

# Magic zeroes in the black hole response problem and a Love symmetry resolution

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# Love numbers in Newtonian gravity A.E.H. Love (1912), Poisson & Will (2014)

Tidal response of spherically symmetric and non-spinning compact body  
 ( $L \equiv i_1 \dots i_\ell$ ,  $x^L \equiv x^{i_1} \dots x^{i_\ell}$ )

$$\delta\Phi_N(\omega, \vec{x}) \Big|_{R_\oplus \leq r \ll L^c} = \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\ell-2)!}{\ell!} \left[ \underbrace{1}_{\text{"source"}} + \underbrace{k_\ell^\oplus(\omega) \left(\frac{R_\oplus}{r}\right)^{2\ell+1}}_{\text{"response"}} \right] \bar{\mathcal{E}}_L^c(\omega) x^L$$

**Tidal Love numbers  $\equiv$  Conservative  
Tidal Response Coefficients**

$$k_\ell^{\text{Love}}(\omega) = \text{Re}\{k_\ell(\omega)\}$$

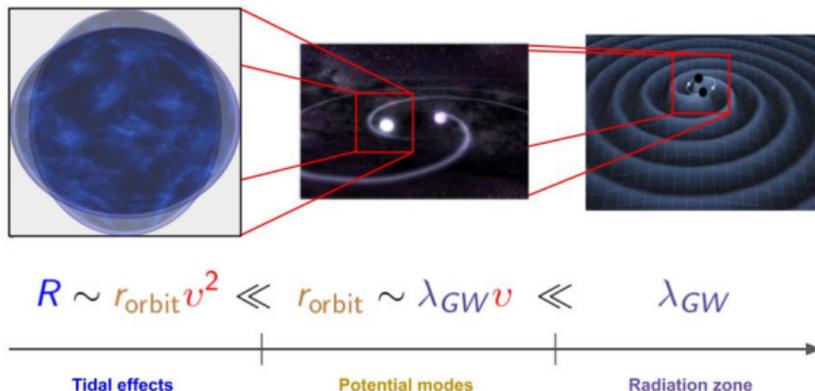
$$k_\ell^{\text{diss}}(\omega) = \text{Im}\{k_\ell(\omega)\}$$



Goldberger et al. (2020), Chia (2020), CDI (2021a), Le Tiec et al. (2020)

## Love numbers in GR - Worldline EFT

Goldberger&amp;Rothstein (2006), Porto (2006)



$$S_{\text{EFT}}^{1\text{-body}} [x_{\text{cm}}, h, A, \Phi] = S_{\text{bulk}} [\eta + h, A, \Phi] - M \int d\tau + S_{\text{finite-size}} [x_{\text{cm}}, h, A, \Phi]$$

Love numbers in GR  $\equiv$  Wilson coefficients in worldline EFT

$$S_{\text{finite-size}} \supset \sum_{s=0}^2 \frac{\lambda_{\text{el},\ell}^{(s)}}{2\ell!} \int d\tau \mathcal{E}_L^{(s)}(x_{\text{cm}}(\tau)) \mathcal{E}^{(s)L}(x_{\text{cm}}(\tau)) + (\mathcal{E} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{B})$$

$$\mathcal{E}_L^{(0)} = \partial_{\langle i\ell} \dots \partial_{i\ell \rangle} \Phi, \quad \mathcal{E}_L^{(1)} = \partial_{\langle i\ell} \dots \partial_{i\ell} F_{i\ell \rangle 0}, \quad \mathcal{E}_L^{(2)} = \partial_{\langle i\ell} \dots \partial_{i\ell} R_{i\ell 0 | i\ell \rangle 0}$$

## Newtonian matching Kol & Smolin (2011), Hui et al. (2021), CDI (2021a)

- Put a pure  $2^\ell$ -pole background with source moments  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_L$  at large distances and match 1-pt function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle h_{00} \rangle_{\text{EFT}} &= \text{[Diagram: Sphere in background field]} \\
 &= \text{[Diagram: Sphere in red wavy field]} + \text{[Diagram: Sphere in blue wavy field]} \\
 &= \bar{\mathcal{E}}_L x^L \left[ \left( 1 + a_1 \frac{GM}{r} + \dots \right) + \frac{\lambda_{\text{el},\ell}^{(2)}}{r^{2\ell+1}} \left( b_0 + b_1 \frac{GM}{r} + \dots \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_\ell^{(s)} \propto k_\ell^{(s)\text{Love}}(\omega=0) R^{2\ell+1}$$

- $s = 0$ : Scalar response
- $s = 1$ : Electric/Magnetic polarization
- $s = 2$ : Electric/Magnetic tidal response

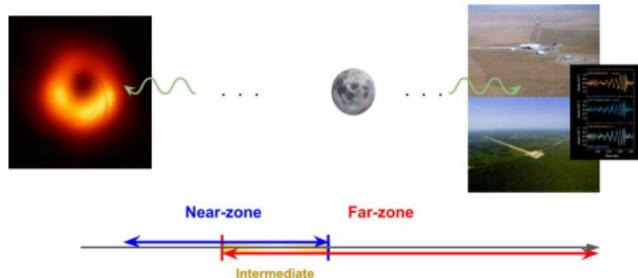
# Static scalar Love numbers of Schwarzschild black hole

- Massless scalar field in Schwarzschild black hole background ( $r_h = r_s = 2GM$ ,  $\Delta(r) = r(r - r_s)$ ):

$$\mathbb{O}_{\text{full}} \Phi_{\omega l m} = \left[ \partial_r \Delta \partial_r - \frac{r^4}{\Delta} \partial_t^2 \right] \Phi_{\omega l m} = \ell(\ell + 1) \Phi_{\omega l m}$$

Response as low-energy scattering problem Starobinsky (1965), Chia (2020), CDI (2021a)

- Near-zone region:  $\omega(r - r_h) \ll 1$
- Far-zone region:  $\omega r \gg 1$
- Intermediate region:  $r_h \ll r \ll \frac{1}{\omega}$



$$\mathbb{O}_{\text{full}} \simeq \partial_r \Delta \partial_r - \frac{r_s^4}{\Delta} \partial_t^2 \equiv \mathbb{O}_{\text{NZ}} \Rightarrow \boxed{k_\ell^{\text{Love},(0)}(\omega) = 0} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2 r_s^2)$$

# The tune of Love

- Totalitarian principle: “*Everything not forbidden is compulsory!*”
- 't Hooft naturalness (1980): “*At any energy scale, a physical parameter is allowed to be small if setting it to zero enhances the symmetry of the system. Otherwise, its natural value is an  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  number*”.

## Magic zeroes in the black hole response problem

- For *all* isolated asymptotically flat GR (Kerr-Newman) black holes:

Fang & Lovelace (2005), Damour & Nagar (2009), Binington & Poisson (2009), Hinderer (2009), Poisson (2015), Le Tiec & Casals (2020), Chia (2020), Le Tiec et. al (2020), CDI (2021a)

$$k_{\ell m}^{\text{Love},(s)}(\omega = 0) = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

Fine-tuning or enhanced symmetry?

Porto (2016)

# Enhanced symmetry in near-zone

Recall near-zone e.o.m. for massless scalar field in Schwarzschild background:

$$\mathbb{O}_{\text{NZ}}\Phi_{\omega lm} = \ell(\ell + 1)\Phi_{\omega lm}, \quad \mathbb{O}_{\text{NZ}} = \partial_r \Delta \partial_r - \frac{r_s^4}{\Delta} \partial_t^2, \quad \Delta = r(r - r_s)$$

SL(2,  $\mathbb{R}$ ) symmetry of  $\mathbb{O}_{\text{NZ}}$ : Bertini et al. (2012)

$$L_0 = -\beta \partial_t, \quad L_{\pm 1} = e^{\pm t/\beta} \left[ \mp \sqrt{\Delta} \partial_r + (\sqrt{\Delta})' \beta \partial_t \right], \quad \beta = 2r_s$$

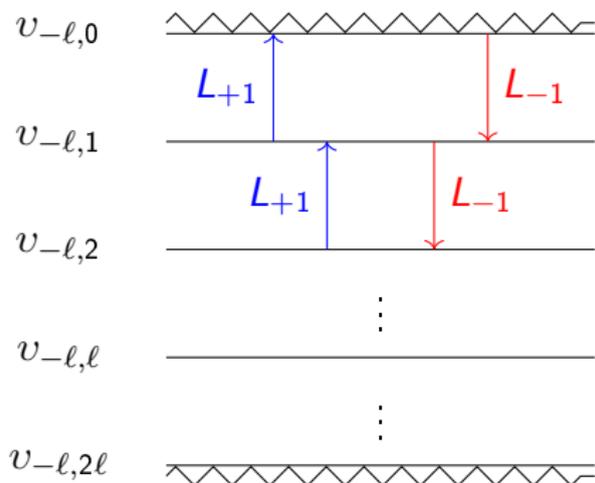
$$[L_m, L_n] = (m - n) L_{m+n}, \quad C_2 = L_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} (L_{+1} L_{-1} + L_{-1} L_{+1}) = \mathbb{O}_{\text{NZ}}$$

- Globally defined and regular at both future and past e.h.'s

$$\begin{aligned} L_0 \Phi_{\omega lm} &= i\beta \omega \Phi_{\omega lm} \\ C_2 \Phi_{\omega lm} &= \ell(\ell + 1) \Phi_{\omega lm} \end{aligned}$$

# Highest-weight banishes Love CDI (2021b, 2022)

## Massless scalar field in Schwarzschild background



- Highest-weight vector with fixed Casimir at orbital number  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$L_0 v_{-\ell,0} = -\ell v_{-\ell,0}, \quad L_{+1} v_{-\ell,0} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow v_{-\ell,0} = e^{t/\beta} \Delta^{\ell/2}$$

- $v_{-\ell,0}$ : *regular* at e.h.,  $\omega_{-\ell,0} = i\ell/\beta$ .  
 $\Rightarrow v_{-\ell,n} = (L_{-1})^n v_{-\ell,0}$ : *regular* solutions,  $\omega_{-\ell,n} = i(\ell - n)/\beta$ .
- $\Phi_{\omega=0,\ell m} \propto v_{-\ell,\ell}$

$$(L_{+1})^{\ell+1} v_{-\ell,\ell} = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_r^{\ell+1} \Phi_{\omega=0,\ell m} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{No } r^{-\ell-1} \text{ term!}$$

# Love symmetry for Kerr-Newman black holes CDI (2021b, 2022)

$$L_0^{(s)} = -\beta \partial_t + s$$

$$L_{\pm 1}^{(s)} = e^{\pm t/\beta} \left[ \mp \sqrt{\Delta} \partial_r + (\sqrt{\Delta})' \beta \partial_t + \frac{a}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \partial_\phi - s(1 \pm 1) (\sqrt{\Delta})' \right]$$

*Teukolsky (1973)*

TABLE I  
FIELD QUANTITIES  $\psi_s$ , SPIN-WEIGHT  $\ell$ , AND SOURCE TERMS  $T$  FOR EQUATION (4.7)

$\psi_s$	$\ell$	$T$
0	0	$\square \Phi - 4\pi T$
$\psi_0, \psi_2$	$\pm 2$	See references in Appendix B
$\psi_{\pm 1}$	$\pm 1$	$J_{\pm 1}^{\text{reg}}$ (B.31) $s^{\pm 1} J_{\pm 1}^{\text{reg}}$ (B.32)
$\psi_{\pm 1}^*$	$\mp 2$	$27s^{\pm 1} \bar{r}_s$ (B.13) $2s^{\pm 1} \bar{r}_s$ (eq. (B.14))

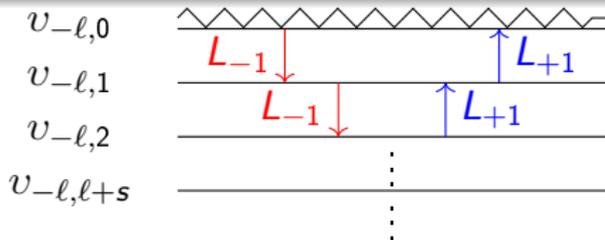
$$\psi_0 = F_{\mu\nu} n^\mu n^\nu, \quad \psi_1 = \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} (l^\mu n^\nu + m^\mu \bar{m}^\nu), \quad \psi_2 = F_{\mu\nu} \bar{m}^\mu m^\nu, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\psi_0 = -C_{\mu\nu} n^\mu l^\nu, \quad \psi_1 = -C_{\mu\nu} m^\mu \bar{m}^\nu n^\nu, \quad (1.3)$$

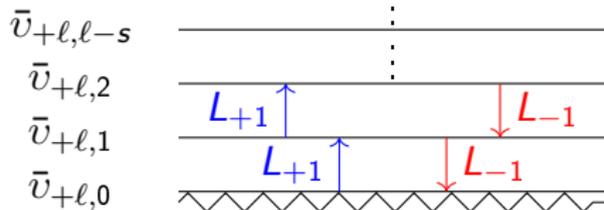
$$\delta^2 = (1 - 2M/r)\Sigma \delta t^2 + (4Mar \sin^2 \theta)\Sigma \delta t \delta \phi - (\Sigma \Delta) \delta r^2 - \Sigma \delta \theta^2 - \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 + 2Mar \sin^2 \theta) \delta \phi^2. \quad (4.1)$$

Here  $M$  is the mass of the black hole,  $aM$  its angular momentum,  $\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$ , and  $\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2$ . When  $a = 0$ , the metric reduces to the Schwarzschild metric, a nonrotating black hole.

$$\left[ \frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2}{\Delta} - a^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{4Mar}{\Delta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \left[ \frac{a^2}{\Delta} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} - \Delta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \Delta^{-1/2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) - 2s \left[ \frac{a(r-M)}{\Delta} + \frac{i \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi} - 2s \left[ \frac{M(r^2 - a^2)}{\Delta} - r - ia \cos \theta \right] \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + (s^2 \cot^2 \theta - s) \psi = 4\pi \Sigma T. \quad (4.7)$$



(a) Highest-weight repr. =  $\{v_{-l,n}\}$ :  
Regular (Singular) at future (past) e.h.

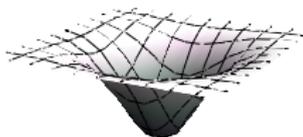


(b) Lowest-weight repr. =  $\{\bar{v}_{+l,n}\}$ :  
Regular (Singular) at past (future) e.h.

$$R_{s,\omega=0,\ell m}(r) = \left( \frac{r-r_+}{r-r_-} \right)^{im\Omega\beta/2} \Delta^{-s} \sum_{n=0}^{\ell+s} c_{n,\ell m} r^n \Rightarrow \text{No induced multipole moment term}$$

## Relation to enhanced NHE isometry CDI (2022)

- Near-horizon geometry of extremal black holes develops an infinite throat and *decouples* from far-horizon geometry.
  - Decoupled throat has enhanced isometry from acquired AdS factors.
  - RN:  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{NHE}} \times SO(3)$
  - Kerr:  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{NHE}} \times U(1)$
- Bardeen & Horowitz (1999)



$$Q^2 < M^2$$



$$Q^2 = M^2$$

$$\text{RN: } \lim_{Q^2 \rightarrow M^2} SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{Love}} = SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{NHE}}$$

$$\text{Kerr: } \lim_{a^2 \rightarrow M^2} \left( SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{BH}} \subset SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{Love}} \times \hat{U}(1) \right) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{NHE}}$$

# Summary

- Love numbers capture the linear conservative “tidal” response of a compact body to external “tidal” fields and can be probed in radiation waveform signals.
  - Black holes in  $d = 4$  GR have vanishing static Love numbers  
→ (’t Hooft-)naturalness concerns
  - Enhanced  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  Love symmetry explains seemingly unnatural properties of black holes Love numbers  
→ “Highest-weight banishes Love”
  - Closely related to enhanced NHE  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  isometry.
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- In higher dimensions, Love symmetry still exists regardless of details of perturbation and is in accordance with the more intricate vanishing/non-vanishing/running of the black hole static Love numbers.
  - For modified GR, Love symmetry in general **does not exist** and Love numbers have their natural **non-zero and RG-flowing values**.

# What else to do with Love symmetry?

- Re-organization of perturbation theory and QNMs?
- Black  $p$ -branes and AdS/CFT? (in progress)
- Full symmetry structure and Kerr/CFT? (in progress)
- “Accidental” symmetry of extremal GR black holes?

Porfyriadis & Remmen (2021)

- Near-horizon BMS-like algebra and Celestial holography?

Donnay, Giribet, González, Pino (2016a,2016b)

*“Black holes are the hydrogen atom of the 21st century”*

*'t Hooft (2016), EHT (April 10, 2019)*

*Thank you*



$$SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{Love}} \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{\text{Love}} \times \hat{U}(1) \supset SL(2, \mathbb{R})_{(\alpha)}$$

$$L_m(\alpha) = L_m^{\text{Love}} + \alpha v_m \beta \Omega \partial_\phi, \quad v_m \in \mathcal{V}$$

## Starobinsky near-zone $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SO(3)$

Starobinsky (1973)  $\alpha = 1$

$$L_0 = -\beta(\partial_t + \Omega \partial_\phi)$$

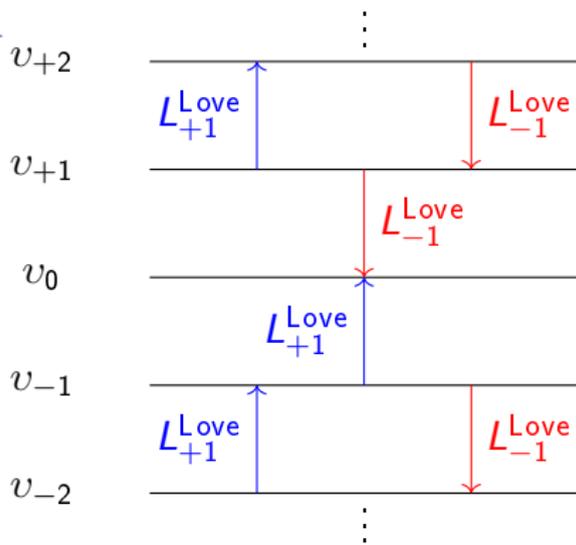
$$L_{\pm 1} = e^{\pm t/\beta} \left[ \mp \sqrt{\Delta} \partial_r + (\sqrt{\Delta})' \beta(\partial_t + \Omega \partial_\phi) \right]$$

$$L_0 \Phi_{\omega l m} = i\beta(\omega - m\Omega) \Phi_{\omega l m}$$

$$C_2 \Phi_{\omega l m} = l(l+1) \Phi_{\omega l m}$$

*Geometrically more interesting!*

Hui et al. (2021, 2022)



## Scalar susceptibility in $d \geq 4$ Schwarzschild Kol & Smolkin (2011), Hui et al. (2021)

$$\hat{\ell} \equiv \frac{\ell}{d-3}$$

$$k_\ell^{(0)} = \begin{cases} c_\ell \neq 0 & \text{if } 2\hat{\ell} \notin \mathbb{N} \\ c_\ell + \beta_\ell \ln \frac{r-r_s}{L} & \text{if } \hat{\ell} \in \mathbb{N} + \frac{1}{2} \\ c_\ell = 0 & \text{if } \hat{\ell} \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

- Love symmetry still exists in near-zone: Bertini et al. (2012)

$$\begin{aligned} L_0 \Phi_{\omega lm} &= i\beta\omega \Phi_{\omega lm} \\ C_2 \Phi_{\omega lm} &= \hat{\ell}(\hat{\ell} + 1) \Phi_{\omega lm} \end{aligned}$$

- Regular static solution  $\in$  highest-weight repr. of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  iff  $\hat{\ell} \in \mathbb{N}$  ✓

<u>EM susceptibilities:</u>	$\begin{cases} \text{S-modes} & \checkmark \\ \text{V-modes} & \checkmark \end{cases}$	<u>TLNs:</u>	T-modes	✓
			V-modes (Regge-Wheeler)	✓
			S-modes (Zerilli)	?

- Scalar susceptibilities for 5-d rotating (Myers-Perry) black holes ✓

- Love symmetry might not be unique to GR, but it certainly does not exist for a generic theory of gravity.

## Generic spherically symmetric, non-extremal black hole

$$ds^2 = -f_t(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f_r(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2$$

- Geometric condition for existence of near-zone  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  Love symmetry:

$$\frac{f_r(r)}{f_t(r)} = \frac{4r^2 f_t(r) + \left(\frac{\beta_s}{\beta} r_h\right)^2}{(r^2 f_t(r))'^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{f_t'(r_h) f_r'(r_h)}}, \quad \beta_s = 2r_h$$

- If such geometries are supported, the static Love numbers will vanish due to the highest-weight property.
- Counterexample:  $R^3_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$  gravity  $\rightarrow$  Condition **not** satisfied!  
 $\Rightarrow$  **No Love symmetry**  $\rightarrow$  Consistent with  $k_\ell^{(0)} = c_\ell + \beta_\ell \ln \frac{r-r_h}{L}$  results



More background multipole moments, e.g. mountains, spin  
 (multi-index notation:  $L \equiv i_1 \dots i_\ell$ ,  $x^L \equiv x^{i_1} \dots x^{i_\ell}$ )

$$\delta\Phi_N(\omega, \vec{x}) \Big|_{r \geq R} = \sum_{\ell, \ell'} \frac{(\ell-2)!}{\ell!} \left[ \underbrace{\delta_{L, L'}}_{\text{"source"}} + \underbrace{k_{LL'}(\omega) \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{2\ell+1}}_{\text{"response"}} \right] \bar{\mathcal{E}}^{L'}(\omega) x^L$$

$$k_{LL'}^{\text{Love}}(\omega) \equiv k_{LL'}^{\text{cons.}}(\omega) \subset k_{LL'}(\omega)$$

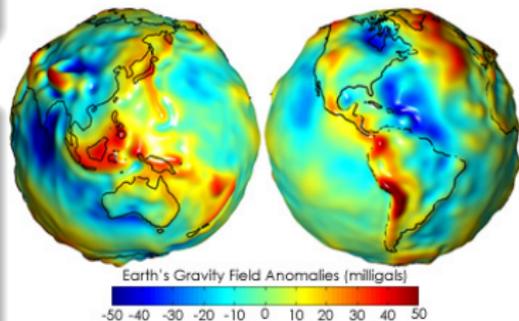
e.g. shape deformation Vs tidal locking

Axisymmetric spinning body with no  $\ell$ -mode mixing

$$k_{\ell m}^{\text{Love}}(\omega) = \text{Re} \{ k_{\ell m}(\omega) \}$$

$$k_{\ell m}^{\text{diss}}(\omega) = \text{Im} \{ k_{\ell m}(\omega) \}$$

(analogous to  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued susceptibility in EM)



GRACE data, 2004

$$S_{\text{full}}[g, \{x_I\}] = S_{\text{EH}}[g] + S_{\text{int}}[\{x_I\}, g^{\text{short}}]$$

- Neutron star made up of  $\sim 10^{40}/\text{m}^3$  constituents, with the  $l$ 'th constituent propagating along a worldline  $x_I^\mu$ , and  $S_{\text{int}}[\{x_I\}, g^{\text{short}}]$  capturing the internal dynamics.
- $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{long}} + g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{short}}$ ; "long"/"short"-distance relative to the size  $R \sim 2GM/c^2$  of the body.
- Long-distance dofs:  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{long}}$ , center of mass  $x_{\text{cm}}^\mu$ .
- Short-distance dof:  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{short}}$ ,  $\delta x_I^\mu = x_I^\mu - x_{\text{cm}}^\mu$ .
- Worldline EFT:  $e^{iS_{\text{EFT}}[x_{\text{cm}}, g^{\text{long}}]} = \int Dg_{\mu\nu}^{\text{short}} D\delta x_I^\rho e^{iS_{\text{full}}[g, \{x_I\}]}$
- Bottom-up approach:

$$S_{\text{EFT}}[x_{\text{cm}}, h] = S_{\text{EH}}[\eta + h] - M \int d\tau + S_{\text{finite-size}}[x_{\text{cm}}, h]$$

# Measuring Love Flanagan & Hinderer (2007), Cardoso et al. (2014), Chatziioannou (2020)

Leading order tidal effects enter at 5PN Flanagan & Hinderer (2007)

$$\Psi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tidal}}(f) = -\frac{9}{16} \frac{v^5}{\mu (GM)^4} \left[ (m_1 + 12m_2) \frac{\lambda_1}{m_1} + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \right],$$
$$v = (GM\pi f)^{1/3}, \quad \lambda \equiv \lambda_{\ell=2} = \frac{1}{3} k_{\ell=2} \frac{R^5}{G}$$

*Love numbers probe the internal structure of the compact body*

