

# The Generalized Complex Geometry of Supersymmetry

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Mainly based on  
**hep-th/0505212** [Graña, Minasian, Petrini, AT]  
also:  
**hep-th/0502148** [AT]  
**hep-th/0311122** [Fidanza, Minasian, AT]

# Introduction

Use pairs  $(\Phi_+, \Phi_-)$  that determine metric  $g$

each  $\Phi = \sum_k \text{form}_k$

Example: SU(3) structure  
in six dimensions

Then

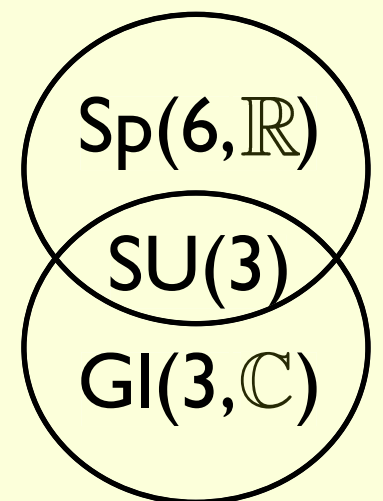
$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_+ &= e^{iJ} \\ \Phi_- &= \Omega\end{aligned}$$

$J$  real two-form

$\Omega$  complex three-form

compatibility  $J \wedge \Omega = 0$

$$J^3/3! = i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$$



We will see **more general** pairs.

SU(3) structure is a topological remnant of SU(3) holonomy:  $\mathcal{W}_3 = 0$   
 $c_1 = 0$

~~$$\begin{aligned}de^{iJ} &= 0 \\ d\Omega &= 0\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Calabi-Yau}$$~~

We will **not** assume  $\Phi$ s  
are **closed**

In fact, Calabi-Yau is  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  ;

$$(d + H \wedge) \Phi_1 = 0$$

$$(d + H \wedge) \Phi_2 = 0$$

our aim is to show

that for  $F_{RR} \neq 0$

$$\mathcal{N} = 1$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow$$

$$(d + H \wedge) \Phi_1 = 0$$

$$(d + H \wedge) \Phi_2 = F_{RR}$$

- This result has a clear mathematical interpretation in terms of **generalized complex geometry**
- It implies: a **topological** model behind  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vacua  
“half a structure” has an independent meaning

- Natural **mirror** map

$$\Phi_1 \longleftrightarrow \Phi_2$$

$$F_{IIA} \longleftrightarrow F_{IIB}$$

leading to mirror symmetry beyond Calabi-Yaus

# Plan

- General **classification** of type II  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vacua
- Mathematical **interpretation**
  - **Mirror** symmetry?

# Classification

[Graña, Minasian, Petrini, AT]

Two internal spinors  $\eta_i$

$$\eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^\dagger = \sum \text{forms}$$

(Clifford map; Fierz)

$$\epsilon_1^{10} = \epsilon_+^4 \otimes \eta_1 + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\epsilon_2^{10} = \epsilon_{\mp}^4 \otimes \eta_2 + \text{c.c.}$$

IIA or IIB

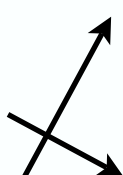
Examples:

$\eta_1, \eta_2$  everywhere parallel 

$$\Phi_- = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^t = \cancel{\mathcal{O}} \equiv \Omega_{mnp} \gamma^{mnp}$$

$$\Phi_+ = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^\dagger = \cancel{e^{i\mathcal{J}}} \equiv 1 + iJ_{mn} \gamma^{mn} - \frac{1}{2} J_{mn} J_{pq} \gamma^{mnpq} - i\gamma^7$$

SU(3)

$\eta_1, \eta_2$  everywhere orthogonal   
(requires  $\chi = 0$  !)

$$\Phi_- = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^t = \cancel{e^{ij} \wedge (v + iw)}$$

$$\Phi_+ = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^\dagger = \cancel{\omega \wedge e^{iv \wedge w}}$$

(static) SU(2)

“4d” “2d”  
(distributions)

There exist intermediate cases.

[Witt; Jeschek, Witt]

$F_{RR} = \sum_k F_k = (d + H \wedge) \sum_k C_k$  is also naturally a bispinor

$$\mathcal{N} = 1$$

$$\delta\psi = \delta\lambda = 0$$

$$\delta\psi_m^1 = \nabla_m^H \epsilon_1 + e^\phi F \gamma_m \epsilon^2$$

[Bergshoeff, Kallosh, Ortin, Roest, van Proeyen]

IIA



IIB

$$(d + H \wedge)(e^{2A-\phi} \Phi_+) = 0$$

$$(d + H \wedge)(e^{2A-\phi} \Phi_+) = dA \wedge \Phi_+^* + (a^2 - b^2)e^\phi F - i(a^2 + b^2)e^\phi *F$$

$$(d + H \wedge)(e^{2A-\phi} \Phi_-) = dA \wedge \Phi_-^* + (a^2 - b^2)e^\phi F - i(a^2 + b^2)e^\phi *F$$

$$(d + H \wedge)(e^{2A-\phi} \Phi_-) = 0$$

- There is a mathematical interpretation!

- Particular cases
  - IIB  $\Rightarrow de^{iJ} = 0 \Rightarrow$  symplectic
  - (SU(3)) IIB  $\Rightarrow d\Omega = 0 \Rightarrow$  complex

- For  $F = 0$  eqns. actually describe  $\mathcal{N} = 2$

- c.c. modifies:  $(d + H \wedge)\Phi_+ = \sqrt{\lambda} \text{Im}(\Phi_-), \dots$

$A$  warping  
 $\phi$  dilaton  
 $a, b$  normalizations

$$\Phi_\pm^\dagger \wedge \Phi_\pm = ab \text{ vol}$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = c e^{-A}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c' e^A$$

# Generalized complex geometry

[Hitchin;  
Gualtieri]

Use sum of **tangent** and **cotangent** bundles  $T \oplus T^*$  rather than  $T$   
 natural pairing  $v_m \omega^m$ ! no need for metric yet

At **algebraic** level.  
**(topological)**

The counterpart of SU(3) structure is  
 an **SU(3,3)** structure

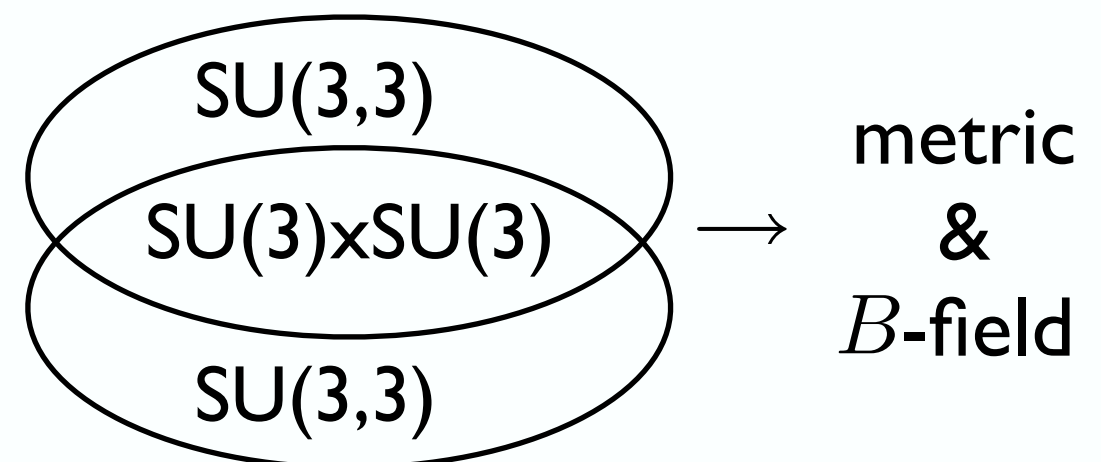
$\sum_k \text{form}_k \sim$  bispinor  $\sim Cl(T \oplus T^*)$  spinor “gamma matrices”:  
 contractions  $v \lrcorner$

spinor  $\eta$  is pure (annihilator of maximal dim) wedges  $\omega \wedge$

$\Phi = \eta_1 \otimes \eta_2^\dagger$  is **pure**  $\Rightarrow$  it defines an  
**SU(3,3)** structure

**Compatible** pairs (**common** annihilator of maximal dim)  $(\Phi_+, \Phi_-)$

define an  $SU(3) \times SU(3)$  structure



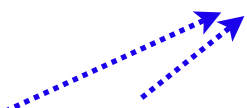
At **differential** level.

Want to define Nijenhuis for  $T \oplus T^*$

Remember  $\text{Nij}(J)(v, w) \sim (1 - iJ)[(1 + iJ)v, (1 + iJ)w]_{\text{Lie}}$

measures if  $(1, 0)$  -vectors are **closed** under **Lie** bracket

On  $T \oplus T^*$  a **Courant bracket** exists


$$[A_1, A_2]_{\text{Courant}} \equiv d \circ A_1 \circ A_2 + A_1 \circ d \circ A_2 - A_2 \circ d \circ A_1 - A_2 \circ A_1 \circ d - (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

$$A_i \Phi = 0 \Rightarrow [A_1, A_2]_{\text{Courant}} \Phi = (A_1 A_2 - A_2 A_1) d\Phi$$

the annihilator of  $\Phi$   
is **closed** under **Courant**

  set it to zero

Easy to include  $H$  :

“derived bracket”  $d \rightarrow$  **other differential**

$$(d + H \wedge)^2 = 0$$

(unique choice)

[Kosmann-Schwarzbach]



# Interpretations

Hence  $(d + H \wedge) \Phi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ann}(\Phi_1) \text{ closed} \implies$

and  $(d + H \wedge) \Phi_2 = F \implies F \sim \text{Nij}(\Phi_2)$

(twisted)  
generalized  
Calabi-Yau

- valid for SU(3), SU(2), intermediate (**generic!**) cases

- gCY  $\implies$  a topological model exists

[Kapustin; Zucchini; Zabzine;  
Lindstrom, Minasian, Zabzine, AT]

A	$de^{iJ} = 0$
B	$d\Omega = 0$
gen.	$d\Phi = 0$

- when  $F = 0$ , **two**  $\text{Ann}(\Phi_i)$  are closed  
 $\implies \mathcal{N} = 2$

(twisted)  
generalized CY  
metric

worldsheet  
interpretation:  
(2,2) models

[Gualtieri]

SU(3)	SU(2) or <b>general</b>
CY, $H = 0$	twisted multiplets $H \neq 0$ [Gates, Hull, Roček]

# Mirror symmetry

[Fidanza, Minasian, AT]

Mirror map:

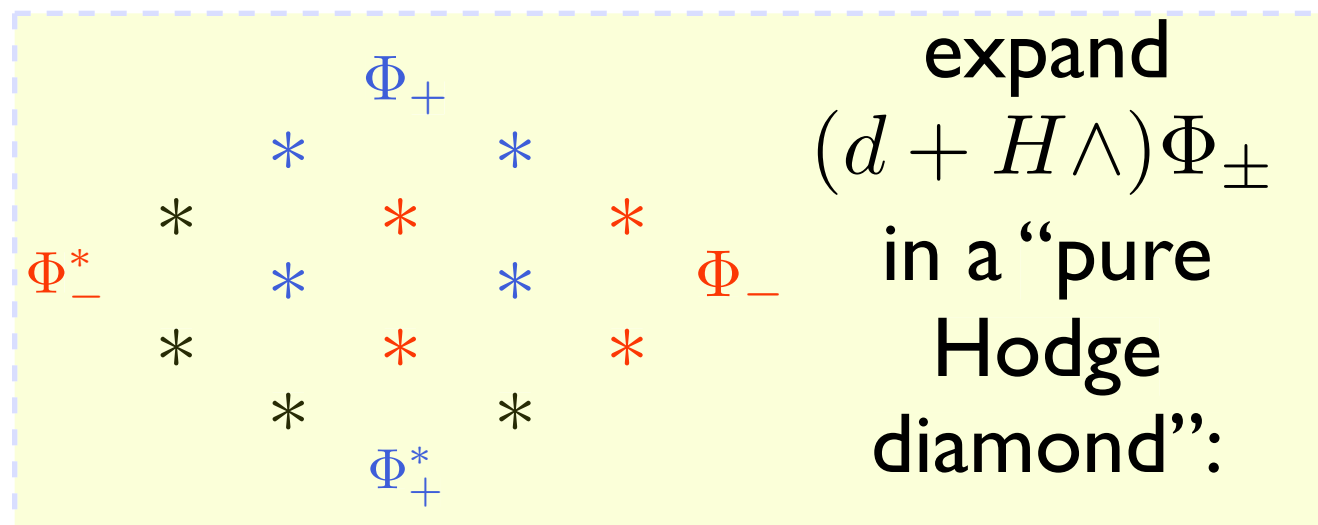
IIA		IIB
$\Phi_+$	$\rightarrow$	$i\Phi_-$
$\Phi_-$	$\rightarrow$	$-i\Phi_+$
$F$	$\rightarrow$	$iF$

Check: T-duality  $e^{i(\textcolor{red}{1}2+34+56)} \xrightarrow{\textcolor{red}{T}_1} (\textcolor{red}{1} + i2)e^{i(\textcolor{blue}{3}4+\textcolor{blue}{5}6)}$

$$T \oplus T^* \xrightarrow{\textcolor{blue}{T}_{35}} (1 + i2)(\textcolor{blue}{3} + i4)(\textcolor{blue}{5} + i6)$$

Compare:  $\Omega \leftrightarrow e^{B+iJ} \sqrt{Td}$  for **branes** on Calabi-Yau's

General law more involved, but:



Pairs  $(\Phi_+, \Phi_-)$  make mirror symmetry more manifest.

(Ex.:  $\langle \Phi_+, (d + H \wedge) \Phi_- \rangle$ )

Then **rotate the diamond**

Note that with  $J \xleftrightarrow{?} \Omega$

(intrinsic torsions)  $\frac{\Omega \lrcorner dJ}{(dJ)_{\text{prim}}^{2,1}} \longrightarrow ?$   
 $\dots$

- in general, T-duality will send to non-geometrical examples [Dabholkar, Hull; Hellerman, McGreevy, Williams]
- singular fibres can also be included; applicable e.g. to all IIB compactifications [AT]  
get **topology** of mirror of (CY,  $H$ )

**But:** no reason in general a non-CY should be  $T^3$ -fibred

- Not cohomology but **twisted** K-theory is exchanged ( $\leftrightarrow (d + H \wedge)$ )
- Mirror symmetry as equivalence of **topological** models [Kontsevich]

Example: A model on symplectic  $\longleftrightarrow$  B-model on complex non-Kahler examples? [Smith, Thomas, Yau]

- as equivalence of 4d **effective theories**

preserved $\mathcal{N} = 2$	preserved $\mathcal{N} = 1$	spont. broken $\mathcal{N} = 2$
$d_H \Phi_1 = 0$	$d_H \Phi_1 = 0$	$SU(3) \times SU(3)$
$d_H \Phi_2 = 0$	$d_H \Phi_2 = F$	structure

must include massive modes;  
 $[d, \Delta] = 0$   
 massive harmonics  $d\omega_i^{(2)} = e_i^a \omega_a^{(3)}$  etc.  
 $\swarrow$   
**gaugings**; mixed with  $\int_{\text{cycles}} H$

[Gurrieri, Louis, Micu, Waldram;  
Louis, Graña, Waldram]

Information on how topology talks to  $d\Phi$ s?

# Conclusions

- $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vacua are generalized Calabi-Yau
- RR fields as a generalized Nijenhuis tensor
  - Mirror symmetry as exchange of pairs  $(\Phi_+, \Phi_-)$