

# Tensorial perturbations and stability of spherically symmetric $d$ -dimensional black holes in string theory

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# Leading $\alpha'$ corrections

- Effective action in the Einstein frame

$$\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{-g} \left[ \mathcal{R} - \frac{4}{d-2} (\partial^\mu \phi) \partial_\mu \phi + e^{\frac{4}{2-d}\phi} \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right] d^d x,$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha'}{2}, \frac{\alpha'}{4} \text{ (bosonic, heterotic).}$$

- Field equations

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} + \lambda e^{\frac{4}{2-d}\phi} \left( \mathcal{R}_{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} \mathcal{R}_\nu^{\rho\sigma\tau} - \frac{1}{2(d-2)} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{R}_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \mathcal{R}^{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \right) = 0;$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi - \frac{\lambda}{4} e^{\frac{4}{2-d}\phi} \left( \mathcal{R}_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \mathcal{R}^{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \right) = 0.$$

# General perturbation setup

- Metric of the type

$$d s^2 = -f(r) d t^2 + g^{-1}(r) d r^2 + r^2 d \Omega_{d-2}^2$$

(Einstein frame);

- Variation of the metric

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \delta g_{\mu\nu};$$

- Variation of the Riemann tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathcal{R}_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\rho}{}^\lambda h_{\lambda\sigma} - \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\sigma}{}^\lambda h_{\lambda\rho} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\rho h_{\nu\sigma} + \nabla_\mu \nabla_\sigma h_{\nu\rho} - \nabla_\nu \nabla_\sigma h_{\mu\rho} + \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho h_{\mu\sigma} \right). \end{aligned}$$

# Perturbations on the $(d - 2)$ -sphere

- General tensors of rank at least 2 on the  $(d - 2)$ -sphere can be uniquely decomposed in their *tensorial, vectorial and scalar* components.
- One can in general consider perturbations to the metric and any other physical field of the system under consideration.

# Tensorial perturbations of the metric

- We consider only the tensorial part of  $h_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$h_{ij} = 2r^2 H_T(r, t) \mathcal{T}_{ij}(\theta^i), \quad h_{ia} = 0, \quad h_{ab} = 0$$

with

$$(\gamma^{kl} D_k D_l + k_T) \mathcal{T}_{ij} = 0, \quad D^i \mathcal{T}_{ij} = 0, \quad g^{ij} \mathcal{T}_{ij} = 0.$$

- $D_i$ :  $(d - 2)$ -sphere covariant derivative, associated to the metric  $\gamma_{ij}$ .
- $\mathcal{T}_{ij}$  are the eigentensors of  $D^2$  on  $S^{d-2}$
- $-k_T = 2 - \ell(\ell + d - 3)$  are the eigenvalues of  $D^2$  on  $S^{d-2}$ , where  $\ell = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

# Tensorial perturbations of fields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{R}_{ijkl} &= [(3g - 1) H_T + rg\partial_r H_T] (g_{il}\mathcal{T}_{jk} - g_{ik}\mathcal{T}_{jl} - g_{jl}\mathcal{T}_{ik} + g_{jk}\mathcal{T}_{il}) \\
 &+ r^2 H_T (D_i D_l \mathcal{T}_{jk} - D_i D_k \mathcal{T}_{jl} - D_j D_l \mathcal{T}_{ik} + D_j D_k \mathcal{T}_{il}) ; \\
 \delta\mathcal{R}_{itjt} &= \left[ -r^2 \partial_t^2 H_T + \frac{1}{2} f f' r^2 \partial_r H_T + f f' r H_T \right] \mathcal{T}_{ij} ; \\
 \delta\mathcal{R}_{itjr} &= \left( -r^2 \partial_t \partial_r H_T - r \partial_t H_T + \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{f'}{f} \partial_t H_T \right) \mathcal{T}_{ij} ; \\
 \delta\mathcal{R}_{irjr} &= \left( -r \frac{g'}{g} H_T - \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{g'}{g} \partial_r H_T - 2r \partial_r H_T - r^2 \partial_r^2 H_T \right) \mathcal{T}_{ij} .
 \end{aligned}$$

All other tensorial perturbations can be set to 0:

- $\phi(r)$  has no tensor modes on the sphere;
- $\delta A_t^n, \delta A_t^w$  do not matter, since  $h_{t\mu} = 0$ .

# Perturbed graviton field equation

$$\delta\mathcal{R}_{ij} + \lambda e^{\frac{4}{2-d}\phi} \left[ \delta \left( \mathcal{R}_{i\rho\sigma\tau} \mathcal{R}_j^{\rho\sigma\tau} \right) - \frac{1}{2(d-2)} \mathcal{R}_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \mathcal{R}^{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} h_{ij} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2(d-2)} g_{ij} \delta \left( \mathcal{R}_{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \mathcal{R}^{\rho\sigma\lambda\tau} \right) \right] + \frac{4}{d-2} \mathcal{R}_{ij} \delta\phi = 0$$

results in

$$\left( 1 - 2\lambda \frac{f'}{r} \right) \frac{r^2}{f} \partial_t^2 H_T - \left( 1 - 2\lambda \frac{g'}{r} \right) r^2 g \partial_r^2 H_T - \\ - \left[ (d-2)rg + \frac{1}{2} r^2 (f' + g') + 4\lambda(d-4) \frac{g(1-g)}{r} - 4\lambda g g' - \lambda r (f'^2 + g'^2) \right] \partial_r H_T + \\ + \left[ \ell(\ell + d - 3) \left( 1 + \frac{4\lambda}{r^2} (1-g) \right) + 2(d-2) - 2(d-3)g - r(f' + g') + \right. \\ \left. + \lambda \left( 8 \frac{1-g}{r^2} + 2(d-3) \frac{(1-g)^2}{r^2} - \frac{r^2}{d-2} \left[ f'' + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{f'g'}{g} - \frac{f'^2}{f} \right) \right]^2 \right) \right] H_T = 0.$$

# The Master Equation

The perturbation equation is of the form

$$\partial_t^2 H_T - F^2(r) \partial_r^2 H_T + P(r) \partial_r H_T + Q(r) H_T = 0$$

and it can be written as a "master equation"

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r_*^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} =: V_T \Phi.$$

- $\frac{dr_*}{dr} = \frac{1}{F(r)}$  ("tortoise" coordinate);

- $\Phi = k(r) H_T$  ("master" variable);

- $k(r) =$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{fg}} \exp \left( \int \frac{(d-2)rg + \frac{1}{2}r^2(f' + g') + 4\lambda(d-4)\frac{g(1-g)}{r} - 4\lambda gg' - \lambda r(f'^2 + g'^2)}{2fg} dr \right);$$



# The tensor potential

- $V_T$  : potential for tensor-type gravitational perturbations. In classical EH gravity it is the same as the potential for scalar fields (Ishibashi, Kodama, 2000-2003);
- it is the potential for tensor-type gravitational perturbations of any kind of static, spherically symmetric  $\mathcal{R}^2$  string-corrected black hole in  $d$ -dimensions:

# The string-corrected tensor potential

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{T}}[f(r), g(r)] &= \frac{1}{r^4 f g} \left( \ell(\ell + d - 3)r^2 f^2 g + \frac{1}{4}(d - 2)(d - 4)r^2 f^2 g^2 \right. \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4}(d - 6)r^3 f^2 g f' + r^3 f g^2 f' + \frac{1}{16}r^4 f^2 f'^2 + \frac{3}{16}r^4 g^2 f'^2 \\
 &+ \left. \frac{1}{4}(d - 2)r^3 f^2 g g' - \frac{1}{8}r^4 f(g + f)f'g' - \frac{1}{4}r^4 f g(g - f)f'' \right) \\
 &+ \frac{\lambda}{r^4 f g} (4\ell(\ell + d - 3)(1 - g)g f^2 + 2(d - 4)(d - 5)(1 - g)g^2 f^2 \\
 &+ (d - 4)r f^2 g f' + 2r\ell(\ell + d - 3)f^2 g f' + (d - 3)(d - 4)r f^2 g^2 f' \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2}(d - 6)r^2 f^2 g f'^2 + 2r^2 f g^2 f'^2 + (d - 4)r f^2 g g' - 5(d - 4)r f^2 g^2 g' \\
 &+ \left( d - \frac{7}{2} \right) r^2 f^2 g f' g' + \frac{1}{4}r^3 f^2 f'^2 g' - \frac{1}{2}(d - 1)r^2 f^2 g g'^2 - \frac{1}{2}r^3 f^2 f' g'^2 \\
 &+ \frac{1}{4}r^3 f^2 g'^3 + (d - 2)r^2 f^2 g^2 f'' + \frac{1}{2}r^3 f^2 g g' f'' - 2r^2 f^2 g^2 g'' \\
 &+ \left. \frac{1}{2}r^3 f^2 g f' g'' - r^3 f^2 g g' g'' \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Study of the stability

- That was the potential for tensor–type gravitational perturbations of any kind of static, spherically symmetric  $\mathcal{R}^2$  string–corrected black hole in  $d$ –dimensions.
- Solutions of the form  $\Phi(x, t) = e^{i\omega t} \phi(x)$ ;
- The master equation is then written in the Schrödinger form,

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V \right] \phi(x) =: A\phi(x) = \omega^2 \phi(x);$$

- A solution to the field equation is then stable if the operator  $A$  has no negative eigenvalues (Gibbons, Hartnoll, 2002; Ishibashi, Kodama, 2003; Dotti, Gleiser, 2005).

# "S-deformation" approach

Stability means positivity (for every possible  $\phi$ ) of the following inner product:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi, A\phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{\phi}(x) \left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V \right] \phi(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right|^2 + V |\phi|^2 \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ |D\phi|^2 + \tilde{V} |\phi|^2 \right] dx\end{aligned}$$

with  $D = \frac{d}{dx} + S$ ,  $\tilde{V} = V + \sqrt{fg} \frac{dS}{dr} - S^2$ .

# "S-deformation" approach (cont.)

- Taking  $S = -\frac{\sqrt{fg}}{k} \frac{dk}{dr}$  we are left with

$$\langle \phi, A\phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |D\phi|^2 dx + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{Q(r)}{\sqrt{fg}} |\phi|^2 dx,$$

with

$$Q = \frac{\ell(-3 + d + \ell)f(r^2 + 4\lambda(1 - g)) + r^3(g - f)f'}{r^3(r - 2\lambda f')}$$

(after using equations of motion).

# Stability condition

- The second term of  $\langle \phi, A\phi \rangle$  can be written as

$$\int_{R_H}^{+\infty} Q(r) \frac{|\phi|^2}{\sqrt{fg}} dr.$$

- For  $r > R_H$ ,  $f(r), g(r) > 0$ .
- This condition keeps valid with  $\alpha'$  corrections as long as the black hole in consideration is *large*, i.e.  $R_H \gg \sqrt{\lambda}$ , which is true in string perturbation theory.
- This way the perturbative stability of a given black hole solution, with respect to tensor-type gravitational perturbations, follows if and only if one has  $Q(r) > 0$  for  $r \geq R_H$ .

# The Callan-Myers-Perry black hole

- Metric of the type

$$d s^2 = -f(r) d t^2 + g^{-1}(r) d r^2 + r^2 d \Omega_{d-2}^2;$$

- $f(r) = g(r) = g_0(r) \left[ 1 - \lambda \frac{(d-3)(d-4)}{2} \frac{R_H^{d-5}}{r^{d-1}} \frac{r^{d-1} - R_H^{d-1}}{r^{d-3} - R_H^{d-3}} \right];$

- $\alpha' = 0$ : Schwarzschild-Tangherlini solution;

- the only free parameter is the horizon radius  $R_H$  (secondary hair), which is not changed;

- dilaton vanishes classically and only gets  $\alpha'$ -corrections (1988).

# Leading $\alpha'$ -corrected dilaton

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(r) &= \frac{\phi(r)}{\lambda} = \frac{(d-2)^2}{4R_H^2} \ln \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3} \right) - \frac{(d-3)(d-2)^2}{8(d-1)r^2} [(d-1) \\ &+ 2 \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3} - 2 \frac{d-1}{d-3} \left( \frac{r}{R_H} \right)^2 B \left( \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3} ; \frac{2}{d-3}, 0 \right)] < 0, \\ \varphi'(r) &= \frac{(d-3)(d-2)^2}{4} \frac{R_H^{d-3}}{r^{d-2}} \frac{1 - \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-1}}{1 - \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3}} > 0\end{aligned}$$

with  $B(x; a, b) = \int_0^x t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt$  (Moura, 2010).

At the horizon,

$$\phi(R_H) = -\frac{\lambda}{R_H^2} \frac{(d-2)^2}{8(d-1)} \left( d^2 - 2d + 2(d-1) \left( \psi^{(0)} \left( \frac{2}{d-3} \right) + \gamma \right) - 3 \right),$$

with

$$\psi(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)}, \quad \psi^{(n)}(z) = \frac{d^n \psi(z)}{d z^n}, \quad \gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \ln n \right).$$



# Dilatonic BH and compactified strings

- Metric in  $d_s = 10$  (or 26) dimensions of the type

$$d s^2 = -f(r) d t^2 + g^{-1}(r) d r^2 + r^2 d \Omega_{d-2}^2 + h(\phi) g_{mn}(y) d y^m d y^n;$$

- Solution:

$$h(\phi) = \left(1 - \frac{2}{d_s - 2} \phi\right)^2;$$

$$g(r) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(d-3)(d-4)}{2} \frac{\lambda}{R_H^2} \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-1}}{1 - \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3}}\right)$$

$$f(r) = g(r) + 4 \left(1 - \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3}\right) \frac{d_s - d}{(d_s - 2)^2} (\phi - r\phi').$$

(Moura, 2011).

# Stability of the dilatonic BH

$$\frac{Q}{F} = \frac{Q}{F}\Big|_0 + \lambda \frac{Q}{F}\Big|_1.$$

$$r^4 \sqrt{fg} \frac{Q}{F}\Big|_1 = \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\ell(\ell + d - 3)}{r} f_0^T \left( 2 \frac{1 - f_0^T}{r} + f_0^{T'} \right).$$

$$2 \frac{1 - f_0^T}{r} + f_0^{T'} = (d - 3) \frac{R_H^{d-3}}{r^{d-2}} > 0.$$

$$r^2 \sqrt{fg} \frac{Q}{F}\Big|_0 = \frac{\ell(\ell + d - 3)}{r^2} f + \frac{(g - f)f'}{r} > 0.$$

The dilatonic black hole is stable under tensor perturbations in  $d$  dimensions.

# From fundamental strings to black holes

- Consider an excited fundamental string with mass  $M$  in  $d$ -dimensional flat spacetime, with momentum number  $n$  and winding  $w$  on an internal circle of radius  $R$ .
- String correspondence principle (Susskind, 1993)
- When the string interaction is strong enough, such string forms a black hole with mass  $M$  and two electric charges that can be parameterized in terms of left and right-handed momenta  $(p_L, p_R)$ :

$$p_{L,R} = \frac{n}{R} \mp \frac{wR}{\alpha'}$$

# Construction of the solution

- Idea: to add momentum and winding charges by “lifting” the metric to an additional dimension whose coordinate will be denoted by  $x$ .
- This means to produce a uniform black string.
- Take the additional dimension to be compact.
- Add the momentum charge: perform a boost in the  $x$  direction, which after Kaluza-Klein (KK) reduction would give one  $U(1)$  charge.
- T-dualize in the  $x$  direction: a  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional black string winding around the  $x$  circle. (Reducing to  $d$  dimensions would give a black hole with winding charge.)
- A second boost of the  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional black string in the  $x$  direction gives back momentum charge.

# Construction of the solution

- Then a reduction to  $d$  dimensions generates the black hole with generic momentum and winding charges generated by the boost parameters  $\alpha_n, \alpha_w$ .
- One works with the low energy effective action

$$I_{eff} = \frac{1}{16 \pi G_d} \int \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left( \mathcal{R} + 4 (\nabla\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} H^2 \right) d^d x,$$

$$H_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = 3 \partial_{[\alpha} B_{\beta\gamma]},$$

and takes the Tangherlini black hole (other fields vanish). T-duality will turn on the additional fields.

# The solution (Horowitz, Polchinski, 1997)

- Metric of the type

$$d s^2 = -f_0(r) d t^2 + g_0^{-1}(r) d r^2 + r^2 d \Omega_{d-2}^2;$$

- $g_0(r) := 1 - \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3};$

- $f_0(r) = \frac{g_0(r)}{\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w)}, \Delta(x) := 1 + \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3} \sinh^2 x$

- $\alpha_n, \alpha_w = 0$  : Tangherlini black hole.

- Dilaton:  $\phi(r) = \phi_0 - \frac{1}{4} \log \Delta(\alpha_n) - \frac{1}{4} \log \Delta(\alpha_w).$

- Two abelian gauge fields

$$A_t^n = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3} \frac{\sinh 2\alpha_n}{\Delta(\alpha_n)}, A_t^w = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3} \frac{\sinh 2\alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)}.$$

# The CMP black hole in the string frame

- $\phi(r) := \lambda \varphi(r)$  (same EOM as before to first order in  $\lambda$ );
- $g_{tt} = -g_0 (1 + 2 \lambda \mu(r))$ ,  $g_{rr} = g_0^{-1} (1 + 2 \lambda \epsilon(r))$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon(r) &= \frac{(d-3)R_H^{d-5}}{4(r^{d-3} - R_H^{d-3})} \left[ \frac{(d-2)(d-3)}{2} - \frac{2(2d-3)}{d-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (d-2) \left( \psi^{(0)} \left( \frac{2}{d-3} \right) + \gamma \right) + d \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-1} + \frac{4R_H^2}{d-2} \varphi(r) \right] \\ \mu(r) &= -\epsilon(r) + \frac{2}{d-2} (\varphi(r) - r \varphi'(r)).\end{aligned}$$

- This is the solution we will boost and T-dualize.

# Transformations to the CMP solution

- Boost in the additional direction  $x$  with parameter  $\alpha$  :

$$\begin{aligned} g_{tt}^{\alpha} &= \cosh^2(\alpha)g_{tt} + \sinh^2(\alpha), \\ g_{xt}^{\alpha} &= \sinh(\alpha)\cosh(\alpha)(g_{tt} + 1), \\ g_{xx}^{\alpha} &= \sinh^2(\alpha)g_{tt} + \cosh^2(\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

- $\alpha'$ -corrected Buscher rules (Kaloper, Meissner (1997)):

$$\begin{aligned} g_{tt}^T &= g_{tt} - \frac{g_{xt}^2}{g_{xx}}, \quad g_{xx}^T = \frac{1}{g_{xx}} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda (g_{xx,r})^2}{g_{xx}^2 g_{rr}} + \frac{\lambda g^{tt} g_{xx}^2 (\partial_r V)^2}{g_{rr}} \right), \\ B_{xt}^T &= \frac{g_{xt}}{g_{xx}} - \frac{\lambda \partial_r V g_{xx,r}}{g_{rr} g_{xx}}, \quad \phi^T = \phi + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{g_{xx}^T}{g_{xx}} \right), \\ V &\equiv \frac{g_{xt}}{g_{xx}}. \end{aligned}$$

- The rest of the metric components and other fields do not change.



# First boost and T-duality

We first perform a boost on the CMP solution with  $\alpha_w$  as a boost parameter which can be interpreted as related to the winding modes after a subsequent T-duality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{tt}^{T,\alpha_w} &= -\frac{g_0}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \left[ 1 + \frac{2\lambda \mu(r) \cosh^2 \alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \right], \\
 g_{xx}^{T,\alpha_w} &= \frac{1}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \left[ 1 + \frac{2\lambda \mu(r) g_0 \sinh^2 \alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} - \frac{\lambda (d-3)^2 R_H^{2(d-3)} \sinh^2 \alpha_w^2}{r^{2(d-2)} \Delta(\alpha_w)} \right], \\
 B_{xt}^{T,\alpha_w} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3} \frac{\sinh 2\alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\lambda \mu(r) R_H^{d-3} g_0}{r^{d-3} \Delta(\alpha_w)} - \frac{\lambda (d-3)^2 g_0 R_H^{d-3}}{r^{d-1} \Delta(\alpha_w)^2} \right], \\
 \phi^{T,\alpha_w} &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\Delta(\alpha_w)) \\
 &+ \lambda \left[ 1 + \varphi(r) + \frac{\mu(r) g_0 \sinh^2 \alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} - \frac{(d-3)^2 R_H^{2(d-3)} \sinh^2 \alpha_w}{4 r^{2(d-2)} \Delta(\alpha_w)} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the components remain unchanged.

# Second boost and dimensional reduction

We perform the second boost in the  $x$  direction with a boost parameter  $\alpha_n$ , and then we reduce to  $d$  dimensions (Giveon, Gorbonos (2006); Giveon, Gorbonos, Stern (2010)):

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_t^n &= \frac{\sinh(\alpha_n) \cosh(\alpha_n) \left( g_{xx}^{T, \alpha_w} + g_{tt}^{T, \alpha_w} \right)}{\cosh^2(\alpha_n) g_{xx}^{T, \alpha_w} + \sinh^2(\alpha_n) g_{tt}^{T, \alpha_w}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{d-3} \frac{\sinh 2\alpha_n}{\Delta(\alpha_n)} \left[ 1 - \frac{2 \lambda \mu(r) r^{d-3} g_0}{R_H^{d-3} \Delta(\alpha_n)} - \frac{\lambda (d-3)^2 R_H^{d-3} g_0 \sinh^2 \alpha_w}{r^{d-1} \Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} \right], \\
 A_t^w &= B_{xt}^{T, \alpha_w}, \\
 e^{-2\phi} &= \sqrt{\Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} \left[ 1 - 2 \lambda \varphi(r) - \lambda \mu(r) g_0 \left( \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha_n}{\Delta(\alpha_n)} + \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{\lambda}{R_H^2} \frac{(d-3)^2 R_H^{2(d-2)} g_0 \sinh^2 \alpha_n \sinh^2 \alpha_w}{2r^{2(d-2)} \Delta(\alpha_w) \Delta(\alpha_n)} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

# Final metric (string frame)

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{tt} &= \frac{g_{xx}^{T,\alpha_w} g_{tt}^{T,\alpha_w}}{\cosh^2(\alpha_n) g_{xx}^{T,\alpha_w} + \sinh^2(\alpha_n) g_{tt}^{T,\alpha_w}} \\
 &= -\frac{g_0}{\Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} \left[ 1 + \frac{2 \lambda \mu(r)}{\Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} - \frac{2 \lambda \mu(r) r^{2(d-3)} \sinh^2(\alpha_n) \sinh^2(\alpha_w)}{R_H^{2(d-3)} \Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 2 \lambda \mu(r) \left( \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha_n}{\Delta(\alpha_n)} + \frac{\sinh^2 \alpha_w}{\Delta(\alpha_w)} \right) + \frac{(d-3)^2 \lambda R_H^{2(d-3)} g_0 \sinh^2(\alpha_n) \sinh^2(\alpha_w)}{r^{2(d-2)} \Delta(\alpha_n) \Delta(\alpha_w)} \right], \\
 g_{rr} &= g_0^{-1} (1 + 2 \lambda \epsilon(r)).
 \end{aligned}$$

The other metric components remain unchanged.

# Final metric (Einstein frame)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(r) &= f_0^I(r) \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{R_H^2} f_c^I(r) \right), \quad g(r) = f_0^I(r) \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{R_H^2} g_c^I(r) \right), \\
 f_0^I &= \frac{f_0^T}{\sqrt{\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w)}}, \\
 f_c^I(r) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w)} \left( 2 \left( 2 - f_0^T \right) \left( \Delta(\alpha_n) \sinh^2(\alpha_w) + \Delta(\alpha_w) \sinh^2(\alpha_n) \right) \mu(r) \right. \\
 &+ 4 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{2(d-3)} \sinh^2(\alpha_w) \sinh^2(\alpha_n) \right) \mu(r) \\
 &+ \left. (d-3)^2 f_0^T \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{2(d-2)} \sinh^2(\alpha_w) \sinh^2(\alpha_n) - 4\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w)\varphi(r) \right), \\
 g_c^I(r) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w)} \left( 2 \left( \Delta(\alpha_n) \sinh^2(\alpha_w) + \Delta(\alpha_w) \sinh^2(\alpha_n) \right) \mu(r) f_0^T \right. \\
 &+ \left. (d-3)^2 f_0^T \left( \frac{R_H}{r} \right)^{2(d-2)} \sinh^2(\alpha_w) \sinh^2(\alpha_n) + 4\Delta(\alpha_n)\Delta(\alpha_w) (\varphi(r) - \epsilon(r)) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

# Stability of the doubly charged BH

- Long calculation with simple final result:

$$g - f = \frac{4}{d-2} \lambda f_0^I(r) [(d-3) \varphi(r) + r \varphi'(r)].$$

- We just have to analyze  $((d-3) \varphi(r) + r \varphi'(r))' =$   
$$-\frac{(d-3)(d-2)^2}{4r} \left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{2d-6} \frac{d-3-(d-1)\left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-1}}{\left(1-\left(\frac{R_H}{r}\right)^{d-3}\right)^2} < 0.$$

- $g - f$  is a positive function which decreases to zero asymptotically.
- The doubly charged black hole is stable under tensor perturbations in  $d$  dimensions.

# Some comments

- These results are to be compared with the corresponding ones in Lovelock theory, where several instabilities have been found (Dotti, Gleiser, 2005; Takahashi, Soda, 2010), depending on  $d$ .
- In Lovelock theories instabilities manifest themselves mainly on shorter scales, and there are domains of the parameters in which linear perturbation theory breaks down and is not applicable.
- Reason: Lovelock theories are seen as exact and not effective theories; the dependence of the solutions on the coupling constants goes beyond perturbation theory. The order at which they appear in the lagrangian does not matter for such dependence (often nonlinear).

# Some comments (concl.)

- String–theoretical solutions are perturbative in  $\alpha'$ : their dependence on  $\alpha'$  is of the same order in which  $\alpha'$  appears on the lagrangian.
- This is why linear perturbation theory is fully applicable to these solutions we have studied.
- One must keep in mind that the stability we have shown is just perturbative.
- General question concerning perturbative string–theoretical black holes: do string  $\alpha'$  corrections preserve the stability properties of the corresponding classical solutions?