

# The Geometry of $N = 2$ Flux Backgrounds

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# The problem

Type II on  $M_6$  with  $N = 2$

- ▶ what is geometry of generic flux background?
- ▶ can one find moduli?

*integrable structure in (exceptional) generalized geometry*

## Calabi–Yau

Moduli spaces well understood

$$dJ = 0 \qquad h^{1,1}$$

$$d\Omega = 0 \qquad h^{2,1}$$

with harmonic  $B$ ,  $C^\pm$

		type IIA	type IIB
hypers	quaternionic Kähler	$\Omega + C^-$	$J + B + C^+$
vectors	special Kähler	$J + B$	$\Omega$

## What about generic $N = 2$ flux backgrounds?

- ▶ analogues of  $J$  and  $\Omega$ ? differential conditions?
- ▶ finite dimensional? cohomology?

## One approach: $G$ structures

$GL(6, \mathbb{R})$  action on frames  $v^\mu = v^a \hat{e}_a^\mu$

$dJ \simeq \text{flux}$

$Sp(3, \mathbb{R})$  structure

$d\Omega \simeq \text{flux}$

$SL(3, \mathbb{C})$  structure

- ▶ complete classification, new solutions
- ▶ lack of integrability means moduli hard; global issues

[*Gauntlett, Martelli, DW, . . . , Cardoso et al, . . .*]

## “Generalised” $G$ structure

- ▶ extend notion of structure
- ▶ new object is integrable

conditions from  $N = 2$  gauged supergravity ...

[*c.f. GMTP, Koerber & Martucci, Tomasiello; GLSW, Graña & Orsi, Graña & Triendl*]

## Introduction

## Gauged hypermultiplets in $N = 2$

## $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ generalised geometry

## Hypermultiplet structures

## Conclusions

# Gauged hypermultiplets

## Multiplets

**hypers** :  $(\zeta_\alpha, q^u)$       four scalars  
 vectors :  $(A_\mu, \lambda^A, t)$       complex scalar

## Hypermultiplet manifold ( $n$ hypers)

$M_H$  is quaternionic-Kähler manifold

and  $M_H$  is  $4n$ -dimensional



Swann space  $X$ :  $R^4$  bundle over  $M_H$

$X$  is hyper-Kähler manifold

with triplet of symplectic structures  $\Omega_a$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$

Gauging by vector multiplets

action of Lie group  $G$  on  $X$  preserving  $\Omega_a$

isometries of HK metric so  $\partial_\mu q^u \rightarrow D_\mu q^u$

## Moment map

Infinitesimally  $G$  acts by Lie derivative  $\rho : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow TX$  so for all  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$0 = \mathcal{L}_{\rho(\xi)}\Omega_a = d(i_{\rho(\xi)}\Omega_a)$$

Moment maps  $\mu_a : X \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  such that

$$d\mu_a(\xi) = i_{\rho(\xi)}\Omega_a$$

## $N = 2$ supersymmetric vacuum

Gaugino and gravitino variation (hyperino constrains vector mult.)  
[Hristov, Looyestijin & Vandoren; Louis, Smyth & Triendl]

$$\delta\psi_\mu = \delta\lambda = 0 \quad \iff \quad \mu_a(\xi) = 0 \quad \forall \xi$$

form **hyper-Kähler quotient**

$$X' = \mu_1^{-1}(0) \cap \mu_2^{-1}(0) \cap \mu_3^{-1}(0) / G$$

$X'$  is **still hyper-Kähler** (still Swann bundle)

## Can be infinite dimensional... (eg Atiyah–Bott)

- ▶  $X$  = space of gauge connections on Riemann surface
- ▶  $G$  = group of gauge transformations
- ▶  $\mu = F$ , field strength
- ▶  $X'$  = moduli space of flat connections

Hitchin's equations, Hermitian-Yang-Mills equations,  
Kähler-Einstein (Donaldson), ...

# $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ generalised geometry [CSW, from Hitchin, Gualtieri]

## Type II warped dimensional reduction

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2\Delta} ds^2(\mathbb{R}^{3,1}) + ds_6^2(M),$$

all fields  $\{g, \phi, B, \tilde{B}, C^\pm, \Delta\}$  on  $M$

## Goal: new geometrical description

- ▶ unify bosonic symmetries and fields into single objects
- ▶ enhanced local  $SU(8)$  symmetry

[c.f. Julia, de Wit & Nicolai, ..., Siegel; Hull, Hohm & Zweibach, ..., Berman & Perry, ...]

## Generalised tangent space [Hull; Pacheco & DW]

$$E \simeq TM \oplus T^*M \oplus \Lambda^5 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^\pm T^*M \oplus (T^*M \otimes \Lambda^6 T^*M)$$

$$V^M = (v^m, \lambda_m, \tilde{\lambda}_{m_1 \dots 5}, \lambda^{\pm}, \dots)$$

parametrises infinitesimal symmetries – diffeos and gauge transf

### $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ structure

Unique  $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \supset GL(6, \mathbb{R})^\pm$  action on frames  $V^M = V^A \hat{E}_A^M$

$$E \sim \mathbf{56}_1$$

where  $\mathbb{R}^+$  weight is  $\mathbf{1}_p \sim (\det T^*M)^{p/2}$

## Generalised tensors: $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ representations

For example, adjoint includes potentials

$$\mathbf{133}_0 \sim (TM \otimes T^*M) \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^6 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^\pm T^*M \oplus \dots$$

$$A^M{}_N = (a^m{}_n, B_{mn}, \tilde{B}_{m_1\dots m_6}, C^{\pm}, \dots)$$

## Dorfman derivative

Given  $V \in E$ , there is a generalisation of Lie derivative

$$L_V = \text{diffeo.} + \text{gauge transformation}$$

# Generalised geometry and supergravity [CSW]

## Generalised metric

$G_{MN}$  invariant under  $SU(8) \subset E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$

equivalent to  $\{g, \phi, B, \tilde{B}, C^\pm, \Delta\}$

## Generalised connection (c.f. Levi-Civita)

Define  $D_M V^N = \partial_M V^N + \Omega_M{}^N{}_P V^P$

exists **gen. torsion-free** connection  $D$  with  $DG = 0$

but **not unique**, (torsion  $\sim$  **912 + 56**)



## Bosonic action

Analogue of Ricci tensor **is unique**

$$S_B = \int_M |\text{vol}_G| R \quad \text{eom} = \text{gen. Ricci flat}$$

where  $|\text{vol}_G| = (\det G)^{-1/28} = \sqrt{g} e^{2\Delta}$

## Leading-order fermions and supersymmetry

$$\not{D}\psi + D \Upsilon \rho = 0 \quad \delta\psi = D \Upsilon \epsilon \quad \text{etc}$$

**unique operators**, full theory has local  $SU(8)$  invariance

# Hypermultiplet structures

## Conventional $G$ structures

$$g \in GL(d, \mathbb{R}) / O(d)$$

$$J \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) / Sp(n)$$

$$\Omega \in GL(2n, \mathbb{R}) / SL(n, \mathbb{C})$$

## $E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ generalised structures

$$G \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times E_{7(7)} / SU(8)$$

## Generalised complex structures [*Hitchin, Gualtieri*]

Take  $E = TM \oplus T^*M$

$$\Phi^\pm \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times O(6,6)/SU(3,3)$$

spinor  $\Phi^\pm \in S^\pm(E) \simeq \Lambda^\pm T^*M$

$$J \longrightarrow \Phi^+ = e^{-\phi} e^{-B-iJ}$$

$$\Omega \longrightarrow \Phi^- = e^{-\phi} e^{-B} (\Omega_1 + \Omega_3 + \Omega_5)$$

if no RR fields  $N = 2$  implies **integrability**  $d\Phi^\pm = 0$  [*GMPT*]

## Hypermultiplet structures [GLSW]

$$\{J_a\} \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times E_{7(7)} / Spin^*(12)$$

where  $\{J_a\} \sim \mathbf{133}_1$  are  $SU(2)_R$  triplet

$$[J_a, J_b] = 2\kappa\epsilon_{abc}J_c$$

$$\text{Tr}(J_a J_b) = -\kappa^2 \delta_{ab} \in \det T^*M$$

for Calabi–Yau gives  $\Omega$  in type IIA and  $J$  in type IIB

## Example: complex structure in IIA

$$\mathbf{133}_0 \sim (TM \otimes T^*M) \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^6 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^- T^*M \oplus \dots$$

$$A^M_N = (a^m_n, B_{mn}, \tilde{B}_{m_1 \dots m_6}, C_m, C_{mnp}, \dots)$$

defines triplet with  $J_{\pm} = J_1 \pm iJ_2$

$$J_+ \sim \Omega \quad J_- \sim \bar{\Omega} \quad J_3 \sim I$$

where  $I^2 = -1$ .

## Space of hypermultiplet structures $\mathcal{X}$

**Infinite-dimensional** space of sections

$$\{J_a(x)\} \in \mathcal{X}$$

tangent space  $\{v_a(x)\} \in TX$  where

$$v_a(x) = \delta J_a(x) = [\alpha(x), J_a(x)] \quad \alpha(x) \in \mathfrak{e}_{7(7)} + \mathbb{R}$$

**hyper-Kähler** (Swann space) **structure** (c.f. Wolf space)

$$\Omega_a(v, w) = \epsilon_{abc} \int_M \text{Tr}(v_b w_c)$$

## Relation to gauged $N = 2$ supergravity

Rewrite type II supergravity as  $N = 2$ ,  $d = 4$  theory

- ▶ keep all KK modes
- ▶  $X$  is infinite dimensional space of hypermultiplets

for supersymmetric vacuum we need to know

what is the gauging?

## Momentum maps

$G =$  diffeos and gauge transformations

Infinitesimally generated by the Dorfman derivative, so  $V \in E$  parameterise Lie algebra

$$\rho(V) = \{L_V J_a\} \in TX$$

and we find

$$\mu_a(V) = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{abc} \int \text{Tr}(J_b L_V J_c)$$



## Example: complex structure in IIA

With  $V = (v, \lambda, \tilde{\lambda}, \lambda^+, \tau)$

$$\mu_+(V) \sim \int \Omega \wedge d\lambda_2$$

$$\mu_3(V) \sim \int \mathcal{L}_v \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} - \Omega \wedge \mathcal{L}_v \bar{\Omega}$$

## Integrability and moduli space

$N = 2$  supersymmetric vacuum integrability conditions just

$$\mu_a(V) = 0 \quad \text{for all } V \in E$$

Since structures related by a diffeo or gauge transformation are equivalent

$$\mathcal{M} = \mu_1^{-1}(0) \cap \mu_2^{-1}(0) \cap \mu_3^{-1}(0) / G$$

gives the moduli space of structures, and is automatically hyper-Kähler (Swann) space

# Examples

## $O(6, 6)$ decomposition

It is useful to use the  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times O(6, 6) \subset E_{7(7)}$  decomposition

$$\mathbf{133} = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{66}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{32}^\pm)$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha^i_j, \alpha^A_B, \alpha^{i\pm})$$

where

$$\mathbf{2} \sim (\det T^*M)^{-1/2} \oplus (\det T^*M)^{1/2}$$

$$\mathbf{12} \sim TM \oplus T^*M$$

$$\mathbf{32}^\pm \sim \Lambda^\pm T^*M$$

## Pure spinor

$$J_+ = J_1 + iJ_2 = (0, 0, u^i \Phi^\pm) \quad u^i = \begin{pmatrix} i\kappa \\ -\kappa^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

defines  $\{J_a\}$  where  $\kappa^2 = i\langle \Phi^\pm, \bar{\Phi}^\pm \rangle$  (Mukai pairing)

$$\mu_+(V) = \int \langle \Lambda^\mp, d\Phi^\pm \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3(V) = \int & \langle d\bar{\Phi}^\pm, i_\nu \Phi^\pm \rangle - \langle \bar{\Phi}^\pm, i_\nu d\Phi^\pm \rangle \\ & - \langle d\bar{\Phi}^\pm, \Lambda \wedge \Phi^\pm \rangle - \langle \bar{\Phi}^\pm, \Lambda \wedge d\Phi^\pm \rangle \end{aligned}$$

vanishes iff  $d\Phi^\pm = 0$

D3 brane on  $HK_4 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ 

$$ds^2(M) = e^{2A} (ds_{HK}^2 + dx^2 + dy^2) \quad \Delta \neq 0 \quad C_4 \neq 0$$

then  $\{J_a\} = \{e^{C_4} \widehat{J}_a\}$  where  $\widehat{J}_a^i = 0$  and

$$\widehat{J}_a^A{}_B = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \begin{pmatrix} j_a & 0 \\ 0 & -j_a^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \widehat{J}_a^{i+} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \begin{pmatrix} e^{4A} \omega_a \wedge dx \wedge dy \\ -e^{-4A} \kappa^{-2} \omega_a \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mu(V)_a = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad A = \Delta, \quad F_5 = \frac{1}{4} * d(e^{-4\Delta})$$

## Vector multiplet

$$K \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times E_{7(7)} / E_{6(2)}$$

where  $K \sim \mathbf{56}_1$  with compatibility

$$J_a \cdot K = 0, \quad \sqrt{Q(K)} = \kappa^2$$

Infinite-dimensional **special Kähler metric** with integrability

$$L_{K+i\hat{K}} J_a = 0$$

“ $K$  is generalised tri-holomorphic Killing vector”

## Conclusions

- ▶ same construction works for  $N = 2$  reductions of 11d supergravity, just different decomposition

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

- ▶ series of HK hypermultiplet structure spaces

$$\mathbb{R}^+ \times E_{7(7)} / Spin^*(12)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^+ \times E_{6(6)} / SU^*(6)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^+ \times Spin(5, 5) / SU(2) \times Spin(1, 5)$$

for reductions to 4, 5 and 6 dim from IIA/B or 11d

- ▶ conventionally

$$d\Omega = 0 \quad + \quad \text{mod out diffeos}$$

here HK-quotient encodes both

- ▶ first example of

full diffeo group in quotient

(gauge transformation, Hamiltonian symplectomorphism, ...)

- ▶ extending to generalised structures simplifies moduli space problem (no obstructions, ...)



- ▶ for infinitesimal deformations, part of complex

$$\dots \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{L \cdot J_a} TX \xrightarrow{d\mu_a} E^* \otimes \mathfrak{su}(2) \longrightarrow \dots$$

elliptic ( $\mathcal{M}$  finite dimensional)? cohomology?

- ▶ U-duality extension A and B top string

Kähler/Kodaira-Spencer gravity  $\longrightarrow$  moment map

- ▶ generic 5d  $N = 1$  AdS/CFT backgrounds ...