

N=2 to N=1 with one hypermultiplet

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Partially breaking supersymmetry

Partial breaking of susy had a poor start:

Two no-go claims, for global and local supersymmetry

- **Global:** simply wrong. Based on the superalgebra, but at the level of ill-defined Noether (super)charges, and a notion of vacuum energy which is not significant.

(classical and quantum mechanics, QFT, only know about energy *differences*, the value of energy is meaningless)

Disproved at the current algebra level (before $\int d^3x$ to charges)

(Polchinski + Hugues, Liu)

- **Local:** the no-go claim is correct (Cecotti, Girardello, Porrati, 84-86)
But based on too strong restrictions (use of e.-m. duality not well understood at the time)

Few really cared, phenomenology likes chiral fermion representation $N = 1$ (or $N = 0$)

String compactifications / branes / fluxes then produced a variety of breaking patterns. Called for interest.

Partially breaking $N=2$ supersymmetry

- A class of $N = 2$ theories broken into $N = 1$ with a single Maxwell multiplet in global susy. Depends on a holomorphic function $F(X)$, non canonical $F_{XXX} \neq 0$. Goldstino partner of the massless photon field. A chiral multiplet with mass $\sim \langle F_{XXX} \rangle$
 (APT model: [Antoniadis, Partouche, Taylor, 1996](#))
- A class of $N = 2$ theories broken into $N = 1$ with a single single-tensor multiplet (dual to a hypermultiplet) in global susy. Depends on a holomorphic function $W(\Phi)$, non canonical $W_{\Phi\Phi} \neq 0$. Goldstino partner of the $B_{\mu\nu}$ gauge field. A chiral multiplet with mass $\sim \langle W_{\Phi\Phi} \rangle$
 (ADM model: [Antoniadis, JPD, Markou, 2017](#))
- Some generalisations to several multiplets
- An example of spontaneous breaking of $N = 2$ supergravity into $N = 1$ Minkowski. Field content: supergravity, a Maxwell multiplet, a single hypermultiplet on $SO(4, 1)/SO(4)$
 (FGP model: [Ferrara, Girardello, Porrati, 1996](#))

Partially breaking N=2 supergravity

- No other example worked out with one hypermultiplet.
- Seems relatively common with several hypermultiplets, but explicit examples hard to find
(Needed: quaternion-Kähler metrics in $4n_H \geq 8$ dimensions ??)
([Louis, Smyth, Triendl, 2009-2010](#))
- We decided to explicitly find and to classify all $N = 2$ supergravity theories with a single hypermultiplet admitting vacua with $N = 1$ supersymmetry in Minkowski space-time ...
- ... we found that the FGP model is indeed unique
([Antoniadis, JPD, Petropoulos, Siampos, 2018](#))

Partially breaking N=2 supergravity

Ingredients for partial breaking:

- A **Maxwell multiplet**: the massive spin 3/2 gravitino in $N = 1$ needs **two** massive vectors in its $\mathbf{6}_B + \mathbf{6}_F$ multiplet.
- A **hypermultiplet** to have scalars able to break the $SU(2)$ R-symmetry. To generate gravitino masses $\neq 0, m_{3/2} \neq 0$
- A hypermultiplet quaternion-Kähler space with **two commuting isometries**. A **gauging of these isometries** to generate the scalar potential, the scalar vev's, the cosmological constant $\langle V \rangle$
- Stability is automatic if $N = 1$ unbroken, but $\langle V \rangle = 0$ is of course not. (Louis, Smyth, Triendl)
- The six-scalar V should have a (stable) ground state with $\langle V \rangle = 0$ generating only one goldstino...
- However: use **fermion shifts** and peculiarities of a **single hypermultiplet**

One hypermultiplet N=2 supergravity

Supergravity hypermultiplet scalars live on **quaternion-Kähler** manifolds (in general not Kähler)

(Bagger, Witten)

- Hypermultiplet: helicities $2 \times (\pm 1/2, 0, 0)$, on-shell realisation only ($4_B + 4_F$)
- $4n_H$ -dimensional, holonomy in $SU(2n_H) \times SU(2)$
- Not pertinent for $n_H = 1$, $SU(2) \times SU(2) \sim SO(4)$.
Replaced by **Weyl self-duality**
- Rich literature in maths, for $n_H = 1$: generic explicit metrics exist for spaces with **one or more isometries**. In contrast with $n_H > 1$.
- General analysis is then feasible

Analysis: fermion shifts

Susy variations of fermions include a fermion shift (2×2) matrix function of scalar fields (after eliminating auxiliary fields if an off-shell formulation is available):

$$\text{Gravitinos: } \delta \psi_{\mu}^i = \frac{1}{2} \kappa^2 S^{ij} \gamma_{\mu} \epsilon_j + \dots$$

$$S^{ij} = \frac{1}{\kappa} e^{\mathcal{K}/2} P_a^{ij} U^I \Theta_I^a = S^{ji}$$

$$\text{Gauginos: } \delta \lambda_i^{\alpha} = \kappa^2 g^{\alpha\bar{\beta}} \overline{W}_{\bar{\beta}ij} \epsilon^j + \dots$$

$$W_{\alpha}{}^{ij} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} e^{\mathcal{K}/2} P_a^{ij} \nabla_{\alpha} U^I \Theta_I^a$$

$$\text{Hyperinos: } \delta \zeta^A = \overline{N}_i{}^A \epsilon^i + \dots$$

$$N^i{}_A = \frac{i}{\kappa} e^{\mathcal{K}/2} f^{iB}{}_u U^I \Theta_I^a \xi_a^u \Omega_{BA}$$

Vev's indicate breaking pattern (+ space-time geometry if partial breaking)

Fermion shifts

To write fermion shifts:

- Hypermultiplet QK metric h_{uv} and 4-bein $f^{iB}{}_u$: Killing vectors ξ_a^u , prepotentials P_a^{ij}
- Vector multiplet Kähler metric $g^{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$ and Kähler potential \mathcal{K} from sections U^I (electric and magnetic)
- Always use **prepotential frame** and **dyonic gauging**.
Prepotential frames **exist everywhere along electric-magnetic duality orbits**.
(Exception: original FGP model).
- Embedding tensor Θ_I^a (numbers and gauge couplings): which gauge field for each isometry.

$$\Rightarrow e^{-1}V = -\frac{1}{2} (\text{Im}\mathcal{N})^{-1IJ} \Theta_I^a \Theta_J^b P_a^x P_b^x + \bar{V}^I V^J \Theta_I^a \Theta_J^b \left(-4\kappa^2 P_a^x P_b^x + \frac{2}{\kappa^2} h_{uv} \xi_a^u \xi_b^v \right)$$

Fermion shifts

We need:

- One Goldstino only, *i. e.*
- A common zero eigenvector, for one unbroken supersymmetry in Minkowski space-time.
- (A common zero eigenvector of W and N for one unbroken supersymmetry in AdS space-time. Easier then. . .)

Straightforward if generic expressions for the vector multiplet and the hypermultiplet geometries are available.

Getting these expressions right is not straightforward, if more than 30% of published equations have misprints, every equation is suspect. . .

Thanks to [Freedman](#), [Van Proeyen](#)

QK metric: Calderbank-Pedersen

In the derivation of the type IIB dilaton supergravity, a particular Weyl self-dual metric with two commuting has been used. It is defined in terms of a function $F(\rho, \eta)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{3F}{4\rho^2}$$

A larger isometry exists for a function of ρ only: $F(\rho) = \rho^{3/2} + C\rho^{-1/2}$

The resulting metric

- is $SU(2, 1)/SU(2) \times U(1)$ for $C = 0$. Tree-level
- has isometry (X, Y, Z, M) when $C \neq 0$ with
 $[X, Y] = Z$, $[M, X] = Y$, $[M, Y] = -X$,
 $[Z, X] = [Z, Y] = [Z, M] = 0$ Loop-corrected

Antoniadis, Minasian, Theisen, Vanhove, 2003

The Calderbank-Pedersen metric (2001)

Calderbank-Pedersen

Coordinates: ρ, η, ψ, ϕ , two commuting shift isometries $\delta\psi = c, \delta\phi = d$.

For $F(\rho, \eta)$ such that $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{3F}{4\rho^2}$ quaternion-Kähler metric:

$$ds^2 = \frac{4\rho^2(F_\rho^2 + F_\eta^2) - F^2}{4F^2} d\ell^2 + \frac{((F - 2\rho F_\rho)\alpha - 2\rho F_\eta\beta)^2 + ((F + 2\rho F_\rho)\beta - 2\rho F_\eta\alpha)^2}{F^2(4\rho^2(F_\rho^2 + F_\eta^2) - F^2)}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\rho} d\phi \quad \beta = (d\psi + \eta d\phi)/\sqrt{\rho} \quad d\ell^2 = \rho^{-2}(d\rho^2 + d\eta^2)$$

Calderbank-Pedersen: [arXiv:math/0105253](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0105253)

"Any selfdual Einstein metric of nonzero scalar curvature with two linearly independent commuting Killing fields arises locally in this way (i.e., in a neighbourhood of any point, it is of the form (1.1) up to a constant multiple)."

Analysis: Calderbank-Pedersen metric

Deriving the fermion shifts from this metric, one easily proves that the partial breaking $N = 2 \rightarrow N = 1$ (Minkowski) never occurs.

Contradiction: CP theorem \iff the existence of the FGP example.

Actually:

Calderbank-Pedersen coordinates and metric do not exist for a single case, the QK space $SO(4, 1)/SO(4)$ with a pair of translation isometries.

And all other inequivalent pairs of isometries in $SO(4, 1)$ admit CP coordinates and metric.

CP's claim is then inaccurate and

The FGP model breaking $N = 2$ supergravity into $N = 1$ with one hypermultiplet is unique

To prove these statements, start with Przanovski-Tod coordinates and metric.

Przanowski-Tod

$N_H = 1$ ($4d$) quaternion-Kähler metric in coordinates (X, Y, Z, ψ) and shift isometry $\delta\psi = C$.

- For a solution $\Psi(X, Y, Z)$ of Toda equation, define U :

$$\Psi_{XX} + \Psi_{YY} + (e^\Psi)_{ZZ} = 0 \quad (\text{Toda}) \quad 2U = 2 - Z \Psi_Z$$

- The Przanowski-Tod quaternion-Kähler metric is

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{Z^2} \left[\frac{1}{U} (d\psi + \omega)^2 + U (dZ^2 + e^\Psi (dX^2 + dY^2)) \right]$$

- The one-form ω is defined by

$$d\omega = U_X dY \wedge dZ + U_Y dZ \wedge dX + (U e^\Psi)_Z dX \wedge dY$$

Not the most convenient for a general treatment. For each space and pair of isometries (for partial breaking), find the Toda solution in the appropriate coordinates ...

But it can be done for each pair of isometries of $SO(4, 1)/SO(4)$.

Przanowski-Tod

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{Z^2} \left[\frac{1}{U} (d\psi + \omega)^2 + U (dZ^2 + e^\Psi (dX^2 + dY^2)) \right]$$

The simplest example is of course $\Psi = \text{constant}$

and then $U = 1, d\omega = 0$

Redefining X, Y, ψ into z^1, z^2, z^3 (and $Z = z^0$):

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{(z^0)^2} dz^a dz^a \quad a = 0, 1, 2, 3 \quad SO(4, 1)/SO(4)$$

⇒ three commuting isometries, shifts of z^1, z^2, z^3

⇒ several inequivalent pairs of commuting isometries (Cartan elements of $SO(4)$, one element of $SO(4)$ commuting with a shift, ...

⇒ For all of them, one can find coordinates for a PT metric.

CP versus PT

Assume to have a solution $V(\rho, \eta)$ of the equation

$$I: \quad \frac{1}{\rho} (\rho V_\rho)_\rho + V_{\eta\eta} = 0$$

Take ∂_ρ to get for $F(\rho, \eta) = \sqrt{\rho} V_\rho$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{3F}{4\rho^2}$$

and $F(\rho, \eta)$ generates a quaternion-Kähler metric in Calderbank–Pedersen coordinates.

Trade (ρ, η) for (X, Z) by a double Legendre transformation:

$$V(\rho, \eta) - X\eta - 2Z \ln \rho = -K(X, Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \rho V_\rho = 2Z \quad V_\eta = X \quad \eta = K_X \quad 2 \ln \rho = K_Z$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \rho} &= \frac{1}{2} (\rho V_\rho)_\rho & \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \eta} &= \frac{\rho}{2} V_{\rho\eta} & \frac{\partial X}{\partial \rho} &= V_{\rho\eta} & \frac{\partial X}{\partial \eta} &= V_{\eta\eta} \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial X} &= \frac{\rho}{2} K_{XZ} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial Z} &= \frac{\rho}{2} K_{ZZ} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial X} &= K_{XX} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial Z} &= K_{XZ} \end{aligned}$$

CP versus PT

As usual, $\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x^j} = \delta_j^i$ for each set of coordinates delivers the relations between the second derivatives of V and K .

⇒ the “Legendre partner” of eq. **I** is

$$\mathbf{II} : \quad K_{XX} + \frac{\rho^2}{4} K_{ZZ} = 0$$

Define finally $\Psi(X, Z) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\rho^2\right)$

$$e^\Psi = \frac{1}{4}\rho^2 = \frac{1}{4}e^{KZ}$$

Legendre relations and eq. **II** lead to

$$\mathbf{Toda} : \quad \Psi_{XX} + (e^\Psi)_{ZZ} = 0$$

See *Ward and Calderbank-Pedersen*

This procedure allows to find CP coordinates for a metric with two isometries expressed in PT coordinates, for a given Toda solution Ψ .

But: $\Psi = \text{constant}$ is clearly excluded

$SO(4, 1)/SO(4)$ with two translation isometries has PT coordinates (trivial).
It does not have CP coordinates