

FLUXES, GENERALIZED COMPLEX GEOMETRY AND DUALITIES

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SUPERSYMMETRIC BACKGROUNDS

10D string theory with

- the metric: $ds_{10}^2 = e^{2A(y)} ds_4^2(M_4) + ds_6^2$
- the fluxes: $F^{(10)} = F + \text{vol}_4 \wedge \lambda(*F)$ (where $\lambda(F_n) = (-1)^{\text{Int}[n/2]} F_n$)

$$\text{Equations of motion} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ pure spinor equations} \\ \quad d(e^{3A}\Phi_1) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{Gen. CY structure} \\ \quad d(e^{2A}\text{Re}\Phi_2) = 0 \\ \quad d(e^{4A}\text{Im}\Phi_2) = e^{4A}e^{-B} * \lambda(F) \\ \bullet \text{ Bianchi identities} \\ \quad (d - H \wedge)F = \delta(\text{source}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Phi_1 \text{ and } \Phi_2 \text{ are even/odd poly-forms for IIA/B:} \quad \text{IIA} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \Phi_1 = \Phi_+ \\ \Phi_2 = \Phi_- \end{array} \quad \text{IIB} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \Phi_1 = \Phi_- \\ \Phi_2 = \Phi_+ \end{array}$$

PURE SPINORS and GCG

$$\Phi_+ = 8 e^{-\phi} e^{-B} |\eta_+^1 \otimes \eta_+^{2\dagger}|_{\text{norm}} \quad \longmapsto \quad e^{i\theta_+} e^{-\phi} e^{-B} e^{-iJ}$$

$$\Phi_- = 8 e^{-\phi} e^{-B} |\eta_+^1 \otimes \eta_-^{2\dagger}|_{\text{norm}} \quad \longmapsto \quad -i e^{i\theta_-} e^{-\phi} e^{-B} \Omega$$

(use: $\eta_{\pm}^1 \otimes \eta_{\pm}^{2\dagger} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{k=0}^6 \frac{1}{k!} \left(\eta_{\pm}^{2\dagger} \gamma_{m_k \dots m_1} \eta_{\pm}^1 \right) \gamma^{m_1 \dots m_k}$ for spinors

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{IIA} \rightarrow \epsilon_1 = \zeta_+ \otimes \eta_+^1 + \zeta_- \otimes \eta_-^1 & \text{IIB} \rightarrow \epsilon_1 = \zeta_+ \otimes \eta_+^1 + \zeta_- \otimes \eta_-^1 \\ \epsilon_2 = \zeta_+ \otimes \eta_-^2 + \zeta_- \otimes \eta_+^2 & \epsilon_2 = \zeta_+ \otimes \eta_+^2 + \zeta_- \otimes \eta_-^2 \end{array} \quad)$$

On Generalized tangent bundle: $0 \longrightarrow T^*M \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} TM \longrightarrow 0,$

$$\Phi_{\pm} \in L \otimes \Lambda^{\text{even/odd}} T^*M.$$

Sections of E:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} \quad \longmapsto \quad X' = e^B X = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ B & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \xi - i_v B \end{pmatrix}.$$

- RR part is completely fixed by (g, B) (e.g. 32 components of RR flux vs. 42 components of SU(3) intrinsic torsion)

Pure spinor equations \Leftrightarrow supersymmetry (**D=6!**)

- $\int \langle (d - H \wedge) F, e^{3A} \text{Im} \Phi_2 \rangle = \dots = \int e^{4A} \langle F, * \lambda(F) \rangle$ has definite sign

◇ Projection into singlet $\Leftrightarrow \text{Tr}(\delta \mathcal{L}^{(4)} / \delta g_{\mu\nu}) \longleftarrow$ **TADPOLE**

◇ Need for negative charge sources \longrightarrow **O-planes**

◇ Individual terms may correspond both to O-planes and D-branes

◇ Sources given by:

$$(d - H \wedge) F_{p-3} \equiv c_i \eta^i = Q_i(\text{source}) \text{vol}^i$$

- 4+6 split lifts the Self-Duality of RR fields

$$F_n^{10} = (-)^{\text{Int}[n/2]} *_{10} F_{10-n}^{10} \Rightarrow F + \text{vol}_4 \wedge \lambda(*F)$$

(But Pure Spinors are SD: $\Phi_{\pm} \gamma = i \lambda(*\Phi_{\pm})$)

ORIENTIFOLDS

Orientifold action:

- O3/O7 and O6: $\Omega_{\text{WS}}(-)^{F_L} \sigma$
- O5/O9 and O4/O8 $\Omega_{\text{WS}} \sigma$
- IIA: $\sigma I = -I$, IIB: $\sigma I = I$

For **SU(3)** structure: IIA: $\sigma \Omega_3 = \mp \bar{\Omega}_3 \quad \sigma e^{-iJ} = e^{iJ}$,
 IIB: $\sigma \Omega_3 = \mp \Omega_3 \quad \sigma e^{-iJ} = e^{-iJ}$.

	O3/O7	O5	O6
In general:	$\sigma(\Phi_+) = -\lambda(\bar{\Phi}_+)$ $\sigma(\Phi_-) = \lambda(\Phi_-)$	$\sigma(\Phi_+) = \lambda(\bar{\Phi}_+)$ $\sigma(\Phi_-) = -\lambda(\Phi_-)$	$\sigma(\Phi_+) = -\lambda(\Phi_+)$ $\sigma(\Phi_-) = \lambda(\bar{\Phi}_-)$

The phases in the pure spinors get fixed. For type IIB the compact backgrounds are:

- ◇ Type B: $\pi/2 \pmod{\pi}$
- ◇ Type C: $0 \pmod{\pi}$

3-STEP CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERSYMMETRIC BACKGROUNDS

	NON-COMPACT	COMPACT
<p>STEP 1 (Twisted) GCY structure</p>	$d_H \Phi_1 = 0$	Φ_1 is compatible with involution σ $d_H \Phi_1 = 0$
<p>STEP 2 Metric $SU(3, 3) \rightarrow S(3) \times SU(3)$</p>	Φ_2 compatible with Φ_1 $d_H \Phi_2 = *F^{RR}$	Φ_2 compatible with Φ_1 and σ $d_H \Phi_2 = *F^{RR}$
<p>STEP 3 Tadpole</p>	<p>compute F^{RR} $d_H F^{RR} = 0$</p>	<p>compute F^{RR} $d_H F^{RR} = \textit{sources}$</p>

EXAMPLE: CONFORMAL CY BACKGROUND

- X_6 - conformally CY
- $F_3 + \tau H_3$ - (2,1) and primitive
- $F_5 \sim *_6 dA$ (A - warp factor)
- The tadpole: $dF_5 = F_3 \wedge H_3 + sources \neq 0$

type B

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Need **O3**'s and **D3**'s

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The tadpole is a **top-form** (singlet)!

- X_6 can be chosen to be (conformally) T^6
- Can use the isometries of the background to perform T-dualities:
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Ex: Two T-dualities with $F_3, F_5 \rightarrow \tilde{F}_3$ (O3,D3 \rightarrow O5,D5) and a new manifold:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2 & \hookrightarrow & M_6 \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & T^4 \end{array}$$

Nilmanifold - "Twisted torus"

Negative curvature - Not CY

type C

TWISTED TORI - NIL(SOLV)MANIFOLDS

Definition: d -dimensional **parallelisable** manifolds

- $\exists d$ **globally** defined 1-forms

$$de^a = \frac{1}{2} f_{bc}^a e^b \wedge e^c$$

(or dual vectors: $[E_b, E_c] = f_{bc}^a E_a$)

- f_{bc}^a - constants \Rightarrow homogeneous spaces
- Jacobi identities:

$$d^2 e^a = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{[bc}^a f_{d]a}^e = 0$$

f_{bc}^a - structure constants of a real Lie algebra \mathcal{G}

- “Twisted” identifications

$$M = \frac{G}{\Gamma} = \frac{\text{Lie Group}}{\text{discrete maximal subgroup}}$$

Nilpotent (solvable) groups \Rightarrow Nil (Solv) manifolds

- **ALL** Nilmanifolds - compact and admit GCY structure.

SOLVABLE ALGEBRAS

- \exists a complete classification of solvable algebras in $D=6$ by \dim_N , the dimension of nilradical $N(\mathcal{G})$:

	Nil	Solv
	$\mathcal{G}^0 = \mathcal{G}$ $\mathcal{G}_s \equiv [\mathcal{G}_{s-1}, \mathcal{G}]$ $\exists k \mid \mathcal{G}_k = \{0\}$ k – nilpotency index	$\mathcal{G}^0 = \mathcal{G}$ $\mathcal{G}^s \equiv [\mathcal{G}^{s-1}, \mathcal{G}^{s-1}]$ $\exists k \mid \mathcal{G}^k = \{0\}$
Number of algebras in $D=6$	34	$\dim_N = 3 \rightarrow 9$ (<i>all decomp</i>) $\dim_N = 4 \rightarrow 40$ $\dim_N = 5 \rightarrow 99$ $\dim_N = 6 \rightarrow 34$

SUMMARY OF SOLUTIONS

- Minkowski vacua
 - **T-duals** of conformal Calabi Yaus → full solutions including the **warp factor**
 - **Multi-source** solutions → delocalised solution (**large volume** only)

		IIA			IIB	
algebras		O4	O6		O5	
		type 12	type 30	type 12	type 30	type 12
n	(0,0,0,12,13,23)		456			
n	(0,0,0,12,23,14-35)				(45 + 26)*	
n	(0,0,0,0,12,14+23)				56	56
n	(0,0,0,0,12,34)				56	56
n	(0,0,0,0,12,13)				56	56
n	(0,0,0,0,13 + 42,14+23)				56	56
n	(0,0,0,0,0,12+34)	6			56	56
n	(0,0,0,0,0,0,12)	6				
s	(25,- 15, ±45, ∓35,0,0)		(136 + 246)* (146 + 236)*	(136 + 246)* (146 + 236)*		(13 + 24)* (14 + 23)*

- Type 3/0 solutions on IIB with **O5 planes** - balanced manifolds ($dJ^2 = 0$)

SOLUTIONS

- Type 3 and type 0 pure spinors with O5 planes

$$\Phi_- = -i \frac{ab}{8} \Omega \quad \Phi_+ = \frac{a\bar{b}}{8} e^{-iJ}$$

- The only allowed flux is F_3 . The equations are:

$$d(e^A \Omega) = 0 = dJ^2$$

$$\phi - 2A = 0 = H$$

$$d(e^{2A} J) = -e^{4A} * F_3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad d(e^{4A} * F_3) = 0$$

$$dF_3 = 2i\partial\bar{\partial}(e^{-2A} J) = \delta(D5) - \delta(O5) \quad \text{Bianchi identity}$$

- A (T-dual) example:

◇ the manifold (0,0,0,0,12,14+23)

$$(de^1 = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 4; \quad de^5 = e^1 \wedge e^2; \quad de^6 = e^1 \wedge e^4 + e^2 \wedge e^3)$$

◇ orientifold: (-,-,-,-,+,+)

◇ pure spinors

$$\Omega = e^{-A}(e^1 + ie^2)(e^3 - ie^4)(e^5 + ie^6),$$

$$J = ie^{-2A}(e^1 \wedge e^2 - e^3 \wedge e^4) + e^{2A}e^5 \wedge e^6$$

All equations are solved, and the Bianchi Identity (moduli are fixed by hand) is

$$dF_3 = (6 + \nabla_-^2(e^{-4A})) e_-^1 \wedge e_-^2 \wedge e_-^3 \wedge e_-^4$$

$dF_3 \wedge J$ shows the source terms has an overall O-plane sign.

T-duality:

$$\begin{aligned} F_5^D &= e^{4A} * d(e^{-4A}) \\ *F_3^D &= - *_2 dJ = H_3^D \end{aligned}$$

After coordinate transformation:

- forms ($e_i = i$)

$$H = 125 - 126 - 135 + 136 - 245 + 346$$

$$F_3 = 125 - 136 - 245 - 246 - 345 - 346$$

- pure spinors

$$\Omega = (1 + i4) \wedge (2 + i3) \wedge (5 + i6)$$

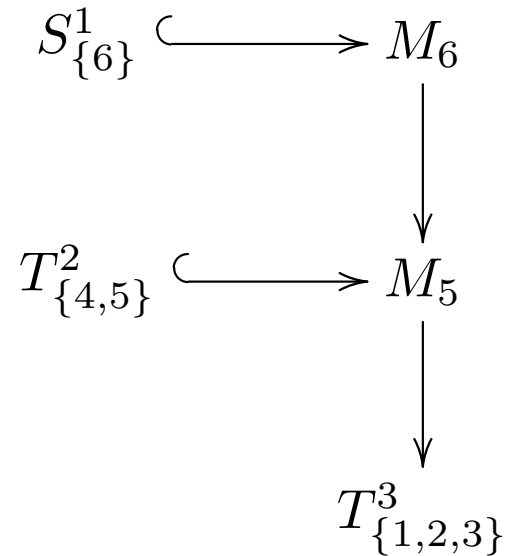
$$e^{-iJ} = e^{-i(14+23+56)}$$

- Bianchi identity:

$$dF_5 = H \wedge F + Q_s \nabla^2 e^{-4A} vol_{T^6}$$

The conformal T^6 solution with self-dual 3-form flux $G_3 = F_3 - iH_3$

DELOCALIZED SOURCE SOLUTIONS



- The **nil**manifold (0,0,0,12,23,14-35):

- The metric is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_3 &= (e^1 - ie^3) \wedge (e^2 + i\tau e^6) \wedge (e^4 + ie^5) \\
 (B = 0) \quad J &= -t_1 e^1 \wedge e^3 + t_2 \tau_r e^2 \wedge e^6 + t_3 e^4 \wedge e^5
 \end{aligned}$$

- RR 3-form: $F_3 = -(\tau_i e^2 - |\tau|^2 e^6) \wedge \left(t_2 (e^1 \wedge e^4 - e^3 \wedge e^5) + \frac{t_3}{\tau_r} (e^1 \wedge e^5 + e^3 \wedge e^4) \right)$

- Moduli: $\tau = \tau_r + i\tau_i$ - CS, t_1, t_2, t_3 - “Kähler” (get fixed by BI)

$t_i > 0$ and $1 + |\tau|^2 \geq 2|\tau_r|$ - for positive definite metric

- The tadpole: $dF_3 = -2|\tau|^2 \left(\frac{t_3}{\tau_r^2 t_1 t_2} \text{vol}1^{1236} + \frac{t_2}{t_1 t_3} \text{vol}2^{1345} \right)$

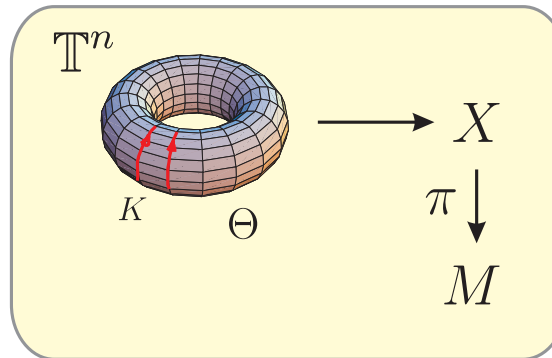
O5-planes along **45** **26** - intersecting sources

- Not T-dual, but ... can be connected to other solutions!

COORDINATE-DEPENDENT $O(n,n)$ TRANSFORMATIONS

\mathbb{T}^n action

- Principal torus bundle $\mathbb{T}^n \hookrightarrow X \xrightarrow{\pi} M$:



- A globally well-defined smooth 1-form Θ on X with values in $\mathfrak{t} := \text{Lie } \mathbb{T}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^n$.
- Isometries: $\iota_K \Theta = \mathbb{I} \in \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \mathfrak{t}$ ($\mathcal{L}_K \Theta = 0$) and $\mathcal{L}_K H = 0$
- 3-form H :

$$H = \pi^* H_3 + \langle \pi^* H_2, \Theta \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi^* H_1, \Theta \wedge \Theta \rangle + \frac{1}{6} \langle \pi^* H_0, \Theta \wedge \Theta \wedge \Theta \rangle$$

$$\text{(but } B_\alpha = B_{2\alpha} + \langle B_{1\alpha}, \Theta \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle B_{0\alpha}, \Theta \wedge \Theta \rangle \quad \text{(No } \pi^* \text{!)})$$

$$\rightarrow H_j \in \Omega^j(M; \Lambda^{3-j} \mathfrak{t}) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: \text{ the natural pairing } \mathfrak{t}^* \otimes \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\rightarrow dH = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad dH_j + \langle H_{j-1}, F \rangle = 0$$

\mathbb{T}^n action & Courant

- Courant bracket:

$$[(v, \rho), (w, \lambda)]_H = [v, w] + \left\{ \mathcal{L}_v \lambda - \mathcal{L}_w \rho - \frac{1}{2} d(\iota_v \lambda - \iota_w \rho) + \iota_v \iota_w H \right\}$$

- $v = v_M + \langle K, f \rangle$ and $\rho = \rho_M + \langle \phi, \Theta \rangle$

$\mathcal{L}_K v = 0$ and $\mathcal{L}_K \rho = 0, \Rightarrow f \in \Omega^0(M, \mathfrak{t})$ and $\phi \in \Omega^0(M, \mathfrak{t}^*)$. (\mathbb{T}^n -invariant section of TX can be written as an element $(v_M, f) \in TM \oplus \mathfrak{t}$, while a \mathbb{T}^n -invariant section of TX^* can be written as $(\rho_M, \phi) \in T^*M \oplus \mathfrak{t}^*$.)

- Courant with \mathbb{T}^n action:

$$\begin{aligned} [(v_M, f; \rho_M, \phi), (w_M, g; \lambda_M, \omega)]_H &= [(v_M; \rho_M), (w_M; \lambda_M)]_{H_3} + \\ &\left(\underbrace{0}_{\text{vector}}, \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{v_M} g - \mathcal{L}_{w_M} f}_{\text{function}}; \underbrace{\langle \omega, df \rangle - \langle \phi, dg \rangle - d(\langle \omega, f \rangle - \langle \phi, g \rangle)}_{\text{1-form}}/2, \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{v_M} \omega - \mathcal{L}_{w_M} \phi}_{\text{function}} \right) + \\ &\left(0, \iota_{v_M} \iota_{w_M} F; \langle \omega, \iota_{v_M} F \rangle + \langle \iota_{v_M} F_{\#}, g \rangle - \langle \iota_{w_M} F_{\#}, f \rangle - \langle \phi, \iota_{w_M} F \rangle, \iota_{v_M} \iota_{w_M} F_{\#} \right) - \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $F_{\#}^I := \iota(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_I})H = H_2^I + (-H_1^{IJ} \wedge \Theta_J + \frac{1}{2} H_0^{IJK} \Theta_J \wedge \Theta_K)$ and $dF_{\#}^I = 0$

Automorphisms of the bracket:

- ◇ Constant $O(n, n)$ transformations on $\mathfrak{t} \oplus \mathfrak{t}^*$:

$$S_{\mathfrak{t}}(X) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \mathbb{I} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & 0 & B \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & C & 0 & D \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} v \\ f \\ \rho \\ \phi \end{array} \right)$$

- ◇ Generalized B -transforms

$$X \mapsto e^{\hat{B}} X = \left(v, f + \iota_v U; \rho + \iota_v b^{\mathcal{B}} + \langle b, f \rangle + \langle \phi, U \rangle, \phi + \iota_v b \right)^T$$

with closed two-form $b^{\mathcal{B}}$ and one-forms b and U .

- The automorphism (T-duality):

$$[S_{\mathfrak{t}}(e^{\hat{B}} X), S_{\mathfrak{t}}(e^{\hat{B}} Y)] = S_{\mathfrak{t}}(e^{\hat{B}} [X, Y])$$

(one-forms b and U are coordinate dependent now)

Automorphisms with coordinate-dependent $O(n, n)$ \longrightarrow “TWIST DUALITY”

“TWIST DUALITY” and PURE SPINORS

- ◇ $\Phi_{\pm} \longmapsto \Phi'_{\pm} = O^{\pm} \cdot \Phi_{\pm}$
- ◇ $O = e^{i\theta_c^{\pm}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det A}} e^{-y_{mn} dx^m \wedge dx^n} e^{a^m{}_n dx^n \wedge \iota_{\partial_m}} e^{x_{mn} dx^m \wedge dx^n} = e^{i\theta_c^{\pm}} O_f$

O is a combination of

- B -transform
- a scaling transformation of (parts of) the metric \Rightarrow a shift in dilaton
- a (pair of) $U(1)$ rotation(s)
- a change in the connection - twist of \mathbb{T}^n

$$\text{For } \Phi'_{\pm} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(e^{3A}\Phi'_1) = 0 \\ d(e^{2A}\text{Re}\Phi'_2) = 0 \\ d(e^{4A}\text{Im}\Phi'_2) = R' \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \text{Gen. CY structure}$$

- ◇ $d(O_f)\Phi_1 = 0$
- ◇ New integrability defect from RR part $R = e^{4A}e^{-B} * \lambda(F)$:
 $R' = \cos(\theta_c^+)O_f R + \sin(\theta_c^+)d(e^{2A}O_f) e^{2A}\text{Re}\Phi_2 + \cos(\theta_c^+)d(O_f) e^{4A}\text{Im}\Phi_2$

TWISTED TORUS BACKGROUNDS FROM TWIST DUALITY

◇ $\mathbb{T}^4 \times \mathbb{T}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{T}^2 \hookrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{T}^4$

◇ $SU(3)$ structure after the twist:

$$J' = J_M + \frac{i}{2} g'_{z\bar{z}} \Theta \wedge \bar{\Theta}$$

$$\Omega' = \sqrt{g'} \omega_M \wedge \Theta$$

◇ PS equations \Rightarrow conditions on curvature $\pi^* F = d\Theta$:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F \wedge J_M = \bar{F} \wedge J_M = 0 \\ F \wedge \omega_M = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow F = F^{2,0} + F_{-}^{1,1}$$

◇ Five solutions:

$(0, 0, 0, 0, 12, 34)$	$M = N_3 \times N_3$	$b_2(M) = 8$	$b_3(M) = 10$
$(0, 0, 0, 0, 13, 14)$	$M = S^1 \times M_5$	$b_2(M) = 9$	$b_3(M) = 8 + 2$
$(0, 0, 0, 0, 2 \times 13, 14 + 23)$	$M = N_6^{(1)}$	$b_2(M) = 8$	$b_3(M) = 9$
$(0, 0, 0, 0, 13 + 42, 14 + 23)$	$M = N_6^{(2)}$	$b_2(M) = 8$	$b_3(M) = 10$
$(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 14 - 23)$	$M = S^1 \times N_5$		$b_1(M) = 5$

ITERATING THE TWIST

$$\diamond \quad S^1 \times M_5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S^1 \hookrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\pi'} M_5$$

◇ Conditions on curvature :

$$\begin{aligned} F \wedge (e^3 + ie^4) \wedge (e^5 + ie^6) &= 0 \\ F \wedge (e^1 \wedge e^3 \wedge e^4 + e^1 \wedge e^5 \wedge e^6) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\diamond \quad M : (0, F, 0, 0, 13, 14) \cong (0, 0, 0, 12, 23, 14 - 35), \quad b_1(M) = 3$$

◇ Bianchi Identity

$$g_s dF_3 = 2i\partial\bar{\partial}(e^{-2A}J) = \delta(D5) - \delta(O5)$$

with intersecting sources.

OPEN QUESTIONS:

- Torsional heterotic backgrounds (Het. string and GCG?)
- More general twists (cover solvmanifolds? more? ... non-geom backgrounds?)
- Non-compact backgrounds