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# Exploring the landscape of eta-deformed AdS superstrings

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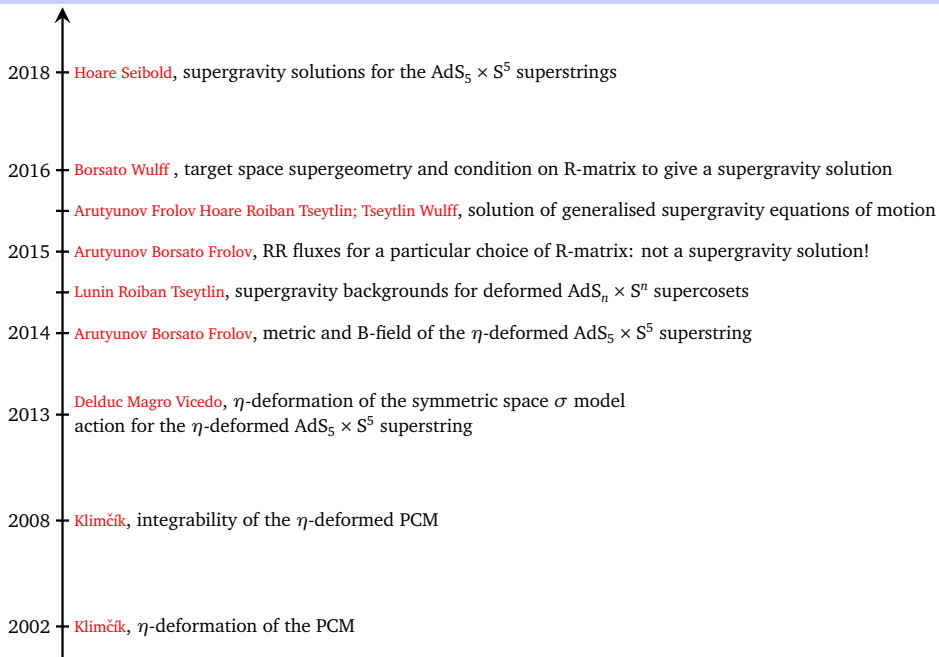
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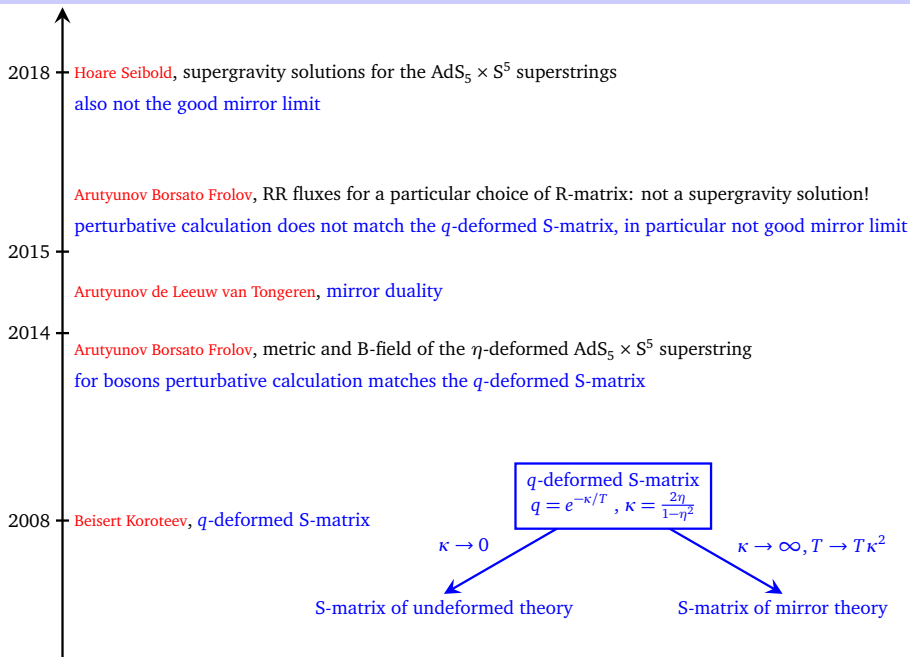
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- Integrability, duality and beyond -

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based on [arXiv:1811.07841] with B. Hoare and work in progress






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# The $\eta$ -deformed semi-symmetric space sigma model

Sigma model on the supercoset  $\hat{G}/H$ :

- $\hat{G}$  is a supergroup with basic Lie superalgebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$
- $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  admits a  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  grading

$$\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \overset{\text{even grading}}{\mathfrak{g}^{(0)}} + \overset{\text{odd grading}}{\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}} + \overset{\text{even grading}}{\mathfrak{g}^{(2)}} + \overset{\text{odd grading}}{\mathfrak{g}^{(3)}} \quad [\mathfrak{g}^{(i)}, \mathfrak{g}^{(j)}] \in \mathfrak{g}^{(i+j \bmod 4)}$$


 subalgebra, identified with the Lie algebra of H

- introduce projectors  $P^{(i)}$  projecting onto the spaces  $\mathfrak{g}^{(i)}$
- there exists an ad-invariant bilinear form on  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  that we denote by  $\text{STr}$

Action of the semi-symmetric space sigma model on the supercoset  $\hat{G}/H$ :

$$S[g \in \hat{G}] = -\frac{T}{4}(\gamma^{ij} - \epsilon^{ij}) \int d^2\sigma \text{STr}[g^{-1}\partial_i g P g^{-1}\partial_j g]$$

$$P = 2P^{(2)} + P^{(1)} - P^{(3)}$$

Properties:

- global left  $\hat{G}$  symmetry  $g \rightarrow g_0 g$
- local right  $H$  gauge symmetry  $g \rightarrow g h$
- diffeomorphism and Weyl invariance, fermionic  $\kappa$  symmetry
- classical integrability

Action of  $\eta$ -deformed SSS $\sigma$ M on the supercoset  $\hat{G}/H$ :

Delduc Magro Vicedo  
arXiv:1309.5850

$$S_\eta[g \in \hat{G}] \sim (\gamma^{ij} - \epsilon^{ij}) \int d^2\sigma \text{STr} \left[ g^{-1} \partial_i g P \frac{1}{1 - \eta R_g P} g^{-1} \partial_j g \right]$$

$$P = \frac{2}{1-\eta^2} P^{(2)} + P^{(1)} - P^{(3)} \quad R_g = \text{Ad}_g^{-1} R \text{Ad}_g$$

The deformation is governed by the linear operator  $R : \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , where

- $R$  is skew-symmetric:  $\text{STr}[XR(Y)] = -\text{STr}[YR(X)]$
- $R$  satisfies the mcYBE:  $[R(X), R(Y)] - R([R(X), Y] + [X, R(Y)]) = [X, Y]$

Strength of deformation  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  gives undeformed SSS $\sigma$ M

This deformation preserves classical integrability



- Defines an integrable deformation of the Green Schwarz string on various spaces,  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ ,  $\text{AdS}_3 \times S^3 \times T^4$ ,  $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2 \times T^6 \dots$
- Are the resulting theories critical string theories (do they satisfy the standard supergravity equations of motion)?
- The R-matrix should be unimodular

Borsato Wulff  
arXiv:1608.03570

$$[X, Y]_R = [R(X), Y] + [X, R(Y)]$$

$$\sum_b (-1)^{[b]} \tilde{f}_{ab}^b = 0$$

$[b] = 0$  for bosonic generators  
 $[b] = 1$  for fermionic generators

- A particular solution of the modified classical YBE is given by the Drinfel'd Jimbo R-matrix

- Relies on the choice of a Cartan-Weyl basis  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \{\text{Cartan}, E^+, E^-\}$

$$R(\text{Cartan}) = 0, \quad R(E^+) = -iE^+, \quad R(E^-) = +iE^-$$

- Superalgebras admit several inequivalent Dynkin diagrams

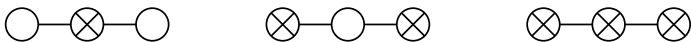
$\Rightarrow$  Inequivalent  $\eta$ -deformations! Supergravity solutions!

Example of the  $\eta$ -deformed  
 $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2 \times T^6$  superstring

- Curved part of the background described by the supercoset

$$\frac{\hat{G}}{H} = \frac{PSU(1, 1|2)}{SO(1, 1) \times SO(2)} \sim AdS_2 \times S^2 + 8 \text{ fermions}$$

- Dynkin diagrams of the complexified isometry algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}(2|2)$

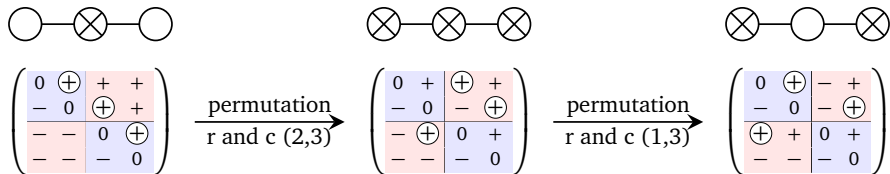


- Most of the literature is based on the R-matrix associated to the distinguished Dynkin diagram

$$R_0(M)_{ij} = -i\epsilon_{ij}M_{ij}, \quad \epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \oplus & + & + \\ - & 0 & \oplus & + \\ - & - & 0 & \oplus \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

How to construct the R-matrices associated to the other diagrams?

$$R = \text{Ad}_{\text{Permut}}^{-1} R_0 \text{Ad}_{\text{Permut}}$$



How many inequivalent solutions do we expect?

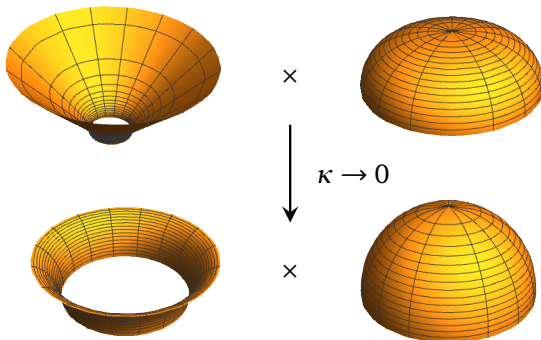
- permutation of 4 elements  $\rightarrow 24$
- Action on  $\mathfrak{su}(1, 1)$  and  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  should be left unchanged  $\rightarrow 6$
- Identify R-matrices related by  $AdS \leftrightarrow S$   $\rightarrow 3$

$\Rightarrow$  The 3 R-matrices correspond to the 3 inequivalent Dynkin diagrams

- The 3 chosen R-matrices give the same metric for the  $\eta$ -deformed  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  space

$$\kappa = \frac{2\eta}{1-\eta^2}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{1-\kappa^2\rho^2} \left( -(1+\rho^2)dt^2 + \frac{d\rho^2}{1+\rho^2} \right) + \frac{1}{1+\kappa^2r^2} \left( (1-r^2)d\phi^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1-r^2} \right) + dx^i dx^i$$



- Unimodularity of the 3 different Drinfel'd Jimbo R-matrices

Dynkin diagram			
R-matrix $R(M)_{ij} = -i\epsilon_{ij}M_{ij}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \oplus & + & + \\ - & 0 & \oplus & + \\ - & - & 0 & \oplus \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \oplus & - & + \\ - & 0 & - & \oplus \\ \oplus & + & 0 & + \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & + & \oplus & + \\ - & 0 & - & \oplus \\ - & \oplus & 0 & + \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Unimodular?	No	No	Yes!

↓ ↓  
Generalised supergravity backgrounds  
related by field redefinitions

Supergravity solution! ←

- One can construct a one-parameter family  $a \in [0, 1]$  of supergravity backgrounds supporting the metric and B-field

Lunin Roiban Tseytlin  
arXiv:1411.1066

$$e^{-2\Phi} = e^{-2\Phi_0} \frac{(1 - \kappa^2 \rho^2)(1 + \kappa^2 r^2)}{P_a(\rho, r)}$$

$$F_3 = \frac{1}{2} dC_a \wedge J_2 + \frac{1}{12} \star (dC_a \wedge J_2 \wedge J_2 \wedge J_2)$$

$$F_5 = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \star) dA_a \wedge \text{Re} \Omega_3$$

$$P_a(\rho, r) = 1 + \kappa^2 (a^2 (r^2 - \rho^2) + r^2 \rho^2) - 2\kappa \sqrt{1 - a^2} \sqrt{1 + a^2 \kappa^2} r \rho$$

$$C_a = \frac{2}{a \sqrt{P(\rho, r)}} \left[ \sqrt{1 - a^2} - \kappa \sqrt{1 + a^2 \kappa^2} \rho r \right]$$

$$A_a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{P(\rho, r)}} \left[ \sqrt{1 + a^2 \kappa^2} (\rho dt + r d\varphi) + \kappa \sqrt{1 - a^2} (r dt - \rho d\varphi) \right]$$

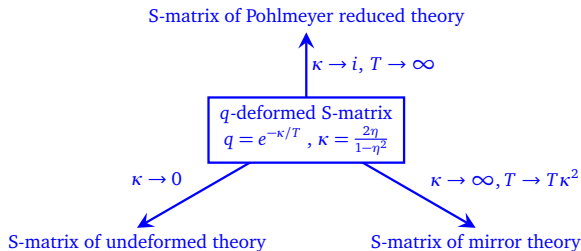
- The supergravity background corresponds to the  $a = 1$  point



- Various limits of the 3 backgrounds

All three have the same plane-wave limit

pp wave background whose l.c.g.f. model is the Pohlmeyer reduced theory, namely the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetric sine-Gordon model



Undeformed  $AdS_2 \times S^2$

The 3 R-matrices lead to different maximal deformation limits, **but none reproduces the mirror  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  background!**

What did this example teach us?

- R-matrices associated to inequivalent Dynkin diagrams may lead to different deformations
- The R-matrix associated to the fully fermionic Dynkin diagram is unimodular
- Accordingly, the resulting background solves the supergravity equations of motion

Questions that remain:

- Do the other supergravity backgrounds with  $a \in [0, 1)$  correspond to integrable models?
- If yes, which R-matrix to use?
- Why is the maximal deformation limit not giving the mirror model?

Example of the 2-parameter  
deformation of the  
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- Curved part of the background described by the supercoset

$$\frac{\hat{G}}{H} = \frac{PSU(1, 1|2)_L \times PSU(1, 1|2)_R}{SO(1, 2) \times SO(3)} \sim AdS_3 \times S^3 + 16 \text{ fermions}$$

- Group-product structure  $\hat{G} = \hat{F}_L \times \hat{F}_R$  allows for a two-parameter deformation

Hoare  
arXiv:1411.1266

$$S_{\eta_L, \eta_R}[g \in \hat{G}] \sim T(\gamma^{ij} - \epsilon^{ij}) \int d^2\sigma \text{STr} \left[ g^{-1} \partial_i g P \frac{1}{1 - \text{diag}(\eta_L, \eta_R) \mathcal{R}_g P} g^{-1} \partial_j g \right]$$

$$P = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(1-\eta_L^2)(1-\eta_R^2)}} P^{(2)} + P^{(1)} - P^{(3)}$$

block-diagonal matrix realisation  $\mathcal{M} = \text{diag}(M_L, M_R) \in \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$

$$\text{in } \hat{\mathfrak{f}}_L \longleftarrow \quad \quad \quad \longrightarrow \text{in } \hat{\mathfrak{f}}_R$$

## Choice of Drinfel'd Jimbo R-matrix

- There are 2 unimodular R-matrices on  $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)$  with the desired action on the bosonic subalgebra

$$R : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & + & \oplus & + \\ - & 0 & - & \oplus \\ - & \oplus & 0 & + \\ - & - & - & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \bar{R} : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & + & - & \oplus \\ - & 0 & - & - \\ \oplus & + & 0 & + \\ - & \oplus & - & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- They were not considered inequivalent in the  $AdS_2 \times S^2$  case because they led to backgrounds related by analytic continuation  $AdS \leftrightarrow S$
- Can construct two unimodular R-matrices on  $\mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_L \oplus \mathfrak{psu}(1, 1|2)_R$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \text{diag}(R, R)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \text{diag}(R, \bar{R})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Do they give different supergravity backgrounds?

- Same metric and (closed) B-field

$$\kappa_{\pm} = \frac{\eta_L \pm \eta_R}{\sqrt{(1 - \eta_L^2)(1 - \eta_R^2)}}$$

- RR sector is different, in particular the dilaton

$$e^{-2\Phi} = e^{-2\Phi_0} \frac{F(\rho)\tilde{F}(r)}{P(\rho, r)^2} \quad \begin{aligned} F(\rho) &= 1 + \kappa_-^2(1 + \rho^2) - \kappa_+^2\rho^2 \\ \tilde{F}(r) &= 1 + \kappa_-^2(1 - r^2) + \kappa_+^2r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 \quad P(\rho, r) = 1 - \kappa_+^2(\rho^2 - r^2 - \rho^2r^2) + \kappa_-^2(1 + \rho^2)(1 - r^2)$$

+ a 3-form and a 5-form

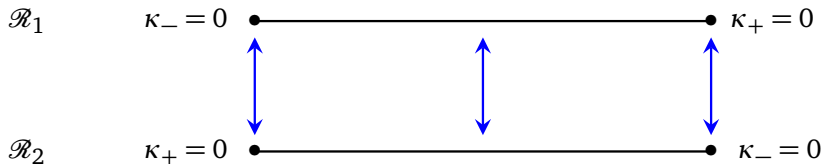
$$\mathcal{R}_2 \quad P(\rho, r) = 1 - \kappa_+^2\rho^2r^2 + \kappa_-^2(1 + \rho^2r^2)$$

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- The bosonic background is invariant under the transformations

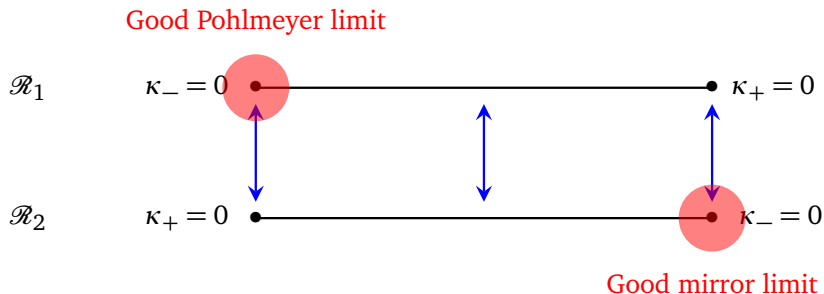
$$\rho \rightarrow i\sqrt{1+\rho^2}, \quad r \rightarrow \sqrt{1-r^2}, \quad t \leftrightarrow \psi, \quad \varphi \leftrightarrow \phi, \quad \kappa_+ \leftrightarrow \kappa_-.$$

- Relation between the two supergravity backgrounds



- Limits of the supergravity backgrounds at the four corners

Same plane-wave limit, but different Pohlmeyer ( $\kappa \rightarrow i$ ) and maximal deformation ( $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ ) limit





What did this example teach us?

- A given bosonic background can be promoted to a supergravity background in different ways
- The two integrable supergravity backgrounds are related by an imaginary field redefinition and swapping of the deformation parameter
- One point gives the good Pohlmeyer limit, while another point gives the good mirror limit

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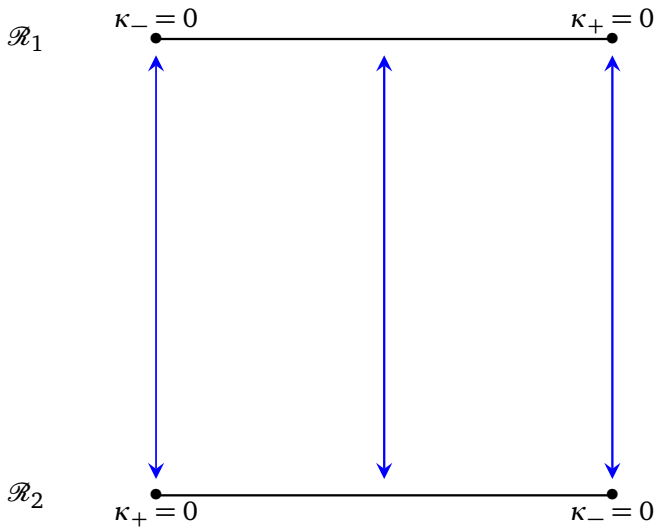
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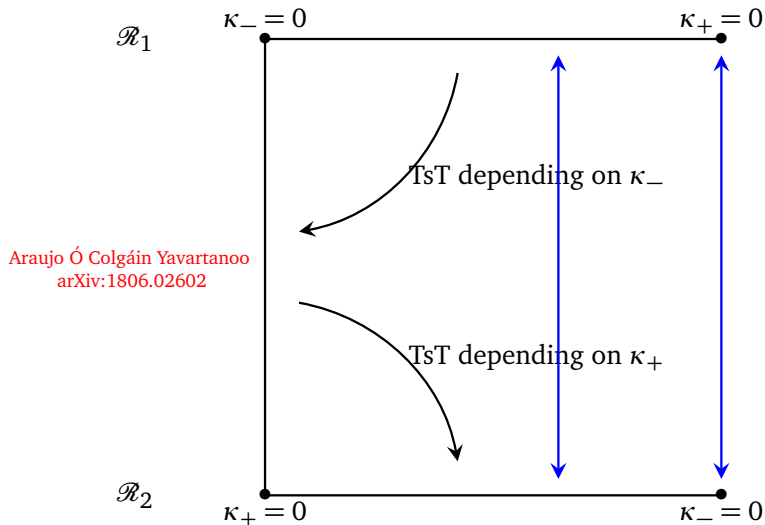
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$\Rightarrow$  Do they give different generalised supergravity backgrounds?





# Conclusions and open problems

- ❖ Drinfel'd Jimbo R-matrices associated to inequivalent Dynkin diagrams can lead to different backgrounds
- ❖ R-matrices associated to the fully fermionic Dynkin diagram are unimodular and give rise to a supergravity background, checked for  $\text{AdS}_2 \times S^2 \times T^6$  and  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

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