



AdS₂ Holography for nonBPS Black Holes

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Extreme nonBPS Black Holes

- A controlled *environment* to study black holes: *supergravity*.
- The simplest black hole *solutions* are *extremal* black holes. They are *ground states*: lowest energy (with given charges).
- BPS black holes are *solutions to SUGRA* that *preserve (some) SUSY*.
- Many features simplify for BPS black holes: geometry and microscopic description; *indices* are useful.
- This talk: extremal *nonBPS* black holes in 4D. *Solutions to SUGRA* that do *not* preserve SUSY.

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Black Hole Spectroscopy

- Detailed study of black holes: *the spectrum*.
- The SUGRA spectrum: *quadratic fluctuations* around classical solution.
- Simplifying feature in extremal case: $AdS_2 \times S^2$ *near horizon geometry* dominates.
- So we can study SUGRA on $AdS_2 \times S^2$.
- Technical complication: for nonBPS black holes the *spectrum has no SUSY*.

AdS₂ Holography

- Another complication: AdS₂/CFT₁ holography is confusing.
- So *interpretation* of black hole spectrum is subtle.
- Recent progress: the *nAdS₂/nCFT₁ correspondence*.
- Much research: nCFT₁s such as the SYK model and its relatives.
- Here: focus on AdS₂ gravity.
- We first just *compute* the spectrum, leaving interpretation for later in the talk.

The 4D Massless Scalar Field

- Example: **massless scalar field** on $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$

$$\nabla_4^2 \phi = (\nabla_A^2 + \nabla_S^2) \phi = 0$$

- **Partial wave expansion**: $\nabla_S^2 \rightarrow -l(l+1)$ with $l = 0, 1, \dots$

- So the **effective 2D masses** are $m_2^2 = l(l+1)$.

- This gives **conformal weights**:

$$h = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + m_2^2 \ell_2^2} = l + 1$$

- Result for the **spectrum**: $(h, j) = (k+1, k)$ with $k = 0, 1, \dots$

Einstein-Maxwell Theory

- Bosonic fields of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ gravity multiplet:

$$16\pi G_N \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- **Linearize** around $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$, **fix gauge**, then introduce **partial waves**: $l = 1, 2, \dots$ for vector, $l = 2, 3, \dots$ for tensor.
- **Dualize** all fields to scalars, **diagonalize** 4×4 scalar mass matrix, **compute** conformal weights.
- The spectrum has all **integral weights**:
 $(h, j) = 2(k + 2, k + 2), 2(k + 3, k + 1)$ with $k = 0, 1, \dots$

The BPS Spectrum

- Decompose a general theory with $\mathcal{N} \geq 2$ SUSY in terms of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ fields: one SUGRA multiplet, $\mathcal{N} - 2$ (massive) gravitini, n_V vector multiplets, n_H hyper multiplets.

- The spectrum for this field content has $(h, j) =$

Supergravity : $2[(k + 2, k + 2), 2(k + \frac{5}{2}, k + \frac{3}{2}), (k + 3, k + 1)]$

Gravitino : $2[(k + \frac{3}{2}, k + \frac{3}{2}), 2(k + 2, k + 1), (k + \frac{5}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2})]$

Vector : $2[(k + 1, k + 1), 2(k + \frac{3}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}), (k + 2, k)]$

Hyper : $2[(k + \frac{1}{2}, k + \frac{1}{2}), 2(k + 1, k), (k + \frac{3}{2}, k - \frac{1}{2})]$

Each tower has $k = 0, 1, \dots$

- **Short representations of $SU(2|1, 1)$** : a **chiral primary** with $h = j$ assures the integral (or 1/2-integral) weights.
- Each chiral primary has 3 descendants due to two supercharges.

BPS vs nonBPS

- Extremal black holes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUGRA satisfy BPS condition iff

$$I_4 = (\vec{P}L\vec{P}) (\vec{Q}L\vec{Q}) - (\vec{P}L\vec{Q})^2 > 0$$

- L is a ***T-duality pairing***: e.g. string winding w and momentum n on the same S^1 .
- The “dangerous” term is an ***S-duality pairing***: a charge and its magnetic dual, like a $D0$ and a $D6$.
- Canonical nonBPS BH: KK-theory with both electric and magnetic charge (equivalent to pure D0/D6)
- The two branes preserve opposite SUSYs, the pair preserves none.

Kaluza-Klein Black Holes

- KK gravity multiplet (pure gravity in 5D, reduced to 4D)

$$16\pi G_N \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4}e^{-\sqrt{3}\Phi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- Constant Φ requires equally large electric and magnetic fields.
- **Linearize** around background, ..., **diagonalize** scalar mass matrix.
- The spectrum: $(h, j) =$
 $(k+3, k), (k+3, k+1), (k+2, k+1), (k+2, k+2), (k+1, k+2)$
with $k = 0, 1, \dots$
- m_2^2 so that **weight h integral** also for nonBPS black holes!
- The $(3, 0)$ operator was also identified as the squashing parameter of Kerr-black holes.

Fermions and KK Black Holes

- Fermions in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets have **Pauli couplings**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{hyper}} = -2\bar{\zeta}_A \gamma^\mu D_\mu \zeta^A - \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\zeta}^A \hat{F} \zeta^B \epsilon_{AB} + \text{h.c.} \right) .$$

- The field strength \hat{F} is different for BPS and nonBPS.
- **Linearize** around background, ..., **diagonalize** fermion mass matrix.
- The nonBPS spectrum for hyperfermions:
 $(h, j) = 2[(k + 2, k + \frac{1}{2}), (k + 1, k + \frac{1}{2})]$ with $k = 0, 1, \dots$
- Conformal weights h for fermions are **integral** on the nonBPS branch.
- They are **not 1/2-integral**!

AdS₂ from AdS₃

- Illuminating to embed $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ in $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^2$.
- Example: the MSW $(0, 4)$ theory = M-theory on CY with M5 branes wrapped on 4-cycles.
- The unwrapped $M5$ direction gives an “effective string” CFT_2 .
- The MSW string has AdS_3 near horizon geometry.
- The SUGRA spectrum on AdS_3 : towers of (h, \bar{h}, \bar{j}) .
- A CFT_2 with short multiplets in R sector.

CFT₁s from CFT₂s

- Null reduction to AdS₂ (**BPS sector**): **ignore** h , keep (\bar{h}, \bar{j}) .
- Looks like a CFT₁ with operators in short multiplets.
- Null reduction to AdS₂ reduction (**nonBPS sector**): **ignore** \bar{h} , keep (h, \bar{j}) .
- Looks like a CFT₁ with operators unrelated by SUSY.
- Details check out: null reduction of AdS₃ SUGRA spectrum (known since 90's) yields the BPS/nonBPS SUGRA spectra on AdS₂ × S².
- nonBPS sector inherits integral conformal weight from BPS protection of CFT₂.

Fermions in nonBPS CFT₁

- In the MSW construction the CFT₁ has a 5D origin.
- Fermions in 5D have 1/2-integral angular momentum \bar{j} so R-weight \bar{h} also 1/2-integral.
- Fermions also have 1/2-integral 5D helicity $h - \bar{h}$.
- Therefore the L-weight h *is integral*.

nAdS₂/nCFT₁ Correspondence

- Excitations (with finite energy) always violate AdS₂ boundary conditions.
- So the *spectrum does not refer to states*.
- The spectrum refers to *irrelevant operators* that deform away from the IR CFT₁ fixed point.

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{h+\bar{h}-2}} \mathcal{O}^{(h,\bar{h})}(z, \bar{z})$$

- The nCFT₁ describes *a kinematic regime where one chirality dominates*.

Application: Quantum BH Entropy

- The leading corrections to the black hole entropy are logarithmic:

$$S = \frac{A}{4G} + \frac{1}{2}D_0 \log A + \dots$$

- The coefficient D_0 can be computed from the low energy theory: ***only massless fields contribute.***
- All contributions from quadratic fluctuations around the classical geometry take the schematic form

$$e^{-W} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\phi\Lambda\phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det\Lambda}}.$$

- The quantum corrections are encoded in the heat kernel

$$D(s) = \text{Tr} e^{-s\Lambda} = \sum_i e^{-s\lambda_i} = \text{poles} + D_0 + \text{regular}.$$

Simple Heat Kernels in 2D

- A **massless** scalar field on AdS_2 involves a continuous spectrum:

$$K_A^0(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-(p^2 + \frac{1}{4})s} p \tanh \pi p dp = \frac{1}{4\pi s} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}s + \frac{1}{15}s^2 + \dots \right)$$

- A field with conformal weight h (mass $m^2 = h(h - 1)$) and $SU(2)$ quantum number j (degeneracy $2j + 1$):

$$K_A(h, j; s) = K_A^0 e^{-h(h-1)s} (2j + 1) .$$

- The sum over the tower of AdS_2 fields essentially gives the heat kernel on S^2 .

Quantum BH Entropy (BPS branch)

- The $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$ theory (BPS branch) gives

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{12} (23 - 11(\mathcal{N} - 2) - n_V + n_H) \log A_H .$$

- Special case $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY: ***no logarithmic correction.***
- Special case $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY: $\delta S = -4 \log A$.
- These results agree with ***microscopic*** theory.

Quantum Entropy (nonBPS branch)

- The logarithmic correction to the entropy on the nonBPS branch:

$$\delta S = \frac{1}{48} (65 - 87(\mathcal{N} - 2) + 17n_V + n_H) \log A_H .$$

- Special case $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY: $\delta S = -\frac{13}{2} \log A$.
- The detailed results pose a challenge to microscopic theory.

Summary

We computed the spectrum of extended SUGRA on the nonBPS branch of $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2$.

Some highlights:

- Conformal weights are integral (protected?).
- Conformal weights of fermions are also integral (a magnetic effect?) .
- Interpretation: unprotected chiral sector of $(0,4)$ CFT_2 .
- Interpretation: $n\text{AdS}_2/n\text{CFT}_1$ correspondence.
- Application: quantum corrections to black hole entropy.