

# Generalised geometry and consistent truncations

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## Consistent truncations: some history... [CGLP 2003]

Kaluza and Klein:  $M_4 \times S^1$  (1919)

$$ds^2 = e^{\phi/\sqrt{3}} g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + e^{-2\phi/\sqrt{3}} (dy + A_\mu dx^\mu)^2$$

where reducing with  $\phi(x)$ ,  $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$  and  $A_\mu(x)$  gives

$$S_4 = \int_{M_4} \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4}e^{-\sqrt{3}\phi} F^2 \right)$$

E&M but “problematic” new scalar – Klein just set  $\phi = 0$

## Consistency

*are all solutions in 4d also solutions to 5d equations?*

- ▶ For KK, Jordan (1947) and Thiry (1948) showed that **consistent** only if keep **both**  $A_\mu$  and  $\phi$
- ▶ What about more general compactifications?

## “DeWitt” group manifold reductions (1963)

$$M_{D+d} = M_D \times G \quad G \text{ is } d\text{-dim semi-simple Lie group}$$

use left-invariant one-forms  $e^a$

$$de^a = -\frac{1}{2}f_{bc}{}^a e^b \wedge e^c \quad \text{Lie algebra } \mathfrak{g}$$

to define  $(D+d)$  metric (“Scherk–Schwarz” reduction)

$$ds^2 = (\det M)^q g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + M_{ab} (e^a + A_\mu^a dx^\mu) (e^b + A_\nu^b dx^\nu)$$

gives gauge theory with group  $G$  and scalar “moduli”  $M_{ab}$

▶ Scherk–Schwarz (1979)

DeWitt reduction is **consistent** if **unimodular**  $f_{ab}{}^a = 0$

(true for compact  $G$ )

- ▶ for Bianchi cosmologies: Hawking (1969), Sneddon (1976)
- ▶ generalises to  $G/\Gamma$  with free discrete group  $\Gamma$
- ▶ consistent truncation of any theory if keep all **singlet** modes

## “Pauli” coset reductions

$$M_{D+d} = M_D \times (G/H) \quad G/H \text{ coset space}$$

consistent with gauge group  $G$ ?

e.g.  $S^2 = SO(3)/SO(2)$  Pauli 1953

showed reduction of pure gravity **not** consistent

**generically doesn't work**

Remarkable “sporadic”  $S^d = SO(d+1)/SO(d)$  examples

- ▶  $d = 11$  sugra on  $S^7$  (de Wit & Nicolai 1987)
- ▶  $d = 11$  sugra on  $S^4$  (NVvN 1999)
- ▶ type IIB sugra on  $S^5$  (not completely proven consistent)

all require particular field content, complicated ansatz

$$ds'^2 = \frac{R^2}{(T^{kl} y_k y_l)^{2/(d-1)}} T_{ij}^{-1} dy^i dy^j$$

$$A' = -\frac{1}{2(T^{kl} y_k y_l)} \frac{R^{d-1}}{(d-2)!} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{d+1}} (T^{i_1 i_2} y_{j_1}) y^{i_2} dy^{i_3} \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{i_{d+1}} + A$$

...

where  $y^i y^i = 1$  and  $F = dA \simeq \text{vol}(S^d)$  and  $T^{ij}$  moduli

## Why do sporadic examples work?

*“systematic understanding of coset reductions is lacking  
... no known algorithmic prescription” [CGLP 2001]*

New ingredient: **generalised geometry**. We will see

*consistent Pauli reductions are just “generalised” DeWitt reductions*



## Consistent truncations

$GL^+(d+1, \mathbb{R})$  generalised geometry

Leibniz generalised parallelisations

General definition

Sphere generalised parallelisations

Examples

Conclusions

# $GL^+(d+1, \mathbb{R})$ generalised geometry

## Simplified theory

Key ingredient is  $d$ -form field strength  $F = dA$

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{2d!} F^2 \right)$$

symmetries parametrised by  $v \in TM$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda^{d-2} T^*M$

$$\delta g = \mathcal{L}_v g$$

diffeomorphisms

$$\delta A = \mathcal{L}_v A + d\lambda$$

and gauge transf.

## Generalised geometry (... à la Hitchin/Gualtieri)

*extension of differential geometry that unifies diffeos and gauge transfs.*

Unified reformulation of supergravity theories

- ▶ type II with  $O(d, d) \times \mathbb{R}^+$   
[Siegel; Hohm, Hull, Kwak, Zweibach; Jeon, Lee, Park; CSW]
- ▶  $d = 11$  (or type II) on  $M_d$  with  $E_{d(d)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$   
[Hull; Pacheco & DW; Berman,  $G^2$ , Perry; CSW]

existence of **torsion-free, compatible** generalised connection  $D$  so

$$S = \int |\text{vol}_G| \mathbb{R} \quad \text{generalised Ricci flat}$$

Not just  $O(d, d)$  and  $E_{d(d)}$  [Baraglia; Strickland-Constable]

families of different generalised geometries  $G \times \mathbb{R}^+$

here focus on  $GL^+(d+1, \mathbb{R})$

*NB: since  $E_{4(4)} \simeq SL(5, \mathbb{R})$  the  $d = 4$  case already in [Hull; Berman,  $G^2$  & Perry; CSW] and gen. case also recently in [Park & Suh]*

## Generalised tangent space

$$E \simeq TM \oplus \Lambda^{d-2} T^*M \quad \frac{1}{2}d(d+1) \text{ dimensions}$$

$$V^M = V^{\underline{mn}} = \begin{cases} V^{m,d+1} = v^m \\ V^{mn} = \frac{1}{(d-2)!} \epsilon^{mnp_1 \dots p_{d-2}} \lambda_{p_1 \dots p_{d-2}} \end{cases}$$

since  $\Lambda^2 TM \otimes \det T^*M \simeq \Lambda^{d-2} T^*M$

$$V'^{\underline{mn}} = R^m_{\underline{p}} R^n_{\underline{p}} V^{\underline{mp}} \quad GL^+(d+1, \mathbb{R}) \text{ action}$$

## Partial derivative

$$\partial_M = \partial_{\underline{mn}} = \begin{cases} \partial_{m,d+1} = \partial_m \\ \partial_{mn} = 0 \end{cases}$$

with section condition  $\partial_{[\underline{mn}]} \partial_{\underline{pq]} g = 0$

## Dorfman derivative

$$\begin{aligned} L_V V' &= [v, v'] + \mathcal{L}_v \lambda' - i_{v'} d\lambda \\ &= (V \cdot \partial) V' - (\partial \times_{\text{ad}} V) V' \end{aligned}$$

takes standard form [CSW]

Generalised metric:  $SO(d+1)$  structure

$$G_{\underline{mn}} = \frac{e^{-\Delta}}{\sqrt{g}} \begin{pmatrix} g_{mn} & g_{mn} A^n \\ g_{np} A^p & \det g + g_{pq} A^p A^q \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$A^m = \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \epsilon^{mp_1 \dots p_{d-1}} A_{p_1 \dots p_{d-1}} \in TM \otimes \det T^*M$$

so that

$$G(V, V) = \frac{1}{2} G_{\underline{mp}} G_{\underline{nq}} V^{\underline{mn}} V^{\underline{pq}}$$

encodes **metric**  $g$ , gauge **potential**  $A$  and **warp factor**  $\Delta$

# Leibniz generalised parallelisations

## deWitt reductions

1. global frame  $\{\hat{e}_a\} \in TM \Leftrightarrow M$  is parallelisable
2. structure const.  $[\hat{e}_a, \hat{e}_b] = f_{ab}^c \hat{e}_c \Leftrightarrow$  local group manifold

gauging of reduced theory fixed by Lie algebra, scalar ansatz

$$g_{mn} = M_{ab} e^a_m e^b_n$$

moduli  $M_{ab}$  parametrise  $GL(d, \mathbb{R})/SO(d)$ .



## Generalised analogue

$$\{\hat{E}_A\} \in E \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{“generalised parallelisable”}$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_A} \hat{E}_B = X_{AB}{}^C \hat{E}_C \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{“Leibniz parallelisation”}$$

only guaranteed **Leibniz algebra**

**much weaker** requirement

for example  $M$  is only required to be a coset  $G/H$

## Conjecture

Given a *Leibniz generalised parallelisation*  $\{\hat{E}_A\}$  there is a *consistent truncation* on  $M$  preserving the *same number of supersymmetries* as the original theory with *embedding tensor* given by  $X_{AB}{}^C$  and gen. Scherk–Schwarz

$$G_{MN} = M_{AB} E^A{}_M E^B{}_N$$

*gives scalar moduli*

[c.f. Kaloper & Myers; Hull & Reid–Edwards; GMPW; . . . ;  
ABMN; CSW; Giessbuhler; Berman, Musaev, Thompson; . . . ]

## deWitt reductions

local group manifold  $\Rightarrow$  Leibniz gen. parallelisation

so deWitt reductions are of this type and [CSW]

using Weitzenböck connection prove embed. tensor is  $X$

but ...

## New result

*All round spheres  $S^d$  are Leibniz generalised parallelisable in  $GL^+(d+1, \mathbb{R})$  with a Lie algebra  $so(d+1)$*

Stark contrast to conventional geometry

- ▶ only  $S^1$ ,  $S^3$  and  $S^7$  are parallelisable (Bott, Milner; Kervaire)
- ▶ only  $S^1 = U(1)$  and  $S^3 = SU(2)$  are group manifolds

# Sphere generalised parallelisations

## Round sphere conventions

$$g = R^2 \delta_{ij} dy^i dy^j = R^2 ds^2(S^d)$$

$$F = \frac{d-1}{R} \text{vol}_g,$$

where  $y^i y^i = 1$

$$[v_{ij}, v_{kl}] = R^{-1} (\delta_{ik} v_{lj} - \delta_{il} v_{kj} - \delta_{jk} v_{li} + \delta_{jl} v_{ki})$$

$SO(d+1)$  Killing vectors

## Global frame

$$\hat{E}_{ij} = v_{ij} + \sigma_{ij} + i_{v_{ij}}A$$

where  $\sigma_{ij} = *(R^2 dy_i \wedge dy_j)$  and index  $A = [ij]$

$$v_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{when } y_i = y_j = 0$$

$$dy_i \wedge dy_j = 0 \quad \text{when } y_i^2 + y_j^2 = 1$$

so **global** and is generalised **orthonormal**

$$G(\hat{E}_{ij}, \hat{E}_{kl}) = \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}$$

Algebra is  $so(d+1)$ 

$$L_{\hat{E}_{ij}} \hat{E}_{kl} = \llbracket \hat{E}_{ij}, \hat{E}_{kl} \rrbracket = R^{-1} (\delta_{ik} \hat{E}_{lj} - \delta_{il} \hat{E}_{kj} - \delta_{jk} \hat{E}_{li} + \delta_{jl} \hat{E}_{ki})$$

## Generalised Scherk–Schwarz

$$G'^{MN} = \frac{1}{2} T^{ik} T^{jl} \hat{E}_{ij}^M \hat{E}_{kl}^N$$

where  $\det T = 1$

$$T \in SL(d+1, \mathbb{R}) / SO(d+1)$$

gives

$$g' = \frac{R^2}{(T^{kl} y_k y_l)^{2/(d-1)}} T_{ij}^{-1} dy^i dy^j$$

$$A' = -\frac{1}{2(T^{kl} y_k y_l)} \frac{R^{d-1}}{(d-2)!} \epsilon_{i_1 \dots i_{d+1}} (T^{i_1 j} y_j) y^{i_2} dy^{i_3} \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{i_{d+1}} + A$$

$$e^{2\Delta'} = (T^{kl} y_k y_l)^{(d-3)/(d-1)}$$

agrees with all known sphere reductions including warp factor



## Example: $S^3$ and $SO(3, 3)$

### Near-horizon NS fivebranes

$$ds_{10}^2 = ds^2(\mathbb{R}^{5,1}) + dt^2 + R^2 ds^2(S^3),$$

$$H = 2R^{-1} \text{vol}_g,$$

$$\phi = -t/R,$$

with generalised tangent space exactly as Hitchin

$$E \simeq TM \oplus T^*M$$

$$SL(4, \mathbb{R}) \simeq SO(3, 3)$$

$$SO(4)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \simeq SO(3) \times SO(3)$$

$SU(2) \times SU(2)$  gauging

(Anti-)self-dual combinations  $\hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L$  and  $\hat{E}_a^R$  basis for  $E = C^+ \oplus C^-$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L} \hat{E}_b^L = R^{-1} \epsilon_{\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}} \hat{E}_{\bar{c}}^L$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_a^R} \hat{E}_b^R = R^{-1} \epsilon_{abc} \hat{E}_c^R$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L} \hat{E}_a^R = 0$$

matches embedding tensor and ansatz of [Cvetic, Lu, Pope]

## Conventional parallelisation

Since  $S^3 = SU(2)$  can also do conventional deWitt

$$\hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L = l_{\bar{a}} - \lambda_{\bar{a}} - i_{l_{\bar{a}}} B$$

$$\hat{E}_a^R = l_a + \lambda_a - i_{l_a} B$$

with algebra giving  $SU(2)$  gauging

$$L_{\hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L} \hat{E}_b^L = R^{-1} \epsilon_{\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c}} \hat{E}_{\bar{c}}^L$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_a^R} \hat{E}_b^R = R^{-1} \epsilon_{ab\bar{c}} \hat{E}_{\bar{c}}^L$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_a^R} \hat{E}_{\bar{a}}^L = R^{-1} \epsilon_{a\bar{b}\bar{c}} \hat{E}_{\bar{c}}^L$$

Example:  $S^4$  and  $E_{4(4)}$ Near-horizon M5-branes:  $AdS_7 \times S^4$ 

$$E \simeq TM \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M$$

$$E_{4(4)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \simeq GL^+(5, \mathbb{R})$$

$$H_4 \simeq SO(5)$$

everything goes straight through to match [NVvN]

## Example: $S^7$ and $E_{7(7)}$

Near-horizon M2-branes:  $AdS_4 \times S^7$

$$E \simeq TM \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^5 T^*M \oplus (T^*M \otimes \Lambda^7 T^*M)$$

$$E_{7(7)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \supset GL^+(8, \mathbb{R})$$

$$H_7 \simeq SU(8)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \supset SO(8)/\mathbb{Z}_2$$

more general frame (cf. [de Wit & Nicolai;  $G^2$  & Nicolai])

$$\hat{E}_A = \begin{cases} \hat{E}_{ij} = v_{ij} + \sigma_{ij} + i_{v_{ij}} \tilde{A} & \text{for } E^{(0)} \\ \hat{E}'^{ij} = \omega_{ij} + \tau_{ij} - j \tilde{A} \wedge \omega_{ij} & \text{for } E^{(1)} \end{cases}$$

$$\omega_{ij} = R^2 dy_i \wedge dy_j \text{ and } \tau_{ij} = R(y_i dy_j - y_j dy_i) \otimes \text{vol}_g$$

## Leibniz algebra

$$L_{\hat{E}_{ij}} \hat{E}_{kl} = R^{-1} (\delta_{ik} \hat{E}_{lj} - \delta_{il} \hat{E}_{kj} - \delta_{jk} \hat{E}_{li} + \delta_{jl} \hat{E}_{ki})$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{ij}} \hat{E}'^{kl} = R^{-1} (\delta_i^k \delta_{jp} \hat{E}'^{lp} - \delta_i^l \delta_{jp} \hat{E}'^{kp} - \delta_j^k \delta_{ip} \hat{E}'^{lp} + \delta_j^l \delta_{ip} \hat{E}'^{kp})$$

$$L_{\hat{E}'^{ij}} \hat{E}_{kl} = 0$$

$$L_{\hat{E}'^{ij}} \hat{E}'^{kl} = 0$$

embedding tensor and moduli agree with [de Wit & Nicolai]

# Example: $S^5$ and $E_{6(6)}$

Near-horizon D3-branes:  $AdS_5 \times S^5$

$$E \simeq TM \oplus (T^*M \oplus T^*M) \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M \oplus (\Lambda^5 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^5 T^*M)$$

$$E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \supset GL^+(6, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

$$H_6 = USp(8)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \supset SU(4)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times SO(2) \simeq SO(6) \times SO(2),$$

again more general frame

$$\hat{E}_A = \begin{cases} \hat{E}_{ij} = v_{ij} + \sigma_{ij} - i_{v_{ij}} A & \text{for } E^{(0)} \\ \hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^i = \hat{f}_{\hat{\alpha}}^\alpha (Rdy^i + y^i \text{vol}_g + Rdy^i \wedge A) & \text{for } E^{(\alpha)} \end{cases}$$

## Leibniz algebra

$$L_{\hat{E}_{ij}} \hat{E}_{kl} = R^{-1} (\delta_{ik} \hat{E}_{jl} - \delta_{il} \hat{E}_{jk} - \delta_{jk} \hat{E}_{il} + \delta_{jl} \hat{E}_{ik})$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{ij}} \hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^k = R^{-1} (\delta_{il} \delta_j^k \hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^l - \delta_{jl} \delta_i^k \hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^l)$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^i} \hat{E}_{jk} = 0$$

$$L_{\hat{E}_{\hat{\alpha}}^i} \hat{E}_{\hat{\beta}}^j = 0$$

taking  $E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+ / USp(8)$  generalised metric

$$G^{MN} = \delta^{AB} (U_A^C \hat{E}_C^M) (U_B^D \hat{E}_D^N) = T^{AB} \hat{E}_A^M \hat{E}_B^N$$



gives

$$e^{2\Delta'} g'^{lmn} = \delta^{AB} U_A^{jj'} U_B^{kk'} v_{jj'}^m v_{kk'}^n$$

$$e^{2\Delta'} B'_{mn}{}^\alpha = \delta^{AB} U_A^{jj'} U_B^{kk'} \hat{f}_{\hat{\gamma}}^\alpha R v_{jj'} [{}^m \partial_n] y^k$$

$$e^{2\Delta'} (A'_{mnpq} - \frac{3}{2} B'_{\alpha m} [{}^n B'_{pq}]^\alpha - A_{mnpq}) = -\delta^{AB} U_A^{jj'} U_B^{kk'} v_{jj'}^m \lambda_{kk'}^{npq}$$

$$e^{2\Delta'} (e^{-\phi'} h'^{\alpha\beta} g'_{mn} - B'_{mp} g'^{pq} B'_{qn}{}^\beta) =$$

$$\delta^{AB} U_{Ai}{}^{\hat{\alpha}} U_{Bj}{}^{\hat{\beta}} \hat{f}_{\hat{\alpha}}^\alpha \hat{f}_{\hat{\beta}}^\beta R^2 \partial_m y^i \partial_n y^j$$

new complete ansatz for the scalar fields

## DFT/extended geometry description?

Sphere examples highlights key question [cf *Park, BCP, Cederwall*]

what is extended geometry of generic sugra background?

what are winding modes? if locally a manifold then for example

$$ds_{O(d,d)}^2 = dx^m (dy_m + \Gamma^p_{mn} y_p dx^n)$$

model doubled space  $\mathcal{M} = T^*M$ , extra data of connection  $\Gamma$

- ▶ for flat metric  $\Gamma$  must be pure gauge so  $M$  is parallelisable
- ▶ for gen. geom. take section  $y_p = 0$  and metric always exists

## Conclusions

- ▶ natural conjecture

*all consistent truncations are gen. DeWitt reductions*

- ▶ analogue of unimodular condition  $f_{ab}{}^b = 0$ ?

$$X \in N \oplus E \quad \text{gen. torsion rep.}$$

for  $N = \Lambda^3 E$  for  $O(d, d)$ , **351** for  $E_{6(6)}$ , **912** for  $E_{7(7)}$ , etc

$$X_{AB}{}^B = 0 \quad \text{component in } E$$

satisfied for all examples

- ▶ full ansatz should follow from **expansion in  $\{\hat{E}_A\}$**  (c.f. [Hohm, Samtleben])

$$A_\mu = A_\mu^A \hat{E}_A$$

$$\delta A_\mu = \partial_\mu \Lambda - L_{A_\mu} \Lambda = (\partial_\mu \Lambda^C - X_{AB}{}^C A_\mu^A \Lambda^B) \hat{E}_C$$

full tensor hierarchy

- ▶ if can reformulate the *full* theory using generalised geometry  
**group theoretic proof** of consistency

- ▶ **classification** of Leibniz generalised parallelisations
  - ▶ reduces to problem in Lie algebras
  - ▶  $M$  is necessarily coset  $G/H$
  - ▶ quite constrained
  
- ▶ understand **new  $SO(8)$  gaugings** of Dell'Agata et al.?