Black hole collisions in higher dimensional spacetimes

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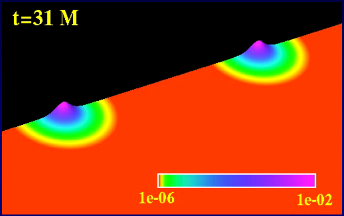
High Energy Collision of Particles

Consider particle collsions with $E = 2\gamma m_0 c^2 > M_{Pl}$

- Hoop - Conjecture (Thorne '72)
  $\Rightarrow$ BH formation, if circumference of particle $< 2\pi r_S$
- Collisions of shock waves (Penrose '74, Eardley & Giddings '02)
  $\Rightarrow$ BH formation if $b \leq r_S$
- numerical evidence in ultra relativistic collision of boson stars
  $\Rightarrow$ BH formation if boost $\gamma_c \geq 2.9$



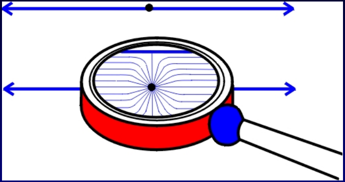
Low Lorentz boost, $\gamma = 1$
Large Lorentz boost, $\gamma = 4$

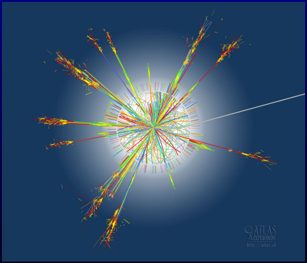
Choptuik & Pretorius '10,
http://physics.princeton.edu/ fpretori

$\Rightarrow$ black hole formation in high energy collisions of particles

TeV gravity

- above the Planck scale:
  gravity is dominant interaction
  $\Rightarrow$ classical description
- in $D = 4$:
  $m_{EW} \sim 10^3\, GeV$, $M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19}\, GeV$
  $\Rightarrow$ "hierarchy problem"





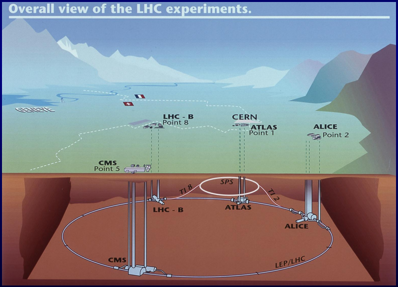
- higher dimensional theories of gravity
  - large extra dimensions
    (Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos & Dvali '98,
    Dvali, Gabadadze & Porrati '00)
  - warped extra dimensions
    (Randall & Sundrum '99)
- in $D > 4$: lowering of Planck scale
  $\Rightarrow M_{Pl} \sim TeV$

TeV gravity

TeV gravity scenarios

⇒ signatures of black hole production in high energy collision of particles

- at the Large Hadron Collider
- in Cosmic Rays interactions



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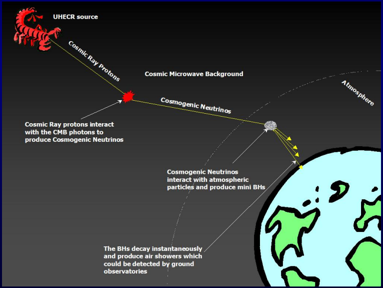

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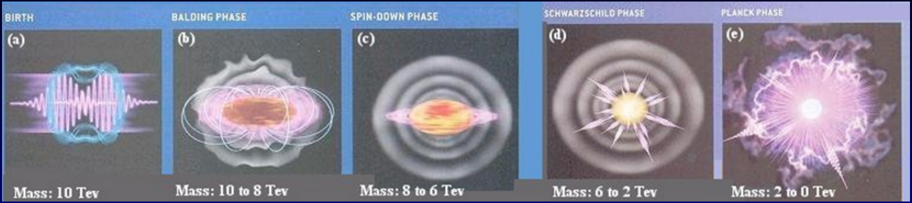
Life cycle of Mini Black Holes



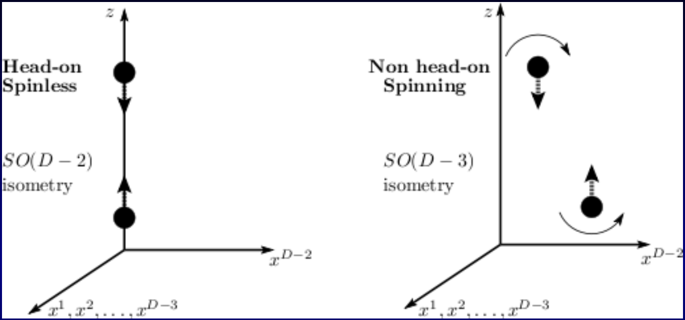
1. Formation
   - lower bound on BH mass from area theorem (Yoshino & Nambu '02)
2. Balding phase: end state is Myers-Perry black hole
3. Spindown phase: loss of angular momentum and mass
4. Schwarzschild phase: decay via Hawking radiation
5. Planck phase: $M \sim M_{Pl}$

Goal: more precise understanding of black hole formation
$\Rightarrow$ compute mass and spin of final black hole
$\Rightarrow$ input to event generators (TRUENOIR, Catfish, BlackMax, Charybdis2)
Toy model: black hole collisions in higher dimensions

Numerical Relativity in $D > 4$ Dimensions

- Yoshino & Shibata, Phys. Rev. **D80**, 2009,
  Shibata & Yoshino, Phys. Rev. **D81**, 2010
- Okawa, Nakao & Shibata, Phys. Rev. **83**, 2011
- Lehner & Pretorius, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 2010
- Sorkin & Choptuik, GRG **42**, 2010; Sorkin, Phys. Rev. **D81**, 2010
- Zilhão et al., Phys. Rev. **D 81**, 2010,
  Witek et al, Phys. Rev. **D82**, 2010.

Numerical Relativity in D Dimensions



- consider highly symmetric problems
- dimensional reduction by isometry on a (D-4)-sphere

general metric element

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \lambda(x^\mu) d\Omega_{D-4}$$

Numerical Relativity in D Dimensions

D dimensional vacuum Einstein equations $G_{AB} = R_{AB} - \frac{1}{2} g_{AB} R = 0$ **imply**

$$
\begin{aligned}
{}^{(4)}T_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{D-4}{16\pi\lambda}\left[\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \lambda - \frac{1}{2\lambda}\partial_\mu \lambda \partial_\nu \lambda - (D-5) g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{D-5}{4\lambda} g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \lambda \nabla^\alpha \lambda\right] \\
\nabla^\mu \nabla_\mu \lambda &= 2(D-5) - \frac{D-6}{2\lambda}\nabla^\mu \lambda \nabla_\mu \lambda
\end{aligned}
$$

$\Rightarrow$ $4D$ Einstein equations coupled to scalar field

$\Rightarrow$ 3+1 split of spacetime ${}^{(4)}\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R} + {}^{(3)}\Sigma$ (Arnowitt, Deser, Misner '62)
$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \left(-\alpha^2 + \beta_k \beta^k\right) dt^2 + 2\beta_i dx^i dt + \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$

$\Rightarrow$ Formulation as initial value problem with constraints (York 1979)
dynamical variables:
3-metric γ_{ij}, extrinsic curvature K_{ij}, scalar field λ, momentum K_λ

Wave Extraction in $D > 4$

Generalization of Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli formalism by Kodama & Ishibashi '03

Master function

$$\Phi_{,t} = (D-2) r^{(D-4)/2} \frac{2rF_{,t} - F^r_t}{k^2 - D + 2 + \frac{(D-2)(D-1)}{2} \frac{r_S^{D-3}}{r^{D-3}}} , \qquad k = l(l+D-3)$$

Energy flux & radiated energy

$$\frac{dE_l}{dt} = \frac{(D-3)k^2(k^2-D+2)}{32\pi(D-2)} (\Phi^l_{,t})^2 , \qquad E = \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dE_l}{dt}$$

Momentum flux & recoil velocity

$$\frac{dP^i}{dt} = \int_{S_\infty} d\Omega \frac{d^2E}{dtd\Omega} n^i , \qquad v_{recoil} = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dP}{dt} \right|$$

Numerical Setup

- use Sperhake's extended LEAN code (Sperhake '07, Zilhão et al '10)
  - 3+1 Einstein equations with scalar field
  - Baumgarte-Shapiro-Shibata-Nakamura formulation with moving puncture approach
    dynamical variables: χ, $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$, K, $\tilde{A}_{ij}$, $\tilde{\Gamma}^i$, ζ, K_ζ
  - modified puncture gauge

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \alpha &= \beta^k \partial_k \alpha - 2\alpha(K + (D-4)K_\zeta) \\ \partial_t \beta^i &= \beta^k \partial_k \beta^i - \eta_\beta \beta^i + \eta_\Gamma \tilde{\Gamma}^i + \eta_\lambda \frac{D-4}{2\zeta} \tilde{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_j \zeta \end{aligned}$$

- Brill-Lindquist type initial data

$$\psi = 1 + r_{S,1}^{D-3}/4r_1^{D-3} + r_{S,2}^{D-3}/4r_2^{D-3}$$

- measure lengths in terms of r_S with

$$r_S^{D-3} = \frac{16\pi}{(D-2)A^{S^{D-2}}} M$$

Unequal mass head-on

in $D = 5$ dimensions

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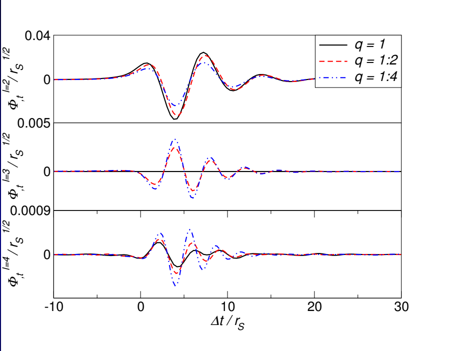
Unequal mass head-on in $D = 5$

Modes of $\Phi_{,t}$

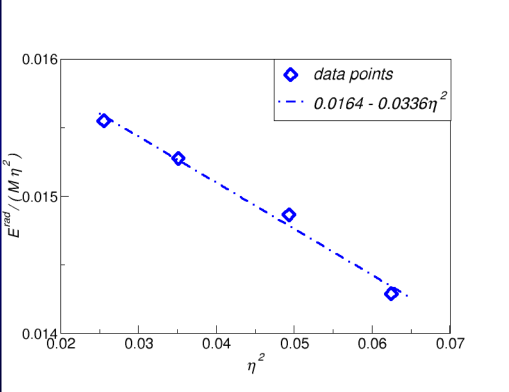


- consider mass ratios

$$q = r_{S,1}^{D-3}/r_{S,2}^{D-3} = 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$$

q	$E/M(\%)$	$E_{l=2}(\%)$	$E_{l=3}(\%)$	$E_{l=4}(\%)$
1/1	0.089	99.9	0.0	0.1
1/2	0.073	97.7	2.2	0.1
1/3	0.054	94.8	4.8	0.4
1/4	0.040	92.4	7.0	0.6

Unequal mass head-on in $D = 5$ - radiated energy



- $E/M \sim \eta^2$
  (M.Lemos '10, MSc thesis, http://blackholes.ist.utl.pt/)
- fitting function

$$\frac{E}{M\eta^2} = 0.0164 - 0.0336\eta^2 \,,$$

- within $< 1\%$ agreement with point particle calculation (Berti et al, 2010)

Equal mass head-on

in $D = 4, 5, 6$ dimensions

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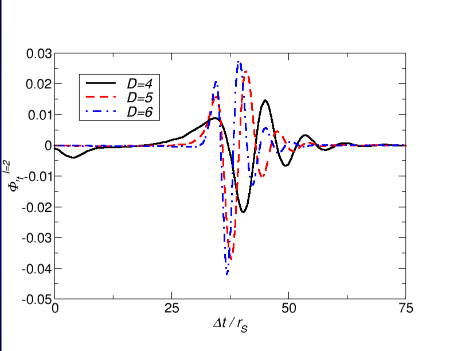
Equal mass head-on in $D = 6$ (work in progress)



- Key (technical) issues:
  - modification of gauge conditions
  - modification of formulation
- increase in E/M with D $\Rightarrow$ qualitative agreement with PP calculations (Berti et al, 2010)

D	$r_S\,\omega(l=2)$	$E/M(\%)$
4	$0.7473 - i\,0.1779$	0.055
5	$0.9477 - i\,0.2561$	0.089
6	$1.140 - i\,0.304$	0.104

Head-on collisions

of boosted black holes

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Initial data for boosted BHs in $D > 4$

- construct initial data by solving the constraints
- assumption: $\bar{\gamma}_{ab} = \psi^{\frac{4}{D-3}} \delta_{ab}\,,\ \bar{K} = 0\,,\ \bar{K}_{ab} = \psi^{-2} \hat{A}_{ab}$
- constraint equations

$$\partial_a \hat{A}^{ab} = 0\,, \quad \hat{\triangle}\psi + \frac{D-3}{4(D-2)} \psi^{-\frac{3D-5}{D-3}} \hat{A}^{ab} \hat{A}_{ab} = 0\,, \quad \text{with } \hat{\triangle} \equiv \partial_a \partial^a$$

- analytic ansatz for $\hat{A}_{ab}$ $\rightarrow$ generalization of Bowen-York type initial data
- elliptic equation for ψ $\rightarrow$ puncture method (Brandt & Brügmann '97)

$$\psi = 1 + \sum_i r_{S(i)}^{D-3} / 4 r_{(i)}^{D-3} + u$$

$\Rightarrow$ Hamiltonian constraint becomes

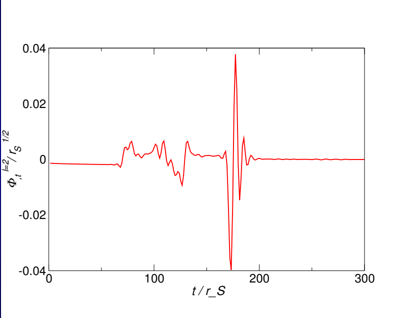
$$\hat{\triangle} u + \frac{D-3}{4(D-2)} \hat{A}^{ab} \hat{A}_{ab} \psi^{-\frac{3D-5}{D-3}} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ extension of the TwoPunctures pseudo-spectral solver (Ansorg et al '04)

Head-on of boosted BHs (preliminary results)

- evolution of puncture with $z/r_S = \pm 30.185$ with $P/r_S^{D-3} = 0.4$
- present: $l = 2$ mode of $\Phi_{,t}$

$D = 5$



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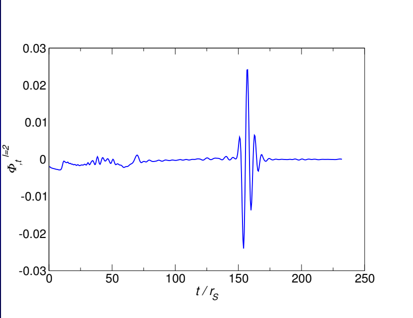

Issues:

- long-term stable evolutions for larger boosts
- adjustment of (numerical) gauge
- requirement of very high resolution in wavezone for reasonable accuracy

Conclusions and Outlook

- consider highly symmetric black hole spacetimes
- dimensional reduction by isometry
  $\Rightarrow$ formulation of D dimensional vacuum Einstein's equations as a scalar-tensor field theory in $D = 4$
- evolution of unequal mass head-on collisions in $D = 5$ with $q = 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$
  $\Rightarrow$ extrapolation to PP limit shows good agreement with PP calculations
- evolution of equal mass head-ons in $D = 4, 5, 6$
  $\Rightarrow$ increase in radiated energy
- evolution of boosted BHs in $D = 5, 6$
- ToDo:
  - numerical simulations of black hole collisions in $D \geq 7$
  - high energy collisions of BHs in $D \geq 5$
  - ...

Thank you!

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