

MICROSTATE COUNTING
for SUPERSYMMETRIC AdS BLACK HOLES
via HOLOGRAPHY

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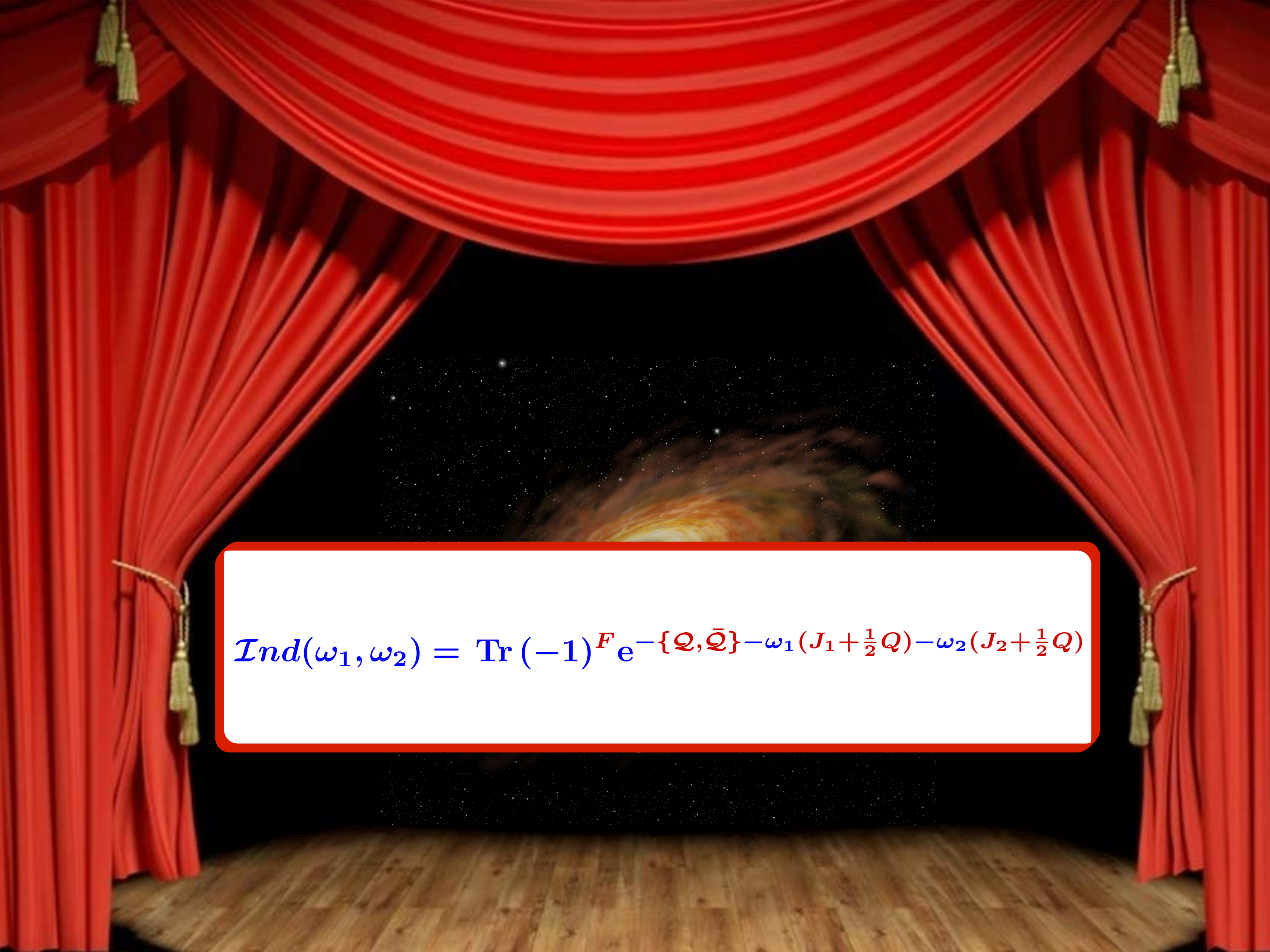
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A stage with red curtains and a starry sky background. The curtains are pulled back, revealing a dark space with a bright, glowing galaxy or nebula in the center. The stage floor is made of light-colored wood.
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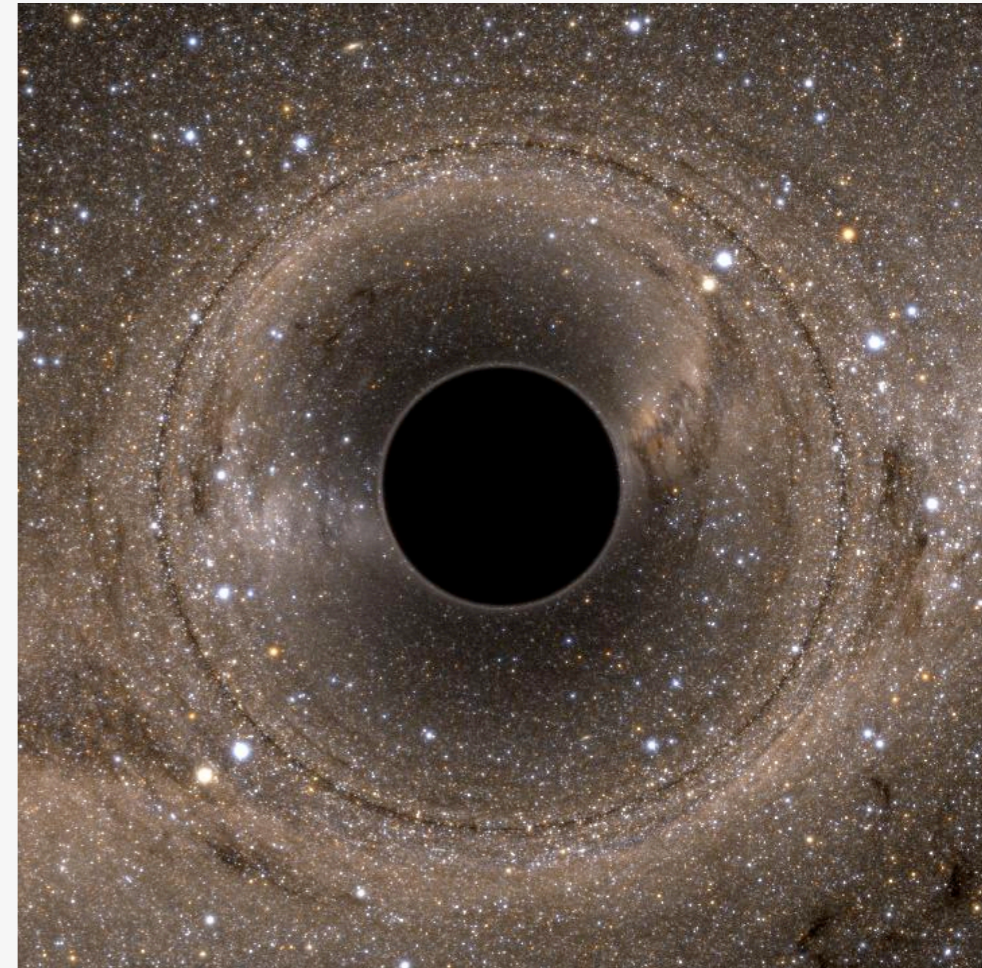
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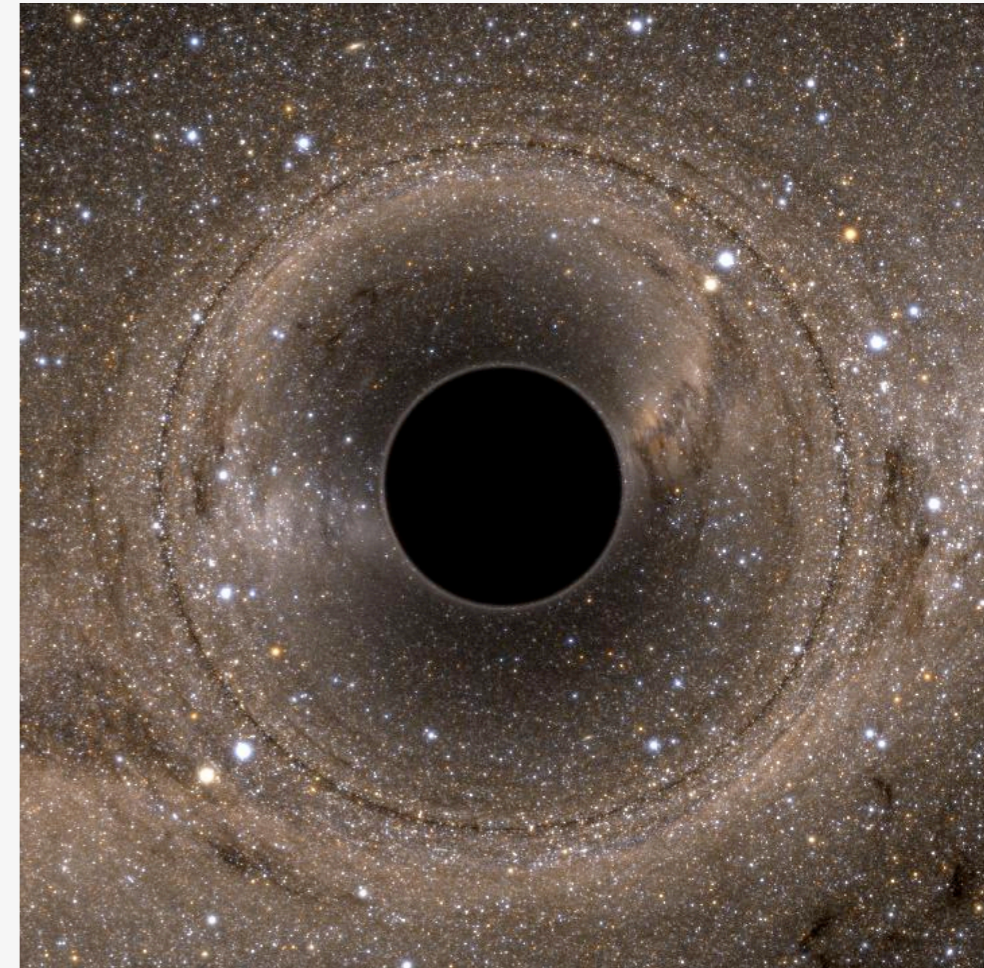
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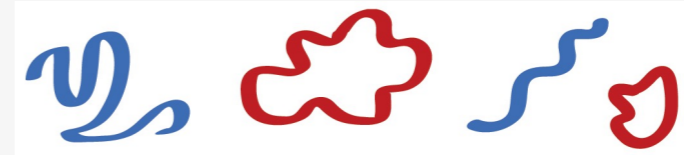
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- ❖ Quantum corrections ?

→ **quantum gravity**

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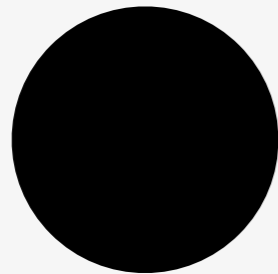
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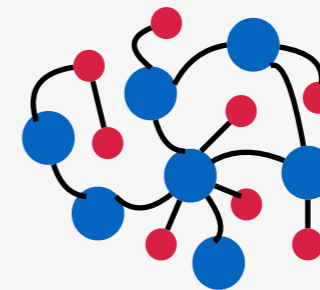
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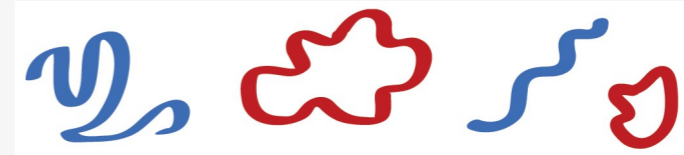
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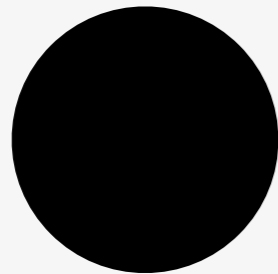
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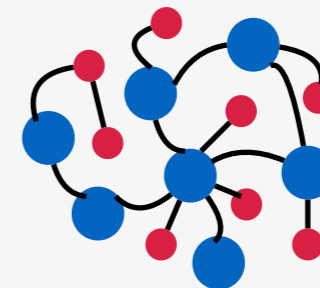
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thermodynamic limit

This is in the **microcanonical ensemble** (fix charges E, J, Q and count degeneracy)

Open questions:

- ◆ characterization of individual microstates for $G_N \neq 0$
- ◆ compute corrections when $G_N \neq 0$ Sen, ...

Gravitational grand-canonical ensemble

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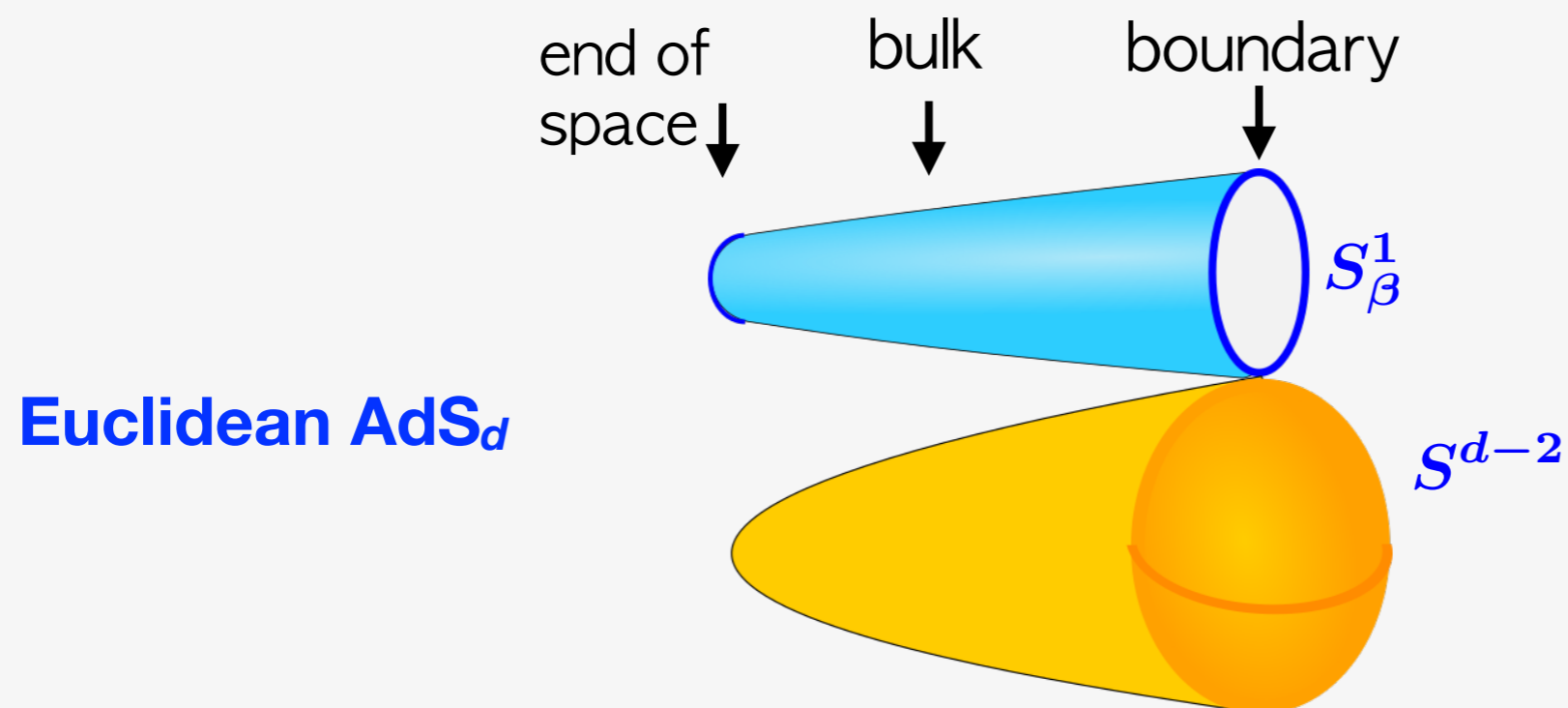
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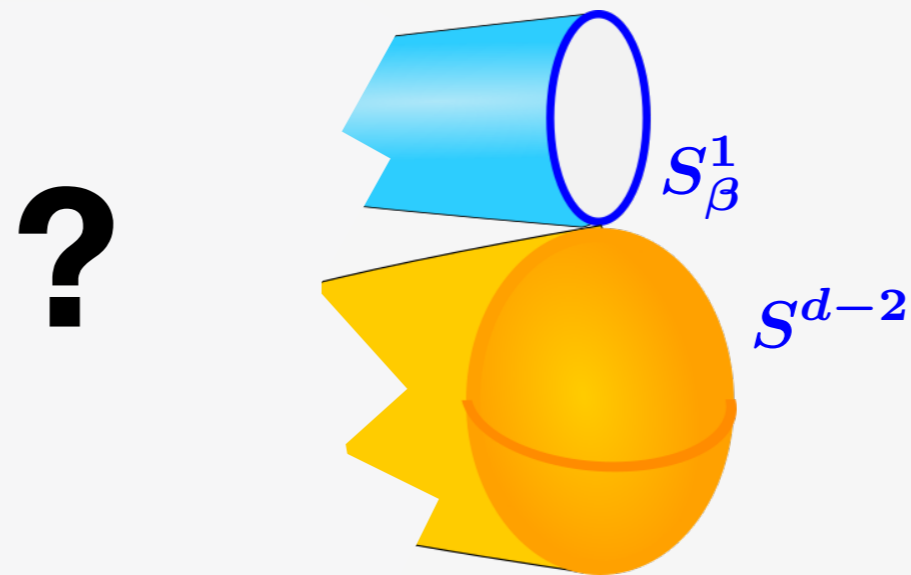
Grand-canonical ensemble well-defined in **Anti de Sitter space (AdS)**

T, Ω, Φ specified by metric and Maxwell field at asymptotic boundary in **Euclidean signature**. E.g. $\beta = T^{-1}$ = length of Euclidean time circle



Gravitational phase transition

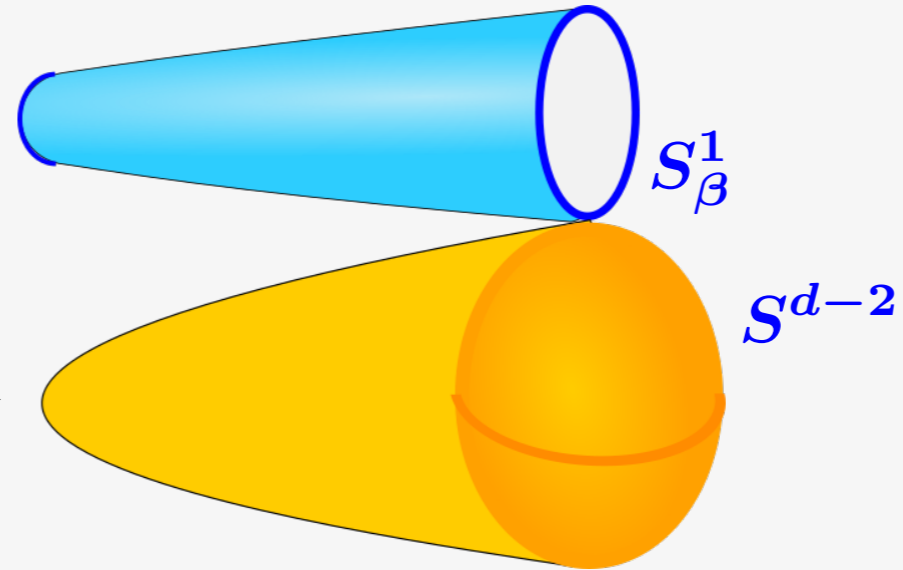
fix the boundary conditions \rightarrow different possible fillings



Gravitational phases

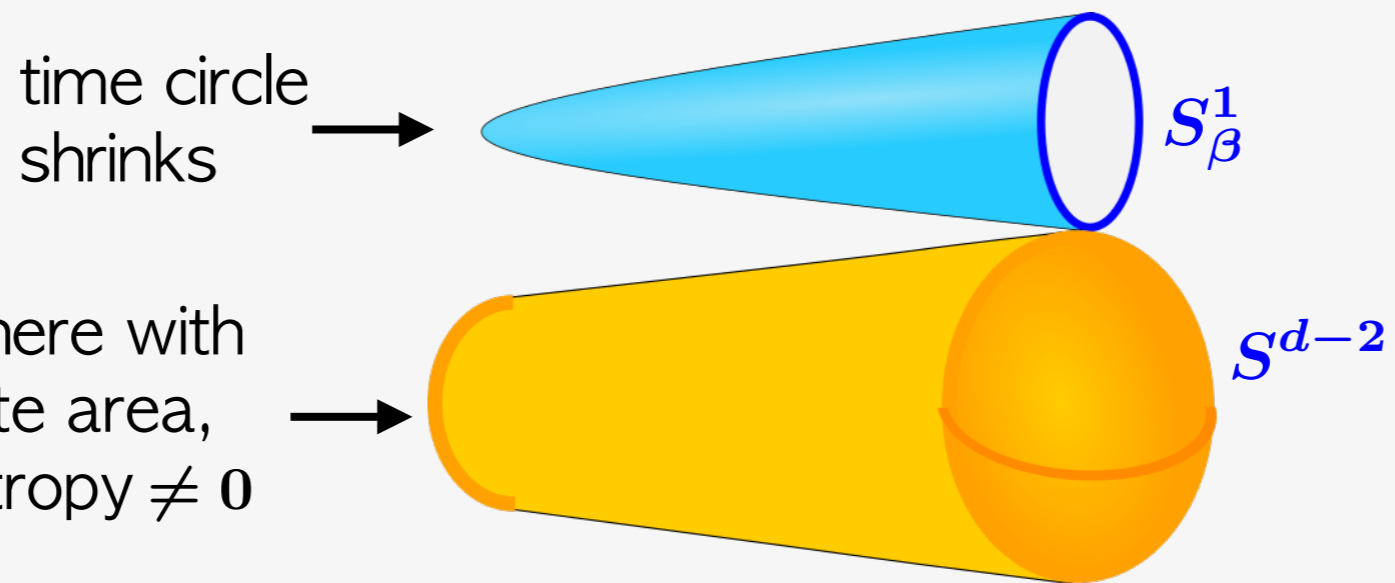
Euclidean AdS

spatial sphere
shrinks to zero size
→ entropy = 0



Black hole

sphere with
finite area,
entropy $\neq 0$



Gravitational phases

Which solution dominates the ensemble?

- **Partition function**

$$Z(\beta) = \int Dg_{\mu\nu} e^{-\text{Action}[g_{\mu\nu}]} \quad \text{with fixed boundary fields}$$

semiclassical approx \rightarrow $\simeq e^{-I_{\text{AdS}}(\beta)} + e^{-I_{\text{black hole}}(\beta)} + \dots$

\uparrow
dominates at large β

\uparrow
dominates at small β

Euclidean quantum gravity

- **On-shell action** satisfies $I(\beta) = \beta E - S$ quantum statistical relation
→ $\beta \times$ free energy Gibbons-Hawking '77

Suggests an interpretation as:

$$Z(\beta) = \text{“Tr”} e^{-\beta E} = \sum_E d(E) e^{-\beta E} \simeq e^{S - \beta E} = e^{-I(\beta)}$$

↓

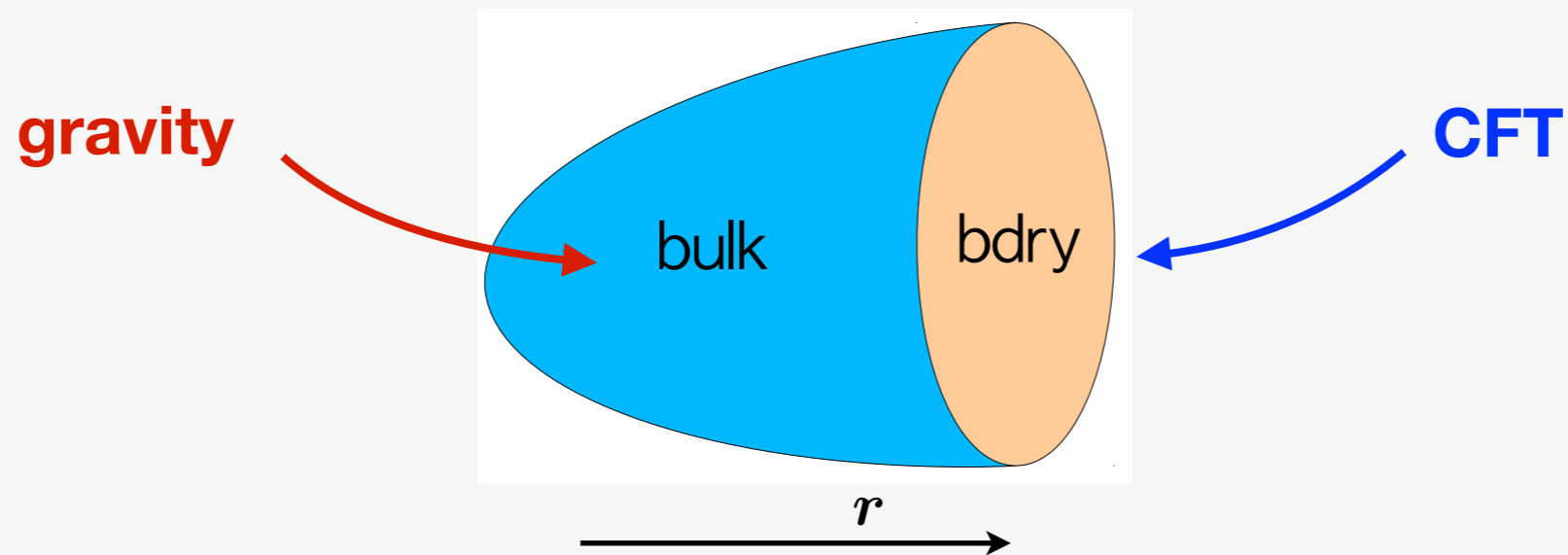
degeneracy thermodynamic limit

But we don't know the Hilbert space of quantum gravity!

This is made precise by the **AdS/CFT correspondence**.

AdS/CFT correspondence

Non-perturbative definition of Quantum Gravity in asymptotically AdS space



$$Z_{\text{gravity}} = Z_{\text{CFT}}$$

AdS gravity boundary conditions \Leftrightarrow CFT background fields

semiclassical gravity & strongly coupled CFT

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- ◆ supersymmetric localization: path integral “collapses” to ordinary integral

Witten '88, Nekrasov '02, Pestun '07, ...

- ◆ in large N limit, look for saddle points of the simplified integral

→ good approximation to path integral $Z_{\text{CFT}} = Z_{\text{gravity}}$

Strategy towards exact results

- analyze gravity solution → identify suitable generating function Z : an *index*
- use AdS/CFT and compute Z in CFT, rather than in gravity
- result is **exact** → **full Quantum Gravity Z**
- take semi-classical limit, check **Bekenstein-Hawking entropy**
- go beyond semiclassical gravity → towards **full Quantum Entropy**

AdS₅ Black Hole

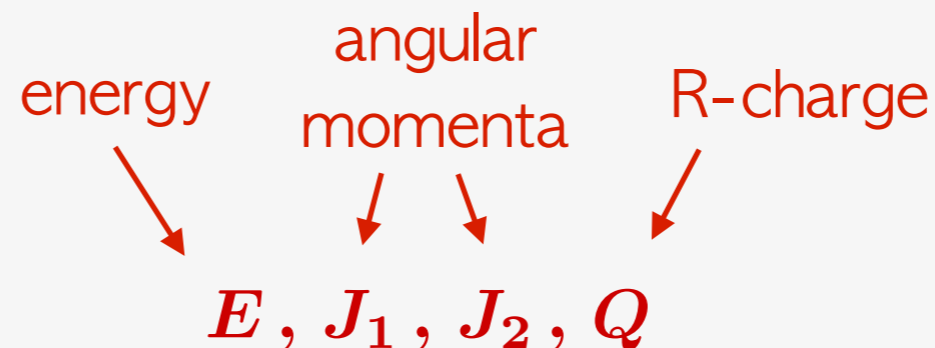
- minimal AdS₅ supergravity

$$\mathcal{L} = R + \frac{12}{\ell^2} - \frac{1}{3} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2}{27} \epsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho\sigma} A_\lambda F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} + \text{fermions}$$

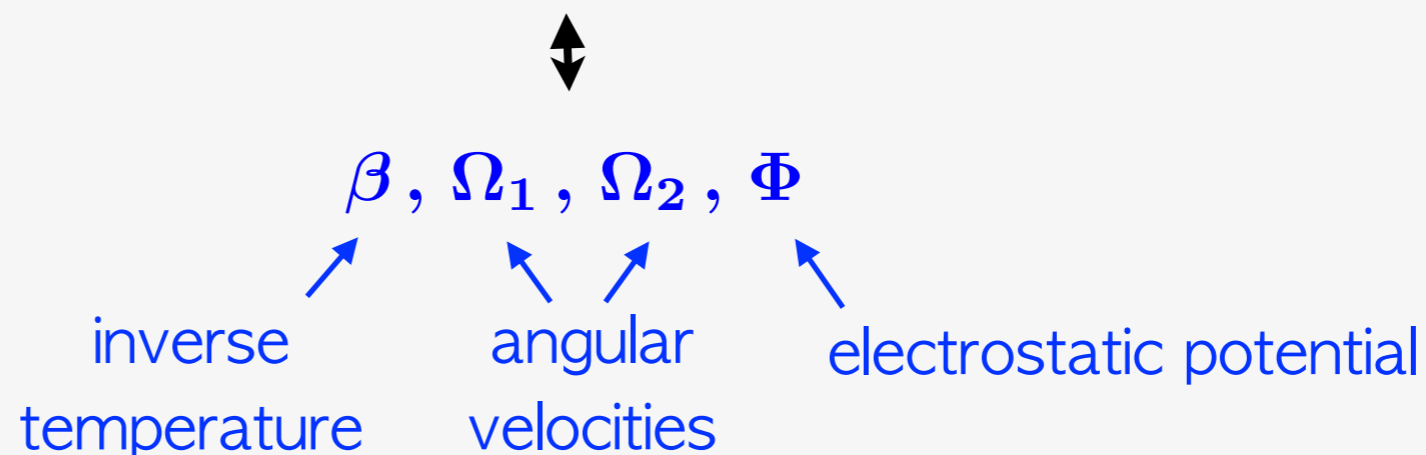
- General black hole solutions:

Chong, Cvetič, Lu, Pope '05

4 conserved charges



4 potentials



Supersymmetric AdS₅ Black Hole

- Preserves:

2 supercharges, Q, \bar{Q}

E, J_1, J_2, Q with $0 = \{Q, \bar{Q}\} = E - J_1 - J_2 - \frac{3}{2}Q$

Gutowski, Reall '04,

Chong, Cvetič, Lu, Pope '05, . . .

Bekenstein-Hawking
entropy

$$S = \frac{\text{Area}}{4G} = \pi \sqrt{3Q^2 - 8a(J_1 + J_2)}$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{8g^3 G}$$

- Potentials: $\beta = \infty$ extremal $\Omega_i = 1$ $\Phi = \frac{3}{2}$ frozen!

→ confusion, is there a thermodynamics left?

Reaching the index

Cabo-Bizet, Murthy, DC, Martelli '18

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$$Z(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi) = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta(E - \Omega_i J_i - \Phi Q)}$$

Use: ◆ $E = \{Q, \bar{Q}\} + 1 J_1 + 1 J_2 + \frac{3}{2} Q$ superalgebra

- ◆ difference between the potentials and their frozen values

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

$$\rightarrow Z(\beta, \omega_i, \varphi) = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta\{Q, \bar{Q}\} + \omega_i J_i + \varphi Q}$$

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- supersymmetry:

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Hosseini, Hristov, Zaffaroni
Cabo-Bizet, Murthy, DC, Martelli

$$\rightarrow Z(\beta, \omega_i) = \text{Tr} e^{-\pi i Q} e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}\} + \omega_i (J_i + \frac{1}{2} Q)}$$

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$$e^{\pi i F} = e^{-2\pi i J_1} \rightarrow \text{Tr} (-1)^F e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}\} + (\omega_1 - 2\pi i)(J_1 + \frac{1}{2} Q) + \omega_2 (J_2 + \frac{1}{2} Q)}$$

spin-statistics
Witten index

→ refined Witten index

Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju '05

only states with $\{\mathcal{Q}, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}\} = 0$ contribute

Romelsberger '05

$Z = Z(\omega_i)$, no dependence on β

Supersymmetric thermodynamics

- Supersymmetric solution:

- ◆ $\varphi = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} - \pi i$ is satisfied

- ◆ on-shell action $I(\omega_i, \varphi) = \frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} a$ very simple, no β

- ◆ quantum statistical relation becomes :

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

- ◆ **extremal limit** $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ but $\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi$ remain finite \rightarrow limit is **smooth**

- ◆ Legendre transform of I gives the entropy:

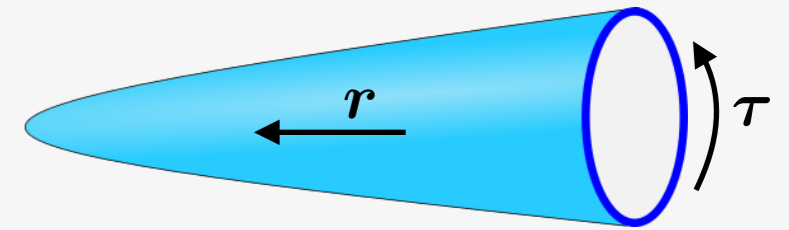
$$S = \pi \sqrt{3Q^2 - 8a(J_1 + J_2)} = \frac{\text{Area}}{4}$$

Complexification

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

- ◆ physical meaning?

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



this condition is thus necessary to include the BH saddle in \mathcal{Z}

- ◆ chemical potentials are complex!

- In fact, the susy, non-extremal BH solution has complex $g_{\mu\nu}$, A_μ

- What complex metrics are allowable?

Witten '21

The CFT side

$d=4$ CFT with supersymmetry,

e.g. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills, or one of the many $\mathcal{N} = 1$ examples known

$$Z(\omega_i) = \text{Tr} (-1)^F e^{-\beta\{\mathcal{Q}, \bar{\mathcal{Q}}\} + (\omega_1 - 2\pi i)(J_1 + \frac{1}{2}Q) + \omega_2(J_2 + \frac{1}{2}Q)}$$

↑
well defined!

- protected by susy → can be computed at weak coupling

$$\mathcal{I}nd(\sigma, \tau) = \int \prod_{i=1}^{\text{rk}(G)} du_i \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \Gamma(\pm \alpha \cdot u + \sigma + \tau; \sigma, \tau) \prod_{I \in \text{chirals}} \prod_{\rho \in R_I} \Gamma(\rho \cdot u + \frac{r_I}{2}(\sigma + \tau); \sigma, \tau)$$

↑
elliptic Gamma fct.

The CFT side

- For **real** $\omega_1 - 2\pi i, \omega_2 \rightarrow$ index does not carry enough entropy

reason: boson - fermion cancellations due to $(-1)^F$

Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju '05

- However, ω_1, ω_2 really are **complex variables**

\rightarrow search for complex saddles

Many competing phases

● Large-N limit

◆ “Bethe ansatz”

Benini, Hristov, Zaffaroni '15 in AdS4,
Benini, Milan '18, . . .

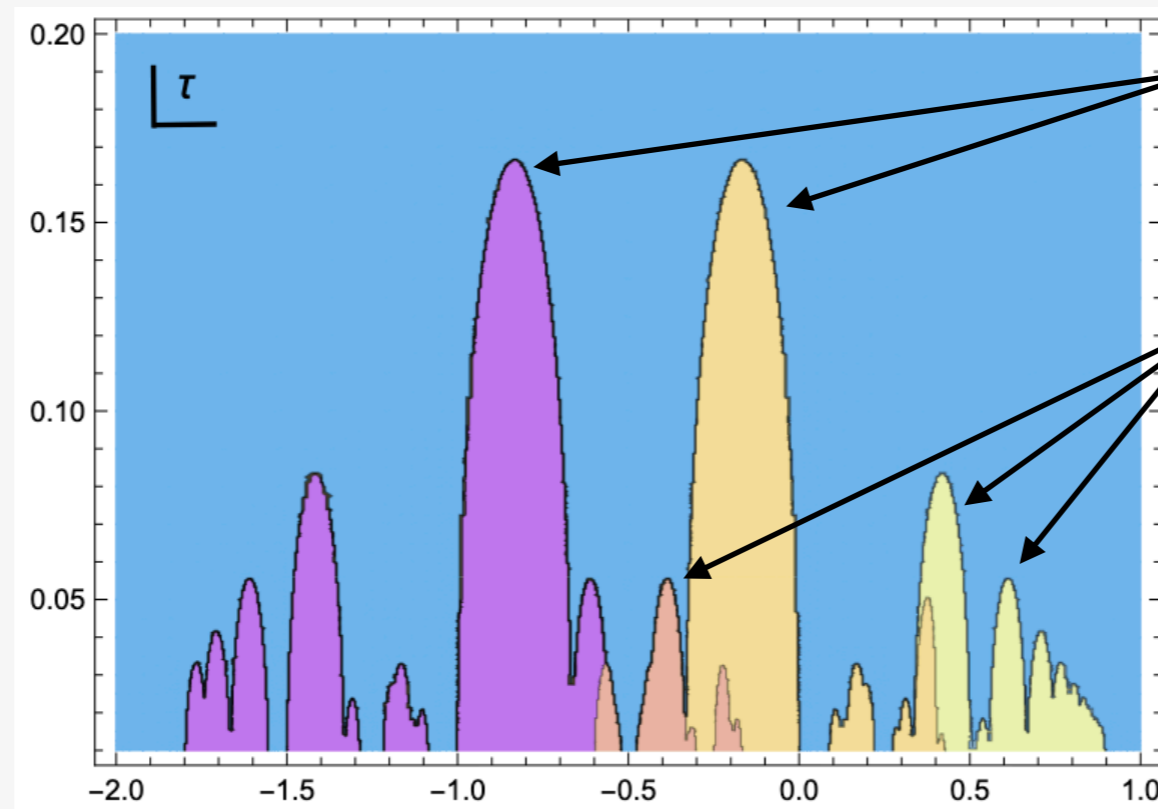
Benini, Colombo, Soltani, Zaffaroni, Zhang '20

◆ “elliptic” extension

Cabo-Bizet, Murthy '19

Cabo-Bizet, Murthy, DC, Martelli '20

◆ . . . and more



black hole

orbifolds of black hole

Aharony, Benini,

Mamroud, Milan '21

pic from Cabo-Bizet, Murthy '19

Cardy-like limit

A device to isolate black hole saddle

Small ω_1, ω_2 , with $\varphi = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} - \pi i$

lots of people, starting from
Choi, J. Kim, S. Kim, Nahmgoong '18

...
DC, Komargodski '21

$$I_{\text{CFT}} = \frac{16}{27} (3c - 2a) \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} - \frac{4}{3} (a - c) \varphi \frac{2\pi i (\omega_1 + \omega_2) - \omega_1 \omega_2}{\omega_1 \omega_2}$$

a, c superconformal anomaly coeff.

❖ Holographic SCFT at large- N $\rightarrow a = c \rightarrow I_{\text{CFT}} = \frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} a$

reproduces 2-derivative black-hole on-shell action!

❖ For general a, c , this is a **prediction for Quantum Gravity**

Corrected entropy

$$S = \text{ext}_{\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi, \Lambda\}} [-I - \omega_1 J_1 - \omega_2 J_2 - \varphi Q - \Lambda(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - 2\varphi - 2\pi i)]$$

linearizing in $a - c$

DC, Ruipérez, Turetta

$$S = \pi \sqrt{3Q^2 - 8a(J_1 + J_2) - 16a(a - c) \frac{(J_1 - J_2)^2}{Q^2 - 2a(J_1 + J_2)}} + \mathcal{O}((a - c)^2)$$

also Bobev, Dimitrov, Reys, Vekemans

Higher-derivative corrections

DC, Ruipérez, Turetta '22

- 4-derivative corrected supergravity

$$\mathcal{L} = c_0 R + 12c_1 g^2 - \frac{1}{4}c_2 F^2 - \frac{1}{12\sqrt{3}}c_3 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} A_\lambda$$
$$+ \lambda_1 \frac{1}{g^2} \left[\mathcal{X}_{\text{GB}} - \frac{1}{2} C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\rho\sigma} + \frac{1}{8} F^4 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda} R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\alpha\beta} A_\lambda \right]$$

$$\mathcal{X}_{\text{GB}} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2 \quad \text{Gauss-Bonnet}$$

$$c_0 = 1 + 4\lambda_2, \quad c_1 = 1 - 10\lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2, \quad c_2 = 1 + 4\lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2, \quad c_3 = 1 - 12\lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2$$

- Holographic anomaly matching \rightarrow dictionary :

$$a = \frac{\pi}{8Gg^3} (1 + 4\lambda_2), \quad c = \frac{\pi}{8Gg^3} (1 + 8\lambda_1 + 4\lambda_2)$$

- using “susy first, extremal later” prescription

on-shell action $I \rightarrow$ **does match CFT result!**

Outlook

- Recast a black hole microstate counting problem into a CFT computation
 - ◆ reproduced Bekenstein-Hawking entropy
 - ◆ computed corrections and reproduced them in gravity

CFT index counts states → microscopic derivation

→ a step towards **full Quantum Entropy**

example of **PRECISION HOLOGRAPHY**

- Extends to multiple charges and different d

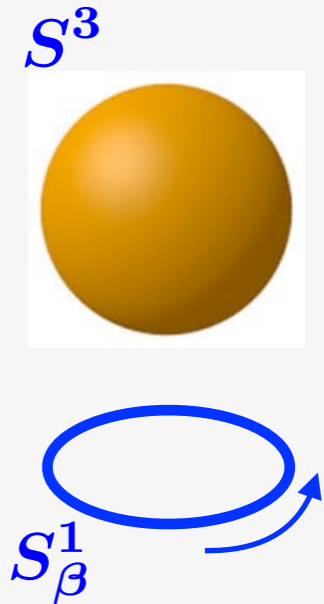
asymptotics	charges	BPS entropy	“log grand-canonical partition
M, AdS ₄ x S ⁷	J, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4	$S = S(J_i, Q_I)$	$I = -\frac{i}{2G} \frac{\sqrt{\varphi^1 \varphi^2 \varphi^3 \varphi^4}}{\omega}$
IIB, AdS ₅ x S ⁵	J_1, J_2, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3		$I = \frac{\pi}{4G} \frac{\varphi^1 \varphi^2 \varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2}$
IIA, AdS ₆ x _w S ⁴	J_1, J_2, Q		$I = \frac{\pi i}{3G} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2}$
M, AdS ₇ x S ⁴	J_1, J_2, J_3, Q_1, Q_2		$I = -\frac{\pi^3}{128G} \frac{\varphi_1^2 \varphi_2^2}{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3}$

thank you !

Euclidean Quantum Gravity

- $Z(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi) = \int Dg_{\mu\nu} DA_\mu D\psi_\mu e^{-\text{Action}[g_{\mu\nu}, A_\mu, \psi_\mu]}$
 $\simeq e^{-I(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi)}$ on-shell action

Boundary conditions: Euclidean time circle S^1_β ,
 S^3 with twist parameters Ω_1, Ω_2 + gauge field $A_\tau \sim \Phi$



- Z should also be thermal partition fct. in grand-canonical ensemble

$$Z(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi) = \text{“Tr”} e^{-\beta(E - \Omega_i J_i - \Phi Q)}$$

$$I(\beta, \Omega_i, \Phi) = \beta E - S - \beta \Omega_i J_i - \beta \Phi Q \quad \text{quantum statistical relation}$$



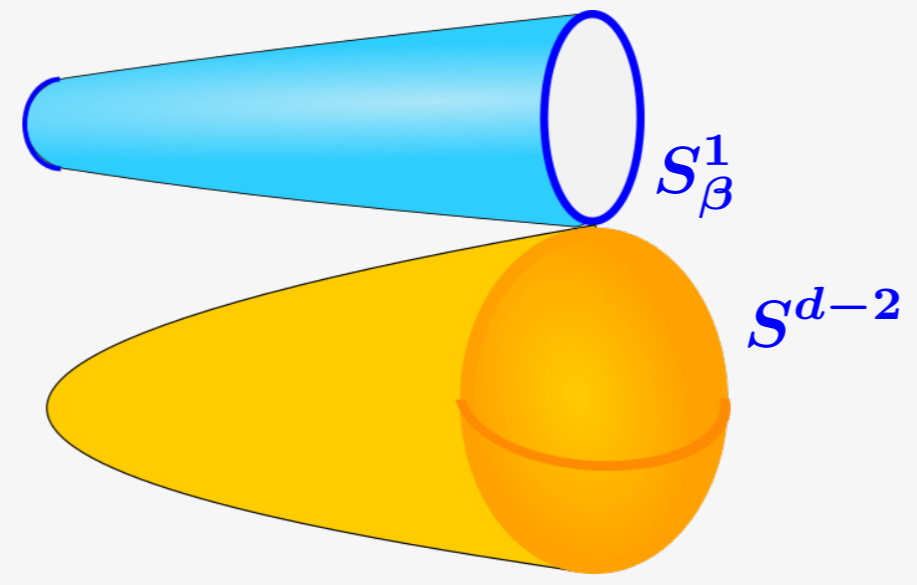
Hawking-Page is “large- N deconfinement”

Can also use the correspondence to shed light on QFT at strong coupling

Hawking-Page \longleftrightarrow confinement/deconfinement phase transition

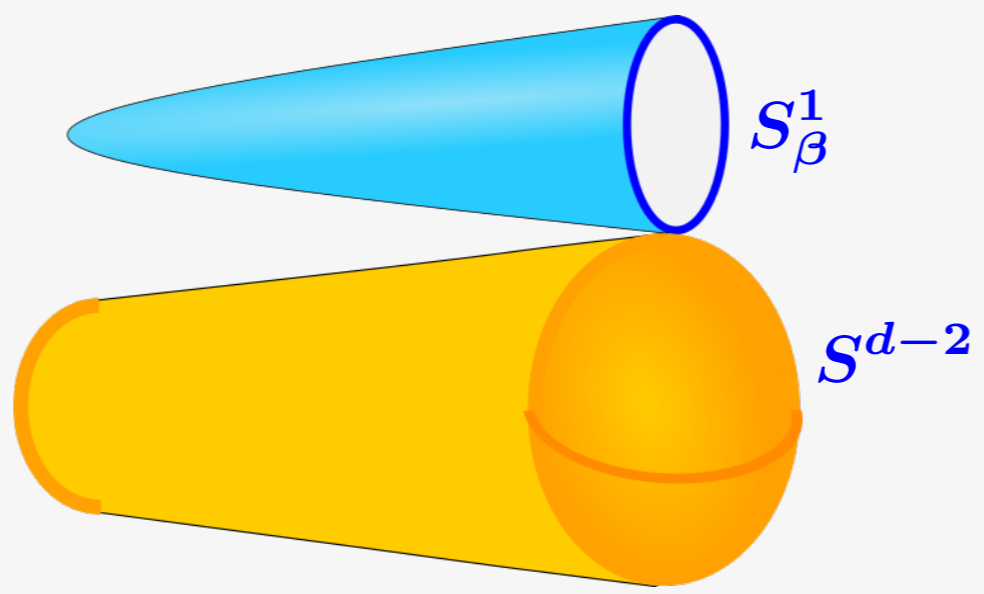
Witten '98

Euclidean AdS



CFT
confined

Black hole



CFT
deconfined

Holographic anomaly matching

R-current anomalies are matched by Chern-Simons terms in the bulk

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{grav}} \supset (5a - 3c) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} A_\lambda + \frac{9}{8} (c - a) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda} R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\alpha\beta} A_\lambda$$

↑
2 der.

↑
4 der.

- $2d$ supergravity \longleftrightarrow a, c large & equal
 $a = c = \frac{\pi}{8g^3 G} + \dots \sim N^2 + \dots$ in many $SU(N)$ examples
- corrections to a, c
(in particular, to $a - c = 0 + \dots$) \longleftrightarrow $4d$ susy invariants !