

Gravitational Geometry and Dynamics Group Seminar

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How to extract energy from a rotating Black Hole

Black holes are not merely cosmic sinks; they are the universe's most efficient reservoirs of energy, characterized by their mass, angular momentum (spin), electric charge, and surrounding magnetic fields. We explore the theoretical frameworks for tapping into these vast reserves. We establish the fundamental mechanics of energy extraction by deriving solutions for various spacetime configurations.

Central to our analysis is the role of the ergosphere and the inner light surface, where the frame-dragging effect allows for the existence of negative energy states relative to an observer at infinity. We provide a detailed examination of energy extraction via the fragmentation of negative energy plasmoids within the accretion flow, a process of high-energy outflow. Finally, we address the regulatory mechanisms of these systems, discussing theoretical methods to halt or reverse accretion, thereby transitioning the black hole from a growth phase to a pure energy-radiation engine.