

Figures of lecture 4

Evolution of black holes and the second law

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These lectures

provide an introduction to BH thermodynamics

- focussing on classical (non-quantum) aspects
- keeping the spacetime dimension n general
- not restricting the theory of gravity to general relativity

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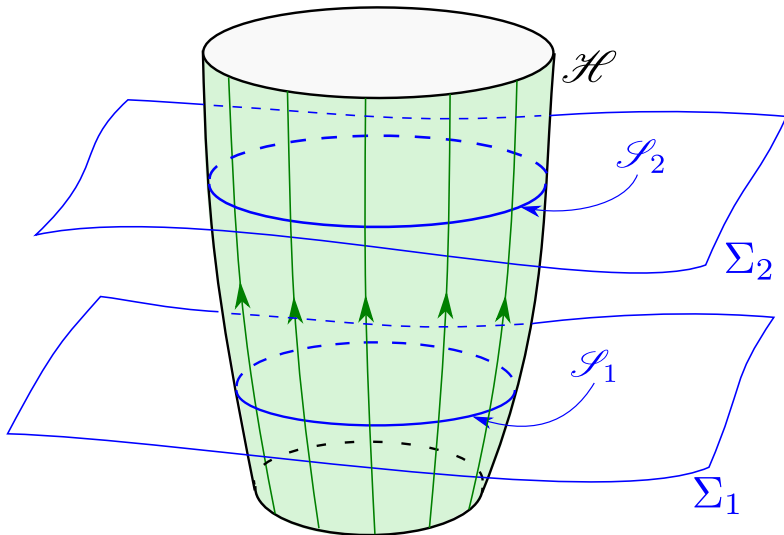
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includes

- the lecture notes (draft)
- some SageMath notebooks
- these slides

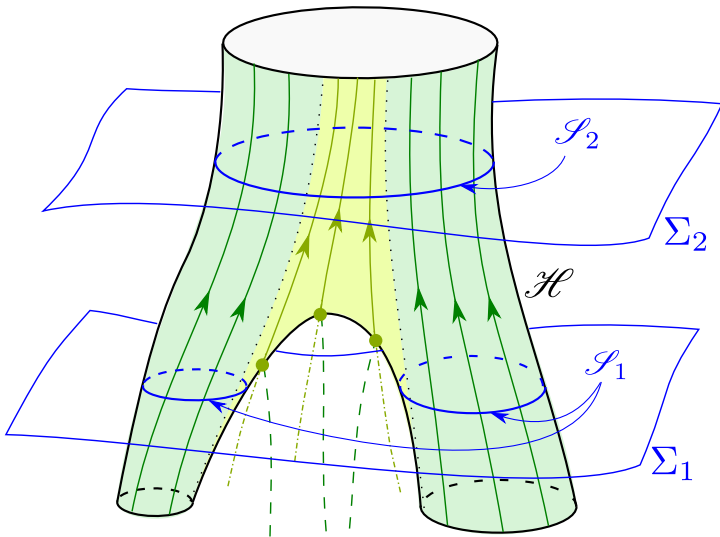
Area theorem

Smooth part of the event horizon

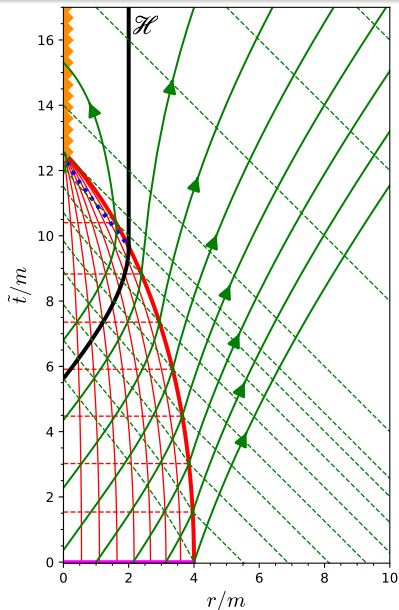


Area theorem

Generic case



Horizon growth in the Oppenheimer-Snyder collapse



Collapse of a ball of pressureless matter (dust) initially at rest

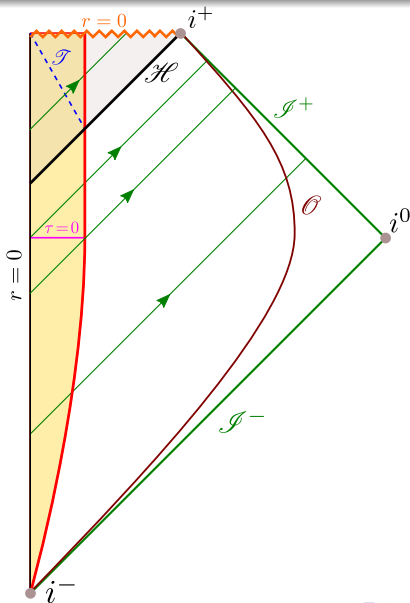
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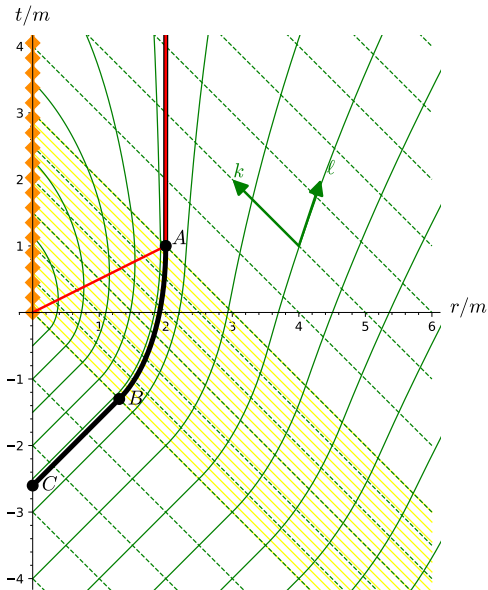
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SageMath notebook: https://nbviewer.org/github/egourgoulhon/BHlectures/blob/master/sage/Oppenheimer_Snyder.ipynb

Carter-Penrose diagram of the Oppenheimer-Snyder collapse



Horizon growth in the Vaidya collapse



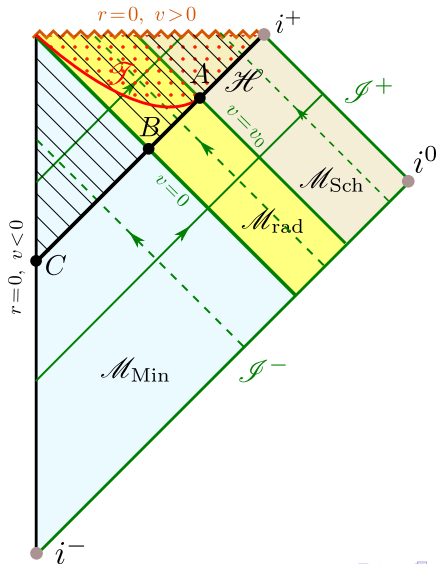
Collapse of shell of
electromagnetic radiation

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ΔE is maximal if m_f is minimal; given the above inequality, this is achieved for $a_i = m_i \implies 2m_f^2 \geq m_i^2 \implies m_f \geq 2^{-1/2} m_i$

$$\implies \Delta E \leq \left(1 - 2^{-1/2} \right) m_i \simeq 0.29 m_i$$

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ϵ is maximal if m_3 is minimal; given the above inequality, this is achieved for $a_1 = m_1$, $a_2 = m_2$ and $a_3 = 0$

$$\implies 2m_3^2 \geq m_1^2 + m_2^2 \implies m_3 \geq \sqrt{(m_1^2 + m_2^2)/2}$$

$$\implies \epsilon \leq 1 - \frac{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2}}{\sqrt{2}(m_1 + m_2)}$$

The maximum of the r.h.s. is achieved for $m_1 = m_2$ and is $1/2$, hence the upper bound:

$$\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

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Case of initially non-spinning equal-mass BHs (Hawking, 1971)

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The GW efficiency for inspiralling binaries is actually much lower

Inspiralling binary BH merger with $m_1 = m_2$ and $a_1 = a_2 = 0$:
numerical relativity $\implies a_3 = 0.68 m_3$ and $\epsilon = 0.048$

[Scheel et al., PRD **79**, 024003 (2009)]