

# Attractor mechanism in gauged supergravity

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- **Black holes** are regions (bounded by an event horizon) in space time where **gravity** is so **strong** that even light cannot escape.
- The temperature and entropy of a black hole (in Planck units), **Bekenstein-Hawking**

$$T_{BH} = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \ , \quad S_{BH} = \frac{A}{4} \ .$$

- Black hole is analogous to a **thermodynamic** system with **large** microscopic **degeneracy**.
- **Microscopic** physics of **black holes** involve distances of the order of **planck scale** - expected to be described by a **quantum theory of gravity**.

# Background

- String theory is one of the candidate theories for a quantum description of gravity.
- Successfully provides microscopic and macroscopic descriptions of supersymmetric black holes.
- Number of BPS states do not change as moduli, coupling constants vary continuously. Witten
- Weak coupling: BPS states in stringy description.
- Logarithm of degeneracy of charged BPS states in string theory agrees with black hole entropy in large charge limit. Strominger-Vafa

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# Background

- **Strong coupling**: BPS black hole solutions in supergravity description.
- **Attractor mechanism** explains origin of black hole entropy in supergravity. Ferrara-Kallosh-Strominger
- **Moduli** fields in black hole background flow to specific **charge dependent** values on the horizon.
- **Black hole entropy** is determined completely in terms of **charges** and is **independent of asymptotic values of moduli** - **Agrees** with **microscopic** results.
- **Attractor mechanism** is a consequence of **near horizon geometry** rather than susy. Ferrara-Gibbons-Kallosh
- Extends to **non-susy** cases. Goldstein-Iizuka-Jena-Trivedi

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# Motivation

- Previous studies of **attractor mechanism** focussed on black holes with **flat asymptotics**.
- **Generalisation** to curved spaces, in particular **AdS** will be valuable.
- In AdS/CFT, black branes are **holographic duals** to field theories at finite temperature.
- **Extremal** branes exhibit vanishing entropy density at zero temperature and describe ground states of the field theory.
- **Gauged supergravity** - Ideal for the study, supports **AdS vacuum**, describes supergravity regime of AdS/CFT.

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# Motivation

- Recently, Attractor mechanism generalised for  $\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 4$  gauged supergravity.

Cacciatori-Klemm , Kachru-Kalosh-Shmakova

- Generalised attractors**: solutions to equations of motion that reduce to algebraic equations when all the fields, curvature tensors are constants in tangent space.
- Lifshitz, Schrödinger geometries are some examples of generalised attractors.
- Recently, **Bianchi attractors**: Classification of homogeneous anisotropic extremal black brane horizons in  $d = 5$ . Iizuka-Kachru-Kundu-Narayan-Sircar-Trivedi
- Embed Bianchi attractors in gauged supergravity, study susy and stability in non susy cases.

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- Exploration of **microscopic** and **macroscopic** description of **black holes** in string theory.
- Microscopic side: **Counting** of a special class of **BPS states** in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric string theory.
- Macroscopic side: Generalisation of **attractor mechanism** to gauged supergravity.



- Counting BPS states

- “A non-commuting twist in the partition function”,  
S. Govindarajan , Karthik Inbasekar, [arXiv:1201.1628](#).

- Generalised Attractors

- “Generalised attractors in five dimensional gauged supergravity”, Karthik Inbasekar, P. K.Tripathy ,  
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appear in JHEP.

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# Twisted index

- **CHL models** -theories with  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetry in four dimensions. **Chaudhuri-Howe-Lykken, Aspinwall**

- **Orbifolds** of type II A string theory on  $K3 \times T^2$ .

- Twisted index counts  **$g$  twisted BPS states** **Sen**

$$B_{2n}^g = \frac{1}{2n!} \text{Tr}[g(-1)^{2j_3}(2j_3)^{2n}]$$

- Counts BPS states that **break**  $4n$  ,  **$g$  invariant** supersymmetries.
- Computable in **special regions of moduli space** where  $g$  is a symmetry, also require charges to be  **$g$  invariant**.
- Count **degeneracy of  $1/2$  BPS states** in CHL models when **twist** does **not commute** with **orbifold group**.

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# Non commuting twists

- Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  twists in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold theories.
- Moduli spaces with dihedral symmetry  $D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ , compatible with both the twist and orbifold groups.  
Garbagnati
- Map the moduli space from  $K3 \times T^2$  to heterotic picture via string-string duality.
- In  $D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ , the commutator subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , is used to construct the CHL orbifolds.
- Residual  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry allowed to act as a twist in the partition function.
- compute the twisted partition function. Sen

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- Final **partition function** - product of two terms, **oscillator** contribution, **lattice sum**.

$$\tilde{F}(Q, \mu) \simeq \frac{16}{|Z_n|} \frac{\Theta_{\mathbb{Z}_n}^{\parallel}}{\eta(\mu)^8 \eta(2\mu)^8}$$

- Twisted partition function** counts  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  invariant BPS states in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold theory.
- expect the **modular form** to have **lesser weight** than untwisted case.
- Check by taking **asymptotic limit**  $\mu \rightarrow 0$

$$\tilde{F}(\mu) \sim \frac{16}{|Z_n|} \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_{\Lambda_{\parallel}}} e^{2\pi^2/\mu} \left( \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \right)^{8 - \frac{k_{\mathbb{Z}_n}}{2}}$$

- Untwisted  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold partition function has weight  $12 - k_{\mathbb{Z}_n}/2$ . confirms expectations.

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# Summary and future outlook

- Computed the **twisted index** for CHL  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $3 \leq n \leq 6$  orbifolds when the **twist does not commute** with the orbifold group.
- Twisted index computes  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  twisted 1/2 BPS states in CHL  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifolds.
- derived the generating function that gives the **expected asymptotic limit**.
- May be extended to **1/4 BPS states**.
- Useful to consider **twists that break supersymmetry**, and try to extend the counting problem to non-BPS states - **challenging**.

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- The most general  $\mathcal{N} = 2, d = 5$  gauged sugra has gravity coupled to vector, tensor and hypermultiplets.

Ceresole-Dall'Agata

- The scalars in the theory parametrise a manifold that factorises into a direct product of a **very special** and **quaternionic manifold**,

$$\mathcal{M}_{scalar} = \mathcal{S}(n_V + n_T) \otimes \mathcal{Q}(n_H).$$

- The **R symmetry** group is  $SU(2)_R$ .



# Gauged Sugra: Gauging the Symmetries

- Gauging: Suitable **subgroup**  $K$  of the isometry group  $G$  of the full scalar manifold  $\mathcal{M}_{scalar}$ , and the  $SU(2)_R$  symmetry group.
- **Ordinary derivatives** on scalar and fermions are replaced with  **$K$ -covariant derivatives**.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu \phi^{\tilde{x}} &\rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi^{\tilde{x}} \equiv \partial_\mu \phi^{\tilde{x}} + g A'_\mu K_I^{\tilde{x}}(\phi) \\ \partial_\mu q^X &\rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\mu q^X \equiv \partial_\mu q^X + g A'_\mu K_I^X(q) \\ \nabla_\mu B^M_{\nu\rho} &\rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\mu B^M_{\nu\rho} \equiv \nabla_\mu B^M_{\nu\rho} + g A'_\mu \Lambda^M_{IN} B^N_{\nu\rho},\end{aligned}$$

- Gauging the  $SU(2)_R$  Symmetry:

$$\nabla_\mu \psi_{\nu i} \rightarrow \nabla_\mu \psi_{\nu i} + g_R A'_\mu P_{li}^j(q) \psi_{\nu j}.$$

- **Gauging** leads to **scalar potentials** in the theory - possibility of **AdS vacuum**.

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# Generalised Attractors: Definition

- In tangent space, all the **bosonic fields** in the theory take **constant** values at the **attractor points**.

$$\phi^{\tilde{z}} = \text{const} ; q^Z = \text{const} ; A_a^I = \text{const} ;$$

$$B_{ab}^M = \text{const} ; c_{bc}^a = \text{const}.$$

- The **attractor geometries** are characterised by **constant anholonomy** coefficients.

$$[e_a, e_b] = c_{ab}^c e_c ; \quad e_a \equiv e_a^\mu \partial_\mu$$

$$c_{ab}^c = e_a^\mu e_b^\nu (\partial_\mu e_\nu^c - \partial_\nu e_\mu^c)$$

# Generalised Attractors: Features

- Gauge field, Tensor field and Einstein equations reduce to **algebraic equations** at the **attractor point**.
- Scalar field equations reduce to a minimisation condition on an **attractor potential**.
- The **attractor potential** is also independently constructed from **squares of fermionic shifts**.
- **Constant anholonomy**  $\Rightarrow$  **regular** geometries.

# Generalised Attractors: Examples Bianchi types

- **Bianchi Attractors:** Five dimensional **extremal black brane horizons** with **homogeneous symmetries** in spatial directions. **Iizuka-Kachru-Kundu-Narayan-Sircar-Trivedi**
- **Homogeneous symmetries:** **invariant basis**  $\tilde{e}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  that commutes with Killing vectors.

$$[\xi_j, \tilde{e}_i] = 0, \quad [\tilde{e}_i, \tilde{e}_j] = c_{ij}{}^k \tilde{e}_k$$

- **Invariant vectors** close to form a **Lie algebra** - isomorphic to **Bianchi classification** (I-IX) of 3d real Lie algebras **Bianchi**.
- Metric written in terms of **invariant one forms**  $\omega^i$  dual to  $\tilde{e}_i$  displays **manifest homogeneous symmetries**.

$$d\omega^k = \frac{1}{2} c_{ij}{}^k \omega^i \wedge \omega^j$$

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# Generalised Attractors: Examples Bianchi types

- Additional symmetries: **scale invariance, time translation invariance**

$$\hat{r} \rightarrow \lambda \hat{r} , \quad \hat{t} \rightarrow \lambda^{-u_0} \hat{t} , \quad \omega^i \rightarrow \lambda^{-u_i} \omega^i$$

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{2(u_i+u_j)} \eta_{ij} \omega^i \otimes \omega^j \right]$$

- Metric has **constant anholonomy coefficients**.

## Generalised Attractors: Example Bianchi II

- One forms, invariant vectors, structure constants,

$$c_{23}^1 = 1 = -c_{32}^1,$$

$$\xi_1 = \partial_{\hat{y}}, \quad \tilde{e}_1 = \partial_{\hat{y}}, \quad \omega^1 = d\hat{y} - \hat{x}d\hat{z}, \quad d\omega^1 = \omega^2 \wedge \omega^3,$$

$$\xi_2 = \partial_{\hat{z}}, \quad \tilde{e}_2 = \hat{x}\partial_{\hat{y}} + \partial_{\hat{z}}, \quad \omega^2 = d\hat{z}, \quad d\omega^2 = 0,$$

$$\xi_3 = \partial_{\hat{x}} + \hat{z}\partial_{\hat{y}}, \quad \tilde{e}_3 = \partial_{\hat{x}}, \quad \omega^3 = d\hat{x}, \quad d\omega^3 = 0$$

- scaling in coordinates,

$$(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) \rightarrow (\lambda^{-u_1} \hat{x}, \lambda^{-(u_1+u_3)} \hat{y}, \lambda^{-u_3} \hat{z})$$

- scaling in one forms,

$$(\omega^1, \omega^2, \omega^3) \rightarrow (\lambda^{-(u_1+u_3)} \omega^1, \lambda^{-u_3} \omega^2, \lambda^{-u_1} \omega^3)$$

- metric

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{2(u_1+u_3)} (\omega^1)^2 + \hat{r}^{2u_3} (\omega^2)^2 + \hat{r}^{2u_1} (\omega^3)^2 \right]$$

# Bianchi attractors in gauged supergravity

- Choose a model: gauged supergravity model with one vector and two tensor multiplets. **Gunaydin-Zagern**

- Moduli space

$$\mathcal{M}_{scalar} = SO(1,1) \times \frac{SO(2,1)}{SO(2)}.$$

- Metric on moduli space  $g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}, a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}}$ .
- Gauging:  $SO(2)$  subgroup of  $G$  using a single vector  $A^0$  (graviphoton).
- R-Symmetry:  $A_\mu[U(1)_R] = A_\mu^0 V_0 + A_\mu^1 V_1$

## Bianchi attractors in gauged supergravity

- Potential:

$$\mathcal{V}(\phi) = \frac{g^2}{8} \left[ \frac{[(\phi^2)^2 + (\phi^3)^2]}{||\phi||^6} \right] - 2g_R^2 \left[ 2\sqrt{2} \frac{\phi^1}{||\phi||^2} V_0 V_1 + ||\phi||^2 V_1^2 \right].$$

- Conditions for  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry and AdS vacuum:

$$\phi^2 = 0, \quad \phi^3 = 0, \quad \phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad V_0 V_1 > 0, \quad 32 \frac{g_R^2}{g^2} V_0^2 \leq 1.$$

- potential evaluated at these values gives the AdS cosmological constant  $\mathcal{V}_{AdS} = -6g_R^2 (\phi_c^1)^2 V_1^2$ .
- Bianchi attractors exist for values of scalars for which the theory would also have an *AdS* Vacuum.



- Take metric ansatz: Bianchi types,
- gauge field ansatz: time like gauge field

$$A^t = e_a^t A^a = \frac{1}{L r^u} A^0$$

- Set all tensor fields  $B_{\mu\nu}^M$  to zero!
- Use the generalised attractor procedure and solve the algebraic field equations!

## Example: Bianchi Type II

Bianchi Type II specified by gauging parameters  $g, V_0, V_1$ .

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{2u_1} d\hat{x}^2 + \hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)} d\hat{y}^2 \right. \\ \left. - 2\hat{x}\hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)} d\hat{y}d\hat{z} + [\hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)}\hat{x}^2 + \hat{r}^{2u_3}] d\hat{z}^2 \right],$$

$$u_0 = \sqrt{2}, \quad u_3 = u_1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, \quad L = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{(\phi_c^1)^4}{g}, \quad A^0 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \frac{1}{(\phi_c^1)^2},$$

$$\phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad V_0 V_1 > 0, \quad \frac{23}{2(\phi_c^1)^4} \leq 1,$$

# Stability analysis

- Generalised attractor analysis does not involve susy, relies on extremisation of an attractor potential.
- Solutions were found at critical points, not at absolute minima of attractor potential.
- Preliminary susy analysis of existing solutions using KSI indicated broken susy.
- Non-susy attractors can be unstable to scalar fluctuations about critical value.
- consider scalar field fluctuations about attractor value,

$$\phi_c + \epsilon \delta\phi(r, t)$$

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# Stress energy tensor: Backreaction at first order

- For Gauged sugra with generic gauging, trace of Einstein equation,

$$R \frac{(2-d)}{2} = T_{\mu}^{\text{attr}\mu}|_{\phi_c} + (d-2)g K_{yI}|_{\phi_c} A^{\lambda I} \partial_{\lambda}(\delta\phi^y) \\ + g^2 \frac{\partial K_{IJ}}{\partial \phi^z} \Big|_{\phi_c} A_{\mu}^I A^{J\mu} \delta\phi^z$$

$$T_{\mu}^{\text{attr}\mu}|_{\phi_c} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{attr}}(\phi_c) D - \left[ a_{IJ}|_{\phi_c} F_{\mu\nu}^I F^{\mu\nu J} + g^2 K_{IJ}|_{\phi_c} A_{\mu}^I A^{\mu J} \right]$$

$$K_{IJ} = g_{xy} K_I^x K_J^y$$

- Scalar fluctuation terms indicate **backreaction even at first order perturbation**.
- Relevant **boundary conditions for scalars** should be such that they are **well behaved near the horizon**.
- For  $U(1)_R$  gauging,  $g = 0$  and back reaction is absent.

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# Scalar fluctuation equations

- Scalar fluctuation equation for arbitrary gauged sugra,

$$\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \delta\phi^x - g^{zx} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}_{attr}}{\partial \phi^z \partial \phi^y} \bigg|_{\phi_c} \delta\phi^y + 2g (g^{zx} \tilde{\nabla}_y K_{|z})|_{\phi_c} A^{\mu l} \nabla_\mu \delta\phi^y = 0$$

$\tilde{\nabla}$  - covariant derivative w.r.t  $g_{xy}$ .

$\nabla$  - covariant derivative w.r.t near horizon metric.

- higher order metric/gauge field fluctuations can be ignored for solving the above equation at lowest order.
- Laplacian for any given 5d Bianchi type metric,

$$\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu = \frac{1}{L^2} \left[ \hat{r}^2 \partial_{\hat{r}}^2 + (m+2) \hat{r} \partial_{\hat{r}} - \frac{1}{\hat{r}^{2u_0}} \partial_{\hat{t}}^2 \right]$$

$$m = -1 + \sum_I c_I u_I, \quad c_I > 0, \quad c_0 = 1.$$

# Scalar fluctuation equations

- For the specific gauged supergravity model fluctuation equation reduce to ,

$$\left[ \hat{r}^2 \partial_{\hat{r}}^2 + (m+2) \hat{r} \partial_{\hat{r}} - \frac{1}{\hat{r}^{2u_0}} \partial_{\hat{t}}^2 - \lambda \right] \delta \phi^x = 0$$

$\lambda$  - **Eigenvalue** of double derivative of attractor potential.

Sign of  $\lambda$  - indicates nature of critical point.

- For ansatz  $\delta \phi(\hat{r}, \hat{t}) = f(\hat{r}) e^{ik\hat{t}}$  (with  $k$  real), we get **Bessel equation**

$$\left[ \hat{r}^2 \partial_{\hat{r}}^2 + (m+2) \hat{r} \partial_{\hat{r}} + \left( \frac{k^2}{\hat{r}^{2u_0}} - \lambda \right) \right] f(\hat{r}) = 0$$

## Scalar fluctuations

- Scalar fluctuations

$$f(X) = \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^{\nu_0} \left[ C_1 H_{\nu_\lambda}^1(X) [\Gamma(1 - \nu_\lambda) e^{i\nu_\lambda \pi} + \Gamma(1 + \nu_\lambda)] \right. \\ \left. + C_2 H_{\nu_\lambda}^2(X) [\Gamma(1 - \nu_\lambda) e^{-i\nu_\lambda \pi} + \Gamma(1 + \nu_\lambda)] \right]$$

$$X = \frac{k}{u_0 \hat{r}^{u_0}}, \quad \nu_\lambda = \frac{\sqrt{(1+m)^2 + 4\lambda}}{2u_0}, \quad \nu_0 = \frac{(1+m)}{2u_0}$$

- Consistency condition for  $\nu_\lambda$  real,

$$\nu_\lambda = \frac{\sqrt{(1+m)^2 + 4\lambda}}{2u_0} = \frac{\sqrt{(\sum_I c_I u_I)^2 + 4\lambda}}{2u_0} \leq 1$$

- implies  $\lambda < 0$ ,

$$-\frac{(\sum_I c_I u_I)^2}{4} \leq \lambda < 0$$

- Scalar fluctuations - well defined for critical points which are maxima of attractor potential.

## Conditions for stability

- In our coordinate system horizon is located at  $\hat{r} = 0$ ,  $X \simeq 1/\hat{r}$ , consider **asymptotic expansion** of  $f(X)$

$$f(X) \sim \left(\frac{X}{2}\right)^{\nu_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}} \left[ C_1 e^{i(X - \frac{\pi}{2}(\nu_\lambda + \frac{1}{2}))} [\Gamma(1 - \nu_\lambda) e^{i\nu_\lambda \pi} + \Gamma(1 + \nu_\lambda)] \right. \\ \left. + C_2 e^{-i(X - \frac{\pi}{2}(\nu_\lambda + \frac{1}{2}))} [\Gamma(1 - \nu_\lambda) e^{-i\nu_\lambda \pi} + \Gamma(1 + \nu_\lambda)] \right]$$

- **Leading divergent term is absent only when,**

$$\nu_0 = \frac{(1+m)}{2u_0} = \frac{\sum_I c_I u_I}{2u_0} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

- since  $c_0 = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{I, I \neq 0} c_I u_I \leq 0$$

- But  $u_I \geq 0$  for regular horizon, therefore **stability conditions** are:

$$u_0 \neq 0, \quad u_I = 0 \quad \forall I \neq 0$$



# Stable Bianchi metrics

- Bianchi metrics with scale invariance in all directions,

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{2(u_i+u_j)} \eta_{ij} \omega^i \otimes \omega^j \right]$$

- Stability condition,

$$u_0 \neq 0, \quad u_I = 0 \quad \forall I \neq 0$$

- Stable Bianchi attractors in gauged supergravity are a subclass with scale invariance only in radial and time directions.

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} \right) + L^2 (\eta_{ij} \omega^i \otimes \omega^j)$$

- They are of the direct product form  $Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M$ .

## Stability summary

- Unstable generalised attractors

Geometry	$\lambda$	$u_0$	$u_l, l \neq 0$
Lifshitz	$-34$	$3$	$1$
Bianchi II	$-\frac{22}{3}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$u_1 = u_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
Bianchi VI $h < 0$	$-1 + \frac{14h}{3} - h^2$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 - h)$	$u_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h, u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

- Stable generalised attractors in direct product form

Geometry	$\lambda$	$u_0$	$u_l, l \neq 0$
$Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M_I$	$-\frac{5u_0^2}{3}$	any $u_0 > 0$	$0$
$AdS_2 \times M_I$	$-\frac{5}{3}$	$1$	$0$
$Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M_{II}$	$-\frac{61}{6}$	$\sqrt{\frac{11}{2}}$	$0$
$Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M^*$	$\lambda < 0$	any $u_0 > 0$	$0$

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# Results: Generalised attractors: 5d gauged sugra

- Field equations become algebraic at attractor points.
- Scalar moduli - determined as functions of the charges by extremising an attractor potential.
- Attractor potential is constructed independently from fermionic shifts in gauged supergravity.
- Bianchi attractors are examples of generalised attractors in gauged supergravity.
- Explicit examples:  $z = 3$  Lifshitz solution, Bianchi II, Bianchi VI solutions in gauged supergravity.
- Explicit examples:  $Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M$  for  $M_I, M_{II}$  and  $AdS_2 \times \mathbb{R}^3$  in  $U(1)_R$  gauged sugra.

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# Results: Stability analysis

- Stress energy tensor in gauged supergravity depends on scalar fluctuations even at first order.
- Instability - Ill behaved fluctuations near the horizon will backreact strongly  $\implies$  significant deviation from the attractor geometry.
- Consistency condition on scalar fluctuations: critical point is a maxima of the attractor potential.
- Regularity of the fluctuations near the horizon require the near horizon geometry to factorise as  $Lif_{u_0} \times M$ ,

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left( -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} \right) + L^2 (\eta_{ij} \omega^i \otimes \omega^j)$$

$M = M_I, M_{II} \dots M_{IX}$  - 3d homogeneous subspaces invariant under the Bianchi type symmetries.

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# Future outlook

- **Completion:** search for models to embed the rest of Bianchi attractors.
- **SUSY of Bianchi attractors** - Try to find susy critical points by solving Killing spinor equations, gaugino, hyperino conditions. Ongoing
- **Attractor flow equations:** Either analytic/numeric approaches to construct solutions interpolating between the Bianchi types at the IR and  $AdS_5$  in the UV. Will prove attractor mechanism in gauged supergravity.
- **String embedding:** To understand gauged sugra, generalised attractors from **flux compactifications** perspective. Particularly gauged sugra with **gauging of R symmetries**.

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- **Hyperscale violating Bianchi attractors** - Metrics with conformal invariance, different scaling properties  
Iizuka-Kachru-Kundu-Narayan-Sircar-Trivedi-Wang,  
Embedding in gauged sugra, susy analysis, string embedding.



Thank You!



# Gauged Sugra: Lagrangian

The bosonic part of the five dimensional  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  gauged supergravity:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{Bosonic}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = & -\frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{4}a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}}\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{I}}\mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{XY}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}q^X\mathcal{D}^{\mu}q^Y \\ & - \frac{1}{2}g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\phi^{\tilde{x}}\mathcal{D}^{\mu}\phi^{\tilde{y}} + \frac{\hat{e}^{-1}}{6\sqrt{6}}C_{IJK}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau}F_{\mu\nu}^IF_{\rho\sigma}^JA_{\tau}^K \\ & + \frac{\hat{e}^{-1}}{4g}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau}\Omega_{MN}B_{\mu\nu}^MB_{\rho\sigma}^N\mathcal{D}_{\tau}B_{\sigma\tau}^N - \mathcal{V}(\phi, q).\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{I}} = (F_{\mu\nu}^I, B_{\mu\nu}^M), \quad \mu = 0, \dots, 4$$

$$M = 1, \dots, n_T, \quad I = 0, 1, \dots, n_V$$

$$\tilde{x} = 0, 1, \dots, n_V + n_T, \quad X = 1, 2, \dots, 4n_H.$$

## Gauged Sugra: Potential and fermionic shifts

$$\mathcal{V}(\phi, q) = 2g^2 W^{\tilde{a}} W^{\tilde{a}} - g_R^2 [2P_{ij} P^{ij} - P_{ij}^{\tilde{a}} P^{\tilde{a}ij}] + 2g^2 \mathcal{N}_{iA} \mathcal{N}^{iA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ij} &\equiv h^I P_{Iij}, & P_{ij}^{\tilde{a}} &\equiv h^{\tilde{a}I} P_{Iij} \\ W^{\tilde{a}} &\equiv \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} h^I K_I^{\tilde{x}} f_{\tilde{x}}^{\tilde{a}}, & \mathcal{N}^{iA} &\equiv \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} h^I K_I^X f_X^{Ai}. \end{aligned}$$

Bosonic part of supersymmetry transformations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_\epsilon \psi_{\mu i} &= \sqrt{6} \nabla_\mu \epsilon_i + \frac{i}{4} h_I^{\tilde{a}} (\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho} \epsilon_i - 4g_{\mu\nu} \gamma_\rho \epsilon_i) \mathcal{H}^{\nu\rho\tilde{I}} + i g_R P_{ij} \gamma_\mu \epsilon^j \\ \delta_\epsilon \lambda_i^{\tilde{a}} &= -\frac{i}{2} f_{\tilde{x}}^{\tilde{a}} \gamma^\mu \epsilon_i \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi^{\tilde{x}} + \frac{1}{4} h_I^{\tilde{a}} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \epsilon_i \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{I}} + g_R P_{ij}^{\tilde{a}} \epsilon^j + g W^{\tilde{a}} \epsilon_i \\ \delta_\epsilon \zeta^A &= -\frac{i}{2} f_{iX}^A \gamma^\mu \epsilon^i \mathcal{D}_\mu q^X + g \mathcal{N}_i^A \epsilon^i. \end{aligned}$$

The **potential** can be written as **squares** of **fermionic shifts**.

## Gauge field equation

- Since  $c_{ab}{}^c = \text{const}$ ,

$$F_{ab} = e_a^\mu e_b^\nu (\partial_\mu e_\nu^c - \partial_\nu e_\mu^c) A_c = c_{ab}{}^c A_c$$

- The Gauge field equation of motion,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu (\hat{e} a_{I\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}\mu\nu}) = & - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} C_{I\tilde{J}\tilde{K}} \epsilon^{\nu\mu\rho\sigma\tau} \mathcal{H}_{\mu\rho}^{\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}_{\sigma\tau}^{\tilde{K}} \\ & + g \hat{e} [g_{XY} K_I^X \mathcal{D}^\nu q^Y + g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} K_I^{\tilde{x}} \mathcal{D}^\nu \phi^{\tilde{y}}] \end{aligned}$$

in tangent space, is an algebraic equation at the attractor points

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e} a_{I\tilde{J}} [\omega_{a, c}^a \mathcal{H}^{cb\tilde{J}} + \omega_{a, c}^b \mathcal{H}^{ac\tilde{J}}] = & - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} C_{I\tilde{J}\tilde{K}} \epsilon^{bacde} \mathcal{H}_{ac}^{\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}_{de}^{\tilde{K}} \\ & + g^2 \hat{e} [g_{XY} K_I^X K_J^Y \\ & + g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} K_I^{\tilde{x}} K_J^{\tilde{y}}] A^{Jb}. \end{aligned}$$

# Tensor field equation

- The tensor field equation is,

$$\frac{1}{g}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\tau}\Omega_{MP}\mathcal{D}_\rho B_{\mu\nu}^M + \hat{e}a_{\tilde{I}P}\mathcal{H}^{\tilde{I}\sigma\tau} = 0.$$

- In tangent space,

$$\frac{1}{g}\epsilon^{abcde}\left[c_{ac}{}^f B_{fb}^M + gA_c^I\Lambda_{IN}^M B_{ab}^N\right]\Omega_{MP} + \hat{e}a_{\tilde{I}P}\mathcal{H}^{\tilde{I}de} = 0.$$

is an algebraic equation at the attractor points,

## Einstein equation

- The Einstein equation at the attractor point:

$$R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}R\eta_{ab} = T_{ab}^{attr}$$

- In the absence of torsion, The left handside is algebraic:

$$R_{abc}{}^d = \partial_a \omega_{bc}{}^d - \partial_b \omega_{ac}{}^d - \omega_{ac}{}^e \omega_{be}{}^d + \omega_{bc}{}^e \omega_{ae}{}^d - c_{ab}{}^e \omega_{ec}{}^d$$

$$\omega_{a,bc} = \frac{1}{2}[c_{ab,c} - c_{ac,b} - c_{bc,a}]$$

- The stress energy tensor at the attractor point:

$$T_{ab}^{attr} = \mathcal{V}_{attr}(\phi, q)\eta_{ab} - \left[ a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}}\mathcal{H}_{ac}^{\tilde{I}}\mathcal{H}_b^{\tilde{J}} + g^2[g_{XY}K_I^X K_J^Y + g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}K_{\tilde{I}}^{\tilde{x}} K_{\tilde{J}}^{\tilde{y}}]A_a^I A_b^J \right].$$

- The Einstein equations are algebraic at the attractor points.

# Scalar equation

- The scalar  $\phi^{\tilde{x}}$  field equations,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}^{-1} \partial_\mu [\hat{e} g_{\tilde{z}\tilde{y}} \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi^{\tilde{y}}] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}}{\partial \phi^{\tilde{z}}} \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi^{\tilde{x}} \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi^{\tilde{y}} \\ - g A'_\mu g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} \frac{\partial K_I^{\tilde{x}}}{\partial \phi^{\tilde{z}}} \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi^{\tilde{y}} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}}}{\partial \phi^{\tilde{z}}} \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{\tilde{I}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}\mu\nu} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}(\phi, q)}{\partial \phi^{\tilde{z}}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- For the quaternion  $q^Z$ , the equation of motion is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}^{-1} \partial_\mu [\hat{e} g_{Z\gamma} \mathcal{D}^\mu q^\gamma] - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial g_{X\gamma}}{\partial q^Z} \mathcal{D}_\mu q^X \mathcal{D}^\mu q^\gamma \\ - g A'_\mu g_{X\gamma} \frac{\partial K_I^X}{\partial q^Z} \mathcal{D}^\mu q^\gamma - \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}(\phi, q)}{\partial q^Z} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

# Attractor Potential

Using attractor ansatz,

- Equation of motion for  $\phi^{\tilde{x}}$  reduces to,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^{\tilde{z}}} \left[ \mathcal{V}(\phi, q) + \frac{1}{2} g^2 g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} K_I^{\tilde{x}} K_J^{\tilde{y}} A^{Ia} A_a^J + \frac{1}{4} a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}_{ab}^{\tilde{I}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}ab} \right] = 0.$$

- Equation of motion for  $q^Z$  reduces to,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q^Z} \left[ \mathcal{V}(\phi, q) + \frac{1}{2} g^2 g_{XY} K_I^X K_J^Y A^{aI} A_a^J \right] = 0.$$

# Attractor Potential

- Scalar field equations reduce to an extremisation condition on an attractor potential.

$$\mathcal{V}_{attr}(\phi, q) = \left[ \mathcal{V}(\phi, q) + \frac{1}{4} a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}_{ab}^{\tilde{I}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}ab} + \frac{1}{2} g^2 [g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} K_{\tilde{I}}^{\tilde{x}} K_{\tilde{J}}^{\tilde{y}} + g_{XY} K_I^X K_J^Y] A^{Ia} A_a^J \right]$$

- The attractor potential gives rise to the attractor values of the scalars upon extremisation.



# Attractor Potential from fermion shifts

- Susy transformations at attractor points:

$$\delta\psi_{ai} = \sqrt{6}D_a\epsilon_i + (\Sigma_{i|j})^{bc}(\gamma_{abc} - 4\eta_{ab}\gamma_c)\epsilon^j + \gamma_a S_{ij}\epsilon^j$$

$$\delta\lambda_i^{\tilde{a}} = \Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}}\epsilon^j + (\Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}})^a\gamma_a\epsilon^j + (\Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}})^{ab}\gamma_{ab}\epsilon^j$$

$$\delta\zeta^A = (\Sigma_{|j}^A)\epsilon^j + (\Sigma_{|j}^A)^a\gamma_a\epsilon^j$$

- Generalised Fermion shifts:

$$\Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}} = g_R P_{ij}^{\tilde{a}} - g W^{\tilde{a}} \epsilon_{ij} \quad ; \quad (\Sigma_{|j}^A) = g \mathcal{N}_j^A$$

$$(\Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}})^a = \frac{i}{2} g f_{\tilde{x}}^{\tilde{a}} K_i^{\tilde{x}} A^{la} \epsilon_{ij} \quad ; \quad (\Sigma_{|j}^A)^a = -\frac{i}{2} g f_{jX}^A K_l^X A^{al}$$

$$(\Sigma_{i|j}^{\tilde{a}})^{ab} = -\frac{1}{4} h_{\tilde{l}}^{\tilde{a}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{l}ab} \epsilon_{ij} \quad ; \quad (\Sigma_{i|j})^{bc} = -\frac{i}{4} h_{\tilde{l}} \mathcal{H}^{bc\tilde{l}} \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$S_{ij} = i g_R P_{ij}$$

## Attractor Potential from fermion shifts

- The **attractor potential** can be constructed independently from **squares of fermionic shifts**

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\mathcal{V}_{attr} \frac{\epsilon^I{}_k}{4} = & \bar{S}^i{}_k S_i{}^I - \epsilon^{IJ} \left\{ [(\overline{\Sigma^A}{}_{|k})(\Sigma_{A|j}) + \frac{1}{2}(\overline{\Sigma^{\tilde{a}i}}{}_{|k})(\Sigma^{\tilde{a}}{}_{i|j})] \right. \\
 & + [(\overline{\Sigma^A}{}_{|k})_a(\Sigma_{A|j})^a + \frac{1}{2}(\overline{\Sigma^{\tilde{a}i}}{}_{|k})_a(\Sigma^{\tilde{a}}{}_{i|j})^a] \\
 & \left. + [(\overline{\Sigma^i}{}_{|k})_{ab}(\Sigma_{i|j})^{ab} + (\overline{\Sigma^{\tilde{a}i}}{}_{|k})_{ab}(\Sigma^{\tilde{a}}{}_{i|j})^{ab}] \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

which can be shown to reproduce,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{V}_{attr}(\phi, q) = & \left[ \mathcal{V}(\phi, q) + \frac{1}{4} a_{\tilde{I}\tilde{J}} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{I}}{}_{ab} \mathcal{H}^{\tilde{J}ab} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} g^2 [g_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} K^{\tilde{x}}{}_I K^{\tilde{y}}{}_J + g_{XY} K^X{}_I K^Y{}_J] A^{Ia} A^J{}_a \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

# AdS

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^2 d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^2 (d\hat{x}^2 + d\hat{y}^2 + d\hat{z}^2) \right] ,$$

$$\phi_c^2 = 0 , \quad \phi_c^3 = 0 , \quad \phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} , \quad \Lambda = -6g_R^2 V_1^2 (\phi_c^1)^2 ,$$

$$V_0 V_1 > 0 , \quad 32 \frac{g_R^2}{g^2} V_0^2 \leq 1 , \quad L^2 = -\frac{6}{\Lambda} ,$$

## Lifshitz

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^2 (d\hat{x}^2 + d\hat{y}^2 + d\hat{z}^2) \right] ,$$

$$u_0 = 3, \quad L = \sqrt{3} \frac{(\phi_c^1)^4}{g} , \quad A^{0\bar{0}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{(\phi_c^1)^2} ,$$

$$\phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} , \quad V_0 V_1 > 0 , \quad \frac{32}{3(\phi_c^1)^4} \leq 1 .$$

## Bianchi II

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + \hat{r}^{2u_1} d\hat{x}^2 + \hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)} d\hat{y}^2 \right. \\ \left. - 2\hat{x}\hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)} d\hat{y}d\hat{z} + [\hat{r}^{2(u_3+u_1)}\hat{x}^2 + \hat{r}^{2u_3}] d\hat{z}^2 \right] ,$$

$$u_0 = \sqrt{2} \ , \quad u_3 = u_1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \ , \quad L = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{(\phi_c^1)^4}{g} \ , \quad A^{0\bar{0}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \frac{1}{(\phi_c^1)^2} \ ,$$

$$\phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \ , \quad V_0 V_1 > 0 \ , \quad \frac{23}{2(\phi_c^1)^4} \leq 1 \ ,$$

## Bianchi VI

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left[ -\hat{r}^{2u_0} d\hat{t}^2 + \frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2} + d\hat{x}^2 + e^{-2\hat{x}} \hat{r}^{2u_2} d\hat{y}^2 + e^{-2h\hat{x}} \hat{r}^{2u_3} d\hat{z}^2 \right] ,$$

$$u_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1-h) , \quad u_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h , \quad u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} , \quad L = \frac{(\phi_1^c)^4}{\sqrt{6}g}(1-h) ,$$

$$A^{0\bar{0}} = \sqrt{\frac{-2h}{(-1+h)^2}} \frac{1}{(\phi_c^1)^2} , \quad h < 0 , \quad h \neq 0, 1 ,$$

$$\phi_c^1 = \left( \sqrt{2} \frac{V_0}{V_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} , \quad V_0 V_1 > 0 , \quad \frac{8(3-h+3h^2)}{(\phi_c^1)^4 (-1+h)^2} \leq 1 ,$$

$$Lif_{u_0}(2) \times M_I$$

$$ds^2=L^2\left[-\hat{r}^{2u_0}d\hat{t}^2+\frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2}+d\hat{x}^2+d\hat{y}^2+d\hat{z}^2\right],$$

$$A^{0\hat{t}}=\frac{1}{L\hat{r}}A^{0\bar{0}},\quad A^{1\hat{t}}=\frac{1}{L\hat{r}}A^{1\bar{0}},\quad \frac{A^{0\bar{0}}}{A^{1\bar{0}}}=\frac{1}{2}\frac{V_1}{V_0},\quad L^2=-\frac{u_0^2}{2\Lambda},$$

$$\Lambda=-6g_R^2V_1^2(\phi_c^1)^2,\quad \phi_c^1=\left(\sqrt{2}\frac{V_0}{V_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}},\quad V_0V_1>0\;.$$

$$Lif_{u_0} \times M_{II}$$

$$ds^2=L^2\bigg[-\hat{r}^{2u_0}d\hat{t}^2+\frac{d\hat{r}^2}{\hat{r}^2}+d\hat{x}^2+d\hat{y}^2-2\hat{x}d\hat{y}d\hat{z}+(\hat{x}^2+1)d\hat{z}^2\bigg]\;,$$

$$A^{0\hat{t}}=\frac{1}{L\hat{r}}A^{0\bar{0}}\;, \quad A^{1\hat{t}}=\frac{1}{L\hat{r}}A^{1\bar{0}}\;, \quad \frac{A^{0\bar{0}}}{A^{1\bar{0}}}=\frac{1}{2}\frac{V_1}{V_0}\;, \quad u_0=\sqrt{\frac{11}{2}}\;,$$

$$L^2=-\frac{13}{4\Lambda}\;, \quad \Lambda=-6g_R^2V_1^2(\phi_c^1)^2\;, \quad \phi_c^1=\left(\sqrt{2}\frac{V_0}{V_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\;, \quad V_0V_1>0\;.$$



- The spinors in five dimensions satisfy a symplectic majorana condition:

$$\epsilon^{ij}\bar{\epsilon}_j = (\epsilon^i)^t C$$

- In two component spinor  $\lambda$  notation

$$\epsilon_i = \begin{pmatrix} i\epsilon_{ij}\lambda_j \\ \lambda_i^* \end{pmatrix}$$

SM spinors have manifest  $SU(2)_R$  invariance.

- First one has to check the Killing spinor integrability equation for necessary conditions for supersymmetry.
- Then one has to solve the Killing spinor equations.

# SUSY: Killing spinor integrability conditions

- KSI expressible in terms of **fermionic shifts**. Defining

$$M_{abc} = \gamma_{abc} - 4\eta_{ab}\gamma_c,$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{4}R_{ae}{}^{cd}\gamma_{cd}\epsilon_i &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\Sigma_{i|j})^{fc}[\omega_{a, f}{}^b M_{e[bc]} - \omega_{e, f}{}^b M_{a[bc]}]e^j \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6}\left\{ [(\Sigma_{i|j})^{bc}M_{abc} + \gamma_a S_{ij}][(\Sigma_{k|l})^{gh}M_{egh} + \gamma_e S_{kl}] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - [(\Sigma_{i|j})^{bc}M_{ebc} + \gamma_e S_{ij}][(\Sigma_{k|l})^{gh}M_{agh} + \gamma_a S_{kl}] \right\} e^{jk}\epsilon^l \end{aligned}$$

- **All shifts vanish  $\Rightarrow$  Maximal supersymmetry** ( $AdS_5$  vacuum, unique).

$$\frac{1}{4}R_{ae}{}^{cd}\gamma_{cd}\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{6}S_{ij}S_{kl}\gamma_{ae}\epsilon^{jk}\epsilon^l$$

# SUSY: Killing spinor integrability conditions

- Some shifts vanish  $\Rightarrow$  partially broken supersymmetry (Lifshitz, Bianchi types)
- cases with only vector multiplets in minimal gauged supergravity : Either 1/2 BPS or 1/4 BPS solutions.  
[Gauntlett-Gutowski]
- Lifshitz solutions: known to be 1/4 BPS [Cassani-Faedo].
- We expect Bianchi attractors to be 1/4 BPS. (in progress)

# Scalar fluctuations time independent

- the scalar fluctuation equation:

$$\left[ \hat{r}^2 \partial_{\hat{r}}^2 + (m+2) \hat{r} \partial_{\hat{r}} - \frac{1}{\hat{r}^{2u_0}} \partial_{\hat{t}}^2 - \lambda \right] \delta\phi^x = 0$$

admits a simple solution when the fluctuations  $\delta\phi^x$  are time independent.

$$\delta\phi^x = C_1 r^{(\sqrt{4\lambda+(1+m)^2}-(1+m))/2} + C_2 r^{(-\sqrt{4\lambda+(1+m)^2}-(1+m))/2}$$

- one of the modes vanishes as  $r \rightarrow 0$  provided  $\lambda$  is positive and it is possible to get stable attractors upon setting  $C_2 = 0$ .
- none of our examples (possibly model dependent) admit a critical point with  $\lambda > 0$ . such fluctuations are unstable.

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## details microstate counting

CHL  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold models<sup>1</sup> with  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetry in four dimensions.

- These are orbifolds of type II A string theory on  $K3 \times T^2$ , where the orbifold group  $G$  acts as a symplectic automorphism on  $K3$  and as shifts on the torus  $T^2$ .
- This is dual to the heterotic string theory on  $T^6$  via string-string duality.
- The action of  $G$  is determined on  $\Gamma_{22,6} \cong \Gamma_{20,4} \oplus \Gamma_{2,2}$  and copied to the Heterotic side by identifying it with the Narain Lattice.
- The result is an asymmetric orbifold of a heterotic string on  $T^6$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Chaudhuri et.al '95, Aspinwall '95

## dihedral groups as symplectic automorphisms

- Moduli spaces that admit a dihedral symmetry  $D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$  are compatible with both the twist and orbifold groups.
- If a elliptic  $K3$  surface admitted both  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n, 3 \leq n \leq 6$  symmetries as symplectic automorphisms then the dihedral group acts as a symplectic automorphism on  $K3^2$ .

$$\mathcal{E}_{D_3} : y^2 = x^3 + (a_1\tau + a_0\tau^4 + a_1\tau^7)x + (b_2 + b_1\tau^3 + b_0\tau^6 + b_1\tau^9 + b_2\tau^{12})$$

$$\sigma_3 : (x, y, \tau) \mapsto (\zeta_3^2 x, \zeta_3^3 y, \zeta_3 \tau),$$

$$\varsigma_2 : (x, y, \tau) \mapsto \left( \frac{x}{\tau^4}, -\frac{y}{\tau^6}, \frac{1}{\tau} \right)$$

- One can choose the charges of the theory  $Q$  to take values from the sublattices of  $\Gamma_{19,3}$  that are invariant under Dihedral symmetries<sup>3</sup>. This is compatible with both  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  twist and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold projections.

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<sup>2</sup>A.Garbagnati 0904.1519

<sup>3</sup>Griess, Lam 0806.2753

## dihedral groups and twisted partition functions

- The dihedral group of order  $2n$  has the following presentation

$$D_n \cong \langle h, g \mid h^n = e, g^2 = e, ghg = h^{-1} \rangle$$

- The elements of  $D_n = \{e, h, \dots, h^{n-1}, g, gh, \dots, gh^{n-1}\}$
- The group invariant projector of the  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  subgroup has the following property:

$$g \cdot P_{\mathbb{Z}_n} = \frac{1}{n} g \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h^j \right) = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h^j \right) = P_{\mathbb{Z}_n} \cdot g$$

- $g$  commutes with  $P_{\mathbb{Z}_n}$  even though it doesn't commute with the individual elements.



## Example: $\mathbb{Z}_3$

- The  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  subgroup of  $D_3$ :  $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{e, h, h^2\}$  and  $P_{\mathbb{Z}_3} = (e + h + h^2)/3$ . The partition function for  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  orbifolds including all twisted sectors

$$Z_{T/\mathbb{Z}_3} = P_{\mathbb{Z}_3} \boxed{e} + P_{\mathbb{Z}_3} \boxed{h} + P_{\mathbb{Z}_3} \boxed{h^2}$$

- Twisting the partition function by  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_2$  amounts to insertion of  $g$  in the trace,

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_h}(g q^H) \equiv g \boxed{h}$$

- For the  $g$  twisted partition function-contribution comes only from the untwisted sector of the orbifold CFT, inconsistent bc when  $gh \neq hg$ .

$$gX(\tau, \sigma + 2\pi) = ghg^{-1}gX(\tau, \sigma); \quad hX(\tau + 2\pi, \sigma) = hgh^{-1}hX(\tau, \sigma)$$

Hence, we are left to evaluate

$$Z_{T/\mathbb{Z}_3}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \frac{1}{3} \left( g \boxed{e} + gh \boxed{e} + gh^2 \boxed{e} \right)$$

## Orbifold action: heterotic description

- The action of the orbifold group element  $h \in H \equiv \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$P \rightarrow R_h P + a_h; \quad P \in \Gamma_{22,6}$$

- $\forall R_h \in R_H$ ,  $R_H$  leaves  $22 - k$  of the 22 left moving directions invariant.
- The action of the twist element  $g \in G$  on  $K3$  leaves 14 of the 22 2-cycles of  $K3$  invariant, In the heterotic picture it exchanges the two  $E_8$  components. It is not accompanied by shifts.
- The action of the orbifold and twist leaves the right movers invariant to preserve  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetry.
- Compatibility with the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  twist, and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifold projection requires the charges  $Q$  to take values on a lattice<sup>4</sup> that is invariant under both the symmetries.

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<sup>4</sup>Griess, Lam 0806.2753

## Orbifold action: on oscillators and lattice

- The complex worldsheet co-ordinates  $X^j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k/2$  represent the planes of rotation.  $R_H$  is characterized by  $k/2$  phases  $\phi_j(h)$ . The effect of the rotation  $R_H$  is to multiply the complex oscillators by phases.

$$\alpha_{-n}^j \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \phi_j(d)} \alpha_{-n}^j \quad ; \quad \bar{\alpha}_{-n}^j \rightarrow e^{-2\pi i \phi_j(d)} \bar{\alpha}_{-n}^j$$

- The Narain Lattice  $\Gamma^{(22,6)}$  is embedded in a  $22 + 6$  dimensional vector space  $V$ .
- The action of the entire group thus separates the vector space  $V$  into an invariant subspace  $V_{\perp}$  and its orthogonal complement  $V_{\parallel}$ .
- The invariant sublattice  $\Lambda_{\perp}$  and its orthogonal complement  $\Lambda_{\parallel}$  are

$$\Lambda_{\perp} = \Gamma \cap V_{\perp} \quad ; \quad \Lambda_{\parallel} = \Gamma \cap V_{\parallel}.$$

## BPS states and level matching

- Momenta in the compact directions take values on the Narain lattice  $\Gamma^{(22,6)}$ . The (left,right) components of the momentum vector are denoted as  $\vec{P} = (\vec{P}_L, \vec{P}_R)$
- $Q = (\vec{Q}_L, \vec{Q}_R)$  to denotes the projection of  $\vec{P}$  along  $V_\perp$  and  $P_\parallel = (\vec{P}_{\parallel L}, 0)$  the projection of  $\vec{P}$  along  $V_\parallel$ .
- The BPS states are picked by keeping the rightmoving oscillators at the lowest eigenvalue allowed by GSO projection, i.e  $N_R = 1$ .

$$N_L - 1 + \frac{1}{2}\vec{P}_{\parallel L}^2 = N$$

with  $N = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{Q}_R^2 - \vec{Q}_L^2)$  and  $\vec{P}_{\parallel L} = \vec{K}(Q) + \vec{p}$ , where  $\vec{p} \in \Lambda_\parallel$  and  $\vec{K}(Q) \in V_\parallel$  is a constant vector that lies in the unit cell of  $\Lambda_\parallel$ .

## Group invariant projection

- The counting of the number of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  invariant BPS states for a given charge  $Q$  is done by implementing the group invariant projection.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} h^j \square_e$$

- The contribution to the trace with a orbifold group element  $h \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  inserted comes only from those  $\vec{P}_{\parallel L}$  which are invariant under the action of  $h$ , i.e  $\vec{P}_{\parallel L} \in V_{\perp}(h)$ .
- When a group element  $h$  acts on the vacuum carrying momentum  $\vec{P}$  it will produce a phase

$$e^{2\pi i \vec{a}_h \cdot \vec{Q}} e^{-2\pi i \vec{a}_{hL} \cdot (\vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q))}$$

- The twist  $g$  does not have shifts, and will not produce these phases.

## Degeneracy

- The degeneracy of BPS states in untwisted sector carrying a charge  $Q$  is expressed as<sup>5</sup>

$$d(Q) = \frac{16}{|\mathbb{Z}_n|} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \sum_{N_L=0}^{\infty} d^{osc}(N_L, h) e^{2\pi i \vec{a}_h \cdot \vec{Q}} e^{-2\pi i \vec{a}_{hL} \cdot \vec{K}(Q)} \\ \sum_{\substack{\vec{p} \in \Lambda_{\parallel} \\ \vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q) \in V_{\perp}(h)}} e^{-2\pi i \vec{a}_{hL} \cdot \vec{p}} \delta_{N_L - 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q))^2, N}$$

where  $d^{osc}(N_L, h)$  is the number of ways one can construct oscillator level  $N_L$  from the 24 left-movers weighted by the action of  $h$ .

- Treating  $Q$  and  $\hat{N} \equiv N$  as independent variables, the partition function,

$$\tilde{F}(Q, \mu) = \sum_{\hat{N}} F(Q, \hat{N}) e^{-\mu \hat{N}}$$

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<sup>5</sup>(Ashoke Sen hep-th/0504005)

## Partition function

- Explicitly, the partition function has the form,

$$\tilde{F}(Q, \mu) = \frac{16}{|\mathbb{Z}_n|} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e^{2\pi i \vec{a}_h \cdot \vec{Q}} e^{-2\pi i \vec{a}_{hL} \cdot \vec{K}(Q)} \tilde{F}^{osc}(h, \mu) \tilde{F}^{lat}(Q, h, \mu)$$

where, the oscillator and lattice contribution to the partition function are

$$\tilde{F}^{osc}(h, \mu) = \sum_{N_L=0}^{\infty} d^{osc}(N_L, h) e^{-\mu N_L} e^{\mu}$$

$$\tilde{F}^{lat}(Q, h, \mu) = \sum_{\substack{\vec{p} \in \Lambda_{\parallel} \\ \vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q) \in V_{\perp}(h)}} e^{-2\pi i \vec{a}_{hL} \cdot \vec{p}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mu(\vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q))^2}$$

- The inverse of the partition function gives the degeneracy

$$F(Q, \tilde{N}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\epsilon - i\pi}^{\epsilon + i\pi} d\mu \tilde{F}(Q, \mu) e^{\mu \tilde{N}}$$

## Oscillator contribution

$$\tilde{F}^{osc}(h, \mu) = q^{-1} \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - q^n} \right)^{24 - k_h} \prod_{j=1}^{k_h/2} \left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - e^{2\pi i \phi_j(h)} q^n} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \phi_j(h)} q^n} \right)$$

- $\phi_j(h)$  and  $k_h$  in  $\tilde{F}^{osc}(h, \mu)$  depend only on the order of the group element  $h$ .
- With a  $g$  insertion one evaluates the oscillator contribution for,

$$g \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline e \\ \hline \end{array} + gh \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline e \\ \hline \end{array} + gh^2 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline e \\ \hline \end{array} + \dots + gh^{n-1} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline e \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- The elements  $g, gh, \dots, gh^{n-1}$  are each of order 2 and have identical contributions.
- Since  $g$  exchanges the  $E_8$  co-ordinates, the number of directions that are rotated  $k_g = 8$  and non zero phases  $\phi_j(g) = 1/2$

$$\tilde{F}^{osc}(g, \mu) = \frac{1}{\eta(\mu)^8 \eta(2\mu)^8}$$



## Lattice contribution

- Inclusion of twist: Since the charges are already  $g$  invariant,  $g$  has no further action on the lattice.
- The lattice contribution from a orbifold group element  $h$  is

$$\tilde{F}^{lat}(Q, h, \mu) = \sum_{\substack{\vec{p} \in \Lambda_{\parallel} \\ \vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q) \in V_{\perp}(h)}} e^{-2\pi i a_{hL} \cdot \vec{p}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mu(\vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q))^2}.$$

- When  $h$  is identity  $V_{\perp}(e) = V$ . For any other  $h$ , we have  $\dim V_{\perp}(h) < \dim(V)$ . The dominant contribution would be from

$$\tilde{F}^{lat}(Q, e, \mu) \simeq \sum_{\vec{p} \in \Lambda_{\parallel}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mu(\vec{p} + \vec{K}(Q))^2} \equiv \Theta_{\mathbb{Z}_n}^{\parallel}$$

## Result

- Combining the oscillator and the lattice contributions, the partition function for  $g$  twisted half-BPS states in CHL  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  orbifolds is

$$\tilde{F}(Q, \mu) \simeq \frac{16}{|Z_n|} \frac{\Theta_{\mathbb{Z}_n}^{\parallel}}{\eta(\mu)^8 \eta(2\mu)^8}$$

- The resulting modular form has lesser weight than the partition function for the untwisted half-BPS states as can be seen from the asymptotic limit  $\mu \rightarrow 0$

$$\tilde{F}(\mu) \sim \frac{16}{|Z_n|} \frac{1}{Vol_{\Lambda_{\parallel}}} e^{2\pi^2/\mu} \left(\frac{\mu}{2\pi}\right)^{8 - \frac{k_{\mathbb{Z}_n}}{2}}$$

Group	$12 - \frac{k_{\mathbb{Z}_n}}{2}$	$8 - \frac{k_{\mathbb{Z}_n}}{2}$	$k_{\mathbb{Z}_n} = rank(\Lambda_{\parallel})$
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	6	2	12
$\mathbb{Z}_4$	5	1	14
$\mathbb{Z}_5$	4	0	16
$\mathbb{Z}_6$	4	0	16