

# HOLONOMY AND SYMMETRY IN M-THEORY

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- WHAT ARE SYMMETRIES OF M-THEORY?
- CLASSIFICATION OF SUSY VACUA?

CAN ASK FOR D=11 SUPERGRA OR M-THEORY

HOW MANY SUPERSYMMETRIES CAN  
A SOLUTION PRESERVE?

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SOLUTIONS KNOWN WITH

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26,  
28, 32 SUSYS.

OTHERS POSSIBLE?

HOLONOMY OF SUPERCOVARIANT  
DERIVATIVE PLAYS KEY ROLE.

FORMULATION IN WHICH HOLONOMY  
GROUP  $\rightsquigarrow$  LOCAL "TANGENT SPACE" SYMMETRY?

cf: RIEMANNIAN HOLONOMY  $SO(10,1)$

LOCAL TANGENT SPACE SYMMETRY  $SO(10,1)$

# LOCAL SYMMETRY

DIMENSIONAL REDUCTION OF  $D=11$  SUGRA  
ON  $T^7 \rightarrow D=4$   $N=8$  SUGRA

SYMMETRY  $E_7 \times SU(8) \times SO(3,1)$   
GLOBAL  $\uparrow$  LOCAL  $\uparrow$

SCALARS IN  $E_7/SU(8)$

HOMOLOGY FOR  $M_4 \times M_7$

RIEMANNIAN HOL  $\subset SO(3,1) \times SO(7)$

GENERALISED HOL ( $\tilde{D}$ )  $\subset SO(3,1) \times SU(8)$

REFORMULATION OF  $D=11$  SUGRA FOR 4/7 SPLIT

LOCAL  $SO(10,1)$  REPLACED BY LOCAL

$SO(3,1) \times SU(8)$

[de Wit, Nicolai?]

- $SU(8)$  A LOCAL SYMMETRY OF M-THEORY?
- DIFFERENT GROUPS FOR  $d/11-d$  SPLIT BACKGROUND INDEPENDENT PICTURE?
- $SU(8)$  SYMMETRY: CONVENIENT RE-WRITING, OR ESSENTIAL FEATURE?

BACKGROUND INDEPENDENCE IF LOCAL

SYMMETRY GROUP IS INDEPENDENT OF BACKGROUND.

$\mathfrak{g}$  CONTAINS  $SU(8)$ ,  $SO(16)$ ,  $SO(32)$ ,  $SO(16,16)$  ARISING FOR SPECIAL CHOICES, AND  $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq GL(32, \mathbb{R})$

$$\rightarrow \mathfrak{g} = SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

THEORY CAN BE WRITTEN WITH LOCAL  $\mathfrak{g}$  IF NEW DEGREES OF FREEDOM INTRODUCED.

CF GRAVITY

$$g_{MN} \quad \frac{1}{2} d(d+1)$$

VIELBEIN

$$e_M^A \quad d^2 = \frac{1}{2} d(d+1) + \frac{1}{2} d(d-1)$$

LOCAL  $SO(d-1, 1)$  SYMMETRY

PURE GAUGE  $\uparrow$

EXTRA  $\frac{1}{2} d(d-1)$  d.o.f. CAN BE GAUGED AWAY  
FIXING LOCAL LORENTZ SYMMETRY.

PURE GRAVITY

EXTRA SYMMETRY, d.o.f.  
REDUNDANT, INESSENTIAL

GRAVITY + FERMIONS

VIELBEIN FORM

ESSENTIAL FOR COUPLING TO SPINORS

D=11 SUGRA

$$SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

INESSENTIAL

M-THEORY

$$SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

ESSENTIAL!

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# D=11 SUPERGRAVITY

$$e_m^A, \Psi_M, A_{mnp}, F_{(4)} = dA_{(3)}$$

Susy:  $\delta \Psi_M = \tilde{D}_M \epsilon$

$$\tilde{D}_M \epsilon = D_M \epsilon - \frac{1}{288} \left( \Gamma_M^{NPQR} - 8 \delta_M^N \Gamma^{PQR} \right) F_{NPQR} \epsilon$$

IN BOSONIC  $\Psi=0$  BACKGROUND,

IN  $\Psi=0$  BACKGROUND, NO. OF SUSYS PRESERVED

IS NUMBER OF KILLING SPINORS:  $\nu$

$$\tilde{D}_M \epsilon = 0$$

MAJORANA SPINORS: 32 REAL COMPONENTS

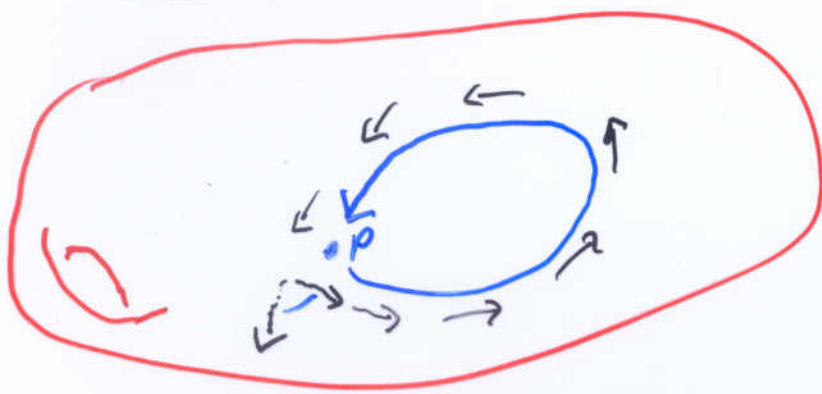
$$0 \leq \nu \leq 32$$

(-+++),  $\Gamma_M$  REAL

$$\Gamma_{MN...P} = \Gamma_{[M} \Gamma_{N...} \Gamma_{P]}$$

$\tilde{D}_M$ : CONNECTION ON SPIN-BUNDLE

# HOLONOMY



PARALLEL TRANSPORT

ROUND CLOSED  
CURVE  $C$   $x(t)$

$$\dot{x}^M \tilde{\nabla}_M \epsilon = 0$$

$$\epsilon^A \rightarrow L^A_B \epsilon^B$$

CURVES  $\rightarrow$

$$\mathcal{H}(\tilde{D})$$

GIVES LIN TRANS  
 $\{L^A_B(p, C)\}$  FOR ALL  
HOLONOMY GROUP

RIEMANNIAN HOLONOMY

$$\mathcal{H}(D) \subseteq \text{Spin}(10, 1)$$

GENERALISED HOLONOMY

$$\mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) \subseteq \text{GL}(32, \mathbb{R})$$

KILLING SPINORS REQUIRE SPECIAL

HOLONOMY

e.g. IN CASE  $F=0$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) = \mathcal{H}(D)$

$$\mathcal{H}(D) \subseteq \text{Spin}(7), G_2, \text{SU}(2), \text{SU}(3),$$

$$\text{SU}(4), \text{SU}(5), \dots$$

# STRUCTURE GROUP $\mathfrak{g}$ FOR A CLASS OF

CONFIGURATIONS: MAXIMAL HOMOLOGY

DUFF & LIU: CONFIGS W.  $d/11-d$  SPLIT

$$\mathfrak{g}(D) \subset \begin{cases} SO(d-1, 1) \times SO(11-d) \\ ISO(d-1) \times ISO(10-d) \end{cases} \quad \text{OR}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(\tilde{D}) \subset \begin{cases} SO(d-1, 1) \times G_s(11-d) & \text{SPACELIKE} \\ SO(d) \times G_t(11-d) & \text{TIMELIKE} \\ ISO(d-1) \times G_n(11-d) & \text{NULL} \end{cases}$$

$n$	$G_s(n)$	$G_t(n)$	$G_n(n)$
1	1	1	1
2	$SO(2)$	$SO(1, 1)$	$R$
3	$SO(3) \times SO(2)$	$SO(2, 1) \times SO(1, 1)$	$ISO(2) \times R$
4	$SO(5)$	$SO(3, 2)$	$(SO(3) \times SO(2)) \times R^6$
5	$SO(5) \times SO(5)$	$SO(5, \mathbb{C})$	$SO(5) \times R^{10}$
6	$USp(8)$	$USp(4, 4)$	$SO(5) \times SO(5) \times R^6$
7	$SU(8)$	$SU^*(8)$	$USp(8) \times R^{27}$
8	$SO(16)$	$SO^*(16)$	$(SU(8) \times U(1)) \times R^{56}$
9	$SO(16) \times SO(16)$	$SO(16, \mathbb{C})$	$SO(16) \times R^{120}$
10	$SO(3, 2)$	$SO(16, 16)$	$[SO(16) \times SO(16)] \times R^{256}$

SAME AS LOCAL SYMM GROUPS FOR TOROIDAL RED<sup>N</sup>:

SPACELIKE RED<sup>N</sup> ON  $T^n$ :  $E_n / G_s(n)$  ( $n \leq 8$ )

TIMELIKE ON  $T^{n-1, 1}$ :  $E_n / G_t(n)$

NULL ON  $T^{n-1, 0}$ :  $E_n / G_n(n)$



# DUFF - LIU ANSATZ

$$d/11-d$$
$$x^\mu y^i$$

$$g_{MN}^{(11)} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta g_{\mu\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{ij} \end{pmatrix} \quad A_{ijk}^{(11)} = \Phi_{ijk}$$

$$\Psi_\mu \propto \left( \bar{\Psi}_\mu^{(11)} - \frac{1}{d-2} \gamma_\mu \Gamma^i \bar{\Psi}_i^{(11)} \right), \quad \lambda_i \propto \bar{\Psi}_i^{(11)}$$

WARPED PRODUCT, FIELDS INDEP OF  $y^i$

$$\delta \Psi_\mu = \hat{D}_\mu \epsilon, \quad \delta \lambda_i = X_i \epsilon$$

KILLING SPINORS:

$$\hat{D} \epsilon = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{H}(\hat{D}) \quad \text{"SPECIAL"}$$

AND  $X_i \epsilon = 0$

$\mathcal{H}(\hat{D})$  MUCH EASIER TO ANALYSE

$$\mathcal{H}(\hat{D}) \subseteq \text{Spin}(d-1, 1) \times G_S(11-d)$$

→ DUFF - LIU STRUCTURE GROUPS

$$\mathcal{H}(\hat{D}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\tilde{D})$$

MANY EXAMPLES WITH  $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) \neq \mathcal{H}(\hat{D})$



# STRUCTURE GROUP FOR GENERAL BACKGROUNDS

$\mathcal{G} \subseteq GL(32, \mathbb{R})$  AND  $\mathcal{G}$  CONTAINS  $SO(32), SO(16, 16)$

$$\tilde{D} = \partial + \omega \cdot \Gamma_2 + F(\Gamma_3 + \Gamma_5)$$

$\mathcal{G}$  GENERATED BY  $\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_5$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{G} = SL(32, \mathbb{R}) \quad \text{GENS } \{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4, \Gamma_5\}$$

NOT  $GL(32)$  AS  $1 = \Gamma_{11}$  DOESN'T OCCUR ON RHS OF COMMUTATORS

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) \subseteq SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

$\epsilon$ : 32 OF  $SL(32, \mathbb{R})$

$\nu$  KILLING SPINORS:  $\nu$  SINGLET

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) \subseteq SL(32-\nu, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^{\nu(32-\nu)}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \nu \\ \downarrow \nu \\ \uparrow 32-\nu \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{1}_\nu & B \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \epsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_\nu \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} A \in SL(32-\nu) \\ B \in \mathbb{R}^{\nu(32-\nu)} \end{array}$$

31 KILLING SPINORS:  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{31}$

WHICH SUBGROUPS  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq SL(32, \mathbb{R})$

ACTUALLY ARISE AS HOLONOMIES?

# TOPOLOGICAL OBSTRUCTIONS TO EXISTENCE OF KILLING SPINORS

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- NO OBSTRUCTION FOR  
 $\nu < 22$  KILLING SPINORS
  - THERE IS AN OBSTRUCTION TO  
THE EXISTENCE OF  
 $\nu = 22 (= 32 - 11 + 1)$  KILLING SPINORS
- FOR  $\nu \geq 22$ , EULER CLASS OF  
A CERTAIN BUNDLE HAS TO VANISH

# LOCAL SYMMETRY,

SUPERGRAVITY: SCALARS IN  $G/H$ .

e.g.  $\text{II B } SL(2, \mathbb{R})/U(1)$

$\dim(G/H)$  PHYSICAL SCALARS

2 REAL:  $\phi = \phi_1 + i\phi_2$

$G$  ACTS NON-LINEARLY  
RIGID SYMMETRY

$$\phi \rightarrow \frac{a\phi + b}{c\phi + d}$$

CAN INTRODUCE EXTRA SCALARS  
 $\chi \in H$ , SO COMPLETE SET

1 EXTRA REAL  
 $\chi$ ,  
3 SCALARS

TAKES VALUES IN  $G$ ,  
REPRESENT BY  $V \in G$

e.g.  $V = \exp \begin{pmatrix} \chi & \phi \\ \bar{\phi} & -\chi \end{pmatrix}$

WITH LOCAL H SYMMETRY

$$V(x) \rightarrow h(x) V(x) g^{-1}$$

$G$  NOW ACTS LINEARLY ON  $V$ .

CAN FIX  $H$  GAUGE BY SETTING  $\chi = 0$ .

LINEAR  $G$  TRANSFORMATION ACCOMPANIED  
BY COMPENSATING  $H$  TRANS TO MAINTAIN  
GAUGE.

FOR  $G/H = E_n/G_S(n)$ , CAN USE

EITHER PHYSICAL GAUGE  $\chi = 0$ , OR  
INTRODUCE  $\chi$  AND LOCAL  $H$  SYMMETRY.

THUS LOCAL  $H$  "INESSENTIAL" IN SUGRA



# REFORMULATIONS OF D=11 SUPERGRA WITH LOCAL $G(n)$

USE AN  $n/11-n$  SPLIT

PARTIALLY FIX LOCAL LORENTZ

$$SO(10,1) \rightarrow SO(10-n,1) \times SO(n)$$

INTRODUCE EXTRA D.O.F. AND ENLARGE LOCAL SYMMETRY  $SO(n) \rightarrow G(n)$

FOR CLASSICAL SUPERGRA, AN INESSENTIAL BUT SUGGESTIVE RE-WRITING.

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3/8 Nicolai

5/6, 6/5 DRABANT, TOX, NICOLAI

# WEST REFORMULATIONS

D=11 SUGRA IN SUPERSPACE:

SUPERDIFFEO (11, 32)

CONTAINS  $GL(11/32)$ ,  $Osp(1/64)$

REFORMULATE AS NON-LINEAR  
REALIZATION (FOLLOWING GIEVETSKI)

GLOBAL  $GL(11/32)$ ,  $Osp(1/64)$

LOCAL  $SO(10,1)$

GLOBAL SYMMETRIES "MANIFEST"

$$GL(32, \mathbb{R}) \supset SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

$$Sp(64, \mathbb{R}) \supset GL(32, \mathbb{R}) \supset SL(32, \mathbb{R})$$

AGAIN, "INESSENTIAL", BUT SUGGESTIVE  
REWRITING

$GL(32, \mathbb{R})$ : AUTOMORPHISM OF SUSY  
ALGEBRA

$Q_d$ : 32

# M-THEORY vs SUGRA

M-THEORY HAS SUSY VACUA CORRESPONDING TO SUGRA SOLUTIONS WITH NO KILLING SPINORS!

"SUSY WITHOUT SUSY" [DUFF, LU, POPE]

e.g. AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup> in IIB, 32 SUSY'S

S<sup>5</sup>: HOPF FIBRATION, S<sup>1</sup> BUNDLE OVER CP<sup>2</sup>

T-DUALISE:

$$S^5 \rightarrow CP^2 \times S^1, \quad B_2 \neq 0$$

IIA SUGRA SOLUTION

$$M = AdS_5 \times CP^2 \times S^1$$

BUT CP<sup>2</sup> HAS NO SPIN STRUCTURE

CAN'T DEFINE SPINORS ON CP<sup>2</sup> OR M

NO KILLING SPINORS, NO SPINORS AT ALL!

T-DUALITY SHO GIVE EQUIVALENT DESCRIPTIONS OF SAME CONFIGURATION

WHERE HAVE IIB FERMIONS GONE?

EXPECT SAME SPECTRUM IN AdS<sub>5</sub> FROM IIA, B



II B: FERMIONS ALL HAVE NON-TRIVIAL DEPENDENCE ON  $S^1$ , ALL CARRY MOMENTUM ON  $S^1$

$\Rightarrow$  FERMIONS IN II A ALL HAVE WINDING NUMBER, SO ARE WINDING MODES

HOPF REDUCTION ON  $S^1$

$D=9$  SUGRA  $AdS_5 \times CP^2$

$F = dA$  & KÄHNER FORM  $A = KK$  VECTOR

REDUCE II B FERMIONS: —

$D=9$  FERMIONS ALL CHARGED W.R.T.  $A$

NOT SPINORS — i.e. NOT SECTIONS

OF  $Spin(8,1)$  BUNDLE, AS THERE ARE NONE

SECTIONS OF  $Spin(8,1) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} U(1)$  BUNDLE

$Spin^c$  STRUCTURE ON  $CP^2$  ( $\times AdS_5$ )

NO SPINORS COUPLING TO  $\omega$ , BUT

"CHARGED SPINORS" COUPLING TO  $\omega + A$

$U(1)$  CHARGE HALF-INTEGRAL

32 "CHARGED KILLING SPINORS"

IIB  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

M  $AdS_5 \times CP^2 \times T^2$

$\longleftrightarrow T$

IIA  $AdS_5 \times CP^2 \times S^1$

HOPF REDUCTION  
ON  $S^1$  FIBRE

D=9,  $AdS_5 \times CP^2$

LIFT

LIFT

LIFT D=9 TO IIA.

$A \rightarrow B_2$  OF IIA

FERMIONS COUPLING TO  $A \rightarrow$  FERMION WINDING MODES COUPLING TO  $B_2$

HALF-INTEGERAL CHARGES  $\rightarrow$   $1/2$  INTEGRAL "WINDING"

FRACTIONAL STRINGS

32 KILLING "WINDING SPINORS"  
NO ORDINARY KILLING SPINORS

LIFT TO D=11

FERMIONIC "MEMBRANES" WRAPPING  $T^2$ ,  
COUPLING TO  $A_3$ , FRACTIONAL  
MEMBRANE CHARGE

32 "KILLING WRAPPING SPINORS"

DUALITIES: MEMBRANES  $\rightarrow$  OTHER BRANES

$D=9, AdS_5 \times CP^2$

FERMIONS SECTIONS OF  $Spin(8,1) \times U(1)$  BUNDLE.

BUT THIS IS STRUCTURE GROUP  $\mathfrak{g} = Spin(8,1) \times G_S(2)$

FOR 9/2 SPLIT. THEORY SHOULD BE

FORMULATED WITH LOCAL  $\mathfrak{g}$  SYMMETRY

FOR THIS BACKGROUND.

DIMENSIONAL REDUCTION TO  $d$  IN GENERAL

→ FERMIONS ARE CHARGED SPINORS

TRANSFORMING UNDER  $\mathfrak{g} = Spin(d-1,1) \times G_S(11-d)$ ,

SECTIONS OF  $\mathfrak{g}$ -BUNDLE, BUT

CANT CHARGE SPINORS

LOCAL  $\mathfrak{g}$  SYMMETRY FOR

REDUCTION,  $Spin^G$  STRUCTURE  $Spin(n,1) \times G_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$

INDEPENDENCE REQUIRES LOCAL  
CONTAINING ALL  $\mathfrak{g} \Rightarrow$

$SO(32, \mathbb{R})$  SYMMETRY

⇒ NEED

FORMULA

BACKGROUND

SYMMETRY

LOCAL S



# CONCLUSIONS

- CAN CLASSIFY SUSY BACKGROUNDS ACCORDING TO  $\mathcal{H}(\tilde{D}) \subseteq SL(32, \mathbb{R})$
- NEED "BERGER": WHICH SUBGROUPS OF  $SL(32, \mathbb{R})$  CAN BE HOLONOMIES?
- $\tilde{D} = \hat{D} + Y$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\hat{D}) \subseteq \mathcal{H}(\tilde{D})$  CAN BE USEFUL AS IN DUFF-LIU
- FOR A  $d/11-d$  SPLIT,  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$  AND  $d=11$  SUGRA CAN BE REWRITTEN WITH LOCAL  $\mathcal{G}$  (AT LEAST IN SOME CASES) PERHAPS WITH LOCAL  $SL(32, \mathbb{R})$
- M-THEORY: FERMIONS NOT SPINORS BUT CHARGED SPINORS IN GENERAL SECTIONS OF  $Spin^G(n, 1) = Spin(n, 1) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G = \mathcal{G}$  BUNDLE  
 $\Rightarrow$  NEED FORMULATION WITH LOCAL  $\mathcal{G}$ , AND FOR BACKGROUND INDEPENDENCE, WITH LOCAL  $SL(32, \mathbb{R})$