- Accretion?
  - Release of gravitational potential energy as matter falls into black hole
  - YES! Thought to be primary power source of all systems just discussed
- Rotational energy of black hole? Spinning (Kerr) BHs see 13.11.2
  - Tapping the rotational energy of a spinning black hole  $1/2 \mathrm{I}\Omega^2$  can be very large
  - May be important in some settings... but can only be tapped if accretion occurring!

# Rotating black holes- remember the extra special nature of accelerated frames

- Roy Kerr (1963)
  - Discovered solution to Einstein's equations corresponding to a rotating black hole
  - Kerr solution describes all black holes found in nature
- Features of the Kerr solution
  - Black Hole completely characterized by its mass and spin rate (no other features [except charge]; no-hair theorem)
  - Has space-time **singularity** and **event horizon** (like Schwarzschild solution)
  - Also has "static surface" inside of which nothing can remain motionless with respect to distant fixed coordinates
  - Space-time near rotating black hole is dragged around in the direction of rotation: "frame dragging".
  - **Ergosphere** region where space-time dragging is so intense that *its* impossible to resist rotation of black hole. 146

### Spinning BH- Longair sec 13.11.2

• A black hole with angular momentum J has a metric  $ds^{2}=(1-2GMr/\rho c^{2})dr^{2}-\{(1/c^{2})[4GMrasin^{2}\theta/\rho c] drd\phi\}+(\rho/\Delta)dr^{2}+\rho d\theta^{2}+(r^{2}+a^{2}+2GMrasin^{2}\theta/\rho c^{2})sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}]-Longair eq 13.63$   $r,\theta,\phi$ - usual polar coordinates

where a=(J/Mc) is the angular momentum per unit mass (dimensions of distance) and  $\Delta=r^2-(2GMr/c^2)+a^2$ ;  $\rho=r^2+a^2cos^2\theta$ 

Just like Schwarschild metric it becomes singular but at a radius where  $\Delta = r^2 - (2GMr/c^2) + a^2 = 0$ ; the larger root is  $r_{+}=GM/c^2 + [(GM/c^2)^2 - (J/Mc)^2]^{1/2}$ for J>0 this is smaller than the Schwarschild radius there is a maximum angular momentum J=GM<sup>2</sup>/c; for this value of J the <u>horizon</u> is at  $r_{+}=GM/c$ ; 1/2 of the Schwarzschild radius

 If the black hole is not rotating (a=J/M=0), the Kerr line element reduces to the Schwarzschild line element

### Spin Energy

- All the spin energy of a Black Hole resides outside the horizon and can, in principle, be extracted
- For a maximally spinning BH the most energy that can be extracted is 0.29Mc<sup>2</sup>
- Particles are dragged in angle  $\varphi$

as they fall radially inward, even though no forces act on them

### Schwarzschild and Kerr Metric

- for a <u>Schwarzschild</u> BH the innermost stable radius is 3r<sub>G</sub>=6GM/c<sup>2</sup> there are no stable circular orbits at smaller radii
  - the binding energy from this orbit is 0.0572 of the rest mass energy
- For a Kerr the innermost stable radius is at  $r_+=GM/c^2$  The spinning black hole drags the the inertial frame-
- The smaller critical radius allows more energy to be released by infalling matter
  For a Kerr BH 0.423 of the energy can be released.
- There is another 'fiducial' radius in the Kerr solution, that radius within which all light cones point in the direction of rotation, the 'static' radius, r <sub>static</sub>.
- Between r<sub>static</sub> and r<sub>+</sub> is a region called the 'ergosphere' within which particles must rotate with the black hole and from energy might be extracted (Penrose process).





#### The innermost stable circular orbit (ISCO)

circular orbit extremizes binding energy  ${\cal E}$  of test mass m at const. angular momentum L

### Effect of BH Mass and Spin on Emitted Spectrum



#### What can come out of black hole?

...more than you might think!

- Magnetic fields threading ergosphere can attach to and drag surrounding matter, reducing the black hole's spin and energy
- "Hawking Radiation" (pg 438): black hole slowly evaporates due to quantum mechanics effects
  - Particle/antiparticle pair is created near BH
  - One particle falls into horizon; the other escapes
  - Energy to create particles comes from gravity outside horizon

$$t_{evap} = 10^{10} \, yrs \times \left(\frac{M}{10^{12} \, kg}\right)^3$$

- Solar-mass black hole would take 10<sup>65</sup> years to evaporate!
- Mini-black holes that could evaporate are not known to exist now, but possibly existed in early Universe

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How luminous can an accreting black hole be?- this is the same Eddington limit as we discussed for neutron stars



• The accreting matter is pushed away if

$$F_{\rm rad} > F_{\rm grav}$$

• This is the Eddington limit ( $L_{Edd}$ ). Acts as effective upper limit to the luminosity of accretion powered object. Numerically:

$$L > \frac{4\pi G m_p c}{\sigma_T} M$$

$$L_{\rm Edd} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{31} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) \, {\rm W}$$

# General properties of emission from black hole systems

- · Emission usually variable on wide variety of timescales
  - Galactic black hole binaries : millisecond and up
  - AGN : minutes and up
  - Most rapid variability approaches light-crossing timescale limit R~c $\tau$
- Significant emission over very broad spectral range (radio to hard Xray or gamma-rays)-NS and WDs tend to have 'thermal' like spectra (<u>relatively</u> narrow in wavelength)
- Lack of a signature of a surface not a pulsar, no boundary layer emission (no x-ray bursts), no 'after glow' from cooling



### Evidence for black holes

- Galactic black hole candidates – the same sort of dynamical evidence we have for neutron stars! ~20 known
- Black hole mass from orbit of companion star- Cyg X-1 first galactic black hole discovered
  - Period 5.6 days
  - K = V sin i = 75km/s
  - Analysis of orbit shows that

$$f = \frac{K^3 P}{2\pi G} = \frac{M_1^3 (\sin i)^3}{(M_1 + M_2)^2}$$

"Mass function" f can be measured...



### Discovery of black holes

- First evidence for an object which 'must' be a black hole came from discovery of the X-ray source Cygnus X-1
  - Binary star system... black hole in orbit around a massive O-star; period =5.6 days - not eclipsing
  - − Mass of x-ray emitting object 7-13  $M_{\odot}$  too high for a NS. Object emits lots of x-rays, little optical light.
  - X-rays produced due to accretion of stellar wind from O-star
  - 2kpc away



Velocity curve of the stellar companion It is a massive O star

 $f(M) = P_{orb}v^2/2\pi G = M_1 \sin^3 i/(1 + q)^2$ .  $q=M_2/M_1$ ;  $v^2$  is the maximum measured velocity the value of the mass function is the absolute minimum mass of the compact star



### Evidence for black holes- Longair 19.3.2

• For Supermassive Black Holes

Dynamics of 'Test particles'

Orbits of gas disks around mass compact objects at the centers of other galaxies- best case is NGC4258 (water maser orbits)

Stellar orbits around a compact mass at the center of our own Galaxy (most solid case for any black hole)

- Of course what these data give is the mass inside a given radius. If the mass density is higher than (?) it must be a black hole
- Emission from the region of 'strong gravity'

Extreme gravitational redshifting of emission lines in the X-ray spectrum of some accreting black holes



#### Some Scales (Rees 1984)

A central mass M has a gravitational radius

$$r_{\rm g} = \frac{GM}{c^2} = 1.5 \times 10^{13} M_8 \,{\rm cm},$$
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where  $M_8$  is the mass in units of  $10^8 M_{\odot}$ . The characteristic minimum time scale for variability is

$$r_{\rm g}/c \simeq 500 \; M_8 \; {\rm s.}$$
 2.

A characteristic luminosity is the "Eddington limit," at which radiation pressure on free electrons balances gravity:

$$L_{\rm E} = \frac{4\pi G M m_{\rm p} c}{\sigma_{\rm T}} \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{46} M_8 \, {\rm erg \, s^{-1}}.$$
 3.

Related to this is another time scale

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$$t_{\rm E} = \frac{\sigma_{\rm T}c}{4\pi Gm_{\rm p}} \simeq 4 \times 10^8 \text{ yr.}$$
 The time scale to grow a black hole if it  
Were accreting at the Eddington luminosity

The characteristic black body temperature if the Eddington luminosity is emitted at  $r_q$   $T \sim 5 \times 10^5 M^{-1/4}$ 

$$T_{\rm E} \simeq 5 \times 10^5 \, M_8^{-1/4}$$
.

## Examples of Astrophysical Black

Holes

- We know that black holes come in 2 size scales
  - 5-20 M<sub>sun</sub>; the result of stellar evolution
  - 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>sun</sub> super massive black holes that reside in the centers of most massive galaxies
  - They may also come in another size scale; intermediate mass black holes with 50<M<sub>sun</sub><10<sup>3</sup>
- Detailed stellar evolution calculations indicate that for a star with roughly solar metallicity the maximum mass of the remnant black hole is ~20 M<sub>sun</sub> so what about the recent GW event ?



Miyoshi et al



### NGC4258- Rotation of Maser Disk



with warp parameters from Herrnstein et al. (2005) and including the inner contours of the radio jet.





Broad iron line in MCG-6-30-15 (Fabian et al. 2002)



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How Hot is a Black Hole??

Lets go back to the accretion disk spectrum- Longair 14.52-14.54

As matter flows inward the radiated luminosity is  $L=GMM/2R^2dR$  (M=dM/dt) Dividing by the area – get luminosity per unit area and equate this to the black body emission formula

## $GMM/8\pi R^3 = \sigma_{SB}T^4$

correct dependence on M, M and R but wrong normalization

Have to account for: Boundary conditions at the inner edge of the disk

Get T=[ $3GMM/8\pi R^3$ {1-sqrt(R/R<sub>in</sub>}]<sup>1/4</sup> where R<sub>in</sub> is the innermost radius

### How Hot is a Black Hole??

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 $T(R)=[3GMM/8\pi R^3]^{1/4}(R/R_{in})]^{-3/4}$ 

Temperature at fixed number of  $R_s$  <u>decreases as M<sup>-1/4</sup></u> - disks around more massive black holes are cooler at a <u>fixed</u> R/R<sub>s</sub> and  $M/M_{Edd}$ 

now recasting in terms of the Eddington limit where  $\mathcal{M}_{Edd}$  is the mass accretion rate for the Eddington limit and we assume that the conversion efficiency of mass into energy is 10% and M<sub>8</sub> is the BH mass in units of 10<sup>8</sup> M $\odot$ 

## $T=6.3x10^{5}[\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{M}_{Edd}]^{1/4}[M/M_{8}]^{-1/4}(R/R_{in})]^{-3/4}k$

### Effect of BH Mass and Spin on Emitted Spectrum



# How Hot are Black Holes

For a black body the spectrum peaks at E= 2.8kT

Expect disk emission in AGN accreting close to the Eddington limit to be strong in the ultraviolet - origin of the broad peak in quasar SEDs in the blue and UV

### The Center of the Milky Way

- The center of the MW is called Sagitarius A\*(SgrA\*) from the name of the radio source at the dynamical center of the MW.
- This is also the location of a weak, time variable x-ray (log L<sub>x</sub>~34- 100x less than a typical xray binary) and IR source
- The radio source is very small (<0.0005"<50Rs for M=4x10<sup>6</sup>M $_{\odot}$  BH at d=8kpc)
- At SgrA\* 1"=0.04pc=1.2x10<sup>17</sup> cm ,0.5mas=6AU



Radio image of SgrA\*



Radio, near IR and Radi light curves

### Some Problems with Sgr A\*

- There is lots of gas for accretion in the galactic center from the ISM and stellar winds
- Yet the observed luminosity is very low (L/L  $_{\rm Edd}{\sim}$  10  $^{-10})$
- What happens to the accretion energy- where does the mass and energy go
- Sgr A\* is similar to >95% of all massive galaxies- they have big black holes, but low luminosities



### Radio and X-ray Image of MW Center

Motion of Stars Around the Center of the Milkyway- see <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=ZDxFjq-scvU</u> http://www.mpe.mpg.de/ir/GC/





distance from SgrA\* (pc)

•As shown by Genzel et al the stability of alternatives to a black hole (dark clusters composed of white dwarfs, neutron stars, stellar black holes or sub-stellar entities) shows that a dark cluster of mass  $2.6 \times 10^6 M_{sun}$ , and density

 $20M_{sun}pc^{-3}$  or greater can not be stable for more than about 10 million years

# Velocity Distribution of Stars Near the Center of the MW

A Supermassive Black Hole in the Milky Way



Figure 7. The projected stellar velocity dispersion as a function of projected distance from Sgr A<sup>\*</sup> is consistent with Keplerian motion, which implies that the gravitational field is dominated by mass within 0.1 pc.

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Ghez et al 1998

 While stars are moving very fast near the center (Sgr A\*) the upper limit on its velocity is 15 km/sec

If there is equipartition of momentum between the stars and SgrA\* then one expects

M <sub>SgrA\*</sub> > 1000M<sub>☉</sub>(M<sub>\*</sub>/10M<sub>☉</sub>)(v<sub>\*</sub>/1500km/sec(v<sub>sgrA\*</sub>/15km/sec)<sup>-1</sup>

Where we have assumed that the star stars we see have a mass  $10M_{\odot}$  and a velocity of 1500 km/sec





The Minky way's black note and the Central Stellar Cluster

### What About Other Supermassive Black Holes

- At the centers of galaxies- so much more distant than galactic stellar mass black holes
- First idea: look for a 'cusp' of stars caused by the presence of the black hole- doesn't work, nature produces a large variety of stellar density profiles... need dynamical data
- Dynamical data: use the collisionless Boltzman eq (conceptionally identical to the use of gas temperature to measure mass, but stars have orbits while gas is isotropic)



Longair 19.3. eq 19.8 and extensive discussion

$$M(r) = \frac{V^2 r}{G} + \frac{\sigma_r^2 r}{G} \left[ -\frac{d\ln\nu}{d\ln r} - \frac{d\ln\sigma_r^2}{d\ln r} - \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_\theta^2}{\sigma_r^2}\right) - \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_\phi^2}{\sigma_r^2}\right) \right]$$

# Example of data for the nearest galaxv M31

- Notice the nasty terms
- $V_r$  is the rotation velocity  $\sigma_r \sigma_{\theta_r} \sigma_{\phi}$  are the 3-D components of the velocity dispersion v is the density of stars
- All of these variables are 3-D; we observe projected quantities !
- The analysis is done by generating a set of stellar orbits and then minimizing
- Rotation and random motions (dispersion) are both important.
- Effects of seeing (from the ground) are important- Hubble data





### How to Measure the Mass of a SuperMassive Black hole

- Image of central regions and Velocity of gas near the center of M84 a nearby galaxy (Bower et al 1998) -
- The color scale maps the range of velocity along the slit, with blue and red color representing velocities (with respect to systemic) that are blueshifted and redshifted, respectively.
- The dispersion axis (horizontal) covers a velocity interval of 1445 km s-1, while the spatial axis (vertical) covers the central 3 arcsec;.



#### Measurement of Kinematics o



### Analysis of Spectral Data for M84

Mass of central object 1.5x10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>sun</sub> ٠ R (pc) 0 -100 offset=-0.2 1200 800 1200 TABLE 1 V (km s<sup>-1</sup>) 00 800 KEPLERIAN DISK MODEL PARAMETERS Parameter Best Fit Uncertainty Range  $(0.9-2.6) \times 10^9$ 75-85<sup>a</sup> Black hole mass  $(M_{\odot})$  ..... Disk inclination (deg) ....  $1.5 \times 10^{9}$ 1200 80 Disk P.A. (deg) 83 80-85 800 Gas systemic velocity (km  $s^{\scriptscriptstyle -1}) \ \ldots \ldots$ 1125 1100 - 1150 $I(r) \propto r^{-1}$ Intensity law ..... ... 0.3–3 I(r) inner radius (pc) ..... 1 offset=+0.2 0.03 0.01 - 0.1V(r) inner radius (pc) ..... 1200 0.04-0.06 PSF  $\sigma$  (arcsec) ..... 0.05 \* Lower mass requires lower inclination. 800



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R (")

-1

-2

100

offset=+0.0

offset=+0.0

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Kuo et al 2010



### Centaurus-A The Nearest AGN



 $M_{\rm BH} = (5.5 \pm 3.0) \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$ . Constraints from stars compared to those from Gas Velocities

### AGN- Alias Active Galactic Nuclei

- AGN are 'radiating' supermassive black holes-
  - They go by a large number of names (Seyert I, Seyfert II, radio galaxies, quasars, Blazars etc etc)
  - The names convey the observational aspects of the objects in the first wavelength band in which they were studied and thus do carry some information
  - See http://nedwww.ipac.caltech.edu/ level5/Cambridge/ Cambridge\_contents.html for an overview

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Urry and Padovani 195

- All the Nearby Galaxies with Dynamical Masses for their Central Black Holes (Gultekin 2009)
- There seems to be a scaling of the mass of the black hole with the velocity dispersion of the stars in the bulge of the galaxy
- M<sub>BH</sub>~10<sup>-3</sup> M<sub>bulge</sub>
- Galaxies know about their BH and vice versa



### What About AGN in General??

- We believe that the incredible luminosity of AGN comes from accretion onto a black hole
- However the 'glare' of the black hole makes measuring the dynamics of stars and gas near the black hole very difficult
- Technique: reverberation mapping (Peterson 2003)
  - The basic idea is that there exists gas which is moderately close to to the Black Hole (the so-called broad line region) whose ionization is controlled by the radiation from the black hole
  - Thus when the central source varies the gas will respond, with a timescale related to how far away it is





Line-of-sight velocity V (km/s)

### Virial Mass Estimates- Longair 20.5

 $M_{BH} = f v^2 R_{BLR}/G$ 

**Reverberation Mapping:** 

•  $R_{BLR} = c \tau$ •  $v_{BLR}$ Line width in variable spectrum

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### The Geometry

- Points (r,  $\theta$ ) in the source map into line-of-sight velocity/time-delay( $\tau$ ) space (V,  $\tau$ ) according to V = -V<sub>orb</sub> sin( $\theta$ ), where V<sub>orb</sub> is the orbital speed, and  $\tau$  = (1 + cos( $\theta$ ))r / c.
- The idea is that the broad line clouds exist in 'quasi-Keplerian' orbits (do not have to be circular) and respond to the variations in the central source. Lower ionization lines are further away from the central source.
- So

 $M_{BH} = frV^2/G$ 

f is a parameter related to geometry- and

the orbits of the gas clouds



- AGN (type I) optical and UV spectra consist of a 'feature less continuum' with strong 'broad' lines superimposed
- Typical velocity widths (s, the Gaussian dispersion) are ~2000-5000km/sec
- The broad range of ionization is due to the 'photoionzation' of the gas- the gas is not in collisional equilibrium
- At short wavelengths the continuum is thought to be due to the accretion disk



Van den Berk et al 2001

 A selection of emission lines ranging from high ionization CIV to low ionization Mg II





A Quick Guide to Photoionized Plasmas

- Fundamental idea photon interacts with ion and electron is ejected and ion charge increased by 1
- X<sup>+q</sup>+hv → X<sup>+(q+1</sup>) +e<sup>-</sup>
- Ionization of the plasma is determined by the balance betw photionization and recombinatic
- Photoionization rate is proportional to the number of ionizing photons x number of ionsxthe cross section for interaction and the recombination rate to the number of ions x number of electrons x atomic physics rates

• Steady state ionization determined not by temperature, but by balance between photoionization (~ $F_E$  spectrum) and recombination ( $n_e$ ):  $n_q \int F_E \sigma^{PI}(E) dE = n_{q+1} n_e \alpha(T_e)$ • Ionization  $n_{q+1}/n_q \propto F/n_e \propto L/n_e r^2 \equiv \xi$ 

> ξ is the ionization parameter (also sometimes called U)

### In Other Words

- For each ion:
  - Ionization = recombination
  - ~photon flux ~electron density
- For the gas as a whole
  - Heating = cooling
  - ~photon flux ~electron density
- => All results depend on the ratio photon flux/gas density or "ionization parameter"
- Higher ionization parameters produce more highly ionized lines (higher flux or lower density)



Neutral <---->fully stripped



Peterson (1999)

### What is Observed??

- The higher ionization lines have a larger width (rotational speed) and respond faster (closer to BH)
- Line is consistent with idea of photoionization, density ~r<sup>-2</sup>

and Keplerian motions dominate the line shapes (v  $\sim r^{-1/2}$  )

- Such data exist for ~40 sources
- At present  $M_{BH}$  can be estimated to within a factor of a few: M  $\propto$  FWHM<sup>2</sup> L<sup>0.5</sup>



Dotted line corresponds to a mass of  $6.8 x 10^7 \ M_{\odot}$  Peterson and Wandel 1999