

Black hole bound states in five dimensions

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Background & Motivations

- The zoo of 5d BPS black objects is far more populated than in 4d: **rotating black holes**, **black rings**, **black lenses** and **bound states thereof...**

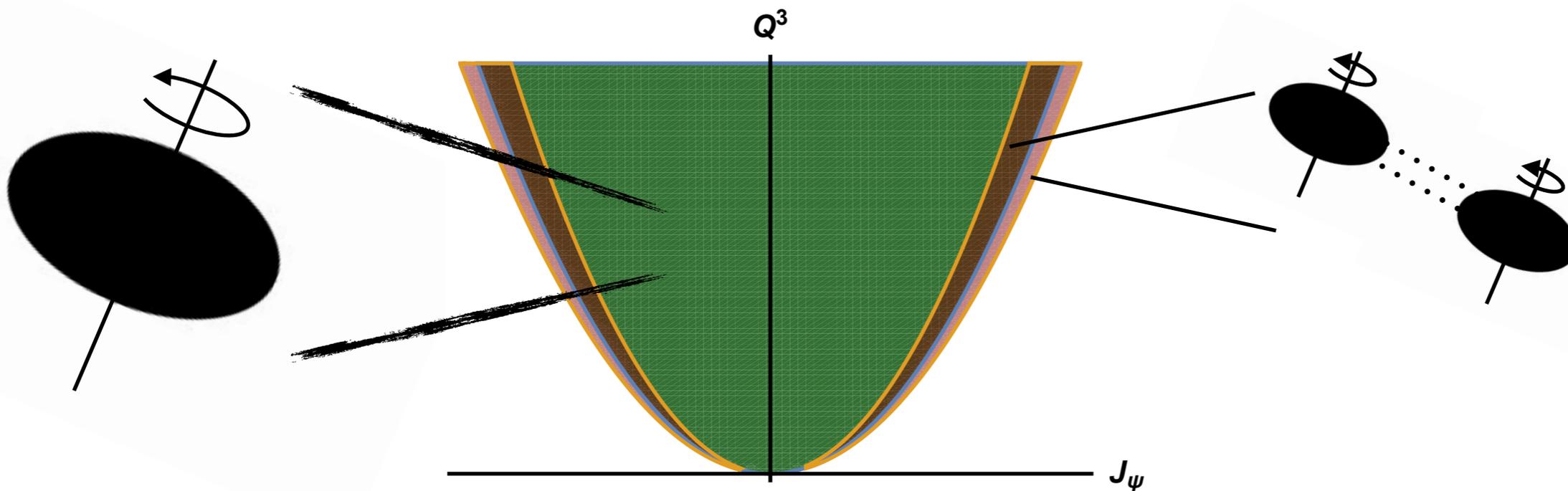


- Can we give some **order**? E.g. pick the most entropic configuration for a given set of charges
- Can some other configuration 'dominate' over the single BH?

Yes!



"Phase Diagram"



- 5d BPS black holes have a **string theory** (or M-theory or F-theory) **realization**.
- There is **evidence** for the existence of bound states of black holes with unusual entropy behavior coming **from F-theory**.

[Haghighat, Murthy, Vafa, Vandoren '15]

- Are these states really there in **classical, two-derivative, supergravity** regime? Probably no!

How to build a multicenter BPS solution

Let's start from **6d**, minimal supergravity

$$ds_6^2 = -2H^{-1}(du + \beta)(dv + \omega - \frac{1}{2}F(du + \beta)) + H ds_{HK_4}^2,$$

$$G_{(3)} = *G_{(3)} = \dots$$

[Gutowski, Martelli, Reall '03]

- Nothing depends on 'v'. (BPS null Killing vector)
- H, F are functions of (u, x) .
- β, ω are 1-forms on HK_4 (may depend on u)

u-independent solns are easily reduced to **5d**:

$$ds_5^2 = -f^2(dt + \omega)^2 + f^{-1}ds_{HK_4}^2, \quad f^{-1} = (H^2 F)^{1/3},$$

$$e^{2\varphi} = H^{-1}F,$$

$$A = -F^{-1}(dt + \omega) + \beta,$$

$$\tilde{A} = -H^{-1}(dt + \omega) + \gamma,$$

Nice class of solns when $\text{HK}_4 = \text{GH}$. (i.e., $U(1)$ bundle over \mathbb{R}^3 .)

$$ds_{\text{GH}}^2 = \frac{1}{H_2} (d\psi + \chi)^2 + H_2 ds_{\mathbb{R}^3}^2 ,$$

then the full soln can be written in terms of **6 harmonic functions** on \mathbb{R}^3 , $H_{1,\dots,6}$. They act as sources for the 1-forms

$$\omega = \hat{\omega}_i dx^i + \omega_\psi (d\psi + \chi)$$

$$*_3 d\chi = dH_2$$

$$*_3 d\hat{\gamma} = -dH_4$$

$$*_3 d\hat{\beta} = -dH_3$$

$$*_3 d\hat{\omega} = \langle \mathbb{H}, d\mathbb{H} \rangle$$



This defines a symplectic form on \mathbb{R}^6 .

These solutions have (at least) a $(U(1)_u \times) U(1)_\psi \times \mathbb{R}_t$ isometry.

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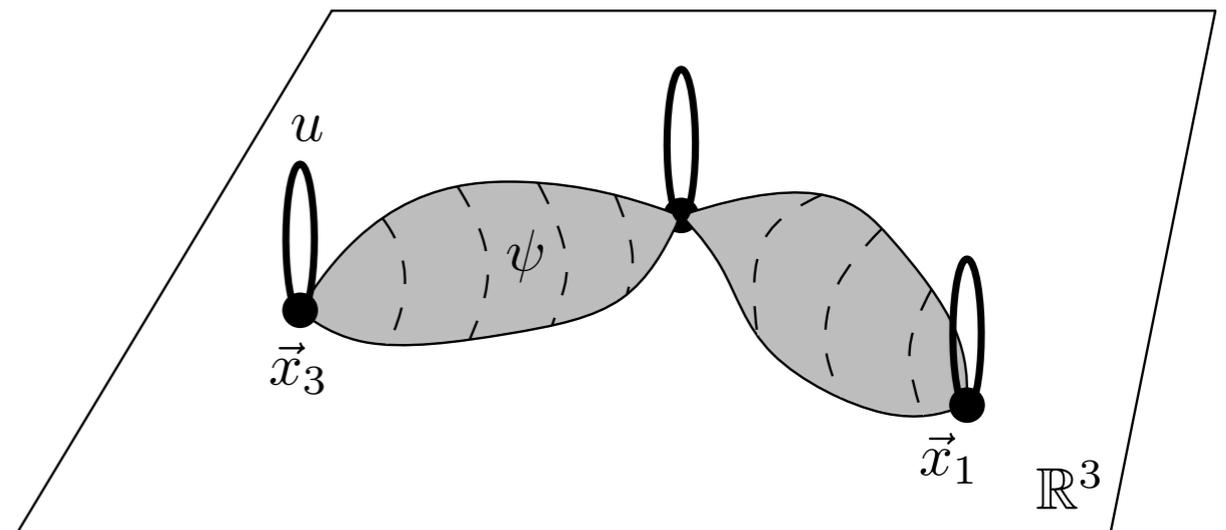
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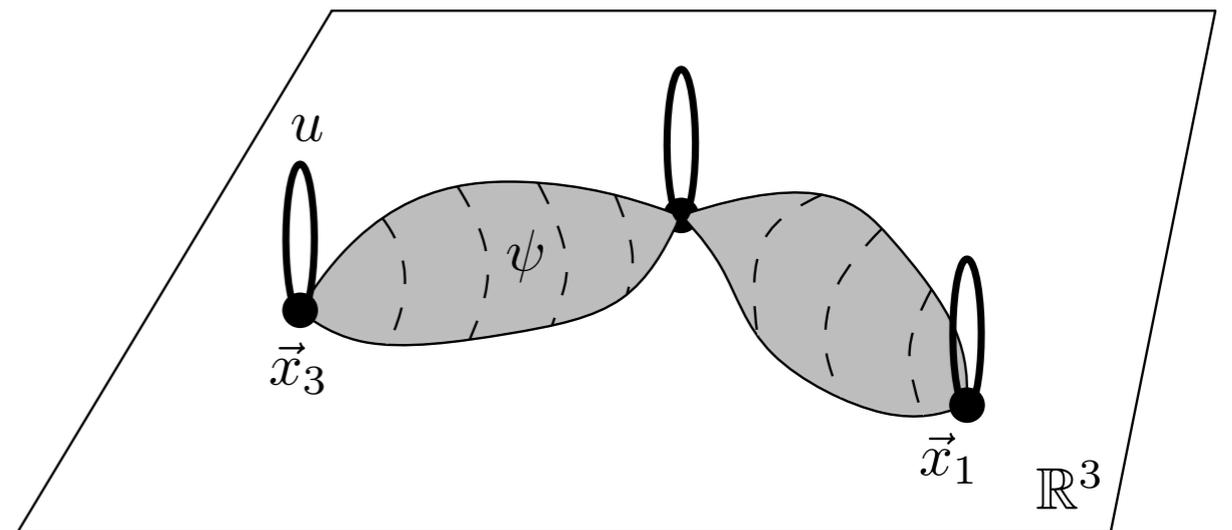
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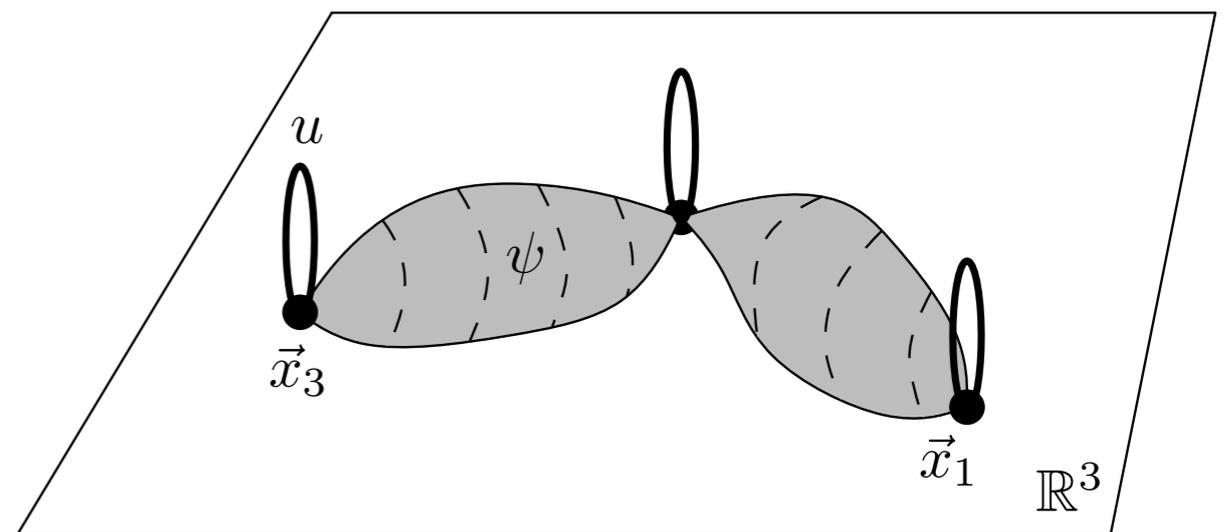
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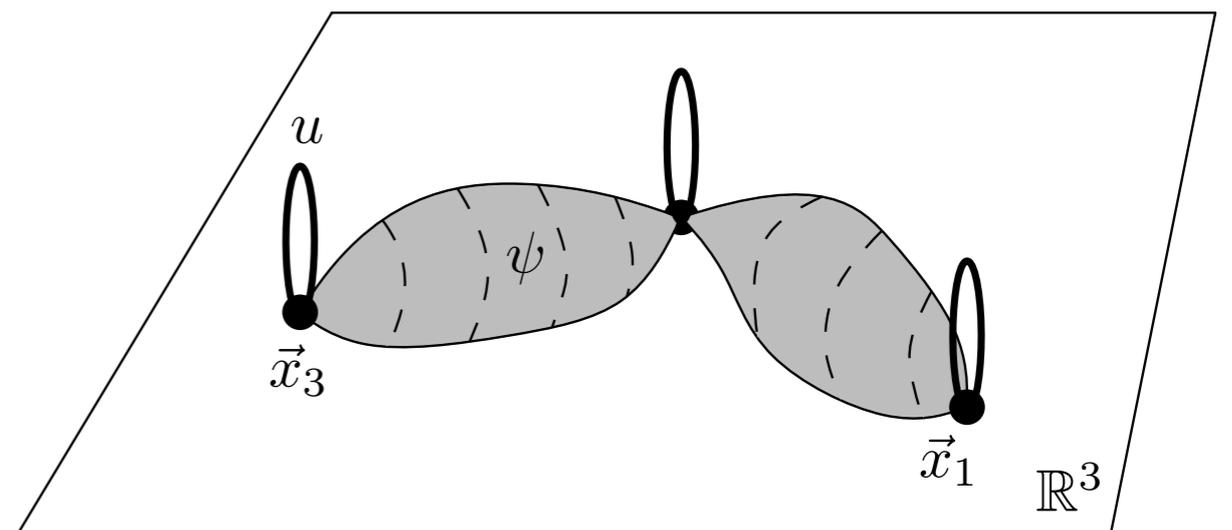
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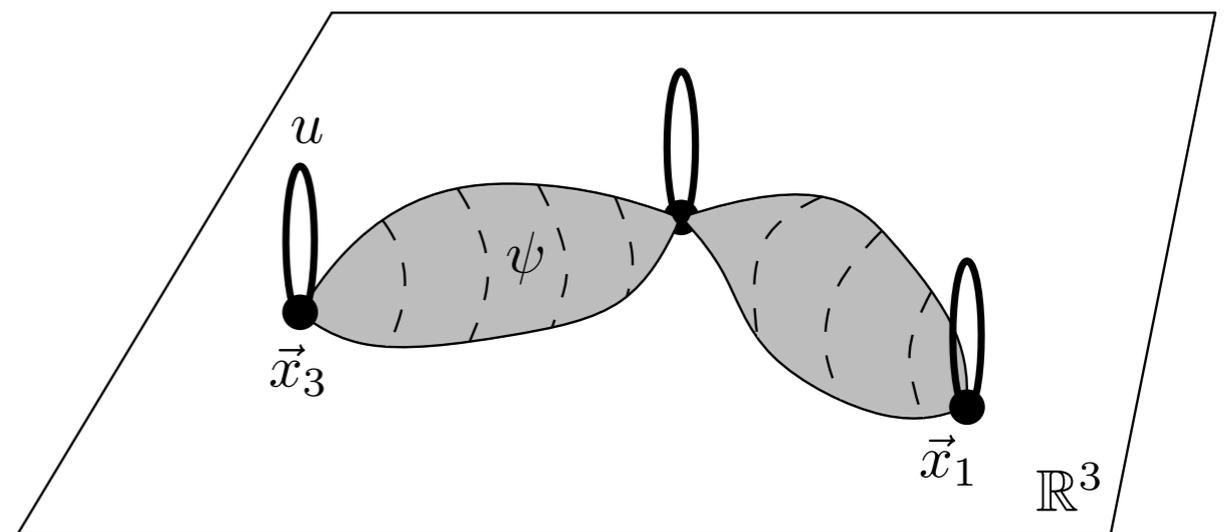
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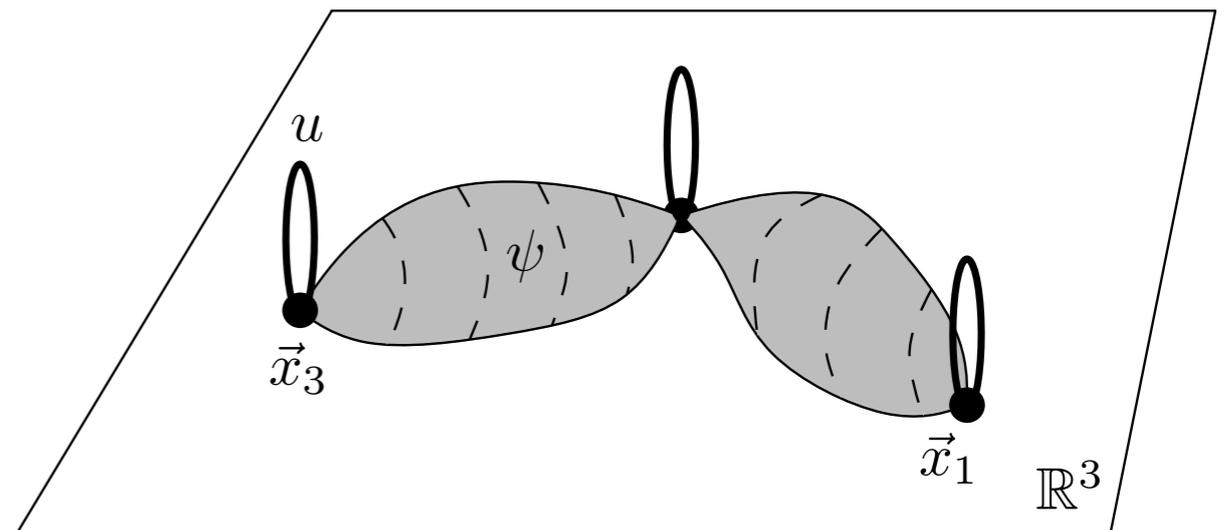
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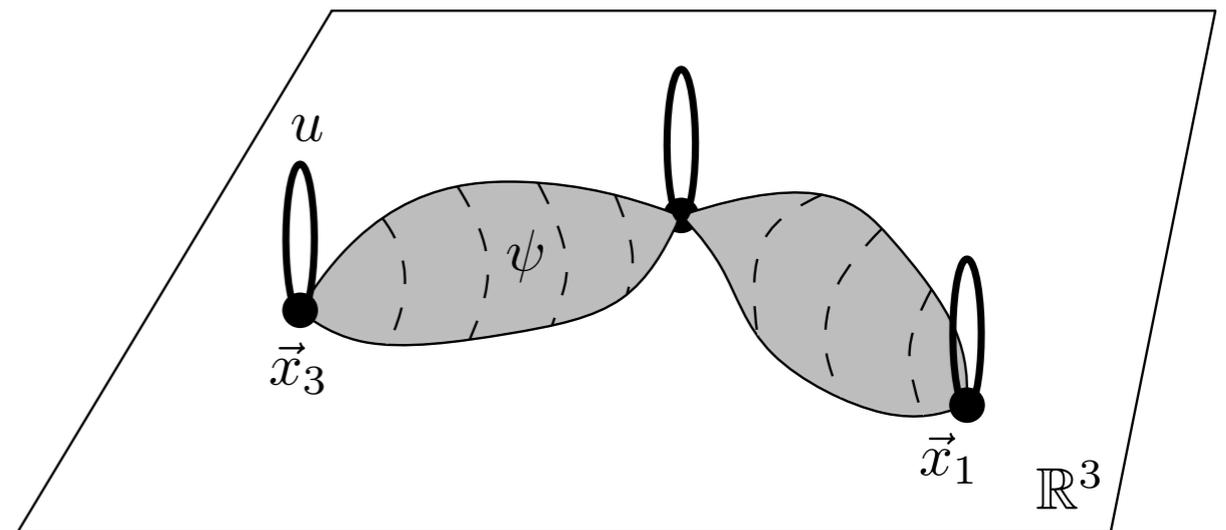
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The **data** specifying the solution are contained in a bunch of **charge vectors**

$$\Gamma_\infty = \{\mu_\infty, m_\infty, q_\infty, p_\infty, n_\infty, j_\infty\} \quad \Gamma_a = \{\mu_a, m_a, q_a, p_a, n_a, j_a\} \quad \vec{x}_a$$

constrained by the following set of integrability conditions or “**bubble equations**”

$$*_3 d\hat{\omega} = \langle \mathbb{H}, d\mathbb{H} \rangle \quad \sum_b \frac{\langle \Gamma_a, \Gamma_b \rangle}{|\vec{x}_a - \vec{x}_b|} = \langle \Gamma_\infty, \Gamma_a \rangle$$

Same symplectic form as before.

Fixes the distances in terms of the charges: when nontrivially satisfied it **gives a bound state**.

A pair of twin black holes

- This solution describes a bound state of **two identical rotating black holes**
- It secretly contains **three centers**. But the center in the middle is “smooth”

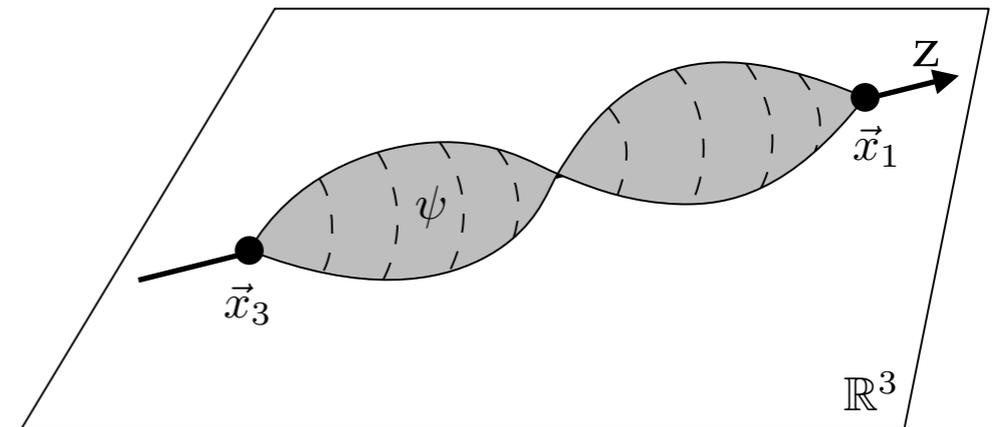
$$\vec{x}_a = \{0, 0, -a\}, \{0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, a\}$$

$$a = \frac{2j - nq + p^2q - 2p\mu}{q + 2p}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_3 = \{\mu, 1, 0, 0, n, j\}$$

$$\Gamma_2 = \{qp, -1, q, p, p^2, \frac{qp^2}{2}\}$$

$$\Gamma_\infty = \{1, 0, 0, 0, 1, -(q + 2p)\}$$



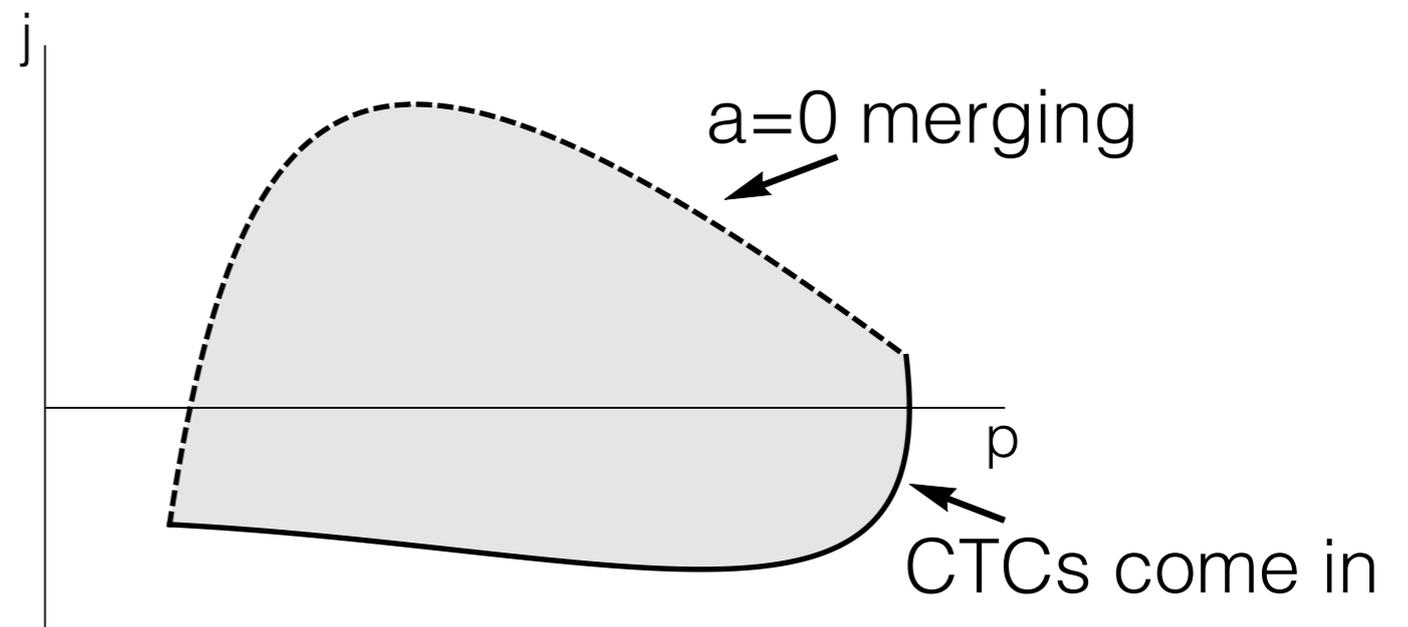
- The **centers are aligned** and the solution gains an extra $U(1)_\phi$ isometry

A 5 parameters family of solutions

$$\{\mu, n, q, p, j\} \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad \{Q, \tilde{Q}, J_\psi, p, j\}$$

Restrictions on the parameter space come from absence of **curvature singularities** and **closed timelike curves [CTCs]**.

Typical situation for fixed asymptotic charges.



Freaky facts about the Twin BH System:

- Bound by magnetic fluxes through nontrivial 2-cycles (balancing of “spin-spin” and “dipole-dipole” interactions).
- Exhibits **frame dragging** (also true for the single black hole).
- An **evanescent ergosphere** is present (not true for the single black hole) but neither of the black holes is enclosed by it!

Conclusions

- We found a family of **regular** BPS solutions describing a bound state of black holes in 5d.
- Its phase space overlaps with the single black hole one and in some subregion is even **entropically dominant**.
- The solution can be **uplifted to 10d or 11d supergravity**. The exact brane configuration is yet not known.
- This is **not** responsible for the exotic contributions to the elliptic genus I mentioned in the introduction.

Thanks!

