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Kerr Metric in Boyer-Lindquist Coordinates

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### Ergosphere

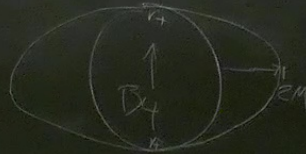
$$\hat{t}^a \hat{t}_a = g_{tt} = \frac{a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \geq 0 \quad \text{space-like}$$

$r = r_+$

$$(1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{null } \hat{t}_a \hat{t}_a = 0 \Rightarrow g_{tt} = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = a^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

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



$$\frac{ZAMO}{r^2+a^2z^2} \left[ dt + \frac{r(dx+yd\varphi)}{a^2+r^2} + \frac{y^2 dx - x^2 dy}{a^2+r^2} + r dz \right]$$

with  $x^2+y^2+z^2 = r^2+a^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right]$

$$-1 = g_{ab} U^a U^b = g_{tt} (U^t)^2 + g_{\varphi\varphi} (U^\varphi)^2 + g_{zz} (U^z)^2 + g_{t\varphi} (U^t U^\varphi) + 2g_{t\varphi} U^t U^\varphi > 0$$

$$g_{tt} < 0 \quad U^t = \frac{dt}{dt} > 0 \quad U^\varphi = \frac{d\varphi}{dt} > 0$$

$$\hat{\chi}_a = \alpha (\hat{t} + \Omega \hat{\phi}^a)$$

ZAMO:  $\hat{\phi}^a \chi_a = 0$

$$g_{t\varphi} + g_{\varphi\varphi} \Omega = 0$$

$$\Omega = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{d\phi/dz}{dt/dz}$$

$$\chi_a = \hat{t} + \Omega_{\text{KH}} \hat{\phi}^a$$

Killing vector  $\chi_a \chi^a = 0$  at  $r=r_+$

$$\Omega = \frac{-g_{t\varphi}}{g_{\varphi\varphi}} \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow r_+ \quad \Omega \rightarrow \frac{\dot{\alpha}}{2r_+} = \Omega_{\text{KH}}$$



For  $\bar{a} \ll 1$

$$r_+ = \left(2 - \frac{1}{2}\bar{a}^2\right)M$$

$$\Omega_H = \frac{\bar{a}}{4M}$$

$$\bar{a} = 1 - \epsilon \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

$$r_+ = M(1 + \sqrt{2\epsilon})M$$

$$\Omega_H = \frac{1 - \sqrt{2\epsilon}}{2M}$$

$$\Phi_{KS} = \Phi_{BL} + a \int \frac{dr}{\Delta}$$

$$\Sigma = r \cos \theta$$

with

$$x^2 +$$

## Geodesics on Kerr

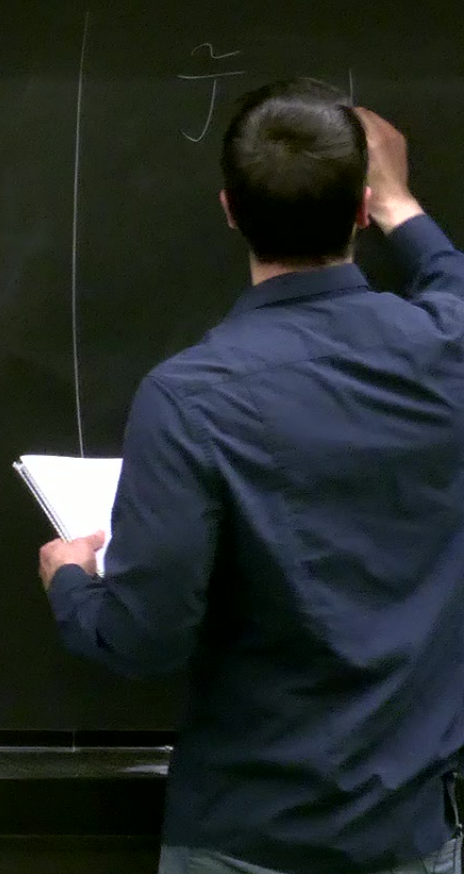
Geodesic Egn

$$U^a \nabla_a U^b = 0, \quad U^a = \frac{dx^a}{d\tau}$$

$$U_a U^a = -1$$

$$U^b \nabla_b (K^a U_a) = 0 \quad \frac{dx^a}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^a_{bc} \frac{dx^b}{d\tau} \frac{dx^c}{d\tau} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E} &= -\hat{t}^a U_a = -U_t = -(g_{tt} U^t + g_{t\phi} U^\phi) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2Mr}{\Sigma}\right) \frac{dt}{d\tau} + \frac{2Ma r \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \end{aligned}$$





$$+ \frac{2Mr^3}{r^4 + a^2 z^2} \left[ dt + \frac{r(xdx + ydy)}{a^2 + r^2} + \frac{a(ydx - xdy)}{a^2 + r^2} + \frac{z}{r} dz \right]$$

with

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2 + a^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right]$$

$$\vec{J} = \hat{p}^a U_a = U_\phi = \frac{(r^2 + a^2) - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \sin^2 \theta \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} - \frac{2Mar \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \frac{dt}{d\tau}$$

$$U^a \nabla_a (C) = 0 \quad C = K_{ab} U^a U^b$$

Restrict to equatorial geodesics  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $U^\theta = U_\theta = 0$



$$(*) \quad -1 = g^{ab} v_a v_b = g^{tt} \tilde{E}^2 + g^{rr} (v_r)^2 + g^{\phi\phi} \tilde{J}^2 - 2g^{t\phi} \tilde{E} \tilde{J}$$

$$v_r = g_{rr} v^r = \frac{r^2}{\Delta} \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$(\Theta = \frac{\pi}{2}) \quad g^{tt} = \frac{-(r^2 + a^2)^2 - a^2 \Delta}{\Delta r^2}, \quad g^{rr} = \frac{\Delta}{r^2}, \quad g^{\phi\phi} = \frac{\Delta - a^2}{\Delta r^2}, \quad g^{t\phi} = \frac{-2Ma}{\Delta r}$$

$$(**) \quad -(v^r)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) - 2M\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) + \left[a^2(1 - \tilde{E}^2) + \tilde{J}^2\right] \frac{1}{r^2} - 2M(a\tilde{E} - \tilde{J})^2 \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)$$

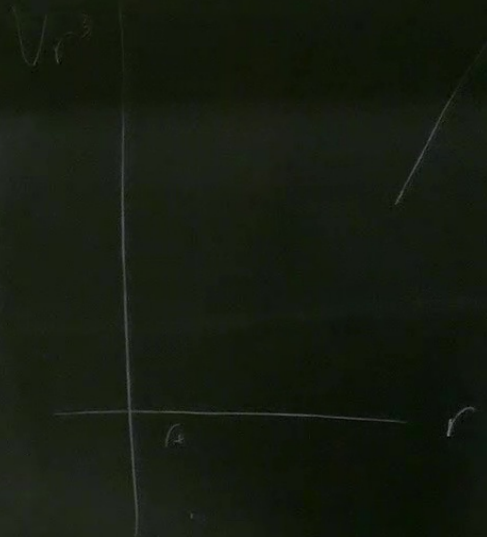
$$= 2V(\tilde{E}, \tilde{J}, r)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (**) \quad -(\dot{r})^2 &= (1-\tilde{E}) - 2M(r) + [a(r-\tilde{E}) + J]^2 - 2M(a\tilde{E}-J) \quad (7) \\
 &= 2V(\tilde{E}, \tilde{J}, r)
 \end{aligned}$$

Turning points  $\left(\frac{dr}{dt}=0\right)$  when  $V=0$

$$\tilde{E} < 1 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow \infty \quad V(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1-\tilde{E}^2) > 0$$

$$\text{For } r=r_+ \quad 2r_+^4 V(r) = -(2Mr_+ \tilde{E} - aJ)^2 \leq 0$$





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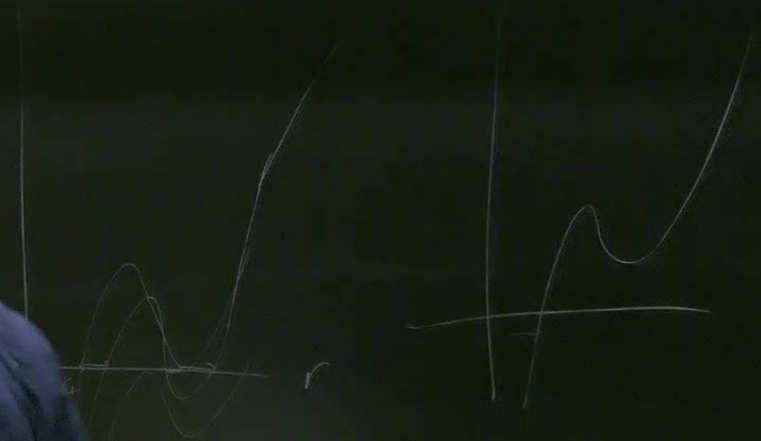
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$$\tilde{E}_c = \frac{1 - \frac{2M}{r_c} + \frac{a}{r_c} \sqrt{\frac{M}{r_c}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{3M}{r_c} + \frac{2a}{r_c} \sqrt{\frac{M}{r_c}}}}$$

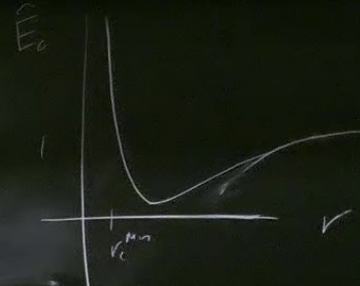
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$r_c \gg M$

$$\tilde{E}_c \sim 1 - \frac{M}{2r_c}$$

$$\tilde{J}_c \sim \sqrt{Mr_c}$$

$$\tilde{J}_c \tilde{E}_c \rightarrow 0 \quad r_c^{3/2} - 3Mr_c^{1/2} + 2a\sqrt{M} \rightarrow 0$$



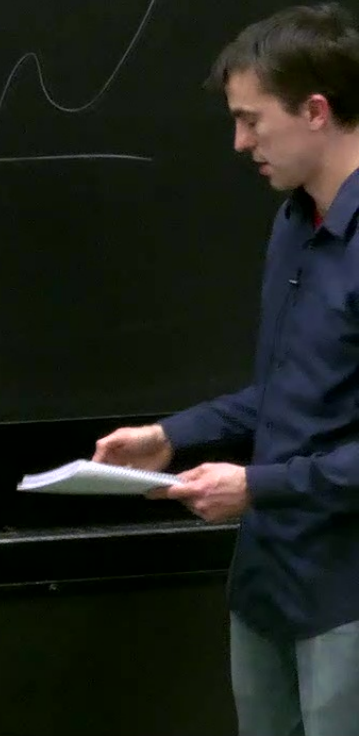
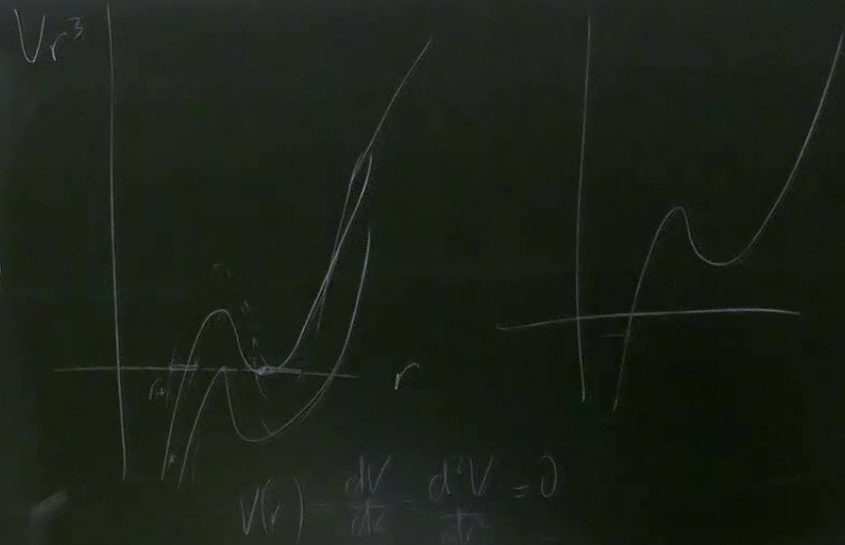
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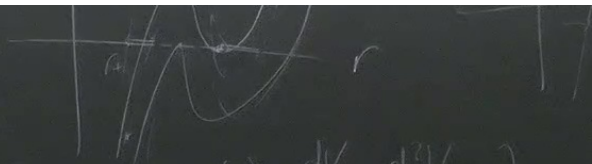
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$V(r) = \frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = 0$



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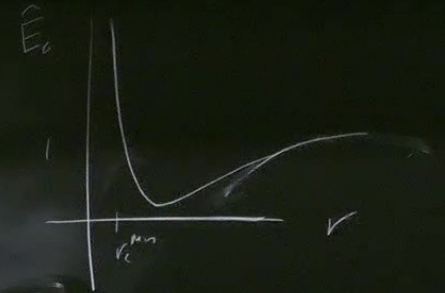
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$\frac{d\tilde{E}}{dr_c}(r_{ISSO}) = 0$



- $\bar{a} = 0 \quad r_c > 3M$
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with  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2 + a^2 (1 - \dots)$

$$r_{ISCO}^2 - 6Mr_{ISCO} + 8a\sqrt{M} r_{ISCO}^{1/2} - 3a^2 = 0$$

$$a=0, \quad r_{ISCO} = 6M$$

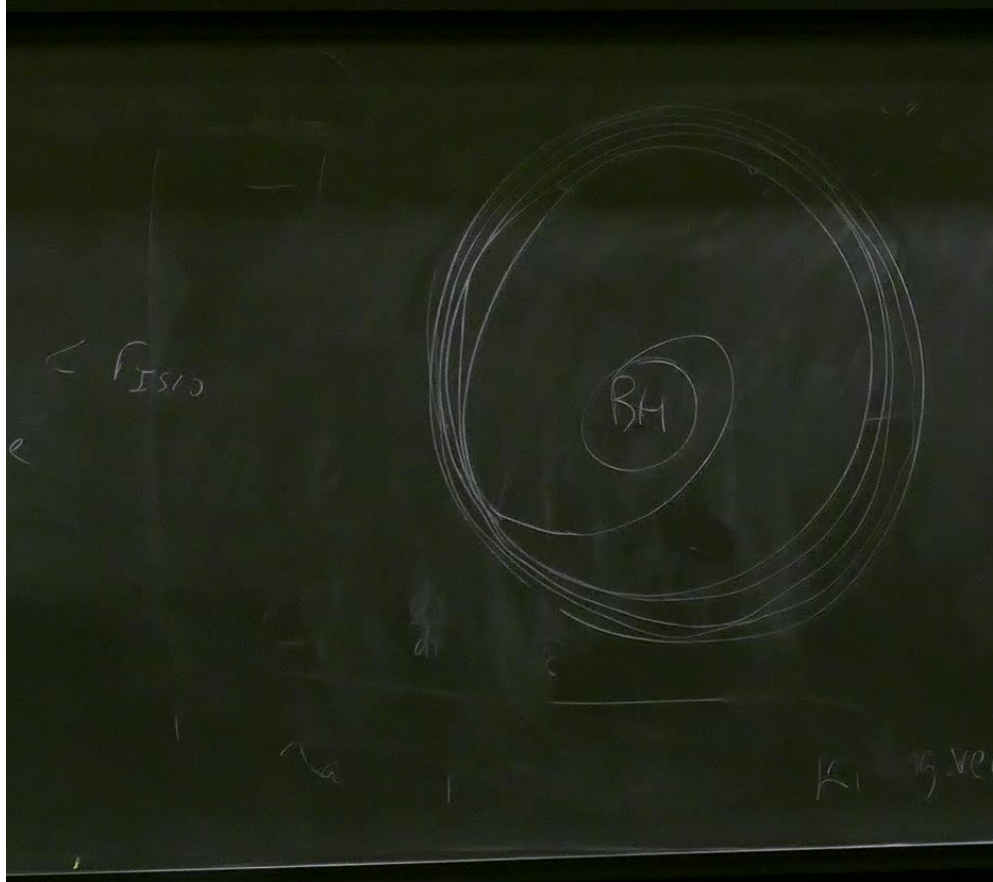
$$\bar{a}=1, \quad r_{ISCO} = M$$

$$\bar{a}=-1, \quad r_{ISCO} = 9M$$

$$r_c^{min} < r < r_{ISCO}$$

Unstable

$\frac{dt}{dt} + \frac{a^2 + r^2}{a^2 + r^2} + \dots$   
 With  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2 + a^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{r^2}{r^2} \right]$



$$\left( \dot{r}^2 + g_{\theta\theta} (\dot{\theta})^2 + g_{\phi\phi} (\dot{\phi})^2 \right) \geq 0$$

$$g_{t\phi} + g_{\phi\phi} \Omega = 0$$

$$\Omega = \frac{-g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}}$$

$\Omega \rightarrow \Omega_{\text{BH}}$

$\chi_a \chi^a = 0$  at  $r = r_+$

$\chi_a$  is vector



$\delta BL + a \int \frac{dr}{\Delta}$

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