

# Exploring thermal black holes in a precise $\text{AdS}_5/\text{CFT}_4$ setup

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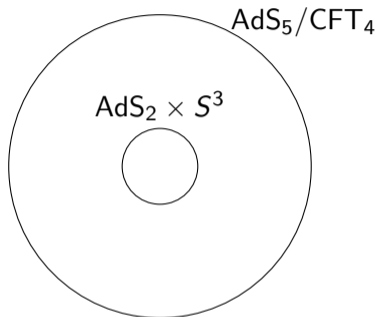
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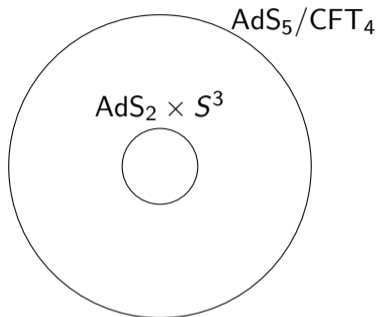
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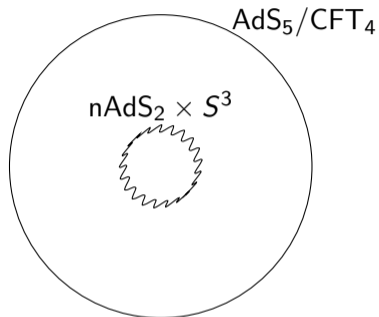
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- Hard problem: no protection between strong and weak coupling
- Idea: despite that (maybe) near the BPS locus we can retain calculational control

## An explicit thermal black hole in 5d supergravity

[Chong, Cvetic, Lu, Pope, 2005]

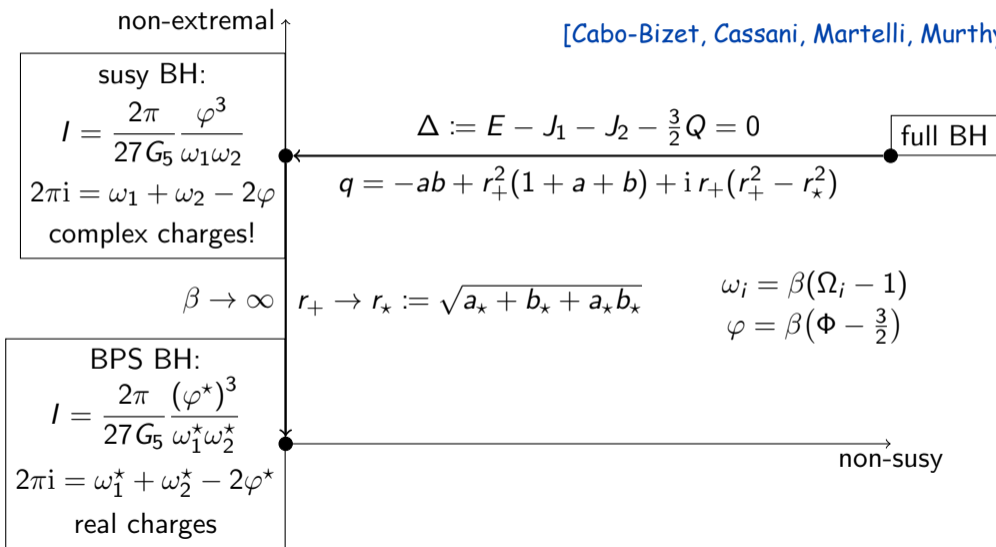
asymptotics:  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5 \longrightarrow$  near-horizon:  $\left( \underbrace{S^3}_{J_1, J_2} \times_{(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)} \mathbb{R}^2 \right) \times \underbrace{S^5}_{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3=Q}$

	charge	BH parameter	conjugate potential	
energy	$E$	$r_+$	$\beta$	temperature <sup>-1</sup>
R-charge	$Q$	$q$	$\Phi$	electrostatic pot.
ang. mom.	$J_1$	$a$	$\Omega_1$	ang. vel.
ang. mom.	$J_2$	$b$	$\Omega_2$	ang. vel.
entropy	$S(E, Q, J_i)$		$I(\beta, \Phi, \Omega_i)$	on-shell action

Example: 
$$\beta(a, b, r_+, q) = \frac{2\pi r_+ [(r_+^2 + a^2)(r_+^2 + b^2) + abq]}{r_+^4 [2r_+^2 + a^2 + b^2 + 1] - (ab + q)^2}$$

## Previously: “susy first, extremal later”

[Cabo-Bizet, Cassani, Martelli, Murthy, 2018]



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- Result:

$$S = S_\star - \frac{4\pi^2}{M} T + \mathcal{O}(s^2) \quad I = I_\star + \frac{2}{M} x + \mathcal{O}(s) \quad x := \frac{\epsilon}{T}$$



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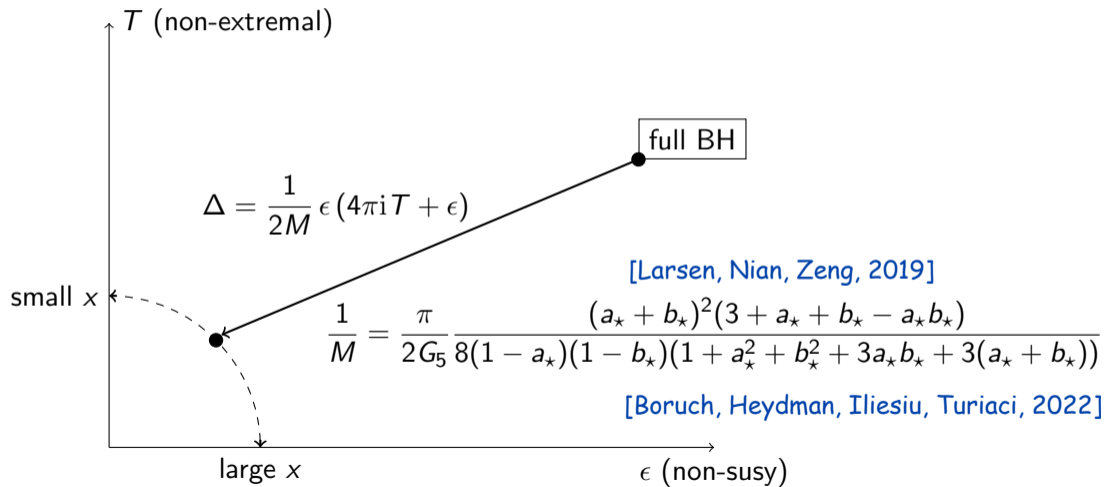
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- The BPS bound gets un-saturated at second order

$$\Delta := E - J_1 - J_2 - \frac{3}{2}Q = \frac{1}{2M} \epsilon (4\pi i T + \epsilon) + \mathcal{O}(s^3)$$

## Once near the BPS point tuning $x = \epsilon/T$ we get closer to either susy or extremality



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➤ It is not quite possible to write it in terms of what will eventually become field theory fugacities  $\omega_i = \omega_i^* + \sigma_i^* x$  and  $\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\pi i - x)$ , but we get close

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- The equations of motion and Killing spinor variations of the 5d sugra hold as

$$E_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(s^2) \quad \delta_{\text{susy}} \psi_\mu = \mathcal{O}(s^2)$$

## Susy breaking in the holographic dual

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The 4d background, with  $n_i = (\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$

$$ds_4^2 = d\tau^2 + d\theta^2 + \sum_i n_i^2 (d\phi_i - i\Omega_i d\tau)^2, \quad A = i\left(\Phi - \frac{3}{2}\right) d\tau, \quad V = -i d\tau$$

**locally** solves the Killing spinor equation

$$\left(\nabla_M - iA_M + iV_M + iV^N \sigma_{MN}\right)\zeta = 0$$

for **any** value of  $\epsilon$ . However, supersymmetry is broken by the amended boundary condition

$$\zeta(\tau + \beta) = e^{\pi i + \beta\epsilon/2} \zeta(\tau)$$

## The 4d background is a Hopf surface with complex “twisting” parameters

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The background is a Hopf surface of the form  $S^3 \times_{\Omega_1, \Omega_2} S^1$

$$ds_4^2 = \Omega(\theta)^2 (d\tau + c)^2 + \underbrace{d\theta^2 + \sum_i n_i^2 d\phi_i^2}_{ds_3^2} - \Omega(\theta)^2 c^2,$$

$$\Omega(\theta)^2 = 1 - \sum_i n_i^2 \Omega_i^2, \quad c = -\frac{i}{\Omega(\theta)^2} \sum_i n_i^2 \Omega_i d\phi_i$$

with complex Killing vector

$$K = \zeta \sigma^M \tilde{\zeta} \partial_M = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_i (\Omega_i - 1) \partial_{\phi_i} - i \partial_\tau \right]$$

## In the Cardy limit $\text{size}(S^1) \ll \text{size}(S^3)$ one obtains an effective 3d CS theory

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[Assel, Cassani, Martelli, 2014]

- (1) Relate the 4d background  $(A, V, \omega)$  to the 3d background fields  $(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{V}, \omega)$
- (2) Evaluate the classical building blocks (supersymmetrized CS actions)

$$I_1 = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int_{S^3} \mathbf{c} \wedge d\mathbf{c} \quad I_2 = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int_{S^3} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \wedge d\mathbf{c} \quad I_3 = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int_{S^3} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \wedge d\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \quad I_4 = \frac{i}{192\pi} \int_{S^3} \omega \wedge d\omega$$

- (3) Determine their coefficients by integrating a tower of massive KK modes, involving sums like (note the imprint of the susy breaking in the 3d theory)

$$\text{sum}^{(k)} = \sum_n (m_n)^k \text{sgn}(m_n), \quad m_n = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\beta\epsilon}{2\pi i} \right) r - (\rho \cdot u) \right)$$

[Di Pietro, Komargodski, 2014]

[Di Pietro, Honda, 2015]

[Ardehali, Murthy, 2021]

- (4) Sum over all 4d fermion towers and evaluate the classical 3d CS action ( $I_{CS}$ ) on the dominant saddle  $u = 0$

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- Thus the CS actions evaluate as in [\[Cassani, Komargodski, 2021\]](#)

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- Identify  $\log \mathcal{I} = I_{\text{CS}}$  and **import from gravity** the “field theory like” result for the corrected Casimir energy, then

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## Comparison between field theory and gravity

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➤ and for large  $x$  ( $\epsilon \gg T$  aka closer to the extremal locus):

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$$\log Z_{\text{QFT}} = \frac{\text{Tr } R^3}{6} \left[ \frac{(\omega_1^* + \omega_2^* - 2\pi i)^3}{8\omega_1^* \omega_2^*} + \mathcal{O}(x) \right] \quad I_{\text{grav}} = \frac{2\pi}{27G_5} \left[ \frac{(\omega_1^* + \omega_2^* - 2\pi i)^3}{8\omega_1^* \omega_2^*} + \mathcal{O}(x) \right]$$

➤ and for large  $x$  ( $\epsilon \gg T$  aka closer to the extremal locus):

$$\log Z_{\text{QFT}} = \frac{2}{M} x + \mathcal{O}(1) \quad I_{\text{grav}} = \frac{2}{M} x + \mathcal{O}(1)$$

where  $M$  is the Schwarzian mass scale

$$\frac{1}{M} = \frac{\pi}{27G_5} \left[ \frac{(\sigma_1^* + \sigma_2^* - 1)^3}{8\sigma_1^* \sigma_2^*} + \frac{9(1 - 2(\sigma_1^* + \sigma_2^*) + 4((\sigma_1^*)^2 - \sigma_1^* \sigma_2^* + (\sigma_2^*)^2))}{64\sigma_1^* \sigma_2^*} \right]$$

## Conclusions and open problems

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- Need an independent solely QFT calculation of the Casimir energy  $\beta E_0$  when  $\epsilon \neq 0$
- Need to re-derive the coefficients of the CS actions from scratch
  - Is  $\text{sgn}(z) = \text{sgn}(\text{Re } z)$  legit?
  - Note: any change in them would not affect the  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x \rightarrow 0$  analysis
  - Freedom to choose renormalization scheme of the on-shell action in gravity?
- Should we even hope for a precise match on the classical level?
  - Gravity:  $T \rightarrow 0$  vs. field theory:  $\beta = \frac{1}{T} \rightarrow 0$
  - A priori nothing is protected when  $\epsilon \neq 0$ , nevertheless we see indications that something is protected when ~~susy~~ but extremal
- Relation to recent work of [\[Cabo-Bizet, 2024\]](#)?

**Thank you!**