

# The gravitational path integral for N=4 BPS black holes from black hole microstate counting

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# Precision counting of BPS black hole microstates

An important research endeavour in string theory: obtaining a



precision counting of black hole microstates

Strominger + Vafa, arXiv:hep-th/9601029

Recently achieved for four-dimensional  $\frac{1}{4}$  BPS black holes  
in  $N = 4$  heterotic string theory on  $T^6$

Ferrari +Reys, arXiv:1702.02755, C+Nampuri+Rosselló, arXiv:2112.10023

Single-centre, asymptotically flat, dyonic  $(q, p)$ , supersymmetric.  
Near horizon geometry is  $AdS_2 \times S^2$ . Charge bilinears  $(m, n, \ell)$ .

Microstates  $d(m, n, \ell)$ :  $m, n, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\Delta \equiv 4mn - \ell^2 > 0$

$\log d(m, n, \ell) = \pi \sqrt{\Delta} + \dots = \frac{A_H}{4} + \dots$   $A_H$ : area of event horizon

$$\Rightarrow S_{BH} = \log d(m, n, \ell) = \frac{A_H}{4} + \cancel{c_1} \log A_H + \frac{c_2}{A_H} + \dots + \alpha_n e^{-\beta_n A_H} + \dots$$

# Three approaches to BPS black hole entropy



## 1 Number theory:

$d(m, n, \ell)$ : meromorphic Siegel modular form.  
Exact expression as a Rademacher type expansion. C, Nampuri, Rosselló, arXiv: 2112.10023

## 2 Quantum entropy function: Ashoke Sen, arXiv:0805.0095

$d(m, n, \ell)$  from a quantum gravity path integral:  
sum over space-time geometries that asymptote to Euclidean  $AdS_2$ .

Lin, Maldacena, Rozenberg, Shan, arXiv:2207.00408 suggests a space-time interpretation involving 2D wormholes in  $AdS_2$ . In the 'covariant' picture.

## 3 $AdS_2/CFT_1$ correspondence

Maldacena, arXiv:9711200



# Number theory: meromorphic Siegel modular form

Heterotic string theory on  $T^6$ :  $\frac{1}{4}$  BPS states with unit torsion.

Microstate degeneracies  $d(m, n, \ell)$  given in terms of the Fourier coefficients of  $1/\Phi_{10}$ .  $\Phi_{10}$  Igusa cusp form of weight 10.

Dijkgraaf, Verlinde, Verlinde, arXiv: 9607026

$$d(m, n, \ell) = \int_C d\sigma dv d\rho \frac{e^{-2\pi i(m\rho + n\sigma + \ell v)}}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, v)}$$

Three contour integrations. Since  $1/\Phi_{10}$  is meromorphic Siegel modular form,  $d(m, n, \ell)$  depends on the choice of the integration contour  $C$ .  $\Delta = 4mn - \ell^2$ .

$1/\Phi_{10}$  captures degeneracies of single-centre ( $\Delta > 0$ ) as well as of two-centre black holes ( $\Delta < 0$ ). Ashoke Sen, arXiv:0705.3874

Need to select a contour  $C$  that only captures single-centre degeneracies  $d(m, n, \ell)$ , with  $\Delta > 0$ .

Cheng+Verlinde, arXiv:0706.2363, 0806.2337

# Poles of $1/\Phi_{10}$

**Poles** of  $1/\Phi_{10}$ :  $n_2(\rho\sigma - v^2) + jv + n_1\sigma - m_1\rho + m_2 = 0$ ,  $n_2 \geq 0$

- Can be parametrized in terms of **two distinct**  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ :

Murthy+Pioline, arXiv:0904.4253

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \quad , \quad G = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

- **Two types**: quadratic ( $n_2 > 0$ ) and linear ( $n_2 = 0$ ) poles.
- **Linear poles**: Decay of BH bound state when crossing  $jv_2 + n_1\sigma_2 - m_1\rho_2 = 0$ .

Cheng+Verlinde, arXiv:0706.2363, 0806.2337

Focus on the **quadratic poles** ( $n_2 > 0$ ).

# Contour integration and Rademacher path

- Steps: 1) Evaluate the **first integral** (over  $\rho$ ) as a sum over **residues** associated with the **quadratic poles**  $n_2 > 0$ .
- 2) Integrating over  $v$ : error functions, **continued fraction structure**.
- 3) The integration contour  $\Gamma_\sigma$  for  $\sigma$ : **a union of Ford circles**, anchored at rational points  $0 \leq -\delta/\gamma < 1$ .

Rademacher, Proc. Lond. Math. Soc. (2), 43(4): 241-254, 1937

**Greek  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , Ford circles:** Rademacher expansion for  $d(n)$ ,  $n > 0$ , of a meromorphic modular form of **negative weight**.

Encoded in  $d(n)$  with  $n < 0$ . Example:  $1/\eta^{24}(\tau) = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} d(n) e^{2\pi i n \tau}$

$$d(n) = d(-1) \frac{2\pi}{n^{13/2}} \sum_{c>0} \frac{K(n, -1, c)}{c} I_{13} \left( \frac{4\pi\sqrt{n}}{c} \right), \quad n > 0$$

**Here:** a Rademacher type expansion for a **Siegel modular form**.

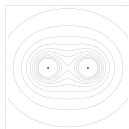
$d(m, n, \ell)$  with  $\Delta > 0$  encoded in  $d(m, n, \ell)$  with  $\Delta < 0$ .

# Exact expression for $d(m, n, \ell)$ with $\Delta = 4mn - \ell^2 > 0$

**Theorem:**  $d(m, n, \ell) \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > m$ ,  $\tilde{\Delta} = 4m\tilde{n} - \tilde{\ell}^2 < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(m, n, \ell) = & (-1)^{\ell+1} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{\substack{\tilde{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}/2m\mathbb{Z} \\ \tilde{n} \geq -1, \\ \tilde{\Delta} < 0}} \left( 2\pi \sum_{\tilde{n} \geq -1, \tilde{\Delta} < 0} c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell}) \frac{\text{Kl}\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, \frac{\tilde{\Delta}}{4m}, \gamma, \psi\right)_{\ell\tilde{\ell}}}{\gamma} \left(\frac{|\tilde{\Delta}|}{\Delta}\right)^{23/4} I_{23/2} \left(\frac{\pi}{\gamma m} \sqrt{\Delta|\tilde{\Delta}|\right)} \right. \\
 & - \delta_{\tilde{\ell}, 0} \sqrt{2m} d(m) \frac{\text{Kl}\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, -1; \gamma, \psi\right)_{\ell 0}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \left(\frac{4m}{\Delta}\right)^6 I_{12} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{m}}\right) \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2\pi} d(m) \sum_{\substack{g \in \mathbb{Z}/2m\gamma\mathbb{Z} \\ g = \tilde{\ell} \bmod 2m}} \frac{\text{Kl}\left(\frac{\Delta}{4m}, -1 - \frac{g^2}{4m}; \gamma, \psi\right)_{\ell\tilde{\ell}}}{\gamma^2} \right. \\
 & \left. \left(\frac{4m}{\Delta}\right)^{25/4} \int_{-1/\sqrt{m}}^{1/\sqrt{m}} dx' f_{\gamma, g, m}(x') (1 - mx'^2)^{25/4} I_{25/2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\gamma\sqrt{m}} \sqrt{\Delta(1 - mx'^2)}\right) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

with



$$\begin{aligned}
 c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell}) = & \sum_{\substack{a > 0, c < 0 \\ b \in \mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = 1 \\ 0 \leq \frac{b}{a} + \frac{\tilde{\ell}}{2m} < -\frac{1}{ac}}} \left( (ad + bc)\tilde{\ell} + 2ac\tilde{n} + 2bdm \right) d(c^2\tilde{n} + d^2m + cd\tilde{\ell}) d(a^2\tilde{n} + b^2m + ab\tilde{\ell}) \\
 \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\tau)} = & \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} d(n) e^{2\pi i \tau n}, \quad \text{two } SL(2, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \text{continued fraction decomposition of } \tilde{\ell}/2m
 \end{aligned}$$

# Exact Rademacher type expansion for $1/\Phi_{10}$

- **Area law:**

$$\gamma = 1, \tilde{n} = -1, \tilde{\ell} = m : \quad d(m, n, \ell) \approx e^{\pi\sqrt{\Delta}} = e^{\frac{1}{4}A_H}$$

- Expansion encoded in **degeneracies of the perturbative  $\frac{1}{2}$  BPS states!**  $c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell}) = \sum L d(M) d(N)$  **bound state degeneracy**

- Exponentially suppressed corrections:  $e^{\pi\sqrt{\Delta|\tilde{\Delta}|}/\gamma m}$

- Contributions  $I_{12}$  and  $I_{25/2}$ : reflect underlying **Mock modular** behaviour that is encoded in the **Fourier-Jacobi decomposition** of  $1/\Phi_{10}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, \nu)} = \sum_{m=-1}^{\infty} \psi_m(\sigma, \nu) e^{2\pi i m \rho}$$

Dabholkar + Murthy+ Zagier, arXiv:1208.4074; Ferrari + Reys, arXiv:1702.02755



# 'Covariant picture'

Integrate  $1/\Phi_{10}$  over  $\rho$ , add **total derivative term** that vanishes on **integration contour**, change of variables  $(\sigma, \nu) \rightarrow (\tau_1, \tau_2)$ :

$$d(m, n, \ell)_{\Delta > 0} = \sum_{SL^2(2, \mathbb{Z}), \Sigma} \frac{e^{i\pi\varphi}}{\gamma} \frac{1}{(ac)^{13}} \int_{\Gamma_2} \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2^2} \left( \int_{\Gamma_1} d\tau_1 f(\tau_1, \tau_2) \right) + \dots$$

$$f(\tau_1, \tau_2) = \left[ 26 + \frac{2\pi}{n_2} \frac{(m(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2) + n - \ell\tau_1)}{\tau_2} \right] \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{n_2} \frac{m(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2) + n - \ell\tau_1}{\tau_2}}}{\eta^{24}(\rho'_*) \eta^{24}(\sigma'_*) \tau_2^{12}}$$

$$\rho'_* = -\frac{a}{c} \frac{\tau_1 + i\tau_2}{\gamma} - \frac{b}{c} \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} - \frac{a}{c} \Sigma$$

$$\Gamma_1: \quad \tau_1 = \frac{\ell}{2m} + i\tau_2(-1 + 2y) \quad , \quad 0 < y < 1$$

$$\Gamma_2: \quad \tau_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2m} + it \quad , \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

Invariance under  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_1 + 1$  of  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  manifest.

# Quantum entropy function (QEF) / 'covariant picture'

Reproduce  $d(m, n, \ell)$  by a suitable quantum gravity path integral, **quantum entropy function (QEF)**. Ashoke Sen, arXiv:0805.0095, 0809.3304

- Finite-dimensional integral in an **Euclidean background  $B$**  that asymptotes to a specific **Euclidean  $AdS_2$  solution** fixed by the **attractor mechanism**.  $W = \sum_B W_B$ . Dabholkar, Gomes, Murthy, arXiv:1012.0265
- **QEF**  $\rightarrow$  **Rademacher** picture.  $c_m^F(\tilde{n}, \tilde{\ell})$  in measure.

'Covariant picture': **Semi-classical interpretation**

- $\mathbb{Z}_{n_2}$  orbifolds of  $EAdS_2$  Murthy+Pioline, arXiv:0904.4253

$$ds^2 = v_* \left( (r^2 - 1) d\theta^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2 - 1} \right), \quad 0 \leq \theta < \frac{2\pi}{n_2}$$
$$A'_\theta = -ie'_*(r - 1) d\theta + \text{Re}A'_\theta$$

$(\text{Re}A_\theta, \text{Re}\tilde{A}_\theta)$  expressed in terms of  $(q_I, p^I; m_1, n_1, j)$ , **S-duality**

- Terms  $\frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\rho'_*) \eta^{24}(\sigma'_*) \tau_2^{12}}$ . **No bound state structure here.**

# Macroscopic interpretation of 'covariant picture'

Consider  $n_2 = 1$ :  $\frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\tau)\eta^{24}(-\bar{\tau})} \frac{1}{(\tau-\bar{\tau})^{12}}$

Global Euclidean  $AdS_2$ : supported by constant dilaton field  $\Phi_0 = v_*$

$$ds^2 = \frac{v_*}{\sin^2 \sigma} \left( dT^2 + d\sigma^2 \right) , \quad -\pi < \sigma < 0 , \quad T \cong T + 2\pi\tau_{2*} ,$$

**Proposal:**

Add **24 chiral + 24 antichiral periodic** scalar fields (critical closed bosonic string), time-independent classical configuration:  $T_{\mu\nu}^{cl} = 0$ .

$\langle T_{\mu\nu}^{quan} \rangle \neq 0$ : **1-loop partition function of periodic scalars,**

$$Z^{1\text{-loop}} = \frac{1}{\eta^{24}(\tau)\eta^{24}(-\bar{\tau})} \frac{1}{(\tau-\bar{\tau})^{12}}$$

$\langle T_{\mu\nu}^{quan} \rangle \neq 0$  **backreacts on the dilaton,**

$$\Phi_0 + \Phi = \Phi_0 - 24 \mathcal{E}[2\pi\tau_{2*}] \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma + \frac{\pi}{2}}{\tan \sigma} \right) , \quad -\pi < \sigma < 0$$

The resulting solution (trumpet + dilaton) is interpreted as an **2D Euclidean wormhole solution.**

Holographic description:

Euclidean 1D Liouville type action

Mertens, Turiaci, Verlinde, arXiv:1606.03438

Lin, Maldacena, Rozenberg, Shan, arXiv:2207.00408

Lorentzian DFF type action de Alfaro, Fubini, Furlan, 1976

Gibbons, Townsend, hep-th/9812034

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{Liouv}} &= \int dt \left[ \frac{1}{2} (l')^2 + 2e^{-l} \right] \\ S_{\text{DFF}} &= \int dt \left[ \frac{(\nu')^2}{\alpha \nu} + \alpha \left( \frac{1}{\nu} + \nu \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

by means of reparametrization  $dt \rightarrow \alpha(t) dt$ .

Thanks!