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It is now generally expected that black holes display a pure quantum spectrum of states. In this respect, they are not fundamentally different from unstable resonances in a scattering process. The properties of these resonances can be derived from Standard Model physics and perturbative gravity. A systematic approach is described that leads to an algebra of operators defined on the horizon, applicable to non-extreme black holes.

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