

Symmetry constraints on perturbative $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity

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Results:

- SUSY prohibits $L = 1, 2$ divergences.

[Grisaru (1977); van Nieuwenhuizen and Wu (1977)]

- Explicit calculations (unitary methods) demonstrate that the 4-graviton amplitude is finite at loop orders $L = 3, 4$.

[Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Roiban, Johansson (2007–2009)]

→ why?

- Cancellations beyond what is expected from SUSY
→ 'magic' or symmetries?

- Superfield arguments + string theory arguments.

[Bossard, Drummond, Green, Howe, Russo, Stelle, Vanhove, ...]

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Questions:

- Why are the 3- and 4-loop 4-graviton amplitudes finite?
- What to expect from higher-loop orders?
- What about higher-point loop amplitudes?
- What can the symmetries of the $\mathcal{N} = 8$ theory teach us about the perturbative structure of the theory?

On-shell states and symmetries of $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity

$2^8 = 256$ massless states

state	helicity	
1 graviton	+2	h^+
\vdots		
70 scalars	0	$\varphi^{abcd} \quad (a, b, \dots = 1, \dots, 8)$
\vdots		
1 graviton	-2	h^-

35 pairs of complex scalars are self-conjugate: $\bar{\varphi}_{abcd} = \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon_{abcdefgh} \varphi^{efgh}$.

Global $SU(8)$ R-symmetry:

$M_n^{\text{SUGRA}}(v^{12}, \varphi^{1245}, \dots) = 0$ unless $SU(8)$ -singlet.

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- 1 PART 1: $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$.
- 2 PART 2: $E_{7(7)}$ constraints.
- 3 Current status.

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Our goal:
characterize candidate counterterm operators
to bound lowest possible order of a UV divergence

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Operators complicated, but their leading on-shell **matrix elements** are simple!

I will use 4d *spinor helicity* formalism to study on-shell matrix elements:

- If 4d momentum p_μ null, $p^2 = 0$, then

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = p_\mu (\bar{\sigma}^\mu)^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} = |p\rangle^{\dot{\alpha}} [p]^\beta$$

with bra and kets being 2-component commuting spinors which are solutions to the massless Weyl eqn, $p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} |p\rangle^{\dot{\beta}} = 0$.

- Spinor products $\langle 12 \rangle \equiv \langle p_1 |_{\dot{\alpha}} |p_2\rangle^{\dot{\alpha}}$ and $[12] = [p_1]^\alpha [p_2]_\alpha$ are just $\sqrt{|s_{12}|} = \sqrt{|2p_1 \cdot p_2|}$ up to a complex phase.
- Note $[ij] = -[ji]$ and $\langle ij \rangle = -\langle ji \rangle$.
- **Dimensional analysis:** $\langle ij \rangle$ and $[ij]$ have mass dimension 1.

Analysis of potential counterterms

Instead of studying the *operators*, we analyze their leading *matrix elements*:

operator \leftrightarrow *matrix elements*

local \leftrightarrow polynomial in momenta and polarizations
 \leftrightarrow polynomial in $\langle ij \rangle$ and $[ij]$.

L -loop \leftrightarrow $\langle ij \rangle, [ij]$ polynomial has degree $2L + 2$.

$\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY \leftrightarrow SUSY Ward identities.

$SU(8)$ -invariant \leftrightarrow $SU(8)$ Ward identities.

$E_{7(7)}$ -compatible \leftrightarrow low-energy theorems

no such matrix elements \leftrightarrow no such operator \leftrightarrow no such counterterm.

If matrix elements do exist: determine multiplicities of such operators.

- “Little group scaling”:

For each external state $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$|i\rangle \rightarrow t_i |i\rangle \text{ and } |i\rangle \rightarrow t_i^{-1} |i\rangle, \quad \implies \quad A_n \rightarrow t_i^{-2h_i} A_n$$

where h_i is the helicity.

- $\mathcal{N} = 4, 8$ maximal SUSY Ward identities:

$$\text{MHV: } \langle ++--++\dots \rangle = \frac{\langle 34 \rangle^{\mathcal{N}}}{\langle 12 \rangle^{\mathcal{N}}} \langle --++++\dots \rangle.$$

Example: n -gluon MHV amplitude (Parke-Taylor formula)

$$A_n(1^- 2^- 3^+ 4^+ \dots n^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

has mass dim. $4 - n$.

MHV = maximally helicity violating

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⇒ No $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY matrix elements. So R^5 is not indep. supersymmetrizable.

Carry out an analysis of matrix elements at MHV and NMHV level.

[HE, Freedman, Kiermaier, 1003.5018]

- Use superamplitudes.
- Use solution to SUSY Ward identities.
[HE, Freedman, Kiermaier, 0911.3169]
- Use Gröbner basis: $\text{PolynomialRing}[\langle ij \rangle, [kl]] / \text{Ideal}[\text{Shouten, mom.cons.}]$
[Beisert, HE, Freedman, Kiermaier, Morales, Stieberger, 1009.1643]

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[Bossard, Hillmann, Nicolai (2010)]

- Counterterm operator \mathcal{O} : $E_{7(7)}$ compatible?

Test if the single soft scalar limits of their matrix elements vanish.

Soft scalar limits of the MHV 4-, 5- and 6-pt matrix elements trivially vanish

We would like to calculate the *scalar-graviton* NMHV matrix element

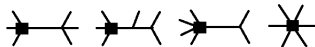
$$\lim_{p_1 \rightarrow 0} \langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} 3^- 4^- 5^+ 6^+ \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = ?$$

to test if its single soft limit vanishes or not, when $\mathcal{O} = R^4, D^4 R^4, D^6 R^4$.

$$R^4$$

$$\langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} + + - - \rangle_{R^4}$$

Very hard to calculate from Feynman diagrams



We use a trick to extract the 6-point R^4 matrix elements from the closed string theory tree amplitude.

String effective action: $\alpha'^3 \sqrt{-g} e^{-6\phi} R^4$
(not quite what we want)

- The α'^3 -correction to the closed string tree amplitude are encoded in the supersymmetrization of

$$\alpha'^3 \sqrt{-g} e^{-6\phi} R^4$$

This preserves only $SU(4) \times SU(4)$.

- We *cannot* use the closed string tree amplitude directly to explore the 3-loop R^4 candidate counterterm of $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity, because it has to be an $SU(8)$ -invariant supersymmetrization.

Earlier work w/ $e^{-6\phi} R^4$ [Brödel & Dixon, 2009]

From $e^{-6\phi} R^4$ to R^4

How to obtain the matrix elements $\langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} 3^- 4^- 5^+ 6^+ \rangle_{R^4}$ of the $SU(8)$ -invariant supersymmetrization of R^4 from α'^3 of the string amplitude?

'Average' the α'^3 contributions of the string amplitude over $SU(8)$



'Average' the matrix elements of $e^{-6\phi} R^4$ over $SU(8)$



matrix elements of an $SU(8)$ -invariant supersymmetric 8-derivative operator.

There is only ONE such operator, namely the desired R^4 .

[Freedman, Kiermaier, H.E. (March 2010)]

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hence

$$\lim_{p_1 \rightarrow 0} \langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} + + - - \rangle_{R^4} = 2\zeta(3) \frac{6}{5} [34]^4 \langle 56 \rangle^4 \neq 0.$$

Conclusion: the unique $SU(8)$ -invariant supersymmetrization of R^4 is NOT $E_{7(7)}$ -compatible.

Chart of potential counterterms in $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity

Candidate counterterm operators must be $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$ -invariant and have $E_{7(7)}$ symmetry.

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Understand now why 3-loop 4-graviton amplitude is finite.

Observation 1

$$(\star) \quad \text{Why} \quad \lim_{\rho_1 \rightarrow 0} \langle \varphi^{12|56} \varphi^{34|78} + + - - \rangle_{e^{-6\phi} R^4} = 0 \quad ?$$

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- For $\alpha' > 0$:

Global $SO(6,6)$ spontaneously broken to $SU(4) \times SU(4)$.

There are $66 - 30 = 36$ Goldstone bosons. They transform in the $\mathbf{6} \otimes \mathbf{6}$.

- These are precisely scalars that decompose into products of two $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM scalars:

$$\varphi_s = z \otimes z \quad \text{ex. } \varphi^{12|56}$$

- Eq. (\star) holds to all orders in α' . have checked explicit up to and incl. α'^7 .

Observation 2: Duality and supersymmetry

Green, Miller, Russo, and Vanhove (GMRV) showed that duality and supersymmetry requires the SUSY operator R^4 to have a non-linear completion of $f_{R^4} R^4$, where f_{R^4} is a moduli-dependent automorphic function which satisfies

$$\Delta f_{R^4} = -42 f_{R^4} \quad \text{for } D = 4$$

Here Δ is the Laplacian on the coset $E_{7(7)}/SU(8)$.

Compare:

Let's compare GMRV to our result:

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Must come from local operator $(\varphi \bar{\varphi})_{\text{sing}} R^4$, so that is part of the non-linear completion of R^4 , i.e. $f_{R^4} R^4$ with

$$f_{R^4} \propto -2\zeta(3) \left[1 - \frac{6}{5} (\varphi^{1234} \varphi^{5678} + 34 \text{ others}) + \dots \right]$$

The Laplacian on $E_{7(7)}/SU(8)$ is

$$\Delta = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^{1234}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^{5678}} + 34 \text{ inequivalent perms} \right) + \dots$$

Indeed we find

$$\Delta f_{R^4} + 42 f_{R^4} = -2\zeta(3) \left(-\frac{6}{5} \times 35 + 42 \right) + O(\varphi \bar{\varphi}) = 0 + O(\varphi \bar{\varphi})$$

so our result matches GMRV!

$\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity

The R^4 operator in $D = 4$:

- $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$ invariant.
- NOT $E_{7(7)}$ invariant.
- Explains why R^4 is not a candidate counterterm...
- ...and why the 3-loop 4-point amplitude is finite.

[Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Kosower, Roiban '07]

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$SU(8)$ average procedure gives unique $D^4 R^4$ matrix elements from α'^5 of closed string amplitude.

- NOT $E_{7(7)}$ invariant.
- Single soft limit shows SUSY operator is $f_{D^4 R^4} D^4 R^4$ with
$$f_{D^4 R^4} \propto -\zeta(5) \left[1 - \frac{12}{7} (\varphi^{1234} \varphi^{5678} + 34 \text{ others}) + \dots \right]$$
- Satisfies Green et al's $\Delta f_{D^4 R^4} = -60 f_{D^4 R^4}$
- Conclude: $D^4 R^4$ is *not* a candidate counterterm.
- $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SG finite at 5-loops in $D = 4$.

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Closed string effective action

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{eff}} = & S_{\text{SG}} - 2 \alpha'^3 \zeta(3) e^{-6\phi} R^4 - \alpha'^5 \zeta(5) e^{-10\phi} D^4 R^4 \\ & + \frac{2}{3} \alpha'^6 \zeta(3)^2 e^{-12\phi} D^6 R^4 - \frac{1}{2} \alpha'^7 \zeta(7) e^{-14\phi} D^8 R^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Matrix elements from α'^6 of closed string amplitude are polluted by pole terms $R^4 \rightarrow R^4$ from $\alpha'^3 \times \alpha'^3$.

- We calculate fully $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY'ized $R^4 \rightarrow R^4$.
- Extract $\langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} + + - - \rangle_{R^4 \rightarrow R^4}$ and subtract it from $\langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} + + - - \rangle_{e^{-12\phi} D^6 R^4}$.
- $SU(8)$ average then gives $\langle \varphi \bar{\varphi} + + - - \rangle_{D^6 R^4}$, which has non-vanishing single soft scalar limit.
- Satisfies Green et al's $\Delta f_{D^6 R^4} = -60 f_{D^6 R^4} - (f_{R^4})^2$.

The inhom. term is from $R^4 \rightarrow R^4$.

- NOT $E_{7(7)}$ invariant.
- Conclude: $D^6 R^4$ is *not* a candidate counterterm.
- $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SG finite at 6-loops in $D = 4$.

Landscape of potential counterterms

$\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$ -invariant candidate counterterm operators.

L	$n = 4$	5	6	
3	R^4 $E_{7(7)}$	None \rightarrow		
4	$D^2 R^4$	R^5	None \rightarrow	
5	$D^4 R^4$ $E_{7(7)}$	$D^2 R^5$	R^6	None \rightarrow
6	$D^6 R^4$ $E_{7(7)}$	$D^4 R^5$	$D^2 R^6$	R^7 None \rightarrow
7	$D^8 R^4$	$D^6 R^5$	$D^4 R^6$	$D^2 R^7$ R^8
8	$D^{10} R^4$	$D^8 R^5$	$D^6 R^6$	$D^4 R^7$ $D^2 R^8$ R^9

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What do we know about $L \geq 7$ loops?

$\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$ -singlet candidate counterterm operators and $SU(8)$ 70 operators for their single soft scalar limits.

7-loop	4-pt	5-pt	6-pt	7-pt	8-pt	9-pt	10-pt	11-pt	12-pt	13-pt	14-pt	15-pt	16-pt
singlet	$D^8 R^4$ 1 \times MHV	$D^6 R^5$	$D^4 R^6$ 2 \times NMHV	$D^2 R^7$	R^8 3 \times N ² MHV	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^2 R^8$ 4 \times N ³ MHV	$\varphi^4 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^4 R^8$ 6 \times N ⁴ MHV	$\varphi^6 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^6 R^8$ 8 \times N ⁵ MHV	$\varphi^8 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^8 R^8$ 10 \times N ⁶ MHV
70		\swarrow soft $\varphi D^8 R^4$ 2 \times		\swarrow soft $\varphi D^4 R^6$ 4 \times		\swarrow soft φR^8 6 \times		\swarrow soft $\varphi^3 R^8$ 9 \times		\swarrow soft $\varphi^5 R^8$ 14 \times		\swarrow soft $\varphi^7 R^8$ 19 \times	

8-loop	4-pt	5-pt	6-pt	7-pt	8-pt	9-pt	10-pt	11-pt	12-pt	13-pt	14-pt
singlet	$D^{10} R^4$ 1 \times MHV	$D^8 R^5$ 1 \times MHV	$D^6 R^6$ 3 \times NMHV	$D^4 R^7$ 3 \times NMHV	$D^2 R^8$ 8 \times N ² MHV	R^9 8 \times N ² MHV	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^8$ 25 \times N ³ MHV	$\varphi^2 R^9$ 22 \times N ³ MHV	$\varphi^4 D^2 R^8$ 66 \times N ⁴ MHV	$\varphi^4 R^9$ 51 \times N ⁴ MHV	$\varphi^6 D^2 R^8$ 153 \times N ⁵ MHV
70	$\varphi D^{10} R^4$ 3 \times	$\varphi D^8 R^5$ 4 \times	$\varphi D^6 R^6$ 17 \times	$\varphi D^4 R^7$ 16 \times	$\varphi D^2 R^8$ 81 \times	φR^9 63 \times	$\varphi^3 D^2 R^8$ 232 \times	$\varphi^3 R^9$ 211 \times	$\varphi^5 D^2 R^8$ 1033 \times		

Multiplicities found using $SU(2, 2|8)$.

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For $n > 4$ none of the $L = 7$ operators are $E_{7(7)}$ compatible.

This means that the 4-graviton amplitude determines whether the theory is finite or not at $L = 7$.

SUSY, $SU(8)$, $E_{7(7)}$ $\implies \mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity in 4d finite up to 7-loop order.

First divergence at $L = 7$?

Candidate full superspace integral — but it vanishes!!

But there is a new 7/8th superspace integral counterterm available.

[Bossard, Howe, Stelle, Vanhove (2011)]

First divergence at $L = 8$?

Candidate full superspace integral available [Kallosh (1981), Howe & Lindstrom (1981)]

→ Looks like more than SUSY and $E_{7(7)}$ is needed for finiteness.

Landscape of potential counterterms

$\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUSY and $SU(8)$ -invariant candidate counterterm operators.

L

3 $R^4 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$

4 $D^2 R^4$ R^5

5 $D^4 R^4 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$ $D^2 R^5$ R^6

6 $D^6 R^4 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$ $D^4 R^5$ $D^2 R^6$ R^7

7	$D^8 R^4$	$D^6 R^5$	$D^4 R^6 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$	$D^2 R^7$	$R^8 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^2 R^8 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$	$\varphi^4 D^2 R^7$	$\varphi^4 R^8 \xrightarrow{E_{7(7)}}$	$\varphi^6 D^2 R^7$	
8	$D^{10} R^4$	$D^8 R^5$	$D^6 R^6$	$D^4 R^7$	$D^2 R^8$	R^9	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^8$	$\varphi^2 R^9$	$\varphi^4 D^2 R^8$	$\varphi^4 R^9$	\rightarrow No N^4 MHV
9	$D^{12} R^4$	$D^{10} R^5$	$D^8 R^6$	$D^6 R^7$	$D^4 R^8$	$D^2 R^9$	R^{10}	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^9$	$\varphi^2 R^{10}$	$\varphi^4 D^2 R^9$	
10	$D^{14} R^4$	$D^{12} R^5$	$D^{10} R^6$	$D^8 R^7$	$D^6 R^8$	$D^4 R^9$	$D^2 R^{10}$	R^{11}	$\varphi^2 D^2 R^{10}$	$\varphi^2 R^{11}$	\rightarrow No N^3 MHV
					\rightarrow No MHV		\rightarrow No NMHV		\rightarrow No N^2 MHV		

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