

# Thermodynamics of charged black holes with a nonlinear electrodynamics source

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## Electric and spherically symmetric case

- Note that  $F = -2(NF_{tr})^2 < 0$ , then  $F^p$  is a real number only if  $p$  is an integer or a rational number with odd denominator. Hence, the exponent  $p$  is restricted to be an element of the following set

$$\tilde{\mathbb{Q}} = \left\{ \frac{n}{2m+1}, \quad (n, m) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

- Energy condition  $T^{\hat{0}\hat{0}} = -\kappa\alpha(2p-1)F^p > 0$  implies

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III	$b \leq 0$	$-\frac{1}{d-4} \leq p < 0$	Asymptotically non flat case $b > -2$
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where  $\mathcal{P} \equiv 4\alpha p N_{\infty} r^{d-2} F^{p-1} F^{r\tau}$  is the rescaled canonical radial momentum.



- In what follows, we consider the formalism of the grand canonical ensemble, and hence we will consider the variation of the action keeping fixed the temperature and the electric potential,  $\Phi = \phi(r_+)$ .

This implies that the variation of the surface term is given by

$$\delta K = \beta \Omega_{d-2} \left[ -\frac{d-2}{2\kappa} N r^{d-3} \delta f^2 + \phi \delta \mathcal{P} \right]_{r_+}^{\infty} \equiv \delta K(\infty) - \delta K(r_+)$$

- For  $b \neq d - 3$ , the variations of the fields at infinity are given by

$$\delta f^2|_{\infty} = -r^{-(d-3)}\delta A + r^{-b}\delta B, \quad \delta \mathcal{P}|_{\infty} = \delta \mathcal{P}_0,$$

and hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K(\infty) &= \beta \Omega_{d-2} \left[ \frac{d-2}{2\kappa} \delta A \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( -\frac{d-2}{2\kappa} \delta B + \frac{2p-1}{d-2p-1} C \delta \mathcal{P}_0 \right) r^{d-3-b} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For  $b < d - 3$ , the contribution proportional to  $r^{d-3-b}$  may blow up at infinity but since the variation multiplying this term identically vanishes, the boundary variation at infinity is finite

$$\delta K(\infty) = \frac{d-2}{2\kappa} \beta \Omega_{d-2} \delta A \rightarrow K(\infty) = \frac{d-2}{2\kappa} \beta \Omega_{d-2} A$$

- In order to evaluate the variation of the metric function  $f^2(r)$  at the horizon  $r_+$ , we use the fact that the solution satisfies  $f^2(r_+) = 0$  together with the absence of conical singularities at the horizon

$$\beta = \frac{4\pi}{(f^2)'|_{r_+}}:$$

$$\delta f^2|_{r_+} = -(f^2)'|_{r_+} \delta r_+ = -\frac{4\pi}{\beta} \delta r_+,$$

$$\phi \delta \mathcal{P}|_{r_+} = \phi(r_+) \delta \mathcal{P}_0.$$

The variation of the boundary term is easily integrated at the horizon yielding

$$K(r_+) = -\Phi \beta \mathcal{P}_0 \Omega_{d-2} + \frac{2\pi}{\kappa} \Omega_{d-2} r_+^{d-2}.$$

- Finally, the on shell Euclidean action which reduces to the boundary term  $K$  reads

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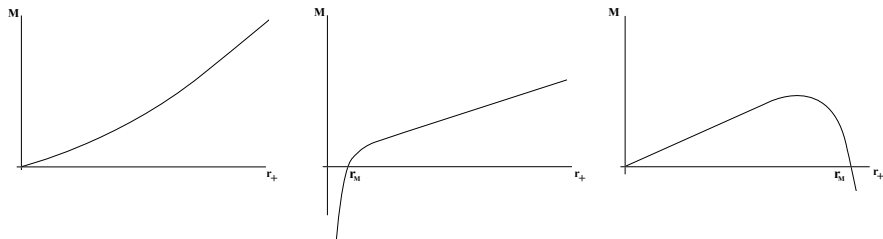
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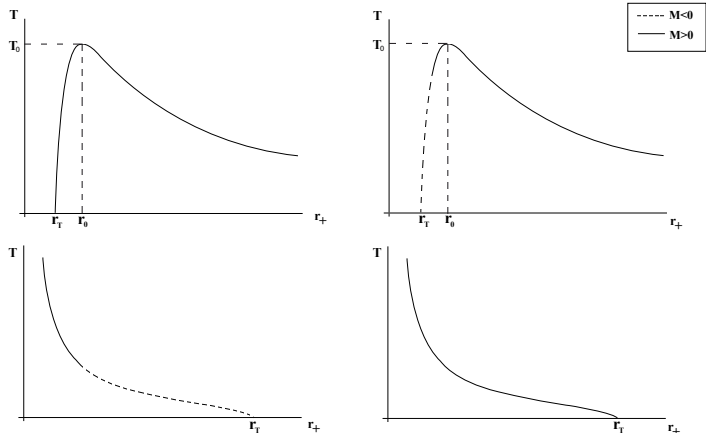
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Temperature against the horizon  $r_+$  for different ranges of the exponent  $p$  at fixed electric potential  $\Phi$ . At the top left, the graph corresponds to the range  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{d-1}{2})$ , while the top right graph represents the solutions with  $p > \frac{d-1}{2}$ . The last graphs are respectively for  $p < \frac{1}{4-d}$  and  $p \in (\frac{1}{4-d}, 0)$ .

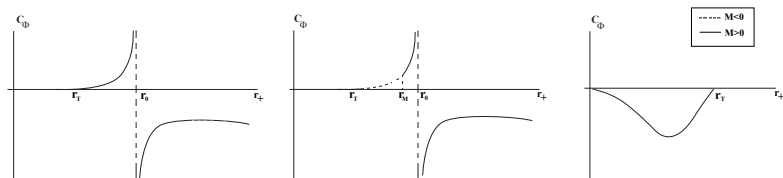
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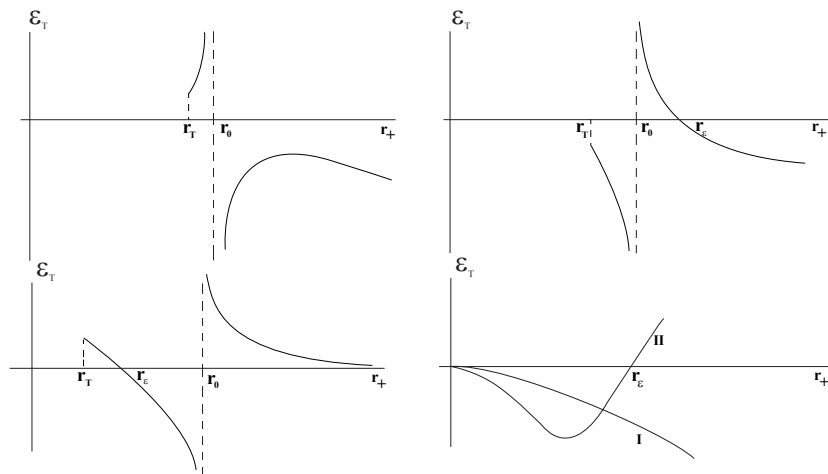
as well as the sign of the electrical permittivity  $\epsilon_T$  at constant temperature

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**Figure:** Specific heat at fixed potential with  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{d-1}{2})$ ,  $p > \frac{d-1}{2}$  and  $p < 0$ .

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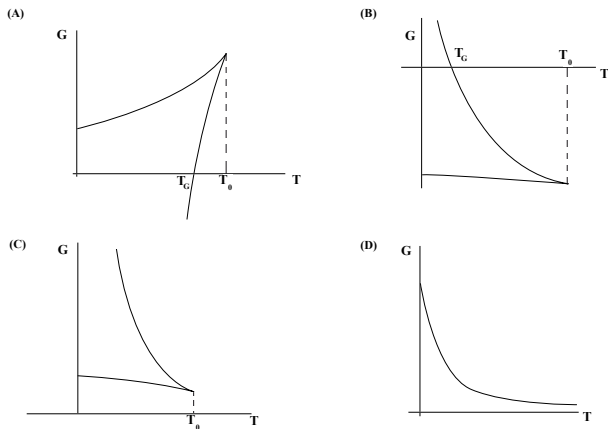
**Figure:** The electrical permittivity against  $r_+$  for  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ ,  $p \in (1, \frac{d-1}{2})$  and  $p > \frac{d-1}{2}$ . For  $p < 0$ , there are two branches: the branch I corresponds to  $p > \frac{1}{2(3-d)}$  while the branch II is relative to  $p < \frac{1}{2(3-d)}$ .

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**Figure:** The Gibbs free energy in terms of temperature for  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ ,  $p \in (1, \frac{d-1}{2})$ ,  $p > \frac{d-1}{2}$  and  $p < 0$  at fixed electric potential  $\Phi$ . A first-order phase transition can be observed only in the first graph at the temperature  $T_G$ .



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