

# Cones & Cosmological Singularities

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## OUTLINE

- BACKGROUND
- IDEA IN BRIEF
- BKL
- CONES

GIVEN IN WONDERFUL CRETE

- GR carries the seeds to its own destruction : **SINGULARITIES**
  - Especially interesting : Cosmological Big Bang/Crunch  
Inside black holes
  - Recent interest in String Theory  
(non-representative list!)  
(see Elitzur's talk)
- Maldacena      AdS-Schw  
Liu-Moore-Seiberg  
Jerusalem group      Elitzur, Gaiotto  
Stanford (very recent)      Rabinovici
- HERE:      VENUZIANO, BANKS  
AND MANY MANY OTHERS ...

People say: "DESPITE ALL THIS WORK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT WE DO NOT COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND..."

Actually I'd say

**WE KNOW CLOSE TO NOTHING...**

## WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Belinskii Khaletnikov Lifshitz

Classical GR approach to <sup>space-like</sup> singularity

Actually most of the problems found in String Theory computations originate (in hindsight) in Classical GR.

Much recent activity summarized in

"Cosmological Billiards" - Damour Henneaux Nicolai hep-th/.....

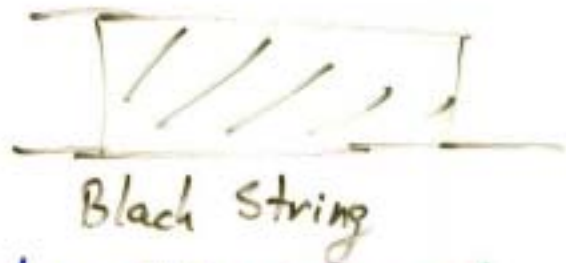
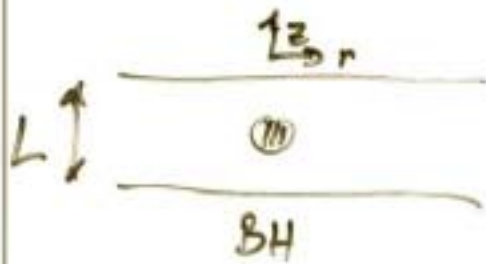
A CENTRAL RESULT: EXTENDED THEORIES OF GRAVITY CAN BE DIVIDED INTO

2 "BKL TYPES" or critical dimension (I'll review shortly).

# BLACK HOLE BLACK STRING TRANSITION

- Original motivation

2 phases in presence of compact dimension



- We know a lot about 4d class. GR. Surprisingly new qualitative issues arise in  $d > 4$ :

- Phase TRANSITION

- GENUINE TOPOLOGY CHANGE

- NON-UNIQUENESS

- EXPLOSION / THUNDERBOLT  $\xi \approx 10^{38} \text{ J}/\mu \approx 10^{28} \text{ J}/(\text{eV})^2$

- CONTROVERSY W. HOROWITZ-MAEDA

- NUMERICAL RESULTS BY WISEMAN, CHOPTUIK, LEHNER ET. AL.

- Importance of cones ...

- Likely to violate Cosmic Censorship.

CONES exhibit a CRITICAL DIMENSION for stability

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Related: Klebanov, Ranganami-Wilts, C. Böhm

Relation to BKL?

Gibbons.

Maybe NEW CRITERION for BKL types.

IDEA IN BRIEF

BKL

CONG

PHENOM.

CHAOS  $d \leq 10$  (osc. soln) tachyon  $d < 10$   
(AND STR. SUGRA? IA, IB, II, III)  
KASNER  
STEADY STATE  $d \geq 11$  stable  $d > 10$

MECHANISM

- finite/infinite Billiard table
- Hyperbolic/non algebras
- U duality Weat

- Effectively particle in 1d:  
 $V(x) = -\frac{c}{x^2}$ ,  $-\partial_x^2 + V(x) = H$   
 $c = \frac{2}{d-2}$   
 $c_{crit.} = \frac{1}{4}$

STRING TH. INTERPRETATION?  
WHY CHAOTIC?

BKL (exposition)

Schw

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + f^{-1}(r)dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{2}{r}$$

Near  $r \rightarrow 0$

$$f \sim -\frac{2}{r}$$

New coord.

$$dp \sim \sqrt{r} dr$$

$$ds^2 = -dp^2 + f^{-2/3} dt^2 + f^{4/3} d\Omega^2$$

COMPARE W. KASNER

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \sum_i t^{2p_i} dx_i^2$$

(in Schw  
 $p_i = -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ )

soln iff:

$$\begin{cases} \sum p_i^2 = 1 \\ \sum p_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

KASNER SPHERE

$$\exists p_i > 0, \exists p_j < 0$$

Is the singularity generic?

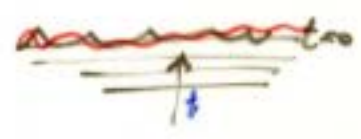
(late Co's)

BKL - no (at first)

Penrose - yes

BKL REDEEMED... - We have a detailed description of approach to singularity.

THE PROCEDURE:



$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + ds_x^2(x,t)$$

↓  $\partial_x \ll \partial_t$  assump. (ultra-locality)

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + ds_x^2(t)$$

$$ds_x^2 = N^T \cdot \exp(\text{diag}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{D-1})) \cdot N$$

$N$  - upper-diag =  $\mathbb{1} + [\dot{\phi}^*]$  INASAWA decomposition  
GRAHAM-SCHAIDT like

$I \sim \int dt \sqrt{g} (\dot{\phi}/dt)^2_{\text{too}}$ : Canonical Kinetic  $\Rightarrow$

Define  $d\tau = dt/\sqrt{g}$

$$I \sim \int d\tau \dot{\beta}^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} \dot{\beta}_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} \dot{\beta}_i \right)^2 - \mathcal{V}_S - \mathcal{V}_G$$

$$\mathcal{V}_G = -g R_x$$

$$R \sim -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{abc} e^{2(\beta_a - \beta_b - \beta_c)} (C^a_{bc})^2 + e^{-2\beta_a} F_a(\partial^b \beta, \partial^c \beta, \partial_c, c)$$

$$\partial^a = -\frac{1}{2} C^a_{bc} \theta^b \wedge \theta^c \quad (\text{defn of } C^a_{bc} - \text{structure constants.})$$

BKL limit  $|\beta| \rightarrow \infty$

$$\exp(w_i \beta^i) \rightarrow \Theta(w_i \beta^i)$$

$$\Theta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \infty & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{INFINITE WALL} \\ \text{POTENTIAL} \end{array}$$

### BILLIARD IN $\beta$ -SPACE



projectivized:



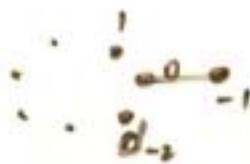
free motion (KASNER epoch) chaotic

non-chaotic

$$\beta \sim T, \quad T \sim \log t$$

- $D$ : duality, group theory: wall reflections are Weyl reflections.

eg.  $AE_d = A_{d-2}^{11}$   
 for pure gravity in  $d$  dimensions.





For concreteness:

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In 4d, explicit BKL eq's:

$$\begin{cases} 2 \alpha_{rr} = (\mu b^2 - \lambda c^2)^2 - (\lambda e^2)^2 \\ 2 \beta_{rr} = (\lambda e^2 - \mu c^2)^2 - (\mu b^2)^2 \\ 2 \gamma_{rr} = (\lambda e^2 - \mu b^2)^2 - (\nu c^2)^2 \end{cases}$$

$\lambda, \mu, \nu$  const

$$\begin{cases} a = e^r \\ b = e^p \\ c = e^r \end{cases}$$

+ constraint

$$\frac{1}{2} (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)_{rr} = \alpha_r \beta_r + \alpha_r \gamma_r + \beta_r \gamma_r$$

& substituting the second derivatives from eq. of motion.

Criticality:

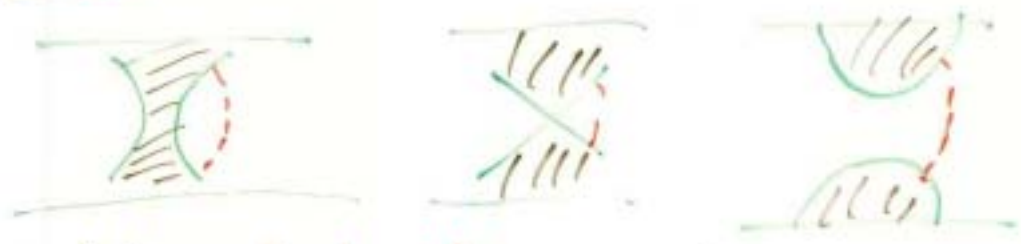
It so happens that  $K_{\text{pure}}$  gravity in  $d \leq 10$  has a finite Billiard table (equiv.  $AE_d$  is hyperbolic), and vice versa for  $d \geq 11$ .

More explicitly: On KASNER sphere

satisfy  $1 + p_a - p_b - p_c > 0 \quad \forall a, b, c$  all different (see expr. for  $R_r$ )

The solution set is non-empty iff  $d \geq 11$ .

CONES



Euclid. topology of --- :  $S^2 \times S^m$

CONIFOLD-LIKE TRANSITION



The cone solu:

$$ds^2 = dp^2 + \frac{m-1}{D-2} p^2 d\Omega_{S^m}^2 + \frac{n-1}{D-2} \cdot p^2 d\Omega_{S^n}^2$$

Dyn. system:

$$ds^2 = dp^2 + e^{2a(p)} d\Omega_{S^m}^2 + e^{2b(p)} d\Omega_{S^n}^2$$

Linearize  $Q = Q_0 + \epsilon/m$  } the constraint forces  
 $b = b_0 - \epsilon/n$  } a relation

Expand  $I^{(action)}$

$$I \sim \int p^{D-1} dp \left[ \frac{2(D-2)}{p^2} \epsilon^2 - \epsilon'^2 \right] + d(\epsilon^2)$$

canonical  
 $p \rightarrow \hat{p} = \dot{p}(p)$

$$I \sim \int d\hat{p} \left[ \frac{2}{D-2} \frac{1}{\hat{p}^2} \epsilon^2 - (\dot{\epsilon}/\dot{\hat{p}})^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{eff} = -\frac{2}{D-2} \frac{1}{\hat{p}^2}$$

New criterion for BKL type?

- BKL helps analyze cone equations.  $d\tau$   
 $\beta_1, \beta_2 \rightarrow \beta_i$   
 generalization
- BKL eq. have cone soln, but imaginary

$$\beta \sim \log t \sim \log \tau$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\tau \sim t^*$

• OUTSIDE BKL  
 limit

\* different from the  $\beta \sim \tau$  free KASNER motion

• CAN ONE GENERALIZE THE CRITERION OF  
 CONE STABILITY

TO REPLACE THE ANALYSIS OF BILLIARD  
 TABLE?