

Instabilities and new phases of higher dimensional black holes

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Main points

- Find onset of instability of ultraspinning Myers-Perry BHs.
- Interpret onset of instability as bifurcation of BH phases.
- Relate new bifurcated BH phases to expected solutions: black rings, black saturns, etc.
- Propose a simple necessary condition for this instability.

Single spinning Myers-Perry BH

Single spinning case: 'Kerr-part' $(t, r, \theta, \phi) + S^{D-4}$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{r_m^{D-3}}{r^{D-5}\Sigma} (dt + a \sin^2 \theta d\phi)^2 + \Sigma \left(\frac{dr^2}{\Delta} + d\theta^2 \right) + (r^2 + a^2) \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + r^2 \cos^2 \theta d\Omega_{(D-4)}^2,$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta, \quad \Delta = r^2 + a^2 - \frac{r_m^{D-3}}{r^{D-5}}, \quad \text{horizon : } \Delta(r_+) = 0$$

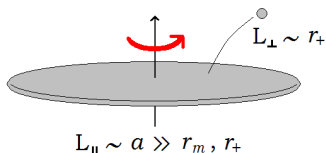
Parameters: mass-radius r_m and rotation parameter a

$$r_m^{D-3} = \frac{16\pi GM}{(D-2)\Omega_{D-2}}, \quad a = \frac{D-2}{2} \frac{J}{M}$$

- $D = 4$ Kerr: $r_m = 2GM$, $a = J/M$, extremality $|a| \leq r_m/2$
- $D = 5$: $|a| < r_m$, naked singularity for $|a| = r_m$
- $D \geq 6$: a unbounded!

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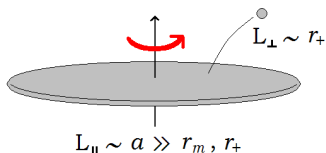
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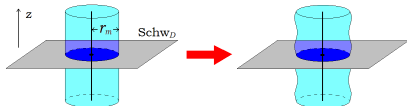
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\Rightarrow Ultraspinning MP black holes should be unstable!

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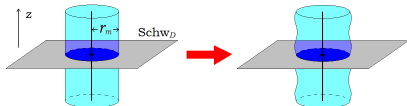
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Threshold $|\vec{k}| = k_c$ signals family of non-uniform branes (Gubser, Wiseman and others) connecting to sequence of black holes $\text{---} \rightarrow \text{---} \rightarrow \bigcirc \bigcirc$

MP ultraspin. instability: pinched black holes (r, θ) -dependent connecting to rings: $\bigcirc \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow \bigcirc \frown \bigcirc$, and to saturns, etc. for more pinches.

Gregory-Laflamme and thermodynamics

GL threshold mode ($\Omega = 0$): $(\Delta_L h)_{ab} = -k_c^2 h_{ab}$

Same as negative mode of Euclidean action (Gross, Perry, Yaffe '82):

$$\lambda_{\text{Euclidean}} = -k_c^2$$

Thermodynamic instability \Rightarrow negative mode / GL threshold (Reall '01)
Classical GL \leftrightarrow Local thermod. instability* (Gubser-Mitra conjecture)

* in grand-canonical ensemble: asymp. flat vacuum BHs always unstable

Q: Are all GL instabilities related to thermodynamics?

A: No! New GL instabilities for new black hole phases!

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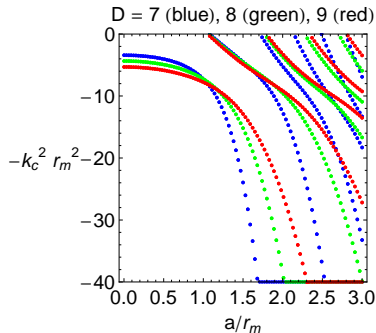
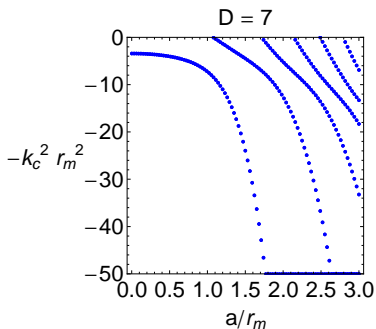
Solve $(\Delta_L h)_{ab} = -k_c^2 h_{ab}$ numerically (spectral method).

Expectations

- no rotation: find negative mode $-k_c^2$, threshold of GL
- rotation: increase k_c of that mode (centrifugal force)
- more physics?

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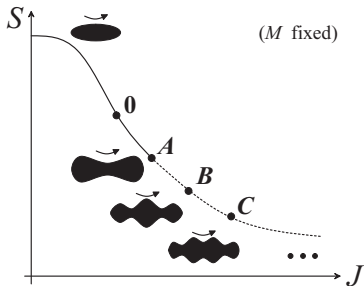
New GL instabilities! These appear when $k_c = 0 \Rightarrow (\Delta_L h)_{ab} = 0$
 \Rightarrow classical Einstein equation for black hole (not just brane)!

Why so many instabilities? Number curves left to right $l = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots$

BH phase diagram (Dias, Figueras, RM, Santos, Emparan '09)

Look at perturbations $k_c = 0$: new BH phases signaled!

Phase diagram of black holes with a single spin:



$l = 1$: point 0, inflection!

$l = 2$: point A

$l = 3$: point B

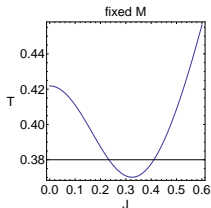
$l = 4$: point C

l is number of nodes
(‘harmonic’ structure)

Suggests connection to black ring, black saturn, concentric rings...

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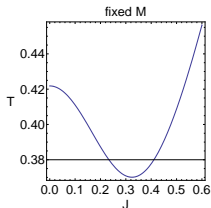
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More spins: new thermod. instabilities appears with negative eigenvalue of

$$H_{ij} = \left(\frac{\partial^2(-S)}{\partial J_i \partial J_j} \right)_M$$

Conjecture:

This instability can appear only after first zero-mode of H_{ij} .

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Future work: Jorge's talk!