

# Geometric Extremization for AdS/CFT and Black Hole Entropy

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## SCFTs with abelian R-symmetry

$$\{Q, Q\} \sim P$$

$$\{S, S\} \sim K$$

$$\{Q, S\} \sim M + D + R$$

The R-symmetry encodes important **exact** results for physical observables. E.g.

- For chiral primary operators  $\Delta(\mathcal{O}) = nR(\mathcal{O})$
- Central charges/free energies can be obtained from  $R$

Furthermore, the R-symmetry can be obtained by variational techniques.



$$\mathcal{N} = 1, d = 4$$

a-maximization

[Intriligator, Wecht 03]

$$a(R_T) = \frac{9}{32} \text{Tr} R_T^3 - \frac{3}{32} \text{Tr} R_T \quad \text{and} \quad a = a(R_*)$$

$$\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 3$$

F-extremization

[Jafferis 10]

$$F_{S^3}(R_T) \quad \text{and} \quad F_{S^3} = F_{S^3}(R_*)$$

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

c-extremization

[Benini, Bobev 12]

$$c_R(R_T) = 3 \text{Tr} \gamma_3 R_T^2 \quad c_R = c_R(R_*)$$

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

Is there a general extremization principle for susy QM??



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

$\mathcal{I}$ -extremization conjecture: [Benini,Hristov,Zaffaroni 15]

Compactify  $\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 3$  SCFT on Riemann surface  $\Sigma_g$   
with a topological twist - flows to SQM in IR

“Topologically twisted index” on  $S^1 \times \Sigma_g$  [Benini,Zaffaroni 15]  
can be obtained via an extremization principle in large N limit

Also: if the  $\mathcal{N}=2$  SCFT has an  $AdS_4$  dual, the on-shell result for the index is conjectured to give entropy of susy magnetically charged  $AdS_4$  black holes with  $AdS_2 \times \Sigma_g$  near horizon

Provides a microscopic state counting derivation of the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy for asymptotically AdS black holes!



Holographic dual for these extremization principles?

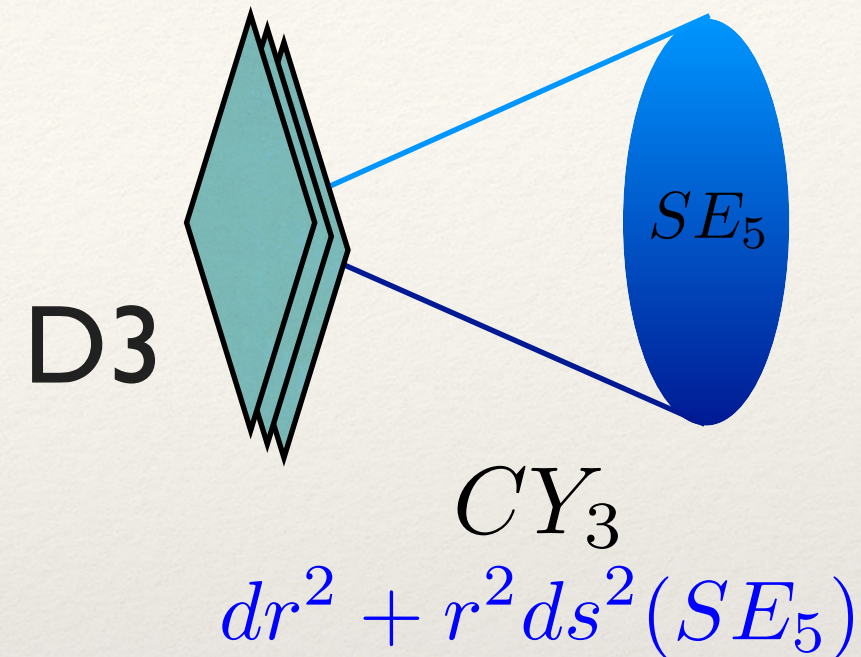
Well established in the context of Sasaki-Einstein solutions:

## Type IIB

$$ds_{10}^2 = L^2 [ds^2(\text{AdS}_5) + ds^2(SE_5)]$$

$$F_5 = -L^4 [\text{vol}_{\text{AdS}_5} + \text{vol}_{SE_5}]$$

Dual to N=1 SCFT in d=4

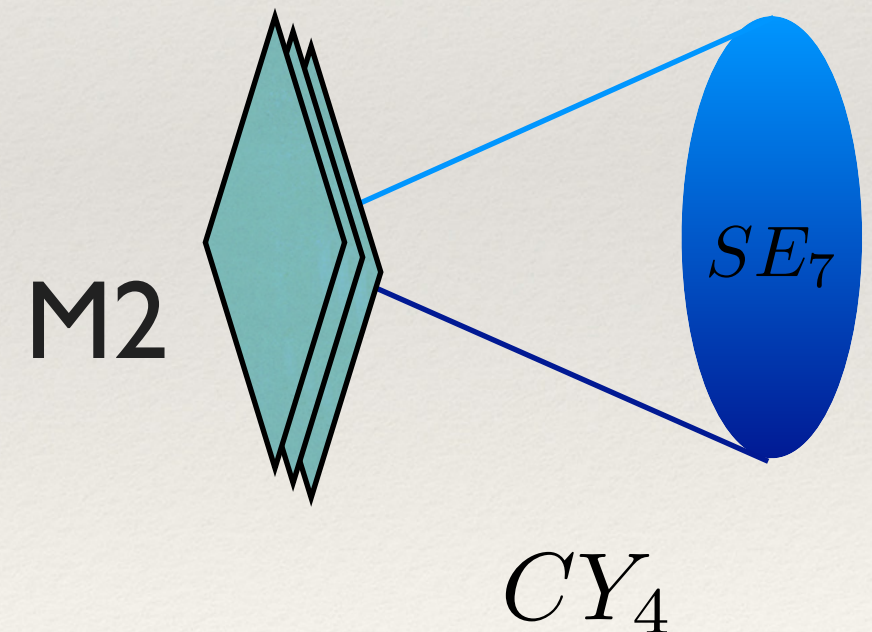


## D=III

$$ds_{11}^2 = L^2 [ds^2(\text{AdS}_4) + ds^2(SE_7)]$$

$$G = L^3 \text{vol}_{\text{AdS}_4}$$

Dual to N=2 SCFT in d=3



Fact: SE have canonical Killing vector  $\xi$



$\mathcal{N} = 1, d = 4$  SCFT dual to  $AdS_5 \times SE_5$  :  $a \propto \frac{1}{Vol(SE_5)}$

$\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 3$  SCFT dual to  $AdS_4 \times SE_7$  :  $F_{S^3} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{Vol(SE_7)}}$

R can be obtained using **volume minimization**: [Martelli, Sparks, Yau 05]

Go off-shell: Consider Sasaki metrics (cone is Kahler)

Extremize  $Vol(Sas)(\xi)$

Very useful for identifying dual SCFTs!

Here: geometric duals for

c-extremization for  $AdS_3$  solutions dual to  $\mathcal{N} = (0, 2), d = 2$

New principle for  $AdS_2$  solutions dual to  $\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 1$

Includes a dual of  $\mathcal{I}$ -extremization as a special case and hence microstates of infinite classes of AdS4 black holes



Type IIB

$$ds_{10}^2 = L^2 e^{-B/2} [ds^2(\text{AdS}_3) + ds^2(Y_7)]$$

[Kim 05]

$$F_5 = -L^4 [vol_{\text{AdS}_3} \wedge F + *_7 F]$$

Dual d=2 SCFT has (0,2) supersymmetry

D=III

$$ds_{11}^2 = L^2 e^{-2B/3} [ds^2(\text{AdS}_2) + ds^2(Y_9)]$$

[Kim, Park 06]

$$G_4 = L^3 vol_{\text{AdS}_2} \wedge F$$

Dual SCQM has 2 supersymmetries with R-symmetry

Also can arise as near horizon limits of magnetically charged supersymmetric black holes in  $AdS_4 \times SE_7$

[Gauntlett, Kim 07]

Both special cases of GK geometry

$$(Y_{2n+1}, g_{\mu\nu}, B, F)$$



Infinite classes of explicit  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  and  $AdS_2 \times Y_9$   
solutions have been known for a while

[Gauntlett,MacConamhna,Mateos,Waldram 06]

[Gauntlett,Kim,Waldram 06]

[Donos,Gauntlett,Kim 08]

Until recently dual field theories essentially unknown!

Some results for  $Y_7$  [Benini,Bobev,Crichigno 15]

## Plan

- Introduce GK geometry
  - Go off-shell and derive new geometric extremization principles
  - Utilise toric geometry to further analyse special classes
- Identify all dual field theories and black hole microstates  
(almost!)



# GK Geometry $(Y_{2n+1}, g_{\mu\nu}, B, F)$

[Gauntlett, Kim 07]

Action:  $F = dA$

$$S = \int_{Y_{2n+1}} e^{(1-n)B} \left[ R_{2n+1} - \frac{2n}{(n-2)^2} + \frac{n(2n-3)}{2} (dB)^2 + \frac{1}{4} e^{2B} F^2 \right] vol_{2n+1}$$

Equations of motion:  $\delta S = 0$

Supersymmetry - existence of certain Killing spinors



# GK Geometry $(Y_{2n+1}, B, F)$

$$n \geq 3$$

Supersymmetry implies:

- Killing vector  $\xi$  (R-symmetry)  $||\xi||^2 = 1$

- Define one-form  $\eta$  dual to Killing vector:  $\xi^a \eta_a = 1$

- Local coordinates  $\xi = \frac{1}{c} \partial_z$  and  $\eta = c(dz + P)$   $c = \frac{1}{2}(n - 2)$

- In general

$$ds_{2n+1}^2 = \eta^2 + e^B ds_{2n}^2$$

← Kahler  $J, \rho$   
 $\rho_{ij} = J_i^k R_{kj}$

$$d\eta = c\rho$$

$$e^B = \frac{c^2}{2} R > 0$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{c} J + d(e^{-B} \eta)$$

- Supersymmetric **solution** if

$$\delta S = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\square R = \frac{1}{2} R^2 - R_{ij} R^{ij}$$



# Off shell GK Geometry

Continue **off-shell**: just demand a “supersymmetric geometry”  
(doesn't extremize action  $S$ )

$$\xi^a \eta_a = 1$$

$$\eta = c(dz + P)$$

$$d\eta = c\rho$$

$$ds_{2n+1}^2 = \eta^2 + e^B ds_{2n}^2 \longleftarrow \text{Kahler}$$

$$d\eta = c\rho$$

$$e^B = \frac{c^2}{2} R > 0$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{c} J + d(e^{-B} \eta)$$

$$\delta S = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\square R = \frac{1}{2} R^2 - R_{ij} R^{ij}$$



# Off-shell GK Geometry

- Consider cone metric on  $C(Y_{2n+1}) \equiv \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times Y_{2n+1}$

$$ds_{2n+2}^2 = dr^2 + r^2 ds^2(Y_{2n+1})$$

- Cone has an integrable complex structure
- R symmetry vector  $\xi$  is holomorphic
- No-where vanishing  $(n+1,0)$  form  $\Psi$  with

$$d\Psi = 0 \qquad \mathcal{L}_\xi \Psi = \frac{i}{c} \Psi \qquad c = \frac{1}{2}(n-2)$$



# Off-shell GK geometry and extremization - part I

Fix  $Y_{2n+1}$  and the complex cone  $C(Y_{2n+1})$   
Choose holomorphic  $\xi \neq 0$  with  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \Psi = \frac{i}{c} \Psi$   
as well as a Kahler metric  $ds_{2n}^2$

Gives a supersymmetric geometry on  $Y_{2n+1}$

$$ds_{2n+1}^2 = \eta^2 + e^B ds_{2n}^2$$

$$d\eta = c\rho$$

$$e^B = \frac{c^2}{2} R > 0$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{c} J + d(e^{-B}\eta)$$

- To get a supersymmetric **solution**: need to vary action  $S$

$$S_{\text{SUSY}} = \int_{Y_{2n+1}} \eta \wedge \rho \wedge \frac{J^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$= S_{\text{SUSY}}(\xi, [J])$$

Nice!

$$[J] \in H_B^2(\mathcal{F}_\xi)$$



# Off-shell GK geometry and extremization - part II

Need to consider flux quantization

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi\ell_s)^4 g_s} \int_{\Sigma_A} F_5 = N_A \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{(2\pi\ell_p)^6} \int_{\Sigma_A} *_{11} G = N_A$$

$$\text{Requires } dF_5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad d *_{11} G_4 = 0$$

We need to impose the integral of  $\square R = \frac{1}{2} R^2 - R_{ij} R^{ij}$

$$\int_{Y_{2n+1}} \eta \wedge \rho^2 \wedge \frac{J^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} = 0 \quad \text{“topological constraint”}$$

and then

$$\int_{\Sigma_A} \eta \wedge \rho \wedge \frac{J^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} = \begin{cases} \frac{2(2\pi\ell_s)^4 g_s}{L^4} N_A, & n = 3 \\ \frac{(2\pi\ell_p)^6}{L^6} N_A, & n = 4 \end{cases}$$



# Geometric extremal problem- Summary I

[Couzens, Gauntlett,  
Martelli, Sparks 18]

- Complex cone  $C(Y_{2n+1})$  with  $(n+1,0)$  form  $\Psi$
- Choose holomorphic  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \Psi = \frac{i}{c} \Psi$
- Consider a supersymmetric geometry on  $Y_{2n+1}$
- Choose basic class  $[J]$  for transverse Kahler metric

- Impose constraint: 
$$\int_{Y_{2n+1}} \eta \wedge \rho^2 \wedge \frac{J^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} = 0$$

- Impose flux quantization: 
$$\int_{\Sigma_A} \eta \wedge \rho \wedge \frac{J^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} = \begin{cases} \frac{2(2\pi\ell_s)^4 g_s}{L^4} N_A, & n = 3 \\ \frac{(2\pi\ell_p)^6}{L^6} N_A, & n = 4 \end{cases}$$

- Extremise action: 
$$S_{\text{SUSY}}(\xi, [J]) = \int_{Y_{2n+1}} \eta \wedge \rho \wedge \frac{J^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$



## Geometric extremal problem- Summary II

For  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  define

$$\mathcal{Z} = \frac{3L^8}{(2\pi)^6 g_s^2 \ell_s^8} S_{\text{susy}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{Z}|_{\text{on-shell}} = c_{\text{sugra}} = \frac{3L}{2G_3}$$

For  $AdS_2 \times Y_9$  define “entropy function”

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{4\pi L^9}{(2\pi)^8 \ell_p^9} S_{\text{susy}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S}|_{\text{on-shell}} = \frac{1}{4G_2}$$

Generically expect

$$\mathcal{S}|_{\text{on-shell}} = \ln Z, \quad \mathcal{S}$$

For black hole horizons

$$\mathcal{S}|_{\text{on-shell}} = S_{BH}$$



# Special Cases and Toric Geometry

Type IIB  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  with

$$Y_5 \hookrightarrow Y_7 \rightarrow \Sigma_g$$

Physical picture:

- Start with  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$  and SE metric on  $Y_5$

Dual to d=4 N=1 SCFT

Isometries of  $Y_5$  give rise to global (mesonic) symmetries

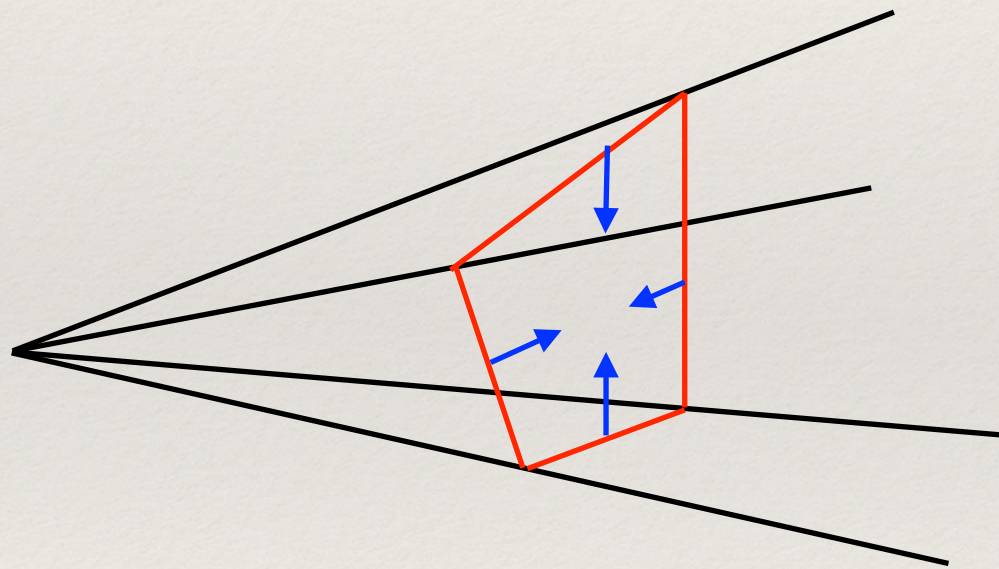
3-cycles of  $Y_5$  give rise to global (baryonic) symmetries

- Compactify d=4 SCFT on  $\Sigma_g$  and switch on magnetic fluxes for the global symmetries (including topological twist)
- IF we flow to d=2 SCFT in IR then expect it is dual to  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  with  $Y_7$  fibred as above



Focus on  $AdS_5 \times Y_5$  with the complex cone  $C(Y_5)$   
admitting a **toric** Kahler cone metric: [Martelli, Sparks, Yau 05]

- Three holomorphic Killing vectors  $\partial_{\varphi_i}$  generate  $U(1)^3$
- There is an associated polyhedral cone with  $d$  facets specified by inward pointing normal vectors  $\vec{v}_a \in \mathbb{Z}^3$



$\vec{v}_a$  specifies which  $U(1)$   
collapses along that facet

- The extremization problem for the  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  solutions with  $Y_5 \hookrightarrow Y_7 \rightarrow \Sigma_g$  becomes algebraic in the  $\vec{v}_a$  !



# Master volume

$$\mathcal{V}(\vec{b}; \{\lambda_a\}) = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{2} \sum_{a=1}^d \lambda_a \frac{\lambda_{a-1}(\vec{v}_a, \vec{v}_{a+1}, \vec{b}) - \lambda_a(\vec{v}_{a-1}, \vec{v}_{a+1}, \vec{b}) + \lambda_{a+1}(\vec{v}_{a-1}, \vec{v}_a, \vec{b})}{(\vec{v}_{a-1}, \vec{v}_a, \vec{b})(\vec{v}_a, \vec{v}_{a+1}, \vec{b})}$$

## Extremization problem

$A \sim$  Kahler class for  $\Sigma_g$

$$S_{\text{SUSY}}(\vec{b}; \{\lambda_a\}; A) = -A \sum_{a=1}^d \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a} - 4\pi \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial b_i}$$

$$0 = A \sum_{a,b=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a \partial \lambda_b} - 2\pi n_1 \sum_{a=1}^d \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a} + 4\pi \sum_{a=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a \partial b_i}$$

$$\frac{2(2\pi\ell_s)^4}{L^4} g_s N = - \sum_{a=1}^d \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a}$$

Flux on  $Y_5$

$$\frac{2(2\pi\ell_s)^4}{L^4} g_s M_a = \frac{1}{2\pi} A \sum_{b=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a \partial \lambda_b} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial \lambda_a \partial b_i}$$

Flux on

$\Sigma_g \times (\Sigma_a \subset Y_5)$



# Results

- For arbitrary toric  $Y_5$

Can calculate  $c_{\text{sugra}}$  for the  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  solutions as a function of the geometric twists and fluxes using geometric extremization

- Can compare with known dual quiver gauge theories using field theory c-extremization procedure

Find exact agreement (even off-shell)!

[JPG,Martelli,Sparks 19]

[Hosseini,Zaffaroni 19]



## Comments

This provides an identification of an infinite classes of  $d=4$  quiver field theories compactified on  $\Sigma_g$  with these  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$  solutions!

**Caveat:** provided that they both exist...

- Geometry: there can be obstructions to the existence of  $Y_7$
- Field theory: the field theory may not flow in the IR to a SCFT of the type we are considering

Conjecture: sufficient to check  $c > 0$  and  $R_a > 0$



## Comments

- There is an analogous story for  $AdS_2 \times Y_9$  solutions with  
with  $Y_7 \hookrightarrow Y_9 \rightarrow \Sigma_g$  and  $Y_7$  toric [JPG,Martelli,Sparks 19]  
[Hosseini,Zaffaroni 19]
- Using toric data can calculate an off shell entropy function  
as a function of geometric twists and fluxes
- This can be identified with the entropy of a magnetically charged  
black hole in  $AdS_4 \times Y_7$  (provided that they exist)
- Field theory: off-shell calculation of topological index  $\mathcal{I}$  for  
certain quiver gauge theories compactified on  $\Sigma_g$  calculated in  
[Hosseini,Zaffaroni 16]

When there are no baryonic twists:

Find exact agreement, even off-shell!

[JPG,Martelli,Sparks 19]  
[Hosseini,Zaffaroni 19]  
[Kim,Kim 19]



# Summary and outlook

- Geometric dual of c-extremization for type IIB  $AdS_3 \times Y_7$
- Geometric extremization for SCQM dual to D=11  $AdS_2 \times Y_9$ 
  - What is the field theory story? does it exist for finite N?
  - If arise as black hole horizons, get entropy via extremization
- Interesting sub-class of examples
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Y_5 & \hookrightarrow & Y_7 & \rightarrow & \Sigma_g \\ Y_7 & \hookrightarrow & Y_9 & \rightarrow & \Sigma_g \end{array}$$
- Toric case: striking agreement with field theory and new microstate counting of entropy of mag. charged AdS4 black holes
- Obstructions? Geometry/black hole solutions/field theory
- Novel features arise in toric geometry - develop
- Non-toric class?
- Dyonic black holes? Rotating black holes?