# Black holes spin

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# Kerr BH and Penrose process



Penrose 1969

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**Therefore**  $\mathscr{E}^{bh} < 0$ 

Timelike (at  $\infty$ ) Killing vector  $\eta$ , Spacelike Killing vector  $\xi$ Energy:  $\mathcal{E}_{\infty} = -\mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta}$  Angular momentum:  $\mathcal{J}_{\infty} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi}$  $\mathbf{p}^{in} = \mathbf{p}^{bh} + \mathbf{p}^{out}$  $\mathcal{E}^{\text{out}}_{\infty} = \mathcal{E}^{\text{in}}_{\infty} - \mathcal{E}^{\text{bh}}_{\infty}$ When  $\mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{bh} < 0: \mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{out} > \mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{in}$ , but (bh) never leaves the ergosphere where  $\eta \cdot \eta > 0$ :  $\mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{bh} < 0$  is a component of momentum ZAMOS:  $u_{ZAMO}^{i} = q(\eta^{i} + \omega\xi^{i})$   $u_{ZAMO}^{l}\xi_{i} = 0$  $(q > 0 \text{ from } u_{\text{ZAMO}}^i u_i^{\text{ZAMO}} = -1)$ Locally measured energy  $\mathcal{E}^{bh} \equiv -(\eta + \omega \xi) \cdot \mathbf{p}^{bh} \ge 0$ hence  $\mathcal{E}^{bh}_{\infty} \ge \omega \mathcal{J}^{bh}_{\infty}$  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathrm{bh}}_{\mathrm{m}} < 0$ When  $\mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{bh} < 0$  (since  $\omega > 0$ )

Spinning black-holes as Planck scale particle accelerators ? (desintegration does not work, Wald 1974) Collisional Penrose process



#### Bañados, Silk & West 2009

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# Maximum energy of particles that <u>actually escape</u> to infinity For $a_*=1$ the maximum gain = 1.295



The highest CoM energies are close to the horizon...where the CoM has large negative radial momentum.

Bejger, Piran, Abramowicz, Håkanson 2012; Piran & Shaham 1977

# 2-photon annihilation fluxes



Photons created near the horizon that reach distant observers have relatively low energies and the most energetic photons are created far from the horizon. McWilliams 2013

# Blandford-Znajek process



Is it an (electromagnetic) Penrose process?

## <u>Generalised</u> Penrose process

Energy momentum vector  $P^{\alpha} = -T^{\alpha}_{\ \mu}\eta^{\mu}$   $\nabla_{\mu}P^{\mu} = 0$ 

From the Stokes theorem:

$$-\int_{\Sigma_{1}} P_{\mu}(-n_{1}^{\mu}) \,\mathrm{d}V - \int_{\Delta \mathcal{H}} P_{\mu}\ell^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V - \int_{\Sigma_{2}} P_{\mu}n_{2}^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V + \int_{\Sigma_{\text{ext}}} P_{\mu}s^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V = 0$$

$$E_{1} := -\int_{\Sigma_{1}} P_{\mu}n_{1}^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V = \int_{\Sigma_{1}} T_{\mu\nu}\eta^{\mu}n_{1}^{\nu} \sqrt{\gamma} \,\mathrm{d}x^{1} \,\mathrm{d}x^{2} \,\mathrm{d}x^{3},$$

$$E_{2} := -\int_{\Sigma_{2}} P_{\mu}n_{2}^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V = \int_{\Sigma_{2}} T_{\mu\nu}\eta^{\mu}n_{2}^{\nu} \sqrt{\gamma} \,\mathrm{d}x^{1} \,\mathrm{d}x^{2} \,\mathrm{d}x^{3}$$

$$E_{H} := -\int_{\Delta \mathcal{H}} P_{\mu}\ell^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V = \int_{\Delta \mathcal{H}} T_{\mu\nu}\eta^{\mu}\ell^{\nu} \sqrt{q} \,\mathrm{d}t \,\mathrm{d}y^{1} \,\mathrm{d}y^{2}$$

$$E_{\text{ext}} := \int_{\Sigma_{\text{ext}}} P_{\mu}s^{\mu} \,\mathrm{d}V = -\int_{\Sigma_{\text{ext}}} T_{\mu\nu}\eta^{\mu}s^{\nu} \sqrt{-\gamma} \,\mathrm{d}t \,\mathrm{d}y^{1} \,\mathrm{d}y^{2}.$$

$$E_{2} + E_{\text{ext}} - E_{1} = -E_{H}$$

 $\Sigma_2$ 

 $\Sigma_1$ 

Energy gained by the world outside the black hole:  $\int \Delta E > 0$   $\Delta E := E_2 + E_{ext} - E_1$  $E_H < 0$ Null energy condition:  $T_{\mu\nu}\ell^{\mu}\ell^{\nu} \ge 0$  $T_{\mu\nu}\ell^{\mu}\ell^{\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}(\eta^{\nu} + \omega_{H}\xi^{\nu})\ell^{\mu} = -P_{\mu}\ell^{\mu} + \omega_{H}M_{\mu}\ell^{\mu}$  $-\int_{\mathcal{M}} P_{\mu} \ell^{\mu} \, \mathrm{d}V + \omega_{H} \int_{\mathcal{M}} M_{\mu} \ell^{\mu} \, \mathrm{d}V \ge 0,$  $E_H - \omega_H J_H \ge 0$  i.e.  $\omega_H J_H \le E_H$   $J_H < 0$ .

For a matter distribution or a non-gravitational field obeying the null energy condition, a necessary and sufficient condition for energy extraction from a rotating black hole is that it absorbs negative energy  $E_H$  and negative angular momentum  $J_H$ .

Lasota, Gourgoulhon et al. 2013

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Vacuum

### Plasma

King, Lasotat Kundt 1975 Komissarov & Mc Kinney 2007

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# Jet formation for a poloidal magnetic field



#### Tchehkovskoy, McKinney & Narayan 2012



McKinney, Tchekhovskoy & Blandford 2012

$$P_{\rm BZ} = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi c} \ \Omega_{\rm H}^2 \ \Phi_{\rm BH}^2 \ f(\Omega_{\rm H})$$



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#### **BLANDFORD-ZNAJEK IS PENROSE!**

Tchekhovskoy, Narayan, McKinney, Blandford (2011,2012)



## **Efficiency depends on B-field configuration**











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### Higher the spin, closer to BH the inner disc



SPINNING BLACK HOLE

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# Emission line width



### Measuring $R_{ISCO}$ gives directly the value of a\*

$$r_{\rm ISCO}^{\pm} = M\{3 + Z_2 \mp [(3 - Z_1)(3 + Z_1 + 2Z_2)]^{1/2}\},\$$
  

$$Z_1 = 1 + (1 - a^2/M^2)^{1/3} [(1 + a/M)^{1/3} + (1 - a/M)^{1/3}],\$$
  

$$Z_2 = (3a^2/M^2 + Z_1^2)^{1/2}.$$



BH spin-up from ISCO  

$$a = \frac{r_{\rm ISCO}^{1/2}}{3} \frac{M(t)}{M(t+\Delta t)} \left[ 4 - \left(\frac{3M(t)^2}{M(t+\Delta t)^2}r_{\rm ISCO} - 2\right)^{1/2} \right]$$
for  $\frac{M(t+\Delta t)}{M(t)} \le r_{\rm ISCO}^{1/2}$ ,  
 $a = 0.998$  for  $\frac{M(t+\Delta t)}{M(t)} \ge r_{\rm ISCO}^{1/2}$ 

but for high accretion rates the inner disc is not at ISCO

 $\alpha = 0.01$   $\alpha = 0.1$   $\alpha = 0.1$   $\alpha = 0.1$   $M_{Edd}$  10 r [M]  $\alpha = 0.1$   $\alpha = 0.1$   $\alpha = 0.1$   $M_{Edd}$  Repletion 10r [M]

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FOR ACCRETION FROM A THIN DISC THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF BH SPIN IS a\*=0.9978 (Thorne)



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Sądowski et al. 2011



MCG-6-30-15

### XMM-Newton



Continuum fitting

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Steiner et al. 2011

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# CF simple but requires mass and distance; LF weak signal, problem with (where is ?) the continuum.

# Radio-quiet vs radio-loud AGN





Sikora, Stawarz, Lasota 2007











 $M > 10^6 M_{\odot}$ 

 $M > 10^8 M_{\odot}$ 



Volonteri, Sikora, Lasota, Merloni 2012

N(a)

### Magnetic field more «important» than spin ?

The magnetic flux threading the black hole, rather than black hole spin or Eddington ratio, is the dominant factor in launching powerful jets and thus determining the radio loudness of active galactic nuclei (AGN). Most AGN are radio quiet because the thin accretion disks that feed them are inefficient in depositing magnetic flux close to the black hole. Flux accumulation is more likely to occur during a hot accretion (or thick disk) phase, and we argue that radio-loud quasars and strong emission-line radio galaxies occur only when a massive, cold accretion event follows an episode of hot accretion. Such an event might be triggered by the merger of a giant elliptical galaxy with a disk galaxy.

Sikora & Begelman 2013



#### Microquasar jet power as a function of BH spin



Narayan & McClintock 2012



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#### Dichotomy between persistent & transient systems

System	Spin a∗	$M/M_{\odot}$	Reference
Persistent	a* > 0.8	M = 11-16 M	$I_{\odot}$ Large mass & high spin
Cygnus X-1	> 0.95	15.8 ± 1.0	Gou+ 2011; Orosz+ 2011
LMC X-1	$0.92 \pm 0.06$	10.9 ± 1.4	Gou+ 2009; Orosz+ 2009
M33 X-7	0.84 ± 0.05	15.7 ± 1.5	Liu+ 2008; Orosz+ 2007
Transient	a* < 0.8	M = 7.8 ±	<b>1.2 M</b> Ozel et al. 2010
GRS 1915+105	> 0.95	10.1 ± 0.6	McClintock+ 2006; Steeghs+ 2013
4U 1543-47	0.8 ± 0.1	9.4 ± 1.0	Shafee+ 2006; Orosz+ 2003
GRO J1655-40	0.7 ± 0.1	$6.3 \pm 0.5$	Shafee+ 2006; Greene+ 2001
XTE J1550-564	0.34 ± 0.24	9.1 ± 0.6	Steiner+ 2011; Orosz+ 2011
LMC X-3	< 0.3	7.6 ± 1.6	Davis+ 2006; Cowley+ 1983
H1743-322	$0.2 \pm 0.3$	≈ 8	Steiner+ 2012; Ozel+ 2010
A0620-00	0.12 ± 0.19	$6.6 \pm 0.3$	Gou+ 2010; Cantrell+ 2010

McClintock 2013

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