

# Gravity waves from plunges into rapidly rotating black holes

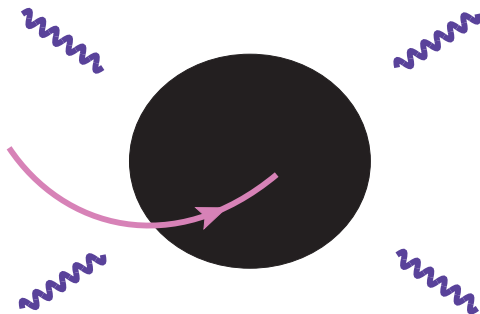
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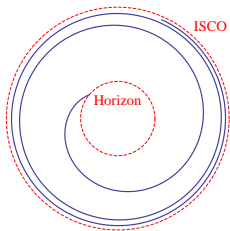
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## The problem



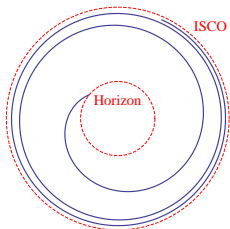
Goal: compute plunge & ringdown GW signal

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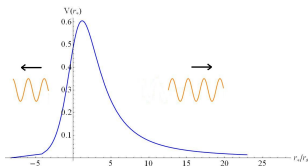


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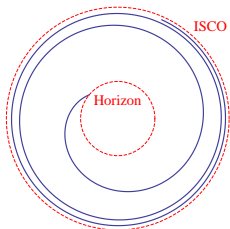
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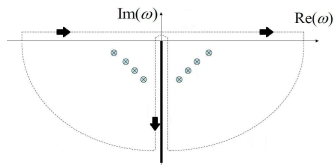


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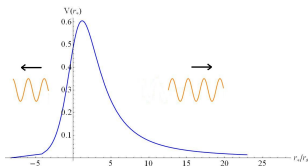
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- ▶ Sum over QNMs

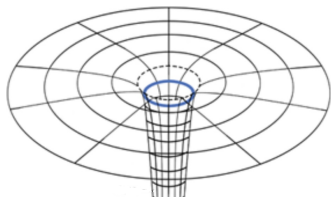
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## Background: Kerr/CFT



- ▶ Near-extremal near-horizon Kerr throat (NHEK).  
Enhanced symmetry
- ▶ Kerr/CFT conjecture:  
BH dual to 1 + 1 D CFT
- ▶ Checks include: scattering,  
entropy

- ▶ Holography & AdS/CFT
- ▶ Near horizon decoupled  
limit of black branes



## Motivation

- ▶ Analytical GW signatures with new methods
- ▶ Illuminate & test Kerr/CFT

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## The near-horizon near-extremal limit

- ▶ Kerr BH:  $J \leq M^2$
- ▶  $J \sim M^2 \Rightarrow$  new small parameter:  $\kappa = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{J}{M^2}\right)^2}$
- ▶ Zoom in & extremize.  $\hat{r}, \hat{t}, \hat{\phi} \Leftrightarrow$  Boyer-Lindquist coordinates

$$r = \frac{\hat{r} - r_+}{\lambda r_+} \quad ; \quad t = \lambda \frac{\hat{t}}{2M} \quad ; \quad \phi = \hat{\phi} - \frac{\hat{t}}{2M}$$

$$\kappa, \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

## NHEK/nearNHEK geometry

- ▶ Take  $\kappa = \alpha\lambda \rightarrow 0$  ( $\alpha = \text{const}$ )

$$ds^2 = 2M^2\Gamma \left( -r(r+2\alpha)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r(r+2\alpha)} + d\theta^2 + \Lambda^2 (d\phi + (r+\alpha)dt)^2 \right)$$

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- ▶ Take  $\kappa = 0$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  (or equivalently  $\alpha = 0$ )

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- ▶ Enhanced symmetry:  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbf{U}(1) \Rightarrow \mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbf{U}(1)$

$$Q_0 = \partial_\Phi$$

$$H_0 = \partial_T$$

$$H_1 = T \partial_T - R \partial_R$$

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2R^2} + T^2 \right) \partial_T - TR \partial_R - \frac{1}{R} \partial_\Phi$$

- ▶ NHEK, nearNHEK - nonsingular,  $\det g \neq 0$
- ▶ Not asymptotically flat

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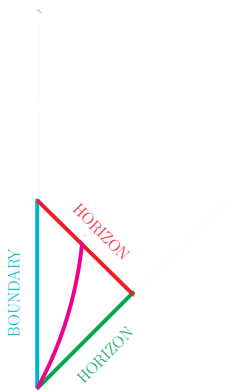
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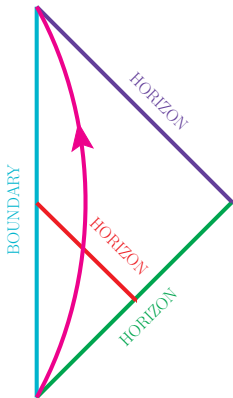
$$l = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{3}} \quad ; \quad e = 0$$

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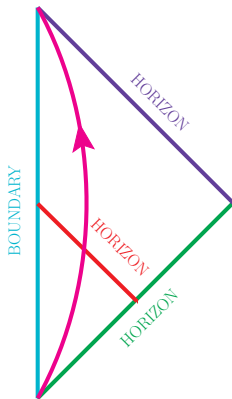
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# Mapping



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$$T = -e^{-\alpha t} \frac{r + \alpha}{\sqrt{r(r+2\alpha)}}$$

$$R = \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{\alpha t} \sqrt{r(r+2\alpha)}$$

$$\Phi = \phi - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{r}{r+2\alpha}$$

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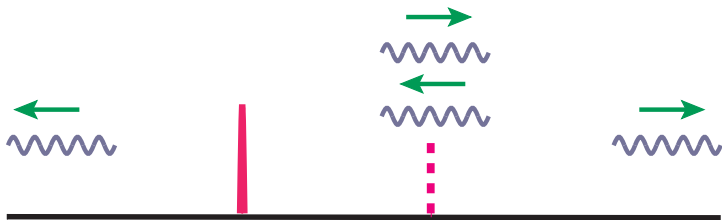
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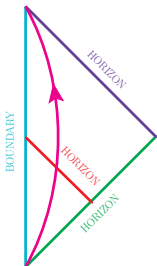
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## Solution

- ▶ Solution for circular orbit:



- ▶ Via homogeneous solutions - Whittaker functions
- ▶ Outgoing BC
- ▶ Inverse transformation - solve plunge
- ▶ Then match to far, asymptotically flat region



## Results

- ▶ For simplicity discuss results for scalar field (did also GR)

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\partial\psi)^2 + \rho\psi \right] d^4x$$

$$\rho = q \int d\tau \sqrt{-g} \delta^4(x - x_p(\tau))$$

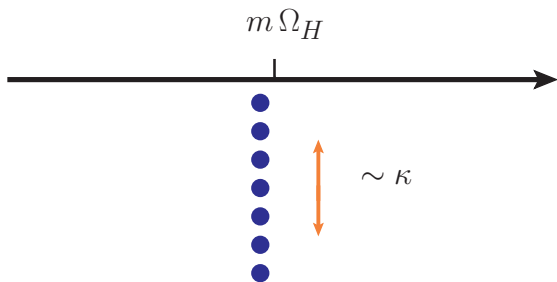
- ▶ Radiation at infinity

$$\psi = \sum \hat{R}_{\ell m \hat{\omega}} S_\ell(\theta) e^{-i(\hat{\omega}\hat{t} - m\hat{\phi})}$$

- ▶ Full frequency domain solution for  $\hat{R}_{\ell m \hat{\omega}}$

## Quasinormal mode decomposition

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- ▶ QNMs can be summed analytically to give

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{\text{far}}(r \rightarrow \infty) &= \sum_{\ell, m} \frac{3^{h-\frac{1}{2}} Q}{2^h M} (-1)^{-h} e^{3im/4} S_{\ell}(\pi/2) W_{im, h-\frac{1}{2}}(3im/2) \\ &\times (im)^{2h-2+im} e^{\pi m} \frac{(1-2h)\Gamma(h-im)^2}{\Gamma(2h)^2} e^{im(\hat{\phi}-\hat{\phi}_0)} S_{\ell}(\theta) r^{-1+im} e^{imr/2} \\ &\times \exp \left[ -i \frac{m-i\kappa h}{2M} (\hat{t}-\hat{t}_0) - \frac{3im}{4\kappa} e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2M}(\hat{t}-\hat{t}_0)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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## The dual CFT

- ▶ GW source is dual to CFT source

$$S = S_{\text{CFT}} + \int \mathcal{O} J$$

- ▶  $J_{\ell m} \propto \int M_{(\ell m)} \rho_{(\ell m)} dr \sim$  multipole moments
- ▶ Radiation flux down the horizon is dual to transition rate in the CFT, given by Fermi's golden rule

$$\mathcal{F} = \int dT d\Phi |J|^2 G_{\text{CFT}}$$

- ▶ 2-point function in CFT fixed solely by symmetry, up to a multiplicative constant
- ▶  $J^{\text{circular}}$ , source for circular case, known

## The dual CFT

- ▶ The diffeo reduces to conformal transformation on boundary

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \phi \\ T &= -e^{-\kappa t}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Transform source  $J$  according to conformal weight:

$$J^{\text{plunge}} = (\kappa e^{-\kappa t})^{1-h} J^{\text{circular}}$$

- ▶ Bulk & boundary agree

## Summary

- ▶ Analytical GW signatures from enhanced symmetry
- ▶ Incorporation of sources into Kerr/CFT
- ▶ To do (until) next (Capra): generalize orbit

# Appendices

## Kerr & zoom

- ▶ Kerr geometry

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{\hat{\rho}^2} (d\hat{t} - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi)^2 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\hat{\rho}^2} \left( (\hat{r}^2 + a^2) d\hat{\phi} - a d\hat{t} \right)^2 + \frac{\hat{\rho}^2}{\Delta} d\hat{r}^2 + \hat{\rho}^2 d\theta^2$$

$$\hat{\rho} := \hat{r}^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad ; \quad \Delta := \hat{r}^2 - 2M\hat{r} + a^2 = (\hat{r} - r_+)(\hat{r} - r_-)$$

- ▶  $J \leq M^2$ . New small parameter:  $\kappa = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a}{M}\right)^2}$
- ▶ Zoom in & extremize (Bardeen & Horowitz '98)

$$r = \frac{\hat{r} - r_+}{\lambda r_+} \quad ; \quad t = \lambda \frac{\hat{t}}{2M} \quad ; \quad \phi = \hat{\phi} - \frac{\hat{t}}{2M} \quad ; \quad \kappa, \lambda \rightarrow 0$$

## Results

- ▶ Radiation (frequency domain) at infinity

$$\psi = \sum \hat{R}_{\ell mn} S_{\ell}(\theta) e^{-i(\hat{\omega}t - m\hat{\phi})}$$

$$\hat{R}_{\ell mn} = 4q (-)^{-h} (2\kappa)^{h-1} \left(\frac{3R_0}{4}\right)^{i(n-m)} \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{2M}\right)^{-1+im} e^{im\frac{\hat{r}}{2M}}$$

$$\times \frac{S_{\ell}(\frac{\pi}{2}) W_{im, h-\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{3im}{2}\right) (im)^{h-2+im} e^{\pi m} (1-2h) \frac{\Gamma^2(h-im)}{\Gamma^2(2h)}}{\frac{1}{\Gamma(h-i(n-m))} - (-2im\kappa)^{2h-1} \frac{\Gamma^2(1-2h)}{\Gamma^2(1-2h)} \frac{\Gamma(h-im)}{\Gamma(1-h-im)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-h-i(n-m))}}$$

$$h := \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + K_{\ell} - 2m^2} \quad ; \quad n := 2M \frac{\hat{\omega} - m\Omega_H}{\kappa}$$

## CFT propagator

$$G = \# (-)^{h_L+h_R} \left( \frac{\pi T_L}{\sinh(\pi T_L t^+)} \right)^{2h_L} \left( \frac{\pi T_R}{\sinh(\pi T_R t^-)} \right)^{2h_R} e^{iq_R \Omega_R t^-}$$