

# String perspectives on manifolds with G2 structure

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“To think freely is great, but to think rightly is greater”  
(Thomas Thorild, 1759-1808)

# Motivation and summary

Study compactifications of heterotic string on manifolds with  $G_2$  structure.

## Math motivation

New perspective on geometry, deformations, invariants,...

In particular: understand coupled moduli space of vector bundle and geometry.

## Physics motivation

Determine effective field theory of heterotic compactifications.

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## Heterotic string to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$

Green, Schwarz:84, Gross *et.al.*:85, Bergshoeff, deRoo:89

- Bosonic fields: Metric  $G$ , B-field  $B$ , dilaton  $\phi$ , gauge field  $A$  for  $G \subset E_8 \times E_8$
- Fermionic fields: Gravitino, dilatino, gaugino

Compactifications  $\mathcal{M}_{10} = \mathcal{M}_E \times Y$

- SUSY  $\iff \exists$  spinor  $\lambda$  on  $Y$ , nowhere vanishing, Killing:  $\nabla_H \lambda = 0$   
 $\exists$  connection  $A$  on  $V \rightarrow X$ ,  $\gamma^{mn} F_{mn}(A) = 0$

- Anomaly cancellation  $H = dB + \frac{\alpha'}{4}(CS(A) - CS(\Theta))$

- 7-manifold  $Y$ :  $\lambda \iff G_2$  structure  $\varphi$

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- Comparison with 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  Strominger–Hull system.  
*cf. talk by Lara Anderson*
- Superpotential.
- Conclusions and outlook.

## $G_2$ structures

Bonan:66, Fernandez–Gray:82, Bryant:87,03, Hitchin:00, Joyce:00, Chiossi–Salamon:02

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Comment: true whenever  $Y$  is orientable and spin (and  $\pi_1(Y) = 0$ ).

- $\varphi \rightarrow$  Riemannian metric  $g_\varphi$  on  $Y$ , and a coassociative 4-form  $\psi = *\varphi$
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# $G_2$ structures: canonical $G_2$ cohomology

## Decomposition of de Rham cohomology

Reyes-Carrion:93, Fernandez-Ugarte:98

Analogue of Dolbeault operator: project  $d$  onto  $G_2$  irreps.

- Define differential operator  $\check{d}$  by

$$\check{d}_0 = d, \quad \check{d}_1 = \pi_7 \circ d, \quad \check{d}_2 = \pi_1 \circ d.$$

- Can show

$$\tau_2 = 0 \iff \check{d}^2 = 0$$

cf. Dolbeault differential  $\bar{\partial}$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  "integrable  $G_2$  structure"

- Differential, elliptic complex

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0(Y) \xrightarrow{\check{d}} \Lambda^1(Y) \xrightarrow{\check{d}} \Lambda^2_7(Y) \xrightarrow{\check{d}} \Lambda^3_1(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

$\rightarrow$  canonical  $G_2$ -cohomology  $H_{\check{d}}^*(Y)$

cf. Dolbeault cohomology  $H_{\bar{\partial}}^*(X)$

## $G_2$ instanton bundle

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Canonical  $G_2$ -cohomology for instanton bundle

(cf. holomorphic bundles on complex manifolds)

- Recall:  $\tau_2 = 0 \iff \check{d}^2 = 0$

$$\check{d}_0 = d, \quad \check{d}_1 = \pi_7 \circ d, \quad \check{d}_2 = \pi_1 \circ d.$$

- Generalizes to vector bundles  $V$  with instanton connection:

$$\tau_2 = 0 \text{ and } F(A) \wedge \psi = 0 \iff \check{d}_A^2 = 0$$

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$$dB + \frac{\alpha'}{4}(CS(A) - CS(\Theta)) = H = \frac{1}{6} \tau_0 \varphi - \tau_1 \lrcorner \psi - \tau_3 .$$

or, Bianchi identity

$$\frac{\alpha'}{4}(\text{tr}F(A) \wedge F(A) - \text{tr}R(\Theta) \wedge R(\Theta)) = dH = d\left(\frac{1}{6} \tau_0 \varphi - \tau_1 \lrcorner \psi - \tau_3\right) .$$

## Other conditions?

Hull:86, Ivanov:10, Martelli–Sparks:10

SUSY+anomaly cancellation  $\implies$  EOM  $\iff \Theta$  is a  $G_2$  instanton

$$R(\Theta) \wedge \psi = 0$$

# Geometry as differential

Goal: geometry and moduli of heterotic  $G_2$  system  $[(Y, \varphi), (V, A), (TY, \Theta), H]$ :

- 1  $(Y, \varphi)$  7-manifold with integrable  $G_2$  structure
- 2  $(V, A), (TY, \Theta)$   $G_2$  instanton bundles
- 3 Anomaly cancellation  $dB + \frac{\alpha'}{4}(CS(A) - CS(\Theta)) = H = \frac{1}{6} \tau_0 \varphi - \tau_{1 \dashv 7} \psi - \tau_3$

Encode constraints as nilpotency  $\check{D}^2 = 0$  of suitable differential  $\check{D}$

# Geometry as differential

Want: Heterotic  $G_2$  system  $[(Y, \varphi), (V, A), (TY, \Theta), H] \iff \check{D}^2 = 0$

- Start with

$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d_\zeta & \mathcal{R} & -\mathcal{F} \\ \mathcal{R} & d_\Theta & 0 \\ \mathcal{F} & 0 & d_A \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\mathcal{D}$  acts on  $Q$ -valued forms where topologically  $Q = T^*Y \oplus \text{End}TY \oplus \text{End}V$
- $d_A = d + A \wedge$  etc.
- $d_\zeta$  has torsion  $-H$  (cf.  $G_2$  connection  $\nabla_H$ )
- $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{R}$  linear maps

$$\mathcal{F}: \Omega^p(Y, T^*Y) \oplus \Omega^p(Y, \text{End}(V)) \longrightarrow \Omega^{p+1}(Y, \text{End}(V)) \oplus \Omega^{p+1}(Y, T^*Y)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(M) = (-1)^p g^{ab} M_a \wedge F_{bc} dx^c,$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\alpha)_a = (-1)^p \frac{\alpha'}{4} \text{tr}(\alpha \wedge F_{ab} dx^b).$$



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- Next, project to get  $\check{D}$

$$\check{D}_0 = \mathcal{D}, \quad \check{D}_1 = \pi_7 \circ \mathcal{D}, \quad \check{D}_2 = \pi_1 \circ \mathcal{D}.$$

- The result follows.

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## Naive infinitesimal moduli

$Y$ : integrable  $G_2$  structure manifold

$V$ : instanton gauge bundle

- $\delta_t \psi$  (determines  $\delta_t \varphi$ ): geometric moduli:  $H^3(Y)$  if  $H = 0$   
 $H = 0$ : Joyce:96, Dai, Wang, Wei:03, de Boer, Naqvi, Shomer:05,...
- $\delta_t A$ : Vector bundle moduli:  $H^1(Y, \text{End}(V))$   
 $H = 0$ : Sa-Earp:09,...
- $\delta_t B$ : deformations of  $B$ -field,  $H = dB + \alpha'(\dots)$

# Infinitesimal moduli

## Geometric moduli and canonical $G_2$ cohomology

- Let  $\delta_t \psi = i_M(\psi)$ , where  $M_t \in \Lambda^1(Y, T^*Y)$ .

- Preserve  $\tau_2 = 0$ :

$$i_{\check{d}_\zeta M_t}(\psi) = 0$$

- Diffeomorphisms:

$$\mathcal{L}_V \psi = i_{\check{d}_\zeta V}(\psi) \quad \text{where } V \in \Lambda^0(Y, T^*Y)$$

$$\implies \mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}_Y = \{M_t : i_{\check{d}_\zeta M_t}(\psi) = 0\} / \{M_t : M_t = \check{d}_\zeta V\}$$

- But  $\check{d}_\zeta^2 \neq 0$ :  $\zeta$  is not an instanton

Dimension of infinitesimal geometric moduli space is not finite, in general.

- Exception:  $G_2$  holonomy  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}_Y \cong H_{\check{d}}^3(Y) \cong H_{\check{d}_\zeta}^1(Y, TY)$

# Infinitesimal moduli

## Deformations of $[(Y, \varphi), (V, A)]$

Want deformations that preserve  $F \wedge \psi = 0$

$$\implies \check{d}_A \alpha = d_A \alpha_t \wedge \psi = -F \wedge i_{M_t}(\psi) = \check{F}(M_t)$$

Bianchi identity  $d_A F = 0 \implies \check{F}(\check{d}_\zeta(M)) + \check{d}_A(\check{F}(M)) = 0$

- Vector bundle moduli  $d_A \alpha_t = 0 \rightsquigarrow H^1(Y, \text{End}(V))$
- Geometric moduli must lie in kernel of map  $\check{F}$   
 $\implies \mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}_{[(Y, \varphi), (V, A)]} = H^1(Y, \text{End}(V)) \oplus \ker \check{F}$  ,  $\ker \check{F} \subset \mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}_Y$
- Not enough to prove finiteness when  $H \neq 0$

# Infinitesimal moduli

## Infinitesimal moduli and canonical $G_2$ cohomology

Consider, for  $Z_t = (M_t, \kappa_t, \alpha_t)^T \in \Lambda^1(Y, \mathcal{Q})$

$$\mathcal{D}Z_t = \begin{pmatrix} d_\zeta M_t + \mathcal{R}(\kappa_t) - \mathcal{F}(\alpha_t) \\ d_\Theta \kappa_t + \mathcal{R}(M_t) \\ d_A \alpha_t + \mathcal{F}(M_t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } \mathcal{D} = \begin{pmatrix} d_\zeta & \mathcal{R} & -\mathcal{F} \\ \mathcal{R} & d_\Theta & 0 \\ \mathcal{F} & 0 & d_A \end{pmatrix}$$

Constraints on moduli\*  $\implies \boxed{\check{D}Z_t = 0}$

\*Subtlety:  $B$ -field variations do not decouple!  $\rightsquigarrow$  antisymmetric part of matrix  $M_t$

Diffeomorphisms and gauge symmetry  $\implies \boxed{Z_{triv} = \check{D}\mathcal{V}}$

$$\implies \boxed{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{M}_{[(Y, \varphi), (V, A), (TY, \Theta), H]} \cong H_{\check{D}}^1(\mathcal{Q})} \quad (\text{finite dimensional})$$

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# Comparison of 3D and 4D heterotic $\mathcal{N} = 1$ systems

## 6D Strominger–Hull system

$[(X, \Omega, \omega), (V, A), (TY, \Theta), H]$

- Gaugino  $\rightarrow$  F-term/D-term
- Nilpotent differential  $\bar{D}$

$T^*_{(1,0)}X \oplus \text{End}(TX) \oplus \text{End}(V) \oplus T_{(1,0)}X$

- $\bar{D}$  upper triangular

- Hol. Courant algebroid  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  Hitchin's generalised geometry

## 7D Heterotic $G_2$ system

$[(Y, \varphi), (V, A), (TY, \Theta), H]$

- Gaugino  $\rightarrow$  F-term
- Nilpotent differential  $\check{D}$

$T^*Y \oplus \text{End}(TY) \oplus \text{End}(V)$

- $\check{D}$  not upper triangular

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but, see Clarke *et.al.*:16

6D deformation theory *Atiyah:57, Kodaira, Spencer:58,60, Candelas, de la Ossa:91, Becker, Tseng, Yau:06, Anderson, et.al:10,11,13, Fu, Yau:11, Baraglia, Hekmati:13, Anderson, Gray, Sharpe:14, de la Ossa, Svanes:14, Garcia-Fernandez, et.al:13,15,...*

# Superpotential

Alternative perspective:

Moduli space as critical locus of a superpotential on off-shell parameter space

Strategy

- Dimensional reduction  $\implies$  3D gravitino mass  $M_{3/2} = e^K W$

Remark: need Hessian  $K$

- Check  $\delta W = 0 \iff \mathcal{N} = 1$  heterotic  $G_2$  system
- Follows that  $\delta^2 W \iff$  equation for moduli



# Superpotential: Dimensional reduction

Fermionic part of 10D heterotic supergravity action

Bergshoeff, de Roo:89, Gurrieri, Lukas, Micu:07

→ 3D kinetic and mass terms for gravitino

$$S_{0,f} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int_{M^{10}} d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left( \bar{\Psi}_M \Gamma^{MNP} D_N \Psi_P - \frac{1}{24} \left( \bar{\Psi}_M \Gamma^{MNPQR} \Psi_R + 6 \bar{\Psi}^N \Gamma^P \Psi^Q \right) H_{NPQ} \right)$$

$$S_{3D} \supset -\frac{1}{2\kappa_3^2} \int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \left( \bar{\psi}_\mu \Gamma^{\mu\nu\kappa} D_\nu \psi_\kappa + m \bar{\psi}_\mu \Gamma^{\mu\kappa} \psi_\kappa \right)$$

Straightforward, but

- field normalisation (correct EH term)
- conventions for gravitino mass in AdS (want  $SUSY \sim 0 = W = e^{-K/2} M_{3/2}$ ).

# Superpotential: Dimensional reduction

To match 3D EH term decompose

$$\begin{aligned}g_{10} &= e^n g_3 \oplus g_7 \\ \Gamma_{(10)}^\mu &= e^{-n/2} \Gamma_{(3)}^\mu \otimes \text{Id} \otimes \sigma_2 \\ \Gamma_{(10)}^i &= \text{Id} \otimes \Gamma_{(7)}^i \otimes \sigma_1 \\ \Psi_\mu &= e^{n/2} (\rho_\mu \otimes \lambda \otimes \theta) \\ \bar{\Psi}_\mu &= (\bar{\rho}_\mu \otimes \lambda^\dagger \otimes \theta^\dagger \sigma_2),\end{aligned}$$

Then, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}& \int d^{10} X \sqrt{-g_{10}} e^{-2\phi} \left( -\frac{1}{24} \bar{\Psi}_\mu \Gamma^{\nu\mu} \Gamma^{ijk} \Psi_\nu H_{ijk} \right) \\ &= \int d^3 x \sqrt{-g_3} (\bar{\rho}_\mu \Gamma^{\mu\nu} \rho_\nu) \left[ \frac{1}{24} \int d^7 y \sqrt{g_7} e^{-2\phi+n} (-i \lambda^\dagger \Gamma^{ijk} \lambda) H_{ijk} \right] \\ \implies m &\sim \frac{1}{4} \int *_7 H \wedge \varphi \cdot e^{-2\phi+n}.\end{aligned}$$

# Superpotential: Dimensional reduction

Result:

Three mass contributions

$$\tilde{M}_{3/2} = -\frac{1}{8} \int_7 e^{-2\phi+n} (d\varphi \wedge \varphi - 2 *_7 H \wedge \varphi + 2 *_7 f), \quad (1)$$

Fixing conventions so that SUSY  $\implies M_{3/2} = 0$  (with  $h = -\frac{2}{7}f$ )

$$M_{3/2} = \frac{1}{4} \int_7 e^{-2\phi+n} \left( -\frac{1}{2} d\varphi \wedge \varphi + (H + h\varphi) \wedge \psi \right).$$

Analysing the Einstein–Hilbert term, identify  $K \simeq n \implies$

$$W = \frac{1}{4} \int_Y e^{-2\phi} \left( (H + h\varphi) \wedge \psi - \frac{1}{2} d\varphi \wedge \varphi \right)$$

# Superpotential: Variations and SUSY

Want to show  $\delta W = 0 \iff \mathcal{N} = 1$  heterotic  $G_2$  system

$$\begin{aligned} \delta W = \int_Y e^{-2\phi} \left\{ -2 \delta\phi \left( (H + h\varphi) \wedge \psi - \frac{1}{2} d\varphi \wedge \varphi \right) \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{B} \wedge e^{2\phi} d(e^{-2\phi} \psi) + \frac{\alpha'}{2} [\text{tr}(\delta A F \wedge \psi) - \text{tr}(\delta \Theta R(\Theta) \wedge \psi)] + \right. \\ \left. + (H + h\varphi) \wedge \delta\psi + \delta\varphi \wedge (h\psi - d\varphi + d\phi \wedge \varphi) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with  $\delta H = d\mathcal{B} + \frac{\alpha'}{2} (\text{tr}(F\delta A) - \text{tr}(R(\Theta)\delta\Theta))$ .

Result: critical points of  $W \iff$  heterotic  $G_2$  system with  $\tau_1 = \frac{1}{2} d\phi$ ,  $h = \frac{1}{3} \tau_0$ ,  
and  $W = 0$  ✓

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$$W[\Phi] = W[\Phi_0] + \frac{1}{2} \int_M e^{-2\phi_0} \langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{D}\mathcal{X} \rangle \wedge \psi_0 + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{X}^3)$$

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Tack!