

# Black Hole Horizons

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# Black holes in higher dimensions

- General Relativity in 4 dimensions admits a unique class of black hole solutions, which are parametrized by mass, charge and angular momentum (*No-hair Theorem*).
- However in dimensions  $D > 4$ , uniqueness theorems no longer exist.
- In  $D = 5$ , black rings, with horizon topology  $S^2 \times S^1$ , were first discovered in pure Einstein gravity [Empanan, Reall], and later also in minimal supergravity [Elvang, Empanan, Mateos, Reall].
- In String/M-theory we shall consider gravitational systems in ten and eleven dimensions and more unusual black hole solutions are expected.
- Finding the full black hole solution is a notoriously hard. However the problem of studying *near-horizon solutions* is manageable.

# Near-horizon solutions

- Examining near-horizon geometries is a useful method for determining which types of black hole solutions can, or cannot, exist.
- Also for asymptotically  $AdS$  black holes, one can look at the dual CFT description of the near-horizon geometry. The isometries on the gravity side play the role of conformal group on the gauge side.
- The isometries can be dynamically enhanced. Often supersymmetric near horizon solutions experience *supersymmetry enhancement*, which implies *symmetry enhancement*.
- Lichnerowicz Theorems, together with Index Theory arguments, represent a powerful tool to establish whether supersymmetry enhancement occurs or not.

# Lichnerowicz Theorems in Supergravity

Consider supersymmetric solutions, i.e. solutions which admit Killing spinors  $\epsilon$ . Let us define a certain Dirac operator  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Lichnerowicz Theorems establish the following 1:1 correspondence

$$\epsilon \text{ is Killing spinor} \quad \iff \quad \mathcal{D}\epsilon = 0 .$$

Those types of theorems have been proven for near-horizon geometries in

- $D = 11$  supergravity [Gutowski, Papadopoulos]
- type IIB [Gran, Gutowski, Papadopoulos]
- and type IIA supergravity (both massive and massless)  
[Gran, Gutowski, Kayani, Papadopoulos].

**Q: How general are those Lichnerowicz Theorems in supergravity?**

A: We shall consider  $\alpha'$  corrections....

- $\alpha'$  corrections of  $D = 11$ , type IIA and type IIB supergravity are not easy to deal with.
- but they are manageable in *Heterotic Supergravity* !

# Outline

- Near-horizon geometries in Heterotic Supergravity at tree level
- Supersymmetry enhancement
- Near-horizon geometries in anomaly corrected Heterotic Supergravity
- Lichnerowicz Theorem
- Supersymmetry enhancement?
- Conclusions

# Heterotic Supergravity at tree level

The bosonic fields of heterotic supergravity are the metric  $g$ , a real scalar field (the dilaton)  $\Phi$ , a real 3-form  $H$ , and a non-abelian 2-form field  $F$ .

The bosonic field equations are:

$$R_{MN} - \frac{1}{4}H_{ML_1L_2}H_N{}^{L_1L_2} + 2\nabla_M\nabla_N\Phi = 0$$

$$\nabla^M(e^{-2\Phi}H_{MN_1N_2}) = 0$$

$$\nabla^M(e^{-2\Phi}F_{MN}) + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2\Phi}H_{NL_1L_2}F^{L_1L_2} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2\Phi - 2\nabla^M\Phi\nabla_M\Phi + \frac{1}{12}H_{L_1L_2L_3}H^{L_1L_2L_3} = 0$$

The Bianchi identity associated with the 3-form is

$$dH = 0$$

We further assume that the solution is *supersymmetric*, i.e. there exists a Majorana-Weyl Killing spinor  $\epsilon$  satisfying the Killing spinor equations (KSE)

$$\nabla_M^{(+)} \epsilon \equiv \left( \nabla_M - \frac{1}{8} H_{MN_1N_2} \Gamma^{N_1N_2} \right) \epsilon = 0$$

$$\left( \Gamma^M \nabla_M \Phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{N_1N_2N_3} \Gamma^{N_1N_2N_3} \right) \epsilon = 0$$

$$F_{MN} \Gamma^{MN} \epsilon = 0$$

$\nabla^{(+)}$  is the connection with torsion  $H$ .

$\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection.



## Assumptions

- spacetime contains an (extremal) Killing horizon, null hypersurface associated with  $V$ , symmetry of the full solution.
- there is a Killing spinor  $\epsilon$  well-defined on the horizon

Following [Friedrich, Racz, Wald], one can introduce a Gaussian null co-ordinate system, with co-ordinates  $u, r, y^I$ , such that  $V = \frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ , the horizon is at  $r = 0$ , and the metric is

$$ds^2 = 2drdu + 2rh_I dudy^I - r^2 \Delta dud u + \gamma_{IJ} dy^I dy^J$$

where  $\Delta$ ,  $h_I$  and  $\gamma_{IJ}$  are  $u$ -independent scalar, 1-form and metric of the spatial cross section of the horizon  $\mathcal{S}$ , which we shall assume **compact** and **without boundary**.

Then we perform the **near-horizon limit** [Reall et al.]

$$r \rightarrow \sigma r \qquad u \rightarrow \frac{u}{\sigma} \qquad y^I \rightarrow y^I \qquad \sigma \rightarrow 0$$

the metric remains invariant in form, but  $\Delta$ ,  $h_I$  and  $\gamma_{IJ}$  no longer depend by  $r$ , only by  $y$ .

$$ds^2 = 2e^+e^- + \delta_{ij}e^ie^j$$

$$e^+ = du \qquad e^- = dr + rh - \frac{1}{2}r^2\Delta du \qquad e^i = e^i_J dy^J$$

The near-horizon limit only exists for *extremal* black holes.

Moreover, we require that all bosonic fields are well-defined and regular in the near-horizon limit.

- The dilaton

$$\Phi = \Phi(y)$$

- The 3-form field  $H = dB$

$$H = e^+ \wedge e^- \wedge N + r e^+ \wedge Y + W$$

$N, Y, W$  are *only*  $y$ -dependent 1, 2, 3-forms, constrained by  $dH = 0$ .

Now that we know explicitly the  $u$  and  $r$  dependence of all bosonic fields, it is straightforward to integrate up the "+" and "-" components of the gravitino KSE for any Killing spinor.

Using some global analysis on the spinors

$$\Delta = 0 \quad N = h \quad Y = dh$$

We split the Killing spinors in positive and negative light-cone chiralities

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_+ + \epsilon_- \quad \Gamma_+ \epsilon_+ = 0 \quad \Gamma_- \epsilon_- = 0$$

and we have

$$\epsilon_+ = \eta_+ + \frac{1}{2} u h_i \Gamma^i \Gamma_+ \eta_- , \quad \epsilon_- = \eta_-$$

where  $\eta_{\pm} = \eta_{\pm}(y)$  do *not* depend on  $r$  and  $u$ .

The spinors  $\eta_{\pm}$  must satisfy a number of differential and algebraic conditions as a consequence of the spatial components of the KSE.

# Supersymmetry enhancement

The reduced KSE are:

$$\begin{aligned}(\tilde{\nabla}_i - \frac{1}{8}W_{i\ell_1\ell_2}\Gamma^{\ell_1\ell_2})\eta_{\pm} &= 0 \\ dh_{ij}\Gamma^{ij}\eta_{\pm} &= 0 \\ \left( (2d\Phi \pm h)_i\Gamma^i - \frac{1}{6}W_{ijk}\Gamma^{ijk} \right)\eta_{\pm} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\eta_+$  satisfies “+”  $\implies \eta_- = \Gamma_- \Gamma^i h_i \eta_+$  satisfies “-”

$\implies$  doubling of supersymmetry!

key point:  $\tilde{\nabla}^{(+)}h_i = 0$  from global analysis

$$\tilde{\nabla}^i \tilde{\nabla}_i h^2 + (h - 2d\Phi)^j \tilde{\nabla}_j h^2 = 2(\tilde{\nabla}^{(i} h^{j)})^2 + \frac{1}{2}((dh - i_h W)_{ij})^2$$

# Anomaly Corrected Heterotic Supergravity

The Green-Schwarz anomaly cancellation mechanism requires that

$$dH = -\frac{\alpha'}{4} \left( \text{tr}(R^{(-)} \wedge R^{(-)}) - \text{tr}(F \wedge F) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

The KSE become

$$\tilde{\nabla}^{(+)}\epsilon \equiv \left( \nabla_M - \frac{1}{8} H_{MN_1N_2} \Gamma^{N_1N_2} \right) \epsilon = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$$\left( \Gamma^M \nabla_M \Phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{N_1N_2N_3} \Gamma^{N_1N_2N_3} \right) \epsilon = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$$F_{MN} \Gamma^{MN} \epsilon = \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$$

# Near-horizon geometries

Gaussian null co-ordinates and the near horizon limit follow the same construction done for the tree-level case.

All fields, both bosonic and fermionic, receive corrections  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$

$$g = g^{[0]} + \alpha' g^{[1]} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \quad \epsilon = \epsilon^{[0]} + \alpha' \epsilon^{[1]} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

Since  $H$  is no longer closed, in the near-horizon limit it takes the form

$$H = \mathbf{e}^+ \wedge \mathbf{e}^- \wedge N + r \mathbf{e}^+ \wedge Y + W$$

where  $N, Y, W$  are *only*  $y$  dependent 1, 2, 3-forms.

The KSE can be integrated along the "+" and "-" directions.

Using some global analysis on the spinor

$$\Delta = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \quad N = h \quad Y = dh$$

$$\epsilon_+ = \eta_+ + \frac{1}{2} u h_i \Gamma^i \Gamma_+ \eta_- + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2), \quad \epsilon_- = \eta_- + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

The reduced KSE are:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_i^{(+)}\eta_{\pm} &\equiv \left(\tilde{\nabla}_i - \frac{1}{8}W_{ijk}\Gamma^{jk}\right)\eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \\ \mathcal{A}\eta_{\pm} &\equiv \left(\Gamma^i\tilde{\nabla}_i\Phi \pm \frac{1}{2}h_i\Gamma^i - \frac{1}{12}W_{ijk}\Gamma^{ijk}\right)\eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)\end{aligned}$$

Due to presence of  $\alpha'$  corrections,

$$\eta_+ \text{ satisfies “+”} \quad \not\Rightarrow \quad \eta_- = \Gamma_- \Gamma^i h_i \eta_+ \text{ satisfies “-”}$$

$\Rightarrow$  no SUSY enhancement??

key point:  $\tilde{\nabla}^{(+)}h_i = \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$  by global analysis

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}^i\tilde{\nabla}_ih^2 + (h - 2d\Phi)^j\tilde{\nabla}_jh^2 &= 2(\tilde{\nabla}^{(i}h^{j)})^2 + \frac{1}{2}((dh - i_h W)_{ij})^2 \\ &+ \frac{\alpha'}{4}\left(2(i_h dh)^2 - (\tilde{R}_{i\ell_1\ell_2\ell_3}^{(-)})^2 + (\tilde{F}_{i\ell})^2\right)\end{aligned}$$



# Lichnerowicz Theorem

**Can we identify Killing spinors  $\eta_{\pm}$  with the zero modes of a certain Dirac operator?**

If it would work, then from the Index of the Dirac operator we could count the number of zero modes and hence the number of supersymmetries.

Define the modified connection with torsion

$$\hat{\nabla}_i \equiv \tilde{\nabla}_i^{(+)} + \kappa \Gamma_i \mathcal{A}$$

and the modified near-horizon Dirac operator

$$\mathcal{D} = \Gamma^i \tilde{\nabla}_i^{(+)} + q \mathcal{A}$$

where  $\kappa$  and  $q$  are real numbers.

Consider the functional

$$\mathcal{I} \equiv \int_S e^{c\Phi} \left( \langle \hat{\nabla}_i \eta_{\pm}, \hat{\nabla}^i \eta_{\pm} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{D}\eta_{\pm}, \mathcal{D}\eta_{\pm} \rangle \right) , \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\langle , \rangle$  is a  $Spin(8)$  invariant inner product positive definite.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} = & \left( 8\kappa^2 - \frac{1}{6}\kappa \right) \int_S e^{-2\Phi} \| \mathcal{A}\eta_{\pm} \|^2 + \int_S e^{-2\Phi} \langle \eta_{\pm}, \Psi \mathcal{D}\eta_{\pm} \rangle \\ & - \frac{\alpha'}{64} \int_S e^{-2\Phi} \left( 2 \| dh \eta_{\pm} \|^2 + \| \tilde{F}\eta_{\pm} \|^2 - \| \tilde{R}_{\ell_1 \ell_2, ij}^{(-)} \Gamma^{\ell_1 \ell_2} \eta_{\pm} \|^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \end{aligned}$$

(set  $q = \frac{1}{12}$  and  $c = -2$ ). If  $0 < \kappa < \frac{1}{48}$ , then

$$\mathcal{D}\eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \quad \implies \quad \tilde{\nabla}^{(+)} \eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha') , \quad \mathcal{A}\eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha') .$$

Lichnerowicz Theorem does not ensure SUSY enhancement.

However it gives extra conditions

$$\tilde{F}_{ij} \Gamma^{ij} \eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha') , \quad dh_{ij} \Gamma^{ij} \eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$$

# Supersymmetry enhancement?

Through the analysis, one has to consider separately the two cases whether

$$\eta_-^{[0]} \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \eta_+^{[0]} \neq 0$$

- In the  $\eta_-^{[0]} \neq 0$  case, using local analysis

$$\tilde{\nabla}^{(+)} h_i = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$\implies \quad \exists$  SUSY enhancement!

- However it does not work for the  $\eta_+^{[0]} \neq 0$  case ...

## Summary

- At tree level, Lichnerowicz Theorems are not needed.  
Global analysis of  $\tilde{\nabla}^2 h^2 \implies$  SUSY enhancement
- $\alpha'$  corrected,  $\tilde{\nabla}^2 h^2$  analysis + Lichnerowicz are insufficient to imply SUSY enhancement, *but* do imply conditions on other fields (e.g.  $\tilde{F}\eta_{\pm} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ )
- If  $\eta_-^{[0]} \neq 0 \implies$  SUSY enhancement because  $\tilde{\nabla}^{(+)} h_i = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$  by local analysis

## Open question

Any argument to prove (or disprove) supersymmetry enhancement?



**Thanks for your attention**