An Unusual BPS Equation

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- 1. What is it? background in defect CFT
- 2. Why is it unusual? gravitational perspective: rephrasing the BPS equation as $\sigma_{\text{grav}} = \sigma_{\text{iner}}$
- 3. Why is it interesting? CFT perspective: radiation of an accelerating charge
- 4. How to prove it?

 $playing \ with \ superalgebras \ and \ superconformal \ Ward \ identities$

Introduction

• Context: (rotation-invariant) conformal defects.

$$SO(d,2) \to SO(p,2) \times SO(d-p)$$
 (1)

• (i) $\langle T^{\mu\nu}\rangle$ (energy-momentum stored in the fields)

$$T^{\alpha\beta}\rangle = a_T \left(\frac{d-p-1}{d}\right) \frac{\delta^{\alpha\beta}}{|x_\perp|^d} , \qquad \langle T^{\alpha i}\rangle = 0 ,$$

$$\langle T^{ij}\rangle = a_T \left[\frac{x^i x^j}{|x_\perp|^{d+2}} - \frac{p+1}{d} \frac{\delta^{ij}}{|x_\perp|^d}\right] .$$
(2)

(Billò, Gonçalves, Lauria, Meineri '16)

• (ii) $\langle D^i D^j \rangle$ (resistance to deformation)

$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu i} = \delta^{(d-p)}(x_{\perp})D^{i} , \qquad \langle D^{i}(0)D^{j}(x_{\parallel})\rangle = \frac{C_{D}\,\delta^{ij}}{|x_{\parallel}|^{2p+2}} .$$
 (3)

- Note that a_T is not defined for boundary (p = d 1), and C_D is not defined for local operators (p = 0).
- In terms of C_D and a_T , our BPS equation reads,

$$\frac{C_D}{a_T} = -\frac{2(d-1)(p+2)\Gamma(p+1)}{d \pi^{p-d/2}\Gamma(\frac{p}{2}+1)\Gamma(\frac{d-p}{2})} .$$
(4)

(Lewkowycz, Maldacena '13; Bianchi, Lemos '19)

- In AdS/CFT, a *p*-dimensional defect is the boundary anchor of a *p*-brane.
- Local operators (p = 0) are endpoints of particle worldlines. For large operators, the dual is a black hole, whose mass is not locally defined. The ADM mass resums the classical GR corrections.
- The dilatation charge Δ resums both the classical GR corrections (in $G_N m_0$) and the quantum fluctuations (in $1/m_0$). For example, in unit-radius AdS₄,

$$\Delta = \frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{m_0^2 + \frac{9}{4}} + \text{GR corrections}$$

= $m_0 \left[1 + \frac{3}{2m_0} + \frac{9}{8m_0^2} + \dots + G_N m_0 + (G_N m_0)^2 + \dots \right].$ (5)

• Can we define a similar invariant tension for *p*-branes?

Gravitational and Inertial Tension

• As an generalization of the dilatation charge, we define the **gravitational tension** as the integration of the dilatation current around the dual defect in CFT,

$$\sigma_{\rm grav} \propto \oint {\rm d}s^i \, x^\mu \langle T_{\mu j} \rangle \,, \qquad \sigma_{\rm grav} = \gamma_{\rm grav} \cdot a_T \,.$$
 (6)

• However, there is also another natural measure of tension in terms of its stiffness, which we call **inertial tension**,

$$\sigma_{\rm iner} = \gamma_{\rm iner} \cdot C_D \ . \tag{7}$$

• The pre-factors are fixed by going to the classical probe brane limit and demand that both σ reduce to the bare Nambu–Goto tension. One finds the following results by computing the corresponding Witten diagrams,

$$\gamma_{\rm grav} = -\frac{2(d-1)\pi^{(d-p)/2}}{d\Gamma(\frac{d-p}{2})} , \qquad \gamma_{\rm iner} = \frac{\pi^{p/2}\Gamma(\frac{p}{2}+1)}{(p+2)\Gamma(p+1)} . \tag{8}$$

• There is one subtlety in the calculation. There is no global Fefferman–Graham coordinates for both the bulk and the brane fields. In our case, absolute normalizations matter.

• To settle this, we calculate the correlator $\langle T^{\mu\nu}D^i\rangle$ using Witten diagrams. Schematically, the conformal Ward identities are of the form $\langle D^i \int_{\perp} (\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu j}) \rangle \sim \langle D^i D^j \rangle$ and $\langle T^{\mu\nu} \int_{\parallel} D^i \rangle \sim \partial^i \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$. This fixes the ambiguity. (Bachas, ZC '24)

• Our BPS equation reduces to

$$\sigma_{\rm grav} = \sigma_{\rm iner}$$
 . (9)

Note that both sides receive different non-trivial corrections beyond the Nambu–Goto limit, however supersymmetry ensures that remain equal.

• For example, the F-string in $AdS_5 \times S^5$ is dual to a line defect in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM,

$$C_D = -18a_T = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \lambda \partial_\lambda \log\left(\frac{1}{N} e^{\lambda/8N} L_{N-1}^1(-\frac{\lambda}{4N})\right),$$

$$\sigma_{\text{iner}} = \sigma_{\text{grav}} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2\pi} \left[1 + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}) + O(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{N}) + O(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{N^2})\right],$$
(10)

with $\lambda = g_{
m YM}^2 N.$ (Erickson, Semenoff, Zarembo '00; Correa, Henn, Maldacena, Sever '12)

• Usually a BPS equation relates mass (or tension) to charge. This unusual one relates two tensions.

Radiation of Accelerating Charges

• The origin of the conjecture: radiation of an accelerating quark in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM. (Lewkowycz, Maldacena '13)

The authors attempt to reconcile the discrepancy between two calculations of radiation: (i) from a kink ($\propto C_D$); (ii) from a uniformly accelerating quark ($\propto a_T$). It originates from the difficulty in separating the radiation from self-energy.

• They introduce the modified stress tensor, which is conserved but not traceless,

$$\widetilde{T}^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + \xi (\eta^{\mu\nu} \Box - \partial^{\mu} \partial^{\nu}) O .$$
(11)

$$\langle O(x)\rangle = \frac{a_O}{|x_\perp|^{d-2}} \implies \langle \widetilde{T}^{\mu\nu}\rangle = \langle T^{\mu\nu}\rangle + (\eta^{\mu\nu}\Box - \partial^{\mu}\partial^{\nu})\frac{\xi a_O}{|x_\perp|^{d-2}} .$$
(12)

• Recall that the transverse stress is

$$\langle T^{ij} \rangle = a_T \left[\frac{x^i x^j}{|x_\perp|^{d+2}} - \frac{p+1}{d} \frac{\delta^{ij}}{|x_\perp|^d} \right].$$
 (13)

It is possible to remove the transverse stress of the static field by choosing

$$\xi_{\text{stress}} = \frac{a_T}{d(d-2)a_O} \implies \langle \tilde{T}^{ij} \rangle = 0 .$$
 (14)

• This can be done without assuming supersymmetry. We will argue now that supersymmetry ensures the NEC-violating radiation is also removed.

• Example: Wilson line in 4d $\mathcal{N} = 2$ super-QED (half-BPS iff $e = \pm g$),

$$W = \exp\left(\int \mathrm{d}s \ \mathrm{i}e \,A_{\mu} \dot{y}^{\mu} + g \,|\dot{y}|\phi\right)\,. \tag{15}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(s)} = \partial_{\mu}\phi\partial_{\nu}\phi - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}|\partial\phi|^{2} + \frac{1}{6}(\eta^{\mu\nu}\Box - \partial^{\mu}\partial^{\nu})\phi^{2} ,$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(v)} = F_{\mu}{}^{\rho}F_{\nu\rho} - \frac{1}{4}\eta_{\mu\nu}|F|^{2} , \qquad D^{i} = eF^{0i} + g\partial^{i}\phi .$$
(16)

• The scalar operator is $O = \phi^2$ and $a_O = g^2/16\pi^2$,

$$\xi_{\text{stress}} = \frac{a_T}{8a_O} = -\frac{g^2 + 3e^2}{24g^2} \stackrel{e=\pm g}{==\pm g} -\frac{1}{6} \ . \tag{17}$$

In the BPS case, this improvement also removes the $R\phi^2$ contribution which violates NEC (since $k_{\mu}k_{\nu}\partial^{\mu}\partial^{\nu}\phi^2$ does not have a definite sign).

(Fiol, Martínez-Montoya '19)

Radiation of Accelerating Charges

• More generally, to see the origin of the NEC-violating radiation, let us consider the energy flux in the background of a moving defect,

$$\langle T^{0i}(x) \mathrm{e}^{\int y^j D^j} \rangle = \langle T^{0i}(x) \rangle + \int \mathrm{d}\tau \ y^j(\tau) \langle T^{0i}(x) D^j(y) \rangle + \cdots$$
 (18)

• The $\langle TD \rangle$ term has singularities at both $|x_{\perp}| = 0$ and |x - y| = 0. The kinematic structure is fixed by conformal symmetry and we are left with three constants b_i ,

$$\langle T^{0i}(x)D^{j}(y)\rangle = \frac{(x-y)^{0}}{|x_{\perp}|^{d-p}|x-y|^{2p+4}} \left(4b_{1}\frac{x^{i}x^{j}|x_{\perp}|^{2}}{|x-y|^{2}} - b_{3}\delta^{ij}|x_{\perp}|^{2} + (b_{3}-2b_{1})x^{i}x^{j}\right)$$
(19)

• The b_i 's are fixed in terms of C_D and a_T , since the $\langle TD \rangle$ correlator is related to $\langle T \rangle$ and $\langle DD \rangle$ by conformal Ward identities, and we have the traceless constraint for T,

$$p+1)b_{2} + b_{1} = \frac{d}{2}b_{3} , \qquad b_{3} = 2^{p+2}\pi^{-(p+1)/2}\Gamma(\frac{p+3}{2})a_{T} ,$$

$$2p b_{2} - (2d-p-2)b_{3} = \frac{(d-p)\Gamma(\frac{d-p}{2})}{\pi^{(d-p)/2}}C_{D} .$$
(20)

• We can write our BPS equation in the b_i parameters,

$$b_1 = \frac{p+2}{2d} \ .$$
(21)

• The NEC-violating radiation comes from the leading lightcone singularity

$$T^{0i}(x)D^{j}(y)\rangle = -\frac{32b_{1}|x_{\perp}|^{p+2-d}}{p(p+1)(p+2)}\partial^{0}\partial^{i}\partial^{j}(\frac{1}{|x-y|^{2p}}) + \cdots$$
(22)

• As an example, let us consider line defects in d = 4. We can replace the Euclidean propagator by the retarded propagator,

$$\frac{1}{4\pi|x-y|^2} \mapsto \frac{\mathrm{i}\theta(x^0 - y^0)}{2\pi}\delta(|x-y|^2) \ . \tag{23}$$

Upon integration by parts for $\int d\tau \ y^j(\tau) \langle T^{0i} D^j \rangle$, we get a triple τ -derivative acting on the displacement profile $y(\tau)$ (c.f. the derivation of the Liénard–Wiechert potential). The resulting term is proportional to $\partial_{\tau}^3 y = \dot{a}$. It has no definite sign (unlike a^2), hence violates the NEC. (Fiol, Martínez-Montoya '19)

Radiation of Accelerating Charges

• We can choose an appropriate value of $\xi = \xi_{\text{NEC}}$ to cancel the NEC-violating term (proportional to b_1),

$$\langle O(x)D^{j}(y)\rangle = b_{O}\frac{x_{j}|x_{\perp}|^{p-d+2}}{|x-y|^{2(p+1)}} \implies \xi_{\text{NEC}} = \frac{b_{1}}{(p+1)(p+2)b_{O}} , \qquad (24)$$
$$b_{O} = 2^{p}\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})\pi^{-(p+1)/2}(d-2)a_{O} .$$

• On the other hand, the value ξ_{stress} for the removal of the transverse stress is proportional to $b_3 \sim a_T$,

$$\xi_{\text{stress}} = \frac{a_T}{d(d-2)a_O} = \frac{b_3}{2d(p+1)b_O} \ . \tag{25}$$

• The two values of ξ are the same iff our BPS equation holds,

$$\xi_{\text{NEC}} = \xi_{\text{stress}} \iff \frac{b_1}{b_3} = \frac{p+2}{2d} .$$
(26)

Conclusion: supersymmetry ensures that when the transverse stress is removed, the NEC-violating radiation is also removed.

• In the BPS case, only the $b_3\delta_{ij}$ term survives after modifying the stress tensor,

$$\langle \widetilde{T}_{0i}(x)D_j(y)\rangle = -b_3(1-\frac{1}{d})\frac{|x_{\perp}|^{p-d+2}}{|x-y|^{2p+4}}(x^0-y^0)\delta_{ij} .$$
(27)

The kinematic structure comes from boosting the static field.

• If we choose a complex coordinate $z = x^1 + ix^2$ in the transverse direction, then the BPS equation is equivalent to the following statement,

$$\langle \tilde{T}_{0z}(x)D_z(y)\rangle = 0$$
, $\langle T_{0z}(x)D_z(y)\rangle \propto \partial_0\partial_z \langle O(x)D_z(y)\rangle$, (28)

or the following (more convenient for the proof),

$$\langle T_{zz}(x)D_z(y)\rangle \propto \partial_z^2 \langle O(x)D_z(y)\rangle \propto \partial_z^2 \left(\frac{\bar{z}|x_\perp|^{p-d+2}}{|x-y|^{2p+2}}\right).$$
 (29)

• Note that $\partial_z \langle j_z(x) D_z(y) \rangle$ (non-zero in codimension-2) also has this kinematic structure. We will prove that $\langle T_{zz} D_z \rangle$ is a linear combination of $\partial_z^2 \langle \Phi D_z \rangle$ and $\partial_z \langle j_z D_z \rangle$, where Φ and j are the scalar superprimary (if there is one) and R-symmetry current in the stress tensor multiplet,

$$(\Phi \xrightarrow{Q} \chi_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q}) \quad j_{\mu} \xrightarrow{Q} J_{\mu\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q} T_{\mu\nu}$$
 (30)

• The strategy is to use superconformal Ward identities to relate $\langle TD \rangle$ with $\langle jD \rangle$ and $\langle \Phi D \rangle$. For example, $0 = Q \langle JD \rangle \sim \langle TD \rangle + \partial \langle jD \rangle + \partial_{\parallel} \langle J\Lambda \rangle$.

• For given dimension d and p, it suffices to consider the least \mathcal{N} which admits superconformal p-dimensional (rotation-invariant) defects.

| defect | (d, \mathcal{N}) | superalgebra | p-embedding | |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| line | (3,2) | $\mathfrak{osp}(2 4;\mathbb{R})$ | $\mathfrak{su}(1,1 1) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)_{c}$ | |
| | (4,2) | $\mathfrak{su}(2,2 2)$ | $\mathfrak{osp}(4^* 2)$ | |
| | (5,1) | F(4;2) | $D(2,1;2;0)\oplus\mathfrak{su}(2)_{\rm c}$ | |
| surface | (4,1) | $\mathfrak{su}(2,2 1)$ | $\mathfrak{su}(1,1 1) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(1,1)_{c} \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)_{c}$ | |
| | (5,1) | F(4; 2) | $D(2,1;2;0) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2,1)_{\mathrm{c}}$ | |
| | (6,1) | $\mathfrak{osp}(8^* 2)$ | $\mathfrak{osp}(4^* 2) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(2,1)_{\mathrm{c}} \oplus \mathfrak{so}(3)_{\mathrm{c}}$ | |
| p = 3 | (5,1) | F(4;2) | $\mathfrak{osp}(2 4;\mathbb{R})\oplus\mathfrak{u}(1)_{\mathrm{c}}$ | |
| p = 4 | (6,1) | $\mathfrak{osp}(8^* 2)$ | $\mathfrak{su}(2,2 1) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)_{c}$ | |

As a by-product, we obtain this classification of minimal embeddings. We examined the possible superalgebra embeddings using the methods of...

(D'Hoker, Estes, Gutperle, Krym, Sorba '08; Gutperke, Kaldi, Raaj '17; Agmon, Wang '20)

- For all cases apart from $(d, \mathcal{N}) = (3, 2), (4, 1)$, there are scalars in the stress tensor multiplet that can be used in the modification of $T^{\mu\nu}$. However, our proof is purely algebraic and does not use the existence of such a scalar.
- The cases for d = 4 and surfaces in d = 6, $\mathcal{N} = (2,0)$ are already discussed in the literature. (Bianchi, Lemos, Meineri '18; Bianchi, Lemos '19; Drukker, Probst, Trépanier '20)

• As a trick to unify the proofs, we make a suitable choice of the γ -matrix basis and of the defect orientation. The transverse complex coordinate is $z = x^1 + ix^2$.

| d | p | defect directions | preserved supercharges | _ |
|---|---|-------------------|---|----------------|
| 6 | 2 | 3,4 | $Q_1^1, Q_3^1, Q_1^2, Q_3^2$ | R-sym |
| | 4 | 3,4,5,6 | $Q_1^1, Q_2^1, Q_3^2, Q_4^2$ | |
| 5 | 1 | 5 | $Q_1^1, Q_4^1, Q_1^2, Q_4^2$ | |
| | 2 | 3,4 | $Q_1^1, Q_3^1, Q_1^2, Q_3^2$ | Q^A_{α} |
| | 3 | 3,4,5 | $Q_1^1, Q_2^1, Q_3^2, Q_4^2$ | t |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | $\operatorname{Re}\{\mathcal{Q}_{1}^{1}, \mathcal{Q}_{2}^{1}, \mathcal{Q}_{1}^{2}, \mathcal{Q}_{2}^{2}\}$ | |
| | 2 | 3,4 | Q_1, \bar{Q}_2 | spinor |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | Q_1, \bar{Q}_2 | |

• Our proof only uses the first conserved supercharges in each case.

- As an example, let us consider the case d = 5 for arbitrary p. The superconformal algebra is F(4; 2). The proof for the other dimensions is the same up to minor modifications.
- The (32 + 32) stress tensor multiplet contains a scalar Φ , a spinor χ^A_{α} , a 2-form $B_{\mu\nu}$, the $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ R-symmetry currents j^I_{μ} , the supercurrents $J^A_{\mu\alpha}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}$,

$$\Phi \xrightarrow{Q} \chi^{A}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q} j^{I}_{\mu} \oplus B_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{Q} J^{A}_{\mu\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q} T_{\mu\nu} .$$
(31)

(Córdova, Dumitrescu, Intriligator '16)

• The full transformation law of the stress tensor multiplet is

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(\Phi) = \chi^{A}_{\alpha} ,$$

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(\chi^{B}_{\beta}) = j^{I}_{\mu} (\gamma^{\mu})_{\alpha\beta} (\sigma_{I})^{AB} + B_{\mu\nu} (\gamma^{\mu\nu})_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{AB} + (\partial_{\mu}\Phi) (\gamma^{\mu})_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{AB} ,$$

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(j^{I}_{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2} J^{B}_{\mu\alpha} (\sigma^{I})_{B}{}^{A} - \frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\nu}\chi^{B}_{\beta}) (\sigma^{I})_{B}{}^{A} (\gamma_{\mu}{}^{\nu})_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} ,$$

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(B_{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{4} J^{A}_{\rho\beta} (\gamma_{\mu\nu}{}^{\rho})_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} + \frac{1}{8} (\partial_{\rho}\chi^{A}_{\beta}) (2\gamma_{\mu\nu}{}^{\rho} + \delta_{[\mu}{}^{\rho}\gamma_{\nu]})_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} ,$$

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(J^{B}_{\mu\beta}) = 2 T_{\mu\nu} (\gamma^{\nu})_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{AB} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\nu}j^{I}_{\rho}) (\gamma_{\mu}{}^{\nu\rho} - 3\delta_{\mu}{}^{\rho}\gamma^{\nu})_{\alpha\beta} (\sigma_{I})^{AB}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\nu}B_{\rho\sigma}) (\gamma_{\mu}{}^{\nu\rho\sigma} + 2\delta_{\mu}{}^{\rho}\gamma^{\nu\sigma} - 2\eta^{\nu\rho}\gamma_{\mu}{}^{\sigma} + 6\delta_{\mu}{}^{\rho}\eta^{\nu\sigma})_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon^{AB} ,$$

$$Q^{A}_{\alpha}(T_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\rho}J^{A}_{\mu\beta}) (\gamma^{\rho}{}_{\nu})_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) .$$
(32)

The details of the derivation can be found in our paper. (Ba

(Bachas, Bianchi, ZC '25)

$$\Phi \xrightarrow{Q} \chi^{A}_{\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q} j^{I}_{\mu} \oplus B_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{Q} J^{A}_{\mu\alpha} \xrightarrow{Q} T_{\mu\nu} .$$
(33)

• The action of $Q = Q_1^1$ on the fields is simple,

$$Q(T_{zz}) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_z J_{z1}^1 , \quad Q(j_z^3) = \frac{1}{2} J_{z1}^1 + \frac{1}{4} \partial_z \chi_1^1 , \quad Q(\Phi) = \chi_1^1 .$$
(34)

- There exists a fermionic defect operator Λ (a 'displacino') such that $Q(\Lambda) = D_z$ (without a derivative of the scalar partner, the 'tilt').
- We will use the following superconformal Ward identities associated to $Q = Q_1^1$,

$$0 = Q\langle T_{zz}(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\partial_z \langle J_{z1}^1(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle + \langle T_{zz}(x)D_z(y)\rangle ,$$

$$0 = Q\langle j_z^3(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle J_{z1}^1(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle + \frac{1}{4}\partial_z \langle \chi_1^1(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle + \langle j_z^3(x)D_z(y)\rangle , \quad (35)$$

$$0 = Q\langle \Phi(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle = \langle \chi_1^1(x)\Lambda(y)\rangle + \langle \Phi(x)D_z(y)\rangle .$$

• As promised, we find that $\langle T_{zz}D_z \rangle$ can be expressed as a linear combination of $\partial_z \langle j_z D_z \rangle$ and $\partial_z^2 \langle \Phi D_z \rangle$,

$$\langle T_{zz}(x)D_z(y)\rangle = \partial_z \langle j_z^3(x)D_z(y)\rangle - \frac{1}{4}\partial_z^2 \langle \Phi(x)D_z(y)\rangle \propto \partial_z^2 \left(\frac{\bar{z}|x_\perp|^{p-d+2}}{|x-y|^{2p+2}}\right).$$
(36)

Q.E.D.

- Supersymmetry leads to a linear relation between the energy stored in the defect and its stiffness.
- Supersymmetry ensures that restoring NEC also removes the transverse stress.
- Graham–Witten anomalies, e.g. for p = 2 defects,

$$T_{\mu}{}^{\mu}\Big|_{\text{defect}} = \frac{1}{24\pi} (a^{(2)}R + d_1^{(2)}\widetilde{K}^i_{ab}\widetilde{K}^{ab}_i - d_2^{(2)}W_{ab}{}^{ab}) , d_1{}^{(2)} \propto C_D , \qquad d_2{}^{(2)} \propto a_T .$$
(37)

(Graham, Reichert '17; Chalabi, Herzog, O'Bannon, Robinson, Sisti '21)

- Schott term in rediation-reaction force.
- Higher order defect Witten diagrams.

Thank you for your attention!