

# On the way to M-theory

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## Outline

- ▶ Generalized Buscher approach to T-duality
- ▶ Non-geometry
- ▶ Unification of all T-dual theories in double space

## Consistent superstring theories

- ▶ There are **five** consistent versions of superstring theory  
type I, type IIA, type IIB, and two heterotic string theories  
Mystery: why there is not just one consistent formulation?
- ▶ These theories are related in nontrivial ways  
Witten's conjecture: They are just special limiting cases of an eleven-dimensional theory called **M-theory**
- ▶ Different string theories related by T-duality and S-duality
  - ▶ **T-duality**: Strings propagating on completely different spacetime geometries may be physically equivalent
  - ▶ **S-duality**: System of strongly interacting strings can be viewed as a system of weakly interacting strings

- ▶ In absence of an understanding structure of M-theory, Witten has suggested that the M should stand for Magic, Mystery, or Membrane
- ▶ How to find fundamental formulation of M-theory?  
Construct the theory that contains initial and all dual theories
- ▶ We will investigate only T-duality

## Action

Closed string action

$$S[x] = \kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2\xi \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} G_{\mu\nu}[x] + \frac{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{-g}} B_{\mu\nu}[x] \right] \partial_{\alpha} x^{\mu} \partial_{\beta} x^{\nu}$$

Action principle  $\delta S = 0$  gives equations of motion and **boundary conditions**

$$\gamma_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) \delta x^{\mu} /_{\sigma=\pi} - \gamma_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) \delta x^{\mu} /_{\sigma=0} = 0$$

where we define  **$\sigma$ -momentum**

$$\gamma_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) \equiv \frac{\delta S}{\delta x'^{\mu}} = \kappa \left( 2B_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^{\nu} - G_{\mu\nu} x'^{\nu} \right)$$

# Buscher T-duality procedure for constant background 1

- ▶ Buscher procedure:
  - ▶ gauging global symmetries  $\delta x^\mu = \lambda^\mu$   
 $\partial_\alpha x^\mu \rightarrow D_\alpha x^\mu = \partial_\alpha x^\mu + v_\alpha^\mu$ ,
    - ▶  $v_\alpha^\mu$  gauge field
    - ▶  $D_\alpha$  covariant derivative
  - ▶ Field strength  $F_{\alpha\beta}^\mu = \partial_\alpha v_\beta^\mu - \partial_\beta v_\alpha^\mu$
  - ▶ T-dual theory must be **Physically equivalent** to initial theory  
 $F_{01}^\mu \equiv F^\mu = 0$

## Buscher T-duality procedure for constant background 2

► Invariant Action

$$S_{inv}(x, y, \nu) = \kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2\xi \left[ \left( \frac{\eta^{\alpha\beta}}{2} G_{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} B_{\mu\nu} \right) D_{\alpha} x^{\mu} D_{\beta} x^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} y_{\mu} F^{\mu} \right]$$

- $y_{\mu}$  Lagrange multiplier
- Gauge fixing  $x^{\mu} = 0$
- Gauge fixed Action

$$S_{fix}(y, \nu) = \kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2\xi \left[ \left( \frac{\eta^{\alpha\beta}}{2} G_{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} B_{\mu\nu} \right) v_{\alpha}^{\mu} v_{\beta}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} y_{\mu} F^{\mu} \right]$$

## Buscher T-duality procedure for constant background 3

- ▶ Check

$$y_\mu: \partial_\alpha v_\beta^\mu - \partial_\beta v_\alpha^\mu = 0 \implies v_\alpha^\mu = \partial_\alpha x^\mu \implies S_{fix} \rightarrow S(x)$$

- ▶ Elimination of gauge fields on equations of motion produces T-dual Action

$${}^*S(y) = \kappa \int_\Sigma d^2\xi \left( \frac{\eta^{\alpha\beta}}{2} {}^*G^{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\star} B^{\mu\nu} \right) \partial_\alpha y_\mu \partial_\beta y_\nu ,$$



## Buscher T-duality procedure for constant background 4

- ▶ Dual Action  $*S(y)$  has the same form as initial one, but with different background fields

$$*S[y] = \kappa \int d^2\xi \partial_+ y_\mu * \Pi_+^{\mu\nu} \partial_- y_\nu = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} \int d^2\xi \partial_+ y_\mu \theta_-^{\mu\nu} \partial_- y_\nu$$

$$*G^{\mu\nu} = (G_E^{-1})^{\mu\nu}, \quad *B^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu}$$

where **T-dual background fields**

$$G_{\mu\nu}^E \equiv G_{\mu\nu} - 4(BG^{-1}B)_{\mu\nu}, \quad \theta^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{2}{\kappa} (G_E^{-1}BG^{-1})^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Pi_\pm \equiv B_{\mu\nu} \pm \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu\nu}, \quad \theta_\pm^{\mu\nu} \equiv \theta^{\mu\nu} \mp \frac{1}{\kappa} (G_E^{-1})^{\mu\nu}$$

## T-duality transformation of variables for constant background

- ▶ T-dual transformations

$$v_{\pm}^{\mu} \cong \partial_{\pm} x^{\mu} \cong -\kappa \Theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\pm} y_{\nu}$$

- ▶ together with inverse transformation produces  
T-duality transformation of variables

$$\partial_{\pm} x^{\mu} \cong -\kappa \theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\pm} y_{\nu}, \quad \partial_{\pm} y_{\mu} \cong -2\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu} \partial_{\pm} x^{\nu}$$

- ▶ in canonical form

$$\kappa x'^{\mu} \cong {}^* \pi^{\mu}, \quad \pi_{\mu} \cong \kappa y'_{\mu} \quad - \kappa \dot{x}^{\mu} \cong {}^* \gamma_{(0)}^{\mu}(y), \quad \gamma_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) \cong -\kappa \dot{y}_{\mu}$$

## Generalized Buscher approach to T-duality (for weakly curved background) 1

- ▶ Background fields

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \text{const}, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = b_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} x^\rho, \quad B_{\mu\nu\rho} - \text{infinitesimal}$$

- ▶ Generalized Buscher procedure:

- ▶ still, **there is global symmetry**  $\delta x^\mu = \lambda^\mu$

$$\delta S = \frac{\kappa}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} \lambda^\rho \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} \int_{\Sigma} d^2 \xi \partial_\alpha (x^\mu \partial_\beta x^\nu) \rightarrow 0$$

- ▶ Local symmetry

- ▶  $\partial_\alpha x^\mu \rightarrow D_\alpha x^\mu = \partial_\alpha x^\mu + v_\alpha^\mu,$
- ▶  $x^\mu \rightarrow ? \quad x_{inv}^\mu = ?$

## Generalized Buscher approach to T-duality 2

- ▶ Note that  $\int_P d\xi^\alpha \partial_\alpha x^\mu = x^\mu(\xi) - x^\mu(\xi_0) \equiv \Delta x^\mu$ ,  
path independent
- ▶  $\Delta x_{inv}^\mu = \int_P d\xi^\alpha D_\alpha x^\mu = \Delta x^\mu + \Delta V^\mu$
- ▶ Line integral of gauge fields

$$\Delta V^\mu = \int_P d\xi^\alpha v_\alpha^\mu$$

- ▶ The same procedure as in the case of constant background,  
but **background fields depend on  $V^\mu$**

## Generalized Buscher approach to T-duality 3

- ▶ Non-trivial (infinitesimal) variation over  $v_{\pm}^{\mu}$

$$\delta_V S_{fix} = -\kappa \int d^2\xi \beta_{\mu}^{\alpha}(V) \delta v_{\alpha}^{\mu}$$

$$\beta_{\mu}^{\alpha}(V) = -\frac{1}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} V^{\rho} \partial_{\beta} V^{\nu}$$

- ▶ Improved equation for  $v_{\pm}^{\mu}$

$$v_{\pm}^{\mu} \cong -\kappa \Theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu} [\partial_{\pm} y_{\nu} \pm 2\beta_{\nu}^{\mp}(V)]$$

- ▶ Using this equation

$$V^{\mu} = -\kappa \theta^{\mu\nu} y_{\nu} + G_E^{-1\mu\nu} \tilde{y}_{\nu} \quad (\dot{y}_{\mu} = \tilde{y}'_{\mu}, \dot{\tilde{y}}_{\mu} = y'_{\mu})$$

Source of non-locality

## Non-geometry

- ▶ Two kinds
  - ▶ Locally geometric, globally non-geometric
  - ▶ **Locally non-geometric**
- ▶ Features
  - ▶ T-dual along non-isometry direction
  - ▶ Locally non-geometric
  - ▶ non-commutativity
  - ▶ non-associativity

## Open string Non-commutativity

- ▶ Canonical method

$\gamma^\mu(x, \pi)|_{\partial\Sigma} = 0$  consider as constraints

- ▶ Dirac consistency procedure  $\Gamma^\mu(\sigma) = 0$
- ▶ Solution

$$x^\mu = q^\mu - 2\theta^{\mu\nu} \int d\sigma p_\nu$$

$q^\mu$  and  $p_\mu$  effective coordinates  $\{q^\mu(\sigma), p_\nu(\bar{\sigma})\} = \delta_\nu^\mu \delta_S(\sigma, \bar{\sigma})$

- ▶ Non-commutativity of initial coordinates  $x^\mu$   
 $\{x^\mu(\sigma), x^\nu(\bar{\sigma})\} = 2\theta^{\mu\nu} \theta(\sigma + \bar{\sigma})$

## Closed string Non-commutativity 1

- ▶ Analogy with open string – Canonical method  
But there are no end points, so no boundary conditions  
T-duality solve the problem
- ▶ Generalized Buscher procedure in canonical form

$$S = \int d^2\xi [\pi_\mu \dot{x}^\mu - \mathcal{H}(x'^\mu, \pi_\mu, G, B(x))]$$

$$S_{fix} = \int d^2\xi [\pi_\mu v_0^\mu - \mathcal{H}(v_1^\mu, \pi_\mu, G, B(V)) - \kappa(v_0^\mu y'_\mu - v_1^\mu \dot{y}_\mu)]$$

- ▶ Only isometry directions,  $G, B = const \implies \mathcal{H}(v_1^\mu, \pi_\mu, G, B)$ , does not depend on  $V^\mu$

$$v_0^\mu : \quad \pi_\mu = \kappa y'_\mu \quad y'_\mu \text{-does not depend on } x^\mu \\ \implies \{y'_\mu, y'_\nu\} = 0$$



## Closed string Non-commutativity 2

- ▶ Weakly curved background

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \text{const}, \quad B_{\mu\nu}(V) = \frac{1}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} V^\rho, \quad V^\mu = \int (d\xi^0 v_0^\mu + d\xi^1 v_1^\mu)$$

$$v_0^\mu: \quad \kappa y'_\mu = \pi_\mu - \frac{\kappa}{3} B_{\mu\nu\rho} x'^\nu x'^\rho$$

$y'_\mu$  does depend on  $x^\mu$

- ▶ T-dual variable  $y_\mu$  depend on both  $x^\mu$  and  $\pi_\mu$ ,  
source of non-commutativity

$$\{y'_\mu, y'_\nu\} = \frac{1}{\kappa} B_{\mu\nu\rho} x'^\rho \delta$$

$$\{y_\mu(\sigma), y_\nu(\bar{\sigma})\} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} B_{\mu\nu\rho} [x^\rho(\sigma) - x^\rho(\bar{\sigma})] \theta(\sigma - \bar{\sigma})$$

$$\{y_\mu(\sigma + 2\pi), y_\nu(\sigma)\} = -\frac{2\pi}{\kappa} B_{\mu\nu\rho} N^\rho$$

$N^\rho$  – winding number

## Closed string Non-associativity

- ▶  $y'_\mu$  is square function of  $x^\mu$   
 $\{y_\mu(\sigma), y_\nu(\bar{\sigma})\}$  depend linearly on  $x^\mu$
- ▶ Non-associativity

$$\{\{y_\mu(\sigma_1), y_\nu(\sigma_2)\}, y_\rho(\sigma_3)\} - \{y_\mu(\sigma_1), \{y_\nu(\sigma_2), y_\rho(\sigma_3)\}\} \neq 0$$

- ▶ breaking of Jacobi identity

$$\{\{y_\mu(\sigma_1), y_\nu(\sigma_2)\}, y_\rho(\sigma_3)\} + \text{cyclic}(\mu, \sigma_1)(\nu, \sigma_2)(\rho, \sigma_3) \neq 0$$

- ▶ The particular form of  $V^\mu = -\kappa \theta^{\mu\nu} y_\nu + G_E^{-1\mu\nu} \tilde{y}_\nu$  implies features of **non-geometric theories**
- ▶ It produces **non-commutativity and non-associativity of closed string coordinates**

## Open string T-duality and non-geometry

- ▶ Each term must have its own T-dual

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S(x) & G_{\mu\nu} & B_{\mu\nu} & A_a^N & A_i^D \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 *S(y) & *G^{\mu\nu} & *B^{\mu\nu} & *A_D^a & *A_N^i
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Coupling for Neumann fields

$$S_{AN} = 2\kappa \int d\tau (A_a^N \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=\pi} - A_a^N \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=0})$$

- ▶ Coupling for Dirichlet fields

$$S_{AD} = 2\kappa \int d\tau (A_i^D (?)^i /_{\sigma=\pi} - A_i^D (?)^i /_{\sigma=0})$$

## Zwiebach approach

- ▶ Action of closed string theory is invariant under **local gauge transformations**

$$\delta_\Lambda G_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \delta_\Lambda B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \Lambda_\nu - \partial_\nu \Lambda_\mu$$

- ▶ The open string theory is not invariant

$$\delta_\Lambda S[x] = 2\kappa \int d\tau (\Lambda_a \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=\pi} - \Lambda_a \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=0})$$

- ▶ To obtain gauge invariant action we should add the term

$$S_{AN}[x] = 2\kappa \int d\tau (A_a^N \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=\pi} - A_a^N \dot{x}^a /_{\sigma=0})$$

where newly introduced vector field  $A_a^N$  transforms with the same gauge parameter  $\Lambda_a$

$$\delta_\Lambda A_a^N = -\Lambda_a$$

## What is T-dual to local gauge transformations?

- ▶ If variation of energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\pm}$  can be written as

$$\delta T_{\pm} = \{\Gamma, T_{\pm}\}$$

then corresponding transformation of background fields is target-space symmetry of the theory.

- ▶  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_{\Lambda} = 2 \int d\sigma \Lambda_{\mu} \kappa X'^{\mu}$  local gauge transformations
- ▶ T-dual to  $\kappa X'^{\mu}$  is  $\pi_{\mu}$  so, T-dual to  $\Gamma_{\Lambda}$  is

$$\Gamma_{\xi} = 2 \int d\sigma \xi^{\mu} \pi_{\mu}$$

and corresponding transformations have the form of **general coordinate transformations**

$$\delta_{\xi} G_{\mu\nu} = -2(D_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} + D_{\nu}\xi_{\mu})$$

$$\delta_{\xi} B_{\mu\nu} = -2\xi^{\rho} B_{\rho\mu\nu} + 2\partial_{\mu}(B_{\nu\rho}\xi^{\rho}) - 2\partial_{\nu}(B_{\mu\rho}\xi^{\rho})$$

## Full gauge invariant action for open string

- ▶ Gauge invariant action for open string

$$S_{open}[x] = \kappa \int_{\Sigma} d^2\xi \partial_+ x^\mu \Pi_{+\mu\nu} \partial_- x^\nu + 2\kappa \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\tau \left[ A_a^N[x] \dot{x}^a - \frac{1}{\kappa} A_i^D[x] G^{-1ij} \gamma_j^{(0)}(x) \right]$$

where

$$\delta_\xi A_i^D = -\xi_i$$

- ▶ In literature
  - ▶  $A_a^N[x]$  is known as massless vector field on Dp-brane
  - ▶  $A_i^D[x]$  is known as massless scalar oscillations orthogonal to the Dp-brane

## T-dual background fields of the open string

- ▶ T-dual background fields in terms of initial ones

$${}^*G^{\mu\nu} = (G_E^{-1})^{\mu\nu}, \quad {}^*B^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa}{2}\theta^{\mu\nu}$$

$${}^*A_D^a(V) = G_E^{-1ab}A_b^N(V), \quad {}^*A_N^i(V) = G^{-1ij}A_j^D(V)$$

- ▶ T-duality interchange Neumann with Dirichlet gauge fields

$$V^\mu = -\kappa\theta^{\mu\nu}y_\nu + G_E^{-1\mu\nu}\tilde{y}_\nu$$

$$\tilde{y}_\mu \equiv -\varepsilon_\alpha^\beta \int d\xi^\alpha \partial_\beta y_\mu = \int (d\tau y'_\mu + d\sigma \dot{y}_\mu)$$

$$\dot{\tilde{y}}_\mu = y'_\mu, \quad \tilde{y}'_\mu = \dot{y}_\mu$$



## The field strength for non-geometric theories 1

- ▶ In geometric theories the field strength for Abelian vector field is simple  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$
- ▶ Because in non-geometric theories the vector field depends on  $V^\mu$ , we expect that T-dual field strength will contain derivatives with respect to both variables  $y_\mu$  and  $\tilde{y}_\mu$

## The field strength for non-geometric theories 2

- ▶ We can define field strengths as

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^*S_A[y] &= {}^*S_A^D[y] + {}^*S_A^N[y] = 2\kappa\eta^{\alpha\beta} \int_{\partial\Sigma} d\tau {}^*\mathcal{A}_\alpha^\mu[V] \partial_\beta y_\mu \\
 &= \kappa \int_\Sigma d^2\xi \partial_+ y_\mu {}^*\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} \partial_- y_\nu
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Write out expressions for T-dual field strengths  ${}^*\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}$  in terms of derivative of T-dual gauge fields  ${}^*\mathcal{A}_0^a(V)$  and  ${}^*\mathcal{A}_1^a(V)$  with respect to variables  $y_\mu$  and  $\tilde{y}_\mu$

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^*\mathcal{F}_{(a)}^{\mu\nu} &= \partial_y^\mu {}^*\mathcal{A}_0^\nu(V) - \partial_y^\nu {}^*\mathcal{A}_0^\mu(V) + \partial_{\tilde{y}}^\mu {}^*\mathcal{A}_1^\nu(V) - \partial_{\tilde{y}}^\nu {}^*\mathcal{A}_1^\mu(V), \\
 {}^*\mathcal{F}_{(s)}^{\mu\nu} &= 2 \left[ \partial_{\tilde{y}}^\mu {}^*\mathcal{A}_0^\nu(V) + \partial_{\tilde{y}}^\nu {}^*\mathcal{A}_0^\mu(V) + \partial_y^\mu {}^*\mathcal{A}_1^\nu(V) + \partial_y^\nu {}^*\mathcal{A}_1^\mu(V) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

## The field strength for non-geometric theories 3

- ▶ The red expression we can consider as a general definition of the field strength
- ▶ Beside antisymmetric part  ${}^* \mathcal{F}_{(a)}^{\mu\nu}$  it also contains the symmetric one  ${}^* \mathcal{F}_{(s)}^{\mu\nu}$
- ▶ In definition of both parts, derivatives with respect to both T-dual coordinate  $y_\mu$  and to its double  $\tilde{y}_\mu$  contribute
- ▶ The unusual form of  ${}^* \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}$  is a consequence of two facts:
  1. the T-dual vector field  ${}^* A_D^a(V)$  are not multiplied by  $\dot{y}_a$  but with T-dual  $\sigma$ -momentum  ${}^* G_{ab}^{-1} \gamma_{(0)}^b$
  2. the T-dual vector fields depend on  $V^\mu$  which is function on both  $y_\mu$  and  $\tilde{y}_\mu$

## Unification of all T-dual theories 1

- ▶ Hull had partial success: He united all theories with  $d$  T-dualization ( $d = 1, 2, \dots, D$ )

This approach has attracted a lot of attention

But there are D-different formulations

- ▶ We still need **only one theory**, which contains all T-dual theories

## Unification of all T-dual theories 2

- ▶ Start with T-dual transformation laws along all coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_{\pm}x^{\mu} &= -\kappa\Theta_{\pm}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\pm}y_{\nu} \\ \partial_{\pm}y_{\mu} &= -2\Pi_{\mp\mu\nu}\partial_{\pm}x^{\nu}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Separate parts with  $\varepsilon_{\pm}^{\pm} = \pm 1$  and  $\eta_{\pm}^{\pm} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\pm\partial_{\pm}y &= G_E\partial_{\pm}x - 2(BG^{-1})\partial_{\pm}y \\ \pm\partial_{\pm}x &= 2(G^{-1}B)\partial_{\pm}x + G^{-1}\partial_{\pm}y\end{aligned}$$

## Unification of all T-dual theories 3

- Rewrite it in doubled space

$$\partial_{\pm} Z^M \cong \pm \Omega^{MN} \mathcal{H}_{NK} \partial_{\pm} Z^K$$

with new coordinates  $Z^M$

$$Z^M = \begin{pmatrix} x^{\mu} \\ y_{\mu} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_{MN}$  is **generalized metric**

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{\mu\nu}^E & -2B_{\mu\rho}(G^{-1})^{\rho\nu} \\ 2(G^{-1})^{\mu\rho} B_{\rho\nu} & (G^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\Omega^{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Unification of all T-dual theories 4

- ▶ T-duality along all coordinates  $\iff$  replacement  $x^\mu$  with  $y_\mu$

$${}^*Z^M = \begin{pmatrix} y_\mu \\ x^\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^\mu \\ y_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{T}Z$$

- ▶ Require that T-dual transformation for double coordinates  ${}^*Z^M$  has the same form as initial one

$$\partial_\pm {}^*Z^M \cong \pm \Omega^{MN} {}^*\mathcal{H}_{NK} \partial_\pm {}^*Z^K$$

we find

$${}^*\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}\mathcal{T}$$

## Unification of all T-dual theories 5

- ▶ T-dualization along arbitrary number of coordinates  
 $\iff$  replacement  $x^a$  with  $y_a$   $a = 1, 2, \dots, d$

$$Z_a^M = \mathcal{T}^{aM}{}_N Z^N \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_a \\ x^i \\ x^a \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1_a & 0 \\ 0 & 1_i & 0 & 0 \\ 1_a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^a \\ x^i \\ y_a \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Produce T-dual background fields in complete agreement with Buscher approach



## Unification of all T-dual theories 6

- ▶ This interpretation of T-duality (as permutation of the coordinates in double space) works for
  - ▶ Bosonic string with flat background
  - ▶ Bosonic string with weakly curved background
  - ▶ Type IIA and Type IIB superstrings
  - ▶ Open bosonic string with gauge fields  $A_a^N$  and  $A_i^D$
  - ▶ Fermionic T-duality

## Example: Three torus

- ▶ Nontrivial components of the background

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad B_{12} = -\frac{1}{2} H x^3$$

- ▶ T-duality transformations between these theories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & {}_1S(y_1, x^2, x^3) \xrightarrow{T^2} & {}_{12}S(y_1, y_2, x^3) & \\
 & \nearrow^{T^1} & & \nearrow^{T^1} \searrow^{T^3} & \\
 {}_S(x^1, x^2, x^3) \xrightarrow{T^2} & & {}_2S(x^1, y_2, x^3) & & {}_{13}S(y_1, x^2, y_3) \xrightarrow{T^2} \\
 & \searrow^{T^3} & & \nearrow^{T^1} \searrow^{T^3} & {}_{123}S(y_1, y_2, y_3, V^3) \\
 & & {}_3S(x^1, x^2, y_3) \xrightarrow{T^2} & & {}_{23}S(x^1, y_2, y_3)
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ In the literature the theories  $S$ ,  ${}_1S$ ,  ${}_{12}S$  and  ${}_{123}S$  are known as theories with  $H$ ,  $f$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  fluxes respectively.

All theories in red are non-geometric (with  $R$  fluxes)

## Conclusion

- ▶ We constructed the theory in double space which contains all T-dual theories ( $2^D$ )  
Good candidate for M-theory  
Up to now it only works for bosonic and Type II theories
- ▶ Among these  $2^D$  theories there is one geometric (initial one) and  $2^D - 1$  non-geometric (All T-dual)  
In general case, maybe some  $V^\mu$  can turn to function only of  $y_\mu$ , so that some non-geometric theories can turn to geometric ones
- ▶ We should include S-duality