

GRAVITATIONAL LENSING IN THE KERR SPACETIME GEOMETRY

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Workshop Summary

The workshop began with an overview of the problem presented by Dr. Arlie Petters that included a detailed discussion of the Kerr spacetime geometry and the basic assumptions and definitions for the case of lensing by a thin lens. The rest of the workshop was divided into AM and PM session with a half hour recap/discussion session at the start each day. A detailed schedule of talks is given at the end of this report.

The workshop can be broadly divided into three main parts:

I. Detailed Analysis of Kerr and Spinning Lenses

Ia: (V. Bozza and M. Sereno)

- Full calculations for non-equatorial case
- Are there ways in which calculations will lend themselves to observational work? i.e., Observables
- Self-lensing of Sgr A*

Ib: (A. Zakharov)

- Inferring spin from shadow
- Accretion disk
- Tests of GR Observables

II. Numerical and Observational Work (K. Rauch and W. Cash)

- Lightcurve plotting, ray tracing, orbits
- Gravitational Redshifts
- Doppler Shifts
- Magnification, Images, Time delay
- MAXIM

III. Mathematical Foundation (A.O. Petters, E.T. Newman, V. Perlick)

- Topology
- Invariants
- Kerr Black Holes