Superfluid black holes

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“If you can heat it, it has microscopic structure”

Provides a window into the quantum properties of the gravitational field, motivated the holographic principle, and more.

The chemistry of black holes

- When the **cosmological constant** \( \Lambda \) is non-vanishing, it should be included as a **thermodynamic parameter** appearing in the first law of black hole thermodynamics \( \Rightarrow \) mass is enthalpy.

- For \( \Lambda < 0 \) (asymptotically AdS), the cosmological constant corresponds to a **pressure**, and its thermodynamic conjugate is the **thermodynamic volume**:

  \[
  \text{Pressure} + \text{Volume} \Rightarrow \text{black hole equations of state } P( T, v, Q_i )
  \]

- Has come to be known as **black hole chemistry** as connections between black holes and everyday thermal systems have emerged: **triple points, re-entrant phase transitions**, etc.

\[
dM = TdS + VdP + \text{work terms}, \quad P = -\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi} = \frac{(d - 1)(d - 2)}{16\pi\ell^2}
\]

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Phase transitions for black holes: charged AdS black holes

The seminal work on phase transitions for AdS black holes was carried out by Hawking and Page, but here we focus on the result of Kubiznak and Mann.

**Charged AdS BH / van der Waals fluid:**
- First order phase transition, terminating at a critical point where the EOS has an inflection point.
- The critical point is characterized by mean field theory critical exponents.
- Universal ratio of critical values,
  \[
  \frac{P_c v_c}{T_c} = \frac{3}{8}
  \]
  [here, for BH, \( v = 2r_+ \)]

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Aside: Lovelock gravity modifies Einstein gravity in $D > 4$ through the addition of higher curvature corrections (the dimensionally continued Euler densities),

$$I = \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -2\Lambda + R + c_2 \left( R_{abcd} R^{abcd} - 4R_{ab} R^{ab} + R^2 \right) + \cdots \right]$$

and serve as useful toy models for the types of corrections expected in a UV complete theory of quantum gravity.

More details on the model

Cosmological constant + Ricci scalar + Lovelock terms + Maxwell field with scalar field $\phi$ conformally coupled to Lovelock terms.

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} \left[ a_k \mathcal{L}^{(k)} + b_k \mathcal{S}^{(k)} \right] - 4\pi G F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

$\mathcal{L}^{(k)}$: $k^{th}$-order Lovelock term ($\Lambda$, Ricci scalar, Gauss-Bonnet)

$\mathcal{S}^{(k)}$: scalar field, $\phi$, coupled conformally to $k^{th}$ order Lovelock term

$F_{\mu\nu}$: Electromagnetic field

- Giribet et al. found that the theory admits analytic hairy black hole solutions in any dimension $D > 4$, evading No-Go results that had been reported for (conformal) scalar hair in $D > 4$.

$$ds^2 = -f(r) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Sigma_k^2$$

with $f(r)$ determined by a polynomial equation.

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Thermodynamics of hairy black holes

The general thermodynamic behaviour of the hairy black holes was considered in a recent paper, here we will focus on a new phase transition that was found for these black holes.

The equation of state has the form, when we consider cubic Lovelock gravity (i.e. up to $\mathcal{L}^{(3)}$),

$$p = \frac{t}{v} + \frac{(d - 3)(d - 2)}{4\pi v^2} - \frac{2\alpha t}{v^3} - \frac{\alpha (d - 2)(d - 5)}{4\pi v^4} + \frac{3t}{v^5} + \frac{(d - 7)(d - 2)}{4\pi v^6} + \frac{q^2}{v^2(d-2)} - \frac{h}{v^d}.$$  

$h$ is the hair, while $p$, $t$, $v$ and $q$ are the rescaled, dimensionless pressure, temperature, volume and charge; $\alpha$ is a dimensionless combination of the Lovelock couplings.

This equation of state has a remarkable property: under certain conditions, it admits infinitely many critical points!

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A new type of phase transition

For certain choices of parameters \((\alpha, q, h)\), the necessary condition for a critical point,

\[
\frac{\partial p}{\partial v}\bigg|_{\alpha, h, q} = \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial v^2}\bigg|_{\alpha, h, q} = 0.
\]

has infinitely many solutions! The critical temperature, \(t_c\) is a free parameter!

**Figure:** Example plots for \(d = 7\). Right: Solid black line is locus of critical points.

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- Ferromagnetism
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Properties

- Using standard method, the critical points along \( \lambda \)-line is found to have mean field theory critical exponents,

\[
\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \gamma = 1, \quad \delta = 3
\]

The ordering field can be \( q, \alpha, h \).

- No spacetime pathology, except the usual curvature singularity inside the horizon.
- Positive entropy and specific heat,
- Vacuum stability: the theory is free from ghost and tachyon instabilities.
A necessary condition

The equation of state takes the form

\[ p = a_1(v, h, q, \alpha) t + a_2(v, h, q, \alpha). \]

The key to having infinitely many critical points was that \( t_c \) was a free parameter. For this to occur we must have,

\[
\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial v^2} = 0, \\
\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial^2 a_2}{\partial v^2} = 0.
\]

**Necessary condition**: The black hole must possess at least three ‘charges’ or couplings (here \( \alpha, q \) and \( h \)).

**NOT sufficient**: for example, black holes in pure Lovelock gravity (without hair) cannot meet these conditions.

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\( ^6 \)Unless there is some degeneracy in the equations.
Conclusions

- First example of a black hole $\lambda$-line: a line of second order (continuous) phase transitions in black hole thermodynamics.
- Presented simple, necessary conditions for such a phase transition to be possible (three external charges or couplings).
- Future study: Additional examples of these black holes; explore underlying degrees of freedom (via, e.g. AdS/CFT) to further elucidate the features of the phase transition.

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Explicit details on the model

In 2011, Oliva and Ray demonstrated\textsuperscript{7} that a scalar field can be conformally coupled to higher curvature terms making use of the tensor

\[ S_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\delta} = \phi^2 R_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\delta} - 2\delta_{[\mu}^{[\gamma} \delta_{\nu]}^{\delta]} \nabla_{\rho} \phi \nabla^{\rho} \phi - 4\phi \delta_{[\mu}^{[\gamma} \nabla_{\nu]}^{\delta] \nabla^{\delta]} \phi + 8\delta_{[\mu}^{[\gamma} \nabla_{\nu]}^{\delta] \phi \nabla^{\delta]} \phi \]

Note: \( g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu} \) and \( \phi \rightarrow \Omega^{-1} \phi \Rightarrow S_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\delta} \rightarrow \Omega^{-4} S_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma\delta} \)

This leads to the following theory:

\[
\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} \mathcal{L}^{(k)} - 4\pi GF_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right)
\]

\[
\mathcal{L}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{2^k} \delta^\mu_1 \nu_1 \cdots \mu_k \nu_k \left( a_k \prod_{r=1}^{k} R_{\mu_1 \nu_1}^{\alpha_r \beta_r} + b_k \phi^{d-4k} \prod_{r=1}^{k} S_{\mu_1 \nu_1}^{\alpha_r \beta_r} \right)
\]

\( \Rightarrow \) Cosmological constant + Ricci scalar + Lovelock terms with scalar field conformally coupled to higher dimensional Euler densities.

Infinitely many critical points

Recall the necessary condition for a critical point,

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial v}|_{\alpha,h,q} = \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial v^2}|_{\alpha,h,q} = 0.$$ 

Consider the particular choice of $\alpha$, $h$, $q$ given by

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, \quad h = \frac{4(2d-5)(d-2)^2(15^{1/4})^{d-6}}{\pi d(d-4)}, \quad q = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2(d-1)(d-2)(15^{1/4})^{2d-10}}{\pi(d-4)}}.$$ 

Then the critical point condition admits infinitely many solutions:

$$v_c = 15^{1/4},$$

$$p_c = \left[\frac{8}{225} (15)^{3/4}\right] t_c + \frac{\sqrt{15}(11d-40)(d-1)(d-2)}{900\pi d},$$

$$t_c \in \mathbb{R}.$$
Results I: Gravitational Equations of Motion & Ghosts

Considered linearized equations of motion about a constant scalar field background in AdS, $g_{ab} = g^{[0]}_{ab} + h_{ab}$:

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - 2 \frac{\alpha_2}{L^2} F_\infty + 3 \frac{\alpha_3}{L^4} F_\infty^2 + 16\pi b_1 \phi^{d-2} - \frac{32\pi (d-3)(d-4)b_2 F_\infty \phi^{d-4}}{L^2} \right) \Box h_{ab}$$

$$+ \nabla_b \nabla_a h^c_c - \nabla_c \nabla_a h_b^c - \nabla_c \nabla_b h_a^c + g^{[0]}_{ab} (\nabla_d \nabla_c h^{cd} - \Box h^c_c) + \frac{(d-1) F_\infty}{L^2} g^{[0]}_{ab} h^c_c$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{F_\infty (d-1)}{L^2} \left(1 - 2 \frac{\alpha_2}{L^2} F_\infty + 3 \frac{\alpha_3}{L^4} F_\infty^2 + 8\pi d b_1 \phi^{d-2} - \frac{8\pi (d-4)(d-3)(d+2)b_2 F_\infty \phi^{d-4}}{L^2} \right) - 8\pi b_0 \phi^d \right] h_{ab}$$

$$= 8\pi GT_{ab}$$

The red terms must be positive, while respecting the EOM of the scalar field. EOM of scalar field (not shown) restrict allowed couplings ($b_n$'s).

For a non-zero scalar field couplings for spherical black holes in Gauss-Bonnet gravity, cannot meet these criteria in $d < 7$ (can be saved in $D = 5$). Hyperbolic black holes and black holes in cubic Lovelock are fine.
Results II: Solution and Thermodynamics

\[ ds^2 = -f dt^2 + f^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Sigma_{\sigma}^2 d_{d-2} \]

\[ \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} \alpha_k \left( \frac{\sigma - f}{r^2} \right)^k = \frac{16\pi GM}{(d-2)\Sigma_{d-2}^\sigma r^{d-1}} + -\frac{8\pi G}{(d-2)(d-3)} \frac{Q^2}{r^{2d-4}} + \frac{H}{r^d} \]

\[ T = \frac{1}{4\pi r_+ D(r_+)} \left[ \sum_k \sigma \alpha_k (d-2k-1) \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_+^2} \right)^{k-1} + \frac{H}{r_+^{d-2}} - \frac{8\pi G Q^2}{(d-2)r_+^{2(d-3)}} \right] \]

\[ S = \frac{\Sigma_{d-2}^{(\sigma)}}{2G} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} \frac{(d-2)k\sigma^{k-1} \alpha_k}{d-2k} r_+^{d-2k} - \frac{d}{2\sigma(d-4)} H \right] \text{ if } b_k = 0 \ \forall k > 2. \]

Hairy term

\[ H = \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} \frac{(d-3)!}{(d-2(k+1))!} b_k \sigma^k N^{d-2k}, \quad \phi = \frac{N}{r}, \quad D(r_+) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} k\alpha_k (\sigma r_+^{-2})^{k-1} \]
Results III: Critical Behaviour

Triple point:

Figure: Triple point for $h = 0.064$, $q = 0.1$, $\sigma = +1$, $d = 5$ Gauss-Bonnet.

Double reentrant phase transition:

Figure: Double reentrant phase transition for $h = -1$, $q = 0$, $\alpha = 4$, $\sigma = -1$, $d = 7$ Cubic Lovelock.
The hair parameter allows for a much broader class of critical behaviour.

**Figure:** Representative virtual triple point phase diagram: Occurs for both Gauss-Bonnet and cubic Lovelock black holes. *Left:* \( q = 0.05, h = -0.00869 \). The critical point lies precisely on the coexistence curve. *Center:* \( q = 0.05, h = -0.007 \). *Right:* \( q = 0.05, h \approx -0.0046 \).

\( h \) increases from left to right: varying \( h \) continuously deforms the coexistence curves in this manner.
Nearly all of critical behaviour found in black hole systems are described by mean field theory critical exponents,

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \gamma = 1, \quad \delta = 3.$$ 

Different critical exponents have been found for black holes in higher order ($\geq$ cubic) Lovelock gravity at *isolated critical points*:

- The only examples of non-mean field theory critical exponents for a gravitational system.
- Require finely tuned coupling constants; occur at a “thermodynamic singularity”.

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = 1, \quad \gamma = 2, \quad \delta = 3$$

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For hairy black holes in cubic Lovelock gravity there is a family of isolated critical points with $h$ set to (in $d = 7$):

$$h_c = \frac{10}{7\pi} \left[ \frac{225 - 945\alpha^2 + 540\alpha^4 - \epsilon(165\alpha - 180\alpha^3)\sqrt{9\alpha^2 - 15} + \pi q^2}{\left(3\alpha + \epsilon\sqrt{9\alpha^2 - 15}\right)^{3/2}} \right]$$

where $\epsilon = \pm 1$ and $\alpha = \alpha_2/\sqrt{\alpha_3}$.

Does not occur at thermodynamically singular point.

Occurs for wide range of parameters.

$\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1$, $\gamma = 2$, $\delta = 3$

**Figure:** Cubic Lovelock $d = 7$, $\sigma = -1$, $q = 0.59$ Left: $h \approx -0.1367$, Right: $h \approx -0.136685$. 
Results VI: Superfluid black holes

For
\[ \alpha = \sqrt{5/3}, \quad \sigma = -1, \quad h = \frac{4(2d - 5)(d - 2)^2 v_c^{d-6}}{\pi d(d - 4)}, \quad q^2 = \frac{2(d - 1)(d - 2)v_c^{2d-10}}{\pi(d - 4)}, \]
a line of critical points:
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The equations of motion of the scalar field, $\phi = N/r$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} kb_k \frac{(d - 1)!}{(d - 2k - 1)!} \sigma^{k-1} N^{2-2k} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} b_k \frac{(d - 1)! (d(d - 1) + 4k^2)}{(d - 2k - 1)!} \sigma^k N^{-2k} = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$0 = db_0 \Phi^{d-1} - \frac{d(d - 1)(d - 2) F_\infty b_1 \Phi^{d-3}}{L^2} + \frac{d(d - 1)(d - 2)(d - 3)(d - 4) F_\infty^2 b_2 \Phi^{d-5}}{L^4}$$

$$\Phi = \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{2b_0 b_1 d(d - 2) \left(d^2 - d + 2\lambda \sqrt{2d(d - 1)}\right) F_\infty}{2d |b_0| L}} \quad (2)$$
Gauss-Bonnet dimensionless:

\[ r_+ = v \sqrt{\alpha_2}, \quad T = \frac{t}{\sqrt{\alpha_2}(d - 2)}, \quad Q = \frac{q}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha_2^{d-3}, \quad \frac{(d - 1)(d - 2)\alpha_0}{16\pi} = \frac{p}{4\alpha_2}, \]

\[ H = \frac{4\pi h}{d - 2} \alpha_2^{d - 2}. \]  

(3)

Cubic Lovelock dimensionless:

\[ r_+ = v \alpha_3^{1/4}, \quad T = \frac{t\alpha_3^{-1/4}}{d - 2}, \quad H = \frac{4\pi h}{d - 2} \alpha_3^{d - 2} \]

\[ Q = \frac{q}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha_3^{d - 3}, \quad m = \frac{16\pi M}{(d - 2)\sum_{d-2}^{(\kappa)} \alpha_3^{d - 3} A_{d-2}^\alpha}, \quad p = \frac{\alpha_0(d - 1)(d - 2)\sqrt{\alpha_3}}{4\pi}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\alpha_2}{\sqrt[4]{\alpha_3}}. \]  

(4)
\[ M = \frac{(d - 2) \sum_{d-2}^\sigma}{16\pi G} \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\text{max}}} \alpha_k \sigma^k r_+^{d-2k-1} - \frac{(d - 2) \sum_{d-2}^\sigma H}{16\pi Gr_+} + \frac{\sum_{d-2}^\sigma Q^2}{2(d - 3)r_+^{d-3}} \]

\[ T = \frac{1}{4\pi r_+ D(r_+)} \left[ \sum_k \sigma \alpha_k (d - 2k - 1) \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_+^2} \right)^{k-1} + \frac{H}{r_+^{d-2}} - \frac{8\pi GQ^2}{(d - 2)r_+^{2(d-3)}} \right] \]

\[ \Phi = \frac{\sum_{d-2}^\sigma Q}{(d - 3)r_+^{d-3}} \]

\[ S = \frac{(d - 2) \sum_{d-2}^{(\sigma)}}{4 G} \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} k \sigma^{k-1} \left[ \frac{\alpha_k}{d - 2k} r_+^{d-2k} + \frac{b_k(d - 3)!}{(d - 2k)!} N^{d-2k} \right] \]

\[ \psi^{(k)} = \frac{\sum_{d-2}^{(\sigma)}(d - 2)}{16\pi G} \sigma^{k-1} r_+^{d-2k} \left[ \frac{\sigma}{r_+} - \frac{4\pi k T}{d - 2k} \right] , \]

\[ \kappa^{(k)} = -\frac{\sum_{d-2}^{(\sigma)}(d - 2)!}{16\pi G} \sigma^{k-1} N^{d-2k} \left[ \frac{\sigma}{(d - 2(k + 1))!r_+} + \frac{4\pi k T}{(d - 2k)!} \right] \]

(6)

where

\[ D(r_+) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} k \alpha_k (\sigma r_+^{-2})^{k-1} . \]

(7)