

NCTU - Yau mini-course  
on string theory

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## Construction of superstring field theory

The rules of the game

Step 1 Construct a kinetic term.

the equation of motion

→ the physical state condition

a gauge symmetry

→ the equivalence relation

Step 2 Include interaction terms.

invariance under a nonlinearly  
extended gauge transformation

## §1. Open bosonic string field theory

the physical state condition  $Q\Phi = 0$

the equivalence relation  $\Phi \sim \Phi + Q\Lambda$

### Step 1

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, Q\Phi \rangle$$

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \delta\Phi = Q\Lambda$$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = (-1)^{AB} \langle B, A \rangle$$

$$Q^2 = 0$$

$$\langle A, QB \rangle = -(-1)^A \langle QA, B \rangle$$

### Step 2

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, Q\Phi \rangle - \frac{g}{3} \langle \Phi, \Phi * \Phi \rangle$$

$g$ : the open string coupling constant

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \delta\Phi = Q\Lambda + g(\Phi * \Lambda - \Lambda * \Phi)$$

$$Q(A * B) = QA * B + (-1)^A A * QB$$

$$(A * B) * C = A * (B * C)$$

$$\langle A, B * C \rangle = \langle A * B, C \rangle$$

associativity

non associative two-string product  $V_2(A_1, A_2)$

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{F}, Q\mathbb{F} \rangle - \frac{g}{3} \langle \mathbb{F}, V_2(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}) \rangle$$

$$- \frac{g^2}{4} \langle \mathbb{F}, V_3(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}) \rangle + O(g^3)$$



three-string product

$$V_3(A_1, A_2, A_3)$$

$$(-1)^{V_2(A_1, A_2)} = (-1)^{A_1 + A_2}$$

$$(-1)^{V_3(A_1, A_2, A_3)} = (-1)^{A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + 1}$$

$$\langle A_1, V_2(A_2, A_3) \rangle = \langle V_2(A_1, A_2), A_3 \rangle$$

$$\langle A_1, V_3(A_2, A_3, A_4) \rangle$$

$$= (-1)^{A_1} \langle V_3(A_1, A_2, A_3), A_4 \rangle$$

$$\delta S = O(g^3)$$

under

$$\delta \mathbb{F} = Q\Lambda + g (V_2(\mathbb{F}, \Lambda) - V_2(\Lambda, \mathbb{F}))$$

$$+ g^2 (V_3(\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}, \Lambda) - V_3(\mathbb{F}, \Lambda, \mathbb{F})$$

$$+ V_3(\Lambda, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}))$$

$$+ O(g^3)$$

if

$$Q^2 = 0,$$

$$QV_2(A_1, A_2) - V_2(QA_1, A_2) - (-1)^{A_1} V_2(A_1, QA_2) = 0,$$

$$QV_3(A_1, A_2, A_3)$$

$$- V_2(V_2(A_1, A_2), A_3) + V_2(A_1, V_2(A_2, A_3))$$

$$+ V_3(QA_1, A_2, A_3) + (-1)^{A_1} V_3(A_1, QA_2, A_3)$$

$$+ (-1)^{A_1 + A_2} V_3(A_1, A_2, QA_3) = 0.$$

• These relations are extended  
to higher orders.  $\rightarrow$   $A_\infty$  structure

•  $A_\infty$  structure  
 $\updownarrow$  close relation  
the decomposition of the moduli space  
of Riemann surfaces

•  $A_\infty$  structure  
 $\rightarrow$  The Batalin-Vilkovisky quantization  
is straightforward.

gauge invariance  
as a spacetime theory

$\downarrow$   $A_\infty$  structure

world-sheet picture

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## § 2 Closed bosonic string field theory

### Step 1

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, c_0^- Q \Phi \rangle$$



$$c_0^- = \frac{1}{2} (c_0 - \tilde{c}_0)$$

$\Phi$  : ghost number 2

subject to the constraints

$$(b_0 - \tilde{b}_0) \Phi = 0$$

$$(L_0 - \tilde{L}_0) \Phi = 0$$

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \delta \Phi = Q \Lambda$$

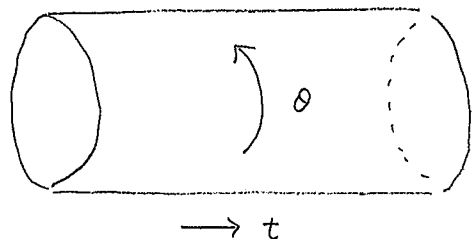


$$(b_0 - \tilde{b}_0) \Lambda = 0$$

$$(L_0 - \tilde{L}_0) \Lambda = 0$$

the origin of the constraints

propagator surface



$$e^{-t(L_0 + \tilde{L}_0) + i\theta(L_0 - \tilde{L}_0)}$$

$t, \theta$  : moduli

integration over  $t$  ← propagator

$$\frac{b_0^+}{L_0^+} = \int_0^\infty dt b_0^+ e^{-tL_0^+}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_0^+ &= L_0 + \tilde{L}_0 \\ b_0^+ &= b_0 + \tilde{b}_0 \end{aligned}$$

integration over  $\theta$

$$B \equiv b_0^- \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} e^{i\theta L_0^-}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_0^- &= L_0 - \tilde{L}_0 \\ b_0^- &= b_0 - \tilde{b}_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim \delta(b_0^-) \delta(L_0^-)$$

implemented by the constraints

$$B = -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \int d\tilde{\theta} e^{i\theta L_0 + i\tilde{\theta} b_0}$$

$\tilde{\theta}$  : Grassmann-odd variable

( cf. extended BRST transformation )  
Witten, arXiv: 1209.5461

$$B c_0 B = B \Rightarrow B c_0 : \text{projector}$$

The constraints can be characterized as

$$B c_0 \Phi = \Phi$$

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Step 2 completed by Zwiebach in 1992

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, c_0 Q \Phi \rangle$$

$$- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^n}{n+2} \langle \Phi, c_0 V_{n+1}(\underbrace{\Phi, \Phi, \dots, \Phi}_{n+1}) \rangle$$

the relations among the multi-string products for the closed string

→  $L_\infty$  structure

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### §3 Open superstring

bosonic string  
 ↓ spacetime bosons only

superstring  
 bosons and fermions

conformal field theory  
 ↓

superconformal field theory

$T_F(z), \tilde{T}_F(\bar{z})$  : supercurrents

$$T(z) T_F(0) \sim \frac{3}{2z^2} T_F(0) + \frac{1}{z} \partial T_F(0)$$

$$T_F(z) T_F(0) \sim \frac{2c}{3z^3} + \frac{2}{z} T(0)$$

the superconformal ghost sector  
the  $\beta\gamma$  ghosts

$\beta, \gamma$ : commuting fields  
weights

$$\beta: \left(\frac{3}{2}, 0\right), \quad \gamma: \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

the operator products

$$\beta(z_1) \gamma(z_2) \sim -\frac{1}{z_1 - z_2}$$

$$\gamma(z_1) \beta(z_2) \sim \frac{1}{z_1 - z_2}$$

two possible periodicity conditions  
in the cylinder coordinate.

the Neveu - Schwarz (NS) sector

$$T_F(\omega + 2\pi) = -T_F(\omega)$$

$$\beta(\omega + 2\pi) = -\beta(\omega)$$

$$\gamma(\omega + 2\pi) = -\gamma(\omega)$$

the Ramond sector

$$T_F(\omega + 2\pi) = T_F(\omega)$$

$$\beta(\omega + 2\pi) = \beta(\omega)$$

$$\gamma(\omega + 2\pi) = \gamma(\omega)$$

We use the doubling trick  
for the open superstring.

the NS sector  $\rightarrow$  spacetime bosons

the Ramond sector  $\rightarrow$  spacetime fermions

## §4 Open superstring field theory: the NS sector

mode expansions

$$\beta(z) = \sum_r \frac{\beta_r}{z^{r+\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad \gamma(z) = \sum_r \frac{\gamma_r}{z^{r-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$\swarrow$   $r = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \dots$   $\uparrow$

$$[\gamma_r, \beta_s] = \delta_{r,-s}$$

$$\beta_r |0\rangle_{NS} = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\gamma_r |0\rangle_{NS} = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

this choice  $\rightarrow$  -1 picture

The operator corresponding to  $|0\rangle_{NS}$   
is denoted by  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma(0))$ .

ghost number  $\sim$  bosonic moduli  
picture number  $\sim$  fermionic moduli

Step 1

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{F}, Q\mathbb{F} \rangle$$

$\mathbb{F}$  : ghost number 1

picture number -1

$Q$  : the BRST operator

in the open superstring

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \delta \mathbb{F} = Q\Lambda$$

Step 2

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{F}, Q\mathbb{F} \rangle - \frac{g}{3} \langle \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F} * \mathbb{F} \rangle ?$$

↑

total picture -3

The total picture for a BPZ  
inner product has to be -2

a local insertion of  
a picture-changing operator

↓

singularity

~~Step 2~~

## The Berkovits formulation

The superconformal ghost sector  
can also be described by  
 $\xi(z)$ ,  $\eta(z)$ , and  $\phi(z)$ .

anticommuting fields	weight	picture
$\xi(z)$	0	1
$\eta(z)$	1	-1
$e^{\ell\phi}(z)$	$-\frac{1}{2}\ell^2 - \ell$	$\ell$

linear dilaton CFT

$\beta(z), \gamma(z)$ : the small Hilbert space

$\xi(z), \eta(z), \phi(z)$ : the large Hilbert space

$A \in$  the small Hilbert space

$$\Leftrightarrow \eta A = 0$$

$\eta$ : the zero mode of  $\eta(z)$

BPZ inner products

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle\langle A, B \rangle\rangle & = & \langle \xi_0 A, B \rangle \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{small} & & \text{large} \end{array}$$

$\xi_0$ : the zero mode of  $\xi(z)$

The total picture  
has to be -1.

Step 1

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, Q\eta\Phi \rangle$$

$\Phi \in$  the large Hilbert space

ghost number 0.

picture number 0.

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \delta\Phi = Q\Lambda + \eta\Omega$$

$$\eta^2 = 0$$

$$\{Q, \eta\} = 0$$

$$\langle \eta A, B \rangle = -(-1)^A \langle A, \eta B \rangle$$

$\Xi$  in the large Hilbert space  
satisfying

$$\{\eta, \Xi\} = 1$$

(For example,  $\Xi = \Xi_0$ .)

$$\Phi = \eta\Xi\Phi + \Xi\eta\Phi$$

$$\downarrow \quad \delta\Phi = \eta\Omega$$

$$\Phi = \Xi\Psi \quad \text{with} \quad \Psi = \eta\Phi$$

in the small Hilbert space

$$Q\eta\Phi = Q\eta\Xi\Psi = Q\{\eta, \Xi\}\Psi = Q\Psi = 0 \quad \downarrow$$

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## Algebraic relations in the large Hilbert space

$$\langle B, A \rangle = (-1)^{AB} \langle A, B \rangle,$$

$$Q^2 = 0, \quad \eta^2 = 0, \quad \{Q, \eta\} = 0$$

$$\langle QA, B \rangle = -(-1)^A \langle A, QB \rangle,$$

$$\langle \eta A, B \rangle = -(-1)^A \langle A, \eta B \rangle,$$

$$\langle A, B * C \rangle = \langle A * B, C \rangle,$$

$$(A * B) * C = A * (B * C),$$

$$Q(A * B) = QA * B + (-1)^A A * QB,$$

$$\eta(A * B) = \eta A * B + (-1)^A A * \eta B.$$



Step 2(  $A * B \rightarrow AB$  in what follows ) $O(g^2)$ 

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, Q \eta \Phi \rangle - \frac{g}{6} \langle \Phi, Q [\Phi, \eta \Phi] \rangle$$

$$- \frac{g^2}{24} \langle \Phi, Q [\Phi, [\Phi, \eta \Phi]] \rangle + O(g^3)$$

$$\delta \Phi = Q \Lambda + \eta \Omega - \frac{g}{2} [\Phi, Q \Lambda] + \frac{g}{2} [\Phi, \eta \Omega]$$

$$+ \frac{g^2}{12} [\Phi, [\Phi, Q \Lambda]] + \frac{g^2}{12} [\Phi, [\Phi, \eta \Omega]]$$

$$+ O(g^3)$$

the WZW-like form

Berkovits, hep-th/9503099

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \langle e^{-\Phi} Q e^{\Phi}, e^{-\Phi} \eta e^{\Phi} \rangle$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 dt \langle e^{-\Phi(t)} \partial_t e^{\Phi(t)},$$

$$\{ e^{-\Phi(t)} Q e^{\Phi(t)}, e^{-\Phi(t)} \eta e^{\Phi(t)} \} \rangle$$

$$\Phi(1) = \Phi$$

$$\Phi(0) = 0$$

$$g = 1$$

Note: no  $A_\infty$  structure

Another form

$$S = - \int_0^1 dt \langle A_t(t), Q A_\eta(t) \rangle$$

$$A_\eta(t) = (\eta e^{\Phi(t)}) e^{-\Phi(t)}$$

$$A_t(t) = (\partial_t e^{\Phi(t)}) e^{-\Phi(t)}$$

$t$ -dependence : topological

the gauge transformations

$$A_s = Q\Lambda + D_\eta \Omega$$

$$A_s = (\delta e^{\Phi}) e^{-\Phi}$$

$$D_\eta A = \eta A - A_\eta A + (-1)^A A A_\eta$$

$$\uparrow \quad \text{with } A_\eta = (\eta e^{\Phi}) e^{-\Phi}$$

"covariant derivative"

$$\eta A_\eta(t) - A_\eta(t) A_\eta(t) = 0$$

$$\partial_t A_\eta(t) = \eta A_t(t) - A_\eta(t) A_t(t) + A_t(t) A_\eta(t)$$

→ gauge invariance,

topological  $t$ -dependence

The partial gauge fixing  $\Phi \rightarrow \xi \Phi$   
 can be extended to the interacting theory.  
 $\rightarrow$  a regular formulation  
 in the small Hilbert space

Iimori, Noumi, Okawa and Torii,  
 arXiv: 1312.1677

$\chi = \{Q, \xi\}$  : a line integral  
 of the picture-changing  
 operator  
 $\rightarrow$  no singularities

an action with an  $A_\infty$  structure  
 using  $\xi$  as a new ingredient

Erlar, Konopka and Sachs,  
 (in Munich)

arXiv: 1312.2948

The Munich construction

$$V_2(A_1, A_2) \\ = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \chi(A_1 A_2) + (\chi A_1) A_2 + A_1 (\chi A_2) \right]$$

non associative

→ We need  $V_3$ , but the construction is complicated.

Idea

Consider the following field redefinition of the free theory:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \tilde{\Phi}, Q \tilde{\Phi} \rangle,$$

$$\tilde{\Phi} = \Phi + g \tilde{V}_2(\Phi, \Phi) + O(g^2).$$

If  $V_2(A_1, A_2)$  satisfies

$$(-1)^{\tilde{V}_2(A_1, A_2)} = (-1)^{A_1 + A_2 + 1}, \\ \langle A_1, \tilde{V}_2(A_2, A_3) \rangle = (-1)^{A_1} \langle \tilde{V}_2(A_1, A_2), A_3 \rangle,$$

the action can be written as

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \tilde{\Phi}, Q \tilde{\Phi} \rangle \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, Q \Phi \rangle - \frac{g}{3} \langle \Phi, V_2(\Phi, \Phi) \rangle \\ + O(g^2),$$

where

$$V_2(A_1, A_2) \\ = Q \tilde{V}_2(A_1, A_2) + \tilde{V}_2(QA_1, A_2) + (-1)^{A_1} \tilde{V}_2(A_1, QA_2).$$

We can show that the resulting two-string product  $V_2(A_1, A_2)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^{A_1} V_2(A_1, A_2) &= (-1)^{A_1 + A_2} \\ \langle\langle A_1, V_2(A_2, A_3) \rangle\rangle &= \langle\langle V_2(A_1, A_2), A_3 \rangle\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and one of the  $A_\infty$  relations

$$\begin{aligned} Q V_2(A_1, A_2) - V_2(QA_1, A_2) \\ - (-1)^{A_1} V_2(A_1, QA_2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This way we can generate a set of multi-string products satisfying the  $A_\infty$  relations by field redefinition, but this is just a complicated way of describing the free theory.

The two-string product

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(A_1, A_2) \\ = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \chi(A_1, A_2) + (\chi A_1) A_2 + A_1 (\chi A_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(A_1, A_2) \\ = Q \tilde{V}_2(A_1, A_2) + \tilde{V}_2(QA_1, A_2) + (-1)^{A_1} \tilde{V}_2(A_1, QA_2) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}_2(A_1, A_2) \\ = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \xi(A_1, A_2) + (\xi A_1) A_2 + (-1)^{A_1} A_1 (\xi A_2) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This choice of  $V_2(A_1, A_2)$  satisfying the  $A_\infty$  relation can be formally understood as being generated from the following field redefinition:

$$\tilde{\Phi} = \Phi + \frac{g}{3} \left[ \xi(\Phi\Phi) + (\xi\Phi)\Phi - \Phi(\xi\Phi) \right] + O(g^2).$$

However, this is actually an "illegal" field redefinition because

$$\eta \tilde{\Phi} \neq 0.$$

This is why the resulting theory can be interacting.

While  $\eta \tilde{\Phi} \neq 0$ , the multi-string products have to be in the small Hilbert space.

We can show

$$\eta \tilde{\Phi} - \tilde{\Phi}^2 = 0$$

↓

$\forall n \in$  the small Hilbert space

the same relation as

$$\eta A_\eta(t) - A_\eta(t)^2 = 0$$

In fact, the Munich action can be brought to the WZW-like form where  $A_\eta(t)$  and  $A_t(t)$  are parameterized in a complicated way.

	The Berkovits formulation	The Munich construction
action	beautifully written in the WZW-like form	not written in a closed form
$A_{\infty}$	No	Yes

equivalence

Erler, Okawa and Takezaki,

arXiv: 1505.01659

Erler, arXiv: 1505.02069

1510.00364

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## §5. Open superstring field theory: the Ramond sector

mode expansion

$$\beta(z) = \sum_r \frac{\beta_r}{z^{r+\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad \gamma(z) = \sum_r \frac{\gamma_r}{z^{r-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$\leftarrow r = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \rightarrow$

$$[\gamma_r, \beta_s] = \delta_{r, -s}$$

$$\beta_r |0\rangle_R = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 0$$

$$\gamma_r |0\rangle_R = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 1$$

this choice  $\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$  picture

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Consider a state  $A$  of picture number  $-1/2$  in the small Hilbert space.

We say that  $A$  is in the restricted space when  $A$  satisfies

$$XYA = A,$$

where

$$X = G_0 \delta(\beta_0) + b_0 \delta'(\beta_0),$$

$$Y = -c_0 \delta'(\gamma_0)$$

with  $G_0$  being the zero mode of  $T_F(z)$ .

$$XYX = X \Rightarrow XY : \text{projector}$$

$$[Q, X] = 0$$

Step 1

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, \gamma Q \Phi \rangle$$

$\Phi \in$  the small Hilbert space

ghost number 1

picture number  $-1/2$

$$X\gamma\Phi = \Phi$$

$$SS = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad S\Phi = Q\lambda$$

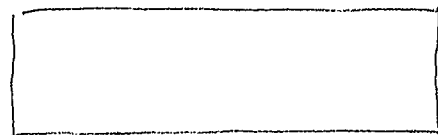
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$$X\gamma\lambda = \lambda$$

the origin of the restriction

propagator strip

for the Ramond sector



$$e^{-tL_0 + \xi G_0}$$

$\rightarrow t$

bosonic modulus  $t$

+

fermionic modulus  $\xi$

integration over  $\xi$

$$X = \int d\xi \int d\tilde{\xi} e^{\xi G_0 - \tilde{\xi} \beta_0}$$

$\tilde{\xi}$ : Grassmann-even variable

(not an ordinary number!)

Witten, arXiv: 1209.5461

Ohmori and Okawa,

arXiv: 1703.08214

$$= G_0 \delta(\beta_0) + b_0 \delta'(\beta_0)$$

$$X \Upsilon \bar{\Psi} = \bar{\Psi}$$



$B C_0 \bar{\Psi} = \bar{\Psi}$  for the closed string field  $\perp$

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Step 2

Let us choose the free theory to be

$$S^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, \Omega \eta \Phi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, \Upsilon \Omega \Phi \rangle$$

$$\delta S^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\text{under } \delta^{(0)} \Phi = \Omega \Lambda + \eta \Omega,$$

$$\delta^{(0)} \Xi = \Omega \lambda.$$

We want to write  $X = \{ \Omega, \Xi \}$ ,

Roughly speaking,  $\Xi = \mathbb{H}(\beta_0)$ .

See Erler, Okawa and Takezaki,

arXiv: 1602.02582

for a refined definition,

$$S = S^{(0)} + g S^{(1)} + g^2 S^{(2)} + O(g^3)$$

$$\delta \Phi = \delta^{(0)} \Phi + g \delta^{(1)} \Phi + O(g^2)$$

$$\delta \Xi = \delta^{(0)} \Xi + g \delta^{(1)} \Xi + O(g^2)$$

$$S^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{6} \langle \Phi, \Omega [\Phi, \eta \Phi] \rangle - \langle \Phi, \Xi^2 \rangle$$

$$S^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{24} \langle \Phi, \Omega [\Phi, [\Phi, \eta \Phi]] \rangle$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, \{ \Xi, \Xi \{ \eta \Phi, \Xi \} \} \rangle$$

$$\delta^{(1)} \Phi = -\frac{1}{2} [\Phi, \Omega \Lambda] + \frac{1}{2} [\Phi, \eta \Omega] - \{ \Xi, \Xi \Lambda \}$$

$$\delta^{(1)} \Xi = X \eta \{ \Xi, \Lambda \} - X \eta \{ \eta \Phi, \Xi \Lambda \}$$

↖ consistent with  $X \Upsilon \delta \Phi = \delta \Xi$

Complete action

Kunitomo and Okawa,  
arXiv: 1508.00366

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi, \gamma Q \Phi \rangle$$

$$- \int_0^1 dt \langle A_t(t), Q A_\eta(t) + (F(t) \Phi)^2 \rangle,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_\eta(t) &= (\eta e^{\Phi(t)}) e^{-\Phi(t)}, \\ A_t(t) &= (\partial_t e^{\Phi(t)}) e^{-\Phi(t)}, \\ F(t) \Phi &= \Phi + \Xi \{ A_\eta(t), \Phi \} \\ &\quad + \Xi \{ A_\eta(t), \Xi \{ A_\eta(t), \Phi \} \} \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We can also use the Munich construction for the NS sector.

→ a complete action

with an  $A_\infty$  structure

Erlar, Okawa and Takezaki,

arXiv: 1602.02582

Konopka and Sachs,

arXiv: 1602.02583

The approach to the Ramond sector by Sen

Sen, arXiv: 1508.05387

originally in closed superstring field theory

→ open superstring field theory

### Step 1

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \langle \tilde{\Phi}, Q X_0 \tilde{\Phi} \rangle - \langle \tilde{\Phi}, Q \Phi \rangle$$

$\Phi$ : ghost number 1  
 picture number  $-1/2$   
 $\tilde{\Phi}$ : ghost number 1  
 picture number  $-3/2$   
 no constraints

$$\beta_r |0\rangle_R = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 1$$

$$\gamma_r |0\rangle_R = 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 0$$

$X_0$ : the zero mode of  
the picture-changing operator

$\Phi \rightarrow$  correct spectrum  
 $\tilde{\Phi} \rightarrow$  extra free fields

Step 2

Use the interactions  
of the complete actions  
with  $\tilde{\xi} \rightarrow \xi_0$ .

The equations of motion

$$Q \tilde{\Xi} = \mathcal{F}(\Xi, \bar{\Xi}) \quad \Xi: \text{NS sector}$$

$$Q \Xi - Q X_0 \tilde{\Xi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \Xi = X_0 \mathcal{F}(\Xi, \bar{\Xi})$$

fluctuations of  $\tilde{\Xi}$ : free fields

Everything can be described  
by  $\xi(z)$ ,  $\eta(z)$ , and  $\phi(z)$ .

closed superstring field theories

## § 6. Future directions

Improve open superstring field theory.

key ingredients

- the supermoduli
- $A_\infty$  structure
- the large Hilbert space

scattering amplitudes

Iimori, Noumi, Okawa and Torii,

arXiv: 1312.1677

Kunitomo, Okawa, Sueno and Takezaki,

arXiv: 1612.00777

the large Hilbert space

→ the supermoduli

the  $\beta\bar{\sigma}$  ghosts

without using the large Hilbert space

Ohmori and Okawa,

arXiv: 1703.08214

the relation to the approach by Sen

Okawa and Sakaguchi, to appear JHEP

① 1時間 15分 (10:40 ~ 11:55)

④ NCTU (約1時間 45分)

④ HRI 約1.5時間