

Primordial black holes beyond spherical symmetry

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- Hayward-Kodama surface gravity κ_{HK} and temperature for spherically symmetric and dynamical horizon

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[Hayward '11]

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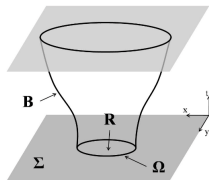
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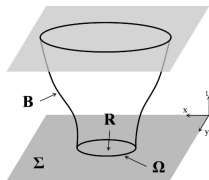
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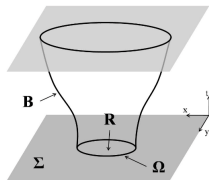
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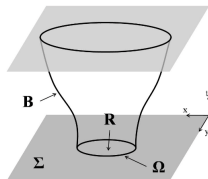
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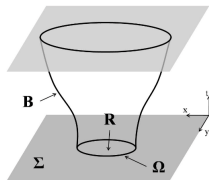
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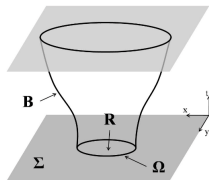
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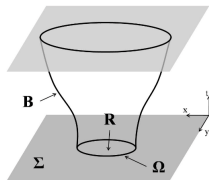
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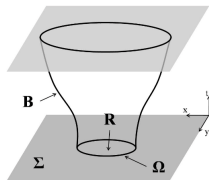
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→ Buchdal and Fonarev methods
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Extended Fonarev method for axi-symmetric PBH

- Consider the static and axisymmetric vacuum solution \bar{g} of the massless Einstein-Scalar system

$$d\bar{s}^2 = \bar{g}_{aa}(dx^a)^2 + \bar{h}_{ij}dx^i dx^j, \quad (30)$$

- Key assumption: no a -dependence.

$$\partial_a \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = 0 = \bar{g}_{ia}, \quad (31)$$

- Then, one can construct an a -dependent extension $(\tilde{g}, \tilde{\phi})$ that solves the self-interacting Einstein-Scalar system with potential $V(\tilde{\phi}) = V_0 e^{\xi_3 \tilde{\phi}}$, and which takes the form

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- Systematic method to construct the first axi-symmetric PBH solution in GR

[BA, Cisterna, Hassaine, Vennin '25]

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