

# Overview and Innerview of Black Holes

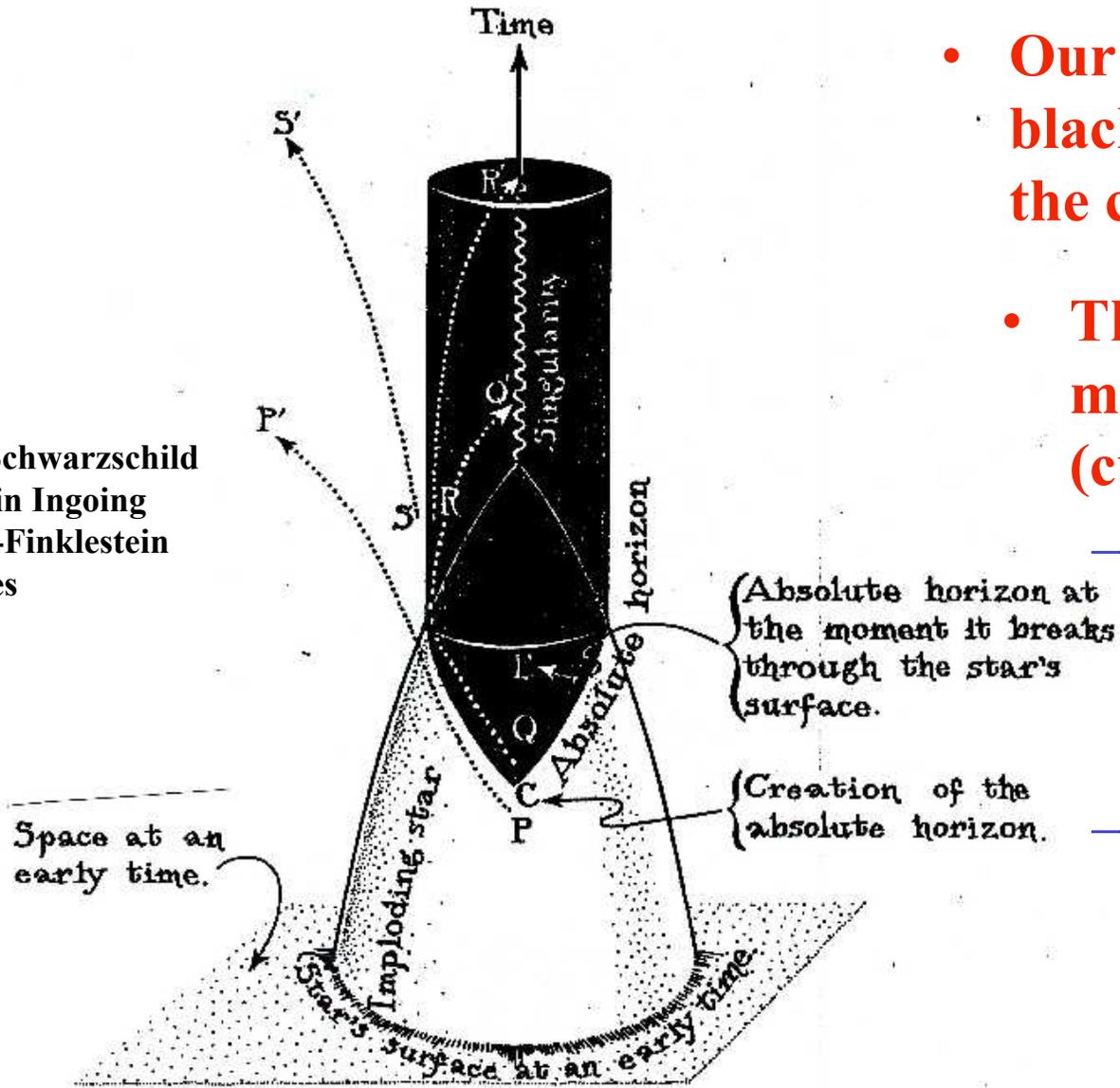
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Beyond Einstein: From the Big Bang to Black Holes

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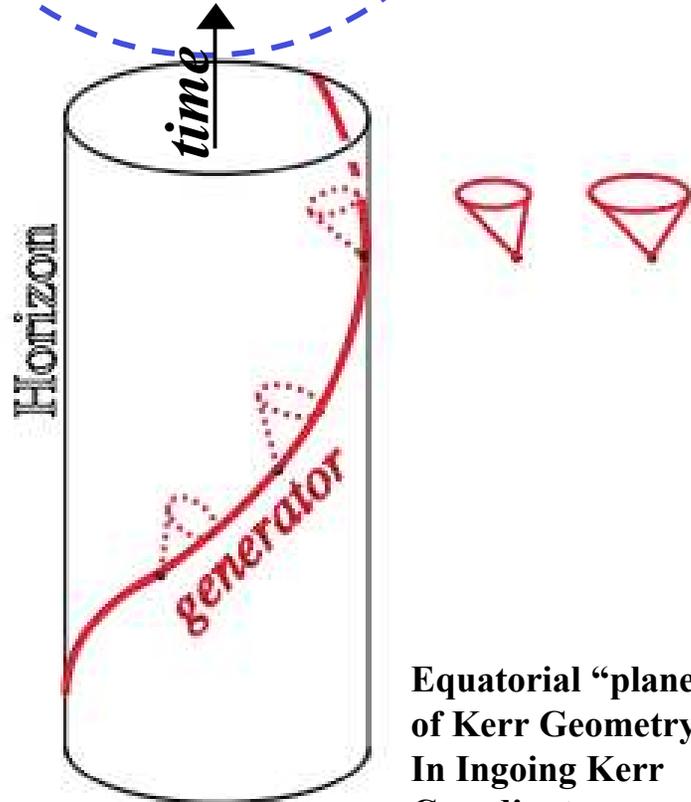
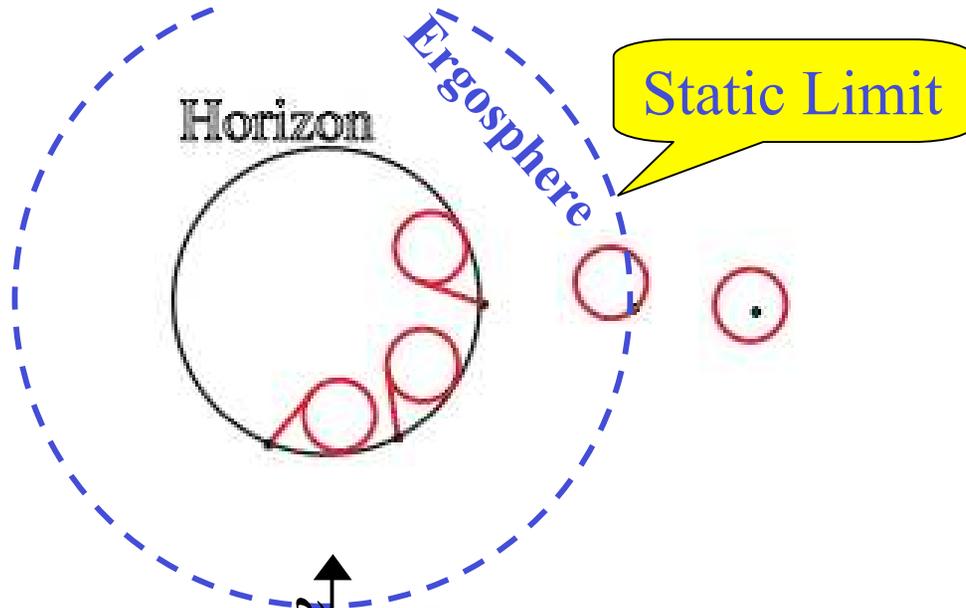
# Black Hole Created by Implosion of a Star

Exterior: Schwarzschild  
Geometry in Ingoing  
Eddington-Finkelstein  
Coordinates



- **Our Focus: quiescent black hole long after the collapse.**
- **The black hole is made from warped (curved) spacetime**
  - The energy that produces the warpage is in the warpage itself
  - [nonlinearity of Einstein's equations]

# Spinning Black Hole Kerr Solution of Einstein's Equations

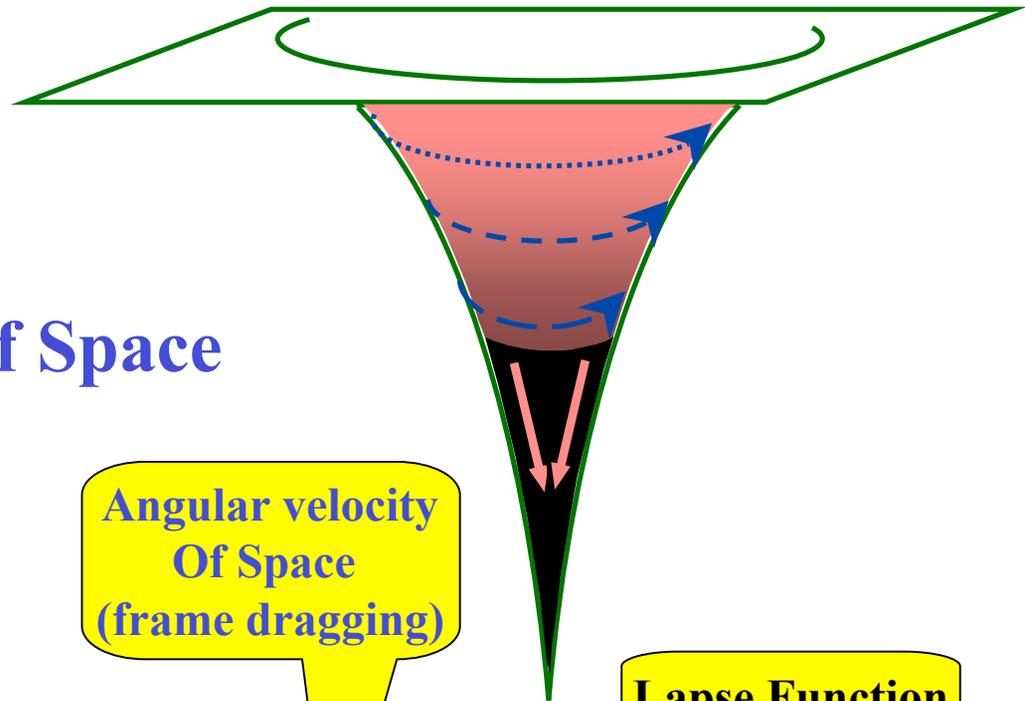


Equatorial "plane"  
of Kerr Geometry  
In Ingoing Kerr  
Coordinates

*Split Spacetime  
into  
Space + Time*

# Three Aspects of Spacetime Warpage for Quiescent Black Hole

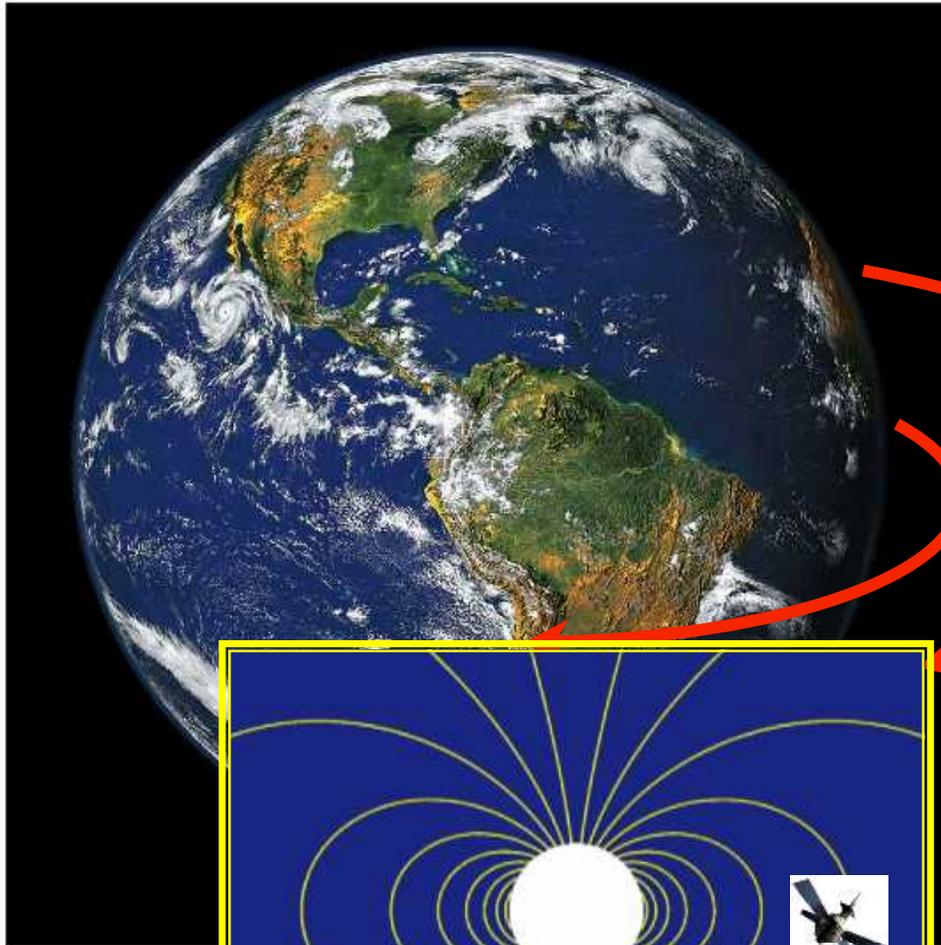
- **Curvature of Space**
- **Warping of Time**
- **Rotational Motion of Space**



$$ds^2 = g_{rr}dr^2 + g_{\theta\theta}d\theta^2 + g_{\phi\phi}(d\phi - \omega dt)^2 - \alpha^2 dt^2$$

space curvature
space rotation
time warp

# Angular Velocity of Space (Frame Dragging)



$$\omega = 2G J / r^3$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}$$

*Gravity Probe B*

$$\Omega = 1/2 \text{ curl } \mathbf{v}$$

Alternative Viewpoint:  
“Gravitomagnetism”

$\mathbf{A} = \omega \times \mathbf{r}$  GM potential

$\mathbf{H} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A}$  GM field

$$\Omega = 1/2 \mathbf{H}$$

# Overview

## Predictions from the Golden Age of Black-Hole Theory (1963 - 1976)

- Black-Hole Uniqueness (for quiescent hole,  $M$  and  $J \Rightarrow$  all)
  - (“no hair theorem”)
- Cosmic Censorship (no naked singularities)
- Evolution of Horizon in Response to Tidal Gravity of Companion
- Rotational Energy and its Extraction
- The First and Second Laws of Black-Hole Mechanics
- Black-hole Vibrations (normal modes of oscillation)

## Discuss these in context of LISA’s Gravitational-Wave Observations

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## Go Beyond the Golden Age Predictions:

- The nonlinear dynamics of wildly disturbed BHs
- The structure of a black hole’s interior

# Black-Hole Uniqueness (“No-Hair” Theorem)

[Israel, Carter, Robinson, ...]

- All quiescent astrophysical black holes are described by the Kerr metric, plus weak perturbations due to companions, accretion disks, magnetic fields, ...
- Kerr metric is fully determined by two parameters:
  - Hole’s mass  $M$  (as manifest in Kepler’s laws for distant planets)
    - or  $GM/c^2 = M$  [ $M_{\text{sun}} = 1.5 \text{ km}$ ]
  - Hole’s spin angular momentum  $J$  (as manifest in frame dragging)
    - or  $J/Mc = a$
    - $a$  cannot exceed  $M$  ; for  $a > M$  the Kerr metric describes a naked singularity
- “A black hole has no hair”

Really: 2 Hairs

# Examples of Black-Hole Properties as functions of $M, a$

- Horizon angular velocity

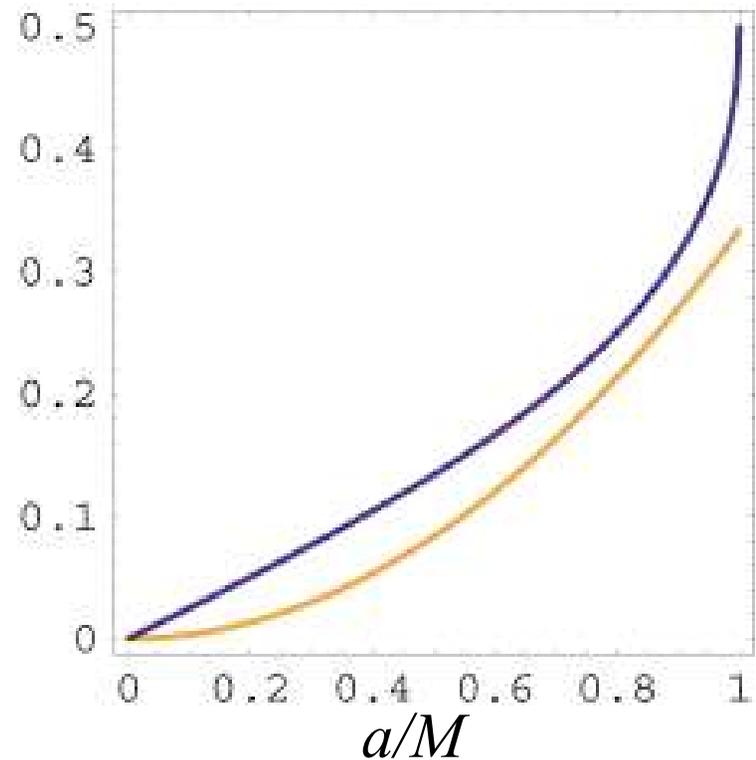
( $\omega$  at Horizon):

$$\Omega_H = (a/M)(c/M)/(1+\sqrt{1-a^2/M^2})$$

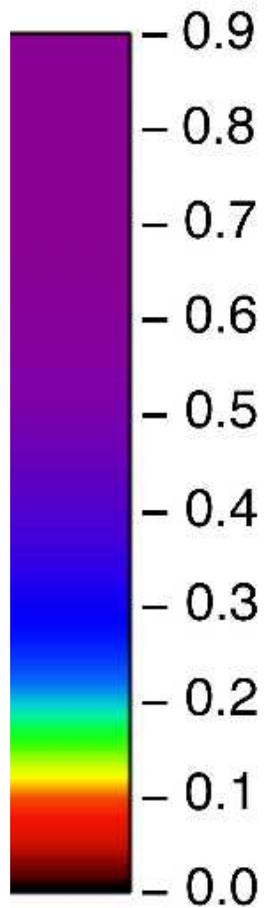
in units of

$$c/M = (0.2 \text{ rad/sec})(10^6 M_{\text{sun}}/M)$$

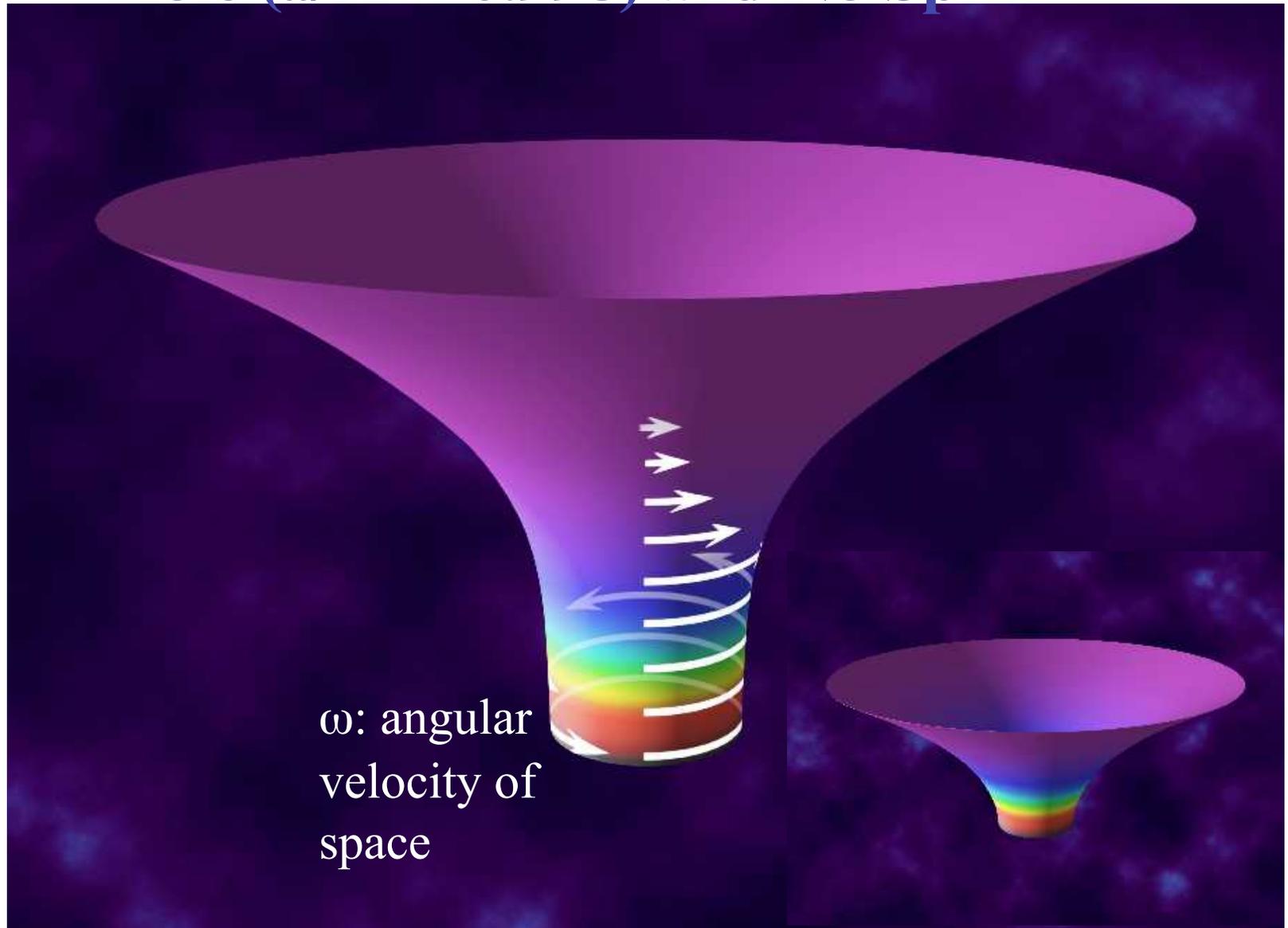
- Mass quadrupole moment,  
•  $Q = Ma^2/3$ , in units of  $MM^2$



# Map of Spacetime Geometry for a Fast-Spinning Hole ( $a/M = 0.998$ ) and No Spin

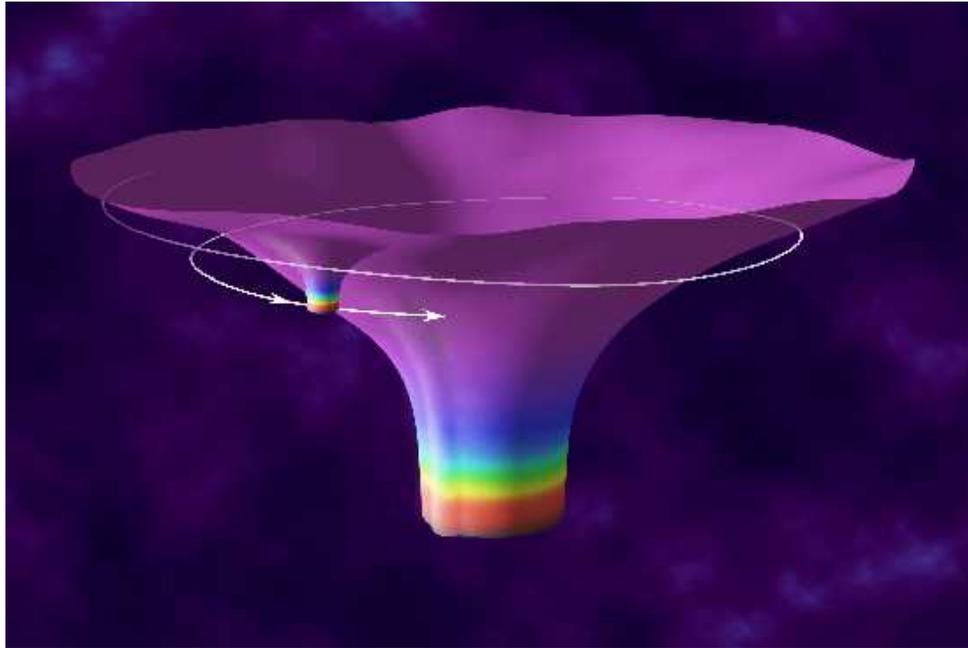


$\alpha$ : Rate of Time Flow,



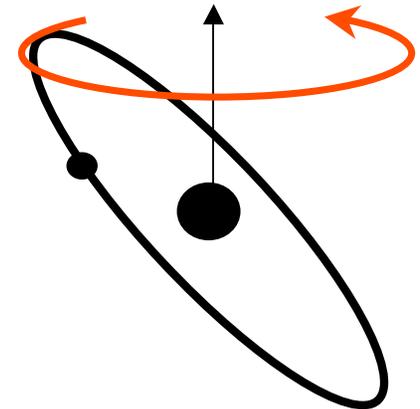
$\omega$ : angular velocity of space

# Mapping a Large Hole's Spacetime Curvature via Gravitational Waves: LISA

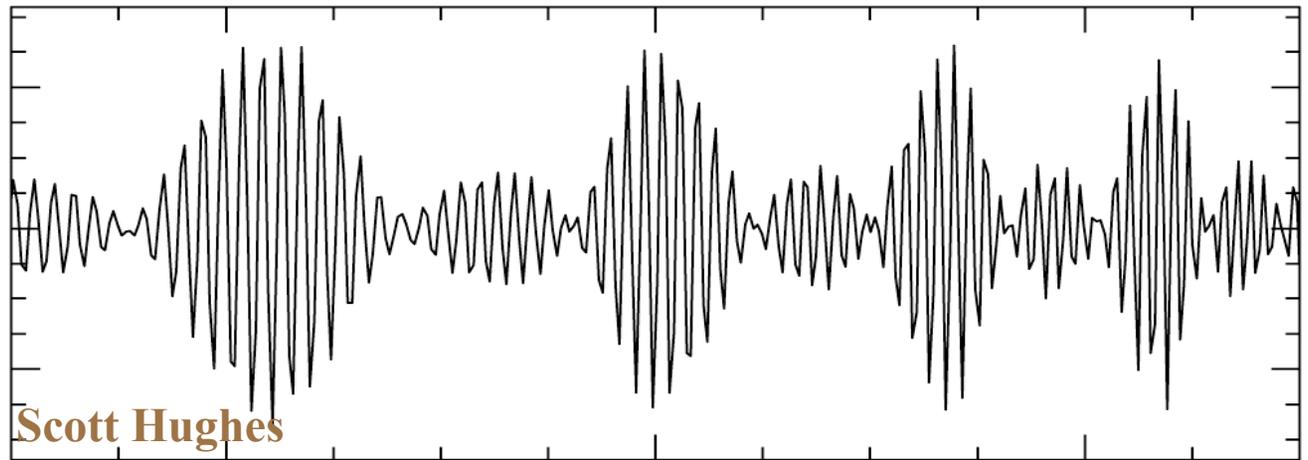


EMRI: Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral

Map  $\Leftrightarrow$  two families of multipole moments



Full map encoded in waveform's phase evolution [Ryan]

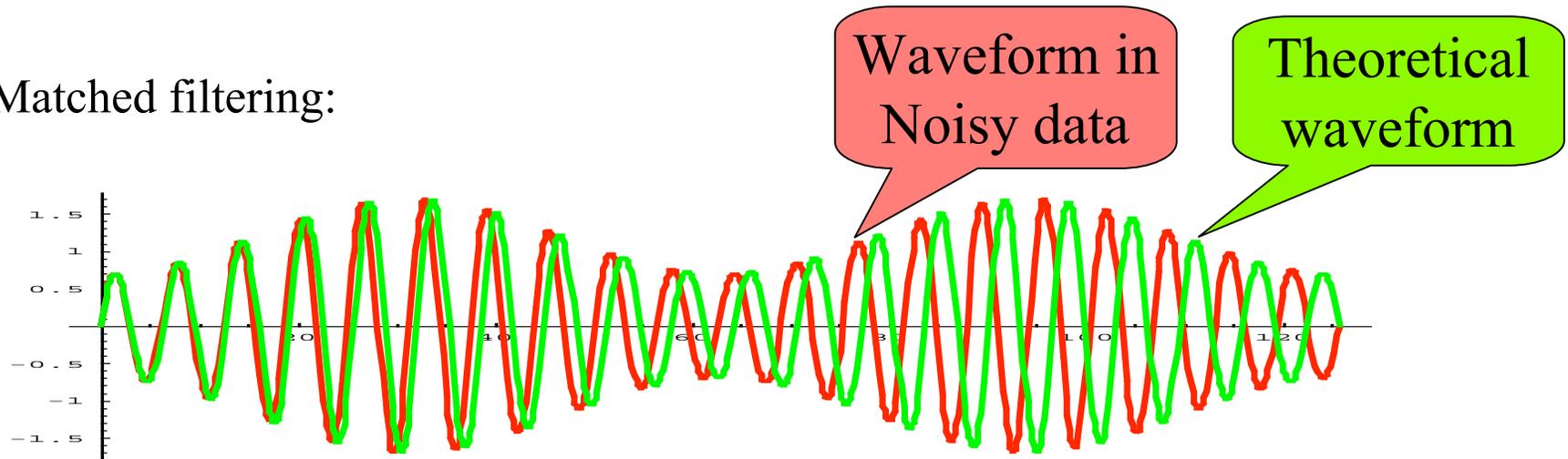


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time

# Extracting the Map

- Matched filtering:



- If waveform phase  $\phi(t)$  slips by  $\sim 1$  radian, it is obvious in cross correlation
- LISA's ideal source:  $\sim 10 M_{\text{sun}}$  hole spiraling into  $\sim 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$  hole:
  - $\sim 200,000$  cycles of waves in last year, emitted from orbital circumferences  $\sim 6 \times$  (horizon circumference) and smaller.  
*[Phase measurable to a part in a million]*

# Cosmic Censorship Conjecture

## [Penrose]

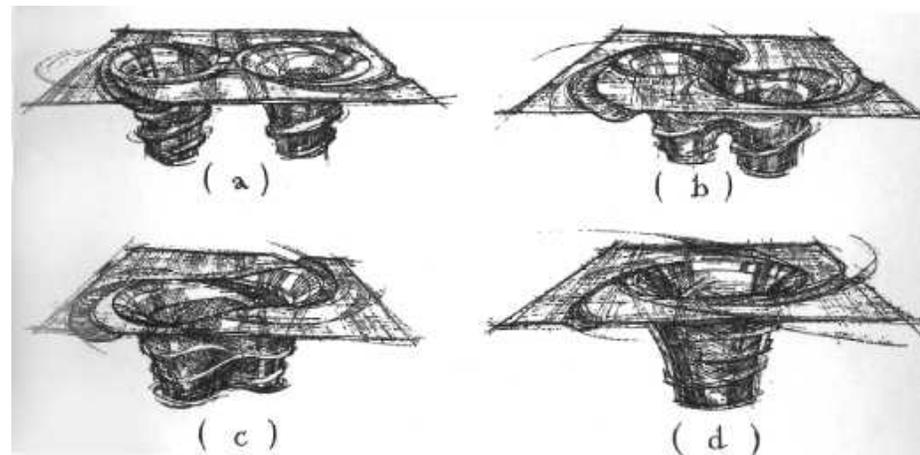
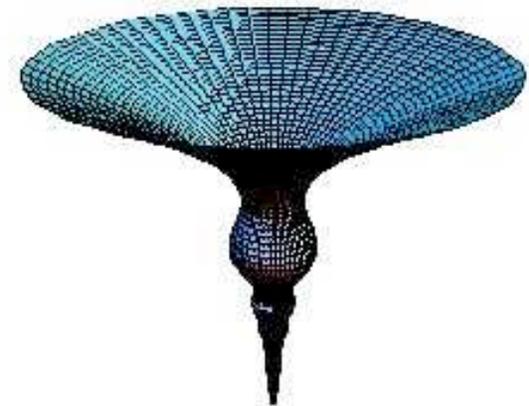
- In the modern universe (as opposed to the big bang):
  - Singularities occur only inside black holes
- No Naked Singularities

- GW searches for naked singularities:
  - Map the spacetime geometry of massive body

LISA's EMRI observations

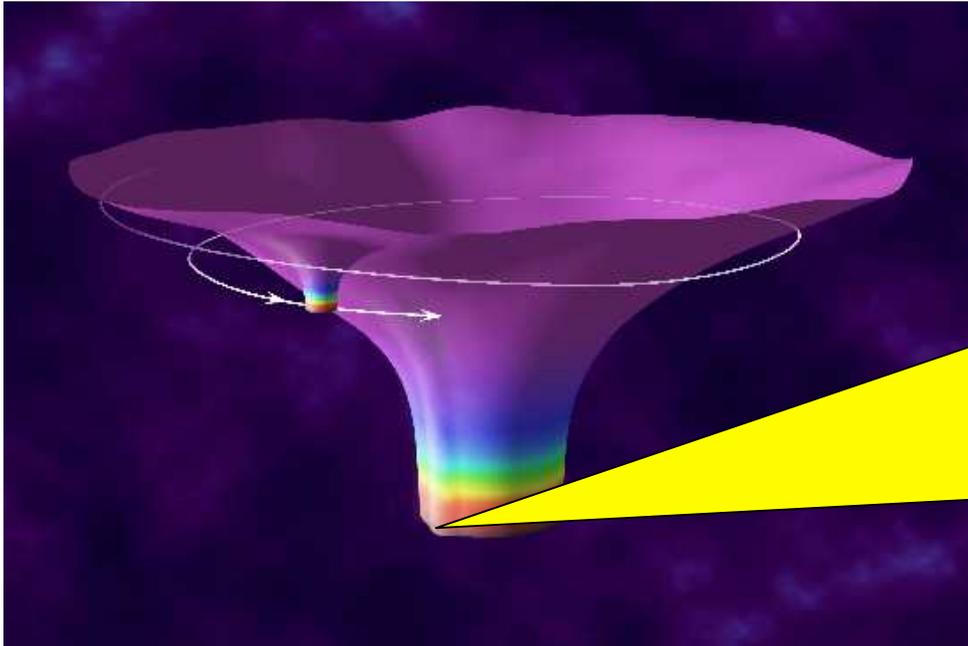
- Collisions of Black Holes:  
is the final object a black hole?

Will be tested by  
LISA (and LIGO)



# Tides on a Black-Hole Horizon

## Horizon Evolution



### **TIDE**

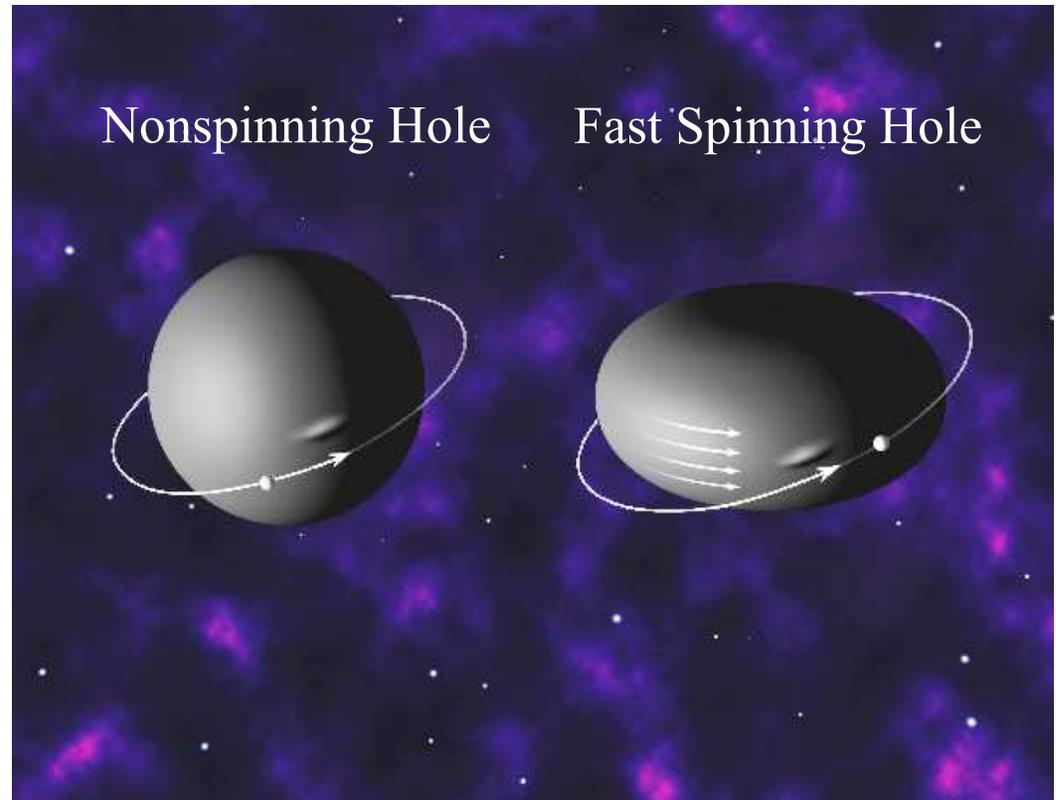
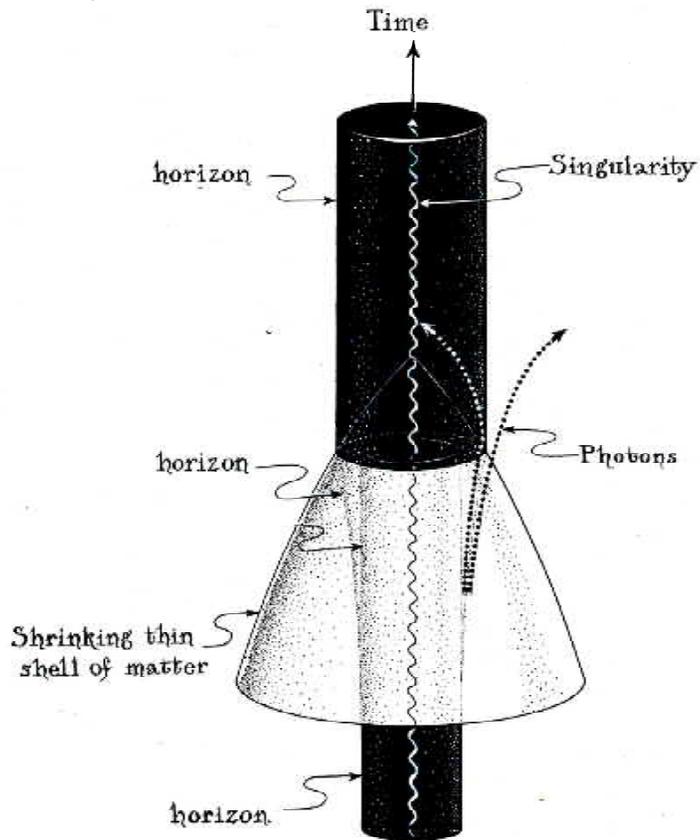
**Tidal dissipation in horizon  
alters hole's mass and spin  
[Hartle and Hawking]**

**Induced multipole moments:  
pull on small hole; alter its orbital  
energy & angular momentum;  
alter the GW phase evolution**

**Will be observed in  
detail by LISA**

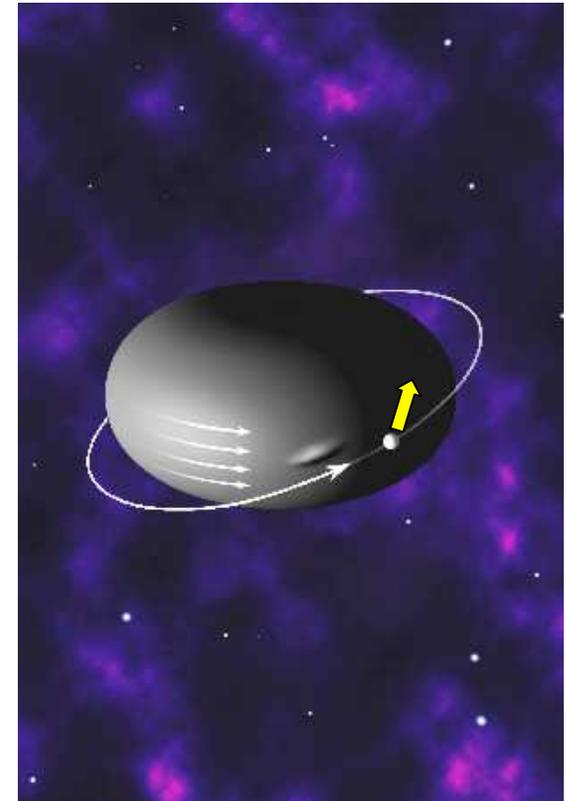
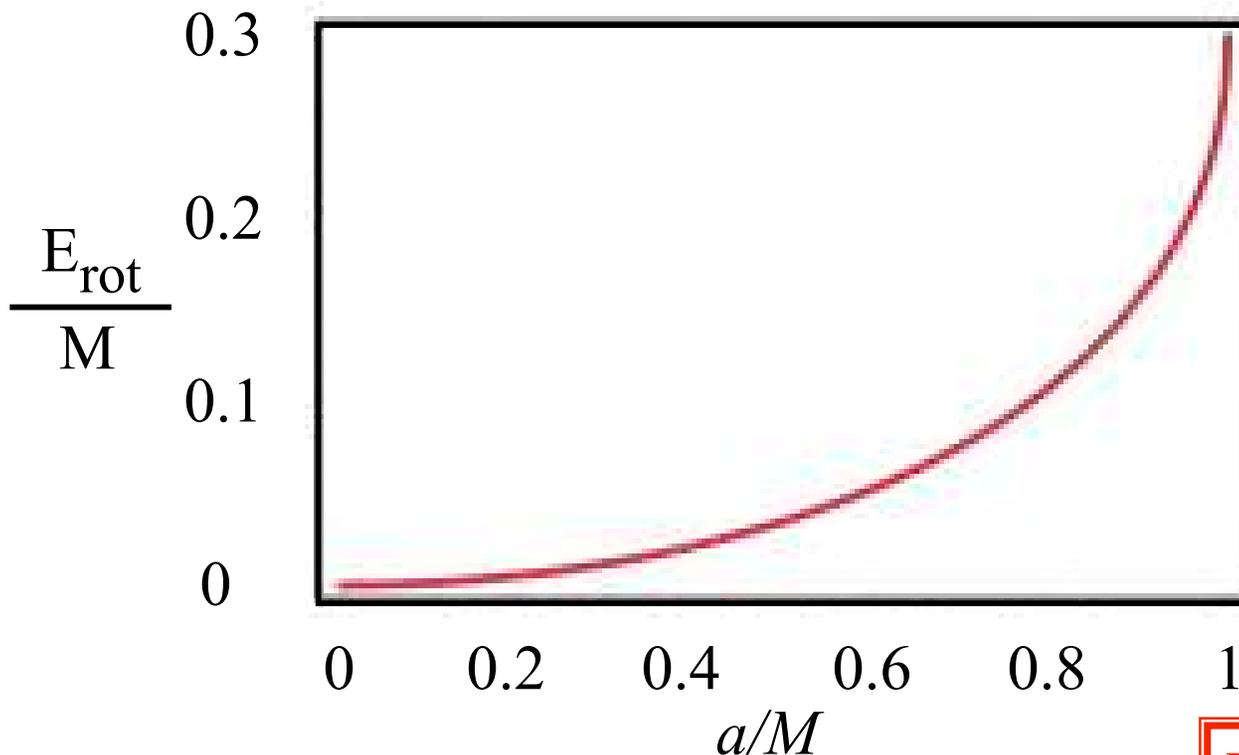
# Horizon's Teleological Evolution

- Collapse of a thin shell onto a black hole
- Tide raised on horizon by small companion



# Rotational Energy and Its Extraction

- Rotational energy resides in the whirling space outside the hole, and is extractable



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# The Laws of Black Hole Mechanics

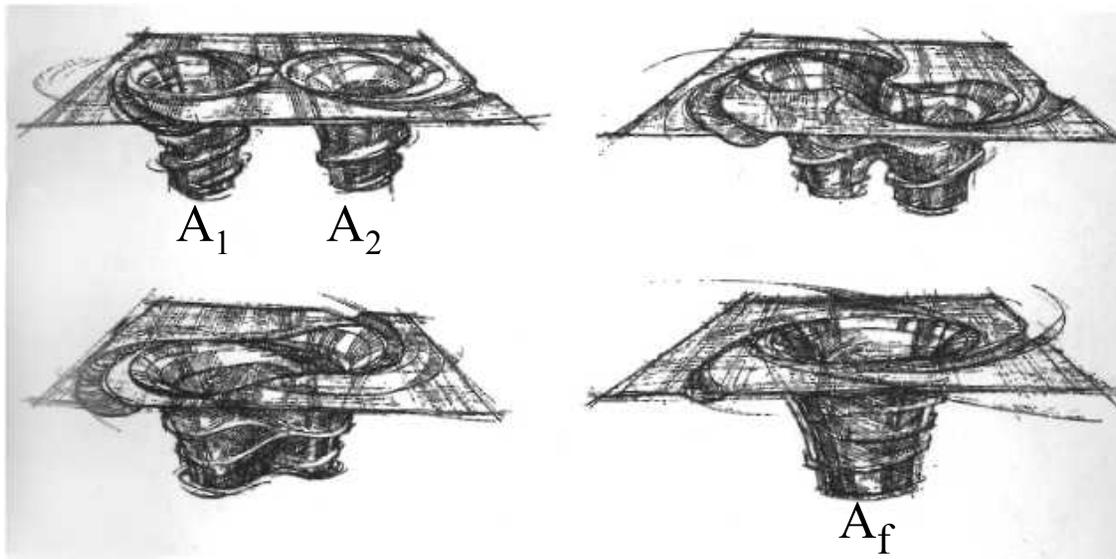
- First Law -- connecting one quiescent (Kerr) BH state to another

$$- dM = \Omega_H dJ + (g_H/8\pi)dA_H$$

Surface gravity =  
 $\lim \alpha a$

Horizon  
area

- Second Law -- for highly dynamical holes as well as quiescent:  
The horizon area  $A_H$  can never decrease
  - Example: Black-Hole Collisions:

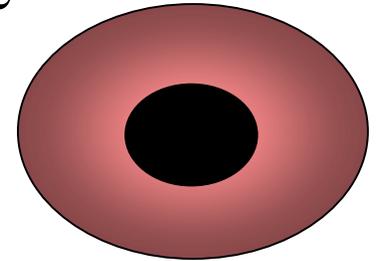


$$A_f > A_1 + A_2$$

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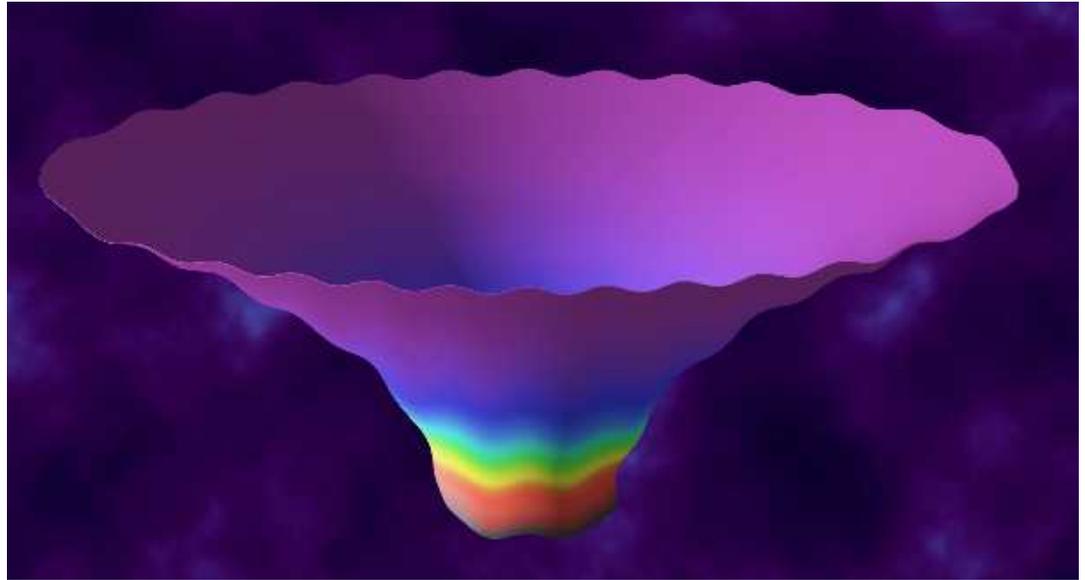
# The Laws of Black Hole Thermodynamics

- Stationary Observers outside a black hole see the horizon surrounded by a thermal atmosphere, with temperature  $T = T_H/\alpha$  ;  $T_H = (\hbar/2\pi k)g_H \sim 60 \text{ nK} (M_{\text{sun}} / M)$
- The hole has an entropy  $S_H = k A_H / 4L_{\text{Planck}}^2 \sim 10^{77} k (M/M_{\text{sun}})^2$
- First Law:  $dM = \Omega_H dJ + (g_H/8\pi)dA_H \iff dM = \Omega_H dJ + T_H dS_H$
- Statistical Mechanics of Entropy:  $\exp(dS_H/k) =$  number of quantum mechanically distinct ways that  $dM$  and  $dJ$  could have been injected into the hole's thermal atmosphere
- Second Law --  $A_H$  cannot decrease  $\iff S_H$  cannot decrease in classical general relativity.
  - More generally: Entropy of hole plus its environment cannot decrease

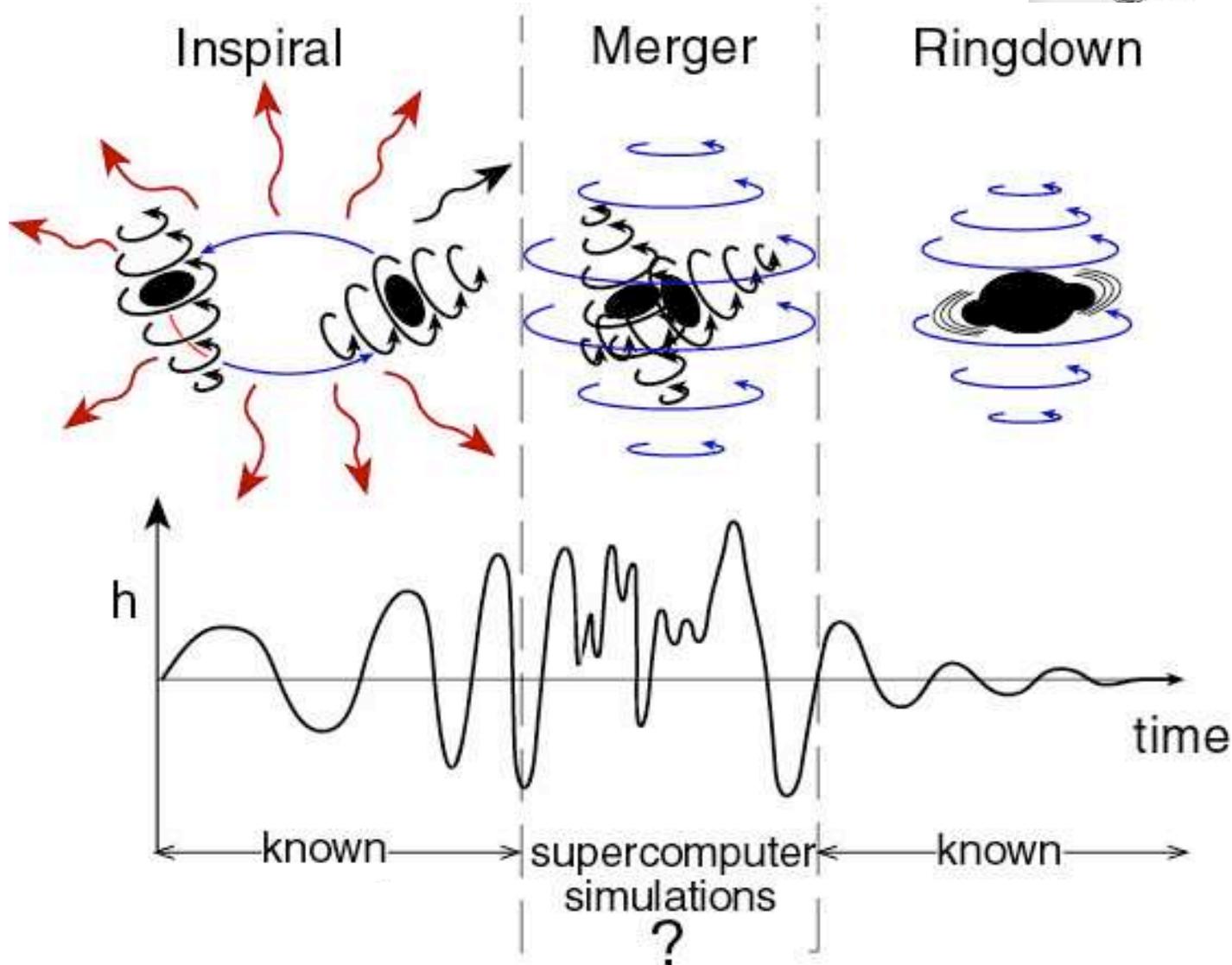
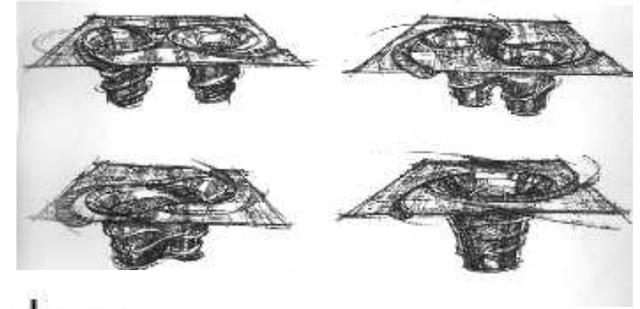


# Black Hole Vibrations

- Normal Modes
  - Energy goes down horizon and out to infinity
  - “Hair” radiated away!
- Spectrum of modes:
  - $f_{nlm}$  determined by  $M, a$
- $n=0, l=2, m=2$  is easiest to excite; most slowly damped,
  - $f \approx (c/M)[1 - 0.63(1-a/M)^{0.3}]$
  - $Q = \pi f \tau \approx 2/(1-a/M)^{0.45}$
- Measure  $f$  &  $Q$ ; infer  $M$  &  $a$



# Beyond the Golden Age: Black-Hole Collisions



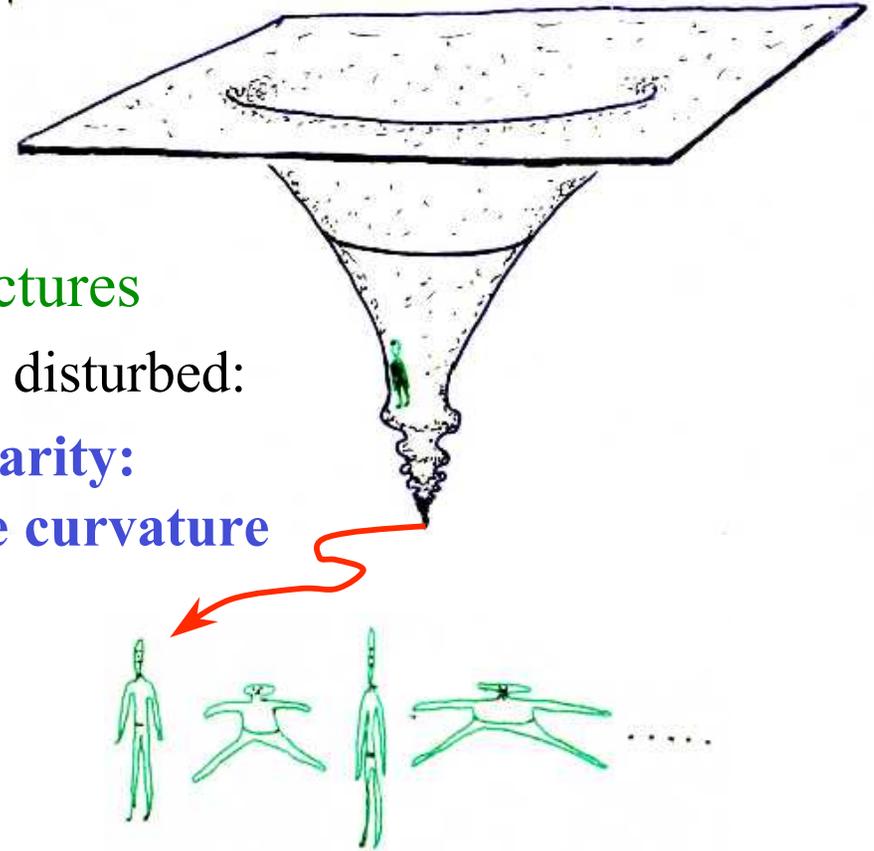
Nonlinear  
dynamics of  
warped  
spacetime

# Beyond the Golden Age: Black-Hole Interior

- **Kerr exterior and Horizon**
  - are stable against small perturbations
  - shake off all “hairs” but two:  $M$  &  $a$
- **Kerr interior**
  - “Tunnel” into another universe
  - Cauchy horizon at entrance to “tunnel”
    - Is unstable against small perturbations
    - For real black holes: replaced by a singularity

# Black-Hole Interior

- **The Singularity** - two generic structures
  - Soon after hole is born or strongly disturbed:
    - **BKL spacelike, strong singularity:**  
chaotic, oscillatory spacetime curvature



- After hole has settled into quiescent state:
  - **Israel-Poisson weak, null singularity:**
    - Monotonically diverging tidal forces, but
    - You hit the singularity before being crushed

# Conclusion

- Gravitational wave observations (LISA and LIGO et al) will probe the structure and dynamics of black holes' warped spacetime in exquisite detail
  - A “golden age” of black-hole observation, to match the 1960's and 70's “golden age” of black-hole theory
- But observations will be limited to the holes' exterior.
  - In our lifetimes our only probes of black-hole interiors will be via pencil, paper, and supercomputer simulations (numerical relativity)