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# Black holes, scalar fields and no-hair conjecture



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- general relativity
- particle physics
- (beyond Standard Model)
- astrophysics







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# Astrophysics

# Particle Physics

# Black holes and scalar fields

still speculative area...

Fundamental Physics

- *increasing evidence* for the existence of Black Holes
- scalar fields: exist in Nature (Higgs at LHC)

question:

• <u>Black Holes + scalar fields ?</u>



#### great time for Black Hole physics

#### second Golden Age



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(R. Penrose, R. Genzel, A. Ghez)

# how do we know there are Black Holes?

astrophysics:

*i) observation of trajectories* (stars, light..)



ii) detection of gravitational waves

Black Holes: best explanation so far...



#### Black Hole at the center of the Milky Way (Sagittarius A\*)



mass ~ 4.1 million solar masses.

#### Andromeda Galaxy (=M31)



**distance** ~ 2.5x10<sup>6</sup> ly

mass ~200 million solar masses

#### **BH overview:**



connection with various branches of physics



evidence for BH existence

#### historical perspective:

- Black Holes: *not* a new concept in physics:
- they were predicted already in the 18th century by

John Michell and Pierre-Simon Laplace

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London (1784)

"dark stars"

several basic Black Hole properties can be understood by using <u>Newtonian physics</u>

### Exposition du Système du Monde (1796)



Pierre-Simon Laplace (1749-1827)

#### A brief timeline

PHILOSO PHICAL

TRANSACTIONS:

On the Means of Discovering the Distance, Magnitude, &c. of the Fixed Stars, in Consequence of the Diminution of the Velocity of Their Light, in Case Such a Diminution Should be Found to Take Place in any of Them, and Such Other Data Should be Procured from Observations, as Would be Farther Necessary for That Purpose. By the Rev. John Michell, B. D. F. R. S. In a Letter to Henry Cavendish, Esq. F. R. S. and A. S.

John Michell

Phil. Trans. R. Soc. Lond. 1784 74, 35-57, published 1 January 1784

John Michell reasoned that if light was made of small particles - as Newton had proposed -these particles should feel the pull of gravity. Thus, stars with an escape velocity larger than the speed of light would be invisible for a sufficiently far away observer.

Michell: ``if any other luminous bodies should happen to revolve about them we might still perhaps from the motions of these revolving bodies infer the existence of the central ones with some degree of probability".

# Modern description of black holes: *General Relativity* A. Einstein (1915)



# Black holes are very special

# stars, solitons/field theory...



various shapes/large number of parameters





only one solution: Schwarzschild/Kerr Black Hole one/two parameters (at all scales!)



**the Schwarzschild solution** (1916)

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



"The war treated me kind enough, in spite of the heavy gunfire, to allow me to get away from it all and take this walk in the land of your ideas." (letter to Einstein)

#### 1916: Schwarzschild's solution

Über das Gravitationsfeld eines Massenpunktes nach der EINSTEINschen Theorie. Von K. Schwarzschild. (Vorgelegt am 13. Januar 1916 [s. oben S. 42].)

§ 1. Hr. EINSTEIN hat in seiner Arbeit über die Perihelbewegung des Merkur (s. Sitzungsberichte vom 18. November 1915) folgendes Problem gestellt:

Ein Punkt bewege sich gemäß der Forderung

$$\delta \int ds = 0, \qquad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum g \ dx \ dx} \quad u, v = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

ist,  $g_{x}$ , Funktionen der Variabeln x bedeuten und bei der Variation am Anfang und Ende des Integrationswegs die Variablen x festzuhalten sind. Der Punkt bewege sich also, kurz gesagt, auf einer geodätischen Linie in der durch das Linienelement ds charakterisierten Mannig-

faltig

wobei

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

#### a rotating black hole

# 1963: Kerr solution

#### GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF A SPINNING MASS AS AN EX OF ALGEBRAICALLY SPECIAL METRICS

Roy P. Kerr\*

University of Texas, Austin, Texas and Aerospace Research Laboratories, Wright-Pat (Received 26 July 1963)

Goldberg and Sachs<sup>1</sup> have proved that the algebraically special solutions of Einstein's emptyspace field equations are characterized by the existence of a geodesic and shear-free ray congruence,  $k_{\mu}$ . Among these spaces are the planefronted waves and the Robinson-Trautman metrics<sup>2</sup> geometry: ongruence has nonvanishing diverwhere ζ is a complex c differentiation with res D is defined by

 $D = \partial/\partial$ 

P is real, whereas  $\Omega$  a be  $m_1 + im_2$ ) are comple ent of the coordinate r.



 $G_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ 

 $T_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ 

the vacuum, axially symmetric, stationary Black Hole

**Roy Kerr** 

$$ds^{2} = -\frac{(\Delta - a^{2} \sin^{2} \theta)}{\Sigma} dt^{2} - 2a \sin^{2} \theta \frac{(r^{2} + a^{2} - \Delta)}{\Sigma} dt d\phi$$

$$+ \left(\frac{(r^{2} + a^{2})^{2} - \Delta a^{2} \sin^{2} \theta}{\Sigma}\right) \sin^{2} \theta d\phi^{2} + \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^{2} + \Sigma d\theta^{2}$$

$$\Delta = r^{2} - 2GMr + a^{2}$$

a=0: spherical symmetry (Schwarzschild solution)

Why is the Kerr geometry so important?

# **UNIQUENESS OF KERR'S SOLUTION**

- Kerr's solution describes *all* black holes without electric charge
- · More generally,

# "BLACK HOLES HAVE NO HAIR"

• No-hair theorem: All traces of the matter that formed a BH disappear except for:



"hair" is a metaphor for any messy/ complicated details (other fields, multipoles etc)



# uniqueness theorems for Black Hole

"In my entire scientific life, extending over forty-five years, the most shattering experience has been the realization that an exact solution of Einstein's field equations of general relativity, discovered by the New Zealand mathematician, Roy **Kerr**, provides the **absolutely exact representation** of untold numbers of black holes that populate the Universe."

S. Chandrasekhar, in Truth and Beauty (1987)

Nobel Prize (1983)

### Black holes are very special



•nnly two parameters: mass *M* and angular momentum *J*•fully characterize the Black Hole (<u>at all scales</u>)
•very different from other cases (e.g. stars)

# ii) Scalar fields

electromagnetic field	VS.	scalar field
Maxwell equations		Klein-Gordon equation
$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$		more general monlinear-model
$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$	$ abla^2 q$	$\phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = m^2 \phi + \lambda \phi^3$
$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$		$\frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi}$

(more general)

(here, flat space)

 $\nabla^2 \phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = m^2 \phi + \lambda \phi^3$ the Higgs field:  $\partial V(\phi)$  $\partial \phi$ 'Mexican hat' potential non-linear field Interacts with other fields in the <u>Standard Model</u> of Particle Physics special potential l < 0detected at LHC in CERN (2012) mass ~ 125 GeV (~10<sup>-25</sup> Kg) **Peter Higgs** "God particle" (Nobel Prize 2013)

at least a scalar field exists in Nature:

#### no evidence yet ...







#### the existence of Black Holes in a theory : case by case study



*it has proven <u>rather difficult</u> to put together Scalar Fields and Black Holes* (and stationary configurations) no hair theorems in *Einstein-scalar field* models



a Black Hole is still entirely defined by the set of parameters which are its mass, spin and electric charge, respectively

(saying the black hole has "no hair" is a metaphor for this simplicity)

#### **OBSERVATION:**

#### normally (very) different characteristic scales



Higgs field:

$$\lambda \sim 10^{-17}m$$



### Sagittarius A\* Black Hole: r<sub>h</sub> ~ 24 million kilometers

(distance Earth-Sun: 47 million kilometers)

gravity

#### a (classic) no-hair theorem: (J. Bekenstein 1972)

no (static) scalar field around a Black Hole

Klein-Gordon equation

Identity:

$$\phi \nabla^2 \phi = \nabla (\phi \nabla \phi) - (\nabla \phi)^2$$

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*Identity:*

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$$\nabla (\phi \nabla \phi) - (\nabla \phi)^{2} = \phi \frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \qquad \qquad \nabla (\phi \nabla \phi) = (\nabla \phi)^{2} + \phi \frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi}$$

#### a no-hair theorem:

$$\int d^3x \,\sqrt{-g} \,\nabla(\phi\nabla\phi) = \int d^3x \,\sqrt{-g} \left[ (\nabla\phi)^2 + \phi \frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial\phi} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{\oint_{\infty} (\phi \nabla \phi) - \oint_{H} (\phi \nabla \phi)}_{=0} = 0$$

$$\int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\nabla \phi)^2 + \phi \frac{\partial V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right] = 0$$

$$e.g. \quad V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2$$

$$\int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\nabla \phi)^2 + m^2 \phi^2 \right] = 0$$

Q.E.D.







VS.



no scalar charge

non-zero flux ==>global (electric) charge



# black holes with 'scalar hair'?



## Yes – several different mechanisms

- various recent developments
- active field of research

Herdeiro and Radu: the scalar no-hair theorems have a loophole

Phys.Rev.Lett. 112 (2014) 221101

# **Black Holes with scalar fields**

(simplest example of 'hairy' black holes)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi G} R - \Phi^*_{,a} \Phi^{,a} - \mu^2 \Phi^* \Phi \right]$$
vacuum Kerr is a solution



spin-one

naively, such solutions should be simpler than Kerr-Newman

however:

richer, different pattern from Kerr



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# different pattern from Kerr

no static limit
can violate Kerr bound J/M<sup>2</sup> > 1

# different pattern from Kerr

• no static limit

- violate Kerr bound
- different quadrupole



# different pattern from Kerr

• no static limit

- violate Kerr bound
- different quadrupole
- distinct orbits (ISCOs)

# different pattern from Kerr

- no static limit
- violate Kerr bound
- different quadrupole
- distinct orbits
- ergo-Saturns



# different pattern from Kerr

- no static limit
- violate Kerr bound
- different quadrupole
- distinct ISCOs
- ergo-Saturns
- different shadows



# different pattern from Kerr

- no static limit
- violate Kerr bound
- different quadrupole
- distinct ISCOs
- ergo-Saturns
- solitonic limit (no BH):

**Boson Stars** 



# the double Black Hole system with a scalar field



# Astrophysics

# Particle Physics

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speculative area...

Fundamental Physics

Q:what is the geometry of a Black Hole?



Vă mulțumesc pentru atenție!