

Perturbation and stability of higher dimensional black holes

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Introduction

Perturbation analysis:

- **GW emission** from a particle
plunging into or orbiting around a BH
- **Stability** problem
 - Stable → final state of gravitational collapse
 - Unstable → New branch of solutions
- Information about the geometry: **Quasi-Normal Modes**
- Insights into **Uniqueness/non-uniqueness**
- Attempt to find **new, approximate solutions**
(by deforming an existing solution)

Purpose of this talk

A brief overview of linear perturbation theory of
higher dimensional black holes

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- Reduction of perturbation equations to a simple, tractable form (master equation)
 - ▲ Classifying perturbations into mutually decoupled groups
 - ▲ Separating variables

4D master equations

Static asymptotically flat vacuum case Regge-Wheeler 57

Zerilli 70

charge case Moncrief

-- Stability Regge-Wheeler 57, Veshveshwara 70 ...

asymptotically AdS/dS case Cardoso-Lemos

--- set of decoupled *self-adjoint* ODEs

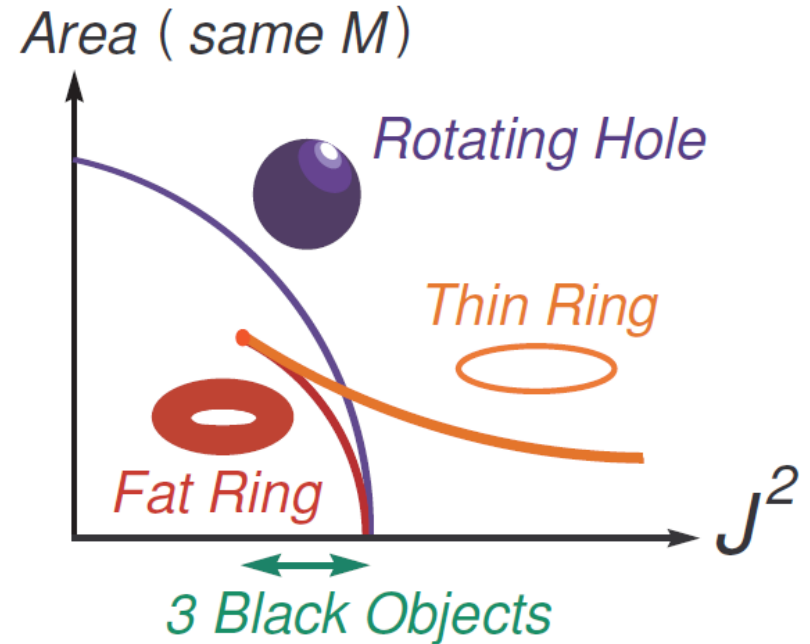
Stationary Rotating vacuum (Kerr) case Teukolsky 72

--- Stability Press-Teukolsky 73 --- Whiting 89 ...

asymptotically AdS/dS case Chambers-Moss 94

Classification Problem in Higher Dimensions

- $D > 4$ General Relativity
No uniqueness like 4D GR



Many unstable black (rotating) objects

Dynamical uniqueness theorem

Uniqueness holds for “stable” black objects

Master equations for higher dimensional black holes

- **Rotating** BH case → Not separable in general (e.g., Durkee-Godazgar-Reall) still a long way from having a complete perturbation theory

Progress in some special cases

Cohomogeneity-one (odd-dim.) Myers-Perry BH

$D \geq 7$ Kunduri-Lucietti –Reall 07 (Tensor-modes)

$5D$ Murata-Soda 08 (Tensor-Vector-Scalar modes)

Single-spin (cohomogeneity-two) Myers-Perry

$D \geq 7$ Kodama-Konoplya-Zhidenko 09

Kundt spacetimes (e.g. Near-horizon geometry)

Durkee-Reall 11

- **Static** BH case → simpler and tractable:
 - can reduce to a set of decoupled s.a. ODEs

Kodama-AI 03

Background geometry

$$\mathcal{M}^D = \mathcal{N}^m \times \mathcal{K}^n \quad ds^2 = g_{ab}(y)dy^a dy^b + r^2(y)d\sigma_n^2$$

$g_{ab}(y)$: m – dim spacetime metric

$$d\sigma_n^2 = \gamma_{ij}(z)dz^i dz^j \quad : \quad n - \text{dim Einstein metric} \quad R_{ij} = (n - 1)K\gamma_{ij}$$

$$K = \pm 1, 0$$

-- corresponds to horizon-manifold

This metric can describe a fairly generic class of metrics

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$$m = 4 \quad y^a \rightarrow (t, r, \theta, \phi) \quad \text{Myers-Perry black hole (w/ single rotation)}$$

$$r \rightarrow r \cos \theta$$

$$ds^2 = \langle\langle 4\text{-dim. Kerr type metric} \rangle\rangle + r^2 \cos^2 \theta d\sigma_n^2$$

Kerr-brane

$$r \rightarrow \text{const.} \quad ds^2 = \text{Kerr-metric} + d\sigma_n^2$$

Cosmological perturbation theory

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + r(t)^2 d\sigma_n^2 \quad : \text{FLRW background metric}$$

$r(t)$: scale factor

$$d\sigma_n^2 = \gamma_{ij}(z) dz^i dz^j \quad : \text{homogeneous isotropic time-slice}$$

$n = 3$

Perturbations $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ $\delta T_{\mu\nu}$ are decomposed into 3 types according to its tensorial behaviour on time-slice $(\mathcal{K}^n, \gamma_{ij})$

Tensor-type: transverse-traceless (**possible only when** $n \geq 3$)
→ Gravitational Waves

Vectro-type: div-free vector → couple to matter
e.g. velocity perturbations

Scalar-type: scalar → couple to matter
e.g. density perturbations

Gauge-invariant formulation [Bardeen 80](#) [Kodama-Sasaki 84](#)

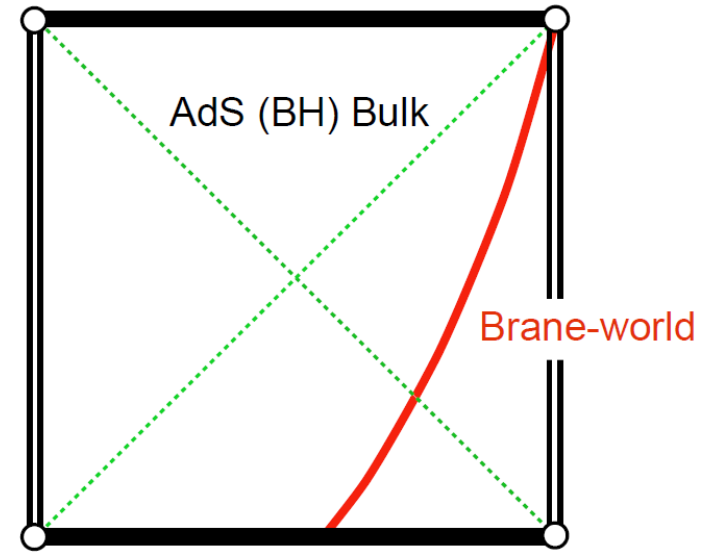
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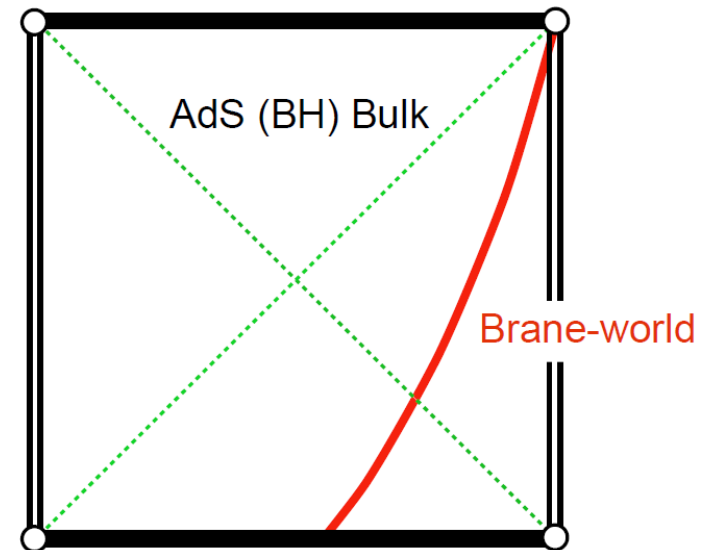
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Bulk perturbations induce brane-world cosmological perturbations
 --- need to develop a formula for AdS-Black Hole perturbations
 --- convenient to decompose bulk perturbations into

Tensor-, Vector-, Scalar-type wrt $d\sigma_n^2 = \gamma_{ij}(z) dz^i dz^j$

Black hole background geometry

Static solutions of Einstein-Maxwell + cosmological constant
in $D = 2 + n$

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)}dr^2 + r^2d\sigma_n^2$$

$$f(r) = K - \frac{2M}{r^{n-1}} + \frac{Q^2}{r^{2(n-1)}} - \lambda r^2$$

$$K = \pm 1, 0$$

M ADM-mass

Q charge

$\lambda \propto \Lambda$ Cosmological constant

Basic strategy to derive master equations

(1) Mode-decompose $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ as

}	Tensor-type	←.....→	new component in $D > 4$ case
	Vector-type	←.....→	axial - mode in $D = 4$ case
	Scalar-type	←.....→	polar - mode in $D = 4$ case

(2) Expand $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ by tensor harmonics \mathbb{T}_{ij} \mathbb{V}_i \mathbb{S} defined on \mathcal{K}^n

(3) Write the Einstein equations in terms of the **expansion coefficients** in 2-dim. spacetime \mathcal{N}^2 spanned by $y^a = (t, r)$

Tensor-type perturbations

$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & r^{(4-n)/2} \Phi(t, r) \mathbb{T}_{ij} \end{array} \right) \left. \begin{array}{l} \} y^a = (t, r) \\ \} z^i \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\left(\square - \frac{V_T}{f} \right) \Phi = 0$$

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(2) \longrightarrow Einstein's equation reduces to Master equation

$$\left(\square - \frac{V_V}{f} \right) \Phi = 0$$

$$V_V \equiv \frac{f}{r^2} \left[k_V^2 - (n-1)K + \frac{n(n+2)}{4} f - \frac{n}{2} r \frac{df}{dr} \right]$$

-- corresponds to the Regge-Wheeler equation in 4D

Scalar-type perturbations

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--- such a system can be reduced to a single wave equation

- For a certain linear combination $\Phi(t, r)$ of X, Y, Z

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-- corresponds to the Zerilli equation in 4D

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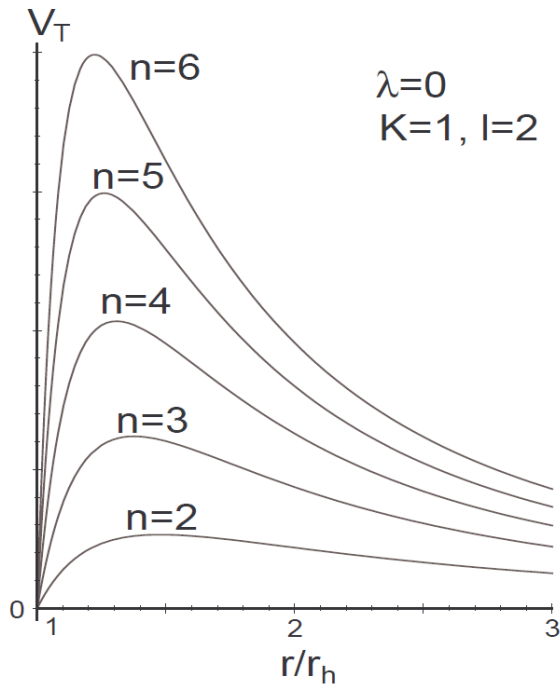
$$\omega^2 \int dr_* |\Phi|^2 = \int dr_* \Phi^* A\Phi$$

If “ A ” is a *positive* self-adjoint operator, the master equation does *not* admit “*unstable*” solutions

--- The black hole is stable

Stability wrt Tensor-type

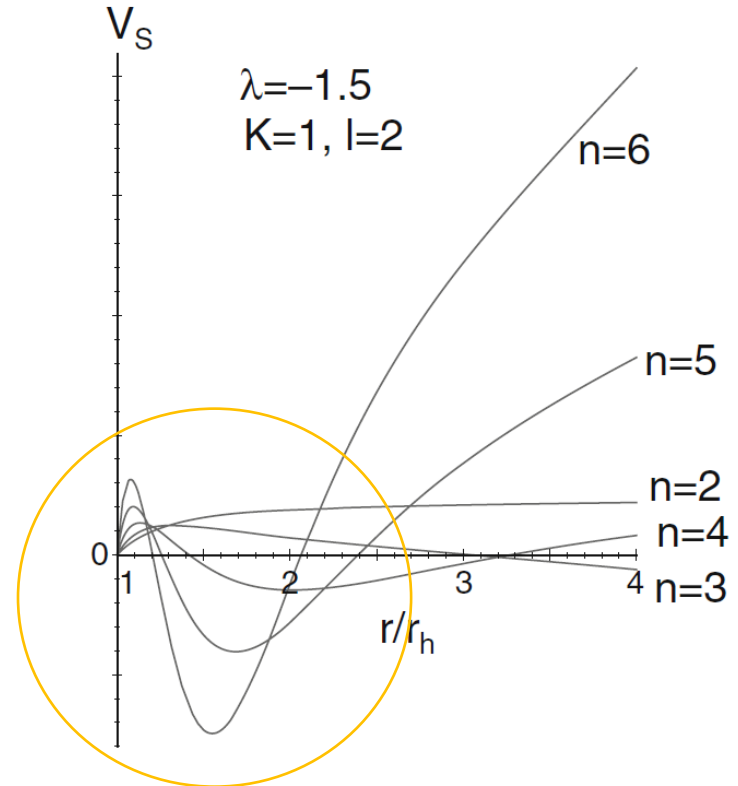
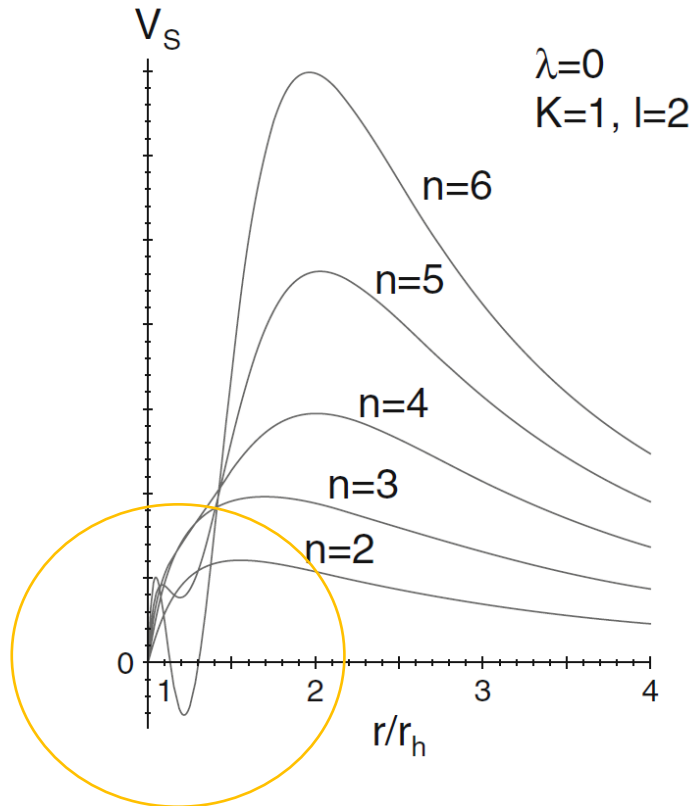
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$$A = -\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + V > 0$$

Stable

Stability wrt Scalar-type



The potential is **NOT** positive definite in $D > 4$

- Not obvious to see whether $A = -\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + V$ is positive or not

...

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Task: Find $S(r)$ that makes \tilde{V} positive definite

Then, A is uniquely extended to be a **positive** self-adjoint operator

When the horizon manifold \mathcal{K}^n is maximally symmetric

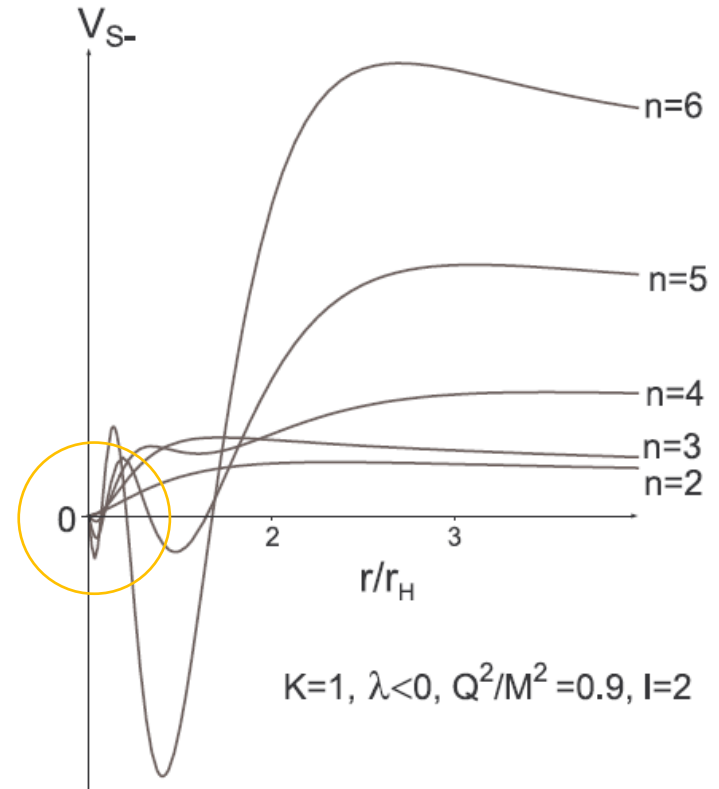
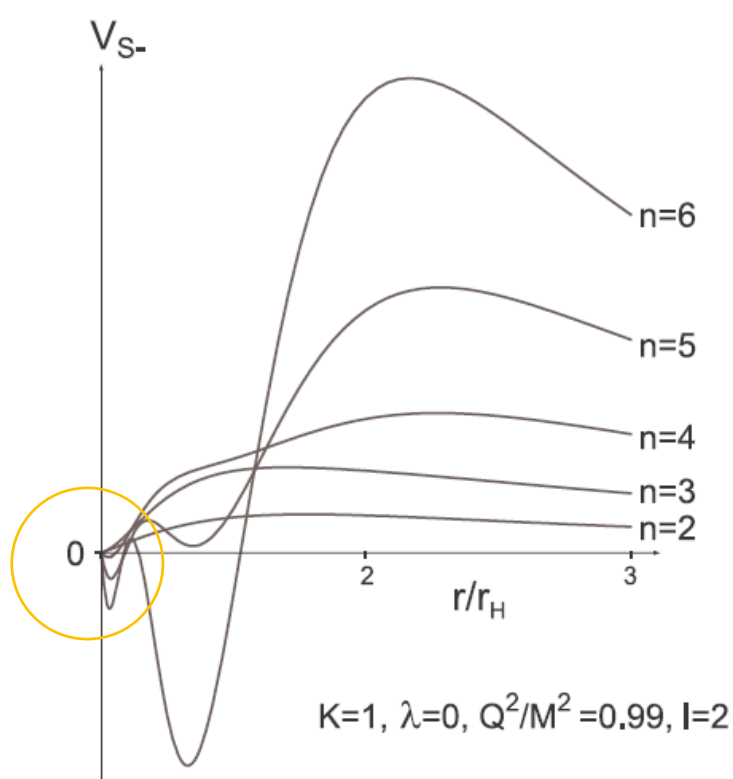
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“OK” \rightarrow “Stable”

WRT **Tensor-** and **Vector-**perturbations \rightarrow **Stable** over entire parameter range

WRT Scalar-perturbations \rightarrow ??? when $Q \neq 0$ \wedge $\Lambda \neq 0$

Potential for Scalar-type pert. w. non-vanishing Q , Λ



For extremal and near-extremal case, the potential becomes *negative* in the *immediate vicinity of the horizon*

Numerical study for charged-AdS/dS case [Konoplya-Zhidenko 07, 08, 09](#)

Some generalizations and open problems

Static black holes in Lovelock theory

Higher curvature terms involved

$$L = \sum_{m=0}^k c_m \mathcal{L}_m \quad \mathcal{L}_m = \frac{1}{2^m} \delta^{\lambda_1 \sigma_1 \dots \lambda_m \sigma_m}_{\rho_1 \kappa_1 \dots \rho_m \kappa_m} R_{\lambda_1 \sigma_1}{}^{\rho_1 \kappa_1} \dots R_{\lambda_m \sigma_m}{}^{\rho_m \kappa_m}$$

Equations of motion contain only up to 2nd-order derivatives

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)}dr^2 + r^2 d\sigma_n^2$$

$$f(r) = K - X(r)r^2$$

- Master equations in generic Lovelock theory [Takahashi – Soda 10](#)
in Gauss-Bonnet theory [Dotti – Gleiser 05](#)
- Asymptotically flat, small mass BHs are **unstable** wrt
Tensor-type perturbations (in even-dim.)
Scalar-type perturbations (in odd-dim.)
- Instability is **stronger in higher multipoles** rather than low-multipoles

$$(\Phi, A\Phi) = \int dr_* |D\Phi|^2 + \ell(\ell+n-1) \int dr_* N(r) |\Phi|^2$$

If $N(r) < 0$, then $(\Phi, A\Phi) < 0$ for sufficiently large ℓ

Rotating case: Cohomogeneity-2 Myers-Perry BHs

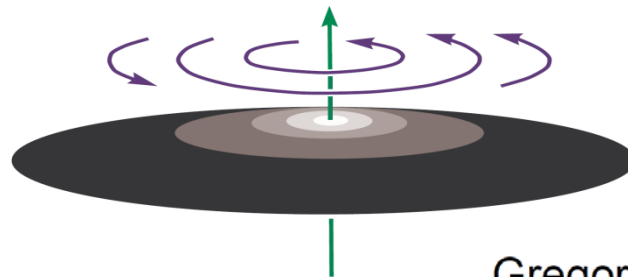
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symmetry enhance $U(1)^N \Rightarrow U(1) \times SO(D - 3)$

Numerical approach to stability analysis

5D bar-mode [Shibata-Yoshino 10](#)

--- include the *ultra-spinning* case



Gregory-Laflamme modes

Axisymmetric perturbation [Dias-et. al. 09](#)

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Kerr-brane: 4-dim. Kerr-metric + Ricci flat space

KK-reduction along the Ricci flat space \mathcal{K}^n

→ Equations for *massive vector/ tensor fields*
on \mathcal{N}^4 : 4-dim. Kerr metric

c.f. Cohomogeneity-1 Myers-Perry BHs

$$D = \text{odd}, J_1 = J_2 = \cdots J_{[(D-1)/2]}$$

enhanced symmetry: $\mathbb{R} \times U((D-1)/2)$

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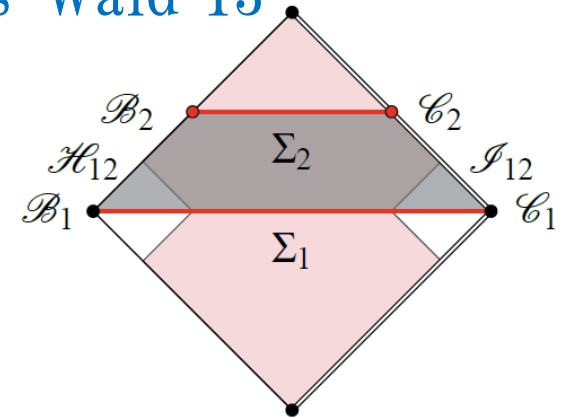
Hollands–Wald 13

Symplectic current

$$w^a = \frac{1}{16\pi} P^{abcdef} (\gamma_{2bc} \nabla_d \gamma_{1ef} - \gamma_{1bc} \nabla_d \gamma_{2ef})$$

Symplectic form

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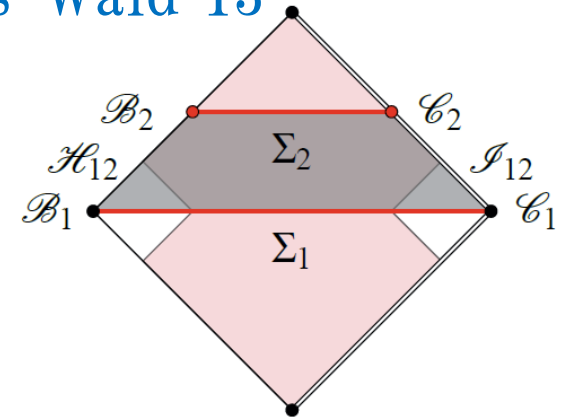
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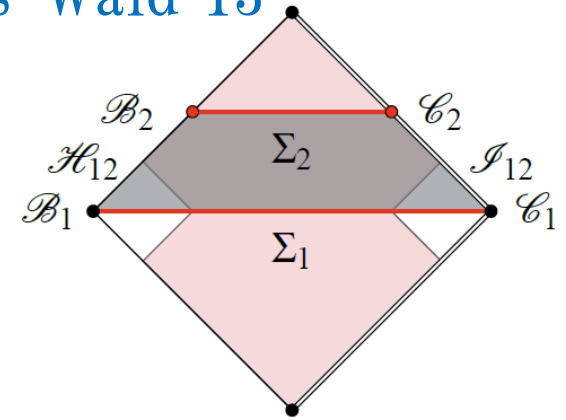
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This method relates Dynamic and Thermodynamic stability criterion and proves Gubser-Mitra conjecture

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Examine perturbations of the near-horizon geometry that respect the symmetry (axisymmetry) of the full BH solution [Conjectured by Durkee - Reall 11](#)

When axi-symmetric perturbations on the NHG violate AdS_2 -BF-bound on the NHG, then the original extremal BH is unstable $e^{im_I \phi^I} m_I N^I(x) = 0$.

... supported by numerical results. [Dias et al](#)

Proven by use of Canonical energy method [Hollands-AI 14](#)

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Examine perturbations of the near-horizon geometry that respect the symmetry (axisymmetry) of the full BH solution [Conjectured by Durkee - Reall 11](#)

When axi-symmetric perturbations on the NHG violate AdS_2 -BF-bound on the NHG, then the original extremal BH is unstable $e^{im_I \phi^I} m_I N^I(x) = 0$.

... supported by numerical results. [Dias et al](#)

Proven by use of Canonical energy method [Hollands-AI 14](#)

Another application of Canonical energy method

→ Superradiant instability of rotating AdS black holes

[Green-Hollands-AI-Wald 15](#) VIII BHworkshop

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Mathematical Theorems

- 1915 Einstein equations
- 1915 Schwarzschild Solution
- 1939 Oppenheimer-Snyder
- 1957 Regge-Wheeler equation
- 1963 Kerr solution
- 1965 Singularity Theorems
- 1970 Zerilli equation
- 1973 Teukolsky equation
- BH Thermodynamic laws
- 1975 Hawking radiation
- 1982 Uniqueness Theorem
- 1983 Positive Energy Theorem
- 1985 Accurate method to BH QNMs



Exact Solutions + Perturbation analysis



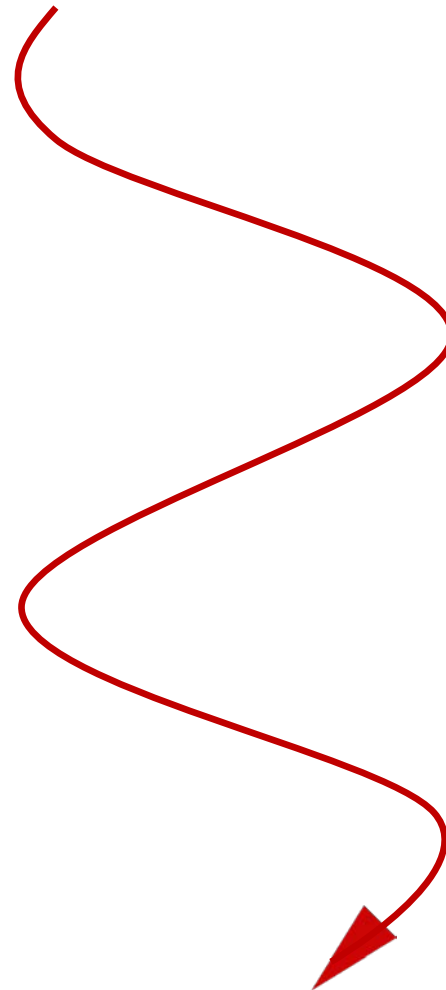
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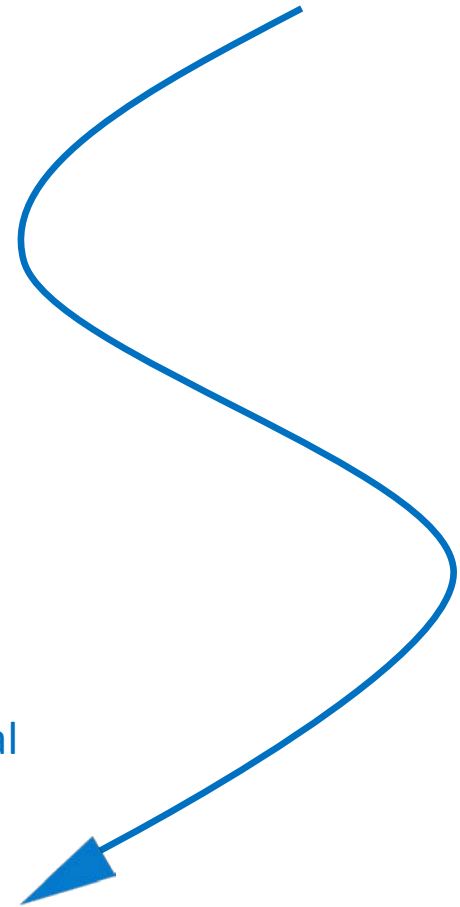
High energy collisions of BHs Sperhake et al

Axisymmetric perturbation of MP BH – Dias et. al

Bar-mode instability of MP BH Shibata-Yoshino

Black-String final fate Lehner-Pretorius

2015 Instability of AdS spacetimes – Bizon-Rostworowsky



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HD Uniqueness/Non-uniqueness Theorems

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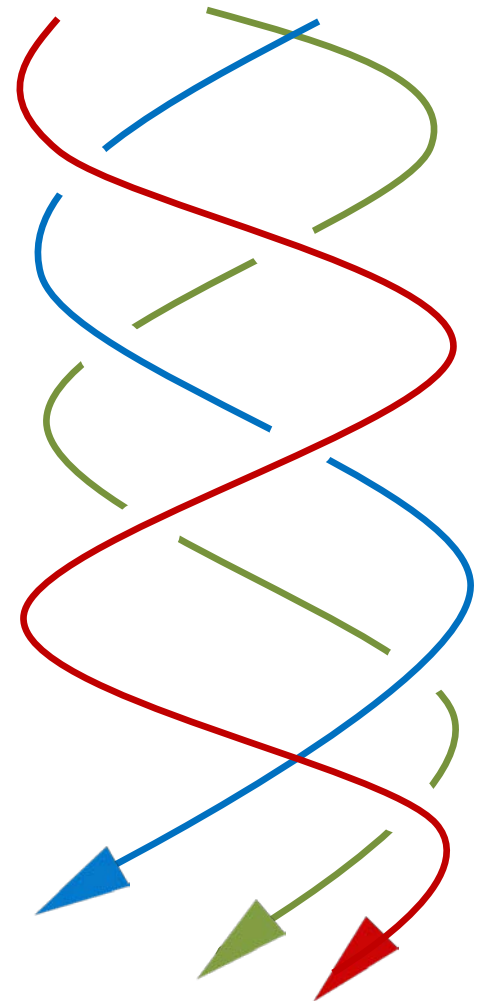
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Higher dimensional General Relativity

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At GR Centenary

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