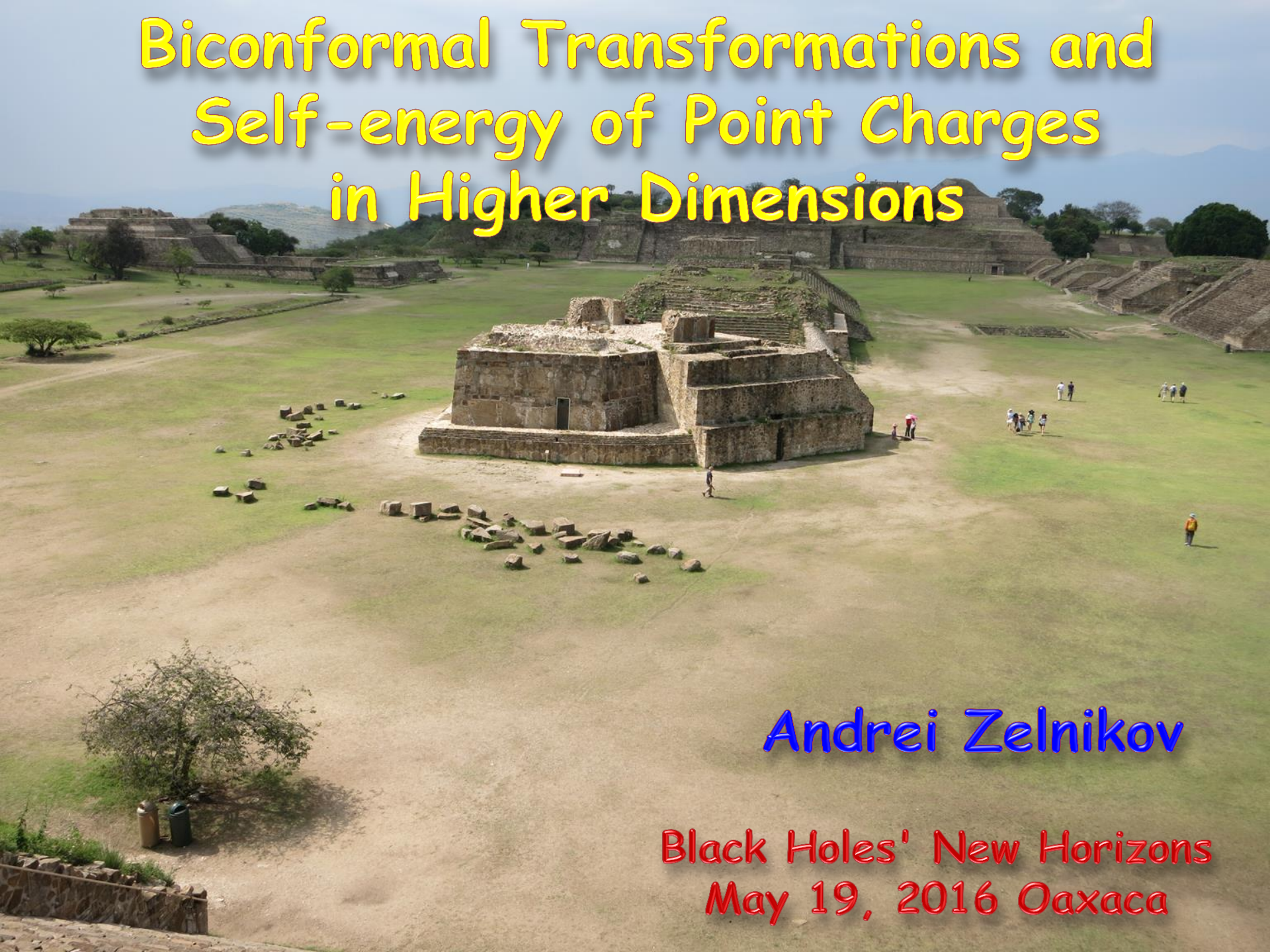


# Biconformal Transformations and Self-energy of Point Charges in Higher Dimensions

The background of the slide is a photograph of an ancient archaeological site. In the center, there is a large, multi-tiered stone structure, possibly a pyramid or a ceremonial platform, made of light-colored stone blocks. The structure has a dark rectangular opening on its side. The surrounding area is a vast, open field with patches of green grass and dry, brownish earth. In the distance, other stone structures and hills are visible under a clear blue sky. Several small groups of people are scattered across the field, providing a sense of scale to the massive ruins.

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- In quantum electrodynamics the **self-energy of an electron diverges** and, hence, should be regularized and renormalized. A classical self-energy of a pointlike charge suffers similar divergences. Quantum field theory provides us with methods to deal with this problem systematically.
- We apply QFT methods to fix ambiguities and model dependence of the classical self-energy of charged particles.
- In **higher dimensions** these problems are much more serious than in four dimensions, and **new features** appear.



We consider **static** scalar charges in the gravitational field of **higher dimensional black holes**.



In this case radiation-reaction effects vanish.

In **4 dimensions** one can show that a point **electric** charge gets an additional positive energy due to the self-interaction

[Smith Will (1980); Frolov and Zelnikov (1980,1981); Ritus 1981, Lohiya (1982)].

$$E^{em} = \underbrace{\left( m_{bare} + \frac{e^2}{2\varepsilon} \right)}_{m_{ren}} |g_{00}|^{1/2} + \frac{e^2 M}{2r^2}$$

which leads to an additional **repulsive** (from the black hole) self-force.

In five dimensions self-force of scalar and electric point charges has been calculated by **Beach, Poisson, and Nickel (2014)**

Unexpected contributions to the self-energy and self-force appear in **odd-dimensional spacetimes**. This effect is **classical** but is closely related to **quantum conformal anomaly**.  
 For a point **scalar charge**:

$$\Delta m = -\frac{q^2}{2} G_{\text{reg}}(x, x) = -\frac{q^2}{2} \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}}$$

$$\Delta m = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{\hbar c} \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{\text{(quantum) ren}} \quad E = m \sqrt{|g_{00}|}$$

$\varphi$  is the field defined on (D-1)-dimensional spatial slice (t=const) of a static spacetime

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}} \sim 1$$

$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{\text{(quantum) ren}} \sim \hbar$$



**Anomaly of what?**

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**Biconformal symmetry**





# A scalar massless field $\Phi$ in a D-dimensional spacetime

$$\square \Phi = -4\pi J$$

In the static spacetime

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + g_{ab} dx^a dx^b,$$

$$X = (t, x^a), \quad \alpha = \alpha(x), \quad g_{ab} = g_{ab}(x).$$

The field equation becomes

$$\hat{F} \Phi = -4\pi J,$$

$$\hat{F} = \frac{1}{\alpha \sqrt{g}} \partial_a \left( \alpha \sqrt{g} g^{ab} \partial_b \right).$$

This equation is invariant under the following *bi-conformal* transformations (  $n=D-3$  )

$$\Phi = \bar{\Phi}, \quad g_{ab} = \Omega^2 \bar{g}_{ab}, \quad \alpha = \Omega^{-n} \bar{\alpha}, \quad J = \Omega^2 \bar{J},$$

Formally the functional of the self-energy  $E = m \sqrt{|g_{00}|}$  of a charge distribution is invariant under transformations of the static metric.

$$g_{ab} = \Omega^2(x) \bar{g}_{ab}, \quad g_{00} = \Omega^{-(D-3)}(x) \bar{g}_{00}$$

But  $E$  diverges for point-like sources.

Regularization breaks this invariance and acquires an anomalous contribution

$$\Delta m = -\frac{q^2}{2} \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}}$$

$$\Omega^{(D-3)} \left( \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}} + A \right) = \text{const}$$

similar to the conformal anomaly in QFT.



$$\langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}} = \Omega^{-n} \langle \bar{\varphi}^2 \rangle_{\text{ren}} - B$$

$$B(x) = \lim_{x' \rightarrow x} \left[ G_{\text{div}}(x, x') - \frac{\bar{G}_{\text{div}}(x, x')}{\Omega^{n/2}(x) \Omega^{n/2}(x')} \right].$$

In 4D ( and any even dimension ) the anomaly  $B=0$

In 5D 
$$B = -\frac{1}{48\pi^2} \Omega^{-3} \Omega_{:c}^{:c} - \frac{\bar{a}_1}{8\pi^2} \Omega^{-2} \ln(\Omega)$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{288\pi^2} R - \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \ln(g) a_1(x)$$

$$a_1(x) = \frac{1}{6} R + V$$

If one starts with a solution of the Einstein equations, a new metric, obtained as a result of these transformations, is not necessarily a solution of the Einstein equations with a physically meaningful stress-energy tensor. However, it may happen that for a specially chosen transformation this new metric has good physical properties and has **enhanced symmetries**.

An interesting example is a **Majumdar-Papapetrou** metric, describing the gravitational field of a set of higher dimensional extremely charged black holes in equilibrium. Under a properly chosen **biconformal map** this metric reduces to the higher-dimensional **Minkowski** metric. This allows one to solve the static scalar field equation in the Majumdar-Papapertou exactly

$$ds^2 = -U^{-2} dt^2 + U^{2/n} \delta_{ab} dx^a dx^b ,$$

$$\Omega = U^{1/n} , \quad n = D - 3 ,$$

$$d\bar{s}^2 = -dt^2 + \delta_{ab} dx^a dx^b .$$

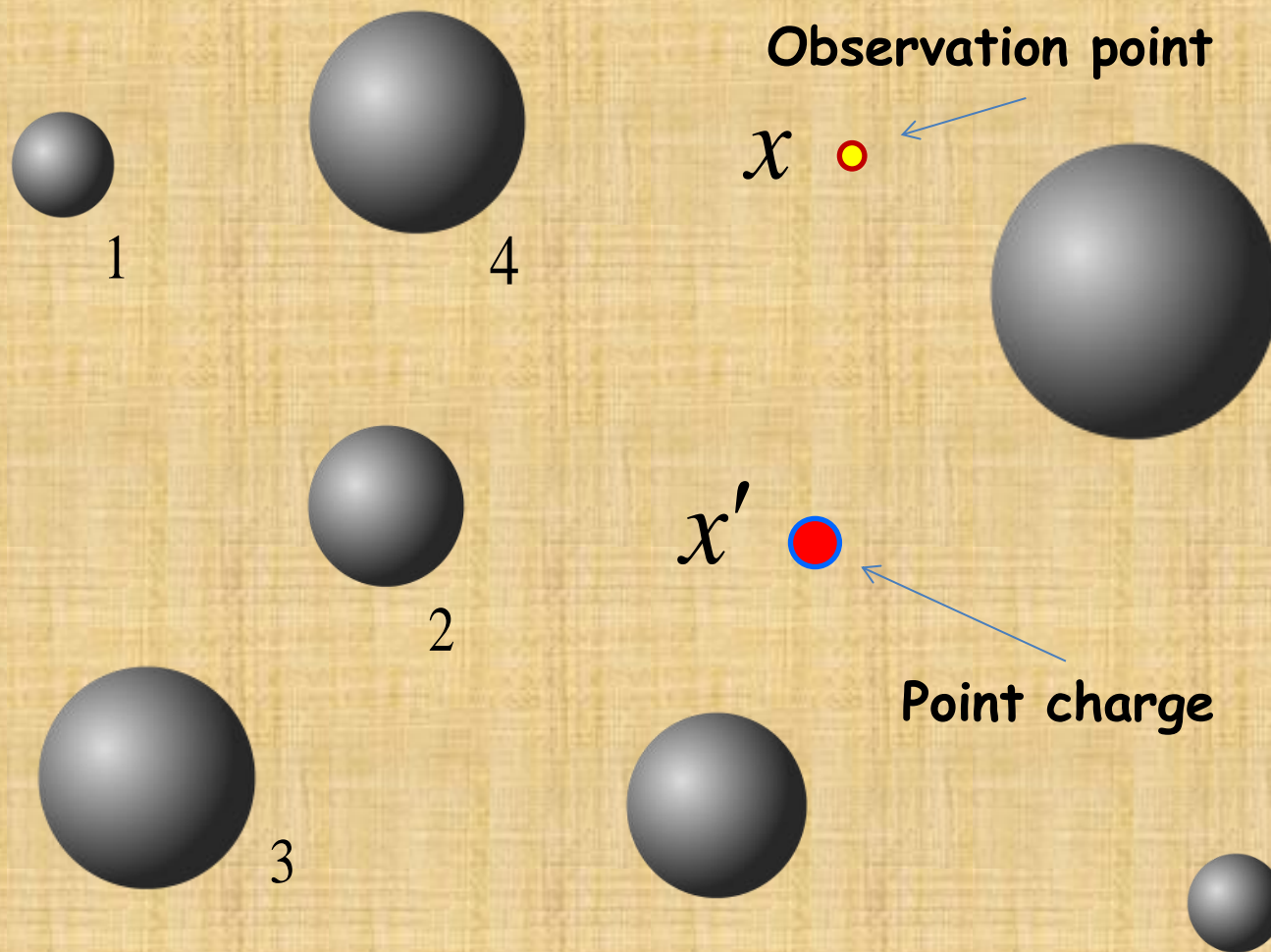
$$U = 1 + \sum_k \frac{M_k}{\rho_k^n} ,$$

$$\rho_k = | \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k |$$



# Higher dimensional Majumdar-Papapetrou metrics

They describe the gravitational field of a set of higher dimensional extremally charged black holes in equilibrium.



In 4D. Near extremal **Reissner-Nordström BH**

$$E^{em} = \left( m_{bare} + \frac{e^2}{2\varepsilon} \right) |g_{00}|^{1/2} + \frac{e^2 M}{2r^2}$$

$$E_{self} = e^2 \frac{M}{2r^2}$$

In 5D

$$E_{self} = e^2 \frac{M}{2\pi r^4} + e^2 \frac{M^2 (r^2 - M)}{24\pi r^8}$$



## Symmetry enhancement condition

Let us consider an application of the method of the bi-conformal maps to the case of a **static spherically symmetric D-dimensional metric**.

$$ds^2 = -f(r) dt^2 + w^{-1}(r) dr^2 + r^2 d\omega_{n+1}^2,$$

$$d\omega_{n+1}^2 = d\theta_n^2 + \sin^2 \theta_n d\omega_n^2,$$

$$d\omega_0^2 = d\phi^2.$$

The **biconformal** transformation with  $\Omega = r/a$

$$d\bar{s}^2 = dh^2 + a^2 d\omega_{n+1}^2,$$

$$dh^2 = -\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{2n} f(r) dt^2 + \frac{a^2}{r^2 w(r)} dr^2.$$

The scalar curvature of the **two-dimensional metric**

$$R = -\frac{1}{2a^2 f^2} \left\{ rfw'(2nf + rf') + w[2r^2 f'' - r^2 (f')^2 + 2r(2n+1)ff' + 4n^2 f^2] \right\}.$$

The metric possesses an enhanced symmetry if  $R = -\frac{2}{b^2} = \text{const}$ ,  
Then the solution reads

$$w = \left( \frac{a^2}{n^2 b^2} + \frac{C}{r^{2n} f} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{rf'}{2nf} \right)^{-2}.$$

If the spacetime is asymptotically flat  $f = f_0 + f_1 r^{-\gamma} + \dots$   
 $\gamma \geq 1$ .

Then from the **requirement of the absence of a solid angle deficit** one gets the condition

$$\frac{a}{nb} = 1.$$

# The reference metric: the Bertotti-Robinson spacetime

$$d\bar{s}^2 = a^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \left( -(\rho^2 - 1) d\bar{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{\rho^2 - 1} d\rho^2 \right) + d\omega_{n+1}^2 \right],$$



$AdS^2 \times S^{(n+1)}$

$$\rho = \cosh \left( n \int_{r_g}^r \frac{dr}{r \sqrt{w(r)}} \right),$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = nr^n a^{-1-n} \frac{\sqrt{f}}{\sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}} \Big|_{r=r_g} t.$$



# Biconformal map of Reissner-Nordström metric to the Bertotti-Robinson spacetime

If  $w = f$  then  $f = 1 - \frac{2M}{r^n} + \frac{Q^2}{r^{2n}}$ .

$$r^n = M + \mu\rho, \quad t = \frac{a^{n+1}}{n\mu} \bar{\sigma}, \quad \mu = \sqrt{M^2 - Q^2}.$$

R-N

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\mu^2(\rho^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)^2} dt^2 + (M + \mu\rho)^{2/n} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2(\rho^2 - 1)} d\rho^2 + d\omega_{n+1}^2 \right].$$

The Bertotti-Robinson spacetime

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$$d\bar{s}^2 = a^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \left( -(\rho^2 - 1) d\bar{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{\rho^2 - 1} d\rho^2 \right) + d\omega_{n+1}^2 \right],$$

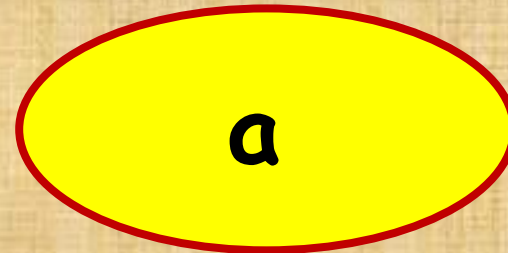
# Bi-conformal map between the Reissner-Nordström metrics with different $M$ and $Q$

Reissner-Nordström



$$\Omega = r/a.$$

Bertotti-Robinson



$$\hat{\Omega}^{-1} = \hat{r}/r$$



$$\hat{\Omega}^{-1} = \hat{r}/a.$$

$\hat{\text{Reissner-Nordström}}$

$$\frac{r^n - M}{\mu} = \frac{\hat{r}^n - \hat{M}}{\hat{\mu}} \equiv \rho.$$

$$\mu = \sqrt{M^2 - Q^2}, \quad \hat{\mu} = \sqrt{\hat{M}^2 - \hat{Q}^2}.$$

$$\Phi = \hat{\Phi}, \quad \alpha = \Omega^{-n} \hat{\alpha}$$

## The static Green function

$$G(x, x') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt G_{\text{Ret}}(t, x; 0, x'). \quad \hat{F} G(x, x') = -\frac{\delta(x-x')}{\alpha\sqrt{g}}.$$

$$\hat{F} \Phi = -4\pi J, \quad \hat{F} = \frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{g}} \partial_a \left( \alpha\sqrt{g} g^{ab} \partial_b \right). \quad J(x) = q \frac{\delta(x-y)}{\sqrt{g}}.$$

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + g_{ab} dx^a dx^b$$

The scalar potential is biconformally invariant

$$\Phi(x) = 4\pi q \alpha(y) G(x, y).$$

$$\left[ n^2(\rho^2 - 1) \partial_\rho^2 + 2n^2 \rho \partial_\rho + \Delta_\omega^{n+1} \right] G(x, x') = -\frac{n}{\mu} \delta(\rho - \rho') \delta(\omega, \omega').$$



# The Green function and the heat kernel in the Bertotti-Robinson spacetime

The Euclidean Green function in D-dimensional spacetime

$$\hat{O} G_{\hat{O}}(X_E, X'_E) = -\delta^D(X_E, X'_E), \quad \hat{O} = \square - m^2$$

$$G_{\hat{O}}(X_E, X'_E) = \int_0^\infty ds K_{\hat{O}}(s | X_E, X'_E).$$

$$(\partial_s - \hat{O}) K_{\hat{O}}(s | X_E, X'_E) = 0, \quad K_{\hat{O}}(0 | X_E, X'_E) = \delta(X_E, X'_E),$$

Because the geometry of the D-dimensional Bertotti-Robinson spacetime has the form of a direct sum of two homogeneous spaces, the heat kernel  $\mathbf{K}$  is the product of heat kernels on the hyperboloid and on the sphere

$$K_{\hat{O}}(s | \rho, \bar{\theta}_k, \theta_n; \rho', \bar{\theta}'_k, \theta'_n) = e^{-m^2 s} K_{H^2}(s | \rho, \bar{\theta}_k; \rho', \bar{\theta}'_k) K_{S^{n+1}}(s | \theta_n; \theta'_n).$$

## The heat kernel on $H^2$

$$\cosh(\chi) = \rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} \cos \bar{\sigma}.$$

$\chi =$  geodesic distance on the hyperboloid

$$K_{H^2}(s | \chi) = \frac{\sqrt{2b}}{(4\pi s)^{3/2}} e^{-s/(4b^2)} \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{y e^{-b^2 y^2/(4s)}}{(\cosh y - \cosh(\chi))^{1/2}}.$$

## The heat kernel on $S^2$

$\gamma =$  geodesic distance on the D-sphere

$$K_{S^2}(s | \gamma) = \frac{\sqrt{2a}}{(4\pi s)^{3/2}} e^{s/(4a^2)} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k \int_{\gamma}^{\pi} d\phi \frac{(\phi + 2\pi k) e^{-a^2(\phi + 2\pi k)^2/(4s)}}{(\cos \gamma - \cos \phi)^{1/2}}.$$

## The heat kernel on $S^3$

$$K_{S^3}(s | \gamma) = \frac{1}{(4\pi s)^{3/2}} e^{s/a^2} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma + 2\pi k) e^{-a^2(\gamma + 2\pi k)^2/(4s)}}{\sin \gamma},$$

## The heat kernel on $S^{n+1}$

$$K_{S^{n+1}}(s | \gamma) = e^{\frac{(n^2-1)s}{4a^2}} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}} K_{S^2}(s | \gamma), \quad n \text{ odd},$$

$$K_{S^{n+1}}(s | \gamma) = e^{\frac{(n^2-4)s}{4a^2}} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{\frac{(n-2)}{2}} K_{S^3}(s | \gamma), \quad n \text{ even}.$$

## The heat kernel on $H^2 \times S^{n+1}$

$$K(s | X_E, X'_E) = K(s | \chi, \gamma) = K_{H^2}(s | \chi) \times K_{S^{n+1}}(s | \gamma).$$



## For even spacetime dimensions

$$K(s | \chi, \gamma) = -4 \frac{a^2}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{(n+1)/2} \frac{1}{(4\pi s)^2} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k \\ \times \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{y e^{-a^2 y^2 / (4n^2 s)}}{(\cosh y - \cosh \chi)^{1/2}} \int_{\gamma}^{\pi} d\phi (\cos \gamma - \cos \phi)^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} e^{-\frac{a^2 (\phi + 2\pi k)^2}{4s}}.$$

## For odd spacetime dimensions

$$K(s | \chi, \gamma) = \frac{a}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{(n-2)/2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(4\pi s)^3} \frac{1}{\sin \gamma} \\ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (\gamma + 2\pi k) e^{-a^2 (\gamma + 2\pi k)^2 / (4s)} \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{y e^{-a^2 y^2 / (4n^2 s)}}{(\cosh y - \cosh \chi)^{1/2}}.$$

## The static Green function

$$G(\chi, \gamma) = a \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \int_0^{\infty} ds K(s | \chi, \gamma).$$

Here

$$\cosh(\chi) = \rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1} \sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} \cos \sigma.$$

For even spacetime dimensions  $D$

$n=D-3$

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{n\mu} \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^{\frac{n+3}{2}}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{(n+1)/2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma A_n.$$

$$A_n = \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh(y) - \cosh(\chi)}} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{\cosh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) - \cos(\gamma)}}.$$

For odd spacetime dimensions  $D$

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{n\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(2\pi)^{\frac{n+4}{2}}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{n/2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma B_n,$$

$$B_n = \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh y - \cosh \chi}} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) - \cos \gamma},$$

$$\cosh(\chi) = \rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} \cos \sigma.$$

# Closed form of the Green function in four dimensions

Four dimensions.  $D=4$

$$A_1 = \ln \left( \frac{\cosh(\chi) + 1}{\cosh(\chi) - \cos(\gamma)} \right).$$

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{4\pi\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos \gamma - 1 + \cos^2 \gamma}}$$

In terms of the Schwarzschild radial coordinate  $r$  it becomes

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{4\pi R},$$

$$\rho = \frac{r - M}{\sqrt{M^2 - Q^2}}.$$

where

$$R^2 = (r - M)^2 + (r' - M)^2 - 2(r - M)(r' - M) \cos \gamma - (M^2 - Q^2) \sin^2 \gamma.$$

It reproduces the famous result by [Linnet \(1977\)](#)



## Closed form of the Green function in five dimensions

Four dimensions.  $D=5$

$$G(x, x') = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 \mu} \frac{1}{(\rho^2 - 1)^{1/4} (\rho'^2 - 1)^{1/4}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \left\{ \left[ \mathbf{F}(\psi, \kappa) + \mathbf{K}(\kappa) \right] \right\},$$

where

$$\sin \psi = \cos \gamma \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1}},$$
$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{2} (\rho^2 - 1)^{1/4} (\rho'^2 - 1)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{\rho\rho' + \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1 - 2\cos^2 \gamma}}.$$

# The static Maxwell field

$$\hat{O} A_0 = 4\pi j, \quad \hat{O} = \frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{g}} \partial_a \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \sqrt{g} g^{ab} \partial_b \right).$$

The equation is invariant under the *biconformal* transformations

$$A_0 = \bar{A}_0, \quad g_{ab} = \Omega^2 \bar{g}_{ab}, \quad \alpha = \Omega^n \bar{\alpha}, \quad j = \Omega^{-2n-2} \bar{j},$$

The static Green function satisfies the equation

$$\hat{O} G_{00}(x, x') = \frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{g}} \delta(x - x').$$

In the Reissner-Nordström spacetime

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\mu^2(\rho^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)^2} dt^2 + (M + \mu\rho)^{2/n} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2(\rho^2 - 1)} d\rho^2 + d\omega_{n+1}^2 \right].$$

The equation for the static Green function becomes

$$\left[ n^2 \partial_\rho (M + \mu\rho)^2 \partial_\rho + \frac{(M + \mu\rho)^2}{\rho^2 - 1} \Delta_\omega^{n+1} \right] G_{00}(x, x') = n\mu \delta(\rho - \rho') \delta(\omega, \omega').$$

The ansatz:

$$G_{00}(x, x') = -\frac{\mu^2(\rho^2 - 1)(\rho'^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} H(x, x'),$$

Then the equation for H

$$\left\{ n^2 [(\rho^2 - 1) \partial_\rho^2 + 4\rho \partial_\rho + 2] + \Delta_\omega^{n+1} \right\} H(x, x') = -\frac{n}{\mu(\rho'^2 - 1)} \delta(\rho - \rho') \delta(\omega, \omega').$$

Takes the form of a Green function of a scalar massive operator

$\hat{O} = \square - m^2$  with the mass  $m^2 = -2n^2/a^2$  defined on the Bertotti-Robinson spacetime  $H^4 \times S^{n+1}$



Because of the property  $G_{\hat{O}}(\chi, \gamma) = - \left( \frac{n^2}{2\pi a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \cosh \chi} \right) \bar{G}(\chi, \gamma).$

that relates the Green function of the massive operator  $\hat{O} = \square - m^2$

and that of the scalar operator  $\bar{O} = \square$  in (D-2)-dimensional spacetime

$$\left\{ n^2 \left[ (\rho^2 - 1) \partial_{\rho}^2 + 2\rho \partial_{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2 - 1} \partial_{\sigma}^2 \right] + \Delta_{\omega}^{n+1} \right\} \bar{G}(\chi, \gamma) = - \frac{n^2}{a^{n+1}} \delta(\rho - \rho') \delta(\sigma - \sigma') \delta(\omega, \omega').$$

we obtain the representation

$$G_{00} = \frac{\mu^2 (\rho^2 - 1) (\rho'^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} \frac{a^{n+1}}{n\mu} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \sin^2 \sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial \cosh \chi} \bar{G}(\chi, \gamma).$$

$$\cosh(\chi) = \rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1} \sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} \cos \sigma.$$

## For even spacetime dimensions

$$G_{00} = \frac{\mu^2(\rho^2 - 1)(\rho'^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^{\frac{n+3}{2}}} \frac{1}{n\mu} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{(n+1)/2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \sin^2 \sigma \tilde{A}_n,$$

$$\tilde{A}_n = \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh(y) - \cosh(\chi)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{1}{\sinh(y)} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{\cosh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) - \cos(\gamma)}} \right].$$

## For odd spacetime dimensions

$$G_{00} = \frac{\mu^2(\rho^2 - 1)(\rho'^2 - 1)}{(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(2\pi)^{\frac{n+4}{2}}} \frac{1}{n\mu} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} \right)^{n/2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\sigma \sin^2 \sigma \tilde{B}_n.$$

$$\tilde{B}_n = \int_{\chi}^{\infty} dy \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh y - \cosh \chi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{1}{\sinh(y)} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) - \cos \gamma} \right].$$

$$\cosh(\chi) = \rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} \cos \sigma.$$

## Closed form of the Green function in four dimensions

$$G_{00}(x, x') = -\frac{1}{4\pi(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} \left[ \mu \frac{\rho\rho' - \cos\gamma}{\sqrt{\rho^2 + \rho'^2 - 2\rho\rho' \cos\gamma - \sin^2\gamma}} + M \right],$$

One should add an extra zero mode contribution  $\frac{C}{4\pi(M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')}$  with a coefficient  $C$ , such that the flux of the electric field across any surface surrounding the charge and the black hole does not depend on the position of the charge.

$$A_0(x) = 4\pi e G_{00}(x, x').$$

It reproduces the famous result by [Copson \(1928\)](#), [Linet \(1977\)](#)



## Closed form of the Green function in five dimensions

$$G_{00} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2 (M + \mu\rho)(M + \mu\rho')} \left[ M + \mu \frac{p_0}{q_0} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \cos \gamma} W \right],$$

$$W = -q \left[ \mathbf{E}(\eta, \kappa) - 2\mathcal{G}(\cos \gamma) \mathbf{E}(\kappa) \right] + \frac{q^2 + p^2}{2q} \left[ \mathbf{F}(\eta, \kappa) - 2\mathcal{G}(\cos \gamma) \mathbf{K}(\kappa) \right],$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\sqrt{q^2 - p^2}}{q}, \quad \sin \eta = \frac{q}{q_0} \text{sign}(\cos \gamma).$$

$$p = \sqrt{\rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1 - 2\cos^2 \gamma} / \sqrt{2}, \quad q = \sqrt{\rho\rho' + \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1 - 2\cos^2 \gamma} / \sqrt{2},$$

$$p_0 = \sqrt{\rho\rho' - \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1} / \sqrt{2}, \quad q_0 = \sqrt{\rho\rho' + \sqrt{\rho^2 - 1}\sqrt{\rho'^2 - 1} + 1} / \sqrt{2},$$

For a point charge  $e$ ,  $J^\mu = e \delta(x - x') \delta_0^\mu$  the vector potential

$$A_0(x) = 4\pi e G_{00}(x, x').$$

Independently later the same result in 5D was obtained by Taylor and Flanagan (2015)

# Summary

- Using the **biconformal symmetry** of the field operators, we found the relation between static solutions **of the scalar and the Maxwell field equation** on the background of the **Reissner-Nordström** black hole and on the background of the homogeneous **Bertotti-Robinson** spacetimes.
- We obtained a useful integral representation for **the scalar and electric potentials**, created by point static charges in the Bertotti-Robinson spacetime and, hence, in the Reissner-Nordström spacetime too.
- **In four- and five-dimensional cases we obtained the exact static Green functions in a closed form.**