

Phase structure and critical behavior of black holes and branes in canonical ensemble

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Introduction

“Dark” Universe

近期宇宙学观察告知我们的宇宙的物质组分：

- ~73% 暗能量
- ~22% 暗物质
- ~5% 普通发光物质



Introduction

在基本层次上认识暗能量本质，

必须要有一个基本的

量子引力理论！

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另外,

无论从已知四种相互作用的统一,

还是对如理解宇宙极早期、黑洞奇点等

我们都需要研究引力的量子行为!

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但量子引力现象，

远离人类可以实验上探索的范畴，难以获得该现象的物理直觉，由此造成了对该相互作用研究的极其困难的局面！

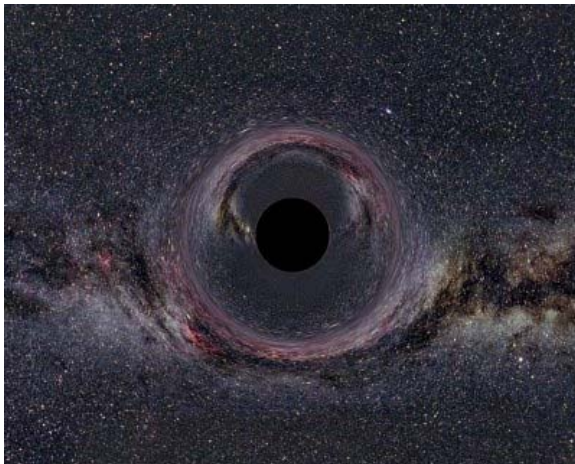
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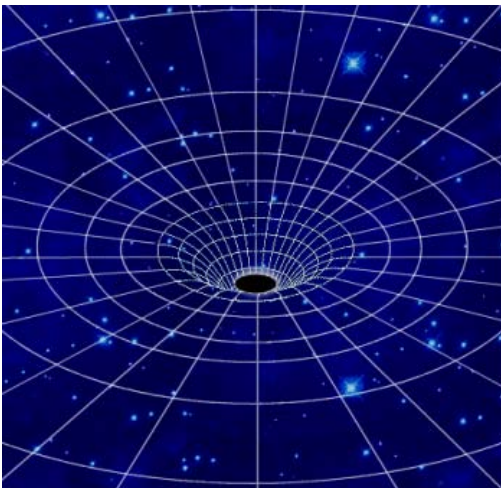
我们宇宙中有一种系统，其存在性应该没有问题，至少可以部分帮助我们了解量子引力性质：

黑洞！

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Found four laws of black hole mechanics resembling the four laws of thermodynamics for stationary black hole:

Four laws of black hole

0-th: constant κ at horizon,

1-th: $dM = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi} dA + \Omega dJ + \Phi dQ$,

2-nd: $\frac{dA}{dt} \geq 0$,

3-rd: no black hole for $\kappa = 0$,

Four laws of thermodynamics

uniform T

$dM = TdS + \Omega dJ + \Phi dQ$

$\frac{dS}{dt} \geq 0$

$T = 0$ cannot be reached

In the above, A = area of horizon and κ = the surface gravity of horizon. We also take $k = \hbar = c = G = 1$.

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Bekenstein (72) proposed:

$$S_{\text{BH}} \sim A, \quad T_{\text{BH}} \sim \kappa \quad (1.1)$$

while Hawking (74) went a step further to show a black hole radiates and has a temperature

$$T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \quad (1.2)$$

. This gives a precise identification:

$$S = \frac{A}{4} \quad \left(= \frac{kc^3 A}{4G\hbar} \right) \quad (1.3)$$

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While with the above a black hole appears as a well-defined thermodynamical system, there exists a serious issue for asymptotically flat black hole with such an interpretation.

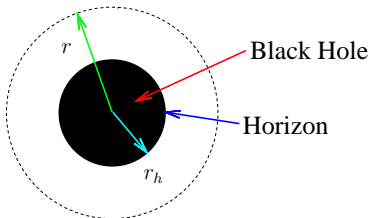
For example, a Schwarzschild black,

$$S_{\text{BH}} = 4\pi M^2, \quad T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{1}{8\pi M} \quad (1.4)$$

with M the ADM energy carried by the black hole. This system is actually thermodynamically unstable (the specific heat $C < 0$)!!!

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$$T(r) = T_{\text{BH}}(1 - r_h/r)^{-1/2}$$

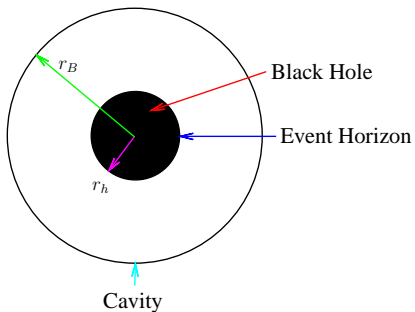


$$T(r \rightarrow \infty) = T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{1}{8\pi M}$$

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- So in order to give a proper consideration of asymptotically flat black hole thermodynamics, we need first to suitably stabilize the black hole thermally.
- In other words, we need to consider ensembles that include not only the black hole under consideration but also its environment.
- Further, as self-gravitating systems are spatially inhomogeneous, any specification of such ensembles requires not just thermodynamic quantities of interest but also the place at which they take specific values.

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Black hole (r_h) placed in a cavity (r_B) with fixed T and V.

Chargeless case

Consider the simplest spherical symmetric Schwarzschild black hole in Euclidean signature

$$ds_E^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2, \quad (2.1)$$

with the horizon radius $r_h = 2M$. If we place this black hole in a large spherical hot cavity at a given $r = r_B$ ($r_B > r_h$) with the temperature at the wall fixed at T , this will define a canonical ensemble *a la* York (PRD33 (1986) 2092) for this hole. Thermal equilibrium says

$$T = T_{BH}(r_B) = T_{BH} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r_B}\right)^{-1/2} = (8\pi M)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r_B}\right)^{-1/2} \quad (2.2)$$

Chargeless case

For given T and $r_B > r_h = 2M$, the above equation \Rightarrow :
the existence of two black holes, one small and one large.
The large one is at least locally stable thermally while
the small one is not.

Chargeless case

The stability can be analyzed using the Helmholtz free energy which can be calculated following Gibbons and Hawking ([PRD15\(1977\)2752](#)) that the partition function Z contains the first-order classical Euclidean Einstein action of the hole as its leading term.

In other words,

$$Z = e^{-\beta F} \approx e^{-I_E} \quad (2.3)$$

\Rightarrow

$$I_E(r_B, T; r_h) = \beta F = \beta E(r_B, T; r_h) - S(r_h) \quad (2.4)$$

with $\beta = 1/T$ and E the internal energy of the cavity.

Chargeless case

$$\begin{aligned} E(r_B; x) &= r_B \left(1 - (1 - x)^{1/2} \right), \\ S(r_B; x) &= \pi r_B^2 x^2 = 4\pi M^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

with

$$x \equiv \frac{r_h}{r_B} = \frac{2M}{r_B}, \quad r_B > r_h \quad (2.6)$$

Note

$$0 < x < 1. \quad (2.7)$$

$$I_E = \beta r_B \left(1 - (1 - x)^{1/2} \right) - \pi r_B^2 x^2, \quad (2.8)$$

Chargeless case

For simplicity, define

$$\bar{I}_E \equiv \frac{I_E}{4\pi r_B^2}, \quad \bar{b} \equiv \frac{\beta}{4\pi r_B}, \quad (2.9)$$

$$\bar{I}_E = \bar{b} \left(1 - (1-x)^{1/2} \right) - \frac{1}{4}x^2. \quad (2.10)$$

$$(\bar{I}_E = 0 \text{ (} x = 0 \text{)}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{hot flat space}. \quad (2.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}_E}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2(1-x)^{1/2}} (\bar{b} - b(x)), \quad (2.12)$$

$$b(x) = x(1-x)^{1/2} > 0. \quad (2.13)$$

Note

$$b(x \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0, \quad b(x \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow 0. \quad (2.14)$$

Chargeless case

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}_E}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{b} = b(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}(1 - \bar{x})^{1/2} \quad (2.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = T(r_B) = (8\pi M)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r_B}\right)^{-1/2}. \quad (2.16)$$

Chargeless case

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \bar{I}_E}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x=\bar{x}} \sim -\frac{\partial b(\bar{x})}{\partial \bar{x}}, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial b(x)}{\partial x} > 0, & \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{I}_E}{\partial x^2} < 0 && \text{(unstable)} \\ \frac{\partial b(x)}{\partial x} < 0, & \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{I}_E}{\partial x^2} > 0 && \text{(stable)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Chargeless case

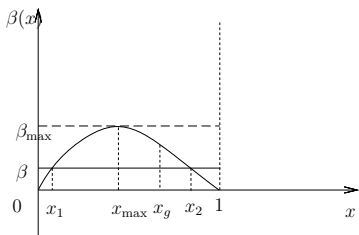


Figure 1: The typical behavior of $\beta(x)$ vs x ($x \equiv r_h/r$).

Charged case

The charged (Reissner-Nordström) black hole is

$$ds_E^2 = V(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{V(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2, \quad (3.1)$$

with

$$V(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{e^2}{r^2}, \quad \Phi = \frac{e}{r}. \quad (3.2)$$

It has two horizons given at ($V(r) = 0$)

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - e^2}, \quad (3.3)$$

which implies

$$M \geq e, \quad (\text{BPS Bound}) \quad (3.4)$$

Charged case

By the same token,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_E(\beta, r_B, e; r_+) &= \beta E(r_B, e; r_+) - S(r_+) \\
 &= \beta \left(1 - \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{r_+}{r_B}\right) \left(1 - \frac{e^2}{r_+ r_B}\right)} \right) - \pi r_+^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Define,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{I}_E &\equiv \frac{I_E}{4\pi r_B^2}, & x &\equiv \frac{r_+}{r_B}, & q &\equiv \frac{e}{r_B}, & \bar{b} &\equiv \frac{\beta}{4\pi r_B}, \\
 q &< x < 1, & (r_+ > e, r_B > r_+). & & & & &
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Charged case

$$\bar{I}_E(\bar{b}, q; x) = \bar{b} \left(1 - \sqrt{(1-x) \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x} \right)} \right) - \frac{1}{4} x^2. \quad (3.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}_E}{\partial x} = \frac{1 - \frac{q^2}{x^2}}{2(1-x)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x} \right)^{1/2}} (\bar{b} - b_q(x)), \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$b_q(x) = \frac{x(1-x)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x} \right)^{1/2}}{1 - \frac{q^2}{x^2}}. \quad (3.9)$$

Note

$$b_q(x \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \infty, \quad b_q(x \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Charged case

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}_E}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{b} = b_q(\bar{x}). \quad (3.11)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$T = T(r_B) = (4\pi r_+)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{e^2}{r_+^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{r_+}{r_B}\right)^{-1/2} \left(1 - \frac{e^2}{r_+ r_B}\right)^{-1/2}. \quad (3.12)$$

Charged case

Once again,

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \bar{I}_E}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x=\bar{x}} \sim -\frac{\partial b(\bar{x})}{\partial \bar{x}}, \quad (3.13)$$

The locally stable black hole requires

$$\frac{\partial b(\bar{x})}{\partial \bar{x}} < 0. \quad (3.14)$$

Charged case

Note that

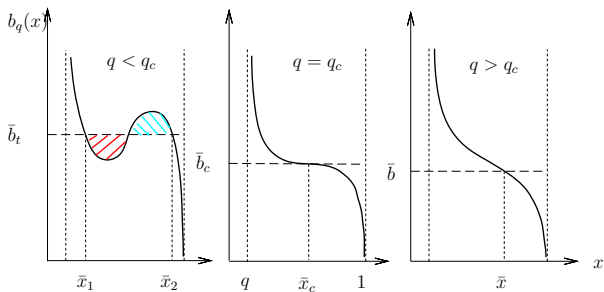
$$b_q(x \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \infty, \quad b_q(x \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.15)$$

there exists a critical charge

$q_c = \sqrt{5} - 2$ ($\bar{x}_c = 5 - 2\sqrt{5}$, $\bar{b}_c = 0.429$) and we actually have three cases to consider:

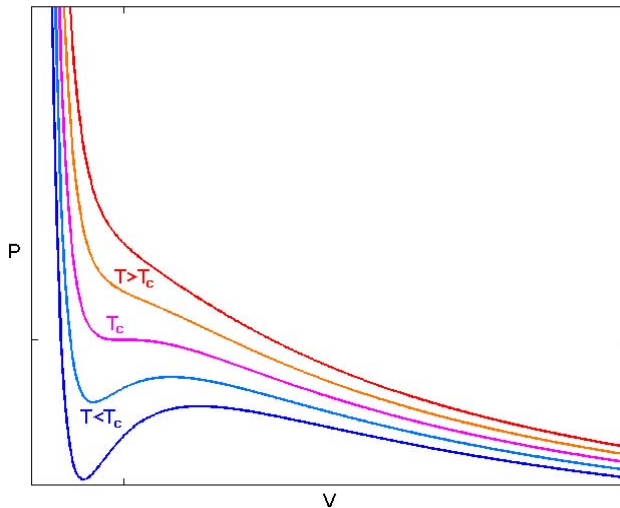
- $q < q_c$, there exists a unique temperature $T_t(q)$ for each given q at which there exists a first order phase transition between a small and large black holes. We have a line of this first-order phase transition, depending on $q < q_c$ and ending at a second-order phase transition point at $q = q_c$;
- $q = q_c$, this is a second-order critical point at which there exists no distinction between small and large black holes. The critical exponent can be read from $c_v \sim (T - T_c)^{-2/3}$ as $-2/3$;
- $q > q_c$ for each given temperature T there exists a unique global stable black hole with size $r_+ = r_B \bar{x}$.

Charged case



The typical behaviors of $b(x)$ vs x for $q < q_c, q = q_c, q > q_c$.

Van der Waals isotherm



So much for the usual black holes!

In string/M-theory, the basic objects are the so-called p-branes and the black correspondences are the asymptotically flat black p-branes with each having a horizon.

Then what happen to the thermodynamical behavior of these branes and the phase structure? (Lu et al [JHEP 1101:133\(2011\)](#))

p-brane

A p-brane is a p-dimensional hyperspace ($p = 0, 1, \dots, 9$) residing at the bulk spacetime with dimension D ($D \geq p + 1$) and can carry either electric-like $d + 1$ -form charge with $d = p + 1$ as

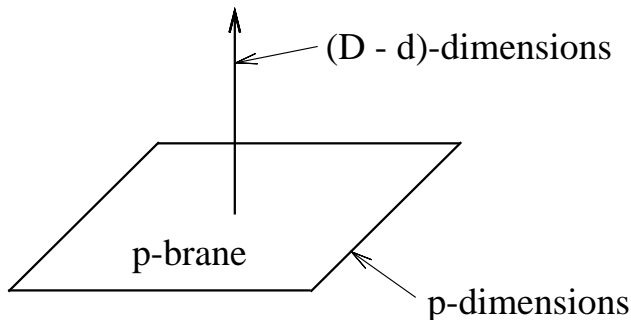
$$e_d \sim \int {}^*F_{d+1} \quad (4.1)$$

or magnetic-like $\tilde{d} + 1$ -form charge with $\tilde{d} = D - 2 - d$ as

$$g_{\tilde{d}} \sim \int F_{\tilde{d}+1}. \quad (4.2)$$

p-brane

The spatial dimensions transverse to the p-brane is $D - d = \tilde{d} + 2$ and note $1 \leq \tilde{d} \leq 7$.



Black p-brane configuration

The black -brane configuration in Euclidean signature is

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds_E^2 &= \Delta_+ \Delta_-^{-\frac{d}{D-2}} dt^2 + \Delta_-^{\frac{\tilde{d}}{D-2}} \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (dx^i)^2 + \Delta_+^{-1} \Delta_-^{\frac{a^2}{2\tilde{d}}-1} d\rho^2 \\
 &\quad + \rho^2 \Delta_-^{\frac{a^2}{2\tilde{d}}} d\Omega_{\tilde{d}+1}^2, \\
 A_{[p+1]} &= -ie^{a\phi_0/2} \left[\left(\frac{r_-}{r_+} \right)^{\tilde{d}/2} - \left(\frac{r_- r_+}{\rho^2} \right)^{\tilde{d}/2} \right] dt \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^p, \\
 F_{[p+2]} &\equiv dA_{[p+1]} = -ie^{a\phi_0/2} \tilde{d} \frac{(r_- r_+)^{\tilde{d}/2}}{\rho^{\tilde{d}+1}} d\rho \wedge dt \wedge dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^p, \\
 e^{2(\phi-\phi_0)} &= \Delta_-^a, \tag{4.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_{\pm} = 1 - \frac{r_{\pm}^{\tilde{d}}}{\rho^{\tilde{d}}}. \tag{4.4}$$

Black p-brane configuration

In the above, the horizon occurs at $\rho = r_+$ with a curvature singularity at $\rho = r_-$ ($r_+ > r_-$). ϕ is the dilaton with ϕ_0 its asymptotic value, related to the string coupling as $g_s = e^{\phi_0}$. a is the dilaton coupling given by

$$a^2 = 4 - \frac{2d\tilde{d}}{D-2}. \quad (4.5)$$

The Euclidean time is periodic with periodicity β^* given as,

$$\beta^* = \frac{4\pi r_+}{\tilde{d}} \left(1 - \frac{r_-^{\tilde{d}}}{r_+^{\tilde{d}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}} - \frac{1}{2}} \quad (4.6)$$

This is the inverse of temperature T_∞ at $\rho = \infty$.

Black p -brane configuration

The local $\beta(\rho)$ is given as,

$$\beta(\rho) = \Delta_+^{1/2} \Delta_-^{-\frac{d}{2(d+d')}} \beta^* \quad (4.7)$$

which is the inverse of local temperature $T(\rho)$ at ρ . The black p -brane will be placed in a cavity with its wall at $\rho = \rho_B$. It is clear from the metric that the physical radius of the cavity is

$$\bar{\rho}_B = \Delta_-^{\frac{a^2}{4d}} \rho_B, \quad (4.8)$$

while ρ_B is merely the coordinate radius. It is this $\bar{\rho}_B$ which we should fix in the following discussion and not ρ_B

Black p-brane configuration

In addition,

- fix the dilaton $\phi = \bar{\phi}$ at $\bar{\rho}_B$,
- $\bar{r}_{\pm} = \Delta_{\pm}^{\frac{a^2}{4\bar{d}}} r_{\pm}$ are now the proper parameters. Using the 'barred' variables, Δ_{\pm} remain the same as before,

$$\Delta_{\pm} = 1 - \frac{r_{\pm}^{\tilde{d}}}{\rho_B^{\tilde{d}}} = 1 - \frac{\bar{r}_{\pm}^{\tilde{d}}}{\bar{\rho}_B^{\tilde{d}}}. \quad (4.9)$$

- For the canonical ensemble, fix at $\bar{\rho} = \bar{\rho}_B$ also the cavity temperature T , the brane volume $V_p = \Delta_{-}^{\frac{\tilde{d}(d-1)}{2(D-2)}} V_p^*$ and the charge defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_d &= \frac{i}{2\sqrt{\kappa}} \int e^{-a(d)\phi} * F_{[p+2]} = \frac{\Omega_{\tilde{d}+1}}{2\sqrt{\kappa}} e^{-a\phi_0/2} \tilde{d} (r_+ r_-)^{\tilde{d}/2} \\ &= \frac{\Omega_{\tilde{d}+1} \tilde{d}}{\sqrt{2}\kappa} e^{-a\bar{\phi}/2} (\bar{r}_+ \bar{r}_-)^{\tilde{d}/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

The action

Again by the same token, $I_E = \beta E - S$ can be given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_E = & -\frac{\beta V_p \Omega_{\tilde{d}+1} \bar{\rho}_B^{\tilde{d}}}{2\kappa^2} \left[(\tilde{d} + 2) \left(\frac{\Delta_+}{\Delta_-} \right)^{1/2} + \tilde{d} (\Delta_+ \Delta_-)^{1/2} - 2(\tilde{d} + 1) \right] \\
 & - \frac{4\pi V_p \Omega_{\tilde{d}+1} \bar{r}_+^{\tilde{d}+1}}{2\kappa^2} \Delta_-^{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\tilde{d}}} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{r}_-^{\tilde{d}}}{\bar{r}_+^{\tilde{d}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\tilde{d}}} \quad (4.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

One can check,

$$\frac{\partial I_E}{\partial \bar{r}_+} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \beta(\bar{\rho}_B) = \frac{4\pi \bar{r}_+}{\tilde{d}} \Delta_+^{\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_-^{-\frac{1}{\tilde{d}}} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{r}_-^{\tilde{d}}}{\bar{r}_+^{\tilde{d}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}} - \frac{1}{2}}. \quad (4.12)$$

The equation of state

Note

$$\bar{r}_- = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\kappa Q_d}{\Omega_{\tilde{d}+1} \tilde{d}} e^{a\bar{\phi}/2} \right)^{\frac{2}{\tilde{d}}} \frac{1}{\bar{r}_+} = \frac{(Q_d^*)^2}{\bar{r}_+}, \quad (4.13)$$

where $Q_d^* \equiv [(\sqrt{2}\kappa Q_d e^{a\bar{\phi}/2})/(\Omega_{\tilde{d}+1} \tilde{d})]^{1/\tilde{d}}$, also a fixed quantity.

With this,

$$\beta(\bar{\rho}_B) = \frac{4\pi\bar{r}_+}{\tilde{d}} \left(1 - \frac{Q_d^{*2\tilde{d}}}{\bar{r}_+^{2\tilde{d}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}} - \frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{\bar{r}_+^{\tilde{d}}}{\bar{\rho}_B^{\tilde{d}}} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{Q_d^{*2\tilde{d}}}{\bar{r}_+^{\tilde{d}} \bar{\rho}_B^{\tilde{d}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}}}, \quad (4.14)$$

The equation of state

Define,

$$x = \left(\frac{\bar{r}_+}{\bar{\rho}_B} \right)^{\tilde{d}} < 1, \quad \bar{b} = \frac{\beta}{4\pi\bar{\rho}_B}, \quad q = \left(\frac{Q_d^*}{\bar{\rho}_B} \right)^{\tilde{d}} < x \quad (4.15)$$

Using these, we have from the above

$$\bar{b} = b_q(x) \equiv \frac{x^{1/\tilde{d}}(1-x)^{1/2}}{\tilde{d} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\tilde{d}}} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{d}}}}, \quad (4.16)$$

Note

$$b_q(x \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \infty (\tilde{d} > 2), \quad b_q(x \rightarrow 1) \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.17)$$

The reduced action

and the reduced action

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{I}_E(\bar{b}, q; x) &\equiv \frac{2\kappa^2 I_E}{4\pi \bar{\rho}_B^{\tilde{d}+1} V_p \Omega_{\tilde{d}+1}} \\
 &= -\bar{b} \left[(\tilde{d} + 2) \left(\frac{1-x}{1-\frac{q^2}{x}} \right)^{1/2} + \tilde{d}(1-x)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x} \right)^{1/2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 2(\tilde{d} + 1) \right] - x^{1+\frac{1}{\tilde{d}}} \left(\frac{1-\frac{q^2}{x^2}}{1-\frac{q^2}{x}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{\tilde{d}}}. \tag{4.18}
 \end{aligned}$$

The extremal behavior of action

One can show

$$\frac{\partial \bar{I}_E}{\partial x} = f_q(x) [\bar{b} - b_q(x)] = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{b} = b_q(\bar{x}), \quad (4.19)$$

where $b_q(x)$ is as given above and

$$f_q(x) = (1-x)^{-1/2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x}\right)^{-1/2} \left[\tilde{d} + 2 - \frac{\tilde{d} + 2}{2} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{q^2}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{q^2}{x}} \right) + \frac{\tilde{d}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{x^2}\right) \right] > 0. \quad (4.20)$$

Also

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \bar{I}_E}{\partial x^2} \right|_{\bar{b}=b_q(\bar{x})} = -f_q(\bar{x}) \frac{\partial b_q(\bar{x})}{\partial \bar{x}}. \quad (4.21)$$

These equations are the basis for the discussion of phase structure and critical behavior of black p-brane in canonical ensemble.

Phase structure and transition

For each given $\tilde{d} > 2$, the phase structure here is the same as the charged black hole though the detail is different. There exists a critical charge q_c , depending on \tilde{d} , and we have also the three cases for each given $\tilde{d} > 2$,

- $q < q_c$, there exists a unique temperature $T_t(q)$ for each given q at which there is a line of first-order phase transition between small and large black holes, ending at a second-order phase transition point at $q = q_c$,
- $q = q_c$, this is a second-order critical point at which there exists no distinction between small and large black holes. The critical exponent can be read from $c_v \sim (T - T_c)^{-2/3}$ as $-2/3$,
- $q > q_c$ for each given temperature T there exists a unique global stable black hole with size $r_+ = \rho_B \bar{x}^{1/\tilde{d}}$.

Critical quantities and exponents

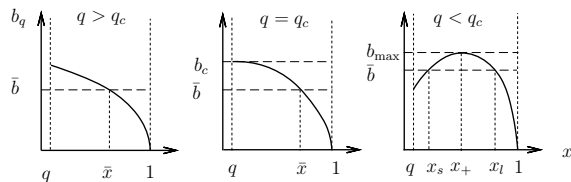
The relevant quantities at the critical point can be calculated explicitly for each allowed value of \tilde{d} as:

| \tilde{d} | q_c | x_c | b_c |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 3 | 0.141626 | 0.292656 | 0.199253 |
| 4 | 0.090672 | 0.238800 | 0.159921 |
| 5 | 0.064944 | 0.202012 | 0.134632 |
| 6 | 0.049599 | 0.175176 | 0.116698 |
| 7 | 0.039529 | 0.154691 | 0.103210 |

The critical exponents α of $c_v \sim (T - T_c)^\alpha$ can be calculated straightforward and take a universal value of $-2/3$, independent of \tilde{d} .

Phase structure

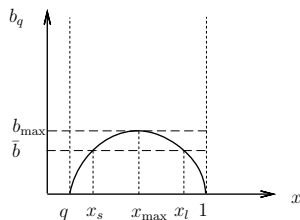
The $\tilde{d} = 2$ case ($q_c = 1/3$):



The typical behaviors of $b_q(x)$ vs x for $\tilde{d} = 2$.

Phase structure

The $\tilde{d} = 1$ case:



The typical behavior of $b_q(x)$ vs x for $\tilde{d} = 1$.

The conclusion

Conclusion

- We have found van der Waals-Maxwell like phase structure and transition for black p-branes in canonical ensemble when $q < q_c$.
- There exists a first order phase transition line when the charge moves from $q < q_c$ towards $q = q_c$, ending up at a second order phase transition point (critical point) when $q = q_c$.
- We calculated explicitly the critical quantities (q_c, x_c, b_c) and found that they all decrease when \tilde{d} increases. The critical exponent is calculated to be $-2/3$, independent of \tilde{d} , in this ensemble.
- We also found that branes with the same value of \tilde{d} share the same phase behavior at least to the leading approximation employed in this work.

THANK YOU!