

# Advanced Lectures on General Relativity

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## Plan of the class:

### 1 Surface charges (4h)

References: [1], Chapter 1 (see references therein);

Mathematica package [SurfaceCharges](#).

### 2 Black hole thermodynamics (4h)

References: [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]; Material: see [6].

### 3 Three dimensional gravity (3h)

References: [1], Chapter 2 (see references therein)

### 4 Kerr black hole (3h)

References: [1], Chapter 4 (see references therein)

### 5 Gravitational waves: Post-Newtonian/Post-Minkowskian theory (6h)

References: [7] [8]; Material: see pdf slides.

### 6 Gravitational waves: Black hole perturbation theory (3h)

References: [9] [10] [11] [1]; Material: see pdf slides.

### 7 Asymptotically flat spacetimes (if interest)

References: [1], Chapter 3 (see references therein)

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