



# Particle shadows of black holes and new characteristic surfaces

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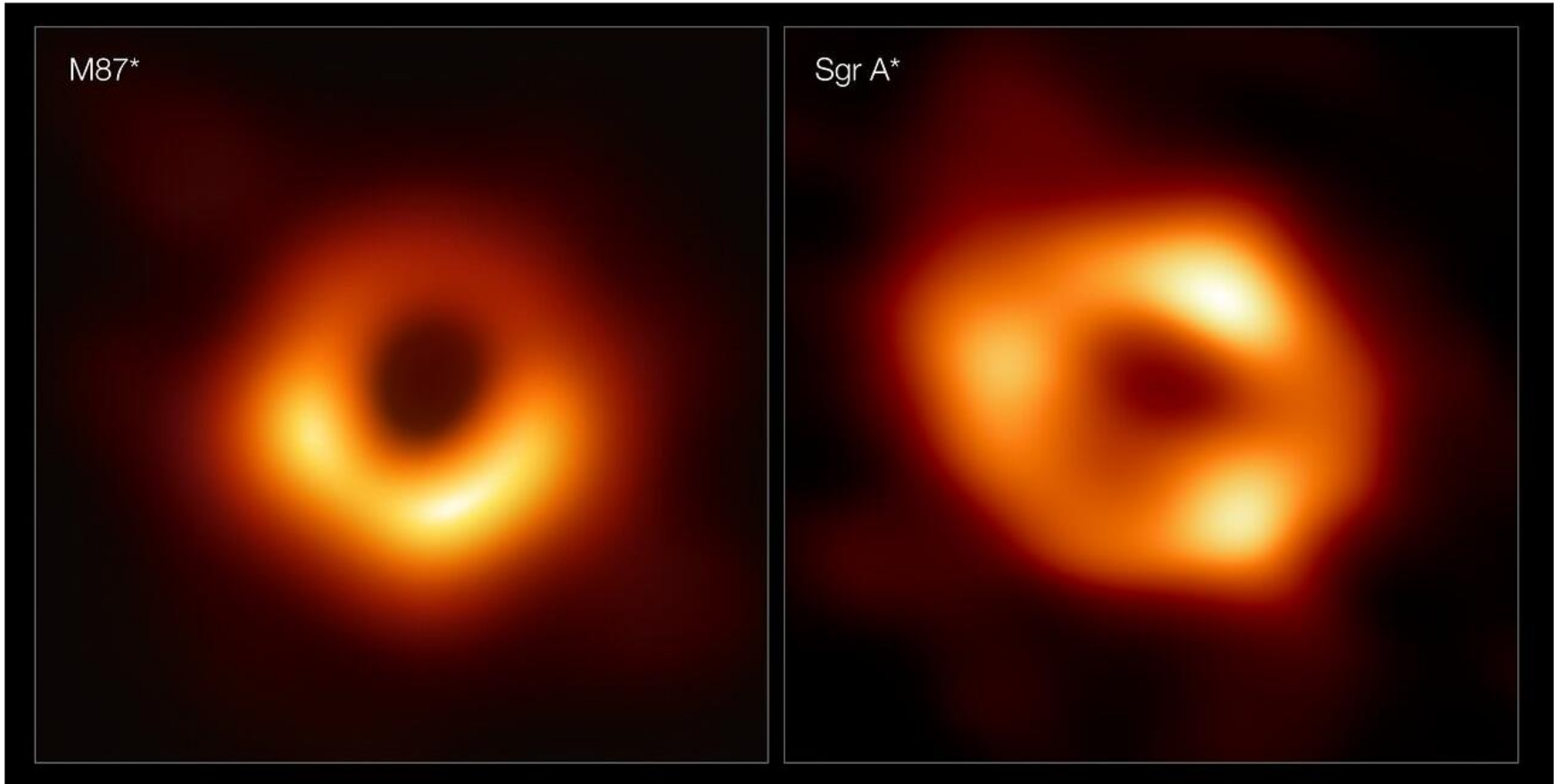
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# Black hole astronomy breakthrough



[K. Akiyama et al. [Event Horizon Telescope], *Astrophys. J. Lett.* 875, L1 (2019) [arXiv:[1906.11238](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.11238)]]

[P. Kocherlakota et al. [Event Horizon Telescope], *Phys. Rev. D* 103, no.10, 104047 (2021) [arXiv:[2105.09343](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.09343)]]



# Photon surface

**Definition.** A *photon surface* of  $(M, g)$  is an immersed, nowhere-spacelike hypersurface  $S$  of  $(M, g)$  such that, for every point  $p \in S$  and every null vector  $\mathbf{k} \in T_p S$ , there exists a null geodesic  $\gamma: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$  of  $(M, g)$  such that  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\gamma \subset S$ .

[C.-M. Claudel, K.S. Virbhadra, G.F.R. Ellis, J.Math.Phys. 42 (2001) 818-838, arXiv:gr-qc/0005050]

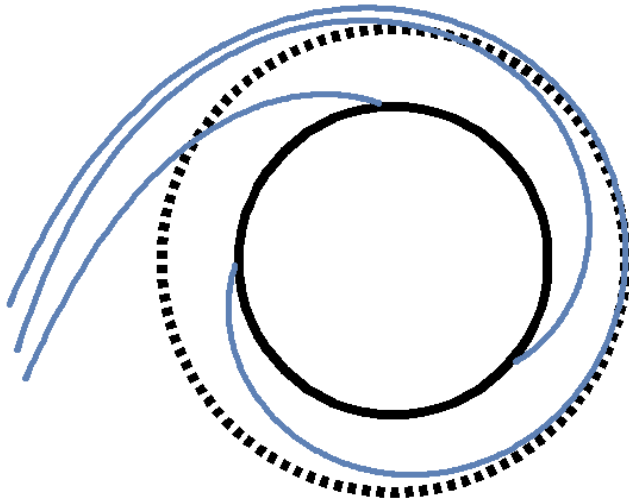
- That is, if a null geodesic is tangent to the photon surface, it completely belongs to the photon surface.

- Photon surface is umbilic:  $k^\mu \chi_{\mu\nu} k^\nu = 0$ ,  
for any null  $k^\mu \in T_p S$  and  $p \in S$
- $\chi_{\mu\nu} = (\nabla_\mu n_\nu)_\parallel$  is a second fundamental form of  $S$ .

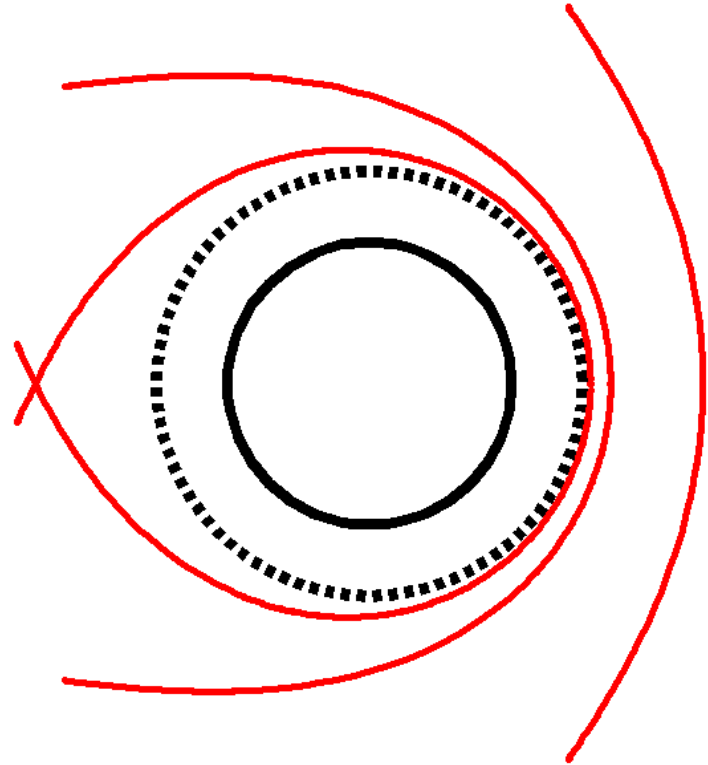


# Photon surfaces

Null geodesics  
intersecting PS



Null geodesics  
approaching PS



See for other generalization and application in shadow construction:

[Igor Bogush et. al., “Photon surfaces, shadows and accretion disks in gravity with minimally coupled scalar field,” arXiv: [2205.01919](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01919)]



# Charged massive particle surfaces

How to generalize photon surfaces to the surfaces for charged massive particles?

- Let  $\kappa^\mu$  is a Killing vector (timelike at infinity  $r \rightarrow \infty$ )
- Let  $\gamma$  is a worldline for a particle with mass  $m$  and charge  $q$
- Let  $\mathcal{E} = \dot{\gamma}^\mu \kappa_\mu + qA^\mu \kappa_\mu$  is an integral of motion

$\kappa^\alpha$  may be just a projection of the Killing vector onto the surface  
 $\Rightarrow$   
dynamical spacetimes

- **Definition.** A *charged particle surface* of  $(M, g)$  is an immersed, timelike, hypersurface  $S$  of  $M$  such that, for every point  $p \in S$  and every vector  $v^\alpha|_p \in T_p S$  such that

$$v^\alpha \kappa_\alpha + qA^\mu \kappa_\mu \Big|_p = \mathcal{E} \text{ and } v^\alpha v_\alpha = -m^2,$$

there exists a worldline  $\gamma$  of  $M$  for a particle with mass  $m$ , electric charge  $q$  and total energy  $\mathcal{E}$  such that  $\dot{\gamma}^\alpha(0) = v^\alpha|_p$  and  $\gamma \subset S$ .



# Charged massive particle surfaces

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- A charged particle surface is characterized by
  - mass  $m$
  - charge  $q$
  - total energy  $\mathcal{E}$  defined with respect to Killing vector  $\kappa^\alpha$
- Worldline equation

$$\dot{\gamma}^\mu \nabla_\mu \dot{\gamma}^\nu = q F^\nu{}_\mu \dot{\gamma}^\mu$$

- No normal acceleration with respect to the surface

$$v^\mu \chi_{\mu\nu} v^\nu = -q n^\nu F_{\nu\mu} v^\mu$$

$n^\mu$  is a unit normal to  
the surface



# Charged massive particle surfaces

- This implies a condition on the second fundamental form

$$\chi_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\chi_0}{n-2} H_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{q}{\mathcal{E}_k} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta},$$

$n = \dim M$  is a dimension of the spacetime

where

$$H_{\alpha\beta} = h_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{m^2}{\mathcal{E}_k^2} \kappa_\alpha \kappa_\beta,$$

$h_{\alpha\beta}$  is an induced metric on  $S$

$$\mathcal{E}_k = \mathcal{E} - qA^\mu \kappa_\mu,$$

No weight in symmetrization

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{(\alpha} n^\mu F_{\mu\nu} h_{\beta)}^\nu,$$
$$\chi_0 = \frac{n-2}{H_\alpha^\alpha} \left( \chi_\alpha^\alpha + \frac{q\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\alpha}{\mathcal{E}_k} \right).$$



# A closer look at CMPS

- Component along the Killing vector

$$\kappa^\alpha \chi_{\alpha\beta} \kappa^\beta = \kappa^2 (\chi_\alpha^\alpha - \chi_0)$$

- Components along the orthogonal directions

$$\tau_i^\alpha \chi_{\alpha\beta} \tau_j^\beta = \frac{\chi_0}{n-2} \tau_{(i)}^\alpha h_{\alpha\beta} \tau_j^\beta$$

Partially umbilic  
along orthogonal  
directions  $\tau_i^\alpha$

- Mixed components

$$\tau_{(i)}^\alpha \chi_{\alpha\beta} \kappa^\beta = -\frac{q}{2\mathcal{E}_k} \kappa^2 n^\mu F_{\mu\nu} \tau_{(i)}^\nu$$

If  $n^\mu F_{\mu\nu}$  is parallel to the Killing vector  $\kappa_\nu$ , the Maxwell field enters the equations through  $\mathcal{E}_k = \mathcal{E} - q\kappa^\alpha A_\alpha$  only, which is the case for most of the interesting solutions with CMPSs.





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For  $A_\mu dx^\mu = A_t(r)dt + A_\phi(\theta)d\phi$  and  $r = \text{const}$  surfaces it is always the case.

- Traceless part

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \chi_{\alpha\beta} - h_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\chi_\gamma^\gamma}{n-1} \sim \frac{\chi_0 m}{(n-2)\mathcal{E}_k} \kappa_\lambda - \frac{q}{m} n^\mu F_{\mu\lambda}$$

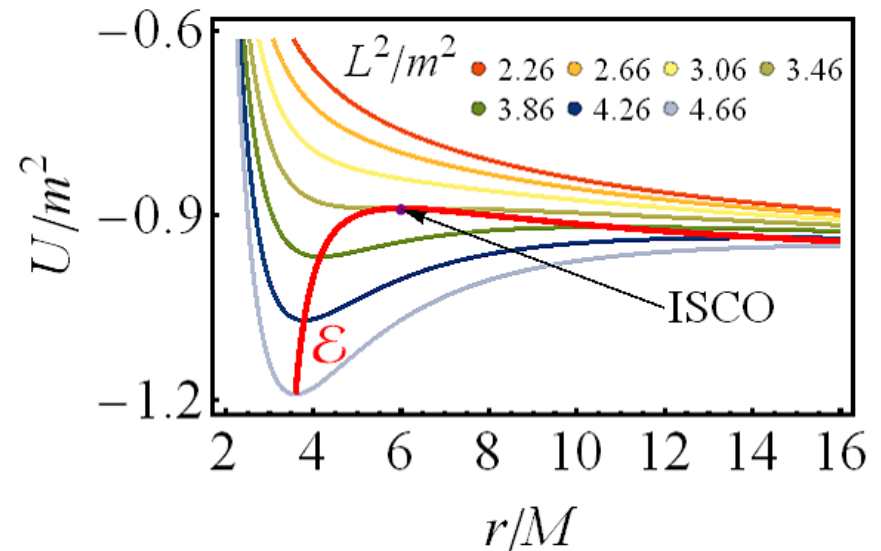
For charged particles it can be zero for some  $\mathcal{E} \Rightarrow$  the surface coincide with a photon surface.



# Stability

- $\mathcal{E}$  is a function of the surface
- **Claim:**  $\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dr} = 0$  gives marginally stable orbits, such as innermost stable circular orbits (ISCO)
- **Example:** Schwarzschild

$$\left(\frac{dr}{ds}\right)^2 = \mathcal{E}^2 - U(r),$$
$$U(r) = \frac{(r - 2M)(L^2 + m^2 r^2)}{r^3}$$





# Example 1: Schwarzschild and Fisher

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Fisher metric:

$$ds^2 = -f^\sigma dt^2 + f^{-\sigma} dr^2 + fr^2 d\Omega_2^2,$$

$$F = 1 - \frac{2M}{\sigma r}, \quad 0 < \sigma \leq 1$$

Energy of the particle surface:

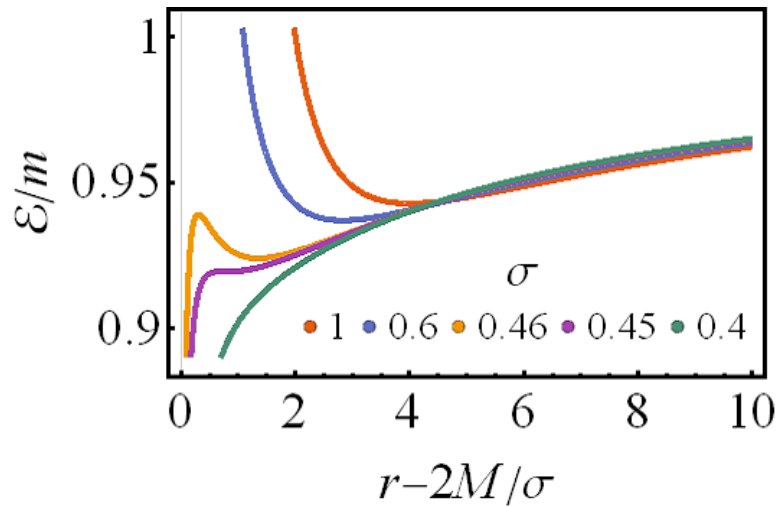
$$\frac{\varepsilon^2}{m^2} = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r\sigma}\right)^\sigma \frac{M + M\sigma - r\sigma}{M + 2M\sigma - r\sigma}$$

ISCO:

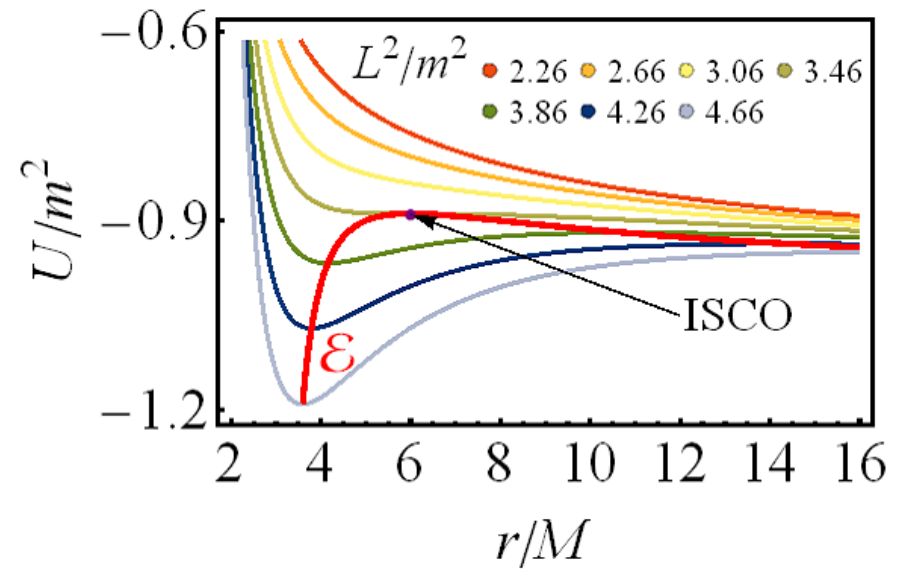
$$\frac{r_{ISCO}}{M} = \sigma^{-1} + 3 + \sqrt{5 - \sigma^{-2}}$$



# Example 1: Schwarzschild and Fisher



Energy of the particle surface for different values of  $\sigma$  in Fisher metric.



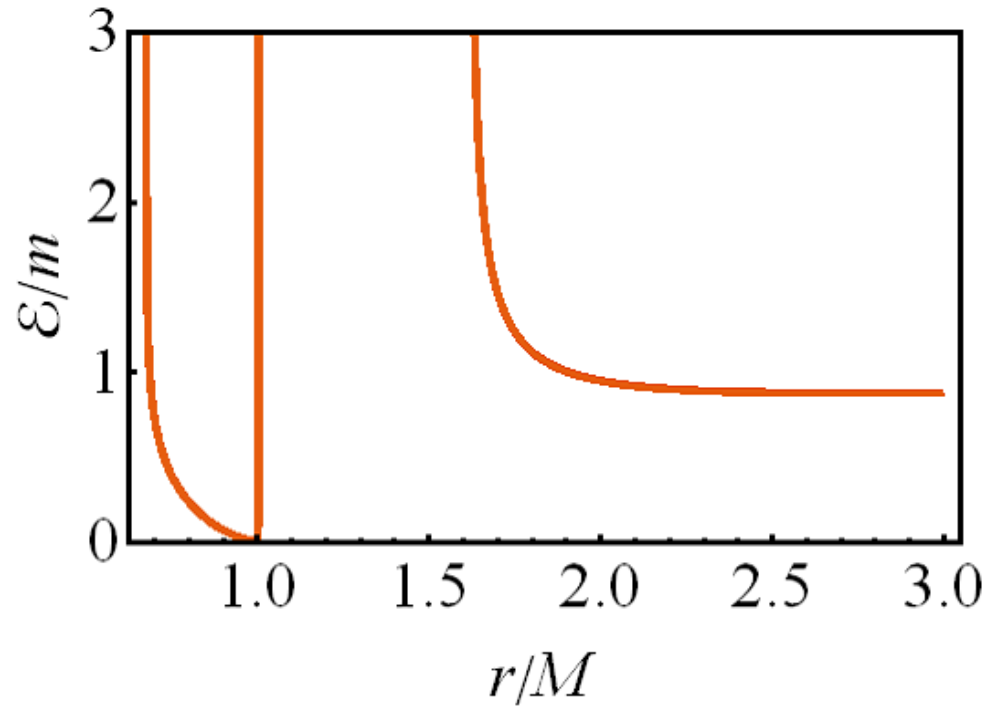
Radial potential in Schwarzschild metric for different angular momentum  $L$ . Red curve is the energy of the particle surface.



# Example 2: EMD

EMD naked singularities can have stable photon orbits.

[I. Bogush, G. Clément, D. Gal'tsov, D. Torbunov, Phys. Rev. D 103, 064045 (2021), arXiv:2009.07922]

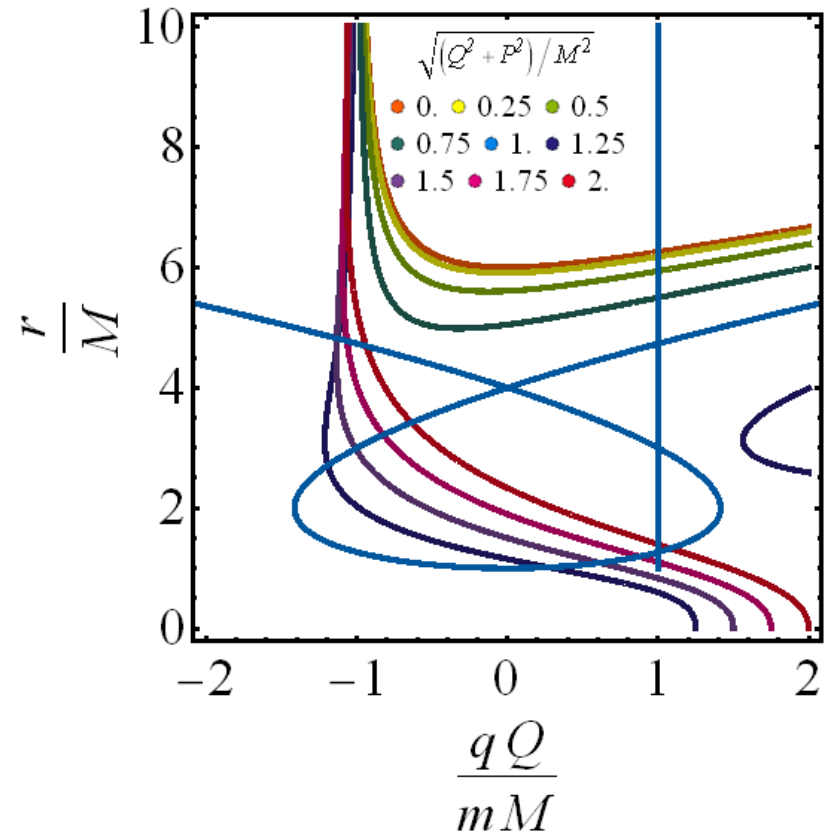


$$M = 1, \quad N = 0, \quad Q = -1.49, \quad P = 0.15, \quad D = -0.65$$



# Example 3: Reissner-Nordström

- Structure of ISCO dramatically differs for the RN black hole, extreme RN black hole and RN naked singularity.
- For the supersymmetric state  $M^2 = Q^2 + P^2$ , and the no-force condition  $\frac{qQ}{mM} = 1$ , energy of the CMPSs is constant. The test particle does not interact with the black hole.
- Repulsive particles can lay on the photon sphere.
- Marginally stable orbits may be degenerate  $\frac{d^2\mathcal{E}}{dr^2} = 0$ .



Marginally stable orbits as a function of  $qQ/mM$  for different

$$\sqrt{\frac{P^2 + Q^2}{M^2}}$$



# Conclusions

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- We have suggested a generalization of the photon surfaces to the charged massive particle surfaces. Geometrical conditions for the existence of such surfaces are given. Nonstationary spacetimes can be described by them as well.
- Such surfaces are partially umbilic.
- Each surface is characterized by the energy, mass and charge of the corresponding particles.
- Surfaces with the locally extremal energy contain marginally stable orbits.
- In Fisher metric, marginally stable orbits exist for  $\sigma > 1/\sqrt{5}$ .
- Photon surfaces correspond to the singularity of the  $\mathcal{E}/m$  function.
- There are degenerate marginally stable orbits in Reissner-Nordström metric.
- No-force condition can be formulated as  $\mathcal{E} = \text{const}$ .



Thank you  
for your attention!

