Gravitational Collapse in Anti-de Sitter Space

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Gravitational Collapse

- \blacktriangleright AdS/CFT $^1\to$ thermal quench in gauge theory \Leftrightarrow formation of black hole in gravitational theory
- ▶ Massless scalar fields in AdS: unstable against generic initial data, no minimum amplitude $^2 \rightarrow c.f.$ Minkowski 3
- Stability for specific initial data below critical amplitude
- ▶ **Nonlinear theory:** continue⁴ with exploration of phase space
- Perturbative theory: effects of truncation, space of solutions, time-dependent boundary conditions

¹Maldacena [hep-th/9711200]

²Bizoń & Rostworowski [1104.3702]

³Choptuik PRL70 9 (1993)

⁴Deppe & Frey [1508.02709]

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$$ds^{2} = \frac{\ell^{2}}{\cos^{2}(x/\ell)} \left(-Ae^{-2\delta}dt^{2} + A^{-1}dx^{2} + \sin^{2}(x/\ell)d\Omega^{d-1} \right)$$

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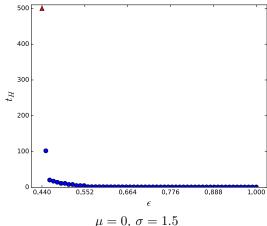
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- ► Einstein equations ⇒ constraints
- ▶ Klein-Gordon equations ⇒ dynamics
- Examine behaviour near critical amplitude for different masses, widths

$$\begin{split} \partial_x M_{\text{ADM}} &= \frac{\tan^{d-1}(x)}{2} \left(A(\Pi^2 + \Phi^2) + \frac{\mu^2 \phi^2}{\cos^2(x)} \right) \\ \Pi(t=0,x) &= \epsilon \exp\left(-\frac{\tan^2(x)}{\sigma^2} \right) \quad \text{ Phase space: } (\mu,\,\sigma) \end{split}$$

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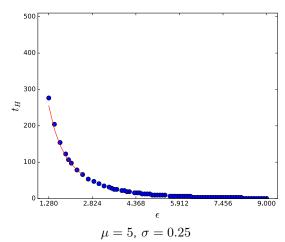


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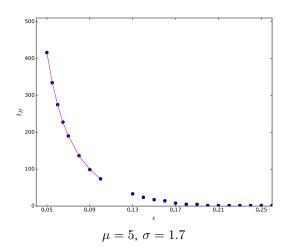
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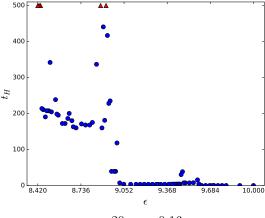
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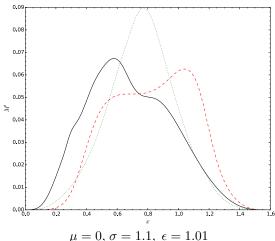
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$$\mu = 20$$
, $\sigma = 0.16$

Observations of Chaotic Behaviour

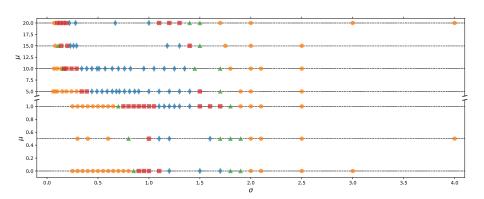
- Possible chaotic evolution
 → scalar self-interaction
- Previous chaotic evolution only seen in thin-shell interactions⁵ in AdS, scalar collapse in Gauss-Bonnet gravity⁶



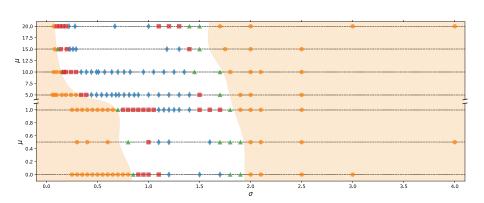
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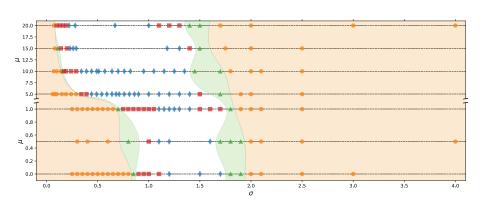
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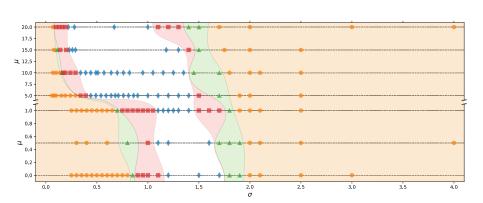
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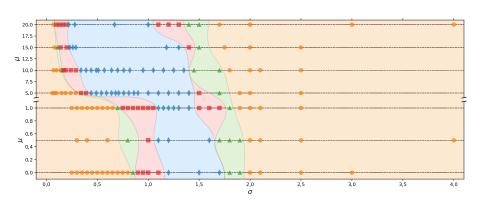
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▶ Unstable, metastable, irregular, and stable initial data



Results

- lacktriangle First full phase diagram of stability in AdS $_5$ ightarrow islands of stability and "shorelines"
- lacktriangle Evidence of metastable and irregular phases at finite ϵ
- **ightharpoonup** Fate of metastable phase as $\epsilon o 0$ yet to be determined
- Irregular phase contains quasi-stable initial data^{7,8} \rightarrow first evidence for weakly chaotic evolution in massless, spherically-symmetry scalars in AdS
- Metastable and irregular data to be studied in multiscale perturbation theory

⁷Deppe & Frey [1508.02709]

⁸Buchel *et al.* [1304.4166]

B Cownden, N Deppe, and AR Frey, *On the Stability of High-Temperature, Quasi-Periodic Solutions for Massless Scalars in AdS*₄, In progress.

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$$\phi_1(t,x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(A_j(t)e^{i\omega_j t} + \bar{A}_j(t)e^{-i\omega_j t} \right) e_j(x)$$

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- Secular growth of resonant contributions → scalar field collapse
- \triangleright $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$: source term for resonant contributions
- Complex amplitudes vary with "slow time" $au o ext{flow}$ equation to absorb resonances 9

$$-2i\omega_{\ell}\frac{dA_{\ell}(\tau)}{d\tau} = \sum_{i,j,k} f_{ijk}^{(\ell)} \bar{A}_i A_j A_k$$

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- ▶ Quasi-periodic¹¹ solutions $A_j = \alpha_j e^{i\beta_j \tau}$ with $\alpha_j, \beta_j \in \mathbb{R} \to \mathsf{TTF}$ equations become time-independent when $\beta_j = \beta_0 + j(\beta_1 \beta_0)$
- ▶ TTF: conserved quantities 12 (E,N) \rightarrow classify solutions by $T \equiv E/N$
- Solve QP equation using Newton-Raphson method

$$2\omega_{\ell}\alpha_{\ell}\beta_{\ell} = T_{\ell}\alpha_{\ell}^{3} + \sum_{i \neq \ell} R_{i\ell}\alpha_{i}^{2}\alpha_{\ell} + \sum_{i \neq \ell} \sum_{j \neq \ell} S_{ij(i+j-\ell)\ell}\alpha_{i}\alpha_{j}\alpha_{i+j-\ell}$$

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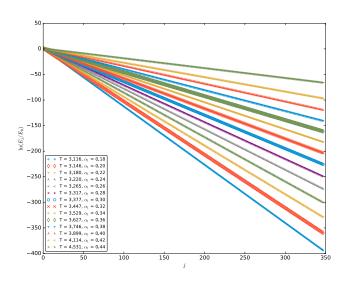
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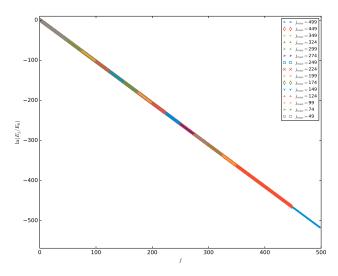
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- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \blacktriangle Able to extend \\ existing solutions \\ from $j_{max} \sim 100$ to \\ $j_{max} = 500$ \end{tabular}$
- Robust in $i_{max} \to \infty$ limit



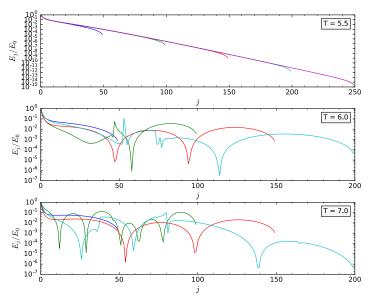
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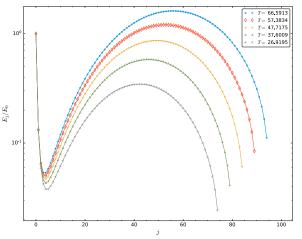
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- ▶ **Issue**: $\delta \alpha_j, \delta \beta_j$ become larger than α_j, β_j at high temperatures
- ▶ No solutions that remain robust as j_{max} increases

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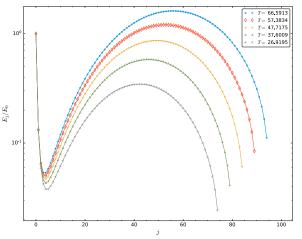
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Results

- ▶ Low-T QP solutions robust as j_{max} increases
- ightharpoonup Not able to find evidence that high-T solutions continued to exist at large $j_{max} o$ possible reduction of space of QP
- ▶ Caveat: focused on configurations where $\alpha_0 = 1 \rightarrow$ free to set dominant energy in any $\alpha_j \rightarrow$ other configurations required for high temperatures?
- ▶ Motivation for temperature limit of $T \sim 5.5$?
- lacktriangle Perturbative system: massless scalar, static boundary conditions at $x=\pi/2$
- ► Extend to massive scalars, time-dependent boundary conditions → activation of non-normalizable modes

B Cownden, Examining Instabilities Due to Driven Scalars in AdS, JHEP_252P_0420 , [1912.07143].

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$$\partial_t^2 \phi_1 + \hat{L}\phi_1 = \delta(x - \pi/2)\mathcal{F}(t)$$

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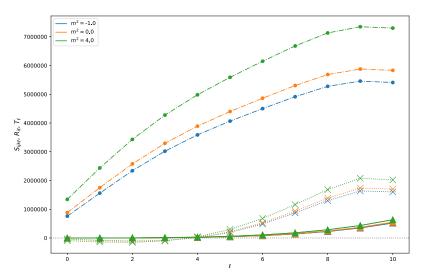
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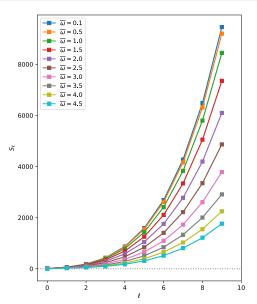
▶ Sum over i, j with $i + j \le \ell$



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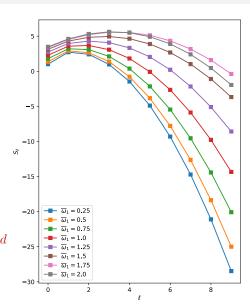
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$$(++): \omega_i + 2n = \omega_{\ell} \quad \forall \ell \ge n$$

$$(+-): \omega_i - 2n = \omega_{\ell} \quad \forall n$$

$$(-+): -\omega_i + 2n = \omega_{\ell} \quad \forall n \ge \ell + d$$



Flow Equations

Source terms give flow equations for amplitude/phase of ϕ_1 , e.g. single frequency \rightarrow equations decouple

$$\begin{split} \frac{2\omega_\ell}{\epsilon^2} \frac{da_\ell}{dt} &= 0 \\ \frac{2\omega_\ell}{\epsilon^2} \frac{db_\ell}{dt} &= -S_\ell \bar{A}_{\bar{\omega}}^2 \end{split}$$

Results

- Confirm two of three resonant channels vanish for massive scalar (all normalizable)¹⁴
- ▶ First TTF formulation with time-dependent boundary conditions
- lacktriangle No naturally-vanishing source terms ightarrow sum resonant channels
- lacktriangle Some flow equations decouple amplitude/phase variables $a_\ell(t)$, $b_\ell(t)$
- **Note**: normalizable modes are still present \rightarrow sum all contributions
- ► **Further work**: quasi-periodic solutions¹⁵? Conserved quantities? Energy cascades?

¹⁴Biasi *et al.* [1810.04753]

¹⁵Carracedo *et al.* [1612.07701]

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