

# Charge – size inequality in General Relativity

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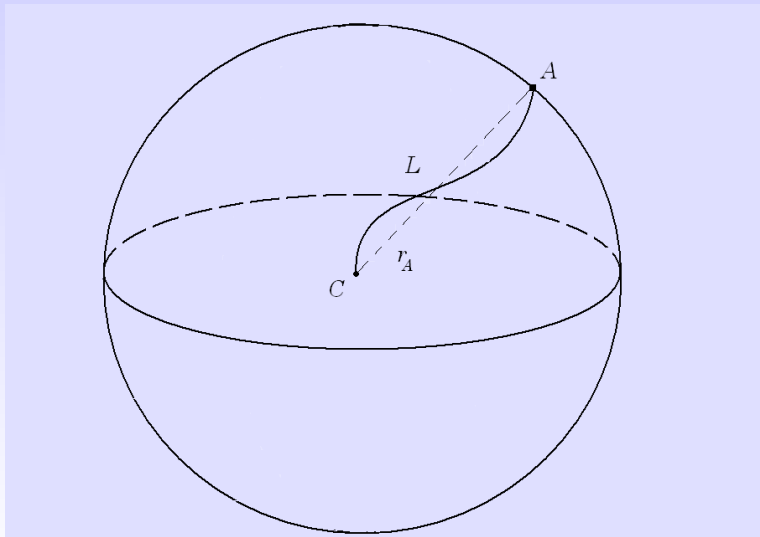
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# Proper distance vs. Area radius



# The Conjecture in spherical symmetry

We study evidences or a counterexample of the following

## Conjecture

*Let  $\Omega$  be an arbitrary sphere contained in an asymptotically flat initial data of field equations, such that satisfies the DEC and whose proper length is  $\ell$ . Suppose that inside  $\Omega$  there is electric charge,  $Q$ . Then the inequality*

$$Q \leq \ell$$

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# Results

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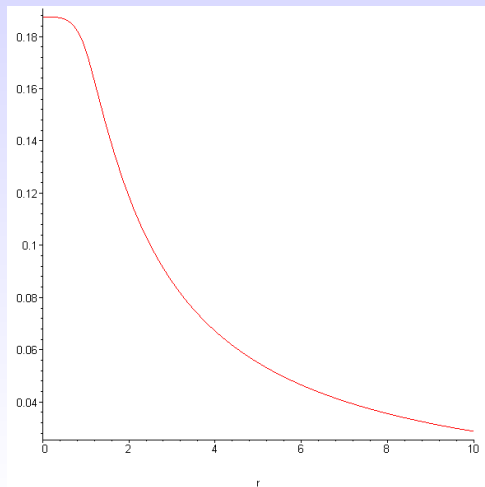
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where  $\bar{u}_+$  is the maximum value of  $u_+$ . Then  $u_-$  is a **sub-solution** of  $u$ , and  $u_- \leq u$ .

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if  $\sqrt{\Lambda} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow Q \leq R$ .

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