

# Review: Black Hole Microstates in AdS

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# The AdS/CFT correspondence

provides a CONSISTENT and NON-PERTURBATIVE definition  
of QUANTUM GRAVITY in ANTI-DE-SITTER SPACE

Quantum Gravity in  
asymptotically-AdS  
spacetime

AdS/CFT  
 $\Longleftrightarrow$

Ordinary QFT  
living at conformal  
boundary

# Semiclassical Regime for Gravity

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|-----------|--|--|
|           | Gravity is weakly coupled  | and close to Einstein gravity  |
| ★ In AdS: | $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{AdS much larger} \\ \text{than Planck scale} \end{array} \right)$ | $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{scale of higher-derivative corr.'s} \\ \text{much higher than AdS scale} \end{array} \right)$ |
| ★ In QFT: | large<br>“central charge”<br>(large $N$ )  | QFT is<br><b>strongly coupled</b>  |

Need to take advantage of  
**non-perturbative methods**  
in QFT:

- conformal bootstrap
- integrability (for certain CFT's)
- supersymmetric localization
- numerics (lattice and/or Montecarlo)
- ...

Review of recent developments  
in study of **black holes in AdS**: **entropy and microstates**

This topic has been extensively studied in asymptotically-flat spacetimes

- ★ String theory reproduced the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy of BPS black holes in **asymptotically-flat** spacetimes [Strominger, Vafa 96]

Since AdS/CFT grants us a fully non-perturbative definition of Quantum Gravity, it is interesting to study **black hole entropy in AdS**

$\text{AdS}_3$  and  $\text{AdS}_2$  are special.

Here  $\text{AdS}_d$  with  $d \geq 4$

# Black Hole Entropy

$$S_{\text{Bekenstein-Hawking}} = \frac{\text{Horizon Area}}{4 G_N \hbar / c^3}$$

[Bekenstein 72, 73, 74; Hawking 74, 75]

Black hole = Ensemble of states in quantum gravity  $\stackrel{\text{AdS/CFT}}{=}$  Ensemble of states in boundary QFT

$$S_{\text{micro}} = \log N_{\text{micro}} = \frac{\text{Area}}{4 G_N} + \text{corrections:} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{perturbative} \\ \text{higher derivative} \\ \text{non-perturbative (classical sol's)} \\ \text{non-perturbative (branes)} \\ \dots \end{array} \right.$$

- ★ Some caveats:
- Consider *large* black holes in AdS
  - Boundary QFT captures *all* states in AdS
  - SUSY, rather than thermal, entropy

# Strategies

Count states in boundary QFT employing a **grand canonical partition function**

$$\mathcal{I}(y) = \sum_{\text{states}} y^Q = \sum_{\text{charges } Q} d(Q) y^Q$$

- Lorentzian: extract the degeneracy

$$d(Q) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dy}{y^{Q+1}} \mathcal{I}(y) = \oint d\Delta \, e^{\log \mathcal{I}(\Delta) - 2\pi i Q \Delta} \quad y = e^{2\pi i \Delta}$$

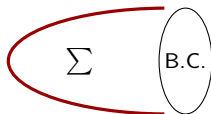
Assuming large degeneracies, saddle-point approximation  $\rightarrow$  **Legendre transform**

$$\text{entropy } S = \log d(Q) \simeq \log \mathcal{I}(\Delta) - 2\pi i Q \Delta \Big|_{\Delta = \text{extremum}}$$

- Euclidean:

$$\mathcal{I} = Z_{M_{d-1} \times S^1} \stackrel{\text{AdS/CFT}}{=}$$

Euclidean “**gravitational path integral**” with fixed boundary conditions



Partition function at strong coupling: very hard!

★ Employ a SUSY partition function, or index:

$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{\text{states}} (-1)^F y^Q$$

Often computable *exactly* with localization techniques

Index counts BPS states: applicable to BPS black holes

★ Does an index capture the *full* entropy?

At least at leading order, yes!

[FB, Hristov, Zaffaroni 16]

[Boruch, Heydemann, Iliesiu, Turiaci 22]

$\mathcal{I}$ -extremization: near-horizon  $\text{AdS}_2$  with  $\mathfrak{su}(1, 1|1)$

Similar to asymptotically-flat black holes

[Sen 09]

Magnetically-charged  
BPS black holes  
in  $\text{AdS}_4$



# BPS Magnetically-Charged Black Holes in $\text{AdS}_4$

- ★ Spherically symmetric, static black holes in 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(1)^4$  gauged SUGRA (STU model)  
uplift: 11d supergravity (M-theory) on  $\text{AdS}_4 \times S^7$

$$ds^2 = -f(r) dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)} dr^2 + g(r) ds_{S^2}^2 \quad [\text{Cacciatori, Klemm 09}]$$

$$X^i = X^i(r) \quad F^{a=1,2,3,4} = n_a \text{dvol}_{S^2} \quad \sum_{a=1}^4 n_a = 2$$

Magnetic charge for an R-symmetry (+ possibly electric flavor charges  $q_a$  & angular momentum)

BPS: 1 cplx supercharge  $Q$

Bekenstein-Hawking  
entropy:

$$S_{BH} \sim N^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\Lambda + \sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 4n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4}} \quad \Lambda = \sum_{a < b} \frac{n_a n_b}{2} - \sum_a \frac{n_a^2}{4}$$

- ★ Boundary theory: 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 8$  ABJM gauge theory  $U(N)_1 \times U(N)_{-1}$

Boundary theory is topologically twisted

$$\ell_{\text{AdS}}^2 / G_N \sim N^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Grand canonical partition function at strong coupling:

protected observable for 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SUSY gauge theories with R-symmetry

$$Z_{\text{T\overline{T}I}}[y_a, \mathbf{n}_a] = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} (-1)^F e^{-\beta H} e^{iJ^a A_a^{\text{bkgd}}}$$

$\mathcal{H}$ : Hilbert space of states on  $S^2$  with R-symmetry background (top. twist)

$$Q^2 = H - m_a^{\text{bkgd}} J^a \quad \text{only BPS states with } Q^2 = 0 \text{ contribute}$$

$$\text{Complex fugacities:} \quad y_a = e^{i\Delta_a} = e^{i(A_a^{\text{bkgd}} + i\beta m_a^{\text{bkgd}})}$$

★ Computable exactly with localization techniques. For ABJM:

$$\begin{aligned} Z = & \frac{1}{(N!)^2} \sum_{\mathbf{m}, \tilde{\mathbf{m}} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{dx_i}{2\pi i x_i} \frac{d\tilde{x}_i}{2\pi i \tilde{x}_i} x_i^{\mathbf{m}_i} \tilde{x}_i^{-\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_i} \times \prod_{i \neq j}^N \left(1 - \frac{x_i}{x_j}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\tilde{x}_j}\right) \times \\ & \times \prod_{i,j=1}^N \prod_{a=1,2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j}} y_a}{1 - \frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j} y_a} \right)^{\mathbf{m}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_j - \mathbf{n}_a + 1} \prod_{b=3,4} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i}} y_b}{1 - \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i} y_b} \right)^{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_j - \mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{n}_b + 1} \end{aligned}$$

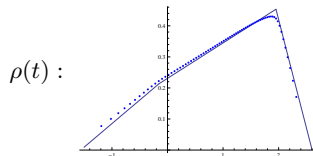
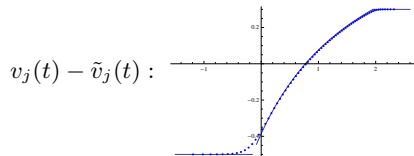
- ★ Compute contour integral as a multi-dimensional residue

Distribution of poles at large  $N$ : “Bethe Ansatz Equations”

$$1 = x_i \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{(1 - y_3 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_4 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}{(1 - y_1^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_2^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})} = \tilde{x}_j \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(1 - y_3 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_4 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}{(1 - y_1^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_2^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}$$

From a numerical analysis, ansatz:  $\log x_j = \sqrt{N} t_j + i v_j$

- ★ Use a continuous distribution of poles:



Grand canonical partition function, at leading order in large  $N$ :

$$\log Z_{\text{TtI}}(\Delta_a, \mathbf{n}_a) = -\frac{N^{3/2}}{3} \sqrt{2\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3\Delta_4} \sum_a \frac{\mathbf{n}_a}{\Delta_a} + \dots$$

Here  $y_a = e^{i\Delta_a}$ ,  $0 \leq \Delta_a \leq 2\pi$  and  $\sum \Delta_a = 2\pi$ .

Bekenstein-Hawking entropy from a (constrained) Legendre transform:

$$\log Z(\Delta_a, \mathbf{n}_a) - i\Delta_a \mathbf{q}_a \Big|_{\Delta_a=\text{crit}} = S_{\text{BH}}(\mathbf{q}_a, \mathbf{n}_a)$$

★  $\mathcal{I}$ -extremization: dual to attractor mechanism in  $\text{AdS}_4$

[Gauntlett, Martelli, Sparks 19][Hosseini, Zaffaroni 19]

[Kim, Kim 19][van Beest, Cizel, Schafer-Nameki, Sparks 20]

# Many Examples in Various Dimensions

- ★ Similar strategies reproduce the [Bekenstein-Hawking entropy](#) of various types of BPS black holes in different dimensions from various indices:

BPS Kerr-Newman  
rotating black holes

(possibly with electric and  
magnetic flavor charges)



superconformal indices

BPS black holes with  
R-symmetry magnetic charge

(possibly rotating and with  
electric/magnetic flavor charges)



topologically twisted indices

# (Partial) List of Examples

## Magnetically-charged BPS black holes:

- in  $\text{AdS}_4$ , with addition of electric charges and/or angular momentum (only BHs) [FB, Hristov, Zaffaroni 16]  
[Hristov, Katmadas, Toldo 18]
- with exotic horizon  $\Sigma_g$  [FB, Zaffaroni 16][Closset, Kim 16]
- in massive Type IIA on  $S^6$  [Hosseini, Hristov, Passias 17][FB, Khachatryan, Milan 17]
- other QFTs and internal manifolds [Hosseini, Zaffaroni 16]
- from M5-branes, within 3d-3d correspondence [Dimofte, Gaiotto, Gukov 11]  
[Gang, Kim, Pando Zayas 19][Bobev, Cricigno 19]
- in  $\text{AdS}_5$  with hyperbolic horizon [Bae, Gang, Lee 19]
- in  $\text{AdS}_6$  with toric-Kahler or  $\Sigma_{g_1} \times \Sigma_{g_2}$  horizon [Hosseini, Yaakov, Zaffaroni 18]  
[Cricigno, Jain, Willett 18][Suh 18] + Hristov, Passias, Fluder, Uhlemann]

## Rotating **Kerr-Newman** BPS black holes:

- in  $\text{AdS}_4$  (only Cardy limit) [Choi, Hwang, Kim 19][Nian, Pando Zayas 19]
- in  $\text{AdS}_5$  (see later) [many. . .]
- in  $\text{AdS}_6$  (only Cardy limit) [Choi, Kim 19]
- in  $\text{AdS}_7$  (only Cardy limit) [Kantor, Papageorgakis, Richmond 19][Nahmgoong 19]

## Other examples:

- black strings (holographic RG flows) [many. . .]  
[Hosseini, Nedelin, Zaffaroni 16][Hosseini, Hristov, Tachikawa, Zaffaroni 20]
- spindles [Ferrero, Gauntlett, Perez Ipiña, Martelli, Sparks 20][Hosseini, Hristov, Zaffaroni 21]  
[see D.Martelli's talk]

# Perturbative and Higher-Derivative Corrections

★ In QFT, we can compute corrections to the TT index at large  $N$ .

Analytic computations turn out to be too difficult,

[Liu, Pando Zayas, Rathee, Zhao 17]

→ resort to **numerical evaluations** and fitting:

[Bobev, Hong, Reys 22]

$$\log Z_0 = -\frac{N^{3/2}}{3} \sqrt{2\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3\Delta_4} \sum_a \frac{\mathbf{n}_a}{\Delta_a}$$

$$\log Z = \log Z_0 + \underbrace{N^{\frac{1}{2}} f_1(\Delta_a, \mathbf{n}_a)}_{\text{higher deriv.}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \log N}_{\text{1-loop}} + f_2(\Delta_a, \mathbf{n}_a) + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

In the specially symmetric case  $\Delta_a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and for generic  $k$ :

$$\Rightarrow S^7/\mathbb{Z}_k$$

$$\log Z = -\frac{\pi\sqrt{2k}}{3} N^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2k}} \frac{k^2 + 32}{24} N^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \log N + \dots$$



- ★ **log corrections** to entropy have been extensively studied for asymptotically-flat black holes

[Sen 08]

Window into QG: 1-loop effect from matter fields in near-horizon region

- ★ For  $\text{AdS}_4$  black holes: contribution from whole space

[Jeon, Lal 17]

[Liu, Pando Zayas, Rathee, Zhao 17]

Arbitrary genus: 
$$Z_{\Sigma_g \times S^1}(\mathbf{n}_a, \Delta_a) = \dots - \frac{1-g}{2} \log N + \dots$$

Computation in 11d SUGRA on  $M_4 \times S^7$ :  $(M_4 \text{ is reg. Euclidean black hole})$

- in odd dimensions, **only zero-modes** contribute
- examine fields of 11d SUGRA, including ghosts
- $M_4$  is non-compact  $\rightarrow$  space of  $L^2$  harmonic forms  $\mathcal{H}_{L^2}^p(M_4, \mathbb{R})$   
 $\dim_{\text{reg}} \mathcal{H}_{L^2}^{p=2} = 2(1-g)$

- ★ Add 4-derivative corrections to 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  minimal gauged SUGRA

Higher-derivative couplings: Weyl multiplet, T-log multiplet

- Any solution to 2- $\partial$  action is also a solution of 4- $\partial$  action, and preserves same amount of SUSY (special to  $\text{AdS}_4$ )

$$\log Z = -\pi \mathcal{F} \left( AN^{\frac{3}{2}} + BN^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \pi (\mathcal{F} - \chi) C N^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- $\mathcal{F}, \chi$  depend on boundary geometry of asymptotically-locally- $\text{AdS}_4$  solution

Mag. AdS BH:  $\mathcal{F} = (1 - g) \quad \chi = 2(1 - g)$

- $A, B, C$  depend on theory: fix them with selected localization computations

ABJM<sub>k</sub>:  $A = \frac{\sqrt{2k}}{3} \quad B = -\frac{k^2+8}{24\sqrt{2k}} \quad C = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}}$

- ★ Grav. evaluation of TT index:

$$\log Z_{\Sigma_g \times S^1} = -(1 - g) \frac{\pi \sqrt{2k}}{3} \left( N^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{32 + k^2}{16k} N^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \dots$$

- ★ In order to address generic fugacities, need to add vector multiplets

# Some interesting conjectures

[see V.Reys' talk]

By a very careful numerical analysis,

[Bobev, Hong, Reys 22]

conjecture for **TT index of ABJM<sub>k</sub>**, to all perturbative orders in  $\frac{1}{N^{1/2}}$ :

$$\log Z_{S^1 \times \Sigma_{\mathfrak{g} \neq 1}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2k\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3\Delta_4}}{3} \sum_{a=1}^4 \frac{\mathfrak{n}_a}{\Delta_a} \left( \hat{N}_\Delta^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{\mathfrak{c}_a}{k} \hat{N}_\Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \frac{1-\mathfrak{g}}{2} \log \hat{N}_\Delta \\ + f_0(k, \Delta, \mathfrak{n}) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{Nk}}) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{N/k}})$$

where

$$\hat{N}_\Delta = N - \frac{k}{24} + \frac{\pi}{12k} \sum_{a=1}^4 \frac{1}{\Delta_a} \quad \mathfrak{c}_a = \frac{\prod_{b(\neq a)} (\Delta_b + \Delta_a)}{8\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3\Delta_4} \sum_{b(\neq a)} \Delta_b$$

Some conjectures on the prepotential

[Hristov 21/22]

corrected to all higher-derivative orders,

compatible with this formula, have also appeared.

Kerr-Newman rotating  
BPS black holes  
in  $\text{AdS}_5$

# Kerr–Newman BPS black holes in $\text{AdS}_5$

**Rotating & electrically-charged  $\frac{1}{16}$ -BPS black holes in  $\text{AdS}_5$**  [Gutowski, Reall 04]  
[Chong, Cvetic, Lu, Pope 05][Kunduri, Lucietti, Reall 06]

- Constructed in: 5d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(1)^3$  gauged SUGRA (STU model)  
or uplift to: 10d type IIB SUGRA on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$
- Angular momentum Here:  $J_1, J_2$   
Electric charges Charges for  $U(1)^3 \subset SO(6)$ :  $R_1, R_2, R_3$
- SUSY (1 cplx supercharge  $\mathcal{Q}$ )
- Bekenstein-Hawking entropy ( $S^3$  horizon): 
$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{\text{Area}}{4G_N} = \pi \sqrt{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3 - 2N^2(J_1 + J_2)}$$
- Angular momenta, charges and entropy scale  $\sim N^2$

## 4d Superconformal Index

[Romelsberger 05; Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju 05]

- Dual boundary theory:  $4d \mathcal{N} = 4 SU(N)$  SYM

- ★ Superconformal index:

Counts (with sign) **BPS states** on  $S^3$  = protected operators on flat space

Index of  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM:

$$\mathcal{I}(p, q, y_1, y_2) = \text{Tr} (-1)^F e^{-\beta \{Q, Q^\dagger\}} p^{J_1 + \frac{1}{2} R_3} q^{J_2 + \frac{1}{2} R_3} y_1^{\frac{1}{2}(R_1 - R_3)} y_2^{\frac{1}{2}(R_2 - R_3)}$$

Write:  $p = e^{2\pi i \tau}$        $q = e^{2\pi i \sigma}$        $y_a = e^{2\pi i \Delta_a}$

Introduce  $\Delta_3$  such that:  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 - \tau - \sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$

- ★ Equals the Euclidean partition function on  $S^3 \times S^1$

with background flat connections:

$$\mathcal{I} = Z_{S^3 \times S^1}(\tau, \sigma, \Delta_1, \Delta_2)$$

★ Exact integral formula:

[Aharony, Marsano, Minwalla, Papadodimas, Van Raamsdonk 03]  
[Sundborg 99][Romelsberger 05][Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju 05]

$$\mathcal{I} = \kappa_N \oint_{\mathbb{T}^{\text{rk}(G)}} \prod_{i=1}^{\text{rk}(G)} \frac{dz_i}{2\pi i z_i} \times \frac{\prod_{a=1}^3 \prod_{\rho \in \mathfrak{R}_{\text{adj}}} \tilde{\Gamma}(\rho(u) + \Delta_a; \tau, \sigma)}{\prod_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}} \tilde{\Gamma}(\alpha(u); \tau, \sigma)}$$

with

$$z = e^{2\pi i u} \quad \kappa_N = \frac{(p; p)_{\infty}^{\text{rk}(G)} (q; q)_{\infty}^{\text{rk}(G)}}{|\text{Weyl}_G|} \quad \tilde{\Gamma}(u; \tau, \sigma) = \prod_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - p^{m+1} q^{n+1} / z}{1 - p^m q^n z}$$

★ Taking the large  $N$  limit turns out to be tricky. . .

One saddle point with  $u_i \in \mathbb{R}$  found long ago

[Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju 05]

but it describes gas of gravitons in  $\text{AdS}_5$ , not black holes

- Many different approaches have been devised by now

★ Integrand simplifies in a (high temperature) **Cardy limit**:

- angular chemical potentials  $\tau, \sigma \rightarrow 0$  (with  $\tau/\sigma \in \mathbb{R}_+$  fixed)
- electric chemical potentials  $\text{Im } \Delta_a \rightarrow 0$  with  $\text{Re } \Delta_a$  fixed

$$\mathcal{I} = Z_{S^3 \times S^1} \underset{\tau, \sigma \rightarrow 0}{\simeq} \int d^{\text{rk}(G)} u \, e^{\frac{i\pi}{6\tau\sigma} V_2(u) + \frac{i\pi(\tau+\sigma)}{2\tau\sigma} V_1(u)}$$

$V_{1,2}(u)$ : piecewise polynomial functions, that depends on gauge/matter rep.

[Di Pietro, Komargodski 14][Arabi Ardehali 15][Di Pietro, Honda 16]

★ Next, take **large  $N$  limit**:

(here  $[x] = x - \lceil x \rceil$ )

$$\log \mathcal{I} = -i\pi N^2 \frac{[\Delta_1][\Delta_2][\Delta_3]}{\tau\sigma} + \dots$$

★ (Constrained) Legendre transform reproduces **Bekenstein-Hawking entropy**:

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \log \mathcal{I} - 2\pi i \left( \sum X_a \frac{R_a}{2} + 2\tau J \right) \Big|_{\text{constrained extremum}}$$

Cardy limit captures limit of: charges  $\gg$  central charge



Cardy limit can be studied at generic (small)  $N$

- ★ In 2d, Cardy limit follows from modular invariance
- ★ In 4d no modular invariance, yet central charges control the Cardy limit

Obtained by reduction on  $S^1$ , careful treatment of  
3d EFT of massive and zero modes

- E.g., for the so-called “R-charge index”, or “index on 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet”:

$$\mathcal{I} = \text{Tr} \, e^{-i\pi R} e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}^\dagger\}} e^{2\pi i\tau(J_1 + \frac{1}{2}R)} e^{2\pi i\sigma(J_2 + \frac{1}{2}R)}$$

where  $R$  is superconformal R-symmetry,

[Cassani, Komargodski 21]

[see also: Kim, Kim, Song 19; Cabo-Bizet, Cassani, Martelli, Murthy 19]

[Lezcano, Hong, Liu, Pando Zayas 20; Amariti, Fazzi, Segati 21]

[Arabi Ardehali, Murthy 21]

$$\log \mathcal{I} = \frac{i\pi}{24\tau\sigma} \left[ (\text{Tr} R^3 - \text{Tr} R) + (\tau + \sigma)(3 \text{Tr} R^3 - \text{Tr} R) \right. \\ \left. + (\tau + \sigma)^2 3 \text{Tr} R^3 - (\tau^2 + \sigma^2) \text{Tr} R \right] + \log |G_{1\text{-form}}| + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

- ★ Relax any limit on fugacities, only **large  $N$**

This analysis reveals interesting *non-perturbative* corrections

Various tools:

- Bethe Ansatz formula
- Non-analytic extension
- Direct saddle-point approximation
- ...



# Bethe Ansatz Formula for 4d Superconformal Index

Alternative formula: (set  $\tau = \sigma$ )

[Closset, Kim, Willett 17]

[FB, Milan 18]

[FB, Rizi 21]

$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{u \in \mathfrak{M}_{\text{BAE}}} \mathcal{Z}(u; \Delta, \tau, \tau) H(u; \Delta, \tau)^{-1}$$

- ①  $\mathfrak{M}_{\text{BAE}}$  are solutions to “**Bethe Ansatz Equations**” for  $\text{rk}(G)$  complexified holonomies  $[u_i]$  living on a complex torus  $T_\tau^2$  of modular parameter  $\tau$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{M}_{\text{BAE}} : \\ SU(N) \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM} \end{array} \quad Q_i(u) = \prod_{a=1}^3 \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{\theta(\Delta_a - u_{ij}; \tau)}{\theta(\Delta_a + u_{ij}; \tau)} = 1 \quad \begin{array}{l} u_{ij} = \\ u_i - u_j \neq 0 \end{array}$$

Equations are defined on  $T_\tau^2$  and are invariant under  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

- ②  $\mathcal{Z}$ : same integrand as in integral formula       $H$ : Jacobian       $H = \det_{ij} \frac{\partial Q_i}{\partial u_j}$

★ *Discrete* family of exact solutions

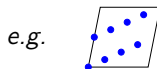
[Hosseini, Nedelin, Zaffaroni 16][Hong, Liu 18]

Labelled by  $\{m, r\}$  with  $m \cdot n = N$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

• BASIC SOLUTION  $\{1, 0\}$ :  $u_j \sim \frac{\tau}{N} j$



• Other solutions – forming  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  orbits:



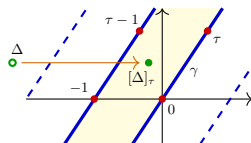
★ Contrib. of BASIC SOLUTION reproduces **Bekenstein-Hawking entropy**:

[FB, Milan 18]

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{I}(\tau, \Delta_1, \Delta_2) \Big|_{\substack{\text{BASIC} \\ \text{SOLUTION}}} \simeq \exp \left( -i\pi N^2 \frac{[\Delta_1]_\tau [\Delta_2]_\tau [\Delta_3]_\tau}{\tau^2} \right)$$

Large  $N$  limit is a *discontinuous*  
analytic function: **Stokes phenomenon**

$$[\Delta]_\tau \equiv \Delta + n \quad \text{s.t. } \in \text{STRIP}$$



# Non-Perturbative Corrections from QFT

Expansion of the index at large  $N$ : 
$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{\text{solutions} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\text{BAE}}} e^{\mathcal{O}(N^2) + \dots}$$

It looks like a **semiclassical expansion**

★ Large  $N$  contribution of  $\{m, r\}$  solutions (with fixed  $m, r$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mathcal{I}_{\{m, r\}} = & \underbrace{-\frac{i\pi N^2}{m} \frac{[m\Delta_1]_{\check{\tau}} [m\Delta_2]_{\check{\tau}} [m\Delta_3]_{\check{\tau}}}{(m\tau + r)^2}}_{\text{on-shell action}} + \underbrace{\log N + \mathcal{O}(1)}_{\text{1-loop + higher-deriv. ?}} \\ & + \underbrace{\sum e^{\frac{2\pi i N}{m} \frac{[m\Delta_a]_{\check{\tau}}}{\check{\tau}}} + \dots}_{\text{Euclidean D3-branes}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

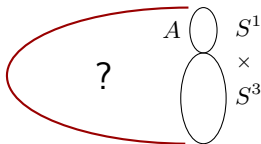
where  $\check{\tau} = m\tau + r$  [Lezcano, Hong, Liu, Pando Zayas 20][Aharony, FB, Mamroud, Milan 21]

# “Classical” Non-Perturbative Corrections

Fill-in **bulk geometry**  
for given boundary conditions

[Witten 98; Dijkgraaf, Maldacena, Moore, Verlinde 00]

[Maloney, Witten 07]



- $\exists$  infinite family of **complex Euclidean solutions** (including orbifolds) of 10d type IIB supergravity

★ **SUSY**, but *not* extremal,  
with correct boundary conditions

[Cabo-Bizet, Cassani, Martelli, Murthy 18]

[Aharony, FB, Mamroud, Milan 21]

- (Renormalized) on-shell action  $F_{\text{grav}}$   
Reproduces  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  contribution to  $\log \mathcal{I}_{\{m,r\}}$

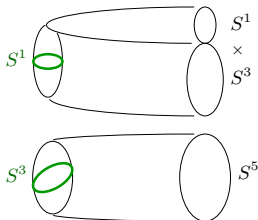
# “Stringy” Non-Perturbative Corrections

- ★ A class of non-perturbative corrections from **Euclidean SUSY D3-branes** wrapped on 10d geometry at the horizon

[Aharony, FB, Mamroud, Milan 21]

On-shell action:

$$S_{D3} = 2\pi N \frac{\Delta_a^g}{\tau^g} \quad \text{or} \quad S_{D3} = 2\pi N \frac{\Delta_a^g}{\sigma^g}$$



- ★ Effect of D3-brane corrections:

$$\mathcal{I} = Z_{S^3 \times S^1} \simeq e^{-F_{\text{grav}}} + \sum_k e^{-F_{\text{grav}}} e^{ikS_{D3}} \simeq \exp \left\{ - \underbrace{F_{\text{grav}}}_{\mathcal{O}(N^2)} + \sum_k \underbrace{e^{ikS_{D3}}}_{\mathcal{O}(e^{-N})} \right\}$$

- ★ **Criterion** to retain a complex saddle:

$$\text{Im } S_{D3} > 0 \quad \text{for all (SUSY) D3-brane embeddings}$$

Violation implies “D3-brane condensation” towards some other saddle point.

Expected to signal that **complex saddle point** does *not contribute* to the integral.

# Perturbative and Higher-Derivative Corrections

Perturbative and higher-derivative corrections poorly understood in this example

★  $\log N$  term in BASIC SOLUTION

[David, Lezcano, Nian, Pando Zayas 21]

Can be reproduced by Kerr/CFT applied to near-horizon

Computation in Lorentzian signature and microcanonical ensemble

Solid in the Cardy limit

No contribution from the bulk

★  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  terms or smaller

Expected 1-loop contribution from gas of gravitons in black hole background

[cfr. Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju 05]

Higher derivative corrections?

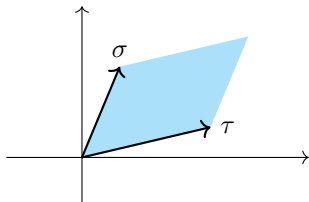
[Melo, Santos 20][Bobev, Hristov, Reys 21]



★ Why it is so difficult to find saddle points of the integral formula?

After some massaging, at large  $N$   
saddle points with  
uniform distribution of eigenvalues on  
a *parallelogram* in the  $u$ -plane

[Choi, Jeong, Kim, Lee 21]



# Some Open Questions

- AdS Black hole entropy beyond SUSY
- Near-horizon JT gravity from field theory [cfr. Boruch, Heydeman, Iliesiu, Turiaci 22]
- Classification of Euclidean gravitational saddles  
Multi-center black holes? [see C.Toldo's talk]
- Structure of higher-derivative corrections
- Relation to topological string?
- Resummation of contributions and phase transitions