

Compact objects in modified gravity

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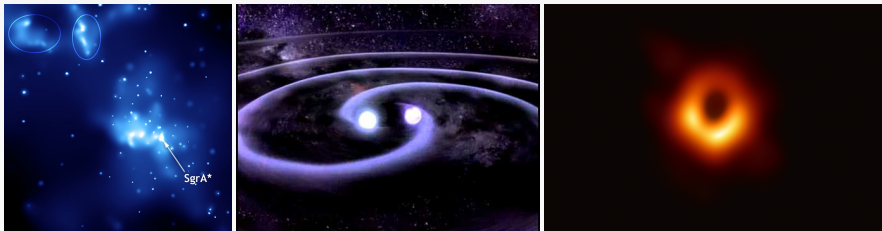
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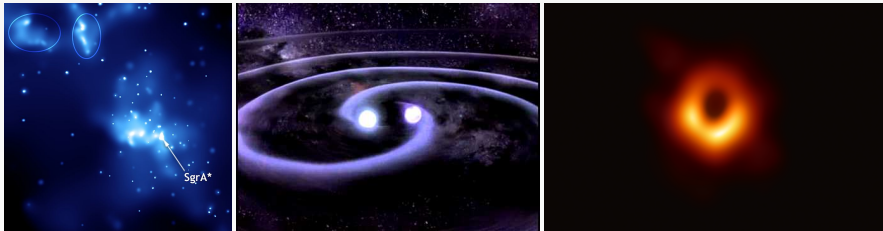
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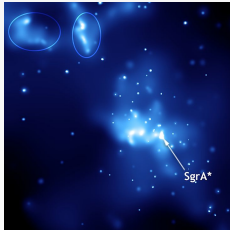


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- Aim : find alternatives to GR black holes as precise rulers of departure from GR?



- GR black holes
- Scalar tensor : **stealth** solutions and Carter's work on HJ and Kerr geodesics
- Extension of solution generating methods and **Disformal** mappings permit,
stationary black holes beyond GR
Regular black holes
Wormholes...

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- During collapse, black holes lose their hair and relax to some stationary state of large symmetry.
- Black holes are vacuum solutions of Einstein's eqs, $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$
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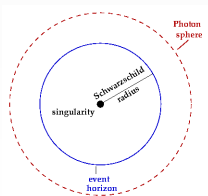
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with $f(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$ ($G_N = c = 1$)

- Far away spacetime is asymptotically flat $f(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 1$
- The zero(s) of $f(r)$ are coordinate and not curvature singularities, they are the **horizon(s)** of the black hole ($r_h = 2M$).
- Light accumulates at $r = 3M$, light ring.
- An **event horizon** is the boundary of the trapped region of the black hole. It hides the **central curvature singularity at $r = 0$**



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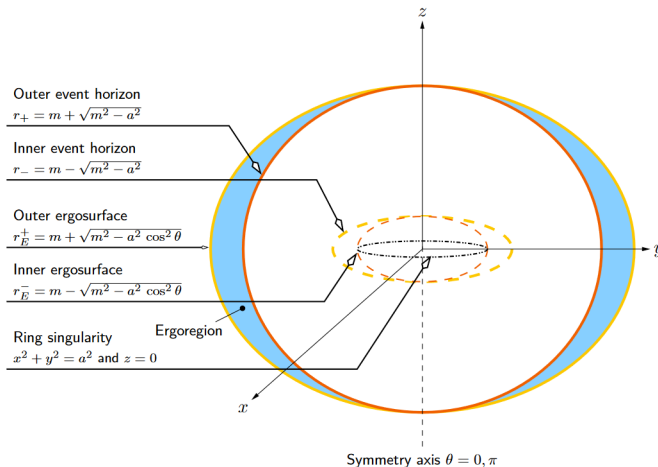
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[Visser, 2007]

- $\partial_t, \partial_t + \omega \partial_\varphi$ 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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$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \partial_{\mu\nu} \partial^{\mu\nu}, \quad \mathcal{L}_2 = (\square \phi)^2, \quad \mathcal{L}_3 = \phi_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \partial^\nu \square \phi,$$
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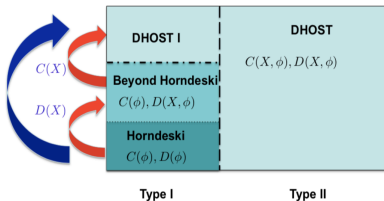
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- Conformal and Disformal transformations are internal maps of DHOST theories. They permit us to relate the different versions of ST theories.
- Conformal and disformal map :

$$g_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = C(\phi, X) g_{\mu\nu} + D(\phi, X) \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi$$

for given (regular) functions C and D .

- Aim : Construct black hole solutions



[Langlois, 2018]

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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.

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

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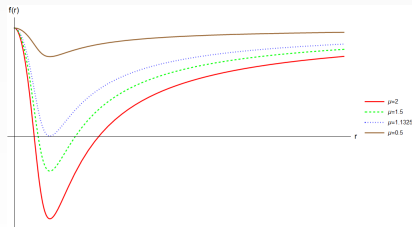
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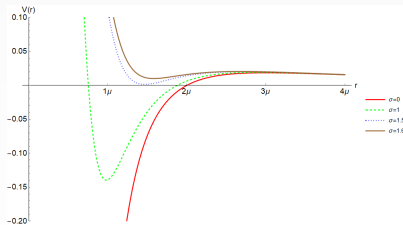


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