metric $g_{\mu\nu}$

Stationary, rotating, axially-symmetric mass distribution

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2\tilde{M}r}{\rho^2} - k (r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta) \right) dt^2 \\ + 2 \left(\frac{-2\tilde{M}ra \sin^2 \theta + ka (a^2 (r^2 + a^2) \cos^4 \theta - r^4 \sin^2 \theta)}{\rho^2} \right) dt d\phi \\ + \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_r} \right) dr^2 + \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_\theta} \right) d\theta^2 + \left(\frac{\tilde{\Sigma}^2}{\rho^2} \right) d\phi^2$$

Evaluate on
Equatorial Plane

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

Recover GR
Kerr when
 $\gamma, \kappa = 0$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_r \equiv r^2 - 2\tilde{M}r + a^2 - kr^4$$

$$\tilde{\Sigma}^2 \equiv \tilde{\Delta}_\theta (r^2 + a^2)^2 - a^2 \tilde{\Delta}_r \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_\theta \equiv 1 - ka^2 \cos^2 \theta \cot^2 \theta$$

$$k = \kappa + \frac{\gamma^2(1 - \beta\gamma)}{(2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2}$$

$$\tilde{M} \equiv \beta \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta\gamma \right)$$

Goals: Study Black Hole Solutions

Parametric Study

β (Mass)

a (Spin)

CG Parameters

γ κ

Spacetime Structure

Number and Locations of Horizons

$$g_{rr} \rightarrow \infty$$

Causal Structure

- Nature of Horizons (Event, Cauchy, or Cosmological)
- Classify Regions as Timelike (T) or Spacelike (S)

Parameter values

Non-dimensionalization using β (cm)

$$a \text{ (cm)} \rightarrow a/\beta \quad \gamma \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)} \rightarrow \beta\gamma \quad \kappa \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)} \rightarrow \beta^2\kappa$$

- Black Hole Masses reach $\beta \sim 10^{16}$ (cm)
- Observational fits (still ongoing) give

$$\gamma \sim 10^{-30} - 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \kappa \sim 10^{-54} - 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$


$$-1 \leq \beta^2\kappa \leq 1$$


$$-1 \leq \beta\gamma \leq 1$$

$$a/\beta = \mathcal{O}(1)$$



Maximum Spin of GR Kerr is $a/\beta = 1$

CG Kerr Horizons

Equatorial Plane

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

Horizons

$$g_{rr} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}^H \equiv [(\beta^2 \kappa)(2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 + (\beta\gamma)^2(1 - \beta\gamma)] \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^4 - (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^2 + (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^3 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right) - (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \left(\frac{a}{\beta}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$r/\beta \geq 0$$

GR Kerr

Two Horizons

CG Kerr

Maximum of Three Horizons



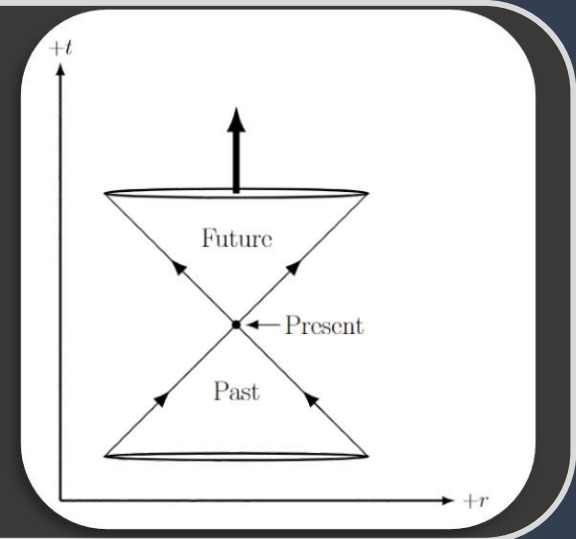
Causal Structure

Light Cones: formed by null geodesics

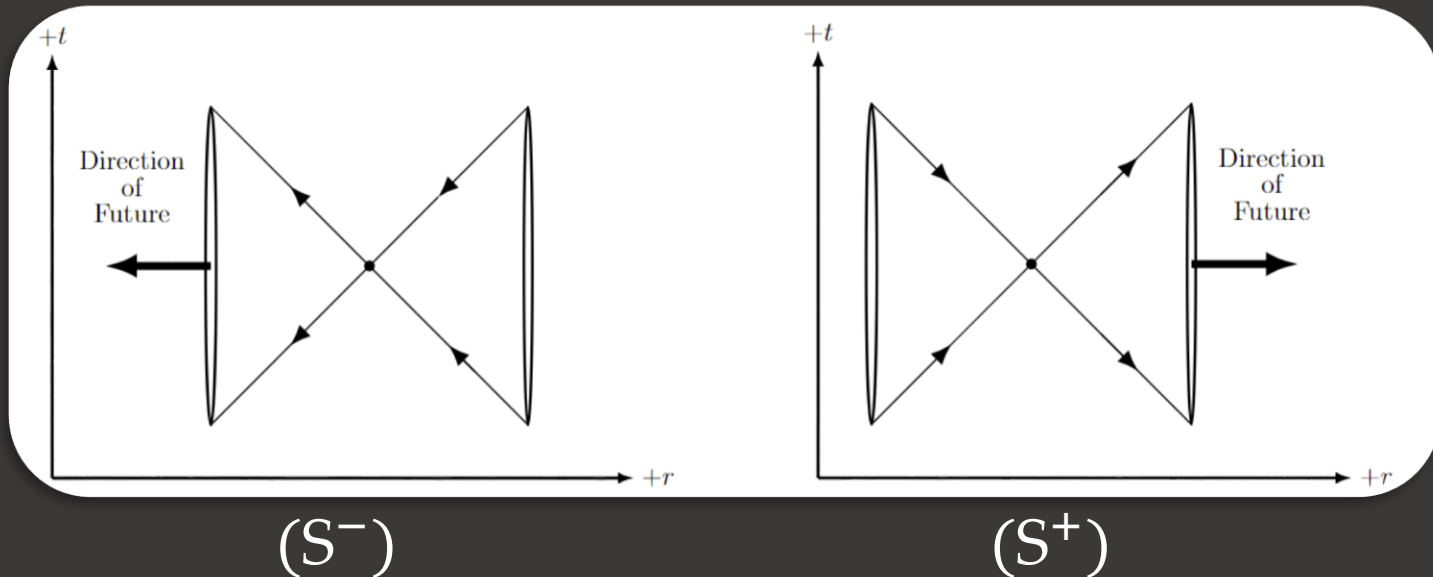
Ingoing (Decreasing r)

Outgoing (Increasing r)

Timelike (T): $g_{rr} > 0$ or $\tilde{\Delta}^H < 0$



Spacelike (S): $g_{rr} < 0$ or $\tilde{\Delta}^H > 0$

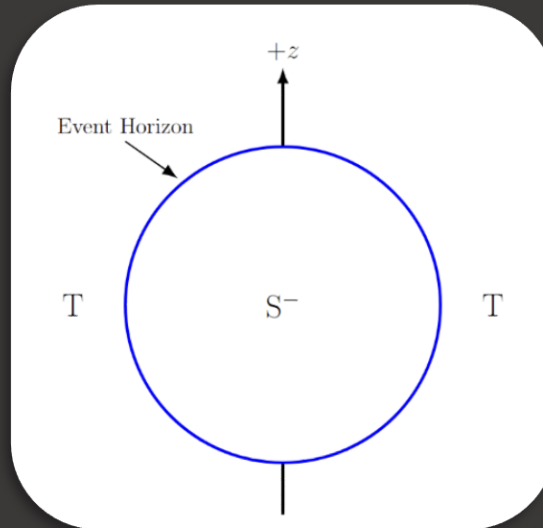


Types of Horizons

Event Horizon: $S^- \rightarrow T$ (as r increases)

Example:

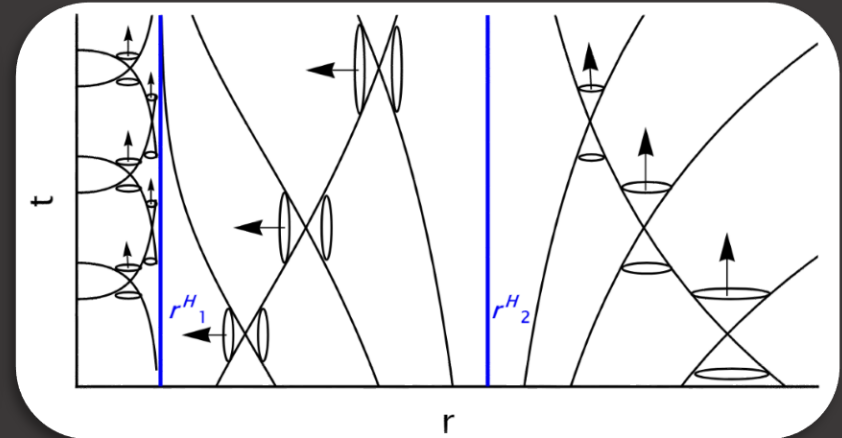
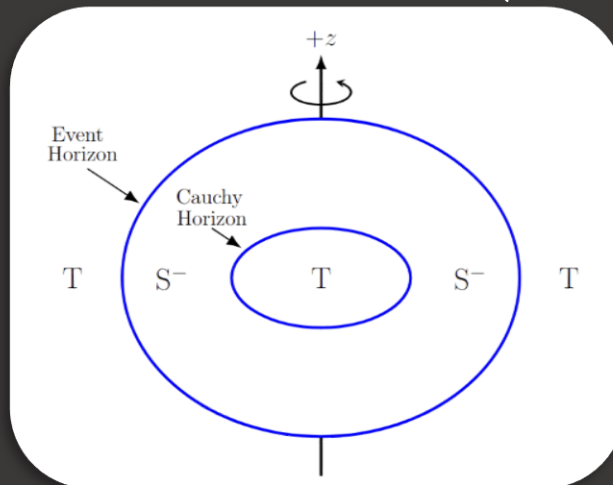
GR Schwarzschild



Cauchy Horizon: $T \rightarrow S^-$ (as r increases)

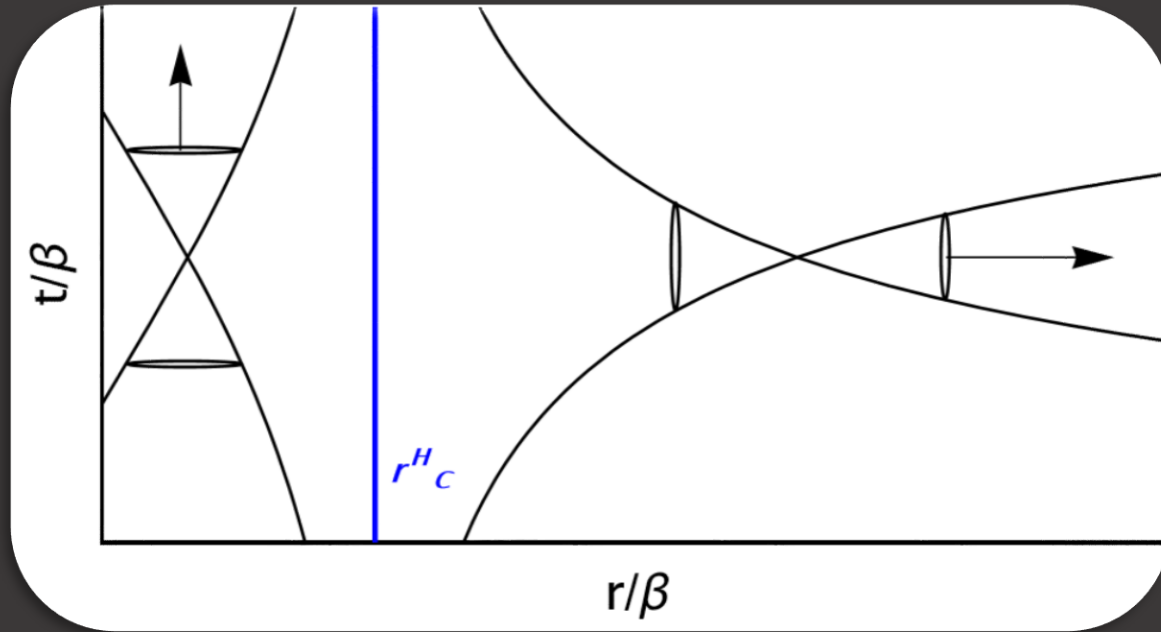
Example:

GR Kerr



Types of Horizons

Cosmological Horizon: $T \rightarrow S^+$ (as r increases)

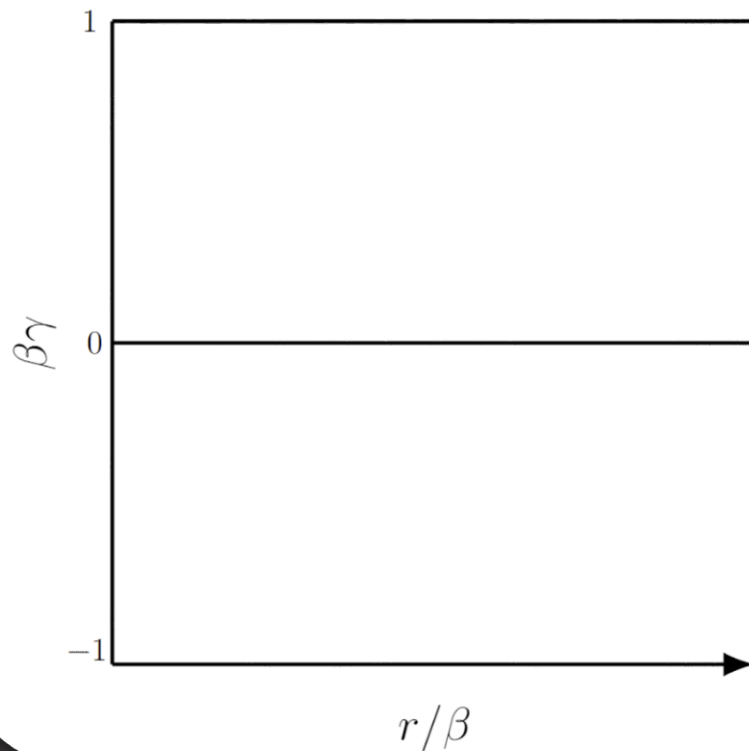


Parameter Maps

$\beta\gamma$ on vertical axis

r/β on horizontal axis

- a/β and $\beta^2\kappa$ set manually and indicated
- Each horizontal slice is a particular spacetime

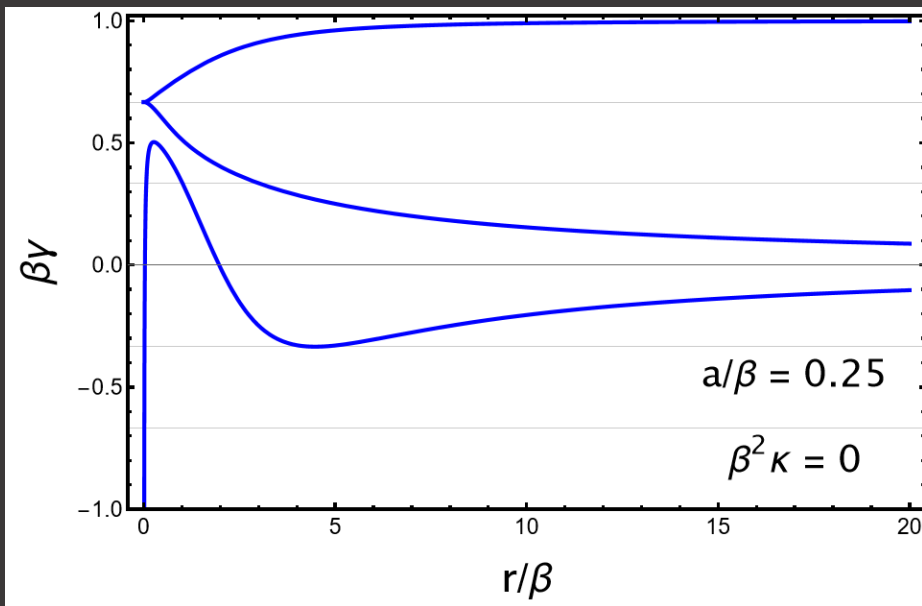


GR solution: $\beta\gamma = 0$

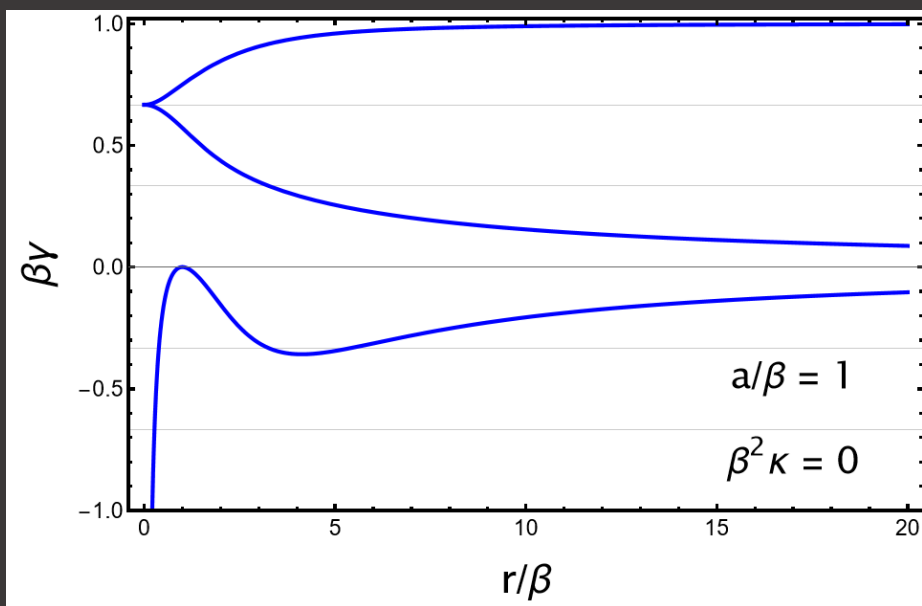
Horizons

Variation of spin: a/β

$$\beta^2 \kappa = 0$$



GR Kerr



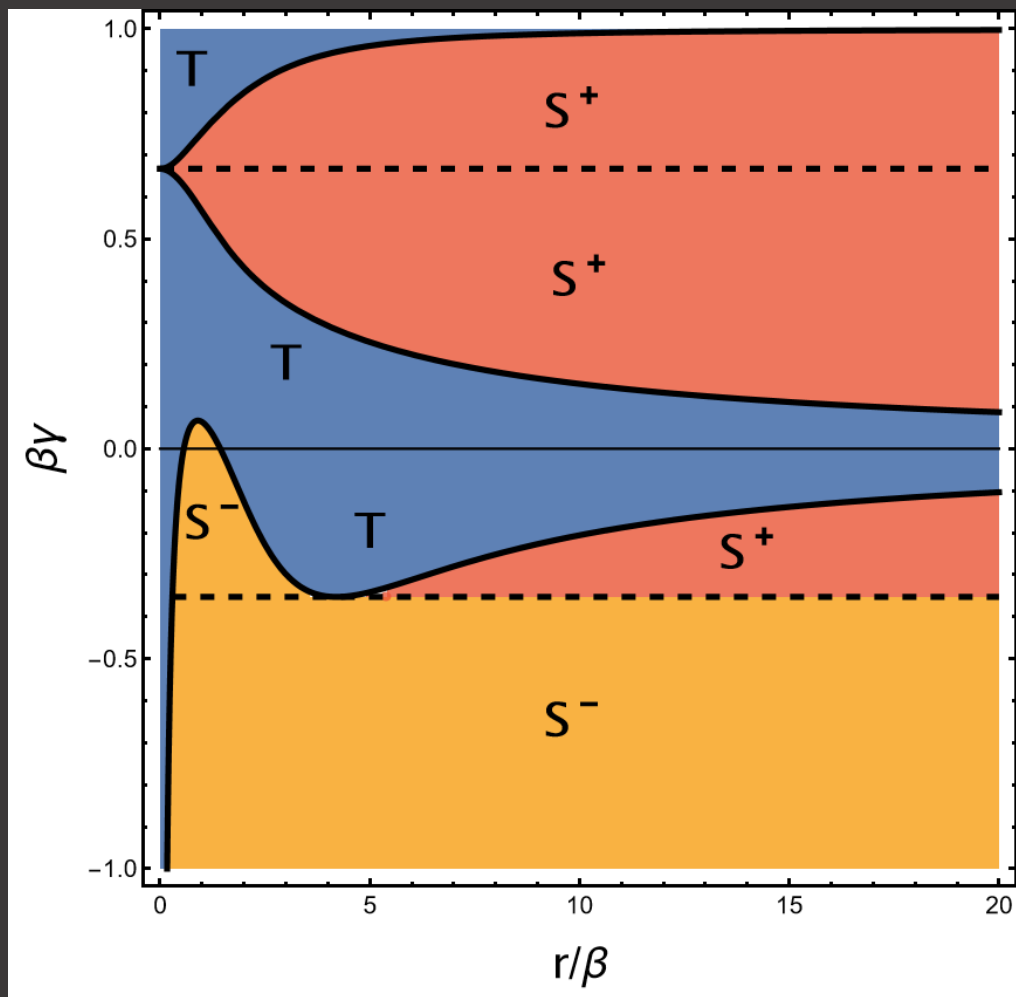
GR Kerr

(Naked Singularity)

Causal Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa = 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.9$$

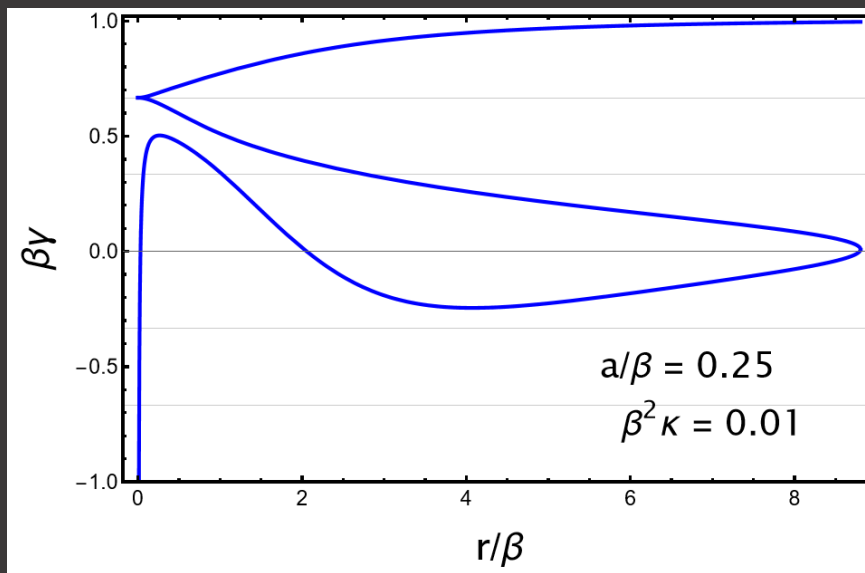


GR Kerr

Horizons

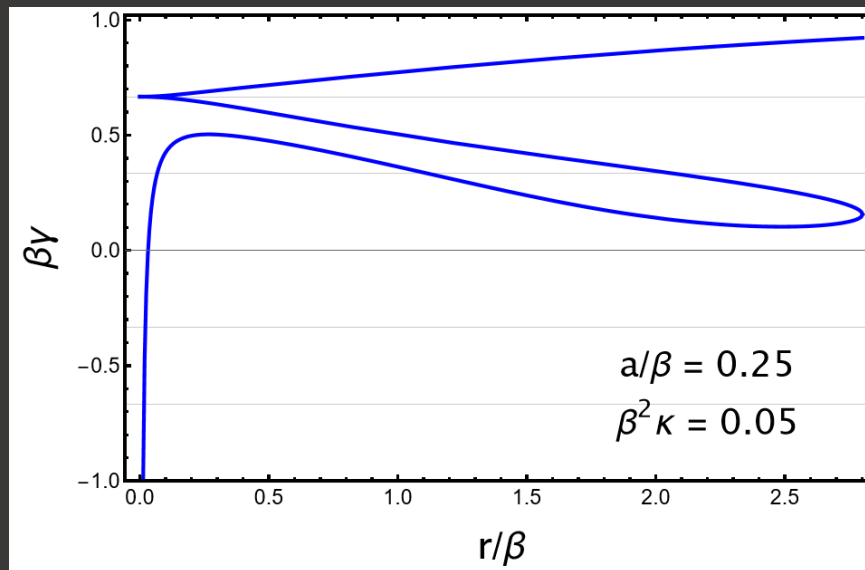
Variation of: $\beta^2 \kappa$

$$\beta^2 \kappa > 0$$



GR Kerr-de Sitter
(Kerr-dS)

$$\kappa = \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$



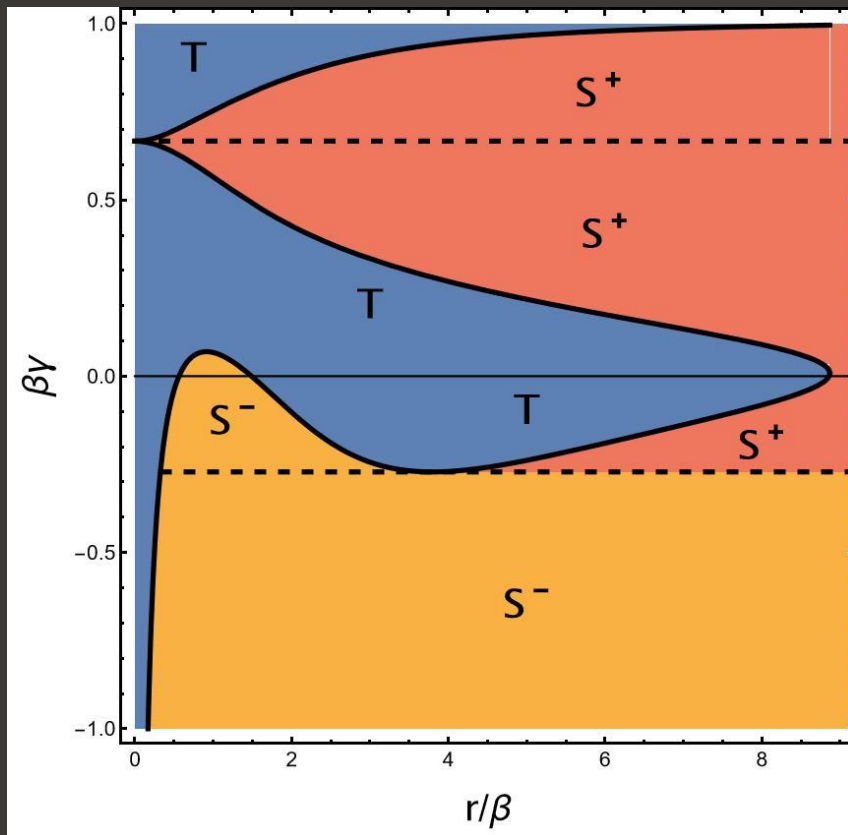
GR Kerr-de Sitter
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Causal Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa > 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.9$$

$$\beta^2 \kappa = 0.01$$

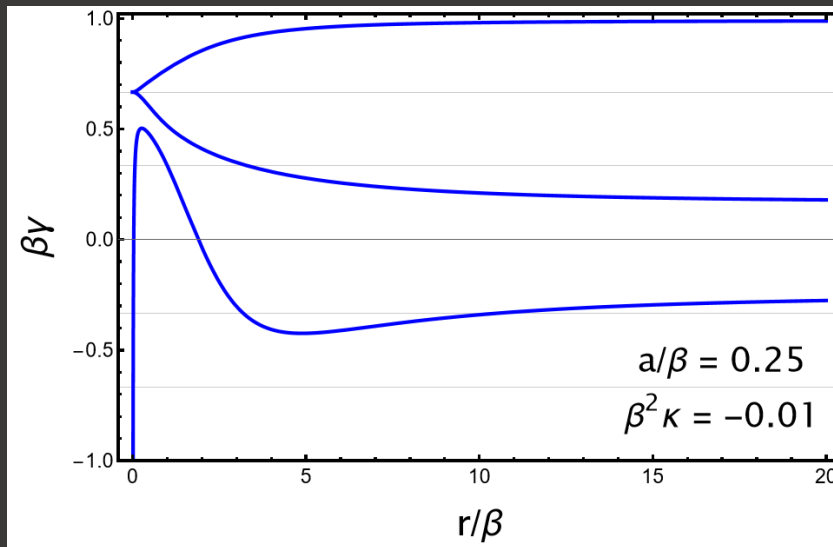


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Horizons

Variation of: $\beta^2 \kappa$

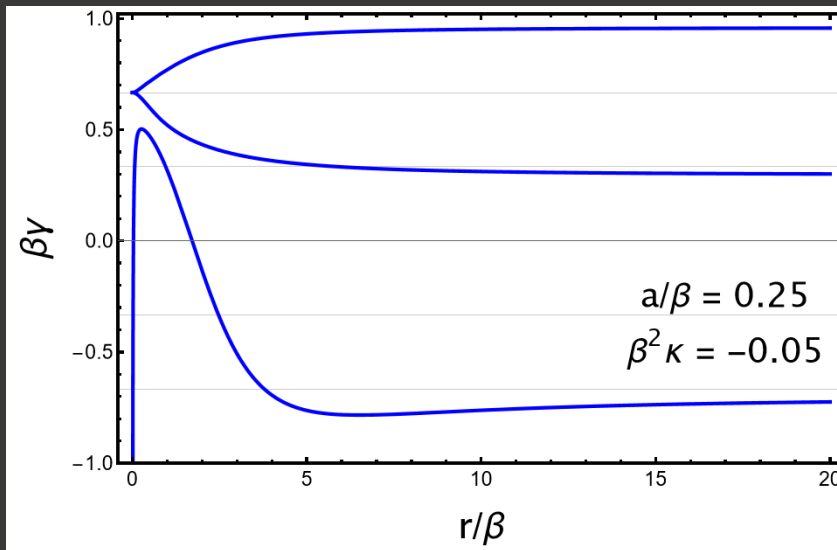
$$\beta^2 \kappa < 0$$



GR Kerr-anti-de Sitter
(Kerr-AdS)

$$\kappa = \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

GR Kerr-anti-de Sitter
(Kerr-AdS)

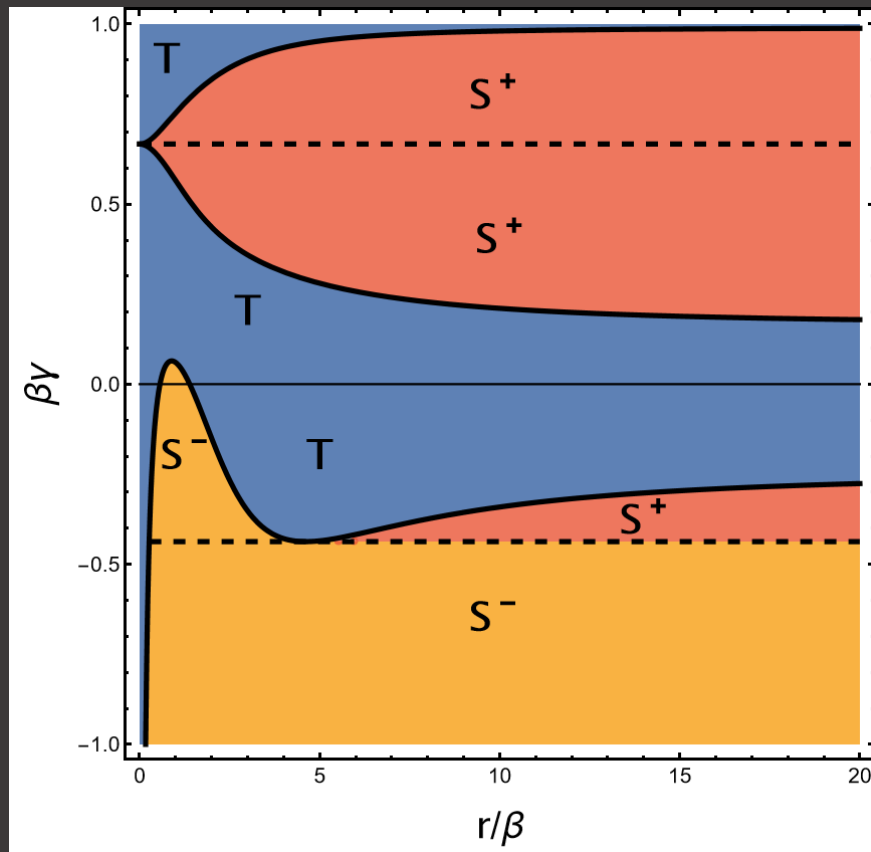


Causal Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa < 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.25$$

$$\beta^2 \kappa = -0.01$$



GR Kerr-anti-de Sitter
(Kerr-AdS)

Conclusions

CG Kerr Black Hole Spacetimes

Two Forms

1. Kerr Black Hole with Cosmological Horizon

Like GR Kerr-dS

2. Kerr Black Hole alone

Like GR Kerr
And
GR Kerr-AdS

- Observations imply $\gamma > 0$, $\kappa > 0$ and small
 - ➔ 1st form
 - ➔ Black Holes are not isolated in reality
- Theoretical presence of cosmological horizon relevant to not needing Dark Energy

Other Results

CG Kerr Spins a/β

- Black Holes can exist above and below GR spin limit
- Important to quantum gravity theories



AdS-CFT Correspondence uses Extremal Black Holes

1. Mapped Ergosurfaces ($g_{tt}=0$) and Ergoregions ($g_{tt} > 0$)
2. Solved Equations of Motion for Principal Null Geodesics
3. Considered structure of Sagittarius A* using CG Kerr metric
4. Explored other non-black hole regions of parameter space

Future Work

1. Elucidate equatorial photon ring structure
2. Deal with nature of singularity in CG Kerr
3. Consider other coordinate systems



SSV
Conformal Gravity

Q & A



General Relativity
Express

Extremal Spin: a/β

GR Kerr

Two Horizons at $r^H = \beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - a^2}$

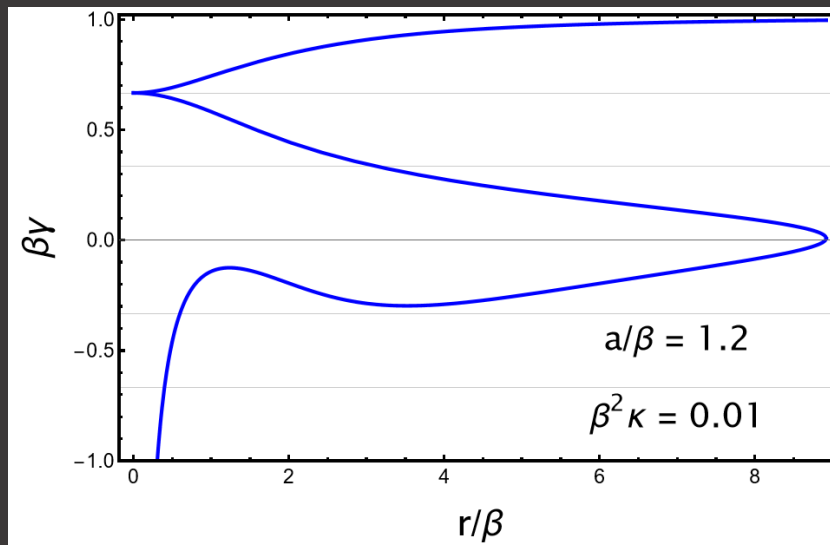
Horizons merge then become imaginary: $a/\beta \geq 1$

Naked Singularity Spacetimes

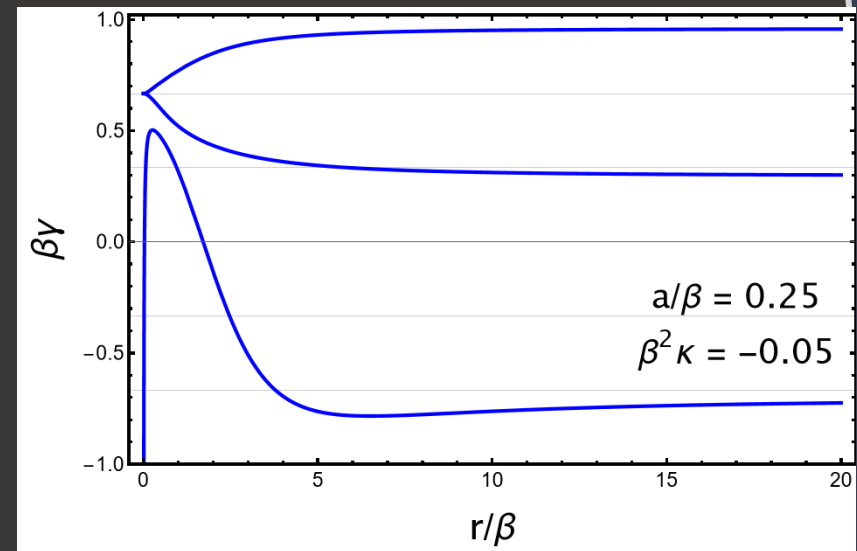


CG Kerr

Black Holes exist past and below $a/\beta = 1$



$\beta^2 \kappa = 0.01, a/\beta = 1$

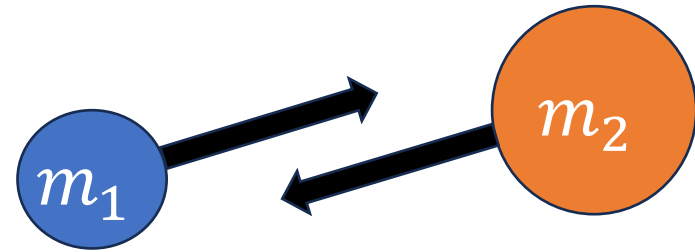


$\beta^2 \kappa = -0.01, a/\beta = 0.25$

Newtonian Gravity

Gravitational Force Equation

$$F_g = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$



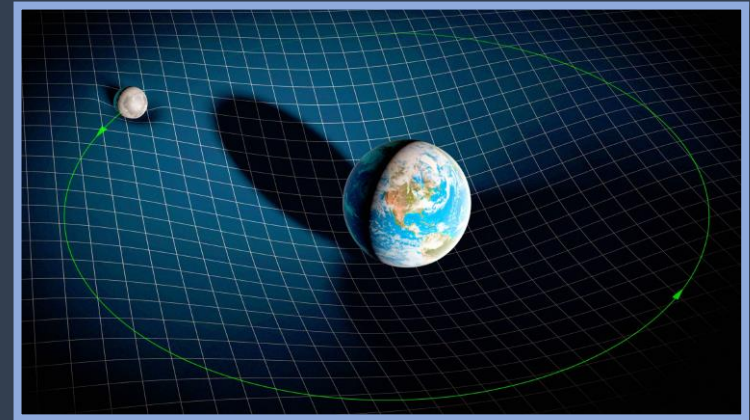
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General Relativity

Relevant Tensors

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$


Ricci Tensor

$$R_{\mu\nu} = R^{\lambda}_{\mu\lambda\nu}$$

Riemann Curvature Tensor

$$R^d_{abc} = \partial_b(\Gamma^d_{ac}) - \partial_c(\Gamma^d_{ab}) + \Gamma^e_{ac}\Gamma^d_{be} - \Gamma^e_{ab}\Gamma^d_{ce}$$

Up to 2nd-order derivatives of metric


$$G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu}$$

Ricci Scalar

$$R \equiv g^{\mu\nu}R_{\mu\nu}$$

Conformal Gravity

Relevant Tensors

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\alpha_g} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Up to 4th-order derivatives of metric

Bach Curvature Tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{6}g_{\mu\nu}R^{;\lambda}_{;\lambda} + \frac{2}{3}R_{;\mu;\nu} + R_{\mu\nu}^{;\lambda}_{;\lambda} - R_{\mu}^{\lambda}_{;\nu;\lambda} - R_{\nu}^{\lambda}_{;\mu;\lambda} \\ + \frac{2}{3}RR_{\mu\nu} - 2R_{\mu}^{\lambda}R_{\lambda\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R_{\lambda\rho}R^{\lambda\rho} - \frac{1}{6}g_{\mu\nu}R^2$$

Weyl Curvature Tensor

$$C_{\lambda\mu\nu\kappa} = R_{\lambda\mu\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{2}(g_{\lambda\nu}R_{\mu\kappa} - g_{\lambda\kappa}R_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu}R_{\lambda\kappa} + g_{\mu\kappa}R_{\lambda\nu}) + \frac{1}{6}R(g_{\lambda\nu}g_{\mu\kappa} - g_{\lambda\kappa}g_{\mu\nu})$$

In GR Schwarzschild:

$$g_{rr} = B(r)^{-1} \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } g_{tt} = B(r) = 0 \text{ at } r^H = 2\beta$$

Not true in GR Kerr:

$$g_{tt} = 0 \text{ at Ergosurfaces at } r^E$$

GR Kerr Geometry

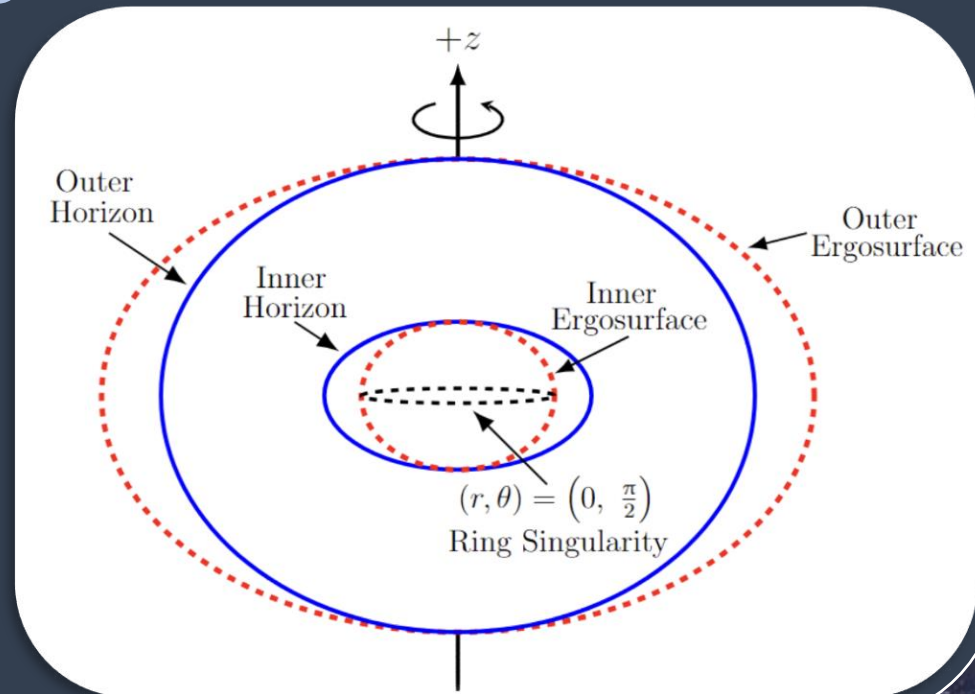
Two Horizons: $g_{rr} \rightarrow \infty$

Inner Cauchy Horizon
Outer Event Horizon

Two Ergosurfaces: $g_{tt} = 0$

Ring Singularity: Infinite Curvature

(Oblate-Spheroidal)



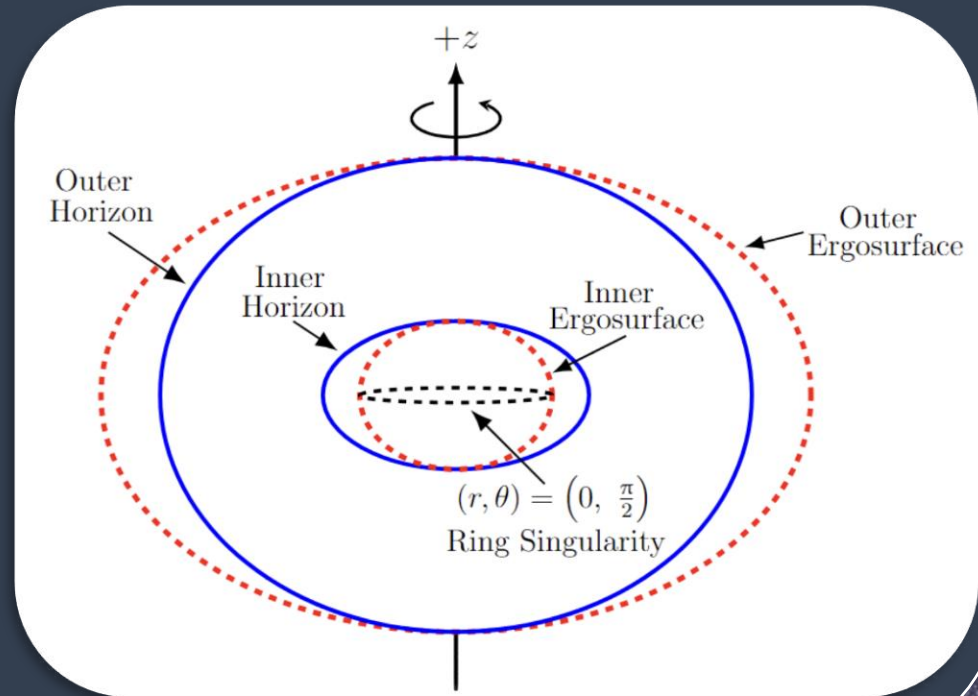
Boyer-Lindquist to “Cartesian” Coordinates

(Oblate-Spheroidal)

$$x = \sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = \sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$



Ring Singularity

$$\rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta = 0$$



$$(r, \theta) = \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Goals

Parametric Study

β (Mass)

a (Spin)

CG Parameters

γ κ

Spacetime Structure

Locations of

- Horizons $\Rightarrow g_{rr} = 0$
- Ergosurfaces $\Rightarrow g_{tt} = 0$

Causal Structure (Radial r variation)

- Nature of Horizons
- Classify Regions as Timelike (T) or Spacelike (S)

CG Kerr Spacetime Structure

Equatorial Plane

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

Horizons $g_{rr} = 0$

$$\tilde{\Delta}^H \equiv [(\beta^2 \kappa)(2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 + (\beta\gamma)^2(1 - \beta\gamma)] \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^4 - (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^2 + (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^3 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right) - (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \left(\frac{a}{\beta}\right)^2 = 0$$

Ergosurfaces $g_{tt} = 0$

$$\tilde{\Delta}^E \equiv [(\beta^2 \kappa)(2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 + (\beta\gamma)^2(1 - \beta\gamma)] \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^4 - (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^2 + (2 - 3\beta\gamma)^3 \left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right) = 0$$

$$r/\beta \geq 0$$



Maximum of Three Horizons/Ergosurfaces

Ergoregions: No Static Observers

Static Observer at fixed spatial coordinates $x^\mu = (t, r_0, \theta_0, \phi_0)$
has four-velocity $u^\mu = (u^t, 0, 0, 0)$

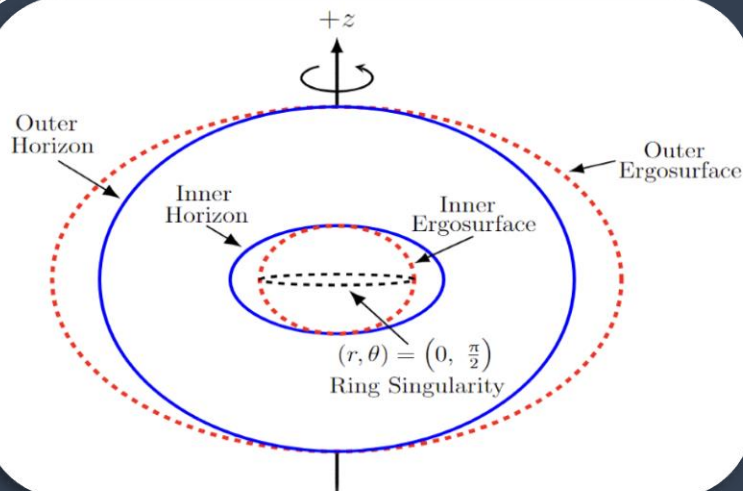
Normalization condition: $g_{tt} u^t u^t = -1$



Static Observers can only exist in non-ergoregions (N) where

$$g_{tt} < 0$$

Ergoregions (E) where $g_{tt} > 0$ or $\tilde{\Delta}^E > 0$



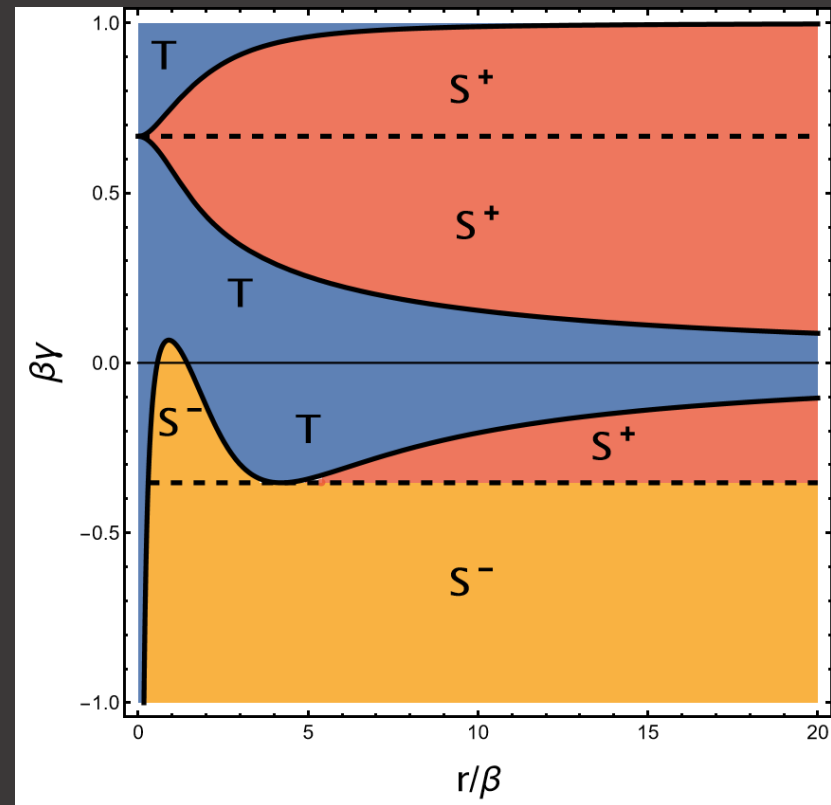
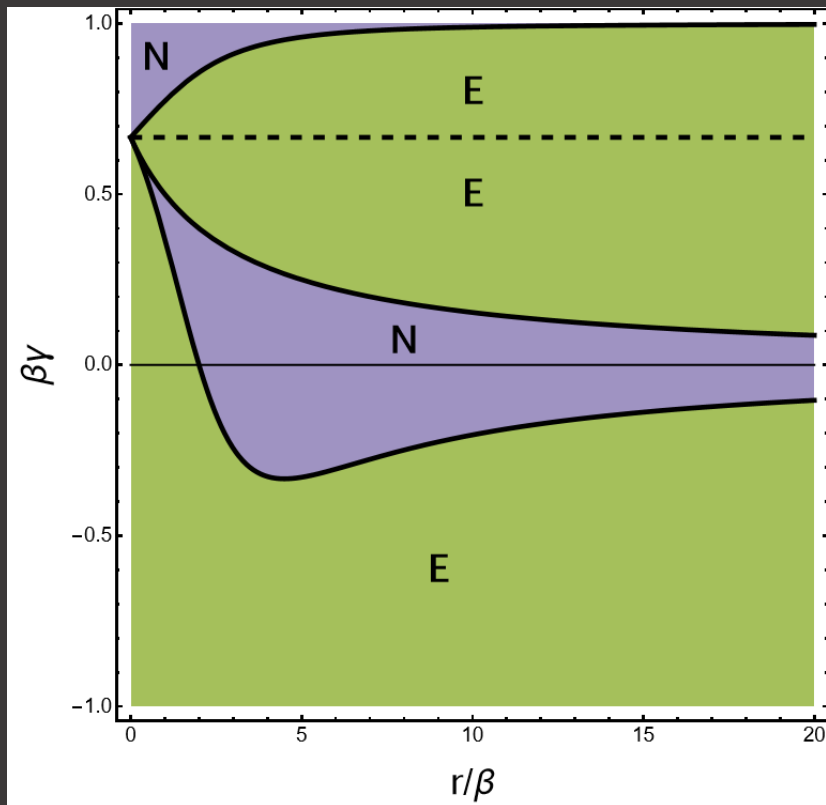
GR Kerr

Forced to rotate in region
between outer horizon
and outer ergosurface

Ergoregion Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa = 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.25$$

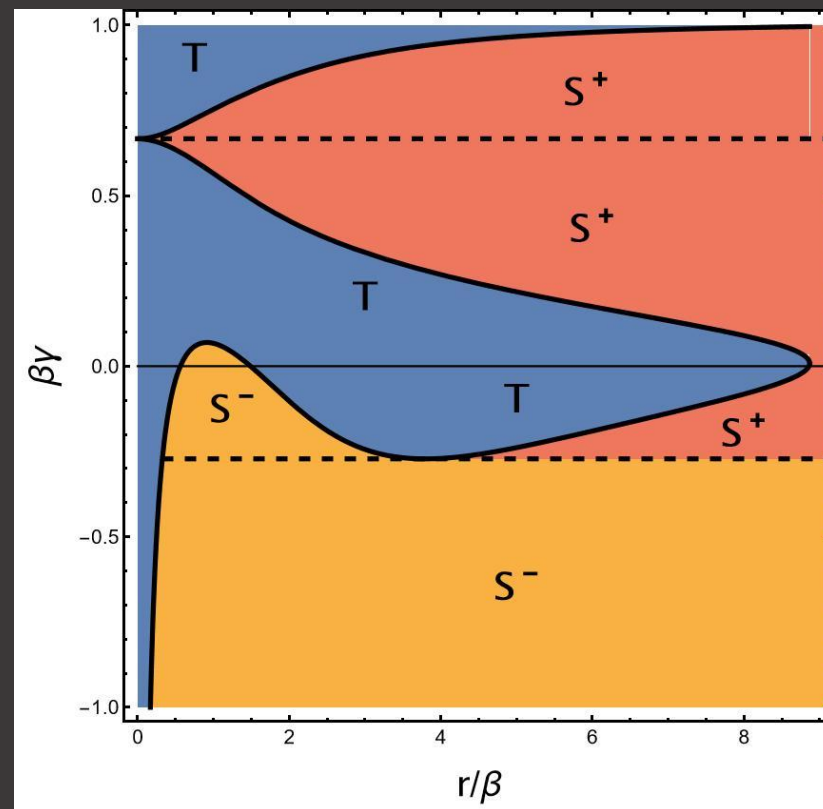
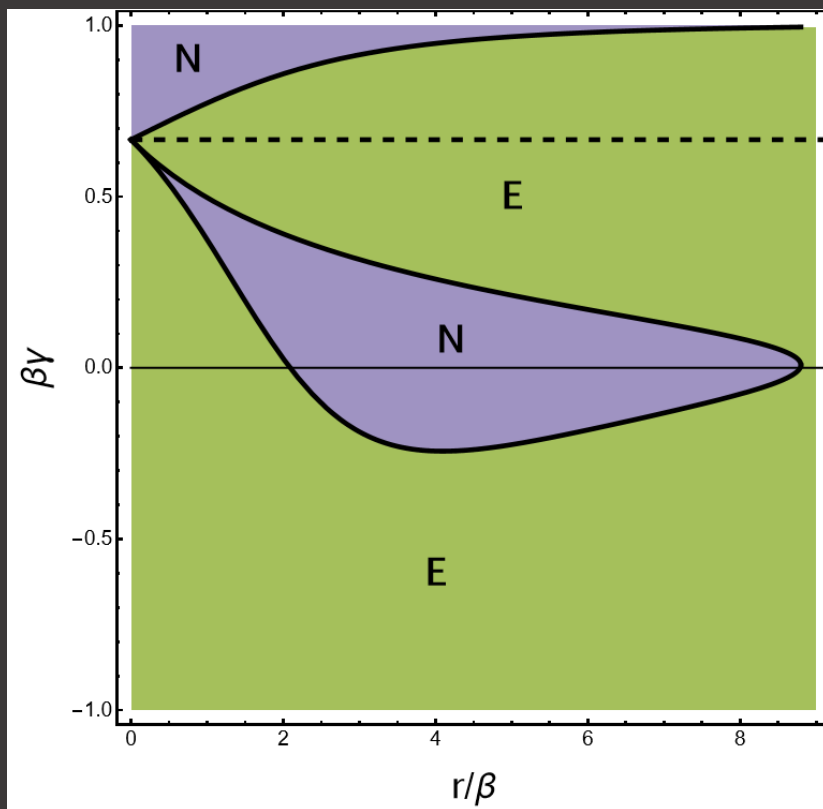


Causal Structure

Ergoregion Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa > 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.25 \quad \beta^2 \kappa = 0.01$$

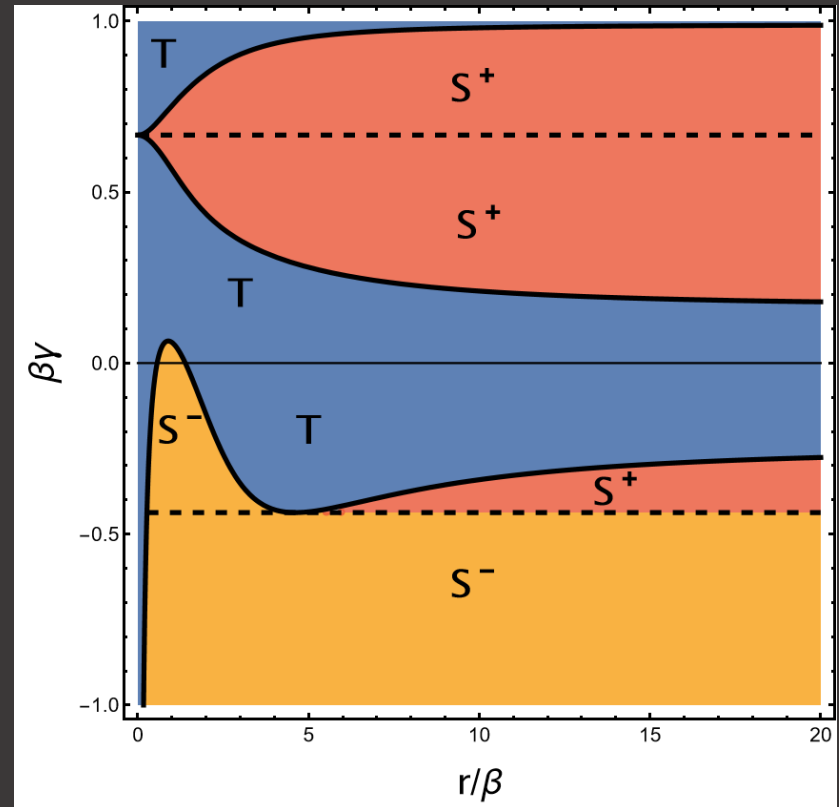
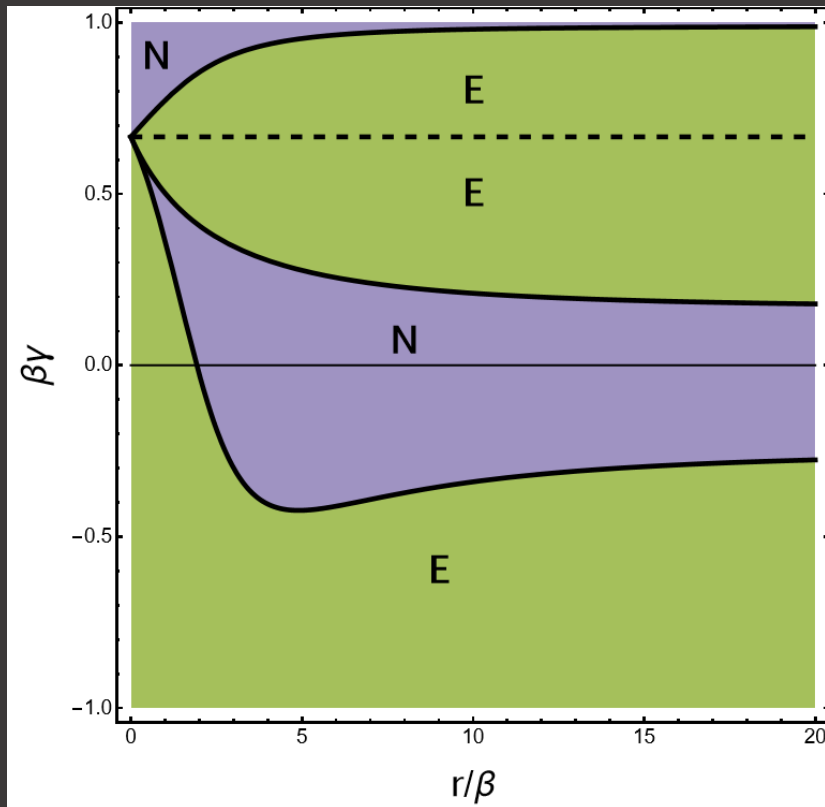


Causal Structure

Ergoregion Structure

$$\beta^2 \kappa < 0$$

$$a/\beta = 0.25 \quad \beta^2 \kappa = -0.01$$



Causal Structure

Equations of Motion from CG Kerr Metric

Starting with Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial \sigma}$$

Since Null

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} g_{tt} \dot{t}^2 - g_{t\phi} \dot{t} \dot{\phi} - \frac{1}{2} g_{rr} \dot{r}^2 - \frac{1}{2} g_{\phi\phi} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} g_{\theta\theta} \dot{\theta}^2 = 0$$



$$\dot{t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{(r^2 + a^2)[(r^2 + a^2)E - aL_z]}{\widetilde{\Delta}_r} + a(L_z - aE) \right)$$

$$\dot{r}^2 = \frac{[(r^2 + a^2)E - aL_z]^2 - \widetilde{\Delta}_r (\tilde{Q} + (L_z - aE)^2)}{\rho^4}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{a[(r^2 + a^2)E - aL_z]}{\widetilde{\Delta}_r} + \frac{(L_z \csc^2 \theta - aE)}{\widetilde{\Delta}_\theta} \right)$$

$$\dot{\theta}^2 = \left(\frac{\widetilde{\Delta}_\theta}{\rho^2} \right)^2 p_\theta^2$$

Conserved Quantities

“Energy” $E = p_t = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{t}}$

“Angular Momentum” $L_z = -p_\phi = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}}$

“Carter’s Constant” $\tilde{Q} = \tilde{\Delta}_\theta p_\theta^2 + \frac{(aE \sin \theta - L_z \csc \theta)^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_\theta} - (L_z - aE)^2$

Principal Null Geodesics

Analogous to radial trajectories in non-rotating spacetimes

Take $L_z / E = a$

Principal Null Geodesics

Equatorial Plane

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

$$\dot{t} = \frac{E(r^2 + a^2)}{\widetilde{\Delta}_r}$$

$$\dot{r} = \pm E$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{aE}{\widetilde{\Delta}_r}$$

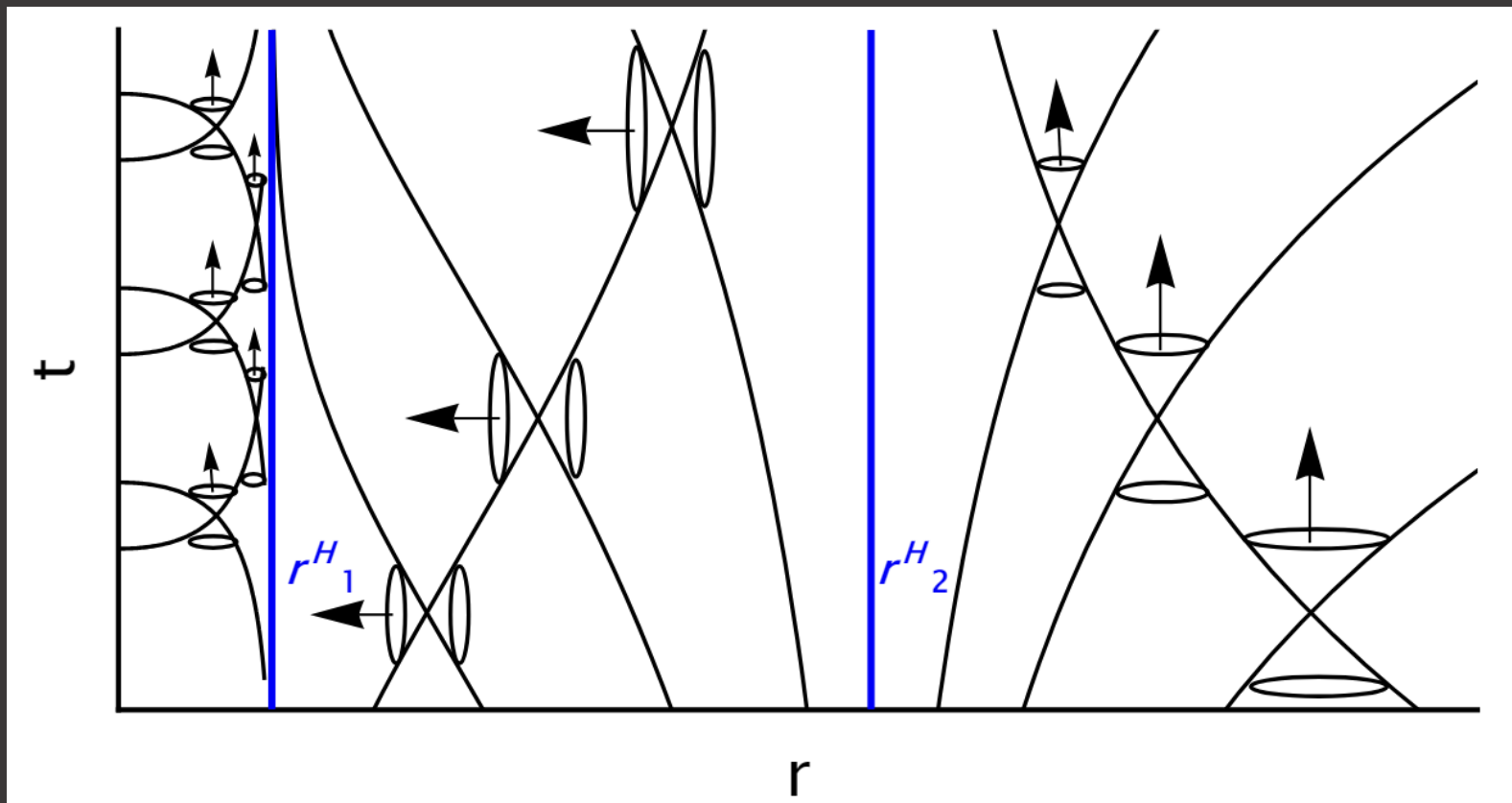
$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

Get slope of geodesics on spacetime diagram

$$\frac{dt}{dr} = \pm(2 - 3\beta\gamma)^2 \frac{\left(-\left(\frac{r}{\beta}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a}{\beta}\right)^2\right)}{\widetilde{\Delta}^{\text{H}}}$$

Sign of slope and thus timelike or spacelike nature depends entirely on $\widetilde{\Delta}^{\text{H}}$

Kerr Black Hole Light Cones



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Sagittarius A* Structure

Mass: $M \approx 4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$ \longrightarrow $\beta \approx 6 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}$

Spin: $a/\beta = 0.1$

CG Parameters

$\gamma = 1.94 \times 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ \longrightarrow $\beta\gamma \approx 1.16 \times 10^{-16}$

$\kappa = 6.42 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ \longrightarrow $\beta^2\kappa \approx 2.31 \times 10^{-24}$

Sagittarius A* Structure

Equatorial Plane

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

GR and **CG** Kerr

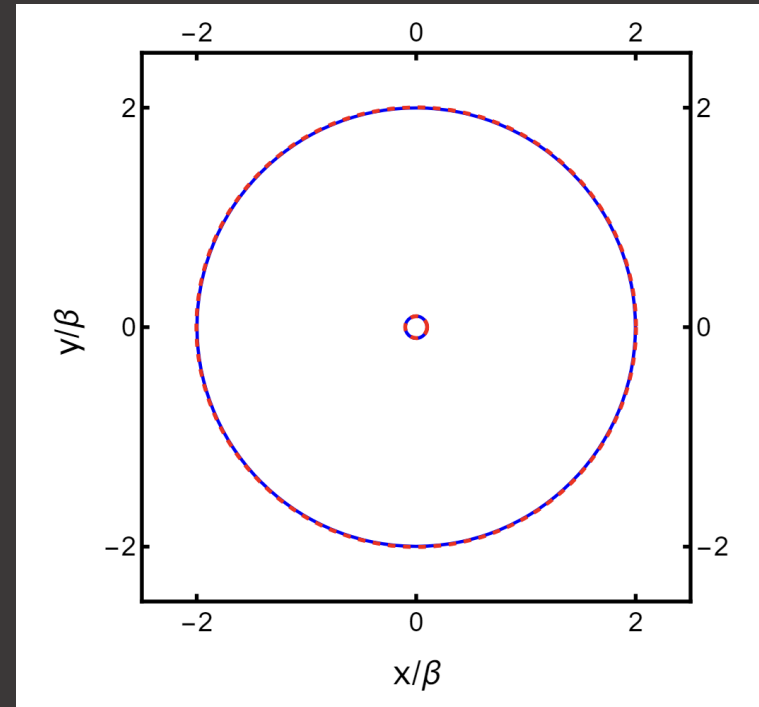
Give same values for black hole region

Inner Ergosurface: $r_1^E = 0$ AU

Inner Horizon: $r_1^H = 2.01 \times 10^{-4}$ AU

Outer Horizon: $r_2^H = 8.00 \times 10^{-2}$ AU

Outer Ergosurface: $r_2^E = 8.01 \times 10^{-2}$ AU



Ergosurfaces (Red) and Horizons (Blue)

CG Kerr has additional

Cosmological Horizon and Ergosurface

$$r_C^E \approx r_C^H \approx 2.64 \times 10^{10} \text{ AU} \approx 128 \text{ pc}$$

Sagittarius A* Structure

Range of **CG** effects

GR

$$B(r) = 1 - \frac{2\beta}{r}$$

CG

$$\tilde{B}(r) = 1 - \frac{\beta(2 - 3\beta\gamma)}{r} - 3\beta\gamma + \gamma r - \kappa r^2$$

$$\frac{\gamma R}{2} = \frac{\beta}{R}$$



$$R \approx 25 \text{ pc}$$

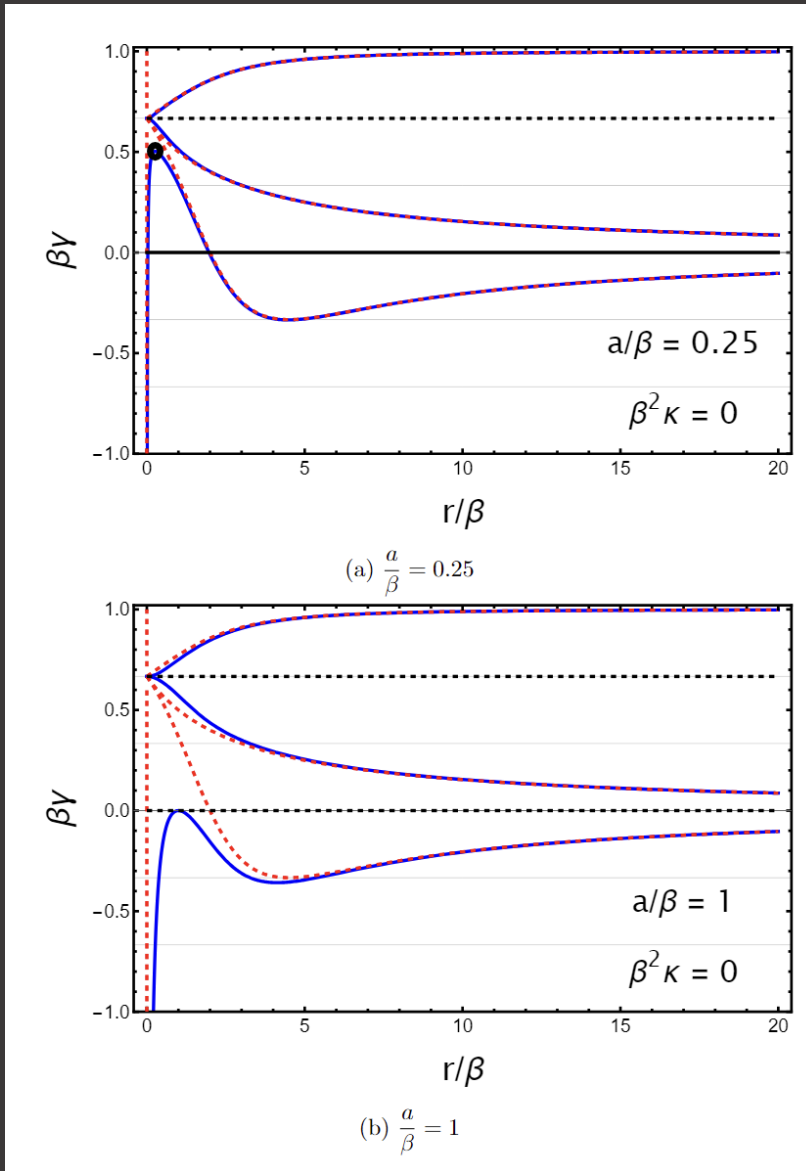
Mass of material at 5 pc $\approx 10^7 M_{\odot} > 4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$ mass of Sgr A*



Cosmological horizon not likely observable

Horizons and Ergosurfaces

$$\beta^2 \kappa = 0$$



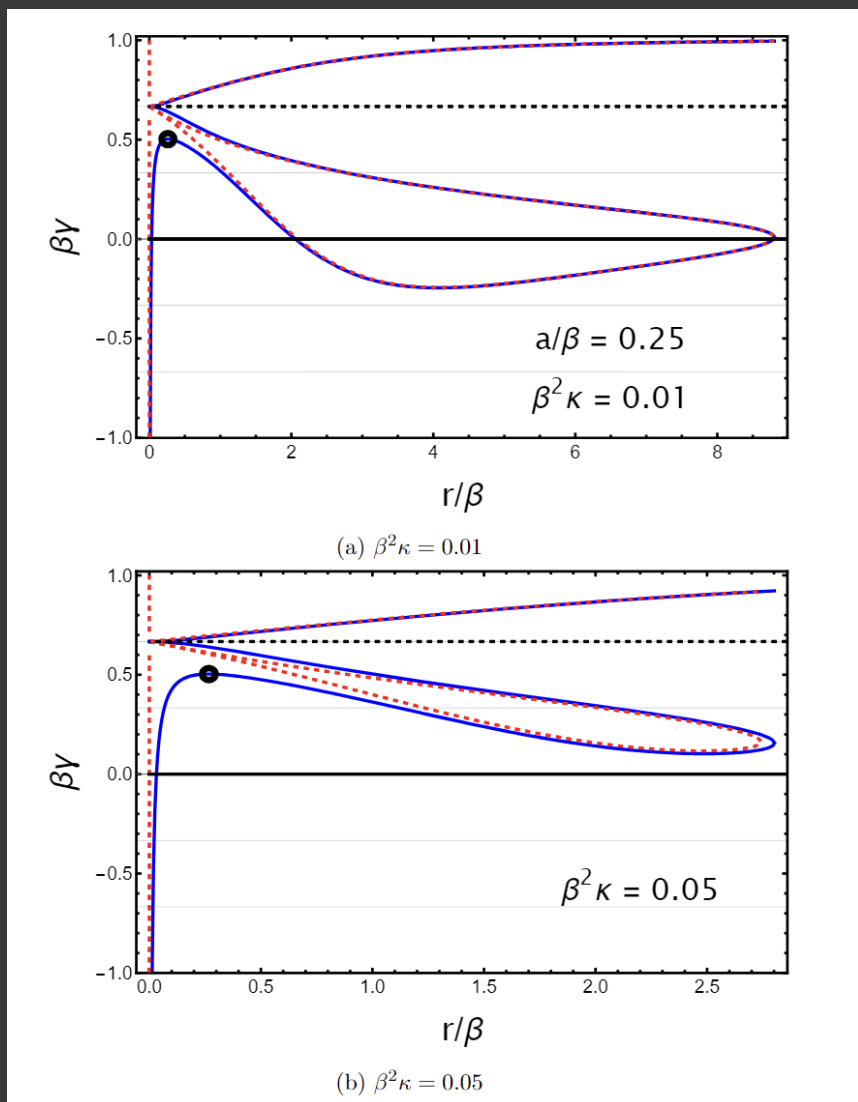
GR Kerr

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(Naked Singularity)

Horizons and Ergosurfaces

$$\beta^2 \kappa > 0$$



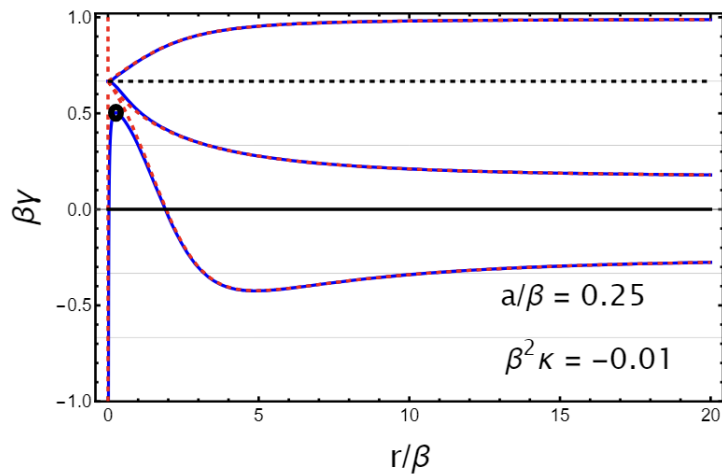
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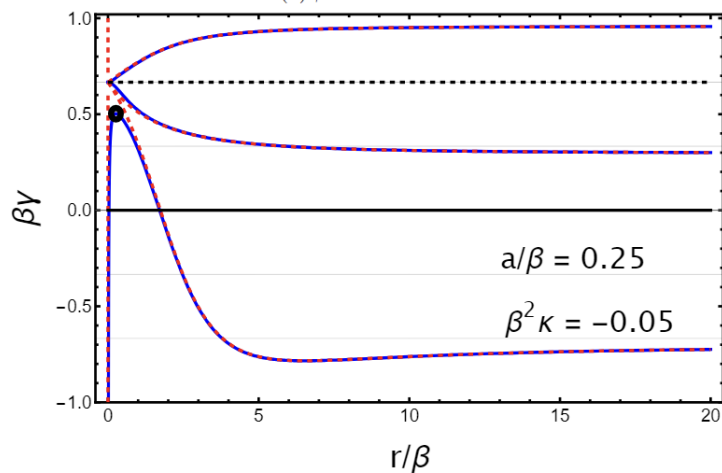
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Horizons and Ergosurfaces

$$\beta^2 \kappa < 0$$



(a) $\beta^2 \kappa = -0.01$



(b) $\beta^2 \kappa = -0.05$

GR Kerr-AdS

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