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BPS black hole horizons in N=2 gauged supergravity

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ABSTRACT: We study static BPS black hole horizons in four dimensional $\mathcal{N}=2$ gauged supergravity coupled to n_v -vector multiplets and with an arbitrary cubic prepotential. We work in a symplectically covariant formalism which allows for both electric and magnetic gauging parameters as well as dyonic background charges and obtain the general solution to the BPS equations for horizons of the form $AdS_2 \times \Sigma_g$. In particular this means we solve for the scalar fields as well as the metric of these black holes as a function of the gauging parameters and background charges. When the special Kähler manifold is a symmetric space, our solution is completely explicit and the entropy is related to the familiar quartic invariant. For more general models our solution is implicit up to a set of holomorphic quadratic equations. For particular models which have known embeddings in M-theory, we derive new horizon geometries with dyonic charges and numerically construct black hole solutions. These correspond to M2-branes wrapped on a Riemann surface in a local Calabi-Yau five-fold with internal spin.

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Four dimensional $\mathcal{N}=2$ gauged supergravity coupled to n_v -vector multiplets admits regular, static, BPS black holes which are asymptotic to AdS_4 . For very particular choices of prepotential, gauging parameters and background charges, there exists a remarkable analytic solution [1] due to Cacciatori and Klemm (CK). These solutions can have spherical, flat or hyperbolic horizon geometries¹ and can be interpreted in M-theory as M2-branes wrapped on Riemann surfaces [14, 15].

To understand the structure of these new black holes we find it quite useful to compare with the much better understood, asymptotically flat, single-center, BPS black holes in $\mathcal{N}=2$ ungauged supergravity [16, 17]. These asymptotically flat black holes preserve eight supercharges at infinity, four along the bulk of the solution and eight again at the horizon where the usual enhancement occurs. While the scalar fields are unfixed at infinity, they are typically fixed at the horizon giving rise to the moniker attractor mechanism.

For the black hole solutions of $\mathcal{N}=2$ gauged supergravity relevant to the current work, the asymptotic AdS_4 region will preserve all eight supercharges, while along the bulk of the solution just two will be preserved and this is enhanced to four supercharges at the

¹The CK solutions generalize the original solution which has constant scalars and hyperbolic horizon geometry [2]. One can also couple n_h -hypermultiplets and there is also a rich solution space [3] but in the current work we will restrict our focus to vector-multiplets. There has been some further study of these CK solutions as well as related non-BPS AdS_4 black holes [4–13].

horizon. The vector-multiplet scalars will tend to be fixed at infinity as well as at the horizon, albeit to different values; giving rise to a varying effective cosmological constant.

Whereas ungauged $\mathcal{N}=2$ supergravity is invariant under an action of $\operatorname{Sp}(2n_v+2,\mathbb{R})$, the gauged theory should be covariant under this action of the symplectic group. To enforce this covariance, one should work in a formalism which allows for magnetic gaugings. This is a somewhat complicated issue, the basic idea is that one can introduce magnetic gauge fields along with auxiliary tensor fields [18] but having said that, the explicit component Lagrangian of $\mathcal{N}=2$ gauged supergravity with both magnetic and electric gaugings has not been written out. It should nonetheless be possible to extract the relevant formulae from [19]. In this work we follow the pragmatic approach of [6] and work with a theory which is a straightforward symplectic completion of [20].

Using this symplectically covariant formalism we solve the algebraic BPS equations for horizon geometries of the form $AdS_2 \times \Sigma_g$ with arbitrary electric and magnetic charges within a theory constructed from a general cubic prepotential. Schematically, the horizon equations express the charges and gauging parameters in terms of the scalar fields and metric components, a solution to this system constitutes inverting these and solving for the scalar fields and metric components in terms of the charges and gaugings. In ungauged supergravity, black hole horizons in theories with a general cubic prepotential were first systematically studied by Shmakova [21] where an implicit solution was provided up to set of n_v real quadratic equations for n_v variables. In addition, when $p^0 = 0$, an explicit solution was obtained. This has been extended in [22, 23]² where the explicit solution was found for situations where the special Kähler manifold is a symmetric space, the final answer being

$$S_{BH} = \pi \sqrt{I_4(p^{\Lambda}, q_{\Lambda})} \tag{1.1}$$

where I_4 is the quartic invariant (3.20).

The general solution obtained in the current work for black hole horizons in gauged $\mathcal{N}=2$ supergravity is implicit up to a set of n_v -holomorphic quadratic equations in n_v -complex variables. Due to this holomorphicity, the solutions space is non-empty and at least zero-dimensional. These equations can also be explicitly solved when the special Kähler manifold is symmetric, giving rise to an analytic solution for the scalar fields and the entropy. We find that the entropy is related to, but not equal to, the quartic invariant \mathcal{I}_4 . Our solution for the entropy depends on both the charges and the gaugings. We also find an explicit solution when both one magnetic charge and one magnetic gauging parameter vanish

$$p^0 = 0, P^0 = 0. (1.2)$$

It is of significant interest to show generally that these horizon solutions can be continued to the UV and connected to a BPS AdS_4 vacuum. There is currently no general analytic solution like the ungauged case, nonetheless we construct numerically a particular example of interest, that which corresponds to an internally spinning M2-brane wrapped on Σ_q in a Calabi-Yau fivefold.

²See also [24] for a very nice derivation.

This paper is organised as follows. In section 2 we introduce the ansatz and review the BPS equations for horizon solutions. We derive a form of the equations which is particularly amenable to solution and expand these equations for a general cubic prepotential. In section 3 we solve the BPS equations and consider in more detail the solution for symmetric Special Kähler manifolds. We present the canonical STU mode example which can be embedded in M-theory. We also numerically compute a particular dyonic black hole which corresponds to a spinning M2 brane wrapped on a Riemann surface in a Calabi-Yau fivefold.

2 The algebraic fixed point equations

We largely follow the conventions of [3] but here we repeat the four dimensional black hole ansatz:

$$ds_4^2 = e^{2U}dt^2 - e^{-2U}dr^2 - e^{2(V-U)}\left(d\theta^2 + H(\theta)^2 d\varphi^2\right)$$
(2.1)

$$A^{\Lambda} = \widetilde{q}^{\Lambda}(r)dt - p^{\Lambda}(r)F(\theta)d\varphi, \qquad (2.2)$$

with

$$(H(\theta), F(\theta)) = \begin{cases} (\sin \theta, \cos \theta) : & S^2 \ (\kappa = 1) \\ (1, -\theta) : & T^2 \ (\kappa = 0) \\ (\sinh \theta, -\cosh \theta) : & \mathbb{H}^2 \ (\kappa = -1) \end{cases}$$
 (2.3)

and the scalar fields are radially dependent $z^i = z^i(r)$. This ansatz is general enough to describe asymptotically flat or AdS_4 black holes however this work we will primarily be interested in just the horizon geometries where the radial dependence is fixed.

The electric and magnetic charges are

$$p^{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S^2} F^{\Lambda} \,, \tag{2.4}$$

$$q_{\Lambda} \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S^2} G_{\Lambda} = -e^{2(V-U)} \mathcal{I}_{\Lambda\Sigma} \widetilde{q}^{\Sigma} - \mathcal{R}_{\Lambda\Sigma} p^{\Sigma}, \qquad (2.5)$$

where G_{Λ} is the symplectic-dual gauge field strength

$$G_{\Lambda} \equiv \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta F^{\Lambda}} = R_{\Lambda \Sigma} F^{\Lambda} - \mathcal{I}_{\Lambda \Sigma} * F^{\Sigma} \,. \tag{2.6}$$

This ansatz works in theories with just electric gaugings, we develop below the generalization needed to include magnetic gaugings.

2.1 $AdS_2 \times \Sigma_g$ fixed point equations

The horizon of a static BPS black hole is of the form $AdS_2 \times \Sigma_g$. This requires the metric functions to take the form

$$e^U = \frac{r}{R_1}, \qquad e^V = \frac{rR_2}{R_1}$$
 (2.7)

and all scalar fields are constants

$$z^i(r) = z_0^i. (2.8)$$

When the theory has just electric gaugings, the horizon equations are [1, 3, 6]

$$p^{\Lambda}Q_{\Lambda} = \kappa \tag{2.9}$$

$$e^{-i\psi}L^{\Lambda}Q_{\Lambda} = \frac{i}{2R_1} \tag{2.10}$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = e^{i\psi} \frac{R_2^2}{2R_1} \tag{2.11}$$

$$p^{\Lambda} = -\frac{2R_2^2}{R_1} \operatorname{Im} \left(e^{-i\psi} L^{\Lambda} \right) - R_2^2 \mathcal{I}^{\Lambda \Sigma} Q_{\Sigma}$$
 (2.12)

$$q_{\Lambda} = -\frac{2R_2^2}{R_1} \operatorname{Im} \left(e^{-i\psi} \mathcal{M}_{\Lambda} \right) - R_2^2 \mathcal{R}_{\Lambda \Sigma} \mathcal{I}^{\Sigma \Delta} Q_{\Delta} . \tag{2.13}$$

We have introduced a certain phase $e^{i\psi}$ of the supersymmetry parameter

$$\epsilon_A = e^{U/2} e^{i\psi} \epsilon_{0A} \tag{2.14}$$

where ϵ_{0A} is an SU(2) doublet of constant spinors satisfying the two projections

$$\epsilon_{0A} = i\epsilon_{AB}\gamma^0\epsilon_0^B, \qquad (2.15)$$

$$\epsilon_{0A} = -\left(\sigma^3\right)_A^B \gamma^{01} \epsilon_{0B} \,. \tag{2.16}$$

2.2 Symplectic invariant equations

Working with magnetic and electric gaugings requires introducing a fair amount of data from special geometry and we have included the necessary background in appendix A. A key result is that we can expand any symplectic vector in terms of (\mathcal{V}, U_i) and their conjugates. For example the background charges \mathcal{Q} and gaugings³

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} p^{\Lambda} \\ q_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{P} = \begin{pmatrix} P^{\Lambda} \\ Q_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.17)

can be expanded as

$$Q = i\overline{Z}V - iZ\overline{V} + iZ^{\overline{i}}\overline{U}_{\overline{i}} - i\overline{Z}^{i}U_{i}$$
(2.18)

$$\mathcal{P} = i\overline{\mathcal{W}}\mathcal{V} - i\mathcal{W}\overline{\mathcal{V}} + i\mathcal{W}^{\overline{\imath}}\overline{U}_{\overline{\imath}} - i\overline{\mathcal{W}}^{i}U_{i}$$
(2.19)

so that

$$\mathcal{Z} = \langle \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, \qquad \mathcal{W} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, \qquad \mathcal{Z}_i = \langle \mathcal{Q}, U_i \rangle, \qquad \mathcal{W}_i = \langle \mathcal{P}, U_i \rangle.$$
 (2.20)

Key objects for our analysis are the symplectic matrices \mathcal{M} and Ω (see appendix A) which together satisfy

$$\Omega \mathcal{M} \mathcal{V} = -i \mathcal{V}, \quad \Omega \mathcal{M} U_i = i U_i.$$
 (2.21)

³In trying to formulate a sensible symplectic covariant notation we have slightly altered the standard notation and denoted by Q_{Λ} what is typically denoted P_{Λ} . Furthermore this is different still from the notation in [6] where the gauging parameters were denoted $\mathcal{G} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{\Lambda} \\ g_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathcal{L} = \langle \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{V} \rangle$. We hope the interested reader will persevere regardless.

Using these one arrives at the symplectically covariant horizon equations [6]

$$Q - R_2^2 \Omega \mathcal{M} \mathcal{P} = -4 \operatorname{Im} \left(\overline{Z} \mathcal{V} \right) \tag{2.22}$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = e^{i\psi} \frac{R_2^2}{2R_1} \tag{2.23}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} \rangle = \kappa \,. \tag{2.24}$$

Since the gravitino is charged, Dirac quantization implies

$$\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} \rangle \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{2.25}$$

while the BPS condition (2.24) selects this integer to be unity.

Eq (2.22) is itself a symplectic vector thus we can extract its components by contracting (2.22) with \mathcal{V} and U_i resulting in

$$W = \frac{i}{R_2^2} \mathcal{Z} \,, \tag{2.26}$$

$$W_i = \frac{i}{R_2^2} \mathcal{Z}_i \,. \tag{2.27}$$

It is worth noting that (2.22)–(2.24) constitute $2n_v+5$ real equations for the $2n_v+3$ variables $\{z^i, R_1, R_2, \psi\}$ so generically we expect there to be two constraints on the solution space which is parameterized by $(p^{\Lambda}, q_{\Lambda})$.

In the limit $\mathcal{P} \to 0$ of vanishing gauging parameters, these equations reduce to the attractor equations of ungauged supergravity, apart from (2.24) which should not be enforced in that limit. One qualitative difference in the gauged case is that the l.h.s. of (2.22) depends on the scalar fields through $\Omega \mathcal{MP}$ term which makes it somewhat more complicated to disentangle these equations . The central goal of this paper is to decouple these equations such that the scalar fields and radii are solved for in terms of the charges \mathcal{Q} and the gaugings \mathcal{P} .

Using (2.26) and (2.27) we get

$$iR_2^2 \mathcal{P} = i\overline{\mathcal{Z}}\mathcal{V} + i\mathcal{Z}\overline{\mathcal{V}} - i\mathcal{Z}^{\overline{\imath}}\overline{U}_{\overline{\imath}} - i\overline{\mathcal{Z}}^{i}U_{i}$$
(2.28)

and so (2.22)–(2.24) are equivalent to

$$Q + iR_2^2 \mathcal{P} = 2i\overline{\mathcal{Z}}\mathcal{V} - 2i\overline{\mathcal{Z}}^i U_i.$$
 (2.29)

The derivation of (2.29) is a key step in this analysis as we have eliminated the dependance of the scalar fields on the l.h.s. in (2.29), nonetheless there remains a dependance on R_2 . Defining the holomorphic quantities

$$\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda} = p^{\Lambda} + iR_2^2 P^{\Lambda} \,, \tag{2.30}$$

$$\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda} = q_{\Lambda} + iR_2^2 Q_{\Lambda} \tag{2.31}$$

and using details from appendix A. We can expand (2.29) explicitly for an arbitrary cubic prepotential:

$$\mathfrak{p}^0 = 2ie^{K/2} \left[\overline{\mathcal{Z}} + 12ie^K D_{y,i} \overline{\mathcal{Z}}^i \right]$$
 (2.32)

$$\mathfrak{p}^i = \mathfrak{p}^0 z^i - 2ie^{K/2} \overline{\mathcal{Z}}^i \tag{2.33}$$

$$\mathfrak{q}_0 = -\mathfrak{p}^0 D_z + 6ie^{K/2} \overline{\mathcal{Z}}^i D_{z,i} \tag{2.34}$$

$$\mathfrak{q}_i = \left[3\mathfrak{p}^j - 6ie^{K/2}\overline{Z}^j \right] D_{z,ij} \,. \tag{2.35}$$

This system is $2n_v + 2$ holomorphic equations for the $2n_v + 1$ complex variables $\{\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Z}^i, z^i\}$. This must be supplemented with (2.24) and in addition we must solve for R_2 . Like (2.22)–(2.24) this generically this gives a system with 2 additional real constraints on $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$.

It is interesting that the variables which we formulate the equations in terms of, namely $(\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda},\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda})$ are almost objects which should be *specified* before solving any given background. In particular $(P^{\Lambda},Q_{\Lambda})$ define the theory under consideration while $(p^{\Lambda},q_{\Lambda})$ define the vacuum selection sector, the glitch is of course that $(\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda},\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda})$ also involve R_2 . Our strategy is to solve for all variables in terms of $(\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda},\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda})$ and then use our final equation to solve for R_2 in terms of the gaugings and the charges.

3 Solving the horizon equations

We now solve the horizon equations (2.32)–(2.35) for models derived from a general cubic prepotential

$$F = D_{ijk} \frac{X^i X^j X^k}{X^0} \tag{3.1}$$

and with arbitrary charges Q and gaugings P. To this end, we construct using (2.32)–(2.35) a set of n_v holomorphic, quadratic equations:

$$D_{ijk}\mathfrak{p}^{j}\mathfrak{p}^{k} = \frac{1}{3}\mathfrak{p}^{0}\mathfrak{q}_{i} - 4e^{K}D_{ijk}\overline{\mathcal{Z}}^{j}\overline{\mathcal{Z}}^{k}. \tag{3.2}$$

We define

$$\Pi_i = D_{ijk} \mathfrak{p}^j \mathfrak{p}^k - \frac{1}{3} \mathfrak{p}^0 \mathfrak{q}_i \,, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\overline{\widehat{Z}}^i = 2ie^{K/2}\overline{Z}^i \tag{3.4}$$

so that (3.2) becomes

$$\Pi_i = D_{ijk} \overline{\hat{\mathcal{Z}}}^j \overline{\hat{\mathcal{Z}}}^k \,. \tag{3.5}$$

3.1 $\mathfrak{p}^0 = 0$

When $\mathfrak{p}^0 = 0$ we can explicitly solve (2.33):

$$e^{K/2}\overline{\mathcal{Z}}^i = \frac{i\mathfrak{p}^i}{2} \tag{3.6}$$

and then from (2.35) we solve for the scalar fields z^i

$$z^{i} = \frac{1}{6} \left(D_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1} \right)^{ij} \mathfrak{q}_{j} \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\left(D_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1}\right)^{ij}D_{\mathfrak{p},jk} = \delta_k^i. \tag{3.8}$$

We then obtain (R_1, ψ) from (2.32):

$$\overline{\mathcal{Z}} = 6e^{K/2} D_{y,i} \mathfrak{p}^i \,. \tag{3.9}$$

Finally we have the relation

$$0 = 2\mathfrak{q}_0 + \frac{1}{6} \left(D_{\mathfrak{p}}^{-1} \right)^{ij} \mathfrak{q}_i \mathfrak{q}_j \tag{3.10}$$

from which one can obtain R_2^2 in terms of $(p^{\Lambda}, q_{\Lambda}, P^{\Lambda}, Q_{\Lambda})$ as well as one constraint on the charges.

3.2 $\mathfrak{p}^0 \neq 0$

Assuming more generally that $\mathfrak{p}^0 \neq 0$ we can then solve (2.33) for z^i

$$z^{i} = \frac{\mathfrak{p}^{i} + \overline{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}}^{i}}{\mathfrak{p}^{0}} \,. \tag{3.11}$$

Then (2.32) can be used to solve for \mathcal{Z} and thus:

$$e^{i\psi} \frac{R_2^2}{R_1} = \frac{\mathfrak{p}^0}{2ie^{K/2}} - 6e^{K/2} D_{y,i} \overline{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}}^i.$$
 (3.12)

From (3.12) we can extract the solution for one radius R_1 and the phase of the spinor ψ as a function of the the charges, gaugings and the second radius (which governs the entropy) $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}, R_2)$. In principle once the solution for $\overline{\hat{\mathcal{Z}}}^i$ has been obtained one immediately obtains z^i from (3.11). The final step to obtain R_2 is to solve (2.34), which one can show is equivalent to

$$\mathfrak{p}^0 \mathcal{I}_2(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}) = \overline{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}}^i \Pi_i \tag{3.13}$$

where we have introduced the quadratic symplectic invariant

$$\mathcal{I}_2(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}) = \frac{D_{\mathfrak{p}}}{\mathfrak{p}^0} - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda}\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda}. \tag{3.14}$$

This gives equations from both the real and imaginary parts, one of which can be used to solve for R_2 and the other gives a constraint on the charges. To extract a completely explicit solution to (3.13), we will restrict to the case of \mathcal{M}_v being a symmetric space. Finally one must also impose the Dirac quantization condition (2.24).

It is important to check regularity of any resulting solution. There is an important constraint on the scalar fields that the metric $g_{i\bar{\jmath}}$ be finite and one must have $R_2^2 > 0$ so that the spacetime metric is well defined. From (3.12) we see that R_1 can always be taken real since any phase is absorbed into $e^{i\psi}$.

3.3 Symmetric spaces

When \mathcal{M}_v is a symmetric space, we can solve (3.5) explicitly. The key object is the contravariant three-tensor [25, 26]

$$\widehat{D}^{ijk} = \frac{g^{il}g^{jm}g^{kn}D_{ijk}}{D_u^2} \tag{3.15}$$

which for symmetric spaces is constant and satisfies

$$\widehat{D}^{ijk}D_{j(lm}D_{np)k} = \frac{64}{27}\delta^{i}_{(l}D_{mnp)}, \qquad (3.16)$$

$$D_{ijk}\widehat{D}^{j(lm}\widehat{D}^{np)k} = \frac{64}{27}\delta_i^{(l}\widehat{D}^{mnp)}.$$
(3.17)

The solution to (3.5) is then

$$\overline{\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}}^{i} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{27}{64}} \frac{\widehat{D}^{ijk} \Pi_{j} \Pi_{k}}{\sqrt{\widehat{D}_{\Pi}}}$$
(3.18)

where we have defined

$$\widehat{D}_{\Pi} \equiv \widehat{D}^{ijk} \Pi_i \Pi_j \Pi_k$$

$$= \frac{16}{27} (\mathfrak{p}^0)^2 \left[\mathcal{I}_4(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}) + 4\mathcal{I}_2(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q})^2 \right]$$
(3.19)

and we have introduced the familiar symplectic invariant

$$\mathcal{I}_{4}(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}) = -\left(\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda}\mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda}\right)^{2} - \frac{1}{16}\mathfrak{p}^{0}\widehat{D}^{ijk}\mathfrak{q}_{i}\mathfrak{q}_{j}\mathfrak{q}_{k} + 4\mathfrak{q}_{0}D_{ijk}\mathfrak{p}^{i}\mathfrak{p}^{j}\mathfrak{p}^{k} + \frac{9}{16}D_{ijk}\widehat{D}^{ilm}\mathfrak{p}^{j}\mathfrak{p}^{k}\mathfrak{q}_{l}\mathfrak{q}_{m}. \quad (3.20)$$

We are now in a position to unpack (3.13) and we get

$$2\mathcal{I}_2(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}) = \pm \sqrt{\mathcal{I}_4(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}) + 4\mathcal{I}_2(\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q})^2}, \qquad (3.21)$$

the only regular solution takes the +-sign in (3.18):

$$0 = \mathcal{I}_4(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}). \tag{3.22}$$

Recalling the definitions (2.30) and (2.31), then separating (3.22) into real and imaginary parts gives two polynomials in R_2^4

$$0 = a_0 + a_4 R_2^4 + a_8 R_2^8 (3.23)$$

$$0 = a_2 R_2^2 + a_6 R_2^6 (3.24)$$

where the a_i are quartic invariants of the diagonal action on the charges and gaugings. The explicit expressions for the a_i can easily be obtained from (3.20) but do not appear to be particularly enlightening for our purposes. Having said that, we do have

$$a_0 = \mathcal{I}_4(p,q), \qquad a_8 = \mathcal{I}_4(P,Q).$$
 (3.25)

If either $a_2 = 0$ or $a_6 = 0$ then for regularity, both must vanish. In this case, we have

$$R_2^4 = \frac{-a_4 \pm \sqrt{a_4^2 - a_0 a_8}}{2a_8} \,, \tag{3.26}$$

and no extra constraint. Regularity implies that $R_2^4 > 0$ which gives a bound on the space of charges.

Otherwise, if both $a_2 \neq 0$ and $a_6 \neq 0$ we have

$$R_2^4 = -\frac{a_2}{a_6} \tag{3.27}$$

and the constraint

$$0 = a_0 a_6^2 - a_2 a_4 a_6 + a_2^2 a_8. (3.28)$$

Again we have the bound $R_2^4 > 0$. In general there are two constraints: (3.28) as well as (2.24). It is only (2.24) where the genus of the horizon geometry (through κ) appears and the genus is thus only important when regularity of the solution is imposed.

One can also use this explicit solution to obtain an explicit expression for \mathcal{Z} (3.12) and thus R_1 . It is of some interest to express this in a compact form in terms of the explicit invariants of the diagonal symplectic action on $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{P})$ [27].

3.3.1 Revisiting black hole horizons in ungauged $\mathcal{N}=2$ supergravity

While it is interesting to consider the limit $\mathcal{P} \to 0$ of the above solution to connect with BPS black hole horizons in ungauged supergravity, this limit is not regular. Nonetheless we note that the key equations in [21] are identical in form to (3.5) but real instead of holomorphic. In that work the entropy is given by

$$S = \frac{\pi}{3p^0} \sqrt{\frac{4}{3} (\Delta_i \tilde{x}^i)^2 - 9(p^0 p^\Lambda q_\Lambda - 2D_{ijk} p^i p^j p^k)^2}$$
 (3.29)

where

$$\Delta_i = 3D_{ijk}p^jp^k - p^0q_i \tag{3.30}$$

is essentially identical to Π_i in (3.3) and

$$\tilde{x}^i = \sqrt{12}e^{K/2}|\mathcal{Z}|y^i \tag{3.31}$$

solve the set of n_v real quadratic equations

$$\Delta_i = D_{ijk} \tilde{x}^j \tilde{x}^k \,. \tag{3.32}$$

We note that similarly as above, when \mathcal{M}_v is a symmetric space one can solve (3.32) with

$$\tilde{x}^{i} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \frac{\widehat{D}^{ijk} \Delta_{i} \Delta_{k}}{\sqrt{\widehat{D}^{ijk} \Delta_{i} \Delta_{j} \Delta_{k}}}$$
(3.33)

from which we find

$$S = \pi \sqrt{I_4(p,q)}. \tag{3.34}$$

This provides an alternative derivation from that in [24] for the explicit entropy of BPS black holes when the special Kähler manifold is a symmetric space.

3.4 Embedding dyonic black holes in M-theory

The model with $n_v = 3$ and prepotential given by

$$F = -\frac{X^1 X^2 X^3}{X^0} \tag{3.35}$$

is commonly referred to as the STU-model. In gauged supergravity this model has considerable complexity due to the gaugings $(P^{\Lambda}, Q_{\Lambda})$ and the spectrum of solutions within this model varies discontinuously with these gauging parameters.

For a particular set of gaugings, there is a known embedding of this gauged supergravity theory into M-theory on S^7 [28, 29]. This model is given by

$$P^{\Lambda} = -(0, g, g, g), \qquad Q_{\Lambda} = (g, 0, 0, 0).$$
 (3.36)

If we rotate to another duality frame using

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = D = \operatorname{diag}\{1, 0, 0, 0\}, \quad B = -C = \operatorname{diag}\{0, 1, 1, 1\}$$
 (3.37)

we get

$$F = -2i\sqrt{X^0 X^1 X^2 X^3} \tag{3.38}$$

$$P^{\Lambda} = 0, \qquad Q_{\Lambda} = g, \tag{3.39}$$

and so the gaugings in this frame are purely electric. There exists a remarkable analytic solution [1] in this duality frame for black holes which are *purely magnetic*. The horizon geometries which arise as the IR of these magnetic black holes are specified by three independent charges; there is four charges and just one constraint (2.24), $a_2 = a_6 = 0$ and the radius R_2 comes from (3.26).

More generally, from the computations above, we see that in this model the general space of solutions is parameterized by six charges; the eight charges have two constraints, one from (2.24) and the extra constraint (3.28). So for these dyonic configurations the entropy comes from (3.27). One of course needs to check that $a_2/a_6 < 0$ but one finds that this can generically be arranged.

While there is a nice analytic solution for the entire magnetic black hole in this duality frame, we have been unable to find an analytic solution for the black hole with additional electric charges. With non-trivial electric charges, the real part of the vector multiplet scalars x^i is turned on, which complicates significantly the formulae. Nonetheless we have computed numerically the entire black hole solution for a particular choice of electric and magnetic charges and $\Sigma_g = S^2$. The plots are shown in figure 1 and 2 for the radial variable $\rho = e^{U_{IR}} \log r$. The charges have been chosen to be

$$p^{\Lambda} = (5, -1, -1, -2), \qquad q_{\Lambda} = (0, 1, -1, 0).$$
 (3.40)

With these choices of charges, we find that $y^1 = y^2$, $x^1 = -x^2$ and $x^3 = 0$ along the whole flow although one does not need to restrict to such a simple dyonic configuration.

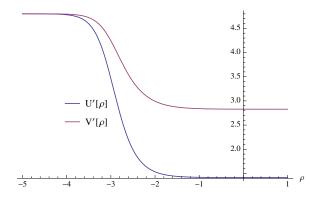


Figure 1. The metric functions $U'(\rho)$ and $V'(\rho)$.

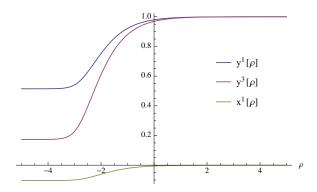


Figure 2. The scalar functions $y^1 = y^2$, y^3 and x^1 .

These black holes have a simple interpretation in terms of wrapped branes [14]. Consider the local Calabi-Yau five fold X_5 which is the product of four line-bundles over a Riemann surface Σ_g :

$$\bigoplus_{\Lambda=0}^{3} \mathcal{L}_{p^{\Lambda}} \longrightarrow X_{5}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\Sigma_{g}$$

The four magnetic charges of the gauged supergravity are related to the Chern-numbers of these line bundles and the BPS condition (2.24) is tantamount to $c_1(X_5) = 0$. The additional electric charges which we have found in this work correspond to spin of these M2-branes along the particular U(1) isometries of X_5 .

4 Conclusions

We have solved the horizon equations for BPS black hole in $\mathcal{N}=2$ gauged supergravity with n_v -vector multiplets by employing a generalization of the types of special geometry techniques that have proved useful in the past for the study of BPS black holes in ungauged supergravity. The level of detail of our solution is essentially equivalent to the state of the art for ungauged supergravity but it is curious that our set of quadratic equations (3.5)

are holomorphic whereas the similar equations in the ungauged case are real. This holomorphicity guarantees a non-vanishing solution space but one must still check regularity. The constraint from the BPS Dirac quantization condition (2.24) is the only place in the solution where the curvature of the horizon appears and there is one additional constraint we found (3.28) which must be imposed on the charges and the gaugings. It would seem that a reasonable strategy to further our understanding of black holes in gauged supergravity would be to continue to utilize the many tools which have been put to good use in the ungauged theory, much as we have done in this paper. The study of higher derivative corrections in the gauged case presents a formidable challenge.

By the general principles of holography, it is desirable to embed these black holes into a UV complete theory of gravity such as string or M-theory, but currently the only known embedding is for the particular STU-model discussed in section 3.4. While it would certainly be a welcome development to derive quite general models of gauged supergravity with vector multiplets from M-theory, in lieu of that, it is natural to include hypermultiplets where there is a richer set of known embeddings (one can find numerous explicit examples in [30–32]). Studying M-theory enbeddings might help understand the physical meaning behind the combinations ($\mathfrak{p}^{\Lambda}, \mathfrak{q}_{\Lambda}$). These are a combination of charges, which specify the vacuum selection sector and gauging parameters which appear in the action and define the theory. The pairing does not appear to be so natural, it would be nice to have a physical understanding of why the BPS equations have a neat form when this combination are used.

In this work we have largely focussed on the horizon geometries but it would be quite helpful to have a general proof that such horizons can be UV completed to an $\mathcal{N}=2$, AdS_4 solution. In the case of the CK black holes where an analytic solution is at hand, one can easily check that the range of magnetic charges for which a regular black hole exists is identical to the range of charges for which a horizon geometry exists. One can thus conclude that the CK solution space exhausts the space of magnetic black holes in that particular gauged supergravity theory. It would be a significant development to have analytic solutions for more general dyonic black holes much like the general solution is known in ungauged supergravity. We hope to return to these and other issues in the immediate future.

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A Some special geometry

In this appendix we collect various formula for the special geometry of \mathcal{M}_v the vector-multiplet scalar manifold, essentially to establish a consistent notation. All this material is well known but there are numerous different conventions in the literature. We have the

cubic prepotential

$$F = D_{ijk} \frac{X^i X^j X^k}{X^0} \,, \tag{A.1}$$

where $i = 1, ..., n_v$ and will often work with special co-ordinates

$$X^{\Lambda} = (1, z^i) , \qquad (A.2)$$

$$z^i = x^i + iy^i, (A.3)$$

where $\Lambda = 0, \dots, n_v$. We use the notation

$$D_z = D_{ijk} z^i z^j z^k$$
, $D_{z,i} = D_{ijk} z^j z^k$, $D_{z,ij} = D_{ijk} z^k$ (A.4)

and similarly for $(D_y, D_{y,i}, D_{y,ij})$ etc. The metric on \mathcal{M}_v can be explicitly given in terms of D_{ijk} :

$$g_{ij} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \tau^i \partial \overline{\tau}^{\overline{j}}}$$

$$= -\frac{3D_{y,ij}}{2D_y} + \frac{9D_{y,i}D_{y,j}}{4D_y^2}$$
(A.5)

$$g^{ij} = -\frac{2}{3}D_y \left(D_y^{-1}\right)^{ij} + 2y^i y^j \tag{A.6}$$

where K is the Kähler potential and

$$e^{-K} = -8D_y$$
. (A.7)

The complex scalar fields z^i of the vector multiplets are co-ordinates on \mathcal{M}_v but special geometry requires consideration of certain sections of an $\operatorname{Sp}(2n_v+2,\mathbb{R})$ bundle over \mathcal{M}_v . These sections are denoted $(X^{\Lambda}, F_{\Lambda})$ however the more natural objects are the rescaled sections:

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{pmatrix} L^{\Lambda} \\ M_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix} = e^{K/2} \begin{pmatrix} X^{\Lambda} \\ F_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.8}$$

which satisfy

$$M_{\Lambda} = \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda\Sigma} L^{\Sigma} \tag{A.9}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda\Sigma} = \mathcal{R}_{\Lambda\Sigma} + i\,\mathcal{I}_{\Lambda\Sigma} \,. \tag{A.10}$$

One should note that $\mathcal{R}_{\Lambda\Sigma}$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\Lambda\Sigma}$ are the gauge kinetic and topological terms in the $\mathcal{N}=2$ Lagrangian. An explicit expression for $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda\Sigma}$ is

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda\Sigma} = \overline{F}_{\Lambda\Sigma} + 2i \frac{\operatorname{Im} F_{\Lambda\Delta} \operatorname{Im} F_{\Sigma\Upsilon} X^{\Delta} X^{\Upsilon}}{\operatorname{Im} F_{\Delta\Upsilon} X^{\Delta} X^{\Upsilon}}$$
(A.11)

where

$$F_{\Lambda\Sigma} = \partial_{\Lambda} \partial_{\Sigma} F. \tag{A.12}$$

We also use the covariant derivative of the sections which are defined to be

$$U_i \equiv D_i \mathcal{V} = \partial_i \mathcal{V} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i K) \mathcal{V}. \tag{A.13}$$

The components of U_i are

$$U_i = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\Lambda}^i \\ h_{i\,\Lambda} \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.14}$$

and satisfy

$$h_{i\Lambda} = \overline{\mathcal{N}}_{\Lambda\Sigma} f_i^{\Sigma} \,. \tag{A.15}$$

Of particular importance is the symplectic inner product $\langle .,. \rangle$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = B^{\Lambda} A_{\Lambda} - A^{\Lambda} B_{\Lambda} \tag{A.16}$$

under which we have

$$\langle \mathcal{V}, \overline{\mathcal{V}} \rangle = -i, \qquad \langle U_i, \overline{U}_{\overline{i}} \rangle = ig_{i\overline{j}}.$$
 (A.17)

This allows us to expand a symplectic section in terms of (\mathcal{V}, U_i) and their conjugates. For example the background charges are given by

$$Q = i\overline{Z}V - iZ\overline{V} + iZ^{\overline{i}}\overline{U}_{\overline{i}} - i\overline{Z}^{i}U_{i}$$
(A.18)

so that

$$\mathcal{Z} = \langle \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{V} \rangle, \qquad \mathcal{Z}_i = \langle \mathcal{Q}, U_i \rangle.$$
 (A.19)

Using (A.1) we can compute the components of \mathcal{V} :

$$\mathcal{V} = \begin{pmatrix} L^{\Lambda} \\ M_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix} = e^{K/2} \begin{pmatrix} X^{\Lambda} \\ F_{\Lambda} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} X^{0} = 1 \\ X^{i} = z^{i} \\ F_{0} = -D_{z} \\ F_{i} = 3D_{z,i} \end{cases}$$
 (A.20)

The components of U_i are

$$(U_i)^0 = D_i L^0 = -12ie^K D_{y,i} e^{K/2}$$
(A.21)

$$(U_i)^j = D_i L^j = e^{K/2} \left(\delta_i^j - 12i e^K D_{y,i} z^j \right)$$
(A.22)

$$(U_i)_0 = D_i M_0 = e^{K/2} \left[-3D_{z,i} + 12ie^K D_{y,i} D_z \right]$$
(A.23)

$$(U_i)_j = D_i M_j = e^{K/2} \left[6D_{z,ij} - 36ie^K D_{y,i} D_{z,j} \right]. \tag{A.24}$$

Further objects we use in the main computation are

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\mathcal{R} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{I} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{I}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\mathcal{R} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$A = \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{R}\mathcal{I}^{-1}\mathcal{R}$$

$$D = \mathcal{I}^{-1}$$

$$B = C^T = -\mathcal{R}\mathcal{I}^{-1}$$

combined with the symplectic form

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} . \tag{A.25}$$

Using these explicit expressions one can observe the property

$$\Omega \mathcal{M} \mathcal{V} = -i \mathcal{V}, \qquad \Omega \mathcal{M} U_i = i U_i.$$
 (A.26)

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