

# $\beta$ -symmetry and $\alpha'$ corrections

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and previous work with

[Baron, Bedoya, Codina, Hohm, Lescano, F.-Melgarejo and Nuñez](#)

# Plan

- ▶ A map to perturbative  $\alpha'$  corrections in string theory
- ▶ The role of T-duality in constraining higher-derivative interactions
- ▶ Progress and obstructions in T-duality covariant  $\alpha'$  corrections
- ▶ The  $\beta$ -symmetry of supergravity

# The focus is on

- ▶ The first orders of perturbative tree-level  $\alpha'$  corrections.
  - ▶ Scattering amplitudes
  - ▶ Beta functions
  - ▶ SUSY
- ▶ Neither  $g_s$  corrections nor non-perturbative effects.
- ▶ NSNS sector: metric, two-form and dilaton.

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The  $\alpha'$  corrections depend on

- ▶ The string: bosonic, heterotic, type II
- ▶ The scheme: ambiguous versus unambiguous terms

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	Bosonic	Heterotic	HSZ	Type II
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$a - b$	0	$-\alpha'$	$-2\alpha'$	0

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Hiddenly contains higher orders

$$\omega^{(\pm)} = \omega \pm \frac{1}{2} \widehat{H}, \quad \widehat{H} = H - \frac{3}{2} a \Omega^{(-)} + \frac{3}{2} b \Omega^{(+)}$$
$$\Omega^{(\pm)} = \text{tr}[\omega^{(\pm)} d\omega^{(\pm)} + \frac{2}{3} \omega^{(\pm)3}]$$

## Second order $\alpha'$ corrections

Metsaev and Tseytlin, 1987

$$L_{bos}^{(2)} = R_{iem}^3 + \text{cubic Gauss Bonnet}$$

Naseer and Zwiebach; DM and Lescano 2016

$$L_{HSZ}^{(2)} = -L_{bos}^{(2)} + (\text{Chern Simons})^2$$

Metsaev and Tseytlin, 1987; Bergshoeff and de Roo, 1989

$$L_{het}^{(2)} = (\text{Chern Simons})^2$$

Metsaev and Tseytlin, 1987

$$L_{type II}^{(2)} = \text{none}$$

# Cubic order $\alpha'$ corrections

Unknown for bosonic and HSZ.

Cai and Nuñez; Gross and Sloan 1986

$$L_{het}^{(3)} = \text{Gauge symmetric } R_{iem}^4 + \zeta(3)(t_8 t_8 - \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_{10} \epsilon_{10}) R_{iem}^4$$

Gross and Witten; Grisarú and Zanon 1986

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In this talk I will discuss how to assess T-duality without compactifying.

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Gauge fixing and solving the strong constraint

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta E &= \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\xi} E + E \cdot \Lambda \\ \delta d &= \xi \cdot d - \frac{1}{2} \partial \cdot \xi \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \delta e = L_{\xi} e + e \cdot \Lambda \\ \delta B = L_{\xi} B + d\lambda \\ \delta \phi = L_{\xi} \phi \end{cases}$$

# The Green-Schwarz transformation

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A hint that something is missing in DFT.

# The Green-Schwarz transformation

The generalized **Green-Schwarz** transformation  
DM and Nunez 2015

$$\delta E_M^A = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi E_M^A + E_M^B \Lambda_B^A + \left( a \partial_{[M} \Lambda_{B]C}^{\bar{C}} F_{\bar{N}]C}^{\bar{B}} - b \partial_{[M} \Lambda_{B]}^{\bar{C}} F_{\bar{N}]C}^{\bar{B}} \right) E^{NA}$$

- ▶ Exactly reproduces the **Green-Schwarz** transformation of  $B$ .
- ▶ The anomalous transformation of  $e$  can be redefined away.
- ▶ Finite version: [Borsato and Wulff 2020](#).

# The Green-Schwarz transformation

- Preserves the field constraints and closes to first order

$$[\delta_{(\xi_1, \Lambda_1)}, \delta_{(\xi_2, \Lambda_2)}] = \delta_{(\xi_{21}, \Lambda_{21})}$$

w.r.t. the brackets

$$\xi_{12}^M = [\xi_1, \xi_2]_{(C)}^M - \frac{a}{2} \Lambda_{[1\underline{A} \overline{B}} \partial^M \Lambda_{2]\underline{B} \overline{A}} + \frac{b}{2} \Lambda_{[1\underline{A} \overline{B}} \partial^M \Lambda_{2]\underline{B} \overline{A}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{12 AB} &= 2\xi_{[1}^P \partial_P \Lambda_{2] AB} - 2\Lambda_{[1 A}^C \Lambda_{2] CB} \\ &+ a \partial_{[\underline{A} \Lambda_1^{\underline{CD}} \partial_{\underline{B}]} \Lambda_{2 DC} + a \partial_{[\underline{A} \Lambda_1^{\underline{CD}} \partial_{\underline{B}]} \Lambda_{2 DC} \\ &- b \partial_{[\underline{A} \Lambda_1^{\overline{CD}} \partial_{\underline{B}]} \Lambda_{2 \overline{DC}} - b \partial_{[\underline{A} \Lambda_1^{\overline{CD}} \partial_{\underline{B}]} \Lambda_{2 \overline{DC}} \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ After section, gauge fixing and field redefinitions it reproduces exactly the Bergshoeff-de Roo action

$$\mathcal{R} + a \mathcal{R}^{(0,1)} + b \mathcal{R}^{(1,0)} = R + 4(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} \widehat{H}^2 + \frac{a}{8} R_{iem}^{(-)2} + \frac{b}{8} R_{iem}^{(+ )2}$$

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To find higher orders there is another idea in supergravity that can be generalized.

# The Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

Start with lowest order heterotic supergravity

$$\mathcal{L} = R + 4(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12}\hat{H}^2 - \frac{1}{4}F^2 + \text{fermions}$$

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based on supersymmetry

$$\begin{array}{llll} \delta A = \bar{\epsilon} \gamma \chi & \leftrightarrow & \delta \omega^{(-)} = \bar{\epsilon} \gamma D\psi \\ \delta \chi = F_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \epsilon & \leftrightarrow & \delta D\psi = R_{-\mu\nu} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \epsilon \end{array}$$

The pair  $(\omega^{(-)}, D\psi)$  effectively behaves as a **gauge multiplet**.

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$CS(\omega^{(-)})$  deforms the transformation of  $\omega^{(-)}$  itself, rendering the identification ill-defined to second order. Higher orders require a Noether procedure [Bergshoeff and de Roo 1989](#).

## The Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

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One can then implement the identification

[Bedoya, DM and Nuñez; Coimbra, Minasian, Triendl and Waldram; Lee 2014](#)

$$\mathcal{K} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad O(D) \in \overline{O(D + k)}$$

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Only then one should look for a [generalized Bergshoeff-de Roo identification](#)

$$A_\mu{}^\alpha \leftrightarrow \omega_{\mu ab}^{(-)} \quad | \quad \mathcal{A}_M{}^\alpha \leftrightarrow ???$$



# The Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

There are generalizations of everything in DFT:

$$A_\mu{}^\alpha \leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\underline{A}}{}^\alpha$$

$$\omega_{\mu bc}^{(-)} \leftrightarrow \text{Generalized spin connection}$$

$$O(D) \leftrightarrow \underline{O(D)} \times \overline{O(D+k)}$$

# The Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

The correct answer turns out to be... [Baron, Lescano and DM 2018](#)

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$$\omega_{\mu bc}^{(-)} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\underline{ABC}}$$

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The generalized Bergshoeff-de Roo identification is then [Baron, Lescano and DM 2018](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} &= \overline{O(D + k)} \\ -g \lambda_{\alpha} (t^{\alpha})_{\underline{A}\underline{B}} &= \Lambda_{\underline{A}\underline{B}} \\ -g \mathcal{A}_{\underline{A}\alpha} (t^{\alpha})_{\underline{B}\underline{C}} &= \mathcal{F}_{\underline{A}\underline{B}\underline{C}}[\mathcal{E}[E, \mathcal{A}]] \end{aligned}$$

# The Bergshoeff-de Roo identification

- ▶ It preserves  $O(D, D)$  covariance.
- ▶ It is *necessarily* generalized.
- ▶ It is exact, no need for a Noether procedure.
- ▶ It gives an iterative procedure to compute an infinite tower of higher-derivatives.
- ▶ It doesn't need supersymmetry, but is consistent with it

$$\begin{aligned} -g \mathcal{A}_{\underline{A}\alpha} (t^\alpha)_{\overline{BC}} &= \mathcal{F}_{\underline{A}\overline{BC}} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi}_{\overline{B}} \gamma_{\underline{A}} \Psi_{\overline{C}} \\ g \Psi_{\overline{D}} \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}^{\overline{D}} (t^\alpha)_{\underline{AB}} &= 2 \left[ \nabla_{[\underline{A}} \Psi_{\overline{B}]} \right]_{\det.} \end{aligned}$$

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Perturbatively we get...

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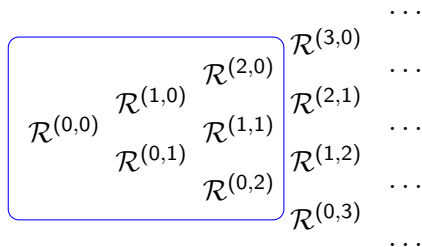
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This offers the geometrization of an infinite tower of higher-derivatives that includes (a sector of) the heterotic, the bosonic and HSZ.

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These should account for the gauge symmetric  $R_{iem}^4$  couplings of the heterotic string

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**No Go:** under certain assumptions, there is no such invariant in the background independent frame formulation of DFT: [Hronek and Wulff 2021](#).

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**Good news:** the emergence of  $O(d, d)$  under toroidal compactifications can be assessed in  $D$  dimensions without going through the KK procedure.

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The lowest order  $\beta$ -transformations are ( $E_{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu} + B_{\mu\nu}$ )

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enforcing the orthogonality between external derivatives and internal  $\beta$ .

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fixes the two-derivative action

$$m = -4, \quad n = 4, \quad p = -\frac{1}{12}$$

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To first order in  $\alpha'$  the  $\beta$ -symmetry receives higher derivative corrections (BdR scheme)

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