

## Day 17, 19.03.2019 Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, 3 Cosmology 3

10 days until opening day

Joe Bonamassa week

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## housekeeping

Gotta come to class

question about <u>anything</u>? I'll make a movie for you:

Madame Curie movie - Tuesday: Tonight!

6pm, 3239 BPS (our group's conference room) I think there are ~7 of you



the rest of your grades are in LON-CAPA or MasteringPhysics

#### Section 2 folks:

Project has begun in phases:

Document 1: software, introduction, tutorial: due March 22

Document 2: your individual dataset and project instructions: due Final Exam https://qstbb.pa.msu.edu/storage/QS&BB2019/Homework\_Projects/ honors\_project\_2019/Minervalnstructions1\_2019.pages.pdf

#### MasteringAstronomy:

- Course ID: MABROCK41459; free code: WSSPCT-BLIDA-INANE-TOGUE-RIGOT-**UNRWA**
- I configured it wrong. I've extended the due date to Sunday.





### March 2019



Eastern Time Time Zone





## "'rinciple of equivalence"



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### acceleration warps space

#### from the Equivalence Principle



### **gravity** should warp space

### acceleration warps time

#### from the Equivalence Principle



### **gravity** should warp time

## gravitating bodies...masses:

warp both space and time.

They warp: spacetime

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# the free-fall recognition became:

Maybe gravity is not a force at all?

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#### There are a handful of "classic tests"

of these ideas:

that space and time are warped by gravitation



spacetime in general relativity

### Einstein's mathematics of GR

led him to have to consider non-Euclidean Geometries which were still timidly being studied by mathematicians

Euclid's 5th Postulate

parallel lines never meeting?

only in a flat space

sum of interior
angles in a triangle
= 180°?

only in flat space

on sphere > 180°



## "warping"

means that geometry

spacetime geometry

mixes with mass, energy, and pressure

General Relativity

### Einstein's GR equation

complicated mathematics geometry of spacetime

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

we'll call it: "G = T "



 $\leftrightarrow$ 

#### mass-energy, pressure, & momentum



wrong. Almost immediately:

### from the foxhole, 1915



Karl Schwarzschild, 1873-1916

Yes. I mean *from* a foxhole.

The first exact solution to GR...Einstein had used some approximations for light-bending, etc.

The equations of spacetime outside of a spherical mass. a big mass.



 $R_S$  called the Schwarzschild Radius

A mass M will produce an escape velocity of c. Light is trapped!



## supernova!









SN 1993J M81



#### Crab Nebula...supernova remnant from 1054 AD

## if $M(star) > 3-15 \times M_{sun}$ ?

#### Nature turns viscous



## Stellar Black Holes

many stars' fate

## black hole anatomy



simplest black hole: not rotating and not charged

realistic black hole: rotating...Kerr Black Holes



#### "singularity"

#### "photon sphere" $1.5 \times R_{\rm S}$

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# Supermassive

### Black Holes center of every (?) galaxy



## let's orient ourselves

### Sagittarius A and A\*





https://www.reddit.com/r/eliteexplorers/comments/92li23/galactic\_map\_with\_labeled\_regions/ 24

nunity expedition

### Milky Way the in

### news

### enormous, central black hole confirmed



S2:

- has a period of 15 years and comes close 17 light-hours so center object is smaller than that
- orbit implies M(center) = 4.1M solar masses



#### S14:

• comes closer - 6.25 light-hours - so center object is smaller than that!

### Interstellar



### Kip Thorne

science @ 3 levels:

#### 1.real

- 2.plausible
- 3.speculation









#### Murph



#### Gargantua

## some more

#### "what if this is bigger than that" whiteboard exercises

## remember the interval?

I wrote the interval this way:  $\Delta s^2 = (c\Delta t)^2 - (\Delta x)^2$ 



*r*: radius of spherical region, not x and y anymore

Now that we're talking about bending space and time and spacetime...we'll need a more general version



These coefficients will characterize the shape of the interval - the "Metric"



For curved spacetime...the "g's" will not be +1 and -1...

### Flat, "Minkowski Metric" $g_{00} = 1^{\circ}$ $g_1$

#### "regular" Special Relativity

### write it out...blackhole arithmetic

## the interval for spacetime regions outside of a spherical mass

ala' Mr Schwarzschild

$$\Delta s^{2} = \frac{(1 - \frac{R_{S}}{r})}{r}c^{2}\Delta t^{2} + (\frac{-1}{1 - R_{S}})c^{2}\Delta t^{2} + (\frac{-1}{1 - R_{S}$$

$$\Delta s^2 = g_{00} (c\Delta t)^2 + g_{11} (\Delta r)^2$$

# arithmetic outside of a







## using the "interval"

The GR analog involves constants, "g" the metric.  $\Delta s^2 = (g_{00})c^2\Delta t^2 + (g_{11})\Delta r^2$ 

The Schwarzschild solution...is in part solving for the g's.  $R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$ 

 $R_S$  $\Delta s^2$   $(>\Delta s^2)$  $g_{00} = 1 - \frac{R_S}{r}$  $g_{11} = \frac{-1}{1 - R_{\rm C}/r}$ 

What if all of the M is inside of  $R_S$  and  $r = R_S$  ?

time appears to stop for an outside observer!

What if all of the M is inside of  $R_S$  and  $r < R_S$ ?

$$\Delta s^2 = \left(1 - \frac{R_S}{r}\right)c^2 \Delta t^2 + \frac{1}{r}$$







### SO

# the event horizon is the boundary between sorta normal and totally bizarre

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## Miniature Black Holes

#### center of some theoretical physicists' imaginations





### accelerating charges

#### remember?

Well, mass can be thought of as the "charge" of gravitational fields.

wiggle a big mass..it will radiate "gravitational waves"



Disturbances in geometry of spacetime itself.

"Binary Pulsar period"

## remarkable

test of General Relativity





A binary star system...of neutron stars they are accelerating and so radiate gravitational waves



Emits very regular radio pulse every 59 ms: "pulsars" and its period is reduced by 67 ns each orbit



Joseph H. Taylor Jr.

**Russell A. Hulse** 

#### PSR1913+16 discovered 1974

Pulsars discovered earlier and awarded the 1974 Nobel Prize to Martin Ryle and Antony Hewish (and not Jocelyn Bell...) in 1968

## LIGO

Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory

intergalactic, colliding binary, neutron stars, gamma ray bursts, black holes, colliding galaxies,



looking for shrinkage of one arm when gravitational wave passes by

need precision smaller than a proton radius

Livingston, LA

Hanford, WA
### The Nobel Prize in Physics 2017







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### laboratory:

LIGO

location: established: notable directors:

Lawrence, LA & Hanford, WA 1999 Barry Barish, now Jay Marx

type of lab:

gravitational waves



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# Laser interferometer for measuring

# what's going on GW150914: merging black holes



## There are a handful of "classic tests"





in 1915 scientific cosmology didn't exist

does now.

## in 1917 the universe presumed by all to be:

- static, eternal
- limited to the Milky Way that's it.

cozy.



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# how big?

a battle in 1920, the "Great **Debate**"

April 26, 1920, in the hall of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C

Heber Curtis (Muskegon) and Harlow Shapley

### **Shapley**: The Milky Way is 300,000 ly across and contains all of the visible nebulae

When we accept that the distance of the Hercules cluster is such that its stellar phenomena are all harmonious with local stellar phenomena, then it follows that...the diameter of the whole system of globular clusters is about 300,000 light-years. Since the affiliation of the globular clusters with the Galaxy is shown...it also follows that the galactic system of stars is as large as this subordinate part...There seems to be good reason, therefore, to believe that the star-populated regions of the galactic system extend at least as far as the globular clusters.

**Curtis:** "Island Universe Model"...that the fuzzy nebulae were external galaxies... "island universes"

I hold, therefore, to the belief that the galaxy is probably not more than 30,000 light-years in diameter; that the spirals are not intra-galactic objects but island universes, like our own galaxy, and that the spirals, as external galaxies, indicate to us a greater universe into which we may penetrate to distances of ten million to a hundred million light-years.

Decision: Shapley... until 1929 when Hubble showed that Curtis was right.









Digital Astrophotography by Jerry Lodriguss

http://www.astropix.com/HTML/SHOW\_DIG/Milky\_Way\_Cherry\_Springs.HTM

### supermassive black hole in Sagittarius... Sagittarius A

# Einstein

# began the first truly scientific field of cosmology applying GR (1915) to the entire universe

1917: Cosmological Considerations in the General Theory of Relativity

"It exposes me to the danger of being confined to a madhouse."

## need a starting point & assumptions

in order to be able to solve the GR equations

Einstein enunciated the "Cosmological Principle"

On the largest scale:

the universe is homogeneous

the universe is isotropic

the universe looks the same to all

### the average density of matter is about the same and uniform at all places in the Universe: there are no special places

# observers: there are no special directions

quantitative cosmology

## rests on the Cosmological Principle



It doesn't matter where you are.

Viewed on sufficiently large distance scales, there are no preferred directions nor are there preferred places in the Universe.

The Universe is presumed to be **homogeneous:** average density same & uniform everywhere and **isotropic**: no special directions

my Famous Probable Planar Pepperoni Pizza Probe

...as viewed from the center:



not isotropic and yet homogeneous



not homogeneous and yet isotropic



homogeneous and isotropic

homogenous?

the only way to calculate!

smear all of the stars (nebulae out) into a dust, or fluid

density, not individual masses, is the meaningful quantity

How good is that approximation? The current density of matter in the universe is about 6 protons/m<sup>3</sup>

# Oh that reminds me

Did I mention Pizza? with roughly 7 of you... 2 cheese and 2 pepperoni? You get drinks from Sparty's





Madame

IERRY TRAVERS – ALBERT BASSEBMAN ROBERT WALKER – C. AUBREY SMITH Dame May Whitty – Victor Francen – Elsa Basserman – Reginald owen Jan Johnson – Margaret obrien



## He was plagued by infinity

He ran into a similar problem that Newton did...

The weird delicate balance of an infinite universe...with an infinite gravitational force on all objects

strangely in balance!

But he was smarter than Newton

And he owned a tool to erase infinity!

Make use of his geometric-tool and assume enough mass in the whole Universe to cause space to bend around on itself...



## oh...and by the way...

## make sure that the universe is... STATIC ... unmoving

a prejudice that he was fanatical about

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this would be a strange universe! suppose you could start out in a spaceship always keeping your starting spot behind you you could then return to where you started!





Bug only knows left and right... "up" and "down" have no meaning.

Notice something: this is a **embedded** in – expand your mind now – a 2 dimensional plane which is where the curvature is. <u>Outside</u> of the "view" of the bug.

- Notice something: this is a

### 2 dimensional surface 3 dimensional volume which is where the curvature is... again, outside of the bug's world

### "curvature"



Einstein's space was a

3 dimensional surface embedded in a 4 dimensional spacetime hypervolume



How could you know whether you live in flat space or a curved space? Start truckin'

### <u>We</u> know up, down, front, back, left, right...but have no knowledge of that 4<sup>th</sup> spatial embedding dimension which is where the curvature is



A mathematical fact: These 3 are the only geometries that can be both homogeneous and isotropic

### is impossible to visualize the negative curvature 3d shape... it's like a saddle, or mmm Pringles Potato HyperChips

you can't always get what you want

but if you try some time, you might just find you get what you need

or not.

Here's what happened...very schematically, okay?

### What Einstein wanted:



"The great charm resulting from this consideration lies in the recognition that the universe of these beings is finite and yet has no limits." Stable. Finite. Boundless.

So, no problem at infinity! you can't always what get you want

but if you try some time, you might just find you get what you need

or not.

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What Einstein actually got:



## **A RUNAWAY UNIVERSE!**

The space in his universe would **EXPAND or CONTRACT.** 



**UN**Stable. **IN**Finite. Boundless.

infinity is back!

# uh oh

### this wasn't going well

What to do? GR appeared to be right...the Classic Tests!

He mucked with his beloved equation.

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# the dreaded

... if it were certain that the field equations which I have hitherto employed were the only ones compatible with the postulate of general relativity, we should probably have to conclude that the theory of relativity does not admit the hypothesis of a spatially finite universe.

However, the system of equations allows a readily suggested extension which is compatible with the relativity postulate ...

## Cosmological Constant, A

"... the introduction of this second member constitutes a complication of the theory, which seriously reduces its logical simplicity."

geometry

$$G = T$$

he added a **negative pressure** term...

$$G + \Lambda = T$$

a **negative pressure**-like term...that only is relevant on huge scales the "Cosmological Constant"

Makes the Universe static...not expanding or contracting

later: "My biggest blunder."

for 2 reasons: Hubble and instability



### energy, pressure, mass

He believes his to be the only possible solutions to G = Tor  $G + \Lambda = T$