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# **M2- and D3-branes wrapped on spindles**

Based on work with

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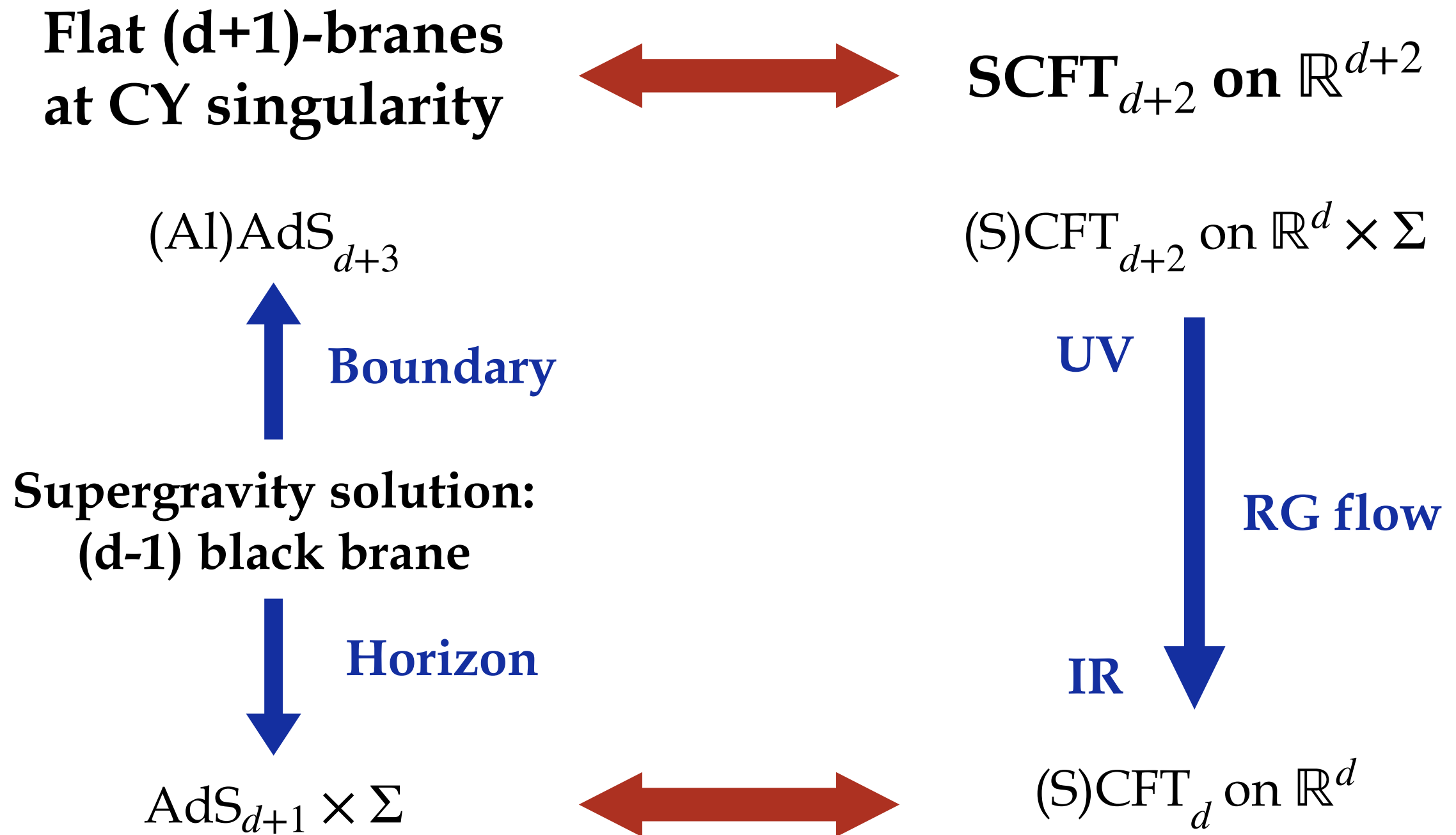
arXiv: 2011.10579 [hep-th]

arXiv: 2012.08530 [hep-th]

# Review: black branes and RG flows in AdS/CFT

# Black branes as RG flows

Maldacena, Nunez 0007018 [hep-th]



# Microstates counting in $\text{AdS}_{4,5}$

See Zaffaroni 1902.07176 [hep-th] for a review and references

$3d \mathcal{N} = 2$  SCFTs: M2-branes



$\text{AdS}_4$  black holes



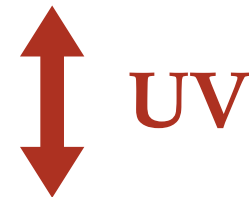
$\text{AdS}_2 \times \Sigma$



$1d \mathcal{N} = 2$  SCQM

***I*-extremization**

$4d \mathcal{N} = 1$  SCFTs: D3-branes



$\text{AdS}_5$  black strings



$\text{AdS}_3 \times \Sigma$



$2d \mathcal{N} = (0,2)$  SCFTs

***c*-extremization**

Benini, Hristov, Zaffaroni 1511.04085 [hep-th]

Benini, Bobev 1211.4030 [hep-th]

# Plebanski-Demianski black holes in $AdS_4$

# Plebanski-Demianski black holes

Most general solution to **4d Einstein-Maxwell\*** theory (no NUT charge)

$$ds_4^2 = \frac{1}{\Omega^2} \left\{ -\frac{Q}{\Sigma} [dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi]^2 + \frac{\Sigma}{Q} dr^2 + \frac{\Sigma}{P} d\theta^2 + \frac{P}{\Sigma} \sin^2 \theta [adt - (r^2 + a^2) d\phi]^2 \right\}$$
$$A = -e \frac{r}{\Sigma} (dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\phi) + g \frac{\cos \theta}{\Sigma} (adt - (r^2 + a^2) d\phi)$$

$$\Omega = 1 - \alpha r \cos \theta$$
$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Lambda = -3$$

$$P = 1 - 2\alpha m \cos \theta + \left( \alpha^2 (a^2 + e^2 + g^2) - a^2 \right) \cos^2 \theta$$

$$Q = (r^2 - 2mr + a^2 + e^2 + g^2) (1 - \alpha^2 r^2) + (a^2 + r^2) r^2$$

$\alpha \leftrightarrow$  acceleration

$a \leftrightarrow$  rotation

$m \leftrightarrow$  mass

$e \leftrightarrow$  electric charge

$g \leftrightarrow$  magnetic charge

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\*bosonic sector of 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  minimal gauged supergravity



Accelerating black holes have  
**conical singularities** at  $\theta = 0, \pi$ !  
Should we throw them away?

No: **uplift** to 11d, constrain the  
parameters and **regularize**!



For alternative approaches:

Ernst '75,

Achúcarro, Gregory, Kuijken '95,

Eardley, Horowitz, Kastor, Taschen '95,

Dowker, Gauntlett, Gibbons, Horowitz '95,

...

# The uplift to 11d

Gauntlett, Varella 0707.2315 [hep-th]

4d metric      Sasaki-Einstein manifold  
(regular class)      Kahler-Einstein manifold  
(positive curvature)

$$ds_{11}^2 = \frac{1}{4} ds_4^2 + ds^2(SE_7) = \frac{1}{4} ds_4^2 + \left( \eta + \frac{1}{2} A \right)^2 + ds^2(KE_6)$$

Fibration term:  
 $\eta = \frac{1}{4} d\psi + \sigma, \quad d\sigma = 2J$

$$G = \frac{3}{8} \text{vol}_4 - \frac{1}{2} *_4 F \wedge J$$

This solves the eom of 11d supergravity and preserves SUSY



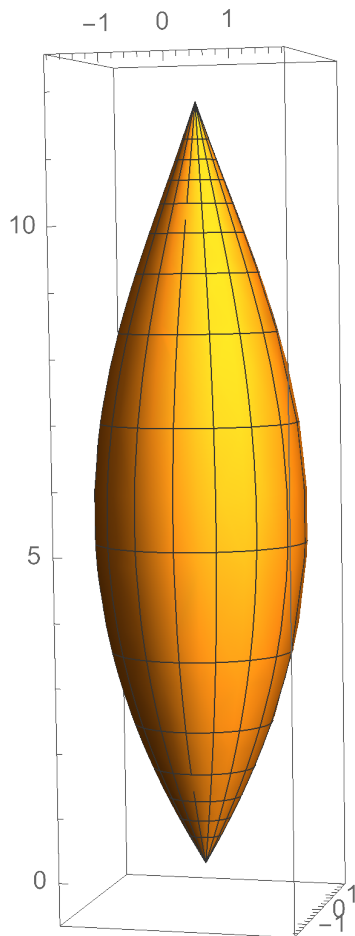
# Regularize in 11d: the spindle

Near the poles  $\theta_- = 0$ ,  $\theta_+ = \pi$ , we find:

$$ds_{\theta,\phi}^2 \approx \left[ \frac{\Sigma}{P\Omega^2} \right]_{\theta=\theta_{\pm}} \left[ d\theta^2 + P_{\pm}^2 (\theta - \theta_{\pm})^2 d\phi^2 \right]$$

Due to the acceleration,  $P_- \neq P_+$  we cannot make it regular!

Then quantize the **conical deficits**: make it into a **spindle**  $\mathbb{WCP}_{[n_-, n_+]}^1$



$$\frac{P_+}{P_-} = \frac{n_-}{n_+} \Rightarrow \Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{n_+ P_+} = \frac{2\pi}{n_- P_-}$$

Spindle



# Regularize in 11d: the Lens space

Now look at space in the  $\theta, \phi, \psi$  directions: we can make it into a **Lens space**  $S^3/\mathbb{Z}_q$ , seen as a Hopf-like fibration over  $\mathbb{WCP}^1_{[n_-, n_+]}$ .  
This requires

$$m = \frac{g}{\alpha}$$

Compatible with susy



At fixed  $t, r$  we have a Riemannian manifold  $Y_9$  :  
completely **smooth**  $S^3/\mathbb{Z}_q$  **fibration** over  $KE_6$  !

# Near-horizon limit of BPS & extremal BHs

# The BPS & extremal horizon

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{4} (y^2 + j^2) \left( \boxed{-\rho^2 d\tau^2 + \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2}} \right) + \boxed{\frac{y^2 + j^2}{q(y)} dy^2 + \frac{q(y)}{4 (y^2 + j^2)} (dz + j \rho d\tau)^2}$$

$AdS_2$  (Spinning) spindle  
 $y \leftrightarrow \theta, \quad z \leftrightarrow \phi$

$$A = h(y)(dz + j \rho d\tau)$$

Two parameters:

- $j \in (0, 1/\sqrt{2})$  is continuous  $\rightarrow$  **rotation**
- $a$  is fixed by  $n_{\pm}$  and  $j \rightarrow$  **acceleration**

$$a = \frac{(1 - 2j^2)(n_-^2 - n_+^2)}{n_+^2 + n_-^2}$$

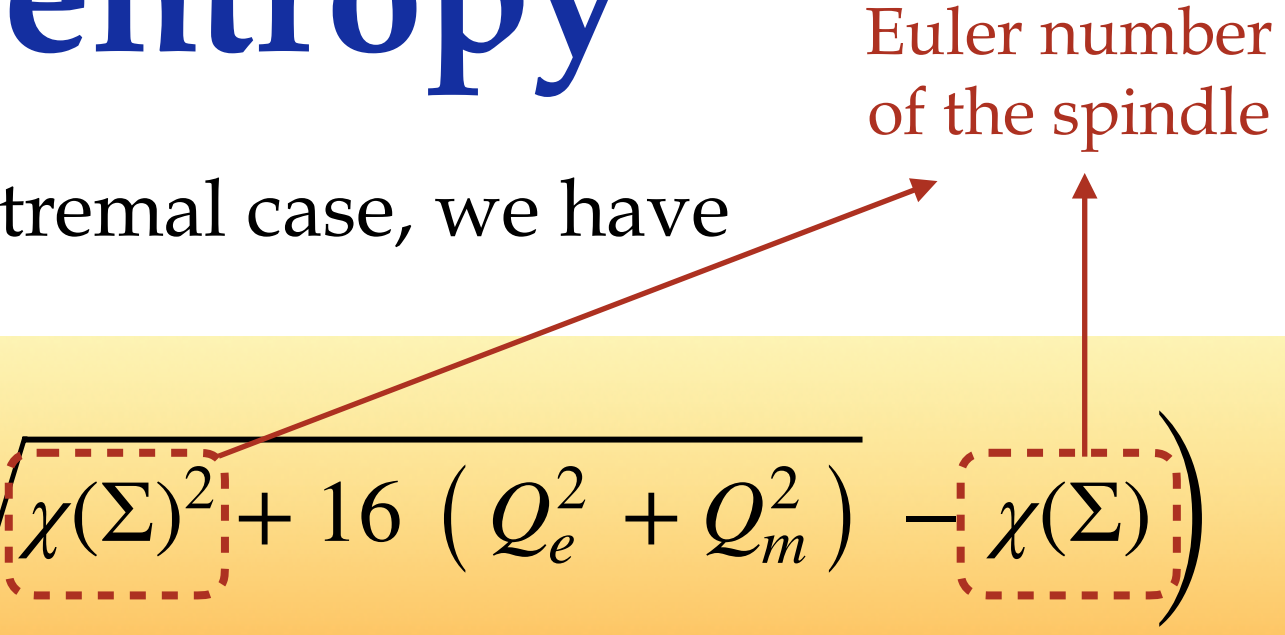
$$Q_e = \frac{\sqrt{2} j}{\sqrt{1 - 2j^2}} \frac{\sqrt{n_-^2 + n_+^2}}{4 n_- n_+}$$

$$Q_m = \frac{n_- - n_+}{4 n_- n_+}$$

$$J = Q_e \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{8 n_-^2 n_+^2 Q_e^2 + n_-^2 + n_+^2} - (n_- + n_+)}{4 n_- n_+}$$

# The entropy

In the supersymmetric and extremal case, we have

$$S_{BH} = \frac{\pi}{G_{(4)}} \frac{J}{Q_e} = \frac{\pi}{4 G_{(4)}} \left( \sqrt{\chi(\Sigma)^2 + 16 (Q_e^2 + Q_m^2)} - \chi(\Sigma) \right)$$


Related to known formulas in the literature for  $AdS_4$  black holes

Hristov, Katmadas, Toldo 1907.05192 [hep-th]

Cassani, Papini 1906.10148 [hep-th]

Can we reproduce it from the Field Theory?  
Done for D3-branes:  $AdS_3 \times \mathbb{WCP}^1_{[n_-, n_+]}$  solutions!

# The spinors

In these constructions, supersymmetry is typically preserved with a topological twist:  $\omega_\mu \sim A_\mu$ , in such a way that

$$\nabla_\mu \sim \partial_\mu + \omega_\mu + A_\mu \sim \partial_\mu$$

To check if this is the case, compare

**Euler number**

$$\chi(\Sigma) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_\Sigma R_2 \text{vol}_2 = \frac{n_- \textcolor{brown}{+} n_+}{n_+ n_-}$$

**Magnetic flux**

$$Q_m = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_\Sigma dA = \frac{n_- \textcolor{brown}{-} n_+}{4n_+ n_-}$$

They are not proportional: **no topological twist!**

How is supersymmetry realized in the dual Field Theory?

# The R-symmetry

From the spinor bilinears and the  $\mathcal{N} = (0,2)$  superconformal algebra:

$$R_{1d} = R_{3d} + 2\sqrt{1 - j^2} \partial_z$$

Generator of U(1)  
isometry of the spindle

**First example of mixing between higher and lower dimensional R-symmetry in supergravity (with no rotation)!**

# D3-branes on spindles



# The type IIB picture

$AdS_3 \times \mathbb{WC}\mathbb{P}^1_{[n_-, n_+]}$  solutions of 5d  
minimal gauged supergravity

Uplift to 10d

Regularization of  
conical deficits

Completely regular  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$   
solutions of type IIB supergravity

# With analogies...

- ★ Interpretation as (D3-)branes wrapped on spindles
- ★ No topological twist
- ★ Mixing of  $R_{4d}$  and  $U(1)_{spindle}$  in  $R_{2d}$

# ...and differences

- ★ **Lack the full geometry:** we conjecture the  $AdS_3$  solutions to arise as near-horizon geometry of a 5d black string
- ★ **No rotation:** no continuous parameters
- ★ Entropy and R-symmetry mixing reproduced with a **Field Theory computation**
  - ➔ **Confirms our AdS/CFT interpretation!**

**Thank you  
for the attention!**