



TWISTING STRINGS AND BLACK HOLES



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RATIONALE

- Black holes give non-perturbative strong gravity regimes
- Controversy on nature of horizon



- Vortices in field theory : non-perturbative, semi-classical
- Gravity in action strings and long hair
- Rotation a new twist!



0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

NIELSEN-OLESEN VORTEX

The Higgs phase winds around the string, so rewrite physical degrees of freedom and rescale so that string has unit width.

Solve the resulting eom's numerically, to find well resolved core of Higgs condensate threaded by "magnetic" flux.



VACUUM GRAVITY

The conical deficit is a vacuum solution in gravity – it gives lensing, but no curvature (away from the string!)



VILENKIN (1981)



The actual solution is smoothed out in the core, and forms a snub-nosed cone.





BLACK HOLES & STRINGS

Schwarzschild is a vacuum nonperturbative solution. Normally we cannot superpose solutions in gravity, but in this case..... we can get a black hole with a conical deficit – what is this physically? Is it possible?





BLACK HOLES & VORTICES

- Prejudice from "no hair" theorems fields on horizon?
- ODE's → PDE's
- Event horizon a singular place
- Has to be done numerically,SO.....

First approach on the Schwarzschild background,
Try guessing a rough "analytic" approximation
Find numerical solution
Allow the vortex to back-react

FIRST, GUESS:

$$\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)X_{rr} + \frac{r - GM}{r^2}X_r + \frac{X_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} + \frac{\cot\theta}{r^2}X_{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}X(1 - X^2) = \frac{XP^2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)P_{rr} + \frac{2GM}{r^2}P_r + \frac{P_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} - \frac{\cot\theta}{r^2}P_{\theta} = \frac{X^2P}{\beta}$$

Roughly solved by:

 $X = X_{NO}(r\sin\theta) - \text{The Nielsen-Olesen functions}$ $P = P_{NO}(r\sin\theta)$

$$X'' + \frac{X'}{R} + \frac{1}{2}X(1 - X^2) = \frac{XP^2}{R^2} \quad ; \quad P'' - \frac{P'}{R} = \frac{X^2P}{\beta}$$

BLACK HOLES HAVE LONG HAIR!



Numerically integrate to check. Elliptic PDE, so use gradient flow. Wrinkle is horizon – which must be updated as well. This is parabolic system, so still well posed.





ADD GRAVITY

Can show the solution is indeed a combination of the black hole and the smooth snub-conical gravitating vortex.

$$ds^{2} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^{2}r}\right)c^{2}dt^{2} - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^{2}r}\right)^{-1}dr^{2} - r^{2}\left[d\theta^{2} + (1 - \delta)^{2}\sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}\right]$$
$$M_{ADM} = (1 - \delta)M \qquad \delta(R) = G\mu\left(-\int_{0}^{R} REdR + \frac{1}{R}\int_{0}^{R} R^{2}EdR\right)$$
$$Area = 16\pi(1 - \delta)M^{2}$$

RG, HINDMARSH (1995)

ADD CHARGE

Adding charge does not change the picture much, except for extremal (m=q) black holes, then a Meissner effect is observed for small black holes.





Tracking the order parameter at the equator of the horizon shows a standard phase transition between piercing and expelling.





KERR BLACK HOLES

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Expect all black holes to rotate – the Kerr metric. This has far richer structure, and vastly complicates the vortex fields.



KERR ROTATION

$$ds^{2} = \frac{\Delta - a^{2} \sin^{2}\theta}{\Sigma} dt^{2} + \frac{4GMar \sin^{2}\theta}{\Sigma} dt d\varphi - \Sigma d\theta^{2} - \frac{\Gamma}{\Sigma} \sin^{2}\theta \, d\varphi^{2} - \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^{2} \, dr^{2$$

where a = J/M and

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2\theta, \quad \Delta = r^2 - 2GMr + a^2 \qquad \Gamma = (r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2\theta.$$

The t-φ cross-term means that locally space is dragged around the black hole: a local "rest" frame rotates around the black hole relative to infinity. This means we cannot simply have an angular gauge field – which angle? Gauge fields must have time component as well – i.e. we generate ELECTRIC fields.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{GUESS:} & X = X_{NO} \Big(\sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \Big) \\ P_{\varphi} = P_{NO} \Big(\sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \Big) \\ P_{\varphi} = P_{NO} \Big(\sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \Big) \\ P_t = -\frac{2GMar}{\left(r^2 + a^2\right)^2} P_{NO} \Big(\sqrt{r^2 + a^2} \sin \theta \Big) \end{aligned}$$



CHECK AGAINST GUESS



MEISSNER EFFECT?



Small extremal black holes seem to expel flux – but very likely unstable.

EXTREMAL KERR



Sharp, apparently discontinuous, phase transition, supported by analytic analysis.

ADS VORTEX



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KERR-ADS



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IMPLICATIONS?





KERR WITH STRING

$$\begin{split} ds^2 &= \left(1 - \frac{2GMr}{\Sigma} + \frac{8(GMar\sin\theta)^2}{\Gamma\Sigma} \widehat{\epsilon\mu}\right) dt^2 - \Sigma d\theta^2 - \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 \\ &- \frac{\Gamma}{\Sigma} (1 - 2\widehat{\epsilon\mu}) \sin^2\theta \, d\varphi^2 + \frac{4GMar\sin^2\theta}{\Sigma} (1 - 2\widehat{\epsilon\mu}) dt d\varphi \end{split}$$

The string produces a deficit, but not quite the usual cone. The deficit is with respect to a local co-rotating frame: Orbits are affected, as is the ergosphere.



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BLACK HOLES & STRINGS

String capture increases gravitational mass and entropy by $4G\mu$. After string has passed, ADM mass increased back to gravitational mass, entropy again increases by $4G\mu$.



SUMMARY

- Existence of hair and regular solutions confirms horizon is not "special"
- Black holes will capture slower strings
- Near horizon metric is altered vortex cuts out a deficit in a co-rotating frame – could affect geodesics.
- Possible applications in holographic superconductivity