

# Vanishing of Quadratic Love Numbers of Schwarzschild Black Holes

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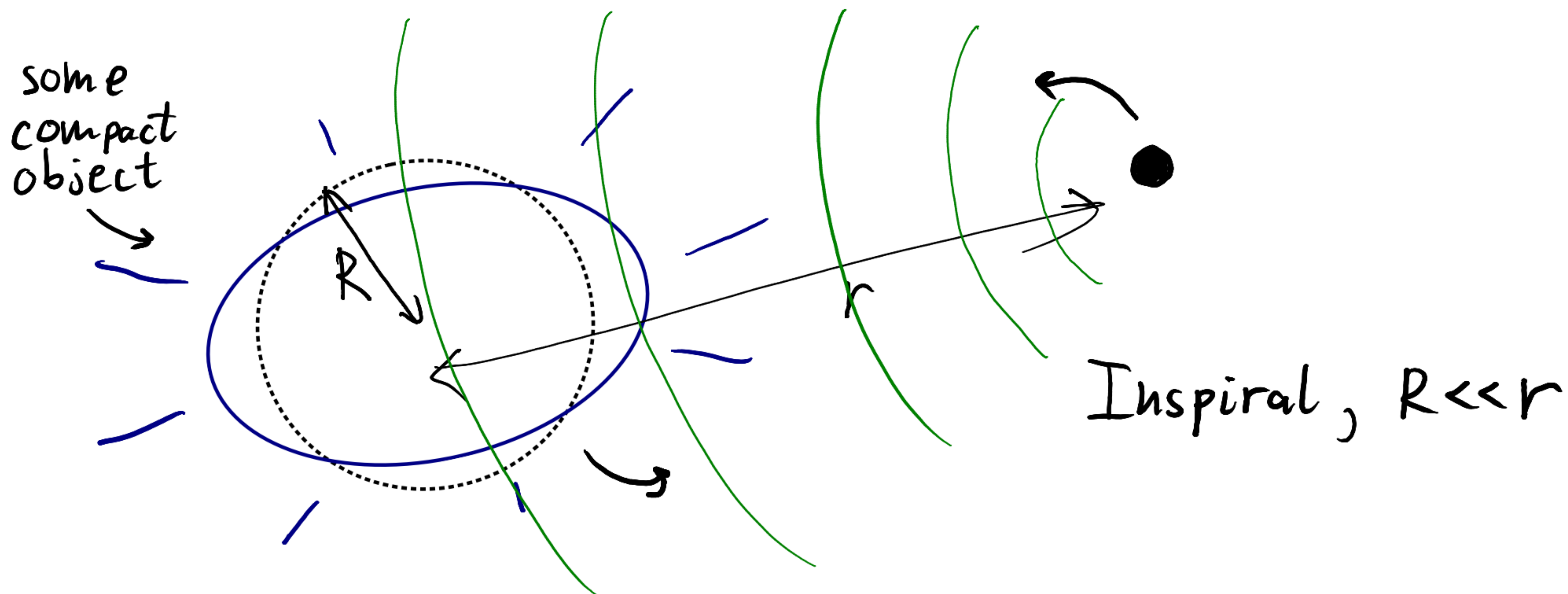
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# Reminder: Tidal effects and Love Numbers



- $R \ll r \Rightarrow$  "small" tidal forces  $\Rightarrow$  [Fang & Lovelace '05] [...]  
 $\Rightarrow$  Tidal effects encoded in **Love numbers  $\lambda$**

Linear response:  $(\text{Induced response}) = \lambda^{\text{lin}} \times (\text{Background Tidal field})$

ie. deformations/  
induced multipoles

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Study subleading tidal effects

- for BHs "leading = 0"

- to put leading order prediction on firmer ground

$$\left( \text{Tidal deformations} \right) \sim \underbrace{\lambda_{\text{BHs}}^{\text{lin}}}_{=0} \left( \text{Tidal field} \right) + \lambda^{\text{quad}} \left( \text{Tidal field} \right)^2 + \dots$$

↑  
Quadratic Love numbers

- 0<sup>th</sup> order in frequency (static)
- See [Gürlebeck '15] and [Poisson '20] on beyond linear tides







# Love numbers

## Worldline Effective Field Theory WEFT

$$S[g_{\mu\nu}, x^\mu] = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R - M \int d\tau + \int d\tau \sum_{l \geq 2} \left[ E_{\mu\nu} Q_E^{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu} Q_B^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

multipoles

Tidal effects

### Nonlinear response

$$Q_{\mu\nu}^E = \overset{\text{lin}}{\lambda} E_{\mu\nu} + \lambda_{LL1h2}^{E^3} (E_{\mu\nu_1} E_{\mu\nu_2})_{\mu\nu} + \lambda_{LL1h2}^{EB^2} (BB)_{\mu\nu} + O(E^3, EB^2)$$

↑ Quadratic Love Numbers

(Linear) Love numbers

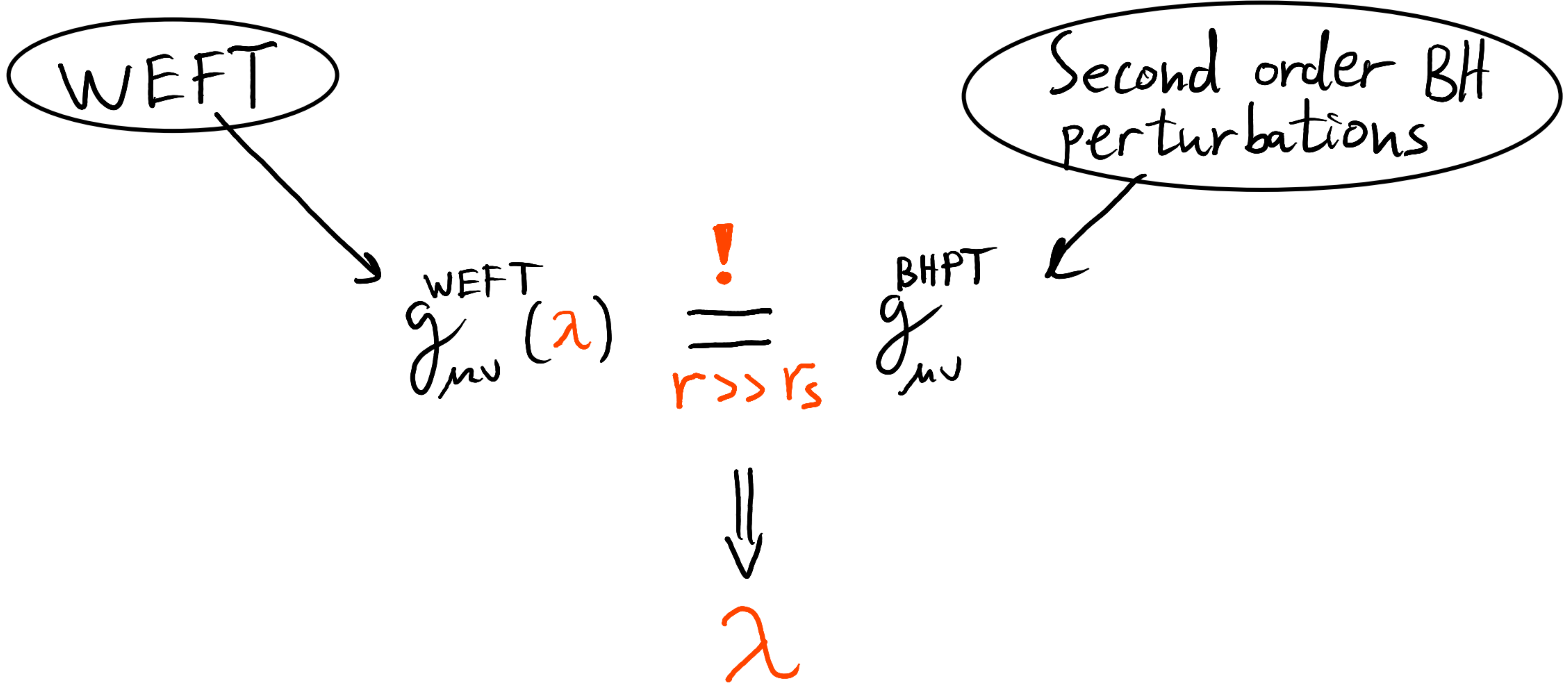
[Bern et al '20]

[Riva, Santoni, NS, Vernizzi '23]

[Iteanu, Riva, Santoni, NS, Vernizzi '24]

# How to find Quadratic Love numbers?

- match BH perturbations on WEFT calculation





# Second order BH perturbation theory

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Sch}} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

- Solving Einstein's eqs for  $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$  perturbatively:

$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} = {}^{(1)}\delta g_{\mu\nu} + {}^{(2)}\delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

1st order (linear):  $\hat{D} {}^{(1)}\delta g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} {}^{(1)}\delta g_{\mu\nu}$

2nd order:  $\hat{D} {}^{(2)}\delta g_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{J}_{\mu\nu} [{}^{(1)}\delta g_0, {}^{(1)}\delta g]$  ← plug into source

- Parametrisation and Regge-Wheeler gauge [Regge & Wheeler '57]

$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} = \delta g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{even})} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{odd})}$$

master variable  
↓

- focus on even:  $\delta g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{even})} \sim \delta g_{tt} \sim H_0(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell m} H_0^{\ell m}(r) Y_{\ell m}^e(\theta, \varphi)$



# Second order BH perturbation theory

Linear solutions:  ${}^{(1)}H_0^{lm} = \sum_l P_l^{(2)} \left( 2\frac{r}{r_s} - 1 \right)$

$$\left( \partial_r^2 + \frac{2r-r_s}{f(r)r^2} \partial_r - \frac{\lambda r^2 f(r) + r_s^2}{r^4 f(r)^2} \right) H_0^{lm}(r) = \sum_{\substack{l_1 m_1 \\ l_2 m_2}} \sum_{m_1 m_2} H_0^{l l_1 l_2}(r)$$

sources, known functions  
of linear solutions

• Impose regularity of solution at the horizon

• Due to specific form of the source we find that all regular solutions at 2<sup>nd</sup> order are

finite polynomials in  $(r/r_s)$ !

[Iteanu, Riva, Sautouci,  
NS, Vernizzi 124]



# Matching to WEFT

[Iteanu, Riva, Santoni,  
NS, Vernizzi '24]

• BHPT gives  ${}^{(2)}H_0^{lm} = \mathcal{E}_+^z \left[ A^{(BH)} r^n + \#r_s r^{n-1} + \dots + \#r_s^{n-1} r + \#r_s^n \right]$

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$A^{(BH)} = A^{(EFT)}$   
 → we matched correctly

for BHs there are no  $\frac{1}{r^{l+1}}$   
 ⇓ just positive powers

$\lambda_{123}^{E^3} = 0$   
 $\lambda_{123}^{EB^2} = 0$   
 for all multipoles!

[Iteanu, Riva, Santoni, NS, Vernizzi '24]



# Conclusions

- \* **Quadratic** static tidal response of Schwarzschild black holes **vanishes** for all multipoles
- \* Hint of hidden symmetries beyond linear perturbations?  
(see [Hwu et al '21, '22] [Charalambous et al '21, '22] for linear perturbations)
- \* Simplicity of 2<sup>nd</sup> order BHPT  $\rightarrow$  smarter way of organising calculation?
- \* Extend to all orders, Kerr, RN ; consider  $D > 4$ , AdS ...