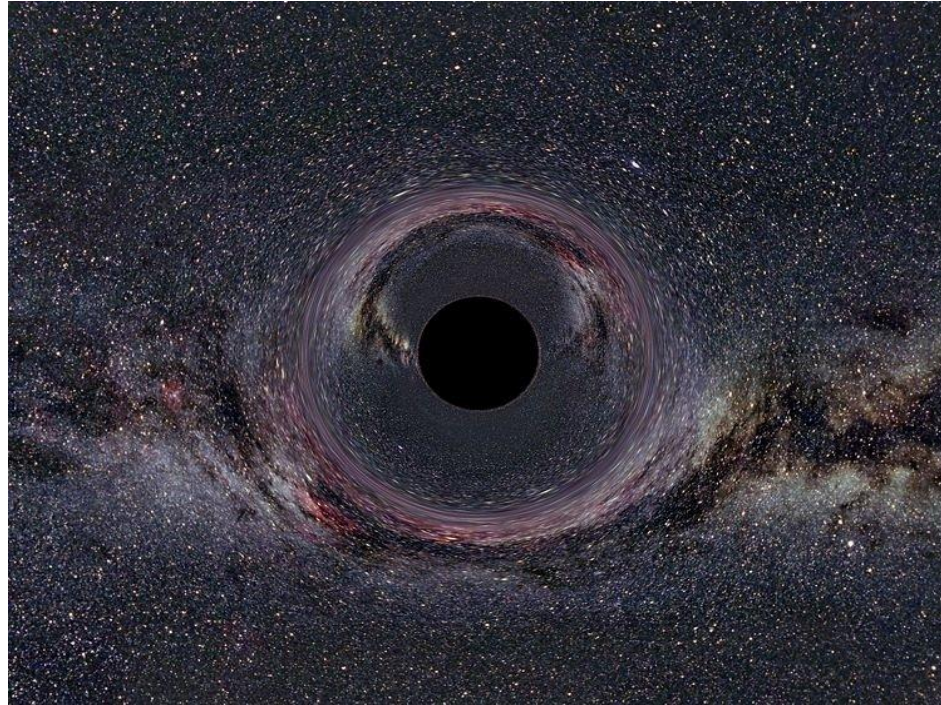


# Lecture 2: Rotating black holes

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# Rotating black holes

(plan for lecture 2)

- a) Spherical black holes
- b) Adding slow rotation: Lense-Thirring spacetimes
- c) Kerr geometry and its miraculous properties
- d) Black holes in higher dimensions

# I) Spherical black holes

# Schwarzschild solution (1916)

$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + r^2 \underbrace{(\sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + d\theta^2)}_{d\Omega^2},$$
$$f = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

**Birkhoff's theorem:** This is the *most general spherically symmetric* solution of vacuum Einstein equations.

Proof: start with a general spherical ansatz:

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\psi} f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad f = 1 - \frac{2m(r, t)}{r}, \quad \psi = \psi(r, t)$$

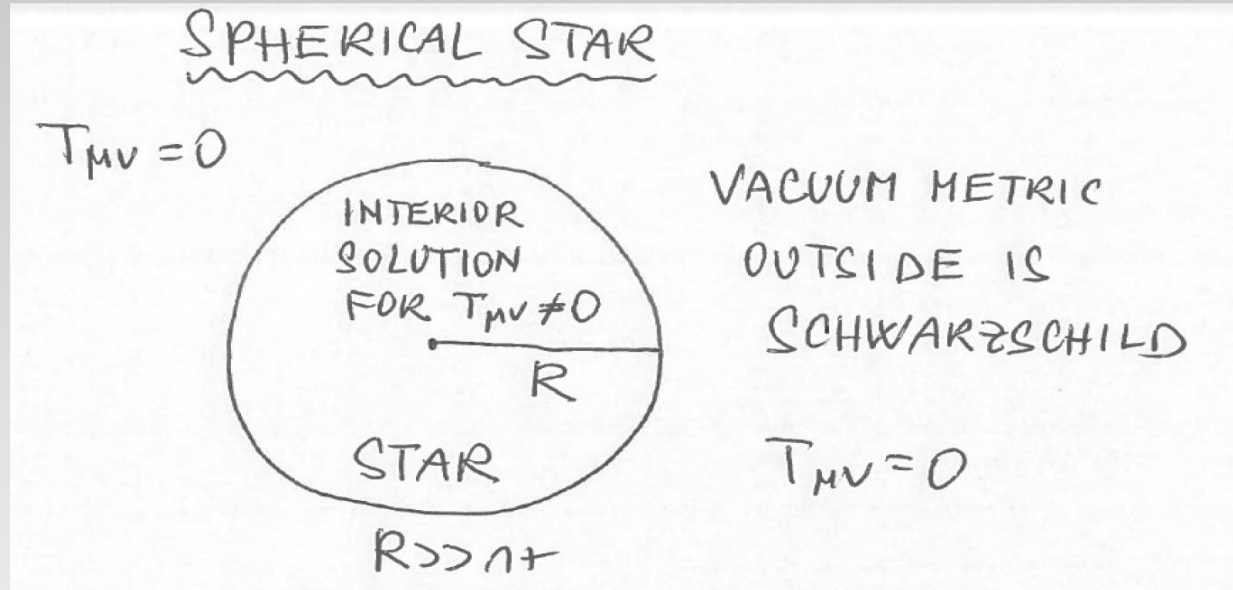
• Einstein equations

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial r} = 4\pi r^2 (-T_t^t), \quad \frac{\partial m}{\partial t} = -4\pi r^2 (-T_r^t), \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = \frac{4\pi r}{f} (-T_t^t + T_r^r)$$

• By redefining time, we eliminate  $\psi = \psi(t)$

# Schwarzschild solution (1916)

- **Metric outside** of spherical objects



- **Black hole solution** (two singularities)

- Horizon  $r = r_+ = 2M$  (coordinate singularity)
- Curvature singularity  $r = 0$

$$R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{48M^2}{r^6} \quad (\text{resolved in QG?})$$

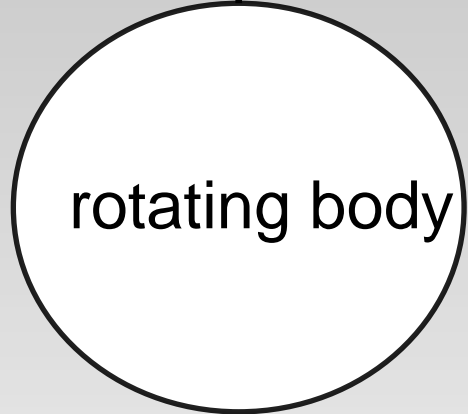
II) Adding slow rotation:

Lense-Thirring

spacetimes

# Lense-Thirring spacetime (1918)

$$\mathcal{G} \quad J=aM$$



$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f} + 2a(f-1) \sin^2 \theta dt d\phi + r^2(\sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + d\theta^2), \quad f = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

- Spacetime outside a **slowly rotating body**
- **Approximate** (linear in  $a$ ) vacuum solution of EE
- Linear in  $a$  approximation to **Kerr** (1963)
- After proper “modification” admits **hidden symmetries** (see Finn’s talk)
- Encodes **gravitomagnetic effects**

# Frame dragging (gravitomagnetism)

= general-relativistic effect due to the **motion** (in particular rotation) **of matter** and gravitational waves, analogous in a way to electromagnetic induction.

- Already in the **weak field approximation**

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \vec{j} \\ \vec{j} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad j_{\mu} = T_{0\mu} = (\rho, \vec{j})$$

$$g_{00} = -1 - 2\phi, \quad g_{0i} = -4A_i, \quad g_{ij} = (1 - 2\phi)\delta_{ij}$$

- Einstein & geodesic equations then yield

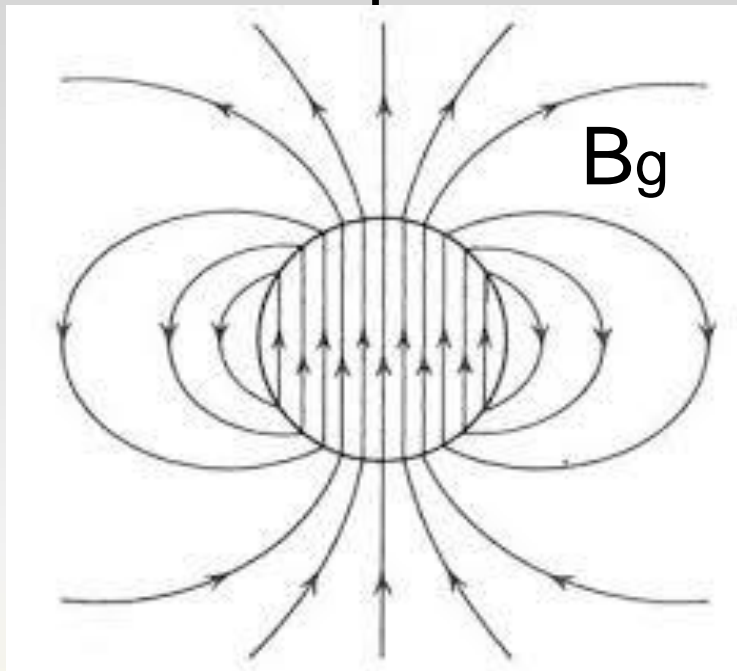
$$\square A^{\mu} = -4\pi j^{\mu}, \quad \partial_{\mu} A^{\mu} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} = E^i - 4F^i_j v^j$$



# Frame dragging (gravitomagnetism)

- Lens-Thirring (1918)



- “radially infalling geodesic” experiences “**Coriolis type force**”

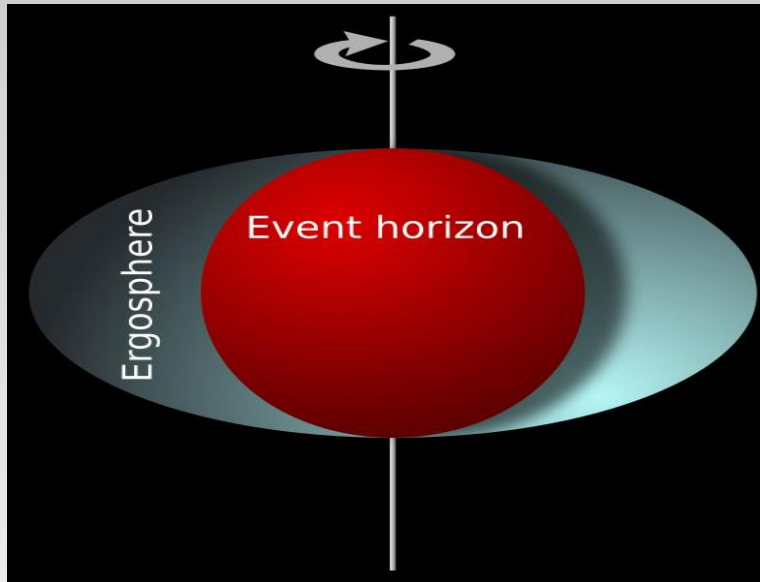
$$r \frac{d^2 \varphi}{dt^2} = - \underbrace{\frac{2J}{r^3}}_{2\omega(r)} \frac{dr}{dt}$$

**(Exercise)**

- **Gyroscope precession** (“Larmor precession” due to gravitomagnetic field)

# Frame dragging (gravitomagnetism)

- Existence of a BH ergosphere



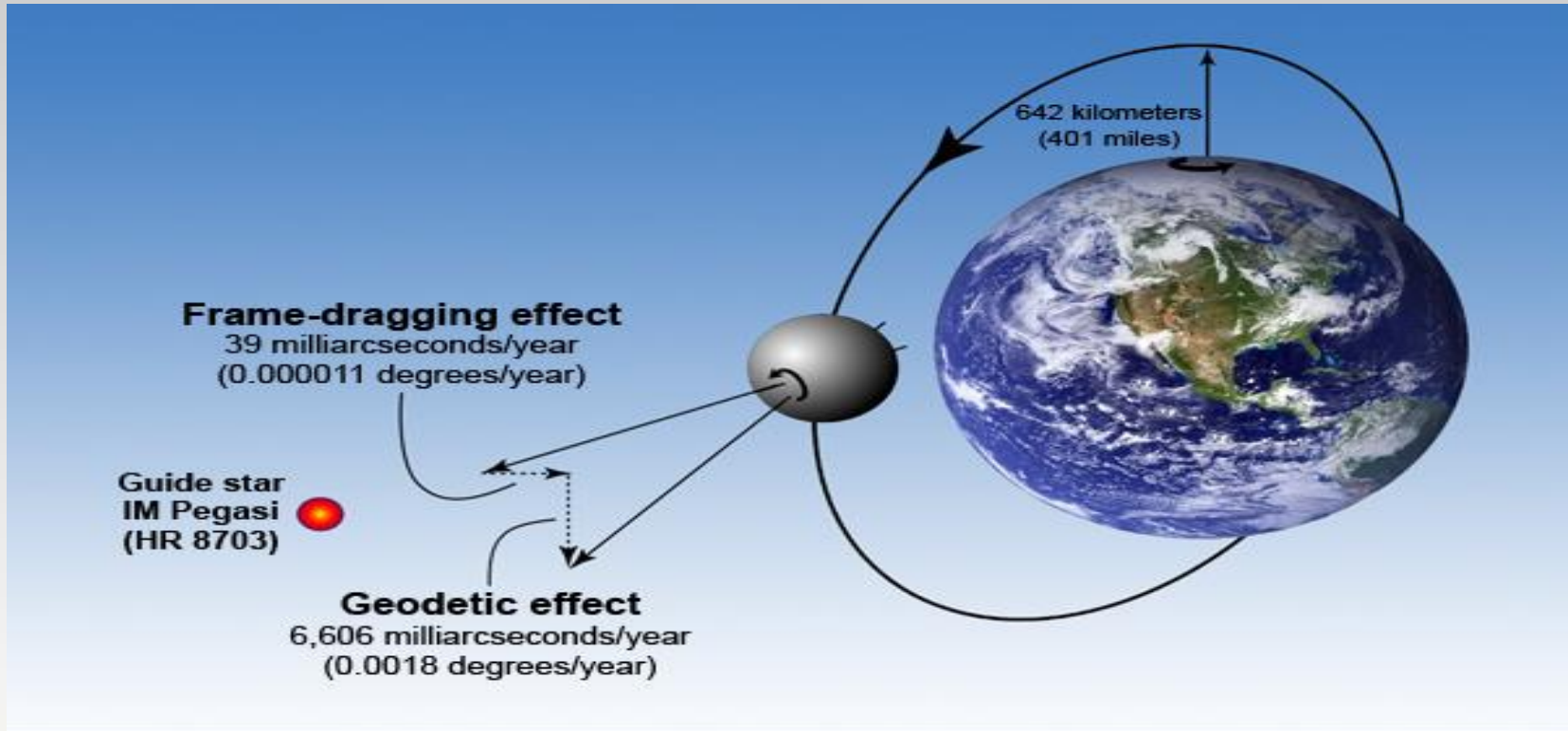
**Example of extremal frame dragging:** particle inside the ergosphere has to corotate with the black hole

- Astrophysical applications

- **Bardeen-Petterson effect** – aligning of the accretion disc along the black hole spin axis
- **Precession** of orbits of stars near a supermassive black hole (back reaction on BH spin)

# The Gravity Probe B Experiment

Everitt; et al. "Gravity Probe B: Final Results of a Space Experiment to Test General Relativity". Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** (22): 221101 (2011)



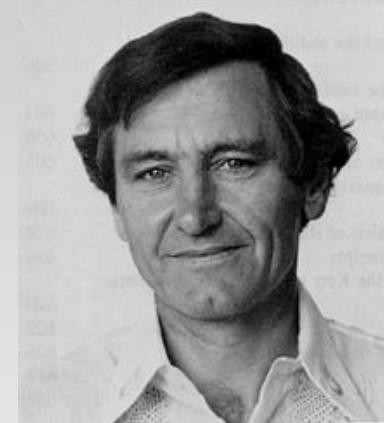
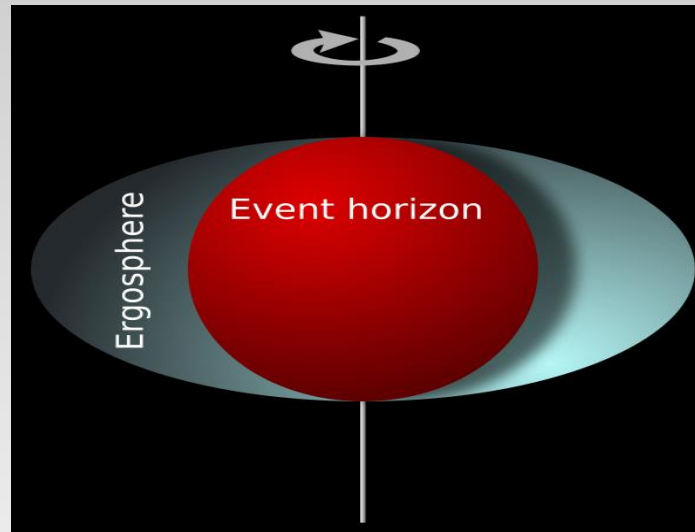
	Measured	Predicted
Geodetic precession (mas)	6602 ± 18	6606
Frame-dragging (mas)	37.2 ± 7.2	39.2

<https://physics.aps.org/articles/v4/43>

# III) Kerr geometry and its miraculous properties

# Kerr geometry

- **Unique vacuum** solution of Einstein equations describing a rotating black hole in 4d



Roy Patrick Kerr

- Discovered in 1963 by Kerr (4 years before Wheeler coins the term “black hole”).
- Provided cosmic censorship, Kerr solution is a final configuration of **gravitational collapse** – generic in our Universe.

# Kerr geometry

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} (dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi)^2 + \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma d\theta^2 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} [(r^2 + a^2)d\phi - a dt]^2$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta,$$

$$\Delta = r^2 f + a^2$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

- Possesses **two parameters**: mass and rotation (no hair theorem)
- no (physical) interior solutions are known – interpretation as field outside rotating objects is questionable

# Remarkable properties

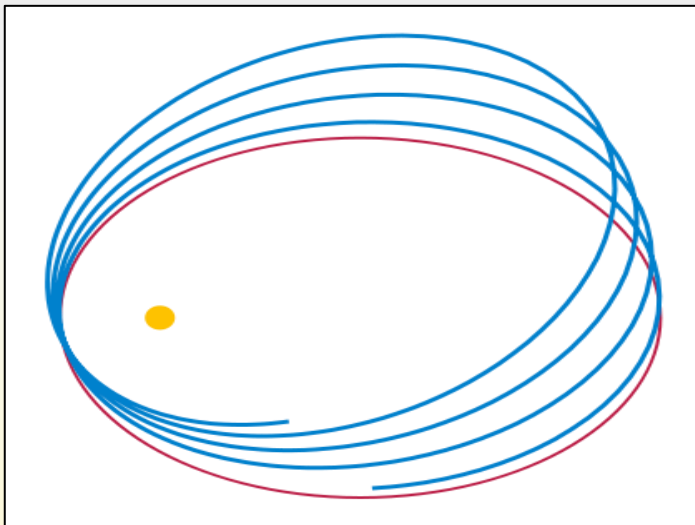
- Geodesic motion is completely integrable

- The metric is stationary and axisymmetric:

$$\mathbf{k} = \partial_t, \quad \mathbf{m} = \partial_\varphi$$

$$g_{ab}u^a u^b = -1, \quad k_a u^a = -E, \quad m_a u^a = L$$

- **1968 Carter** discovers a mysterious constant of motion which results in a complete integrability of geodesic motion



$$K_{ab}u^a u^b = K$$

# Carter's constant derivation (Exercise)

- Consider **Hamilton-Jacobi equation**

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \lambda} + g^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x^\beta} = 0$$

- Try the following separation ansatz:

$$S = -\kappa\lambda + \mathcal{E}t - h\varphi - R(r) - \Lambda(\theta)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{\Delta\Sigma} ((r^2 + a^2)\partial_t S + a\partial_\varphi S)^2 - \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} (\partial_r S)^2 - \frac{1}{\Sigma} (\partial_\theta S)^2 - \frac{1}{\Sigma \sin^2\theta} (a \sin^2\theta \partial_t S + \partial_\varphi S)^2$$

- Re-shuffling:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= -\kappa r^2 + \frac{1}{\Delta} ((r^2 + a^2)\mathcal{E} - ah)^2 - \Delta R'^2 \\ &= \Lambda'^2 + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta} (a \sin^2\theta \mathcal{E} - h)^2 + \kappa a^2 \cos^2\theta \end{aligned}$$

- Since

$$\partial_\alpha S = p_\alpha \quad C = K^{\alpha\beta} p_\alpha p_\beta \quad \nabla_{(\gamma} K_{\alpha\beta)} = 0$$

$$K = -r^2 g^{-1} + \frac{1}{\Delta} ((r^2 + a^2)\partial_t + a\partial_\varphi)^2 - \Delta \partial_r^2$$



- **Field equations decouple and separate**

Scalar field, Dirac, electromagnetic, and gravitational perturbations **decouple and separate variables** (Carter 1968, Teukolsky 1972, Chandrasekhar & Page 1976, Wald 1978)



**Enables to study:**

- black hole shadow
- plasma accretion
- black hole stability
- Hawking evaporation
- ...

- **Kerr-Schild form**: the metric can be written as a linear in mass deformation of the flat space

$$g = \dot{g} + \frac{2Mr}{\Sigma} ll$$

- **Special algebraic type** of the Weyl tensor

# Principal tensor

“All” the above properties can be attributed to the existence of a single object called:

**Principal tensor** = a (non-degenerate) closed conformal **Killing-Yano** 2-form

$$\nabla_c h_{ab} = g_{ca} \xi_b - g_{cb} \xi_a$$

For example: Carter’s constant corresponds to the “square” of principal tensor

$$K_{ab} = h_{ac} h_b^c + \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} h^2$$

Special algebraic type: follows from integrability conditions of the above object

# Canonical Carter's form

- Starting from the Boyer-Lindquist form, let's perform the following **coordinate transformation**:

$$y = a \cos \theta, \quad \psi = \phi/a, \quad \tau = t - a\phi$$

and for convenience:  $x = ir$      $b_x = iM$

$$g = \frac{\Delta_y}{y^2 - x^2} (d\tau + x^2 d\psi)^2 + \frac{\Delta_x}{x^2 - y^2} (d\tau + y^2 d\psi)^2 \\ + \frac{y^2 - x^2}{\Delta_y} dy^2 + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{\Delta_x} dx^2$$

$$\Delta_x = (a^2 - x^2) + 2b_x x,$$

$$\Delta_y = (a^2 - y^2)$$

# Canonical Carter's form

$$g = \frac{\Delta_y}{y^2 - x^2} (d\tau + x^2 d\psi)^2 + \frac{\Delta_x}{x^2 - y^2} (d\tau + y^2 d\psi)^2 \\ + \frac{y^2 - x^2}{\Delta_y} dy^2 + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{\Delta_x} dx^2$$

- More generally: **off-shell metric**  $\Delta_x = \Delta_x(x), \quad \Delta_y = \Delta_y(y)$
- Form of this metric **uniquely determined** by the principal tensor

$$\xi_{(\tau)}^a = \frac{1}{3} \nabla_b h^{ba} = \partial_\tau^a, \quad \xi_{(\psi)}^a = -k^a_b \xi_{(\tau)}^b = \partial_\psi^a$$

$$h^a_b \hat{n}^b = -r n^a$$

$$h^a_b \hat{e}^b = y e^a$$

- All separability/integrability properties **remain true** off-shell.

# Canonical Carter's form

- Imposing the vacuum (with Lambda) Einstein equations:

$$R_{ab} = \Lambda g_{ab}$$

... and in particular

$$R = 4\Lambda$$

- gives

$$\ddot{\Delta}_x - \Delta_y'' = 4\Lambda(y^2 - x^2)$$

which can be solved by separation of variables and yields

$$\Delta_x = (a^2 - x^2)(1 + \Lambda x^2/3) + 2b_x x$$

$$\Delta_y = (a^2 - y^2)(1 + \Lambda y^2/3) + 2b_y y$$

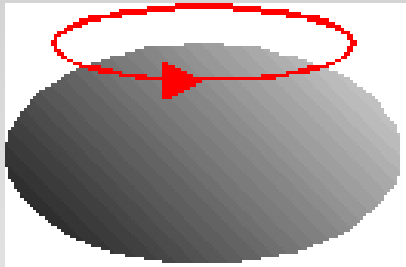
... on-shell **Kerr-NUT-AdS spacetime**

# IV) Black holes in higher dimensions

# What about black holes in higher dimensions?

(motivated by string theory, brane world scenarios, GR)

- **Myers-Perry** generalization of the Kerr metric (1986)



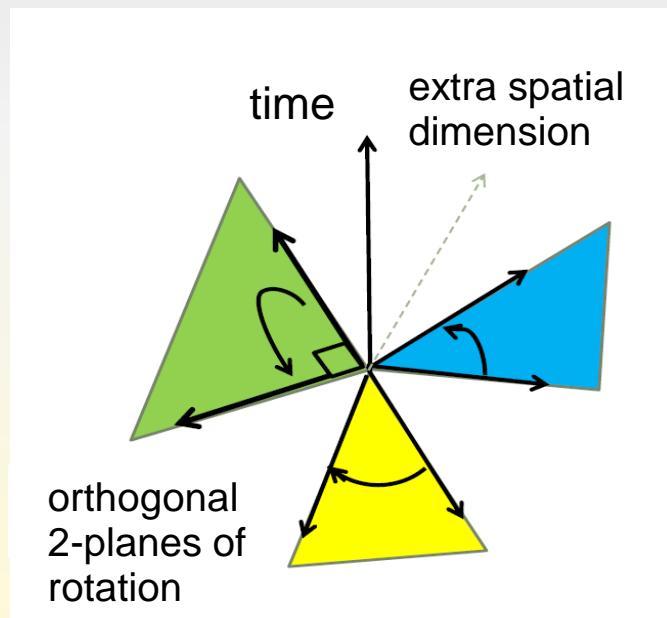
rotates in  $m = [(D-1)/2]$   
orthogonal planes



Robert C. Myers



Malcolm J. Perry



Rotation group  $SO(d-1)$  admits the  
Cartan's subgroup  $[U(1)]^m$ .

# What about black holes in higher dimensions?

- Myers-Perry generalization of the Kerr metric (1986)

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{U dr^2}{V - 2M} + \frac{2M}{U} \left( dt + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i^2 d\phi_i \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (r^2 + a_i^2) (\mu_i^2 d\phi_i^2 + d\mu_i^2) + \varepsilon r^2 d\mu_{n+\varepsilon}^2,$$

$$V = r^{\varepsilon-2} \prod_{i=1}^n (r^2 + a_i^2), \quad U = V \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2 \mu_i^2}{r^2 + a_i^2} \right)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 + \varepsilon \mu_{n+\varepsilon}^2 = 1$$

- The constraint can be eliminated by the **Jacobi transformation**

$$\mu_i^2 = \frac{\prod_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} (a_i^2 - y_\alpha^2)}{\prod_{k=1}^n (a_i^2 - a_k^2)}$$

(diagonalizes the mu-part of the metric)



# What about black holes in higher dimensions?

- **Kerr-NUT-(A)dS spacetimes**: adding the cosmological constant and NUT parameters

Chen, Lü, Pope, Class. Quant. Grav. 23 , 5323 (2006).

$$g = \sum_{\mu=1}^n \left[ \frac{U_{\mu}}{X_{\mu}} dx_{\mu}^2 + \frac{X_{\mu}}{U_{\mu}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{\mu}^{(j)} d\psi_j \right)^2 \right] + \varepsilon \frac{c}{A^{(n)}} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n A^{(k)} d\psi_k \right)^2$$

$$A^{(k)} = \sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k=1 \\ \nu_1 < \dots < \nu_k}}^n x_{\nu_1}^2 \dots x_{\nu_k}^2$$

$$A_{\mu}^{(j)} = \sum_{\substack{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_j=1 \\ \nu_1 < \dots < \nu_j \\ \nu_i \neq \mu}}^n x_{\nu_1}^2 \dots x_{\nu_j}^2$$

$$U_{\mu} = \prod_{\substack{\nu=1 \\ \nu \neq \mu}}^n (x_{\nu}^2 - x_{\mu}^2)$$

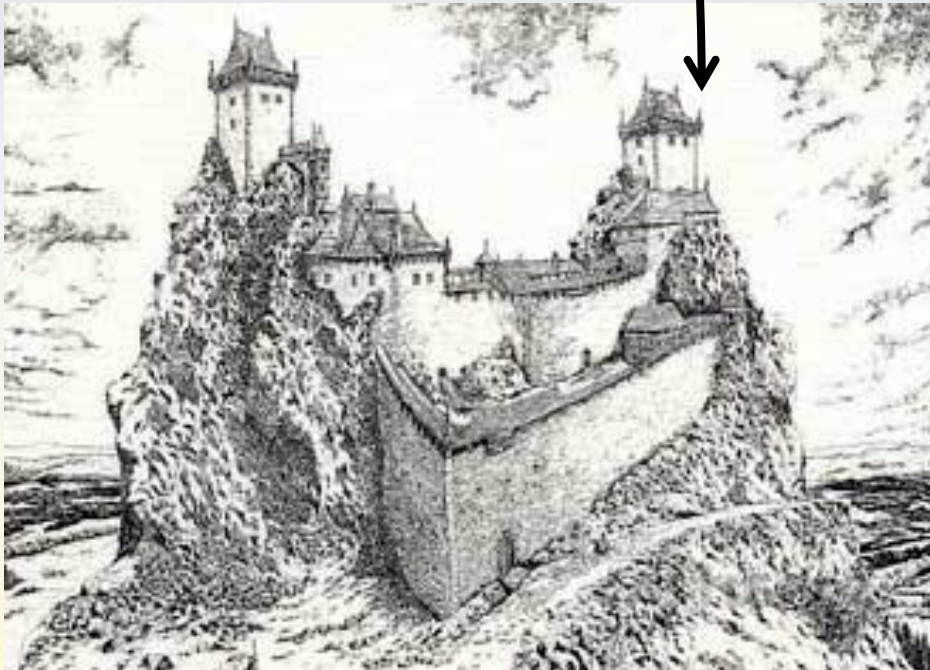
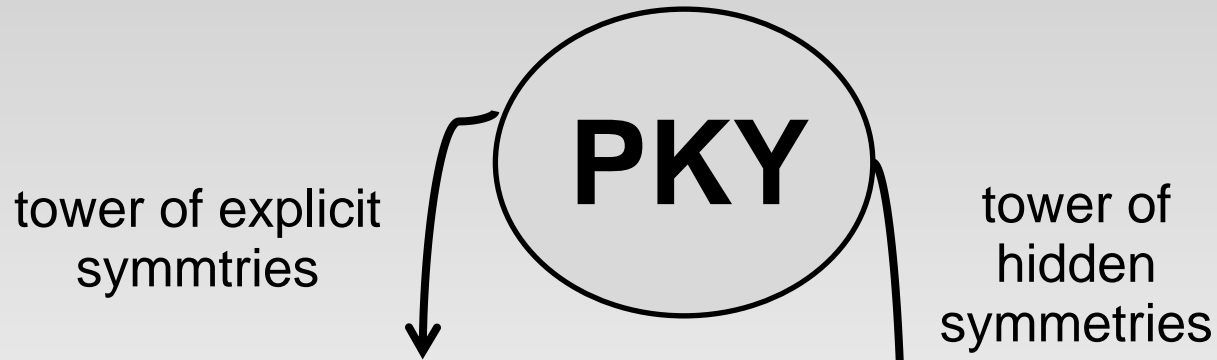
$$X_{\mu} = \begin{cases} -2b_{\mu} x_{\mu} + \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x_{\mu}^{2k} & \text{for } D \text{ even ,} \\ -\frac{c}{x_{\mu}^2} - 2b_{\mu} + \sum_{k=1}^n c_k x_{\mu}^{2k} & \text{for } D \text{ odd .} \end{cases}$$

$$X_{\mu} = X_{\mu}(x_{\mu})$$

- “direct” higher-dimensional generalization of **Carter’s canonical form**

# Towers of hidden symmetries

(Off-shell) Kerr-NUT-AdS admits a **principal Killing-Yano tensor**. From this tensor one can generate **towers** of explicit and hidden symmetries, which guarantee its miraculous symmetries, similar in many aspects to those of the Kerr geometry.



- Integrability of geodesic motion
- Separation of test field equations
- Special algebraic type D
- SUSY for spinning particles
- Kerr-Schild form

# Other black holes in higher dimensions

- **2001: Black ring** = black holes with  $S^2 \times S^1$  horizon topology



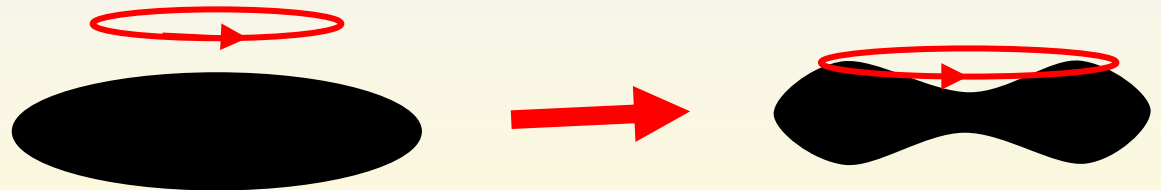
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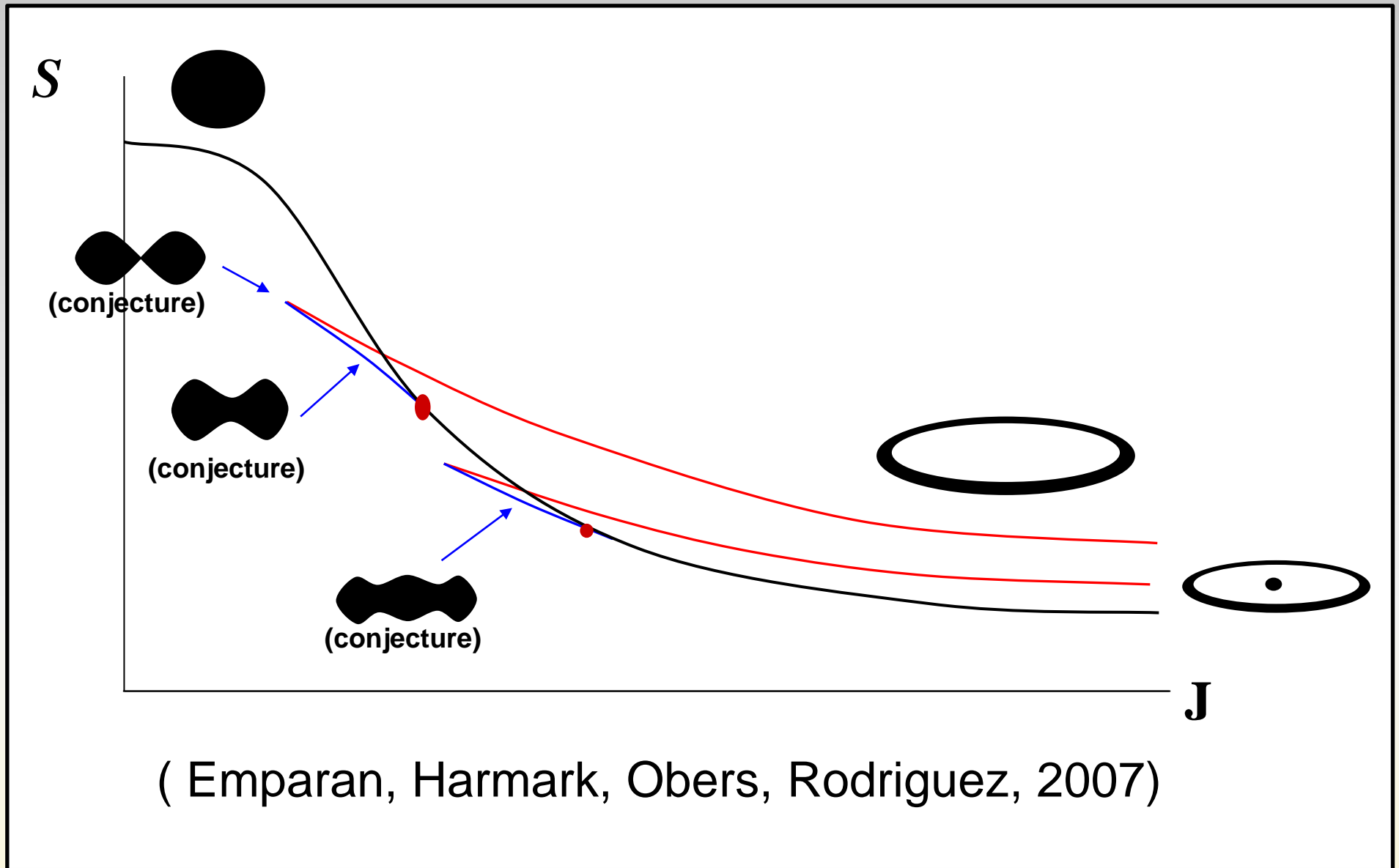
**Harvey Reall**

“Bended black string, whose gravity is compensated for by the centrifugal force.”

- **“Bumpy”** black holes



# Phase diagram of vacuum black holes



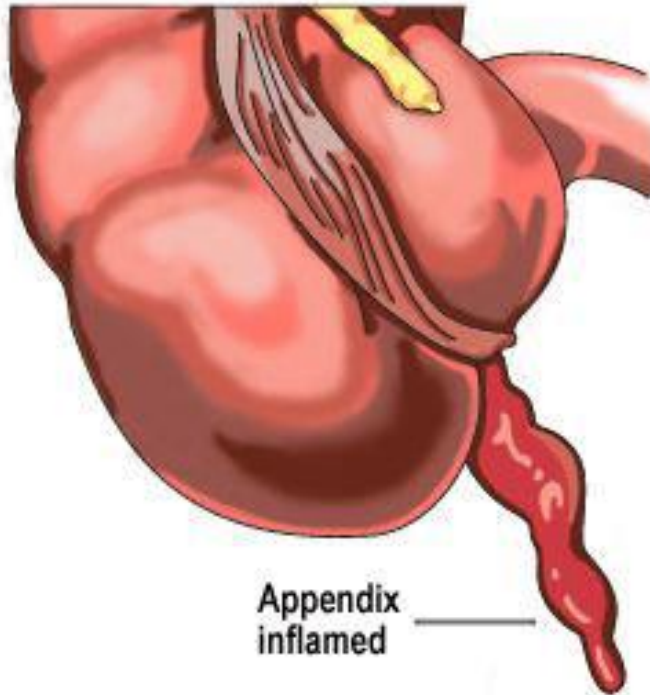
## Summary of lecture 2

- 1) In 4d, **Kerr** metric describes a **unique** black hole solution. It possess a remarkable hidden symmetry of **principal Killing-Yano** (PKY) tensor which determines its miraculous properties.
- 2) Slightly more generally, PKY exists for (off-shell) Carter's **canonical metric**, which on-shell yields Kerr-NUT-AdS spacetimes.
- 3) Generalizes to higher dimensions, for (off-shell) **Kerr-NUT-AdS spacetimes**. (Other black holes exist in higher dimensions.)



# Appendices

**Inflamed Appendix**



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# Differential forms

- **Definition.** A differential  $p$ -form  $\omega$  is a totally antisymmetric tensor of type  $(0, p)$ , that is,

$$\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p} = \omega_{[\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p]} = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\text{perm } \pi} \text{sign}(\pi) \omega_{\alpha_{\pi(1)} \dots \alpha_{\pi(p)}} .$$

Hence, a differential form is antisymmetric under exchange of any 2 indices. We shall denote  $\Lambda_x^p$  a vector space of  $p$ -forms at  $x$ . One can show that it has a dimensionality  $\dim \Lambda_x^p = \binom{n}{p}$ .

- **Definition.** A wedge product  $\wedge : \Lambda_x^p \times \Lambda_x^q \rightarrow \Lambda_x^{p+q}$  :

$$(\omega \wedge \nu)_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p \beta_1 \dots \beta_q} = \frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!} \omega_{[\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p} \nu_{\beta_1 \dots \beta_q]} .$$

That is,  $\omega \wedge \nu$  is a  $(p+q)$ -form. It obeys

$$\omega \wedge \nu = (-1)^{pq} \nu \wedge \omega .$$

Since  $dx^\alpha$  is a coordinate basis of 1-forms, general  $p$ -form can be written as

$$\omega = \frac{1}{p!} \omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p} dx^{\alpha_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{\alpha_p} .$$



# Differential forms

- For any vector  $V$ , we define an inner derivative  $i_V : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{p-1}$ :

$$i_V \omega = V \lrcorner \omega = V \cdot \omega = \omega(V) : \quad (V \lrcorner \omega)_{\alpha_1 \dot{\alpha}_{p-1}} = V^\beta \omega_{b\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{p-1}} .$$

Properties of inner derivative:

- i)  $i_V$  is linear
- ii)  $i_V$  is linear in  $V : i_{fV+gW} = fi_V + gi_W$ .
- iii) graded Leibnitz rule: For  $\omega \in \Lambda^p$  we have

$$i_V(\omega \wedge \nu) = (i_V \omega) \wedge \nu + (-1)^p \omega \wedge i_V \nu .$$

iv)

$$i_v i_W + i_W i_V = 0 \quad \text{spec.} \quad i_V^2 = 0 .$$

- **Definition.** Exterior derivative  $d : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1}$  is defined as follows:

- i) On a function  $f$  we have  $d : f \rightarrow df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\alpha} dx^\alpha$ .
- ii) On a  $p$ -form  $\omega$  we then have

$$d : \omega \rightarrow d\omega = \frac{1}{p!} d\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p} \wedge dx^{\alpha_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{\alpha_p} .$$

That is  $(d\omega)_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{p+1}} = (p+1) \partial_{[\alpha_1} \omega_{\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{p+1}]}$ .

Note that we have  $d^2 = 0$ . Conversely, a  $p$ -form  $\alpha$  is called closed when  $d\alpha = 0$ . It is called exact when  $\alpha = d\beta$ . Any closed form  $\alpha$  can be *locally* written as  $\alpha = d\beta$  but not *globally*.

# Differential forms

- Cartan's lemma. For a vector field  $V$  and a  $p$ -form  $\omega$ , we have the following identity:

$$\mathcal{L}_V \omega = V \lrcorner d\omega + d(V \lrcorner \omega).$$

In particular, this implies that

$$\mathcal{L}_V df = d\mathcal{L}_V f.$$

- Having a metric, we can also define Hodge dual  $* : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{n-p}$

$$(*\alpha)_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-p}} = \frac{1}{p!} \epsilon_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{n-p} \beta_1 \dots \beta_p} \alpha_{\beta_1 \dots \beta_p}$$

Where Levi-Civita tensor  $\epsilon_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} = \sqrt{|g|} e_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}$

in terms of permutation symbol:

$$e_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \text{ even permutations of } 1, \dots, n \\ -1 & \text{for odd permutations} \end{cases}$$

# Differential forms

- Having a metric, we can also define co-derivative  $\delta$ :

$$\delta = \mp (-1)^{n(p+1)} * d* : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^{p-1} .$$

Here  $n$  is the dimensions of the manifold and upper/lower sign applies to Riemannian/Lorentzian signature. We then find

$$(\delta\omega)_{\alpha_2 \dots \alpha_p} = -\nabla^{\alpha_1} \omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_p} .$$

- Integration. A  $p$ -form  $\omega$  can be integrated over a  $p$ -dimensional (sub)manifold. Writing  $\omega = f dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^p$  we then define

$$\int_{O_p} \omega = \int_{\psi(O_p)} f dx^1 \dots dx^p \quad \text{where r.h.s. is defined as Lebesgue integral.}$$

Note that this definition is independent of coordinates, as we have

$$\omega = f' dx'^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx'^p, \quad f' = f \det\left(\frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x'^\nu}\right).$$

Stokes theorem. The following identity is valid

$$\boxed{\int_{\Omega} d\omega = \int_{\partial\Omega} \omega .}$$