

The dual of generic $\mathcal{N} = 1$ marginal deformations

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Introduction

Type IIB gravity duals of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ SCFT

- Sasaki–Einstein (S^5 , $T^{1,1}$, $Y_{p,q}$, ...) ($F_5 \neq 0$)
- Pilch–Warner, β -deformation, ... (all fluxes, but also isometries)

Are there more generic constructions?

Classic example: $\mathcal{N} = 1$ marginal deformations for $\mathcal{N} = 4$

Superpotential deformation [*Leigh & Strassler*]

$$\mathcal{W} = \epsilon_{ijk} \operatorname{tr} Z^i Z^j Z^k + f_{ijk} \operatorname{tr} Z^i Z^j Z^k$$

- f_{ijk} symmetric giving 10 complex marginal deformations
- but beta-function constrains moment map for $SU(3)$ symmetry

$$f_{ikl} \bar{f}^{jkl} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_i^j f_{klm} \bar{f}^{klm} = 0$$

- exactly marginal deformation as symplectic quotient [*Kol; Green et al*]

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} = \{f_{ijk}\} // SU(3)$$

Can choose, including gauge coupling,

$$\Delta\mathcal{W} = \lambda_1 \text{tr} Z^1 Z^2 Z^3 + \lambda_2 \text{tr} [(Z^1)^3 + (Z^2)^3 + (Z^3)^3] + \Delta\tau \text{tr} W_\alpha W^\alpha$$

- $\lambda_2 = 0$: “beta-deformation”, $U(1)^3$ isometry, exact dual solution
[Lunin & Maldacena]
- **generic**: no isometries, perturbative tour de force to 3rd order
[Aharony, Kol & Yankielowicz]

can one find the generic dual geometry?

Idea: analogue of Calabi–Yau

Given explicit Kähler SU(3) structure (Ω, ω) with $\frac{1}{8}i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} = \frac{1}{6}\omega^3$

$$d\Omega = 3i\alpha \wedge \Omega, \quad d\omega = 0$$

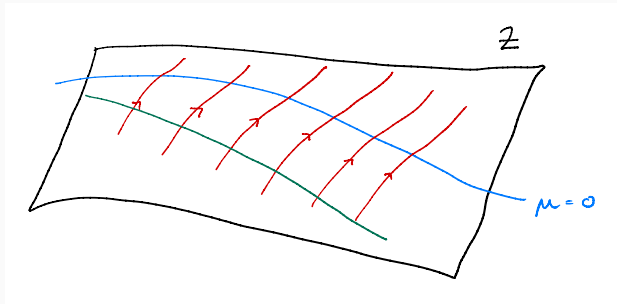
then vary Kähler form within cohomology class

$$\omega' = \omega + i\partial\bar{\partial}h, \quad \Omega' = \lambda\Omega$$

there exists Calabi–Yau solution (Ω_*, ω_*)

Symplectic quotient [Donaldson, ...]

Typical of supersymmetry conditions: first solve F-terms (holomorphic)



- Z is Kähler (infinite-dimensional) with group action G
- orbits for $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ intersect $\mu = 0$ (if "stable" – algebraic condition)

Kähler–Einstein, Sasaki–Einstein, Hermitian Yang–Mills, ...

Structures in $E_{6(6)}$ generalised geometry

Warped compactification, 8 supercharges, all fluxes

$$ds^2 = e^{2\Delta} ds^2(\text{AdS}_5) + ds^2(M)$$

- “exceptional Sasaki–Einstein”
- “H structure” and “V structure” on M generalise notion of complex and symplectic structures (on cone)
- adapted to field theory Kähler and superpotential

[Ashmore, Petrini & DW]

$E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$ generalised geometry

Generalised tangent space

$$E \simeq TM \oplus 2T^*M \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M \oplus 2\Lambda^5 T^*M$$
$$V^M = (v^m, \lambda_m^i, \rho_{mnp}, \sigma_{m_1 \dots m_5}^i)$$

- transforms as **27** under $E_{6(6)}$
- parametrises diffeomorphism and gauge symmetry

Generalised tensors

For example, adjoint **78** includes potentials

$$\text{ad } \tilde{F} \simeq 3\mathbb{R} \oplus (TM \otimes T^*M) \oplus 2\Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus 2\Lambda^2 TM \oplus \Lambda^4 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^4 TM$$

$$A^M_N = (\dots, B^i_{mn}, \dots, C_{mnpq})$$

Can “twisting” of generalised tensors by gauge potentials

$$V = e^{B^i+C} \tilde{V} \quad A = e^{B^i+C} \tilde{A} e^{-B^i-C}$$

Generalised Lie derivative

“Generalised diffeomorphism, **GDifff**” symmetries

$$\begin{aligned}L_V &= \text{diffeo} + \text{gauge transf} \\ &= \mathcal{L}_V - (d\lambda^i + d\rho) \cdot\end{aligned}$$

where forms act via adjoint (n.b. $L_V W \neq -L_W V$)

$E_{6(6)}$ cubic invariant

$$c(V, V, V) = \epsilon_{ij}(i_V \lambda^i) \sigma^j - \frac{1}{2} i_V \rho \wedge \rho - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ij} \rho \wedge \lambda^i \wedge \lambda^j \in \Gamma(\Lambda^5 T^* M)$$

V structure

Generalised vector

$$K \in \Gamma(E) \quad \text{such that } c(K, K, K) > 0$$

- stabilised by $F_{4(4)} \subset E_{6(6)}$
- L_K generates $U(1)_R$ symmetry
- very special real geometry on space of structures (vector multiplet)

H structure

Weighted adjoint tensors

$$J_\alpha(x) \in \Gamma(\text{ad } \tilde{F} \otimes (\det T^*M)^{1/2})$$

forming highest root \mathfrak{su}_2 algebra, with $\kappa^2 \in \Gamma(\det T^*M)$

$$[J_\alpha, J_\beta] = 2\kappa\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}J_\gamma$$

$$\text{tr } J_\alpha J_\beta = -\kappa^2\delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

- stabilised by $SU^*(6)$
- hyper-Kähler geometry on space of structures (hypermultiplet)

Compatible structures

The H and V structures are **compatible** if

$$J_\alpha \cdot K = 0 \qquad c(K, K, K) = \kappa^2$$

(analogues of $\omega \wedge \Omega = 0$ and $\frac{1}{6}\omega^3 = \frac{1}{8}i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$ on cone)

the compatible pair $\{J_\alpha, K\}$ define an **USp(6) structure**

J_α and K come from **Killing spinor bilinears**.

Example: Sasaki–Einstein $(\xi, \sigma, \omega, \Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2(M) &= \sigma \otimes \sigma + ds_4^2, & F &= 4 \operatorname{vol}_5, \\ d\sigma &= 2\omega, & d\Omega &= 3i\sigma \wedge \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma = d\psi + a$ and $\xi = \partial/\partial\psi$ embeds as CR structure

$$J_+ = \frac{1}{2}\kappa u^i (\Omega - i\Omega^\sharp), \quad u^i = \tau_2^{-2}(\tau, 1)^i, \quad \kappa^2 = \operatorname{vol}_5$$

$$\operatorname{ad} \tilde{F} \simeq 3\mathbb{R} \oplus (TM \otimes T^*M) \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^2 TM \oplus \Lambda^4 T^*M \oplus \Lambda^4 TM,$$

and

$$K = \xi - \sigma \wedge \omega \quad \text{contact structure}$$

$$E \simeq TM \oplus 2T^*M \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M \oplus 2\Lambda^5 T^*M,$$

Differential conditions

Define $J_+ = J_1 + iJ_2$ then

$$\mu_+(V) = 0,$$

$$L_K J_+ = 3iJ_+,$$

$$\mu_3(V) = \int_M c(K, K, V),$$

$$L_K K = 0.$$

What are μ_α ??

Triplet of moment maps

Infinitesimally $\mathfrak{G}\text{Diff}$ parametrised by $V \in \Gamma(E) \simeq \mathfrak{g}\text{diff}$ and acts by

$$\delta J_\alpha = L_V J_\alpha$$

preserves HK structure on space of J_α giving triplet of moment maps

$$\mu_\alpha(V) = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \int_M \text{tr} J_\beta(L_V J_\gamma)$$

Universal contact structure

In **all** cases [c.f. *Gabella, Gauntlett, Sparks, DW*]

$$K = \xi - \sigma \wedge \omega$$

with $i_\xi \sigma = 1$, $i_\xi \omega = 0$ and $d\sigma = 2\omega$ and

$$\frac{1}{\text{central charge}} \propto \int_M c(K, K, K)$$

c.f. a-max ...

Exceptional Sasaki geometry

“Exceptional Sasaki” geometry

We would like to relax one condition (analogue of Kähler on cone)

$$\mu_+(V) = 0,$$

$$L_K J_+ = 3iJ_+,$$

~~$$\mu_3(V) = \int_M c(K, K, V),$$~~

~~$$L_K K = 0.$$~~

and $\kappa^2 \neq c(K, K, K)$.

(Note that if only fiveform flux, then Exceptional Sasaki = Sasaki)

Final condition: GDiff moment map

- ∞ -dim. space of exceptional Sasaki structures (J_+, K) is Kähler
- condition is single moment map for GDiff
- complex $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$ orbit $X = \kappa J_+$ (holomorphic object)

$$\delta X = L_V X \quad V \in \Gamma(E_{\mathbb{C}}) \simeq \mathfrak{gdiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

- intersects moment map condition on susy background (X_*, K_*)

Physical interpretation

From supersymmetric multiplet structure

- fixing orbit, $[X] = \text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}} \cdot X$ fixes superpotential \mathcal{W}
- the condition $L_K X = 3iX$ fixes $\Delta = 3$
- motion in orbit is renormalisation flow of Kähler potential

Field theory implies version of “Calabi–Yau theorem” [Kol, Green et al.]

- if \mathcal{W} is exactly marginal then orbit will intersect
- only obstruction is extra global symmetry from fixed point of GDiff
[Ashmore, Gabella, Graña, Petrini, DW]

Aside: c.f. GMPT

Translating into pure spinors on the cone [*GMPT, Tomasiello*]

$$\begin{aligned}d\Phi_- &= 0, \\d\mathcal{J}^-(e^{-3A} \operatorname{Im} \Phi_+) &= F_{RR} \\d(e^{-A} \operatorname{Re} \Phi_+) &= 0 \qquad \text{moment map}\end{aligned}$$

(Already hard to solve first two equations...)

Marginal deformations of Sasaki–Einstein duals

[X] for Sasaki–Einstein

We have, up to $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$,

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \text{vol}_5 u^i (\Omega - i\Omega^\sharp) = e^{\frac{1}{4} \text{id}(\sigma \wedge \omega)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} u^i \sigma \wedge \Omega \right) \sim \frac{1}{2} u^i \sigma \wedge \Omega \\ \in \Gamma(T^*M \oplus \Lambda^3 T^*M \oplus \dots)$$

Marginal deformation data

- mesonic operators \Leftrightarrow holomorphic function f on cone
- marginal $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_\xi f = 3if$
- for example on S^5 : $f = \frac{1}{6} f_{ijk} z^i z^j z^k$

Solution for deformed background

We find **new family of Exceptional Sasaki solutions**

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \xi - \sigma \wedge \omega \\ X &= e^{b^i(\tau, f)} (df + v^i(\tau, f) \sigma \wedge \Omega) \end{aligned}$$

with $b^i \in \Gamma(\Lambda^2 T_{\mathbb{C}}^* M)$ linear in df and v^i quadratic

- **complicated** deformed metric g , axion-dilaton and fluxes
- for S^5 matches **leading parts** of Aharony et al. and $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$ action gives $\{f_{ijk}\} // \text{SU}(3)$
- can also check $f = z^1 z^2 z^3$, β -deformation is **$\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of LM solution**

What can we calculate?

[X] fixes superpotential so should encode **holomorphic** information

e.g. space of **mesonic operators** $\mathcal{O} = \text{tr } \phi \cdots \phi$

Normally, involved calculation in supergravity

- **harmonic expansion** of fields on background
- count **chiral multiplets** of fixed R -charge \Rightarrow **Hilbert series**

S^5 , $T^{1,1}$ by isometries; generic Sasaki–Einstein [*Eager, Schmude, Tachikawa*]

Here counted by cohomology

Space of integrable structures \mathcal{Z} so $\delta X \in T\mathcal{Z}$

$$E_{\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{L.X} T\mathcal{Z} \xrightarrow{\delta\mu_+} E_{\mathbb{C}}^*$$

cohomology counts operators

$$\text{space of mesonic ops} = \frac{\{\delta X : \delta\mu_+ = 0\}}{\{\delta X = L_V X\}}$$

If df nowhere vanishing (generic) then can write

$$X = e^{\tilde{b}^i(f,\tau) + \tilde{c}(f,\tau)} df$$

and cohomology reduces to

$$\text{space of mesonic ops} = \frac{\{\alpha = 0\}}{\{\alpha = df \wedge d\lambda\}}$$

where $\alpha := df \wedge \delta b \in \Gamma(\Lambda^3 T_{\mathbb{C}}^* M)$

S^5 example

Generic deformation

$$f(z) = \lambda_1 z^1 z^2 z^3 + \lambda_2 [(z^1)^3 + (z^2)^3 + (z^3)^3]$$

Graded by R -charge $L_K \delta X = iq \delta X$ cohomology gives Hilbert series

$$H(t) = 1 + 3t + 3t^2 + 2t^3 + 3t^4 + 3t^5 + 2t^6 + \dots = \frac{(1+t)^3}{1-t^3}$$

agrees with field theory! (cyclic cohomology [Van den Burgh])

Summary

We have solved for the “holomorphic” structure

Questions/Extensions

- generic calculation of Hilbert series
- full solution?
- same formalism for M-theory AdS₅
- similar formalism for M-theory AdS₄ – again solve for deformations of $d = 7$ Sasaki–Einstein
- cohomology gives index ...
- generic a -max dual ...