

# AdS<sub>4</sub> Black Holes and 3d Gauge Theories

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The computation uses recent localization techniques that allow to evaluate exact quantities in supersymmetric gauge theories.

# Introduction

One of the success of string theory is the microscopic counting of micro-states for a class of asymptotically flat black holes entropy [Vafa-Strominger'96]

- The black holes are realized by putting together D-branes, extended objects that have gauge theories on the world-volume
- The entropy is obtained by counting states in the corresponding gauge theory

# Introduction

No similar result for AdS black holes in  $d \geq 4$ . But AdS should be simpler and related to holography:

- A gravity theory in  $\text{AdS}_{d+1}$  is the dual description of a  $\text{CFT}_d$

The entropy should be related to the counting of states in the dual CFT. People tried hard for  $\text{AdS}_5$  black holes (states in  $\text{N}=4$  SYM). Still an open problem.

# Prelude

## Objects of interest



# AdS<sub>4</sub> black holes

The objects of interest are **BPS** asymptotically AdS<sub>4</sub> static black holes

$$ds^2 = -e^{2U(r)} dt^2 + e^{-2U(r)} (dr^2 + V(r)^2 ds_{S^2}^2)$$

- supported by magnetic charges on  $\Sigma_g$ :  $\mathfrak{n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Sigma_g^2} F$
- preserving supersymmetry via an R-symmetry twist

$$(\nabla_\mu - iA_\mu)\epsilon = \partial_\mu \epsilon \quad \implies \quad \epsilon = \text{const}$$

[Cacciatori,Klemm; Gnechchi,Dall'agata; Hristov,Vandoren;Halmagyi;Katmadras]

# AdS<sub>4</sub> black holes

The boundary theory is an  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  CFT on  $S^2 \times S^1$

$$ds^2 = R^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2) + \beta^2 dt^2$$

with a magnetic background for the R- and flavor symmetries:

$$A^R = -\frac{1}{2} \cos \theta d\varphi = -\frac{1}{2} \omega^{12}, \quad A^F = -\frac{n^F}{2} \cos \theta d\varphi = -\frac{n^F}{2} \omega^{12}$$

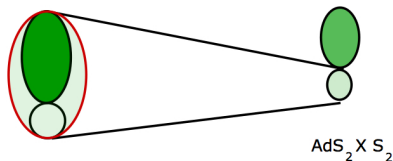
In particular  $A^R$  is equal to the spin connection so that

$$D_\mu \epsilon = \partial_\mu \epsilon + \frac{1}{4} \omega_\mu^{ab} \gamma_{ab} \epsilon - i A_\mu^R \epsilon = 0 \quad \implies \quad \epsilon = \text{const}$$

This is just a topological twist. [Witten '88]

# AdS<sub>4</sub> black holes and holography

AdS black holes are dual to a topologically twisted CFT on  $S^2 \times S^1$



AdS<sub>4</sub>

AdS<sub>2</sub> X S<sub>2</sub>

Entropy of black holes  
Counting of microstates

Partition function of twisted  
3d CFT on  $S_2 \times S_1$

QM fixed point

# Part I

## The index for topologically twisted theories in 3d

# The topological twist

Consider a 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauge theory on  $S^2 \times S^1$  where susy is preserved by a twist on  $S^2$

$$(\nabla_\mu - iA_\mu^R)\epsilon \equiv \partial_\mu \epsilon = 0, \quad \int_{S^2} F^R = 1$$

[Witten '88]

Supersymmetry can be preserved by turning on supersymmetric backgrounds for the flavor symmetry multiplets  $(A_\mu^F, \sigma^F, D^F)$ :

$$u^F = A_t^F + i\sigma^F, \quad q^F = \int_{S^2} F^F = iD^F$$

and the path integral becomes a function of a set of magnetic charges  $q^F$  and chemical potentials  $u^F$ . We can also add a refinement for angular momentum.

[Benini-AZ; arXiv 1504.03698]

# A topologically twisted index

We called it the **topologically twisted index**: a trace over the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  of states on a sphere in the presence of a magnetic background for the R and the global symmetries,

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \left( (-1)^F e^{iJ_F A^F} e^{-\beta H} \right)$$

$$Q^2 = H - \sigma^F J_F$$

holomorphic in  $u^F$

where  $J_F$  is the generator of the global symmetry.

# The partition function

The path integral on  $S^2 \times S^1$  reduces as usual, by localization, to a matrix model depending on few zero modes of the gauge multiplet  $V = (A_\mu, \sigma, \lambda, \lambda^\dagger, D)$

- A magnetic flux on  $S^2$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^2} F$  in the co-root lattice
- A Wilson line  $A_t$  along  $S^1$
- The vacuum expectation value  $\sigma$  of the real scalar

The path integral reduces to an  $r$ -dimensional contour integral of a meromorphic form

$$\frac{1}{|W|} \sum_{\mathfrak{m} \in \Gamma_{\mathfrak{h}}} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} Z_{\text{int}}(u, \mathfrak{m}) \quad u = A_t + i\sigma$$

# The partition function

- In each sector with gauge flux  $m$  we have a meromorphic form

$$Z_{\text{int}}(u, m) = Z_{\text{class}} Z_{1\text{-loop}}$$

$$Z_{\text{class}}^{\text{CS}} = x^{km}$$

$$x = e^{iu}$$

$$Z_{1\text{-loop}}^{\text{chiral}} = \prod_{\rho \in \mathfrak{R}} \left[ \frac{x^{\rho/2}}{1 - x^{\rho}} \right]^{\rho(m) - q + 1}$$

$q = R$  charge

$$Z_{1\text{-loop}}^{\text{gauge}} = \prod_{\alpha \in G} (1 - x^{\alpha}) (i du)^r$$

- Supersymmetric localization selects a particular contour of integration  $C$  and picks some of the residues of the form  $Z_{\text{int}}(u, m)$ .

[Jeffrey-Kirwan residue - similar to Benini, Eager, Hori, Tachikawa '13; Hori, Kim, Yi '14]



# The partition function

Background fluxes  $\mathfrak{n}$  and fugacities  $y$  for flavor symmetries are introduced as

$$x^\rho \rightarrow x^\rho y^{\rho_f}, \quad \rho(\mathfrak{m}) \rightarrow \rho(\mathfrak{m}) + \rho_f(\mathfrak{n}),$$

where  $\rho_f$  is the weight under the flavor group, and

$$x = e^{iu}, \quad y = e^{iu^F}, \quad u = A_t + \sigma, \quad u^F = A_t^F + \sigma^F$$

A  $U(1)$  topological symmetry with background flux  $\mathfrak{t}$  and fugacity  $\xi$  contributes

$$Z_{\text{class}}^{\text{top}} = x^{\mathfrak{t}} \xi^{\mathfrak{m}}.$$

The path integral becomes a function of the magnetic charges  $\mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{t}$  and chemical potentials  $y, \xi$ .

# A Simple Example: SQED

The theory has gauge group  $U(1)$  and two chiral  $Q$  and  $\tilde{Q}$

$$Z = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \int \frac{dx}{2\pi i x} \left( \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - xy} \right)^{m+n} \left( \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - x^{-1}y} \right)^{-m+n}$$

	$U(1)_E$	$U(1)_A$	$U(1)_R$
$Q$	1	1	1
$\tilde{Q}$	-1	1	1

Consistent with duality with three chirals with superpotential  $XYZ$

$$Z = \left( \frac{y}{1 - y^2} \right)^{2n-1} \left( \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - y^{-1}} \right)^{-n+1} \left( \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - y^{-1}} \right)^{-n+1}$$

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$$Z_{\text{int}}(u, \mathbf{m}) \rightarrow Z_{\text{int}}(u, \mathbf{m}) \det \left( \frac{\partial^2 \log Z_{\text{int}}}{\partial u \partial \mathbf{m}} \right)^g$$

relation to Gauge/Bethe correspondence [Nekrasov-Shatashvili; Okuda-Yoshida; Gukov-Pei]

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The index adds to and complete the list of existing tools (superconformal indices, sphere partition functions) for testing dualities: **Aharony; Gaiotto-Kutasov in 3d; Seiberg in 4d, ...**

## Part II

# Comparison with the black hole entropy

## Going back to black holes

Consider **BPS** asymptotically AdS<sub>4</sub> static **dyonic** black holes

$$ds^2 = -e^{2U(r)} dt^2 + e^{-2U(r)} (dr^2 + V(r)^2 ds_{S^2}^2)$$

$$X^i = X^i(r)$$

- vacua of  $N = 2$  gauged supergravities arising from M theory on AdS<sub>4</sub> × S<sup>7</sup>
- electric and magnetic charges for  $U(1)^4 \subset SO(8)$
- preserving supersymmetry via an R-symmetry twist

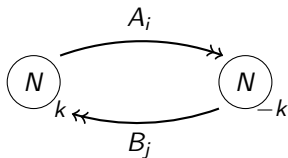
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The dual field theory to  $AdS_4 \times S^7$  is known: is the ABJM theory with gauge group  $U(N) \times U(N)$



with quartic superpotential

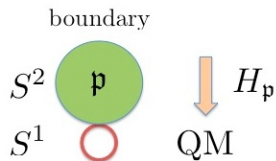
$$W = A_1 B_1 A_2 B_2 - A_1 B_2 A_2 B_1$$

with R and global symmetries

$$U(1)^4 \subset SU(2)_A \times SU(2)_B \times U(1)_B \times U(1)_R \subset SO(8)$$

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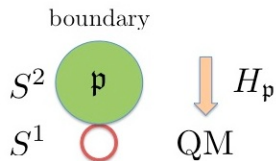


$$Z_{S^2 \times S^1}^{\text{twisted}}(\mathfrak{p}, \Delta) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \left( (-1)^F e^{iJ\Delta} e^{-\beta H_{\mathfrak{p}}} \right)$$

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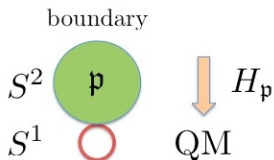
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This is the Witten index of the QM obtained by reducing  $S^2 \times S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ .

- magnetic charges  $\mathfrak{p}$  are not vanishing at the boundary and appear in the Hamiltonian
- electric charges  $q$  can be introduced using chemical potentials  $\Delta$

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The BH entropy is related to a Legendre Transform of the index [Benini-Hristov-AZ]

$$S_{BH}(\mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{n}) \equiv \text{Re} \mathcal{I}(\Delta) = \text{Re}(\log Z(\mathfrak{p}, \Delta) - i\Delta \mathfrak{q}), \quad \frac{d\mathcal{I}}{d\Delta} = 0$$

[similar to Sen's formalism, OSV, etc]

# The dual field theory

It is useful to introduce a basis of four R -symmetries  $R_a$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$

	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$
$A_1$	2	0	0	0
$A_2$	0	2	0	0
$B_1$	0	0	2	0
$B_2$	0	0	0	2

A basis for the three flavor symmetries is given by  $J_a = \frac{1}{2}(R_a - R_4)$ . Magnetic fluxes  $n_a$  and complex fugacity  $y_a$  for the symmetries can be introduced. They satisfy

$$\sum_{a=1}^4 p_a = 2, \quad \text{supersymmetry}$$

$$\prod_{a=1}^4 y_a = 1, \quad \text{invariance of } W$$

## ABJM twisted index

The ABJM twisted index is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z = & \frac{1}{(N!)^2} \sum_{\mathbf{m}, \tilde{\mathbf{m}} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \int \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{dx_i}{2\pi i x_i} \frac{d\tilde{x}_i}{2\pi i \tilde{x}_i} x_i^{k m_i} \tilde{x}_i^{-k \tilde{m}_i} \times \prod_{i \neq j}^N \left(1 - \frac{x_i}{x_j}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\tilde{x}_j}\right) \times \\
 & \times \prod_{i,j=1}^N \left( \frac{\sqrt{\frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j}} y_1}{1 - \frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j} y_1} \right)^{m_i - \tilde{m}_j - p_1 + 1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j}} y_2}{1 - \frac{x_i}{\tilde{x}_j} y_2} \right)^{m_i - \tilde{m}_j - p_2 + 1} \\
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 & \prod_i y_i = 1, \quad \sum p_i = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{m}, \tilde{\mathbf{m}}$  are the gauge magnetic fluxes,  $y_i = e^{i\Delta_i}$  are fugacities and  $n_i$  the magnetic fluxes for the three independent  $U(1)$  global symmetries

# ABJM twisted index

We need to evaluate it in the large  $N$  limit. Strategy:

- Re-sum geometric series in  $\mathfrak{m}, \tilde{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

$$Z = \int \frac{dx_i}{2\pi i x_i} \frac{d\tilde{x}_i}{2\pi i \tilde{x}_i} \frac{f(x_i, \tilde{x}_i)}{\prod_{j=1}^N (e^{iB_j} - 1) \prod_{j=1}^N (e^{i\tilde{B}_j} - 1)}$$

- Step 1: find the zeros of denominator  $e^{iB_i} = e^{i\tilde{B}_j} = 1$  at large  $N$
- Step 2: evaluate the residues at large  $N$

$$Z \sim \sum_I \frac{f(x_i^{(0)}, \tilde{x}_i^{(0)})}{\det \mathbb{B}}$$

[Benini-Hristov-AZ]

[extended to other models Hosseini-AZ; Hosseini-Mekareeya]

# The large N limit

Step 1: solve the large N Limit of the algebraic equations  $e^{iB_i} = e^{i\tilde{B}_i} = 1$  giving the positions of poles

$$1 = x_i^k \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{(1 - y_3 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_4 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}{(1 - y_1^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_2^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})} = \tilde{x}_j^k \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(1 - y_3 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_4 \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}{(1 - y_1^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})(1 - y_2^{-1} \frac{\tilde{x}_j}{x_i})}$$

- We dubbed this set of equations *Bethe Ansatz Equations* because the same expressions can be reinterpreted in the 2d integrability approach

[Nekrasov-Shatashvili; Okuda-Yoshida; Gukov-Pei]

- They can be derived by a BA potential  $\mathcal{V}_{BA}$

$$e^{iB_i} = e^{i\tilde{B}_i} = 1 \quad \implies \quad \frac{d\mathcal{V}_{BA}}{dx_i} = \frac{\mathcal{V}_{BA}}{d\tilde{x}_i} = 0$$



# The large N limit

Step 1: the Bethe Ansatz equations can be solved with the ansatz

$$u_i = i\sqrt{N}t_i + v_i, \quad \log \tilde{u}_i = i\sqrt{N}t_i + \tilde{v}_i \quad (x_i = e^{iu_i}, \tilde{x}_i = e^{i\tilde{u}_i})$$

which has the property of selecting contributions from  $i \sim j$  and makes the problem local.

$$\rho(t) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{di}{dt}, \quad \delta v(t) = v_i - \tilde{v}_i$$

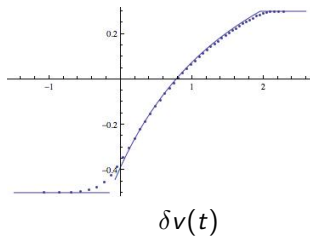
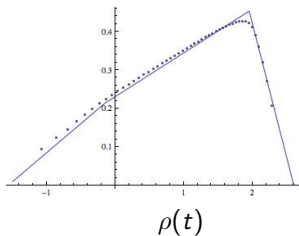
$$\frac{\mathcal{V}_{BA}}{iN^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \int dt \left[ t \rho(t) \delta v(t) + \rho(t)^2 \left( \sum_{a=3,4} g_+(\delta v(t) + \Delta_a) - \sum_{a=1,2} g_-(\delta v(t) - \Delta_a) \right) \right]$$

where  $g_{\pm}(u) = \frac{u^3}{6} \mp \frac{\pi}{2}u^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3}u$ .

# The large N limit

Step 1: the equations can be then explicitly solved

$$u_i = i\sqrt{N}t_i + v_i, \quad \log \tilde{u}_i = i\sqrt{N}t_i + \tilde{v}_i$$



and

$$\mathcal{V}_{BA} \sim N^{3/2} \sqrt{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4}$$

# The large N limit

Step 1: it is curious that

- In the large N limit, these *auxiliary* BAE are the same appearing in a different localization problem: the path integral on  $S^3$  [Hosseini-AZ; arXiv 1604.03122]

$$\mathcal{V}_{BA}(\Delta) = Z_{S^3}(\Delta) \quad y_i = e^{i\Delta_i}$$

The same holds for other 3d quivers dual to M theory backgrounds  $\text{AdS}_4 \times Y_7$  ( $N^{3/2}$ ) and massive type IIA ones ( $N^{5/3}$ ).

# The large N limit

Step 2: plug into the partition function. It is crucial to keep into account exponentially small corrections in tail regions where  $y_i x_i / \tilde{x}_i = 1$

$$\log Z = N^{3/2}(\text{finite}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - y_i x_i / \tilde{x}_i) \quad y_i x_i / \tilde{x}_i = 1 + e^{-N^{1/2} Y_i}$$

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One can by-pass it by using a general simple formula [\[Hosseini-AZ; arXiv 1604.03122\]](#)

$$\log Z = - \sum_a p_a \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_{BA}}{\partial \Delta_a}$$

# The final result

The Legendre transform of the index is obtained from  $\mathcal{V}_{BA} \sim \sqrt{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4}$ :

$$\mathcal{I}(\Delta) = \frac{1}{3} N^{3/2} \sum_a \left( -p_a \frac{d\mathcal{V}_{BA}}{d\Delta_a} - i\Delta_a q_a \right) \quad y_a = e^{i\Delta_a}$$

$\log Z$

This function can be extremized with respect to the  $\Delta_a$  and

$$\mathcal{I}|_{crit} = \text{BH Entropy}(p_a, q_a)$$

$$\Delta_a|_{crit} \sim X^a(r_h)$$

[Benini-Hristov-AZ]

# AdS<sub>4</sub> black holes

- Notice that the explicit expression for the entropy of the AdS<sub>4</sub> × S<sup>7</sup> black hole is quite complicated. In the case of purely magnetical black holes with just

$$p^1 = p^2 = p^3$$

is given by

$$S = \sqrt{-1 + 6p^1 - 6(p^1)^2 + (-1 + 2p^1)^{3/2}} \sqrt{-1 + 6p^1}$$

# The attractor mechanism

The BPS equations at the horizon imply that the gauge supergravity quantity

$$\mathcal{R} = (F_\Lambda p^\Lambda - X^\Lambda q_\Lambda), \quad F_\Lambda = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial X^\Lambda}$$

with  $(q, n)$  electric and magnetic charges, is extremized with respect to the scalar fields at the horizon and its critical value gives the entropy.

Under  $X^\Lambda \rightarrow \Delta^\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{F} = i\sqrt{X^0 X^1 X^2 X^3} \sim \mathcal{V}_{BA}(\Delta) = \sqrt{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3 \Delta_4}$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \sum_\Lambda \left( p^\Lambda \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dX^\Lambda} - q_\Lambda X^\Lambda \right) \sim \sum_a \left( -p_a \frac{d\mathcal{V}}{d\Delta_a} - i\Delta_a q_a \right) = \mathcal{I}(\Delta)$$

The previous discussion can be extended to higher genus, again with perfect agreement [Benini-Hristov-AZ].



## Part III

# Interpretation and Conclusions

## A. Statistical ensemble

$\Delta_a$  can be seen as chemical potential in a macro-canonical ensemble defined by the supersymmetric index

$$Z = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} (-1)^F e^{i\Delta_a J_a} e^{-\beta H}$$

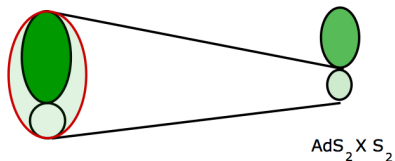
so that the extremization can be rephrased as the statement that the black hole has average electric charge

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Delta} \log Z \sim \langle J \rangle$$

- Similarities with Sen's entropy formalism based on  $\text{AdS}_2$ .
- Similarly to some asymptotically flat BH,  $(-1)^F$  does not cause cancellations at large  $N$ . What's about finite  $N$ ?

## B. R-symmetry extremization

Recall the cartoon



$AdS_4$

$AdS_2 \times S_2$

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## B. R-symmetry extremization

The extremization reflects exactly what's going on in the bulk. Consider no electric charge, for simplicity. The graviphoton field strength depends on  $r$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = e^{K/2} X^\Lambda F_{\Lambda, \mu\nu}$$

suggesting that the R-symmetry is different in the IR and indeed

$$\Delta_i|_{crit} \sim X^i(r_h)$$

## B. R-symmetry extremization

The twisted index depends on  $\Delta_i$  because we are computing the trace

$$Z(\Delta) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(-1)^F e^{i\Delta_i J_i} \equiv \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}}(-1)^{R(\Delta)}$$

where  $R(\Delta) = F + \Delta_i J_i$  is a possible R-symmetry of the system.

For zero electric charges, the entropy is obtained by extremizing  $\log Z(\Delta)$ .

Some QFT extremization is at work?

## B. R-symmetry extremization

The extremum  $\log Z(\hat{\Delta})$  is the entropy.

- symmetry enhancement at the horizon  $\text{AdS}_2$ :

$$\text{QM}_1 \rightarrow \text{CFT}_1$$

- $R(\hat{\Delta})$  is the exact R-symmetry at the superconformal point
- all the BH ground states have  $R(\hat{\Delta}) = 0$  because of superconformal invariance ( $\text{AdS}_2$ )

$$Z(\hat{\Delta}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} (-1)^{R(\hat{\Delta})} = \sum 1 = e^{\text{entropy}}$$

and the extremum is obtained when all states have the same phase  $(-1)^R$

- $Z$  is the natural thing to extremize: in even dimensions central charges are extremized, in odd partition functions...

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But don't forget that we also gave a general formula for the topologically twisted path integral of 2d  $(2,2)$ , 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  and 4d  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  theories.

- Efficient quantum field theory tools for testing dualities.
- With many field theory questions/generalizations



**Thank you for the attention !**