

# Classifying Supersymmetric Solutions in 3D Maximal Supergravity

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# Introduction: Exotic Branes (3)

In general, for 7-brane (“exotic brane”):

- $\tau$ : some fields
- $\tau \rightarrow M\tau$  as go around brane
- $M \in \text{U-duality group } (E_{8(8)})$

# Introduction: Exotic Branes (4)

U-duality groups in different dimensions:

$d$	$G(\mathbb{R})$	$K$	$\dim(G)$	$\text{rank}(G)$	$\dim(K)$
10A	$\mathbb{R}_+$	$\mathbf{1}$	1	1	0
10B	$SL(2)$	$SO(2)$	3	1	1
9	$SL(2) \times \mathbb{R}_+$	$SO(2)$	4	2	1
8	$SL(3) \times SL(2)$	$SO(3) \times SO(2)$	$8 + 3$	$2 + 1$	$3 + 1$
7	$SL(5)$	$SO(5)$	24	4	10
6	$SO(5, 5)$	$SO(5) \times SO(5)$	45	5	20
5	$E_{6(6)}$	$USp(8)$	78	6	36
4	$E_{7(7)}$	$SU(8)$	133	7	63
<b>3</b>	<b><math>E_{8(8)}</math></b>	<b><math>SO(16)</math></b>	<b>248</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>120</b>



# Introduction: Exotic Branes (6)

Non-Abelian charge (=monodromy) lattice: [de Boer, Shigemori 1209.6056](#)

- Normal branes: Abelian charge lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$   
e.g.  $D1 + D5 = D5 + D1$
- Codim-2 branes: **monodromy is charge**

$$\tau \rightarrow M\tau \tag{1}$$

- Charge  $M \in E_{8(8)}(\mathbb{Z})$  - non-Abelian charge lattice
- Not trivial to “add” branes!

# Introduction: Exotic Branes (7)

Results for 1/2 BPS branes in max SUGRA:

Bergshoeff, Riccioni, {+Romano 1303.0221; +Marrani 1201.5819; +Ortin 1109.4484; 1109.1725; 1009.4657; ...}

- Codim-2 branes  $\leftrightarrow$  longest weights in adjoint rep. of U-duality group (3D,  $\mathfrak{e}_8$ :  $248-8=240$ )
- degeneracy of BPS condition  $\rightarrow$  can form multi-charge codim-2 brane orbits that are 1/2 BPS
- In principle, all  $\times$  BPS states should be in some way “bound states” of fundamental 1/2 BPS branes. In practice, difficult to determine all possible states ( $\leftrightarrow$  non-Abelian charge lattice!)



# Introduction: Going to 3D (1)

7 branes in 10D:

- point particle in 3D
- metric is single-valued
- only scalar monodromies
- would be nice to classify possible monodromies!

# Introduction: Going to 3D (2)

Compactify string theory on  $T^7 \rightarrow 3\text{D}$  maximal SUGRA:

- Can ask well-defined question: What are necessary/sufficient conditions for a solution to preserve SUSY?
- Despite complicated scalar structure, we obtain complete necessary/sufficient conditions, complete classification of SUSY solutions
- Afterwards: what is the relation between classification of SUSY solutions and possible monodromies?

# Introduction: Going to 3D (3)

## Classifying SUSY solutions:

- Previous classifications of SUSY solutions done in e.g.  $\mathcal{N} = 1, 2$  SUGRA in 4/5/6D

[Gauntlett, Gutowski, Hull, Pakis, Reall hep-th/0209114](#) and many others

- Usual strategy:
  - Assume Killing spinor  $\epsilon$ , construct bilinears, e.g.  $V_\mu = \bar{\epsilon}\gamma_\mu\epsilon$
  - Algebraic/differential relations  $\rightarrow$  restriction solutions
- Usually can't explicitly construct all SUSY spacetimes
- Still very useful: construct  $AdS_5$  BHs, SUSY microstate geometries, ...

# Introduction: Recap

## Recap:

- Interested in studying all possible (supersymmetric) exotic branes
- Go to 3D (codim-2: point particles) for richest explicit U-duality structure
- **First: classify supersymmetric sols in 3D (pure SUGRA problem)**
- Then: relate to classification of point particles

# 3D Maximal SUGRA (1): $\mathfrak{e}_{8(8)}$

Constructing the algebra  $\mathfrak{e}_8$ : [GSW, 6.A](#)

- Take the 120  $\mathfrak{so}(\mathbf{16})$  generators  $X^{IJ}$ :

$$[X^{IJ}, X^{KL}] = \delta^{IL} X^{JK} + \delta^{JK} X^{IL} - \delta^{IK} X^{JL} - \delta^{JL} X^{IK}. \quad (2)$$

- Append 128 generators  $Y^A$  in Majorana-Weyl spinor rep. of  $\mathfrak{so}(\mathbf{16})$ :

$$[X^{IJ}, Y^A] = \Gamma_{AB}^{IJ} Y^B. \quad (3)$$

- $\mathfrak{e}_8 = \{X^{IJ}, Y^A\}$ !
- For split real form  $\mathfrak{e}_{8(8)}$ , can take  $Y^A$  as non-compact generators

# 3D Maximal SUGRA (2): Action

Fields in the theory:

- 128 non-compact scalars  $\phi := \phi^A Y^A \in \mathfrak{e}_{8(8)} \ominus \mathfrak{so}(16)$
- $V = e^\phi \in E_{8(8)}/SO(16)$
- Global symmetry (U-duality):  $e^\phi \rightarrow \mathbf{g} e^\phi h(\phi)$ ,  $\mathbf{g} \in E_{8(8)}$  ( $h$  compensating gauge transformation to keep gauge)

# 3D Maximal SUGRA (3): Action

Constructing a bosonic action: [Marcus, Schwarz '83](#)

- $V^{-1}\partial_\mu V = P_\mu + Q_\mu$
- $Q_\mu \in \mathfrak{so}(\mathbf{16})$ : compact “gauge field”
- $P_\mu \in \mathfrak{e}_8 \ominus \mathfrak{so}(\mathbf{16})$ : non-compact part
- $E_8$  invariant action:  $\mathcal{L} = R - g^{\mu\nu} \text{tr}(P_\mu P_\nu)$

# 3D Maximal SUGRA (4): Action

$SL(2)$  toy example:

- $V \in SL(2)/SO(2)$

- Can choose (Borel) gauge:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tau_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\tau_2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\tau_2}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $V^{-1}dV = P + Q$ :

- $P = \frac{1}{2\tau_2} \begin{pmatrix} d\tau_2 & d\tau_1 \\ d\tau_1 & -d\tau_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- $Q = \frac{1}{2\tau_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d\tau_1 \\ -d\tau_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- Kinetic term:  $tr(P^2) = \frac{1}{2\tau_2^2} (d\tau_1^2 + d\tau_2^2)$

# 3D Maximal SUGRA (5): Variations

SUSY transformations:

- SUSY parameters  $\epsilon_\alpha^I$
- $I = 1, \dots, 16$  - **so(16)** vector;  $\alpha = 1, 2$  - 3D Majorana spinor
- $\delta\psi_\mu^I = \nabla_\mu \epsilon^I + Q_\mu^{IJ} \epsilon^J$
- $\delta\chi^{\dot{A}} = P_\mu^{\dot{A}} \gamma^\mu \Gamma_{\dot{A}\dot{A}}^I \epsilon^I$

# Classification - Null and Timelike Solutions (1)

- Find  $\epsilon^I$  such that  $\delta\psi_\mu^I = \delta\chi^A = 0$
- Construct  $V_\mu = (\epsilon^I)^T \gamma_{\hat{0}} \gamma_\mu \epsilon^I$
- $\nabla_\mu V_\nu = 0$  -  $V$  is Killing, but also stronger
- $V^2 \leq 0$

# Classification - Null and Timelike Solutions (2)

Null class:  $V = \partial_u$  null

- $ds^2 = -dudv - 2\omega(v, x)dvdx + h(v, x)dx^2$
- pp-waves, all 1/2-SUSY
- scalars  $\phi(v)$

# Classification - Null and Timelike Solutions (3)

Timelike class:  $V = \partial_t$  timelike

- $ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{U(z,\bar{z})} dzd\bar{z}$  ( $\partial_t \phi = 0$ )
- SUSY condition ( $\xi = \epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2$ ):

$$P_z^A \Gamma_{AA}^I \xi^I = 0 \quad (4)$$

# Classification (Timelike) - Nilpotent Orbits (1)

Necessary and sufficient SUSY condition timelike solutions:

$$P_z^A \Gamma_{AA}^I \xi^I = 0 \quad (5)$$

- Invariant under (compact) conjugation  $K \in SO(16)$ :  
 $P \rightarrow K^{-1} P K$
- SUSY determined by conj. class = orbit of  $P_z$  in  
 $\mathfrak{p} \equiv \mathfrak{e}_8 \oplus \mathfrak{so}(16)$
- Lots of math results about these objects! Rich (Zariski) topology of orbits... Kostant & Rallis '71, Collingwood & McGovern '93, Djokovic '00, '03

# Classification (Timelike) - Nilpotent Orbits (2)

First results:

- a) (“smaller orbit = more SUSY”)

If  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_1 \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{O}}_2$ , then  $(\# \text{SUSY } \mathcal{O}_1) \geq (\# \text{SUSY } \mathcal{O}_2)$

Example:

- 1/4 BPS orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $(N_1 \text{ D1-branes}) + (N_5 \text{ D5-branes})$
- 1/2 BPS orbit  $\mathcal{O}' \subset \overline{\mathcal{O}}$  of  $(N_1 \text{ D1-branes})$
- b) For SUSY,  $P$  needs to be nilpotent ( $P^n = 0$ )
  - e.g.: trivial orbit  $\mathcal{O}_0 = \{0\}$  is max. SUSY;  $\mathcal{O}_0 \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{O}}_X$  for all nilpotent  $X$

# Classification (Timelike) - Nilpotent Orbits (3)

Proof of (a) ("smaller orbit = more SUSY")

If  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_1 \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{O}}_2$ , then  $(\# \text{SUSY } \mathcal{O}_1) \geq (\# \text{SUSY } \mathcal{O}_2)$

- $P_z^A \Gamma_{\dot{A}A}^I \xi^I = 0$  is essentially matrix equation  $M\xi = 0$  with  $M = P_z^A \Gamma_{\dot{A}A}^I$
- $\exists$  non-trivial solutions for  $\xi^I \rightarrow$  all  $16 \times 16$  det. of  $M$  vanish
- More SUSY preserved  $\rightarrow$  smaller and smaller sub-determinants must vanish
- $\det = 0 \rightarrow$  (homogeneous) equations involving  $P$ ; solutions form closed set in Zariski topology

# Classification (Timelike) - Nilpotent Orbits (4)

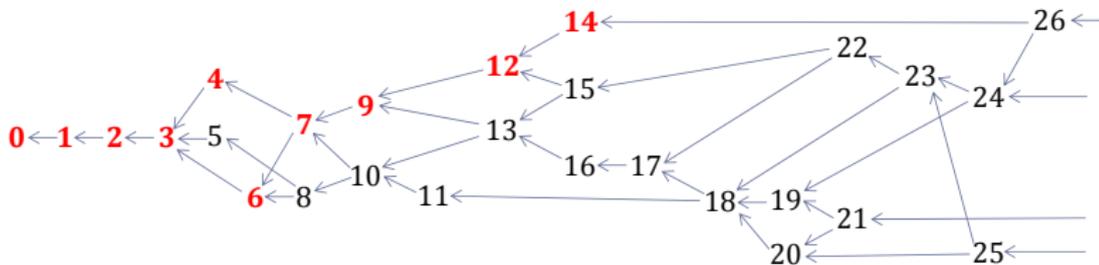
Proof of (b) For SUSY,  $P$  needs to be nilpotent ( $P^n = 0$ )

- Unique Jordan decomposition algebra element:  $X = X_N + X_S$ ;  
 $X_N$  nilpotent,  $X_S$  semisimple;  $[X_N, X_S] = 0$
- (math result)  $\mathcal{O}_{X_S} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{O}}_X$
- (math result) some element in CSA  $c_i H_i \in \mathcal{O}_{X_S}$
- Solve for  $c_i \rightarrow$  all  $c_i = 0$  for SUSY  $\rightarrow X_S = 0$

# Classification (Timelike) - Nilpotent Orbits (5)

Narrowed problem down to nilpotent orbits of  $P_z$

- Nilpotent orbits very special
- Only finitely many - **0**,  $\dots$ , **115**
- Partial ordering (Hasse diagram)  $\mathcal{O}_i \leq \mathcal{O}_j$  if  $\overline{\mathcal{O}}_i \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{O}}_j$  [Collingwood & McGovern '93](#); [Djokovic '00, '03, '05](#)



- No SUSY preserved by **5** → no other orbits preserve SUSY!
  - Recall: (a) “smaller orbit = more SUSY”

# Classification - Summary

Complete classification of SUSY solutions in 3D maximal SUGRA:

- Null class: pp-waves, 1/2-SUSY
- **Timelike** class:
  - $ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{U(z,\bar{z})} dz\bar{z}$  ( $\partial_t\phi = 0$ )
  - Orbit of  $P_z$  completely determines SUSY preserved
  - $P_z$  nilpotent, “smaller orbit = more SUSY”
    - **max.** SUSY: **0**
    - **1/2** SUSY: **1**
    - **1/4** SUSY: **2**
    - **1/8** SUSY: **3, 4**
    - **1/16** SUSY: **6, 7, 9, 12, 14**

# Branes in 3D - Single Center Ansatz

Take simple single-center spherically symmetric ansatz (timelike class):

- metric  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{U(r)}(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2)$
- scalars  $M = e^{\theta X} m(r) e^{\theta X^T}$ 
  - $M = e^{\phi} e^{\phi^T}$  ( $\in E_{8(8)}/SO(16)$ )
  - $X \in \mathfrak{e}_{8(8)}$  gives monodromy (through  $g = e^{2\pi X}$ )  
(Remember  $e^{\phi} \rightarrow g e^{\phi} h$ )
- with any solution  $m, X$ ; can conjugate by  $U \in E_{8(8)}$  to get solution  $U X U^{-1}, U m U^T$

# Branes in 3D - Easy Brane Representatives (1)

Identify  $X = E_\alpha$  with 240 “fundamental” 1/2 BPS branes (D7-brane U-duality multiplet):

- Root 8-vector  $\alpha$ :  $(\pm 1, \pm 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  
 $\frac{1}{2}(\pm 1, \pm 1)$  (and perm.)
- Brane tension  $2\alpha_8 - 2$
- General mass formula:

$$M \sim g_s^{2\alpha_8 - 2} \prod_{i=1}^7 R_i^{\alpha_i - \alpha_8 + 1} \quad (6)$$

# Branes in 3D - Easy Brane Representatives (2)

$$M \sim g_s^{2\alpha_8-2} \prod_{i=1}^7 R_i^{\alpha_i-\alpha_8+1} \quad (7)$$

Examples:

- $D3(123) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}(+1, +1, +1, -1, -1, -1, -1, | +1)$   
 $\leftrightarrow M \sim g_s^{-1} R_1 R_2 R_3$
- $F1(1) \leftrightarrow (+1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, | +1)$   
 $\leftrightarrow M \sim g_s^0 R_1$
- $KK(12345; 6) \leftrightarrow (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, +1, -1, | 0)$   
 $\leftrightarrow M \sim g_s^{-2} R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 (R_6)^2$

# Branes in 3D - Easy Brane Representatives (3)

$$M \sim g_s^{2\alpha_8-2} \prod_{i=1}^7 R_i^{\alpha_i-\alpha_8+1} \quad (8)$$

Allows us to construct brane reps for each (SUSY) nilpotent orbit:  
e.g. orbit **14** (1/16 BPS):

M5	X			X		X	X	X
M5		X	X			X	X	X
M5		X		X	X		X	X
M5	X		X		X		X	X
M5			X	X	X	X		X
M5	X	X			X	X		X
M5	X	X	X	X				X
P								X

# Branes in 3D - All Nilpotent & Semi-Simple Charges (1)

$sl(2)$  solutions: we can find (SUSY) solutions for: [Bergshoeff, Hartong, Ortin](#),

[Roest hep-th/0612072](#)

- $X_N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pm 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  “N-brane”
- $X_K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda \\ -\lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  “K-brane”
- $X_A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$  “A-brane” (not globally well-defined)
- Always  $P \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

## Branes in 3D - All Nilpotent &amp; Semi-Simple Charges (2)

Scalars:  $M = e^{\theta X} m(r) e^{\theta X^T}$

$N$ -brane:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pm 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \log r & 0 \\ 0 & (\log r)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$K$ -brane:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda \\ -\lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+r^{2|\lambda|}}{1-r^{2|\lambda|}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-r^{2|\lambda|}}{1+r^{2|\lambda|}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$A$ -brane:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \sec v & \tan v \\ \tan v & \sec v \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v \equiv c_1 + 2\lambda \log r$$

# Branes in 3D - All Nilpotent & Semi-Simple Charges (3)

Any nilpotent monodromy  $X_N \in \mathfrak{e}_{\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})}$ :

- $X_N$  is part of an  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{e}_{\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})}$  (Jacobson-Morozov theorem)
- embed  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  N-brane solution into  $\mathfrak{e}_{\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{g})}$  so that  $X_{\mathfrak{sl}(2)} \rightarrow X_N$   
Djokovic '00
- SUSY of resulting solution depends on nilpotent orbit of  $X_N$

# Branes in 3D - All Nilpotent & Semi-Simple Charges (4)

Any semisimple monodromy  $X_S \in \mathfrak{e}_{8(8)}$ :

- $X_S$  is conjugate to the sum of at most 8  $X_K$ 's and  $X_A$ 's, where  $X_K, X_A$  are the corresponding  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  elements; moreover all these (8)  $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$  algebras commute [Sugiura '59](#)
- can paste (up to 8) K- and A-branes together (and conjugate) to construct  $X_S$  as monodromy
- relative orientation of K/A-branes determines SUSY preservation

# Branes in 3D - General Monodromies

General monodromy  $X$ :

- Unique Jordan decomposition  $X = X_S + X_N$ ,  $[X_S, X_N] = 0$
- Can't just "paste" brane sols for  $X_S, X_N$  separately together (except special cases)
- $\rightarrow$  case by case analysis?

# Branes in 3D - Other Monodromies

## Questions:

- How do we find solutions for general monodromies?
- Are the solutions we found for nilpotent/semisimple monodromies the only ones possible for these monodromies?
- Can we construct a SUSY solution for any monodromy?

No definitive answers... but:

- It is possible to find multiple solutions for the same monodromy
- Different solutions for same monodromy can preserve different SUSY

# Branes in 3D - Plethora of Examples

Study plethora of examples:

subalgebra	X	semisimple	nilpotent	compact	SUSY	global
$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		○		○	○
$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	○		○	○	○
$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	○			○	
$(\mathfrak{sl}(2) \subset) \mathfrak{e}_8$	any nilpotent		○		○	○
$(\mathfrak{sl}(2)^n \subset) \mathfrak{e}_8$	any semisimple	○		(○)	○	(○)
$\mathfrak{sl}(2)^n$	any (in $\mathfrak{sl}(2)^n$ )	(○)	(○)	(○)	○	○
$\mathfrak{sl}(3)$ $(\mathfrak{sl}(2) \subset \mathfrak{sl}(3))$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		○			
$\mathfrak{sl}(3)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$					○
$\mathfrak{sl}(3)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \pm 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$				○	
$\mathfrak{sl}(3)$ $(\mathfrak{sl}(2) \subset \mathfrak{sl}(3))$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		○		○	
			○			○

# Summary

- Exotic branes: objects in string theory with weird properties
- e.g. spacetime/other fields can change when we loop around; monodromy
- Classify these  $\rightarrow$  compactify to 3D; only scalar monodromies  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + X$
- $P \sim \partial\phi$  completely determines SUSY of 3D; particular nilpotent orbits allowed
- Relation  $P \leftrightarrow X$ ? No easy relation  $\rightarrow$  no easy way to classify “allowed” SUSY exotic branes; lots of examples

# Outlook

- Multi-center solutions? In general multi-punctured Riemann surface, difficult mathematical problem
- Codim-1 branes like D8-brane? Need 3D massive/gauged SUGRA
- Repeat analysis for other non-maximal 3D SUGRA (e.g.  $SO(8, 22)$  theory from heterotic on  $T^7$ )?
- Place in double/extended field theory of such objects, natural place to discuss them
- Relevance for BH microstates