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- Step 4: Reducing the perturbation equations (after separation of angular variables) to a second order partial differential equation, termed *master wave equation*. For example, for static and some stationary BHs the master wave equation has the form:

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- Ideally, either: to achieve an asymptotic regime in all numbers  $\ell$ ,  $m$ , etc... and parameters in the *frequency domain* or to perform *time-domain* integration until asymptotic tails. Better - both.

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Schwarzschild ( $M$ )	Regge, Wheeler 1957
Reissner-Nordström ( $M, Q$ )	Moncrief; Alekseev 1974
exactly extreme Reissner-Nordström ( $M, Q$ )	Aretakis 2011
Schwarzschild-dS ( $M, \Lambda > 0$ )	Mellor, Moss 1989
Schwarzschild-AdS ( $M, \Lambda < 0$ )	Cardoso, Lemos 2001
Reissner-Nordström-dS ( $M, Q, \Lambda$ )	Mellor 1989
Kerr ( $M, J$ )	Press 1973; Teukolsky 1974
exactly extreme Kerr ( $M, J$ )	Aretakis 2011; Lucietti, Reall, 2012
Kerr-dS ( $M, J, \Lambda > 0$ )	Suzuki 1999
Kerr-AdS ( $M, J, \Lambda < 0$ )	Giammatteo 2005
Kerr-Newmann ( $M, J, Q$ )	?
Kerr-Newman-A(dS) ( $M, J, Q, \Lambda$ )	?
Dilaton ( $M, Q, \phi$ )	Holzhey 1991; Ferrari, 2000
Dilaton-axion ( $M, Q, J, \phi, \psi$ )	?
Dilaton-GB ( $M, \phi$ )	Torii 1998, Pani 2009
Born-Infeld ( $M, Q$ )	axial only, Fernando 2004
Black universes ( $M, \phi$ )	Bronnikov, Konoplya, Zhidenko 2012
BHs in the Chern-Simons theory ( $M, \beta$ )	Cardoso 2010

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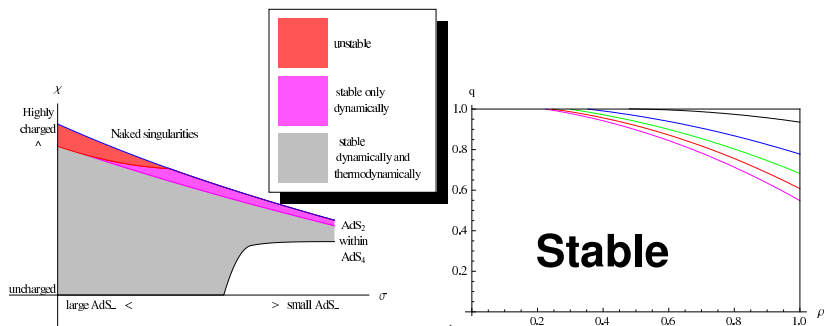
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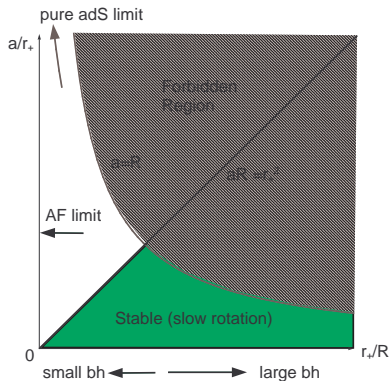
- **"Non-Gregory-Laflamme" instability.** The "other" type of instability which is not connected with the inapplicability of the Birkhoff theorem or superradiance. It happens, for instance, for asymptotically de Sitter highly charged black holes in  $D > 6$  space-times.

# Instability of RNAdS BHs in supergravity and RNdS instability in EM theory



**Рис.:** Left: Gubser-Mitra instability of R-N-AdS in  $N = 8$  supergravity; Right: R-N-dS instability, Konoplya, Zhidenko PRL, 2009. The parametric region of instability in the right upper corner of the square in the  $\rho - q$  "coordinates" for  $D = 7$  (top, black),  $D = 8$  (blue),  $D = 9$  (green),  $D = 10$  (red),  $D = 11$  (bottom, magenta). The units  $r_+ = 1$  are used;  $\rho = r_+/r_c = 1/r_c < 1$ ,  $r_c$  is the cosmological horizon. The charge can be normalized by its extremal quantity  $q = Q/Q_{ext} < 1$ .

# Superradiant instability



**Рис.:** The stable region in the parameter plane for the simply rotating higher-dimensional asymptotically AdS black hole. Kodama, Konoplya, Zhidenko 2009. The instability has the tiny growth rate which, apparently, will be suppressed by the intensive Hawking evaporation.

# (In)stability of higher-dimensional black holes

Black hole solution (parameters)	Publication
Schwarzschild (M)	Stable for all $D$ Kodama, Ishibashi 2003
non extreme R-N (M, Q)	Stable for $D = 5, 6, \dots, 11$ K.Z. 2009
Schwarzschild-dS (M, $\Lambda$ ), (M, $\Lambda > 0$ )	Stable for $D = 5, 6, \dots, 11$ K.Z. 2007
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R-N -dS (M, $\Lambda$ ) (M, Q, $\Lambda > 0$ )	Unstable for $D = 7, 8, \dots, 11$ K.Z. 2009
R-N -AdS in E-M (M, $\Lambda$ ) (M, Q, $\Lambda < 0$ )	stable in E-M K.Z. 2008
R-N -AdS in supergravity (M, $\Lambda$ ) (M, Q, $\Lambda < 0$ )	unstable Gubser, Mitra 2000
Gauss-Bonnet (M, $\alpha$ )	Unstable for large $\alpha$ , Dotti 2006
Lovelock (M, $\alpha, \beta, \dots$ )	Unstable for large $\alpha$ , Soda, Takahashi
Myers-Perry and its generalizations (M, J)	? Only particular types of perturbations
Dilaton (M, Q, $\phi$ )	?
Dilaton-axion (M, Q, J, $\phi, \psi$ )	?
Dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet (M, $\phi, \alpha$ )	?
squashed Kaluza-Klein black holes	stable, 2000th Soda, Ishihara and others
black strings and branes	Gregory and Laflamme 1993
black rings, saturns, etc	? (Heuristic arguments and analogies)

K.Z. = Konoplya and Zhidenko

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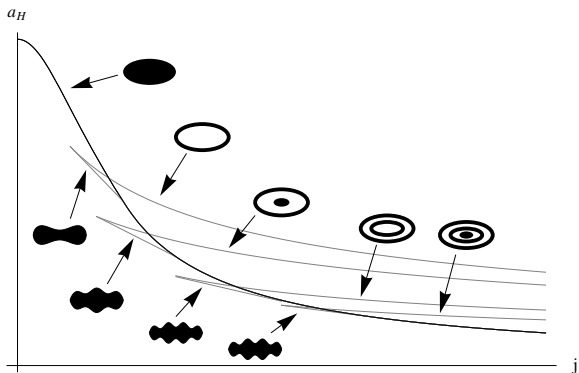
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**Рис.:** The qualitative phase diagram for the black objects in  $D \geq 6$  (taken from an Emparan's paper). The horizontal and vertical axes correspond, respectively, to the spin and area of a black object. If thermal equilibrium is not imposed, multirings are possible in the upper region of the diagram.