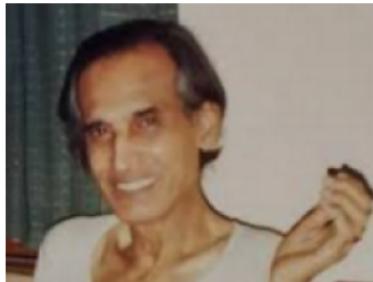


Ringdown of Rotating Black Holes

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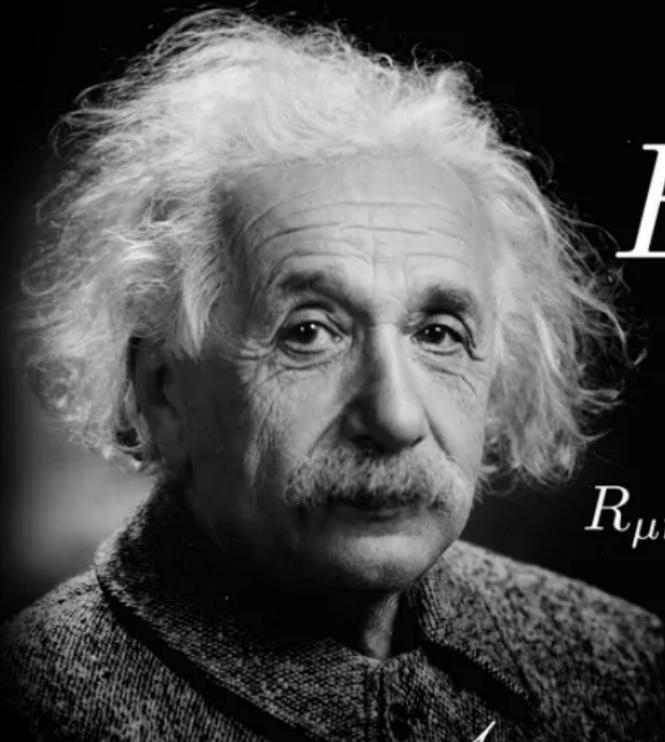
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General Relativity

A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing him from the chest up. He has his characteristic wild, white hair and a full, grey beard. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression.
$$E = mc^2$$

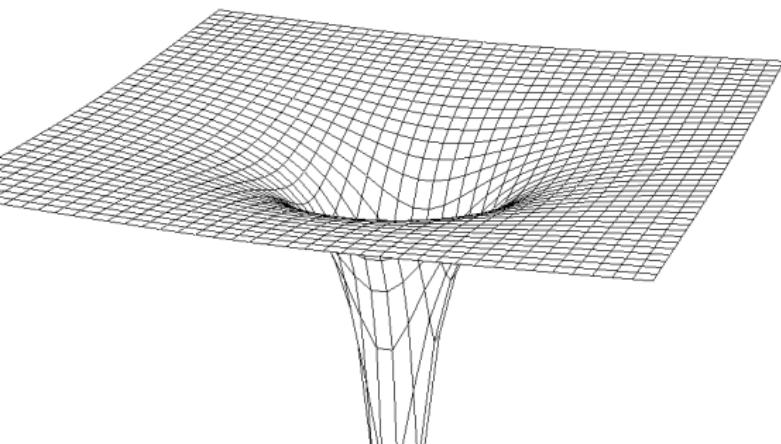
$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

A cursive signature of the name "Albert Einstein" written in black ink.

Schwarzschild Black Holes

Schwarzschild 1916

- solution of the Einstein equations
in vacuum



- black hole with mass M



Karl Schwarzschild 1873 — 1916

- Schwarzschild radius

$$r_H = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

- event horizon
- singularity $r = 0$

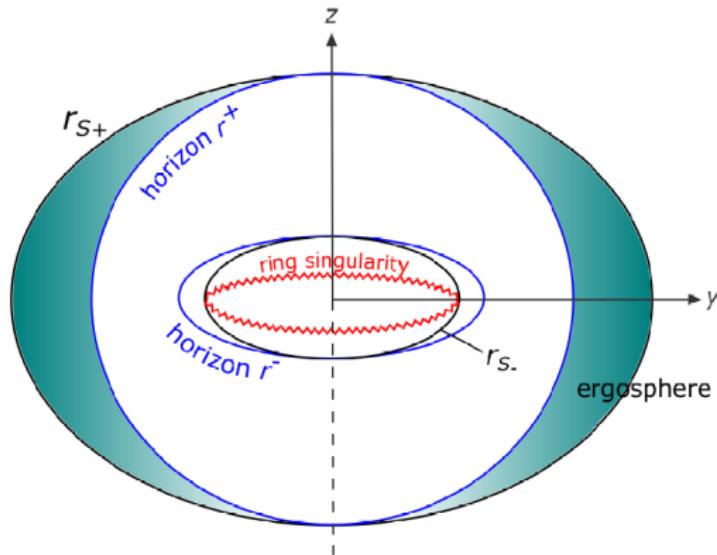
Kerr Black Holes

rotating generalization of the Schwarzschild black holes:
Kerr (1963)

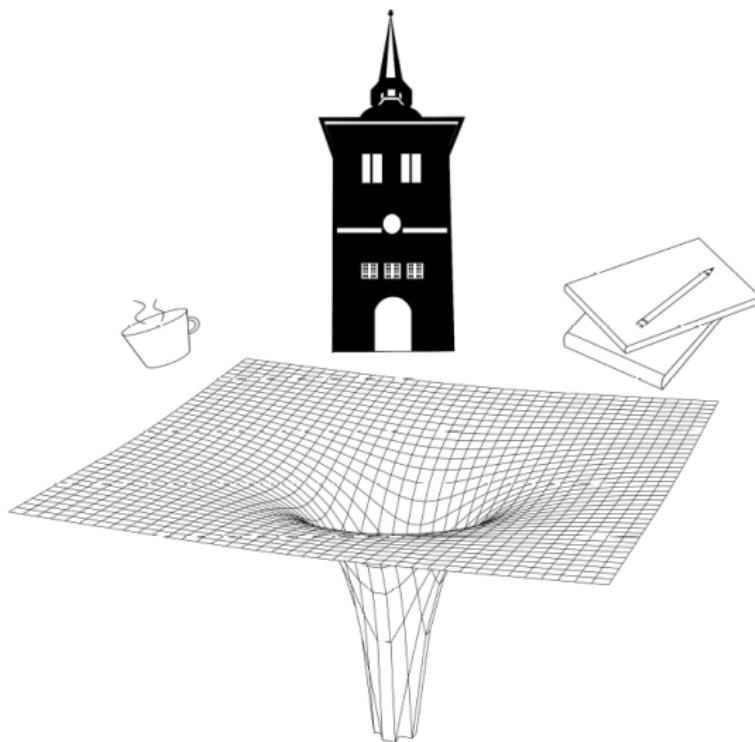
astrophysical black holes
are described by the Kerr solution!?



Roy Kerr *1934



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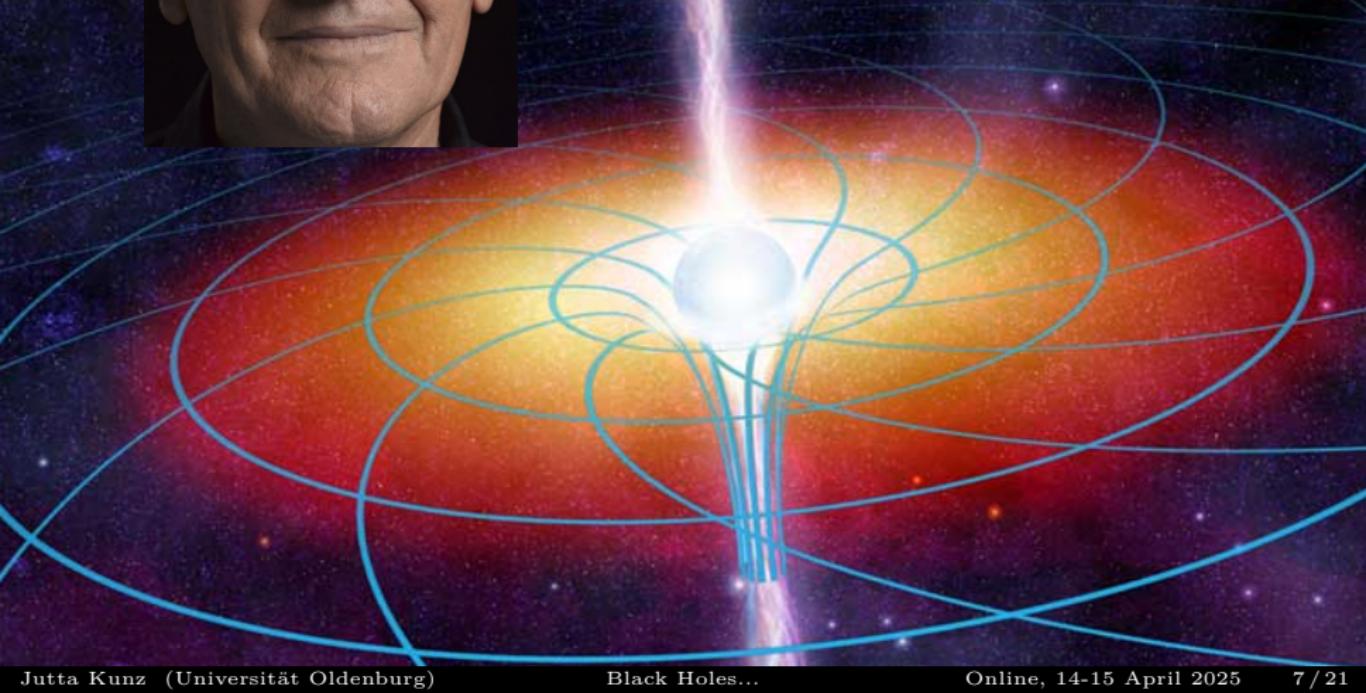


Black holes have no hair

Testing GR: Kerr black holes

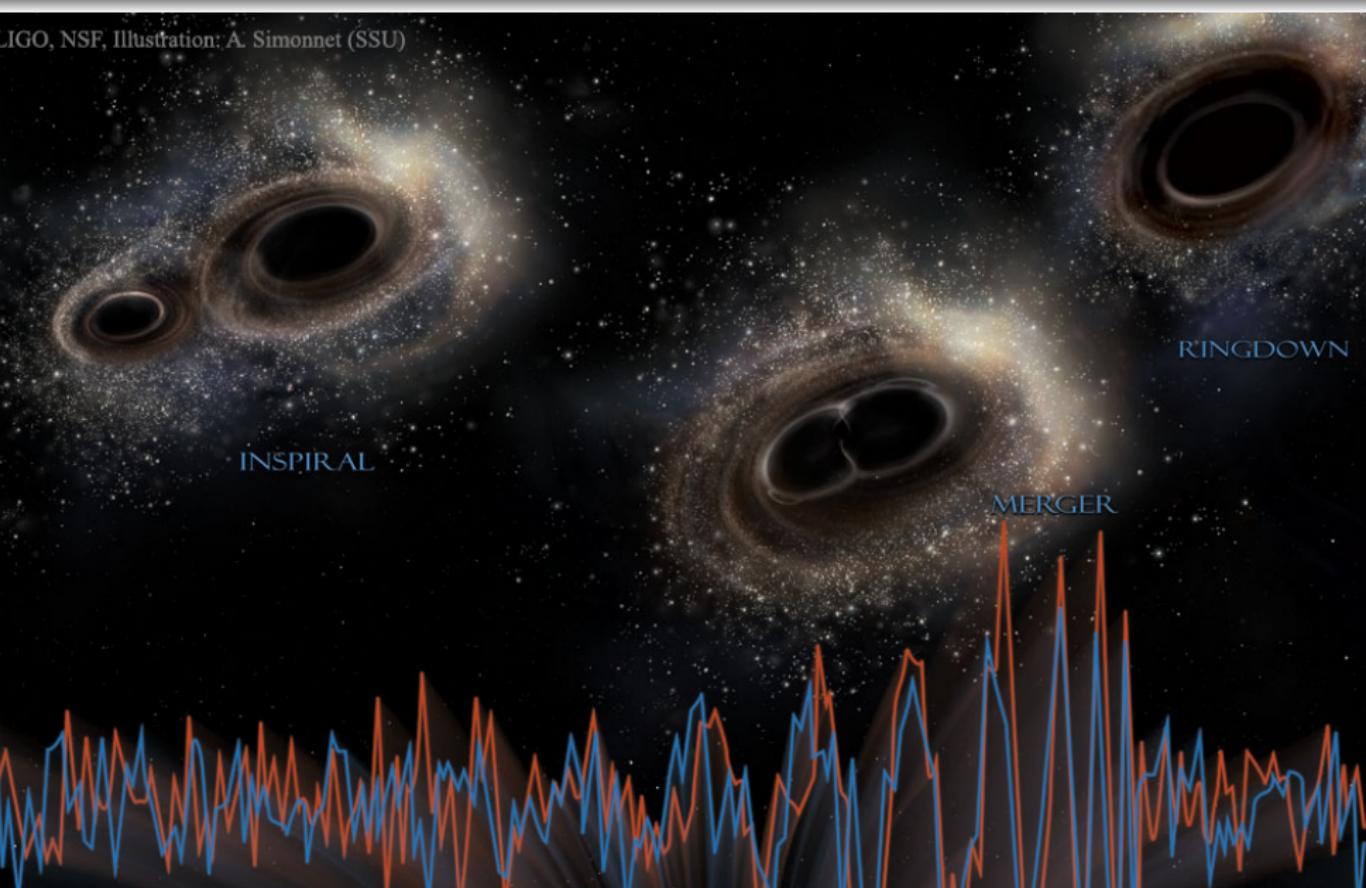


Kerr Paradigm

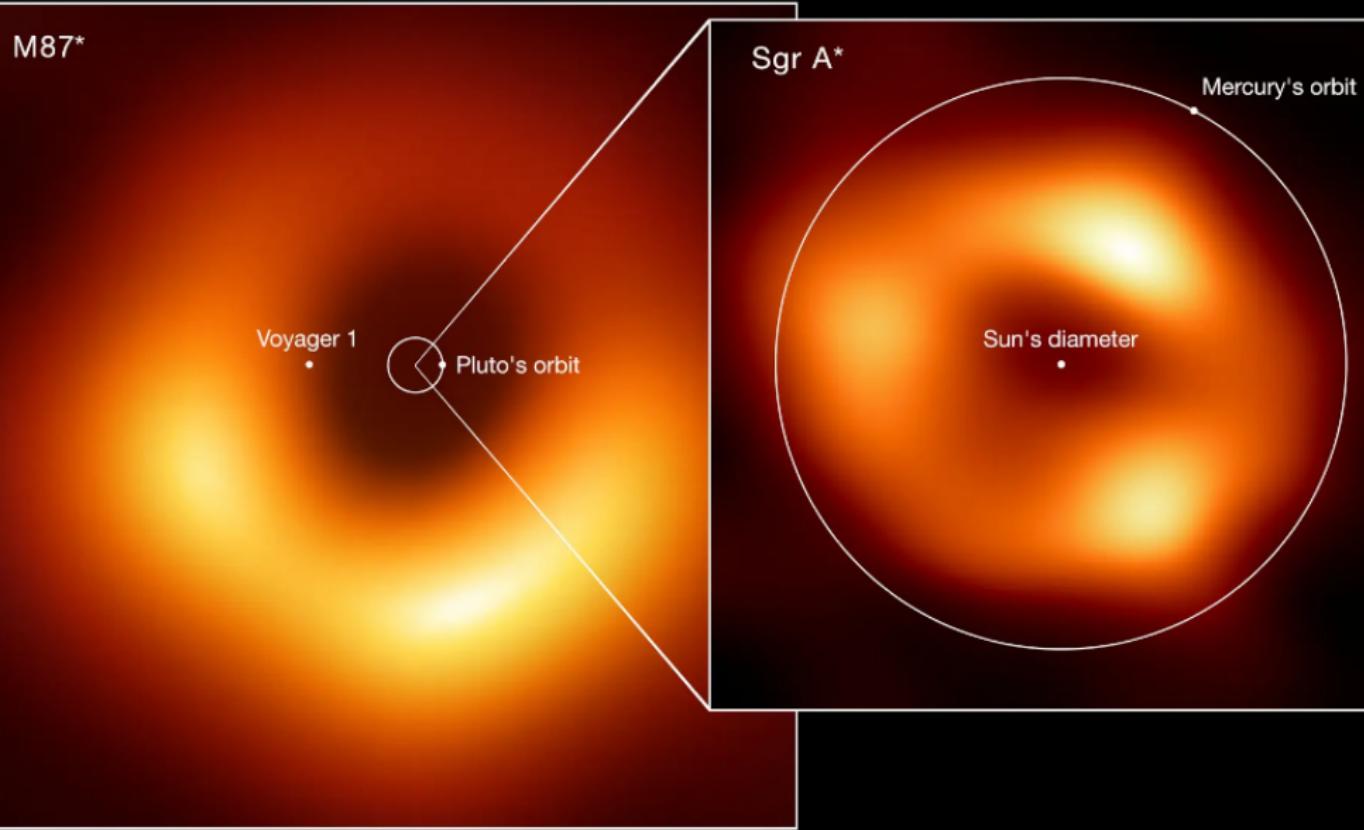


Testing GR: Kerr black holes

LIGO, NSF, Illustration: A. Simonnet (SSU)



Testing GR: Kerr black holes



Alternative Theories of Gravity



- Compatible with all solar system tests!
- Strong gravity?
 - Black holes
 - Neutron stars
 - Exotic compact objects
- Cosmology?



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Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet Theories

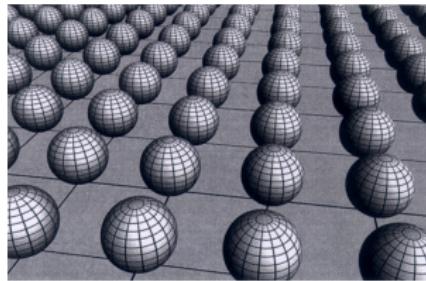
EsGB action

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 + f(\varphi)R_{\text{GB}}^2 \right]$$

Gauss-Bonnet term: quadratic in the curvature

$$R_{\text{GB}}^2 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$$

coupling function $f(\varphi)$



The resulting set of equations of motion are of second order (Horndeski).

EdGB black holes: properties

Kanti et al. hep-th/9511071, Torii et al. gr-qc/9606034

dilatonic coupling function

$$f(\varphi) = \frac{\alpha}{4} e^{-\gamma\varphi}$$

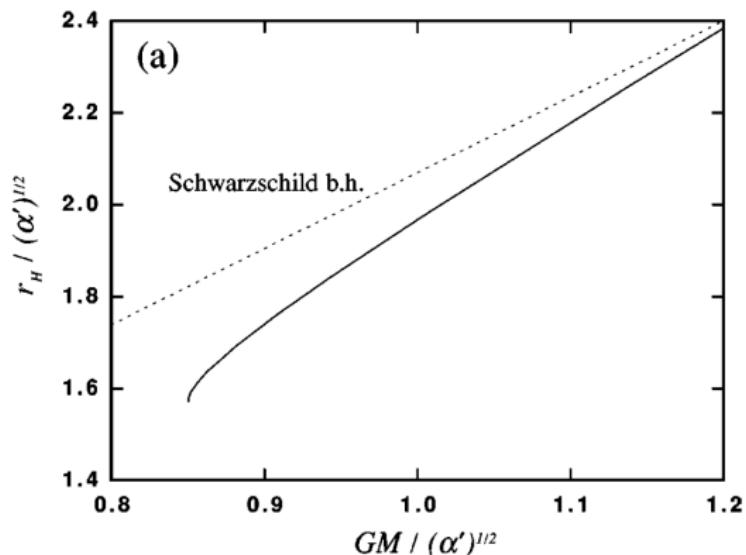
static black holes

critical black holes:

horizon expansion

$$\sqrt{1 - 6 \frac{\alpha'^2}{r_h^4} e^{2\varphi_h}}$$

lower bound
on the horizon size
for fixed α'

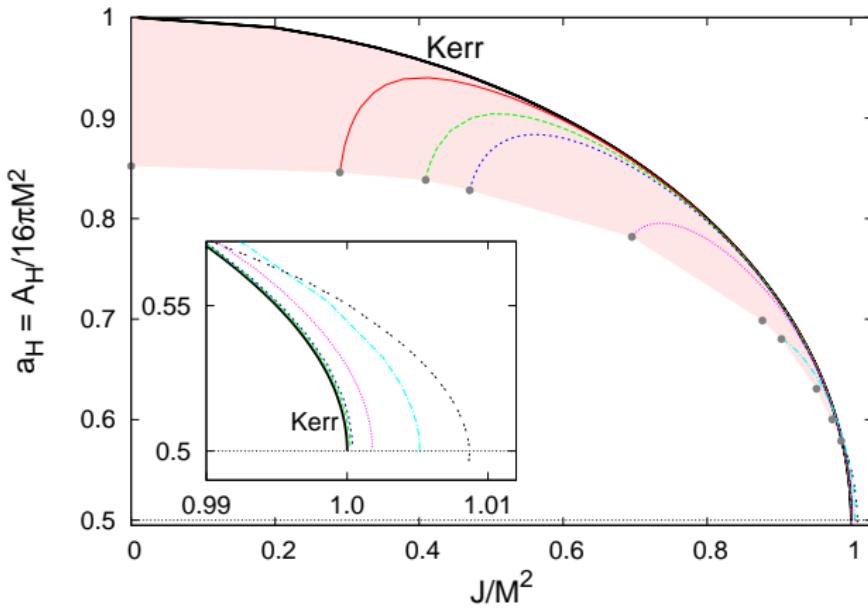


lower bound on the mass

EdGB black holes: properties

Kleinhau et al. 1101.2868

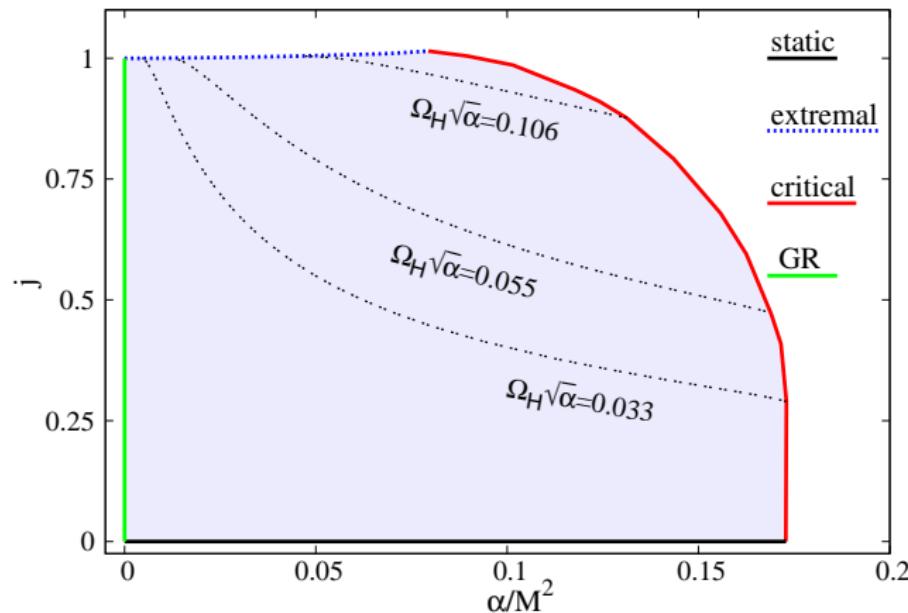
horizon area versus angular momentum



EdGB black holes: properties

Blazquez-Salcedo et al. arXiv: 2407.20760

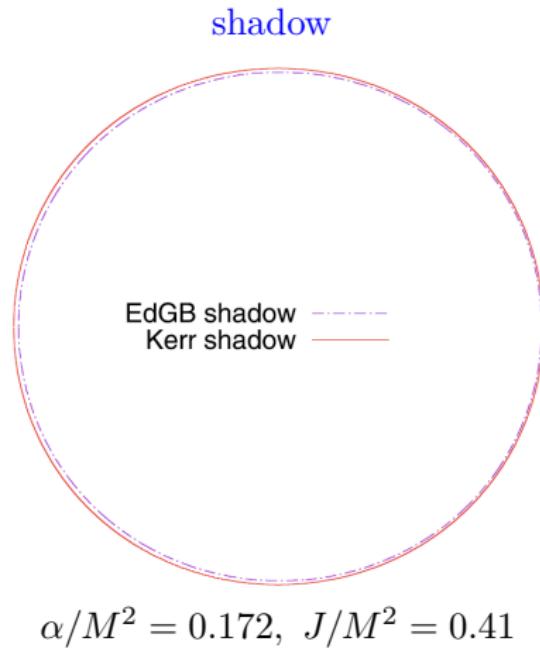
angular momentum versus coupling constant



limited domain of existence of background black hole solutions

EdGB black holes: properties

Cunha et al. arXiv:1701.00079



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EdGB black holes: QNMs of static BHs

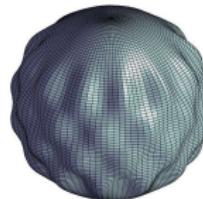
perturbation theory: damped oscillations

metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(r) + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu}(t, r, \theta, \phi)$$

scalar

$$\phi = \varphi_0(r) + \epsilon \delta\varphi(t, r, \theta, \phi)$$



polar modes: even-parity perturbations

axial modes: odd-parity perturbations (pure space-time modes)

master equation: Schrödinger-like equation

eigenvalue ω

$$\omega = \omega_R + i\omega_I$$

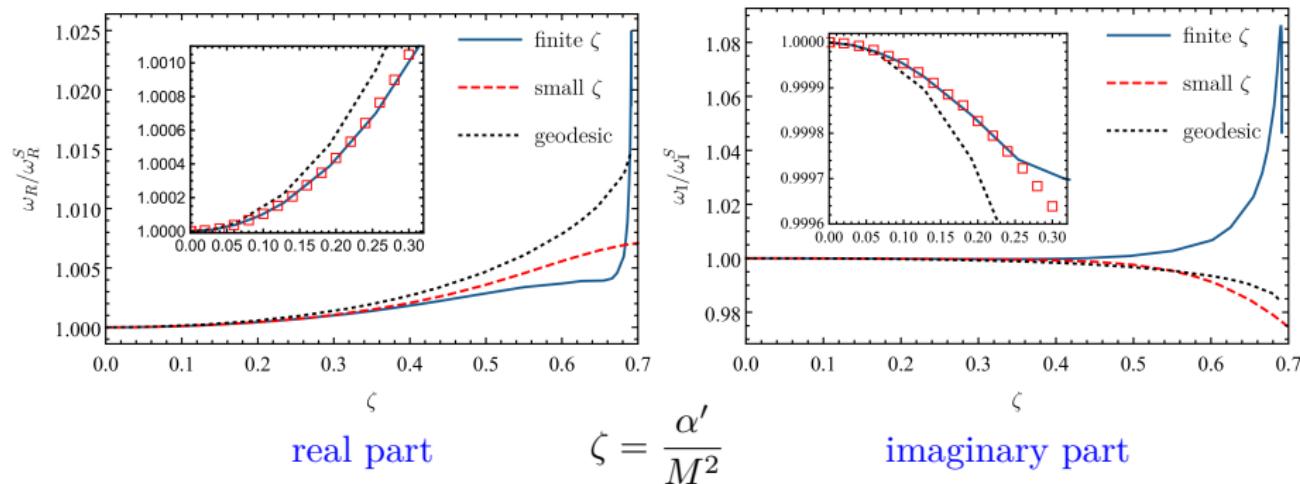
frequency: ω_R

decay time: $\tau = 1/\omega_I$

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Blazquez-Salcedo et al. arXiv:1609.01286

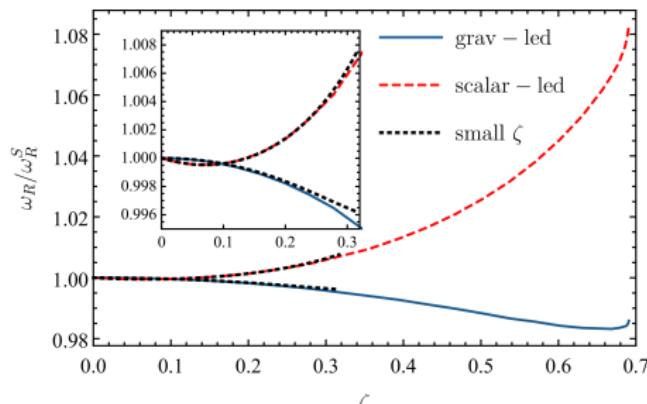
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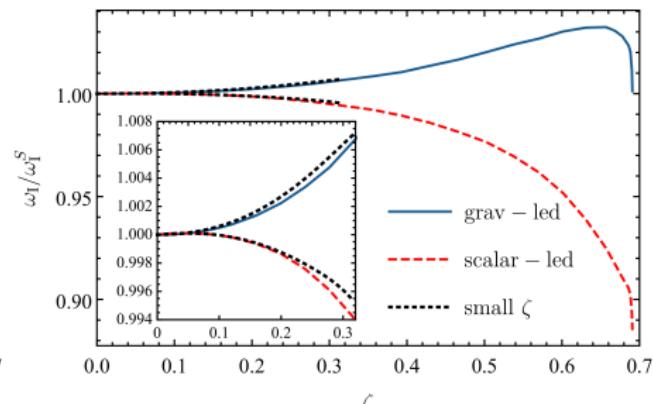
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real part

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha'}{M^2}$$



imaginary part

EdGB black holes: QNMs of rotating BHs

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polar-led metric (P) perturbations

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scalar-led perturbations

$$\varphi = \varphi^{(bg)} + \epsilon \delta \varphi(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \varphi^{(bg)} + \epsilon e^{i(M_z\phi - \omega t)} \Phi(r, \theta)$$

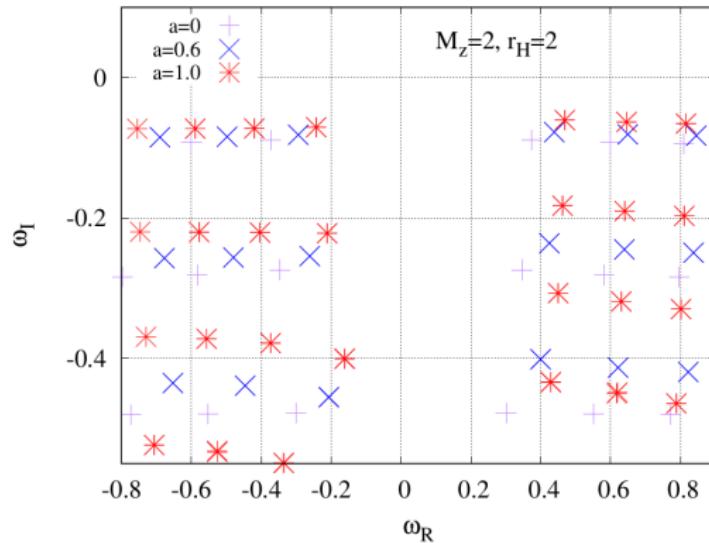
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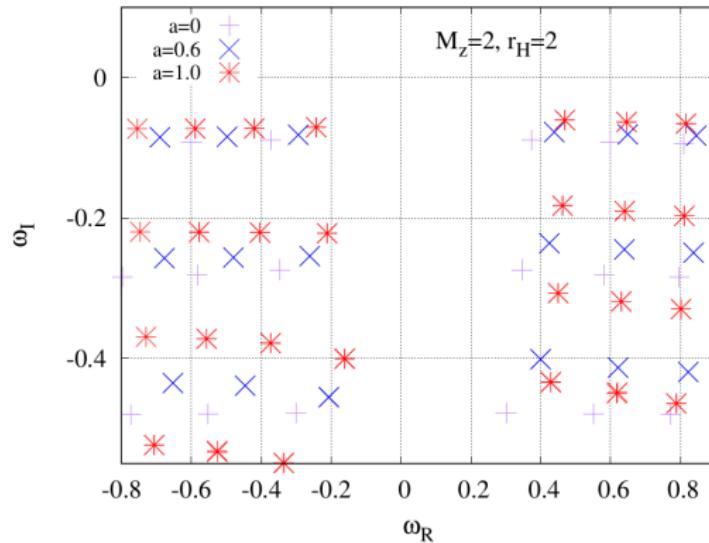
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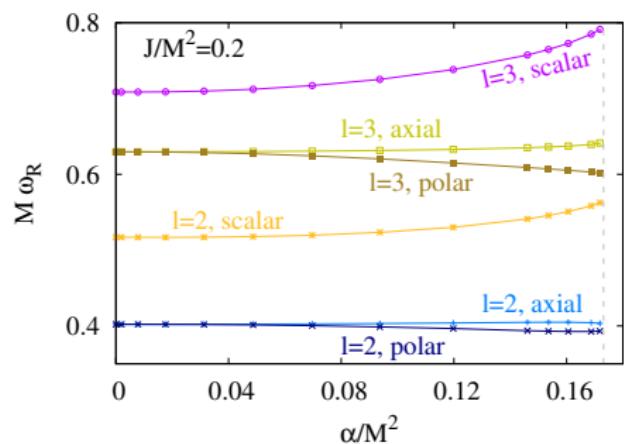


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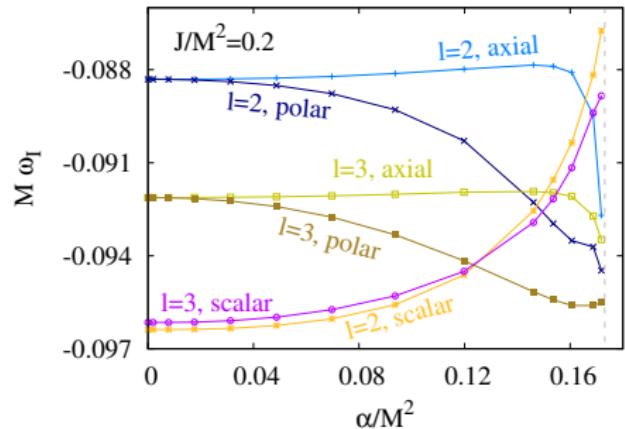
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polar-led, axial-led, and scalar-led QNMs versus coupling constant α/M^2

$$J/M^2 = 0.2$$



real part



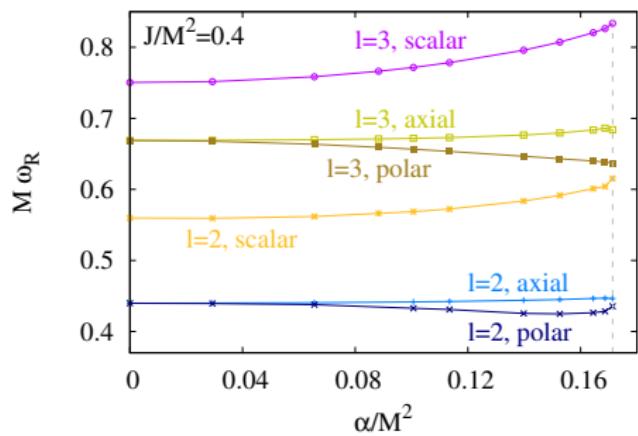
imaginary part

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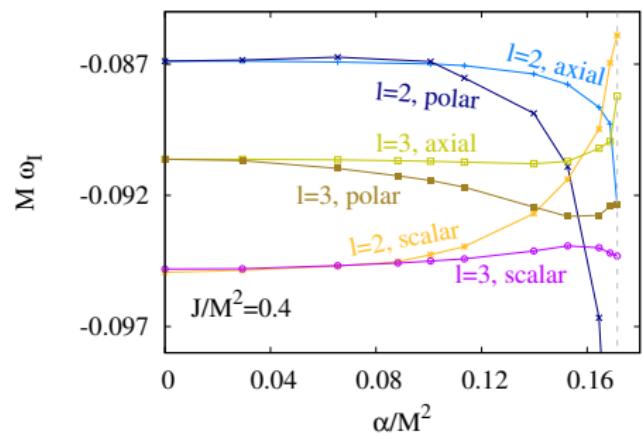
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$$J/M^2 = 0.4$$



real part



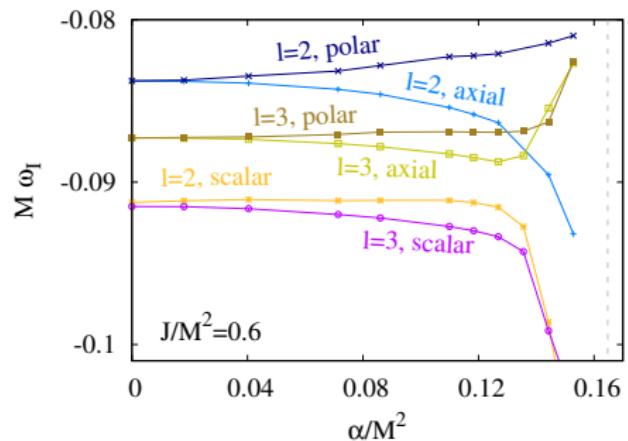
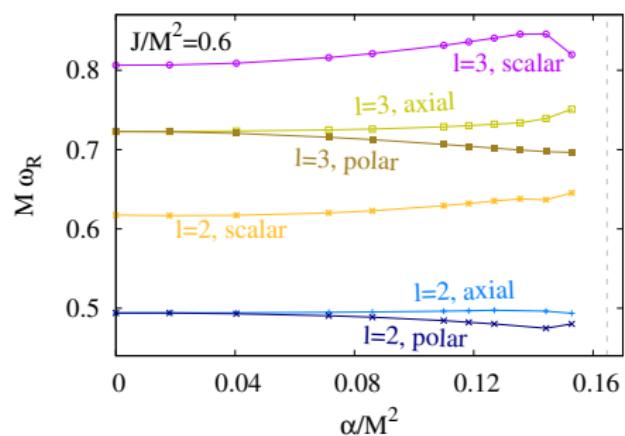
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polar-led, axial-led, and scalar-led QNMs versus coupling constant α/M^2

$$J/M^2 = 0.6$$

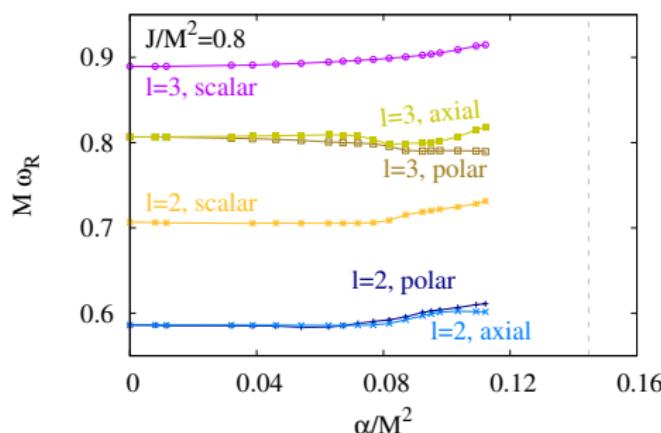


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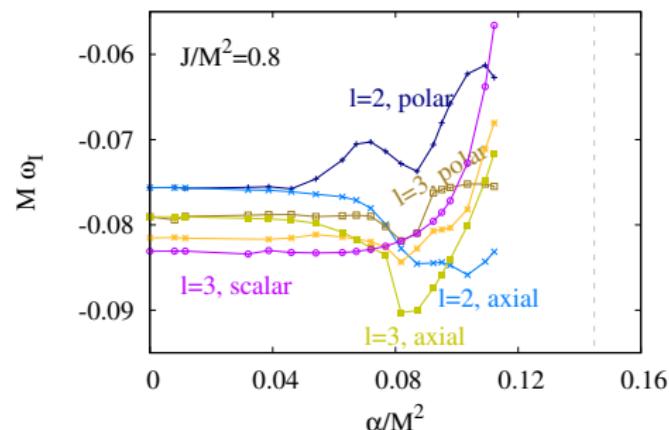
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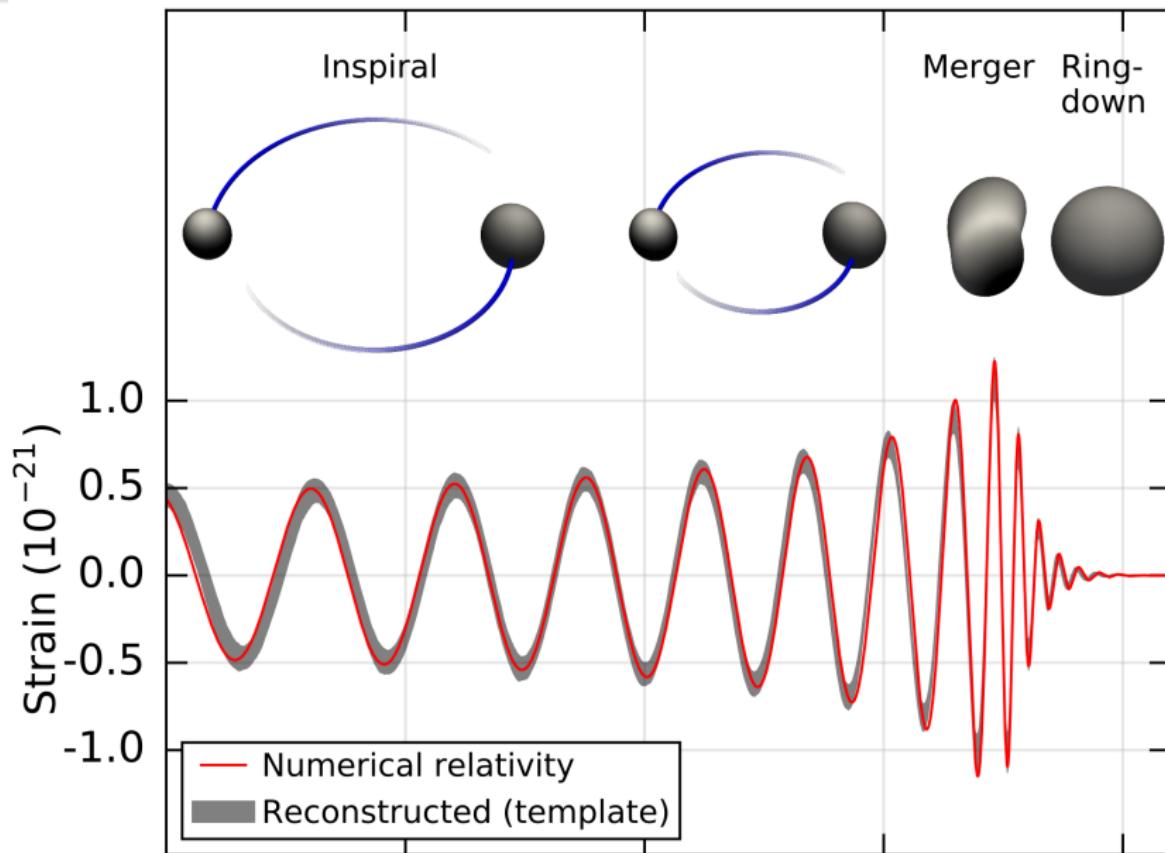


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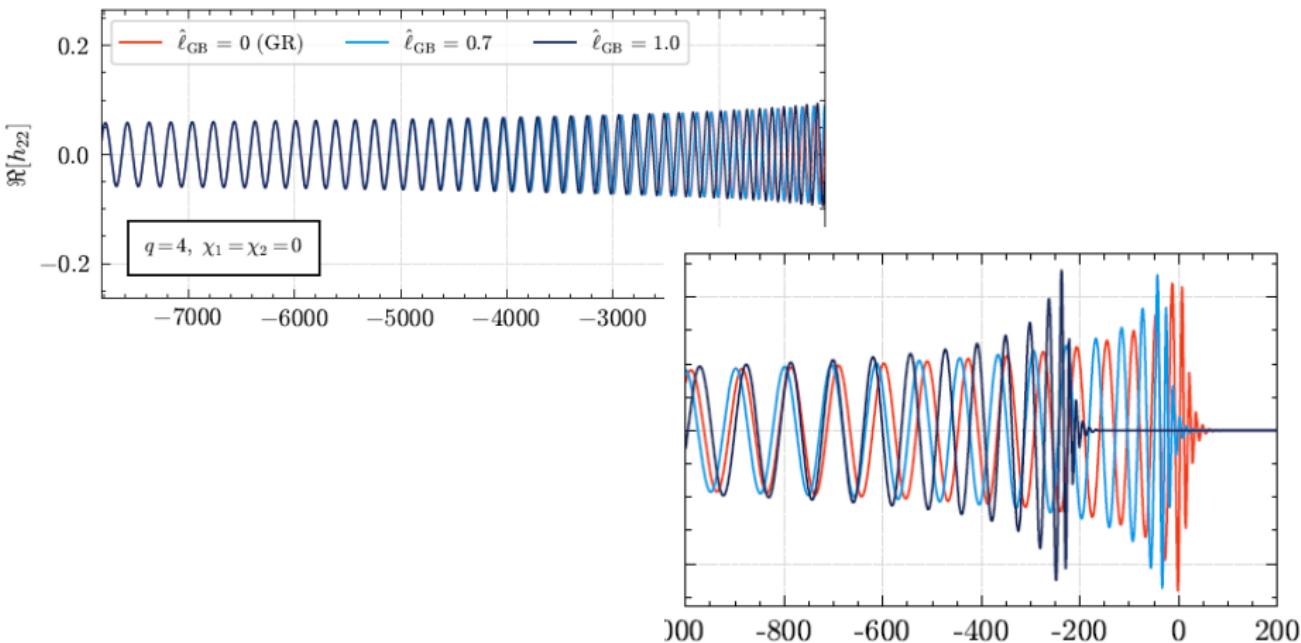
Inspiral, merger, ringdown



EdGB black holes: effective-one-body formalism

Julié et al. 2406.13654

Inspiral-merger-ringdown waveforms in EdGB



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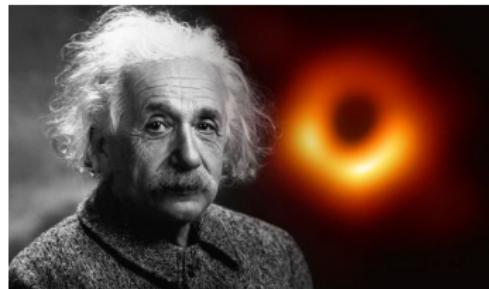
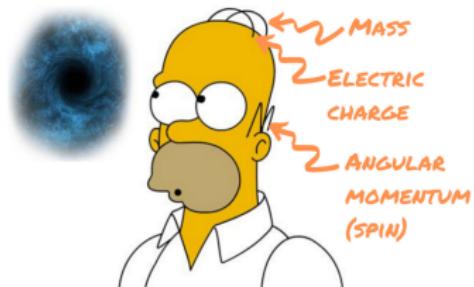
GR versus generalized gravity theories

GR black holes: no hair

black holes beyond GR: hair

- Kerr

- GW: QNMs, Numerical Rel.
- shadow
- ...



- EdGB

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- perturbatively stable
- shadow

- ...

THANKS

