

# Exotic Branes and Black Hole Microstates

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# Message:

“Exotic branes” are important  
for non-pert. physics of string theory  
— in particular, black holes.

# Exotic Branes

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- ▶ Predicted by duality

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$\xrightarrow{T_3}$  ?

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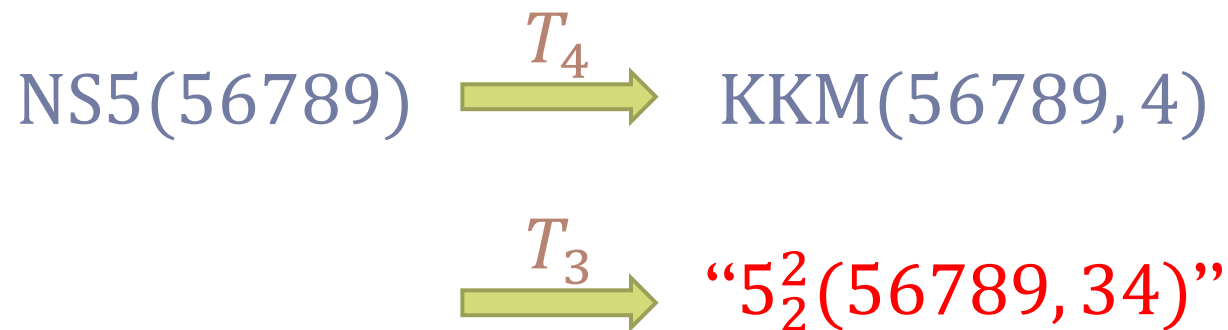
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# Exotic branes (2)

Type IIA	P (7), F1 (7), D0 (1), D2 (21), D4 (35), D6 (7), NS5 (21), KKM (42), $5_2^2$ (21), $0_3^7$ (1), $2_3^5$ (21), $4_3^2$ (35), $6_3^1$ (7), $0_4^{(1,6)}$ (7), $1_4^6$ (7)
Type IIB	P (7), F1 (7), D1 (7), D3 (35), D5 (21), D7 (1), NS5 (21), KKM (42), $5_2^2$ (21), $1_3^6$ (7), $3_3^4$ (35), $5_3^2$ (21), $7_3$ (1), $0_4^{(1,6)}$ (7), $1_4^6$ (7)
M-theory	P (8), M2 (28), M5 (56), KKM (56), $5^3$ (56), $2^6$ (28), $0^{(1,7)}$ (8)

## ► Notation

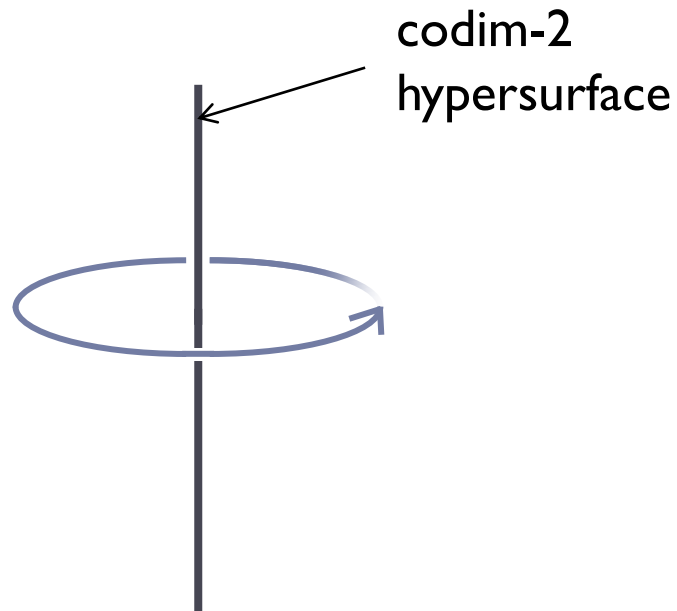
$$b_n^c : M = \frac{R^b (R^c)^2}{g_s^n} \quad b_n^{(c,d)} : M = \frac{R^b (R^c)^2 (R^d)^3}{g_s^n}$$

E.g.  $5_2^2(34567,89) : M = \frac{R_3 \cdots R_7 (R_8 R_9)^2}{g_s^2 l_s^8}$

# Exotic branes (3)

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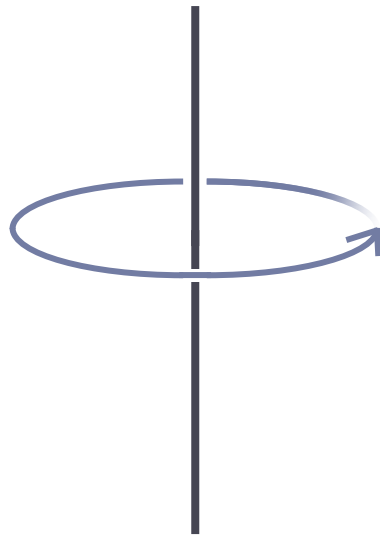
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# Exotic branes (3)

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- ▶ Co-dimension 2
- ▶ Charge = U-duality monodromy



Fields jump by U-duality  
as we go around

Generalizations of  
F-theory 7-branes

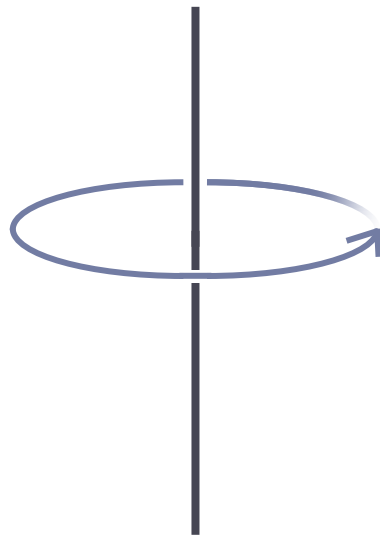
[Greene+Shapere+Vafa+Yau]  
[Vafa] [Kumar+Vafa]



# Exotic branes (3)

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- ▶ Co-dimension 2
- ▶ Charge = U-duality monodromy
- ▶ Non-geometric [de Boer+MS, 1004.2521]



Even metric can  
have monodromy!

Examples of “U-folds”

[Liu+Minasian] [Hellerman+McGreevy+Williams]  
[Dabholkar+Hull] [Flournoy>Wecht+Williams] ...

# Sugra solution for $5_2^2$

$5_2^2(56789,34)$  metric:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + H(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2) + HK^{-1} dx_{34}^2 + dx_{56789}^2$$
$$B_{34} = -K^{-1}\theta\sigma, \quad e^{2\Phi} = HK^{-1}, \quad K \equiv H^2 + \sigma^2\theta^2$$

$r, \theta: \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $x^{3,4}: T^2$   
 $x^{5\dots 9}: T^6$

$$H(r) = h + \sigma \log\left(\frac{\mu}{r}\right)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{R_3 R_4}{2\pi\alpha'}$$

Cf. [Blau+O'Loughlin 1997]: 6<sub>3</sub>

► T-fold structure:

$$\theta = 0 : G_{33} = G_{44} = H^{-1},$$
$$\theta = 2\pi : G_{33} = G_{44} = \frac{H}{H^2 + (2\pi\sigma)^2}$$

→  $x_3$ - $x_4$  torus size doesn't come back to itself!

# Comments

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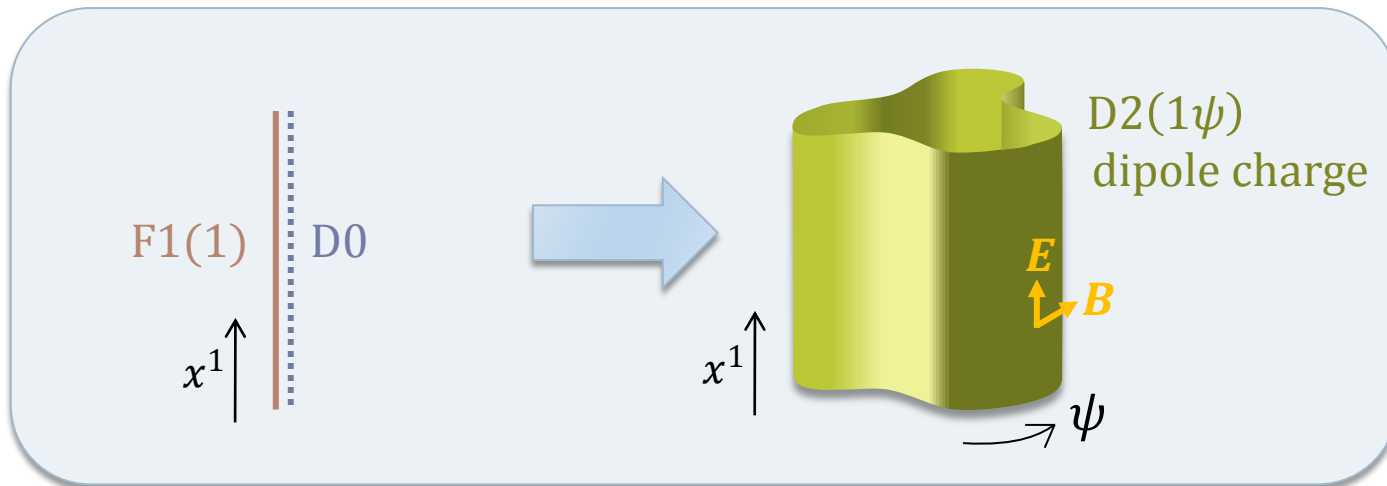
- ▶ Not well-defined as stand-alone objects
  - ▶ Log divergence
    - Superpositions (cf. F-theory 7-branes)
    - Configs with higher codims. (we turn to this next!)
- ▶ Easy to get metric for other exotic branes
  - ▶ Questionable for states with  $M \sim g_s^{-3}, g_s^{-4}$  ?

# Supertube Effect and Exotic Branes

# Supertube effect

[Mateos+Townsend 2001]

$D0 + F1(1)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{polarize}}$   $D2(1\psi)$



- ▶ Spontaneous polarization phenomenon
- ▶ Produces new dipole charge

# Exotic supertubes [de Boer+MS, I004.2521]

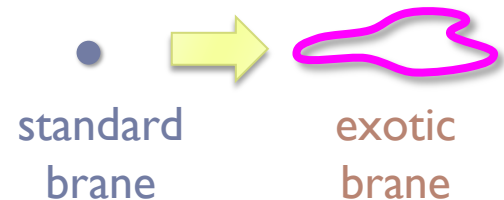
$$F1(1) + D0 \rightarrow D2(1\psi)$$



$$D4(6789) + D4(4589) \rightarrow 5_2^2(4567\psi, 89)$$

- ▶ **Ordinary** branes can polarize into **exotic** ones

- ▶ Only dipoles  $\rightarrow$  no log div.



- ▶ **Exotic branes: ubiquitous**

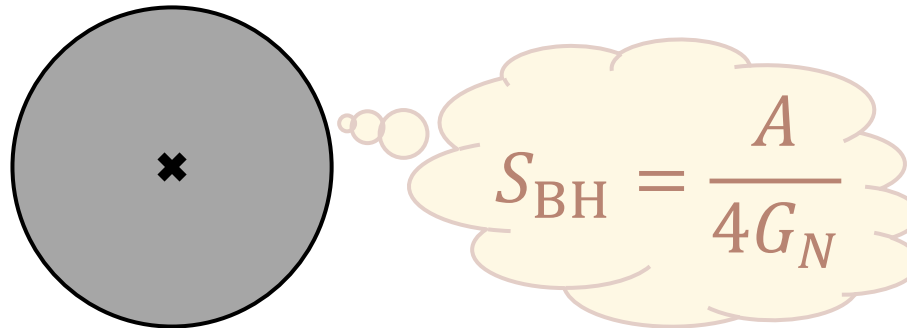
- ▶ Important for generic non-pert. physics
  - ▶ Notable example: black hole

# Exotic Branes and BH Microstates

# BH microstates

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- ▶ BH has thermodynamic entropy

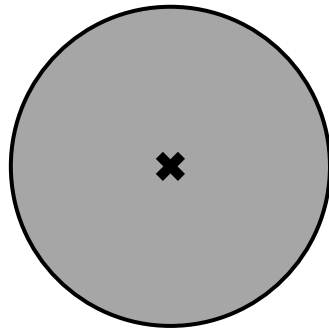


- ▶ Is a BH an ensemble?  
Where are microstates?

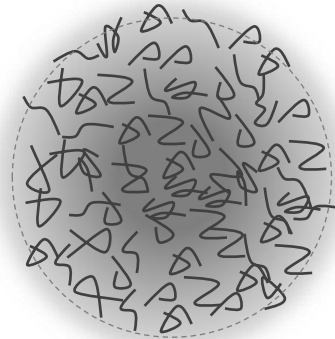


# Fuzzball proposal [Mathur ~2001]

- ▶ A BH is filled with stringy “fuzz”



“Conventional”  
picture of BH



“Fuzzball”  
picture of BH

No horizon  
No singularity

- ▶ BH microstates = different configurations of the fuzz
- ▶ BH entropy = stat. mech. entropy of the fuzz

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A}{4G_N} \stackrel{?}{=} S_{\text{fuzz}}$$

# 2-charge sys: geometric microstates

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## ▶ D1-D5 system

D1(5)  
D5(56789)



polarize

KKM(6789 $\psi$ ;5)



arbitrary curve

Lunin-Mathur solutions  
“geometric microstates”

$$S_{\text{micro}} \sim S_{\text{geom}} \sim Q$$

[Lunin+Mathur] [Lunin+Maldacena+Maoz] [Rychkov]

# Non-geometric microstates

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## ▶ D4-D4 system

D4(6789)

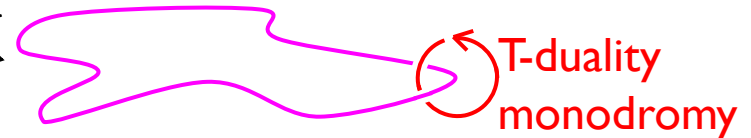
D4(4589)



polarize

$5^2_2 (4567\psi, 89)$

$\psi$



arbitrary curve

Non-geometric  
microstates!

$$S_{\text{micro}} \sim S_{\text{nongeom}} \sim Q$$

# Metric for $D4+D4 \rightarrow 5^2_2$

**$D4(6789)+D4(4589) \rightarrow 5^2_2 (4567\psi, 89)$**

[de Boer+MS, I004.252I]

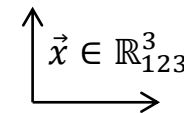
$$ds^2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}} (dt - A)^2 + \sqrt{f_1 f_5} dx_{123}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{f_1}{f_2}} dx_{45}^2 + \sqrt{\frac{f_2}{f_1}} dx_{67}^2 + \frac{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2} dx_{89}^2,$$

$f_i, A$  : sourced along curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$f_1 = 1 + \frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{dv}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|}, \quad f_2 = 1 + \frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{|\dot{\vec{F}}(v)|^2}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|} dv, \quad A_i = -\frac{Q_1}{L} \int_0^L \frac{\dot{F}_i(v)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{F}(v)|}$$

$$d\gamma = *_3 dA, \quad d\beta_I = *_3 df_I$$

- ▶  $\gamma, \beta_i$  have monodromy around curve



$$\gamma \rightarrow \gamma - 2q, \quad \beta_I \rightarrow \beta_I - 2Q_I \rightarrow \text{T-fold structure just as before}$$

- ▶ Asymptotically flat 4D

# Metric for $D4+D4 \rightarrow 5_2^2$

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Other fields:

$$e^{2\Phi} = \frac{\sqrt{f_1 f_2}}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2}, \quad B_{89}^{(2)} = \frac{\gamma}{f_1 f_2 + \gamma^2}, \quad C^{(3)} = -\gamma\rho + \sigma$$

$$\rho = (f_2^{-1} + dt - A) \wedge dx^4 \wedge dx^5 + (f_1^{-1} + dt - A) \wedge dx^6 \wedge dx^7$$

$$\sigma = (\beta_1 - \gamma dt) \wedge dx^4 \wedge dx^5 + (\beta_2 - \gamma dt) \wedge dx^6 \wedge dx^7$$

So far so good 😊

But 2-charge system  
is not a real BH;  
horizon vanishes classically.

# Toward 'real' BHs

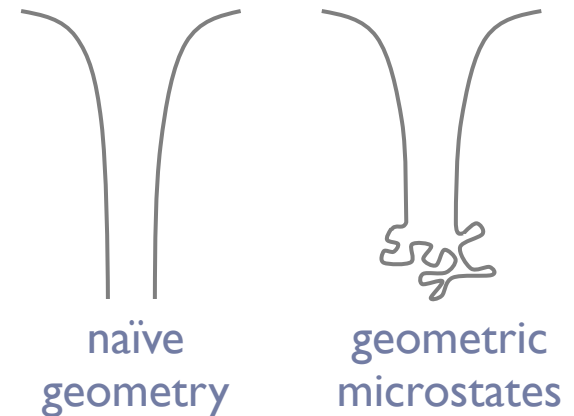
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## 3-charge system (D1-D5-P)

— Not so successful 😞

- ▶ A huge # of geom. microstates have been constructed

[Bena+Warner '05] [Berglund+Gimon+Levi '05]



- ▶ Evidence that they are *not* enough

[de Boer+El-Showk+Messamah+Van de Bleeken '08-09] [Bena+Bobev+Ruef+Warner '08]

$$S_{\text{geom}} \sim Q^{\frac{5}{4}} \ll S_{\text{BH}} \sim Q^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

They looked for *geometric* solutions in sugra  
and didn't find enough microstates.

But this seems just in accord  
with what we saw:

**Generic BH microstates  
involve exotic branes and  
are non-geometric!**



# “Double bubbling” (1) [de Boer+MS, I004.2521]

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M2(9A)



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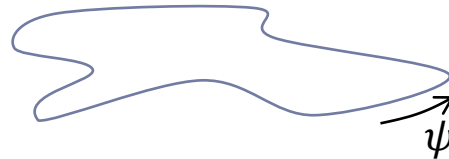
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M5(789A $\psi$ )

M5(569A $\psi$ )

M5(5678 $\psi$ )



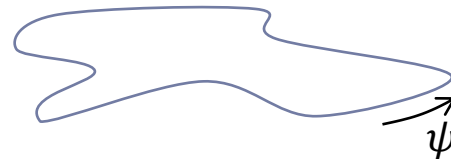
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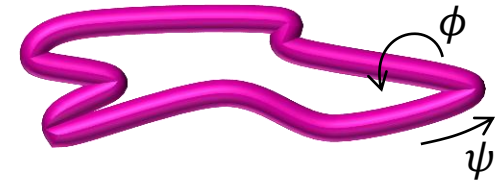
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arbitrary surface  
“superstratum”

non-geometric  
microstates

$$S_{\text{micro}} \stackrel{?}{=} S_{\text{nongeom}}$$

stra·tum [stréitəm | strá:-]

【ラテン語「広がったもの」の意から】

一名C(總)-ta [-tə], ~s)

1 【地質】地層; 層.

2 層, 階級.

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# “Double bubbling” (2)

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- ▶ **4-charge system: 4D BH** : Well studied for microstate counting  
[Maladacena+Strominger+Witten]

D0

D4(6789)

D4(4589)

D4(4567)



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[Maladacena+Strominger+Witten]

D0	
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D4(4589)	NS5(4589 $\psi$ ) $5_2^2(4589,67\psi)$
D4(4567)	NS5(4567 $\psi$ ) $5_2^2(4567,89\psi)$



exotic  
supertube

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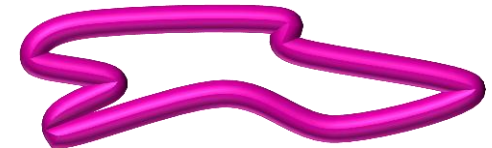
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More exotic  
branes



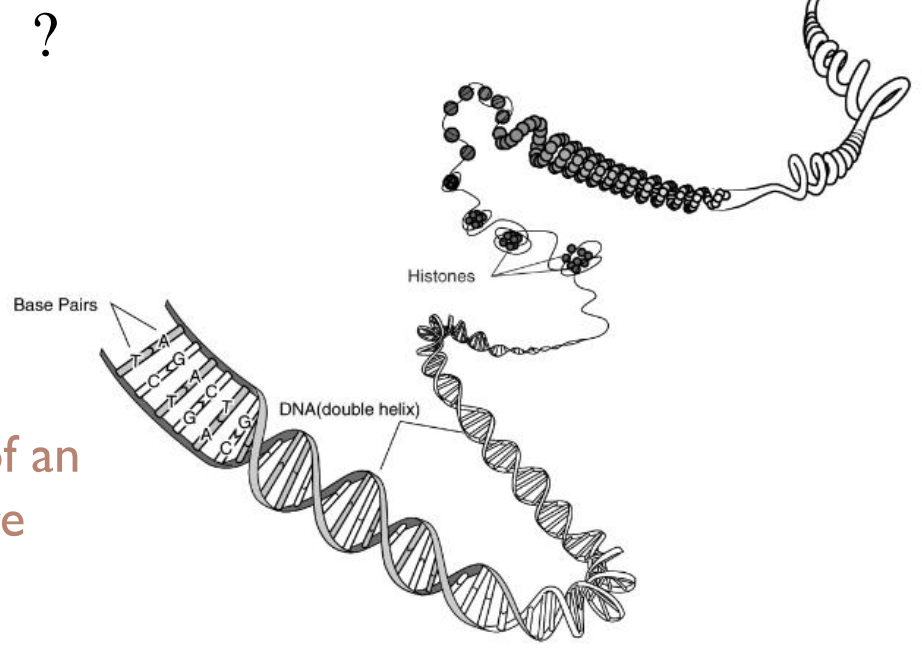
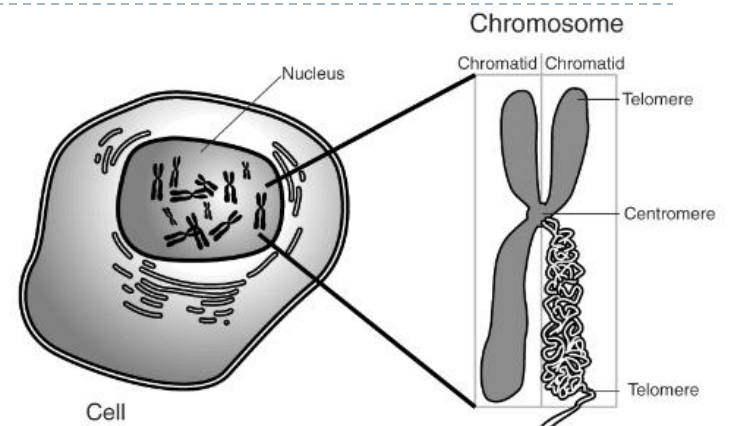
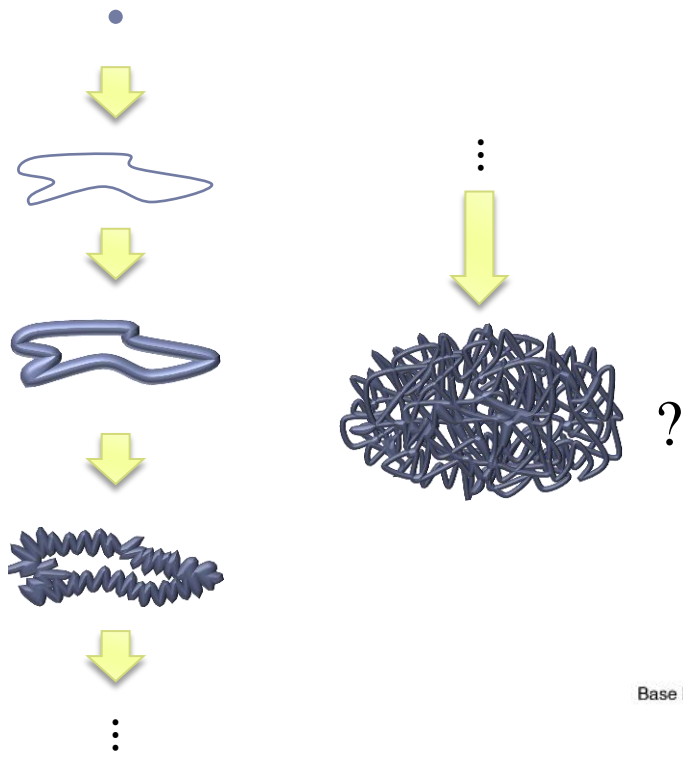
exotic  
supertube



exotic  
superstratum

$$S_{\text{micro}} \stackrel{?}{=} S_{\text{nongeom}}$$

# Endless bubbling??



Presumably, a black hole is made of an extremely complicated structure (fuzzball) of exotic branes.



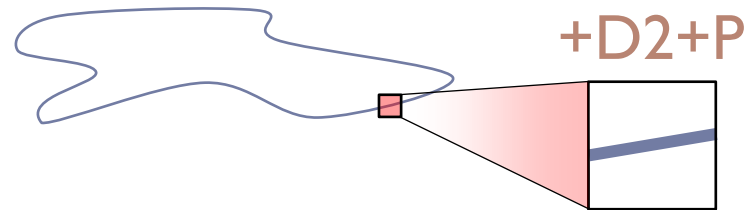
# Toward Proving Double Bubbling

# Susy in supertube [Bena+de Boer+Warner+MS I 107.2650]

FI+D0  




supertube



- ▶ Preserves  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$  susy

- ▶ Locally  $\frac{1}{2}$  BPS
- ▶ Which  $\frac{1}{2}$  is preserved depends on local orientation
- ▶ Common susy preserved = original  $\frac{1}{4}$  susy

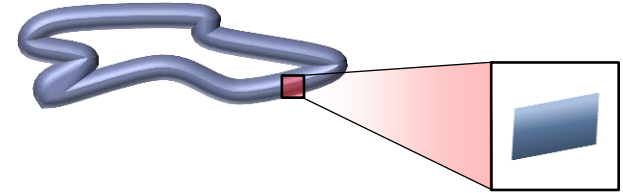
This is why supertube can be along an arbitrary curve.

# Susy in superstratum

3-charge sys.



superstratum



▶ Preserves

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \text{ susy}$$

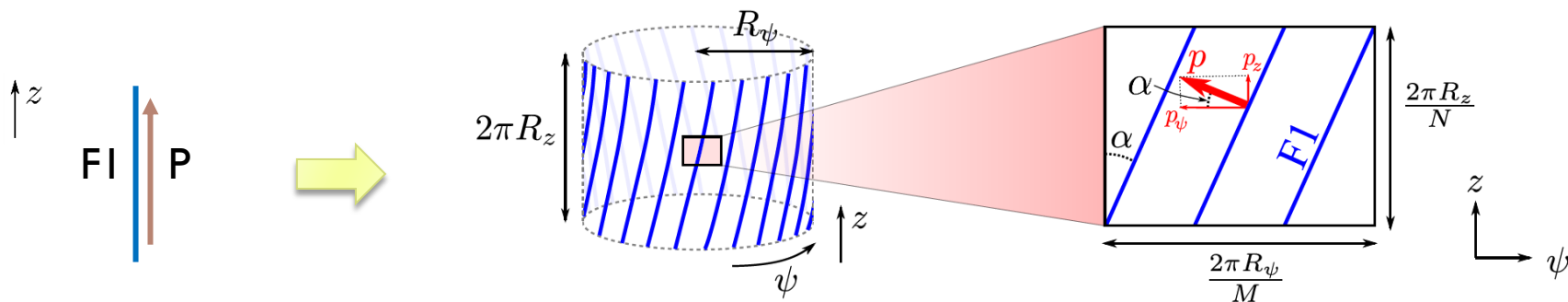
▶ Locally  $\frac{1}{2}$  BPS

▶ Which  $\frac{1}{2}$  is preserved depends on local orientation

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If true, superstratum can be along an arbitrary surface in principle!

# Example: F1-P $\rightarrow$ D2



Susy preserved by original config:

$$\Pi_{F1(z)} \mathcal{Q} = \Pi_{P(z)} \mathcal{Q} = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ \tilde{Q} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi_{F1(z)} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \Gamma^{0z} \sigma_3)$$

$$\Pi_{P(z)} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \Gamma^{0z})$$

Tilted and boosted FI-P

Projector after puffing up:

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} [1 - s(c\Gamma^{0\psi} - s\Gamma^{01}) + c(c\Gamma^{01} + s\Gamma^{0\psi})\sigma_3]$$

$$= c(c + s\Gamma^{z\psi})\Pi_{F1(z)} + s(s - c\Gamma^{z\psi}\sigma_3)\Pi_{P(z)},$$

$$c = \cos \alpha, \quad s = \sin \alpha.$$

Common susy preserved  
= same as original  $\frac{1}{4}$  susy

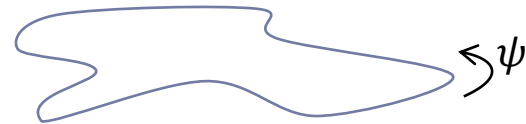
# General formula for $1 \rightarrow 2$ puff-up

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Projectors before puffing up:

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + P_1), \quad \Pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + P_2)$$

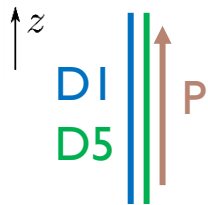
Projector after puffing up:



$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{1}{2} [1 + c^2 P_1 + s^2 P_2 - sc\Gamma^{0\psi} + sc\Gamma^{0\psi} P_1 P_2] \\ &= c(c - s\Gamma^{0\psi})\Pi_1 + s(s - c\Gamma^{0\psi})\Pi_2 + 2sc\Gamma^{0\psi}\Pi_1\Pi_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Special case: D1-D5-P (1)

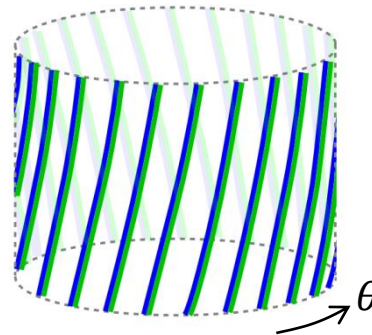
D1(z)  
D5(z6789)  
P(z)



Original config.



D1( $\theta$ )  
D5( $\theta$ 6789)

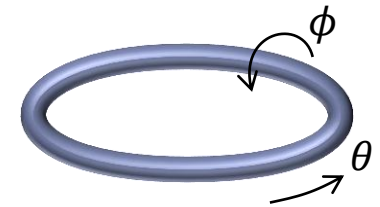


Supertube: traveling waves on D1-D5

Locally same as D1-D5 2-chg sys.



KKM( $6789\phi, \theta$ )



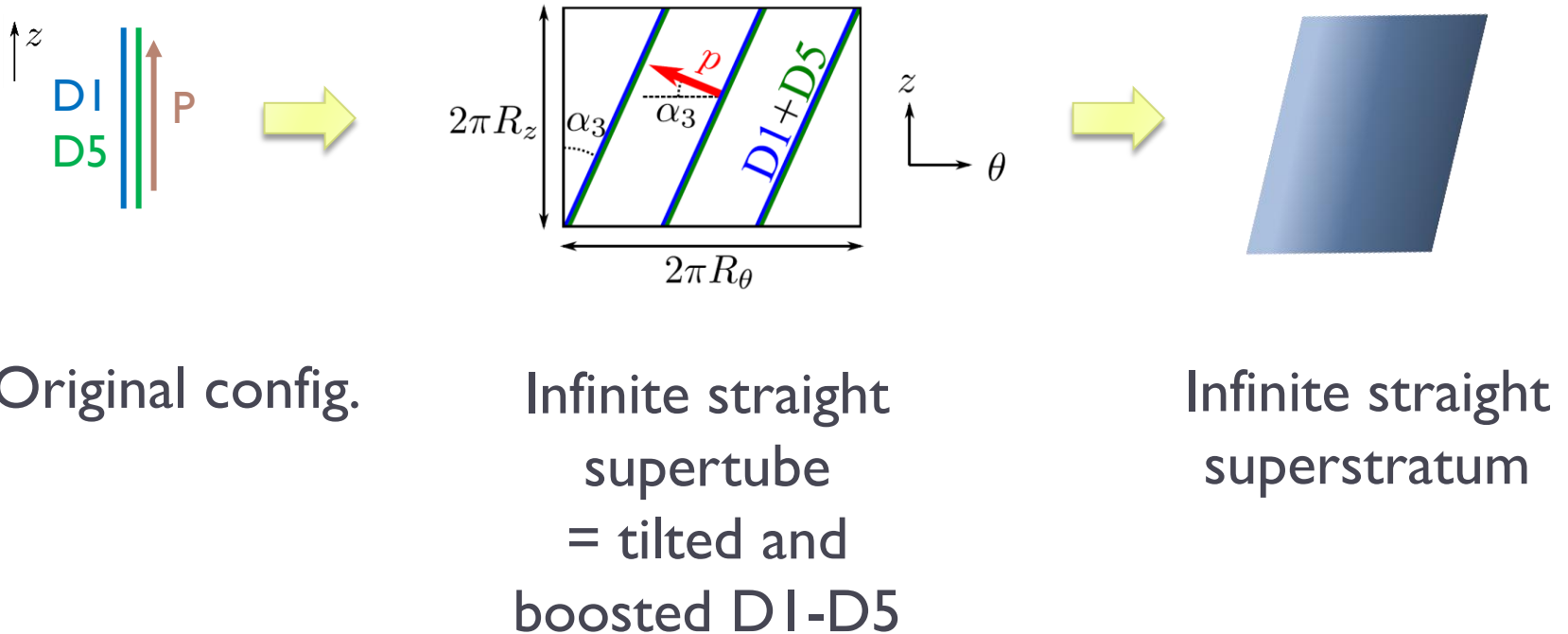
D1-D5-KK Superstratum

Special case; superstratum is geometric

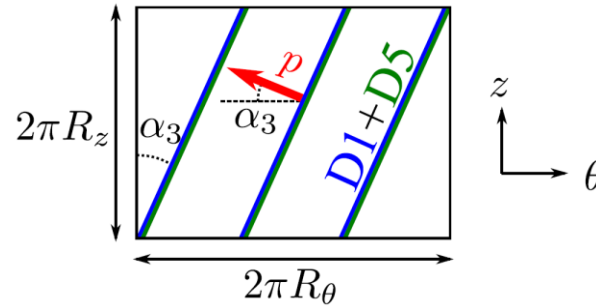
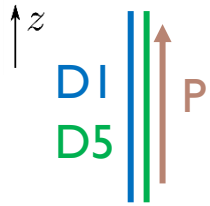
# Special case: D1-D5-P (2)

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## ► Local picture



# Special case: D1-D5-P (3)



$$\Pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \Gamma^{0z}\sigma_1)$$

$$\Pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \Gamma^{01234z}\sigma_1)$$

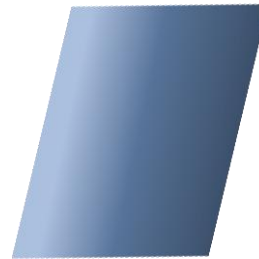
$$\Pi_3 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \Gamma^{0z})$$

$$\hat{\Pi}_i = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \hat{P}_i)$$

$$\hat{P}_1 = c_1 c_2 \Gamma^{0\hat{z}} \sigma_1 + s_1 s_2 \Gamma^{01234\hat{z}} \sigma_1 + c_1 s_2 \Gamma^{0\hat{\theta}} - s_1 c_2 \Gamma^{01234\hat{\theta}}$$

$$\hat{P}_2 = s_1 s_2 \Gamma^{0\hat{z}} \sigma_1 + c_1 c_2 \Gamma^{01234\hat{z}} \sigma_1 - s_1 c_2 \Gamma^{0\hat{\theta}} + c_1 s_2 \Gamma^{01234\hat{\theta}}$$

$$\Gamma^{\hat{z}} = c_3 \Gamma^z + s_3 \Gamma^\theta, \quad \Gamma^{\hat{\theta}} = c_3 \Gamma^\theta - s_3 \Gamma^z$$



$$\hat{\Pi} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + s_4^2 \hat{P}_1 + c_4^2 \hat{P}_2 - s_4 c_4 \Gamma^{0\psi} + s_4 c_4 \Gamma^{0\psi} \hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_2)$$

Same 1/8 susy preserved

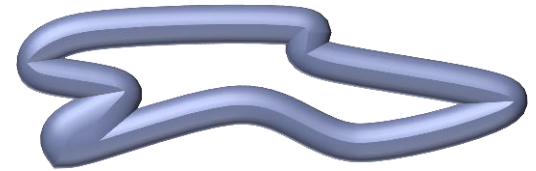


# Backreacted strata

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- ▶ Dynamics of superstrata

- ▶ Arbitrary surface possible?



- ▶ 6D sugra (D1-D5-P) [Gutowski+Martelli+Reall] [Cariglia+Mac Conamhna]  
[Bena+Giusto+Warner+MS 1110.2781]

- ▶ Linear problem, if solved in the right order
  - ▶ Given superstratum data,  
must be possible to find solutions in principle

# Linear structure (1)

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6D spacetime:  $(u, v, x^m)$

$u$ : isometry  
 $x^m$ : 4D base

► 4D base  $\mathcal{B}^4(v)$  : almost hyper-Kähler

$$ds_4^2 = h_{mn}(x, v) dx^m dx^n, \quad m, n = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$\beta(x, v)$ : 1-form ( $\leftrightarrow$  KKM)

$J^{(A)}(x, v)$ ,  $A = 1, 2, 3$  : almost HK 2-forms

$$J^{(A)m}_n J^{(B)n}_p = \epsilon^{ABC} J^{(C)m}_p - \delta^{AB} \delta^m_p$$
$$\tilde{d}J^{(A)} = \partial_v(\beta \wedge J^{(A)}), \quad \tilde{d} \equiv dx^m \partial_m$$

# Linear structure (2)

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## ► Fields on $\mathcal{B}^4$

$Z_1$ : scalar  $\leftrightarrow D|(\nu)$

$Z_2$ : scalar  $\leftrightarrow D5(\nu 6789)$

$\Theta_1$ : 2-form  $\leftrightarrow D|(\psi)$

$\Theta_2$ : 2-form  $\leftrightarrow D5(\psi 6789)$

$\omega$ : 1-form  $\leftrightarrow J$

$\mathcal{F}$ : scalar  $\leftrightarrow P(\nu)$

$$D[*_4 (DZ_i + \dot{\beta}Z_i)] + 2(D\beta) \wedge \Theta_j = 0 \quad \{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$$

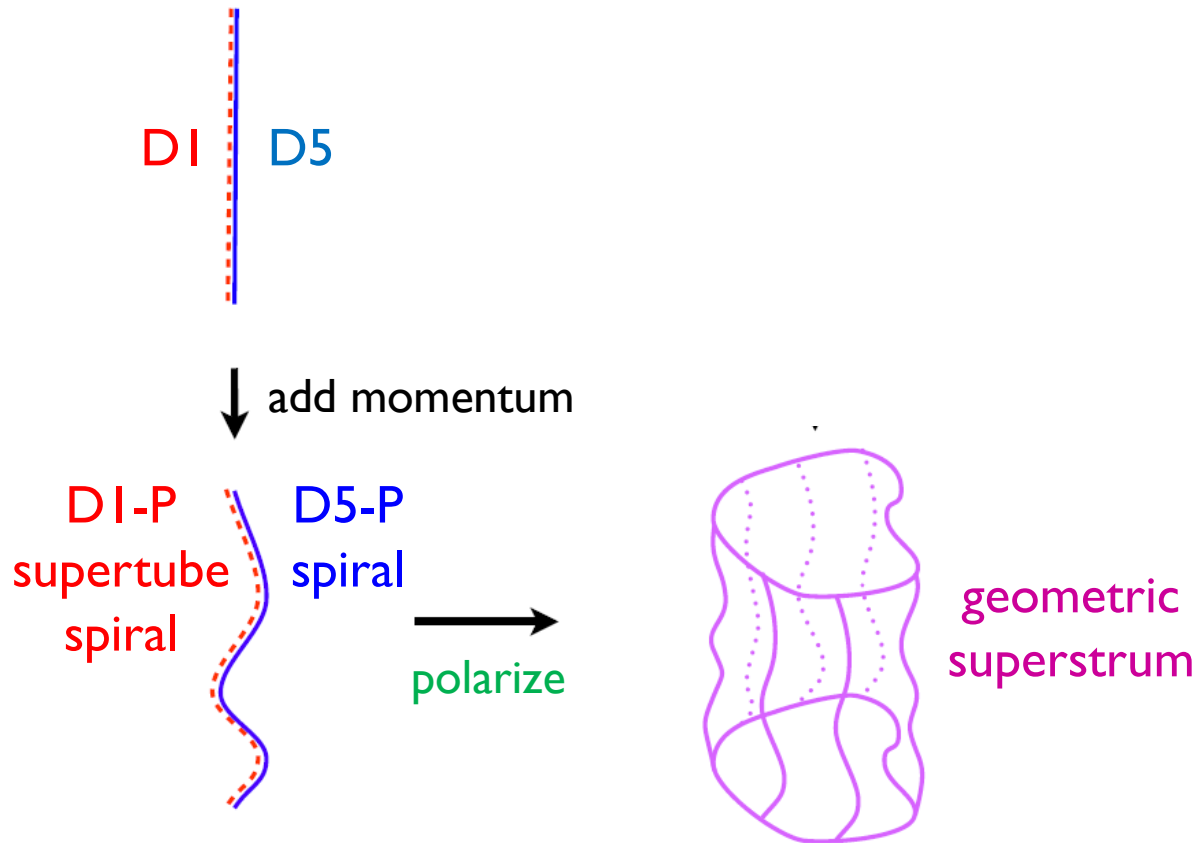
$$D\Theta_j - \dot{\beta} \wedge \Theta_j - \partial_\nu \left[ \frac{1}{2} *_4 (DZ_i + \dot{\beta}Z_i) \right] = 0 \quad \cdot \equiv \partial_\nu$$

$$ds_6^2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}} (d\nu + \beta) \left( du + \omega + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F} (d\nu + \beta) \right) - \sqrt{Z_1 Z_2} ds_4^2$$

# Geometric superstrata (1)

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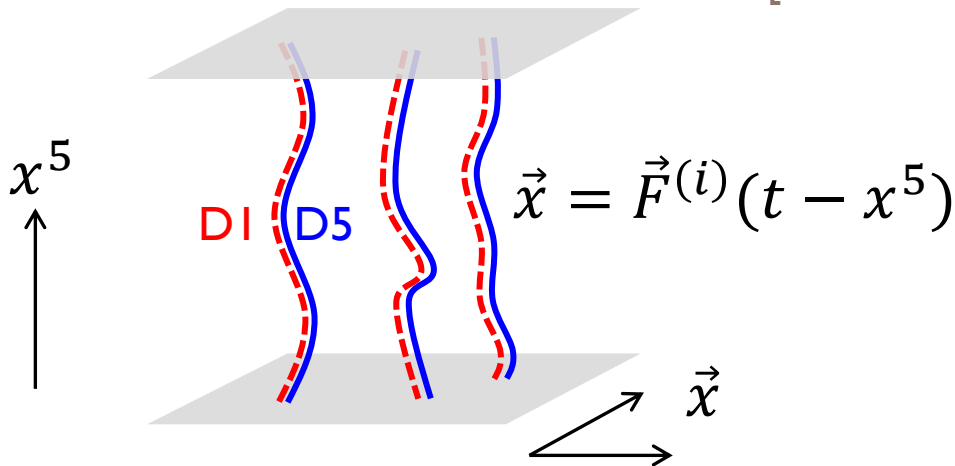
## ► Double bubbling of D1-D5-P system



# Geometric superstrata (2)

- So far it was possible to construct:

[Niehoff+Vasilakis+Warner 1203.1348]



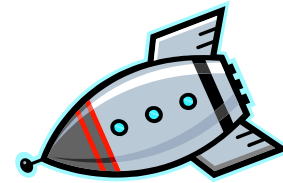
$N$  strands of D1-P and D5-P  
supertube spirals along arbitrary  
curves  $\vec{F}^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, N$

Next step: KKM  
dipole  
(work in progress)

# Falling into BH

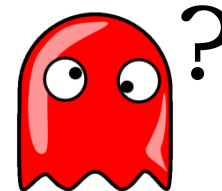
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Black hole



Exotic brane

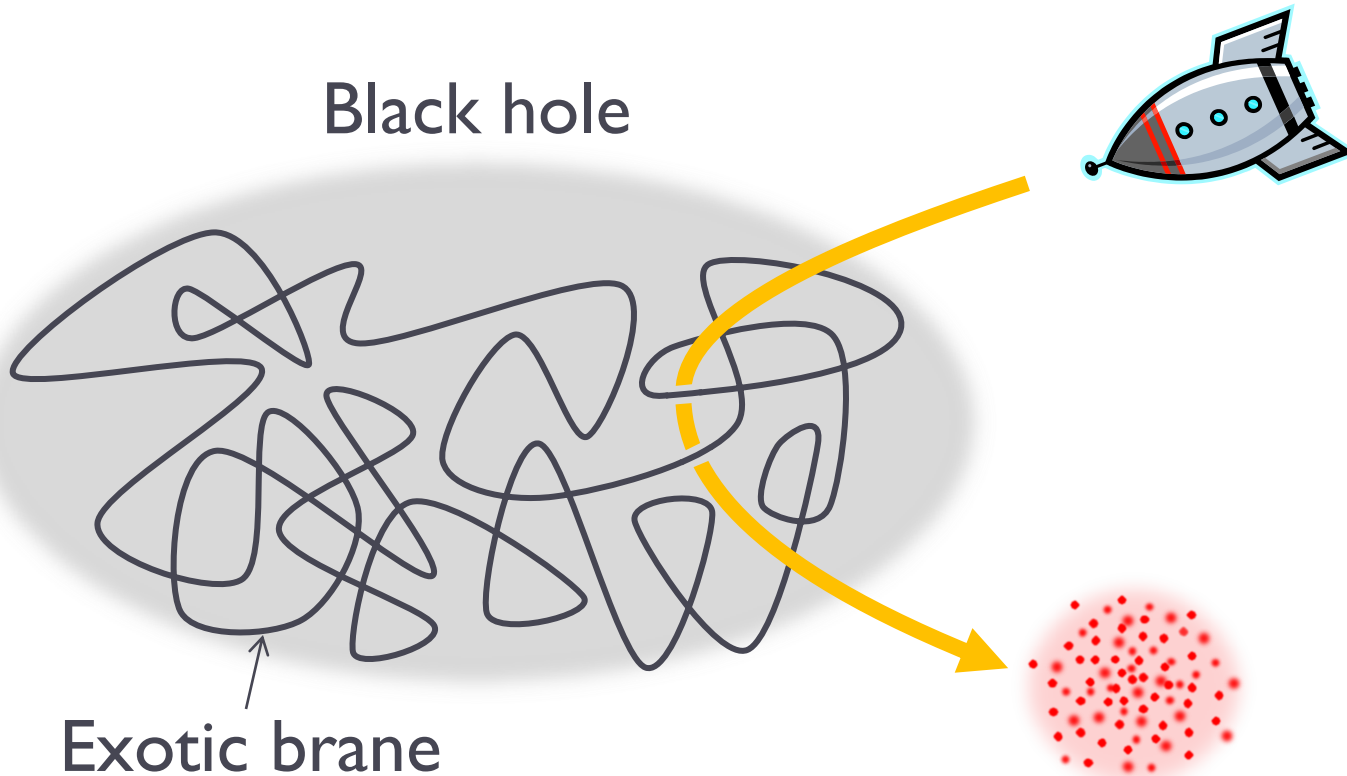
The fallen person thinks she's gone to a dual spacetime



From an outside observer, it's she who got dualized

# Falling into BH

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In reality, she has gone to pieces and is indistinguishable from Hawking radiation

# Conclusions



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- ▶ Exotic branes = non-geometries (U-folds)
- ▶ Relevant even for non-exotic physics by supertube effect
  - ▶ **Exotic branes are not at all exotic; They are everywhere!**
- ▶ Essential ingredients of BHs

# Future directions

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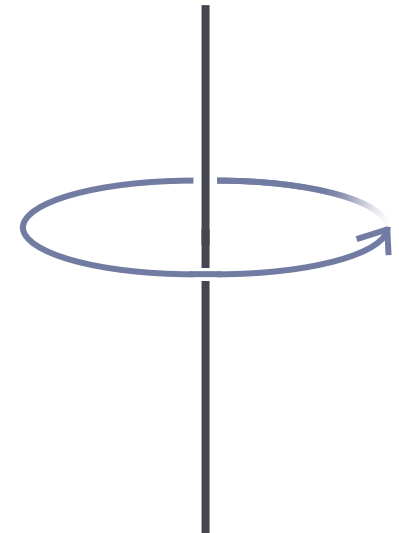
- ▶ **Geometric superstrata**

- ▶ Hints from string amplitudes [Giusto, Russo, et al.]

- ▶ **Non-geometric superstrata**

- ▶ Locally geometric
  - ▶ Generalize susy sol'n ansatz
  - ▶ Generalized geometry, DFT

[Berman, Hohm, Hull, Perry, Zwiebach, ...]



Conjecture:

Generic microstates of  
black holes involve  
non-geometric superstrata.

Thanks!