

# On the Linear (In)stability of Extremal Reissner-Nordström

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**Conjecture: Kerr(-Newmann) black holes are stable**

Initial data,  $(\Sigma_0, \bar{g}, k)$ , for the Einstein equation which are sufficiently close to a Kerr(-Newman) black hole evolve asymptotically in time to another member of the Kerr(-Newman) family.

# Einstein–Maxwell Equations

Gravitational field interacts with electromagnetic radiation

$$\begin{aligned} Ric(g) &= 2F \cdot F - \frac{1}{2} |F|^2 g \\ dF &= 0, \quad div F = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$F_{\mu\nu}$  : electromagnetic tensor ( $F = dA$ ).

**Reissner-Nordström spacetime (1917):**  $|Q| \leq M$

$$g_{M,Q} = - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{Q^2}{r^2} \right) dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{Q^2}{r^2} \right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 \gamma_{\mathbb{S}^2}$$

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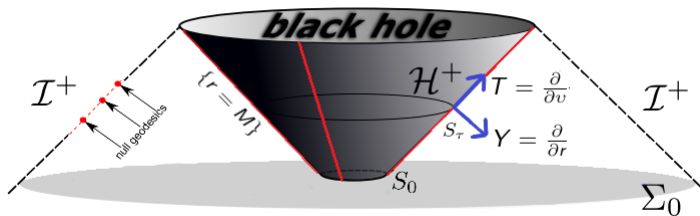
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- Trapping effect on degenerate horizons.
- Horizon instabilities manifest for the scalar wave equation (Aretakis Instability).

# ERN Geometry

Ingoing Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates:  $(v, r, \theta, \phi)$

$$g_{ERN} = -D(r)dv^2 + 2dvdr + r^2 \cdot \gamma, \quad D(r) := \left(1 - \frac{M}{r}\right)^2$$

- $T := \frac{\partial}{\partial v}$  is normal to the event horizon  $\mathcal{H}^+$ , tangent to its **null** geodesics/generators.
- $Y := \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$  is transversal to  $\mathcal{H}^+$



# Aretakis Instability

$$\square_{g_{ERN}} \psi = 0 \quad (1)$$

## Conservation Laws along $\mathcal{H}^+$ (Stefanos Aretakis.2010 )

For all solutions  $\psi_\ell$  to (1), supported on the **fixed** angular frequency  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.

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**Idea:** In  $(v, r, \theta, \phi)$  coordinates,

$$\square \psi = D \partial_r \partial_r \psi + 2 \partial_v \partial_r \psi + \frac{2}{r} \partial_v \psi + R \partial_r \psi + \Delta \psi$$

For spherical symmetric solutions  $\psi$ , i.e.  $\Delta \psi = 0$ , along the horizon  $\mathcal{H}^+$  we have  $D(r = M) = R(r = M) = 0$ , thus

$$T \left( 2 \partial_r \psi + \frac{2}{M} \psi \right) = 0$$

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- **Decay:** For all  $k \leq \ell$ , we have

$$|\partial_r^k \psi_\ell| \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

- **Non-decay:**

$$\partial_r^{\ell+1} \psi_\ell \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} H_\ell[\psi_\ell]$$

- **Blow-up:** For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\partial_r^{\ell+1+k} \psi_\ell \sim_k H_\ell \cdot \tau^k$$

# Linearized Einstein–Maxwell equations

Represent the Einstein–Maxwell equations with the non-linear operator

$$\mathcal{E}[\varphi] = 0 \tag{2}$$

Let  $\varphi_\lambda$  be a family of stationary solutions to (2).

$$\left. \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}[\psi]}{\delta \psi} \right|_{\varphi_\lambda} = 0$$

Study solutions  $\psi$  asymptotically in time.



# Linearized Einstein–Maxwell equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_3 \widehat{\chi} + (\underline{\kappa} + 2\underline{\omega}) \widehat{\chi} &= -2 \mathcal{P}_2^* \underline{\xi} - \underline{\alpha}, \\ \nabla_4 \widehat{\chi} + (\kappa + 2\omega) \widehat{\chi} &= -2 \mathcal{P}_2^* \underline{\xi} - \underline{\alpha}, \\ \nabla_3 \widehat{\chi} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} - 2\underline{\omega}\right) \widehat{\chi} &= -2 \mathcal{P}_2^* \eta - \frac{1}{2} \kappa \widehat{\chi} \\ \nabla_4 \widehat{\chi} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \kappa - 2\omega\right) \widehat{\chi} &= -2 \mathcal{P}_2^* \eta - \frac{1}{2} \kappa \widehat{\chi},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_3 \underline{\kappa} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa}^2 + 2\underline{\omega} \underline{\kappa} &= 2 \mathfrak{d}iv \underline{\xi}, \\ \nabla_4 \underline{\kappa} + \frac{1}{2} \kappa^2 + 2\omega \underline{\kappa} &= 2 \mathfrak{d}iv \underline{\xi}, \\ \nabla_3 \kappa + \frac{1}{2} \kappa \underline{\kappa} - 2\underline{\omega} \kappa &= 2 \mathfrak{d}iv \eta + 2\rho, \\ \nabla_4 \kappa + \frac{1}{2} \kappa \kappa - 2\omega \kappa &= 2 \mathfrak{d}iv \eta + 2\rho,\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathfrak{d}iv \widehat{\chi} = -\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} \zeta - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{P}_1^*(\underline{\kappa}, 0) + \underline{\beta} - {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta},$$

$$\mathfrak{d}iv \widehat{\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \zeta - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{P}_1^*(\kappa, 0) - \beta + {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_4 \underline{\omega} + \nabla_3 \omega &= 4\underline{\omega} \omega + \rho + {}^{(F)}\rho^2, \\ \text{cuf}l \eta &= \sigma, \\ \text{cuf}l \underline{\eta} &= -\sigma\end{aligned}$$

$$K = -\frac{1}{4} \kappa \underline{\kappa} - \rho + {}^{(F)}\rho^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_3 \zeta + \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} - 2\underline{\omega}\right) \zeta &= 2 \mathcal{P}_1^*(\underline{\omega}, 0) - \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} + 2\underline{\omega}\right) \eta + \left(\frac{1}{2} \kappa + 2\omega\right) \underline{\xi} - \underline{\beta} - {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta}, \\ \nabla_4 \zeta + \left(\frac{1}{2} \kappa - 2\omega\right) \zeta &= -2 \mathcal{P}_1^*(\underline{\omega}, 0) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \kappa + 2\omega\right) \eta - \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} + 2\underline{\omega}\right) \underline{\xi} - \beta - {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta}, \\ \nabla_4 \underline{\xi} - \nabla_3 \eta &= -\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} (\eta - \underline{\eta}) + 4\underline{\omega} \underline{\xi} - \underline{\beta} - {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta}, \\ \nabla_3 \underline{\xi} - \nabla_4 \eta &= \frac{1}{2} \kappa (\eta - \underline{\eta}) + 4\underline{\omega} \underline{\xi} + \beta + {}^{(F)}\rho {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta},\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_3 {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{\kappa} - 2\underline{\omega}\right) {}^{(F)}\underline{\beta} = -\mathcal{P}_1^*({}^{(F)}\rho, {}^{(F)}\sigma) + 2 {}^{(F)}\rho \eta,$$

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**Teukolsky system in RN.** (Elena Giorgi, 2018)

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Studying the above system directly is not possible\*



# Regge–Wheeler System

Transformation:

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**Scalar Regge–Wheeler equations (RW)**

$$\left( \square_{g_{ERN}} - V_i^{(\ell)}(r) \right) \Psi_i^{(\ell)} = 0, \quad \ell \geq i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\phi = r^2 (d\!/\!v d\!/\!v \mathbf{q}^F, c\!/\!r l d\!/\!v \mathbf{q}^F)$$

$$\psi = r (d\!/\!v \mathbf{p}, c\!/\!r l \mathbf{p})$$

$$\Psi_i^{(\ell)} = a_i(\ell, M) \phi_\ell + b_i(\ell, M) \psi_\ell$$

$$V_i^{(\ell)}(r) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right).$$

# Qualitative behavior of solutions to (RW)

## Conservation Laws along $\mathcal{H}^+$ . (A. 2022)

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## Decay along $\mathcal{H}^+$ :

- $\left| \partial_r^k \Psi_1^{(\ell)} \right| \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} 0, \quad k < \ell + 2$
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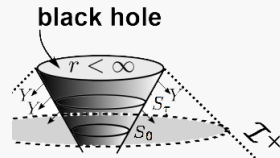
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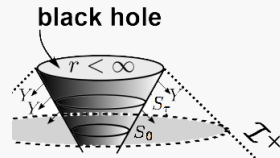
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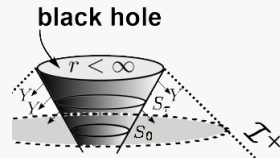
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$$\nabla_{\partial_r}^{k+1} \mathfrak{f} = \tilde{c}_1(r) \cdot \nabla_{\partial_r}^k \mathbf{q}^F + \mathcal{L}^{k-1}[\mathbf{q}^F] + k_1(r) \cdot \mathfrak{f}$$

Using  $(\star)$  we show decay estimates for  $\mathfrak{f}$ . For higher order, we have

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# Estimates for the +2-spin $\alpha$ Teukolsky solution

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