

Lecture 22

## The Kerr-Newman solution

- Stationary axisymmetric solution to Einstein-Maxwell equation
- Two commuting Killing vector fields
 
$$K_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad K_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \quad (22.1)$$
- Describes a stationary rotating charged black hole
- Astrophysically most interesting solution in the uncharged case
- In Boyer-Lindquist coordinates  $(t, r, \theta, \varphi)$

$$g = \frac{\Delta}{g^2} [c dt - a \sin^2(\theta) d\varphi]^{\otimes 2} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} [(r^2 + a^2) d\varphi - a c dt]^{\otimes 2} - \frac{g^2}{\Delta} dr \otimes dr - g^2 d\theta \otimes d\theta \quad (22.2)$$

$$\Delta := r^2 - 2mr + a^2 + q^2 = (r - m)^2 - (m^2 - a^2 - q^2)$$

$$g^2 := r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (22.3)$$

## Parameters and their physical meaning

$$m := \frac{GM}{c^2}, \quad M = \text{mass} \quad (22.4)$$

$$ma := \frac{GJ}{c^3}, \quad J = \text{angular-momentum} \quad (22.5)$$

$$\rightarrow a = \frac{J}{Mc}$$

$$q^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{GQ^2}{c^4}, \quad Q = \text{charge} \quad (22.6)$$

## Kretschmann Scalar

$$K = R_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} R^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}$$

$$= 8 / (\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^6 \times$$

$$\times \left\{ \begin{aligned} &6m^2 (\tau^6 - 15a^2 \tau^4 \cos^2 \theta + 15a^4 \tau^2 \cos^4 \theta - a^6 \cos^6 \theta) \\ &- 12mq^2 \tau (\tau^4 - 10a^2 \tau^2 \cos^2 \theta + 5a^4 \cos^4 \theta) \\ &+ q^4 (7\tau^4 - 34a^2 \tau^2 \cos^2 \theta + 7a^4 \cos^4 \theta) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (22.7)$$

(see Richard Conn Henry, *Astroph. J.* 535, 2000)

$\Rightarrow$  Singular for  $\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta = 0$ , i.e.

$\tau = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi/2$  (this is a "ring")

Grouping (22.2) into the individual terms  $dx^\alpha \otimes dx^\beta$  we get for the coefficients

$c dt \otimes c dt$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{00} &= \frac{\Lambda}{g^2} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} a^2 \\
 &= g^{-2} [\tau^2 - 2mr + q^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta] \\
 &= 1 - \frac{2mr}{g^2} + \frac{q^2}{g^2} \qquad (22.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

$d\varphi \otimes d\varphi$  :

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{33} &= \frac{\Lambda}{g^2} a^2 \sin^4 \theta - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} (\tau^2 + a^2)^2 \\
 &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} [a^2 \Lambda \sin^2 \theta - (\tau^2 + a^2)^2] \\
 &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} [a^2 (\tau^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta + a^2 (-2mr + q^2) \sin^2 \theta \\
 &\quad - (\tau^2 + a^2)^2] \\
 &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} (\tau^2 + a^2) [-\tau^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta] \\
 &\quad - a^2 (2mr - q^2) \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{g^2} \\
 &= -(\tau^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta - (2mr - q^2) a^2 \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{g^2} \qquad (22.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

$dt \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes dt :$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{03} &= -a \frac{\Delta}{s^2} \sin^2 \theta + a (\tau^2 + a^2) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{s^2} \\
 &= a \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{s^2} [\tau^2 + a^2 - \tau^2 - a^2 - q^2 + 2mr] \\
 &= a (2mr - q^2) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{s^2} \quad (22.10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$dr \otimes dr :$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{11} &= -\frac{s^2}{\Delta} = -\frac{\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 - 2mr + a^2 + q^2} \\
 &= -\frac{\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 + a^2} \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 + a^2} - \frac{\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 - 2mr + a^2 + q^2} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 + a^2} - \frac{(\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)(2mr - q^2)}{(\tau^2 + a^2)(\tau^2 + a^2 - (2mr - q^2))} \quad (22.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

$d\theta \otimes d\theta :$

$$g_{22} = -s^2 = -\tau^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (22.12)$$

Hence the metric can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 g &= c dt \otimes c dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{r^2 + a^2} dt \otimes dt \\
 &\quad - (r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \otimes d\theta \\
 &\quad - (r^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \\
 &\quad + \left( -\frac{2Mr}{g^2} + \frac{a^2}{g^2} \right) c dt \otimes c dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{g^2 (2Mr - a^2)}{\Delta (r^2 + a^2)} dt \otimes dr \\
 &\quad - (2Mr - a^2) a^2 \frac{\sin^4 \theta}{g^2} d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \\
 &\quad + (2Mr - a^2) a \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{g^2} (c dt \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes c dt) \\
 &= \eta - (2Mr - a^2) \left[ g^{-2} c dt \otimes c dt \right. \\
 &\quad + g^{-2} a^2 \sin^4 \theta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \\
 &\quad - g^{-2} a \sin^2 \theta (c dt \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes c dt) \\
 &\quad \left. + g^2 / (\Delta (r^2 + a^2)) dt \otimes dt \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$g = \eta + h \quad (22.13)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = & c dt \otimes c dt \\ & - \frac{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{r^2 + a^2} dr \otimes dr \\ & - (r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \otimes d\theta \\ & - (r^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \end{aligned} \quad (22.14)$$

is the flat Minkowski metric in bi-local elliptic coordinates (which we discuss below), and

$$\begin{aligned} h = & - \frac{2mr - q^2}{s^2} \left[ (c dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi) \otimes 2 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{s^4}{(r^2 + a^2) \Delta} dr \otimes dr \right] \end{aligned} \quad (22.15)$$

Note that (22.2) has the form

$$g = \theta^0 \otimes \theta^0 - \sum_{a=1}^3 \theta^a \otimes \theta^a \quad (22.16)$$

with

$$\theta^0 = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{s} (c dt - a \sin^2(\theta) d\varphi) \quad (22.17a)$$

$$\theta^1 = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\Delta}} dr \quad (22.17b)$$

$$\theta^2 = s d\theta \quad (22.17c)$$

$$\theta^3 = \frac{\sin\theta}{s} ((r^2 + a^2) d\varphi - a c dt) \quad (22.17d)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} h &= -\frac{2Mr - q^2}{s^2} \left[ \frac{s^2}{\Delta} \theta^0 \otimes \theta^0 + \frac{s^2}{(r^2 + a^2)} \theta^1 \otimes \theta^1 \right] \\ &= \frac{\Delta - (r^2 + a^2)}{\Delta} \left[ \theta^0 \otimes \theta^0 + \frac{\Delta}{r^2 + a^2} \theta^1 \otimes \theta^1 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (22.18)$$

That (22.14) is the flat metric is seen as soon as we understand the  $(r, \theta, \varphi)$  coordinates, which here are not the usual Spherical polar ones.

### Intermezzo: Confocal elliptic coordinates.

We are in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with its standard euclidean metric  $\delta$ . In affine, rectangular coordinates  $x, y, z$  have

$$\delta = dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz \quad (22.19)$$

We set

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= r(\eta) \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ y &= r(\eta) \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ z &= r \cos \theta \end{aligned} \right\} (22.20)$$

We wish to determine  $r(\eta)$  so that the 3 surfaces of constant  $r, \theta,$  and  $\varphi$  are pairwise orthogonal at each point of intersection. This is true if and only if the curves of constant  $r$  and  $\theta$ , respectively, are mutually orthogonal in any (and hence all) planes of constant  $\varphi$ ; i.e. in the  $y=0$  plane where  $\varphi=0$ .



In that plane

$$\left. \begin{aligned} X &= r(\eta) \sin \theta \\ Z &= r \cos \theta \end{aligned} \right\} (22.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial X}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial r} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \\ &= f'(\eta) \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \end{aligned} \quad (22.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \\ &= f(\eta) \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial X} - r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \end{aligned} \quad (22.23)$$

$$\rightarrow \delta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) = (f f' - r) \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad (22.24)$$

This vanishes for all  $\theta$  and  $r$  iff

$$f f' = r \Leftrightarrow f(\eta)^2 = \eta^2 + c. \quad (22.25)$$

We choose  $c = \varepsilon^2 \geq 0$  so also take  $f$  to be positive; then

$$X = (\eta^2 + \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} \sin \theta \cos \varphi, \quad (22.26a)$$

$$Y = (\eta^2 + \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \quad (22.26b)$$

$$Z = \eta \cos \theta. \quad (22.26c)$$

$$\frac{x^2}{r^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{y^2}{r^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{z^2}{r^2} = 1 \quad (22.27)$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{\sin\theta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sin\theta}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{z}{\cos\theta}\right)^2 = \varepsilon^2 \quad (22.28)$$

Equation (22.27) describes an oblate ellipsoid with semi-minor axis (in  $z$ -direction)  $b$  and semi-major axis orthogonal to that in the  $xy$ -plane  $a$ , where

$$a = (r^2 + \varepsilon^2)^{1/2} \quad (22.29)$$

$$b = r \quad (22.30)$$

so that the eccentricity  $e$

$$e = \left(1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{r^2 + \varepsilon^2}} \quad (22.31)$$

and the distance  $c$  between the midpoint of the ellipse in the  $y=0$  plane and a focal point, i.e. the radius of the focal ring in the  $z=0$  plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , is

$$c = e a = \varepsilon. \quad (20.32)$$

independent of  $r$ , hence con-focal.

Equation (22.28) describes one-sheeted hyperboloids intersecting the  $z=0$  plane in the circle of radius

$$r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} = |\sin \theta| \varepsilon \quad (20.33)$$

and asymptotic to the cone

$$\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \cot \theta \quad (20.34)$$

The surfaces of constant  $\varphi$  are, as in the standard spherical polar coordinates, half planes containing the  $z$ -axis as boundary and intersecting the  $z=0$  plane in the line  $x/y = \cot \varphi$ .

For  $r=0$  the ellipsoid degenerates to a disc of radius  $\varepsilon$  in  $z=0$  plane

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \varepsilon \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ y &= \varepsilon \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (20.35)$$

For  $\theta=0$  this is a ring of radius  $\varepsilon$ , i.e. the focal ring. This is a major difference to spherical polar coordinates, where  $r=0$  is a single point

The Jacobi-matrix for (22.20) is

$$\begin{aligned} \{X^a, b\} &= \begin{pmatrix} X_{,r}^a & X_{,\theta}^a & X_{,\varphi}^a \\ y_{,r}^a & y_{,\theta}^a & y_{,\varphi}^a \\ z_{,r}^a & z_{,\theta}^a & z_{,\varphi}^a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} f' \sin \theta \cos \varphi & f \cos \theta \cos \varphi & -f \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ f' \sin \theta \sin \varphi & f \cos \theta \sin \varphi & f \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (20.36)$$

The determinant of that is (develop last row)

$$\begin{aligned} \det \{X^a, b\} &= \cos \theta f^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &\quad + r \sin \theta f f' \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \sin \theta (f^2 \cos^2 \theta + r f f' \sin^2 \theta) \end{aligned} \quad (20.37)$$

$$\text{with } f f' = r, \quad f^2 = r^2 + E^2$$

$$\det \{X^a, b\} = \sin \theta (r^2 + E^2 \cos^2 \theta) \quad (20.38)$$

The metric coefficients in  $(r, \theta, \varphi)$ -coord. are

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_j &= \delta_{ab} dx^a \otimes dx^b \\ &= \delta_{ab} X^a_{,c} X^b_{,d} d\tilde{x}^c \otimes d\tilde{x}^d \end{aligned} \quad (20.39)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{x}^a = (r, \theta, \varphi)$$

Hence, by orthogonality of  $\tilde{X}^a = \text{const}$  surfaces:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= [(X, r)^2 + (y, r)^2 + (z, r)^2] dr \otimes dr \\ &\quad + [(X, \theta)^2 + (y, \theta)^2 + (z, \theta)^2] d\theta \otimes d\theta \\ &\quad + [(X, \varphi)^2 + (y, \varphi)^2 + (z, \varphi)^2] d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \end{aligned} \quad (20.40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\dot{\varphi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) dr \otimes dr \\ &\quad + (\dot{\varphi}^2 \cos^2 \theta + \dot{\theta}^2 \sin^2 \theta) d\theta \otimes d\theta \\ &\quad + \dot{\varphi}^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \end{aligned} \quad (20.41)$$

Using  $\dot{\varphi}^2 = \dot{\tau}^2 + \dot{\epsilon}^2$ ,  $\dot{\varphi}^2 = \frac{\dot{\tau}^2}{\tau^2 + \epsilon^2}$

this becomes the flat metric in confocal elliptic coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \frac{\tau^2 + \epsilon^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\tau^2 + \epsilon^2} d\tau \otimes d\tau \\ &\quad + (\tau^2 + \epsilon^2 \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \otimes d\theta \\ &\quad + (\tau^2 + \epsilon^2) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \otimes d\varphi \end{aligned} \quad (20.42)$$

This is just minus the spatial part of (22.14) for  $\epsilon = a$ , showing that  $\eta$  in (22.14) is just the Minkowski metric.

It also shows that Kerr-Newman metric is flat for  $m=q=0$  but  $a \neq 0$ . Interestingly it is not flat for just  $m=0$  but  $q \neq 0$ , as seen from the Kretschmann scalar (22.7). The singularity in the latter for

$$r=0 \text{ and } \theta = \pi/2 \quad (22.43)$$

is now seen by comparison with (20.33) to be a ring in the  $z=0$  plane of "radius"  $r = \epsilon = a$ , which is just the local ring of our confocal coord.

The electromagnetic field of the Kerr-Newman solution is given by the four potential

$$A = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{1}{r^2} (c dt - a \sin^2\theta d\varphi) \quad (22.44)$$

We recall that for the Reissner-Nordström solution we had

$$A = \phi(r) c dt \quad (21.15)$$

$$\text{with } \phi' = - (Q / 4\pi\epsilon_0 c) r^{-2}$$

(follows from (21.20), (21.34) i.e.  $a = -b$ , and (21.22)), hence

$$A = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{1}{r} c dt \quad (22.45)$$

into which (22.44) turns for  $a = 0$ .

The Faraday tensor  $F = dA$  then follows from

$$\begin{aligned} & d \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} (c dt - a \sin^2\theta d\varphi) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} dt \wedge (c dt - a \sin^2\theta d\varphi) \\ &\quad - 2 \frac{1}{r^3} (\tau dr - a^2 \cos\theta \sin\theta d\theta) \wedge (c dt - a \sin^2\theta d\varphi) \\ &\quad - 2 \frac{1}{r^2} a \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta \wedge d\varphi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{r^2 - 2r^2}{s^4} dr \wedge (cdt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi) \\
&\quad + \frac{2ra^2}{s^4} \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) d\theta \wedge (cdt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi) \\
&\quad - \frac{2ra}{s^2} (r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \wedge d\varphi \\
&= - \frac{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{s^4} dr \wedge (cdt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi) \\
&\quad + \frac{2ra}{s^4} \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \wedge [a cdt - (r^2 + a^2) d\varphi] \\
&= \frac{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{s^4} \theta^0 \wedge \theta^1 \\
&\quad - \frac{2ra}{s^4} \cos(\theta) \theta^2 \wedge \theta^3 \tag{22.46}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$F = dA = \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \right) \left\{ \frac{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{s^4} \theta^0 \wedge \theta^1 - \frac{2ra}{s^4} \cos \theta \theta^2 \wedge \theta^3 \right\} \tag{22.47}$$

$$= \left( \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \right) \left\{ \frac{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta}{s^4} (cdt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi) \wedge dr - \frac{2ra}{s^4} \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \wedge [(r^2 + a^2) d\varphi - a cdt] \right\} \tag{22.48}$$



Again, for  $a=0$  this just coincides with (21.20), i.e. the F-field of Reissner-Nordström.

From  $F$  the components of the electric and magnetic field strengths follow. We refer them to asymptotically normalized coordinate basis ( $\Theta^{\hat{t}} = dt$ ,  $\Theta^{\hat{r}} = r d\theta$ ,  $\Theta^{\hat{\varphi}} = r \sin\theta d\varphi$ ). So if the indices on  $F$  now refer to  $dX^{\mu}$ -basis, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\hat{t}} &= c F_{01} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{r^2 - a^2 \cos^2\theta}{(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2\theta)^2} \\ &= \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \frac{1}{r^2} + O(r^{-4}) \end{aligned} \quad (22.49a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\hat{\theta}} &= \frac{c}{r} F_{01} = \left(\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\right) \frac{2a^2}{r^4} \cos\theta \sin\theta \\ &= O(r^{-4}) \end{aligned} \quad (22.49b)$$

$$E_{\hat{\varphi}} = \frac{c}{r \sin\theta} F_{03} = 0 \quad (22.49c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\hat{t}} &= -\frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} F_{23} \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{2a}{r^3} \cos\theta + O(r^{-4}) \end{aligned} \quad (22.50a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\hat{\theta}} &= \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} F_{13} \\ &= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \frac{a}{r^3} \sin\theta + O(r^{-4}) \end{aligned} \quad (22.50b)$$

$$B_{\hat{\theta}} = \frac{1}{r} F_{21} = 0 \quad (22.50c)$$

Now, (22.49) corresponds to an asymptotic electric Coulomb field and (22.50) to an asymptotic magnetic dipole field. To see the latter, we recall that an magnetic dipole field of magnetic moment  $\vec{m}$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} (-\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \frac{1}{r^3} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{3\vec{n}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{m}) - \vec{m}}{r^3} \end{aligned} \quad (22.51)$$

For  $\vec{m} = \|\vec{m}\| \vec{e}_z$  this is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{n} &= B_{\hat{r}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} 2(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{n}) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2\|\vec{m}\|}{r^3} \cos\theta \end{aligned} \quad (22.52a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\hat{\theta}} &= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{e}_{\hat{\theta}}) \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\|\vec{m}\|}{r^3} \sin\theta \end{aligned} \quad (22.52b)$$

Comparison of (22.52a) and (22.52b) with (22.50a) and (22.50b), respectively, shows that the asymptotic magnetic field of the Kerr-Newman solution corresponds to that of a

magnetic dipole of magnetic moment  $\|\vec{m}\|$   
satisfying

$$\frac{a Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \|\vec{m}\| \quad (22.53)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{m}\| &= \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} \frac{a}{c} = Q \cdot c \cdot \frac{\delta}{Mc} \\ &= \frac{Q \cdot \delta}{M} \end{aligned} \quad (22.54)$$

We recall the definition of the gyro-  
magnetic ratio  $g$ ,

$$\vec{m} = g \left( \frac{Q}{2M} \right) \vec{J} \quad (22.55)$$

Hence the "object" described by the  
Kerr-Newman solution has a universal  
(i.e. independent of mass, charge and  
angular momentum) gyromagnetic ratio

$$g = 2 \quad (22.56)$$

just like the electron (without QED-  
corrections).

The interpretation of the parameter  $a$  expressed in (22.5) can be derived from the  $r \rightarrow \infty$  form of the coefficient  $g_{03}$  in (22.10) and comparison with the weak-field metric (11.26)

$$g = \left(1 + \frac{2\phi}{c^2}\right) c dt \otimes c dt - \left(1 - \frac{2\phi}{c^2}\right) dr \otimes dr + \vec{h}(\vec{x}) (c dt \otimes d\vec{x} + d\vec{x} \otimes c dt) \quad (11.26)$$

with

$$\vec{h}(\vec{x}) = 2 \frac{G}{c^3} \vec{j} \times \frac{\vec{x}}{r^3} \quad (11.62)$$

as derived in (11.62). For large distances  $r$  the expression for  $g_{03}$  in (22.5) must (for  $q=0$ ) be of the form of the corresponding term in (11.26) with (11.62). For that we must express (11.26) in the same coordinates. We only need to know the last - non diagonal - term in (11.26). Since

$$\vec{j} = j \vec{e}_z \quad (22.57)$$

have

$$(\vec{e}_z \times \vec{x}) \cdot d\vec{x} = \vec{e}_z (\vec{x} \times d\vec{x}) = x dy - y dx. \quad (22.58)$$

Using

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= f(r) \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ y &= f(r) \sin \theta \sin \varphi \end{aligned} \right\} (22.59)$$

$$dx = \frac{df}{f} x dr + f \cos \theta \cos \varphi d\theta - f \sin \theta \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

$$dy = \frac{df}{f} y dr + f \cos \theta \sin \varphi d\theta + f \sin \theta \cos \varphi d\varphi \quad (22.60)$$

$$x dy - y dx$$

$$= f \sin \theta \cos \varphi (f \cos \theta \sin \varphi d\theta + f \sin \theta \cos \varphi d\varphi)$$

$$- f \sin \theta \sin \varphi (f \cos \theta \cos \varphi d\theta - f \sin \theta \sin \varphi d\varphi)$$

$$= f^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi$$

$$= (r^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi \quad (22.61)$$

Hence

$$\vec{h} \cdot (cdt \otimes d\vec{x} + d\vec{x} \otimes cdt)$$

$$= 2 \frac{G}{c^3} \frac{J}{r^3} \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2) (cdt \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes cdt)$$

$$= g_{\varphi\varphi} (cdt \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes cdt) \quad (22.62)$$

So for  $r \rightarrow \infty$  the dominant ( $\sim 1/r$ ) term is

$$g_{03} = 2 \frac{G}{c^3} \frac{J}{r} \sin^2 \theta + O(1/r^3). \quad (22.63)$$

Now, from (22.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_{03} &= a(2mr - q^2) \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= 2 \frac{am}{r} \sin^2 \theta + O(1/r^3). \end{aligned} \quad (22.64)$$

Hence the asymptotic forms coincide iff

$$GJ/c^3 = am \quad (22.65)$$

and with  $m = \frac{GM}{c^2}$

$$a = \frac{GJ}{mc^3} = \frac{J}{Mc} \quad (22.66)$$

which is just (22.5).

We now turn to a discussion of the horizon-structure of the Kerr-Newman geometry.

For that we remark that

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad (22.67)$$

is the unique (up to  $\mathbb{R}$ -multiples) Killing field that is timelike for  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

Further,

$$K_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \quad (22.68)$$

is the unique (up to  $\mathbb{R}$ -multiples) Killing field whose orbits are closed.

As a result, the following three  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued functions are geometrically defined, i.e. independent of the coordinates used:

$$g(K_1, K_1) = g_{00} \quad (22.69a)$$

$$g(K_1, K_2) = g_{03} \quad (22.69b)$$

$$g(K_2, K_2) = g_{33} \quad (22.69c)$$

$$g_{00} = \Sigma^{-2} (\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta) \quad (22.70a)$$

$$g_{03} = \Sigma^{-2} a \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta) \quad (22.70b)$$

$$g_{33} = -\Sigma^{-2} \sin^2 \theta [(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta] \quad (22.70c)$$

Note that

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & 0 & 0 & g_{03} \\ 0 & g_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{22} & 0 \\ g_{30} & 0 & 0 & g_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22.71)$$

or reordered by an even permutation  
 $(123) \rightarrow (312)$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & g_{03} & | & 0 & 0 \\ g_{30} & g_{33} & | & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & | & g_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 & g_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22.71)$$

Hence

$$\det \{g_{\alpha\beta}\} = g_{11} g_{22} (g_{00} g_{33} - g_{03}^2) \quad (22.72)$$

The inverse matrix is obtained by inverting the  $(2 \times 2)$ -blocks

$$g^{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{00} & g^{03} & | & 0 & 0 \\ g^{03} & g^{33} & | & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & | & g^{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 & g^{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22.73)$$



$$g^{00} = \frac{g_{33}}{g_{00}g_{33} - g_{03}^2} \quad (22.74a)$$

$$g^{03} = -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{00}g_{33} - g_{03}^2} = g^{30} \quad (22.73b)$$

$$g^{33} = \frac{g_{00}}{g_{00}g_{33} - g_{03}^2} \quad (22.73c)$$

$$g^{11} = g_{11}^{-1} \quad (22.73d)$$

$$g^{22} = g_{22}^{-1} \quad (22.73e)$$

### Horizons and limits of stationarity

The Killing-field of stationarity,  $K_1$ , is timelike if (compare (22.8)):

$$g_{00} > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 - 2mr + q^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta > 0 \quad (22.74)$$

Zeros

$$r_{1,2} = m \pm (m^2 - q^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2} \quad (22.75)$$

If

$$m^2 - q^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta < 0 \quad (22.76)$$

there are no real roots and  $K_1$  is timelike (for these  $\theta$ ).

If

$$m^2 - q^2 - a^2 \cos^2 \theta \geq 0 \quad (22.77)$$

there are real roots and  $K_1$  is

timelike for  $r > \tilde{r}_+$  or  $r < \tilde{r}_-$  (22.78a)

Spacelike for  $r < \tilde{r}_+$  or  $r > \tilde{r}_-$  (22.78b)

lightlike for  $r = \tilde{r}_+$  or  $r = \tilde{r}_-$  (22.78c)

If (22.77) holds there are still stationary observers in the region  $r < \tilde{r}_+$ , but they cannot move along the integral lines of  $K_1$ . They must move along the integral lines of

$$K = K_1 + \Omega K_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} + \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \quad (22.79)$$

which is again a Killing field if  $\Omega = \text{const}$ . Here  $\Omega$  is the "angular velocity" measured in "time"  $ct$ , with which the observer as to follow ("rotate")  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}$ .

Note

$$g(k, k) = g_{00} + 2\Omega g_{03} + \Omega^2 g_{33}$$

For  $k$  to be timelike (at the space-time point where we evaluate the  $g_{\alpha\beta}$ ) must have

$$\Omega^2 g_{33} + 2\Omega g_{03} + g_{00} > 0 \quad (22.80)$$

Dividing by  $g_{33}$ , which according to (22.8) is negative unless

$$2m\tau - q^2 < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tau/|q| < \frac{|q|}{2m} < \frac{1}{2} \quad (22.81)$$

(since  $m \gg |q|$  from (22.79)).

$$\text{or } \tau < \frac{1}{2} |q| < \frac{m}{2} \quad (22.82)$$

which we exclude here (this is justified, as we will see below), we get

$$\Omega^2 + 2\Omega \frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} + \frac{g_{00}}{g_{33}} < 0 \quad (22.83)$$

( $>$  changes to  $<$  because we divided by something negative).

The zeros of the  $\Omega$ -polynomial (22.83) are

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{\pm} &= -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \pm \left( \frac{g_{03}^2 - g_{00}g_{33}}{g_{33}^2} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \omega \pm \left( \omega^2 - \frac{g_{00}}{g_{33}} \right)^{1/2}\end{aligned}\quad (22.84)$$

where

$$\omega := -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \quad (22.85)$$

$K$  is timelike if

$$\Omega_- < \Omega < \Omega_+ \quad (22.86)$$

For real roots to exist must have

$$\omega^2 \geq \frac{g_{00}}{g_{33}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \right)^2 \geq \frac{g_{00}}{g_{33}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g_{03}^2 - g_{00}g_{33} \geq 0 \quad (22.87)$$

The existence of stationary observers is equivalent to the existence of real roots for  $\Omega$ , i.e. to (22.87). Note that this is just the condition for  $\det \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & g_{03} \\ g_{03} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ .

Lets evaluate this combination :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & g_{03}^2 - g_{00} g_{33} \\
 &= S^{-4} a^2 \sin^4 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta)^2 \\
 &\quad + S^{-4} \sin^2 \theta (\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta) [(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta]
 \end{aligned}$$

The two terms without  $\Delta$  cancel each other. The two terms involving  $\Delta^2$  also cancel each other. Hence only the terms involving  $\Delta$  linearly survive and combine to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Delta S^{-4} \sin^2 \theta \left[ -2 \sin^2 \theta a^2 (a^2 + r^2) + (a^2 + r^2)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + a^4 \sin^4 \theta \right] \\
 &= \Delta S^{-4} \sin^2 \theta \left[ (a^2 + r^2) - a^2 \sin^2 \theta \right]^2 \\
 &= \Delta S^{-4} \sin^2 \theta \left[ r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta \right]^2 \\
 &= \Delta \sin^2 \theta \tag{22.88}
 \end{aligned}$$

A very simple result indeed!

In passing we note that this simple expression allows to simplify (22.73)

$$g^{00} = g^{-2} \frac{(\tau^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Delta} \quad (22.89a)$$

$$g^{03} = g^{-2} a \frac{\tau^2 + a^2 - \Delta}{\Delta} \quad (22.89b)$$

$$g^{33} = -g^{-2} \frac{\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Delta \sin^2 \theta} \quad (22.89c)$$

Back to our stationarity problem, we see that the existence of stationary observers (22.87) is equivalent to

$$\Delta > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tau^2 - 2m\tau + a^2 + q^2 > 0 \quad (22.90)$$

Note that the roots of this polynomial are

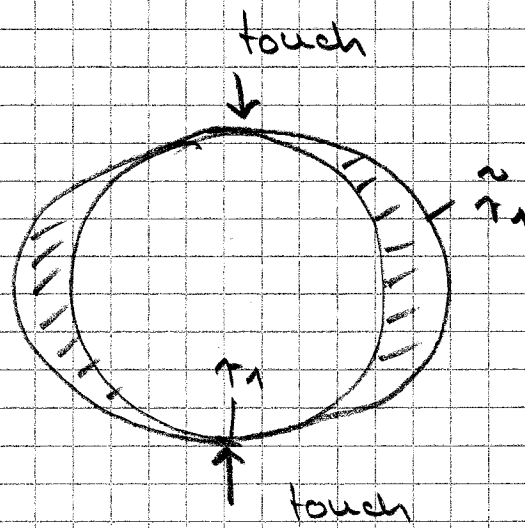
$$\tau_{1,2} = m \pm (m^2 - a^2 - q^2)^{1/2} \quad (22.91)$$

These are the boundaries of stationary observers, that is - in our terminology - horizons. Compare (22.91) with (22.75)

We have

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 \geq \tau_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\tau}_1 = \tau_2 \Leftrightarrow \theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(22.92)$$



The surface  $r = \tilde{r}_1$  lies outside the surface  $r = r_1$  and touches it at the poles  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi/2$ . The region

$$r_1 < r < \tilde{r}_1 \quad (22.93)$$

is called the "Ergo region". In that region stationary observers exist but  $K_1 = \partial/\partial t$  is spacelike. This leads to the possibility to extract energy from the black hole by reducing its angular momentum via the so called "Penrose Process".

Note that horizons only exist for

$$m \geq (a^2 + q^2)^{1/2} \quad (22.94)$$

In which case  $r_+ > m$ . In any case, (22.82) was justified.

For the rotational velocity (wrt.  $ct$ )  
we had in (22.84)

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{\pm} &= \omega \pm \left( \omega^2 - g_{00}/g_{33} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \pm \left( \frac{g_{03}^2 - g_{00}g_{33}}{g_{33}^2} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \pm \sqrt{\Delta} \left| \frac{\sin\theta}{g_{33}} \right| \quad (22.95)\end{aligned}$$

using (22.88). On the horizon  $\Delta=0$   
have  $\Omega = \Omega_+ = \Omega_- = \Omega_H$ , where

$$\Omega|_{\Delta=0} = \Omega_H := -\frac{g_{03}}{g_{33}} \Big|_{\Delta=0} \quad (22.96)$$

Using (22.70b, c) this is

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_H &= \left[ \frac{g^{-2} a \sin^2\theta (\tau^2 + a^2 - \Delta)}{g^{-2} \sin^2\theta [(\tau^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2\theta]} \right]_{\substack{\Delta=0 \\ \tau=\tau_+}} \\ &= \frac{a}{\tau_+ + a^2} = \frac{a}{2m\tau_+ - q^2} \quad (22.97)\end{aligned}$$

(since  $\tau_+^2 = 2m\tau_+ - a^2 - q^2$  by (22.90))



The true (i.e. w.r.t. time  $t$  rather than  $ct$ ) angular velocity of the horizon  $r = r_+$  is

$$c\Omega_+ = \frac{ac}{2mr_+ - q^2} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{ac}{2mr_+ - q^2}} \right\} (22.98)$$

$$\text{with } r_+ = m + (m^2 - a^2 - q^2)^{1/2}$$

Note that the horizon rotates "rigidly", i.e. with an angular velocity independent of  $\theta$ . This is connected to a deeper mathematical result called the "rigidity theorem".

The horizon  $r = r_+$  has an interesting geometry. Its intersection with  $t = \text{const}$  hypersurface is a spacelike embedded 2-d.

$$\Sigma := \{(t, r, \theta, \varphi) : t = 0, r = r_+\} \quad (22.99)$$

which is topologically a 2-sphere but with a metric that is not round; it depends on  $\theta$ . Setting  $dt = dr = 0$  in (22.2) we get ( $A = 0$ )

$$g_\Sigma = g^2 d\theta^2 + g^{-2} \sin^2 \theta (r_+^2 + a^2)^2 d\varphi^2 \quad (22.100)$$

$$\text{or } g_{\Sigma} = \theta^1 \otimes \theta^1 + \theta^2 \otimes \theta^2 \quad (22.101a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{with } \theta^1 &= g \, d\theta \\ &= (r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2} \, d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (22.101b)$$

$$\theta^2 = \frac{(r_+^2 + a^2) \sin \theta}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2}} \, d\varphi \quad (22.101c)$$

The surface area is

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 = 4\pi (r_+^2 + a^2) \\ &= 4\pi [2m r_+ - q^2] \\ &= 4\pi [2m^2 + 2(m^4 - (ma)^2 - m^2 q^2)^{1/2} - q^2] \\ &= 4\pi [2m^2 + 2(m^4 - l^2 - m^2 q^2)^{1/2} - q^2] \end{aligned} \quad (22.102)$$

$$\text{where } l := ma = \frac{GJ}{c^3} \quad (22.103)$$

(angular momentum in geometric units.)

The relation  $A(m, l, q)$  can be solved for  $m$  (mass) as function of  $(A, l, q)$ :

Squaring (22.102) gives

$$\left(\frac{A}{4\pi} + q^2 - 2m^2\right)^2 = 4(m^4 - l^2 - m^2 q^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{A}{4\pi}\right)^2 + q^4 + \cancel{4m^4} + 2q^2 \frac{A}{4\pi} - 4m^2 \left(\frac{A}{4\pi}\right) - \cancel{4m^2 q^2} \\ = \cancel{4m^4} - 4l^2 - \cancel{4m^2 q^2} \end{aligned} \quad (22.104)$$

Division by  $4\left(\frac{A}{4\pi}\right)$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{A}{4\pi}\right) + \frac{q^2}{2} + \frac{q^4}{4} \left(\frac{4\pi}{A}\right) - m^2 \\ = -l^2 \left(\frac{4\pi}{A}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (22.105)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \left[ \frac{A}{16\pi} + \frac{4\pi}{A} l^2 + \frac{q^2}{2} + \frac{\pi q^4}{A} \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \left\{ \left[ \left(\frac{A}{16\pi}\right)^{1/2} + \frac{q^2}{4} \left(\frac{16\pi}{A}\right)^{1/2} \right]^2 + \frac{16\pi}{A} \frac{l^2}{4} \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= m(A, l, q^2) \end{aligned} \quad (22.106)$$

We observe

$$m(\lambda A, \lambda l, \lambda q^2) = \lambda^{1/2} m(A, l, q^2)$$

Applying to this  $\frac{d}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1}$  we get

(22.107)

$$\frac{1}{2} m = A \frac{\partial m}{\partial A} + 2 \frac{\partial m}{\partial \ell} + \underbrace{q^2 \frac{\partial m}{\partial q^2}}_{\frac{q}{2} \frac{\partial m}{\partial q}} \quad (22.108)$$

We call

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial A} = T = \text{surface tension}$$

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial \ell} = \Omega = \text{angular velocity}$$

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial q} = \Phi = \text{electric potential}$$

(22.109)

(all quantities in geometric units)

then

$$m = 2AT + 2\ell\Omega + q\Phi \quad (22.110)$$

This is called the "Smarr-Formula"  
(Larry Smarr 1972)

One can show that  $\Omega = \Omega_H$ .

The Smarr-formula acquires a deeper meaning through the "thermodynamic analogy" in black-hole physics.

Geometry of  $r = r_+$  horizon:

Curvature tensor via Cartan structure equations

$$\theta^1 = \varrho d\theta = (r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2} d\theta$$

$$\theta^2 = \frac{(r_+^2 + a^2) \sin \theta}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2}} d\varphi$$

$$d\theta^1 = 0 = -\omega^1_2 \wedge \theta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^1_2 = -\omega^2_1 \sim \theta^2 \quad (22.111)$$

$$d\theta^2 = (r_+^2 + a^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \frac{\sin \theta}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2}} \right] d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= (r_+^2 + a^2) \left[ \frac{\cos \theta}{(\dots)^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin \theta (a^2 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta)}{(\dots)^{3/2}} \right]$$

$$\times d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= (r_+^2 + a^2) \left[ \frac{\cos \theta (r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) + a^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{3/2}} \right] d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= (r_+^2 + a^2) \frac{\cos \theta (r_+^2 + a^2)}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= \frac{(r_+^2 + a^2)}{(r_+^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{3/2}} \cot \theta \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2$$

Using also (22.111),

$$= -\omega^2 \wedge \theta^1 = \omega^1 \wedge \theta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^1_2 = -\omega^2_1 = -\frac{\cos \theta (r^2 + a^2)}{(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{3/2}} \theta^2 \quad (22.112)$$

$$= -\frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2 \cos \theta}{(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^2} d\varphi \quad (22.113)$$

From the connection coefficients, the only independent curvature component follows

$$\Omega^1_2 = d\omega^1_2$$

$$= - (r^2 + a^2)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \frac{\cos \theta}{(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^2} \right] d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= - (r^2 + a^2)^2 \left[ \frac{-\sin \theta}{(\dots)^2} + 2 \frac{\cos \theta (a^2 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta)}{(\dots)^3} \right]$$

$$\times d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= - (r^2 + a^2)^2 \left[ \frac{-\sin \theta (r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) + 4 a^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta}{(\dots)^3} \right]$$

$$\times d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

$$= \frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2 \sin \theta (r^2 - 3a^2 \cos^2 \theta)}{(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^3} d\theta \wedge d\varphi$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega^1_2 &= \frac{(\tau^2 + a^2)(\tau^2 - 3a^2 \cos^2 \theta)}{(\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^3} \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} R^1_{2ab} \theta^a \wedge \theta^b \\ &= R^1_{212} \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2\end{aligned}\tag{22.114}$$

Hence the Gaussian curvature is

$$K = R^1_{212} = R_{1212}$$

$$K = \frac{(\tau^2 + a^2)(\tau^2 - 3a^2 \cos^2 \theta)}{(\tau^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^3}\tag{22.115}$$

Gaussian curvature of outer event horizon  $\tau = \tau_+$

The interesting property of that expression is that it may assume negative values for  $\theta = 0, \pi$ , i.e. at the poles and in the neighbourhood. So  $K < 0$  at  $\theta = 0$

iff, for  $q = 0$ ,

$$\tau_+^2 - 3a^2 < 0\tag{22.116}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (m + (m^2 - a^2)^{1/2})^2 < 3a^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m^2 + (m^2 - a^2) + 2m(m^2 - a^2)^{1/2} < 3a^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2m(m^2 - a^2)^{1/2} < 4a^2 - 2m^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4m^2(m^2 - a^2) < 16a^4 - 16a^2m^2 + 4m^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16a^4 - 12a^2m^2 > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |a| > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot m \quad (22.117)$$

Hence for  $|a|$  in the interval

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < |a| < m \quad (22.118)$$

the Gaussian curvature is negative in a neighbourhood of the poles.

The set of  $\theta$ -values for which  $K$  is negative, is given by

$$1 + 3a^2 \cos^2 \theta < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |\cos \theta| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}|a|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left\{ \frac{m}{|a|} + \left[ \left( \frac{m}{a} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2} \right\} \quad (22.119)$$

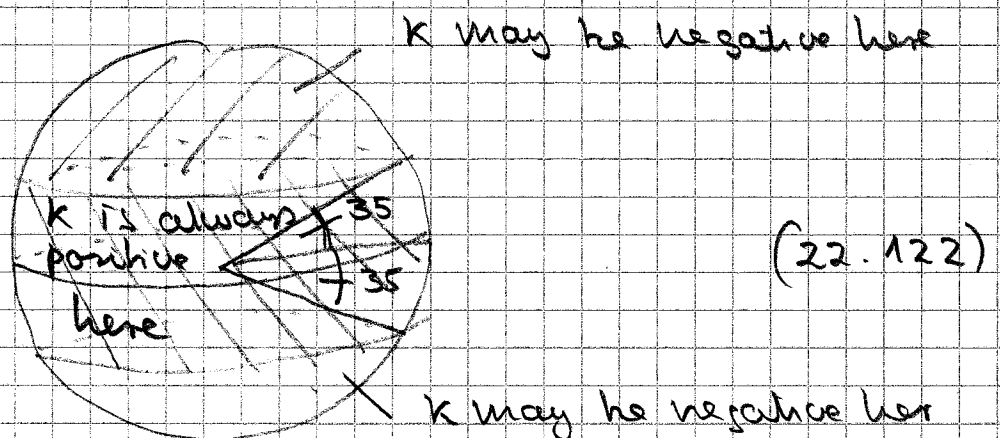
The right-hand side is smallest, and hence the negative- $K$ - $\theta$ -interval largest, for  $|a| = m$ . Then



$$|\cos \theta| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (22.120)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Leftrightarrow \theta < 54,7^\circ \\ \text{or } \theta > 125,3^\circ \end{array} \right\} (22.121)$$

The strip extending  $35,3^\circ$  north and south to the equator, i.e. of total width  $\approx 70^\circ$ , has always positive  $K$ .



There is no totalisationally invariant isometric embedding of the horizon into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , for that would necessarily have  $K \geq 0$  at the poles (where the rotation axis intersects surface). Prove this!

Finally, let's integrate the Gaussian curvature over the whole surface. Using

$$\theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 = (1+a^2) \sin \theta \, d\theta \wedge d\varphi \quad (22.123)$$

We get

$$\int K \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 = \int \frac{(1+a^2)^2 (1-3a^2 \cos^2 \theta)}{(1+a^2 \cos^2 \theta)^3} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi$$

$$= 2\pi (1+a^2)^2 \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \frac{(1-3a^2 z^2)}{(1+a^2 z^2)^3}$$

$$= 2\pi (1+a^2)^2 \left. \frac{z}{(1+a^2 z^2)^2} \right|_{-1}^{+1}$$

$$= 4\pi \quad (22.124)$$

independent of all parameters!

Why is that? Because of the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem, according to which

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} K &= 2\pi \chi(\Sigma) \\ &= 4\pi(1-g) \end{aligned} \quad (22.125)$$

where  $\chi(\Sigma)$  = Euler characteristic of  $\Sigma$   
and  $g$  = genus of  $\Sigma$ . Hence our  $\Sigma$  is  $S^2$ !