

**The BPS LIMIT of  
AdS BLACK HOLE THERMODYNAMICS  
and its MICROSCOPIC COUNTERPART**

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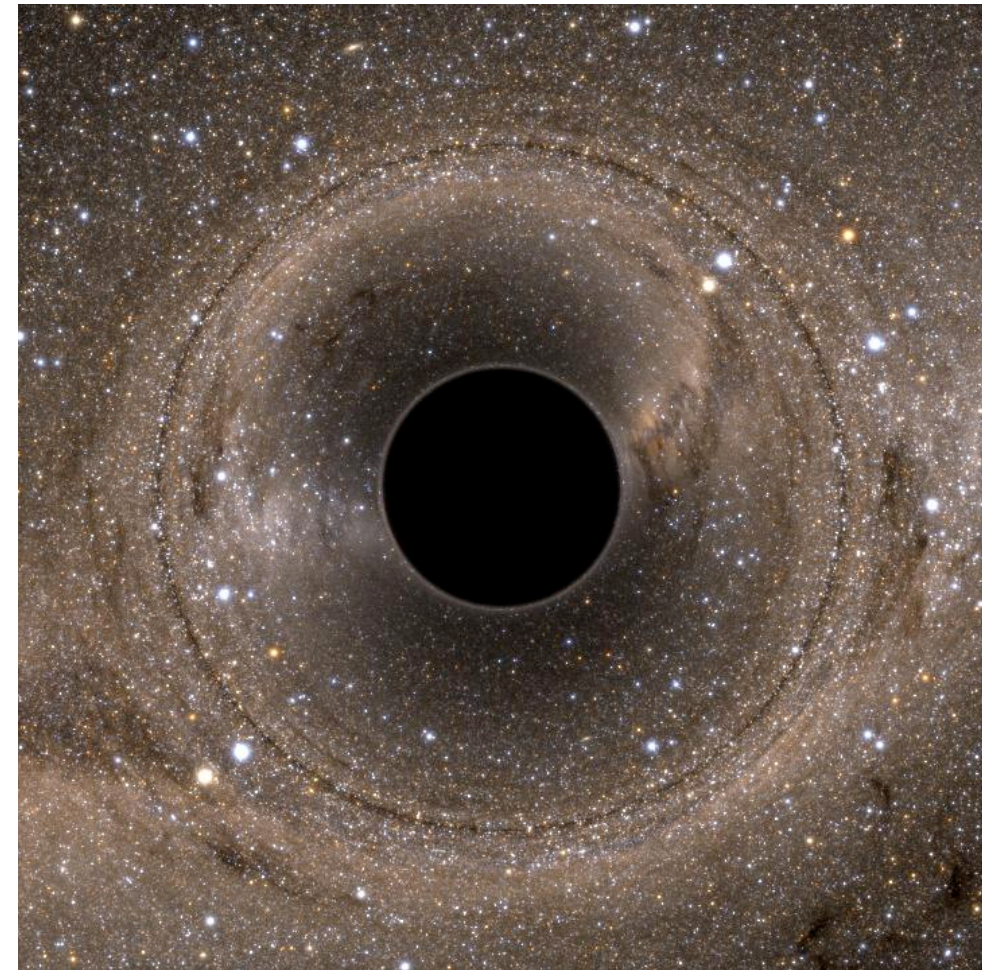
# Black hole microstate counting

- ❖ **Black holes** are “theoretical laboratories”  
useful to test any theory of **quantum gravity**

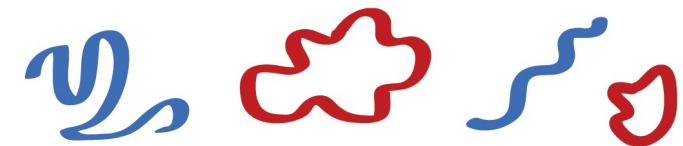
Thermodynamic properties

$$S = \frac{\text{Area}}{4}$$

Microscopic statistical derivation ?



- ❖ Major achievement of **string theory**:



to provide the microstates for classes of **supersymmetric** black holes.

asymptotically flat **Strominger, Vafa '96 . . .**

asymptotically locally AdS **Benini, Hristov, Zaffaroni '15, . . .**

# General picture for BPS black holes in AdS

Entropy : Legendre transform of a *simple* function of chemical potentials

We focus on rotating BH's that are *asymptotically AdS*

asymptotics	charges	BPS entropy	“log grand-canonical partition function”
M, $\text{AdS}_4 \times \text{S}^7$	$J, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$	$S = S(J_i, Q_I)$	$I = -\frac{i}{2G} \frac{\sqrt{\varphi^1 \varphi^2 \varphi^3 \varphi^4}}{\omega}$
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complex constraint  $\sum \omega_i - \sum \varphi_I = 2\pi i$

Hosseini, Hristov, Zaffaroni '17, '18;  
Choi, Hwang, Kim, Nahmgoong '18

# In this talk

- ✿ Derivation of **macroscopic**  $I$  in gravity
  - ◆ in all cases,  $I$  is a supersymmetric on-shell action
  - ◆ complexified solution,  
new BPS limit of black hole thermodynamics
- ✿ This will also define the **microscopic** computation via **AdS/CFT**
  - ◆ will discuss the  $\text{AdS}_5/\text{CFT}_4$  case in some detail

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1906.10148 with L. Papini



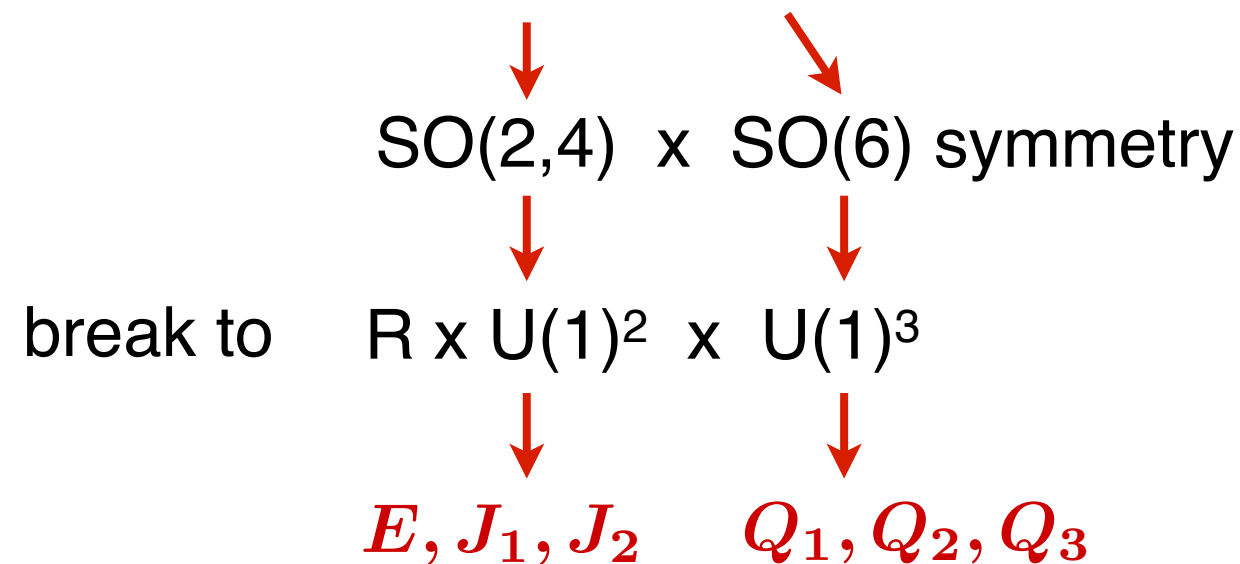
# Supersymmetric black holes in $\text{AdS}_5$

- Supersymmetric black holes in  $\text{AdS}_5$  have been known for 15 years

Gutowski, Reall '04, Chong, Cvetič, Lu, Pope '05, Kunduri, Lucietti, Reall '06

1/16 BPS, carry angular momentum & electric charge

start from type IIB on  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$



- replace  $S^5$  with more general  $M_5 \rightarrow \text{SO}(6)$  broken to just  $\text{U}(1) \rightarrow E, J_1, J_2, Q$

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type IIB on AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup> ⇔  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM ,

replace S<sup>5</sup> with more general M<sub>5</sub> ⇔  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SCFT<sub>4</sub> , e.g. conifold theory

microstates: 1/16 BPS states with assigned angular momenta and charge

Task: count them at large  $N$  and see if there is  $O(N^2)$  degeneracy.

Attempts in the past unsuccessful

# Difficulties on field theory side

Why failed?

- natural quantity to consider: superconformal index Romelsberger '05  
Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju '05

$$\mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \underbrace{\text{Tr} (-1)^F e^{-\beta \{Q, \bar{Q}\}}}_{\text{Witten index}} + \underbrace{\omega_1 (J_1 + \frac{1}{2} Q)}_{\text{commute with supercharge } Q} + \underbrace{\omega_2 (J_2 + \frac{1}{2} Q)}_{\text{commute with supercharge } Q}$$

$\omega_1, \omega_2$  chemical potentials, taken real

At large  $N$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow$  cannot reproduce  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  entropy

- reason: many cancellations between bosonic and fermionic states

# Difficulties on gravity side

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Gibbons, Hawking

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- Thermodynamics for supersymmetric black holes is subtle :  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - ◆ what are the relevant chemical potentials for  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  ?  $\Omega_i \rightarrow 1, \Phi \rightarrow 3/2$   
frozen!
  - ◆ How do these match  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  on the field theory side?

Let us clarify the issues on the gravity side first

# The non-BPS solution

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- *Non-supersymmetric, non-extremal* black hole solution

Chong, Cvetič, Lu, Pope

4 parameters

$r_+ , a , b , q$



4 independent charges

$E , J_1 , J_2 , Q$



4 independent chemical pot.

$\beta , \Omega_1 , \Omega_2 , \Phi$

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We want to take susy & extremal limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$

# The BPS limit

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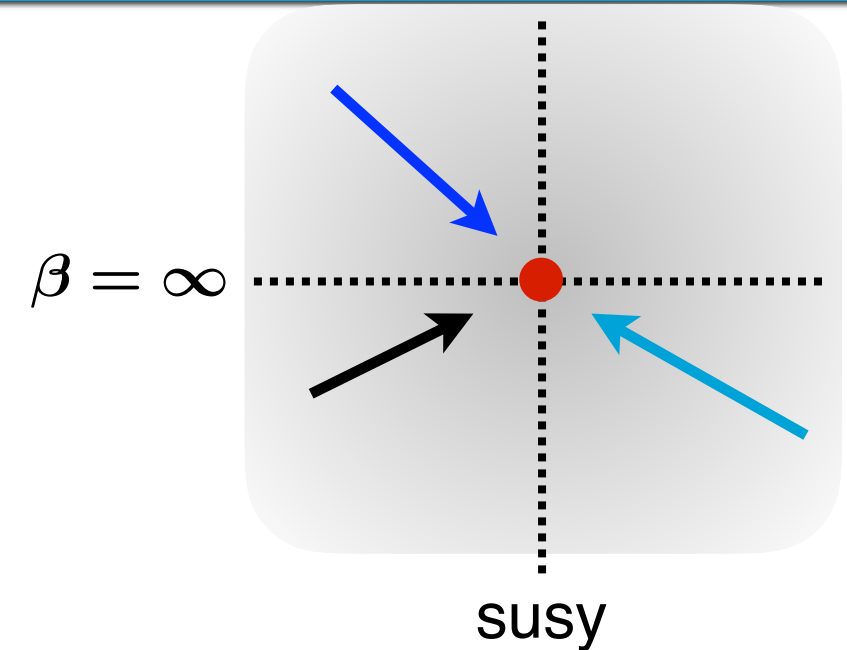
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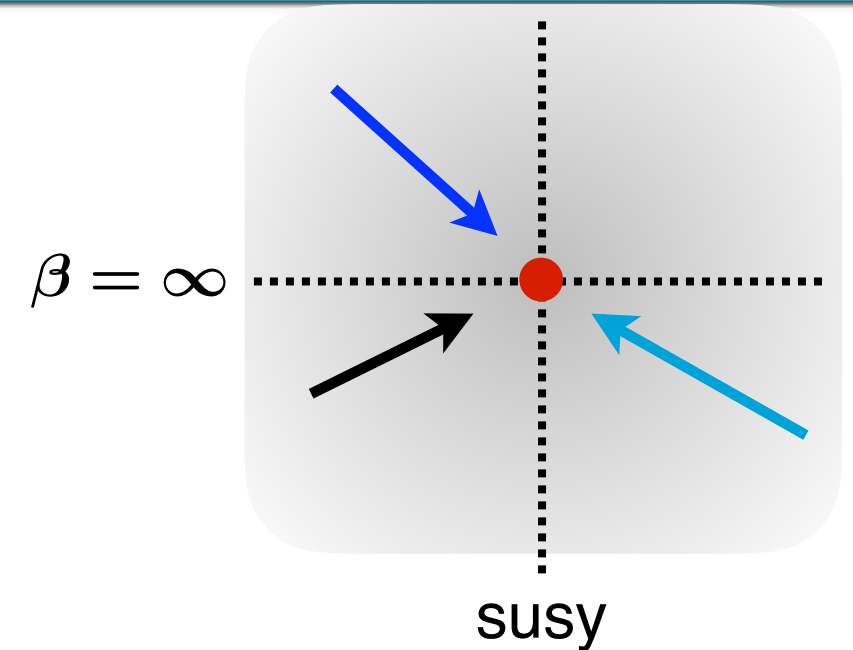
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- ◆ impose susy and only later  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ .
- allow  $q$  to be complex → 3-param family of **complexified, susy solutions at finite  $\beta$**

# BPS limit of BH thermodynamics

$a, b, r_+$



$J_1, J_2, Q$

$$E = J_1 + J_2 + \frac{3}{2}Q$$

follows from superalgebra

$$\{Q, \bar{Q}\} = E - J_1 - J_2 - \frac{3}{2}Q$$



$\beta, \Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Phi$

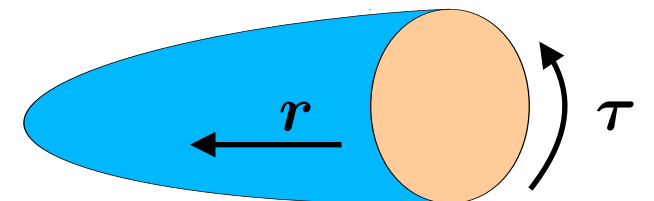
$$\beta(1 + \Omega_1 + \Omega_2 - 2\Phi) = 2\pi i$$

constraint on chemical potentials

◆ chemical potentials are complex!

◆ physical meaning?

regularity condition ensuring the Killing spinor is antiperiodic along the shrinking thermal circle



crucial that we have not taken  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  yet  $\infty \cdot 0 = ?$

# BPS limit of BH thermodynamics

Define difference between the chemical potentials and their BPS values

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The constraint  $\beta(1 + \Omega_1 + \Omega_2 - 2\Phi) = 2\pi i$  becomes:

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\varphi = 2\pi i$$

on-shell action  $I = \frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} c \rightarrow$  matches the entropy function!

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constraint  $\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\varphi = 2\pi i$

using  $E = J_1 + J_2 + \frac{3}{2}Q$  Quantum Statistical Relation becomes :

$$I = -S - \omega_1 J_1 - \omega_2 J_2 - \varphi Q$$

Now take extremal limit  $r_+ \rightarrow r_*$

$\beta \rightarrow \infty$  but  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi$  remain finite  $\rightarrow$  the limit is smooth

$\rightarrow$  these relations define a **BPS black hole thermodynamics**

Entropy:  $S = \pi \sqrt{3Q^2 - 8c(J_1 + J_2)} = \frac{\text{Area}}{4}$  upon requiring reality of Legendre transform



# Other dimensions

A similar derivation holds for the other cases

DC, Papini '19, for AdS<sub>7</sub> also Kantor, Papageorgakis, Richmond

(explicitly proven for restricted sets of charges)

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# From gravity to field theory

Now that we have gained insight on the gravity side  
let's see how the dual field theory computation is defined.

# From gravity to field theory

AdS/CFT master equation (at large N)

$$Z_{\text{gravity}} \simeq e^{-I_{\text{on shell}}} = Z_{\text{CFT}}$$

AdS<sub>5</sub> gravity boundary conditions  $\Leftrightarrow$  CFT<sub>4</sub> background fields

Take  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM, or a Lagrangian  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SCFT, such as the conifold theory

The partition function,  $Z$ , can be computed as a path integral.

- need to specify
  - ◆ background fields (  $ds^2$  and  $A$  )
  - ◆ boundary conditions on the dynamical fields

# Localization computation

- in the regular Euclidean section, boundary fields are:

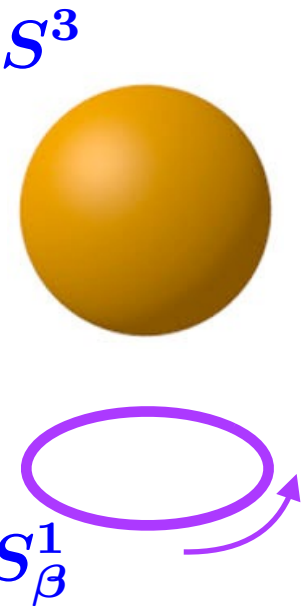
$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 + d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta (d\phi_1 - i\Omega_1 d\tau)^2 + \cos^2\theta (d\phi_2 - i\Omega_2 d\tau)^2$$

$S^3$  fibered over  $S^1$

$$A = i\Phi d\tau$$

complexify chemical pot,  $\beta(1 + \Omega_1 + \Omega_2 - 2\Phi) = 2\pi i n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

black hole requires  $n = \pm 1$



for  $n$  odd, supercharge is **antiperiodic**

→ dynamical fields are: **periodic bosons, antiperiodic spinors**

# Localization computation

- A localization computation gives the exact partition function:

$$Z(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi) = e^{-\mathcal{F}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi)} \mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi)$$

where again  $\omega_1 = \beta(\Omega_1 - 1)$  ,  $\omega_2 = \beta(\Omega_2 - 1)$  ,  $\varphi = \beta(\Phi - \frac{3}{2})$

with  $\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\varphi = 2\pi i n$



# The index

$$\mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi)$$

- Can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi) &= \text{Tr} (-1)^F e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \overline{\mathcal{Q}}\} + (\omega_1 - 2\pi i n)(J_1 + \frac{1}{2}Q) + \omega_2(J_2 + \frac{1}{2}Q)} \\ &= \mathcal{I}(\omega_1 - 2\pi i n, \omega_2)\end{aligned}$$

→ superconformal index with a shifted chemical potential

Non-trivial as the shift is *not* an invariance of the index! Introduces extra phases

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# Cardy limit of the index

- limit of large charges (at finite N) :  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \rightarrow 0$

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- universal saddle point controlled by anomalies.

Dominant under some assumptions

$$-\log \mathcal{I} \sim \frac{8\varphi^3}{27\omega_1\omega_2} (5a - 3c) + \frac{8\pi^2\varphi}{3\omega_1\omega_2} (a - c)$$

$n = \pm 1$  version of  
Di Pietro, Komargodski

at large N :  $a = c \rightarrow$  matches grand can. fct.  $\mathcal{I} \rightarrow$  Bekenstein-Hawking entropy

holds at finite N  $\rightarrow$  prediction for quantum black hole entropy !

# Entropy from the index

- large N limit of the SCFT<sub>4</sub> index Benini, Milan Cabo-Bizet, Murthy

✿ There is evidence that the SCFT<sub>4</sub> index counts  $O(N^2)$  states for suitable complexified chemical potentials

✿ the same appears to be true in other dimensions

◆ e.g. SCFT<sub>3</sub>

Choi, Hwang, S. Kim;  
Bobev, Cricignolo;  
Nian, Pando Zayas;  
Benini, Gang, Pando Zayas 2019.

# The prefactor

localization gives

$$\mathcal{F} = -\frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} c$$

at large N

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\pi i n)$$

◆  $n = 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} = -\frac{2}{27} \frac{(\omega_1 + \omega_2)^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} c$  susy Casimir energy  
Assel, DC, Martelli '14

→ Legendre transform = 0 → no entropy

◆  $n = 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} = -\frac{2}{27} \frac{(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\pi i)^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} c \rightarrow \text{matches } \textit{minus I}$

→ Legendre transform of  $-\mathcal{F}$  is the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy

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# Summary

entropy

$$S(J_i, Q) = \pi \sqrt{3Q^2 - 8c(J_1 + J_2)}$$

Legendre transform

$$I(\omega_i, \varphi) = \frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} c$$

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\varphi = 2\pi i$$

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BPS limit

supergravity on-shell action (at finite  $\beta$ )

$$I(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi) = \beta E - S - \beta \Omega_i J_i - \beta \Phi Q$$

CCMM

SCFT partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}(\omega_1, \omega_2, n) = e^{-\mathcal{F}(\omega_1, \omega_2, n)} \mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2, n)$$

variant of Casimir energy

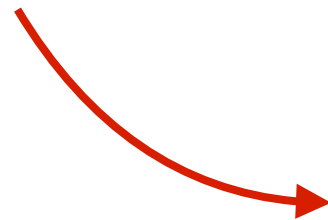
modified index

# Two open questions

- Why is  $I$  encoded both in prefactor and index?

4d Cardy formula relating degeneracy of states to vacuum energy?

- subleading corrections to Bekenstein-Hawking entropy  
localization in supergravity?



New window into **quantum gravity**

thanks for your attention !