

# Principal Killing Strings

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"Stationary black holes with stringy hair", Jens Boos and V.F., e-Print: arXiv:1711.06357 (2017), (to appear in PRD);

"Stationary strings and branes in the higher-dimensional Kerr-NUT-(A)dS spacetimes", David Kubiznak and V.F., JHEP 0802 (2008) 007; e-Print: arXiv:0711.2300.

"Black holes, hidden symmetries, and complete integrability",

V.F., Pavel Krtous and David Kubiznak,

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# Solving stationary string equations in the Kerr-NUT-(A)dS background

# Killing-Yano objects

Conformal KY tensor (CKY) of rank  $p$  in  $D$  dims:

$$\nabla_x \omega = \frac{1}{p+1} X \cdot (\nabla \wedge \omega) + \frac{1}{D-p+1} X \wedge (\nabla \cdot \omega) + 0,$$

Killing tensor (KYT):  $\nabla \cdot \omega \sim \delta \omega = 0$ ;

Closed conformal KY tensor (CCKY):  $\nabla \wedge \omega \sim d\omega = 0$ .

$$\nabla_x (*\omega) = \frac{1}{p_*+1} X \cdot (\nabla \wedge *\omega) + \frac{1}{D-p_*+1} X \wedge (\nabla \cdot *\omega),$$

$$p_* = D - p$$

## Properties:

- $*(KYT)=CCKY$
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- $CCKY \wedge CCKY=CCKY$

**Principal tensor** = non-degenerate rank 2 CCKY tensor

$$D = 2n + \varepsilon$$

$$\nabla_c h_{ab} = g_{ca} \xi_b - g_{cb} \xi_a, \quad \xi_a = \frac{1}{D-1} \nabla^b h_{ba}.$$

$$\mathbf{h} = r \mathbf{l}_+ \wedge \mathbf{l}_- + \sum_{\mu=1}^{n-1} x_\mu \mathbf{e}^\mu \wedge \hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu,$$

$$\mathbf{g} = -\mathbf{l}_+ \mathbf{l}_- - \mathbf{l}_- \mathbf{l}_+ + \sum_{\mu=1}^{n-1} (\mathbf{e}^\mu \mathbf{e}^\mu + \hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu \hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu) + \varepsilon \hat{\mathbf{e}}^0 \hat{\mathbf{e}}^0.$$

$$(\mathbf{l}_+, \mathbf{l}_-) = -1, \quad (\mathbf{e}^\mu, \mathbf{e}^\mu) = (\hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu, \hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu) = (\hat{\mathbf{e}}^0, \hat{\mathbf{e}}^0) = 1.$$

Darboux basis:  $(\mathbf{l}_+, \mathbf{l}_-, \mathbf{e}^\mu, \hat{\mathbf{e}}^\mu, \hat{\mathbf{e}}^0)$ .

Non-degenerate: There are exactly  $n$  non-vanishing "eigenvalues"  $(r, x_\mu)$  that are functionally independent in some domain. In this domain none of the gradients of them is a null vector.

A metric which admits a principal tensor  
is off-shell Kerr-NUT-(A)dS metric.  
It contains  $n$  arbitrary functions of 1 variable.

On-shell: Einstein equations are satisfied  $\Rightarrow$   
Kerr-NUT-(A)dS solution.



- $\xi$  is a primary Killing vector:  $L_\xi \mathbf{g} = L_\xi \mathbf{h} = 0$ ;
- $\mathbf{h}^{(j)} = \frac{1}{j!} \mathbf{h}^{\wedge j}$  is a CCKY  $2j$  – form;
- $\mathbf{f}^{(j)} = * \mathbf{h}^{(j)}$  is a KY  $(D-2j)$  form
- $k_{(j)}^{ab} = \frac{1}{(D-2j-1)!} f_{c_1 \dots c_{D-2j-1}}^{(j)a} f^{(j)bc_1 \dots c_{D-2j-1}}$  is a rank 2 Killing tensor;
- $\zeta_{(j)} = \mathbf{k}_{(j)} \cdot \xi$ , ( $j = 0, \dots, n-1 + \varepsilon \equiv m$ ) are commuting (secondary) Killing vectors;
- $\mathbf{k}_{(0)} = g$ ;
- Frobenius theorem:  $\xi = \partial_\tau$ ,  $\zeta_{(j)} = \partial_{\psi_j}$ ;
- $(r, x_\mu, \tau, \psi_j)$  are canonical coordinates;
- $l_\pm$  are principal null directions; their integral lines are geodesics.

Geodesic equations are completely integrable:

There exist  $D$  integrals of motion for a free particle,

$(n + \varepsilon)$  first order  $\zeta_{(j)} \cdot p$  and  $n$  second order  $p \cdot k_{(j)} \cdot p$ .

Q: If instead of a particle one has a string:

Are Nambu-Goto string equations completely integrable in the Kerr-NUT-(A)dS geometry?

A: In a general case - No.

If a string is stationary - Yes.

## Stationary strings in Kerr-NUT-(A)dS

Killing vector  $\xi = \partial_t$ , coordinates -  $(t, y^i)$

$$g_{ab} = p_{ab} + \frac{\xi_a \xi_b}{\xi^2}, \quad F = -\xi^2, \quad A_i = \frac{\xi_i}{\xi^2},$$

$$ds^2 = -F(dt + A_i dy^i)^2 + p_{ij} dy^i dy^j.$$

Nambu-Goto action for a string

$$I = -\Delta t E, \quad E = \mu \int \sqrt{F} dl = \mu \int d\sigma \sqrt{F p_{ij} \frac{dy^i}{d\sigma} \frac{dy^j}{d\sigma}}.$$

String configuration  $y^i(\sigma)$  is a geodesic in  $(D-1)$ -dimensional space with metric  $\tilde{p}_{ij} = F p_{ij}$ .

If metric  $g_{ab}$  admits the principal tensor it has  $n + \varepsilon$  Killing vectors and  $n$  rank 2 Killing tensors. This gives  $D = 2n + \varepsilon$  integrals of motion for a free particle.

The reduced ref-shifted metric  $\tilde{p}_{ij}$  does not admit a principal tensor, However, when  $\xi$  is a primary Killing vector, it has  $n - 1 + \varepsilon$  Killing vectors and  $n$  rank 2 Killing tensors. This gives  $D = 2n - 1 + \varepsilon$  integrals of motion. Thus, the stationary string equations are completely integrable.

[V.F. and David Kubiznak (2008)]

# Principal Killing Strings

$l_{\pm} = \beta l_{\pm}$  is a tangent vector to a principal null geodesic in the affine parametrization:

$$\nabla_{l_{\pm}} l_{\pm} = 0, \quad [l_{\pm}, \xi] = 0.$$

Frobenius theorem implies that a ST is foliated by 2-D (Killing) surfaces  $\Sigma$ . Coordinates  $Y^a = (z^A, y^i)$ .

Equations of a given  $\Sigma$  are  $y^i = \text{const}$ .

$z^A = (v, \lambda_{\pm})$  are coordinates on  $\Sigma$ , such that

$$\xi = \partial_v, \quad l_{\pm} = \partial_{\lambda_{\pm}}.$$

## The Killing surface in the off - shell Kerr - NUT - (A)dS metric is minimal.

Induced 2-D metric:  $d\gamma^2 = \gamma_{AB} dz^A dz^B = \xi^2 d\lambda_{\pm}^2 - 2dv d\lambda_{\pm}$ .

$n_{(i)}^{\mu}$  are (D-2) mutually orthogonal unit vectors normal to  $\Sigma_{\pm}$ . The extrinsic curvature is:

$$\Omega_{(i)AB} = g_{ab} n_{(i)}^a Y^c{}_{,A} \nabla_c Y^b{}_{,B}, \quad \Omega_{(i)} = g_{ab} n_{(i)}^a Z^b = 0.$$

$$Z^b = \gamma^{AB} Y^c{}_{,A} \nabla_c Y^b{}_{,B} = -\left( \xi^a \nabla_a l_{\pm}^b + l_{\pm}^a \nabla_a \xi^b + \xi^2 l_{\pm}^a \nabla_a l_{\pm}^b \right).$$

$$Z^b = 2l_{\pm}^a \nabla_a \xi^b = -F_a^b l_{\pm}^a = -\kappa_{\pm} l_{\pm}^b.$$

$$F^a{}_b l_{\pm}^b = \kappa_{\pm} l_{\pm}^a, \quad \kappa_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} l_{\pm}^a (\xi^2)_{;a}.$$

Incoming principal Killing string:

$$\lambda = -r, \quad \psi_j = -P_n^{(j)}(r), \quad x_\mu = \text{const},$$

$$P_n^{(j)} = \int \frac{r^{2(n-1-j)} dr}{X_n(r)}.$$

$$(\tau, r, x_\mu, \psi_k) \rightarrow (v, r, x_\mu, \hat{\phi}_k)$$

$$d\tau = dv - \sum_{j=1}^m a_j d\hat{\phi}_j - \frac{r^{2(n-1)}}{X_n} dr,$$

$$d\psi_j = a_j^{-1} d\hat{\phi}_j - \frac{1}{X_n} r^{2(n-1-j)} dr.$$

String equation in the null incoming coordinates

$$\hat{\phi}_j = \hat{\phi}_j^0 = \text{const}, \quad x_\mu = x_\mu^0 = \text{const}.$$

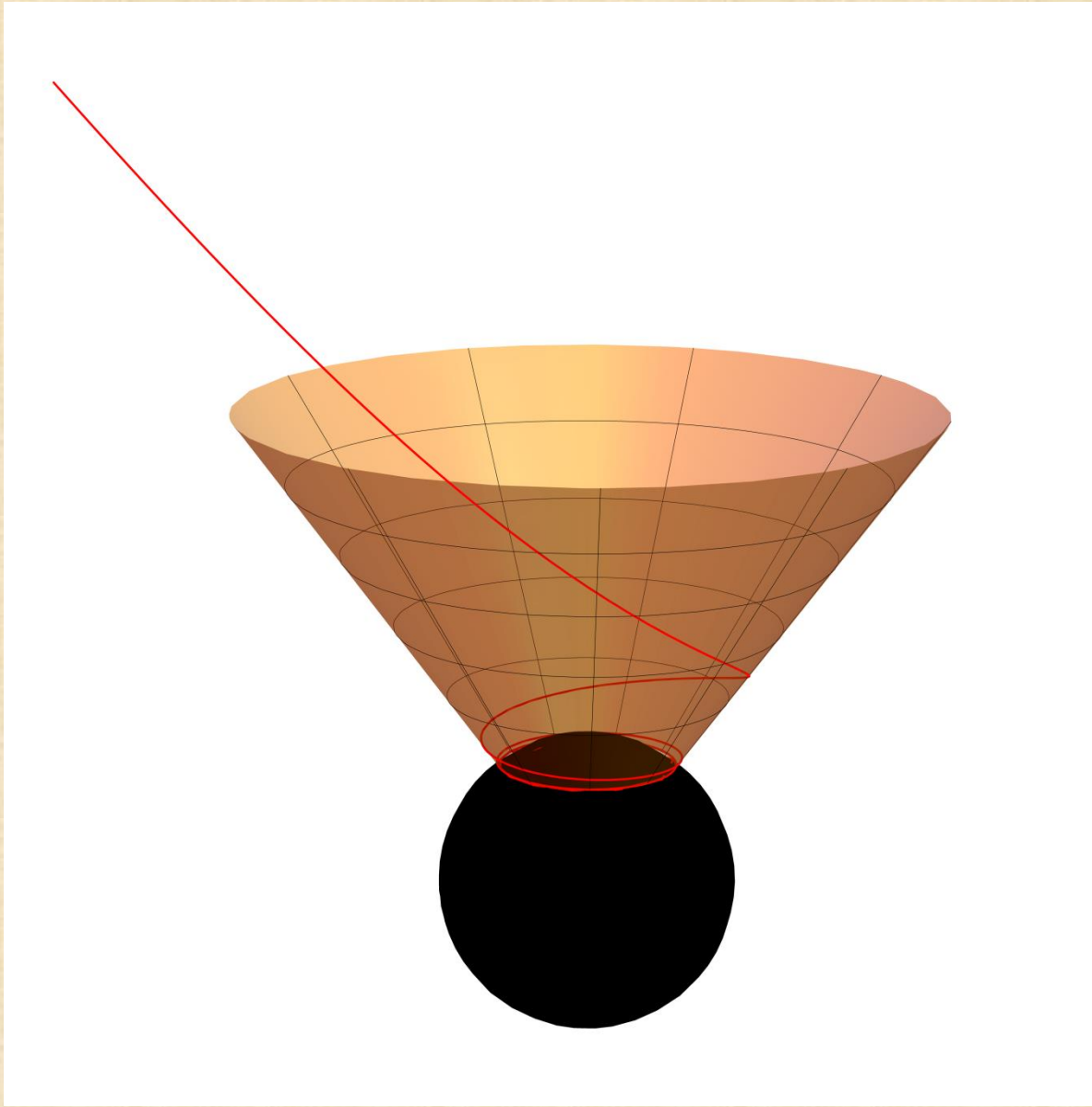
String's stress-energy tensor in  
in-coming coordinates

$$T^{ab} = -\frac{\mu_s}{\sqrt{-g}} \left( 2\xi^{(a} \ell^{b)} + \xi^2 \ell^a \ell^b \right) q,$$

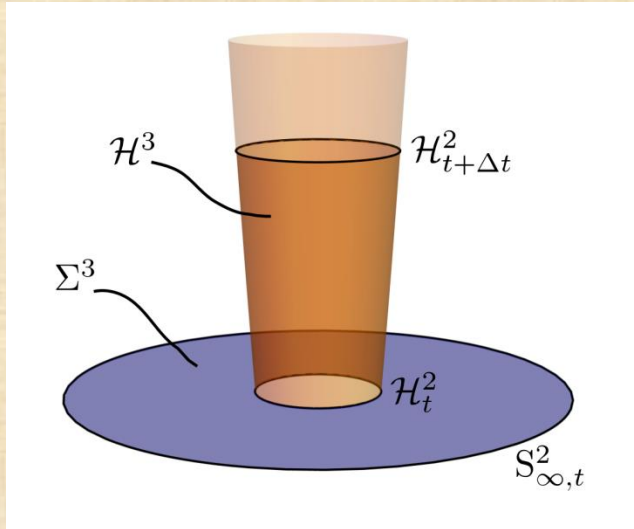
$$q = q(x_\mu, \hat{\phi}_j | x_\mu^0, \hat{\phi}_j^0) \equiv$$

$$\prod_{\mu=1}^{n-1} \delta(x_\mu - x_\mu^0) \prod_{j=1}^m \delta(\hat{\phi}_j - \hat{\phi}_j^0).$$





# Applications to Myers-Perry ST



$$-16\pi \frac{D-3}{D-2} M = \oint_B \nabla^a \xi^b dS_{ab},$$

$$-16\pi J_{(i)} = \oint_B \nabla^a \zeta_{(i)}^b dS_{ab}.$$

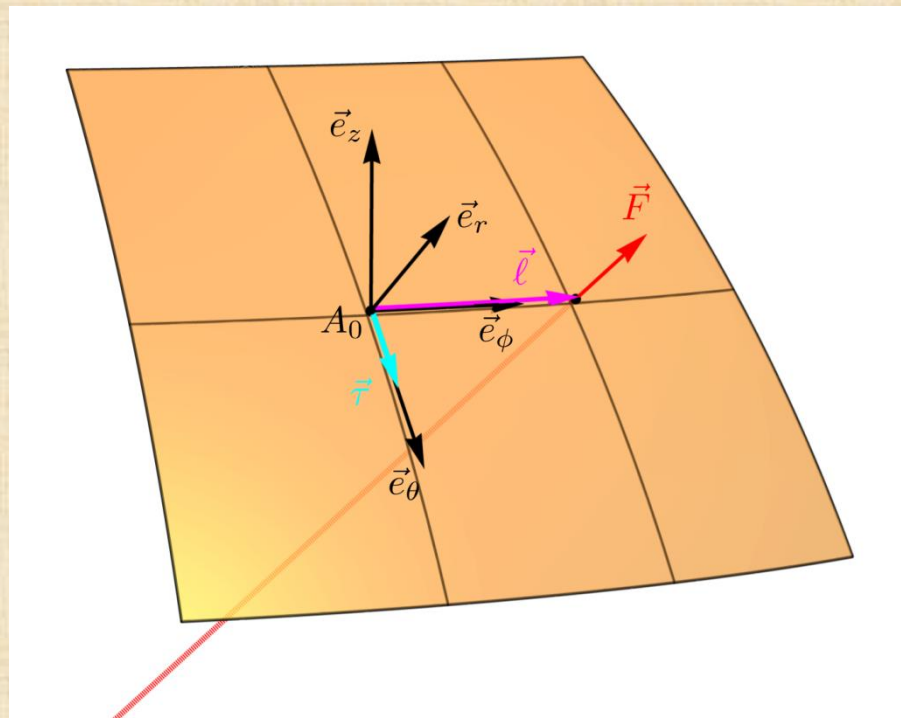
$$J_{(i)} = \frac{2}{D-2} M a_i.$$

$$\Delta E = \int_{H^{D-1}} T^a_b \xi^b d\Sigma_a, \quad \Delta J_i = \int_{H^{D-1}} T^a_b \zeta_i^b d\Sigma_a$$

$$\dot{M} = 0, \quad \dot{J}_{(i)} = -\mu_s a_i \left( \mu_i^0 \right)^2.$$

$$J_{(i)} = J_{(i)}^0 \exp(-v/v_i), \quad v_i = \frac{2M}{D-2} \frac{1}{\mu_s (\mu_i^0)^2}.$$

**j** = Projection( $\tau$ )

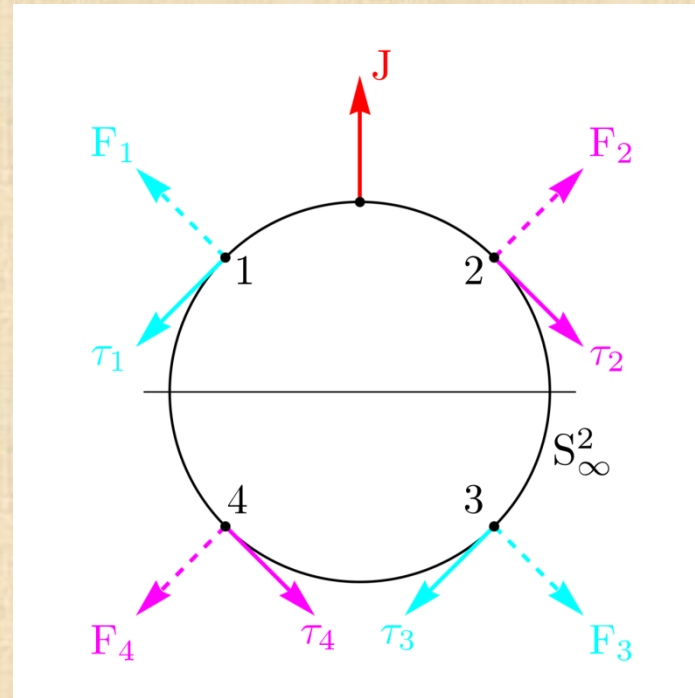


$e_i$  and  $\hat{e}_i$  are unit vectors along  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ ;  $\omega^i$  and  $\hat{\omega}^i$  are dual unit

forms.  $\mathbf{J} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{2Ma_i}{D-2} \omega^i \wedge \hat{\omega}^i$ ;  $x_i^0 = 0 \Rightarrow \delta = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mu_i^0 e_i$ ,

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\mu_s}{r} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i^0 e_i + y_i^0 \hat{e}_i) + (1-\varepsilon) z^0 \hat{e}_z \right].$$

$$\tau \equiv \delta \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mu_s \left[ \sum_{i,j=1}^m a_i \mu_i^0 \mu_j^0 \omega^i \wedge \hat{\omega}^j + \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \mu_i^0 \mu_0^0 (1-\varepsilon) z^0 \omega^i \wedge \omega^0 \right].$$



$2^n$  string segments =  $2^{n-1}$  "infinite captured strings"

**Instead of Summary...**

# Happy Birthday

