

Title: Numerical black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity

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Abstract: <p>This talk will explore the applications of the computing power of numerical relativity to gravitational theories beyond general relativity. Specifically, I will consider dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, which has roots in string theory and loop quantum gravity. I will discuss our&nbsp; formalism and efforts to simulate binary black holes in this theory to generate waveforms LIGO and LISA. Additionally, I will discuss the generation of numerical black hole solutions in this theory, and applications to probing black hole shadows with the Event Horizon Telescope.&nbsp;</p>



# NUMERICAL BLACK HOLES IN DYNAMICAL CHERN-SIMONS GRAVITY

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# OUTLINE

- \* BBH mergers in dCS I: Scalar Field [MO, Stein, et al. 2017]
- \* Numerical BH initial data and shadows in dCS  
[MO et al 2018. in prep]
- \* + evolving metric perturbations

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# MOTIVATIONS FOR DCS

GR nonrenormalizable  $\rightarrow$  use effective field theory  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{EH}}$  only the first term

Low-energy realization of **string theory** [Polchinski98, Moura+Schiappa07]

Loop quantum gravity [Taveras+Yunes08, Mercuri+Taveras09]

**Cancels gravitational anomalies** in chiral theories in curved spacetime including Green-Schwartz

[Delbourgo+Salam72, Eguchi+Freund76, Alvarez-Gaume+Witten84, Green+Schwarz84, Polchinski98]

Alexander+Yunes09

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# DCS EQUATIONS OF MOTION

$$S \equiv \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{m_{\text{pl}}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \vartheta \partial^a \vartheta - \frac{m_{\text{pl}}}{8} \ell^2 \vartheta * RR \right)$$



$$m_{\text{pl}}^2 G_{ab} + m_{\text{pl}} \ell^2 C_{ab} = T_{ab}$$

$$\square \vartheta = \frac{m_{\text{pl}}}{8} \ell^2 * RR$$



$$C \supset \partial \partial \partial g$$

**WELL-POSED IVP?**

Delsate+15

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## WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

GR is well-posed  perturb around GR

$$g_{ab} = g_{ab}^{\text{GR}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon^k h_{ab}^{(k)} \quad \vartheta = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^k \vartheta^{(k)}$$



Plug into EOM, collect powers

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# ORDER REDUCTION SCHEME

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$$\varepsilon^1 \quad G_{ab}^{(1)} [h^{(1)}] = 0 \rightarrow h_{ab}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$\square^{(0)} \vartheta^{(1)} = \frac{m_{\text{pl}}}{8} l^2 (*RR)^{(0)}$$

$$\varepsilon^2 \quad h_{ab}^{(2)} \text{ has source}$$

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# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT BH IN DCS

Schwarzschild ✓ Kerr ✗ Pretorius+09

Slow-rotation approx:  $\vartheta$  around isolated BH dipole Stein14

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# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DCS BBH FROM PN

Scalar field **dipole** moment

Yagi+12

$$\mu_A^i = -\frac{5}{2} \frac{m_{\text{pl}} \ell^2}{8} \chi_A^i$$



Dipoles going around each other



quadrupolar radiation

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## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DCS BBH FROM PN

- \*  $(l, l - 1)$  modes dominant
- \*  $l = 1$  varies on spin-precession timescale, non-rad
- \* No monopolar radiation

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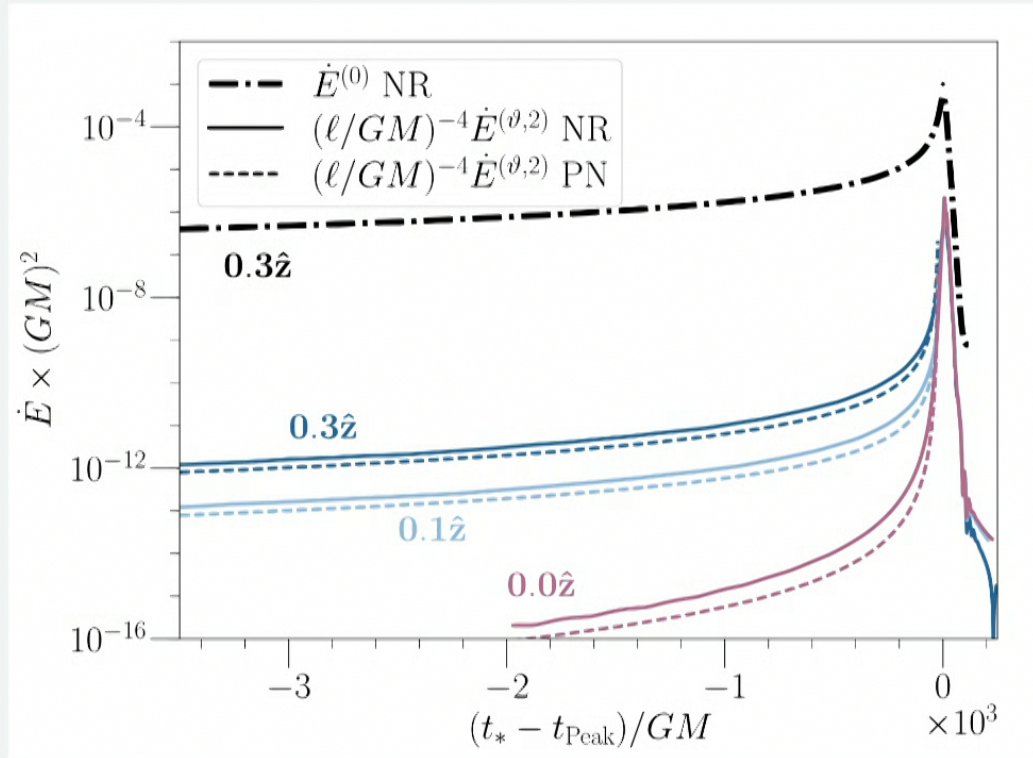
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# ENERGY FLUXES

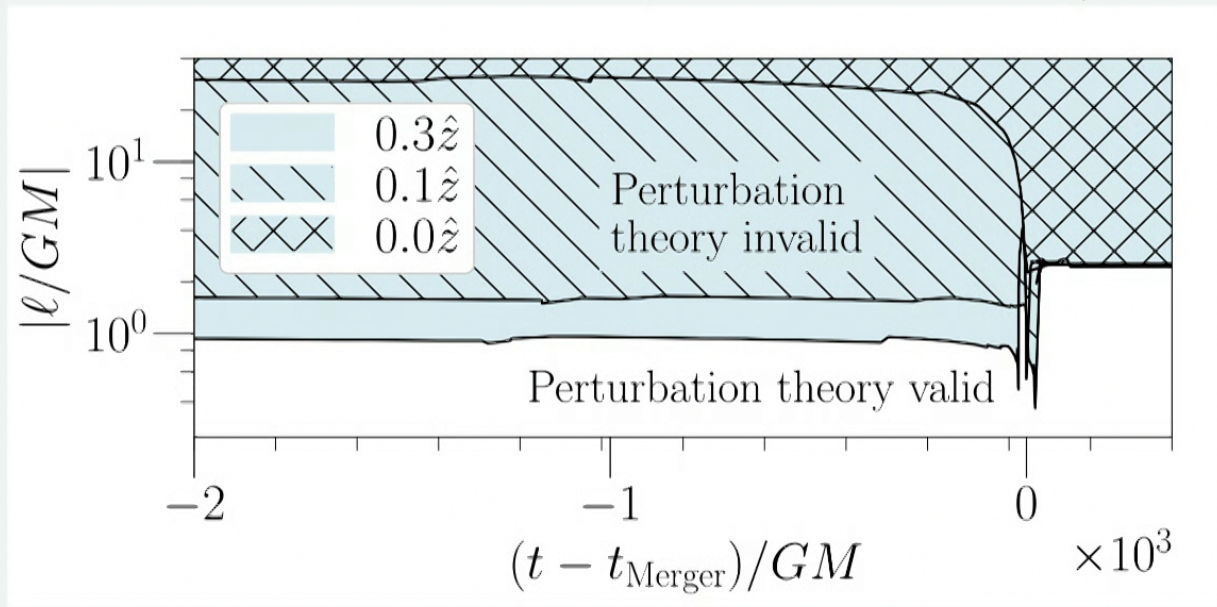


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# REGIME OF VALIDITY

$$g_{ab} = g_{ab}^{(0)} + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} h_{ab}^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3) \rightarrow (\ell/GM)_{\max}^2 \sim 0.14 \left( \frac{\|g_{ab}^{(0)}\|}{\|h_{ab}^{(2)}\|} \right)_{\min}$$

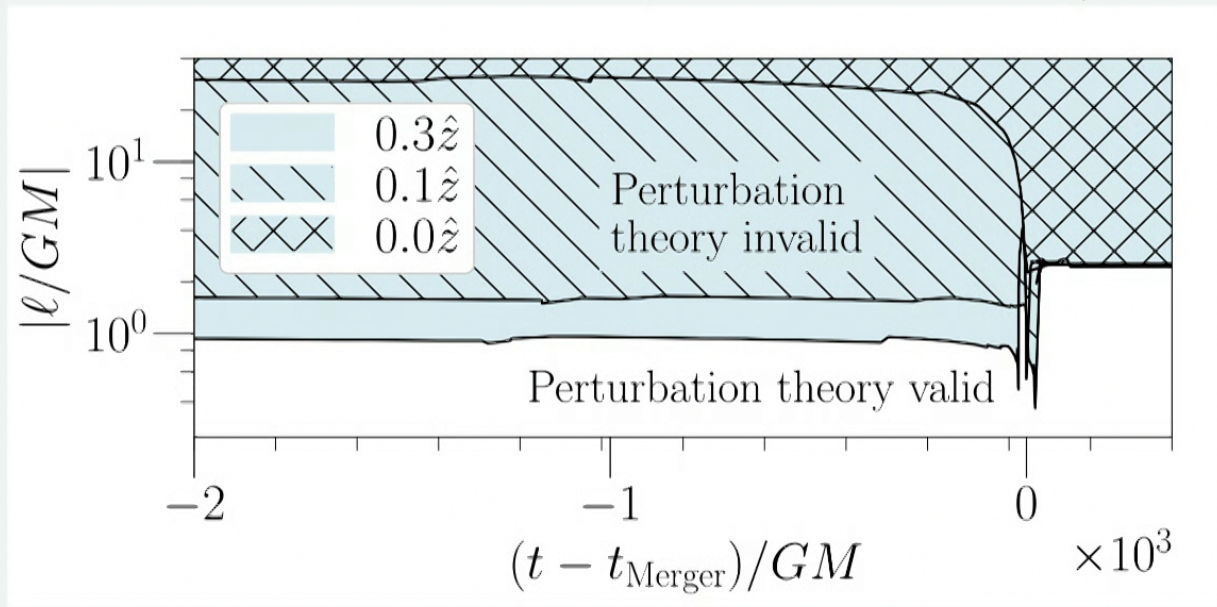


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# DEPHASING

dCS waveform phase will differ from GR



Estimate this!

$$\phi = \phi^{\text{GR}} + \varepsilon \Delta\phi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$$

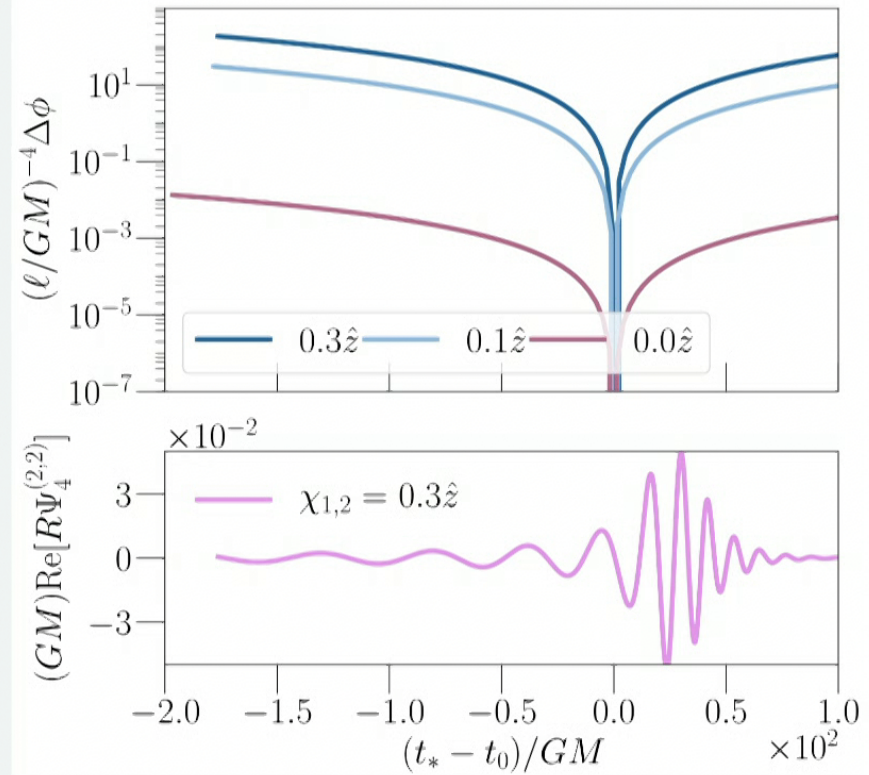
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# DEPHASING

$$\Delta\phi \approx A(t - t_0) + B(t - t_0)^2$$

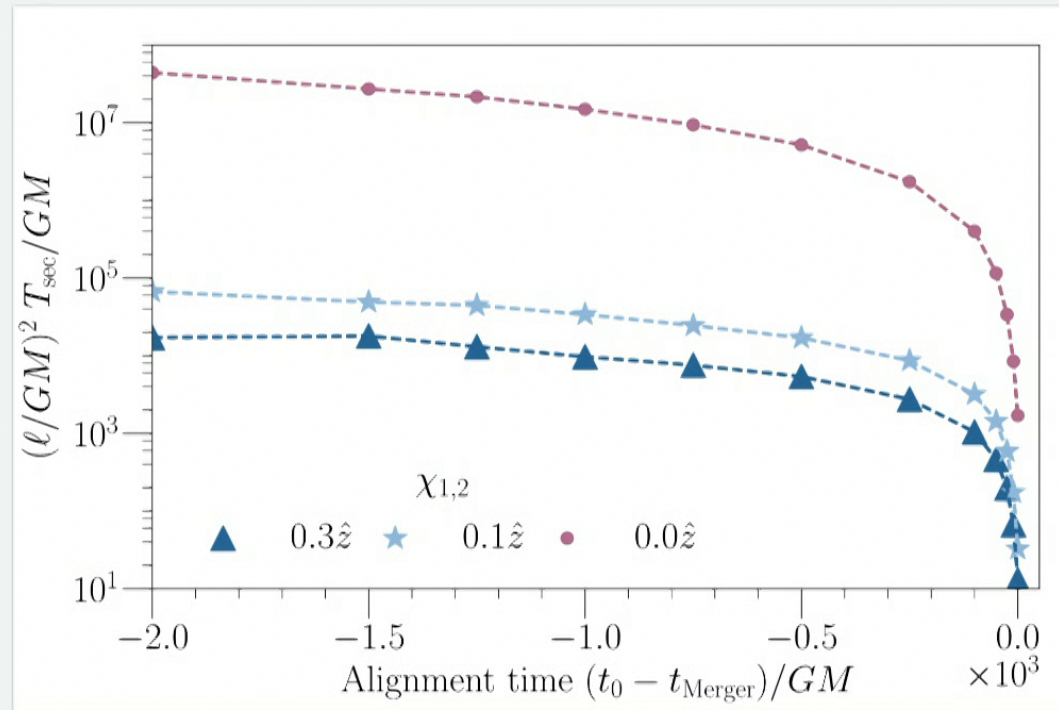
$$\Delta\phi = \frac{1}{2}(t - t_0)^2 \left. \frac{d\Delta\omega}{dt} \right|_{t_0}$$





# DEPHASING

How long to accumulate a radian of phase difference?



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## PARAMETER BOUNDS

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What are the current bounds?

Gravity Probe B + LAGEOS satellites  $\ell \lesssim 10^8$  km Ali-Haïmoud+11

Projected PN waveforms  $\ell \lesssim (10 - 100)$  km Yagi+12

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## THE NEXT STEP

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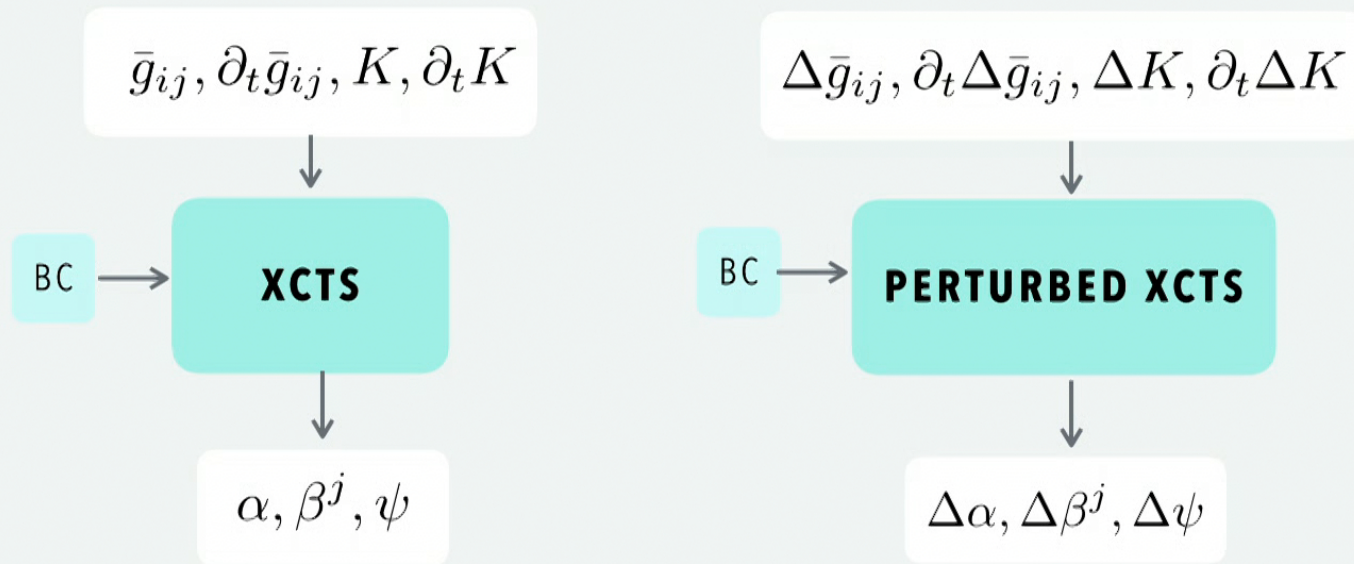
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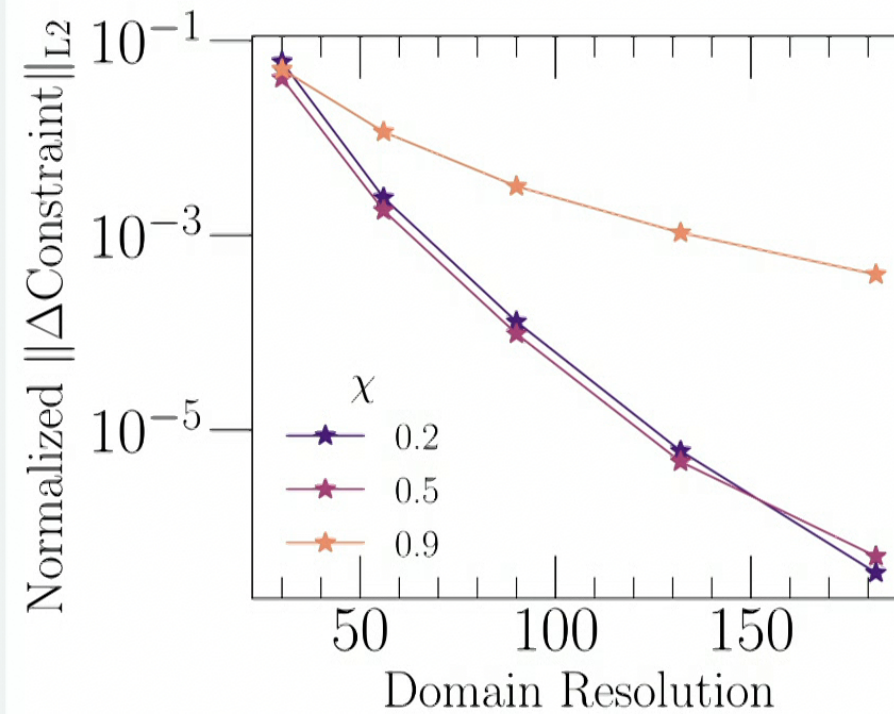


# METRIC PERTURBATION INITIAL DATA



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# GENERATE DCS INITIAL DATA



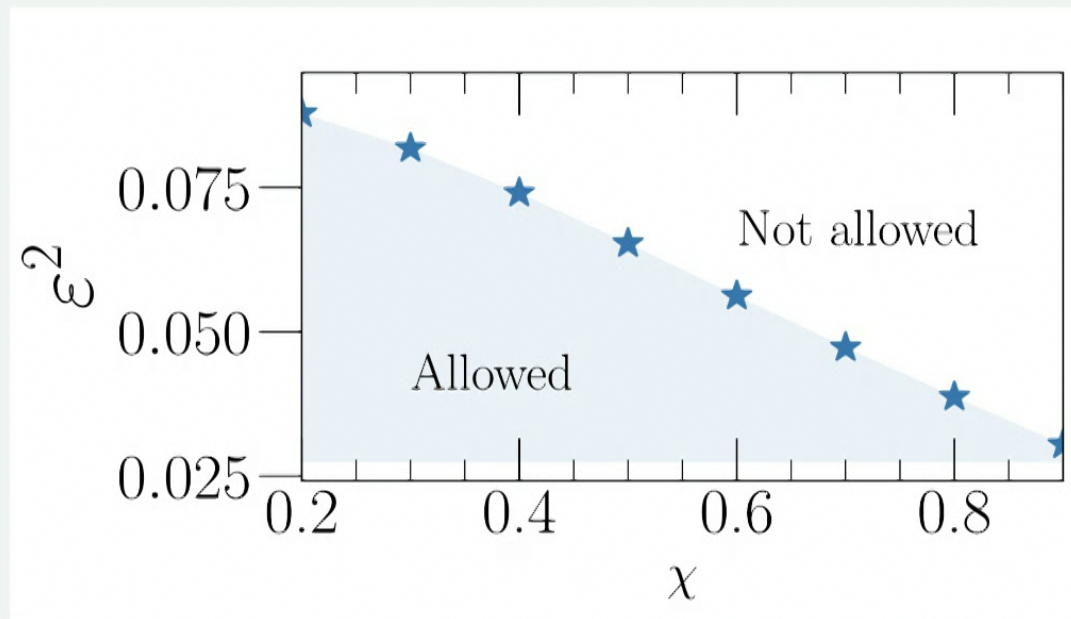
+ stationary

Generalization to binary case



# REGIME OF VALIDITY

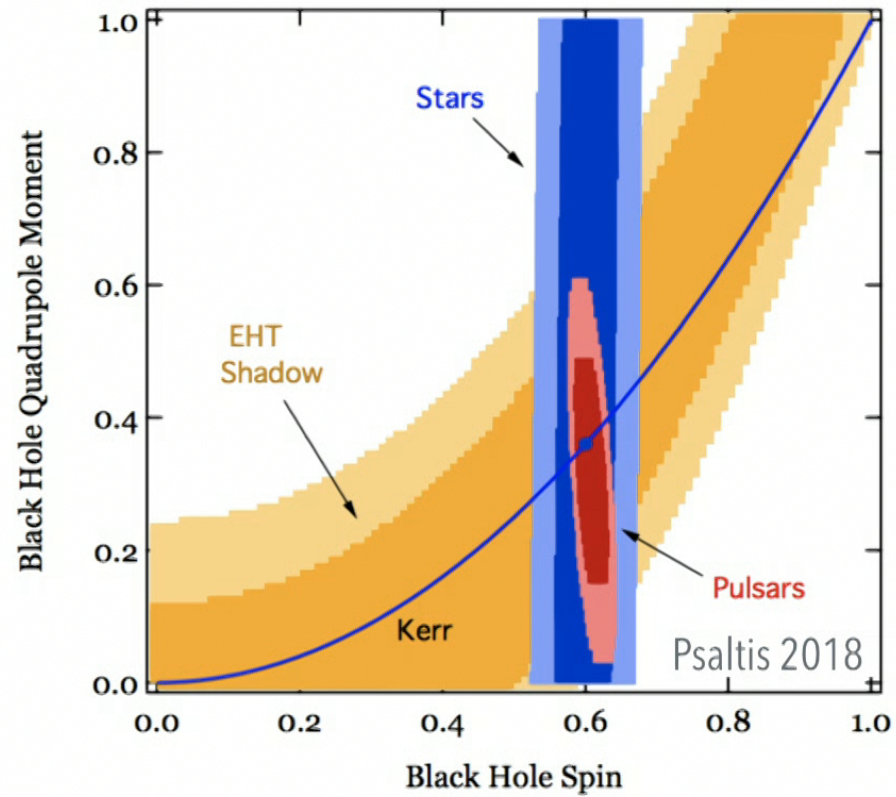
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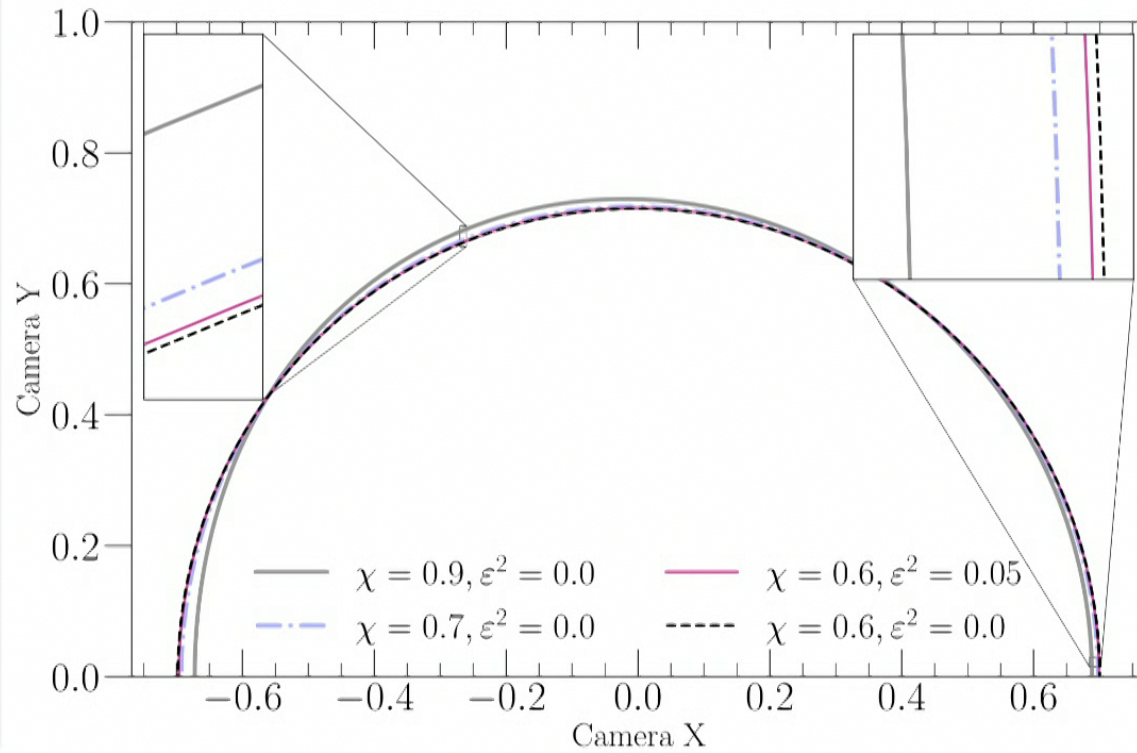
# EVENT HORIZON TELESCOPE



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# BLACK HOLE SHADOWS IN DCS

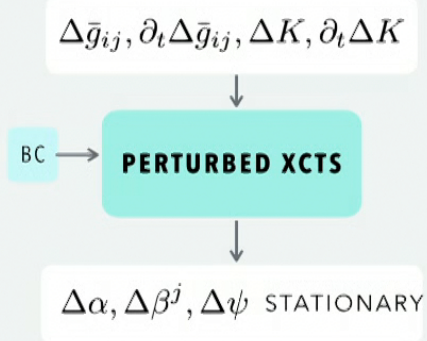
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# PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



+ Metric perturbation evolution

THANK YOU!