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**APPROXIMATION OF RELEVANT ELLIPTIC INTEGRALS
IN THE SCHWARZSCHILD METRIC AND SOME
ASTROPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS**

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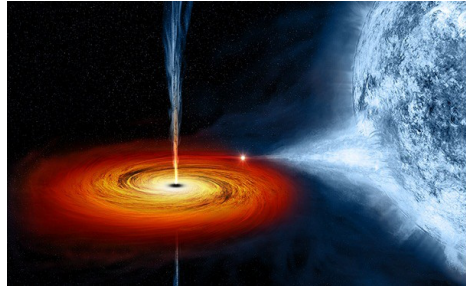
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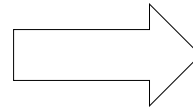

$$G_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

ASTROPHYSICAL MOTIVATION

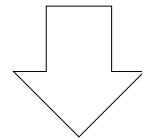
Discovery of X-ray emission coming from the accretion disks around the black holes



connect



Study how the matter around the black holes appears to an observer at infinity



first simulations

Luminet 1979

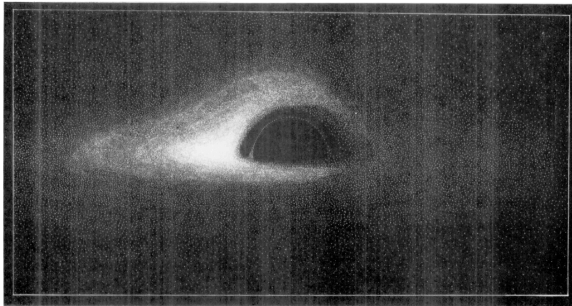
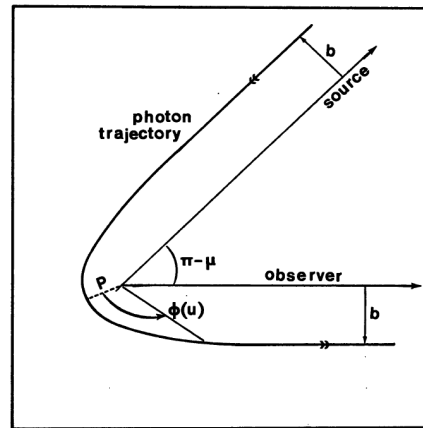
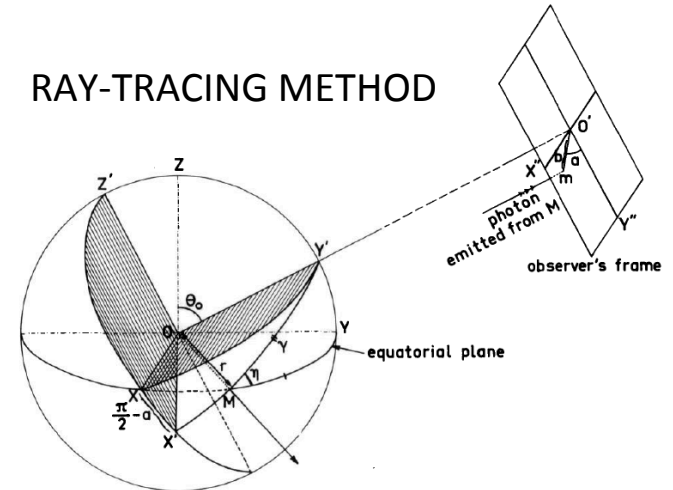


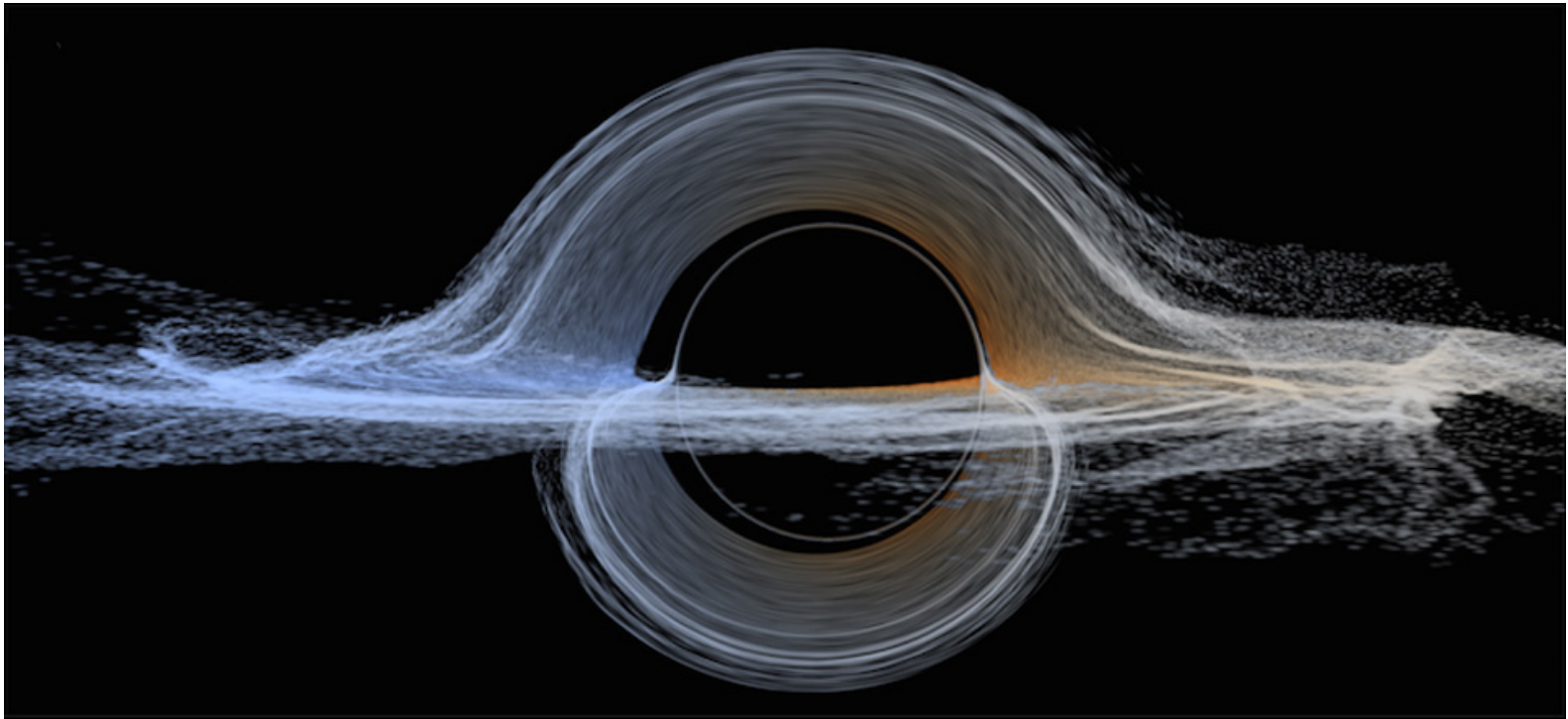
Image of a black hole



RAY-TRACING METHOD

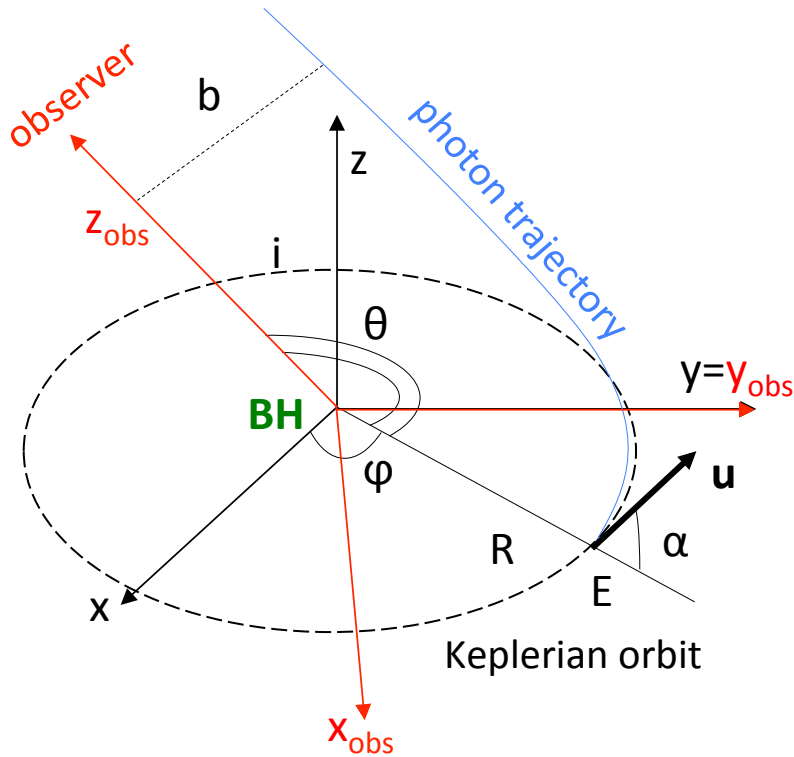


INTRODUCTION

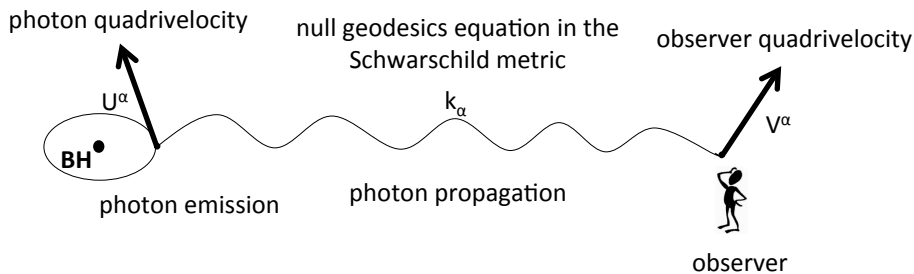


Numerical simulation of an accretion disk placed around a black hole

1.1 Geometrical structure



- ### TARGETS
- LIGHT BENDING (*elliptic integral*)
 - TRAVEL TIME (*elliptic integral*)
 - GRAVITATIONAL LENSING (*elliptic integral*)
 - GRAVITATIONAL REDSHIFT (*exact*)
 - FLUX (*derived*)

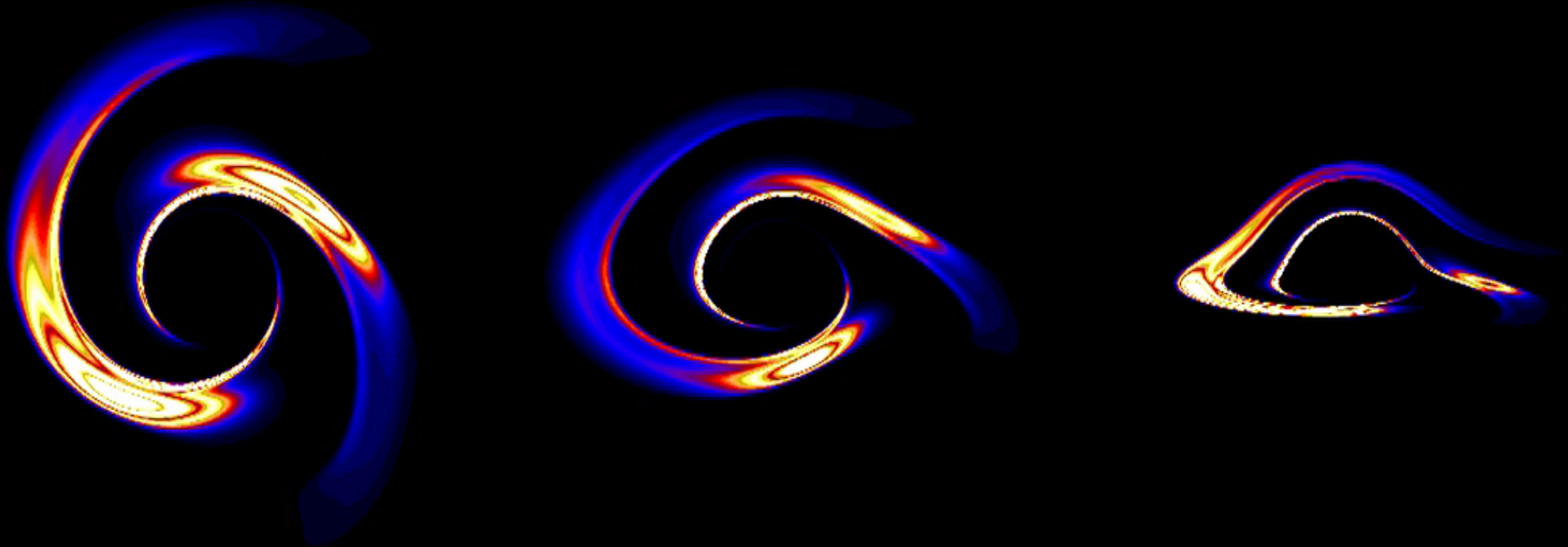


$$g = (1 + z) = \frac{E_{obs}}{E_{em}} = \frac{(V^\alpha k_\alpha)_{obs}}{(U^\alpha k_\alpha)_{em}}$$

$$F = \int_{\nu_o} \int_R \int_\varphi I_{\nu_o} d\nu_o d\Omega$$

1.2 Simulations of the gravitational effects

Numerical simulations showing the gravitational effects mentioned before:



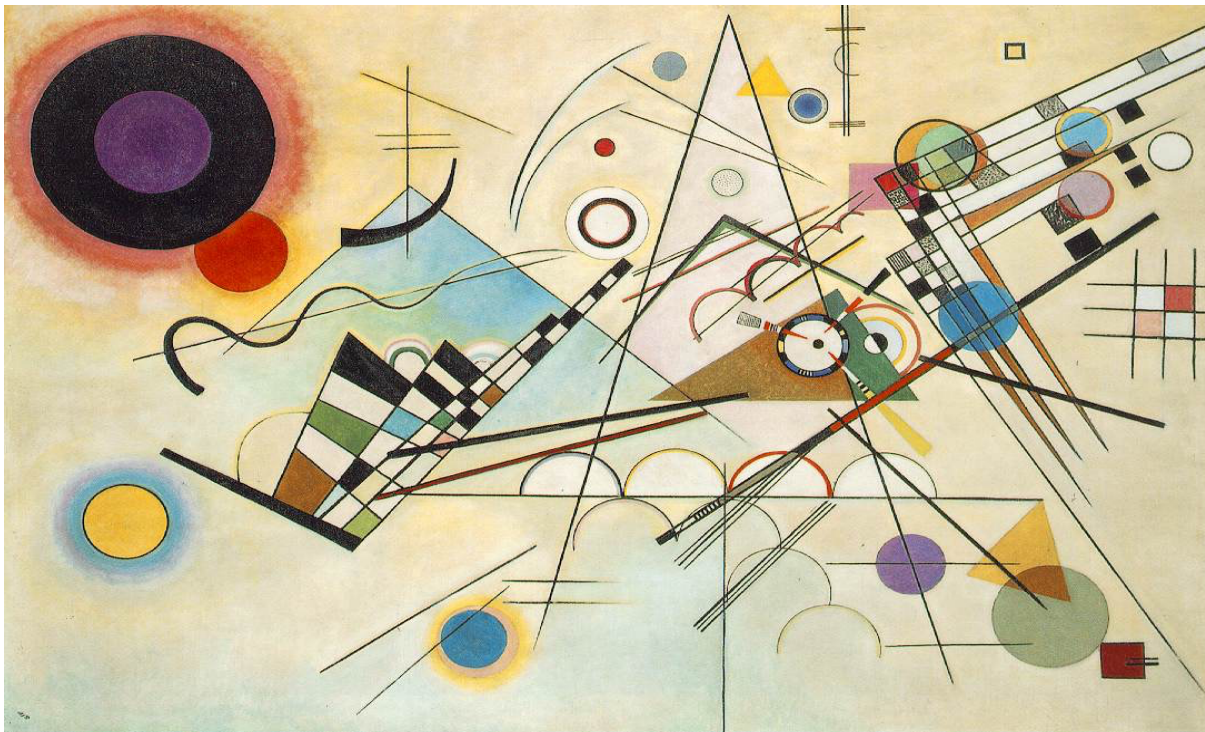
$i=30^\circ$

$i=60^\circ$

$i=89^\circ$

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The relativistic effects become stronger and stronger

ELLIPTIC INTEGRALS



Kandisky - Composition VIII (1923)

2.1 Light bending

(* Misner, Thorne & Wheeler - Gravitation)

$$\theta = \int_R^\infty \frac{b}{r^2} \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} dr$$

Substitution ad hoc

$$z = 1 - \cos \alpha$$

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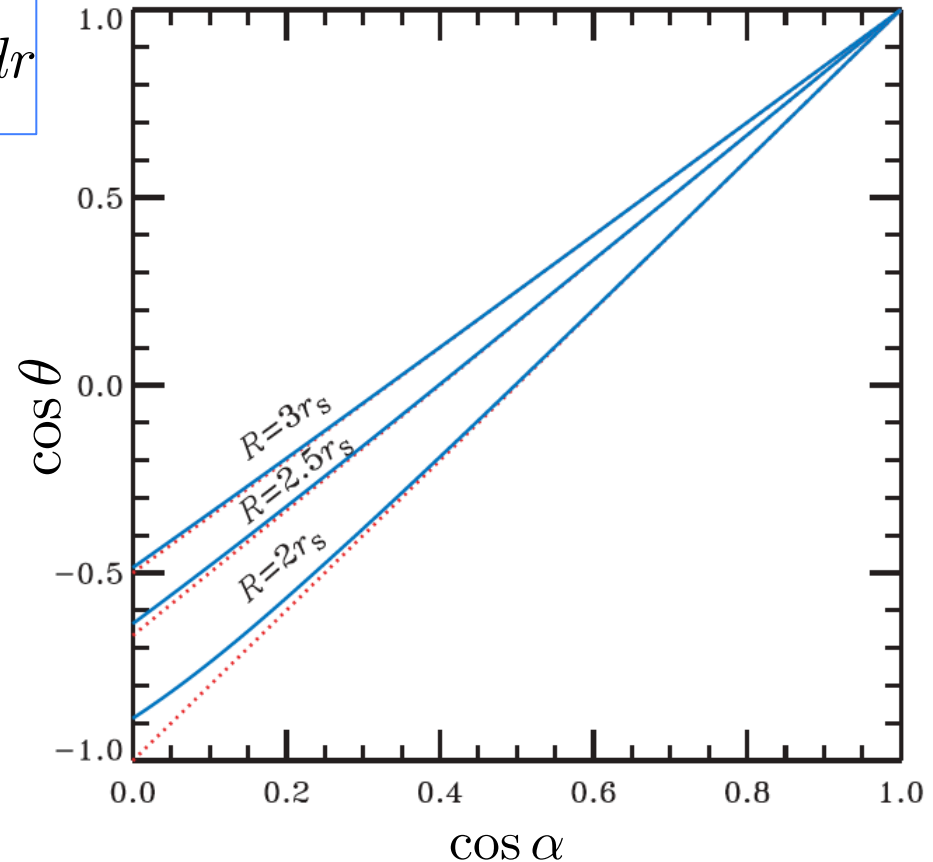
$$b = \frac{r \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{r}}} \quad (*)$$

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considering α small

Mathematical algebra

Beloborodov (2002)



Beloborodov (2002)

$$(1 - \cos \theta)(1 - u) = 1 - \cos \alpha \quad \text{where } u = \frac{r_s}{r}$$

2.2 Time delay

(* Misner, Thorne & Wheeler - Gravitation

$$\Delta t = \int_R^\infty \frac{dr}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)} \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right\}$$

Substitution ad hoc

$$z = 1 - \cos \alpha$$

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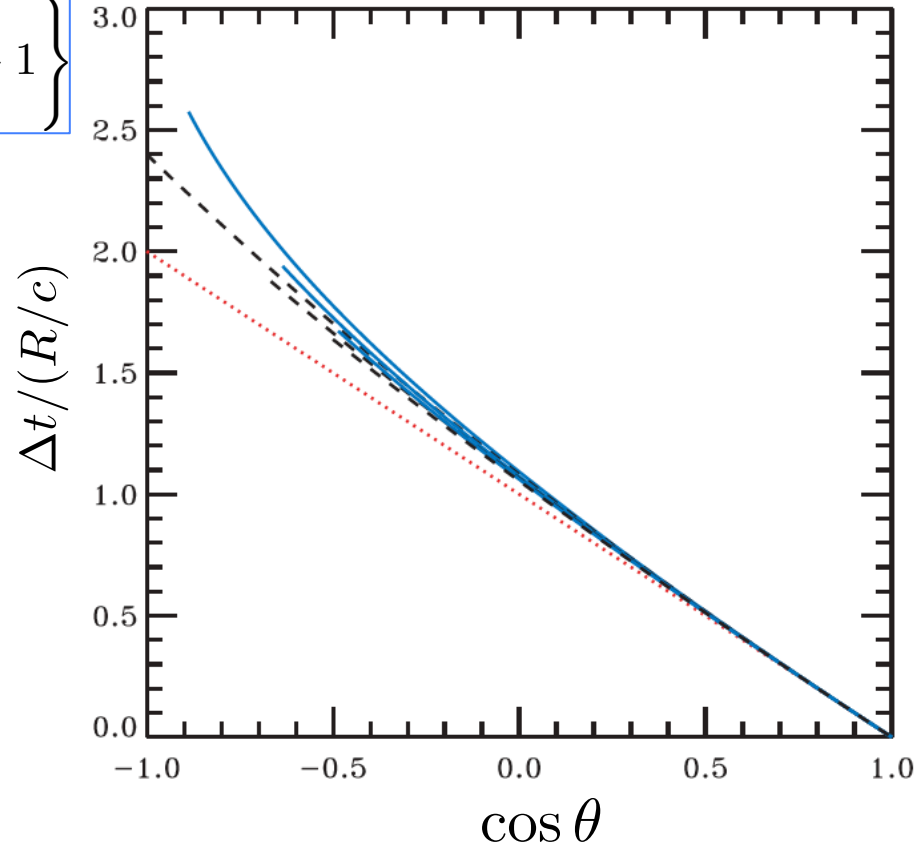
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Mathematical algebra

Poutanen & Beloborodov (2006)



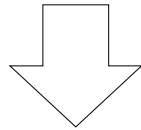
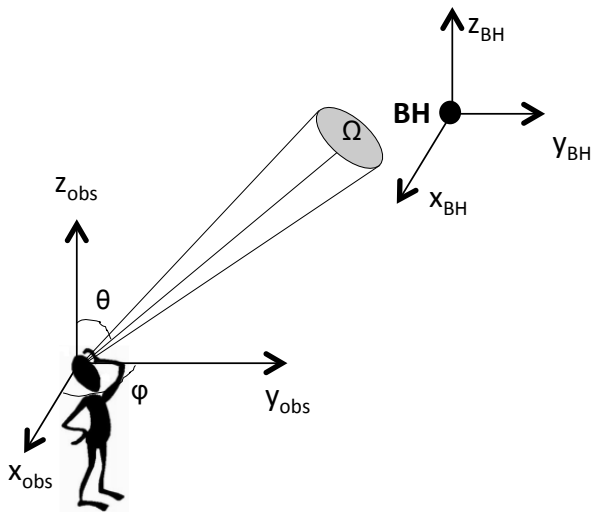
Poutanen & Beloborodov (2006)

$$\frac{\Delta t}{R} = y \left[1 + \frac{uy}{8} + \frac{uy^2}{24} - \frac{u^2y^2}{112} \right] \quad \text{where} \quad u = \frac{r_s}{r} \quad y = \frac{(1 - \cos \alpha)}{(1 - u)}$$

2.3 Solid angle

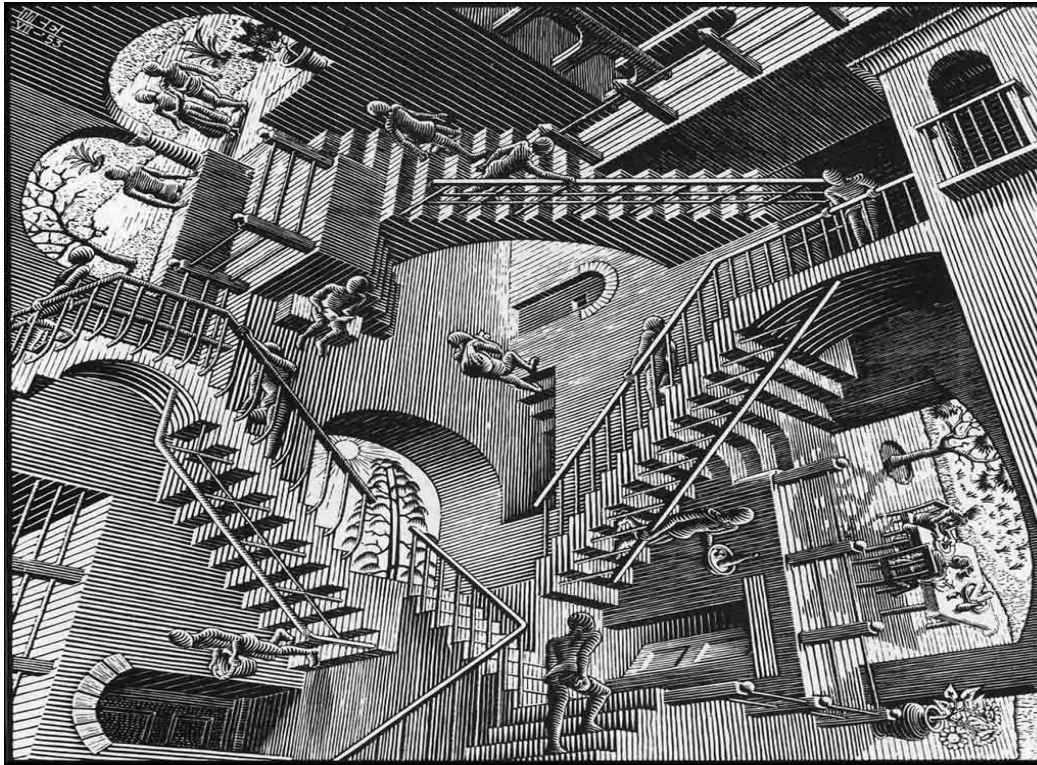
(* Misner, Thorne & Wheeler - Gravitation)

$$d\Omega = \overbrace{\frac{\cos i}{D^2 \sin^2 \theta \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)}}^{\text{par1}} \overbrace{\frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha}}^{\text{par2}} \overbrace{\left\{ \int_R^\infty \frac{dr}{r^2} \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right\}^{-1}}^I$$



no approximated
equation found so far

MATHEMATICAL METHOD



M. C. Escher - Relativity (1953)

3.1 Method

- Approximate the elliptic integrals with polynomial equations

$$\int f(x) dx \quad \Longrightarrow \quad P(x)$$

elliptic function *polynomial*

- Get rid of the square root present in the integral

$$\sin \alpha = g(z) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad z = z(\alpha)$$

general function

- We assume that α is small, so we have:

$$g(z) = \sin \alpha \approx \alpha \approx 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \text{expand in } \textit{Taylor series} \text{ the integrand } f(x)$$

3.2 Light bending

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi &= \int_R^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{1}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{rg}{z} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = b \int_R^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{z^2} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \quad b = \frac{R \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{rg}{R}}}, \quad u = \frac{rg}{R}, \quad \sin \alpha = g(z) \\
 &= b \int_R^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[1 - \underbrace{\frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)}}_{\text{LINEARE}} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx (1-y)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{3}{8} y^2 + \frac{5}{16} y^3 \quad b = \frac{R g(z)}{\sqrt{1-u}} \\
 &\approx b \int_R^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[1 + \underbrace{\frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right)}_{\text{QUADRATICO}} + \frac{3}{8} \left[\frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right) \right]^2 + \frac{5}{16} \left[\frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right) \right]^3 \right] = \quad \text{CUBICO} \\
 &= b \int_R^\infty dz \left[\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)} - \frac{R^3 g^2(z) u}{z^2(1-u)} + \frac{3}{8} \left[\frac{R^4 g^4(z)}{z^6(1-u)^2} \left(1 + \frac{u^2 R^2}{z^2} - \frac{2uR}{z} \right) + \frac{5}{16} \left[\frac{R^6 g^6(z)}{z^8(1-u)^3} \left(1 - \frac{u^3 R^3}{z^3} + \frac{3uR}{z} + \frac{3u^2 R^2}{z^2} \right) \right] \right] \\
 &= b \int_R^\infty \left[\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{R^2 g^2(z)}{z^2(1-u)} - \frac{R^3 g^2(z) u}{z^2(1-u)} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{R^4 g^4(z)}{z^6(1-u)^2} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{R^6 g^4(z) u^2}{z^8(1-u)^2} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{R^5 g^4(z) u}{z^7(1-u)^2} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{5}{16} \frac{R^6 g^6(z)}{z^8(1-u)^3} - \frac{5}{16} \frac{R^9 g^6(z) u^3}{z^{11}(1-u)^3} - \frac{15}{16} \frac{R^7 g^6(z) u}{z^9(1-u)^3} + \frac{15}{16} \frac{R^8 g^6(z) u^2}{z^{10}(1-u)^3} \right] dz = \\
 &= \frac{b}{R} \left[1 + \frac{g^2(z)}{6(1-u)} - \frac{g^2(z) u}{8(1-u)} + \frac{3}{40} \frac{g^4(z)}{(1-u)^2} + \frac{3}{56} \frac{g^4(z) u^2}{(1-u)^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{g^4(z) u}{(1-u)^2} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{5}{112} \frac{g^6(z)}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{g^6(z) u^3}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{15}{128} \frac{g^6(z) u}{(1-u)^3} + \frac{5}{48} \frac{g^6(z) u^2}{(1-u)^3} \right] =
 \end{aligned}$$

- Having even powers of $g(z)$ and researching a complete polynomial function, we choose:

$$g(z) = \sqrt{Az^2 + Bz}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{\frac{Az^2 + Bz}{1-u}} \left[1 + \frac{Az^2 + Bz}{6(1-u)} - \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)u}{8(1-u)} + \frac{3}{40} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^2}{(1-u)^2} + \frac{3}{56} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^2 u^2}{(1-u)^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^2 u}{(1-u)^2} + \right. \\
 &+ \frac{5}{112} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^3}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^3 u^3}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{15}{128} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^3 u}{(1-u)^3} + \left. \frac{5}{48} \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)^3 u^2}{(1-u)^3} \right] \approx \text{TERZO ORDINE IN } z \\
 &\approx \sqrt{\frac{Az^2 + Bz}{1-u}} \left[1 + \frac{Az^2 + Bz}{6(1-u)} - \frac{(Az^2 + Bz)u}{8(1-u)} + \frac{3}{40} \frac{(B^2 z^2 + 2ABz^3)}{(1-u)^2} + \frac{3}{56} \frac{(B^2 z^2 + 2ABz^3)u^2}{(1-u)^2} - \right. \\
 &- \frac{1}{8} \frac{(B^2 z^2 + 2ABz^3)u}{(1-u)^2} + \frac{5}{112} \frac{B^3 z^3}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{B^3 z^3 u^3}{(1-u)^3} - \frac{15}{128} \frac{B^3 z^3 u}{(1-u)^3} + \left. \frac{5}{48} \frac{B^3 z^3 u^2}{(1-u)^3} \right] = \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{Az^2 + Bz}{1-u}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{B}{6(1-u)} - \frac{B u}{8(1-u)} \right) z + \left(\frac{A}{6(1-u)} - \frac{A u}{8(1-u)} + \frac{3B^2}{40(1-u)^2} + \frac{3B^2 u^2}{56(1-u)^2} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{B^2 u}{(1-u)^2} \right) z^2 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left(\dots \dots \dots \right) z^3 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- To find the approximation we compare the approximation with the original form in a particular computing convenience case. We choose $u=0$ and $R=1$, so we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= b \int_R^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[1 - \frac{R^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{z^2 (1-u)} \left(1 - \frac{uR}{z} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \stackrel{u=0, R=1}{=} b \int_1^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} \left[1 - \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{z^2} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = b \int_1^\infty \frac{z dz}{z^2 \sqrt{z^2 - \sin^2 \alpha}} \stackrel{x^2 = z^2 - \sin^2 \alpha}{x dx = z dz} \\ &= b \int_{\cos \alpha}^\infty \frac{x dx}{x(x^2 + \sin^2 \alpha)} = \frac{b}{\sin \alpha} \int_{\cos \alpha}^\infty \frac{dx}{\sin \alpha \left[\frac{x^2}{\sin^2 \alpha} + 1 \right]} = \left[\operatorname{arctg} \frac{x}{\sin \alpha} \right]_{\cos \alpha}^\infty = \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{arctg} \cot \alpha = \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$\operatorname{arctg}(\frac{1}{0}) + \operatorname{arctg} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

- We have to get rid of the square root with an even trigonometric function, so we have:

(GIUSTIFICARE)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \cos \Psi &\approx \frac{\Psi^2}{2} - \frac{\Psi^4}{24} \stackrel{3^{\circ} \text{ ORDINE IN } z \text{ IN PARENTESI}}{\approx} \left[\frac{Az^2 + Bz}{z(1-u)} \right] \left[1 + c^2 z^2 + 2cz + 2Dz^2 + 2CDz^3 \right] - \\ &- \frac{1}{24} \left[\frac{B^2 z^2 + 2ABz^3}{(1-u)^2} \right] \left[1 + c^2 z^2 + 2cz + 2Dz^2 + 2CDz^3 \right] \stackrel{\text{NON PROPRIO ESATTO MA RESTA 1}}{\approx} \text{APPROSSIMAZIONE AL } 3^{\circ} \text{ ORDINE IN } z \\ &\approx \frac{Bz}{z(1-u)} \left[1 + 2cz + (c^2 + 2D)z^2 \right] + \frac{Az^2}{z(1-u)} \left[1 + 2cz \right] - \\ &- \frac{1}{12} \frac{ABz^3}{(1-u)^2} - \frac{1}{24} \frac{B^2 z^2}{(1-u)^2} \left[1 + 2cz \right] = \end{aligned}$$

$P = B \quad R_{11}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{Bz}{2(1-u)} + \left[\frac{BC}{(1-u)} + \frac{A}{z(1-u)} - \frac{B^2}{24(1-u)^2} \right] z^2 + O(x^3) = \quad C = \frac{B}{6(1-u)} - \frac{Bu}{8(1-u)} \\
&= \frac{Bz}{2(1-u)} + \left[\frac{B^2}{6(1-u)^2} - \frac{B^2u}{8(1-u)} + \frac{A}{z(1-u)} - \frac{B^2}{24(1-u)^2} \right] z^2 + O(x^3) = \\
&= \frac{Bz}{2(1-u)} + O(x^3) \quad \text{where } A = -\left(\frac{B}{2}\right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

- Testing in the particular case ($u=0$ and $R=1$) we have: $1 - \cos \alpha = \frac{Bz}{2}$
- Therefore choosing $B = 2$ and $A = -1$, it implies that $z = 1 - \cos \alpha$. The final approximation is:

$$(1 - \cos \theta)(1 - u) = 1 - \cos \alpha$$

3.3 Time delay

$$\Delta t = \int_R^\infty \frac{dr}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)} \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right\}$$

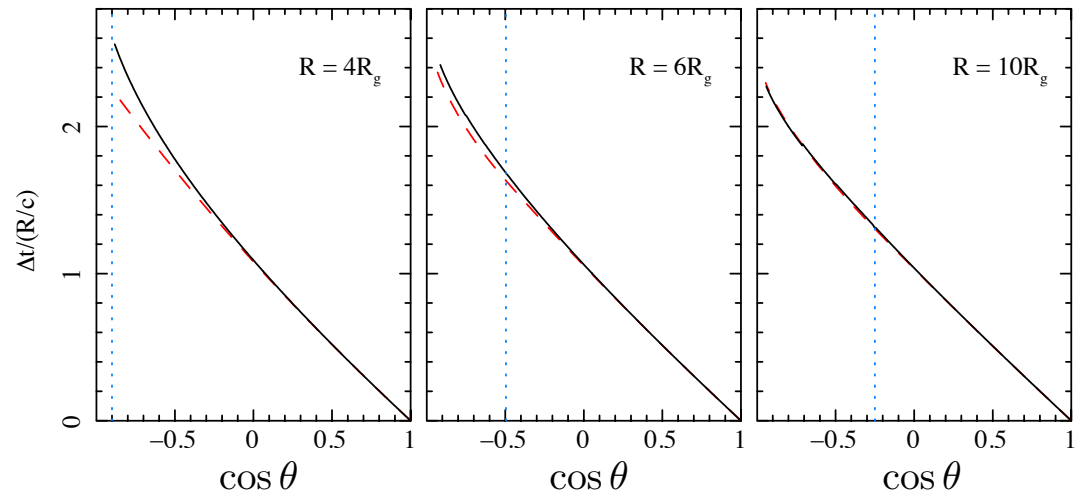
Substitution obtained rigorously
with the mathematical method

$$z = 1 - \cos \alpha$$



Performing the same
calculations made in the
case of the light bending

De Falco & Falanga (2015)



$$\frac{\Delta t}{R} = y \left[1 + \frac{uy}{8} + \frac{uy^2}{24} - \frac{u^2y^2}{112} \right] \quad \text{where} \quad u = \frac{r_s}{r} \quad y = \frac{(1 - \cos \alpha)}{(1 - u)}$$

3.4 Solid angle

$$d\Omega = \frac{\cos i}{D^2 \sin^2 \theta \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R}\right)} \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \left\{ \int_R^\infty \frac{dr}{r^2} \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right]^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right\}^{-1}$$

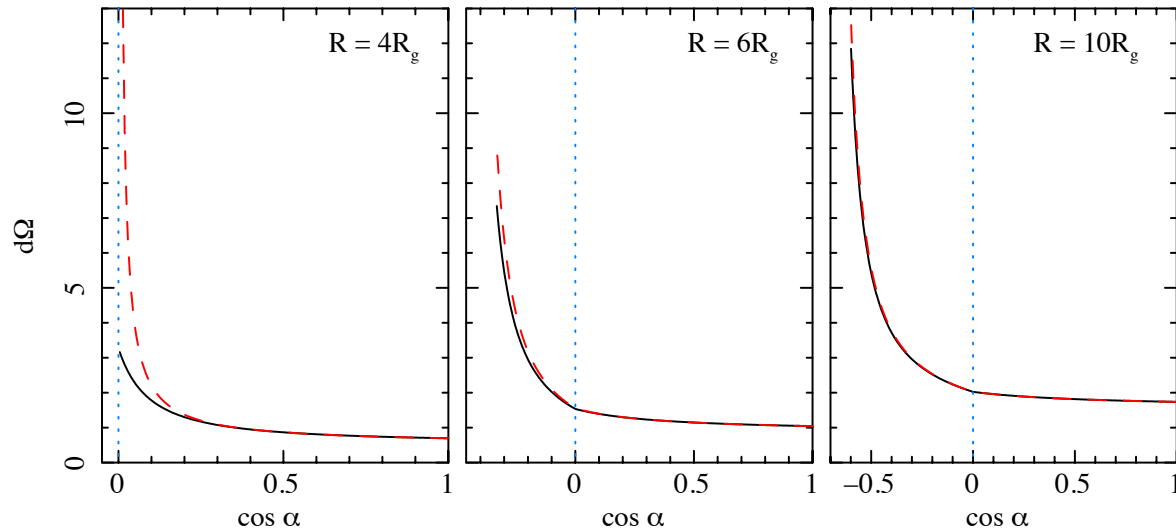
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$$d\Omega = \text{const} \cdot R \cdot \left[2z + (1 - 2C)z^2 + (1 - C + 2C^2 - 2D)z^3 \right]$$

where

$$C = \frac{4 - 3u}{1 - u} \quad D = \frac{39u^2 - 91u + 56}{56(1 - u)^2}$$

APPLICATIONS

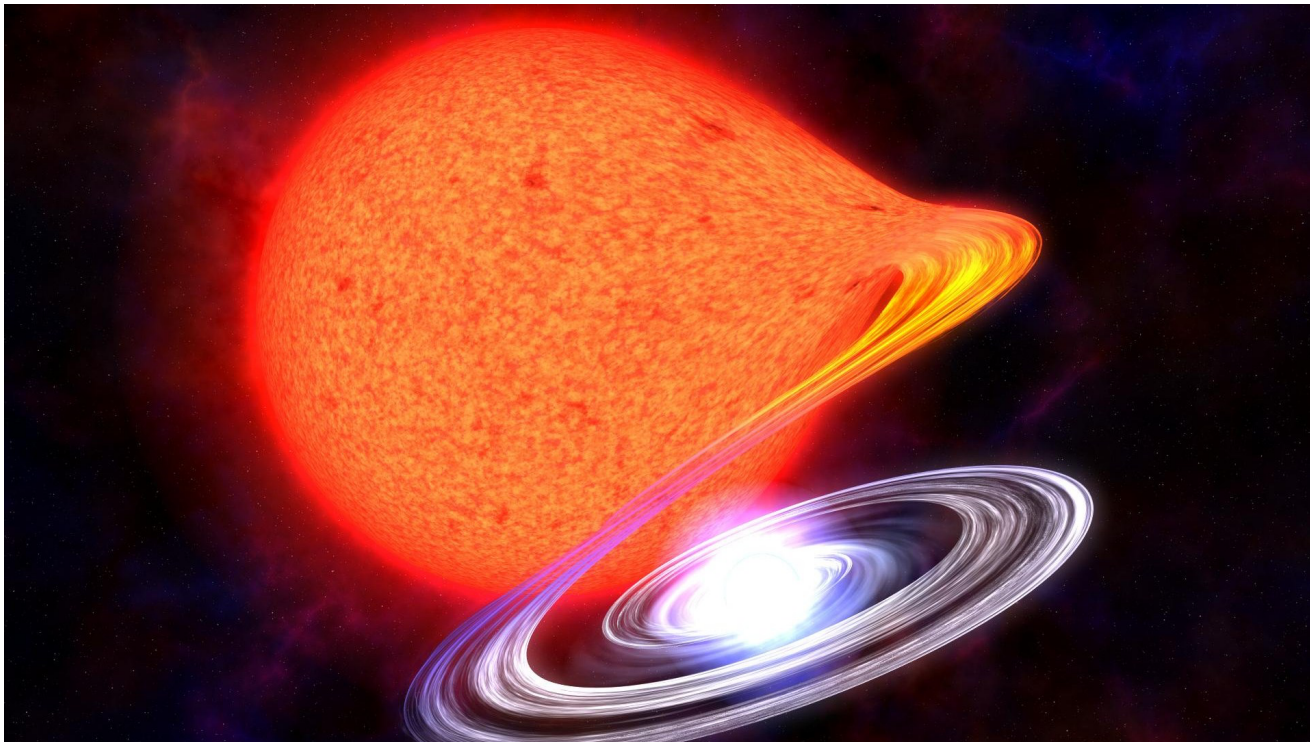
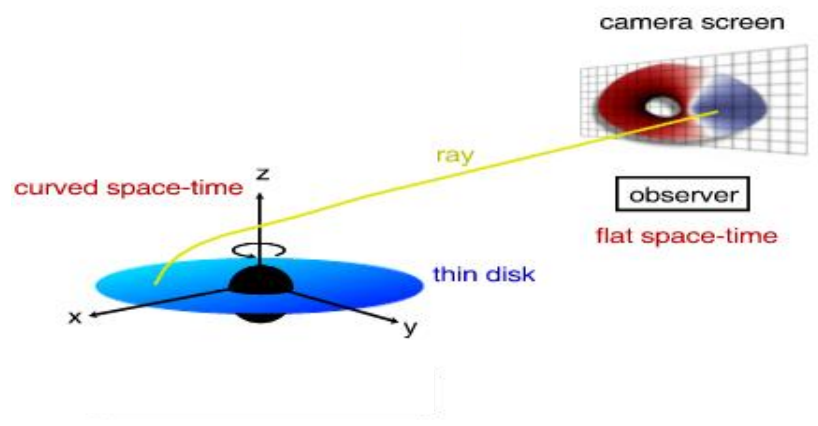


Image of an accretion disk's formation in a binary system

4.1 Iron line profile

- Flux formula
$$F = \int_R \int_{\varphi} g^4 d\Omega$$

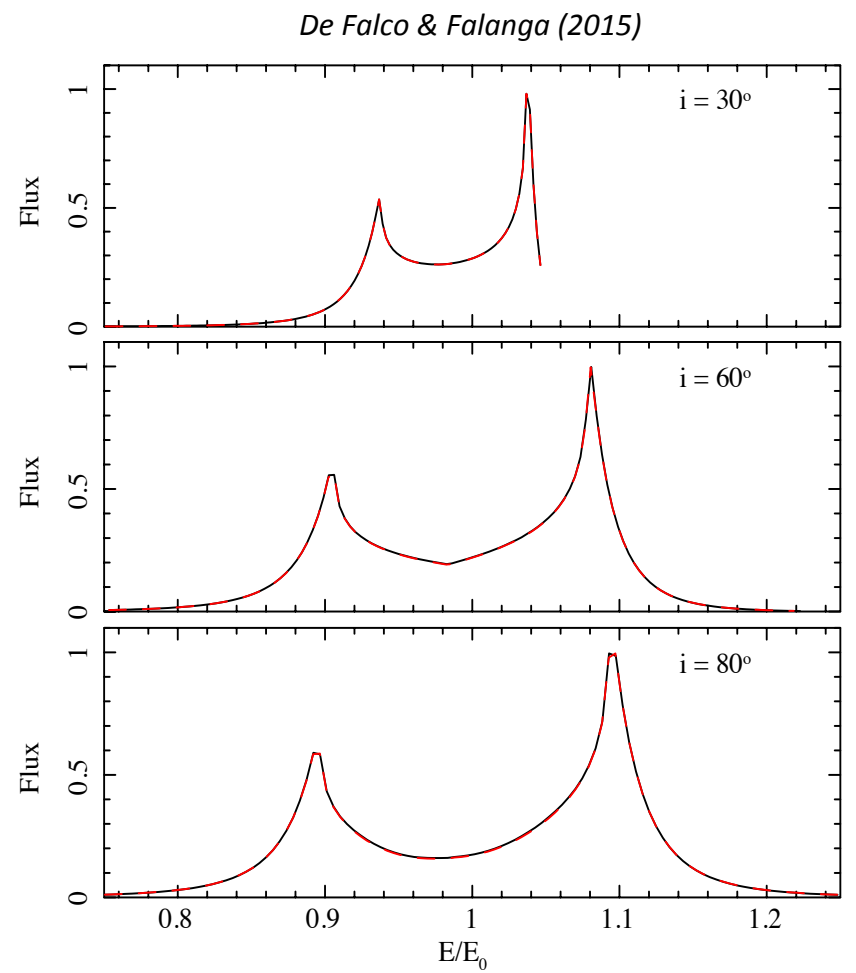


- Numerical code

40 millions of points

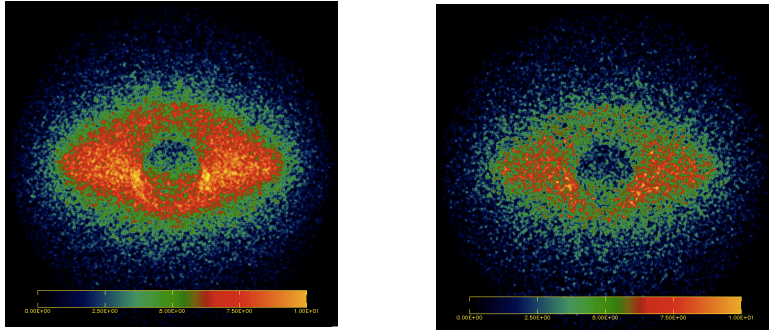
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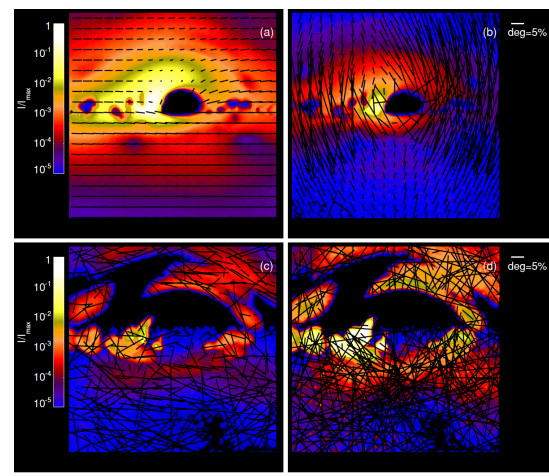
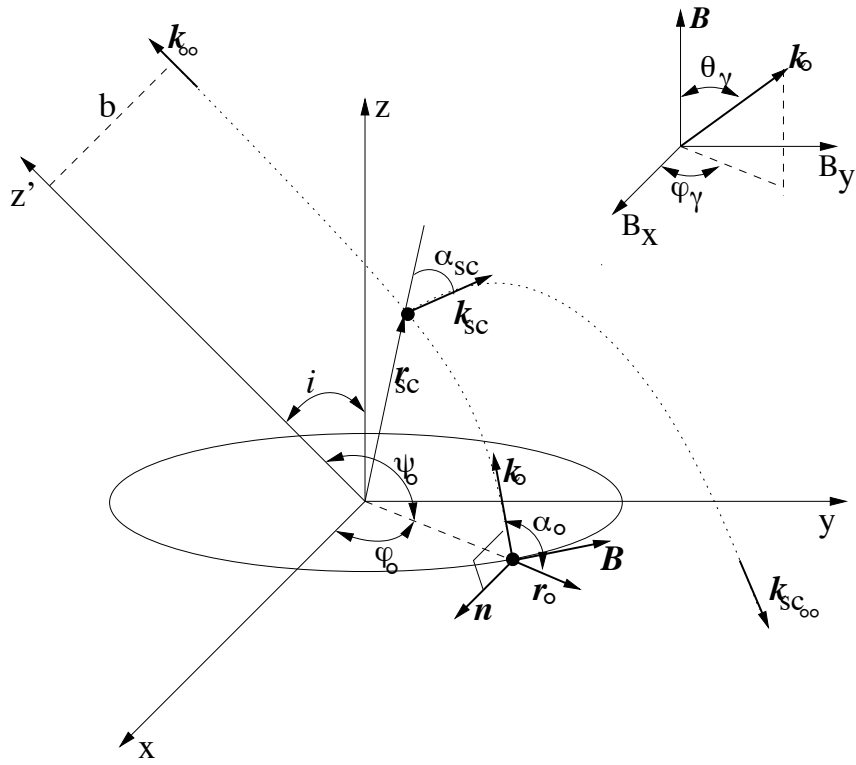
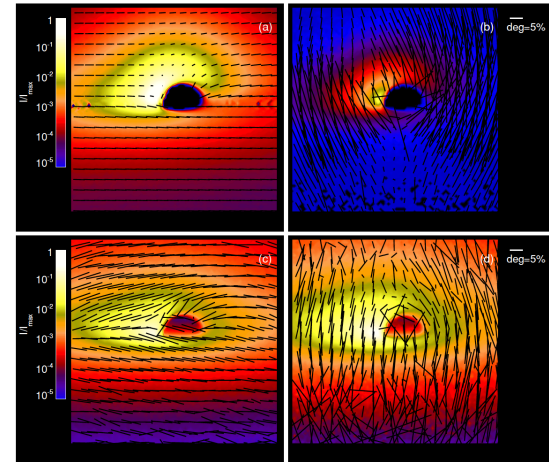


4.2 Polarization

Melia, Falanga & Goldwurm 2011



Schnittman & Krolik 2010



CONCLUSIONS

✓ PRESENT WORKS

PUBLISH THIS WORK

OPTIMIZE CODES TO CALCULATE THE FLUX AND THE POLARIZATION

✗ FUTURE PROJECTS

EXTENSION TO THE KERR METRIC

DEVELOP FAST NUMERICAL CODES IN THE KERR METRIC

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION!**

