

# BHPT

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## Outline

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### 1) Perturbations of Schwarzschild

- Tidal deformations and quasi-normal modes
- Metric perturbations
- Zerilli and RW eq
- Chandrasekhar duality isospectrality

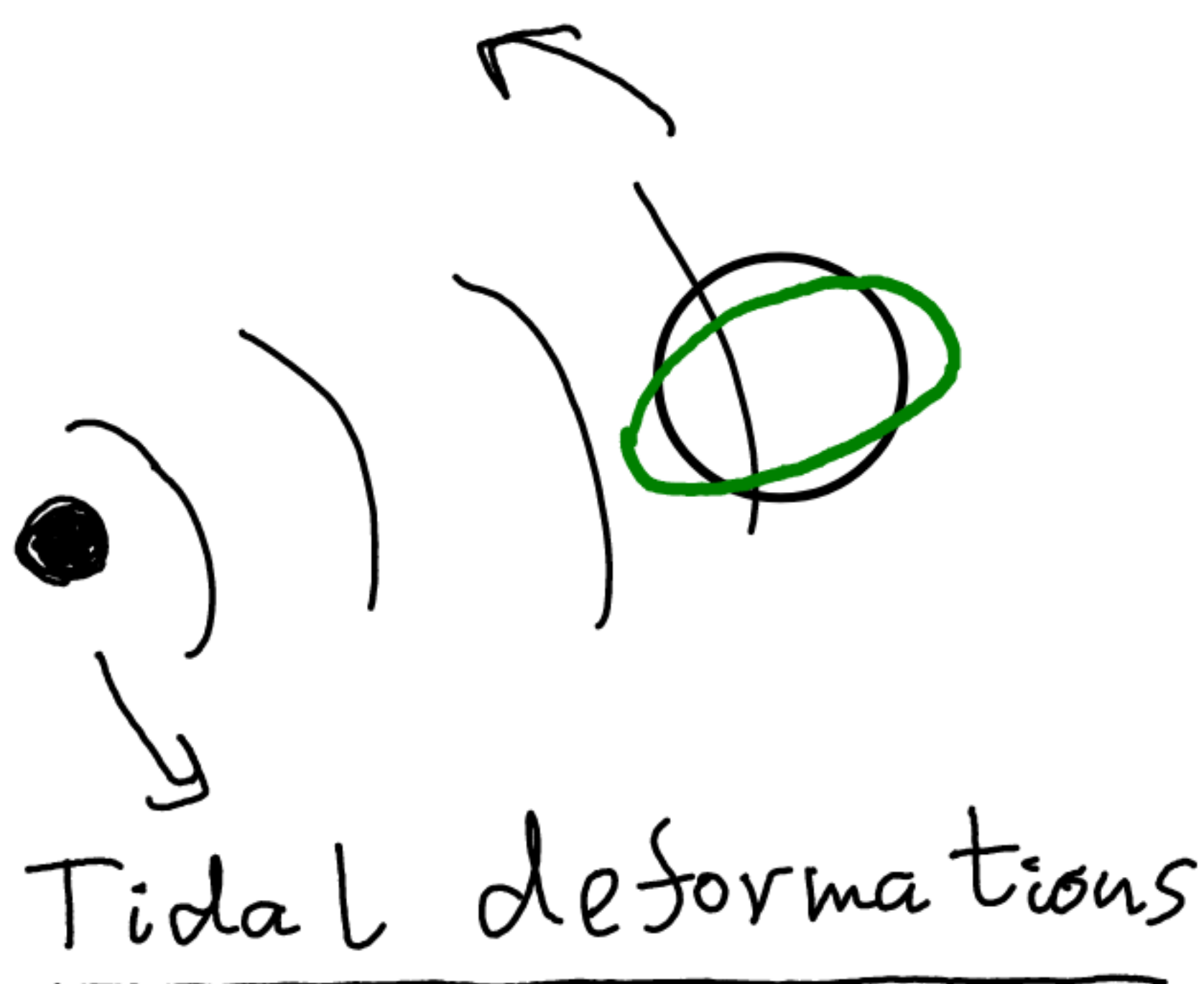
### 2) QNM's

- Boundary conds  
Green's function
- not complete
- Eikonal approx
- Teukolsky eq

### 3) Tides

- Newtonian
- Generalise to GR
- Mysterious zeros
- Symmetries of BHPT
- Nonlinearities

Physical situations we care about?



Quasi-normal modes (QNM's)



Damped oscillations of a BH



Schwarzschild metric in Schwarzschild coordinates

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2)$$

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{r_s}{r}, \quad r_s \equiv 2GM$$

\* Sch background has

- Spherical symmetry  $SO(3) \rightarrow 3kV$
- Time translations (time independent)  $\rightarrow 1kV$

will simplify studying of perturbations (which break these symms)

$$*) \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{g_{\mu\nu}^{sch}}_{\text{Background}} + \underbrace{h_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Perturbation}}, \quad \|h_{\mu\nu}\| \ll \|g_{\mu\nu}^{sch}\|$$

$\sim$  Gravitons on top of Sch background

$$R_{\mu\nu}[g = g^{sch} + h] = 0$$
$$\hookrightarrow = \underbrace{R_{\mu\nu}[g^{sch}]}_{=0} + \boxed{\hat{D} h_{\mu\nu} = 0} \quad \sim \quad \partial\partial h = 0$$

• we expect 2 degrees of freedom



# \* Metric parametrization

spherical harmonics  
↓

$$\varphi(x) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell m} e^{-i\omega t} \underbrace{Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)}_{\text{expansion adapted to symmetries of the background}} \varphi_{\ell m}(r, \omega)$$

expansion adapted to  
symmetries of the background

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{\ell m} (?)$$

• vector  $\varphi_\mu(x) = (\varphi_t(x), \varphi_i(x))$

$$= (\varphi_t(x), \varphi_r(x), \underbrace{\varphi_\theta(x), \varphi_\varphi(x)}_{\equiv \varphi_A(x)})$$

vector  
on a sphere

$$A \in \{\theta, \varphi\}$$

ex •  $\varphi_A = \partial_A V(x)$

↑  
scalar

$$V(x) = \sum_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) V_{\ell m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_A = \sum_{\ell m} V_{\ell m} \partial_A Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

ex •  $\varphi_A = \varepsilon_{AB} \partial_B W = \sum_{\ell m} W_{\ell m} \varepsilon_{AB} \partial_B Y_{\ell m}$

$\epsilon_{AB}$  - Levi-Civita tensor (on a sphere)

$$\epsilon_{AB} = -\epsilon_{BA}, \quad \epsilon_{\theta\varphi} = (\det \gamma_{AB})^{1/2}$$

$$\gamma_{AB} dx^A dx^B = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2$$

↑  
metric on a sphere

The most general vector  $u_A = \sum_{lm} V_{lm} \partial_A Y_{lm} + W_{lm} \epsilon_{AB} \partial^B Y_{lm}$

Tensor? scalars<sup>w</sup>:  $h_{tt}, h_{tr}, h_{rr}, \gamma^{AB} h_{AB}$  (4)

vectors<sup>w</sup>:  $h_{tA}, h_{rA}$

tensors:  $h_{AB}$ ?

$( )_{AB}$ ? •  $\partial_A \partial_B Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow \nabla_A \nabla_B Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$   
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 covariant derivative on a sphere (more convenient)

•  $\epsilon_{AC} \nabla_B \nabla^C Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) + \epsilon_{BC} \nabla_B \nabla^C Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$

scalars + vectors + tensors = 10 scalars  
 (4)      (2x2)      (2)

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow -\vec{x} \\ \epsilon_{AB} \rightarrow -\epsilon_{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_A Y_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^l \nabla_A Y_{lm} \quad \leftarrow \text{even under parity}$$

$$\epsilon_{AB} \nabla^B Y_{lm} \rightarrow (-1)^{l+1} \epsilon_{AB} \nabla^B Y_{lm} \quad \leftarrow \text{odd parity}$$

$$\rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}^+ + h_{\mu\nu}^-$$

even pert:  $h_{\mu\nu}^+ =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f(r)H_0 & H_1 & \nabla_A \alpha \\ H_1 & \frac{1}{f(r)}H_2 & \nabla_A \beta \\ (\nabla_A \alpha)^T & (\nabla_A \beta)^T & \nabla_A \nabla_B G + r^2 \chi_{AB} \end{pmatrix}$$

odd pert:  $h_{\mu\nu}^- =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{AB} \nabla^B h_0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{AB} \nabla^B h_1 \\ * & * & \\ * & * & \end{pmatrix}_{AB}$$

$$\rightarrow (\epsilon_{AC} \nabla^C \nabla_B + \epsilon_{BC} \nabla^C \nabla_A) h_2$$

$$H_0, H_1, H_2, k, G, \alpha, \beta$$

$h_0, h_1, h_2$  are all scalar functions

$\rightarrow$  we expand them in  $e^{-i\omega t} Y_{lm} \dots$



# \* Gauge fixing

[see 2010.00593 v3]

flat background  $\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$

curved - ll —  $\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu^{\text{Sch}} \xi_\nu + \nabla_\nu^{\text{Sch}} \xi_\mu = \dots =$   
 $= \xi^\beta \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Sch}} + g_{\mu\beta}^{\text{Sch}} \partial_\nu \xi^\beta + g_{\nu\beta}^{\text{Sch}} \partial_\mu \xi^\beta$

$$\xi_\mu = \left[ f(r) \xi_0, \frac{\xi_r}{f(r)}, \nabla_A \xi_S + \varepsilon_{AB} \nabla^B \xi_V \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta G = \frac{2 \xi_S}{r^2}$$

$$\delta h_2 = \frac{2}{r} \xi_V$$

$$\delta \alpha = \dot{\xi}_S + f \xi_0$$

$$\delta H_0 = \dots \dots$$

$$\delta \beta = -2 \frac{\xi_S}{r} + \xi_S' + \frac{\xi_1}{f}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = \beta = G = 0 \text{ \& } h_2 = 0}$$

Regge-Wheeler gauge

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_{z/rw}}{dr_*^2} + \left( \omega^2 - V(r) \right) \psi_{z/rw} = 0$$

$$\delta \psi_z = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_*} - W(r) \right) \psi_{rw}$$

$$\delta \psi_{rw} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_*} + W(r) \right) \psi_z$$

$$W = \frac{3r_s(r_s - r)}{r^2(3r_s + 2\lambda r)} - \frac{2\lambda(\lambda + 1)}{3r_s} \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{1}{2}(L-1)(L+2)$$

## Chandrasekhar duality

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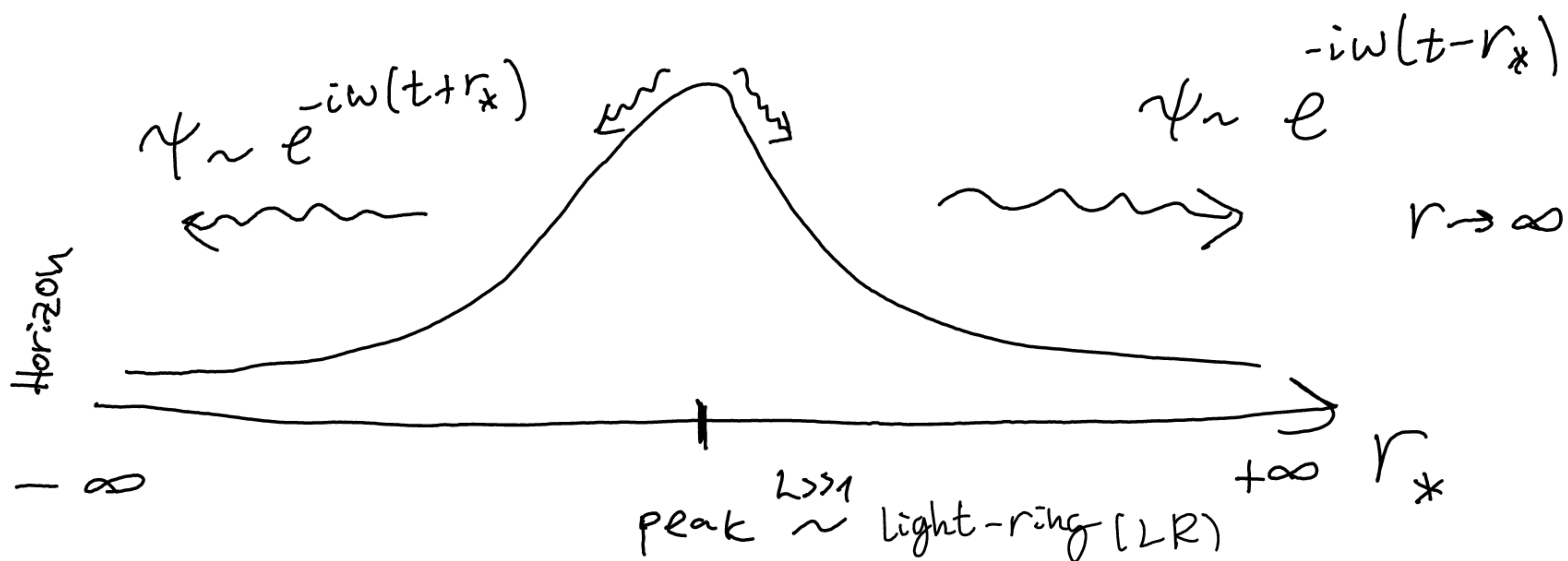
- Can be formulated as an off-shell theorem of the SEH, but non-local  $\Rightarrow$  conservation law
- Electric-magnetic duality ( $\vec{E} \leftrightarrow \pm \vec{B}$ )
- Generalized Darboux transformation
- appears in Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics
- KdV eq.  $\partial_t u - 6u \partial_x u + \partial_x^3 u = 0$

## Physically

- equality of QNM freqs (i.e. isospectrality)
- —||— of Love Numbers
- —||— transmission and reflection coeffs in scattering

# Quasi-Normal Modes

- perturbations propagate away from the BH (nothing incoming from far away)
- nothing leaves a BH (at least classical)



- We expect  $\text{Im} \omega_{\text{ne}} \neq 0$  (dissipation due to horizon)
- To solve this eigenvalue problem exactly we need numerical methods
- For large  $L \gg 1 \rightarrow$  geometric optics limit  $\rightarrow$  WKB  
 $\rightarrow$  QNMs are unstable gravitons spilling from the light ring

$$\omega \stackrel{L \gg 1}{\approx} \text{Re}(\omega) + i \text{Im}(\omega)$$

$\nwarrow$   $\sim$  Lyapunov rate in  $r_*$  direction  
 $\nearrow$   $\sim \frac{1}{\text{Period of LR orbit (stable in } \theta \text{ dir.)}}$



$$\omega_{\text{mKB}} \approx \left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right) \omega_{\text{orb}} - i\lambda_L \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\lambda_L = \omega_{\text{orb}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}GM}$$

important minus!

$$\psi \sim e^{-i\omega t} \sim e^{+Im(\omega)t} e^{-iRe(\omega)t}$$

$Im(\omega) < 0 \Rightarrow$  stability  
(under linear perts)

Greens function

$$x \equiv r_*$$

$$\underbrace{(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2 + V(x))}_{\equiv \mathcal{L}_x} \psi(x) = J(x)$$

if we add  
a source of  
perturbations

$$\mathcal{L}_x G(t-t', x, x') = \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \delta(t-t')$$

Retarded / causal boundary cond.  $G(t-t' < 0, x, x') = 0$

future doesn't influence  
the past

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_x^{(\omega)} G(\omega, x, x') = \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}')$$

$$G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt G(t, x, x') e^{+i\omega t} \quad \omega \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$e^{-Im(\omega)t} e^{iRe(\omega)t} \Rightarrow$$



$\Rightarrow$   $G(\omega)$  is analytic in upper half complex plane  
 (\*)  $(\text{Im}(\omega) > 0)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x'} G(\omega, x, x') \stackrel{x \neq x'}{=} 0$$

$$\rightarrow G(\omega, x, x') = \#(x') \Psi_+ + \#(x') \Psi_-$$

two independent solutions of linear equation

we choose them such that

$$\Psi_+(\omega, x \rightarrow -\infty) \xrightarrow{\text{horizon}} e^{-i\omega x}$$

$$\Psi_-(\omega, x \rightarrow +\infty) \xrightarrow{\text{far}} e^{i\omega x}$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow G(\omega, x, x') = \begin{cases} \propto \Psi_+(x) A(x') \propto e^{-i\omega x} & \text{for } x < x' \\ \propto \Psi_-(x) B(x') \propto e^{+i\omega x} & \text{for } x > x' \end{cases}$$

(otherwise  $G \sim e^{|\text{Im}(\omega)|x} \rightarrow \infty$ )

• Impose continuity of  $G$  ( $x < x'$ ,  $x > x'$ )  
 and jump of  $\partial_x G \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow G(\omega, x, x') = \frac{1}{W(\omega)} \left[ \Psi_+(\omega, x') \Psi_-(\omega, x) \theta(x - x') + \Psi_-(\omega, x') \Psi_+(\omega, x) \theta(x - x') \right]$$

Wronskian

$$\theta(y) \equiv \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ 1, & y \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

("theta function")



$$G(\omega, x, x') = \frac{1}{W(\omega)} \left[ \Psi_+(\omega, x') \Psi_-(\omega, x) \theta(x-x') + \Psi_-(\omega, x') \Psi_+(\omega, x) \theta(x-x') \right]$$

$$W \equiv \Psi_-(x') \partial_{x'} \Psi_+(x') - \Psi_+(x') \partial_{x'} \Psi_-(x') = W(\omega)$$

$$\partial_{x'} W = 0$$

(from eq. of motion)

if we find  $\omega_*$  such that  $W(\omega_*) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_+(\omega_*, x) \propto \Psi_-(\omega_*, x)$$

$\Rightarrow \Psi_{\pm}(\omega_*, x)$  satisfy both QNM bound.conds.!

$\Rightarrow$  QNM frequencies are poles of Greens function

\* for some special  $\omega_*$  for which  $W(\omega_*) = 0$   
 it happens that  $G(\omega_*) = \frac{0}{0} \rightarrow$  pole skipping  
 interesting for quantum gravity considerations  
 i.e. holography



# Completeness?

Can we write the most general perturbation as

$$\psi(x, t) = \int G(x, x') J(x') dx' \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{q \in \{QNM_s\}} c_q e^{-i\omega_q t} \psi_+(x, \omega_q)$$

Like we do for bunch of harmonic oscillators  
or for textbook QM potentials?

i.e. in QM  $G(\omega) = \sum_n \frac{\psi_n \psi_n^*}{\omega - E_n}$  ✓

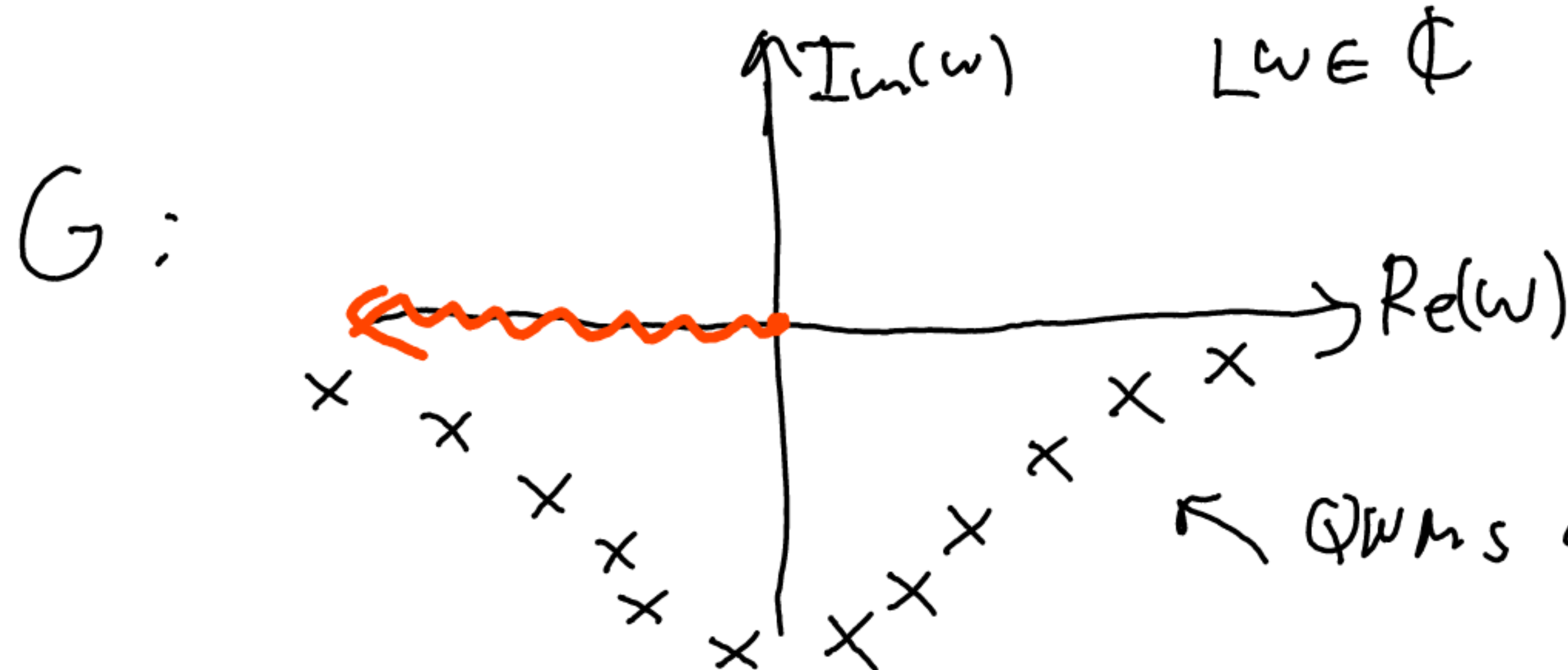
## QNM<sub>s</sub> are not complete

- mathematical subtleties ( $\psi_+(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} \infty$  w fixed)

- $G \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sim e^{-\kappa|x|}$  but  $G \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sim \frac{1}{x^2}$

this slow fall-off is due to long range  
nature of gravity

- there is a branch cut!



$\Rightarrow$  eigenmode  
expansion  
cannot be true

QNMs are poles



# Isospectrality

- Chandra's duality maps  $Z \leftrightarrow RW$  equation (i.e. dynamics) but we need to check boundary cond's.

$$\psi_{RW} \propto \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_*} + W(r) \right) \psi_Z$$

$$W = \frac{3r_s(r_s - r)}{r^2(3r_s + 2\lambda r)} - \frac{2\lambda(\lambda + 1)}{3r_s}$$

- $r \rightarrow \infty$   $\psi_Z \sim e^{-i\omega(t - r_*)}$  <sup>purely</sup> (outgoing at infinity)

$$\psi_{RW} \sim \left( \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial r_*}}_{\text{const}} + \underbrace{W(r)}_{\text{const}} \right) e^{-i\omega(t - r_*)} \sim \text{const} \cdot e^{-i\omega(t - r_*)} \quad \psi$$

- $r \rightarrow r_s$   $\psi_Z \sim e^{-i\omega(t + r_*)}$  <sup>purely</sup> (ingoing at horizon)

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_*} + W(r) \right) e^{-i\omega(t + r_*)} \sim \text{const} e^{-i\omega(t + r_*)} \quad \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_Z(r_*, \omega_n) \text{ is a QNM} \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_*} + W(r) \right) \psi_Z(r_*, \omega_n) \sim \psi_{RW}(r_*, \omega_n) \text{ is QNM too}$$

- true for Kerr as well, but not in  $D \neq 4$  nor in AdS nor Beyond GR



# Perturbations of Kerr

[Chandrasekhar  
Mathematical Theory of BHs]

•  $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + h_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{SVT}} \text{some scalars} \rightarrow \dots$

$$K(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_m \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-im\varphi} e^{-i\omega t} K_m(\omega, \theta, r)$$

with metric pert. we cannot separate eqs. in  $\theta$  and  $r$ !

is there a way around? - YES!

\* Weyl tensor (remove traces of Riemann)

$$C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \equiv R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} + \frac{R}{6} (g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} - g_{\mu\beta} g_{\nu\alpha}) + \\ + \frac{1}{2} (R_{\mu\beta} g_{\nu\alpha} - R_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} + R_{\nu\alpha} g_{\mu\beta} - R_{\nu\beta} g_{\mu\alpha})$$

• same symmetries as Riemann

•  $20 - 10 = 10$  components = seven + five

these contain physical propagating d.o.f. of GWs

\* Newman-Penrose formalism

• take null tetrads  $\{l^\mu, n^\mu, m^\mu, \bar{m}^\mu\}$

• contract every tensor with  $\nearrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  work with scalars only



- we choose the tetrad such that

$$g_{\mu\nu} l^\mu q^\nu = l \cdot q = -1 \quad m \bar{m} = 1 \quad \text{and all others} = 0$$

- In Boyer-Lindquist coords convenient choice is

Kinnersley tetrad:  $l^\mu = \frac{1}{\Delta} (r^2 + a^2, \Delta, 0, a)$

$$q^\mu = \frac{1}{2\delta^2} (r^2 + a^2, -\Delta, 0, a)$$

$$m^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{r + ia \cos\theta} (ia \sin\theta, 0, 1, \frac{i}{\sin\theta})$$

- $C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \leftrightarrow 5$  complex (Weyl) scalars

$$\Psi_0 \equiv C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} l^\mu m^\nu l^\alpha m^\beta$$

$$\Psi_1 \equiv \dots$$

$$\dots \Psi_4 \equiv \dots$$

- $R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow$  EOM for  $\Psi_0, \dots, \Psi_4$

- perturbations:  $\Psi_i = \Psi_i^{\text{Kerr}} + \delta\Psi_i$

- Cover all spins at once  $|S| = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$   

$\uparrow$   
 perturbations: scalar

$\uparrow$   
 electromagnetism

$\uparrow$   
 gravity

$$\delta\bar{\Psi}_2 = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \sum_{lm} e^{-i\omega t + im\phi} S_{lm}^{(s)}(\theta) R_{lm}^{(s)}(r)$$

- $S_{lm}^{(s)}(\theta)$  - spin  $s$  spheroidal harmonics

$$S_{lm}^{(s)} \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} Y_{lm}^{(s)}(\theta) \xrightarrow{s=0} Y_{lm}(\theta)$$

good old scalar  
spherical harmonics

Teukolsky equation:

$$\Delta^{-s} \partial_r (\Delta^{s+1} \partial_r R^{(s)}) + \left[ \frac{K^2(\omega) - iS(2r - r_s)K(\omega)}{\Delta} + 4i s \omega r - \lambda_{lm}^{(s)}(\omega) \right] R^{(s)} = 0$$

$$K(\omega) \equiv (r^2 + a^2)\omega - am$$

$$\Delta \equiv r^2 - rr_s + a^2$$

$$\lambda_{lm}^{(s)} \equiv A_{lm}^{(s)}(\omega) + a^2 \omega^2 - 2ma\omega$$

↑  
separation constant (fixed in eigen-eq for  $S_{lm}^{(s)}(\theta)$ )  
(no closed form expr.)  
numerics  
(by regularity  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ )

- $a \rightarrow 0$  we don't recover RW/z eq, but Bardeen-Press eq
- Teukolsky-Starobinsky identities ( $+s \leftrightarrow -s$ )
- ladder operators in spin for  $\omega = 0$   $\delta\bar{\Psi}^{(s \pm 1)} = E_{(s)}^{\pm} \delta\bar{\Psi}^{(s)}$
- not so simple equation (CFT, SUSY, Seiberg-Witten theory)



Why did this work?

- Newman-Penrose formalism is particularly well adapted to BHT spacetimes
- Petrov algebraic classification (see Chandrasekhar's book)
  - Use Lorentz transfs. to set as many  $\Psi_i = 0$
  - "Hidden symmetries"
  - BHs are type D spacetimes, i.e. only 1 non-trivial  $\Psi$
  - useful in other situations too

(\*) Mano-Suzuki-Takasugi (MST) method

- for solving Teukolsky in  $G M \omega \ll 1$

- based on asymptotic matching technique:

far away  $R \sim \sum_n \text{Coulomb wavefunctions}$

close to horizon  $R \sim \sum_n \text{Hypergeom. functions}$



# Tidal deformations of BHs

Compact objects deform each other gravitationally



(\*) Tides in Newtonian gravity

static regime

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho(\vec{x})$$

in isolation in vacuum

$$\phi_0 = -\frac{GM}{r}$$



in vacuum  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \rightarrow \phi = \phi_0 + \sum_{l \geq 2}^{\infty} \epsilon_{lm} \left( r^l + \frac{\lambda_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) Y_{lm}$

dimensional analysis  $\boxed{\lambda_l \sim \# R^{2l+1}}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $O(1)$

$\lambda_l$  - Love numbers (of multipole  $l$ )

tidal field

response  
 $\sim$  field from the object

- they are properties of the compact object
- like electric polarization of a medium



## \*) How about GR

- Naive proposal  $g_{00} = -1 + 2\phi$

$$\frac{1+g_{00}}{2} = -\frac{GM}{r} + \sum_{\substack{lm \\ l \geq 2}} \mathcal{E}_{lm} \left( r^l + \frac{\lambda_l}{r^{l+1}} \right) Y_{lm} + \underbrace{\dots + \dots}_{\text{GR nonlinearities}}$$

## Subtleties of GR

Definition above suffers from at least two things

- $r_s$  corrections to tidal field

$$\mathcal{E}_{lm} r^l \left( 1 + \# \frac{r_s}{r} + \# \left( \frac{r_s}{r} \right)^2 + \dots \right) = \dots + \mathcal{E}_{lm} \frac{r_s^{2l+1}}{r^{l+1}} + \dots$$

degenerate  
with  $\sum \frac{\lambda_l}{r^{l+1}}$

- $g_{00}$  is not gauge invariant

$r \rightarrow \tilde{r}(r)$  changes the value of coeffs in expansion

Clean and practical framework for tides is

## Worldline Effective Field Theory

( From "far away" compact object = point particle + finite size corrections (e.g. Love #s) )  
more on this in lectures of Rafael



- In GR there are electric (even) and magnetic (odd) Love numbers  $\lambda_l^E$   $\lambda_l^B$

- in  $D=4$  pure GR (asymptotically flat) Chandra  $\Rightarrow \lambda_l^E = \lambda_l^B$

- by dimensional analysis, for BHs we expect  $\lambda_l \sim \alpha_l \times r_s^{2l+1}$

Remarkably all  $\lambda_l^{BH} = 0$  in  $D=4$  pure GR

(in particular Schwarzschild, Kerr,  
Reissner-Nordström, ...)

## Fine tuning / Naturalness problem in GR

- true for electric and scalar tides too
- beyond linear regime
- for some  $l$  in  $D \neq 4$

x not true in AdS

x beyond pure GR (GReFT, modifications of GR)

x frequency corrections  $\Rightarrow \neq 0$  response



(\*) Most common explanation why something is  $= 0$  is

symmetry

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_{2n} x^{2n} \\ f(-x) = f(x) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_3 = \dots = a_{2n-1} = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Symmetries of (e.g.) Schwarzschild are

- spherical symm  $SO(3)$
- time translations

but these do not explain  $\lambda_\ell = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  some "hidden" symmetries?

- in fact YES!

Ladder symmetries (Hui et al 2021 2105.01069)

• example scalar tides of Schwarzschild

(see 2203.08832)

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\nabla_\mu \phi) (\nabla^\mu \phi) = \int \phi = \sum_{\omega, \ell m} e^{-i\omega t} Y_{\ell m} \phi_{\ell m}(r) = \\ &= \dots = \frac{1}{2} \int dt dr d\Omega \left[ \frac{r^4}{\Delta} (-\omega^2) \phi^2 - \Delta (\partial_r \phi)^2 - (\nabla_A \phi) (\nabla^A \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \equiv r(r-r_s)$$

• near-zone approx  $r_s \leq r \ll \frac{1}{\omega}$

$$\frac{\omega^2 r^4}{\Delta} \approx \frac{\omega^2 r_s^4}{\Delta}$$



$$S \stackrel{\text{near zone}}{\approx} -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}} g_{\text{eff}}^{\alpha\beta} (\partial_\alpha \phi) (\partial_\beta \phi)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}} = - \underbrace{\frac{\Delta}{r_s^2} dt^2 + \frac{r_s^2}{\Delta} dr^2}_{\text{orange}} + \underbrace{r_s^2 d\Omega_{S_2}^2}_{\text{green}}$$

this is metric of AdS<sub>2</sub> × S<sub>2</sub>

for "small  $\omega$ " scalar effectively sees AdS<sub>2</sub> × S<sub>2</sub> background  
but this is more symmetric than Schwarzschild!

- 6 Killing vectors (time transl + 3 rot. + 2 extra)
- 9 Conformal Killing vectors (CKV)
  - ~  $\nabla_\mu K_\nu + \nabla_\nu K_\mu = \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\nabla_\alpha K^\alpha)$
  - ~ they preserve angles but not lengths and areas
  - ~ CKV are symmetries because it turns out  $\phi$  is conformally coupled

KV + CKV<sub>s</sub> → SO(3,1) algebra!

- subset of these preserves near-zone approx
- works for Kerr too
- similar symms for EM and gravity tides



- other proposals in literature ("Love symm", KdV inspired)

- $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R[g] \rightarrow \partial_t \rightarrow 0$  ("static limit")

change of variables:

$$V \equiv g_{00}, \quad f_{ij} \equiv \partial_i \left( \frac{g_{0j}}{g_{00}} \right) - \partial_j \left( \frac{g_{0i}}{g_{00}} \right), \quad h_{ij} \equiv g_{ij} - \frac{g_{0i} g_{0j}}{g_{00}}$$

$$EoM_{\text{E}} \Rightarrow f_{ij} = \sqrt{h} \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\nabla_k \phi}{V^{3/2}}$$

$$h_{ij}, \quad \mathcal{E} \equiv V + i\phi$$

- rescale  $V$  and  $\phi$

- translate  $\phi$

- Ehlers transf.

$$V \pm \phi \rightarrow \frac{V \pm \phi \pm b(V^2 - \phi^2)}{(1 \pm b\phi)^2 - b^2 V^2}$$

Ernst equation

$$\text{Re}(\mathcal{E}) \nabla^2 \mathcal{E} = (\nabla \mathcal{E})^2$$

$\Leftrightarrow SO(2,1)$

nonlinear sigma model

\* static and axisymmetric

$\Rightarrow$  even simpler  $\rightarrow \infty$  symmetries (Geroch)  
integrable system

[PRD, "Connection between the nonlinear  $\sigma$  model and the Einstein eqs of GR" Norma Sanchez (1982)]

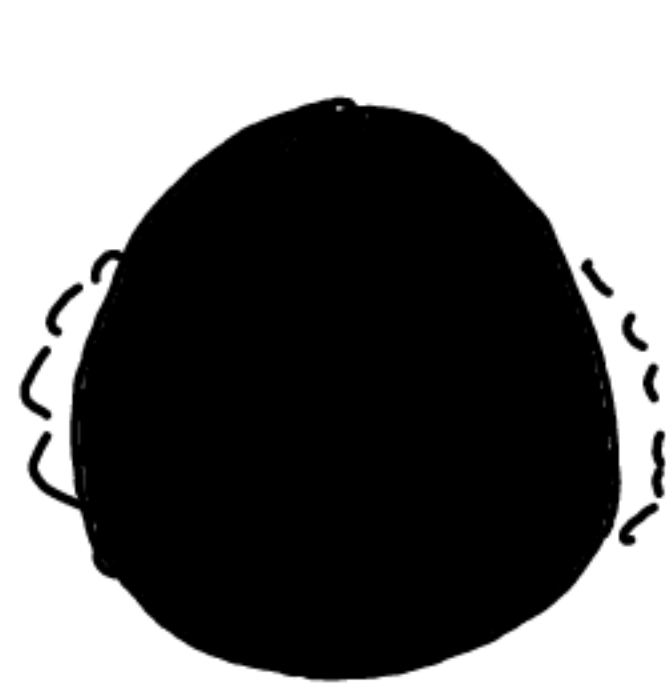


# Nonlinearities

\* Self Force  $\frac{m_2}{m_1} \ll 1 \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-6}$  SMBHs  
 (target for LISA)

solve full Einstein's eqs (semi-analytically)

in  $\frac{m_2}{m_1}$  small expansion



$g_{\mu}$   
 $x^{\mu}(\tau)$

$$g_{\mu} = \text{Ker} + \frac{m_2}{m_1} (\text{pert}) + \left(\frac{m_2}{m_1}\right)^2 (\dots)$$

$$x^{\mu}(\tau) = \text{Kerr geodesic} + \frac{m_2}{m_1} \delta x^{\mu} + \dots$$

1SF

2SF

[BHPT and gravitational Self-Force  
 Pound & Wardell]

from perts.

\* Nonlinear QNMs (2406.14611)

$$g_{\mu} = g_{\mu}^{\text{Sch}} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}$$

$$\hat{D} h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$\hat{D} h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}((h^{(1)})^2)$$

$$\omega_{12}^{(2)} = \omega_1 \pm \omega_2$$

$$R_{1,2,12} = \frac{A_{12}^{(2)}}{A_1^{(1)} A_2^{(1)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\sim (n_1 l_1 m_1 p_1) \\ 2 &\sim (n_2 l_2 m_2 p_2) \end{aligned} \quad 12 \sim (n_1 l_1 m_1 p_1) \times (n_2 l_2 m_2 p_2)$$

\* Nonlinear tides  $\rightarrow$  Nonlinear Love numbers

$$h_{00} \sim \dots + \epsilon r^2 + \dots + \epsilon \frac{\lambda}{r^3} + \dots + \epsilon^2 r^4 + \dots + \epsilon^2 \frac{\rho}{r^3} + \dots$$

(2410.03542)

+  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) + \dots$