

Black hole spacetimes

Lecture #9

and Symmetries

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In the last lecture we looked at conserved charges generating diffeomorphisms on spacetime — importantly, we saw that they correspond to only surface terms. And we looked at the specific example of GR.

In the next few lectures, we will continue to focus on GR, specifically black holes. Today, we will try to collect some of the main features of black hole spacetimes, with standard examples, especially those which will be needed in the upcoming lectures.

Subject of black holes is extremely vast — here, will try to convey the main ideas, especially those needed later.

Throughout the course, we have stressed on the importance of boundaries — boundary conditions, boundary action, surface terms etc. (2)

An important notion in GR is that of asymptotic boundaries — boundaries that are "infinitely" far away (in a sense to be specified below).

In particular, asymptotically flat spacetimes are of obvious interest:

asymptotically flat — "approaches Minkowski @ infinity".

Recall, from some lectures back:

asymptotic fall-off condition for a scalar field on flat background

$$\phi = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^{(D-2)/2}}\right)$$

@ large r

First: "put into box", IR regulate

put $\partial\Sigma$ (originally @ spacelike

@ finite $r=R$ infinity $r = \sqrt{\delta_{ij} x^i x^j} \rightarrow \infty$)

Then : take $\lim R \rightarrow \infty$.

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Such asymptotic b.c restrict behaviour of fields in certain regions @ infinity

But in GR : Metric is a dynamical field

→ don't have a background (flat) metric to define fall-off conditions on curvature etc.

→ also, in general, no global inertial reference frame to consider limits like $r \rightarrow \infty$

One possibility : look for any coord. system (x^{μ}) s.t. $g_{\mu\nu}$ behave as needed @ large coord. values

e.g. $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(1/r)$ @ large r .

But, need to eventually verify coord.

④ invariance of results — cumbersome, challenging

→ the precise method of actually taking a limit in a meaningful coord-ind. way is not always guaranteed.

Thus, seek: • intrinsic, coord-ind., notion of "infinities" (asymptotic boundaries)

• construction where "infinity" is brought to a finite distance, so that can instead consider b.c. like

$$\phi|_{I_0} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^{(D-2)/2}}\right)$$

↑ "spatial infinity"

Results in : Asymptotically flat

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definition of

→ Return in next lecture (BMS group of symmetries, etc.)

→ Here : enough to think "like flat near infinity"

Remark : in general, consider asymptotic flatness @ spatial and null infinities only (i.e. $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty}$ in spacelike and null directions),

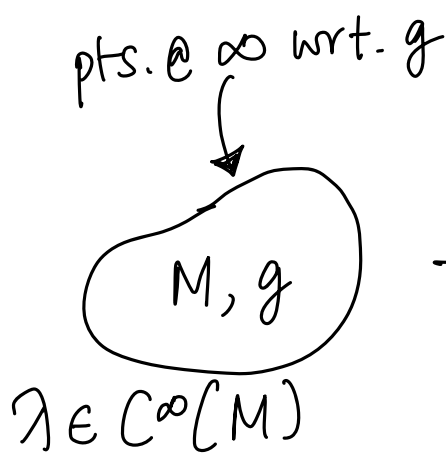
but not @ timelike infinities (i.e. $t \rightarrow \pm \infty$ @ fixed R) — because, we may be interested in physical systems where matter (e.g. a star)

is present @ early and late times, so metric cannot approach flat. ⑥

In all this,

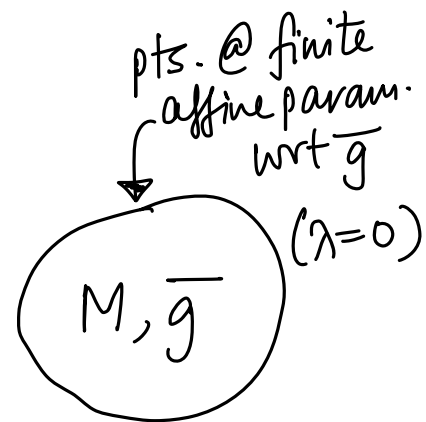
an imp. tool: Conformal Compactification

(infinite boundaries are brought to a finite distance in a larger auxilliary spacetime)



Conformal transf.

$$\bar{g} = \lambda^2 g$$



extension including boundary pts.



Choose λ s.t. (M, \bar{g}) is extendible to some (\bar{M}, \bar{g}) .

Aside: Not all conformal transformations are diffeomorphisms. A diffeo Ξ s.t. $\Xi^*g = \lambda^2g$ is called a conformal isometry.

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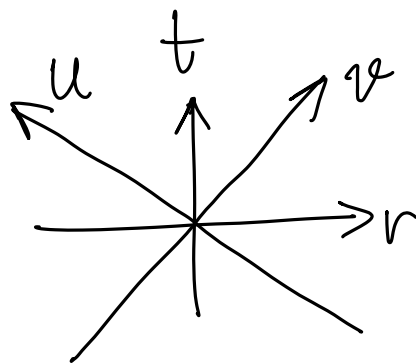
Example: Minkowski $(M, \eta_{\mu\nu})$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + \underbrace{r^2 d\Omega^2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{angular} \\ \text{line element} \\ (S^2)}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{not} \\ \text{(pre)symp.} \\ \text{2-form} \end{array} \uparrow$$

Retarded, advanced time coords:

$$u = t - r$$

$$v = t + r$$



angular $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2$
line element (S^2)

not (pre)symplectic potential!

$$ds^2 = -du dv + \frac{1}{4} (u-v)^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$r \geq 0$$

$$-\infty < u, v < \infty$$

New coords: p, q

$$u = \tan p$$

$$v = \tan q$$

$$-\pi/2 < p \leq q < \pi/2$$

$$g \equiv ds^2 = \frac{1}{4 \cos^2 p \cos^2 q} \left[-4 dp dq + \sin^2(q-p) d\Omega^2 \right]$$

"Infinity": $r \rightarrow \infty, |t| \rightarrow \infty$

original
coords

$$|p| \rightarrow \pi/2, |q| \rightarrow \pi/2$$

new
coords

$$\lambda := 2 \cos p \cos q$$

$$\bar{g} = \lambda^2 g = -4 dp dq + \sin^2(q-p) d\Omega^2$$

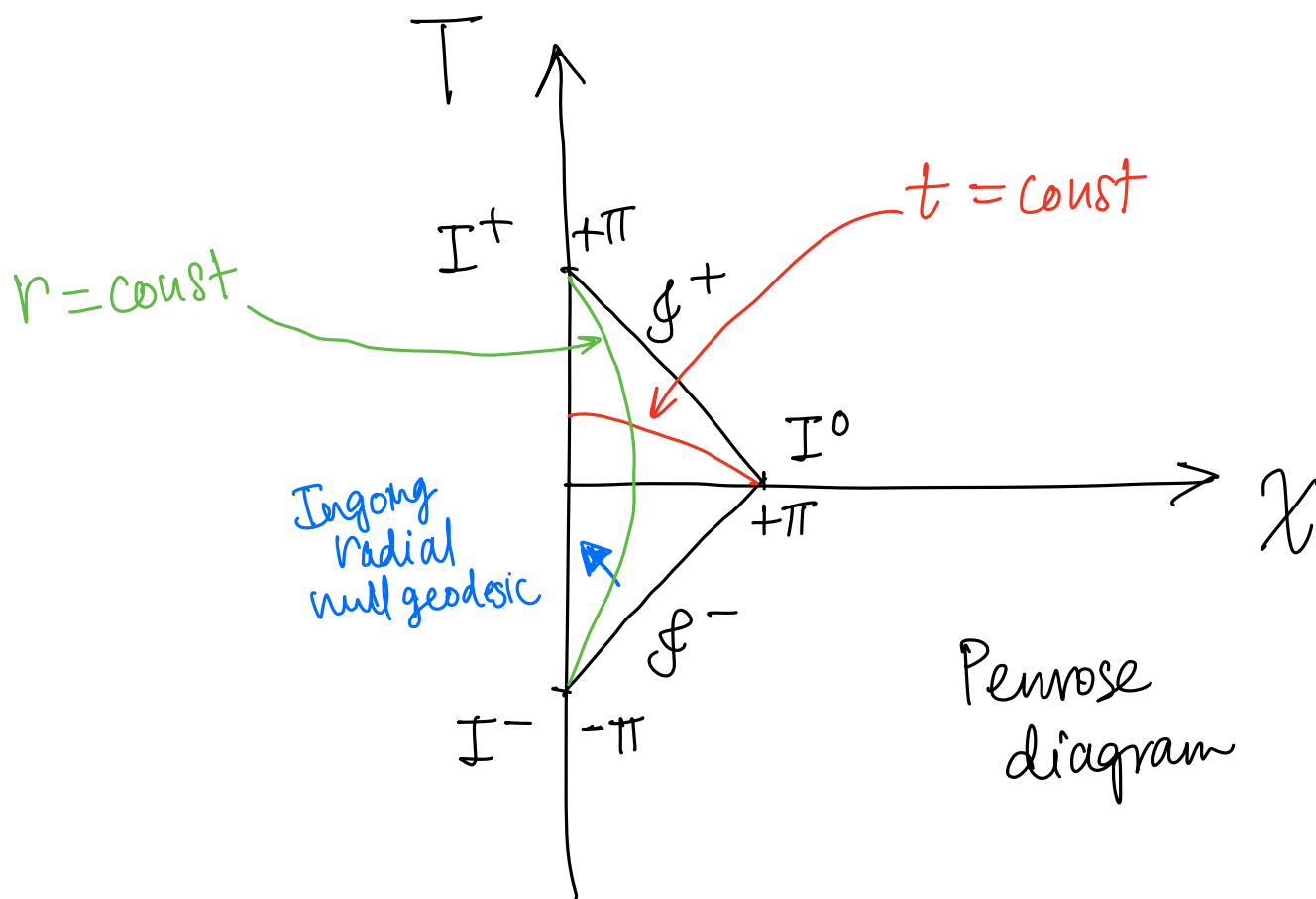
Finally: $T = q+p \in (-\pi, \pi)$

$$X = q-p \in [0, \pi)$$

$$\bar{g} = -dT^2 + dX^2 + \sin^2 X d\Omega^2$$

(of course : flat metric is conformally flat)

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Conformal infinities:

\mathcal{I}^+ future null infity : Region toward which
($r \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow \infty$) outgoing null rays extend

\mathcal{I}^- past null infity : Region from which
($r \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow -\infty$) ingoing null rays come

I^0 spacelike infity : toward which spacelike geodesics extend
($r \rightarrow \infty$, finite t)

I^+ future timelike infity : toward which timelike geodesics extend
($t \rightarrow \infty$, finite r)

I^- past timelike infity : from which timelike geodesics come
($t \rightarrow -\infty$, finite r)

Here: (\bar{M}, \bar{g}) : Einstein static universe
 $\mathbb{R} \times S^3$, $T \in (-\infty, \infty)$
 $\chi \in [0, \pi]$

(M, \bar{g}) : Penrose diagram above

(M, g) : Original Minkowski

boundary ∂M in \bar{M} \longleftrightarrow infinities in Minkowski

Symmetries

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Isometry: diffeo $F_{\xi} \in \text{Diff}(M)$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{L}_{\xi} g = 0.$$

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vector field $\xi \in \mathcal{K}(M)$
diffeo generator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi} g = \nabla_m \xi_n + \nabla_n \xi_m$$

⇒ for isometry:

$$\nabla_{(m} \xi_{n)} = 0 \quad \text{Killing's eqn.}$$

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Killing Vector Field
(KVF)

i.e. KVFs are generators

of 1-parameter group of isometries

Stationary: An asymptotically flat spacetime is stationary if it admits a KVF k that is asymptotically timelike.

(notion of asymptotic time translation symmetry, in generic curved M).

Stationary $\Rightarrow \exists$ coords. (x^{μ}) s.t. $g_{\mu\nu}$ fns. are independent of coord. time

Static: Stationary + Time reversal symmetry
(i.e. invariance under $t \rightarrow -t$)

Axisymmetry: An asymp. flat

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Spacetime is axisymmetric if it admits a KVF m that is asymptotically spacelike and generates isometries isomorphic to $U(1)$ (i.e. all orbits of m are closed).

Stationary and Axisymm:

Asymp. flat spacetime which is stationary, axisymm. and $[k, m] = 0$.

Spherically symmetric: if its isometry group contains an $SO(3)$ subgroup with orbits that are 2-spheres.

In fact, there is only a very limited family of asymp. flat, stationary BH solus. in GR

↳ by BH spacetime, here

we broadly mean: \exists an event horizon s.t. spacetime is non-singular on and outside it.

→ several uniqueness results

• Schwarzschild: unique spherically symm. vacuum soln.

Birkhoff's thm: Any spherically symm. vacuum soln. of Einstein's eqns. is static and isometric to Schwarzschild.

1-parameter family: mass M

Related, Israel's thm: Any asymp. flat (15)
static vacuum BH soln. is spherically
symm. and isometric to Schwarzschild.

- Reissner-Nordström: unique asymp. flat
spherically symm. soln. of
Einstein - Maxwell eqns.

2-parameter family: M , electric charge Q
(excluding non-phys.
magnetic charge)

- Kerr: unique asymp. flat, stationary
and axisymm. vacuum soln.

[Carter-Robinson thm]

2-parameter family: M , angular
momentum J

Together:

- Kerr-Newman family of solns:
 asymp-flat, stationary, axisym
 BH soln. to Einstein-Maxwell

Parameters: M, J, \mathbb{E}

Charged, rotating BHs

Asymp-flat, BH spacetimes:

Schw.	RN	Kerr	KN
vacuum, spherically symm (\Rightarrow static)	Einstein-Maxwell, spherically symm, static	vacuum, stationary, axisym	Einstein-Maxwell, stationary, axisym.
Parameter M	M, \mathbb{E}	M, J	M, J, \mathbb{E}

Schwarzschild BH

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Schw. coords. (t, r, θ, φ)

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

- Regular for $r > 2M$
- Static (\because all $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}(x_i)$ and ds^2 inv. under $t \rightarrow -t$)

$$d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2$$

(spherical symm.)

- KVF $k = \partial_t$

By Birkhoff's thm: spacetime exterior to any sph. symm. body is described by Schw. Interior then depends on the details of $T_{\mu\nu}$ inside. Here, we consider interior $r < 2M$ to also be empty/vacuum (\because want to extend to all r and study the soln....)

• Singularity @ $r = 2M$ ← Coordinate Singularity (see below) (18)

@ $r = 0$ ←
Curvature (hence, physical) Singularity
 $R_{m\nu\sigma\rho} R^{m\nu\sigma\rho} \propto M^2/r^6$

⇒ Coords. (t, r, θ, φ) valid for
 $0 < r < 2M$, $r > 2M$ separately

→ Need extension, to cover all $r > 0$.

• Eddington-Finkelstein (EF) extension

We see above that cannot go from exterior to interior smoothly since

g_{rr} diverges @ $r = 2M$.

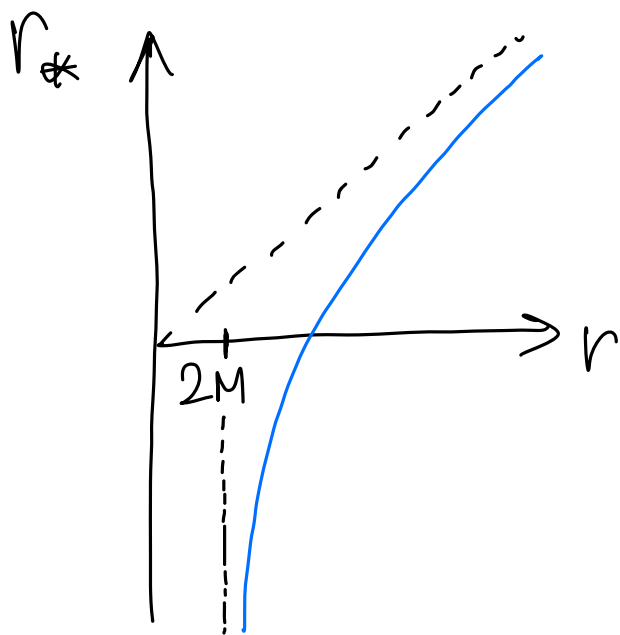
→ want to access $r < 2M$ in a non-singular way

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Regge - Wheeler radial coord.
("tortoise" coord.)

$$dr_{**} = \frac{dr}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)}$$

$$r_{**} = r + 2M \ln \left| \frac{r - 2M}{2M} \right|$$



Advanced, Retarded null coords:

$$v = t + r_{**}$$

$$u = t - r_{**}$$

Radial

1 Geodesic eqns - give:

$$\frac{dt}{dr} = \pm \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1}$$

↖ outgoing
↗ ingoing

Ingoing EF coords: (v, r, θ, φ) (20)

$dv=0, v=\text{const}$: ingoing radial null geodesics

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)dv^2 + 2dvdr + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

\Rightarrow no singularity @ $r=2M$.

But, $r=2M$: special surface

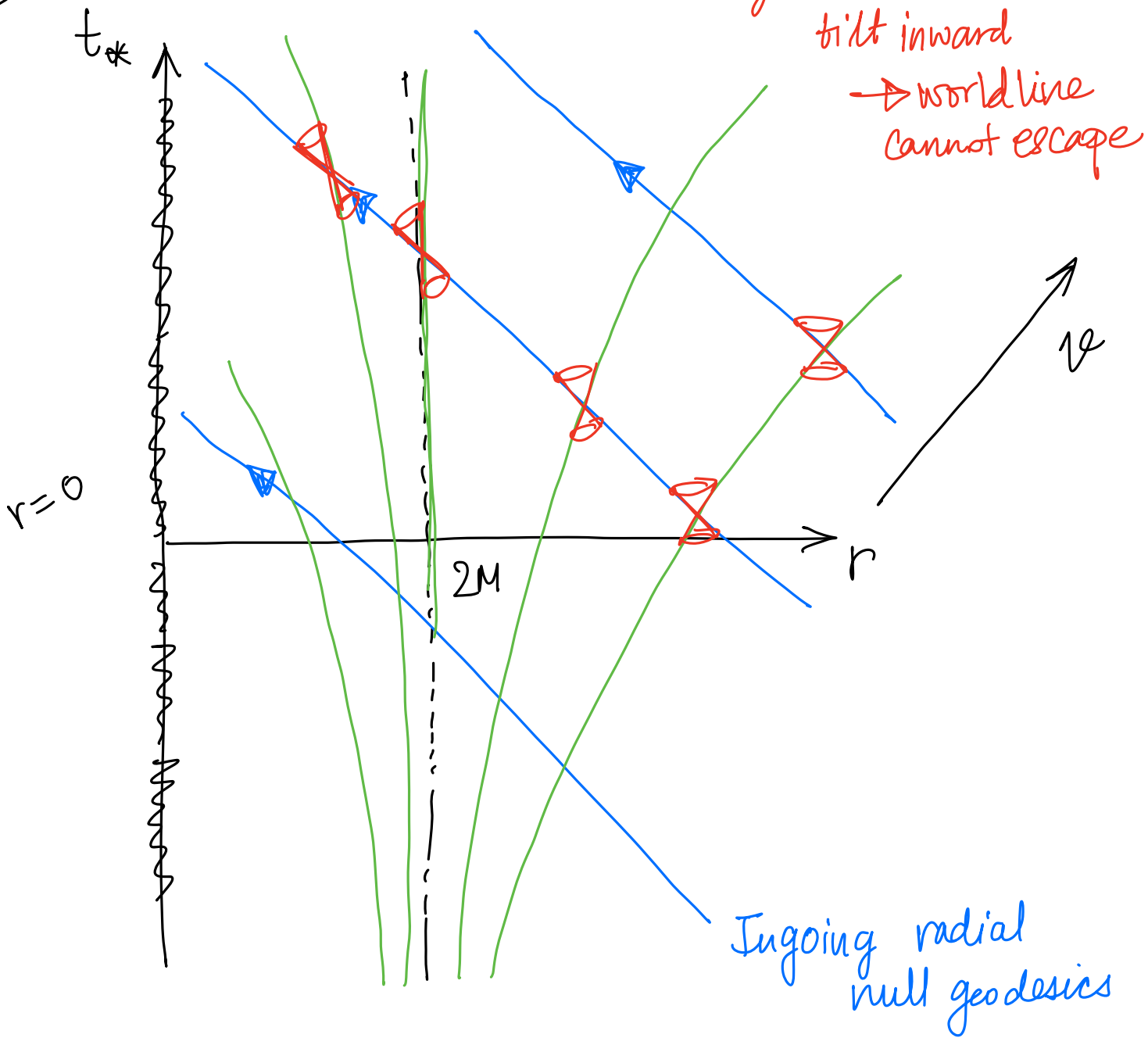
One-way membrane

"event horizon"

No causal curve in $r < 2M$ can reach ∞ on exterior (\mathcal{I}^+).

In other words, once cross $r=2M$, cannot come back out to $r > 2M$.

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$$t_* = v - r$$

Outgoing null geodesics : $du = 0$, $u = t - r_* = \text{const.}$
 \Rightarrow in terms of (v, r, θ, φ) :
 $v = t + r_*$
 $= u + 2r_*$
 $= 2r_* + \text{const.}$

Another way to see that for $r < 2M$, worldlines cannot escape IS:

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Consider $r \leq 2M$, for causal geodesics (i.e. $ds^2 \leq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then: } 2dv - dr &= ds^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dv^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2 \\ &= - \left[-ds^2 + \left(\frac{2M}{r} - 1\right) dv^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right] \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now: For future-directed worldline: $dv > 0$
 $\Rightarrow dr \leq 0$

i.e. causal geodesics in $r < 2M$
can only travel in decreasing
 r direction.

r -direction is timelike in the interior

— Black hole

KVF : $k = \partial_t$ ($r > 2M$)

$$\text{Now: } k = \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial t} \partial_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial v}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Notice } k^2 &= g_{mn} k^m k^n \\ &= g_{vv} = \frac{2M}{r} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow r > 2M: k^2 < 0$ timelike

$r = 2M: k^2 = 0$ null

$r < 2M: k^2 > 0$ spacelike

Similarly, Outgoing EF coords: (u, r, θ, φ)

describes a White Hole ($r < 2M$)

"time reversed BH"

Can see: Substitute $u = -v$ in ds^2_{OUTEF}

\rightarrow isometric, up to sign of time orientation

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) du^2 - 2du dr + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

No causal curve can enter

$r = 2M$ from $r > 2M$, i.e. $dr \geq 0$ for future-directed worldlines in $r < 2M$.

→ r can only increase.

KVF $k = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ in (u, r, θ, φ)

- Kruskal extension (U, V, θ, φ)
 (Maximal analytic extension of Schw.)

Introduce new null coords.

$$U = -e^{-u/4M}, \quad V = e^{v/4M}$$

$(\partial/\partial u, \partial/\partial v$ null VFs)

$$ds^2 = -\frac{32M^3}{r} e^{-r/2M} dU dV + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$r(U, V)$ implicitly defined by:

$$UV = -e^{r/2M} = -e^{r/2M} \left(\frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right)$$

Notice: $r = 2M \Rightarrow UV = 0 \Rightarrow U = 0$ or $V = 0$

\rightarrow two surfaces that intersect
@ $U = 0, V = 0$.

$r = 0 \Rightarrow UV = 1 \rightarrow$ hyperbola with two branches

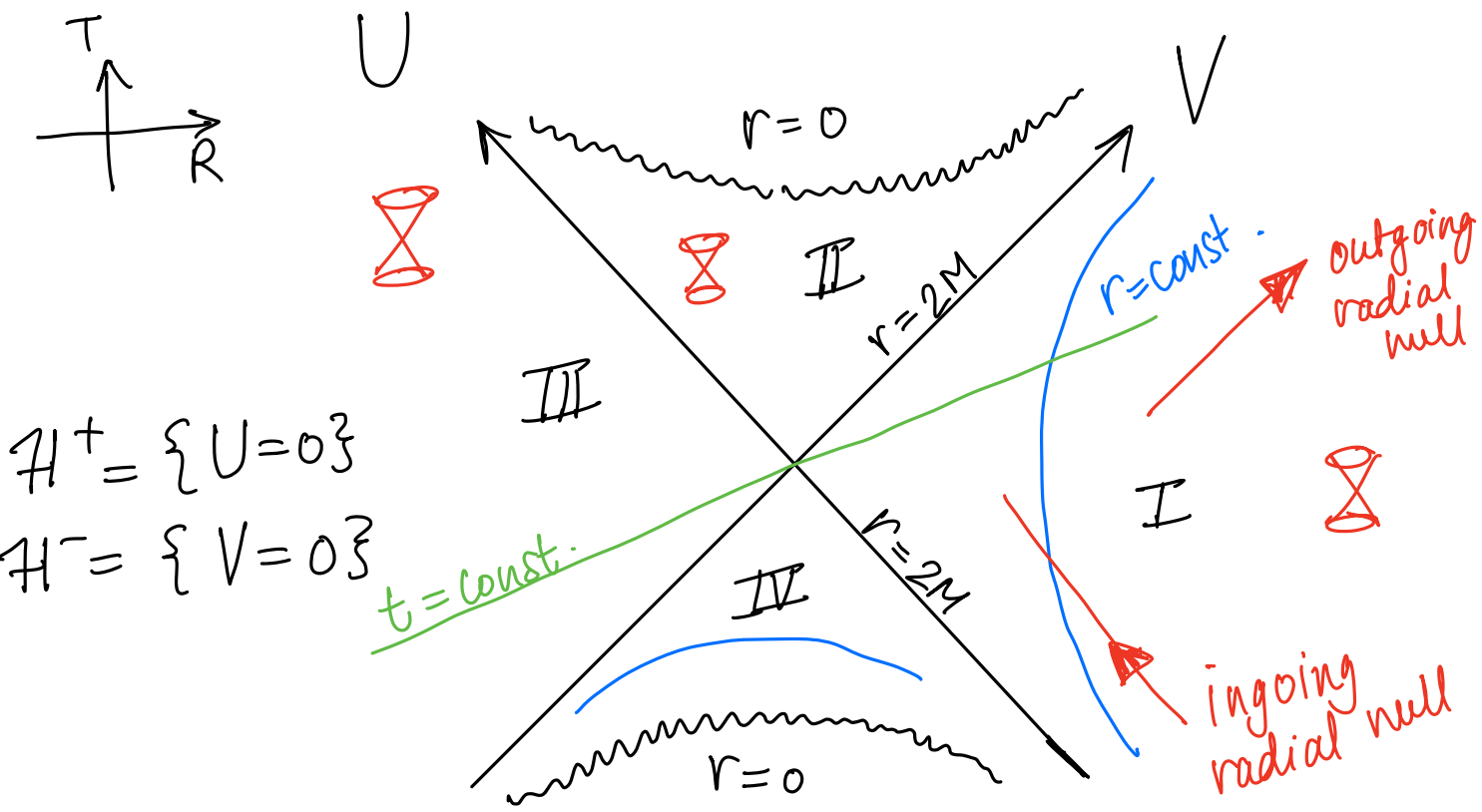
For convenience, can also introduce

timelike, spacelike coords:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(V + U), \quad R = \frac{1}{2}(V - U)$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{32M^3}{r} e^{-r/2M} (-dT^2 + dR^2) + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

where $r(T, R) : T^2 - R^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r}{2M}\right) e^{r/2M}$



$\mathcal{H}^+ = \{U=0\}$
 $\mathcal{H}^- = \{V=0\}$

- Light cones as in Mink. \rightarrow very useful
 \because radial ingoing and outgoing are @ 45°
- Event horizons: $r=2M$, $T = \pm R$
- $r = \text{const.} \iff T^2 - R^2 = \text{const.}$

I, II : Ingoing EF

II : BH

I, IV : Outgoing EF

IV : WH

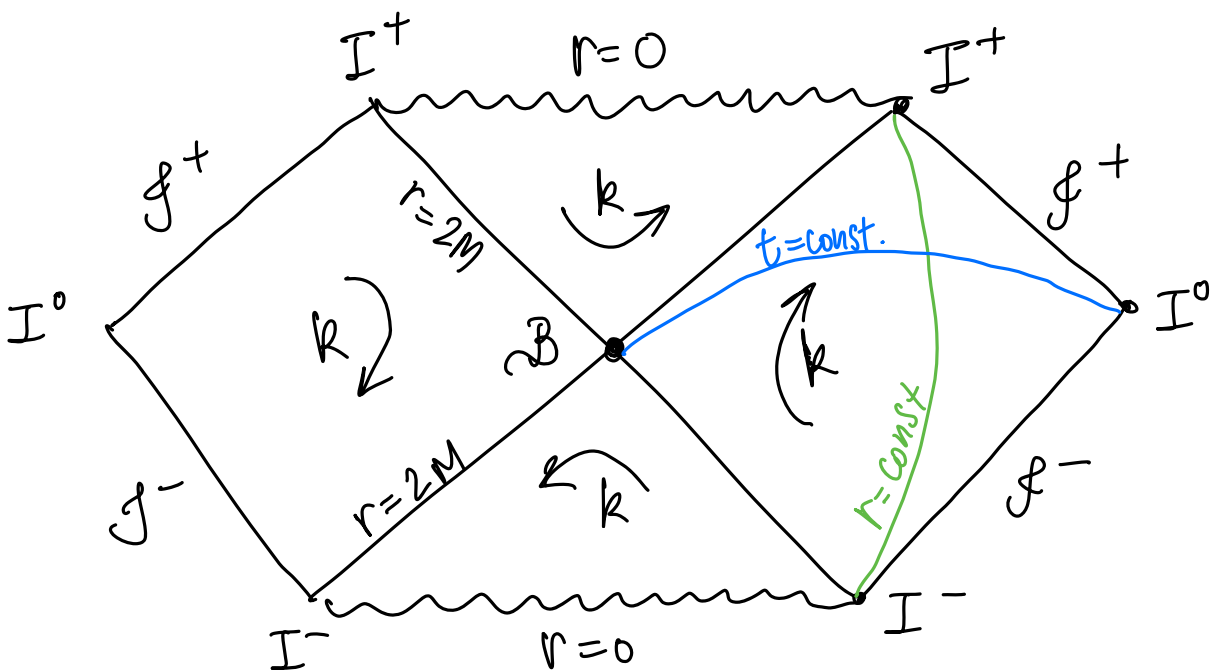
I, III : Isometric, exterior Schw.
 under $U, V \rightarrow -U, -V$

$$KVF: k = \frac{1}{4M} (V \partial_V - U \partial_U) \quad (27)$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2M}{r} - 1 \quad (\text{as before, as should be } \because \text{ scalar})$$

Penrose diagram : Bring ∞ to finite distance

Conformally compactify
Kruskal manifold



\mathcal{B} : Bifurcation surface, here S^2

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$$U=0, V=0, k=0$$

Killing Horizon (KH)

A null hypersurface \mathcal{N} is a KH if

\exists a KVF ξ s.t., on \mathcal{N} , ξ is normal to \mathcal{N} .

Such ξ satisfies:

$$\nabla_{\xi} \xi|_{\mathcal{N}} = \kappa \xi$$

\uparrow surface gravity

$$\kappa = \xi^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \ln |f|$$

where $\xi = f n$, n arbitrary
fn.

$\nabla_n n = 0$
 \uparrow normal to \mathcal{N}

Also : $\nabla_{\Xi} K^2 = 0$ constant on orbits of Ξ

See later : K related to Hawking temperature $(\hbar k / 2\pi)$

Classical interpretation: K is the acceleration of a static particle near \mathcal{N} as measured @ spatial infinity.

E.g. for Kruskal :

Killing horizon $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{H}^+ \cup \mathcal{H}^-$

with KVF $\Xi = k = \frac{1}{4M} (V\partial_V - U\partial_U)$

\mathcal{N} : Bifurcate KH, $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{H}^+ \cap \mathcal{H}^-$

On \mathcal{H}^+ (ie. $\{U=0\}$)

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$$k = \frac{1}{4M} V \partial_V, \quad K = \frac{1}{4M}$$

On \mathcal{H}^- (ie $\{V=0\}$)

$$k = -\frac{1}{4M} U \partial_U, \quad K = -\frac{1}{4M}$$

Kerr - Newman

Boyer - Lindquist
Coords (t, r, θ, φ)

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

where: $\rho = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$, $\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2 + \mathbb{E}^2$

Stationary, axisymmetric.

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$$KVF_s: k = \partial_t, \quad m = \partial_\varphi$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RN: } a = 0 \\ \text{Kerr: } \mathbb{E} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$a = J/M$$

↑
angular
mom.

Both have two ^{types of} horizons: r_{\pm}

$$\Delta = (r - r_+)(r - r_-)$$

RN $(M^2 > \mathbb{E}^2)$

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - \mathbb{E}^2}$$

Kerr $(M^2 > a^2)$

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - a^2}$$

r_+ : event horizon

r_- : Cauchy horizon

→ \bar{M} not globally hyperbolic

Surface gravities

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{r_{\pm} - r_{\mp}}{2r_{\pm}^2}$$

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{r_{\pm} - r_{\mp}}{2(r_{\pm}^2 + a^2)}$$

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Killing horizons $\mathcal{N}_{\pm} : r = r_{\pm}$

KVF

$$\xi = k$$

KVFs

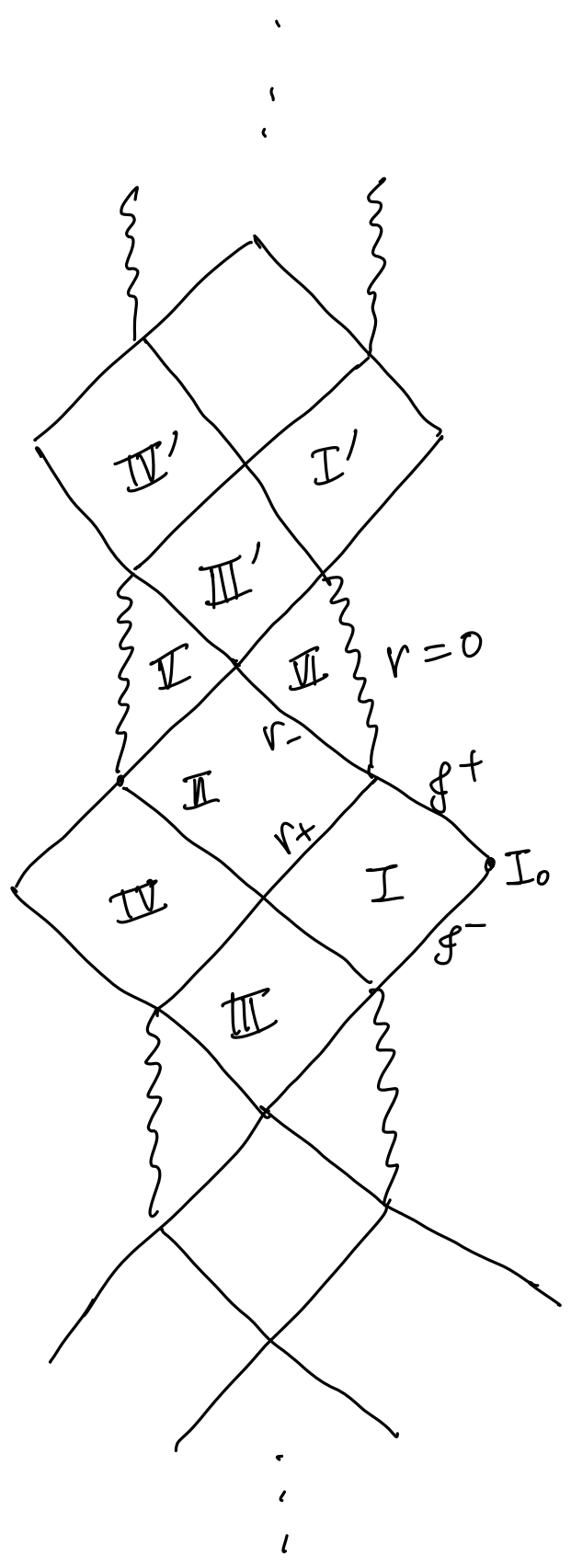
$$\xi_{\pm} = k + \left(\frac{a}{r_{\pm}^2 + a^2} \right) m$$

Event horizon r_+

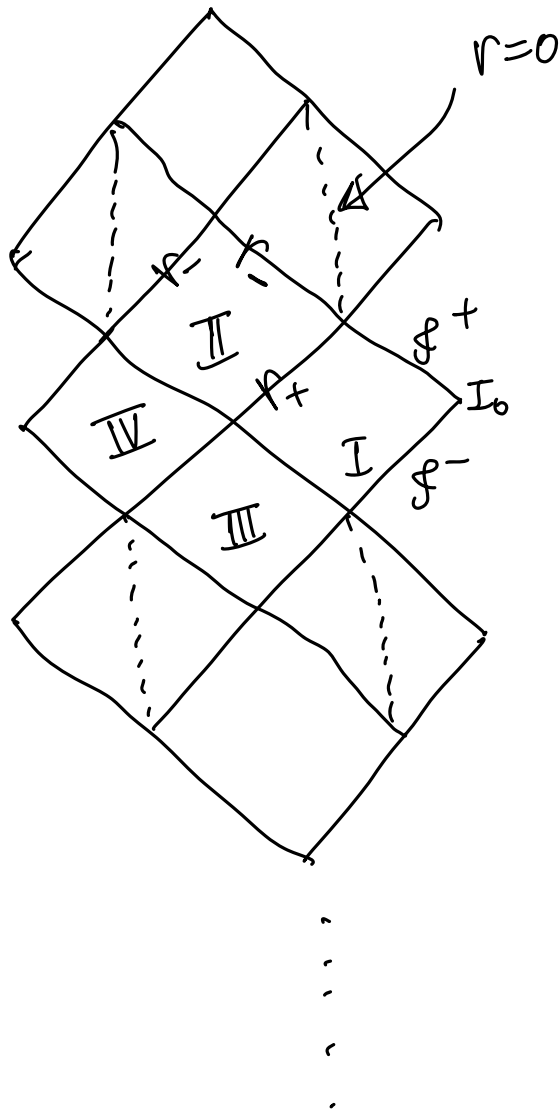
$$\xi = k + \underbrace{\left(\frac{a}{r_+^2 + a^2} \right)}_{\uparrow} m$$

angular velocity
of horizon
 Ω_H

RN
($M^2 > E^2$)



Kerr
($M^2 > a^2$)



Note : $M^2 = a^2$ "Extremal RN"

$M^2 = a^2$ "Extremal Kerr"

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