

$\mathcal{N}=(1,0)$ SUSY in Six Dimensions, Self-dual Strings and Higher Instantons

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Welcome to Edinburgh!



Live music - King Eider - Tonight 8:30

- Motivation for $(1,0)$ models
- $(1,0)$ models and ' $(1,0)$ gauge structures'
- Overlap with higher gauge theory
- Self-dual strings
 - abelian case
 - potential non-abelian analogues of 't Hooft-Polyakov monopole
- Higher instantons
 - potential non-abelian analogues of BPST instanton
- Conclusions

GOAL: $(2,0)$ Theory

Looking for:

- SUSY transformations
- Equations of motion
- (Possibly a Lagrangian)
- Which algebraic structure describes multiple M5-branes?
 - which particular choice of vector spaces etc.?

(1,0) Models

[Samtleben, Sezgin, Wimmer]

- SUSY transformations ✓
- Equations of motion ✓ (different from twistor results)
- Lagrangian ✓ (PST-like)
- Which algebraic structure describes multiple M5-branes?
 - which particular choice of vector spaces etc.? ✗
 - e.g. same as M2-branes? (probably not)

(1,0) Multiplets

(2,0) Multiplet

(B, X^I, Ψ)

(1,0) Tensor multiplet

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Auxiliary vector multiplet and 3-form field
 (A, Y, λ) and C

Fields live in

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathfrak{g}^* & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{g}} & \mathfrak{h} & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{h}} & \mathfrak{g} \\ C & & (B, \phi, \chi) & & (A, Y, \lambda) \end{array}$$

Maps:

$$f : \mathfrak{g} \wedge \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

$$d : \mathfrak{g} \odot \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$$

$$b : \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$$

Induced maps:

$$f^* : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*, \quad d^* : \mathfrak{h}^* \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$$

Closure of SUSY \implies Identities

For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}^*$, $\chi \in \mathfrak{h}$, $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}$

$$h(g(\lambda)) = 0$$

$$f(h(\chi), \gamma) - h(d(h(\chi), \gamma)) = 0$$

$$f(\gamma_{[1}, f(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)) - \frac{1}{3}h(d(f(\gamma_{[1}, \gamma_2), \gamma_3)) = 0$$

$$g(b(\chi_1, h(\chi_2))) - 2d(h(\chi_1), h(\chi_2)) = 0$$

$$g(f^*(\gamma, \lambda) - d^*(h^*(\lambda), \gamma) + b(g(\lambda), \gamma)) = 0$$

$$2(d(h(d(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)), \gamma_3) - d(h(d(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)), \gamma_1)) \\ - 2d(f(\gamma_1, \gamma_2), \gamma_3) + g(b(d(\gamma_2, \gamma_3), \gamma_1)) = 0$$

$$d^*(h^*(b(\chi, \gamma_2)), \gamma_1) + b(\chi, h(d(\gamma_1, \gamma_2))) \\ + 2b(d(\gamma_1, h(\chi)), \gamma_2) - f^*(\gamma_1, b(\chi, \gamma_2)) \\ - b(\chi, f(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)) - b(g(b(\chi, \gamma_1)), \gamma_2) = 0$$

This is a (1,0)-gauge structure

Example: Lie algebra $f(\gamma_{[1}, f(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)) = 0$

SUSY transformations, E.O.M. and Gauge transformations

SUSY transformations

$$\begin{aligned}\delta A &= -\bar{\varepsilon}\gamma\lambda & \delta B &= -d(A, \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma\lambda) - \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma^{(2)}\chi \\ \delta\lambda^i &= \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{F}\varepsilon^i - \frac{1}{2}Y^{ij}\varepsilon_j + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{h}(\phi)\varepsilon^i & \delta\chi^i &= \frac{1}{8}\mathcal{H}\varepsilon^i + \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{D}\phi\varepsilon^i - *\frac{1}{2}d(\gamma\lambda^i, *\bar{\varepsilon}\gamma\lambda) \\ \delta Y^{ij} &= -\bar{\varepsilon}^{(i}\mathcal{D}\lambda^{j)} + 2\bar{\varepsilon}^{(i}\mathbf{h}(\chi^{j)}) & \delta\phi &= \bar{\varepsilon}\chi \\ \delta C &= -\mathbf{b}(B, \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma\lambda) - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{b}(d(A, \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma\lambda)A) - \mathbf{b}(\phi, \bar{\varepsilon}\gamma^{(3)}\lambda)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\gamma = \gamma_\mu dx^\mu, \quad \gamma^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu, \quad \gamma^{(3)} = \frac{1}{6}\gamma_{\mu\nu\rho}dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu \wedge dx^\rho$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \partial A - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{f}(A, A) + \mathbf{h}(B) \neq 0$$

$$\mathcal{H} = DB + d(A, \partial A - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{f}(A, A)) + \mathbf{g}(C) \neq 0$$

$$D = \partial - \mathbf{f}(A, \cdot) + \mathbf{h}(d(A, \cdot))$$

$$\text{or } \partial + 2d(X, \mathbf{h}(\chi)) - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{b}(\chi, X))$$

$$\text{or } \partial + \mathbf{f}^*(X, \lambda) - \mathbf{d}^*(\mathbf{h}^*(\lambda), X)$$

Tensor multiplet E.O.M.

$$\mathcal{H} - \star \mathcal{H} = -2d(\bar{\lambda}, \gamma^{(3)} \lambda)$$

$$\not{D} \chi^i = d(\mathcal{F}, \lambda^i) + 2d(Y^{ij}, \lambda_j) + d(h(\phi), \lambda^i) - 2g(b(\phi, \lambda^i))$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^2 \phi &= 2d(Y^{ij}, Y_{ij}) - *2d(\mathcal{F}, *\mathcal{F}) - 4d(\bar{\lambda}, \not{D} \lambda) \\ &\quad - 2g(b(\bar{\chi}, \lambda)) + 16d(\bar{\lambda}, h(\chi)) - 3d(h(\phi), h(\phi)) \end{aligned}$$

Anti-self-dual part constrained

Gauge transformations parametrized by (α, Λ, Ξ)

$$\delta A = D\alpha - \mathfrak{h}(\Lambda)$$

$$\delta B = D\Lambda + \mathfrak{d}(A, D\alpha - \mathfrak{h}(\Lambda)) - 2\mathfrak{d}(\alpha, \mathcal{F}) - \mathfrak{g}(\Xi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta C = D\Xi + \mathfrak{b}(B, D\alpha - \mathfrak{h}(\Lambda)) - \frac{1}{3}\mathfrak{b}(\mathfrak{d}(D\alpha - \mathfrak{h}(\Lambda), A), A) \\ + \mathfrak{b}(\Lambda, \mathcal{F}) + \mathfrak{b}(\mathcal{H}, \alpha) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \partial A - \frac{1}{2}f(A, A) + h(B) \neq 0$$

$$\mathcal{H} = DB + d(A, \partial A - \frac{1}{3}f(A, A)) + g(C) \neq 0$$

Fake curvature condition $\mathcal{F} = 0$, $\mathcal{H} = 0$, not SUSY invariant

unlike twistor construction, yet still large overlap for the algebraic structures

Overlap of (1,0)-gauge structures with familiar objects

Lie algebras \subset (1,0)-gauge structures

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

what about

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{h} \mathfrak{g}$$

Answer: Courant-Dorfman algebras
(finite dimensional Courant algebroids)

Courant algebroid

Bundle E over manifold M with fiber metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, anchor map $\varrho : E \rightarrow TM$ and courant bracket $[[\cdot, \cdot]]$ satisfying axioms

$$[[[e_1, e_2], e_3]] + [[[e_2, e_3], e_1]] + [[[e_3, e_1], e_2]] + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D} \langle [[e_1, e_2], e_3] \rangle = 0$$

$$\varrho([[e_1, e_2]]) = [\varrho(e_1), \varrho(e_2)]$$

$$[[e_1, f e_2]] = f [[e_1, e_2]] + (\varrho(e_1) \cdot f) e_2 - \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle \mathcal{D} f \langle \mathcal{D} f, \mathcal{D} g \rangle = 0$$

$$\varrho(e) \cdot \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \langle [e, e_1] + \mathcal{D} \langle e, e_1 \rangle, e_2 \rangle + \langle e_1, [e, e_2] + \mathcal{D} \langle e, e_2 \rangle \rangle$$

where \mathcal{D} is the pullback of the exterior derivative by the anchor map $\langle \mathcal{D} f, e \rangle := \frac{1}{2} \varrho(e) \cdot f$

$$C^\infty(M) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \Gamma(E)$$

Courant-Dorfman Algebra

as a (1,0)-gauge structure

$$\mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{t} \mathfrak{g}$$

with $f := -\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$, $d := \frac{1}{2} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

exactly a (1,0)-gauge structure of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{t} \mathfrak{g}$$

$(1,0)$ -gauge structure with $\mathfrak{g}^* = 0$ as (semistrict) Lie 2-algebra

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{t} \quad} \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(\chi) &:= \mathbf{h}(\chi) \ , & \mu_2(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) &:= -\mathbf{f}(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \ , \\ \mu_2(\gamma, \chi) &:= \mathbf{d}(\gamma, \mathbf{h}(\chi)) \ , & \mu_3(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3) &:= \mathbf{d}(\gamma_1, \mathbf{f}(\gamma_2, \gamma_3)) \ , \end{aligned}$$

Courant-Dorfman algebras \subset Lie 2-algebras

NON – EXAMPLE : OCTONIONS

$\mathbf{d}(\cdot, \cdot)$ cannot be written in terms of Lie 2-algebra products

String Lie 2-algebra

as (1,0)-gauge structure

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$$

$$d := \frac{1}{2} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \quad \text{metric/Killing form}$$

$$f := -[\cdot, \cdot]$$

$$g = h = b = 0$$

E.O.M.

$$\mathcal{H}^- = - \left\langle \bar{\lambda}, \gamma^{(3)} \lambda \right\rangle ,$$

$$\not\partial \chi^i = \langle \mathcal{F}, \lambda^i \rangle + 2 \langle Y^{ij}, \lambda_j \rangle ,$$

$$\partial^2 \phi = 2 \langle Y^{ij}, Y_{ij} \rangle - *2 \langle \mathcal{F}, *\mathcal{F} \rangle - 4 \langle \bar{\lambda}, \not\partial \lambda \rangle ,$$

M2-brane 3-algebras

as Lie 2-algebras (Patricia will talk more about this)

$$\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{A}}$$

$$\mu_2(g, a) = g \triangleright a, \quad \mu_1 = \mu_3 = 0$$

Examples

BLG uses A_4 defined by $[e^\mu, e^\nu, e^\rho] = \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} e^\sigma$

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{so}(4)$$

ABJM uses

$$\mathrm{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}}(N) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{u}(N) \times \mathfrak{u}(N)$$

M2-brane 3-algebras

as Lie 2-algebras

Problem:

if $\mu_2(\gamma, \chi) = d(\gamma, h(\chi))$

$$\mu_1 = h = 0$$

then $\mu_2(\gamma, \chi) = 0$

M2-brane 3-algebras

as (1,0)-gauge structures

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{A}} ,$$

and choose the maps

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{b} = 0 , \quad \mathbf{h}(v) = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

$$\mathbf{d} \left(\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ g_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \triangleright v_2 + g_2 \triangleright v_1) ,$$

$$\mathbf{f} \left(\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ g_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (g_2 \triangleright v_1 - g_1 \triangleright v_2) \\ [g_1, g_2] \end{pmatrix} ,$$

for $v \in \mathcal{A}$, $\begin{pmatrix} v_i \\ g_i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathfrak{g}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Tensor gauge field with $G \times G$ symmetry [Chu]

as $(1,0)$ -gauge structure

ABJM with boundary suggests $\mathfrak{u}(N) \times \mathfrak{u}(N)$ M5-brane symmetry

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} ,$$

and choose the maps

$$\begin{aligned} h(g) &= \begin{pmatrix} -g \\ g \end{pmatrix} , \quad d \left(\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} g_3 \\ g_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2}([g_1, g_4] + [g_3, g_2]) , \\ f \left(\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} g_3 \\ g_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) &= \begin{pmatrix} -[g_1, g_3] - \frac{1}{2}([g_1, g_4] - [g_3, g_2]) \\ -[g_2, g_4] - \frac{1}{2}([g_1, g_4] - [g_3, g_2]) \end{pmatrix} , \end{aligned}$$

$(1,0)$ -gauge structures $\setminus \ker(g)$ as Lie 3-algebras

If $\ker(g)=0$

$$\mathfrak{g}^* \xrightarrow{g} \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{h} \mathfrak{g} \subset \text{Lie 3-algebras}$$

one parameter embedding

Using Q-manifolds

$$\mathfrak{g}^* \setminus \ker(g) \xrightarrow{g} \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{h} \mathfrak{g} \subset \text{Lie 3-algebras}$$

corresponds to a particular parameter value

If fake curvature condition imposed

gauge transformations can be written in terms of Lie 3-algebra products

$$\delta A = \partial\alpha + \mu_2(A, \alpha) - \mu_1(\Lambda) ,$$

$$\delta B = \partial\Lambda + \mu_2(B, \alpha) + \mu_2(A, \Lambda) + \frac{1}{2}\mu_3(A, A, \alpha) - \mu_1(\Xi) ,$$

$$\delta C = \partial\Xi + \mu_2(C, \alpha) + \mu_2(B, \Lambda) + \mu_2(A, \Xi) - \frac{1}{2}\mu_3(A, A, \Lambda) \\ + \mu_3(B, A, \alpha) + \frac{2}{3}\mu_4(A, A, A, \alpha) .$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \partial A + \frac{1}{2}\mu_2(A, A) + \mu_1(B) = 0 ,$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \partial B + \mu_2(A, B) + \frac{1}{6}\mu_3(A, A, A) + \mu_1(C) = 0 ,$$

But SUSY and E.O.M. cannot be written in terms of Lie 3-algebra products

Put this to some use

BPS equations for self-dual strings

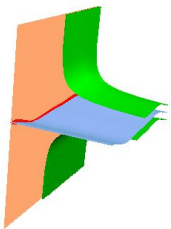
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H} &= \star D\phi , \\ \mathcal{F} &= \star \mathcal{F} , \\ \mathbf{h}(\phi) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Differ from twistor equations

$$\mathcal{F} \neq 0$$

Self-dual strings

abelian - single M5-brane



$$\phi = \frac{q}{|x|^2}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 0$$

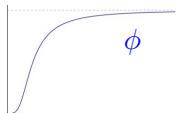
(1,0)-models and twistor
match

Suggests that M2-brane models should describe fuzzy S^3
- open problem

Self-dual strings

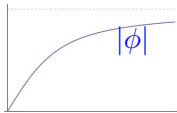
non abelian - two M5-branes

Akyol-Papadopolous Self-dual string



$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2) \\ \text{string}(\mathfrak{su}(2))$$

Compare to 't Hooft-Polyakov monopole



$$\phi = x^i e^i f(|x|)$$

A_4 Self-dual strings

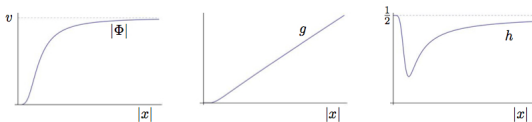
non abelian - two M5-branes

$$\Phi = e_\mu x^\mu f(|x|) ,$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} e^\kappa x^\lambda g(|x|) ,$$

$$A_\mu = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} [e^\nu, e^\kappa, \cdot] x^\lambda h(|x|) ,$$

many solutions, all like:



$$\mathcal{F} \neq \star \mathcal{F} \text{ AND } \mathcal{F} \neq 0$$

Trick

to satisfy fake curvature

$\mathcal{F} \neq 0$ Lie 2-algebra

becomes $\mathcal{F} = 0$, $\mathcal{H} = 0$ Lie 3-algebra

$$\mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{t} \mathfrak{g}$$

$$\text{becomes } \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{t} \mathfrak{g} \ltimes \mathfrak{h} \xrightarrow{t} \mathfrak{g}$$

A_4 Self-dual string topological invariants

$\mathfrak{su}(2)$ -monopole

$$\Phi \sim g^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 \\ 0 & -v \end{pmatrix} g .$$

$$\pi_2(\mathrm{SU}(2)/\mathrm{U}(1)) \cong \mathbb{Z} .$$

Similarly for A_4 self-dual string

$$\pi_3(\mathrm{SU}(2) \times \mathrm{SU}(2)/\mathrm{SU}(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z} ,$$

Basic (BPST) Instantons

$$F \in \mathfrak{su}(2),$$

$$F = \star F ,$$

$$F \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow 0 ,$$

$$F = \rho^2 \frac{dx \wedge d\bar{x}}{(\rho^2 + |x|^2)^2}$$

$$x = x^\mu \sigma^\mu$$

$dx \wedge d\bar{x}$ self-dual on \mathbb{R}^4

$dx \wedge d\bar{x} \wedge dx$ self-dual on $\mathbb{R}^{1,5}$

with $x = x^M \sigma^M =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_0 + x_5 & -x_3 - ix_4 & -x_1 + ix_2 \\ -x_0 - x_5 & 0 & -x_1 - ix_2 & x_3 - ix_4 \\ x_3 + ix_4 & x_1 + ix_2 & 0 & -x_0 + x_5 \\ x_1 - ix_2 & -x_3 + ix_4 & x_0 - x_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$H \propto dx \wedge d\bar{x} \wedge dx$$

Higher Instantons

many solutions, e.g.:

$$H := \frac{\rho^2}{(\rho^2 + |x|^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d\hat{x} \wedge dx \wedge d\hat{x} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \star H$$

$$F = \frac{1}{(\rho^2 + |x|^2)^2} \begin{pmatrix} \rho^2 d\hat{x} \wedge dx + \frac{1}{2} d\hat{x} x \wedge d\hat{x} x & 0 \\ 0 & \rho^2 dx \wedge d\hat{x} + \frac{1}{2} dx \hat{x} \wedge dx \hat{x} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $(1,0)$ models similar but substantially different from HGT
- $(1,0)$ models include Courant-Dorfman algebras, String Lie 2-algebras and M2-brane 3-algebras
- With fake curvature condition, gauge transformations match Lie 3-algebras but SUSY doesn't fit
- BPS (non-abelian) sector also different from HGT
- Analogues of 't Hooft-Polyakov monopoles and BPST instantons have many solutions

Thank you!