

# Embedding superconformal vertex algebras from Killing spinors and $(0,2)$ mirror symmetry

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Subject of this talk

## **Interaction between**

- **Superconformal algebras**
- **Super current algebras**
- **Quadratic Lie algebras**
- **Courant algebroids**

# The Virasoro algebra

Punctured disc:  $\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^1 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]$

Lie algebra of vector fields:

$$\text{Vect}(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^1) = \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]) = \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}] \frac{d}{dt}$$

Nice basis of vector fields:

$$L_n := -t^{n+1} \frac{d}{dt}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Lie bracket:  $[L_m, L_n] = (m - n)L_{m+n}$

**Virasoro algebra:** the central extension

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \text{Vir} \longrightarrow \text{Vect}(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

i.e.,  $\text{Vir} = \text{Vect}(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}) \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{C}$  as a vector space, with commutators

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$$[\mathbb{C}, -] = 0.$$

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# Affinization of quadratic Lie algebras

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Define

- $V^k(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})/(k - K)$  for 'level'  $k \in \mathbb{C}$ ,
- $\Omega = (\text{Casimir operator of } (\mathfrak{g}, \langle -, - \rangle) \in U(\mathfrak{g}))$  (UEA of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ),
- $2h^\vee \dim \mathfrak{g} = \text{Tr}(\text{ad}(\Omega): \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g})$  ('dual Coxeter number').

## Theorem (1968)

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# Superconformal algebras (Fattori–Kac, 2002)

Fix  $N$  odd variables  $\theta^1, \dots, \theta^N$ .

Punctured superdisc:  $\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^{1|N} = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}, \theta^1, \dots, \theta^N]$  (super Spec)

Define the supercontact 1-form on  $\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^{1|N}$ :

$$\alpha := dt + \sum \theta^i d\theta^i \in \Omega^1(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^{1|N})$$

and Lie superalgebra of supercontact vector fields

$$K(1|N) := \{v \mid \exists \text{ function } f_v \text{ s.t. } L_v \alpha = f_v \alpha\} \subset \text{Vect}(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^{1|N}).$$

- For  $N \leq 3$ ,  $K(1|N)$  admits one non-trivial central extension  $\mathcal{K}(1|N) = K(1|N) \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{C}$  (as a Lie conformal algebra).
- For  $N = 4$ , there are two non-trivial central extensions (for the derived Lie algebra  $K(1|N)' \subset K(1|N)$ ), i.e., two central charges.
- For  $N \geq 5$ , there are no non-trivial central extensions.

# $N = 1$ : The Neveu–Schwarz superconformal algebra

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**Superaffinization or supercurrent algebra:**  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\text{super}} = L^{1|1}\mathfrak{g} \oplus \mathbb{C}K$  as a vector space, with commutators (for  $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} [at^m, bt^n] &= [a, b]t^{m+n} + m\delta_{m+n,0}\langle a, b \rangle K, & [K, -] &= 0, \\ [at^m, bt^n\theta] &= [a, b]t^{m+n}\theta, & [at^m\theta, bt^n\theta] &= \delta_{m+n,-1}\langle b, a \rangle K. \end{aligned}$$



# The Kac–Todorov construction

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**Geometric problem:** apply this embedding in Borisov's vertex-algebra approach to  $(0,2)$  mirror symmetry.

# Vertex algebras: quantization on the punctured disc

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We write distributions  $\mathbb{C}[z^{\pm 1}] \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  as  $\mathcal{U}$ -valued formal Laurent series

$$a(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{(n)} z^{-n-1} \in \mathcal{U}[[z^{\pm 1}]]$$

( $a_{(n)}$  = ‘Fourier modes’) via the pairing

$$\mathbb{C}[z^{\pm 1}] \otimes \mathcal{U}[[z^{\pm 1}]] \rightarrow \mathcal{U}, \quad \varphi \otimes a \mapsto \operatorname{Res}_{z=0}(\varphi(z)a(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \varphi(z)a(z)dz.$$

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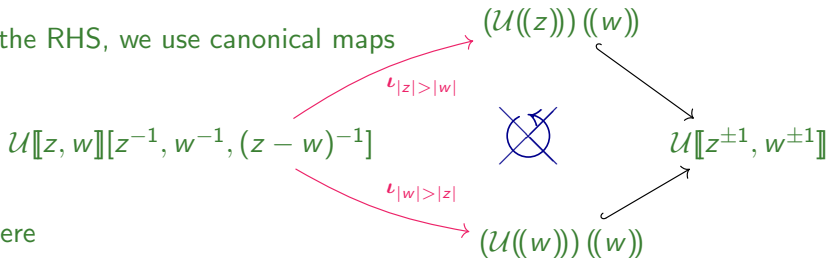
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Then  $[a(z), b(w)]$  can be multiplied by  $\mathbb{C}((z))$  and  $\mathbb{C}((w))$ .



# Vertex algebras: Operator Product Expansion

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are local to each other iff  $\exists$  sequence  $\{c^j(w)\}_{j=1}^N \subset \mathcal{U}[[w^{\pm 1}]]$  such that

$$[a(z), b(w)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{m, n \in \mathbb{Z}} [a_{(m)}, b_{(n)}] z^{-m-1} w^{-n-1} = \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{1}{j!} \partial_w^j \delta(z-w) c^j(w).$$

In this case, one usually writes an **OPE**

$$a(z)b(w) \sim \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{c^j(w)}{(z-w)^{j+1}}$$

and defines the  **$\lambda$ -bracket**

$$[a_\lambda b] = \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{\lambda^j}{j!} c^j \in (\mathcal{U}[[w^{\pm 1}]])[\lambda]$$

Reference: V. G. Kac: *Vertex algebras for beginners* (2nd ed., 1998).

# Vertex algebras: Virasoro and affinization

Return to the examples in the Sugawara construction:

$$\mathbf{Vir} = \mathrm{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]) \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{C}, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}[t^{\pm 1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbb{K}.$$

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- The ‘currents’  $a(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a t^n) z^{-n-1} \in \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}[[z^{\pm 1}]]$  (for  $a \in \mathfrak{g}$ ) are continuous as linear maps  $\mathbb{C}[z^{\pm 1}] \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ , local to each other and have OPEs

$$[a_{\lambda} b] = [a, b] + \lambda \langle a, b \rangle K \quad (a, b \in \mathfrak{g}).$$

# SUSY Lie conformal algebras

A vertex algebra can be seen as a **quantized version of a Poisson algebra**:

- it has a bracket, called ' $\Lambda$ -bracket', describing the OPEs,
- it has a multiplication, called 'normal ordered product'.

Both operations should satisfy some version of the Leibniz rule.

Define graded associative algebras (with variables  $S, \chi$  odd and  $T, \lambda$  even)

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle S, T \rangle}{(S^2 = T)}, \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle \chi, \lambda \rangle}{(\chi^2 = -\lambda)}.$$

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The most basic piece of a SUSY vertex algebra is the  $\Lambda$ -bracket:

Definition (Heluani–Kac 2007)

A ( $N_K = 1$ ) SUSY Lie conformal algebra is given by

- an  $\mathcal{H}$ -module  $\mathcal{R}$ ,
- a parity-reversing  $\Lambda$ -bracket  $[\cdot_\Lambda \cdot]: \mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{R} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{R}$ ,
- axioms ( $a, b, c \in \mathcal{R}$ ):

$$[a_\Lambda b] = (-1)^{|a||b|} [b_{-\Lambda-\nabla} a],$$

$$[a_\Lambda [b_\Gamma c]] = (-1)^{|a|+1} [[a_\Lambda b]_{\Lambda+\Gamma} c] + (-1)^{(|a|+1)(|b|+1)} [b_\Gamma [a_\Lambda c]],$$

$$[S a_\Lambda b] = \chi [a_\Lambda b], \quad [a_\Lambda S b] = -(-1)^{|a|} (S + \chi) [a_\Lambda b].$$

# SUSY vertex algebras

Definition (Heluani–Kac 2007; cf. Barron 2000)

A  $(N_K = 1)$  SUSY vertex algebra is given by

- a (SUSY) Lie conformal algebra  $(V, [\cdot_\Lambda \cdot])$ ,
- a normally ordered product  $V \times V \longrightarrow V$ ,  $(a, b) \longmapsto :ab:$ ,
- a vacuum vector  $|0\rangle \in V$  that is a right unit for the normally ordered product,
- axioms  $(a, b, c \in V)$ :

$$:ab: - (-1)^{|a||b|}:ba: = \int_{-\nabla}^0 d\Lambda [a_\Lambda b],$$

$$:(:ab:)c: - :a(:bc:): = : \left( \int_0^\nabla d\Lambda a \right) [b_\Lambda c]: + (-1)^{|a||b|} : \left( \int_0^\nabla d\Lambda b \right) [a_\Lambda c]:,$$

$$[a_\Lambda :bc:] = :[a_\Lambda b]c: + (-1)^{(|a|+1)|b|} :b[a_\Lambda c]: + \int_0^\Lambda d\Gamma [[a_\Lambda b]_\Gamma c].$$

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- A SUSY vertex algebra has a canonical *state-field correspondence*

$$Y: V \rightarrow \text{End}(V)[[z^{\pm 1}, \theta]], \quad a \mapsto a(z, \theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^{-n-1} a_{(n|1)} + z^{-n-1} \theta a_{(n|0)}.$$

The *Fourier modes*  $a_{(n|1)}, a_{(n|0)}$  generate a (non-SUSY) vertex algebra, whose  $\lambda$ -bracket is related to the SUSY  $\wedge$ -bracket via

$$[a \wedge b] = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} a_{(n|0)}(b) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\chi \lambda^n}{n!} a_{(n|1)}(b) = [S a_\lambda b] + \chi [a_\lambda b].$$



**Example 1:** The  **$N=1$  superconformal vertex algebra** is freely generated by an **odd superfield  $H$**  and an (even) central charge  **$C$** , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathbb{C}H \oplus \mathbb{C}C,$$

with non-zero  $\Lambda$ -bracket

$$[H \wedge H] = (2T + \chi S + 3\lambda)H + \frac{\chi\lambda^2}{3}C.$$

Expanding in components the corresponding superfield

$$H(z, \theta) = G(z) + 2\theta L(z),$$

and the field components in Fourier modes

$$L(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} L_n z^{-2-n}, \quad G(z) = \sum_{n \in \frac{1}{2} + \mathbb{Z}} G_n z^{-\frac{3}{2}-n} \in \mathcal{K}(1|1)[[z^{\pm 1}]],$$

one recovers the usual Virasoro and Neveu–Schwarz commutation relations

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## Example 2: The chiral de Rham complex $\Omega_M^{\text{ch}}$

(Malikov, Schechtman, Vaintrob 1999)

The **CDR** is a sheaf of vertex algebras over a manifold  $M$  that to each open subset  $U \subset M$  attaches the vertex algebra  $\Omega_M^{\text{ch}}(U)$  generated by

$$f \in C^\infty(U), \alpha \in \Omega^1(U), \{\mathcal{L}_X, \iota_X \mid X \in \text{Vect}(U)\},$$

subject to the  $\lambda$ -commutators (Song; Linshaw–Mathai 2015)

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{L}_X \lambda f] &= \lambda(Xf), & [\mathcal{L}_X \lambda \iota_Y] &= \lambda \iota_{[X, Y]}, & [\mathcal{L}_X \lambda \mathcal{L}_Y] &= \lambda \mathcal{L}_{[X, Y]}, \\ [\mathcal{L}_X \lambda \alpha] &= \lambda(\text{Lie}_X \alpha), & [\iota_X \lambda \alpha] &= \lambda(i_X \alpha), & [\iota_X \lambda \iota_Y] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

and appropriate relations involving normal ordered products (for simplicity, we forget about the SUSY structure).

**Example 3:** The  $N=2$  superconformal vertex algebra  $V^c(\mathcal{K}(1|2))$  is freely generated by an odd superfield  $H$ , an even superfield  $J$  and an (even) central charge  $C$ , i.e.,

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Our approach follows the accepted idea that  $\Omega_M^{\text{ch}}$  **should be viewed as the Courant-version of the superaffine vertex algebra**  $V^k(\mathfrak{g}_{super})$ .

**Therefore we will impose conditions on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  inspired by the geometry of Courant algebroids.**

## **Main results**

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# Geometric applications

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$$\begin{aligned}[a \wedge b] &= [a, b] + 2\chi \langle a, b \rangle \quad (\text{level } k=2 !), \\ [a \wedge f] &= \pi(a)f, \quad [f \wedge g] = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{U}^E$  is constructed as the quotient of the universal enveloping  $N = 1$  vertex algebra of  $\mathcal{R}^E$  modulo the ideal generated by the relations

$$:fg: = fg, \quad :fa: = fa, \quad 1_M = |0\rangle.$$



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## Definition (Linshaw–Mathai 2015, after Heluani 2009)

For a closed  $H \in \Omega^3(M)$ , the  $H$ -twisted chiral de Rham complex is the ( $N = 1$  SUSY) vertex algebra attached to the  $H$ -twisted standard Courant algebroid:

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Let  $X$  be a compact complex surface with  $c_1(X) = 0$ . Then  $X$  admits a solution if and only if one of the following holds:

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- $X \cong \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\} / \mathbb{Z}$  is a quaternionic Hopf surface; in this case  $[\theta_\omega] \neq 0$  and  $[d^c\omega] \neq 0$ .

If this is the case, then  $X$  admits a unique solution on each positive Aeppli class.

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In complex coordinates,  $X_x \cong (\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}) / \{(z_1, z_2) \sim (e^x z_1, e^x z_2)\}$  (Hopf surface).

**Proof:** By the above bijection between left-invariant solutions to the Tw. CY equations on  $K$  and Killing spinors on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we get a quadratic Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g}_\ell = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{k}^*, \quad \langle v + \alpha, v + \alpha \rangle = \alpha(v),$$

$$[v + \alpha, w + \beta]_\ell = [v, w] - \beta([v, \cdot]) + \alpha([w, \cdot]) + \ell i_w i_v v^{123},$$

with

- generalized metric  $V_+^x = \langle v_2 + \ell v^2, v_3 + \ell v^3, v_1 + \ell v^1, v_4 + \ell x^2 v^4 \rangle \subset \mathfrak{g}_\ell$ ,
- isotropic decomposition  $V_+^x \otimes \mathbb{C} = V_+^{x;1,0} \oplus V_+^{x;0,1}$ , with

$$V_+^{x;1,0} = \langle \epsilon_1^+, \epsilon_2^+ \rangle, \quad V_+^{x;0,1} = \langle \bar{\epsilon}_1^+, \bar{\epsilon}_2^+ \rangle,$$

where

$$\epsilon_1^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} v_2 + \sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} v^2 \right) - i \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} v_3 + \sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} v^3 \right) \right), \quad \bar{\epsilon}_1^+ = \overline{\epsilon_1^+},$$

$$\epsilon_2^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{xa}} v_4 + \sqrt{xa} v^4 \right) - i \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} v_1 + \sqrt{\frac{a}{x}} v^1 \right) \right), \quad \bar{\epsilon}_1^+ = \overline{\epsilon_1^+}.$$

- $I_x$ -holomorphic divergence  $\varepsilon_+^x = -xv_+^4 = -\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{a}v_4 + xv^4)$  (in fact, in the centre of  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell$ ),

With these identifications, the proof follows by direct calculation.

# Theorem (AC, De Arriba De La Hera, Garcia-Fernandez 2020)

Let  $K = SU(2) \times U(1)$  and  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Consider the family of solutions  $(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, I_x)$  of the Killing spinor equations on  $\mathfrak{g}_\ell = (\mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{k}^*, [-, -]_\ell)$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Then  $\varepsilon_+^x$  are holomorphic, so we get vertex-algebra embeddings

$$V^c(\mathcal{K}(1|2)) \hookrightarrow V^2(\mathfrak{g}_{\ell, \text{super}}^{\mathbb{C}}) \hookrightarrow H^0(K, \Omega_K^{\text{ch}, H_\ell})$$

$$J \longmapsto J^{\mathfrak{g}} \longmapsto J_x := J(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, I_x)$$

$$H \longmapsto H^{\mathfrak{g}} \longmapsto H_x := H(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, I_x)$$

with central charge  $c = 6 + 6/\ell$ . Furthermore, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , the solution  $(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, I_x)$  is  $(0, 2)$ -mirror to the solution  $(V_+^{\hat{x}}, \varepsilon_+^{\hat{x}}, -I_{\hat{x}})$ , where

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{\ell x}.$$

More precisely, there is a vertex algebra automorphism

$$\psi \in \text{Aut} \left( (\Omega_K^{\text{ch}, H_\ell})^{u(1)} \right),$$

such that

$$\psi(J_x) = -J_{\hat{x}}, \quad \psi(H_x) = H_{\hat{x}}.$$

## N=4 SUSY

Let  $K = SU(2) \times U(1)$  and  $E_\ell = TK \oplus T^*K$ , twisted by  $H = \ell v^{123}$  for fixed  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , consider the bi-invariant metric on  $K$

$$g_{\ell,x} = \ell(v^1 \otimes v^1 + v^2 \otimes v^2 + v^3 \otimes v^3 + x^2 v^4 \otimes v^4),$$

corresponding to the bi-invariant generalized metric on  $E_\ell$  given by

$$V_{\pm}^{\ell,x} = \{v \pm g_{\ell,x}(v) \mid v \in \mathfrak{k}\}.$$

Then  $g_x = \omega_{I_x}(\cdot, I_x \cdot) = \omega_{J_x}(\cdot, J_x \cdot) = \omega_{K_x}(\cdot, K_x \cdot)$  is compatible with the left-invariant hyperholomorphic structure  $(I_x, J_x, K_x)$  on  $K$  given by

$$2\psi_x = \omega_{J_x} + i\omega_{K_x}.$$

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The triples  $(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, I_x)$ ,  $(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, J_x)$ ,  $(V_+^x, \varepsilon_+^x, K_x)$  are left-invariant solutions of the Killing spinor equations on  $E_\ell$ , with fixed Lee form  $\theta = -xv^4$ . Furthermore, they determine an embedding of the  $N = 4$  superconformal vertex algebra of central charge  $c = 6$ :

$$V^c(\mathcal{K}(1|4)) \hookrightarrow V^2(\mathfrak{g}_{super}^C) \hookrightarrow H^0(K, \Omega_K^{\text{ch}, H}),$$

## Some open problems:

- Find invariant Killing spinors on other groups and homogeneous spaces  $M$  and study corresponding embeddings

$$V^c(\mathcal{K}(1|2)) \hookrightarrow V^2(\mathfrak{g}_{\ell,super}^{\mathbb{C}}) \hookrightarrow H^0(M, \Omega_M^{\text{ch}, H_\ell}).$$

Cortés–Krusche’s classification of left-invariant generalized connections on 3-dimensional Lie groups may help here!

Construct examples of (0,2) mirrors.

- More generally find when Killing spinors on Courant algebroids  $E$  induce embeddings on arbitrary complex manifolds:

$$V^c(\mathcal{K}(1|2)) \hookrightarrow H^0(M, \mathcal{U}^E).$$

Thank you!