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## A review of generalised geometry.

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## 1. Introduction

What is generalized geometry? Minimalistically

formalism or set of tools naturally adapted to  
flux backgrounds in supergravity.

such that

- geometrizes all bosonic degrees of freedom
- unifies symmetries
- plays nicely with supersymmetry.

"geometry of supergravity"  $\rightsquigarrow$  explore landscape

Outline:

- basic structure + formalism

- generalize, generalize, ...

extend conventional geometrical constructions

CY, Lie group, ...

"gen. G-structure"

- example 1:  $d=4$  flux backgrounds

eg moduli

- example 2: consistent truncations

landscape.

- beyond supergravity.

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## 2. Generalised geometry and supergravity: type II

[ Siegel '93 ] [ Hitchin / Gauntlett '02, '04] ... As simplest example:

- NSNS sector of type II :  $g$ ,  $B$ ,  $\phi$   
metric      B-field      dilaton.
- compactify :  $M_{10} = (\text{non-compact}) \times M$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  dimension

### 2.1 Symmetries

- diffeos  $\xi \in \Gamma(TM)$  + gauge  $\lambda \in \Gamma(T^*M)$

$$\cdot \delta g = L_\xi g \quad \delta B = L_\xi B + d\lambda \quad \delta \phi = L_\xi \phi$$

Get along:

$$\{\}'' = [\{\}, \{\}']$$

$$d\lambda'' = L_{\xi} d\lambda' - L_{\lambda'} d\xi$$

<sup>a</sup> Lie bracket

- Combine into a "generalized vector"

$$V^M = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^m \\ \lambda_m \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(TM \oplus T^*M) \quad M=1, \dots, 2d$$

use notation

$$V = \xi + \lambda$$

$$E = TM \oplus T^*M \quad \text{gen tang-space}$$

comes with natural  $SO(d,d)$  metric

$$\eta(V, V) = i_{\xi} \lambda = \xi^m \lambda_m = \frac{1}{2} V^M \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{I} \\ \mathbb{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{MN} V^N$$

- integrate  $d\lambda''$  and choose: ( $\mathcal{L}_g \alpha = d(i_g \alpha) - i_g d\alpha$ )

$$\xi'' + \lambda'' = [\xi, \xi'] + \mathcal{L}_{\xi} \lambda' - i_{\xi'} d\lambda$$

$$:= L_V V \quad \begin{matrix} \text{"generalized Lie derivative"} \\ \text{or Dorfman derivative.} \end{matrix}$$

key property: preserves metric for  $V = \xi + \lambda$

$$\eta(L_V u, w) + \eta(u, L_V w) = \mathcal{L}_{\xi}(\eta(u, w))$$

mathematically

- $L_V W$  defines Courant algebroid structure on  $T(E)$
- not Lie algebroid since  $L_V W \neq -L_W V$

- can consider generalised tensors = other reps of  $\text{SO}(d,d)$  with decomposition into ordinary tensors under  $\text{GL}(d, \mathbb{R})$   $\text{CSO}(d,d)$

adjoint:  $\text{ad } F \simeq T^*M \otimes T^*M \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M$   
 $\text{gl}(d, \mathbb{R})$  B

spinors:  $S^+ \simeq (\det T^*M)^{1/2} \otimes \Lambda^+ T^*M$  even forms

$S^- \simeq (\det T^*M)^{1/2} \otimes \Lambda^- T^*M$  odd forms

(assume orientable).

to deal with  $(\det T^*M)^{1/2}$  naturally consider:

reps of  $\text{SO}(d,d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$

in weight & tensor densities

$$S_{u_2}^\pm \simeq \Lambda^\pm T^*M$$

- because  $L_v$  preserves  $\eta$  one can extend (by Leibniz) to any generalized tensor

$$L_g \varphi^\pm + d\lambda \wedge \varphi^\pm$$

eg  $L_v \varphi^\pm = i_g \varphi^\pm + \lambda \wedge \varphi^\pm$  for  $\varphi^\pm \in \Gamma(S_{v_2}^\pm)$

## 2.2 Gen. Riemannian geom.

- In ordinary geometry:

metric of invariant under  $O(d) \subset GL(d, \mathbb{R})$

↑ max. compact subgrp.

analogue:

gen. metric  $G$  invariant under  $SO(d) \times SO(d) \subset SO(d, d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$

explaining  $G \in S^2(\mathbb{E}^*)$

$$G_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} g - Bg^{-1}B & -Bg^{-1} \\ g^{-1}B & g^{-1} \end{pmatrix}_{MN}$$

to define  $SO(d) \times SO(d) \subset SO(d,d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$  also need

$$|\text{vol}_G| := e^{-2\varphi} \sqrt{g} \in \Gamma(\det^{+} \mathcal{N})$$

generalized metric encoder NSNS fields.

- analogue of Levi-Civita connection?

- Generalized connection:

$$D_M V^N = \partial_M V^N - \Gamma_{M N}^P V^P \quad D_M \eta_{NP} = 0$$

$\uparrow$

$$\partial_M = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_m \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow T^*M \\ \leftarrow TM \end{matrix}$$

- metric compatible:  $D_M G_{NP} = D_M h_{MN} = 0$

- torsion-free: define gen. torsion using  $L_V W$

$$T \in \Gamma(\Lambda^3 E \oplus E) \quad T = 0$$

NB more general than conventional  $SO(d) \times SO(d)$  connection.

$V^M D_M$  derivative along  $\xi^m$  and  $\lambda_m$

- then define gen. Ricci tensor  $R_{MN}$  + gen. Ricci scalar  $R$

$$\int \text{vol}_g R = \int \sqrt{g} e^{-2\varphi} (R + 4(\delta q)^2 - \frac{1}{12} t e^z)$$

equations of motion :  $R_{MN} = 0$

NSNS Sugra =  $SO(d,d) \times \mathbb{R}^d$  gen. Einstein

- structure group of  $E = SO(d,d) \times \mathbb{R}^d \supset GL(d, \mathbb{R})$
- local symmetry =  $SO(d)_+ \times SO(d)_- \supset SO(d)$   
"doubled Lorentz"

## 2.3 Full type II

- RR fields

$$F^\pm = dA^\pm \in \Gamma(S_{\mathbb{H}_2}^\pm) \quad \text{generalized spinors}$$

IIA / IIB "democratic formulation"  $F^\pm = \star F^\pm$

- fermions: representations of  $SO(d)_+ \times SO(d_-)$

$$\psi_m^\pm \in \Gamma(\text{vector}_\pm \times \text{spinor}_\pm) \quad \text{gravity}$$

$$\lambda^\pm \in \Gamma(\text{spinor}_\pm) \quad \text{dilatons}$$

- $d=10$  w/ Lorentzian signature.

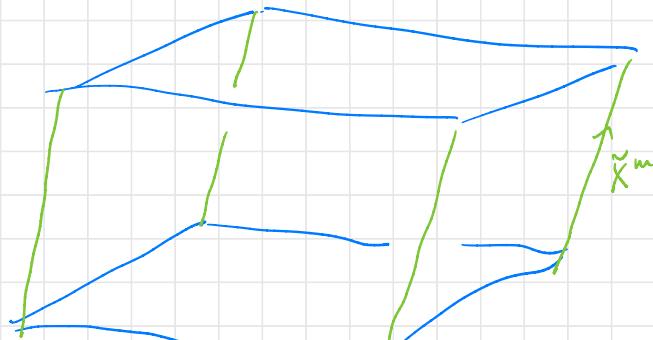
$$\text{gen metric : } SO(9,1)_+ \times SO(1,9)_- \subset SO(10,10) \times \mathbb{R}^+$$

- double Spacetime ??

## DOUBLE FIELD THEORY

[Hohm, Hull, Zwiebach]

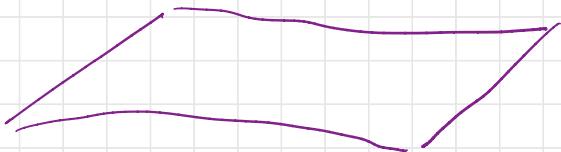
- interpretation? (see later)
- "double these constraint"  $\Rightarrow$  same equations,



$2d - d_{\text{dim}}$

$$\partial_{x^m} (\text{anything}) = 0$$

"strong constraint"



$d - \text{dim}$  slice / projector

### 3. Generalised geometry: $E_{d(d)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$

Can one geometrize RR fields? Gen. geom. for M-theory?

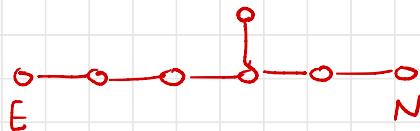
#### 3.1 Exceptional generalized geom

For  $SO(d,d)$ :

$$\eta: S^2 E \rightarrow N = \mathbb{R}$$

now consider for  $E_{d(d)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$  (split form of exceptional group)

$$\gamma: SE^2 \rightarrow N$$



• maximal subspace  $V \subset E$  such that  $\gamma(V, V) = 0$  :

(i)  $\dim V = d$  invariant under  $GL(d, \mathbb{R}) \subset End(d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$

(ii)  $\dim V = d-1$  mutant under  $GL(d-1, \mathbb{R}) \subset End(d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$

defines two gen. tangent spaces  $d \leq 7$

$$E \simeq TM \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^5 T^*M \oplus (T^*M \otimes \Lambda^7 T^*M)$$

M-theory  $\dim M = d$

$$E = TM' \oplus 2T^*M' \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M' \oplus 2\Lambda^5 T^*M' \oplus (T^*M \otimes \Lambda^6 T^*M)$$

type IIB  $\dim M' = d-1$

$$\supset TM' \oplus T^*M'$$

- For definiteness take M-theory on  $M_7$  with fields

metric  $g$ , potential  $A \in \Gamma(\Lambda^3 T^* M)$ , dual of  $\tilde{A} \in \Gamma(\Lambda^6 T^* M)$

where for  $x_{11}\tilde{F}$  = flux on non-compact 4d

$$F = dA, \quad \tilde{F} = d\tilde{A} + \frac{1}{2}A \wedge A$$

then symmetries (56-dimensional)

$$E \simeq TM \oplus \Lambda^2 T^* M \oplus \Lambda^5 T^* M \oplus (T^* M \otimes \Lambda^7 T^* M)$$

$$V = \{\quad + \quad \omega \quad + \quad \sigma \quad + \quad \tau$$

diffeo      gauge      dual gauge      "dual diffeos"

$L_V$  : gen. Lie derivative. (indep. of  $\tau$ ; preserves  $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ )

### 3.2 Extrafloral open Riemannian geom.

Just follow as before:

gen. metric  $G$  invariant under  $SU(8) \subset E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^7$

$$\Leftrightarrow \{g, A, \tilde{A}, \Delta\}$$

where  $A$   $\beta$  warp factor

$$ds_5^2 = e^{2A} (\text{fd external}) + (\text{internal}).$$

then

generalized connection  $D_M$

- preserves  $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^7$  structure

- torsion  $\in \Gamma(K \oplus E^\circ)$

max. compact.



- Levi-Civita = metric compatible + torsion-free then gives

$$S = \int \text{vol}_g R = \int \sqrt{g} e^{4\Delta} (R + 12(\partial\Delta)^2 - \frac{1}{2}|F|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|\tilde{F}|^2)$$

$$R_{MN} = 0$$

equations of motion

gives M-theory restricted to  $M_7$

- fermions :  $SU(8)$  representations.
- for type IIB - get full bosonic theory NSNS + RR + fermions.

- Full d=11 theory? [Hohm, Samtleben]... EXCEPTIONAL FIELD THEORY

$$TM_{11} = T_{3,11} \oplus T_7$$

$$E = T_7 \oplus \lambda^2 T_7^\ast \oplus \dots$$

decompose 4d geom + 7d geom.

$$g_{\mu\nu}, g_{\mu m}, g_{mn} \text{ etc.}$$

reformulate as "4d" theory +  $\infty$  # d fields [de Wit + Nicolai]

- $E_{8(8)}$  - needs more structure (dual diffeos),  $f_{\alpha\beta\dots}$  ??

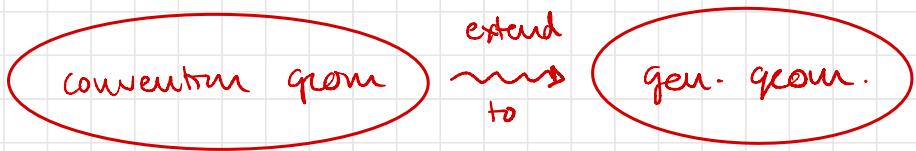
- "ADE" split forms:
    - $SL(d, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^+$
    - $SO(d, d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$
    - $Ed(d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$
- Others? yes, some  
eg  $SO(d, d+u) \times \mathbb{R}^+$   
heterotic theory

#### 4. Generalized G-structures

So far, just reformulation. New tools for

- supersymmetric flux backgrounds? exploring landscape?  
AdS - dft? dualities? topological theories? stability?
- mathematics?

Mantra:



→ generalized CT manifolds,  $G_L$ -manifolds, complex structures,  
Lie groups, etc., etc.

## 4.1 Conventional G-structures

- Useful formalism for describing many different geometries:

$FM$  = frame bundle for  $TM$  = principal  $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$  bundle.

$$\{\hat{e}_a\} \quad \hat{e}_a^i = M_a^b \hat{e}_b \quad \begin{matrix} \\ \nwarrow \\ GL(d, \mathbb{R}) \end{matrix}$$

then: for  $G_s \subset GL(d, \mathbb{R})$  reduction of structure group

$FM \supset P$  = principal  $G_s$  sub-bundle  $G_s$ -structure.

for example  $G_s = O(d)$

$P$  = set of orthonormal frames  $\Leftrightarrow$  metric g  
invariant tensor

- other examples:  $d = 2n$

- $G_s = \mathrm{GL}(n, \mathbb{C}) \Leftrightarrow$  almost complex structure, I

$$\Leftrightarrow T_c M = T^{1,0} \oplus T^{0,1}$$

*-i eigenbundle*  
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- $G_s = \mathrm{Sp}(d, \mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow$  almost symplectic structure,  $\omega$   
 (no requirement  $d\omega = 0$ )

- $G_s = \mathrm{SU}(n) \Leftrightarrow$  almost Calabi-Yau structure  
 $(\omega, \Omega)$

(no requirement  $d\omega = 0, d\Omega = 0$ )

- integrability (or "torsion free")
  - torsion-free compatible connection. (may not be unique)

- $GL(n, \mathbb{Q})$  : Nijenhuis tensor = 0      "involutive"
 
$$\Leftrightarrow [v, w] \in \Gamma(T^{1,0}) \quad \forall v, w \in \Gamma(T^{1,0})$$

- $Sp(d, \mathbb{R})$  :  $d\omega = 0$
- $SU(n)$  :  $d\omega = d\Omega = 0$

etc.

- obstruction = "intrinsic torsion"      eg vanishes identically  
for  $G_s = O(d)$

## 4.2 Generalised G-structures

- Extend same ideas to gen. group:

- FE = frame bundle for  $E$  = principal

$SO(d,d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$   
 $E(d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$  bundle

- $\hat{p}$  = principal  $G_s$  subbundle      gen.  $G_s$  structure.

$\Leftrightarrow$  invariant gen. tensor(s)

- Integrable :  $\exists$  compatible, torsion-free gen. connection  $D$

- Classic example : [Hitchin, Guaita] generalised complex structure :
    - $G_S = U(n, n) \subset SO(2n, 2n)$
    - $\Leftrightarrow$  invariant tensor  $J \in \Gamma(E \otimes E^\ast)$
    - $\Leftrightarrow E_C = L_+ \oplus L_-$  (eigenvalues )
    - torsion-free  $\Leftrightarrow L_+$  is involutive
- interpolates  
 between cpx & sympl.
- $L_V W \in \Gamma(L_+)$   $\forall V, W \in \Gamma(L_+)$

extend to generalized CT structure :

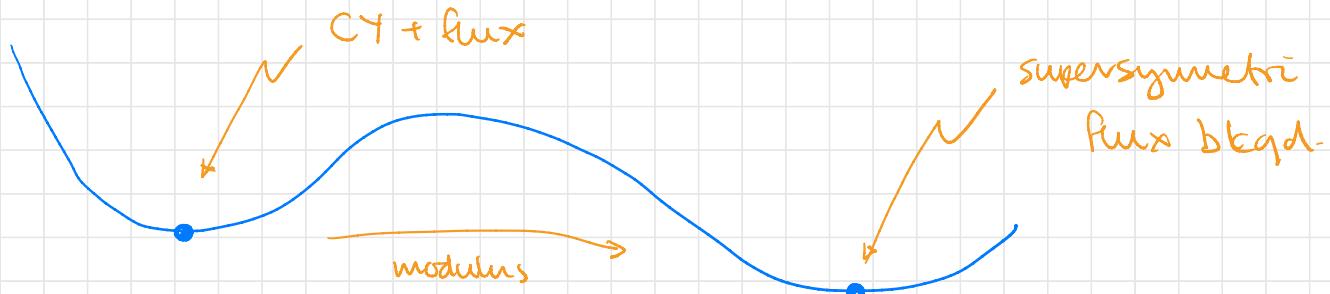
- $G_S = SU(n, n) \Leftrightarrow \varphi_\pm \in \Gamma(S_{\mathbb{H}^n}^\pm) = \Gamma(\lambda^\pm T^* M)$
- torsion-free  $\Leftrightarrow d\varphi^\pm = 0$

- more generally for generic flux backgrounds questions:

retain Supergravity problem as open. G-structure

## 5. Example 1: $d=4$ flux backgrounds

Landscape question:



- how characterize generic sum bkgd? • stability?
- moduli at CY + flux = moduli at actual vacuum?

Reminder: no go theorem  $\Rightarrow$  need flux sources

5.1 Type II bleds

[Grana, Minasian, Petrini, Tomasiello 05]

- Generalizes Calabi-Yau compactification; warp factor  $e^{2\phi}$

- $G_5 = \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3) \subset \text{SO}(6,6) \times \text{IR}^+$  structure

$$\varphi_+ \in \Gamma(S_{++}^+) \quad \varphi_- \in \Gamma(S_{--}^-)$$

- non-vanishing intrinsic torsion = RR flux  $F$

$$d\varphi_+ = 0$$

$$d(e^{-\Delta} \operatorname{Re} \varphi_+) = 0$$

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$$d^{\mathcal{J}_-} (e^{-3\Delta} \operatorname{Im} \varphi_+) = -\tfrac{1}{8} F$$

where  $d^{\mathcal{J}_-} = [\mathcal{J}_-, d]$  (cf.  $d^c$  B flux geom)

- Can use formulation in many ways [Gauß, Martucci, Koehler, Lüst, Louis, Tsingos, Grimm, Blumenhagen, Andriot, Lukas, ...]

- look for new vacua
- extended Gukov-Vafa-Witten superpotential, effective theories
- characterize supersymmetric branes (calibrations)

→ • analyse generic moduli ←

- non-susy.
- stability of vacua to tunnelling
- $\sigma$ -models ...

## 5.2 Moduli [ Ashmore, Strickland-Constable, Townsend, 2019 ] [ + Smith - 22 ]

Lift problem to  $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$  gen. group.

- supersymmetry parameter  $\varepsilon \in \Gamma(S)$   $\underline{8}$  of  $SU(8)$
- $N=1$ :  $\rightsquigarrow$  torsion-free,  $SU(7)$  structure.

Differential conditions: "nicely arranged"

- "F-term"

$$E_0 = E_{+3} \oplus E_{+1} \oplus E_{-1} \oplus E_{-3}$$

involuting:  $L_V W \in \Gamma(E_{+3}) \quad \forall V, W \in \Gamma(E_{+3})$

- "D-term": moment map

- Geometrically:  $\mathbb{Z} = \infty$ -dim. space of  $SU(7)$  structures
  - natural Kähler metric fr.  $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ / SU(7)$  const.
  - moment map for action &  $G\text{Diff} = \text{Diff} + \text{gauge}$ .

Involutivity defines Lie algebroid on  $L_3$

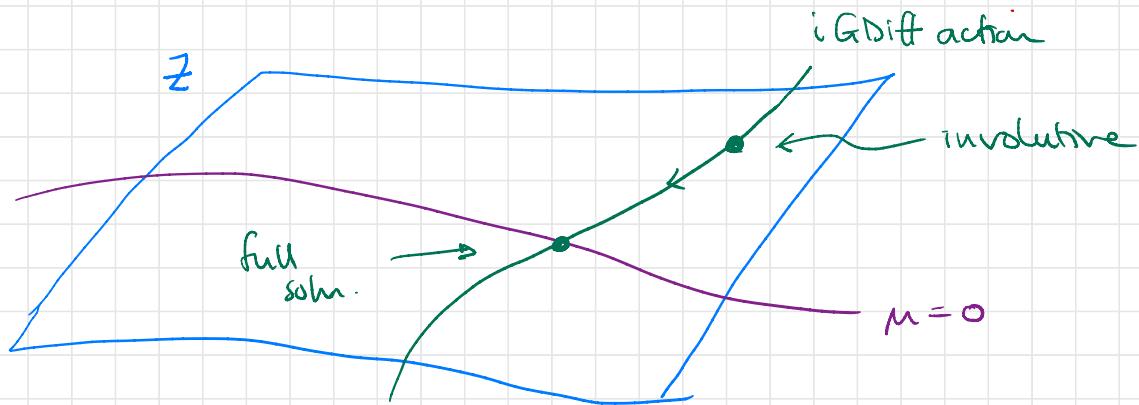
cohomology  $\Lambda^p E_3^* \xrightarrow{d_L} \Lambda^{p+1} E_3^*$  counts moduli

$\Updownarrow$

cohomology defined by  $\mathcal{J}$ -  
twisted by flux [cf Guatieri ;  
Carlacanti]

→ flux lifts moduli

- As for Calabi-Yau: don't need full soln; only involutive moduli can be calculated away from moment map soln.



- Same calculate in M-theory (also heterotic)  
reduces to de Rham or Dolbeault calcs w/ flux
- CAREAT: no perturbation of sources.

Two sides

- same ideas apply to AdS solutions

- new AdS-cft duals. different suy / dimensional

[eg Tomassello]

- analysis of finite marginal deformations [Ashmore, Petrini, Tasca  
Bw]

cohomology counts chiral ops

- new perspective in mathematics

- framework of stability and geometrical string theory

(cf. HYM eqns, KE eqns etc.)

- analyse existence of solutions?  $G_c$ ?

## 6. Example 2: Consistent truncations

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solution of truncated theory = solution of full theory

example:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\lambda)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{2}g\lambda\varphi^2$$

$$\partial^2\varphi = g\lambda\varphi , \quad \partial^2\lambda = m^2\lambda + \frac{1}{2}g\varphi^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \lambda=0 \end{array}$$

inconsistent:  $\lambda$  sourced by  $\varphi$

(ok when  $\epsilon \ll m$ )

$$\begin{array}{c} \searrow \\ \varphi=0 \end{array}$$

consistent

keep singlets under  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\varphi \rightarrow -\varphi \quad \lambda \rightarrow \lambda$$

- Consistent dimensional reduction: no requirement of scale separation

$$S_D = \int_{X \times M} \sqrt{g} (R + \dots)$$

↓ reduce on  $M$

$$S_{D-1} = \int_X \sqrt{\tilde{g}} (\tilde{R} + \dots)$$

keeping finite number  
of Kaluza-Klein modes

- Natural question:

what theories on  $X$  arise as consistent truncations  
in string theory / supergravity?

- General class: Schrödinger reduction.

$M = \text{Lie group } G$   
 (or  $G/T$ )

keep left-invariant modes.

in particular  $\{\hat{e}_i\}$  left-invariant vectors with  $[\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j] = f_{ij}^k \hat{e}_k$

Singlets can't source charged modes

$S_{d-n} = \text{gauge theory w/ gauge group } G \text{ (right-active)}$

- Extend to gen. geom?

$$\{K_A\} \in T(E)$$

$$L_{K_A} K_B = X_{AB}{}^C K_C$$

"Leibniz parallelization"

$C_S = 1$ ,  $X = \text{intrinsic torsion}$

- expanding gen.-metric  $G$  etc. in  $\star_4$  gives consistent truncation of type IIA/B + M-theory

$S_{D-n} = \text{gauged maximal supergravity.}$

- examples: mysterious sphere cases [deWolff + Nicolai ; - ]
  - M-theory on  $S^7, S^4$
  - IIB on  $S^5$
- Poisson-Lie U-duality : [Hassler; Mateo, Salgatano Thompson; Bredon, Mukhi, Valach, An]
  - two Leibniz parallelizations w/ same algebra.

- [Dask'Agata, Inverso, Trigiante 2012] found family of  $SO(8)$  gauged  $d=4$ ,  $N=8$  supergravities.  $0 \leq \omega < \frac{1}{8}\pi$

$\omega = 0$  :  $S^7$  Leibniz parallelism

$\omega \neq 0$  : prove no sugra construct

[Lee, S-Carololo, Waldram]

- More generally: [Cassani, Dorse, Petrini, DW]

A structure w/ singlet intrinsic form  $\Leftrightarrow$  consistent trunc.

can use to start classifying landscape of theories. [Emanuel's talk]

[de Buyl, Hassler, Lüst; Inverso; Bergshoeff, Hulik, Valach, DW]

## 7. Beyond supergravity:

- Very broad question

why generalised geometry?

minimal data for extending diffeo. symmetries [Bogden, Hull, Valach, DW]

- vector spaces  $(E, N)$
- "non-generic" map  $\gamma: S^2 E \rightarrow N$



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{gen-tang- space } E \\ \text{structure group} \\ \text{gen. Lie derivative } L_v \end{array} \right.$

Somewhat intrinsic to string theory? supersymmetry? q-gravity ??

- How extend to higher string modes?

## 7.1 DFT and EFT

- Consider string theory on  $T^n$  and keep winding and momentum  
doubled space =  $T^{2n}$  [Hull, Zuerbach; Hohm Hull Zuerbach]
- "string constant"  $\xrightarrow{\text{project}} T^n$  gives gen. geom.
- "weak constant": "consistent truncation" integrate out osc. modes.  
[Sen] from SFT  
formally describe using Lie alg. [Arvanitakis, Hohm, Hull, Lekan]  
agree to order-order

- Local string content: "non-geometrical vacua"  
 patched by T-duality [Hellerman, McGreevy, Wil�am; Hull; ...]  
 local gen. geom. description.
- extend to other geometries?
  - gropy manifolds: [Blumenhagen, DuBosque, Henber, Lust]  
 modifies gen. geom. constraints.
  - gauge enhancement on  $T^n$  in heterotic  
 dependence on extra coordinates, extend to  
 [Aldazabal, Graña, Irgui, Mayo, Nuñez, Rosabal; ...]

## 7.2 Curvatures and higher-orders

- In both  $SOL(d,d)$  &  $E(d,d)$  (cf.  $\mathbb{C}^{d,d}$  structure)

gen. Levi-Civita connection  $D$  is not unique.

furthermore:

- can define gen. Riemann tensor for  $SOL(d,d)$  but depends on choice of  $D$
- no gen. Riemann tensor for  $E(d,d)$

but

- can always define gen. Ricci tensor and indep. of choice of  $D$

- we know supergravity has correction:

$$S = S_{\text{sym}}^{\text{type I}} + \int J_g (\text{Riem}^4 + \dots)$$

- Very suggestive for restricting higher order corrections

can one construct new unambiguous invariants from  $D$ ?

so preserves  $SOL(d, d+1) \times \mathbb{R}^+$  structure & local  $SOL(d) \times SOL(d)$  symm

- Actually seems v. difficult (rule out  $R^2$  in bosonic theory / heterotic)

without modifying  $L_V$  [Hahn-Zwiebach; Bedoya, Marques, Nunes]

- Progress using weaker conditions inspired by gen. geom.

[Corteson + Minasian]

- Finally can consider topological sectors

eg cplx struc  $\Omega \in \Gamma(\Lambda^3 T^* M)$   $\mapsto$  gen. CT  $\Phi^- \in \Gamma(\Lambda^+ T^* M)$   
 $SU(3)$  structure  $SU(3,3)$  structure

string topological B-model

$$\text{action} = \text{Hitchin functional} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_M i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} \\ \int_M i\bar{\varphi}^- \varphi^- \end{array} \right.$$

SO(6,6)  
spinor pairing

[Perlmutter & Witten 2005] quantize + 1-loop

$\varphi^-$ -functional agrees w/ B-model.

- More generally:  $G_S \subset \text{End}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  structure [Ashmore, S-Cast., Tseytlin, Du]

gen. Hitchin functional

involutive  $L \subset E_C \leftrightarrow =$  Kähler ft. on space  
of structures  $\mathcal{Z}$

gives new examples of possible topological theories (including  
RR fields or in M-theory) also heterotic [Ashmore et al.]

(includes flux ext min of  $G_2$  functional. [Dijkgraaf, Gutov, Neitzke, Vafa] )

## 8. Conclusions

To reiterate:

- generalised geometry as a tool for investigating landscape
  - flux bkgd moduli
  - consistent truncations
  - metric on space of structures
- extends conventional notions of geometry.
  - inherent to strings, q-gravity ??
  - interesting mathematics / AdS-ct.
- some potential to go beyond supergravity.