

# Myths, Facts and Dreams in General Relativity

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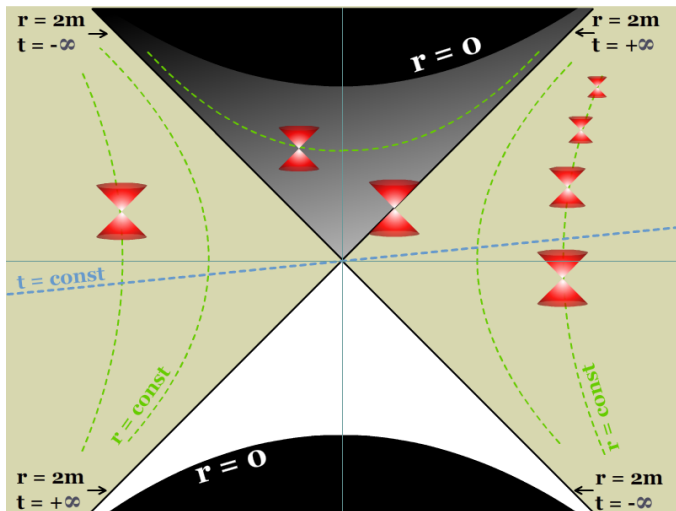
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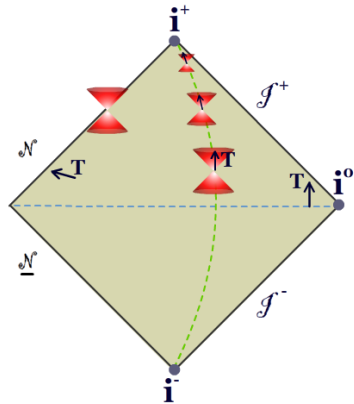
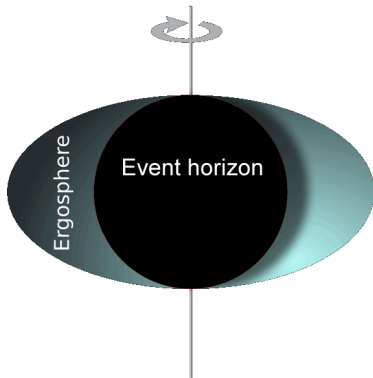
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# Rotating Black Holes; Kerr Solutions $\mathcal{K}(a, m)$



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## Breakdown Criteria

**Theorem** [KI-Rodnianski, Wang] Any spacetime  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  endowed with a maximal, space-like foliation  $\Sigma_t$  can be smoothly continued, beyond  $t = t_*$  as long as the second fundamental form  $k$  and lapse  $n$  of the foliation verify the scale invariant condition

$$\int_0^{t_*} (\|k(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Sigma_t)} + \|\nabla n(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Sigma_t)}) dt < \infty$$

- Require uniform bounds for the curvature tensor  $R$  using a geometric parametrix formula.
- To be operative the parametrix requires a uniform lower bound for the radius of injectivity of null backward light cones.



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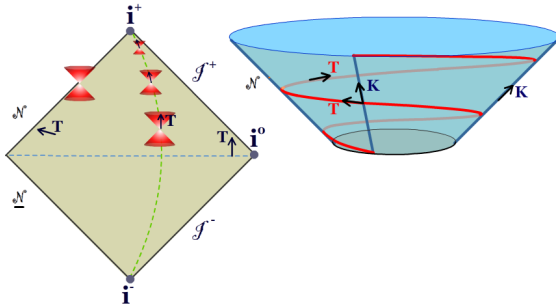
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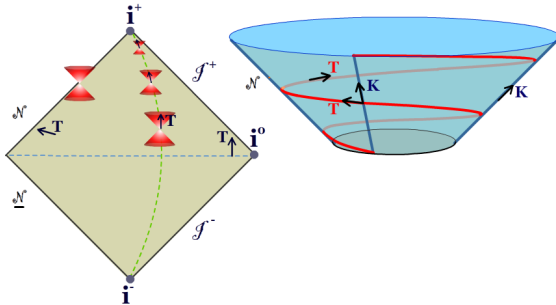


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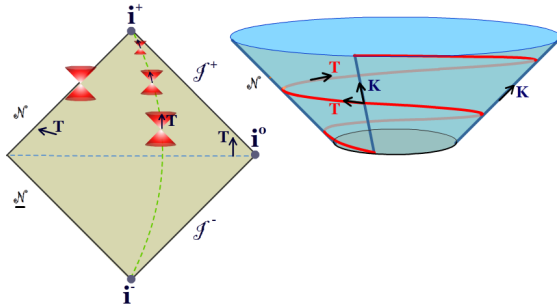
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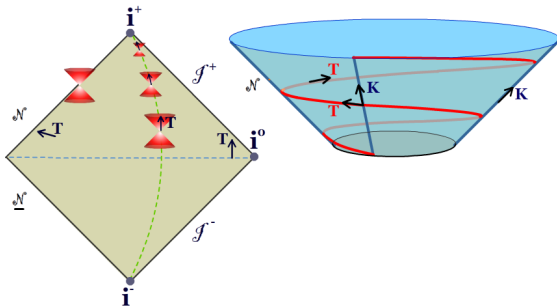
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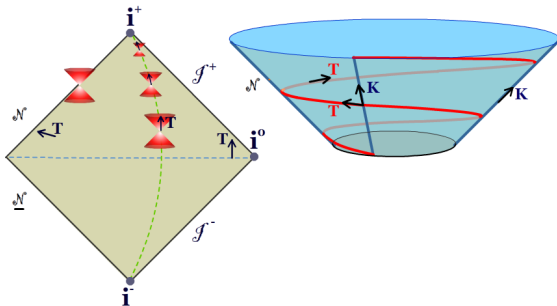
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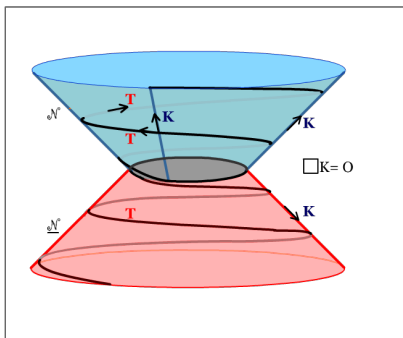
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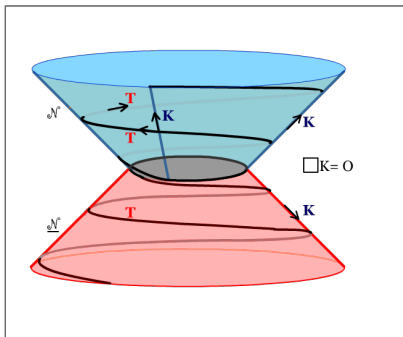
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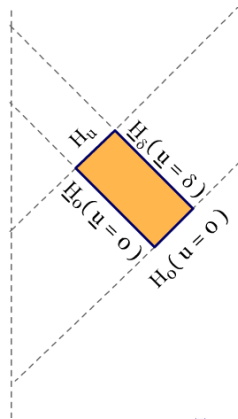
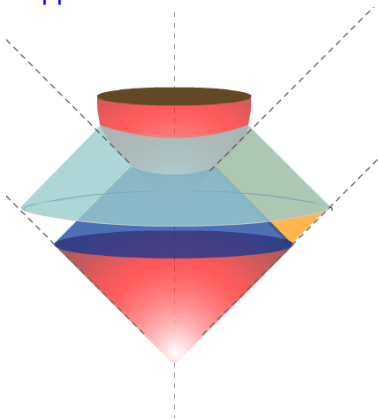
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