

A survey of some recent developments in black hole physics

[Side note: a.k.a. ' TBA ']

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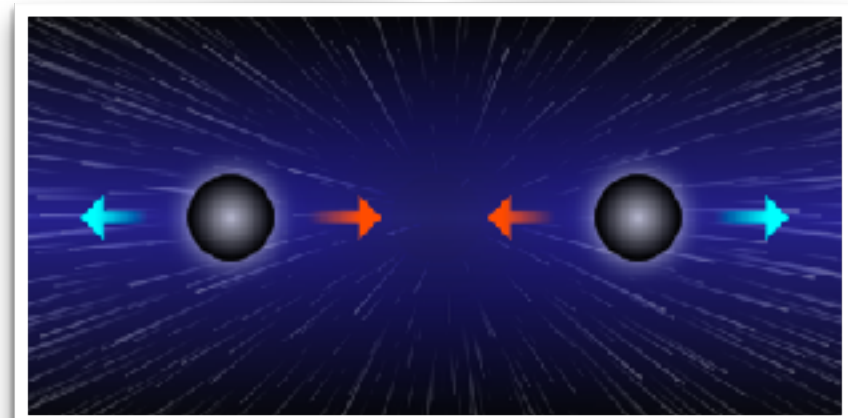
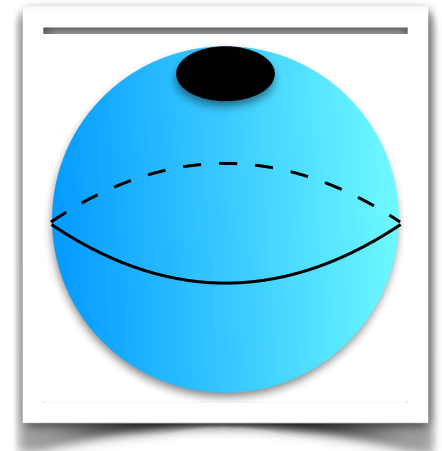
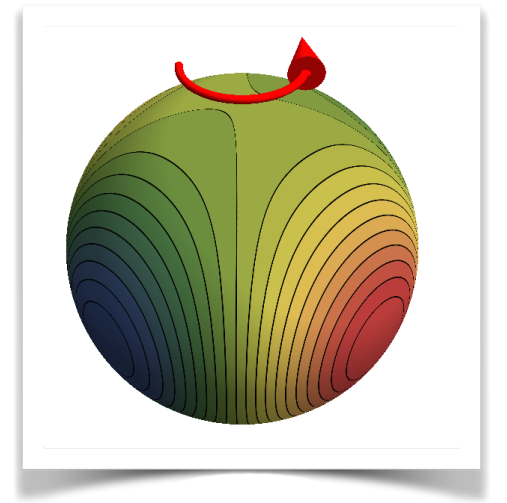
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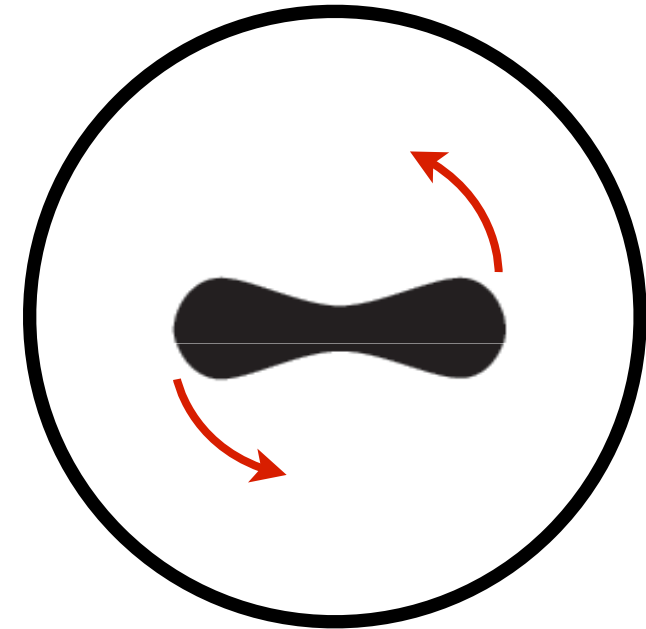
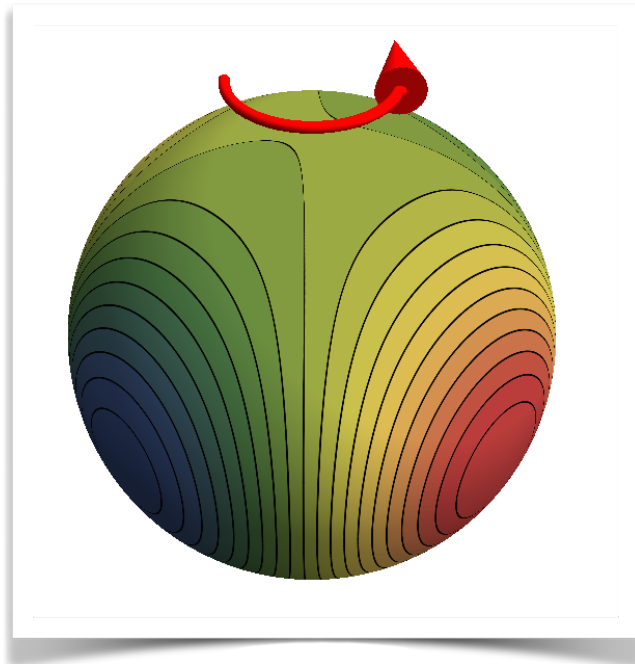
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Outline:

- Kerr-AdS, superradiance,
missing CFT states & resonators
- Localized black holes
in Gravity & Supergravity
- More missing CFT states
in $N=4$ SYM / IIB Supergravity
- Black hole binaries
in an expanding Universe



1. Kerr-AdS, superradiance, missing CFT states & resonators



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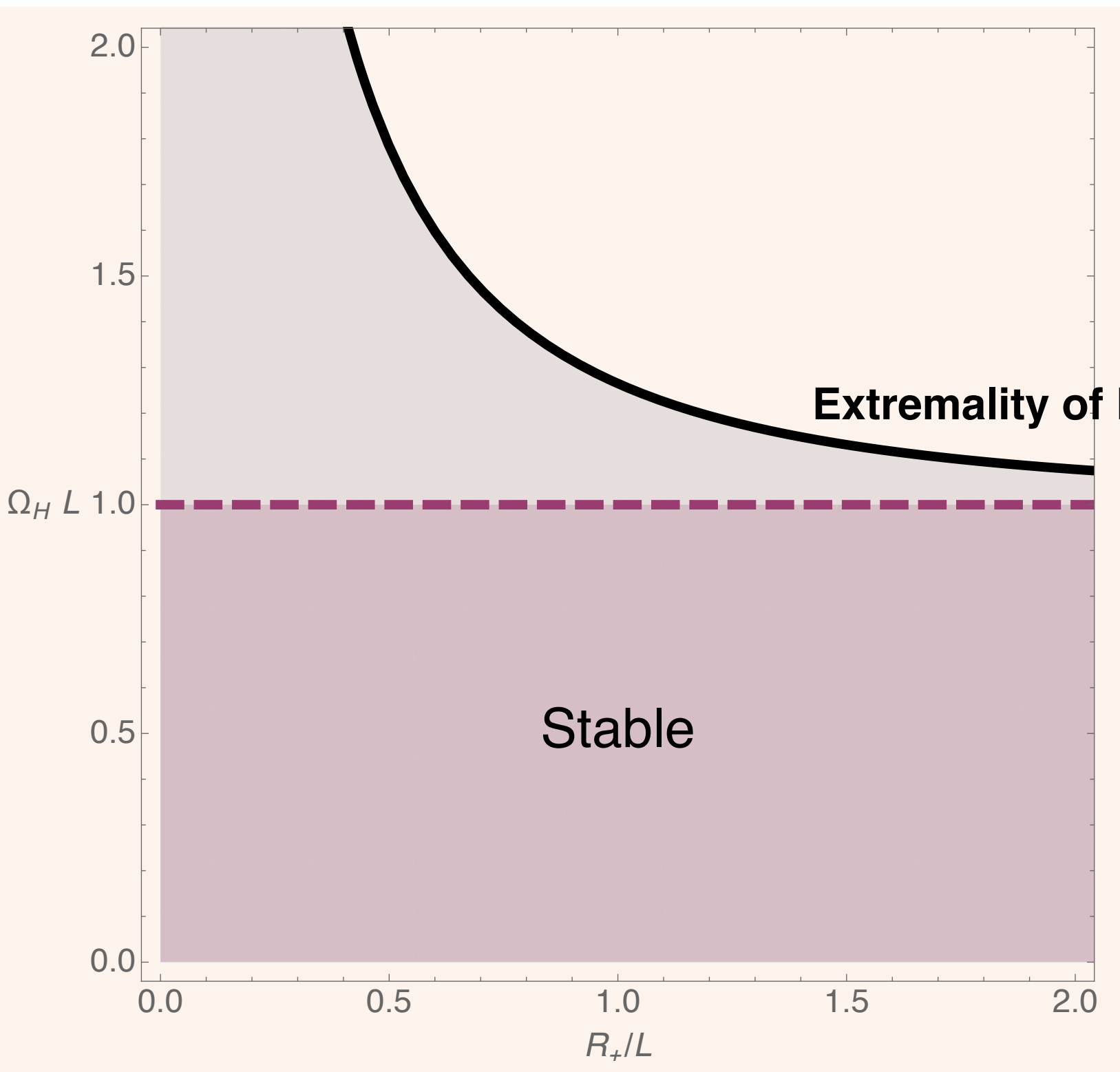
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→ Kerr-AdS₄ black holes & their Superradiant instability

2 parameters: $(m/L, a/L) \Leftrightarrow (R_+/L, \Omega_H L)$



Kerr-AdS with $\Omega_H L \leq 1$:

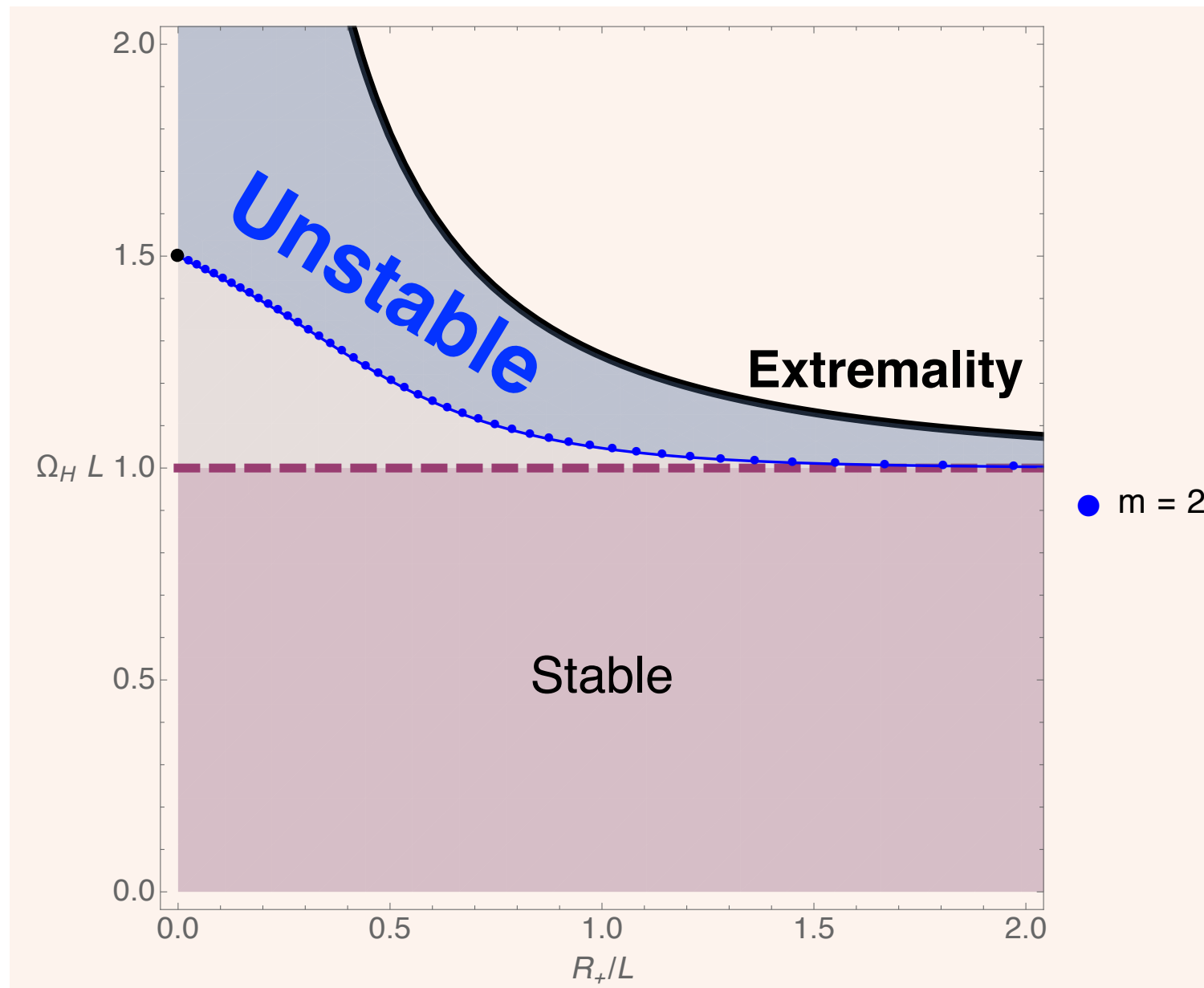
**$K = \partial_t + \Omega_H \partial_\phi$ is timelike everywhere
in the outer domain**

**Should be stable
[Hawking, Reall '00]**

What about BHs with $\Omega_H L > 1$?

There is no Killing vector that is timelike everywhere in the outer domain

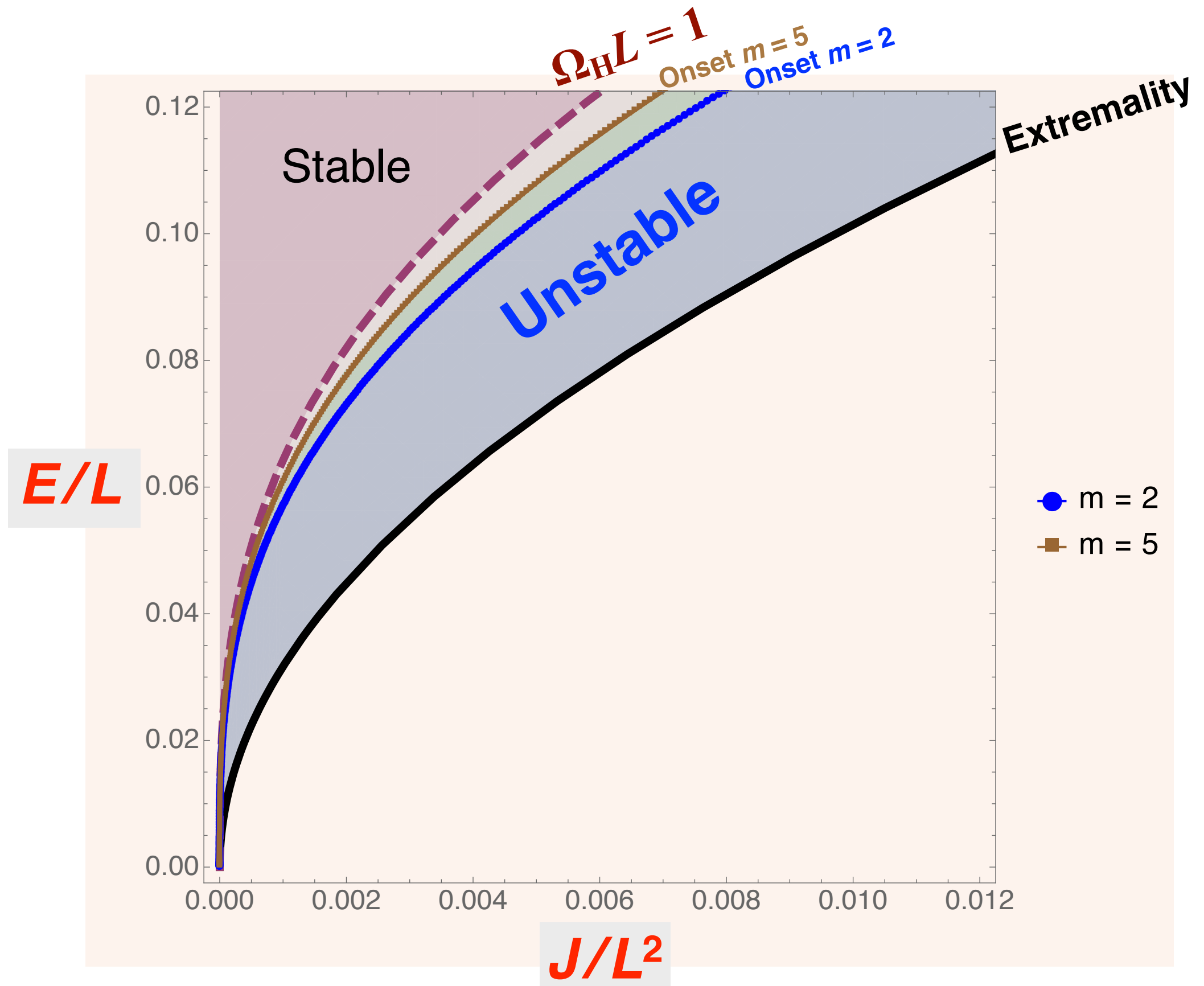
$$\partial_t \text{ and } \partial_\varphi \text{ are Killing fields } \Rightarrow \delta g = e^{-i\omega t + im\varphi}$$



Modes with $m > 0$ are unstable ($\text{Im } \omega > 0$) to superradiance if $\text{Re } \omega \leq m \Omega_H$

Onset, $\text{Im } \omega = 0$, saturates inequality

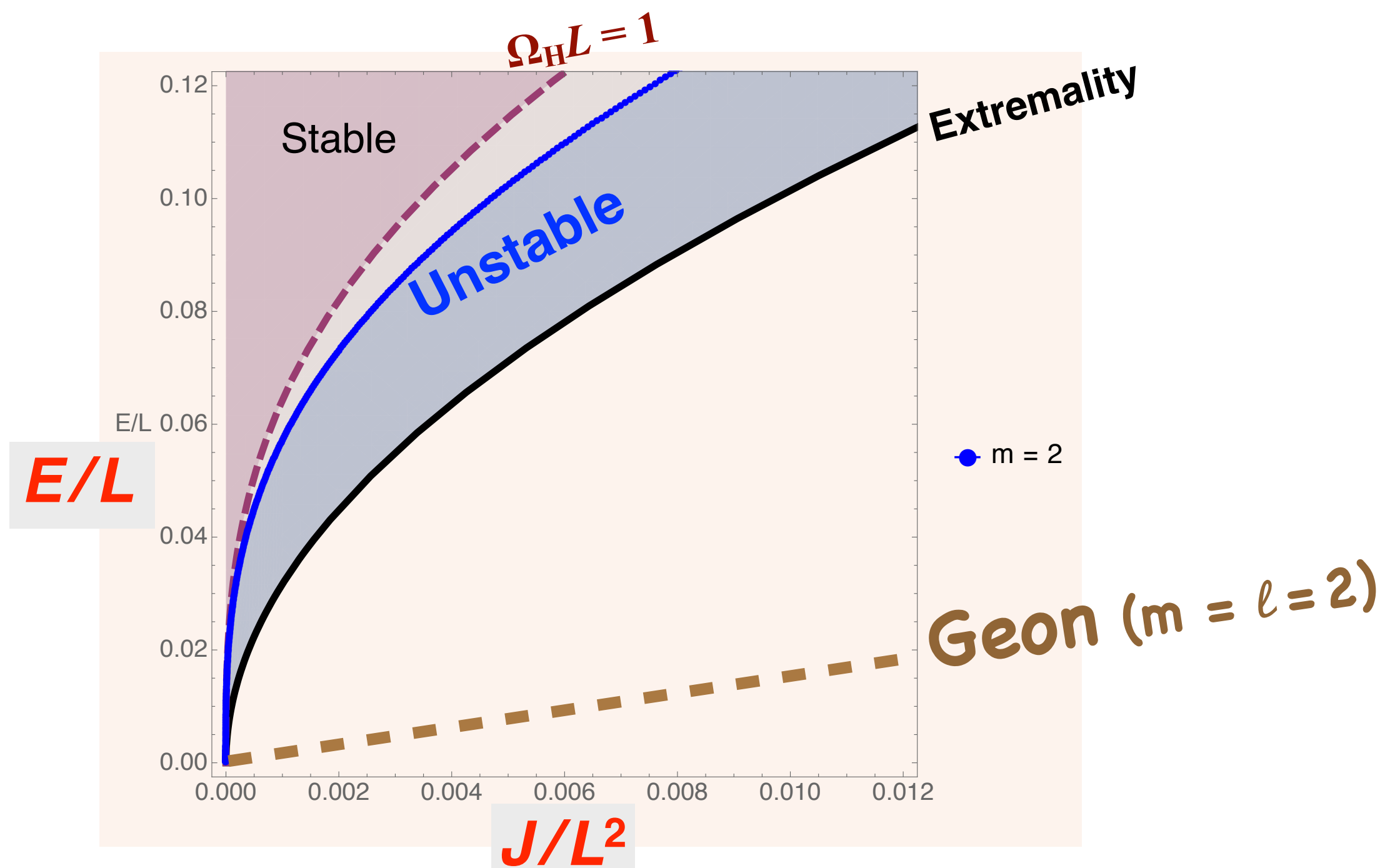
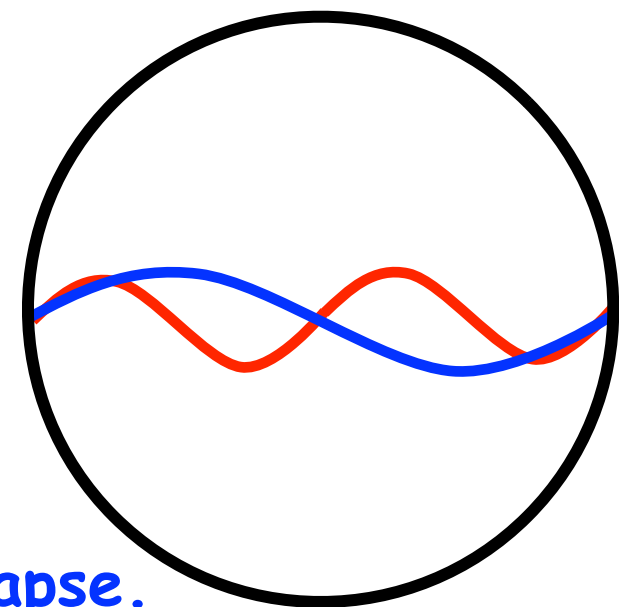
- Higher m modes appear closer to $\Omega_{\text{H}}L = 1$
- $\Omega_{\text{H}}L = 1$ is reached as $m \rightarrow +\infty$

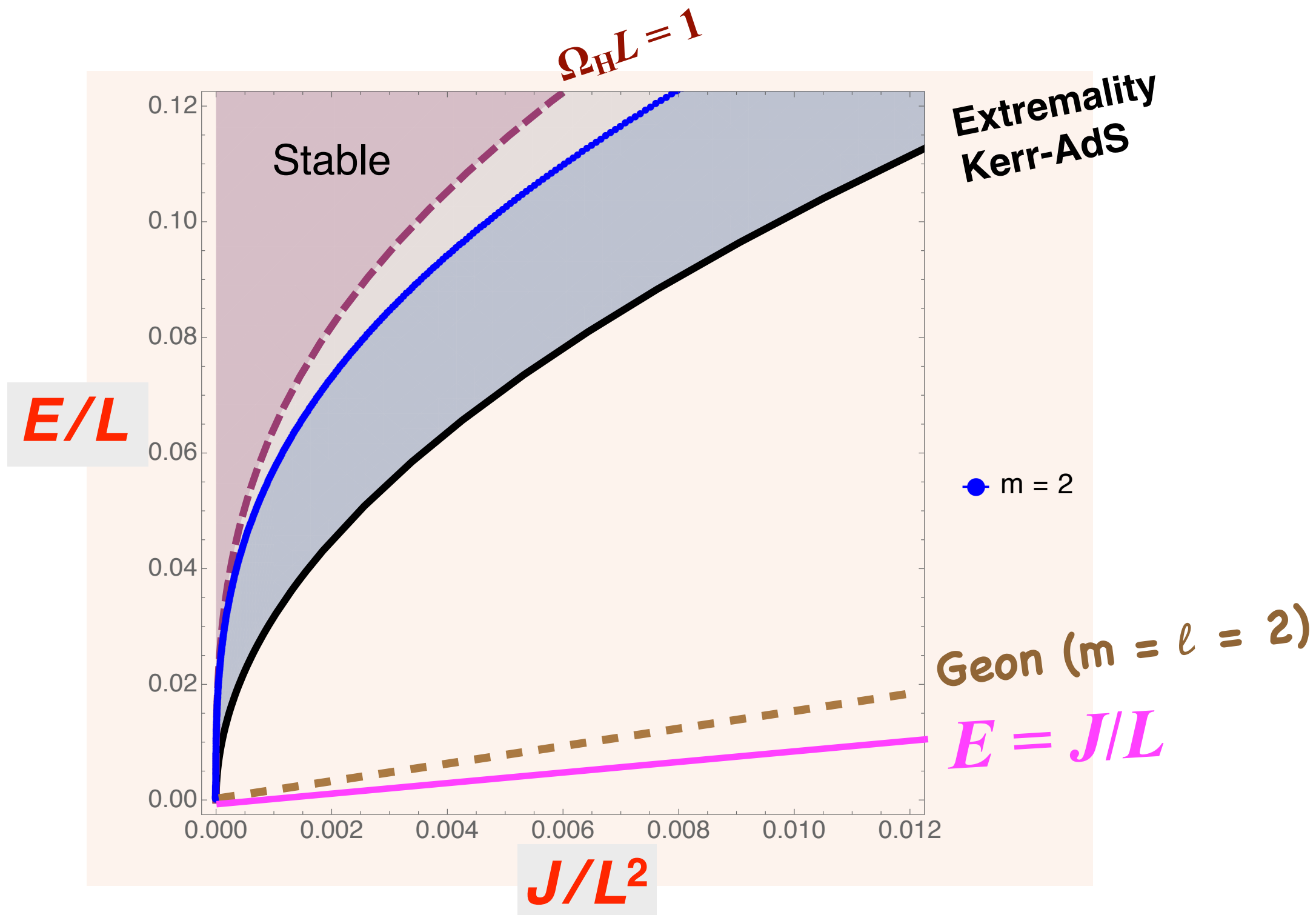


→ Geon (horizonless solution) also present

- Key player: Geon

- Backreaction of a (single) normal mode of AdS
- Stationary solution (no formation of BH)
- Centrifugal force balances self gravity against collapse.





- In the limit $m \rightarrow +\infty$ geons approach $E = J/L$
- CFT states are expected to saturate the bound $E \geq J/L$, ... but Kerr-AdS BHs do not, \Rightarrow suggests that another BH should fill the gap \rightarrow **these are the black resonators**

Some properties of geons & black resonators:

- Geon: regular horizonless solutions of Einstein-AdS

- Geon: Obeys the first law: $m dE = \omega dJ$

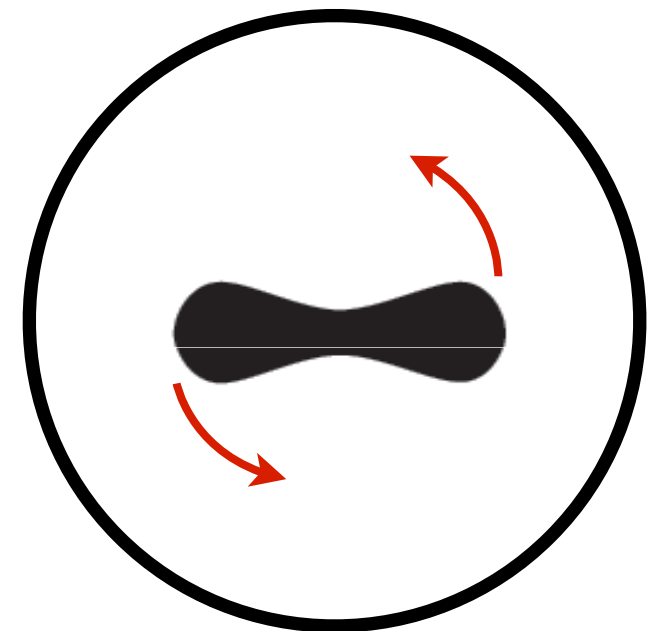
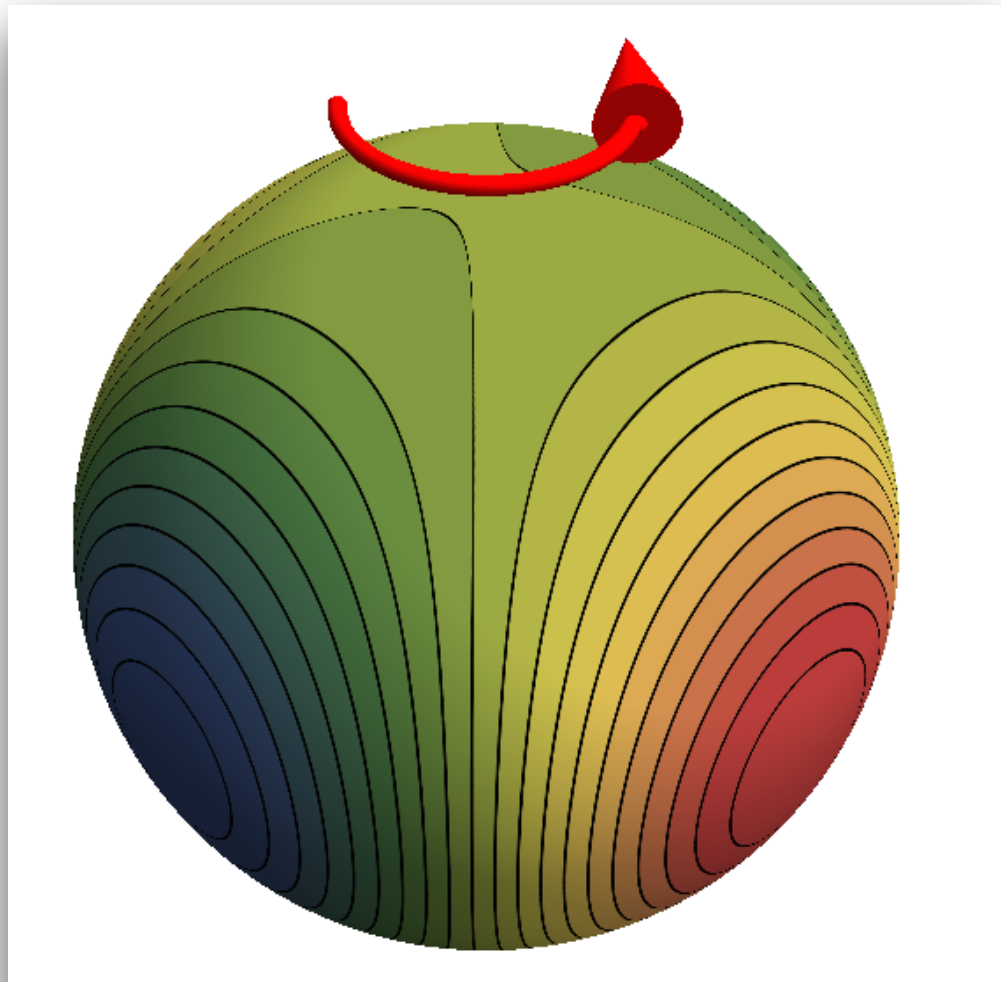
- Both Invariant under single helical Killing vector field:

$$K = \partial_t + \frac{\omega}{m} \partial_\varphi$$

which is **timelike** near the poles but **spacelike** near the equator.

- **Time periodic** but **NOT** time independent neither **axisymmetric**

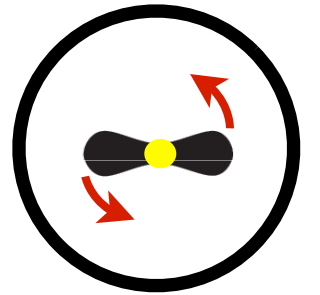
- Boundary stress-tensor has regions of **negative** and **positive** energy density around the equator:



→ Constructing black resonators using a thermodynamic model

- **Leading order thermodynamics: model black resonator**

as a non-interacting mixture of a **Kerr BH** and a **geon**.



- **Assume absence of interaction:** E, J of resonator are simply the

sum of the charges of **individual constituents**: $E = E_K + E_g, \quad J = J_K + J_g$

- **Geon's KVF must coincide with the horizon generator** of the black resonator:

angular velocity of the later must be $\Omega_H = \frac{\omega}{m}$

- This equilibrium condition also follows from maximizing entropy for a **given total E, J** .

- **Combine** these conditions with the **leading order thermodynamics** of the two components.

At leading order, **geon component carries all J** & **Kerr component stores all S** .

$$\left\{ J_g, E_g \right\} = \left\{ J, \frac{\omega}{m} J \right\}, \quad \left\{ J_K, E_K \right\} = \left\{ 0, E - \frac{\omega}{m} J \right\}$$

$$S = 4\pi \left(E - \frac{\omega}{m} J \right)^2, \quad T_H = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(E - \frac{\omega}{m} J \right)^{-1}.$$

→ What is the endpoint of superradiant instability ?

- $S_{\text{resonator}} |_{m=2} > S_{\text{Kerr-AdS}}$ for same $\{E, J\}$ but all black resonators have $\Omega_H L > 1$:

they are still superradiantly unstable to **higher m -modes**

- **Two possibilities for the endpoint of superradiant instability:**

1) there is a **limiting black resonator** with $\Omega_H L = 1$?

=> perturbatively construct it as: Kerr-AdS at the core of a limiting geon with $\Omega L = 1$.

Such geon would saturate the minimum energy bound, $E=J/L$ => it is a SUSY solution.

BUT (regular) geon cannot exist: only SUSY vacuum solution with AdS asymptotics is ... AdS

Niehoff, Santos, Way, 1510.00709

... no other classical candidate solution for the endpoint of superradiance so we conjectured:

2) Time evolution develops cascade of **higher & higher m -structure** ($m \nearrow \Rightarrow S_{\text{resonator}} \nearrow$)

till GR breaks down & quantum effects kick-in => **cosmic censorship violation !**

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Available time evolutions are consistent with this conjecture (but only see early cascade)

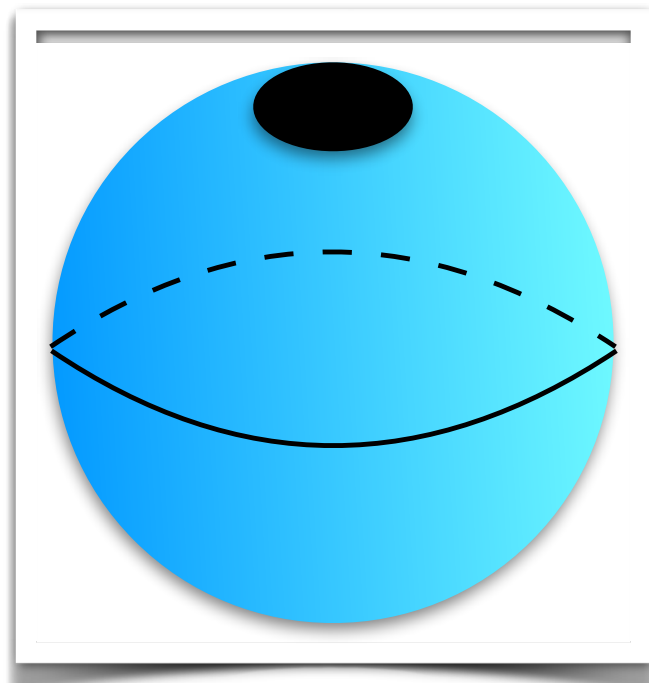
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Grey Galaxy: Endpoint seems to be Rotating BH at core region + quantum gas of gravitons in far-region

Minwalla et al, 2305.08922

2. Localized black holes in Gravity & Supergravity

AdS₅ x S⁵ black holes of sugra IIB



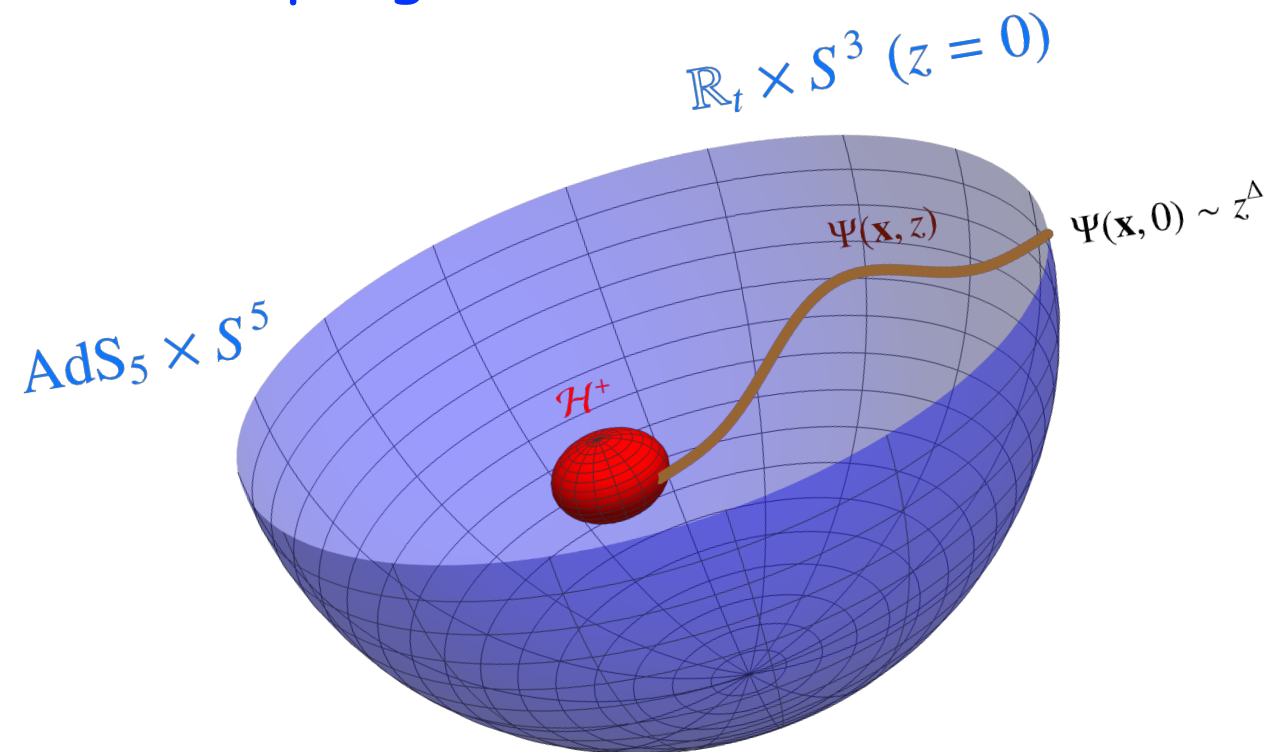
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→ Recalling the primordial days: AdS_5 / CFT_4

Type IIB supergravity theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$ with radius L and N units of $F_{(5)}$ flux on S^5



Large N and strong t'Hooft coupling $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$ limit of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills (SYM) theory with gauge group $SU(N)$ & YM coupling g_{YM}



- Type IIB supergravity (only with g and $F_{(5)}$):

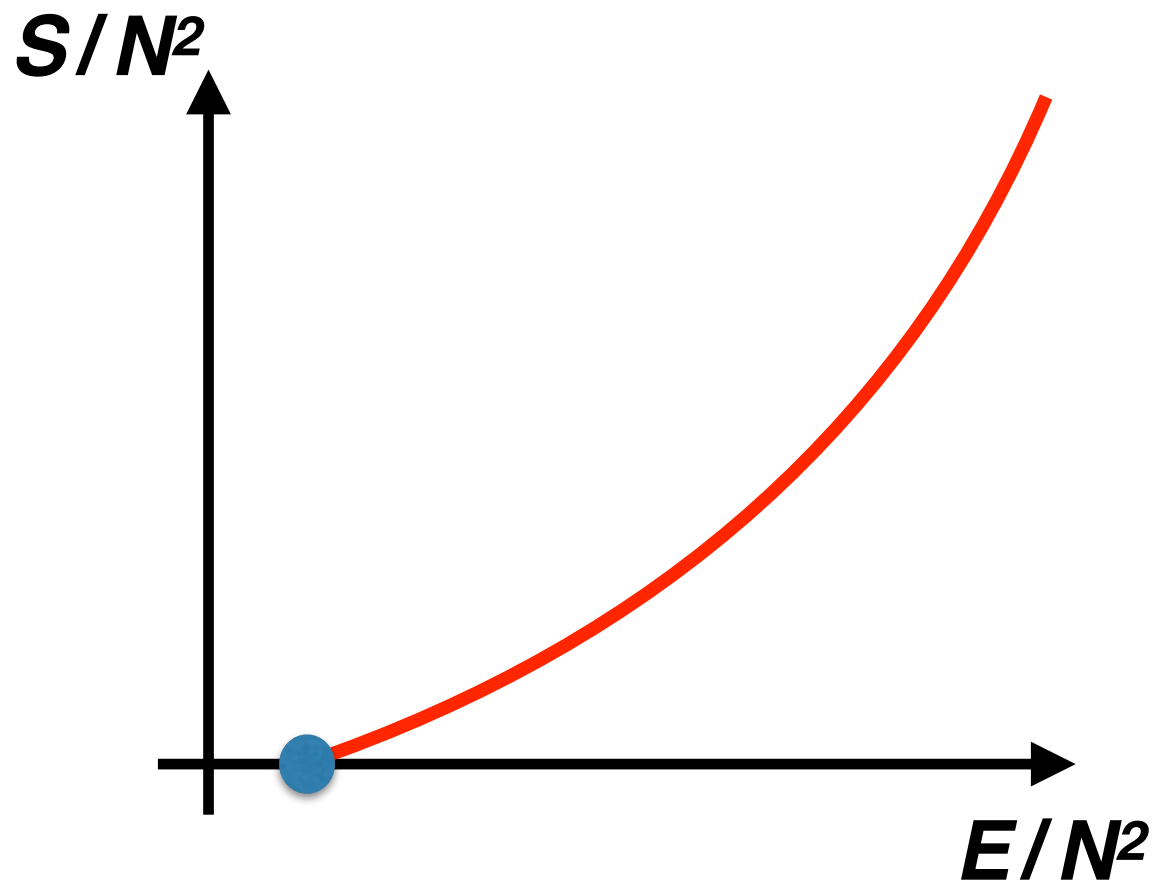
$$R_{MN} - \frac{1}{48} F_{MPQRS} F_N{}^{PQRS} = 0, \quad \nabla_M F^{MPQRS} = 0, \quad F_{(5)} = \star F_{(5)}$$

- Freund-Rubin (80's): any soln of Einstein- AdS_5 can be oxidised to 10D via:

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + L^2 d\Omega_5^2, \quad F_{(5)} = \text{Vol}_{AdS_5} + \text{Vol}_{S^5}$$

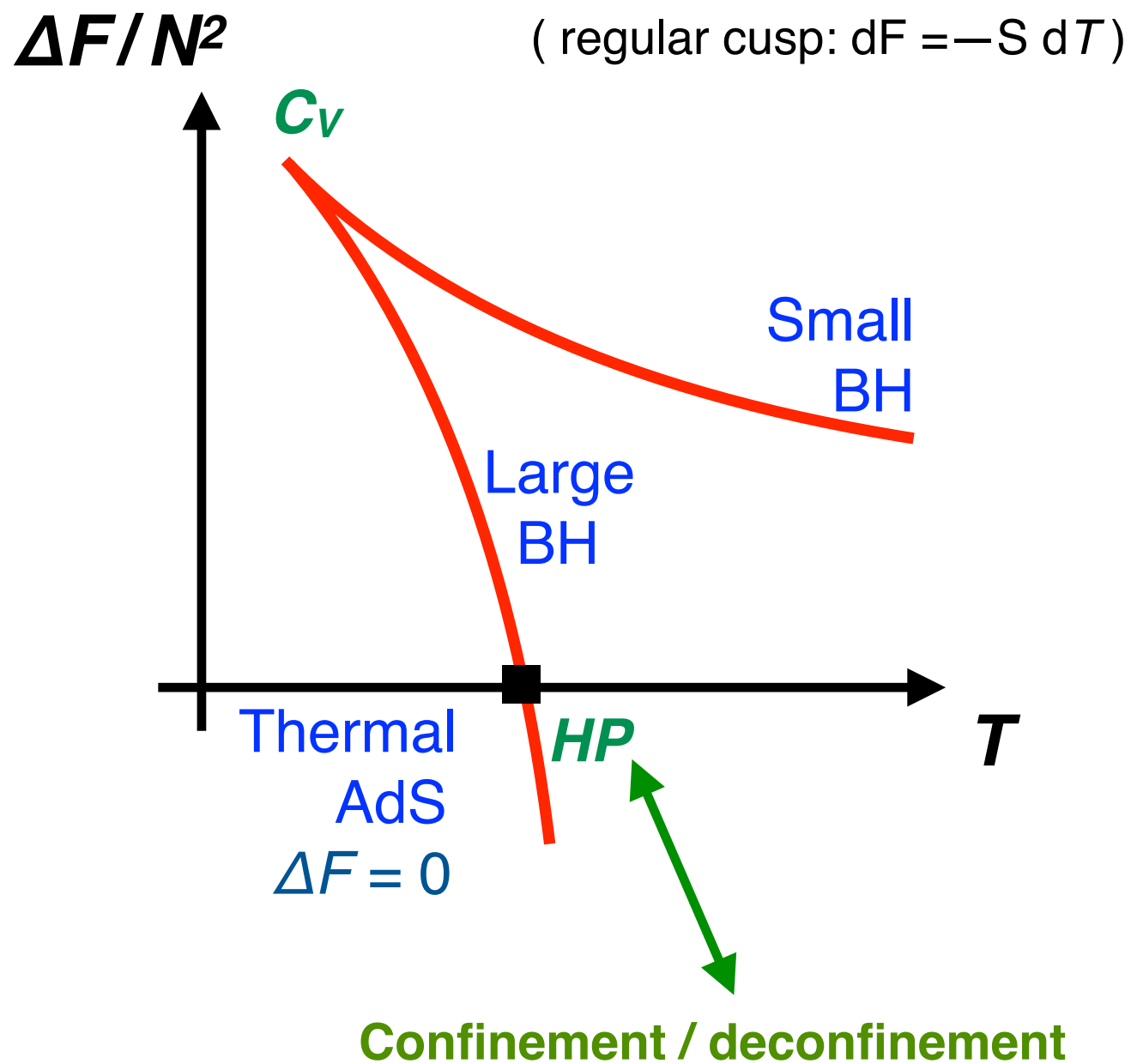
→ Thermal Phases of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ and their competition

Microcanonical ensemble:
(fixed E)



Thermal $AdS_5 \times S^5$
&
Schw $AdS_5 \times S^5$

Canonical ensemble:
(fixed T)

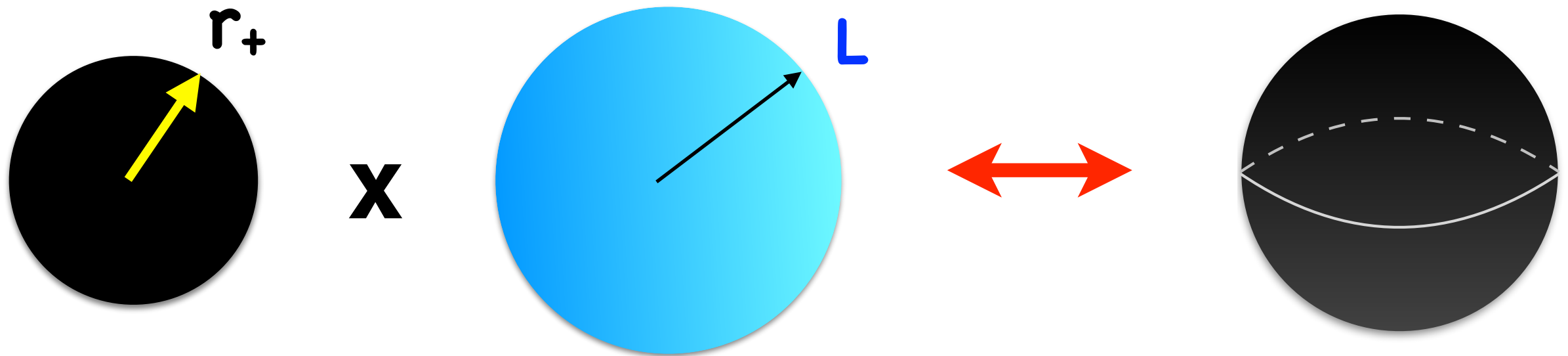


→ Are these 2 the only solutions with $AdS_5 \times S^5$ asymptotics?

No ... because we can have **hierarchy of scales**:

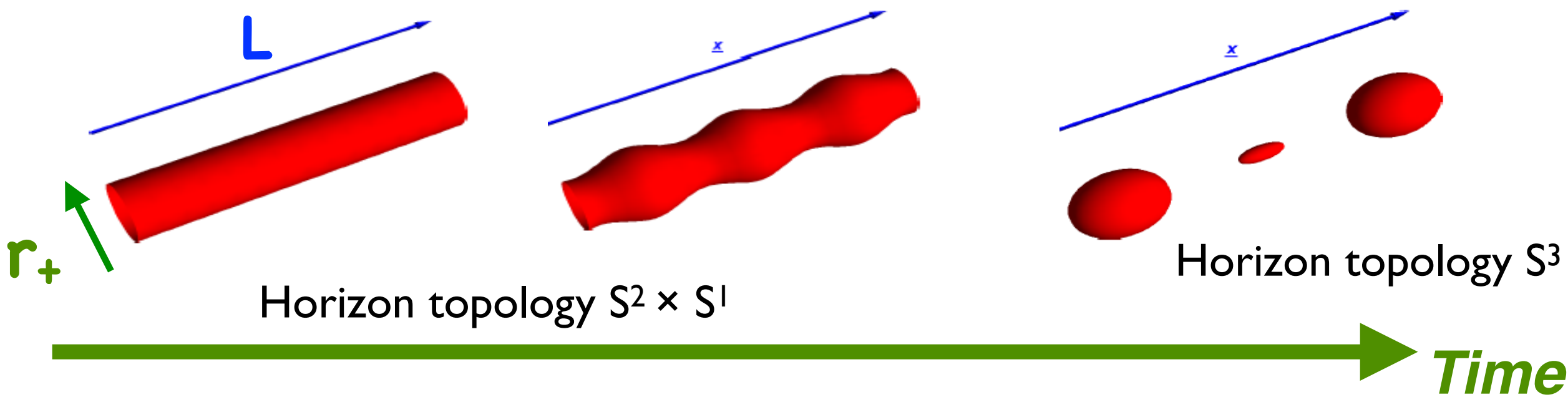
Schwarzschild- $AdS_5 \times S^5$:
$$f(r) = 1 + \frac{r^2}{L^2} - \frac{r_+^2}{r^2} \left(\frac{r_+^2}{L^2} + 1 \right)$$

... Two scales: horizon radius r_+ and S^5 radius L

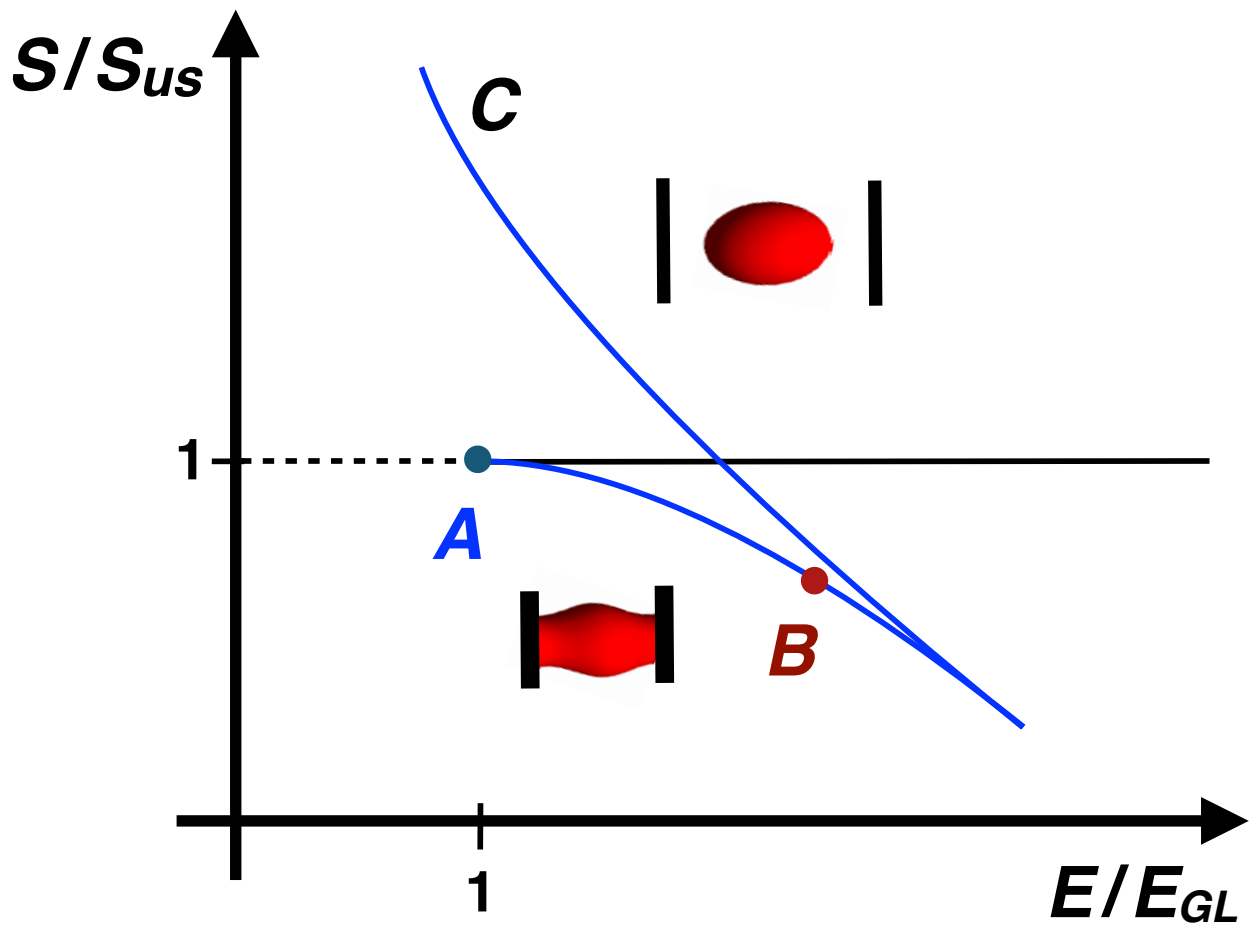


Horizon topology $S^3 \times S^5$

- Recall *Gregory-Laflamme* instability on a black string $\text{Mink}_4 \times S^1$ with $r_+ \ll L$

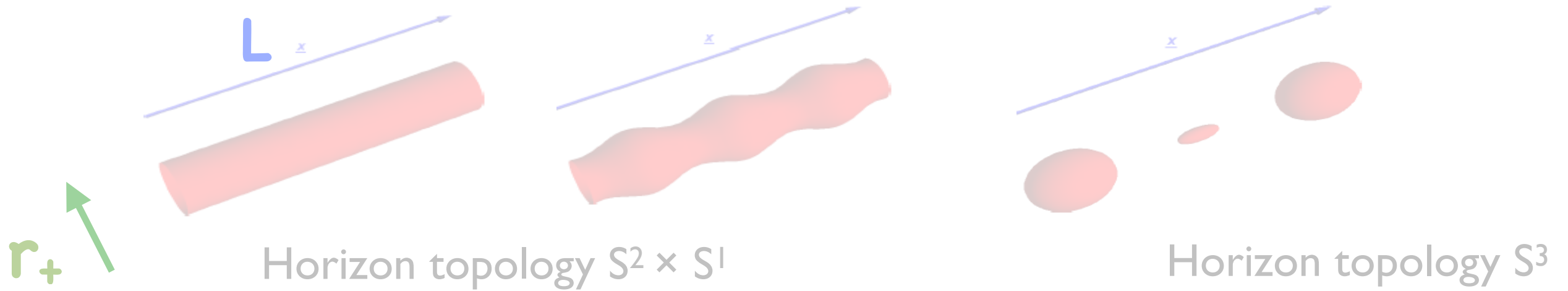


- Hierarchy of scales \Rightarrow GL instability \Rightarrow new phases:

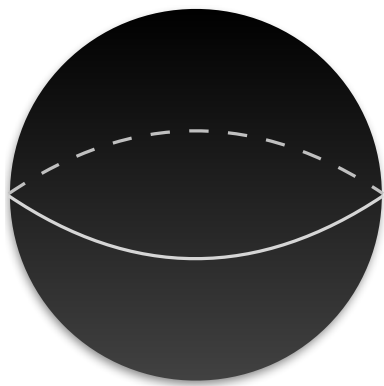


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 Wiseman, Kudoh,
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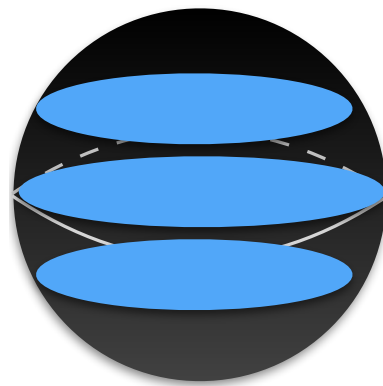
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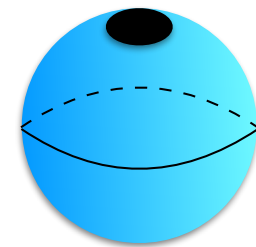
- Expect that for $r_+ \ll L$ Schwarzschild- $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$:



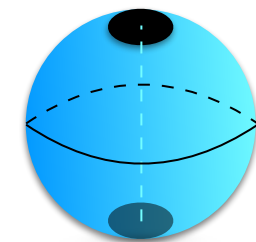
Horizon topology $S^3 \times S^5$



Lumpy BHs



Horizon topology S^8



Localised BHs

[Banks, Douglas, Horowitz, Martinec, 1998]
 [Peet, Ross, 1998]

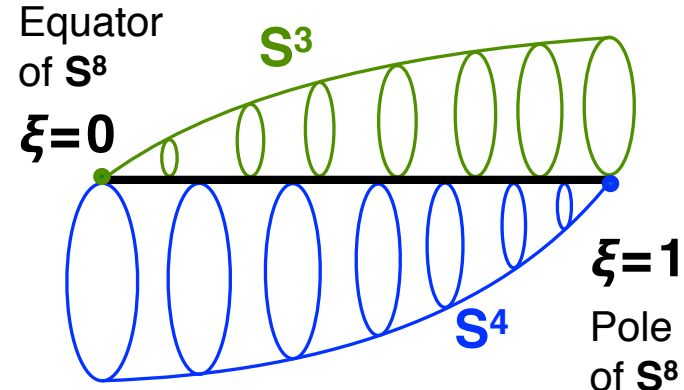
Use patching technique, ie an ansatz that:

1) **near the horizon** it's adapted to S^8 horizon topology (10D Schw in isotropic coord)

Near-horizon region (S^8):

$$ds_{S^8}^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\Omega_3^2 + \cos^2 \theta d\Omega_4^2$$

$$\xi = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta}$$

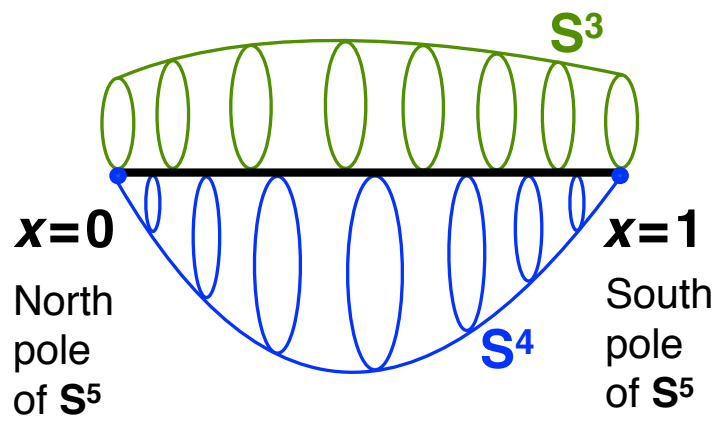
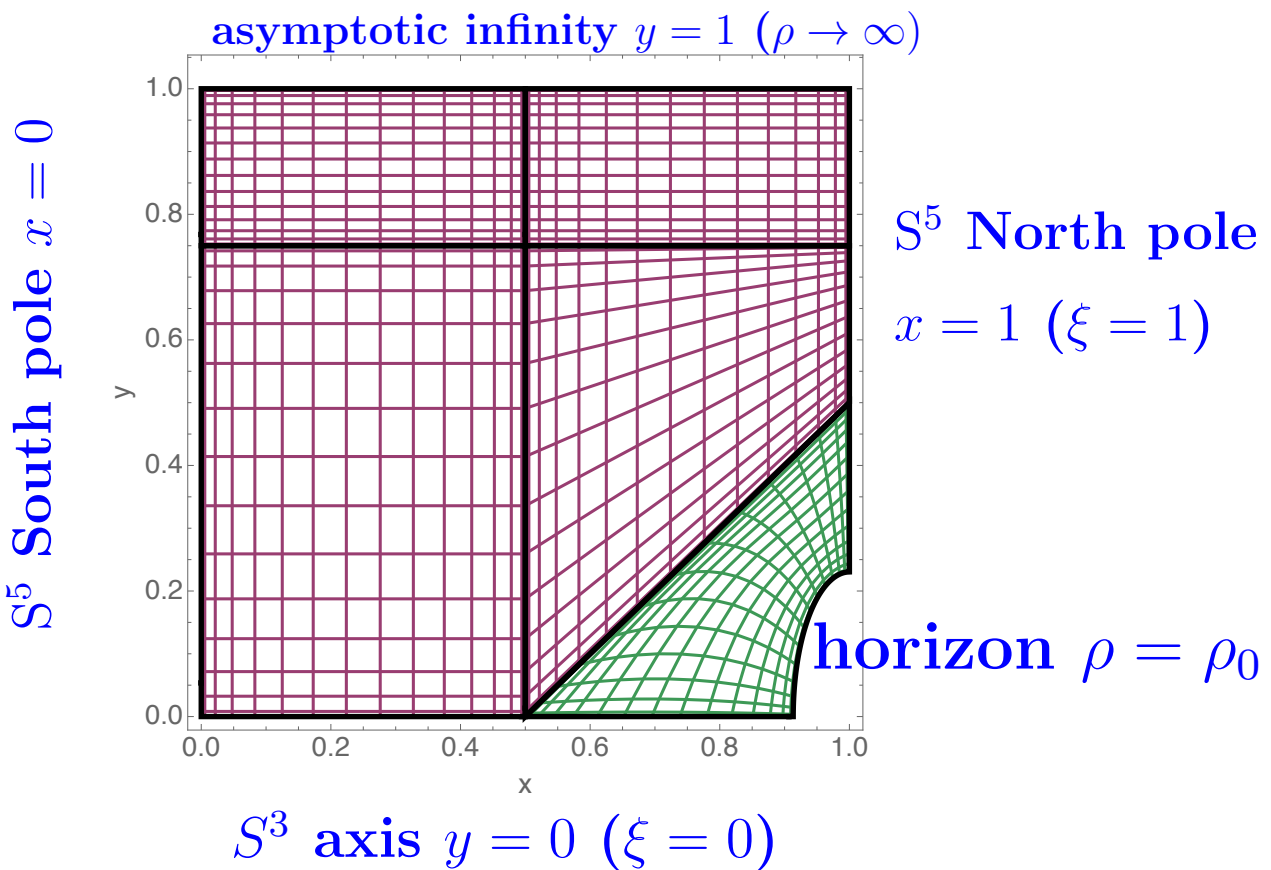


2) **asymptotes to $AdS_5 \times S^5$** with $R_+ \times SO(4) \times SO(5)$ symmetry

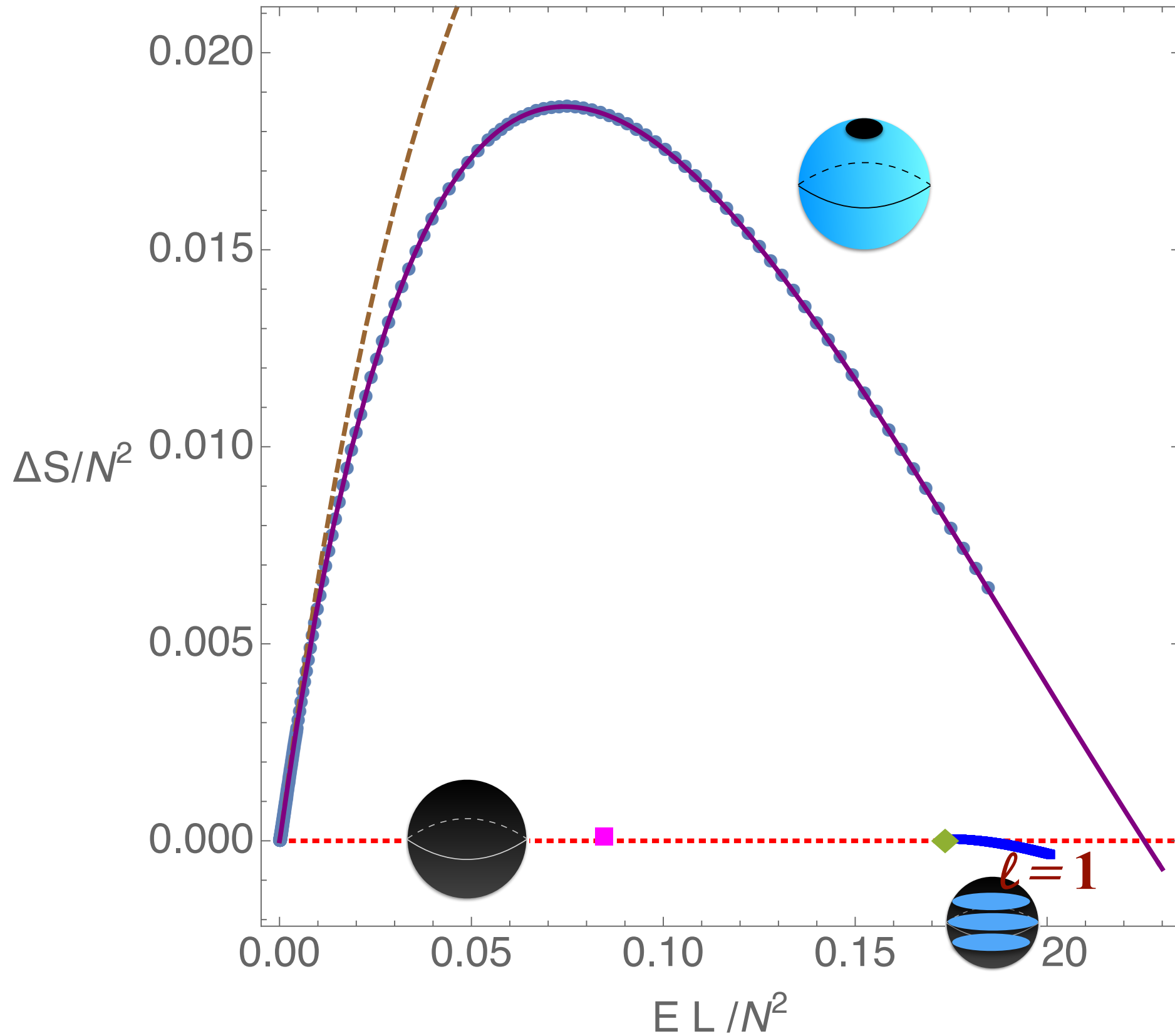
[largest subgroup of $SO(6)$]

ie it's adapted to $S^3 \times S^5$ topology

Asymptotic region ($S^3 \times S^5$):



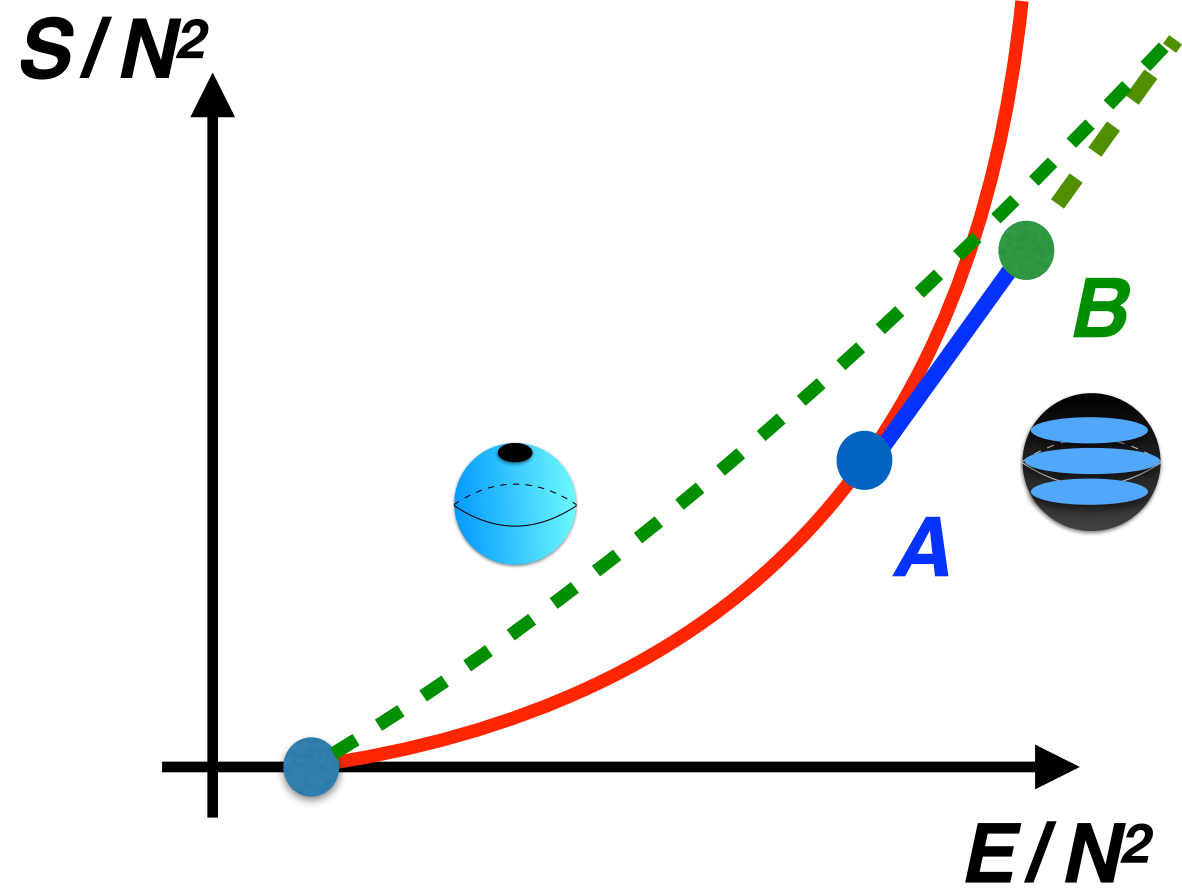
→ Complete Phase diagram (Microcanonical ensemble):



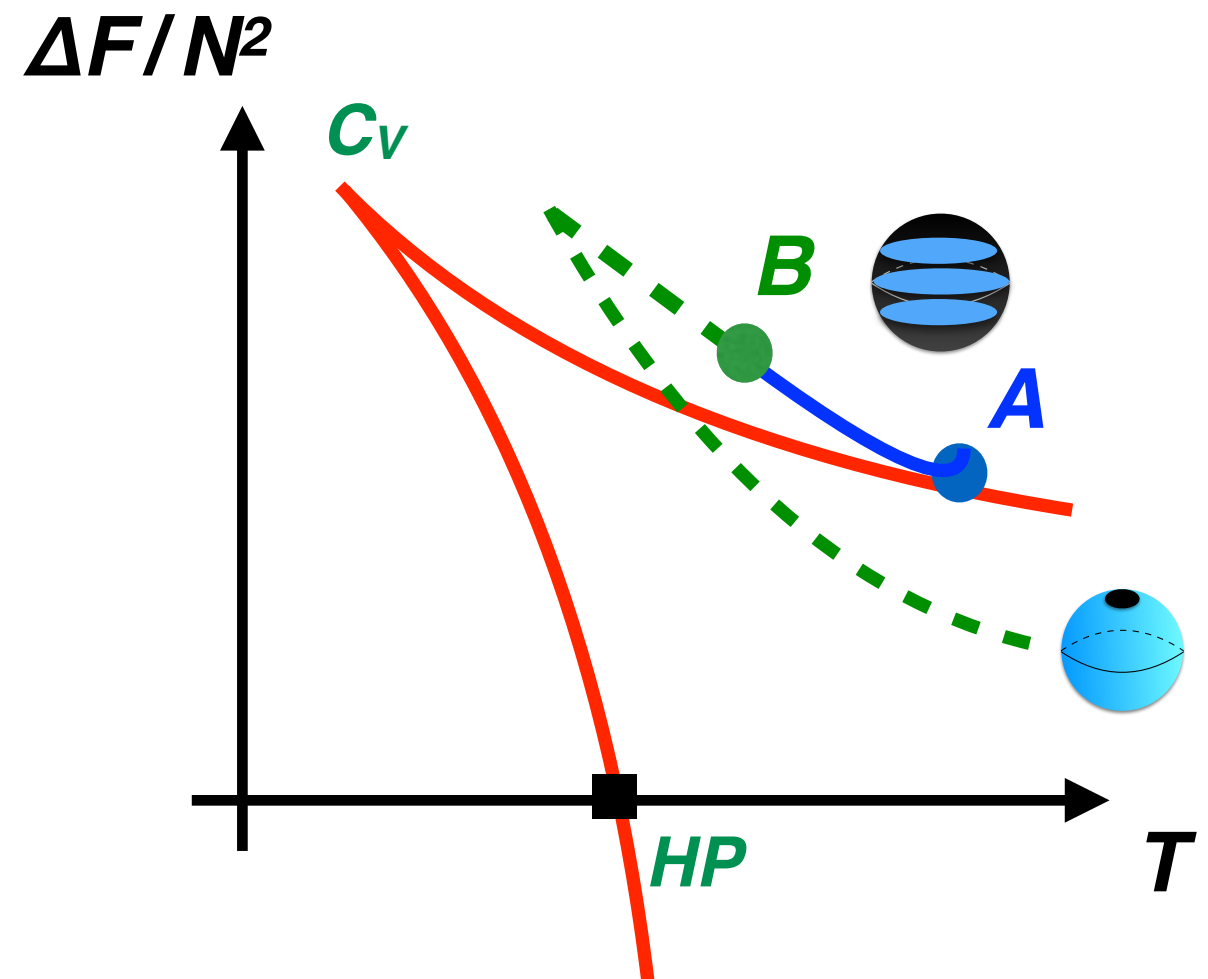
(Thermodynamics: use Kaluza-Klein holography & holographic renormalisation)

→ Update: **Thermal Phases of $AdS_5 \times S^5$ & their competition**

Microcanonical ensemble:
(fixed E)



Canonical ensemble:
(fixed T)

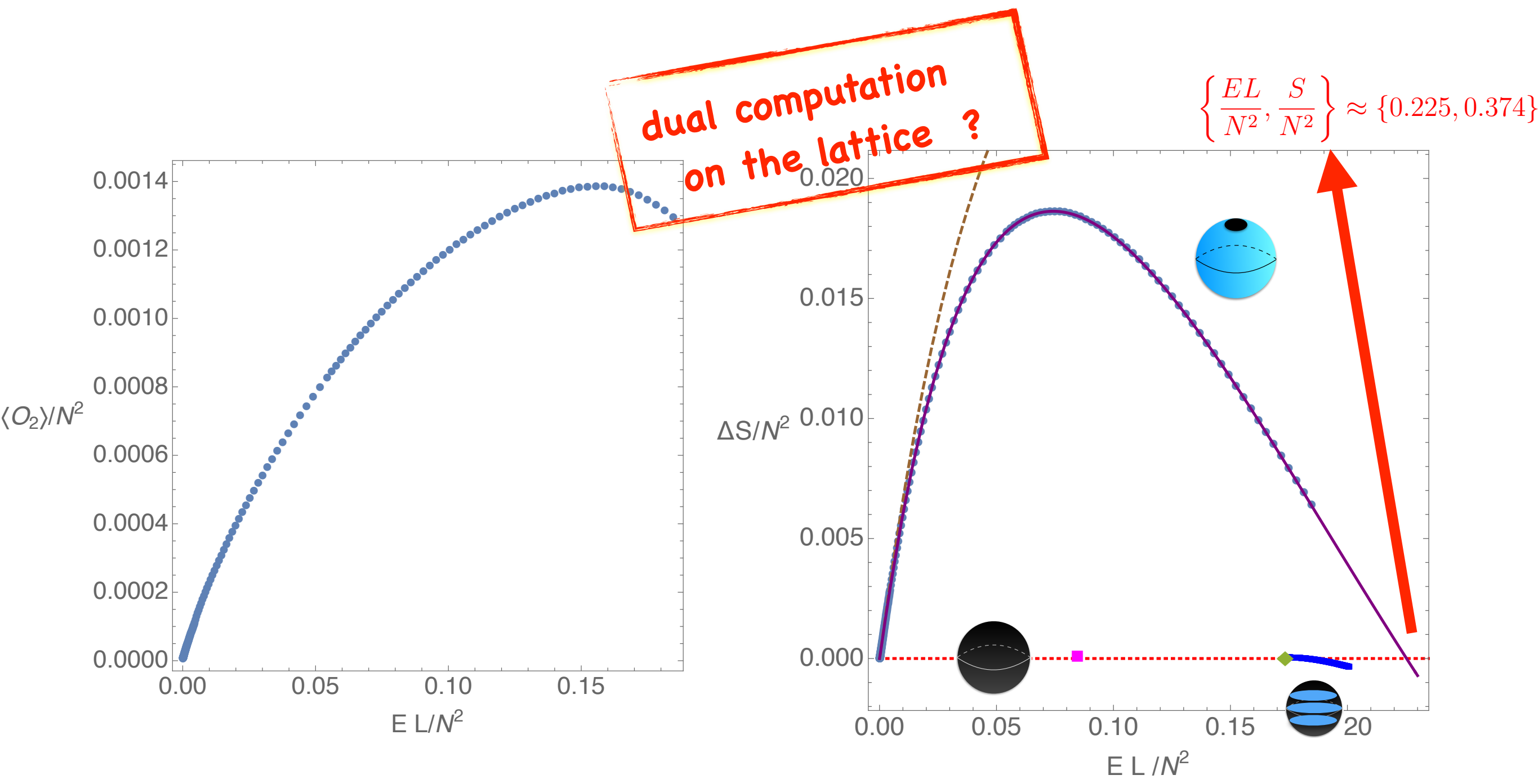


→ **CFT dual interpretation ?** Spontaneous symmetry breaking
of the $SO(6)$ R-symmetry of the scalar sector of $\nu=4$ SYM down to $SO(5)$.

⇒ condensation of an infinite tower of scalar operators with increasing Δ .

Lowest has $\Delta = 2$ and vev:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle = -\frac{N^2}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \beta_2$$



3. More missing CFT states in $N=4$ SYM / IIB SUGRA

[Bhattacharyya, Minwalla, Papadodimas (2011)]

[Markeviciute, Santos (2016, 2018)]

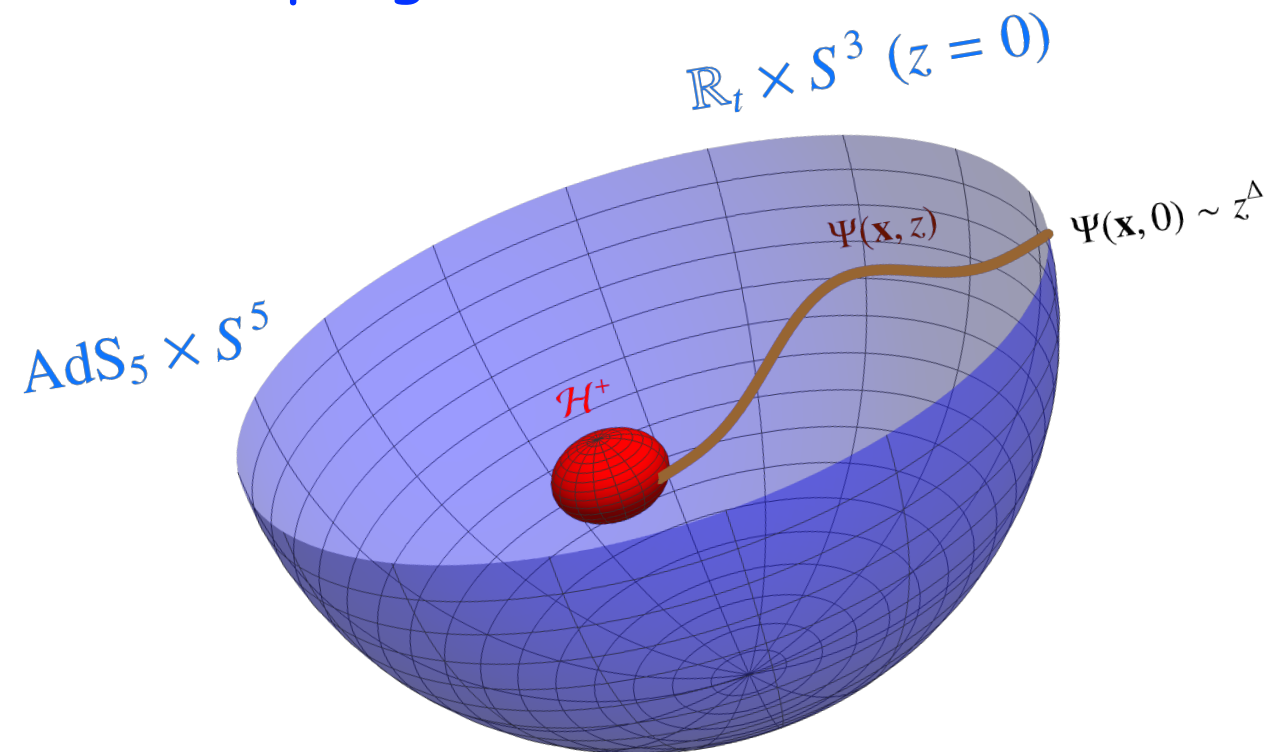
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→ AdS₅ / CFT₄ duality

Type IIB supergravity theory on AdS₅ × S⁵ with radius L and N units of F₍₅₎ flux on S⁵



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Thermal states of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

with temperature T, chemical potentials μ_j and energies $O(N^2)$

living on the Einstein static Universe $\mathbb{R}_t \times S^3$



Asymptotically global AdS₅ × S⁵ BHs of IIB supergravity with Hawking temperature T and chemical potentials μ_j

→ Motivations

- We should find all the BHs and map them into thermal states in the dual SYM
=> identify the dominant phases (as saddle points) in the thermodynamic ensembles.
- Necessary to reproduce microscopically the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy of AdS BHs.

[See Benini's review talk at Strings 2022]

- Contribute to understand a puzzle of $SO(6)$ gauged supergravity: its most general SUSY BH known so far — Kunduri-Lucietti-Reall BH — has only 4 independent parameters.

- However, asymptotically $AdS_5 \times S^5$ BHs are characterized by 6 conserved charges with the BPS relation constraint $E = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + J_1/L + J_2/L$

=> the most general SUSY BH should be a **5-parameter solution**.

From dual CFT perspective, most general SUSY states also expected to be characterized by 5 parameters.

[Gutowski, Reall '04]

So, what is the missing gravitational parameter?

[Kunduri, Lucietti, Reall '06]

- AIM: can we identify new thermal phases with a finite chemical potential that can dominate some thermodynamic ensembles ?

→ Strategy to find more BHs dual to thermal SYM phases

- The massless bosonic fields of type IIB supergravity:

metric tensor g_{ab} , dilaton Φ , axion C , NS-NS antisymmetric 2-tensor $B_{(2)}$, RR 2-form potential $C_{(2)}$, and RR 4-form $C_{(4)}$ with a 5-form field strength $F_{(5)} = dC_{(4)}$ satisfying a self-duality condition.

Fermionic superpartners: complex Weyl gravitino & complex Weyl dilatino.

- Useful: dimensional reduction of IIB along S^5 yields **5d N=8 gauged supergravity**.
It's believed (not proven) to be a consistent reduction of IIB on $AdS_5 \times S^5$.

Gunaydin, Romans, Warner (1986)

- But **IIB with only $g_{ab}, F_{(5)}$** (relevant for AdS/CFT: source D3's) can be consistently dim reduced along the S^5 to yield **5d SO(6) gauged supergravity**.

Cvetič-Lü-Pope-Sadrzadeh-Tran [hep-th/0003103]

- It's itself a consistent truncation of **gauged N = 8 SUGRA** where **we set to 0 some 5D scalars and gauge fields**.

5D Bosons that survive (graviton g_{ab} , 15 gauge fields A^{ij} & 20 scalars)
descend uniquely from 10D $\{g_{ab}, F_{(5)}\}$ of IIB

→ $U(1)^3$ gauged supergravity:

"Cut even more (no mercy!)":

Consistent truncation of $SO(6)$ gauged $SUGRA$ down to the $U(1)^3$ Cartan subgroup of $SO(6)$ with associated gauge fields $\{A_{(1)}^K\}$ ($K=1,2,3$): $U(1)^3$ gauged supergravity.

The 5D field content [that descend from $\{g_{ab}, F_{(5)}\}$ of IIB] :

Graviton g_{ab} + 2 neutral scalars $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$ + 3 $U(1)$'s gauge fields $\{A_{(1)}^K\}$,
+ 3 complex scalar fields $\{\Phi_K\}$ minimally coupled to $\{A_{(1)}^K\}$ with charge $qL = 2$.

All 5 scalars have mass $m^2 L^2 = -2 \Rightarrow$ saturate AdS_5 Breitenlohner-Freedman (BF) bound.



a.k.a.



[Bhattacharyya, Minwalla, Papadodimas (2011)]

[Markeviciute, Santos (2016, 2018)]

[OD, Mitra, Santos 2022 + 2024]

→ Microcanonical phase diagram (of truncation with three equal Q's and equal J's)

- Set $Q_1=Q_2=Q_3=Q$. When $J_1=J_2=J$: co-homogeneity one (coupled nonlinear ODEs)
- BPS relation is $E = 3Q + 2J/L$
- $\Phi_{1,2,3}=0$: "Kerr-Newman-AdS₅" (CLP) BHs of theory but with non-trivial neutral scalar fields $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$ supporting them.

$$J/N^2 = 0.1$$

- At fixed J , \exists a single point **GR** where **extremal CLP** is **SUSY**:
the (1-parameter) Gutowski, Reall '04 BH.
(Kunduri-Lucietti-Reall BH: arbitrary $Q_{1,2,3}, J_{1,2}$)

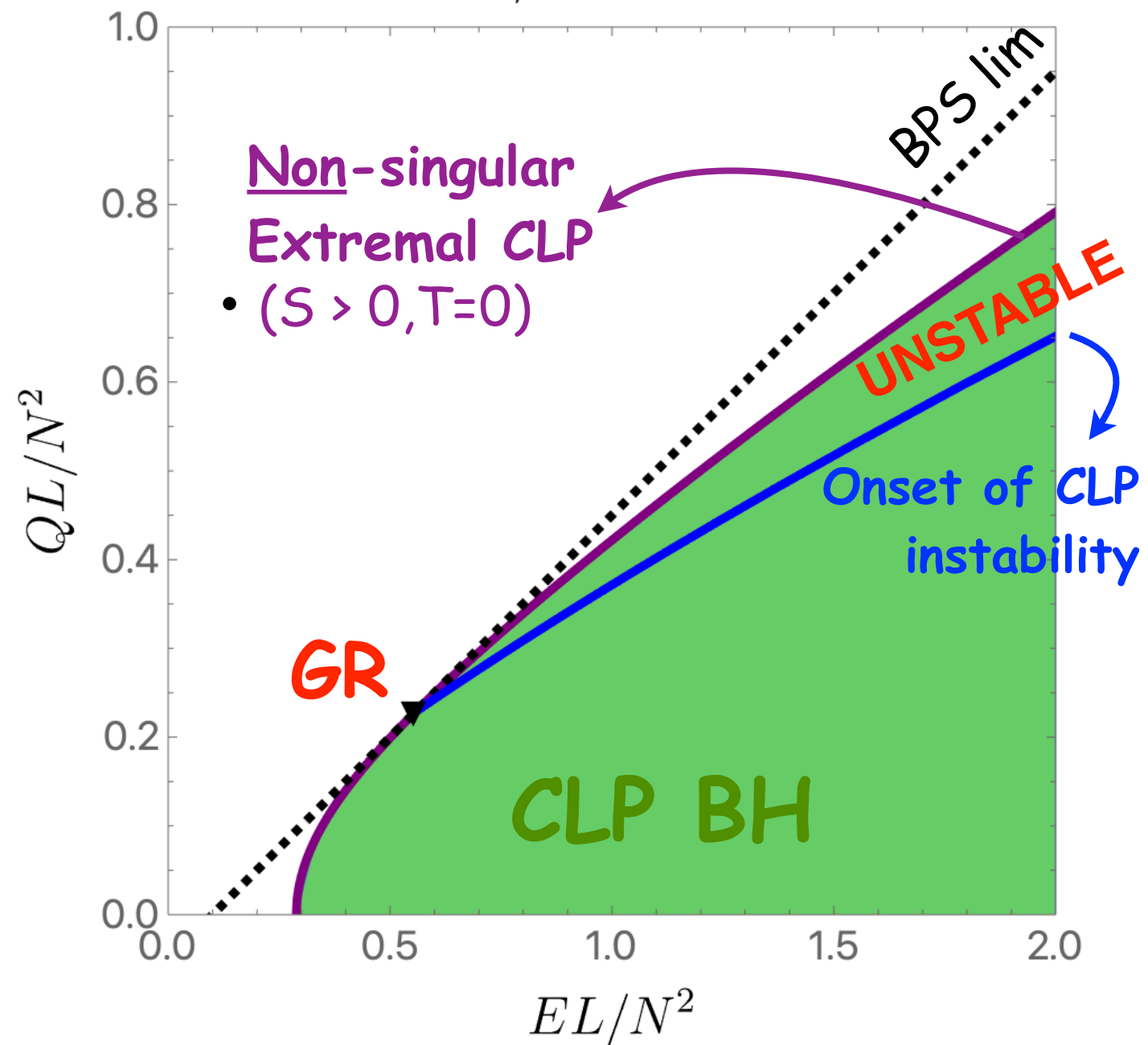
- **Scalar condensation instability** of '**Bald**' CLP BHs ($\Phi = 0$):

$$\delta\Phi \sim e^{-i\omega t} \psi$$

=> **Unstable** when $\text{Im}(\omega L) > 0$

Due to the violation of the near-horizon AdS₂ Breitenlohner-Freedman (BF) bound

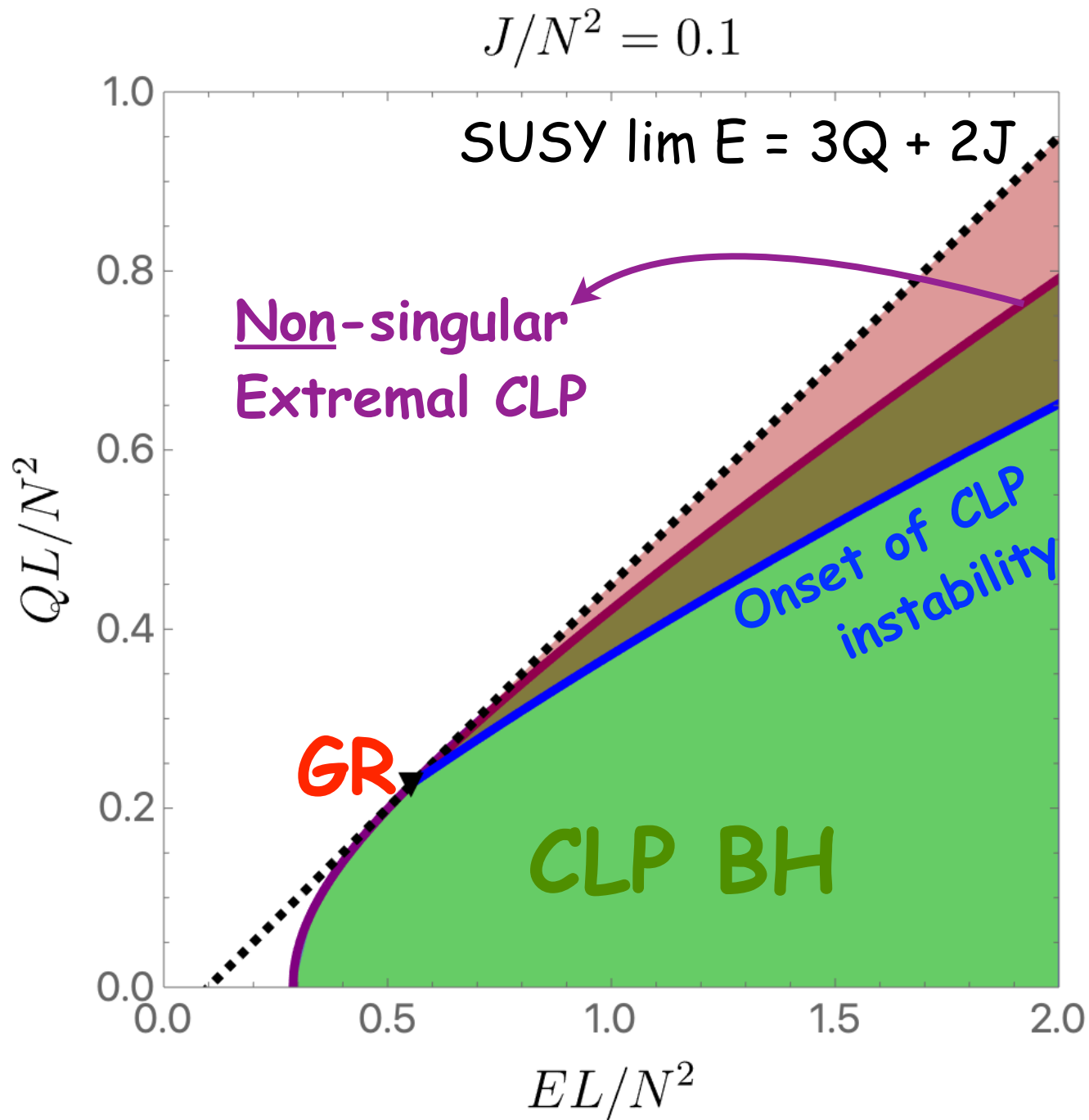
=> Suggests \exists of hairy BHs that have a charged scalar field condensate: $\langle \Phi \rangle \neq 0$



Behrndt-Cvetič-Sabra 1998,
Cvetič-Lü-Pope (CLP) 2004,
Wu 2011

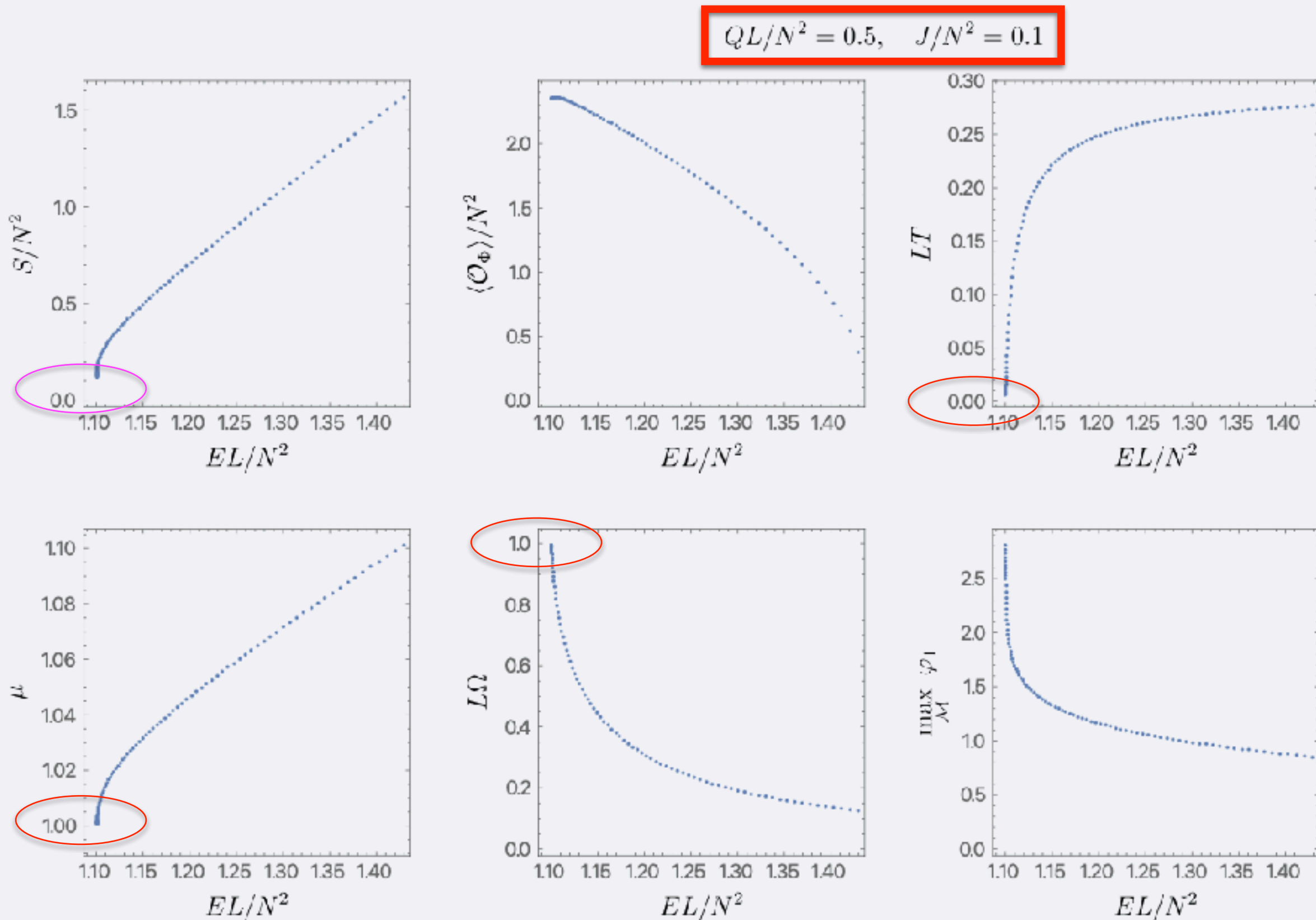
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- Work at **finite temperature** & approach $T \rightarrow 0$: find (evidence for) novel SUSY BHs !

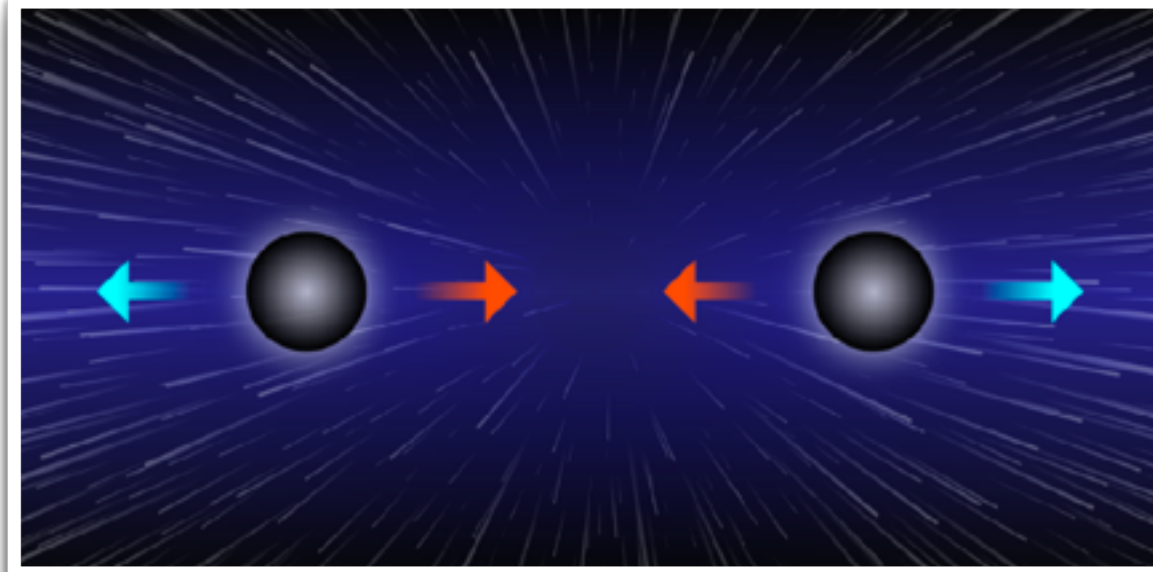


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4. Black hole binaries in an expanding Universe



Our Universe appears to be **expanding** due to the presence of a **positive** cosmological constant...

So we should ask:

What is the phase space of **stationary black hole** solutions
of the Einstein equation in **de Sitter**?

Are there **other solutions** besides de Sitter Schwarzschild and de Sitter Kerr?

Start with **Newtonian analysis**: consider a configuration of **N small BHs in de Sitter space**

$$\Lambda \equiv 3/\ell^2 > 0.$$

• **Newton-Hooke equations of motion:**
$$m_a \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_a}{dt^2} - m_a \frac{\mathbf{x}_a}{\ell^2} = - \sum_{b \neq a}^{b=N} \frac{m_a m_b (\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b)}{|\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b|^3}$$

• **Static solutions exist when:**
$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_a}{\ell^2} = \sum_{b \neq a}^{b=N} \frac{m_b (\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b)}{|\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b|^3} \quad (1)$$

• **Two equal mass BHs aligned along z axis and separated by a distance d:**

$$N = 2, \quad x_1 = -x_2 = \frac{d}{2} \hat{e}_z, \quad m_a = m_b = M$$

• **Then (1) yields:**
$$\frac{d^3}{\ell^3} = \frac{r_+}{\ell} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{\ell} = \frac{1}{(4\pi \ell T_+)^{1/3}} \quad (2) \quad \begin{aligned} r_+ &= 2M \\ T_+ &= (4\pi r_+)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

• **Require validity of Newton + Hooke approxs + BHs inside a single cosmological horizon:**

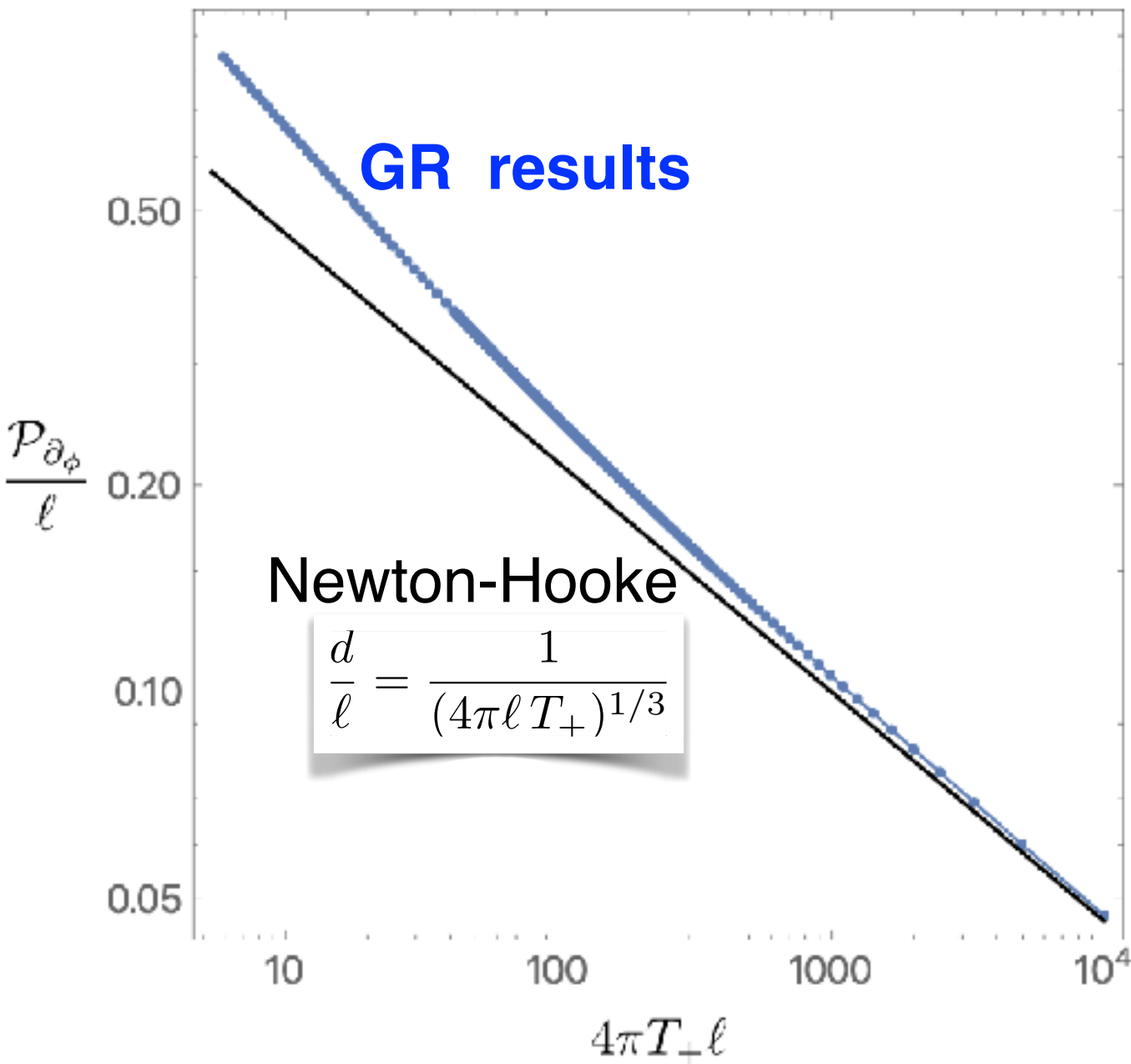
$$r_+ \ll d, \quad d \ll \ell \quad \text{and} \quad r_+ \ll \ell$$

• **If the distance between BHs is (2), first 2 conditions are obeyed if we assume the 3rd**
=> static de Sitter binaries with small BHs are consistent with Newton-Hooke theory.

- On the other hand, some **mathematical theorems** in the literature **claim uniqueness** of Schwarzschild/Kerr solutions in de Sitter!
- Solve the Einstein equations to **settle the issue!**
- Use **patching technique**, ie an ansatz that:
 - 1) near the **two event horizons** looks like the **Israel-Khan** solution (but without conical singularity) &
 - 2) near the (single) **cosmological horizon** looks like **de Sitter space** (in the static patch)
- We find that **regular static BH binaries do exist in de Sitter.**
- Not in conflict with available Uniqueness theorems:
we have (explicitly identified) **assumptions** of these theorems that can be **evaded**



Proper distance between the BH horizons
versus the BH temperature:



Total BH entropy versus the
cosmological horizon entropy:

