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Reading: 9.5.2, 9.6.1, 9.6.2, 9.6.3, 9.7, **9.8**, Chapter 10, Sections 10.1-10.4, 10.9.

Astronomy in the News?

Pic of the Day – star trails



Goal:

To understand the nature of time-like space inside a black hole.



"Time-like" space forces motion in one direction. Space moves faster than the speed of light compared to a distant observer; the real reason black holes are black.

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To understand the full space-time associated with nonrotating black holes.



event horizon

empty

Non-rotating Schwarzschild Black Hole

Goal:

To understand the full space-time associated with rotating black holes.

Rotating Kerr Black Hole

Mass and spin, but no electrical charge

Assume all mass is in the singularity, no mass anywhere else (assumption necessary to solve equations)

Find *singularity is a ring* (not a point)



0 thickness, ∞ density, still uncertainty problem

Infinite Universes!

(implicitly spread through hyperspace)

Cross-sectional view of rotating Kerr black hole



In future

