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# Perturbations of slowly-rotating black holes

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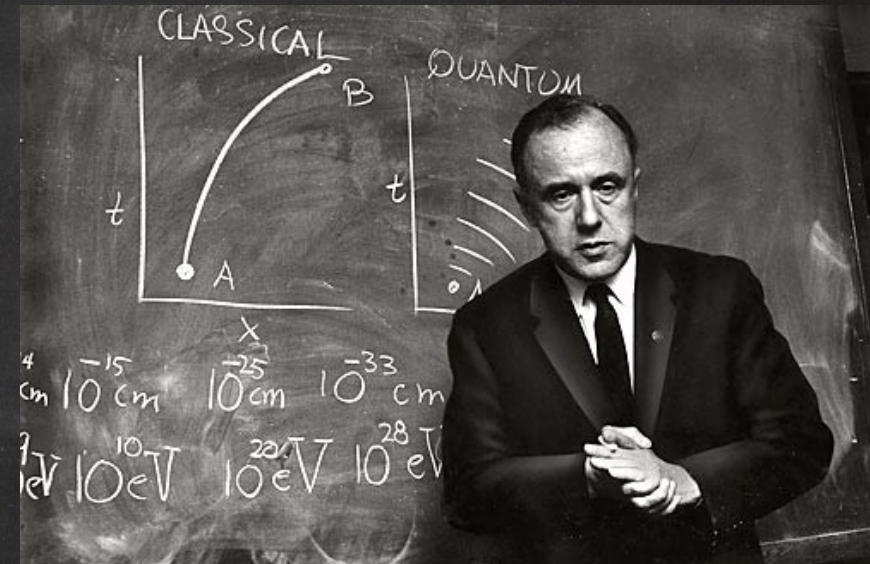


**PP, Cardoso, Gualitieri, Berti, Ishibashi**

**to appear soon**

# Outline

- **Motivation:** the reach of perturbation theory
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  - QNMs of Kerr-Newman BHs

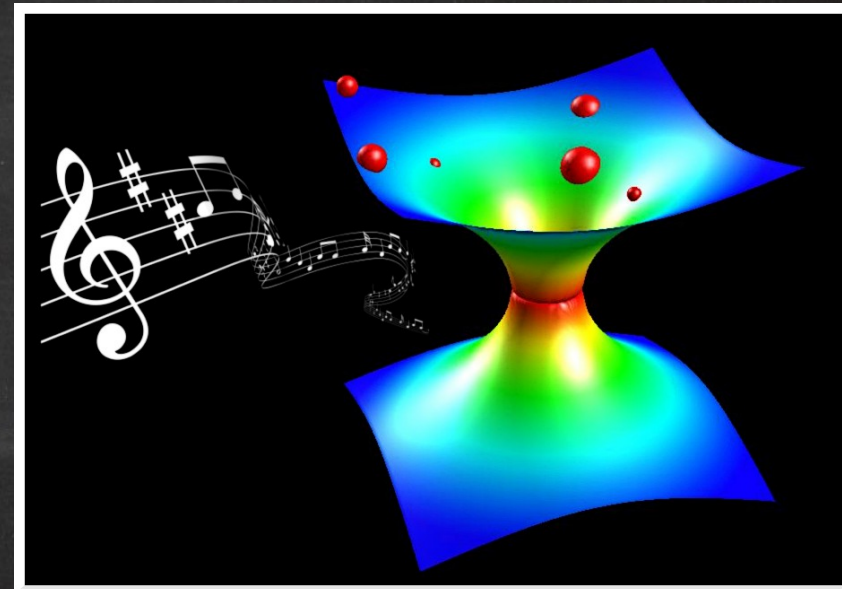


*“Black holes teach us that space can be crumpled like a piece of paper into an infinitesimal dot, that time can be extinguished like a blown-out flame, and that the laws of physics that we regard as 'sacred', as immutable, are anything but”.*

*John Archibald Wheeler's  
Autobiography, 1998*

# Motivation

- **Perturbation theory is ubiquitous in physics:**
  - Epicycles in Ptolemaic astronomy
  - Stark and Zeeman effects
  - Feynman diagrams
- **Particularly useful in GR:**
  - BH and stellar perturbations
  - gravitational waves, cosmology, PN theory, ...
- **PDEs  $\rightarrow$  ODEs**
- The **reach of PT** is given by its ability in **simplifying** the problem



*"Hearing" the spacetime shape*

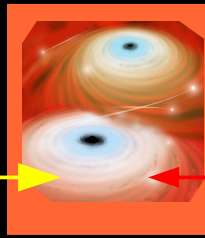
# Approx. methods VS Hard numerics

Idealized situations

Physical insights

"Easy" to perform

Approximate  
methods

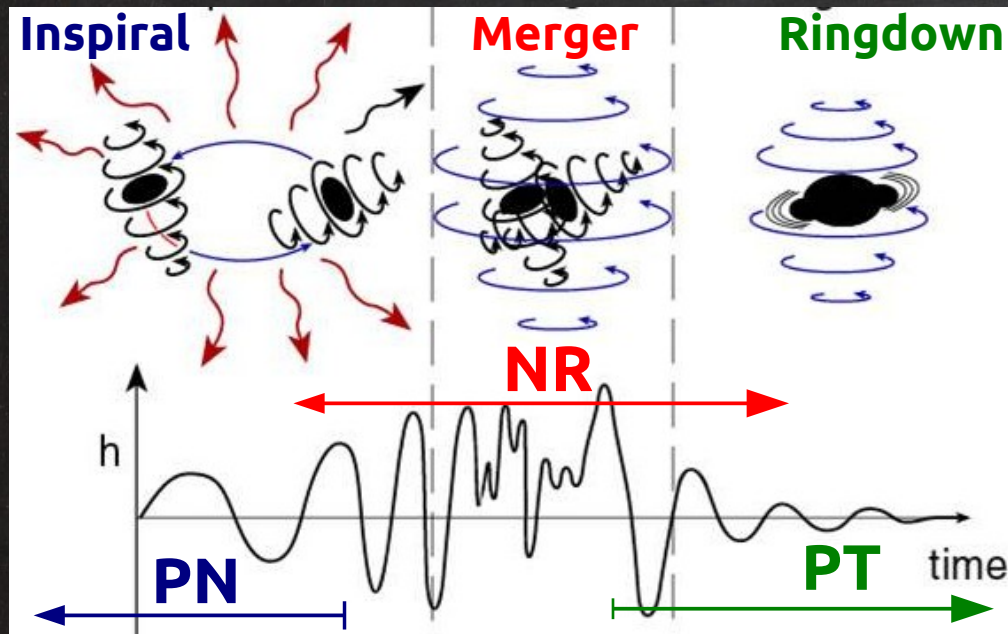


Numerical  
methods

Realistic situations

Numerics → Physics

Supercomputers



Adapted from Thorne

- Approximate doesn't mean worst!
- Complementary approach
- Synergy between semianalytical and fully numerical methods

## Part I

# BH perturbations in a nutshell

# BH perturbations. Spherical symmetry

[Kokkotas & Schmidt 1998]  
 [Berti et al. 2009]  
 [Konoplya & Zhidenko 2011]

$$ds^2 = \underbrace{-f(r)dt^2 + h(r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_2}_{\text{background}} + \underbrace{(\delta_{\text{RW}} g_{\mu\nu}) e^{-i\omega t} dx^\mu dx^\nu}_{\text{perturbations}}$$

1) Regge-Wheeler formalism:

$$\|\delta_{\text{RW}} g_{\mu\nu}\| = \begin{bmatrix} f(r)H_0(r)Y_{lm} & \overset{\text{Polar}}{\rightarrow} H_1(r)Y_{lm} & -h_0(r) \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial\varphi} & h_0(r) \sin\theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial\theta} \\ * & \frac{H_2(r)Y_{lm}}{h(r)} & -h_1(r) \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial\varphi} & h_1(r) \sin\theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial\theta} \\ * & * & r^2 K(r) Y_{lm} & 0 \\ * & * & * & r^2 \sin^2\theta K(r) Y_{lm} \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{Axial}}{\rightarrow}$$

2) Insert into Einstein eqs: 10 linearized coupled eqs (Mathematica helps!)

3) Fields redefinition and new "tortoise" coordinates: system of linear equations:

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{\Psi}}{dr_*^2} + [\omega^2 - V(r)] \vec{\Psi} = 0$$

4) Solved with suitable boundary conditions (quasinormal modes, instabilities)

5) Any spherically symmetric background, any theory, any field

# ***BH perturbations.** Symmetries matter*

- In **spherically symmetry** the field eqs. can be always separated
- If the background is **rotating**, separability is **not guaranteed!**
- **Teukolsky formalism**
  - Newman-Penrose tetrad formalism
  - Weyl scalars
  - Separability in Kerr is almost a **miracle!** (Petrov Type D)
- **Perturbations of generic rotating BHs are important:**
  - Astrophysical BHs are spinning
  - Stability (e.g. **superradiance**, **r-modes** in stars, **no-hair theorem**)

[Teukolsky ~ 1973]

[Teukolsky and Press]

[Chandra's book]

# *Non-separable (?) problems*

- **Four dimensions**
  - **Massive vector** (Proca) fields on a Kerr background
  - Gravitational-EM perturbations of **Kerr-Newman BHs**
  - Rotating objects in **alternative theories**
- **Higher dimensions**
  - **Myers-Perry BHs** with generic spins
  - Rotating solutions
- **Stability, greybody factors, quasinormal modes?**



# Superradiance and BH bomb

[Press and Teukolsky '70]

- Amplified scattering of waves
- Requires dissipation → needs an event horizon

[Richartz et al. 2008]

[Cardoso & Pani, 2012]

- Waves scattered off a Kerr BH are amplified if  $\omega < m\Omega_H$

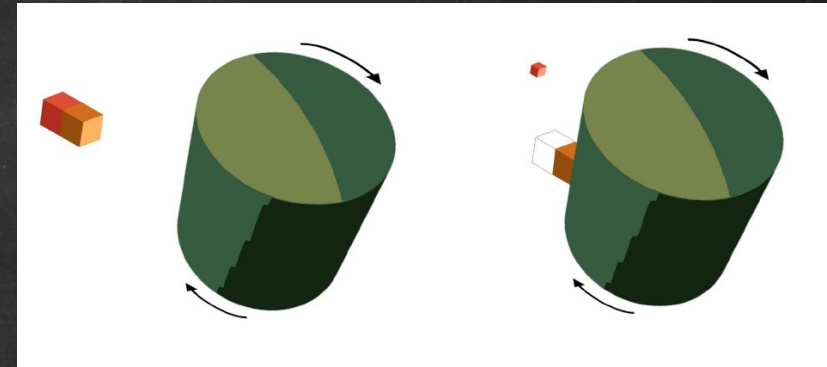
- Reflecting boundaries → BH bomb!

- “Nature may provide its own mirrors”

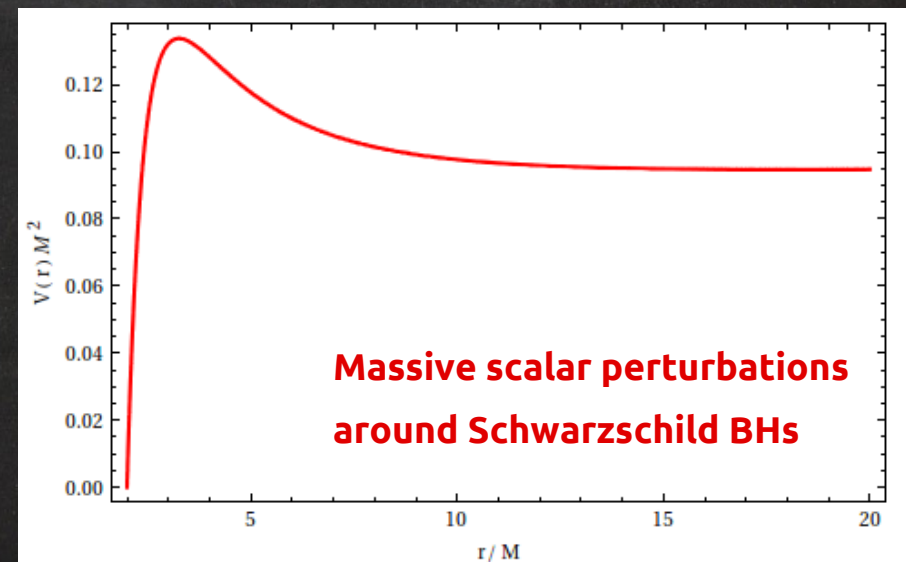
[Cardoso & Dias, 2004]

- AdS boundaries
- Massive fields

[Thorne, Price, Macdonald's book]



Zel'dovich effect. [Credit: Ana Sousa]



# Massive fields & superradiance

- Massive fields around **spinning** BHs are **unstable**
- Instability is well-studied in the **scalar case**
  - Strongest instability when  $\mu M \sim 1$
  - Astrophysically relevant only for
    - Primordial BHs ( $10^{14} - 10^{23}$  kg) and SM particles
    - Ultra-light particles ( $m \sim 10^{-21} - 10^{-9}$  eV) and massive BHs
  - **Axiverse scenario** ( QCD axions, Peccei-Quinn mechanism, etc...)  
[Arvanitaki et al. 2010-2011]
  - **Bosenova** (numerical simulations are challenging)  
[Kodama & Yoshino 2011-2012]
- The massive spin-1 case is still uncharted territory... (stronger instability?)
- Rosa and Dolan (2011) studied the **non-rotating case**

[Damour et al. 1976]  
[Detweiler, 1980]  
[Earley & Zouros]  
[Cardoso & Yoshida 2005]  
[Dolan 2007]

## Part II

# Perturbations of slowly-rotating BHs

# Method. Perturbations of slowly rotating spacetimes

[Kojima 1992, 1993, 1997]

[Pani et al., to appear]

- Slowly-rotating background metric:

$$ds_0^2 = -F(r)dt^2 + B(r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2 d^2\Omega - 2\varpi(r) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi dt$$

- Expand any equation (scalar, vector, tensor...) in **spherical harmonics**

$$\delta X_{\mu_1 \dots}(t, r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \delta X_{\ell m}^{(i)}(r) \mathcal{Y}_{\mu_1 \dots}^{\ell m (i)} e^{-i\omega t}$$

- For **any** metric, **any** theory and **any** perturbations: system of radial ODEs:

$$A_{\ell m} + \tilde{a}m\bar{A}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a}(Q_{\ell m}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell-1m} + Q_{\ell+1m}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell+1m}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a}m\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a}(Q_{\ell m}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell-1m} + Q_{\ell+1m}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell+1m}) = 0$$

- **Zeeman splitting**
- **Laporte-like selection rule**
- **Propensity rule**

$$Q_{\ell m} = \sqrt{\frac{\ell^2 - m^2}{4\ell^2 - 1}}$$

$A, \mathcal{P} \rightarrow$

Linear combinations of axial  
and polar perturbations

# Method. Perturbations of slowly rotating BHs

- At first order in the rotation, the couplings can be neglected:

$$A_{lm} + \tilde{a}m\bar{A}_{lm} + \tilde{a}(Q_{lm}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{l-1m} + Q_{l+1m}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{l+1m}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{lm} + \tilde{a}m\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{lm} + \tilde{a}(Q_{lm}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{l-1m} + Q_{l+1m}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{l+1m}) = 0$$

$$Q_{lm} = \sqrt{\frac{l^2 - m^2}{4l^2 - 1}}$$

- **Symmetry of the equations**

$$a_{lm} \rightarrow \mp a_{l-m}, \quad p_{lm} \rightarrow \pm p_{l-m}, \quad \tilde{a} \rightarrow -\tilde{a}, \quad m \rightarrow -m$$

- **Eigenfrequency**

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \tilde{a}m\omega_1 + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{a}^2)$$

- **“Decoupled” equations:**

$$A_{lm} + \tilde{a}m\bar{A}_{lm} = 0 \quad \mathcal{P}_{lm} + \tilde{a}m\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{lm} = 0$$

- **Generic: any metric, any perturbation, any theory**

# Proca equation



$$\nabla_{\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu} - \mu^2 A^{\nu} = 0 \quad m = \hbar\mu/c$$

Mass

$$\implies \nabla_{\sigma} A^{\sigma} = 0, \quad \square A^{\nu} - \mu^2 A^{\nu} = 0$$

- **Massive hidden U(1) vector fields** are quite generic features of extensions of standard model
  - [Goodsel et al. 2009]
  - [Jaekel et al. 2010]
  - [Goldhaber and Nieto 2008]
- (apparently) **nonseparable** in a Kerr background
- Note that EM (massless) perturbations in **Kerr-(A)dS** are separable!

$$\nabla_{\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu} = 0 \quad \implies \quad \square A^{\nu} - \nabla^{\nu}(\nabla_{\sigma} A^{\sigma}) + \Lambda A^{\nu} = 0$$

- However  $\rightarrow$  role of the **gauge freedom**  $\rightarrow$  massless fields propagate **2 DOF**
- Proca eq. implies **Lorenz condition**  $\rightarrow$  no more freedom  $\rightarrow$  **3 DOF**

# Proca in slowly-rotating Kerr

[Pani et al., to appear]

- The Proca problem becomes tractable in the **slow-rotation approximation**
- Let us decompose the **vector field in vector spherical harmonics**:

$$Y_a^{\ell m} = (\partial_{\vartheta} Y^{\ell m}, \partial_{\varphi} Y^{\ell m}) \quad S_a^{\ell m} = \left( \frac{1}{\sin \vartheta} \partial_{\varphi} Y^{\ell m}, -\sin \vartheta \partial_{\vartheta} Y^{\ell m} \right)$$

$$\delta A_{\mu}(t, r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \sum_{l,m} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_{(4)}^{\ell m}(t, r) S_a^{\ell m} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Axial parity}} + \sum_{l,m} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{(1)}^{\ell m}(t, r) Y^{\ell m} \\ u_{(2)}^{\ell m}(t, r) Y^{\ell m} \\ u_{(3)}^{\ell m}(t, r) Y_a^{\ell m} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Polar parity}}$$

# Proca in slowly-rotating Kerr

- Proca equations can be written as

$$\delta\Pi_t \equiv (A_{lm}^{(0)} + \tilde{A}_{lm}^{(0)} \cos\vartheta) Y^{\ell m} + B_{lm}^{(0)} \sin\vartheta \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = 0$$

$$\delta\Pi_r \equiv (A_{lm}^{(1)} + \tilde{A}_{lm}^{(1)} \cos\vartheta) Y^{\ell m} + B_{lm}^{(1)} \sin\vartheta \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = 0$$

$$\delta\Pi_\vartheta \equiv \alpha_{lm} \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} - im\beta_{lm} \frac{Y^{\ell m}}{\sin\vartheta} + \eta_{lm} \sin\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta\Pi_\varphi}{\sin\vartheta} \equiv \beta_{lm} \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} + im\alpha_{lm} \frac{Y^{\ell m}}{\sin\vartheta} + \zeta_{lm} \sin\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = 0$$

- Lorenz condition can be written in the same form as {t} or {r} components
- All coefficients can be divided in **two sets**:

$$A_{lm}^{(I)}, \alpha_{lm}, \zeta_{lm} \quad \tilde{A}_{lm}^{(I)}, B_{lm}^{(I)}, \beta_{lm}, \eta_{lm}$$

**Axial coefficients**

**Polar coefficients**



# Proca in slowly-rotating Kerr

- The **angular part can be eliminated** using the orthogonality properties of the spherical harmonics. E.g.:

$$\delta\Pi_t \equiv (A_{\ell m}^{(0)} + \tilde{A}_{\ell m}^{(0)} \cos \vartheta) Y^{\ell m} + B_{\ell m}^{(0)} \sin \vartheta \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = 0$$

- We compute the following integral:

$$\int \delta\Pi_I Y^{*\ell m} d\Omega, \quad (I = t, r, L)$$

- **Useful properties of spherical harmonics:**

$$\cos \vartheta Y^{\ell m} = Q_{\ell+1 m} Y^{\ell+1 m} + Q_{\ell m} Y^{\ell-1 m}$$

$$Q_{\ell m} = \sqrt{\frac{\ell^2 - m^2}{4\ell^2 - 1}}$$

$$\sin \vartheta \partial_\vartheta Y^{\ell m} = Q_{\ell+1 m} \ell Y^{\ell+1 m} - Q_{\ell m} (\ell + 1) Y^{\ell-1 m}$$

# Proca in slowly-rotating Kerr

- **Radial equations:**

$$A_{\ell m}^{(I)} + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell m} \left[ \tilde{A}_{\ell-1 m}^{(I)} + (\ell - 1) B_{\ell-1 m}^{(I)} \right] + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell+1 m} \left[ \tilde{A}_{\ell+1 m}^{(I)} - (\ell + 2) B_{\ell+1 m}^{(I)} \right] = 0$$

$$\Lambda \alpha_{\ell m} - im \zeta_{\ell m} - \mathcal{Q}_{\ell m} (\ell + 1) \eta_{\ell-1 m} + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell+1 m} \ell \eta_{\ell+1 m} = 0$$

$$\Lambda \beta_{\ell m} + im \eta_{\ell m} - \mathcal{Q}_{\ell m} (\ell + 1) \zeta_{\ell-1 m} + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell+1 m} \ell \zeta_{\ell+1 m} = 0$$

- **Same form as the general equations:**

$$A_{\ell m} + \tilde{a} m \bar{A}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a} (\mathcal{Q}_{\ell m} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell-1 m} + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell+1 m} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell+1 m}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a} m \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell m} + \tilde{a} (\mathcal{Q}_{\ell m} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell-1 m} + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell+1 m} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell+1 m}) = 0$$

# Proca in SR Kerr. Field equations

- **Polar** and **axial** sector are **coupled**:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}
 \hat{D}_2 u_{(2)}^\ell - \frac{2F}{r^2} \left( 1 - \frac{3M}{r} \right) \left[ u_{(2)}^\ell - u_{(3)}^\ell \right] &= \\
 &= \frac{2\tilde{a}M^2 m}{\Lambda r^5 \omega} \left[ \Lambda (2r^2 \omega^2 + 3F^2) u_{(2)}^\ell + 3F \left( r\Lambda F u'_{(2)}{}^\ell - (r^2 \omega^2 + \Lambda F) u_{(3)}^\ell \right) \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{6i\tilde{a}M^2 F \omega}{\Lambda r^3} \left[ (\ell + 1) Q_{\ell m} u_{(4)}^{\ell-1} - \ell Q_{\ell+1 m} u_{(4)}^{\ell+1} \right] \\
 \hat{D}_2 u_{(3)}^\ell + \frac{2F\Lambda}{r^2} u_{(2)}^\ell &= \frac{2\tilde{a}M^2 m}{r^5 \omega} \left[ 2r^2 \omega^2 u_{(3)}^\ell + 3rF^2 u'_{(3)}{}^\ell - 3(\Lambda + r^2 \mu^2) F u_{(2)}^\ell \right] \\
 \hat{D}_2 u_{(4)}^\ell - \frac{4\tilde{a}M^2 m \omega}{r^3} u_{(4)}^\ell &= -\frac{6i\tilde{a}M^2 F}{r^5 \omega} \left[ (\ell + 1) Q_{\ell m} \psi^{\ell-1} - \ell Q_{\ell+1 m} \psi^{\ell+1} \right]
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

- Where we have used the Lorenz condition and defined:

$$\hat{D}_2 = \frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + \omega^2 - F \left[ \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + \mu^2 \right], \quad \psi^\ell = (\Lambda + r^2 \mu^2) u_{(2)}^\ell - (r - 2M) u'_{(3)}{}^\ell$$

# Proca in SR Kerr. Boundary conditions

- Near-horizon behavior

$$u_{(i)} \sim e^{-ik_H r_*} \quad k_H = \sqrt{\omega \left( \omega - \frac{m\tilde{a}}{2M} \right)} \sim \omega - m\Omega_H \simeq \omega - \frac{m\tilde{a}}{2r_+}$$

**Superradiance (?)**

- Caution: in principle at first order **the method works only if**  $\omega M \gg \tilde{a}$

- Behavior at infinity

$$u_{(i)} \sim B_{(i)} e^{-k_\infty r} r^{-\frac{M(\mu^2 - 2\omega^2)}{k_\infty}} + C_{(i)} e^{k_\infty r} r^{\frac{M(\mu^2 - 2\omega^2)}{k_\infty}} \quad k_\infty = \sqrt{\mu^2 - \omega^2}$$

**B=0** → **quasinormal modes** (purely outgoing waves at infinity)

**C=0** → **bound states** (exponential decay, spacially localized near the BH)

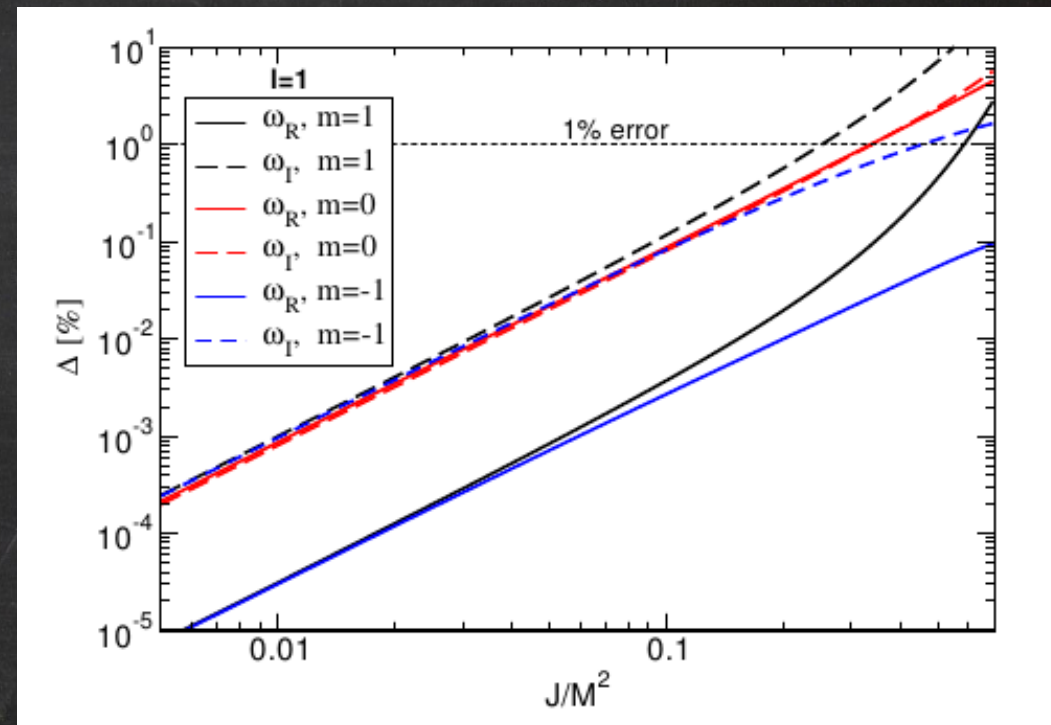
# Proca in SR Kerr. Results

Numerical calculations in the slow rotation approximation are

**not any more complicated** than in the nonrotating case-horizon behavior

• Standard techniques:

- **direct integration** (bound states)
- **continued fractions** (QNMs, BS)
- **Breit-Wigner method** (QNMs, BS)



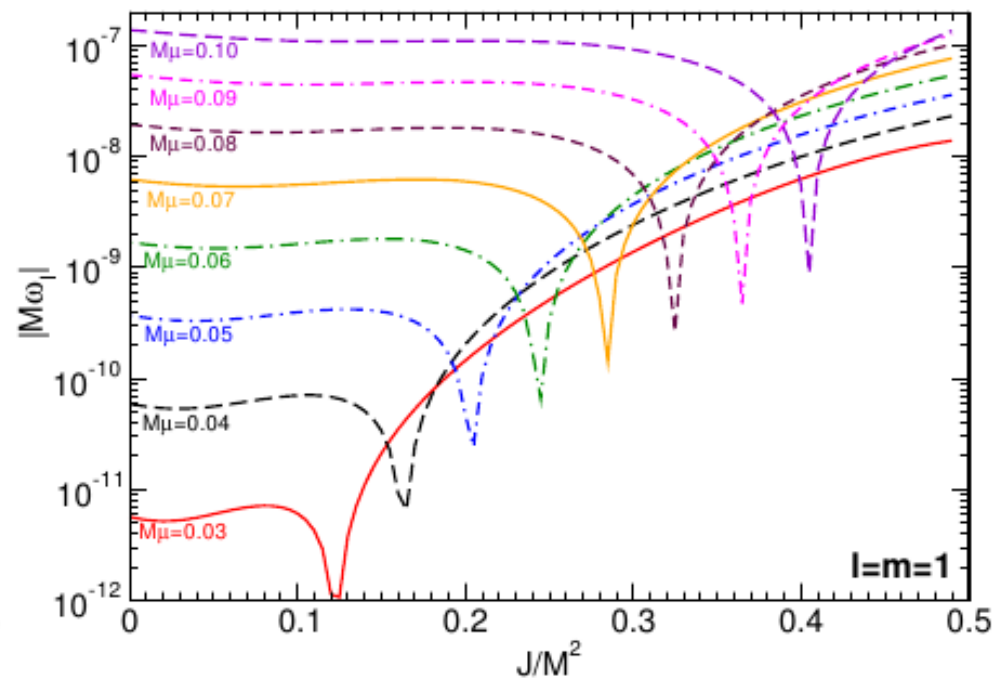
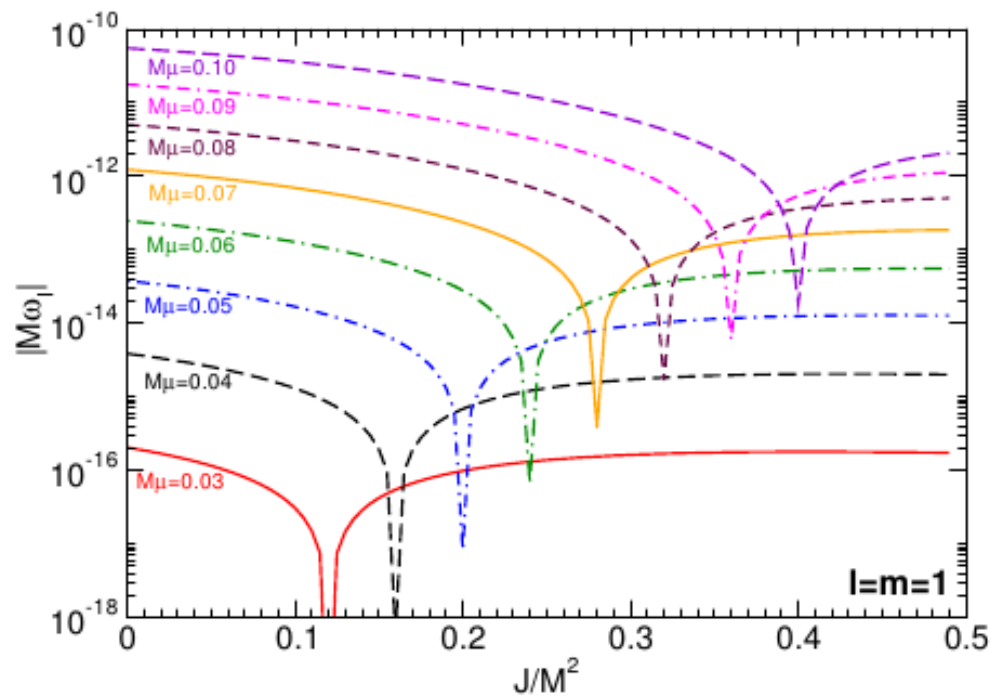
Test of the method: EM (massless) QNMs of Kerr

• Good results even for moderately large spin

# Proca in SR Kerr. Results

Axial modes ( $S=0$ )

Polar modes ( $S=+1,-1$ )



- Small mass limit:

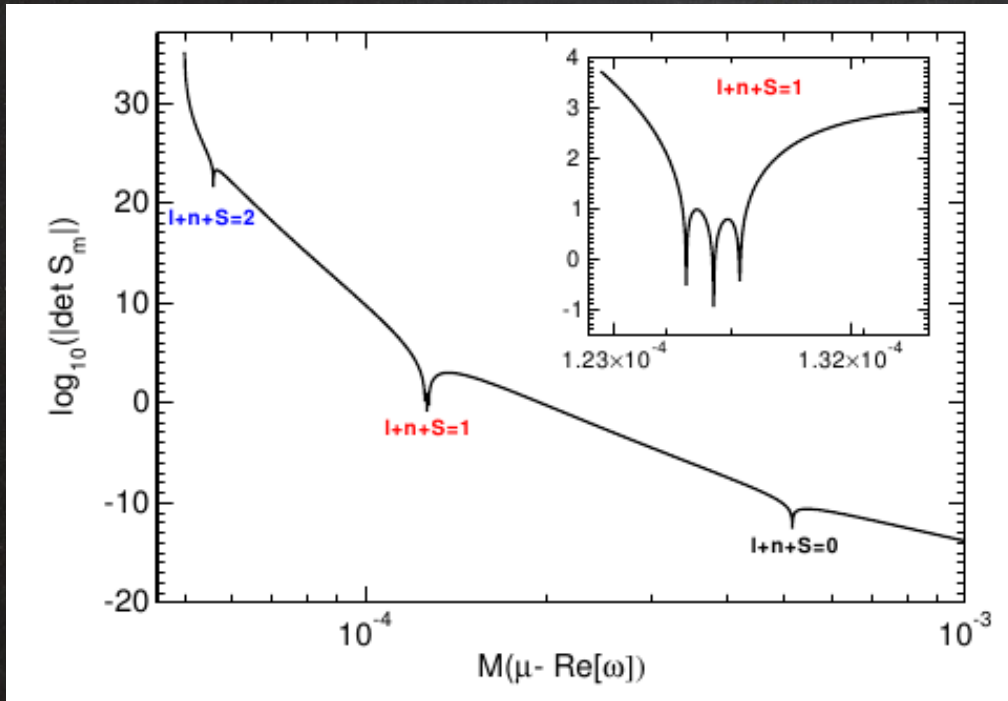
$$\omega_R \sim \mu - \frac{\mu(M\mu)^2}{2(\ell + n + S + 1)}$$

$$M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{S\ell} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$$

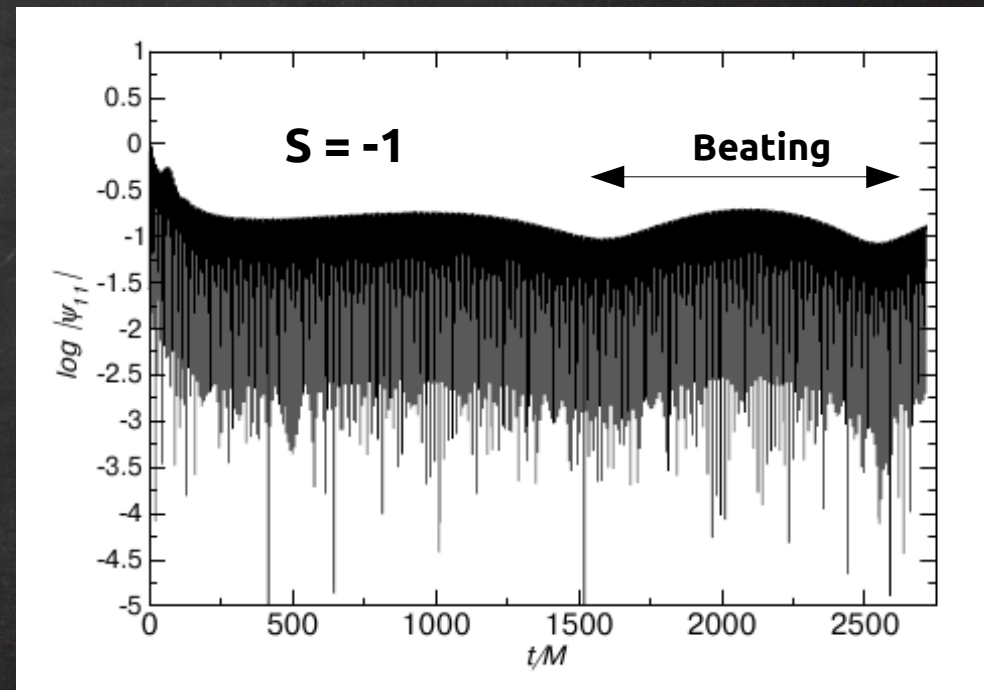
# Proca in SR Kerr. Fully coupled system

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$$M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{S\ell} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$$



Breit-Wigner resonances



Confirmed by numerical simulations  
[Witek et al., work in progress]

# Proca in SR Kerr. Analytical results

- In the axial case → **master equation** (scalar → **s=0**, axial vector → **s=1**)

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr_*^2} + \left[ \omega^2 - \frac{2m\varpi(r)\omega}{r^2} - F \left( \frac{\Lambda}{r^2} + \mu^2 + (1-s^2) \left\{ \frac{B'}{2r} + \frac{BF'}{2rF} \right\} \right) \right] \Psi = 0$$

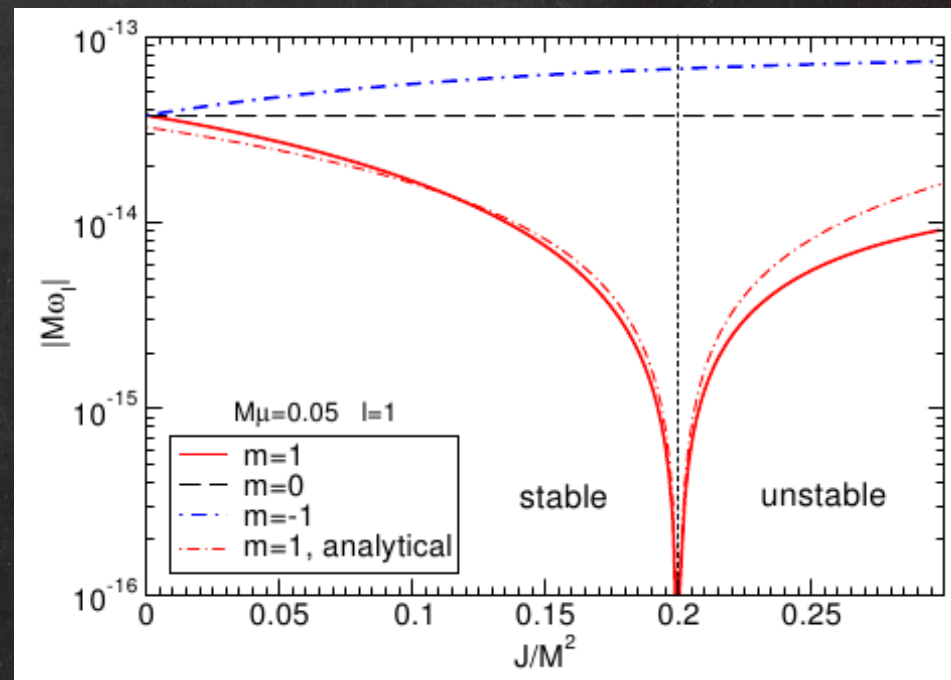
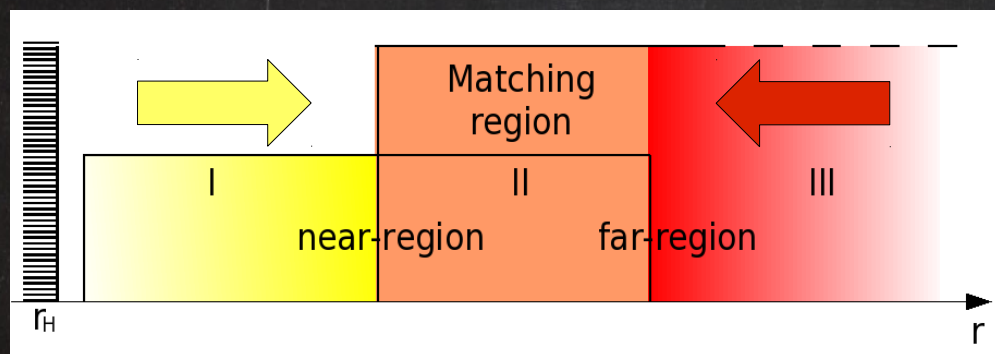
$$ds_0^2 = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -F(r)dt^2 + B(r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2 d^2\Omega - 2\varpi(r) \sin^2 \theta d\varphi dt$$

- Suitable for analytical methods

- Matching asymptotics

[Starobisky 1973]

[Detweiler 1980]



$$M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{sl} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5}$$



## Part III

# Astrophysical consequences of the Proca instability

# Proca instability

- Can we **extrapolate** these results to high rotation?

- **Scalar case (l=1)**  $M\omega_I \sim \frac{1}{48} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+\mu) (M\mu)^9$

<p>Maximum at <math>\rightarrow</math></p>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = M \\ M\mu^{\max} = 0.45 \\ M\omega_I^{\max} = 1.6 \times 10^{-6} \end{array} \right.$	<p>Numerically <math>\rightarrow</math></p>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \sim M \\ M\mu^{\max} \sim 0.42 \\ M\omega_I^{\max} = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \end{array} \right.$
		<p>[Cardoso Yoshida 2005] [Dolan 2007]</p>	

- **Extrapolation** should provide an **order of magnitude** for the instability

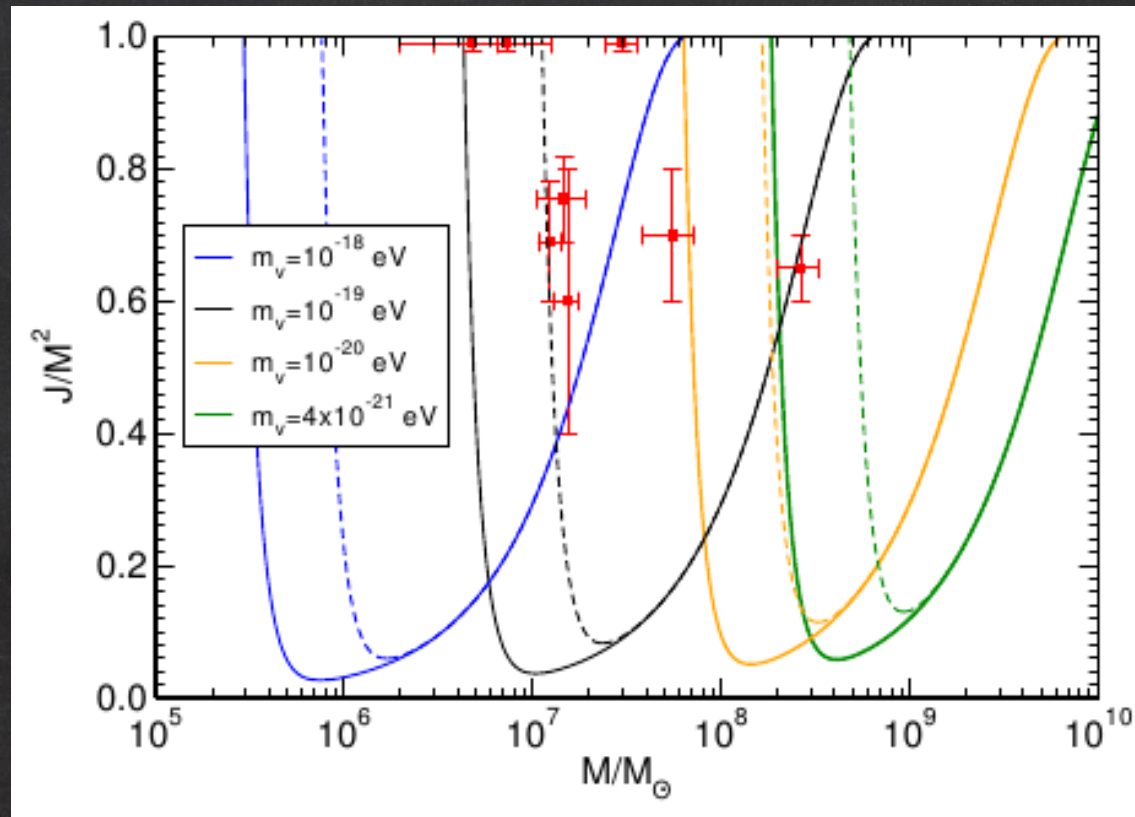
- **Proca case:**  $M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{S\ell} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+\mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$

- **Stronger instability when S = -1 and l=1:**

$$\tau_{\text{vector}} = \omega_I^{-1} \sim \frac{M(M\mu)^{-7}}{\gamma_{-11}(\tilde{a} - 2\mu r_+)}$$

# Proca instability. Regge plane

- Instability is effective roughly for **any non-vanishing spin!**

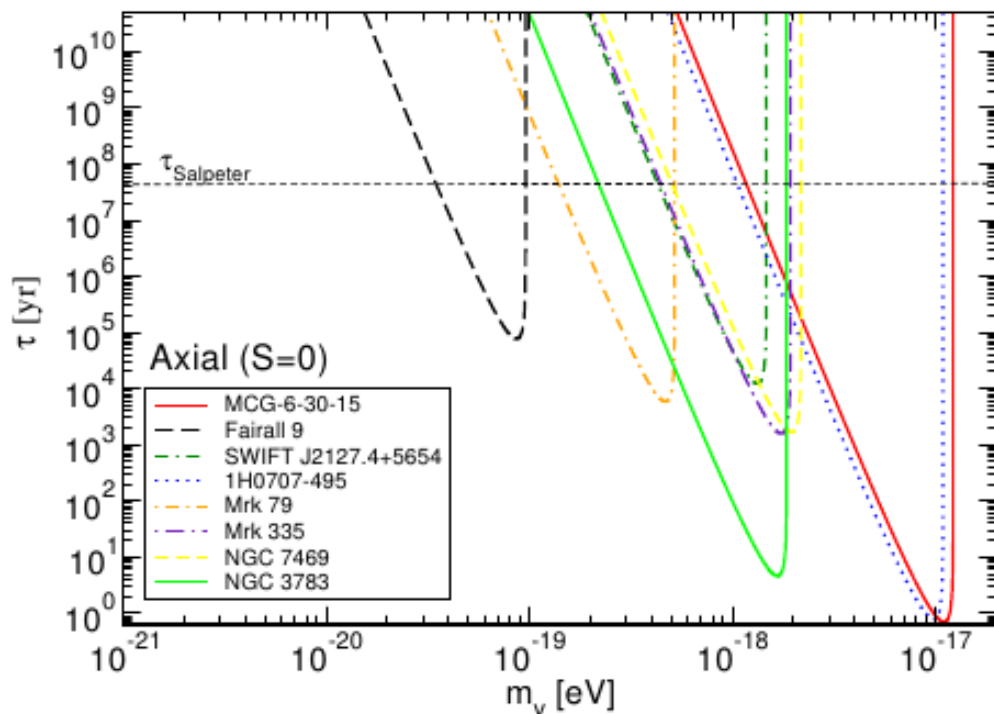
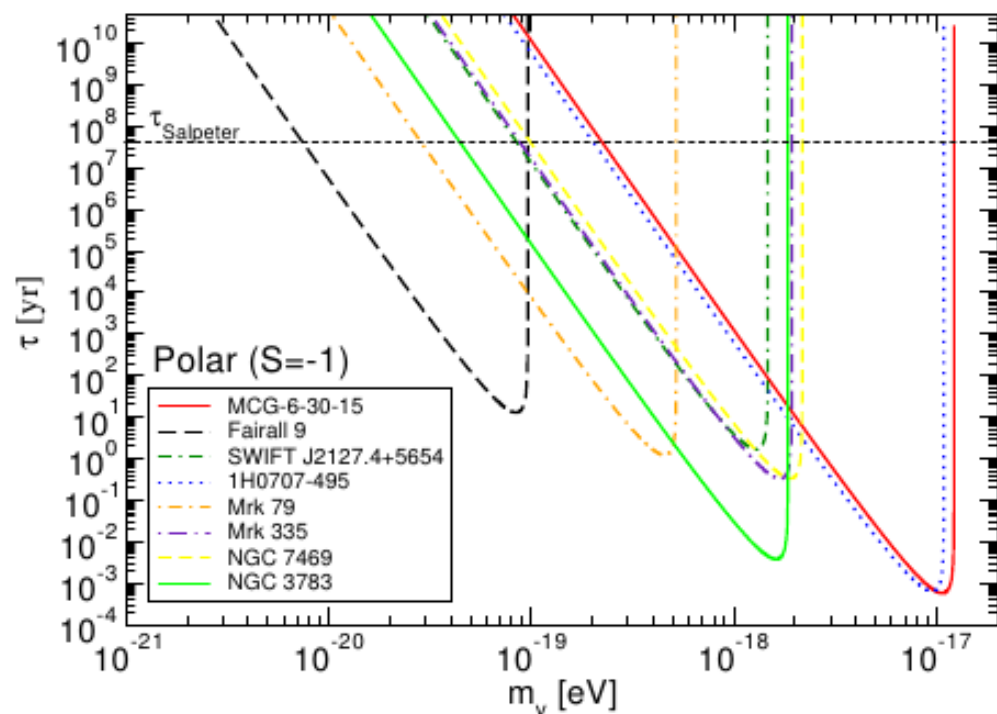


[Data taken from  
Brenneman et. al 2011]

- Current bound on the photon mass [from PDG]  $\rightarrow m_\gamma < 10^{-18}$  eV
- Depend **very mildly** on the fit coefficient and on the threshold
- $\tau_{\text{Salpeter}}$   $\rightarrow$  timescale for accretion at the Eddington limit

# Proca instability

- Not strongly dependent on the **timescale** nor on **type of mode**



## Part IV

# Further applications

# Second order

[even more in preparation]



- Particularly advantageous:

- Cauchy horizon, even horizons, ergosphere

$$r_+ = 2M \left( 1 - \frac{\tilde{a}^2}{4} \right) \quad r_- = \frac{M\tilde{a}^2}{2} \quad r_{\text{ER}} = 2M \left( 1 - \cos^2 \vartheta \frac{\tilde{a}^2}{4} \right)$$

- The superradiance regime is now consistent

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \tilde{a}m\omega_1 + \tilde{a}^2\omega_2 + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{a}^3)$$

- Caution: different expansion!

- Spheroidal harmonics **VS** spherical harmonics

$$S_{\ell m} = Y_{\ell m} + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{a})$$

- Cannot recover Teukolsky → superposition of modes

# Second order

[even more in preparation]



$$0 = \mathcal{A}_\ell$$

Zeroth order

$$0 = \mathcal{P}_\ell$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{L+2}$$
$$\mathcal{P}_{L+3}$$
$$\mathcal{P}_{L+1}$$
$$\mathcal{A}_L$$
$$\mathcal{P}_{L-1}$$
$$\mathcal{A}_{L-2}$$
$$\mathcal{P}_{L-3}$$

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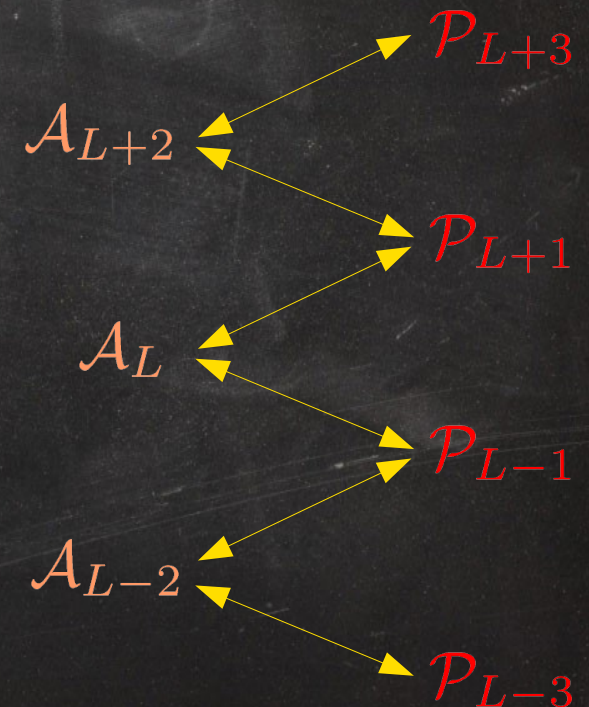
$$+\tilde{a}m\bar{\mathcal{A}}_\ell + \tilde{a}(Q_\ell\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell-1} + Q_{\ell+1}\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_{\ell+1})$$

Zeroth order

First order

$$0 = \mathcal{P}_\ell$$

$$+\tilde{a}m\bar{\mathcal{P}}_\ell + \tilde{a}(Q_\ell\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell-1} + Q_{\ell+1}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\ell+1})$$





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[even more in preparation]



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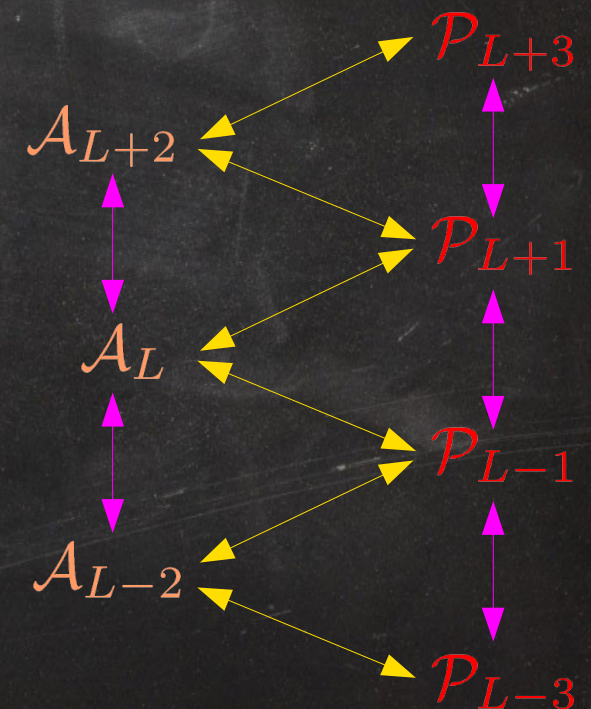
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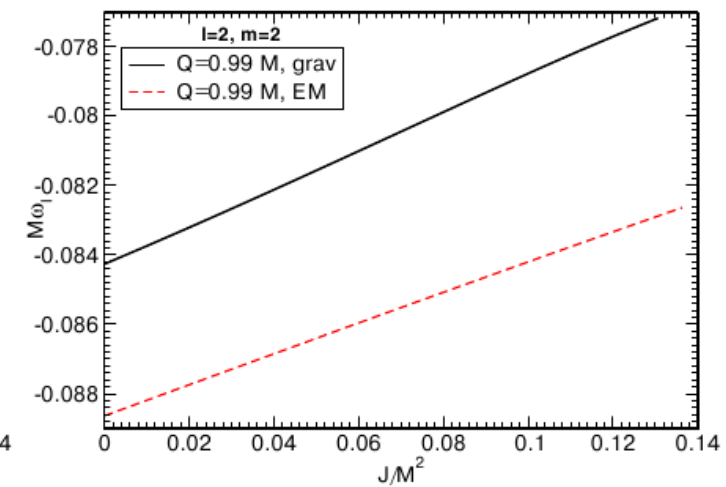
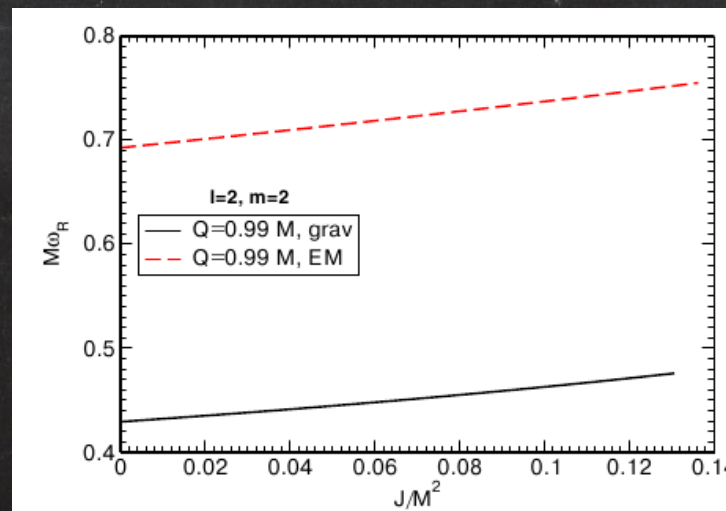
$$\hat{D}Z_i = V_0^{(i)} Z_i + m\tilde{a} \left[ V_1^{(i)} Z_i + V_2^{(i)} Z_i' \right] + m\tilde{a}Q^2 \left[ W_1^{(i)} Z_j + W_2^{(i)} Z_j' \right]$$

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# Conclusion & Extensions

- **Linear perturbations of BHs are important in a variety of situations**
  - Stability, GWs, synergy with numerical simulations
- **Perturbation theory of rotating solutions is challenging**
- **Slowly-rotating approximation: general method**
  - Superradiance, BHs in alternative theories
- **#1 Application: Proca perturbations of Kerr BHs in GR**
  - Stronger instability than for scalars, bounds on the photon mass, Hidden U(1) sector
- **#2 Application: gravito-EM perturbations of Kerr-Newman BHs in GR**
- **Second order formalism**
- **BHs in alternative theories (Chern-Simons, Gauss-Bonnet)** [Yunes & Pretorius 2009]  
[Pani et al. 2011]
- **Higher dimensions**

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***Thanks!***

# Backup slides

*"Nothing is More Necessary  
than the Unnecessary"*



- **Curiosity: similar bounds for the graviton?** → probably not! ( $S = -2, l = 2$ )

$$M\omega_I \sim \gamma_{S\ell} (\tilde{a}m - 2r_+ \mu) (M\mu)^{4\ell+5+2S}$$



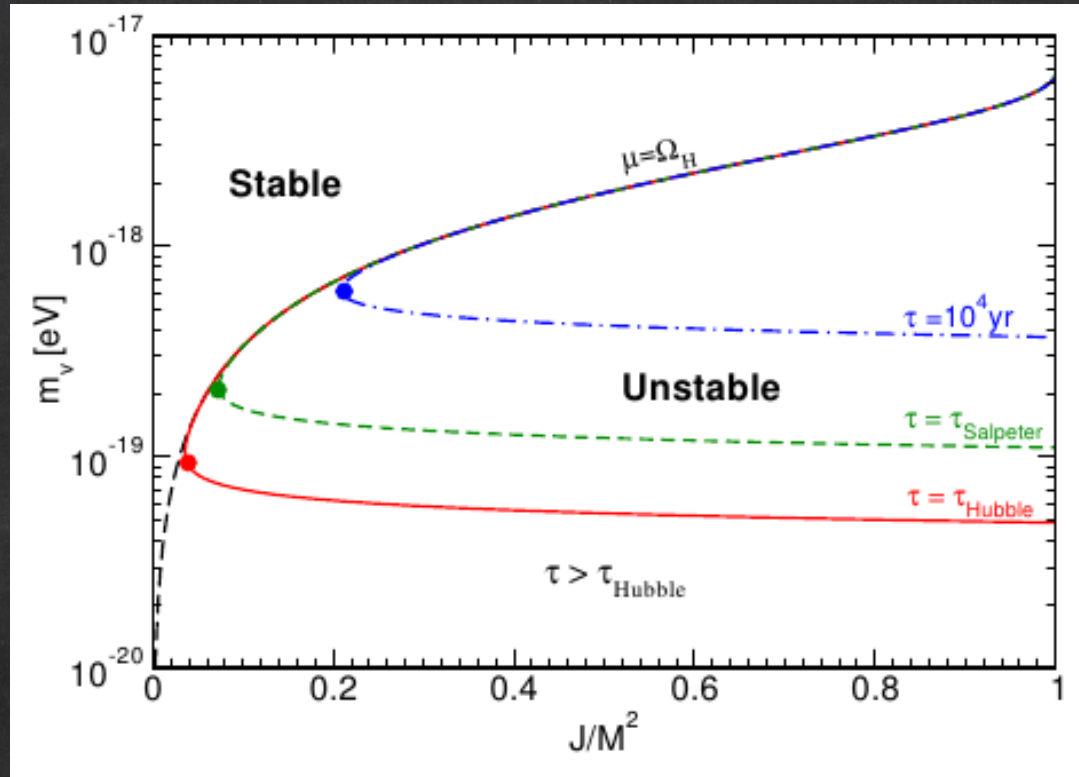
# Proca in SR Kerr. Field equations

- In Proca theory, the **monopole (l=0,m=0)** is dynamical:

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + \omega^2 - F \left( \frac{2(r-3M)}{r^3} + \mu^2 \right) \right] u_{(2)}^{00} = \underbrace{\frac{2i\sqrt{3}\tilde{a}M^2\omega F}{r^3} u_{(4)}^{10}}_{\text{Propensity rule } (Q_{00} = 0)}$$

- m=0 → **no corrections** at first order! Same modes as in Schwarzschild [Rosa & Dolan 2011]
  - Modes can be labelled by the **total angular momentum** → **j=l+S**
    - **Axial** → **S=0**
    - **Polar** → **S=+1, S=-1**
    - **Monopole** → **S=+1**
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# Proca instability



$$m_\nu^{(c)} = \hbar \mu^{(c)} \sim \frac{7.055 \times 10^{-20}}{\gamma_{-11}^{1/7}} \left[ \frac{10^7 M_\odot}{M} \right]^{6/7} \text{ eV}$$

- Depend **very mildly** on the fit coefficient and on the threshold
- $\tau_{\text{Salpeter}}$  → timescale for accretion at the Eddington limit



$\mathcal{O}(\nu^2)$

$\mathcal{O}(\nu^3)$

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