

# Generalized Complex Geometry

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- Formulations of Generalized Kähler Geometry
- The corresponding Sigma Models

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

$$\xi \mapsto \phi^i(\xi)$$

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

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

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

Susy  $\sigma$  models  $\iff$  Geometry of  $\mathcal{T}$

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

(Odd dimensions have the same structure as the even dimension lower.)



# Sigma models in $d=2$

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Manifold  $(M^{2d}, J)$

Complex structure:  $J \in \text{End}(TM) \quad J^2 = -1$

Projectors:  $\pi_{\pm} := \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{1} \pm iJ)$

These define an involutive distribution if

$$\pi_{\mp}[\pi_{\pm}u, \pi_{\pm}v] = 0 \quad \iff \quad \mathcal{N}(J) = 0 \text{ (Nijenhuis)}$$

This is integrability of  $J$ .

Local holomorphic coordinates,  $M^{2d} \supset \mathcal{O} \approx \mathbb{C}^{2k}$ , and holomorphic transition functions.

Hermitean Metric:  $J^t g J = g$

$(g \rightarrow g = g + J^t g J)$

Symplectic 2-form:  $\omega := gJ$

Kähler:  $d\omega = 0$ ,  $\nabla J = 0$ ,  $g_{z\bar{z}} = \partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} K(z, \bar{z})$

Hyperkähler:  $J^A, A = 1, 2, 3$   $J^A J^B = -\delta^{AB} + \epsilon^{ABC} J^C$



Erich Kähler 1906-2000

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$$(M, g, J_{(\pm)}, H)$$

$$J_{(\pm)}^2 = -\mathbf{1}, \quad J_{(\pm)}^t g J_{(\pm)} = g, \quad \nabla^{(\pm)} J_{(\pm)} = 0$$

$$\Gamma^{(\pm)} = \Gamma^0 \pm \frac{1}{2} g^{-1} H, \quad H = dB.$$

$$E := g + B$$



$$(M, g, J_{(\pm)})$$

$$J_{(\pm)}^2 = -\mathbf{1}, \quad J_{(\pm)}^t g J_{(\pm)} = g, \quad \omega_{(\pm)} := g J_{(\pm)}$$

$$d_{(+)}^c \omega_{(+)} + d_{(-)}^c \omega_{(-)} = 0, \quad dd_{(\pm)}^c \omega_{(\pm)} = 0,$$

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

# Generalized Complex Geometry

Complex structure:

$$\mathcal{J} \in \text{End}(TM \oplus T^*M), \quad \mathcal{J}^2 = -1$$

$$\Pi_{\pm} := \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{1} \pm \mathcal{J})$$

“Nijenhuis”:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{J}) = 0 \iff \Pi_{\mp}[ \Pi_{\pm}U, \Pi_{\pm}V ]_{\mathcal{C}} = 0$$

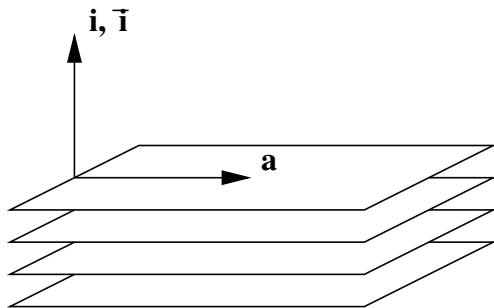
where

$$U = (u, \xi), \quad V = (v, \rho)$$

$$[U, V]_{\mathcal{C}} = [u, v] + \mathcal{L}_u\rho - \mathcal{L}_v\xi - \frac{1}{2}d(\iota_u\rho - \iota_v\xi)$$



When  $\mathcal{J}$  is integrable there are local holomorphic and Darboux coordinates such that  $M^{2d}$  looks like  $\mathbb{C}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{2d-k}$ .



The automorphisms of this courant bracket are diffeomorphisms and ***b*-transforms**:

$$e^b(u, \xi) = (u, \xi + \iota_u b), \quad db = 0.$$

In a coordinate basis  $(\partial_x, dx)$  a *b*-transform acts on  $\mathcal{J}$  as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{J} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

In such a basis, the natural pairing

$$\langle (u, \xi), (v, \rho) \rangle = v_u \rho + v_v \xi$$

is represented by the matrix

$$\mathcal{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A final requirement of GCG is that

$$\mathcal{J}^t \mathcal{I} \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{I}$$

Two commuting generalized complex structures

$$\mathcal{J}_{(1,2)}^2 = -\mathbf{1}, \quad [\mathcal{J}_{(1)}, \mathcal{J}_{(2)}] = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{(1,2)}^t \mathcal{I} \mathcal{J}_{(1,2)} = \mathcal{I}, \quad \mathcal{G} := -\mathcal{J}_{(1)} \mathcal{J}_{(2)}$$

Ex. Kähler ( $\omega = gJ$ ):

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} J & 0 \\ 0 & -J^t \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{J}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega^{-1} \\ \omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

GKG  $\leftrightarrow$  Bi-Hermitian :

$\mathcal{J}_{(1,2)} =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ B & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_{(+)} \pm J_{(-)} & -(\omega_{(+)}^{-1} \mp \omega_{(-)}^{-1}) \\ \omega_{(+)} \mp \omega_{(-)} & -(J_{(+)}^t \pm J_{(-)}^t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -B & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[U, V]_H = [U, V]_C + \iota_U \iota_V H$$

$$(M, J_{(\pm)})$$

Locally,  $\exists$  “symplectic” two-forms  $\mathcal{F}_{(\pm)}$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{(\pm)}(v, J_{(\pm)}v) > 0, \quad d(\mathcal{F}_{(+)}J_{(+)} - J_{(-)}^t\mathcal{F}_{(-)}) = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{(\pm)} = \frac{1}{2}j(B_{(\pm)}^{(2,0)} - B_{(\pm)}^{(0,2)}) \mp \omega_{(\pm)}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{(+)} = -\frac{1}{2}E_{(+)}^t J_{(+)}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{(-)} = -\frac{1}{2}J_{(-)}^t E_{(-)}^t$$

Geometric data:  $(M, g, H, J_{(\pm)})$  or  $(M, g, J_{(\pm)})$  or  $(M, \mathcal{F}_{(\pm)}, J_{(\pm)})$ .  
 In each case, there is a complete description in terms of a **Generalized Kähler potential  $K$** . Unlike the Kähler case, the expressions are non-linear in second derivatives of  $K$ . E.g.,

$$J_{(+)} = \begin{pmatrix} J & 0 \\ (K_{LR})^{-1}[J, K_{LL}] & (K_{LR})^{-1}JK_{LR} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g = \Omega[J_{(+)}, J_{(-)}]$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{(+)} = d\lambda_{(+)} , \quad \lambda_{(+)\ell} = iK_R J(K_{LR})^{-1} K_{L\ell} , \dots$$

# Generating function

There are two special sets of Darboux coordinates for the symplectic form  $\Omega$ . One set,  $(\mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{Y}_L)$ , is also canonical coordinates for  $J_{(+)}$  and the other set,  $(\mathbb{X}^R, \mathbb{Y}_R)$  is canonical coordinates for  $J_{(-)}$ . The symplectomorphism that relates the two sets of coordinates has thus a generating function. **This generating function is in fact the generalized Kähler-potential  $K(\mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{X}^R)$ .**

$(\mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{Y}_L)$	$\leftarrow K(\mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{X}^R) \rightarrow$	$(\mathbb{X}^R, \mathbb{Y}_R)$
$J_{(+)} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$		$J_{(-)} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$

This fact is a key ingredient in the proof that we have a complete description or GKG.



$$d = 2, N = (2, 2)$$

Algebra:

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

Constrained superfields:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbb{D}}_\pm \phi^a &= 0, \\ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_+ \chi^{a'} &= \mathbb{D}_- \chi^{a'} = 0, \\ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_+ \mathbb{X}^\ell &= 0, \\ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_- \mathbb{X}^r &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Notation:  $c := a, \bar{a}$ ,  $t := a', \bar{a}'$ ,  $L := \ell, \bar{\ell}$ ,  $R := r, \bar{r}$ .

The (2, 2) formulation uses the generalized Kähler Potential.

$$S = \int \mathbb{D}_+ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_+ \mathbb{D}_- \bar{\mathbb{D}}_- K(\phi^c, \chi^t, \mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{X}^R)$$

$$K \rightarrow K(\mathbb{X}^L, \mathbb{X}^R)$$

Reduction to (2, 1) superspace

$$\mathbb{D}_- =: D_- - iQ_- , \quad \mathbb{X}| =: X , \quad Q_- \mathbb{X}^L| =: \Psi_-^L$$

$$S = \int \mathbb{D}_+ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_+ D_- \left( K_L \Psi_-^L + K_R J D_- X^R \right)$$

$$S = i \int \mathbb{D}_+ \bar{\mathbb{D}}_+ D_- (\lambda_{(+)\alpha} D_- \varphi^\alpha + \text{c.c.})$$

which uses the “Liouville form” ( $\mathcal{F}_{(+)} = d\lambda_{(+)}$ )

Reduction to (1, 1) finally yields

$$S = \int D_+ D_- (D_+ X E D_- X) .$$

The reduction goes via  $\mathbb{D}_+ =: D_+ - iQ_+$ ,  $Q_+ \mathbb{X}^R| =: \Psi_+^R$  and both the auxiliary spinors  $\Psi_-^L$  and  $\Psi_+^R$  have been eliminated.

The (1, 1) formulation uses  $E = g + B$  directly.

Superspace encodes and dictates  
all the geometric formulations  
of Generalized Kähler Geometry.

Multi forms  $\rho$  on  $M$  are spinors of  $T \oplus T^*$ .

$U = (u, \xi) \in T \oplus T^*$  acts on a form  $\rho$  according to

$$U \cdot \rho = \iota_u \rho + \xi \wedge \rho$$

This satisfies the Clifford algebra identity for the indefinite metric  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$\{U, V\} \cdot \rho = (U \cdot V + V \cdot U) \cdot \rho = 2\mathcal{I}(U, V)\rho$$

The **null space** of a spinor  $\rho$

$$L_\rho = \{U \in TM \oplus T^*M \mid U \cdot \rho = 0\}$$

is isotropic. A spinor  $\rho$  is **pure** if its null space is maximally isotropic, rank  $d$ .

A GCS  $\mathcal{J}$  may alternatively be defined via decomposition

$$(T \oplus T^*) \otimes \mathbb{C} = L + \bar{L}$$

where  $L$  is the  $+i$  eigenbundle of  $\mathcal{J}$ .

To every GCS  $\mathcal{J}$  with  $+i$  eigenbundle  $L_{\mathcal{J}}$  is associated a *complex pure spinor*  $\rho_{\mathcal{J}}$ :

$$L_{\mathcal{J}} = L_{\rho_{\mathcal{J}}}$$

A *generalized Calabi-Yau structure*:

$$d\rho = 0, \quad (\rho, \bar{\rho}) \neq 0$$

A *generalized Calabi-Yau metric structure* is defined as a pair of closed pure spinors  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  such that the corresponding generalized complex structures  $\mathcal{J}_1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_2$  give rise to a GKS and

$$(\rho_1, \bar{\rho}_1) = \alpha(\rho_2, \bar{\rho}_2) \neq 0$$

Mukai pairing:

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

The conditions for Type II supergravity solutions in

$$ds_{(10)}^2 = e^{2A(y)} ds_{(4)}^2 + g_{mn} dy^m dy^n$$

is

$$d_H(e^{4A-\Phi} \mathfrak{R} \rho_1) = e^{4A} \tilde{F}$$

$$d_H(e^{3A-\Phi} \rho_2) = 0$$

$$d_H(e^{2A-\Phi} \mathfrak{S} \rho_1) = 0$$

where  $\tilde{F}$  is (part of) the polyform of RR fields.



The generalized CY metric structure defines a Type II supersymmetric supergravity solution.  
(No RR fluxes).

Use the Gualtieri map to find  $(g_{\mu\nu}, H_{\mu\nu\rho}, \Phi)$ .

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

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

automatically satisfied.

# Construction from the sigma model

Ansatz:

$$\rho_{1,2} = N_{1,2} \wedge e^{R_{1,2} + iS_{1,2}}, \quad (0.1)$$

where

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

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

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

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

$$S_1 = d(K_T Jd\chi + K_L JdX_L - K_R JdX_R),$$

$$S_2 = -d(K_C Jd\phi + K_L JdX_L + K_R JdX_R),$$

These are pure spinors with the correct properties.

# The Generalized Monge-Ampère equation

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

$$(-1)^{d_s d_c} e^{f(\phi)} e^{\bar{f}(\bar{\phi})} \det \begin{pmatrix} -K_{\bar{l}\bar{l}} & -K_{l\bar{r}} & -K_{\bar{l}\bar{t}} \\ -K_{\bar{r}\bar{l}} & -K_{\bar{r}r} & -K_{\bar{r}\bar{t}} \\ -K_{\bar{t}\bar{l}} & -K_{tr} & -K_{\bar{t}\bar{t}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.2)$$

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

$$e^{2\Phi} = (-1)^{d_s d_c} \frac{e^{-f(\phi)} e^{-\bar{f}(\bar{\phi})}}{\det K_{LR}} \det \begin{pmatrix} -K_{\bar{l}\bar{l}} & -K_{l\bar{r}} & -K_{\bar{l}\bar{t}} \\ -K_{\bar{r}\bar{l}} & -K_{\bar{r}r} & -K_{\bar{r}\bar{t}} \\ -K_{\bar{t}\bar{l}} & -K_{tr} & -K_{\bar{t}\bar{t}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.3)$$

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