

On the consistency of a class of R-symmetry gauged $6D \mathcal{N}=(1,0)$ supergravities



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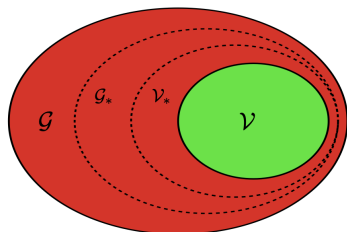
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Background & Motivation



[W. Taylor TASI 2010]

$\mathcal{G} = \{ \text{apparently consistent low-energy field theories coupled to gravity} \}$

$\mathcal{G}^* = \{ \text{fully consistent low-energy field theories coupled to gravity} \}$

$\mathcal{V}^* = \{ \text{complete set of low-energy theories from string constructions} \}$

$\mathcal{V} = \{ \text{low-energy theories arising from known string constructions} \}$

$$\mathcal{G} \supseteq \mathcal{G}^* \supseteq \mathcal{V}^* \supseteq \mathcal{V}$$

One interesting question is that

$$\mathcal{V}_* = \mathcal{G}_*?$$

In this talk, I will only discuss gravity models equipped with supersymmetry

By "apparently consistent", I mean at least the theory satisfies constraints such as anomaly-freedom, positivity of certain couplings . . .

Supersymmetry+anomaly freedom can be quite restrictive

32 SUSY

- 11d supergravity \longrightarrow M theory
- 10d (1,1) and (2,0) supergravity

16 SUSY Chiral theories

- 10d $N=(1,0)$ supergravity with $E_8 \times E_8$ and $SO(32) \times SO(32) \longrightarrow$ Heterotic string
- 6d (2,0) supergravity \longrightarrow IIB on $K3$

16 SUSY Non Chiral theories

- No constraint from anomaly-freedom
- In principle, arbitrary gauge group is allowed
- String theory leads to upper bound on the rank of gauge group
 $r_G \leq 26 - d$

d	r_g	Compactifications
9	17	Heterotic on S^1
	9	CHL string
	1	M-theory on Klein bottle, Type IIB on DP bg
8	18	Heterotic on T^2
	10	CHL on S^1
	2	9d, $r_g = 1$ on S^1
7	19	Heterotic on T^3
	11	CHL on T^2
	7	F-theory on $K3 \times S^1/\mathbb{Z}_3$
	5	F-theory on $K3 \times S^1/\mathbb{Z}_4$
	3	F-theory on $K3 \times S^1/\mathbb{Z}_{5,6}$ or $T^4 \times S^1/\mathbb{Z}_{3,4,5}$

[Chaudhuri, Hockney, Lykken 95]
 [Dabholkar, Park 96],
 [de Boer, Dijkgraaf, Hori,
 Keurentjes, Morgan, Morrison,
 Sethi 01],
 [Aharony, Komargodski, Patir 07],

[Hee-Choel Kim's talk at Oxford]

8 SUSY ($d \leq 6$)

- Too many models
- Not aiming at a complete analysis
- Focus on specific models that are phenomenologically interesting and do not have obvious string constructions

Structure of minimal 6d supergravity

multiplet	Field content
Gravity	$(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_{\mu}^{+}, B_{\mu\nu}^{+})$
Tensor	$(B_{\mu\nu}^{-}, \chi^{-}, \phi)$
Vector	(A_{μ}, λ^{+})
Hyper	$(\psi^{-}, 4\varphi)$

- Fermions are chiral (symplectic Majorana-Weyl) and transform under certain irreps of the gauge and R-symmetry groups
- 2-form field strengths are (anti)self dual

They contribute to local and global anomalies

Local anomalies: gauge, gravitational & mixed anomalies

$$I_8 = d_1 \text{Tr}(R^4) + d_2 (\text{Tr}(R^2))^2 + d_3 \text{Tr}(R^2) \text{Tr}(F^2) + d_4 \text{Tr}(F^4)$$

- The anomaly cancellation is through Green-Schwarz mechanism (except for IIB) provided that

$$I_8 = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} Y^\alpha Y^\beta$$

$$Y^\alpha = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} a^\alpha \text{tr} R^2 + b_r^\alpha \left(\frac{2}{\lambda_r} \text{tr} F_r^2 \right) + 2 c^\alpha F^2 \right)$$

$\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$ is the $\text{SO}(1, n_T)$ invariant metric. $n_T = \#$ of tensor multiplets

$$H_{(3)} = dB_{(2)} \Rightarrow H_{(3)} = dB_{(2)} + \sum_i \text{CS}_i$$

$$\Delta S = \frac{1}{2} \int \Omega_{\alpha\beta} B^\alpha \wedge Y^\beta$$

Global anomaly (Witten anomaly)

- The R -symmetry of 6d minimal supergravity is $SU(2)$,
- Fermions in pseudoreal irreps of gauge group
- Group with a non-trivial $\pi_6(G)$ [Vafa]

$$1 - 4 \sum_R n_R m_R = 0$$

$$n_R = \# \text{ of half-hyper, } \text{tr}_R(F^4) = m_R \text{tr}_R(\text{tr}_R F^2)^2$$

New quantization condition on the anomaly coefficients

$$d \star \left(G_{\alpha\beta} H^\beta \right) = 16\pi^2 \alpha' \Omega_{\alpha\beta} Y^\beta, \quad dH^\alpha = 16\pi^2 \alpha' Y^\alpha$$

$$Y^\alpha = \frac{1}{4} a^\alpha p_1 - b_r^\alpha c_2^r + \frac{1}{2} c^\alpha (c_1)^2$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \text{tr} R^2, \quad c_2^r = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_r} \text{tr}_r F^2 \right), \quad c_1 = \frac{F_1}{2\pi}$$

- A consistent supergravity theory may be put on an arbitrary spin manifold and that any smooth gauge field configurations should be allowed in the sugra “path-integral”. In particular, taking $M_6 = CP^3$

$$\int_{\Sigma_4} Y \in \Lambda_5 \text{ (string charge lattice)}, \quad \Sigma_4 \in M_4$$

The background charges must be cancelled by background strings

- Dirac quantization $p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ & completeness of gauge charge $\Rightarrow \Lambda_5$ is unimodular (self-dual) [[Monnier, Moore and Park](#)]

- More rigorously, the quantization condition on the anomaly coefficients can be obtained by requiring the Green-Schwarz term be well defined [Monnier and Moore]

$$e^{\frac{i}{2} \int_{M_6} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} B^\alpha \wedge Y^\beta} = e^{\frac{i}{2} \int_{X_7} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} H^\alpha \wedge Y^\beta}$$

- Independent of the choice of $X_7 \Rightarrow$ triviality of the partition of a TQFT on closed X_7 with spin structure

- 1 Λ_S is unimodular;
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{b} \in H^4(BG; \Lambda_S)$; $\mathfrak{b} = \bigoplus_r b_r K_r \oplus c$; K_r is normalized Killing form

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{b}(x, x) \in \Lambda_S, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{b}(x, y) \in \Lambda_S \quad \text{for} \quad x \neq y.$$

- 3 $a \in \Lambda_S$ is a characteristic element $a \cdot x = x \cdot x \pmod{2}$;
- 4 $\Omega_7^{\text{Spin}}(BG) = 0$,

$U(1)_R$ symmetry gauged 6d minimal supergravities

Salam Sezgin model

$$e^{-1}\mathcal{L} = (1/4\kappa^2)R - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_M\sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{12}e^{2\kappa\sigma}G_{MNP}G^{MNP} \\ - \frac{1}{4}e^{\kappa\sigma}F_{MN}F^{MN} - \frac{1}{2}g^2\kappa^{-4}e^{-\kappa\sigma}$$

- $n_T = 1$
- The maximally symmetric vacuum of this model is $Minkowski_4 \times S^2$ instead of $Minkowski_6$
- Compactification on S^2 gives rise to chiral theory in 4d
- However, the model by itself is anomalous

Anomaly-free extension of Salam Sezgin model

- $n_T = 1$
- Gauge symmetry & irreps of hypers

$$\psi_{\mu+}^A, \quad \chi_-^A, \quad \lambda_+^{IA}, \quad \psi_-^{aa'}$$

(A)	$(E_6/\mathbb{Z}_3) \times E_7 \times U(1)_R$	$(1, 912)_0$
(B)	$G_2 \times E_7 \times U(1)_R$	$(14, 56)_0$
(C)	$F_4 \times Sp(9) \times U(1)_R$	$(52, 18)_0$

[Randjbar-Daemi, Salam, Sezgin and Strathdee];[Avramis, Kehagias and Randjbar-Daemi];[Avramis and Kehagias]

$$(A) \quad a = (2, -2), \quad b_6 = (1, 3), \quad b_7 = (3, -9), \quad c = (2, 18)$$

$$(B) \quad a = (2, 2), \quad b_2 = (3, 15), \quad b_7 = (3, 1), \quad c = \left(2, -\frac{38}{3}\right)$$

$$(C) \quad a = (2, -2), \quad b_4 = (2, -10), \quad b_9 = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad c = (2, 19)$$

Testing these models against Monnier& Moore's criteria

- Only model (C) obeys all of them
- $F_4 \times Sp(9) \times U(1)_R$ (52, 18)₀
- No obvious F-theory origin because of $U(1)_R$ gauging

So far, the discussion utilized only the kinematic data, what about dynamics?

Setting hypers=0

$$S = \int \left\{ \frac{1}{4} R(\omega) \star \mathbf{1} - \frac{1}{4} \star d\phi \wedge d\phi - \frac{1}{2} G_{\alpha\beta} \star (H^\alpha) \wedge H^\beta + 16\pi^2 \alpha' \Omega_{\alpha\beta} B^\alpha \wedge Y^\beta \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \alpha' e \cdot (a \operatorname{tr} \star R(\omega) \wedge R(\omega) + b_i \operatorname{tr} \star F_i \wedge F_i) - \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}\alpha'} (e \cdot c)^{-1} \star \mathbf{1} + \dots \right.$$

$$G_{\alpha\beta} = e_\alpha e_\beta + j_\alpha j_\beta, \quad \Omega_{\alpha\beta} = -e_\alpha e_\beta + j_\alpha j_\beta, \\ e_\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{-\phi}, -e^\phi), \quad j_\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{-\phi}, e^\phi)$$

Tree level unitarity requires

$$e \cdot a > 0, \quad e \cdot b_i > 0$$

$\frac{1}{4}$ -BPS Dyonic string solutions [Gueven, Liu , Pope, Sezgin]

$$ds^2 = c^2 dx^\mu dx_\mu + a^2 dr^2 + b^2 \left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \frac{4gP}{k} \sigma_3^2 \right) ,$$

$$G = P\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \wedge \sigma_3 - u(r) d^2x \wedge dr ,$$

$$F = k\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 , \quad e^{2\phi} = \left(Q_0 + \frac{Q}{r^2} \right) \left(P_0 + \frac{P}{r^2} \right)^{-1}$$

- Asymptotic to cone over (Minkowski) $^2 \times$ squashed S^3 , dilaton blows up at infinity. The physical interpretation is unclear
- The near horizon limit is $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS squashed $AdS_3 \times S^3$

Conclusion & discussions

- We found one 6d $U(1)_R$ symmetry gauged minimal supergravity model passed all the known consistency criteria
- Study anomaly inflow on a probe string ala [Kim, Shiu, Vafa]
- Consistency of 4d supergravities

Thank you for listening