

# Non-Supersymmetric Attractors

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# Non-Supersymmetric Attractors

## Motivations:

1. Black Hole Physics: Entropy, etc

2. Landscape. Vacuum Selection?

Interesting Parallels with Flux  
Compactifications.

## II. What is an Attractor?

- 4 Dim. Gravity, Gauge fields  $F_i$  , Scalars,  $\phi_i$
  - Family of Extremal Black Hole Solutions .
  - The near horizon region of these black holes is universal, determined only by the charges.
- (Extremal Black Holes have minimum mass for given charge)

## Attractor:

- Scalars take fixed values at horizon. Independent of Asymp. Values (but dependent on charges).
- Resulting near-horizon geometry of form,  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  also independent of asymptotic values of moduli.
- The near-horizon region has enhanced symmetry  $SO(2, 1) \times SO(3)$



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$\phi(r)$  for various values of  $\phi_\infty$  (extremal bh,  $\alpha=2$ )

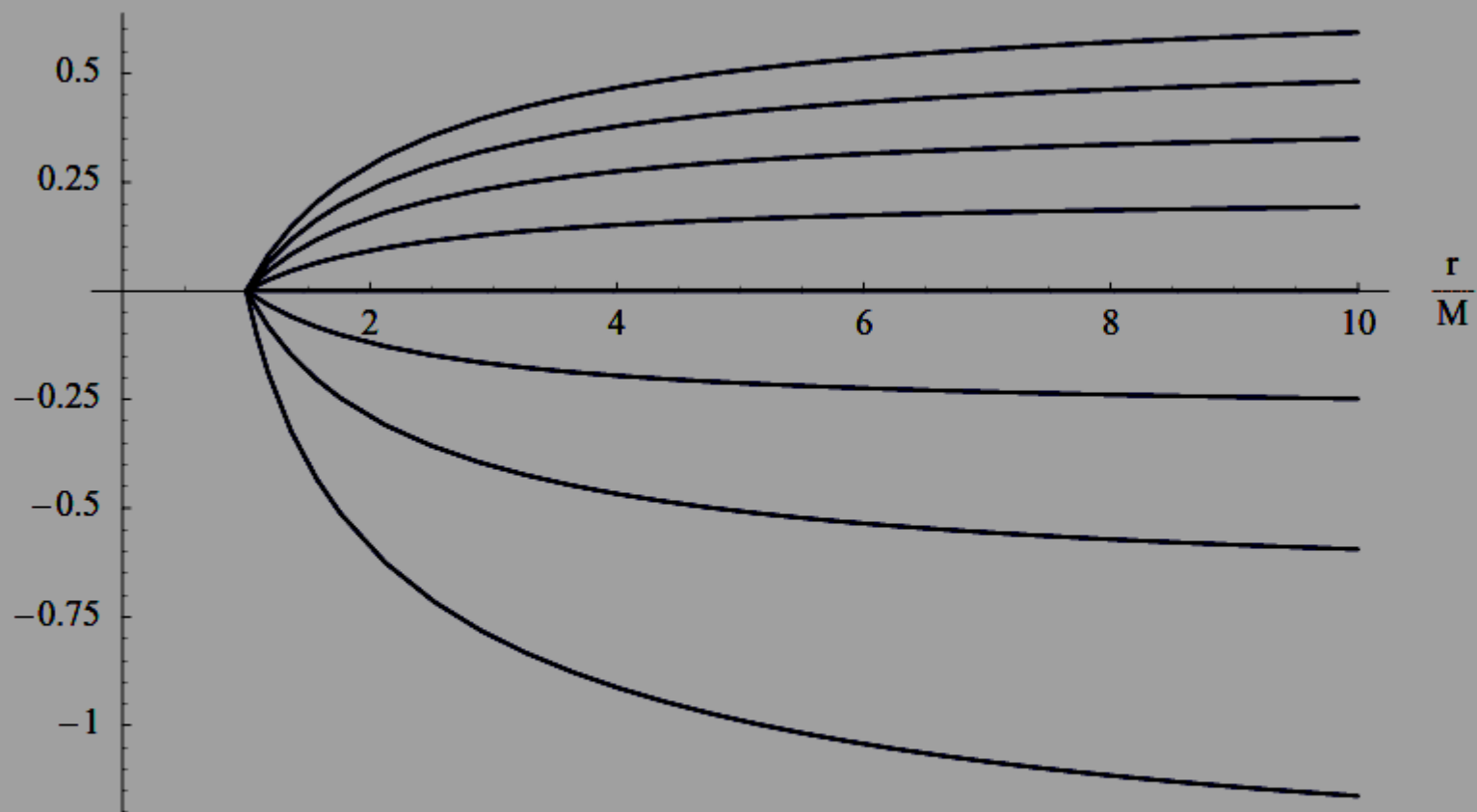


Figure 1: Attractor behaviour for the case  $\gamma = 1$ ;  $\alpha, -\tilde{\alpha} = 2$

- So far Mainly explored in Supersymmetric Cases.

Kalosh, Ferrara, Strominger .

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Ooguri, Strominger, Vafa, ...

- N=2 Supersymmetry.

- Black Holes BPS, preserve N=1 Susy.

# Aim of the Talk

- In this talk we shall ask whether there are non-supersymmetric attractors.
- And what we can learn from them.
- The Black Holes we shall be interested in are Extremal and break supersymmetry.

# Conditions for an Attractor (Not Necessarily Supersymmetric):

Spherically symmetric, Non-Rotating Black Holes:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-G} (R - 2g_{ij} \partial\phi^i \partial\phi^j - f_{ab}(\phi^i) F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{b\ \mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{f}_{ab}(\phi^i) F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\rho\sigma}^b \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma})$$

# Conditions for an Attractor

$$V_{eff}(\phi^i) \equiv f^{ab}(Q_{ea} - \tilde{f}_{ac}Q_m^c)(Q_{eb} - \tilde{f}_{bd}Q_m^d) + f_{ab}Q_m^a Q_m^b$$

$Q_{ea}, Q_m^a$  : are electric and magnetic charges of black hole.

$f_{ab}, \tilde{f}_{ab}$  : depend on the moduli fields

## Result:

- There is an attractor provided  $V_{eff}$  has a minimum :
- 1)  $\partial_i V_{eff}(\phi_{i0}) = 0$
- 2)  $\partial_i \partial_j V_{eff}(\phi_{i0}) > 0$
- The attractor values are  $\phi_{i0}$
- Entropy:  $S = \pi V_{eff}(\phi_{i0})$

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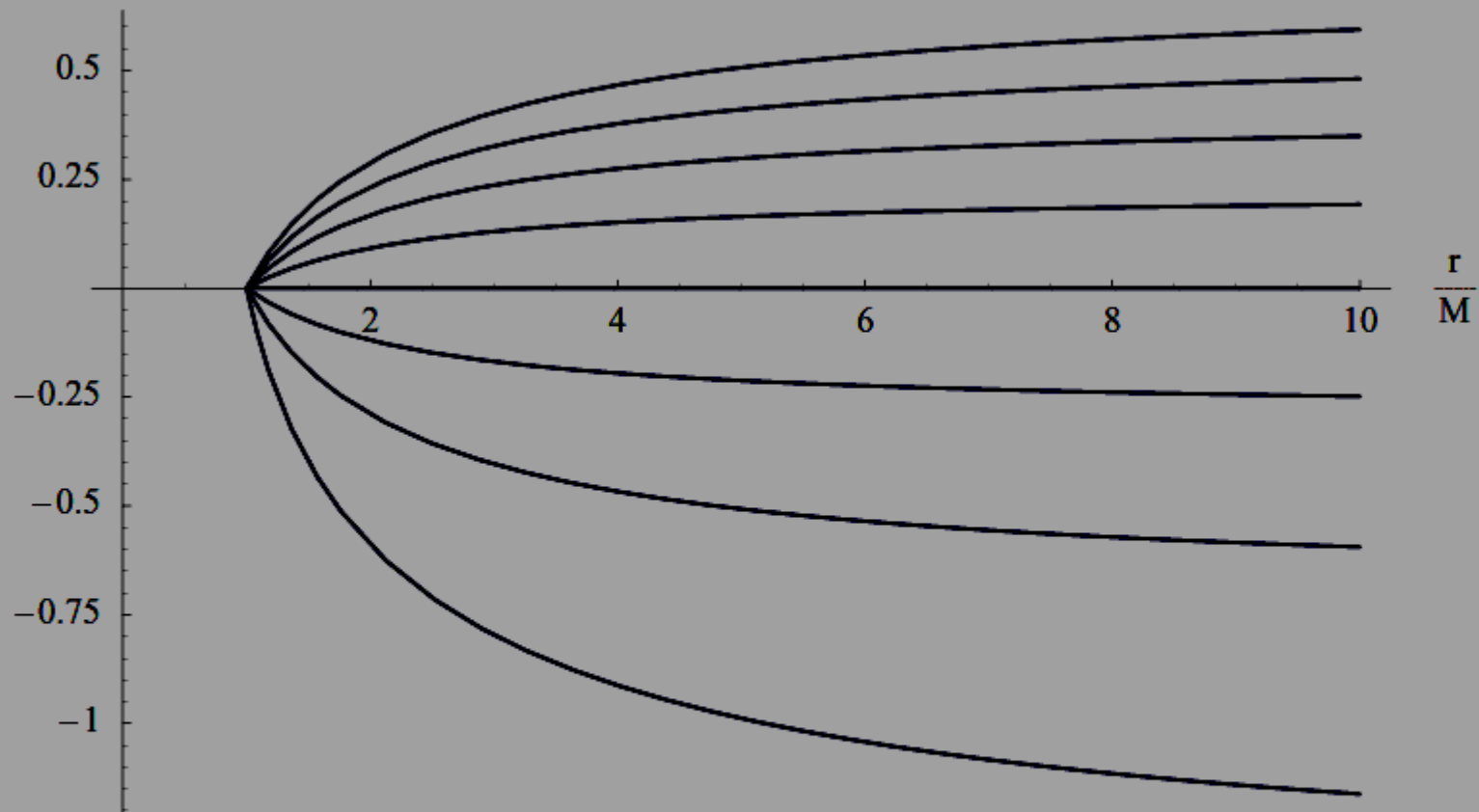


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## Analysis:

The essential complication is that the equations of motion are non-linear second order equations. Difficult to solve exactly.



## Attractor Solution:

- Scalars take attractor value at infinity and are kept constant.
- Resulting solution: Extremal Reissner Nordstrom Black Hole

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Small Parameter:  $\varepsilon = \phi_{\infty} - \phi_0$

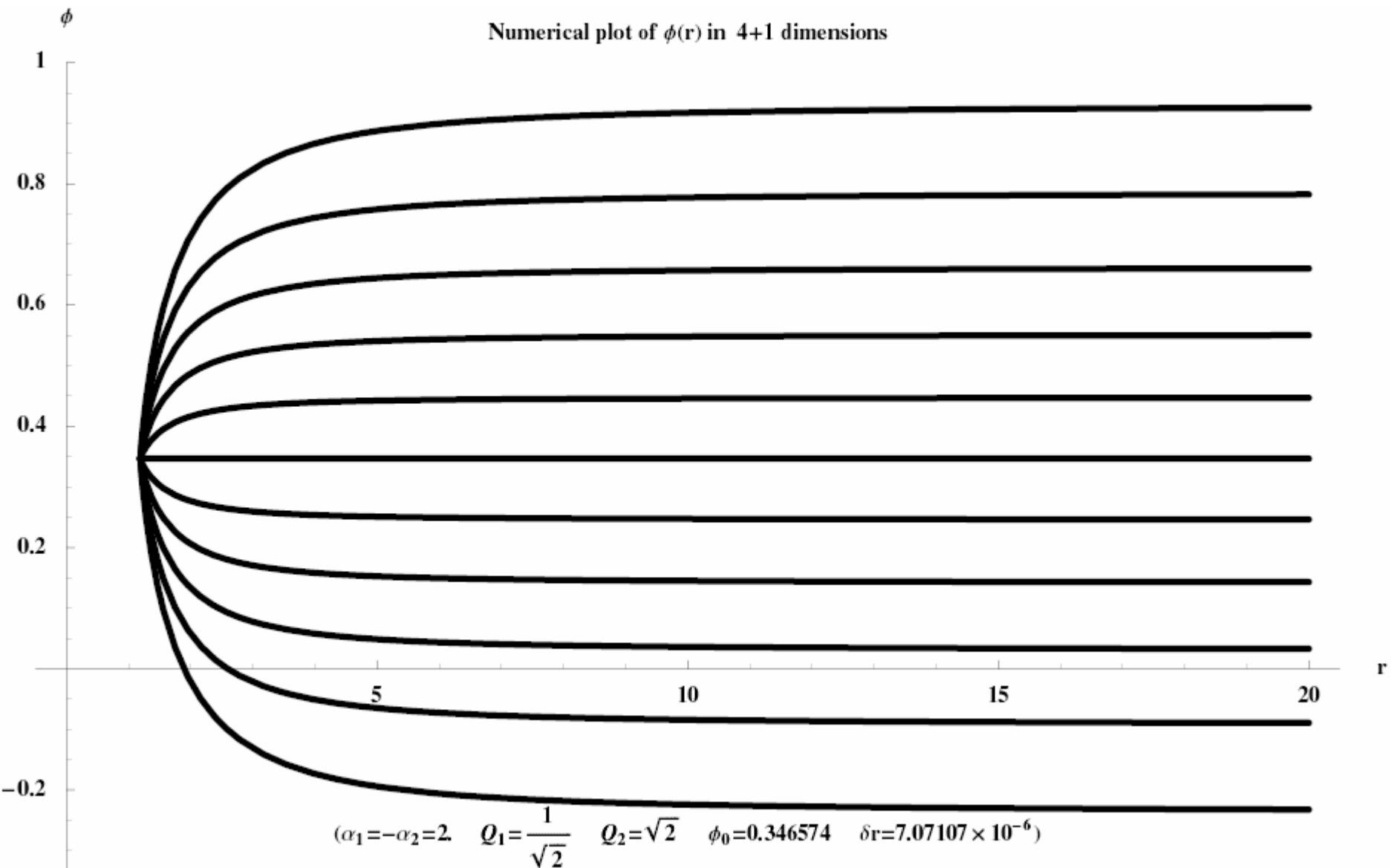
Equations are second order but Linear in perturbation theory.

# Generalisations:

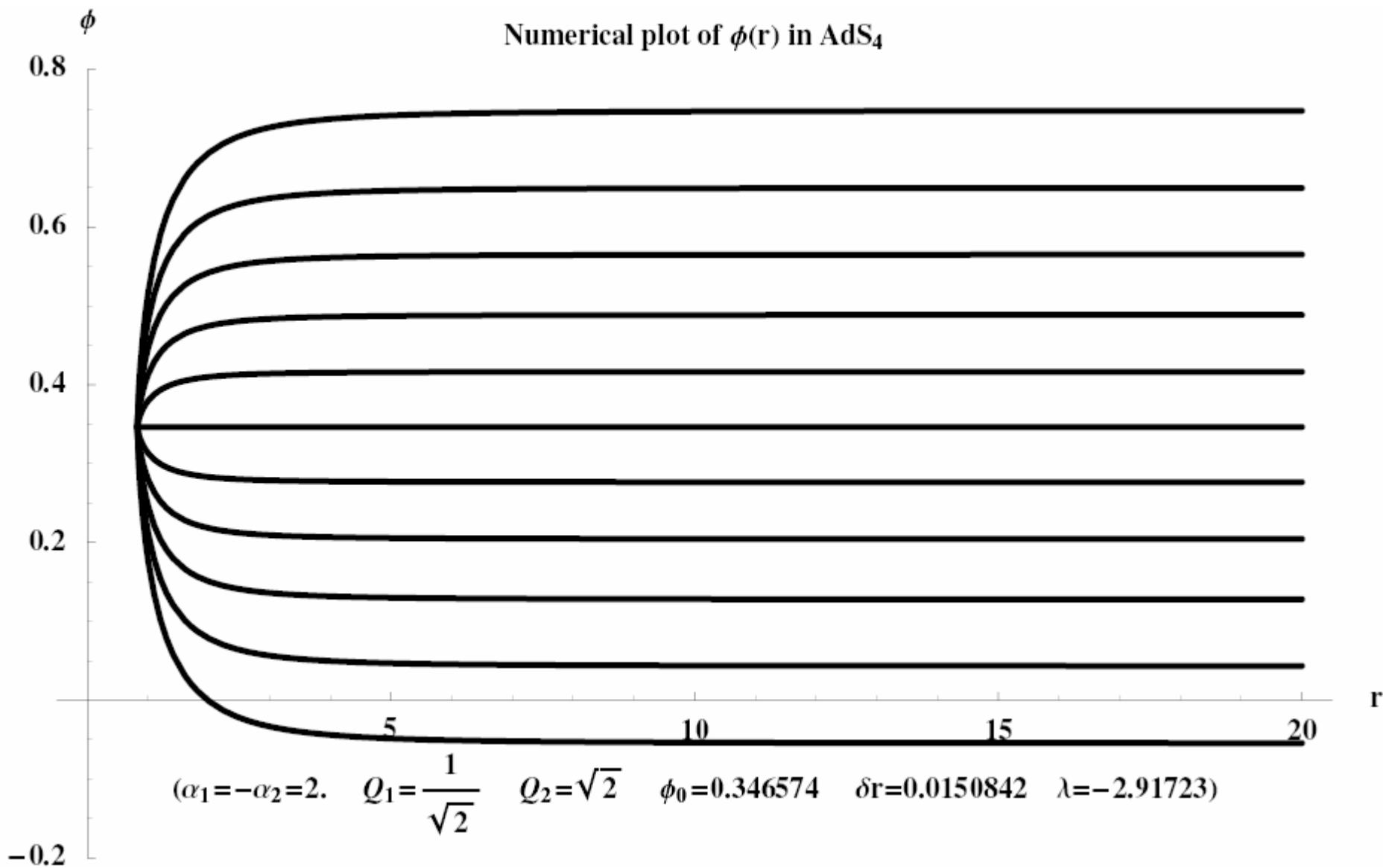
Attractor Mechanism works, with similar conditions on the effective potential in:

1. Higher Dimensions
2. Anti-DeSitter Space
3. De-Sitter Space

Numerical plot of  $\phi(r)$  in 4+1 dimensions



Numerical plot of  $\phi(r)$  in AdS<sub>4</sub>



# Related work: Entropy Function

A. Sen

- Basic idea : By extremising the Entropy function one obtains the attractor values for the moduli and geometry.
- Entropy is the extremum value of the function.
- Focus on the near-horizon region and use it's enhanced symmetries.

## Entropy Function Cont'd:

- Advantage: Higher derivative corrections can be included.
- Limitation: Does not tell which extrema can be obtained starting from infinity. Nor does it distinguish between stable and unstable attractors.
- For two-derivative actions, in calculating the attractor values, it agrees with the results from  $V_{eff}$

# Rotating Attractors

## Motivation:

- How general is this phenomenon?
- Consider cases where supersymmetry is slightly broken.



## II) Rotating Attractors

- We find similar results for rotating extremal black holes as well.
- Near horizon geometry :

$$SO(2, 1) \times U(1)$$

## Results:

- Generically all moduli and metric components have fixed functional form at horizon.
- Entropy is determined by charges alone.
- Analysis should generalise to higher dimensions and also for horizons with any compact topology.

# Example: Type II on Calabi Yau Three-fold

$$V(\phi) = e^K (|DW|^2 + |W|^2)$$

$W$  : Superpotential determined by  
the charges

$K$  : Kahler potential

This is analogous to the potential in flux compactifications.

$$V = e^K [ |D_i W|^2 - 3|W|^2 ]$$

$W$  : Determined by the fluxes.

# N=2 Susy Case Cont'd:

Susy Attractor:

$$D_i W = 0 \implies \partial_i V = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} > 0$$

$$\text{Entropy} \sim e^K |W|^2$$

# Non-Susy Attractor

Condition 1:  $\partial_i V = 0$   
(But  $D_i W \neq 0$  )

Condition 2:  $\partial_{ij} V > 0$   
(with suitable generalisations)

## Result

- Depending on charges one gets either a susy attractor or a non-susy extremum of the effective potential.
- Sometimes the non-susy extremum is an attractor.
- Entropy in the non-susy case is obtained by appropriately continuing the susy formula.

# Type IIA at Large Volume

## I) No D6 Branes:

D4 brane charge  $p^a$

D0 brane charge  $q_0$



$$D \equiv D_{abc} p^a p^b p^c$$

Susy solution exists when  $q_0/D > 0$

Non-susy attractor exists when

$$q_0/D < 0$$

Susy entropy:

$$S = 2\pi \sqrt{Dq_0},$$

Non-susy entropy:

$$S = 2\pi \sqrt{-Dq_0},$$

# Non-supersymmetric Attractors

With D6 brane charge:

- P0 D6 branes with  $p^a$  units of D4 brane charge along the  $\Sigma^a$  cycle and  $q_0$  units of D0 brane charge.
- Supersymmetric attractor exists if

$$\frac{4D}{q_0} > (p^0)^2$$

It has entropy,

$$S = \pi \sqrt{4Dq_0 - (p^0)^2 q_0^2}.$$

A Non-susy solution exists when

$$\frac{4D}{q_0} < (p^0)^2$$

$$S = \pi \sqrt{(p^0)^2 q_0^2 - 4Dq_0}.$$

- However, there are  $N_\nu - 1$  zero modes.
- The leading corrections along these directions are cubic:

$$V_{eff}(x^a) = V_{eff}(x_0^a) + \lambda D_{abc} \alpha^a \alpha^b \alpha^c,$$

- Thus non-positive.
- As a result extremum is not an attractor.

# Microstate counting and Attractors

The microstate counting for many non-susy extremal black holes agrees with their Beckenstein Hawking entropy.

e.g. MSW string has the same left and right moving central charge (for large  $Q$ ).

$$S_{BH} = 2\pi\sqrt{|Dq_0|}$$

Why?

Microscopic calculation and supergravity calculations are controlled in different regions of moduli space:

Microscopic:  $g_s Q \ll 1$

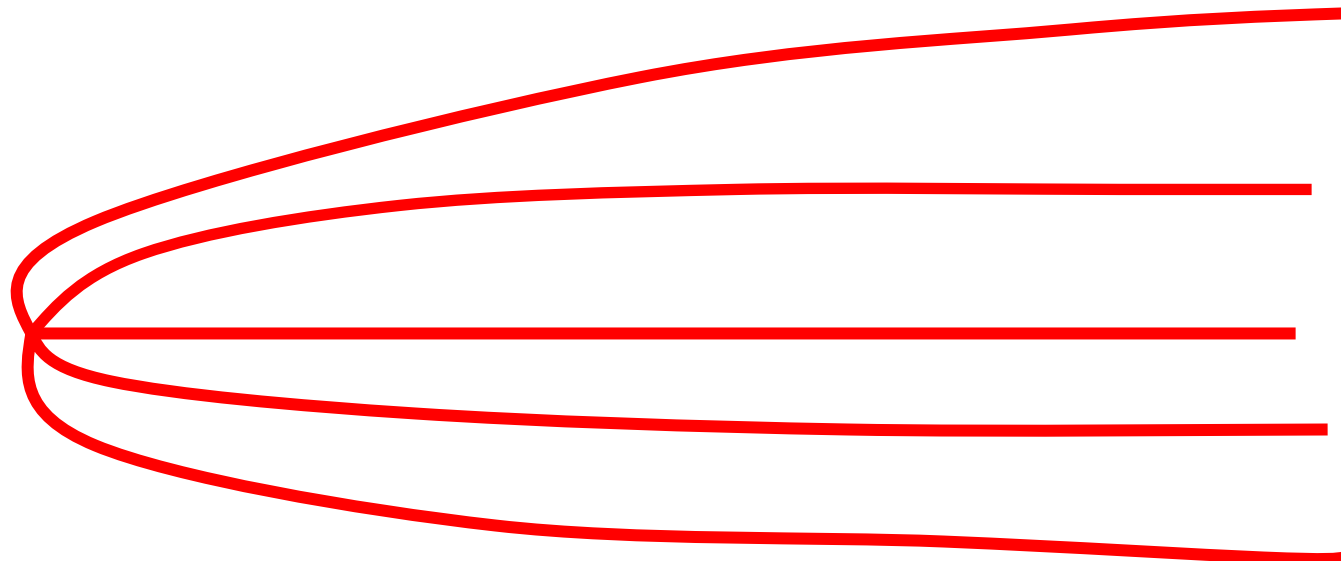
Macroscopic:  $g_s Q \gg 1$

Perhaps the Attractor phenomenon can provide an explanation:

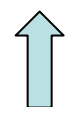
- Suppose the  $g_s Q \ll 1$  region and the  $g_s Q \gg 1$  region both lie in the same basin of attraction. That is they both flow to the same attractor.
- Then the entropy in the two cases must also agree.
- In effect the attractor mechanism provides an argument for the non-renormalisation of the entropy.



$$g_s N \ll 1$$



$$g_s N \gg 1$$



- Typically when  $g_s Q \ll 1$ , at asymptotic infinity, there will be some region where the supergravity description breaks down.
- Still, as long as the attractor geometry is unchanged the entropy will remain unchanged.
- Higher derivative corrections can be included, if need be, using the entropy function of Sen.

## Some Assumptions:

1. No phase transitions: i.e., the same basin of attraction
2. Assume that extremal black holes correspond to states with minimum mass for given charge.

## Comments:

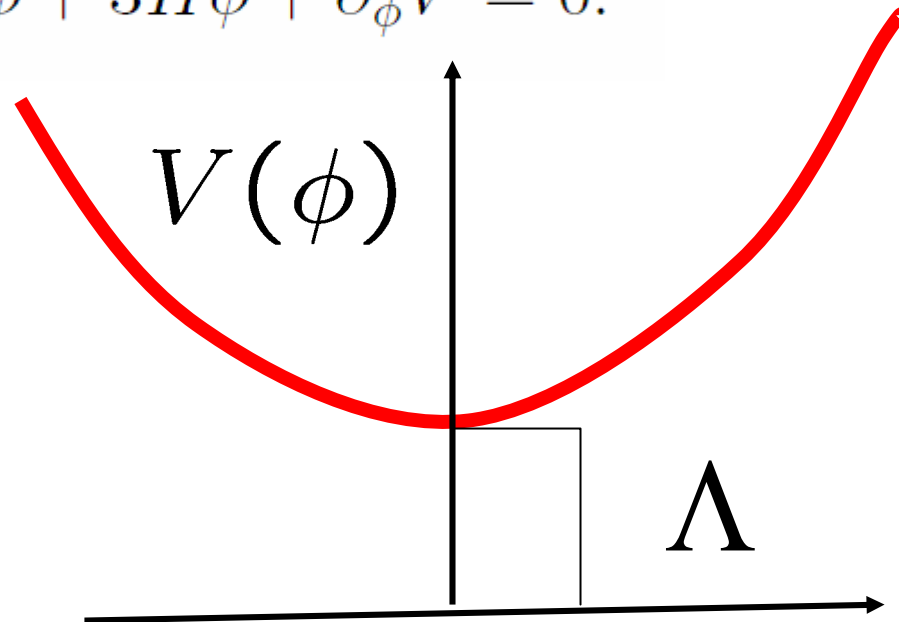
Argument applies to susy black holes too. For total no. of states not an index.

# Some comments related to Cosmology

- A dynamical system is drawn to an attractor at late times regardless of initial conditions.
- For black holes the attractor behaviour is non-generic.

# Cosmology in an expanding universe:

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \partial_{\phi}V = 0.$$



Friction term means system will settle to bottom of potential. This is the attractor.

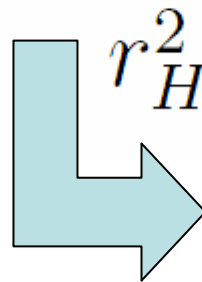
# Aside on the scalar perturbation equation for attractors:

$$e^{-t} \equiv \frac{r - r_H}{r_H}.$$

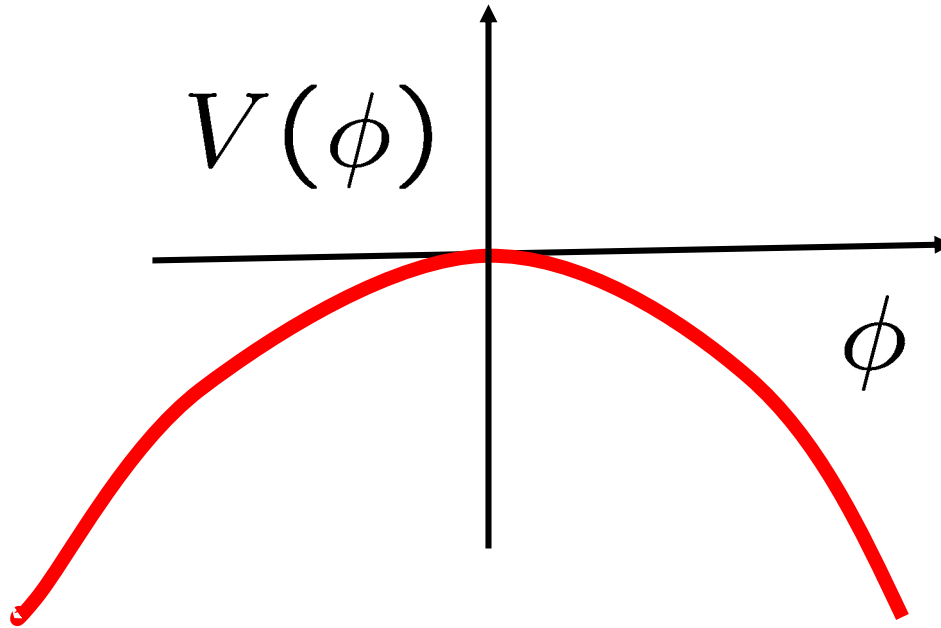
$$t \rightarrow \infty, \text{ as } (r - r_H) \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\delta\ddot{\phi} - \delta\dot{\phi} - \frac{m^2}{r_H^2}\delta\phi = 0.$$

Anti-friction  
term



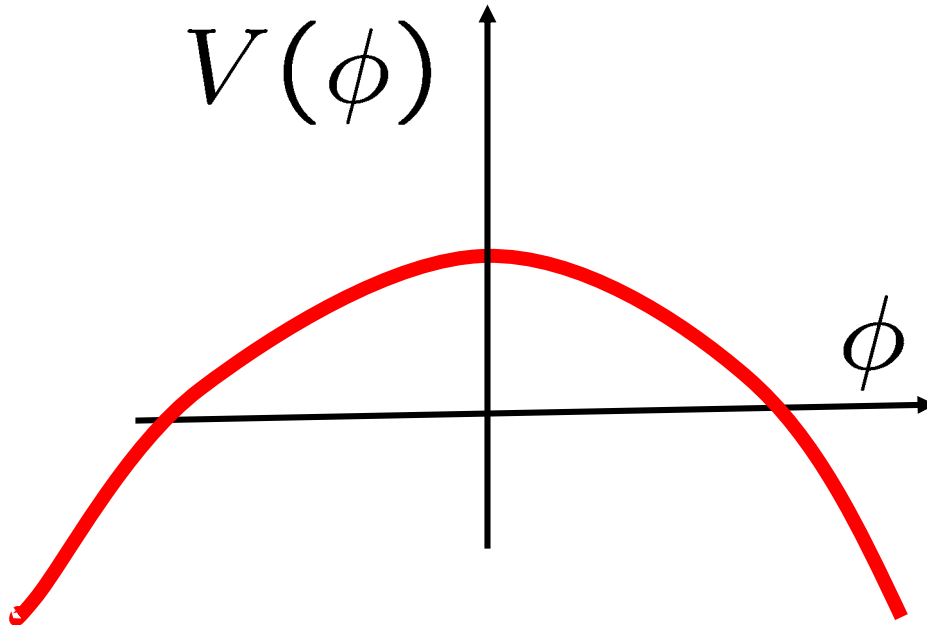
Upside down  
square well



Anti-friction aids the motion.  
Potential pushes it down.

Note here  $V(\phi) = -V_{eff}$

Analogue of the black hole attractor is early time behaviour in deSitter space of a negative mass scalar.





$$ds^2 = -\frac{dt^2}{t^2} + t^2 dx_i^2,$$

Requiring  $t \rightarrow 0$  to be singularity free, means only one of the two solutions is allowed. For  $m^2 < 0$  this solution vanishes leading to attractor behavior.

Can we make something of this attractor?

# Conclusions

1) Non-supersymmetric extremal black holes show attractor behaviour. The phenomenon is quite general.

2) Includes examples in String Theory.

3) Interesting implications for microstate counting of black hole entropy .

And maybe in future for cosmology.

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