

# Coset Models as tools for a Microscopic Description of Extremal Kerr

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# Coset models as solution generating techniques

Assume  $n - 3$  Killing vectors, then

$$\int L[\mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu}, A_\mu^\alpha, \phi^i] = \int d^3x \sqrt{|g|} R + (\text{coset}) \left( \frac{G}{H} \right)$$

Solution determined by

- Base metric  $ds^3$ .
- Coset element  $\nu \in G/H$ .

More solutions are generated by acting with group element  $G$ :

$$\nu \rightarrow g(\nu) = \nu', \quad g \in G$$

[Guica, Hartman, Song, Strominger, '08]

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## Conjecture:

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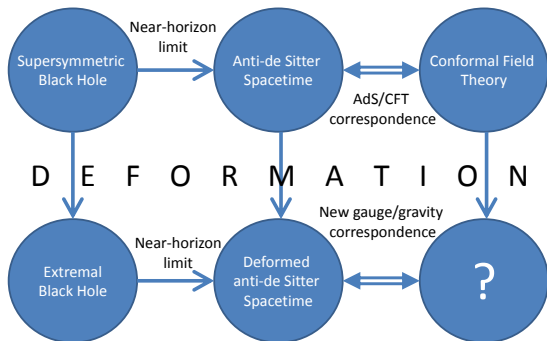
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- **Current algebra** Greybody factors in the near-horizon region = CFT 2pt correlators
- **Ugly Non-extremal** Hidden broken  $SL(2,R) \times SL(2,R)$  symmetry in near black hole region.

# Is the extremal BH/CFT correspondence related to AdS/CFT?

For black holes in  $AdS_3$ , one can use the boundary CFT:  
“Taking the near-horizon limit of the extremal BTZ near-horizon geometry corresponds to taking the DLCQ of the CFT”

[Balasubramanian, de Boer, Sheikh-Jabbari, Simon, '08]

For general extremal black holes:



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# One attempt: relate extremal $Kerr \times S^1$ to $AdS_3 \times S^2$ which is the near-horizon geometry of $M5^3$ Branes

Consider the black string solution to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  minimal  $5d$  supergravity corresponding to the brane intersection :

	$t$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$	$z$	$r$	$\theta$	$\phi$
M5	×	—	—	×	×	×	×	×			
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It can be uplifted to  $M$ -theory on  $T^6$ . Dual CFT is “known”.  
We add  $4d$  angular momentum  $J$ , what happens?

Thanks to hidden symmetries, this solution can be found by using coset methods based on  $\frac{G_{2(2)}}{SL(2,\mathbb{R}) \times SL(2,\mathbb{R})}$  or  $\frac{SO(4,4)}{SO(2,2) \times SO(2,2)}$ .

## (a) Maldacena decoupling limit [Maldacena, 1998]

Express the solution in terms of  $(n, J)$

$$\text{Send } l_p \rightarrow 0, \quad r \rightarrow r l_p^3$$

This is a decoupling limit involving a near-horizon limit. The resulting geometry is

$$\text{extremal BTZ} \times S^2$$

Brown-Henneaux central charge and levels :

$$c_L = c_R = \frac{3l}{2G_3} = 6n^3, \quad h_L = \frac{2J^2}{n^3}, \quad h_R = 0$$

[Larsen, '98]

[G.C., de Buyl, Stotyn, Virmani, '10]



## (b) Corotating near-horizon decoupling limit

We introduce the overall scale  $R > 0$  and the interpolating parameter  $\Phi \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  defined by

$$R \sim \sqrt{n^2 + J^2}, \quad \Phi \sim \arctan \left( \frac{J}{n} \right).$$

Then, the geometry scales as  $R^2$  and reads as

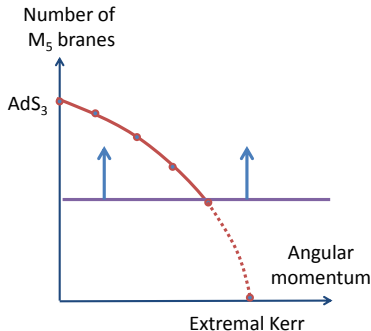
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ds^2}{R^2 l_p^2} = & \Gamma(\theta) \left[ -(k_\phi)^2 r^2 dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + d\theta^2 \right] \\ & + \gamma_{\phi\phi}(\theta) e_\phi^2 + 2\gamma_{\phi z}(\theta) e_\phi e_z + \gamma_{zz}(\theta) e_z^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $e_\phi = d\phi + k_\phi r dt$ ,  $e_z = dz + k_z r dt$ .

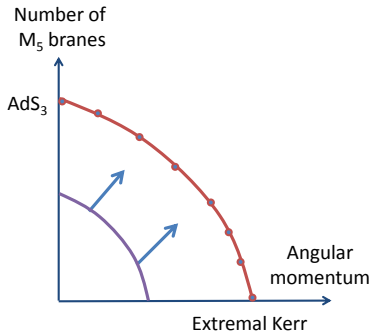
At  $\Phi = 0$ , the solution is the null orbifold of  $AdS_3$  (dual to the DLCQ CFT).

At  $\Phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , the solution is the extremal Kerr near-horizon geometry times  $S^1$ .

# Interpolation in the near-horizon limit



(a) Maldacena decoupling limit



(b) Near-horizon decoupling limit

In case (b), the near-horizon geometry has a small curvature with respect to the Planck scale in the interpolation region between no angular momentum (described by the DLCQ CFT) and no  $M_5$  brane charge (conjectured to be dual to a Kerr CFT).

- It exists a supergravity solution interpolating between

$$\text{Susy Null orbifold of } AdS_3 \times S^2 \rightarrow NHEK \times S^1$$

- The dual theory to  $AdS_3 \times S^2$  can be used to understand the interpolating geometry in perturbation theory around  $AdS_3 \times S^2$ .
- The dual description in terms of a DLCQ of a CFT is in line with the non-existence of dynamics in the extremal Kerr throat. [Amsel, Marolf, Horowitz, Roberts, '09]
- The irrelevant deformation is not understood. More work is needed to confirm / infirm the existence of the Kerr-CFT.
- So far, our picture is consistent with the Kerr-CFT conjecture.