

# QUANTUM MECHANICS AND BLACK HOLES

## *1. Introduction*

An analysis of the dynamic behaviour of a particle within the gravitational field of a Schwarzschild black hole ( $S = 0, Q = 0$ ), according to the conclusions of classical mechanics, predicts that it is impossible for a particle as a point mass with limited dimensions in space ( $X, Y, Z$ ) to escape from a point which is located under the Schwarzschild radius which for a body of mass  $M$  is defined from the equation:

$$R_s = 2GM / c^2 \text{ (1)}$$

## *2. The classical approach*

This is interpreted by the fact that the total energy  $E_0$  of the particle of mass  $m$  and velocity  $u_0$  in a distance  $R_0$  (where  $0 \leq R_0 < R_s$ ) from the center of mass of the black hole is negative ( $E_0 < 0$ ).

Thus we have:

$$E_0 = E_{K_0} - U_0 < 0$$

or

$$1/2mu_0^2 < GMm / R_0 \text{ (2)}$$

Inequation (2) states the fact that the particle will remain inside the gravitational field of the black hole for infinite time ( $t = \infty$ ).

## *3. The quantum mechanical approach*

But if we study the phenomenon through the conclusions of quantum mechanics, we can observe that the particle has to face a barrier of gravitational potential energy of the general form  $U(R)$  (i.e work  $W(R)$ ) as it shown in diagram I.

It is known that a particle that has to face a square barrier of potential energy of height  $U$  ( $U > E$ ) and width  $\delta x$  has a probability  $P$  to pass through that barrier. This probability is given by:

$$P \cong e^{-2K\delta x} \quad (3)$$

where

$$K = \frac{\sqrt{2m(U - E)}}{\hbar} \quad (4)$$

Because the barrier of gravitational potential energy has the general shape  $W(R)$  (as it shown in figure I) and assuming that it consists of  $n$  square barriers of width  $\delta R$ , the probability to pass through all that barriers is defined by:

$$P = e^{-2K_1\delta R} e^{-2K_2\delta R} \dots e^{-2K_i\delta R} \quad (5) \text{ where } K_i = \frac{\sqrt{2m(W_i - E_{K_0})}}{\hbar} \quad (6)$$

Thus we have:

$$P = e^{-2(K_1+K_2+\dots)\delta R} = e^{-2 \sum_i K_i \delta R} \quad (7)$$

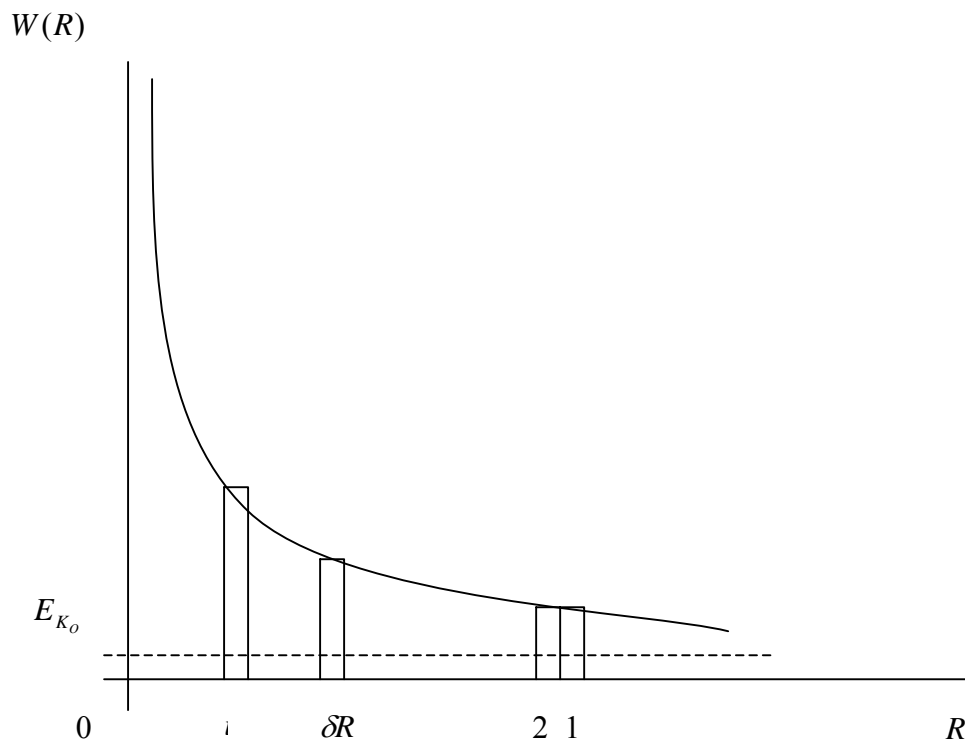
If we consider that  $\delta R \rightarrow dR$  we get that:

$$P = e^{-2 \int \sqrt{\frac{2m[W(R) - E_{K_0}]}{\hbar^2}} dR} \quad (8)$$

#### 4. Conclusions

Relationship (8) defines mathematically the tunnel effect according to which there is a probability  $P$  for the particle to escape to infinity (theoretically), by passing through the barrier of gravitational potential energy  $W(R)$  that faces in point under the Schwarzschild radius.

Figure I



- I. Particle of kinetic energy  $E_{K_0} > 0$  inside a black hole, that faces a barrier of potential energy of height  $W(R)$  has a probability  $P$  to pass through it.