

Exceptional field theory and supersymmetric $\text{AdS}_{6,7}$ vacua

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- Powerful tool”
 - ▶ ExFT \rightarrow “good variables” for global solutions.
 - ▶ Universal consistent truncations
 - ▶ Consistent truncations with matter (c.f. Valenti’s talk)
 - ▶ Moduli e.g. [Ashmore, Gabella, Graña, Petrini, Waldram 2016]

Outline

- Half-maximal SUSY structures
- AdS vacua and consistent truncations
- Applications:
 - ▶ SUSY AdS_7 vacua of mIIA & “minimal” consistent truncations.
 - ▶ SUSY AdS_6 vacua of IIB & “minimal” consistent truncations.
- Valenti’s talk: Consistent truncations with vector multiplets.

Exceptional field theory & half-maximal SUSY

- Local symmetries of 11-d/IIB SUGRA \longrightarrow generalised diffeomorphisms (local $E_{d(d)}$)
- Should also capture half-maximal SUSY.
- Consistent truncations to half-maximal gSUGRA.

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- **Differential condition:** SUSY Minkowski vacuum
 $\nabla\psi = 0 \implies SU(3)$ holonomy.

$$d\omega_{(2)} = d\Omega_{(3)} = 0.$$

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- $D = 5, 6a, 7$ similar pattern.
- $D = 4, 6b$ slightly different.

G_{half} -structures and half-maximal SUSY

- Describe bosonically using “generalised differential forms”.
- Sections of $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}_3, \dots, \mathcal{R}_{D-3}$

D	$E_{d(d)}$	R_1	R_2	R_3	R_4	R_c
7	$\text{SL}(5)$	10	5	5	10	\emptyset
6a	$\text{Spin}(5,5)$	16	10	16	48	1
5	$E_{6(6)}$	27	27	78	n/a	27
4	$E_{7(7)}$	56	133	n/a	n/a	1539

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{R}_1 & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & \mathcal{R}_2 & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & \mathcal{R}_{D-3} \\ \mathcal{R}_{D-3} & \xrightarrow{d} & \dots & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{R}_2 & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{R}_1 \end{array}$$

G_{half}-structures and half-maximal SUSY

- Generalised tensors stabilised by $\text{Spin}(d - 1) \subset E_{d(d)}$:

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$u = 1, \dots, d - 1$ of $\text{Spin}(d - 1)_R$, satisfying

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$$\hat{K} \times_{R_c} \hat{K} = 0, \quad \delta^{uv} J_u \wedge J_v \wedge \hat{K} > 0.$$

- Generalisations of $\omega_{(2)}$, $\Omega_{(2)}$ on K3.

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SUGRA background from G_{half} -structures

- For CY, $g_{ij} = I_i{}^k \omega_{kj}$.
- J_u and \hat{K} define SUGRA background:

$$\begin{aligned}\{\text{SUGRA fields}\} = \mathcal{M}_{MN} \sim & \hat{J}_{u,M} \hat{J}^u{}_N - d_{MNI} \hat{K}^I \\ & + \epsilon^{u_1 \dots u_{d-1}} (J_{u_1} J_{u_2} \dots J_{u_{d-1}})_{MN},\end{aligned}$$

d_{MNI} is an $E_{d(d)}$ invariant and $\hat{J}_u = J_u \wedge \hat{K}$.

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$$\hat{J}_{uM} = \left(\gamma^I\right)_{MN} J_u{}^N \hat{K}_I.$$

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- J_u generalised Killing vector fields, generate R-symmetry
- \hat{K} invariant under R-symmetry

Consistent truncations

- Consistent truncation → study AdS vacua via lower-dim gSUGRA.

Conjecture (Gauntlett & Varela)

For any SUSY solution of $D = 10$ or $D = 11$ SUGRA that consists of a warped product $AdS_D \times_w M$, there is a consistent truncation on M to a D -dimensional gauged SUGRA keeping only the gravitational supermultiplet.

- Can we get a free lunch?

AdS consistent truncation: SUGRA multiplet

- Given $J_u(Y)$, $\hat{K}(Y)$ of 1/2-max AdS, the Ansatz

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{J}_u(x, Y) &= X^{-1}(x) J_u(Y), & \hat{\mathcal{K}}(x, Y) &= X^2(x) \hat{K}(Y), \\ A_\mu(x, Y) &= A_\mu{}^u(x) J_u(Y), & \dots,\end{aligned}$$

gives a *consistent* truncation.

- Consistency follows from special holonomy.
- $X(x)$ scalar, $A_\mu{}^u(x)$ vector fields of grav. supermultiplet.
- “Minimal” truncation \Rightarrow no vector multiplets.
- Spacetime fields from $\mathcal{M}_{MN} \rightarrow$ non-linear truncation Ansatz.

Constructing AdS solutions from ExFT

- Geometric Ansatz $\rightarrow J_u, \hat{K}$
 - ▶ Algebraic conditions (existence of spinors)
 - ▶ Differential conditions (SUSY vacuum)
- Construct generalised metric
$$\mathcal{M}_{MN} = \hat{J}_{u,M} \hat{J}^u{}_N - d_{MNI} \hat{K}^I + (J^{d-1})_{MN}.$$
- ExFT dictionary: $\mathcal{M}_{MN} = \{\text{SUGRA fields}\}.$
- Minimal consistent truncation for free.

Example 1: AdS₇ from ExFT

- Consider AdS₇ × S³ of mIIA in SL(5) ExFT.
- Ansatz: S² fibred over I.
- “Constrained coords” y_u on $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with $y^u y_u = 1$.
- z coord on I.

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{J_u}}_m J_v = R_{uvw} J^w, \quad \mathcal{L}_{J_u} \hat{K} = 0.$$

- $J_u \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_R$ triplets, $\hat{K} \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_R$ singlets:
 - ▶ $y_u, f(z)$,
 - ▶ Killing vecs v_u, ∂_z ,
 - ▶ $dy_u, \text{vol}_{S^2} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{uvw}y^u dy^v \wedge dy^w$,
 - ▶ $dz, dy_u \wedge dz, \text{vol}_{S^2} \wedge dz$.

G_{half} structure on S^3

IIA: $\partial_{[ab]} = (\partial_{i5}, \partial_{45}, \partial_{i4}), \quad i = 1, \dots, 3, \quad a = (i, 4, 5)$

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Algebraic conditions uniquely give:

$$\begin{aligned} J_u &= \sqrt{2}v_u + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{h(z)}{q(z)}y_u dz + g(z)dy_u \right) - q(z)y_u \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (y_u q(z)g(z)z \text{vol}_{S^2} + h(z)\epsilon_{uvw}y^v dy^w \wedge dz) , \\ \hat{K} &= s(z) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (g(z)s(z) - t(z)) \text{vol}_{S^2} , \end{aligned}$$

Natural gauge choice: $h(z) = q(z)$.

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Algebraic and differential conditions uniquely gives:

$$\begin{aligned} J_u &= \sqrt{2}v_u - \frac{1}{2}d(y_u z) + \ddot{t}(z)y_u \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\ddot{t}(z)(y_u z \text{ vol}_{S^2} - \epsilon_{uvw}y^v dy^w \wedge dz), \\ \hat{K} &= -\dot{t}(z) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(z\dot{t}(z) - t(z)) \text{ vol}_{S^2}, \end{aligned}$$

with $\ddot{t} = -\frac{m}{2}, \quad t \geq 0$.

Infinitely many solutions determined by $t(z)$.

$\text{AdS}_7 \times S^3$ solution

Generalised metric $\mathcal{M}(J_u, \hat{K})$ and EFT \leftrightarrow IIA SUGRA dictionary:

$$ds_{10}^2 = 4\sqrt{-\frac{\ddot{t}}{\ddot{\ddot{t}}}} ds_{\text{AdS}_7}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-\frac{\ddot{\ddot{t}}}{\ddot{t}}}\left(\frac{t^2}{\dot{t}^2 - 2\ddot{t}\dot{t}} ds_{S^2}^2 + dz^2\right),$$

$$e^\psi = \left(-\frac{t}{\ddot{t}}\right)^{3/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\dot{t}^2 - 2\ddot{t}\dot{t}}},$$

$$B_2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\left(z - \frac{\dot{t}\dot{t}}{\dot{t}^2 - 2\ddot{t}\dot{t}}\right) vol_2,$$

$$F_2 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\left(2\ddot{t} + \frac{m\dot{t}\dot{t}}{\dot{t}^2 - 2\ddot{t}\dot{t}}\right) vol_2,$$

with $\ddot{\ddot{t}} = -m/2$.

These are the general AdS_7 solutions of mIIA [Apruzzi, Fazzi, Rosa, Tomasiello] in coords of [Cremonesi, Tomasiello].

AdS₇ minimal consistent truncation

Consistent truncation for AdS₇ × S³.

$$\mathcal{J}_u(x, Y) = \textcolor{blue}{X^{-1}(x)} J_u(Y), \quad \hat{\mathcal{K}}(x, Y) = \textcolor{blue}{X^2(x)} \hat{K}(Y):$$

$$ds_{10}^2 = 4\sqrt{-\frac{t}{\ddot{t}}}\textcolor{blue}{X^{1/2}} ds_7^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-\frac{\ddot{t}}{t}} \left[\textcolor{blue}{X^{-5/2}} dz^2 + \textcolor{blue}{X^{5/2}} \frac{t^2}{\dot{t}^2 \textcolor{blue}{X^5} - 2\ddot{t}t} ds_{S^2}^2 \right],$$

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$\ddot{t} = -m/2$. Reproduces [Passias, Rota, Tomasiello].

Example 2: AdS₆ from ExFT

- Consider AdS₆ of IIB in SO(5, 5) ExFT.

$$\mathcal{L}_{J_u} J_v = R_{uvw} J^w, \quad d\hat{K} = \epsilon^{uvwxyz} R_{uvw} J_x, \quad \mathcal{L}_{J_u} \hat{K} = 0,$$

with $u = 1, \dots, 4$, $R_{uvw} = \epsilon_{uvwxyz} \Lambda^x$. Wlog $\Lambda^u = (0, 0, 0, 1)$.

$$\mathcal{L}_{J_I} J_J = \epsilon_{IJK} J^K, \quad \mathcal{L}_{J_I} J_4 = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{J_I} \hat{K} = 0, \quad d\hat{K} = J_4.$$

- Ansatz: IIB on S^2 fibred over Riemann surface Σ_2 .
- “Constrained coords” y_I on $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with $y^I y_I = 1$.
- χ_α coord on Σ_2 , $\alpha = 1, 2$.
- $J_I \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_R$ triplets, $J_4, \hat{K} \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_R$ singlets

G_{half} structure on $S^2 \times \Sigma_2$

IIB: $\partial_M = (\partial_i, \partial^{i\alpha}, \partial^{ijk}), \quad i = 1, \dots, 4, \quad \alpha = (1, 2)$

$$J_u \in \Gamma(\mathcal{R}_1), \quad \mathcal{R}_1 = TM \oplus 2 \cdot T^*M \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M$$

$$\hat{K} \in \Gamma(\mathcal{R}_2), \quad \mathcal{R}_2 = 2 \cdot \Lambda^0 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus 2 \cdot \Lambda^4 T^*M$$

Most general structure after algebraic and differential conditions:

$$J_I = v_I + d(k^\alpha y_I) + \frac{1}{2}d \left(k^\alpha \epsilon_{IJK} y^J dy^K \wedge dk_\alpha \right),$$

$$J_4 = dp^\alpha - k_\alpha dp^\alpha \wedge vol_{S^2},$$

$$\hat{K} = p_\alpha - (r + p_\alpha k^\alpha) vol_{S^2}.$$

Depends on four real functions, k^α, p^α , on Σ_2 satisfying

$$|dk|^2 \equiv \star(dk^\alpha \wedge dk_\alpha) = \star(dp^\alpha \wedge dp_\alpha) \geq 0, \quad dk^\alpha \wedge dp_\alpha = 0, \\ dr = -p_\alpha dk^\alpha.$$

AdS₆ solutions in IIB

- From generalised metric and ExFT \leftrightarrow IIB dictionary we find SUGRA fields

$$ds^2 = \frac{\sqrt{2} r^{5/4} \Delta^{1/4}}{3^{3/4} |dk|^{1/4}} \left(\frac{12}{r} ds_{AdS_6}^2 + \frac{|dk|}{\Delta} ds_{S^2}^2 + \frac{4}{r^2} dk^\alpha \otimes dp_\alpha \right), \quad C_{(4)} = 0,$$
$$C_{(2)}{}^\alpha = -\frac{4}{3} vol_{S^2} \left(k^\alpha + \frac{r p_\gamma \partial_\beta k^\gamma \partial^\beta p^\alpha}{2\Delta} |dk|^{1/2} \right), \quad H_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{|dk|^{1/2} p_\alpha p_\beta + 6 r \partial_\gamma k_\alpha \partial^\gamma p_\beta}{2\sqrt{3 \Delta r}},$$
$$\Delta = \frac{3}{4} r |dk| + \frac{1}{2} |dk|^{1/2} p_\alpha p_\beta \partial_\gamma k^\alpha \partial^\gamma p^\beta, \quad H_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\text{Im } \tau} \begin{pmatrix} |\tau|^2 & \text{Re } \tau \\ \text{Re } \tau & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Can use diffeos on Σ_2 to make $g|_{\Sigma_2}$ conformally flat

$$dk^\alpha = I \cdot dp^\alpha.$$

I complex structure on Σ_2 .

- Solutions defined by two holomorphic functions $f^\alpha = k^\alpha + i p^\alpha$ with $df^\alpha \wedge d\bar{f}_\alpha \geq 0$.
- Upon field redefinition matches [D'Hoker, Gutperle, Karch, Ulhemann 2016]

AdS₆ minimal consistent truncations

- Minimal consistent truncation for free:

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- Can study AdS₆ solution using minimal 6d gSUGRA.

Conclusions

- Exceptional geometry underlying 1/2-max AdS vacua.
- ExFT useful new tool to construct AdS vacua.
- Reproduce all mIIA $\text{AdS}_7 \times S^3$, IIB $\text{AdS}_6 \times S^2$ solutions.
- Consistent truncation (grav. multiplet) for free.
- Useful for studying & finding new solutions (e.g. domain-wall solutions for holographic RG flow)

Outlook

- Consistent truncations with matter (c.f. Valenti's talk)
- Uplift of moduli, e.g. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ AdS_5 vacua.
- Classification of AdS vacua?
- Other amounts of SUSY, e.g. $\mathcal{N} = 2$ [Ashmore, Gabella, Graña, Petrini, Waldram].
- Also, $\mathcal{N} = 6$ AdS_5 vacua dual to 4d $\mathcal{N} = 3$ SCFT?