

Black Holes

in

String Theory

# Outline

- 1) Review current ideas about B.H. in string theory
- 2) Two misconceptions
- 3) New results on B.H. in AdS
- 4) A surprise

# Black p-branes

Solutions to 10D or 11D SUGRA  
with extended horizons

Can carry RR charge

$$Q = \int^* F_{p+2}$$

Simplest solutions had

- maximal symmetry
- two parameters  $M \geq Q$
- extremal limit  $M = Q$

# Generalizations:

- 1) Angular momentum
- 2) Multiple charges
- 3) Traveling waves

String theory includes  
fundamental sources called  
D-branes (Polchinski)

$$\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}} \Big|_{\text{D-brane}} = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}} \Big|_{\substack{\text{extreme} \\ \text{black} \\ \text{p-brane}}}$$

Low energy excitations  
of  $N$  // D-branes ( $g_{N \ll 1}$ )

described by  $U(N)$

gauge theory



Have possibility of  
counting quantum states  
of B.H. for first time

For three branes ( $p=3$ )

$gN \ll 1$ : Count # of states of  
3+1 Yang-Mills at temp.  $T$

$gN \gg 1$ : Compute Bekenstein-Hawking  
entropy of black three brane  
at same temperature

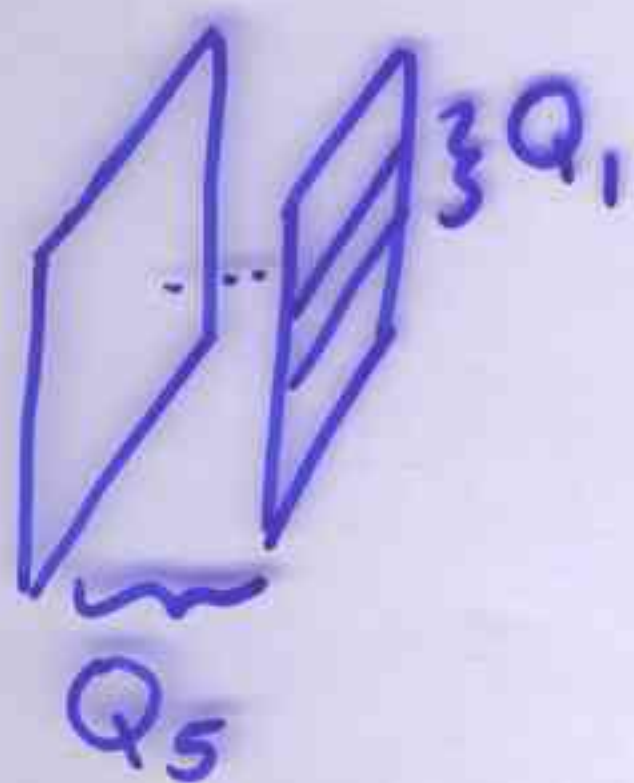
Find:

$$S_{BH} = \frac{3}{4} S_{YM}$$

(Gubser, Klebanov, Peet;  
Strominger)

For 5-branes + 1-branes

Suppose four dim are compactified on small  $T^4$



$g^2 Q_1 Q_5 \ll 1$ : Get 1+1 dim conformal field theory

$g^2 Q_1 Q_5 \gg 1$ : Get black string in six dim.

Find:

$$S_{BH} = S_{CFT}$$

(Strominger, Vafa)

Why does this work?

For special case where  $P = E$  (excite only rt. moving modes) there is unbroken susy. Black string remains extremal. Can count BPS states.

But entropy agrees even when  $P = 0$ , when  $J \neq 0$  ...

Spectrum of Hawking radiation also agrees



And Maldacena said:

$$AdS \equiv CFT$$

i.e. the CFT describes  
the near horizon geometry

How does this explain agreement?

For near extremal solns,  
near horizon geometry  
is BH in AdS

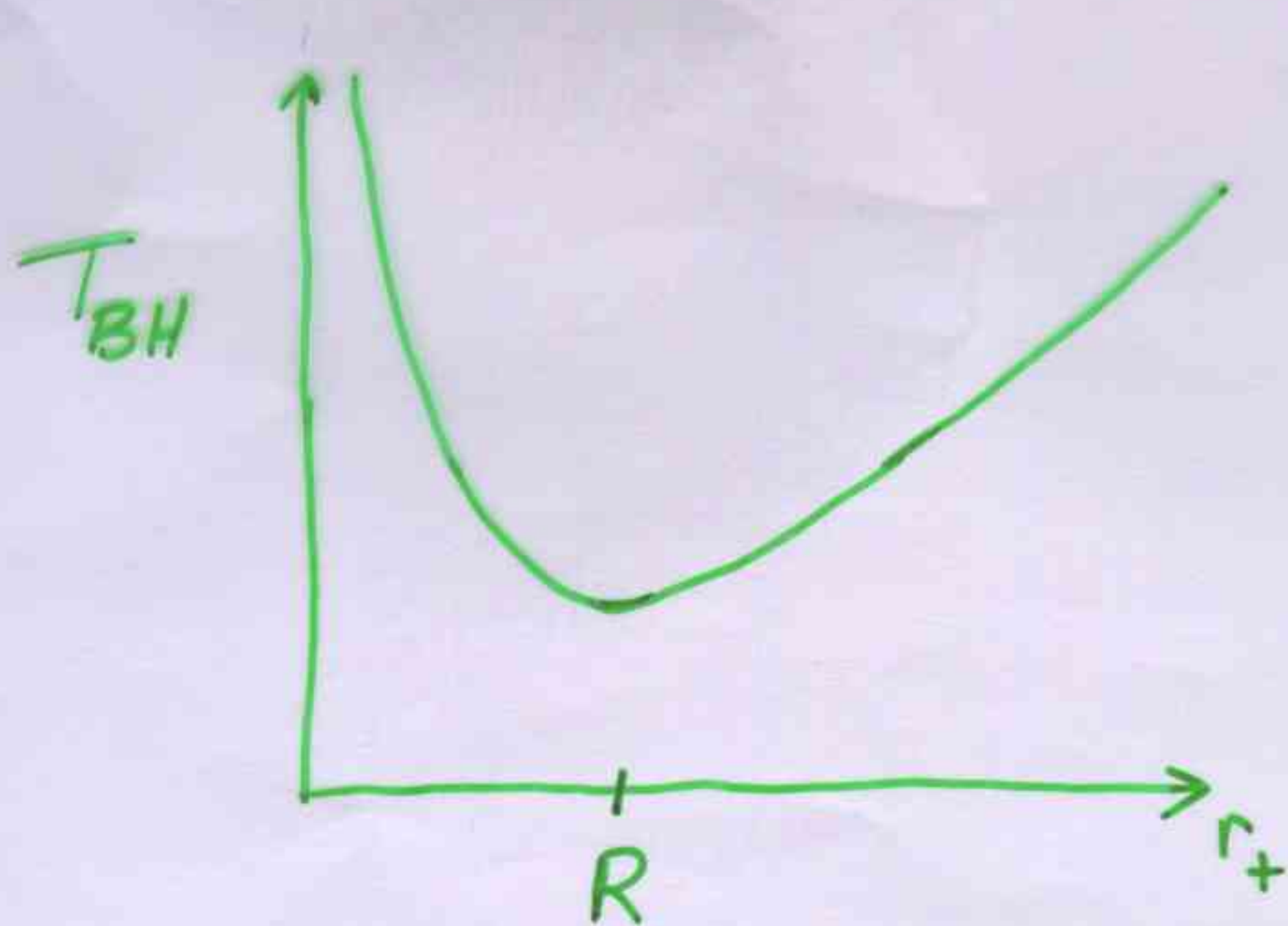
For  $AdS_3$ , get BTZ  
black hole. Locally has  
constant curvature  $\Rightarrow$   
no string corrections

The formation of a large BH in AdS corresponds to the gauge theory evolution of a very special high energy state into a typical (approx. thermal) state.

The formation and  
evaporation of small  
BH's in AdS<sub>5</sub> is  
described by unitary  
evolution in gauge theory



# Misconception 1: Small B.H.



B.H. with  $r_+ \ll R$  have negative specific heat  $\Rightarrow$  they will evaporate

But these B.H. can still have more entropy than same energy in radiation

At fixed energy, small B.H. will evaporate slightly & come into equil. with Hawking radiation unless

$$\frac{r_+}{R} < \frac{1}{N^{2/17}} \quad (\text{in } 10D)$$

These stable small B.H. are described by typical states in gauge theory.

## Misconception 2:

### Scale - radius duality

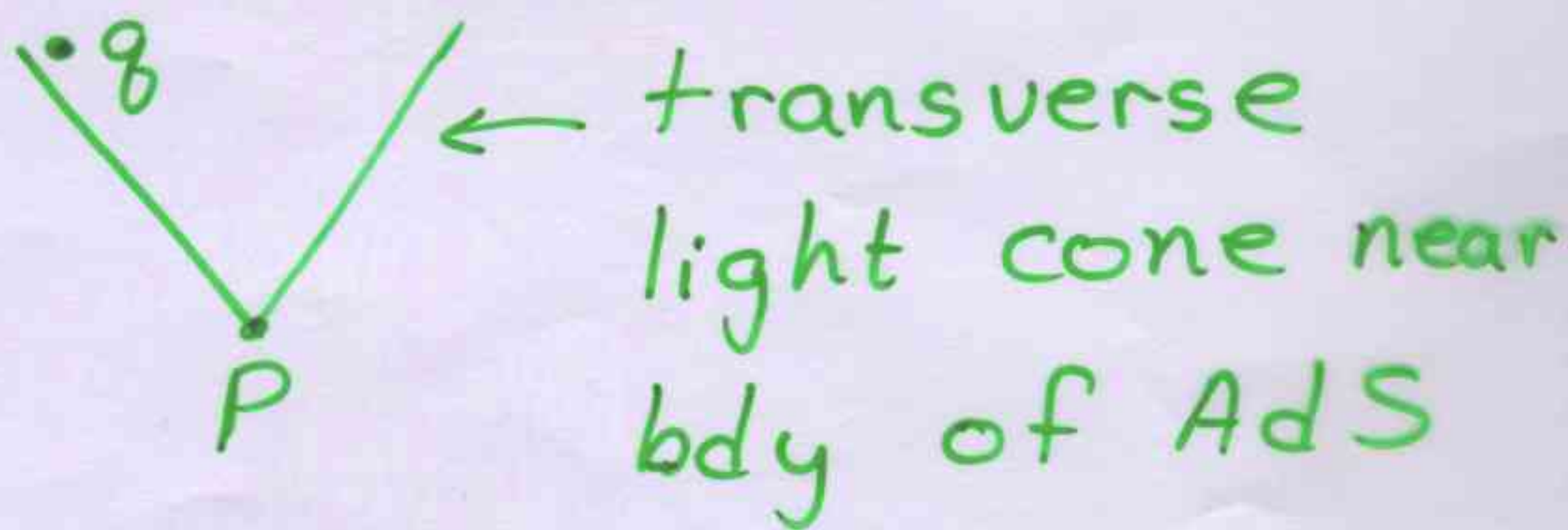
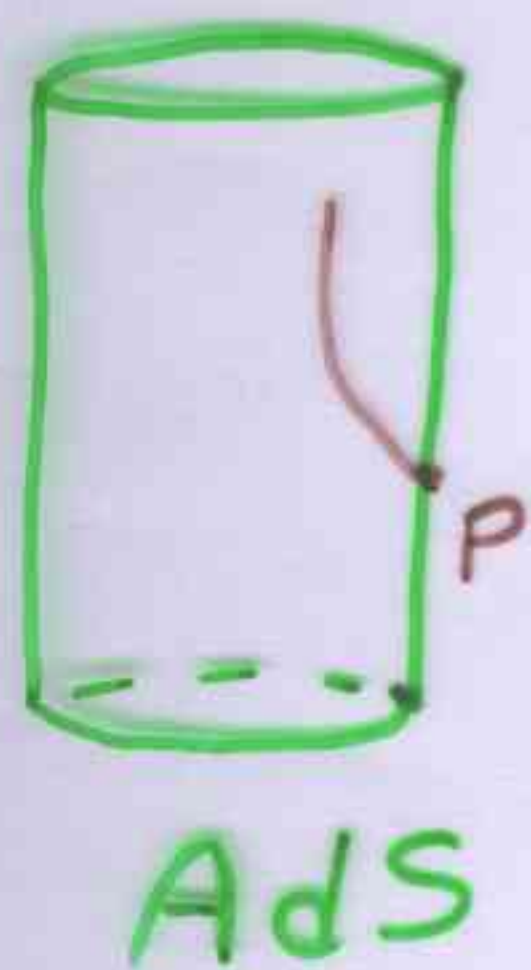
scale size  $\leftrightarrow$  radial position  
in SYM in AdS

Simple example (Itzhaki, G.H.)

A radial null particle is described by  $\langle T_{uu} \rangle$  in SYM concentrated on light cone.

What if particle changes its orbit inside AdS?

Ans:  $\langle T_{uv} \rangle$  continues to grow with speed of light even if particle stops at radius  $r$



Causality  $\Rightarrow$  field at  $q$  depends only on particle near  $p$  - Not what happens inside



# Quasinormal Modes

(Hubeny, G.H.)

A field in AdS has normal modes with discrete real frequencies.

A field in Schwarz. AdS has "quasinormal" modes with discrete complex frequencies

$$\phi = \psi(r) Y(\text{angles}) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\text{Im } \omega < 0$$

Lowest mode gives  
decay of the field

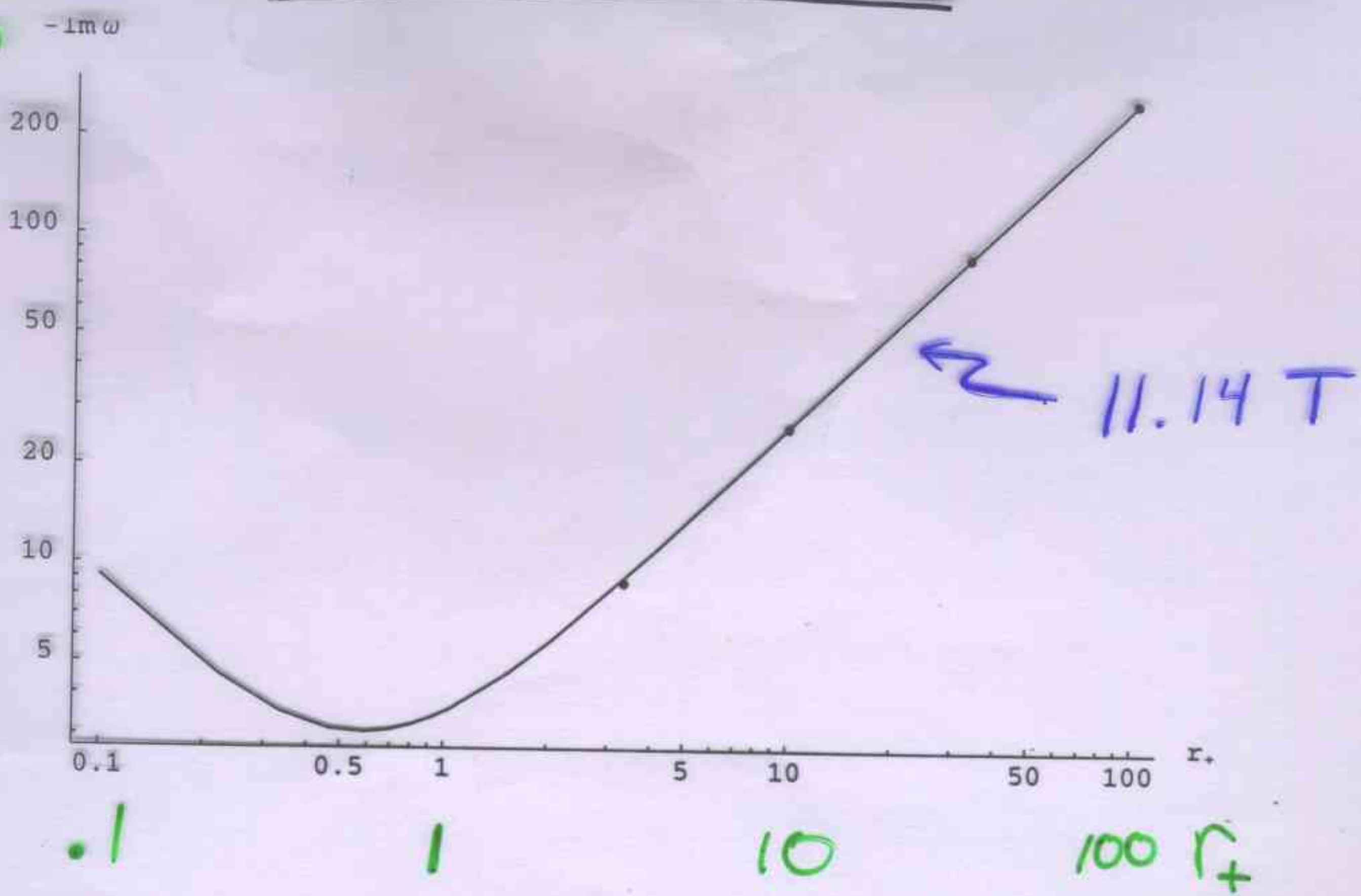
$\equiv$  decay of  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$  in CFT

For large BH, this yields  
timescale to return to  
thermal equilibrium in CFT

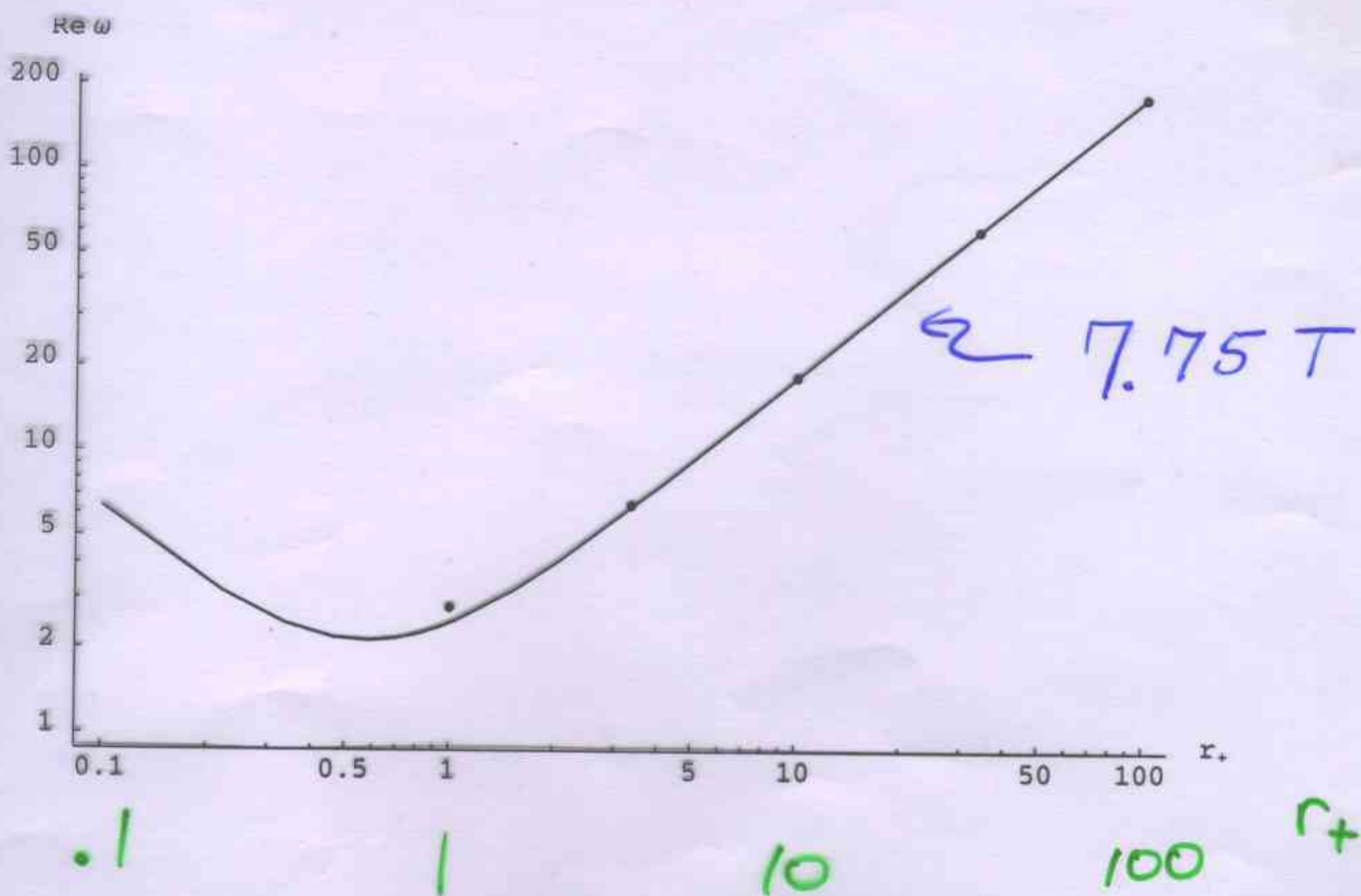
Timescale is universal:  
independent of initial  
perturbation.

# BH in AdS<sub>4</sub>

$-Im \omega$

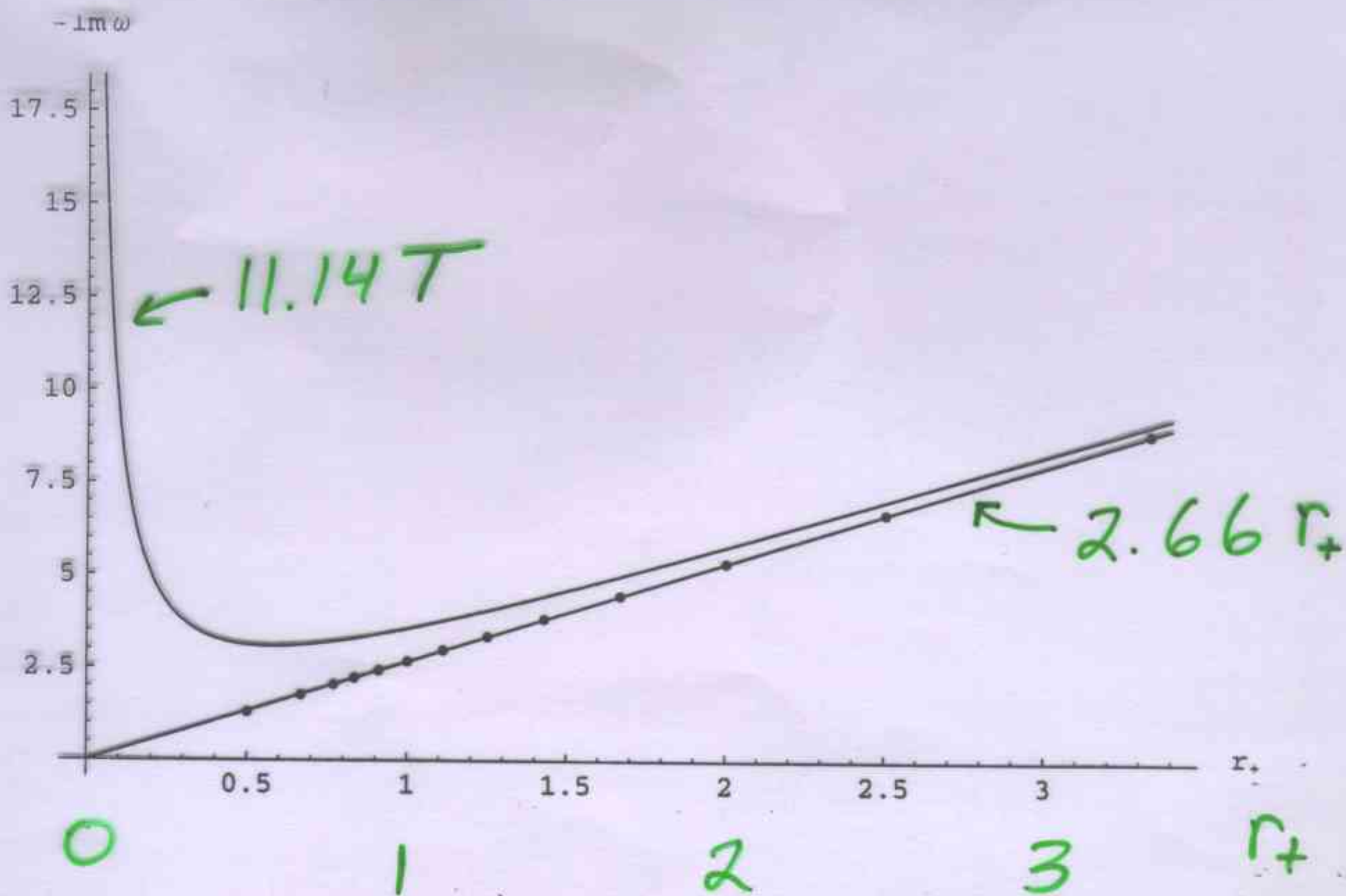


$Re \omega$

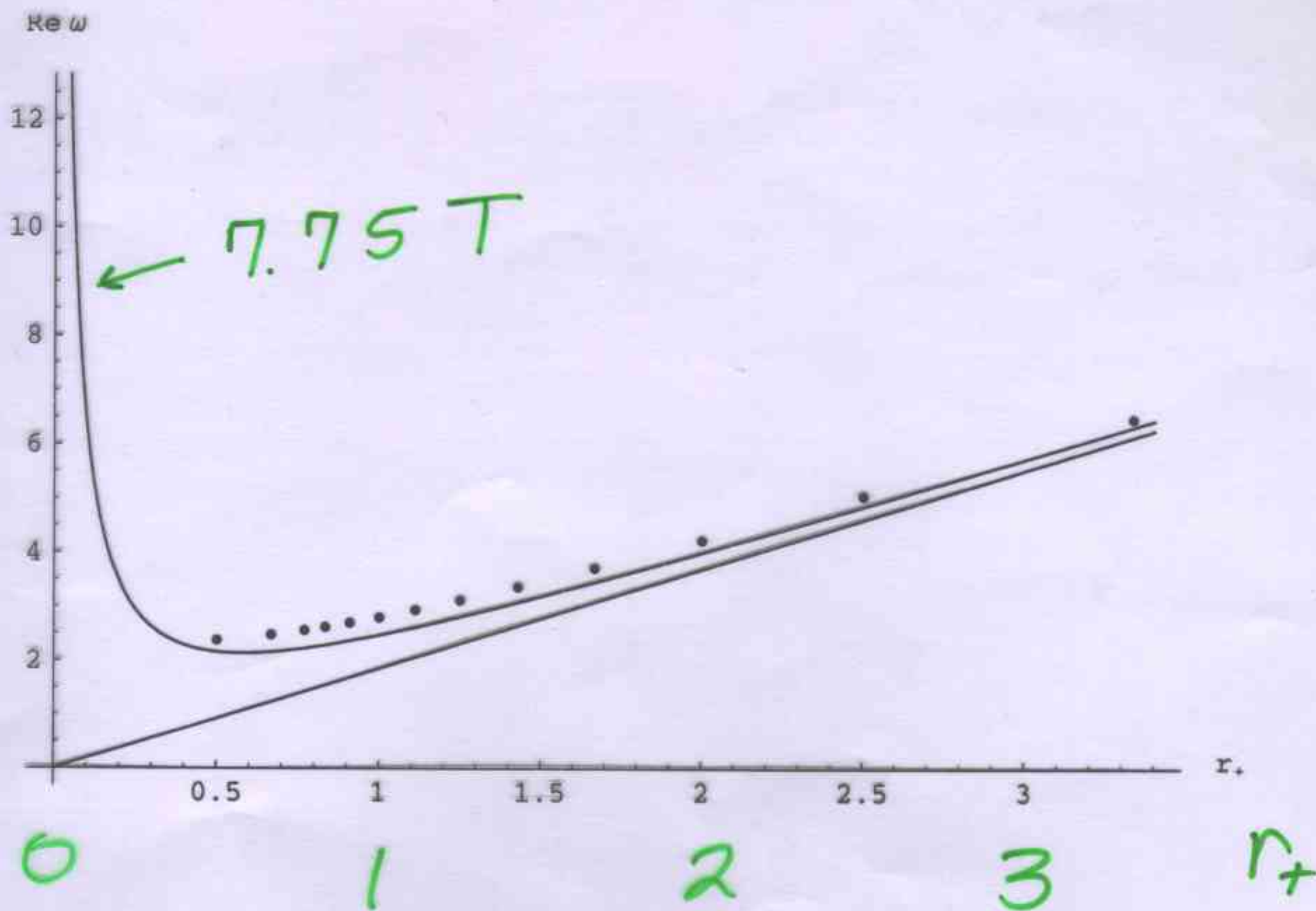


# BH in AdS<sub>4</sub>

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# BH Critical Phenomena

Gravitational collapse of  
S.S. scalar field can either  
disperse or form BH

Near transition point

$$M_{BH} \sim |p - p_*|^\gamma$$

(Choptuik)

$$\gamma \approx .374$$

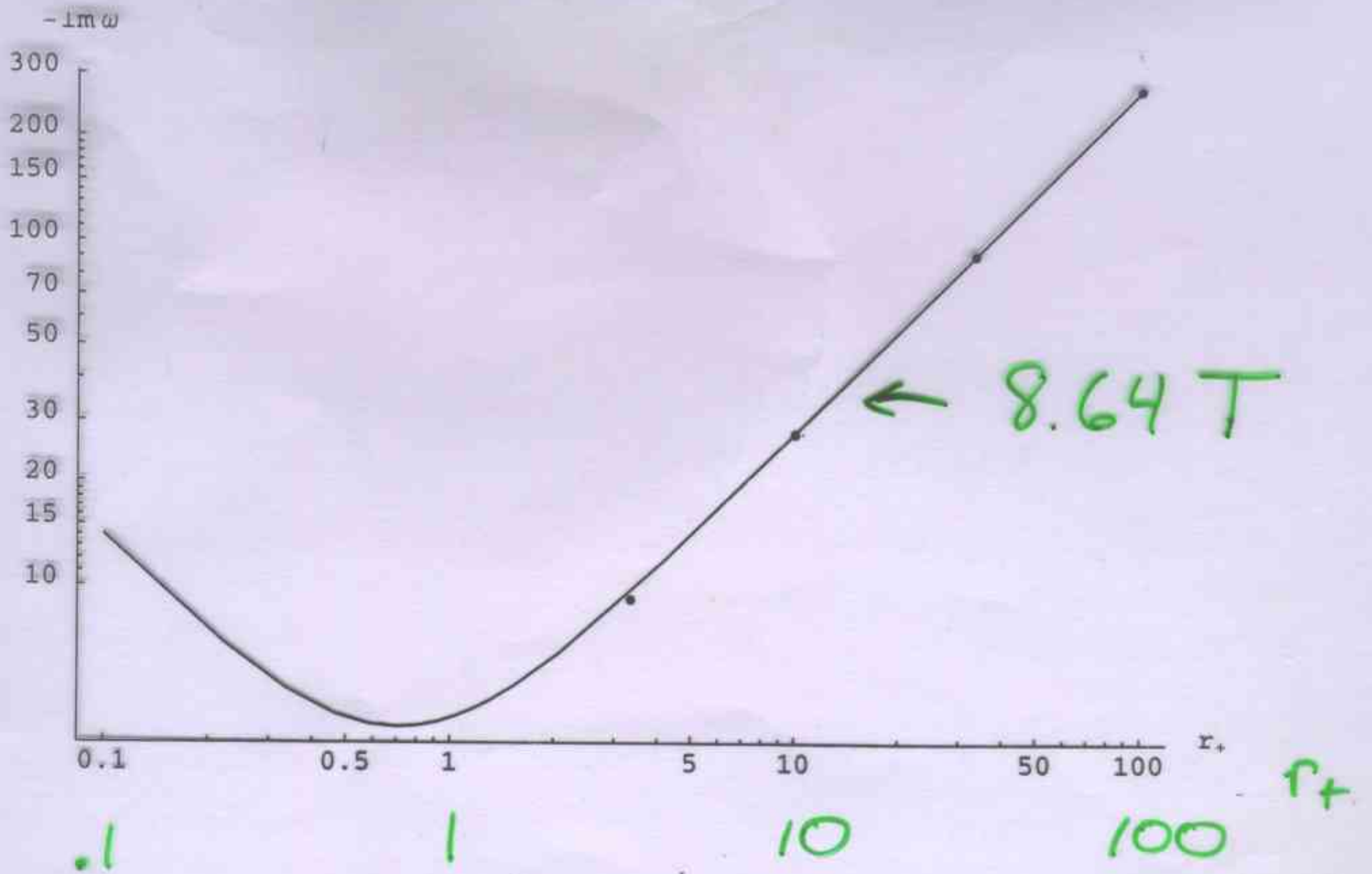
Soln with  $p = p_*$  has one  
unstable mode  $\sim e^{+\lambda z}$  with

$$\lambda = 1/\gamma \approx 2.67$$

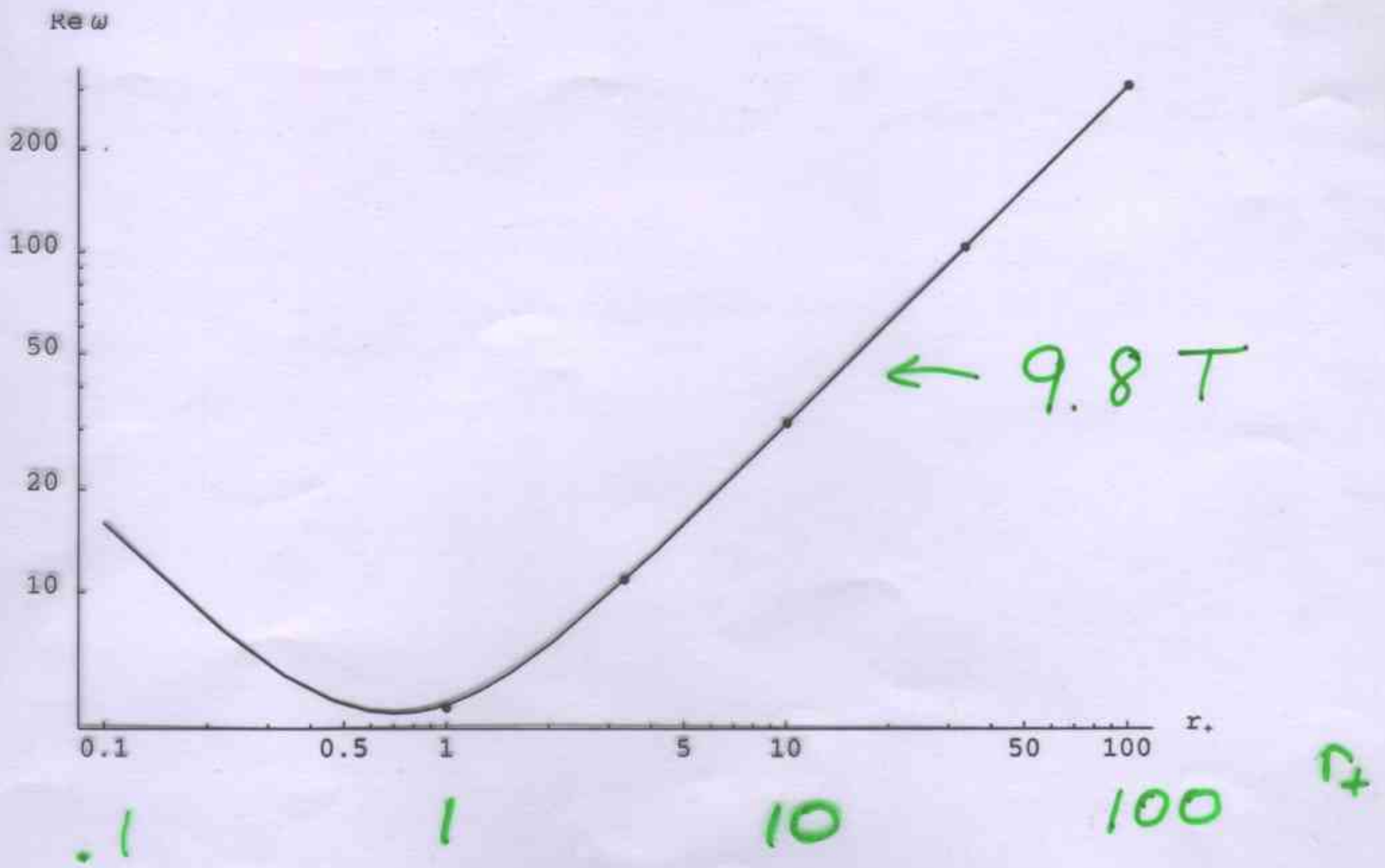
agrees with slope of  $\text{Im } \omega$

# BH in AdS<sub>5</sub>

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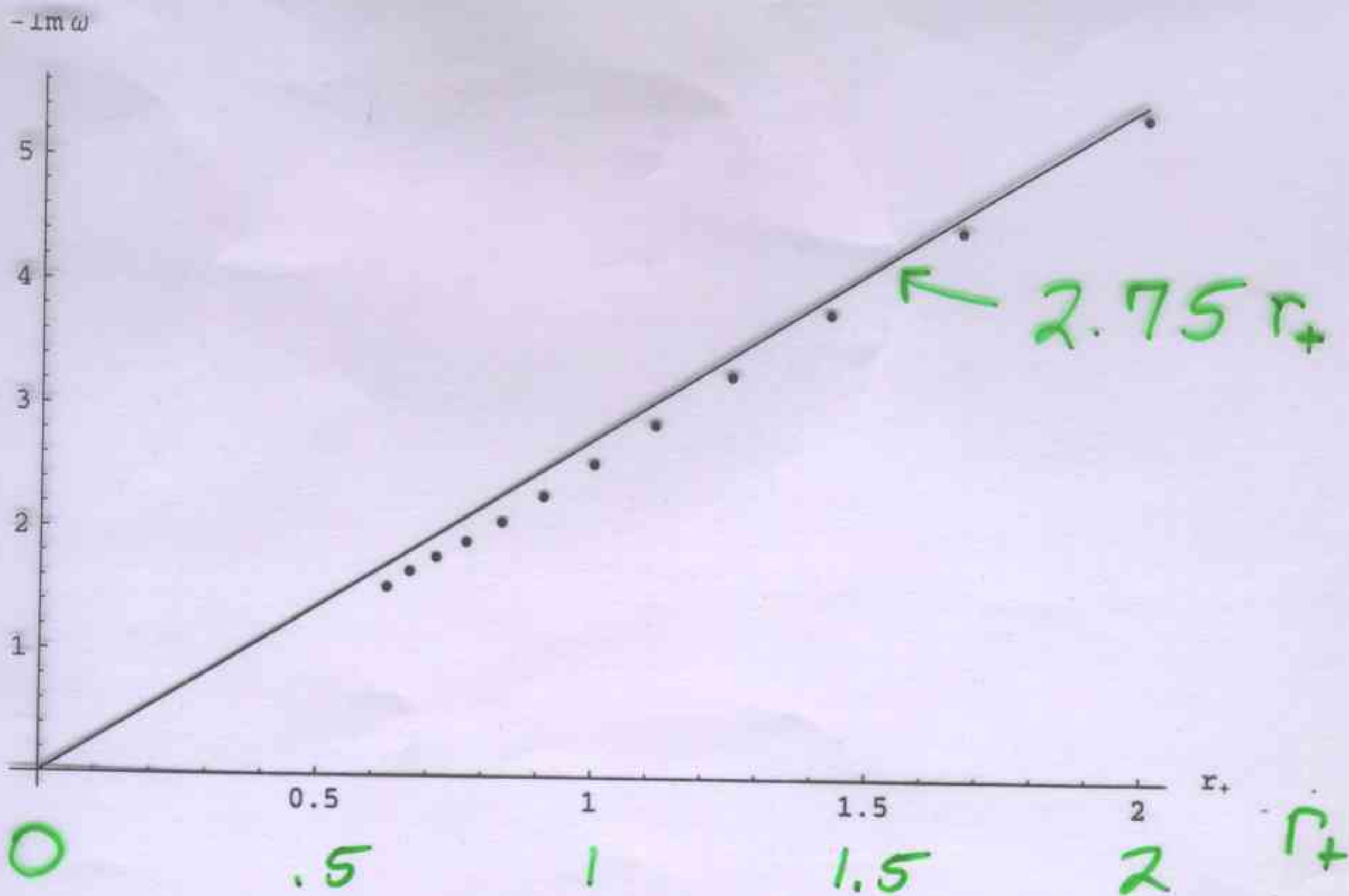


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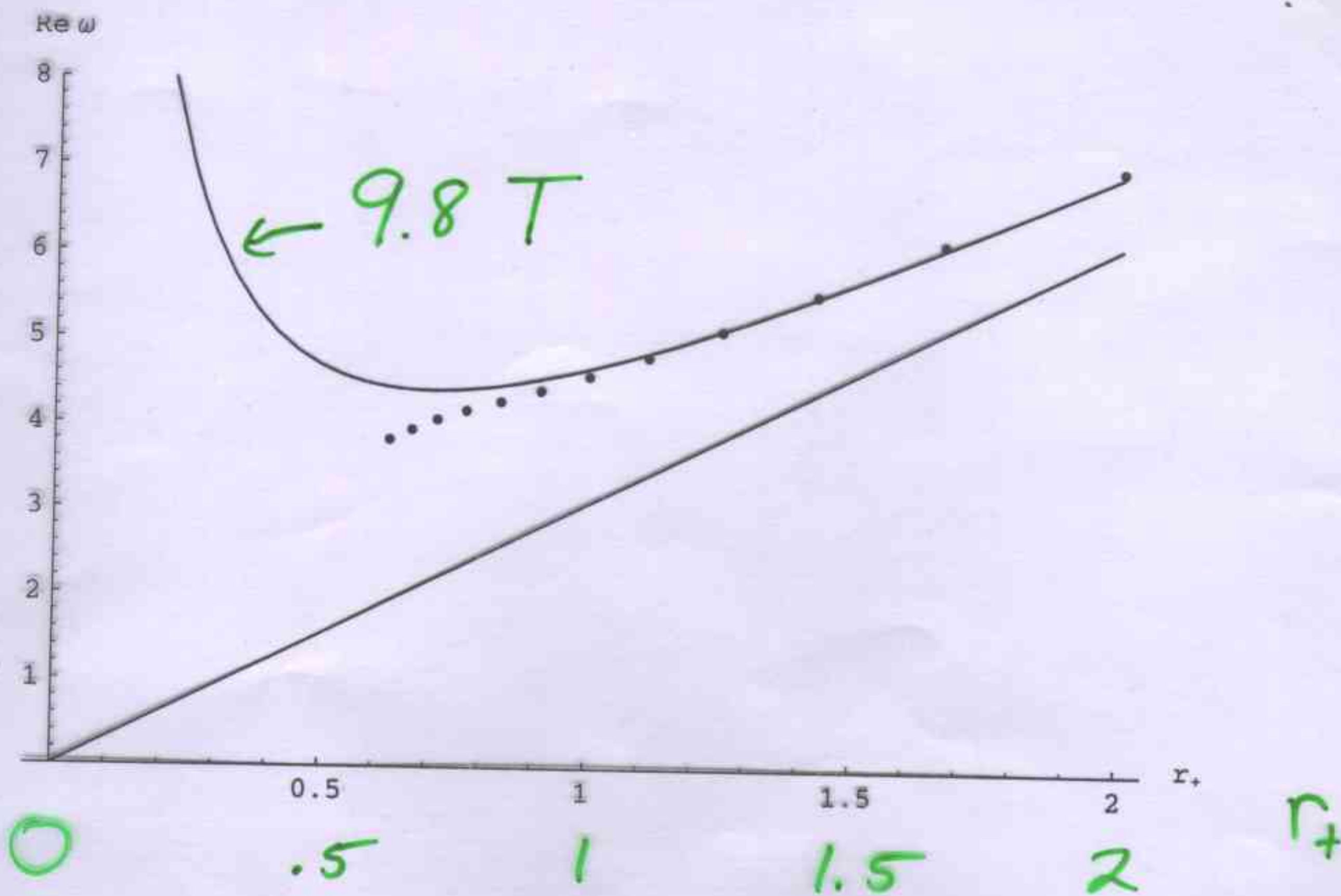


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$Re \omega$



# Three Wishes

- 1) Explanation of  $\frac{3}{4}$  factor in 3-brane entropy
- 2) Exact calculation of entropy for Schwarzschild
- 3) Understand how old information loss arguments break down



# Challenge for the new millennium

We need a spacetime reconstruction theorem to recover spacetime from dual CFT. This will finally explain why

$$A_{BH} = 4G\hbar S$$