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Detecting scalar charge with EMIRIs

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I will first discuss under which circumstances can black holes carry a scalar charge and what this implies for how that charge scales with the mass of the black hole. I will then use this insight to argue that EMRIs are an ideal system for searches of new fundamental scalars. I will lay out the framework for modelling EMRIs in this context and and present some first forecasts on LISA's ability to measure scalar charge.

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