

## § ADHM Construction

after Atiyah-Drinfeld-Hitchin-Manin 1978.

Data:  $X^1, X^2, X^3, X^4$  :  $k \times k$  Hermitian matrices

$H_{\uparrow}, H_{\downarrow}$  :  $k \times n$  complex matrices

Satisfying some conditions to be determined.

For  $x = (x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , introduce a  $2k \times (2k+n)$  matrix

$$D(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{x-X}^{2k} & \overbrace{H}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x = (x^4 \mathbb{1}_2 + i \sigma \cdot X) \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$  :  $2k \times 2k$

$$X = \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 + i \sigma \otimes X = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i \otimes X^i$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_{\uparrow} \\ H_{\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} : 2k \times n$$

Condition ①  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $D(x)$  has rank  $2k$

( $\Rightarrow$   $2k \times 2k$  matrix  $D(x) D(x)^{\dagger}$  is invertible)

Then, let  $U(x)$  be  $(2k+n) \times n$  matrix satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot D(x) U(x) &= 0, \\ \cdot U(x)^\dagger U(x) &= \mathbb{1}_n. \end{aligned}$$

I.e.  $U(x) = (U_1(x), \dots, U_n(x))$ , then  $\{U_i(x)\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}$  form an orthonormal basis of  $\text{Ker } D(x) \subset \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}$ .

Note  $U(x)$  is unique up to orthogonal basis change of  $\text{Ker } D(x)$ , i.e.  $U(x) \rightarrow U(x) g(x)$  for a  $U(n)$  valued fcn  $g(x)$  of  $x$ .

Note  $P(x) = U(x) U(x)^\dagger$  is the projection to  $\text{Ker } D(x) \subset \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}$ .

$Q(x) = D(x)^\dagger (D(x) D(x)^\dagger)^{-1} D(x)$  is the projection to

$$\text{Span}(D(x)^\dagger) = (\text{Ker } D(x))^\perp \subset \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}.$$

So  $P(x) + Q(x) = \mathbb{1}_{2k+n}$

$$P(x)^2 = P(x), \quad Q(x)^2 = Q(x), \quad P(x) Q(x) = Q(x) P(x) = 0.$$

Put

$$A = u^\dagger du$$

$$u^\dagger u = \mathbb{1}_n \Rightarrow A^\dagger = du^\dagger u = -u^\dagger du = -A$$

$\therefore A$  is a gauge potential for gauge group  $U(n)$ .

$$F_A = dA + A \wedge A = du^t \wedge du + u^t du \wedge u^t du$$

Note  $u^t dP \wedge dP u = u^t (du \cancel{du^t} + u du^t) \wedge (du u^t + u du^t) u$

$$= (u^t du u^t + du^t) \wedge (du + u du^t u)$$

$$= u^t du \wedge u^t du + du^t \wedge du + \underbrace{u^t du du^t u + du^t u du^t u}_{\rightarrow 0}$$

$$= F_A$$

$P \mp Q = 1$

$$\therefore F_A = u^t dP \wedge dP u \stackrel{P \mp Q = 1}{=} u^t dQ \wedge dQ u \quad D u = 0, u^t D^+ = 0$$

$$= u^t (dD^+ (DD^+)^{-1} D + \cancel{D^+ d} (DD^+)^{-1} D) \wedge (d (D^+ (DD^+)^{-1} D) + \cancel{D^+ (DD^+)^{-1} d} D) u$$

$$= u^t dD^+ (DD^+)^{-1} D D^+ (DD^+)^{-1} dD u = u^t dD^+ (DD^+)^{-1} dD u$$

$$= u^t \begin{pmatrix} dx^+ \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (DD^+)^{-1} (dx \ 0) u$$

If  $(DD^+)^{-1}$  commutes with  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$ , then

$$F_A = u^t \begin{pmatrix} dx^+ \wedge dx \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (DD^+)^{-1} (1 \ 0) u$$

~~ASD!~~

i.e.  $F_A + * \bar{F}_A = 0$  !      Anti-instanton !!

Condition ②  $D(x)D(x)^\dagger$  Commutes with  $\sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$   $i=1,2,3$ .

$$D(x)D(x)^\dagger = (x-X, H) \begin{pmatrix} x^\dagger - X^\dagger \\ H^\dagger \end{pmatrix} = x x^\dagger - x X^\dagger - X x^\dagger + X X^\dagger + H H^\dagger$$

•  $x x^\dagger = \mathbb{1}_{2k} \cdot |x|^2$  Obviously commutes with  $\sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$  no condition

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad x X^\dagger + X x^\dagger &= (x^4 \mathbb{1}_2 + i \sigma_i x^i) \otimes \mathbb{1}_k \cdot (\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 - i \sigma_j \otimes X^j) \\ &\quad + (\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 + i \sigma_j \otimes X^j) \cdot (x^4 \mathbb{1}_2 - i \sigma_i x^i) \otimes \mathbb{1}_k \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 x^4 \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 + x^i \underbrace{(\sigma_i \sigma_j + \sigma_j \sigma_i)}_{2 \delta_{ij} \mathbb{1}_2} \otimes X^j$$

$$= 2 \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes \sum_{\mu=1}^4 x^\mu X^\mu$$

also commutes with  $\sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$   
no condition.

$$\bullet \quad X X^\dagger = (\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 + i \sigma_i \otimes X^i) \cdot (\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes X^4 - i \sigma_j \otimes X^j)$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes (X^4)^2 + \underbrace{\sigma_i \sigma_j}_{\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_i \sigma_j + \sigma_j \sigma_i) + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_i \sigma_j - \sigma_j \sigma_i)} \otimes X^i X^j + \underbrace{i \sigma_i \otimes [X^i, X^4]}_{i \sigma_i \otimes [X^i, X^4]}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k \otimes [X^i, X^j]$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes \sum_{\mu=1}^4 (X^\mu)^2 + i \sigma_3 \otimes ([X^1, X^2] + [X^3, X^4])$$

$$+ i \sigma_1 \otimes ([X^2, X^3] + [X^1, X^4]) + i \sigma_2 \otimes ([X^3, X^1] + [X^3, X^4])$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_r \\ H_b \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$HH^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H_r H_r^\dagger & H_r H_b^\dagger \\ H_b H_r^\dagger & H_b H_b^\dagger \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes \frac{H_r H_r^\dagger + H_b H_b^\dagger}{2} + \sigma_3 \otimes \frac{H_r H_r^\dagger - H_b H_b^\dagger}{2} \\ + \frac{\sigma_1 + i\sigma_2}{2} \otimes H_r H_b^\dagger + \frac{\sigma_1 - i\sigma_2}{2} \otimes H_b H_r^\dagger$$

Condition (2)  $\iff$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad & i[X^1, X^2] + i[X^3, X^4] + \frac{H_r H_r^\dagger - H_b H_b^\dagger}{2} = 0 \\ \cdot \quad & i[X^2, X^3] + i[X^1, X^4] + \frac{H_r H_b^\dagger + H_b H_r^\dagger}{2} = 0 \\ \cdot \quad & i[X^3, X^1] + i[X^2, X^4] + \frac{iH_r H_b^\dagger - iH_b H_r^\dagger}{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Or equivalently, for  $k \times h \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &:= iX^1 + X^2 & Q &:= H_r & k \times n \in \mathbb{C} \\ \tilde{Z} &:= iX^3 + X^4 & \tilde{Q} &:= H_b^\dagger & n \times h \in \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad & [Z, Z^\dagger] - [\tilde{Z}^\dagger, \tilde{Z}] + QQ^\dagger - \tilde{Q}^\dagger \tilde{Q} = 0 \\ \cdot \quad & [Z, \tilde{Z}] + Q\tilde{Q} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

What is  $\nu[A] = ?$

A "Quick" (mathematical) answer:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E &= \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^4} \text{Ker } D(x) \\ F &= \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^4} \text{Span } D(x)^T \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{extend to vector bundles} \\ \text{over } S^4 \end{array}$$

st.  $E \oplus F \cong S^4 \times \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}$  (trivial bundle)

Chern-character

$$\text{ch}(E) = \left[ \text{tr}_E \left( e^{\frac{i}{2\pi} F_A} \right) \right] = \sum_{n \geq 0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^n \left[ \text{tr}_E (F_A^n) \right]}_{\text{ch}_n(E)}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} \nu[A] &= -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \text{Tr}(F_A^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^2 \int_{S^4} \text{tr}(F_A^2) \\ &= \int_{S^4} \text{ch}_2(E). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow S^4$       $\text{Tr}(F_A^2) \xrightarrow{SU(n)} \text{tr}(F_A^2)$

$$\text{ch}(E \oplus F) = \text{ch}(S^4 \times \mathbb{C}^{2k+n}) = 2k+n$$

$$\text{ch}(E) + \text{ch}(F)$$

$$\nu[A] = \int_{S^4} \text{ch}_2(E) = - \int_{S^4} \text{ch}_2(F) = -k$$

"k (see below)"

A down-to-earth answer :

$$V(x) : \text{orthonormal basis of } \text{Span}(D(x)^T) \quad \left( D(x)^T \xrightarrow{\text{Gram-Schmidt}} V(x) \right)$$

$$B := V^T dV \quad (A = u^T du)$$

$$F_A = u^T dP \wedge dP u, \quad F_B = v^T dQ \wedge dQ v$$

$$\text{tr}(F_A^2) + \text{tr}(F_B^2) = \text{tr}(u^T dP dP u^T dP dP u) + \text{tr}(v^T dQ dQ v^T dQ dQ v)$$

$$= \text{tr}(P dP dP P dP dP) + \text{tr}(Q dQ dQ Q dQ dQ)$$

$P+Q=1$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \underbrace{Q dP dP}_{-dQP} & \underbrace{Q dP dP}_{-dQP} \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ dPP & dPP \end{array}$$

$$\text{tr}(dPP dP dPP dP) = -\text{tr}(P dP dP P dP dP)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \nu[A] = -\nu[B]$$

$$D(x) = (x-X, H) \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow \infty} (x, 0)$$

$$\therefore V(x) \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|x|} \begin{pmatrix} x^T \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = dV^T dV \rightarrow \frac{x}{|x|} d \left( \frac{x^T}{|x|} \right) \otimes \mathbb{1}_k$$

$$\nu[B] = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \int \text{tr}_2 (\beta^T d\beta)^3 \cdot \text{tr}_k \mathbb{1}_k = k$$

$$\therefore \underline{\nu[A] = -k}$$

## Summary

Given  $X^1, X^2, X^3, X^4$   $k \times k$  Hermitian } obeying  
 $H_1, H_2$   $k \times n$  complex } ① & ②

(such  $(X, H)$  is called an ADHM data),

take  $(2k+n) \times n$   $U(x)$  satisfying

$$(x - X, H) U(x) = 0 \quad \& \quad U(x)^t U(x) = \mathbb{1}_n,$$

and put  $A = U^t dU$ . Then

- $F_A + *F_A = 0$

- $V[A] = -k$

## FACT

Any  $U(n)$  gauge potential  $A$

such that  $F_A + *F_A = 0$  and  $V[A] = -k$

is of this form for some

ADHM data.



Remark 1.  $A = A' + a \mathbb{1}_n \Rightarrow F_A = F_{A'} + da \mathbb{1}_n$   
 $\uparrow$   
 traceless

$F_A \text{ ASD} \Rightarrow F_{A'} \text{ ASD} \ \& \ \underline{da \text{ ASD}}$

$\Rightarrow -\int da \wedge *da = \int da \wedge da = 0 \quad \therefore da \equiv 0.$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $a \sim g^{-1} dg \text{ at } \infty$

$\therefore a = i d\theta \text{ for some } \theta: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$= g_{(1)}^{-1} dg_{(1)} \text{ for } g_{(1)} = e^{i\theta}: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow U(1).$

$g := \begin{pmatrix} g_{(1)} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & g_{(n)} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$

$A = A' + g^{-1} dg = (A')^g \quad \text{or} \quad A' = A^{g^{-1}}$

Replacing  $U(x)$  by  $U(x)g(x)^{-1}$ , if necessary,

We may assume  $A$  is an  $SU(n)$  gauge potential

Remark 2  $X^M \rightarrow h X^M h^{-1}$  for  $h \in U(k)$ ,  $g \in SU(n)$ ,  
 $H_\alpha \rightarrow h H_\alpha g^{-1}$

$$(x-X, H) \rightarrow (\mathbb{1}_2 \otimes h) (x-X, H) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes h^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & g^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow U(x) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathbb{1}_2 \otimes h & \\ \hline & g \end{array} \right) U(x) : \underline{A \text{ unchanged}}$$

Thus, the ADHM data  $(X, H)$  is equivalent to  $(h X h^{-1}, h H g^{-1})$ ,  $(h, g) \in U(k) \times SU(n)$ .

Remark 2'  $D(x) = (x-X, H) \sim (x, 0)$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

$D(x) U(x) = 0$ ,  $U^T U = 1_n$  has a solution of the form

$$U(x) \xrightarrow{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g_\infty \end{pmatrix} ; g_\infty \in U(n).$$

As the boundary condition, we may require  $g_\infty = 1$

i.e.  $U(x) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then the above  $g \in SU(n)$  transformation must be accompanied with  $U(x) \rightarrow U(x) g^{-1}$  that does

$A \rightarrow A g^{-1}$  : gauge transformation that does not become 1 at  $\infty$ .

Remark 3 fix  $g_{-k} : S^3_\infty \rightarrow SU(n)$   $n[g_{-k}] = -k$ .

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_k(SU(n)) := \left\{ A : SU(n) \text{ potential} \mid \begin{array}{l} F_A + *F_A = 0 \\ \mathcal{L}[A] = -k \\ A \rightarrow g_{-k}^{-1} dg_{-k} \text{ at } \infty \end{array} \right\}$$

The moduli space of framed  $SU(n)$  instantons with  $\nu = -k$

$$\left\{ g : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow G \mid \underline{g \rightarrow 1 \text{ at } \infty} \right\}$$

$$\cong \left\{ (X, H) \mid \text{ADHM data} \right\} / U(k),$$

by summary, **FACT**, and above remarks.

◦ It is a space of dimension  $\frac{4k^2 + 2 \cdot 2kn - 3k^2 - k^2}{\mathbb{R}} = 4kn$

◦ The two spaces have natural Riemannian metrics and

$\cong$  is an isomorphism of Riemannian manifolds :

LHS comes from  $\|\delta A\|^2 = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \text{Tr}(\delta A * \delta A) \quad (\times \text{const.})$

RHS comes from  $ds^2 = \sum_{\mu=1}^4 |dX^\mu|^2 + \sum_{\alpha=\uparrow, \downarrow} |dH_\alpha|^2$ .

e.g.  $k=1, n=2$  (1 anti-instanton for  $SU(2)$ ).

$$X^M : 1 \times 1 \quad \text{write } X^M = x_0^M.$$

$$Q : 1 \times 2, \quad \tilde{Q} : 2 \times 1$$

$$\text{Eqs are } \left. \begin{aligned} Q Q^T - \tilde{Q}^T \tilde{Q} &= 0 \\ Q \tilde{Q} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ solved by } \begin{aligned} Q &= (\rho, 0) \\ \tilde{Q}^T &= (0, \rho) \end{aligned}$$

up to  $U(1) \times SU(2)$  rotation.

$$(x - X, H) = (x - x_0, \rho \mathbb{1}_2)$$

Assume for simplicity  $x_0 = 0$ . As  $U(x)$  we may take

$$U(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -\rho \mathbb{1}_2 \\ x \end{pmatrix} / \sqrt{\rho^2 + |x|^2}$$

$$A = U^T dU = \frac{(-\rho, x^T)}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + \rho^2}} d \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + \rho^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -\rho \\ x \end{pmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + \rho^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ dx \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d|x|^2}{\sqrt{|x|^2 + \rho^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -\rho \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|x|^2 + \rho^2} x^T dx - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d|x|^2}{|x|^2 + \rho^2}$$

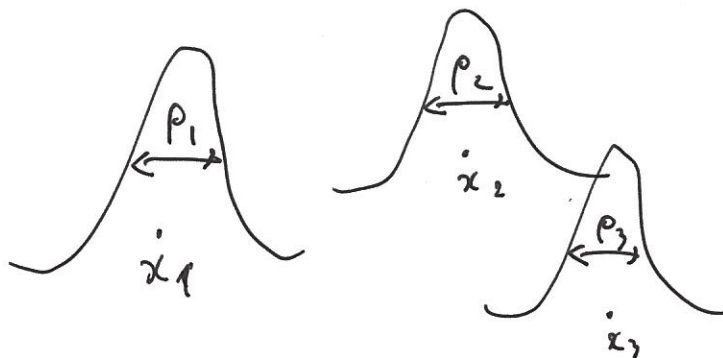
This is precisely the form of anti-instanton we had found!

P.g.  $n=2, k>1$

A particular solution:  $X^m = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^m \\ \vdots \\ x_k^m \end{pmatrix}$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \rho_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{Q}^t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \rho_n \end{pmatrix}$$

→ "Superposition" of 1 instantons at  $x_i$ , size  $\rho_i$



But that's not general.

P.g.  $n>2, k=1$

$$Q, \tilde{Q}^t : 1 \times n$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} QQ^t - \tilde{Q}^t \tilde{Q} &= 0 \\ Q\tilde{Q} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ solved by } Q = (\rho, 0, \overbrace{0 \dots 0}^{n-2})$$

$$\tilde{Q}^t = (0, \rho, 0 \dots 0)$$

up to  $U(1) \times SU(n)$  rotation.

$$(x-X, H) = (x-x_0, \rho \mathbb{1}_2, \mathbb{O}_{2 \times (n-2)})$$

$$U(x) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} -\rho \mathbb{1}_2 & \mathbb{O}_{4 \times (n-2)} \\ \hline x-x_0 & \mathbb{1}_{n-2} \\ \hline \mathbb{O}_{(n-2) \times 2} & \mathbb{1}_{n-2} \end{array} \right), A = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A_{SU(n)} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \mathbb{O}_{n-2} \end{array} \right) \text{ up to } SU(n) \text{ rotation.}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x_0)^2 + \rho^2}} x$$

This IS general.

$$\underline{G = SO(n)}$$

$$J_k := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_k \\ I_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \begin{matrix} 2k \times 2k \\ 2 \times 2 \end{matrix}, \quad \epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

ADHM data :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} X^M \quad 2k \times 2k \quad \text{~~anti-symmetric~~ Hermitian} \quad \text{st.} \quad J_h^T (X^M)^* J_h = X^M \\ H \quad 4k \times n \quad \text{Complex} \quad \text{st.} \quad (\epsilon^T \otimes J_h^T) H^* = H. \\ \text{obeying } \textcircled{1} \text{ \& } \textcircled{2}. \end{array} \right.$$

$$D(x) U(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (x^* - X^*, H^*) U^*(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(\epsilon^T \otimes J_k^T) (x^* - X^*, H^*) (\epsilon \otimes J_h)}_{(x - X, H)} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^{-1} \otimes J_k^{-1} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} U^*(x) = 0$$

$$U \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^{-1} \otimes J_k^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} U^* \quad \text{defines an } \underline{\text{orthogonal structure.}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_k(SO(n)) \cong \{ (X, H) \mid \text{ADHM} \} / S_p(k)$$

$$X^M \rightarrow h X^M h^{-1} \quad h \in S_p(k)$$

$$H_\alpha \rightarrow h H_\alpha g^{-1} \quad g \in SO(n)$$

$$\underline{G = Sp(n)}$$

$$J_n := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad 2n \times 2n, \quad \epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad 2 \times 2$$

ADHM data

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} X^M \quad k \times k \text{ symmetric, hermitian} \\ H \quad 2k \times 2n \quad \epsilon^T H^* J_n = H \\ \text{Obeying } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$D(x)u(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (x^* - X^*, H^*) u^*(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\epsilon^T (x^* - X^*, H^*) \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & J_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^T & 0 \\ 0 & J_n^{-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{(x - X, H)} u^*(x) = 0$$

$u \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^T & 0 \\ 0 & J_n^{-1} \end{pmatrix} u^*$  defines a symplectic structure.

$$\widetilde{M}_k(Sp(n)) = \{ (x, H) \mid \text{ADHM} \} / O(k)$$

$$X^M \rightarrow h X^M h^{-1} \quad h \in O(k)$$

$$H_\alpha \rightarrow h H_\alpha g^{-1} \quad g \in Sp(n)$$

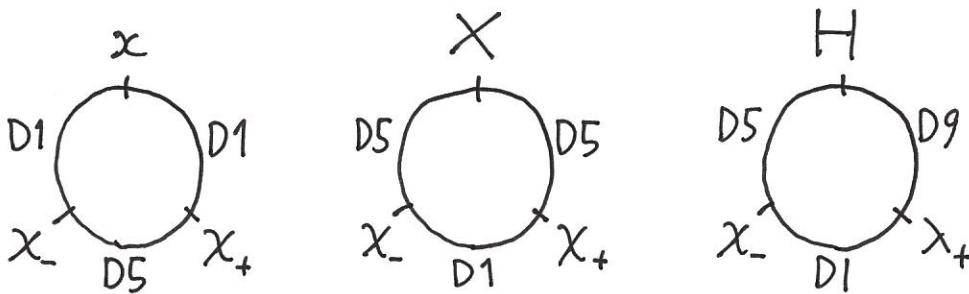
# String theory construction (M. Douglas 1996)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n \text{ D9-branes} \\ k \text{ D5-branes} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} X \text{ from 5-5 string} \\ H \text{ from 5-9} \end{array}$$

$$\text{D1-brane probe} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \chi_+, \chi_- & 1-5 \\ \lambda_+ & 1-9 \\ x & 1-1 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{D1}} \supset \bar{\chi}_- \partial_+ \chi_- + \bar{\chi}_+ \partial_- \chi_+ + \bar{\lambda}_+ \partial_- \lambda_+ \quad \partial_{\pm} := \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t \pm \partial_\sigma)$$

$$+ \chi_- \left( x - X, H \right) \begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ \lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} + \text{c.c.}$$



massless modes:  $\begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ \lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{a=1}^n U_a(x(t,\sigma)) \lambda_+^a(t,\sigma)$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{D1}} \supset \sum_{a,b} \bar{\lambda}_+^a(t,\sigma) \left[ \partial_- \delta_b^a + \partial_- x^\mu(t,\sigma) \underbrace{(U^\dagger \partial_\mu U)_b^a(x(t,\sigma))}_{\text{wavy line}} \right] \lambda_+^b(t,\sigma)$$

D1 probing  $n$  D9's with background  $A = \underbrace{U^\dagger dU}_{\text{wavy line}}$ .



The theory on DS's : a 6-dimensional  $\mathcal{N}=(1,0)$  supersymmetric gauge theory

with gauge group  $U(k)$  and "hypermultiplets" :

- one adjoint  $(X = Z, \tilde{Z})$
- $N$  fundamentals  $(H = Q, \tilde{Q})$

The vacuum eqns are precisely the condition ② (ADHM eqn):

$$[Z, Z^\dagger] - [\tilde{Z}^\dagger, \tilde{Z}] + QQ^\dagger - \tilde{Q}^\dagger \tilde{Q} = 0 \quad (D)$$

$$[Z, \tilde{Z}] + Q\tilde{Q} = 0 \quad (F)$$

I.e. the vacuum manifold is precisely  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_k(SU(n))$ .

The dimensional reduction to 4d is  $\mathcal{N}=2$  supersymmetric theory.

In  $\mathcal{N}=1$  language, it is  $U(k)$  gauge theory with chiral multiplets:

3 adjoints  $\Phi, Z, \tilde{Z}$

$N$  fundamentals  $Q$  and  $N$  antifundamentals  $\tilde{Q}$

and superpotential

$$W = \tilde{Q}\Phi Q + \text{Tr}(\tilde{Z}[Z, \Phi])$$

(D) and (F) are precisely the D-term and F-term eqns

at  $\Phi=0$ .  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_k(SU(n))$  is the "Higgs branch" of the moduli space of vacua.

The above is in "Type IIB superstring theory".

$$\begin{aligned} \rightsquigarrow & U(n) \text{ on } n \text{ D9-branes} \\ & U(k) \text{ on } k \text{ D5-branes} \end{aligned}$$

Relevant for  $SO(n)$  and  $Sp(n)$  instantons are

"Orientifolds" of Type IIB. There are two types:

- $O9^- \rightsquigarrow \begin{aligned} & O(n) \text{ on } n \text{ D9-branes} \\ & Sp(k) \text{ on } 2k \text{ D5-branes} \end{aligned}$
- $O9^+ \rightsquigarrow \begin{aligned} & Sp(n) \text{ on } 2n \text{ D9-branes} \\ & O(k) \text{ on } k \text{ D5-branes} \end{aligned}$

The conditions  $J_k^T (X^M)^* J_k = X^M, (\epsilon^T \otimes J_k^T) H^* = H$  ( $SO(n)$ )  
or  $(X^M)^T = X^M, \epsilon^T H^* J_n = H$  ( $Sp(n)$ )

are "Orientifold projection conditions" for the 5-5 and 5-9 open string states.