

Quantum Attractor Flows and Black Hole Partition Functions

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- As shown by Strominger, Vafa and many others, string theory provides a good microscopic understanding of the **Bekenstein-Hawking entropy** of a large class of extremal and near-extremal black holes in $D=4$ and $D=5$ supergravity.
- More recently, much progress has been made in extending this agreement **beyond the thermodynamical (large charge) limit**, where higher-derivative corrections in the low energy effective action and subleading corrections to Cardy's formula become important.
- In some cases, **exact formulae** for the degeneracies of black hole micro-states have been proposed, and tested with some success:

Exact black hole degeneracies

- For 1/4 BPS dyonic black holes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$, $D = 4$ supergravity, DVV have conjectured

$$\Omega(q_e, q_m) = (-1)^{q_e \cdot q_m} \oint \frac{e^{i(q_e^2 \rho + q_m^2 \sigma + 2q_e \cdot q_m \nu)}}{\Phi_{10}(\rho, \sigma, \nu)} d\rho d\sigma d\nu$$

where Φ_{10} is a **Siegel cusp form** of weight 10.

- For 1/2 BPS- black holes in $\mathcal{N} = 2$, $D = 4$ supergravity, OSV have proposed

$$\Omega(p', q_l) \sim \int d\phi' |\Psi_{top}(p' + i\phi')|^2 e^{\phi' q_l}$$

where $\Psi_{top}(p')$ is the **topological string amplitude** in the real polarization.

Automorphic Black Hole Partition Functions I

- Both of these proposals have been “proven” several times over. Yet they still raise questions: Why should $\Omega(q_e, q_m)$ depend on $q_e^2, q_m^2, q_e \cdot q_m$ only ? What is the physical origin of the $Sp(4, \mathbb{Z})$ symmetry ? How to incorporate multi-centered configurations and lines of marginal stability in OSV formula ? etc.
- The goal of this talk will be to propose a general framework for constructing **black hole partition functions**, inspired by both of these proposals, which can potentially resolve these difficulties.

Automorphic Black Hole Partition Functions I

- In particular, the **three-dimensional duality group** $G_3(\mathbb{Z})$ is proposed to play the rôle of a **spectrum generating symmetry** for black holes in 4 dimensions. This is closely related to the fact that black holes in $D=4$ correspond to instantons in $D=3$.
- More specifically, we propose that the partition function of black hole micro-states is an **automorphic form** of $G_3(\mathbb{Z})$, “attached” to a particular representation of $G_3(\mathbb{R})$ obtained by performing the **radial quantization of stationary, spherically symmetric BH**: hence we’ll study *quantum attractors*.
- For $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUGRA, this suggests that the Siegel modular form should be replaced by an automorphic form of $SO(8, 24, \mathbb{Z})$. For $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUGRA, this suggests the existence of a **one-parameter generalization of the topological string amplitude**, and an automorphic form attached to any Calabi-Yau 3-fold.

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Stationary solutions and KK* reduction I

- **Stationary** solutions in $D = 3 + 1$ gravity can be parameterized as

$$ds_4^2 = -e^{2U}(dt + \omega)^2 + e^{-2U}ds_3^2, \quad A_4^I = \zeta^I dt + A_3^I$$

where ds_3 , U , ω , A_3^I , ζ^I and the 4D scalars $z^i \in \mathcal{M}_4$ are independent of time. The $D = 3 + 1$ theory reduces to a field theory in **three Euclidean dimensions**.

- In contrast to the usual KK ansatz,

$$ds_4^2 = e^{2U}(dy + \omega)^2 + e^{-2U}ds_{2,1}^2, \quad A_4^I = \zeta^I dy + A_3^I$$

we reduce along a **time-like direction**.

Stationary solutions and KK* reduction II

- For the usual KK reduction to $D = 2 + 1$, the **one-forms** (A'_3, ω) can be dualized into **pseudo-scalars** $(\tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma)$, where σ is the **twist (or NUT) potential**. The 4D Einstein-Maxwell equations reduce to 3D gravity + scalars living in a Riemannian space

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = R^+|_U \times \mathcal{M}_4 \times |_{z^i} \mathbb{R}^{2n_v+3}|_{\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma}$$

with positive-definite metric

$$ds^2 = 2(dU)^2 + g_{ij}dz^i dz^j + \frac{1}{2}e^{-4U} \left(d\sigma + \zeta^I d\tilde{\zeta}_I - \tilde{\zeta}_I d\zeta^I \right)^2 \\ + e^{-2U} \left[t_{IJ} d\zeta^I d\zeta^J + t^{IJ} \left(d\tilde{\zeta}_I + \theta_{IK} d\zeta^K \right) \left(d\tilde{\zeta}_J + \theta_{JL} d\zeta^L \right) \right]$$

Stationary solutions and KK^* reduction III

- The KK^* reduction is simply related to the KK reduction by letting $(\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I) \rightarrow i(\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I)$. As a result, the scalar fields live in a **pseudo-Riemannian** space \mathcal{M}_3^* , with non-positive definite signature.
- \mathcal{M}_3^* always has $2n_V + 4$ isometries corresponding to the shifts of $\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma, U$, satisfying the **graded Heisenberg algebra**

$$\begin{aligned} [p^I, q_J] &= 2\delta^I_J k \\ [m, p^I] &= p^I, \quad [m, q_I] = q_I, \quad [m, k] = 2k \end{aligned}$$

- The notation anticipates the identification of the corresponding conserved charges with the electric and magnetic charges q_I and p_I , **NUT charge** k and ADM mass m .

G_3 as a solution generating symmetry I

- Some times, \mathcal{M}_3^* has more isometries or structure:

4D	Sigma model in 3D
Pure Einstein-Gravity	$SI(2)/U(1)$
Einstein-Maxwell	$SU(2, 1)/SI(2) \times U(1)$
N=2 Supergravity	Quaternionic-Kähler manifold
N=4 supergravity	$SO(8, n_v + 2)/SO(8) \times SO(n_v + 2)$
N=8 supergravity	$E_8/SO^*(16)$

Ehlers; Kinnersley; Mazur; Breitenlohner Gibbons Maison

- When $\mathcal{M}_3^* = G_3/K_3$ is a symmetric space, the group G_3 is a solution generating symmetry for stationary solutions in 4D !
- 5D Black holes with $U(1)$ isometry can also be described that way.

Spherically symmetric BH and geodesics I

- Now, restrict to **spherically symmetric** solutions, with spatial slices

$$ds_3^2 = N^2(\rho)d\rho^2 + r^2(\rho)d\Omega_2^2$$

- The sigma-model action becomes, up to a total derivative (G_{ab} is the metric on \mathcal{M}_3^*):

$$S = \int d\rho \left[\frac{N}{2} + \frac{1}{2N} \left(\dot{r}^2 - r^2 G_{ab} \dot{\phi}^a \dot{\phi}^b \right) \right]$$

- This is the Lagrangian for the **geodesic motion** of a fiducial particle with unit mass on the (hyperbolic) cone $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{M}_3^*$. The einbein \sqrt{N} enforces invariance under reparameterizations of ρ .

Spherically symmetric BH and geodesics II

- The equation of motion of N imposes the **Hamiltonian constraint**, or Wheeler-De Witt equation

$$H_{WDW} = (p_r)^2 - \frac{1}{r^2} G^{ab} p_a p_b - 1 \equiv 0$$

- The gauge choice $N = r^2$ allows to separate the problem into radial motion along r , and **geodesic motion** on \mathcal{M}_3^* :

$$G^{ab} p_a p_b = C^2, \quad (p_r)^2 - \frac{C^2}{r^2} - 1 \equiv 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \frac{C}{\sinh C\rho},$$

Thus, the problem reduces to **affinely parameterized geodesic motion on the three-dimensional moduli space** \mathcal{M}_3^* .

Spherically symmetric BH and geodesics III

- It turns out that $C = 2T_H S_{BH}$ is the **extremality parameter**: extremal (in particular BPS) black holes correspond to **light-like geodesics** on \mathcal{M}_3^* . Since $r = 1/\rho$, the 3D spatial slices are flat.
- Other gauges are also possible: e.g. $N = e^U$ identifies ρ with the radial geodesic distance to the horizon.
- For the purpose of defining observables such as the horizon area, $A_H = 4\pi e^{-2U} r^2|_{U \rightarrow -\infty}$ and ADM mass $M_{ADM} = r(e^{2U} - 1)|_{U \rightarrow 0}$, it may be convenient to leave the gauge unfixed.

Isometries and conserved charges

- The isometries of \mathcal{M}_3 imply **conserved Noether charges**, whose Poisson bracket reflect the Lie algebra of the isometries:

$$\begin{aligned} [p^I, q_J] &= 2\delta^I_J k \\ [m, p^I] &= p^I, \quad [m, q_I] = q_I, \quad [m, k] = 2k \end{aligned}$$

- If $k \neq 0$, the off-diagonal term in the 4D metric

$$ds_4^2 = -e^{2U}(dt + k \cos \theta d\phi)^2 + e^{-2U}[dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)]$$

implies the existence of **closed time-like curves** around ϕ direction, near $\theta = 0$.

- Bona fide 4D black holes arise in the “classical limit” $k \rightarrow 0$. Keeping $k \neq 0$ will allow us to greatly extend the symmetry.

Conserved charges and black hole potential

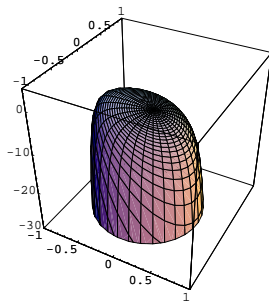
- Setting $k = 0$ for simplicity, one arrives at the Hamiltonian,

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left[p_U^2 + p_i g^{ij} p_j - e^{2U} V_{BH} \right] \equiv C^2$$

where V_{BH} is the “**black hole potential**”,

$$V_{BH}(z^i, p^I, q_I) = \frac{1}{2} (q_I - \mathcal{N}_{IJ} p^J) t^{IK} (q_K - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_{KL} p^L) + \frac{1}{2} p^I t_{IJ} p^J$$

- The potential $V = -e^{2U} V_{BH}$ is **unbounded from below**.



Quantizing geodesic motion I

- The classical phase space is the **cotangent bundle** $T^*(\mathcal{M}_3^*)$, specifying the initial position and velocity.
- Quantization proceeds by replacing functions on phase space by operators acting on **wave functions** in $L_2(\mathcal{M}_3^*)$, subject to

$$\Delta_3 \Psi(U, z^i, \zeta^l, \tilde{\zeta}_l, \sigma) = C^2 \Psi$$

where Δ_3 is the **Laplace-Beltrami operator** on \mathcal{M}_3^* .

- The electric, magnetic and NUT charges may be diagonalized as

$$\Psi(U, z^i, \zeta^l, \tilde{\zeta}_l, \sigma) = \Psi_{p,q}(U, z) e^{i(q_l \zeta^l + p^l \tilde{\zeta}_l)}$$

$$\left[-\partial_U^2 - \Delta_4 - e^{2U} V_{BH} - C^2 \right] \Psi_{p,q}(U, z) = 0$$

Quantizing geodesic motion II

- The black hole wave function $\Psi_{p,q}(U, z)$ describes **quantum fluctuations of the 4D moduli** as one reaches the horizon at $U \rightarrow -\infty$. Naively, it should be peaked at the attractor point.
- Restoring the variable r , one could also describe the **quantum fluctuations of the horizon area** $4\pi r^2 e^{-2U}$, around the classical value $4S_{BH}$.
- The natural inner product is the **Klein-Gordon inner product** at fixed U , famously NOT positive definite. A standard remedy in quantum cosmology is “**third quantization**”, possibly relevant for black hole fragmentation / multi-centered solutions.

Attractor flow in $N = 2$ supergravity

- Consider $N = 2$ SUGRA coupled to n_V abelian vector multiplets [*hypers decouple at tree-level*]: the vector multiplet scalars z^i take values in a **special Kähler** manifold \mathcal{M}_4 . For type IIA on $X = CY_3$, z^i parameterize the complexified Kähler structure of X .
- After reduction to 3 dimensions, the vector multiplet scalars take value in a **quaternionic-Kähler** space \mathcal{M}_3 , known as the **$c - map$** of the special Kähler space \mathcal{M}_4 .
- Under T-duality along the 4th direction, this becomes the **hypermultiplet** space for type IIB compactified on X at tree-level.
- The manifold \mathcal{M}_3^* obtained by analytic continuation is sometimes called “para-quaternionic-Kähler manifold”; it has **split signature** $(2n_V + 2, 2n_V + 2)$

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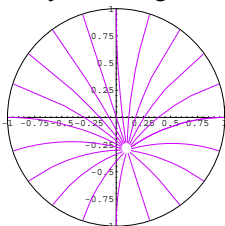
Attractor flow and semi-classical BPS wave function

- The black hole potential splits into two pieces,

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left[p_U^2 + p_i g^{i\bar{j}} p_{\bar{j}} - e^{2U} \left(|Z|^2 + \partial_i |Z| g^{i\bar{j}} \partial_{\bar{j}} |Z| \right) \right]$$

where Z is the central charge $Z = e^{K/2} (q_I X^I - p^I F_I)$.

- Supersymmetric solutions are obtained by cancelling each term separately, leading back to the **attractor flow equations**,



$$r^2 \frac{dU}{dr} = e^U |Z|$$

$$r^2 \frac{dz^i}{dr} = 2e^U g_{i\bar{j}} \partial_{\bar{j}} |Z|$$

- At this stage, one could already quantize the attractor flow equations and guess the BPS wave function:

$$\begin{cases} p_U &= -e^U |Z| \\ p_{\bar{z}^i} &= -e^U \partial_{\bar{z}^i} |Z| \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Psi_{p,q}(U, z^i, \bar{z}^j) \sim \exp \left[2ie^U |Z| \right]$$

The effective Planck constant $\hbar = e^{-U}$ blows up towards the horizon at $U \rightarrow -\infty$. The phase is stationary at the classical attractor points in the opposite limit $U \rightarrow +\infty$.

- Using twistor techniques, we shall be able to resolve ordering ambiguities, and compute the BPS wave function exactly.

Supersymmetric quantum mechanics

- More rigorously, the full $D = 4, N = 2$ SUGRA including fermions, reduces to $D = 1, N = 4$ supergravity:

$$S = \int d\rho G_{ab} \dot{\phi}^a \dot{\phi}^b + \psi^A \frac{D}{D\rho} \psi_A + (\psi^A \psi_A)(\psi^A \psi_A) + \dots$$

- The supersymmetry variations are $\delta\psi^A = V^{AA'} \epsilon_{A'}$, where $V^{AA'}$ ($A = 1, \dots, 2n_V + 2, A' = 1, 2$) is the **quaternionic vielbein** afforded by the restricted holonomy $Sp(2) \times Sp(2n_V + 2)$.
- Thus, SUSY trajectories are characterized by

$$\exists \epsilon_\alpha / V_{\mu}^{AA'} \dot{\phi}^\mu \epsilon_{A'} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V^{A[A'} V^{B']B} = 0$$

This reproduces the attractor flow equations (generalized to $k \neq 0$)

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- This SUSY mechanics is rather unusual, insofar as the SUSY comes from a triplet of **non-integrable** almost complex structures.
- It is possible to remedy this problem by combining the Killing spinor $\epsilon_{A'} \in \mathbb{C}^2$ with the coordinates $\phi^a \in QK$, i.e. extend the QK space into its **Hyperkähler cone** (HKC), or Swann bundle,

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow HKC \rightarrow QK$$

By cancelling the $Sp(2)$ holonomy on QK against the $SU(2)$ holonomy on S^3 , the three **almost** complex structures on QK become **genuine** (integrable) complex structures on HKC.

- Geodesic motion on HKC is equivalent to geodesic motion on QK after gauging the $SU(2)$ and dilation symmetries.

The twistor space

- For many purposes it is sufficient to work with the **twistor space** Z , a two-sphere bundle over QK with a Kähler-Einstein metric. The sphere coordinate z keeps track of the Killing spinor, $z = \epsilon_1/\epsilon_2$.
- In the presence of triholomorphic isometries, the geometry of HKC is given by the “Legendre transform construction” $G(\eta^L)$,

$$\langle K(v^L, \bar{v}^L, w_L + \bar{w}_L) + x^L(w_L + \bar{w}_L) \rangle_{w+\bar{w}} = \text{Im} \oint \frac{d\zeta}{2\pi i \zeta} G[\eta^L(\zeta), \zeta]$$

where η^L is the projective “O(2) multiplet”

$$\eta^L = v^L/\zeta + x^L - \bar{v}^L\zeta$$

and $G[\eta^L]$ is a holomorphic function of η^L , homogeneous of degree 1, known as the **generalized prepotential**.

Twistor space for the c-map

- When HKC is the Swann bundle of the c-map of a SK manifold, the generalized prepotential G is related to the prepotential F via

$$G(\eta^L, \zeta) = F(\eta^I)/\eta^b$$

Berkovits; Rocek Vafa Vandoren

- The inhomogeneous coordinates $\xi^I = v^I/v^b$, $\tilde{\xi}_I = -2iw_I$, $\alpha = 4iw_b - \xi^I \tilde{\xi}_I$ are complex coordinates on Z , adapted to the Heisenberg symmetries, given by the **twistor lines**:

$$\xi^I = \zeta^I + i e^{U+\mathcal{K}(X)/2} \left(z \bar{X}^I + z^{-1} X^I \right)$$

$$\tilde{\xi}_I = \tilde{\zeta}_I + i e^{U+\mathcal{K}(X)/2} \left(z \bar{F}_I + z^{-1} F_I \right)$$

$$\alpha = \sigma + \zeta^I \tilde{\xi}_I - \tilde{\zeta}_I \xi^I$$

- Conversely, the coordinates on the base \mathcal{M}_3 are $SU(2)$ invariant combinations of $\xi^I, \tilde{\xi}_I, \alpha$.

- Upon lifting the geodesic motion to Z , SUSY is preserved iff the momentum is **holomorphic** in the canonical complex structure on Z , at any point along the trajectory: **1st class constraints !**
- BPS solutions correspond to **holomorphic curves** $\xi^I(\rho), \tilde{\xi}_I(\rho), \alpha(\rho)$ at constant $\bar{\xi}^I, \tilde{\tilde{\xi}}_I, \bar{\alpha}$, and are algebraically determined by the conserved charges: **integrable system !**
- The SUSY phase space is **the twistor space Z** , equipped with its Kähler symplectic form. Its dimension is $4n_V + 6$, almost half that of the generic phase space $T^*(\mathcal{M}_3^*)$.

The Penrose Transform

- At fixed values of $U, z^i, \zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma$, the complex coordinates $\xi^I, \tilde{\xi}_I, \alpha$ on Z are holomorphic functions of the twistor coordinate z : the fiber over each point is a **rational curve** in Z .
- Starting from a **holomorphic** function Φ on Z (more precisely a class in $H^1(Z, O(-2))$), we can produce a function Ψ on QK

$$\Psi(U, z^i, \bar{z}^{\bar{i}}, \zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma) = e^{2U} \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi iz} \Phi \left[\xi^I(z), \tilde{\xi}^I(z), \alpha(z) \right]$$

which then satisfies some **generalized harmonicity** condition:

$$\left(\epsilon^{A'B'} \nabla_{AA'} \nabla_{BB'} - R_{AB} \right) \Psi = 0$$

- This generalizes the usual **Penrose transform** between holomorphic functions on CP^3 and conformally harmonic functions on S^4 to the quaternionic setting.

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The BPS Hilbert space I

- In terms of geodesic motion on the QK base, the classical BPS conditions $V^{A[A'} V^{B']B} = 0$ become a set of **2nd order differential operators** which have to annihilate the wave function Ψ :

$$\left(\epsilon_{A'B'} \nabla^{AA'} \nabla^{BB'} - R^{AB} \right) \Psi = 0$$

- In terms of the twistor space, the BPS condition $p_{\bar{L}} = 0$ requires that Ψ should be a **holomorphic function** on Z . More precisely, depending on the fermionic state, it should be a class in the **sheaf cohomology group** $H^1(Z, \mathcal{O}(-\ell))$. Take $\ell = 2$ for simplicity.
- The equivalence between the two approaches is a consequence of the **Penrose transform** discussed previously.

The BPS Black Hole Wave-Function I

- Thus, the BPS black hole wave function on \mathcal{M}_3 is given by

$$\Psi(U, z^I, \bar{z}^I, \zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma) = e^{2U} \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi iz} \Phi \left[\xi^I(z), \tilde{\xi}^I(z), \alpha(z) \right]$$

where Ψ is entirely determined (up to normalization) by the black hole charges. For zero NUT charge k ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \exp \left[i(p^I \tilde{\xi}_I - q_I \xi^I) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[i(p^I \tilde{\zeta}_I - q_I \zeta^I) + ie^{U+K(X)/2} (z \bar{W}_{p,q}(\bar{X}) + z^{-1} W_{p,q}(X)) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \Psi = e^{2U} J_0 \left(2 e^U |Z_{p,q}| \right) e^{i(p^I \tilde{\zeta}_I - q_I \zeta^I)} \end{aligned}$$

The BPS Black Hole Wave-Function I

- The exact result is in qualitative agreement with our naive guess $\exp(2ie^U |Z_{p,q}|)$. This is peaked around the classical attractor points in the “far horizon” limit $U \rightarrow \infty$, but quantum fluctuations become infinite near the horizon.
- This is probably due to the large fine-tuning needed to produce a BPS solution. Can this be taken as support for the “fuzzball proposal” ?
- Ooguri, Vafa and Verlinde had proposed to interpret the topological string amplitude, which lives in a Hilbert space of dimension $n_V + 1$, as a wave function for the (near horizon) radial quantization of BPS black holes. Instead, the BPS radial quantization produces a much bigger Hilbert space $H_l(Z, O(-l))$, of functional dimension $2n_V + 3$.

Generalized topological amplitude

- On the other hand, the **holomorphic quantization** of the HKC leads to a Hilbert space of dimension $(4n_v + 8)/4 = n_v + 2$, morally the space of “triholomorphic functions” on HKC.
- In the symmetric cases, this still carries a unitary rep of G_3 known as the **minimal** representation. Upon fixing the value of k , this yields the **Schödinger-Weil** representation of G_4 , the usual habitat of the topological string amplitude !
- This suggests a one-parameter generalization of the topological string amplitude, controlling higher-derivative corrections on hypermultiplet spaces.

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Black Hole Partition Functions

- The moduli space $\mathcal{M}_3 = R^+|_U \times \mathcal{M}_4 \times |_{z^i} \mathbb{R}^{2n_v+3}|_{\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I, \sigma}$ appears to provide all the desirable parameters for a partition function for black hole micro-states: the inverse temperature $\beta = e^{2U}$, asymptotic moduli z^i , chemical potentials $\zeta^I, \tilde{\zeta}_I$.
- Upon compactification to D=3, the effective action will receive **instanton contributions** from black holes winding the Euclidean time direction, and will have to be invariant under $G_3(\mathbb{Z})$.
- This suggests that the exact degeneracies of black hole micro-states should be given by **Fourier coefficients of an automorphic form of $G_3(\mathbb{Z})$** .

Which automorphic form ?

- Automorphic forms of G generally require three ingredients: (i) a unitary representation ρ of G , (ii) a K -invariant (or spherical vector) f_K , and (iii) a $G(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant vector $f_{\mathbb{Z}}$:

$$\Psi(g) = \langle f_{\mathbb{Z}} | \rho(g) | f_K \rangle$$

For example the Jacobi theta series is obtained from the metaplectic representation of $Sl(2, \mathbb{Z})$, using $f_K = e^{-x^2}$ and $f_{\mathbb{Z}} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta_{x-m}$.

- The radial quantization of spherically symmetric black holes provides a unitary representation of G_3 . In particular, the BPS Hilbert space $H_1(Z, O(-\ell))$ furnishes a family of **quaternionic discrete** (QD) of G_3 .

Abelian and non-Abelian Fourier coefficients

- Upon Fourier expanding in $\zeta^l, \tilde{\zeta}_l, \sigma$, one gets **Abelian** ($k = 0$) and **non-Abelian** ($k \neq 0$) Fourier coefficients:

$$\Psi = \sum_{p,q} \Omega(p, q) \Psi_{p,q}(U, z^i, \bar{z}^i) e^{i(q_l \zeta^l - p^l \tilde{\zeta}_l)} + \sum_k \sum_{r^l \in \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\Omega(k, r^l) \sum_{p^l} f_k(U, z^i, \bar{z}^i; \zeta^l + kp^l) \exp \left[i(kp^l + r^l) \tilde{\zeta}_l + ik(\sigma - \zeta^l \tilde{\zeta}_l) \right]$$

When Ψ is in the quaternionic discrete series, $\Psi_{p,q}(U, z^i, \bar{z}^i)$ is the black hole wave function that we have computed !

Black hole degeneracies as Fourier coefficients

- We propose that $\Omega(p, q)$ are the exact black hole degeneracies, for a suitable choice of ℓ and Ψ . To see that we may be on the right track, note Wallach's theorem: $\Omega(p, q) = 0$ unless $I_4(p, q) \geq 0$.
- For 1/4-BPS BH in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUGRA, this suggests that the DVV-type formula, based on a Siegel modular form, should be subsumed into an automorphic form of $SO(8, n_V + 2, \mathbb{Z})$ in the QD series.
- For 1/8-BPS BH in $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA, we expect an automorphic form of $E_{8(8)}$ in the QD series, of Kirillov dimension 57. For 1/2 BPS, in the minimal representation, of Kirillov dimension 29.
- In order to reproduce the growth $\Omega(p, q) \sim \exp[\pi\sqrt{I_4(p, q)}]$, we need to allow for singularities worse than the poles appearing in DVV's formula. No concrete candidate yet.

- **Multi-centered configurations** can be described by certain harmonic maps from \mathbb{R}^3 to QK : does that correspond to “second quantization”, i.e. including vertices ?
- Could one compute the radial wave function for **extremal non-BPS black holes** ? need to implement the fine-tuning of the boundary conditions at infinity.
- Can one construct **automorphic forms of G in the quaternionic discrete series**, with suitable exponential growth of Fourier coefficients ? Eg. via theta-lifts, or residues of Eisenstein series.
- Can one make progress on understanding **instanton corrections to hypermultiplets** using these techniques ?