Strings Monopoles Domain Walls in Omega Background and Integrability

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Some interesting facts about N=2 physics

A full partition function of N=2 d=4 theory can be computed by localization [Nekrasov]

Recently a solid connection to non-SUSY CFTs was outlined [Alday, Gaiotto, Tachikawa]

and connection to 2d sigma models [Dorey, Hollowood, Tong] [Shifman, Yung] [Gaiotto, Moore, Neitzke]...

This talk: interplay between

the last two points

Outline

- 4d/2d w/ 8 supercharges
- ***** Vortices in field theory and type IIA string theory
- ★ (2,2) GLSM, NLSM
- **\star** The Dictionary of 4d/2d
- AGT duality vs 4d/2d correspondence
- ★ Omega Background
- * Liouville theory at large central charge
- \star 4d/2d in NS limit and duality
- Zoo of BPS solitons in Omega deformed theory
- ★ Monopoles, strings, domain walls



4d / 2d duality

[Dorey Hollowood, Tong]

$\mathcal{N} = 2 SU(N) \mathbf{SQCD}$	(2,2) $U(1)$ GLSM e
$N_f = N + \tilde{N} \text{ fund hypers}$	N chiral + \tilde{N} chiral -
w/ masses	w/ twisted masses
m_1, \dots, m_N $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{\tilde{N}}$ $\tau = \frac{4\pi i}{g^2} + \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$ on baryonic Higgs branch	m_1, \dots, m_N $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{\tilde{N}}$ $\tau = ir + \frac{\theta}{2\pi}$
BPS dyons	kinks interpolating
(Seiberg-Witten)	between different vacua

BPS spectra (as functions of masses, Lambda) are the same

Coulomb vs Higgs branches



Understanding 2d theory: 'ANO' String

$$\begin{split} U(N) & \text{gauge theory with fundamental matter} \quad q \to UqV \qquad U \in U(N)_G, \quad V \in SU(N)_F \\ & N_f = N_c \\ S &= \int d^4x \, \operatorname{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{2e^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{e^2} (\mathcal{D}_{\mu} \phi)^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} |\mathcal{D}_{\mu} q_i|^2 \qquad \mathsf{Vacuum} \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} q_i^{\dagger} \phi^2 q_i - \frac{e^2}{4} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_f} q_i q_i^{\dagger} - v^2 \, \mathbf{1}_N \right)^2 \qquad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{breaks symmetry} \\ \mathsf{color-flavor locking} \\ U(N)_G \times SU(N)_F \to SU(N)_{\mathrm{diag}} \\ \end{array} \end{split}$$

Induces nontrivial topology $\Pi_1(U(N) \times SU(N)/SU(N)_{\text{diag}}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ on moduli space

To find a string need winding at infinity $q_N \sim q e^{ik\theta}$ $A_{\theta} \sim \frac{k}{\rho}$ $2\pi k = \operatorname{Tr} \oint_{\mathbf{S}_{\infty}^1} i\partial_{\theta}q \ q^{-1} = \operatorname{Tr} \oint_{\mathbf{S}_{\infty}^1} A_{\theta} = \operatorname{Tr} \int dx^1 dx^2 \ B_3$

BPS equations for vortex

$$T_{\text{vortex}} = \int dx^{1} dx^{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{e^{2}} B_{3}^{2} + \frac{e^{2}}{4} (\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_{i} q_{i}^{\dagger} - v^{2} \mathbf{1}_{N})^{2} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\mathcal{D}_{1} q_{i}|^{2} + |\mathcal{D}_{2} q_{i}|^{2}$$
$$= \int dx^{1} dx^{2} \frac{1}{e^{2}} \operatorname{Tr} \left(B_{3} \mp \frac{e^{2}}{2} (\sum_{i=1}^{N} q_{i} q_{i}^{\dagger} - v^{2} \mathbf{1}_{N}) \right)^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\mathcal{D}_{1} q_{i} \mp i \mathcal{D}_{2} q_{i}|^{2}$$
$$\mp v^{2} \int dx^{1} dx^{2} \operatorname{Tr} B_{3} \geq \mp v^{2} \int d^{2} x \operatorname{Tr} B_{3} = 2\pi v^{2} |k| \qquad (2\pi)^{2} |k|$$

Vortices

Simple vortex w/ N=1, k=1 (ANO) has two collective coordinates-translations in x,y directions

U(N) vortex has more moduli $A_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{z}^{\star} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} q^{\star} & & \\ & v & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & v \end{pmatrix}$

Moduli space (k=1)

$$V_{1,N} \cong \mathbb{CP}^{N-1}$$

For higher k

$$\dim(\mathcal{V}_{k,N}) = 2kN$$

Again: $T \ge 2\pi v^2 |k|$ bound saturates for BPS states

Non-Abelian String

[Auzzi, Bolognesi, Evslin, Konishi, Yung]

[Shifman Yung]

$$q = U \begin{pmatrix} q_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & q_2 \end{pmatrix} U^{-1}$$

Take Abelian string solution Make global rotation

$$A_i^{SU(N)} = \frac{1}{N} U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -N+1 \end{pmatrix} U^{-1} (\partial_i \alpha) f(\rho)$$

Matrix U parameterizes orientational modes

Gauge group is broken to \mathbb{Z}_N All bulk degrees of freedom massive $M^2 \sim \xi$ Theory is fully Higgsed

Vortex moduli space

Confined monopoles

Hanany-Tong model as U(I) GLSM

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^{4}\theta \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_{c}} \Phi_{i}^{\dagger} e^{\mathcal{V}} \Phi_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{N}} \widetilde{\Phi}_{i}^{\dagger} e^{-\mathcal{V}} \widetilde{\Phi}_{i} - r\mathcal{V} + \frac{1}{2e^{2}} \Sigma^{\dagger} \Sigma \right]$$

 $V = \theta^+ \bar{\theta}^+ (A_0 + A_3) + \theta^- \bar{\theta}^- (A_0 - A_3) - \theta^- \bar{\theta}^+ \sigma - \theta^- \bar{\theta}^+ \bar{\sigma} + \bar{\theta}^2 \theta \lambda + \theta^2 \bar{\theta} \bar{\lambda} + \bar{\theta} \theta \bar{\theta} \bar{\theta} D$

One loop twisted effective superpotential is exact in (2,2)

$$\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\sqrt{2}\sigma + m_i) \left(\log \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma + m_i}{\Lambda} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\widetilde{N}} (\sqrt{2}\sigma + \widetilde{m}_j) \left(\log \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma + \widetilde{m}_j}{\Lambda} - 1 \right).$$

gives vacua of the theory and its BPS spectrum

N=5 Nf=8

N=15 Nf=18

Nf=5 C μ phase

AGT in NS limit

We will be interested in Nekrasov-Shatashvili limit

$$\Omega^m = (-i\epsilon x^2, i\epsilon x^1, 0, 0) = i\epsilon \partial_{\varphi} \qquad \epsilon_2 \to 0$$

 $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}Q + \widetilde{\mu}_0, \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{2}Q + a, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}Q + \widetilde{\mu}_1$

Conformal block matches with instanton partition function $\mathcal{Z}_{\text{inst}}(a, \mu_0, \tilde{\mu}_0, \mu_1, \tilde{\mu}_1) = (1 - q)^{2\mu_0(Q - \mu_1)} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha_0 \ \alpha \ \alpha_1}^{\mu_0 \ \mu_1}(q)$

 $b = \epsilon_1 = 1/\epsilon_2$ In NS limit $b \to \infty$

But the proof already exists! [Mironov, Morozov]

at large c conformal block becomes a hypergeometric function

$$B_{\Delta;\Delta_1\Delta_2\Delta_3\Delta_4}(x) \xrightarrow{c \to \infty} {}_2F_1\left(\Delta + \Delta_1 - \Delta_2, \Delta + \Delta_3 - \Delta_4; 2\Delta; x\right) =$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\Delta + \Delta_1 - \Delta_2 + k)(\Delta + \Delta_3 - \Delta_4 + k)}{2\Delta + k}$$

Only chiral Nekrasov functions contribute

 $(Y, Y') = ([1^n], \emptyset)$ or $(\emptyset, [1^n])$

One can identify each term of the expansion in the instanton number with the Taylor series in x for 2FI

Similar to Fateev-Litvinov conformal blocks

[Zamolodchikov]

Both proofs are rather formal and deal with each term in the series. Need more physical understanding...

Roadmap to proof

Nekrasov-Shatashvili quantization

From 4d prepotential to 2d twisted superpotential

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}(a,\epsilon) = \lim_{\epsilon_2 \to 0} \frac{\mathcal{F}(a,\epsilon,\epsilon_2)}{\epsilon_2} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(a,\epsilon,\epsilon_2)}{\partial \epsilon_2} \Big|_{\epsilon_2 = 0}$$

at small epsilon

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}(a,\epsilon) = \frac{\mathcal{F}(a)}{\epsilon} + \dots$$

Twisted superpotential is multivalued on Coulomb branch $\mathcal{W}^{(I)}(\vec{a},\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{F}(\vec{a},\epsilon) - 2\pi i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{a}$

Supersymmetric vacua

$$\exp\left(\frac{\partial \widetilde{W}(a)}{\partial a_i}\right) = 1$$

Quantization of a-m cycle

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\alpha_l} \lambda_{\rm SW} = \hbar \hat{n}_l$$

Vortex interpretation

SQCD in NS Omega background

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{mn}^2 + |\nabla_m \phi - F_{mn} \bar{\Omega}^n|^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} |\phi \tau^a \bar{\phi} - i \nabla_m (\Omega^m \bar{\phi}^a - \bar{\Omega}^m \phi^a) + \bar{q} \tau^a q - \tilde{q} \tau^a \bar{\tilde{q}}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla_m q|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla_m \tilde{q}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |(\phi - m_i - i \Omega^m \nabla_m) q_i|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |(\phi - \tilde{m}_i - i \Omega^m \nabla_m) \tilde{q}_i|^2 + 2g^2 |\tilde{q} \tau^a q|^2 + \frac{g^2}{2} |\tilde{q}_i q_i - N \xi_{FI}|^2 + \frac{g^2}{8} (|q|^2 - |\tilde{q}|^2)^2.$$

Vacua $\phi^a = m^a - n^a \epsilon$

(2,2) SUSY is the same as for BPS vortices

Generalized FI terms

$$\Xi_g^{a\,f} = i \nabla_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{\Omega}^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \phi^a - \Omega^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\phi}^a) \delta_g^f + \xi_{FIg}^f \delta_{N^2}^a$$

BPS equations

$$B_3^a + g^2(\bar{q}_i\tau^a q^i - \Xi^a) = 0$$
$$(\nabla_1 + i\nabla_2)q^i = 0$$
$$\nabla_1 + i\nabla_2)\phi^a - (\Omega_2 - i\Omega_1)B_3^a = 0$$

XXX vs Gaudin

[Nekrasov Shatashvili]

Gaudin model - Hitchin system on S2 with punctures [Nekrasov]

Effective twisted superpotential

Ground state equations Heisenberg SL(2) magnet twisted and anisotropic

Large anisotropy limit *rational* Gaudin model

Bethe equations obtained by diagonalizing (4 sites)

$$S(u) = \sum_{a=1}^{4} \frac{\mathcal{H}_a}{u - z_a} + \sum_{a=1}^{4} \frac{\Delta(\nu_a)}{(u - z_a)^2}$$

$$\widetilde{W}_{\text{eff}}^{2d}(\lambda) = \epsilon \sum_{a=1}^{K} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f\left(\frac{\lambda_a - M_i}{\epsilon}\right) - \epsilon \sum_{a=1}^{K} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f\left(\frac{\lambda_a - \widetilde{M}_i}{\epsilon}\right) + \epsilon \sum_{a,b=1}^{K} f\left(\frac{\lambda_a - \lambda_b - \epsilon}{\epsilon}\right) + 2\pi i \hat{\tau} \sum_{a=1}^{K} \lambda_a ,$$

$$\prod_{a=1}^{N} \frac{\lambda_i - \nu_a + \frac{\epsilon}{2}S_a}{\lambda_i - \nu_a - \frac{\epsilon}{2}S_a} = q \prod_{\substack{j=1\\j \neq i}}^{K} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_j - \epsilon}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j + \epsilon}$$

$$\begin{split} \lambda_i &\mapsto x \lambda_i, \quad \nu_a \mapsto x \nu_a, \quad \hat{\tau} \mapsto \frac{\hat{\tau}}{x} \\ \frac{\log q}{\epsilon} - \sum_{a=1}^N \frac{S_a}{\lambda_i - \nu_a} = \sum_{\substack{j=1\\j \neq i}}^K \frac{2}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \end{split}$$

Gaudin Hamiltonians

$$\mathcal{H}_{a} = \sum_{b \neq a} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{\dim(\mathfrak{g})} \frac{\mathfrak{J}_{\alpha}^{(b)} \mathfrak{J}^{\alpha(b)}}{z_{a} - z_{b}}$$

From Liouville to Gaudin

Gaudin Hamiltonian in KZ equation

$$b^2 \frac{d\Psi(z_i)}{dz_i} = \mathcal{H}_{Gaud} \Psi(z_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, L$$

[Babujian Flume]

Liouville CB satisfies 2nd order ODE which in the NS limit becomes KZ equation with Gaudin Hamiltonian

with rescaled conformal dimensions

 $\delta_i = -\frac{\Delta_i}{h^2}$

$$\delta_1 = \left(\frac{\widetilde{\mu}_0}{b} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\widetilde{\mu}_0}{b} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
$$\delta_2 = \left(\frac{\mu_0}{b} - 1\right) \frac{\mu_0}{b},$$
$$\delta_3 = \left(\frac{\mu_1}{b} - 1\right) \frac{\mu_1}{b},$$
$$\delta_4 = \left(\frac{\widetilde{\mu}_1}{b} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\widetilde{\mu}_1}{b} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

take home message: CB in Liouville - wave function in Gaudin [Teschner]

The Duality

AGT in NS limit

Liouville conformal block at $b \to \infty$	$U(2), N_f = 4$ SQCD instanton
on S^2 with four punctures	partition function in the NS limit
Rational Gaudin model from KZ	SL(2) spin chain from the ground state
equation on conformal blocks	equation for the 2d GLSM dual to 4d theory
Puncture's positions z_2/z_1	Instanton number q
\mathfrak{sl}_2 spin at $z_2 = q$	U(1) condition, number of D2 branes
	emerging at NS5 brane at $z_2 = q$
Conformal dimensions of chiral operators	Quadratic $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ Casimir eigenvalues on
at points $z_2 = q, z_3 = 0$	spin $\frac{1}{2}\hat{n}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{n}_2$ and
	$-\frac{1}{2}\hat{n}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{n}_2 - \frac{1}{2}$ representations
Gaudin Hilbert space sectors with	Higgs branch lattice $\{n_a\}$
different number κ_a of Bethe roots	

Quiver Generalizations

conformal dimensions

$$\alpha_0(Q - \alpha_0), \quad \mu_0(Q - \mu_0), \ldots, \quad m_L(Q - m_L), \quad \alpha_{L+1}(Q - \alpha_{L+1})$$

Higgs branch

$$a_a^{(p)} = m_a^{(p)} + n_a^{(p)}\epsilon + \sum_{k=1}^L \mu_k^{(p)}$$

Casimir eigenvalues and spins of representations at each NS5 from the number of D2 branes

$$\frac{K_1}{2} \left(\frac{K_1}{2} + 1 \right), \quad \dots, \quad \frac{K_L}{2} \left(\frac{K_L}{2} + 1 \right) \qquad \qquad K_i = \hat{n}_1^{(i)} + \hat{n}_2^{(i)},$$

Strings Domain Walls and Monopoles

- In N=2 SYM we only find dyons as BPS solitons in the low energy effective theory
- Let us see what happens in Omega background

Four supercharges remain

$$\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}J} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}J} \bar{Q} + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\sigma}_{mn})_{\dot{\alpha}J} \bar{Q}^{mn}$$
$$Q_{12}, Q_{21}, \bar{Q}_{12}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{2}1}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{2}1}.$$

Symmetry breaking pattern

$$SU(2)_c \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_R \to U(1)_c \times SU(2)_{R+R}$$

SUSY transform

$$\delta\phi = \zeta_{\alpha}^{I} (\lambda_{I}^{\alpha} - \Omega^{m} (\sigma_{m})^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \bar{\lambda}_{I \dot{\alpha}}) + \bar{\zeta}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{I} \Omega^{m} (\bar{\sigma}_{m})^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \lambda_{I \alpha} ,$$

$$\delta\lambda_{I\alpha} = \zeta_{I\beta} ((\sigma^{mn})^{\beta}_{\alpha} F_{mn} + i[\phi, \bar{\phi}] \delta^{\beta}_{\alpha} + \nabla_{m} (\bar{\Omega}^{m} \phi - \Omega^{m} \bar{\phi}) \delta^{\beta}_{\alpha}) + \bar{\zeta}_{I\dot{\beta}} (\sigma^{m})^{\dot{\beta}}_{\alpha} (\nabla_{m} \phi - F_{mn} \Omega^{n}) .$$

Vortices in Omega background [PK Gorsky Chen] in progress

Can view Omega deformation as formal replacement

 $\phi \mapsto \phi - i\Omega^m \nabla_m + \frac{i}{2}\Omega^{mn} S_{mn}$

Lagrangian

 $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4g^2} (F_{mn}^a)^2 + |\nabla_m \phi^a - F_{mn}^a \bar{\Omega}^n|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\phi \tau^a \bar{\phi} - i \nabla_m (\Omega^m \bar{\phi}^a - \bar{\Omega}^m \phi^a) + i \bar{\Omega}^m \Omega^n F_{mn}^a|^2$

String central charge current $\zeta_3 = \frac{1}{2}\partial_m \left((\phi^a \bar{\Omega}^m - \bar{\phi}^a \Omega^m) B_3^a \right) \sigma^3_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \delta^{IJ} = \frac{i}{2} B_3^a \partial_{\varphi} (\phi^a \bar{\epsilon} - \bar{\phi}^a \epsilon) \sigma^3_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \delta^{IJ}$

Bogomolny completion

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} |B_z^a + \phi \tau^a \bar{\phi} - i \nabla_m (\Omega^m \bar{\phi}^a - \bar{\Omega}^m \phi^a)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\mathcal{D}_1 \phi^a + i \mathcal{D}_2 \phi^a - (\Omega_2 - i \Omega_1) B_z^a|^2 + \partial_m (B_z^a (\Omega^m \bar{\phi}^a - \bar{\Omega}^m \phi^a)) \ge \partial_m (B_z^a (\Omega^m \bar{\phi}^a - \bar{\Omega}^m \phi^a)).$$

central charge is nonzero if conical singularity is present

$$Z_{\text{string}} = \int d^3x \,\zeta_3 = \int dz \int d\rho \,\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \,\partial_\varphi (\Re e(\epsilon \bar{\phi}^a) B_3^a)$$

Monopoles and domain walls

Let's try to find a monopole [Ito, Kamashita, Sasaki]

$$B_3^a - \nabla_3 \phi^a - \epsilon \, x^m B_m^a = 0$$
$$B_m^a - \nabla_m \phi^a + \epsilon \, x_m B_3^a = 0$$

On the solution adjoint scalar interpolates between different values at large and small z, magnetic field pattern is spherically symmetric

Naturally suggests that this monopole is located on a domain wall separating two vacua

ension
$$T = 2\epsilon \left((v + \epsilon)^2 - (v - \epsilon)^2 \right) = 8v\epsilon^2$$

Conclusions and open questions

- Study of SQCD BPS (and beyond) spectrum can effectively be done using 2d GLSM
- 4d/2d duality helps to understand AGT in NS limit by reducing it to bispectral duality
- Study dynamics of new solitons (eps strings, d.w.)
- Generalize to other AGT pairs