# Supersymmetric solutions of 4-dimensional supergravities

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- → In supersymmetric black-hole solutions there is an *attractor mechanism* at work which suppresses primary scalar hair and hints at a microscopic interpretation of the entropy (Ferrara, Kallosh & Strominger, hep-th/9508072,9602111, 9602136).

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Finally, they provide powerful consistency checks when we try to find large families of supersymmetric solutions, as we are going to do.

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This proves that, at least for these supersymmetric black holes, the Bekenstein -Hawking entropy S(q, p) only depends on charges which are going to be quantized, and therefore it is just a function of integer numbers amenable to a microscopic interpretation.

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The price to pay for using this representation is that all the fields that can be related by SU(N) duality relations, are:

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The last two KSEs should only be considered for N = 5 and N = 3, resp.

Again, our goal is to find **all** the bosonic field configurations  $\{e^{a}{}_{\mu}, A^{\Lambda}{}_{\mu}, P_{IJKL\mu}, P_{iIJ\mu}\}$  such that the above KSEs admit at least one solution  $\epsilon^{I}$ .

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where  $\mathcal{J}^{I}{}_{J} = 2M^{IK}M_{JK}|M|^{-2}$  is a rank 2 projector (Tod):

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Much work remains to be done in order to make explicit the construction of the solutions. In particular one has to find general parametrizations of the matrices  $M^{IJ}$  and  $\mathcal{J}^{I}{}_{J}$ , solve the *stabilization equations*, impose the covariant constancy of  $\mathcal{J}$  etc. (Meessen & O., work in progress).

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