

# D-branes and microscopic description of SYM and SUGRA solitons. (1)

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# I) Introduction into string theory (2)

## 1) Action

$$S_{NG} = T \text{ Area} = T \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{\det(\partial_a x^\mu \partial_b x^\nu)}$$

$$a, b = \overline{1, 2} \quad \Sigma$$

$$\mu = \overline{0, D-1}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} h^{ab} \partial_a x^\mu \partial_b x^\nu$$

$$h^{ab} h_{bc} = \delta^a_c$$

On the classical trajectories:

$$h_{ab} \propto \partial_a x^\mu \partial_b x^\nu$$

$$S \propto S_{NG}$$

Symmetry:

$$\sigma_a \rightarrow f_a(\sigma_b) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{ab} = \delta_{ab} e^{\varphi(\sigma)}$$

$$ds^2 = h_{ab} d\sigma^a d\sigma^b = e^{\varphi(z, \bar{z})} dz d\bar{z}$$

Quantization of the theory is ③  
to find:

$$Z(g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \Phi, T, \dots) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \int DX_{\mu} [\text{moduli}]_g$$

$$\times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \left[ \int d^2z \partial X^{\mu} \bar{\partial} X^{\mu} - \int :g_{\mu\nu}(x) \partial X^{\mu} \bar{\partial} X^{\nu}: d^2z - \int :B_{\mu\nu}(x) \partial X^{\mu} \bar{\partial} X^{\nu}: d^2z - \int :R\sqrt{h} \Phi(x): d^2z - \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int :T(x): d^2z + \dots \right] \right\}$$

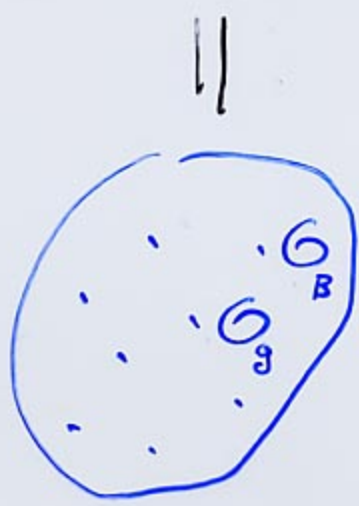
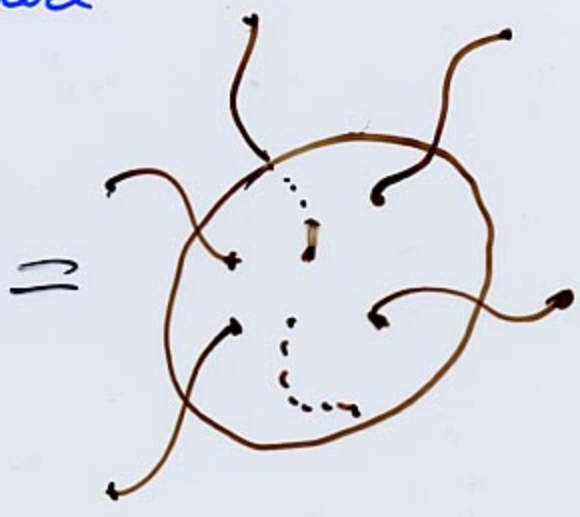
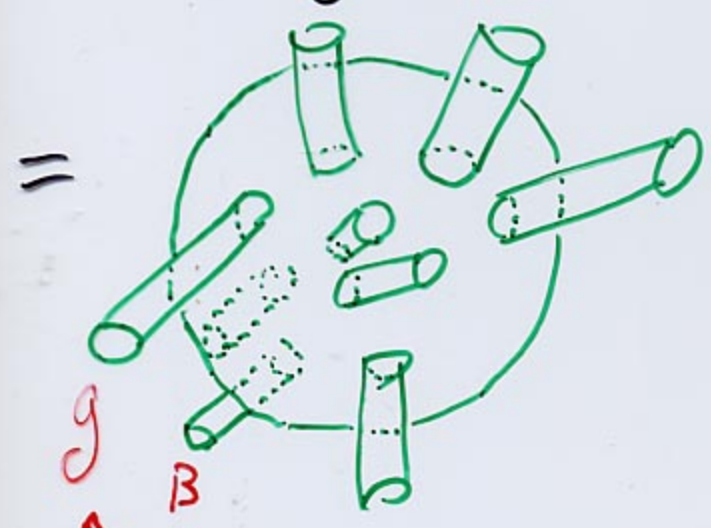
$\parallel$   
 $\partial\psi(z, \bar{z})$ 
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 $e^{\psi(z, \bar{z})}$

$$\dots \Leftrightarrow \int_{\mathcal{M}_{g,3}} J_{\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}'}(z, \bar{z}) \int G_{\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}'}[\varphi, x] d^2z$$

$$:X(z)X(w): \equiv X(z)X(w) + \ln|z-w|^2 - G(z,w) = \langle X(z)X(w) \rangle$$

$$\frac{\delta^{n_1}}{\delta b^{n_1}(k)} \frac{\delta^{n_2}}{\delta g^{n_2}(k)} \dots Z(g, B, \Phi, T, \dots) =$$

Sphere



States with definite momenta  $k$  in the target space.

Operators — States

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conformal weights — masses:

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n \int d^2 z_i : \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) : \right\rangle =$$

$$= \left\langle \int d^2 z_1 : \mathcal{O}_1(z_1) : \int d^2 z_2 : \mathcal{O}_2(z_2) : \right\rangle$$

$$\times \left\langle \prod_{i=3}^n \int d^2 z_i : \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) : \right\rangle \approx \boxed{z_1 \rightarrow z_2}$$

$$\approx \left\langle \int d^2 \eta \int d^2 z_2 : \mathcal{O}_1(z_2) : : \mathcal{O}(z_2 + \eta) : \right\rangle$$

$$\times \left\langle \prod_{i=3}^n \int d^2 z_i : \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) : \right\rangle + \text{less singular terms}$$

$$= \sum_q C_{12q} \int d^2 \eta |\eta|^{-4 + \Delta_q} \left\langle \prod_{i=2}^n \int d^2 z_i : \mathcal{O}_i(z_i) : \right\rangle + \dots =$$

$$= \sum_q A_{12q} A_{q[2n]} \frac{1}{-2 + \Delta_q} + \dots$$

$$Z_{\text{sphere}}(G_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \Phi, T) \propto \textcircled{6}$$

$$\propto \frac{1}{g_s^2 \alpha'^{12}} \int d^{26}x \sqrt{G} e^{-2\Phi}$$

$$\times \left[ R(G) + 4(\partial_\mu \Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} (\partial_\mu B_{\nu\kappa})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu T)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 T^2 \right] +$$

$$+ \alpha \frac{1}{g_s^2 \alpha'^{12}} \alpha' R^2$$

G-model  
- connections

$$g_s = e^{\langle \Phi \rangle}$$

Tachyonic problems  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  superstrings

NSR action:

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$$S_{NSR} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2z \left[ \partial x_\mu \partial x^\mu - i \psi^\mu \partial \psi_\mu + \text{c.c.} \right] + \text{ghosts}$$

Vertex operators are the same as in bosonic string (apart from tachyon), plus fermions and bosonic RR states:

$$\sum_n F_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n}(x) \tilde{Q}(C\alpha)^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} Q$$

↑ "sources"  
↑ charge conjugation matrix  
Supercharges

$$Z_{\Pi B}(G, B, \Phi, \{C\}, \text{fermions}) \propto \frac{1}{g_s^2 \alpha'^4} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{G} \left\{ e^{-2\Phi} \left[ R(G) + 4(\partial\Phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} (\partial B)^2 - e^{-\Phi} \left[ F_\mu^2 + F_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^2 + \dots \right] \right] \right\}$$

# II) Open strings and D-branes

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Boundary conditions:

$$\partial_{\bar{n}} X_m = 0 \quad (N)$$

$$X_\mu = (X_m, X_i)$$

$$\partial_{\bar{t}} X_i = 0 \quad (D)$$

$$m = \overline{0, p}$$

$$i = \overline{p+1, 9}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$X_i = \text{const}$$

$$Z_{\text{op}}^{\text{Disc}}(G_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \Phi, A_m, \phi_i, \dots) \equiv \int DX_\mu \cdot$$

$$\cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_{\text{Disc}} d^2z \left[ \dots G, B, \Phi \right] - \right.$$

$$\left. - i \oint_{\text{Boundary}} A_m(X_n) \partial_{\bar{t}} X_m d\bar{z} - \right.$$

$$\left. - \oint_{\text{Boundary}} \phi_i(X_n) \partial_{\bar{n}} X_i d\bar{z} + \dots \right\} \propto$$

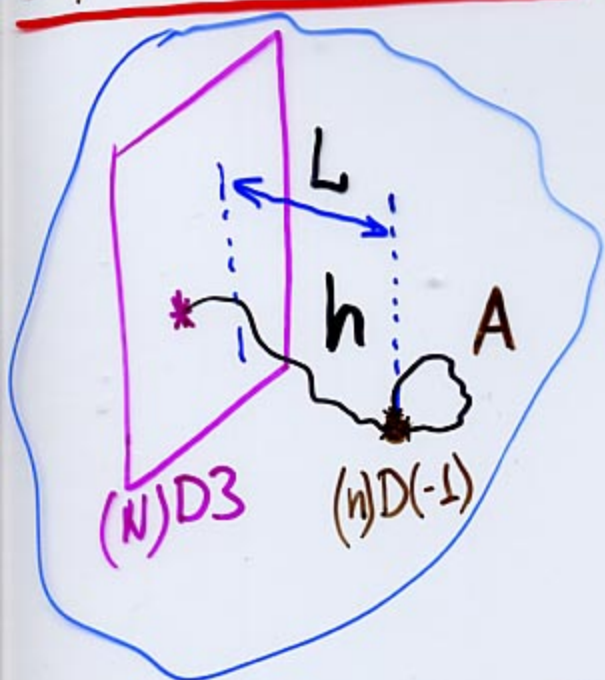
$$\propto \frac{\alpha'^{\frac{p+1}{2}}}{g_s} \int d^{p+1}x e^{-\Phi} \sqrt{\det[g_{mn} + b_{mn} + \alpha' F_{mn}]}$$

$$+ \frac{\text{const}}{g_s} \int C_{RR} \wedge e^{-(\bar{H} + \bar{B}/\alpha')} + \dots$$



### III) D-branes as probes

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D3:  $\overline{0,3}$  1) Probing GR Solitons  
 $m_h \sim L/\alpha'$

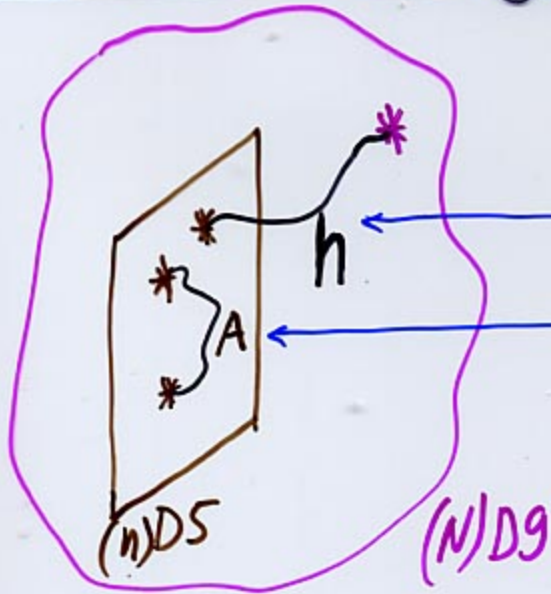
$$S_{\text{inst}} = \frac{\text{const } \alpha'^2}{g_s} \text{tr} \left\{ -G_{\mu\mu'}(A) G_{\nu\nu'}(A) \right\}$$

$$\times \left[ A^\mu, A^\nu \right] \left[ A^{\mu'}, A^{\nu'} \right] \left. \right\} + \text{superpartners} + O(\text{tr}[\ , ]^3),$$

$$A \equiv \text{Diag} (A_\mu^2).$$

# D5-D9-brane system:

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- $h_p, \rho_p^{\alpha}$  (c.c.)
- $A_\mu, \psi_m$
- $\lambda_\alpha^A, \Psi_\alpha^A$

$$SO(10) \longrightarrow SO(4) \times SO(6)$$

$\begin{matrix} m \\ (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \mu \\ (A) (Spin(6)) \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S \sim \frac{1}{g_s \alpha'} \int d^6x \, t_{z(N)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \sqrt{2} \pi \overline{\lambda}_\alpha^A \hat{D}_{AB}^{\text{Ad}} \lambda^{\dot{B}} + \right. \\
 + |D_\mu^{\text{Ad}} \psi_m|^2 - \sqrt{2} \pi \overline{\Psi}^{\dot{A} \text{Ad}} D_{AB}^{\text{Ad}} \Psi_\alpha^B + \\
 + \frac{1}{2} |[\psi_n, \psi_m] \vec{\gamma}_{nm} + \overline{h}_p h_p \vec{c}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}|^2 + \\
 + i\pi [\psi_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}, \Psi_\alpha^A] \lambda_\alpha^{\dot{A}} + |D_m^F h_p^\alpha|^2 - \\
 \left. - 2\sqrt{2} \pi \overline{\rho}_p^A \hat{D}_{AB}^F \rho_p^B + i\pi \overline{\rho}_p^A h_{p\dot{\alpha}} \lambda_\alpha^{\dot{A}} + \text{c.c.} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Reduction  $\Rightarrow$  D(-1)-D3-brane system.

## Reduction to D(-1)-D3-brane system:

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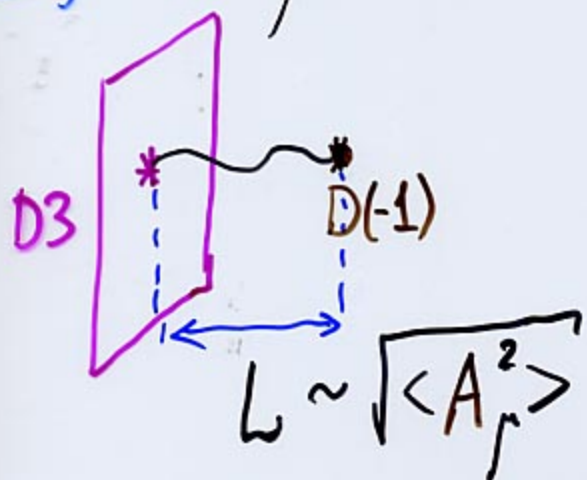
$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A_\mu \text{ etc.} \quad \int d^6x \rightarrow \alpha'^3$$

$$F_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow [A_\mu, A_\nu]$$

$$\hat{D}_{AB} \rightarrow A_\mu \gamma_{AB}^\mu$$

We put all D3-branes at  $z \equiv \sqrt{x^m x_m} = 0$

If  $\langle A_\mu^2 \rangle \neq 0$ , hence:



$$\text{We take } \sum_\mu (A_\mu^2)_{ij} = \frac{z_i^2}{\alpha'} \delta_{ij} \quad i = \overline{1, n}$$

Integrating out "massive"  $h$  &  $\rho$ , when background  $A$  &  $\psi$ , fermions are slightly non-diagonal we obtain (as  $z_i^2 \rightarrow z, \forall i$ ):

$$S_{\text{inst}}^{(\text{eff})} = \frac{\text{const } \alpha'^2}{g_s} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} \right)^{-1} \text{tr} [A_\mu, A_\nu]^2 - \right. \\ \left. - \text{tr} [A_\mu, \varphi_m]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} \right)^{+1} \text{tr} [\varphi_m, \varphi_n]^2 \right\} + \\ + O(\text{tr}[\cdot, \cdot]^3), \text{ where } R^4 \sim g_s N \alpha'^2$$

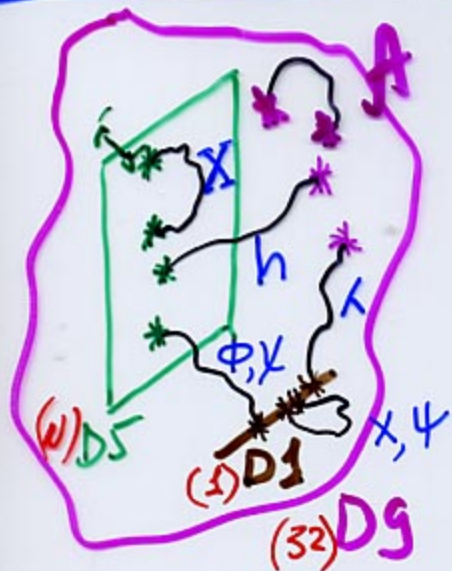
Hence, the metric of the D3-brane is:

$$ds_{D3}^2 = \left( 1 + \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} \right)^{-1/2} d\tilde{\varphi}_m d\tilde{\varphi}_m + \\ + \left( 1 + \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} \right)^{1/2} d\tilde{A}_\mu d\tilde{A}_\mu, \text{ where} \\ \tau^2 \equiv \tilde{A}_\mu^2.$$

## 2) Probing SYM solitons

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### a) D1-brane probing D5-brane in type I ST



$$D1: \overline{0,1}$$

$$D5: \overline{0,5}$$

$$SO(1,9) \rightarrow SO(1,1) \times SO_p(4) \times SO_t(4)$$

$(+ \ -) \quad (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) \quad (\xi, \dot{\xi})$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{D1-D1} : \\ \underline{D1-D5} : \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{\dot{\xi}\dot{\xi}}, \psi_{-}^{\alpha\dot{\xi}} \text{ - transverse to D5} \\ x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \psi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\xi}} \text{ - along D5 } (x_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = x_{m\dot{m}} \delta_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^m) \\ \phi^{\dot{\alpha}a}, \chi_{-}^{\dot{\xi}a} \\ \chi_{+}^{\dot{\xi}a}; \quad a = \overline{1, 2N} \quad (USp(2N)) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\underline{D1-D9} :$$

$$\lambda_{+}^n$$

$$\underline{D5-D5} :$$

$$X_{\dot{\xi}\dot{\xi}}^{ab}$$

superpartners & gauge fields

$$\underline{D5-D9} :$$

$$h_{\dot{\xi}}^{na}$$

superpartners.

$$\langle h_{\dot{\xi}}^n h_{\dot{\xi}}^n \rangle = \mathcal{P}$$

# D1-brane Lagrangian:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & \partial_{++} X^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{--} X_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \partial_{++} X^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{--} X_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\alpha}} + \\
 & + \Psi_{-}^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{++} \Psi_{-}^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \Psi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{++} \Psi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\alpha}} + \lambda_{+}^n \partial_{--} \lambda_{+}^n + \\
 & + \partial_{++} \phi^a \partial_{--} \phi_a + \chi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}a} \partial_{++} \chi_{-}^a + \chi_{+}^{\dot{\alpha}a} \partial_{--} \chi_{+}^a + \\
 & + \phi^{\alpha a} \phi_a^{\beta} (X^{\alpha\beta} - X \delta^{\alpha\beta}) (X^{cb} - X \delta^{cb})^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} + \\
 & + \chi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}a} \chi_{+}^{\dot{\beta}b} (X_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{ab} - X_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \delta^{ab}) + \Psi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}a} \chi_{+}^a + \\
 & + h_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{\eta a} \lambda_{+}^n \chi_{-}^{\dot{\alpha}a} + h_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{\eta b} \phi^{\alpha a} \phi_a^{\beta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$X$  &  $h$  are external quasiclassical fields from the point of view of the D1-brane Lagrangian.

$$h_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{\eta a} h_{\eta}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta} b} + \epsilon^{cd} \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} X_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{ac} X_{\eta\dot{\beta}}^{db} = 0 \quad (*)$$

# RG-flow

On a generic point of the D5-brane moduli space (arbitrary  $X$  &  $h$ ) we obtain:

$\Phi$  are massive

$\chi_-$  are massive

$\chi$  &  $\psi$  are massless

Among  $\chi_+$  &  $\lambda_+$  massless are given by:

$$\left( \mathbf{X}_{\zeta\zeta}^{ab} - \chi_{\zeta\zeta} \delta^{ab} \right) \chi_+^{\zeta b} + h_{\zeta}^{na} \lambda_+^n = 0$$

02  $\lambda_+^P = (\chi_+^{\zeta b}, \lambda_+^n)$

$\Delta_{\zeta}^{aP} \lambda_{+P} = 0$  (\*\*)

$\Delta_{\zeta}^{aP} \Delta_{\eta P}^{\beta} = \delta_{\zeta\eta} \delta^{ab} f^{-1}(X) \Leftrightarrow (*)$

There are 32 solutions to (\*\*):  $V_p^n(X)$

$\lambda_+^P = \sum_{n=1}^{32} V_n^P(X) \lambda_+^n$  (\*\*\*)

Integrating out massive modes and substituting **\*\*\*** into our Lagrangian, we obtain: (16)

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_{++} X \partial_{--} X_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \partial_{++} X \partial_{--} X_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} +$$

$$+ \psi_{-} \partial_{++} \psi_{-} + \psi_{-} \partial_{++} \psi_{-} +$$

$$+ \tilde{\chi}_{+}^n \left( \partial_{--} \delta_{nm} + \partial_{--} X_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha} A_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha}^{nm}(X) \right) \tilde{\chi}_{+}^m,$$

where

$$A_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha}^{nm}(X) = (V_P^n)^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\dot{\alpha}\alpha}} V^P{}^m \right)$$

Thus, the model under consideration gives a microscopic description of the YM instanton!



6) D1-brane probing D9-D9-bar-brane annihilation in type I ST

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GS or Twistor formulation of the D1-brane theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = P_M^- \left[ e_m^{++} \left( \partial_m X^M - \partial_m \psi^A \Gamma_{AB}^M \psi^B \right) - \psi \Gamma^M \psi \right] + WZ +$$

$$+ \lambda^p \left[ e_{--}^m \left( \delta^{pq} \partial_m - \partial_m X^M A_M^{pq}(x) \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{4} F_{ML}^{pq}(x) \Gamma_{AB}^{ML} \psi^A \psi^B \right] \lambda^q +$$

$$+ \chi^{\bar{p}} \left[ e_{++}^m \left( \delta^{\bar{p}\bar{q}} \partial_m - \partial_m X^M B_M^{\bar{p}\bar{q}}(x) \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{4} H_{ML}^{\bar{p}\bar{q}}(x) \Gamma_{AB}^{ML} \psi^A \psi^B \right] \chi^{\bar{q}} + T \lambda \chi^{\bar{p}\bar{p}\bar{p}\bar{p}}$$

# Constraints & $\alpha$ -transformations

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$$P_{--}^M = e^{-4} \varphi \Gamma^M \varphi$$

$$\delta P_M^m = 0; \quad \delta \varphi_- = 0$$

$$\delta \psi^A = 2i P_{--}^M \Gamma_M^{\not{A}B} \alpha_{B++}$$

$$\delta X^M = -i \delta \psi^A \Gamma_{AB}^M \psi^B$$

$$\delta (A_M \partial_{--} X^M) = \partial_{--} \Lambda_\alpha + [\Lambda_\alpha, A_M \partial_{--} X^M]$$

$$\delta \chi^P = (\Lambda_\alpha \chi)^P; \quad \Lambda_\alpha = \delta X^M A_M$$

$$\delta (B_M \partial_{++} X^M) = \partial_{++} \Lambda'_\alpha + [\Lambda'_\alpha, B_M \partial_{++} X^M]$$

$$\delta \chi^{\bar{P}} = (\Lambda'_\alpha \chi)^{\bar{P}}; \quad \Lambda'_\alpha = \delta X^M B_M$$

$$\delta T(x) = \partial_M T(x) \delta X^M$$

Conditions:

$$\delta X^{AB} D_{AB} T(x) \equiv \delta X^{AB} \left\{ \partial_{AB} T^{\bar{q}\bar{p}} + T^{\bar{q}\bar{i}}(x) B_{AB}^{\bar{q}\bar{p}}(x) - A_{AB}^{\bar{q}\bar{p}}(x) T^{\bar{p}\bar{p}}(x) \right\} = 0$$

$$\left( \delta X^{AB} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\delta X^{(1)} \delta X^{(2)} \left[ D^{(1)}, D^{(2)} \right] = 0 \quad (1,2) \rightarrow (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$$

The simplest solution to the conditions:

$$T_{[4N+32] \times [4N]} \propto \left( D_{[4N] \times [4N]} \oplus O_{[32] \times [4N]} \right)$$

$$\text{If } A_M = B_M = 0$$

Gauge invariant expression for the T VEV

$$T^{\bar{p}\bar{p}} T^{\bar{i}} = \delta^{\bar{p}\bar{q}}$$

With this  $T^{\bar{p}\bar{p}}$  become massive and  $\lambda^{\bar{p}}$  also (where  $\lambda = (\lambda^{\bar{p}}, \lambda^n)$ ,  $n = \overline{1,32}$ )

At the same time  $\lambda^n$  is massless.

Integrating massive fields out we get heterotic string Lagrangian.

## The Heterotic string Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial x \partial x + \psi \partial \psi + \\ + \lambda_+^n \partial_- \lambda_+^n$$

This is superconformal theory.

Hence, chosen  $\langle T \rangle$  is correct.

Codimension four soliton:

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Consider:  $A_m = B_m = 0$  ;  $m = \overline{2,5}$

$$SO(1,1) \times SO(8) \rightarrow SO(1,1) \times SO(4) \times SO(4)$$

$(+, -)$        $(\alpha, \alpha)$        $(\xi, \xi)$

Define:  $\tilde{A}_{\xi\xi} = A_{\xi\xi} - B_{\xi\xi}$  respecting

$$SO(32) \times SU(2) \times USp(2N) \times SU(2) \times USp(2N)$$

and  $A_{\xi\xi}^{[32] \times [32]} = 0$

embed these CP indexes into tangent bundle.  $(\xi, \xi)$

Thus (after fixing the LC gauge):

$$\chi^{\bar{P}} = \chi_{-}^{\dot{a}}, \quad \Lambda^P = (\chi_{+}^{\dot{a}}, \Lambda_{+}^n)$$

$\dot{a} = \overline{1, 2N}$

The condition now looks like:

$$d_{(1),(2)}^{\xi\xi} \tilde{D}^{\xi\xi} T(x) = 0;$$

$$d_{(1)}^{\xi\xi} d_{(2)}^{\eta\dot{\eta}} \tilde{F}_{\xi\xi\eta\dot{\eta}}(x) = 0. \Leftrightarrow \text{SD equation}$$

$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
 $\alpha_1$        $\alpha_2$

# Solutions to the conditions:

Non-trivial  $\tilde{A}_{\mu}^{\bar{P}\bar{Q}} \sim [(\partial_{\mu} \hat{S}) \hat{S}^{-1}]_{\eta}^{ab}$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$

Where  $\hat{S} : S^3 \rightarrow USp(2N)$  diagonal

Most generic (upto gauge transformation):

$$S_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{ab} = \Delta^{ac}(x) \left( x_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} \delta^{cb} - X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{cb} \right)$$

where  $(\Delta^{-2})^{ab} = \left\{ \left( x_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} \delta^{ac} - X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{ac} \right)_{\mu} \times \left( x_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} \delta^{cb} - X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{cb} \right)_{\nu} - [X, X]_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{ab} \right\} \tau^{\mu} \tau^{\nu}$

$$X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} = \epsilon_{\zeta\eta} \epsilon^{\eta\bar{\zeta}} X_{\eta\bar{\eta}}^*$$

Then as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$

$$T_{P\bar{\zeta}}^a \sim \Delta^{ab} \left\{ \left( x_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} \delta^{ba} - X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{ba} \right) \oplus h_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{bn} \right\}$$

where  $h_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^{an} = \epsilon^{ab} \epsilon^{\eta\bar{\zeta}} (h_{\eta\bar{\eta}}^n)^*$

and  $T_{\bar{P}P} \bar{T}_{\bar{Q}Q} = \delta^{\bar{P}\bar{Q}}$

$$\left( \epsilon_{\zeta\eta} X_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}} X_{\eta\bar{\eta}} \right)^{ab} + h_{\zeta\bar{\zeta}}^a h_{\eta\bar{\eta}}^b = 0$$

RG flow:

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_{++} X^u \partial_{--} X_u + \psi_{-}^w \partial_{++} \psi_{-w} + \chi_{-}^a \partial_{++} \chi_{+}^a + \chi_{+}^a \partial_{--} \chi_{+}^a + \chi_{-}^a \Delta^{ab} \left\{ \left( \chi_{\zeta\zeta}^i \delta^{bc} - X_{\zeta\zeta}^{bc} \right) \chi_{+}^c + h_{\zeta}^{\nu} \lambda_{+}^{\nu} \right\}$$

Again massless modes are:

$$T_{P\zeta}^a(x) V^{P\eta}(x) = 0$$

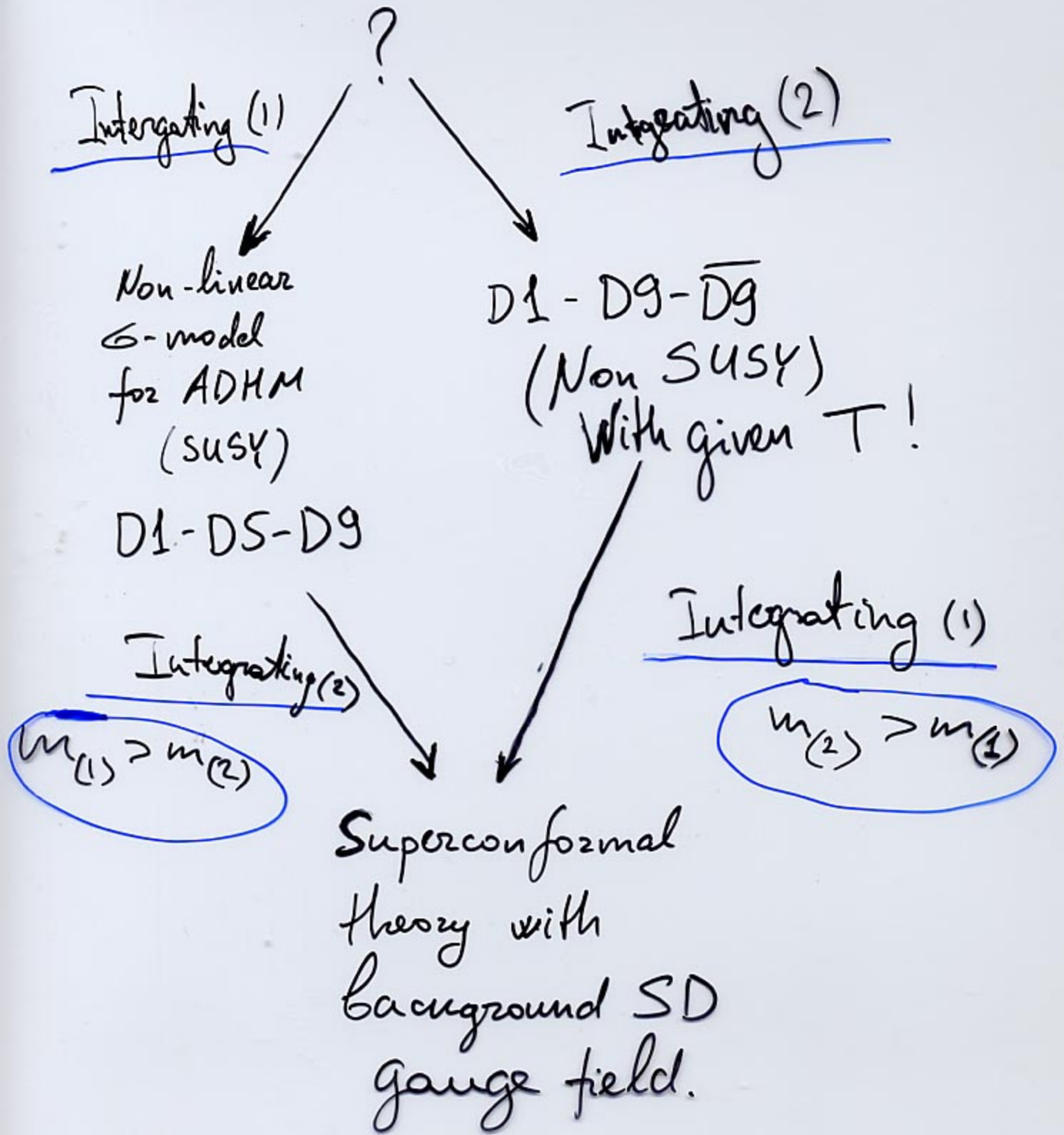
$$\lambda_{+}^P = \sum_{n=1}^{32} v^{P\eta} \tilde{\lambda}_{+}^{\eta} . \text{ Hence:}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_{++} X^u \partial_{--} X_u + \tilde{\lambda}_{+}^n \left[ \partial_{--} \delta^{nm} + \partial_{--} X^{\zeta\zeta} A_{\zeta\zeta}^{nm}(x) \right] \tilde{\lambda}_{+}^m , \text{ where}$$

$$A_{\zeta\zeta}^{nm}(x) = \left( v_P^{\eta} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\zeta\zeta}} v_P^m$$

Questions:

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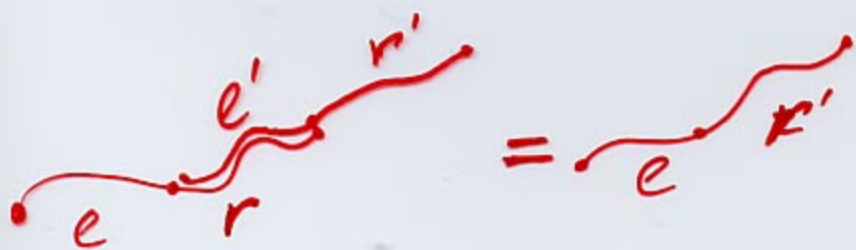




# IV) Non-Abelian structures is open string theory (24)

## I) Approximation

Open string functionals = operators on the space of paths of the target space



$$A(l, z) * A'(e' = z, z') = A''(l, z') -$$

- operators acting on the  $l$  &  $r$  halves of the open strings (halves = paths in the target space)

There is no a well defined formalism to deal with such objects!!!  $\Leftrightarrow$  Big problems

We take the approximation



- kernel of an integral operator on the target space



on the target space.

More precisely:

(2)

$$S_{2d} = \int_D \partial_a \tilde{X}_\mu \partial_a \tilde{X}_\mu d^2\sigma \quad a=1,2$$

$D \leftarrow \text{disc}$        $\mu=0, \dots, 25$

$$\tilde{X}_\mu|_{\partial D} = X_\mu(\theta) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{2d}^d = \oint_{\partial D} X_\mu \partial_n X_\mu d\theta$$

↑  
normal derivative  
(non-local operator on  
the boundary)

$$\int DX_\mu e^{-S_{2d}^d} = \int DP_\mu DX_\mu e^{-S_B} \delta[P_\mu(0)]$$

$$S_B = \oint_{\partial D} \left( P_\mu \partial_+ X_\mu + \frac{1}{2} P_\mu \partial_n P_\mu \right) d\theta$$

↑  
tangential  
derivative

Similar to  $I = \int (p\dot{q} + H(p,q)) dt$

$H(P)$  in our case is non-local. (26)

Moreover, Green function of the  $\partial_n$  operator is:

$$G(\tau, \tau') = \ln \|\tau - \tau'\|^2$$

$$\tau = e^{i\theta}, \quad \tau' = e^{i\theta'}$$

$G(\tau, \tau')$  is singular when  $\tau \rightarrow \tau' \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  Regularization is necessary.

We take the regularization:

$$\int_{\tau}^{\tau'} d\tau'' e(\tau'') \equiv \|\tau - \tau'\| =$$

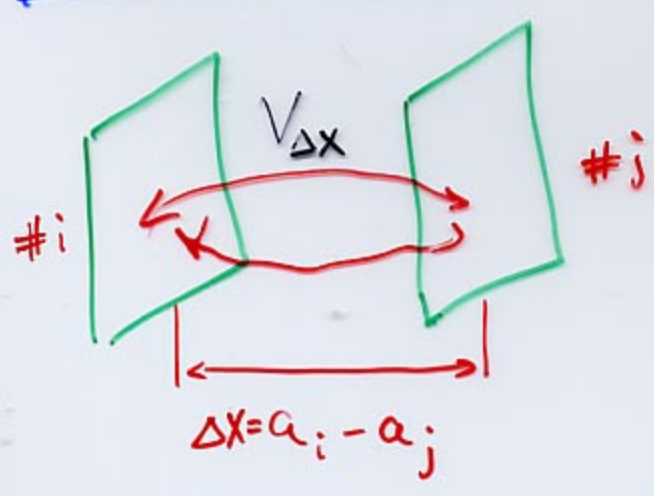
$$= \begin{cases} |\tau - \tau'|, & \text{if } |\tau - \tau'| \gg l_r \\ l_r, & \text{if } |\tau - \tau'| \ll l_r \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} | \\ \text{regulariza-} \\ \text{tion distance} \end{array}$$

Thus,  $G_R(0) = 0!!!$

Hence,  $S_B^{\text{Reg}} \underset{\text{limit}}{\approx} \int_{\partial D} P_\mu \partial_\theta X^\mu + \text{wrest.}$

2) Open String vertex operators in this approximation

(27)



From  $S_{\text{OD}}^d$  it follows that

$$V_{\Delta X} = e^{-i \oint \frac{\partial X_\mu}{\partial \sigma} \Delta X_\mu}$$

in our approximation!  $\rightarrow$

$$e^{-i \oint P_\mu \Delta X_\mu}$$

$\uparrow$   
Translation by  $\Delta X$

~~$V_{\Delta X}^{ij}$~~

$$V_{\Delta X}^{ij} = e^{-i \frac{a_i - a_j}{\alpha'} P_\mu \Delta X_\mu}$$

$$m^2 = \frac{|a_i - a_j|^2}{\alpha'^2}$$

- mass of the corresponding string field.

Thus, Open string vertex operators become Diff. op. in the target space in our approximation. More concretely, ~~GL~~  $GL(\infty)$  of all diff operators is broken down to  $GL(N)$  in the presence of  $N$  D-branes.

More precisely:

(29)

$N$  D-branes in our approximation are defined as  $\sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x-a_i)$  (we explain this point more carefully in a few minits)

or by the locus  $\partial_x W(x) = 0$   
Let us find operators which respect this structure:

For  $a_i$   $E_{ii}(x) \delta(x-a_j) = \delta_{ij} \delta(x-a_j)$

$$E_{ii}(x) E_{jj}(x) = \delta_{ij} E_{ii}(x) \text{ mod } W(x)$$

$$E_{ij}^{(x)} \delta(x-a_k) = \delta_{jk} \delta(x-a_i)$$

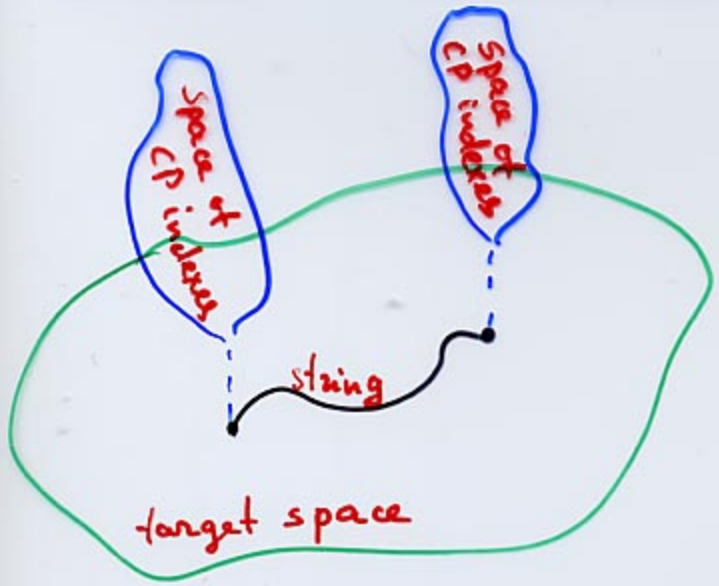
Solution:

$$E_{ij}^{(x)} = \frac{\prod_{k \neq j} (x-a_k)}{\prod_{k \neq j} (a_i-a_k)} e^{(a_i-a_j) \frac{\delta}{\delta x}} = E_{jj}(x) e^{(a_i-a_j) \frac{\delta}{\delta x}}$$

Note that  $E_{jj}(x=a_j) = 1 \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow E_{ij} = V_{\Delta x}^{ij} \Rightarrow$  generate  $GL(N)$  group!!!

# 3) Non-Abelian structures for multiple D-branes from D-D-annihilation



We observed that open string vertex operators are Diff. op. on the target space. More precisely:

$$\Phi(x|y, p)$$

$\uparrow$  target space  $X$        $\uparrow$  CP space  $T^*Y$

$x$  - coordinate on  $X$

$y$  - coordinate on  $Y$

$$p = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \&(y, p) \in T^*Y$$

In topological situation  $X = Y$  (above we encountered exactly this situation).

The situation with generic  $Y$  could be mimiced by infinite number of

D5 ~~branes~~ - branes ~~in~~ in bosonic string theory.

CP indexes =  $\infty \times \infty$  matrixes = Diff operators on a space  $Y$

Now we are going to observe how after  $(\infty)$  D25-brane annihilation  $N$  Dp-branes appear and as the result, how  $GL(\infty)$  branes down to  $GL(N)$ , etc.

Consider:

$$Z_{D25} = \left\langle \int Dp Dy \dots e^{-i \oint p y - \oint T(X|p, y) + \dots} \right\rangle_{BS}$$

Now let us take tachyon profile:

$$T_{\{s\}}(X|y, p) \propto \frac{1}{s_1} |X_\mu - y_\mu|^2 + \frac{1}{s_2} |\partial_y W(y_a)|^2 + \frac{1}{s_3} |p_\mu|^2$$

$\mu = \overline{0, 25}$   
 $a = \overline{p+1, 25}$

localizes  $X=Y$       localize on  $N$  Dp-branes.

In fact;

$$\lim_{\{s\} \rightarrow 0} \int Dy Dp \dots e^{-i \oint p y - \oint T(X|p, y) \dots} \propto \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x-a_i)$$

where  $a_i$  originate from  $\partial_x W(X) = \prod_{i=1}^N (X - a_i)$

$GL(\infty)$  acting as Hamiltonian transformations on the functionals of  $p$  &  $y$  branes down to  $GL(N)$  acting on the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} \delta(x-a_1) \\ \vdots \\ \delta(x-a_N) \end{pmatrix}$

g) Lowest excitations of open strings

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Let us now deform the background such that the system  $\sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x-a_i)$  is respected, i.e.  $a_i$  remain inv.!

In particular, we can shift the background by  $A_\mu(\underline{X} | P, y) = (A_m^g(\underline{X}^m) T^g(y^a, p^a), \underbrace{0, 0, \dots}_a)$

$m = \overline{0, \rho}$  and  $\mu = (m, a)$

$$[T^{g_1}, T^{g_2}] = f^{g_1 g_2 g_3} T^{g_3}$$

$$g = \overline{1, N^2}$$

and by  $\tilde{\Phi}_\mu^{\tilde{g}}(\underline{X} | P, y) = (0, \dots, 0, \tilde{\Phi}_a^{\tilde{g}}(\underline{X}_m) T^{\tilde{g}}(P, y))$

Where  $\tilde{g}$  runs over all  $g$  except Cartan elements, otherwise  $a_i$  would be shifted.

Thus, we act:

$$e^{\int_{D25} \delta P_\mu + \int_{D25} \Phi_\mu \delta X_\mu} Z_{D25} = Z_{D25}^{\text{shifted}}$$

But in our case

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta P_m} = \partial_+ X_m \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta X_a} = \partial_- X_a \dots !!!$$



Now, we obtain:

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} Z_{D25}^{\text{shifted}} = \left\langle T_2 P e^{\int_{\partial D} \hat{A}_m(\bar{X}) \partial_+ X^m + \int_{\partial D} \hat{\Phi}_a(\bar{X}) \partial_+ \bar{x}^a} \right\rangle_{BS}$$

where

$$\mathbb{Z}_{DP}^{\#N}$$

$$\hat{A}_m(\bar{X}) = \hat{A}_m^{\mathfrak{g}}(\bar{X}) \hat{t}^{\mathfrak{g}} \leftarrow \text{matrix generators of } \mathfrak{g}(N)$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_a(\bar{X}) = \hat{\Phi}_a^{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}}(\bar{X}) \hat{t}^{\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}} + \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_N)$$

If  $A=0$  &  $\Phi=0 \Rightarrow$

$$Z_{D25} = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\bar{X} - a_i) \right\rangle_{BS}$$

Thus, deformations which respect  $\mathfrak{gl}(N)$  are massless, otherwise they are massive open string excitations.

5) Unification of the RR couplings to D-branes in type II String theory.

RR coupling are of anomalous origin and, hence, sensitive to zero modes. Thus, they can be studied in one approximation exactly.

a) Definition: type II B string theory

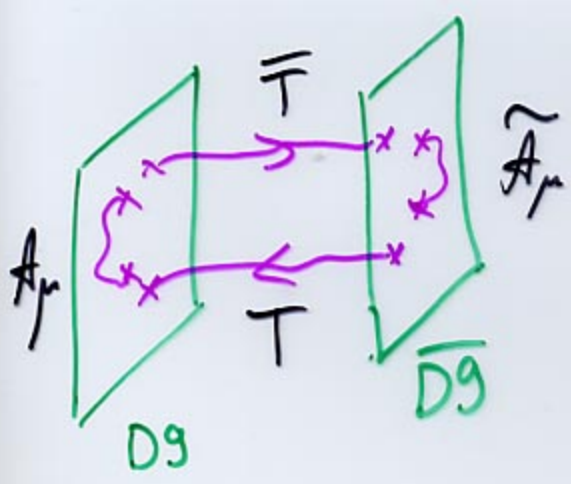
$$S_{RR} = g_9 \int [C_{RR} \wedge Ch(A)]$$

$\uparrow$   $\mathcal{X}_{10}$  ← target space (flat)  $\uparrow$  top  
 D9-brane charge 10-form should be taken

$$C_{RR} = \sum_{k=1}^5 C_{(2k)}$$

$$C_{(2k)} = C_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2k}} dx^{\mu_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{\mu_{2k}}$$

Let us define now  $Ch(A)$  and  $A$  - superconnection.



$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_\mu^+ dx^\mu & T \\ \bar{T} & \nabla_\mu^- dx_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

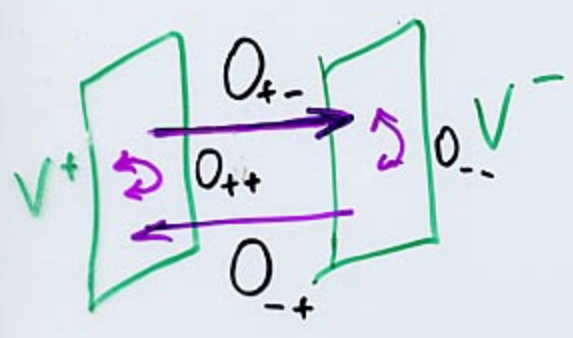
$$\nabla_\mu^+ = \partial_\mu + i A_\mu$$

$$\nabla_\mu^- = \partial_\mu + i \tilde{A}_\mu$$

$$\text{Ch}(\Delta) \equiv \text{Stz} e^{-\frac{\Delta^2}{2\pi}}$$

↑ super-trace (do not confuse with symmetric trace)

Definition of Stz:



$$O: V \rightarrow V$$

$V = V_+ \oplus V_-$  -  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded Bundle

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} O_{++} & O_{+-} \\ O_{-+} & O_{--} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Stz}_V O = \text{Tr}_V \tau O = \text{tr}_{V_+} O_{++} - \text{tr}_{V_-} O_{--}$$

↑  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading operator

To set the notations and explain the idea we start with:

## b) D<sub>p</sub>-branes from finite number of D<sub>9</sub>- $\overline{D}_9$ -branes.

$\kappa$  D-instantons: We should start with  $16\kappa$  - D<sub>9</sub>-branes and  $16\kappa$   $\overline{D}_9$ -branes. 16 indexes we embed into  $S_{\pm}$ -spinor bundle of the target space.

I.e.

$$V = V_+ \oplus V_- = (S_+ \otimes E_{\kappa}) \oplus (S_- \otimes E_{\kappa})$$

$E_{\kappa}$  is a  $\kappa$ -dimensional vector bundle

We choose it trivial, i.e.  $\nabla = \nabla^+ \oplus \nabla^- = d$ .

But

$$T_S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} x^{\mu} G_{\mu} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa}$$

↑  
parameter

↑  
16x16 10-dimensional  
G-matrices

Witten &  
Sen & Horava

$$\boxed{|x|}$$

Then:

(35)

$$A_s^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{s} |x|^2 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} dx^\mu G_\mu \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} dx^\mu Z_\mu & \frac{1}{s} |x|^2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa} =$$
$$= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} dx^\mu \gamma_\mu + \frac{1}{s} |x|^2 \right) \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa}$$

For our choice of  $V = \tilde{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Str } 0 = \text{tr}_\kappa \text{Sp } \gamma^{11} 0$$

↑  
trace  
over  
 $\gamma$ -matrices

$$\gamma^{11} = i \gamma^0 \dots \gamma^9$$

Then, using  $\text{Sp } \gamma^{d+1} \gamma^{\mu_1} \dots \gamma^{\mu_d} = (2i)^{\frac{d}{2}} \epsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_d}$

$$\text{and } \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\pi s)^{d/2}} e^{-\frac{|y|^2}{s}} = \delta^{(d)}(y),$$

we obtain

$$\text{Ch}(A) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \text{Ch}(A_s) = \kappa \delta^{(0)}(x) \text{vol}(M^{(0)})$$

$$\text{I.e. } S_{RR} = \kappa q_{-1} C_{(0)}(x=0) !!!$$

↑  
D-instanton charge

Consider deformation of the background T: (34)

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} \left( x^\mu \otimes \delta_\mu \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa} - \Phi^\mu \delta_\mu \right)$$

Then,

$$A_S^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} dx^\mu \delta_\mu \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa} + \frac{1}{2S} [\Phi^\mu, \Phi^\nu] \delta_{\mu\nu} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{S} |x^\mu \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa} - \Phi^\mu|^2$$

Now using that

$$T_2 e^{A+B+C} = \text{Sym} T_2 e^{A+B+C}$$

and

$$\delta^{(d)}(x^\mu \otimes \mathbb{1} - \Phi^\mu) \equiv \lim_{S \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\pi S)^{d/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{S} |x^\mu \otimes \mathbb{1} - \Phi^\mu|^2}$$

we obtain:

$$S_{RR} = g_{-1} \text{Sym} T_2 e^{-[\dot{I}_\Phi, \dot{I}_\Phi] / 2\pi} \mathcal{L}_{RR}(\Phi)$$

↑  
Exactly Myers term!!!

Note that this is exactly the deformation we have encountered before...

$\kappa$  D<sub>p</sub>-branes:

$$\mu = (m, a) \quad m = \overline{0, p} \quad a = \overline{p+1, 9}$$

Now we take  $2^{(9-p)/2} \otimes \kappa$  D<sub>9</sub>-branes  
and  $2^{(9-p)/2} \otimes \kappa \overline{D}_9$ -branes

Deformed case:

$$\nabla = [\partial_m + i A_m(x_m)] dx^m + \partial_a dx^a$$

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S}} [x^a \zeta_a \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\kappa \times \kappa} - \Phi^a(x_m) \zeta_a]$$

↑  
(9-p)-dimensional  
ζ-matrices

In this case:

$$S_{RR} \stackrel{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}{=} \lim \int_{\mathcal{X}^{(p+1)}} \left\{ \text{Sym T}_2 \mathbb{C}_{RR}(x_m, \Phi_a) \times \right. \\ \left. \times e^{-\frac{1}{2\pi} [F_{(2)}(x_m) + [\nabla_{(1)}(x_m), i_\Phi] + [i_\Phi, i_\Phi]]} \right\}_{top}$$

Note that  $A_m(x_m)$  originates from  $\nabla$  rather than  $T$ . To obtain  $A$  from  $T$  one has to consider infinite number of  $D_9 - \overline{D}_9$ -branes.

Along this lines we can obtain (39)  
 a most general configuration  $D_p - \overline{D}_p$ -  
 brane systems with various  $p$  at the  
 same time and all lowest energy  
 excitations on them! Explicite  
 tachyon values are known accordingly.

~~How are they related~~

### c) $D_p$ -branes from infinite number of $D_9 - \overline{D}_9$ -branes

$\mathcal{X}$  — target space;  $T^*Y$  — "CP space"

$$(\gamma_\mu, \Gamma_\nu, \hat{\Gamma}^\rho) \leftrightarrow (X_\mu, y_\nu, P^\rho)$$

↑ Clifford algebra corresponding to  $\mathcal{X} \otimes T^*Y$

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = \{\Gamma_\mu, \Gamma_\nu\} = \delta_{\mu\nu}; \quad \{\hat{\Gamma}^\mu, \hat{\Gamma}^\nu\} = \delta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\{\Gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = \{\hat{\Gamma}^\mu, \Gamma_\nu\} = \{\hat{\Gamma}^\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 0$$

One  $D_9$ -brane from infinite  $D_9 - \overline{D}_9$ -branes:

$$|T(X|y,P)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{S_1} |X_\mu - y_\mu|^2 + \frac{1}{S_2} |P^\mu|^2$$

in similarity with the case considered above.



To obtain corresponding  $T(\bar{X}|p, y) \in \mathcal{A}$   
we have

$$V_{\pm} = S_{\pm} \otimes S_{\pm} \otimes \hat{S}_{\pm} \otimes \mathcal{H}$$

$\uparrow$  spinor bundles corresponding to  $X \otimes T^*Y$        $\uparrow$  a Hilbert space.

Then,

$$T(\bar{X}|y, p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_1}} \gamma_{\mu} (\bar{X}^{\mu} - y^{\mu}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_2}} \hat{\Sigma}^{\mu} p_{\mu}$$

$\uparrow$   $\gamma$ -matrices corresponding to  $\gamma_{\mu}$  &  $\hat{\Gamma}^{\mu}$ , respectively

At the same time, again  $\nabla = \nabla^+ \oplus \nabla^- = d$

$$\text{Thus, } A_{\{s\}}^2 = \frac{1}{s_1} |\bar{X}^{\mu} - y^{\mu}|^2 + \frac{1}{s_2} |p_{\mu}|^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_1 s_2}} \gamma_{\mu} \hat{\Gamma}^{\mu} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_1}} dX^{\mu} \gamma_{\mu}, \text{ and we obtain}$$

$$\lim_{\{s\} \rightarrow 0} \text{Ch}(A_{\{s\}}) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \delta^{(10)}(p) \delta^{(10)}(\bar{X} - y) = 1.$$

I.e.

$$S_{RR} = \int_{\mathcal{X}^{(10)}} \zeta_{(10)}(x)$$

Less trivial situation (say D7-branes with gauge fields and scalars on them) (4)

Let  $W(y_a)$   $a=1,2$  be a polynomial whose critical points are positions of D7- and  $\overline{D7}$ -branes. The Hessian  $\partial^2 W$  defines the sign of the RR charge.

$$\text{Consider: } \Delta_{\{S\}} = d + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_1}} \gamma_\mu (\overline{X}^\mu - y^\mu) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_2}} \Gamma_a \partial_a W(y_b) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_3}} \hat{\Gamma}^\mu P_\mu$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{\{S\} \rightarrow 0} \text{Ch}(\Delta_{\{S\}}) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \delta^{(10)}(p) \delta^{(10)}(\overline{X} - y) \times \det[\partial_a \partial_b W(y)] \delta^{(2)}[\partial_a W(y)]$$

Hence,

$$S_{RR} = g_7 \int_{\mathcal{X}^{(8)}} C_{(8)}(\overline{X}) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k_+} \delta(\overline{X}^b - a_{it}^b) - \sum_{j=1}^{k_-} \delta(\overline{X}^b - a_{j-}^b) \right\}$$

$k_+$  - numbers of D7- and  $\overline{D7}$ -branes.

Now let us deform the  $\{A_{S^3}\}$  under consideration. (42)

There are many ways of deformation. We are interested in those which respect the D7-brane system (we choose  $\kappa_- = 0$ )

$$A_{S^3} = d + \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_1}} \gamma_m (\dot{y}^m - y^m) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_1}} \gamma_a \left\{ \dot{X}^a - y^a - \tilde{\Phi}^a(y^m | y^a, p^a) \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_2}} \Gamma_a \partial^a W(y) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_3}} \hat{\Gamma}^m \left( p_m + i A_m(y^m | y^a, p^a) \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_2}} \hat{\Gamma}^a p_a$$

Where  $m = \overline{0, 7}$  &  $A_m, \tilde{\Phi}^a$  are defined as above!

Thus,

$$S_{RR} = g_7 \int_{\mathcal{X}^{(7)}} \text{SymT}_2 \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2\pi} \left( F_{(2)} + [\nabla_{(1)}, I_\Phi] + [I_\Phi, I_\Phi] \right)} \right]_{RR}^{(x, y, p)}$$

↑  
Myers term

## VI) Conclusions

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- 1) D-branes give the microscopic description of SYM & SUGRA solitons.
- 2) D-branes show how non-Abelian structures (part of large symmetry group of string theory) appear in string theory.
- 3) D- $\bar{D}$ -systems help to partially resolve the problem of background independence. In particular: all RR couplings can be treated from the same perspective.
- 4) There are still a lot of problems to solve: despite the recent "tremendous progress" in string theory we do not understand basically anything about this theory.