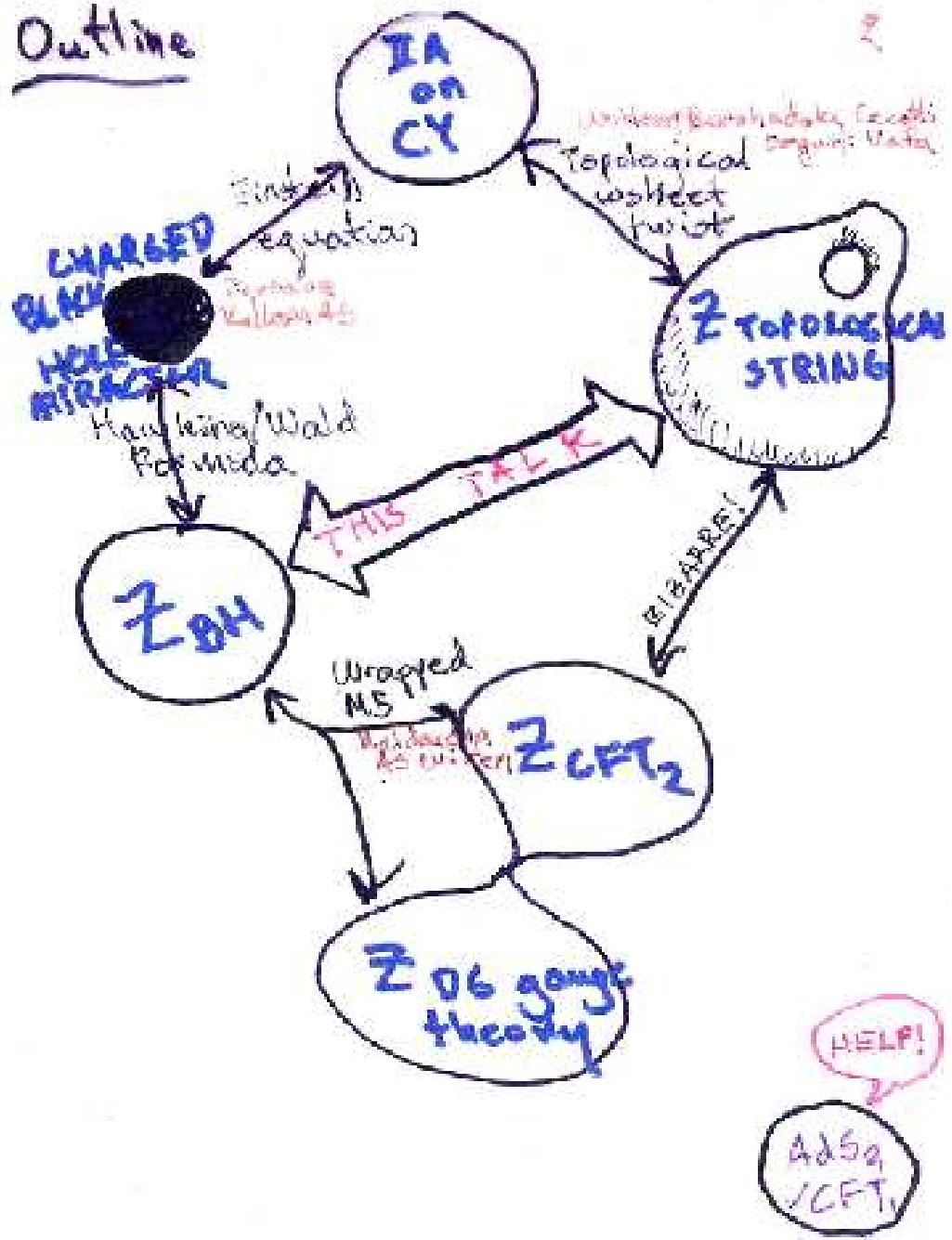


Super conformal  
Quantum Mechanics  
for  
Black Holes

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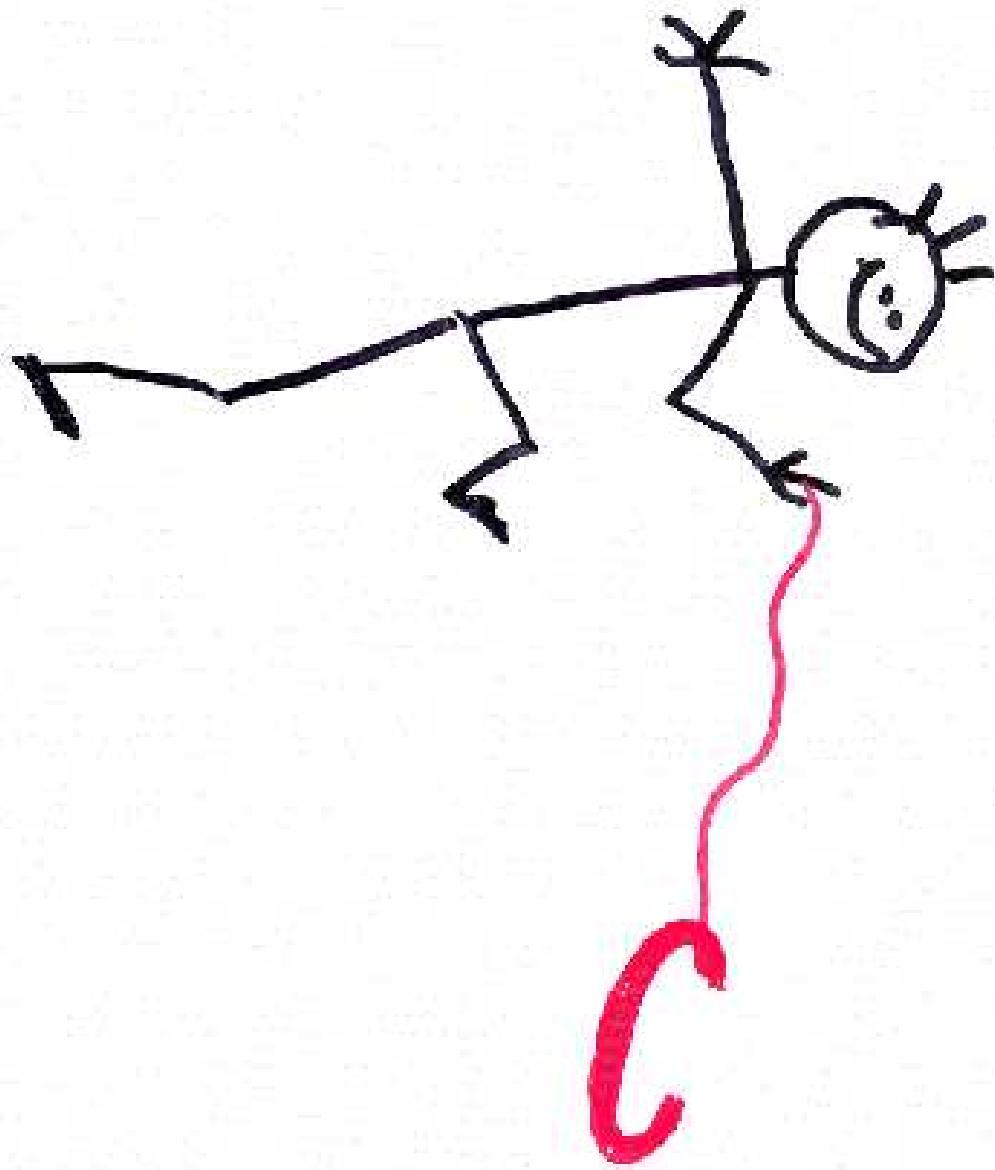
Black holes have been an unending source of fun and surprises for nearly a century. The last several years are no exception, with a number of interesting connections emerging.

## Outline



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## Basic Idea

BH is composed of  
branes.  $CFT_{\text{why?}} = \text{QM of}$   
interacting branes. BH  
entropy = bound state degeneracy.

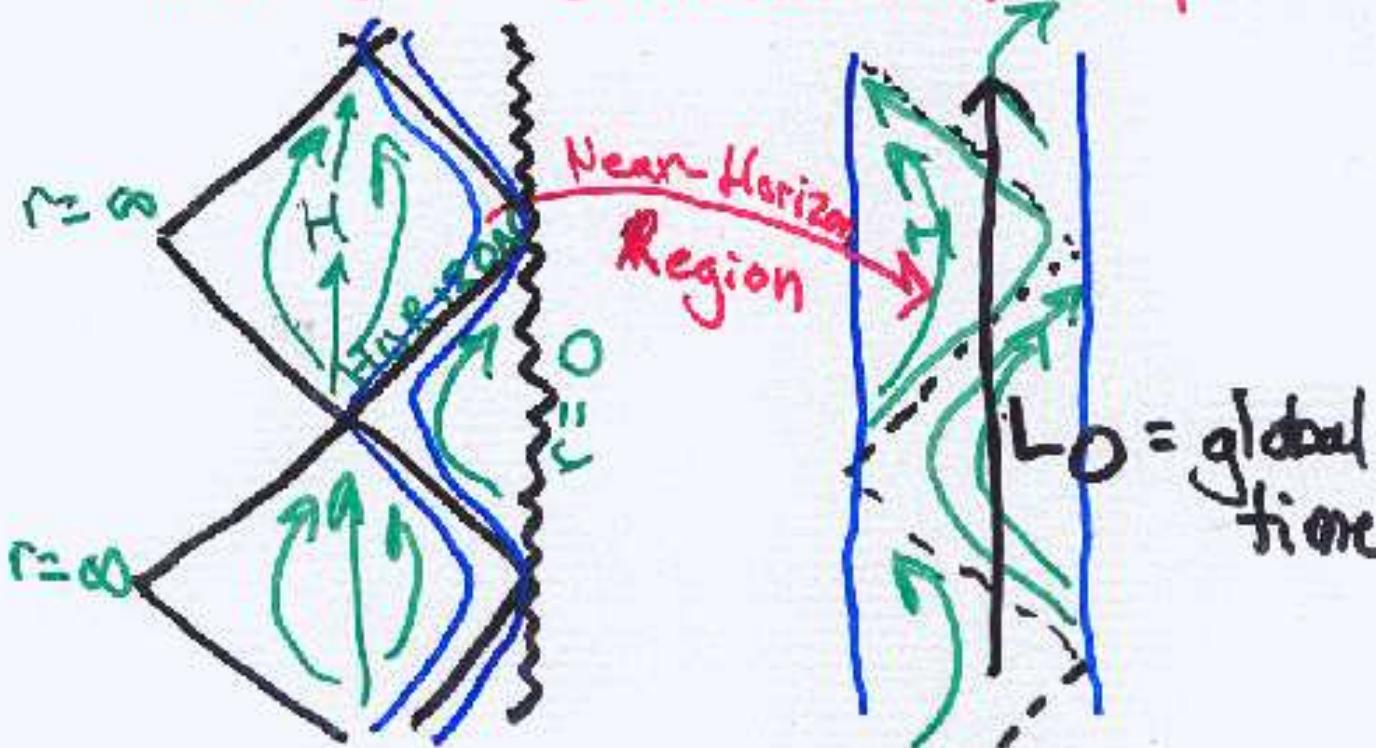
$$\bullet = \begin{array}{c} \text{dots} \\ \text{dots} \\ \text{dots} \end{array}$$

Going to show

- 1) D0 probe in D0-D4 attractor described by SCQM
- 2) 3 peculiar near-horizon SC bound states pop in/out of BH
- 3) Degeneracy  $\sim e^{S_{\text{BH}}}$

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DO-D4 Calabi-Yau BH



Black Hole

$AdS_2 \times S^2 \times T^3$   
Attractor

$$(q_0, q_A, p^A, p^0) = (q_0, 0, p^A, 0)$$

$$F_{RR}^{(1)} = w_{S^2} \Lambda p^A w_A$$

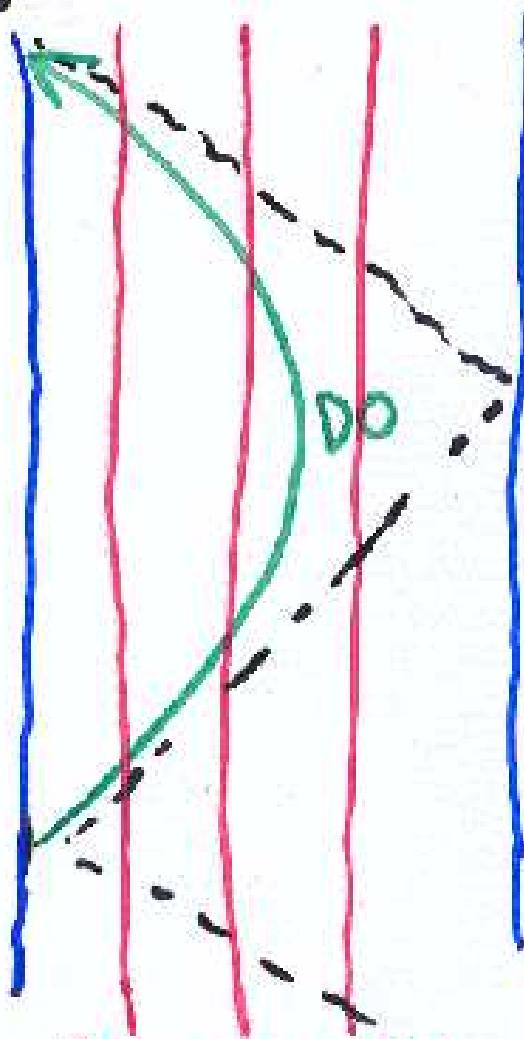
DO charge      D4 charge

$$F_{RR}^{(2)} = q_0 w_{AdS_2}$$

$$R_{MS}^2 = Q^2 = \sqrt{D q_0}$$

$$\eta = \delta_{ABC} p^A p^B p^C$$

Classic sonic probe configurations exist



D6 S2 D2

-waged D0 charge  
D2 S1 D0 charge

for generic charge & radial position function of  $Z$ .

MYSTERY: Relation to Denef et al

More precisely let

$$Z(\text{probe}) = p^A F_A - q_A X^A$$

$Z_{\text{BH}} = \text{real}$

$$ds^2 = Q^2 (-\cosh^2 \chi dt^2 + d\chi^2)$$

$$\phi \equiv \text{phase of } Z, \quad Z = |Z| e^{i\phi}$$

then the supersymmetric trajectory is at

$$\tanh \chi = \cos \phi$$

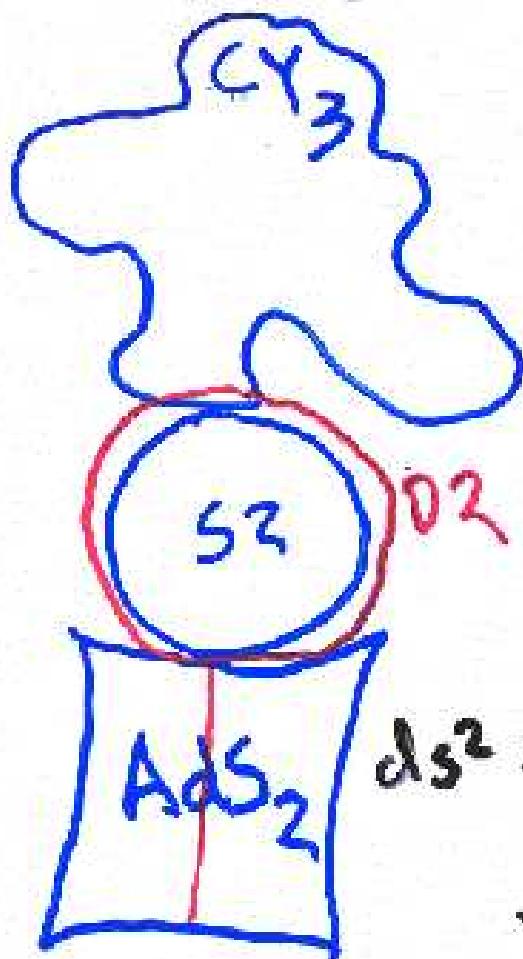
(unwrapped probe)

Note  $\phi \rightarrow 0, \chi \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$g_S = 2 = n = 1 \quad 8$$

## QM STORY

Horizon-wrapped D2 w/  
DD charge = n



$$F_{AB}^{(a)} = w_{S_2} \wedge p^A w_A$$

$$\text{Tension} \approx \sqrt{Q^2 + n^2} \approx Q$$

$$ds^2 = Q^2 \left( -dt^2 + \frac{\xi^2 d\xi^2}{\xi^4} \right)$$

$$\xi \approx \frac{1}{r^2}$$

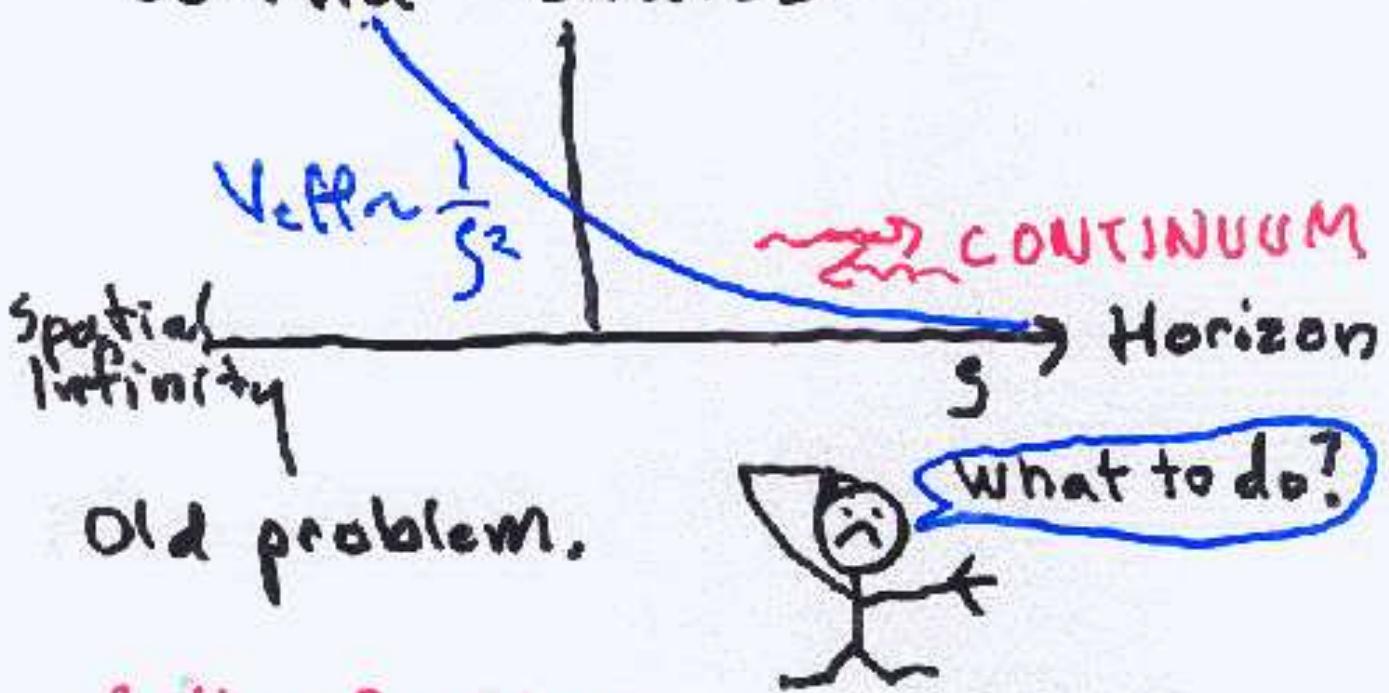
$$H = \frac{p^2}{Q^2} + \frac{G^2}{\xi^2} + \frac{1}{Q^2 g_{ab}} (P^a - A^a)(P^b - A^b)$$

$$dA = p^A w_A$$

SUPERCONFORMAL!

$$H = P_S \\ D = PS \\ K = Q^3 g^2$$

Want to count probe-BH bound states



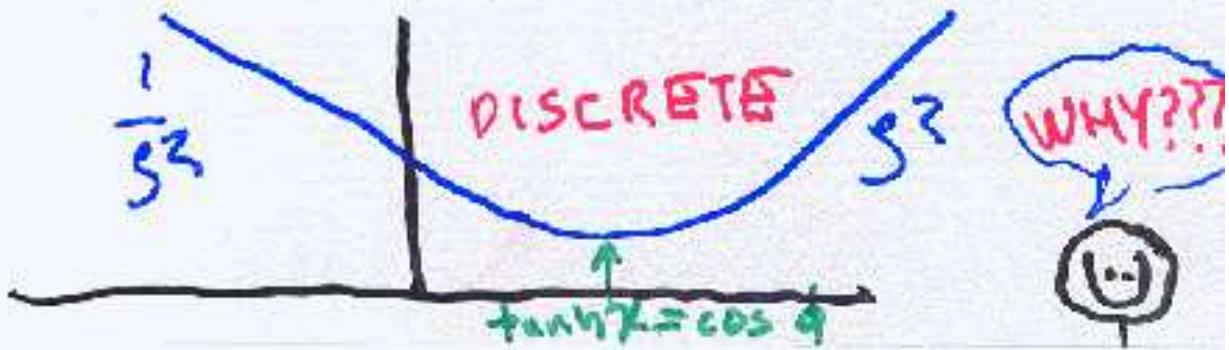
Old problem.

Better Problem

Count superconformal primaries,  
which are

$$L_0 = H + K$$

eigenstates & pop in/out horizon.



## Answer

SC chiral primaries correspond to lowest Landau levels tiling  $S_2 \times CY_3$ . There are order

$$\sum_{CY_3} F \wedge F \wedge F = D_{ABC} p^A p^B p^C \equiv D$$

More precisely these are elements of  $H^0(CY_3, \mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{R}^P)$

and

$$N_B = 40 - \frac{2}{3} c_2 \cdot P + \frac{\chi}{2} \approx 4D$$

$$N_F = 40 - \frac{2}{3} c_2 \cdot P - \frac{\chi}{2} \approx 4D$$

Note independent of  $q_0$ , and  $n$ , so we can count "bound states" of DOs w/ "small"  $q_0=0$  black hole.

Question: What is the SC bound state degeneracy with total DO number  $N$ ?

A cluster of  $n$  DO branes can, via the Myers effect, form a horizon-wrapped D2 with flux  $n$ . Partition into

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = N$$

$k$  such clusters, and place each into one of the 4D bosonic or 4D fermionic bound states. This is the state counting of a  $c = 60$  1+1 CFT at  $h_D \approx N$ .

One thereby finds for large  $N$

$$S = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{cN}{6}}$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{DABC p^A p^B p^C N}$$

$$= S_{\text{Bekenstein-Hawking}}$$

Hence these bound states can account for the macroscopic black hole entropy.

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## Summary

It is proposed that

CFT, dual  
of flux ( $N, \rho^+$ )  
 $AdS_2 \times S^2 \times C_3$

$\Downarrow$   
N 00-brane  
SCQM in D4  
BH attractor

Identifying BH microstates  
w/ SC chiral primaries  
indeed reproduces the  
Bekenstein-Hawking area  
law.