

# Black holes beyond GR

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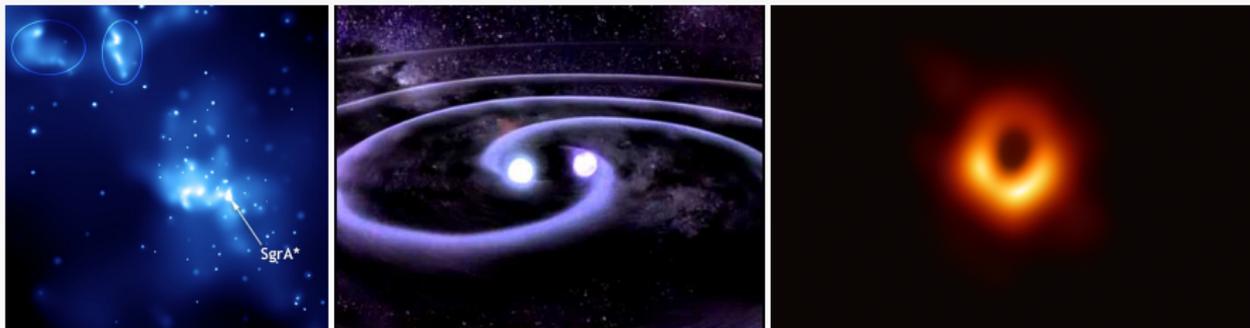
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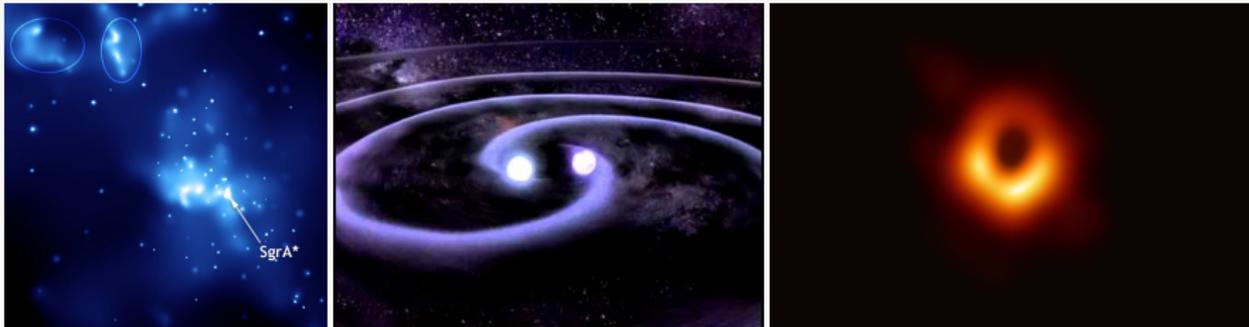
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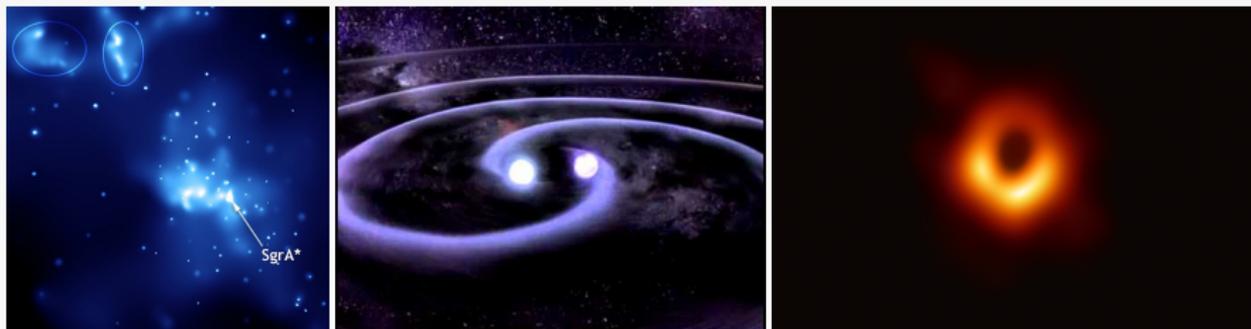
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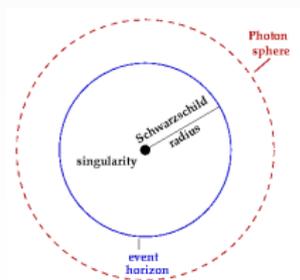
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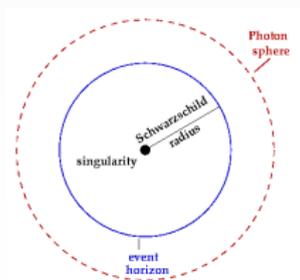
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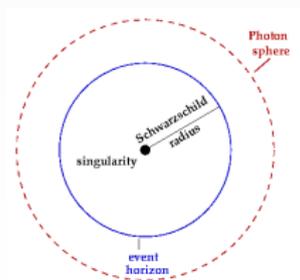
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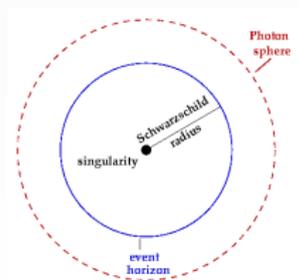
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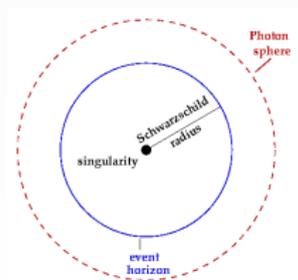
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$$ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2Mr}{\rho^2} \right) dt^2 - \frac{4aMr\sin^2\theta}{\rho^2} dt d\varphi + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\rho^2} \left[ (r^2 + a^2)^2 - a^2\Delta\sin^2\theta \right] d\varphi^2 \\ + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta} dr^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2$$

where  $M$  is the mass,  $a$  is the angular momentum per unit mass, and

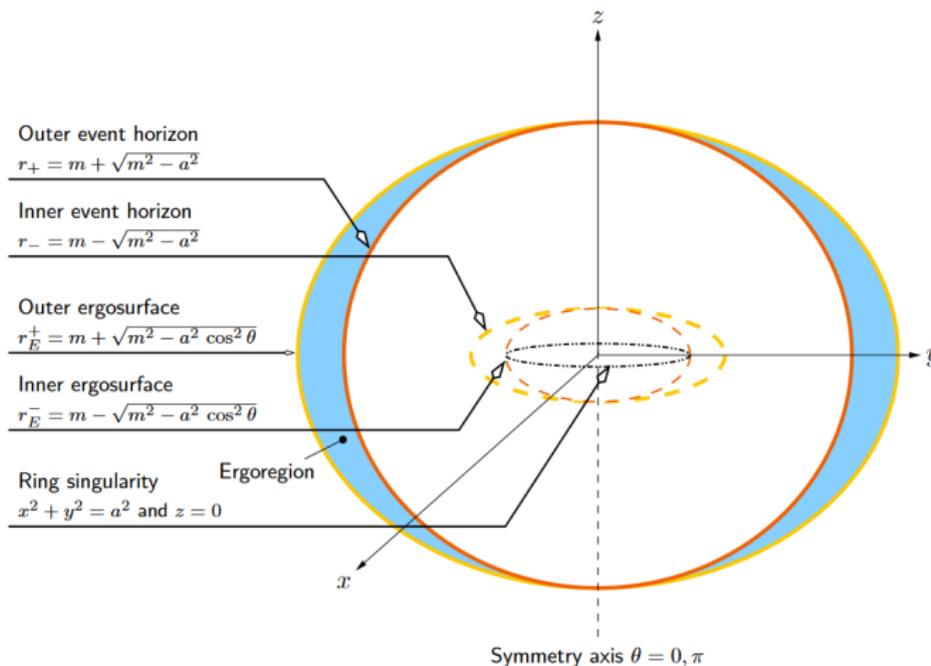
$$\rho^2 = r^2 + a^2\cos^2\theta, \quad \Delta = r^2 + a^2 - 2Mr.$$

- Stationary and axisymmetric spacetime : two Killing vectors  $\partial_t, \partial_\varphi$
- Spacetime is circular :  $(-t, -\varphi) \leftrightarrow (t, \varphi)$
- Geodesics are **integrable** : In 4 dimensions we need 4 constants of motion to describe test particles :  $L_z, E, m, Q$ .

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[Visser, 2007]

- $\partial_t$ ,  $\partial_t + \omega \partial_\varphi$  define **static and stationary** observers.
- Kerr is a causal spacetime as long as it is a black hole!
- timelike and null geodesics dictate trajectories of test particles or light in the vicinity of the black hole : light ring, black hole shadow etc.

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$$+ S_m [g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_m]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \partial_{\mu\nu} \partial^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathcal{L}_2 = (\square \phi)^2, \quad \mathcal{L}_3 = \phi_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \partial^\nu \square \phi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \phi_\mu \phi^\nu \phi^{\mu\alpha} \phi_{\nu\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{L}_5 = (\phi_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \partial^\nu)^2$$

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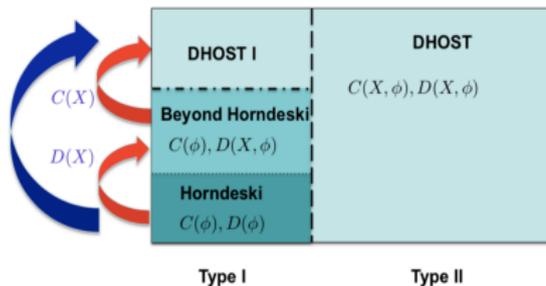
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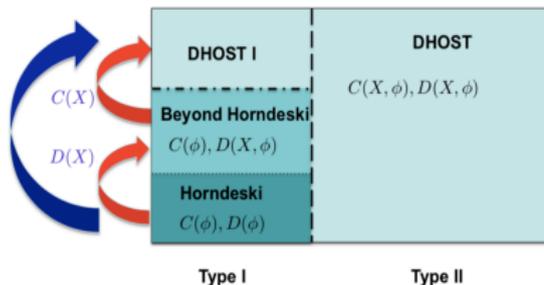
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$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta_r}{\rho^2} [dt - a \sin^2\theta d\varphi]^2 + \rho^2 \left( \frac{dr^2}{\Delta_r} + d\theta^2 \right) + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\rho^2} [a dt - (r^2 + a^2) d\varphi]^2,$$
$$\Delta_r = (r^2 + a^2) - 2\mu r, \quad \rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2\theta,$$

- Black hole parameters  $a, \mu$ . What is the scalar field painting this spacetime?
- Carter found separable HJ potential  $S = -Et + L_z\varphi + S_r(r) + S_\theta(\theta)$  for which

$$\partial_\mu S \partial_\nu S g_{Kerr}^{\mu\nu} = -m^2$$

$S$  depends on  $E, L_z, m, Q$ , the trajectory parameters of an arbitrary timelike test particle.

- Scalar is given by  $\phi = S$ . But now  $\phi$  needs to be defined everywhere in spacetime (Geodesics do not cover all of spacetime necessarily!)

$$\phi(t, r) = -qt \pm \int \frac{\sqrt{q^2(r^2 + a^2)2Mr}}{\Delta_r} dr,$$

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$$\Delta_r = (r^2 + a^2) - 2\mu r, \quad \rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2\theta,$$

- Black hole parameters  $a, \mu$ . What is the scalar field painting this spacetime?
- Carter found separable HJ potential  $S = -Et + L_z\varphi + S_r(r) + S_\theta(\theta)$  for which

$$\partial_\mu S \partial_\nu S g_{Kerr}^{\mu\nu} = -m^2$$

$S$  depends on  $E, L_z, m, Q$ , the trajectory parameters of an arbitrary timelike test particle.

- Scalar is given by  $\phi = S$ . But now  $\phi$  needs to be defined everywhere in spacetime (Geodesics do not cover all of spacetime necessarily!)

$$\phi(t, r) = -q t \pm \int \frac{\sqrt{q^2(r^2 + a^2)2Mr}}{\Delta_r} dr,$$

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- By considering an arbitrary disformal transformation we can construct stationary metrics which are not Kerr metrics.
- In fact, the disformed Kerr metrics even with  $X$  constant are not trivial at all!

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{Kerr} \longrightarrow \check{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{Kerr} + D(X)\nabla_{\mu}\phi\nabla_{\nu}\phi$$

for given  $D$ . Rotation creates a solution which has similar characteristics but is completely distinct from the Kerr solution.

$$ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \frac{2\tilde{M}r}{\rho^2} \right) dt^2 - \frac{4\sqrt{1+D}\tilde{M}r\sin^2\theta}{\rho^2} dt d\varphi + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\rho^2} \left[ (r^2 + a^2)^2 - a^2\Delta\sin^2\theta \right] d\varphi^2 \\ + \frac{\rho^2\Delta - 2\tilde{M}(1+D)rD(a^2 + r^2)}{\Delta^2} dr^2 - 2D\frac{\sqrt{2\tilde{M}r(a^2 + r^2)}}{\Delta} dt dr + \rho^2 d\theta^2 .$$

For  $D \neq 0$  not an Einstein metric!

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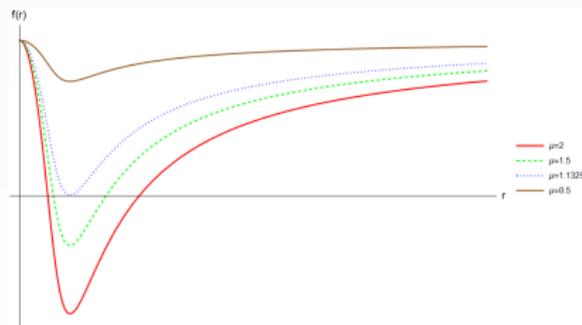
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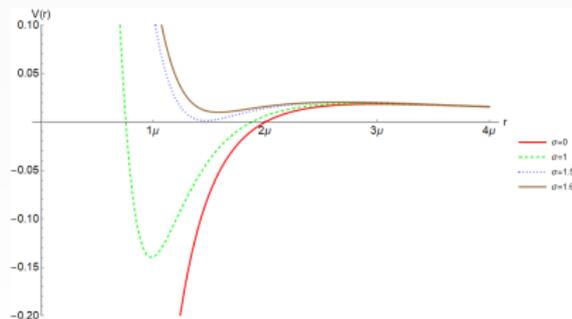


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