

Wrapped Branes in Romans F(4) Gauged Supergravity

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We present an abridged version of our recent work [1]. In this talk, we analyze the spectrum of lower-dimensional anti-de Sitter (AdS) solutions in F(4) gauged supergravity in six dimensions. The configurations correspond to D4-branes partially wrapped on various supersymmetric cycles in special holonomy manifolds. As a comprehensive analysis, we re-visited and extended previous results. In detail, we study the cases of two, three, and four-dimensional supersymmetric cycles within Calabi-Yau threefold, fourfold, G2, and Spin(7) holonomy manifolds. Furthermore, we analyze the IR behavior and discuss the admissibility of the singular flows. We also report on non-supersymmetric AdS vacua and check their stability in the consistently truncated lower-dimensional effective action, using the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound.

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1. Introduction

In this talk, we address a brief summary of our results in [1] and their position in the context of searching for supersymmetric backgrounds of superstring/M-theory. One can consult [1] for more detailed treatments and the comprehensive list of the references for this subject.

Exploring the spectrum of supersymmetric anti-de Sitter solutions in String/M-theory is an intriguing enterprise due to its aesthetic geometric structure and AdS/CFT correspondence [2]. Maximally supersymmetric solutions, $\text{AdS}_4 \times S^7$, $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$, and $\text{AdS}_7 \times S^4$, are well-known, but we are eventually interested in the duality of more realistic gauge field theories, so constructing less-supersymmetric AdS backgrounds which do have 10 or 11 dimensional supergravity origin is a valuable endeavor. For this purpose one usually takes one of the following two approaches in search of supersymmetric AdS solutions. The first approach is to study the most general form of supersymmetric AdS solutions in the dimensions of interest, using the geometry of Killing spinors. One sometimes manages to find new solutions [3, 4], or discover interesting novel geometric structures *e.g.* in [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. On the other hand, one can utilize lower-dimensional gauged supergravity models which are consistent truncation of 10 or 11 dimensional supergravities. Interesting AdS solutions may be obtained by studying the critical points of the scalar potential or considering spontaneous dimensional reduction by turning on various gauge fields, see *e.g.* [10].

In this talk, we are interested in wrapped brane configurations leading to various lower dimensional AdS vacua, in $D = 6$ $F(4)$ gauged supergravity [11]. It has long been known that this particular theory is a consistent truncation of $D = 10$ massive type IIA supergravity [12]. Note that it is also established more recently that this theory can be uplifted to IIB supergravity as well [13, 14, 15]. For definiteness we will consider in this talk uplifts to massive IIA¹, where the relevant brane interpretation is as D4-branes in the presence of D8-branes. The AdS vacuum of $F(4)$ gauged supergravity has 16 supercharges, and the dual field theory is proposed to be a five-dimensional supersymmetric gauge theory with $USp(2N)$ gauge group and $N_f < 8$ massless hypermultiplets in fundamental representation [16, 17, 18, 19], and see also this part of [1] for the references on the gravity side analysis. The duality was checked using localization formula and the results for entanglement entropy agree with $N^{5/2}$ scaling of degrees of freedom [20].

Among the AdS solutions from wrapped branes, AdS_2 solutions can be interpreted as near horizon limit of magnetically charged black holes, and, on the field theory side, the entropy is associated with the topologically twisted index. For M2-brane theory, agreement between the two sides of AdS/CFT was shown in [21, 22]. As one tries to apply this relation to black holes in $F(4)$ gauged supergravity, the field theory computations in [23, 24, 25] and the supergravity side result match [26, 27, 28], *only after* a mistake in [29] is fixed: in this reference, an instanton-like contribution for four-cycles was overlooked, and a correct solution for Kähler 4-cycle was presented by M. Suh [26]. This realization has prompted our present work. We re-visit the construction of AdS solutions from wrapped branes in $F(4)$ gauged supergravity, and provide a list of supersymmetric and non-supersymmetric solutions. We fill other gaps in [29] by studying also the flows between AdS_6 and configurations with lower-dimensional Lorentz symmetry, and study the admissibility IR singularities following the criteria of Maldacena-Nuñez [30] and Gubser [31]. We also provide the

¹In IIB setting we have a network of D5 and NS5-branes preserving $(4 + 1)$ -dimensional Lorentz symmetry.

consistently truncated lower-dimensional actions, in the manner of [32], and study the fluctuation modes to see if they violate the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound [33] for stability.

2. $F(4)$ Gauged Supergravity

2.1 The Action and Its Relation to 10 Dimensions

Let us first start by presenting the action of the bosonic sector for $D = 6$, $F(4)$ gauged supergravity.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{F(4)} = & \frac{1}{2\kappa_6^2} \int d^6x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{4}R - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi + \frac{1}{8}(g^2e^{\sqrt{2}\phi} + 4gme^{-\sqrt{2}\phi} - m^2e^{-3\sqrt{2}\phi}) \right. \\ & - \frac{1}{4}e^{-\sqrt{2}\phi}(\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{H}^{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu}^I F^{I\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{12}e^{2\sqrt{2}\phi}G_{\mu\nu\rho}G^{\mu\nu\rho} \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau\kappa}B_{\mu\nu}(\mathcal{F}_{\rho\sigma}\mathcal{F}_{\tau\kappa} + mB_{\rho\sigma}\mathcal{F}_{\tau\kappa} + \frac{1}{3}m^2B_{\rho\sigma}B_{\tau\kappa} + F_{\rho\sigma}^I F_{\tau\kappa}^I) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

The action as it stands includes gravity via metric $g_{\mu\nu}$, a two-form tensor field B with field strength $G = dB$, a triplet of $SU(2)$ gauge fields A^I , a $U(1)$ vector \mathcal{A} , and a real scalar field ϕ . \mathcal{H} is a combination of the field strength $\mathcal{F} = d\mathcal{A}$ and two-form tensor field, namely $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{F} + mB$. Note that the total number of on-shell bosonic degrees of freedom is 32. We have two coupling constants, g and m , in addition to Newton constant κ_6 .

When we uplift this system to $D = 10$ massive IIA supergravity, we have $m_{10d} = \sqrt{2}m$ in the convention of *e.g.* [12, 29]. We note that there exist alternative embeddings into type IIB theory which was recently found in [13, 14]², and also into the exceptional field theory formalism [34, 15]. This theory allows a supersymmetric AdS_6 solution when $e^{-2\sqrt{2}\phi} = g/3m$ and all other bosonic (and also fermionic) fields are trivial. When uplifted, it is a 1/2-BPS configuration of IIA/IIB supergravity in $D = 10$. In the convention we adopt, the radius of AdS space is $L_{AdS_6} = 3\sqrt{2}(3mg^3)^{-1/4}$, or $3\sqrt{2}/g$ when we substitute $m = g/3$ as a convenient choice for the theory which can be uplifted in IIA/IIB.

2.2 A Survey of Wrapped Brane Solutions

In this talk, we are interested in a specific type of classical solutions: in particular, we have lower-dimensional anti-de Sitter spaces in mind. This type of solutions were known as ‘‘magnetovacs’’ before the advent of string duality and D-branes [10]. Thanks to a seminal paper of Maldacena-Nuñez [35], and the extension to higher-dimensional cycles [36, 37, 38], these solutions are nowadays commonly referred to ‘‘wrapped-brane’’ solutions. The way how to produce such non-trivial solutions is as follows. We assume that part of the space is Einstein (which corresponds to supersymmetric cycles), and turn on gauge connection and impose Killing spinor projection rules so that the contributions of spin connection and gauge connection exactly cancel, at least along the cycle directions. This is the manifestation of topological twisting (via cancelling the spin connection, we effectively turn a spinor into a scalar). Depending on the concrete choice of gauge connection, we deal with different kinds of special holonomy manifolds and supersymmetric cycles thereof.

²One can find out other references on the embedding of the solutions in [1]

Cycles	\mathcal{F}	$F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{I}}$	$B_{\mu\nu}$
2-Cycles	0	$F_{45}^{\hat{3}} = \frac{k_2 \zeta}{g} e^{-2\lambda}$	0
3-Cycles	0	$F_{\text{non-zero}}^{\hat{I}} = \frac{k_2 \zeta_I}{2g} e^{-2\lambda}$	0
Cayley 4-Cycles	0	$F_{\text{non-zero}}^{\hat{I}} = \frac{k_2 \zeta_I}{3g} e^{-2\lambda}$	$B_{01} = -\frac{2}{3m^2 g^2} e^{\sqrt{2}\phi - 4\lambda}$
Kähler 4-Cycles	0	$F_{23}^{\hat{3}} = F_{45}^{\hat{3}} = \frac{k_2 \zeta}{g} e^{-2\lambda}$	$B_{01} = -\frac{2}{m^2 g^2} e^{\sqrt{2}\phi - 4\lambda}$
Kähler $\Sigma_{g_1} \times \Sigma_{g_2}$	0	$F_{23}^{\hat{3}} = \frac{k_1 \zeta}{g} e^{-2\lambda_1}, F_{45}^{\hat{3}} = \frac{k_2 \zeta}{g} e^{-2\lambda_2}$	$B_{01} = -2 \frac{k_1 k_2}{m^2 g^2} e^{\sqrt{2}\phi - 2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}$

Table 1: The ansatz for gauge fields in orthonormal bases for each case. Non-vanishing components are easily read off from the twisting condition. $\zeta_{(I)}$ is ± 1 , representing the choice of orientation of wrapped branes. It is also constrained by $\zeta_1 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 = 1$. $k = \pm 1$ gives the sign of scalar curvature of the supersymmetric cycles.

More concretely, the metric ansatz goes like

$$ds_6^2 = e^{2f(r)} (-dt^2 + dr^2 + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{4-d} dx_\alpha^2) + \sum_i e^{2\lambda_i(r)} ds_{\mathcal{M}_{i,d}}^2. \quad (2.2)$$

On the right-hand-side, the part with scale factor e^{2f} contains the reduced worldvolume (after wrapping) and the ‘‘holographic’’ coordinate r . Then the latter part with scale factors $e^{2\lambda_i}$ denotes the ‘‘supersymmetric cycle’’. For our purposes here, this part is either a single Einstein space or a sum of two Einstein spaces up to scale factors which is a function of r only. The cycle part will be chosen as (sum of) constant curvature spaces, *e.g.* the sphere S^d , the complex projective manifold $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n$, and their negatively-curved cousins such as the hyperbolic manifold and the Bergman space for concreteness. Then we turn on magnetic field for the $SU(2)$ part of the vector fields. The point is to make sure the effect of spin connection and gauge connection cancel along the cycle directions for spinors satisfying certain projection rules. We have checked that all solutions in previous works [29, 26]³ can be obtained from these BPS equations.

Explicit ansatz for each case is summarized in Table 1, and the properties of the solutions are provided in Table 2.

3. Holographic RG Flows for Supersymmetric Solutions

3.1 2 and 3 Cycles

Let us start with the cases of 2- and 3-cycles. They are relatively simple since the tensor field vanishes, so we treat them collectively. For the former the $SO(2)$ spin connection is identified with $U(1) \subset SU(2)$, and for the latter we identify $SO(3)$ spin connection with the entire $SU(2)$ gauge connection. In IIA description, 2-cycle is inside Calabi-Yau threefold, and for the latter we have associative 3-cycles inside G_2 holonomy manifold. The setup for vector fields and the projection rule is as given in the table below. Note that except for AdS fixed point solutions, we have an additional projection involving the radial direction. However, AdS fixed point solutions do not

³The correct solutions for 2-, 3-cycles and the solutions for 4-cycles are, respectively, discovered in the former and the latter.

Cycles	k	BPS solution	Non-BPS solution	Does non-BPS solution violate the BF Bound?
2-Cycles	1	X	X	-
	-1	O	O	Yes
3-Cycles	1	X	X	-
	-1	O	O	Yes
$\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{H}_2$	$(-1, -1)$	O	X	-
$S^2 \times S^2$	$(1, 1)$	X	O	No
$S^2 \times \mathbb{H}_2$	$(1, -1)$	X	X	-
Kähler 4-Cycles	1	X	O	No
	-1	O	X	-
Cayley 4-Cycles	1	X	X	-
	-1	O	X	-

Table 2: A summary of existence of wrapped brane solutions in $F(4)$ gauged supergravity.

require such an extra condition, hence exhibit supersymmetry enhancement. Here $T^i = i\sigma^i/2$ is $SU(2)$ generator (anti-Hermitian), and γ^a are $D = 6$ gamma matrices. Parameters ζ, ζ_i are ± 1 and represent the choice of BPS conditions, and in particular $\zeta_1 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 = 1$.⁴

2-cycles	$\omega_{45} = \zeta g A^{\hat{3}},$	$T^{\hat{3}} \varepsilon = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta \gamma^{45} \varepsilon$
3-cycles	$\omega_{34} = \zeta_1 g A^{\hat{1}},$	$T^{\hat{1}} \varepsilon = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta_1 \gamma^{34} \varepsilon$
	$\omega_{53} = \zeta_2 g A^{\hat{2}},$	$T^{\hat{2}} \varepsilon = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 \gamma^{53} \varepsilon$
	$\omega_{45} = \zeta_3 g A^{\hat{3}},$	$T^{\hat{3}} \varepsilon = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta_3 \gamma^{45} \varepsilon$

We set the tensor field to zero, and there are three functions we need to determine: f, λ, ϕ . BPS equations are given below, where $d = 2, 3$ and denote the dimensionality of the supersymmetric cycles. Note that $k = 1$ is for the sphere and $k = -1$ is for the hyperbolic spaces, with constant curvature.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f' e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[g e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + m e^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} - \frac{dk}{g} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda(r)} \right], \\
 \lambda' e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[g e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + m e^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{(8-d)k}{g} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda(r)} \right], \\
 \frac{\phi'}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[-g e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + 3m e^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{dk}{g} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda(r)} \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

To facilitate the analysis, we find it convenient to introduce new variables as follows, as advocated in [37]. The BPS equations take a bit simpler form in terms of $x := e^{2\lambda - \sqrt{2}\phi}$ and $F := x e^{2\sqrt{2}\phi}$,

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{2F[2k + mgx]}{x(g^2 F - mgx + (4-d)k)}. \tag{3.2}$$

⁴We point out that it is obviously inconsistent to set $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = \zeta_3$, and correct an error in eq.(4.13) of Ref.[26].

We find there exist AdS fixed points for $k = -1$:

$$d = 2: \quad F = 4/g^2, \quad x = 2/gm, \quad (3.3)$$

$$d = 3: \quad F = 3/g^2, \quad x = 2/gm. \quad (3.4)$$

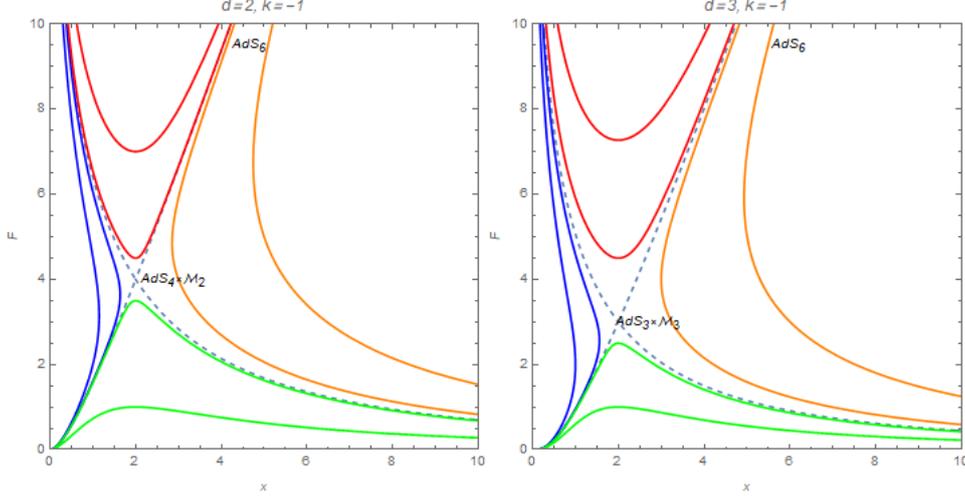


Figure 1: Flow Diagrams for negatively curved 2 and 3 cycles ($k = -1$)

We have not managed to integrate Eq.(3.2) explicitly. However, in UV regime where g_{tt} becomes large and the metric asymptotes to AdS_6 , one easily sees that the solution can be written in a series expansion form,

$$F = \frac{3m}{g}x + \frac{3dk}{g^2} + \frac{1}{g^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{(mgx)^{\frac{n}{2}}}. \quad (3.5)$$

Here c_1 is an integration constant which parametrizes different solutions, and c_n ($n > 1$) can be determined recursively in terms of c_1 . Numerically we find that the flows to AdS_4 ($d = 2$) and AdS_3 ($d = 3$) correspond to $c_1 = 9.1296$ and $c_1 = 13.951$ respectively.

Other than the flows to AdS fixed points, there are three different kinds of “IR” singularities, according to Figure 1.

It turns out that all the singularities are good under the criterion of Ref.[30], which instructs us to study the behavior of g_{tt} . On the other hand, under the criterion of Ref.[31], where it was suggested we check the behavior of scalar potential, the singularities with small F are bad. It turns out that the latter criterion is more strict for the solutions at hand. When $k = 1$, there is no fixed point, but there are flows to good IR singularities.

Below is a summary of the analyses on the type of singularities. We see that the classification is not clear-cut, in particular for solutions with $F \rightarrow 0$ and $x \rightarrow \infty$.

k	x	F	e^{2f}	$ g_{tt}^{10d} $	$V(\phi)$	Type
± 1	∞	0	0	0	∞ (bad)	-
± 1	0	0	∞	∞	∞ (bad)	Bad
-1	0	∞	0	0	$-\infty$	Good

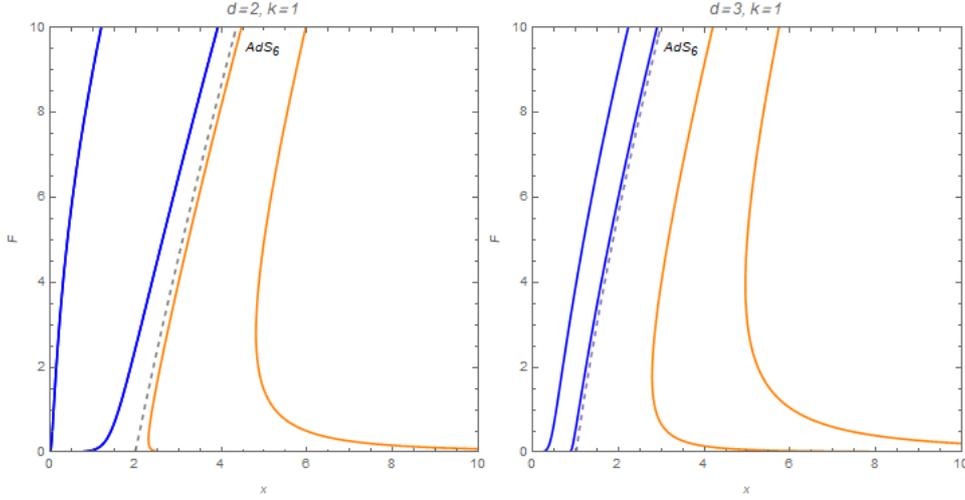


Figure 2: Flow Diagrams for positively curved 2 and 3 cycles, $k = 1$

3.2 4-Cycles

Now let us turn to 4-cycles. There are two choices for partial twisting now: one is Kähler 4-cycle inside a Calabi-Yau 4-manifold, and the other is Cayley 4-cycle inside Spin(7) holonomy manifold. For the former, we identify the $U(1)$ part of spin connection with $U(1) \subset SU(2)$ part of the gauge connections. And for the latter, we set the $SU(2)$ gauge fields to the self-dual part of the spin connection. The BPS conditions are given as below.

Kähler 4-cycle	$\omega_{23} \pm \omega_{45} = g\zeta A^{\hat{3}}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{23}\varepsilon = \pm\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{45}\varepsilon = -\zeta T^{\hat{3}}\varepsilon$
Cayley cycle	$\omega_{23} \pm \omega_{45} = g\zeta_1 A^{\hat{1}}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{23}\varepsilon = \pm\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{45}\varepsilon = -\zeta_1 T^{\hat{1}}\varepsilon$
$\gamma_{ij}^{\mp}\varepsilon = 0,$	$\omega_{42} \pm \omega_{35} = g\zeta_2 A^{\hat{2}}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{42}\varepsilon = \pm\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{35}\varepsilon = -\zeta_2 T^{\hat{2}}\varepsilon$
$(i, j = 2, \dots, 5)$	$\omega_{34} \pm \omega_{52} = g\zeta_3 A^{\hat{3}}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{34}\varepsilon = \pm\frac{1}{2}\gamma_{52}\varepsilon = -\zeta_3 T^{\hat{3}}\varepsilon$

In the above ζ, ζ_i are ± 1 , and ζ_i are constrained by $\zeta_1 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 = 1$. The associated BPS equations are presented below, where a constant Υ denotes non-vanishing instanton density and takes different values for Kähler ($\Upsilon = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}g^2m}$) and Cayley 4-cycles ($\Upsilon = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}g^2m}$).

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} - \frac{4k}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-2\lambda(r)} \right] + 3\Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-4\lambda(r)}, \\
 \lambda'e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{4k}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-2\lambda(r)} \right] - \Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-4\lambda(r)}, \\
 \frac{\phi'}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[-ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + 3me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{4k}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-2\lambda(r)} \right] + \Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi-4\lambda(r)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

When we adopt new variables $x := e^{2\lambda-\sqrt{2}\phi}$, $F := e^{2\sqrt{2}\phi}x$, the flow equations are reduced to

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{F(2mgx + 4k)}{x(g^2F - mgx) + 4\sqrt{2}g\Upsilon}. \tag{3.7}$$

For a Kähler 4-cycle, we have an AdS₂ fixed point when the cycle is negatively curved ($k = -1$) at $F = 4/g^2$, $x = 2/gm$. On the other hand, for a Cayley 4-cycle, we have a supersymmetric fixed

point when $k = -1$, $F = 8/3g^2$, $x = 2/gm$. Series expansion solutions can be also easily worked out, and we have

$$F = \frac{3m}{g}x + \frac{12k}{g^2} + \frac{1}{g^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{(mgx)^{\frac{n}{2}}}. \quad (3.8)$$

Just like 2- and 3-cycle cases, c_n ($n > 1$) can be determined recursively in terms of c_1 when we substitute this expression into Eq.(3.7). Numerically we find that the flow to AdS_2 corresponds to $c_1 = 23.538$ for Kähler case, and $c_1 = 19.7959$ for Cayley case.

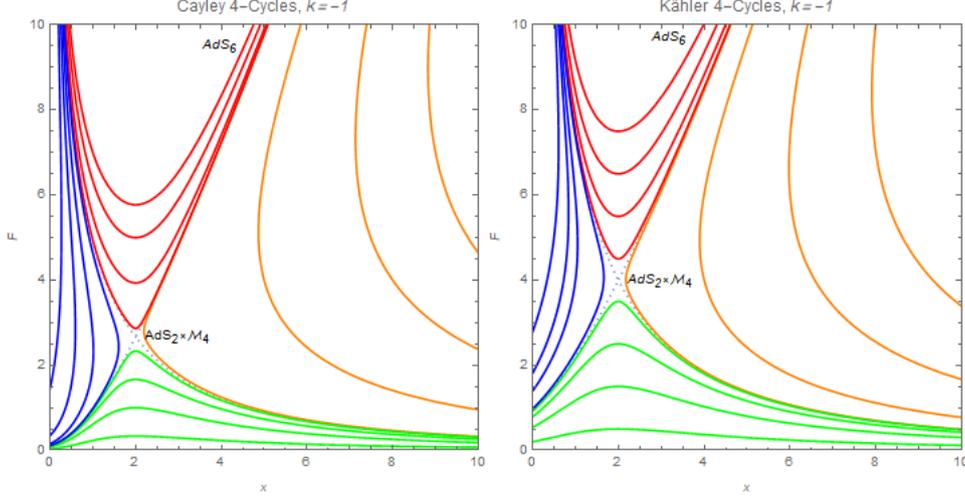


Figure 3: Flow Diagrams for negatively curved Cayley and Kähler 4-cycles, $k = -1$

Qualitatively speaking, when we analyze the UV asymptotics of $F(x)$, we notice that its behavior is similar to that of Eq.(3.5) with substitution $d = 4$. In IR, both good and bad type singularities exist under the criterion in [30], but there is no good singularity according to the criterion in [31]. The flow diagrams and the types of singularities with respect to corresponding limit are summarized in Fig. 3, Fig. 4 and the table below.

k	x	F	e^{2f}	$ g_{tt}^{10d} $	$V(\phi)$	Type
± 1	∞	0	0	0	∞ (Bad)	-
± 1	0	0	∞	∞	∞ (Bad)	Bad
± 1	0	Finite	∞	∞	∞ (Bad)	Bad
-1	0	∞	0	0	∞ (Bad)	-

3.3 Kähler 4-Cycles as a Product of Two Riemann Surfaces

For the Kähler 4-cycle case, in fact, one may consider a generalization where it is a direct product of two Riemann surfaces and allow different radii. The twisting and projection rules are

$$\omega^{23} + \omega^{45} = g\zeta A^{\hat{3}}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{23}\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{45}\varepsilon = -\zeta T^{\hat{3}}\varepsilon. \quad (3.9)$$

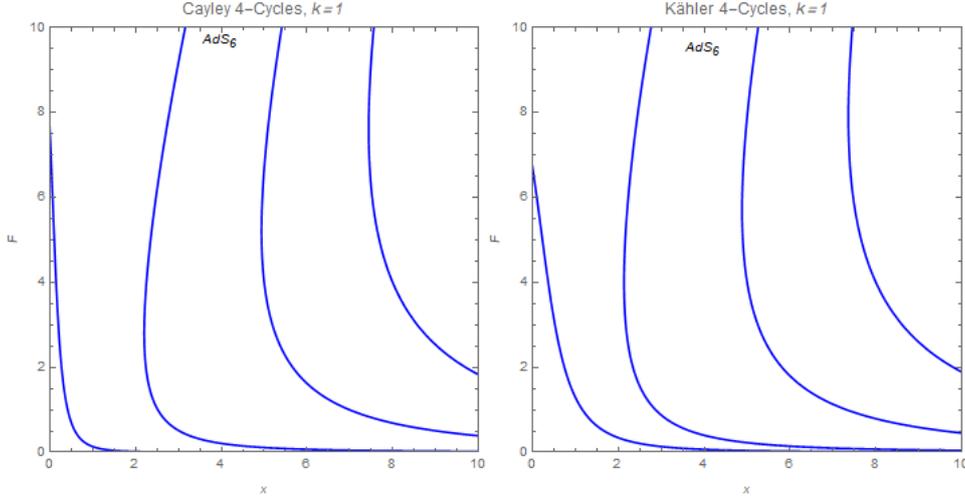


Figure 4: Flow Diagrams for positively curved Cayley and Kähler 4-cycles, $k = 1$

Now we have four lines of BPS equations, as below. Note that they reduce to the previous BPS equations for 4-cycles Eq.(3.6) through identification, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, $k_1 = k_2$, and setting $\Upsilon = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}g^2m}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} - \frac{2}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} (k_1e^{-2\lambda_1(r)} + k_2e^{-2\lambda_2(r)}) \right] - 3\Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda_1(r) - 2\lambda_2(r)}, \\
 \lambda'_1 e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{2}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} (3k_1e^{-2\lambda_1(r)} - k_2e^{-2\lambda_2(r)}) \right] + \Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda_1(r) - 2\lambda_2(r)}, \\
 \lambda'_2 e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{2}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} (-k_1e^{-2\lambda_1(r)} + 3k_2e^{-2\lambda_2(r)}) \right] + \Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda_1(r) - 2\lambda_2(r)}, \\
 \frac{\phi'}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-f} &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[-ge^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + 3me^{-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} + \frac{2}{g}e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi} (k_1e^{-2\lambda_1(r)} + k_2e^{-2\lambda_2(r)}) \right] - \Upsilon e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi - 2\lambda_1(r) - 2\lambda_2(r)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Introducing $x_1 := e^{2\lambda_1 - \sqrt{2}\phi}$, $x_2 := e^{2\lambda_2 - \sqrt{2}\phi}$, $u := e^{2\sqrt{2}\phi} x_1 x_2 = e^{2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2}$, we obtain the following flow equations, where we treat x_1, x_2 as a function of u .

$$\frac{dx_1}{du} = \frac{x_1}{u} \left[\frac{g^3mu - g^2m^2x_1x_2 + 2gm(k_1x_2 - k_2x_1) - 4}{g^3mu + g^2m^2x_1x_2 + 2gm(k_1x_2 + k_2x_1) - 4} \right], \tag{3.11}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{du} = \frac{x_2}{u} \left[\frac{g^3mu - g^2m^2x_1x_2 - 2gm(k_1x_2 - k_2x_1) - 4}{g^3mu + g^2m^2x_1x_2 + 2gm(k_1x_2 + k_2x_1) - 4} \right]. \tag{3.12}$$

We find there is only one supersymmetric fixed point where $x_1 = x_2$, which we already know: $u = 8/g^3m$, $x_1 = x_2 = 2/gm$, $k_1 = k_2 = -1$.

One may try to construct series expansion solutions. From numerical solutions, we find that the solution asymptotes to AdS_6 only if $k_1 = k_2, x_1 = x_2$. We thus do not present the series form of solutions here, since it should be identical with (3.8). For $k_1 = -k_2$, we find there is a one-parameter

family of numerical solutions connected to AdS_6 , and its series form is as follows.

$$x_1 = \sqrt{g/(3m)}\sqrt{u} - \frac{2k_1}{gm} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_n^{(1)} u^{-n/4}, \quad (3.13)$$

$$x_2 = \sqrt{g/(3m)}\sqrt{u} - \frac{2k_2}{gm} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_n^{(2)} u^{-n/4}, \quad (3.14)$$

where $\mathcal{C}_1^{(1)} = \mathcal{C}_1^{(2)} = \mathcal{C}_1$ is an integration constant, and the subleading coefficients can be found iteratively.

Below we report on the classification of IR singularities in general flows with $x_1 \neq x_2$.

x_1	x_2	F	e^{2f}	$ g_{tt}^{10d} $	$V(\phi)$	Type
∞	0	0	0	0	$\infty(\text{Bad})$	-
0	∞	0	0	0	$\infty(\text{Bad})$	-
∞	∞	0	0	0	$\infty(\text{Bad})$	-
0	0	0	∞	∞	$\infty(\text{Bad})$	Bad

4. Lower-Dimensional Actions and Non-Supersymmetric Fixed Points

It turns out that, upon application of partial twisting, $F(4)$ gauged supergravity allows various non-supersymmetric AdS solutions in addition to supersymmetric ones. They can be found either by solving the field equations in $D = 6$ directly, or one can first work out a consistently truncated action in lower dimensions and look for critical points of the scalar potential thereof.

A simple approach in $D = 6$ is to assume the existence of an AdS fixed point and write [29].

$$e^f = \frac{\alpha}{gr} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi}, \quad e^{\lambda_i} = \frac{\beta_i}{g} e^{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\phi}, \quad \gamma = e^{-2\sqrt{2}\phi}, \quad (4.1)$$

where α, β_i, γ are constants. We, then, obtain algebraic equations involving them, and, from their solutions, we have reproduced non-supersymmetric solutions with 2- and 3-cycles found in [29] and also discovered new non-supersymmetric solutions for 4-cycles, *e.g.* $\text{AdS}_2 \times \mathcal{M}_{\text{Kähler}}^{k=1}$ and $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2 \times S^2$ fixed points. We expect they can also be obtained as near horizon geometry of AdS_6 black holes whose horizon is $\mathcal{M}_{\text{Kähler}}^{k=1}$ or $S^2 \times S^2$. On the other hand, non-BPS AdS_3 and AdS_4 solutions correspond to near horizon geometry of black strings and black 2-branes, respectively.

4.1 2- and 3- Cycles

Let us start with the case of 2-cycles. From the field equations, we can of course double-check the supersymmetric solution with $k = -1$, $\alpha_{BPS}^2 = 8$, $\beta_{BPS}^2 = 4$, $\gamma_{BPS} = g/(2m)$. There is in fact another solution which is non-supersymmetric [29], $\alpha_{non-BPS}^2 \approx 6.61921$, $\beta_{non-BPS}^2 \approx 3.47593$, $\gamma_{non-BPS} \approx 0.694146g/m$.

For 3-cycles, we reproduce a supersymmetric solution, $\alpha_{BPS}^2 = 9/2$, $\beta_{BPS}^2 = 3$, $\gamma_{BPS} = 2g/3m$, and also a non-supersymmetric one, at $\alpha_{non-BPS}^2 \approx 5.27966$, $\beta_{non-BPS}^2 \approx 3.41324$, and $\gamma_{non-BPS} \approx 0.507683g/m$.

4.1.1 Lower-dimensional action for 2- and 3-cycles

One can straightforwardly check that by keeping only the modes λ, ϕ in BPS equations discussed earlier, and allowing general metric for the $(6-d)$ -dimensional part, we obtain consistently truncated lower-dimensional actions. It can be also worked out collectively for $d=2$ and $d=3$. In Einstein-frame, the result is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{6-d}^{Ein} = & \frac{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{M}_d)}{2\kappa_6^2} \int d^{6-d}x \sqrt{-g_{6-d}} \left[\frac{1}{4}R - \frac{d}{(4-d)} \partial_\mu \lambda \partial^\mu \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{kd}{4} e^{-\frac{8\lambda}{4-d}} + \frac{1}{8} e^{-\frac{2d\lambda}{4-d}} (g^2 e^{\sqrt{2}\phi} + 4gme^{-\sqrt{2}\phi} - m^2 e^{-3\sqrt{2}\phi}) - \frac{\tau_{\mathcal{M}_d}}{4g^2} e^{-\frac{2(8-d)\lambda}{4-d}} e^{-\sqrt{2}\phi} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{d=2}} = 2$, $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{d=3}} = 3/2$. We record that the metric ansatz which leads to the Einstein-frame action above is

$$ds_6^2 = e^{-\frac{2d}{4-d}\lambda} ds_{6-d}^2 + e^{2\lambda} ds_{\mathcal{M}_d}^2. \quad (4.2)$$

4.1.2 Stability of Non-Supersymmetric Solutions for 2- and 3-cycles

The stability of supersymmetric solutions is guaranteed by unbroken supersymmetry, but, for non-supersymmetric solutions, there is no such guarantee. Thus we need to work out the eigenfrequency of fluctuation modes to check the stability. In this talk, we restrict ourselves to the modes kept by $D=6$ supergravity, which are the lightest modes and intuitively most likely to lead to tachyonic modes. We consider small fluctuations of λ and ϕ around non-supersymmetric solutions of fields near non-supersymmetric AdS solutions, and diagonalize the mass matrix for λ and ϕ .

For 2-cycles, we find

$$M_{\text{unstable}}^2 R^2 \approx -3.032 \leq -\frac{9}{4}, \quad M_{\text{stable}}^2 R^2 \approx 1.741 \geq -\frac{9}{4}, \quad (4.3)$$

where BF bound for AdS₄ is $M_{\text{scalar}}^2 R^2 \geq -\frac{9}{4}$, so we conclude this solution is unstable.

For 3 cycles, we obtain

$$M_{\text{unstable}}^2 R^2 \approx -1.593 \leq -1, \quad M_{\text{stable}}^2 R^2 \approx -0.444 \geq -1, \quad (4.4)$$

where BF bound for AdS₃ is $M_{\text{scalar}}^2 R^2 \geq -1$, so we again encounter instability.

4.2 4-Cycles

One can verify the BPS solutions for negatively curved 4-cycles and also find non-BPS solutions for positively curved Kähler 4-cycles which are locally $S^2 \times S^2$ or $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$.

4.2.1 Fixed Point Solutions for Cayley and Kähler 4-Cycles

For Cayley cycles, it turns out that there are no AdS solutions other than the BPS solution: $\alpha_{BPS}^2 = 2$, $\beta_{BPS}^2 = 8/3$, and $\gamma_{BPS} = 3g/(4m)$.

For Kähler cycles on the other hand, we find, in addition to a supersymmetric solution with $k = -1$, $\alpha_{BPS}^2 = 2$, $\beta_{BPS}^2 = 4$, and $\gamma_{BPS} = g/(2m)$, there is a non-BPS solutions for $k = 1$, having

$$\alpha_{non-BPS}^2 = \frac{1}{5} (4 - \sqrt{6}), \quad \beta_{non-BPS}^2 = \frac{4}{5} (4 - \sqrt{6}), \quad \gamma_{non-BPS} = \frac{1}{4} (2 + \sqrt{6}) \frac{g}{m}. \quad (4.5)$$

Although there could be solutions with different scalar curvature and radius for two Riemann surfaces, we find there is no additional fixed point than reported already in previous subsections.

4.2.2 Two Dimensional Theories on 4-Cycles

We here present the bosonic action for two dimensional effective theories on \mathcal{M}_4 , which can be a supersymmetric four-cycle, *i.e.* Cayley or Kähler. As it is well known, one cannot move to Einstein frame through scale transformation in 2 dimensions and that is why there is a conformal factor $e^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$ below.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_2 = & \frac{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{M}_4)}{2\kappa_6^2} \int d^2x \sqrt{-g_2} e^{2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2} \left[\frac{1}{4} R_2 + \frac{1}{2} (e^{-2\lambda_1} k_1 + e^{-2\lambda_2} k_2) \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \lambda_1 \partial_\nu \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \lambda_2 \partial_\nu \lambda_2 + 2g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \lambda_1 \partial_\nu \lambda_2 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi \\ & + \frac{1}{8} (g^2 e^{\sqrt{2}\phi} + 4gme^{-\sqrt{2}\phi} - m^2 e^{-3\sqrt{2}\phi}) \\ & \left. - \frac{\tau_{\mathcal{M}_4}}{4g^2} e^{-\sqrt{2}\phi} (e^{-4\lambda_1} + e^{-4\lambda_2}) - \frac{\tau_{\mathcal{M}_4}^2}{2m^2 g^4} e^{\sqrt{2}\phi - 4\lambda_1 - 4\lambda_2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

where $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Cayley}}} = 2/3$, $\tau_{\mathcal{M}_{\text{Kähler}}} = 2$, and $\tau_{\Sigma_1 \times \Sigma_2} = 2$. Note that for Cayley and Kähler 4-cycles as *e.g.* $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$ we need to set $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ and $k_1 = k_2$. From this effective action, one can reproduce all the results above involving 4-cycles. We record the reduction ansatz for $D = 6$ metric is

$$ds_6^2 = ds_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 e^{2\lambda_i} ds_{\mathcal{M}_i}^2. \quad (4.7)$$

From the action and the equations of motion, we have calculated the mass eigenvalues of scalar fluctuations around the non-supersymmetric $AdS_2 \times S^2 \times S^2$ and the result is

$$M_1^2 R^2 = \frac{3}{20} (6 + \sqrt{6}), \quad M_2^2 R^2 = 3, \quad M_3^2 R^2 = \frac{1}{4} (6 + \sqrt{6}). \quad (4.8)$$

We thus find there is no unstable mode.

5. Discussions

In this talk, we have analyzed all fixed points and holographic renormalization group flows⁵ associated with the geometries which describe the branes wrapping on calibrated cycles in several special holonomy manifolds with appropriate topological twists. We have also tried to determine if the IR singularities are physically admissible, but, for some cases, the Maldacena-Nuñez criterion

⁵More discussions on two dimensional solutions are now available in [39] and references therein.

and the Gubser criterion give us contradictory answers. We thus need to perform more elaborate analysis such as the construction of black hole solutions where the singularity is hidden behind the horizon. We postpone this work to future works.

In addition, we have also worked out lower-dimensional consistently truncated action in 4, 3, and 2 dimensions. Using them, we have checked the stability of the non-supersymmetric solutions with respect to the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound. Let us emphasize that the lower dimensional actions we have presented are *not yet* the bosonic part of some supersymmetric action. We need to consider vector and tensor fields, additionally, in the same way as [40, 41, 42]. One might be able to find the interesting new solutions, *e.g.* exhibiting Lifshitz-scaling [40], and we postpone this problem also to future works.

From the viewpoint of recent developments concerning the comparison using AdS/CFT, we point out that there exist gravity solutions whose field theory dual is not amenable to localization treatment. It is mainly due to insufficient amount of preserved supersymmetry. For instance, the AdS_2 solution wrapped on Cayley 4-cycle has only two supercharges, and we do not know how to do the field theory side calculation. It is similar to the situation with sphere partition functions: we need extended supersymmetry, *i.e.* $\mathcal{N} = 2$ (8 supercharges) is needed to put the theory on S^4 and localize [43], and similarly to put a three-dimensional theory on S^3 and localize one needs $\mathcal{N} = 2$ (4 supercharges) [44, 45]. Our final comment is that a number of supergravity solutions are still waiting for field theory computation to catch up.

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