

# $E_7$ description of $N=2$ backgrounds

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# Motivation

# Type II sugra on $M_{10} = M_4 \times_w M_6$

(N=2 eff. theory on  $M_4$ )

$g + B |_{M_6}$

$T \oplus T^*$   
GCG

$$\Phi^+, \Phi^-$$

$$(e^{B+iJ}, e^B \Omega_3)$$

pure spinors

+ C  
?

?

N=2 moduli spaces

→

$$\delta\Phi^+, \delta\Phi^-$$

Special Kähler manifolds  
(Hitchin functionals)

→

$$\delta?$$

Special Kähler  
Quaternionic  
(?)

N=2 potentials

→

$$S_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Phi^+, d\Phi^- \rangle & \langle \Phi^+, F \rangle \\ \langle \Phi^+, F \rangle & \langle \Phi^+, d\bar{\Phi}^- \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

→

$$S_{AB} = ?$$

N=1 vacua

→

$$d\Phi^+ = 0$$

$$d\Phi^- = F + i * F$$

F: obstruction for integrability

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$$d? = 0 ?$$

Can we geometrize C?

# Outline

-1. The setup

$$0. \quad g + B \xrightarrow[\text{GCG}]{T \oplus T^*} \Phi^+, \Phi^-$$

$$1. \quad g + B + C \longrightarrow ?$$

$$2. \quad \text{Pure spinors} \longrightarrow ?$$

$$3. \quad \text{N=2 moduli spaces} \longrightarrow \delta?$$

$$4. \quad \text{N=2 potentials} \longrightarrow S_{AB} = ?$$

$$5. \quad \text{N=1 vacua} \longrightarrow d? = 0$$

# - I. Pre-introduction : the setup

• Type II sugra on  $M_{10} = M_4 \times_w M_6$   $ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A(y)} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + ds_6^2(y)$

• Require effective theory on  $M_4$  to have **N=2 susy**

Spinors  $\epsilon^1 = \theta_{\pm}^1 \otimes \eta_{\pm}^1 + c.c.$

Off-shell SUSY:  $\exists \eta^{1,2} \rightarrow$  **Topological condition**

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On-shell SUSY:  $\exists \eta / \rightarrow$  **Differential condition**

$\delta_\epsilon \psi_m = 0, \delta_\epsilon \lambda = 0$  integrability of structure

$\exists$  nowhere vanishing  $\eta : SU(3)$  structure

TM patched using  $g \in SU(3)$

$Spin(6) \simeq SO(6) \simeq SU(4)$ ,  $\eta$  in 4  $\rightarrow$  3 + 1 Stabilizer group  $G = \{g \in Spin(6) : g \cdot \eta = \eta\} = SU(3)$

$SO(6) \rightarrow SU(3)$

2-form 15  $\rightarrow$  8 + 3 +  $\bar{3}$  + 1  $\leftarrow J$

3-form 20  $\rightarrow$  6 +  $\bar{6}$  + 3 +  $\bar{3}$  + 1 + 1  $\leftarrow \rho$

$J : Sp(6, R)$  structure  $\rightarrow$

$\rho : SL(3, C)$  structure  $\rightarrow$

$\cap$   
 $SU(3)$

**Generalized complex structures**  
 $SU(3, 3)$  on  $T \oplus T^*$

Equivalent to nowhere vanishing  $\rho$  and  $J$ :  $J \wedge \rho = 0 \rightarrow$  determine metric

$$0. \quad \mathfrak{g} + \mathfrak{B} \quad \xrightarrow[\text{GCG}]{T \oplus T^*} \quad \Phi^+, \Phi^-$$

## Generalized complex geometry

Hitchin 02  
Gualtieri 04

- Differential geometry on  $T \oplus T^*$  sections are  $x + \zeta = X$

Natural metric  $I$  on  $T \oplus T^*$ :  $(x + \zeta, y + \eta) = i_x \eta + i_y \zeta \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_d \\ 1_d & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

On  $T \oplus T^*$  define Generalized Almost Complex Structure (GACS)  $J: T \oplus T^* \rightarrow T \oplus T^*$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} J^2 &= -1_{2d} \\ J^t I J &= I \end{aligned}}$$

$\Pi_{\pm}$  projector onto holo/antiholo  $V$

Integrability:  $\Pi_- [\Pi_+ X, \Pi_+ Y]_C = 0 \quad [x + \zeta, y + \eta]_C = [x, y] + \mathcal{L}_x \eta - \mathcal{L}_y \zeta - \frac{1}{2} d(\iota_x \eta - \iota_y \zeta)$

**Spinors  $\Phi$**  of  $O(6,6) := p$ -forms

Weyl: positive chirality  $S^+ \sim \Lambda^{\text{even}}$

negative chirality  $S^- \sim \Lambda^{\text{odd}}$

Spinor bilinear: Mukai pairing

$$\Psi^\dagger \Phi \sim \langle \Psi, \Phi \rangle = \sum_p (-1)^{[p/2]} \Psi_p \wedge \Phi_{6-p}$$

Clifford action:  $X^A \Gamma_A \Phi = x^m \underbrace{\iota_m \Phi + \zeta_m dx^m \wedge \Phi}_{\Phi^-} \quad \uparrow \Phi^+$

**Pure spinor:** annihilator space is maximal (6-dimensional)

$$(\mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \in T \oplus T^* \text{ s.t. } (\mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \cdot \Phi = 0$$

1-1 correspondance between **pure spinors** and **generalized almost complex structures**  $\mathcal{J}$

$$d\Phi = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{J}_\phi \text{ integrable} \quad \text{generalized Calabi-Yau manifold}$$

$$\exists \text{ pure spinor } \Phi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{SU}(3,3) \text{ structure on } T \oplus T^*:$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists 2 \text{ compatible (3 common ann.)} \\ \text{pure spinors } \Phi^{1,2} \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3) \text{ structure on } T \oplus T^*:$$

$$\langle \Phi_+, \Gamma^A \Phi_- \rangle = 0$$

$\Phi^1, \Phi^2$  compatible define metric and B-field:

$$\mathcal{G} = -I \mathcal{J}_1 \mathcal{J}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} g - Bg^{-1}B & Bg^{-1} \\ -g^{-1}B & g^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
generalized metric

Consider  $O(6) \times O(6)$  spinors

$$\Phi_{\pm} = e^B \eta_{+}^1 \otimes \eta_{\pm}^{2\dagger} = e^B \Phi_{\pm}^0 \quad \text{sum of forms}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_{\pm}^0)_{m_1 \dots m_p} &= \text{Tr}(\Phi_{\pm}^0 \gamma_{m_1 \dots m_p}) \\ &= \eta_{\pm}^{2\dagger} \gamma_{m_1 \dots m_p} \eta_{+}^1 \end{aligned}$$

Ex:

- $\eta^1 = \eta^2$   
(SU(3) structure)

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_{-} = e^B \Omega_3 \\ \Phi_{+} = e^{B+iJ} \end{cases}$$

- complex structure
- symplectic structure

- $\eta^2 = z \cdot \eta^1$   
(static SU(2))

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_{-} = e^B z \wedge e^{ij} \\ \Phi_{+} = e^B \Omega_2 \wedge e^{z \wedge \bar{z}} \end{cases}$$

- 1d complex, 2d symplectic
- 2d complex, 1d symplectic

} generalized complex structures

Pure spinors  $\Phi_{\pm}$  carry all information about metric and B-field on manifold  
algebraic structures and B-field on manifold

$$1. \quad g + B \xrightarrow{\text{GCG}} T \oplus T^* \xrightarrow{?}$$

$$g + B \longrightarrow T \oplus T^* \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{string momentum} \\ \text{and winding} \end{array} \quad \text{GCG}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \mathbf{O}(6,6) \quad \text{T-duality group}$$

Hitchin 02  
Gualtieri 04

$$g + B + C \longrightarrow T \oplus T^* \oplus S^+ \oplus \Lambda^5 T^* \oplus \Lambda^5 T \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{string momentum and winding} \\ \text{D-brane charges} \\ \text{5-brane charge + KK monopole} \end{array}$$

(Type IIA)

$$\quad \quad \quad \mathbf{E}_{7(7)} \quad \text{U-duality group} \quad \quad \quad \text{EGG}$$

Hull 07  
Pires Pacheco, Waldram 08

- Exceptional generalised tangent space ✓
- Exceptional generalised metric ✓
- Exceptional Courant bracket ✓



2.  $g + B \longrightarrow \Phi^+, \Phi^-$  pure spinors  $\xrightarrow[\text{EGG}]{+ C} ?$

$E_7 \longrightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times O(6, 6)$

$B_{\mu\nu}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $S = a + i e^{-2\varphi}$

S-duality

$56 \longrightarrow (2, 12) + (1, 32)$

$\lambda^A \longrightarrow [ \lambda_i^A, \lambda^\pm ]$

$\lambda = [0, \text{Re}(\Phi^+)]$

$133 \longrightarrow (3, 1) + (1, 66) + (2, 32)$

$\mu^{AB} \longrightarrow [ \mu^{ij}, \mu^A_B, \mu^{i\pm} ]$

To embed  $\Phi^-$  need a triplet of  $SU(2)_R$

$\mu_+ = \mu_1 + i \mu_2 = [0, 0, u^i \bar{\Phi}^-]$

$\mu_- = \mu_1 - i \mu_2 = [0, 0, \bar{u}^i \Phi^-]$

$\mu_3$

$\vdots$

SL(2, R) doublet

$$133 \longrightarrow (3, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{66}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{32})$$

$$\mu^{AB} \longrightarrow [\mu^{ij}, \mu^A{}_B, \mu^{i-}]$$

$\swarrow$  SL(2,R) doublet    adds 2 dof     $\sim S$ ?

$$\mu_+ = \mu_1 + i \mu_2 = [0, 0, u^i \bar{\Phi}^-]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^- &\rightarrow c \Phi^- \\ u^i &\rightarrow c^{-1} u^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_- = \mu_1 - i \mu_2 = [0, 0, \bar{u}^i \Phi^-]$$

$$\mu_3 = [u^i \bar{u}_j + c.c., |u|^2 \mathcal{J}^A{}_B, 0]$$

$$[\mu_a, \mu_b] = i \epsilon_{abc} \mu_c \quad \text{SU(2) algebra}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{AB} = -i \frac{\langle \bar{\Phi}^-, \Gamma_{AB} \Phi^- \rangle}{\langle \bar{\Phi}^-, \Phi^- \rangle}$$

Where is  $C^-$  ??

$$\frac{1}{12} \mathcal{J}_{AB} \Gamma^{AB} \Phi^- = i \Phi^-$$

In the last component of  $\mu_3$  ?

Sort of, but no so fast ...

$$\text{O}(6,6) : \text{ B-field} \quad \Phi^\pm = e^B \eta_+^1 \eta_\pm^{2\dagger} = e^B \Phi_0^\pm \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ B_{mn} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{E}_7 : \text{ C-field} \quad \lambda = e^C \lambda_0 \quad \mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{133}$$

$$\mu = e^C \mu_0$$

↑  
adjoint action

$$\mathcal{C} = [ \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{rotates } u^i}}{0} , \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{rotates } \phi}}{0} , v^i \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{arbitrary } v^i}}{C^-} ]$$

$$\mu_+ = e^C [0, 0, u^i \bar{\Phi}^-] = [\dots, \dots, u^i \bar{\Phi}^-]$$

$$\mu_3 = e^C [u^i \bar{u}_j + c.c., |u|^2 \mathcal{J}^A_B, 0] = [\dots, \dots, \text{Re} u^i C^-]$$

$$\lambda = e^C [0, \text{Re} \Phi^+] = [v^i \langle C, \Gamma^A \lambda \rangle, \text{Re} \Phi^+]$$

$$\text{E}_7 \longrightarrow \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \times \text{O}(6,6)$$

$$56 \longrightarrow (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{12}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{32})$$

$$\lambda^A \longrightarrow [\lambda_i^A, \lambda^+]$$

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$$\mu^{AB} \longrightarrow [\mu^i_j, \mu^A_B, \mu^{i-}]$$

3. N=2 moduli spaces  $\delta\Phi^+$  Special Kähler manifolds  
 $\delta\Phi^-$  (Hitchin functionals)  $\longrightarrow$

$$\begin{matrix} \delta\lambda \\ \delta\mu \end{matrix}$$

$\text{Re}\Phi^+$  defines  $SU(3,3) \subset O(6,6)$   $\longrightarrow$

$\lambda$  defines  $E_6 \subset E_7$

$$\delta\text{Re}\Phi^+ : \frac{O(6,6)}{SU(3,3)} \times \mathbf{R}^+ \quad 32 \text{ dim special Kähler}$$

$$\delta\lambda : \frac{E_7}{E_6} \times \mathbf{R}^+ \quad 56 \text{ dim special Kähler}$$

Ceccotti 89  
de Wit, Van Proeyen 93

$$K = \sqrt{H} \quad \text{Hitchin functional quartic invt of } O(6,6)$$

$$K = \sqrt{q}|_\lambda \quad \text{quartic invt of } E_7$$

$$= \sqrt{\langle \text{Re}\Phi^+, \Gamma_{AB}\text{Re}\Phi^+ \rangle \langle \text{Re}\Phi^+, \Gamma^{AB}\text{Re}\Phi^+ \rangle}$$

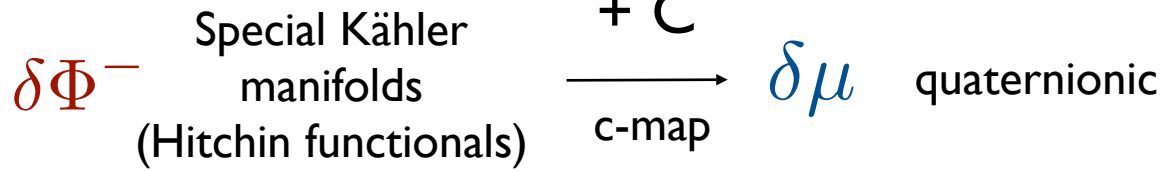
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$$= i \langle \Phi^+, \bar{\Phi}^+ \rangle$$

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$$\lambda = e^c [0, \text{Re}\Phi^+]$$

### 3. N=2 moduli spaces



Wolf 65  
Aleksievski 75

$$\delta\Phi^- \xrightarrow[\text{c-map}]{\frac{O(6,6)}{SU(3,3) \times U(1)}}$$

local special Kähler

$$\frac{E_7}{SO(12) \times SU(2)}$$

Ceccotti, Ferrara, Girardello 89  
de Wit, Van Proeyen 93

$\xrightarrow{\text{stabilizer } \mu}$   
 quaternionic

$$\mu_+ = e^{\mathcal{C}} [0, 0, u^i \bar{\Phi}^-]$$

+ compensator

$$\mu_3 = e^{\mathcal{C}} [u^i \bar{u}_j + c.c., |u|^2 \mathcal{J}^A_B, 0]$$

orbit of  $\mu_a$   
68 dim

$$\left\{ \frac{E_7}{SO(12)} \times \mathbf{R}^+ \right.$$

hyperKähler

triplet of complex structures

$SU(2)_R$  rotates among them

Kobak, Swann 00

$$\chi = \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mu_+ \mu_-)} = \sqrt{|u|^2 \langle \Phi^-, \bar{\Phi}^- \rangle}$$

$$= e^{-\varphi} e^{\frac{1}{2} K^-} \Rightarrow \text{agree if}$$

Rocek, Vafa, Vandoren 06

$$|u|^2 = e^{-2\varphi}$$

will see consistency

4. **N=2 potentials**  $S_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Phi^+, d\Phi^- \rangle & \langle \Phi^+, F \rangle \\ \langle \Phi^+, F \rangle & \langle \Phi^+, d\bar{\Phi}^- \rangle \end{pmatrix} = e^{K^+} \sigma_{AB}^a P_a \longrightarrow S_{AB} = ?$

M.G, Louis, Waldram 05

$$P_+ = e^{\frac{1}{2}K^- + \varphi} \langle \Phi^+, d\Phi^- \rangle$$

$$P_3 = e^{2\varphi} \langle \Phi^+, F \rangle \longrightarrow P_a = S(\lambda, D \cdot \mu_a)$$

Agreement if

$$|u|^2 = e^{-2\varphi}$$

✓ Same requirement than for  $\chi$

$d$  **6** of  $O(6)$  or **12** of  $O(6,6) \longrightarrow (2,12) \in 56$  of  $E_7$

$d \longrightarrow D = [v^i d, 0]$

$S$ : symplectic product in  $E_7 \subset Sp(56, \mathbb{R})$

$$S(\lambda, \lambda') = \epsilon_{ij} \lambda^{iA} \lambda'^{jB} \eta_{AB} + \langle \lambda^+, \lambda'^+ \rangle$$

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## 5. N=1 vacua

$$d\Phi^+ = 0$$

$$d\Phi^- = (|a|^2 + |b|^2) F + i(|a|^2 - |b|^2) * F$$

$$\begin{aligned} D\lambda_C &= 0 \\ D\mu'_3 &\equiv 0 \quad \checkmark \\ D\mu'_+|_{(0,1)} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

M.G, Minasian, Petrini, Tomasiello 05

$$\Phi^+ = e^{-\varphi} \bar{a} b \eta_+^1 \eta_+^{2\dagger}$$

$$\Phi^- = e^{-\varphi} a \bar{b} \eta_+^1 \eta_-^{2\dagger}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^1 \\ \epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \epsilon \quad \mathbf{U(1)}_R \subset \mathbf{SU(2)}_R \rightarrow (r_+, r_-, r^3) = (\bar{a}b, ab, |a|^2 - |b|^2)$$

**D-term :**  $r^a P_a$

**Superpot. :**  $\omega^a P_a$

$$r^a \mu_a = \mu'_3$$

$$\omega^a \mu_a = \mu'_+$$

Vanishing of variation of superpotential and D-term equiv. to N=1 vacua eqs.

Koerber, Martucci 07  
Bilal, Cassani 07

$$\lambda = e^{\mathcal{C}} [0, \text{Re}\Phi^+] \quad \lambda_C = e^{\mathcal{C}} [0, \Phi^+]$$

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# Conclusions

$O(6,6) \rightarrow E_7$  : Geometrized C-field

- Relevant structures containing all dof:  $\lambda, \mu_a$
- Special Kähler and quaternionic moduli spaces: orbits of  $\lambda, \mu_a$ 
  - Kähler and hyperKähler potentials : invariants of  $E_7$  specialized to orbits  $\lambda, \mu_a$
- Gravitino mass matrix (or Killing prepotentials)  $P_a = S(\lambda, D \cdot \mu_a)$
- $N=1$  vacua equations :  $\lambda, \mu'_3$  integrable structures

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Exceptional generalized geometry is a nice tool for a systematic description of flux backgrounds. But may be strings see  $E_7$  structure of ETS and we will learn more

