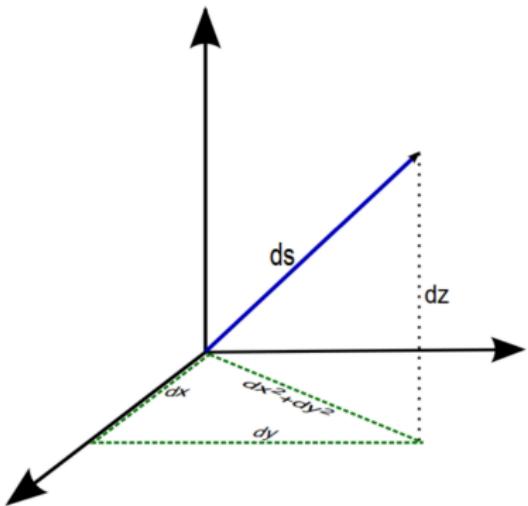


# The Geometry of Light

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In 3D:

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

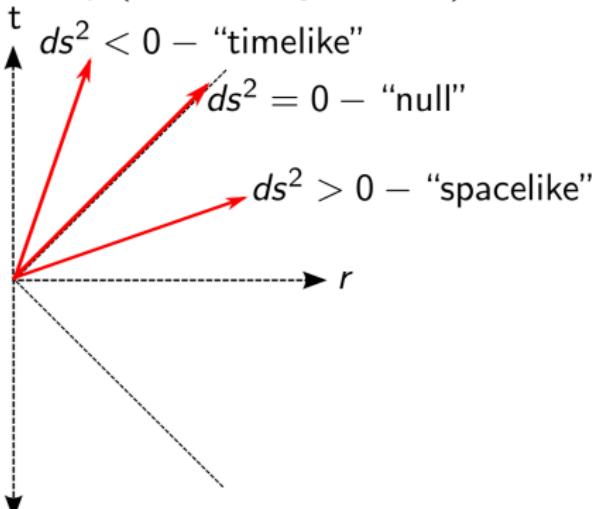
In 4D:

$$ds^2 = dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

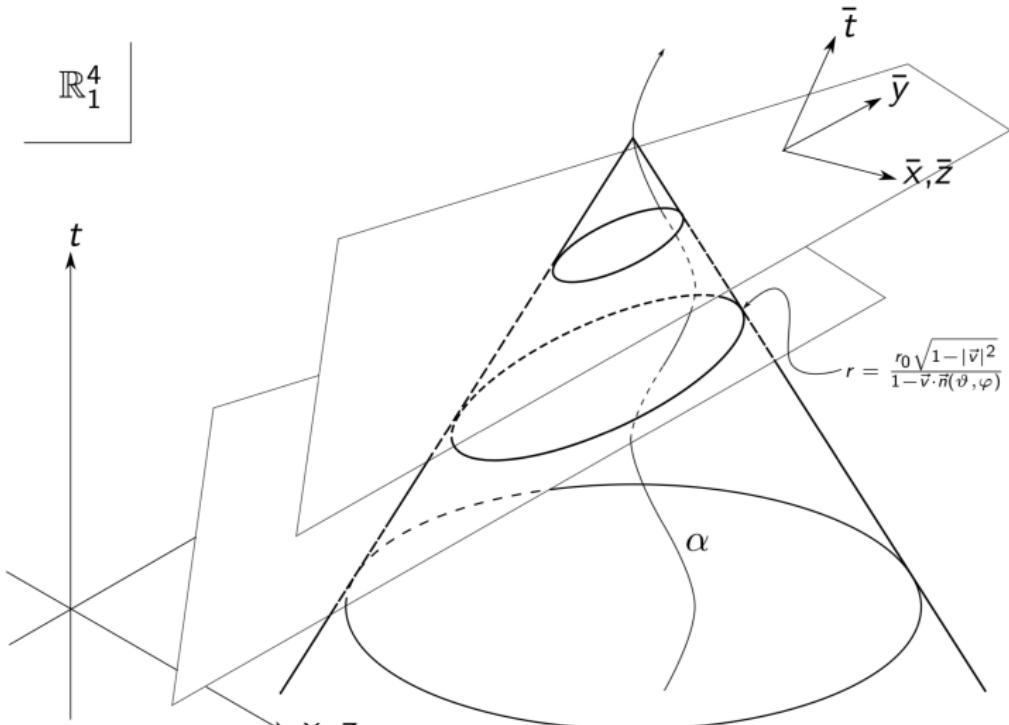
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$(spherical) = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2(d\vartheta^2 + (\sin \vartheta)^2 d\varphi^2)$$

$\xrightarrow{1905}$  Special Relativity (speed of light  $c = 1$ )



(free falling) particle in SR  $\leftrightarrow$  timelike (line) curve  $\langle \alpha', \alpha' \rangle < 0$   
 light-ray in SR  $\leftrightarrow$  null line  $\langle \beta', \beta' \rangle = 0$



For  $\vec{v} \in B^3$  we have a "boost":

$$(t, x, y, z) \xrightarrow{\phi_{\vec{v}}} (\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$$

observers at rest  $\rightarrow$  observers, relative velocity  $\vec{v}$

Can generalize to:

$$ds^2 = \begin{pmatrix} dt & dx & dy & dz \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & g_{01} & g_{02} & g_{03} \\ g_{01} & g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{02} & g_{12} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{03} & g_{13} & g_{23} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{pmatrix}$$

- If signature  $(-, +, +, +) \rightarrow$  "spacetime"
- If functions  $g_{\alpha\beta}(t, x, y, z) \implies$  Curvature.

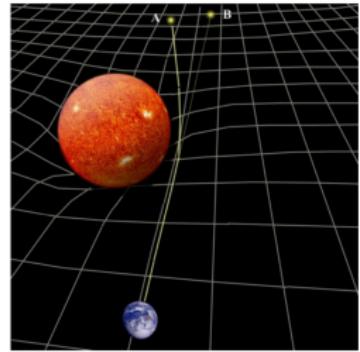
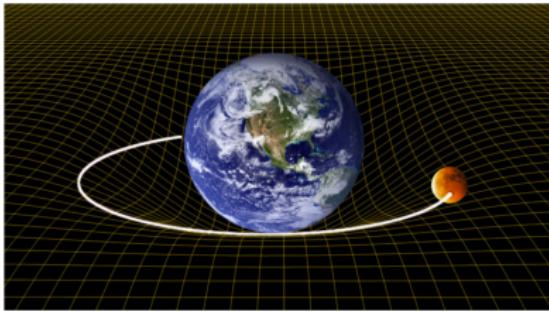
In 1915 Einstein publishes:

$$\text{Curvature of space} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{produces}]{\text{indicates}} \text{Matter content}$$

$$G_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\alpha\beta}$$

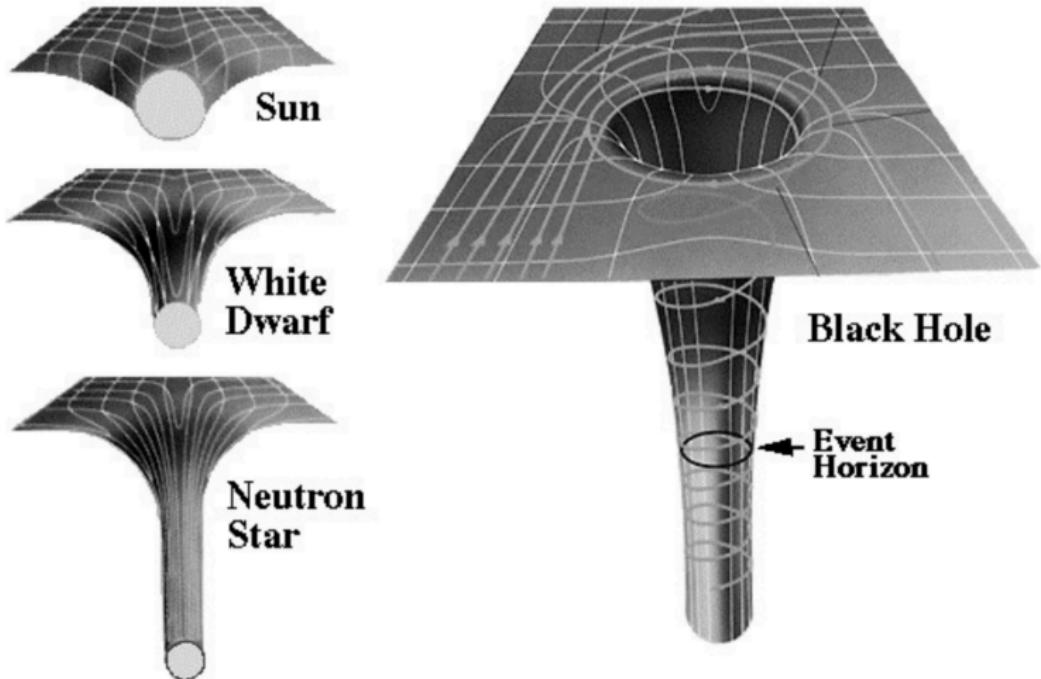
(free-falling) particle in GR  $\leftrightarrow$  (geodesic) timeline curves  
 light-ray in GR  $\leftrightarrow$  null geodesics

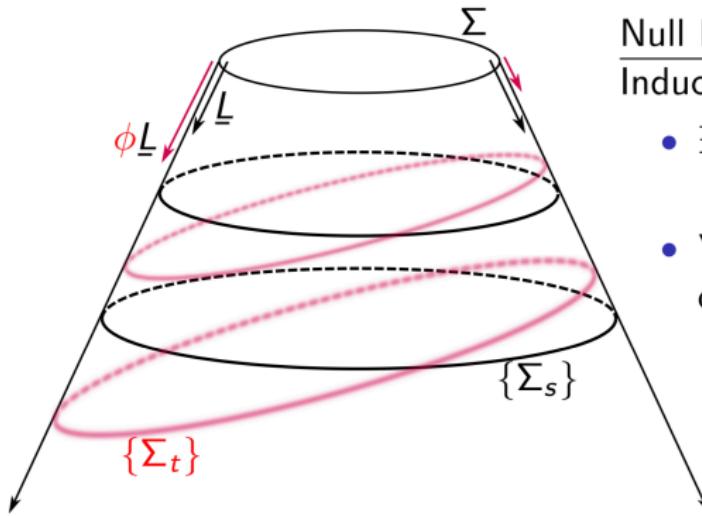
# Observations



curvature affects dynamics  $\implies$  i.e. “gravity”

Singularities in Curvature  $\xrightarrow{GR}$  Extreme Physics!





Null Hypersurface,  $\Omega$ :

Induced metric is degenerate:

- $\exists \underline{L} \in T\Omega \cap T^\perp\Omega \implies \underline{L}$  null!
- $\nabla_{\underline{L}}\underline{L} = 0 \implies$  integral curves geodesic, “light-rays”

Nullcone:

- $\Omega = \{\text{shoot light-rays off of } \Sigma \cong \mathbb{S}^2 \text{ along } \underline{L}\}$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  foliation  $\{\Sigma_s\} \subset \Omega$ ,  $\underline{L}(s) = 1$
- $\underline{L} \rightarrow \phi\underline{L} \implies \{\Sigma_s\} \rightarrow \{\Sigma_t\}$  (i.e.  $\phi\underline{L}(t) = 1$ )  
if  $\phi = \phi(\vartheta, \varphi) \implies$  “geodesic foliation” of  $\Omega$   
if  $\phi = \phi(s, \vartheta, \varphi) \implies$  “general foliation” of  $\Omega$

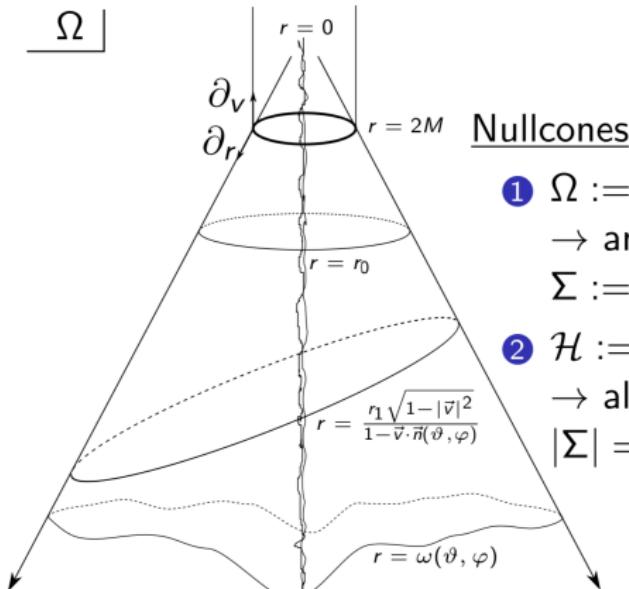
## Schwarzschild Geom., "Sph. Symmetric Vacuum"

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

$$= -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)dv^2 + 2dvdr + r^2(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$

where:  $dv = dt + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1}dr$

$\underline{\Omega}$



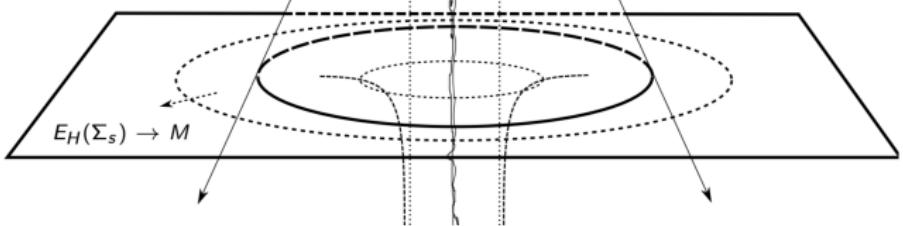
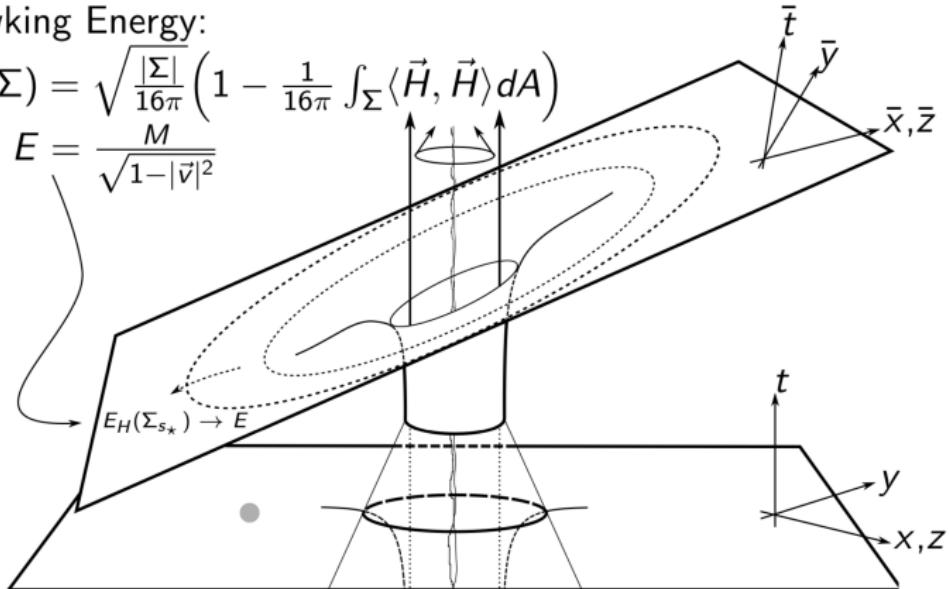
## Nullcones

- $\Omega := \{v = v_0\}: D_{\partial_r} \partial_r = 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  any  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow \Omega$  given by  
 $\Sigma := \{r = \omega(\vartheta, \varphi)\}$
  - $\mathcal{H} := \{r = 2M\}: D_{\partial_v} \partial_v = 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  all  $\Sigma \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}$  have area  
 $|\Sigma| = 16\pi M^2! \implies \text{BH!!}$

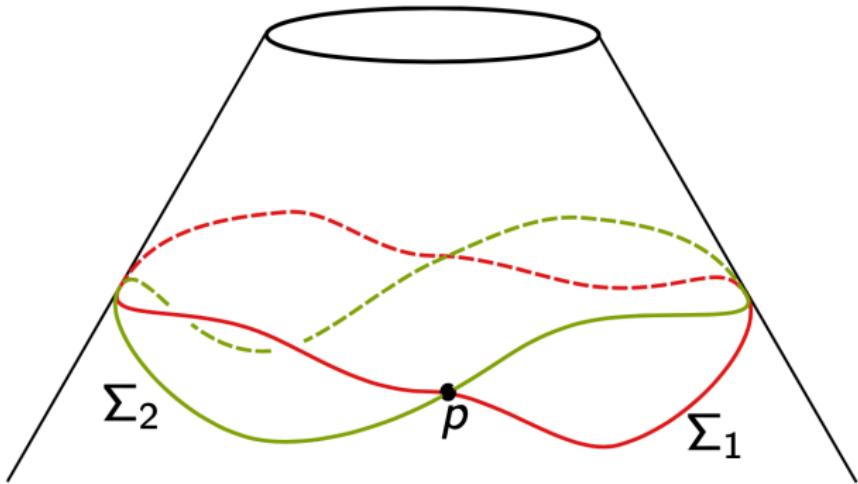
## Hawking Energy:

$$E_H(\Sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma|}{16\pi}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{\Sigma} \langle \vec{H}, \vec{H} \rangle dA \right)$$

$$E = \frac{M}{\sqrt{1-|\vec{v}|^2}}$$



We denote  $\gamma := ds^2|_{\Omega}$ ,  $\underline{\chi} := \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_{\underline{L}}\gamma$ :

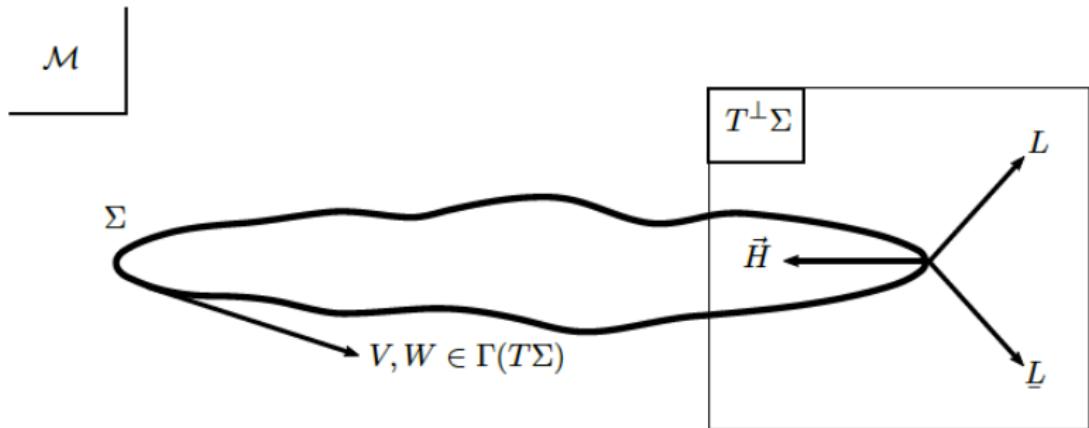


$$\begin{aligned}\underline{L} \in T\Omega \cap T^\perp\Omega &\implies \gamma|_{\Sigma_1}(p) = \gamma|_{\Sigma_2}(p) \\ \nabla_{\underline{L}}\underline{L} = 0 &\implies \underline{\chi}|_{\Sigma_1}(p) = \underline{\chi}|_{\Sigma_2}(p)\end{aligned}$$

i.e. geometry of  $\Sigma \subset \Omega$  “intrinsic” to  $\Omega$ , determined “pointwise”.

$\Sigma \subset \Omega$  admits a normal null basis  $\{L, \underline{L}\} \subset T^\perp \Sigma$ :

$$\langle L, L \rangle = \langle \underline{L}, \underline{L} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle L, \underline{L} \rangle = 2$$



- ① “extrinsic” geometry of  $\Sigma$  “intrinsic” to  $\Omega \leftrightarrow \underline{\chi} := \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_{\underline{L}} \gamma$
- ② “extrinsic” geometry of  $\Sigma$  “extrinsic” to  $\Omega \leftrightarrow \chi := \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_L \gamma$
- ③  $\text{tr } \underline{\chi}(\chi) \sqrt{\det \gamma} = \underline{L}(L) \sqrt{\det \gamma}, \quad \langle \vec{H}, \vec{H} \rangle = \text{tr } \underline{\chi} \text{tr } \chi$
- ④  $\Sigma \subset \Omega \implies \text{tr } \underline{\chi} > 0,$
- ⑤  $\Sigma$  a “Black Hole”  $\iff \text{tr } \chi = 0 \iff \langle \vec{H}, \vec{H} \rangle = 0$

# Positive Energy Theorem

If a Null Cone  $\Omega$  “sits” in physically isolated system,  $\{\Sigma_s\} \subset \Omega$  foliation along  $\underline{L}$ :

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma|_{\Sigma_s}}{s^2} = \gamma_\infty$$

Uniformization Thm  $\implies \gamma_\infty = \phi_\infty^2 d\sigma^2,$

$d\sigma^2 = d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2 \vartheta d\varphi^2$  standard metric on  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . For:

$$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad |\vec{v}| < 1, \quad \omega_{\vec{v}} := \frac{\sqrt{1 - |\vec{v}|^2}}{1 - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}(\vartheta, \varphi)},$$

we expect foliation  $\{\Sigma_t\}$ ,  $t = (\frac{\omega_{\vec{v}}}{\phi_\infty})^2 s + o(s)$ , to give

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E_H(\Sigma_t) = \text{“total energy”} \geq 0.$$

To study  $E_H \implies$  studying  $\langle \vec{H}, \vec{H} \rangle \implies$  studying  $\text{tr } \underline{\chi}, \text{tr } \chi$ :

### Structure Equations

Along  $\{\Sigma_s\}_s$  we have the following propagation equations:

- $\underline{L} \text{tr } \underline{\chi} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr } \underline{\chi}^2 - |\hat{\underline{\chi}}|^2 - G(\underline{L}, \underline{L}),$
- $\underline{L} \text{tr } \chi = G(L, \underline{L}) + 2\mathcal{K} - 2\nabla \cdot \zeta - 2|\zeta|^2 - \text{tr } \chi \text{tr } \underline{\chi}$

$\zeta$  = “connection” on  $T^\perp \Sigma_s$ ,  $\mathcal{K}$  = “Gauss-Curvature” of  $\Sigma_s$ .

### Asymptotics

In an isolated system:

- $\text{tr } \underline{\chi} = \frac{2}{s} - \frac{\theta}{s^2} + o(s^{-2})$
- $\text{tr } \chi = \frac{2\mathcal{K}_\infty}{s} - \frac{\theta}{s^2} + o(s^{-2})$

## A closer look at $\text{tr } \underline{\chi}$

$$\underline{L} \text{tr } \underline{\chi} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr } \underline{\chi}^2 - |\hat{\underline{\chi}}|^2 - G(\underline{L}, \underline{L})$$

① We define  $a = s^2 \text{tr } \underline{\chi} - 2s$ :

$$\implies a = -\underline{\theta} + o(1) \quad \& \quad \underline{L}a = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{s^2} - s^2(|\hat{\underline{\chi}}|^2 + G(\underline{L}, \underline{L}))$$

$$\implies \boxed{\underline{\theta} = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{u^2} + u^2(|\hat{\underline{\chi}}|^2 + G(\underline{L}, \underline{L})) du}$$

② Recall  $\underline{L}(dA_s) = \text{tr } \underline{\chi} dA_s$ :

$$\implies dA_{s_2} = e^{\int_{s_1}^{s_2} \text{tr } \underline{\chi} du} dA_{s_1} = \left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right)^2 e^{\int_{s_1}^{s_2} \frac{a}{u^2} du} dA_{s_1}$$

$$\implies dA_\infty = \frac{e^{\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du}}{s^2} dA_s$$

$$\implies \boxed{dA_s = s^2 e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du} dA_\infty}$$

## Calculating $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} E_H(\Sigma_s)$

$$E_H(\Sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma|}{16\pi}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{16\pi} \int \langle \vec{H}, \vec{H} \rangle dA \right)$$

Consequently, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E_H(\Sigma_s)}{\sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_\infty|}{4\pi}}} &= \\ \frac{s}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{16\pi} \int \left( \frac{2}{s} - \frac{\theta}{s^2} \right) \left( \frac{2\mathcal{K}_\infty}{s} - \frac{\theta}{s^2} \right) s^2 e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du} dA_\infty \right) + o(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi} \int \left( 2\mathcal{K}_\infty \frac{1 - e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du}}{s^{-1}} + (\mathcal{K}_\infty \theta + \theta) e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du} \right) dA_\infty \\ &\quad + o(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \boxed{\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} E_H(\Sigma_s) = \frac{1}{16\pi} \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_\infty|}{4\pi}} \int (\theta - \mathcal{K}_\infty \theta) dA_\infty.}$$

$$\underline{L} \text{tr } \chi = G(L, \underline{L}) + 2\mathcal{K} - 2\nabla \cdot \zeta - 2|\zeta|^2 - \text{tr } \chi \text{tr } \underline{\chi}$$

① We observe:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underline{L}(8\pi s - \int \text{tr } \chi dA_s) \\
 &= 8\pi - \int \underline{L} \text{tr } \chi dA_s + \text{tr } \chi \underline{L}(dA_s) \\
 &= 8\pi - \int G(L, \underline{L}) + 2\mathcal{K} - 2\nabla \cdot \zeta - 2|\zeta|^2 dA_s \\
 &= \int 2|\zeta|^2 + G(\underline{L}, -L) dA_s \\
 \implies & \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (8\pi s - \int \text{tr } \chi dA_s) \\
 &= \boxed{- \int \text{tr } \chi_0 dA_0 + \int_0^\infty \int 2|\zeta|^2 + G(\underline{L}, -L) dA_u du}
 \end{aligned}$$

② Considering asymptotics:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8\pi s - \int \operatorname{tr} \chi dA_s \\
 &= \int \left( 2\mathcal{K}_\infty s - \left( \frac{2\mathcal{K}_\infty}{s} - \frac{\theta}{s^2} \right) (s^2 e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du}) \right) dA_\infty + o(1) \\
 &= \int \left( 2\mathcal{K}_\infty \frac{1 - e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du}}{s^{-1}} + \theta e^{-\int_s^\infty \frac{a}{u^2} du} \right) dA_\infty + o(1) \\
 \implies & \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (8\pi s - \int \operatorname{tr} \chi dA_s) = \boxed{\int (-2\mathcal{K}_\infty \underline{\theta} + \theta) dA_\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining both expressions for  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} (8\pi s - \int \operatorname{tr} \chi dA_s)$ :

$$\boxed{\int (\theta - 2\mathcal{K}_\infty \underline{\theta}) dA_\infty = - \int \operatorname{tr} \chi_0 dA_0 + \int_0^\infty \int 2|\zeta|^2 + G(\underline{L}, -L) dA_u du}$$

Combining everything:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} E_H(\Sigma_s)}{\frac{1}{16\pi} \sqrt{\frac{|\Sigma_\infty|}{4\pi}}} &= \int (\theta - \mathcal{K}_\infty \underline{\theta}) dA_\infty \\ &= \int (\theta - 2\mathcal{K}_\infty \underline{\theta}) dA_\infty + \int \mathcal{K}_\infty \underline{\theta} dA_\infty \\ &= - \int \text{tr } \chi_0 dA_0 \\ &\quad + \int \int_0^\infty \left( (2|\zeta|^2 + G(\underline{L}, -L)) u^2 e^{-\int_u^\infty \frac{a}{t^2} dt} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{a^2}{2u^2} + u^2 (|\hat{\chi}|^2 + G(\underline{L}, \underline{L})) \mathcal{K}_\infty \right) du dA_\infty \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, choosing  $t = (\frac{\omega_{\bar{v}}}{\phi_\infty})^2 s + o(s) \implies \mathcal{K}_\infty = 1$ . Choosing  $\Sigma_0$  to be a Black Hole, or a point, yields non-negative total energy.

**Proof by: Piotr T Chruciel and Tim-Torben Paetz 2014 Class.  
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## THANK YOU!!

### Pictures

- Einstein equation: [manyworldstheory.com](http://manyworldstheory.com)
- Sun and light: <http://www.zamandayolculuk.com/cetinbal/HTMLdosya1/RelativityFile.htm>
- Earth and Moon: <https://einstein.stanford.edu/MISSION/mission1.html>
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