

# Weak Cosmic Censorship and Second Law of Black Hole Thermodynamics

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Second Law  $\implies$  Weak Cosmic Censorship

for higher derivative gravity, and beyond

# Cosmic Censorship Conjecture

proposed to save the predictability of GR [Penrose 1969](#)

- ▶ **Weak CCC:**

Singularity should be hidden behind the future event horizon, so as not to influence the spacetime outside the black hole

- ▶ **Strong CCC:**

Cauchy horizon should be destroyed by perturbations, otherwise wormhole travelers would be influenced by the timelike singularity

# WCCC: Evidence

Gedanken experiment: trying to destroy horizon by throwing matter into black hole, overcharging or overspinning are found impossible

- ▶ extremal black hole: dropping test particles into black hole, geodesics into horizon are forbidden in linear order perturbation [Wald 1974](#)
- ▶ near extremal black hole: an inequality based on Wald formalism is developed to connect falling matter and conserved charges of black hole, taking care of second order perturbation effect [Sorce-Wald 2017](#)

Basically a **first law** point of view.

# WCCC: Evidence

**Our approach:** physical constraints on infalling matter could come from the second law of black hole thermodynamics

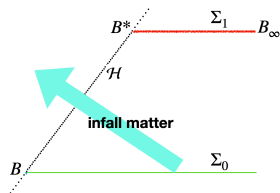
# Picture

For vacuum solution family parametrized by  $(m, q)$ , denote condition for black hole by

$$W(m, q) \geq 0$$

denote resultant changes of parameters due to infalling matter by  $\delta m$  and  $\delta q$ , WCCC is satisfied iff

$$W(m + \delta m, q + \delta q) \geq 0$$



# Higher derivative gravity

Consider general quartic order corrections to Einstein-Maxwell theory:

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \frac{1}{2\kappa}R - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + c_1R^2 + c_2R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + c_3R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \\ & + c_4\kappa RF_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + c_5\kappa R_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\rho}F^\nu{}_\rho + c_6\kappa R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}F^{\mu\nu}F^{\rho\sigma} \\ & + c_7\kappa^2 F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\rho\sigma}F^{\rho\sigma} + c_8\kappa^2 F_{\mu\nu}F^{\nu\rho}F_{\rho\sigma}F^{\sigma\mu} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Higher derivative theories can arise naturally from quantum corrections from the point of view of effective field theory
- ▶ WCCC should apply to generic effective field theories of gravity if it were a fundamental principle for protecting the predictive power of theory

# Higher derivative gravity

2nd order perturbed solution (e.g. for  $c_4$  only), solved by generalizing the perturbative method in [Kats-Motl-Padi 2007](#) :

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

$$\begin{aligned}f(r) &= 1 - \frac{\kappa m}{r} + \frac{\kappa q^2}{2r^2} + c_4 \left( \frac{4\kappa^2 q^2}{r^4} - \frac{6\kappa^3 m q^2}{r^5} + \frac{4\kappa^3 q^4}{r^6} \right) + c_4^2 \left( -\frac{32\kappa^4 q^4}{7r^8} - \frac{6\kappa^5 m q^4}{r^9} + \frac{32\kappa^5 q^6}{3r^{10}} \right) \\g(r) &= 1 - \frac{\kappa m}{r} + \frac{\kappa q^2}{2r^2} + c_4 \left( -\frac{16\kappa^2 q^2}{r^4} + \frac{14\kappa^3 m q^2}{r^5} - \frac{6\kappa^3 q^4}{r^6} \right) + c_4^2 \left( \frac{1088\kappa^4 q^4}{7r^8} - \frac{126\kappa^5 m q^4}{r^9} + \frac{152\kappa^5 q^6}{3r^{10}} \right) \\A_t &= -\frac{q}{r} - c_4 \frac{2\kappa^2 q^3}{r^5} + c_4^2 \left( \frac{576\kappa^3 q^3}{7r^7} - \frac{96\kappa^4 m q^3}{r^8} + \frac{50\kappa^4 q^5}{r^9} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Criterion function:

$$W(m, q) = m^2 - q^2 \left( 1 + \frac{128c_4^2}{21q^4} + \dots \right)^2$$



## WCCC and 2nd Law

Consider initial nearly extremal black hole (for  $c_4$ ) characterized by  $\epsilon$  :

$$q = \sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2} \left( m - \frac{128c_4^2}{21m^3} \right)$$

perturbed by a one-parameter family of infalling matter, finally settling down to a new solution with parameter

$$m(\lambda) = m + \lambda\delta m + \frac{\lambda^2\delta^2 m}{2}, \quad q(\lambda) = q + \lambda\delta q + \frac{\lambda^2\delta^2 q}{2}$$

- ▶ If constraints on  $\delta m$ ,  $\delta q$ ,  $\delta^2 m$ ,  $\delta^2 q$  arising from  $S(m(\lambda), q(\lambda)) \geq S(m, q)$  will guarantee  $W(m + \delta m, q + \delta q) \geq 0$  ?

## WCCC and 2nd Law

Assuming first order variation optimally done: 2nd law satisfied marginally

$$\delta S = \frac{\partial S}{\partial m} \delta m + \frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \delta q = 0$$

gives (for  $c_4$ )

$$\delta m = \left( 1 - \epsilon - \frac{64(2 + 1098\epsilon)c_4^2}{7m^4} \right) \delta q + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

- ▶ For extremal black holes  $\epsilon = 0$ , up to linear order  $\delta S \geq 0$  guarantees WCCC always satisfied (with all  $c_i$ 's present), consistent with Sorce-Wald approach [Chen-Lin-BN-Chen 2021](#)

## WCCC and 2nd Law

Second order variations due to infalling matter should satisfy  $\delta^2 S \geq 0$ , giving

$$\begin{aligned}\delta^2 m &\geq \left( \frac{1-\epsilon}{m} + \frac{256(1655 - 17372\epsilon + 33099\epsilon^2)c_4^2}{21m^5} \right) (\delta q)^2 \\ &\quad + \left( 1 - \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} - \frac{64(2 + 1098\epsilon - 8815\epsilon^2)c_4^2}{7m^4} \right) \delta^2 q \\ W(\lambda) &\geq \left( \epsilon \left( \frac{256c_4^2}{21m^3} - m \right) + \lambda \left( 1 + \frac{211072c_4^2}{21m^4} \right) \delta q \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(c_4^3, \epsilon^3, \lambda^3)\end{aligned}$$

positive definite, hence WCCC satisfied!

- ▶ all  $c_i$  cases and  $c_2 + c_4$  case checked, successfully
- ▶ Kerr-Newman BHs with spin also consistent with [Source-Wald 2017](#)

# WCCC and 1st Law

Sorce-Wald formalism based on 1st law

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta^n m_{\text{ADM}} - \Phi_{\text{H}}(\delta^n q_{\text{H}} + \delta^n q_{\text{B}}) - T_{\text{H}} \delta^n S_{\text{B}} \\ &= \delta_{n,2} \mathcal{E}_{\Sigma}(\phi; \delta\phi, \mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi) - \int_{\mathcal{H}} \xi^a \epsilon_{abcd} \delta^n T_a{}^e \geq \delta_{n,2} \mathcal{E}_{\Sigma}(\phi; \delta\phi, \mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi) \end{aligned}$$

fails to yield WCCC in higher derivative gravity:

$$W(\lambda) \geq \left( \epsilon \left( \frac{161024c_4^2}{21m^3} + m \right) - \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{165248c_4^2}{21m^4} \right) \delta q \right)^2 - \frac{15360\epsilon^2 c_4^2}{m^2}$$

NOT positive definite.

# General proof of WCCC from 1st law

Condition for **extremal** solution not become singular:

$$\delta M - \left( \frac{dM}{dQ} \right)_{\text{ext}} \geq 0.$$

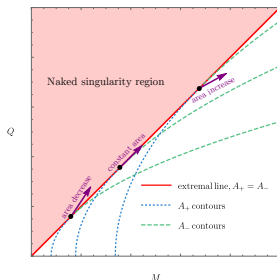
On the other hand, 1st law  $\delta M = T\delta S + \Phi_H\delta Q$  shows for  $T \rightarrow 0$

$$\left( \frac{dM}{dQ} \right)_{\text{ext}} = \Phi_H$$

then Wald's linear order variational identity

$$\delta M - \Phi_H\delta Q \geq 0$$

gives rise to non-singular condition hence WCC.



## General proof of WCCC from 2nd law

For  $\mu = m - m_{\text{ex}}(q_j)$  in an open neighborhood of 0, horizon radius should behave like

$$r_h(\mu, q_j) = R(q_j) + \sqrt{\mu} \rho(q_j, \sqrt{\mu})$$

start from configuration  $(\mu, q_j) = (\epsilon^2, q_{j0})$  and deviation

$$\mu = \epsilon^2 + \delta\mu\lambda + \delta^2\mu\frac{\lambda^2}{2}, \quad q_j = q_{j0} + \delta q_j\lambda + \delta^2 q_j\frac{\lambda^2}{2}$$

up to leading order

$$\left. \frac{dS}{d\lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial r_h} \frac{\rho}{2\epsilon} \delta\mu$$

finiteness requires  $\delta\mu \sim \epsilon$ ,

$$\left. \frac{d^2 S}{d\lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{\rho}{2\epsilon^3} \left( \epsilon^2 \delta^2 \mu - \frac{1}{2} \delta\mu^2 \right) \frac{\partial S}{\partial r_h}$$

finiteness requires  $\delta^2 \mu = \frac{\delta\mu^2}{2\epsilon^2}$ , hence

$$\mu = \epsilon^2 + \delta\mu\lambda + \frac{\lambda^2 \delta\mu^2}{4\epsilon^2} = \left( \epsilon + \frac{\delta\mu\lambda}{2\epsilon} \right)^2,$$

ensures  $\mu$  positive and WCCC holds.

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