

Probing Black Hole Microstates

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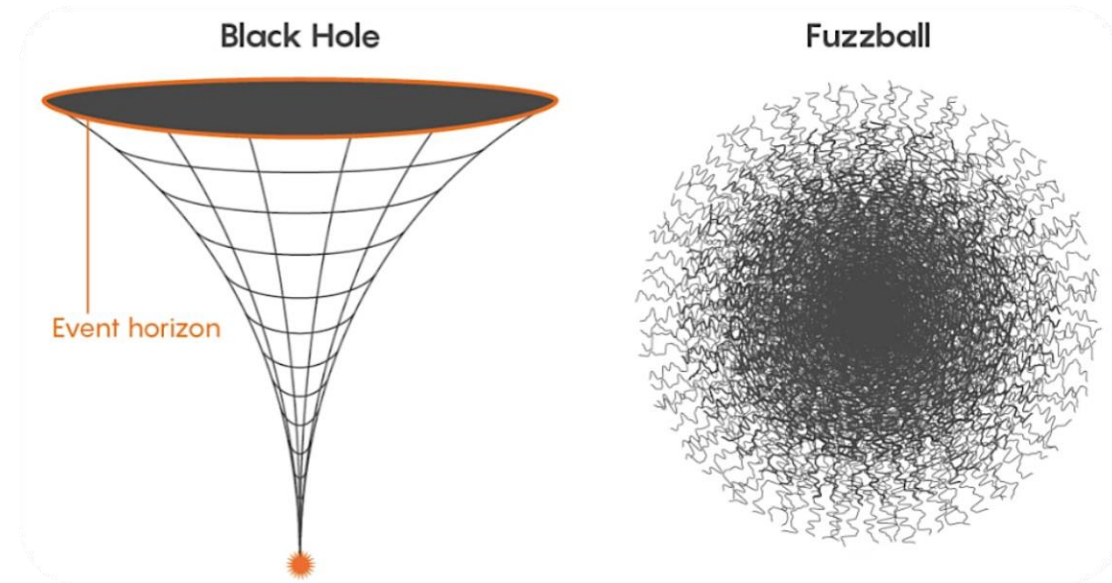
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- A potential resolution within the framework of string theory.
- “A black hole is microscopically described by an ensemble of **(pure)** microstates”.
- In the supergravity limit, a class are described by **regular** and **horizonless** microstate geometries.



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$$Z_1 = 1 + \frac{R^2 a_0^2}{Q_5 \Sigma} + \frac{R^2 a^2 b^2 \cos 2\phi \sin^2 \theta}{2Q_5 x \Sigma} \quad Z_2 = 1 + \frac{Q_5}{\Sigma} \quad Z_4 = R a b \frac{\cos \phi \sin \theta}{\sqrt{x} \Sigma}$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad a_0^2 = a^2 + \frac{b^2}{2} \quad x = r^2 + a^2$$

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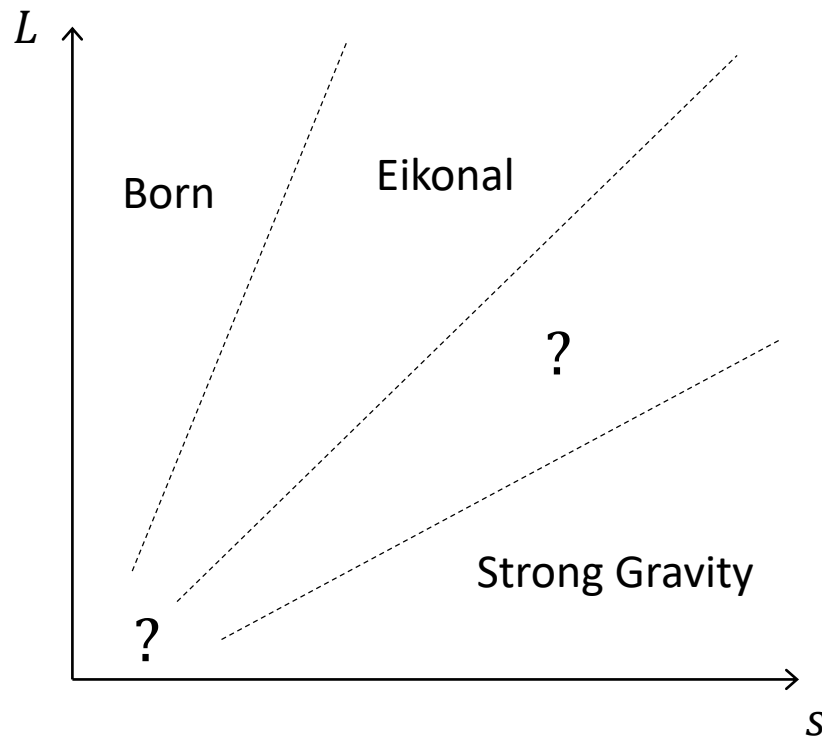
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Interested in how specific physics differs in these microstates as compared to classical black holes. To go beyond the counting problem.

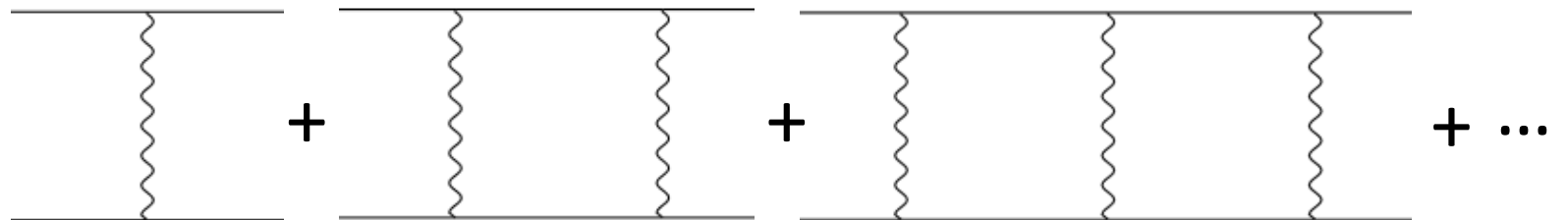
The Eikonal (Flat Space)

2 → 2 Scattering

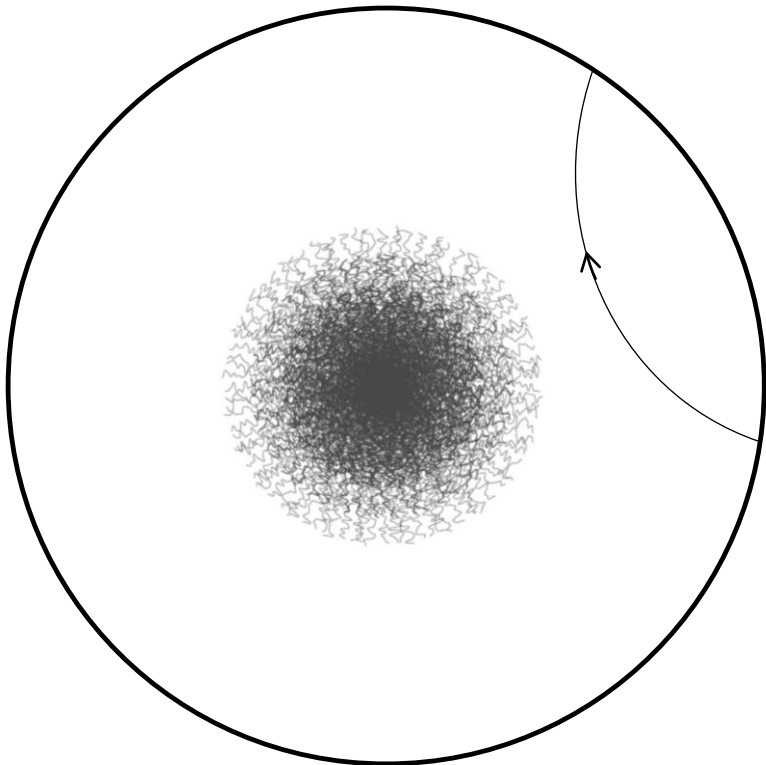


(Giddings, Porto '09)

- An observable that originated in the study of flat space scattering with $|s| \gg |t|$
- Leading contributions in energy at each order in $1/N$ resum to a phase $e^{i\delta(s,L)}$ ('t Hooft '87; Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano '87)
- At leading order, $\delta(s, L)$ is the tree level graviton ladder diagram



The Eikonal (AdS)



- For the case of scattering from a black hole, $\delta(s, L)$ can be computed from the geodesic length in a (GR) black hole background. (Parnachev et al.)
- We are generalising this to a classical action of the probe in a microstate geometry. (Stay tuned...)

Dual CFT Picture

- Can also study microstates using the 2d affine SCFT dual to their asymptotically $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3$ decoupling region.
- It was shown that the phase shift in a CFT is related to the Fourier transform of a 4-point correlator in the Regge limit. (Cornalba, Costa, Penedones, Schiappa '07)

$$e^{i\delta(\mathbf{p})} \propto \int d\mathbf{x} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \mathcal{O}_H \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_L \mathcal{O}_H \rangle_{\mathcal{O}}$$

- Has been studied using the Virasoro vacuum block contribution and matched to $\delta(s, L)$ for AdS black holes in Einstein gravity. (Kulaxizi, Seng Ng, Parnachev '18)
- Explicit D1D5 HHLL correlators have been constructed for certain classes of heavy operators $\mathcal{O}_H \Rightarrow$ can study δ beyond the classical black hole.

Summary

- The fuzzball proposal is one program of work to resolve the problems with our current description of black holes.
- Scattering in the eikonal regime is one piece of physics to study black holes beyond the thermal ensemble.
- The eikonal can be studied in both the known microstate geometries and from known HHLL correlators in the dual CFT.



Thank you for listening!

