Probing the interior of black holes with gravitational waves

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Q:What's inside a large BH? A:

Special form of exotic matter

Q:How can we tell?

A: By the emitted GW when two BH's collide

RB, Medved, Yagi

1704.05789

1701.07444

RB, Medved

1607.03721

1602.07706

1505.07131

State of the interior

Possible distribution of matter

- Classical GR: empty, all matter @ center
- Firewall, Fuzball: all matter @ horizon, interior does not exist

But: remnant in disguise, unstable to particle production, contradicts quantum principles, ...

But: unstable to collapse, ...

- Distributed throughout the interior region
- Other proposals: gravstars, wormholes, boson stars, ...

Cardoso, Pani review, to appear

But: violate some basic principles, negative energy, unstable matter, ...

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