

## The black hole stability problem within spherical symmetry

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**Instructor Office Hours:** Can be arranged through personal communication

**Lectures:** Mondays and Wednesdays at BIMSA and through zoom (TBD)

Zoom info:

**References:** *Lectures on black holes and linear waves*, Dafermos-Rodnianski,  
*A proof of Price's law for the collapse of a self-gravitating scalar field*, Dafermos-Rodnianski,  
*Nonlinear stability of extremal Reissner-Nordström black holes in spherical symmetry*, Angelopoulos-Kehle-Unger

**Topics:** Linear analysis of spherically symmetric waves on spherically symmetric black hole spacetimes, The Einstein-Maxwell-scalar field (EMSF) equations in spherical symmetry, The stability problem for black holes for the EMSF system in spherical symmetry (main body of the course),

Further topics: scattering constructions of black holes, trapped surfaces formation for the EMSF system in spherical symmetry

**Prerequisites:** The course will be self-contained but it is suggested to students who took the course

“Linear and nonlinear wave equations — with applications to general relativity” in fall 2025 at YMSC

**Homework:** Non-mandatory. Exercises and even open problems will be mentioned during the lectures.