

Extended supersymmetry and geometry

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with

Chris Hull,

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Rikard von Unge,

Maxim Zabzine.

$$\phi^i : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$$

$$S = \int_{\Sigma} d\phi^i \mathbf{G}_{ij}(\phi) \star d\phi^j$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi^i := \partial^2 \phi^i + \partial \phi^j \mathbf{\Gamma}_{jk}^i \partial \phi^k = 0$$

$$S = \int_{\Sigma_B} d\xi \left\{ \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} X^i G_{ij}(X) \partial_{\nu} X^j + \dots \right\}$$

Ex. ($d = 2, N = (2, 2)$ chiral fields)

$$\{D_\alpha, \bar{D}_\beta\} = 2i\partial_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\phi(z) \rightarrow \phi(z, \theta) :$$

$$X(z) = \phi|, \quad \Psi_\alpha(z) = D_\alpha\phi|, \quad F(z) = D^2\phi|$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow \int dz d\bar{z} D^2 \bar{D}^2 K(\phi, \bar{\phi}) \\ &= \int dz d\bar{z} (\partial X G_{X\bar{X}}(X, \bar{X}) \bar{\partial} \bar{X} + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G_{X\bar{X}}(X, \bar{X}) = \partial_X \partial_{\bar{X}} K(X, \bar{X})$$

$\iff \mathcal{T}$ carries **Kähler Geometry**

Susy σ models \iff Geometry of \mathcal{T}

d=	6	4	2	Geometry
N=	1	2	4	Hyperkähler
N=		1	2	Kähler
N=			1	Riemannian

- Supersymmetric sigma models provide a powerful tool to probe complex geometry.
- The more supersymmetries, the more specialized the geometry
- Additional supersymmetries, when examined at the $(2, 2)$ level, lead to interesting new structures on the target space.

The (1,1)-D-algebra:

$$\mathbb{D}_{\pm}^2 = i\partial_{\pm\pm}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^2x \mathbb{D}_+ \mathbb{D}_- \left(\mathbb{D}_+ \varphi^i (G_{ij} + B_{ij}) \mathbb{D}_- \varphi^j \right).$$

The (1,1) analysis by Gates, Hull and Roček gives:

Susy	(0,0) (1,1)	(2,2)	(2,2)	(4,4)	(4,4)
Bgd	G, B	G	G, B	G	G, B
Geom	Riem.	Kähler	biherm.	hyperk.	bihyperc.

Ansatz for the extra supersymmetries:

$$\delta\varphi^j = \epsilon^+ J_{(+)j}^i \mathbb{D}_+ \varphi^j + \epsilon^- J_{(-)j}^i \mathbb{D}_- \varphi^j$$

Invariance of the action and closure of the algebra requires the geometry to be **bi-hermitean**: Data (M, G, J_{\pm}, H)

$$J_{(\pm)}^2 = -\mathbf{1}$$

$$J_{(\pm)}^t G J_{(\pm)} = G$$

$$N(J_{(\pm)}) = 0$$

$$\nabla^{(\pm)} J_{(\pm)} = 0, \quad \Gamma^{(\pm)} = \Gamma^0 \pm \frac{1}{2} G^{-1} H, \quad H := dB$$

$$H \simeq H J_{(\pm)} J_{(\pm)}$$

An alternative description

Data: Bihermitean (M, G, J_{\pm}) with integrability conditions

$$d_{(+)}^c \omega_{(+)} + d_{(-)}^c \omega_{-} = 0$$

$$dd_{(\pm)}^c \omega_{(\pm)} = 0 .$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_{(\pm)} &:= GJ_{(\pm)} \\ d^c &:= i(\bar{\partial} - \partial) ,\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

and

$$H = H^{(2,1)} + H^{(1,2)} = d_{(+)}^c \omega_{(+)} = -d_{(-)}^c \omega_{(-)} .$$

(2,2) superfields

The (2,2)-D-algebra:

$$\{D_{\pm}, \bar{D}_{\pm}\} = 2i\partial_{\pm\pm}$$

Chiral fields ϕ :

$$\bar{D}_{\pm}\phi = 0 \Rightarrow D_{\pm}\bar{\phi} = 0$$

Twisted chiral fields χ :

$$\bar{D}_{+}\chi = D_{-}\chi = 0 \Rightarrow D_{+}\bar{\chi} = \bar{D}_{-}\bar{\chi} = 0$$

Left/Right semi-chiral fields $\mathbb{X}_{L/R}$:

$$\bar{D}_{+}\mathbb{X}_L = 0 \Rightarrow D_{+}\bar{\mathbb{X}}_L = 0$$

$$\bar{D}_{-}\mathbb{X}_R = 0 \Rightarrow D_{-}\bar{\mathbb{X}}_R = 0 \quad (2)$$

These are all the fields needed.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S} &= \int d^2x D^2 \bar{D}^2 K(\phi, \bar{\phi}, \chi, \bar{\chi}, \mathbb{X}_{L/R}, \bar{\mathbb{X}}_{L/R}) \\ &\rightarrow \int d^2x \left(\partial_{++} \varphi^i (G_{ij} + B_{ij}) \partial_{--} \varphi^j + \dots \right).\end{aligned}$$

$$(J_{(\pm)}, G, H = dB),$$

$$J_{(\pm)}^2 = -1, \quad N(J_{(\pm)}) = 0, \quad [J_{(+)}, J_{(-)}] \neq 0,$$

$$J_{(\pm)}^t G J_{(\pm)} = G, \quad H = d_{(+)}^c \omega_{(+)} = -d_{(-)}^c \omega_{(-)}$$

A complete description of GKG.*

* Locally and away from irregular points.

Line Bundle



Line Bundle with connection



Holomorphic Line Bundle (with connection)

Gerbe



Gerbe with connection



Holomorphic Gerbe (with connection)



Biholomorphic Gerbe (with connection)

Maps defined on each threefold intersection

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \rightarrow S^1$$

satisfying

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = g_{\beta\gamma\alpha} = g_{\gamma\alpha\beta} = g_{\beta\alpha\gamma}^{-1} = g_{\alpha\gamma\beta}^{-1} = g_{\gamma\beta\alpha}^{-1}$$

as well as a cocycle condition on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \cap U_\delta$

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} g_{\beta\alpha\delta} g_{\gamma\beta\delta} g_{\delta\alpha\gamma} = 1$$

$$\frac{H}{2\pi} \in H^3(M, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$H = dB_\alpha ,$$

$$B_\alpha - B_\beta = dA_{\alpha\beta} ,$$

$$(\delta A)_{\alpha\beta\gamma} := A_{\alpha\beta} + A_{\beta\gamma} + A_{\gamma\alpha} = d\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} ,$$

$$(\delta\Lambda)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} := \Lambda_{\beta\gamma\delta} + \Lambda_{\delta\gamma\alpha} + \Lambda_{\alpha\beta\delta} + \Lambda_{\beta\alpha\gamma} = c_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} ,$$

where

$$B_\alpha \in \Omega^2(U_\alpha) ,$$

$$A_{\alpha\beta} \in \Omega^1(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) ,$$

$$\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \in C^\infty(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma) ,$$

$$c_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \in 2\pi \mathbb{Z} .$$

Let $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \rightarrow S^1$ be given by

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = e^{i\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma}} ,$$

This defines a gerbe where $\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ are angles,

$$\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \in 2\pi\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} .$$

Holomorphic functions

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

Hermitean structure:

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \bar{G}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = h_{\alpha\beta} h_{\beta\gamma} h_{\gamma\alpha}$$

Locally the $(2, 1)$ -part of H can be written as

$$H^{(2,1)} = i\partial\bar{\partial}\lambda_\alpha^{(1,0)} \Rightarrow H = dd^c(\operatorname{Re} \lambda_\alpha^{(1,0)}) .$$

$$B_\alpha^{(1,1)} = i\bar{\partial}\lambda_\alpha^{(1,0)} - i\partial\bar{\lambda}_\alpha^{(0,1)} .$$

On $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$:

$$\lambda_\alpha^{(1,0)} - \lambda_\beta^{(1,0)} = \partial\xi_{\alpha\beta} + \phi_{\alpha\beta}^{(1,0)} ,$$

where $\phi^{(1,0)}$ is a holomorphic $(1, 0)$ -form.

Gerbes and the generalized Kähler potential

Generalized Kähler gauge transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} K_\alpha - K_\beta \\ = F_{\alpha\beta}^+(\phi, \chi, X_L) + \bar{F}_{\alpha\beta}^+(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\chi}, \bar{X}_L) + F_{\alpha\beta}^-(\phi, \bar{\chi}, X_R) + \bar{F}_{\alpha\beta}^-(\bar{\phi}, \chi, \bar{X}_R) . \end{aligned}$$

On $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma$:

$$\text{Re} \left(F_{\alpha\beta}^+ + F_{\beta\gamma}^+ + F_{\gamma\alpha}^+ + F_{\alpha\beta}^- + F_{\beta\gamma}^- + F_{\gamma\alpha}^- \right) = 0 .$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\alpha\beta}^+(\phi, \chi, X_L) + F_{\beta\gamma}^+(\phi, \chi, X_L) + F_{\gamma\alpha}^+(\phi, \chi, X_L) \\ = i (c_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\phi) - b_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\chi)) , \\ F_{\alpha\beta}^-(\phi, \bar{\chi}, X_R) + F_{\beta\gamma}^-(\phi, \bar{\chi}, X_R) + F_{\gamma\alpha}^-(\phi, \bar{\chi}, X_R) \\ = -i (c_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\phi) + \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\bar{\chi})) . \end{aligned}$$

c and b are (twisted) biholomorphic functions $f : (d - id_{\pm}^c)f = 0$;

$$c_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = -c_{\beta\alpha\gamma} = -c_{\alpha\gamma\beta} = -c_{\gamma\beta\alpha} ,$$

$$b_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = -b_{\beta\alpha\gamma} = -b_{\alpha\gamma\beta} = -b_{\gamma\beta\alpha} .$$

On $U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \cap U_{\gamma} \cap U_{\delta}$:

$$(\delta c)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} - (\delta b)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0 ,$$

$$(\delta c)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + (\delta \bar{b})_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$c_{\beta\gamma\delta} + c_{\delta\gamma\alpha} + c_{\alpha\beta\delta} + c_{\beta\alpha\gamma} = \frac{i}{4} d_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} ,$$

$$b_{\beta\gamma\delta} + b_{\delta\gamma\alpha} + b_{\alpha\beta\delta} + b_{\beta\alpha\gamma} = \frac{i}{4} d_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} .$$

$$*\Rightarrow d_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\lambda_+ = -i \left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial X_R^{\alpha'}} dX_R^{\alpha'} + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \phi^a} d\phi^a - \frac{\partial K}{\partial \chi^{a'}} d\chi^{a'} \right) + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\lambda_- = i \left(\frac{\partial K}{\partial X_L^\alpha} dX_L^\alpha + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \phi^a} d\phi^a + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \chi^{a'}} d\chi^{a'} \right) + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\xi_{\alpha\beta}^+ = i(\bar{F}^- - F^-)_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\phi_{+\alpha\beta}^{(1,0)} = i(F_{a'}^+ d\chi^{a'} - F_a^+ d\phi^a)_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\xi_{\alpha\beta}^- = i(F^+ - \bar{F}^+)_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\phi_{-\alpha\beta}^{(1,0)} = i(F_a^- d\phi^a - F_{\bar{a}'}^- d\bar{\chi}^{\bar{a}'})_{\alpha\beta}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\Lambda_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = i \left(\bar{c}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\bar{\phi}) - c_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\phi) + \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\bar{\chi}) - b_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\chi) \right).$$

Biholomorphic:

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\phi) = e^{4c_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\phi)} , \quad F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\chi) = e^{4b_{\alpha\beta\gamma}(\chi)} ,$$

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma} , F_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta} \cap U_{\gamma} , \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* ,$$

Antisymmetric under permutations of the open sets and satisfy the cocycle condition on the four-fold intersection.

In addition,

$$G_{\alpha\beta\gamma} F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{-1} = h_{\alpha\beta}^+ h_{\beta\gamma}^+ h_{\gamma\alpha}^+ , \quad G_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \bar{F}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = h_{\alpha\beta}^- h_{\beta\gamma}^- h_{\gamma\alpha}^- ,$$

where $h_{\alpha\beta}^{\pm} = \exp(\mp 4i F_{\alpha\beta}^{\pm})$ special J_{\pm} -holomorphic function.

Compare to Hermiticity for a holomorphic line-bundle:

$$G_{\alpha\beta} \bar{G}_{\alpha\beta} = e^{K_{\alpha}} e^{-K_{\beta}} ,$$

where we may interpret K as the Kähler potential.

- We have not been able to retrieve the generalized Kähler potential from the hermiticity conditions of a biholomorphic gerbe in all cases.

Generalized Geometry and Spinors

- Want to relate the Type II supergravity solutions for metric, dilaton and NS-flux to the world-sheet description in terms of $N = (2, 2)$ sigma models.

Spinors ρ on $T \oplus T^*$:

A section $X + \xi$ of $T \oplus T^*$ acts on a form ρ :

$$(X + \xi) \cdot \rho = \iota_X \rho + \xi \wedge \rho$$

Invariant bilinear form (Mukai pairing):

$$(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \sum_j (-1)^j [\rho_1^{2j} \wedge \rho_2^{d-2j} + \rho_1^{2j+1} \wedge \rho_2^{d-2j-1}] ,$$

A spinor ρ is *pure* if it annihilates a maximal isotropic subspace of $T \oplus T^*$.

A generalized Kähler structure:

Two commuting generalized complex structures \mathcal{J}_1 and \mathcal{J}_2 such that the quadratic form $\langle \mathcal{J}_1 \mathcal{J}_2 (X + \xi), (X + \xi) \rangle$ is positive definite.

A generalized Calabi-Yau metric structure:

A pair of closed pure spinors ρ_1 and ρ_2 such that the corresponding generalized complex structures \mathcal{J}_1 and \mathcal{J}_2 give rise to a generalized Kähler structure and $(\rho_1, \bar{\rho}_1) = \alpha(\rho_2, \bar{\rho}_2)$ for some non-zero constant α .

A supergravity solution

The *Gualtieri map* gives us $g_{\mu\nu}$, $H_{\mu\nu\rho}$ and thus the relation to the sigma model. The dilaton Φ comes from normalization of the spinors

$$(\rho_1, \bar{\rho}_1) = \alpha(\rho_2, \bar{\rho}_2) = e^{-2\Phi} \text{vol}_g = e^{-2\Phi} \sqrt{g} \, dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^D .$$

The data $(g_{\mu\nu}, H_{\mu\nu\rho}, \Phi)$ is a Type II supersymmetric supergravity solution. It automatically solves the equation

$$R_{\mu\nu}^+ + 2\nabla_\mu^- \partial_\nu \Phi = 0 ,$$

Construction from the sigma model

Ansatz:

$$\rho_{1,2} = N_{1,2} \wedge e^{R_{1,2} + iS_{1,2}} ,$$

where

$$N_1 = e^{f(\phi)} d\phi^1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\phi^{d_c} ,$$

$$N_2 = e^{g(\chi)} d\chi^1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\chi_{d_t} ,$$

$$R_1 = -d(K_L dX_L) ,$$

$$R_2 = -d(K_R dX_R) ,$$

$$S_1 = d(K_T J d\chi + K_L J dX_L - K_R J dX_R) ,$$

$$S_2 = -d(K_C J d\phi + K_L J dX_L + K_R J dX_R) ,$$

These are pure spinors with the correct properties.

The Generalized Monge-Ampère equation

$$(\rho_1, \rho_1) = \alpha(\rho_2, \rho_2) \implies$$

$$(-1)^{d_s d_c} e^{f(\phi)} e^{\bar{f}(\bar{\phi})} \det \begin{pmatrix} -K_{\bar{l}\bar{l}} & -K_{l\bar{r}} & -K_{\bar{l}t} \\ -K_{\bar{r}\bar{l}} & -K_{\bar{r}r} & -K_{\bar{r}t} \\ -K_{t\bar{l}} & -K_{tr} & -K_{tt} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \alpha e^{g(\chi)} e^{\bar{g}(\bar{\chi})} \det \begin{pmatrix} K_{l\bar{r}} & K_{\bar{l}\bar{l}} & K_{l\bar{c}} \\ K_{r\bar{r}} & K_{r\bar{l}} & K_{r\bar{c}} \\ K_{c\bar{r}} & K_{c\bar{l}} & K_{c\bar{c}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{2\Phi} = (-1)^{d_s d_c} \frac{e^{-f(\phi)} e^{-\bar{f}(\bar{\phi})}}{\det K_{LR}} \det \begin{pmatrix} -K_{\bar{l}\bar{l}} & -K_{l\bar{r}} & -K_{\bar{l}t} \\ -K_{\bar{r}\bar{l}} & -K_{\bar{r}r} & -K_{\bar{r}t} \\ -K_{t\bar{l}} & -K_{tr} & -K_{tt} \end{pmatrix}$$