### Observational signatures of rotating black holes in the semiclassical gravity with trace anomaly

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Photon ring (well-known) — High-order images

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### Background

• Type A trace anomaly [4, 5]

$$g^{\mu\nu} < T_{\mu\nu} > = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right)$$

• Semiclassical gravity

$$R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi G < T_{\mu\nu} >$$

• Black hole solution [6]

[4] S. Deser and A. Schwimmer, Geometric classification of conformal anomalies in arbitrary dimensions, Phys. Lett. B 309 (1993) 279–284.
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# Light rings

• Effective potential

$$V_{eff}(r) \equiv \left(\frac{dr}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = E^2 - \mu^2 + \frac{2M\mu^2}{r} + \frac{a^2(E^2 - \mu^2) - L^2}{r^2} + \frac{2M(L - aE)^2}{r^3}$$

• For photons

$$V_{eff}(r) = 1 + \frac{a^2 - l^2}{r^2} + \frac{2M(l-a)^2}{r^3}$$

• Light ring conditions

$$V_{eff} = 0, \qquad \partial_r V_{eff} = 0$$

• LRs are unstable

 $\partial_r^2 V_{eff} > 0$ 



6 Figure 2: LRs as functions of  $\alpha$ , under different spin parameters. The red and orange colors denote the prograde orbit and retrograde orbit, respectively.

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  - Area ratio  $\eta \equiv S_{BH}/S_{Kerr}$ 
    - Monotonically increasing function of quantum-corrected parameter  $\alpha$



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  - placed on the equatorial plane
  - Outside the ISCO: circular orbits
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$$J = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}z^2 - 2z\right)$$
  
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- Results
  - Intensity : a smaller *inner shadow* [10]



 $a = 0.99, \alpha = 0, \theta_o = 80^\circ$ 



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- Results
  - Number of times the light rays intersect the disk







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  - Only inner-ISCO region



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## Summary

• We explore the observational signature of a rotating black holes in the semiclassical gravity with trace anomaly.

• For high-spin black holes, the NHEK line was highly susceptible to disruption by the quantum correction effect.

• Our study highlights the importance of near-horizon emission sources in detecting the effects of quantum corrections by black hole images.

See our paper (arXiv:2305.14924) for more details

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## Appendix

$$u^{\mu} = u_{\text{out}}^t(1, 0, 0, \Omega_s),$$

where

$$\begin{split} u_{\text{out}}^{t} &= \sqrt{-\frac{1}{g_{\phi\phi}\Omega_{s}^{2} + 2g_{t\phi}\Omega_{s} + g_{tt}}} \left|_{\theta=\pi/2}, \quad \Omega_{s} = \frac{-\partial_{r}g_{t\phi} + \sqrt{\left(\partial_{r}g_{t\phi}\right)^{2} - \partial_{r}g_{\phi\phi}\partial_{r}g_{tt}}}{\partial_{r}g_{\phi\phi}} \right|_{\theta=\pi/2}, \\ u_{\text{in}}^{t} &= \left(-g^{tt}E_{\text{ISCO}} + g^{t\phi}L_{\text{ISCO}}\right) \left|_{\theta=\pi/2}, \quad u_{\text{in}}^{\phi} = \left(-g^{t\phi}E_{\text{ISCO}} + g^{\phi\phi}L_{\text{ISCO}}\right) \right|_{\theta=\pi/2}, \\ u_{\text{in}}^{r} &= -\sqrt{-\frac{g_{tt}u_{\text{in}}^{t}u_{\text{in}}^{t} + 2g_{t\phi}u_{\text{in}}^{t}u_{\text{in}}^{\phi} + g_{\phi\phi}u_{\text{in}}^{\phi}u_{\text{in}}^{\phi} + 1}{g_{rr}}} \left|_{\theta=\pi/2}, \quad u_{\text{in}}^{\theta} = 0, \end{split}$$

where  $E_{\rm ISCO}$  and  $L_{\rm ISCO}$  is the conserved energy and angular momentum at the ISCO.

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