Title: Instability and new phases of higher-dimensional rotating black holes

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Abstract: It has been conjectured that higher-dimensional rotating black holes become unstable at a sufficiently large value of the rotation, and that new black holes with pinched horizons appear at the threshold of the instability. We search numerically, and find, the stationary axisymmetric perturbations of Myers-Perry black holes with a single spin that mark the onset of the instability and the appearance of the new black hole phases. We also find new ultraspinning Gregory-Laflamme instabilities of rotating black strings and branes.

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- We need a phase diagram for black holes in higher dimensions: finding new non-linear solutions is very challenging, so we study stability and zero-modes.

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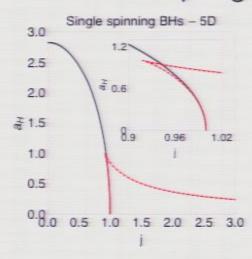
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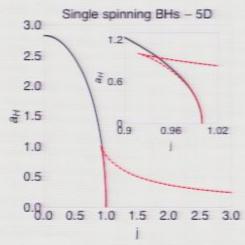
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 d ≥ 6: the only explicit solution is MP - new static numerical black objects with spatial section horizon topology S² × S^{d-4} (Kleihaus et al., conical singularity), many horizon topologies (Emparan et al., blackfold approach). Stability?

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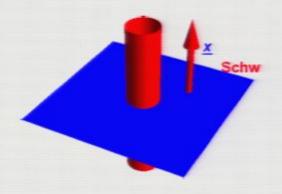
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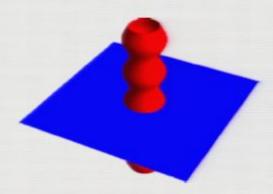
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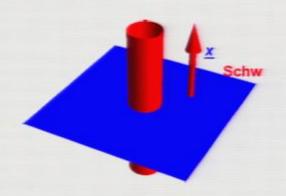
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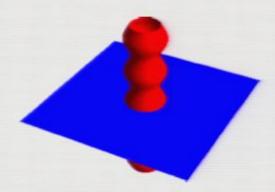




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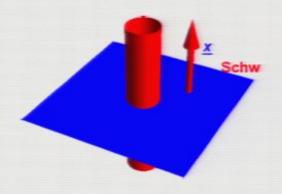


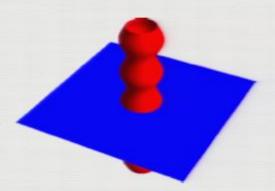


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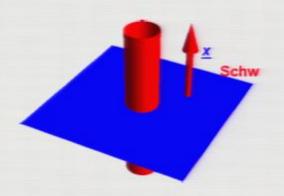


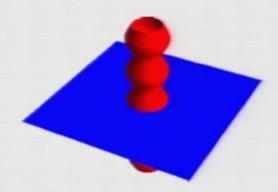
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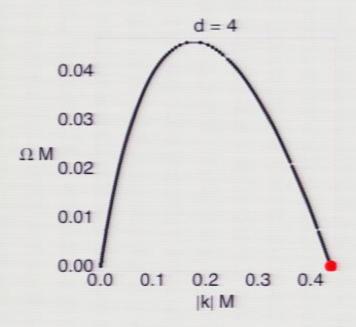


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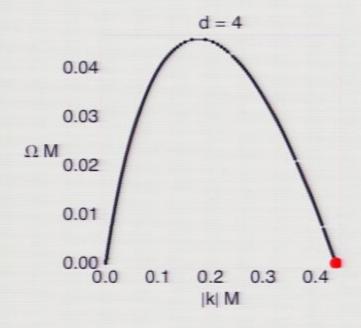
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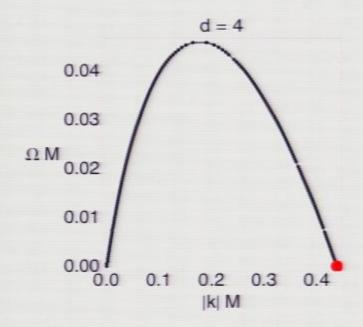
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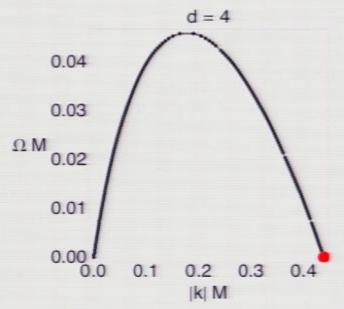
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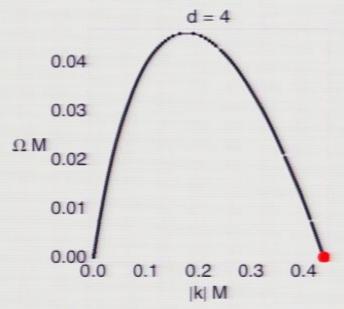
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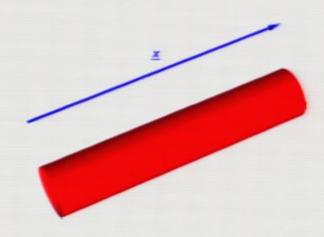
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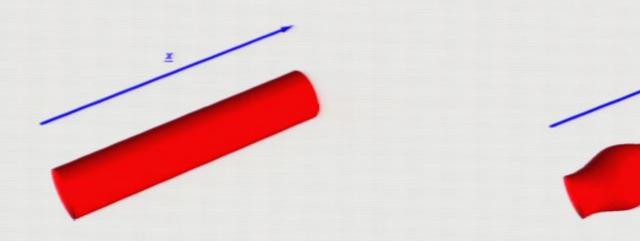
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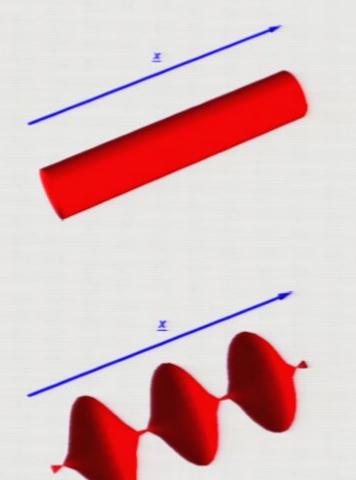
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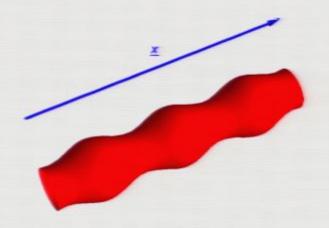


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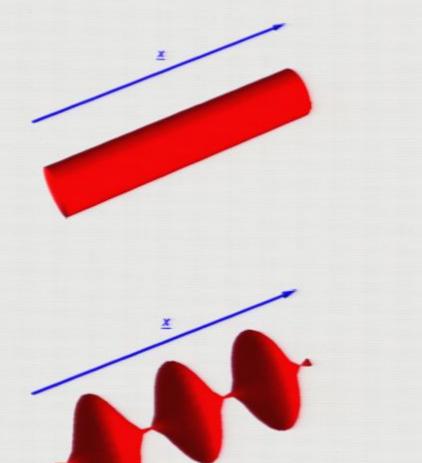


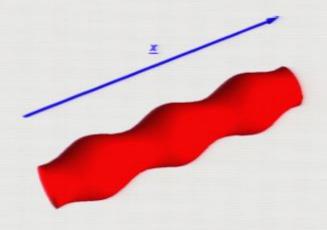
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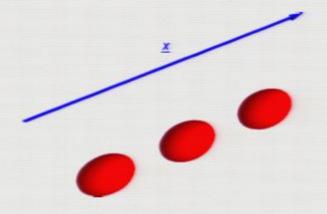




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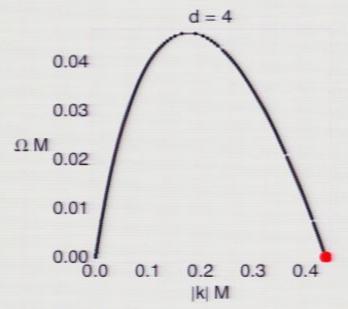






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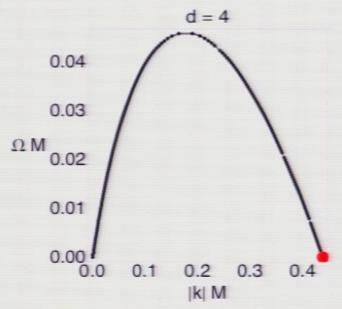
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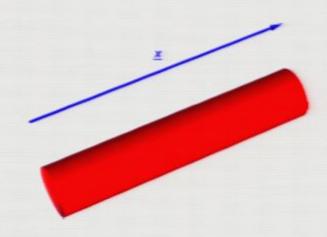
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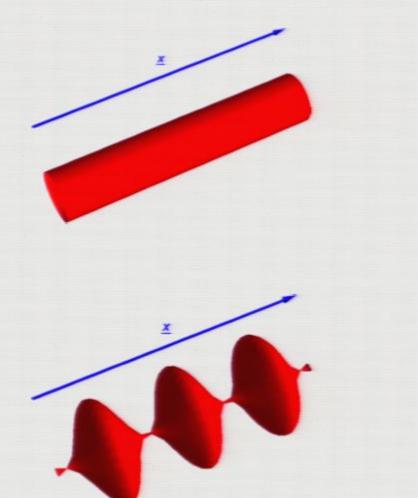
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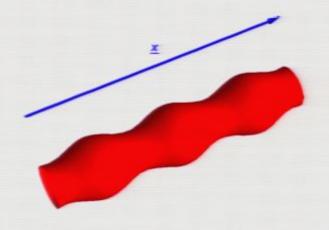


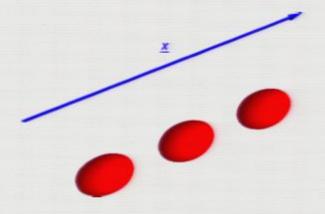
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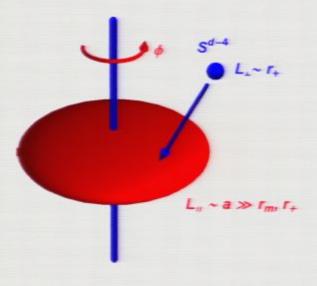
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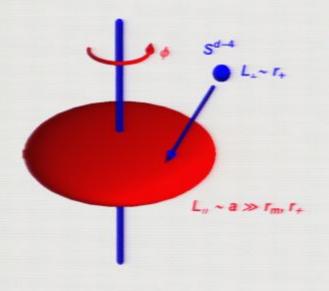
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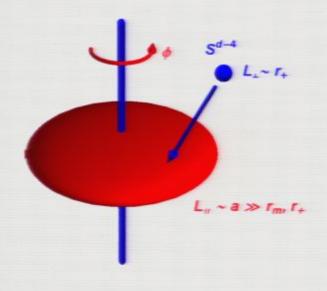
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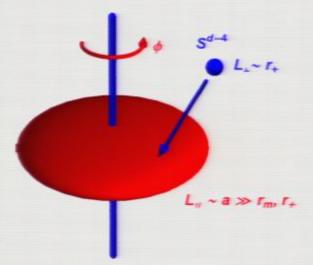
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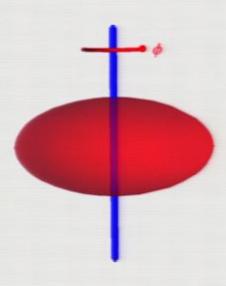


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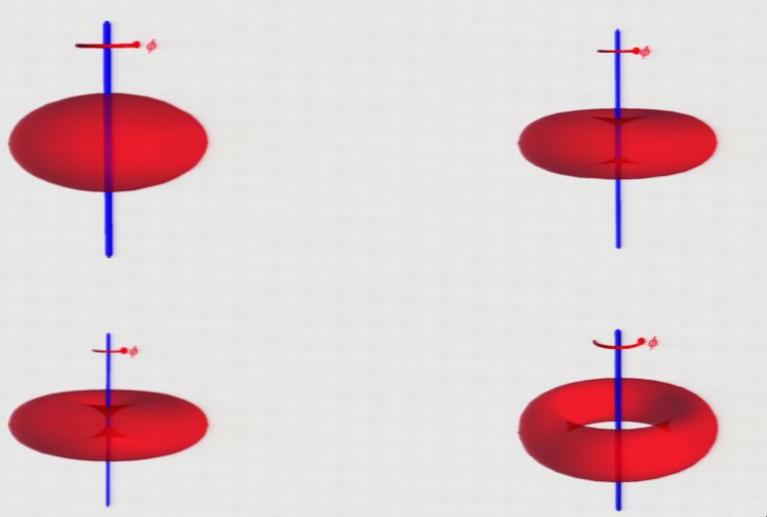
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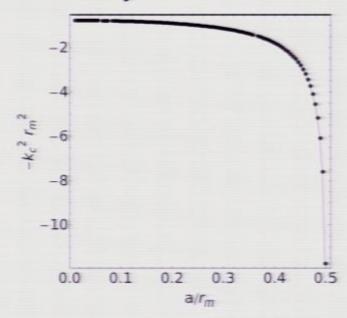
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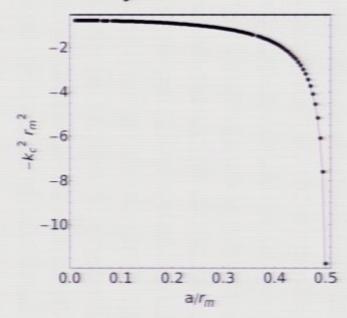
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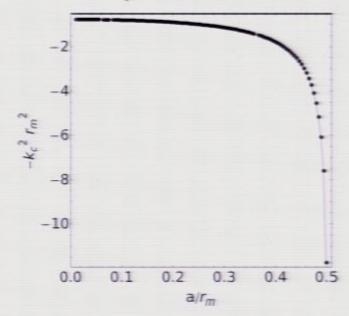
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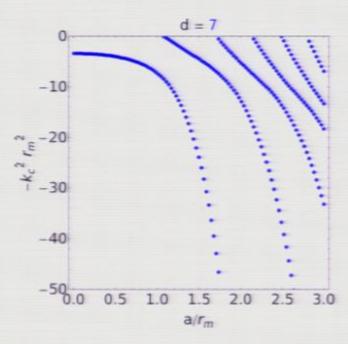
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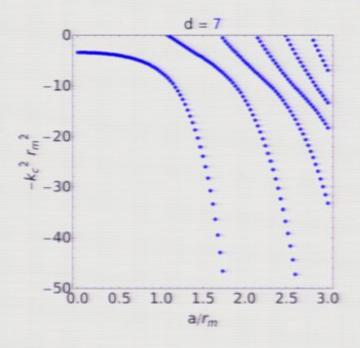
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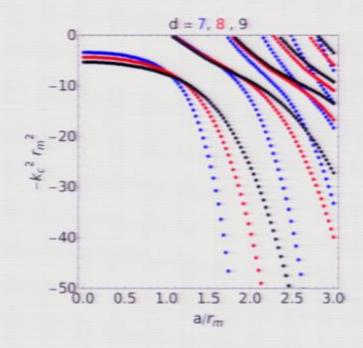
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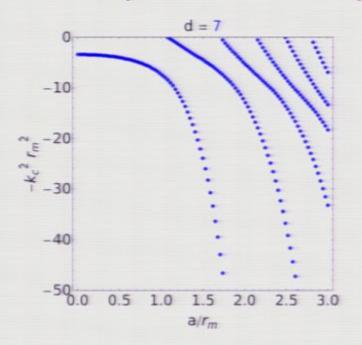
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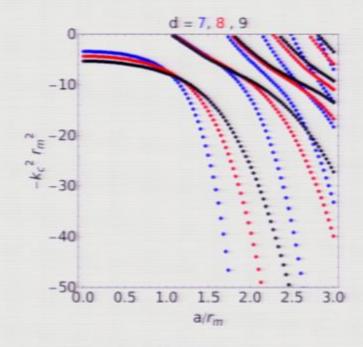




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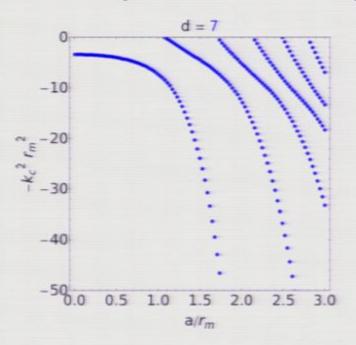
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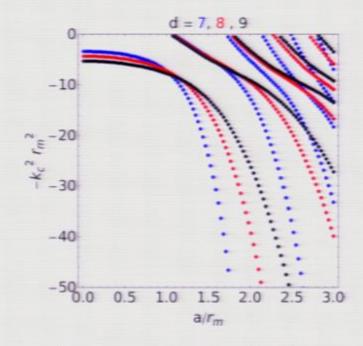




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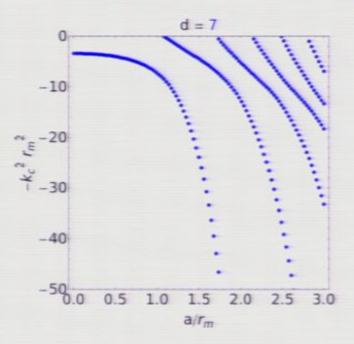
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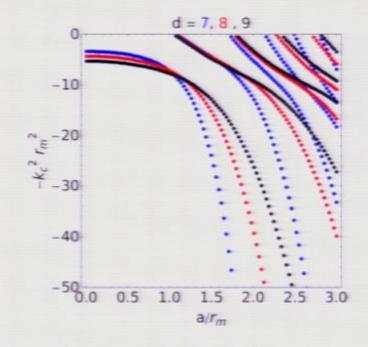




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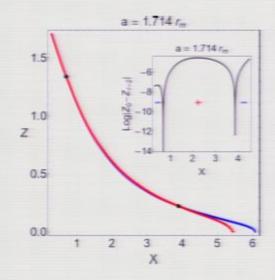
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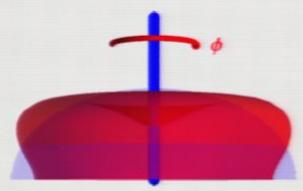
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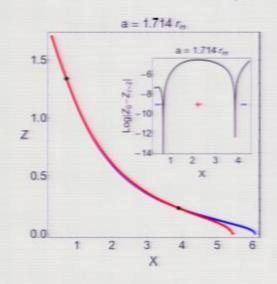
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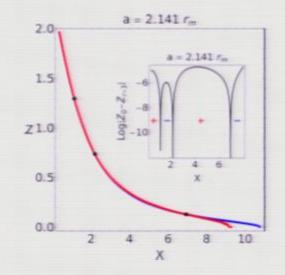


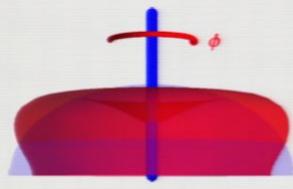


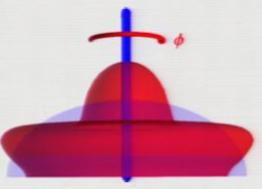
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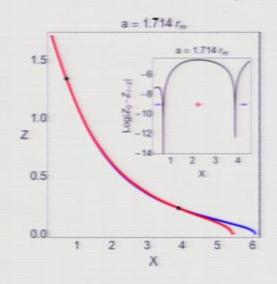


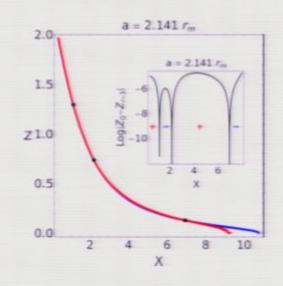


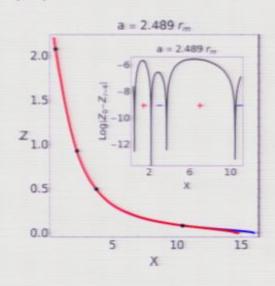


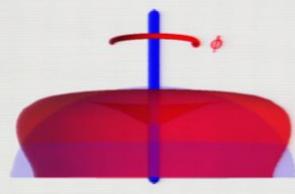
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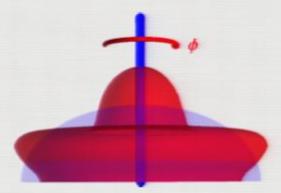
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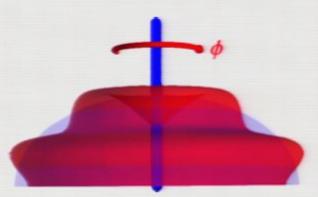












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Equal angular momenta MP solution in odd dimensions

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 co-dimension two problem (t and r dependence): non-trivial due to
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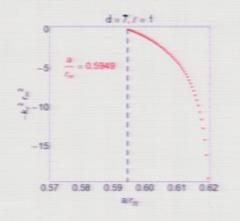
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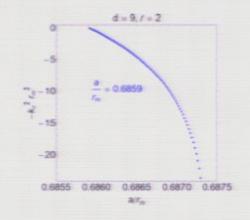
Results

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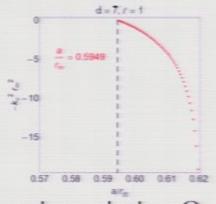
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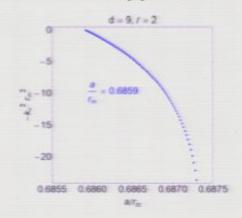


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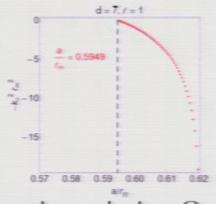
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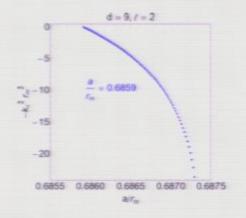


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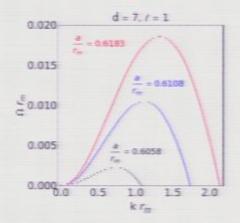


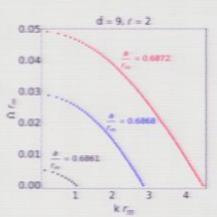
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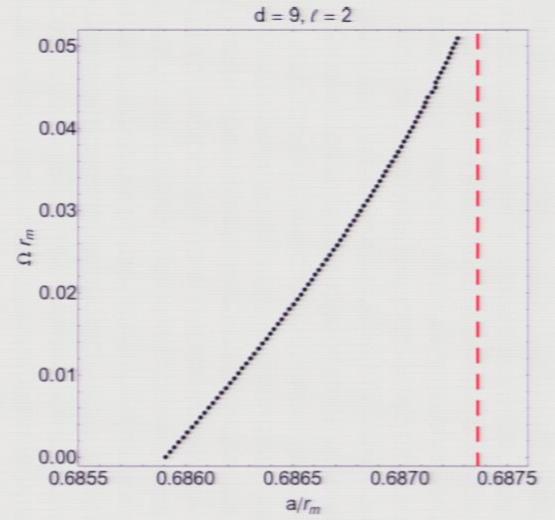
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Dispersion relation of the equal angular momenta MP

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Future directions:

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- Break transverse sphere in the single spinning MP solution (saturate Hawking's rigidity theorem).
- Consider a background MP with several angular momenta turned on.