

Title: Ambitwistors-strings and amplitudes

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Abstract: These lectures will focus on the geometry of ambitwistor string theories. These are infinite tension analogues of conventional strings and provide the theory that leads to the remarkable formulae for tree amplitudes that have been developed by Cachazo, He and Yuan based on the scattering equations. Although the bosonic ambitwistor string action is expressed in space-time, it will be seen that its target is classically 'ambitwistor space', the space of complexified null geodesics in the complexification of a space-time. The lectures will review Ambitwistor constructions from the 70's and 80's that extend the Penrose-Ward twistor constructions for self-dual Yang-Mills and gravitational fields in four dimensions to arbitrary fields in general dimension. LeBrun showed that the conformal geometry of a space-time is encoded into the complex structure of ambitwistor space. The linearized version encodes linear fields on space-time into sheaf cohomology classes on ambitwistor space. In the case of momentum eigenstates, these give the 'scattering equations' that underly the CHY formulae and the ambitwistor string can be used to compute amplitudes via these formulae. If there is time, the lectures will discuss how different matter theories can be obtained, different geometric realizations of ambitwistor space lead to different formulae, the relationship between the asymptotic symmetries of space-time and Weinberg's soft theorems concerning the behaviour of amplitudes when momenta become small, and/or extensions of the ideas to loop amplitudes.

Lecture 3: A menagerie of ambitwistor strings

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With David Skinner. arxiv:1311.2564, and various collaborations with Tim Adamo, Eduardo Casali, Yvonne Geyer, Arthur Lipstein, Ricardo Monteiro & Kai Roehrig, 1312.3828, 1404.6219, 1405.5122, 1406.1462, CGMMRS 150?.????.

[Cf. also Cachazo, He, Yuan arxiv:1306.2962, 1306.6575, 1307.2199, 1309.0885, 1412.3479]



$$S_B = \int P \delta x - e P^2$$

Worksheet matter

- Decorate null geodesics with spin vectors, vectors for internal degrees of freedom & other holomorphic CFTs.
- Take

$$S = S_B + S^l + S^r$$

where S^l, S^r are some worldsheet matter CFTs.

- Total vertex operators given by

$$v^l v^r \bar{\delta}(k \cdot P) e^{ik \cdot X}$$

with v^l, v^r worldsheet currents from S^l, S^r resp..

- Amplitudes become

$$\mathcal{M}(1, \dots, n) = \delta^d(\sum_i k_i) \int_{(\mathbb{CP}^1)^n} \frac{l^l l^r \prod_i \bar{\delta}(k_i \cdot P)}{\text{Vol Gauge}}$$

where l^l, l^r are worldsheet correlators of v^l 's, v^r 's resp..

- In good situations, Q -invariance and discrete symmetries (GSO) rule out unwanted vertex operators.



$$S_B = \int P \cdot \delta x \leftarrow e P^2$$

$$I^r = I^l \quad \overline{\Pi}_i \quad (e_i \cdot P e_i)$$

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$$I^r = I^l = \prod_i (E_i \cdot P_{E_i})$$

$$\delta \theta = (E \cdot P)^L \bar{\delta} (K \cdot P_{(e)}) \begin{matrix} E \cdot P \in K \\ \in \mathbb{Z} \pi i K \cdot x \end{matrix} = \mathcal{N}^{1/2} \xi$$

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where $I^l/r = I^l/r(\epsilon_i^{l/r}, k_i, \sigma_i)$ depend on the theory.

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$$S^p \leftarrow \begin{matrix} V_e \\ V_r \end{matrix} \leftarrow S^r \quad \begin{matrix} I_l = \langle V_1^l \dots V_n^l \rangle \\ I_r = \langle V_1^r \dots V_n^r \rangle \end{matrix}$$

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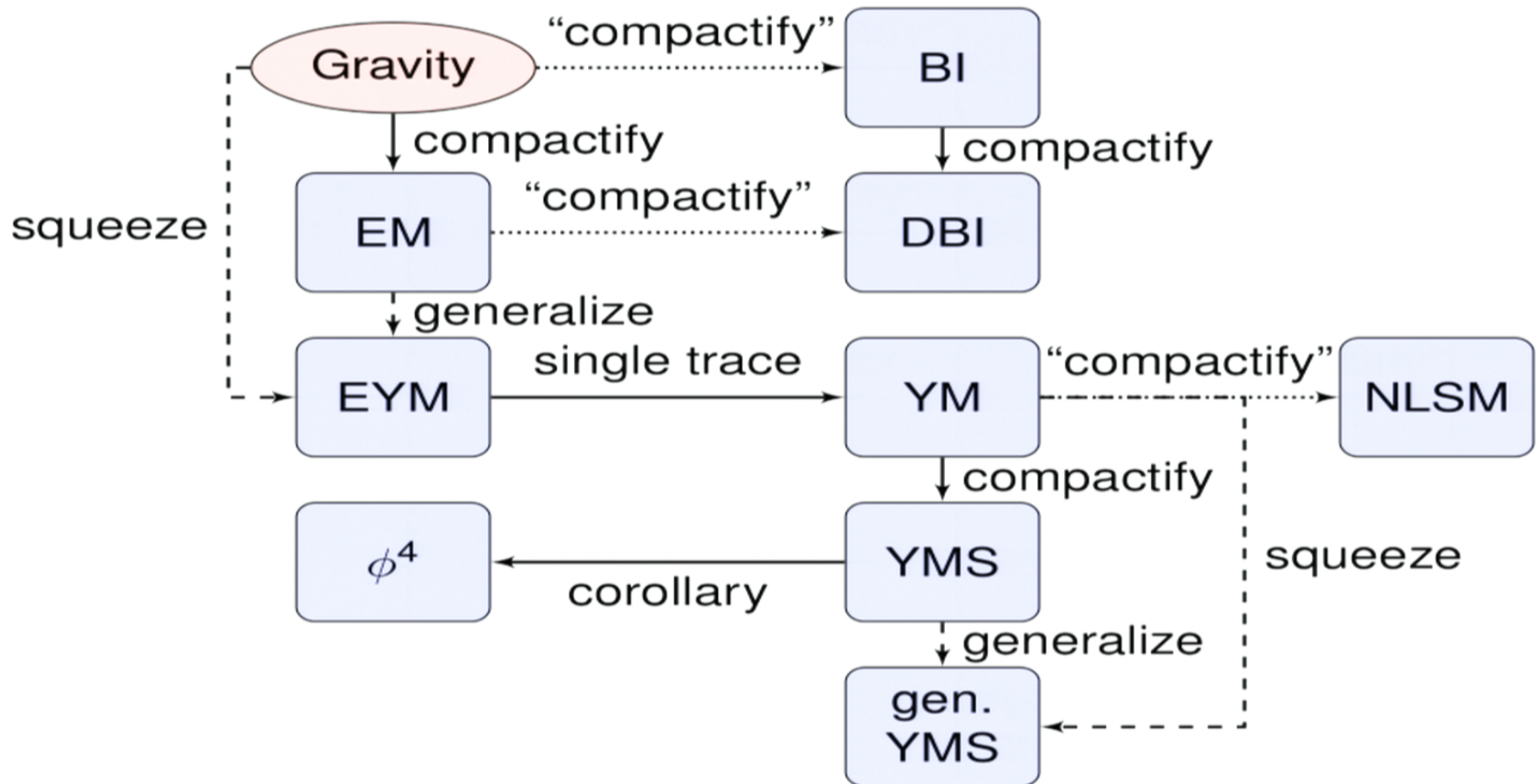


Figure: Theories studied by CHY and operations relating them.

Spinning light rays and worldsheet SUSY, S_Ψ

Let $\Psi^\mu \in K^{1/2}$, spin 1/2 fermions on Σ ,

$$S_\Psi = \int g_{\mu\nu} \Psi^\mu \bar{\partial} \Psi^\nu - \chi P_\mu \Psi^\mu$$

$\chi \rightsquigarrow$ constraints $P \cdot \Psi = 0$ and gauge field for worldline susy

$$D = \Psi \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial X} + P \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi}, \quad \{D, D\} = P \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial X}.$$

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$$S_B = \int P \cdot \delta x - c P^2 \quad A_\mu = \epsilon_\mu e^{2\pi i k x}$$

$$I' = I' = \prod_i (\epsilon_i \cdot P \epsilon_i)$$

$$S\theta = (\epsilon \cdot P)^L \bar{\delta} (k \cdot P \epsilon) e^{2\pi i k x} \quad \epsilon \cdot P \in K = \mathbb{Z}^{1,2} \Sigma$$

$$S^p \leftarrow \begin{matrix} v_l \\ v_r \end{matrix} \rightarrow S^r \quad \begin{matrix} I_l = \langle v_l^p \dots v_r^p \rangle \\ I_r = \langle v_l^r \dots v_r^r \rangle \end{matrix}$$

$$\delta(P, X, \psi) = \epsilon(O, \mathbb{E}, P)$$

$$\delta X = \bar{\delta} \epsilon$$

$$S(P, X, \psi)$$

$$\delta X = \partial \epsilon$$

$$P \frac{\partial}{\partial X} = X_{P^2}$$

$$A_S = \left(\begin{array}{c} I \\ \pi \end{array} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{array}{c} P \\ \hat{A} \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} X \\ M \end{array} \right) \quad | \quad P^2 = 0 = P \cdot E$$

$$\{ X_{P^2}, X_{E \cdot P} \}$$

$$\Theta_S = P \cdot dX + I \cdot dE$$

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$\gamma \in T^{K_2}$ has two-dim space of hol sections
 integrated vertex op
 6-modes

$$\bar{\Psi}_\mu \sim$$

on string

$$\bar{\Psi}_\mu(\sigma) \bar{\Psi}_\nu(\sigma') = \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{\sigma - \sigma'}$$

on worldline

$$\{\bar{\Psi}_\mu, \bar{\Psi}_\nu\} = g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\bar{\Psi}_\mu \sim \Gamma_\mu$$

standard Clifford algebra

$$P \cdot \bar{\Psi} \sim \bar{\Psi} \cdot \Gamma_\mu \dot{\sigma}^\mu$$

Dirac eq.

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\rightsquigarrow Type II graphs critical in $d=10$

Free Fermions and current algebras

- Free 'real' Fermions $\rho^a \in \mathbb{C}^m \otimes K^{1/2}$

$$S_\rho = \int_\Sigma \delta_{ab} \rho^a \bar{\partial} \rho^b, \quad a = 1, \dots, m,$$

- These generate current algebra e.g., if \mathfrak{g} is Lie algebra with structure constants f^{abc} , $m = \dim \mathfrak{g}$ then

$$j^a = f^{abc} \rho^b \rho^c, \quad j^a(\sigma) j^b(0) = \frac{k \delta^{ab}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{f^{abc} j^c}{\sigma} + \dots$$

Here level $k = C$.

- Current algebra gives Vertex ops

$$v = t \cdot j.$$

- Correlators give 'Parke-Taylor' factors + unwanted multi-trace terms

$$\langle v_1 \dots v_n \rangle = \frac{\text{tr}(t_1 \dots t_n)}{\sigma_{12} \sigma_{23} \dots \sigma_{n1}} + \dots$$

where $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_i - \sigma_j$.



Comb system [Casali-Skinner]

- To avoid multitrace terms, take current algebra level $k = 0$.
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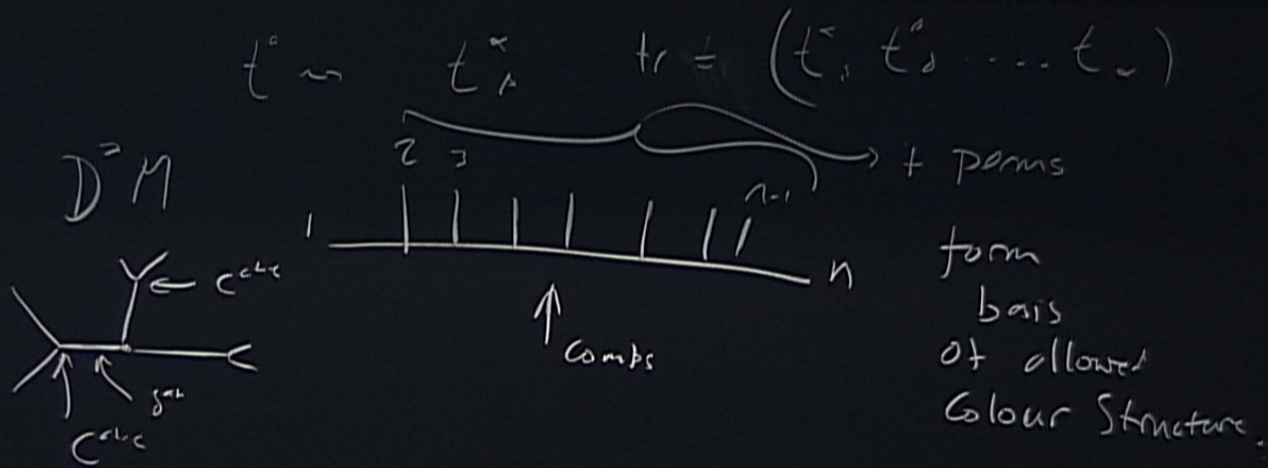
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The 2013 CHY formulae & ambitwistor models

Above lead essentially to original models & formulae:

- $(S^l, S^r) = (S_{\tilde{\psi}}, S_{\psi}) \rightsquigarrow$ type II gravity,
- $(S^l, S^r) = (S_{CS}, S_{\psi}) \rightsquigarrow$ heterotic with YM,
- $(S^l, S^r) = (S_{CS}, S_{CS}) \rightsquigarrow$ bi-adjoint scalar.

The first two are critical in $d = 10$ (with appropriate gauge group in heterotic case).

The latter two come with unphysical gravity.

S_{CS} improves on current algebras in avoiding multi-trace terms.

Combined matter systems

$S_{\Psi_1, \Psi_2} = S_{\Psi_1} + S_{\Psi_2}$ two worldsheet susy's for S^l or S^r . This is maximum. It gives VO currents

$$u = \delta(\gamma_1) k \cdot \Psi_2, \quad v = k \cdot \Psi_1 k \cdot \Psi_2.$$

$S_{\Psi, \rho} = S_{\Psi} + S_{\rho}$ combines 'real' Fermions with susy, \rightsquigarrow VO currents as usual for S_{Ψ} and

$$u_t = \delta(\gamma) t \cdot \rho, \quad v_t = k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \rho.$$

$$S_{\Psi, CS} = \int_{\Sigma} \Psi \cdot \bar{\partial} \Psi + \tilde{\rho}_a \bar{\partial} \rho^a + q_a \bar{\partial} y^a + \chi \left(P \cdot \Psi + \text{tr} \rho \left(\frac{[\tilde{\rho}, \rho]}{2} + [q, y] \right) \right).$$

With ghosts etc., the VO currents are those for S_{Ψ} and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_t &= \delta(\gamma) t \cdot \tilde{\rho}, & u_t &= \delta(\gamma) t \cdot \rho, \\ \tilde{v}_t &= k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \tilde{\rho} + t \cdot ([\tilde{\rho}, \rho] + [q, y]), & v_t &= k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \rho + t \cdot [\rho, \rho]. \end{aligned}$$

GSO now reverses signs of all fields in matter system.

Einstein- T^* Yang-Mills

With $(S^l, S^r) = (S_{\Psi, CS}, S_{\tilde{\Psi}})$ we obtain Einstein- T^* YM.

- Graviton vertex operators now come from

$$u^l u^r = \delta(\gamma) \epsilon \cdot \Psi \delta(\tilde{\gamma}) \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}, \quad v^l v^r = \epsilon \cdot (P + \Psi k \Psi) \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot (P + \Psi k \cdot \Psi).$$

Worldsheet correlators give $Pf'(M) Pf'(\tilde{M})$.

- Two types of gluon VOs from $u_t^l u^r$, $v_t^l v^r$ and $\tilde{u}_t^l u^r$, $\tilde{v}_t^l v^r$.
- With gluons, worldsheet correlator gives sum of

$$\mathcal{C}(T_1) \dots \mathcal{C}(T_r) Pf'(\Pi) Pf'(\tilde{M})$$

where (T_1, \dots, T_r) is a partition of gluons, Π from CHY.

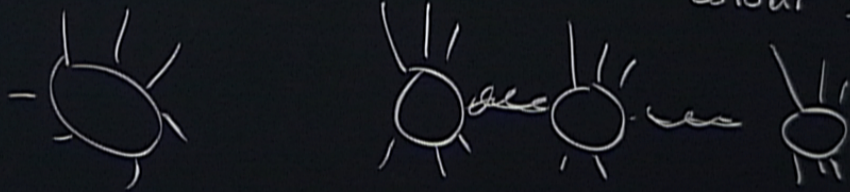
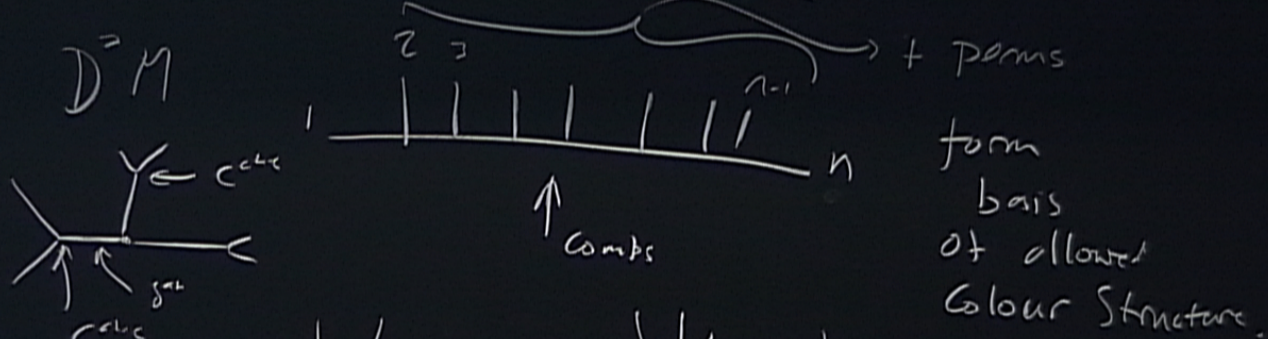
Theory is linear YM on full YM background i.e., T^* YM + gravity

$$\int_M R_{NS} \text{dvol} + \text{tr}(A \wedge D_{\tilde{A}}^* F_{\tilde{A}})$$

with $A \leftrightarrow u_t^l u^r, v_t^l v^r, \tilde{A} \leftrightarrow \tilde{u}_t^l u^r, \tilde{v}_t^l v^r$.

Can replace S_{CS} with anomalous S_{YM} with single gluon type. 

$$t^a \quad t^b \quad \text{tr} = (t^1, t^2, \dots, t_n)$$



Ambitwistor strings with combined matter

$S' \backslash S^r$	S_Ψ	S_{Ψ_1, Ψ_2}	$S_{\rho, \Psi}^{(\tilde{m})}$	$S_{CS, \Psi}^{(\tilde{N})}$	$S_{CS}^{(\tilde{N})}$
S_Ψ	E				
S_{Ψ_1, Ψ_2}	BI	Galileon			
$S_{\rho, \Psi}^{(m)}$	EM $U(1)^m$	DBI	EMS $U(1)^m \times U(1)^{\tilde{m}}$		
$S_{CS, \Psi}^{(N)}$	EYM	ext. DBI	$EYMS$ $SU(N) \times U(1)^{\tilde{m}}$	$EYMS$ $SU(N) \times SU(\tilde{N})$	
$S_{CS}^{(N)}$	YM	Nonlinear σ	$EYMS$ $SU(N) \times U(1)^{\tilde{m}}$	<i>gen. YMS</i> $SU(N) \times SU(\tilde{N})$	<i>Biadjoint Scalar</i> $SU(N) \times SU(\tilde{N})$

Table: Theories arising from the different choices of matter models.

Theories	Integrated vertex operators	Central charge c	Lagrangian
E	$V_h = (\epsilon \cdot P + k \cdot \Psi \epsilon \cdot \Psi) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$3(d - 10)$	
EM	V_h, V_γ $V_\gamma = (k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \rho) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$3(d - 10 + \frac{m}{6})$	
EMS	$V_h, V_\gamma, V_{\tilde{\gamma}}, V_S$ $V_S = (k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \rho) (k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\rho} \cdot t) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$3(d - 10 + \frac{m + \tilde{m}}{6})$	
BI	$V_{BI} = (k \cdot \Psi_1 k \cdot \Psi_2) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$\frac{1}{2}(7d - 38)$	$\mathcal{L} = \ell^{-2} (\sqrt{-\det(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \ell^2 F_{\mu\nu})} - 1)$
Galileon	$V_G = (k \cdot \Psi_1 k \cdot \Psi_2) (k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_1 k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_2) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$4d - 8$	$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + \sum_{m=3}^{\infty} g_m \phi \det \{ \partial^{\mu_i} \partial_{\nu_j} \phi \}_{i,j=1}^{m-1}$
DBI	$V_{BI}, V_{S_{BI}}$ $V_{S_{BI}} = (k \cdot \Psi_1 k \cdot \Psi_2) (k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} t \cdot \tilde{\rho}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$\frac{1}{2}(7d + m - 38)$	$\mathcal{L} = \ell^{-2} (\sqrt{-\det(\eta_{\mu\nu} - \ell^2 \partial_\mu \phi^a \partial_\nu \phi^a - \ell F_{\mu\nu})} - 1)$
"little" YM	$V_g = (\frac{1}{2} t \cdot [\rho, \rho]) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$ $V_{\tilde{g}} = (t \cdot ([\rho, \tilde{\rho}] + [q, y])) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$\frac{5}{2}(d - 12)$	
"little" EYM	$V_h, V_g, V_{\tilde{g}}$ $V_g = (k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \rho + \frac{1}{2} t \cdot [\rho, \rho]) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$ $V_{\tilde{g}} = (k \cdot \Psi t \cdot \tilde{\rho} + t \cdot ([\rho, \tilde{\rho}] + [q, y])) (\tilde{\epsilon} \cdot P + k \cdot \tilde{\Psi} \tilde{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\Psi}) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$3(d - 10)$	
NLSM	$V = (\frac{1}{2} t \cdot [\rho, \rho]) (k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_1 k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_2) e^{ik \cdot X}$ $\tilde{V} = (t \cdot ([\rho, \tilde{\rho}] + [q, y])) (k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_1 k \cdot \tilde{\Psi}_2) e^{ik \cdot X}$	$3d - 19$	$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} ((\mathbb{1} - \lambda^2 \Phi)^{-1} \partial_\mu \Phi (\mathbb{1} - \lambda^2 \Phi)^{-1} \partial^\mu \Phi)$ $\Phi = \phi^a t^a$

Table 4. Table of the different theories and their integrated vertex operators.

Summary & Outlook

Chiral $\alpha' = 0$ ambitwistor strings use LeBrun's correspondence to give theories underlying CHY formulae old & new.

- Incorporates colour/kinematics Yang-Mills/gravity ideas. Any insight into geometry of BCJ?
- Quantization ties scattering of null geodesics into that for gravitational waves.
- Critical models extend to loops .
- Does new representation give new insights into loop integrands?
- Insight into nonperturbative phenomena? Why do we need a Riemann surface to formulate Yang-Mills/Gravity? Curved Backgrounds?

The quantum gravity loop integrand

[Adamo, Casali, Skinner 2013, Casali Tourkine 2015 Geyer, M., Monteiro, Tourkine. . .]

10d type II gravity model is critical so extends to higher genus:

- At genus g , P is a 1-form and acquires dg zero-modes.
- These are the loop momenta for g -loops.
- Standard string technology can be adapted at all g .
- E.g., at 1-loop, $n = 4$, obtain modular invariant sum over spin structures (α, β) for (Ψ_1, Ψ_2) of

$$\mathcal{M}_{\alpha;\beta}^{(1)}(1, \dots, 4) = \delta^{10} \left(\sum_i k_i \right) \int d^{10} p \wedge d\tau \wedge \bar{\delta} \left(P^2(\sigma_1; \tau) \right) \\ \prod_{j=2}^4 d\sigma_j \bar{\delta}(k_j \cdot P(\sigma_j)) \frac{\vartheta_\alpha(\tau)^4 \vartheta_\beta(\tau)^4}{\eta(\tau)^{24}} \text{Pf}(M_\alpha) \text{Pf}(\tilde{M}_\beta)$$

Now checked in many ways and related to standard integrand.

Is power counting better than that from space-time?

