

Near the event horizon of black holes

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Introduction

- Classical formula for B-H entropy [1]
- Quantum-derived formula for 3D solution [2], [3]
→ foreshadows AdS/CFT correspondence
- Recent work focused on extremal black holes

What we know:

Well-defined geometry of
extremal black holes

EBH entropy derived from
Cardy Formula

Symmetry persists in low
frequency waves in non-
extreme black holes

Objective:

Study geometric structure of
general BHs

Connect to holographic
descriptions of spacetime

Find geometric origin of
persisting symmetry

Stationary Black hole review

- Spacetime metrics: $ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$
- Uniqueness Theorem: Mass M , Angular Momentum J , Charge Q [3]

4 common types

- Schwarzschild: M
- Kerr: M, J
- Reissner-Nordström: M, Q
- Kerr-Newman: M, J, Q

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2$$

Symmetry

- Characterized by commutators $[\cdot , \cdot]$ and relevant dynamical operator

$$[P , H] = 0 \rightarrow \text{translational symmetry} \quad [L , H] = 0 \rightarrow \text{rotational symmetry}$$

- Isometry vs. Non-Geometric symmetry:
 - Isometries act on spacetime
 - Symmetries act on system

Geometric symmetries in GR

- Killing vectors:
 - Timelike \rightarrow time symmetry
 - Spacelike \rightarrow spatial symmetry
 - Null \rightarrow event horizon (if on hypersurface)
- Kerr: $\xi^\alpha = \partial_t$ is timelike (stationary) ; $\psi^\alpha = \partial_\phi$ is spacelike (axisymmetry) ; $\chi^\alpha = \partial_v + \Omega_H \partial_\phi$ is null when $r = r_H$

Black Holes:

Classical quantities

Event Horizon

Singularity on horizon

Symmetry:

Conservation after
transformation

Isometries vs. non-geometric
symmetries

Simplifies systems

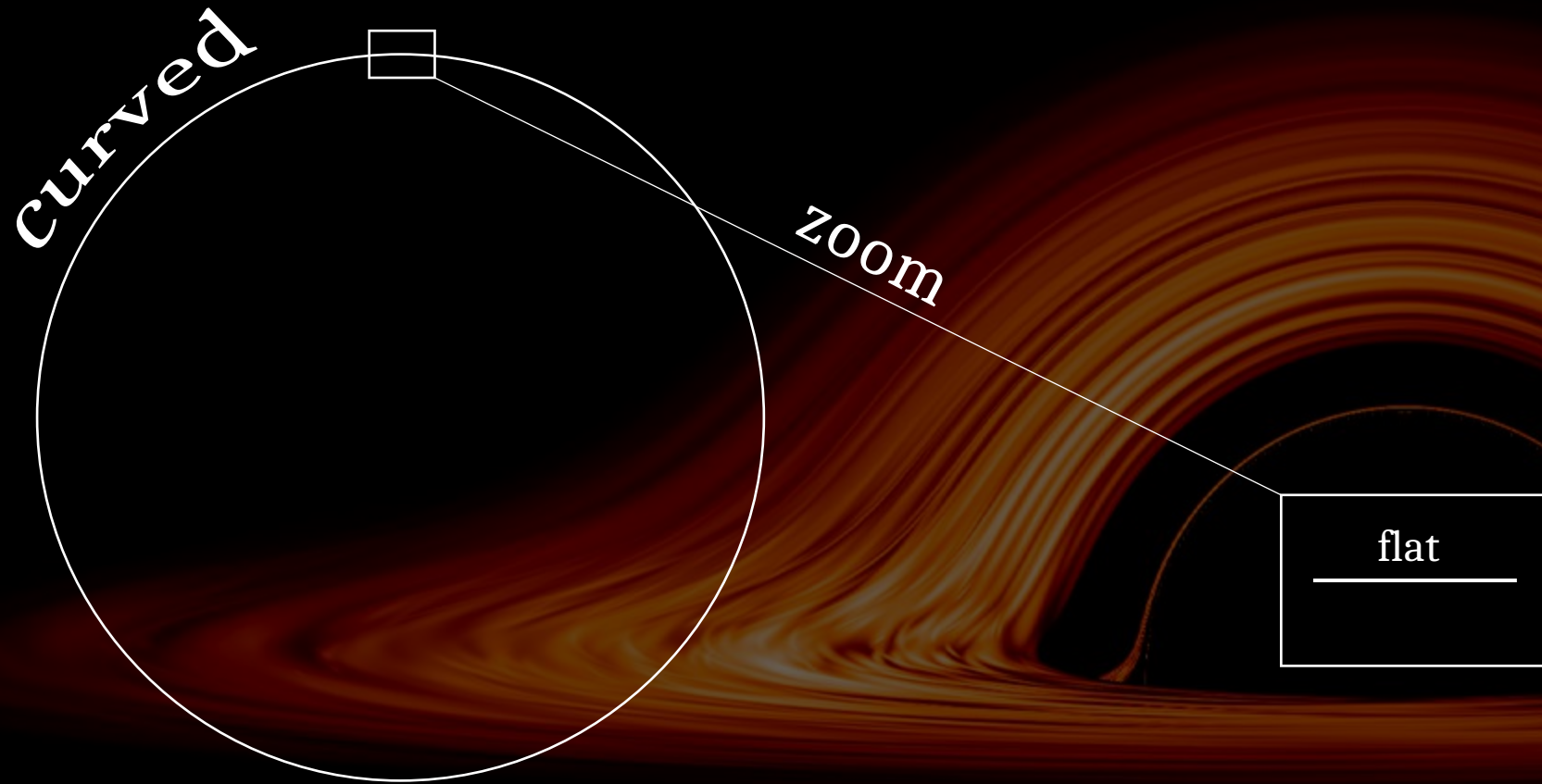
The right coordinate system

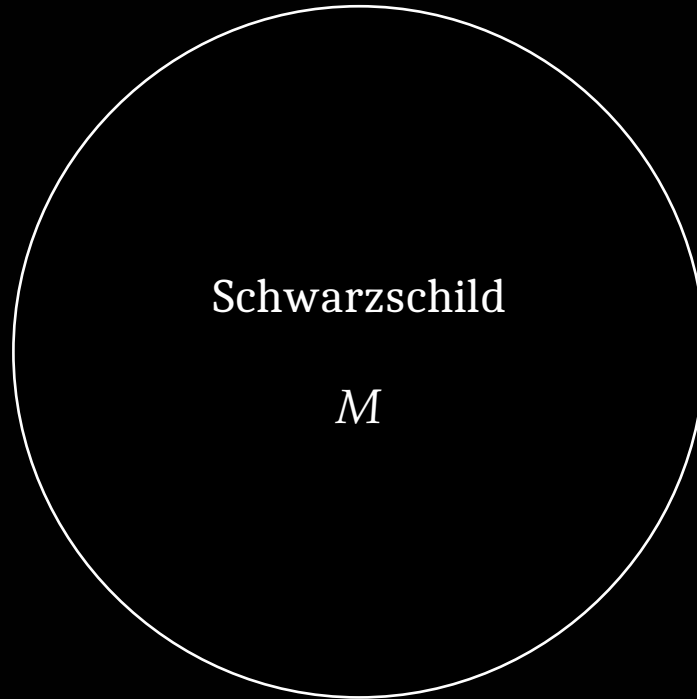
(Gaussian null coordinates)

- Applicable in all stationary solutions [4]
- Explicit derivation is generally difficult
- e.g. Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates:

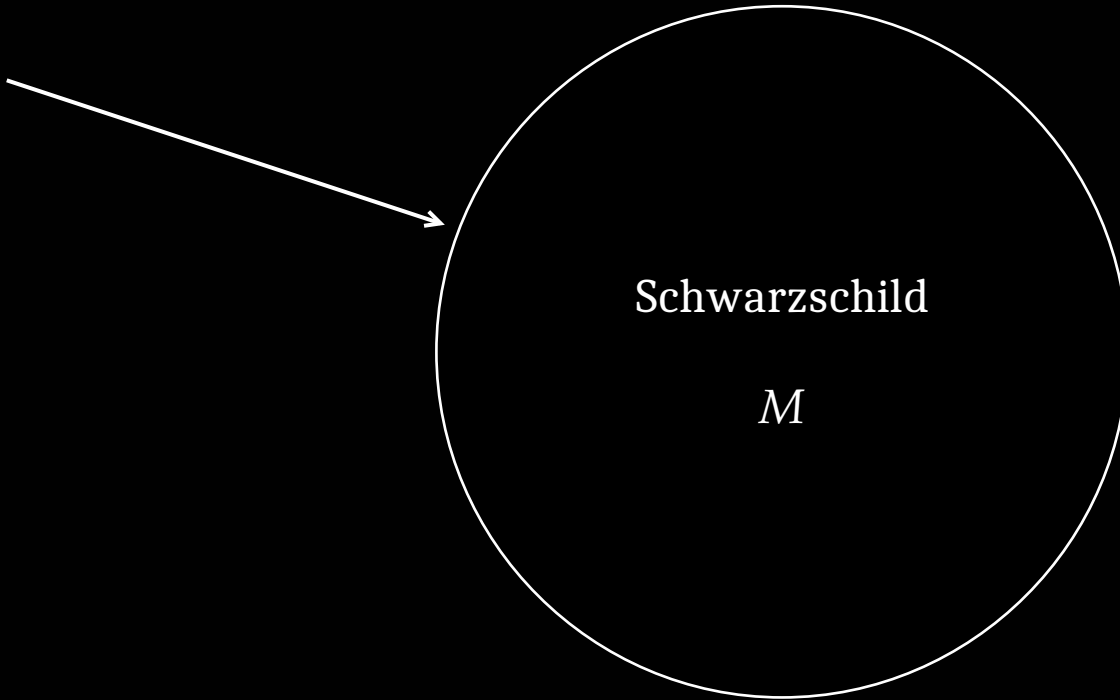
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In principle

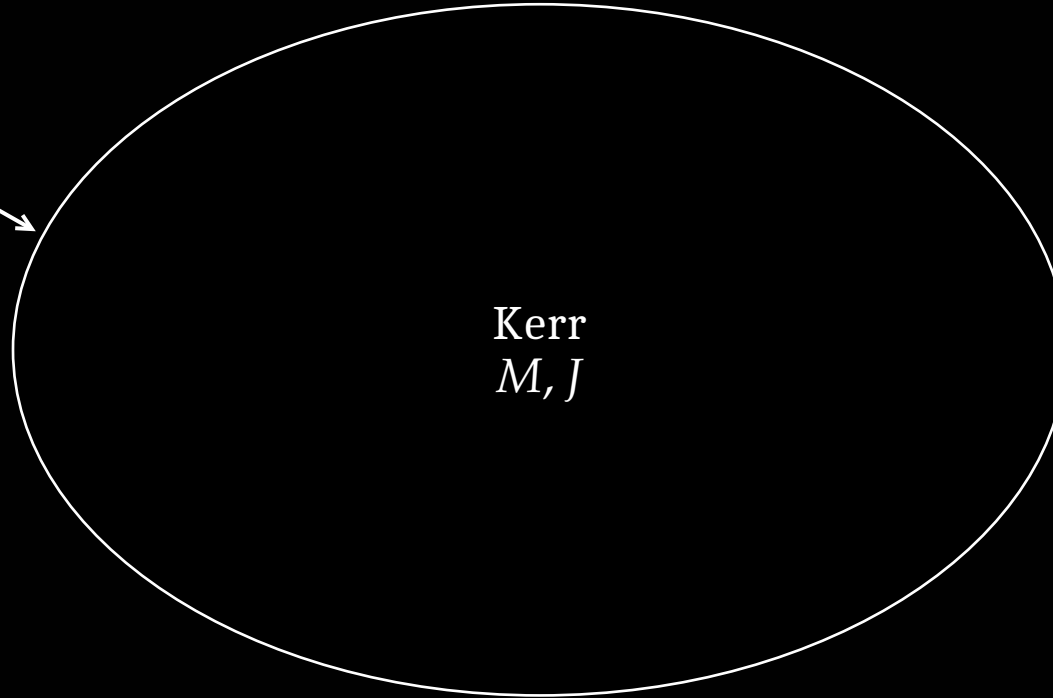
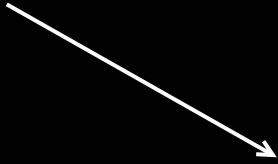




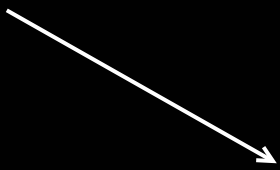
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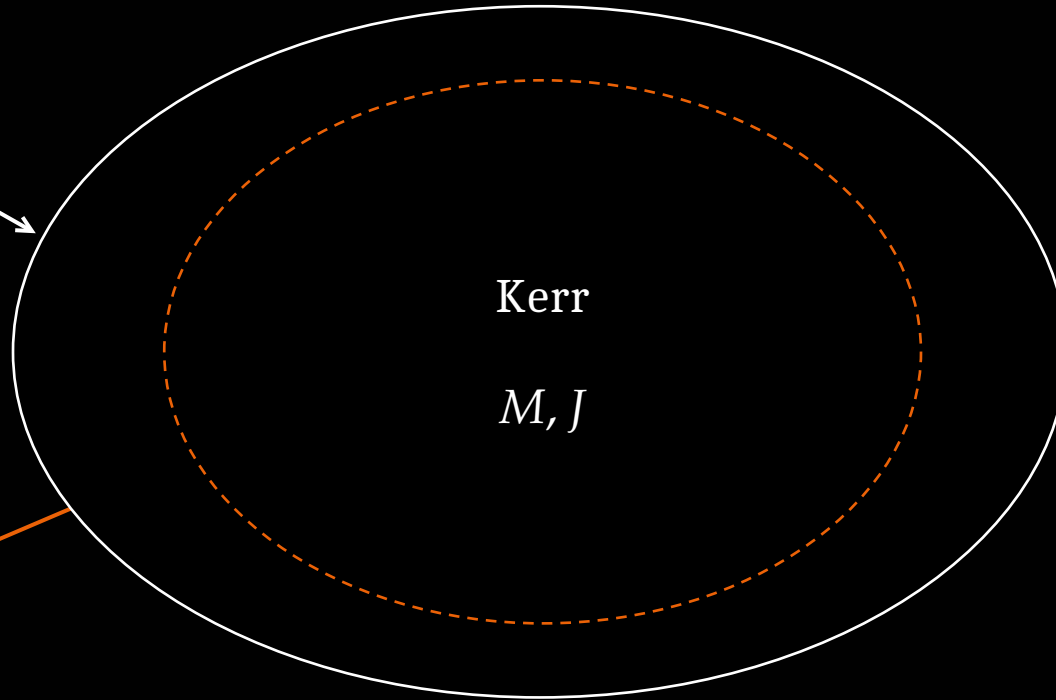
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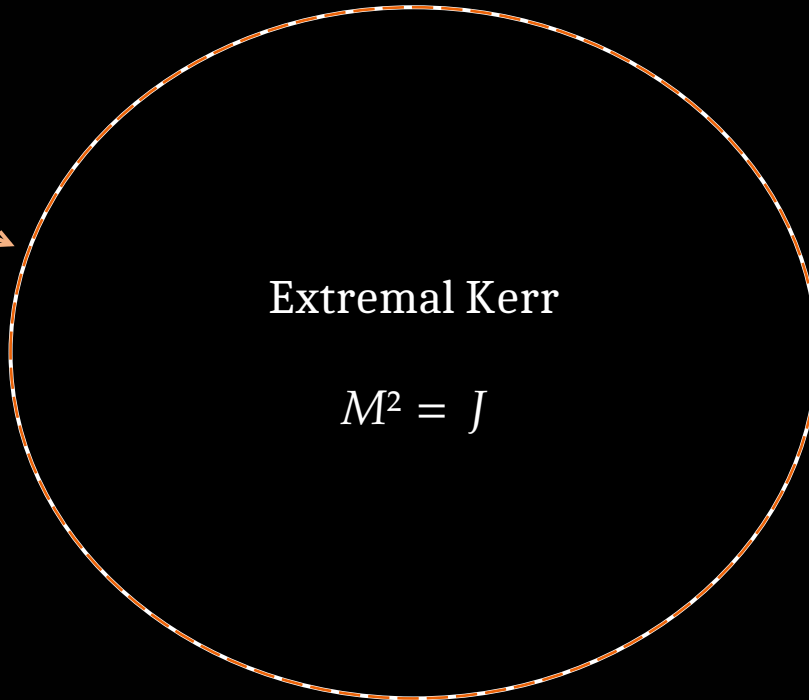
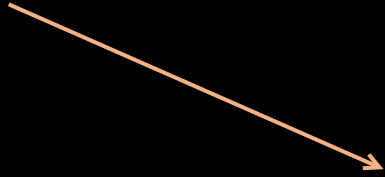
Cauchy Horizon



Kerr

M, J

Degenerate
Horizon



Extremal Kerr

$$M^2 = J$$

Extremal Black Holes

Extremal black holes:

- Maximal spin/charge for given mass
- Zero surface gravity
- Degenerate horizon

Exact derivations of near-horizon metrics for many solutions

Extremal BH & symmetry

Symmetry enhancement theorem [5]:

Extremal BH with $R \times U(1)^{n-3}$ isometry in Einstein gravity coupled with matter field $\lambda \leq 0 \rightarrow$ field equations solutions have $SO(2,1) \times U(1)^{n-3}$ isometry

$$ds^2 = \Gamma(x)(-r^2 dv^2 + 2dvdr) + d\theta^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + k^i r dv)(dx^j + k^j r dv)$$

AdS₂ spacetime

Gaussian null coordinates:

Widely applicable

Zooms on the horizon

Useful to study horizon
geometry

Extremal Black Hole:

Degenerate horizons

Highly symmetric

CFT entropy = B-E entropy

Non-Extremal symmetries

- Extension of isometry outside extremality?
- Conjectured as the “Kerr/CFT Correspondence” [6]
- Connection established with non-geometric symmetries [7]

Wave equation in Kerr solution

- $SO(2,1)$ symmetry when in the right regime
 - Found with low frequency + approximations
- Three vectors commute with wave operator
 - matches $SO(2,1)$ structure
- Not symmetries of spacetime!

Example

- Non-extremal Kerr (GNCs to first order in r):

$$ds^2 = \Gamma(\theta) [\text{Rindler}] + g_{\phi\phi} (d\phi + rdv(2a\Gamma\kappa + 2ar_+))^2 + \Gamma(\theta)d\theta^2$$
$$\Gamma(\theta) = r_+^2 + a^2\cos^2(\theta)$$

- Extremal Kerr (exact):

$$ds^2 = \frac{(1 + \cos^2\theta)}{2} [\text{AdS}_2] + \frac{2a^2\sin^2\theta}{1 + \cos^2\theta} \left(d\phi + \frac{rdv}{2a^2} \right)^2$$

(similar results for Kerr-Newman and black ring)

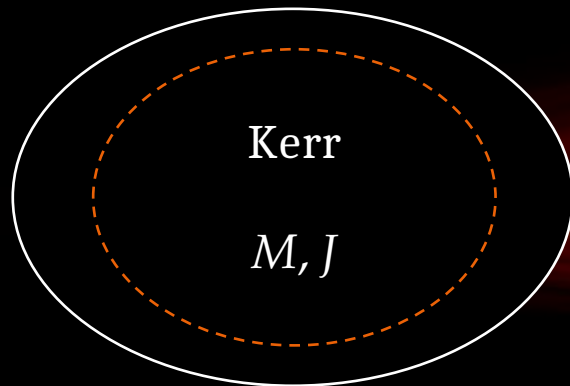
Current work

- Solving wave equation using approximate GNCs
→ looking for geometric origin of symmetry
- Rindler structure is recovered for black ring solution
→ Is this a general result for n-dimensions? To investigate

Questions

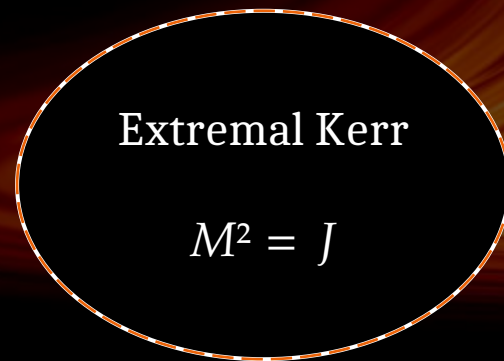
Symmetry enhancement?
Extremal BH?
Gaussian null coordinates?

$$ds^2 = \Gamma(\theta) [\text{Rindler}] + g_{\phi\phi} (d\phi + r dv (2a\Gamma\kappa + 2ar_+)) ^2 + \Gamma(\theta) d\theta^2$$



Kerr

M, J



Extremal Kerr

$M^2 = J$

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- Higher and lower dimensions

- n -D Myers-Perry black holes, spherical topology S^{n-2}
(Myers, Perry, 1985)
- n -D black ring, toric topology $S^1 \times S^{n-3}$
(Emparan, Reall, 2001)
- 3D BTZ black hole, negatively curved spacetime
(Bañados-Teitelboim-Zanelli, 1992)

Extremal Black Holes

Reissner-Nordström $M = Q$:

$$ds^2 = Q^2[-r^2dv^2 + 2dvdr + d\Omega_2^2] \text{ has NH geometry } \text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$$

Kerr $M = \sqrt{J}$:

$$ds^2 = \frac{(1+\cos^2\theta)}{2} \left[-\frac{r^2dv^2}{2a^2} + 2dvdr + a^2d\theta^2 \right] + \frac{2a^2\sin^2\theta}{1+\cos^2\theta} \left(d\phi + \frac{rdv}{2a^2} \right)^2$$

Gaussian null coordinates

- In neighbourhood of EBH degenerate horizons: $x^\alpha = (v, r, x^i)$
$$ds^2 = 2dv \left(dr + rh_i(r, x) dx^i + \frac{1}{2} r^2 F(r, x) dv \right) + \gamma_{ij}(r, x) dx^i dx^j$$

Purpose: get close to the event horizon $v \rightarrow \frac{v}{\epsilon}, r \rightarrow \epsilon r, \epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$ds^2 = 2dv \left(dr + rh_i(x) dx^i + \frac{1}{2} r^2 F(x) dv \right) + \gamma_{ij}(x) dx^i dx^j$$

Process

- Define geodesics orthogonal to horizon hypersurface:

$$X^\alpha(\rho) \approx X^\alpha|_{\rho=0} + \rho \frac{dX^\alpha}{d\rho}|_{\rho=0} + \frac{\rho^2}{2} \frac{d^2X^\alpha}{d\rho^2}|_{\rho=0}$$

$$X^\alpha|_H = [v, r_0, \theta, \phi] \quad \frac{dX^\alpha}{d\rho}|_H = n^\alpha \quad n^\beta \nabla_\beta n^\alpha = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d^2X^\alpha}{d\rho^2}|_H = -\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha n^\beta n^\gamma$$

- Produce coordinate chart based off X^α

Kerr derivation

- Non-extremal Kerr (GNC to first order):

$$2\kappa r dv^2 + 2dvdr + \frac{4a^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)}{\Sigma_+} r dv d\theta + \Sigma_+^2 d\theta^2$$
$$+ 2 \left(\frac{2(r_+^2 + a^2)\kappa}{\Sigma_+} a \sin^2(\theta) + \frac{2ar_+(r_+^2 + a^2)}{\Sigma_+^2} \sin^2(\theta) \right) r dv d\phi + \frac{(r_+^2 + a^2)^2}{\Sigma_+} \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2$$
$$r \rightarrow \Gamma(\theta)r \xrightarrow{\text{yields}} 2dvdr \rightarrow 2\Gamma dvdr + 2r\Gamma' d\theta dv$$

Wave equation symmetry

- Conformal coordinates:

$$w^+ = \sqrt{\frac{r-r_+}{r-r_-}} e^{2\pi T_R \phi} \quad w^- = \sqrt{\frac{r-r_+}{r-r_-}} e^{2\pi T_L \phi - \frac{t}{2M}} \quad y = \sqrt{\frac{r-r_+}{r-r_-}} e^{\pi(T_R+T_L)\phi - \frac{t}{4M}}$$
$$H_1^\pm = i\partial_\pm \quad H_0^\pm = i\left(w^\pm \partial_\pm + \frac{1}{2}y\partial_y\right) \quad H_{-1}^\pm = i\left(w^{\pm 2} \partial_\pm + \frac{1}{2}w^\pm y\partial_y - y^2 \partial_{\mp}\right)$$