



# Exactly marginal deformations and their supergravity duals

---

Anthony Ashmore

Sorbonne Université

Generalized Geometry Meets String Theory – 16th May 2024

# Collaborators



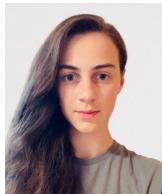
Dan Waldram



Michela Petrini



Ed Tasker



Stephanie Baines

## Motivation & “The Question”

---

Focus on type IIB solutions in 10d with **4d  $N = 1$  SCFTs** duals

- Canonical example

$$\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5 \Leftrightarrow 4d N = 4 \text{ SYM}$$

- Generalisation with **all fluxes**

$$\text{AdS}_5 \times M \Leftrightarrow 4d N = 1 \text{ SCFT}$$

Known solutions

- e.g. metric +  $F_5 \Rightarrow M$  is **Sasaki–Einstein**
- Extra isometries: e.g. **Pilch–Warner** [Pilch, Warner '00];  $\beta$  deformation [Lunin, Maldacena '05]

How do we find more general solutions?

- Isolated solutions? *Hard*
- **Deformations** of known solutions? *This talk*

What can we understand about these solutions without their explicit form?

- What information might we have access to?

Inspiration / guidance from **dual field theories**

## 4d $N = 4$ SYM in $N = 1$ language

Three chiral fields  $\Phi^i$  with  $SU(3)$  global symmetry and **superpotential**

$$\mathcal{W} = \epsilon_{ijk} \text{tr}(\Phi^i \Phi^j \Phi^k)$$

$F$ -terms  $d\mathcal{W} = 0 \Rightarrow \Phi^i$  **commute**:  $[\Phi^2, \Phi^3] = 0$

Chiral ring  $\leftrightarrow$  ring of **holomorphic functions** on  $C(S^5) = \mathbb{C}^3$ :

$$\mathcal{O}_f = f_{i_1 \dots i_n} \text{tr}(\Phi^{i_1} \dots \Phi^{i_n}) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad f_{i_1 \dots i_n} z^{i_1} \dots z^{i_n}$$

**Hilbert series**: graded count of single-trace operators modulo  $F$ -term relations

$$H(t) = \sum_k n_k t^k = \frac{1}{(1-t)^3} = 1 + 3t + 6t^2 + 10t^3 + \dots$$

# Marginal deformations

e.g.  $N = 1$  deformations of  $N = 4$  SYM [Leigh, Strassler '95]

$$\delta\mathcal{W} = f_{ijk} \text{tr}(\Phi^i \Phi^j \Phi^k)$$

- $f_{ijk} \in \underline{10}_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $SU(3)$  – **10 complex** d.o.f.
- One-loop beta functions

$$f_{ikl} \bar{f}^{kl} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_i^j f_{klm} \bar{f}^{klm} = 0$$

$2_{\mathbb{C}}$  exactly marginal couplings give **conformal manifold** [Kol '02, Kol '10, Green et al. '10]

$$\mathcal{M}_c = \{f_{ijk}\} // SU(3) = \{f_{ijk}\} / SL(3, \mathbb{C})$$

We can choose

$$\delta\mathcal{W} = f_\beta \operatorname{tr}(\Phi^1\Phi^2\Phi^3) + f_\lambda \operatorname{tr}\left[(\Phi^1)^3 + (\Phi^2)^3 + (\Phi^3)^3\right]$$

$F$ -term relations define **non-commutative** Sklyanin algebra

[Ginzburg '06]

Chiral operators for **generic**  $f_\beta$  and  $f_\lambda$  counted by [Van den Bergh '94]

$$H(t) = \frac{(1+t)^3}{1-t^3} = 1 + 3t + 3t^2 + 2t^3 + \dots$$

- Counting not known for other  $N = 1$  SCFTs



## Dual geometries?

What do we know about the dual **supersymmetric geometries**?

*Not much*

- $f_\lambda = 0$ : “ $\beta$  deformation”, preserves  $U(1)^2$  isometry, **exact** supergravity solution known [Lunin, Maldacena ‘05]
- Generic case: **no isometries** other than  $U(1)_R$  (and no hope?)
- For  $S^5$ , *tour de force* 3rd-order **perturbative** analysis [Aharony, Kol, Yankielowicz ‘02], but full solution not known

# Dual geometries?

Understand the geometry dual to a generic  $N = 1$  SCFT?

- If not the full geometry, maybe some partial data?

Count the **chiral operators** for the deformed theories from the geometry?

- Want to count these around the **deformed** solutions
- Akin to counting Kaluza–Klein modes – even for explicitly known solutions, this is hard...

*But field theory seems so simple?*

## Dual geometries?

Understand the geometry dual to a generic  $N = 1$  SCFT?

- **Integrable structures**  $(X, K)$  in  $E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$  gen. geometry
- Data of superpotential  $\mathcal{W}$  encoded by **class**  $[X]$

Focus on those obtained as **deformations** of Sasaki–Einstein, e.g.  $S^5$ ,  $T^{1,1}$ , ...

- $X$  solves weaker “**exceptional Sasaki**” conditions
- Only “holomorphic” data is explicit, but can argue for existence of full solution

Count the **chiral operators** for the deformed theories from the geometry?

- Class  $[X]$  is sufficient to calculate holomorphic quantities, e.g. **Hilbert series**

1. Review supersymmetry via **generalised structures**
2. Describe supergravity analogue of **holomorphic data** encoded by  $\mathcal{W}$
3. Give holomorphic data that determines full solution up to **complexified** diffeos + gauge
4. Compute chiral spectrum for **deformed SCFTs** from dual geometry

# Supersymmetry & generalised structures

---

## Supersymmetric AdS<sub>5</sub> backgrounds

Generic type IIB solution in 10d preserving **8 supercharges** with all fields  $(\Delta, \tau, H, F_3, F_5, g)$

$$ds_{10}^2 = e^{2\Delta} ds^2(\text{AdS}_5) + ds^2(M)$$

**Symmetries:** GDiff  $\sim$  diffeos +  $p$ -form gauge

$$\delta B^i = d\lambda^i, \quad \delta C_4 = d\rho - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{ij} d\lambda^i \wedge dB^j$$

**Supersymmetry:** fermions = 0 and  $\delta_\epsilon(\text{fermions}) = 0$

$$\nabla_m \epsilon + (\text{flux})_m \cdot \epsilon = 0, \quad \gamma^m \nabla_m \epsilon + \text{flux} \cdot \epsilon = 0$$

with  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$  stabilised by USp(6) [Coimbra, Strickland-Constable, Waldram '14]

## Example: Sasaki–Einstein

e.g.  $M$  is **Sasaki–Einstein**

Geometry defined by nowhere-vanishing tensors  $\sigma_m, j_{mn}$  and  $\Omega_{mn}$

- Defined by **spinor bilinears**:  $j_{mn} \sim \bar{\epsilon} \gamma_{mn} \epsilon$ , etc.
- Nowhere-vanishing vector  $\xi = g^{-1} \sigma$

Tensors satisfy **algebraic conditions**

$$\iota_\xi \sigma = 1, \quad \iota_\xi j = \iota_\xi \Omega = j \wedge \Omega = 0, \quad j \wedge j = \frac{1}{2} \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}$$

Invariant under  $SU(2) \subset GL(5, \mathbb{R})$

## Example: Sasaki–Einstein

Supersymmetry implies **differential conditions** on invariant tensors

$$\begin{aligned}d\sigma &= 2j, & d\Omega &= 3i\sigma \wedge \Omega, \\F_5 &= dC_4 = 4 \operatorname{vol}_g\end{aligned}$$

$\xi$  is a **Killing vector** (Reeb),  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  preserves full solution

- $\xi$  dual to  $U(1)_R$  **R-symmetry** of  $N = 1$  SCFT
- Supersymmetry  $\Rightarrow$  equations of motion



## SUSY backgrounds with flux

Long history of using **G-structures** and **generalised geometry** to analyse supersymmetric flux backgrounds

Generic  $\text{AdS}_5$  case: spinor  $\epsilon$  defines integrable  $\text{USp}(6)$  structure – “**exceptional Sasaki–Einstein**” [AA, Petrini, Waldram ‘16]

- Defined by pair  $(X, K)$  in  $E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$  generalised geometry

$$X \sim \text{hyper d.o.f.} \quad K \sim \text{vector d.o.f.}$$

Construct gen. tensors as **reps** of  $E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\text{GL}(5, \mathbb{R}) \subset E_{6(6)} \times \mathbb{R}^+$$

# K structure

Generalised vector  $V^A$  parametrises **diffeos + gauge** transformations ( $T \equiv TM$ , etc.)

$$\underline{27} \sim E \simeq T \oplus 2T^* \oplus \Lambda^3 T^* \oplus 2\Lambda^5 T^*$$
$$V^A = v^a + \lambda_a^i + \rho_{abc} + \sigma_{abcde}^i$$

Invariant **cubic form**  $c$  on  $E$

$$c(V, V, V) = -\frac{1}{2}v_v \rho \wedge \rho + \dots \in \det T^*$$

**K structure** (“vector-multiplet” structure) defined by

$$K \in E \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c(K, K, K) > 0$$

- Generalised vector invariant under  $F_{4(4)}$

Adjoint bundle

$$\underline{78} \sim \text{ad} F \simeq 3\mathbb{R} \oplus (T \otimes T^*) \oplus 2\Lambda^2 T^* \oplus 2\Lambda^2 T \oplus \Lambda^4 T^* \oplus \Lambda^4 T$$
$$R^A{}_B = \cdots + B^i{}_{ab} + \cdots + C_{abcd} + \cdots$$

X structure (“hypermultiplet” structure) defined by

$$X \in \text{ad} F_{\mathbb{C}} \otimes \det T^* \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{tr}(X\bar{X}) < 0$$

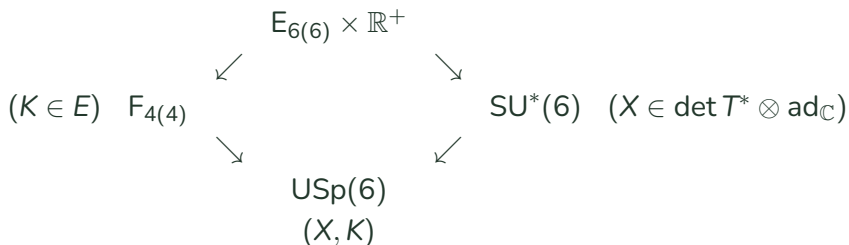
where  $X = \kappa(J_1 + iJ_2)$  defines  $\mathfrak{su}_2$  algebra

$$[J_\alpha, J_\beta] = 2\kappa \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} J_\gamma, \quad \text{tr}(J_\alpha J_\beta) = -\kappa^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \kappa^2 \in \det T^*$$

- Complex adjoint tensor invariant under  $SU^*(6)$

# Generalised structures

Spinor  $\epsilon$  defines the pair  $(X, K)$



Intersect on  $USp(6)$  if **compatible**

$$X \cdot K = 0$$

$(X, K)$  specify **all supergravity fields** for solution

## Example: Sasaki–Einstein

Recall  $G$ -structure defined by  $(\sigma, j, \Omega)$

$K$  structure defines “contact structure”

$$K_{SE} = e^{C_4}(\xi - \sigma \wedge j) \in T \oplus \Lambda^3 T^* \subset E$$

$X$  structure defines “Cauchy–Riemann structure”

$$X_{SE} = e^{C_4 - \frac{1}{4}i\Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}} n^i \sigma \wedge \Omega \in 2\Lambda^3 T^* \subset \text{ad } F_{\mathbb{C}} \otimes \det T^*$$

where

$$n^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{im } \tau}} (1, \tau)^i$$

Symmetries act via **Dorfman derivative**

$$\mathbb{L}_V = \mathcal{L}_V - (d\lambda^i + d\rho) \cdot \sim \text{diffeo} + \text{gauge}$$

**Supersymmetry** of the solution is equivalent to [AA, Petrini, Waldram '16]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{L}_K K &= 0, & \mathbb{L}_K X &= 3iX, \\ \mu_+(V) &= 0, & \mu_3(V) &= 3 \int_M c(K, K, V) \quad \forall V \end{aligned}$$

- “**Exceptional Sasaki–Einstein**” (ESE)
- Generalised  $\text{USp}(6)$  structure with **constant singlet torsion**
- $\mathbb{L}_K$  is action of  $\text{U}(1)_R$  of dual SCFT

# Exceptional Sasaki geometry

---

Can we solve for the general supergravity solution dual to the deformed field theories? *Unlikely!*

- Solving for generic solutions seems **intractable** – no isometries; harder than Calabi–Yau

Instead, focus on **holomorphic data** for  $X$

$$X \cdot K = 0, \quad \mathbb{L}_K K = 0, \quad \mu_+ = 0, \quad \mathbb{L}_K X = 3iX$$

- “**Exceptional Sasaki**” (ExS)
- $X$  defines an exceptional complex structure [Tennyson, Waldram ‘21]



Let  $\mathcal{Z}_K$  be the **space of  $X$  structures** which are ExS for a fixed  $K$

$$\mathcal{Z}_K = \{X \mid \mu_+ = 0, \mathbb{L}_K K = 0, X \cdot K = 0, \mathbb{L}_K X = 3iX\}$$

Final SUSY condition is a moment map for **GDiff $_K$**

$$\mu_K := \mu_3 - 3 \int c(K, K, \cdot)$$

with moduli space

$$\mathcal{M}_c \simeq \frac{\{X \in \mathcal{Z}_K \mid \mu_K = 0\}}{\text{GDiff}_K} \equiv \mathcal{Z}_K // \text{GDiff}_K$$

- $\mathcal{M}_c$  is **conformal manifold** of dual SCFT [Kol '02, Kol '10, Green et al. '10]

$\mathcal{Z}_K$  admits a  $\text{GDiff}_K$ -invariant **Kähler structure**

Symplectic quotient equivalent to **GIT quotient** by complexified action

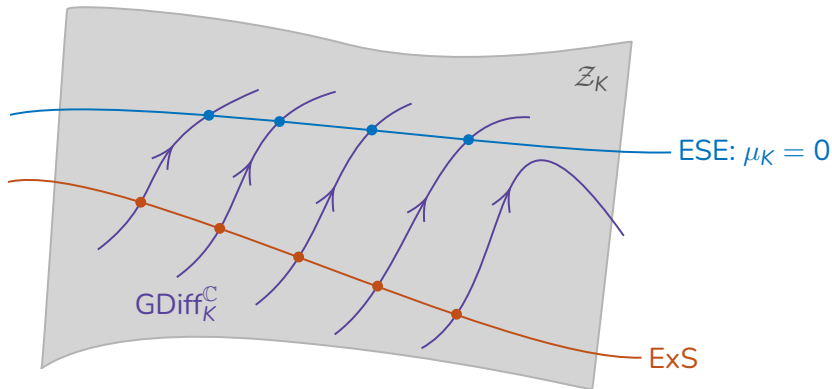
$$\mathcal{M}_c \simeq \mathcal{Z}_K // \text{GDiff}_K \simeq \mathcal{Z}_K / \text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}}$$

Final supersymmetry condition imposed by quotient

- In favourable case, given ExS structure  $(X, K)$ , orbit of  $X$  under  $\text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}}$  intersects with  $\mu_K = 0$

Useful: find simpler **ExS structure** for complicated geometry

# Stability and existence



Subtlety: only the subset of **polystable** points have orbits that reach  $\mu_K = 0$

# Interpretation

$X$  and  $K$  encode supergravity hyper- and vector-multiplet degrees of freedom

- Hypers dual to **chiral multiplets** in field theory

**Holomorphic** data of  $\mathcal{W}$  encoded by  $X$  up to  $\text{GDiff}^{\mathbb{C}}$

$$[X] = \{X' = \Phi^*(X) \mid \mu_+ = 0, \Phi \in \text{GDiff}^{\mathbb{C}}\}$$

Full solution  $(X, K)$  may be out of reach, but can solve for a **simpler representative** of  $[X]$

- Any field theory quantity determined by  $\mathcal{W}$ , e.g. **chiral spectrum**, can be computed using any representative of  $[X]$

# Explicit ExS solutions for deformed geometries

---

1. Start with **known** solution  $(X, K)$
2. Deform to  $(X_{\text{ED}}, K)$  which solves **weaker ExS conditions**
3. Argue that  $X_{\text{ED}}$  can be  $\text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}}$ -transformed to solve  $\mu_K = 0$ ,  
i.e. a **full supersymmetric solution**
4. Use  $(X_{\text{ED}}, K)$  to calculate interesting quantities  
characterising the dual **deformed field theory**

This is a **completely general picture**, but we'll focus on cases where the known solution is Sasaki–Einstein

# Deformations of Sasaki–Einstein

New **exceptional Sasaki** solution for deformed SE geometries

$$K = K_{SE}$$
$$X_{ED}(f) = e^{-\frac{1}{4}i\Omega\wedge\bar{\Omega}} e^{r^i A(f)} e^{r^j r_j \varepsilon(f)} (s^i(f) \sigma \wedge \Omega + df)$$

where

- $f$  is **holomorphic** and **charge three**,  $\mathcal{L}_\xi f = 3if$
- $df \sim \beta \lrcorner (\sigma \wedge \Omega)$  with **bivector**  $\beta \sim (\sigma \wedge \bar{\Omega})^\sharp \lrcorner df$
- Two-form  $A(f)$  linear in  $f$
- Function  $\varepsilon(f)$  quadratic in  $f$
- $K_{SE}$  is **unchanged**

Geometry satisfies all susy conditions except  $\mu_K = 0$

## Are these stable?

Given these solutions to ExS conditions, we know:

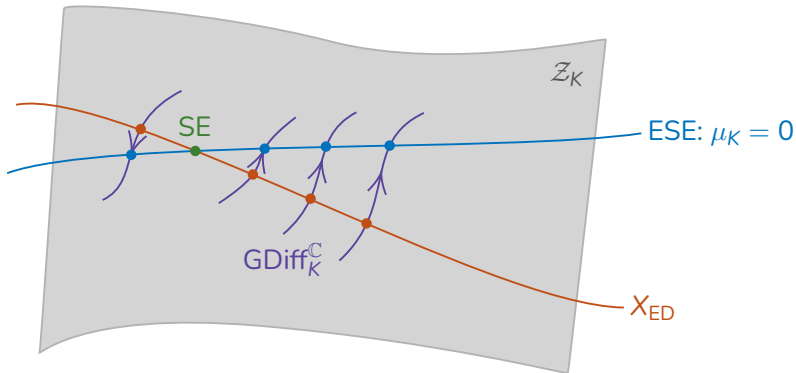
1. There is an **open** subset of stable points around  $X_{ED}(0) = X_{SE}$
2.  $X_{ED}(f)$  gives **continuous one-parameter family** of solutions under  $f \mapsto \lambda f$
3. Linearised  $X_{ED}(f)$  matches known **infinitesimal** solutions to  $\mu_K = 0$  that necessarily lie in a stable subset [AA, Gabella, Graña, Petrini, Waldram '16]

Implies that for small but finite  $f$ , all  $X_{ED}(f)$  are **stable** and can be completed to full supersymmetric solutions

- **Existence** of the deformed supergravity backgrounds



## Physical interpretation



- **Orbit**  $[X_{ED}] \simeq \text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}} \cdot X_{ED}$  fixes **superpotential**  $\mathcal{W}$  of dual field theory
- $\mathbb{L}_K X = 3iX$  fixes  $\delta\mathcal{W}$  to be a **marginal** deformation (dual theory is conformal)
- Motion along orbit  $\equiv$  **renormalisation** of Kähler potential

## Example: deformations of five-sphere

Holomorphic charge- $k$  functions descend from cone  
 $C(S^5) = \mathbb{C}^3$

$$f = f_{i_1 \dots i_k} z^{i_1} \dots z^{i_k}, \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi f = ikf$$

$(X_{ED}, K)$  is exceptional Sasaki for any  $\mathcal{L}_\xi f = 3if$

- **Explicit** expressions for  $A(f)$  and  $\varepsilon(f)$
- Reproduces **second-order** perturbative analysis of [Aharony, Kol, Yankielowicz '02]
- For  $f = z^1 z^2 z^3$ , can find the  $\text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}}$  that transforms  $X_{ED}$  to known  $\beta$ -deformed solution [Lunin, Maldacena '05]

Same analysis for deformations of any **Sasaki–Einstein** background, e.g.  $T^{1,1}$ , etc.

# Further deformations and counting chiral operators

---

What can we calculate using the ExS solutions?  $[X_{ED}]$  fixes superpotential so should encode **chiral spectrum** of dual field theory

$$\text{chirals} = \{\text{chiral operators}\} / \{d\mathcal{W} = 0\}$$

Can count these graded by  $R$ -charge  $\rightarrow$  **Hilbert series**

- Counting for Sasaki–Einstein done by [Eager, Schmude, Tachikawa '12]
- But we want to count for the **deformed theory!** Hard as  $d\mathcal{W} = 0$  defines a non-commutative algebra

Equivalent to further deformations of  $X$  with **no constraint** on charge,  $\mathbb{L}_K X \neq 3iX$

$$\text{chirals} = \{ \delta X \mid \delta X \cdot K = 0, \delta \mu_+ = 0 \} / \text{GDiff}_K^{\mathbb{C}}$$

- Deformations of SCFT preserving  $N = 1$  but not conformal

Counting  $\delta X$  up to symmetries defines a **cohomology** since

$$E_{\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{L} \bullet X} T\mathcal{Z}_K \xrightarrow{\delta \mu_+} E_{\mathbb{C}}^*$$

Counting depends only on **class**  $[X]$  and can be **graded** by charge under  $\mathbb{L}_K$

## Example: five-sphere

Chiral spectrum around  $N = 4$  theory  $\equiv$  charge- $k$  deformations of  $X_{SE}$ , i.e.  $X_{ED}(f)$  without restricting to  $k = 3$

$$f = f_{i_1 \dots i_k} z^{i_1} \dots z^{i_k}, \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi f = ikf$$

# charge- $k$  deformations  $n_k \equiv$  # symmetric polynomials in  $(z^1, z^2, z^3)$

$$H(t) = \sum_k n_k t^k = \frac{1}{(1-t)^3} = 1 + 3t + 6t^2 + 10t^3 + \dots$$

- Matches Hilbert series of  $N = 4$  SYM theory ✓
- General SE case counted by Kohn–Rossi cohomology

[Eager, Schmude, Tachikawa '12]

## Chiral spectrum at $X_{ED}$

When deformed solution is **generic** ( $\eta := df \neq 0$ , “type one”)

$$[X_{ED}] \simeq e^{b^i(f)+c_4(f)} \eta$$

cohomology reduces to “ **$\eta$  cohomology**” [Tasker ‘21]

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d} \eta \wedge \Lambda^p T^* \xrightarrow{d} \eta \wedge \Lambda^{p+1} T^* \xrightarrow{d} \dots$$

fixed by **Kohn–Rossi cohomology** of original Sasaki–Einstein

Result: universal expression for **Hilbert series**

$$H(t) \equiv \sum_k n_k t^k = 1 + \mathcal{I}_{s.t.}(t) - [k \equiv_3 0, k > 0] t^{2k}$$

in terms of “single-trace superconformal index”  $\mathcal{I}_{s.t.}(t)$

## Example: deformed five-sphere

e.g. deformed  $S^5$  with

$$f = f_\beta z^1 z^2 z^3 + f_\lambda \left[ (z^1)^3 + (z^2)^3 + (z^3)^3 \right]$$

Hilbert series is

$$H(t) = \frac{(1+t)^3}{1-t^3} = 1 + 3t + 3t^2 + 2t^3 + \dots$$

in **agreement** with counting from cyclic homology of Sklyanin algebra [Van den Bergh '94] ✓

**New results** for deformations of regular SEs:  $T^{1,1}$ ,  $\#n(S^2 \times S^3)$ , etc.



## Summary

Background geometry naturally encodes **superpotential** of dual SCFT

Can find supergravity solution for deformations up to  $G\text{Diff}_K^C$  **action** – large class of new supergravity duals

**Class** of structure  $[X]$  determines spectrum of **chiral operators**

Outlook

- Same/similar formalism for  $\text{AdS}_5/\text{AdS}_4$  in type II / **M-theory**
- New perspective on **a-maximisation** for supersymmetric flux backgrounds
- Cohomology gives **supersymmetric index**

# Marginal deformations, holomorphic data & counting chirals

---

# Moment maps

The  $\mu_\alpha$  are a triplet of **moment maps** for the action of

$$\text{GDiff} \simeq \text{diffeo} + \text{gauge}$$

Infinitesimally,  $V \in \Gamma(E) \simeq \mathfrak{g}\text{diff}$  acts by

$$\delta J_\alpha = \mathbb{L}_V J_\alpha$$

Action preserves **hyper-Kähler structure** on space of  $J_\alpha$  so that

$$\mu_\alpha(V) = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \int_M \text{tr}(J_\beta \mathbb{L}_V J_\gamma)$$

## Marginal vs exactly marginal deformations

The field theory result of [Kol '02, Kol '10, Green et al. '10] that all marginal deformations are exactly marginal unless there is a global symmetry follows directly from **moment map structure**

e.g.  $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$ ,  $(X, K)$  preserved by  $\text{SU}(3)$

- **Linearised deformation** parameterised by  $f = f_{ijk} z^i z^j z^k$
- $\mu_\alpha(V)$  **trivially** zero for  $V \in \text{SU}(3)$
- Further moment map for  $\text{SU}(3)$  and quotient on  $\{f_{ijk}\}$

$$\mu_{\text{SU}(3)} \equiv f_{ikl} \bar{f}^{jkl} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_i^j f_{klm} \bar{f}^{klm} = 0$$

gives space of **exactly marginal couplings**

# Flat $X$ structures

$X$  defines an (almost) exceptional complex structure via

[Tennyson, Waldram '21]

$$J \sim \frac{i}{\text{tr}(X\bar{X})} [X, \bar{X}]$$

which decomposes

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\mathbb{C}} &\simeq L_1 \oplus L_{-1} \oplus L_0 \\ \underline{27} &\rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{6}}_1 + \underline{\mathbf{6}}_{-1} + \overline{\mathbf{15}}_0 \end{aligned}$$

Integrability

$$\text{ECS} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbb{L}_V W \in \Gamma(L_1) \quad \forall V, W \in \Gamma(L_1)$$

What is missing for  $\mu_+ = 0$ ? Impose

$$\mathbb{L}_V X = 0 \quad \forall V \in \Gamma(L_{-1})$$

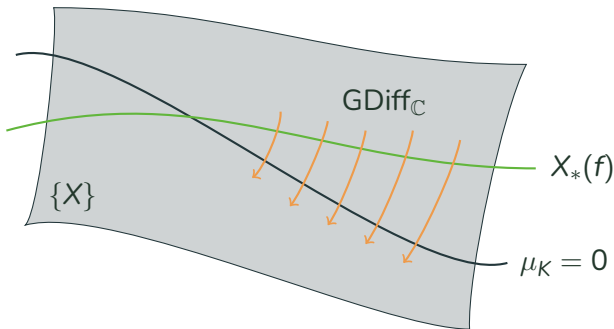
where  $X: \det T \otimes E_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow L_{-1}$

## General argument

Given solution  $(X_*, K)$  to ES conditions, can show that full solution exists:

1. Space of  $X$  with fixed  $K$  inherits invariant Kähler metric
2.  $\mu_K(V) = \mu_3(V) - \int_M c(K, K, V)$  is moment map for  $\text{GDiff}$  with fixed  $K$
3.  $(X_*, K)$  matches exactly marginal solutions for **infinitesimal** deformations
4. Open subset of **stable** points that lie on orbits of  $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}^K$  will intersect  $\mu_K = 0$  – all  $(X_*, K)$  are stable and thus can be mapped to full solutions
5. Different  $X_*$  flow to different solutions unless there are **isometries**
6.  $X_*$  related by isometries map to **same solution** under  $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}^K$ , in agreement with field theory [Kol '02, Kol '10, Green et al. '10]

## Physical interpretation



1. Fixing an orbit  $[X] \simeq G\text{Diff}_\mathbb{C} \cdot X$  fixes the **superpotential**  $\mathcal{W}$  of dual SCFT
2.  $\mathbb{L}_K X = 3iX$  fixes  $\Delta = 3$  – **marginal** deformation
3. Motion along orbit  $\equiv$  **renormalisation** of Kähler potential



## Example: $S^5$ again

Mesonic operators

$\text{tr}(\Phi \dots) \leftrightarrow$  holomorphic functions  $f(z)$  on cone

- **Marginal**  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\xi f = 3if$

Cone is  $C(S^5) = \mathbb{C}^3$ ; functions are  $f = f_{ijk} z^i z^j z^k$

Recall

$$X = e^{\frac{1}{2}ij^2} u^i \sigma \wedge \Omega \sim u^i \sigma \wedge \Omega \quad \text{up to } \text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

How do we **deform** this by  $f$ ? Marginal for  $\mathcal{L}_\xi f = 3if$

## $X_*$ for deformed $S^5$ background

New family of solutions to **holomorphic** conditions

$$K = \xi - \sigma \wedge j, \quad X_* = e^{b^i(f)}(df + v^i(f) \sigma \wedge \Omega)$$

with  $b^i \in \Lambda^2 T_{\mathbb{C}}^*$  linear and  $v^i$  quadratic in  $f$

- In  $S^5$  case and  $f$  cubic, reproduces **second-order** parts of [Aharony, Kol, Yankielowicz '02]
- If  $f = z^1 z^2 z^3$ , can solve for **explicit**  $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$  to take solution to exact  $\beta$ -deformed solution
- Works for deformation of any **Sasaki–Einstein** background –  $T^{1,1}$ , etc.

# Chiral spectrum

What can we calculate using this (partial) solution?

$X_*$  fixes **superpotential** so should encode space of mesonic operators, i.e. chiral ring

chiral ring =

$$\mathcal{O}_f = f_{ijkl\dots} \text{tr}(\Phi^i \Phi^j \Phi^k \Phi^l \dots)$$

Can count these graded by  $R$ -charge  $\rightarrow$  **Hilbert series**

- Counting for Sasaki–Einstein point known [Eager, Schmude, Tachikawa '12]
- But we want to count for the **deformed theory**!

# Chiral spectrum

Counting  $\delta X$  up to  $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$  defines a **cohomology** since

$$E_{\mathbb{C}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{L} \bullet X} T\{X\} \xrightarrow{\delta\mu_+} E_{\mathbb{C}}^*$$

Cohomology counts **chiral operators** (drop  $\mathbb{L}_K X = 3iX$  condition)

$$\text{chirals} \sim \frac{\{\delta X \mid \delta\mu_+ = 0\}}{\{\delta X = \mathbb{L}_V X\}}$$

Counting depends only on **class** of  $X_*$  and  $[X] = [X_*]$

# Calculating the cohomology

Easiest when the deformed solution is **generic** –  $df \neq 0$

- Using  $\text{GDiff}_{\mathbb{C}}$ , can then write  $X_*$  as

$$X_* = e^{\tilde{b}^i(\tau, f) + c_4(\tau, f)} df$$

Cohomology then reduces to [Tasker '21]

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d} df \wedge \Lambda^p T_{\mathbb{C}}^* \xrightarrow{d} df \wedge \Lambda^{p+1} T_{\mathbb{C}}^* \xrightarrow{d} \dots$$

which can be computed using **Kohn–Rossi cohomology** of original Sasaki–Einstein

# Counting chirals

## Hilbert series

$$H(t) \equiv \sum_k n_k t^k = 1 + \mathcal{I}_{\text{s.t.}}(t) - [k \equiv_3 0, k > 0] t^{2k}$$

e.g. deformed  $S^5$  with

$$f = f_\beta z^1 z^2 z^3 + f_\lambda \left[ (z^1)^3 + (z^2)^3 + (z^3)^3 \right]$$

Hilbert series is

$$H(t) = \frac{(1+t)^3}{1-t^3} = 1 + 3t + 3t^2 + 2t^3 + \dots$$

in **agreement** with [Van den Bergh '94]

## New results

e.g.  $T^{1,1}$  – undeformed result

$$H(t) = \frac{1 + t^{3/2}}{(1 - t^{3/2})^3} = 1 + 4t^{3/2} + 9t^3 + 16t^{9/2} \dots$$

For theory with generic deformed superpotential

$$H(t) = \frac{1 + 4t^{3/2} + 2t^3}{1 - t^3} = 1 + 4t^{3/2} + 3t^3 + 4t^{9/2} + \dots$$

- Matches explicit counting of gauge-invariant chiral field modulo  $F$ -term relations up to  $k = 21/3$  [Tasker '21]
- No previous calculation of cyclic homology / chirals for deformed theory

New results for  $\#n(S^2 \times S^3)$ , etc.

# Summary

Background geometry naturally encodes **superpotential** of dual SCFT

Can find supergravity solution for deformations up to **GDiff<sub>C</sub> action** – large class of new supergravity duals

**Class** of structure  $[X]$  determines spectrum of **chiral operators**

Future

- Same/similar formalism for AdS<sub>5</sub>/AdS<sub>4</sub> in **M-theory**
- Cohomology gives **supersymmetric index**
- **a-maximisation** for generic supersymmetric backgrounds –  
$$a^{-1} \sim \int_M c(K, K, K)$$