

# $\alpha'$ -corrected solutions of the Heterotic Superstring

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# Plan of the talk:

- 1.- Intro: Superstring effective actions and solutions.
- 2.- The Heterotic superstring effective action.
- 3.- A "black-hole ansatz"
- 4.- The rôle of non-Abelian fields in solving the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$  e.o.m.
- 5.-  $\alpha'$ -corrected T-duality

# 1.- The Superstring effective action & its solutions

$$S_{eff}[g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, B_{\mu\nu}, \dots] \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha'^n \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} e^{-2(g+1)\phi} S_{n,g}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha' = l_s^2 \\ e^{\phi} = g_s \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow S_{n,g} \sim \frac{1}{16\pi G_N^{(d)}} \int d^d x \sqrt{|g|} e^{-2(g+1)\phi} R^{(d)} \uparrow$$

and other fields strengths.

Very little is known about  $S_{n,g}$   
for  $n > 1$ ,  $g \geq 1$

Focus on  $S_{1,0}$

First stringy effects!

# Solutions ( $g=0$ )

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = g_{\mu\nu}(x) + \alpha' \delta g_{\mu\nu}(x) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

$$\phi(x) = \phi(x) + \alpha' \delta \phi(x) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$$

⋮

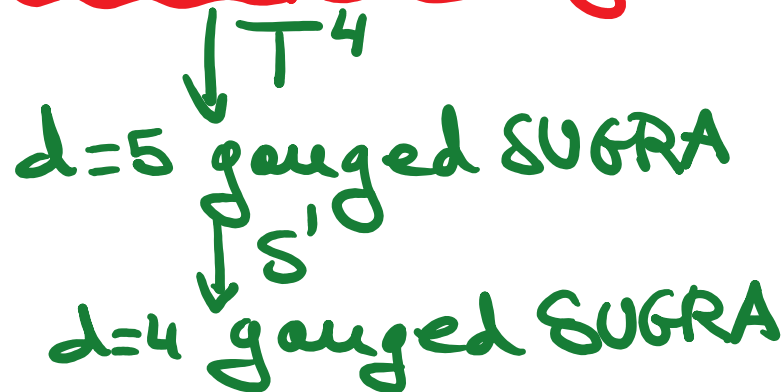
- 1.- If  $\alpha' \delta g, \alpha' \delta \phi, \dots \gtrsim g, \phi, \dots$  the zeroth-order solutions are not good solutions of  $S_{\text{eff}}$ : the corrections cannot be ignored.
- 2.- The  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2)$  corrections can be ignored if they are much smaller than  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$
- 3.- Curvature invariants = 0  
 $\Rightarrow$  corrections = 0.



4.- Finding  $O(\alpha')$  corrections is an interesting but difficult problem.

→ Only some regions (near-H or vacua)  
→ Exact solutions ("anomaly cancellation")  
non-Abelian fields

5.-  $O(\alpha')$ -corrections are not well known in  $d=4,5$   
 $d=10$  Heterotic superstring.



# The Heterotic Superstring Effective Action

$$B = \frac{1}{2} B_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu ; \quad e^a = e^a_\mu dx^\mu ; \quad \phi ; \quad A^A ;$$

$$H^{(0)} \equiv dB$$

$$\omega^a_b(e) ;$$

$$d\phi ;$$

$$\Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) a b} = \omega^a_b \pm \frac{1}{2} H_\mu^{(0) a b} dx^\mu$$

$$R_{(\pm)}^{(0) a b} = d\Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) a b} - \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) a c} \wedge \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) c b},$$

$$\omega_{(\pm)}^{L(0)} = d\Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) a b} \wedge \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) b a} - \frac{2}{3} \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) a b} \wedge \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) b c} \wedge \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(0) c a}$$

$$F^A = dA^A + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ABC} A^B \wedge A^C,$$


$$\omega^{YM} = dA^A \wedge A^A + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon^{ABC} A^A \wedge A^B \wedge A^C$$

$$H^{(1)} = dB + 2\alpha' \left( \omega^{YM} + \omega_{(-)}^{L(0)} \right)$$

$$\left( \rightarrow \Omega_{(\pm)}^{(1) a b} \dots \right)$$

# T-tensors

They codify the first  $\alpha'$  corrections

$$T^{(4)} \equiv 6\alpha' \left[ F^A \wedge F^A + R_{(-)}^{a b} \wedge R_{(-)}^{b a} \right], \quad \rightarrow \text{Bianchi of H}$$


$$T^{(2)}_{\mu\nu} \equiv 2\alpha' \left[ F^A_{\mu\rho} F^A_{\nu\rho} + R_{(-)\mu\rho}^{a b} R_{(-)\nu\rho}^{b a} \right], \quad \rightarrow \text{Einstein eq.}$$

$$T^{(0)} \equiv T^{(2)\mu}_{\mu}. \quad \rightarrow \text{Dilaton eq.}$$

# $\alpha'$ effective action:

$$S = \frac{g_s^2}{16\pi G_N^{(10)}} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{|g|} e^{-2\phi} \left\{ R - 4(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} H^2 - \frac{1}{2} T^{(0)} \right\}$$

(Bergshoeff & de Roo 1989)

→ Very complicated e.o.m. but

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \delta g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\delta S}{\delta B_{\mu\nu}} \delta B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\delta S}{\delta A^{A_i}_\mu} \delta A^{A_i}_\mu + \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} \delta \phi \\ &= \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \Big|_{\text{exp.}} \delta g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\delta S}{\delta B_{\mu\nu}} \Big|_{\text{exp.}} \delta B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\delta S}{\delta A^{A_i}_\mu} \Big|_{\text{exp.}} \delta A^{A_i}_\mu + \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} \delta \phi \\ &\quad + \frac{\delta S}{\delta \Omega_{(-)}^{ab}} \left( \frac{\delta \Omega_{(-)}^{ab}}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} + \frac{\delta \Omega_{(-)}^{ab}}{\delta B_{\mu\nu}} \delta B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\delta \Omega_{(-)}^{ab}}{\delta A^{A_i}_\mu} \delta A^{A_i}_\mu \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \Omega_{(-)}^{ab}} \sim \alpha' \frac{\delta S^{(0)}}{\delta (g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi)}$$

(Bergshoeff & de Roo 1989)

→ If a configuration solves the  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  e.o.m. up to terms of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ , the e.o.m. that need to be checked are  $\frac{\delta S}{\delta \text{fields}} \Big|_{\text{exp.}} = 0$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - 2\nabla_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\phi + \frac{1}{4}H_{\mu\rho\sigma}H_{\nu}{}^{\rho\sigma} - T^{(2)}_{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

$$(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\phi - \frac{1}{4\cdot 3!}H^2 + \frac{1}{8}T^{(0)} = 0,$$

$$d(e^{-2\phi} \star H) = 0,$$

$$\alpha' e^{2\phi} \mathcal{D}_{(+)}(e^{-2\phi} \star F^{A_i}) = 0, \quad \begin{matrix} i=1,2 \\ SU(2) \times SU(2) \end{matrix}$$

If the configuration is described in terms of  $H$ , add

$$dH - \frac{1}{3}T^{(4)} = 0,$$

# REMARKS:

1.- Ignoring all the terms in  $\Omega_{(-)}$   $\Rightarrow$  exact SUGRA  
+ compactification on  $T^{5,6}$  + truncation

$\rightarrow$  gauged  $N=2$ ,  $d=5,4$  SUGRA coupled to vector multiplets.

+ solution-generating techniques

$\rightarrow$  black holes  
rings  
global monopoles  
instantons  
multi-center solutions } with non-Abelian hair  
in fully analytic form.

2.-  $\Omega_{(-)}$  occurs as another gauge field

$\rightarrow$  its presence should modify the  $O(1)$  solutions

just as  $A^A$  does.

# THE ANSATZ

$i = 2, 3, 4, 5$

1.- METRIC :

$$ds^2 = \frac{2}{Z_-} du \left[ dv - \frac{1}{2} Z_+ du \right] - Z_0 d\sigma^2 - dy^i dy^i,$$

Fundamental strings

pp-waves

Solitonic 5-branes

$$d\sigma^2 = h_{mn} dx^m dx^n, \quad m = \#, 1, 2, 3$$

hyper-Kähler 4-manifold (Klt monopoles)

	$u, v$		$y^i$					$x^m$			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	#	1	2	3	
F1	X	X									
W	X	X									
S5	X	X	X	X	X	X					
KK	X	X	X	X	X	X	O				

$$Z_{0,+,-} = Z_{0,+,-} (x)$$

## 2.-KALB-RAMOND 3-FORM:

$$H = dZ_-^{-1} \wedge du \wedge dv + \star_{(4)} dZ_0,$$

B?

Fundamental strings

Solitonic 5-branes.

HK

## 3.-Dilaton:

$$e^{-2\phi} = e^{-2\phi_\infty} \frac{Z_-}{Z_0},$$

$$\frac{1}{g_s^2}$$

This configuration is an exact, supersymmetric solution of the  $\mathcal{O}(4)$  theory if

$$\nabla_{(4)}^2 Z_{0,+,-} = 0$$

$$T^5 \rightarrow d=5 \text{ BHs}$$

$$T^6 \rightarrow d=4 \text{ BHs}$$

(HK  $\rightarrow$  Gibbons-Hawking)



# 4.- Yang-Mills fields:

(Papadopoulos)  
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Same selfduality  
as HK:  $R^{mn} = * R^{mn}$

$$F^{A_{1,2}} = \oplus \star_{(4)} F^{A_{1,2}}$$

↑  
HK

We are going to need an explicit construction of  $A^{A_{1,2}}$  because we want to compute the T-tensors explicitly:

Typically the Bianchi identity is solved via the "anomaly-cancellation mechanism" (Green-Schwarz)

$$T^{(4)} = 6\alpha' \left[ F^{A_1} \wedge F^{A_1} + F^{A_2} \wedge F^{A_2} + R_{(-)}^a{}_b \wedge R_{(-)}^b{}_a \right] = 0; \Rightarrow dH = 0;$$

Relations between  $SU(2)$  bundles

We want independent Yang-Mills fields.

# Solving the Bianchi identity of H

For our Ansatz

$$dH = d \star_{(4)} dZ_0 = -\nabla_{(4)}^2 Z_0 |v| d^4x.$$

$$\left( h_{mn} = v^p{}_m v^p{}_n, \quad \det(v^k{}_m) = |v| \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_{(2)}^2 Z_0 |v| d^4x + 2\alpha' \left[ F^{Ai} \wedge F^{Ai} + R_{(2)}{}^c{}_b \wedge R_{(2)}{}^b{}_c \right] = 0$$

We know from gauged  $N=2, d=5, 4$  SUGRA how  $F \wedge F$  contributes to  $Z_0$   $\Rightarrow F^{Ai} \wedge F^{Ai} \sim \nabla_{(4)}^2 (\text{Something}) |v| d^4x$

We have found two constructions of selfdual  $SU(2)$  bundles on **HK** spaces with this property:

1.- 't Hooft ansatz

2.- Kronheimer-Bogomol'nyi-Pratogenov

# 't Hooft Ansatz

Based on  $so(4) \simeq su^+(2) \times su^-(2)$

$\{(\mathbb{M}_{mn})^{pq} \equiv 2\delta_{mn}^{pq}\}$ , generate  $so(4)$

$\{(\mathbb{M}_{mn}^\pm)^{pq} = \delta_{mn}^{pq} \pm \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{mn}^{pq} = (\mathbb{M}_{pq}^\pm)^{mn}, \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{mn}^{pq}\mathbb{M}^\pm_{pq} = \pm\mathbb{M}^\pm_{mn}\}$ , generate  $su^\pm(2)$

$[\mathbb{M}_{\#i}^\pm, \mathbb{M}_{\#j}^\pm] = \mp\varepsilon_{ijk}\mathbb{M}_{\#k}^\pm$ .  $su^\pm(2)$

$$J_{mn}^i \equiv 2(\mathbb{M}_{\#i}^-)^{mn}$$

't Hooft symbols

$su^-(2)$  generators in 4 rep.  
hypercomplex structure

HK  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\nabla_m J^i_{np} = 0, \rightarrow [\omega, J^i] = 0, \Rightarrow \omega = \omega^+,$$

$$\rightarrow [\nabla_m, \nabla_n] J^i_{pq} = 0, \quad [R, J^i] = 0, \Rightarrow R = R^+,$$

$\Rightarrow$  Ricci flat.

Bianchi  $\rightarrow$   $\cup$  as 2-form

in  $so(4)$   
indices

Consider  $A^A$   $SU(2)$  connection on HK

$$A^A \rightarrow A^{\#i} \rightarrow A^{mn} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{mnpq} A^{\#q};$$

$$F^A = dA^A + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ABC} A^B \wedge A^C,$$

$$\omega^{\text{YM}} = dA^A \wedge A^A + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon^{ABC} A^A \wedge A^B \wedge A^C.$$

$$F^{mn} = dA^{mn} + A^{mp} \wedge A^{pn},$$

$$\omega^{\text{YM}} \equiv \ominus (dA^{mn} \wedge A^{nm} + \frac{2}{3} A^{mn} \wedge A^{np} \wedge A^{pm}),$$

$\hookrightarrow$  relevant sign!

In this notation, the 't Hooft Ansatz reads

$$A = \mathbb{M}_{mp}^- V^p \vartheta^m.$$

(2  $\mathfrak{su}(2) \subset \mathfrak{so}(4)$  indices  
not written)

$\mathbb{J}_{mn}^i$   $\downarrow$  HK

$$\nabla_{(4)m}^- M^{\#q} = 0$$

$$F = + *_{(4)} F \iff V_\mu = \partial_\mu \log P; \quad \nabla_{(4)}^2 P = 0$$

Then :

$$\omega^{\text{YM}} = - \underset{(4)}{\star} dV^2 = - \underset{(4)}{\star} d(\partial \log P)^2,$$

$$F^A \wedge F^A = d\omega^{\text{YM}} = -d \underset{(4)}{\star} d(\partial \log P)^2 = \underset{(4)}{\nabla^2} [(\partial \log P)^2] |v| d^4x,$$

For this Ansatz, it just happens that

$$\Omega_{(-)++m} = \Omega_{(-)m+-} = Z_0^{-1/2} \partial_m \log Z_-, \quad \Omega_{(-)++m} = \frac{1}{2} Z_- Z_0^{-1/2} \partial_m Z_+,$$

$$\Omega_{(-)mnp} = Z_0^{-1/2} \left[ \omega_{mnp} + (\mathbb{M}_{mq}^-)_{np} \partial_q \log Z_0 \right],$$

↓  
HK  
ω+

↓  
't Hooft-like

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{(-)}^L &\equiv d\Omega_{(-)}^a{}_b \wedge \Omega_{(-)}^b{}_a - \frac{2}{3} \Omega_{(-)}^a{}_b \wedge \Omega_{(-)}^b{}_c \wedge \Omega_{(-)}^c{}_a \\ &= d\Omega_{(-)mn} \wedge \Omega_{(-)nm} + \frac{2}{3} \Omega_{(-)mn} \wedge \Omega_{(-)np} \wedge \Omega_{(-)pm}, \end{aligned}$$

$$= \omega^{\text{LHK}} + \omega^{\text{LSS}}$$

$$\omega^{\text{LSS}} = \underset{(4)}{\star} d(\log Z_0)^2;$$

How about ω<sup>LHK</sup>?

# "Twisted" 't Hooft Ansatz

If the HK space is a Gibbons-Hawking space

$$d\sigma^2 = H^{-1}(d\eta + \chi)^2 + H dx^x dx^x, \quad \partial_x H = \varepsilon_{xyz} \partial_y \chi_z.$$

Simplest frame  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v^\# = H^{-\frac{1}{2}} [d\eta + \chi_x dx^x], \\ v^x = H^{\frac{1}{2}} dx^x, \end{array} \right.$

$\rightarrow \omega_{mn} = (\mathbb{N}_{mn}^+)_{pq} \partial_q \log H v^p :$

where we are using the twisted  $su(2)$  generators

$$(\mathbb{N}_{mn}^\pm)^{pq} \equiv \eta_{mr} \eta_{ns} (\mathbb{M}_{rs}^\mp)^{pq} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbb{N}_{mn}^\pm)^{pq} = (\mathbb{N}_{pq}^\mp)^{mn},$$

$$\eta = \text{diag}(-+++)$$

Then a calculation similar to that of the Yang-Mills are

$$\omega^{\text{LHK}} = \star_{(4)} d(\partial \log H)^2,$$

$$R^{mn} \wedge R^{nm} = d\omega^{\text{LHK}} = d \star_{(4)} d(\partial \log H)^2 = -\nabla^2 [(\partial \log H)^2] |v| d^4x.$$

Then, using the 't Hooft Ansatz for the  $SU(2)$  gauge fields and using a Gibbons-Hawking HK space, the Bianchi identity takes the form

$$\nabla_{(4)}^2 \left\{ Z_0 + 2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log P_1)^2 + (\partial \log P_2)^2 - (\partial \log Z_0)^2 - (\partial \log H)^2 \right] \right\} |v| d^4x = \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

and is solved to this order by

$$Z_0 = Z_0^{(0)} - 2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log P_1)^2 + (\partial \log P_2)^2 - (\partial \log Z_0^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log H)^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

with

$SU(2)$

$SU(2)$

$SS$

$HK-GH$

$$\nabla_{(4)}^2 Z_0^{(0)} = 0. \quad (\text{Same for } P_{1,2} \text{ but } \nabla_{\mathbb{R}^3}^2 H = 0)$$

Before we study the e.o.m. are there other ways of getting Laplacians?  $KBP$  for Yang-Mills.  $\rightarrow$

# Kronheimer - Bogomol'nyi - Pratoenov

Kronheimer (1985) :  $\hat{F} = +*_{(4)} \hat{F}$  on Gibbons - Hawking ( $\hat{\phantom{x}}$ )

instantons  
↓  
monopoles

Define

$$\begin{cases} \Phi \equiv -H \hat{A}_\# \\ A_r \equiv \hat{A}_r - \varphi_{,r} \hat{A}_\# ; \quad r=1,2 \end{cases}$$

⇒

$$\boxed{D_r \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{rst} F_{st}} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^3$$

Bogomol'nyi equation (Bogomol'nyi 1976)

In this case :  $\hat{F}^\wedge \hat{F}^\wedge = \hat{F}^\wedge * \hat{F}^\wedge = \dots = 2 \frac{\hat{F}^\wedge}{H} \wedge \frac{\hat{F}^\wedge}{H} |v| d^4x =$

$$= 2 H^{-2} [D_r \Phi^A - \Phi^A \varphi_{,r} \log H]^2 |v| d^4x$$

$$= \dots = \frac{1}{H} \partial_r \partial_r (\Phi^A \Phi^A / H) |v| d^4x = \nabla_{(4)}^2 \left( \frac{|\Phi|^2}{H} \right) |v| d^4x$$

$$D^2 \Phi^A = 0 ; \quad \partial_r \partial_r H = 0 ;$$



# Solutions to the $SU(2)$ Bogomol'nyi Eqs.

a) Spherically symmetric (Pratogener 1977)

General form 
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{A}^A = -h(r) \varepsilon^A{}_{rs} x^r dx^s; \\ \ddot{\Phi}^A = -f(r) \delta^A{}_r x^r; \end{cases}$$

BPS 't Hooft-Polyakov magnetic monopole

$$f = -\frac{1}{g r^2} \left[ 1 - \mu r \coth(\mu r + s) \right];$$

$$h = \frac{1}{g r^2} \left[ \frac{\mu r}{\sinh(\mu r + s)} - 1 \right];$$

Pratogener's  
hair  
parameter

Coloured monopoles  $\rightarrow$  BPST instantons  $\left( H = \frac{1}{2} \right)$

$$f = -\frac{1}{g r^2 (1 + \lambda^2 r)} ; h = -f;$$

## f) Multicenter solutions

Remirez's multimonopole solution 2015

$$\bar{\Phi}^A = -\delta^{A2} \frac{1}{gP} \partial_{\underline{2}} P; \quad \bar{A}^A_{\underline{2}} = -\varepsilon^{A25} \frac{1}{gP} \partial_{\underline{5}} P;$$

$$\partial_{\underline{2}} \partial_{\underline{2}} P = 0; \quad P = \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \rightarrow \text{Coloured monopole}$$

No more simple solutions known

# Summarizing:

$$\omega^{YM} = - *_{(4)} d \left\{ \frac{(\partial \log T_1)^2}{|\Phi_1|^2/H} + \frac{(\partial \log T_2)^2}{|\Phi_2|^2/H} \right\}$$

Gibbons-Hacking only

$$\omega_{(-)}^L = *_{(4)} d \left[ (\partial \log z_0)^2 + (\partial \log H)^2 \right];$$

$$T^{(4)} = 6\alpha' \nabla_{(4)}^2 \left[ (\partial \log T_1)^2 + (\partial \log T_2)^2 - (\partial \log z_0^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log H)^2 \right]$$

$$z_0 = z_0^{(0)} - 2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log T_1)^2 + (\partial \log T_2)^2 - (\partial \log z_0^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log H)^2 \right]$$

$$H = d \frac{\Delta}{z_-} \wedge du \wedge dv + *_{(4)} d z_0$$

$$= d\mathcal{B} - 2\alpha' *_{(4)} d \left[ (\partial \log T_1)^2 + (\partial \log T_2)^2 - (\partial \log z_0^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log H)^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{B} = \underbrace{d \frac{\Delta}{z_-} \wedge du \wedge dv + *_{(4)} d z_0^{(0)}}_{\mathcal{O}(1)}$$

$\mathcal{O}(1) \rightarrow$  no  $\alpha'$  corrections to  $\mathcal{B}$

## The Yang-Mills equations

→ Automatically solved for this Ansatz.

## The Kalb-Ramond equations

→ Solved for any  $Z_-$   $\nabla_{(4)}^2 Z_- = 0$

## The dilaton equations

→ Automatically solved for this Ansatz

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# The Einstein equations

→ All automatically solved for this Ansatz  
except for the  $\rho_{++}$  component

$$T_{++}^{(2)} = -2\alpha' R_{(-) + abc} R_{(-) +}{}^{abc} = -2\alpha' \frac{Z_-}{Z_0} \nabla_{(4)}^2 \left( \frac{\partial_n Z_+^{(0)} \partial_n Z_-}{Z_0^{(0)} Z_-} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2).$$

(This component does not contribute to  $T^{(0)}$  or any other invariants!)

$$\Rightarrow Z_+ = Z_+^{(0)} - 4\alpha' \left( \frac{\partial_n Z_+^{(0)} \partial_n Z_-}{Z_0^{(0)} Z_-} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2).$$

↑ Harmonic in HK

It can be solved  
but it is not  
clear why

## EXACT $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ SOLUTION:

$$\mathcal{Z}_+ = \mathcal{Z}_+^{(0)} - 4\alpha' \left( \frac{\partial_n \mathcal{Z}_+^{(0)} \partial_n \mathcal{Z}_-^{(0)}}{\mathcal{Z}_0^{(0)} \mathcal{Z}_-} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_- = \mathcal{Z}_-^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_0 = \mathcal{Z}_0^{(0)}$$

$$-2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log P_1^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log P_2^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log \mathcal{Z}_0^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log H^{(0)})^2 \right]$$

$$+ \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$H = H^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$P_{1,2} = P_{1,2}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2).$$

## EXACT $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ SOLUTION:

$$z_+ = z_+^{(0)} - 4\alpha' \left( \frac{\partial_n z_+^{(0)} \partial_n z_-^{(0)}}{z_0^{(0)} z_-} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$z_- = z_-^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$z_0 = z_0^{(0)}$$

$$-2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log P_1^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log P_2^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log z_0^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log H^{(0)})^2 \right]$$

$$+ \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$H = H^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$P_{1,2} = P_{1,2}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2).$$

$d=5$  option:  $H^{(0)} = 1$ ;  $P_2^{(0)} = 1$ ; harmonic functions in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

## EXACT $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$ SOLUTION:

$$z_+ = z_+^{(0)} - 4\alpha' \left( \frac{\partial_n z_+^{(0)} \partial_n z_-^{(0)}}{z_0^{(0)} z_-^{(0)}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$z_- = z_-^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$z_0 = z_0^{(0)}$$

$$-2\alpha' \left[ (\partial \log P_1^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log P_2^{(0)})^2 + (\partial \log z_0^{(0)})^2 - (\partial \log H^{(0)})^2 \right]$$

$$+ \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$H = H^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2),$$

$$P_{1,2} = P_{1,2}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2).$$

"SUGRA option": only  $\alpha'$  correction in  $z^{(0)}$  due to  $P_{1,2}$



# OBSERVE:

- 1.- The solution is exact to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha')$  with no use of the anomaly-cancellation mechanism  
(now  $P_4^{(0)} = Z_0^{(0)}$ ;  $P_2^{(0)} = H^{(0)}$ )
- 2.- For BHs the corrected solution covers near-horizon and asymptotic regions.
- 3.-  $Z_+^{(0)} = Z_-^{(0)} = H^{(0)} = P_2^{(0)} = 1$ ;  $Z_0^{(0)} = P_1^{(0)}$  "symmetric 5-brane" (Callan, Harvey, Strominger (1991))
- 4.- Singular gauge  $\rightarrow$  spurious singularities  $\Leftrightarrow$  shift in harmonic functions  $\Leftrightarrow$  change in the number of branes  $\Rightarrow$  important for entropy calculations  
(Removable singularity theorem Uhlenbeck (1982))

# $\alpha'$ -corrected T-duality

These solutions have 2 non-trivial isometries:

- 1.-  $u$ : the direction of propagation of the wave (string)
- 2.-  $z$ : the triholomorphic isometry of the Gibbons-Hawking space

At zeroth order in  $\alpha'$  T-duality along

$u$ : interchanges waves and strings  
(momentum or winding)

$z$ : interchanges ss-branes and KK monopoles



Now, using the  $\alpha'$ -corrected Buscher T-duality rules  
 (Bergshoeff, Janssen, O. (1995)) (never before used due to  
 lack of  $\alpha'$ -corrected solus)

$$g'_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + \left[ g_{xx} G_{x\mu} G_{x\nu} - 2G_{xx} G_{x(\mu} g_{\nu)x} \right] / G_{xx}^2, \quad (\mu, \nu \neq x)$$

$$B'_{\mu\nu} = B_{\mu\nu} - G_{x[\mu} G_{\nu]x} / G_{xx},$$

$$g'_{x\mu} = -g_{x\mu} / G_{xx} + g_{xx} G_{x\mu} / G_{xx}^2, \quad B'_{x\mu} = -B_{x\mu} / G_{xx} - G_{x\mu} / G_{xx},$$

$$g'_{xx} = g_{xx} / G_{xx}^2, \quad e^{-2\phi'} = e^{-2\phi} |G_{xx}|,$$

$$A'^A_x = -A^A_x / G_{xx}, \quad A'^A_\mu = A^A_\mu - A^A_x G_{x\mu} / G_{xx},$$

where

$$G_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_{\mu\nu} - B_{\mu\nu} - 2\alpha' \left\{ A^A_\mu A^A_\nu + \Omega_{(-)\mu}^a \Omega_{(-)\nu}^b \right\}.$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_0^{(0)} \rightleftharpoons H^{(0)} \quad \mathcal{Z}_+^{(0)} \rightleftharpoons \mathcal{Z}_-^{(0)}$$

Highly  
 non-trivial  
 test passed!

# CONCLUSIONS:

- 1.- It is possible to compute  $\alpha'$  corrections to physically interesting backgrounds (complete BHs)
- 2.- It is possible to apply Wald's entropy formula directly in  $d=10$  avoiding unwarranted assumptions, incomplete actions etc.
- 3.- Non-Abelian solutions are an essential ingredient (but we do not know them w/o SUSY)
- 4.-  $d=4$  BHs include a KK monopole (in progress)

Thanks!