

# Monodromy Approach to Quasi-Normal Modes of Black Holes

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This is a **physical** question.

It **motivated** us to learn the monodromy.

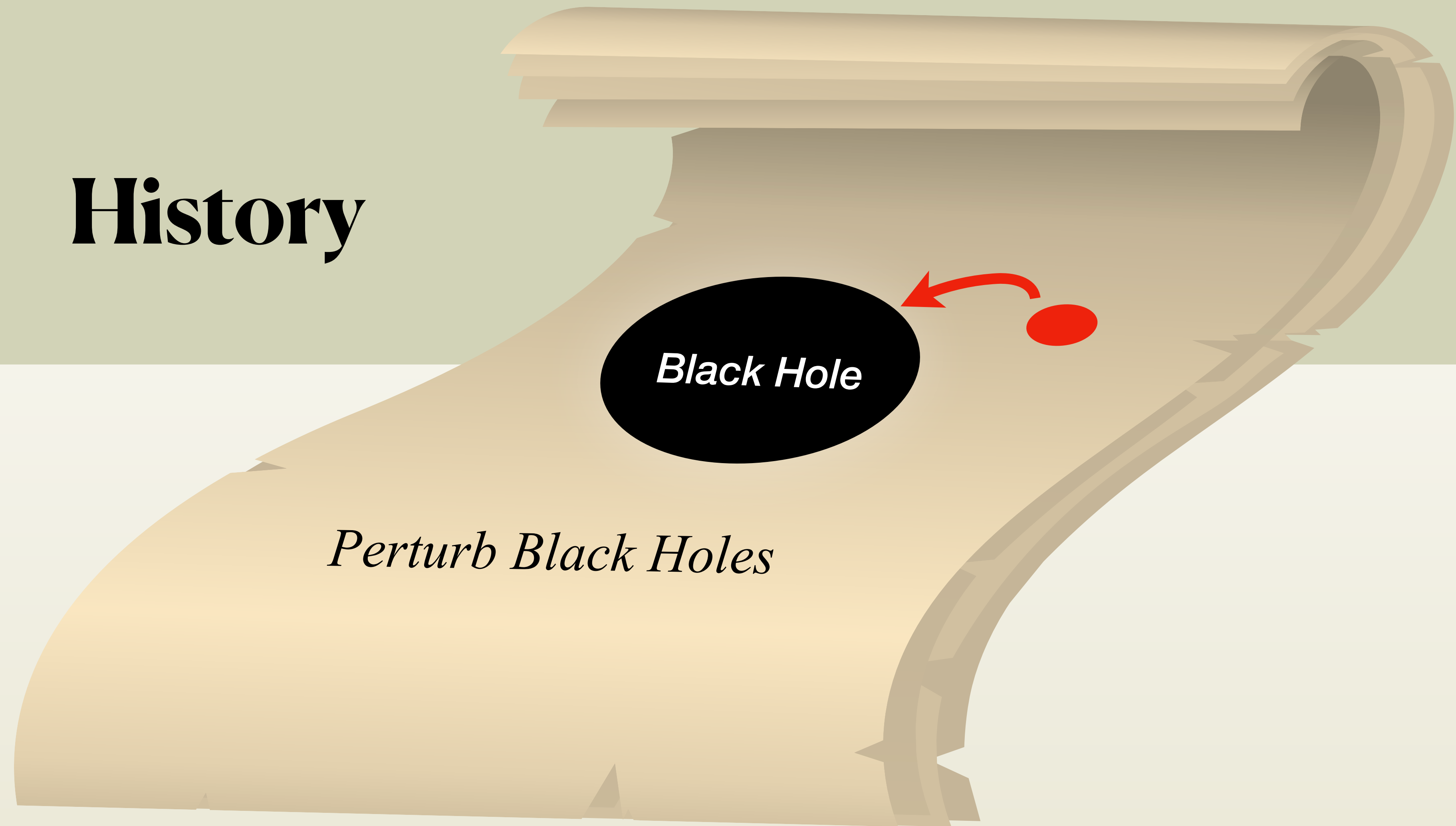
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**History – QNMs**

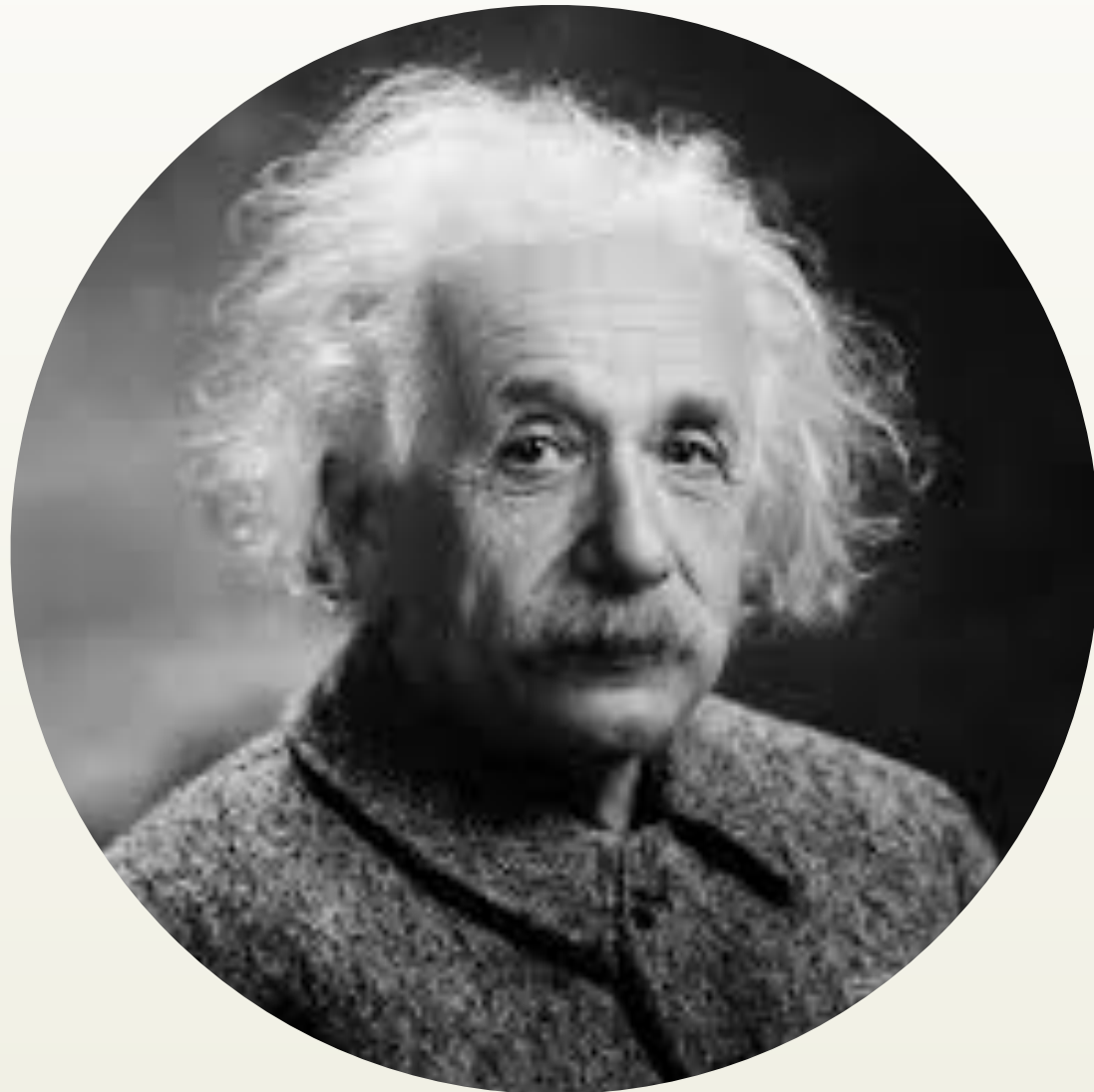
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**Einstein**

developed General  
Relativity around 1907.



**Schwarzschild**

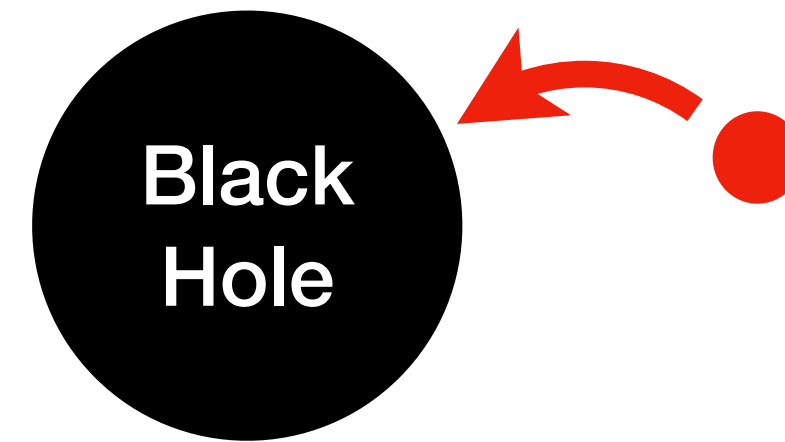
obtained the solution  
to Einstein equation  
in 1916.



**Wheeler**

coined the term  
“**black hole**” in 1967.

# Thought Experiment



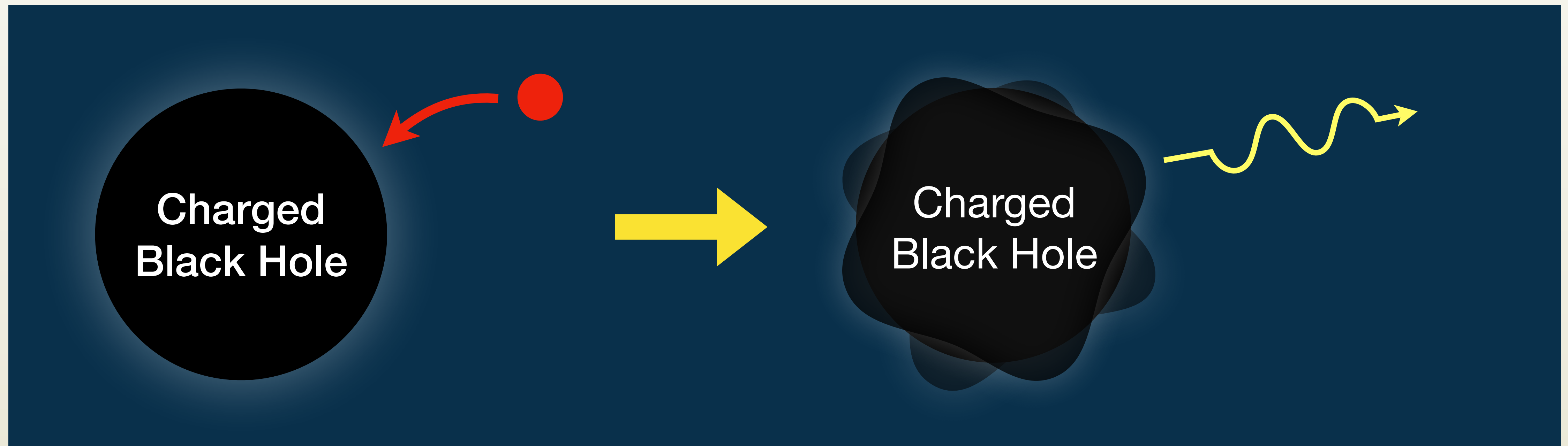
Classic

Nothing escapes.

Semi-Classic

Some information  
will radiate out.

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$$d^2s = -f(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Schwarzschild BHs:  $f(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$

Charged BHs:  $f(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{Q^2}{r^2}$

+

Klein-Gordon equation

$$(D_\nu D^\nu - m^2) \Phi = 0$$

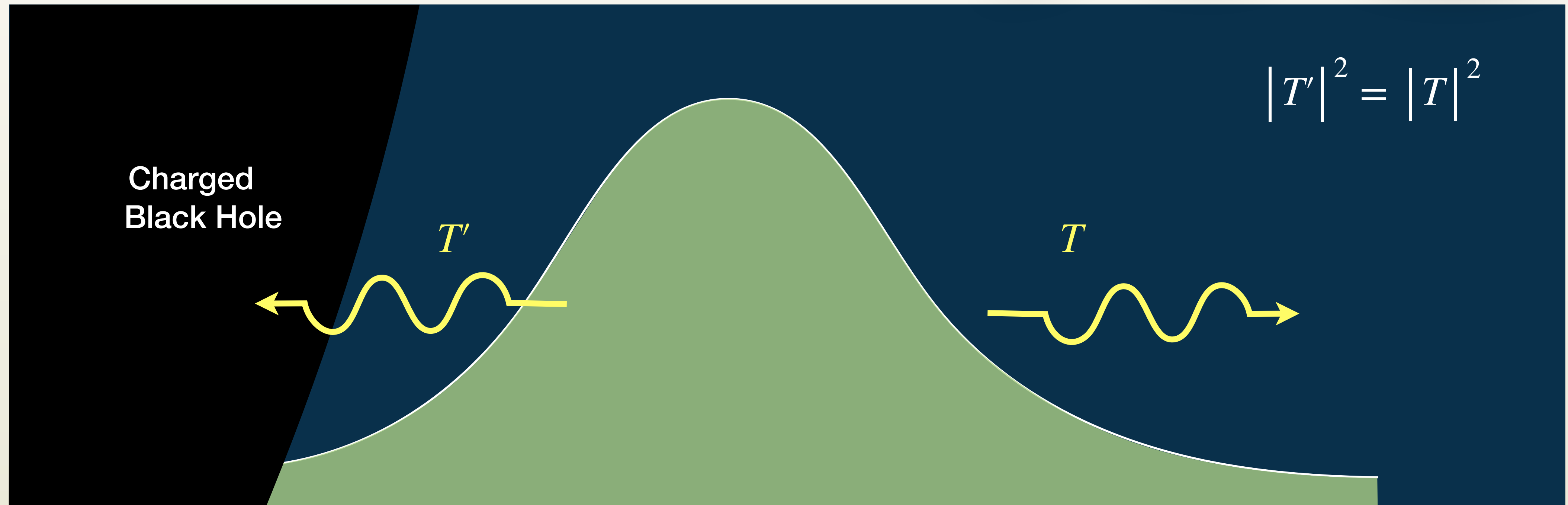
## Thought Experiment

$$0 = \partial_r^2 R + \left( \frac{1}{r - r_+} + \frac{1}{r - r_-} \right) \partial_r R + \frac{1}{r^4 f^2} \left[ (\omega^2 - m^2) r^4 + 2 (Mm^2 - qQ\omega) r^3 + Q^2 (q^2 - m^2) r^2 - r^2 f \lambda_l \right] R$$

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# Quasi-Normal Mode

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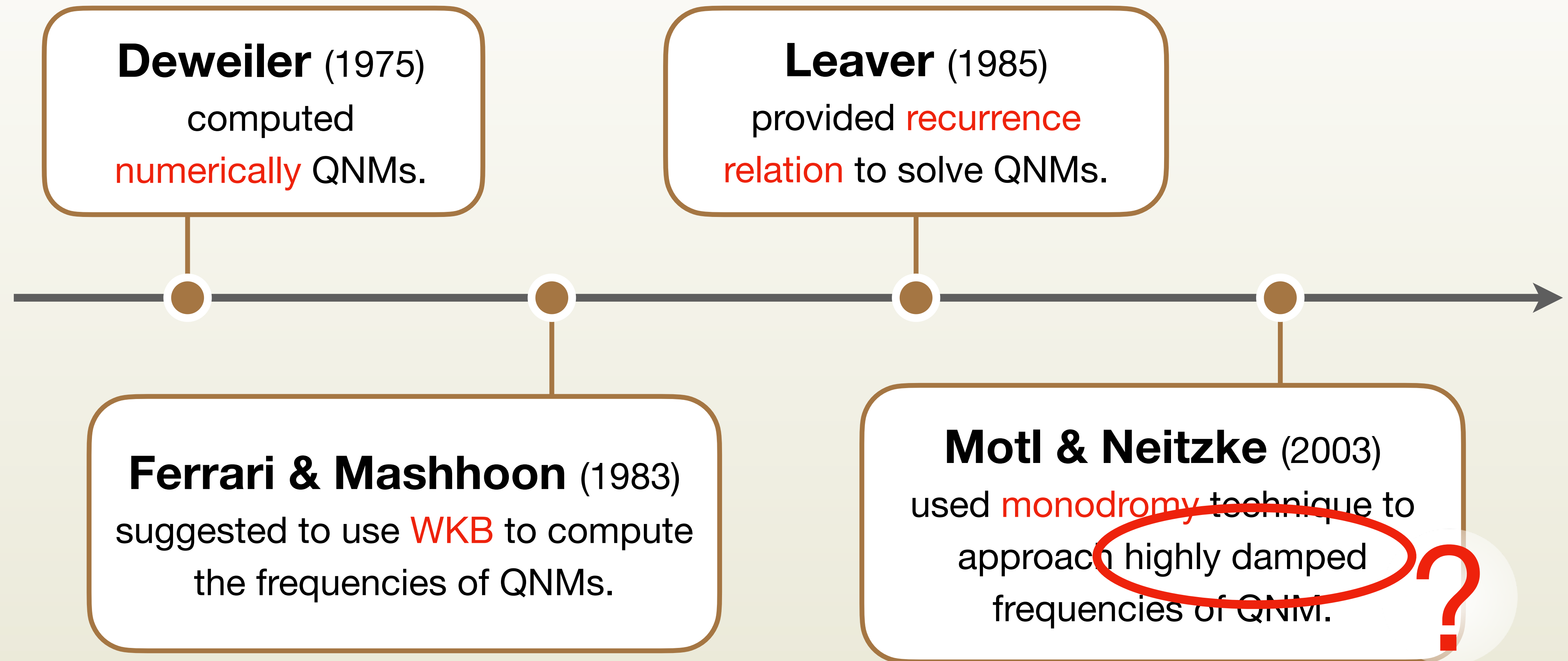
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Differential Equation  
Boundary Condition  
Obtain the results

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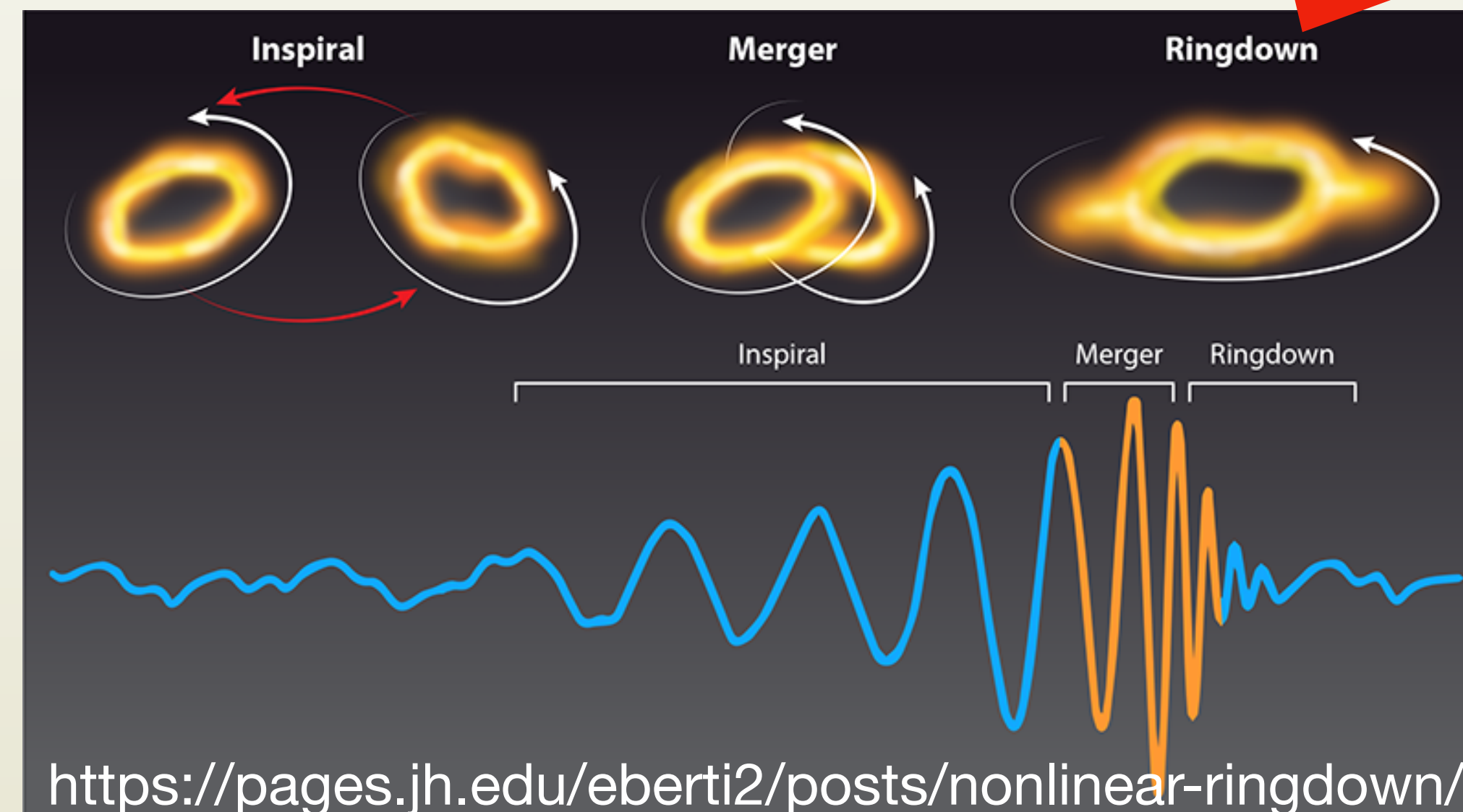
Thought Experiment

**Deweiler**  
(1975)

**Leaver**  
(1985)

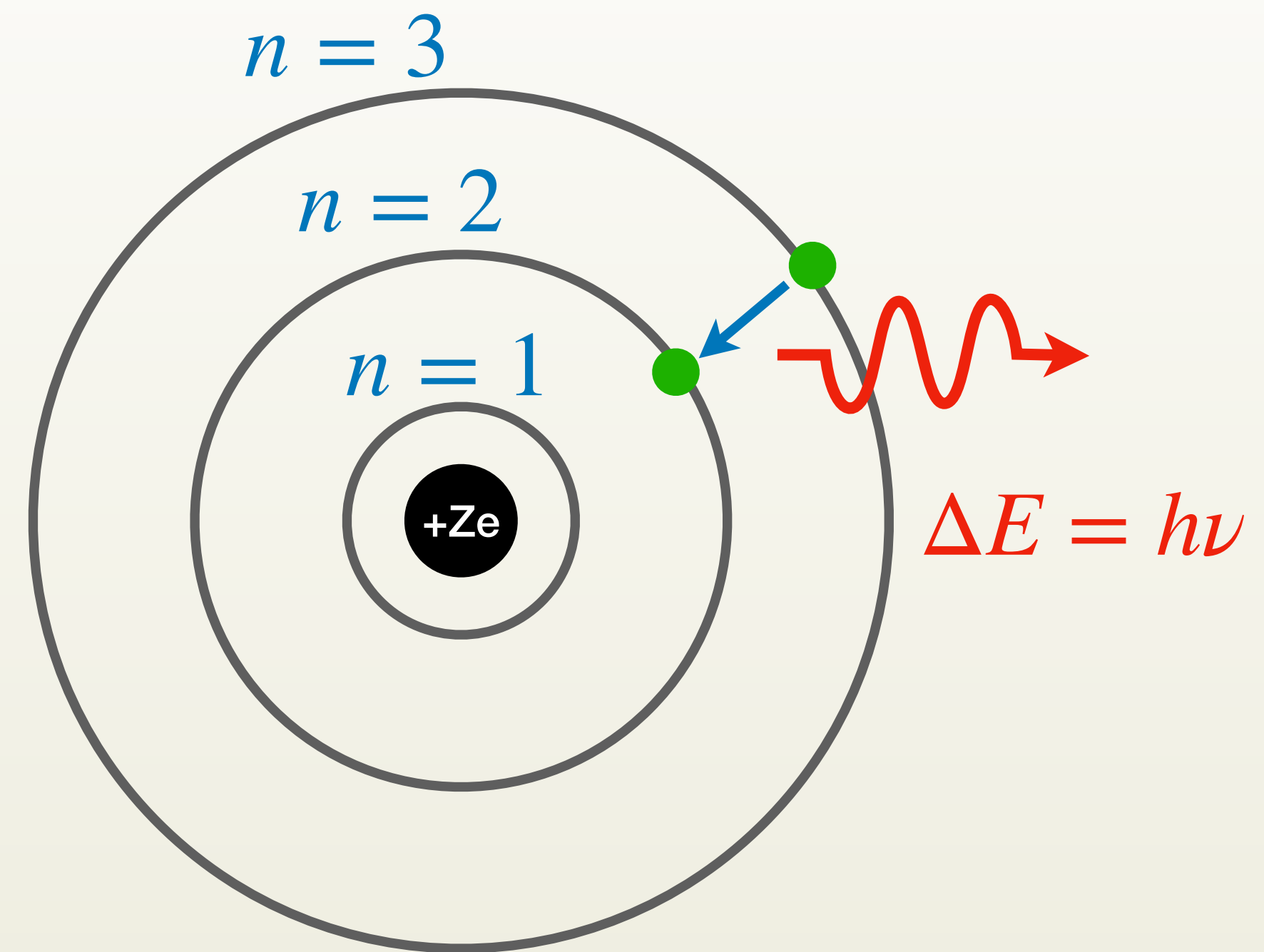
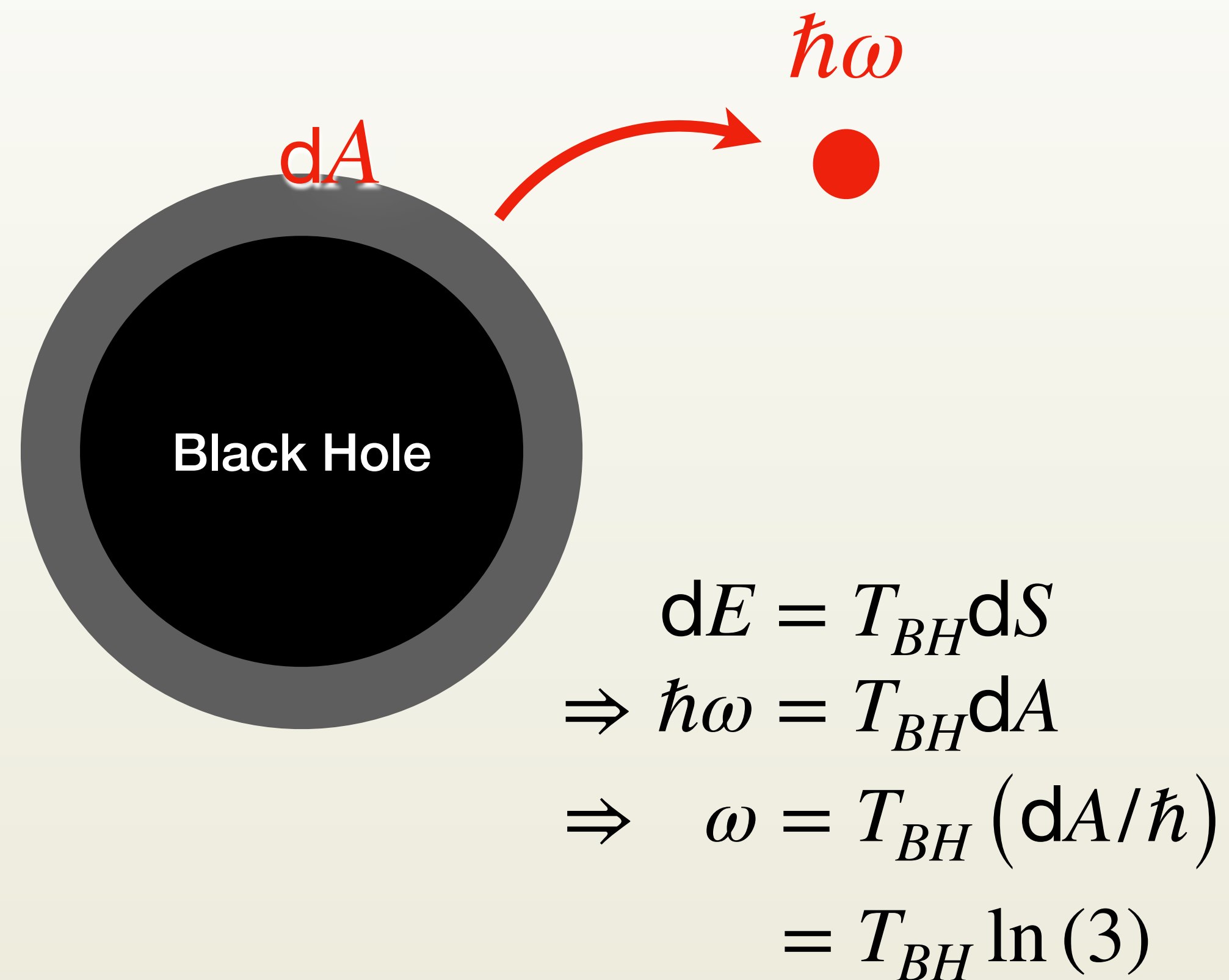
**Hod** (1998)  
proposed **discrete area**  
of black hole.

**Ferrari  
&  
Mashhoon**  
(1983)



**Motl  
&  
Neitzke**  
(2003)

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Bohr's hydrogen atom model

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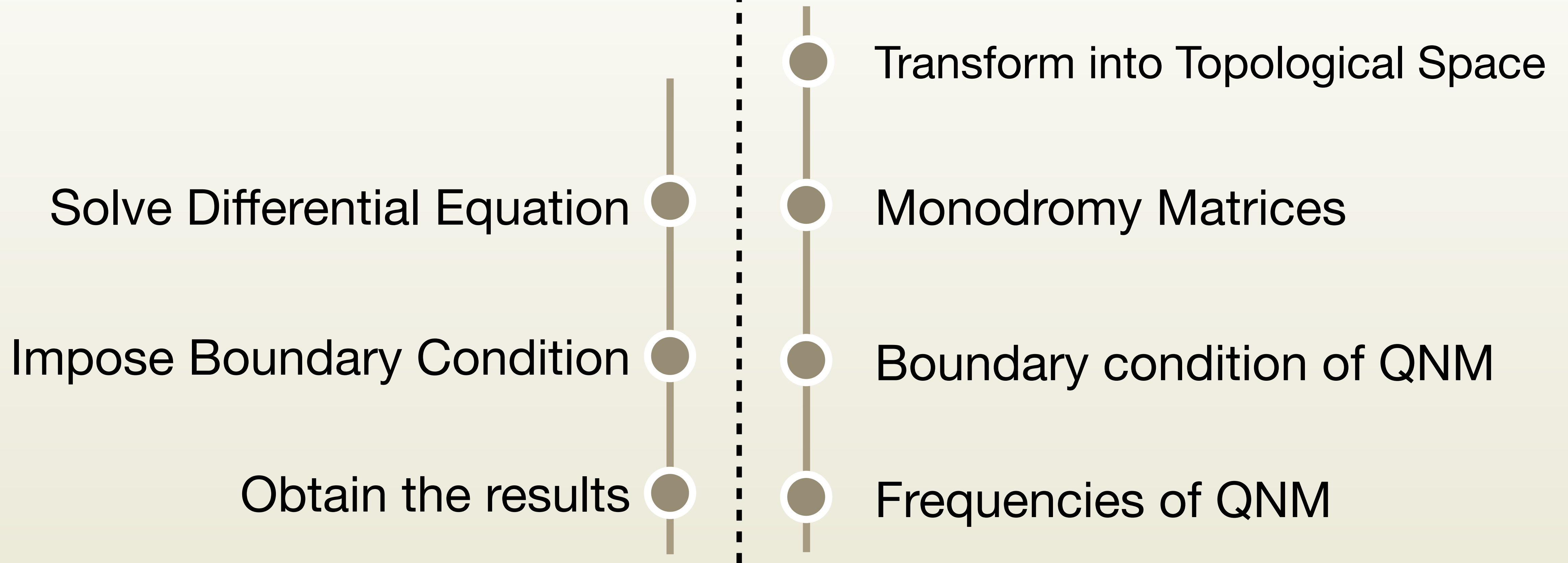
## What is monodromy?

**Monodromy** is a math technique which is defined in **complex plane**. It can help us to analyze the differential equation with **many** regular singular points by **topology** and algebra property.

# Monodromy

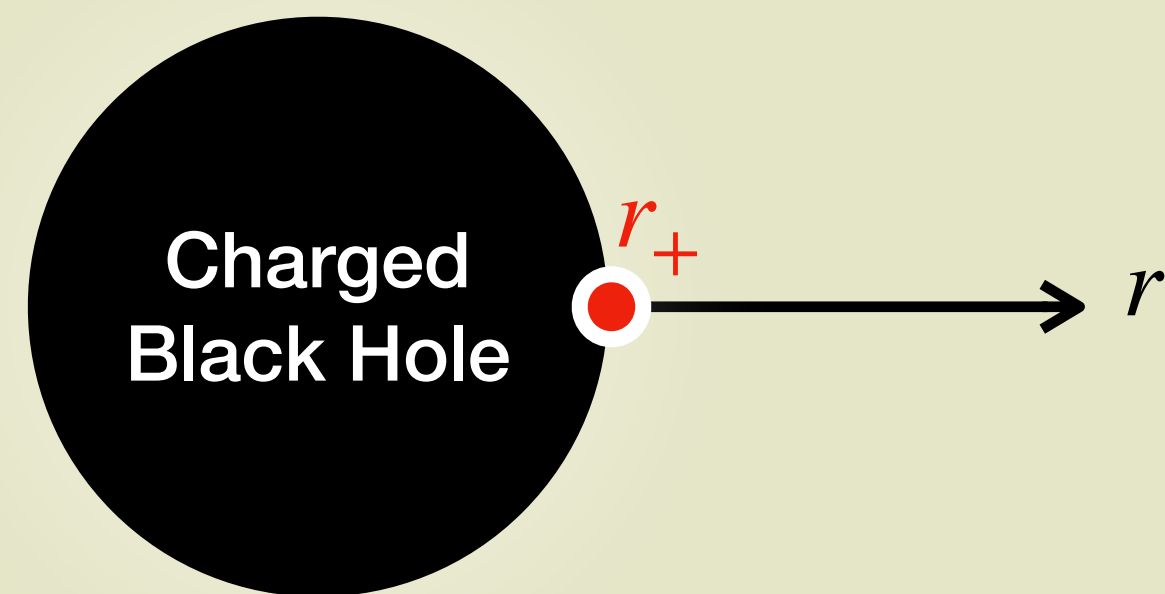
## Usual Method

## Now

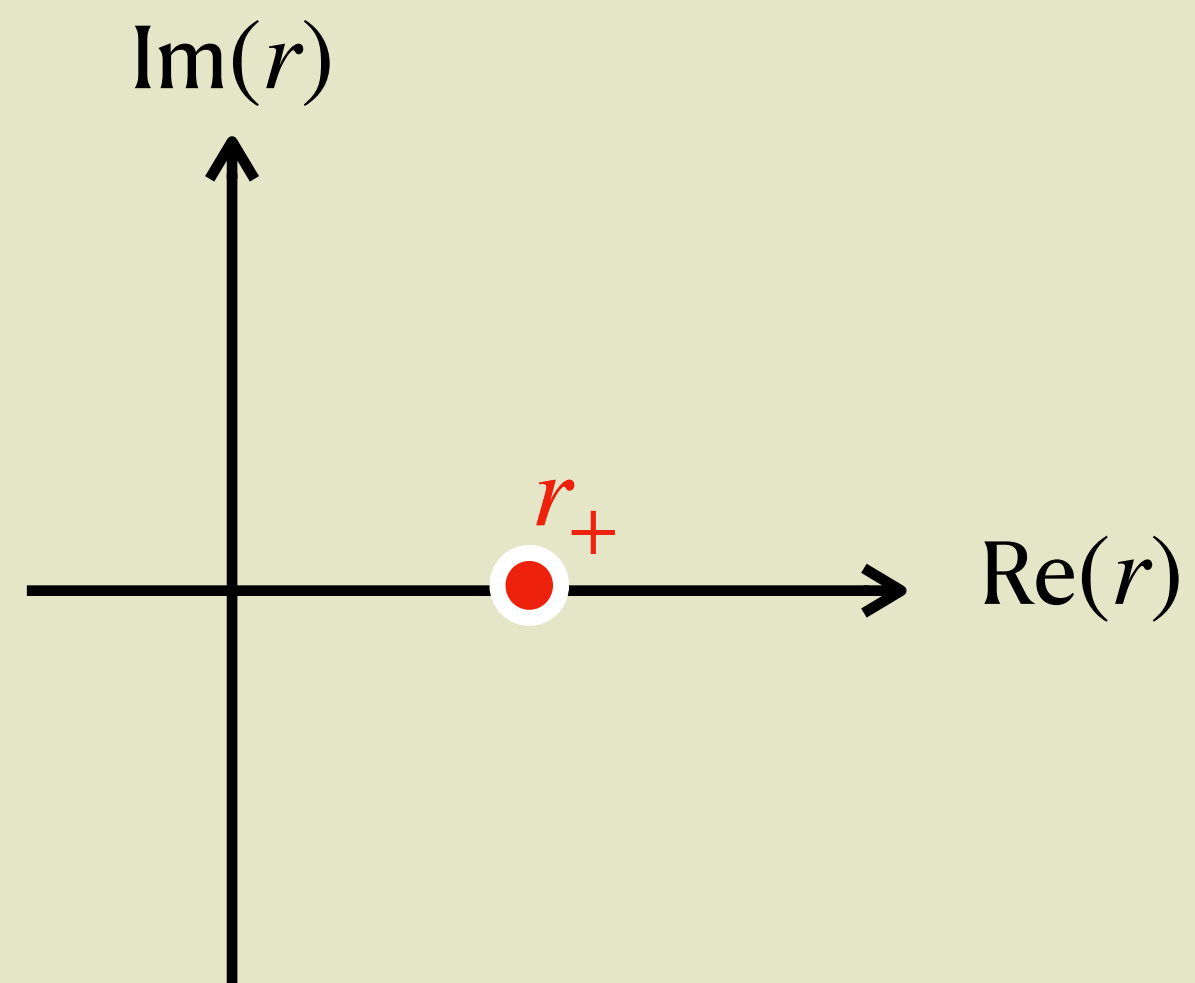


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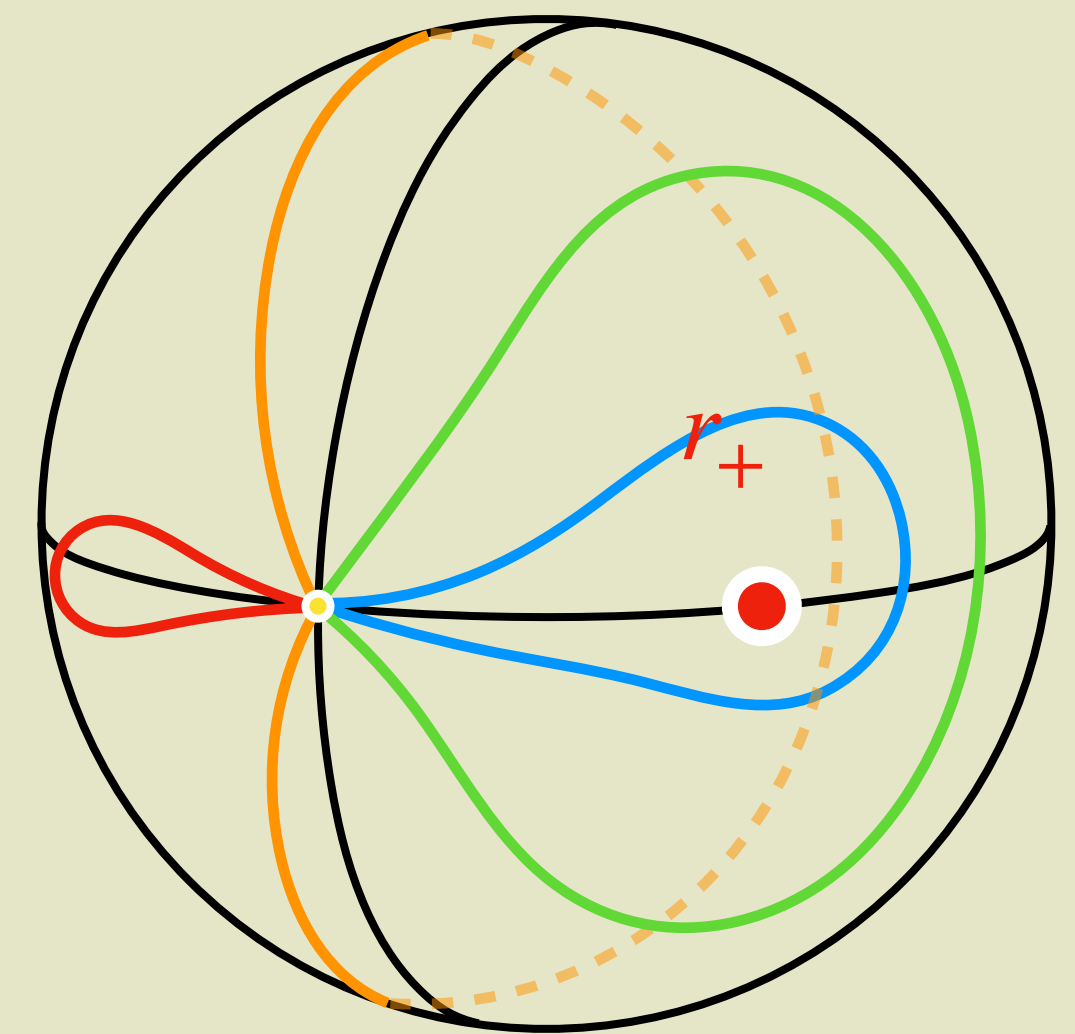
Real Space



Imaginary Space



Reimann Sphere



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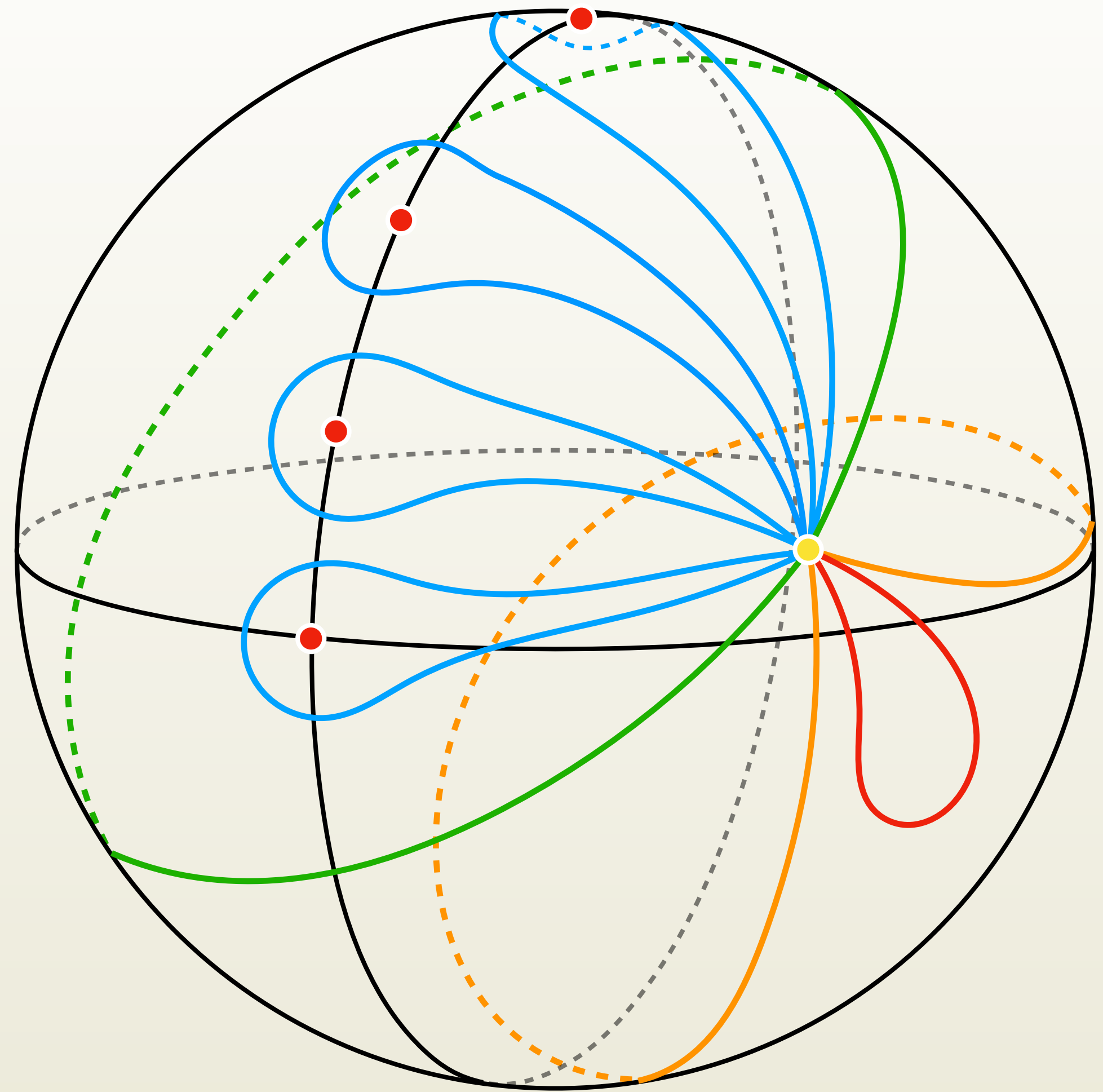
$$\Gamma_i * \mathbf{F}_j \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{F}_j \mathbf{M}_{ij}$$

Properties:

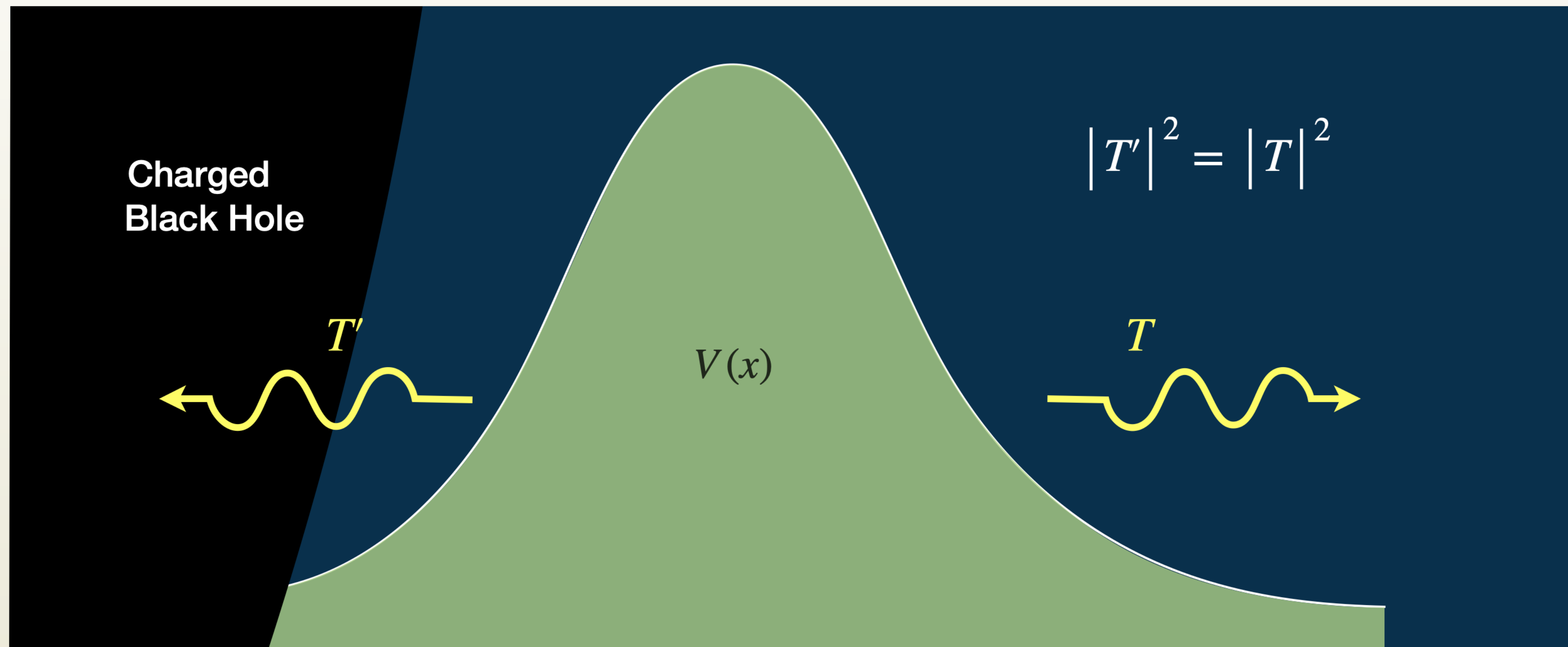
$$\det(\Gamma_i *) = \det(\mathbf{M}_{ij})$$

$$\text{tr}(\Gamma_i *) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{M}_{ij})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\infty j} \mathbf{M}_{aj} \mathbf{M}_{+j} \mathbf{M}_{-j} = \mathbf{1}$$



# Monodromy (Quasi-Normal Modes)



# Monodromy (QNM for Schwarzschild Black Holes)

Charged BHs?  
Kerr BHs?

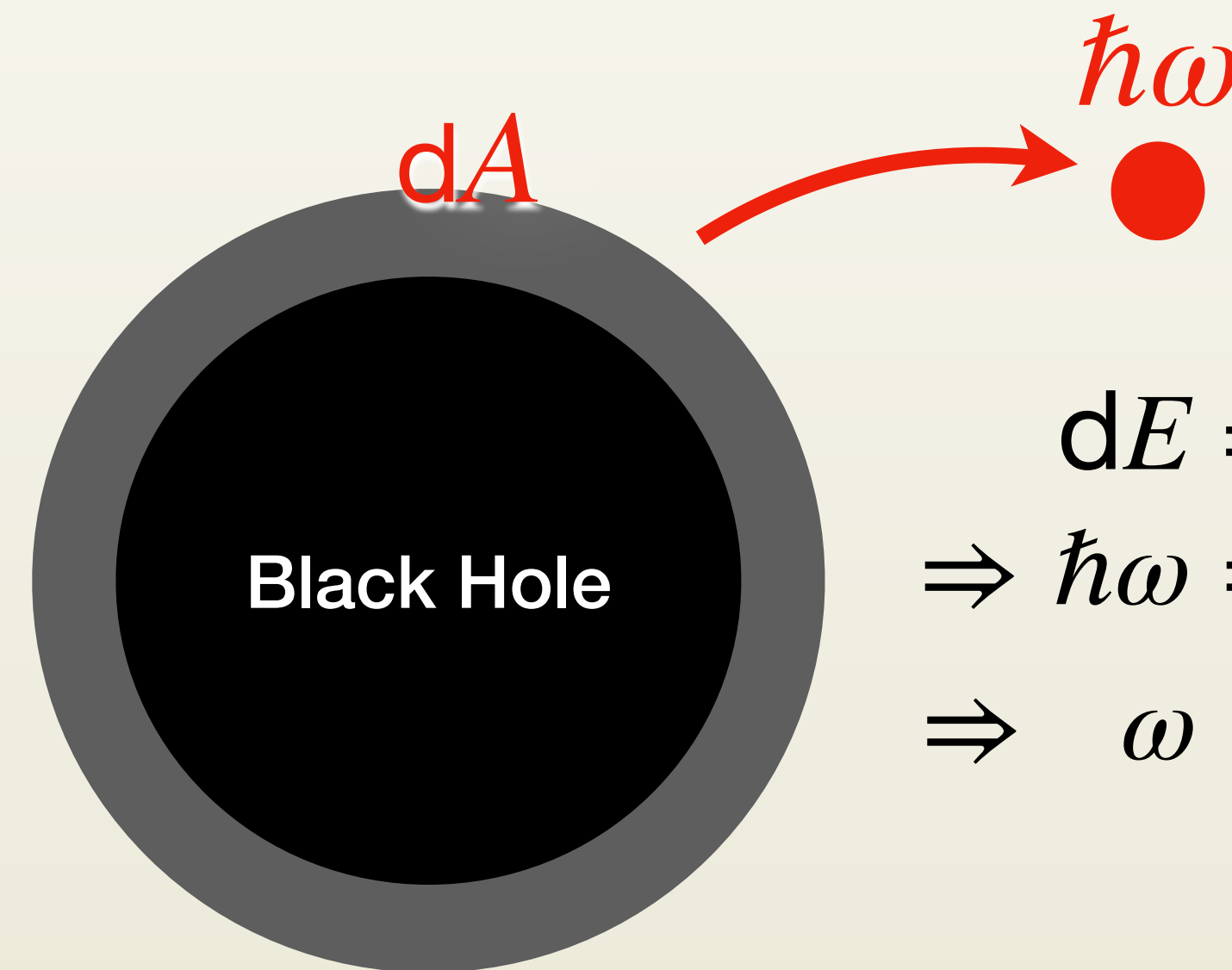
In 2003, **Motl & Neitzke**

$$\omega = T_{BH} \ln(3) + 2\pi i T_{BH} \left( n - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

where  $T_{BH} = \frac{1}{4\pi r_S} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$

and  $r_S = 2M = 1$

In 1998, **Hod**



$$\begin{aligned} dE &= T_{BH} dS \\ \Rightarrow \hbar\omega &= T_{BH} dA \\ \Rightarrow \omega &= T_{BH} (dA/\hbar) \\ &= T_{BH} \ln(3) \end{aligned}$$

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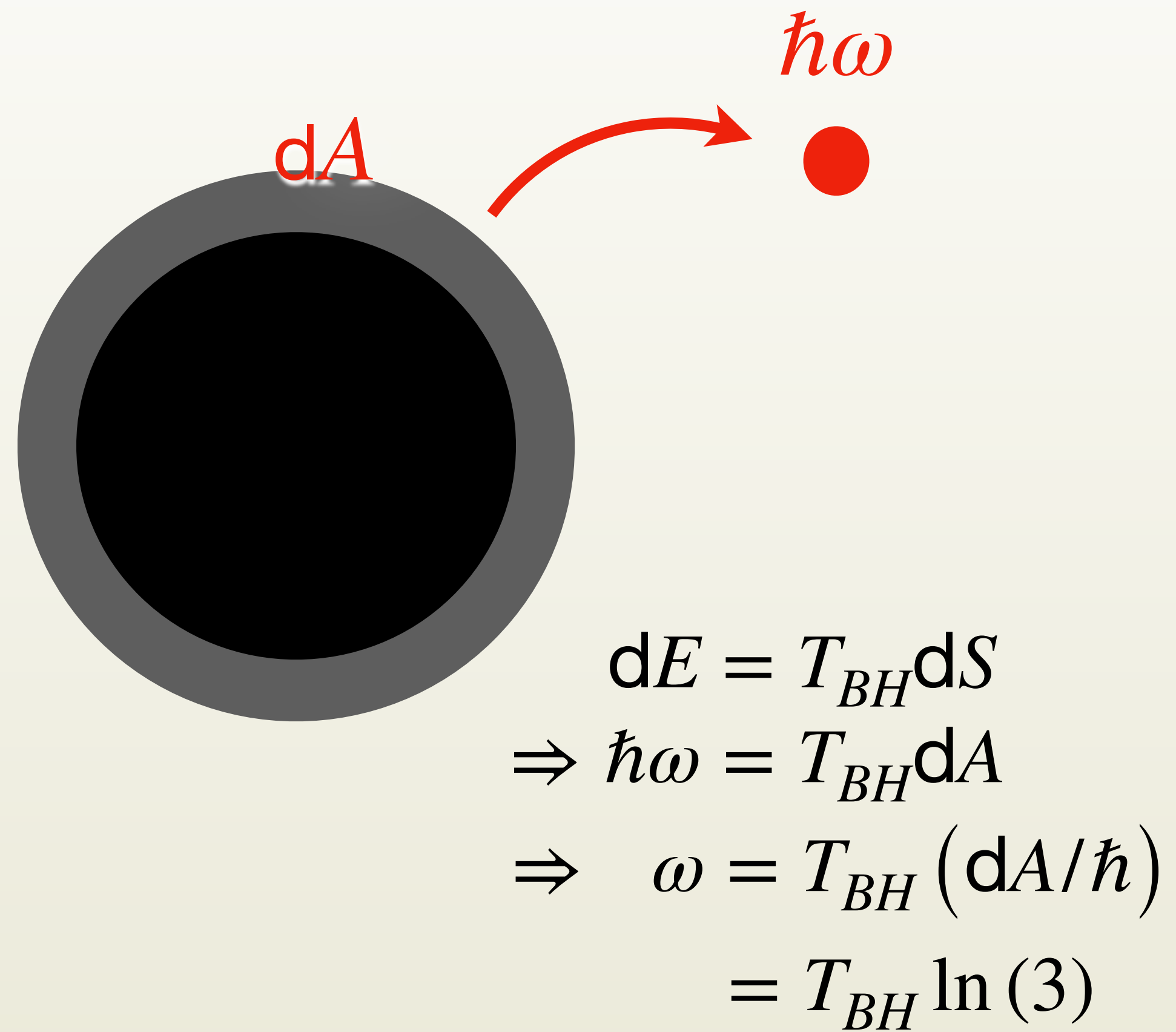
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- In the semiclassical conception, the **quasi-normal modes** (QNMs) are emitted out by perturbed black holes.
- In 1998, Hod predicted that each **loss of energy** from a black hole in the ringdown process is **quantized**.
- The **Monodromy** technique is one of math methods used to solve the QNM problem, and we expect it to provide more precise results.

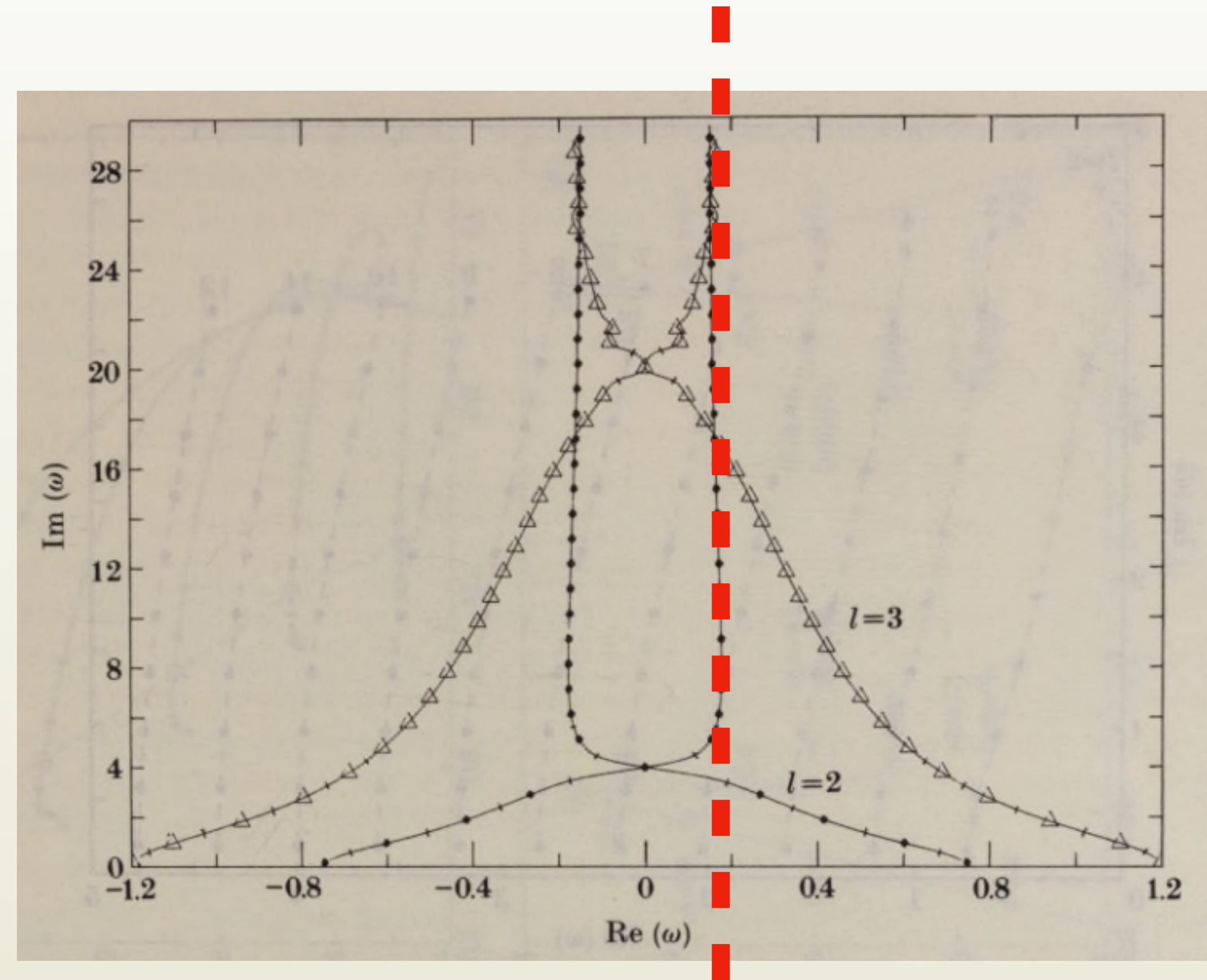
**Thank You!**

# Appendix

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$$\text{Re}(\omega) = T_{BH} \ln(3)$$



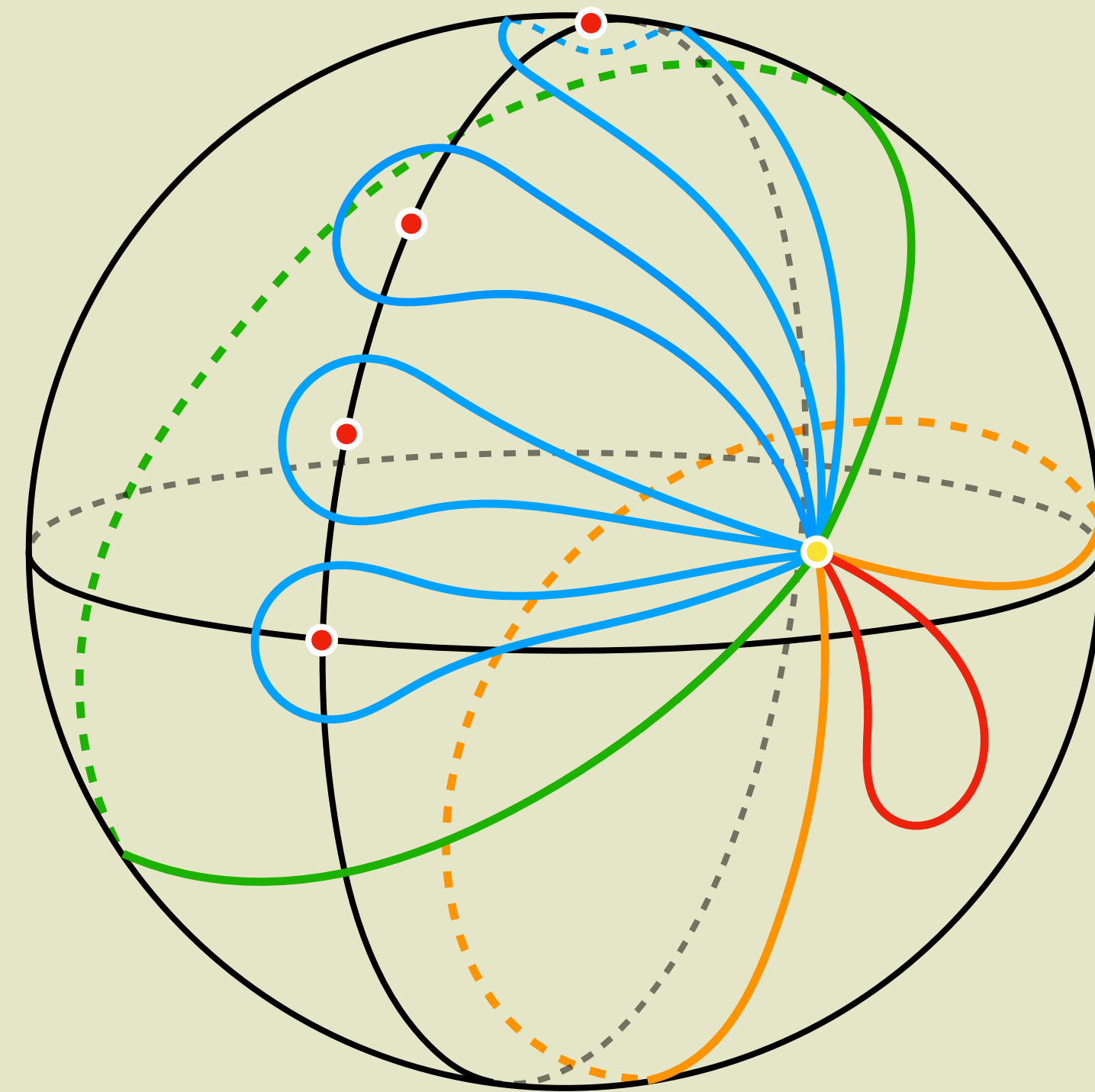
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# Monodromy

Singular Points of  
Charged Black Hole in  
Real Space

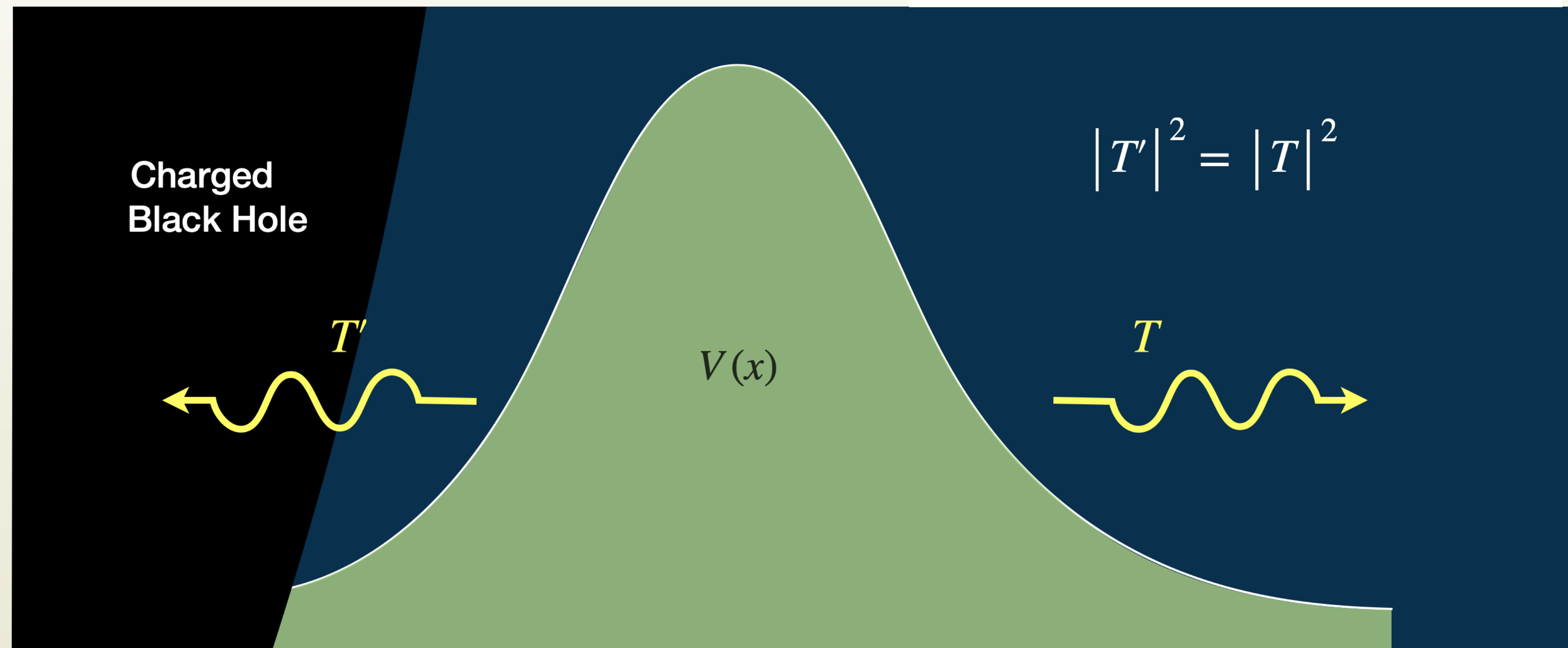


Singular Points of  
Charged Black Hole in  
Riemann Sphere



# Quasi-Normal Mode

$$\mathbf{P}_{+\infty} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}'}{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}\right)^* \\ \frac{\mathcal{T}'}{\overline{\mathcal{T}}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Abstract

The quasi-normal modes (QNMs) are the oscillation modes of black holes. This kind of mode will be interesting when we study the ringdown of gravitational waves. In theoretical conception, the highly damped frequencies of QNMs would show quantum phenomena such as Bohr's hydrogen atom model. One of the analyzing methods is called "Monodromy" which is more precise to solve the highly damped frequencies of QNMs.