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( $\bar{h}_{ab} = h_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}h^c_c g_{0ab}$ )

$\underbrace{- 2\nabla_a \nabla^e \bar{h}_{be}}_{= 0 \text{ gauge De Donder}}$

Common gauge  $\nabla^e \bar{h}_{eb} = 0$

"transverse tracefree"  $h^a_a = 0 = \nabla^a h_{ab}$

Regge & Wheeler 1957 Phys  
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gauge is chosen with symmetries, so  
we can decompose  $h_{ab}$  into a basis  
of eigenfns - need self-adjointness.

SCH:  $SO(3)$  &  $2+$   
ang-mom e-fns  $l$   
fourier modes in time  $e^{-i\omega t}$

Eigenfns corr to tensor  
spherical harmonics, &  
parity

eg odd parity ( $m=0$ )

$$h_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & h_0(r) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h_1(r) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_0 & h_1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega t} \times \sin\theta d\phi P_\ell(\cos\theta)$$

Where  $\frac{d^2}{dr^2} \left( \frac{f h_1}{r} \right) + \omega^2 h - \underbrace{\left[ \ell(\ell+1) - 6GM/r \right]}_{V_\ell(r)} \frac{f h_1}{r^2} = 0$

Order  $\langle \delta R_{ab} \rangle$

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Application Black string instability  $\Rightarrow$

$$ds_{BS}^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r_4}{r}\right) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{r_4}{r}\right)} - r^2 d\Omega^2 - dz^2$$

$$M = \frac{T_4 L}{2 G_5} = 4\pi G_4 M^2$$

$$S_{BS} = \frac{\pi r_4^2 L}{G_5} = 4\pi G_4 M^2$$

- compare to SD black hole

$$ds_{BH}^2 = \left(1 - \frac{p_5^2}{p^2}\right) dt^2 - \frac{dp^2}{1 - \frac{p_5^2}{p^2}} - p^2 d\Omega_{D-2}^2$$

$\rightarrow$  Mass  $M = \frac{(D-2) A_{D-2} p_5^{D-3}}{16\pi G} \Big|_{D=5}$  (Myers Perry)

$$= \frac{3\pi r_5^2}{8 G_5}$$

Entropy  $S_{BH} = \frac{2\pi^2 r_5^3}{4 G_5} = \frac{\pi^2}{2 G_5} \left(\frac{8 G_5 M}{3\pi}\right)^{3/2}$

Compare at fixed mass

$$\frac{S_{BH}}{S_{BS}} = \frac{\pi^2}{2G_5} \left( \frac{8G_5 M}{3\pi} \right)^{3/2} / 4\pi G_4 M^2$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{27\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{L}{G_4 M}}$$

Indicates for  
the black hole  
preferred.

Indicates for  $L > \frac{27\pi G_4 M}{8}$

the black hole is entropically preferred.

Look at s-wave ptn of string

$$h_{ab} = \begin{array}{|cc|cc|} \hline h_{tt}(r) & h_{rr}(r) & 0 & h_{tz} \\ h_{tr} & h_{rr}(r) & 0 & h_{rz} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & K & 0 \\ 0 & K & 0 & 0 \\ \hline h_{tz} & h_{rz} & 0 & h_{ss} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{l} e^{st} \\ e^{yz} \end{array}$$

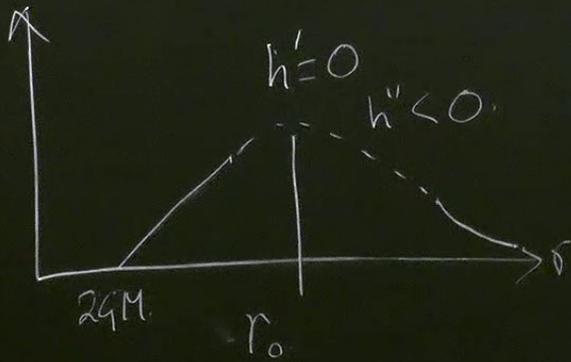
• h<sub>ss</sub>

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_L h_{ss} &= (\Box_4 + \mu^2) h_{zz} \\
 &= -f h_{ss}'' - \frac{2}{r^2}(r - qM) h_{ss} \\
 &\quad + \left(\mu^2 + \frac{\Omega^2}{f}\right) h_{ss}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty \quad h_{ss} \propto e^{\pm \sqrt{\mu^2 + \Omega^2} r}$$

$$r \rightarrow 2qM \quad h_{ss} \propto (r - 2qM)^{\pm 2qM\Omega}$$

Normalizable  $\Rightarrow$  - root at  $\infty$  & + root at  $2qM$



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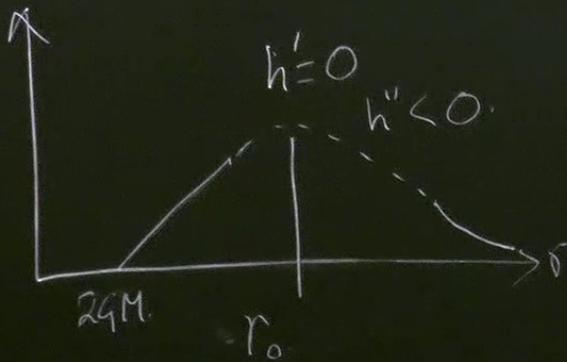
$$h_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{tt}(r) & h_{tr}(r) & 0 & h_{tz} \\ h_{tr}(r) & h_{rr}(r) & 0 & h_{rz} \\ 0 & 0 & K & 0 \\ h_{tz} & h_{rz} & 0 & h_{ss} \end{bmatrix} e^{2\sigma t} e^{4\sigma z}$$

$$\Delta_L h_{ss} = (\Box_4 + \mu^2) h_{ss} = -f h_{ss}'' - \frac{2}{r^2}(r-2GM)$$

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Left with  $K, h_{rr}, h_{\theta\theta}, h_{tt}$   
 have  $h^a_{b;a} = 0 = h^a_a$   
 Can rewrite as a 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE  
 in  $l$  variable. As expected

$$h \propto e^{\pm \sqrt{\omega^2 + \mu^2} l}$$

As  $r \rightarrow r_+ = 2GM$

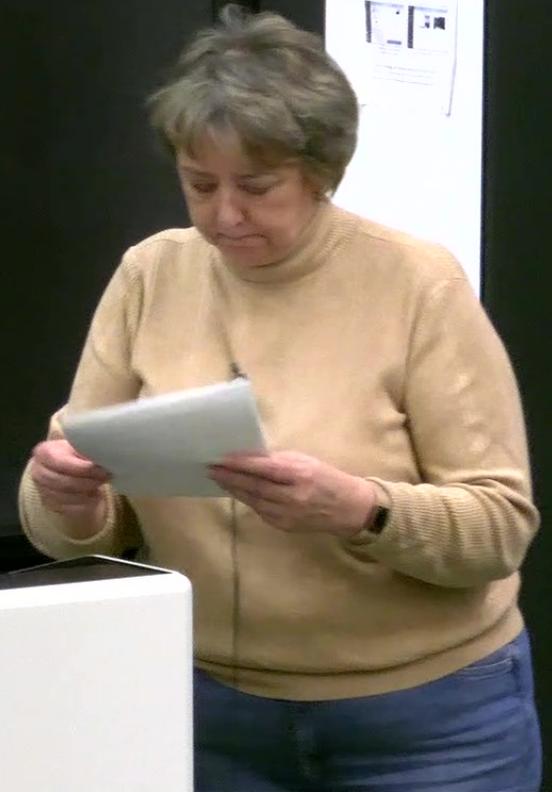
Find  
 $h_{tr} \sim (\pm \Omega r - 1/2)(r - r_+)^{\pm \Omega r - 1}$

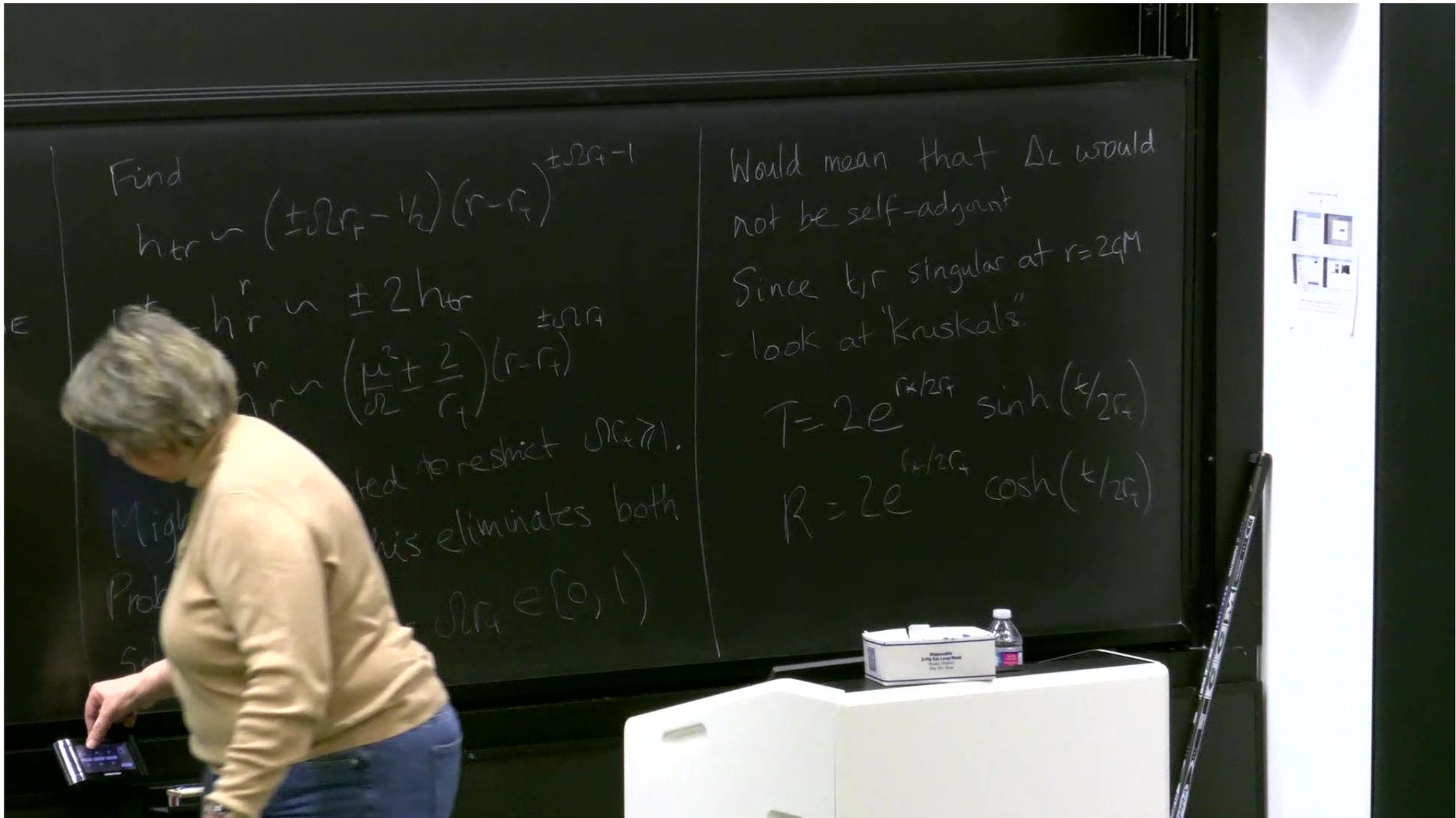
$h_t^t - h_r^r \sim \pm 2h_{tr}$

$h_t^t + h_r^r \sim \left(\frac{\mu^2 + 2}{\alpha^2 - r_+}\right)(r - r_+)^{\pm \Omega r}$

Might be tempted to restrict  $\Omega r \gg 1$ .  
Problem is that this eliminates both  
sols as  $r \rightarrow r_+$  for  $\Omega r \in [0, 1)$

Would mean that  $\Delta_L$  would  
not be self-adjoint





Find  
 $h_{tr} \sim (\pm 2r_g - 1/2)(r - r_g)^{\pm 2r_g - 1}$   
 $t - h^r \sim \pm 2h^r$   
 $r \sim \left(\frac{u^2 + 2}{2} - r_g\right)^{\pm 2r_g}$   
 restricted  $dr_g \gg 1$ .  
 this eliminates both  
 $dr_g \in [0, 1)$

Would mean that  $\Delta_L$  would not be self-adjoint  
 Since  $t, r$  singular at  $r = 2r_g$   
 - look at "Kruskals"

$$T = 2e^{r/2r_g} \sinh(t/2r_g)$$

$$R = 2e^{r/2r_g} \cosh(t/2r_g)$$

Use:  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial T} = \frac{2r_+ R}{R^2 - T^2}$      $\frac{\partial r}{\partial T} = -\frac{2r_+ T}{R^2 - T^2} f$

e.g.  $h_{TT} = \left(\frac{\partial t}{\partial T}\right)^2 h_{tt} + 2\frac{\partial t}{\partial T} \frac{\partial r}{\partial T} h_{rr} + \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial T}\right)^2 h_{rr}$

$$= \frac{4r_+^2}{(R^2 - T^2)^2} (R^2 h_{tt} - 2fRT h_{rr} + f^2 T^2 h_{rr})$$

But  $R^2 - T^2 = 4e^{r_+/r_+} = 4e^{(r_+ - r)/r_+} \left(\frac{r_+ - r}{r_+}\right) \sim 4f$

$$\Rightarrow h_{TT} = \frac{r_+^2}{(R^2 - T^2)} \left[ R^2 h_t^t - 2RT h_{tr} - T^2 h_r^r \right]$$

$$= \frac{r_+^2}{R^2 - T^2} h_{tr} \left[ \pm (R^2 + T^2) - 2RT \right]$$

$$\pm (R - T)^2$$

Since  $R - T = 2e^{r_+/2r_s} e^{-t/2r_+}$   $\alpha U \rightarrow 0$   
at  $r_+$ .

if root  
 $h_{TT}$  is

$$[Th_{tr} - T^2 h_r^r]$$

$$(-T^2) - 2RT]$$

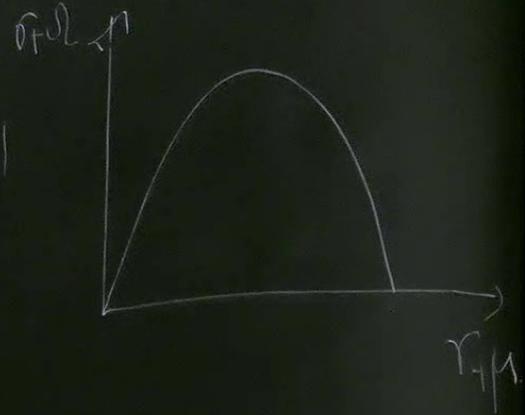
$$(\pm T)^2$$

$$e^{-t/2r_+} \propto U \rightarrow 0 \text{ at } r_+$$

f root

$h_{TT}$  is regular for + root.

Finding solns becomes a numerical e-val problem



But  $R-T = 4e^{R/L} = 4e^{(R-T)/L} \approx 4f$

Since  $R-T = L e$

A complex frequency  $\omega = \omega_R + i\omega_I$   
 $\omega_R$   $\downarrow$  tone/pitch  
 $\omega_I < 0$   $\downarrow$  decaying amplitude

Normal modes eg. violin string



modes labelled by  $n$

$$\delta x'' + \omega^2 \delta x = 0$$

In reality, string loses energy. - damped h.o

For a b.h.

Since  $K=1=2E$   $E$   $\alpha u \rightarrow 0$   
at  $r_+$ .

(QNM)

For a b.h. energy can only "fall" into the b.h. & the notion of the b.h. settling to vacuum soln means energy flows out at  $\infty$ . Expect complex frequency solns.

eg Scalar field

$$Q'' + \omega^2 Q \sim V_{\text{eff}} Q$$

with  $Q \sim e^{-i\omega(t-r)}$   $r \rightarrow \infty$  outgoing  
 $e^{-i\omega(t+r^*)}$   $r \rightarrow r_+$  ingoing

$$dr^*(r)$$

$$V_e(r)$$

Separating variables for a scalar gives  $\psi' = \frac{d}{dr^*}$

$$V_l = f \left[ \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2r_+}{r^3} \right]$$

$$\psi \sim \begin{cases} e^{-\alpha r^*} & \text{at } r_+ \\ e^{\alpha r^*} & \text{at } \infty \end{cases}$$

Although numerical, illustrate eval concept with toy model

$$V_{PT} = \frac{V_0}{\cosh^2 \alpha (r^* - r_{*0})} \quad \text{Poschl-Teller}$$

where  $V_{\psi}''(r_{*0}) = 0$

$$V_0 = V_e(r_{*0}) \quad \alpha^2 = -\frac{V_e''(r_{*0})}{2V_0}$$

strate eval

Poschl-Teller

Define  $u = \tanh \alpha(r_* - r_{*0})$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4V_0}{\alpha^2}}$$

$$\mu = i\omega/\alpha$$

then  $(1-u^2)\varphi_{uu} - 2u\varphi_u + \lambda(\lambda+1)\varphi - \frac{\mu^2}{1-u^2}\varphi = 0$

- Legendre eqn

$$k^2 = -\frac{V_0''(r_{*0})}{2V_0}$$

$$\text{b.c.'s } \frac{d}{dr_*} \varphi \mp i\omega\varphi = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (1-u^2)\alpha \frac{d\varphi}{du} \pm \alpha\mu\varphi = 0$$

$\sim P_{\lambda}^{\mu \pm 1}$

bc's pick a discrete set of solns

$$\sin[(\mu-1-\lambda)\pi] = 0$$

$$\mu = 1 + \lambda + n$$

$$\rightarrow \omega = \pm \sqrt{V_0 - \alpha^2} - i\alpha l$$

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↑  
tower

quasi-normal as dissipate energy

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$\ell \rightarrow \infty$  (eikonal).

$V' = 0$  at  $3r_g M \leftrightarrow$  light ring

Ringdown frequency  $\sqrt{V_0 - \frac{\alpha^2}{4}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{4\ell^2}{27r_g^2} - \frac{8}{(2r_g)^2}}$

related to  $M$ .