Matrix Models and D-Branes in Twistor String Theory

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Well-known motivation for studying twistor strings:

- Alternative description of the AdS/CFT correspondence
- New tools for calculating gluon scattering amplitudes
- Alternative descriptions of supergravity

My motivation here:

- Description of super D-branes?
- Relationship between topological and physical D-branes?
- Rôle of Calabi-Yau supermanifolds in mirror symmetry?

 \Rightarrow Study variations of the usual twistor geometries and the associated Penrose-Ward transform.

Here: Full dimensional reductions yielding matrix models with interesting interpretations in terms of D-branes.

The presented results are only a *very* preliminary step towards answering the above questions.

- **1** Notation: Twistors and Penrose-Ward transform
- Onstruction of the matrix models
- **③** D-Brane interpretation and completion for
 - ADHM construction
 - Nahm construction
- Onclusions



The Twistor Correspondence

The twistor correspondence is a relation between subsets of twistor space and spacetime.

Incidence Relation:
$$\omega^{lpha} = x^{lpha \dot{lpha}} \lambda_{\dot{lpha}}$$
, Twistor: $Z^i = (\omega^{lpha}, \lambda_{\dot{lpha}}) \in \mathbb{C}P^3$

Twistor Correspondence

Point $x^{lpha \dot{lpha}}$ corresponds to sphere $\mathbb{C}P^1
i \lambda_{\dot{lpha}}$

A twistor Z^i is incident to a plane of points $x^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = x_0^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} + \kappa^{\alpha} \lambda^{\dot{\alpha}}$.

Decompactification

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{C}P^3 & \text{is the twistor space of} & S^4 \text{ or } S_c^4 \\ \mathbb{C}P^1 & \text{take out} & \infty \\ \mathcal{P}^3 & \text{is the twistor space of} & \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ or } \mathbb{C}^4 \\ \mathbb{C}P_{\infty}^1 & \text{is described by } \lambda_{\dot{\alpha}} = 0 \text{, therefore:} \\ \mathcal{P}^3 := \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1) \to \mathbb{C}P^1 \end{array}$

Homog. coords. $\lambda_{\dot{\alpha}}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^1$ and ω^{α} in fibres Moduli of sections of \mathcal{P}^3 : $x^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{C}^4$



Underlying Idea of Twistor String Theory To make contact with string theory, we need to extend this picture supersymmetrically.



... with supermanifolds: Witten, hep-th/0312171

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Supertwistor Space The supertwistor space $\mathcal{P}^{3|\mathcal{N}}$ is a holomorphic vector bundle of rank $3|4\mathcal{N}$ over $\mathbb{C}P^1$.

The Supertwistor Space $\mathcal{P}^{3|\mathcal{N}}$

Start from $\mathbb{C}P^{3|\mathcal{N}}$, take out $\mathbb{C}P^{1|\mathcal{N}}$ at infinity:

 $\mathcal{P}^{3|\mathcal{N}} := \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{N}} \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1) \to \mathbb{C}P^1$



First Chern Class of $\mathcal{P}^{3|4}$

 $T\mathbb{C}P^1$ 2, $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 1, $\Pi\mathcal{O}(1)$ -1, in total: $c_1 = 0$. Therefore, there exists a holomorphic measure $\Omega^{3,0|4,0}$.

Outline of the Penrose-Ward Transform on $\mathcal{P}^{3|4}$ The PW-transform takes us from the topological B-model to SDYM theory.

topological B-model on $\mathcal{P}^{3|4}$ 1 holomorphic Chern-Simons theory on $\mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{P}^{3|4}$: $\int \Omega^{3,0|4,0} \wedge \operatorname{tr} \left(\mathcal{A}^{0,1} \wedge \bar{\partial} \mathcal{A}^{0,1} + \frac{2}{2} \mathcal{A}^{0,1} \wedge \mathcal{A}^{0,1} \wedge \mathcal{A}^{0,1} \right)$ with eom $\bar{\partial} \mathcal{A}^{0,1} + \mathcal{A}^{0,1} \wedge \mathcal{A}^{0,1} = 0$ ≏ holomorphic vector bundles over $\mathcal{P}^{3|4}$ solutions to the $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SDYM equations on $\mathbb{C}^{4|8}$ Field contents: $(f_{\alpha\beta}, \chi^{\alpha i}, \phi^{[ij]}, \tilde{\chi}^{[ijk]}_{\dot{\alpha}}, G^{[ijkl]}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\alpha}})$ $f_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{eta}} = 0 , \qquad
abla_{lpha\dot{lpha}} \tilde{\chi}^{\dot{lpha}ijk} - [\chi^{[i}_{lpha}, \phi^{jk]}] = 0 ,$ $\nabla_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\chi^{\alpha i} = 0 , \qquad \varepsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\gamma}}\nabla_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}G^{[ijkl]}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\lambda}} + \dots = 0 .$ $\Box \phi^{ij} + 2\{\chi^{\alpha i}, \chi^j_{\alpha}\} = 0 \; .$

Penrose-Ward Transform on $\mathcal{P}^{3|4}_{\tau}$ Imposing reality conditions simplifies the situation significantly.

Introducing a real structure, the double fibration collapses:



This field expansion makes the equivalence hCS↔ SDYM manifest.

Two ways of obtaining the matrix models:

• Dimensionally reducing the moduli space $\mathbb{R}^{4|8} \to \mathbb{R}^{0|8}$:



• Making the moduli space $\mathbb{R}^{4|8}$ noncommutative:



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Matrix Models via Dimensional Reduction Full dimensional reduction yields equivalence between SDYM MM and hCS MQM.

• Matrix Model from $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SDYM theory:

$$S := \operatorname{tr}\left(G^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta}[A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}},A_{\beta\dot{\beta}}]\right) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\phi^{ij}[A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}},[A^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}},\phi_{ij}]] + \dots\right)$$

• Matrix Model from $\mathcal{N} = 4$ hCS theory (MQM):

$$S := \int_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}_{ch}} \Omega_{red} \wedge \operatorname{tr} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{X}_{\alpha} \left(\bar{\partial} \mathcal{X}_{\beta} + \left[\mathcal{A}^{0,1}_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}}, \mathcal{X}_{\beta} \right] \right)$$
$$\Omega_{red} := \Omega^{3,0|4,0}|_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}_{ch}} \quad \Omega_{red\pm} = \pm \mathrm{d}\lambda_{\pm} \wedge \mathrm{d}\eta_{1}^{\pm} \dots \mathrm{d}\eta_{4}^{\pm}$$

• Equivalence explicitly via:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{\alpha} = &\lambda^{\dot{\alpha}} A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \eta_{i} \chi^{i}_{\alpha} + \gamma \frac{1}{2!} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \phi^{ij}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \\ &\gamma^{2} \frac{1}{3!} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}} \tilde{\chi}^{ijk}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} + \gamma^{3} \frac{1}{4!} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \eta_{l} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\gamma}} G^{ijkl}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}\dot{\gamma}} \\ \mathcal{A}_{\bar{\lambda}} = &\gamma^{2} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \phi^{ij} - \gamma^{3} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \tilde{\chi}^{ijk}_{\dot{\alpha}} + 2\gamma^{4} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \eta_{l} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}} G^{ijkl}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Models from Noncommutativity

Functions on the noncommutative moduli space are infinite-dimensional matrices.

Noncommutativity on the moduli space $[\hat{x}^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}}, \hat{x}^{\beta \dot{\beta}}] = i\theta^{\alpha \dot{\alpha} \beta \dot{\beta}}$ with: $(\kappa = \pm 1)$ $\theta^{1\dot{1}2\dot{2}} = -\theta^{2\dot{2}1\dot{1}} = -2i\kappa\varepsilon\theta$ and $\theta^{1\dot{2}2\dot{1}} = -\theta^{2\dot{1}1\dot{2}} = 2i\varepsilon\theta$ • representation space: two oscillator Fock space with $|0, 0\rangle$ $\hat{a}_1 \sim \hat{x}^{2\dot{1}} + \hat{x}^{1\dot{2}}$ and $\hat{a}_2 \sim \hat{x}^{2\dot{2}} - \hat{x}^{1\dot{1}}$

• derivatives become inner derivations of the above algebra:

$$rac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}^{1\dot{1}}} f \sim [\hat{x}^{2\dot{2}}, f] \;, \;\;\;$$
 etc.

• integral becomes trace: $\int d^4x f \mapsto (2\pi\theta)^2 \operatorname{tr}_{\mathcal{H}} \hat{f}$

Matrix Models from Noncommutativity Sections ω of the bundle defining supertwistor space are now matrix valued.

Noncommutativity on the twistor space

Induced algebra:

$$\begin{split} & [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}] \ = \ 2(\kappa - 1)\varepsilon\lambda_{\pm}\theta \ , \qquad [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}] \ = \ -2(\kappa - 1)\varepsilon\bar{\lambda}_{\pm}\theta \ , \\ & [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}] \ = \ 2(\kappa\varepsilon - \lambda_{\pm}\bar{\lambda}_{\pm})\theta \ , \qquad [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{1}] \ = \ 2(\kappa\varepsilon\lambda_{\pm}\bar{\lambda}_{\pm} - 1)\theta \ , \\ & [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}] \ = \ 2(1 - \varepsilon\kappa\lambda_{\pm}\bar{\lambda}_{\pm})\theta \ , \qquad [\hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}, \hat{\omega}_{\pm}^{2}] \ = \ 2(\lambda_{\pm}\bar{\lambda}_{\pm} - \varepsilon\kappa)\theta \ , \end{split}$$

Matrix Models

All operators can be seen as infinite dimensional matrices. \Rightarrow Matrix models from SDYM and hCS theory explict equivalence again via field expansion.

Large N limit

N: rank of gauge group, limit $N \to \infty$: all MMs equivalent

There is an obvious interpretation of the hCS MM in terms of topological B-branes.

B-Type Topological Branes

- D(-1)-, D1-, D3-, and D5-branes
- $\bullet\,$ stack of N D-branes comes with rank N vector bundle
- effective action: $\operatorname{GL}(N, \mathbb{C})$ holomorphic Chern-Simons theory
- i.e. $F^{0,2} = F^{2,0} = 0$ (stability missing: $k^{d+1} \wedge F^{1,1} = \gamma k^d$)

hCS MM: stack of n D1|4-branes wrapping $\mathbb{C}P^{1|4} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}^{3|4}$. expand Higgs-fields $\mathcal{X}_{\alpha} = \mathcal{X}_{\alpha}^{0} + \mathcal{X}_{\alpha}^{i}\eta_{i} + \mathcal{X}_{\alpha}^{ij}\eta_{i}\eta_{j} + \dots$

- $[\mathcal{X}_1^0, \mathcal{X}_2^0] = 0 ,$
- $[\mathcal{X}_1^i, \mathcal{X}_2^0] + [\mathcal{X}_1^0, \mathcal{X}_2^i] = 0 ,$
- $\{\mathcal{X}_1^i, \mathcal{X}_2^j\} \{\mathcal{X}_1^j, \mathcal{X}_2^i\} + [\mathcal{X}_1^{ij}, \mathcal{X}_2^0] + [\mathcal{X}_1^0, \mathcal{X}_2^{ij}] = 0,$

bodies \mathcal{X}^0_{α} can be diagonalized: positions of the D1|4-branes

Fermionic directions are "smeared out" even classically.

D-Branes in Type IIB String Theory

- D(-1)-, D1-, D3-, ... branes
- stack of N D-branes comes with rank N vector bundle
- effective action: U(N) SYM reduced from 10 to p+1
- curved spaces: $F^{0,2}=F^{2,0}=0$ and $k^{d+1}\wedge F^{1,1}=\gamma k^d$
- arising Higgs fields: normal fluctuations of D-branes

ADHM Construction and D-Brane Bound States There is a nice interpretation of the ADHM construction in terms of D-branes.

Bound state of D3-D(-1)-branes (D9-D5-branes + dim. reduction)



Perspective of D3-brane

D3-D3-strings + BPS condition: SDYM equations D(-1)-brane: instanton, nontrivial ch_2

Perspective of D(-1)-brane

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{D(-1)-D(-1)-strings:}\\ \mathcal{N}=(0,1) \text{ hypmult., adj. } (A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}},\chi^i_{\alpha})\\ \mathsf{D(-1)-D3-strings:}\\ \mathcal{N}=(0,1) \text{ hypmult., bifund. } (w_{\dot{\alpha}},\psi^i)\\ D\text{-flatness condition/ADHM eqns.:}\\ \frac{\mathrm{i}}{16\pi^2}\vec{\sigma}^{\dot{\alpha}}{}_{\dot{\beta}}(\bar{w}^{\dot{\beta}}w_{\dot{\alpha}}+\bar{A}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}})=0 \end{array}$

Witten, hep-th/9510135, Douglas, hep-th/9512077,...

ADHM and the SDYM Matrix Model The SDYM Matrix Model is almost equivalent to the ADHM equations.

- Perspective of D(-1)-branes
- Supersymmetrically extend ADHM eqns.:

 $A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \rightarrow A_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \eta^i_{\dot{\alpha}}\chi_{i\alpha} \text{ and } w_{\dot{\alpha}} \rightarrow w_{\dot{\alpha}} + \eta^i_{\dot{\alpha}}\psi_i$

- Drop the D(-1)-D3-strings, i.e. $w_{\dot{\alpha}} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$
- ⇒ SDYM MM equations
- How to obtain the full picture?
- Incorporate D(-1)-D3-strings in MM in hCS: D1-D5-strings.





ADHM and the Extended Matrix Models The hCS MM can be extended to be equivalent to the ADHM equations.

Extended action

$$S_{\text{ext}} = S_{\text{hCS MM}} + \int_{\mathbb{C}P_{\text{ch}}^{1}} \Omega_{\text{red}} \wedge \operatorname{tr}\left(\beta \bar{\partial} \alpha + \beta \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}}^{0,1} \alpha\right)$$

 $\alpha = \beta^*$, sections of $\mathcal{O}(1)$, fund. and antifund. of $\operatorname{GL}(N, \mathbb{C})$ (α and β bosons not fermions as in Witten, hep-th/0312171)

Equations of motion:

$$\begin{split} \bar{\partial}\mathcal{X}_{\alpha} + [\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}}^{0,1},\mathcal{X}_{\alpha}] &= 0\\ [\mathcal{X}_{1},\mathcal{X}_{2}] + \alpha\beta &= 0\\ \bar{\partial}\alpha + \mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}}^{0,1}\alpha &= 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\partial}\beta + \beta\mathcal{A}_{\mathbb{C}P^{1}}^{0,1} &= 0 \end{split}$$

ADHM and the Extended Matrix Models Again, the equivalence can be made manifest by a field expansion.

Extended Penrose-Ward transform explicitly

$$\begin{split} \beta &= \lambda^{\dot{\alpha}} w_{\dot{\alpha}} + \psi^{i} \eta_{i} + \gamma \frac{1}{2!} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \rho^{ij}_{\dot{\alpha}} + \gamma^{2} \frac{1}{3!} \eta_{i} \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \hat{\lambda}^{\dot{\beta}} \sigma^{ijk}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} + \dots \\ \alpha &= \lambda^{\dot{\alpha}} \varepsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{w}^{\dot{\beta}} + \dots \end{split}$$

Truncate the SDYM field content $(\phi^{ij}, \tilde{\chi}^{ijk}_{\dot{\alpha}}, G^{ijkl}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = 0)$:

- Higher fields in extension also vanish
- This expansion and the hCS MM equations yield the full ADHM-equations.

Conclusions:

- Extended hCS MM dual to full hCS (as SDYM \leftrightarrow ADHM).
- D(-1)-D3-brane bound states correspond to topological D1-D5-brane systems!

Dimensional Reductions and the Nahm equations Also for the Nahm-Equations, there is a nice interpretation in terms of D-branes.

Reduction of SDYM eqns. $\mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$: Bogomolny monopole eqns.

(static) pair of D3 branes with D1-branes in normal directions



Perspective of D3-brane

static D3-D3-strings + BPS cond.: Bogomolny equations (three-dimensional SDYM) D1-branes: monopoles

Perspective of D1-brane

D1-D1-strings: Nahm equations (one-dimensional SDYM) D1-D3-strings: Nahm boundary conditions

Diaconescu, hep-th/9608163

Dimensional Reductions and the Nahm equations For treating the Nahm eqns., one has to change slightly the geometry of twistor space.

Recall

All our MM considerations are based upon $\mathcal{P}^{3|\dots} = \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \dots \to \mathbb{C}P^1$ and its dim. red. $\mathbb{C}P^{1|4}$.

The twistor space for the Bogomolny equations is $\mathcal{O}(2) \to \mathbb{C}P^1$.

New Calabi-Yau supermanifold

Start from $Q^{3|4} = \mathcal{O}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}(0) \oplus \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1)$ Restrict sections $\hat{Q}^{3|4}$: $w^1 = y^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\lambda_{\dot{\alpha}}\lambda_{\dot{\beta}}, w^2 = y^{\dot{1}\dot{2}}$

Dimensional reductions

$$\hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{3|4} \to \begin{cases} \mathcal{P}^{2|4} := \mathcal{O}(2) \oplus \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1) \\ \hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{2|4} := \mathcal{O}(0) \oplus \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1) \\ \mathbb{C}P^{1|4} := \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1) \end{cases}$$

Different dimensional reductions yield the various field theories in the Nahm construction.

$$\hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{3|4} = \mathcal{O}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}(0) \oplus \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1)|_{\text{res}}$$

Upon imposing a reality condition, hCS theory turns into partially hCS theory (\rightarrow CR manifolds, etc.): Equiv. to Bogomolny eqns. Popov, CS, Wolf, JHEP 10 (2005) 058

$$\mathcal{P}^{2|4} := \mathcal{O}(2) \oplus \mathbb{C}^4 \otimes \Pi \mathcal{O}(1)$$

hCS equations from a holomorphic BF-theory: $\int \Omega \wedge BF^{0,2}$ equivalent to Bogomolny equations

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 $\mathbb{C}P^{1|4}$:= $\mathbb{C}^4\otimes\Pi\mathcal{O}(1)$: again hCS and SDYM matrix models

Summing up, we have

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{D5}|4\text{-branes in }\mathcal{P}^{3|4}\leftrightarrow\mathsf{D3}|8\text{-branes in }\mathbb{R}^{4|8}\\ \mathsf{D3}|4\text{-branes wr. }\mathcal{P}^{2|4}\text{ in }\mathcal{P}^{3|4}\text{ or }\hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{3|4}\leftrightarrow\mathsf{static }\mathsf{D3}|8\text{-branes in }\mathbb{R}^{4|8}\\ \mathsf{D3}|4\text{-branes wr. }\hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{2|4}\text{ in }\hat{\mathcal{Q}}^{3|4}\leftrightarrow\mathsf{static }\mathsf{D1}|8\text{-branes in }\mathbb{R}^{4|8}\\ \mathsf{D1}|4\text{-branes in }\mathcal{P}^{3|4}\leftrightarrow\mathsf{D(-1|8)\text{-branes in }}\mathbb{R}^{4|8}\end{array}$

straightforward: add diagonal line bundle $\mathcal{D}^{2|4}\text{,}$ defined by $\omega^1=\omega^2$

D3|4-branes wrapping $\mathcal{D}^{2|4}$ in $\mathcal{P}^{3|4} \leftrightarrow \text{D1|8-branes in } \mathbb{R}^{4|8}$.

Note:

- Branes extend only into chiral fermionic dimensions
- Branes appear in bound state configurations.

D-brane configuration equivalences

We had topological-physical D-brane equivalences for ADHM and Nahm construction.



But: There are many more.

Done:

- Definition of twistor matrix models
- Extension of the matrix models to
 - full ADHM-equations
 - full Nahm-equations
- Map between topological and physical D-brane bound states

Future Directions:

- Study Nahm equations more closely
- Study mirror configurations?
- Generalize to full Yang-Mills theory
- Carry over results from topological strings to physical ones (e.g. Derived Categories).

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