

Double-copy constructions for Yang-Mills-Einstein supergravities with non-compact gauge groups



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- 7 Conclusions

Amplitudes and YME theories

YME amplitudes have been a major focus of research for the past decade

[MC, Günaydin, Johansson and Roiban, 2014, 2017] [Cachazo, He and Yuan, 2014]
[Casali, Geyer, Mason, Monteiro and Roehrig, 2015] [Stieberger and Taylor, 2016]
[Nandan, Plefka, Schlotterer and Wen, 2016] [Fu, Du, Huang and Feng, 2017]
[Teng and Feng, 2017] [Nandan, Plefka, Travaglini, 2018] [Faller, Plefka, 2018]
[Feng, Li, Zhou 2019] [Du and Hou, 2019] [Feng, Li, Zhou, 2019] [Feng, Li, Huang, 2020]
[Cheung and Mangan, 2021] [Ma, Dong, Du, 2022] [Porkert and Schlotterer, 2022]
[Mazloumi and Stieberger, 2022]

They are an important node in the web of double-copy theories

[See Donal's talk]

Usually, there are implicit assumptions on the choice of theory and gauge group

Compact vs non-compact gauge groups

YM theories with non-compact gauge groups are affected by problems due to "wrong" signs in the quadratic Lagrangian (non-positive-definite metric)

In supergravity, there are examples in which non-compact gauge groups are possible

Many supergravities possess some non-compact global isometry group (e.g. $E_{7(7)}$ in 4D maximal sugra) \Rightarrow **Non-compact gauge groups are not only admissible, but also natural**

We focus on 5D, $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supergravities, which provide a more tractable arena [Günaydin, Sierra, Townsend, 1984]

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Caution: massive tensors may appear

In more complex examples, vectors transforming in non-adjoint representations need to be dualized to massive tensors

$$\mathcal{H}^I_{\mu\nu} = (\mathcal{F}^s_{\mu\nu}, B^N_{\mu\nu}) \quad I = (s, N)$$

Transformation matrices for the symmetries to be gauged:

$$(T_s)^I_J = \begin{pmatrix} f^t_{su} & 0 \\ 0 & (T_s)^N_P \end{pmatrix}$$

The bosonic part of the SUGRA Lagrangian is:

$$e^{-1}\mathcal{L} = -\frac{R}{2} - \frac{1}{4}a_{IJ}\mathcal{H}^I_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{H}^{J\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{xy}\mathcal{D}_\mu\varphi^x\mathcal{D}^\mu\varphi^y + \frac{e^{-1}}{4g}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda}\Omega_{NP}B^N_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{D}_\rho B^P_{\sigma\lambda} \\ + \frac{e^{-1}}{6\sqrt{6}}C_{stu}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\lambda}\left\{F^s_{\mu\nu}F^t_{\rho\sigma}A^u_\lambda + \frac{3}{2}gF^s_{\mu\nu}f^t{}_{t'u'}A^u_\rho A^{t'}_\sigma A^{u'}_\lambda\right\} + \mathcal{O}(g^2)$$

This is a specific feature of five dimensions!

[Günaydin and Zagermann, 1999]

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Supersymmetric theory (GT1)

$\mathcal{N} = 2$ SYM theory with hypermultiplet in fundamental representation with mass m

Consider **spontaneous symmetry breaking** with VEV

$$\langle \phi^{\hat{a}} \rangle t^{\hat{a}} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 I_{N_1} & 0 \\ 0 & u_2 I_{N_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U(N_1 + N_2) \rightarrow SU(N_1) \times SU(N_2) \times U(1)^2, \quad R \rightarrow (N_1, 1) \oplus (1, N_2)$$

Physical masses $m_1 = m + u_1$ and $m_2 = m + u_2$ obey the relation

$$m_1 - m_2 = m_W$$

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Spinor-Helicity formalism in 5D [MC, Günaydin, Johansson, Roiban, 2022]

Massive spinors (solve Dirac equation with opposite sign for the mass):

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 |\mathbf{p}^a\rangle_A & a \text{ is a } SU(2)_L \text{ little group index} \\
 |\mathbf{p}^{\dot{a}}\rangle_A & \dot{a} \text{ is a } SU(2)_R \text{ little group index} \qquad A, B \text{ are } USp(4) \text{ indices}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Massive momenta:} \quad \Gamma_A^B \cdot p = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{p}_a\rangle_A \langle \mathbf{p}^a|^B + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{p}_{\dot{a}}\rangle_A |\mathbf{p}^{\dot{a}}|^B$$

Massive **vector/tensor** polarizations:

$$\varepsilon_{a\dot{a}}^\mu = \frac{[\mathbf{p}_a | \Gamma^\mu | \mathbf{p}_{\dot{a}} \rangle}{\sqrt{2m}} \quad \varepsilon_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(p) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p}_a | \Gamma^{\mu\nu} | \mathbf{p}_b \rangle}{4\sqrt{2m}} \quad \varepsilon_{\dot{a}\dot{b}}^{\mu\nu}(p) = \frac{[\mathbf{p}_{\dot{a}} | \Gamma^{\mu\nu} | \mathbf{p}_{\dot{b}} \rangle]}{4\sqrt{2m}}$$

$$\text{Spinors:} \quad u(p) = |\mathbf{p}_b \rangle \quad \bar{v}(p) = \langle \mathbf{p}_a |$$

See also similar formalisms: [Dennen, Huang, Siegel, 2009] [Cheung and O'Connell, 2009]
[Czech, Huang, Rozali 2012] [Boels and O'Connell, 2012]

The dictionary – fields

We focus on vector fields. Some vectors come from bosonic double copies:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^{ab} &= \phi \otimes A^{ab} \\
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 A^{ab} &= \epsilon_{cd} A^{ac} \otimes A^{bd}
 \end{aligned}$$

Fermionic double copies provide additional options:

$$\bullet \quad W^{a\dot{a}} = |\mathbf{p}^a\rangle \otimes |\mathbf{p}^{\dot{a}}] \quad W^{a\dot{a}} = |\mathbf{p}^{\dot{a}}] \otimes |\mathbf{p}^a\rangle$$

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Supergravity vectors with different double-copy origins couple differently!

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 &= m \langle \bar{W}WA \rangle_{|DW|^2} + \frac{1}{4} \langle \bar{W}WA \rangle_{D\bar{W} \wedge A \wedge DW}
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Example: gauging the complex magical supergravity

[MC, Günaydin, Johansson, Roiban, to appear]

We will focus on a simple example

$$\left(\mathcal{N} = 2 \text{ SYM} + \text{hyper}_R\right) \otimes \left(\text{YM} + 3 \text{ scalars} + 2 \text{ matter fermions}_{\bar{R}}\right)$$

This is the **complex** magical Maxwell-Einstein supergravity. Target space in 5D

$$\mathcal{M}_{5D} = \frac{SL(3, \mathbb{C})}{SU(3)}$$

Matter content: 8 vector multiplets and 9 total vectors (i=1,2,3):

$$\begin{aligned} A^0 &= \frac{\epsilon^{ab}}{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial z^a} A \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial z^b} A \\ A^1 &= \phi \otimes A & W_1 &= \bar{\chi} \otimes \chi_1 & \bar{W}_1 &= \chi \otimes \bar{\chi}_1 \\ A^{i+1} &= A \otimes \phi^i & W_2 &= \bar{\chi} \otimes \chi_2 & \bar{W}_2 &= \chi \otimes \bar{\chi}_2 \end{aligned}$$

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- Supergravity fields correspond to double copies with conjugate gauge-theory representations
- Masses between the two gauge theories can be matched up to a sign

Option one: only massive vectors

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Fermionic masses are matched with opposite sign

Fun with Heisenberg algebras (take $u_1 = u_2$)

★ Inspection of three-point amplitudes reveals unbroken $U(2)$ gauge group with gluons A^1, A^2, A^3, A^4

★ W and \bar{W} transform as $SU(2)$ doublets and with opposite $U(1)$ charge

★ There is an extra nonzero amplitude

$$\mathcal{M}_3(1\bar{W}, 2W, 3A^0) = im\langle W\bar{W}A \rangle_{\bar{W}\cdot F\cdot W}$$

★ Reverse-engineering of structure constants reveals the appearance of the central charge in the Heisenberg group \mathcal{H}_5

This is a $U(2) \ltimes \mathcal{H}_5$ gauging!

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Gauge group is $U(2) \rightarrow U(1)^2$, unbroken when $u_1 = u_2$. Massive tensors transform as doublets of $SU(2)$. **This is a $U(2)$ gauging with tensors**

Option three: two vectors and two tensors

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$$\frac{\lambda}{2} = \tilde{m}_1 + \tilde{m}_2 = u_1 - u_2$$

Double-copy construction for $U(1, 1) \times \mathcal{H}_3$ gauging with tensors

Exotic matter couplings: one tensor can turn into a vector (!)

[Bergshoeff, Cucu, de Wit, Gheerardyn, Vandoren, Van Proeyen, 2004]

$$\mathcal{M}_3(1\bar{B}, 2W, 3A) = \langle \mathbf{12} \rangle \langle \mathbf{1} | \varepsilon_3 | \mathbf{2} \rangle$$

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