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Black holes  
in  
heterotic string theory

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# BH's in string theory

Heavy strings  $\rightarrow$  BH's (argued  $r_s < r_{Sch}$ )

- microstate counting at  $g_s \sim 0 \rightarrow S_{stat}$

$g_s \downarrow$  ??

Low energy effective action (some SUGRA)

- BH solutions  $\rightarrow S_{bh}$

Problem: generally  $S_{bh}$  depends on  $g_s$ !

BPS states  $\Rightarrow$  short multiplets  $\Rightarrow$  No. of states protected  $\Rightarrow S_{stat} = S_{bh}$

Extremality essential  $\Rightarrow$  non-BPS BH's

Nontrivial test of string theory!

# Heterotic string on $\mathcal{M}_D \times S^1 \times T^{9-D}$

1/2 BPS states in perturbative spectrum

$$M = |k_R| \quad k_{R,L} = \frac{n}{R} \pm \frac{wR}{\alpha'}$$

Using mass-shell conditions

$$M^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha'}(N - 1) + k_L^2 = \frac{4}{\alpha'}(\tilde{N} - \delta_{NS}) + k_R^2$$

From the second equation follows

$$\tilde{N} = \frac{1}{2}\delta_{NS} \Rightarrow \text{SUSY - sector not excited}$$

From the first equation follows

$$N = nw + 1$$

Using asymptotic formula for number of states

$$\mathcal{N} \sim \exp(4\pi\sqrt{N}), \quad N \gg 1$$

we obtain the statistical entropy of 2-charge BPS states as

$$S_{stat} = \ln \mathcal{N} \sim 4\pi\sqrt{nw}, \quad nw \gg 1$$

Het. string on  $\mathcal{M}_4 \times S^1 \times \tilde{S}^1 \times T^4$

8-charge BPS states:

$n, \tilde{n}$  – momenta Nos.

$w, \tilde{w}$  – winding Nos.

$N, \tilde{N}$  – Nos. of Kaluza-Klein monopoles

$W, \tilde{W}$  – Nos. of H-monopoles

Putting  $\tilde{n} = \tilde{w} = N = W = 0 \rightarrow$  4-charge BPS states with statistical entropy

$$S_{stat} = 2\pi \sqrt{nw (\tilde{N}\tilde{W} + 4)}, \quad nw \gg 1$$

Entropy formulae exact in  $\alpha'$ !

## Heterotic LEEA for $S^1 \times \tilde{S}^1 \times T^4$

Lowest order in  $\alpha'$  and  $g_s$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 = & R + S^{-2}(\partial S)^2 - T^{-2}(\partial T)^2 - \tilde{T}^{-2}(\partial \tilde{T})^2 \\ & - T^2 \left( F_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \right)^2 - T^{-2} \left( F_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} \right)^2 \\ & - \tilde{T}^2 \left( F_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} \right)^2 - \tilde{T}^{-2} \left( F_{\mu\nu}^{(4)} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$S$  – dilaton ( $1/g_s^2$ ),  $T, \tilde{T}$  – radii of  $S^1, \tilde{S}^1$

$A_\mu^{(1)}, A_\mu^{(2)}$  – from  $g_{\mu 4}, g_{\mu 5} \rightarrow (n, N), (w, W)$

$A_\mu^{(3)}, A_\mu^{(4)}$  – from  $B_{\mu 4}, B_{\mu 5} \rightarrow (\tilde{n}, \tilde{N}), (\tilde{w}, \tilde{W})$

For 4-charge case  $\rightarrow N = W = \tilde{n} = \tilde{w} = 0$ .

Asymptotically flat BH solutions exist. For extremal and spherically symmetric one gets:

$$S(r_H) \sim \sqrt{\left| \frac{nw}{\tilde{N}\tilde{W}} \right|}, \quad (F^{(a)})^2 \sim \frac{1}{\tilde{N}\tilde{W}}$$

$$S_{BH} = 2\pi \sqrt{|nw\tilde{N}\tilde{W}|}, \quad T(r_H) = \sqrt{\frac{n}{w}}$$

$$S_{BH} \neq S_{stat}$$

## Observations

- For  $\tilde{N}, \tilde{W} \gg 1$ ,  $S_{stat} \rightarrow S_{BH}$ . It is obvious that expansion in  $1/\tilde{N}\tilde{W}$  is  $\alpha'$  expansion. To explain discrepancy we need higher terms in  $\alpha'$  in the effective action. In the string frame

$$r_H^2 \propto \alpha' \tilde{N}\tilde{W} \gg \alpha' \sim l_{string}$$

i.e., BH is large and  $\alpha'$  expansion well defined.

- For  $nw \gg \tilde{N}\tilde{W}$ ,  $g_{eff}^2 \sim 1/S \ll 1$ . Tree level in string coupling OK.
- Solutions of LEEA for all signs of charges  $\Rightarrow$  **non-BPS** extremal BH's
  - (attractor mechanism) + ( $g_{eff}^2 \ll 1$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Entropy also “protected”
  - From string side – statistical entropy

$$S_{stat} = 2\pi \sqrt{|nw| (\tilde{N}\tilde{W} + 2)}, \quad |nw| \gg 1$$

- For  $\tilde{N}\tilde{W} = 0 \rightarrow S_{BH} = 0$ , horizon becomes null-singular!!? BH is small and  $\alpha'$  expansion breaks down.

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = "R" + \alpha' "R^2" + \dots + \alpha'^n "R^n" + \dots$$

As now  $R \sim 1/\alpha'$ , all terms a priori equally important (infinite number). Full LEEA needed to account for 2-charge BH's?

## Entropy in generalized gravity

For manifestly diffeomorphism invariant  
Lagrangians

$$L = L(g_{ab}, R_{abcd}, \nabla R_{abcd}, \psi, \nabla\psi, \dots)$$

BH entropy is given by Wald formula:

$$S = -2\pi \int_{\mathcal{H}} \epsilon_{D-2} \frac{\delta L}{\delta R_{abcd}} \eta_{ab} \eta_{cd} \quad (1)$$

If

$$L = L(g_{ab}, R_{abcd}, \nabla R_{abcd}, \psi, \nabla\psi, \dots)$$

Recently generalised to theories with  
Chern-Simons terms.

# Entropy function formalism for extremal BH's

Extremality  $\rightarrow AdS_2 \times S^{D-2}$  near-horizon geometry  $\rightarrow SO(2,1) \times O(D-1)$  symmetry

$$ds^2 = v_1 \left( -x^2 dt^2 + \frac{dx^2}{x^2} \right) + v_2 d\Omega_{D-2}^2$$

$$\phi_s = u_s$$

$$F_2^{(i)} = -e_i \epsilon_2, \quad H_{D-2}^{(a)} = p_a \epsilon_{D-2}$$

all other fields & cov. derivatives **vanishing**.

If one defines

$$f(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{e}, \vec{p}) = \int_{S^{D-2}} \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}$$

then **EOM's** near the horizon become

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u_s} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_i} = 0$$

**Entropy and electric charges** are

$$S_{BH} = 2\pi \left( \sum_i e_i q_i - f \right), \quad q_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial e_i}$$

Alternatively, one defines the entropy function

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{e}, \vec{q}, \vec{p}) = 2\pi \left( \sum_i e_i q_i - f \right)$$

Extremisation of  $\mathcal{E}$  gives EOM's and connects electric fields with charges

$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial u_s} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial v_i} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial e_i}$$

and a value of  $\mathcal{E}$  at the extremum is the entropy

$$S_{BH} = \mathcal{E}$$

## Comments on $\mathcal{E}$ -function method

- Very practical way for near-horizon analyses of extremal BH's.
- Attractor mechanism - direct consequence.
- Directly applicable only for actions with manifest gauge and diffeomorphism invariance (with Chern-Simons terms more effort needed).
- Has been extended to BTZ-type BH's.

## $\alpha'$ corrections in LEEA

- Full effective string action has  $\infty$  No. of terms (even on tree level)

$$\mathcal{A}_{eff} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha' "R")^n$$

up to  $n = 3$  known completely.

$\Rightarrow$  low order perturbative analyses possible

- Taking some truncated actions by adding:
  1. Gauss-Bonnet term

$$(R_{abcd})^2 - 4(R_{ab})^2 + R^2$$

2. SUSY-zation of gravitational Chern-Simons term

$$A \wedge R \wedge R + \dots \quad (\text{in } D = 5)$$

## Results in $D = 4$

- $S_{stat} = S_{bh}$  perturbatively up to  $\alpha'^2$ -order  
(large; BPS and non-BPS)
- $S_{stat} = S_{bh}$  for both GB and gCS actions  
(large and small; BPS)
  - also same near-horizon solutions

Why!?

- OSV conjecture in  $N = 2$  SUGRA

$$Z_{bh} = |Z_{top. string}|^2$$

(large and small; BPS)

- AdS<sub>3</sub>-view  $\rightarrow S_{stat} = S_{bh}$   
(large and small; BPS and non-BPS)
  - only anomalies important (i.e., CS terms)
  - partial explanation (non-BPS BH's, in some cases no AdS<sub>3</sub>)

Topological origin?

## $D = 5$ 3-charge heterotic BH's

Heterotic string on  $T^4 \times S^1$  - LEEA is  $N = 2$

SUGRA with prepotential  $\mathcal{N} = M_1 M_2 M_3$

Connection with dilaton and modulus:

$$M_1 = S^{-1/3} T^{-1}, \quad M_2 = S^{-1/3} T, \quad M_3 = S^{2/3}$$

3-charge BH solutions with entropy

$$S_{bh}^{(0)} = 2\pi \sqrt{nw m}$$

$n$  and  $w$  electric (Maxwell),  $m$  magnetic ( $B_{\mu\nu}$ )  
integer charge.

For  $n, w, m \geq 0$  BPS.

Natural candidate!

## Results in $D = 5$

- String side  $\rightarrow S_{stat} = ??$
- $ADS_3$ -argument  $\rightarrow$  extension to  $D = 5$  ??
- gCS (SUSY)-action gives:

$$\mathcal{S}_{bh} = 2\pi \sqrt{nw(m+3)}, \quad (\text{BPS})$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{bh} = 2\pi \sqrt{|n|w(m+1/3)}, \quad (\text{non-BPS})$$

- Gauss-Bonnet action gives entropy which starts to differ at  $\alpha'^2$  for BPS, and  $\alpha'$  for non-BPS BH's
- Perturbative results up to  $\alpha'^2$  agree with gCS (SUSY) for BPS, and for non-BPS suggest

$$\mathcal{S}_{bh} = 2\pi \sqrt{|n|w(m+1)}$$

- OSV conjecture  $4D/5D$  properly uplifted  $\rightarrow$  confirms gCS (SUSY) for BPS

$\Rightarrow$  SUSY wins, GB loses? Not that simple.

## Small BH's in $D = 5$

For  $m = 0 \implies$  small black holes:

- String theory – DH states:

$$\mathcal{S}_{stat} = 4\pi\sqrt{nw}, \quad (\text{BPS})$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{stat} = 2\sqrt{2}\pi\sqrt{|n|w}, \quad (\text{non-BPS})$$

- Gauss-Bonnet action:

$$S_{bh} = 4\pi\sqrt{|nw|}$$

Agrees for BPS

- gCS (SUSY) action:

$$S_{bh} = 2\sqrt{3}\pi\sqrt{nw} \quad (\text{BPS})$$

$$S_{bh} = ? \quad (\text{non-BPS})$$

$$S_{bh} \neq S_{stat}$$

In  $D = 5$  large/small BH's limit **non-trivial** !

## Small BH's $\rightarrow$ Lovelock type gravity

Attempt: in general  $D$  try with generalized Gauss-Bonnet densities:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_m &= \lambda_m \mathcal{L}_m^{GB} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_m}{2^m} \delta^{\rho_1 \sigma_1 \dots \rho_m \sigma_m}_{\mu_1 \nu_1 \dots \mu_m \nu_m} R^{\mu_1 \nu_1}_{\rho_1 \sigma_1} \dots R^{\mu_m \nu_m}_{\rho_m \sigma_m} ,\end{aligned}$$

to construct the action

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} S \sum_{m=1} \alpha'^{m-1} \mathcal{L}_m$$

Incredibly, there is a **unique fixed** choice of  $\lambda_m$ , given with

$$\lambda_m = \frac{4}{4^m m!}$$

for which

$$S_{BH} = 2\pi \sqrt{n\omega} = S_{stat} , \quad \forall D$$

## Conclusion and Outlook

- Many examples (in  $D = 4$  and  $D = 5$ )
- Extension of AdS<sub>3</sub>-argument to  $D = 5$ ?
- Something more general?
  - near horizon new type of effective action?
- BPS  $\rightarrow$  extremal  $\overset{?}{\rightarrow}$  realistic BH's
  - anomalies
  - near-horizon constraints (regularity, ...)