The **canonical** ensemble of a d-dimensional Reissner-Nordström black hole

in a cavity

Black Hole

Cavity

T, q, R



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#### Motivation

- Thermodynamic properties of black holes
  - As a semiclassical approximation of an underlying quantum theory of gravity
- Cavity [J. W. York, 1986] may allow for a stable black hole solution
- Grand canonical done in [Braden et al, 1990], generalization for higher dimensions done in [TF & Lemos, to be published].
- Generalization of [Lundgren, 2006] for higher dimensions
  - Connection to theories that require higher dimensions
  - Behaviour in"d".

#### **Partition Function**

We consider a spacetime with electric charge in a cavity. The partition function is

$$Z = \int Dg \, DF_{ab} \, e^{i \, I[g, F_{ab}]} \Rightarrow \int Dg_E \, DF_{ab} \, e^{-I_E[g_E, F_{ab}]}$$

where  $g_E$  is periodic in time.

Complex analytic extension Wick Rotation

The boundary of the cavity is a heat reservoir with inverse temperature  $\beta$  and has a fixed electric flux (electric charge q).

The objective is to obtain the Helmoltz potential with  $Z = e^{-\beta F}$ 

#### Action and metric

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$$I_E = -\int_M \left(\frac{R}{16\pi} - \frac{(d-3)F_{ab}F^{ab}}{4\Omega}\right) \sqrt{g} d^d x - \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_C (K-K_0)\sqrt{\gamma} d^{d-1}x + \frac{d-3}{\Omega} \int_C F^{ab}A_a r_b \sqrt{\gamma} d^{d-1}x$$
  
with  $F_{ab} = \partial_a A_b - \partial_b A_a$ .

C is the thin shell at radius R.

#### *Metric:* $ds^{2} = b(y)^{2} d\tau^{2} + \alpha(y)^{2} dy^{2} + r(y)^{2} d\Omega^{2} , \tau \in [0, 2\pi[, y \in ]0, 1]$

#### Boundary Conditions:

y = 0: Regularity ( $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^{d-2}$ ), Zero electric potential,  $r(0) = r_+$ 

y = 1:  $\beta = 2\pi b(1)$  ,  $q = \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_{y=1} F^{ab} dS_{ab}$ 



## Zero Loop approximation



Minimize the action in variations of  $b \longrightarrow$  Hamiltonian constraint Minimize the action in variations of  $F \longrightarrow$  Gauss constraint

$$Z = \int Dr_+ \ e^{-I_E^*(\beta,q,R;r_+)}$$

Reduced action  $I_{E}^{*}(\beta, q, R; r_{+}) = \frac{(d-2)\Omega R^{d-3}\beta}{8\pi} \left(1 - \sqrt{f(R, q; r_{+})}\right) - \frac{\Omega r_{+}^{d-2}}{4}$ 

 $\beta F_{gen} = \beta E - S$ 

## Solutions and stability

$$\mu = \frac{8\pi}{(d-2)\Omega}$$
$$f(R,q;r_{+}) = \left(1 - \frac{r_{+}^{d-3}}{R^{d-3}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\mu q^{2}}{(r_{+}R)^{d-3}}\right)$$

Minimize the action in variations of  $r_+$ 

$$\beta = \frac{4\pi}{d-3} \frac{r_+^{2d-5}}{r_+^{2d-6} - \lambda q^2} \sqrt{f}$$

The partition function will then be given by  $Z = e^{-I_E^*(\beta, q, R; r_+(\beta, q, R))}$  Condition for stability:



The critical points of  $\beta$  give the limits of stability

We want to find  $r_+(\beta, q, R)$ 

# Solutions and stability (d = 5)



Solutions in red, orange and green are stable. Solutions in blue are unstable. Stability: increase in RT leads to increase in  $\frac{r_+}{p}$ 



 $\frac{\mu q^2}{R^4} = 0.005$  , RT = 0.33

## Higher dimensions

 $R^2$ 

Critical charge

$$\frac{d^2 q_c^2}{2d-6} = \frac{\left[ (d-1)(3d-7)(3d^2 - 16d + 22) - 3\sqrt{3}(d-3)(d-2)^2 \sqrt{(d-1)(3d-7)} \right]^2}{4(d-1)(2d-5)^3(3d-7)}$$



 $q_c$  dependence in d

#### Thermodynamics



We have the correspondence  $\beta F = I_E^*(\beta, q, R; r_+(\beta, q, R))$ 



If  $C_{A,q} > 0$ , there is stability (Contrary to the grand canonical which the condition is  $C_{A,\phi} > 0$ )

#### Phase transitions

Charged shell (no grav.) vs Charged black hole



#### Zero free energy radius vs Buchdahl vs Grand can.



## Conclusions

• Three possibilities:

For  $q < q_c$ , there are three solutions for the black hole, the intermediate solution is unstable, others are stable.

For  $q = q_c$ , there are two solutions, both stable.

For  $q > q_c$  there is one solution, which is stable.

• Higher dimensions imply a lower q<sub>c</sub>

• Thermodynamic quantities have the same expressions as in the grand canonical but solutions are different!

• Radius of zero free energy larger than Buchdahl and larger than radius of zero grand potential.

# Extra Slides

#### **Boundary Conditions**

 $ds^{2} = b(y)^{2} d\tau^{2} + \alpha(y)^{2} dy^{2} + r(y)^{2} d\Omega^{2} , \tau \in [0, 2\pi[ , y \in ]0, 1]$ 

At y = 0 (Horizon)

 $(b'\alpha^{-1})|_0 = 1$  (Regularity)

 $\beta = 2 \pi b(1)$  (Inverse Temp.)

At y = 1 (Boundary of Cavity)

b(0) = 0  $\left. \left( \frac{r'}{\alpha} \right)^2 \right|_0 = 0$   $Killing Horizon \\ \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{S}^{d-2}$ 

 $\frac{R^{d-2}A'_{\tau}(1)}{b(1) \alpha(1)} = -i q \quad \text{(Electric Flux)}$ 

r(1) = R

 $A_{\tau}(0) = 0$  (Zero Potential)

 $r(0) = r_+$ 

### Critical points and Stability

We need to minimize further the action in variations of  $r_+$  and q so that  $Z = e^{-I_E^0(\beta,q,R)}$ , where  $I_E^0(\beta,q,R) = I_E^*(\beta,q,R;r_+[\beta,q,R])$ 

**Critical Points** 

Stability (Minima)

 $x < x_{1c}$ ,  $x > x_{2c}$ 

$$y = \frac{\mu q^2}{R^{2d-6}}, \qquad x = \frac{r_+}{R}$$
$$(x^{2d-6} - y)^2 B^2 - x^{3d-7} (1 - x^{d-3}) (x^{d-3} - y) = 0$$
$$B = \frac{(d-3)\beta}{4\pi R}$$

# Critical points of $\beta$

 $y = \frac{\mu q^2}{R^{2d-6}}, \qquad x = \frac{r_+}{R}$ 

$$x_{c1,2}^{d-3} = \frac{1+y}{(d-1)} + \Xi \mp \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2\eta - \frac{\zeta}{\Xi} - 4\Xi^2} ,$$

where

$$\eta = \frac{3(1+y)^2 + 12(d-1)(d-3)y}{2(d-1)^2} ,$$
  
$$\zeta = \frac{(1+y)}{(d-1)^3} \left( y^2 - (4d^3 - 24d^2 + 48d - 30)y + 1 \right)$$

$$\Xi = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\eta + \frac{2}{3(d-1)} \left(\Pi + \frac{\Delta_0}{\Pi}\right)},$$
$$\Pi = \left(\frac{\Delta_1 + \sqrt{\Delta_1^2 - 4\Delta_0^3}}{2}\right)^{1/3},$$
$$\Delta_0 = 3(2d-5)y(1-y)^2,$$
$$\Delta_1 = 54(d-3)(d-2)^2(1-y)^2y^2.$$