What is a gravitational singularity?

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Mathematical Relativity

- General Relativity (GR)

- Differential Geometry

- Partial Differential Equations

¿Why do singularities occur?

- Symmetries.
- Incomplete description .

We can not define singularities as in other classical theories.

Description 1. A singularity in GR is when a curvature scalar diverges as we approach a point that we have "cut off" from the manifold.

Intuitive idea: Physical objects suffer increasingly stronger deformations when they approach singular regions.
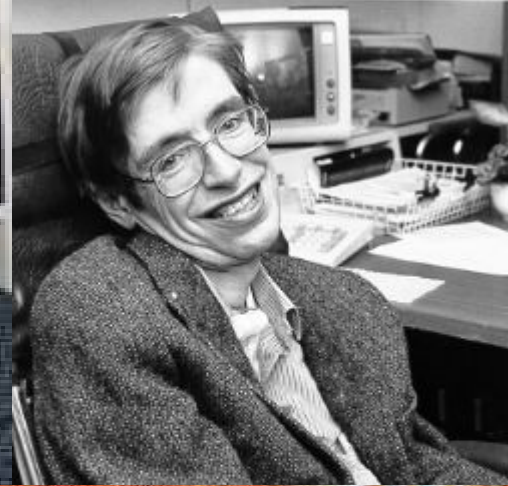
Singularity Theorems
[Penrose 65, Hawking 67]

A spacetime that satisfies:

1. An energy condition.

2. A boundary/initial condition.

3. Global causal condition.

is geodesically incomplete.

Description 2. A singularity in GR is an obstruction to the geodesic equation. A spacetime is singular if it is geodesically incomplete.

Intuitive idea: Free falling point particles have a finite history.

The singularity theorems do NOT say anything about the **curvature.**

Use PDEs

A PDE is well-posed if:

1. A solution exists.
2. The solution is unique.
3. Depends continuously with respect to initial data.

Description 3. A singularity in GR is an obstruction to field dynamics. A spacetime is singular if there are physical fields which dynamics are not well-posed.

Intuitive idea: Fields can not evolve if they find a singularity.

¿ Which fields?

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = -\tfrac{1}{2}\partial_\nu g^a_\mu \partial_\nu g^a_\mu - g_s f^{abc}\partial_\mu g^a_\nu g^b_\mu g^c_\nu - \tfrac{1}{4}g_s^2 f^{abc}f^{ade}g^b_\mu g^c_\nu g^d_\mu g^e_\nu - \partial_\nu W^+_\mu \partial_\nu W^-_\mu -$$
$$M^2 W^+_\mu W^-_\mu - \tfrac{1}{2}\partial_\nu Z^0_\mu \partial_\nu Z^0_\mu - \tfrac{1}{2c_w^2}M^2 Z^0_\mu Z^0_\mu - \tfrac{1}{2}\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu - igc_w(\partial_\nu Z^0_\mu(W^+_\mu W^-_\nu -$$
$$W^+_\nu W^-_\mu) - Z^0_\nu(W^+_\mu \partial_\nu W^-_\mu - W^-_\mu \partial_\nu W^+_\mu) + Z^0_\nu(W^+_\mu \partial_\nu W^-_\mu - W^-_\mu \partial_\nu W^+_\mu)) -$$
$$igs_w(\partial_\nu A_\mu(W^+_\mu W^-_\nu - W^-_\nu W^+_\mu) - A_\nu(W^+_\mu \partial_\nu W^-_\mu - W^-_\mu \partial_\nu W^+_\mu) + A_\mu(W^+_\nu \partial_\nu W^-_\mu -$$
$$W^-_\nu \partial_\nu W^+_\mu)) - \tfrac{1}{2}g^2 W^+_\mu W^-_\mu W^+_\nu W^-_\nu + \tfrac{1}{2}g^2 W^+_\mu W^-_\nu W^+_\mu W^-_\nu + g^2 c_w^2(Z^0_\mu W^+_\mu Z^0_\nu W^-_\nu -$$
$$Z^0_\mu Z^0_\mu W^+_\nu W^-_\nu) + g^2 s_w^2(A_\mu W^+_\mu A_\nu W^-_\nu - A_\mu A_\mu W^+_\nu W^-_\nu) + g^2 s_w c_w(A_\mu Z^0_\nu(W^+_\mu W^-_\nu -$$
$$W^+_\nu W^-_\mu) - 2A_\mu Z^0_\mu W^+_\nu W^-_\nu) - \tfrac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial_\mu H - 2M^2\alpha_h H^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \tfrac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 -$$
$$\beta_h\left(\tfrac{2M^2}{g^2} + \tfrac{2M}{g}H + \tfrac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0\phi^0 + 2\phi^+\phi^-)\right) + \tfrac{2M^4}{g^2}\alpha_h -$$
$$g\alpha_h M\left(H^3 + H\phi^0\phi^0 + 2H\phi^+\phi^-\right) -$$
$$\tfrac{1}{8}g^2\alpha_h\left(H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+\phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2\phi^+\phi^- + 4H^2\phi^+\phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2 H^2\right) -$$
$$gMW^+_\mu W^-_\mu H - \tfrac{1}{2}g\tfrac{M}{c_w^2}Z^0_\mu Z^0_\mu H -$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2}ig\left(W^+_\mu(\phi^0\partial_\mu\phi^- - \phi^-\partial_\mu\phi^0) - W^-_\mu(\phi^0\partial_\mu\phi^+ - \phi^+\partial_\mu\phi^0)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2}g\left(W^+_\mu(H\partial_\mu\phi^- - \phi^-\partial_\mu H) + W^-_\mu(H\partial_\mu\phi^+ - \phi^+\partial_\mu H)\right) + \tfrac{1}{2}g\tfrac{1}{c_w}(Z^0_\mu(H\partial_\mu\phi^0 - \phi^0\partial_\mu H) +$$
$$M\left(\tfrac{1}{c_w}Z^0_\mu \partial_\mu\phi^0 + W^+_\mu \partial_\mu\phi^- + W^-_\mu \partial_\mu\phi^+\right) - ig\tfrac{s_w^2}{c_w}MZ^0_\mu(W^+_\mu\phi^- - W^-_\mu\phi^+) + igs_w MA_\mu(W^+_\mu\phi^- -$$
$$W^-_\mu\phi^+) - ig\tfrac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w}Z^0_\mu(\phi^+\partial_\mu\phi^- - \phi^-\partial_\mu\phi^+) + igs_w A_\mu(\phi^+\partial_\mu\phi^- - \phi^-\partial_\mu\phi^+) -$$
$$\tfrac{1}{4}g^2 W^+_\mu W^-_\mu\left(H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2\phi^+\phi^-\right) - \tfrac{1}{8}g^2\tfrac{1}{c_w^2}Z^0_\mu Z^0_\mu\left(H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2(2s_w^2 - 1)^2\phi^+\phi^-\right) -$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2}g^2\tfrac{s_w^2}{c_w}Z^0_\mu\phi^0(W^+_\mu\phi^- + W^-_\mu\phi^+) - \tfrac{1}{2}ig^2\tfrac{s_w^2}{c_w}Z^0_\mu H(W^+_\mu\phi^- - W^-_\mu\phi^+) + \tfrac{1}{2}g^2 s_w A_\mu\phi^0(W^+_\mu\phi^- +$$
$$W^-_\mu\phi^+) + \tfrac{1}{2}ig^2 s_w A_\mu H(W^+_\mu\phi^- - W^-_\mu\phi^+) - g^2\tfrac{s_w}{c_w}(2c_w^2 - 1)Z^0_\mu A_\mu\phi^+\phi^- -$$
$$g^2 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu\phi^+\phi^- + \tfrac{1}{2}ig_s \lambda^a_{ij}(\bar{q}^\sigma_i \gamma^\mu q^\sigma_j)g^a_\mu - \bar{e}^\lambda(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_e)e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_\nu)\nu^\lambda - \bar{u}^\lambda_j(\gamma\partial +$$
$$m^\lambda_u)u^\lambda_j - \bar{d}^\lambda_j(\gamma\partial + m^\lambda_d)d^\lambda_j + igs_w A_\mu\left(-(\bar{e}^\lambda\gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \tfrac{2}{3}(\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu u^\lambda_j) - \tfrac{1}{3}(\bar{d}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu d^\lambda_j)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{ig}{4c_w}Z^0_\mu\{(\bar{\nu}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)\nu^\lambda) + (\bar{e}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(4s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5)e^\lambda) + (\bar{d}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(\tfrac{4}{3}s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5)d^\lambda_j) +$$
$$(\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(1 - \tfrac{8}{3}s_w^2 + \gamma^5)u^\lambda_j)\} + \tfrac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}}W^+_\mu\left((\bar{\nu}^\lambda\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)U^{lep}_{\lambda\kappa}e^\kappa) + (\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)C_{\lambda\kappa}d^\kappa_j)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}}W^-_\mu\left((\bar{e}^\kappa U^{lep\dagger}_{\kappa\lambda}\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)\nu^\lambda) + (\bar{d}^\kappa_j C^\dagger_{\kappa\lambda}\gamma^\mu(1+\gamma^5)u^\lambda_j)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}}\phi^+\left(-m^\kappa_e(\bar{\nu}^\lambda U^{lep}_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma^5)e^\kappa) + m^\lambda_\nu(\bar{\nu}^\lambda U^{lep}_{\lambda\kappa}(1+\gamma^5)e^\kappa)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}}\phi^-\left(m^\lambda_e(\bar{e}^\lambda U^{lep\dagger}_{\lambda\kappa}(1+\gamma^5)\nu^\kappa) - m^\kappa_\nu(\bar{e}^\lambda U^{lep\dagger}_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma^5)\nu^\kappa) - \tfrac{g}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_\nu}{M}H(\bar{\nu}^\lambda\nu^\lambda) -$$
$$\tfrac{g}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_e}{M}H(\bar{e}^\lambda e^\lambda) + \tfrac{ig}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_\nu}{M}\phi^0(\bar{\nu}^\lambda\gamma^5\nu^\lambda) - \tfrac{ig}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_e}{M}\phi^0(\bar{e}^\lambda\gamma^5 e^\lambda) - \tfrac{1}{4}\bar{\nu}_\lambda M^R_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma_5)\hat{\nu}_\kappa -$$
$$\tfrac{1}{4}\bar{\nu}_\lambda M^R_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma_5)\hat{\nu}_\kappa + \tfrac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}}\phi^+\left(-m^\kappa_d(\bar{u}^\lambda_j C_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma^5)d^\kappa_j) + m^\lambda_u(\bar{u}^\lambda_j C_{\lambda\kappa}(1+\gamma^5)d^\kappa_j)\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}}\phi^-\left(m^\lambda_d(\bar{d}^\lambda_j C^\dagger_{\lambda\kappa}(1+\gamma^5)u^\kappa_j) - m^\kappa_u(\bar{d}^\lambda_j C^\dagger_{\lambda\kappa}(1-\gamma^5)u^\kappa_j) - \tfrac{g}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_u}{M}H(\bar{u}^\lambda_j u^\lambda_j) -$$
$$\tfrac{g}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_d}{M}H(\bar{d}^\lambda_j d^\lambda_j) + \tfrac{ig}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_u}{M}\phi^0(\bar{u}^\lambda_j\gamma^5 u^\lambda_j) - \tfrac{ig}{2}\tfrac{m^\lambda_d}{M}\phi^0(\bar{d}^\lambda_j\gamma^5 d^\lambda_j) + \bar{G}^a\partial^2 G^a + g_s f^{abc}\partial_\mu\bar{G}^a G^b g^c_\mu +$$
$$\bar{X}^+(\partial^2 - M^2)X^+ + \bar{X}^-(\partial^2 - M^2)X^- + \bar{X}^0(\partial^2 - \tfrac{M^2}{c_w^2})X^0 + \bar{Y}\partial^2 Y + igc_w W^+_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^0 X^- -$$
$$\partial_\mu\bar{X}^+ X^0) + igs_w W^+_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{Y}X^- - \partial_\mu\bar{X}^+ Y) + igc_w W^-_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^- X^0 -$$
$$\partial_\mu\bar{X}^0 X^+) + igs_w W^-_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^- Y - \partial_\mu\bar{Y}X^+) + igc_w Z^0_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^+ X^+ -$$
$$\partial_\mu\bar{X}^- X^-) + igs_w A_\mu(\partial_\mu\bar{X}^+ X^+ -$$
$$\partial_\mu\bar{X}^- X^-) - \tfrac{1}{2}gM\left(\bar{X}^+ X^+ H + \bar{X}^- X^- H + \tfrac{1}{c_w^2}\bar{X}^0 X^0 H\right) + \tfrac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w}igM\left(\bar{X}^+ X^0\phi^+ - \bar{X}^- X^0\phi^-\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2c_w}igM\left(\bar{X}^0 X^-\phi^+ - \bar{X}^0 X^+\phi^-\right) + igMs_w\left(\bar{X}^0 X^-\phi^+ - \bar{X}^0 X^+\phi^-\right) +$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2}igM\left(\bar{X}^+ X^+\phi^0 - \bar{X}^- X^-\phi^0\right).$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R\, g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

**First well posedness result of Einstein's equation in vacuum [Choquet-Bruhat 52]**.

Modern results include the proof of the L2 conjecture [Klainerman, Rodnianski, Szeftel 14]

Description 3b. A singularity in GR is an obstruction to the dynamics of the scalar field. Generalised Hyperbolicity

Why? First approximation to the non-linear tensorial (quantum) case.

Analysis.

1. Consider a "singular" spacetime.

2. Extend the spacetime even if you have to lose regularity.

3. Show that the dynamics of the scalar field are well-posed in a "reasonable" function space.
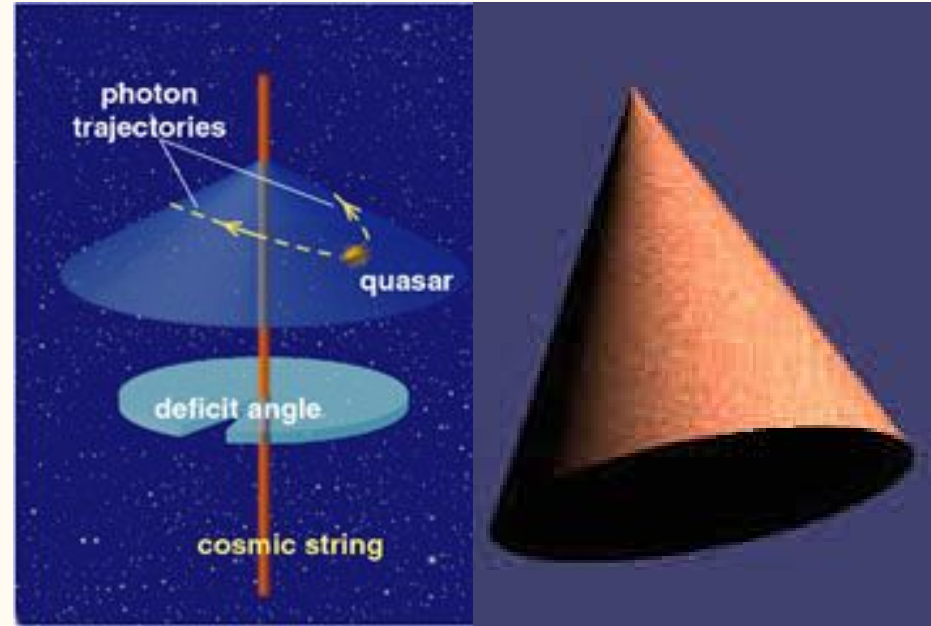
Conclusion:

- GR has singularities…but is hard to define them.
- Use different techniques to characterise the singular behaviour.(geodesics, curvature blow-up, well-posedness of fields).
- Different descriptions give different answers (cone).

Thank you.