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Two instabilities of Schwarzschild-AdS black holes in Einstein–Weyl-scalar theory

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Abstract Stability of Schwarzschild-AdS (SAdS) black hole is investigated in Einstein–Weyl-scalar (EWS) theory with a negative cosmological constant. Here, we introduce a quadratic scalar coupling to the Weyl term, instead of the Gauss–Bonnet term. The linearized EWS theory admits the Lichnerowicz equation for Einstein tensor as well as scalar equation. The linearized Einstein-tensor carries with a regular mass term (\mathcal{M}^2) , whereas the linearized scalar has a tachyonic mass term $(-3r_0^2/m^2r^6)$. Two instabilities of SAdS black hole in EWS theory are found as Gregory–Laflamme and tachyonic instabilities. It shows that the correlated stability conjecture holds for small SAdS black holes obtained from EWS theory by establishing a close relation between Gregory–Laflamme and thermodynamic instabilities. On the other hand, tachyonic instability of SAdS black hole can be used for making five branches of scalarized black holes when considering proper thermodynamic quantities of EWS theory $({\cal M}^2 > 0).$

1 Introduction

It is well known that the dynamical stability of asymptotically flat black holes obtained from Einstein gravity confirms the existence of these black holes in curved spacetimes [\[1](#page-5-0)]. If a solution of the black hole is dynamically unstable, it is no longer considered as a truly black hole. For Schwarzschild black hole, the Regge–Wheeler prescription works to indicate dynamical stability even though it is thermodynamic unstable in canonical ensemble (CE) $[2,3]$ $[2,3]$ $[2,3]$. It was shown that the Reissner–Nordström (RN) black hole is stable against the tensor-vector perturbations $[4,5]$ $[4,5]$ $[4,5]$, while its thermodynamic (in)stabilities are found in CE. The Kerr black hole is sta-ble against the gravitational perturbations [\[6\]](#page-5-5), whereas its thermodynamic (in)stabilities are found in CE. This implies that there is no connection between dynamical instability and local thermodynamic instability for asymptotically flat black holes. As was pointed out in [\[7](#page-5-6)[–9\]](#page-5-7), the SAdS black hole is dynamically stable against metric perturbations when adopting Regge–Wheeler prescription, even though its thermodynamic (in)stabilities are found in CE.

However, there was a close connection between dynamical instability and local thermodynamic instability for the black strings/branes in CE [\[10\]](#page-5-8). This Gubser- Mitra proposal was known to be the correlated stability conjecture (CSC) [\[11](#page-5-9)] which states clearly that gravitational systems with translational symmetry and infinite extent exhibit Gregory– Laflamme (GL) instability $[12]$, if and only if they have local thermodynamic instability in CE. Here, GL instability implies the dynamical instability. It is clear that the CSC does not hold for Schwarzschild and SAdS black holes found in Einstein gravity with a negative cosmological constant because they have no such translational symmetry and infinite extent.

At this stage, we briefly explain the GL instability of the five-dimensional (5D) black string. Considering fourdimensional (4D) metric perturbation $h_{\mu\nu}^{(4)} = e^{\Omega t} e^{i\vec{k}_z z} H_{\mu\nu}$ around the 5D black string $ds_{(5)}^2 = ds_{(4)}^2 + dz^2$ background, its linearized Einstein equation leads to $(\bar{\Delta} + k_z^2)h_{\mu\nu}^{(4)} = 0$ with \triangle 4D Lichnerowicz operator. The GL instability is an *s*-wave $(l = 0)$ spherically symmetric instability from 4D perspective. Solving H_{tr} -equation, one found that the GL instability bound is given by $0 < k_z < 0.876/r_+$ which is a long wavelength instability [\[12\]](#page-5-10). In addition, the 4D dRGT massive gravity [\[13\]](#page-5-11) which has a Schwarzschild solution when formulated in a diagonal bimetric form is subject to a direct analogous *s*-wave instability [\[14](#page-5-12)[,15](#page-5-13)]. Furthermore, a direct analogous *s*-wave instability bound for Schwarzschild black hole was found as $0 < m < 0.876/r_+$ in Einstein–Weyl (Ricci quadratic) gravity when solving the linearized Einstein equation is given by $({\bar \Delta} + m^2) \delta R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ [\[16](#page-5-14)]. Two

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linearized Einstein equations become the same and thus, the same instability bound is obtained when replacing k_z^2 and $h_{\mu\nu}^{(4)}$ by m^2 and $\delta R_{\mu\nu}$ [\[17\]](#page-5-15). Hence, it suggests that the direct analogous*s*-wave instability is regarded as the GL instability even though there is no direction with translation symmetry.

Similarly, one expects that another version of CSC holds for small SAdS black hole in higher curvature gravity with a negative cosmological constant because translational symmetry (higher dimensions) might be handled by the massiveness (higher curvature gravity). Here, the negative cosmological constant is necessary to have its thermodynamic (in)stabilities of black hole in CE. Fortunately, it was found that another version of CSC holds for small SAdS black holes found from Einstein–Weyl gravity with a negative cosmological constant by establishing a close relation between GL instability and local thermodynamic instability in CE [\[18](#page-5-16)]. Also, this CSC holds for small SAdS black holes obtained from Einstein–Ricci cubic gravity with a negative cosmological constant [\[19](#page-5-17),[20\]](#page-5-18). For simplicity, we call another version of CSC as CSC in the present work. In these higher curvature gravity theories with negative cosmological constant, it is obvious that small (large) black holes are determined precisely by negative (positive) heat capacities in CE and the 5D black sting (k_z^2) is replaced by the massiveness $(m^2 \neq 0)$ of a massive spin-2 mode. In this case, a massive spin-2 mode may be described by either the linearized Einstein tensor $\delta G_{\mu\nu}$ or metric tensor $h_{\mu\nu}$.

On the other hand, recently, there was a significant progress in obtaining black holes with scalar hair via spontaneous scalarization. This indicates an example for evasion of no-hair theorem. Here, the tachyonic instability of linearized scalar propagating around bald black holes is regarded as a hallmark for emerging scalarized black holes when introducing a quadratic scalar coupling to the Gauss–Bonnet term [\[21](#page-5-19)[–23](#page-6-0)]. So far, the Einstein–Gauss–Bonnet-scalar (EGBS) theory is considered as a simple model to induce tachyonic instability because the Gauss–Bonnet term is a topological term in four dimensions. In its linearized theories, it is important to note that the dynamical instability of bald black holes is determined only by the linearized scalar equation because its linearized Einstein equation is the same as that obtained from Einstein gravity which was shown be stable tensor modes [\[24\]](#page-6-1). So, it is clear that the dynamical instability of bald black holes is determined by tachyonic instability for scalar but its purpose is quite different from the conventional aspects. We note here that tachyonic instability has nothing to do with local thermodynamic instability, but it is regarded as a hallmark for emerging infinite branches of scalarized black holes.

In this work, we wish to investigate the stability of SAdS black hole in EWS theory with a negative cosmological constant and a quadratic scalar coupling to the Weyl term. This

model suggests a combined picture for establishing the CSC and generating scalarized black holes. The linearized theory admits the Lichnerowicz equation for Einstein tensor as well as scalar equation. The linearized Einstein-tensor carries with a regular mass term $({\cal M}^2 = m^2 - 2/\ell^2)$, whereas the linearized scalar has a tachyonic mass term $(-3r_0^2/m^2r^6)$. Two instabilities of SAdS black hole in EWS theory are described by GL and tachyonic instabilities. We check that the CSC holds for small SAdS black holes obtained from EWS theory by confirming a close relation between GL instability and local thermodynamic instability in CE. On the other hand, tachyonic instability of SAdS black hole will be used for making five branches of scalarized black holes when preferring proper thermodynamic quantities.

2 EWS theory and its black hole thermodynamics

The EWS theory with a negative cosmological constant Λ 0 is given by

$$
S_{\text{EWSc}} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \bigg[R - 2\Lambda - 2\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{f(\phi)}{2m^2} C^2 \bigg],\tag{1}
$$

where $f(\phi) = 1 - \phi^2$ is a quadratic scalar coupling function, $m²$ denotes a mass coupling parameter, and $C²$ represents the Weyl term given by

$$
C^{2} (\equiv C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) = 2\left(R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{R^{2}}{3}\right) + \mathcal{R}_{GB}^{2}.
$$
 (2)

Here, R_{GB}^2 is the Gauss–Bonnet term defined by R^2 – $4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu}+R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$. A this stage, it is worth noting that scalar couplings to Gauss–Bonnet term were mostly used to find scalarized black holes within EGBS theory because it provides a tachyonic mass term for a linearized scalar without modifying the linearized Einstein equation $[21-23]$ $[21-23]$. This is so because the Gauss–Bonnet term is a topological term in four dimensions.

Varying the action [\(1\)](#page-1-0) with respect to metric tensor, we derive the Einstein equation

$$
G_{\mu\nu} = 2\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial_{\nu}\phi - (\partial\phi)^2 g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2B_{\mu\nu}}{m^2} + \frac{\Gamma}{2m^2},\tag{3}
$$

where $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - (R/2)g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$ is the Einstein tensor. Here, $B_{\mu\nu}(B^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = 0)$ coming from the first part of C^2 in Eq. [\(2\)](#page-1-1) is the Bach tensor given by

$$
B_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} R^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{4} R_{\rho\sigma} R^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{R}{3} \left(R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{4} R \right)
$$

$$
+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla^2 R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{6} \nabla^2 R - \frac{1}{3} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu R \right) \tag{4}
$$

and $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}$ is given by

$$
\Gamma_{\mu\nu} = \left[\left(R_{\rho\sigma} R^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{R^2}{3} \right) g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{4}{3} R R_{\mu\nu} - 4 R_{\mu\rho} R^{\rho}_{\nu} \right] \phi^2 \n- \frac{4}{3} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} (\phi^2 R) + \frac{4}{3} g_{\mu\nu} \nabla^2 (\phi^2 R) + 2 \nabla_{\rho} \nabla_{\mu} (\phi^2 R^{\rho}_{\nu}) \n+ 2 \nabla_{\rho} \nabla_{\nu} (\phi^2 R^{\rho}_{\mu}) - 2 \nabla^2 (\phi^2 R_{\mu\nu}) - 2 g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\rho} \nabla_{\sigma} (\phi^2 R^{\rho\sigma}) \n+ 2 R \nabla_{(\mu} \Psi_{\nu)} + 4 \nabla^{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha} G_{\mu\nu} - 8 R_{(\mu|\alpha|} \nabla^{\alpha} \Psi_{\nu)} \n+ 4 R^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} \Psi_{\beta} g_{\mu\nu} - 4 R^{\beta}_{\mu\alpha\nu} \nabla^{\alpha} \Psi_{\beta}
$$
\n(5)

with

$$
\Psi_{\mu} = 2\phi \partial_{\mu} \phi. \tag{6}
$$

Its trace is not zero as $\Gamma^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = R \nabla^{\rho} \Psi_{\rho} - 2R^{\rho \sigma} \nabla_{\rho} \Psi_{\sigma}$.

Importantly, the scalar equation takes the form

$$
\nabla^2 \phi + \frac{C^2}{4m^2} \phi = 0. \tag{7}
$$

Considering the vanishing scalar $\bar{\phi} = 0$, the SAdS black hole solution is found from Eqs. (3) and (7) as

$$
ds_{\text{SAdS}}^2 = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} = -\left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}\right)} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2 \tag{8}
$$

with AdS curvature radius $\ell^2 = -3/\Lambda$ and a mass parameter of SAdS black hole $r_0 = 2M$. In this case, the horizon radius *r*₊ is the largest root to $1 - \frac{r_0}{r} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2} = 0$. It is determined by

$$
r_{+} = \frac{-2 \cdot 3^{1/3} \ell^{2} + (2\ell^{4})^{1/3} \left(9r_{0} + \sqrt{3(4\ell^{2} + 27r_{0}^{2})}\right)^{2/3}}{(6\ell)^{2/3} \left(9r_{0} + \sqrt{3(4\ell^{2} + 27r_{0}^{2})}\right)^{1/3}}.
$$
\n(9)

A connection between r_0 and r_+ takes the form of r_0 = $r_{+}(1 + r_{+}^{2}/\ell^{2})$. This SAdS black hole background yields $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \neq 0$, $R_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$, and $R = 4\Lambda$. In this case, we find that $\bar{C}^2 = \frac{12r_0^2}{r^6}$ and $\bar{\mathcal{R}}_{\text{GB}}^2 = \frac{12r_0^2}{r^6} + \frac{8\Lambda^2}{3}$. The Hawking temperature of this black hole is given by

$$
T_{\rm H} = \frac{1}{4\pi r_{+}} \left(1 + \frac{3r_{+}^{2}}{\ell^{2}} \right). \tag{10}
$$

On the other hand, using the Abbott-Deser-Tekin method [\[25](#page-6-2),[26\]](#page-6-3), Einstein–Weyl thermodynamic quantities of mass, heat capacity, and Wald entropy are given by [\[18](#page-5-16),[19](#page-5-17)]

$$
M_{\text{EW}}(m^2, r_+, \ell) = \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m^2} M(r_+, \ell),
$$

\n
$$
C_{\text{EW}}(m^2, r_+, \ell) = \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m^2} C(r_+, \ell),
$$
\n(11)

$$
S_{\rm EW}(m^2, r_+, \ell) = \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m^2} S_{\rm BH}(r_+),\tag{12}
$$

where the thermodynamic quantities for SAdS black holes in Einstein gravity take the forms

$$
M(r_{+}, \ell) = \frac{r_{+}}{2} \left(1 + \frac{r_{+}^{2}}{\ell^{2}} \right), \ C(r_{+}, \ell) = 2\pi r_{+}^{2} \left(\frac{3r_{+}^{2} + \ell^{2}}{3r_{+}^{2} - \ell^{2}} \right),
$$

$$
S_{\text{BH}}(r_{+}) = \pi r_{+}^{2}.
$$
 (13)

Here, the mass squared \mathcal{M}^2 of a massive spin-2 mode is given by

$$
\mathcal{M}^2 = m^2 - \frac{2}{\ell^2},\tag{14}
$$

which is positive/negative for $m \geq \sqrt{2}/\ell$.

It is checked that the first-law of thermodynamics is satisfied within EWS theory as

$$
dM_{\rm EW} = T_{\rm H} dS_{\rm EW},\tag{15}
$$

as well as the first-law is indeed satisfied in Einstein gravity

$$
dM = T_{\rm H} dS_{\rm BH},\tag{16}
$$

where '*d*' represents the differentiation with respect to the horizon radius r_{+} only. As was shown for the SAdS black holes [\[27](#page-6-4)], an Euclidean nonconformal negative mode which was originally proposed by Gross–Perry–Yaffe [\[28](#page-6-5)] ceases to exist exactly when the heat capacity becomes positive. This confirms the conjecture of Hawking and Page [\[29](#page-6-6)] and demonstrates the correspondence between this eigenvalue spectrum and the local thermodynamic stability of SAdS black hole in CE.

Hereafter, we consider the $\mathcal{M}^2 > 0$ case that is described dominantly by the Einstein gravity. Observing Eq. [\(11\)](#page-2-1), this case corresponds to having proper thermodynamic quantities. The opposite case of \mathcal{M}^2 < 0 corresponds to the case that is described dominantly by the Weyl term and has improper thermodynamic quantities. In the limit of $m^2 \to 0/\infty$ with $\phi = 0$, one recovers Weyl term (conformal gravity)/ Einstein gravity. Since the heat capacity $C(r_+,\ell = 10)$ blows up at $r_{+} = r_{*} = \ell/\sqrt{3} = 5.773 \ell$ [see (Left) Fig. [1\]](#page-3-0), one divides the black hole into small black hole with $r_{+} < r_{*}$ and large black hole with $r_{+} > r_{*}$. This implies that the small black hole is thermodynamically unstable because $C_{\text{EW}} < 0$ ($C(r_+, \ell = 10) < 0$), while the large black hole is thermodynamically stable because $C_{EW} > 0(C(r_{+}, \ell =$ $10) > 0$. Davies curve labels the positions where heat capacity diverges. According to the usual Ehrenfest classification, second-order phase transitions occur there. (Right) Fig. [1](#page-3-0) shows Davies curve representing for $C(r_+,\ell) \to \infty$.

3 Two instabilities of SAdS black holes

To perform the stability analysis of SAdS black hole in EWS theory, one needs metric perturbation $h_{\mu\nu}$ in ($g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} +$

Fig. 1 (Left) Heat capacity $C(r_+,\ell=10)$ for SAdS black hole. Heat capacity blows up at $r_{+} = r_{*} = 5.773$ (red line), it is negative for $r_{+} < r_{*}$, and it is positive for $r_{+} > r_{*}$. This picture persists to C_{EW}

 $h_{\mu\nu}$) and scalar perturbation $\delta\phi$ in ($\phi = 0 + \delta\phi$) propagating around [\(8\)](#page-2-2). Two linearized equations obtained by linearizing Eqs. [\(3\)](#page-1-2) and [\(7\)](#page-2-0) are decoupled as $[30-32]$ $[30-32]$

$$
\left(\bar{\Delta}_{\mathcal{L}} + \frac{6}{\ell^2} + \mathcal{M}^2\right) \delta G_{\mu\nu}(h) = 0, \tag{17}
$$

$$
\left(\bar{\Delta}_{\mathcal{L}} - \frac{3r_0^2}{m^2 r^6}\right) \delta \phi = 0, \tag{18}
$$

where the Lichnerowicz operator $\overline{\Delta}_L$ is defined for tensor and scalar as

$$
\bar{\Delta}_{\rm L}\delta G_{\mu\nu} = -\bar{\nabla}^2 \delta G_{\mu\nu} - 2\bar{R}_{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} \delta G^{\rho\sigma} - \frac{6}{\ell^2} \delta G_{\mu\nu}, \quad (19)
$$

$$
\bar{\Delta}_{\rm L}\delta\phi = -\bar{\nabla}^2 \delta\phi. \tag{20}
$$

The linearized Einstein tensor $\delta G_{\mu\nu}$ is defined by

$$
\delta G_{\mu\nu} = \delta R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\delta R}{2}\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{3}{\ell^2}h_{\mu\nu}
$$
 (21)

with the linearized Ricci tensor $\delta R_{\mu\nu}$ and the linearized Ricci scalar δR [\[19\]](#page-5-17). Here, it is important to note that ' \mathcal{M}^2 ' in Eq. [\(17\)](#page-3-1) is regarded as a regular mass term for linearized Einstein tensor, while ' $3r_0^2/m^2r^6$ ' in Eq. [\(18\)](#page-3-1) is regarded as a tachyonic mass term for linearized scalar. Also, we note that δG^{μ} $\mu = -\delta R = 0$ and the Bianchi identity $\bar{\nabla}^{\mu} \delta G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ in the linearized EWS theory.

In addition, taking into account the transverse and traceless conditions of $\bar{\nabla}^{\mu}h_{\mu\nu} = 0$ and $h^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = 0$, one finds [\[32](#page-6-8)]

$$
\delta G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\Delta}_L + \frac{6}{\ell^2} \right) h_{\mu\nu}.
$$
 (22)

In this case, one rewrites Eq. (17) as a fourth-order equation

$$
\left(\bar{\Delta}_{\mathcal{L}} + \frac{6}{\ell^2} + \mathcal{M}^2\right) \left(\bar{\Delta}_{\mathcal{L}} + \frac{6}{\ell^2}\right) h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \tag{23}
$$

for $\mathcal{M}^2 > 0$. (Right) Davies curve for $C(r_+,\ell) \to \infty$. A red dot represents a red line ($\ell = 10$, $r_{+} = r_{*}$) in (Left). Cyan (white) regions denote $C(r_+,\ell) < 0$ $(C(r_+,\ell) > 0)$

which implies a linearized massless equation for $h_{\mu\nu}$

$$
\left(\bar{\Delta}_{\rm L} + \frac{6}{\ell^2}\right) h_{\mu\nu} = 0\tag{24}
$$

and a linearized massive equation for $h_{\mu\nu}^{\mathcal{M}}$

$$
\left(\bar{\Delta}_{\rm L} + \frac{6}{\ell^2} + \mathcal{M}^2\right) h_{\mu\nu}^{\mathcal{M}} = 0.
$$
 (25)

We find that Eq. (17) is the same as Eq. (25) when replacing $\delta G_{\mu\nu}$ by $h_{\mu\nu}^{\mathcal{M}}$. Hence, we may use Eq. [\(17\)](#page-3-1) as the linearized equation around SAdS black hole background for a massive spin-2 mode (linearized Einstein tensor). However, one point to clarify is that if one uses Eq. [\(25\)](#page-3-2), one may be confronted with the ghost issue because Eq. [\(25\)](#page-3-2) arises from the fourthorder equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3).

3.1 Gregory–Laflamme instability

Equation [\(17\)](#page-3-1) leads to

$$
\bar{\nabla}^2 \delta G_{\mu\nu} + 2\bar{R}_{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} \delta G^{\rho\sigma} - \mathcal{M}^2 \delta G_{\mu\nu} = 0.
$$
 (26)

Actually, Eq. [\(26\)](#page-3-4) describes a massive spin-2 mode ($\delta G_{\mu\nu}$) with mass *M* propagating on the SAdS black hole background. We wish to solve Eq. [\(26\)](#page-3-4) by adopting polar sector $\delta G_{\mu\nu}^e(t,r) = e^{\Omega t} \delta G_{\mu\nu}(r)$. Its radial part is initially given by four $\delta G_{tt}(r)$, $\delta G_{tr}(r)$, $\delta G_{rr}(r)$, and $\delta G_{\theta\theta}(r)$. Making use of $\delta G^{\mu}{}_{\mu} = 0$ and $\bar{\nabla}^{\mu} \delta G_{\mu\nu} = 0$, one derives one decoupled second-order equation for $s(l = 0)$ -mode δG_{tr} as

$$
A(r; r_0, \ell, \Omega^2, \mathcal{M}^2) \delta G_{tr}''(r) + B \delta G_{tr}'(r) + C \delta G_{tr}(r) = 0,
$$
\n(27)

where the prime $(')$ denotes differentiation with respect to a radial coordinate *r*. Three coefficients (*A*, *B*, *C*) were found in [\[18](#page-5-16)]. Solving Eq. [\(27\)](#page-3-5) numerically with appropriate boundary conditions, one reads off the GL instability bound

Fig. 2 Ω graphs as function of mass parameter M for linearized Einstein tensor δG_{tr} with $r_{+} = 1$, 2, 4 ($r_{0} = 1.01$, 2.08, 4.64) with $\ell = 10$. The thresholds of GL instability ($\Omega = 0$) are located at $Mth = 0.87, 0.42, 016$

from Fig. [2](#page-4-0) as

 $0 < \mathcal{M} < \mathcal{M}^{\text{th}}$, (28)

where $\mathcal{M}^{th} = 0.88/r_0 = 0.87$ for $r_0 = 1.01(r_+ = 1)$ denotes threshold mass of GL instability.

At this stage, it is important to find that for $r_{+} = 6 > r_{*} =$ 5.773, the maximum value of Ω is less than 10⁻⁴, implying there is no unstable modes for large black hole with $r_{+} > r_{*}$. The GL instability of small SAdS black holes sets in precisely when they are thermodynamically unstable $(C(r_+,\ell) < 0)$. This means that the CSC holds for small SAdS black holes found in the EWS theory.

Finally, it is worth noting that we arrive at the same conclusion on the GL instability bound (28) when using Eq. (25) , instead of Eq. [\(17\)](#page-3-1).

3.2 Tachyonic instability

Tachyonic instability has nothing to do with thermodynamic instability, but it is considered as an onset for emerging black holes with scalar hair. From Eq. (18) , the linearized scalar equation takes the form

$$
(\bar{\nabla}^2 - \mu_S^2)\delta\phi = 0, \qquad (29)
$$

where a tachyonic mass squared is given by

$$
\mu_S^2 = -\frac{3r_0^2}{m^2 r^6}.
$$
\n(30)

Taking into account separation of variables $[\delta \phi(t, r, \theta, \varphi)]$ $\frac{(r)}{r}e^{-i\omega t}Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$] and introducing a tortoise coordinate r_* defined by $dr_* = \frac{dr}{1-2M/r+r^2/\ell^2}$, the radial part of [\(29\)](#page-4-2) is given by

$$
\frac{d^2u}{dr_*^2} + \left[\omega^2 - V_S(r)\right]u(r) = 0,\tag{31}
$$

where the effective potential $V_S(r)$ is

$$
V_{\rm S}(r) = \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r} + \frac{r^2}{\ell^2}\right) \left[\frac{r_0}{r^3} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{2}{\ell^2} - \frac{3r_0^2}{m^2r^6}\right].\tag{32}
$$

For $V_S(r)$ obtained from EGBS theory, see Ref. [\[33](#page-6-9)[,34](#page-6-10)]. We could not impose a sufficient condition of tachyonic instability because $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V_S(r) dr_* \to \infty$ for any $\ell > 0$. From (Left) Fig. [3,](#page-5-20) the negative region becomes wide and deep as the mass parameter *m* decreases, implying tachyonic instability of SAdS black hole. To determine the threshold of tachyonic instability for $s(l = 0)$ -mode $\delta\phi$, one has to solve Eq. [\(29\)](#page-4-2) with $\omega = i\Omega$ directly, which may allow an exponentially growing mode of $e^{\Omega t}$ as an unstable mode. The bound for tachyonic instability for $r_{+} = 1$ ($r_{0} = 1.01$) and $\ell = 10$ is achieved for

$$
0 < m < m^{\text{th}},\tag{33}
$$

where the threshold mass is given by $mth = 1.103$. If one requires $M^2 > 0$ ($m > \sqrt{2}/\ell$), the bound for tachyonic instability is modified as

$$
0.141 < m < 1.103. \tag{34}
$$

On the other hand, we consider the static scalar equation [\(29\)](#page-4-2) with $\omega = 0$. Solving this equation, we obtain a finite spectrum of parameter *m*: $m \in [1.103 = m^{\text{th}}, 0.435, 0.271,$ 0.197,

0.155], which defines five branches of scalarized black holes: $n = 0((0.141, 1.103])$, $n = 1((0.141, 0.435])$, $n = 2((0.141, 0.271])$, $n = 3((0.141, 0.197])$, and 3((0.141, 0.197]), and $n = 4(0.141, 0.155)$. This is because the condition of $\mathcal{M}^2 > 0$ puts a lower bound on *m* (*m* > 0.141). Here, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ are identified with the number of nodes for $\delta \phi_n(r)$ profile [see (Right) Fig. [3\]](#page-5-20). Hence, we expect that five branches $(n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4)$ of scalarized black holes would be found when solving Eqs. [\(3\)](#page-1-2) and [\(7\)](#page-2-0) numerically. However, this computation seems to be difficult because Eq. [\(3\)](#page-1-2) includes fourth-order derivatives and its Ricci scalar is not zero.

4 Discussions

In this work, we have investigated the instability of SAdS black hole in EWS theory with a negative cosmological constant and a quadratic scalar coupling to the Weyl term. This theory has provided a unified picture for establishing the correlated stability conjecture (CSC) and generating infinite branches of scalarized black holes. The linearized theory admits the Lichnerowicz equation for Einstein tensor (metric tensor) as well as scalar equation. The linearized Einstein-tensor (metric tensor) carries with a regular mass term (M^2) , whereas the linearized scalar has a tachyonic mass term $(-3r_0/m^2r^6)$. Two instabilities of SAdS black

Fig. 3 (Left) Scalar potential $V_S(r \in [r_+ = 1, 10])$ for $s(l = 0)$ -mode $\delta\phi$ with $r_0 = 1.01$, $\ell = 10$, and $m = 1.2$ (stable), $1.103 (= m^{\text{th}})$, 1.0 (unstable). The negative region increases as *m* decreases. (Right) Profile of $\delta \phi_n$ ($r \in [r_+ = 1, 10]$) with node number $n = 0, 1, 2$ and $\ell = 10$

hole in EWS theory are described by Gregory–Laflamme (GL) and tachyonic instabilities. The GL instability bound takes the form $0 < M < 0.87$ with $M = \sqrt{m^2 - 2/\ell^2}$ for $r_{+} = 1$ and $\ell = 10$, while the tachyonic instability bound is given by $0.141 < m < 1.103$. Furthermore, we have shown that the CSC holds for small SAdS black holes with $r_{+} < r_{*}$ obtained from EWS theory by confirming a close connection between GL instability and local thermodynamic instability in canonical ensemble. On the other hand, it seems that tachyonic instability of SAdS black hole has nothing to do with thermodynamic instability. In the case of EGBS theory, tachyonic instability implies infinite branches of scalarized black holes. However, number of branches of scalarized black holes is five when taking into account proper thermodynamic quantities of EWS theory ($\mathcal{M}^2 > 0$).

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