

# Spacetimes characterizations

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## Sgr A\*

## Main observational facts

- Radio source
- Distance :  $R_0 = 8.33 \pm 0.35$  kpc
- Mass :  $(4.31 \pm 0.736) \times 10^6 M_\odot$

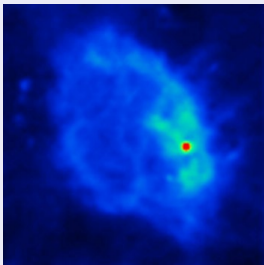
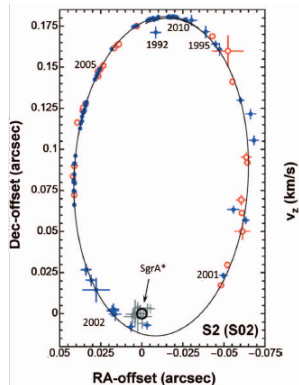
Figure: SgrA Est for  $\lambda = 20$  cm

Figure: Orbit of S2 around Sgr A\*

# Sgr A\* : Kerr Black Hole versus Boson Star

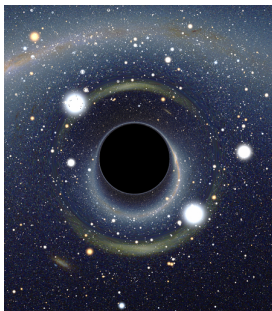


Figure: Image of a Schwarzschild Black Hole

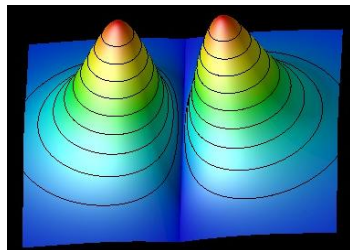


Figure: Rotating Boson Star

These 2 models are compatible with the observations of Sgr A\*  
... but hopefully it won't be the case very long thanks to new observations

# New observations in the near future

## Stellar orbits with GRAVITY instrument

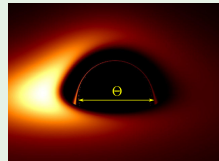
- Optical interferometry in the near-infrared
- astrometric precision of  $10 \mu\text{as}$  on each orbit



**Figure:** Four 8 m telescopes at VLT (Chile)

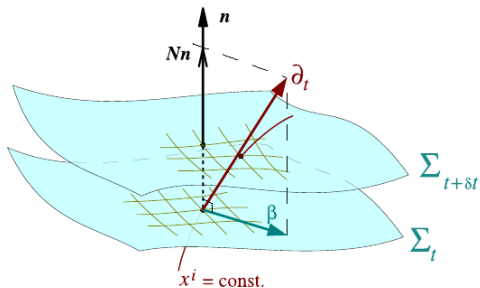
## Images of BH shadow with Event Horizon Telescope

- (Sub)mm VLBI all over the world
- angular resolution expected :  $1 \mu\text{as}$ !



**Figure:** Accretion disk around a Schwarzschild BH  
 $\Theta_{\text{SgrA}^*} = 53 \mu\text{as}$   
 [Vincent et al., 2011]

## 3+1 Splitting of Spacetime



- Unit normal & lapse :  
 $n = -N\nabla t$
- Shift :  $\beta$
- Spatial metric :  $\gamma_{ij}$

3+1 metric :

$$g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = -N^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij} (dx^i + \beta^i dt) (dx^j + \beta^j dt)$$

# Quasi-isotropic coordinates

Case of **axisymmetric** and **stationary** spacetimes

## Quasi-isotropic coordinates

$$(x^\alpha) = (t, r, \theta, \varphi)$$

- Metric in Quasi-isotropic coordinates :

$$g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = -N^2 dt^2 + A^2 (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2) + B^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta (d\varphi - N^\varphi dt)^2$$

## Link with 3+1

- Lapse :  $N = N$
- Shift :  $\beta = (0, 0, -N^\varphi)$

- Spatial metric  $\gamma_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A^2 r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$

# Kerr metric

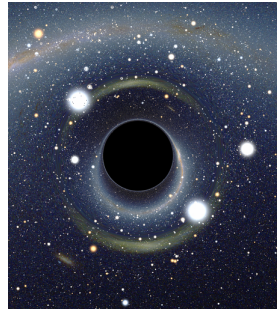
## Kerr Black Hole

Solution of the Einstein equations in vacuum :

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

characterized by the mass  $M$  and the kerr parameter  $a$

$a = 0$  : Schwarzschild spacetime



## In QI coordinates

- Analytic expressions for :  $N$ ,  $N^\varphi$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$



# Boson Star : field equations

Boson Star : gravitationally bound state of a complex scalar field  $\phi$  which is solution of the following system

- Einstein equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla_\mu \bar{\phi} \nabla_\nu \phi + \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \bar{\phi}] - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} [g^{\gamma\delta} \nabla_\gamma \bar{\phi} \nabla_\delta \phi + V(|\phi|^2)]$$

- Klein Gordon equation

$$\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi = \frac{dV}{d|\phi|^2} \phi$$

Here we consider “mini” boson stars with  $V(|\phi|^2) = \frac{m^2}{\hbar^2} |\phi|^2$

# Boson Star : numerical metric

## Assumptions

- Ansatz for the field  $\phi$

$$\phi = \phi_0(r, \theta) e^{i(\omega t - k\varphi)}$$

with  $\phi_0(r, \theta)$  a real function,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k$  is an integer.

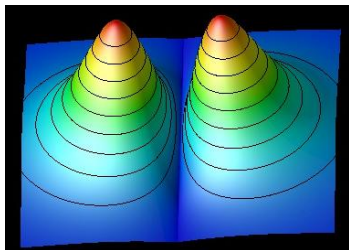


Figure: Numerical solutions found with **Kadath**

# Pointy Petal orbits

Idea : Find different timelike geodesics for the 2 spacetimes

It has been done for a specific class of zero angular momentum orbits using **GYOTO** ray-tracing code

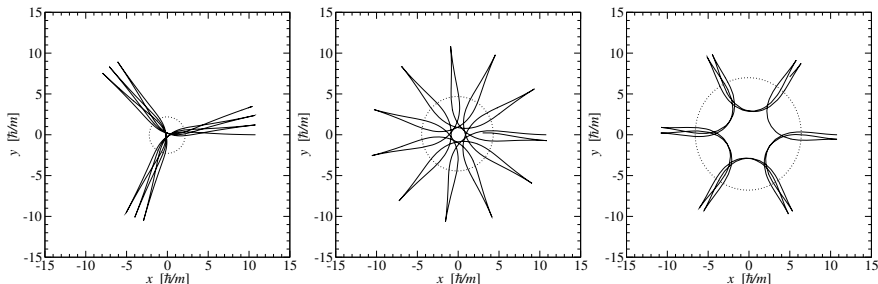


Figure: Orbit of a  $\ell = 0$  test particle in the equatorial plane of a boson star with  $\omega = 0.8 m/\hbar$  and  $k = 1, 2, 3$

# Spacetime Simon Tensor

- Definition : 
$$S_{\alpha\beta\nu} = 4\xi^\mu \xi^\rho C_{\mu\alpha\rho[\beta} \sigma_{\nu]} + \gamma_{\alpha[\beta} C_{\nu]\mu\rho\delta} \mathcal{F}^{\rho\delta} \xi^\mu$$

where  $\xi^\mu$  is a Killing vector

$$C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \frac{1}{2}i\eta_{\gamma\delta\rho\sigma} C_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\rho\sigma}$$

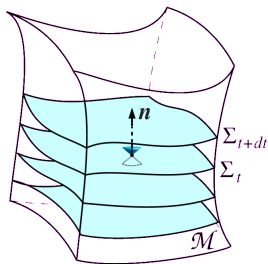
where  $\eta_{\gamma\delta\rho\sigma}$  is the volume form,  $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  the Weyl tensor and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta} &= \nabla_\alpha \xi_\beta + \frac{i}{2} \eta_{\alpha\beta\lambda\mu} \nabla^\lambda \xi^\mu \\ \sigma_\mu &= 2\xi^\alpha \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\mu} \\ \gamma_{\alpha\beta} &= -\xi_\rho \xi^\rho g_{\alpha\beta} + \xi_\alpha \xi_\beta \end{aligned}$$

$S_{\alpha\beta\nu}$  is antisymmetric in its last 2 indices

- Property :  $S_{\alpha\beta\nu} = 0$  for Kerr spacetime !

# 3+1 Decomposition of the Spacetime Simon Tensor

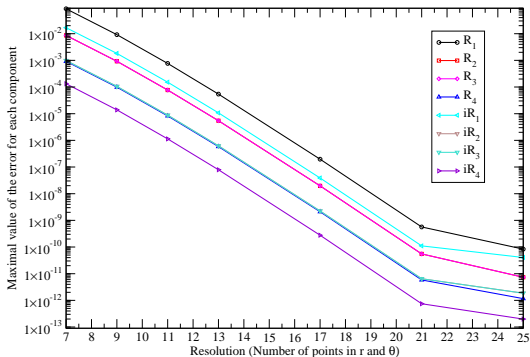


$$\text{Re}(S_{\alpha\beta\nu}) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Totally spatial component} & = R_1 \\ n_\nu \text{ component} & = R_2 \\ n_\alpha \text{ component} & = R_3 \\ n_\nu n_\alpha \text{ component} & = R_4 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Im}(S_{\alpha\beta\nu}) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Totally spatial component} & = iR_1 \\ n_\nu \text{ component} & = iR_2 \\ n_\alpha \text{ component} & = iR_3 \\ n_\nu n_\alpha \text{ component} & = iR_4 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  8 components computed by **Kadath**

# Spacetime Simon Tensor for Kerr spacetime



## Conclusion

The Spacetime Simon tensor is zero for Kerr.

# Spacetime Simon Tensor for Boson Star spacetime

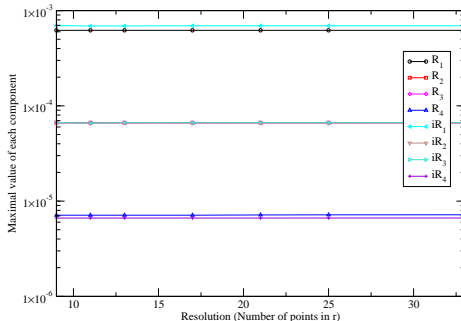


Figure: Boson star with  $k = 1$  &  $\omega = 0.70 m/\hbar$

Conclusion : The Spacetime Simon tensor is not zero for Boson Stars !

# Spacetime Simon Tensor for Boson Star spacetime

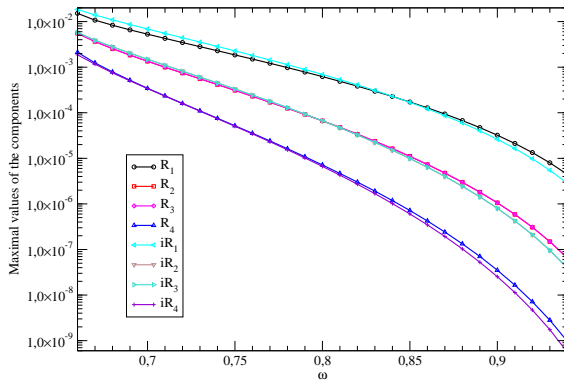


Figure: Family of boson stars with  $k = 1$



# Conclusion

## Comparison to Kerr spacetime

- Generalize these comparison techniques for many different spacetimes
- Find the right model for Sgr A\*

