Gravitational Collapse in Anti-de Sitter Space

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Gravitational Collapse

- Numerical studies of gravitational collapse in Minkowski spacetime: horizon size = power law[1], mass gap
- AdS/CFT $\rightarrow$ thermal quench in gauge theory $\Leftrightarrow$ formation of black hole in gravitational theory
- Massless scalar fields in AdS: unstable against generic initial data, no mass gap[2] $\rightarrow$ c.f. Minkowski
- Stability for specific initial data below critical energy
- Perturbative theory for stable/nearly-stable solutions
- **Nonlinear theory:** continue with exploration of phase space[3]
- **Perturbative theory:** effects of truncation, space of solutions, evolution of nearly-stable solutions

[1] Choptuik PRL70 9 (1993)
[2] Bizoń & Rostworowski [1104.3702]
[3] Deppe & Frey [1508.02709]

Scalar Field Collapse in AdS

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- Spherical symmetry, Schwarzschild-like coordinates $\rightarrow A(t,x)$, $\delta(t,x)$

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

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- Einstein + Klein-Gordon $\Rightarrow$ constraint equations
- Interior gauge $\delta(t, x=0) = 0$, spherical symmetry $\partial_x \phi(t, x=0) = 0$
- Horizon formation when $A(t_H, x_H) \ll 1$

$$\partial_x \delta = -\left(\Pi^2 + \Phi^2\right) \sin(x) \cos(x))$$

$$\partial_x M = \frac{\tan^{d-1}(x)}{2} \left(A(\Pi^2 + \Phi^2) + \frac{\mu^2 \phi^2}{\cos^2(x)} \right)$$

$$\Pi(t=0, x) = \epsilon \exp\left(-\frac{\tan^2(x)}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

Phase space: μ, σ

Stable vs Unstable Profiles

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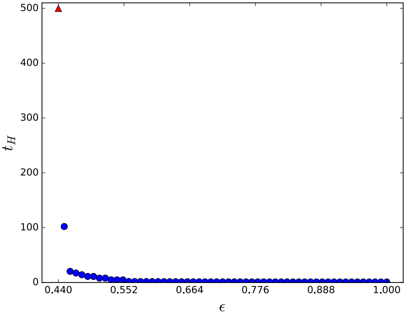

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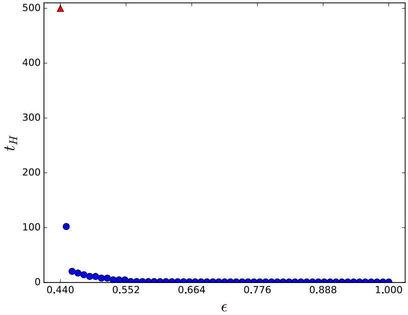
- Stable: abrupt jump in t_H when $\epsilon < \epsilon_{crit}$
- Unstable: fit $t_H \approx a\epsilon^{-p} + b$ for $t_H \geq 60 \rightarrow$ unstable when $p \approx 2$



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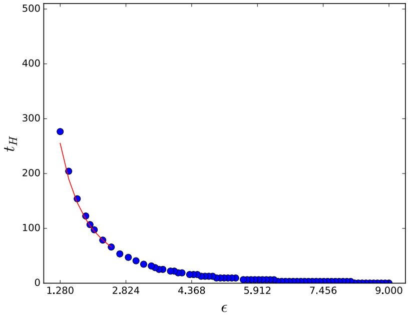

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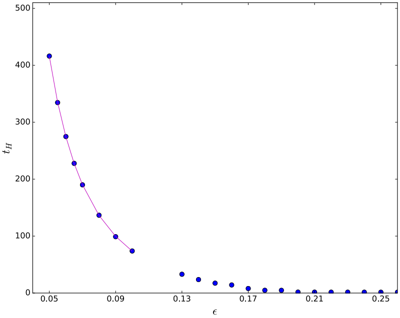
Metastable Profiles

- Scaling of $p > 2$



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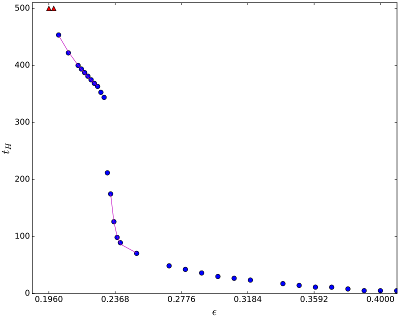

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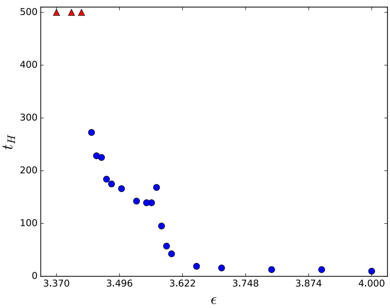
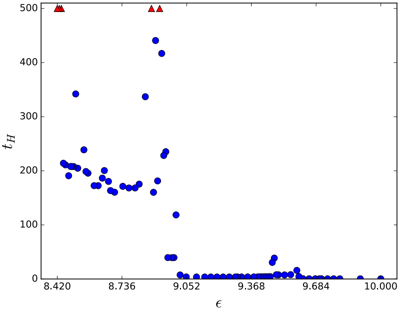
Irregular Profiles I

- No scaling



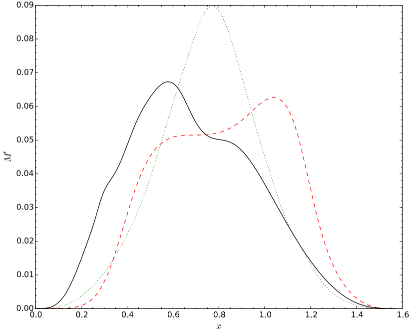
$\mu = 5,\ \sigma = 0.34$



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

Irregular Profiles II

- Evidence of chaotic behaviour $\rightarrow$ possible self-interaction
- Previous chaotic evolution only seen in thin-shell interactions[4] in AdS, scalar collapse in Gauss-Bonnet gravity[5]



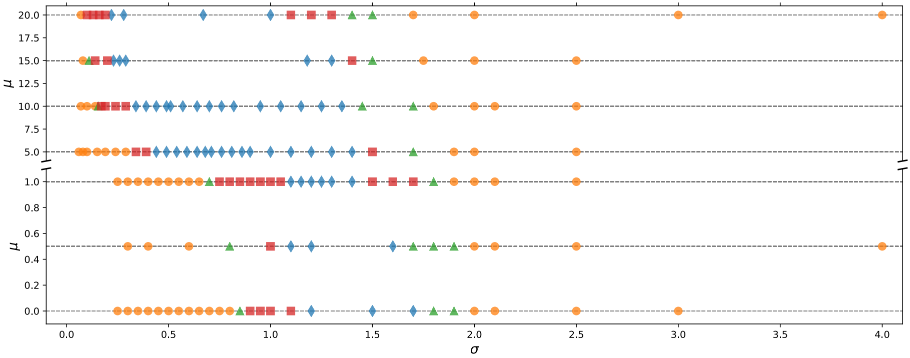
$t = 60, 62, 64$

$\mu = 0,\ \sigma = 1.1,\ \epsilon = 1.01$

[4] Brito *et al.* [1602.03535]

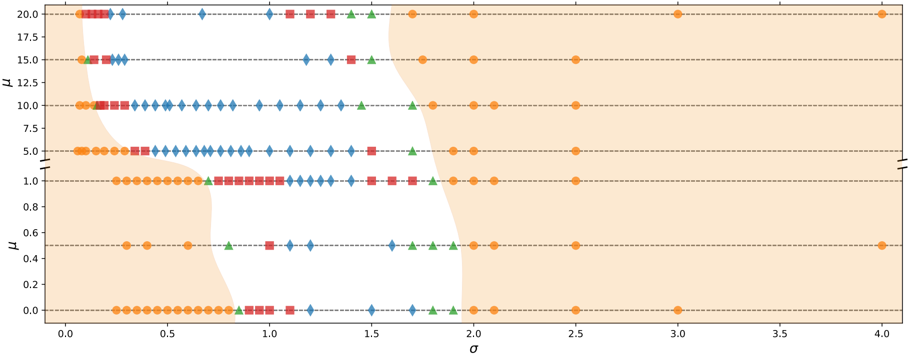
[5] Deppe, Kolly, *et al.* [1608.05402]

Phase Diagram



Phase Diagram

- Unstable



Phase Diagram

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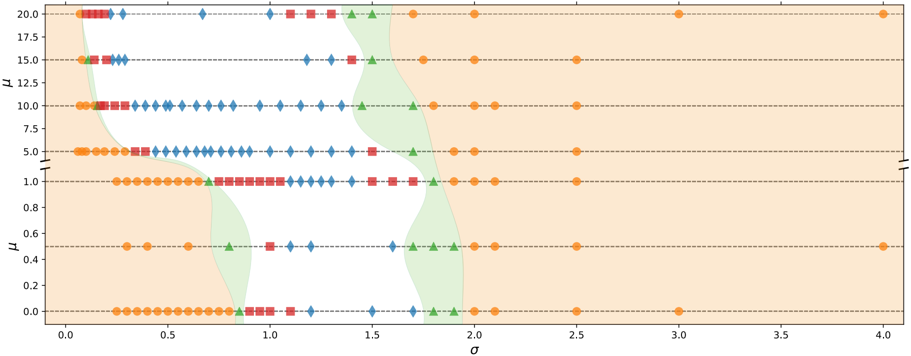
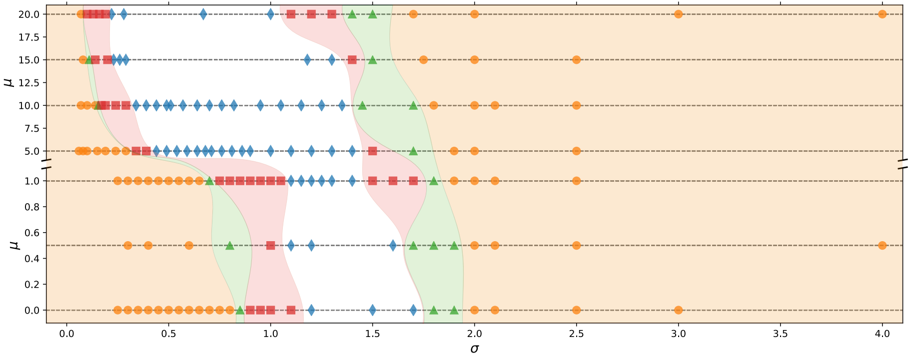


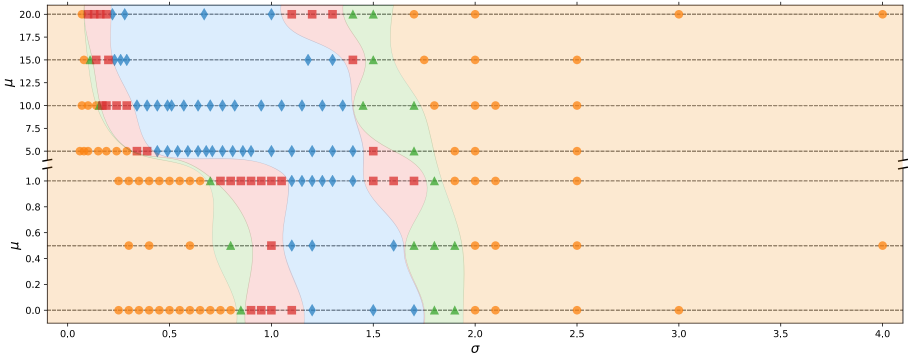
Phase Diagram

- Unstable, metastable, irregular,



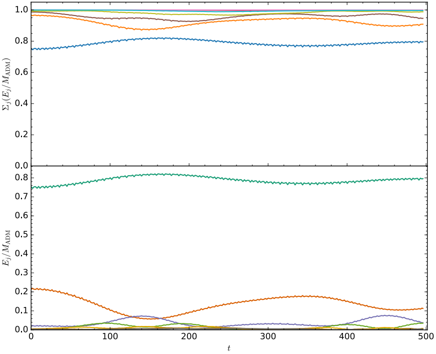
Phase Diagram

- Unstable, metastable, irregular, and stable initial data

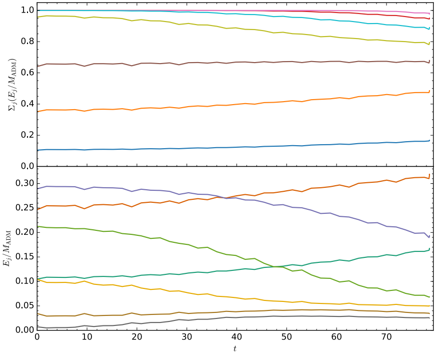


Energy Cascades

- Stable solutions: direct and inverse energy cascades



$\mu = 0,\ \sigma = 1.8,\ \epsilon = 0.13$
Stable



$\mu = 0,\ \sigma = 0.25,\ \epsilon = 2.28$
Unstable

Results

- First full phase diagram of stability in AdS$_5$ $\rightarrow$ islands of stability and "shorelines"
- Evidence of metastable and irregular phases at finite ϵ
- Fate of metastable phase as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ yet to be determined
- Irregular phase contains quasi-stable initial data[6,7]$\rightarrow$ first evidence for weakly chaotic evolution in massless, spherically-symmetry scalars in AdS
- Metastable and irregular data to be studied in multiscale perturbation theory

[6] Deppe & Frey [1508.02709]

[7] Buchel *et al.* [1304.4166]

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- Integer eigenvalues $\omega_j = (2j + d) \rightarrow$ fully resonant spectrum
- $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$: backreaction on metric in terms of ϕ_1

$$\phi_1(t, x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} A_j(t) \cos(\omega_j t + B_j(t))\, e_j(x)$$

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- $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$: source terms for resonant contributions
- Define slow time $\tau \equiv \epsilon^2 t$

$$-2\omega_\ell \frac{dA_\ell(\tau)}{d\tau} = \sum_{i\neq\ell} \sum_{j\neq\ell}^{\ell\leq i+j} f_1\left(A_i, A_j, A_{i+j-\ell}, B_i, B_j, B_{i+j-\ell}\right)$$

$$-2\omega_\ell A_\ell \frac{dB_\ell(\tau)}{d\tau} = \sum_{i\neq\ell} \sum_{j\neq\ell}^{\ell\leq i+j} f_2\left(A_i, A_j, A_{i+j-\ell}, B_i, B_j, B_{i+j-\ell}\right)$$

The Two-Time Formalism (TTF) II

- Energy exchange between modes through slowly varying amplitude $A_j(\tau)$ and phase $B_j(\tau)$ to resist collapse[8]
- Resummation techniques absorb resonances into amplitude/phase variables[9]
- Solve by truncating series to $j_{max} < \infty$
- Solutions must be robust as $j_{max} \to \infty$
- Examine quasi-periodic families of solutions[10]
- Develop numerical techniques for extending $j_{max} \gtrsim 100$
- Verify families of solutions remain valid as j_{max} increases

[8] Balasubramanian *et al.* [1403.6471]
[9] Craps *et al.* [1407.6273]
[10] Green *et al.* [1507.08261]

Quasi-Periodic Solutions I

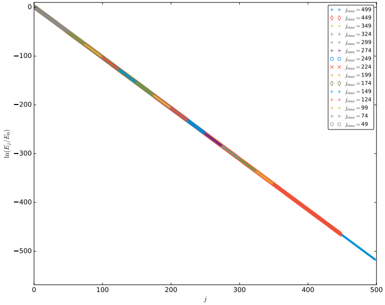
- Quasi-periodic ansatz $A_j = \alpha_j e^{i\beta_j\tau}$ $\rightarrow$ TTF equations become time-independent when $\beta_j = \beta_0 + j(\beta_1 - \beta_0)$
- Solve QP equation with Newton-Raphson $\rightarrow$ seed equation $\alpha_j \propto e^{-j}$, $j \neq 0$ for low j_{max}
- TTF: conserved quantities[11] E, N $\rightarrow$ classify solutions by $T \equiv E/N$
- T_i, R_{ij}, S_{ijkl} calculated numerically

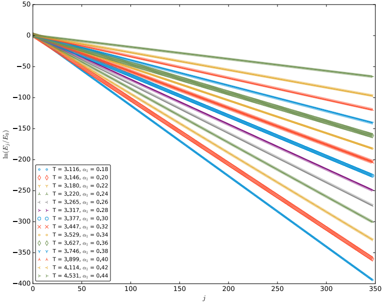
$$2\omega_l\alpha_l\beta_l = T_l\alpha_l^3 + \sum_{i\neq l} R_{il}\alpha_i^2\alpha_l + \sum_{i\neq l}^{l\leq i+j}\sum_{j\neq l} S_{ij(i+j-l)l}\alpha_i\alpha_j\alpha_{i+j-l}$$

[11] Craps *et al.* [1412.3249]

Quasi-Periodic Solutions II

- Solutions found for $3 \geq T \gtrsim 4.6$
- Able to extend existing solutions from $j_{max} \sim 100$ to $j_{max} = 500$
- Robust in $j_{max} \to \infty$ limit





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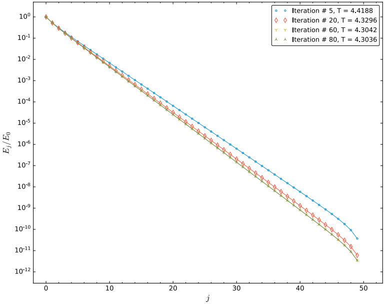
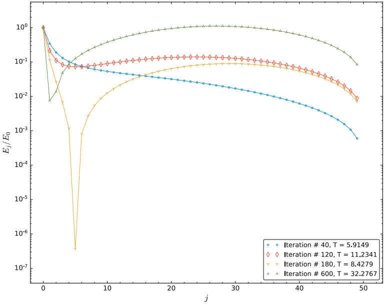
High-Temperature Solutions I

- Perturb by $\delta E \rightarrow$ new solutions have energy $E + \delta E$, N, and $T + \delta T$
- Repeat process to $T_{max} = (2j_{max} + d)$
- Project back to QP solution surface at constant α_1 or T
- Loss of smooth profile above a certain temperature at constant α_1





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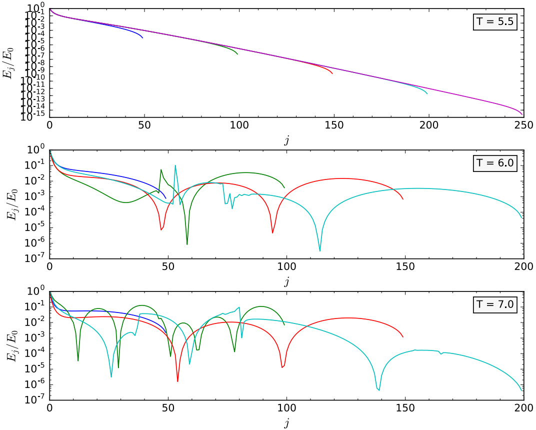
High-Temperature Solutions II

- And at constant T



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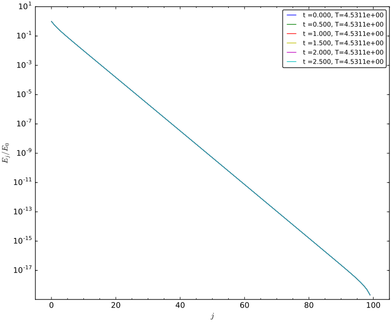
- Evolution of: low-temperature QP ▷ high-temperature QP ▷



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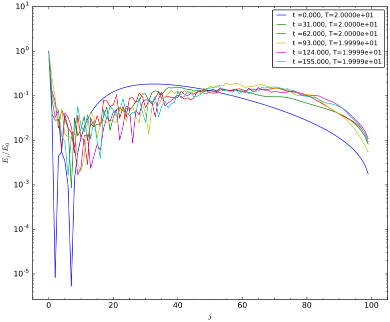

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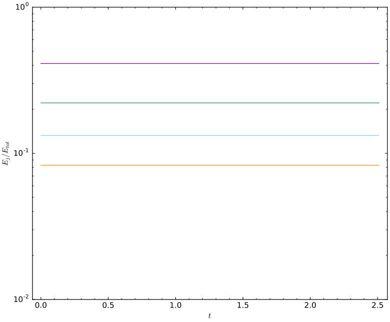
- Energy in $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$ modes (purple, green, blue, orange)



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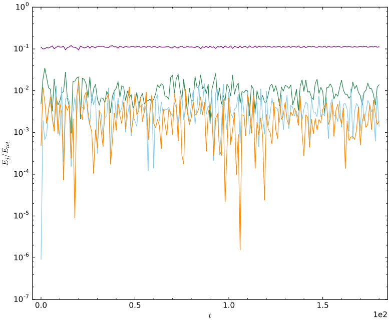

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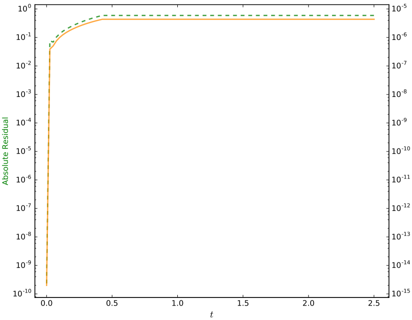
- Residuals of QP equation



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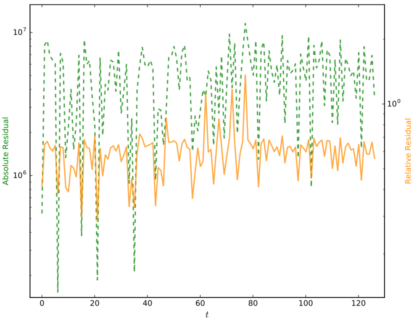

High-temperature

Results

- Physical interpretation for T_{th}?
- Is $|T_{QP} - T_{th}|$ a function of AdS parameters? What does this mean for boundary CFT?
- Compare perturbative evolution to full numerical $\rightarrow$ establish absolute timescale for approximation
- Use high-temperature QP solutions as initial data in nonlinear evolution $\rightarrow$ metastable/irregular? What is mechanism of collapse?

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Time-dependent Boundary Conditions

Resonant Contributions

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Conclusions

- Collapse of scalar field in AdS $\Leftrightarrow$ thermalization of dual CFT
- **Nonlinear theory:** "islands of stability", metastable & irregular phases, chaotic behaviour from self-interaction
- Weakly turbulent energy cascade to short length scales $\rightarrow$ TTF for inverse cascades
- **Perturbative theory:** QP solutions robust in $j_{max} \rightarrow \infty$, high-T solutions are not; space of stable solutions is restricted by T_{th}
- **Next steps**
  - Physical interpretation of T_{th}
  - Ways to construct robust QP solutions with $T > T_{th}$
- **Future:** develop theory for *massive* TTF $\rightarrow$ less symmetry in equations $\therefore$ fewer cancelations of resonant terms; TTF in AdS$_5$; time-dependent boundary conditions

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